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**Structure of a superoxide dismutase from a tardigrade:  
*Ramazzottius varieornatus* strain YOKOZUNA-1**

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**Table S1** Sequence of *RvSOD15* used in this study.Original sequence of *RvSOD15* RvY\_13070.1 (Accession number: GAV02514.1)

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**Table S2** Primers used in this study.

Protein	Primers	Sequence (5'-3')
<i>RvSOD15</i>	<i>RvSOD15_OE_PCR_F1</i>	AACTTGTATTTCCAGTCCAATCAT AGCGATCCGGTGAA
	<i>RvSOD15_OE_PCR_F2</i>	CATCATCATCACGAGAACTTGTA TTTCCAGTCC
	<i>RvSOD15_OE_PCR_F3</i>	CATCATCATCATCATCACGAGAA CTTGTA
	<i>RvSOD15_OE_PCR_F4</i>	AGGAGATATACCATGCATCATCA TCATCATCACGA
	<i>RvSOD15_OE_PCR_R1</i>	GTTAGCAGCCGGATCTTAAACAT AGCTGATGATACC
	<i>RvSOD15_p28_F</i>	AGGAGATATACCATGCATCATCA TCATCATCACGA
	<i>RvSOD15_p28_R</i>	GTTAGCAGCCGGATCTTAAACAT AGCTGATGATACC
<i>RvSOD15-V61H</i>	<i>RvSOD15-V61H_F</i>	CACGACAGCGGTGATATGACCAA GGGC
	<i>RvSOD15-V61H_R</i>	TATCACCGCTGTCGTGAATGTGC AGGCCATGTTTACCC
pET-28a(+) vector	pET28_TAA_F	TAAAGATCCGGCTGCTAACAA
	pET28_ATG_R	CATGGTATATCTCCTTCTTAAAG

**Table S3** Amino acids sequence employed in the sequence alignment.

<b>Organism species</b>	<b>Gene IDs</b>
<i>Bombyx mori</i>	<i>BmSOD</i> : NP_001037084.1
<i>Bos taurus</i>	<i>BtSOD</i> : NP_777040.1
<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i>	<i>CeSOD</i> : NP_001021956.1
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	<i>HsSOD</i> : NP_000445.1
<i>Hypsibius exemplaris</i>	<i>HeSOD</i> : OQV16439.1
<i>Taenia solium</i>	<i>TsSOD</i> : AAL66230.1
<i>Ramazzottius varieornatus</i>	<i>RvSOD_CuZN1</i> : GAU87854.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN2</i> : GAU87855.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN3</i> : GAU87856.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN4</i> : GAU87857.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN5</i> : GAU91516.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN6-1</i> : GAU91519.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN6-2</i> : GAU60520.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN6-3</i> : GAU60521.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN7</i> : GAU92919.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN8</i> : GAV05942.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN9</i> : GAV07483.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN10</i> : GAU95120.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN11</i> : GAU98317.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN12</i> : GAU99963.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN13</i> : GAU99964.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN14</i> : GAU99965.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN15</i> : GAV02514.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN16-1</i> : GAV02928.1 <i>RvSOD_CuZN16-2</i> : GAV02930.1

**Table S4** Homology search of RvSOD\_CuZNs' and SODs used in this study using HHpred PDB mmcif70\_31\_Jul.

Gene	Score	Identities (%)	Selected best hit	PDB
RvSOD_CuZN1	146.65	36.0	<i>Onchocerca volvulus</i> SOD	5IN2
RvSOD_CuZN2	102.90	45.0	<i>Bombyx mori</i> SOD	3L9Y
RvSOD_CuZN3	167.53	50.0	<i>Homo sapiens</i> ALS SOD	4A7U
RvSOD_CuZN4	147.11	67.0	<i>Homo sapiens</i> ALS SOD	4A7U
RvSOD_CuZN5	151.31	63.0	<i>Homo sapiens</i> ALS SOD	4A7U
RvSOD_CuZN6 variant 1	155.13	55.0	<i>Alvinella pompejana</i> SOD	3F7L
RvSOD_CuZN6 variant 2	123.94	40.0	<i>Homo sapiens</i> copper chaperone	3F7L
RvSOD_CuZN6 variant 3	97.25	35.0	<i>Cryptococcus liquefaciens</i> SOD	3CE1
RvSOD_CuZN7	37.23	45.0	<i>Alvinella pompejana</i> SOD	3F7L
RvSOD_CuZN8	162.84	29.0	<i>Candida albicans</i> SOD	4N3T
RvSOD_CuZN9	184.84	49.0	<i>Homo sapiens</i> ALS SOD	4A7U
RvSOD_CuZN10	147.35	50.0	<i>Cryptococcus liquefaciens</i> SOD	3CE1
RvSOD_CuZN11	166.58	52.0	<i>Bombyx mori</i> SOD	3L9Y
RvSOD_CuZN12	133.32	47.0	<i>Bombyx mori</i> SOD	3L9Y
RvSOD_CuZN13	125.93	49.0	<i>Alvinella pompejana</i> SOD	3F7L
RvSOD_CuZN14	54.21	45.0	<i>Alvinella pompejana</i> SOD	3F7L
RvSOD_CuZN15	137.01	47.0	<i>Alvinella pompejana</i> SOD	3F7L
RvSOD_CuZN16 variant 1	198.28	43.0	<i>Onchocerca volvulus</i> SOD	5IN2
RvSOD_CuZN16 variant 2 **	326.00	46.5	C6 domain containing protein	-
HeSOD	133.01	50.0	<i>Alvinella pompejana</i> SOD	3F7L
CeSOD	166.10	100.0	<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i> SOD	3KBE
TsSOD	149.97	66.0	<i>Alvinella pompejana</i> SOD	3F7L

<i>Hs</i> SOD1	155.57	99.0	<i>Homo sapiens</i> ALS SOD	4A7U
<i>Bt</i> SOD	157.87	82.0	<i>Homo sapiens</i> ALS SOD	4A7U
<i>Bm</i> SOD	170.03	99.0	<i>Bombyx mori</i> SOD	3L9Y

\*\* *Rv*SOD16 variant 2 hit result was replaced with UniRef50.

**Table S5** Anomalous X-ray diffraction datasets of *Rv*SOD15.

	<b>Anomalous CU</b>	<b>Anomalous Zn</b>
<b>PDB ID</b>		
<b>Data Collection</b>		
<b>X-ray source</b>	SPRING-8 BL44XU	Spring-8 BL44XU
<b>Detector</b>	EIGER X 16 M	EIGER X 16 M
<b>Wavelength (Å)</b>	1.3799	1.2799
<b>Space group</b>	P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>
<b>Cell Dimensions</b>		
<b>a, b, c(Å)</b>	66.26 68.19 68.29	66.27 68.23 68.32
<b>α, β, γ (°)</b>	94.91 108.36 114.41	94.91 108.39 114.40
<b>Resolution (Å)</b>	45.35-3.5 (3.83-3.50)	45.37-3.5 (3.83-3.5)
<b>Total reflections</b>	43360 (10433)	43134 (9913)
<b>Unique reflections</b>	12238 (2920)	12262 (2920)
<b>R<sub>merge</sub>†(%)</b>	0.057 (0.084)	0.053 (0.074)
<b>R<sub>meas</sub>‡(%)</b>	0.068 (0.099)	0.063 (0.088)
<b>R<sub>pim</sub>‡(%)</b>	0.036 (0.052)	0.034 (0.047)
<b>I/σ(I)</b>	12.5 (8.9)	23.5 (16.0)
<b>CC1/2§</b>	0.996 (0.992)	0.996 (0.992)
<b>Completeness (%)</b>	97.0 (97.1)	97.2 (97.3)
<b>Anomalous completeness (%)</b>	91.1 (92.5)	89.8 (91.8)
<b>Redundancy</b>	3.5 (3.6)	3.5 (3.4)
<b>Anomalous redundancy</b>	1.7 (1.8)	1.7 (1.7)

**Table S6** *RvSODs* functional prediction.

Gene	SOD Fold	Ligand	SOD Type	Group
<i>RvSOD_CuZN1</i>	EL and metal-binding loops deletion, open catalytic site	-	Cu-only SOD like	Delta
<i>RvSOD_CuZN2</i>	EL deletion, alike Cu-only SOD, open catalytic site	Cu*	Cu-only SOD like	Gamma
<i>RvSOD_CuZN3</i>	Standard, $\beta$ 1, $\beta$ 8-sheets elongated	Cu, Zn	CuZn-SOD	Alpha
<i>RvSOD_CuZN4</i>	Standard	Cu, Zn	CuZn-SOD	Alpha
<i>RvSOD_CuZN5</i>	Standard	Cu, Zn	CuZn-SOD	Alpha
<i>RvSOD_CuZN6</i> variant 1	Standard	Cu, Zn	CuZn-SOD	Alpha
<i>RvSOD_CuZN6</i> variant 2	EL loop deletion, alike Cu-only SOD, open catalytic site	Cu, Zn	Cu-only SOD like	Gamma
<i>RvSOD_CuZN6</i> variant 3	Dislike SOD	-	unknown	Epsilon
<i>RvSOD_CuZN7</i>	Dislike SOD	-	unknown	Epsilon
<i>RvSOD_CuZN8</i> Domain 1	Electrostatic loop deletion, alike Cu-only SOD, open catalytic site	-	Cu-only SOD like	Gamma
<i>RvSOD_CuZN8</i> Domain 2	Electrostatic loop deletion, alike Cu-only SOD, open catalytic site	Cu*	Cu-only SOD like	Gamma
<i>RvSOD_CuZN9</i>	Standard, $\beta$ 6-sheet elongated	Cu, Zn	CuZn-SOD	Alpha
<i>RvSOD_CuZN10</i>	Standard, $\beta$ 4, $\beta$ 8-sheets elongated	Cu, Zn	CuZn-SOD	Alpha
<i>RvSOD_CuZN11</i>	Standard, $\beta$ 4-sheets elongated	Cu, Zn	CuZn-SOD	Alpha
<i>RvSOD_CuZN12</i>	$\beta$ 4, $\beta$ 6-sheets deletion	Cu, Zn	CuZn-SOD	Beta
<i>RvSOD_CuZN13</i>	Standard	Cu, Zn	CuZn-SOD	Alpha

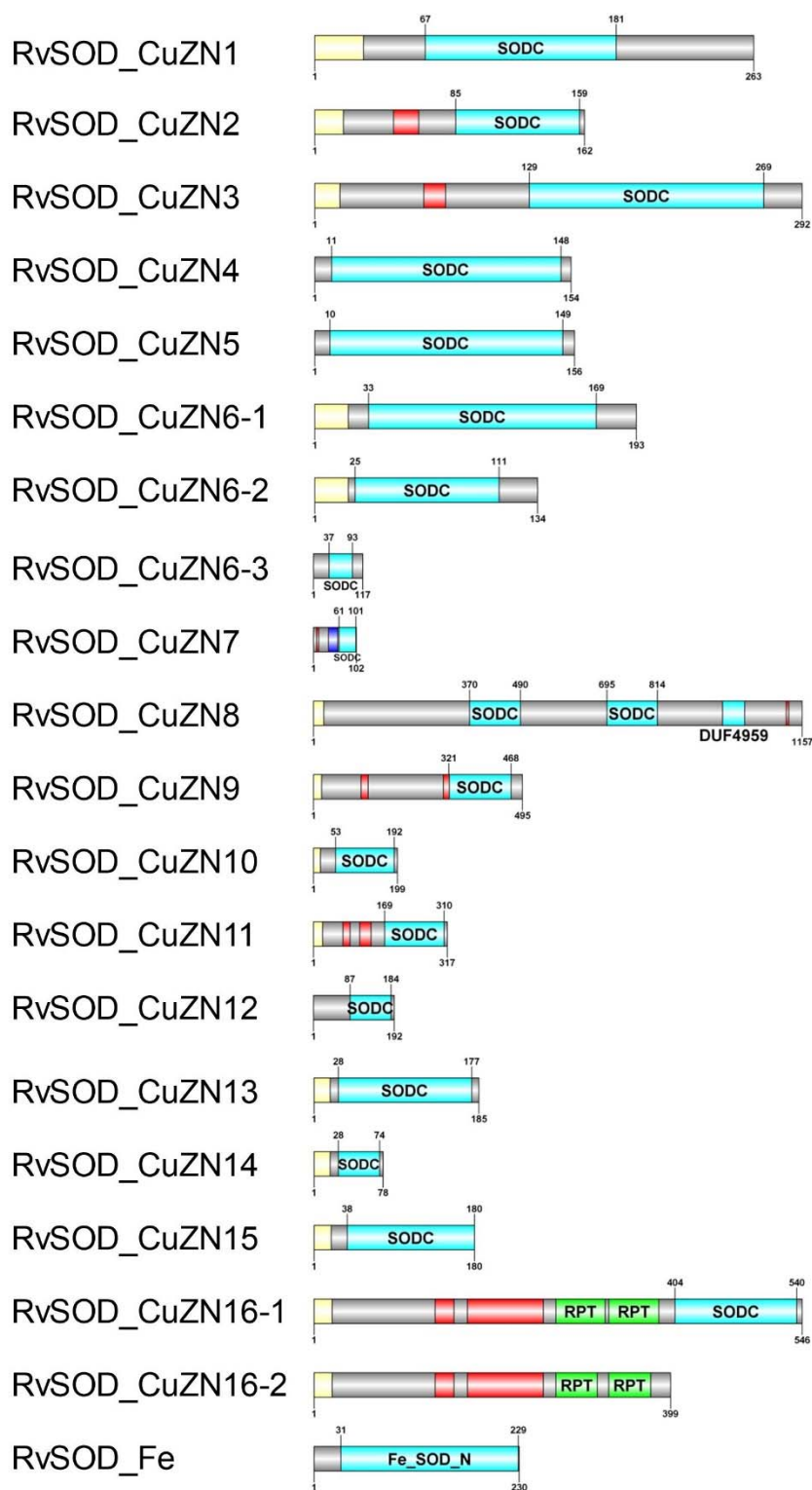
<i>RvSOD_CuZn14</i>	Dislike SOD	-	unknown	Epsilon
<i>RvSOD_CuZn15</i>	Elongated metal-binding loop	Cu, Zn	CuZn-SOD	Beta
<i>RvSOD_CuZn16</i> variant 1	$\beta$ 4-sheet elongation and $\beta$ 4-sheet shorten	Cu, Zn*	CuZn-SOD	Beta

\*Required experimental further validation

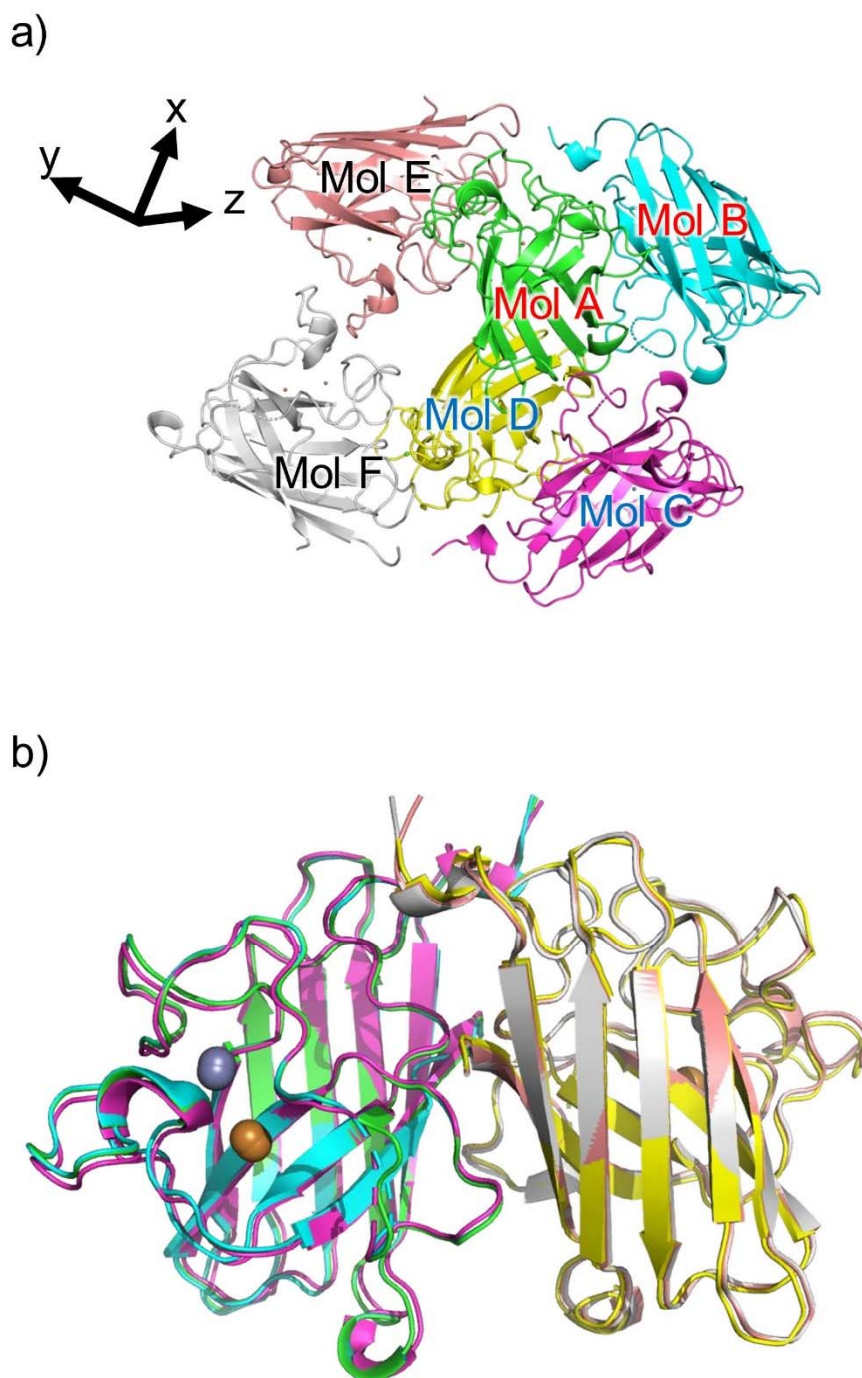


**Figure S1** Sequence alignment of *R. varieirosetis* CuZnSODs. RvSOD8 and RvSOD16 variant 2 are excluded from sequence alignment. RvSOD8 has a tandem repeat of SOD-like domains and may be a so-called copper-only SOD-repeat protein. RvSOD\_CuZnSOD16 variant 2 does not show sequence similarity to CuZnSODs.

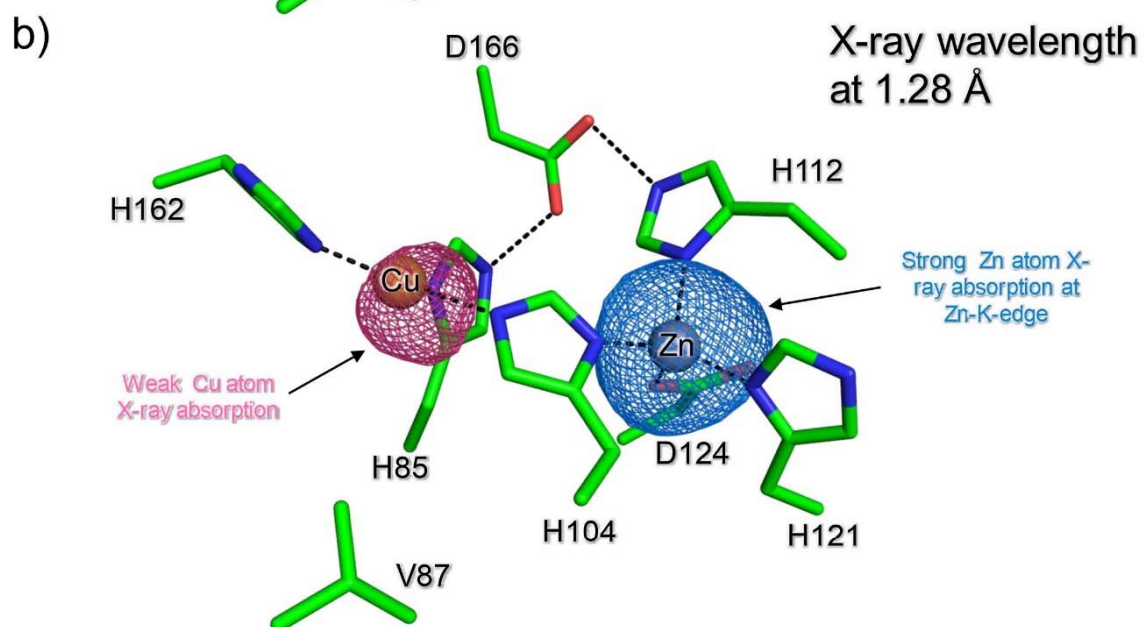
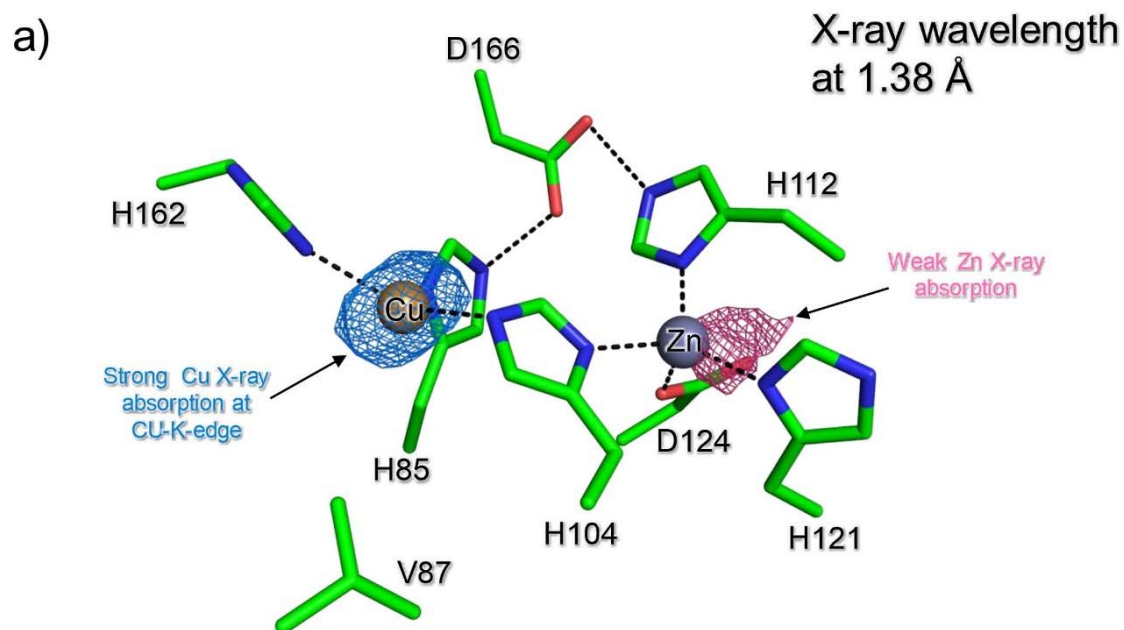




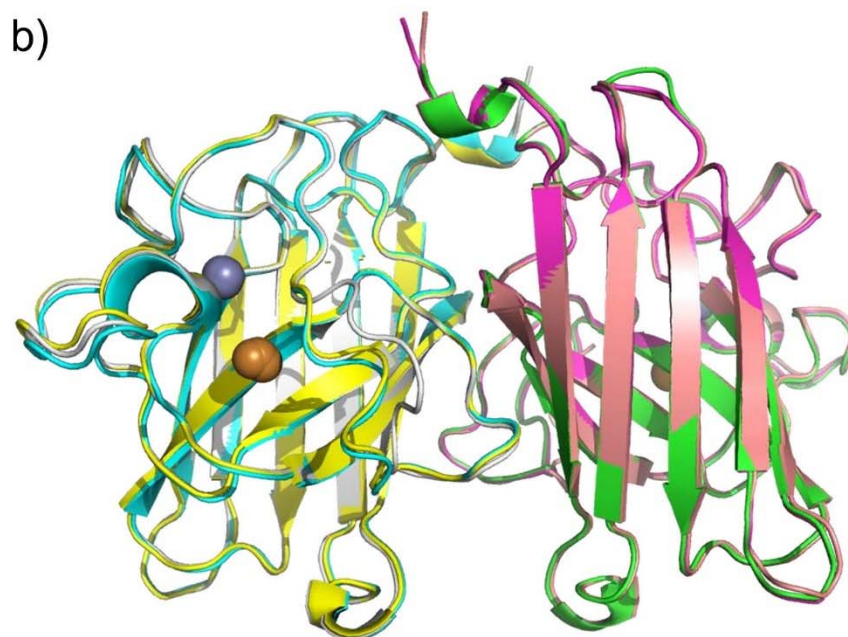
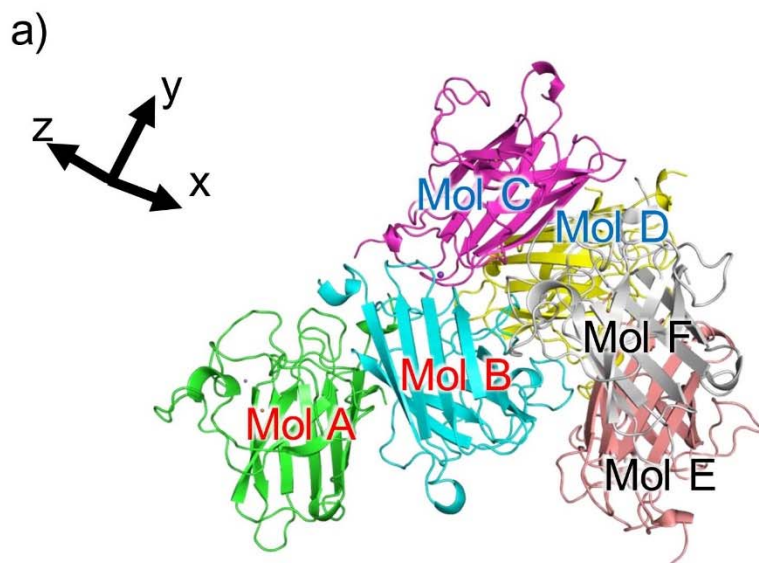
**Figure S2** The putative domain structure of *R. varieornatus* CuZnSODs. Digits show the amino acid positions. Yellow box, signal peptide; cyan box, SOD domain; red box, low complexity region; green box, repeat (RPT) domain; blue box, transmembrane domain. *RvSOD\_CuZNSOD16* variant 2 does not show similarity to the SODC domain.



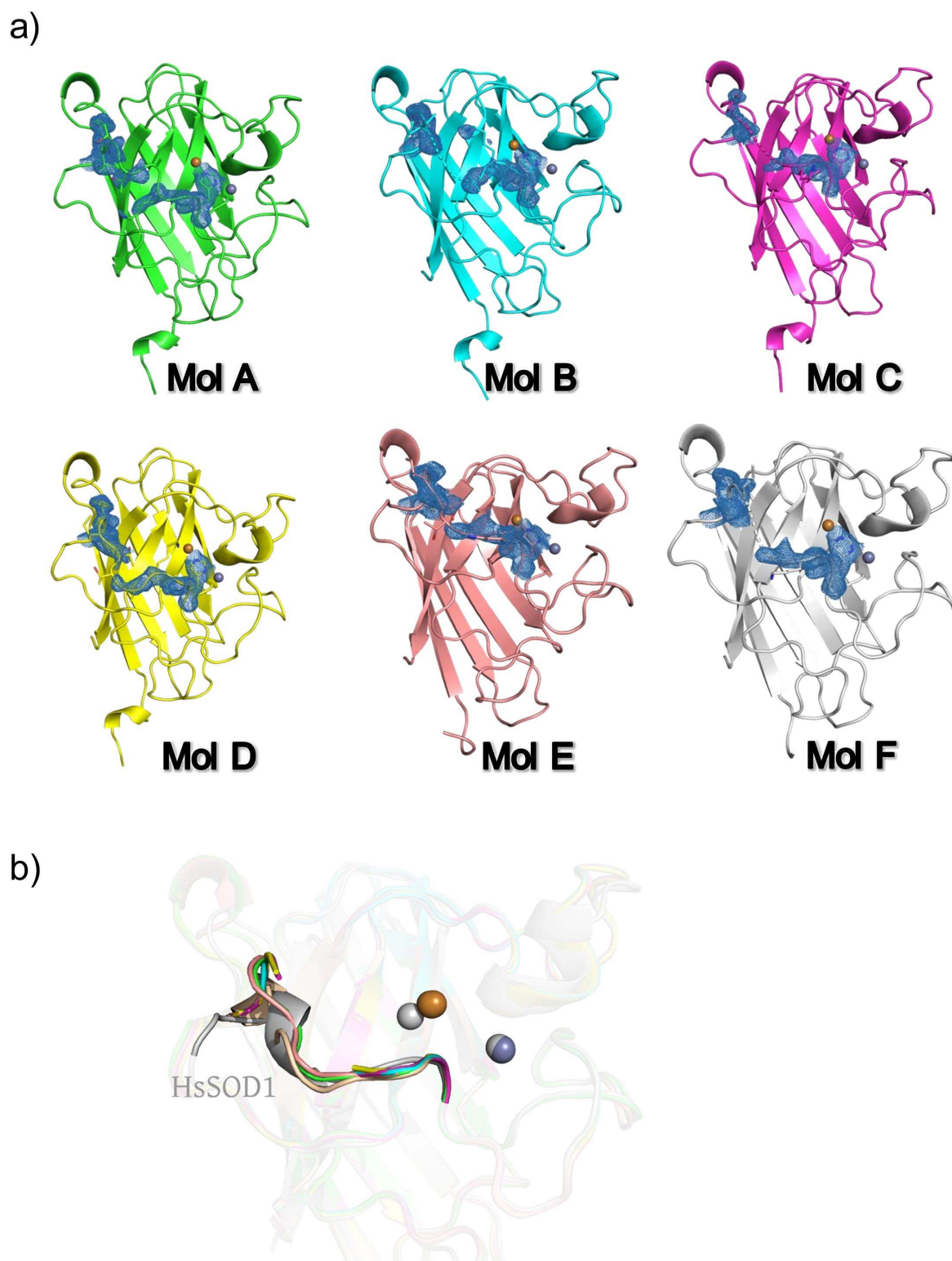
**Figure S3** Crystal structure of wild-type *RvSOD15*. **a)** Components of the unit cell. Molecule A and E form a dimer, Molecule B and F form another dimer. Molecule C and D form a dimer through a symmetry operation. **b)** Structural alignment of three dimers contained in the unit cell.



**Figure S4** Anomalous signal obtained from Cu and Zn anomalous diffractions. **a)** Copper anomalous signal at 3.5 sigma observed when 1.38 Å wavelength X-ray was used. Cu atom show a strong anomalous signal at K-edge (cyan) compare to Zn atom show a weaker anomalous signal (warmpink, at 2.5 sigma) at 1.38 Å wavelength X-ray. **b)** Zinc anomalous signal at 3.5 sigma observed when 1.28Å wavelength X-ray was used. Zn atom show a strong anomalous signal at K-edge (cyan) compare to Cu atom show a weaker anomalous signal (warmpink) at 1.28 Å wavelength X-ray.

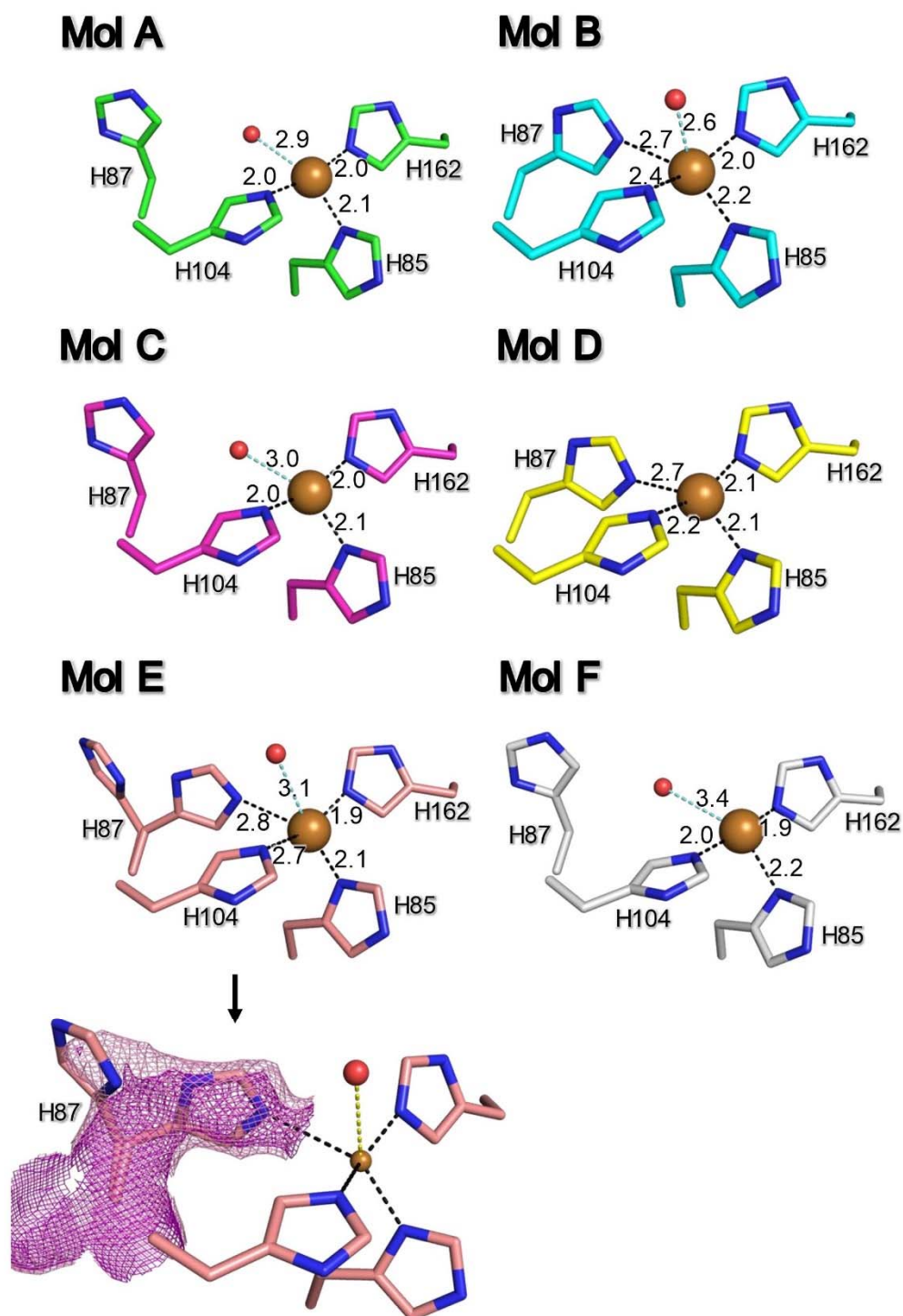


**Figure S5** Crystal structure of V87H RvSOD15 mutant. **a)** Components of the asymmetric unit. Molecule A and B form a dimer. Molecule C and D and Molecule E and F respectively form dimers through symmetry operations. **b)** Structural alignment of three dimers contained in the unit cell.



**Figure S6** Structural variations of the metal-binding loop in the wild-type structure. **a)** Sigma-A-weighted  $2mF_o-DF_c$  map for the region from Cys96 to His104 ( $1 \sigma$ ) are shown by blue meshes. **b)**

Comparison of the metal-binding loop of *Rv*SOD15 with that of *Hs*SOD1 (PDB code ID: 1PU0, Chain B).

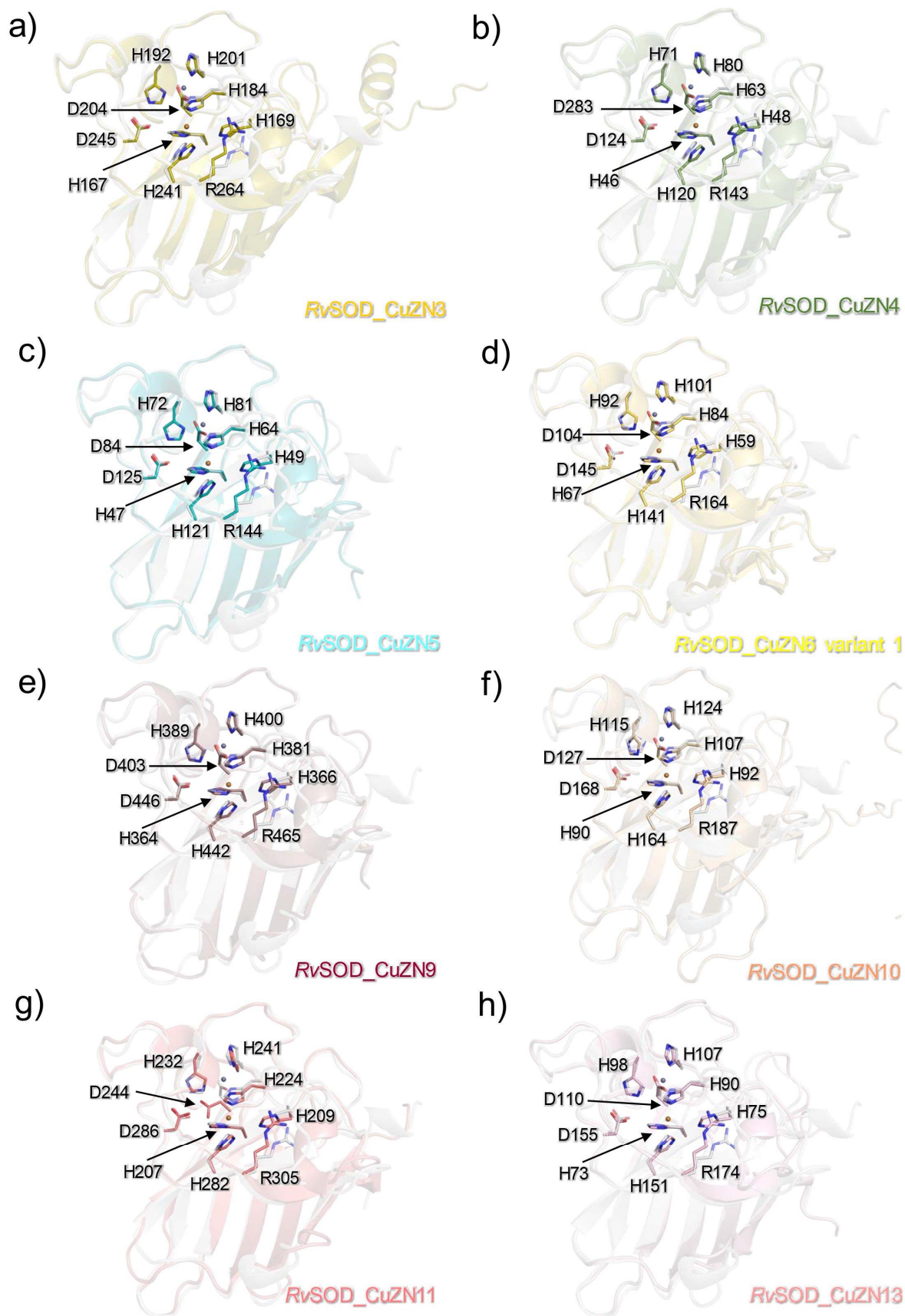




**Figure S7** Structures of the reconstructed Cu site in the V87H RvSOD15 mutant structure.

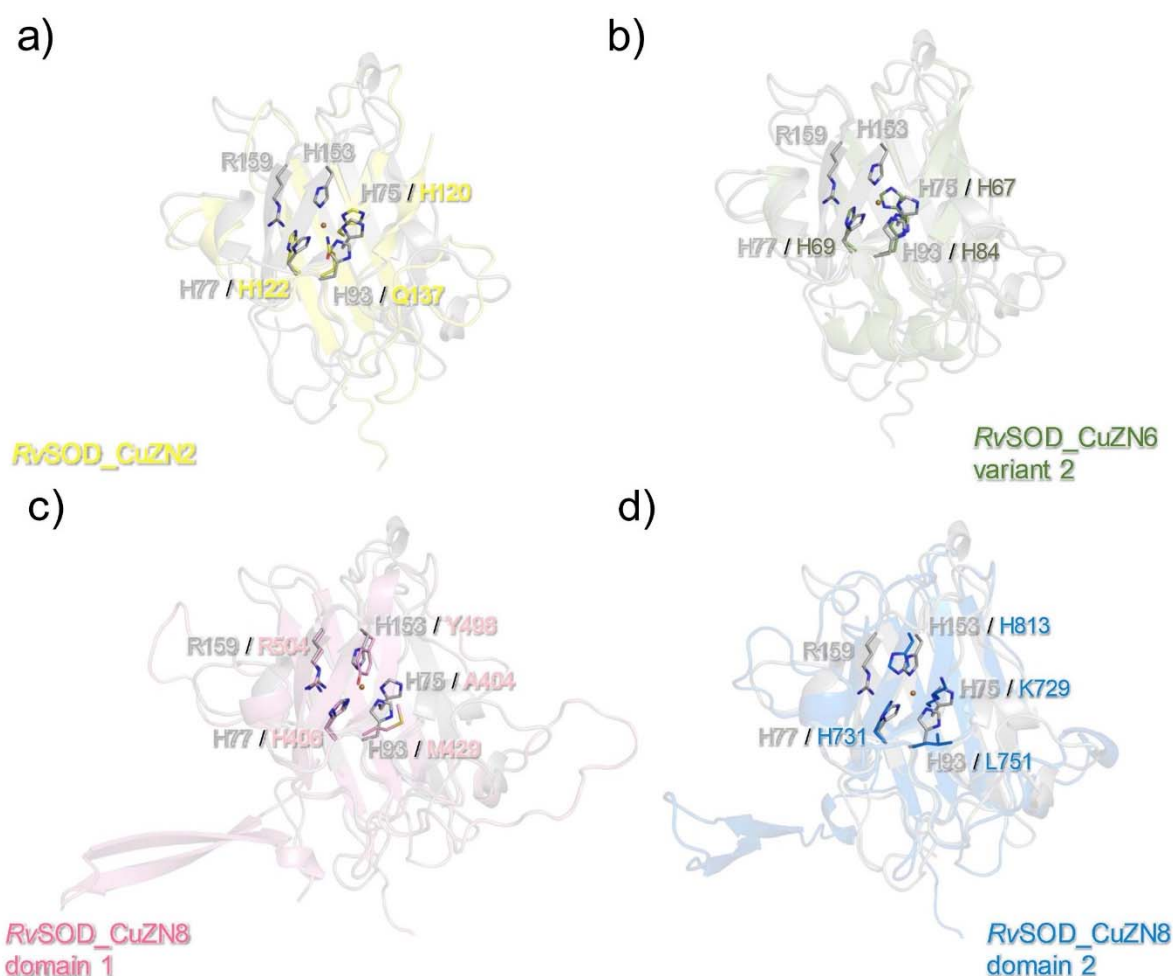
Coordination bonds are shown by dotted black lines. Water molecules are shown by red spheres.

Weak interactions of the water ligands with the Cu center are shown by dotted cyan lines. Distances are shown by the ångström unit. Sigma-A-weighted  $2mF_o-DF_c$  map for His87 are shown by purple ( $1\sigma$ ) and pink ( $0.7\sigma$ ) meshes.

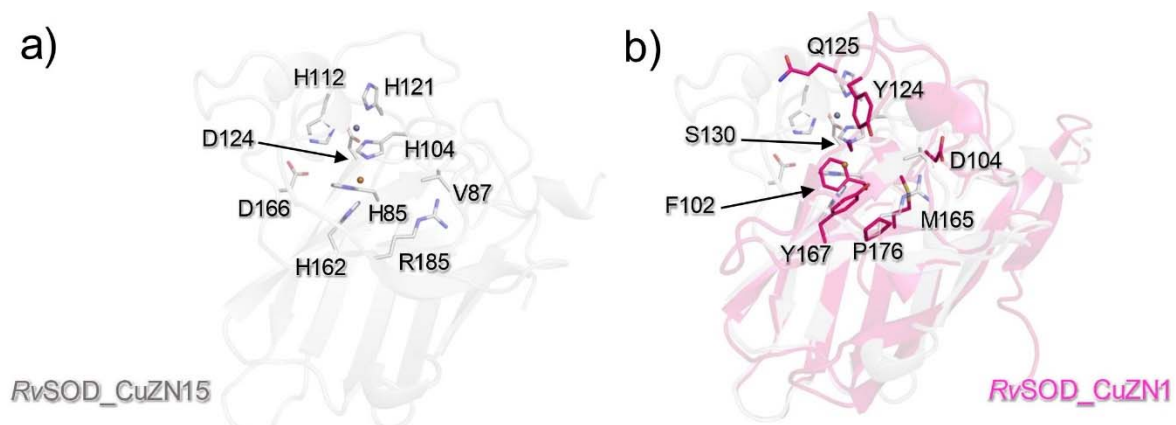


**Figure S8** Structural comparison between *RvSOD\_CuZn15* and alpha-group of typical *RvSOD\_CuZnSOD* model structure. The N-terminal signal peptide is removed from modeling and

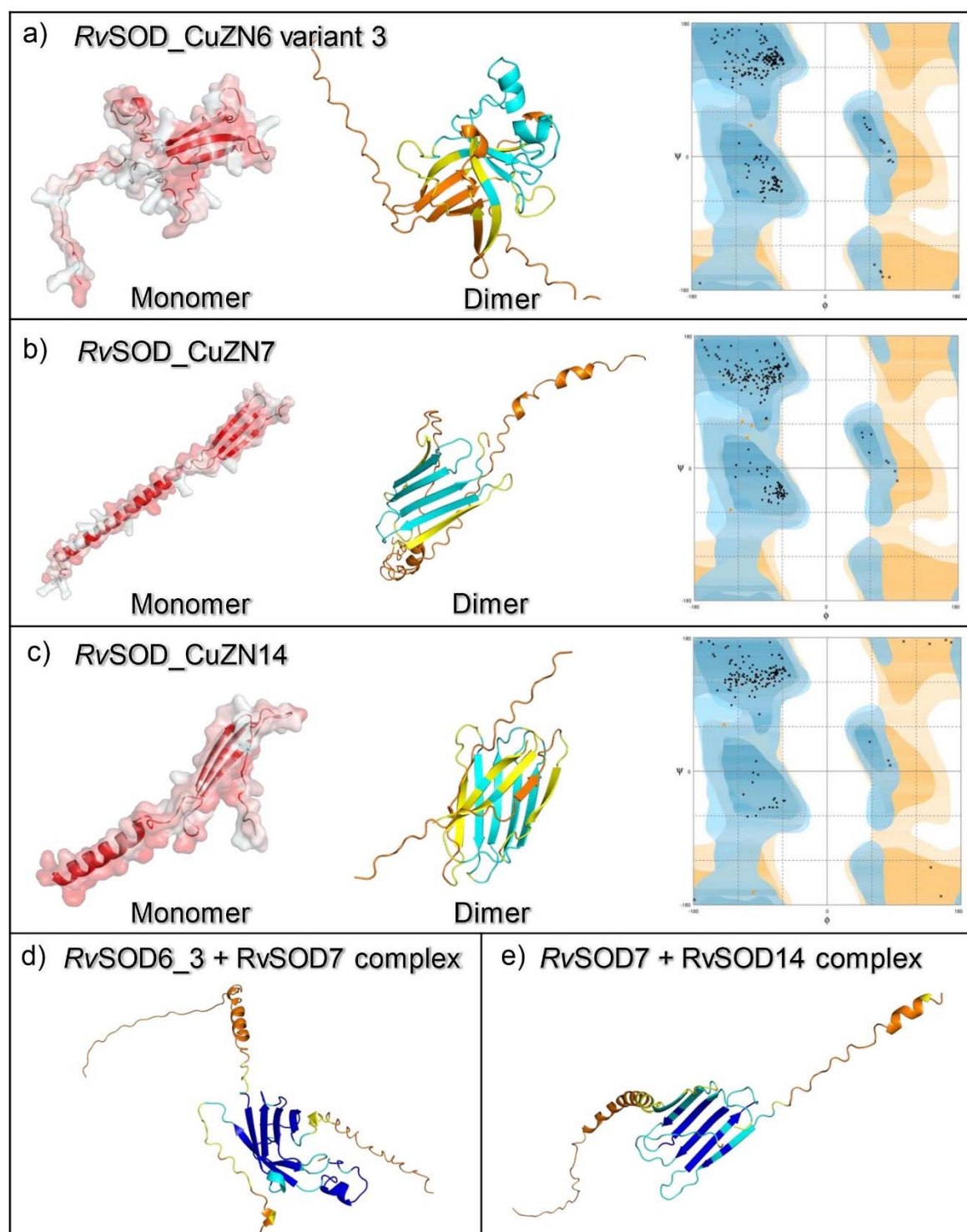
metal-binding ligands are shown by sticks. The *RvSOD15* structure is shown in grey. a) *RvSOD\_CuZN3* (Overall pLDDT 89.61; *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 0.74 Å). b) *RvSOD\_CuZN4* (Overall pLDDT 97.51; *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 0.69 Å). c) *RvSOD\_CuZN5* (Overall pLDDT 97.32; *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 0.60 Å). d) *RvSOD6\_CuZN6* variant 1 (Overall pLDDT 87.11; *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 0.60 Å). e) *RvSOD\_CuZN9* (Overall pLDDT 94.71; *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 0.61 Å). f) *RvSOD\_CuZN10* (Overall pLDDT 85.36; *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 0.65 Å). g) *RvSOD\_CuZN11* (Overall pLDDT 70.98; *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 0.63 Å). h) *RvSOD\_CuZN13* (Overall pLDDT 94.42; *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 0.78 Å).



**Figure S9** Structural comparison between *RvSOD\_CuZN15* and gamma group of typical Cu-only SOD-like model structures. Structural superimposition was performed against Cu-only SOD5 from *Candida albicans*, PDB: 4N3T. The similarity to Cu-only SOD cause by the deletion of electrostatic loop. Yet, *RvSODs* Cu-SOD-like acquired numerous mutations at Cu-binding site. a) *RvSOD2* (yellow) and *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 2.52 Å. b) *RvSOD6* variant 2 (smudge) and *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 1.72 Å. c) *RvSOD8* domain 1 (pink) and *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 0.76 Å. d) *RvSOD8* domain 2 (marine) and *r.m.s.d of Ca atoms* value of 1.01 Å.

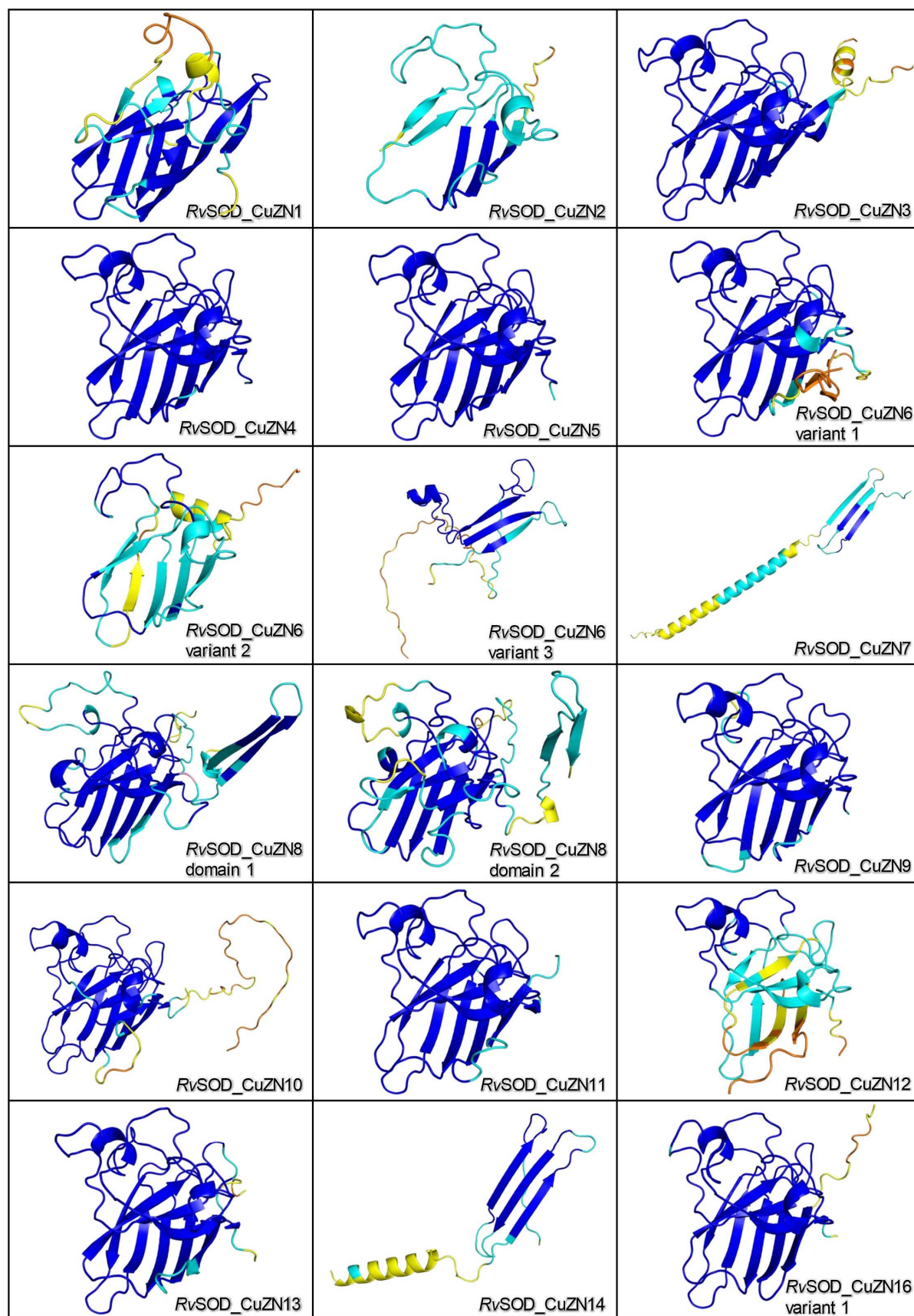


**Figure S10** Structural comparison between *RvSOD\_CuZN15* and delta-group of atypical Cu-only SOD-like *RvSODs*. The *RvSOD15* structural alignment shown in grey. a) *RvSOD15*. b) *RvSOD\_CuZN1* (Overall pLDDT value is 85.03 and *r.m.s.d of Ca* value of 1.00 Å).



**Figure S11** Model structures of epsilon group *RvSODs*. This group of *RvSODs* does not resemble to any SOD structures. a) *RvSOD\_CuZN6* variant 3 monomer and its predicted dimeric conformations. The overall monomer pLDDT score is 76.15, but oligomer overall pLDDT score is 46.93. Left, monomer, red is hydrophobic residue; Middle, local pLDDT of dimer conformation; Right, Ramachandran plot with 99.5% of favoured and allowed regions. b) *RvSOD\_CuZN7* monomer and dimeric conformations. The overall monomer pLDDT score is 74.82, but the oligomer overall

pLDDT score is 47.93. Left, monomer, red is hydrophobic residue; Middle, local pLDDT of dimer conformation; Right, Ramachandran plot with 100.0% of favoured and allowed regions. c) *RvSOD\_CuZN14* monomer and its predicted dimeric conformations. The overall monomer pLDDT score is 80.64, but the oligomer overall pLDDT score is 58.37. Left, monomer, red is hydrophobic residue; Middle, local pLDDT of dimer conformation; Right, Ramachandran plot with 100.0% of favoured and allowed regions. d) Predicted *RvSOD\_CuZN6* variant 3 and *RvSOD7* complex structure. The structure colored according to local pLDDT. The overall pLDDT score is 61.56. e) Predicted *RvSOD\_CuZN7* variant 3 and *RvSOD\_CuZN14* complex structure. The structure colored according to local pLDDT. The overall pLDDT score is 62.83. The inter-molecular complex shows a lower overall pLDDT score as each protein containing local unique regions. The local pLDDT score is rendered in Blue, pLDDT = (90-100); Cyan, pLDDT = (70-90); Yellow, pLDDT = (50-70); Orange, pLDDT = (0-50).



**Figure S12** Local pLDDT of RvSODs model structure. pLDDT score is rendered in Blue, pLDDT = (90-100); Cyan, pLDDT = (70-90); Yellow, pLDDT = (50-70); Orange, pLDDT = (0-50).