

**S2 Table: Specific activity of BiuH and its variants.** The specific activity was measured in presence of 1.2 mM of biuret (n=3) in  $\mu$ moles.sec $^{-1}$ .mg enzyme $^{-1}$ , Tm: melting temperature measured by differential scanning fluorimetry in °C (n=3-16 depending on the variants).

	Specific activity	Tm (°C)
<b>BiuH WT</b>	51.02 ± 9.670	58.0 ± 0.45
<b>Asp36Ala</b>	0.05 ± 0.012	53.3 ± 0.16
<b>Asp36Asn</b>	0.03 ± 0.006	46.6 ± 0.05
<b>Asp36Gln</b>	0.05 ± 0.009	45.9 ± 0.09
<b>Asp36Glu</b>	0.04 ± 0.087	41.3 ± 0.07
<b>Phe41Ala</b>	1.79 ± 0.033	47.8 ± 0.31
<b>Phe41Leu</b>	6.28 ± 0.057	54.4 ± 0.41
<b>Phe41Tyr</b>	15.33 ± 0.068	59.7 ± 0.07
<b>Phe41Trp</b>	6.84 ± 0.082	51.9 ± 0.24
<b>Lys142Ala</b>	0.04 ± 0.015	64.3 ± 2.21
<b>Lys142His</b>	0.05 ± 0.009	67.8 ± 0.08
<b>Lys142Arg</b>	2.75 ± 0.466	45.8 ± 0.22
<b>Lys145Ala</b>	0.23 ± 0.004	53.1 ± 0.31
<b>Lys145His</b>	0.55 ± 0.074	54.5 ± 1.13
<b>Lys145Arg</b>	0.34 ± 0.04	47.5 ± 0.19
<b>Cys175Ala</b>	0.04 ± 0.032	61.0 ± 0.73
<b>Cys175Ser</b>	0.05 ± 0.011	64.5 ± 0.15
<b>Gln215Ala</b>	2.22 ± 0.22	51.7 ± 0.24
<b>Gln215Asn</b>	1.92 ± 0.08	51.9 ± 0.13
<b>Gln215Asp</b>	0.22 ± 0.007	52.2 ± 0.24
<b>Gln215Glu</b>	0.87 ± 0.081	56.0 ± 0.51