

PDB Code [5VBD](#) Entry clone accession SGC cDNA collection: 38-B3BC172429.1 Entry clone source MGC collection: OHS5893-202503866 SGC clone accession YTC046E04 Tag N-terminal His6-tag, not removed Construct comments USP9X:A880-S970 Construct sequence [gAFRGKHL](#)SFVVRFPNQGRQVDDLEVWSHTNDTIGSVRRICILNRIKANVAHTKIELFVGGE LIDPADDRKLIGQLNLKD K

SLITAKLTQISS Vector pET28-MHL Expression host BL21(DE3) Growth method LEX Bubbling. The target protein was expressed in E. coli by inoculating 100 mL of overnight culture grown in Luria-Bertani medium into a 2 L of Terrific Broth medium in the presence of 50 mg/mL kanamycin, 600 uL Lantifoam at 37 degree. When OD₆₀₀ reached ~3.0, the temperature of the medium was lowered to 15 degree and the culture was induced with 0.1 mM IPTG. The cells were allowed to grow overnight before harvested by centrifugation (12,227g 20min) and flash frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80 degree. Extraction buffers 25mM Tris, pH 7.5, 500mM NaCl, 5% Glycerol Extraction procedure Frozen cells from 4L TB culture were thawed in water bath at r.t. for about 30mins and resuspended in 200 mL extraction buffer, and supplemented with protease inhibitor cocktail (SIGMA Catalog # P8849), and 3 uL benzonase (Sigma Catalog #E1014, 250U/uL), and lysed using sonication for 10 min (duty cycle 5s on and 7s off) Purification buffers Washing Buffer: 25mM Tris, pH 7.5, 500mM NaCl, 5% Glycerol, 20 mM imidazole - Elution Buffer: 25mM Tris, pH 7.5, 150mM NaCl, 250mM imidazole Purification procedure The lysate was centrifuged at 15,000 rpm for 60 minutes and the supernatant was mixed with 4 mL Ni-NTA (50% slurry), supplemented with 5uM imidazole (final concentration) and incubated at 4 degree for 1 hour. The beads were collected by centrifugation at 1500 rpm for 5 min at 4 degree. The supernatant went through another batch absorption with 4 mL Ni-NTA. The beads were pooled and loaded onto an open column, washed with 30 mL washing buffer and the target protein was eluted with 10 mL elution buffer twice. The elute was added TEV protease at (15:1 protein:TEV m/m) ratio and dialyzed overnight to remove His6-tag. Uncut sample and TEV protease was removed by another pass through the Ni-NTA beads. Pooled flow-through was loaded onto an ion exchange column (Source 15S). Two peaks were observed on the elution profile and both contain the target protein with the correct mass, suggesting the existence of two species of probably different oligomeric status. The two peaks were collected separately, concentrated using Amicon Ultra-15 centrifugal filter (mwcw 3 kDa). The purity of the preparation is tested by SDS-PAGE to be greater than 95%. Protein stock concentration 28-30 mg/mL using nanodrop based on calculated absorbance coefficient. Mass spec Cut version measured 10282.1 Da, expected 10281 Da Crystallization Crystal was obtained from SGC-II screen condition E10 for the lower charged species from the ion exchange elution profile. Crystals were also observed in multiple different conditions with different diffraction power. Crystal used for structure determination was grown in 20% PEG 8000, 0.2M NaCl, 0.1M HEPES, pH 7.5, 5% MPD using an 0.5 uL protein, 0.5uL well solution, sitting drop vaporization setup. The crystals are rod-shaped and grown to amountable size within 2 days. N-paratone was used as cryoprotectant.