

**Table S1. Structure determination of acylphosphatase variants - crystallization, data collection and refinement statistics.**

	PhG91A	HuA99	HuG99
Crystallization conditions	0.6M Na/K Phosphate, pH8.5, 25% glycerol	0.1M Bis-Tris, 0.1M Sodium acetate, pH6.0, 25% PEG3350	2.4M Sodium malonate, pH7.0
<b>Diffraction data collection (Values in parenthesis are for the highest-resolution shell)</b>			
X- ray source	Cu K $\alpha$	Cu K $\alpha$	Cu K $\alpha$
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
Resolution (Å)	44.18- 2.40 (2.49- 2.40)	14.31- 1.52 (1.60-1.52)	41.03- 1.70 (1.79-1.70)
Unit cell dimension (Å)	a=46.046; b=87.39; c= 153.60	a=24.604; b=57.861; c=59.095	a=24.206; b=57.339; c=58.777
Multiplicity	2.92 (2.74)	6.7 (6.5)	6.5 (6.3)
Completeness (%)	98.9 (97.5)	99.9 (100.1)	99.9 (99.5)
Mean $I/\sigma(I)$	10.7 (4.2)	30.7 (9.2)	21.3 (4.4)
$R_{merge}^a$	0.070 (0.199)	0.039 (0.184)	0.078 (0.338)
Unique reflections	24753	9045	12894
<b>Structural Refinement</b>			
$R_{cryst}/R_{free}^b$ (%)	22.7/ 25.2	19.6/ 22.8	18.7/ 24.1
<b>Model</b>			
No. of protein molecules	6	1	1
Protein atoms	4308	765	768
Heterogen atoms	41	0	0
Water atoms	125	107	85
<b>RMS deviation from ideal values</b>			
Bond distance (Å)	0.007	0.012	0.016
Bond angles (deg.)	1.50	1.35	1.55
<b>Ramachandran analysis using MOLPROBITY</b>			
Favored region (%)	99.8	97.8	98.9
Other allowed region (%)	0.2	2.2	1.1
Outlier (%)	0	0	0

$$^a R_{merge} = \frac{\sum_{hkl} \sum_n |I(hkl)_n - \langle I(hkl)_n \rangle|}{\sum_{hkl} \sum_n I(hkl)_n}$$

$$^b R_{cryst} = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}, \text{ where } |F_o| \text{ and } |F_c| \text{ are the observed and calculated amplitudes, respectively. The}$$

free set contains 5% of the total reflections.