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**Structural and functional analysis of the D-alanyl carrier protein
ligase DltA from *Staphylococcus aureus* Mu50**

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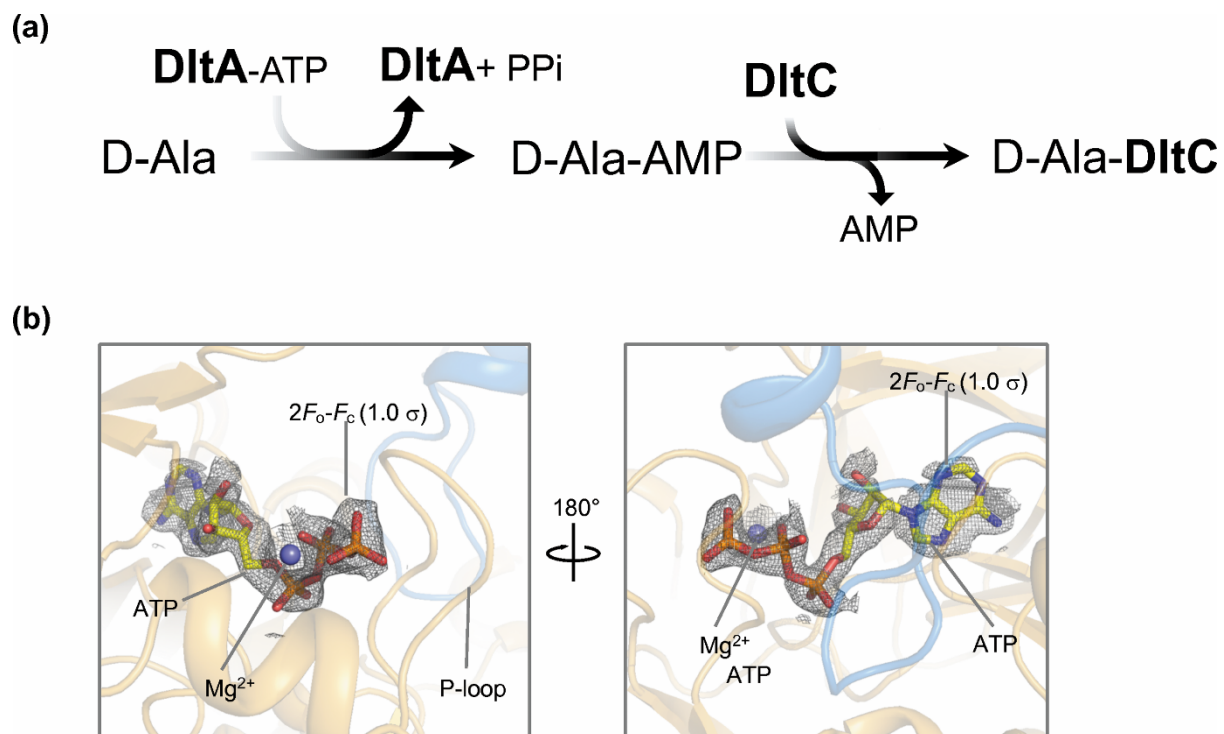


Figure S1 Reaction mechanism catalyzed by DltA and electron density map of ATP and Mg^{2+} molecules bound to *SaDltA*. (a) Reaction mechanism catalyzed by DltA and DltC. (b) Close-up view showing the ATP and Mg^{2+} bound active site of *SaDltA* chain A. The $2F_o-F_c$ electron density map (gray mesh) contoured at 1.0σ is shown around ATP and Mg^{2+} .

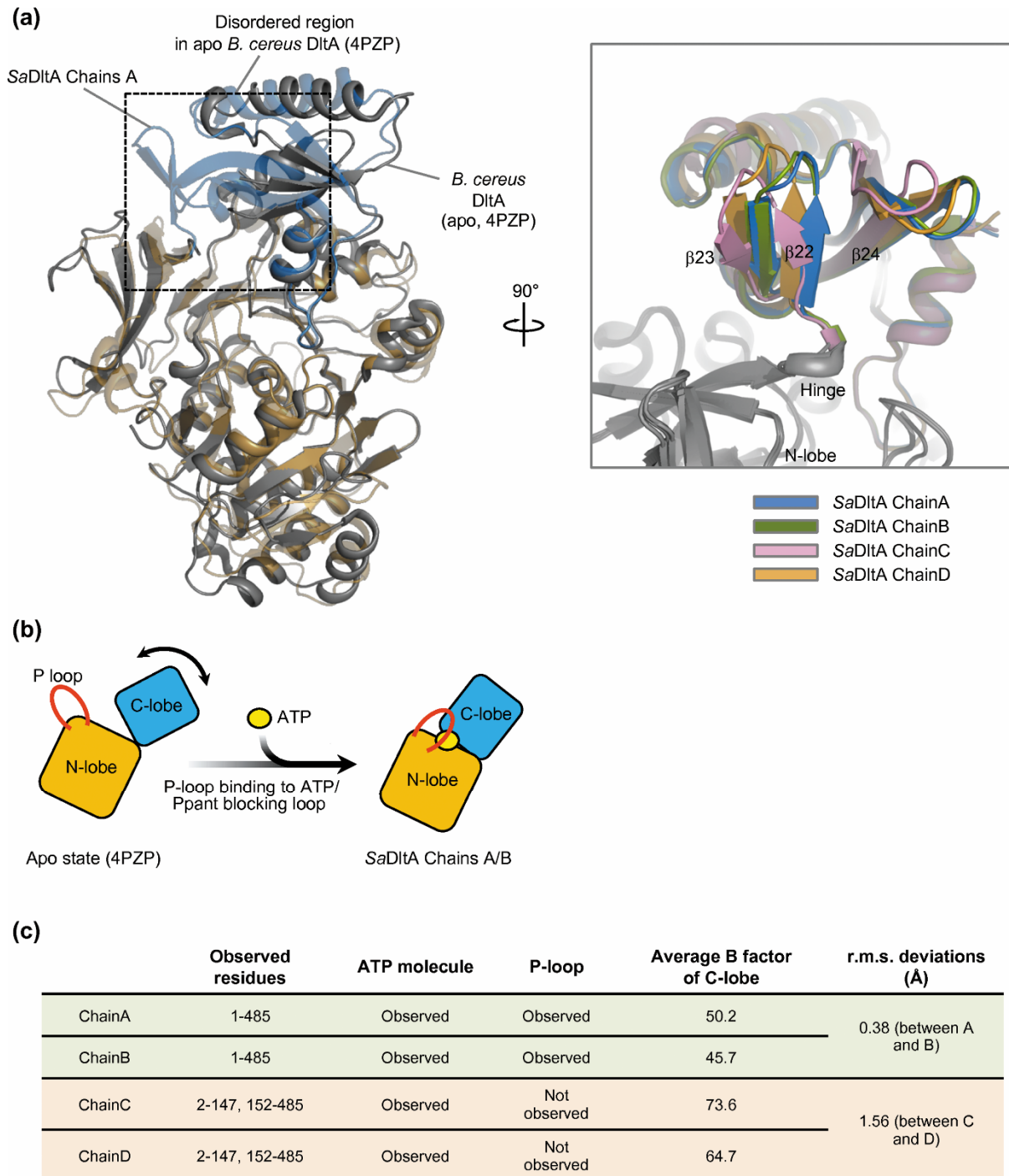


Figure S2 Comparison of the different copies of the *S. aureus* DltA present in the asymmetric unit. (a) Left: Structural overlay of the SaDltA and *B. cereus* apo DltA (PDB ID: 4PZP). The N- and C-lobes of SaDltA are colored orange and blue, respectively. *B. cereus* apo DltA is colored gray. Dotted box indicates disordered region of C-lobe of the *B. cereus* DltA. Right: Structural overlay of four chains of the SaDltA present in the asymmetric unit. The slightly different orientations and secondary structural elements in the β 22, β 23 and β 24 region suggest that this region is dynamic. (b) Cartoon representation describing the structural transition upon P-loop binding to ATP/Ppant blocking loop. (c) Comparison between chains A–D in the asymmetric unit.

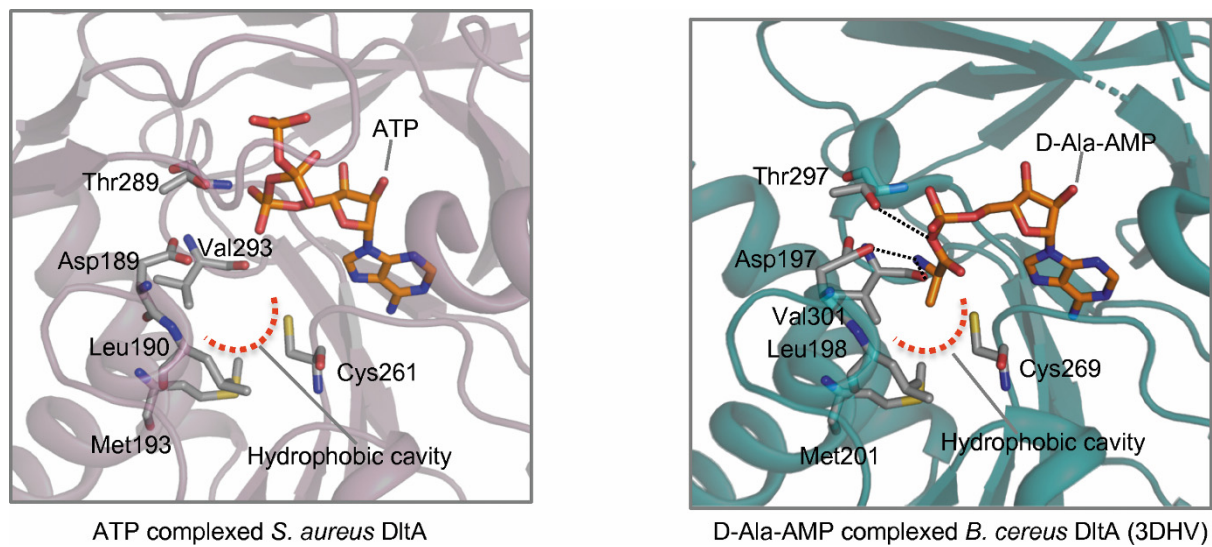


Figure S3 Proposed D-alanine binding site in ATP complexed *SaDltA* (Left) and comparison with D-Ala-AMP complexed *B. cereus* DltA (Right; PDB ID: 3DHV).

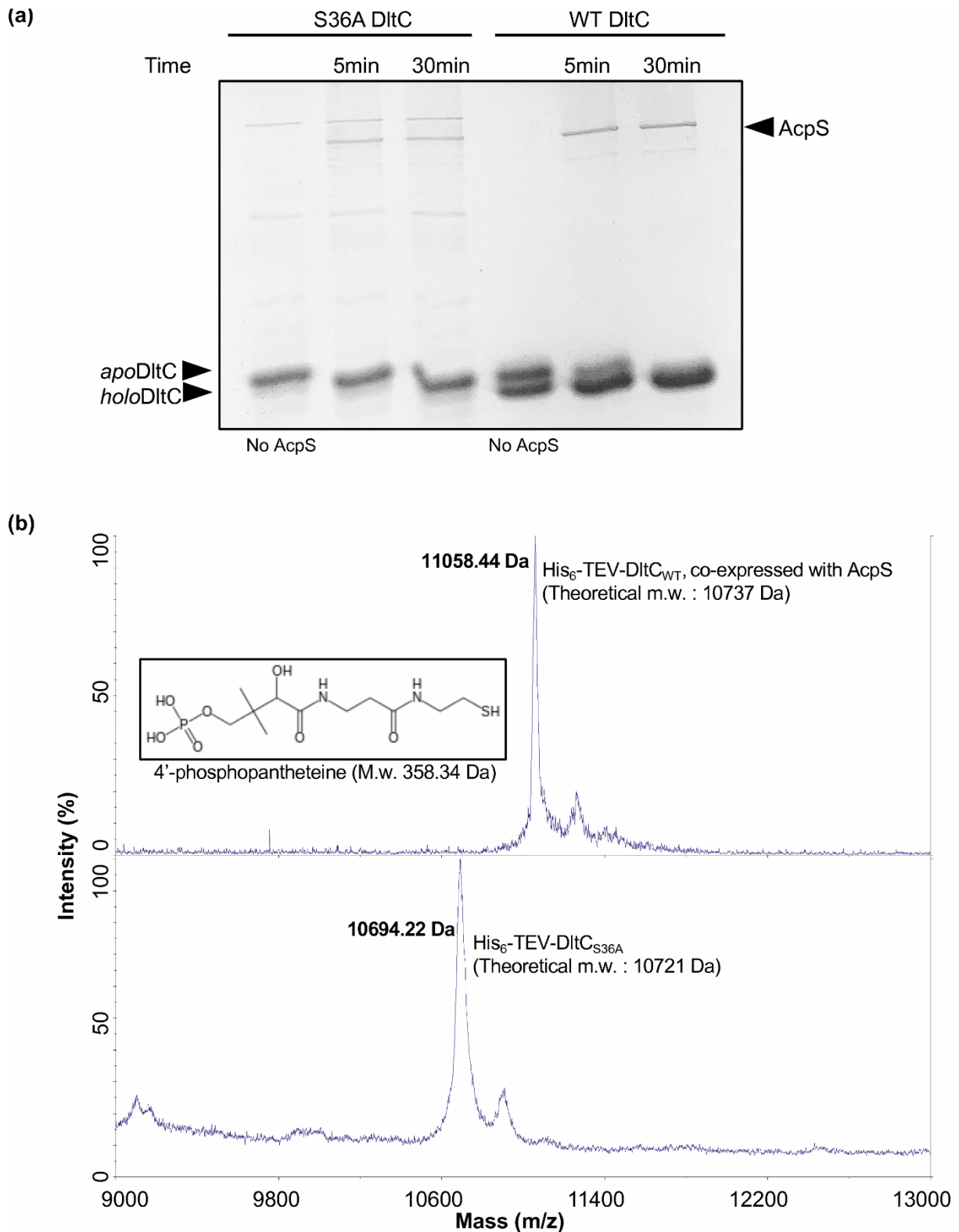


Figure S4 Characterization of Ppant modified WT *SaDltC* and non-modified S36A *SaDltC*. (a) Native PAGE analysis of *in vitro* phosphopantetheinylation of purified *SaDltC*. WT *SaDltC* purified from *E. coli* migrated as two bands on native PAGE while S36A *SaDltC* migrated as a single band. Upon AcpS-catalyzed phosphopantetheinylation, WT *SaDltC* showed a band shift to a single band

(holo DltC). After 5 min and 30 min, reactions containing 100 μ M DltC, 1 mM CoA, 1 mM DTT and 25 μ M AcpS were electrophoresed and stained with Coomassie blue. (b) MALDI-TOF mass spectra of WT *Sa*DltC and S36A *Sa*DltC. Upper panel: Mass spectrum of the WT *Sa*DltC, co-expressed with AcpS. An increase of 364 Da compared to S36A *Sa*DltC (Lower panel) indicates that 4' ppant-moiety (Inset) is covalently linked to Ser36 of the protein.