

Supporting Information

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SI Materials and Methods

Protein Expression and Purification. The optimized truncation constructs of PRY/SPRY_{rh} (residues 275–493) or PRY/SPRY_{hu} (residues 273–489) was cloned into the expression vector pMAT9s (1) containing an N-terminal 6×His-tag followed by maltose-binding protein (MBP). Constructs were verified by DNA sequencing (The Keck DNA Sequencing Facility, Yale University, New Haven, CT). The expression plasmids were coexpressed with the chaperon expression plasmid pGro7 (Takara Mirus Bio) in BL21(DE3) *Escherichia coli* cells and induced with 0.5 mM isopropyl β-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG) and 2.0 mg/mL L-arabinose at 18 °C overnight. The resulting MBP-fusion protein was purified by an MBPTrap HP affinity column (GE Healthcare), followed by a HitrapQ anion exchange column (GE Healthcare) in 50 mM Tris (pH 8.0) using a 10- to 150-mM NaCl gradient elution. MBP-PRY/SPRY was further purified using a HiLoad 16/60 Superdex 200 prep grade column (GE Healthcare) in 50 mM Tris (pH 8.0), 300 mM NaCl, and 0.1 mM Tris (2-carboxyethyl) phosphine (TCEP), and the protein purity was examined by SDS/PAGE. Protein was concentrated to 1.5 mg/mL for crystallization.

Crystallization and Data Collection. MBP-PRY/SPRY_{rh} crystals were grown at 16 °C using the microbatch-under-oil and the hanging-drop vapor diffusion methods by mixing 0.4–1.8 μL protein containing 6% (wt/vol) glucose and 6% (wt/vol) trehalose with 1 μL of crystallization buffer containing 100 mM MES (pH 6.2) and 25% (wt/vol) PEG 3350. The best crystals were grown with protein concentration at 1.5 mg/mL. Crystals were cryo-protected by the crystallization buffer with 30% (vol/vol) glycerol and frozen in liquid nitrogen. Diffraction data were collected at the Advanced Photon Source beamline 24-ID and the National Synchrotron Light Source beamline X29A to the resolution of 3.3 Å. Data were processed using HKL2000 (2). The data statistics are summarized in Table S1.

Structure Determination and Refinement. There are two MBP-PRY/SPRY_{rh} molecules in the asymmetric unit of the crystal. The structure was solved by molecular replacement using PHASER (3) with a ligand-binding MBP structure [Protein Data Bank (PDB) ID 1ANF] as the first search model. Phases calculated from the initial solution with MBP were improved only by non-crystallographic symmetry (NCS) averaging using RESOLVE (4) and DM (5). Clear electron density of PRY/SPRY_{rh} was evident in the NCS-averaged map (Fig. S1). The solution for the PRY/SPRY domains was found by a real-space search in MOLREP (6) using the murine TRIM21 PRY/SPRY structure (PDB ID 2VOL) as the search model. The NCS-averaged electron density map was used for model building in the program Coot (7). Refinement was carried out with iterative rounds of Translation Libration Screw-motion (TLS) and restrained refinement using Refmac5 (8), followed by rebuilding the model to the 2Fo-Fc and the Fo-Fc maps using Coot. The final model has an $R_{\text{work}}/R_{\text{free}}$ of 21.0%/24.8%. The refinement statistics are summarized in Table S1.

Structural Analysis and Illustrations. Pairwise superposition of a series of PRY/SPRY structures was performed using the program SHP (9). A full matrix of evolutionary distances was calculated, and the tree representation was generated using the program PHYLIP (10).

Binding Assays with Capsid Hexamers. Capsid (CA) protein (A14C/E45C/W184A/M185A) was expressed in *E. coli* and purified as described (11). For in vitro assembly, 1–2 mL of protein was dialyzed into 1 L of buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl, 1 M NaCl, 200 mM β-mercaptoethanol, pH 8 at 4 °C), followed by dialysis into 2 L of the same buffer lacking β-mercaptoethanol to permit formation of disulfide crosslinking within the hexameric rings. To recover hexamers, tubular assemblies were dissociated by dialysis into 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8). The product was >95% intact hexamer as determined by nonreducing SDS/PAGE and Comassie staining. Individual CA hexamers (CA concentration of 400 μM), PRY/SPRY_{rh} (200 μM), and their mixture of the same protein concentrations were loaded onto a Superdex 200 HR 10/30 column (GE Healthcare) separately. The elution profiles were compared to monitor whether the complex was formed.

Binding Assays with CA Tubes. CA tubes were assembled from 80 μM (2 mg/mL) CA in 1 M NaCl and 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0) at 37 °C for 1 h. The binding buffer, 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 300 mM NaCl, and 0.1 mM TCEP, is also the stock buffer for the TRIM5α PRY/SPRY proteins. Briefly, binding buffer containing different concentrations of human or rhesus TRIM5α PRY/SPRY was added to 20 μL of preassembled CA tubes. The reaction mixture was incubated on a rocking platform at room temperature for 1 h with gentle mixing at 10-min intervals. At the end of incubation, 5-μL samples were withdrawn from the reaction mixtures and immediately used for cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) analysis, and 0.5-μL samples from the same reaction mixtures were mixed with 4× lithium dodecyl sulfate (LDS) sample buffer (Invitrogen) supplemented with 10 mM DTT for SDS/PAGE analysis. The remaining sample was pelleted at 20,000 × g with an Eppendorf centrifuge 5417R for 30 min at 4 °C. Supernatants of 0.5 μL and 1.5-μL pellet samples [resuspended with a prespin volume of buffer containing 1 M NaCl, 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0)] were mixed with 4× LDS sample buffer for gel analysis. Total (t), supernatant (s), and pellet (p) samples, without boiling, were loaded on 10% SDS/PAGE and stained with InstantBlue (Expedeon). Each experiment was carried out at least three times.

Cryo-EM Analysis. Aliquots from the binding assays (above) were subjected to cryo-EM analysis. A total of 2.5 μL was applied to the carbon side of glow-discharged perforated Quantifoil grids (Quantifoil Micro Tools), and 3 μL of binding buffer was added to the backside of the grids. Grids were blotted and plunge-frozen into liquid ethane using a manual gravity plunger. Low dose (10 ~15e⁻/Å²) projection images were collected with an FEI Tecnai Polara electron microscope at a nominal magnification of 4,700× and 59,000×, with underfocus values ranging from 1.0 to 2.5 μm, using a Gatan ultrascan 4K×4K CCD camera (Gatan Inc.).

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