## Table S2. Subfamily-specific position among BCAT and R-TA families of PLP fold type IV.

Subfamily-specific positions are ranked by decreasing statistical significance; higher rank means more significant input of the position on the functional difference between the families. For each position, its "Rank" is indicated (the higher the rank, the more is our interest in the position in terms of its potential influence on function) and specificity estimates (S-, Z-, P-estimates correspond to the initial value of the specificity function, its centered and normalized value and the assessment of statistical reliability, respectively). Positions are numbered according to PDB structure 6GKR. The amino acid content is provided separately for each family in each position.

				Position in <i>TaTT</i> structure	BCATs homologous to TaTT	R-TAs homologous to TaTT
Rank	S-score	Z-score	P-value	(PDB ID 6GKR)	(308 sequences)	(291 sequences)
1	0.834	6.255	4.94E-08	A/GLY/41	G (99.4%) S (0.3%) - (0.3%)	V (78.7%) T (20.6%) G (0.3%) A (0.3%)
2	0.993	6.075	1.19E-14	A/TYR/166	Y (100.0%)	W (99.3%) R (0.3%) - (0.3%)
3	0.967	5.914	1.18E-20	A/ASN/168	N (96.4%) Q (1.3%) T (1.0%) S (0.6%) L (0.3%) I (0.3%)	D (99.7%) E (0.3%)
					A (65.9%) M (12.7%) V (11.4%) W (3.2%) Y (2.3%) T (1.9%) S (1.0%) G (0.3%) E (0.3%) F (0.3%) C (0.3%) Q	
4	0.748	5.881	2.68E-27	A/ALA/262	(0.3%)	G (99.7%) - (0.3%)
5	0.93	5.861	4.88E-34	A/PHE/39	F (98.7%) Y (1.0%) - (0.3%)	Y (97.6%) Q (2.4%)
6	0.798	5.838	1.06E-40	A/GLY/259	G (100.0%)	T (57.4%) S (41.9%) - (0.3%) A (0.3%)
7	0.783	5.672	9.59E-45	A/GLU/40	E (85.4%) G (11.4%) A (2.6%) - (0.3%) D (0.3%)	D (93.8%) T (5.2%) E (1.0%)
8	0.718	5.604	4.83E-50	A/GLU/263	E (56.5%) Q (33.1%) H (7.5%) G (1.6%) A (0.6%) N (0.6%)	G (99.7%) - (0.3%)
9	0.699	5.57	7.54E-56	A/TRP/148	W (93.5%) F (4.5%) Y (1.3%) I (0.6%)	V (68.7%) T (7.2%) Q (4.5%) P (4.1%) L (3.8%) R (2.4%) I (2.1%) Y (2.1%) E (1.4%) M (1.0%) H (1.0%) S (0.7%) - (0.7%) N (0.3%)
10	0.817	5.519	4.43E-61	A/TYR/45	Y (91.2%) N (8.1%) F (0.4%) - (0.3%)	W (89.7%) R (2.7%) S (2.4%) F (1.7%) V (0.7%) H (0.7%) L (0.7%) K (0.3%) T (0.3%) C (0.3%) Y (0.3%)
11	0.697	5.491	9.07E-67	A/SER/34	Y (86.0%) F (7.1%) W (2.9%) S (2.3%) T (0.6%) R (0.6%) - (0.3%)	H (72.2%) R (26.1%) K (1.4%) W (0.3%)
12	0.636	5.479	8.16E-73	A/SER/169	S (73.4%) G (7.5%) T (7.1%) A (5.8%) N (4.9%) M (0.3%) Y (0.3%) L (0.3%) P (0.3%)	L (76.6%) F (14.1%) M (9.3%)
13	0.598	5.467	7.64E-79	A/GLY/44	A (49.4%) G (36.7%) C (10.4%) S (1.6%) V (1.3%) - (0.3%) T (0.3%)	V (92.8%) I (3.4%) A (2.1%) T (1.0%) F (0.3%) M (0.3%)
14	0.742	5.444	1.85E-84	A/VAL/35	G (94.8%) A (2.3%) V (2.3%) T (0.3%) - (0.3%)	S (92.4%) G (5.2%) A (2.4%)
15	0.578	5.363	6.45E-88	A/SER/199	E (57.1%) A (17.9%) M (13.0%) S (9.4%) C (1.0%) Y (1.0%) G (0.3%) Q (0.3%)	F (86.6%) Y (11.0%) A (1.4%) S (0.7%) C (0.3%)
					T (59.4%) L (15.9%) A (7.1%) S (5.8%) N (3.2%) I (1.9%) V (1.6%) F (1.3%) G (1.0%) C (1.0%) W (0.6%) Y (0.3%) -	
16	0.71	5.356	7.22E-94	A/THR/36	(0.3%) D(0.3%)	D (99.7%) N (0.3%)
17	0.574	5.345	1.20E-99	A/ALA/164	G (64.6%) A (30.5%) S (3.9%) P (1.0%)	H (50.9%) Q (47.8%) M (0.7%) - (0.3%) N (0.3%)
18	0.709	5.295	9.84E-104	A/MET/53	L (62.3%) M (8.8%) I (6.2%) S (5.2%) V (5.2%) A (2.6%) P (2.6%) F (2.3%) T (2.3%) N (1.0%) R (1.0%) H (0.3%) Y (0.3%)	G (98.3%) S (0.7%) N (0.3%) D (0.3%) R (0.3%)

					R (91.6%) P (3.9%) K (3.2%)	H (36.1%) S (33.3%) A (14.1%) T
10	0.500	5.050	<b>2</b> 1 <b>5 1</b> 100		G (0.3%) A (0.3%) C (0.3%) -	(6.9%) P (4.8%) G (3.8%) V (0.3%)
19	0.569	5.258	3.15E-108	A/ARG/43	(0.3%)	1 (0.3%) N (0.3%)
					A (23.0%) I (24.0%) V (22.1%) C (9.1%) S (5.5%) L (4.5%) P	
					(3.9%) T (2.9%) M (1.6%) N	
20	0.605	5.202	1.21E-111	A/ALA/162	(0.6%)	N (97.3%) H (2.4%) - (0.3%)
						E (59.8%) A (16.8%) Q (7.6%) N
						(4.5%) S (3.1%) - (2.1%) W (2.1%)
					R (93.2%) C (2.6%) H (1.6%)	C (1.0%) M (1.0%) D (0.7%) Y
21	0.642	5 15	4 66F-115	A/MFT/103	(0.0%) M $(0.0%)$ I $(0.5%)$ I (0.3%) O $(0.3%)$ L $(0.3%)$	(0.5%) V $(0.5%)$ K $(0.5%)$ L $(0.3%)$
	0.012	5.15	11002 110		P(89.0%) S(5.2%) M(3.6%)	
					V (1.0%) F (0.6%) I (0.3%) A	D (93.1%) N (3.8%) E (1.0%) S
22	0.833	5.121	1.81E-119	A/PRO/157	(0.3%)	(1.0%) - (0.7%) Y (0.3%)
					Y (68.5%) F (28.9%) W (1.0%)	
22	0.676	5.07	1.05E 100	A /TVD /107	C(0.3%) S(0.3%) I(0.3%) L	T (82.1%) L (6.9%) S (5.8%) A (2.4%) $(1.0\%)$ M (0.2%) V (0.2%)
23	0.070	5.07	1.23E-122	A/11K/10/	$(0.5\%) \oplus (0.5\%)$ H (56.2%) N (11.0%) P	(5.4%) - (1.0%) M (0.5%) V (0.5%)
					(10.1%) K $(8.1%)$ O $(4.5%)$ A	
					(2.6%) V (2.3%) R (1.3%) T	
					(1.0%) G (0.6%) L (0.6%) I	
		1 a a <b>7</b>			(0.3%) - (0.3%) S (0.3%) Y	D (97.9%) - (1.0%) E (0.7%) H
24	0.673	4.985	9.56E-124	A/TYR/30	$(0.3\%) \to (0.3\%)$	(0.3%)
					A $(61.4\%)$ I $(12.7\%)$ G (11.4%) S $(9.1%)$ V $(2.9%)$ F	
					(1.3%) M (0.3%) W (0.3%) C	F (83.5%) L (8.2%) Y (6.9%) V
25	0.586	4.874	4.25E-123	A/TRP/31	(0.3%) - (0.3%)	(1.0%) - (0.3%)
					P (83.1%) Q (6.5%) V (2.9%) L	
				// . /	(1.9%) I (1.6%) M (1.6%) A	M (45.0%) L (33.0%) I (13.4%) V
26	0.485	4.753	1.33E-121	A/PRO/104	(1.3%) T (1.0%)	(3.4%) F (2.4%) W (2.1%) - (0.7%)
					I(70.0%) L(10.7%) V(5.8%) M(2.0%) T(2.3%) E(1.0%)	V(45.4%) P(36.8%) A(10.7%) I
27	0.395	4.717	1.30E-124	A/ILE/42	$(0.3\%) \to (0.3\%) \to (0.3\%)$	(3.8%) T (1.7%) - (1.4%) F (0.3%)
						H (71.5%) R (9.3%) E (6.2%) D
					G (89.0%) N (3.6%) A (3.2%)	(2.7%) L (2.1%) A (2.1%) Y
					S (1.9%) C (1.6%) D (0.3%) R	(1.7%) M (1.4%) S (0.7%) N
28	0.653	4.663	1.96E-126	A/GLY/297	(0.3%)	(0.7%) Q (0.7%) I (0.7%) K (0.3%)
						R (53.3%) K (10.3%) A (10.0%) M (8.6%) $O (4.5\%) S (3.4\%) L (3.4\%)$
					L (76.9%) F (10.1%) M (6.5%)	T (2.7%) D (0.7%) I (0.7%) C
					V (2.6%) I (2.6%) Y (1.0%) A	(0.7%) N (0.7%) G (0.7%) E
29	0.43	4.662	2.98E-131	A/LEU/171	(0.3%)	(0.3%)
					I (31.8%) V (30.8%) L (15.3%)	
					A (14.6%) G (4.2%) M (1.0%) T (0.6%) C (0.6%) E (0.2%) S	F(88.0%) I(5.8%) L(3.1%) Y
30	0.445	4 594	5 76E-132	۵/II F/55	1(0.0%) C(0.0%) F(0.5%) S (0.3%) $V(0.3\%)$	(1.7%) V $(0.7%)$ I $(0.5%)$ A
50	0.++J	т. <i>.</i> ,7 <del>т</del>	5.701-152		I (64.6%) V (16.9%) L (12.3%)	
					M (4.5%) F (1.0%) Y (0.3%) A	V (95.9%) C (1.7%) I (1.0%) -
31	0.453	4.505	4.93E-131	A/ILE/102	(0.3%)	(0.7%) L (0.3%) A (0.3%)
					K (44.5%) V (14.6%) F (8.4%)	
					L ( $(6.5\%)$ ) K ( $(5.2\%)$ ) I ( $(4.9\%)$ ) Y ( $(3.9\%)$ ) T ( $(3.6\%)$ ) N ( $(2.9\%)$ ) A	
					(2.6%) P (1.9%) D (0.3%) S	
32	0.549	4.407	2.26E-129	A/ALA/108	(0.3%) G (0.3%)	R (99.0%) - (1.0%)
					V (62.0%) C (21.4%) I (9.1%)	
	_				A (3.9%) L (1.9%) F (0.6%) T	T (86.6%) V (5.5%) A (4.1%) C
33	0.477	4.399	2.93E-133	A/VAL/38	(0.3%) - (0.3%) Y (0.3%)	(3.4%) F (0.3%)
					v (39.0%) I (10.0%) U (13.3%) I (13.0%) I (7.1%) A	
					(5.5%) F $(1.3%)$ M $(1.0%)$ S	A (86.6%) S (10.3%) V (1.7%) G
34	0.433	4.285	4.67E-130	A/VAL/100	(1.0%) G (1.0%) D (0.6%)	(1.0%) - (0.3%)
					F (52.9%) A (7.1%) L (6.8%) D	
					(6.5%) S (4.9%) E (4.2%) R	
					(5.6%) H $(2.9%)$ M $(2.9%)$ Q (2.6%) V $(2.2%)$ L $(1.0%)$ N	
					(2.0%) I $(2.5%)$ I $(1.0%)$ N (1.0%) T (0.6%) K (0.3%) V	
35	0.574	4.228	1.96E-130	A/ARG/292	(0.3%)	W (95.5%) F (3.8%) Y (0.7%)

					T (36.0%) G (18.5%) S (13.3%)	
					A (12.7%) C (7.5%) N (4.9%)	
					V (2.6%) F (1.9%) I (1.3%) L	Y (44.7%) L (39.9%) F (14.8%) -
36	0.355	4.162	4.26E-130	A/LEU/163	(0.6%) Q (0.6%)	(0.3%) C (0.3%)
						R (46.7%) D (19.6%) S (10.0%) E
						(8.2%) K (5.8%) Q (2.7%) N
					S (88.0%) T (6.5%) N (2.6%) A	(2.4%) G (1.7%) A (1.4%) P (1.0%)
37	0.402	4.139	1.69E-132	A/SER/147	(1.6%) R (0.6%) K (0.6%)	T (0.3%)
					A (50.6%) R (19.2%) I (7.5%)	
					S (6.2%) V (5.8%) Q (4.2%) C	
					(2.3%) G (2.3%) H (0.6%) L	T (49.1%) V (37.8%) I (6.9%) E
38	0.338	4.128	1.04E-135	A/GLN/170	(0.6%) T (0.3%) M (0.3%)	(2.4%) K (2.1%) N (1.7%)