SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

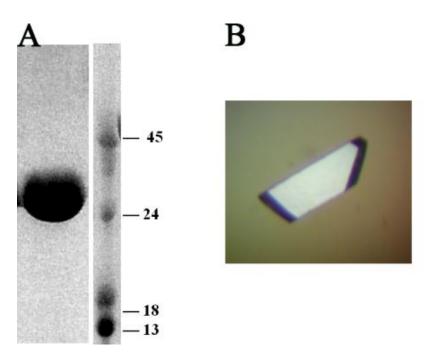


Figure S1. SDS-PAGE gel and crystal picture. (A). SDS/PAGE (12%) gel of purified *A. pernix* fibrillarin. The protein behaves as a monomer as determined by size exclusion chromatography and SEC-MALS. (B). Protein crystal of *A. pernix* fibrillarin was crystallized in 20 mM Tris·HCl, pH 7.0, 5% isopropanol, 10% PEG 4000 containing solution. The approximate dimensions of the crystals were 0.4 mm × 1 mm.

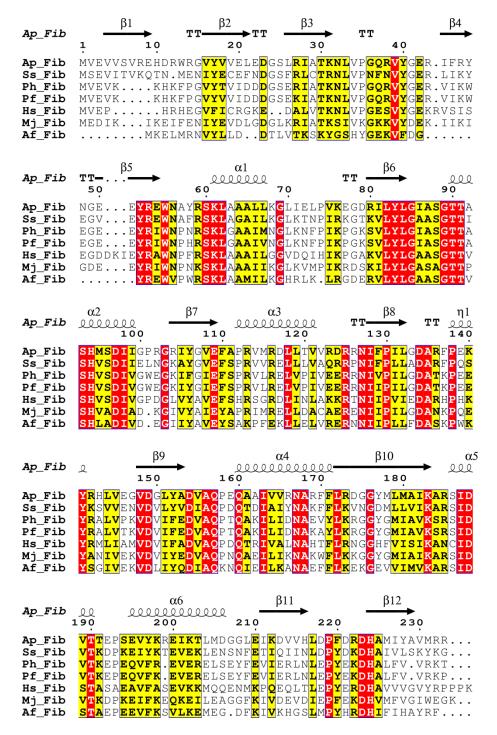


Figure S2. Sequence alignment of A. pernix fibrillarin with fibrillarin homologues. Sequence alignment A. pernix fibrillarin with fibrillarin structural homologues. Secondary structure details are from A. pernix fibrillarin. Conserved residues are highlighted in yellow and highly conserved residues are highlighted in red. Residues that interact with SAM are marked with arrows (▲). Ap_Fib, Aeropyrum pernix; Ss_Fib, Sulfolobus solfataricus; Ph_Fib, Pyrococcus horikoshii; Pf_Fib, Pyrococcus furious; Hs_Fib, Homo sapiens; Mj_Fib, Methanococcus jannaschii; Af_Fib, Archaeoglobus fulgidus.

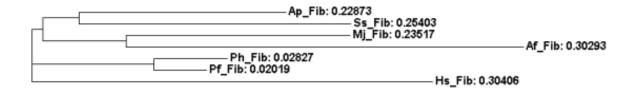


Figure S3.Phylogram. A phylogram of *A. pernix* fibrillarin and its published structural homologues. *A. pernix* fibrillarin is closely related in sequence to the Ss_Fib fibrillarin ortholog with 51% identical residues. Orthologs such as *Pyrococcus furious* fibrillarin have diverged significantly from *A. pernix* fibrillarin as shown in the phylogram, yet maintained the methylase function. The values represent the inferred evolutionary change between each branch. The branch-lengths are proportional to the amount of inferred evolutionary change. Ap_Fib, *Aeropyrum pernix*; Ss_Fib, *Sulfolobus solfataricus*; Mj_Fib, *Methanococcus jannaschii*; Af_Fib, *Archaeoglobus fulgidus*; Ph_Fib, *Pyrococcus horikoshii*; Pf_Fib, *Pyrococcus furious*; Hs_Fib, *Homo sapiens*.