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## **Allosteric control of Type I-A CRISPR-Cas3 complexes and**

# **establishment as effective nucleic acid detection and human**

# **genome editing tools**

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#### **Figure S1. Reconstitution and biochemical characterization of I-A** *Pfu* **Cascade-Cas3 effector complex, related to Figure 1.**

**(A)** Co-expression scheme and schematic explanation of three strategies to promote efficient pre-crRNA procession in complex reconstitution. **(B)** RNA quality evaluated by denaturing-PAGE in each of the three strategies described in A. **(C)** Elution profile of the successfully purified *Pfu* Cascade on size-exclusion chromatography (SEC). **(D)** SDS-PAGE analysis of the SEC peak fractions. **(E)** Native-PAGE analysis of the SEC peak fractions stained with Coomassie blue and EtBr for protein and nucleic acid components. **(F)** Comparison of the SEC profiles of the reconstituted *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3, Cascade, Cas8a-Cas3, Cas3, and Cas8a complexes and components. **(G)** Representative SDS-PAGE analysis of the SEC peak fractions containing the *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3 complex. **(H)** SDS-PAGE analysis of the purified Cas8a, Cas3 (HD+HEL), Cas3 HEL, Cas HD, and Cas8a-Cas3 (HD+HEL). (**I)** Comparison of the SEC profiles of *Pfu-* and *Tfu-* Cascade+Cas3, Cascade, and Cas3. *Pfu-*Cascade complexes with Cas3 in the absence of the target DNA, whereas *Tfu-*Cascade fails to do so. **(J)** Native-agarose EMSA showing *Pfu*Cascade-Cas3 has much tighter affinity for the target DNA than *Pfu* Cascade alone. **(K)** Schematic diagram explaining the *in vivo* interference setup. **(L)** Evaluation of the PAM code used by *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3 using dilution-spotting assay. **(M)** Quantification of the interference efficiency mediated by three different PAMs using the assay format depicted scheme in K. **(N)** Nativeagarose EMSA confirming that CCC PAM promotes tight binding by *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3, presumably through R-loop formation. FAM-labeled dsDNA is rendered in blue color, Cy3 labeled Cas3 in green, Cascade not colored. **(O), (P)** Native-agarose EMSA revealing that *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3/DNA interaction remains stable in the presence of 0.5 M NaCl **(O)** or at 66 ˚C **(P)**, respectively. *Pfu* Cascade/DNA interaction is less stable at each category.



**Figure S2. Flow-chart of the cryo-EM single particle reconstructions of** *Pfu* **Cascade-Cas3 in four different functional states, related to Figure 2.**

**(A), (B)** Workflow of the cryo-EM image processing and 3D reconstruction for the *apo Pfu* Cascade complex. **(C), (D)** Workflow of the cryo-EM image processing and 3D reconstruction for the *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3 complex. **(E), (F), (G)** Workflow of the cryo-EM image processing of the *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3/dsDNA complex, which produced two highresolution 3D reconstructions, *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3/partial R-loop **(F)** and *Pfu*

#### Cascade-Cas3/full R-loop **(G)**.



#### **Figure S3. Flow-chart of the cryo-EM single particle reconstructions of** *Pfu* **Cascade-Cas3 in four different functional states, related to Figure 2.**

**(A), (B)** Workflow of the cryo-EM image processing and 3D reconstruction for the *apo Pfu* Cascade complex. **(C), (D)** Workflow of the cryo-EM image processing and 3D reconstruction for the *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3 complex. **(E), (F), (G)** Workflow of the cryo-EM image processing of the *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3/dsDNA complex, which produced two highresolution 3D reconstructions, *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3/partial R-loop **(F)** and *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3/full R-loop **(G)**.



**Figure S4. Structure-function analysis of** *Pfu* **Cascade and** *Pfu* **Cascade-Cas3, related to Figures 3.** 

**(A)** Comparison of the overall shape and backbone curvature among representative I-A, I-C, I-E, and I-F Cascades. PDB accession codes are denoted. I-A *Pfu* Cascade resembles I-C *Dvu* Cascade in overall shape and curvature. **(B)** Tabulating the differences in the subunit stoichiometry and crRNA length among subtypes of Cascades. **(C).** I-A and I-C *cas* operon differences. I-C *cas11* is encoded by a hidden ORF inside *cas8c*. I-A *cas11* is separately encoded and *cas8a* further encodes a Cas11-like domain. **(D)** Left: Sequence and structure similarity between Cas8a CTD (the Cas11-like domain) and Cas11. Interface residues mediating the Cas11-Cas11 interaction are highly conserved in the Cas11-like domain. Right: comparison of the 2D topographic structure between Cas11-like domain of Cas8a and Cas11. **(E)** Arrangement of the *Pfu* Cascade "inner belly", assembled from Cas8a and multiple copies of Cas11. Cas11 and Cas11-like domain in Cas8a are structural homologs, with a Cα r.m.s.d. of 4.35 Å. **(F)** I-A *Pfu* Cas11 is structurally homologous to the I-C Cas11c (PDB: 7KHA), I-E Cas11e (PDB: 5U07), and I-F Cas11 (Csy1 fused) (PDB: 6B44) (G) Cas8a variants knock out interference assay. *P. furiosus* strains with only the I-A effector module (I-A only), deletion of all effector modules (Null), or with only the I-A module and deletion of

either Cas8a-1 or Cas8a-2 (∆Cas81-1 or ∆Cas8a-2 respectively) were challenged with either a plasmid containing a miniature CRISPR array consisting of three spacers targeting three essential genes on the *P. furiosus* chromosome (Target: +) or the same plasmid lacking these spacers (Target: -). **(H)** Partial sequence alignment between Cas8a-1, which assembles into *Pfu* Cascade and used in this structural study, and its paralog in *Pfu* I-A *cas* operon Cas8a-2. Interface residues to Cas11 in Cas8a-1 are not conserved in Cas8a-2, which explains why Cas8a-2 does not assemble into *Pfu* Cascade and not functional for interference.



### **Figure S5, Structure-function analysis of Pfu Cascade and Pfu Cascade-Cas3, related to Figures 3.**

**(A)** Sequence alignment of the Cascade-Cas3 interface residues among representative I-A homologs. Highly conserved interface residues were identified for mutagenesis validation. **(B)** Strep-tagged Cas8a pull-down assay results analyzed by SDS-PAGE. Left five lanes are input controls containing Strep-tagged wildtype and interface mutant *Pfu* Cascade samples, mixed with equimolar amount of Cas3 (HD+HEL). Right five lanes are the samples after Strep-tag pull-down. Note that the HD and HEL subunits of Cas3 are significantly less or completely absent from the mutant lanes.**(C)** SEC profile showing that *Pfu* Cas3 bearing V418A and L139A mutations no longer complexes with *Pfu* Cascade.



#### **Figure S6. Structure-function validation of the PAM recognition mechanism by** *Pfu* **Cascade-Cas3, related to Figure 4.**

**(A)** SEC profiles of various *Pfu* Cascade samples bearing PAM-recognition residue mutations. **(B)** SDS-PAGE analysis of the integrity of the PAM recognition mutants purified in (A). **(C)** Native-agarose EMSA quantifying the extent of DNA-binding reduction caused by each PAM-recognition mutation. **(D)** Sequence alignment showing that the PAM-recognition residues are highly conserved among I-A Cas8a homologs. **(E)** Same sequence alignment among Cas5a homologs. Again, PAM-recognition residues are highly conserved.



**Figure S7. Thorough analysis of the RNA-guided and R-loop-dependent allosteric**

#### **activation mechanism inside** *Pfu* **Cascade-Cas3, related to Figure 5.**

**(A)** Denaturing urea-PAGE showing that the HD-nuclease activity of *Pfu* Cas3 was robust by itself or in complex with Cas8a. It became undetectable upon complex formation with *Pfu* Cascade. The assay was performed using a 5'-FAM labeled ssDNA. **(B)** Temperaturedependent nuclease assay analyzed on urea-PAGE revealed that the autoinhibition was robust in various temperatures. At higher temperatures and in the presence of a cognate DNA target, both the target and the ssDNA reporter were robustly degraded by *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3. Coloring scheme is the same as in Figure 3C. **(C)** Quantification of the banding intensities in B. to reveal the nuclease activities changes in various conditions. **(D), (E)** Further urea-PAGE and band quantification analyses to compare the nuclease activity changes against cognate dsDNA substrate and the ssDNA reporter in the presence or absence of ATP. **(F)** Superposition of Cas8a before and after full R-loop formation revealing the hinge motion between Cas8a NTD and its C-terminal Cas11-like domain. **(G)** Superposition of Cas11.1-5 in different functional states revealing the twisting motion before and after full R-loop formation. **(H)** Superposition of Cas3 in different functional states revealing the global and local motions before and after full R-loop formation. **(I)** Workflow of the cryo-EM image processing and 3D reconstruction for the *Pfu* Cas3-Cas8a sub-complex. **(J)** The resulting 6.6 Å *Pfu* Cas3-Cas8a sub-complex reconstruction reveals that the HDnuclease center adopts an open conformation, similar to the active state in the full R-loop *Pfu* Cascade-Case structure. This is consistent with *Pfu* Cas3-Cas8a possessing highly active nuclease activity.



**Figure S8. Additional data supporting the development of a nucleic acid detection platform from I-A** *Pfu* **Cascade-Cas3, related to Figure 6. (A)**Nucleic acid detection assay with different poly-deoxynucleotide ssDNA-FQ reporters. Left: fluorescence changes in the test tube. Right: quantification of the fluorescence changes over time. **(B)** Temperaturedependency of the collateral damage activity by *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3 upon encountering a cognate DNA target. The system was highly active at 45 - 85˚C. **(C)** Piloting experiment to evaluate the detection limit against various nucleic acid targets. NT, Non-target; NTS, Nontarget strand. **(D)** Schematic diagram explaining the binary reporting setup in the lateral flow strip assay. **(E)** The lateral strip assay reliably detected dsDNA at 100 fM concentration. **(F, G)** Nuclease activity changes inside I-A *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3 and I-E *Tfu* Cascade-Cas3, without or with ATP present, respectively. In the absence of ATP, *Tfu* Cascade-Cas3 suffered high background and small dynamic range issues. In the absence of ATP, *Tfu* Cascade-Cas3 suffered low sensitivity issue. Coloring scheme is the same as in Figure 3C.



#### **Figure S9,** *In vitro* **and** *in vivo* **data supporting the bi-directional deletion activity in**  *Pfu* **Cascade-Cas3, related to Figure 7.**

**(A)** The cleavage activity increases dramatically from 37˚C to 42˚C. **(B)** Transformation after cleavage assay in **(B)** and phenol extraction. **(C**) The representative images to show phase and GFP channel of cell culture. **(D, E)** Representative views of Guide 1 **(D),** Guide 2 **(E)**  mediated GFP knock-out experiment in HAP1-GFP cells, in triplicates. **(F)** Representative views of Guide 2 mediated GFP knock-out experiment in HAP1-GFP cells, in triplicates. **(F)** Representative views of Guide 1 and Guide 2 combined GFP knock-out experiment in HAP1-GFP cells, in triplicates.



**Figure S10. Additional data supporting the bi-directional deletion activity in** *Pfu* **Cascade-Cas3,** *in vitro* **and** *in vivo***, related to Figure 7.** 

**(A)** RNA-guided plasmid cleavage by *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3, at different temperatures and +/- ATP. *Pfu* Cascade-Cas3 mainly nicks plasmids in the absence of ATP, but switches to a processive degradation behavior in the presence of ATP. **(B)** Comparison of GFP knock-out experiments in HAP1-GFP and HEK291-GFP cells, in quadruplicates. **(C)** Real-time GFP signal monitoring after delivery of *Pfu* I-A Cascade-Cas3 in HEK293 and Hap1 cell lines. **(D)** Different concentration combination of Cascade:Cas3 for I-A system. **(E)** Schematics of the substrates used in the DNA degrading assay. The circular plasmid was linearized by different restriction enzymes to place PAM into different locations. **(F)** Deletion polarity was defined by observing the relative stability of the two cleavage product bands. *Pfu* I-A Cascade-Cas3 was found here to degrade both the PAM-proximal and -distal dsDNA. **(G)** Mapping of the *Pfu* I-A Cascade-Cas3 cleavage sites on TS and NTS, using a dual-labeled DNA substrate, at 37 or 42˚C, +/- ATP, +/- HD active site mutation. **(H)** Illustration of the cleavage pattern in

# **(G)**.

## **Supplementary Table 1. Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics. (Related to Figure 2)**









# **Supplementary Table 3. Primers and protein sequence used in this work. (Related to Figure 1 and Figure 7)**



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