Supporting Information

Precise redesign for improving enzyme robustness based on coevolutionary analysis and multidimensional virtual screening

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Plasmid and strains	Relevant characteristics	source
Plasmid		
pBP43-WapA-NK	E.coli-B.subtilis shuttle vector, Amp ^R in Escherichia coli,	Lab stock
	Kan ^R in Bacillus subtilis, RepB, P43, signal peptide-WapA	
Strains		
E. coli JM109	recA1, supE44 endA1 hsdR17 (^{r-} k,m ⁺ k) gyrA96 relA1 thi	Lab stock
	(<i>lac-proAB</i>) F'[<i>traD</i> 36 <i>proAB</i> ⁺ <i>lacI</i> ^q <i>lacZ</i> Δ M15]	
B. subtilis comK	Derive from B.subtilis 168, lacA::erm R-PxylA-comK	Lab stock ¹

Table S1. Plasmids and Bacterial strains used in this study	Ta	ab	le	S1 .	Plasmi	ds and	Bacterial	strains	used i	in '	this	study	•
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Primer	Primer Sequence (5'-3')
P-T22F-F	CACTCTCAAGGCTACTTTGGCTCTAACGTAAAAGTAGCTGTTATCG
P-T22L-F	CACTCTCAAGGCTACCTTGGCTCTAACGTAAAAGTAGCTGTTATCG
P-T22Y-F	CTTCACTCTCAAGGCTACTATGGCTCTAACGTAAAAGTAGCTGTTATC
P-T22-R	GTAGCCTTGAGAGTGAAGAGCC
P-S87-R	TGGCGCTACGCCCAGAAC
P-S87F-F	GGGCGTAGCGCCAAGCGCATCATTATATGCAGTAAAAGTGCTTG
P-S87L-F	GGGCGTAGCGCCACTCGCATCATTATATGCAGTAAAAGTGCTTG
P-S87W-F	GGGCGTAGCGCCATGGGCATCATTATATTGTGTAAAAGTGCTTGATTC
P-S87Y-F	GGGCGTAGCGCCATACGCATCATTATATGCAGTAAAAGTGCTTG
P-K27F-F	CACAGGCTCTAACGTATTTGTAGCTGTTATCGACAGCGGAATTG
P-K27L-F	CACAGGCTCTAACGTACTGGTAGCTGTTATCGACAGCGGAATTG
P-K27N-F	CACAGGCTCTAACGTAAATGTAGCTGTTATCGACAGCGGAATTG
P-K27H-F	CACAGGCTCTAACGTACATGTAGCTGTTATCGACAGCGGAATTG
P-K27R-F	CACAGGCTCTAACGTAAGAGTAGCTGTTATCGACAGCGG
P-K27Y-F	CACAGGCTCTAACGTATATGTAGCTGTTATCGACAGCGGAATTG
P-K27-R	TACGTTAGAGCCTGTGTAGCCTTG
P-S89F-F	GCGCCAAGCGCATTTTTATATGCAGTAAAAGTGCTTGATTCAACAGG
P-S89L-F	GCGCCAAGCGCACTGTTATATGCAGTAAAAGTGCTTGATTCAACAGG
P-S89W-F	GCGCCAAGCGCATGGTTATATGCAGTAAAAGTGCTTGATTCAACAGG
P-S89Y-F	GCGCCAAGCGCATATTTATATGCAGTAAAAGTGCTTGATTCAACAGG
P-S89-R	TGCGCTTGGCGCTACG
P-H67A-F	GTTCTCACGGTACGGCGGTCGCCGGTACGATTGCC
P-H67A-R	CGTACCGTGAGAACTGCCG
P-S207A-F	GGCGTGTCCATCCAAGCGACACTTCCTGGAGGCACTTAC
P-S207V-F	GGCGTGTCCATCCAAGTTACACTTCCTGGAGGCACTTAC
P-S207-R	TTGGATGGACACGCCAGGAG
P-N269W-F	CTTTCTACTATGGAAAAGGGTTAATCTGGGTACAAGCAGCTGCACAATAAG
P-T255F-R	CCCTTTTCCATAGTAGAAAGAGTTTCCAAGATAAAATGCAGTGCTTTCTAAACGATC

Table S2. Primers used in this study.

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P-N269D-F	CTTTCTACTATGGAAAAGGGTTAATCGACGTACAAGCAGCTGCACAATAAG
P-N269I-F	CTTTCTACTATGGAAAAGGGTTAATCATTGTACAAGCAGCTGCACAATAAG
P-T255Y-R	CCCTTTTCCATAGTAGAAAGAGTTTCCAAGATAATATGCAGTGCTTTCTAAACGATC
	Α
P-K141V-F	ATCAACTACTGTTTTCAGCGCTGTAG
P-K141V-R	ATCAACTACTGTTTTCAGCGCTGTAG
P-D140A-F	CTGAAAACAGTAGTTGCGAAAGCGGTTTCCAGCGGTATC
P-D140A-R	AACTACTGTTTTCAGCGCTGTAG
P-S173L-F	CCCTGCAAAATATCCTCTGACTATTGCAGTAGGTGCGGTAAAC
P-S173L-R	AGGATATTTTGCAGGGTAGCCG

Table S3. Coevolutionary residue pairs selected from EVcouplings software.

Residue pairs	Score	Distance between Ca (Å)
L96-G102	42.85	4.8
L209-G215	33.92	6.6
T22-S87	33.44	5.3
A230-V270	31.66	5.6
V93-W113	31.54	8.1
A230-I268	29.39	8.3
A179-F189	28.95	8.1
K27-Y91	28.88	7.4
E112-K141	27.51	8.4
V28-I72	27.10	8.3
G178-M199	27.02	4.5
K27-S89	26.92	5.0
A169-A176	26.73	4.1
D120-L235	26.67	8.4
D140-S173	26.52	6.4
A187-V203	26.45	6.8
H67-M222	26.16	8.0
H67-S207	25.72	5.4
V180-M199	25.09	6.6
T255-N269	23.78	6.8

Coevolutionary site	Mutants	ddG (REU)	Molecular dynamic simulation
1.06 6102	G102F	-1.8	\checkmark
L90-G102	G102W	-1.6	
	T22FS87F	-2.1	\checkmark
	T22FS87L	-2.0	\checkmark
	T22FS87W	-2.0	\checkmark
	T22FS87Y	-2.1	\checkmark
	T22HS87F	-1.7	
	T22HS87L	-1.7	
	T22HS87Y	-1.7	
	T22LS87F	-1.9	
T22S87	T22LS87L	-1.6	\checkmark
	T22LS87W	-1.9	\checkmark
	T22LS87Y	-1.9	
	T22QS87L	-1.6	
	T22YS87F	-2.2	\checkmark
	T22YS87L	-2.1	\checkmark
	T22YS87M	-1.6	
	T22YS87W	-2.2	\checkmark
	T22YS87Y	-2.2	\checkmark
E112K141	E112WK141V	-1.6	\checkmark
	K27FS89F	-2.2	\checkmark
	K27FS89L	-2.6	\checkmark
	K27FS89M	-1.9	
	K27FS89W	-2.1	\checkmark
	K27FS89Y	-2.2	\checkmark
	K27HS89F	-1.9	
	K27HS89L	-2.1	\checkmark
	K27HS89W	-1.7	
	K27HS89Y	-1.9	
K27-S89	S89F	-1.7	
	S89L	-2.0	\checkmark
	S89W	-1.7	
	S89Y	-1.8	
	K27LS89E	-1.7	
	K27LS89F	-2.5	1
	K27LS89H	-1.7	
	K27LS89I	-1.6	
	K27LS89L	-2.1	√
	K27LS89N	-1.7	

Table S4. Screening mutants for molecular dynamics simulation.

	K27LS89Q	-1.9	
	K27LS89V	-1.8	
	K27LS89W	-2.5	√
	K27LS89Y	-2.6	√
	K27MS89F	-1.7	
	K27MS89L	-1.7	
	K27MS89W	-1.6	
	K27MS89Y	-1.7	
	K27NS89F	-1.9	
	K27NS89L	-2.1	\checkmark
	K27NS89N	-1.6	
	K27NS89W	-1.8	
	K27NS89Y	-2.0	\checkmark
	K27RS89F	-1.7	
	K27RS89L	-2.0	√
	K27RS89W	-1.6	√
	K27RS89Y	-1.7	
	K27WS89F	-1.6	
	K27WS89L	-2.0	\checkmark
	K27WS89W	-1.7	
	K27WS89Y	-1.7	
	K27YS89F	-2.2	√
	K27YS89L	-2.6	\checkmark
	K27YS89M	-1.8	
	K27YS89W	-2.0	\checkmark
	K27YS89Y	-2.2	√
D140-S173	D140AS173L	-1.6	\checkmark
H67-M222	H67AM222F	-1.6	\checkmark
	H67AS207A	-2.1	\checkmark
	H67AS207T	-2.7	\checkmark
H67-S207	H67AS207V	-3.2	\checkmark
	H67FS207D	-1.8	
	H67HS207N	-1.6	
	T255FN269W	-2.2	√
	T255FN269Y	-1.6	
	T255IN269D	-1.7	√
T255N269	T255IN269L	-1.6	√
120011207	T255WN269W	-1.7	
	T255YN269I	-1.7	√
	T255YN269L	-1.7	
	T255YN269W	-1.9	

Note: REU means the Rosetta Energy Unit.

Entry	RMSD(Å)	$\Delta RMSD(Å)$	Rg(Å)	ΔRg(Å)	H-bond	ΔH -bond
G102F	1.99±0.36	0.36	17.16±0.09	0.04	46.72±6.03	-2.03
T22FS87F	1.67 ± 0.23	0.04	17.13 ± 0.09	0.01	49.16±6.05	0.41
T22FS87L	$1.44{\pm}0.19^{*}$	-0.19	$17.01{\pm}0.07^{*}$	-0.11	$50.26 \pm 6.16^*$	1.51
T22FS87W	$1.46{\pm}0.19^{*}$	-0.17	$17.06{\pm}0.08^*$	-0.06	$51.23{\pm}6.11^*$	2.48
T22FS87Y	1.57 ± 0.19	-0.06	17.10 ± 0.08	-0.02	48.55 ± 6.61	-0.20
T22LS87L	1.63 ± 0.26	0.00	17.12 ± 0.10	0.00	49.56±6.23*	0.81
T22LS87W	$1.44{\pm}0.18^{*}$	-0.19	$17.05{\pm}0.08^*$	-0.07	49.13±6.02	0.38
T22YS87F	1.50 ± 0.19	-0.13	17.08 ± 0.08	-0.04	$49.83 \pm 5.97^*$	1.08
T22YS87L	$1.41\pm0.13^{*}$	-0.22	$17.05 {\pm} 0.07^*$	-0.07	$49.80{\pm}5.96^*$	1.05
T22YS87W	$1.46{\pm}0.16^{*}$	-0.17	$17.06{\pm}0.07^*$	-0.06	48.12±5.99	-0.63
T22YS87Y	$1.43 \pm 0.19^{*}$	-0.20	17.05 ± 0.08	-0.07	49.76±6.22*	1.01
E112WK141V	1.53 ± 0.25	-0.10	$17.06{\pm}0.08^*$	-0.06	49.45±6.04	0.70
K27FS89F	1.66 ± 0.25	0.03	17.13 ± 0.09	0.01	48.29±6.17	-0.46
K27FS89L	1.63 ± 0.22	0.00	17.11 ± 0.09	-0.01	49.44±6.17	0.69
K27FS89W	1.65 ± 0.20	0.02	17.10 ± 0.08	-0.02	48.98 ± 6.00	0.23
K27FS89Y	$1.42{\pm}0.13^{*}$	-0.21	$17.07 \pm 0.07^*$	-0.05	48.75 ± 5.97	0.00
K27HS89L	1.58 ± 0.35	-0.05	17.10 ± 0.13	-0.02	49.11±6.13	0.36
S89L	$1.40{\pm}0.11^*$	-0.23	$17.04{\pm}0.07^{*}$	-0.08	48.74±6.16	-0.01
K27LS89F	1.52 ± 0.22	-0.11	17.08 ± 0.09	-0.04	48.86±5.99	0.11
K27LS89L	$1.45 \pm 0.16^{*}$	-0.18	$17.05 {\pm} 0.07^*$	-0.07	48.56±6.18	-0.19
K27LS89W	$1.39{\pm}0.13^{*}$	-0.24	$17.03{\pm}0.07^{*}$	-0.09	48.80 ± 6.06	0.05
K27LS89Y	$1.37{\pm}0.13^{*}$	-0.26	$17.02{\pm}0.06^*$	-0.10	49.02 ± 6.08	0.27
K27NS89L	1.58 ± 0.31	-0.05	$17.04{\pm}0.08^{*}$	-0.08	48.02 ± 6.08	0.27
K27NS89Y	$1.41\pm0.17^{*}$	-0.22	$17.04{\pm}0.08^{*}$	-0.08	$49.77 \pm 6.04^*$	1.02
K27RS89L	1.63 ± 0.18	0.00	17.11 ± 0.08	-0.01	$50.09 \pm 6.15^*$	1.34
K27RS89W	1.81±0.36	0.18	17.09 ± 0.08	-0.03	49.46±6.03	0.71
K27WS89L	1.66 ± 0.35	0.03	17.11 ± 0.12	-0.01	48.14 ± 6.06	-0.61
K27YS89F	1.50±0.15	-0.13	17.08 ± 0.08	-0.04	48.34±6.25	-0.41
K27YS89L	$1.36{\pm}0.12^*$	-0.27	$17.04{\pm}0.07^{*}$	-0.08	$49.96{\pm}6.20^{*}$	1.21
K27YS89W	$1.31{\pm}0.17^{*}$	-0.32	$17.03{\pm}0.07^*$	-0.09	49.08 ± 6.07	0.33
K27YS89Y	$1.41\pm0.13^{*}$	-0.22	$17.04{\pm}0.06^{*}$	-0.08	49.86±6.13*	1.11
D140AS173L	1.59±0.19	-0.04	17.10 ± 0.08	-0.02	48.93±6.03	0.18
H67AS207A	1.70±0.16	0.07	$17.07 \pm 0.08^*$	-0.05	49.54±6.20*	0.79
H67AS207T	1.60±0.25	-0.03	$17.07 \pm 0.09^*$	-0.05	$50.04{\pm}6.20^{*}$	1.29
H67AS207V	$1.49{\pm}0.18$	-0.14	$17.05{\pm}0.08^*$	-0.07	$49.79{\pm}6.06^*$	1.04
H67AM222F	1.58±0.19	-0.05	17.11±0.08	-0.01	49.49±5.97	0.74
T255FN269W	1.65±0.21	0.02	17.09 ± 0.07	-0.03	48.30±6.00	-0.45
T255IN269D	1.59±0.20	-0.04	17.12±0.08	0.00	50.01±6.13*	1.26
T255IN269L	1.45±0.23*	-0.18	$17.05 \pm 0.09^*$	-0.07	49.08±6.11	0.33

Table S5. Characterization of multidimensional dynamic parameters of mutants.

T255YN269I	1.62 ± 0.22	-0.01	17.09 ± 0.07	-0.03	49.42 ± 6.08	0.66
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The parameter of MD simulations employed the Kruskal-Wallis test for analysis at 5% level.

* Denotes significant differences in values corresponding to the mutant compared to the WT (P<0.05).

Table S6. Mutant grouping analysis.

Overlapping mutants in three groups	Others	Filter out
T22FS87L	T22LS87W	G102F
T22FS87W	T22YS87W	T22FS87Y
T22YS87L	T22YS87F	K27FS89F
T22YS87Y	K27LS89L	K27FS89W
K27NS89Y	T22FS87F	K27WS89L
K27YS89L	T22LS87L	K27HS89L
K27YS89Y	K27LS89Y	D140AS173L
H67AS207V	K27YS89W	T255FN269W
	K27NS89L	
	K27LS89W	
	K27LS89F	
	K27FS89L	
	K27RS89L	
	K27RS89W	
	K27YS89F	
	K27FS89Y	
	S89L	
	H67AM222F	
	H67AS207T	
	H67AS207A	
	E112WK141V	
	T255IN269L	
	T255IN269D	
	T255YN269I	

Overlapping mutants in three groups means the intersection of three sets in a Venn diagram. Others means the

mutants outside of three sets but at least one set is satisfied. Filter out means the mutants do not belong to any set.

Entry	Mutations
M4 ²	P57CS62AA92CN181DY217KN218SN259P
M5	T22FS87LT255IN269D
M6	T22FP57CS62AS87LA92CN181DY217KN218ST255IN269DN259P

Table S7. The list of mutations presented in mutants M4, M5 and M6.

Table S8. Protonation states of amino acids at different pH condition.

pН	Dustanation states	Residues		
	Protonation states	WT	M6	
pH3	ASPP	32, 41, 60, 120, 248	32, 41, 60, 120, 181, 248, 269	
	GLUP	54, 112, 156, 195, 251	112, 156, 251	
	HSP	17, 39, 64, 67, 226, 238	17, 39, 64, 67, 226, 238	
	HSD	-	-	
	HSE	-	-	
pH7	ASPP	-	-	
	GLUP	-	-	
	HSP	64	64	
	HSD	67, 226	226	
	HSE	17, 39, 238	17, 39, 67, 238	

Note: The Protonation states of each residue were determined by the PDB2PQR (https://server.poissonboltzmann.org/pdb2pqr)³. ASPP and GLUP means the protonated Asp and Glu, respectively. HSP means the protonated His; HSD means the neutral His, proton on ND1; HSE means the neutral His, proton on NE2.

Supplementary Figures



Figure S1. Interaction details of selected coevolutionary residue pairs.

Hydrogen bonding interactions are highlighted by dashed lines in yellow, and salt-bridge interactions are in magenta.



Figure S2. Evaluation of the folding free energy of mutants.

Each $\Delta\Delta G$ of the total 7980 mutations in the virtual mutant library were calculated. REU means the Rosetta Energy

Unit, Range from -3.2 to 3.0.



Figure S3. Correlation analysis of four parameters of mutants.

Pearson's chi squared test based on mutant parameter values.



Figure S4. Original image of SDS-PAGE of purified WT and mutants.

The black arrow indicates the position of Nattokinase on SDS-PAGE gel.



Figure S5. Melting temperature derivative data of WT and mutants.

The fluorescence was tracked using a built-in detector. The StepOnePlusTM real-time PCR system calculated the derived melting temperature data. T_m is represented by the three different vertical lines indicating the temperatures at which absolute fluorescence change rates decrease sharply.



Figure S6. Kinetics characteristic analysis for WT and mutants.

The reaction rate was represented in nM.min⁻¹per nM enzyme.



Figure S7. The variation in RMSD between the WT and M6 at different temperatures and pH conditions.

Comparison of the RMSD values between the WT and mutant M6 under various simulated temperatures (a) and pH

(b)

condition.



Figure S8. Folding free energy of different enzymes.

Folding free energy of L-Rhamnose Isomerase (a) ⁴ and PETase(b) ⁵.We selected two enzymes from existing reports to validate the multidimensional parameter screening system.



Figure S9. The fluctuation of mutant sequences at 300K simulation.

(a) Comparison of RMSF values of WT and mutants under 300K condition. Black box expression the region from 210 to 220 exhibits increased rigidity in mutants compared to the WT. (b) The three-dimensional structure of NK. The gray surface represents region from 210 to 220. 32Asp, 64His, 221Ser represent catalytic region of NK.

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