

**Application of rational enzyme engineering in a new route to
Etonorgestrel and Levonorgestrel: Carbonyl reductase bioreduction
of ethyl secodione**

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Table S1 - Screening of the CREDs from Almac's selectAZyme™ panel. Data of the best enzymes (with minimal formation of ethyl secodiols) are shown. Reaction conditions: 10 mg CRED as lyophilised cell free extract (CFE), 0.5 mg each NAD and NADP, 1 mg glucose dehydrogenase (GDH), 10 mg glucose monohydrate, 2 mg of **4** in 50 µL DMSO, 950 µL 0.1 M potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7) in microcentrifuge tube, shaking overnight at 30 °C.

| CRED | % Conversion | % HPLC peak area (products only) | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| | | (13S,17R)-5 | (13R,17S)-5 | (13S,17S)-5 | (13R,17R)-5 | Diol A | Diol B |
| 1 | 100.00 | 0.06 | 98.53 | 0.03 | 0.10 | 1.11 | 0.16 |
| 2 | 75.04 | 3.04 | 0.00 | 7.40 | 88.94 | 0.36 | 0.27 |
| 3 | 100.00 | 0.05 | 99.34 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.21 | 0.21 |
| 4 | 100.00 | 0.05 | 99.54 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.17 |
| 5 | 57.53 | 83.32 | 0.31 | 0.93 | 14.85 | 0.10 | 0.49 |
| 6 | 100.00 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 99.16 | 0.39 | 0.15 | 0.09 |
| 7 (CRED-BW) | 100.00 | 0.04 | 98.57 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 1.27 | 0.00 |
| 8 | 93.86 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 99.57 | 0.30 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| 9 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 99.13 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.69 | 0.09 |
| 10 | 100.00 | 0.51 | 0.06 | 98.44 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.00 |
| 11 | 99.81 | 0.50 | 0.09 | 98.68 | 0.24 | 0.49 | 0.00 |

Table S2 - Screening of the CREDs from Almac's selectAZyme™ panel. Data of the best enzymes at 20 and 50 wt % of CRED loading.

| CRED | CRED loading (wt % wrt 4) | % Conv | % HPLC peak area (products only) | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| | | | (13S,17R)-5 | (13R,17S)-5 | (13S,17S)-5 | (13R,17R)-5 | Diol A | Diol B |
| 1 | 50 | 97.42 | 0.59 | 98.87 | 0.31 | 0.00 | 0.23 | 0.00 |
| 3 | | 31.52 | 1.06 | 98.67 | 0.19 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 4 | | 94.92 | 0.39 | 99.53 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| CRED-BW | | 99.67 | 0.37 | 99.10 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.46 | 0.00 |
| 9 | | 18.76 | 1.51 | 97.86 | 0.38 | 0.11 | 0.14 | 0.00 |
| 1 | 20 | 45.48 | 1.42 | 98.04 | 0.38 | 0.00 | 0.16 | 0.00 |
| 4 | | 55.39 | 0.63 | 99.34 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CRED-BW | | 99.93 | 0.38 | 99.48 | 0.14 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Table S3 - CRED-BW amino acid sequence

| Code | Organism | Sequence |
|---------|---------------------|--|
| CRED-BW | Bacillus wiedmannii | MKYTVITGASSGIGYESALAFASRGKNLILVARRQEELDGLKLKINEMNPELDVVIRRTDLSITENVYKL YESLQTFQIETWINNAGFGNFASIAEQNLNIETMLHVNIEALTILSSLFVRDYSMVDGTQLINVSSGG G YTIVADAVTYCATKFYVSATTEGLSHELKEQGAKLQAKVLAPAATETEFAKRSLDIDEFQYNVVPKFH T AKQMAQFMILDLYDSDKVVGIVDGYTYNELKNPIFNFAVRKTNSSS |

Table S4 – CRED-BW Co-Solvent analysis. Screening conditions (0.1 mg (5% w/w) or 0.01 mg (0.5% w/w) CRED-BW (CFE), 0.5 mg NADP, 1 mg glucose dehydrogenase (GDH), 5 mg glucose monohydrate (excess), 2 mg **4** in 50 µL DMSO (5% v/v overall co-solvent), 950 µL 0.1 M potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7)).

| Co-solvent | % (v/v) co-solvent | % (w/w) CRED | % Conv |
|------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| DMSO | 5 | 0.5 | 91.99 |
| | 10 | 0.5 | 96.91 |
| | 15 | 0.5 | 97.78 |
| | 30 | 0.5 | 70.70 |
| | | 5 | 99.92 |
| | 50 | 0.5 | 7.89 |
| | | 5 | 24.16 |
| MTBE | 10 | 0.5 | 20.33 |
| | | 5 | 74.50 |
| Toluene | 10 | 0.5 | 15.31 |
| | | 5 | 21.37 |
| EtOAc | 10 | 0.5 | 9.52 |
| | | 5 | 34.49 |
| Acetone | 10 | 0.5 | 75.17 |
| | | 5 | 99.29 |
| i-PrOAc | 10 | 0.5 | 4.06 |
| | | 5 | 29.88 |
| CPME | 10 | 0.5 | 2.79 |
| | | 5 | 25.12 |
| DIPE | 10 | 0.5 | 22.51 |
| | | 5 | 77.73 |
| MeTHF | 10 | 0.5 | 7.64 |
| | | 5 | 29.44 |
| EtOH | 10 | 0.5 | 86.57 |

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|-------------------|----|-----|--------------|
| | | 5 | 99.89 |
| IPA | 10 | 0.5 | 85.35 |
| | | 5 | 99.82 |
| 1-Octanol | 10 | 0.5 | 29.68 |
| | | 5 | 82.00 |
| 2-Octanol | 10 | 0.5 | 18.86 |
| | | 5 | 75.02 |
| 2-Ethyl-1-Hexanol | 10 | 0.5 | 18.18 |
| | | 5 | 71.37 |

Table S5 - CRED-BW temperature analysis. Screening conditions (0.005 mg (0.25% w/w) CRED-BW (CFE), 0.5 mg NADP, 1 mg glucose dehydrogenase (GDH), 5 mg glucose monohydrate (excess), 2 mg **4** in 50 µL DMSO (5% v/v overall co-solvent), 950 µL 0.1 M potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7)).

| Temperature (°C) | % Conv | % HPLC peak area (products only) | | | | | |
|------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| | | (13S,17R)-5 | (13R,17S)-5 | (13S,17S)-5 | (13R,17R)-5 | Diol A | Diol B |
| 25 | 25.03 | 1.27 | 98.73 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 30 | 45.64 | 0.72 | 99.28 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 35 | 64.54 | 0.56 | 99.44 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 40 | 38.84 | 1.15 | 98.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Table S6 - CRED-BW pH analysis. Screening conditions (0.005 mg (0.25% w/w) CRED-BW lyophilised cell free extract (CFE), 0.5 mg NADP, 1 mg glucose dehydrogenase (GDH), 5 mg glucose monohydrate (excess), 2 mg **4** in 50 µL DMSO (5% v/v overall co-solvent), 950 µL 0.1 M potassium phosphate buffer (of desired pH), shaken at 35 °C overnight).

| pH | % Conv |
|-----|--------------|
| 6.2 | 49.42 |
| 6.6 | 73.67 |
| 7.0 | 79.92 |
| 7.4 | 68.86 |
| 7.8 | 44.39 |

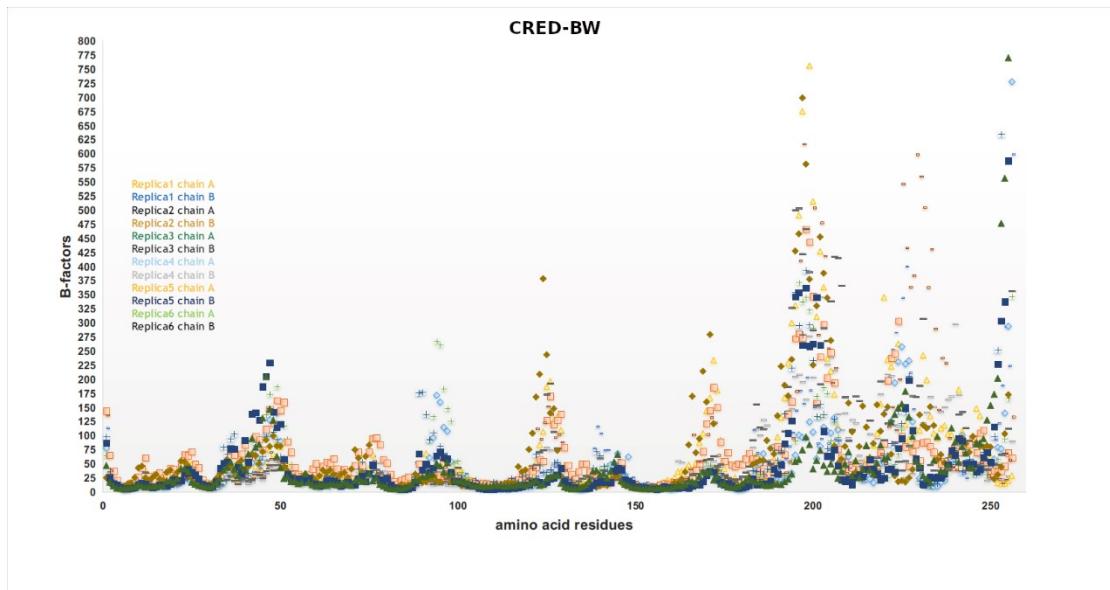


Figure S1: B-factor values for CRED-BW.

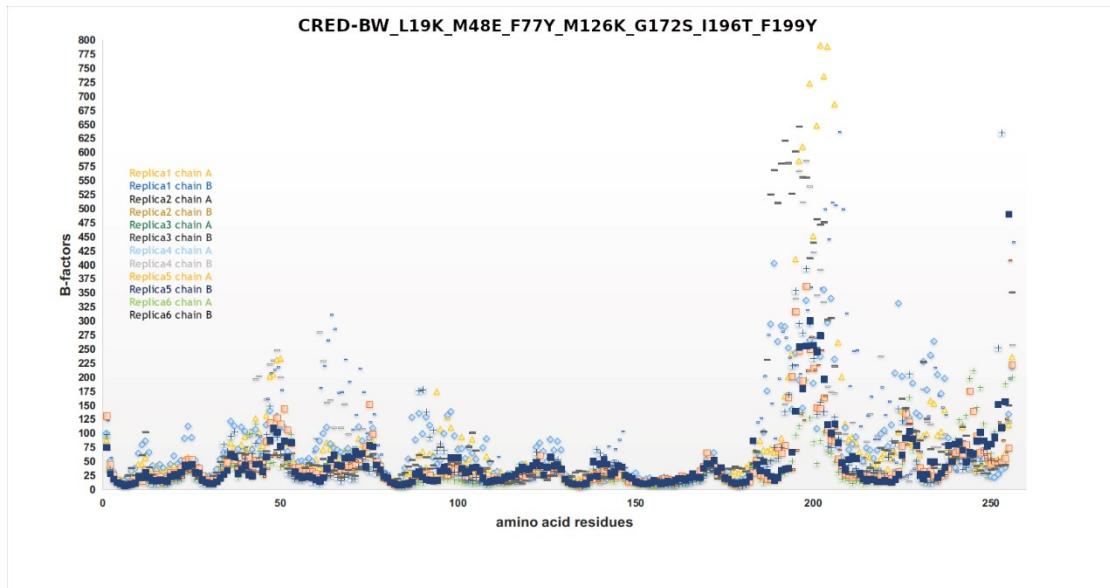


Figure S2: B-factor values for CRED-BW_L19K_M48E_F77Y_M126K_G172S_I196T_F199Y.

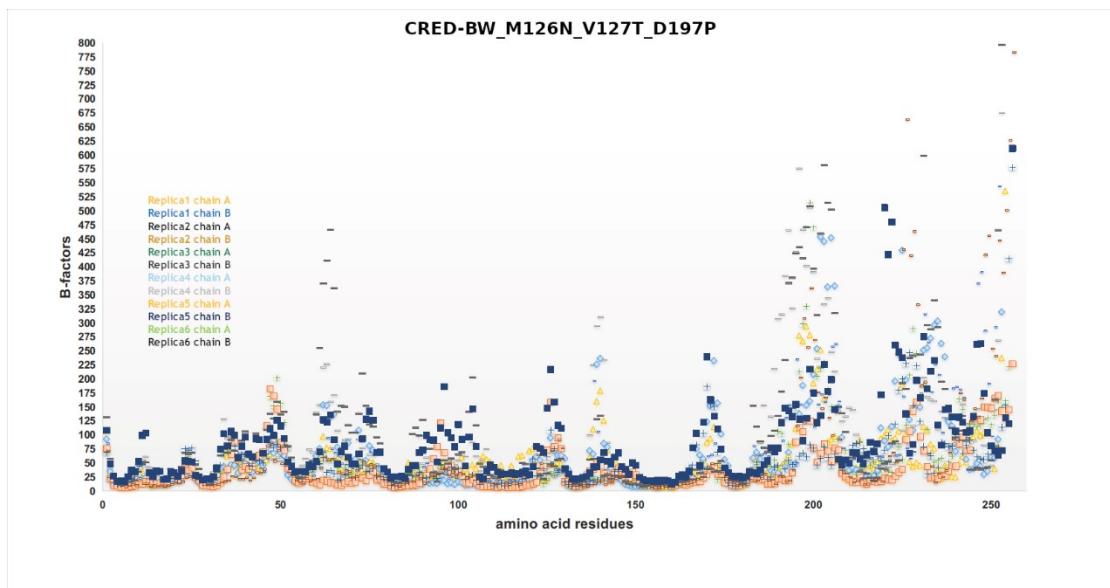


Figure S3: B-factor values for CRED-BW_M126N_V127T_D197P.

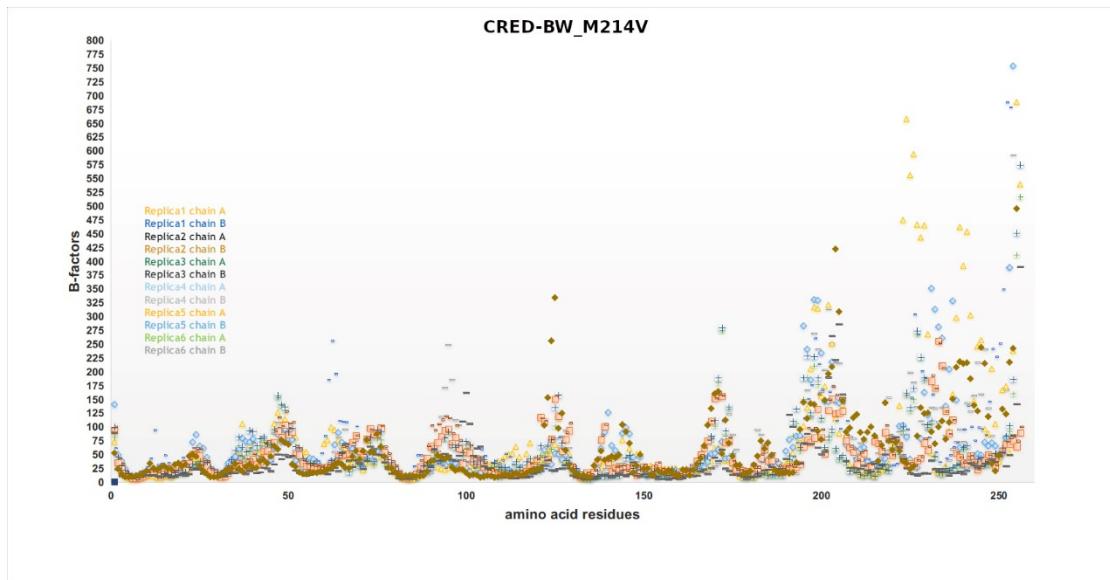
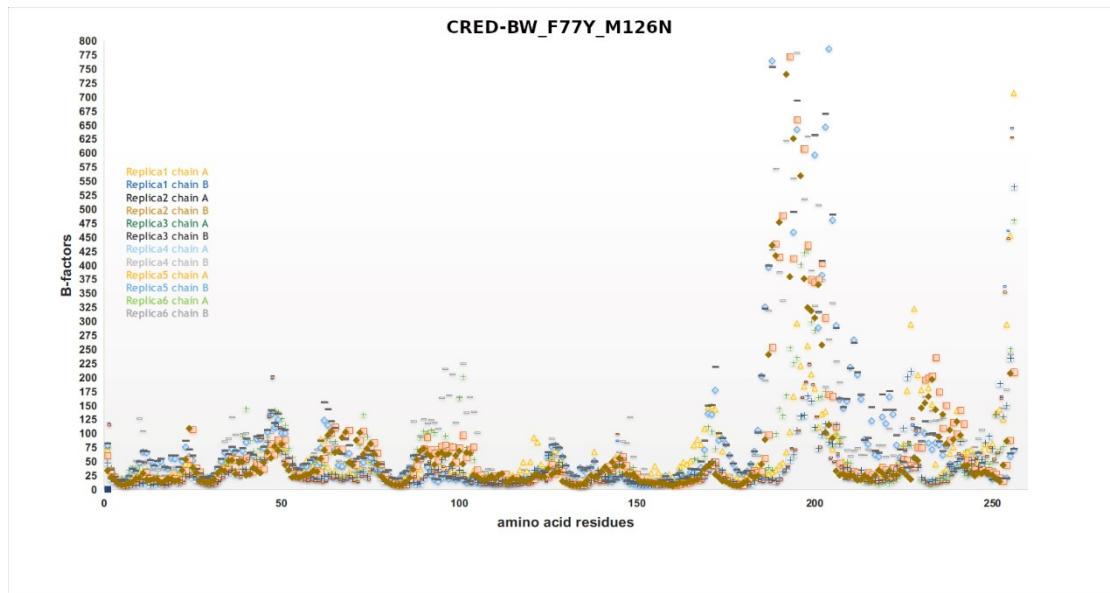


Figure S4 - B-factor values for CRED-BW_M214V



MUTANT 63 - F199Y

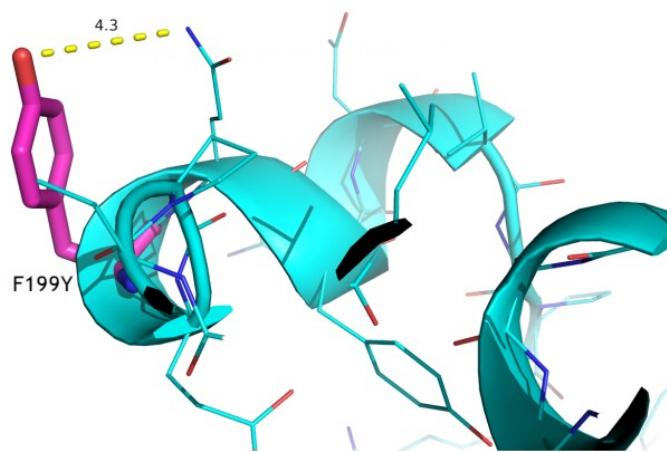


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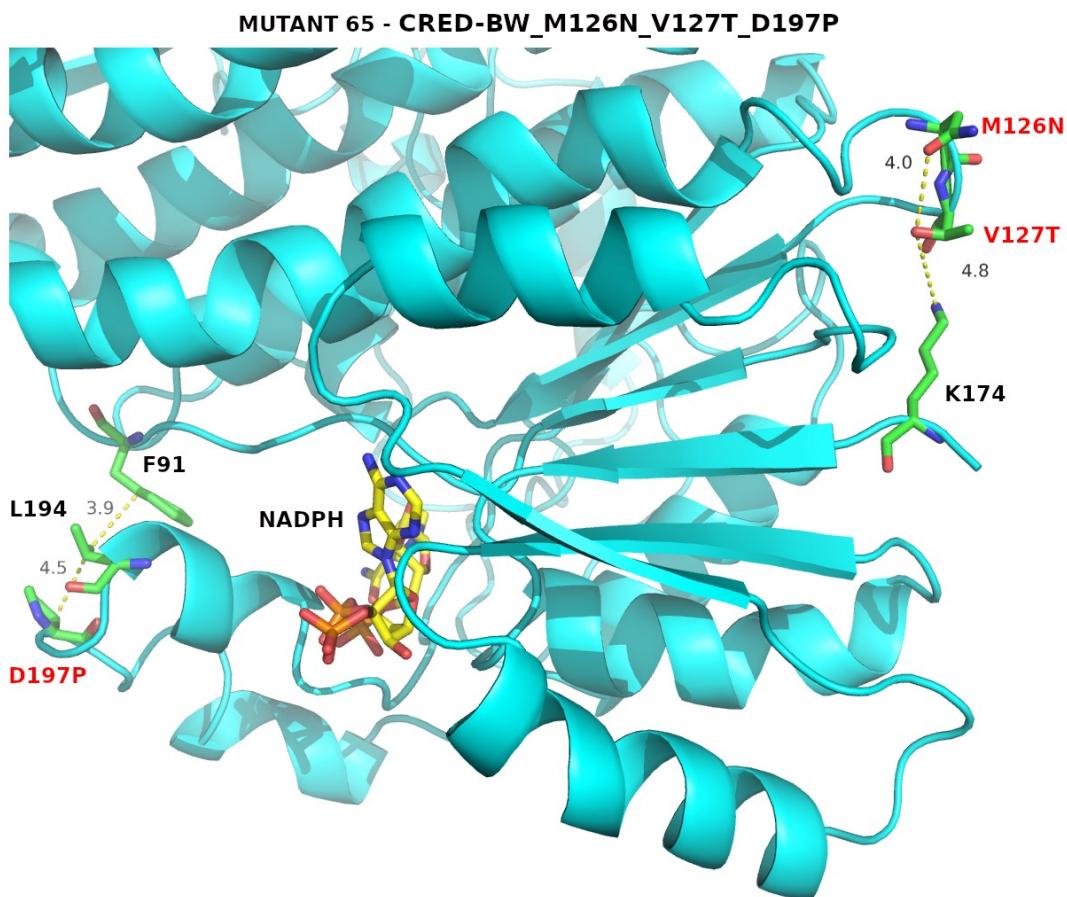


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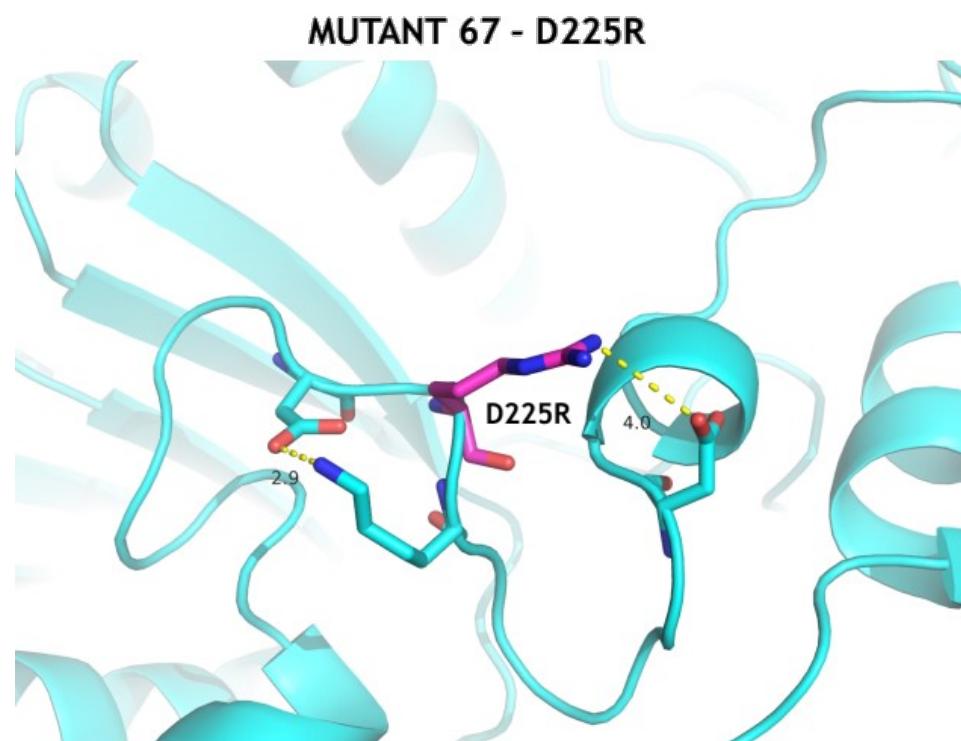


Figure S8 - Mutant 67 - D225R

MUTANT 81 - T59C_V31C

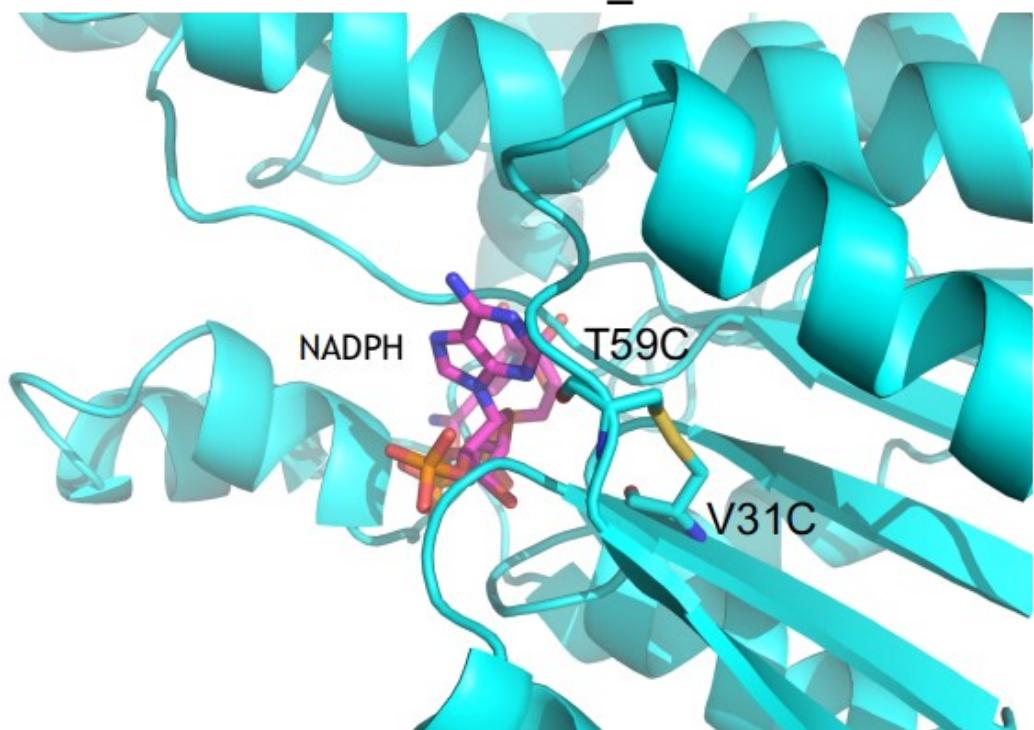


Figure S9 - Mutant 81 - T59C_V31C

Table 7 - CRED-BW mutants

| Mutants | Reasoning |
|----------------|-------------------|
| MUT1-S17V | Thermal stability |
| MUT2-L19E | Thermal stability |
| MUT3-L19K | Thermal stability |
| MUT4-L19R | Thermal stability |
| MUT5-L19R_M48E | Thermal stability |
| MUT6-L19K_M48E | Thermal stability |
| MUT7-L19E_M48K | Thermal stability |
| MUT8-L19K_M48K | Thermal stability |
| MUT9-L19K_M48R | Thermal stability |
| MUT10-M48E | Thermal stability |
| MUT11-M48K | Thermal stability |
| MUT12-M48R | Thermal stability |
| MUT13-M48I | Thermal stability |
| MUT14-M48L | Thermal stability |
| MUT15-T76E | Thermal stability |

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| MUT16-F77Y | Thermal stability |
| MUT17-M126R | Thermal stability |
| MUT18-M126K | Thermal stability |
| MUT19-M126E | Thermal stability |
| MUT20-M126N | Thermal stability |
| MUT21-V127S | Thermal stability |
| MUT22-V127T | Thermal stability |
| MUT23-G172Q | Thermal stability |
| MUT24-G172N | Thermal stability |
| MUT25-G172K | Thermal stability |
| MUT26-G172S | Thermal stability |
| MUT27-G172E | Thermal stability |
| MUT28-G172D | Thermal stability |
| MUT29-G172P | Thermal stability |
| MUT30-M126K_G172S | Thermal stability |
| MUT31-M126K_G172D | Thermal stability |
| MUT32-M126K_G172K | Thermal stability |
| MUT33-M126E_G172D | Thermal stability |
| MUT34-M126N_F77Y | Thermal stability |
| MUT35-M126K_F77Y | Thermal stability |
| MUT36-V127T_M126N | Thermal stability |
| MUT37-V127S_M126N | Thermal stability |
| MUT38-V127T_M126N_F77Y | Thermal stability |
| MUT39-I196S | Thermal stability |
| MUT40-I196T | Thermal stability |
| MUT41-I196G | Thermal stability |
| MUT42-I196K | Thermal stability |
| MUT43-I196E | Thermal stability |
| MUT44-D197P | Thermal stability |
| MUT45-D197K | Thermal stability |
| MUT46-D197S | Thermal stability |
| MUT47-D197N | Thermal stability |
| MUT48-D197T | Thermal stability |
| MUT49-D197E | Thermal stability |
| MUT50-V135I | Thermal stability |
| MUT51-E198S | Thermal stability |
| MUT52-E198T | Thermal stability |
| MUT53-E198Q | Thermal stability |
| MUT54-E198N | Thermal stability |
| MUT55-V125L | Thermal stability |
| MUT56-E198L | Thermal stability |
| MUT57-F199S | Thermal stability |

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|----------------------------|---|
| MUT58-F199T | Thermal stability |
| MUT59-F199Q | Thermal stability |
| MUT60-F199N | Thermal stability |
| MUT61-F199H | Thermal stability |
| MUT62-F199G | Thermal stability |
| MUT63-F199Y | Thermal stability |
| MUT64-I196T_F199Y | Thermal stability |
| MUT65-V127T_M126N_D197P | Thermal stability |
| MUT66-D225K | Thermal stability |
| MUT67-D225R | Thermal stability |
| MUT68-L219Y | Thermal stability |
| MUT69-L219T | Thermal stability |
| MUT70-L219D | Thermal stability |
| MUT71-M105I | Stability/Methionine oxidation prevention |
| MUT72-M105L | Stability/Methionine oxidation prevention |
| MUT73-M105E | Stability/Methionine oxidation prevention |
| MUT74-M105Q | Stability/Methionine oxidation prevention |
| MUT75-M214V | Stability/Methionine oxidation prevention |
| MUT76-M214I | Stability/Methionine oxidation prevention |
| MUT77-M214T | Stability/Methionine oxidation prevention |
| MUT778-M218A | |
| MUT79-M218I | Stability/Methionine oxidation prevention |
| MUT80-M218S | Stability/Methionine oxidation prevention |
| MUT81_V31C_T59C | Stability / SSbond |
| MUT82_L116C_W82C | Stability / SSbond |
| MUT83_V31C_T59C_L116C-W82C | Stability / SSbond |
| Mut84_E37K | Stability in organic solvent |
| Mut85-K44E | Stability in organic solvent |
| Mut86-E80K | Stability in organic solvent |
| Mut87-D128K | Stability in organic solvent |
| Mut88-K169E | Stability in organic solvent |
| Mut89-E188K | Stability in organic solvent |
| Mut90-K191E | Stability in organic solvent |
| Mut91-K191D | Stability in organic solvent |
| Mut92-R192D | Stability in organic solvent |
| Mut93-R192E | Stability in organic solvent |