

## Characterization and Identification of The Key Residues Around The Activity Site Tunnel of Trehalose Synthase from *Pseudomonas Stutzeri* Qlu3

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**Abstract**—The conversion of maltose into trehalose has important applications in the manufacture of food and other products. The enzyme trehalose synthase (TreS) catalyzes the interconversion of maltose and trehalose with glucose as a byproduct. In this study, *treS* was cloned from *Pseudomonas stutzeri* Qlu3 genomic DNA. We predicted the structural characteristics of recombinant TreS bound to its substrate by using homology modeling and flexible docking studies of the enzyme-substrate system. These analyses showed six amino acids (Phe115, Phe255, Arg292, Asp403, Asp294, and Glu338) that interact extensively with the substrate during catalysis. In addition, an enclosed active site tunnel was revealed that controls substrate movement during intramolecular isomerization. Disruption of the tunnel by removing two loops led to total loss of isomerization activity. The A309E mutant showed increased isomerase activity and decreased hydrolase activity. In contrast, the Q219R, T308E, and L341Q mutants showed decreased isomerase activity and increased hydrolase activity. These results suggest that the size of the tunnel can influence isomerase activity and hydrolase activity. Therefore, our results exhibited the TreS from *Pseudomonas stutzeri* Qlu3 have potential industrial use and the analysis in the structure has additional aid for the further molecular modification.

**Keywords**-characterization; homology modeling;

*Pseudomonas stutzeri* Qlu3; trehalose synthase

### I. INTRODUCTION

Trehalose is a non-reducing disaccharide that contains two glucose moieties linked by an  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha$ -1, 1-glycosidic linkage. It is present in a variety of organisms, including bacteria, archaea, yeast, fungi, insects, and numerous other invertebrates [1]. It plays important roles as a carbon energy reserve, a protective agent under stress conditions, and a structural component of the cell wall [2]. Trehalose has similar protective effects *in vitro*; therefore, it has broad applications in the manufacturing of food, cosmetics, and pharmaceuticals [1,3].

To date, three metabolic pathways for the biosynthesis of trehalose in microorganisms have been reported. The first pathway is catalyzed by two enzymes, trehalose-6-phosphate synthase and trehalose-6-phosphate phosphatase [4]. The second pathway involves the rearrangement of internal glycosidic linkages between the molecules in glucose polymers, such as maltooligosaccharides [5] The third pathway also involves internal rearrangement, specifically the reversible interconversion of maltose and trehalose, which is catalyzed

by trehalose synthase (TreS) [6]. Thus, TreS is considered as a convenient and practical biocatalyst for the industrial production of trehalose because of the one-step reaction and low cost of the maltose substrate. TreS has been purified from many other microorganisms and characterized [7-11]

*Pseudomonas stutzeri* is a metabolically versatile saprophytic soil bacterium that exhibits extensive biotransformation potential and efficiently produces a wide range of bulk and fine chemicals. TreS was isolated from *Pseudomonas stutzeri* CJ38 and exogenously expressed in *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) [10]. However, there is currently insufficient knowledge regarding the structural characteristics of this enzyme, including substrate specificity and transition state information.

In the present study, we sought to better understand the structure and substrate specificity of TreS. The *P. stutzeri* Qlu3 TreS protein is 689 amino acid residues in length with a molecular weight of 75 kDa. The conversion of maltose to trehalose by recombinant TreS had pH and temperature optima of 7.5 and 35 °C, respectively. At a maltose concentration of 20%, the maximum conversion rate was greater than 70%, with low byproduct production (3.2%). To better understand the mechanism of catalysis, we characterized the structure of TreS through homology modeling and active site analysis with AutoDock. Then, we used site-directed mutagenesis to generate several mutants based on the AutoDock results and compared the activity of the mutant and wild-type enzymes.

## II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

### A. Bacterial Strains, Chemicals, Media, and Culture Conditions

*P. stutzeri* Qlu3 was maintained in our laboratory. *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) was cultured at 37 °C in lysogeny broth (LB) and was used as the expression host. All chemicals were purchased from Sigma (St. Louis, MO, USA).

### B. Gene Cloning and Oligonucleotide Directed Mutagenesis Sequencing

*P. stutzeri* Qlu3 genomic DNA was purified by using a bacterial genome DNA extracting kit (Takara), and the resultant DNA was used as the template for PCR amplification of the *treS* gene. The amplified *treS* gene was cloned into the *Bam*HI and *Xho*I sites of pET15b (Novagen) in frame with an N-terminal 6×His-tag, and the resulting plasmid was transformed into *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) cells for TreS overexpression. Thirteen TreS mutants (F115A, H154A, Q219A, F255A, R292A, N340A, D403A, D294A, E338A, Q219R, T308E, A309E, and L314Q) were generated by using a two-step PCR strategy, and the sequences were confirmed by sequencing (Invitrogen). The primers used for PCR amplification and mutagenesis are shown in Supplementary Table II.

### C. Protein Expression and Analysis of TreS Activity

*E. coli* BL21 (DE3) harboring the *treS* overexpression plasmid was grown in LB medium containing 100µg/mL ampicillin until the OD<sub>600</sub> reached 0.9. TreS overexpression

was induced by adding IPTG (0.12 mM, final concentration) and incubating overnight at 15 °C. Cells were subsequently harvested by centrifugation and lysed by ultrasonication. After centrifugation at 28,000 × g for 45 min, the supernatant was applied to a Ni-NTA column (GE Healthcare). The 6×His-tagged TreS was eluted with elution buffer (25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 100mM NaCl, and 250 mM imidazole). The protein was further purified by anion exchange on a Source-Q column (GE Healthcare) and by size-exclusion chromatography on a Superdex 200 column (GE Healthcare). Purified TreS was analyzed by SDS-PAGE followed by Coomassie blue staining.

The activity of TreS was quantified by measuring the trehalose yield. The amount of sugar produced after the enzymatic reaction was measured by HPLC using 75% acetonitrile and 25% double distilled water as the mobile phase. The conversion rate was measured as the ratio of the trehalose product to the initial amount of maltose substrate. The amounts of trehalose, maltose, and glucose were determined using a trehalose reference standard (purity >99.5%; Sigma).

### D. Biochemical Properties of Recombinant TreS

The effects of pH on TreS activity were determined by performing the reactions in 20mM citric-NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>-NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, or NH<sub>3</sub>-NH<sub>4</sub>Cl buffer systems, with pH ranges of 5.0–6.0, 5.5–8.0, and 8.0–11.0, respectively. The effects of temperature on enzyme activity were determined by varying the reaction temperature from 20 °C to 60 °C. The pH- and temperature-stability of TreS were determined by incubation at the indicated pH values and temperatures for 30 min. TreS activity was also assayed in the presence of metal ions and other chemical reagents (at 1mM and 10mM), to determine the effect of these substances on enzyme activity. The experiments were performed in a 1mL reaction volume containing 20% maltose, 20mM Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>-NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (pH = 7.2), and 1µM purified recombinant TreS at 37 °C. Enzyme activity was assessed at 5 min, 20 min, 40 min, 1 h, 2 h, and 3 h.

### E. Homology Modeling and Flexible Docking of Substrate to TreS

Homology modeling of TreS was performed by using I-TASSER, an online platform for protein structure and function prediction [12]. Molecular graphics were generated with PyMol (<http://www.pymol.org/>). AutoDock 4.2 [13], was used to prediction of substrate docking with TreS. A grid box with sufficient margins (40 × 36 × 36 Å) was placed to restrain the substrate molecule, which covered the potential active site region of TreS. This potential active region was suggested by comparison to the structure of TreS from *Deinococcus radiodurans*, [14] a homologue of *P. stutzeri* TreS.

## III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### A. Cloning of The TreS Gene and pET-15b-treS Vector Construction

As shown in Fig. 1A, the *treS* gene was amplified from

*P. stutzeri* Qlu3 genomic DNA. A band of the appropriate size for *treS* was observed by agarose gel electrophoresis of the PCR sample. The *treS* PCR-amplified fragment was cloned into the pET-15b expression vector to generate pET-15b-*treS*.

### B. Evaluation of The Biochemical Properties of TreS

TreS (as a 6×His-tagged fusion protein) was purified by using a Ni-NTA, Source-Q, and Superdex 200 columns. Purified TreS was analyzed by SDS-PAGE after Superdex 200 purification (fractions B11 to C7). As shown in Fig. 1B, a distinct band with a molecular mass of approximately 75 kDa was observed.

The temperature- and pH-dependency of TreS activity on the conversion of maltose to trehalose were determined. The enzyme showed maximum activity at 35 °C (Fig. 2A), and the enzyme retained 70% of its initial activity after heat treatment at 50 °C for 30 min (Fig. 2B). The pH dependency was analyzed in 20mM citric-NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>-NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, and NH<sub>3</sub>-NH<sub>4</sub>Cl buffer systems at pH ranges of 4.0–6.0, 5.5–8.0, and 8.0–11.0, respectively. TreS showed maximal activity between pH 7.5–8.5 (Fig. 2C) and was stable in a pH range of 6.0–10.0 (Fig. 2D).

The effects of metal ions and reagents were analyzed at 1mM and 10mM concentrations of a variety of substances (Table I). When treated with 1mM Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, or Ni<sup>2+</sup>, TreS activity was clearly inhibited. All other metals and reagents showed no obvious effects at this concentration. At 10mM, inhibitory effects were observed for Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, and SDS. Mg<sup>2+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup> showed no inhibitory effect.

As shown in Fig. 2E, approximately 70% of the maltose substrate was converted to trehalose after a 1-hr reaction. The reaction time was obviously shorter than previously reported [10]. The glucose byproduct yield was low, at 3.2%.

TABLE I. EFFECTS OF METAL IONS AND REAGENTS ON THE ACTIVITY OF TRE S

Reagent	Relative activity (%)		Reagent	Relative activity (%)	
	1mM	10mM		1mM	10mM
none	100±2.1	100±3.2	MgCl <sub>2</sub>	101±4.5	99±2.3
ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	88±3.2	12±2.3	KCl	99±1.9	99±3.3
CuSO <sub>4</sub>	89±1.6	43±3.1	CaCl <sub>2</sub>	94±2.1	66±4.1
FeSO <sub>4</sub>	94±2.7	15±2.9	CoCl <sub>2</sub>	98±2.7	64±2.1
EDTA	99±0.9	98±1.6	NiCl <sub>2</sub>	90±1.5	87±1.9
SDS	97±1.6	34±2.6	MnCl <sub>2</sub>	99±2.2	63±2.4

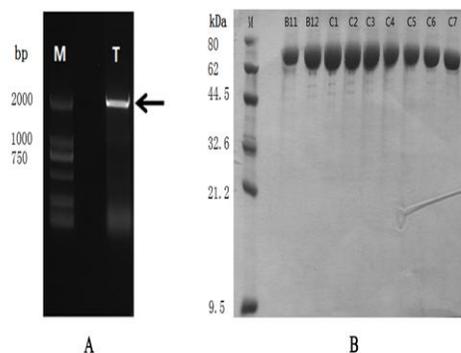


Figure 1. A Agarose electrophoresis result of TreS gene cloned from *P.stutzeri* qlu genomic DNA. The arrow shows the object band. B SDS-PAGE analysis of purified TreS by Superdex-200. B11 to C7 indicate the different tubules.

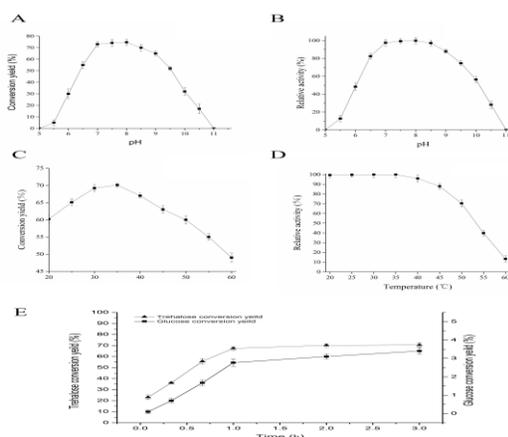


Figure 2. A show that the optimal temperature of the TreS activity is 35°C. B show TreS retained 70% of its initial activity after heat treatment at 50 °C for 30 min. C show that the optimal pH of the TreS activity is 7.5-8.5. D show TreS retained stability at pH range of 6.0-10.0 after 30min of incubation. E Conversion yield of maltose to trehalose by TreS.

### C. Structure Prediction of The TreS Active Site and Analysis of Enzyme Activity

The three-dimensional coordinates of the models were created by I-TASSER. The models of TreS from *P. stutzeri* Qlu3 showed a typical GH13 domain organization. The protein consisted of three domains: A, B, and C. To investigate the structure of the active site, we performed flexible docking of TreS and maltose by using AutoDock. The docked structure model revealed that the active site was located at the bottom of the A domain (Fig. 3A). Nine residues (F115, H154, Q219, F255, R292, N340, D403, D294, and E338) appear to be involved in substrate binding (Fig. 3B). To confirm the homologous modeling results, thirteen single amino acid mutants (F115, H154, Q219, F255, R292, N340, D403, D294, E338, Q219R, T308E, A309E, and L314Q) were generated by using a two-step PCR strategy, and the activities of the mutants were measured and compared to that of wild-type enzyme (Table IIA). The results showed that the F115A, F255A, R292A,

D403A, D294A, and E338A mutants were inactive. In contrast, the activity of H154A was decreased by approximately 36.2% compared to that of wild type. Asp294 and Glu338 are highly conserved across the GH13 family and play an essential role in catalysis [15-16]. The loss of TreS activity due to mutation of Phe115, Phe255, Arg292, and Asp403 indicates that these amino acids also play important roles in substrate binding. Gln219 and Asn340 do not contact the substrate directly; therefore, as expected, mutations in these two residues only modestly affected enzymatic activity compared to the significant effects of the other seven mutations. These data are consistent with the results of the AutoDock calculations.

TABLE II. RELATIVES ENZYME ACTIVITIES OF WILD TYPE TRE S AND MUTANTS. THE ACTIVITY OF THE WT (WILD TYPE) WAS SET TO 100%.

TABLE IIA

Mutant(%)	Relative isomerase activity (100%)	Relative hydrolase activity (100%)
Wild type	100.0±0.014	100±0.102
D294A	0.2±0.023	0.12±0.015
F115A	0.05±0.045	0.08±0.032
F255A	0.03±0.012	0.01±0.005
R292A	0.01±0.018	0.09±0.012
D403A	0.06±0.034	0.12±0.035
H154A	36.2±0.571	41.8±1.031
N340A	68.1±0.622	56.8±0.976
Q219A	95.6±1.981	99.2±1.428

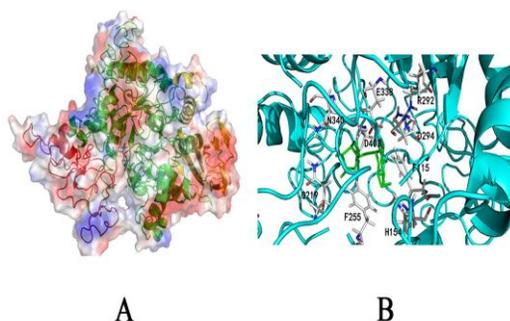


Figure 3. Structure prediction and the active site analysis A Substrate binding site predicted with autodock result. TreS is shown in cartoon model. The three domains of TreS (A, B, and C) are shown in green, red, and yellow respectively. The substrate is show in stick and sited in the narrow pocket of domain A. B The amino acids around the substrate predicted by Autodock. TreS is shown as cyan cartoon model. The substrate is shown as green stick. There are nine amino acids that interacted with the substrate: F115, H154, Q219, F255, R292, N340, D403, D294 and E338.

#### D. Superpositioning with Homologs and Analysis of The Activity Site Entrance

Examination of the structures of the homologous proteins MsTS [17] and DrTS [14] suggested that closure of the active site is the rate-limiting step in TreS-catalyzed trehalose conversion. The tight conformation of the structure limits substrate movement to promote intramolecular isomerization and minimize hydrolysis. In

DrTS, subdomain B (Asn105–Asn184) and S7 (Leu315–Asp361) seal the active site entrance [14]. When we superpositioned DrTS with TreS from *P. stutzeri* Qlu3, it revealed a similar arrangement, subdomain B (Ala153–Asp219) and S7 (Leu399–Ala472) in *P. stutzeri* TreS (Fig. 4A). In order to confirm the superposition results, we removed loop1 (Thr231–Asp243) in subdomain B and loop2 (Ala398–Val410) in S7. Removal of these loops resulted in a total loss of isomerase activity (Table IIB). Therefore, subdomains B and S7 play important roles in sealing the active site of TreS. Through superposition with DrTS, we determined the amino acids in subdomains B and S7 that interact, including Gln219, Thr308, Ala309, Asn340, Leu341, and Glu408. In order to improve the salt bridge interactions, we introduced four mutations, Q219R, T308E, A309E, and L341Q. The A309E mutant showed ~104% of wild-type isomerase activity and ~30.9% of wild-type hydrolase activity. In contrast, mutants Q219R, T308E, and L341Q showed decreased isomerase activity and increased hydrolase activity. These results suggest that the pore for water entry may be tighter in the A309E mutant.

Table II. RELATIVES ENZYME ACTIVITIES OF WILD TYPE TRE S AND MUTANTS. THE ACTIVITY OF THE WT (WILD TYPE) WAS SET TO 100%.

Table IIB.

Mutant (%)	Relative isomerase activity (100%)	Relative hydrolase activity (100%)
Wild type	100.0±0.014	100±0.102
Q219R	98.3±1.357	125.9±1.293
T308E	97.5±0.956	111.2±1.019
A309E	104.5±0.939	30.6±0.826
L341Q	86.8±1.369	328.2±0.751

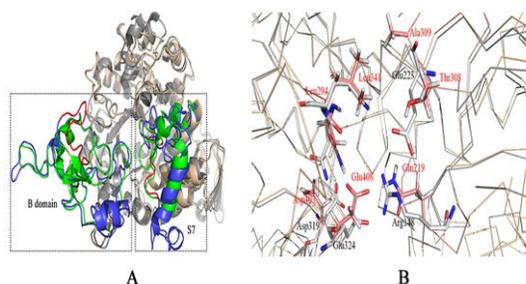


Figure 4. Stereoview of the structure superposition of TreS from *P. stutzeri* and DrTs (PDB entry 4tvu). (A) The structure were showed by cartoon model. The red loops represent removed in B domain and S7 from TreS from *P.stutzeri*. B domain and S7 of TreS from *P.stutzeri* colored in blue and other domains are in wheat color. B domain and S7 from DrTs colored in blue and other domains are in gray color. (B) Interaction networks between TreS from *P. stutzeri* (wheat) and DrTs (gray).

#### IV. CONCLUSION

We showed here that the conversion rate of maltose to trehalose by *P. stutzeri* Qlu3 TreS was greater than 70%, with low byproduct formation (3.2%) after a 1-hr reaction, making it a good candidate for large-scale production of trehalose. Sequence-based alignment showed that seven residues, D294, E338, F115, H154, F255, R292, and D403,

are highly conserved across the GH13 family (Fig. 5). TreS has a similar catalytic mechanism to that of other GH13 family members. Asp294 plays an essential role as the nucleophile that attacks the anomeric center of the non-reducing sugar (maltose) in an acid-catalyzed process. Glu338 functions as an acid/base catalyst that attacks the glycosidic bond to form trehalose and regenerate the free enzyme. Another five amino acids, F115, H154, F255, R292, and D403, constitute the active site of TreS, which accommodates the substrate. Subdomains B and S7 play important roles in sealing the active site. The interaction between amino acids in subdomains B and S7 control the size of the pore for water entry. Our present study on TreS offers information that should aid in the modification of this enzyme for potential industrial use.



Figure 5. Multiple Sequence alignment of TreS. PsTS, *Pseudomonas stutzeri* Qlu3(study in the paper); MbTS, *Microbacterium testaceum* TreS (ref|WP\_043363305.1); RoTS, *Rhodococcus opacus* TreS (gb|AII06508.1); PpTS, *Pseudomonas putida* TreS(ref|NP\_745062.1); PflTS, *Pseudomonas fluorescens* TreS(ref|WP\_034135059.1). The amino acids (D294, E338, F115, H154, F255, R292, and D403) are highly reserved and labeled with black asterisks.

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**TABLE S1. THE PRIMERS USED IN THE PAPER**

<b>Primer Name</b>	<b>Forward primer (5'-3')</b>	<b>Reverse primer (5'-3')</b>
<b>TreS-wild</b>	ATCGGATCCATGAGCAHNCCAGACAAHAN CTATATC	TCACTCGAGTTARANCACCGHGR
<b>TreS D294A</b>	CGGGTGCTGCGCCTGGCAGCCAACGGCTTC CTC	GAGGAAGCCGTTGGCTGCCAGGCGCAGCAC CCG
<b>TreS E338A</b>	GGCTTCAGCTTCCAGGCACTGAACCTGACC ATC	GATGGTCAGGTTCACTGCCTGGAAGCTGAA GCC
<b>TreS D403A</b>	GCCCTGCAGAACCATGCAGAGCTGACCCTG GAG	CTCCAGGGTCAGCTCTGCATGGTTCTGCAGG GC
<b>TreS F115A</b>	ACCATCGACGGCAACGCAGACCCGCATCAGC TTC	GAAGCTGATGCGGTCTGCGTTGCCGTCGATG GT
<b>TreS F255A</b>	GTCTATCTGCACTACGCAAAGGAGGGCCAG CCG	CGGCTGGCCCTCCTTTGCGTAGTGCAGATAG AC
<b>TreS R292A</b>	GGCGCCCGGTGCTGGCACTGGACGCCAAC GGC	GCCGTTGGCGTCCAGTGCCAGCACCCGGGC GCC
<b>TreS N340A</b>	AGCTTCCAGGAGCTGGCACTGACCATCGAT GAC	GTCATCGATGGTCAGTGCCAGCTCCTGGAAG CT
<b>TreS Q219A</b>	ATCGTCGGCCAGCTGGCACGGGTGATCTTCT TC	GAAGAAGATCACCCGTGCCAGCTGGCCGAC GAT
<b>TreS H154A</b>	CGACATCGTGCCGGCGCACACCCGGCAAGGG TGC	GCACCCTTGCCGGTGTGCGCCGGCACGATGT CG
<b>TreS Q219R</b>	CATCGTCGGCCAGCTGAGACGGGTG	GAAGAAGATCACCCGTCTCAGCTG
<b>TreS T308E</b>	CGGCGTGCCGAGGGCGAAGCCTGG	GCCCTCCGACCAGGCTTCGCCCTC
<b>TreS A309E</b>	CGTGCCGAGGGCACCGAATGGTGC	GTGGCCCTCCGACCATTCGGTGCC
<b>TreS L341Q</b>	TTCCAGGAGCTGAACCAAACCATC	GATGTCATCGATGGTTTGGTTCAG