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**Structures of major pilins in *Clostridium perfringens* demonstrate dynamic conformational change**

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**Table S1.** Plasmids used.

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pGST-cppA	Expression vector for a gultathione-S-transferase fusion CppA-St13
pGALK	Suicide vector for in-frame deletion (Nariya <i>et al.</i> , 2011)
pΔ <i>cppA</i>	Suicide vector for preparing <i>cppA</i> -deficient mutant strain. Upstream and downstream (1 kb) of <i>cppA</i> -St13 were cloned into <i>Bam</i> HI - <i>Pst</i> I site of pGALK.
pΔ <i>cppBA</i>	Suicide vector for preparing <i>cppBA</i> -deficient mutant strain. Upstream and downstream (1 kb) of <i>cppBA</i> -St13 were cloned into <i>Bam</i> HI - <i>Pst</i> I site of pGALK.
pΔ <i>srtC</i>	Suicide vector for preparing <i>srtC</i> -deficient mutant strain. Upstream and downstream (1 kb) of <i>srtC</i> -St13 were cloned into <i>Bam</i> HI - <i>Pst</i> I site of pGALK.
pJIR418	<i>C. perfringens</i> - <i>E. coli</i> shuttle vector (Sloan <i>et al.</i> , 1992)
p <i>cppA</i>	<i>cppBA</i> promoter and <i>cppA</i> -St13 gene were cloned into <i>Eco</i> RI - <i>Sph</i> I site of pJIR418
p <i>srtC</i>	<i>srtC</i> -St13 gene with its promoter were cloned into <i>Eco</i> RI - <i>Bam</i> HI site of pJIR418
pColdI <i>CppA</i> -St13	Expression vector for N-terminal His-tagged CppA-St13 lacking N-terminal signal peptide and C-terminal transmembrane domain. The gene was cloned into <i>Nde</i> I - <i>Xho</i> I site of pColdI (TaKaRa).
pColdI <i>CppA</i> -SM	Expression vector for N-terminal His-tagged CppA-SM101 lacking N-terminal signal peptide and C-terminal transmembrane domain. The gene was cloned into <i>Nde</i> I - <i>Xho</i> I site of pColdI.
pColdI <i>CppA</i> -D1D2-St13	Expression vector for D1-D2 domain of CppA-St13. The gene was cloned into <i>Nde</i> I - <i>Xho</i> I site of pColdI.
pETS <i>r</i> tC-SM	A vector expressing <i>SrtC</i> -SM101 fused with His-Tag at the C terminus. The synthesized <i>srtC</i> DNA, the region excluding N-terminal signal peptide and C-terminal transmembrane region, was cloned into the <i>Nde</i> I - <i>Xho</i> I site of pET22b.

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In the vector containing the mutated gene, the mutation site is described after the name of the plasmid.

**Table S2.** Data collection statistics of SeMetCppA-D1D2-St13.

Values in parentheses are for the highest resolution bin.

	Peak	Edge	Remote
Beamline/Radiation source		PF BL5A	
Detector		PILATUS3-S-2M	
Temperature (K)		100	
Wavelength (Å)	0.97920	0.97934	0.96411
Resolution range (Å)	47.80 – 2.64 (2.71 – 2.64)		
No. of measured refs.	157,099 (12,162)	157,322 (12,172)	156,864 (12,229)
No. of unique refs.	22,275 (1,667)	22,293 (1,667)	22,213 (1,672)
Redundancy	5.3 (5.4)	6.5 (6.5)	3.4 (3.6)
Completeness (%)	99.9 (100.0)	99.9 (100.0)	99.9 (100.0)
Mean $I_o/\sigma(I_o)$	24.6 (4.7)	24.9 (4.7)	23.7 (4.1)
$R_{merge}$ (%)†	6.0 (47.5)	6.1 (48.3)	6.6 (55.4)
$R_{p.i.m.}$ (%)‡	2.5 (19.0)	2.5 (19.4)	2.7 (23.1)
CC <sub>1/2</sub>	0.999 (0.972)	0.999 (0.970)	0.999 (0.961)
Space group		<i>C</i> 222	
Unit cell parameters	$a = 89.14 \text{ \AA}$	$a = 89.16 \text{ \AA}$	$a = 89.05 \text{ \AA}$
	$b = 142.04 \text{ \AA}$	$b = 142.08 \text{ \AA}$	$b = 141.93 \text{ \AA}$
	$c = 61.75 \text{ \AA}$	$c = 61.76 \text{ \AA}$	$c = 61.68 \text{ \AA}$

†  $R_{merge} = \frac{\sum_{hkl} \sum_i |I_i(hkl) - \langle I(hkl) \rangle|}{\sum_{hkl} \sum_i I_i(hkl)}$ , where  $I_i(hkl)$  is the intensity value of the  $i$ th measurement of reflection  $hkl$  and  $\langle I(hkl) \rangle$  is the mean value of  $I(hkl)$  for all  $i$  measurements.

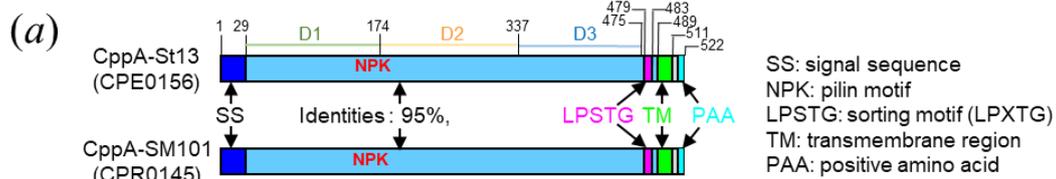
‡  $R_{p.i.m.} = \frac{\sum_{hkl} \{1/[N(hkl) - 1]\}^{1/2} \sum_i |I_i(hkl) - \langle I(hkl) \rangle|}{\sum_{hkl} \sum_i I_i(hkl)}$ , where  $N(hkl)$  is the multiplicity of reflection  $hkl$ .

**Table S3.** Phi - Psi angles of the residues in the loop connecting D1 and D2 in CppA-St13 and CppA-SM101.

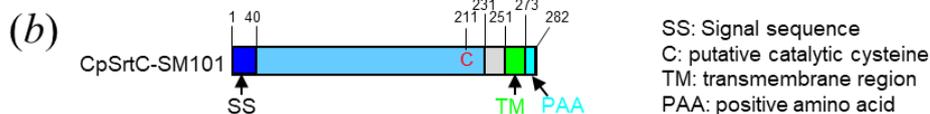
	CppA-St13		CppA-SM101	
	Phi (°)	Psi (°)	Phi (°)	Psi (°)
Ile171	-131	127	-132	114
Asn172	-98	122	-98	103
Pro173	-47	145	-70	154
Lys174	-97	78	-61	133
Asp175	-137	171	-84	98
Asn176	-128	157	-76	141
Thr177	-122	109	-108	157
Pro178	-74	152	-60	136
Ile179	-126	153	-104	130
Leu180	21	146	28	133

## Figure S1

Amino acid sequences of CppA-St13, CppA-SM101, and CpSrtC-SM101. (a) Schematic drawings and alignment of amino acid sequences of CppA-St13 and CppA-SM101. The amino acids residues for X-ray structure determination are indicated by blue boxes. Unconserved residues are shown in yellow. (b) Schematic drawing of the amino acid sequence of CpSrtC-SM101. The amino acids residues for X-ray structure determination are indicated by blue boxes.



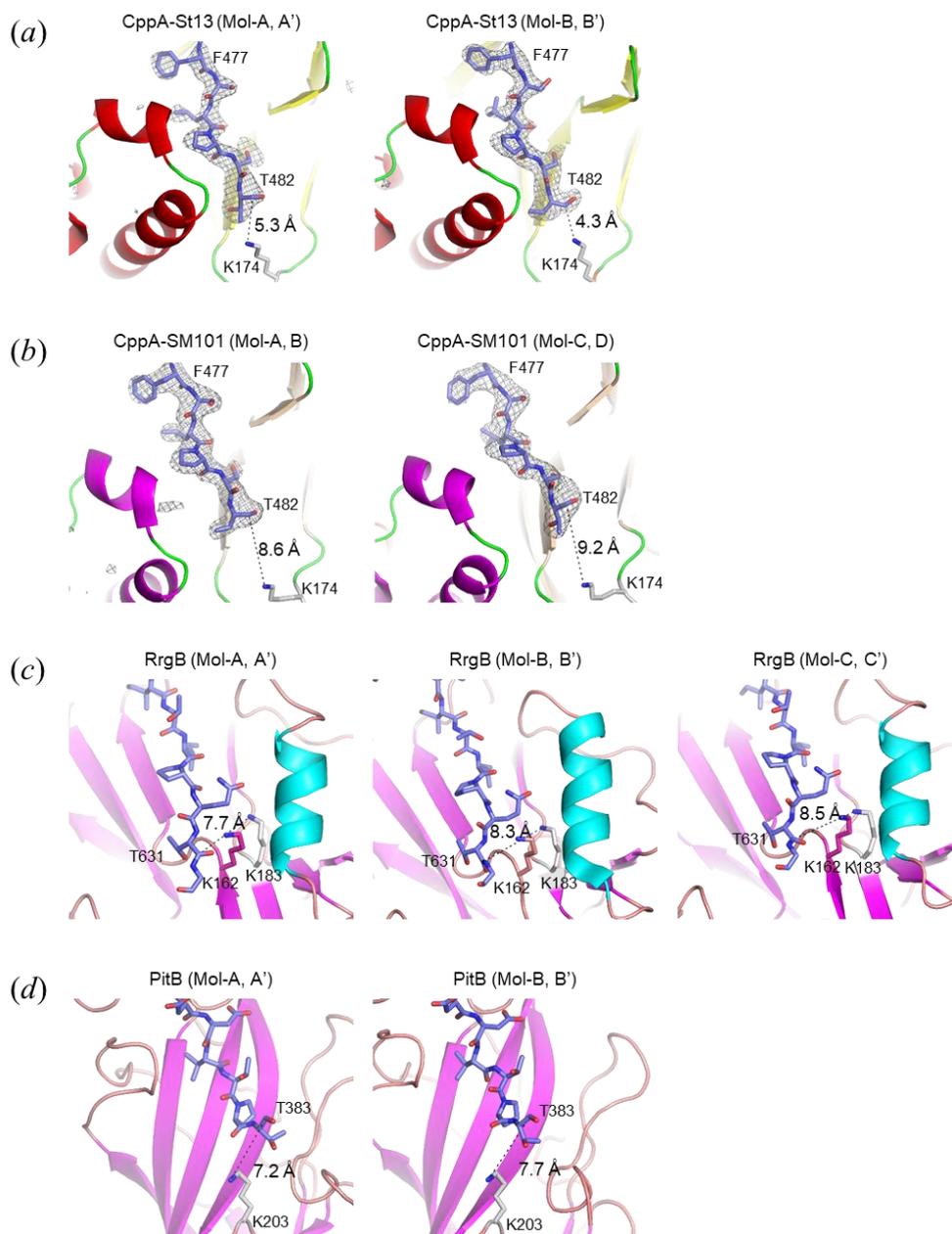
CppA-St13	1'	MKNNILK <sup>1</sup> KFS	FMMVFIFVFI	TT <sup>2</sup> SIPVFAAT	PSISKDAPIK	GSITISKKGA	TFTAYKLLDA
CppA-SM101	1'	MKNNILK <sup>1</sup> KFS	FMMVFIFVFI	TT <sup>2</sup> SIPVFAAT	PSISKDAPIK	GSITISKKGA	TFTAYKLLDA
CppA-St13	61'	KSGDAYEYS	VNSDLKDFFN	NSNYGSYSQE	SIQKL <sup>3</sup> GE <sup>4</sup> V	KEFA <sup>5</sup> NLHKY	IL <sup>6</sup> NKKS <sup>7</sup> SG <sup>8</sup> E
CppA-SM101	61'	KSGDAYEYS	VNSDLKDFFN	NSNYGSYSQE	SIQKL <sup>3</sup> GE <sup>4</sup> V	KEFA <sup>5</sup> NLHKY	VL <sup>6</sup> NKKS <sup>7</sup> SG <sup>8</sup> E
CppA-St13	121'	L <sup>1</sup> DGQ <sup>2</sup> KNTVD	LGYYLVTE <sup>3</sup> PS	SDSEGA <sup>4</sup> AVAS	TP <sup>5</sup> IIVSV <sup>6</sup> PQV	SGDSWNYDVT	IN <sup>7</sup> PKDN <sup>8</sup> TPIL
CppA-SM101	121''	L <sup>1</sup> DGQ <sup>2</sup> KNTVD	LGYYLVTE <sup>3</sup> AS	SDSEGA <sup>4</sup> AVAS	TP <sup>5</sup> IIVSV <sup>6</sup> PQV	SGDSWNYDVT	IN <sup>7</sup> PKDN <sup>8</sup> TPIL
CppA-St13	181'	EKNIVKENQR	VKTSS <sup>1</sup> ENIGD	VVKYEVKASI	PVYQKNAQ <sup>2</sup> I	MYKFTD <sup>3</sup> TMSK	GLTYDEK <sup>4</sup> TGF
CppA-SM101	181''	EKNIVKENQR	VKTSS <sup>1</sup> ENIGD	VVKYEVKASI	PVYQKNAQ <sup>2</sup> I	MYKFTD <sup>3</sup> TMSK	GLTYDEK <sup>4</sup> TGF
CppA-St13	241'	KVTS <sup>1</sup> GD <sup>2</sup> KVFA	KD <sup>3</sup> DYTV <sup>4</sup> VK	KQEDG <sup>5</sup> TVIT	INFVYENIKA	YAETG <sup>6</sup> ITLNY	QATLNK <sup>7</sup> D <sup>8</sup> AVI
CppA-SM101	241''	KVTS <sup>1</sup> GD <sup>2</sup> KVFA	KD <sup>3</sup> DYTV <sup>4</sup> VK	KQEDG <sup>5</sup> TVIT	INFVYENIKA	YAETG <sup>6</sup> ITLNY	QATLNK <sup>7</sup> D <sup>8</sup> AVI
CppA-St13	301'	SNKENLGN <sup>1</sup> TN	NIQLDY <sup>2</sup> TNPN	HVKDSYK <sup>3</sup> KL <sup>4</sup> T	DKV <sup>5</sup> TY <sup>6</sup> TF <sup>7</sup> GF	GITK <sup>8</sup> VDSELN	SKLLQGA <sup>9</sup> EFS
CppA-SM101	301''	SNKENLGN <sup>1</sup> TN	NIQLDY <sup>2</sup> TNPN	HVKDSYK <sup>3</sup> KL <sup>4</sup> T	DKV <sup>5</sup> TY <sup>6</sup> TF <sup>7</sup> GF	GITK <sup>8</sup> VDSELN	SKLLQGA <sup>9</sup> EFS
CppA-St13	361'	VK <sup>1</sup> D <sup>2</sup> SG <sup>3</sup> K <sup>4</sup> VA	KYTYDEK <sup>5</sup> QV	V <sup>6</sup> LSGNGVTN	SKG <sup>7</sup> IT <sup>8</sup> TF <sup>9</sup> GL	KEGKY <sup>10</sup> ITEE	VAPSGY <sup>11</sup> SLLK
CppA-SM101	361''	VK <sup>1</sup> D <sup>2</sup> SG <sup>3</sup> K <sup>4</sup> VA	KYTYDEK <sup>5</sup> QV	V <sup>6</sup> LSGNGVTN	SKG <sup>7</sup> IT <sup>8</sup> TF <sup>9</sup> GL	KEGKY <sup>10</sup> ITEE	VAPSGY <sup>11</sup> SLLK
CppA-St13	421'	NPVEV <sup>1</sup> TITAN	KDESG <sup>2</sup> YTGA	ATIEISNGNK	AGQIINDISE	DGNILFN <sup>7</sup> VQ	IENHAG <sup>8</sup> FSLP
CppA-SM101	421''	NPVEV <sup>1</sup> TITAN	KDESG <sup>2</sup> YTGA	ATIEISNGNK	AGQIINDISE	DGNILFN <sup>7</sup> VQ	IENHAG <sup>8</sup> FSLP
CppA-St13	481'	ST <sup>1</sup> GL <sup>2</sup> QNT <sup>3</sup> GF	IKIAI <sup>4</sup> ILLSI	VCV <sup>5</sup> LAILGLG	YTKFENS <sup>6</sup> RRT	FN	
CppA-SM101	481''	ST <sup>1</sup> GL <sup>2</sup> QNT <sup>3</sup> GF	IKIAI <sup>4</sup> ILLSI	VCV <sup>5</sup> LSILGLG	YTKFENS <sup>6</sup> RRT	FN	



CpSrtC-SM101	1	MNFDIALDFL	KRLKRIYFSI	LILITLIALG	FLLYPFSFNY	INNKFVAVSTI	SDYTEKINNV
CpSrtC-SM101	61	KDEEVDDLK	NINKYNYDLF	NGTAENQLPD	YLN <sup>1</sup> IHEGDVL	GYIEIPSINI	KLPIIYGT <sup>2</sup> SV
CpSrtC-SM101	121	DILKKG <sup>1</sup> VGL	EGTSLP <sup>2</sup> VGGE	NTHSVLSAHT	GLANQ <sup>3</sup> KLFTD	IDK <sup>4</sup> LKGDV <sup>5</sup> F	YLHILK <sup>6</sup> DLA
CpSrtC-SM101	181	YKVNQIK <sup>1</sup> VVH	PDEIDELKIS	DDKDYV <sup>2</sup> TL <sup>3</sup> LT	CYPY <sup>4</sup> GINTER	LLVRGERT <sup>5</sup> DL	SPSNVEQ <sup>6</sup> VQK
CoSrtC-SM101	241	EISTFNHSNE	NLILIV <sup>1</sup> IILN	SVL <sup>2</sup> LIIFLLF	LIM <sup>3</sup> KFK <sup>4</sup> NK <sup>5</sup> SR		

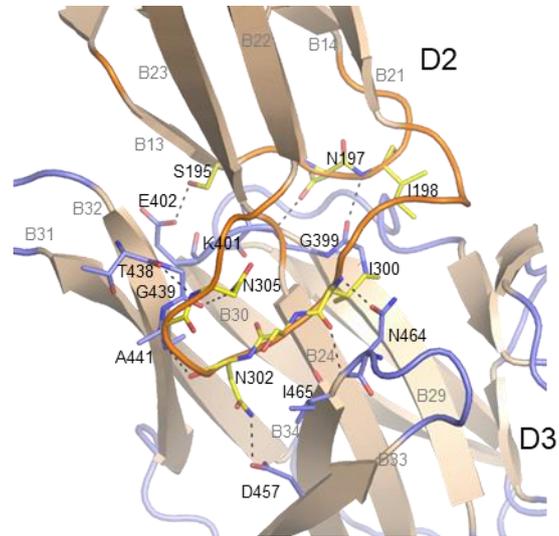
## Figure S2

Spatial arrangements of Lys residues in pilin motifs and CWSSs. (a) Structures of Lys174 residues and CWSSs of Mol-A/A' and Mol-B/B' of CppA-St13 are illustrated with the distances between Thr482(C)-Lys174(N $\zeta$ ) presented as dotted lines. Omit map at the 3.5  $\sigma$  contour level is shown for Phe477 – Thr482. (b) Structures of Lys174 residues and CWSSs of Mol-A/B and Mol-C/D of CppA-SM101 are illustrated with the distances between Thr482(C)-Lys174(N $\zeta$ ) presented as dotted lines. Omit map at the 3.5  $\sigma$  contour level is shown for Phe477 – Thr482. (c) Structures of Lys183 residues and CWSSs of Mol-A/A', Mol-B/B', and Mol-C/C' of RrgB (PDB: 2Y1V) are illustrated with the distances between Thr631(C)-Lys183(N $\zeta$ ) presented as dotted lines. Note that Lys162 is between Lys183 and Thr631 to prevent them from contacting each other. (d) Structures of Lys203 residues and CWSSs of Mol-A/A' and Mol-B/B' of PitB (PDB: 4S3L) are illustrated with the distances between Thr383(C)-Lys203(N $\zeta$ ) presented as dotted lines. Note that Lys203(N $\zeta$ ) does not direct to Thr383(C).



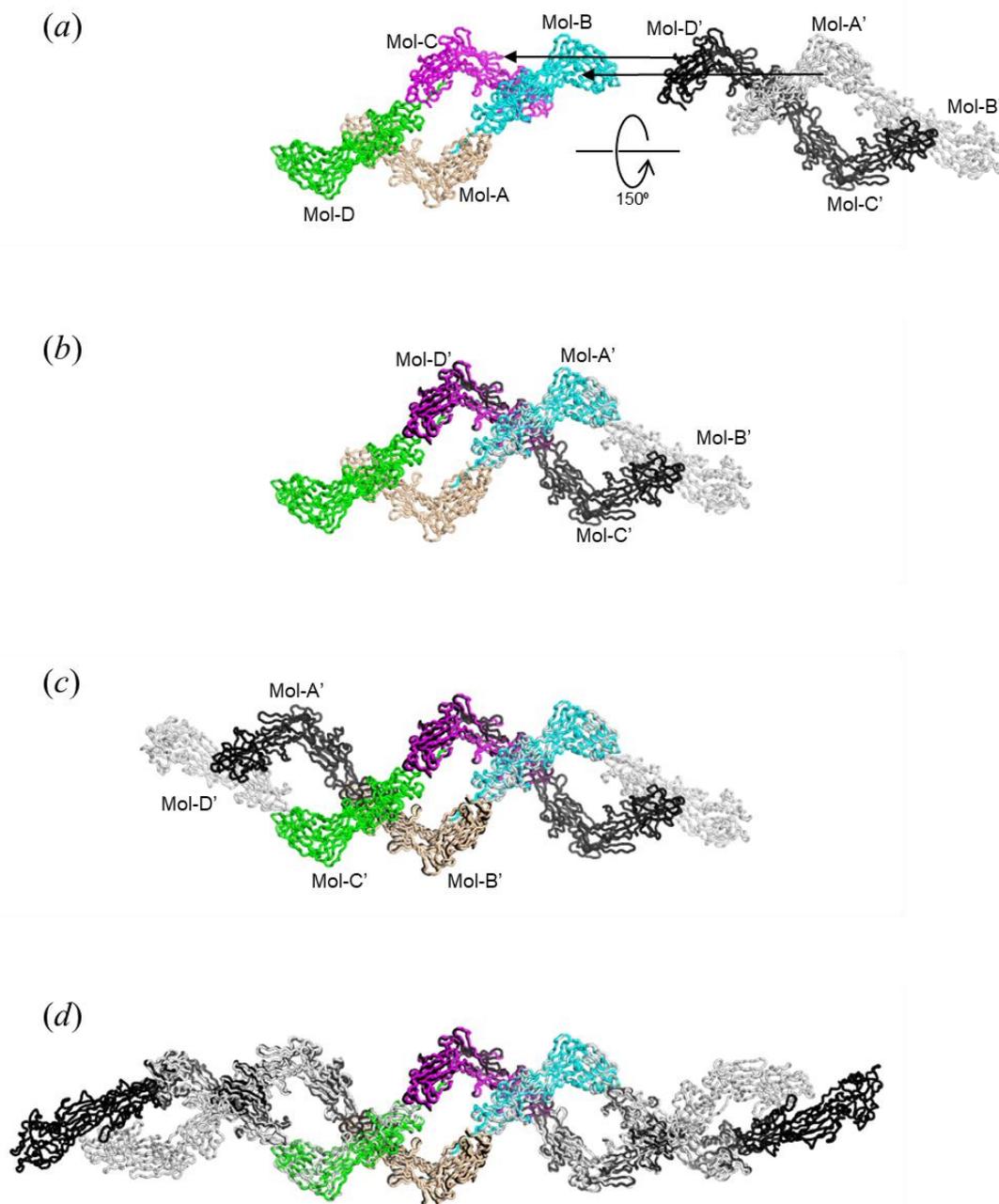
**Figure S3**

The interface between D1 and D2 of CppA-SM101. The structure of the interface between D2 and D3 of CppA-SM101 is illustrated. The amino acid residues of D2 and D3 are shown in yellow and blue, respectively.



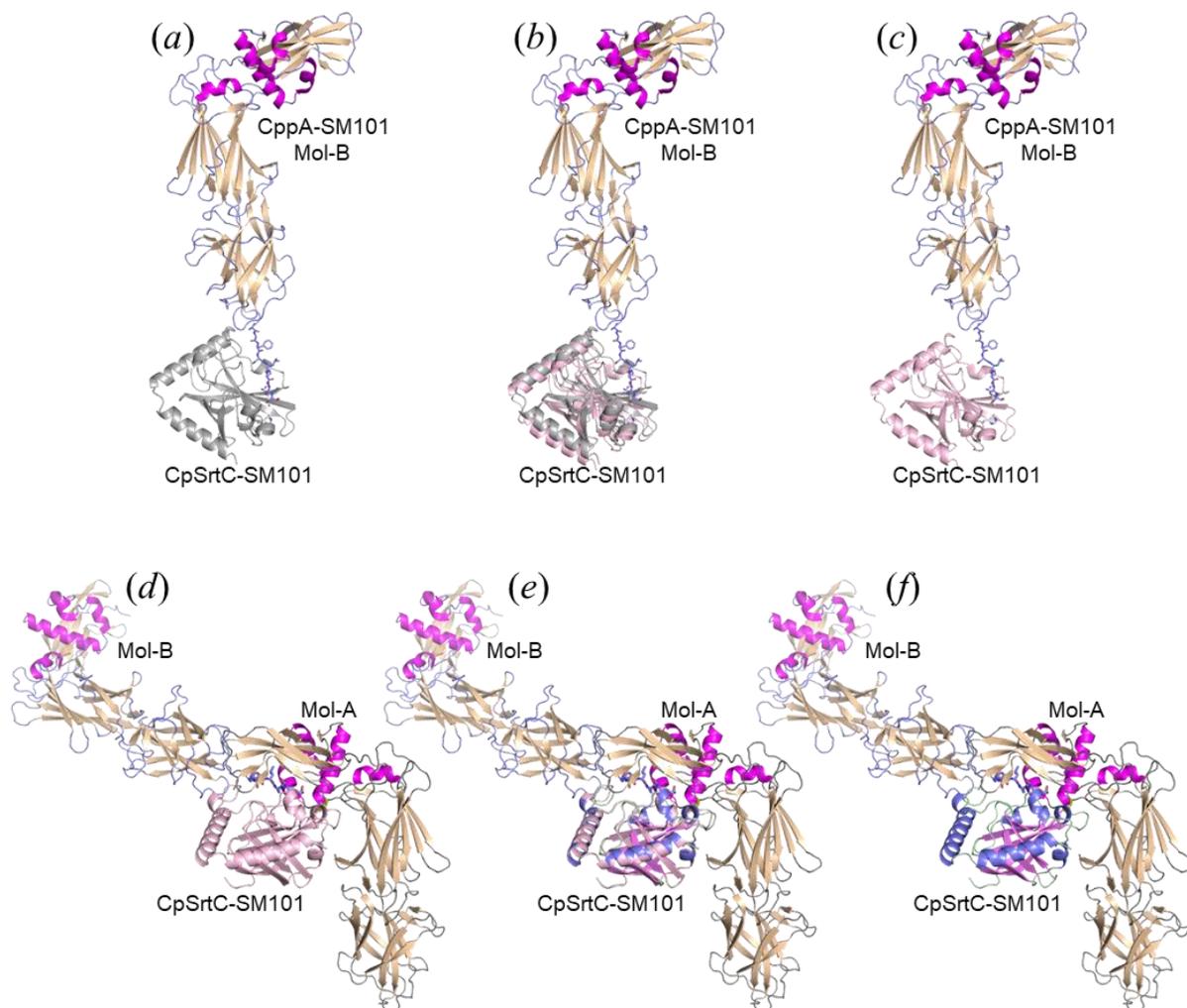
### Figure S4

The procedure to build a model of a polymeric structure with a zigzag-shape of CppA-SM101. (a) Two dimers of CppA-SM101 (Mol-A, -B, -C, and -D) and two dimers with 150° rotation around the horizontal axis (Mol-A', -B', -C', and -D') are illustrated. Mol-A' and Mol-D' could be superimposed on Mol-B and Mol-C, respectively. (b) The superimposed model is illustrated. Note that two molecules (Mol-B' and Mol-C') are added to the model on the right side. (c) The model with the addition of two molecules (Mol-A' and Mol-D') on the left side is illustrated. The model includes eight molecules, and each chain has four molecules. (d) The polymeric structure model with 12 molecules, with each chain comprising six molecules, is illustrated.



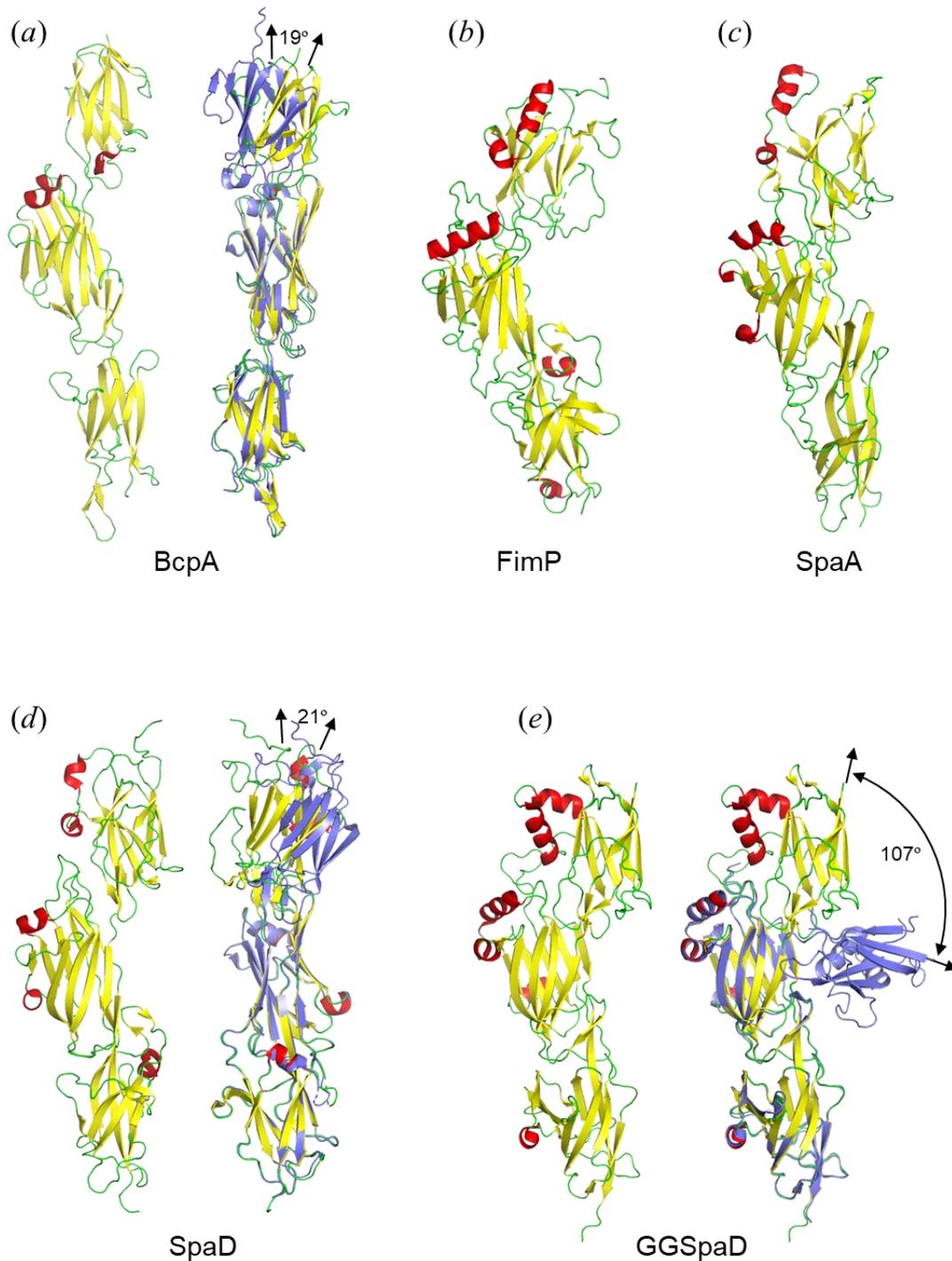
### Figure S5

The procedure to build the preliminary docking model of CpSrtC-SM101 and CppA-SM101. (a) Using the program Coot (37), CpSrtC-SM101 was manually moved close to the C-terminal loop of CppA-SM101 (Mol-B) from the opposite side of Mol-A in Fig. 5g, so that CWSS of CppA-SM101 fitted into the CWSS-binding groove of CpSrtC-SM101. (b) A structural energy minimization calculation was carried out by CNS (39) with Engh and Huber stereochemical parameters using a model-minimization protocol. Only the structure of CpSrtC-SM101 was included in the calculation as a rigid group, while the structure of CppA-SM101 (Mol-B) was fixed. The energy-minimized model of CpSrtC-SM101 is shown in pink. (c) The docking model of CpSrtC-SM101 and CppA-SM101 (Mol-B) is illustrated. This structure is shown in Fig. 7b. (d) The structure of CppA-SM101 (Mol-A) is superimposed in the docking model of CpSrtC-SM101 and CppA-SM101 (Mol-B). (e) To avoid unusual short contacts between molecules, a structural energy minimization calculation was carried out. The structures of CpSrtC-SM101 and CppA-SM101 (Mol-A) were included in the calculation, while the structure of CppA-SM101 (Mol-B) was fixed. The energy-minimized model of CpSrtC-SM101 is shown in blue and violet. (f) The docking model of CpSrtC-SM101 and dimer of CppA-SM101 (Mol-A and Mol-B) is illustrated. This structure is shown in Fig. 8c.



**Figure S6**

Structures of pilins from other bacteria. (a) The structure of BcpA (Mol-A), and its side view with another crystallographically independent molecule (blue) are illustrated. (b) The structure of FimP is illustrated. (c) The structure of SpaA is illustrated. (d) The structure of SpaD (Mol-A) and its side view with another crystallographically independent molecule (blue) are illustrated. (e) The structures of GGSpaD in an elongated structure and a bent structure (blue) are illustrated. Note that two drawings are viewed from the same direction to show the movement of D1 clearly.



**Figure S7**

Structural comparison between CppA-SM101 and GGSpaD in the bent structure. (a) The structure of CppA-SM101 is illustrated viewing from three directions (front, side, and top). Lys174 is shown with a sphere model. (b) The bent structure of GGSpaD is illustrated viewing from three directions (front, side, and top). Lys180 is shown with a sphere model.

