

**Crystal structure of an aspartic proteinase domain of the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* cell surface antigen PE\_PGRS16**

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**Supplementary information**

**Table S1.** Aspartic proteinases present in various species of *Mycobacterium*.

| Organism                               | Total no. of genes coding AP | Gene locus             |                         |                          |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|  |                              | Rv0977                 | Rv1983*                 | Rv2519*                  |
| <i>M. tuberculosis</i> H37Rv           | 3                            | Rv0977                 | Rv1983*                 | Rv2519*                  |
| <i>M. tuberculosis</i> H37Ra           | 3                            | MRA_0984               | MRA_1995                | MRA_2546                 |
| <i>M. tuberculosis</i> F11             | 3                            | TBFG_10995.4           | TBFG_12014.4            | TBFG_12540.4             |
| <i>M. tuberculosis</i> CDC 1551        | 2                            | —                      | MT2036                  | MT2595                   |
| <i>M. tuberculosis</i> Haarlem (draft) | 2                            | —                      | TBHG_01939.1            | TBHG_02455.1             |
| <i>M. tuberculosis</i> C               | 1                            | —                      | TBCG_01932.1            | —                        |
| <i>M. bovis</i> AF2122/97              | 3                            | Mb1002                 | Mb2005                  | Mb2548                   |
| <i>M. bovis</i> BCG                    | 2                            | BCG_1031               | —                       | BCG_2540                 |
| <i>M. africanum</i>                    | 3                            | MAF_09860              | MAF_19940               | MAF_25340                |
| <i>M. marinum</i>                      | 3                            | MMAR_2272 <sup>†</sup> | MMAR_2933 <sup>††</sup> | MMAR_1538 <sup>†††</sup> |

\* 43 % identical to Rv0977, <sup>†</sup> 45 % identical to Rv0977, <sup>††</sup> 69 % identical to Rv1983, <sup>†††</sup> 78 % identical to Rv2519

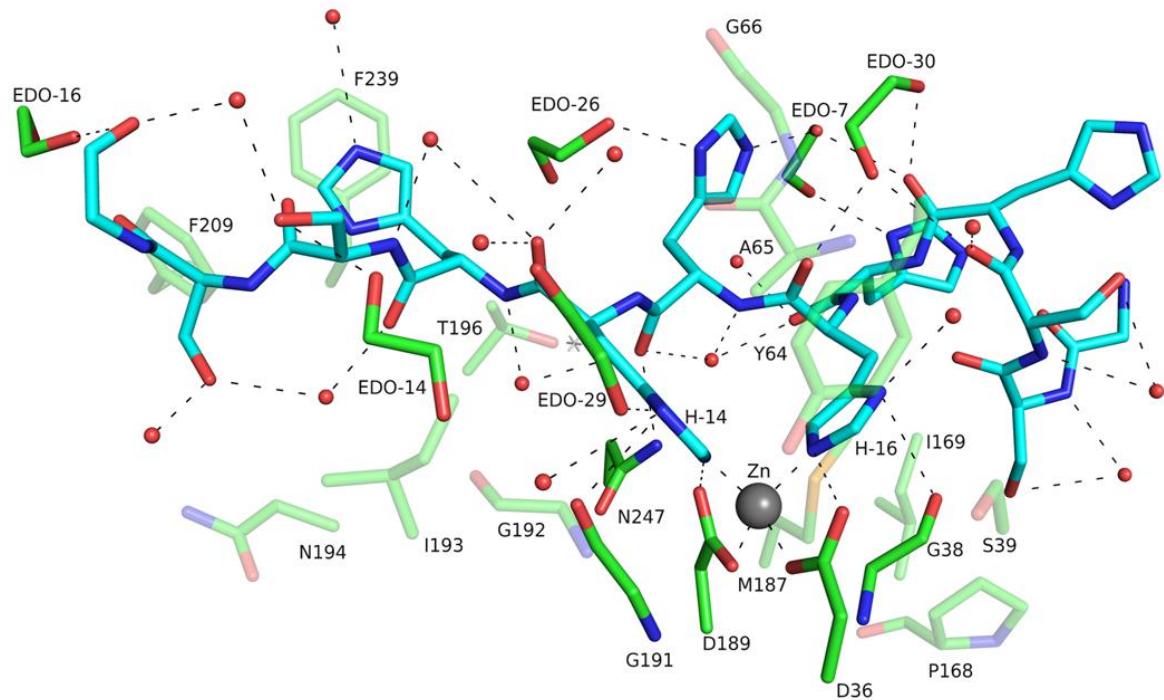
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All the proteins of mycobacterium species in the same column are 100 % identical to H37Rv proteins except the marinum species.

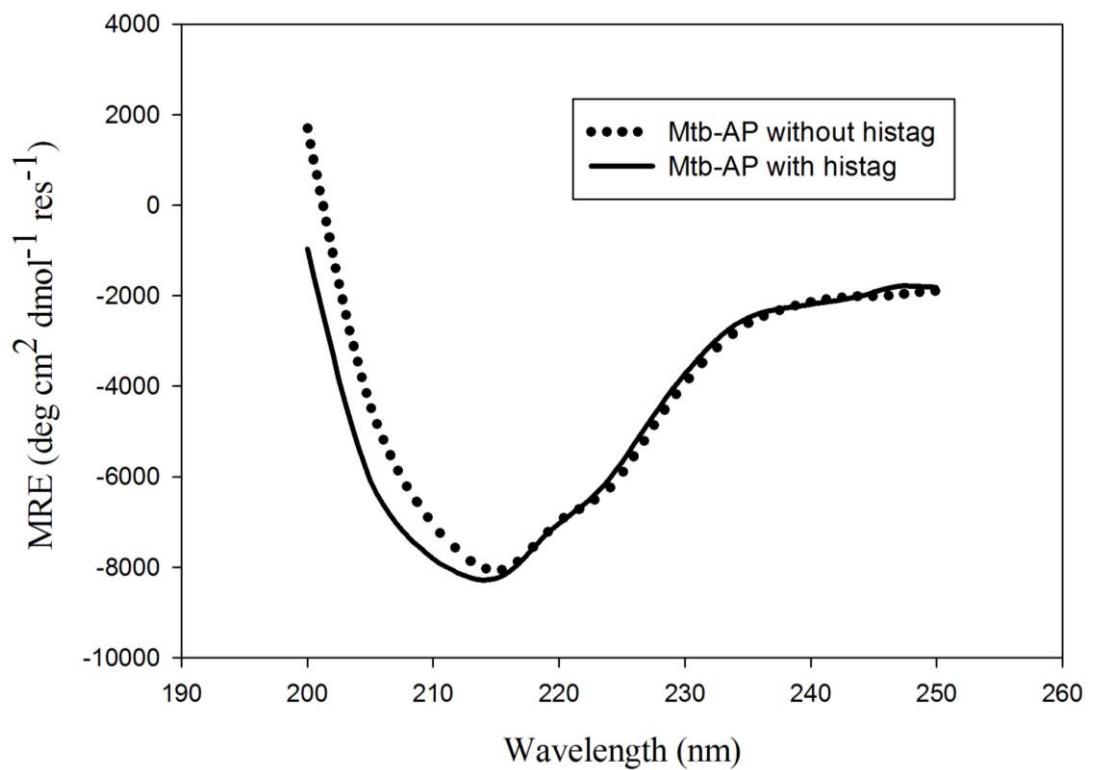
**Table S2.** Predicted subsites of Mtb-AP along with the known subsites of eukaryotic aspartic proteinases.

| Subsite          | Rhizopuspepsin<br>(3APR) | Human pepsin<br>(1PSO) | Mtb-AP |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| S <sub>4</sub>   | -                        | Met12                  | -      |
|                  | Thr222                   | Ser219                 | Ile193 |
|                  | -                        | Gln287                 | -      |
| S <sub>3</sub>   | Ile15                    | Met12                  | -      |
|                  | Glu16                    | -                      | Glu18  |
|                  | -                        | Thr77                  |        |
| S <sub>2</sub>   | -                        | Phe111                 | Phe106 |
|                  | Thr221                   | Gly217                 | Gly191 |
|                  | Thr222                   | Ser219                 | Ile193 |
| S <sub>1</sub>   | Gly78                    | Gly76                  | Ala65  |
|                  | Asp79                    | Thr77                  | -      |
|                  | Thr221                   | Thr218                 | Gly192 |
| S <sub>1'</sub>  | Ile225                   | -                      | -      |
|                  | -                        | Gln287                 | -      |
|                  | -                        | Met289                 | -      |
| S <sub>2'</sub>  | Asp33                    | Val30                  | Leu34  |
|                  | Asp35                    | Asp32                  | Asp36  |
|                  | Tyr77                    | Tyr75                  | Tyr64  |
| S <sub>1</sub> ' | -                        | Gly76                  | Ala65  |
|                  | Asp79                    | Thr77                  | -      |
|                  | Ser81                    | -                      | -      |
| S <sub>2</sub> ' | Phe114                   | -                      | Phe106 |
|                  | Leu122                   | Ile120                 | Val115 |
|                  | Asp 218                  | Asp215                 | Asp189 |
| S <sub>1</sub>   | Gly220                   | Gly217                 | Gly191 |
|                  | Gly37                    | -                      | Gly38  |
|                  | Tyr77                    | -                      | -      |
| S <sub>2</sub>   | Gly78                    | -                      | Ala65  |
|                  | Ile216                   | -                      | Met187 |
|                  | Asp218                   | -                      | Asp189 |
| S <sub>3</sub>   | Trp294                   | -                      | -      |
|                  | Ile298                   | -                      | Asn247 |
|                  | Gly37                    | Gly34                  | Gly38  |
| S <sub>4</sub>   | Ser38                    | Ser35                  | Ser39  |
|                  | Ile75                    | -                      | Ala62  |
|                  | Ser76                    | -                      | Gly63  |
| S <sub>5</sub>   | Ile130                   | -                      | -      |
|                  | Trp194                   | Tyr189                 | -      |

**Figure S1** The His-tag peptide residues (cyan) bound to the active site are stabilized by the interactions with the protein residues (green), water molecules (red sphere) and ethylene glycol (labeled as EDO ). The dashed lines show the hydrogen bonding interactions. The  $Zn^{2+}$  ion interacts with the two catalytic aspartates and two histidine residues from the tag. Protein residues which form van der Waals interactions are shown with 50% transparency.



**Figure S2** CD spectra of different constructs of Mtb-AP.



**Figure S3** Multiple sequence alignment of aspartic proteinases from Mycobacterium species. Rv denotes *M. tuberculosis* and MMAR denotes *M. marinum*. The DT/SG motif is shown in red. The N-terminal HHG motif and the sequence NTG which replaces the C-terminal HHG motif are shown in blue.

|           |  |   |                                      |                     |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
|-----------|--|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Rv0977    | STTLTNATVPLQLVNTTEPVVFISLNGGQMVPVLL                    | <b>DTG</b> STGLVMDSQFLT                           | -----QNFGP                           | 55                  |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv1983    | -----DGRTVPLEIIHVTEPTVHANVNGGPTSTILV                   | <b>DTG</b> SAGLVSPEDVGGILGVLMGL                   | -----                                | 56                  |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv2519    | --DPVNVAVPLRVENN-FPLVNLLVRGPTVPI                       | <b>DTG</b> SSSLVIPFWKIG                           | -----WQNLGL                          | 53                  |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| MMAR_2272 | -----PVVTISVGGGPGIAVT                                  | <b>DTG</b> ASGLLVRPQDVN                           | -----LQSLGT                          | 38                  |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| MMAR_2933 | -----TVPLEVVNVTEPVVNVNVNGGHSTPVL                       | <b>DTG</b> SAGLVMQVKDVGGLPLRMGL                   | -----                                | 53                  |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| MMAR_1538 | -----NASVPLYLDNN-FPAVNVSINGGPSVPVLL                    | <b>DTG</b> SAGLVVPIWDIG                           | -----LQNLGV                          | 50                  |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
|           | * * .. * . : * * * : . : * :                           |   |                                      |                     |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv0977    | VIGTGTAGYAGG   | -----LTYNNTYSTTVDFGNGLTLPTSVN                     | -----VVTSS--SPGTLGN                  | 105                 |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv1983    | PTGLSISGYSGG   | -----LYYIFATYTTVDFFGNGIVTAPTA                     | NVLLSIPTSPFAISTYFS                   | 112                 |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv2519    | PTGFDVVHYNG  | -----VSIVYADVPTTVDFGGAATTPTSVHVGILPYPRNLDLVLIAS   | 109                                  |                     |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| MMAR_2272 | PTGSGAVTYGNSSYAFNTVQYQTYQTTVNF                         | NGNGIVTNPNTNV                                     | -----AVATS--ATQTING                  | 91                  |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| MMAR_2933 | PSGISMSAYS   | GGG-----LTYL                                      | FATYPTTVDFGNGIVTSTTGVDVVLFSIPTSPYALT | WLN 109             |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| MMAR_1538 | PTGFDVIRYNG  | -----VNILYADFNTTVDFGSGAVTAPTSVQVGILPFPTSLQGLTLIAM | 106                                  |                     |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
|           | * . *... : * * * : * . * * . . .                       |   |                                      |                     |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv0977    | FLSRSGAVG  | ----- <b>VLG</b> IGPNNG                           | -----FPGT-SSI                        | TAMPGLLNNGVLIDES    | 148                       |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv1983    | ALLADPTTPFEAYFGAVGVDG                                  | <b>VLG</b> VGPN                                   | -----A                               | VGPAV----GPGP-SIPTM | ALPGDLNQGVLI              | 168                    |                        |                       |     |
| Rv2519    | GGA  | FGPN  | ----- <b>GI</b> L                    | IGPNVGSYAVSGP       | GNVTTDLPQLNEGTLIDIPG      | 157                    |                        |                       |     |
| MMAR_2272 | VTT  | SIPLSS  | ----- <b>L</b> PY <b>YL</b> G        | IGPNND              | -----FPLP-DQVTAALP        | GDLNQGVLI              | 137                    |                       |     |
| MMAR_2933 | ALWSNPL  | TTPFDAYFQSAGV                                     | <b>DG</b> V                          | VGPN                | -----GPGP-SIPTQALGGGLGQGL | LI                     | 165                    |                       |     |
| MMAR_1538 | GNGFGPTGH  | ----- <b>VG</b> LG                                | IGPNIN-AATGGHGNVTTALP                | QQLNEGELINIPQ       | 153                       |                        |                        |                       |     |
|           | *:*** . . . : * * . : * * : ***:                       |   |                                      |                     |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv0977    | GILQFGPN   | TL-TGGITISGAPI                                    | -----V                               | A                   | QID-----NGPLQQAP-VMF      | <b>DSG</b> GINGTIPSALA | 202                    |                       |     |
| Rv1983    | GE   | LVFGPNPLPAPNVEV                                   | GSPITT                               | YVKID-----GGT       | PIPVP-SII                 | <b>DSG</b> GVTGTIPSYVI | 223                    |                       |     |
| Rv2519    | GYMQFG   | FPNTG-TPITSVTG                                    | API                                  | V                   | LNQID                     | <b>DSG</b> GNHGTLP     | 215                    |                       |     |
| MMAR_2272 | GYLQFG   | GANPL-TPVASVTG                                    | SPVTDLQIQIN                          | -----NGPLQ          | PATGSFI                   | <b>DSG</b> GLYGTIPSSLI | 192                    |                       |     |
| MMAR_2933 | GE   | LVFGPNPL-TPEFSI                                   | SGAPI                                | ATLWVSN             | -----GGAPV                | AVP-SII                | <b>DSG</b> GVMGTIPSSVI | 219                   |     |
| MMAR_1538 | GYMQFG   | FPNTG-TPITSVSGV                                   | PITTLDVQ                             | FGGYDPLGTYYPVT      | -SIV                      | <b>DSG</b> GNHGTIPGIIL | 211                    |                       |     |
|           | * : **.. . : : * *:: : : ... * . : . * * * * ; * . : : |   |                                      |                     |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv0977    | S-LPSGGFV  | PAGTTISVY   | TDGQ                                 | TLLYS               | YTTATNTPFVTSGG            | -VM                    | <b>NTG</b> HVPFAQQPIYV | 260                   |     |
| Rv1983    | G---   | SGTLPANTNIEVY                                     | TS-PGGDR                             | LYAFNTNDYRPTV       | ISSG-LM                   | <b>NTG</b> FLPFRFQPVYI | 277                    |                       |     |
| Rv2519    | GTG  | QTTGYAPP  | GTVISISIHDN                          | QTLLYQYTT           | ASNSP-VVTADPRL            | <b>NTG</b> LTPFLLGPVYI | 274                    |                       |     |
| MMAR_2272 | PG   | VPVGYSVPVG  | TITVY                                | TTDGVQLYSQ          | TGTNSTNAPLVPSNNP          | <b>NTG</b> NYPFLLGPIYI | 252                    |                       |     |
| MMAR_2933 | G---   | GSTLPANTN   | ITVY                                 | TDNTMT              | TEVHY                     | STNDYQPTV              | ISSG-LM                | <b>NTG</b> FLPWNQPVYI | 274 |
| MMAR_1538 | GTG  | QTSGVVPPGTV                                       | VISISTNDN                            | QTLLYS              | YTTGTDSP                  | -VVTGNIPM              | <b>NTG</b> LLP         | FLALGPVYI             | 270 |
|           | * . * * : . * * ... : * * * * : * : :                  |   |                                      |                     |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv0977    | SYSPTAIG   | TTTFN   | ---                                  | 273                 |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv1983    | DYSPSGI  | GTTVFDHPA   | -                                    | 293                 |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| Rv2519    | SNNPSGV  | GTVFNYPPP   | 291                                  |                     |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| MMAR_2272 | SNSPTGGG   | QTI   | DF                                   | 266                 |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| MMAR_2933 | DYSPAGT  | GTTVFDMP  | --                                   | 289                 |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
| MMAR_1538 | SNSPSGV  | GTVFNYPPP   | 287                                  |                     |                           |                        |                        |                       |     |
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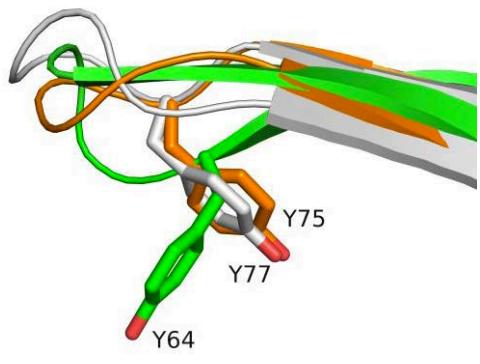
**Figure S4** Structure-based sequence alignment of Mtb-AP with Bla g 2 (1YG9), bovine chymosin (4CMS) and porcine pepsin (3PEP) shows the insertion of alanine residue in Mtb-AP analogous to phenylalanine in Bla g 2 in the flap region.

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|          |    |   |     |
|----------|----|---|-----|
| MTAP.pdb | 46 | -----FLTQNF-G-PVI GTGTAGYAGGLTYNYNTYSTTVDFGNGLTLPTSVNVVTS     | 95  |
| 1YG9.pdb | 55 | CPNLQKY-EK--LKPKYISDGNVQVKFFDTGSAVGRGIEDSLTISQ-LTTSQQDIVLADE  | 110 |
| 4CMS.pdb | 54 | N--HQRFDPRKSSTFQ-NLGKPLSIHY-GTGSMQGILGYDTVTVSN-IVDIQQTVGLSTQ  | 108 |
| 3pep.pdb | 52 | D--HNQFPNPDSSSTFE-ATSQELSITY-GTGSMTGILGYDTVQVGG-ISDTNQIFGLSET | 106 |

**Figure S5** Conformation of the flap residue tyrosine. (A) Tyrosine of Mtb-AP (green; Y64) is in a different conformation from that of other aspartic proteinases like porcine pepsin (brown; Y75) and rhizopuspepsin (grey; Y77). (B) The tyrosine of Mtb-AP has the same conformation as in the self-inhibited states of chymosin (pink; Y75) and saccharopepsin (cyan; Y75).

**A**



**B**

