## **Supporting Information**

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**Fig. S1.** Type IE Cas3 from *Thermobaculum terrenum*. (A) CRISPR-array and type IE cas operon on Chromosome 2 of *T. terrenum*. (B) Multiple sequence alignment of Cas3 proteins from bacteria and archaea. Each domain is differentiated by alternatively colored bars (corresponding to colors of *TteCas3* domains and RD1-RD2 encompassing  $\alpha$ 36-helix, used throughout manuscript) above and below the aligned sequences, and strictly conserved residues are highlighted in red columns. Cylinders and arrows above the sequences represent  $\alpha$ -helices and  $\beta$ -strands, respectively, and are numbered in order of their appearance in the *TteCas3* structure. Residues that interact with catalytic metal ions and a water molecule are indicated by asterisks, and conserved helicase-forming sequences motifs are marked (I–VI). Two black-dotted lines above the sequences indicate disordered regions at the N terminus and connecting  $\alpha$ 36-helix to CTD. *E.co, E. coli* K-12 (gi: 89109548); *M.ja, M. jannaschii* DSM 2661 (gi: 1591090 and 1591089); *P.ae, Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (gi: 553778370).

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**Fig. S2.** *Tte*Cas3 exhibits a metal ion-dependent nuclease activity. (A) Superposed HD structures. The HD structures of *T. thermophilus* HB8 (TTHB), *T. terrenum* (*Tte*Cas3), and *M. jannachii* are superimposed (*Left*) and their HD cores of *Tte*Cas3 and TTHB are magnified (*Right*). The secondary structures are displayed with coils and differentiated by colors. Conserved residues chelating metal ions and a water molecule, which are displayed by spheres with alternating colors, are depicted as stick models. (*B*) Nuclease degradation of <sup>32</sup>P end-labeled 72mer ssDNA substrate (0.1 nM) by *Tte*Cas3 wild type (WT) compared with mutant D237A. Various amounts of proteins (0, 46, 92, 185, and 370 nM) were incubated at 50 °C for 30 min and nuclease products, uncut ssDNA, and Cas3-bound ssDNA were indicated. (*C*) Binding assay with four types of nucleic acids. Wild-type *Tte*Cas3 (370 nM) has been incubated for 30 min at 50 °C with each of the indicated <sup>32</sup>P-labeled nucleic acids (0.1 nM). (*D*) <sup>32</sup>P-labeled 35-mer ssDNA (0.1 nM) has been incubated with *Tte*Cas3 (370 nM) for 30 min at 25 or 50 °C in the absence or presence of 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, MnCl<sub>2</sub>, CaCl<sub>2</sub>, NiCl<sub>2</sub>, or EDTA.

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**Fig. S3.** ATPase site of *Tte*Cas3. (*A*) Structural similarity of *Tte*Cas3 RD domains. *Tte*Cas3 (cyan for RD1 and green for RD2 of *Tte*Cas3; *Left*) superposes well on the yeast Mss166p Helicase (Mss Hel; *Right*). The ssRNA bound to the Mss Hel is shown in a gray ribbon on the right and the ATP bound to Mss Hel is displayed as a stick model. (*B*) Radioactive ATPase assay. For assays, the [a-<sup>32</sup>P]ATP (0.1 nM) has been incubated with *Tte*Cas3 (46 nM) at 45 °C in the presence of 1 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> alone (*Left*) and with 72-mer ssDNA (*Right*; 2 nM) at the given time. (*C*) Close-up view of the superposed dATP-bound and dATP-free structures. The bound dATP and two residues on the motif V were displayed with stick models. The magnesium ion near the b- and g-phosphate is drawn as a ball.

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Fig. S4. Expanded sequence alignment of Cas3 proteins. Two Cas3 proteins from each subtype IA to IF and TteCas3 were selected and aligned by Clustal Omega (www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo). The invariant and conserved residues are displayed by red and blue columns, respectively.

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Fig. S5. Rearrangement of helicase RDs upon nucleic acid binding. DNA helicase Hel308 (Left) and RNA helicase NS3 (Right). The nucleic acid-free and nucleic acid-bound structures were drawn as gray and orange ribbons, respectively.

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Fig. S6. Analysis of the interaction between *TteCas3* and Cse1 (*A*) and *TteCas3* CTD and Cse1 (*B*) by size exclusion chromatography (SEC). SEC of mixtures was performed with an AKTA Explorer chromatography system by using a Superdex 200 size-exclusion column (26/600; GE Healthcare) in a buffer consisting of 20 mM Tris-HCl at pH 7.5 and 100 mM NaCl at a flow rate of 2.5 mL/min. The chromatograms were obtained by monitoring the absorbance at 280 nm. The fractions were loaded on the 10% (wt/vol) Tricine-SDS/PAGE gel. A set of molecular mass standard markers (Pierce Biotechology) ranging from 10 to 170 kDa was used.

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Fig. 57. Comparison of *T. terrenum* Cas3 (*Tte*Cas3) and *Thermobifida fusca* Cas3 (*Tfus*Cas3). (*A*) Overall structure. *Tte*Cas3 (green), *Tfus*Cas3 (orange), and the bound ssDNA (black) to *Tfus*Cas3 are displayed with ribbon diagram. RD1, RD2, and CTD are indicated by dotted circles of alternating colors. Regions involved in catalytic mechanism are indicated by black-dashed circles. Two structures are superposed well with rmsd value of 3.0 Å and noticeable differences are observed in motif Ic of RD1 and orientations of RD2 and CTD domains. (*B*) Magnified view around the Ic motif of RD1. The bound metal ions to each Cas3 protein are displayed with green (*Tte*Cas3) and orange (*Tfus*Cas3), and the bound ssDNA to *Tfus*Cas3 is displayed with stick models. The indicated "a21" of *Tfus*Cas3 is the region that is equivalent to WF-containing helix (a21) of *Tte*Cas3.

## Table S1. Oligonucleotide substrates used in this study

Substrate	Sequence
Single-stranded substrate	
ssRNA (39-mer)	5'-AUUGAAAGCA GGAGGGACCG GAAACACACG GUUGAAGGG-3'
ssDNA (35-mer)	5'-GGCGGTGGTG GCGGCATGAA CTACTATCTA TATCC-3'
ssDNA (72-mer)	5'-GATCGGTCTC TACTACATAT CTATAAACGT GCAAGGCAGC GTCAACAAAC TCCATATGAA TATCCTCCTT AG-3'
Duplex substrate	
dsRNA (30-bp)	5'-CUCUACGACA UCGGAUCCGA UGUCGUAGAG-3'
dsDNA (30-bp)	5'-GGCGAGTTTG TTAACCATGC CTTGCACGTT-3'

## Table S2. Primer sequences used for site-directed mutagenesis

Mutation	Sequence
D237A	5'- GTC TCC GTG GCG GCC TGG ATA GGC TCG -3'
	5'- CGA GCC TAT CCA $\overline{\text{GGC}}$ CGC CAC GGA GAC -3'
D477A	5'- ACC GTG ATC GTT GCT GAG GTC CAT GCT-3'
	5'- AGC ATG GAC CTC $\overline{\text{AGC}}$ AAC GAT CAC GGT -3'
W432A	5'- gtg gca ggg caa $\underline{\text{gcg}}$ ttc acg cgc ggc - 3'
	5'- GCC GCG CGT GAA $\underline{CGC}$ TTG CCC TGC CAC - 3'
F433A	5'- gca ggg caa tgg $\underline{\text{GCC}}$ acg cgc ggc aag - 3'
	5'- CTT GCC GCG CGT <u>GGC</u> CCA TTG CCC TGC - 3'
W432A-F433A	5'- gca ggg caa $\underline{\text{gcg}}$ $\underline{\text{gcc}}$ acg cgc ggc aag - 3'
	5'- CTT GCC GCG CGT GGC CGC TTG CCC TGC - 3'

Underlines indicate the mutated sequences.