



Supplementary Materials for  
**Structure of the nucleotide exchange factor eIF2B reveals mechanism of  
memory-enhancing molecule**

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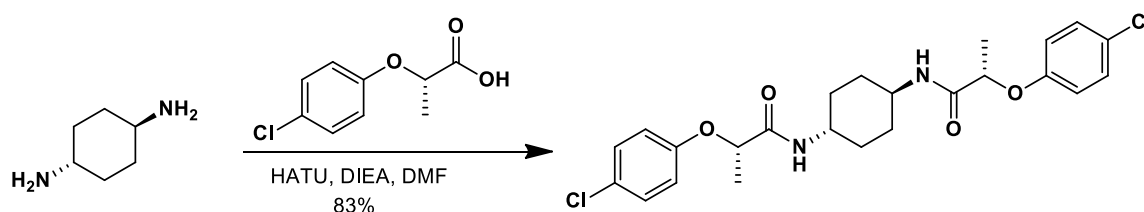
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## Additional Materials and Methods

### ISRIB-A19(*R,R*) and (*S,S*) synthesis & validation

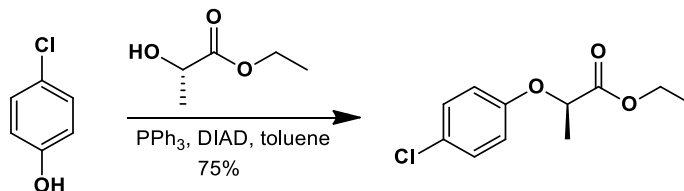
(2*S*)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoic acid was purchased from Enamine. Reagents and solvents were purchased from Sigma- Aldrich, Acros or TCI America and used as received unless otherwise indicated. Flash column chromatography was carried out using a Biotage Isolera Four system and SiliaSep silica gel cartridges from Silicycle. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian INOVA-400 400MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in  $\delta$  units (ppm) relative to residual NMR solvent peaks. Coupling constants (*J*) are reported in hertz (Hz). Characterization data are reported as follows: chemical shift, multiplicity (s=singlet, d=doublet, t=triplet, q=quartet, br=broad, m=multiplet), coupling constants, number of protons, mass to charge ratio. LC/MS analyses were performed on a Waters Micromass ZQ/Waters 2795 Separation Module/Waters 2996 Photodiode Array Detector/Waters 2424 Evaporative Light Scattering Detector system. Separations were carried out on XTerra® MS C<sub>18</sub> 5 $\mu$ m 4.6x50mm column at ambient temperature using a mobile phase of water-methanol containing 0.1% formic acid.

### Synthesis of (2*S*)-2-(4-Chlorophenoxy)-*N*-[(1*r*,4*r*)-4-[(2*S*)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanamido]cyclohexyl]propanamide (ISRIB-A19(*S,S*)):



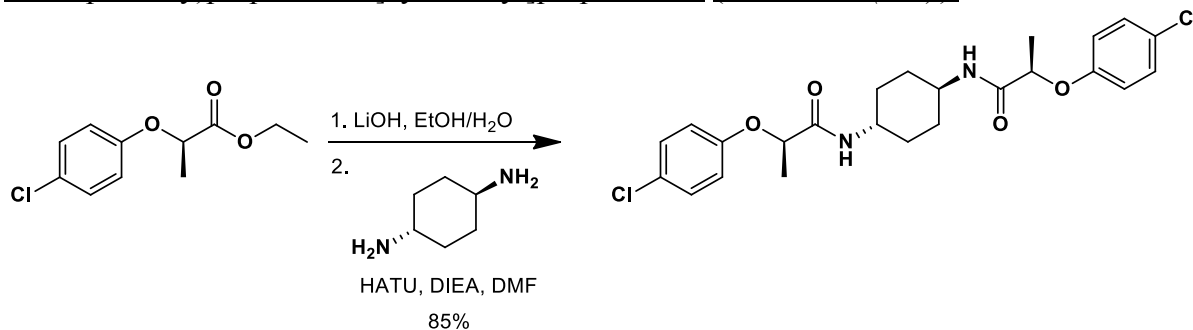
To a solution of the (2*S*)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoic acid (0.176 g, 0.88 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (4 ml), was added HATU (0.35 g, 0.88 mmol), *trans*-1,4-diaminocyclohexane (0.05 g, 0.44 mmol), and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.3 ml, 1.76 mmol). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until the reaction was judged complete by LC/MS. The reaction mixture was then filtered and the collected material washed with diethyl ether, water, and then dried to obtain 175 mg (83%) of the title compound as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO)  $\delta$  7.96 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.30-7.34 (m, 4H), 6.89-6.93 (m, 4H), 4.63 (q, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H), 3.48 (br.s, 2H), 1.73 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.64 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 1.40(d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.23-1.33 (m, 4H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  170.40, 156.85, 129.65, 125.17, 117.41, 74.31, 47.33, 31.16, 19.10; LCMS *m/z* 479 (MH<sup>+</sup>).

### Synthesis of ethyl (2R)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoate:



To a cooled (-20°C) solution of ethyl (2S)-2-hydroxypropanoate (0.330 g, 2.8 mmol), 4-chlorophenol (0.359 g, 2.8 mmol) and triphenylphosphine (0.733 g, 2.8 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in toluene was added diisopropyl azodicarboxylate (0.550 ml, 2.8 mmol). The mixture was stirred at -20°C for an hour and then at ambient temperature for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove the toluene solvent. To the resulting residue was added hexanes and the precipitate that formed was filtered off. The filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* and purified by flash column chromatography (25 g, 0-10% EA/hex) to obtain 0.48 g (75%) of the product as a yellow oil. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.21-7.26 (m, 2H), 6.80-6.84 (m, 2H), 4.71 (q, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 4.20-4.25 (m, 2H), 1.62 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H); LCMS *m/z* 228 (MH<sup>+</sup>).

### Synthesis of (2R)-2-(4-Chlorophenoxy)-N-[(1r,4r)-4-[(2R)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanamido]cyclohexyl]propanamide (ISRIB-A19(R,R)):



To a solution of ethyl (2R)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoate (0.150 g, 0.7 mmol) in 2:1 mixture of ethanol-water (6 ml) was added 1 M aqueous lithium hydroxide solution (1.312 ml, 1.3 mmol). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove ethanol, diluted with water and adjusted to pH 2 with 1 N aqueous hydrochloric acid solution. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated to obtain 123 mg of (2R)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoic acid as a white solid. This material was used directly in the next reaction.

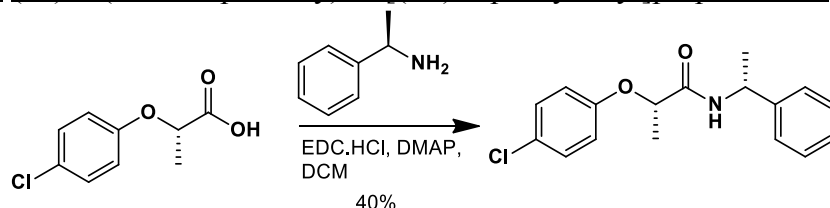
To a solution of the (2R)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoic acid (0.1 g, 0.5 mmol) in *N,N*-dimethylformamide (2 ml), was added HATU (0.2 g, 0.525 mmol), *trans*-1,4-diaminocyclohexane (0.028 g, 0.25 mmol), and *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (0.174 ml, 1.0 mmol). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature until the reaction was judged complete by LC/MS. The reaction mixture was filtered and the collected material was washed with diethyl ether, water, and then dried to obtain 100 mg (85%) of the title compound as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) δ 7.96 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H),

7.30-7.34 (m, 4H), 6.88-6.92 (m, 4H), 4.63 (q,  $J = 6.5$  Hz, 2H), 3.49 (br.s, 2H), 1.73 (d,  $J = 8.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.64 (d,  $J = 7.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.44 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 6H), 1.22-1.30 (m, 4H); LCMS  $m/z$  479 (MH<sup>+</sup>).

Confirmation of inversion of configuration in preparation of intermediates for ISRIB-A19(*R,R*) synthesis.

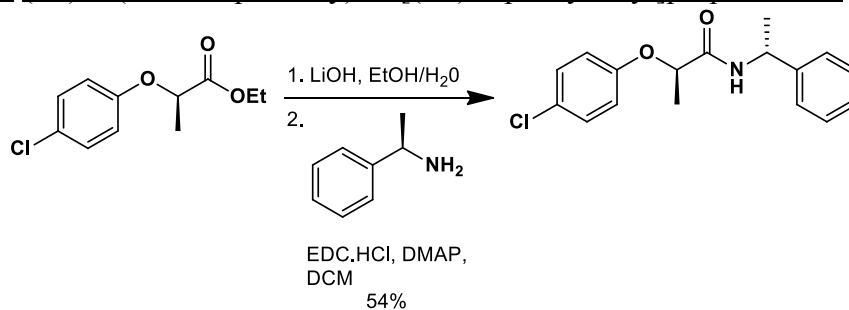
To confirm inversion of stereochemical configuration during the preparation of ethyl (*2R*)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoate, the (*2S*)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoic acid and (*2R*)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoic acid used in the preparation of ISRIB-A19(*S,S*) and ISRIB-A19(*R,R*), respectively, were coupled to (*R*)-(+)-alpha-methylbenzylamine as detailed below. The resulting amides were found to be single and distinct diastereoisomers, confirming the enantiomeric relationship of the propanoic acids and accordingly of ISRIB-A19(*R,R*) and ISRIB-A19(*R,R*).

Synthesis of (*2S*)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)-*N*-[(*1R*)-1-phenylethyl]propanamide:



To a solution of (*2S*)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoic acid (0.050 g, 0.2 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 ml) was added 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (0.048 g, 0.3 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.003 g, 0.025 mmol), and finally (*R*)-(+)-alpha-methylbenzylamine (0.032 ml, 0.2 mmol). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 h. The reaction mixture was then washed with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride, water and brine. The organic layer was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (0-50% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield 30 mg (40%) of the title compound as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.36-7.40 (m, 2H), 7.27-7.32 (m, 5H), 6.86-6.90 (m, 2H), 6.59 (d,  $J = 7.8$  Hz, 1H), 5.15-5.20 (m, 1H), 4.66 (q,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 1H), 1.56 (d,  $J = 6.6$  Hz, 3H), 1.43 (d,  $J = 6.8$  Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.84, 155.49, 142.68, 129.79, 127.53, 127.12, 126.05, 116.87, 75.59, 48.27, 21.63, 18.68; LCMS  $m/z$  304 (MH<sup>+</sup>).

Synthesis of (2R)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)-N-[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]propanamide:

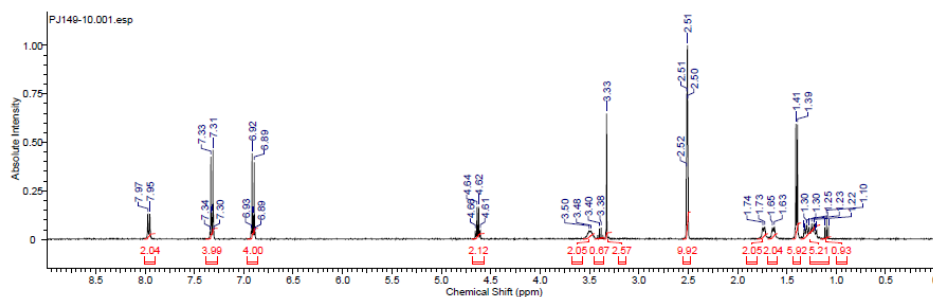
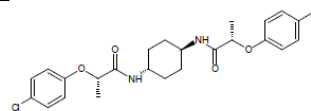


To a solution of ethyl (2R)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoate (0.1 g, 0.44 mmol) in a 2:1 mixture of ethanol-water (6 ml) was added 1 M aqueous lithium hydroxide solution (0.88 ml, 0.88 mmol). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 18 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* to remove ethanol, diluted with water and adjusted to pH 2 with 1N aqueous hydrochloric acid solution. The mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic extracts were washed with brine, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated to obtain 85 mg of (2R)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoic acid as a white solid. This material was used directly in the next step.

To a solution of the (2R)-2-(4-chlorophenoxy)propanoic acid (0.085 g, 0.42 mmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5 ml) was added 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (0.082 g, 0.43 mmol), 4-dimethylaminopyridine (0.005 g, 0.042 mmol), and finally (R)-(+)-alpha-methylbenzylamine (0.054 ml, 0.42 mmol). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 hours. The reaction mixture was then washed with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride, water and brine. The organic layer was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate, filtered and concentrated. The crude product was purified by flash column chromatography (0-50% EtOAc/hexanes) to yield 70 mg (54%) of the title compound as a white solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.21-7.26 (m, 5H), 7.09-7.11 (m, 2H), 6.79-6.83 (m, 2H), 6.56-6.58 (m, 1H), 5.10-5.18 (m, 1H), 4.63 (q, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 1H), 1.61 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.52 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 3H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 170.96, 155.46, 142.67, 129.67, 128.58, 127.36, 127.08, 125.91, 116.89, 75.50, 48.30, 21.80, 18.77; LCMS *m/z* 304 (MH<sup>+</sup>).

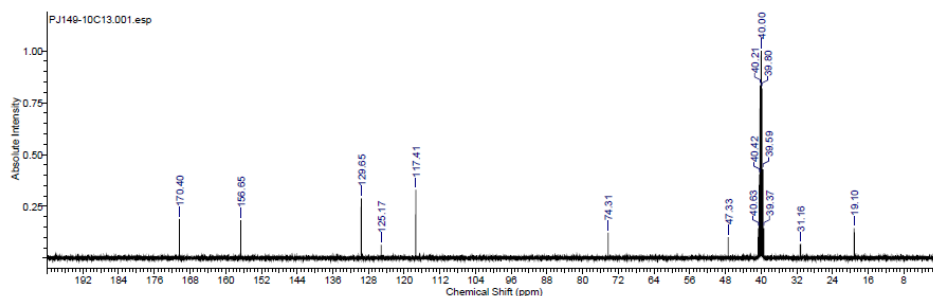
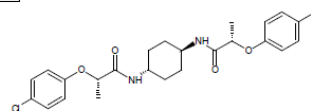
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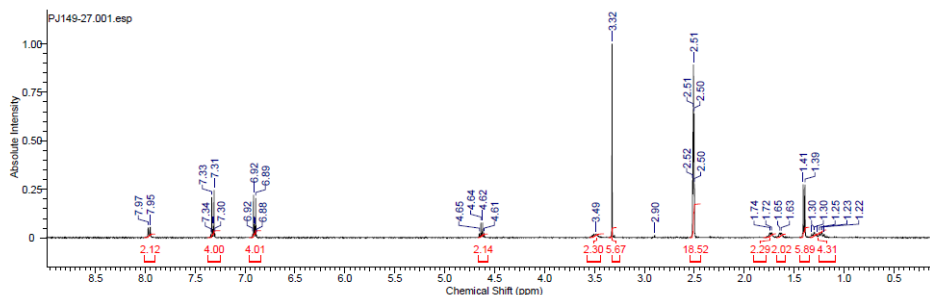
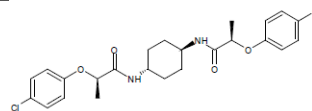
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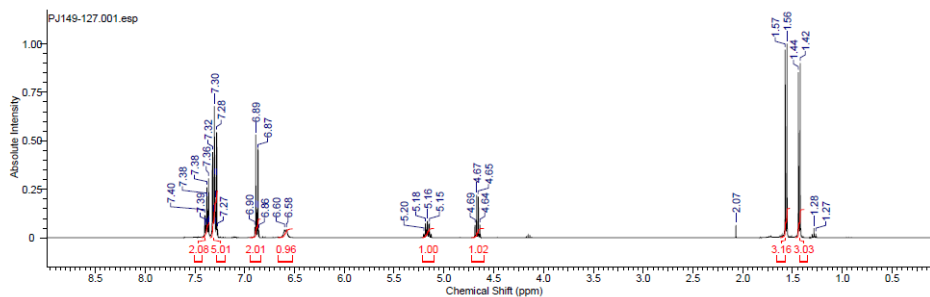
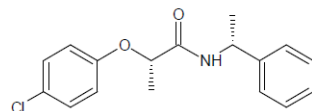
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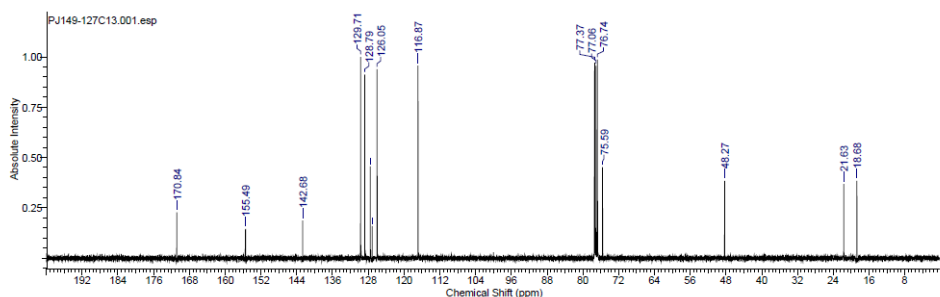
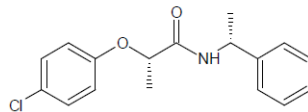
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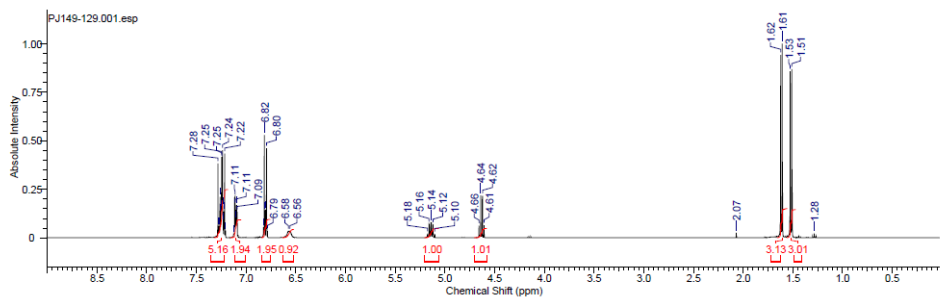
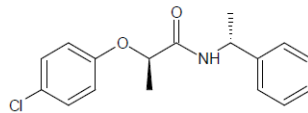
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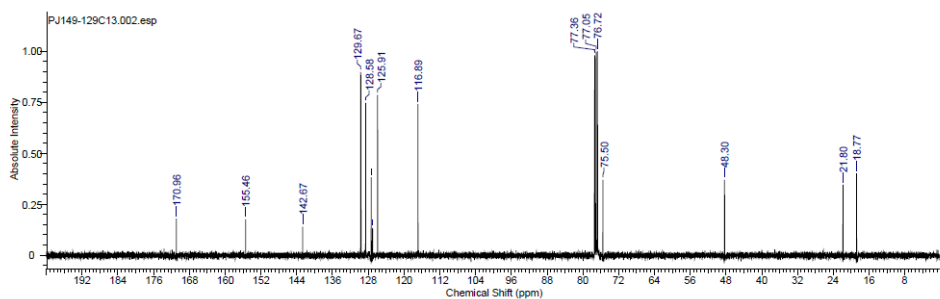
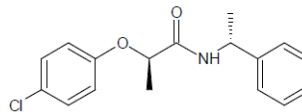
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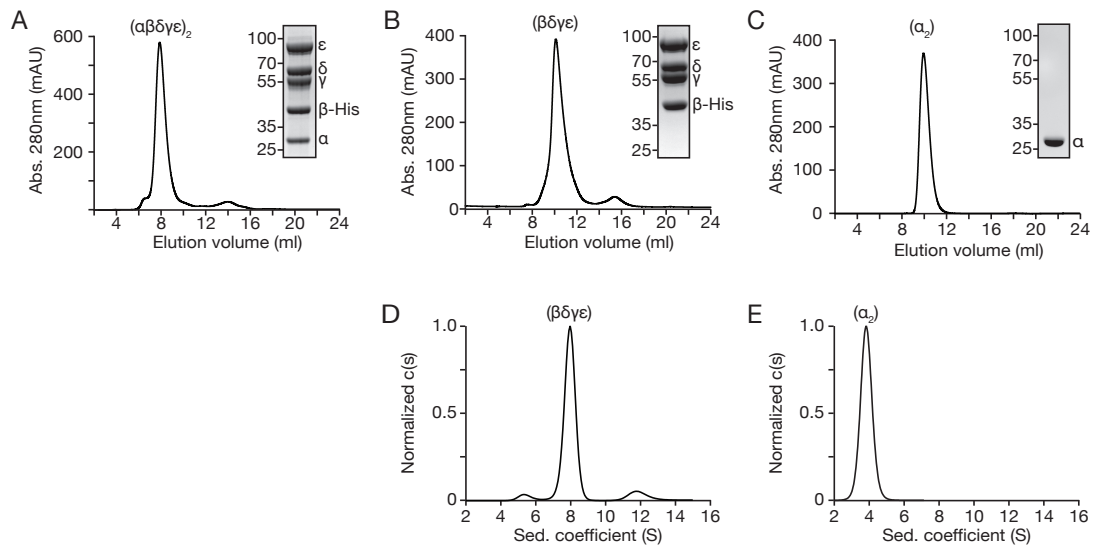
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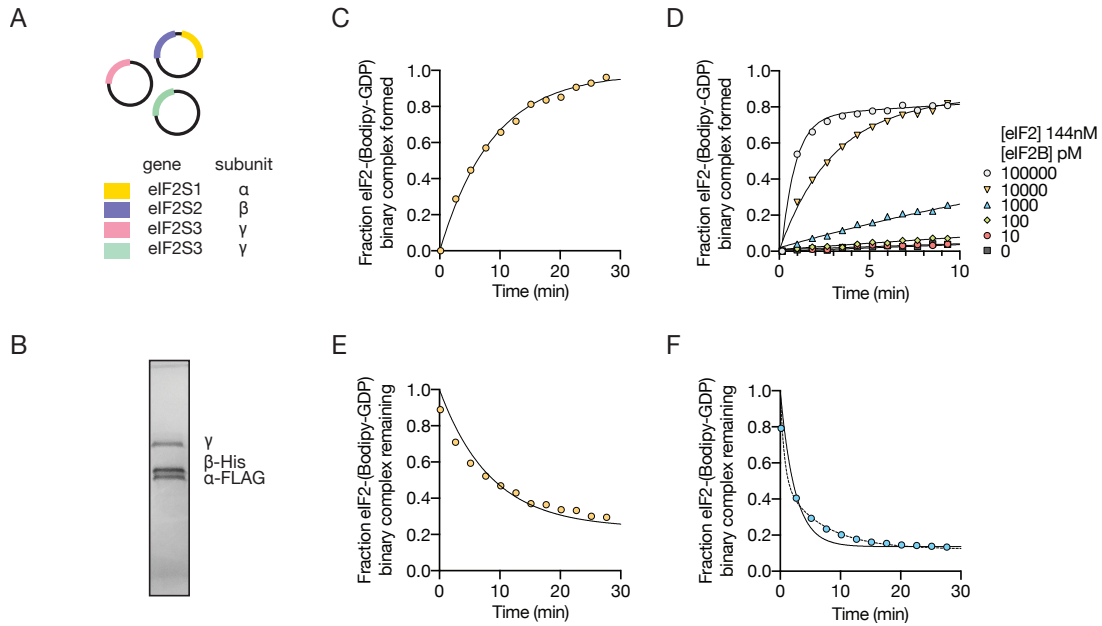
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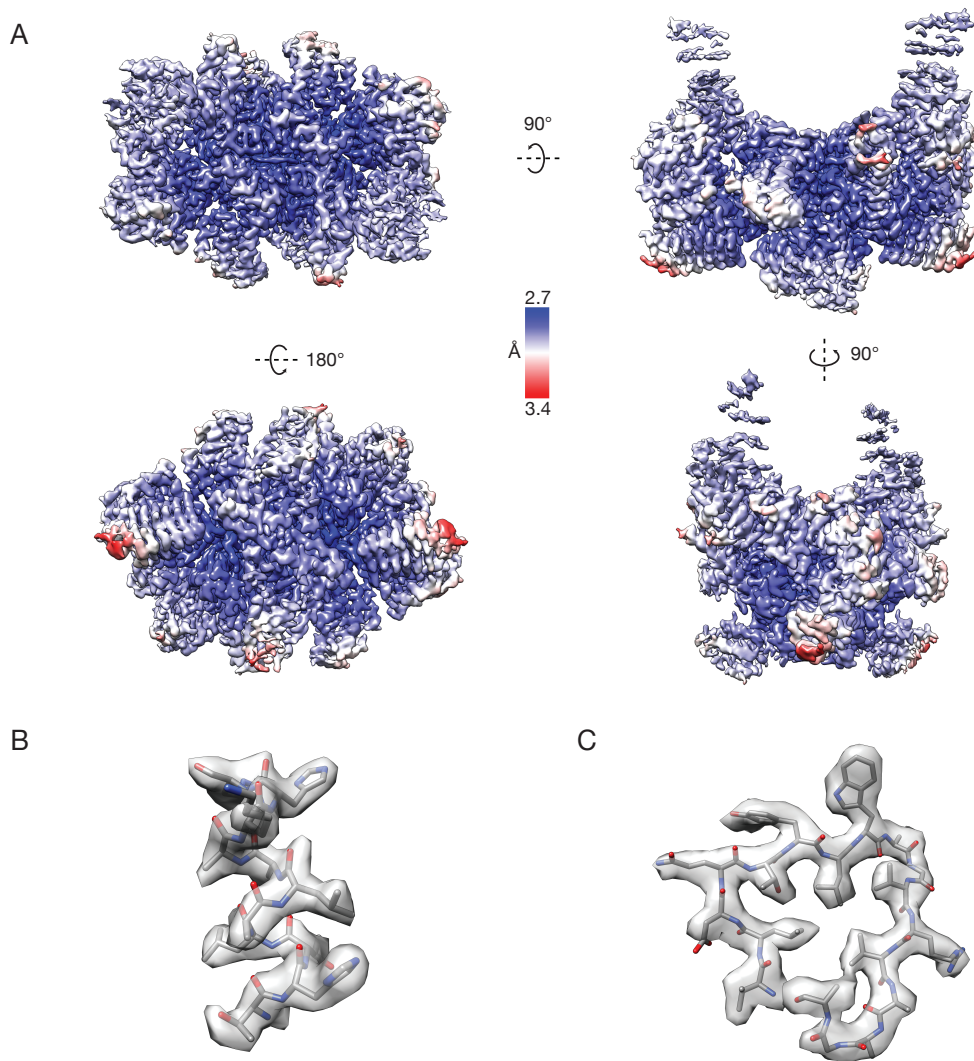
**Fig. S1**

Purification and characterization of decameric eIF2B. Characterization of (A) eIF2B( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ )<sub>2</sub>, (B) eIF2B( $\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ ), and (C) eIF2B( $\alpha_2$ ), by size-exclusion chromatography. Peak fractions were concentrated and characterized further by SDS-PAGE followed by Coomassie blue staining. Characterization of (D) eIF2B( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ )<sub>2</sub> and (E) eIF2B( $\alpha_2$ ) by analytical ultracentrifugation.



**Fig. S2**

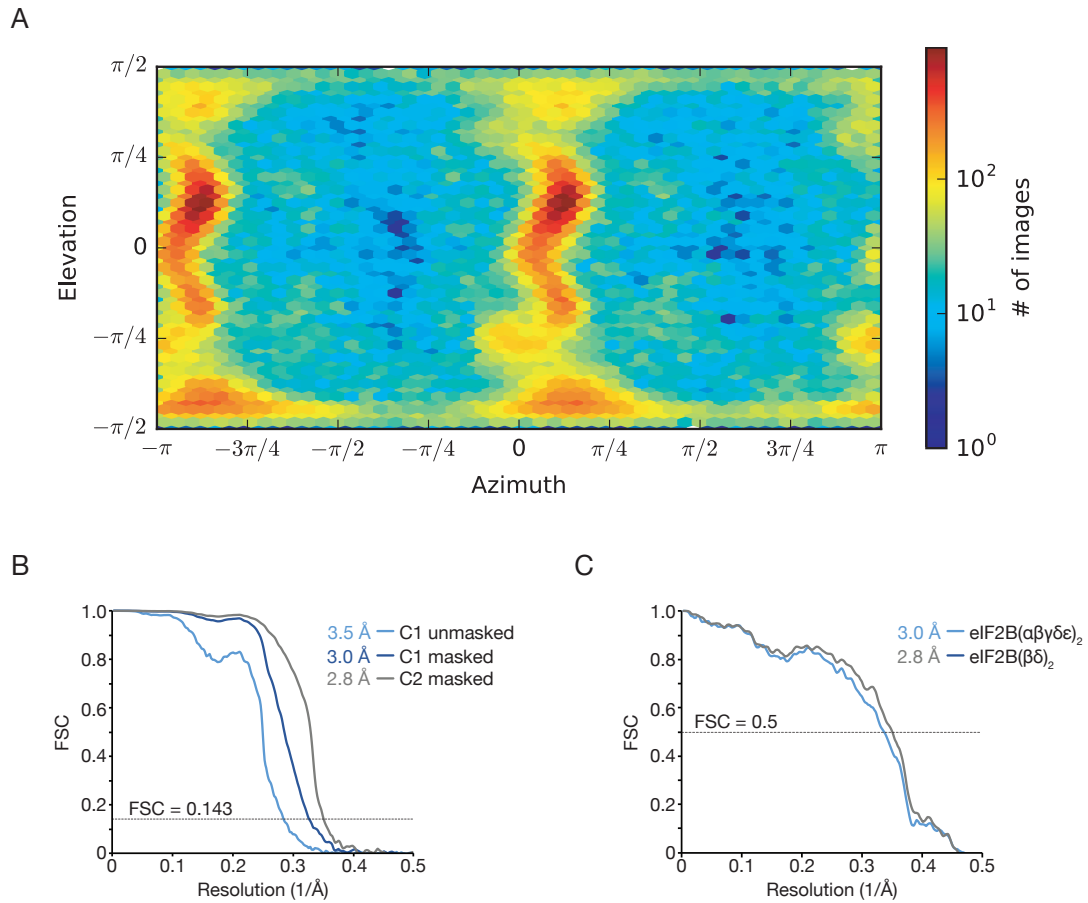
Purification of substrate eIF2 and implementation of GDP exchange assay. (A) Recombinant *S. cerevisiae* expression system for human eIF2 as described in (30). Two copies of eIF2 $\gamma$  compensate for low expression of this gene. (B) Characterization of purified eIF2 by SDS-PAGE followed by Coomassie blue staining. (C) Fluorescent GDP loading and subsequent (D) unloading curves in the presence of 10 nM eIF2B. (E) GEF activity varies with eIF2B( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ )<sub>2</sub> concentration as measured by loading of fluorescent GDP. (F) Comparison of single-(solid line) and double-exponential (dotted line) fits of ISRIB-mediated GDP unloading. Double-exponential fits correlate better with the data ( $R^2 = 0.98$  for double, 0.88 for single) but cannot be explained by current models for nucleotide exchange.



**Fig. S3**

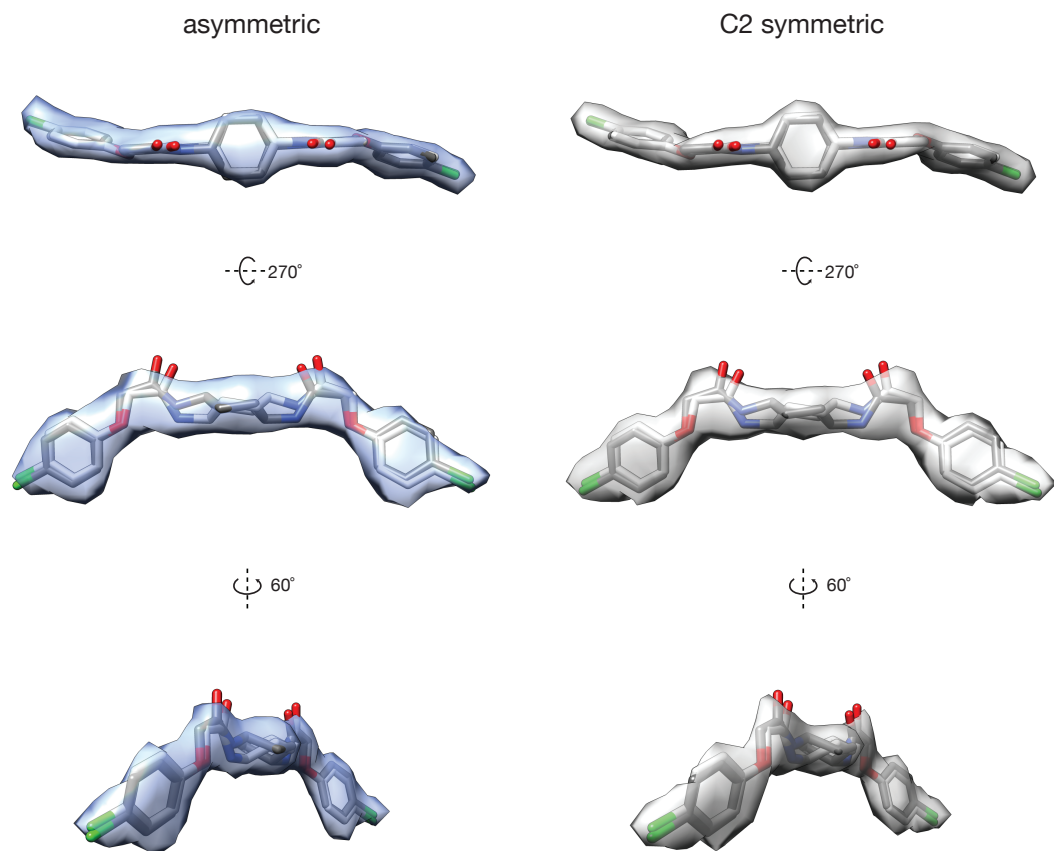
Local resolution. (A) Local resolution estimates determined using RELION 2.1 and displayed using UCSF Chimera. Superlative regions of the cryoEM map rendered as a transparent isosurface and interpreted with atomic coordinates for an (B) alpha-helix and a turn of a (C) beta-solenoid.





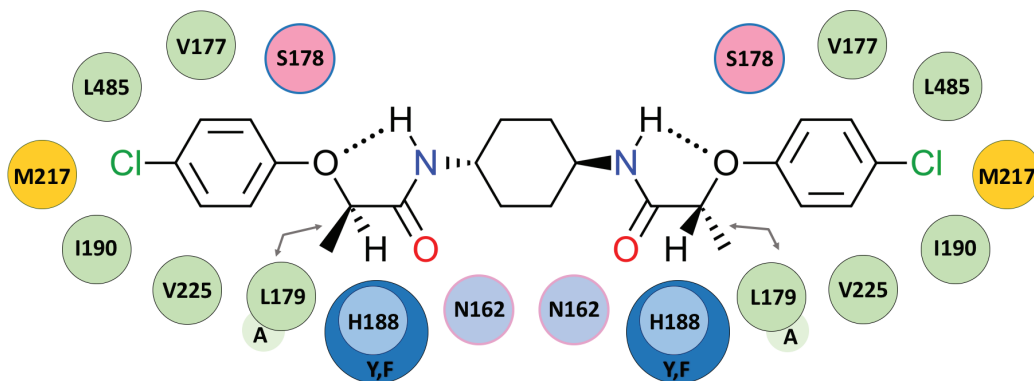
**Fig. S4**

Particle orientation distribution and resolution determination. (A) Plot of per-particle direction distribution over azimuth and elevation angles using CryoSPARC. (B) Fourier shell correlations for independent half maps reconstructed without symmetry or masking, versus without symmetry and with soft masking, and versus with C2 symmetry and soft masking. (C) Fourier shell correlations for the final cryoEM density map versus simulated density maps for the atomic model of the intact decamer versus the ISRIB-stabilized subunits alone.



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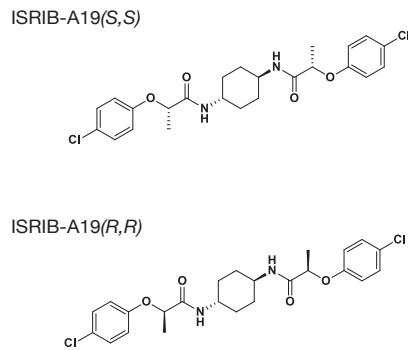
Symmetry and multiple conformer interpretation of the ligand density. Isosurface representations of the cryoEM density computed without symmetry (left, blue) versus with C2 symmetry imposed throughout refinement (right, gray). Although additional conformers of the ligand remain possible given the density, the pair of chair conformers shown are related by rotations of  $180^\circ$  about the N–C bonds to the central cyclohexane ring, or equivalently by rotation of the entire ligand  $180^\circ$  about the axis orthogonal to the plane of the cyclohexane ring. The U-shaped conformation of the O-arylglycolamide side chains is consistent with extensive structure–activity studies of ISRIB analogs (see Fig. S6, (28, 34))



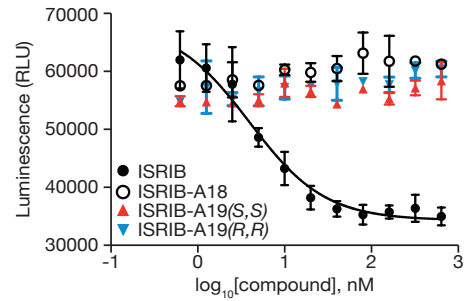
**Fig. S6**

ISRIB binding environment and key mutants. A subset of residues lining the ISRIB binding pocket are rendered as bubbles and color-coded according to amino acid properties.  $\beta$ M217 (yellow) contributes to the hydrophobicity of the pocket and an apparent sulfur-halogen interaction.  $\beta$ I190,  $\beta$ V225,  $\delta$ L485,  $\delta$ V177 and  $\delta$ L179 (green) contribute to the hydrophobicity of deep pockets in the binding site. Mutagenizing  $\delta$ L179 to Ala (smaller, lighter green circle) opened the binding pocket and enabled the methyl-substituted ISRIB-A19(*R,R*) analog to bind (arrows point to the mutated residue and the added methyl group, also see Figs. 2F and 5D).  $\beta$ N162 (blue),  $\delta$ S178 (pink), and  $\beta$ H188 (blue) coordinate polar moieties on ISRIB. Mutagenizing  $\beta$ H188 to more electron-rich aromatic residues, Tyr or Phe, (larger, darker blue circle), enhanced ISRIB binding, consistent with a stronger C-H- $\pi$  interaction in the mutants (also see Figs. 2F, Fig. 3). The proposed upside-down “U-shaped” conformation of the ligand may be stabilized by weak intramolecular hydrogen bonds shown as dashed lines.

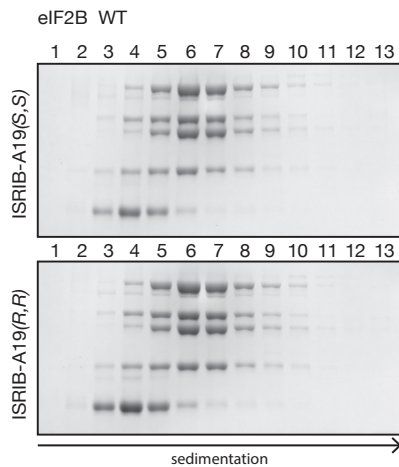
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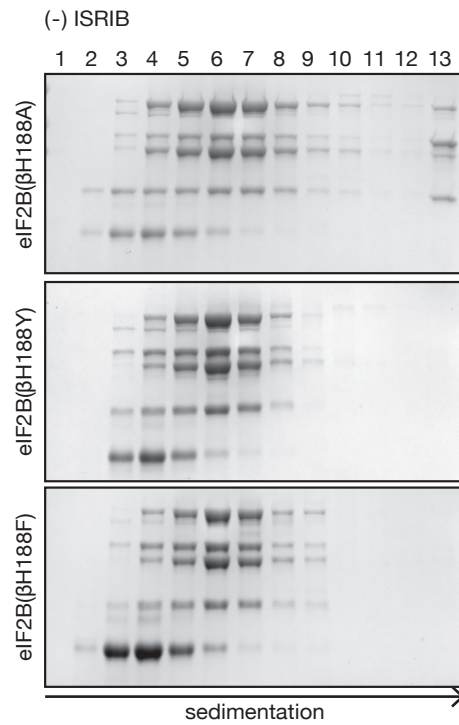


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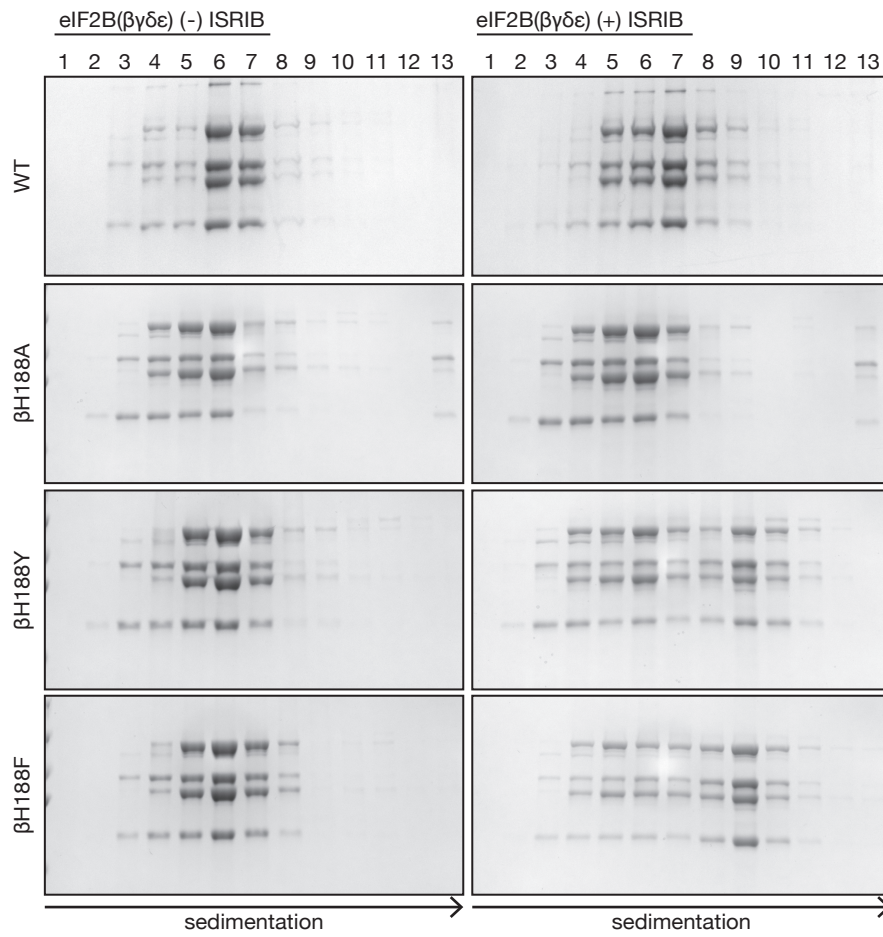
**Fig. S7**

Characterization of ISRIB-A19 enantiomers A19(*R,R*) and A19(*S,S*). (A) Chemical structure of ISRIB-A19(*R,R*) and ISRIB-A19(*S,S*). (B) Cell-based ATF4-luciferase assay with ISRIB, a previously characterized inactive analog ISRIB-A18 (28), ISRIB-A19(*R,R*), and ISRIB-A19(*S,S*) ( $n = 3$ ). ISRIB was measured to have an  $EC_{50}$  of 3.94 nM for reversal of tunicamycin induced ATF-luciferase production. (C) Stability of eIF2B( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ )<sub>2</sub> in the presence of 500 nM ISRIB-A19(*R,R*) or ISRIB-A19(*S,S*) as assessed by velocity sedimentation on sucrose gradients.



**Fig. S8**

Characterization of  $\beta$ H188 mutations by sedimentation velocity. Stability of eIF2B( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ )<sub>2</sub> in the context of  $\beta$ H188A,  $\beta$ H188Y, and  $\beta$ H188F mutations as assessed by velocity sedimentation on sucrose gradients in the absence of ISRIB.



**Fig. S9**

eIF2B(βγδε) mutants enhance ISRIB-mediated dimerization. Stability of eIF2B(βγδε)<sub>2</sub> in the context of wild-type, βH188A, βH188Y, and βH188F as assessed by velocity sedimentation on sucrose gradients in the presence and absence of ISRIB.

**Table S1.**

## Data Collection Parameters

| Data Collection                                   |  |   |                                    |   |
|---|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
|   | eIF2B( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\varepsilon$ ) <sub>2</sub> +<br>ISRIB at Janelia | eIF2B( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\varepsilon$ ) <sub>2</sub> +<br>ISRIB at Berkeley | eIF2B( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta$ ) | eIF2B( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta$ ) +<br>ISRIB |
| Pixel Size ( $\text{\AA}$ )                       | 1.02   | 0.838   | 1.15                               | 1.15  |
| Defocus Range<br>(microns)                        | -0.3 to -3.9   | -0.3 to -3.9  | -0.7 to -5.5                       | -0.6 to -5.4                                  |
| Defocus Mean<br>(microns)                         | -2.0   | -1.8  | -1.9                               | -1.8  |
| Voltage (kV)                                      | 300  | 300   | 200                                | 200   |
| Magnification (x)                                 | 29,000   | 29,000  | 36,000                             | 36,000  |
| Spherical Aberration<br>(mm)                      | 2.7  | 2.62  | 2.0                                | 2.0   |
| Detector  | K2 Summit  | K2 Summit   | K2 Summit                          | K2 Summit                                     |
| Detector Pixel Size<br>(microns)                  | 5.0  | 5.0   | 5.0                                | 5.0   |
| Per frame electron<br>dose ( $e^-/\text{\AA}^2$ ) | 1.19   | 1.63  | 1.2                                | 1.2   |
| # of frames                                       | 67   | 27  | 40                                 | 40  |
| Frame Length<br>(seconds)                         | 0.15   | 0.18  | 0.2                                | 0.2   |
| Micrographs                                       | 1780   | 1515  | 129                                | 67  |

**Table S2.**

## Refinement Parameters

| Refinement                            |  |   |          |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|----------|
|                                       | eIF2B( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ ) <sub>2</sub> + ISRIB at Janelia | eIF2B( $\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\epsilon$ ) <sub>2</sub> + ISRIB at Berkeley | Combined |
| Particles following 2D classification | 102599   | 99526   | 202,125  |
| FSC Average Resolution, unmasked (Å)  | 3.8  | 3.5   | 3.0      |
| FSC Average Resolution, masked (Å)    | 3.4  | 3.2   | 2.8      |
| Map Sharpening B-factor               | -75  | -75   | -78      |



**Table S3**  
Modeling

| Model Statistics                |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Number of Atoms, macromolecules | 24208  |
| Number of Atoms, ligands        | 60     |
| Molprobity Score                | 1.62   |
| Clashscore, all atoms           | 5.56   |
| Favored Rotamers (%)            | 99.76  |
| Outlier Rotamers (%)            | 0.24   |
| RMS (bonds)                     | 0.0047 |
| RMS (angles)                    | 1.16   |
| Ramachandran Favored (%)        | 95.43  |
| Ramachandran Outliers (%)       | 0.00   |
| Ramachandran Allowed (%)        | 4.57   |

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