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## Supplementary information

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## SI Guide

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**Table S1a** Data collection and refinement statistics (molecular replacement) for TrpR-Wt with ligand IAA

TrpR-Wt IAA: 6EJW	
<b>Data collection</b>	
Space group	P 4 <sub>3</sub>
Cell dimensions	
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	81.31 81.31 72.00
α, β, γ (°)	90 90 90
Resolution (Å)	44.93 - 1.99 (2.06 - 1.99) <sup>a</sup>
<i>R</i> <sub>sym</sub> or <i>R</i> <sub>merge</sub>	0.094 (1.962)
<i>I</i> / σ <i>I</i>	11.55 (0.91)
Completeness (%)	99.45 (96.48)
Redundancy	6.5 (6.0)
<b>Refinement</b>	
Resolution (Å)	44.93 - 1.99 (2.06 - 1.99)
No. reflections	32088 (3099)
<i>R</i> <sub>work</sub> / <i>R</i> <sub>free</sub>	0.195 (0.309) / 0.243 (0.364)
No. atoms	
Protein	3293
Ligand/ion	130
Water	130
<i>B</i> -factors	
Protein	50.2
Ligand/ion	46.4
Water	51.5
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.008
Bond angles (°)	0.90

<sup>a</sup> Numbers in brackets correspond to values in the highest resolution shell.

**Table S1b** Data collection and refinement statistics (molecular replacement) for TrpR-S88Y with ligand IAA

TrpR-S88Y IAA: 6EJZ	
<b>Data collection</b>	
Space group	P 4 <sub>3</sub>
Cell dimensions	
<i>a, b, c</i> (Å)	82.44 82.44 75.65
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)	90 90 90
Resolution (Å)	41.22 - 1.90 (1.97 - 1.90) <sup>a</sup>
<i>R</i> <sub>sym</sub> or <i>R</i> <sub>merge</sub>	0.081 (1.816)
<i>I</i> / $\sigma$ <i>I</i>	20.28 (1.47)
Completeness (%)	99.79 (98.67)
Redundancy	12.8 (12.6)
<b>Refinement</b>	
Resolution (Å)	41.22 - 1.90 (1.97 - 1.90)
No. reflections	40085 (3931)
<i>R</i> <sub>work</sub> / <i>R</i> <sub>free</sub>	0.184 (0.305) / 0.218 (0.337)
No. atoms	
Protein	3337
Ligand/ion	118
Water	220
<i>B</i> -factors	
Protein	43.8
Ligand/ion	49.4
Water	46.8
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.006
Bond angles (°)	0.69

<sup>a</sup> Numbers in brackets correspond to values in the highest resolution shell.

**Table S1c** Data collection and refinement statistics (molecular replacement) for TrpR-T44L-S88Y with ligand IAA

TrpR-T44L-S88Y IAA: 6ENI	
<b>Data collection</b>	
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
Cell dimensions	
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	54.78 63.41 64.77
α, β, γ (°)	90 90 90
Resolution (Å)	34.91 - 1.10 (1.14 - 1.10) <sup>a</sup>
<i>R</i> <sub>sym</sub> or <i>R</i> <sub>merge</sub>	0.052 (0.701)
<i>I</i> / σ <i>I</i>	26.67 (3.85)
Completeness (%)	94.44 (80.40)
Redundancy	12.7 (11.4)
<b>Refinement</b>	
Resolution (Å)	34.91 - 1.10 (1.14 - 1.10)
No. reflections	87117 (7337)
<i>R</i> <sub>work</sub> / <i>R</i> <sub>free</sub>	0.158 (0.263) / 0.176 (0.263)
No. atoms	
Protein	1805
Ligand/ion	30
Water	469
<i>B</i> -factors	
Protein	14.1
Ligand/ion	13.1
Water	23.7
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.010
Bond angles (°)	1.08

<sup>a</sup> Numbers in brackets correspond to values in the highest resolution shell.

**Table S1d** Data collection and refinement statistics (molecular replacement) for TrpR-T44L-T81M-S88Y with ligand IAA

TrpR-T44L-T81M-S88Y IAA: 6EKP	
<b>Data collection</b>	
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
Cell dimensions	
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	55.04 63.12 64.64
α, β, γ (°)	90 90 90
Resolution (Å)	41.48 - 1.46 (1.51 - 1.46) <sup>a</sup>
<i>R</i> <sub>sym</sub> or <i>R</i> <sub>merge</sub>	0.034 (0.770)
<i>I</i> / σ <i>I</i>	20.30 (1.97)
Completeness (%)	98.54 (94.76)
Redundancy	4.3 (4.2)
<b>Refinement</b>	
Resolution (Å)	41.48 - 1.46 (1.51 - 1.46)
No. reflections	39383 (3744)
<i>R</i> <sub>work</sub> / <i>R</i> <sub>free</sub>	0.172 (0.306) / 0.190 (0.332)
No. atoms	
Protein	1689
Ligand/ion	41
Water	250
<i>B</i> -factors	
Protein	35.0
Ligand/ion	30.8
Water	45.4
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.002
Bond angles (°)	0.50

<sup>a</sup> Numbers in brackets correspond to values in the highest resolution shell.

**Table S1e** Data collection and refinement statistics (molecular replacement) for TrpR-T44L-T81M-N87G-S88Y with ligand IAA

TrpR-T44L-T81M-N87G-S88Y IAA: 6ENN	
<b>Data collection</b>	
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
Cell dimensions	
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	54.58 63.19 64.90
α, β, γ (°)	90 90 90
Resolution (Å)	41.77 - 1.17 (1.21 - 1.17) <sup>a</sup>
<i>R</i> <sub>sym</sub> or <i>R</i> <sub>merge</sub>	0.052 (0.659)
<i>I</i> / <i>σI</i>	16.16 (1.90)
Completeness (%)	98.04 (87.61)
Redundancy	5.8 (4.1)
<b>Refinement</b>	
Resolution (Å)	41.77 - 1.17 (1.21 - 1.17)
No. reflections	74760 (6616)
<i>R</i> <sub>work</sub> / <i>R</i> <sub>free</sub>	0.148 (0.225) / 0.180 (0.264)
No. atoms	
Protein	1837
Ligand/ion	26
Water	347
<i>B</i> -factors	
Protein	15.7
Ligand/ion	12.8
Water	30.9
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.010
Bond angles (°)	1.10

<sup>a</sup> Numbers in brackets correspond to values in the highest resolution shell.

**Table S1f** Data collection and refinement statistics (molecular replacement) for TrpR-M42F-T44L-T81M-N87G-S88Y with ligand IAA

TrpR-M42F-T44L-T81M-N87G-S88Y IAA: 6ELB	
<b>Data collection</b>	
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
Cell dimensions	
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	55.09 63.31 65.05
α, β, γ (°)	90 90 90
Resolution (Å)	45.37 - 1.44 (1.49 - 1.44) <sup>a</sup>
<i>R</i> <sub>sym</sub> or <i>R</i> <sub>merge</sub>	0.048 (1.086)
<i>I</i> / <i>σI</i>	19.27 (1.37)
Completeness (%)	98.25 (93.32)
Redundancy	7.2 (6.9)
<b>Refinement</b>	
Resolution (Å)	45.37 - 1.44 (1.49 - 1.44)
No. reflections	41354 (3869)
<i>R</i> <sub>work</sub> / <i>R</i> <sub>free</sub>	0.154 (0.227) / 0.193 (0.316)
No. atoms	
Protein	1771
Ligand/ion	26
Water	309
<i>B</i> -factors	
Protein	24.3
Ligand/ion	18.7
Water	36.4
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.006
Bond angles (°)	0.82

<sup>a</sup> Numbers in brackets correspond to values in the highest resolution shell.

**Table S1g** Data collection and refinement statistics (molecular replacement) for TrpR-M42F-T44L-T81I-S88Y with ligand IAA

TrpR- M42F-T44L-T81I-S88Y IAA: 6ELF	
<b>Data collection</b>	
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
Cell dimensions	
<i>a, b, c</i> (Å)	54.96 63.41 64.82
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)	90 90 90
Resolution (Å)	31.70 - 1.83 (1.90 - 1.83) <sup>a</sup>
$R_{\text{sym}}$ or $R_{\text{merge}}$	0.094 (1.985)
$I / \sigma I$	18.08 (1.22)
Completeness (%)	99.50 (96.29)
Redundancy	12.5 (11.2)
<b>Refinement</b>	
Resolution (Å)	31.70 - 1.83 (1.90 - 1.83)
No. reflections	20416 (1945)
$R_{\text{work}} / R_{\text{free}}$	0.177 (0.409) / 0.217 (0.421)
No. atoms	
Protein	1701
Ligand/ion	26
Water	155
<i>B</i> -factors	
Protein	35.6
Ligand/ion	31.3
Water	42.4
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.013
Bond angles (°)	1.20

<sup>a</sup> Numbers in brackets correspond to values in the highest resolution shell.

**Table S1h** Data collection and refinement statistics (molecular replacement) for TrpR-M42F-T44L-T81I-S88Y with ligand IAN

TrpR- M42F-T44L-T81I-S88Y IAN: 6ELG	
<b>Data collection</b>	
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
Cell dimensions	
$a, b, c$ (Å)	55.01 63.47 65.36
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)	90 90 90
Resolution (Å)	42.09 - 1.38 (1.43 - 1.38) <sup>a</sup>
$R_{\text{sym}}$ or $R_{\text{merge}}$	0.063 (0.772)
$I / \sigma I$	16.65 (1.83)
Completeness (%)	99.55 (96.20)
Redundancy	6.3 (5.8)
<b>Refinement</b>	
Resolution (Å)	42.09 - 1.38 (1.43 - 1.38)
No. reflections	47907 (4557)
$R_{\text{work}} / R_{\text{free}}$	0.143 (0.239) / 0.177 (0.295)
No. atoms	
Protein	1790
Ligand/ion	24
Water	387
$B$ -factors	
Protein	16.8
Ligand/ion	12.8
Water	29.8
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.010
Bond angles (°)	0.99

<sup>a</sup> Numbers in brackets correspond to values in the highest resolution shell.

**Table S2.** Flow cytometry statistics

Sample description	Y Param	Gate	Mean Y	Median Y	Gate2	% Hist	Sample #	Sample	replicate	Dilution	Conc [M]	FRET-ratio mean							
Sample_189_H2O	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	0	0	FRET-RESPONSE	0	189	H2O	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sample_190_AQUA	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	290.88	285.52	FRET-RESPONSE	66.67	190	AQUA	x	0	290.88	0	0.91	0	0	0	0	0	2.94
Sample_191_NEON	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	394.34	338.39	FRET-RESPONSE	4.18	191	NEON	x	0	304.34	0	1.24	0	0	0	0	0	0.18
Sample_192_GFP	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	987.72	666.08	FRET-RESPONSE	17.03	192	GFP	x	0	987.72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.75
Sample_193_AUX_0_0	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	312.95	636.68	FRET-RESPONSE	21.38	193	AUX	x	0	312.95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.94
Sample_194_AUX_a_1	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	748.86	636.68	FRET-RESPONSE	27.26	194	AUX	a	1	748.86	0.01	27.26	0.01	0.98	0.01	0.98	0.01	1.20
Sample_195_AUX_a_2	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	670.34	608.57	FRET-RESPONSE	28.34	195	AUX	a	2	670.34	0.0025	28.34	0.0025	0.98	0.0025	0.98	0.0025	1.25
Sample_196_AUX_a_3	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	597.79	556.03	FRET-RESPONSE	26.88	196	AUX	a	3	597.79	0.000625	26.88	0.000625	0.98	0.000625	0.98	0.000625	1.18
Sample_197_AUX_a_4	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	452.96	424.08	FRET-RESPONSE	25.66	197	AUX	a	4	452.96	0.00015625	25.66	0.00015625	0.98	0.00015625	0.98	0.00015625	1.13
Sample_198_AUX_a_5	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	377.88	370.36	FRET-RESPONSE	23.66	198	AUX	a	5	377.88	3.90625E-05	23.66	3.90625E-05	0.98	3.90625E-05	0.98	3.90625E-05	1.04
Sample_199_AUX_a_6	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	340.12	338.39	FRET-RESPONSE	23.64	199	AUX	a	6	340.12	9.76563E-06	23.64	9.76563E-06	0.98	9.76563E-06	0.98	9.76563E-06	1.07
Sample_200_AUX_a_7	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	330.7	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	23.39	200	AUX	a	7	330.7	2.44141E-06	23.39	2.44141E-06	0.98	2.44141E-06	0.98	2.44141E-06	1.03
Sample_201_AUX_a_8	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	325.35	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	23.35	201	AUX	a	8	325.35	6.10352E-07	23.35	6.10352E-07	0.98	6.10352E-07	0.98	6.10352E-07	1.02
Sample_202_AUX_a_9	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	320.86	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	22.72	202	AUX	a	9	320.86	1.52588E-07	22.72	1.52588E-07	0.98	1.52588E-07	0.98	1.52588E-07	1.01
Sample_203_AUX_a_10	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	326.59	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	22.69	203	AUX	a	10	326.59	3.8147E-08	22.69	3.8147E-08	0.98	3.8147E-08	0.98	3.8147E-08	1.03
Sample_204_AUX_a_11	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	321.15	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	24.06	204	AUX	a	11	321.15	9.53874E-09	24.06	9.53874E-09	0.98	9.53874E-09	0.98	9.53874E-09	1.06
Sample_205_AUX_a_12	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	324.87	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	22.95	205	AUX	a	12	324.87	2.38419E-09	22.95	2.38419E-09	0.98	2.38419E-09	0.98	2.38419E-09	1.01
Sample_206_AUX_b_1	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	737.1	636.68	FRET-RESPONSE	28.63	206	AUX	b	1	737.1	0.01	28.63	0.01	0.98	0.01	0.98	0.01	1.26
Sample_207_AUX_b_2	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	673.65	608.57	FRET-RESPONSE	27.49	207	AUX	b	2	673.65	0.0025	27.49	0.0025	0.98	0.0025	0.98	0.0025	1.21
Sample_208_AUX_b_3	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	593.06	556.03	FRET-RESPONSE	28.33	208	AUX	b	3	593.06	0.000625	28.33	0.000625	0.98	0.000625	0.98	0.000625	1.25
Sample_209_AUX_b_4	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	461.27	443.67	FRET-RESPONSE	26.26	209	AUX	b	4	461.27	0.00015625	26.26	0.00015625	0.98	0.00015625	0.98	0.00015625	1.16
Sample_210_AUX_b_5	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	376.13	370.36	FRET-RESPONSE	24.93	210	AUX	b	5	376.13	3.90625E-05	24.93	3.90625E-05	0.98	3.90625E-05	0.98	3.90625E-05	1.10
Sample_211_AUX_B_6	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	343.42	338.39	FRET-RESPONSE	23.94	211	AUX	b	6	343.42	9.76563E-06	23.94	9.76563E-06	0.98	9.76563E-06	0.98	9.76563E-06	1.06
Sample_212_AUX_D_7	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	327.81	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	23.35	212	AUX	b	7	327.81	2.44141E-06	23.35	2.44141E-06	0.98	2.44141E-06	0.98	2.44141E-06	1.04
Sample_213_AUX_D_8	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	320.02	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	22.96	213	AUX	b	8	320.02	6.10352E-07	22.96	6.10352E-07	0.98	6.10352E-07	0.98	6.10352E-07	1.01
Sample_214_AUX_D_9	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	320.66	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	23.1	214	AUX	b	9	320.66	1.52588E-07	22.96	1.52588E-07	0.98	1.52588E-07	0.98	1.52588E-07	1.01
Sample_215_AUX_D_10	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	322.21	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	23.33	215	AUX	b	10	322.21	3.8147E-08	23.31	3.8147E-08	0.98	3.8147E-08	0.98	3.8147E-08	1.02
Sample_216_AUX_D_11	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	321.47	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	23.43	216	AUX	b	11	321.47	9.53874E-09	23.33	9.53874E-09	0.98	9.53874E-09	0.98	9.53874E-09	1.03
Sample_217_AUX_D_12	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	323.82	731.46	FRET-RESPONSE	24.15	217	AUX	c	12	323.82	2.38419E-09	23.43	2.38419E-09	0.98	2.38419E-09	0.98	2.38419E-09	1.02
Sample_218_AUX_C_1	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	669.51	608.57	FRET-RESPONSE	28.08	218	AUX	c	1	731.46	0.01	28.08	0.01	0.98	0.01	0.98	0.01	1.24
Sample_219_AUX_C_2	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	599.75	556.03	FRET-RESPONSE	28.05	219	AUX	c	2	669.51	0.0025	28.21	0.0025	0.98	0.0025	0.98	0.0025	1.24
Sample_220_AUX_C_3	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	443.67	433.67	FRET-RESPONSE	26.17	220	AUX	c	3	599.75	0.000625	28.05	0.000625	0.98	0.000625	0.98	0.000625	1.24
Sample_221_AUX_C_4	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	382.84	370.36	FRET-RESPONSE	25.36	221	AUX	c	4	473.14	3.00015625	26.17	3.00015625	0.98	3.00015625	0.98	3.00015625	1.15
Sample_222_AUX_C_5	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	341.03	338.39	FRET-RESPONSE	24.15	222	AUX	c	5	382.84	3.90625E-05	25.36	3.90625E-05	0.98	3.90625E-05	0.98	3.90625E-05	1.12
Sample_223_AUX_C_6	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	326.56	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	23.68	224	AUX	c	6	341.03	9.76563E-06	24.15	9.76563E-06	0.98	9.76563E-06	0.98	9.76563E-06	1.06
Sample_224_AUX_C_7	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	318.71	309.17	FRET-RESPONSE	23.02	225	AUX	c	7	244.141E-06	23.68	244.141E-06	0.98	2.44141E-06	0.98	2.44141E-06	1.04	
Sample_225_AUX_C_8	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	319.9	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	23.54	226	AUX	c	8	6.10352E-07	23.81	6.10352E-07	0.98	6.10352E-07	0.98	6.10352E-07	1.01	
Sample_226_AUX_C_9	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	322.59	323.45	FRET-RESPONSE	23.83	227	AUX	c	9	1.52588E-07	23.54	1.52588E-07	0.98	1.52588E-07	0.98	1.52588E-07	1.04	
Sample_227_AUX_C_10	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	318.1	308.17	FRET-RESPONSE	23.82	228	AUX	c	10	322.59	3.8147E-08	23.81	3.8147E-08	0.98	3.8147E-08	0.98	3.8147E-08	1.05
Sample_228_AUX_C_11	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	319.87	309.17	FRET-RESPONSE	23.6	229	AUX	c	11	9.53874E-09	23.82	9.53874E-09	0.98	9.53874E-09	0.98	9.53874E-09	1.05	
Sample_229_AUX_C_12	(FL10-Log_Height/FL9-Log_Height)	Total	319.87	309.17	FRET-RESPONSE	23.6	229	AUX	c	12	2.38419E-09	23.6	2.38419E-09	0.98	2.38419E-09	0.98	2.38419E-09	1.04	

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