

### Supplementary Table 1: Codon-optimized genes

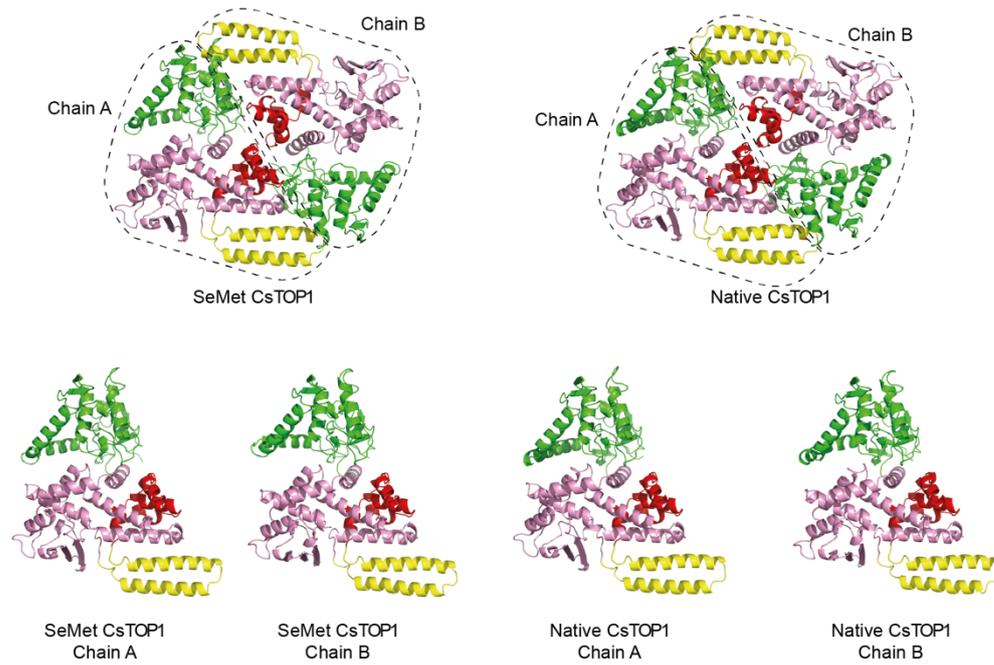
Sequence of the codon-optimized genes used in this study. The sequences of the His-tag and the cleavage site (blue) and the sequence of the gene (black) are shown.

Codon-Optimised gene	Sequence
CsTop1	<p><b>ATGAAACATCACCATCACCATCACCCCATGAGCGATTACGACATCCCCACTACTGAGAATCTTTATTTTCAGGGC</b>  <b>GCC</b>ATGGTGAAATGGCGTACCCTGGTCCACAATGGTGTGCGACTGCCGCCGCGTATCAACCGAAAGGTCTGTCA  ATCAAAAATCCGTGGTGAACCCGTGAAACTGGATCCGCTGCAGGAAGAAATGGCGTATGCCCTGGGCACTGAAGAAA  GATACGCCGTACGTGCAGGATCCGGTTTTTCAGAAAACTTTCTGACCGATTTTCTGAAAACGTTCAACGGCCGC  TTTCAGGACGTTACCATCAACGAAATCGATTTTCAGCGAAGTCTACGAATACGTGGAACGTGAACGCCAACTGAAA  CGGGATAAAGAATACCGTAAGAAAATTTCTGCCGAACGTAACCGCTGCGTGAAGAACTGAAAGCGCGCTACGGC  TGGCCGAAATGGATGGTAAACGTTTCGAAATTCGAACTGGATGGTTGAACCCGCGGGCATCTTTATGGGTCGT  GGTAATCATCCGCTGCGTGGTTCGTTGAAACCGCGTGTCTATGAAGAAGACATTACCCTGAATCTGGGTGAAGAT  GCCCGGTCCCGCCGGTAATTGGGGTCAGATCGTGCATGATCAGACTCAATGTGGCTGGCCCGCTGGGATGAC  AACTGACCGGTAAGAAAAATATGTGTGGCTGAGCGATACCGCAGATATTAACAGAAACCGCAGAAAAAGCAAA  TAGCAGAAAGCAGAAATGCTGAAAACCATATTGATCGTGTGCGGAGAAAAATCTTTAAAGGTCTGCGTAGCAAA  GAACCGAAAAATGCGTGAATTGCCTGCGCTGTTATCTGATTGATCGTCTGGCAATGCGTGTGGTGTGATGAAAA  GATCCGGATGAAGCAGATACCGTTGGTGAACCCACCTGCGTGTGAACATGTTAAACTGCTGGAAGATCGCATC  GAGTTTGAATTTCTGGGTAAAGTAGCGTTCTGTTGGCAGAAAAGCATTGATCTGCGTAAATGAACCTCCGGAGTT  CGGCAGGTTTTTGAAGAAGTTCGGAAGGTAAAAAAGAAAGCGATCAGATTTTCCAGAAACATCAATAGCGGTCAT  GTGAATCGTTTTCTGGGCAAAATGTTAAAGGCCCTGACCGCAAAAGTGTTCGTACCTATATCGCAACCAAAATC  GTCAAAGATTTCCGCGCAGCAATTCGCGGTGAAAAAGTTACCAGCCAAGAAAAATTCATCTATTACGCCAAACTG  GCCAATCTGAAAGCAGCAGAAGCACTGAATCATAAACGTCACCCGCTAAAAATTTGGGAACAGAGCATCCAGAAA  AAAGAGGAACGCGTTAAAAAACTGATGCAGCAGCTGCCGGAAGCCGAAAGCGAGAAAAAAAAGCACGTAATTGCA  GAACGCTCGGAAAAAGCAGAAGCACTGAACCTGGATCTGGCAGTTAAAGTTTCGTGATTACAATCTGGCGACCAGCCTG  CGTAACTATATTGATCCGCGTGTGTATAAAGCATGGGGTCGTTATACCGGTTATGAATGGCGTAAAAATCTATACC  GCAAGCCTGCTGCGTAAATTCAAATGGGTTGAAAAAGCCAGCGTTAAACATGTGCTGCAGTATTTTCCGCAAAAA  CTGGCAAAAGATGTGGATAAAGGTATGCGAGTTAAAGCAGCCGTTAA</p>
CsTOP1 <sup>HsLinker-</sup> Cter	<p><b>ATGAAACATCACCATCACCATCACCCCATGAGCGATTACGACATCCCCACTACTGAGAATCTTTATTTTCAGGGC</b>  <b>GCC</b>GTGAAATGGCGTACCCTGGTCCACAATGGTGTGCGACTGCCGCCGCGTATCAACCGAAAGGTCTGTCAATC  AAAATCCGTGGTGAACCCGTGAAACTGGATCCGCTGCAGGAAGAAATGGCGTATGCCCTGGGCACTGAAGAAAGAT  ACGCCGTACGTGCAGGATCCGGTTTTTCAGAAAACTTTCTGACCGATTTTCTGAAAACGTTCAACGGCCGCTTT  CAGGACGTTACCATCAACGAAATCGATTTTCAGCGAAGTCTACGAATACGTGGAACGTGAACGCCAACTGAAAGCG  GATAAAGAATACCGTAAGAAAATTTCTGCCGAACGTAACCGCTGCGTGAAGAACTGAAAGCGCGCTACGGCTGG  GCCGAAATGGATGGTAAACGTTTCGAAATTCGAACTGGATGGTTGAACCCGCGGGCATCTTTATGGGTCGTGGT  AATCATCCGCTGCGTGGTGGTTGAAACCCGCGTGTCTATGAAGAAGACATTACCCTGAATCTGGGTGAAGATGCG  CCGGTCCCGCCGGTAATTGGGGTCAGATCGTGCATGATCAGACTCAATGTGGCTGGCCCGCTGGGATGACAAA  CTGACCGGTAAAGAAAAATATGTGTGGCTGAGTGTACGGCAGACATCAAAACAGAAACGTGATAATCCAAATAC  GACAAAGCTGAAATGCTGAAAAATCATATTGATCGCGTTCTGTAAGAAATCTTCAAAGGCCCTGCGCTCGAAAGAA  CCGAAAAATGCGTGAATTTGCTCTGGCGTGTACCTGATCAGCCGCTGCGGATGCGTGTGGCGATGAAAAAGAT  CCGGACGAAGCAGACACCGCTCGGTGCTACCACGCTGCGCGTGAACACGTTAAAGTCTGGAAGATCGTATTGAA  TTTGACTTCTGGGTAAAGTAGCGTGCCTGGCAGAAATCTATCGATCTGCGCAACGAACCGCGGAAGTTCTGT  CAAGTCTTTGAAGAACTGCTGGAAGGCAAGAAAGAAAGGCGATCAGATTTTCCAAAACATCAATAGTCGCCATGTT  AATCGTTTTCTGGGCAAAATGTTAAAGTCTGACCGCAAAAGTCTTCCGCACCTACATCGCTACGAAAAATCGTG  AAAGATTTTCTGGCGCCATTCCGCGTAAAAAGTTACGAGTCAGGAAAAATTCATCTATTACGCAAAACTGGCT  AACCTGAAAGCAGCTGAAGCGCTGAATCACCAGCGCGCACCGCCGAAACCTTTGAAAAATCCATGATGACCTG  CAGACGAAAAATCGATGCGAAGAAAGAACTGGCCGATGACCGTGCAGCTGCGGACCTGAAATCAGCTAAAGCGGACGCC  AAAGTGTGAAAGATGCGAAACCAAGAAAGTGGTTGAAAGCAAAAAGAAAGCGTCCAGCGCCCTGGAAGAACAA  CTGATGAAACTGGAAGTGCAGGCAACGGATCGTGAAGAAAAACAACAAATTTGCTCTGGGCACCTCAAACCTGAAT  TATCTGGACCCGCTATCAGGTTGGCTGGTGTAAAAATGGGGTGTTCGATTGAAAAATCTACAATAAAACG  CAGCGTAAAAAATTTGCTTGGGCTATTGATATGGCGGATGAAGACTATGAATTCTAA</p>

**Supplementary Table 2: primer sequences**

Sequence of the DNA oligonucleotides used in this study.

Name	Sequence	Construct
CsFL154R	5'-TAATCATCCGAAGCGTGGTCGTTG-3'	L154K point mutation in CsTop1
CsRL154R	5'-CCACGACCCATAAAGATG-3'	
CsFL399RL402R	5'-CGCTTCAGCTGCTTTCCGGTTAGCCCGTT TTGCGTAATAGAT-3'	L399R L402R point mutations in CsTop1
CsRFL399L402R	5'-ATCTATTACGAAAACGGGCTAACCGGA AAGCAGCTGAAGCG-3'	
CsFHsCat	5' CTACTGGATCCGCGTGTGTATAAAAG-3'	CsTOP1 <sup>HsTyr</sup> point mutations
CRFHsCat	5' TTCAGTTTGCTGGTCGCCAAGATTGTA-3'	
Q5SDM_12/7/20 16 F	5'-GAAATGGTGGGAAGAAGAGCGCTATCCT GAAGGCATCGTGAAATGGCGTACCCTG-3'	CsTOP1 <sup>HsNter</sup> insertion
Q5SDM_12/7/20 16 R	5'- CACTTCTGTTCCTCTTCTTTCTTCGGCTTC TTTTTCTTGATGGTGTATGGTGTATG-3'	
Q5SDM_4/13/20 19 F	5'-CCCTAGCGCAGATATTAACAGAAACG- 3'	Hinge-1 point mutations (MLNPS)
Q5SDM_4/13/20 19 R	5'-TTCAGCATCACATATTTTTCTTACC GG-3'	
Q5SDM_4/13/20 19 F	5'-CCTCCCGCAGATATTAACAGAAACG-3'	Hinge-2 point mutations (WLSPP)
Q5SDM_4/13/20 19 R	5'-GCTCAGCCACACATATTTTTCTTACC-3'	
CsTop1WLSGGf wd	5'- AAAAATATGTGTGGCTGAGCGGTGGCGC AGATATTAACAGAAACG-3'	Hinge-3 point mutations (WLSGG)
CsTop1WLSGGr ev	5'- CGTTTCTGTTAATATCTGCGCCACCGCT CAGCCACACATATTTTT-3'	
CsTop1Y207Afw d	5'- CTGACCGGTAAAGAAAAAGCTGTGTGG CTGAGCGATAC-3'	Y207A point mutation in CsTop1
CsTop1Y207Arev	5'-GTATCGCTCAGCCACACAGCTTTTTCTTT ACCGGTCAG-3'	



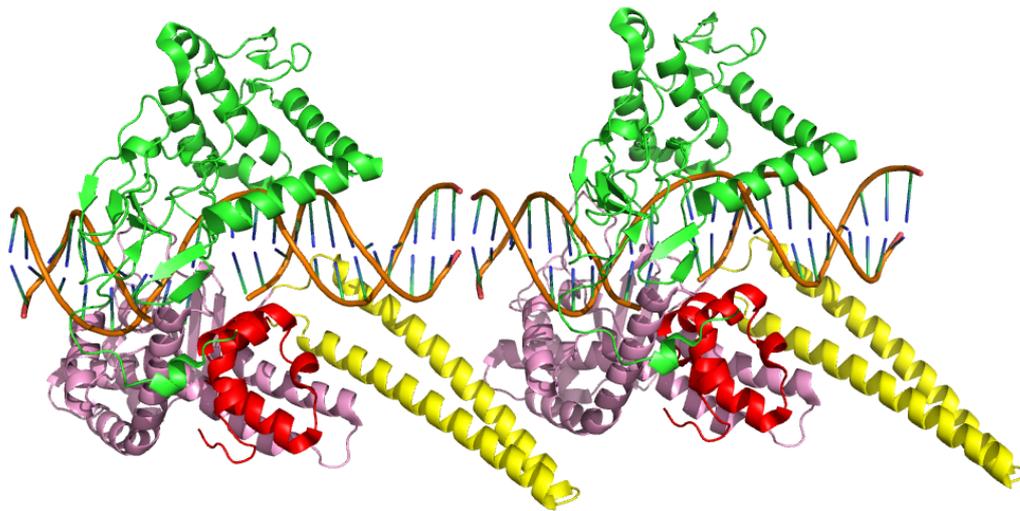
**Supplementary Figure 1: CsTOP1 structure in one asymmetric unit.**

Cartoon representation of the two CsTOP1 chains found in one asymmetric unit in SeMet CsTOP1 and native CsTOP1 crystals. The different subunits were further superposed. Coloring scheme is the same as Fig. 1.

Caldiarchaeum_subterraneum	-----MVKWRTLHNGVALPPYQPKGLSIRGETVTKLDPLQEEMAYAWALK	48	
Nitrososphaera_viennensis	MEEVAAAPQPQARIRWSSLVHRGVAFPEHQPRGITISIKGEKVALNADQELVYAWAKK	60	
Crenarchaeota_archaeon	-----MKWKTLOHNGILFPFAFESQGIKIKVKEKVLDDLQEMIIYQWAKK	47	
Heimdallarchaeota_archaeon	-----MTKIEQLIHNGVLLSE-IPYLELSIEINGKVKHLEKSEQMAIAVWRK	47	
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Caldiarchaeum_subterraneum	KDTPYVQDPVFPQKNFLTDFLKTFNFRQ--DVTINEIDFSEVYEVVERERQLKA-----	100	
Nitrososphaera_viennensis	KDTHYVQDPVFPQSNFLDLKPLPEKPRKADLKI SDPDFSQAFLADEEKKMKEREKERI	120	
Crenarchaeota_archaeon	KDTPYAQDKVFPQNFADFAKTLDPKFK--GIKYEDIDFSEAFKVVDEKDLKE-----	99	
Heimdallarchaeota_archaeon	LSTVYVEDPFPCKNYFKDFGEEI----GDASLTDNDIDFSEVIAVVEKQKEIRD-----	97	CAP domain
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Caldiarchaeum_subterraneum	---DKEYRKKISAERKRLREELKARYGWAEMDGKRFELIANWVPEPPIFMGRGNHPLRGR	157	
Nitrososphaera_viennensis	KNLPREKKMAEAKKAERERLALYKAVVDGQEVDIANWLVPEPPLFMGRGHPLRGR	180	
Crenarchaeota_archaeon	-MMTKEEKSLAAKRKLEKMKYKAVMDGQEVVANYMAEPPGIFIGRGEHPLRGG	158	
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Caldiarchaeum_subterraneum	WKPRVYEEDITLNLGEDAPVPPGNWQIVHDHDSMWLARWDDKLTGKEKYVWLSDTADIK	217	
Nitrososphaera_viennensis	WKPRVVPQDVTLNLGEDAPVPEGEWKEIVHDHTSFWLATWENLTKRKYVWLHDSSELR	240	
Crenarchaeota_archaeon	WKKRVTPELVILNLGDAKVPVPGWGI IHDQNSMWLASWMDLTKRKYVWLADTAGLK	218	
Heimdallarchaeota_archaeon	WKEGPSKADIVLNLSPAPRPEGEWLEIVWPECLWIAKWTDKLSGKTYVWLSDTTPIK	216	Hinge
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Nitrososphaera_viennensis	QGNDKAKYDKALNLAQQLGKVEKEIMRKMKGSDN---KAATAAYLIFKLAMRVGDEKDPD	297	
Crenarchaeota_archaeon	QERDQAKYDKATKLAKETEKIKNSIVKDMKSKDKLSRIATACYLIYRTAMRVGDEKDPD	278	
Heimdallarchaeota_archaeon	QDREIEKYDKANLVGDNLETIRNQIMSAISGSDKRNKKVATACYIIDLHNI RVGDEKDPD	276	
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Nitrososphaera_viennensis	EADTVGASTLRVEHIKFPQNGKQYIEFNFLGKDSVPWQKTLVNSDTRALYDNLRFNM	357	
Crenarchaeota_archaeon	EADTVGATTLRKEHIKLTG---KAI EFDLKGDSVVRWQETVPAEGQD-KQFYDNLKLI	333	
Heimdallarchaeota_archaeon	EADTVGATTLRPEHIKING---STVIFDFLGKDSVVEWHKEREFFEIFVNSLQELINEAN	332	CAT domain
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Caldiarchaeum_subterraneum	EGKKEGDIQFNINSRHVNRFGLKIVKGLTAKVFTYIATKIVKDFLAAIPRE--KVTSQ	390	
Nitrososphaera_viennensis	KGKFPDQIFDIDINSRKVNFAFFTVMPLTAKVFTCIATKVVQALVNPPIKVDNRNSQE	417	
Crenarchaeota_archaeon	ANKKPKDEIFDGITSRHVNAYSSIVKGLTAKVFTYLAFTVNSYLKHNHDNV--KSKSA	391	
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Caldiarchaeum_subterraneum	EKFIIYAKLANLKAEEALNHKRAPPKN-----WEQSIQKKEE-----	427	
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Crenarchaeota_archaeon	NEKLYHAKMANLAAKMCNHRKRTI PKT-----YETALQKKE-----	428	
Heimdallarchaeota_archaeon	FAKKEAAMANREAAVECTHKKQEPKN-----WENRMQKYRERKLGQERIEKAN	440	
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Caldiarchaeum_subterraneum	-----RVKMLMQ--L-----	436	
Nitrososphaera_viennensis	-----ATAELEKQVAA-----	475	
Crenarchaeota_archaeon	-----TLKKAKES--T-----	437	
Heimdallarchaeota_archaeon	DNQTKREERIEELKGNLKLKRRKQVREQEFLAQTKEFLAVIKNMSTNFATQREKDRHKNA	500	Linker
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Caldiarchaeum_subterraneum	-----REAESEK-----KK---ARIAERLEKAEINLNDLA	462	
Nitrososphaera_viennensis	-----GNWKTET-----QE---KRLKERLAKLKMQLKLQ	501	
Crenarchaeota_archaeon	-----PKTEK-----QK---EKLKDRIEKLKIDIDLS	461	
Heimdallarchaeota_archaeon	IVKAKKKIETVKKKVAAEKRVETAKNQVERGKNSVGTAKERVYKAKLALKKIESQEKIS	560	
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Caldiarchaeum_subterraneum	VKVRDYNLATSRLNYIDPRVYKAWGRYTGVEWRKIYASLLRKFVWEKASVKHV--LQY	520	
Nitrososphaera_viennensis	QETRDYNLGTSLRNYIDPRVMKAWLNVLDLWTKVYATLQKRFKWEVGYEKNY--SRF	559	
Crenarchaeota_archaeon	EKTNDYNLGTSLRNYIDPRVFAWTEVGAWEKLYTAALQKFLVWKSADVWVKDISQQ	521	
Heimdallarchaeota_archaeon	KKTKTNLGTSLKSYIDPRVYDVGKVEDYDWRNYYSNALQRKFSWVERDADE-----	613	C-terminal
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Caldiarchaeum_subterraneum	FAEKLAKVDKGMQVKAIV	539	
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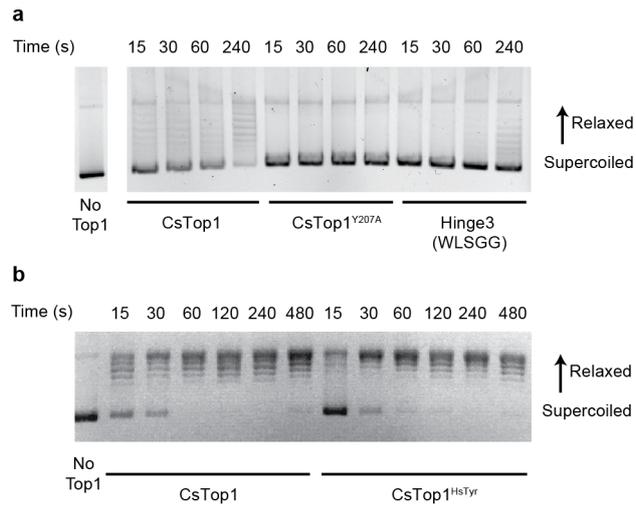
## Supplementary Figure 2: Alignment of archaeal TOP1 sequences.

Alignment of four archaeal TOP1 sequences from different phyla including *Caldiarchaeum subtarreneum* (Aigarchaeota), *Nitrososphaera viennensis* (Thaumarchaeota), *Crenarchaeota* archaeon (Crenarchaeota) and *Heimdallarchaeota* archaeon (Heimdallarchaeota, Asgard).



**Supplementary Figure 3: Packing artifact of HsTOP1-DNA.**

Cartoon representation of two complexes within the packing of HsTop1-DNA crystal structure (PDB 1K4T). The linker domain (yellow) of one TOP1 is pushed away from the DNA by the CAT domain (pink) of a neighboring TOP1 molecule. Coloring scheme is the same as Fig. 1.



**Supplementary Figure 4: Relaxation of supercoiled DNA by mutated CsTop1.**

**a)** Relaxation assay with CsTop1, CsTop1(Y207A) and CsTop1 (Hinge3, WLSGG). **b)** Relaxation assay with CsTop1 and CsTop1(HsTyr). The kinetics of relaxation is shown for each construct. Both experiments were done twice independently.