

A high-throughput small-angle X-ray scattering assay to determine the conformational change of plasminogen

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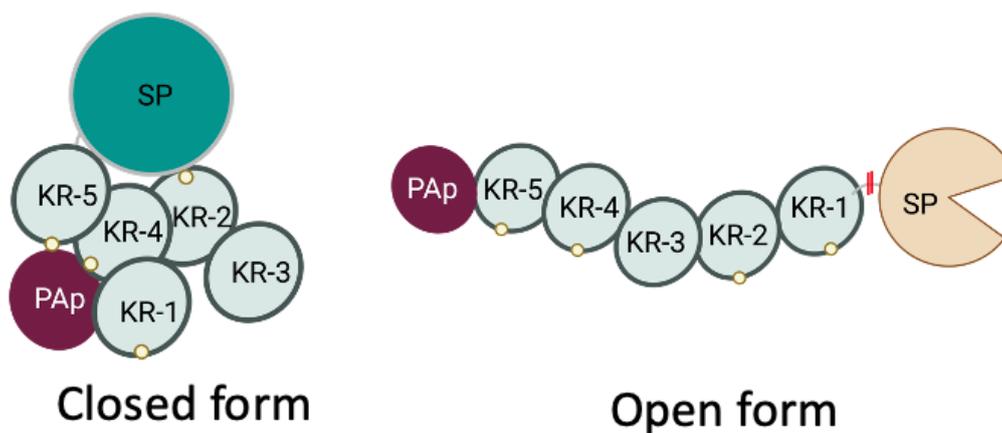


Figure S1. Cartoon representation of closed and open Plg. Plg is a 7-domain zymogen with an N-terminal PAN-domain (PAp), five kringle domains (KR1-5), and a serine protease domain (SP). In the closed conformation (a), the lysine binding site (D/EXD motif, LBS) found on KR-2, 4 and 5 (yellow circle) binds to SP, PAp and PAp domain, respectively; LBS in KR-1 is free. Here, the activation loop (grey line) is not exposed. The amino acid sequence corresponding to the KR-3 LBS is DXK, which does not bind to lysine or arginine residues. (b) Open Plg forms through an interaction between the LBSs and free lysine/analogue or surface lysine/arginine on target sites; it also exposes the activation loop, allowing activation by plasminogen activators. This illustration is generated using BioRender (Agreement number: MO25NKENPO).

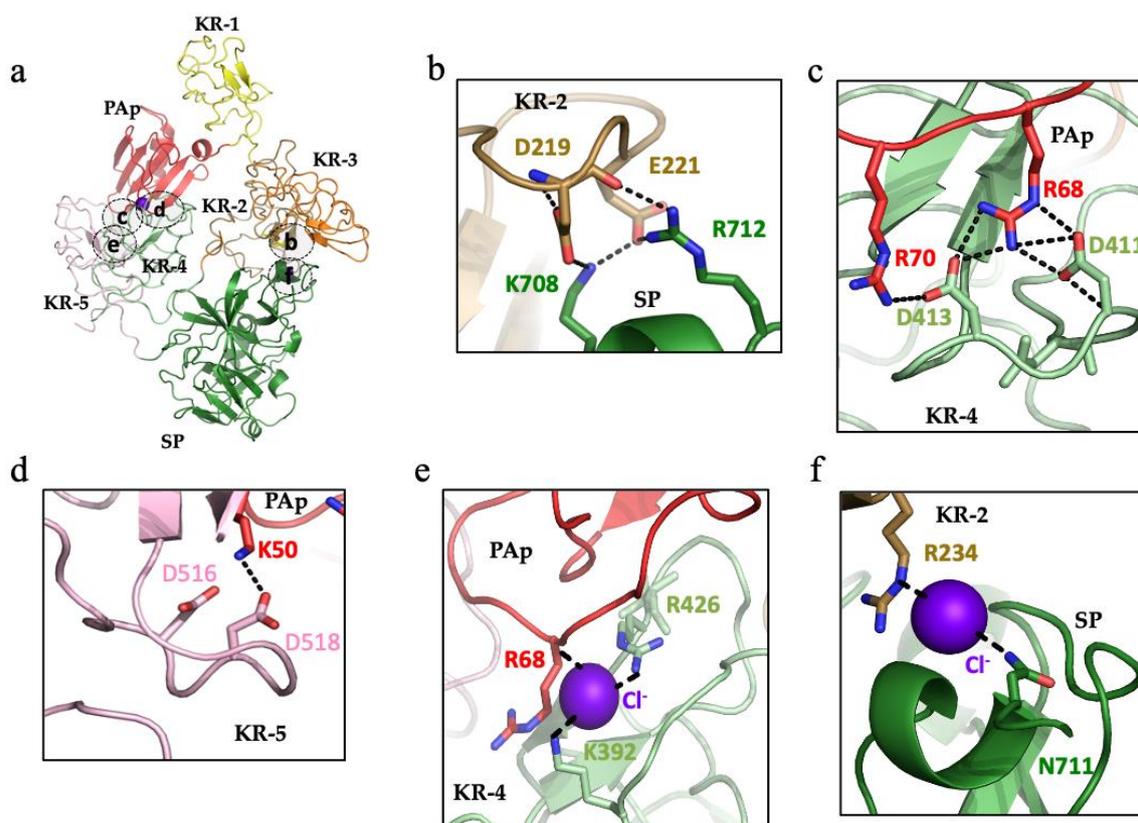


Figure S2. Interdomain interactions in closed Plg GII (a) Cartoon representation of Plg GII X-ray crystal structure. Letters enclosed in dotted

circles represent regions involved in inter-domain interactions shown in the corresponding panels **b-f**. **(b)** Inter-domain interactions between KR-2 LBS and SP domain. **(c)** Inter-domain interactions between KR-4 LBS and PAp domain. **(d)** Inter-domain interactions between KR-5 LBS and PAp domain. **(e-f)** Chloride (Cl⁻) ions (depicted as purple spheres) also mediate inter-domain interactions between KR-2/SP and KR-4/PAP.

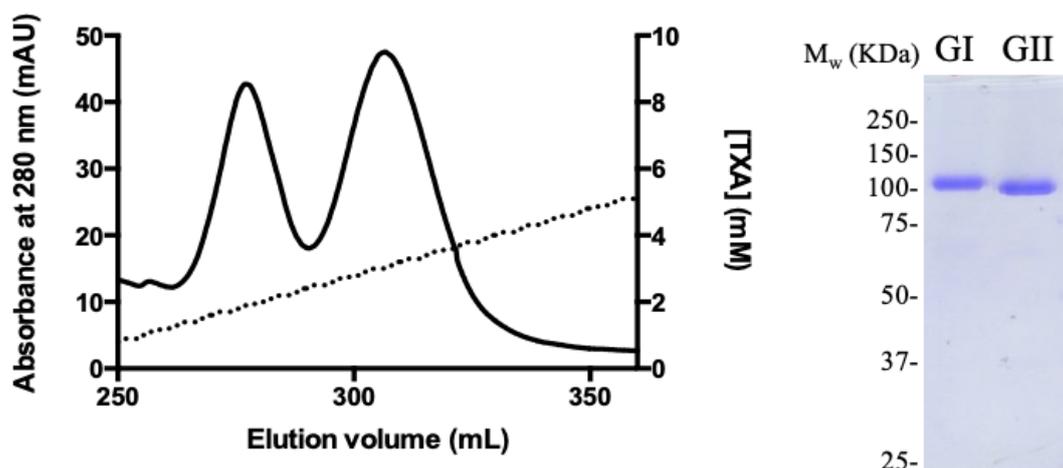
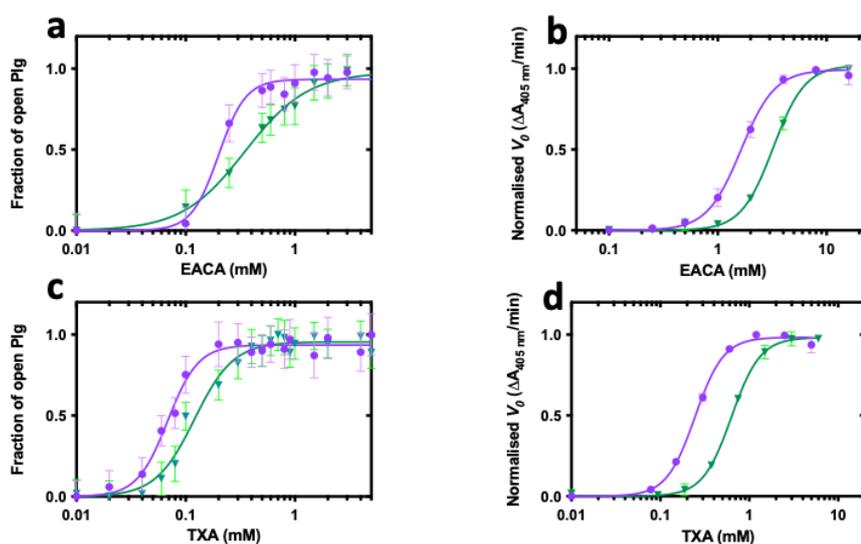


Figure 3. Left panel: Chromatogram showing the separation of Plg GI and GII on Lysine Hyper D Resin. Right panel: SDS-PAGE showing purified glycoforms.



| Ligand | K_{open} (mM) | | $K_{activation}$ (mM) | |
|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| | Plg GI | Plg GII | Plg GI | Plg GII |
| EACA | 0.20 ± 0.01 | 0.35 ± 0.02 | 1.63 ± 0.05 | 3.23 ± 0.06 |
| TXA | 0.068 ± 0.002 | 0.120 ± 0.008 | 0.25 ± 0.01 | 0.63 ± 0.01 |

Figure S4. Comparison of ligand-induced conformational change and tPA activation of Plg glycoforms. Experimental data presented in Table 1 on the

conformational change of Plg GI (purple) and GII (green) are shown (a) EACA and (c) TXA. K_{open} is the ligand concentration required to induce the open conformation in 50% of the total Plg in solution. TXA exhibited lower K_{open} (higher efficacy) for both glycoforms than EACA (Table below). tPA is used to determine the rate of Plg activation in the presence of EACA (b) and TXA (d). Normalized initial rates are plotted against their respective ligand concentration. $K_{activation}$ is the ligand concentration at which the initial velocity is 50% of the maximal rate. The $K_{activation}$ of TXA is also lower than that of EACA. Compared with K_{open} , the $K_{activation}$ concentration is significantly higher ($P < 0.0001$), >8-fold for EACA, and >3.5-fold for TXA, suggesting Plg activation by tPA may occur only on the fully open molecules.

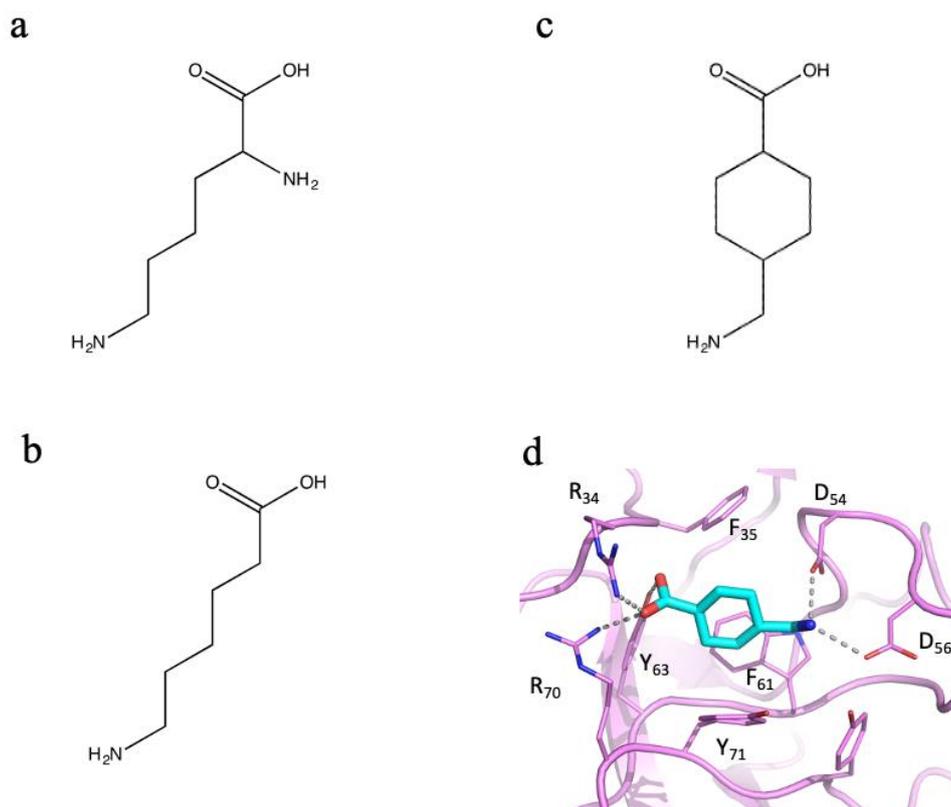
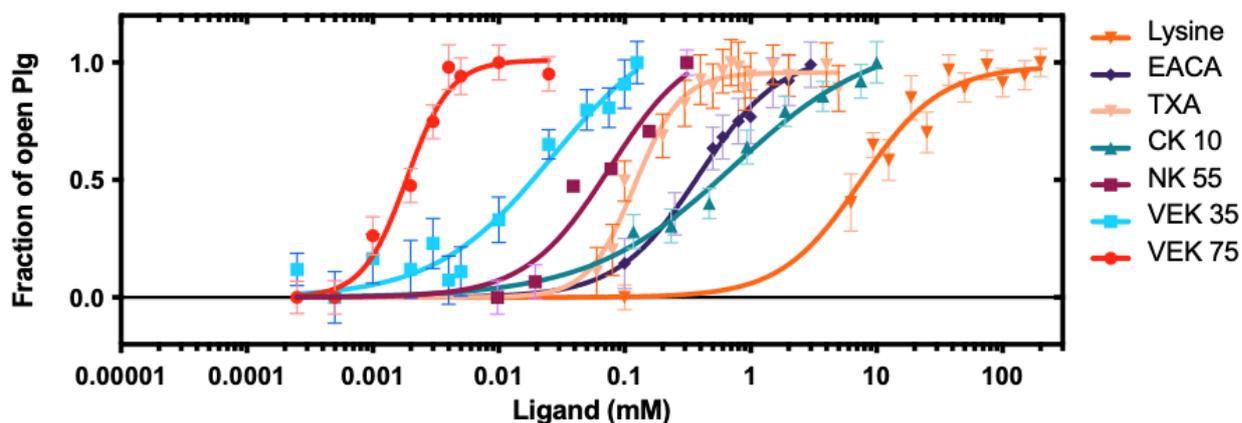


Figure S5. Lysine and analogues and molecular interaction with lysine binding site of KR-1. Chemical structures of (a) lysine, (b) ε-aminocaproic acid (EACA) and (c) Tranexamic acid (TXA). (d) Cartoon representation of the co-crystal structure of KR-1(light purple) and TXA (cyan) (PDB ID 1CEB) (39), where residues bind to TXA in the LBS, are labelled and shown in dotted lines.



| Ligand/peptide | K_{open} (mM) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| L-Lysine | 7.47 ± 1.12 |
| EACA | 0.35 ± 0.02 |
| TXA | 0.120 ± 0.008 |
| CK10 | 0.73 ± 0.24 |
| MK12 | ND* |
| NK55 | 0.076 ± 0.046 |
| VEK35^a | 0.027 ± 0.016 |
| VEK75^a | 0.0019 ± 0.00018 |

Figure S6. Titration curves of ligands and peptides showing a concentration-dependent conformational change of Plg GII. The K_{open} determined is summarized in the Table. The order of ligand efficacy is MK12>L-lysine>CK10>EACA>TXA>NK55. Also shown is the side-by-side comparison with our previous work on VEK peptides derived from the plasminogen binding Group A Streptococcal M protein PAM, VEK35 (GSVEKLTADAELQRLKNERHEEAELERLKSERHDHDY) and VEK75 (GSEELQGLKDDVEKLTADAELQRLKNERHEEAELERLKSERHDHDKKEA ERKALEDKLADKQEHLNGALRYINEKEA). PAM has a much higher affinity for human Plg than the host receptors. The K_{open} for NK55 is 2.8-fold of VEK35 and 40-fold of VEK75. ^arefer to (30) for details.