Asymmetric bifunctional protein nanoparticles through redesign of self-assembly

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Figure S1. Quaternary arrangements of Lumazine Synthases.

Different examples of (A) Type-I and (B) Type-II LSs in cartoon representation. The number of monomers (n) and the number of pentamers (p) per particle are indicated. Pentamers are shown in different colors except when indicated. (A) Pentameric LS from *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* (PDB 1KYV)¹ and icosahedral LS from *Bacillus subtilis* (PDB 1RVV)². (B) Decameric LS from *Brucella abortus* (PDB 1XN1)³. Center and right panels: monomers are shown in different colors.



Figure S2. Purity evaluation of BLS_{DR} and BLS_{KE} proteins.

Protein preparations were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and stained with Coomassie blue after the size exclusion chromatography purification step.



Figure S3. Pentamer-pentamer interaction dependence on the pH value.

 BLS_{WT} and BLS_{DRKE} decamer dissociation curves at pH 4-7. The data presented correspond to SEC-SLS measurements at each pH value. The MW was calculated for each peak and pentamer:decamer proportions estimated at each pH value for both proteins used in **Figure 4D** using a two-gaussian fitting.



Figure S4. FRET effect between fluorescent BLS_{DR} and BLS_{KE} pentamers.

Fluorescence spectra (λ_{exc} : 470 nm) of 15 nM ^{A488}BLS_{DR} incubated with increasing ^{A555}BLS_{KE} concentrations.



Figure S5. Far-UV circular dichroism of BLS decameric and pentameric versions.

Mean ellipticity spectra of A) BLS_{WT} , BLS_{DR} , BLS_{KE} and BLS_{DRKE} , and B) BLS_{KE} , VP8 and VP8-BLS_{KE}, measured at 25 °C, pH 7.8. The theoretical VP8-BLS_{KE} spectrum was calculated as the sum of VP8 and BLS_{KE} spectra.



Figure S6. Flow cytometry of non-adherent cells labeled with a bifunctionalized BLS_{DRKE} . Flow cytometry fluorescence histograms of NS0 murine cells incubated with PBS buffer (grey) and ^{A488}BLS_{DR} with BLS_{KE} (blue) or VP8-BLS_{KE} (orange), both proteins at 50 mg/ml.



Figure S7. Wide-field two-color epifluorescence TIRF microscopy of $^{Cy5}BLS_{KE}$ and $^{Cy3}BLS_{DR}$ particles. Between 100 and 500 cumulative images were acquired using emission filters for Cy3 and Cy5. Pixel values were relativized to the maximum value for each emission channel, subtracting their respective minimum values, rescaled to [0-65535], and represented by the colormap scales.



Figure S8. Example of smFRET of co-localizing ^{Cy5}BLS_{KE} and ^{Cy3}BLS_{DR} particles.

(A) Images derived from TIRF microscopy of pre-incubated ^{Cy5}BLS_{KE} and ^{Cy3}BLS_{DR}. Excitation lasers: 532 nm (panels I and III) and 642 nm (panel II); emission filters: Cy3 (panel I) and Cy5 (panels II and III). Panel IV is a merge of images from panels I and II. Each image represents a 90-s acquisition interval. (B) 90-s fluorescence time traces derived from the spot shown in (A). Top panel: Cy3 and Cy5 channels excited with a 532 nm laser. Bottom panel: Cy5 channel excited with a 642 nm laser.

Primer	Sequence (5'-3')	Characteristics / mutation	References
BLS_C5S_F	caaagctctccgaacaagacat	C58	This work
BLS_C5S_R	tgttcggagagctttggttcaa	C5S	This work
BLS_DD_F	gtcgtgctgacgccggacgacttccatgaaagcaag	H117D/H118D	This work
BLS_DD_R	cttgctttcatggaagtcgtccggcgtcagcacgac	H117D/H118D	This work
BLS_RR_F	agcaaggagcatcaccgcttcttccatcgccatttcaaggtgaag	D127R/A131R	This work
BLS_RR_R	cttcaccttgaaatggcgatggaagaagcggtgatgctccttgct	D127R/A131R	This work
BLS_KK_F	gtcgtgctgacgccgaagaagttccatgaaagcaag	H117K/H118K	This work
BLS_KK_R	cttgctttcatggaacttcttcggcgtcagcacgac	H117K/H118K	This work
BLS_EE_F	agcaaggagcatcacgaattcttccatgaacatttcaaggtgaag	D127E/A131E	This work
BLS_EE_R	cttcaccttgaaatgttcatggaagaattcgtgatgctccttgct	D127E/A131E	This work
BLS_DR-K123C_F	gacgacttccatgaaagctgtgagcatcaccgcttc	K123C	This work
BLS_DR-K123C_R	gaagcggtgatgctcacagctttcatggaagtcgtc	K123C	This work
BLS_KE-K123C_F	aagaagttccatgaaagctgtgagcatcacgaattc	K123C	This work
BLS_KE-K123C_R	gaattcgtgatgctcacagctttcatggaacttctt	K123C	This work
VP8-BLS_F	ttgtttaactttaagaaggagatata <u>catatq</u> catgaaccagtgc ttgatggaccatatc	pET11a-VP8d sequences. Ndel restriction site: catatg.	This work
VP8-BLS_R	aaggatgt <u>cttaaq</u> accgctaccgctacctaatccattatttatg tattcagtgcattttgc	AfII restriction site: <u>cttaag</u> . Designed to anneal at BLS residue number 5	This work
Plasmid	Template derived from / Primers used	Characteristics / mutations	References
pBLS _{wt}	pET11a-BLS	BLS with wild-type interface. Contains C5S mutation to avoid the use of reducing agents to impair aggregation	This work
pBLS _D	pBLS _{WT} / BLS_DD_F-BLS_DD_R	H117D/H118D	This work
pBLS _{DR}	pBLS _D / BLS_RR_F-BLS_RR_R	H117D/H118D/D127R/A131R	This work
pBLS _K	pBLS _{WT} /BLS_KK_F-BLS_KK_R	H117K/H118K	This work
pBLS _{ke}	pBLS _K / BLS_EE_F-BLS_EE_R	H117K/H118K/D127E/A131E	This work
pBLS _{DR-C}	pBLS _{DR} /BLS_DR-K123C_F-BLS_DR-K123C_R	H117D/H118D/D127R/A131R/K123C	This work
pBLS _{KE-C}	pBLS _{KE} /BLS_KE-K123C_F-BLS_KE-K123C_R	H117K/H118K/D127E/A131E/K123C	This work
pVP8-BLS	pET11a-BLS	N-terminal VP8d GSGSG-BLS	1
pVP8-BLS _{ke}	pBLS _{KE} /VP8-BLS_F-VP8-BLS_R	N-terminal VP8d GSGSG-BLS _{KE}	This work

Table S1. Primers and plasmids used in this study.

BLS variant	∆Gpp (kCal/mol)	Relative ∆Gpp
BLS _{WT}	$-23,35 \pm 1,60$	$1,00 \pm 0,14$
D81A	$-16,36 \pm 0,57$	$0,70 \pm 0,10$
I84A	$-17,98 \pm 0,88$	$0,77 \pm 0,12$
H117A	$-23,13 \pm 0,44$	$0,\!99\pm0,\!09$
H118A	$-20,94 \pm 0,72$	$0,90 \pm 010$
H117A+H118A	$-13,38 \pm 0,81$	0,57 ± 0,13
H120A	$-27,45 \pm 1,95$	$1,18 \pm 0,13$
E124A	$-16,44 \pm 0,43$	$0,70\pm0,09$
H125A	$-18,68 \pm 0,79$	$0,80 \pm 0,11$
F128A	$-9,88 \pm 0,50$	$0,\!42 \pm 0,\!12$
H132A	$-14,33 \pm 0,23$	0,61 ± 0,08
E124A+H132A	$-14,08 \pm 0,39$	$0,\!60 \pm 0,\!10$
E124A+F128A+H132A	$-2,32 \pm 0,25$	$0,10 \pm 0,18$

Table S2. Gibbs free energy between pentamers for BLS variants calculated with FoldX.

BLS protein sequences.

Mutations are colored in blue, red, yellow and green. VP8 is highlighted in light grey and the linker

region in dark grey.

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>BLS-WT(C5S)
MNQS<mark>S</mark>PNKTSFKIAFIQARWHADIVDEARKSFVAELAAKTGGSVEVEIFDVPGAYEIPLHAKTLART
GRYAAIVGAAFVIDGGIYRHDFVATAVINGMMQVQLETEVPVLSVVLTPHHFHESKEHHDFFHAHFK
VKGVEAAHAALQIVSERSRIAALV
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>BLS-DR

MNQSSPNKTSFKIAFIQARWHADIVDEARKSFVAELAAKTGGSVEVEIFDVPGAYEIPLHAKTLART GRYAAIVGAAFVIDGGIYRHDFVATAVINGMMQVQLETEVPVLSVVLTP<mark>DD</mark>FHESKEHH<mark>R</mark>FFH<mark>R</mark>HFK VKGVEAAHAALQIVSERSRIAALV

>BLS-KE

MNQSSPNKTSFKIAFIQARWHADIVDEARKSFVAELAAKTGGSVEVEIFDVPGAYEIPLHAKTLART GRYAAIVGAAFVIDGGIYRHDFVATAVINGMMQVQLETEVPVLSVVLTP<mark>KK</mark>FHESKEHH<mark>E</mark>FFH<mark>E</mark>HFK VKGVEAAHAALQIVSERSRIAALV

>VP8-BLS-KE

MHEPVLDGPYQPTTFNPPVSYWMLLAPTNAGVVAEGTNNTNRWLATILIEPNVQQVERTYTLFGQQ VQVTVSNDSQTKWKFVDLSKQTQDGNYSQHGPLLSTPKLYGVMKHGGRIYTYNGETPNATTGYYST TNFDTVNMTAYCDFYIIPLAQEAKCTEYINNGLGSGSGLKTSFKIAFIQARWHADIVDEARKSFVA ELAAKTGGSVEVEIFDVPGAYEIPLHAKTLARTGRYAAIVGAAFVIDGGIYRHDFVATAVINGMMQ VQLETEVPVLSVVLTP<mark>KK</mark>FHESKEHH<mark>E</mark>FFH<mark>E</mark>HFKVKGVEAAHAALQIVSERSRIAALV

>BLS-DR-K123C

MNQSSPNKTSFKIAFIQARWHADIVDEARKSFVAELAAKTGGSVEVEIFDVPGAYEIPLHAKTLART GRYAAIVGAAFVIDGGIYRHDFVATAVINGMMQVQLETEVPVLSVVLTP<mark>DD</mark>FHES<mark>C</mark>EHH<mark>R</mark>FFH<mark>R</mark>HFK VKGVEAAHAALQIVSERSRIAALV

>BLS-KE-K123C

MNQSSPNKTSFKIAFIQARWHADIVDEARKSFVAELAAKTGGSVEVEIFDVPGAYEIPLHAKTLART GRYAAIVGAAFVIDGGIYRHDFVATAVINGMMQVQLETEVPVLSVVLTP<mark>KK</mark>FHES<mark>C</mark>EHH<mark>E</mark>FFH<mark>E</mark>HFK VKGVEAAHAALQIVSERSRIAALV

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