

Figure A. An outline view of the Isd system of *Staphylococcus aureus*. Hemoglobin is initially sequestered by IsdH-N1/N2 (or IsdB-N1), and the extracted heme is subsequently bound to IsdH-N3 (or IsdB-N2). Heme is then transferred across the cell wall for decomposition by IsdG/IsdI.

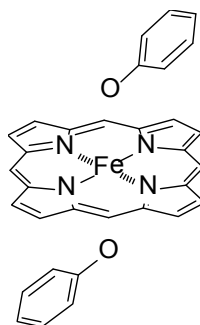


Figure B. A model of Fe(III)-porphine and two phenolate molecules for PES scan.

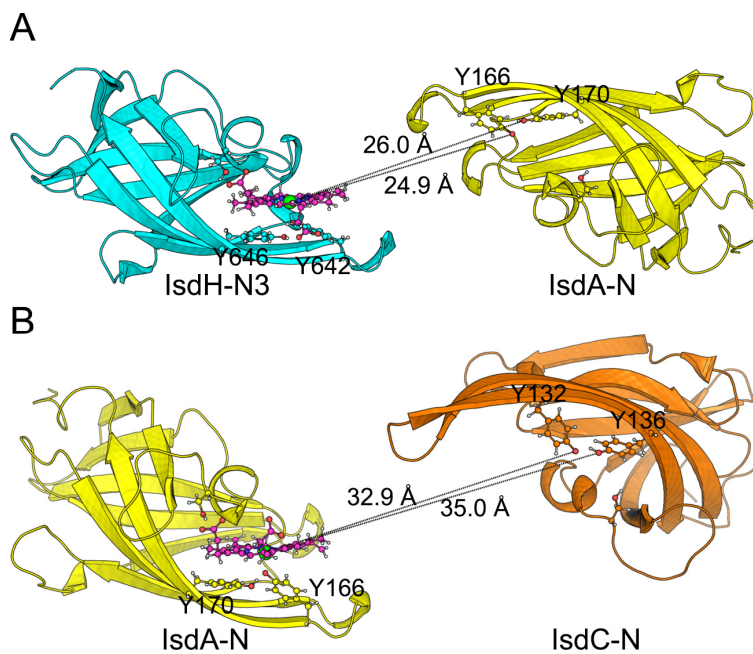


Figure C. Initial coordinates for MD simulations. (A) An IsdH-N3-heme complex with IsdA-N. (B) An IsdA-N-heme complex with IsdC-N.

Table A. Distance restraints used for MD simulations^a

| | Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Equilibrium distance r (Å) | Force constant k (kcal mol ⁻¹ Å ⁻²) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--|
| IsdH-N3• heme•IsdA-N (Set HA) | IsdH ^{N3} -Ser563-OG | Heme-O1D | 2.8727 | 10.0 |
| | IsdH ^{N3} -Tyr646-OH | Heme-FE | 4.0461 | 30.0 |
| | IsdA-Tyr166-OH | IsdA-Tyr170-OH | 2.700 | 0.1 |
| | IsdA-Tyr166-OH | Heme-FE | 2.200 | 0.1 |
| | IsdA-Ser82-OG | Heme-O1A | 2.8727 | 0.1 |
| | Heme-HVT4 | IsdA-Trp113-CA | 3.000 | 0.1 |
| IsdA-N• heme•IsdC-N (set AC1) | IsdA-Ser82-OG | Heme-O1D | 2.8727 | 10.0 |
| | IsdA-Tyr170-OH | Heme-FE | 4.0461 | 10.0 |
| | IsdC-Tyr132-OH | IsdC-Tyr136-OH | 2.507 | 1.0 |
| | IsdC-Tyr132-OH | Heme-FE | 2.200 | 0.1 |
| | IsdC-Ser47-OG | Heme-O1A | 2.8727 | 0.1 |
| | Heme-HVT2 | IsdC-Trp77-CA | 3.000 | 0.1 |
| IsdA-N• heme•IsdC-N (set AC2) | IsdA-Ser82-OG | Heme-O1D | 2.8727 | 1.0 |
| | IsdA-Tyr170-OH | Heme-FE | 4.0461 | 1.0 |
| | IsdC-Tyr132-OH | IsdC-Tyr136-OH | 2.507 | 0.1 |
| | IsdC-Ser47-OG | Heme-O1A | 2.8727 | 0.05 |

^aAtom names are presented in Figure . Forces acting on each object were calculated as $k(R-r)^2$, where R is the distance between objects (Å), k is the force constant (kcal mol⁻¹ Å⁻²), and r is the equilibrium distance (Å).

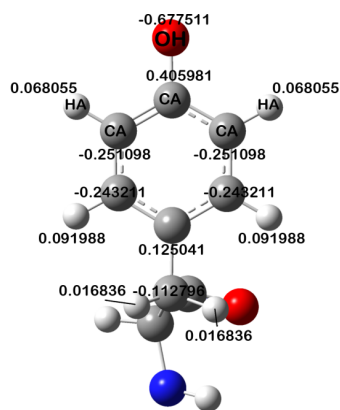


Figure D. Partial charges used for tyrosinate residues in the apo-form of Isd-NEAT domains. Partial charges were calculated using the restrained electrostatic potential (RESP) method with the ANTECHAMBER module in AmberTools 13.

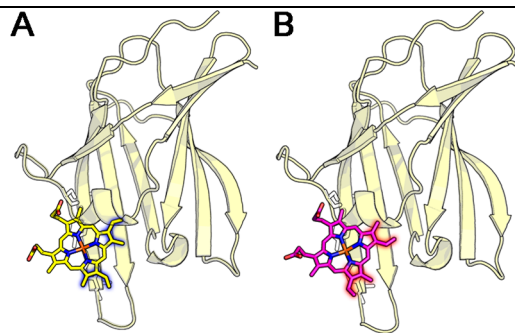


Figure E. Differences in heme positions on IsdA. Both sides of heme can enter the binding site of IsdA (PDB: 2ITF). (A) and (B) represent A and B positions of heme in the A chain, respectively.
