

**Supporting information: Deciphering the Translation Initiation Factor 5A Modification Pathway in *Halophilic Archaea***

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	Agm	Spd	Spm	Put	Cad	Hspd	Ref
<b>Euryarchaeota</b>							
<i>Halorubrum lacusprofondi</i> JCM 8891 <sup>#</sup>	2.20	-	-	1.20	-	-	[1]
<i>Halorubrum saccharovorum</i> JCM 8865 <sup>#</sup>	4.80	-	-	0.65	-	-	[1]
<i>Halobacterium salinarium</i> JCM 8978 <sup>#</sup>	1	-	-	0.20	-	-	[1]
<i>Halorubrum sodomense</i> JCM 8880 <sup>#</sup>	2.60	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
<i>Halorubrum trapanicum</i> JCM 8979 <sup>#</sup>	1.50	-	-	0.10	-	-	[1]
<i>Halobacterium salinarum</i> NCIMB 786 <sup>#</sup>	6.10	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
<i>Halobacterium salinarum</i> ATCC 43214 <sup>#</sup>	8	-	-	0.10	-	-	[1]
<i>Haloarcula hispanica</i> JCM 8911 <sup>#</sup>	3.80	-	-	0.10	-	-	[1]
<i>Haloarcula aidinensis</i> JCM 10024 <sup>#</sup>	1.60	-	-	-	0.10	-	[2]
<i>Haloarcula japonica</i> JCM 7785 <sup>#</sup>	1.20	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
<i>Haloarcula marismortui</i> JCM 8966 <sup>#</sup>	4.50	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
<i>Haloarcula quadrata</i> JCM 11048 <sup>#</sup>	0.70	-	-	-	0.05	-	[2]
<i>Haloarcula vallismorits</i> JCM 8877 <sup>#</sup>	1.50	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
<i>Haloferax denitrificans</i> ATCC 35960 <sup>#</sup>	2.20	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
<i>Haloferax gibbonsii</i> ATCC 33959 <sup>#</sup>	1	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
<i>Haloferax mediterranei</i> JCM 8866 <sup>#</sup>	2	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
<i>Haloferax volcanii</i> NCIMB 2012 <sup>#</sup>	4.50	-	-	0.10	-	-	[1]
<i>Halococcus morrhuae</i> ATCC 17082 <sup>#</sup>	2.10	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
<i>Halococcus saccharolyticus</i> ATCC 49257 <sup>#</sup>	4.50	-	-	-	-	-	[1]
<i>Haloterrigena thermotolerans</i>	1.90	-	-	-	0.07	-	[2]
<i>Natronobacterium gregoryi</i> NCIMB 2189 <sup>#</sup>	0.40	0.70	0.10	0.4	-	-	[1]
<i>Natronomonas pharaonis</i> JCM 8858 <sup>#</sup>	0.60	-	-	0.10	-	-	[1]
<i>Halorubrum vacuolatum</i> JCM 9060 <sup>#</sup>	1.20	5.30	0.30	0.10	-	-	[1]
<i>Natronococcus occultus</i> JCM 8859 <sup>#</sup>	0.40	-	-	0.20	-	-	[1]
<i>Natrialba magadii</i> NCIMB 2190 <sup>#</sup>	0.30	0.60	0.10	0.50	-	-	[1]
<i>Ferroplasma acidophilum</i> JCM 10970 <sup>\$</sup>	0.17	1.50	-	-	-	-	[3]

<i>Thermoplasma acidiphilium</i> JCM 9062 <sup>\$</sup>	0.03	1	-	-	-	-	[3]
<i>Thermoplasma volcanium</i> JCM 9571 <sup>\$</sup>	0.13	1.2	-	-	-	-	[3]
<i>Thermococcus zilligii</i> JCM10554 <sup>\$</sup>	0.15	0.82	-	-	-	-	[3]
<i>Thermococcus waiotapuensis</i> JCM10985 <sup>\$</sup>	0.10	1.24	0.02	0.04	-	-	[3]
<i>Thermococcus aegaeus</i> JCM10828 <sup>\$</sup>	0.10	1.40	0.10	0.26	-	-	[3]
<i>Pyrococcus glycovorans</i> AL585 <sup>\$</sup>	0.06	0.80	-	-	-	-	[3]
<i>Pyrococcus furiosus</i> JCM8422 <sup>\$</sup>	-	0.06	0.15	0.06	-	-	[3]
<i>Pyrococcus horikoshii</i> JCM9974 <sup>\$</sup>	0.60	0.90	-	0.05	-	-	[3]
<i>Pyrococcus woesei</i> JCM8421 <sup>\$</sup>	-	0.28	-	0.16	-	-	[3]
<i>Methanococcus vannielii</i> <sup>\$</sup>	0.16	0.76	0.07	0.07	-	-	[4]
<i>Methanococcus vannielii</i> <sup>%</sup>	-	28.5	-	3.40	-	-	[5]
<i>Methanocaldococcus jannaschii</i> <sup>\$</sup>	1.50	0.60	1.50-	0.04	-	-	[2]
<i>Methanosarcina mazei</i> S-6 <sup>%</sup>	-	-	-	19.20	-	6.90	[5]
<i>Methanosarcina barkeri</i> MS <sup>%</sup>	-	-	-	18.70	-	4.10	[5]
<b>Crenarchaeota</b>							
<i>Sulfolobus tokodaii</i> JCM10545 <sup>\$</sup>	-	1.86	0.05	0.05	-	0.01	[3]
<i>Sulfolobus solfataricus</i> JCM 11322 <sup>\$</sup>	-	1.40	-	0.10	-	0.04	[3]
<i>Metallosphaera sedula</i> JCM 9064 <sup>\$</sup>	-	1.68	-	0.55	-	0.04	[3]
<i>Acidilobus aceticus</i> JCM 11320 <sup>\$</sup>	-	1.51	-	0.10	-	-	[3]
<i>Thermodiscus maritimus</i> JCM 11597 <sup>\$</sup>	-	1.15	-	0.32	0.12	-	[3]
<i>Pyrobaculum arsenaticum</i> <sup>\$</sup>	-	1.40	-	-	-	-	[3]
<i>Pyrobaculum oguniense</i> JCM 10595 <sup>\$</sup>	-	0.85	0.55	-	-	-	[3]
<i>Pyrobaculum aerophilium</i> JCM 9630 <sup>\$</sup>	-	0.24	0.10	-	-	-	[3]
<i>Pyrobaculum islandicum</i> JCM 9189 <sup>\$</sup>	-	0.85	0.50	-	-	-	[3]
<i>Pyrobaculum organotrophum</i> JCM9190 <sup>\$</sup>	-	1.3	0.40	0.20	-	-	[3]
<i>Vulcanisaeta distributa</i> JCM 11212 <sup>\$</sup>	-	0.55	0.02	-	0.10	-	[3]
<i>Vulcanisaeta souniana</i> JCM 11219 <sup>\$</sup>	-	1.80	0.02	-	-	-	[3]
<i>Sulfolobus acidocaldarius</i> <sup>\$</sup>	-	1.40	-	0.10	-	0.04	[3]

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**Table S1: Examples of cellular polyamines detected in archaea.** The table is a non-exhaustive list of polyamines detected in some Archaea. Just the presence of the polyamines agmatine, putrescine, spermidine, spermine, cadaverine and homospermidine were reported in the table. -, non-detected; #, polyamines concentration in nmoles/g wet cell; \$, polyamines concentration in μmoles/g wet cell. %, polyamines concentrations μmol/ g dry cells; Agm, agmatine; Spd, spermidine; Spm, spermine; Put, putrescine; Cad, cadaverine; Hspd, homospermidine; Ref, reference; JCM, Japan Collection of Microorganism; NCIMB, National Collections of Industrial, Marine and Food Bacteria; ATCC, American Type Culture Collection.

Strain, plasmid	Phenotype, genotype and/or description <sup>a</sup>	Ref/Source
<b><i>E. coli</i></b>		
TOP10	F <sup>-</sup> <i>mcrA</i> Δ( <i>mrr-hsdRMS-mcrBC</i> ) Φ80 <i>lacZ</i> ΔM15 Δ <i>lacX74</i> <i>recA1</i> <i>araD139</i> Δ( <i>ara leu</i> )7697 <i>galU galK rpsL</i> (Str <sup>r</sup> ) <i>endA1 nupG</i>	Invitrogen
Inv110	F <sup>+</sup> { <i>tra</i> Δ36 <i>proAB lacIq lacZ</i> ΔM15} <i>rpsL</i> (Str <sup>r</sup> ) <i>thr leu endA thi-1 lacY galK galT ara tonA tsx dam dcm supE44</i> Δ( <i>lacproAB</i> ) Δ( <i>mcrC-mrr</i> )102::Tn10 (Tet <sup>r</sup> )	Invitrogen
BL21 (DE3)	<i>fhuA2 [lon] ompT gal</i> (λ DE3) [ <i>dcm</i> ] Δ <i>hsdS</i> λ DE3 = λ <i>sBamHI</i> Δ <i>EcoRI-B int::</i> ( <i>lacI::PlacUV5::T7 gene1</i> ) <i>i21</i> Δ <i>nin5</i>	Novagen
Rosetta gammi 2 (DE3)	Δ( <i>ara-leu</i> )7697 Δ <i>lacX74</i> Δ <i>phoA PvuII</i> <i>phoR</i> <i>araD139</i> <i>ahpC galE galK rpsL</i> (DE3) F' <i>[lac+ lacIq pro]</i> <i>gor522::Tn10 trxB pRARE2</i> ( <i>CamR, StrR, TetR</i> )	Novagen
<b><i>Hfx. volcanii</i></b>		
H26	DS70 Δ <i>pyrE2</i>	[6]
VDC3253	H26 Δ <i>HVO_1958</i>	This work
LSP5061	H26 Δ <i>HVO_2299</i> transformed with pLSP21	This work
VDC2577	H26 <i>TIF5A-C-term His integrant</i>	This work
LSP5047	H26 transformed with pLSP20	This work
LSP5021	H26 transformed with pLSP23	This work

## Plasmids

pTA131	Amp <sup>r</sup> ; ColE1	[6]
pJAM202	Shuttle vector Amp <sup>r</sup> ; Nv <sup>r</sup>	[7]
pIKB298	Amp <sup>r</sup> ; ColE1; <i>HVO_2299</i> deletion mutant construction	This work
pIKB313	Amp <sup>r</sup> ; ColE1; <i>HVO_1958</i> deletion mutant construction	This work
pIKB473	Amp <sup>r</sup> ; ColE1; Tif5a-His-C-term integrant construction	This work
pPT002	Amp <sup>r</sup> ; Nv <sup>r</sup> ; PJAM202 under ptna promoter	[8]
pLSP21	Amp <sup>r</sup> ; Nv <sup>r</sup> ; pPT002 carries <i>HV_22299</i>	This work
pLSP23	Amp <sup>r</sup> ; Nv <sup>r</sup> ; pJam202 carries <i>T7-His-DHS</i>	This work
pLSP24	Km <sup>r</sup> ; Pet28 carries <i>Hfx.volcanii aIFA5 C-term-His</i>	This work
pLSP20	Amp <sup>r</sup> ; Nv <sup>r</sup> ; pJAM202 carries <i>HVO_2297</i>	This work
pMG1	Km <sup>r</sup> ; pET28 carries <i>T. Kodakarensis aIFA5 N-term-His</i>	This work
pMG2	Km <sup>r</sup> ; pET8 carries <i>S. cerevisiae eIFA5-N-term-His</i>	This work
pMG3	Km <sup>r</sup> ; pET28 carries <i>T. kodakarensis dhs-N-term-His</i>	This work
pMG4	Km <sup>r</sup> ; pET28 carries <i>S. cerevisiae dhs-N-term-His</i>	This work
pAS1	Amp <sup>r</sup> ; pET21b carries <i>E.coli SpeA-C-term-His</i>	This work

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**Table S2.** List of strains and plasmids used in this study. <sup>a</sup>Abbreviations: Amp<sup>r</sup>, ampicillin resistance; Nv<sup>r</sup>, novobiocin resistance ; Km<sup>r</sup>, kanamycin resistance; *Str<sup>r</sup>*, streptomycin resistance; Tet<sup>r</sup>, tetracycline; Cterm His-, C-terminal poly-His<sub>6</sub> tag fusion protein; T7-His-, N-terminal tandem T7 tag and poly-His<sub>6</sub> tagged protein. The gene encoding aIFA5 (*HVO\_2300*) was amplified by PCR using the primers FW NCO1 TIFA and RV TIF5A-Cterm hist (Table S3), and cloned between the *NcoI* and *BspI* sites of pET28a (+), adding an C-terminal hexa-histidine tag to give the plasmid pLSP24. The gene encoding DHS (*HVO\_2297*) was first subcloned into pET28a (+). Briefly, the plasmid was treated with *NcoI* and *NdeI* to remove the sequence encoding for N-terminal hexa-histidine tag. The extremities were filled with

klenow polymerase (NEB). The gene encoding DHS (*HVO\_2297*) was amplified by PCR using the primers (Table S3) FW Hist HVO\_2297 and RV t7 HVO2297, and cloned between the *Bam*HI and *Blp*I sites of the modified pet28 (+) adding a T7-N-terminal hexa-histidine tag. The sequence of the T7-His-DHS was PCR amplified with the primers FW202 NdeI T7HDHS and RV DHS Blp1 (table S3), and cloned between the *Nde*I and *Blp*I sites of pJAM202 to give the plasmid pLSP23. The gene encoding DHS (*HVO\_2297*) was amplified by PCR using the primers FW Nde1 DHS and RV DHS Blp1 (table S3), and clone between *Nde*I and *Blp*I of pJAM202 to give the plasmid pLSP20. The gene encoding agmatinase-like (*HVO\_2299*) was amplified by PCR using the primers HV 2299 FW and HV 2299 RV, and cloned between *Nde*I and *Bam*HI sited of pPT002 to give the plasmid pLSP21. The sequence of *T. kodakarensis aIF5A* and *S. cerevisiae eIF55* were PCR amplified using the primers aIF5\_Tkod\_FWD, aIF5A\_Tkod\_REV and eIF5A\_Scer\_FWD, eIF5A\_Scer\_REV respectively (table S3), and cloned between the *Sac*I and *Xho*I sites of pET28a (+) adding a N-term poly-His<sub>6</sub> to give the plasmid pMG1 and pMG2. The sequence of *T. kodakarensis dhs* and *S. cerevisiae dhs* were PCR amplified using the primers Dhs\_Tkod\_FWD, Dhs\_Tkod\_REV and Dhs\_Scer\_FWD, Dhs\_Scer\_REV respectively (Table S3), and cloned between the *Eco*RI and *Not*I sites of pET28a (+) adding a N-term poly-His<sub>6</sub> to give the plasmid pMG3 and pMG4. The sequence of *speA* was PCR amplified using the primers FOR Eco\_speA and RV Eco\_speA and then was cloned into pET21b using Megawhop cloning [9] to generate pAS1.

Oligonucleotide	Sequence (5'-3')	Function
aIF5A_Tkod_FWD	gatcagagctcatgggagacaagactaaggttcag	Amplification of <i>T. Kodakarensis</i> aIF5A gene for subsequent cloning into pET28
aIF5A_Tkod_REV	cgtatctcgagtcactcgcccctgatctctttatc	
Eif5a_HIS_NF	cgggccccctcgagcgattctcttccgttccag	Amplification of regions surrounding <i>aIIF5</i> ( <i>HVO_2300</i> ) to generate pIKB473
Eif5a_HIS_NR	ttagtgatggtgatggtgatgcggtatcaggaagctgctgacgatcttctgctggcctt	
Eif5a_HIS_CF	agcagcttctgataccgcateaccatcacatcaactaaacgggggacacagagatgtt	
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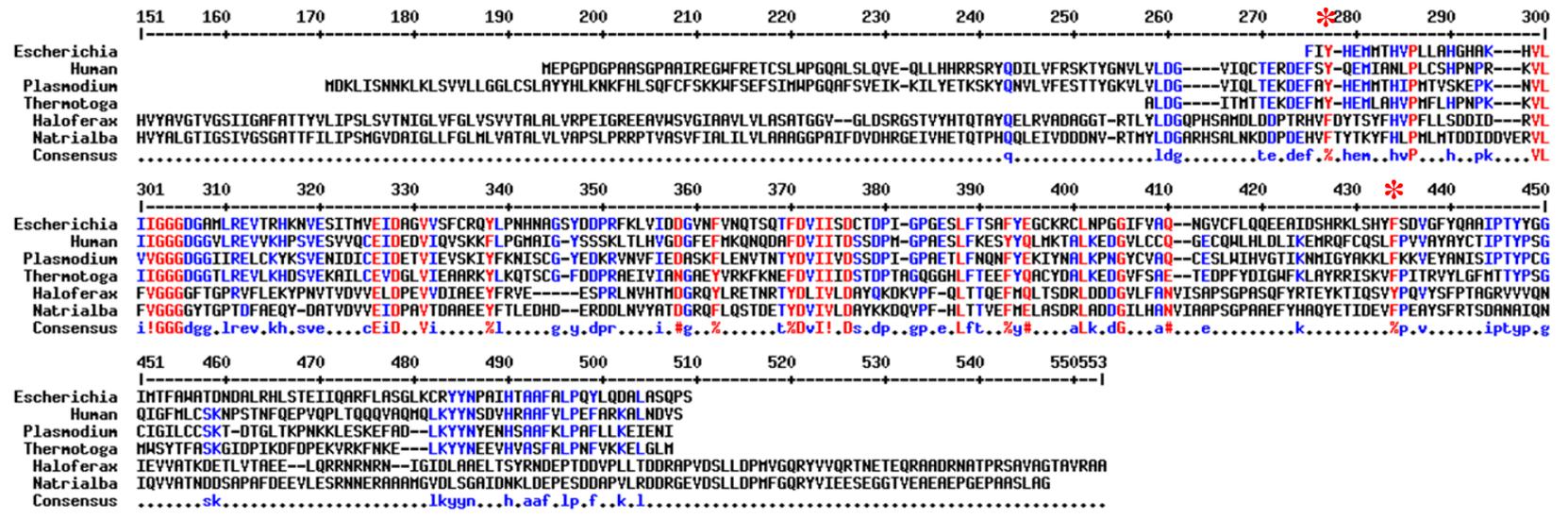
eIF5A_Scer_FWD	gatcagagctcatgtctgacgaagaacacaccttg	Amplification of <i>S.cerevisa</i> eIF5A gene for subsequent cloning into pET28
eIF5A_Scer_REV	cgtatctcgagttaatcagatcttgagcttccttgaa	
agmat NF	cgggccccctcgaggcctgccgatgtgaatc	Amplification of regions surrounding <i>HVO_2299</i> , to generate pIKB298
agmat NR	gacgcgttcatatgcgacgtggtggaagtcaacg	
agmat CF	gcatatgaacgcgtcgccgagaaggacgtagtacg	
agmat CR	cgggctgcaggaattcgacgaccgcatcatgc	
argDC_NF	cgggccccctcgagaagcggacggactcgaag	Amplification of regions surrounding <i>HVO_1958</i> , to generate pIKB313
argDC_NR	gacgcgttcatatgcacatgaacacgattcgcgt	
argDC_CF	gcatatgaacgcgtcctacaccaccggtcac	
argDC_CR	cgggctgcaggaattcgtcgtatctcacgtctgcg	
Dhs_Scer_FWD	gatcagaattcccatggatgcccgatatacaacgaaaactc	Amplification of <i>S. cerevisae dhs</i> gene for subsequent cloning into pET28
Dhs_Scer_REV	cgtatcggccgcttaattcttaactttttgattggtttacc	
Dhs_Tkod_FWD	gatcagaattcccatggatgaccgagccgaaagatcgtc	Amplification of <i>T. kodakarensis dhs</i> gene for subsequent cloning into pET28
Dhs_Tkod_REV	cgtatcggccgctcaggggctttcatcacctccac	
HV 2299 FW	cggcatcatatgtccccggagcaac	To insert <i>HVO_2299</i> into pPT002
HV 2299 RV	aataacggatccttacgaccgcccggcgg	
ext f	aagcggacgactcgaag	To check <i>HVO_1958</i> deletion
ext r	cgcagacgtgagatcgac	
FW -391	atggcgaagagcagaagcaggtgcgcgag	To check <i>HVO_2299</i> deletion
RV -391	cgaaccagcggctcgtatcggctcgaagt	
FW NCO1 TIFA	caacatccatggatggcgaaagagcagaagcaggtg	To construct <i>aIF5A C-term His</i>
RV TIF5A-Cterm hist	aataacgctcagcttagtgatggtgatggtgatggacgatctttcgtggccttcg	
FW Hist HVO_2297	cggcatggatccagccatcaccaccatc	To construct <i>T7-His-DHS</i>
RV t7 HVO2297	aataacgctcagcttactcattcgtcgcgcgccgcccggcgac	
FW202 NDe1 T7HDHS	cggcatcatatggctagcatgactg	To insert <i>T7- His-DHS</i> into

RV DHS B1p1	aataacgctcagcttactcgattcgctcgcg	pJAM202
FW Nde1 DHS	cggcatcatatgagcgcaccacgacgat	To insert <i>HVO_2297</i> into pJAM202
RV DHS B1p1	aataacgctcagcttactcgattcgctcgcg	
FOR Eco_speA	gtttaactttaagaaggagatatacatatgtctgacgacatgtctatg ggtttgcc	To insert <i>speA</i> into pET21
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**Table S3.** List of primers used in this study.

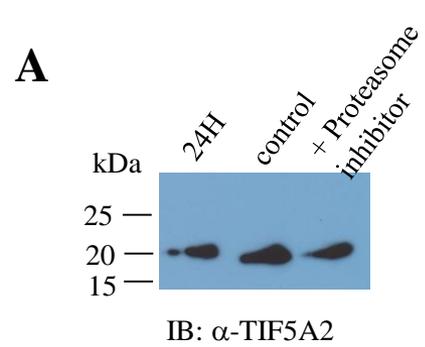
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**Fig. S1: Halophile spermidine synthases contain transmembrane regions.** A, prediction of transmembrane regions of HVO\_0225 using TMHMM server v. 2.0. Transmembrane regions are indicated by roman numeral. I starts at amino acid 17 and end at 39; II starts at amino acid 44 and end at 66; III starts at amino acid 78 and end at 100; IV starts at amino acid 115 and end at 137; V starts at amino acid 150 and end at 172; VI starts at amino acid 177 and end at 196; VII starts at amino acid 205 and end at 224. NMAG\_0842 from *Natrialba magadii* ATCC 43099, HTUR\_3004 from *Haloterrigena turkmenica* DSM 5511; HALXA\_2191 from *Halopiger xanaduensis* SH-6; HLRTI\_13355 and HLRTI\_11950 from *Halorhabdus tiamatea* SARLAB contain six to seven transmembrane domains. B, Multiple alignment of spermidine synthases using MultAlin (<http://multalin.toulouse.inra.fr/multalin/>). P09158 is *E.coli* SpeE; P19623 is Human SpeE; Q9WZC2 is *Thermotoga maritima* SpeE; D4GZK0 is *Hfx. volcanii* speE (HVO\_0255); D3T068 is *Natrialba magadii* speE. Strictly conserved residues are in red; similar or partially conserved residues are in blue.

\*putrescine binding site in human SpeE.



**Fig. S2: No effect of proteasome inhibitor on aIF5A level and purified aIF5A is modified.**

A, Cells were grown for 24 hours and then treated or not treated for 24H with 100  $\mu$ M final bortozomid (proteasome inhibitor). Equivalent protein loading was based on OD600 of cell culture (0.086 OD600 units per lane).

Proteins were separated by 4-15% reducing SDS-PAGE. aIF5A was detected via  $\alpha$ -aIF5A (anti-TIF5A2) immunoblot (IB). The molecular mass indicated are in kDa.

B, Purified aIF5A (500  $\mu$ l) was mixed with trichloroacetic acid for protein precipitation as described by Sanchez (Sanchez, 2011). After mixing with loading buffer and boiling, proteins were separated by reducing SDS-PAGE 12%.

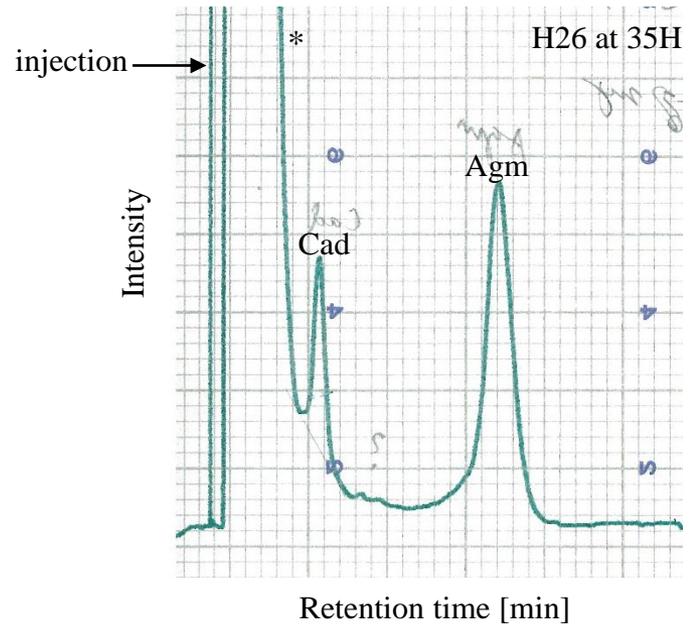
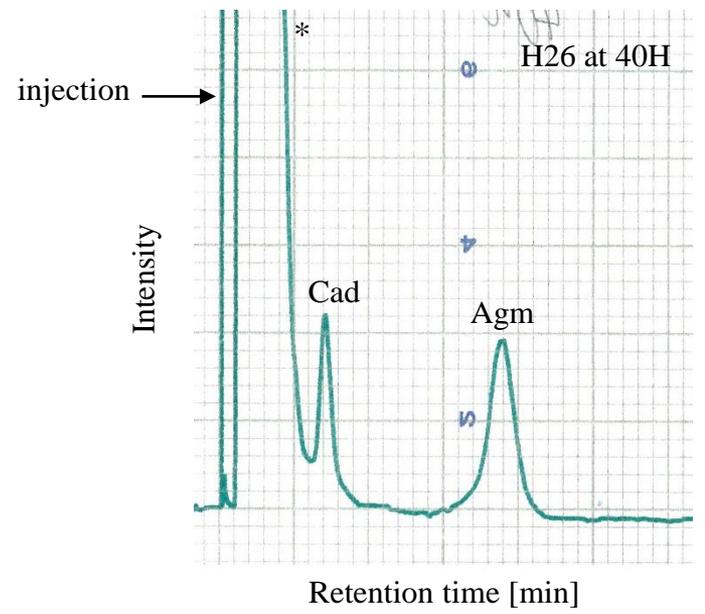
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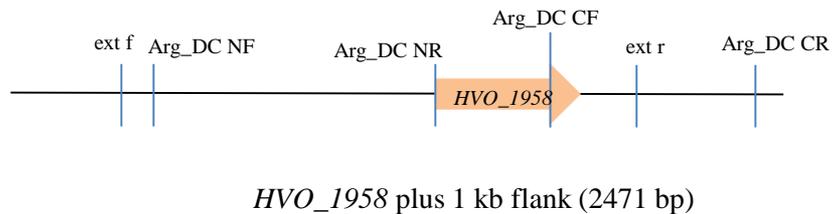
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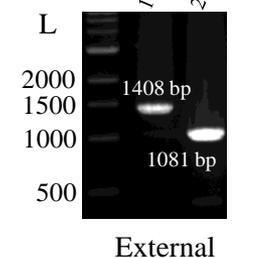
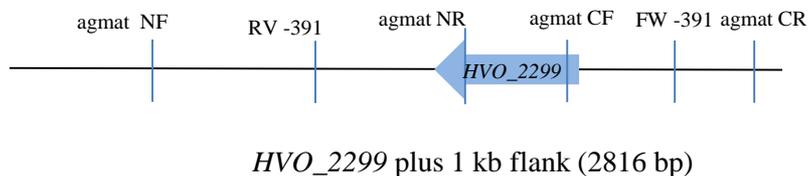
**A****B**

**Fig. S3 : Intracellular polyamines analyzes in *Hfx. volcanii* H26 at 35H and 40H.**

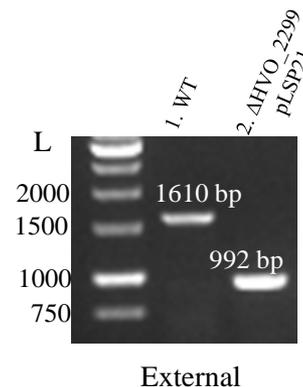
Intracellular polyamines from *Hfx. volcanii* H26 were extracted at different time of the growth. The cells were grown at 42° C in HV\_min medium as described in the Materials and Methods section. A, samples after 35H of growth. Fifty seven mg of extracts were injected. The ratio agmatine/cadaverine is  $12.81 \pm 10.41$ . B, samples after 40H of growth. Twenty six mg of extracts were injected. The ratio agmatine/cadaverine is  $6.93 \pm 5.29$ . The injection is indicated by the arrow; \*, unexpected noise derived from buffer. Standards are shown Fig 4A .

**A****B**

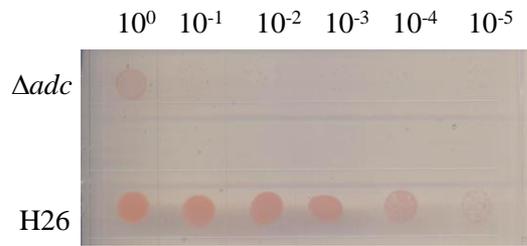
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External WT	1408 bp

**C****D**

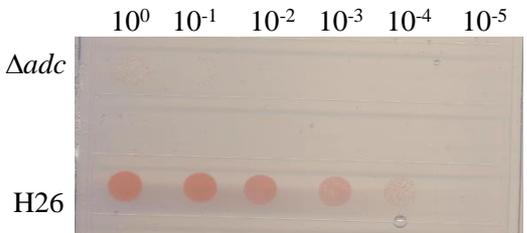
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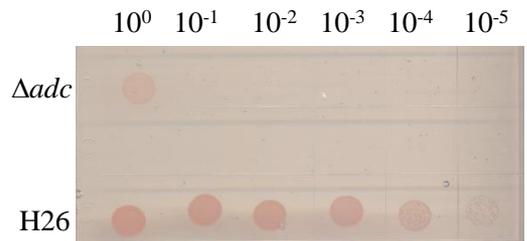
**Fig. S4: Generation of *Hfx.volcanii* deletion constructions.** *A*, Representation of *HVO\_1958* (orange arrow) in the genome of the WT. The positions of primers used for the generation of the strain and to check the deletion are marked (summarized in Table S3). *B*, gene deletion of *HVO\_1958* (VDC 3253) was verified by locus-specific PCR using primers listed in Table S3 designed to anneal outside the gene or inside. Amplicons size are indicated. L, ladder (NEB, 1 kb ladder); 1, amplicon from WT; 2, amplicon from  $\Delta HVO_1958$ ; bp, base pair. *C*, Representation of *HVO\_2299* (blue arrow) in the genome of the WT. The positions of primers used for the generation of the strains and to check the deletion are marked (summarized in Table S3). *D*, gene deletion of *HVO\_2299* in LSP5061 was verified by locus-specific PCR using primers listed in Table S3 designed to anneal outside the gene. Amplicons size are indicated. The band amplified in the  $\Delta HVO_2299$  pLSP21 (LSP5061) was gel extracted and sequenced. L, ladder (gene ruler 1 kb, Thermo scientific); 1, amplicon from WT; 2, amplicon from  $\Delta HVO_2299$  transformed with the plasmid pLSP21 (LSP5061); bp, base pair.



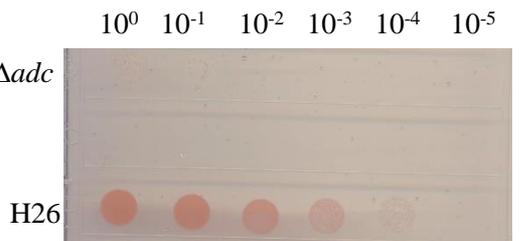
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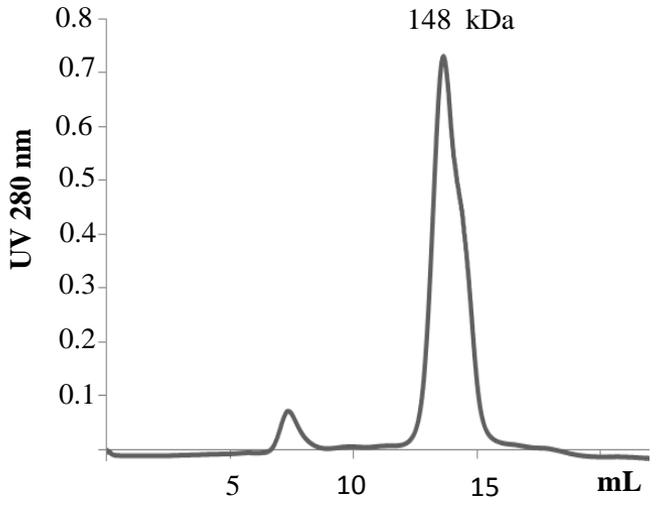
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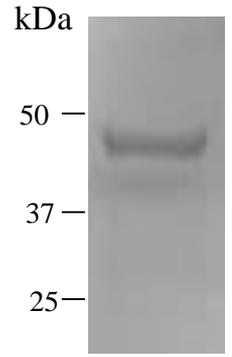
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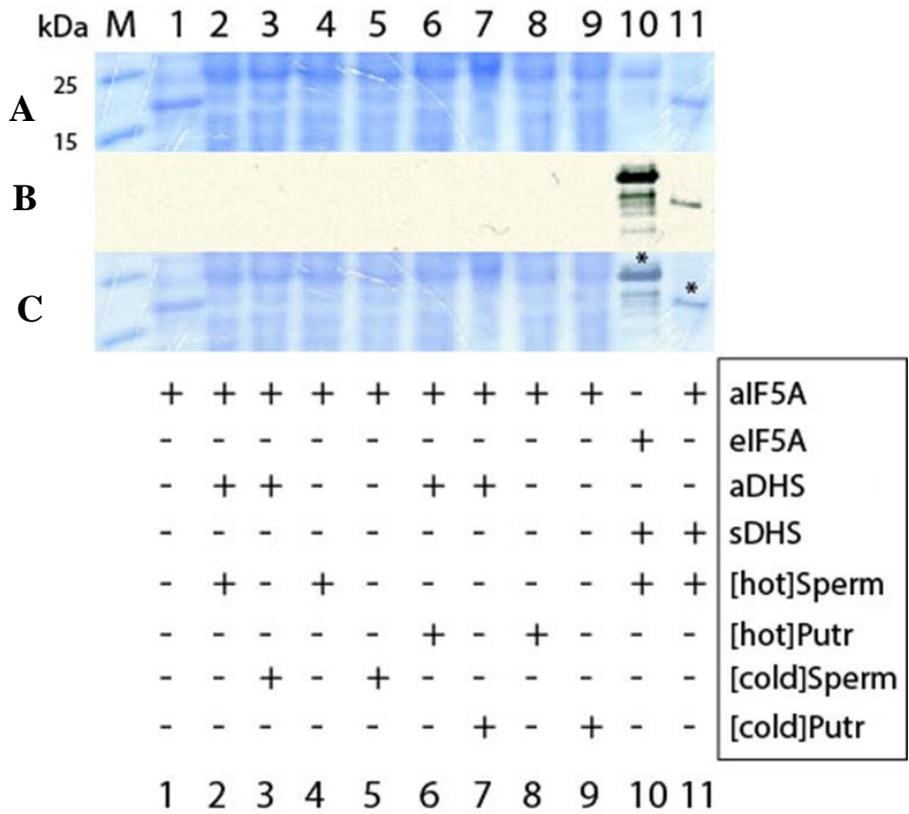
**Fig. S5: Effect of different polyamines on the growth of  $\Delta adc$ .**

*Hfx. volcanii* H26 (WT, parent) and  $\Delta adc$  were diluted to an  $OD_{600}$  of 1 and serial dilutions spot-plated (15  $\mu$ l) on solid agar Hv\_minimum medium as indicated. Each experiment was performed with two biological replicates and three technical replicates (see methods for description of biological vs. technical replicates).

**A****Fig. S6: Purified T7 His DHS from *Hfx. volcanii*.**

T7-His-DHS purified as a tetramer complex of 148 kDa. A, superdex 200 (10/300 GL) chromatography of T7-HIS-DHS complex. B, 4 mg of T7 His DHS were separated by reducing SDS-PAGE 12% was detected by staining with Coomassie blue-R250. Molecular mass markers are indicated in kDa.

**B**



**Fig. S7: Deoxyhypusine synthase assay of *Hfx. volcanii*.**

Detection of *Hfx.volcanii* aIF5A (lane 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11) and *S. cerevisiae* eIF5A (lane 10) modification using [<sup>14</sup>C] spermidine (lane 2, 4, 10, 11) [<sup>3</sup>H] putrescine (6, 8), non radioactive spermidine (3, 5) or non radioactive putrescine (7, 9) as substrates in presence of *Hfx. volcanii* DHS (lane 2, 3, 6, 7) or *S. cerevisiae* DHS (lane 10, 11). The *in vitro* assay was resolved on a 16.5 % tricine polyacrylamide gel. The dried gels were exposed to autoradiography films to visualize possible modifications. The assembly of each reaction is depicted above. *A*, Coomassie Blue staining. *B*, Exposed autoradiography film. *C*, Overlay of the Coomassie Blue stained gel and the exposed film. sDHS, Deoxyhypusone synthase of *S. cerevisiae*; aDHS, deoxyhypusine synthase of *Hfx. volcanii*.

A

B

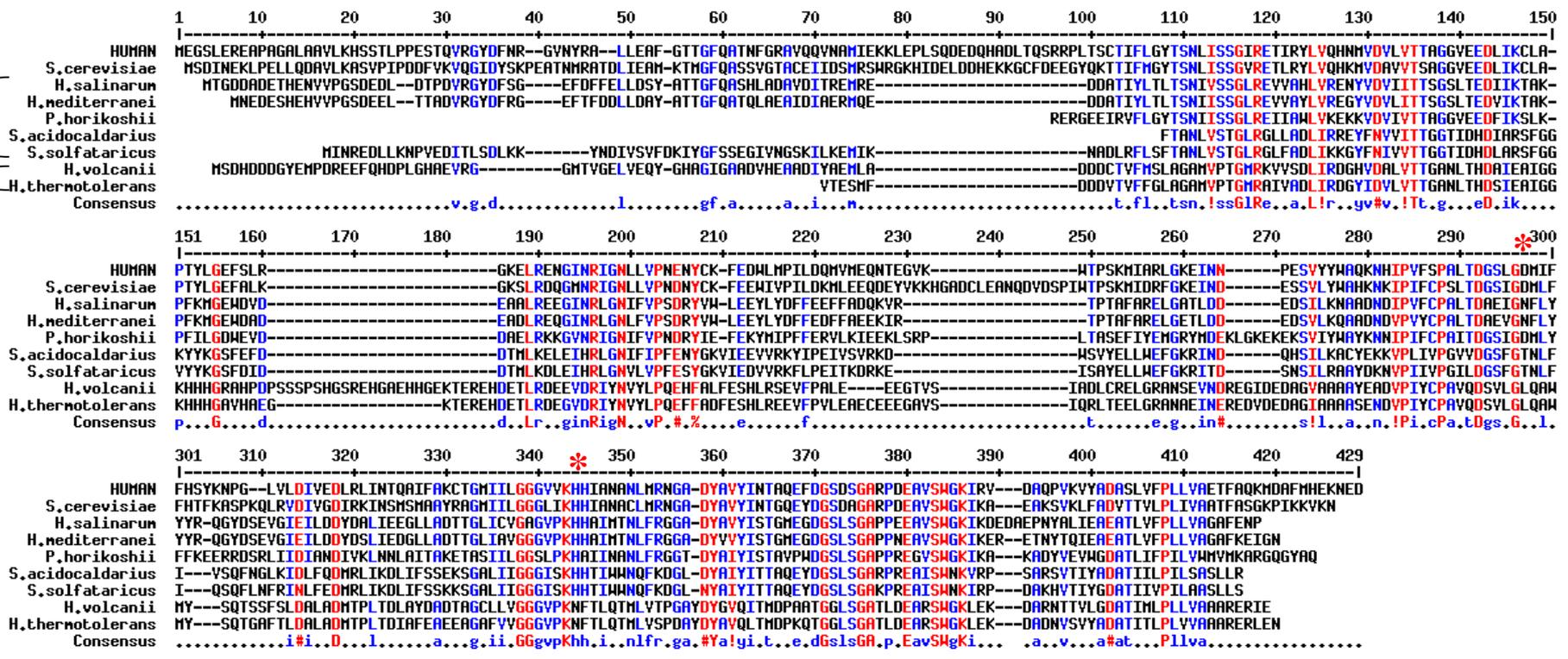
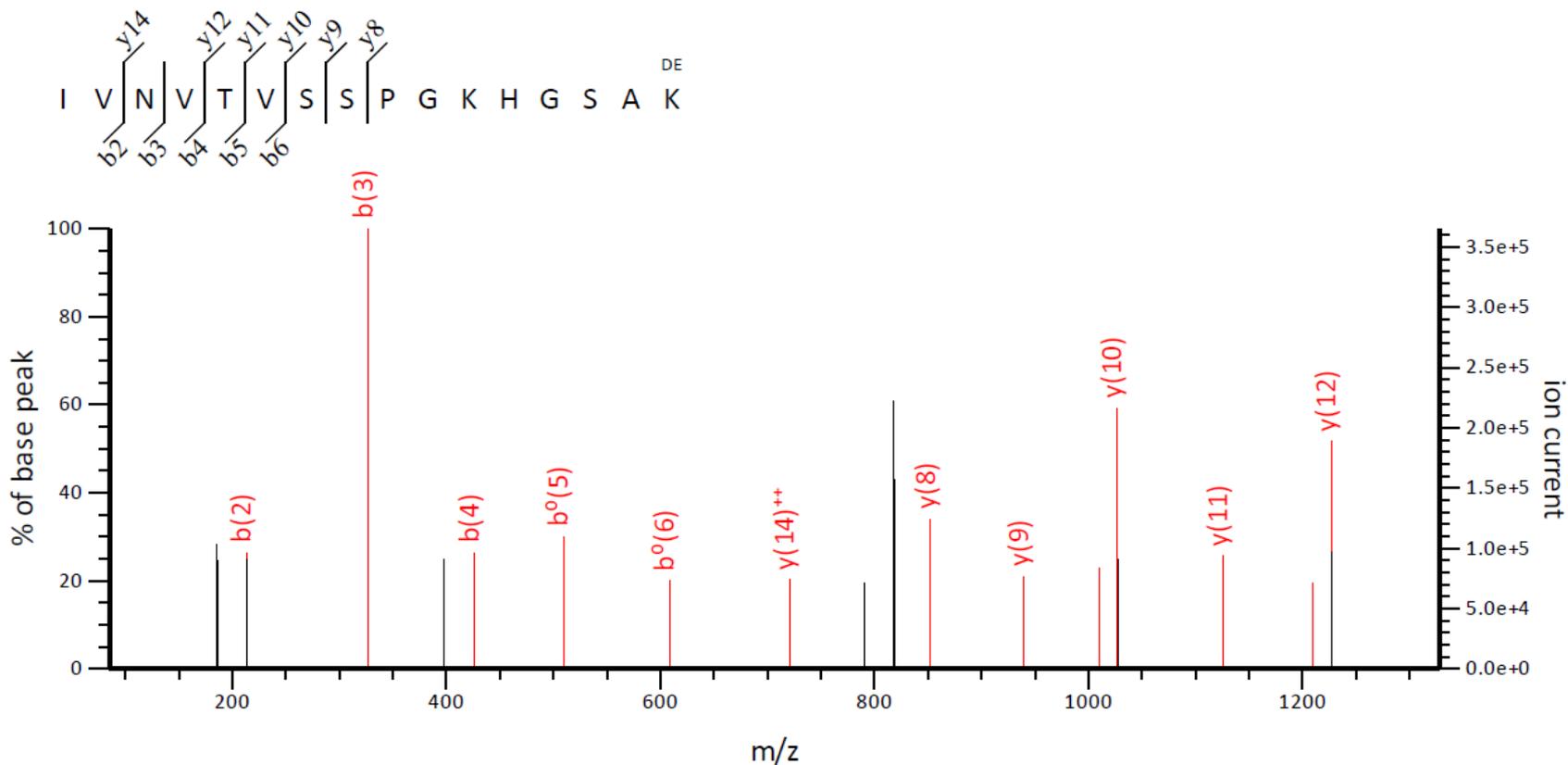


Fig. S8: Multiple alignment of deoxyhypusine synthase.

The alignment of DHS was performed using MultAlin (<http://multalin.toulouse.inra.fr/multalin/>). P49366 is Human DHS; P38791 is *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; O50105 is *Pyrococcus horikoshii*; Q9HPX2IH is *Halobacterium salinarum* (*Halobacterium halobium*); I3RA05 is *Haloferax mediterranei*; Q4J978 is *Sulfolobus acidocaldarius*; Q97ZF1 is *Sulfolobus solfataricus*; D4GW0IH is *Haloferax volcanii*; M0C7L4IH is *Haloterrigena thermotolerans*. Strictly conserved residues are in red; similar or partially conserved residues are in blue. \**sp*ermitic binding site in human DHS and *S. cerevisiae* DHS. A, DHS sequences from Archaea that are sensitive to GC7; B, DHS sequences from halophiles that harbor cadaverine .



**Fig. S9: Identification of *T. kodakarensis* aIF5A deoxyhypusination by mass spectrometry.**

50  $\mu$ L of *in vitro* modification sample containing *T. kodakarensis* DHS (2.5  $\mu$ M) and aIF5A (5  $\mu$ M) were incubated in 0.2 M Glycine/NaOH (pH 9.4), 2 mM NAD<sup>+</sup> and 50  $\mu$ M spermidine at 30°C for 2 hours. Subsequently, the samples were analyzed using mass-spectrometry without further treatment. Fragmentation spectrum for deoxyhypusylated peptide IVNVTVSSSPGKHGSAK is shown, xiSPEC (<http://spectrumviewer.org/>) was used for annotation. DE, deoxyhypusine.