### Carbohydrate Recognition by RpfB from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Unveiled by Crystallographic and Molecular Dynamics Analyses

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### **Supplementary Information**

#### **Supplementary Figure Legends**

**Figure S1.** Localisation of strongest water sites in the MD simulation. (A) RpfBcat is represented in cartoon and water sites as balls. The water site W1 is indicated by an arrow. (B) RpfBcat is represented in surface representation. Water sites are defined as totally buried (TB), nearly totally buried (NTB) and solvent exposed (SE)

**Figure S2.** Flexibility of the complex between  $\text{RpfB}_{cat}$  and NAG6. (A) RMSF values calculated for the backbone atoms of free (black) and NAG6-bound (red) RpfBcat. (B) Stick representation of NAG3 (orange, from x-ray structure) and NAG6 (light blue, from MD) after superposition of RpfBcat. (C) RMSF values computed on C1 atoms of NAG moieties in the subsites from -4 to +2. (D)  $\varphi$ - $\psi$  distribution of glycosidic bonds between subsequent NAG moieties in the NAG6 molecule.  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  dihedral angles were defined by atoms O5-C1-O1-C4 and C1-O1-C4-C5, respectively.

### Figure S3.

Distributions of RMSD values from the starting structure, calculated on all atoms of NAG rings at positions from -4 to +2 (A to F, respectively).

**Figure S4.** (A) Domain organization and (B) sequence alignement. of the five Rpf homologs. The catalytic Glu292 (RpfB numbering) is reported in red, whereas conserved Gly residues are reported in blue.

**Figure S5.** (A) Consurf sequence alignment showing the conserved residues on the surface of RpfBcat. Residue coloring, reflecting the degree of residue conservation over the entire domain family, ranges from magenta (highly conserved) to cyan (variable). The identified homologues (using an E-value cutoff of 0.001, See Methods) include mainly Resuscitation Promoting Factors from different sources and transglycosydases. Key residues involved in hydrogen bonding with NAG6 in -3;-2 and -1 sites are reported in green, blue and red, respectively. (B) Degree of residue conservation mapped on RpfBcat surface.

**Figure S6.** W1 is partially covered by NAG3 in the crystal state (A) and becomes totally buried in the simulated complex between RpfBcat and NAG6 (B).

**Figure S7.** (A) Stick representation of the modeled muropeptide (NAG<sub>3</sub>NAM<sub>3</sub>Ala<sub>6</sub>Glu<sub>3</sub>DAP<sub>3</sub>) mapped on RpfB<sub>cat</sub> surface. (B) Top view of the complex.

**Figure S8.** Electrostatic potential surfaces of the five Rpfs (A-E). The sixth panel reports the computed pI values for the five domains and for the entire proteins.





















## **(B**)

	Sequences of o	catalytic d	omains					
RpfA RpfB RpfC RpfD RpfE	GEWDQVARCESGGN SIWDAIAGCEAGGN PNWDAVAQCESGGN IDWDAIAQCESGGN VNWDAIAQCESGGN 292	WSINTGNGY WAINTGNGY WAANTGNGK WAANTGNGK WSINTGNGY 302	LGGLQFTQSTV (GGVQFDQGTV (GGLQFKPATV (GGLQISQATV (GGLRFTAGTV 312	VAAHGGGEFA VEANGGLRYA VAAFGGVGN- VDSNGGVGS- VRANGGSGS- 322	PSAQLASREQ PRADLATREE PAAASREQ PAAASPQQ AANASREE 332	QIAVGERVLA QIAVAEVTRL QIAVANRVLA QIEVADNIMK QIRVAENVLR 342	ATQGRGAWPVCG RQGWGAWPVCA EQGLDAWPTCG TQGPGAWPKCS SQGIRAWPVCG 352	GR-GL LA-RA GAA-S GSCSQ GR-RG





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Theoretical pI	Catalytic domain	Whole protein
RpfA	5.6	3.87
RpfB	4.8	5.4
RpfC	4.9	9.5
RpfD	4.0	4.4
RpfE	9.5	4.3