

1 **Supplementary Information**

2 Modification of residue 42 of the active site loop with a lysine-mimetic sidechain rescues
 3 isochorismate-pyruvate lyase activity in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PchB

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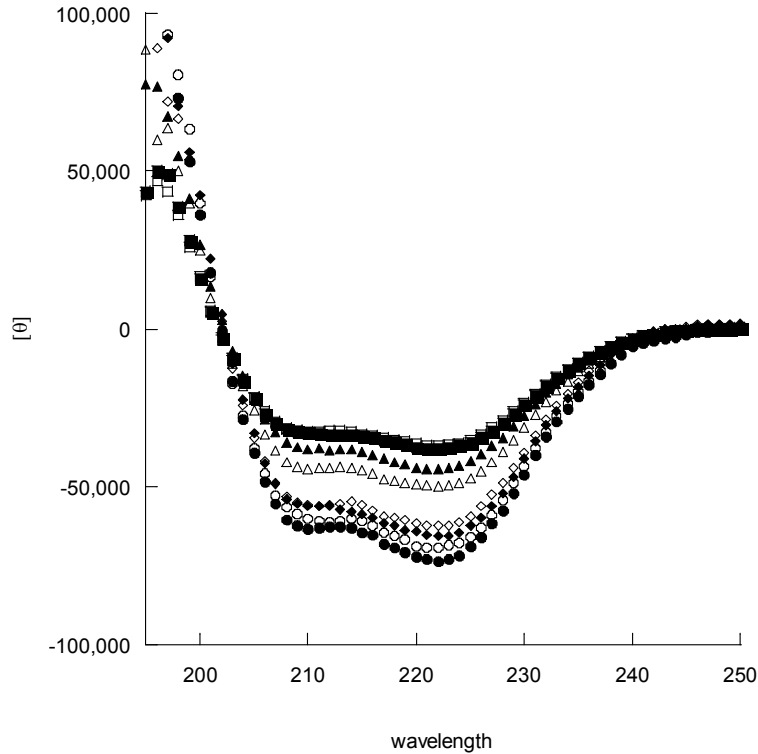
6 **Table S1: Catalytic constants of all controls and variants**

	sample	K_m (μM)	k_{cat} ($\times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$)	k_{cat}/K_m ($\text{M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
WT ^a	control	1.1 \pm 0.1	130 \pm 0	124,000 \pm 4,000
	EtA	5.90 \pm 0.03	232 \pm 4	39,200 \pm 500
	PrA	8.2 \pm 0.2	168 \pm 1	20,500 \pm 700
K42A	control	30 \pm 1	45 \pm 1	1,510 \pm 30
	EtA	48 \pm 1	98 \pm 1	2,060 \pm 20
	PrA	60 \pm 1	83 \pm 1	1,370 \pm 10
WT ^b	control	1.39 \pm 0.03	178 \pm 1	128,000 \pm 3,000
	BrEA	3.13 \pm 0.02	166 \pm 1	52,900 \pm 600
	BrEtOH	1.58 \pm 0.02	167 \pm 0	106,000 \pm 1,000
K42C	control	134 \pm 1	8.28 \pm 0.04	61.6 \pm 0.3
	BrEA	23 \pm 1	94.6 \pm 0.1	4,200 \pm 100
	BrEtOH	125 \pm 1	18.4 \pm 0.1	147 \pm 0
C7A/K42C	control	123 \pm 2	8.96 \pm 0.01	65 \pm 1
	BrEA	15.6 \pm 0.3	105 \pm 1	6,700 \pm 100
	BrEtOH	114 \pm 2	12.8 \pm 0	103 \pm 1
C07A	control	2.10 \pm 0.02	200 \pm 10	93,000 \pm 5,000
	BrEA	1.59 \pm 0.03	190 \pm 10	120,000 \pm 9,000
	BrEtOH	1.73 \pm 0.07	190 \pm 10	109,000 \pm 9,000

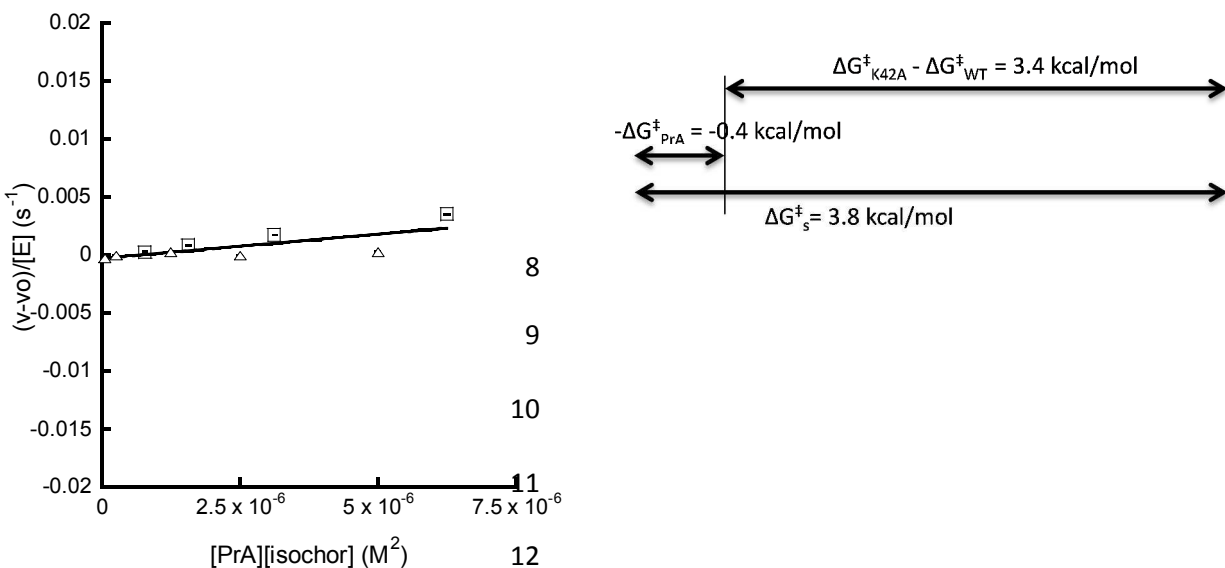
7 ^a exogenous amine conditions ^b covalent rescue conditions

1 **Figure S1. Circular dichroism of PchB-variants and PchB-variants modified with**
2 **bromoethylamine.** All traces show that the protein is predominantly α -helical, despite mutation
3 or modification with bromoethylamine. ● = wildtype PchB; ○ = wildtype PchB modified with
4 bromoethylamine; ■ = C7A-PchB; □ = C7A-PchB modified with bromoethylamine; ◆ =
5 K42C-PchB; ◇ = K42C-PchB modified with bromoethylamine; ▲ = C7A,K42C-PchB; △ =
6 C7A,K42C-PchB modified with bromoethylamine

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1 **Figure S2:** Lack of activation of K42A-PchB by added propylamine. Concentrations of
 2 propylamine (\triangle) are: 1, 5, 25, 50, and 100 mM (isochorismate constant at 50 μ M).
 3 Concentrations of isochorismate (\square) are: 1.6, 3.2, 6.3 and 12.5 μ M mM (propylamine constant
 4 at 500 mM), plotted as found in reference (1). The calculations are generated based on the work
 5 of Richard and colleagues (1, 2). On the right is a comparison plot generated like those found in
 6 Go *et al.* (2), which highlights that in the case of PchB the connection energy is larger than the
 7 overall stabilization in the transition state between the K42A variant and wildtype.



- 13 1. $k_{cat}/K_m K_d = \text{slope of line} = 420 \text{ M}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
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 15 2. $\frac{k_{cat}/K_m K_d}{(k_{cat}/K_m)_{K42A}} = \frac{420 \text{ M}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}}{850 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}} = \mathbf{0.5 \text{ M}^{-1}} = \frac{1}{K_d^\ddagger}$
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 17 3. $\Delta G_{PrA}^\ddagger = -RT \ln\left(\frac{1}{K_d^\ddagger}\right) = -(1.98 \text{ cal K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1})(298 \text{ K}) \ln(0.5 \text{ M}^{-1}) = \mathbf{0.4 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}}$
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 19 4. $\frac{(k_{cat}/K_m)_{WT}}{k_{cat}/K_m K_d} = \frac{258,000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}}{420 \text{ M}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}} = \mathbf{610 \text{ M}}$ = Effective molarity (EM) of the Lys42 sidechain
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 21 5. $\Delta G_S^\ddagger = RT \ln(EM) = (1.98 \text{ cal K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1})(298 \text{ K}) \ln(610 \text{ M}) = \mathbf{3.8 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}}$
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 23 6. $\frac{(k_{cat}/K_m)_{WT}}{(k_{cat}/K_m)_{K42A}} = \frac{258,000 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}}{850 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}} = \mathbf{300}$ or $\frac{EM}{K_d^\ddagger} = \mathbf{300}$
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 25 7. $\Delta G_{K42A}^\ddagger - \Delta G_{WT}^\ddagger = RT \ln\left(\frac{EM}{K_d^\ddagger}\right) = RT \ln(300) = \mathbf{3.4 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}}$
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 27 8. $\Delta G_{K42A}^\ddagger - \Delta G_{WT}^\ddagger = \Delta G_S^\ddagger - \Delta G_{PrA}^\ddagger$
 or $\mathbf{3.4 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1} = 3.8 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1} - 0.4 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}}$

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