**Fig. A: Purification and mass characterization of HpRF and HpDML1** (**A**) 0.1% SDS – 10% PAGE of purified recombinant HpRF - (His)<sub>6</sub>. M: molecular mass standards. Lane 1: Purified HpRF- (His)<sub>6</sub> protein. (**B**) 0.1% SDS – 10% PAGE of purified recombinant HpDML1 - (His)<sub>6</sub>. M: molecular mass standards. Lane 1: Purified HpDML1- (His)<sub>6</sub> protein. (**C**) Mass spectra of purified HpRF - (His)<sub>6</sub>. Three sharp peaks corresponding to molecular mass of HpRF – (His)<sub>6</sub> (1) 26.5 kDa (monocharged species) (2) 13.27 kDa (dicharged species) and (3) 8.85 kDa (tricharged species) are obtained (**D**) Mass spectra of purified HpDML1. A sharp peak corresponding to molecular mass of HpDML1 – (His)<sub>6</sub> (1) 9.589 kDa is obtained. (**E**) Circular dichroism spectra of HpDprA, HpRF and HpDML1. Full length HpDprA, HpRF or HpDML1 (100 µg/ ml) were used to record the spectra in 1X PBS buffer. The spectra were recorded in the wavelength range 190 - 300 nm in a Jasco J- 500A spectropolarimeter. A subset of spectra for wavelength range 200 nm to 300 nm is shown here. All measurements were recorded at 25°C. Spectra presented are representative of three independent experiments.





## Fig. B: Crosslinking of HpDprA, HpRF and HpDML1 using gluteradehyde. 5 $\mu$ M of HpDprA (A) or 6 $\mu$ M HpRF (B) was incubated with (lanes 2 to 5: (left to right) 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.5%) gluteraldehyde at 4°C for 10 minutes. (C) 140 $\mu$ M of HpDML1 was incubated with (lanes 2 to 5: (left to right) 0.1, 0.5, 1, 2%) gluteraldehyde at 4°C for 30 minutes. Lane 1 is protein alone. Lane 6 shows standard protein marker. 1.5 $\mu$ g of protein was loaded per well. Reaction mixtures were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and visualized by silver staining.





Fig. 2

## Fig. C: Purification and CD spectroscopy of HpDprAr48A/R49A and HpDprAr48A/R49A/K133A

(A) 0.1% SDS – 10% PAGE analysis of purified recombinant wtDprA and mutants. M: molecular mass standards. Lane1: wild type, lane2: HpDprAR48A/R49A, lane3: HpDprAR48A/R49A/K133A (B) An overlay of Far – UV circular dichroism spectra of HpDprA, double and triple mutants. The spectra were taken in phophate buffered saline in a wavelength range 190 -300 nm. A subset of spectra from 200 to 250 nm wavelength range is shown here.

The observed two minima at 222 nm and 209 nm are characteristic of  $\alpha$  – helix spectrum.



Fig. 3