

## Supplementary Information

### **<sup>13</sup>C relaxation experiments for aromatic side chains employing longitudinal- and transverse-relaxation optimized NMR spectroscopy**

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Fig. S1

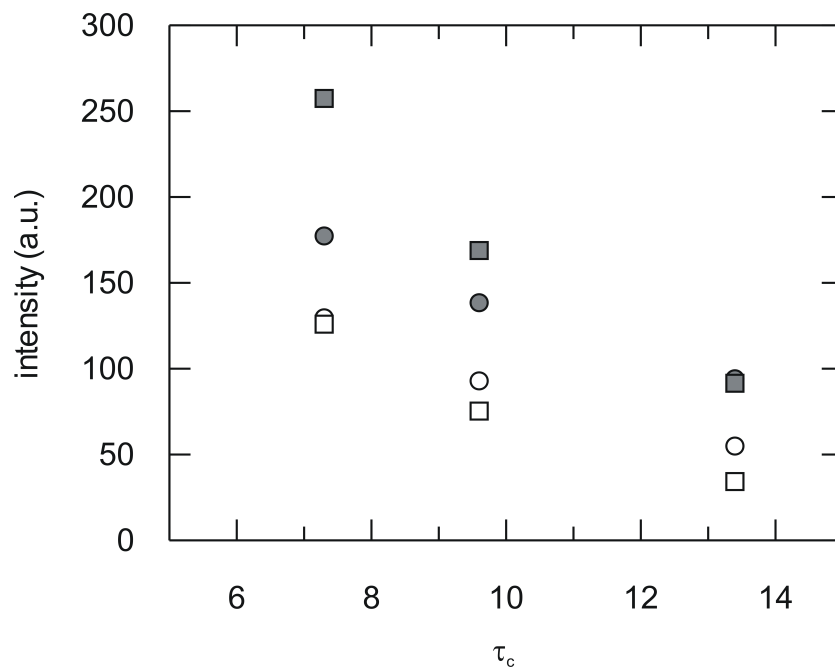


Figure S1: Representative example of cross-peak intensity in  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  PEP-HSQC (squares) or  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  TROSY (circles) experiments acquired with different rotational correlation times ( $\tau_c$ ) by varying the temperature between 5–28 °C. Open symbols represent experiments employing constant-time (17.6 ms)  $t_1$  evolution, while filled symbols represent non-constant time experiments. The rotational correlation time was determined at 28 °C based on  $^{15}\text{N}$  relaxation experiments [Diehl et al., (2010) *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 132, 14577–14589], and extrapolated to the lower temperatures using the Stokes-Einstein relationship.

Table S1

Protonation levels for different positions in aromatic side chains in Gal3C expressed in 60% D<sub>2</sub>O + 40% H<sub>2</sub>O.

Amino acid	position	$I_D/I_H$ (%)	$p_{\text{solvent}}$ (%)
Phe	D*	80	33
	E*	55	75
Tyr	D*	70	50
	E*	50	83
His	D2	55	75
	E1	80	33
Trp	D1	80	33
	E3	100	0
	Z3	60	66
	Z2	70	50

Intensities were compared in <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C HSQC spectra recorded on Gal3C expressed in <sup>15</sup>N NH<sub>4</sub>Cl and 1-<sup>13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>-glucose or 2-<sup>13</sup>C<sub>1</sub>-glucose dissolved in either 100% H<sub>2</sub>O or 60% D<sub>2</sub>O + 40% H<sub>2</sub>O. The relative intensities of the two samples were calibrated based on the intensities in the corresponding <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>15</sup>N HSQC spectra. The percentage of aromatic hydrogens exchanged for solvent hydrogens was calculated as

$$p_{\text{solvent}} = \frac{I_H - I_D}{0.6I_H},$$

where  $I_H$  and  $I_D$  are the intensities in the samples expressed in 100% H<sub>2</sub>O and 60% D<sub>2</sub>O + 40% H<sub>2</sub>O, respectively.