

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

**Table S1 Refinement and quality of refined models. The Ramachandran analysis<sup>1</sup> was determined by Rampage<sup>2</sup>.**

	<b>E498D</b>	<b>E498T</b>	<b>E498L</b>
No. of protein atoms	4122	4119	4150
No. of solvent atoms	495	518	645
No. of hetero atoms	4	4	4
Final R-factor	0.177	0.177	0.175
Final free R-factor	0.206	0.215	0.194
Mean B values (Å <sup>2</sup> )			
: protein	26.04	24.25	17.65
: solvent	36.91	32.94	30.69
: overall	27.25	25.26	19.47
Estimated overall coordinate uncertainty (Å) ‡	0.088	0.089	0.049
Distance deviations †			
Bond distances (Å)	0.007	0.009	0.007
Bond angles (°)	1.036	1.145	1.064
Planar groups (Å)	0.003	0.004	0.003
Chiral volume deviation (Å <sup>3</sup> )	0.068	0.077	0.071
Quality of Models*			
Ramachandran analysis %			
Favourable	97.2	97.8	97.2
Allowed	2.8	2.2	2.8
Disallowed	0.0	0.0	0.0

‡ based on maximum likelihood.

† rms deviations from standard values

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**Table S2 Copper content, molar absorptivity, and reduction potentials for CotA proteins**

CotA	Copper content <i>g atoms Cu/mol CotA</i>	$E^{\circ}$ <i>mV</i>	$\epsilon_{330 \text{ nm}}$	$\epsilon_{330 \text{ nm}}$	$\epsilon_{609 \text{ nm}}$	$\epsilon_{609 \text{ nm}}$
			as-isolated <i>mM<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup></i>	oxidized <i>mM<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup></i>	as isolated <i>mM<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup></i>	oxidized <i>mM<sup>-1</sup>.cm<sup>-1</sup></i>
Wild type	4.2 ± 0.1	525	3.4 ± 0.1	4.4 ± 0.8	3.8 ± 0.3	3.9 ± 0.4
E498D	3.7 ± 0.2	525	1.0 ± 0.02	3.1 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.02	1.6 ± 0.1
E498T	3.7 ± 0.1	521	1.8 ± 0.2	3.3 ± 0.9	3.2 ± 0.7	3.4 ± 0.7
E498L	3.7 ± 0.2	516	1.6 ± 0.1	3.7 ± 0.2	0.8 ± 0.1	3.4 ± 0.1

**Table S3 Occupancies of copper sites in the crystal structures**

<b>CotA /</b>	<b>Wild type</b>	<b>E498T</b>	<b>E498L</b>	<b>E498D</b>
<b>Copper Site</b>				
<b>Type 1</b>	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7
<b>Type 2</b>	1.0	0.8	0.3	1.0
<b>Type 3 (x2)</b>	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0