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### *Supplementary Methods*

Example target site primers with NheI and SacII sticky ends for building the pCcdB vector for single base-pair substitution selection:

Top primer, two copies of wild-type I-AniI LIB4 site: ctagcTGAGGAGGTTaCTCTGTtAAgatacTGAGGAGGTTaCTCTGTtAAccgc Bottom primer, two copies of wild-type I-AniI LIB4 site: ggTTaACAGAGtAACCTCCTCAgtatcTTaACAGAGtAACCTCCTCAg Top primer, -6C substitution: ctagcTGAGcAGGTTaCTCTGTtAAgatacTGAGcAGGTTaCTCTGTtAAccgc

Primers used for amplifying the pCcdB plasmid to generate substrates for enzyme assays and for sequencing from pCcdB and pENDO-HE:

pEndo-SEQ-REV, AATGCTCTGCCAGTGTTACAACCA pEndo-SEQ-FWD, CGGCGTCACACTTTGCTATG pCcdB-SEQ-REV, TGCTGAAGCCAGTTACCTTCG pCcdB-SEQ-FWD, CGAAGTGATCTTCCGTCACAGG pCcdB-AMP-REV, CCCGACAGGACTATAAAGATACCAGGC pCcdB-AMP-FWD, GAATTCCGGATGAGCATTCATCAGGC

Target site arrays:

Array containing a multiple base-pair substitution from the CPK2 (-) half-site, CPK2 (+) halfsite:

TGAGGAGGTTTCatTGTAAA GCG TGAGctGcTTTCTCTGTAAA TAGT TGAGGAGGTTaCTggGTAAA CCCAG TGAGccctTTTCTCTGTAAA AGT TGAGGAGGTTTCTCacaAAA CTTATG TGAGtAtGTTgCTCTGTAAA GGCAGG TGAGGAGGTTTCTtTccAcA GCTC TGAGttGGTTTCTCTGTAAA ATCCA TGAGGAGGTTgCcCacaAAA TTAGC TGAGcAtGTTTCTCTGTAAA GTCT TGAGGAGGTTTCTCTccAAA GGTG TGAGGccaTTgCTCTGTAAA CTTCTC TGAGGAGGTTgCTtctTtcc AACG gctGGAGGTTTCTCTGTAAA ACACGG TGAGGAGGTTctTCTGaccA GAA TGAGtctGTTaCTCTGTAAA

Array containing CPK2 (-) half-site, a multiple base-pair substitution region from the FAH1313  $(+)$  half-site, CPK2  $(+)$  half-site, and FAH1313  $(+)$  half-site:

TGAGGAGGTTTCTCccTAAA GCG ccAGtAtGTTgCTCTGTAAA TAGT TGAGGAGGTTTCcCccTAgc CCCAG TGAGcAtGgTaCTCTGTAAA AGT TGAGGAGGTTaCTggGgAcc CTTATG cGtGGccaTTgCTCTGTAAA GGCAGG TGAGGAGGTTgCcCTGgAcA GCTC gctGctGcTTTCTCTGTAAA ATCCA TGAGGAGGTTTCTCTGaccA TTAGC

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### Array containing the CPK2 and FAH1313 full target sites:

TcCCtCTTATTCAACCTTTT GCG TGAGccctTTcCcCccTAgc TAGT TGAGcAtGgTaCTggGgAcc CCCAG TTCCACTTATTCctgCagcT AGT gctGctGcTTctTCTGaccA CTTATG TGAGtctGTTaCTaTGTttA GGCAGG gGtGGttGcTTCTtTccAcA GCTC aGtGGtGGTTgCTtctTtcc ATCCA TTCCACTTATTCAACCagcT TTAGC gGtGGgtGcTaCTCctaAtg GTCT TGAGGAGGTTaCTCctaAtg GGTG gGtGGgtGcTaCTCTGTAAA CTTCTC TcCCtCTTATTCctgCagcT AACG cGtGGccaTTgCcCTGgAcA ACACGG aGtGttGcTTTCatTGccAA GAA TTCCACTTATTCctgCTTTT

### Two arrays containing AGAP half- and full- sites:

aGAGGcGGTTTCTCgcTAcg ACGT gGcGGAcGTTTCTCTGTAAA TATCG TGAGGAGGTTTCTaTGcAAA CGAT TGgGGtGcTTcCTtcGTAAt GTACA TGAGGAGGTTcCcCaGTAgc GATC gGtGGcGGTTTCatTcTctA AACTG gGtGGcGtcTTCTggGTgAA ATCG gGAGGtGaTTgCcCTGTAcA TACGC TGAGGAGGTTTCatTcTAgg GATC aGAGGAtGcTTCTaTGcAgg TACGT TGAGGAGGTTgCgCTGTtgA ATAC cGAGGAGGcTTCaCTtTcAt CGATA cGgGGgcGTTTCTCTGTAAA GATC cGAGGcGcgTTCTCTGTAAA TAGAA TGAGGAGGTTTCTgaGTtgc GCGAT cGAGGtGGaTTCTCTGTAAA

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TGAGGAGGTTgCcCTGTAcA
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#### Sequences of vectors:

### pENDO-HE, containing wild-type I-AniI sequence between NcoI and NotI sites:

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### pCcdB, containing wild-type I-AniI target site between NheI and SacII:

ATCGATGCATAATGTGCCTGGACGTCGCGCAACGCAATTAATGTGAGTTAGCTCACTCATTAGGCACCCCAGGCTTTACACTTTATGCTTCCGGCTC GTATGTTGTGTGGAATTGTGAGCGAATAACAATTTCACACAGGAAACAGCTATGACCATGATTACGCCAAGCTATTTAGGTGACACTATAGAATACT CAAGCTATGCATCAAGCTTGGTACCGAGCTCGGATCCACTAGTAACGGCCGCCAGTGTGCTGGAATTCTGCAGATATCCATCACACTGGCGGCCGCT CGAGCATGCATCTAGAGGCCCCAATTCGCCCTATTCGAAGTCGTATTACAATTCACTGGCCGTCGTCTTTTACAACGTCGTGACTGGGAAAAACCCTGGC GTTACCCAACTTAATCGCCTTGCAGCACATCCCCCTTTCGCCAGCTGGCGTAATAGCGAAGAGGCCCGCACCGATCGCCCTTCCCAACAGTTGCGCA GCCTATACGTACGGCAGTTTAAGGTTTACACCTATAAAAGAGAGAGCCGTTATCGTCTGTTTGTGGATGTACAGAGTGATATTATTGACACGCCGGG GCGACGGATGGTGATCCCCCTGGCCAGTGCACGTCTGCTGTCAGATAAAGTCTCCCGTGAACTTTACCCGGTGGTGCATATCGGGGATGAAAGCTGG CGCATGATGACCACCGATATGGCCAGTGTGCCGGTCTCCGTTATCGGGGAAGAAGTGGCTGATCTCAGCCACCGCGAAAATGACATCAAAAACGCCA TTAACCTGATGTTCTGGGGAATATAAGGCGCGCCTTTACAAAAATCAGATAAACGTGTAGATCTCGGATCAAACGCCATGAGCGGCCTCATTTCTTA TTCTGAGTTACAACAGTCCGCACCGCTGTCCGGTAGCTCCTTCCGGTGGGCGCGGGGCATGACTATCGTCGCCGCACTTATGACTGTCTTCTTTATC ATGCAACTCGTAGGACAGGTGCCGGCAGCGCCCAACAGTCCCCCGGCCACGGGGCCTGCCACCATACCCACGCCGAAACAAGCGCCCTGCACCATTA TGTTCCGGATCTGCATCGCAGGATGCTGCTGGCTACCCTGTGGAACACCTACATCTGTATTAACGAAGCGCTAACCGTTTTTATCAGGCTCTGGGAG GCAGAATAAATGATCATATCGTCAATTATTACCTCCACGGGGAGAGCCTGAGCAAACTGGCCTCAGGCATTTGAGAAGCACACGGTCACACTGCTTC CGGTAGTCAATAAACCGGTAAACCAGCAATAGACATAAGCGGCTATTTAACGACCCTGCCCTGAACCGACGACCGGGTCGAATTTGCTTTCGAATTT CTGCCATTCATCCGCTTATTATCACTTATTCAGGCGTAGCACCAGGCGTTTAAGGGCACCAATAACTGCCTTAAAAAAATTACGCCCCGCCCTGCCA CTCATCGCAGTACTGTTGTAATTCATTAAGCATTCTGCCGACATGGAAGCCATCACAGACGGCATGATGAACCTGAATCGCCAGCGGCATCAGCACC TTGTCGCCTTGCGTATAATATTTGCCCATGGTGAAAACGGGGGCGAAGAAGTTGTCCATATTGGCCACGTTTAAATCAAAACTGGTGAAACTCACCC AGGGATTGGCTGAGACGAAAAACATATTCTCAATAAACCCTTTAGGGAAATAGGCCAGGTTTTCACCGTAACACGCCACATCTTGCGAATATATGTG TAGAAACTGCCGGAAATCGTCGTGGTATTCACTCCAGAGCGATGAAAACGTTTCAGTTTGCTCATGGAAAACGGTGTAACAAGGGTGAACACTATCC CATATCACCAGCTCACCGTCTTTCATTGCCATACGGAATTCCGGATGAGCATTCATCAGGCGGGCAAGAATGTGAATAAAGGCCGGATAAAACTTGT GCTTATTTTTCTTTACGGTCTTTAAAAAGGCCGTAATATCCAGCTGAACGGTCTGGTTATAGGTACATTGAGCAACTGACTGAAATGCCTCAAAATG TTCTTTACGATGCCATTGGGATATATCAACGGTGGTATATCCAGTGATTTTTTTCTCCATTTTAGCTTCCTTAGCTCCTGAAAATCTCGATAACTTT ATTTCATTATGGTGAAAGTTGGAACCTCTTACGTGCCGATCAACGTCTCATTTTCGCCAAAAGTTGGCCCAGGGCTTCCCGGTATCAACAGGGACAC CAGGATTTATTTATTCTGCGAAGTGATCTTCCGTCACAGGTATTTATTCGGCGCAAAGTGCGTCGGGTGATGCTGCCAACTTACTGATTTAGTGTAT GATGGTGTTTTTGAGGTGCTCCAGTGGCTTCTGTTTCTATCAGCTGTCCCTCCTGTTCAGCTACTGACGGGGTGGTGCGTAACGGCAAAAGCACCGC CGGACATCAGCGCTAGCTGAGGAGGTTTCTCTGTAATGAGGAGGTTTCTCTGTAACCGCGGAGACAGATCGCTGAGATAGGTGCCTCACTGATTAAG CATTGGTAACTGTCAGACCAAGTTTACTCATATATACTTTAGATTGATTTAAAACTTCATTTTTAATTTAAAAGGATCTAGGTGAAGATCCTTTTTG ATAATCTCATGACCAAAATCCCTTAACGTGAGTTTTCGTTCCACTGAGCGTCAGACCCCGTAGAAAAGATCAAAGGATCTTCTTGAGATCCTTTTTT TCTGCGCGTAATCTGCTGCTTGCAAACAAAAAAACCACCGCTACCAGCGGTGGTTTGTTTGCCGGATCAAGAGCTACCAACTCTTTTTCCGAAGGTA ACTGGCTTCAGCAGAGCGCAGATACCAAATACTGTCCTTCTAGTGTAGCCGTAGTTAGGCCACCACTTCAAGAACTCTGTAGCACCGCCTACATACC

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#### pET15-HE, ORFs were inserted between NcoI and NotI sites:

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## Specificity prediction

Specificity was calculated with the publicly available application rosettaDNA (26, 61). For these calculations, the variant sequence (or wild-type sequence) was modeled with each of the four possible nucleotides at the DNA position of interest and the total energy of the complex was computed. Residues in a  $6 \text{ Å}$  region (defined by the z cutoff flag in the command line arguments) surrounding the target base-pair were allowed to repack, meaning they could change in conformation but not in sequence. A total of 56 models were predicted for each nucleotide, and the average energy over all 56 was used in the specificity calculation. Specificity was defined for the computational models by the Boltzmann weight of the specific complex, as follows and as in previous work (21, 26, 61):

Specificity<sub>n</sub> =  $[e^{\Lambda}(-E_n-E_{\text{target}})/k_BT] / \Sigma[e^{\Lambda}(-E_n-E_{\text{target}})/k_BT)]$ , where the sum is over the quantity in the numerator for all four bases. The value of  $k_B T$  was set to 1 based on previous work correlating Rosetta Energy Units (REUs) with kcal/mol (62).

For example, the predicted energies of the models for a single run of the -8G\_P1 variant are - 727.782 for an adenine substitution, -725.740 for cytosine, -729.516 for guanine, -713.981 for thymine. The calculation of specificity for adenine is as follows:

Specificityade = [*e*^(-(-727.782 + 729.516) / 1)] / ( [*e*^(-(-727.782 + 729.516) / 1)] + [*e*^(-(- 725.740 + 729.516) / 1)] + [*e*^(-(-729.516 + 729.516) / 1)] + [*e*^(-(-727.713.981 + 729.516) / 1)])  $= 0.147$  for adenine (and if the calculation is repeated for the other bases: 0.019 for cytosine, 0.8336 for guanine, and 1.49E-07 for thymine)

# Design calculation

In order to assess whether the computational design methods could recover selected amino acids, design was completed for all single base-pair substitutions in the I-AniI target site. The designed amino acids were compared to the amino acids derived from selection for the same base-pair substitutions. The motif-biased design data were collected with the motif dna packer design application (33). However, this version of the protocol is written with trunk Rosetta and includes some minor changes over the trunk version previously described (33) improved the results, making them more closely resemble the optimal results achieved with the protocol used for the majority of the previous work (33). For example, an orientation-dependent desolvation term that has been described (33, 63) is included in the energy function used in this work, whereas it was previously not available in trunk Rosetta.

Calculations were carried out using the structures 2qoj and chain A of 3eh8 as starting scaffolds. Residues in a 6 Å region surrounding the target base-pair were allowed to design. As in past work, if the variant amino acid was in the top three amino acids by frequency in the set of 56 repeated design runs, then the position was considered successfully redesigned (33). For the few variants with loop length changes the predictions did not incorporate loop-modeling steps, and

instead the sequence of the region was aligned and only the relevant interface positions were allowed to design or were substituted to generate the model used in specificity prediction.

Energy function and command lines used for design and specificity prediction, all flags are described in detail in reference 33:

Energy function:

Weight set: METHOD WEIGHTS ref -0.3 -0.7 -0.75 -0.51 0.95 -0.2 0.8 -0.7 -1.1 -0.65 -0.9  $-0.8$   $-0.5$   $-0.6$   $-0.45$   $-0.9$   $-1.0$   $-0.7$  2.3 1.1 special rot 1.0 fa atr $\overline{0.95}$ fa\_rep 0.44 fa\_sol 0.65 fa\_intra\_rep 0.004 hack elec  $0.5$ fa  $p\bar{l}$ ane 0 fa\_dun 0.56 ref 1 hbond lr bb 1.17 hbond sr bb 1.17 hbond\_bb\_sc 1.17 hbond sc<sup>1</sup>.17 lk\_ball 0.325 lk ball iso  $-0.325$ p\_aa\_pp 0.64 dslf\_ss\_dst 0.5 dslf\_cs\_ang 2 dslf\_ss\_dih 5 dslf\_ca\_dih 5 pro\_close 1.0

To go with this optimized weight set, the atom\_properties and lys.params files are modified exactly as described in the supplement of previous work on protein-DNA design (33). These modifications to the atom properties (more important than lysine changes) are as follows:



#### Command line arguments used for design with motif\_dna\_packer\_design application:

```
-dna::specificity::exclude dna dna false
-mute all
-run_motifs
-dtest 2.0
-z1 0.97
-r1 1.0
-z2 0.97
-r2 1.0-motifs::rotlevel 8
-motifs::list motifs /work/sthyme/list August2011Motifs noduplication IAniI
-motifs::output file ./XXXX.motifs
-packing::max_rotbump_energy 10.0
```

```
-patch selectors SPECIAL ROT
-probe_specificity 3
-binding
-score: output residue energies
-run: output hbond info
-run:min type dfpmin armijo
-run:min_tolerance 0.0001
-ndruns \overline{1}-dna::design::z_cutoff 6.0
-score::weights /work/sthyme/weights/trunk_lkball.wts
-file:s /work/sthyme/INPUTPDBS_ANII/2QOJ.pdb
-dna::design::dna_defs X.408.ADE
-in:ignore_unrecognized_res
-database \overline{\sqrt{w}}work/sthyme/trunk rosetta 2012/rosetta database/
-ex1
-ex2
-ex1aro::level 6
-ex2aro::level 6
-exdna::level 4
-extrachi cutoff 0
-jd2:dd_parser
-overwrite
```
Command line arguments used for modeling fixed sequences and calculating energies for specificity prediction with the rosettaDNA application:

```
-dna::specificity::exclude_dna_dna false
-mute all
-packing:: max rotbump energy 10.0
-dna: design: repack only true
-patch selectors SPECIAL ROT
-score: output residue energies
-run: output hbond info
-run:min_type dfpmin_armijo
-run:min_tolerance 0.0001
-ndruns 1
-dna::design::z_cutoff 6.0
-score::weights /work/sthyme/weights/trunk_lkball.wts
-file:s /work/sthyme/INPUTPDBS_ANII/2QOJ.pdb
-dna::design::dna_defs X.408.ADE
-in:ignore_unrecognized_res
-database /work/sthyme/trunk_rosetta_2012/rosetta_database/
-ex1
-e^{x}-ex3
-ex4-ex1aro::level 6
-ex2aro::level 6
-exdna::level 4
-extrachi cutoff 0
-jd2:dd_parser
-parser:protocol ../xml
-overwrite
```
#### Corresponding XML file for using the rosettaDNA application:

```
<dock_design>
   <TASKOPERATIONS>
     <InitializeFromCommandline name=IFC/>
     <IncludeCurrent name=IC/>
     <RestrictDesignToProteinDNAInterface name=DnaInt z_cutoff=6.0 dna_defs=X.408.ADE/>
     <OperateOnCertainResidues name=AUTOprot>
       <AddBehaviorRLT behavior=AUTO/>
       <ResidueHasProperty property=PROTEIN/>
     </OperateOnCertainResidues>
     <OperateOnCertainResidues name=ProtNoDes>
       <RestrictToRepackingRLT/>
       <ResidueHasProperty property=PROTEIN/>
     </OperateOnCertainResidues>
```

```
 <OperateOnCertainResidues name=DnaNoPack>
      <PreventRepackingRLT/>
      <ResidueHasProperty property=DNA/>
    </OperateOnCertainResidues>
   </TASKOPERATIONS>
   <SCOREFXNS>
    <LKB weights=trunk_lkball/>
   </SCOREFXNS>
   <FILTERS>
    <FalseFilter name=falsefilter/>
   </FILTERS>
  <MOVERS>
    <DesignProteinBackboneAroundDNA name=bb_lk scorefxn=LKB 
task operations=IFC, IC, AUTOprot, ProtNoDes, DnaInt type=ccd gapspan=4 spread=3
cycles outer=3 cycles inner=1 temp initial=2 temp final=0.6/>
    <DnaInterfacePacker name=DnaPack scorefxn=LKB 
task operations=IFC, IC, AUTOprot, ProtNoDes, DnaInt probe specificity=1 binding=1/>
  </MOVERS>
   <PROTOCOLS>
    <Add mover_name=DnaPack/>
   </PROTOCOLS>
</dock_design>
```
When predicting the specificity of variants, the sequence of the starting scaffold PDB was changed with a script and the exact same protocol was used as for specificity prediction with the wild-type endonuclease sequence. Scripts for are available upon request for generating these variant PDBs, setting up organized directories for large-scale specificity prediction of many variants, and analyzing both design and specificity prediction data. The majority of the arguments in the command lines for both protocols are described in more detail in the supplementary material of the publication that details the motif-based design method (33).

Example PSSM file used for I-AniI target site searches:

Colors: Wild-Type, Tolerated Substitution, Engineered Variant Substitution Values used are based on specificity data for I-AniI (12)

*Supplementary Figures*



**Figure S1. a)** A comparison between survivals in the standard bacterial selection system (19) and kinetic data (12) for several single base-pair substitutions in the I-AniI target site. In this experiment, the target site is on the pCcdB plasmid and the M5 variant (32) of I-AniI is on the pEndo. The M5 or M4 variants (Figure 1) were used for all selection experiments in this work because they survive significantly better against single or double (tandem, not on opposite sides of the plasmid) wild-type target sites than the Y2 variant (9% for Y2 with two sites versus 44% with M5, completed side-by-side). High survival indicates cutting of the pCcdB plasmid and should correlate with a high  $k_{cat}/K_M$ . The selection system displays a wide dynamic range and survival closely matches the kinetic data for these single base-pair substitutions. **b)** A comparison between survivals with the new negative selection component of the bacterial selection system and kinetic data for several single base-pair substitutions in the I-AniI target site. In this experiment, the varying target site is on the pEndo plasmid and the pCcdB plasmid contains the wild-type target site. High levels of survival indicate that the M5 enzyme does not cleave the target site on the pEndo plasmid and that the pCcdB plasmid with the wild-type site is cleaved. This modified selection system also displays a wide dynamic range and the survival negatively correlates with the kinetic data.









**Figure S2.** Cleavage data for selected endonucleases with each of the four bases at the targeted position. The activity level of the Y2 variant (32) of I-AniI with the wild-type target is shown in the first panel for comparison with these engineered enzymes. The second panel shows the high level of reproducibility for these cleavage experiments. The selection experiments all included a negative selection component against the wild-type I-AniI site. Thus it is expected that these enzymes will show high levels of cleavage of the targeted single base-pair substitution and reduced levels of wild-type site cleavage. This data is summarized in Table S1 as  $EC_{1/2max}$  and specificity values.



**Figure S3.** Computational models of motif interactions for single base-pair substitutions in the I-AniI (2qoj) target site show that the most specific I-AniI variants contain at least one strong, direct hydrogen-bonding contact. The presence of these contacts was the inspiration for the development of motif-biased design procedures (33), which enrich for native-like protein-DNA interactions. Each of the residues shown in the structures in this figure is classified as a motif contact by the computational methods. The lynchpin residue in the -6C and -3C variants was identified by previous computational methods (12), and libraries that combined the computational information with randomization of the surrounding residues increased both the activity and specificity of these two enzymes. The +3C and +3G variants both came from screens of fully randomized libraries using the modified directed evolution system that selects for specificity. **a**) The highly specific -6C\_C1 variant contains two contacts, the computationally derived E31R and the R70E mutation that was identified by a selection with E31R fixed. **b)** The -3C\_C1 and -3C\_C2 variants contain the designed mutation E35K, and selection was used to alter the sequence and length of a neighboring loop for significantly enhanced activity and specificity. The selected loop sequences contain multiple potential strong contacts, included R61E and R61D (Table S1). **c)** The +3G\_S1 variant contains A170K and was identified from a library of four fully randomized amino acids. **d)** The +3C\_S1 variant contains A170E and was identified from a library of four fully randomized amino acids.



**Figure S4. a)** Fixed backbone calculations of specificity for each wild-type base in the I-AniI target site were compared to the experimentally-measured specificity. The calculated specificity was averaged across four starting structures (2qoj, and 3eh8, chains a, b, and c) and compared to the specificity predicted for the single 3eh8 structure (chain a) and the single 2qoj structure with and without the addition of crystal structure rotamers. The dashed black line represents y equals x, corresponding to perfect prediction. **b)** The crystal structure DNA nucleotide (blue sticks) at position +3T in the I-AniI target site is not included in the set of available DNA rotamers (gray lines). **c)** Comparison of fixed and flexible protein backbone predictions, where a lower Euclidean distance indicates that the prediction better matches the experimental data. Specificity calculations using the average over the 56 runs (ave) and also using the lowest energy structure of the 56 (low) are compared.



**Experimental 2qoj AVE 3eh8\_a AVE 3eh8\_b AVE 3eh8\_c AVE**



**Figure S5.** Specificity predictions compared with experimental specificity data (12) for each position in the I-AniI target site. The y-axis displays specificity, and low values mean the basepair is poorly cut. Predictions were collected on four I-AniI structures. Highly specific positions, such as -4, were successfully predicted with all four structures. The most common cause of mis-predicted specificity is clashes that are not resolved

with the fixed backbone model, such as in the case of  $+5A$ . Experimentally,  $+5A$  is similar to the other base-pairs at position +5. However, in the computational models the methyl group of the thymine paired with +5A clashes with the I-AniI protein in all four starting structures.



**Figure S6. a)** The variants are the same enzymes shown in Figure 3b and both color and shape correspond to the nucleotide type being targeted. The specificity predictions are averaged from the specificity values completed using two crystal structures, 2qoj and chain a of 3eh8 (separate values in Table S1). The dashed black line represents y equals x, corresponding to perfect prediction. **b)** Recovery of selected amino acids with computational design – without motif rotamers included in the design process, with motif rotamers, and with motif rotamers that have an energetic weight (-1.25 REUs) – using the crystal structures 2qoj and chain a of 3eh8.



**Figure S7.** Two computationally derived endonuclease variants (12) can be combined without using selection for further sequence optimization. The -6C\_C1 and -8G\_P1 I-AniI variants are separated by only the -8G position. The main contact to -7G (R72) is maintained, maintaining the high specificity at -7 while successfully switching the specificity at -6 and -8. The variant with all five mutations targeting the two base-pair switches shows specific cleavage of the intended site.







**Figure S8.** Cleavage data for endonucleases targeting multiple base-pair pockets and full sites.



**Figure S9.** Endonucleases targeting the  $(+)$  half-site changes in two mosquito sites show activity in human cells. The level of cleavage of these two variants is comparable to cleavage by the M5 and Y2 variants of the I-AniI endonuclease (32) with the wild-type target site. An unsuccessful variant for the full AGAP004671 site, containing mutations known to abrogate cleavage on the site, is included to demonstrate the level of background in this assay. The two C-terminal variants were built on the M5 background. The assay was completed as previously described (42, 46).



**Figure S10.** Evidence for a role of C-terminal loop 190-199 in formation of the ground-state reaction complex. **a**) Differences in binding affinity  $(K_M^*)$  between I-AniI (Y2) with the wildtype I-AniI target and each possible single base-pair substitution (12). I-AniI has decreased binding affinity (increased  $K_M^*$ ) with +6A compared to the wild-type +6G. **b**) Activity ( $EC_{1/2max}$ ) data for a hybrid enzyme built by transferring mutations at positions 172, 196, and 197 to the I-AniI scaffold (34). The enzyme is more active than the comparable I-AniI-F13Y starting scaffold (F13Y mutation only in base enzyme) with sites containing single base-pair substitutions near the transplanted mutations. **c)** Visualization of the mutations in this hybrid enzyme. T196Y may be increasing the hydrophobic interactions in the interface and be responsible for the better activity of the hybrid. **d)** Preliminary kinetic data for the hybrid variant compared to the I-AniI-F13Y starting scaffold with the same target site indicates that the improvement is likely due to increasing binding affinity (decreasing  $K_M^*$ ).



**Figure S11.** Mutations from I-AniI homologues that alter catalysis and binding. **a)** The loop containing Y192I and T196, another mutation implicated in ground state complex formation (Figure S10), is shown in green. The methyl group of the thymine on the DNA strand opposite to +6A may be destabilizing the loop and ground state complex. **b)** Kinetic analysis of the Y2 (WT) I-AniI endonuclease and a Y2-based variant with the Y192I mutation identified in homologous enzymes (34). Substitutions in the  $(+)$  half of the I-AniI target site mainly modulate  $k_{cat}$ <sup>\*</sup> and not  $K_M^*$ . The adenine substitution at position +6 is an exception, with a much higher  $K_M^*$  than any other substitution in the (+) half-site (Figure S10). The Y192I substitution alters the binding of +6 substitutions, significantly lowering the  $K_M^*$  for +6A. **c**) All homologues with over approximately 50% identity to I-AniI (34) were analyzed and the mutations in the loop from K190 to S199 and supporting residues from R172 to I181 were used to design limited libraries. The amino acid variation included in these libraries is shown on the structure. Not every mutation observed in the set of analyzed homologues was included in the libraries, and the frequencies that each type was seen are also shown (ie, D175:13E indicates that there were 13 glutamates seen at position 175). One library was built for the loop from R172 to D175 (purple), and a second was built with the remaining region spanning I176 to S199 (green). These libraries were screened against the -6C single base-pair substitution that significantly decreases binding affinity without altering catalysis. The sequences identified with the selection process are shown as alignments. **d)** Additional libraries were built from mutations identified in homologues in the N-terminal region from positions 73-75. This region is one of only a small number of regions that contact the DNA backbone and not the bases, making it a good candidate for modulation of non-specific interactions. The sequences included in the libraries are shown below the image of the area. The library was also screened against the -6C substitution and the sequence converged completely to D73R, K74K, and N75K.

### *Supplementary Discussion A. Rosetta computational predictions of experimental data.*

The single base-pair specificity switches we describe in this paper provide a valuable benchmark for evaluating and guiding the improvement of computational design methods. Both specificity prediction and sequence design calculations were carried out for these I-AniI variants, as well as for all positions in the wild-type I-AniI interface, and compared to experimental data to assess the accuracy of the computational model. For the specificity calculations, the base in the crystal structure DNA targeted by the variant enzyme was substituted with each of the four possible nucleotides at the position and the energies of the four complexes were compared. The protein positions surrounding this position were kept fixed in sequence, either the sequence of the evolved variant or the wild-type protein sequence, for specificity calculations, but allowed to vary in design calculations.

We compared the experimentally determined specificity of I-AniI to specificity predicted for 1) four single I-AniI structures, 2) the average of the four, and 3) with and without inclusion of sidechain and base conformations from the starting crystal structure (Figure S4a, Figure S5). The predictions were most accurate for positions with high specificity and direct contacts, while there was significantly less agreement for positions with lower specificity. Supplementation of the standard rotamer libraries used to model sidechain (69) and base conformations (63) with conformations from the starting crystal structures caused an inaccurate bias for the crystal structure base-pair (Figure S4a). In calculations including DNA base conformations, the crystal structure nucleotide was almost always incorporated at one or both strands of the targeted position, resulting in inaccurately high specificity prediction. At the one target site position that benefited from inclusion of the crystal structure rotamer, none of the Rosetta-generated DNA rotamers was similar enough to produce the low energy interactions with the +3 base-pair that correspond to high specificity (Figure S4b). These results indicate that the DNA rotamers generated are not sufficient for accurate modeling of specificity, and it will be important to improve these rotamers for future work.

The average specificity value calculated over the four structures matched the experimental data better than the single structure, suggesting the protein backbone of the starting structure also biases this calculation (Figure S4a). The bias observed here can in principle be resolved by incorporating backbone flexibility (64–67) but this is complicated as the levels of structural movement must be enough to resolve clashes that erroneously penalize tolerated sequence changes, but not so much that the specificity signal is lost in the energetic noise of these movements or that inaccurate energetic minima are favored. Flexible backbone calculations performed much worse than did fixed backbone calculations for recapitulation of I-AniI wildtype specificity data (Figure S4c).

Calculations employing the wild-type I-AniI crystal structures were less successful in recapitulating the cleavage specificities (Figure S6a, Table S1) and amino acid sequences (Figure S6b) of the engineered variants, likely also because of changes in either the protein or DNA backbone positions not modeled in the calculations. The recently introduced motif-biased design approach (33), in which motif rotamers are incorporated into the Rosetta rotamer library and given an energy bonus, was more successful in recovering the sequences of the variants given their cleavage specificities than design without motifs. The majority of motif interactions are

direct, hydrogen-bonding contacts, and the model more accurately identifies these interactions than indirect contacts. However, even with the motifs, the recapitulation of this experimental benchmark was significantly less successful than in similar calculations recovering the sequences of crystal structures (33).

A key issue in computational modeling and design of new protein sequences starting from a static crystal structure is how to add enough flexibility to resolve small incompatibilities that are normally tolerated by dynamic proteins, but not allow so much that inaccurate minima are found for repulsive interactions that should not be tolerated. The minimal movement used in this work, only rotamers on both sides of the interface, was not enough to resolve clashes in some cases, particularly when attempted to recapitulate the specificity of engineered variants. Our finding that the different I-AniI structures can produce significantly different results (Figure 4a, Figure 5) indicates that combining information from multiple experimentally determined backbones would be more successful than using a single starting point. Multiple starting crystal structures are rarely available, so an algorithm that produces multiple experimentally relevant backbones based on the original electron density would be very useful (68). Since the repulsive interactions that need to be resolved are often arising between backbone and side-chain atoms, another potential option would be to eliminate the repulsive interaction energy term only between backbone side-chain atoms during fixed backbone modeling stages.

### *Supplementary Discussion B. Improving the binding affinity of I-AniI.*

Selections to improve the overall activity of I-AniI (without changing the target sequence) have been successful in the past (32). The Y2 (S111Y, F13Y) and M5 (Y2 with I55V, F91I, S92T) variants of I-AniI that were used in all of the assays and libraries screened in this work were identified using the original version of the bacterial selection system that only screens for activity (19, 32). Before I-AniI was improved with these mutations, it showed essentially no survival in the bacterial system, even when four copies of its target site were included on pCcdB. The enzyme that was engineered to cleave the full CPK2 site has poor binding affinity compared to its wild-type precursor (Figure 6c). Selections to improve activity and binding for the wild-type endonuclease have the potential to identify mutations that can be incorporated into engineered enzymes like this one. The previously identified Y2 mutations, S111Y and F13Y, are both in the N-terminal domain that is associated with substrate binding and ground state complex formation (12). These findings indicated that the most promising regions for improving these same characteristics were other N-terminal areas that are near the DNA backbone, since the goal is non-specific affinity rather than direct base contacts. However, it was noticed I-AniI showed decreased binding affinity  $(K_M^*)$  when the +6 position in its target sequence was mutated from guanine to adenine (Figure S10a). This result is surprising because DNA substitutions in the rest of (+) half of I-AniI interface do not affect  $K_M^*$  or formation of the ground state complex (12). Therefore, it might be possible to modulate  $K_M^*$  through mutations in the C- terminal domain of the complex. Further support for this insight came from examining a homologue-derived hybrid enzyme with mutations at positions 172, 196, and 197, all in the C-terminal domain (34). This variant showed increased activity over the wild-type I-AniI and preliminary kinetic data indicated the improvement was due to decreasing  $K_M^*$  (Figure S10). A key feature of this enzyme was the mutation of T196 to a tyrosine, significantly increasing hydrophobic interaction between the protein and DNA on the (+) half of the target site (Figure S10c).

While it is unclear exactly how the +6A mutation decreases binding affinity, one potential result of the base substitution is an increase in ground state repulsive interactions between the protein and the methyl group of the thymine paired with +6A. This methyl group is near residue Y192, which is on the same loop as the T196 substitution in the homologue-derived variant with increased activity (Figure S10). Position Y192 is mutated to an isoleucine in homologous endonucleases with a +5A single base-pair substitution (34), which also places a methyl group near this protein position. To further explore the role of this C-terminal loop from position 190 to 199, kinetic analysis was completed with the Y192I variant and all four base-pairs at position +6. If the thymine methyl is disrupting the interaction of Y192 in the ground state complex, then the isoleucine mutant should not display the high  $K_M^*$  seen for the tyrosine with the +6A substitution. While the pattern of  $k_{cat}$ <sup>\*</sup> remained relatively similar for the Y192I endonuclease, albeit slightly reduced for all bases, the pattern of  $K_M^*$  shifted dramatically. The Y192I mutation does result in significantly tighter binding of the +6A substitution, while affinity for the wildtype nucleotide remained relatively similar (Figure S11). This result provides evidence that a region of the I-AniI C-terminal domain is involved in interactions in the ground state complex, in contrast to the rest of the domain that was shown to play a role in forming the transition state complex.

Even though the previously identified I-AniI activating mutations (M5 and Y2) are all in the Nterminal domain, our results indicate that it is possible to improve binding affinity through mutations in one region of the C-terminal domain. After selection was used to identify the M5 and Y2, it was observed that some of these activating mutations were in I-AniI homologues. With the goal of further improving the binding affinity of I-AniI variants, homologues with over 50% identity to I-AniI were analyzed in the N-terminal domain and the C-terminal region that has been implicated in ground state complex formation. Three libraries were built and screened for activity using bacterial cells containing a site with the -6C substitution. This particular substitution is known to substantially reduce I-AniI binding affinity in enzyme assays (12) and the most active I-AniI variant (M5) was shown to have effectively no survival in these cells (Figure S1). Thus, variants with increased binding affinity greater than M5 will be selected from these libraries. The amino acids included in the starting libraries are shown in Figures S11c and S11d. The selected enzymes from the N-terminal library and the smaller C-terminal library (172:175) showed survivals of approximately 100% against the -6C cell line that previously was not cleaved by M5. The other C-terminal library also showed improved survival, albeit not as significantly as the smaller libraries. The sequences of these high-surviving variants are also shown in Figures S11c and S11d. The N-terminal library converged completely to positively charged amino acids. The C-terminal libraries did not converge to specific sequences, but they showed trends for particular positions such as the mutation of R172 to a threonine. While these particular mutations may not provide exactly what is needed to increase the binding affinity of the CPK2 variant, screening libraries based on homologous enzymes did significantly improve I-AniI (M5) activity against the -6C containing substrate.

Table S1. Data for all single base-pair I-AniI variants described in this paper. Cleavage data is from the graphs in Figure S2. Endonucleases are named according to the position and base-pair of intended cleavage and the method used to engineer their new specificities (see further description of naming system below and in Figure 1). The "\_P" or "previously published" enzymes that have k<sub>cat</sub>/K<sub>M</sub> activity data (highlighted in green) are from Thyme, S. B. *et al.* **Nature** (2009) (12) and the other published enzymes are from Szeto, M. D. *et al.* **JBC** (2011) (34). Sequences of variants that were selected, but not expressed and tested with cleavage assays, are also included in this table.













**Table S2.** Data and notes on all the multiple base-pair I-AniI variants described in this paper. The related graphs of cleavage data is in Figure S8. The data includes  $k_{cat}/K_M$ , % cleavage, and  $EC_{1/2max}$ . Sequences of variants that were not selected are also included, as well as starting libraries and corresponding survivals.

<b>Selected</b> <b>Variant Name</b> and Tested Sequence	Starting Library Examples, $X = all 20$ AAs (either <i>NNN</i> or Library NNS), and other codons use the accepted code for degerate base-pairs to define the amino acids included in the library. Example results from these different libraries are shown.	<b>Survival</b> $(0 - 1),$ round 2 or round 3 $0.11$ for	<b>Target</b> <b>Site</b>	$EC_{1/2max}$ (nM), % cleavage, or $k_{cat}/K_M$ for some enzymes	Cleavage Plateau $(f_{max})$ , NA for % cleavage or $k_{cat}/K_M$
CPK2 N Y18C, T22S, G33K, S57T, R59T, A68H, R70E, enzyme expressed extremely poorly, so values in columns for activity data are percent cleavage with two concentrations, the highest possible and then 1/4 of that - corresponding to approximately 1,700 nM for the lower value. untested	1) Y18C, S20X, T22S, E31R, G33MAG, R59T, M66X, A68X, R70E 2) Y18C, T22S, E31R, G33MAG, S57X, R59X, A68X, R70E 3) Y18C, T22S, E31R, G33K, S57WCC, R59ASS, M66T, A68SWC, R70E left: 18, 20, 22, 31, 33, 57, 59, 66, 68, 70 from libraries 1 and 2 mixed right: 18, 22, 31, 33, 57, 59, 66, 68, 70 from library 3 2of10 CLSRKSTTLE 4of7 CSRKTTTHE 2of10 CSSRKSTNDE 1of7 CSRKSSTV 1of10 CSSRK ETML E 1of7 CSRKTRTVE 1of10 CSSRRSTTV 1of7 CSRKTSTVE 1of10 CSSRKSMMV 1of10 CSSRKARML 1of10 CSSRQTRML 1of10 CSSRQGSMAE CPK2 Cgg, +4G 1) S152WBS, S166ARS, D168VVS, 192X, K200X, K202X	R <sub>2</sub> of libraries 1 and 2 mixed $0.29$ for	Target $-6C$ A Target $\overline{C}$ $-5A$ Target $-4T$	0.79, 0.36 0, 0 0, 0 G $\overline{T}$ 0, 0 0.79, 0.36 0, 0 0.15, 0 G <b>NA</b> 0.79, 0.36 $\mathbf{A}$ 0.66, 0 0.82, 0.42 C $\overline{G}$ 0.77, 0	NA NA <b>NA</b> NA NA <b>NA</b> <b>NA</b> NA <b>NA</b> <b>NA</b> <b>NA</b> <b>NA</b>
			Target $-2G$ A Target $+1A$ NA	0.79, 0.36 0.74, 0.30 0.28, 0 $\mathsf{C}$ T 0.78, 0.23 0.79, 0.36 $\overline{C}$ 0.65, 0 $\mathbf G$ 0.76, 0.17 T 0.72, 0.23	NA NA <b>NA</b> NA <b>NA</b> <b>NA</b> NA NA
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CPK2 C1, S152C, K155R, L156K, Y162H, I164V, S166K, D168A, T189S, Y192G, K200R, K202D	The following three libraries are some of the first based on the Cgg pocket library results and expanding to try and target the full C half- 1) S152C, L156X, I164X, S166K, D168A, Y192GDG, K200R, K202BWS, T204X 2) S152C, I164X, S166K, D168A, T189X, Y192GDG, K200R, K202BWS, T204X 3) S152C, K155X, L156X, I164X, S166K, D168A, Y192GDG, K200R, K202BWS, T204X 152, 155, 156, 164, 166, 168, 189, 192, 200, 202, 204 3of24 CKLRKAFGRLV 1of24 CKLYKAGGRVM 2of24 CKLWKATCRLI 1of24 CKLEKARVRDM 1of24 CKLRKAGGRLA 1of24 CTALKATGRHY 1of24 CKLWKAPGRFM 1of24 CFSAKATGRYL 1of24 CKALKATGRHT 1of24 CSGLKATVRVV 1of24 CKLGKAAGRQL 1of24 CGMCKATGRLY 1of24 CKLVKADGRDI 1of24 CHLCKATERQV 1of24 CKLLKAGGRDL 1of24 CETPKATVREA 1of24 CKLGKDDERYA 1of24 CFSAKATGRYL 1of24 CKLFKAGERLI $1$ of24 $CRE$   KATVRLI 1of24 CKLYKAGGRQE 4) S152C, K155X, L156RNG, I164BNS, S166K, D168A, T189BNC, Y192GRG, K200R, K202BWS, T204DWS 5) Same as 4, but with Y162X added 152, 155, 156, 162, 164, 166, 168, 189, 192, 200, 202, 204 4of15 <mark>CT E</mark> HWKAC <mark>E</mark> R FL 1of15 CP VY HKASERLD 3of15 CEKYQKAAGRLN 1of15 CTTYVKASGRLV 2of15 CQTYPKACERFI 1of15 CFTYPKADERET 2of15 CYRYVKAYEREE 1of15 CP GY CKAL ERVV	Survivals Target for these initial libraries $(1-5)$ was Target lower than 0.01	$+1A$ C $+4G$ Target $+5G$ A Target $+7G$ A Target $+9C$ A Target $+10C$ A	44 31 NA G $\overline{T}$ 135 44 >750 $\overline{A}$ >750 С $\overline{\mathsf{T}}$ 50 44 >750 >750 C T >750 44 $\overline{32}$ C 15 T 10 44 62 32 G T 49 44 <b>NA</b> $\overline{G}$ 511 $\overline{T}$ 207	0.54 0.49 <b>NA</b> 0.20 0.54 NA NA 0.61 0.54 NA NA <b>NA</b> 0.54 0.73 0.86 0.83 0.54 0.45 0.75 0.56 0.54 NA 0.42 0.45



