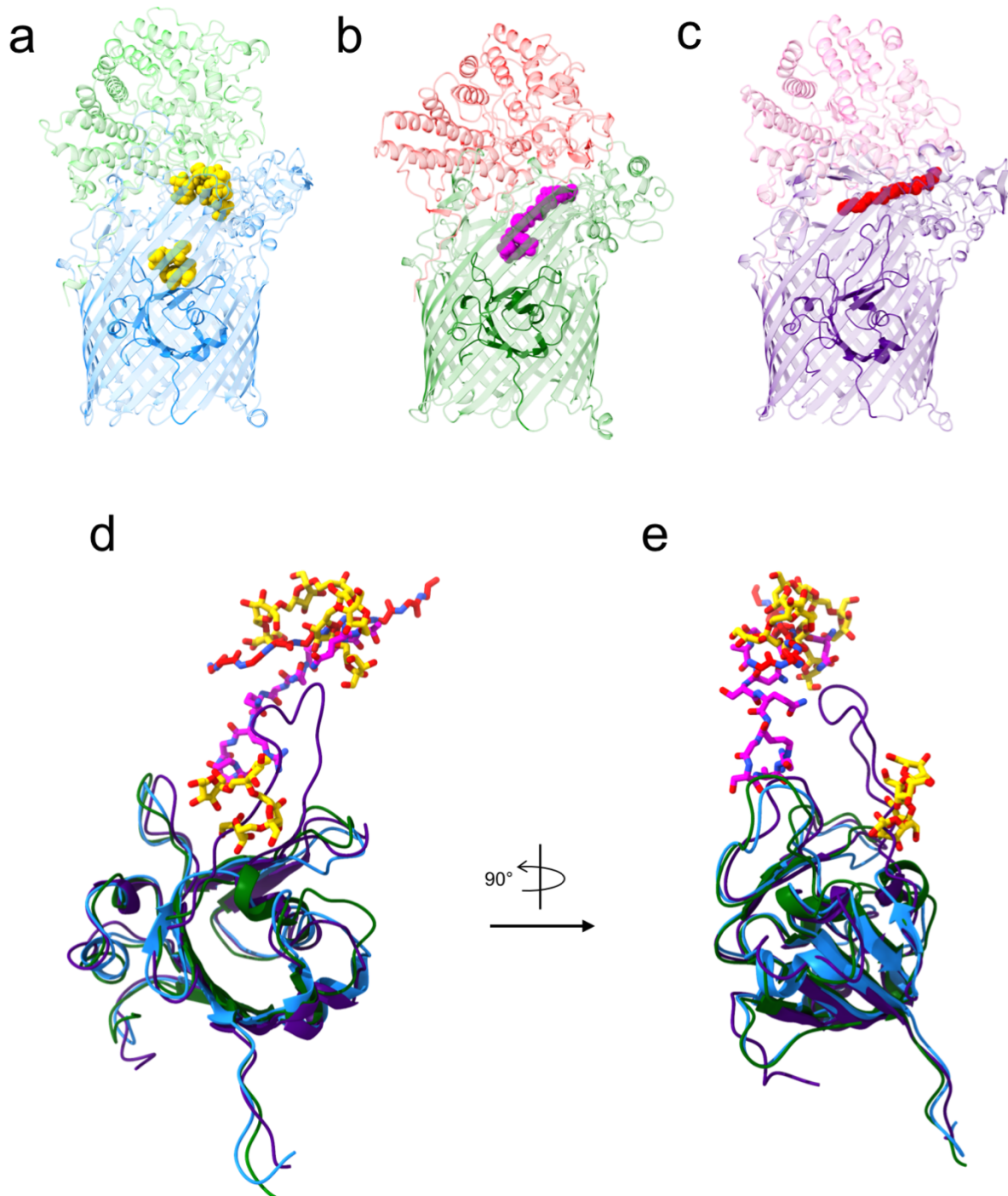
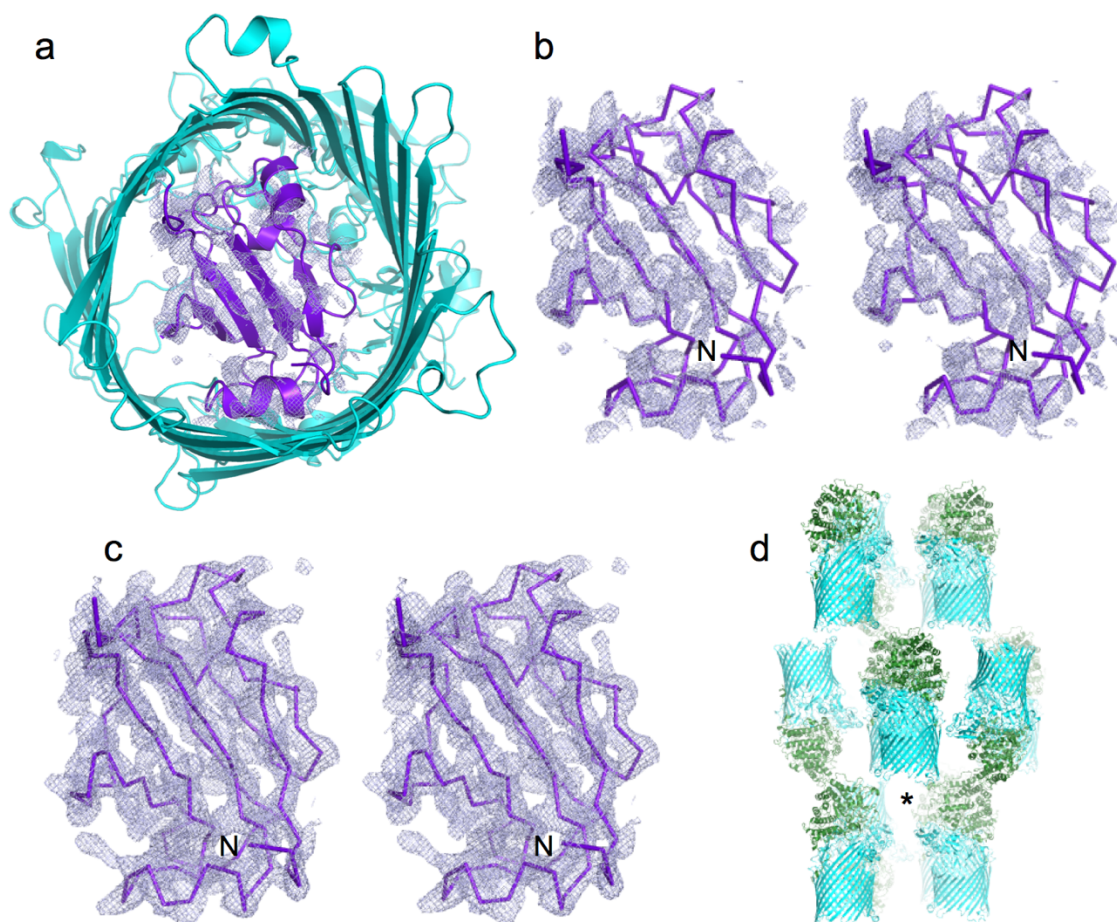


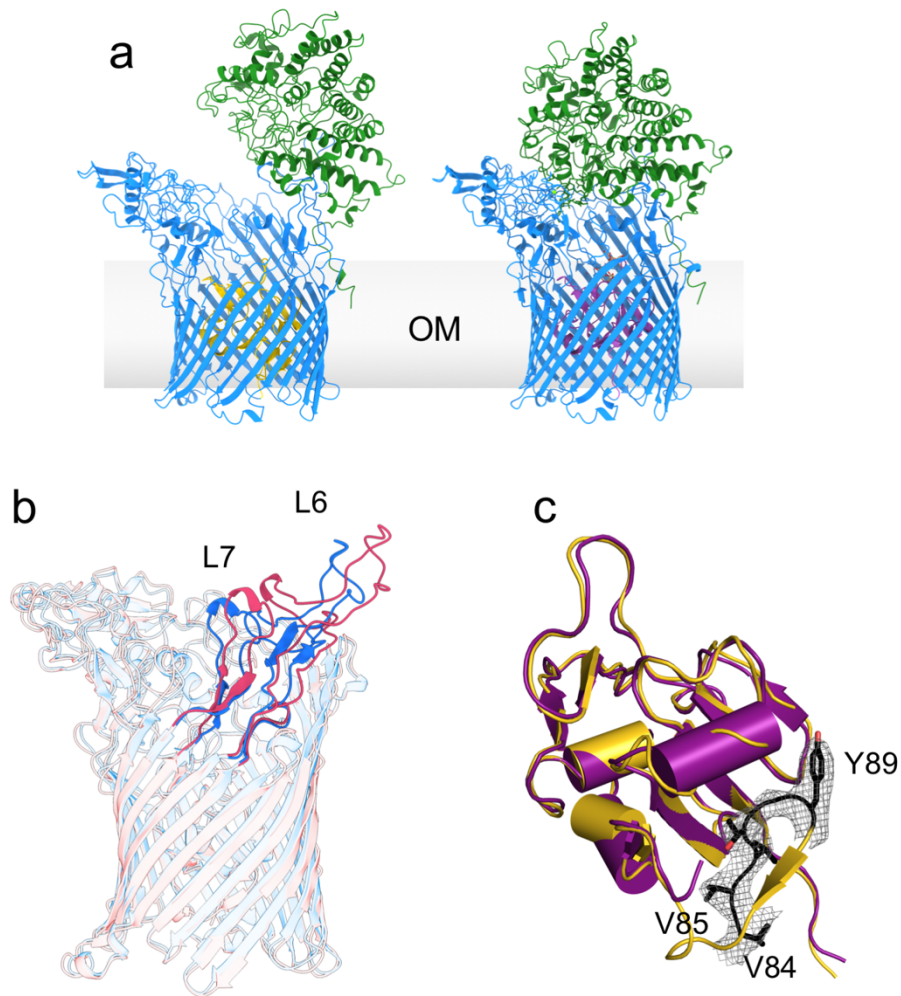
## Supplementary Information



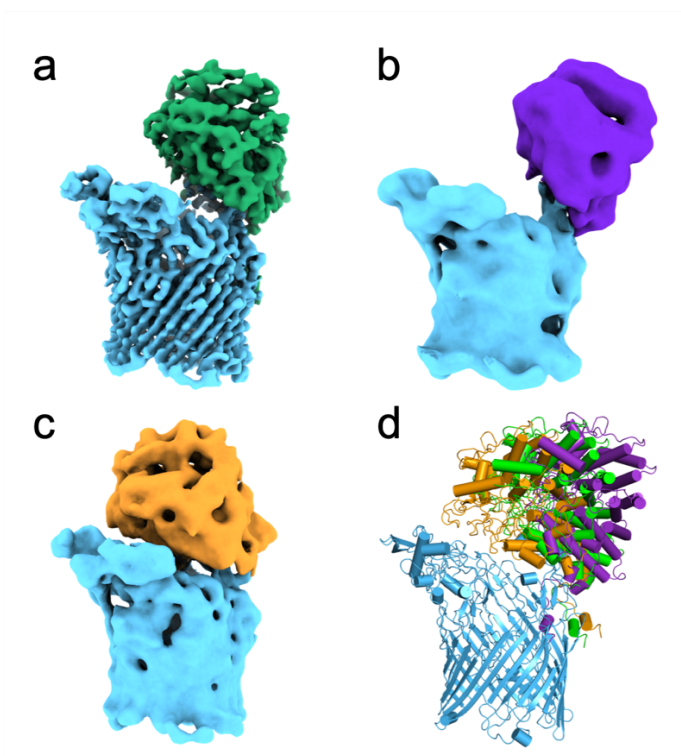
**Supplementary Figure 1** Comparison of SusCD ligand binding sites. **a-c**, Cartoon representations of (a) Bt1762-63 with bound FOS (yellow), (b) *Porphyromonas gingivalis* RagAB with bound peptide (magenta; PDB ID 6SLN), and (c) Bt2263-64 with bound peptide (red; PDB ID 5FQ8). The bottom panels show close-up views of the plugs and ligands from the membrane plane, rotated 90° between **d** and **e**.



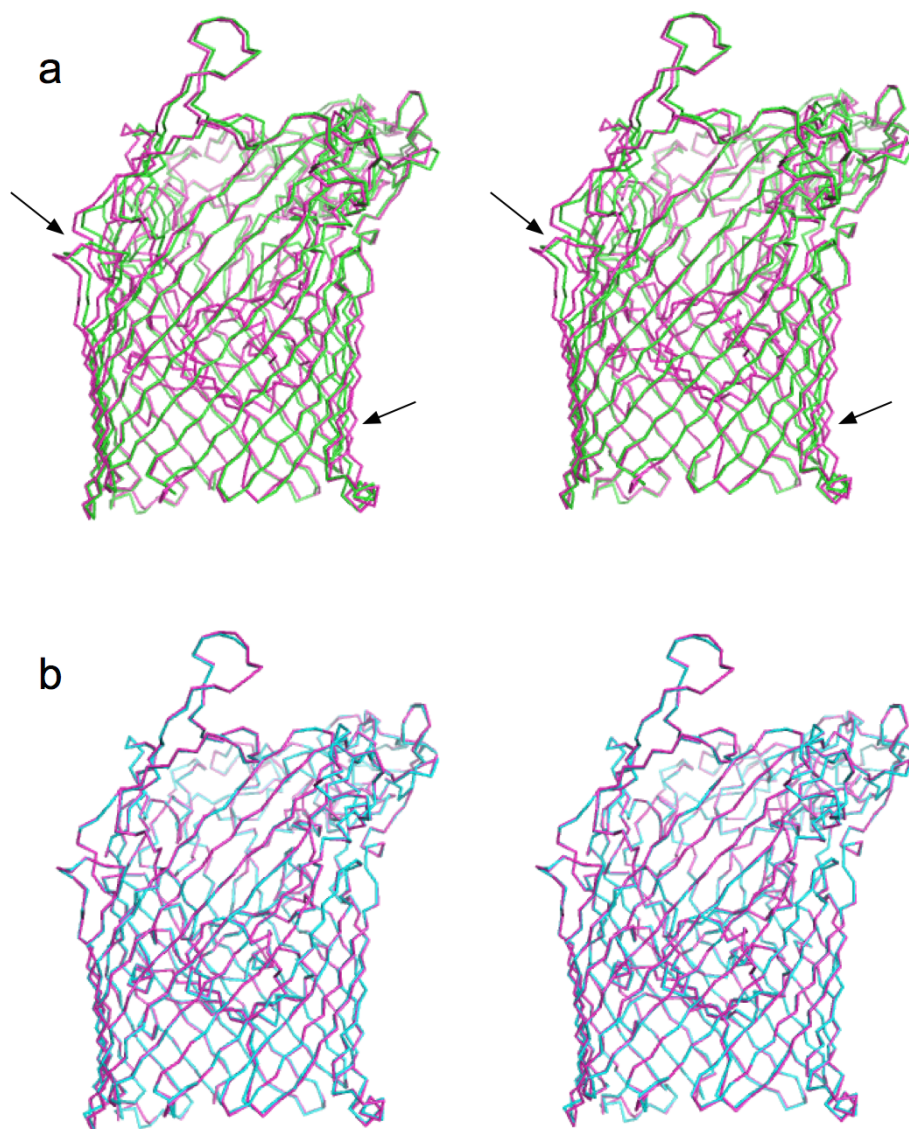
**Supplementary Figure 2** Crystal structure of apo Bt1762-63 showing poor density for the plug. **a**, Cartoon viewed from the periplasmic space, with the plug domain of the substrate-bound state superposed and coloured purple, showing poor 2Fo-Fc density for the plug ( $\sigma = 0.8$ , carve = 2). **b**, Stereo view of plug density of apo Bt1762-63 with the  $C\alpha$  ribbon superimposed in the same orientation as (a). The N-terminus is labelled (N). **c**, Stereo  $C\alpha$  ribbon with plug density for substrate-bound Bt1762-63 ( $\sigma = 1.5$ , carve = 2). **d**, Crystal packing of apo Bt1762-63. The large space within the crystal that could contain an ejected plug domain is indicated with an asterisk.



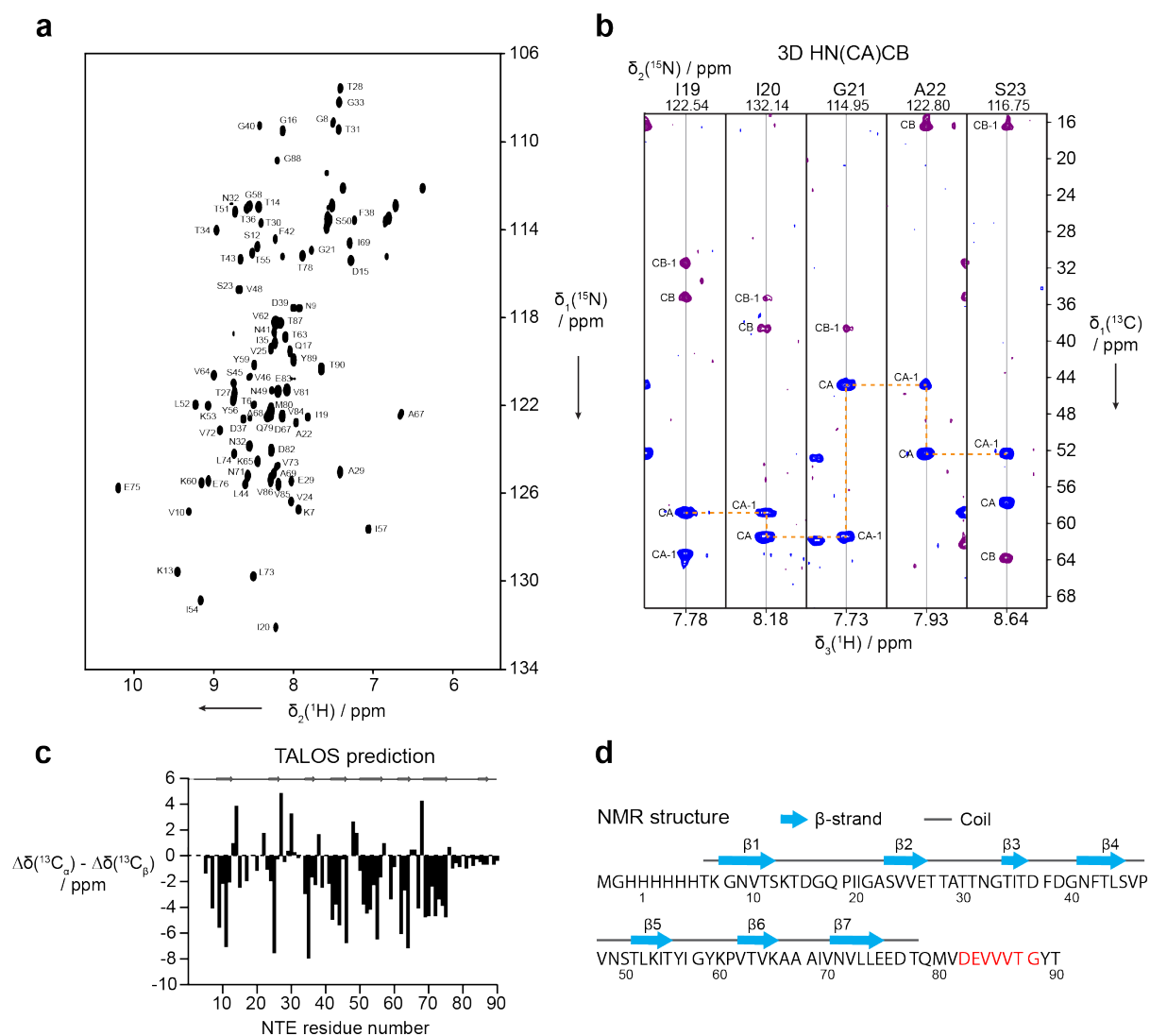
**Supplementary Figure 3** Differences between the open and closed structures of Bt1762-63. **a**, Cartoon models of the individual open (left) and substrate-bound, closed (right) transporter structures derived by cryo-EM and X-ray crystallography, respectively. For clarity, transporters are shown as monomers. **b**, Superposition of open (red) and closed states (blue) of Bt1763, with both hinge loops L6 (Hinge 2) and L7 (Hinge 1) highlighted. **c**, Overlay of plug domains from open (gold) and closed (purple), substrate-bound forms of the transporter. The Ton box (<sup>82</sup>DEVVVTG<sup>88</sup>) is visible only in the open state and is colored black, with sidechains displayed as sticks. The equivalent region in the closed structure is not visible and is therefore assumed to be disordered and likely protrudes from the barrel, leaving the Ton box accessible to TonB. The visible density for the N-terminus starts at residue 96 of the "closed" plug and at residue 84 for the "open" plug.



**Supplementary Figure 4** Variability in the position of Bt1762 observed in the open states of the transporter visualised by cryo-EM. **a**, Predominant open position observed in both the principle open-open and open-closed states. Less populated classes with wide open (**b**) and barely open (**c**) lid positions were also observed. **d**, Overlaid rigid-body fits of Bt1762 into the maps shown in **a-c**. EM density is filtered by local resolution and monomers are shown for clarity. The number of particles assigned to wide-open and barely-open states are 9,903 and 12,637 respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 5** Differences in barrel shape for apo- and substrate-bound Bt1763. **a,b** Stereo ribbon superpositions for apo-Bt1763 (green; PDB 6Z8I) and substrate-bound Bt1763 (magenta; PDB 6ZAZ) (**a**) and for both substrate-bound Bt1763 structures (PDB ID 6Z9A and 6ZAZ) (**b**). Superpositions were generated in COOT via secondary structure matching for Bt1763. The arrows highlight some of the differences within the barrels. Both structures of substrate-bound Bt1763 are identical (**b**).



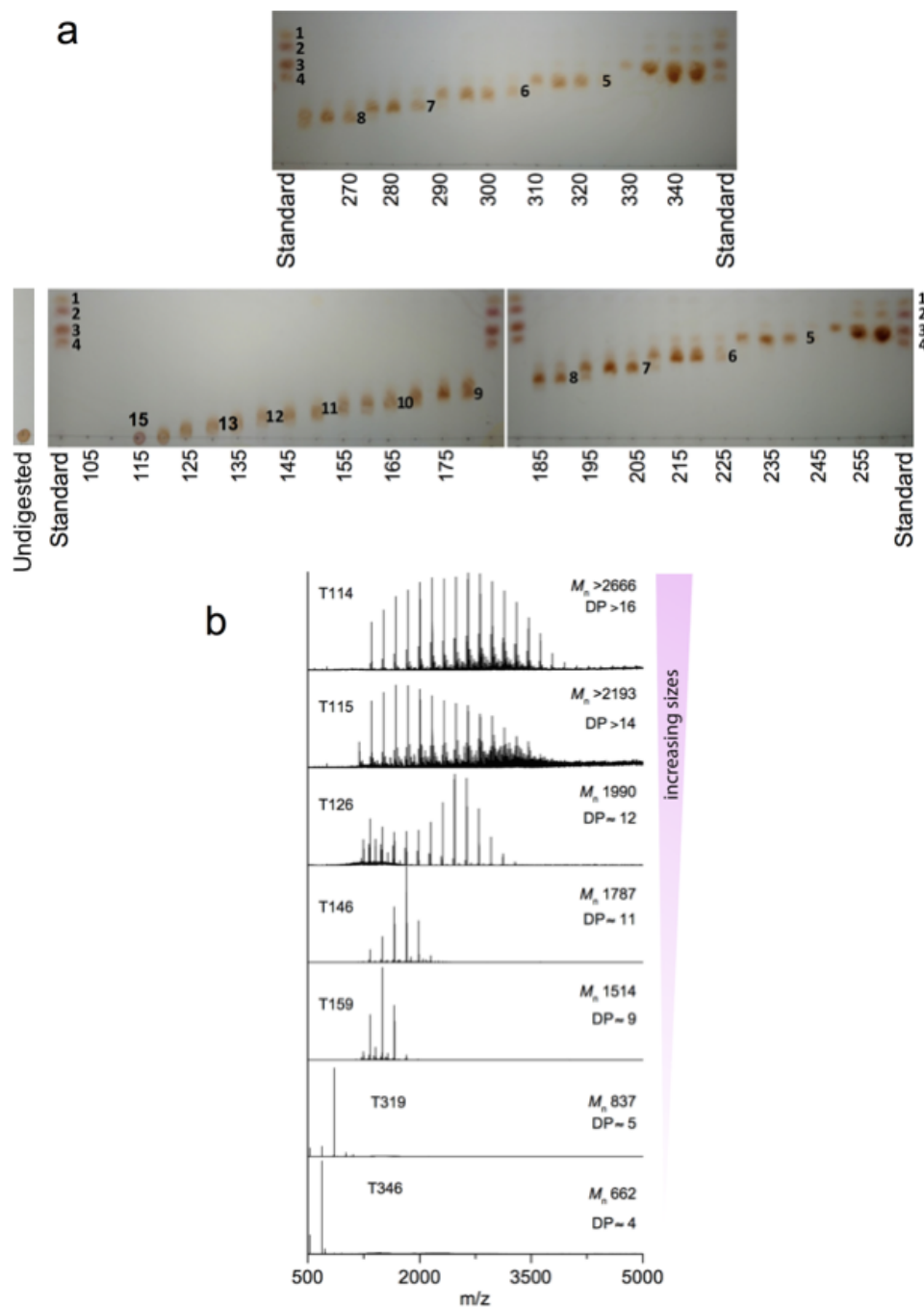
**Supplementary Figure 6** NMR backbone assignment and secondary structure of the Bt1763 NTE domain. **a**, 2D [ $^{15}\text{N}$ ,  $^1\text{H}$ ]-HSQC spectrum of NTE at 20 °C and pH 7.5. Sequence-specific resonance assignments are indicated. **b**, Example of backbone strips taken from the 3D HN(CA)CB experiments for residues I19–S23. Positive and negative intensity is shown in blue and purple, respectively. The  $\text{C}_\alpha$  backbone walk is indicated by an orange dashed line. **c**, Secondary chemical shifts relative to random coil values. Consecutive stretches of negative values indicate  $\beta$ -sheet secondary structure. The result of a TALOS secondary structure prediction using the chemical shifts from backbone resonance assignment is plotted on top. **d**, Sequence of the recombinant form of the NTE domain including the N-terminal His<sub>6</sub>-tag.  $\beta$ -sheet secondary structure distributions over the NTE amino acid sequence as determined by solution NMR spectroscopy are indicated. The Ton box is shown in red.

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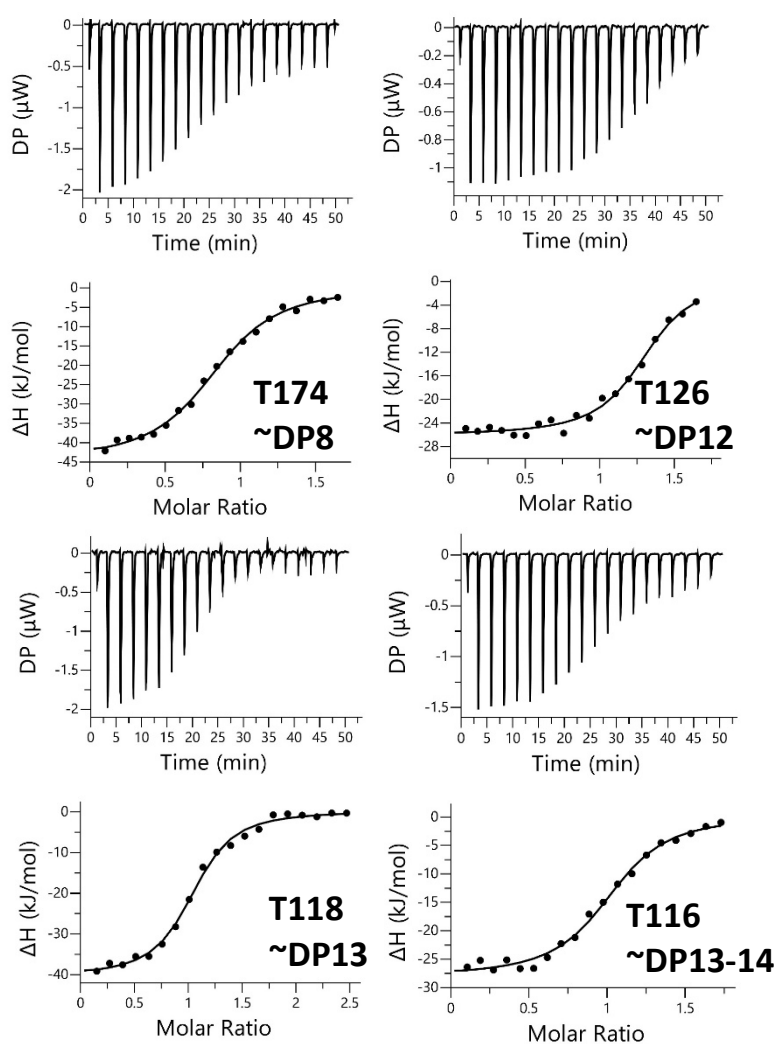
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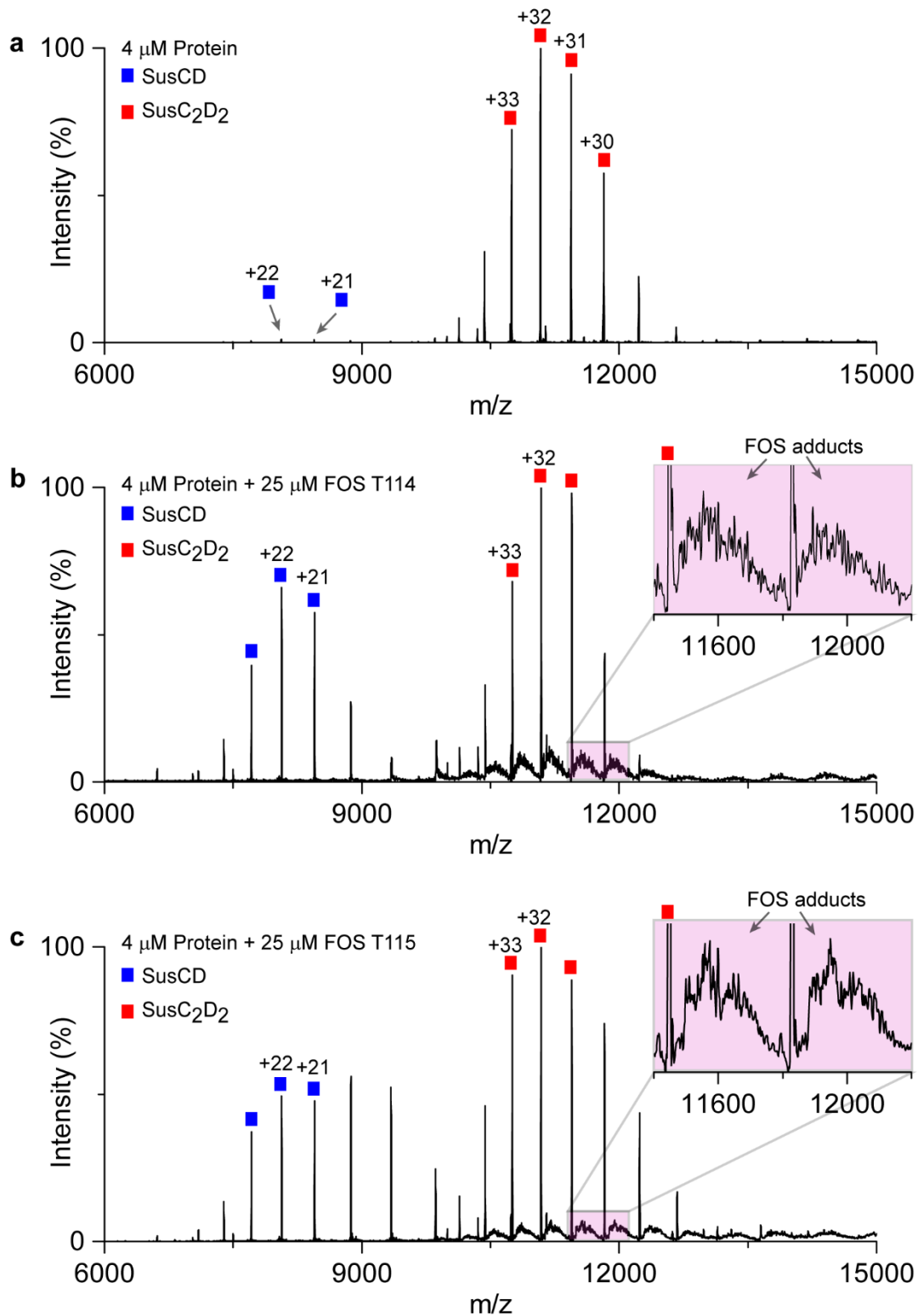
**Supplementary Figure 7** DALI analysis of the NTE. The thirty best hits are shown.



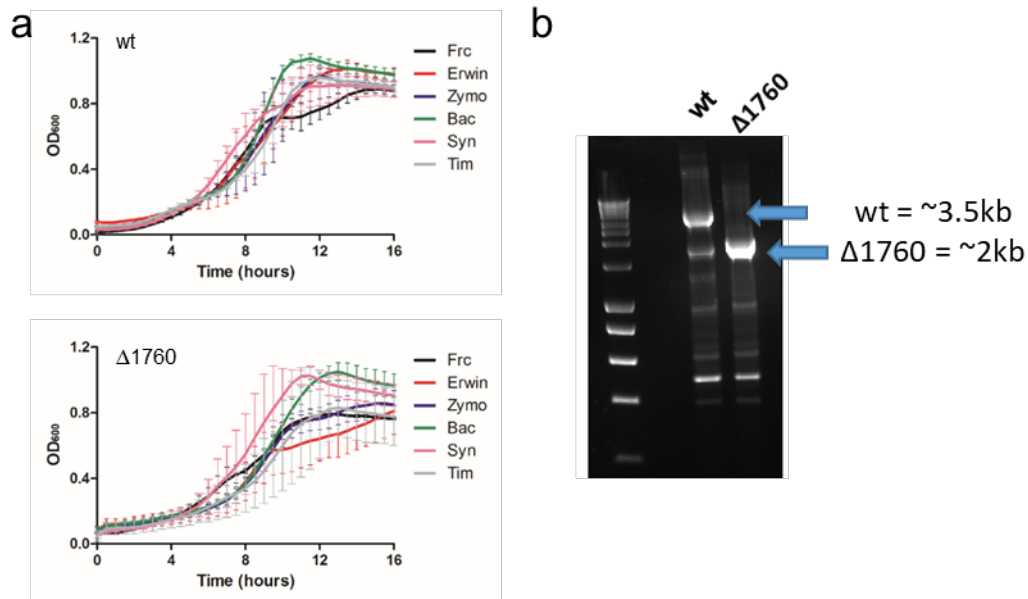
**Supplementary Figure 8** Characterisation of  $\beta$ 2,6 fructo-oligosaccharide (FOS) fractions. **a**, TLC analysis of digested *Erwinia* levan fractions from two different runs (top and bottom) after separation on a P2 SEC column. Approximate DP of FOS in each fraction are indicated. A sample of undigested levan is shown on the left. The standard consisted of  $\beta$ 2,1 FOS1-4 (Fructose, sucrose, kestotriose, kestotetraose; Megazyme). **b**, Representative mass spectra of *Erwinia* FOS fractions from (a). The average molar mass is shown ( $M_n$ ), based on the intensity-weighted signal intensities in the spectra. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Figure 9** ITC traces showing FOS binding to Bt1762-63 SusCD.  $\beta$ 2,6 FOS fractions from SEC of partially digested *Erwinia* levan were titrated into purified Bt1762-63 SusCD complex (25  $\mu$ M) in 100 mM Hepes, pH 7.5 containing 0.05% LDAO. The identity of the fraction used is indicated (T), as is the approximate DP of the main FOS species present in each fraction as determined by MS (Supplementary Fig. 8). The upper parts of each titration show the raw heats of injection and the lower parts the integrated heats, fit to a one set of sites model.



**Supplementary Figure 10** Native mass spectra of Bt1762-63 without **(a)** and with long-chain FOS **(b; T114, c; T115)**. Inserts, zoomed-in view of peaks corresponding to bound FOS molecules.



**Supplementary Figure 11** Growth of *B. theta* wild-type and  $\Delta 1760$  strains on different levans. **a**, *B. theta* wild type (wt) and  $\Delta 1760$  deletion ( $\Delta 1760$ ) strains were grown in minimal media with a range of levans as the sole carbon source. Levans used; Erwin = *Erwinia herbicola*, Zymo = *Zymomonas mobilis*, Bac = *Bacillus* sp., Syn = *in vitro* synthesised using levansucrase, Tim = Timothy grass. Frc = fructose. Growth curves show mean (solid line) +/- SD of triplicate wells and are representative of 3 independent experiments. **b**, PCR analysis of genomic DNA isolated from stationary phase cells of the *Erwinia* levan cultures. Primers flanking the *Bt1760* gene were used for amplification. This experiment was carried out once. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

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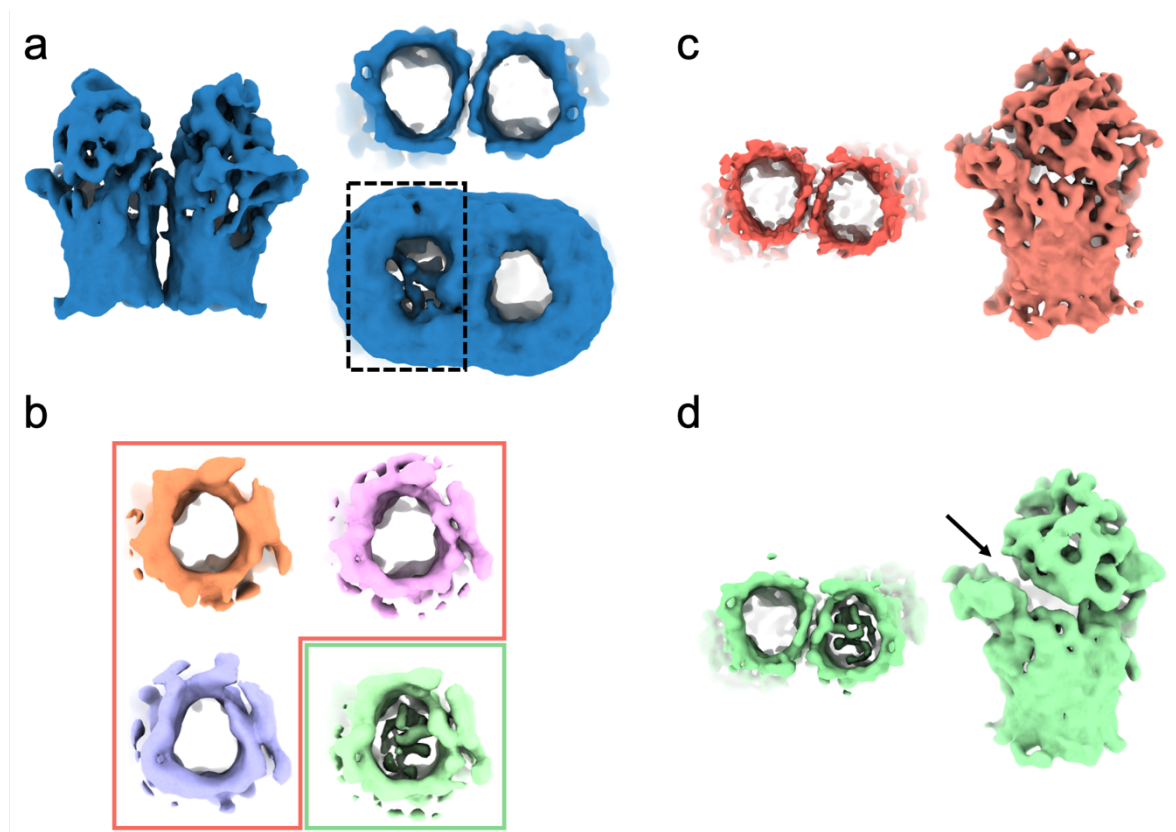
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BT3983	GTKSIM-----QS-SNALYVVDGVP <b>MYSNANKVNGTE----FSSKGNTEP</b> IADI	314
BT4114	GGGSIT-----GD-NTPLFIVDGF <b>PVES-----ISDI</b>	197
BT4121	GISKDG-----GN-STPLI IID <b>DTNG-----QPSMEQ</b> FNML	220
BT4164	GTSTLN-----AS-SDPLIVIDGVP <b>YPTAISDDFNFS----TATEEDL</b> GALLNI	230
BT4168	GIRTLT-----GD-NAPLIVINGV <b>HPMDKTPSALI-----DG</b> FTRDIFQFY	214
BT4660	GVGTLT-----GD-SSPLYIVDGF <b>VEDD-----IDYL</b>	200
BT4671	GGASLN-----AS-NDPLIVLDGVP <b>MEVGG-----ISGGGN</b> FLSLI	215
BACOVA_02096	GTNSFS-----TN-SQPLYIVDGV <b>PFDTGDTPASDT-----NNSQNK</b> SNPLAFI	228
BACOVA_02652	GINSLN-----G--NEPLYVIDGVA <b>ISGNTD-----GNSSV</b> LSSI	213
BACOVA_02742	GSTEMT-----GN-NQPLYVVDGVP <b>LDNTNFGSAGTN----GGFDLGD</b> GISSI	226
BACOVA_03426	TQSSWN-----N--SEPLIIVLDG <b>IERE-----MSSV</b>	203
BACOVA_03428	GSSSLWG-----QQPLVLVDGVP <b>RS-----ASSV</b>	102
BACOVA_04393	GINSLN-----AS-NEPIFVIDG <b>VIDGSTG-----SGSDNA</b> LASI	206
BACOVA_04505	GITTIN-----N--SSPLYVIDG <b>VQTHD-----NVASII</b>	198

BT1763	<b>NGNDIESIQVLKDAASAIYGSRAANGV I I I TTKQKKG</b> -QI-KINFDA SVSASMYQSKM	254
BT2264	<b>NPDDVANMTILKGAATAIYGSRAANGV V M I TTKSGRKE</b> -KGVGIEYNGGVQWSTVLR-L	191
PG0185 RagA	<b>NPDEFMSV LK DASATAIYGSRAANGV V I I TTKGKMS</b> -ERGRITFNASYGISQILN TK	254
BT0268	DISSIESIEI IKDPLQLAKLGPLAANGAIWI TTKDGYGGE--NVSIGVSAGMAFAPSSV	229
BT0272	PLEDIANIQVLKDA AATS LYSGKAYGVIL IETKRGETA-KP-KVSYSANFVVKTPPRLR	288
BT0362	DAYPIESIT I LKDA AATAIYGMRGANGAVLV TTKRGETG-KT-KINF TQEVGFQTIAGIP	265
BT3090	NMADVERVDV LK DASATAIYGSRGANGV V M I TSKRGAEG-AG-KVTVNANWAIQNA TKVP	257
BT3332	NPSDIESLDFLKDASATAIY GARGANGV V I I TTKKGVG-RA-QLSYDGSFGVQHVRTI	249
BT3680	DPADIESF S I LK DASATAVY GTRGANGV V V TTKRKGAG-KL-HVNFKT NATYSYSPRMP	251
BT3702	NPADIE TLTV LK DASATAIYGSRASNGV I I I TTKKGNK-QAPSVSYNGSVSFSKTQKRY	263
BT3983	NPEDIESMSVLTGAAAALYGSDAANGAI I I TTKKKEG--RVNITVNSNVEFNAPLV-M	371
BT4114	PASDIEDMTVLK DASATAIYGSRGANGV I LV TTKSGKEG-KI-SVNYNAYYSWKMAKQL	255
BT4121	DPSEVESITVLRDAS-AAIYGSRAANGAILVKT KRGGK-VP-VISYSGKFAVNDVAVSHS	277
BT4164	SPNDIASVEVLK DASATAIWGTQ GANGLV I KTKQGTVG-KT-RF SFSKWTMKEDPSTI	288
BT4168	HLQDIQNITILKGAE-AA MYGSMG SNGVIL I ETDGTASNDLETRVSYGSGYGINW NDKRM	273
BT4660	SNSDIESIEVLK DASSAIY GARAANGV V LI TTKSGKTG-RP-TITYNGSAS YRKISKKL	258
BT4671	NPNDIESMTVLK DASATAIYGSRASNGV I I I TTKKSGS-DI-KVSFQTTNSIATKTKTS	273
BACOVA_02096	NPHDIQSIDVLK DASATAIYGSRGANGV V I I TTKRGEK-NE-KVEFSANFTFSKIAKRM	286
BACOVA_02652	NPSDIVSMEILK DASATAIYGSRASNGV V LI TTNQKAS-KT-KVSYEGYGLQQLPKKL	271
BACOVA_02742	NADDVENMSVLK GPAASALYGS RASHGV I L I TTKRANKD--KISVEYNGTLT FDTQLAKW	284
BACOVA_03426	DISSVENISVLK DASATAVYGVK GANGLV I L I TTKRGGK-KA-SVQIKANVTAKVASKLP	261
BACOVA_03428	KASEVESISMLK DAAAVLYGSRAAKGV I L I TTKRKGDS--PMHIDVRANVGVNVPKAYP	160
BACOVA_04393	NPSDIVSMDVLK DASATAIY GARAANGV I M I TTKRQKQ- EA-QITYDGYIGWQEMP KKL	264
BACOVA_04505	SSNDVESIQVLKDAASAAIYGAQAANGV I I I TTKRAKEG-DV-KVSFDMSLTAQTF TGGI	256

**Supplementary Figure 12** ClustalOmega alignment of SusC orthologs from *B. theta* and *B. ovatus* with known glycan specificities. The RagA protein from *P. gingivalis* (Pg0285)<sup>17</sup> and Bt2264 SusC, a putative peptide importer<sup>15</sup>, are shown as well. Only the first ~250 amino acids are shown for clarity, as SusCs are usually >1000 residues in length. The NTE is indicated in blue, with the secondary structure from NMR annotated. Residues corresponding to the Ton

box are shown in red, and those for the plug loop in green (dark green for long plug loops and light green for short plug loops). The plug is coloured purple. X-ray crystal structures have been solved for Bt1763 (no plug loop), Bt2264 (long plug loop; PDB ID 5FQ8) and RagA (no plug loop; PDB ID 6SLN). The alignment shows there are three classes of SusC orthologs, with absent, intermediate and long plug loops.



**Supplementary Figure 13** Masked classification approach and outputs. **a**, the closed-closed state observed after global 3D classification viewed in the plane of the membrane (left) and from the periplasm (right). Note that at higher contour levels, density corresponding to the plug domain can be observed in just one of the two Bt1763 barrels. Using the volume eraser tool in Chimera, a mask was generated that encompassed the plugged barrel. ‘Mask create’ in RELION was used to extend this mask by 5 hard and 5 soft pixels. The particle stack contributing to the reconstruction in ‘a’ was subjected to 3D classification with the aforementioned mask applied. Alignment was turned off and the T value was set to 20. This classification successfully separated empty and plugged particles (**b**). Empty and plugged particles were then classified again independently in the absence of a mask. The particles contributing to the best-looking classes were refined and post-processed resulting in the reconstructions shown in **c** and **d**: A ‘true’ closed-closed state lacking density for the plug domain in either barrel (**c**), and a closed-barely open state where clear plug density on only one of the barrels is associated with a partially open position of the Bt1762 lid (**d**).

**Supplementary Table 1** X-ray crystallographic data collection and refinement statistics for Bt1762-63

	apo-Bt1763-63	Bt1762-63 + DP15-25	Bt1762-63 + DP6-12
<b>Data collection<sup>#</sup></b>			
Wavelength (Å)	0.979	0.916	0.978
Space group	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>	C222 <sub>1</sub>
Cell dimensions (Å)			
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	116, 233, 171	120, 235, 169	120, 238, 171
$\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ (°)	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 90
Resolution (Å)	96.25-2.62 (2.66-2.62)*	169.2-2.99 (3.04-2.99)	171.0-2.69 (2.74-2.69)
<i>R</i> <sub>merge</sub>	0.21 (3.08)	0.31 (1.92)	0.22 (1.50)
<i>R</i> <sub>pim</sub>	0.084 (1.22)	0.13 (0.83)	0.085 (0.61)
<i>I</i> / $\sigma$ <i>I</i>	7.0 (0.8)	5.0 (0.7)	6.0 (1.1)
CC1/2	1.00 (0.48)	0.96 (0.63)	0.99 (0.60)
Completeness (%)	99.9 (96.8)	100 (99.3)	100 (100)
Redundancy	7.3 (7.1)	7.2 (6.7)	7.2 (6.9)
Wilson B-factor	52.4	46.7	46.5
<b>Refinement</b>			
Resolution (Å)	85.6-2.62	106.6-3.1	97.5-2.69
No. reflections	69,555	43,398	67,654
<i>R</i> <sub>work</sub> / <i>R</i> <sub>free</sub> (%)	21.8/27.5	20.6/26.8	20.8/27.5
No. atoms			
Protein	10861	11685	11700
ligands	-	80	175
Water	80	-	243
<i>B</i> -factors			
Protein	66	70	49
ligands	-	77	65
Water	56	-	37
R.m.s. deviations			
Bond lengths (Å)	0.009	0.009	0.008
Bond angles (°)	1.02	1.19	1.01
Clashscore	11.5	13.1	8.2
Ramachandran plot			
Favoured (%)	94.0	90.5	94.1
Outliers (%)	0.7	1.0	0.6
PDB ID	6Z8I	6Z9A	6ZAZ

<sup>#</sup> One crystal was used for each data collection.

\* Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell.

**Supplementary Table 2** Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics for Bt1762-63

	Bt1762-63 (OO) (6ZLT) (EMD-11273)	Bt1762-63 (OC) (6ZM1) (EMD-11277)	Bt1762-63 (CC) (6ZLU) (EMD-11274)
<b>Data collection and processing</b>			
Magnification	130,000 x	130,000 x	130,000 x
Voltage (kV)	300	300	300
Electron exposure (e <sup>-</sup> /Å <sup>2</sup> )	63.84	63.84	63.84
Defocus range (μm)	-1.5 to -3.3	-1.5 to -3.3	-1.5 to -3.3
Pixel size (Å)	1.07	1.07	1.07
Symmetry imposed	C2	C1	C2
Initial particle images (no.)		203,450	
Final particle images (no.)	32,190	22,205	17,416
Map resolution (Å)	3.9	4.7	4.2
FSC threshold 0.143			
Map resolution range (Å)	3.5-5.8	4.3-8.3	3.6-7.5
<b>Refinement</b>			
Initial model used (PDB code)	6ZAZ	6ZAZ	6Z8I
Model resolution (Å)	3.4/3.8	4.2/5.8	3.7/7.4
FSC threshold (0.143/0.5)			
Model resolution range (Å)	∞ - 3.9	∞ - 4.7	∞ - 4.2
Map sharpening <i>B</i> factor (Å <sup>2</sup> )	-110	-138.78	-92.95
Model composition			
Non-hydrogen atoms	11,425	22,275	10,850
Protein residues	1,485	2,844	1,359
<i>B</i> factors (Å <sup>2</sup> )			
Protein (SusC/SusD)	36.20	44.40	52.61
R.m.s. deviations			
Bond lengths (Å)	0.005	0.007	0.008
Bond angles (°)	0.867	0.929	0.988
Validation			
MolProbity score	1.93	2.06	2.08
Clashscore	4.76	13.46	17.04
Poor rotamers (%)	1.90	0.95	0
Ramachandran plot			
Favored (%)	92.30	93.55	94.91
Allowed (%)	7.70	6.24	4.65
Disallowed (%)	0	0.21	0.44

**Supplementary Table 3** Heteronuclear experiments and acquisition parameters used for backbone assignments and structure determination of the BT1763 NTE domain.

Parameter	Experiment					
	2D [ <sup>15</sup> N, <sup>1</sup> H]-HSQC	2D [ <sup>13</sup> C, <sup>1</sup> H]-HSQC	3D HNCACB	3D CBCA(CO)NH	3D HHN NOESY	3D HHC NOESY (ali)
<sup>1</sup> H frequency (MHz)	700	700	700	700	700	700
<i>t</i> <sub>1</sub> data points	300	300	64	120	280	280
<i>t</i> <sub>2</sub> data points	2048	2048	96	100	80	80
<i>t</i> <sub>3</sub> data points	-	-	2048	2048	2048	2048
<i>t</i> <sub>1</sub> max (ms)	52.8	14.2	13.2	5.6	90.9	90.9
<i>t</i> <sub>2</sub> max (ms)	90.9	90.9	4.5	17.6	14	3.78
<i>t</i> <sub>3</sub> max (ms)	-	-	104	91.7	12.4	12.4
<i>SW</i> (F1) (ppm)	40	60	34	60	16	16
<i>SW</i> (F2) (ppm)	16	16	60	40	40	60
<i>SW</i> (F3) (ppm)	-	-	14	15.94	16	16
<i>F</i> <sub>1</sub> carrier (ppm)	117	45	120	45	4.71	4.71
<i>F</i> <sub>2</sub> carrier (ppm)	4.71	4.71	45	117	118	45
<i>F</i> <sub>3</sub> carrier (ppm)	-	-	4.74	4.71	4.71	4.71
Interscan delay (s)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
Number of scans	24	24	8	8	4	4
Mixing time (ms)	-	-	-	-	50	50

**Supplementary Table 4** NMR structural statistics of the Bt1763 NTE.

	<b>NTE</b>
<b>NMR distance and dihedral constraints</b>	
Distance constraints	
Total	964
Intra-residue ( $ i - j  = 0$ )	281
Inter-residue	683
Sequential ( $ i - j  = 1$ )	294
Medium-range $1 <  i - j  < 5$	70
Long-range ( $ i - j  > 5$ )	319
Hydrogen bonds	0
Total dihedral angle restraints	106
$\phi$	53
$\psi$	53
<b>Structure statistics</b>	
Violations (mean and s.d.)	
Distance constraints (Å)	0
Dihedral angle constraints (°)	0
Max. dihedral angle violation (°)	0
Max. distance constraint violation (Å)	0
Ramachandran analysis	
Most favored regions	80.1%
Additionally allowed regions	19.8%
Generously allowed regions	0.1%
Disallowed regions	0.0%
Average r.m.s. deviation (Å)	
Heavy atom	1.03
Backbone	0.52
PDB ID	6YTC

**Supplementary Table 5** Affinity of Bt1762-63 for  $\beta$ 2,6 FOS determined by ITC.

Ligand <sup>a</sup>	K <sub>d</sub> ( $\mu$ M)	$\Delta$ G (kJ/mol)	$\Delta$ H (kJ/mol)	T $\Delta$ S (kJ/mol)	N <sup>b</sup>
DP4 (T346)	NB <sup>c</sup>	-	-	-	-
DP5 (T319)	30.5 ( $\pm$ 24.0) <sup>d</sup>	-25.8	-5.3 ( $\pm$ 1.9)	20.5	1.4 ( $\pm$ 0.2)
DP6 (T305)	17.1 ( $\pm$ 3.8)	-27.2	-17.5 ( $\pm$ 1.5)	9.8	1.2 ( $\pm$ 0.04)
DP8 (T174)	1.4 ( $\pm$ 0.2)	-33.4	-44.7 ( $\pm$ 1.8)	-11.3	0.8 ( $\pm$ 0.02)
DP9 (T159)	1.4 ( $\pm$ 0.2)	-33.5	-29.2 ( $\pm$ 1.7)	4.3	0.9 ( $\pm$ 0.02)
DP9 (T159) vs W85A <sup>a</sup>	NB <sup>c</sup>	-	-	-	-
DP11 (T146)	1.4 ( $\pm$ 0.2)	-33.5	-30 ( $\pm$ 1.4)	3.5	1.0 ( $\pm$ 0.02)
~DP12 (T126)	0.6 ( $\pm$ 0.2)	-35.5	-20.9 ( $\pm$ 1.6)	14.5	1.6 ( $\pm$ 0.04)
~DP13 (T118)	0.9 ( $\pm$ 0.2)	-34.6	-41 ( $\pm$ 1.2)	-6.4	1.0 ( $\pm$ 0.02)
~DP13-14 (T117)	0.7 ( $\pm$ 0.1)	-35.2	-33.5 ( $\pm$ 1.0)	1.7	1.0 ( $\pm$ 0.01)
~DP13-14 (T116)	0.8 ( $\pm$ 0.2)	-34.7	-28.1 ( $\pm$ 1.4)	6.5	1.0 ( $\pm$ 0.02)
>DP14 (T115)	1.2 ( $\pm$ 0.1)	-33.8	-30 ( $\pm$ 0.7)	3.3	1.0 ( $\pm$ 0.01)
>DP16 (T114)	NB <sup>c</sup>	-	-	-	-
>DP16 (T113)	NB <sup>c</sup>	-	-	-	-

<sup>a</sup>DP of major species of FOS as determined by MS is shown. Fraction used (tube, T) is shown in brackets. DP4-6 are from a different FOS purification compared to the larger DP oligosaccharides. All titrations are with wild-type Bt1762-1763 complex (C-term His-tagged Bt1762), except DP9 vs W85A, which is a mutant of Bt1762 in the complex.

<sup>b</sup>N is number of binding sites on the protein.

<sup>c</sup>NB – no binding detected.

<sup>d</sup>The data presented are from single titrations (shown in Figure 6 and Supplementary Figure 9) and errors shown in parentheses are of the fit to the data. In all cases multiple 'scoping' experiments (between 2 to 4 for each ligand) were carried out to determine the optimum concentration of protein and ligand to use for obtaining a saturating binding isotherm (or confirm lack of binding). These scoping runs were all consistent with the final titration data shown here.

**Supplementary Table 6** Masses of species observed in the native mass spectra shown in Fig. 7b.

Observed	Assignment Protein + adducts	Number of FOS molecules bound
4uM protein alone		
177405.37±0.66	SusC <sub>1</sub> D <sub>1</sub>	-
354838.36±4.84	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub>	-
4uM protein + 25 µM FOS 159		
177371.32±8.60	SusCD	-
178523.72±60.43	SusCD+1152.4	1
178673.59±19.31	SusCD+1301.7	1
178847.92±14.21	SusCD+1476.6	1
179009.29±18.78	SusCD+1638.0	1
356435.39±83.14	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +1692.75	1
357750.83±3.36	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +3008.19	2
357943.83±9.48	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +3201.19	2
359404.08±18.00	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +4661.44	3
4uM protein + 50 µM FOS 159		
177380.33±14.22	SusCD	-
178544.08±1.58	SusCD+1163.75	1
178697.68±7.11	SusCD+1317.35	1
178861.85±6.69	SusCD+1481.52	1
179023.06±14.31	SusCD+1642.73	1
356515.81±27.06	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +1677.45	1
357791.44±11.15	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +2953.08	2
357980.53±6.36	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +3219.87	2
359446.38±1.34	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +4685.72	3
360665.22±171.0	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +5826.86	4
4uM protein + 100 µM FOS 159		
177399.31±9.10	SusCD	-
178543.78±13.78	SusCD+1163.45	1
178710.08±11.09	SusCD+1329.75	1
178878.88±12.17	SusCD+1498.55	1
179046.44±11.71	SusCD+1666.11	1
180366.35±12.78	SusCD+2986.02	2
180203.41±14.05	SusCD+2823.08	2
180672.93±26.94	SusCD+3292.60	2
357823.34±28.59	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +2984.98	2
357987.55±31.87	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +3149.19	2
359488.15±70.86	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +4649.79	3
360839.11±105.09	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +6001.11	4
361151.03±174.06	SusC <sub>2</sub> D <sub>2</sub> +6312.67	4

**Supplementary Table 7** Primers used to construct Bt1762-63 SusCD mutants.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sequence</b>
TB-fwd	AAAGAAGATAACATTCGAGTCGACCTACGGGAGCATG
TBD-rev	CTTTACGCTGTGTAGTATAATCTACCATCTGGGTATC
TBD-fwd	GATACCCAGATGGTAGATTATACTACACAGCGTAAAG
TB-rev	GGTGGCGGCCGCTCTAGAGAGGGTTACGACGGT
TBM-rev	CTTTACGCTGTGTAGTATAAGCAGCAGCAGCAGCAGCATCTACCATCTGGGTATC
TBM-fwd	GATACCCAGATGGTAGATGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTTATACTACACAGCGTAAAG
Hinge-fwd	AAAGAAGATAACATTCGAGTCGACACAATCTTTCCGTCAGCA
H2D-rev	CGAATTTATACCAGTCAGGATATCTGTTGCTTTC
H2D-fwd	ATCCTGACTGGTATAAATTCGGGTGCAATG
Hinge-rev	CACCGCGGTGGCGGCCGCTCTAGAGATCATTCTTTTATTGA
H1D-rev	TTTGAAACCACCAGGTGCATAGATAGTATAACGGGC
H1D-fwd	TATGCACCTGGTGGTTTCAAACGCAACCAGATCGGT
Trp1-fwd	AAAGAAGATAACATTCGAGTCGACGAAGAGTGTAGTCGGACATAC
Trp2-rev	ATTGATATTCGCGTCGGTGGTATTGATACC
Trp3-fwd	ACCACCGACGCGAATATCAATGATATATGG
Trp4-rev	CACCGCGGTGGCGGCCGCTCTAGACTGAATCAGTGCTTCGGCAC
NTE1-fwd	AAAGAAGATAACATTCGAGTCGACCTACGGGAGCATG
NTE2-rev	AACTTCATCTACCATCTGAATGTTTTGCCCCACAG
NTE3-fwd	CTGTGGGGGCAAACATTCAGATGGTAGATGAAGTT
NTE4-rev	GGTGGCGGCCGCTCTAGAGAGGGTTACGACGGT