CTPS2

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Tag:N-terminal hexahistidine tag with integrated TEV protease cleavage site: mhhhhhhssgvdlgtenlyfq*sm
Host:*E.coli* BL21(DE3) R3 pRARE, where R3 denotes a derivative of BL21(DE3) resistant to a strain of T1 bacteriophage (SGC Oxford) and the pRARE plasmid originating from the Rosetta strain (Novagen) supplies tRNAs for rare codons.

Construct

Prelude:
Sequence:

mhhhhhhssgvdlgtenlyfq*smKICSIALVGKYTKLRDCYASVFKALEHSALAINHKLNLMYIDSIDLEKITETEDPVKFHEAWQ
KLCKADGILVPGGFGIRGTLGKLQAISWARTKKIPFLGVCLGMQLAVIEFARNCLNLKDADSTEFRPNAPVPLVIDMPEHNPGNLGG
TMRLGIRRTVFKTENSILRKLYGDVPFIEERHRHRFEVNPNLIKQFEQNDLSFVGQDVDGDRMEIIELANHPYFVGVQFHPEFSSRP
MKPSPPYLGLLLAATGNLNAYLQQGCKLS

Vector:pNIC-Bsa4

Growth

Medium:
Antibiotics:
Procedure: Cells from a glycerol stock were grown in 20 ml TB supplemented with 8 g/l glycerol, 100 µg/ml kanamycin and 34 µg/ml chloramphenicol at 30 ºC overnight. The overnight culture (20 ml) was used to inoculate 1.5 l TB supplemented with 8 g/l glycerol, 50 µg/ml kanamycin and approximately 200 µl PPG P2,000 81380 anti-foam solution (Fluka). The culture was grown in a LEX bioreactor system (Harbinger Biotechnology) at 37 ºC until OD600 reached ~2.4. The culture was down-tempered to 18 ºC over a period of 1 hour before target expression was induced by addition of 0.5 mM IPTG. Expression was allowed to continue overnight and cells were harvested the following morning by centrifugation (4,400 x *g*, 10 min, 4 ºC). The resulting cell pellet (32.4 g wet cell weight) was resuspended in lysis buffer (1.5 ml/g cell pellet), supplemented with 2000 U Benzonase (Merck) and one tablet of Complete EDTA-free protease inhibitor (Roche Applied Science). The cell suspension was stored at -80 ºC.

Purification

Procedure

Columns
IMAC: Ni-charged 5 ml HiTrap Chelating HP (GE Healthcare)
Gel filtration column: HiLoad 26/60 Superdex 200 Prep Grade (GE Healthcare)

Procedure
Purification of the protein was performed as a two step process on an ÄKTAxpress system (GE Healthcare). Prior to purification, columns were equilibrated with IMAC wash1 buffer and gel filtration buffer, respectively. The filtered lysate was loaded onto the Ni-charged HiTrap Chelating column and washed with IMAC wash1 buffer followed by IMAC wash2 buffer. Bound protein was eluted from the IMAC column with IMAC elution buffer and automatically loaded onto the gel filtration column. Fractions containing the target protein were pooled and fresh TCEP was added to a final concentration of 2 mM. The protein was subsequently concentrated using a Amicon Ultra-15 centrifugal filter device, 10,000 NMWL (Millipore) to 17.9 mg/ml in a volume of 1.0 ml. The identity of the protein was confirmed by mass spectrometry.

Extraction

Procedure
The cell suspension was briefly thawed in water. Cells were disrupted by sonication (Vibra-Cell, Sonics) at 80% amplitude for 3 min effective time (pulsed 4s on, 4s off) and cell debris was removed by centrifugation (49,100 x *g*, 20 min, 4 ºC). The supernatant was decanted and filtered through a 0.45 µm flask filter.
Concentration:
Ligand
MassSpec:
Crystallization: The crystal was obtained by the hanging drop vapour diffusion method in a 24-well plate containing 500 µl well solution.1 µl of the protein solution (17.9 mg/ml) including 2 mM glutamic acid, were mixed with 1 µl of well solution consisting of 0.1 M HEPES pH 7, 26% polyacrylic acid 5100 and 0.02 M MgCl2. The plate was incubated at 4 ºC. The crystal was quickly transferred to cryo solution containing well solution, 0.3 M NaCl and 15% glycerol and flash frozen in liquid nitrogen.
NMR Spectroscopy:
Data Collection: Data was collected at the ESRF beamline ID23-2.
Data Processing: Data was processed with XDS in space group C2 (a=105.200 b= 73.100 c= 50.500 β=95.60). The structure was solved with molecular replacement using MOLREP. As a search model the *Thermus thermophilus* glutaminase domain of CTP synthetase (PDB code:1VCO) was used. Model building and refinement were performed in COOT, CNS (simulated annealing) and REFMAC5. Data in the interval 20 - 2.5 Å resolution was used and at the end of the refinement the R values were: R= 21.5% and Rfree= 25.1%. Coordinates for the crystal structure were deposited in the Protein Data Bank, accession code 2VKT.