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The Unique Functional Role of the C-H····S Hydrogen Bond in the

Substrate Specificity and Enzyme Catalysis of Type 1 Methionine

Aminopeptidase

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Cell parameters	C105S		
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁		
<i>a</i> (Å)	49.22		
<i>b</i> (Å)	48.66		
<i>c</i> (Å)	55.72		
β (deg)	95.16		
Data collection			
Resolution range (Å)	28.52 - 2.00 (2.11-		
(Highest res. shell)	2.00)		
Collected reflections			
Total	85,375		
Unique (High. Res.)	14,906 (798)		
Completeness (%)	87.8 (90.8)		
$I/\sigma(I)$	5.6 (2.1)		
<i>R</i> sym (%)	12.7 (39.9)		
Refinement statistics			
<i>R</i> (<i>R</i> -free) (%)	21.42 (27.37)		
∆bonds (Å)	0.021		
∆angles (deg)	1.924		
PDB code	3ROR		

 Table S1: Crystallographic Information Table

<i>Ec</i> MetAP1a				<i>Mt</i> MetAP1c			
PDB	1C23	1C23	1C27	PDB	1YJ3	1YJ3	
Residue	Ligand Present?			Residue	Ligand Present?		
	No	Yes	Yes		No	Yes	
CYS59	-17.29	-22.62	-30.74	Thr94	-31.48	-54.49	
TYR62	-2.78	-7.66	-2.14	TYR97	-28	-33.97	
TYR65	-14.38	-8.23	-17.5	Phe100	-23.93	-26.69	
CYS70	-38.15	-57.81	-53.1	CYS105	-49.92	-81.65	
HIS79	2.2	-3.55	-4.07	HIS114	-15.29	-25.92	
F177	-4.02	-15.41	-17.88	F211	-35.39	-68.83	
W221	-14.5	-15.71	-14.17	W255	-23.41	-23.59	
Co401	-176.79	-262.51	-210.39	Co401	-213.9	-283.66	
Co402	-204.3	-286.6	-270.96	Co402	-229.35	-328.91	
MPH300	_	-91.99	-59.35*	Met500	-	-148.07	

 Table S2: Mean electrostatic potential values (kT/e) obtained at various residue

 locations

*NLP300 (noleucine phosphonate) is the ligand in PDB:1C27 MPH = Methionine aminophosphonate

Mutant	Primers
C105S fwd	5'AAG TCG TGC TCC ACG TCC CTC AAC GAG GTC ATC TGC3'
C105S rev	5'GAG GGA CGT GGA GCA CGA CTT CGG GAA TCC CTT GTA3'
C105T fwd	5'AAG TCG TGC ACC ACG TCC CTC AAC GAG GTC ATC TGC 3'
C105T rev	5'GAG GGA CGT GGT GCA CGA CTT CGG GAA TCC CTT GTA3'
C105V fwd	5'AAG TCG TGC GTC ACG TCC CTC AAC GAG GTC ATC TGC 3'
C105V rev	5'GAG GGA CGT GAC GCA CGA CTT CGG GAA TCC CTT GTA 3'
C105L fwd	5'AAG TCG TGC CTC ACG TCC CTC AAC GAG GTC ATC TGC 3'
C105L rev	5'GAG GGA CGT GAG GCA CGA CTT CGG GAA TCC CTT GTA 3'

 Table S3: List of primers used for site-directed mutagenesis

Supplementary Figures



Figure S1. Substrate specificity of *Mt*MetAP1c and its C105 mutants expressed relative to N-terminal Methionine cleavage activity. (a). Wild *Mt*MetAp1c is showing strict MetAP activity. (b). C105T. (c). C105V also showing strict MetAP activity. (d). C105S is showing relaxed substrate specificity, cleaving methionine (M), in addition to leucine (L) and phenylalanine (F). Sharp reduction in catalytic efficiency of the mutants can be seen from Table 1 in the main text.



Figure S2. Figure showing the electron density map around the Cys70 residue and the Met ligand in *Ec*MetAP1c. The carbon atoms are shown in yellow, nitrogen in blue, oxygen in pink and sulfur in green. Metal ion coordinate bonds are shown in ash blue dashed lines. The additional density at 3σ level is shown in green and is in close proximity to the Cys thiol group.



Figure S3: Figure showing the change of the self consistent Field (SCF) energy (kcal/mol) of the model Met-CysH and Met-Cys⁻ system when an electric field of 0.006 AU is introduced in the six $\pm X$, $\pm Y$, $\pm Z$ directions of the coordinate axes against no electric field. The base coordinates are taken from the crystal structure of *Mt*MetAP1c (PDB: 1YJ3) and suitably end capped before calculations.