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Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. Kinetic and thermodynamic constants of *E. coli* transketolase reconstituted with either ThDP or MThDP.

	Steady-state kinetic constants ^a			Cofactor activation ^b	Cofactor binding ^c	
	k_{cat} [s ⁻¹] X5P+R5P	K_m^{app} [mM] X5P	k_{cat}/K_m^{app} [s ⁻¹ mM ⁻¹]	k_{obs} [s ⁻¹] H/D-Exchange	K_D cofactor [μM] Fluorescence	K_m^{app} [μM] Activity
<i>EcTK</i> _{ThDP}	51.3 ± 0.4	0.34 ± 0.01	150.9	313 ± 41	0.23 ± 0.01	2.0 ± 0.2
<i>EcTK</i> _{MThDP}	1.9 ± 0.1 (27-fold↘)	0.36 ± 0.06 (no change)	5.3 (28-fold↘)	2.9 ± 1.1 (108-fold↘)	0.09 ± 0.02 ^d (2.5-fold↘) 13.39 ± 1.99 ^d (58-fold↗)	21.9 ± 2.2 (11-fold↗)

^a macroscopic steady-state kinetic constants k_{cat} , K_m^{app} (X5P) and k_{cat}/K_m^{app} were determined using an enzymatic activity assay (conversion of donor X5P and acceptor R5P to products S7P and G3P)

^b k_{obs} of H/D-exchange at C2 of enzyme-bound cofactor as a measure of cofactor activation was derived from rapid quench-flow/¹H NMR spectroscopy

^c equilibrium binding constants for ThDP and MThDP were estimated by both fluorescence quenching experiments as well as by steady-state enzymatic activity assay (see above) using different cofactor concentrations in the assay mixture

^d two different binding regimes were observed in the fluorescence quenching experiments indicating a high-affinity binding (20% amplitude) and a major medium-affinity (80% amplitude) binding site or species

Supplementary Table 2. Data collection and refinement statistics.

	<i>EcTK</i> MThDP resting state #	<i>EcTK</i> MThDP Michaelis complex with X5P #
Data collection		
Space group	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁	P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁
Cell dimensions		
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	89.6 101.9 133.0	89.8, 102.1, 133.1
α , β , γ (°)	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 90
Resolution (Å)	50 – 0.92 (0.95-0.92)*	50 – 0.95 (1.03 – 0.95)*
<i>R</i> _{merge}	9.5 (61.4)	8.1 (88.6)
<i>I</i> / σ <i>I</i>	9.73 (2.22)	12.46 (2.42)
Completeness (%)	93.8 (61.6)	98.9 (96.6)
Redundancy	4.2 (2.9)	6.1 (5.0)
Refinement		
Resolution (Å)	47.29 – 0.92	47.66 – 0.95
No. reflections	780599	751409
<i>R</i> _{work} / <i>R</i> _{free}	9.48 / 10.64	9.86 / 11.02
No. atoms		
Protein	6290/6201	6187/6202
Ligands (MThDP/X5P)	39/39	53/53
Water	1638	1558
Ligands (other)	180	146
<i>B</i> -factors (Å ²)		
Protein	9.1/8.8	9.1/9.0
Ligands (MThDP/X5P)	8.9	9.2
Water	23.0	23.3
Ligands (other)	14.1	14.9
R.m.s. deviations		
Bond lengths (Å)	0.008	0.008
Bond angles (°)	1.44	1.21

Single crystal.

*Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell.

Supplementary Table 3. Enzymatic activities and cofactor affinities of *E. coli* and human ThDP enzymes with genuine ThDP and antivitamin-derived MThDP (*E. coli* and human TK: this study; all other enzymes: reference 11). Note that strong inhibition with relative activities <10% (highlighted in red) is exclusively observed for *E. coli* enzymes, while human enzymes retain high enzymatic activities with MThDP.

	Relative activity with MThDP #	Binding constant K_D (ThDP) in μM	Binding constant K_D (MThDP) in μM
<i>E. coli</i> enzymes			
TK	3-4% ^a	0.23 ± 0.01	0.09 ± 0.02 13.39 ± 1.99
PDHc E1	6-11% ^a	7.0 ± 0.9	2.7 ± 0.6
OGDHc E1	74-80% ^b	tight binding ^c	n.d. ^d
DXPS	9-14% ^a	3.5 ± 0.1	6.2 ± 0.2
Human enzymes			
TK	97% ^b	tight binding ^c	n.d. ^d
PDHc E1	50-75% ^a	7.2 ± 0.5	16.2 ± 4.5
OGDHc E1	89% ^b	tight binding ^c	n.d. ^d

Abbreviations: TK, transketolase; PDHc, pyruvate dehydrogenase complex; OGDHc, oxoglutarate dehydrogenase complex; DXPS, 1-deoxy-D-xylulose 5-phosphate synthase

enzymatic activity after reconstitution with ^a or in presence of MThDP ^b relative to activity with genuine cofactor ThDP

^a reconstituted with MThDP

^b in presence of MThDP

^c no true equilibrium binding constant can be estimated due to quasi-irreversible binding

^d not determined

Supplementary Table 4. Predicted and experimental binding affinity differences ($\Delta\Delta G$, in kcal/mol) between ThDP and MThDP.

	<i>EcTK</i>	<i>HsTK</i>	<i>EcPDH</i>	<i>HsPDH</i>
Predicted $\Delta\Delta G$	+3.10 \pm 0.10	+0.14 \pm 0.15	-0.08 \pm 0.10	-0.53 \pm 0.29
Experimental $\Delta\Delta G$	+2.40 ^a	n.a. ^b	-0.82 ^a	+0.48 ^a

^a A positive $\Delta\Delta G$ value indicates that MThDP has lower affinity than ThDP for the specified enzyme, while a negative $\Delta\Delta G$ value indicates that MThDP has higher affinity. For predicted $\Delta\Delta G$ values, the mean and its standard error are reported.

^b The affinity of *HsTK* for MThDP is unknown.

Supplementary Table 5. Results of the binding free energy calculations used for validation.

Force Field	Protein	Transformation	$\Delta\Delta G_{\text{exp}}$	$\Delta\Delta G_{\text{calc}}$	$\Delta\Delta G_{\text{calc}}$ (restrained)
Amber	<i>EcTK</i>	ThDP → MThDP	+2.40	+0.36 ± 0.21	+3.10 ± 0.10
Amber	<i>EcTK</i>	ThDP → TP1 ^a	-0.05	+0.36 ± 0.13	+0.87 ± 0.12
Amber	<i>EcTK</i>	ThDP → TP2 ^a	-1.08	-0.69 ± 0.14	-0.17 ± 0.14
Amber	<i>EcTK</i>	WT → E411A ^a	-0.30	+0.09 ± 0.27	+0.23 ± 0.14
Amber	<i>EcPDH</i>	ThDP → MThDP	-0.82	-0.18 ± 0.07	-0.08 ± 0.10
Charmm	<i>EcTK</i>	ThDP → MThDP	+2.40	-0.18 ± 0.15	+0.93 ± 0.05
Charmm	<i>EcTK</i>	ThDP → TP1	-0.05	+0.58 ± 0.12	+0.59 ± 0.06
Charmm	<i>EcTK</i>	ThDP → TP2	-1.08	+0.40 ± 0.11	+0.99 ± 0.10
Charmm	<i>EcTK</i>	WT → E411A	-0.30	+0.66 ± 0.32	+0.13 ± 0.09
Charmm	<i>EcPDH</i>	ThDP → MThDP	-0.82	-0.36 ± 0.08	-0.57 ± 0.04

ThDP: *thiamine diphosphate*; MThDP: *2'-methoxythiamin diphosphate*; TP1: *4'-desamino ThDP*; TP2: *N3'-pyridyl ThDP*; WT: *wild-type*.

Scatter plots of these results are shown in Extended Data Fig. 6a-d. The Amber99sb*-ILDN/GAFF(v2.1) force field is referred to as “Amber”, and the Charmm36/CGenFF(v3.0.1) force files is referred to as “Charmm”. All $\Delta\Delta G$ values are in kcal/mol. For the calculated $\Delta\Delta G$ values, the mean and standard error are reported.

^a data taken from: Asztalos, P., *PhD thesis*, 2008, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany