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Supporting information for article:

Elucidation of the bicarbonate binding site and insights into the carboxylation mechanism of (N^5)-carboxyaminoimidazole ribonucleotide synthase (PurK) of *Bacillus anthracis*

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Table S1:


Table of ligand atom contacts and distances for ligands in 3QFF, 3R5H and 3V4S.

Figure S1:


Alignment of *baPurK* amino acid sequence to that of 11 other PurKs for differing organisms; including from Archaea (*Sulfolobus solfataricus*), Bacteria (Gram-negative; *Escherichia coli*, *Vibrio cholerae*, *Aquifex aeolicus*; Gram-positive; *Bacillus subtilis*, *Staphylococcus aureus*; No Gram-stain; *Mycobacterium leprae*, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*), Fungi (*Aspergillus clavatus*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) and Plantae (*Vigna aconitifolia*). White letters in black boxes are strictly conserved residues throughout the 12 organisms. Loops are boxed and color-coded as in Fig 1A of text. A-Loop (green), B-Loop (blue), ABC-Loop (orange), DT-Loop (purple), J-Loop (cyan), P-Loop (red) and Ω -Loop (yellow).



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Figure S2:

Shown is a series of omit maps that were generated by setting the occupancy of the bicarbonate atoms to zero and re-refining the structure **3V4S-B**. The top panel shows all three maps; mF_o-DF_c (dark blue), $2mF_o-DF_c$ (orange) and $3mF_o-2DF_c$ (teal) at 3.5, 1.5 and 2.5 σ , (0.28, 0.43, and 0.78 $e^-/\text{\AA}^3$) respectively, from a top-down view. The enzyme (green) is depicted as a cartoon representation, with the side chain of R272 shown in a stick representation as an anchor for orientation. The bottom three panels show the individual maps; mF_o-DF_c , $2mF_o-DF_c$ and $3mF_o-2DF_c$ (left to right) rotated 90° to give the side view, confirming the correct trigonal planar density.

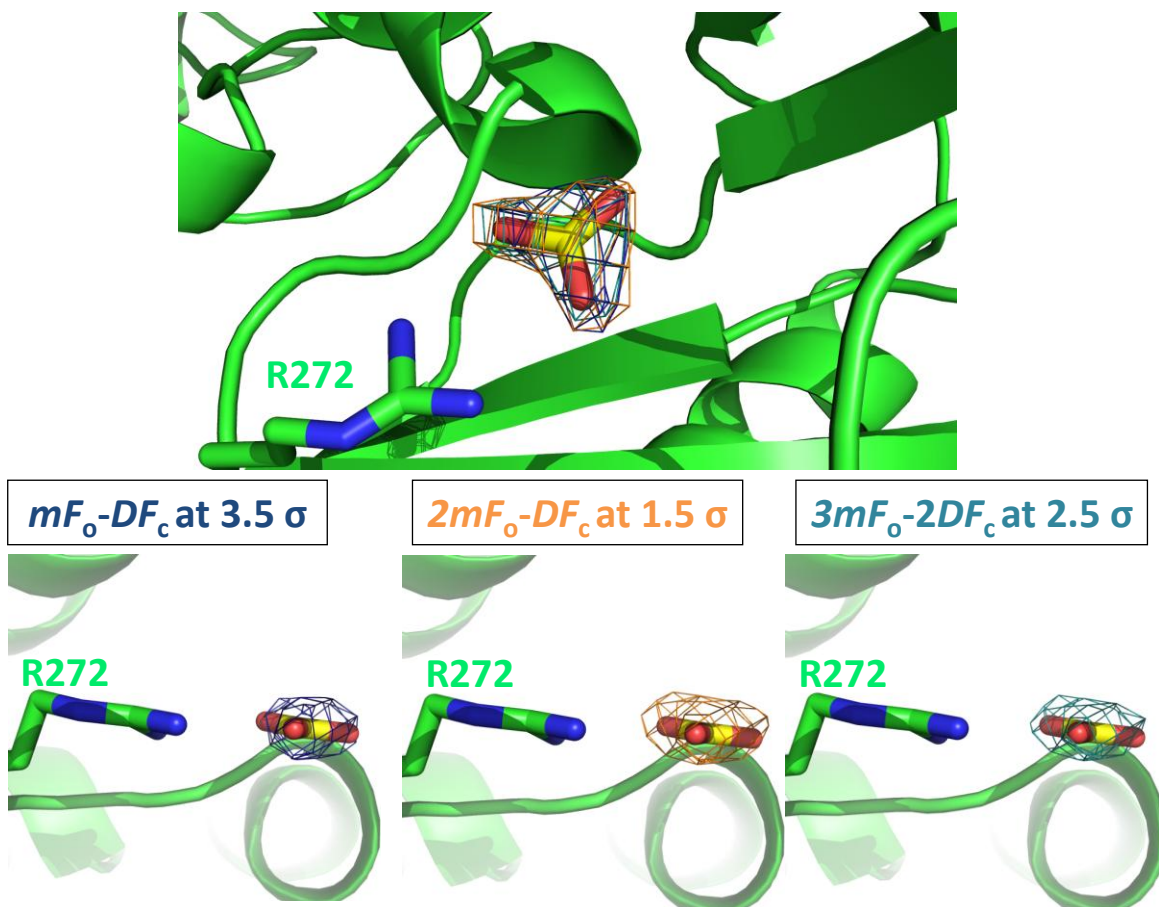


Figure S3:

Shown is a mF_o-DF_c omit map (dark blue mesh) focused on HCO_3^- (red and yellow) and its proximity to R272 (cyan) and K348 (orange) from **3V4S-B**. The map was generated by setting the occupancy of all the atoms from HCO_3^- , R272 and K348 to zero and re-refining the structure. The mF_o-DF_c map is contoured to 3.0σ ($0.24 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^3$).

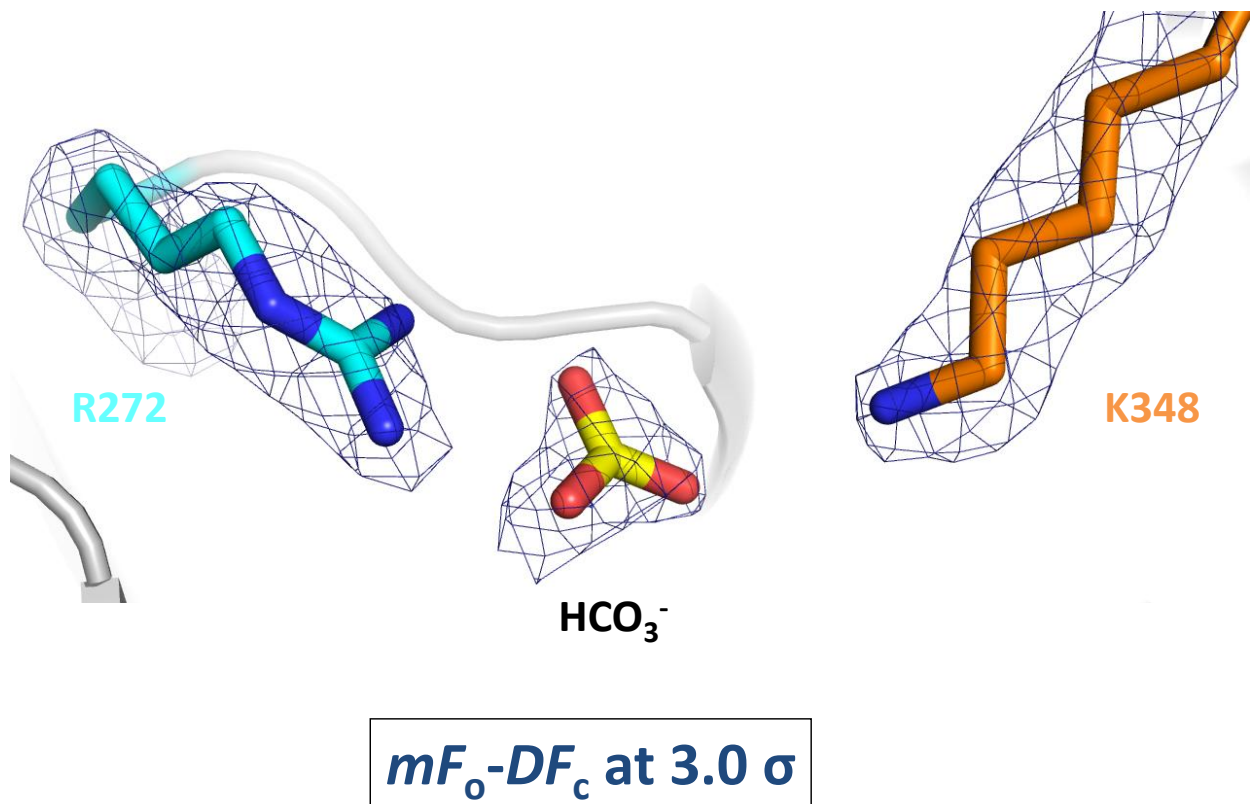


Figure S4:

Shown is the environment of water 479 from **3R5H-B** (same position as water 41 in **3V4S-B**) that acts as a base in our mechanism, we propose that a hydrogen is removed by K348 (orange) to allow water 479 to deprotonate the exocyclic amine of AIR. The water displays typical tetrahedral geometry, interacting with the O2 atom of bicarbonate and both of the amine groups from AIR and K348 of the modeled active site. It also hydrogen bonds with water 385 of **3R5H-B**. Dashed lines are possible hydrogen bonds available within 3.4 Å.

