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Insights into Substrate Specificity and Metal Activation of Mammalian
Tetrahedral Aspartyl Aminopeptidase

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Table S1. Transcript levels of DNPEP, ENPEP and RAS components in the whole eye and retina of C57BL/6 mice. Data obtained from RNA-seq transcriptome database^a

Gene name	Protein name	Whole eye ^b	Retina ^c
Dnpep	Aspartyl aminopeptidase	73	37
Enpep	Glutamyl aminopeptidase	3.2	0.6
Rnpep	Arginine aminopeptidase	41	10
Lnpep	Insulin-responsive aminopeptidase (IRAP) /or Angiotensin IV receptor (AT4) /or leucyl/cystinyl aminopeptidase	6.3	7.1
Agt	Angiotensinogen	3.7	6.5
Ren1 ^d	Prorenin/renin	0	0
Ace1	Angiotensin converting enzyme	9.0	3.6
Ace2	Angiotensin converting enzyme2	1.9	0.2
Agt1r	Angiotensin II receptor, type 1	0.5	0.1
Agtr2	Angiotensin II receptor, type 2	0.03	0.06
Rpe65	RPE65	56	9.2
Guca1a	Guanylate cyclase activator 1a	570	830
Arrb2	Arrestin, beta 2	8.9	11
Rho	Rhodopsin	6200	12000

^a RNA-seq data are taken from NCBI gene expression omnibus site with the series accession number GSE29752. (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE29752>). Methods for preparing cDNA library, genome analyzer RNA-seq runs, read mapping, and quantification can be found in (1).

^b Transcript reads as FPKM (fragments per kilobase normalized by total reads in million) from a cDNA library in the whole eyes of five C57BL/6 female mice at four weeks of age.

^c Transcript reads as FPKM from a cDNA library prepared from neural retinas of five C57BL/6 female mice at four weeks of age.

^d The read from Ren1 was zero according to this RNA-seq experiment, which may be due to the low abundance and instability of Ren1 mRNA. However, expression of Ren1 has been reported in the eyes of human, mouse and rat by RT-PCR.

Table S2. Purification of recombinant bovine DNPEP from 1 L of overnight *E. coli* culture

Step (Unit)	Volume (mL)	Activity (units/mL)	Protein Conc. (mg/mL)	Total Activity (units)	Specific Activity (units/mg)	Recovery (%)
Supernatant	60	6.1	40	370	0.15	100
Ni ²⁺ column	5	2.3	1	12 ^a	2.3	3.2
Superdex 200	20	2.5	0.33	51	7.7	14

^a Total activity and recovery after elution from Ni²⁺ column is low due to the inhibitory effect of imidazole.

Table S3. Steady-state kinetics of recombinant DNPEP and its Mn-activated form towards Asp-pNA

	Unit	DNPEP ^a	Mn-act DNPEP ^b
k_{cat}	(s ⁻¹)	0.06	0.79
K_{M}	(μM)	190	83
$k_{\text{cat}}/K_{\text{M}}$	(M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	300	9500

^a Recombinant bovine DNPEP purified from *E.coli* grown in regular LB medium.

^b Recombinant bovine DNPEP purified from *E.coli* grown in LB medium supplemented with 5 mM MnCl₂.

Table S4. Transcript levels of CCK-8 precursor, NKB, MCH precursor and their corresponding receptors in the whole eye and retina of C57BL/6 mice. Data obtained from RNA-seq transcriptome database^a

Gene	Protein	Whole eye ^b	Retina ^c
Cck	cholecystokinin	35	20
Cckbr	cholecystokinin B receptor	1.8	4.7
Cckar	cholecystokinin A receptor	0.22	0.13
Tac2	tachykinin 2 (neurokinin B)	20	30
Tacr3	tachykinin receptor 3	4.1	6.3
Pmch	pro-melanin-concentrating hormone	0.13	0
Mchr	melanin-concentrating hormone receptor 1	1.8	0

^a RNA-seq data are taken from National Center for Biotechnology Information gene expression omnibus site with the series accession number GSE29752. (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE29752>). Methods for preparing cDNA library, genome analyzer RNA-seq runs, read mapping, and quantification can be found in reference (1).

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Table S5. First shell EXAFS analyses of recombinant DNPEP and its Mn-activated form^a

ZnZn-DNPEP												
fit	Zn-O/N			Zn-N/O			Zn...C			F' ^b	ΔE_0	BVS _c
	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2			
1	3	2.01	4.0							235.1	-1.96	1.30
2	4	2.01	5.7							53.7	-2.53	1.74
3	5	2.01	7.4							27.5	-3.21	2.19
4	6	2.01	9.0							55.0	-3.99	2.65
5	4	1.99	4.2	1	2.13	-1.0				16.1	-3.83	2.25
6	3	1.97	2.2	2	2.11	0.1				15.4	-2.96	2.27
7	5	2.00	7.4				1	2.54	7.8	16.0	-4.38	2.22
8	5	2.00	7.3				0.5	2.50	2.9	22.9	-4.38	2.22
Mn-activated DNPEP (Zn K-edge)												
fit	Zn-O/N			Zn-N/O			Zn...C			F' ^b	ΔE_0	BVS _c
	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2			
1	3	1.98	2.5							146.1	-5.61	1.44
2	4	1.98	4.1							57.1	-6.10	1.92
3	5	1.97	5.6							101.1	-6.67	2.41
4	6	1.97	7.2							288.7	-7.22	2.91
5	3	1.97	1.2	1	2.11	-0.7				54.9	-3.91	1.87
6	3	1.97	2.0	2	2.11	4.7				52.0	-2.74	2.28
7	4	1.98	3.3	1	2.15	2.4				48.8	-3.99	2.27
8	4	1.97	4.2				1	2.56	2.5	22.6	-6.88	1.94
Mn-activated DNPEP (Mn K-edge)												
fit	Mn-O/N			Mn-N/O			Mn...C			F' ^b	ΔE_0	BVS _c
	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2			
1	3	2.13	4.4							37.9	-0.03	1.11
2	4	2.13	6.6							19.5	-0.78	1.49
3	5	2.13	8.7							45.7	-1.46	1.88
4	6	2.12	10.9							133.2	-2.24	2.29
5	4	2.12	6.3	1	1.92	29.3				26.8	-2.64	2.17
6	3	2.13	4.7	2	2.04	21.7				36.1	-3.47	2.08
7	5	2.13	9.0				1	2.57	2.3	16.6	-1.66	1.87
8	4	2.13	6.7				1	2.59	1.0	7.2	-1.43	1.50
9	4	2.14	5.1	1	2.34	4.0	1	2.60	-1.8	5.4	1.40	1.73

^a r is in units of Å; σ^2 is in units of 10^{-3} Å²; ΔE_0 is in units of eV. All fits are to Fourier-filtered EXAFS data, as follows: ZnZn-DNPEP, Fourier transform range of $k = 1.5 - 12.5$ Å⁻¹, back-transformation range of $0.6 - 2.5$ Å (resolution = 0.143 Å); Mn-activated DNPEP (Zn K-edge), Fourier transform range of $k = 1.5 - 13.0$ Å⁻¹, back-transformation range of $0.6 - 2.3$ Å.

(resolution = 0.137 Å); Mn-activated DNPEP (Mn K-edge), Fourier transform range of $k = 1.5 - 11.25 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$, back-transformation range of 0.6 – 2.4 Å (resolution = 0.161 Å).

^b Goodness-of-fit parameter F' defined as $[\sum(\chi_{\text{exptl}} - \chi_{\text{calc}})^2]^{1/2} / v$, where $v = N_{\text{IDP}} - N_{\text{VAR}}$. N_{IDP} is the number of independent data points, while N_{VAR} is the number of floated variables in each optimization step. F' is a measure of whether an added shell significantly improves the fit.

^c BVS = bond valence sum for the first-shell atoms of the fit. The BVS is defined as $\sum(\exp[(r_0 - r)/0.37])$, where r_0 is an empirically derived parameter for a given pair of atoms and r is the actual bond length. The values of r_0 were taken from (2) and (3). While EXAFS cannot distinguish between atoms differing by $Z \pm 1$, we assumed an oxygen-rich environment based upon the crystal structure data.

Table S6. Detailed unfiltered EXAFS analysis of recombinant DNPEP at the Zn K-edge^a

fit	Zn-O/N			Zn ^{•••} C/N/O			Zn ^{•••} C/Zn			Zn ^{•••} (His)			F ^b	ΔE_0	BVS ^c
	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2			
1	3	2.01	4.0										0.434	-1.98	1.30
2	4	2.01	5.7										0.371	-2.37	1.74
3	5	2.01	7.3										0.353	-3.03	2.18
4	6	2.01	8.9										0.368	-3.62	2.64
5	5	2.01	7.4	1	2.52	7.53							0.339	-3.79	2.20
6	5	2.01	7.2				2	3.02	1.4				0.337	-3.90	2.21
7	5	2.01	7.2				3	3.03	6.0				0.348	-3.92	2.21
8	5	2.01	7.2				4	3.05	5.6				0.307	-3.38	2.19
							4	3.28	4.1						
9	5	2.01	7.2				2	3.00					0.320	-3.14	2.20
							4	3.18	2.1						
10	5	2.01	7.3				1Zn	3.34	22.9				0.351	-3.77	2.20
11	5	2.01	7.2							1His	3.00 3.18 4.30 4.33	2.1 2.1 0.7 0.7	0.279	-3.14	2.19
12	5	2.01	7.3							2His	3.00 3.18 4.29 4.32	6.7 6.7 6.3 6.3	0.295	-3.13	2.19
13	5	2.01	7.2				1Zn	3.20	15.2	1His	3.01 3.19 4.30 4.33	1.5 1.5 0.8 0.8	0.271	-3.20	2.19

^a r is in units of Å; σ^2 is in units of 10^{-3} Å²; ΔE_0 is in units of eV. All fits are to unfiltered EXAFS data for a Fourier transform range of $k = 1.5 - 12.5$ Å⁻¹ (resolution = 0.144 Å).

$$^b F = [\sum k^6 (\chi_{\text{exptl}} - \chi_{\text{calc}})^2 / \sum k^6 \chi_{\text{exptl}}^2]^{1/2}$$

^c BVS = bond valence sum for the first-shell atoms of the fit. The BVS is defined as $\sum(\exp[(r_0 - r)/0.37])$, where r_0 is an empirically derived parameter for a given pair of atoms and r is the actual bond length. The values of r_0 were taken from (2) and (3). While EXAFS cannot distinguish between atoms differing by $Z \pm 1$, we assumed an oxygen-rich environment based upon the crystal structure data.

Table S7. Fourier-filtered EXAFS analyses of Mn-activated DNPEP at the Zn K-edge^a

fit	Zn-O/N			Zn...C/N/O			Zn...C			Zn...Mn			F' ^b	ΔE_0	BVS ^c
	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2			
1	3	1.97	2.4										288.1	-5.95	1.44
2	4	1.97	4.0										186.1	-6.13	1.92
3	5	1.97	5.6										250.3	-6.66	2.41
4	6	1.97	7.1										460.7	-7.20	2.91
5	4	1.98	3.1	1N	2.17	1.4							172.3	-3.32	2.23
6	3	1.97	1.2	1N	2.12	0.3							186.9	-3.83	1.86
7	4	1.97	4.1	1C	2.53	2.0							145.1	-7.02	1.94
8	4	1.97	4.0							1Mn	3.31	5.5	77.6	-6.58	1.93
9	4	1.98	3.2	1	2.16	2.0				1Mn	3.32	5.4	64.8	-4.31	2.27
10	4	1.97	4.1	1C	2.54	3.0				1Mn	3.30	5.5	46.7	-7.27	1.95
11	4	1.97	4.2	1C	2.55	2.1	2	3.01	0.8				104.5	-6.58	1.93
12	4	1.97	4.1	1C	2.54	2.4	4	3.00	5.6				179.4	-6.91	1.94
13	4	1.97	4.1	1C	2.54	3.8	2	3.31	0.0				65.0	-7.32	1.95
14	4	1.97	4.1	1C	2.54	3.4	4	3.31	3.1				69.4	-7.37	1.95
15	4	1.97	4.1	1C	2.55	3.9	4	3.03	7.7				44.1	-7.03	1.94
							4	3.30	3.2						
16	4	1.97	4.1	1C	2.54	3.1	2	3.02	2.7	1Mn	3.29	7.0	33.4	-7.16	1.94
17	4	1.97	4.1	1C	2.54	3.3	4	3.07	12.0	1Mn	3.29	4.8	41.3	-7.53	1.94

^a r is in units of Å; σ^2 is in units of 10^{-3} Å²; ΔE_0 is in units of eV. All fits are to Fourier-filtered EXAFS data for a Fourier transform range of $k = 1.5 - 13.0$ Å⁻¹ and back-transformation range of 0.6 – 3.1 Å (resolution = 0.137 Å).

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Table S8. Fourier-filtered EXAFS analyses of Mn-activated DNPEP at the Mn K-edge^a

fit	Mn-O/N			Mn ^{•••} C/N/O			Mn ^{•••} C			Mn ^{•••} Zn			F' ^b	ΔE_0	BVS ^c
	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2	n	r	σ^2			
1	3	2.14	4.4										59.9	0.17	1.10
2	4	2.13	6.6										41.5	-0.52	1.48
3	5	2.13	8.7										68.2	-1.20	1.87
4	6	2.12	10.9										142.5	-1.93	2.27
5	5	2.13	9.0	1	2.56	2.10							38.9	-1.18	1.86
6	4	2.13	6.7	1	2.58	1.40							29.6	-0.92	1.49
7	5	2.13	8.7							1Zn	3.40	10.6	54.2	-1.60	1.88
8	5	2.13	9.0	1	2.56	2.80				1Zn	3.41	12.0	29.5	-1.07	1.85
8a	5	2.13	8.9	1	2.56	2.97				0.5Zn	3.41	7.3	31.1	-1.17	1.86
9	5	2.14	9.0	1	2.56	3.34	2	3.43	4.9				51.8	-0.25	1.83
10	5	2.13	9.0	1	2.56	2.31	2	3.07	9.3				32.3	-0.62	1.84
11	5	2.14	9.0	1	2.56	2.66	4	3.11	24.3				32.9	-0.27	1.83
12	5	2.14	9.1	1	2.55	3.09	2	3.10	7.8				33.2	0.56	1.81
							2	3.40	8.0						
13	5	2.14	9.0	1	2.56	3.19	2	3.12	12.0	1Zn	3.40	12.2	22.1	-0.28	1.83
14	5	2.14	8.9	1	2.56	3.37	2	3.11	14.1	0.5Zn	3.40	7.8	25.4	-0.38	1.83
15	5	2.14	9.0	1	2.56	3.55	4	3.14	20.6	1Zn	3.41	11.4	19.2	0.03	1.82

^a r is in units of Å; σ^2 is in units of 10^{-3} Å²; ΔE_0 is in units of eV. All fits are to Fourier-filtered EXAFS data for a Fourier transform range of $k = 1.5 - 11.25$ Å⁻¹ and back-transformation range of 0.6 – 3.4 Å (resolution = 0.164 Å).

^b Goodness-of-fit parameter F' defined as $[\sum(\chi_{\text{exptl}} - \chi_{\text{calc}})^2]^2 / \nu$, where $\nu = N_{\text{IDP}} - N_{\text{VAR}}$. N_{IDP} is the number of independent data points, while N_{VAR} is the number of floated variables in each optimization step. F' is a measure of whether an added shell significantly improves the fit.

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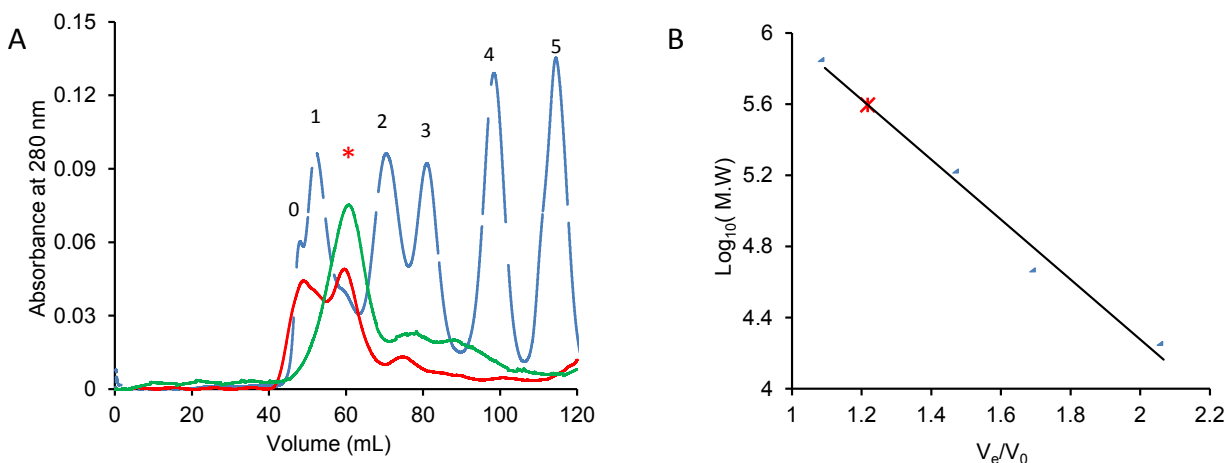


Figure S1. Gel filtration chromatography of DNPEP. A, Gel filtration chromatograms showing the profiles before (red line) and after (green line) optimization of the purification protocol relative to molecular weight standards (blue dashed line, 0, void volume; 1, Thyroglobulin (670 kDa); 2, Bovine gamma-globulin (158 kDa); 3, Chicken ovalbumin (44 kDa); 4 Equine myoglobin (17 kDa); 5, Vitamin B₁₂ (1.35 kDa)). B, Linear plot of the logarithm of molecular weight as a function of elution-to-void volume ratio of protein standards. DNPEP eluted at apparent molecular mass of ~394 kDa (red asterisk), which corresponds to a stoichiometry of 7.3 ± 0.9 subunits assuming a monomer mass of 54 kDa. The error was calculated as combined errors of standard deviation and curve fitting.

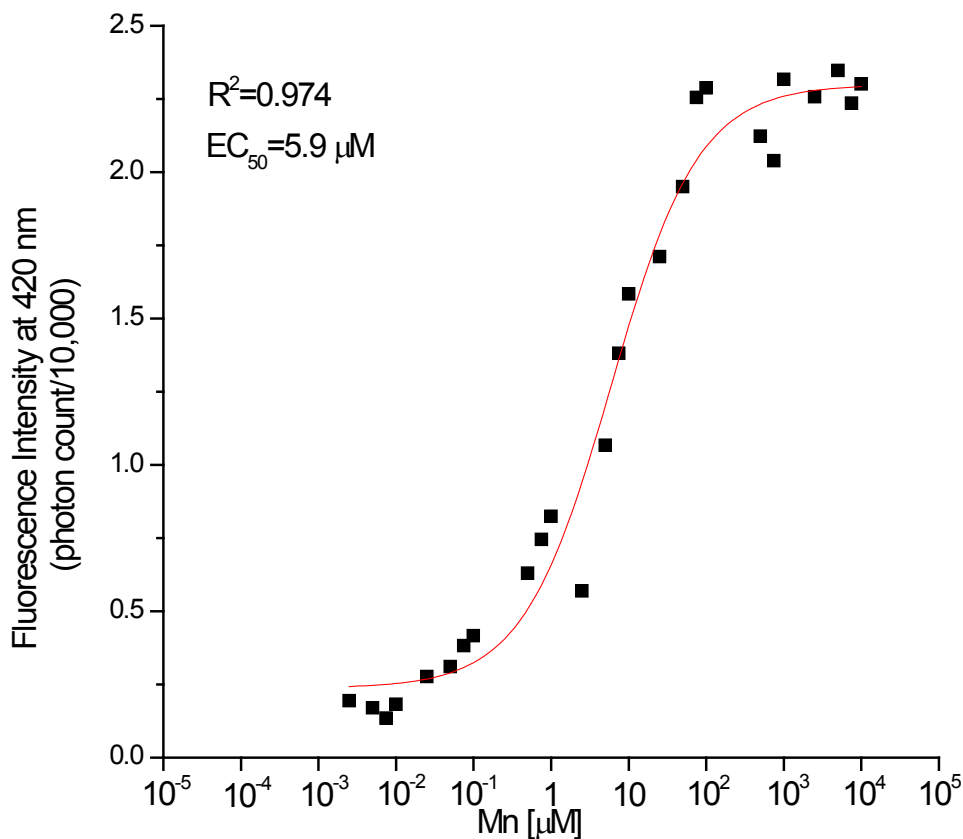


Figure S2. Dose-effect curve of DNPEP activity stimulation by Mn. MnCl_2 was added to final concentrations ranging from 2.5 nM to 10 mM and activity of DNPEP was measured as described in the Experimental Procedures. Activity was quantified as the fluorescence intensity at 420 nm at the end of the 30 min reaction. The results are presented on a semi-logarithmic graph. The EC_{50} of Mn was calculated as $\sim 6 \mu\text{M}$ by pharmacology dose-response fitting in Origin 8.1. MnCl_2 concentrations greater than 25 mM inhibit DNPEP activity.

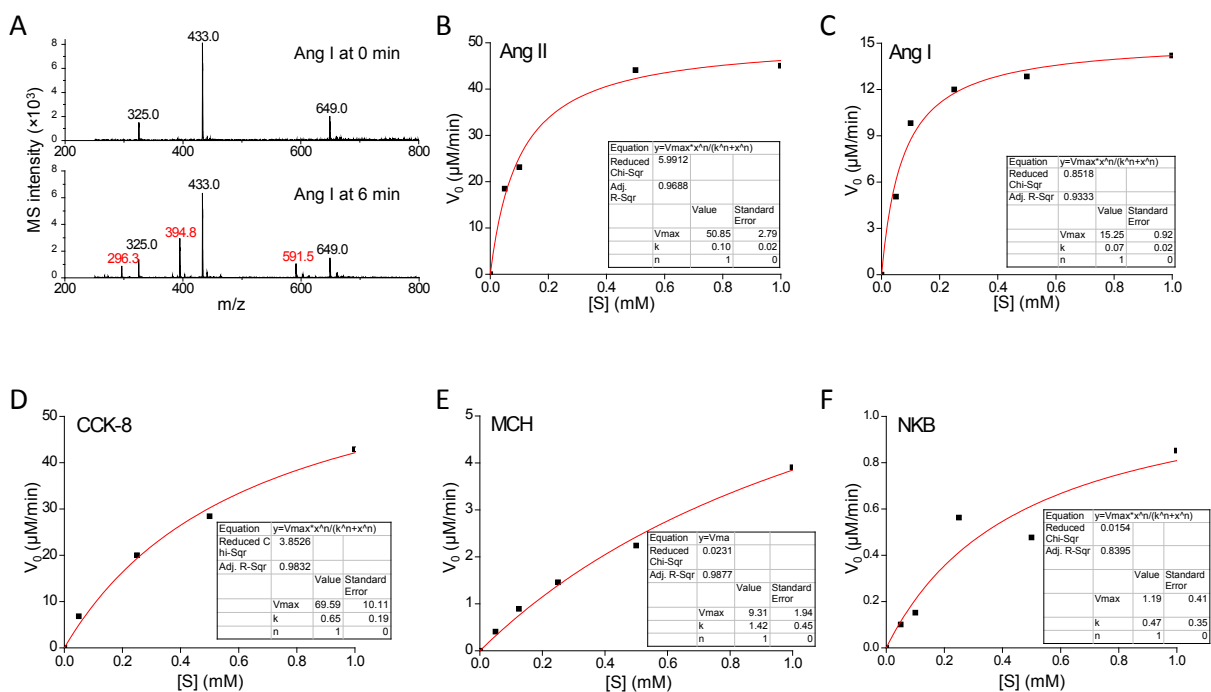


Figure S3. DNPEP catalyzed hydrolysis of physiologically relevant peptides by LC-MS. A. Mass spectra showing 0.5 mM Ang I before and 6 min after addition of DNPEP. Peaks with black labels are due to Ang I with +2, +3, and +4 charges; and peaks with red labels observed after addition of DNPEP are due to product Ang (2-10) with +2, +3, and +4 charges. The Michaelis-Menten fits for steady-state hydrolysis of Ang I, Ang II, CCK-8, MCH, and NKB are shown in B to F, respectively. Fits were performed using the Sigmoidal-Hill function in Origin 8.1, and fitting results were listed in the inset tables. Detailed calculations are described in Experimental Procedures.

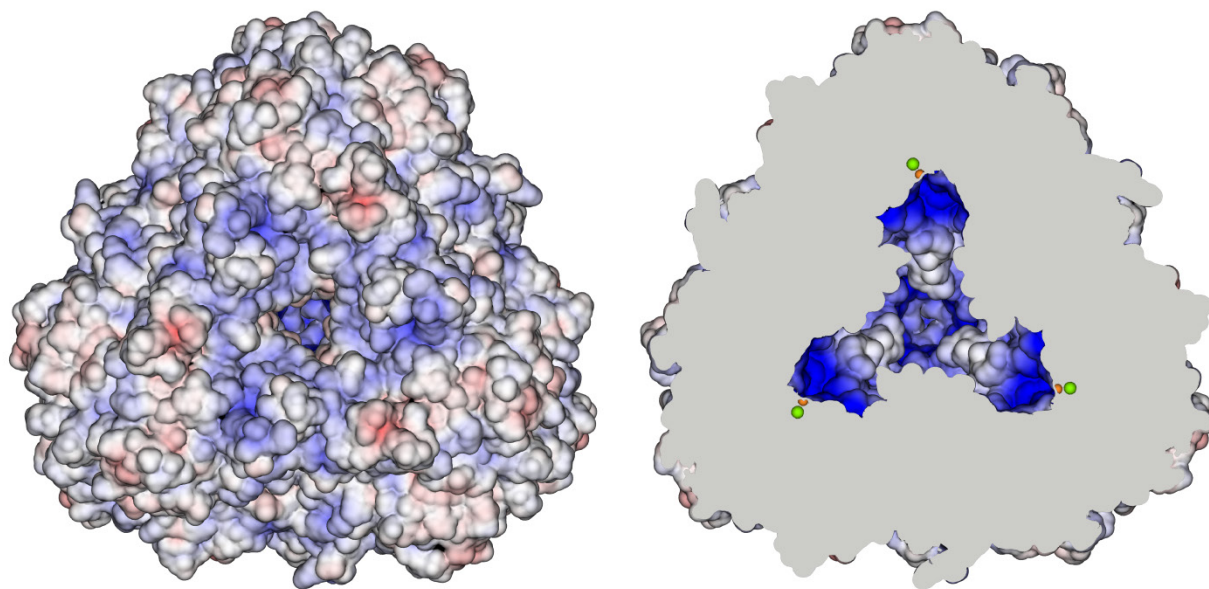


Figure S4. Electrostatic surface potential of the DNPEP complex. A. Exterior surface potential showing the fairly uniform charge distribution on the outside surface of the complex. B. A slice-through view of the tetrahedral complex showing a strongly positive potential, particularly in the vicinity of the active site pocket. The electrostatic potential is contoured at -10 kT/e (red) and 10 kT/e (blue). The positive electrostatic potential of the active site pocket is in agreement with the preference of the enzyme for N-terminal acidic peptide substrates. The electrostatic potential was calculated using APBS (4).

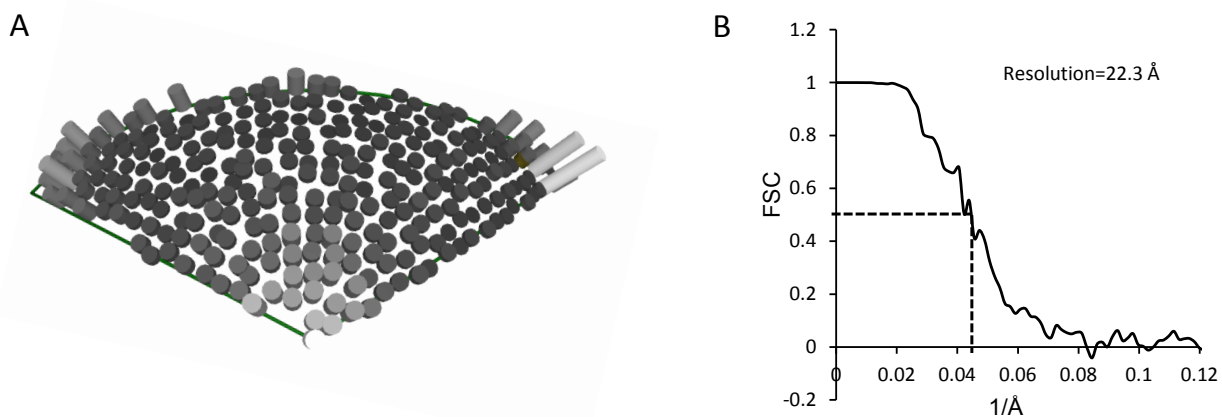


Figure S5. Completeness and resolution of the EM data set used for single particle reconstruction. A, Euler distribution plot of the data set showing a complete angular coverage of the unique projection space. B, Fourier Shell Correlation (FSC) plot obtained from an even/odd test in EMAN2 showing a resolution of 22.3 Å according to the 0.5 criterion.

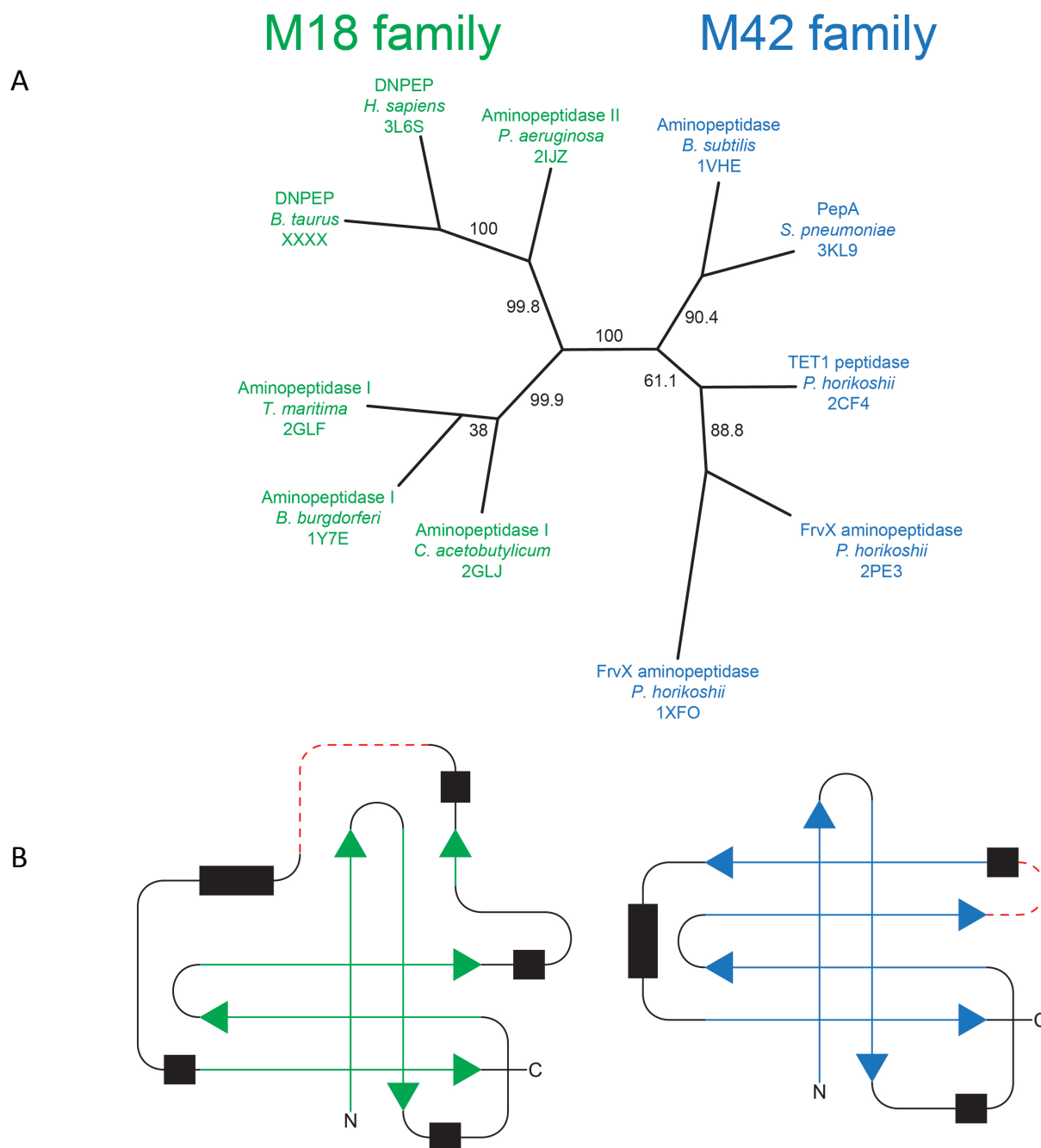


Figure S6. Comparison of the M18 and M42 aminopeptidases. A, An unrooted phylogenetic tree of crystallographically characterized peptidases from the two families. Sequences were aligned using *Clustal omega* (5) and the phylogeny was computed using the *Proml* and *Consense* programs from the PHYLIP package (6). Bootstrap values from 1000 replicates are displayed on the tree branches as percentages. B, topologies of dimerization domains in the two families. M18 family is colored in green, and M42 family is in blue.

Supplementary Data File

Movie S1. Structure of the DNPEP monomer and tetrahedral assembly. This movie shows the overall structure of DNPEP, the close proximity of His¹⁶⁶ from one monomer to the active site of an adjacent monomer related by two-fold symmetry, the dimeric and trimeric interaction surfaces and finally the tetrahedral assembly.

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