Supplementary Information Appendix

Exploring the Structural Origins of Cryptic Sites on Proteins

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Supplementary Examples. Exploring cryptic allosteric sites of interleukin-2, TEM β-lactamase, and cyclindependent kinase 2 (CDK2).

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- **Figure S2.** Examples of hot spots near cryptic sites**.**
- **Figure S3.** Hot spots of Cyclin Dependent Kinase 2 (CDK2).

- LC Loops protruding into the site in the unbound structure, and making it closed to ligand: 21
- LO Loops too open in the unbound structure, making the pocket not well formed: 18
- S Side chains protruding into the site in the unbound structure: 18
- LM Loops missing in the unbound structure, leading to loss of the pocket: 11
- I linter-domain cryptic site, affected by hinge or other motion of the two domains: 11
- U Unstructured regions in the unbound structure, in most cases N or C termini: 3
- SC Secondary structure elements too close in the unbound structure, closing on the pocket: 5
- SO Secondary structure elements too far in the unbound structure, making the pocket too open: 2
- SM Secondary structure elements missing in the unbound or bound structure: 2
- CT Very large conformational transition from unbound to bound structures (calmodulin): 1
- F FTMap fails: pocket is too weak to bind probes: 1

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Supplementary Examples

Cryptic site in Interleukin 2

Interleukin-2 (IL-2), which is one of the best-studied examples of a protein with a cryptic site (71, 72). At its interface with the receptor IL-2Rα, the unbound structure of IL-2 (PDB ID 1M47) has two hot spots (Fig. S2A). The stronger, CS0, contains 20 probe clusters and is located in a rigid and largely polar pocket, whereas CS3, with 10 probe clusters, is in an adaptive hydrophobic region (71, 73). Fig. S2A also shows an inhibitor of the IL-2/IL-2Rα interaction, extracted from the bound structure 1PY2 (yellow sticks), superimposed on the mapped ligand-free IL-2 structure, illustrating that the inhibitor would clash with the protein in the unbound conformation and thus that the ligand biding site is cryptic. In Fig. S2B show the mapping of the structure 1Z92, considered unbound in the CryptoSite set (item 92 in Table S2). 1Z92 does not have a bound inhibitor, but it has been cocrystallized with IL2Rα, so it is not entirely an unbound structure. The loop 30-35 of 1Z92 (cyan) approaches the ligand on the left end of the binding site and Lys35 would clash with the ligand. 1Z92A has one hot spot CS0 (green, 23 probe clusters) at the same location as CS0(20) in 1M47, but it has no second hot spot in the flexible nonpolar pocket close to the (left) cryptic region. In the bound structure 1PY2 (magenta) residues 30 and 32-35 participate in helices, and move away from the ligand binding site. Although the major change is in the 30-35 loop region, the backbones of 1Z92 and 1PY2 deviate at several locations, and due to the backbone difference several side chains of 1Z92 protrude into the ligand binding site. In particular, the C-end of the large helix 54 to 72 slightly turns, and the Leu72 side chain protrudes into the site. Although it is difficult to assess how much the binding of the inhibitor contributes to the conformational change between free and bound states, all known IL-2 structures with a fully open cryptic site have inhibitors either bound to both hot spots (1PY2, 1M48, 1PW6, 1M49, and 1QVN), or covalently bound to the hot spot at the cryptic site (1M4A), emphasizing the potential role of these hot spots in ligand binding and the opening of the cryptic site.

Cryptic site in TEM β-lactamase

While the hot spots that the ligand utilizes in the bound structure of IL-2 already exist in the unbound state, for other proteins this is not always the case, as demonstrated by the well-known example of TEM β-lactamase. In the unbound structure of this protein (PDB ID 1JWP), the main hot spot CS0(30) lies in the large, pre-existing substrate binding site of the enzyme (Fig. S2C). However, in bound structures such as 1PZO the position of helix 11 (shown in dark blue in Fig. S2C) substantially shifts, opening a substantial crevice adjacent to the substrate binding site (Fig. S2D). This elongated cryptic site was discovered serendipitously, when crystals

revealed two small inhibitor molecules bound between helices 11 and 12 (66). Mapping this inhibitor-bound structure without the inhibitors shows eight hot spots lining the substrate binding and cryptic sites (Fig. S2D). The strongest hot spot found for the bound structure 1PZO, CS0(16), occupies the same location as the main hotspot seen in the mapped unbound structure, at a distance of 1.1 Å from one of the inhibitors occupying the cryptic site. Thus, β-lactamase satisfies the condition that there is a strong hot spot in the unbound structure near the cryptic site. However, in this instance the ligands that occupy the cryptic site in the bound structure do not overlap with this nearby hot spot. It is nevertheless likely that ligand binding plays some role in the opening of the cryptic site in TEM β-lactamase, as no open cryptic site is seen in any unbound structure of this protein, yet the site can open even under the influence of very weakly binding ligands. For example, an open cryptic site was first observed in the structure of SHV β-lactamase (PDB ID 2FH4), which shares 68% sequence identity with TEM, and binds two molecules of the nonionic detergent Cymal-6 in the cryptic site (66).

Application to Cyclin Dependent Kinase 2 (CDK2)

We have been collaborating with the Wells group of UCSF, who have been interested in finding allosteric kinase inhibitors. In a particular application we focused on the potential druggability of the PIF pocket in various kinases. The PIF pocket is a hydrophobic groove, found on the N-terminal domain of phosphoinositidedependent kinase 1 (PDK1), which uses this pocket to recruit the C-terminal hydrophobic motif (HM) on other members of the AGC kinase family and thereby regulate their activity through phosphorylation (75). Both activators (75) and inhibitors (76, 77) have been developed for the PIF pocket, with many in the low micromolar affinity range. We have mapped a number of kinases of interest, and found that the strongest hot spot in the PIF pocket was predicted for the cyclin dependent kinase 2 (CDK2). Occupying this pocket would disrupt the interaction between CDK2 and its endogenous activator Cyclin. However, the PIF pocket is cryptic, as its depends on the conformation of the kinase. Fig. S3A shows mapping result for the inactive conformation without ATP (PDB ID 1HCL). In this conformation the PIF pocket includes only the weak hot spot CS4(11), shown as magenta sticks. However, mapping the CDK2 structure from the phosphorylated CDK2-Cyclyin Asubstrate peptide complex (PPDB ID 1QMZ) shows that the PIF pocket is more open and includes the second strongest hot spot, CS1(17) after the ATP binding site, which has the hot spot CS0(19) (see Fig. S3B). Based on this result the PIF pocket was deemed druggable (78). Dr. Justin Rettenmaier in the Wells lab at UCSF explored the site using a tethering technique (79) to identify ligands that would bind in that region. This work is not yet published and hence only a brief summary relevant to this paper is given here. Tethering employs a library of disulfide-containing small-molecule fragments (150-300 Da) in order to find ligands that bind at the site of interest (79). Two surface exposed cysteines of CDK2 were mutated to alanine (C118A and C177A) so they would not trap ligands at off-target sites. Based on the location of the hot spot, Lys56 was mutated to Cys (K56C) to enable a tethering screen for allosteric CDK2 ligands. A library of disulfide-containing fragments was

screened for binding to CDK2 using intact protein mass spectrometry. The relative potency of the top 12 confirmed hits was measured by determining the concentration of β-mercaptoethanol required to displace half of the compound from the protein (βME50), where the largest βME50 corresponds to the most potent compound. Next, it was determined whether any of the 12 hits modulated the ability of Cyclin A2 to stimulate CDK2 using a radioactive peptide phosphorylation assay, which revealed that two compounds reduced phosphorylation of the Histone H1 peptide by CDK2-Cyclin by 42% and 81%, respectively. Additional results of this work will be given in a future publication.

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Figure S1. Characterization of the extended CryptoSite set. **A**. Number of unbound structures for each of the 93 protein in the extended CryptoSite set (logarithmic scale). **B.** Local RMSD values calculated for the pairs in the CryptoSite set, versus the smallest RMSD between the bound structure and any unbound structure of the same protein in the extended set.

Figure S2. Examples of hot spots near cryptic sites**. A**. Mapping of the structure of unbound IL-2 1M47. The hot spots are CS0 (green, 20 probe clusters), and CS3 (cyan, 10 probe clusters), The inhibitor from the bound structure 1PY2 (yellow sticks) is superimposed to show the steric clashes that would occur. **B.** Mapping of the IL-2 structure 1Z92, considered unbound in the CryptoSite set (Item 92 in Table S2). 1Z92 does not have a bound inhibitor, but it has been co-crystallized with IL2R-α, so it is not entirely an unbound structure. The loop 30-35 of 1Z92 (cyan) protrudes into the left end of the site and also would clash with the ligand. 1Z92A has one hot spot CS0 (green, 23 probe clusters) at the same location as CS0(20) in 1M47, but it has no second hot spot in the flexible nonpolar pocket close to the (left) cryptic region. In the bound structure 1PY2 (magenta) residues 30 and 32-35 participate in helices, and the fragment moves out of the ligand binding site. **C.** Mapping of the unbound TEM β-lactamase structure 1JWP. The two hot spots are CS0 (green, 30) and CS4 (cyan, 8). The large hot spot, CS0, is only 1.1 Å from one of the inhibitors (yellow sticks). **D.** Mapping of the bound TEM β-lactamase structure 1PZO, which binds two small inhibitors shown as yellow sticks. The ligands were removed prior to mapping. The hot spots, with the numbers indicating the numbers of probe clusters, are as follows: CS0 (green, 16), CS1 (cyan, 15), CS2 (magenta, 13), CS3 (orange, 13), CS4(blue, 8), CS5 (lilac, 8), CS7 (white, 6) (see Supplementary Examples).

Figure S3. Hot spots of Cyclin Dependent Kinase 2 (CDK2). **A.** Mapping of the inactive CDK2 conformation without ATP (PDB ID 1HCL). **B.** Mapping of the CDK2 structure from the phosphorylated CDK2-Cyclyin Asubstrate peptide complex (PPDB ID 1QMZ). The latter shows a strong hot spot 1(19) in the PIF pocket of CDK2 (see Supplementary Examples).