## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

## Functional Defects in *Clostridium difficile* TcdB Toxin Uptake Identify CSPG4 Receptor Binding Determinants

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**Supplementary figure 1.** Domain structures of TcdA and TcdB showing short repeats (green) and long repeats (yellow) in the CROP domains.

**Supplementary figure 2.** Defective TcdB mutants are folded properly. a & b, Autoprocessing activity of recombinant toxins. Recombinant TcdB variants were treated with 100  $\mu$ M InsP6 (+) or PBS (-) for 3 h and cleavage was visualized by coomassie staining. Bands were quantified by ImageJ software. Vertical lines denote splicing of the gel to exclude lanes between samples. c, GTD activity of recombinant toxins. GST-Rac1 was treated with recombinant toxins, and the level of glucosylation was determined by Western blot analysis using Mab102 that recognizes unglucosyated Rac1 (top) and an anti-Rac1 antibody to determine total Rac1 (bottom) . d, pH-induced unfolding by TNS fluorescence. Defective mutants were all folded at neutral pH

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**Supplementary Figure 3.** Alignment of short and long repeats within the CROP domain of TcdB.



Fig. 1









Fig. 2

1791-1813	EIILSFTPS	YYEDGLIGYDL	
1814-1833	GLVSLYNEK	FYINNFGMMVS	(SR?)
1834-1854	GLIYINDSL	YYF <mark>KPPVNNLIT</mark>	(SR)
1855-1876	GFVTVGDDK	YYFNPINGGAASI	(SR)
1877-1896	GETIIDDKN	<mark>YYF</mark> NQSGVLQT	(SR)
1897-1926	GVFSTEDGF:	KYF <mark>APANTLDENLEGEAIDFT</mark>	(LR)
1927-1947	GKLIIDENI	YYF <mark>DDNYRGAVE</mark>	(SR)
1948-1967	WKELDGEMH	<mark>YFS</mark> PETGKAFK	(SR)
1968-1987	GLNQIGDYK	YYF <mark>NSDGVMQK</mark>	(SR)
1988-2007	GFVSINDNK	HYF <mark>DDSGVMKV</mark>	(SR)
2008-2027	GYTEIDGKH	FYF <mark>AENGEMQI</mark>	(SR)
2028-2057	<b>GVFNTEDGF</b>	KYF <mark>AHHNEDLGNEEGEEISYS</mark>	(LR)
2058-2078	GILNFNNKI	YYF <mark>DDSFTAVVG</mark>	(SR)
2079-2099	WKDLEDGSK	YYF <mark>DEDTAEAYI</mark>	(SR)
2100-2119	GLSLINDGQ	YYFNDDGIMQV	(SR)
2120-2139	GFVTINDKV	FYF <mark>SDSGIIES</mark>	(SR)
2140-2169	GVQNIDDNY	FYI <mark>DDNGIVQI</mark>	(SR)
2170-2199	GVFDTSDGY	<mark>KYF</mark> APANTVNDNIYGQAVEYS	(LR)
2200-2222	GLVRVGEDV	<mark>YYF</mark> GETYTIETGWI	(SR)
2223-2243	YDMENESDK	YYFNPETKKACK	(SR)
2244-2263	GINLIDDIK	YYF <mark>DEKGIMRT</mark>	(SR)
2264-2283	GLISFENNN	YYF <mark>NENGEMQF</mark>	(SR)
2284-2303	GYINIEDKM	FYF <mark>GEDGVMQI</mark>	(SR)
2304-2333	GVFNTPDGF	KYF <mark>AHQNTLDENFEGESINYT</mark>	(LR)
2334-2353	GWLDLDEKR	YYF <sup>TDEYIAAT</sup>	(SR)
2354-2366	GSVIIDGEE	YYF <mark>DPDTAQLVISE</mark>	(SR)

Fig. 3