

# Supporting Information

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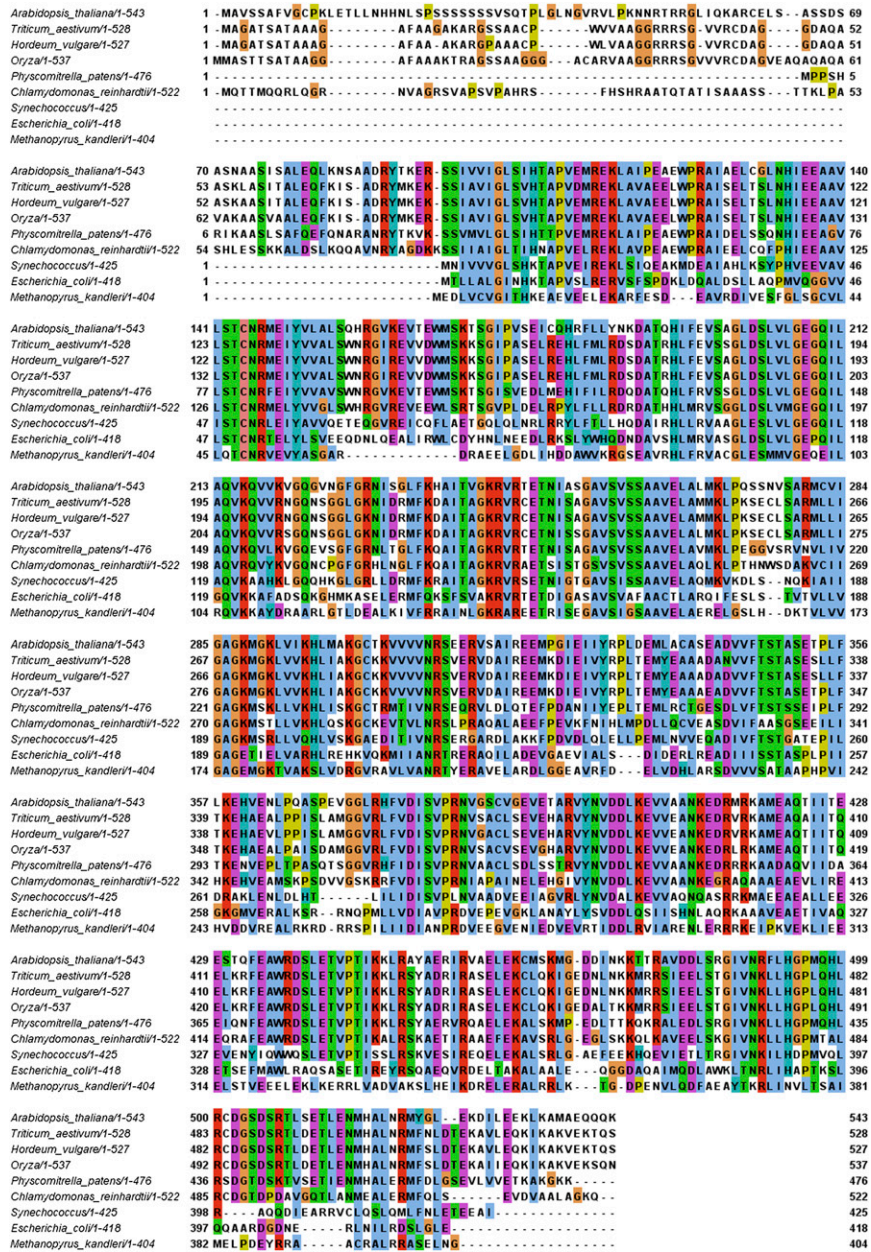
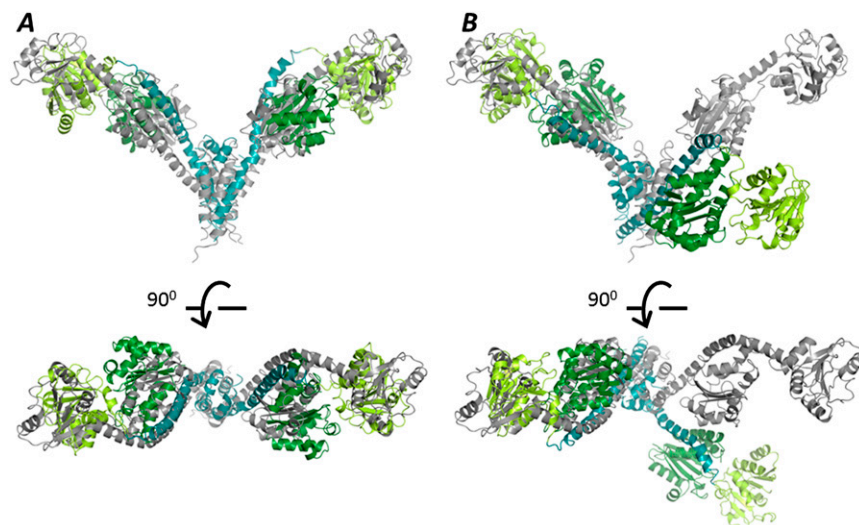
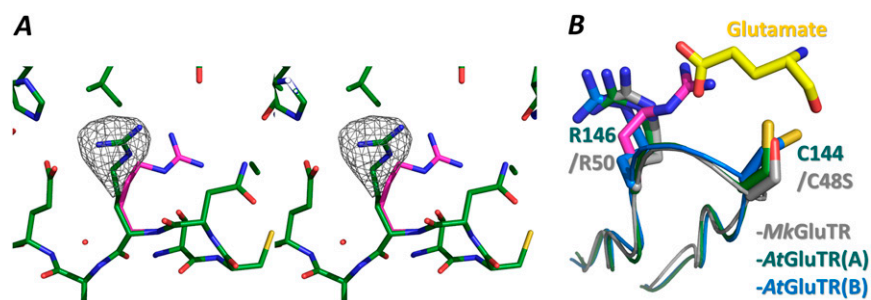


Fig. S1. Sequence alignment of *Arabidopsis* glutamyl-tRNA reductase (GluTR) with *Methanopyrus* and other homologs. The alignment is colored by conservation.



**Fig. S2.** Structure comparison of *Methanopyrus kandleri* GluTR (*MkGluTR*) and *Arabidopsis* GluTR (*AtGluTR*). (A) Superposition of the two dimers. (B) Superposition of the monomeric halves. *MkGluTR* is colored gray and *Arabidopsis* GluTR is colored the same as in Fig. 1.



**Fig. S3.** Alternative conformations of GluTR Arg146. (A) Stereo view of the double conformations of Arg146 on chain A of GluTR. The alternative conformation of Arg146 on chain A is displayed together with electron density calculated by using the  $F_o - F_c$  coefficient and contoured at  $3.0\sigma$  as a gray mesh. Arg146 on chain B does not have double conformations. (B) Superposition of Arg146 conformations and *MkGluTR* Arg50. Carbon atoms are colored as indicated, with the glutamate moiety of glutamycin in the *MkGluTR* structure shown in yellow (O, red; N, blue; S, orange).

**Table S1. Data collection, phasing, and refinement statistics for GluTR-GluBP structures**

	GluTR-GluBP	GluTR-seGluBP*	seGluTR-seGluBP <sup>†</sup>
<b>Data collection</b>			
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
Cell dimensions			
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> , Å	59.4, 84.8, 360.0	60.0, 84.0, 360.2	60.1, 84.1, 362.0
$\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ , °	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 90
Wavelength, Å	0.9793	0.9793	0.9793
Resolution, Å <sup>‡</sup>	2.80 (2.90–2.80)	4.20 (4.35–4.20)	3.10 (3.21–3.10)
<i>R</i> <sub>sym</sub> or <i>R</i> <sub>merge</sub>	0.104 (0.551)	0.212 (0.529)	0.183 (0.574)
<i>I</i> / $\sigma$ <i>I</i>	17.7 (3.8)	38.7 (15)	12.5 (4.1)
Completeness, %	94.3 (93.4)	100 (100)	99.8 (100)
Redundancy	7.1 (7.5)	25.1 (25.9)	8.4 (8.8)
<b>Refinement</b>			
Resolution, Å	49.56–2.80	—	—
No. reflections	43,245	—	—
<i>R</i> <sub>work</sub> / <i>R</i> <sub>free</sub>	0.221/0.272	—	—
No. atoms			
Protein	9,920	—	—
Ligand/ion	0		
Water	47		
$\beta$ -Factors			
Protein	62.3		
Ligand/ion	None		
Water	31.7		
rmsds			
Bond lengths, Å	0.003		
Bond angles, °	0.969		

GluBP, glutamyl-tRNA reductase binding protein.

\*Methionines were replaced by selenomethionines in GluBP only.

<sup>†</sup>Methionines were replaced by selenomethionines in GluTR and GluBP.

<sup>‡</sup>Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell.