

## **Supporting information**

### **MhuD from *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* - probing a dual role in heme storage and degradation**

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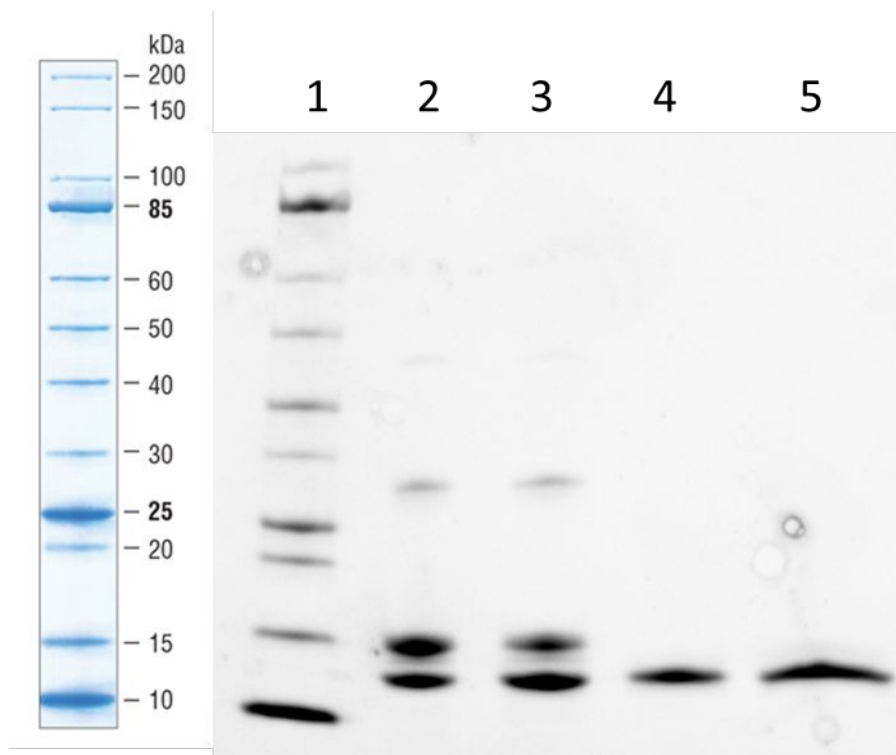
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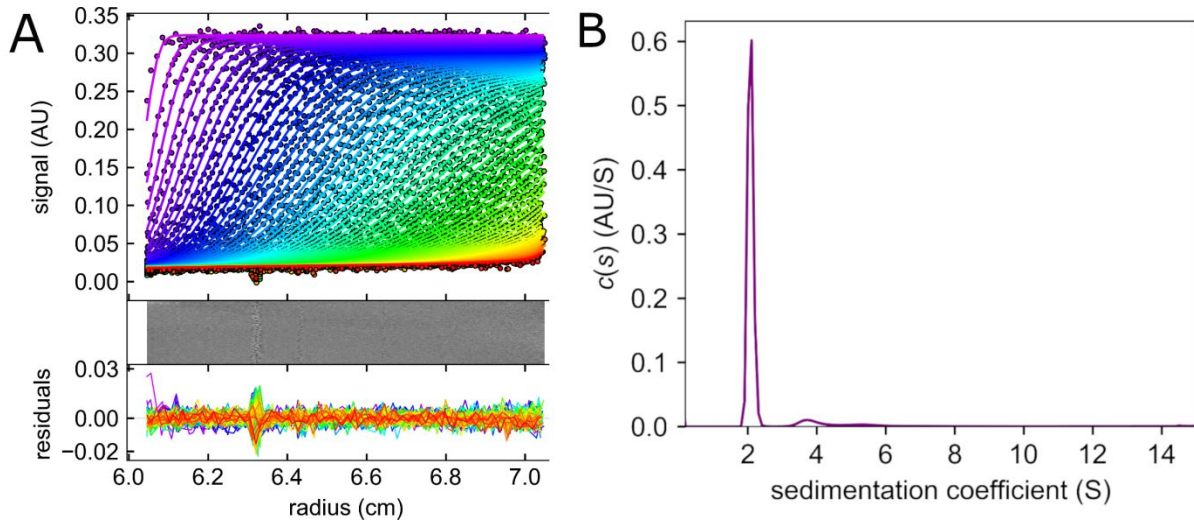
**Figure S1. SDS-PAGE gel from a MhuD purification.**

Samples were run on a 4–20% SDS PAGE gel. Lane 1: protein ladder; lanes 2 & 3: MhuD following overnight incubation with TEV protease; lane 4: MhuD following reverse nickel column elution; lane 5: MhuD following gel filtration.



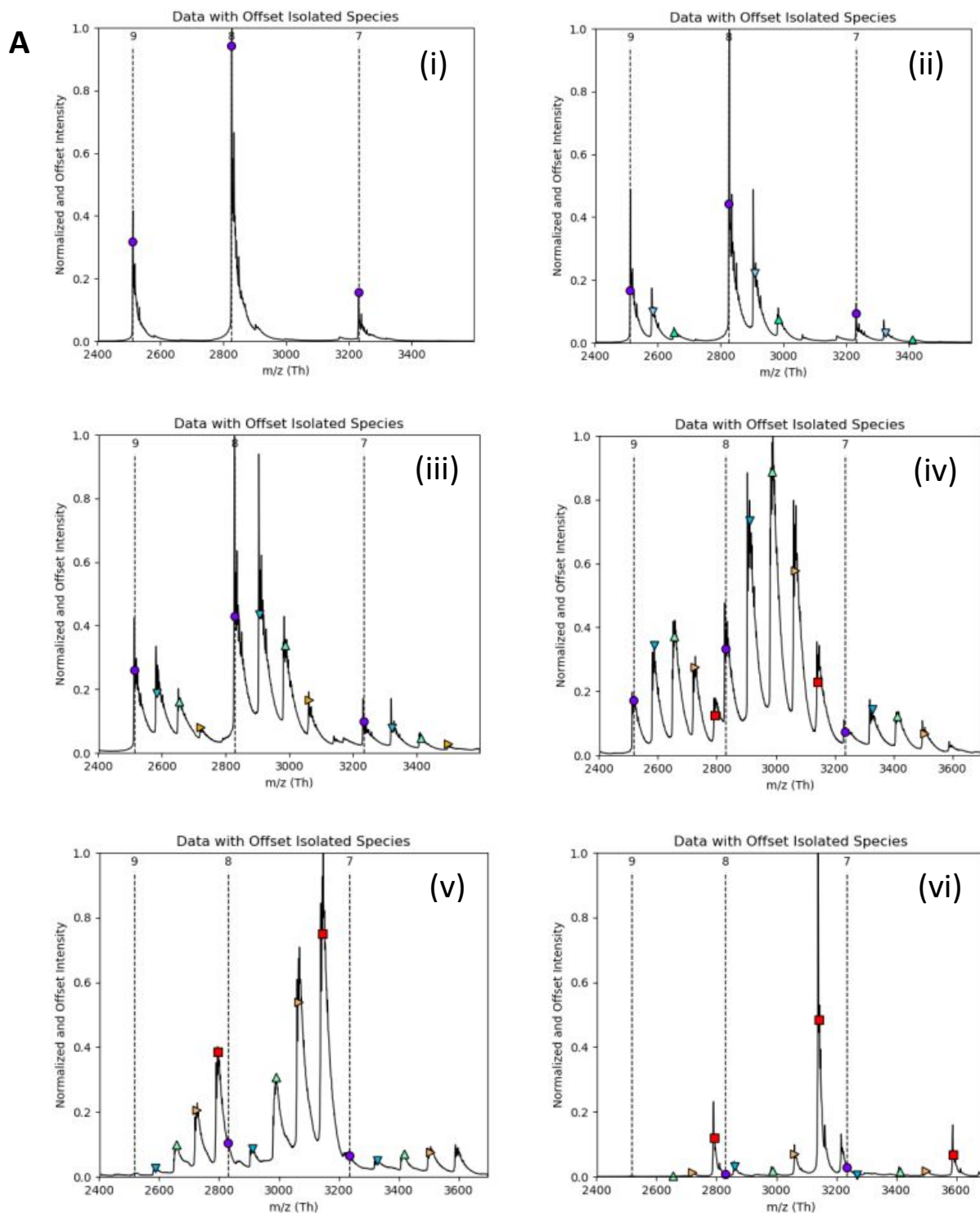
**Figure S2. Analysis of MhuD dimeric state using analytical ultracentrifugation (AUC).**

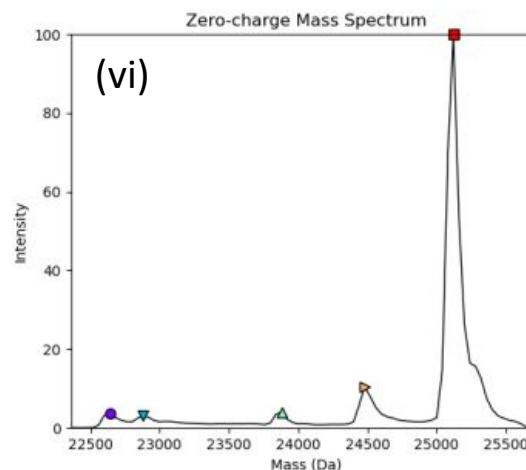
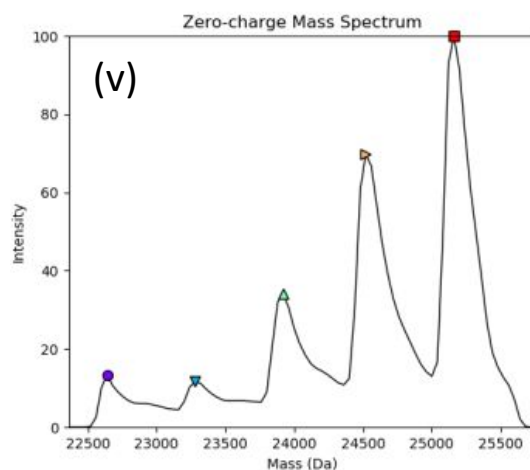
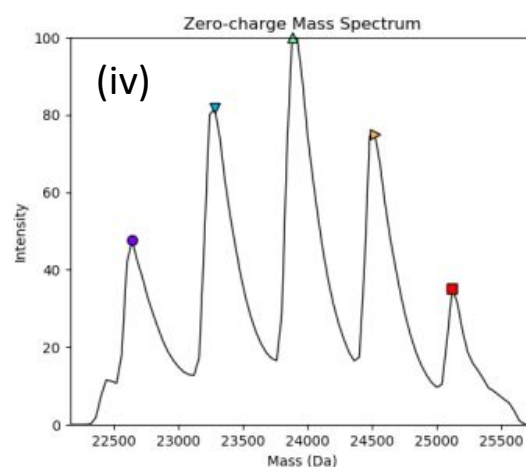
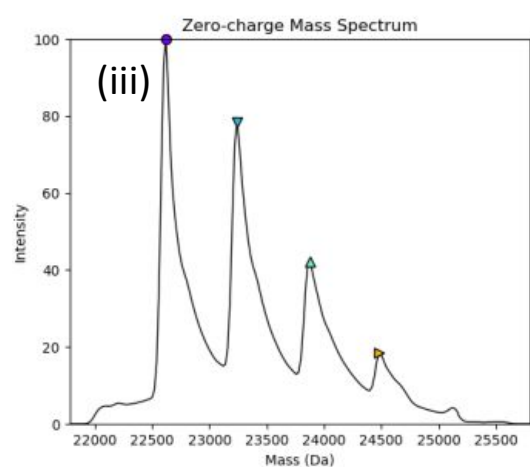
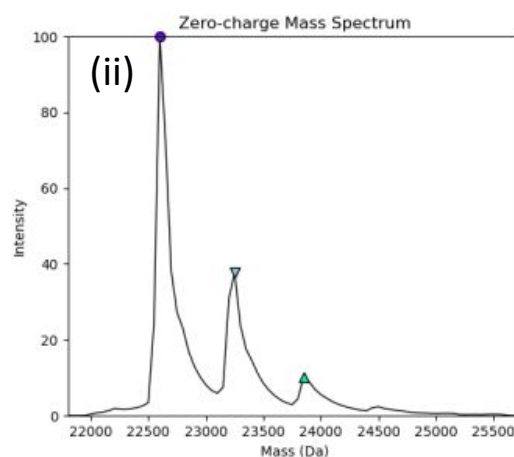
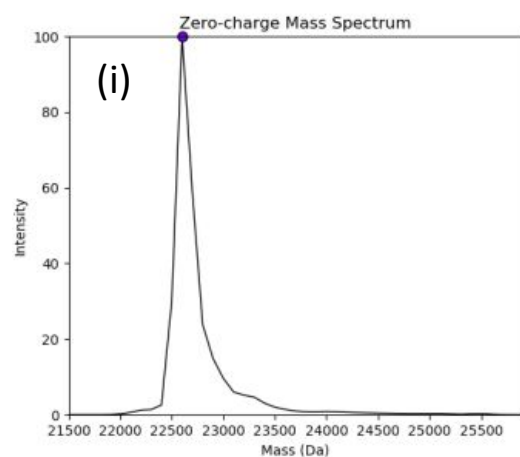
AUC experiments provided a sedimentation coefficient of  $\sim 2.08\text{S}$  and frictional ratio of  $f/f_0$  1.39 for MhuD, which correlates with an estimated molecular mass of 21 kDa and indicates that MhuD is dimeric in solution.



**Figure S3. Absolute and deconvoluted nESI-MS spectra over various heme concentrations.**

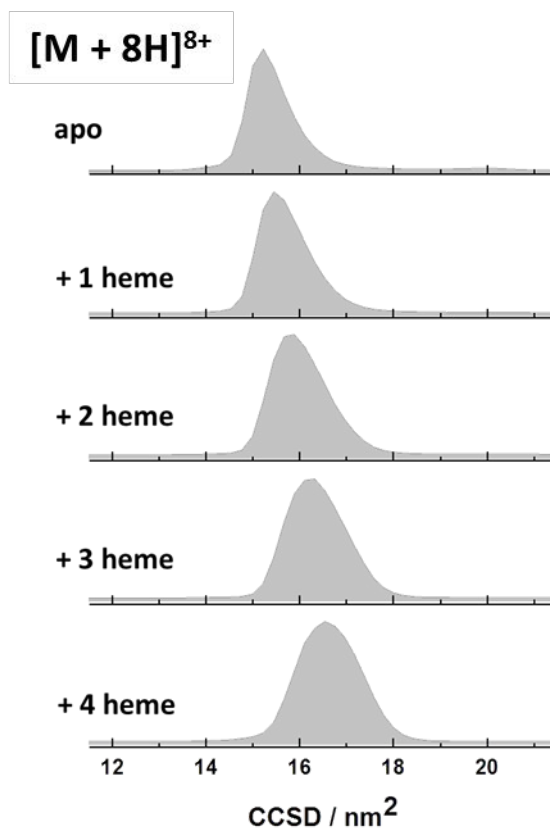
MhuD:heme stoichiometries are shown through **A)** absolute nESI-MS spectra (peaks labelled with respective charge states) and **B)** deconvoluted spectra. Samples contained 5  $\mu\text{M}$  MhuD in 100 mM ammonium acetate + 0.5% DMSO + 0, 2.5, 5, 10, 20, and 30  $\mu\text{M}$  heme (panels (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi), respectively). Apo-, 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-heme bound forms of MhuD are represented by purple circles, blue triangles, cyan triangles, orange triangles and red squares, respectively.



**B**

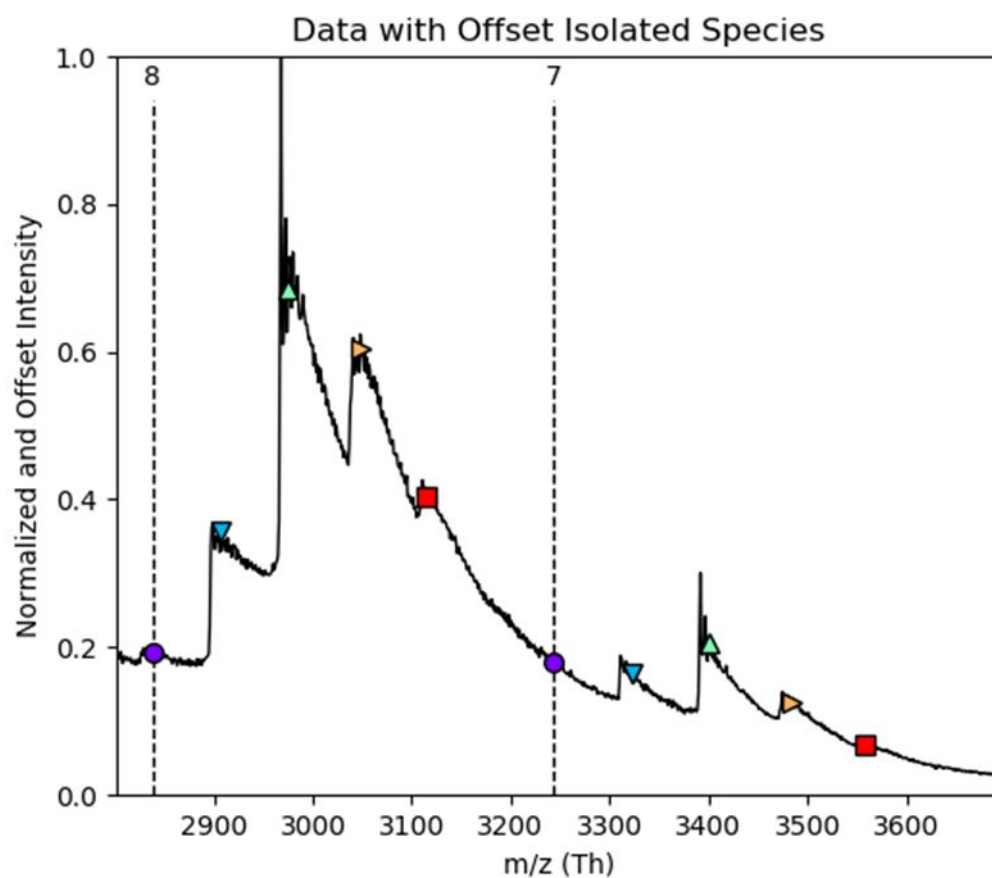
**Figure S4. Collision cross section distributions ( $^{TW}CCSD_{N_2}$ ) for apo- and heme-bound MhuD  $[M + 8H]^{8+}$  charge states.**

The figure shows minor, but consistent, increases in the  $^{TW}CCSD_{N_2}$  of MhuD as the number of bound heme molecules increases.



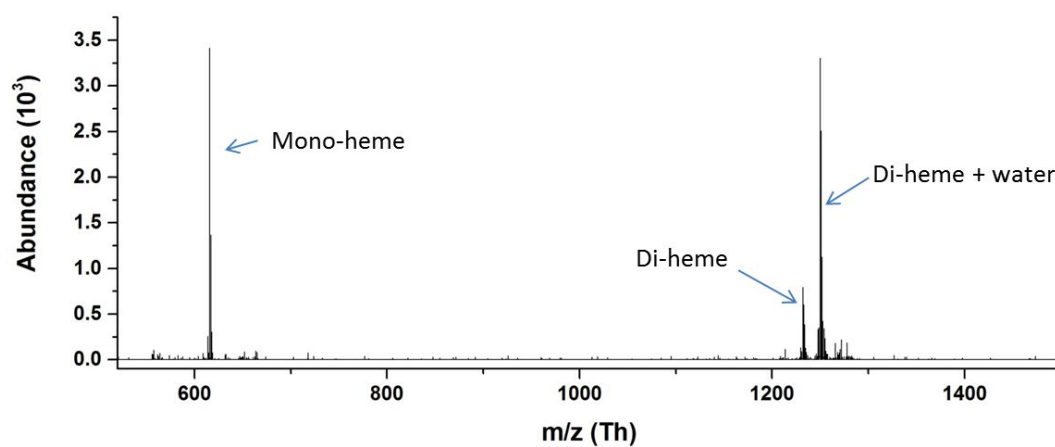
**Figure S5. Absolute IM-MS spectrum of 10  $\mu$ M MhuD + 10  $\mu$ M deuteroheme (+0.5% DMSO).**

This spectrum shows  $[M + 8H]^{8+}$  and  $[M + 9H]^{9+}$  charge species for apo, 1-, 2-, 3- and 4-deuteroheme bound MhuD (purple circles, blue triangles, cyan triangles, orange triangles and red squares, respectively).



**Figure S6. Absolute IM-MS spectrum showing heme species formed through aIM-MS analysis of 2-heme bound MhuD ( $m/z$  2982)**

The spectrum shows monoheme ( $m/z$  616), diheme ( $m/z$  1232) and diheme + water ( $m/z$  1250) species that are formed during aIM-MS analysis of 2-, 3- and 4-heme bound forms of MhuD.





**Figure S7. Effect of heme-MhuD incubation times on nESI-MS spectra.**

Comparison of nESI-MS spectra when 5  $\mu$ M MhuD + 10  $\mu$ M heme (0.5% DMSO) are incubated at A) room temperature for 1 hour and B) 4°C overnight shows negligible differences in heme binding stoichiometry.

