## **Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)**

## Light-induced reactivation of O<sub>2</sub>-tolerant membrane-bound [Ni-Fe] hydrogenase from the hyperthermophilic bacterium *Aquifex aeolicus* under turnover conditions

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**Fig. S1** Synthesized scheme gathering the different redox states spectroscopically identified for the [Ni-Fe] active site of  $O_2$ -tolerant and  $O_2$ -sensitive hydrogenases reported from the literature <sup>1-10</sup>. Redox states observed in  $O_2$ -tolerant hydrogenases are highlighted in white policy. Active, inactive and photo-induced states are shown in blue, red and purple respectively. Thin arrows represent redox transitions observed only in  $O_2$ -sensitive hydrogenases. Bold black arrows represent redox transitions observed in both  $O_2$ -tolerant and  $O_2$ -sensitive hydrogenases. Bold grey arrows represent redox transitions specific to  $O_2$ -tolerant hydrogenases. (O\*) represents the unknown oxygenic ligand.



**Fig. S2** Typical CA experiments for MbH1 under  $H_2$  (blue curve) and under  $N_2$  (grey curve) and CA experiment at bare PG electrode (black curve), with five consecutive illumination/darkness steps represented by the black/purple sequence. CA of MbH1 under  $H_2$  and darkness is superimposed (dotted black curve). These CA experiments are recorded at E = -0.1V vs. Ag/AgCl, 50 mM HEPES, pH 7.2, 60°C,  $H_2$  atm.

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