## **Supplementary Data**

## Table S1 The amino acid sequences and DNA sequences of the 18Awt and 18A variants

| Variants | Amino acid sequence | DNA sequence   |
|----------|---------------------|--|
| 18Awt    | EWLKAFYEKVLEKLKELF  | GAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCCTGGAGAAACTGAAAGAACTGTTC |
| 18A rev  | KWLEAFYKEVLKELEKLF  | AAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAGAAGTTCTGAAAGAACTGGAAAAACTGTTC |
| 18Av1    | KWLEAFYEKVLEKLKELF  | AAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCCTGGAGAAACTGAAAGAACTGTTC |
| 18Av2    | EWLEAFYKKVLEKLKELF  | GAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAAAGGTCCTGGAGAAACTGAAAGAACTGTTC |
| 18Av3    | EWLKAFYEEVLKKLKELF  | GAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAGAAGTCCTGAAAAAACTGAAAGAACTGTTC |
| 18Av4    | EWLKAFYEKVLEELKKLF  | GAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCCTGGAGGAACTGAAAAAACTGTTC |
| 18Av5    | EWLKAFYEKVLKKLEELF  | GAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCCTGAAAAACTGGAAGAACTGTTC  |
| 18Av6    | KWLEAFYEEVLKKLKELF  | AAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACGAAGAAGTCCTGAAAAAACTGAAAGAACTGTTC |
| 18Av7    | KWLEAFYEKVLEELKKLF  | AAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCCTGGAGGAACTGAAAAAACTGTTC |
| 18Av8    | EWLEAFYKEVLKKLKELF  | GAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAGAAGTCCTGAAAAAACTGAAAGAACTGTTC |
| 18Av9    | EWLEAFYKKVLEELKKLF  | GAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAAAGGTCCTGGAGGAACTGAAAAAACTGTTC |
| 18Av10   | EWLKAFYEEVLKKLEELF  | GAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAGAAGTCCTGAAAAAACTGGAAGAACTGTTC |
| 18Av11   | EWLKAFYEKVLKELEKLF  | GAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCCTGAAAGAACTGGAAAAACTGTTC |
| 18Av12   | KWLEAFYKKVLEELKKLF  | AAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAAAGGTCCTGGAGGAACTGAAAAAACTGTTC |
| 18Av13   | KWLEAFYEKVLKELEKLF  | AAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCCTGAAAGAACTGGAAAAACTGTTC |
| 18Av14   | EWLEAFYKEVLKELKKLF  | GAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAGAAGTCCTGAAAGAACTGAAAAAACTGTTC |
| 18Av15   | EWLEAFYKEVLKKLEELF  | GAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAGAAGTCCTGAAAAAACTGGAAGAACTGTTC |
| 18Av16   | EWLEAFYKKVLKELEKLF  | GAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAAAGGTCCTGAAAGAACTGGAAAAACTGTTC |
| 18Av17   | EWLKAFYEEVLKELEKLF  | GAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAGAAGTCCTGAAAGAACTGGAAAAACTGTTC |
| 18Av18   | KWLEAFYKEVLKKLEELF  | AAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAGAAGTCCTGAAAAAACTGGAAGAACTGTTC |

## Table S2 DNA oligos used in this work

| Primer name   | Nucleotide sequence <sup>a</sup>  | Description                                   |  |
|---------------|---|---|--|
| 18Arev-For    | 5'-ACGACGACGACGACGACACACACACACACTCCAGT-3'                                     | Used for amplification of linker-18Arev       |  |
| 18Arev-Low    | 5'-TCGTT <u>CTCGAG</u> TCAGAACAGTTTTTCCAGTTCTTTCAGAACTTCTTTGTAGAACGCTTCCAGCCA |   |  |
|               | TTTCGGCGTCGGGGTTGGGGTG-3'   |   |  |
| Linker-For    | 5'-ATGAA <u>AAGCTT</u> CCGACCCACCGACCAC-3'                                    | Used for amplification of linker-18A variants |  |
| Linker-oligos | 5'-GCGTCGGGGTTGGGGGTGGTTGGTGGCGTTGGCGTGGGGGG                                  | Used for assembly of linker-18A variants      |  |
| 18Av1         | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGAAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCC-3'                        | Used for assembly of linker-18Av1             |  |
|               | 5'- <u>CTCGAG</u> TCAGAACAGTTCTTTCAGTTTCTCCAGGACCTTTTCGTAGAACGCTTC-3'         |   |  |
| 18Av2         | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAAAGGTCC-3'                        | Used for assembly of linker-18Av2             |  |
|               | 5'- <u>CTCGAG</u> TCAGAACAGTTCTTTCAGTTTCTCCAGGACCTTTTTGTAGAACGCTTC-3'         |   |  |
| 18Av3         | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAGAAGTCC-3'                        | Used for assembly of linker-18Av3             |  |
|               | 5'- <u>CTCGAG</u> TCAGAACAGTTCTTTCAGTTTTTTCAGGACTTCTTCGTAGAACGCTTT-3'         |   |  |
| 18Av4         | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCC-3'                        | Used for assembly of linker-18Av4             |  |
|               | 5'- <u>CTCGAG</u> TCAGAACAGTTTTTTCAGTTCCTCCAGGACCTTTTCGTAGAACGCTTT-3'         |   |  |
| 18Av5         | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCC-3'                        | Used for assembly of linker-18Av5             |  |
|               | 5'- <u>CTCGAG</u> TCAGAACAGTTCTTCCAGTTTTTTCAGGACCTTTTCGTAGAACGCTTT-3'         |   |  |
| 18Av6         | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAGAAGTCC-3'                        | Used for assembly of linker-18Av6             |  |
|               | 5'- <u>CTCGAG</u> TCAGAACAGTTCTTTCAGTTTTTTCAGGACTTCTTTGTAGAACGCTTC-3'         |   |  |
| 18Av7         | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAAAGGTCC-3'                        | Used for assembly of linker-18Av7             |  |
|               | 5'- <u>CTCGAG</u> TCAGAACAGTTTTTTCAGTTCCTCCAGGACCTTTTTGTAGAACGCTTC-3'         |   |  |
| 18Av8         | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCC-3'                        | Used for assembly of linker-18Av8             |  |
|               | 5'- <u>CTCGAG</u> TCAGAACAGTTTTTCCAGTTCTTTCAGGACCTTTTCGTAGAACGCTTT-3'         |   |  |
| 18Av9         | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAGAAGTCC-3'                        | Used for assembly of linker-18Av9             |  |
|               | 5'-CTCGAGTCAGAACAGTTCTTCCAGTTTTTTCAGGACTTCTTCGTAGAACGCTTT-3'                  |   |  |

| 18Av10 | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGAAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCC-3'                | Used for assembly of linker-18Av10 |
|--------|---|------------------------------------|
|        | 5'- <i>CTCGAG</i> TCAGAACAGTTTTTTCAGTTCCTCCAGGACCTTTTCGTAGAACGCTTC-3' |                                    |
| 18Av11 | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGAAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACGAAGAAGTCC-3'                | Used for assembly of linker-18Av11 |
|        | 5'- <i>CTCGAG</i> TCAGAACAGTTCTTTCAGTTTTTTCAGGACTTCTTCGTAGAACGCTTC-3' |                                    |
| 18Av12 | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGAAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAAAGGTCC-3'                | Used for assembly of linker-18Av12 |
|        | 5'- <i>CTCGAG</i> TCAGAACAGTTTTTTCAGTTCCTCCAGGACCTTTTTGTAGAACGCTTC-3' |                                    |
| 18Av13 | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGAAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACGAAAAGGTCC-3'                | Used for assembly of linker-18Av13 |
|        | 5'- <i>CTCGAG</i> TCAGAACAGTTTTTCCAGTTCTTTCAGGACCTTTTCGTAGAACGCTTC-3' |                                    |
| 18Av14 | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAGAAGTCC-3'                | Used for assembly of linker-18Av14 |
|        | 5'- <i>CTCGAG</i> TCAGAACAGTTTTTTCAGTTCTTTCAGGACTTCTTTGTAGAACGCTTC-3' |                                    |
| 18Av15 | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAGAAGTCC-3'                | Used for assembly of linker-18Av15 |
|        | 5'- <i>CTCGAG</i> TCAGAACAGTTCTTCCAGTTTTTTCAGGACTTCTTTGTAGAACGCTTC-3' |                                    |
| 18Av16 | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAAAGGTCC-3'                | Used for assembly of linker-18Av16 |
|        | 5'- <i>CTCGAG</i> TCAGAACAGTTTTTCCAGTTCTTTCAGGACCTTTTTGTAGAACGCTTC-3' |                                    |
| 18Av17 | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGGAGTGGCTGAAAGCGTTCTACGAAGAAGTCC-3'                | Used for assembly of linker-18Av17 |
|        | 5'- <i>CTCGAG</i> TCAGAACAGTTTTTCCAGTTCTTTCAGGACTTCTTCGTAGAACGCTTT-3' |                                    |
| 18Av18 | 5'-CCCCAACCCCGACGCCGAAATGGCTGGAAGCGTTCTACAAAGAAGTCC-3'                | Used for assembly of linker-18Av18 |
|        | 5'- <u>CTCGAG</u> TCAGAACAGTTCTTCCAGTTTTTTCAGGACTTCTTTGTAGAACGCTTC-3' |                                    |

<sup>a</sup>The underlined nucleotides indicate restriction sites.

|    | GFP-18A fusion <sup>a</sup> | Fusion protein (mg L <sup>-1</sup> culture) | Intracellular localization of the aggregate <sup>b</sup> |
|----|-----------------------------|---|--|
| 1  | GFP-18Av8                   | 344.2                                       | СМ   |
| 2  | GFP-18Av9                   | 335.2                                       | С  |
| 3  | GFP native                  | 330.7                                       | -  |
| 4  | GFP-18Av11                  | 324.9                                       | С  |
| 5  | GFP-18Av16                  | 309.2                                       | С  |
| 6  | GFP-18Av17                  | 299.0                                       | С  |
| 7  | GFP-18Arev                  | 291.1                                       | С  |
| 8  | GFP-18Av10                  | 277.0                                       | С  |
| 9  | GFP-18Av2                   | 259.7                                       | М  |
| 10 | GFP-18Av3                   | 258.6                                       | СМ   |
| 11 | GFP-18Av18                  | 246.6                                       | СМ   |
| 12 | GFP-18Av14                  | 236.5                                       | С  |
| 13 | GFP-18Av6                   | 233.8                                       | М  |
| 14 | GFP-18Av4                   | 229.7                                       | М  |
| 15 | GFP-18Av13                  | 222.9                                       | М  |
| 16 | GFP-18Av5                   | 208.7                                       | М  |
| 17 | GFP-18Av15                  | 195.4                                       | С  |
| 18 | GFP-18Awt                   | 142.6                                       | М  |
| 19 | GFP-18Av7                   | 136.2                                       | М  |
| 20 | GFP-18Av12                  | 98.7  | М  |
| 21 | GFP-18Av1                   | 69.9  | М  |

## Table S3 Protein quantification of GFP-18A fusions

<sup>a</sup>GFP-18A fusions were ranked by the level of expression from highest to lowest.

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<sup>b</sup>C: aggregate located in the cytoplasm; M: aggregate located around the cell membrane; CM: aggregate located both in the cytoplasm and around the cell membrane.



Fig. S1 FTIR spectra of wild type LipA protein (black), LipA-18Awt (blue dash line) and LipA-18Arev (red thick line). The amide region I

between 1600 cm-1 and 1700 cm-1 are shown. The spectra are smoothed and scaled independently to be full scale on the absorbance axis.<sup>53</sup>



Fig. S2 Expression and cleavage of fusion proteins (target protein-intein-18Awt/18Arev/18Av8/ELK16). (a)

LipA-I-18Awt/18Arev/18Av8/ELK16. (b) AMA-I-18Awt/18Arev/18Av8/ELK16. For both (a) and (b): lane 1, insoluble fraction of cell lysate;

lane 2, soluble fraction of cleaved fusion protein; lane 3, 4 and 5, bovine serum albumin (BSA) standards, at 6, 3 and 0.75  $\mu$ g per lane,

respectively.