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Supporting Information

## Directed Evolution of a Cp\*Rh<sup>III</sup>-Linked Biohybrid Catalyst Based on a Screening Platform with Affinity Purification

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# **Supporting Information**

### **General Information**

**Instruments.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker NMR Advance III HD spectrometer (400 MHz). <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR chemical shifts are reported relative to deuterated solvents. <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shifts are reported relative to 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> in D<sub>2</sub>O (0 ppm). ESI-TOF MS analyses were performed on a Bruker micrOTOF focus III mass spectrometer. MALDI-TOF MS analyses were performed on a Bruker autoflex III mass spectrometer. The GC-MS experiments were performed on a Shimadzu GCMS-QP2010 Ultra Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer. UV-vis spectra were measured with a Shimadzu UV-2700 spectrophotometer and Molecular Devices SpectraMax iD5 Multi-Mode Microplate Reader. Fluorescence spectroscopic measurements were carried out with a JASCO Spectrofluorometer FP-8600 and a Molecular Devices SpectraMax iD5 Multi-Mode Microplate Reader. CD spectra were measured using a JASCO J-820AC Spectrometer. PCR was performed using Bio-Rad T100<sup>TM</sup> Thermal Cycler. Ultrapure water was demineralized using a Merck Millipore Milli-Q integral 3 system.

**Materials.** Oligonucleotides were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich, Inc. Nucleotide sequences were determined by FASMAC Co., Ltd and Eurofins Scientific SE, Inc. All reagents of the highest guaranteed grade were purchased from TCI Co. Ltd., Sigma-Aldrich, Inc., FUJIFILM Wako Pure Chemical Corporation and Nacalai Tesque, Inc., and used as received unless otherwise noted. Agarose was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Inc. (molecular biology grade, low EEO). Soluble starch was purchased from Nacalai Tesque, Inc. (molecular biology grade). Paraffin oil was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich, Inc. (IR spectroscopy grade). Tween 80 was purchased from TCI Co. Ltd. The rhodium cofactor 1, 3',4'-ethylenedioxyacetophenone oxime (2a), and the authentic samples of isoquinolines 4ab and 5ab were synthesized as described in our previous report.<sup>[1]</sup> *tert*-Butyl 3-(2-hydroxyethoxy)propanoate (S1)<sup>[2]</sup> and  $[(\eta^5-Me_4Cp(CH_2)_2NH_3)RhCl_2]_2Cl_2$  S2<sup>[3]</sup> were synthesized according to the literature.

### **Synthesis Procedure**



Scheme S1. Synthetic scheme of cofactor 1'

*Synthesis of S3*:  $P_{4}S_{10}$  (56.5 mg, 0.127 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous pyridine (5 mL), and the solution was stirred for 10 min at room temperature in a glove box. *tert*-Butyl 3-(2-hydroxyethoxy)propanoate (**S1**) (163 mg, 1.02 mmol) was added into the solution at 80 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred overnight. After the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, generated  $H_2S$  gas was removed by  $N_2$  bubbling. A solution containing pyridinium dithiophosphate was added into a solution of  $[(\eta^5-Me_4Cp(CH_2)_2NH_3)RhCl_2]_2Cl_2$  **S2** (85.6 mg, 0.229 mmol) in H<sub>2</sub>O (40 mL), with stirring for 5 min at room temperature. The reaction mixture was extracted with CHCl<sub>3</sub>. The organic layer was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub>aq, a 5% citric acid solution, and water, and then dried *in vacuo*. The residue was dissolved in anhydrous THF (5 mL), and cannulated into a solution of *N*-methoxycarbonylmaleimide (39.4 mg, 0.254 mmol) in anhydrous THF (10 mL). The mixture was washed with H<sub>2</sub>O and brine, and dried *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by silica gel column chromatography (CHCl<sub>3</sub>/MeOH = 99/1) to afford complex **S3** as red oil. Yield: 34%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400

MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  6.70 (s, 2H), 4.08–4.18 (m, 8H), 3.60–3.70 (m, 18H), 2.59 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 2H), 2.44–2.51 (m, 8H), 1.77 (s, 6H), 1.74 (s, 6H), 1.45 (s, 9H), 1.43 (s, 18H), 1.42 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  170.98, 170.89, 170.83, 170.27, 134.37, 98.83 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>RhC</sub> = 7.0 Hz), 98.30 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>RhC</sub> = 6.7 Hz), 94.53 (d, <sup>1</sup>*J*<sub>RhC</sub> = 7.7 Hz), 80.80, 80.61, 70.21 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>PC</sub> = 8.5 Hz), 69.90 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>PC</sub> = 7.4 Hz), 69.64 (d, <sup>3</sup>*J*<sub>PC</sub> = 9.0 Hz), 67.36 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>PC</sub> = 4.4 Hz), 67.07, 66.87, 65.21 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>PC</sub> = 8.9 Hz), 65.08 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>PC</sub> = 7.4 Hz), 36.44, 36.36, 35.42, 28.25, 24.01, 9.63, 9.59. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  117.13 (s), 97.13 (d, <sup>2</sup>*J*<sub>RhP</sub> = 12.9 Hz). ESI-TOF MS (positive mode): *m*/*z* calcd. for C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>52</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>Rh [M – S<sub>2</sub>P(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OC<sub>2</sub><sup>*t*</sup>Bu)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> 820.183, found 820.130.

*Synthesis of 1*': Complex **S3** was dissolved in 2 mL of anhydrous formic acid at 0 °C and the reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. After removal of formic acid under reduced pressure, the residue was dissolved in AcOH, and dried *in vacuo* again to completely remove trace amounts of formic acid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, acetic acid-*d*<sub>4</sub>):  $\delta$  6.84 (s, 2H), 4.15–4.22 (m, 8H), 3.67–3.85 (m, 18H), 2.62–2.70 (m, 10H), 1.81 (s, 6H), 1.77 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, acetic acid-*d*<sub>4</sub>):  $\delta$  172.24, 135.44, 99.94, 99.36, 95.80, 71.09, 70.56, 67.96, 67.19, 66.32, 65.99, 36.05, 35.43, 30.60, 24.85, 9.98, 9.75. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, acetic acid-*d*<sub>4</sub>):  $\delta$  117.49 (s), 97.62 (s). ESI-TOF MS (positive mode): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>36</sub>NO<sub>10</sub>PS<sub>2</sub>Rh [M – S<sub>2</sub>P(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>H)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup> 708.057, found 708.032.

*Synthesis of substrates 2b and 2c*: A mixture of ketone (15 mmol) and hydroxylamine hydrochloride (2.50 g, 36 mmol) in a solution of EtOH (50 mL) with 5 N NaOHaq (8 mL) was refluxed overnight. After extraction with EtOAc, the organic layer was washed twice with H<sub>2</sub>O, and dried *in vacuo*. The resulting residue was recrystallized from EtOAc to afford oximes **2b** and **2c**.

**2b**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.98 (s, 1H), 7.17 (d, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H). 7.10 (dd, J = 8.2 Hz, J = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.80 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 5.99 (s, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  155.60, 148.56, 147.91, 130.74, 120.34, 108.04, 106.21, 101.29, 12.11. ESI-TOF MS (positive mode): m/z calcd. for C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 180.065, found 180.066.

**2c**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  9.15 (s, 1H), 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.24 (m, 4H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.20 (m, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  155.23, 152.14, 150.97, 131.92, 121.64, 121.21, 119.57, 70.63, 70.58, 31.69, 12.28. ESI-TOF MS (positive mode): m/z calcd. for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>NO<sub>3</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 208.097, found 208.098.

*Synthesis of authentic samples 4 and 5*: Authentic samples of **4** and **5** were synthesized according to the literature with slight modifications.<sup>[4]</sup> Oxime **2** (1.0 mmol), alkyne **3** (1.3 mmol),  $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$  (12.5 mg, 0.02 mmol) and cesium acetate (58 mg, 0.3 mmol) were dissolved in MeOH (4 mL) and stirred for 12 h at 60 °C. After the extraction with CHCl<sub>3</sub>, the organic layer was washed with NaHCO<sub>3</sub>aq twice and dried *in vacuo*. The residue was purified with silica gel column chromatography (hexane/EtOAc) to obtain both regioisomers **4** and **5**.

**4aa**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.63 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 5.06 (s, 2H), 4.76 (s, 2H), 4.41 (s, 4H), 3.48 (s, 3H), 3.46 (s, 3H), 2.87 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.98, 150.27, 143.59, 138.63, 128.51, 124.09, 123.12, 119.75, 119.49, 74.49, 68.30, 64.34, 64.02, 58.78, 58.41, 23.16. ESI-TOF MS (positive mode): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>20</sub>NO<sub>4</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 290.139, found 290.134.

**4bb**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.83 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.14–7.30 (m, 11H), 5.84 (s, 2H), 3.00 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.92, 150.36, 147.76, 141.85, 141.01, 138.58, 131.33, 130.35, 127.63, 127.21, 126.96, 126.92, 124.94, 123.41, 122.68, 121.07, 111.01, 101.56, 23.58. ESI-TOF MS (positive mode): m/z calcd. for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>18</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 340.133, found 340.138.

**4cb**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.85 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 7.11–7.22 (m, 11H), 4.16 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.32 (t, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 1.96 (quin, *J* = 5.2 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  157.18, 153.03, 151.89, 146.82, 141.67, 141.59, 131.40, 130.40, 130.22, 127.48, 127.41, 126.83, 126.62, 125.74, 124.46, 123.08, 121.82, 71.22, 70.45, 31.64, 23.24. ESI-TOF MS (positive mode): *m/z* calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 368.165, found 368.171.

**5cb**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.73 (s, 1H), 7.30–7.34 (m, 5H), 7.15–7.20 (m, 6H), 4.33 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 4.28 (t, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (s, 3H), 2.26 (quin, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  156.41, 154.44, 151.26, 148.77, 141.24, 137.88, 133.82, 131.41, 130.35, 128.37, 127.69, 127.20, 126.91, 123.62, 116.45, 116.11. 70.77, 70.54, 31.35, 22.88. ESI-TOF MS (positive mode): m/z calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [M + H]<sup>+</sup> 368.165, found 368.173.



**Figure S1**. (a) A photograph of starch-agarose resin. (b) An optical microscope image of starch-agarose. (c) SDS-PAGE analysis for the purification of mbpNB using starch-agarose resin. mbpNB is a fusion protein of NB with the MBP-tag (mbpNB: 61 kDa). Lane 1: crude cell lysate, lanes 2–6: Eluted fractions from the starch-agarose resin washed with an AcOH-MES buffer solution, and lane 7: First fraction eluted with AcOH-MES buffer containing 25 mM maltose. (d) Relative yields of mbpNB purified using the starch-agarose resin and commercially available amylose resin (New England Biolabs Japan).



**Figure S2.** SDS-PAGE analysis of soluble and insoluble fractions of *E. coli* cells expressing NB or mbpNB (W: whole cell lysate, I: insoluble fraction, S: soluble fraction). mbpNB is a fusion protein of NB with the MBP-tag (NB: 19 kDa, mbpNB: 61 kDa). The fractions were prepared using the standard procedure in the HTS. *E. coli* cells were lysed with lysozyme (5.0 ng) and benzonase<sup>®</sup> nuclease (1.25 U) in 155  $\mu$ L of KPi buffer (20 mM KPi, 200 mM NaCl, pH 7.0) at 37 °C for 1 h.



**Figure S3**. Cycloaddition reaction of **2a** with **3a** in the presence of maltose, *d*-desthiobiotin, imidazole, and reduced glutathione. Progress of the reaction was monitored by fluorescence intensity at 470 nm derived from product **4aa**. Maltose, *d*-desthiobiotin, imidazole, and reduced glutathione are the reagents commonly used in the elution step of the affinity chromatography for MBP-tag, strep-tag II, His-tag, and GST-tag, respectively. Reaction conditions: **2a** (0.125 mM), **3a** (2.0 mM), Cp\*Rh[S<sub>2</sub>P(OEt)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (20  $\mu$ M), and AgNO<sub>3</sub>(1.0 mM) in AcOH-MES buffer (100 mM AcOH, 50 mM MES, 2% 1,4-dioxane, pH 5.5) containing maltose (25 mM).

(a) Standard procedure



cell lysate purified fraction **B** 

(b) Control (without expression of mbpNB)



**Figure S4.** Procedures for preparation of the purified fractions **A**–**C** used in Figures S5–S8. (a) A standard HTS procedure for the preparation of the biohybrid catalyst mbpNB-1'. mbpNB in the *E. coli* cell lysate was conjugated with cofactor **1'** and the conjugate was purified using starch-agarose resin to obtain purified fraction **A**. (b) A control experiment to obtain purified fraction **B**. mbpNB in the *E. coli* cell lysate was directly purified by starch-agarose resin without the addition of cofactor **1'**. (c) A control experiment to obtain purified fraction **C**. The lysate of *E. coli* cell without IPTG induction of mbpNB expression was subjected to the process of the cofactor conjugation and the affinity purification.



**Figure S5.** SDS-PAGE analysis of the purified fractions A–C prepared as shown in Figure S4. (mbpNB: 61 kDa.)



**Figure S6.** (a) UV-vis spectra of the purified fractions **A** (red), **B** (blue), and **C** (green), which are prepared as shown in Figure S4, in AcOH-MES buffer (50 mM MES, 100 mM AcOH, 25 mM maltose, 0.25 wt% SDS, pH 5.5) (b) UV-vis spectrum of cofactor **1**' in AcOH-MES buffer (50 mM MES, 100 mM AcOH, 25 mM maltose, pH 5.5).



**Figure S7.** ESI-TOF MS of (a) purified fraction **A** and (b) purified fraction **B** prepared as shown in Figure S4.



**Figure S8.** Cycloaddition of **2a** with **3a** using the purified fractions A–C prepared as shown in Figure S4. Reaction progress was monitored by fluorescence intensity at 470 nm derived from product **4aa**. Reaction conditions: **2a** (0.125 mM), **3a** (2.0 mM) and AgNO<sub>3</sub> (1.0 mM) in maltose elution buffer (25 mM maltose, 100 mM AcOH, 50 mM MES, 2% 1,4-dioxane, pH 5.5) containing mbpNB-1' (c.a. 2  $\mu$ M) at 37 °C for 72 h.



Figure S9. A topology model of NB based on the crystal structure (PDB: 3WJB). Residues in the  $\beta$ -strands are shown in squares and residues in the  $\alpha$ -helix structure are shown in hexagons. Cys96 residue is highlighted in red. The twenty-three positions subjected to site-saturation mutagenesis are highlighted in green.



**Figure S10.** mbpNB-1' variants identified in the first round of directed evolution. (a) Relative catalytic activity of the mbpNB-1' variants based on  $FI_{470}/OD_{320}$ . (b) Relative fluorescence intensity at 470 nm of reaction mixture (2a + 3a). (c) Relative absorbance at 280 nm of the purified fraction containing each mbpNB-1' variant. (d) Relative absorbance at 320 nm of the purified fraction containing each mbpNB-1' variant.



**Figure S11.** An MD structure of Cp\*Rh(III)-linked NB(T98H/L100K/K127E). The MD calculation was carried out based on the crystal structure of NB (PDB: 3WJB). Two dithiophosphate ligands of cofactor **1** were substituted with two chloride ions and one water molecule. His98, Lys100 and Glu127 are highlighted as green sticks.



**Figure S12.** mbpNB-1' variants identified through the three rounds of directed evolution. (a) Relative catalytic activity of the mbpNB-1' variants based on  $FI_{470}/OD_{320}$ . (b) Relative fluorescence intensity at 470 nm ( $FI_{470}$ ) of reaction mixture (2a + 3a). (c) Relative absorbance at 280 nm ( $OD_{280}$ ) of the purified fraction containing each mbpNB-1' variant. (d) Relative absorbance at 320 nm ( $OD_{320}$ ) of the purified fraction containing each mbpNB-1' variant.



**Figure S13.** (a) Schematic illustration of the subcloning of an NB(T98H) gene into pET42b(+) vector with a strep-tag II gene based on NEBuilder HiFi DNA assembly technique. (b) SDS-PAGE analysis of the purified NB variants with strep-tag II. Lanes 1: NB(T98H), lanes 2: NB(T98H/L100K), lanes 3: NB(T98H/L100K/K127E).



**Figure S14.** CD spectra of the purified NB variants in KPi buffer (10 mM KPi, pH 7.0). (a) NB, (b) NB(T98H), (c) NB(T98H/L100K), and (d) NB(T98H/L100K/K127E).



Figure S15. MALDI-TOF MS of (a) NB (gray) and NB-1 (blue), (b) NB(T98H) (gray) and NB(T98H)-1 (green), (c) NB(T98H/L100K) (gray) and NB(T98H/L100K)-1 (yellow), and (d) NB(T98H/L100K/K127E) (gray) and NB(T98H/L100K/K127E)-1 (orange).



**Figure S16.** CD spectra of NB-1 in AcOH buffer (gray), NB-1 in AcOH buffer containing 2.0 v/v% of 1,4-dioxane (orange), and NB-1 in AcOH buffer containing 20 v/v% of THF (blue).

Chemicals	Price (JPY)	Required Amounts	Cost (JPY)
agarose	86,500 (500 g)	1.6 g	276.8
soluble starch	1,750 (500 g)	0.6 g	2.1
NaCl	2,000 (500 g)	0.36 g	1.4
paraffin oil	7,040 (500 mL)	70 mL	985.6
Tween 80	2,700 (500 mL)	2.1 mL	11.3
			Total: 1,277 (JPY)

### Table S1. Preparation Cost for 50 mL of Starch-Agarose Resin<sup>a</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>In the high-throughput screening for a biohybrid catalyst, c.a. 50 mL starch-agarose resin was packed into one 96-well filter plate (0.50 mL per each well).

entry	Codons"	Amino acids encoded	
1	NHN	ANDQEHILKMFPSTYV	
2	VNN	ARNDQEGHILKMPSTV	
3	TGG	W	

Table S2. Degenerate Codons and Amino Acids Encoded

(N = A/C/G/T, H = A/C/T, V = A/C/G, K = G/T)

<sup>*a*</sup> Three oligonucleotide primers containing NHN, VNN, and TGG codons were mixed in a ratio of 10:10:1 and used for site-saturation mutagenesis.

	$H \to H$ NB-1 $H \to H$ AgNO <sub>3</sub> $H \to H$ AcOH buffer 3a	Aaa
entry	Catalyst	Yield $(\%)^b$
1	NB-1	< 1.0
2	NB(T98H)-1	$3.4 \pm 0.1$
3	NB(T98H/L100K)-1	$3.6 \pm 0.2$
4	NB(T98H/L100K/K127E)-1	$4.2 \pm 0.1$

Table S3. Cycloaddition of 2a with 3a Catalyzed by NB-1 Variants<sup>*a*</sup>

<sup>*a*</sup>Reaction conditions: NB-1 variants (20  $\mu$ M), **2a** (0.125 mM), **3a** (2.0 mM) and AgNO<sub>3</sub> (0.1 mM) in AcOH buffer (100 mM AcOH, 20% THF, pH 4.0), 25°C, 48 h. <sup>*b*</sup>Yields of product **4aa** were determined by GC-MS.

### **DNA and Amino Acid Sequence**

NB:

ATGTGGAGCCACCCGCAGTTCGAAAAAAATCAACTGCAACAACTGCAAAATCCGGGCG AGAGTCCGCCGGTTCATCCGTTCGTGGCACCGCTGTCCTATCTGCTGGGGTACCTGGCGCG GCCAGGGTGAAGGCGAGTATCCGACCATTCCGAGCTTTCGCTATGGCGAAGAGATCCGT TTCAGCCATTCGGGTAAACCGGTGATTGCCTATACCCAAAAAACGTGGAAACTGGAATC GGGTGCACCGCTGCTGGCAGAGAGTGGTTATTTTCGCCCGCGTCCGGATGGTTCTATTG AAGTGGTTATCGCATGCTCGACCGGTCTGGTGGAAGTTCAAAAAGGCACGTATAATGTG GATGAGCAGAGTATTAAACTGAAATCTGACCTGGTGGGCAACGCGTCCAAAGTTAAAG AAATCAGCCGCGAATTCGAGCTGGTTGACGGTAAACTGAGTTATGTGGTTCGTCTGAGC ACGACCACGAATCCGCTGCAACCGCTGCTGAAAGCCATCCTGGACAAACTG (blue: Strep-tag II, black: NB)

MWSHPQFEKNQLQQLQNPGESPPVHPFVAPLSYLLGTWRGQGEGEYPTIPSFRYGEEIRFSH SGKPVIAYTQKTWKLESGAPLLAESGYFRPRPDGSIEVVIACSTGLVEVQKGTYNVDEQSIKL KSDLVGNASKVKEISREFELVDGKLSYVVRLSTTTNPLQPLLKAILDKL

(blue: Strep-tag II, black: NB)

### mbpNB:

ATGAAAATCGAAGAAGGTAAACTGGTAATCTGGATTAACGGCGATAAAGGCTATAACG GTCTCGCTGAAGTCGGTAAGAAATTCGAGAAAGATACCGGAATTAAAGTCACCGTTGAG CATCCGGATAAACTGGAAGAGAAATTCCCACAGGTTGCGGCAACTGGCGATGGCCCTG ACATTATCTTCTGGGCACACGACCGCTTTGGTGGCTACGCTCAATCTGGCCTGTTGGCTG AAATCACCCCGGACAAAGCGTTCCAGGACAAGCTGTATCCGTTTACCTGGGATGCCGTA CGTTACAACGGCAAGCTGATTGCTTACCCGATCGCTGTTGAAGCGTTATCGCTGATTTAT AACAAAGATCTGCTGCCGAACCCGCCAAAAACCTGGGAAGAGATCCCGGCGCTGGATA AAGAACTGAAAGCGAAAGGTAAGAGCGCGCGCTGATGTTCAACCTGCAAGAACCGTACTT CACCTGGCCGCTGATTGCTGCTGACGGGGGTTATGCGTTCAAGTATGAAAACGGCAAGT ACGACATTAAAGACGTGGGCGTGGATAACGCTGGCGCGAAAGCGGGTCTGACCTTCCTG GTTGACCTGATTAAAAACAAACACATGAATGCAGACACCGATTACTCCATCGCAGAAGC TGCCTTTAATAAAGCGAAACACAGCGATGACCATCAACGGCCGTGGGCATGGTCCAACA TCGACACCAGCAAAGTGAATTATGGTGTAACGGTACTGCCGACCTTCAAGGGTCAACCA TCCAAACCGTTCGTTGGCGTGCTGAGCGCAGGTATTAACGCCGCCAGTCCGAACAAAGA GCTGGCAAAAGAGTTCCTCGAAAACTATCTGCTGACTGATGAAGGTCTGGAAGCGGTTA ATAAAGACAAACCGCTGGGTGCCGTAGCGCTGAAGTCTTACGAGGAAGAGTTGGCGAA AGATCCACGTATTGCCGCCACCATGGAAAACGCCCAGAAAGGTGAAATCATGCCGAAC ATCCCGCAGATGTCCGCTTTCTGGTATGCCGTGCGTACTGCGGTGATCAACGCCGCCAG CGGTCGTCAGACTGTCGATGAAGCCCTGAAAGACGCGCAGACTGCAGAAGCAGCAGCA AAAGAAGCCGCTGCCAAAGAAGCGGCAGCGAAAGCAAATCAACTGCAACAACTGCAAA ATCCGGGCGAGAGTCCGCCGGTTCATCCGTTCGTGGCACCGCTGTCCTATCTGCTGGGTA CCTGGCGCGGCCAGGGTGAAGGCGAGTATCCGACCATTCCGAGCTTTCGCTATGGCGAA GAGATCCGTTTCAGCCATTCGGGTAAACCGGTGATTGCCTATACCCAAAAAACGTGGAA ACTGGAATCGGGTGCACCGCTGCTGGCAGAGAGTGGTTATTTTCGCCCGCGTCCGGATG GTTCTATTGAAGTGGTTATCGCATGCTCGACCGGTCTGGTGGAAGTTCAAAAAGGCACG TATAATGTGGATGAGCAGAGTATTAAACTGAAATCTGACCTGGTGGGCAACGCGTCCAA AGTTAAAGAAATCAGCCGCGAATTCGAGCTGGTTGACGGTAAACTGAGTTATGTGGTTC GTCTGAGCACGACCACGAATCCGCTGCAACCGCTGCTGGAAGCCATCCTGGACAAACTG TGGAGCCACCCGCAGTTCGAAAAA

(yellow: MBP-tag, green: α-helix linker, blue: Strep-tag II, black: NB)

MKIEEGKLVIWINGDKGYNGLAEVGKKFEKDTGIKVTVEHPDKLEEKFPQVAATGDGPDIIF WAHDRFGGYAQSGLLAEITPDKAFQDKLYPFTWDAVRYNGKLIAYPIAVEALSLIYNKDLL PNPPKTWEEIPALDKELKAKGKSALMFNLQEPYFTWPLIAADGGYAFKYENGKYDIKDVGV DNAGAKAGLTFLVDLIKNKHMNADTDYSIAEAAFNKGETAMTINGPWAWSNIDTSKVNYG VTVLPTFKGQPSKPFVGVLSAGINAASPNKELAKEFLENYLLTDEGLEAVNKDKPLGAVAL KSYEEELAKDPRIAATMENAQKGEIMPNIPQMSAFWYAVRTAVINAASGRQTVDEALKDA QTAEAAAKEAAAKEAAAKANQLQQLQNPGESPPVHPFVAPLSYLLGTWRGQGEGEYPTIPS FRYGEEIRFSHSGKPVIAYTQKTWKLESGAPLLAESGYFRPRPDGSIEVVIACSTGLVEVQKG TYNVDEQSIKLKSDLVGNASKVKEISREFELVDGKLSYVVRLSTTTNPLQPLLEAILDKLWS HPQFEK

(yellow: MBP-tag, green: α-helix linker, blue: Strep-tag II, black: NB)

### Primers for construction of expression plasmid for fusion protein of mbpNB

pET-21b(+) with NB vector, forward primer 5'-GGTAGTGAAAACCTGTACTTCCAGGGTAATCAACTGCAACAACTGCAAAAATCC-3' pET-21b(+) with NB vector, reverse primer 5'-CATATGTATATCTCCTTCTTAAAGTTAAACAAAATTATTTCTAGAGG-3' MBP insert, forward primer 5'-GGAGATATACATATGAAAAATCGAAGAAGGTAAACTGGTAATCTG-3' MBP insert, reverse primer 5'-CAGGTTTTCACTACCACTACCAGTCTGCGCGTCTTTCAGGGG-3'

*pET-21b(+) vector with NB and MBP, forward primer* 5'-AATCAACTGCAACAACTGC-3' *pET-21b(+) vector with NB and MBP, reverse primer* 5'-AGTCTGCGCGTCTTTCAG-3'

α-helix linker insert, forward primer
5'-CTGAAAGACGCGCAGACTGCAGAAGCAGCAGCAGAAAG-3'
α-helix linker insert, reverse primer
5'-GCAGTTGTTGCAGTTGATTTGCTTTCGCTGCCGCTTC-3'

### Forward and reverse primers for site-saturation mutagenesis

G36, forward primer 5'-GCCAGGGTGAANHNGAGTATCCGACCATTC-3' 5'-GCCAGGGTGAAVNNGAGTATCCGACCATTC-3' 5'-GCCAGGGTGAA**TGG**GAGTATCCGACCATTC-3' *G36, reverse primer* 5'-GAATGGTCGGATACTCNDNTTCACCCTGGC-3' 5'-GAATGGTCGGATACTCNNBTTCACCCTGGC-3'

### 5'-GAATGGTCGGATACTCCAATTCACCCTGGC-3'

Y38, forward primer

5'-CAGGGTGAAGGCGAGNHNCCGACCATTCCGAGC-3' 5'-CAGGGTGAAGGCGAGVNNCCGACCATTCCGAGC-3' 5'-CAGGGTGAAGGCGAGTGGCCGACCATTCCGAGC-3' *Y38, reverse primer* 5'-GCTCGGAATGGTCGGNDNCTCGCCTTCACCCTG-3' 5'-GCTCGGAATGGTCGGNNBCTCGCCTTCACCCTG-3' 5'-GCTCGGAATGGTCGGCAACTCGCCTTCACCCTG-3'

T40/I41, forward primer

5'-CAGGGTGAAGGCGAGTATCCG**NHNNHN**CCGAGCTTTCGCTATGG-3' *T40/I41, reverse primer* 5'-CCATAGCGAAAGCTCGG**NDNNDN**CGGATACTCGCCTTCACCCTG-3'

F44, forward primer

5'-GACCATTCCGAGCNHNCGCTATGGCGAAGAGATC-3' 5'-GACCATTCCGAGCVNNCGCTATGGCGAAGAGATC-3' 5'-GACCATTCCGAGC**TGG**CGCTATGGCGAAGAGATC-3' *F44, reverse primer* 5'-GATCTCTTCGCCATAGCGNDNGCTCGGAATGGTC-3' 5'-GATCTCTTCGCCATAGCGNNBGCTCGGAATGGTC-3'

Y46, forward primer

5'-CCATTCCGAGCTTTCGCNHNGGCGAAGAGATC-3' 5'-CCATTCCGAGCTTTCGCVNNGGCGAAGAGATC-3' 5'-CCATTCCGAGCTTTCGC**TGG**GGGCGAAGAGATC-3' *Y46, reverse primer* 5'-GATCTCTTCGCCNDNGCGAAAGCTCGGAATGG-3'

5'-GATCTCTTCGCCNNBGCGAAAGCTCGGAATGG-3'

5'-GATCTCTTCGCCCCAGCGAAAGCTCGGAATGG-3'

K68/S71, forward primer 5'-CCTATACCCAAAAAACGTGGNHNCTGGAANHNGGTGCACCGCTG-3' K68/S71, reverse primer 5'-CAGCGGTGCACCNDNTTCCAGNDNCCACGTTTTTTGGGTATAGG-3'

*S71, forward primer* 5'-CGTGGAAACTGGAANHNGGTGCACCGCTG-3' 5'-CGTGGAAACTGGAA**VNN**GGTGCACCGCTG-3' 5'-CGTGGAAACTGGAA**TGG**GGTGCACCGCTG-3' *S71, reverse primer* 5'-CAGCGGTGCACCNDNTTCCAGTTTCCACG-3' 5'-CAGCGGTGCACCCNNBTTCCAGTTTCCACG-3' 5'-CAGCGGTGCACCCCATTCCAGTTTCCACG-3'

L75/L76, forward primer

5'-CTGGAATCGGGTGCACCG**NHNNHN**GCAGAGAGTGGTTATTTTCGC-3' *L75/L76, reverse primer* 5'-GCGAAAATAACCACTCTCTGC**NDNNDN**CGGTGCACCCGATTCCAG-3'

T98, forward primer

5'-GGTTATCGCATGCTCGNHNGGTCTGGTGGAAG-3' 5'-GGTTATCGCATGCTCGVNNGGTCTGGTGGAAG-3' 5'-GGTTATCGCATGCTCG**TGG**GGTCTGGTGGAAG-3' *T98, reverse primer* 5'-CTTCCACCAGACCNDNCGAGCATGCGATAACC-3' 5'-CTTCCACCAGACCNNBCGAGCATGCGATAACC-3' 5'-CTTCCACCAGACCCCACGAGCATGCGATAACC-3'

L100, forward primer

5'-GCATGCTCGACCGGTNHNGTGGAAGTTC-3' 5'-GCATGCTCGACCGGTVNNGTGGAAGTTC-3' 5'-GCATGCTCGACCGGTTGGGTGGAAGTTC-3' \$27 L100, reverse primer

5'-GAACTTCCACNDNACCGGTCGAGCATGC-3' 5'-GAACTTCCACNNBACCGGTCGAGCATGC-3' 5'-GAACTTCCACCCAACCGGTCGAGCATGC-3'

L100 (T98H), forward primer

5'-GCATGCTCGCACGGTNHNGTGGAAGTTC-3' 5'-GCATGCTCGCACGGTVNNGTGGAAGTTC-3' 5'-GCATGCTCGCACGGTTGGGTGGAAGTTC-3' *L100 (T98H), reverse primer* 5'-GAACTTCCACNDNACCGTGCGAGCATGC-3' 5'-GAACTTCCACNNBACCGTGCGAGCATGC-3' 5'-GAACTTCCACCCAACCGTGCGAGCATGC-3'

### A125, forward primer

5'-GACCTGGTGGGCAACNHNTCCAAAGTTAAAG-3' 5'-GACCTGGTGGGCAACVNNTCCAAAGTTAAAG-3' 5'-GACCTGGTGGGCAAC**TGG**TCCAAAGTTAAAG-3' *A125, reverse primer* 5'-CTTTAACTTTGGANDNGTTGCCCACCAGGTC-3' 5'-CTTTAACTTTGGANNBGTTGCCCACCAGGTC-3' 5'-CTTTAACTTTGGACCAGTTGCCCACCAGGTC-3'

K127, forward primer

5'-GTGGGCAACGCGTCCNHNGTTAAAGAAATCAGC-3' 5'-GTGGGCAACGCGTCCVNNGTTAAAGAAATCAGC-3' 5'-GTGGGCAACGCGTCC**TGG**GTTAAAGAAATCAGC-3' *K127, reverse primer* 5'-GCTGATTTCTTTAACNDNGGACGCGTTGCCCAC-3' 5'-GCTGATTTCTTTAACNNBGGACGCGTTGCCCAC-3' 5'-GCTGATTTCTTTAACCCAGGACGCGTTGCCCAC-3'

V128, forward primer

5'-GCAACGCGTCCAAANHNAAAGAAATCAGCCGCGAATTC-3' 5'-GCAACGCGTCCAAAVNNAAAGAAATCAGCCGCGAATTC-3' 5'-GCAACGCGTCCAAA**TGG**AAAGAAATCAGCCGCGAATTC-3' *V128, reverse primer* 5'-GAATTCGCGGCTGATTTCTTTNDNTTTGGACGCGTTGC-3' 5'-GAATTCGCGGCTGATTTCTTTNNBTTTGGACGCGTTGC-3'

5'-GAATTCGCGGCTGATTTCTTTCCATTTGGACGCGTTGC-3'

### K129, forward primer

5'-CAACGCGTCCAAAGTTNHNGAAATCAGCCGCGAATTCG-3' 5'-CAACGCGTCCAAAGTTVNNGAAATCAGCCGCGAATTCG-3' 5'-CAACGCGTCCAAAGTTTGGGAAATCAGCCGCGAATTCG-3' *K129, reverse primer* 

5'-CGAATTCGCGGCTGATTTCNDNAACTTTGGACGCGTTG-3' 5'-CGAATTCGCGGCTGATTTCNNBAACTTTGGACGCGTTG -3' 5'-CGAATTCGCGGCTGATTTCCCCAAACTTTGGACGCGTTG -3'

L148, forward primer

5'-GAGTTATGTGGTTCGTNHNAGCACGACCACGAATC-3' 5'-GAGTTATGTGGTTCGTVNNAGCACGACCACGAATC-3' 5'-GAGTTATGTGGTTCGTTGGAGCACGACCACGAATC-3' *L148, reverse primer* 5'-GATTCGTGGTCGTGCTNDNACGAACCACATAACTC-3' 5'-GATTCGTGGTCGTGCTNNBACGAACCACATAACTC-3' 5'-GATTCGTGGTCGTGCTCCAACGAACCACATAACTC-3'

T150/T151/T152, forward primer

5'-GTTATGTGGTTCGTCTGAGCNHNNHNNHNAATCCGCTGCAACCGC-3' *T150/T151/T152, reverse primer* 5'- GCGGTTGCAGCGGATTNDNNDNNDNGCTCAGACGAACCACATAAC-3'

N153, forward primer

5'-CTGAGCACGACCACGNHNCCGCTGCAACCG-3'

5'-CTGAGCACGACCACGVNNCCGCTGCAACCG-3' 5'-CTGAGCACGACCACGTGGCCGCTGCAACCG-3' *N153, reverse primer* 5'-CGGTTGCAGCGGNDNCGTGGTCGTGCTCAG-3' 5'-CGGTTGCAGCGGNNBCGTGGTCGTGCTCAG-3' 5'-CGGTTGCAGCGGCCACGTGGTCGTGCTCAG-3'

### L158, forward primer

5'-GAATCCGCTGCAACCGNHNCTGGAAGCCATCC-3' 5'-GAATCCGCTGCAACCGVNNCTGGAAGCCATCC-3' 5'-GAATCCGCTGCAACCG**TGG**CTGGAAGCCATCC-3' *L158, reverse primer* 5'-GGATGGCTTCCAGNDNCGGTTGCAGCGGATTC-3' 5'-GGATGGCTTCCAGNNBCGGTTGCAGCGGATTC-3' 5'-GGATGGCTTCCAGCCACGGTTGCAGCGGATTC-3'

L159, forward primer

5'-GCAACCGCTGNHNGAAGCCATCCTGGAC-3' 5'-GCAACCGCTGVNNGAAGCCATCCTGGAC -3' 5'-GCAACCGCTG**TGG**GAAGCCATCCTGGAC -3' *L159, reverse primer* 5'-GTCCAGGATGGCTTCNDNCAGCGGTTGC-3' 5'-GTCCAGGATGGCTTCNNBCAGCGGTTGC-3'

5'-GTCCAGGATGGCTTCCCACAGCGGTTGC-3'

### Forward and reverse primers for subcloning of evolved NB gene

Insert, forward primer 5'-CAACTGCAAAATCCGGGCGAGAGTCC-3' Insert, reverse primer 5'-GATGGCTTTCAGCAGCGGTTGCAGC -3' Vector, forward primer 5'-CGCTGCTGAAAGCCATCCTGGACAAACTG-3' Vector, reverse primer 5'-GCCCGGATTTTGCAGTTGTTGCAGTTG-3'

### NMR spectra

































# Figure S28. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4aa in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.









Figure S32.<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 4cb in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.







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