Supporting Information

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CLUSTAL 2.1 multiple sequence alignment

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Fig. S1. ClustalW (1) sequence alignment of HdeA sequences. For *Escherichia coli* HdeA (Protein Data Bank ID code 1BG8), only the protein sequence reflecting the mature protein is shown. All other protein sequences contain their respective signal sequences.

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Fig. S2. Chaperone activity of WT HdeA and HdeA D20A D51A variant after neutralization. Guanidine denatured malate dehydrogenase (MDH) was diluted in aggregation buffer (pH 2.2) to a final concentration of 4 μ M and incubated for 30 min. MDH aggregation was induced by neutralization with 2 M K₂HPO₄ and measured by monitoring light scattering at 350 nm in the presence or absence of various HdeA variants. Indicated is the extent of aggregation 30 min after neutralization, normalized to the aggregation of MDH in the absence of HdeA.



Fig. S3. Analytical ultracentrifugation sedimentation velocity analysis of WT HdeA (*B*, *D*, *F*, *H*, and *J*) and HdeA D20A D51A (*A*, *C*, *E*, *G*, and *I*) at pH 5. The molecular mass of WT HdeA is 9.7 kDa (monomer) and 19.5 kDa (dimer). Fractions of the monomeric and dimeric species are indicated. The K_d of dimerization for HdeA D20A D51A at pH 5 is in the range of 30 μ M. (*C*) In addition to a species of about 10 kDa, a species of high molecular mass (about 90 kDa) was detected (11%), but no species corresponding to the HdeA dimer was detected.

Protein concentration, μM	HdeA WT		HdeA D20A D51A	
	Apparent molecular mass, kDa	Frictional ratio, f/f0	Apparent molecular mass, kDa	Frictional ratio, f/f0
4	23.33	1.43	n.a.	n.a.
8	21.16	1.29	n.a.	n.a.
17	19.50	1.20	21.80	1.29
24	19.00	1.18	22.91	1.35
40	18.61	1.16	23.20	1.37
70	19.10	1.19	22.08	1.32

Table S1. Predicted molecular mass and frictional ratios for putative dimeric species of differentHdeA variants at different concentrations

The apparent molecular mass and the frictional ratios at pH 5 for HdeA WT and HdeA D20A D51A, respectively, were determined using analytical ultracentrifugation. Due to low signal extensity, the fractional ratio and molecular mass are approximate for protein concentrations of 4 and 8 μ M. n.a., not applicable.

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