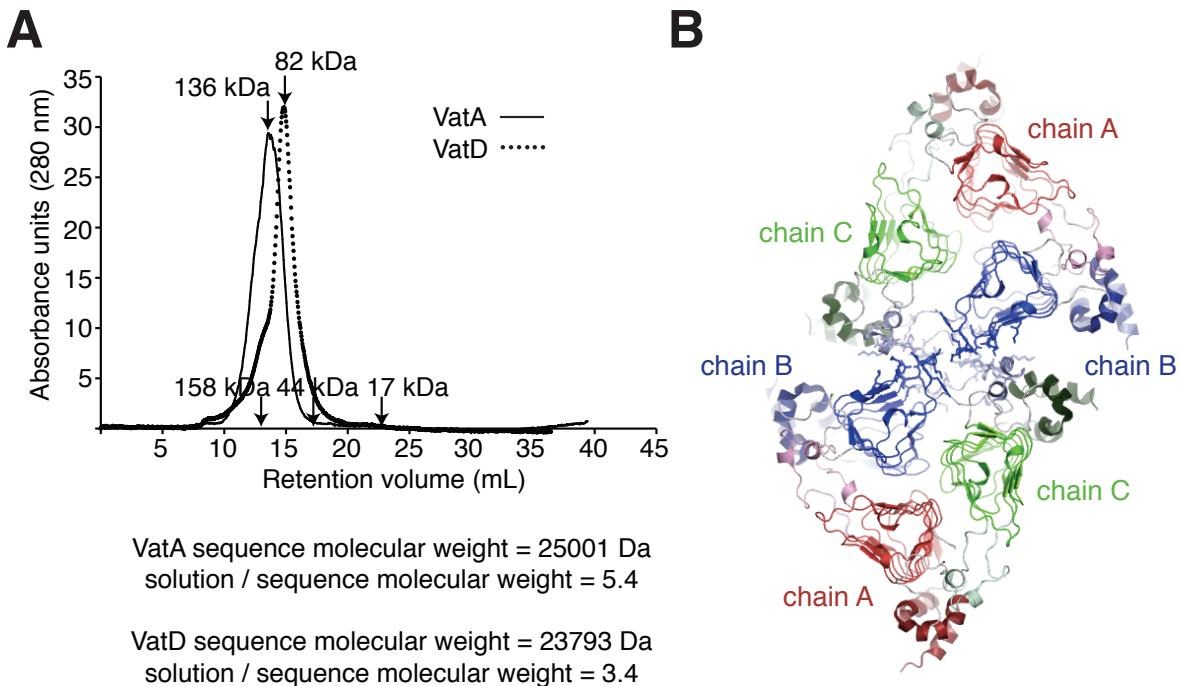


## SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL



**FIG S1: Oligomeric states of VatA and VatD.** (A) Size exclusion chromatographic profile of VatA and VatD. Arrows refer to calibration standards and their molecular weights are indicated in kilodaltons. Calculation of apparent solution molecular weight is indicated below the profile. (B) Putative hexamer of VatA as observed in the VatA crystal structures. Shown are two trimers of VatA, colored as in Fig. 1. The putative hexameric interface occurs between chain B residues which are shown in sticks.

**TABLE S1: Oligonucleotide primers for mutagenesis of *vat(A)***

	<b>Forward primer</b>	<b>Reverse primer</b>
N20A	aaaggGCtggaaatctcaattataaaaacc*	ttccgaGCccctttatcggtaaaatatttcgg
L23A	cggaaatGCtaattataaaacctactataacg	aattgaGCattccgattccctttatcg
Y42F	gaatattctTtatgatagtaagcg	actatcataaAaagaatattcccc
D44A	tcttattatgCTtagtaagcgaggagaatcc	tcgcttactaGcataataagaatattccc
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S73A	aagattttgtGcaattggcccg	ggaccaattgCacaaaatcttctataatcaacttatctcc
S73C	agatttttgtGCattggcccg	cgggaccaatGCaacaaaatctcc
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T93A	ggatcaGcatatctttcatctattcagg	gatatgcgtatccatccatccgtgggtgcacc
H97N	atatcctttAatctattcaggatggg	ctgaatagatTaaaaggatgtgtatcc
L98A	tttcatGCattcaggatgggtgg	ctgaatGCatgaaaaggatgtgtatcc
P108A	tataatgcCtccctaaaagatctccc	aaggaaGCatatacttcccaacccatcc
L113A	aaagatGCtccctgaaaggggacattgg	aagggaGCattttaaggaaggcatatacttcc

\*capital letters refer to mutated codons.