

1 **Supplementary Data**

2 SEC-MALS

3 The approximate molecular weight of MpMetRS was determined using size exclusion
4 chromatography coupled with multiangled light scattering [23,24]. The recombinant MpMetRS
5 M568A [1 mg/mL] or Mp Δ MetRS [2 mg/mL] was equilibrated in SEC-MALS buffer (50 mM Sodium
6 Phosphate•NaOH (pH 8.0), 250 mM NaCl and 5% glycerol). The protein was resolved using an
7 analytical size exclusion TSKgel column (7.8 mm \times 30 cm, 8 μ m particle size; Tosoh Bioscience) at a
8 flow rate of 0.5 mL/min over 35 minutes. Elution was monitored by UV₂₈₀ absorbance and molecular
9 mass determined by MALS (HELIOS II; Wyatt Technology) with linked refractive index determined
10 (Oprilab rEX; Wyatt Technology). Astra 6.1 software (Wyatt Technology) was used to analyze peaks
11 based on UV₂₈₀ and figures were generated using Prism Graphpad 8.0.

12 PLP Occupancy

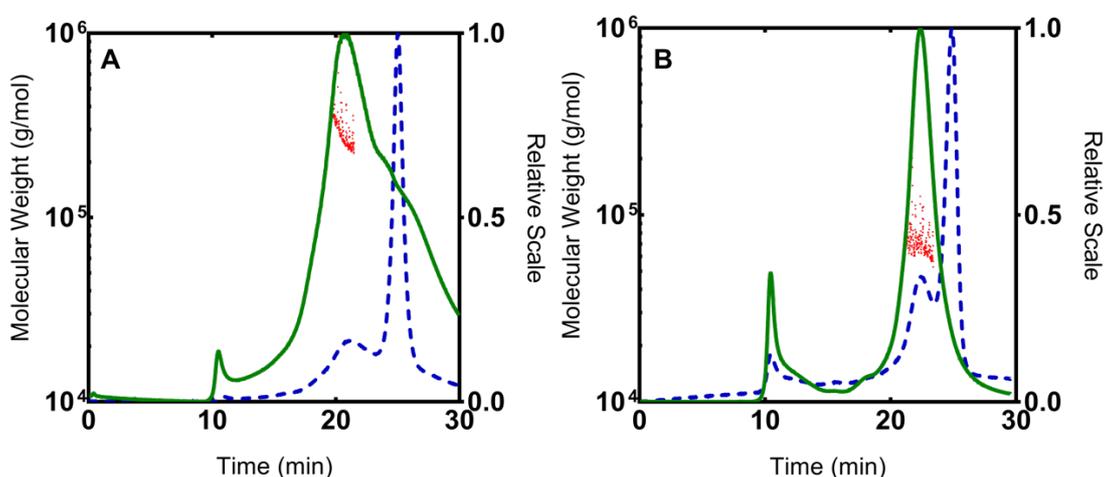
13 Extraction of pyridoxal 5'-phosphate PLP was adapted from Wada, L. et al [21]. A PLP stock
14 solution was made using 20 mg PLP dissolved in 10 mM Tris, pH 8.0 in a 100 mL volumetric flask.
15 A range of standards was generated using the PLP stock (0-75 nmol) in 10 mM Tris, pH 8.0 in 600
16 μ L. The MpMetRS sample (50 nmol) was diluted in 10 mM Tris, pH 8.0 in 600 μ L used directly after
17 purification and dialysis. To each sample, 70 μ L of 5 M NaOH was added and the reaction was
18 placed at 70 °C for 10 minutes. To each sample 35 μ L HCl [12 N] and 150 μ L Tris, pH 8.0 [1 M] and
19 centrifuge for 5 minutes at 12k rpm. The resulting supernatants were placed into clear 96 well plates
20 and their absorbance measured at 415 nm wavelength.

21 Circular Dichroism and Thermal Stability

22 The MpMetRS samples were dialyzed twice in 1X PBS buffer (pH7.5) and the A₂₈₀ was monitored on
23 a Cary 50 UV-Vis spectrophotometer to assess protein concentration. In a 0.1 mm quartz cuvette the
24 0.1 mg/mL protein samples were run at 10 nm/min from 200-260 nm with three scans at 25 °C.
25 Samples were then tested for their thermal stability by increasing the temperature 2 C/min from 20-
26 80 °C. Samples were analyzed using a Jasco J-720 spectropolarimeter.

27 Supplemental figures

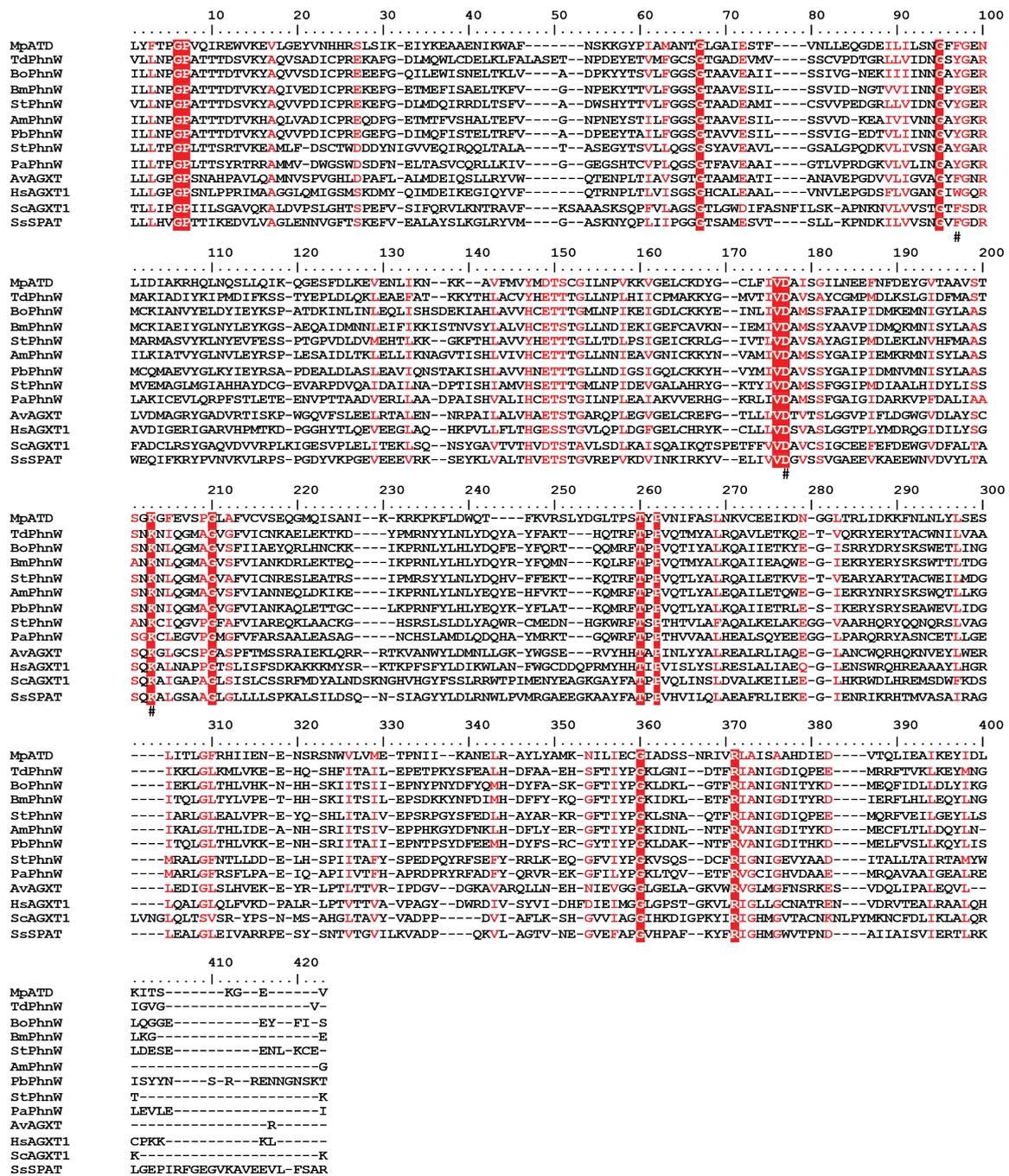
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30 **Figure S1. SEC-MALS of MpMetRS.** A 1 mg/ml MpMetRS or 2 mg/mL MpΔMetRS sample was passed through a HPLC
 31 system and filtered through a Wyatt Dawn Helios-II and Optilab rEX to measure the light scattering and refractive index of
 32 the protein. The absorbance at 280 nm was monitored by a Waters 2417 absorbance detector. SEC-MALS showed the
 33 molecular weight at the peak reading was 253 kDa and monodisperse indicating the dimeric state of the MpMetRS protein
 34 and 77 kDa and monodisperse for MpΔMetRS. The A₂₈₀ trace is represented as a solid green line, the differential refractive
 35 index (dRI) is represented by a blue dashed line and the molecular weights are represented by red dots. Molecular weights
 36 are plotted on the left y-axis while the UV and dRI trace were normalized to 1 and plotted on the right y-axis.

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39 **Figure S2. Sequence alignment of MpMetRS and other Class V aminotransferases.** Aminotransferase domain (ATD), 2-
 40 Aminoethylphosphonate-pyruvate aminotransferase (AEPT), Alanine-glyoxalate aminotransferase (AGXT), Serine-pyruvate
 41 aminotransferase (SPAT); *M. penitrens* ATD, *T. denticola* AEPT, *B. obstructivus* AEPT, *B. megaterium* AEPT, *S. thermophilla*
 42 AEPT, *A. macyae* AEPT, *P. bacterium* AEPT, *S. typhimurium* AEPT, *P. aeruginosa* AEPT, *A. variabilis* AGXT, *H. sapiens* AGXT1,

43 *S. cerevisiae* AGXT, *S. solfataricus* SPAT; Catalytically important residues are denoted by #. All sequences were truncated to
 44 the first region of homology due to several being fusion proteins. Multiple sequence alignment was generated using T-coffee
 45 MSA service [25].

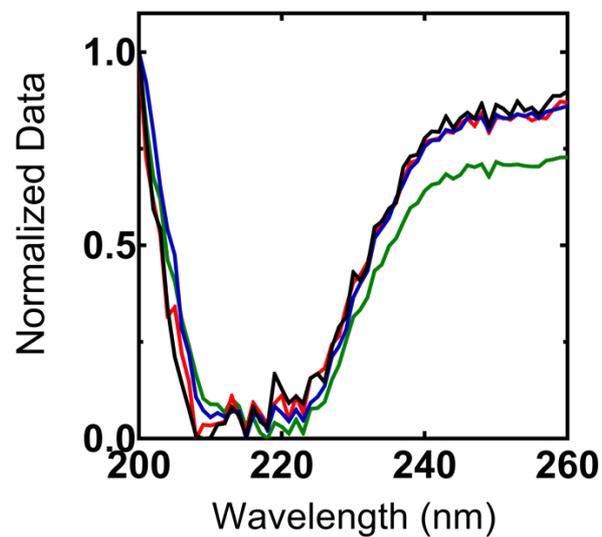
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48 **Figure S3. SDS-PAGE of purified MpMetRSs.** MpMetRS samples were separated on a 10% SDS-PAGE followed by
 49 Coomassie Blue staining. The expected size of full-length MpMetRS is 126.4 kDa and 61.4 kDa for MpΔMetRS.

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52 **Figure S4. Circular dichroism of MpMetRS alanine variants.** Circular dichroism spectroscopy was performed in 1X PBS
 53 (pH 7.5) scanning from 200-260 nm at 25 °C; M568A is in black, K386A in blue, D616A in red and W1005A in green.

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58 Table S1. MpMetRS structural properties.

	<u>M568A</u>	<u>K386A</u>	<u>D616A</u>	<u>W1005A</u>
PLP Occupancy	72 ± 9.1 %	66.2 ± 11.2 %	63.5 ± 6.6 %	63.8 ± 6.9 %
Thermal Stability	54.0	55.7	52.3	57.8

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60 Table S2. MpMetRS tRNA^{Met} *in vitro* primers.

	<u>Forward Primer</u>	<u>Reverse Primer</u>
Mp-tRNA ^{Met}	AATTCCTGCAGTAATACGACTCACTAT AGGCAGAGTATCTCAGTGGTTAGAGA ACTCGGCTCATAACCCGAGG	mUmGGTGACAGAGGAGAGATTCTGAAC TCTCGACACCTCGGGTATGAGCCGAG

61 *T7 promoter in bold and overlapping regions are underlined.

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