Supplementary material

The crystal structure of the naturally split gp41-1 intein guides the

engineering of orthogonal split inteins from cis-splicing inteins

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Plasmids and oligonucleotides used in this study. Circularization of linear PCR products was done using Gibson-Cloning (Gibson *et al.*, 2009).

Plasmid	Description	Reference
pADHDuet21	P _T ::H ₆ -GB1-GSY-gp41-1 intein-SSG-GB1	This work
	The gp41-1 intein coding sequence was PCR-amplified from pBHDuet37 using the oligo-	
	nucleotides, J557:5'-GAAGGATCCTACTGCCTGGATCTGAAAACGCAG and J558:5'-CTG-	
	GGTACCGCTGCTGTTGTGGGTCAGAATGTC, thereby adding sequence encoding the wild-	
	type junction sequence at the positions -1 (Y), +1 (S), and +2 (S) to the intein. The PCR	
	product was ligated into pSKDuet16 using BamHI/KpnI restriction sites. The three residues of	
	N- and C-terminal junction sequences are "GSY" and "SSG", respectively.	
pALBDuet28	P_{77} ::H $_6$ -GB1- Npu DnaB $^{\Delta 290}$ intein-GB1	Aranko et al. (2014)
	An IPTG-inducible bacterial expression vector encoding the <i>Nostoc punctiforme</i> $DnaB^{\Delta290}$	
	mini-intein having a non-essential endonuclease domain deleted, flanked by two GB1	
	domains with an N-terminal hexahistidine tag.	
pBHDuet37	P ₇₇ ::H ₆ -GB1-EGS-gp41-1 intein-SGT-GB1	This work
	The sequence encoding a fusion of the N- and C- terminal split fragments of the gp41-1 intein	
	was codon-optimized for protein expression in E. coli and synthesized (IDT) with flanking	
	BamHI and KpnI restriction sites and ligated into pSKDuet16 resulting in a bacterial expression	
	vector encoding the gp41-1 intein flanked by two GB1 domains with N-terminal hexahistidine	
	tag. The three residues of N- and C-terminal junction sequences are "EGS" and "SGT",	
	respectively.	
pBHDuet321	P_{77} ::H ₆ -GB1-EGS-gp41-1 $^{\Delta^{2aa}}$ intein-SGT-GB1	This work
	pBHDuet321 was constructed from pBHDuet37 by inverse PCR using the oligonucleotides	
	J269:5'-CCTGTATATTGAAGAAGGTAAAAAGATTCTGAAAATTG and J270:5'-AATCTTTT-	
	TACCTTCTTCAATATACAGGCACATGCCC, resulting in the loop sequence "IEEG" from the	
	residues 86-91 "VKEMML".	
pBHRSF38	<i>Рт</i> 7:::H ₆ -SUMO-gp41-1(С1А)	This work
	The gp41-1 intein coding sequence was amplified from pBHDuet37 using the oligonucleotides	
	I521:5'-TTGGATCCGGTGCCCTGGATCTGAAAACGCAG and I522:5'-TTGGATCCGG-	
	TGGTGCCCTGGATCTGAAAACGCAG and ligated into pHYRSF53 using BamHI/HindIII,	
	resulting in a bacterial expression vector for inactive gp41-1(C1A) intein with N-terminal	
	SUMO fusion and N-terminal hexahistidine tag.	

Plasmid	Description	Reference
pHBBAD106	P _{BAD} ::CS-NpuDnaE _C intein-GB1-H ₆	This work
	The 35-residue C-terminal split fragment of the NpuDnaE intein carrying the charge-swapping	
	(CS) mutations K109E, K113E, and Q114E was PCR-amplified from pHBDuet093 together	
	with GB1 sequence using the oligonucleotides SK094:5'-TAACATATGATCAAAATAGCCAC-	
	ACG and HK158:5'-AGAATTCCGTTACGGTGTAGGTTTTG. The PCR product was ligated	
	into Ndel/EcoRI-digested pMHBAD14, thereby attaching a C-terminal hexahistidine tag.	
pHBBAD113	P _{BAD} ::CI-NpuDnaB _{C39} intein-GB1-H ₆	This work
	Point mutations encoding S110K and I111K corresponding to the $\textit{Npu} \text{DnaB}^{\Delta290}$ sequence	Addgene #121912
	were introduced into the \textit{Npu} DnaB _{C39} , C-terminal 39-residue split fragment of \textit{Npu} DnaB mini-	
	intein, encoded in plasmid pSABAD250 by inverse PCR using the oligonucleotides L162:5'-	
	GGGATGAAATAGTTAAAAAGGAATATAGTGGTGAGGAAG and L163:5'-CACCACTATAT-	
	TCCTTTTTAACTATTTCATCCCAATAAAT.	
pHBBAD168	P _{BAD} ::Oth-NpuDnaB _{C39} intein-GB1-H ₆	This work
	The plasmid was created from pSABAD250 by inverse PCR using the two oligonucleotides	Addgene #121916
	L286:5'-GGGATGAAATAGTTTCAAAGGAATATAGTGGTAAGGAAGAAGTGTT and L287:	
	5'-AACACTTCTTCCTTACCACTATATTCCTTTGAAACTATTTCATCCC, bearing the I111K	
	and E116K substitutions.	
pHBDuet021	P ₇₇ ::H ₆ -GB1-SGY-gp41-1 intein-SSS-GB1	This work
	The gp41-1 intein coding sequence was PCR-amplified from pBHDuet37 using the oligo-	
	nucleotides HB013:5'-CAAAACCTACACCGTAACGGAAGGATCCGGCTATTGCCTGGATC-	
	TGAAAACGCAGGTG and HB014:5'-CGTTCAGGATAAGTTTGTACTGGGTACCGCTCGA-	
	GCTGTTGTGGGTCAGAATGTCGTTC, containing the N- and C-terminal three natural extein	
	sequences of "SGY" and "SSS". The PCR product was ligated into pBHDuet37 using	
	BamHI/KpnI sites.	
pHBDuet087	P ₇₇ ::H ₆ -GB1-SGY-gp41-1 ^{ΔKEMM} intein-SSS-GB1	This work
	pHBDuet087 was created by inverse PCR from pHBDuet021 using the two oligonucleotides	
	L144:5'-TGCCTGTATGTGGGTGGTCTGAAAAAGATTCTGAAAAT and L145:5'-CTTTTTCA-	
	GACCACCCACATACAGGCACATGCCCTC, containing the "GG" loop sequence at the	
	natural split site to replace "KEMM" (residues 87-90).	
pHBDuet088	P ₇₇ ::H ₆ -GB1-EGS-gp41-1 ^{ΔKEMM} intein-SGT-GB1	This work
	The plasmid was derived from pBHDuet37 using the two oligonucleotides L144 and L145 as	
	described for al IDD ust007	

described for pHBDuet087.

Plasmid	Description	Reference
pHBDuet093	<i>P</i> ₇₇ ::H ₆ -GB1-CS- <i>Npu</i> DnaE intein-GB1	This work
	pHBDuet093 was constructed from pSKDuet16 by two-step inverse PCR using the two	
	oligonucleotides L137:5'-CACGATCGCGGAAAACAAAAGGTGTTTAAGTATTGTTTGGAA	
	and L138:5'-CCAAACAATACTTAAACACCTTTTGTTTTCCGCGATCGTGCC, containing the	
	charge-swapping (CS) mutations E52K, E54K, and E57K. The second inverse PCR was done	
	using the two oligonucleotides L140:5'-AATGTCATAGTCATTTTCTTCGCCTAAATATTCAC-	
	GTGTGGCTAT and L159:5'-TAGCCACACGTGAATATTTAGGCGAAGAAAATGTCTATGA-	
	CATTG, bearing the K109E, K113E, and Q114E mutations.	
pHBDuet095	<i>P</i> ₇₇ ::H ₆ -GB1-CS- <i>Npu</i> DnaE _N intein-GB1	This work
	A PCR fragment containing $H_6\text{-}GB1\text{-}CS\text{-}\textit{Npu}DnaE_N$ with charge-swapping (CS) substitutions	
	including the N-terminally His-tagged GB1 was amplified from pHBDuet093 using the	
	oligonucleotides HB007:5'-TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGGAATTGTG and L135:5'-GTGCG-	
	GCCGCAAGCTTAATTCGGCAAATTATCAACCCGC. The backbone vector was amplified	
	from pHYRSF53 using J502:5'-TAAGCTTGCGGCCGCACTC and J549:5'-CCATGGTATAT-	
	CTCCTTATTAAAG, and assembled into plasmid pHBDuet095 using Gibson-Cloning.	
pHBDuet112	P_{77} ::H ₆ -GB1- Npu DnaB $^{\Delta290,I53K,P55K,T58E,S110K,I111K}$ intein-GB1	This work
	Charge-introducing substitutions encoding S110K and I111K were introduced into the	Addgene #121912
	$\textit{Npu} DnaB^{\Delta290}$ mini-intein coding sequence by inverse PCR from pALBDuet28 using the	
	oligonucleotides L162:5'-GGGATGAAATAGTTAAAAAGGAATATAGTGGTGAGGAAG and	
	L163:5'-CACCACTATATTCCTTTTTAACTATTTCATCCCAATAAAT. Substitutions encoding	
	I53K, P55K, and T58E were then introduced by inverse PCR using L160:5'-	
	CGACTGGTAAAAAGAAGCTGTTTGAATTGACAACTCGATTGGGG and L161:5'-CGAGTT-	
	GTCAATTCAAACAGCTTCTTTTTACCAGTCGAAAAAGCATT.	
pHBDuet116	P ₇₇ ::H ₆ -GB1-Oth- <i>Npu</i> DnaB ^{Δ290} ΔC39 intein	This work
	Charge-introducing substitutions encoding I53K, P55K, and T58E were first introduced into	Addgene #121915
	the $\textit{Npu} \text{DnaB}^{\Delta290}$ mini-intein by inverse PCR on pALBDuet28 using the two oligonucleotides	
	L160:5'-CGACTGGTAAAAAGAAGCTGTTTGAATTGACAACTCGATTGGGG and L161:5'-	
	CGAGTTGTCAATTCAAACAGCTTCTTTTTACCAGTCGAAAAAGCATT. The 98 residue-	
	comprising N-terminal split fragment was then amplified by PCR using HK151:5'-TAGGATCC-	
	GGTTGTTTAGCAGGCGATAGTC and HK297:5'-GTGAAGCTTAATTTCTTGGTAAACTGA-	

GATGTTCT and ligated into BamHI/HindIII-digested pSKDuet01, thereby attaching N-

terminal His-tagged GB1.

Plasmid	Description	Reference
pHBDuet139	P ₇₇ ::H ₆ -GB1-CI- <i>Npu</i> DnaB ^{Δ290} intein-GB1	This work
	$\textit{Npu} \text{DnaB}^{\Delta 290,\text{I53K},\text{P55K},\text{T58E},\text{S110K},\text{I111K}}$ residue E58 encoded in plasmid pHBDuet112 was mutated	Addgene #121913
	to K by inverse PCR using L284:5'-GACTGGTAAAAAGAAGCTGTTTAAATTGACAACTCGA-	
	TTGG and L285:5'-TCGAGTTGTCAATTTAAACAGCTTCTTTTTACCAGTCGAAAAAGC	
	resulting in \emph{cis} -splicing charge-introduced (CI)-NpuDnaB $^{\Delta290}$ intein encoding the I53K, P55K,	
	T58K, S110K, and I111K substitutions.	
pHBDuet140	P_{77} ::H ₆ -GB1-Oth- Npu DnaB $^{\Delta 290}$ intein-GB1	This work
	pHBDuet140 was derived from pHBDuet112 by inverse PCR using the two oligonucleotides	Addgene #121914
	L286:5'-GGGATGAAATAGTTTCAAAGGAATATAGTGGTAAGGAAGAAGTGTT and L287:	
	5'-AACACTTCTTCCTTACCACTATATTCCTTTGAAACTATTTCATCCC, introducing E116K.	
	The final gene for the Oth- Npu DnaB $^{\Delta290}$ intein encodes the I53K, P55K, T58E, I111K, and	
	E116K substitutions of the Npu DnaB $^{\Delta290}$ mini-intein.	
pHBDuet148	P_{77} ::H ₆ -GB1-CI- Npu DnaB $^{\Delta 290}\Delta_{C39}$ intein	This work
	The N-terminal split fragment CI- Npu DnaB $^{\Delta290}_{\Delta C39}$ intein was constructed by introducing a	Addgene #121911
	single E58K mutation into pHBDuet116 by inverse PCR using the oligonucleotides L284:5'-	
	GACTGGTAA-AAAGAAGCTGTTTAAATTGACAACTCGATTGG and L285:5'-TCGAGTTGT-	
	CAATTTAAACAGCTTCTTTTTACCAGTCGAAAAAGC.	
pHBDuet182	P ₇₇ ::H ₆ -GB1-SGY-gp41-1 intein-SGT-GB1	This work
	The gp41-1 intein coding sequence was PCR-amplified from pBHDuet37 using the oligo-	
	nucleotides HB013 (see pHBDuet021) and J541:5'-CAGCGGTTTCTTTACCAGACTCG	
	annealing to the vector backbone. The PCR product was ligated into pBHDuet37 using	
	BamHI/KpnI sites. Introducing the N- and C-terminal junction sequences "SGY" and "SGT",	
	respectively.	
pHYRSF53	P _{T7} ::H ₆ -SUMO- <i>Npu</i> DnaE _N -CBD	Addgene #64696
	IPTG-inducible bacterial expression vector encoding hexahistidine-tagged fusion protein of	
	SUMO, the native split N-terminal Nostoc punctiforme DnaE intein, and CBD.	
pMHBAD14	P _{BAD} ::NpuDnaE _C -GB1-H ₆	Addgene #42304
	An arabinose-inducible bacterial expression vector encoding the C-terminal native split	
	fragment (35 residues) of the Nostoc punctiforme DnaE intein with C-terminal GB1 and	
	hexahistidine tag fusion.	
pSABAD250	P _{BAD} ::NpuDnaB _{C39} -GB1-H ₆	Addgene #45612
	An arabinose-inducible bacterial expression vector encoding the C-terminal artificial split	
	fragment (39 residues) of the Nostoc punctiforme DnaB intein with C-terminal GB1 and	
	hexahistidine tag fusion.	

Plasmid	Description	Reference
pSADuet259	P_{77} ::H ₆ -GB1- Npu DnaB $^{\Delta 283}\Delta_{C39}$	Addgene #121910
	IPTG-inducible bacterial expression vector encoding the N-terminal artificial split fragment	
	(residues 1-98) of the Nostoc punctiforme DnaB intein with N-terminal GB1 and hexahistidine	
	tag fusion.	
pSKBAD2	P _{BAD} ::NpuDnaEc-GB1	Addgene #15335
	Arabinose-inducible bacterial expression vector encoding the C-terminal native split fragment	
	(35 residues) of the Nostoc punctiforme DnaE intein with C-terminal GB1.	
pSKDuet01	<i>P</i> ₇₇ ::H ₆ -GB1- <i>Npu</i> DnaE _N	Addgene #12172
	IPTG-inducible bacterial expression vector encoding the N-terminal split fragment (102	
	residues) of the Nostoc punctiforme DnaE intein with N-terminal GB1 and hexahistidine tag	
	fusion.	
pSKDuet16	<i>P</i> ₇₇ ::H ₆ -GB1- <i>Npu</i> DnaE intein-GB1	Addgene #41684
	IPTG-inducible bacterial expression vector encoding a fusion protein of the split DnaE intein	
	fragments of Nostoc punctiforme flanked by two GB1 domains with an N-terminal	
	hexahistidine tag.	

Abbreviations: CBD, chitin binding domain; DnaB, bacterial helicase; DnaE, catalytic α subunit of DNA polymerase III; GB1, B1 domain of the *Streptococcus sp.* IgG binding protein G; H₆, hexahistidine tag; IPTG, isopropyl β-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside; SUMO, yeast small ubiquitin-like modifier domain.

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