

## Novel, provable algorithms for efficient ensemble-based computational protein design and their application to the redesign of the c-Raf-RBD:KRas protein-protein interface (Supporting information)

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### **S4 Text. Sequence and partition function approximation algorithms.**

$K^*$  is a partition function approximation algorithm that approximates a single partition function  $q_{pl}$ ,  $q_p$ , or  $q_l$  for a single sequence [1–3]. Historically we have overloaded the term  $K^*$  to refer to both the partition function approximation algorithm and the ratio of partition functions:  $q_{pl}/q_p q_l$ . The  $BBK^*$  algorithm implements a search strategy over sequence space to find the best sequences ranked by this score. In doing so,  $BBK^*$  calls the  $K^*$  partition function approximation algorithm as a subroutine. In contrast, in the new work herein,  $EWAK^*$  is designed as a replacement for the  $K^*$  partition function approximation algorithm. Therefore, we compared  $BBK^*$  with  $K^*$  to  $BBK^*$  with  $EWAK^*$  for testing purposes.

FRIES is effectively a preprocessing algorithm that is agnostic to the method of partition function calculation, and therefore is run before  $BBK^*$ .

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