## Supplement

# Modulation of a pre-existing conformational equilibrium tunes adenylate kinase activity 

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Figure S1. NMR spectra of mutational- and osmolyte perturbed $\mathrm{AK}_{\mathrm{eco}}$. (A) Overlay of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ HSQC spectra corresponding to wild type $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ (red contours) and E170A (blue contours). (B) Combined chemical shift perturbations (referenced to wild type $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ ) resulting from the E170A mutation quantified according to: $\delta \omega=0.2 \cdot\left|\delta^{15} \mathrm{~N}\right|+\left|\delta^{1} \mathrm{H}\right|$ (ppm). (C) Overlay of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ HSQC spectra corresponding to wild type $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ (red contours) and $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ with 0.35 M TMAO (purple contours). (D) Combined chemical shift perturbations of $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ in 0.35 M TMAO (referenced to $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ in regular buffer) mutation. The dashed lines in (B) and (D) indicates the threshold value used in Fig. 3.


Figure S2. Molecular dynamics simulations of the closed to open transition in $A K_{\text {eco }}$. RMSD with respect to the initial WT closed state (blue) and average number of hydrogen bonds connecting L58 and E170 (red) are shown for two simulations.


Figure S3. Definition of vectors and the projection angle in the chemical shift projection analysis. Chemical shifts are colored according to; blue, E170A; red, $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ and purple $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ with 0.35 M TMAO. The amplitude of the $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ chemical shift vector (A) projected onto the "activation" vector ( B ) is defined as " X ". The projection angle is defined as " $\theta$ ".


Figure S4. Residue specific projection angles $(\cos \theta)$ and amplitudes $(X)$ from the definition in Figure S3. Residues with a compounded chemical shift difference $\left(\delta \omega=0.2 \cdot\left|\delta^{15} \mathrm{~N}\right|+\left|\delta^{1} \mathrm{H}\right|\right)$ between E 170 A and $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ with 0.35 M TMAO larger than 0.3 ppm were included in the analysis. (A) Projection angle reported as $\cos \theta$. (B) Projection amplitude (X).


Figure S5. Structural distribution of residues identified in the linear correlation- and projection analysis. (A) Residues identified form the linear correlation analysis are shown in red on the open $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ structure. (B) Residues with a projection angle, $\cos \theta$, larger than 0.9 are shown in red on the open $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ structure.

## Ligand binding in coupled equilibrium reactions

The dissociation constant $\left(K_{\mathrm{d}}\right)$ for a one to one binding reaction is given by equation (1).
$K_{\mathrm{d}}=\frac{[\mathrm{E}][\mathrm{S}]}{[\mathrm{ES}]}$

In (1) E corresponds to enzyme, $S$ to substrate and ES to the enzyme-substrate complex.

For $\mathrm{AK}_{\text {eco }}$ the minimal ligand binding mechanism is described by Fig. 1D, where the initial open equilibrium complex $\left(\mathrm{ES}^{\mathrm{O}}\right)$ isomerizes to a closed complex $\left(\mathrm{ES}^{\mathrm{C}}\right)$. For this mechanism the apparent binding affinity ( $K_{\mathrm{d}}^{\text {app }}$ ) is described by equation (2).

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\begin{equation*}
K_{\mathrm{d}}^{\mathrm{app}}=\frac{[\mathrm{E}][\mathrm{S}]}{[\mathrm{ES}]^{\mathrm{O}}+[\mathrm{ES}]^{\mathrm{C}}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
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The expression in (2) can be simplified into (5) by insertion of (3) and (4) that are definitions of the equilibrium constants for association of substrate $\left(K_{d}\right)$ and the subsequent conformational change ( $K_{\text {conf }}$ ).
$K_{\mathrm{d}}=\frac{[\mathrm{E}][\mathrm{S}]}{[\mathrm{ES}]^{0}}$
$K_{\text {conf }}=\frac{[\mathrm{ES}]_{\mathrm{C}}}{[\mathrm{ES}]_{\mathrm{o}}}$
$K_{\mathrm{d}}^{\text {app }}=\frac{K_{\mathrm{d}}}{1+K_{\text {conf }}}$

From equation (5) it is evident that $K_{\mathrm{d}}^{\mathrm{app}}$ is modulated by $K_{\text {conf }}$.

## Hydrogen to deuterium exchange kinetics for L58

The time points are defined as the middle of each ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ HSQC spectrum (acquisition time equal to 26 minutes). The first experiment was started after a dead-time of 11 minutes after sample preparation. Intensities are normalized to the intensity of the first experiment.

| Time (min) | Intensity |
| :---: | :---: |
| 24.2 | 1 |
| 50.5 | 0.7 |
| 76.8 | 0.4397 |
| 103.1 | 0.3404 |
| 129.5 | 0.2245 |
| 155.8 | 0.1558 |
| 190.4 | 0.1121 |
| 216.7 | 0.1182 |
| 243.0 | 0.0457 |
| 269.3 | 0.1075 |
| 295.6 | 0.0239 |
| 321.9 | 0.0728 |
| 348.3 | 0.0646 |
| 374.6 | 0.0671 |
| 400.9 | 0.0693 |
| 427.2 | 0.0673 |
| 453.5 | 0.0794 |
| 479.8 | 0.0511 |
| 506.1 | 0.0009 |
| 532.5 | 0.0635 |
| 558.8 | 0.0545 |
| 585.1 | 0.0347 |
| 611.5 | 0.0465 |
| 637.8 | 0.0558 |
| 664.1 | 0.0572 |
| 690.4 | 0.0342 |
| 716.7 | 0.0702 |
| 743.0 | 0.0019 |
| 769.3 | 0.0231 |
| 795.6 | 0.0539 |
| 822.0 | 0.0208 |
| 848.3 | 0.0224 |
| 874.6 | 0.0497 |
| 900.9 | 0.0629 |
| 927.2 | 0.0633 |
| 953.5 | 0.0634 |
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| 979.8 | 0.0569 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 1006.1 | 0.0578 |
| 1032.4 | 0.0741 |
| 1058.8 | 0.0742 |
| 1085.2 | 0.0668 |
| 1111.5 | 0.0086 |
| 1137.8 | 0.0481 |
| 1164.1 | 0.0538 |
| 1190.4 | 0.0475 |
| 1216.7 | 0.0294 |
| 1243.0 | 0.0714 |
| 1269.3 | 0.0379 |
| 1295.7 | 0.0631 |
| 1322.0 | 0.016 |
| 1348.3 | 0.0262 |
| 1374.6 | 0.0476 |
| 1400.9 | 0.0604 |
| 1427.2 | 0.0589 |
| 1453.5 | 0.0685 |
| 1479.8 | 0.0279 |
| 1506.2 | 0.0432 |
| 1532.5 | 0.0608 |
| 1558.8 | 0.0637 |
| 1585.1 | 0.0656 |
| 1611.4 | 0.0542 |
| 1637.7 | 0.0642 |
| 1664.0 | 0.0143 |
| 1690.4 | 0.0767 |
| 1785.1 | 0.0459 |
| 1811.9 | 0.0635 |
| 1838.2 | 0.0424 |
| 1864.6 | 0.037 |
| 1890.9 | 0.0342 |
| 1917.2 | 0.0572 |
| 1943.5 | 0.0504 |
| 1969.8 | 0.0499 |
| 1996.2 | 0.0612 |
| 2022.5 | 0.0522 |
| 2048.8 | 0.0373 |
| 2075.1 | 0.0822 |
| 2101.4 | 0.0276 |
| 2127.7 | 0.0408 |
| 2154.0 | 0.0322 |
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| 2180.3 | 0.0538 |
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| 2206.7 | 0.0603 |
| 2233.0 | 0.0637 |
| 2259.3 | 0.0522 |
| 2285.6 | 0.0231 |
| 2311.9 | 0.0433 |
| 2338.2 | 0.0562 |
| 2364.5 | 0.0234 |
| 2390.8 | 0.0727 |
| 2417.2 | 0.025 |
| 2443.5 | 0.0463 |
| 2469.8 | 0.0714 |
| 2496.1 | 0.0701 |
| 2522.4 | 0.048 |
| 2548.7 | 0.0465 |
| 2575.0 | 0.0464 |
| 2601.3 | 0.0428 |
| 2627.6 | 0.0429 |

