Supporting Information

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Fig. S1. Absorption spectra of holo-PhuS wild type (A) and H209/210/212A (B) proteins. Cuvettetes contained 10 µM holo-PhuS in 20 mM Tris+HCl (pH 7.5).



Wavelength (nm)



Fig. S3. Fluorescence emission spectra of wild-type and His-mutant PhuS proteins on incremental addition of heme. To 1 μ M apo-PhuS proteins in 20 mM Tris•HCl (pH 7.8), heme was added in increments from 0.1 to 50 μ M. The binding constant (K_d) was fit to a one-site binding model according to the decrease in Trp fluorescence intensity at 337 nm as a function of increasing heme concentration.



Fig. S4. Concentration dependences of the weight average sedimentation coefficients of holo-PhuS (A) and apo-PhuS (B). In both cases, points show the experimental weight average sedimentation coefficients as a function of total concentration. Overlaid are linear regressions of the data. The observed values extrapolated to infinite dilution equal 3.60 S and 3.84 S for holo- and apo-Phus, respectively, which correspond to 3.23 S and 3.45 S when corrected to the standard condition of 20 °C in water.



Fig. S5. Limited proteolysis and MALDI-MS spectrum of apo- and holo-PhuS mutants. SDS/PAGE of apo- and holo-PhuS H210A (*A*), apo- and holo-PhuS H209A (*B*), and apo- and holo-PhuS H212A (C), after proteolysis at intervals up to 60 min. (*D*) MALDI-MS spectrum of apo- and holo-PhuS H209/210/212A proteolysis after 2 min. The major peptide fragments are highlighted and color coded (red for apo-PhuS and black for holo-PhuS). The peak at \approx 39 kDa corresponds to intact PhuS (M+1) and 19528 (M+2).



Fig. S6. Isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC) analysis of the interaction of holo-PhuS (*A*), apo-PhuS (*B*), and holo-PhuS H209A (*C*) with apo-HemO. Titrations were performed in 20 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.5) at 298 K. *Upper*: Time-dependent release of heat during the titration. *Lower*: Peak integrals as a function of the molar ratio of heme to protein. The data were fit to a single binding model with Origin software, supplied by Microcal.