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Growth

Procedure: A 250 ml flask containing M9 base minimum media (with ^{13}C -glucose and ^{15}N $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$) supplemented with 50 ug/ ml kanamycin (BioShop Canada KAN 201) was inoculated from a fresh transformed plate. The flask was shaken overnight (16 hours) at 250 rpm at 37 degC.

Using the Lex system, a 2L bottle (VWR 89000-242) containing 1800 ml of minimum media supplemented 50 ug/ ml kanamycin and 600 ul antifoam 204 (Sigma A-8311) was inoculated with 50 ml overnight LB culture, and incubated at 37degC. The temperature of the media was reduced to 15 degC one hour prior to induction and induced at $\text{OD}_{600} = 2$ with 100 μM isopropyl-thio- β -D-galactopyranoside (BioShop Canada IPT 001). Cultures were aerated overnight (16 hours) at 15 degC, and cell pellets collected by centrifugation and frozen at -80 degC.

Purification

Procedure: Unclarified lysate was mixed with 2-3 mL of Ni-NTA superflow Resin (Qiagen) per 40 mL lysate. The mixture was incubated with mixing for at least 45 minutes at 4 degC. The mixture was then loaded onto an empty column (BioRad) and washed with 100 ml wash buffer. Samples were eluted from the resin by exposure to 2-3 column volumes (approx. 10-15 mL) of elution buffer.

Gel filtration chromatography: An XK 26x65 column (GE Healthcare) packed with HighLoad Superdex 75 resin (GE Healthcare) was pre-equilibrated with gel filtration buffer for 1.5 column volumes using an AKTA explorer (GE Healthcare) at a flow rate of 2.5mL/min. The eluate sample from the IMAC step (approx. 15 mL) was loaded onto the column at 1.5 mL/min, and 2mL fractions were collected into 96-well plates (VWR 40002-012) using peak fractionation protocols. Fractions observed by a UV absorption chromatogram to contain the protein were pooled.

Protein concentration. Purified proteins were concentrated using 15 mL concentrators with a 5,000 molecular weight cut-off (Amicon Ultra-15, UFC900524, Millipore) at 3750 rpm, typically resulting in a final concentration of 4-5 mg/mL.

Extraction

Procedure: Frozen cell pellet contained in bags (Beckman 369256) obtained from 2L of culture were thawed by soaking in warm water. Each cell pellet was resuspended in 25-40 mL lysis buffer and homogenized using an Ultra-Turrax T8 homogenizer (IKA Works) at maximal setting for 30-60 seconds per pellet. Cell lysis was accomplished by sonication (Virtis408912, Virsonic) on ice: the sonication protocol was 10 sec pulse at half-maximal frequency (5.0), 10 second rest, for 10 minutes total sonication time per pellet.

Structure Determination

NMR Spectroscopy: A series of spectra (3D ^1H - ^{13}C NOESY, 3D ^1H - ^{15}N NOESY, 3D ^1H - ^{13}C Aromatic NOESY, 2D ^1H - ^{13}C Constant Time HSQC, 3D HNCO, 3D HNCA, 3D CBCA(CO)NH, 3D HBHA(CO)NH, 3D (H)CCH-TOCSY, and 3D H(C)CH-TOCSY) were generated using 800MHz Bruker AVANCE and 600MHz Varian INOVA spectrometers. NMR data was processed and analyzed using NMRPipe, NMRDraw, and Sparky programs. FMC-GUI was used for sequence specific resonance assignment. Structure was calculated and refined using CYANA, TALOS, and CNS.