Supplementary Table. 1: Potential difference thresholds for proton transfer. Potential differences are in units of kT/e where k is Boltzmann's constant, T is the temperature in K and e is the charge of an electron.

| Amino acid types in proton transfer | Potential difference |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Acid->Base                          | 50                   |
| Base->Acid                          | 250                  |
| Acid->Acid                          | 150                  |
| Base->Base                          | 130                  |
| Other->Base                         | 100                  |
| Other->Amide                        | 400                  |
| Amide->Other                        | 250                  |