

# Supporting Information

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## SI Methods.

**Materials.** We synthesized 3-methylene-4-penten-1-yl diphosphate (vIPP) and 3-oxiranyl-3-buten-1-yl diphosphate (oIPP) as described previously (1, 2). [ $1\text{-}^{14}\text{C}$ ]IPP was purchased from American Radiolabeled Chemicals, Inc. All other chemicals were of analytical grade.

**Enzyme Purification.** Polyhistidine-tagged *Sulfolobus shibatae* type-2 isopentenyl diphosphate isomerase (IDI-2) was expressed in *Escherichia coli* BL21(DE3)/pET-idi (3). The transformant was cultivated in LB medium containing 50 mg/L ampicillin until cells reached the early stationary phase. The recombinant enzyme was extracted from harvested cells and purified by heat treatment at 55 °C for 30 min and a HisTrap column (GE Healthcare) as described previously (4). For crystallization experiments, the polyhistidine tag was then removed with Thrombin Restriction Grade (Novagen), and the enzyme was recovered in the flow-through fraction from a second HisTrap column. The buffer was exchanged by dialysis to Buffer A, containing 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.7, 1 mM EDTA, and 10 mM 2-mercaptoethanol. The dialyzed enzyme solution was loaded on a Mono Q 5/50 column (GE Healthcare) and eluted with a linear gradient of 0–0.3 M NaCl in Buffer A. The active fractions were combined and then concentrated by centrifugation with Amicon Ultra 10K centrifugal filters (MILLIPORE). The enzyme was chromatographed on a HiLoad 16/60 Superdex 200 column (GE Healthcare) upon elution with Buffer A containing 0.15 M NaCl.

Polyhistidine-tagged *Thermus thermophilus* IDI-2 was expressed in *E. coli* and purified as previously described (5, 6) or slightly modified as follows. Cells were grown in Terrific broth containing 200 mg/L riboflavin, 100  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  ampicillin, and 34  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$  chloramphenicol at 37 °C. After 4 h, 0.4 mM IPTG was added and after an additional 4 h, the cultures were harvested and yielded 4.3 g of cell paste per liter of media. The purification steps were modified by using a HisTrap high-performance column (GE Healthcare) with a flow rate of approximately 5 mL/min and eluting with 50 mM  $\text{Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ , 500 mM imidazole, and 300 mM NaCl, pH 8.

**Crystallization.** Crystals of *S. shibatae* IDI-2 were grown at 20 °C using the sitting-drop vapor-diffusion method with a reservoir solution containing 0.1 M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 0.2 M sodium citrate, and 30% (vol/vol) polyethylene glycol 400 (PEG400). To obtain

IDI-2-oIPP, crystals of IDI-2 were soaked for 3 h in a reservoir solution containing 32% (vol/vol) PEG400, 12.5 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , 20 mM NADH, and 4 mM oIPP. For vIPP-IDI structure, 4 mM vIPP was used instead of oIPP, and soaking was performed for 1 h. To obtain IDI-2-IPP and IDI-2-dimethylallyl diphosphate (DMAPP), crystals were soaked for 1 h in the reservoir solution containing 35% (vol/vol) PEG400, 12.5 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , and 5 mM IPP or 10 mM DMAPP, respectively, and then  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$  (20 mM final concentration) was added to the soaking solution to reduce the crystals for 10 min. Crystals were immediately mounted in the X-ray diffraction apparatus.

**Data Collection, Structure Solution, and Refinement.** All datasets were collected on beamlines BL-5A and NE-3A at the photon factory (KEK, Tsukuba, Japan). X-ray diffraction data of crystals were processed and scaled with HKL2000 (7). Data collection statistics are summarized in Table 1. IDI structures were refined using the program Refmac (8) from the CCP4 suite and atomic coordinate of FreeIDI<sub>red</sub> (Protein Data Bank code 2ZZRV). Manual fitting of the model was carried out using the program Coot (9). vIPP- and oIPP-adduct, IPP, and DMAPP models were fitted into the substrate-binding sites based on the difference electron density map. The refinement statistics are summarized in Table 1. The figures for the protein models were drawn using the programs PyMOL (10) and Coot (Fig. 1D).

**Mass Spectrometry.** Inhibited *S. shibatae* IDI-2 was denatured as described above and the protein was removed by filtration. The flavin-inhibitor adducts were mixed with an equal volume of acetonitrile containing 1% (vol/vol) triethylamine and analyzed by negative-ion electrospray ionization-mass spectrometry with an Esquire 3000 (BRUKER) by direct infusion.

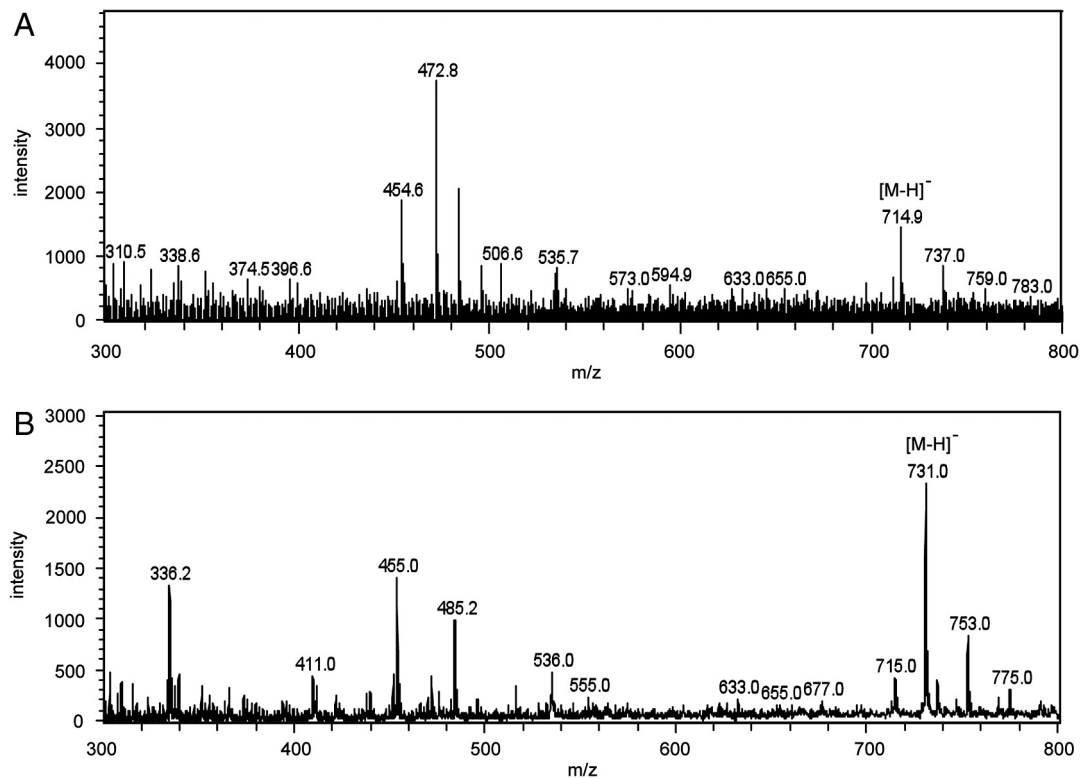
**Mutagenesis.** Site-directed mutations on *S. shibatae* IDI-2 were introduced into pET-idi using a QuikChange Mutagenesis Kit (STRATAGENE) and oligonucleotide primers indicated in Table S2.

**Mutant Enzyme Assay.** Assays for *S. shibatae* IDI-2 were conducted as described in our previous paper (11), excepting that 0.5–1  $\mu\text{M}$  [ $1\text{-}^{14}\text{C}$ ]IPP (2 GBq/mmol) and an appropriate amount of the purified enzyme were used.

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**Fig. S3.** Electrospray ionization mass spectra of flavin adducts from *S. shibatae* IDI-2. (A) vIPP-FMN<sub>red</sub>. (B) oIPP-FMN<sub>red</sub>.



**Table S1. Map correlation coefficients of the vIPP and oIPP adducts with different isomeric structures**

Isomers <sup>†</sup>	Map correlation coefficient*			
	Overall	Hydrocarbon (inhibitor)		
		FMN		Diphosphate
vIPP adduct				
1	0.9312	0.9341	0.9242	0.9262
2	0.9279	0.9346	0.9046	0.9122
3	0.9307	0.9348	0.9435	0.9187
4	0.9319	0.9375	0.9327	0.9184
5	0.9290	0.9345	0.9414	0.9113
6	0.9329	0.9378	0.9013	0.9277
7	0.9306	0.9349	0.9076	0.9290
8	0.9326	0.9364	0.9171	0.9289
oIPP adduct				
9	0.9159	0.9369	0.8828	0.8699
10	0.9143	0.9374	0.8867	0.8645
11	0.9131	0.9359	0.8596	0.8607
12	0.9139	0.9359	0.8776	0.8615
13	0.9159	0.9385	0.8550	0.8677
14	0.9148	0.9369	0.8745	0.8639
15	0.9148	0.9366	0.8848	0.8628
16	0.9147	0.9388	0.8606	0.8612

\*Map correlation coefficients were calculated using the OVERLAPMAP program in the CCP4 suite 1. Among the coefficients separately calculated for FMN, inhibitor-derived hydrocarbon, and diphosphate units in the overall adduct structures, those for the hydrocarbon unit (including epoxy-derived oxygen in the case of oIPP adduct) are more variable and were used to determine which isomer is the most likely.

<sup>†</sup>The isomer numbering is the same as that used in Fig. S2. Isomers 3, 4, and 5 are the chemical structures of vIPP adduct used for the construction of the C4a and N5 models in Fig. 1, respectively. Isomers 10 and 15 are the chemical structures of oIPP adduct used for the construction of the C4a and N5 models in Fig. S1, respectively.

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**Table S2. Oligonucleotide primers used for mutagenesis**

Mutant	Primer sequence*
Q160E	CTTAAATCCGGCAGAGGAAGTATTTCAAC
Q160H	CTTAAATCCGGCCCATGAAGTATTTCAAC
Q160K	CTTAAATCCGGCCAAAGAAGTATTTCAAC
Q160L	CTTAAATCCGGCCCTAGAAGTATTTCAAC
Q160N	CTTAAATCCGGCCAATGAAGTATTTCAAC

\*For mutagenesis, the primers indicated and primers with complementary sequences were used.