Supplementary materials for

## Evidence for a 'trap-and-flip' mechanism in a proton-dependent lipid transporter

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Supplementary figure 1. Distances between residues selected for cross-linking in alternating conformations of LtaA.  $C\beta$ - $C\beta$  distances between residues selected for cysteine cross-linking in the outward-facing structure (OWF) and in the best inward-facing models (INW\_M). Distance thresholds considered for selection of residues pairs are shown.



Supplementary figure 2. Cysteine-less LtaA variant can be purified and displays activity similar to LtaA-WT. A. Size Exclusion Chromatography profile of cysteine-less LtaA in a Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 GL column. B. SDS-PAGE of purified LtaA-WT and LtaA Cys-less. C. Relative flipping activity of LtaA Cys-less and LtaA-WT. Error bars show s.d. of technical replicates, n $\geq$ 3.



Supplementary figure 3. LC-MS analysis of cysteine cross-linking showing that LtaA adopts inward- and outward-facing states. Selected pairs of residues for cross-linking are shown in Fig. 2. *Left*: Relative abundance of cysteine containing peptides in absence (-) or presence (+) of N,N'-(o-phenylene)-dimaleimide (o-PDM). Error bars indicate s.d.,  $n \ge 3$ . \*:  $P \le 0.05$ , \*\*:  $P \le 0.01$ , \*\*\*:  $P \le 0.001$ , \*\*\*:  $P \le 0.001$ . *Center*: Assigned Collision-Induced Dissociation (CID) spectra obtained from cysteine containing peptides in absence of o-PDM. The position of the alkylated cysteine is indicated in red and the charge state (z) of the identified peptide ion is provided. *Right*: Elution profiles of the peptide fragments (transitions) identified used for peptide quantification by targeted LC-MS analysis.



**Supplementary figure 4. Purifications and cross-linking in-gel analysis of LtaA variants. A.** Size Exclusion Chromatography profile of LtaA variants in a Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 GL column. **B**. SDS-PAGE of purified LtaA WT and variants. **C** and **D**. SDS-PAGE showing band shifts of samples treated with mPEG5K after cross-link with o-PDM or CuCl<sub>2</sub>, respectively.



Supplementary figure 5. RMSD analysis from molecular dynamics simulations of LtaA in a membrane. Root-mean-square-deviation (RMSD) plots of C $\alpha$  atoms from outward-facing LtaA (A) and inward-facing LtaA models (B) during MD simulations in a membrane composed of POPG (65%), diacylglycerol (20%), cardiolipin (10%), and gentiobiosyl-diacylglycerol (5%).



**Supplementary figure 6. Comparison of LtaA and MFSD2A fold and amphipathic cavity. A.** Superposition of LtaA (orange) and MFSD2A (blue) (r.m.s.d = 4.1Å), and individual N- and Cterminal domains (r.m.s.d= 2.6Å and 2.8Å, respectively). **B**. Vacuum electrostatic surface representation of inward-facing model of LtaA (*left*) and inward-facing MFSD2A (PDB ID 7MJS) (*right*). Residues participating in formation of N- and C-terminal hydrophilic and hydrophobic pockets in LtaA (**C**) and MFSD2A (**D**). N-terminal and C-terminal domains are shown in light orange and light blue, respectively.



**Supplementary figure 7. LC-MS analysis of relative abundance of LtaA-WT and variants in** *S. aureus* **membranes.** The histogram shows relative abundances of LtaA WT and variants. Error bars show s.d. of technical replicates (n=3).



**Supplementary figure 8. C-terminal TM helices participating in formation of hydrophobic pockets in MFS lipid transporters.** Residues in TM7, 8, and 10 as seen in the structures of *S. aureus* LtaA (PDB ID 6S7V) and *Gallus gallus* MFSD2A (PDB ID 7MJS), and residues in predicted helical segments corresponding to the same TMs in *E. coli* LpIT, human MFSD2B, and human *S*pns2 are shown. Hydrophobic residues are shown in blue.

**Supplementary Table 1.** Validation parameters of the top seven inward-facing models. *Initial*: homology models from Modeler: *SCWRL*; the refined model by SCWRL4; *mini*: energy minimization of the model in a bilayer using Gromacs.

Model	Clashscore			MolProbity score			Ramachandran favoured (%)			Ramachandran outliers (%)		
	Initial	SCWRL	mini	Initial	SCWRL	mini	Initial	SCWRL	mini	Initial	SCWRL	mini
1	144.2	125.8	11.5	3.46	2.89	2.03	95.5	95.2	93.4	0.8	1.0	1.0
2	155.0	125.3	11.5	3.49	2.89	2.15	95.2	95.2	92.9	0.8	0.8	1.6
3	145.5	125.1	10.3	3.45	2.91	2.3	94.9	94.9	92.2	1.1	1.1	1.6
4	137.9	117.8	12.0	3.25	2.85	2.05	95.5	95.5	92.9	0.5	0.5	0.8
5	144.9	119.1	10.6	3.34	2.89	1.98	94.9	95.0	93.4	0.8	0.8	1.3
6	134.7	125.7	8.12	3.35	2.89	2.17	95.2	95.2	93.6	1.1	1.1	1.1
7	131.8	125.5	9.81	3.31	2.86	2.18	95.7	95.7	92.3	1.1	1.1	1.1

## Supplementary Table 2. Oligo's used in this study. Mutagenesis is underlined

Oligo name	5'-3' sequence
Sa-Sall-FW	GAGAGTCGACGGTCATTCATCACAACC
Sa-V234T-L237N-FW	GGTGCCGCAATTGCTGCCCT <u>AAC</u> CCCTATA <u>AAT</u> CCAACATATGCTACTAAGGTTAT
Sa-V234T-L237N-RV	ATAACCTTAGTAGCATATGTTGG <u>ATT</u> TATAGGG <u>GTT</u> AGGGCAGCAATTGCGGCACC
Sa-V234W-FW	GTGCCGCAATTGCTGCCCTA <u>TGG</u> CCTATATTACCAACATATGCTAC
Sa-V234W-RV	GTAGCATATGTTGGTAATATAGG <u>CCA</u> TAGGGCAGCAATTGCGGCAC
Sa-C263S-FW	CATTATTGGTGGTATCGGCT <u>C</u> TGCAGTTTCGATGCTATTT
Sa-C263S-RV	AAATAGCATCGAAACTGCA <u>G</u> AGCCGATACCACCAATAATG
Sa-L296D-FW	TCTAAGCGGATTTATTTTATACATGATA <u>GAT</u> ATTTTTACTCTATCTATGATTGTTAATATTCACA
Sa-L296D-RV	TGTGAATATTAACAATCATAGATAGAGTAAAAAT <u>ATC</u> TATCATGTATAAAATAAATCCGCTTAGA
Sa-I297S-FW	GATTTATTTATACATGATATTAA <u>G</u> TTTTACTCTATCTATGATTGTTAATATTC
Sa-I297S-RV	GAATATTAACAATCATAGATAGAGTAAAA <u>C</u> TTAATATCATGTATAAAATAAATC
Sa-L309Q-I316N-FW	CTATGATTGTTAATATTCACATC <u>CAA</u> TGGATTATCGCTTTAGCTA <u>AT</u> GGTCTAATGTATGGCATCTT ATTAC
Sa-L309Q-I316N-RV	GTAATAAGATGCCATACATTAGACC <u>AT</u> TAGCTAAAGCGATAATCCA <u>TTG</u> GATGTGAATATTAACA ATCATAG
Sa-I316N-FW	CTTGTGGATTATCGCTTTAGCTAATGGTCTAATGTATGGCATCTTATTAC
Sa-I316N-RV	GTAATAAGATGCCATACATTAGACCATAGCTAAAGCGATAATCCACAAG
Sa-I316W-FW	CTTGTGGATTATCGCTTTAGCT <u>TGG</u> GGTCTAATGTATGGCATCTTATTAC
Sa-I316W-RV	GTAATAAGATGCCATACATTAGACC <u>CCA</u> AGCTAAAGCGATAATCCACAAG
Sa-Y320R-FW	TTAGCTATCGGTCTAATG <u>CG</u> TGGCATCTTATTACCAGCATG
Sa-Y320R-RV	CATGCTGGTAATAAGATGCCA <u>CG</u> CATTAGACCGATAGCTAA
LtaA-Notl-RV	GAGAGCGGCCGCAATAGTATTGTTAATCGTAGTATGTTTGAATTAATAAGA
F45C-FW	GAGCTACATTAACT <u>G</u> TCTGCCCACCG
F45C-RV	CGGTGGGCAGA <u>C</u> AGTTAATGTAGCTC
A53C-FW	CCGTGACATCGATT <u>TG</u> TGTCGCTATTACATC

A53C-RV	GATGTAATAGCGACA <u>CA</u> AATCGATGTCACGG
K80C-FW	CGTTATCGGCTTCTTATTA <u>TGT</u> AAGTTTGGAACTAAGATC
K80C-RV	GATCTTAGTTCCAAACTT <u>ACA</u> TAATAAGAAGCCGATAACG
K141C-FW	GAGGATAAACGCGGC <u>TGT</u> CAAATGGGCTACGTG
K141C-RV	CACGTAGCCCATTTG <u>ACA</u> GCCGCGTTTATCCTC
K166C-FW	CTTTATGAATTTGCTGATC <u>TGT</u> GTTCATCCTACTCGCTTCG
K166C-RV	CGAAGCGAGTAGGATGAAC <u>ACA</u> GATCAGCAAATTCATAAAG
I250C-FW	CAAAAGTCATTAATGTATCAACG <u>TG</u> TGAATATACCGTGGCTATTATC
I250C-RV	GATAATAGCCACGGTATATTCA <u>CA</u> CGTTGATACATTAATGACTTTTG
T253C-FW	GTATCAACGATTGAATAT <u>TGT</u> GTGGCTATTATCATCGGCGG
T253C-RV	CCGCCGATGATAATAGCCAC <u>ACA</u> ATATTCAATCGTTGATAC
C263S-FW	CGGCGGCATTGGAT <u>CG</u> GCCGTTAGTATGTTG
C263S-RV	CAACATACTAACGGC <u>CG</u> ATCCAATGCCGCCG
N276C-FW	CTTAGTAAGTTGATCGAC <u>TG</u> CCGTTCGCGTAACTTTATGTAC
N276C-RV	GTACATAAAGTTACGCGAACGG <u>CA</u> GTCGATCAACTTACTAAG
E339C-FW	GCTTCATCAAGAGCGAC <u>TGT</u> CAAGAGGAGACCTGG
E339C-RV	CCAGGTCTCCTCTTG <u>ACA</u> GTCGCTCTTGATGAAGC
T366C-FW	GTTTGGCGGATTGATT <u>TGC</u> CAGTTCACCAAC
T366C-RV	GTTGGTGAACTG <u>GCA</u> AATCAATCCGCCAAAC
LtaA-V234T-L237N-FW	GATTGCGGCTTTGACTCCTATCAACCCTACGTATGCCACA
LtaA-V234T-L237N-RV	TGTGGCATACGTAGGGTTGATAGGAGTCAAAGCCGCAATC
LtaA-V234W-FW	GATTGCGGCTTTGTGGCCTATCCTGCCTAC
LtaA-V234W-RV	GTAGGCAGGATAGGCCACAAAGCCGCAATC
LtaA-C263S-FW	GCGGCATTGGATCGGCCGTTAGTATG
LtaA-C263S-RV	CATACTAACGGCCGATCCAATGCCGC
LtaA-L296D-FW	GGTTTTATTCTGTATATGATTGATATCTTCACGTTGTCTATG
LtaA-L296D-RV	CATAGACAACGTGAAGATATCAATCATATACAGAATAAAACC
LtaA-I297S-FW	TTATTCTGTATATGATTCTTAGTTTCACGTTGTCTATGATTGTC
LtaA-I297S-RV	GACAATCATAGACAACGTGAAACTAAGAATCATATACAGAATAA
LtaA-L309Q-FW	GTCAACATCCATATCCAATGGATTATTGCCTTGG
LtaA-L309Q-RV	CCAAGGCAATAATCCATTGGATATGGATGTTGAC
LtaA-I316N-FW	TGCCTTGGCGAACGGCCTGATG
LtaA-I316N-RV	CATCAGGCCGTTCGCCAAGGCA
LtaA-I316W-FW	ATTATTGCCTTGGCGTGGGGCCTGATGTAT
LtaA-I316W-RV	ATACATCAGGCCCCACGCCAAGGCAATAAT
LtaA-Y320R-FW	GATCGGCCTGATGCGTGGGATTCTGTTGCCA
LtaA-Y320R-RV	GATCGGCCTGATGCGTGGGATTCTGTTGCCA