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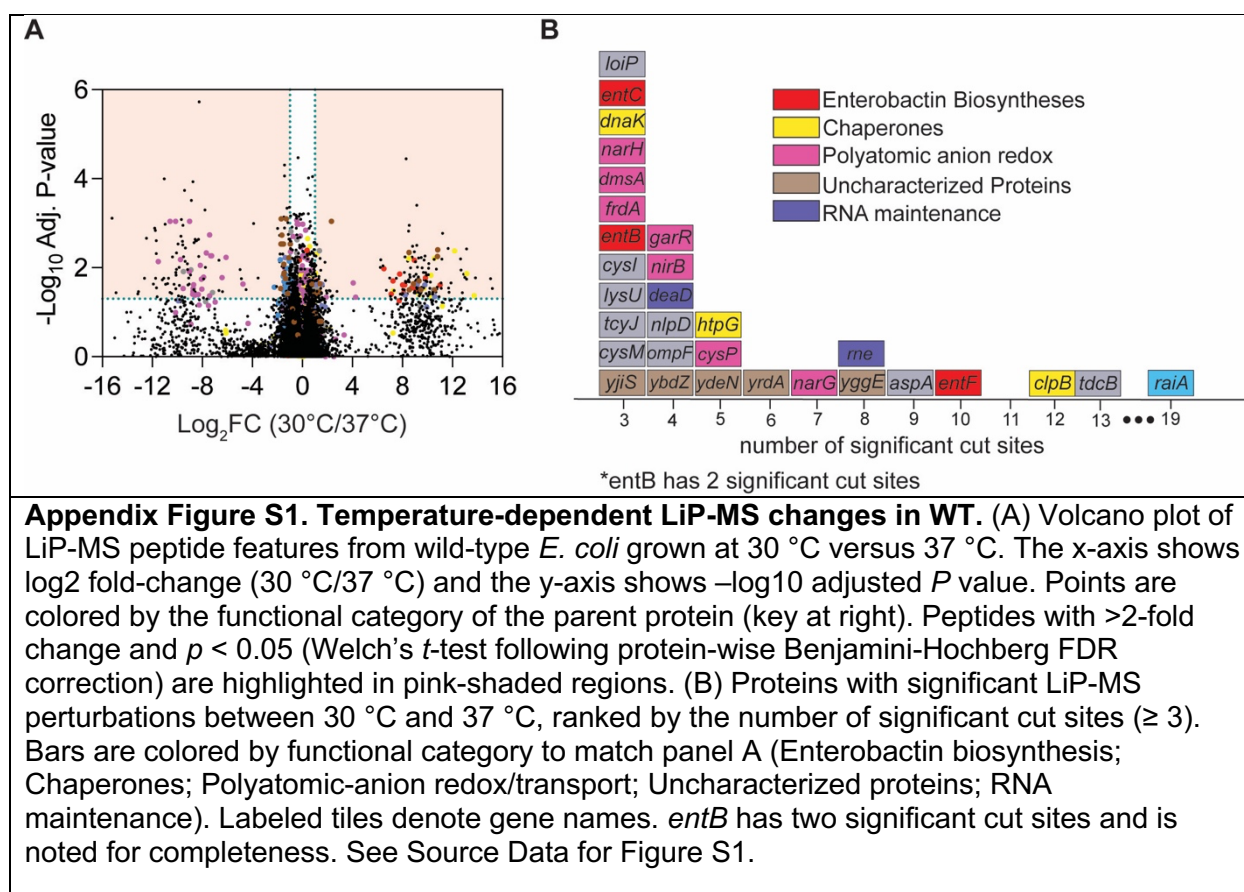
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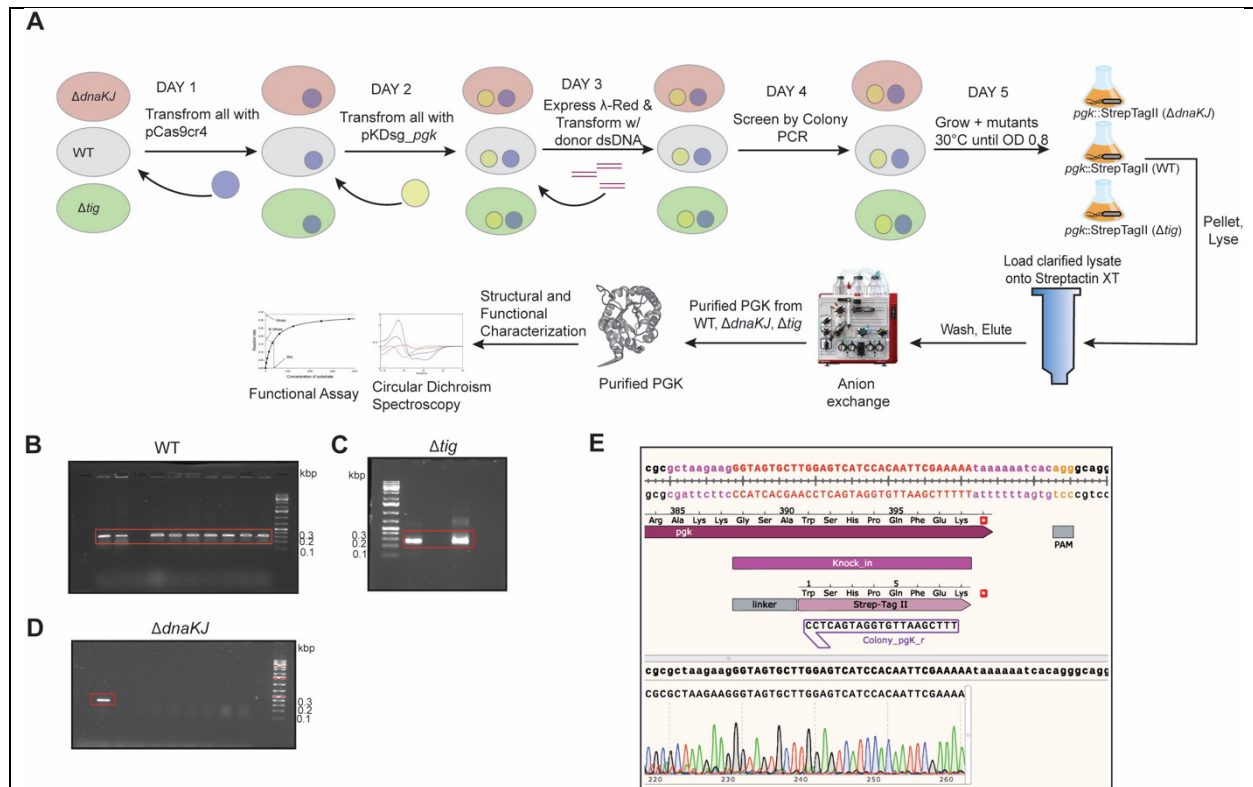
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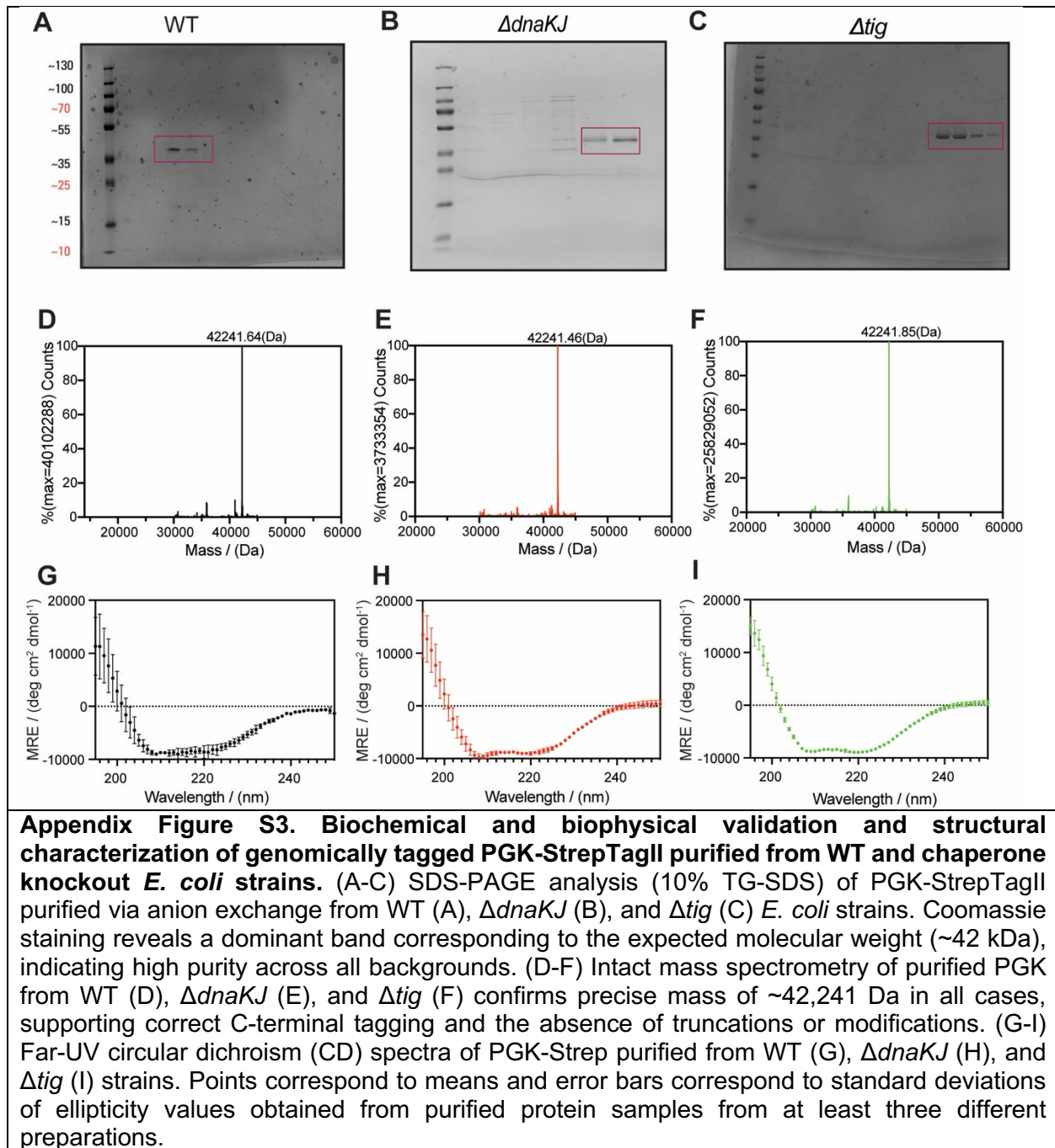
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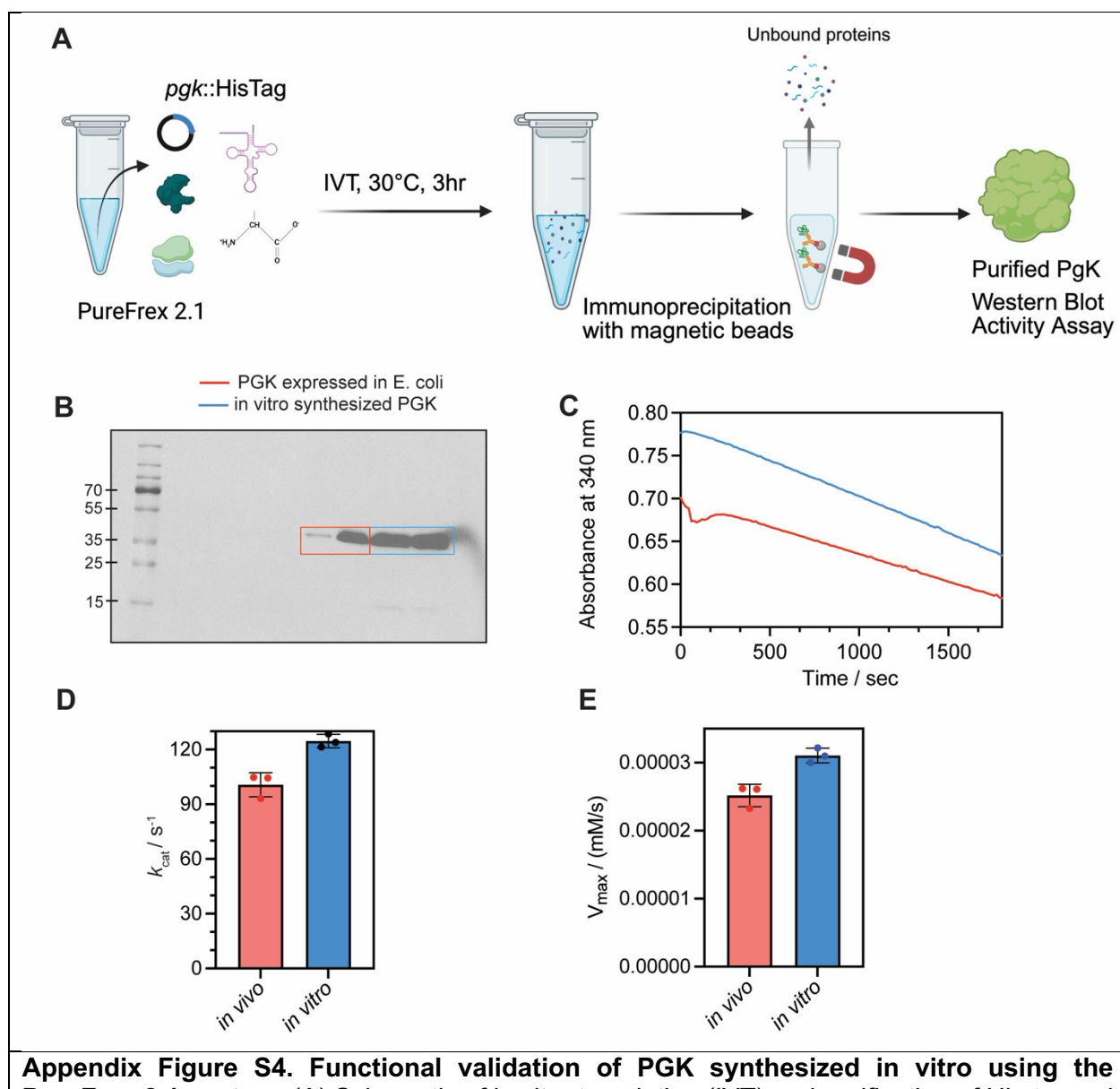
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Appendix Figure S2. Scarless genomic tagging of *pgk* in WT and chaperone knockout *E. coli* strains for downstream structural and functional characterization. (A) Schematic overview of the CRISPR-Cas9-assisted, scarless genomic tagging workflow used to insert a C-terminal Strep-tag II at the endogenous *pgk* locus in WT, $\Delta dnaKJ$, and Δtig *E. coli* strains. The strategy involves sequential transformations using a λ -Red recombination system and a two-plasmid setup—pCas9cr4 for Cas9 expression and pKDsg_*pgk* for sgRNA delivery along with donor double-stranded DNA (dsDNA). Mutant clones were screened via colony PCR, and the tagged PGK protein was expressed and purified from clarified lysates using StrepTactin XT affinity chromatography followed by anion exchange. (B–D) Representative colony PCR gels showing successful integration of the tag at the *pgk* locus in WT (B), Δtig (C), and $\Delta dnaKJ$ (D) strains. (E) Sequence confirmation of correct C-terminal tagging of *pgk* using Sanger sequencing. The integration site, coding sequence, and inserted Strep-tag II are annotated, with the PAM site and linker sequence highlighted.





Appendix Figure S4. Functional validation of PGK synthesized in vitro using the PureFrex 2.1 system. (A) Schematic of in vitro translation (IVT) and purification of His-tagged PGK using the PUREfrex 2.1 system. The *pgk::HisTag* plasmid was added to the IVT reaction mixture and incubated at 30°C for 3 h. PGK was subsequently purified using Ni-NTA magnetic beads. (B) Western blot confirming successful synthesis of PGK. Lane 1-2: PGK expressed from *E. coli*. Lane 3-4: PGK synthesized *in vitro* using PUREfrex. Both bands migrate at the expected size. (C) Sample raw time-course data of PGK activity monitored by NADH absorbance decrease at 340 nm using a coupled assay (3-phosphoglycerate [3-PG] = 5 mM, [PGK] = 0.00025 μ M for both). (D, E) Saturating rate constant of PGK produced *in vivo* (red) and *in vitro* (blue). Bar graphs show k_{cat} (D) and V_{max} (E), demonstrating that PGK synthesized *in vitro* is enzymatically active and comparable in activity to its *in vivo*-expressed counterpart. Points represent values for three technical replicates and error bars represent standard deviation. See Source Data for Figure S4D-E.

Appendix Table S1. Primer sequences used in this study for scarless CRISPR-mediated Strep-TagII knock-in at the *pgk* locus.

Primer Name	Sequence
ColonyPCR_ <i>pgK</i> _F_knockIN	5' aaccattctgtggaacgg
ColonyPCR_ <i>pgK</i> _R	5' ttcgaattgtggatgactcc
Amplify_geneblock_ <i>pgK</i> _F	5' caaaatctcctacatctccactggcgg
Amplify_geneblock_ <i>pgK</i> _R	5' tgtcgccttcctgcaactcgaattatttagag
Backbone_Cas9_F	5' ttgatatcgagctcgc
Backbone_Cas9_R	5' tttagcttccttagctcctg
QuickChange_pkD_ <i>pgK</i> _f_protospacer	5' gctaagaagtaaaaaatcacgtgctcagtatctctatcactga
QuickChange_pkd_ <i>pgK</i> _r_protospacer	5' gtgattttttacttcttagcgtttagagctagaaatagcaag