

Design of LiSIR2RP1 deleted mutants

Attempts to crystallize full length LiSIR2RP1 alone or in complex with peptide substrate and/or cofactor were unsuccessful. This led us to the design of deletion mutants of the protein based on detailed *in silico* analysis of LiSIR2RP1 sequence (including multiple sequence alignments with human and yeast SIRT2 homologues, disordered/globular domain and secondary structure predictions and LiSIR2RP1 homology structure generation).

Compared to successfully crystallized homologues (Finnin et al., 2001; Zhao et al., 2003a; Zhao et al., 2003b; Zhao et al., 2004; Moniot et al., 2013; Yamagata, 2014), multiple sequence alignment provided evidence for an insertion region in LiSIR2RP1 (region \approx 270-325) that could impact formation of crystals. In the design of internal deletion mutants, limits of deletion had to be determined in order to remove maximum of the LiSIR2rp1 insertion region while keeping enough residues to maintain the global fold of the protein, not to disrupt any secondary structure elements and limit structural constraints.

According to NPS@ and PSIPRED algorithms, LiSIR2rp1 insertion region is flanked by two α -helices (\approx 260-270 and 325-330, respectively). In LiSIR2rp1 Δ S272-S310 and Δ S272-H322 mutants, this region with no or few secondary structure elements is removed keeping a linker of approximately 17 and 5 residues (for Δ S272-S310 and Δ S272-H322, respectively) between the two flanking predicted helices. Sequences kept to form the linkers were also designed in order to exclude maximum of the multiple serine stretches found in the LiSIR2rp1 insertion region.

Design of LiSIR2RP1 Δ P253-E303 and Δ P253-H322 were mainly based on homology 3D models generated with human and yeast SIRT2 homologues respectively (SWISS-MODEL). The two typical domains found in Sirtuins: the Rossmann-fold domain and the small Zn-binding domain each comprising the main Sirtuins' structural features are present in all the generated models. The misaligned region, from residue 250 to 300 for the human homologue-based model and 250 to 320 for the yeast homologue-based model, was removed in the deletion mutants. The length of the linkers was commensurate to the distance separating the two secondary structure elements of the Rossmann fold between

which LiSIR2rp1 additional region inserts, thus limiting structural constraints that may impair global fold of LiSIR2rp1.

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