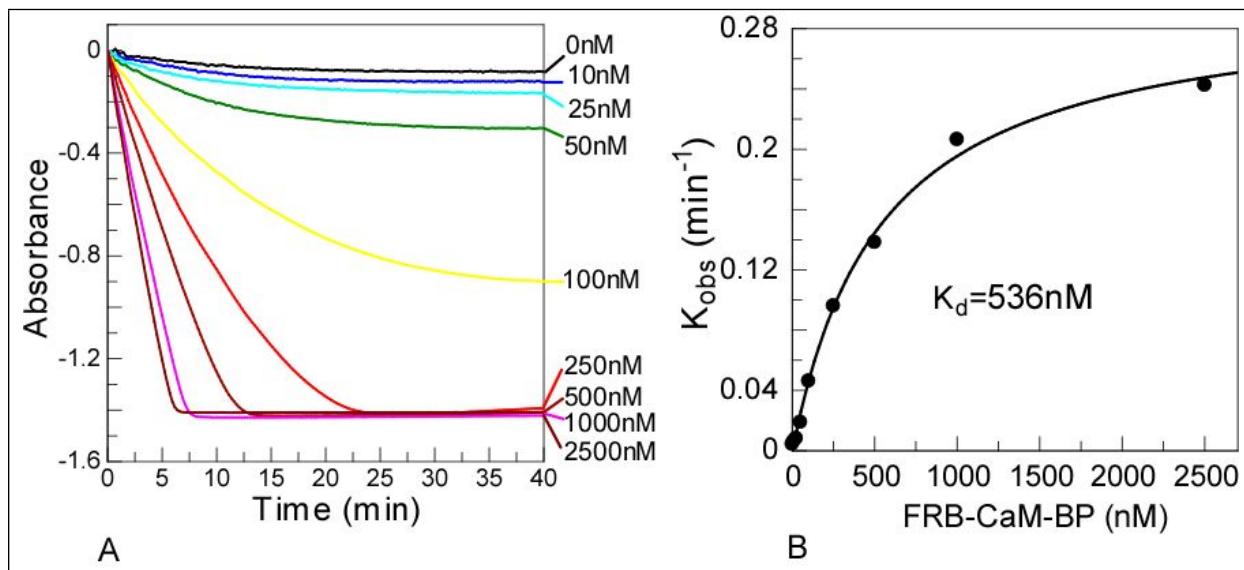
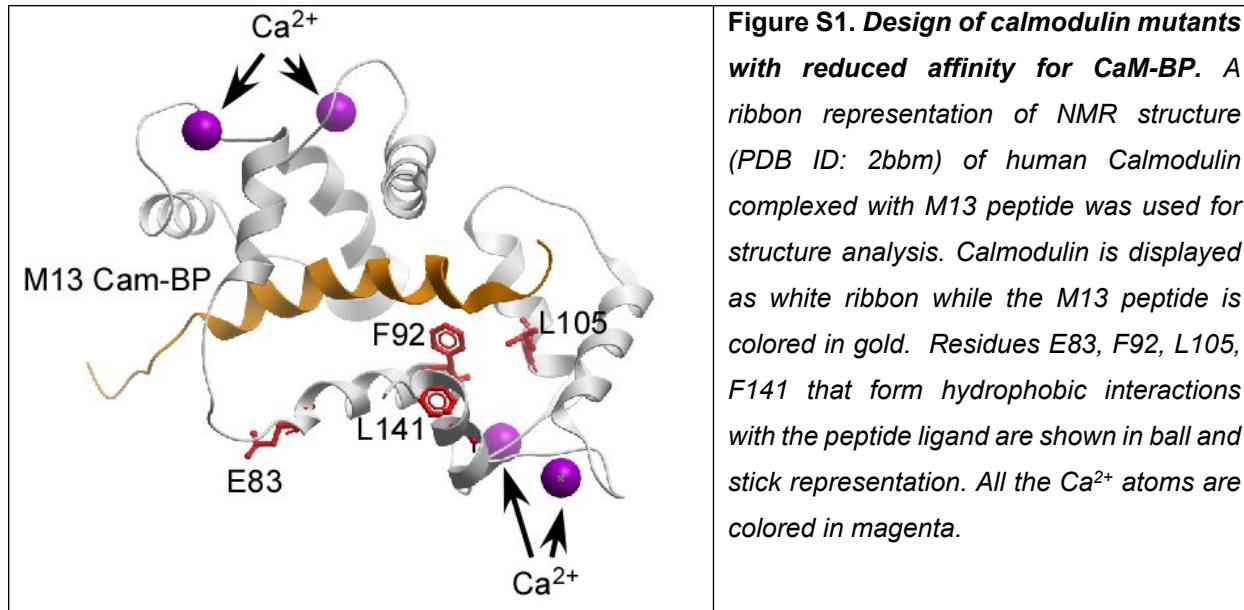


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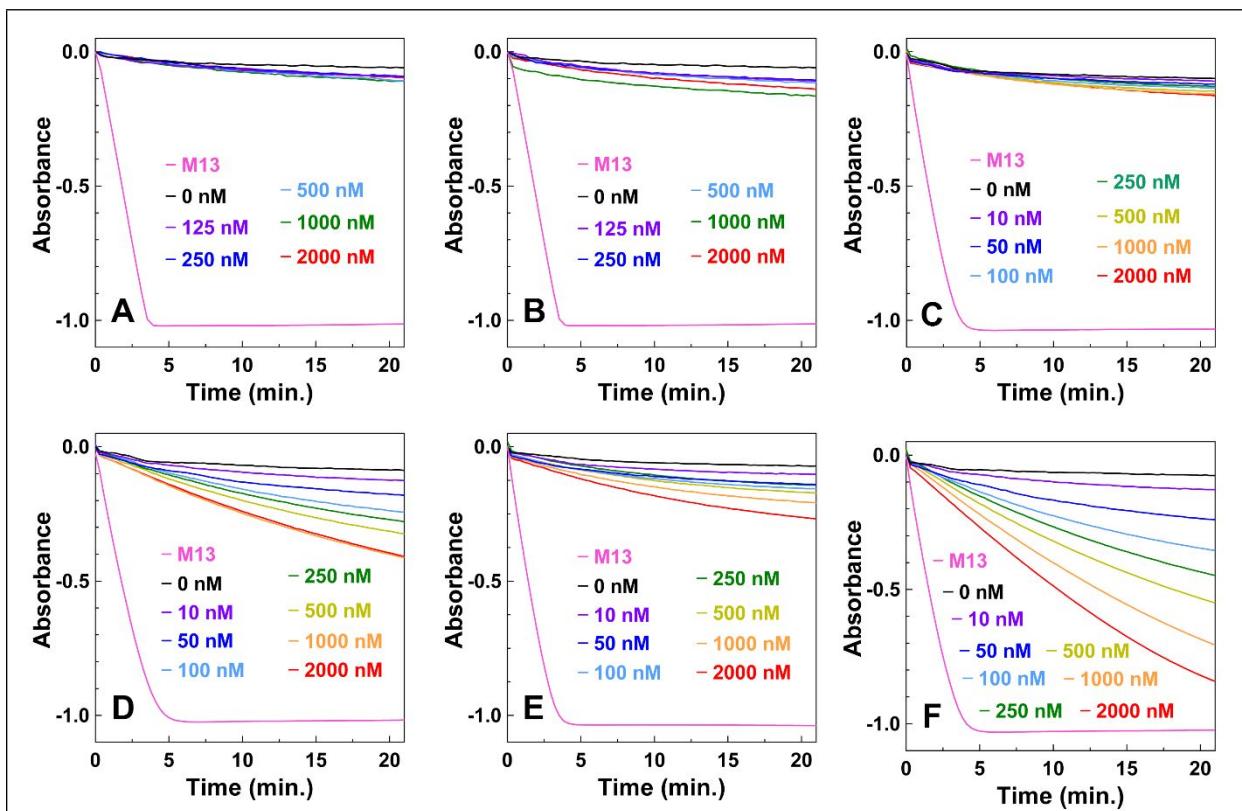
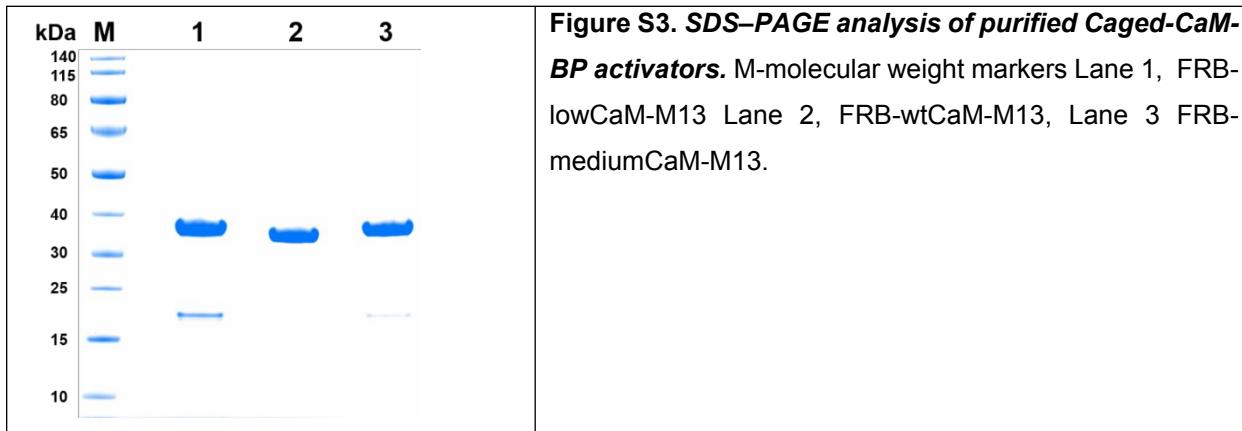
### Caged activators of artificial allosteric protein biosensors

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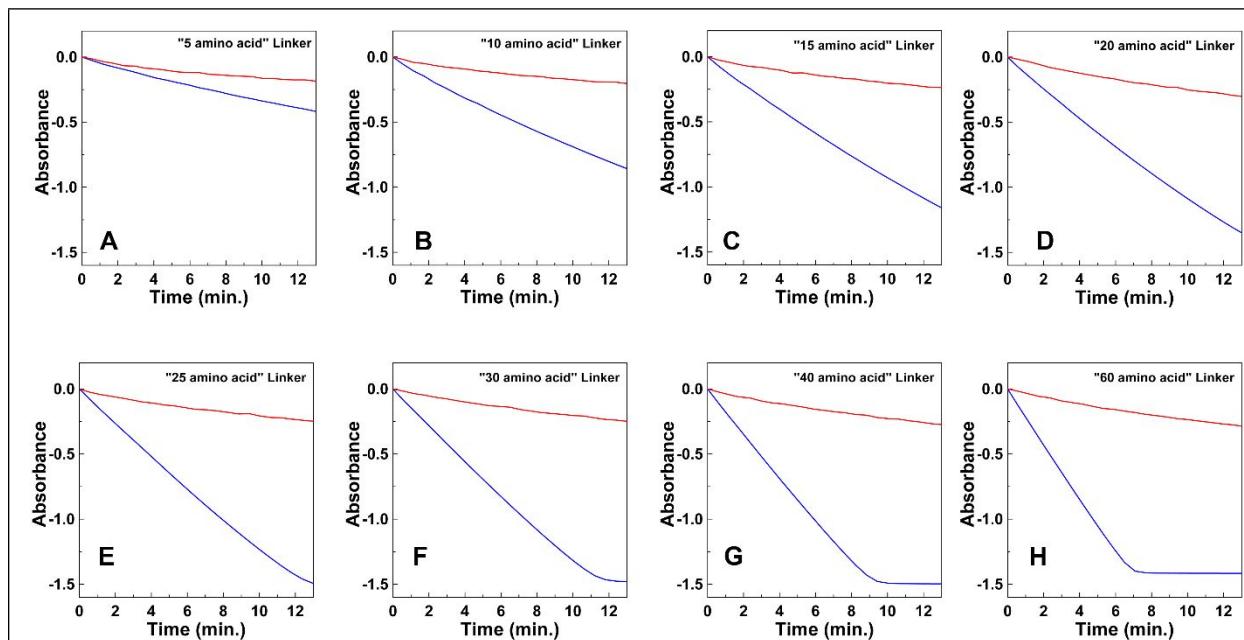
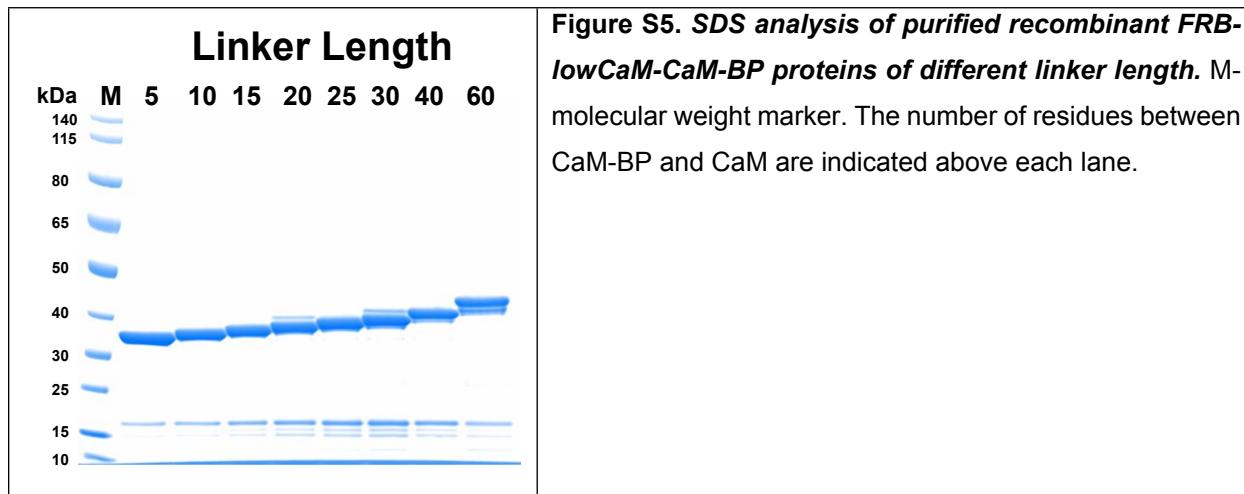
**Figure S2. Activation of GDH activity of 10nM of CaM-GDH-FKBP in the presence of increasing concentrations of FRB-CaM-BP(low affinity).** The activity of the enzyme was monitored by changes in absorption of electron accepting dye dichlorophenolindophenol in the presence of 0.6 mM electron

mediator phenazine methosulphate, 20mM of glucose and 1mM  $\text{CaCl}_2$ . The fit of the data led to a  $K_d$  value of 536 nM.

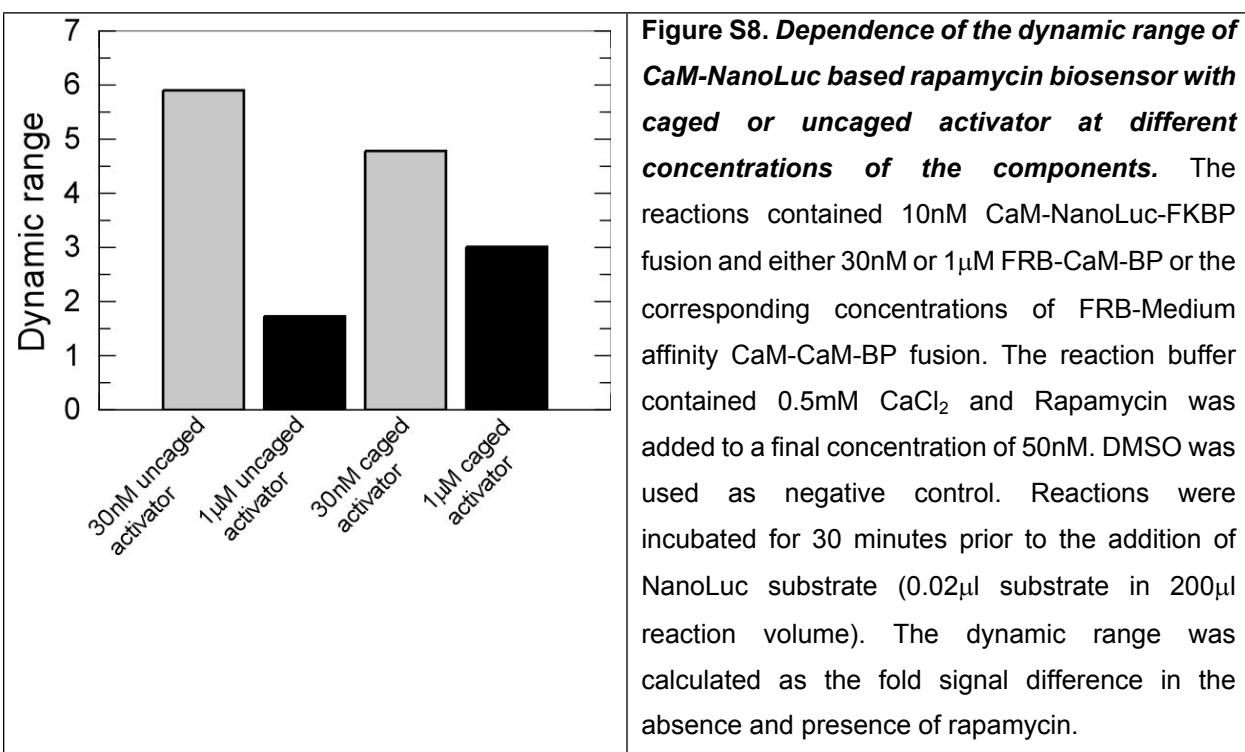
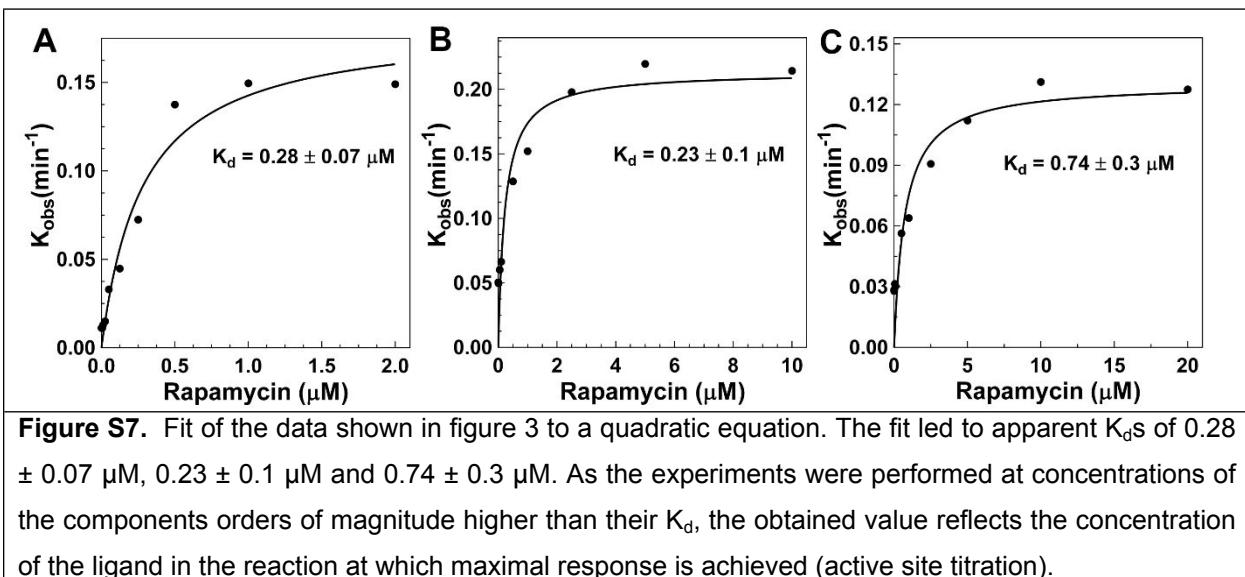


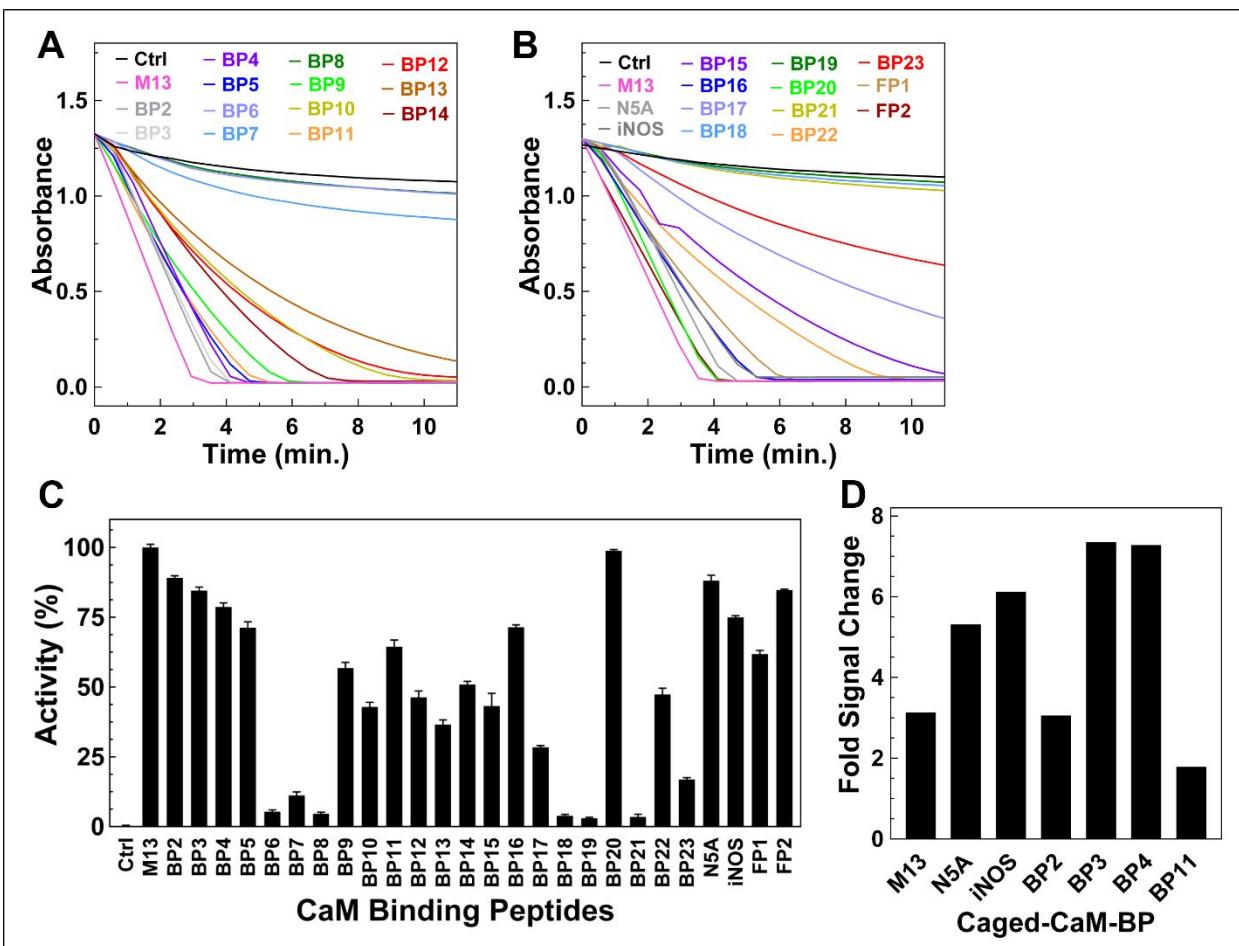
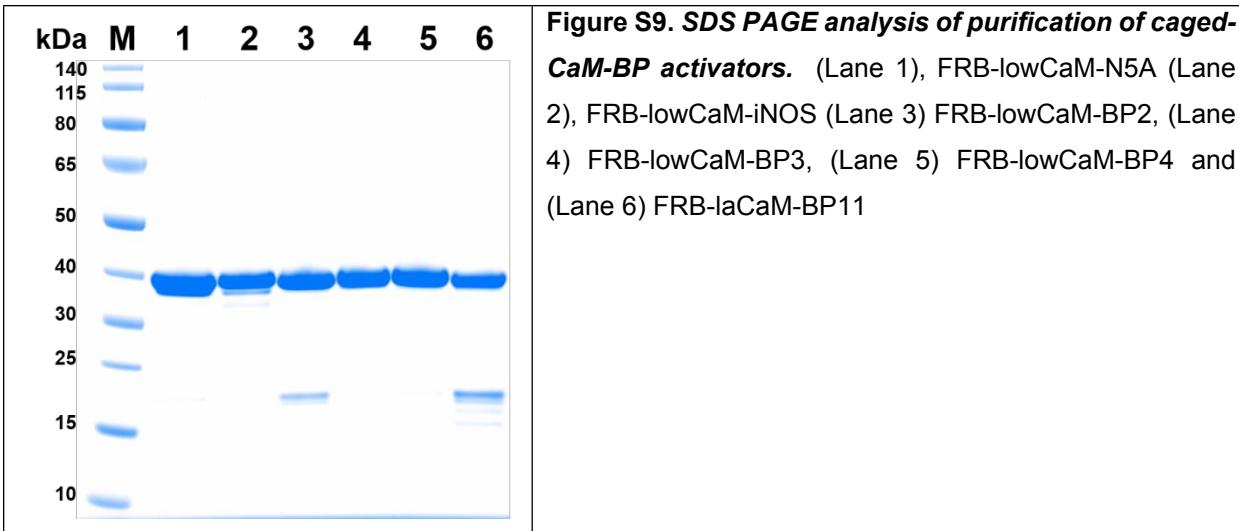
**Figure S4. Activation of CaM-GDH reporter by caged-CaM-BP activators in two component rapamycin biosensors.** (A) Changes in GDH activity of 10 nM solution of CaM-GDH-FKBP and increasing concentrations of FRB-wtCaM-M13 in the absence of rapamycin. (B) as in A but using FRB-medium affinity-CaM-M13, (C) Changes in GDH activity of 10 nM solution of CaM-GDH-FKBP and 1  $\mu\text{M}$  FRB-low-CaM-M13 in the absence of rapamycin, (D) (E) (F) as in A,B,C but in the presence of 0.5  $\mu\text{M}$

rapamycin. As a positive control 0.2  $\mu$ M of CaM-BP M13 peptide was added to all experiments to activate the CaM-GDH-FKBP. The activity of the enzyme was monitored by changes in absorption of electron accepting dye dichlorophenolindophenol in the presence of 0.6 mM electron mediator phenazine methosulphate, 20mM of glucose and 1 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>.



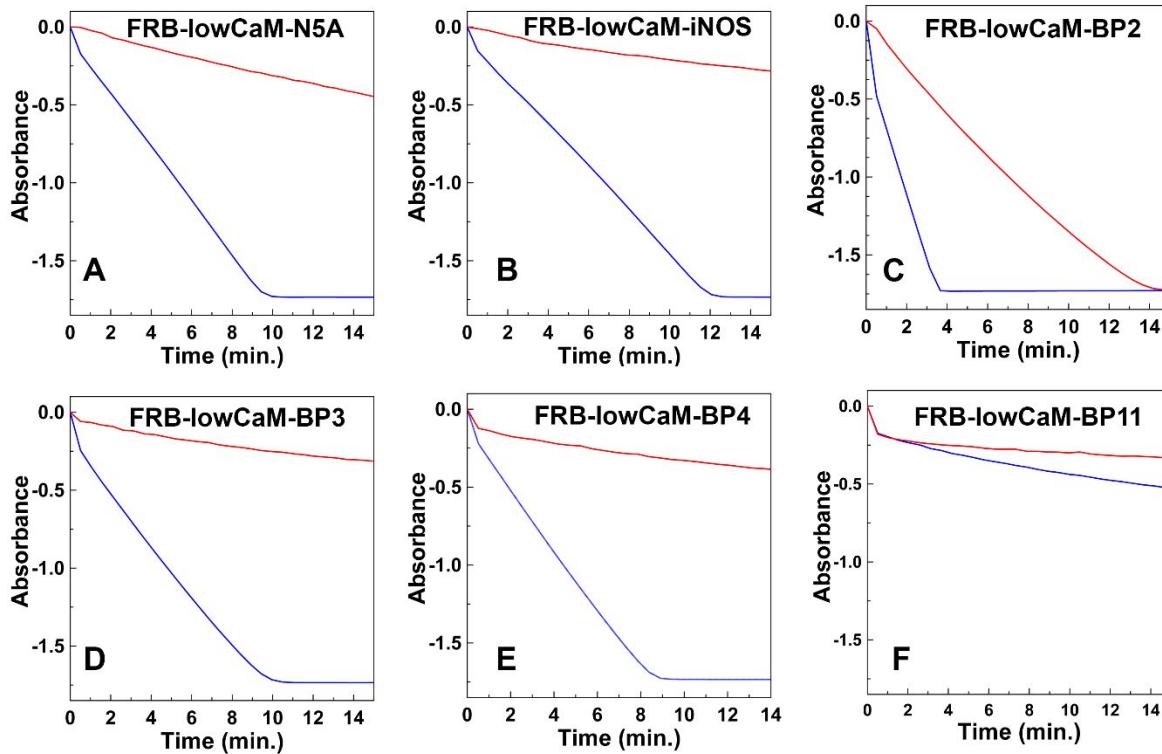
**Figure S6. Testing caged-CaM-BP activators with different linkers in two component rapamycin biosensors based on CaM-GDH allosteric switch.** The GDH activity of 10nM GDH-CaM-FKBP with different-linker caged activators 1 $\mu$ M low-affinity-CaM-BP in response to presence (blue) or absence (red) of 0.5  $\mu$ M Rapamycin. The activity of the enzyme was monitored as in Figure S3.



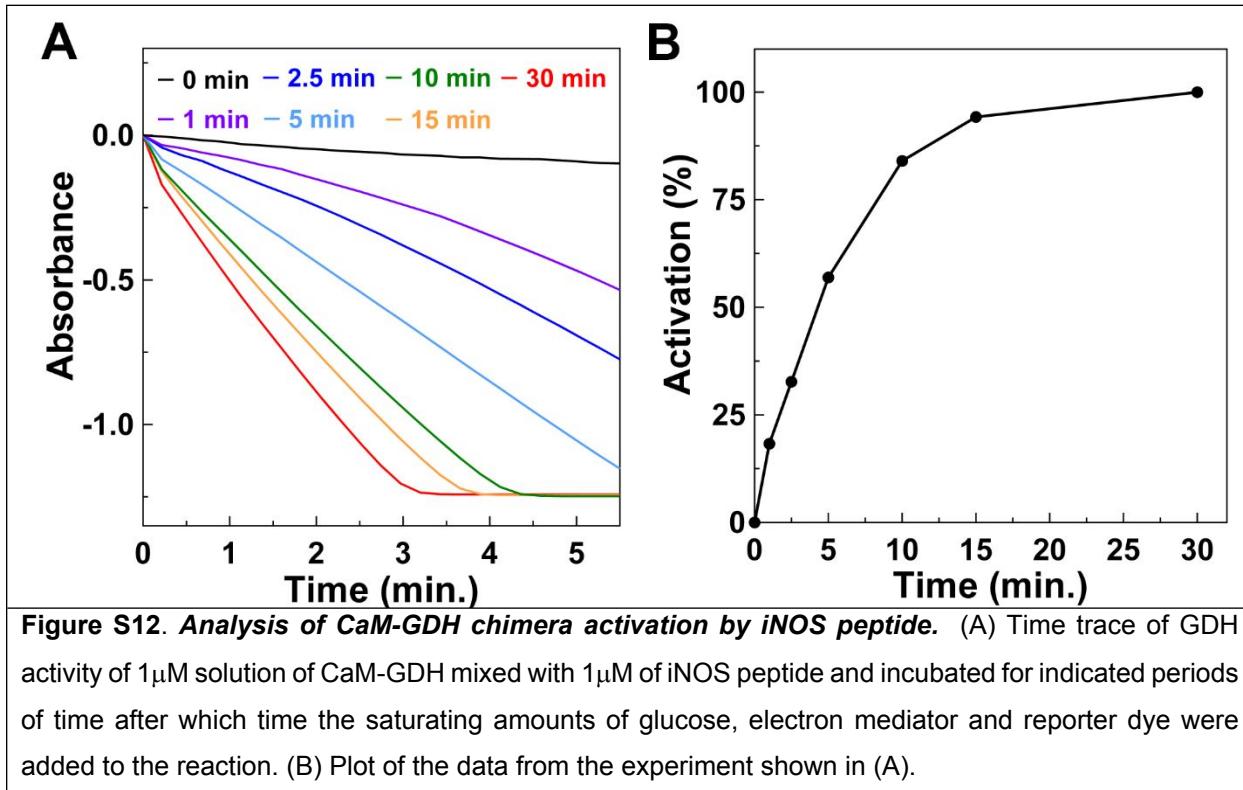


**Figure S10. Analysis of the ability of different CaM-BPs to activate CaM-GDH.** (A) and (B) 1  $\mu$ M solution of CaM-GDH was incubated with 1  $\mu$ M of the respective peptide for 10 minutes and the reactions were triggered by the addition of glucose and changes in absorption were monitored for 10 minutes. (C) The slope ( $K_{obs}$ ) of the obtained curve was used as measure of activity. The activity in the absence of

CaM-GDH was considered as zero and activity of M13 peptide (BP1) was taken as 100% and the data for both data sets scaled. (D) Activation of 10nM CaM-GDH-FKBP with 1 $\mu$ M different FRB-lowCaM-CaM-BPs constructs. The fold change represents the increase in signal level between the background activity and the maximal observed signal level at saturating concentrations of rapamycin.



**Figure S11. Activation of CaM-GDH based rapamycin sensor using different caged peptides.** The GDH activity of 10nM CaM-GDH-FKBP with 1 $\mu$ M caged activators in response to presence (blue) or absence (red) of 0.5  $\mu$ M of rapamycin. The GDH assay was performed as in Figure 2C. The fold change represents the increase in signal level between the background activity and the maximal observed signal level at saturating concentrations of rapamycin.



**Supplementary Table 1. Summary of protein sequences used in this study.** The sequences are colored according to the functional elements.

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**Table S2. Calmodulin binding peptides used in the study**

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BP5	H-EMRQKIRSHAHALLAANRFMDM-OH	4AQR
BP6	H-NMGQHLDVKLVPSSSYIKVVKA FHHSSLHE-OH	2KNE
BP7	H-GRNWKNFALVPLL RD-OH	3SUI
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BP11	H-ADKLRAACIRIQKTIRGWLLRK-OH	2IX7
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N5A	H-RWKKAFIAVSAANRFKKIS-OH	3
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