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## Supplemental Text and Figures

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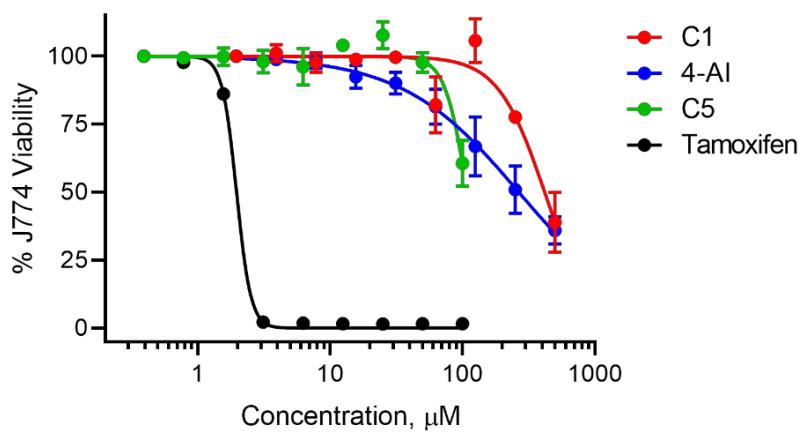
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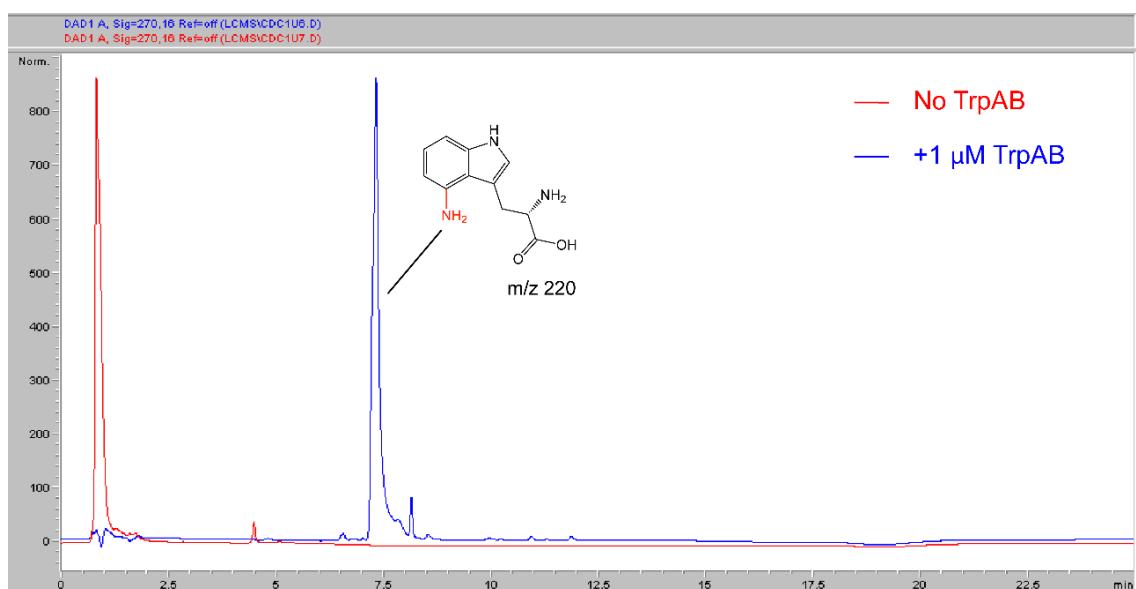
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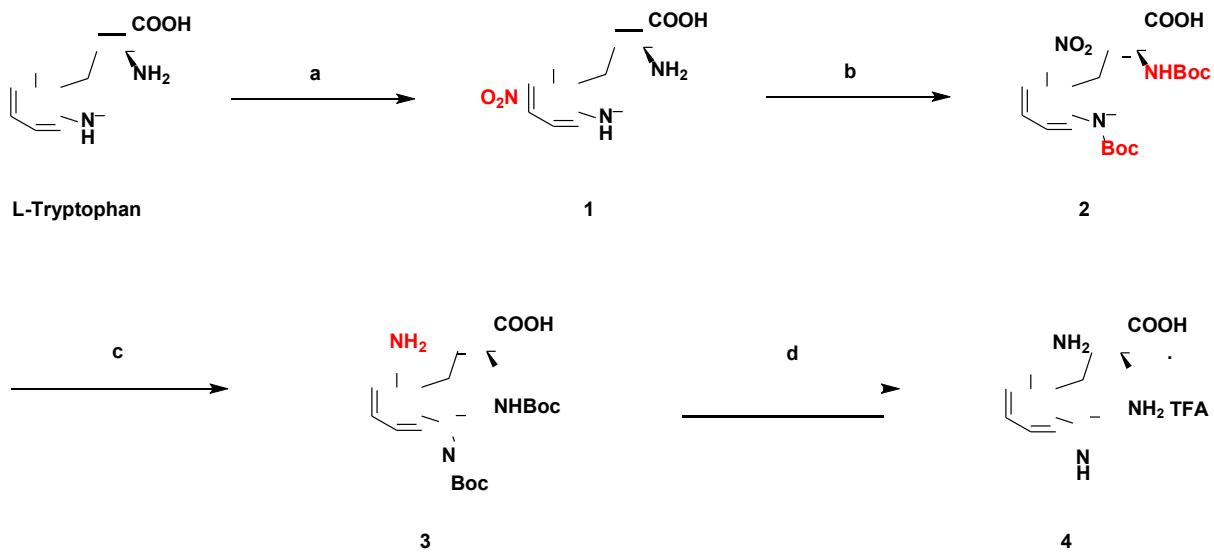
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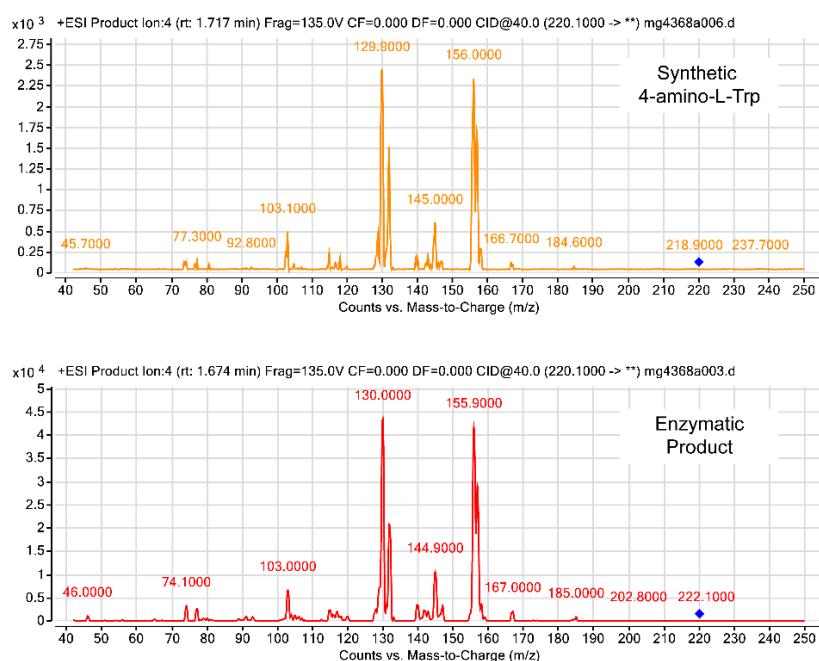
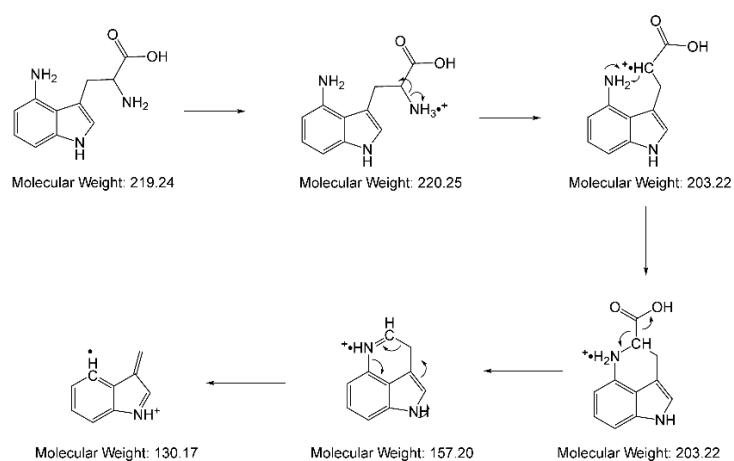
**Figure S1. Cytotoxicity of indole-4-carboxamides and 4-aminoindole, related to Figure 1.**  
Cytotoxicity of representative compounds in the study was measured using the CellTiter-Glo® luminescent cell viability assay. 10,000 J774 cells were seeded into wells of a 96-well plate and treated with the indicated compounds for 24 hrs. Data represent Mean ± SEM (n = 4).



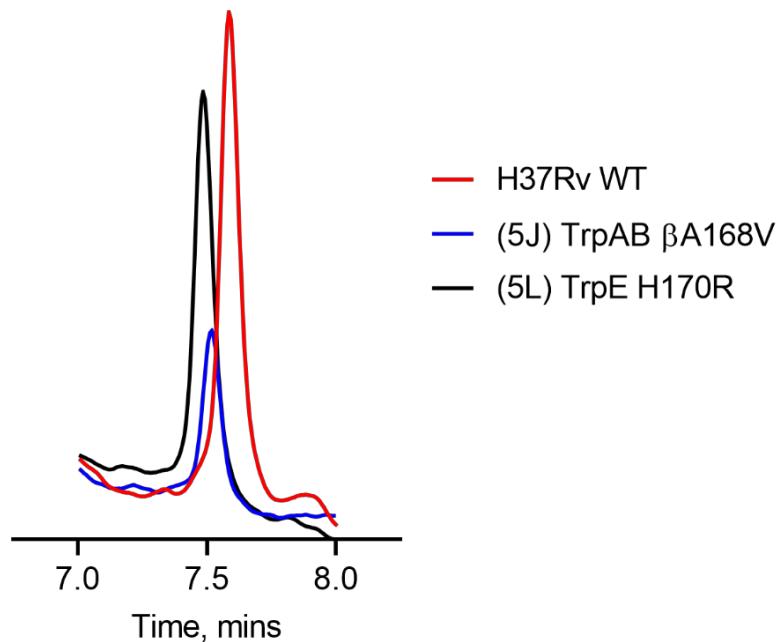
**Figure S2. 4-Aminoindole is a substrate for TrpAB, related to Figure 6.** 4-AI was incubated with 1 $\mu$ M TrpAB overnight before quenching the reaction with an equal volume of MeOH. A 2  $\mu$ L aliquot of the reaction mixture was injected into the LC-MS to detect formation of 4-amino-L-Trp. Chromatograms are representative of three individual trials.



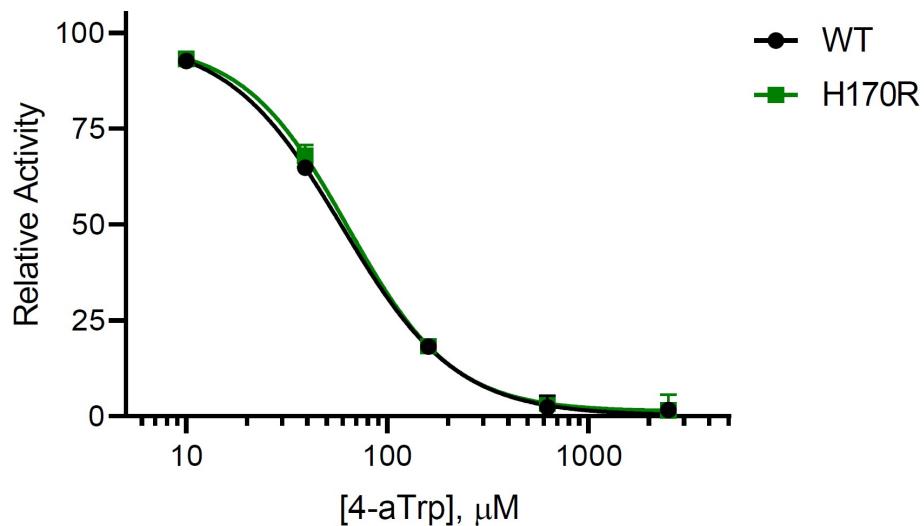
**Figure S3. Chemical synthesis of 4-amino-L-Tryptophan, related to Figure 6.** Reagents and conditions: (a) 70% HNO<sub>3</sub> (3 eq), AcOH, H<sub>2</sub>O, rt, 4 h; (b) Boc anhydride (3 eq), DMAP (3 eq), NEt<sub>3</sub> (4 eq), DCM, rt, overnight; (c) Pd/C, H<sub>2</sub>, rt, 3 h; (d) TFA, MC, rt, 2 h.

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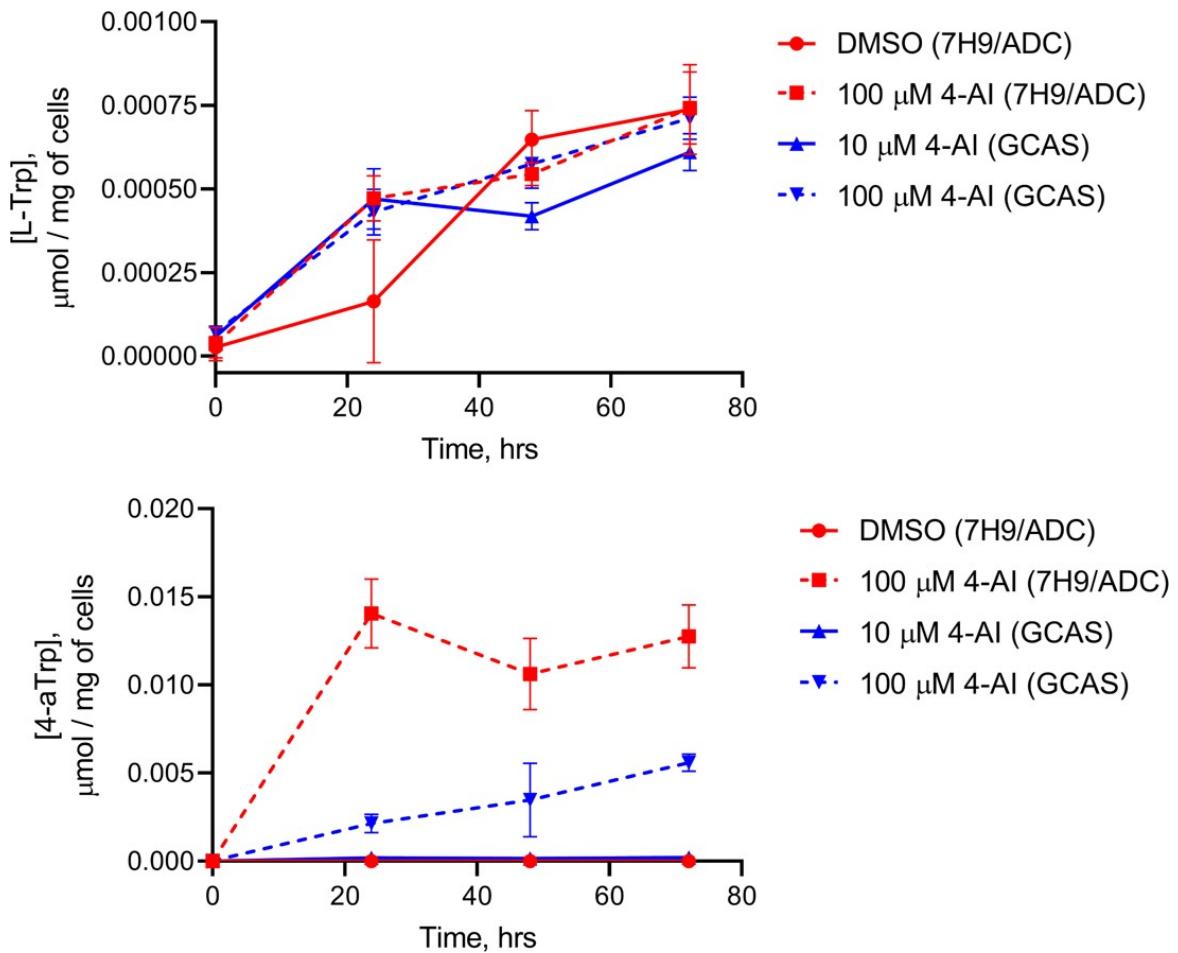
**Figure S4. Fragmentation patterns of synthetic 4-amino-L-trp match the enzyme reaction product observed from 4-Al, related to Figure 6** (A) Triple quadrupole tandem MS fragmentation of synthetic 4-amino-L-Trp (top) and the enzymatic product obtained by incubating TrpAB with 4-Al (bottom). (B) Possible mechanism of fragmentation of 4-amino-L-Trp to account for the observed m/z in panel A and in Figure 6B and 6C.



**Figure S5. TrpAB mutant is less active than wild type in converting 4-Al to 4-a-Trp, Related to Figure 6.** LC-MS chromatograms (270 nm) obtained when 4-Al was incubated with H37Rv WT or representative resistant mutants. The peak represent an m/z of 220.1 accounting for intracellular formation of 4-amino-L-Trp.



**Figure S6. 4-Amino-Trp does not cause feedback inhibition of TrpE, Related to Figure 6.** Inhibition of TrpE by 4-Al occurs with a high IC<sub>50</sub> value of 60  $\mu\text{M}$ . In addition, the mutant H170R which alleviates allosteric regulation by tryptophan, supporting that 4-aTrp does not inhibit TrpE.

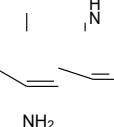
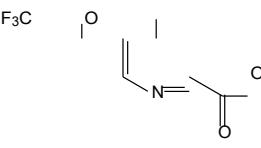
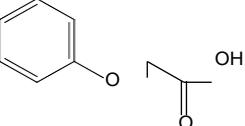
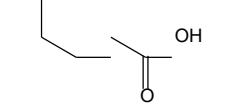
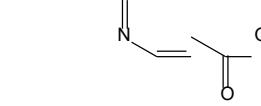


**Figure S7. 4-AI incorporation into 4-a-Trp does not depress cellular levels of L-Trp, Related to Figure 6.** Incorporation of 4-AI into whole cells of Mtb and the impact on intracellular L-tryptophan (top) and 4-aTrp (bottom) levels.

**Table S1. Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) of Indole-4-carboxamides in various growth media against Mtb and other mycobacteria, related to Table 1.**

Compound	MIC vs <i>M. tuberculosis</i> H37Rv, $\mu\text{M}$			MIC vs <i>M. bovis BCG</i> , $\mu\text{M}$		MIC vs <i>M. smegmatis</i> mc <sup>2</sup> 155, $\mu\text{M}$
	7H9/ADC	7H9/GCas	GAST-Fe	7H9/ADC	7H9/GCas	7H9/GCas
C1	12.5	1.56	6.25	100	6.25	>100
C2	25	3.12	25	>100	12.5	>100
C3	>100	6.25	>100	>100	50	>100
C4	25	3.12	50	>100	12.5	>100

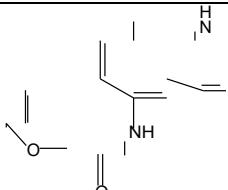
**Table S2. Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) of 4-aminoindole and the corresponding free carboxylic acid building blocks of the NMMV03 compounds against Mtb H37Rv, related to Figure 2.**

Compound	Structure	MIC, $\mu\text{M}$ (7H9/GCas)
4-aminoindole		4.68
C1-COOH		50
C2-COOH		>100
C3-COOH		>100
C4-COOH		>100

**Table S3. MIC of similar compounds lacking the 4-aminoindoleamide, related to Figure 2.**  
 Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) of representative members of the compound cluster against Mtb H37Rv.

Compound	Structure	MIC, $\mu\text{M}$ (7H9/GCas)
C6		50
C7		50
C8		9.4
C9		50
C10		50
C11		50
C12		50

C13		25
C14		50
C15		50
C16		2.3
C17		1.56
C18		3.13
C19		3.13
C20		4.7

C21		6.25
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**Table S4. C5-resistant mutants remain sensitive to indole-4-carboxamides, related to Figure 5.** Mtb H37Rv C5<sup>R</sup> mutant MIC against indole-4-carboxamides and the corresponding mutations found via whole genome sequencing.

C5 <sup>R</sup> Strain	MIC, $\mu\text{M}$ (7H9/GCas)						
	C1	C2	C3	C4	4-AI	C5	INH
WT	3.12	6.25	12.5	6.25	6.25	0.39	0.16
A1 ( <i>trpB</i> F188S)	1.56	3.12	12.5	3.12	6.25	>100	0.16
A2 ( <i>trpB</i> Y200C)	6.25	6.25	12.5	6.25	6.25	>100	0.16
A4 ( <i>trpA</i> P65L)	3.12	6.25	12.5	6.25	6.25	>100	0.16
B2 ( <i>trpA</i> D136N)	3.12	6.25	12.5	6.25	6.25	>100	0.16

Table S5. Oligonucleotides used in this study, related to STAR methods.

Primers for P <sub>smyc</sub> promoter swap	GTGTTCTAGAGGATCGTCGGCACC GCGCCCATGGAGATACTCTCTTAATTAAAGCATGCGGATC	P <sub>smyc</sub> -F P <sub>smyc</sub> -R
Primers for AmiC cloning	GCTACCATGGCATGTCGCGTACACG GCTAATCGATCTACTCGCGATATTGGGGCTGTT	AmiC_pMV306-F AmiC_pMV306-R
Primers for TrpB recombineering	GAGACCGGTGCCGCCAGCACGGGTCGCCACGGTCAC CGCATGCGCATTGCTCGGCCTGGACTGTGTC GCGCTAACAGTGGCCGGATGCGATTGCTGGGTGTCGAA GTCGTCGGTTCAAGACGGGCTCGAAAACG	TrpB-A134V_Rec TrpB-A168V_Rec
Primer for TrpE recombineering	CTGTTGCTGGCACCGATGTGGCGGGTGATCGCCA CGAGGGCACCATCACGTTGATGCCAACGCC	TrpE-H170R_Rec
Primer for RpsL recombineering	GCGGGCAACCTCCGAAGCGCCGAGTCGGCTTCCTCG GAGTGGTGGTGTACACGCGGGTGCATACACC	RpsL-K43R_Rec
Primers for confirming TrpB	CGATCTGGTTACCGCGGG CCCGGTGGCAAGTAACC	TrpB_RecCheck-F TrpB_RecCheck-R
Primers for confirming TrpE	GCCCCACTCCTTGC CCGATGACCACCCAGGG	TrpE_RecCheck-F TrpE_RecCheck-R
Primers for confirming RpsL	AGTTTGAGGCAAGCTATG CCCTTCAACAGAACCTTG	RpsL_RecCheck-F RpsL_RecCheck-R
Primers for TrpE overexpression	GCTACATATGCACGCCGACCTC GCTAAAGCTTTAGCAGCCACTGCG	TrpE_pET28a-Exp-F TrpE_pET28a-Exp-R
Primers for TrpE H170R mutagenesis	GCGGTCGATCgCCACGAGGGC CGCCACATCGGTGGCCAG	TrpE-H170R-F TrpE-H170R-R
Primers for TrpB overexpression	GCTAAAGCTTATGAGTGCTGCCATC GCTAAAGCTTCAGTCGTTGCCAG	TrpB_pRSFDuet-F TrpB_pRSFDuet-R
Primers for TrpA overexpression	GCTACATATGGTGGCGGTGGAAC GCTACTCGAGTCATGCCGACATCC	TrpA_pRSFDuet-F TrpA_pRSFDuet-R
Primers for AmpR for TrpA cloning	CATGCCATGGGAATGGTGGCGGTGGAACAG CCCAAGCTTATGCCGACATCCCTAG	TrpA_AmpR-F TrpA_AmpR-R
Primers for TrpB mutagenesis A168V	GTCGCCACGGtACCGCATGC CCCGTGTGGCCGGCACC	TrpB-A168V_SDM-F TrpB-A168V_SDM-R
Primers for TrpB mutagenesis D261G	TTTCTCGATGgCCCAGGCGTA CGCATAAAAATACCAATGGC	TrpB-D261G_SDM-F TrpB-D261G_SDM-R
Primers for TrpCF expression	GCTACATATGATGATGCAAACCGTTTAGC GCTAAAGCTTTAATATGCCGCGAGCG	Ec_TrpCF_Exp-F Ec_TrpCF_Exp-R