

## Supplementary Information for:

### A unique binding mode of P1' Leu-containing target sequences for *Streptococcus pyogenes* Sortase A results in alternative cleavage

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**Table S1. LC-ESI-MS characterization of proteins, intact peptide substrates, and Dnp-containing reaction products.**

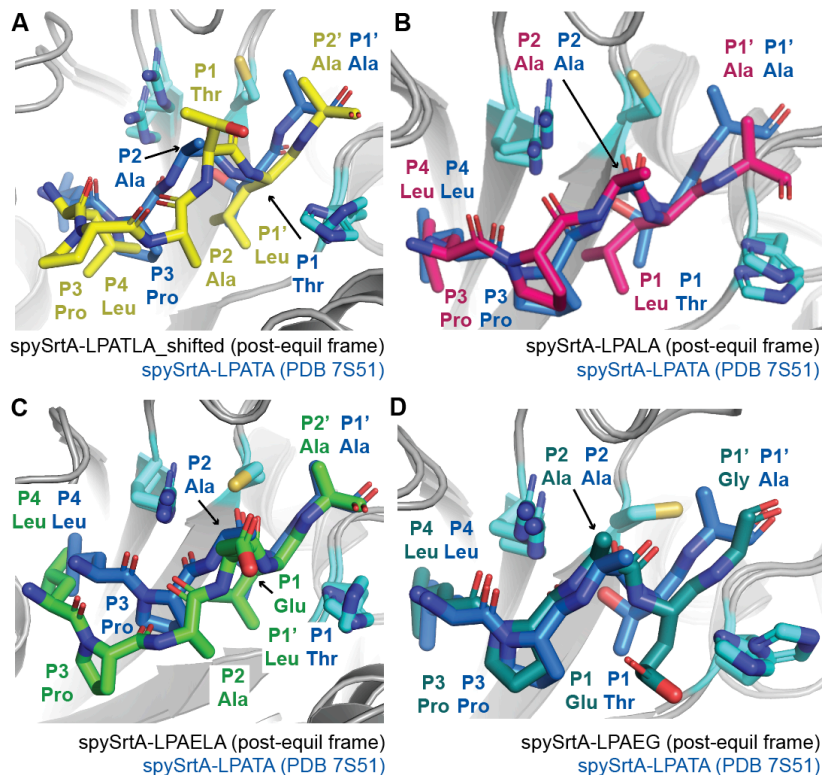
<b>Protein<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Expected Mass (Da)</b>	<b>Observed Mass (Da)</b>
WT spySrtA	20657.4	20657.4
H143A spySrtA	20591.3	20591.2
I211P spySrtA	20641.3	20642.1
spySrtA <sub>monocytogenes</sub>	20798.6	20798.6
WT ImSrtA	18070.5	18070.5
ImSrtA <sub>pyogenes</sub>	18810.2	18810.3

<b>Substrates/Products<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Expected Mass (m/z)</b>	<b>Observed Mass (m/z)</b>
<b>Abz-LPATGGK(Dnp)</b>	927.4	927.4
GGK(Dnp), standard cleavage product	426.2	426.2
GK(Dnp), alternative cleavage product	369.2	not observed
<b>Abz-LPATLGK(Dnp)</b>	983.5	983.5
LGK(Dnp)	482.2	482.2
GK(Dnp)	369.2	369.2
<b>Abz-LPATYGK(Dnp)</b>	1033.5	1033.5
YGK(Dnp)	532.2	532.2
GK(Dnp)	369.2	369.2
<b>Abz-LPAEGGK(Dnp)</b>	955.4	955.4
GGK(Dnp)	426.2	426.2
GK(Dnp)	369.2	369.2 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Abz-LPAELGK(Dnp)</b>	1011.5	1011.5
LGK(Dnp)	482.2	not observed <sup>d</sup>
GK(Dnp)	369.2	369.2

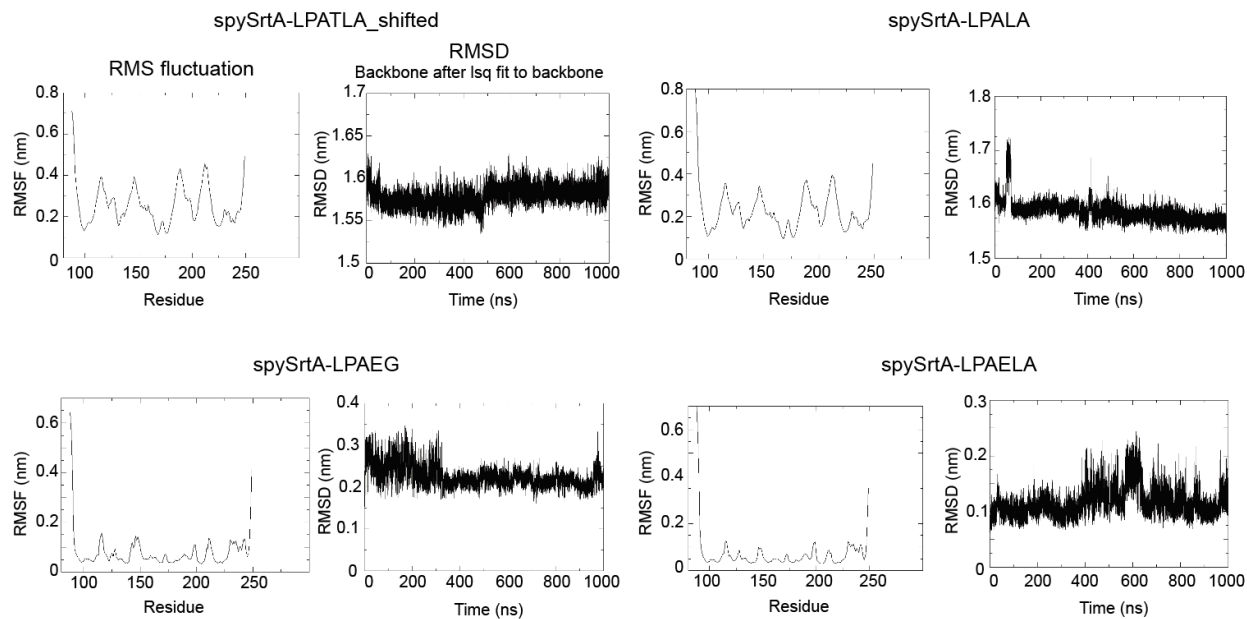
<sup>a</sup>Expected and observed masses for proteins represent average molecular weight (Da). Observed mass values for proteins were determined from deconvolution of protein charge ladders observed in each ESI-MS spectrum. <sup>b</sup>Expected and observed values for peptide substrates and reaction products represent [M+H]<sup>+</sup> ions (monoisotopic). <sup>c</sup>Only trace levels observed by LC-MS in reactions between Abz-LPAEGGK(Dnp) and WT spySrtA. <sup>d</sup>This product was not observed in model reactions employing excess hydroxylamine as the reaction nucleophile. Trace levels were observed in reactions utilizing glycinamide as the reaction nucleophile (see **Fig. S3C**).

**Table S2. Molecular dynamics parameters for all simulations.**

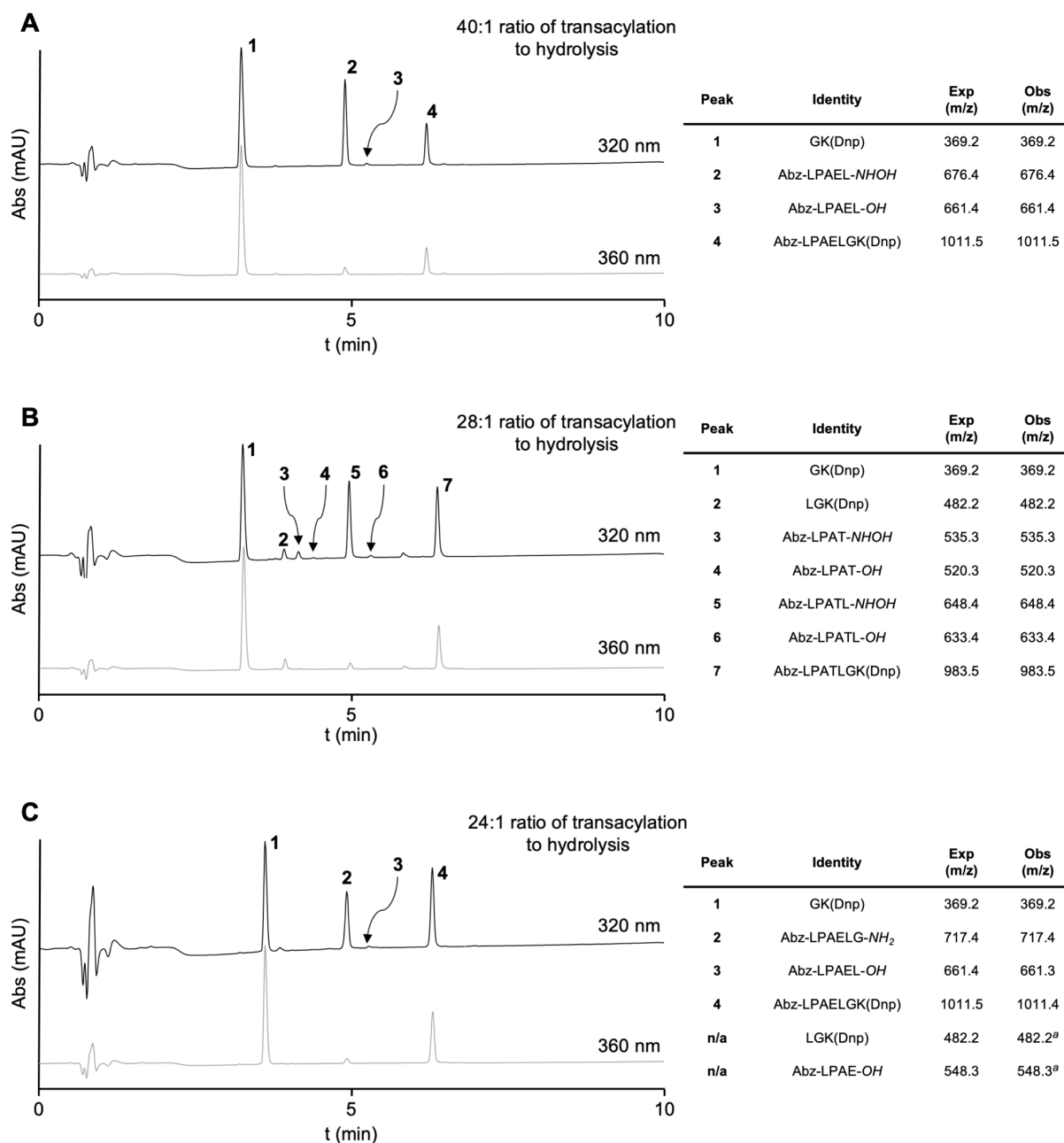
<b>System</b>	<b>Number of Atoms</b>	<b>Cubic box dimensions (nm)</b>	<b>Simulation time (ns)</b>
spySrtA-LPATLA_shifted	34121	7.019	1000
spySrtA-LPALA	34125	7.019	1000
spySrtA-LPAEG	34128	7.019	1000
spySrtA-LPAELA	40773	7.019	1000



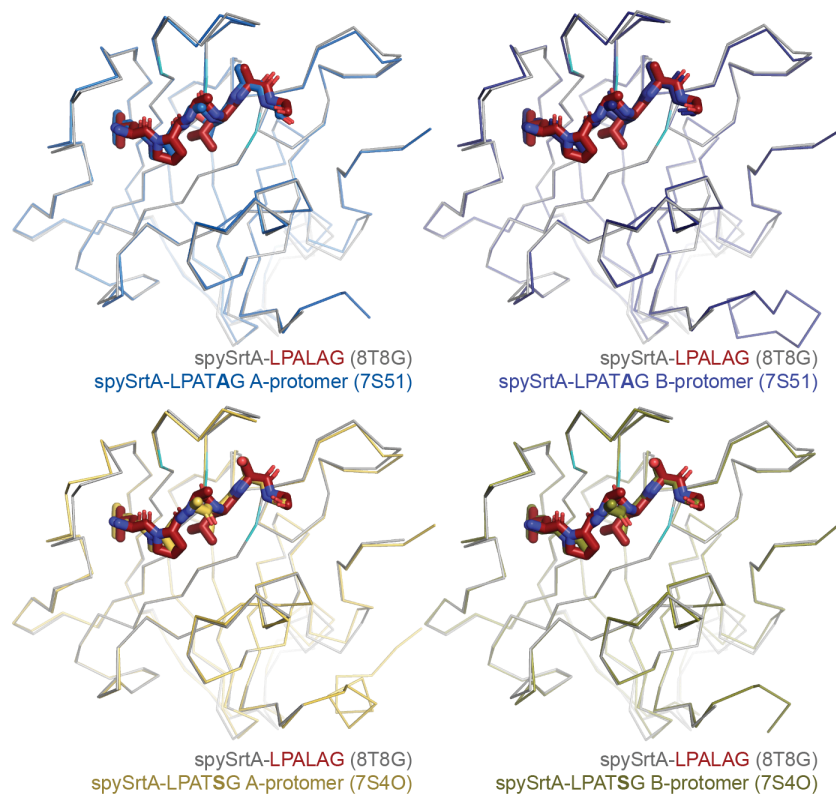
**Figure S1. Post-equilibration starting models for MD simulations.** (A-D) The starting models, post-equilibration, are shown for each of the four MD simulations, spySrtA with: LPATLA\_shifted (A), LPALA (B), LPAELA (C), and LPAEG (D). In all, spySrtA is in gray cartoon, with the catalytic residues shown as side chain sticks and colored by heteroatom (C=cyan, N=blue, S=yellow). The spySrtA-LPATA structure (PDB 7S51) is used to compare (blue sticks, colored by heteroatom), and RMSD values for each main chain alignment are: 0.717 Å over 555 atoms (A), 0.677 Å over 550 atoms (B), 0.837 Å over 563 atoms (C), and 0.866 Å over 571 atoms (D). Peptides are colored as labeled for each, with carbons as: LPATLA\_shifted = yellow (A), LPALA = pink (B), LPAELA = green (C), and LPAEG = teal (D).



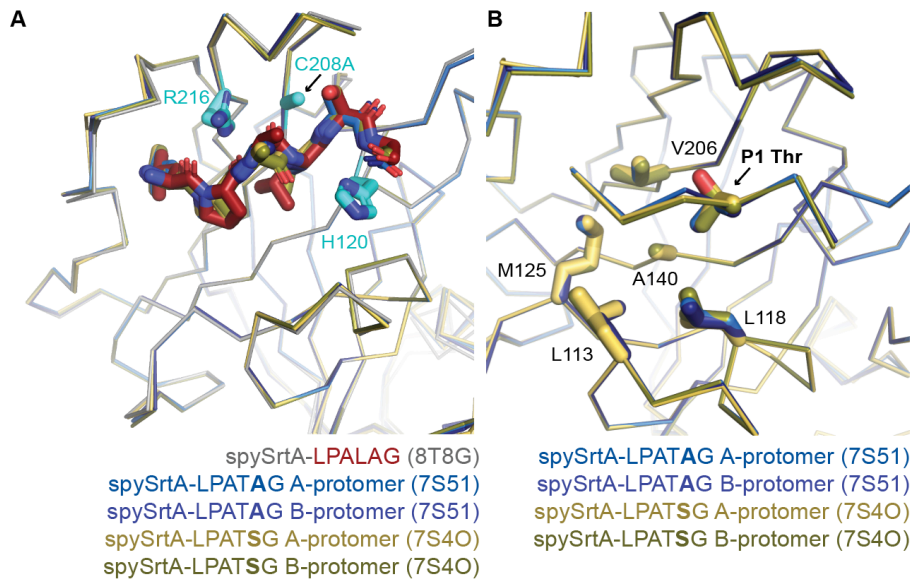
**Figure S2. MD simulation main chain fluctuations over 1000 ns.** The average root-mean-square-fluctuation (RMSF) from the average position for the main-chain sortase atoms over the course of each simulation is graphed for each simulation, as labeled (left-hand graphs). RMSF values are as expected, based on known secondary structure elements and flexible loop regions. The average root-mean-square-deviation (RMSD) for sortase backbone atoms over the course of the simulation is graphed for all four simulations, as labeled.



**Figure S3. Analysis of transacylation products derived from LPAEL and LPATL substrates.** Representative RP-HPLC (320/360 nm) chromatograms for the reactions of (A) wild-type spySrtA with Abz-LPAELGK(Dnp) and excess hydroxylamine at 18 h, (B) wild-type spySrtA with Abz-LPATLGK(Dnp) and excess hydroxylamine at 18 h, and (C) wild-type spySrtA with Abz-LPAELGK(Dnp) and excess glycylamide at 24 h. Chromatograms at 320 nm highlight the presence of transacylation/hydrolysis products that only contain the Abz moiety, which otherwise do not absorb strongly at 360 nm. Peak tables are included with each pair of chromatograms, including associated LC-MS data used to confirm the identity of each peak. Expected (exp) and observed (obs) m/z values represent  $[M+H]^+$  ions (monoisotopic). Transacylation products for panels A and B contain C-terminal hydroxamides (indicated as *-NHOH*). The transacylation product for panel C contains a C-terminal primary amide (*-NH<sub>2</sub>*) arising from the glycylamide nucleophile. Hydrolysis products are indicated with *-OH* to signify the C-terminal carboxylic acid. <sup>a</sup>Trace levels of species arising from cleavage at the P1/P1' site were observed by LC-MS, but were otherwise undetectable in the UV chromatograms.

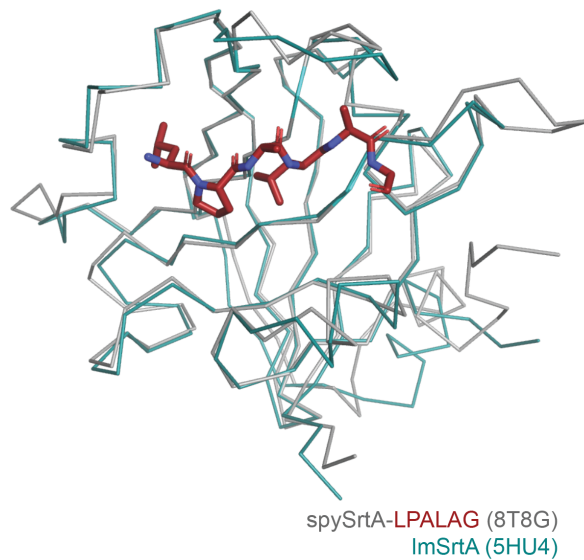


**Figure S4. Structural alignments of spySrtA complex structures.** For all, the spySrtA protein is shown in ribbon/C $\alpha$  trace representation. The LPALAG peptide is in dark red sticks and colored by heteroatom (N=blue, O=red). The A- and B-protomers of the spySrtA-LPATAG (PDB 7S51, below as 7S51-A and 7S51-B) and spySrtA-LPATSG (PDB 7S40, below as 7S40-A and 7S40-B) are colored as labeled, with peptides as sticks. Alignment RMSD values for main chain atoms are: 7S51-A = 0.194 Å over 484 atoms, 7S51-B = 0.180 Å over 470 atoms, 7S40-A = 0.174 Å over 472 atoms, and 7S40-B = 0.192 Å over 490 atoms.



**Figure S5. Structural comparison of all spySrtA-peptide bound structures.** (A) Structural alignment of all spySrtA-peptide bound protomers (PDBs 7S51, 7S4O, and 8T8G from this work). The spySrtA backbone is in ribbon/C $\alpha$  trace representation, and colored as labeled. Peptides are shown as sticks and colored by heteroatom (C=as labeled, N=blue, O=red). The catalytic triad side chain atoms are in cyan sticks and colored by heteroatom. (B) A conserved hydrophobic binding pocket for the P1 position (here, Thr) is shown for the spySrtA-LPATA (PDB 7S51) and spySrtA-LPATS (PDB 7S4O) structures. Rendering is as in (A), which relevant side chain sticks shown and labeled.





**Figure S6. Structural alignment of spySrtA-LPALA and ImSrtA.** The spySrtA (gray) and ImSrtA (teal, PDB 5HU4) proteins are shown in ribbon/C $\alpha$  trace representation. The LPALAG peptide is in dark red sticks, colored by heteroatom (N=blue, O=red). The spySrtA and ImSrtA main chain atoms aligned with an overall RMSD of 0.494 Å over 397 atoms.