

## Supporting Information:

### Specific Zinc Binding to Heliorhodopsin

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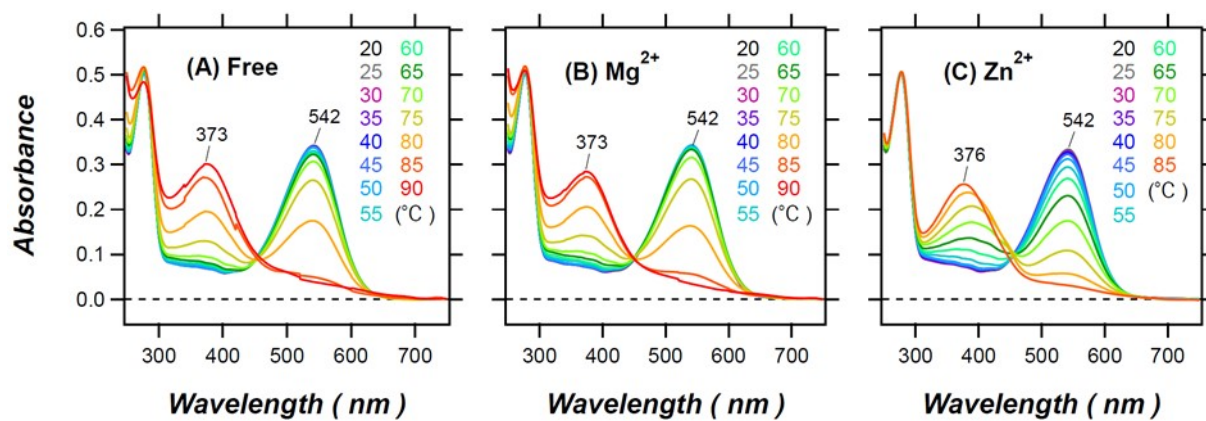
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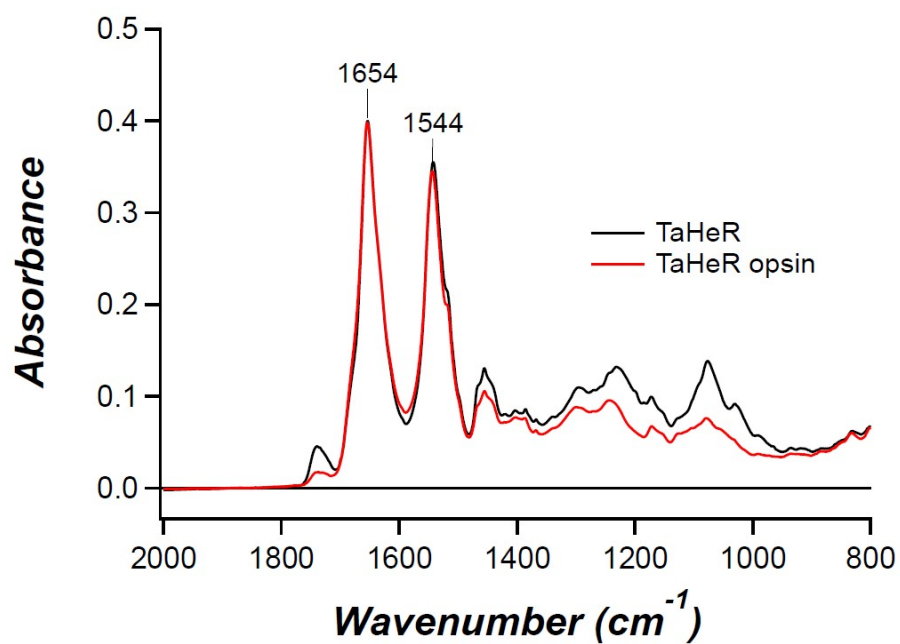
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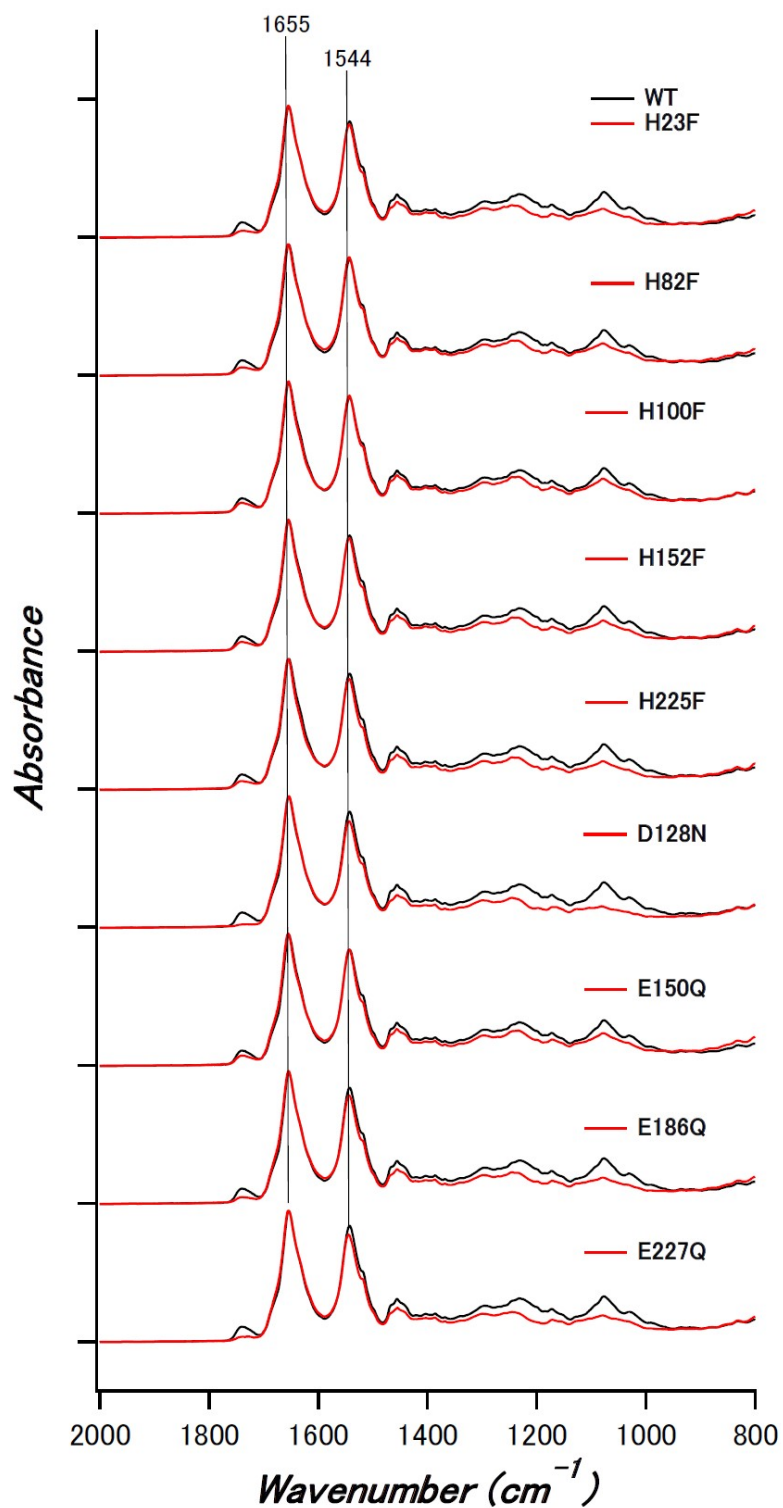
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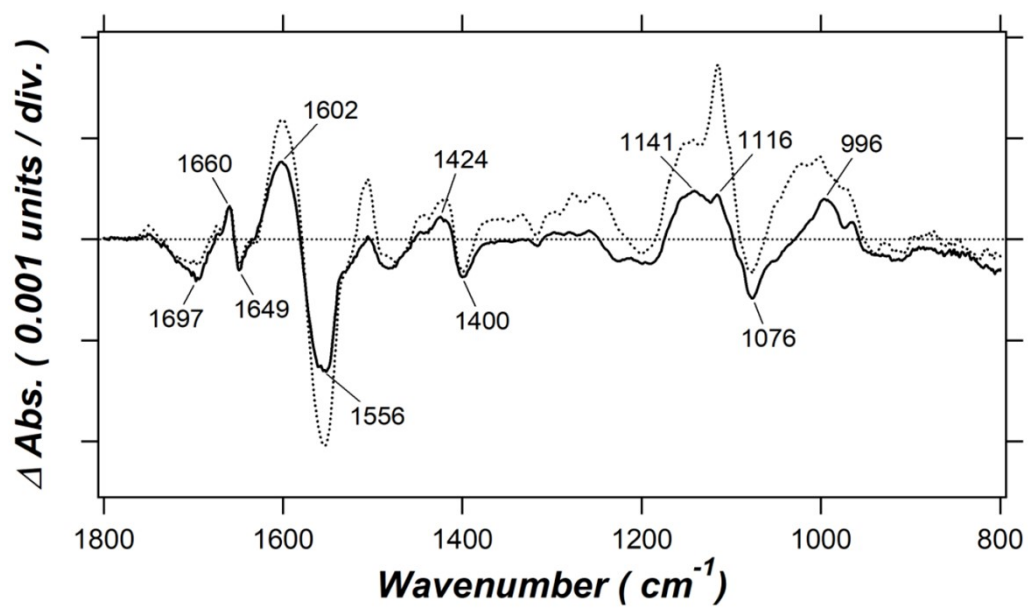
**Figure S1.** UV-visible absorption spectra of TaHeR at various temperatures (20 to 90 °C) in the absence of divalent cations (A), presence of 0.5 mM Mg<sup>2+</sup> (B), and 0.5 mM Zn<sup>2+</sup> (C).



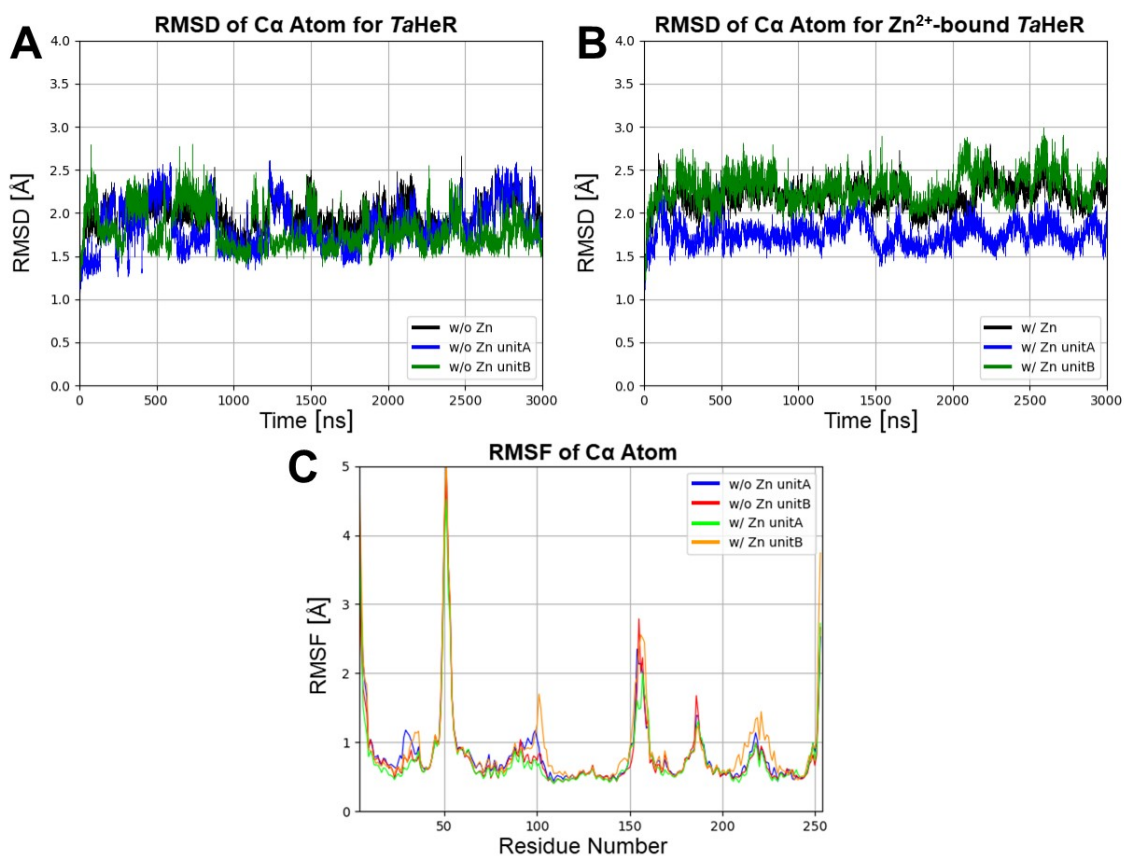
**Figure S2.** Comparison of apparent absolute absorption spectra of proteins between TaHeR (black line) and TaHeR opsin (red line) in the 2000-800 cm<sup>-1</sup> region. Each sample is naturally dried on the surface of a silicon ATR crystal after removal of detergent.



**Figure S3.** Comparison of apparent absolute absorption spectra of proteins between TaHeR (black line) and TaHeR mutants (red line) in the 2000-800  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region. One division of the y-axis corresponds to 0.3 absorbance units. Each sample is naturally dried on the surface of a silicon ATR crystal after removal of detergent.



**Figure S4.** Difference ATR-FTIR spectra of TaHeR with (black dotted line) and without His-tag (black solid line). These spectra are reproduced from ref. (1).



**Figure S5.** C $\alpha$  Root-mean-square deviation (RMSD) of (A) *TaHeR* and (B) Zn<sup>2+</sup>-bound *TaHeR* for 3 $\mu$ s. (C) C $\alpha$  Root-mean-square fluctuation (RMSF) of trajectories obtained by 3 $\mu$ s MD simulations. In these figures, w/o Zn means *TaHeR*, while w/ Zn does Zn<sup>2+</sup>-bound *TaHeR*.

## References

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