

Structural basis of proton-coupled potassium transport in the KUP family

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Role of K⁺



Osmoadaptation, Intracellular pH regulation Enzyme activation, Electrical signalling in biofilms

KimA: newly discovered K⁺ uptake system



Gundlach et al. Sci Signal, 2017

KimA belongs to the APC superfamily Is KimA a H⁺/K⁺ symporter? What are the structural basis of K⁺ uptake?

Functional study of KimA



KimA functions as a proton-potassium symporter

Co-polymer based KimA extraction



Pollock et al., 2018

Mn† (g/mole)	Source
4000	Polyscope
2500	Polyscope
2000	Polyscope
8400	BASF
A	-His

WB:antiHis

Structural study of KimA in SMALP







Cryo-EM analysis of KimA in SMALP



KimA overall structure



KimA-TM domains interface



Tascon, Sousa et al. Nat Commun. 2020

KimA translocation pathway



Tascon, Sousa et al. Nat Commun. 2020

KimA shows an inward-occluded conformation

KimA ion binding sites



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Occluded site represents the K⁺ substrate binding site



KimA ion binding sites



E233 probably involved in proton coupling D117 could be involved in regulation: trans-inhibition D36 plays a central role





Proton coupled K⁺ transport mechanims via KimA



KimA is a member of KUP family



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