

Supplemental Information

Interaction of Substrates with γ -Secretase at the Level of Individual Transmembrane Helices—A Methodological Approach

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Table S1. Sequences and frames of all TMDs used in manual testting (approach 1).

APP (A4_human)	NMR ¹	...SNKGAIIGLMVGGVVIATVIVITLVMKKQY... ¹
	frame ² 0	...GAIIGLMVGGVVIATVIVITLVM
	frame 1	..LGAIIGLMVGGVVIATVIVITLVM.
	frame 2	.LLGAIIGLMVGGVVIATVIVITLV..
	frame 3	LLLGAIIIGLMVGGVVIATVIVITL...
Notch 1 (NOTC1_human)	NMR ¹	...PAQLHFMVAAAAFVLLFFVGCGVLLSRKRR... ¹
	frame 0	...FMYVAAAFAVLLFFVGCGVLL
	frame 1	..LFMYVAAAFAVLLFFVGCGVL.
	frame 2	.LLFMYVAAAFAVLLFFVGCGV..
	frame 3	LLLFBMYVAAAFAVLLFFVGCG...
ErbB4 (ERBB4_human)	NMR ¹	...HARTPLIAAGVIGGLFILVIVGLTFAVYVRRKSI... ¹
	frame 0	...LIAAGVIGGLFILVIVGLTFAVYV
	frame 1	..LLIAAGVIGGLFILVIVGLTFAVY.
	frame 2	.LLLIAAGVIGGLFILVIVGLTFAV..
	frame 3	LLLIAAGVIGGLFILVIVGLTFA...
N-Cadherin (CADH2_human)	predicted ³	...LGTGAIIAIALLCIIILLLILVLMFVVWMKRRD... ³
	frame 0	...GAIIAIALLCIIILLLILVLMFVVW
	frame 1	..LGAIIAIALLCIIILLLILVLMFVV.
	frame 2	.LLGAIIAIALLCIIILLLILVLMFV..
	frame 3	LLLGAIIAIIALLCIIILLLILVLMF...
Integrin β1 (ITB1_human)	predicted ³	...PTGPDIPIPIVAGVVAGIVLIGLALLLIWKLMI... ³
	frame 0	...IIPIVAGVVAGIVLIGLALLLIW
	frame 1	..LIIPIVAGVVAGIVLIGLALLLI.
	frame 2	.LIIPIVAGVVAGIVLIGLALLL..
	frame 3	LLLIIPIVAGVVAGIVLIGLALL...
Nicastrin⁴	frame 0	...LITLTVGFGILIFSLIVTY
	frame 1	..LLITLTVGFGILIFSLIVT.
	frame 2	.LLLITLTVGFGILIFSLIV..
	frame 3	LLLLITLTVGFGILIFSLI...
PEN-2⁴	frame 0	...AVGFLFWVIVLTSWITIFQIY
	frame 1	..LAVGFLFWVIVLTSWITIFQI.
	frame 2	.LLAVGFLFWVIVLTSWITIFQ..
	frame 3	LLLAVGFLFWVIVLTSWITIF...
PS1 TMD1⁴	frame 0	HVIMLFVPVTLCMVVVVATI...
	frame 1	.VIMLFVPVTLCMVVVVATIL..
	frame 2	..IMLFVPVTLCMVVVVATILL.
	frame 3	...MLFVPVTLCMVVVVATILL
PS1 TMD2⁴	frame 0	...ILNAAIMISVIVVMTILLVVLY
	frame 1	..LILNAAIMISVIVVMTILLVVL.
	frame 2	.LLILNAAIMISVIVVMTILLVV..

	frame 3	LLLILNAAIMISVIVVMILLV...
PS1 TMD3⁴ 5	frame 0	VIHAWLIISLLLLFFFSFIYLG...
	frame 1	.IHAWLIISLLLLFFFSFIYLG...
	frame 2	..HAWLIISLLLLFFFSFIYLG...
	frame 3	...AWLIISLLLLFFFSFIYLG...
PS1 TMD4⁴	frame 0	...YITVALLIWNFGVVGMISIHW
	frame 1	..LYITVALLIWNFGVVGMISI...
	frame 2	.LLYITVALLIWNFGVVGMISI...
	frame 3	LLLYITVALLIWNFGVVGMIS...
PS1 TMD5⁴	frame 0	LRLQQAYLIMISALMALVFI...
	frame 1	.RLQQAYLIMISALMALVFIL...
	frame 2	..LQQAYLIMISALMALVFILL...
	frame 3	...QOAYLIMISALMALVFILL...
PS1 TMD6⁴	frame 0	...WTAWLILAVISVYDLVAVLCP
	frame 1	..LWTAWLILAVISVYDLVAVLC...
	frame 2	.LLWTAWLILAVISVYDLVAVL...
	frame 3	LLLWTAWLILAVISVYDLVAV...
PS1 TMD7 D385L/K395L^{4,6}	frame 0	LGLGLFIFYSVLVGLASA...
	frame 1	.GLGLFIFYSVLVGLASAL...
	frame 2	..LGLLFIFYSVLVGLASALL...
	frame 3	...GLFIFYSVLVGLASALL...
PS1 TMD8⁴	frame 0	...NTTIACFVAILIGLCLTL...
	frame 1	..LNTTIACFVAILIGLCLTL...
	frame 2	.LNNTTIACFVAILIGLCLTL...
	frame 3	LLNNTTIACFVAILIGLCLTL...
PS1 TMD9 D450L^{4,5,6}	frame 0	PALPISITFGLVFYFATLYLV...
	frame 1	.ALPISITFGLVFYFATLYLV...
	frame 2	..LPISITFGLVFYFATLYLV...
	frame 3	...PISITFGLVFYFATLYLVLL...
GpA		LIIFGVMAVGIVGIVTILLISY
GpA G83I⁸		LIIFGVMAIVIGTILLISY
EmrE TMD4		LPAAIGMMILICAGVLIINL
EmrE TMD4 G90V/G97V⁸		LPAAIVMMLICAVVLIINL
L20		LLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLL

¹ TMDs where NMR spectroscopy had previously identified the helical parts, as given in bold face (APP, pdb 6HYF; Notch1, pdb 8OR5; ErbB4, pdb 2LCX). In general, juxtamembrane domains were omitted to prevent the potential interference of their polar residues with membrane insertion and/or transmembrane topology. An invariant cytoplasmically located Lys or Arg residue acts as stop-transfer signal in N_{out} and N_{in} constructs.

² Frames 0 – 3 were tested for heteromerization. The stepwise insertion of up to three additional residues at a given N-terminus concurrent with the stepwise deletion of three residues at the C-terminus rotates potential TMD-TMD interfaces by up to 3 × 100°, i.e., almost a full helix turn, relative to the soluble domains in the hybrid BLa proteins.

³ TMDs where the helical parts had been predicted from the sequences, as annotated in UniProtKB.

⁴TMDs from γ -secretase subunits, as identified in the cryo-EM structure (pdb 5fn2 {Bai, 2015 #7886}) except for the exceptionally long PS1 TMD2 where the sequence shown here corresponds to the length yielding the maximal LD₅₀ (see: Fig. 2).

⁵PS1 TMD3 is truncated right before E184 as not to interfere with membrane integration.

⁶Residues marked in red indicate point mutations of ionizable residues that were necessary to integrate the TMD into the membrane.

⁷TMD9 is truncated after V453 where a helix kink occurs in the structure.

⁸Residues marked in red indicate point mutations at the respective helix-helix interfaces reducing the affinities of self-interaction.

Table S2. Sequences and frames of all TMDs used in the library screening approach (approach 2).

A4_HUMAN	frame 0	...GAIIGLMVGGVVIATVIVITLVML
	frame 1	..LGAIIGLMVGGVVIATVIVITLVM..
	frame 2	.LLGAIIGLMVGGVVIATVIVITLV..
	frame 3	LLLGAIIIGLMVGGVVIATVIVITL...
ANPRC_HUMAN	frame 0	...SAVTGIVVGALLGAGLLMAFYFF
	frame 1	..LSAVTGIVVGALLGAGLLMAFYF.
	frame 2	.LLSAVTGIVVGALLGAGLLMAFY..
	frame 3	LLLSAVTGIVVGALLGAGLLMAF...
APLP1_HUMAN	frame 0	...AVSGLLIMGAGGGSLIVLSMLL
	frame 1	..LAVSGLLIMGAGGGSLIVLSM..
	frame 2	.LLAVSGLLIMGAGGGSLIVLSML..
	frame 3	LLLAVSGLLIMGAGGGSLIVLSM...
APLP2_HUMAN	frame 0	...ALIGLLVIAVAIATVIVISLVM
	frame 1	..LALIGLLVIAVAIATVIVISLVM.
	frame 2	.LLALIGLLVIAVAIATVIVISLV..
	frame 3	LLLALIGLLVIAVAIATVIVISL...
CADH2_HUMAN	frame 0	...GAIIAILLCIIILLILVLMFVVW
	frame 1	..LGAIIAILLCIIILLILVLMFVV.
	frame 2	.LLGAIIAILLCIIILLILVLMFV..
	frame 3	LLLGAIIAILLCIIILLILVLMF...
CD44_HUMAN	frame 0	...WLIIILASLLALALILAVCIAV
	frame 1	..LWLIIILASLLALALILAVCIA.
	frame 2	.LLWLIILASLLALALILAVCII..
	frame 3	LLLWLIIILASLLALALILAVC...
CSF1R_HUMAN	frame 0	...VVVACMSIMALLLLLLLLLY
	frame 1	..LVVVACMSIMALLLLLLLLL.
	frame 2	.LLVVVACMSIMALLLLLLLLL..
	frame 3	LLLVVVACMSIMALLLLLLLL...
CSTN1_HUMAN	frame 0	...ATVVIVVCVSFLVFMIIILGVF
	frame 1	..LATVVIVVCVSFLVFMIIILGV.
	frame 2	.LLATVVIVVCVSFLVFMIIILG..
	frame 3	LLLATVVIVVCVSFLVFMIIIL...
CSTN2_HUMAN	frame 0	...IATVVIISVCMLVFVAMGV
	frame 1	..LIATVVIISVCMLVFVAMG.
	frame 2	.LLIATVVIISVCMLVFVAM..
	frame 3	LLLIATVVIISVCMLVFVVA...
DCC_HUMAN	frame 0	...LLVIIIVVTVGVITVLVVVIVAVI
	frame 1	..LLLVIIVVTVGVITVLVVVIVAV.
	frame 2	.LLLVIIVVTVGVITVLVVVIVAV..
	frame 3	LLLLVIIIVVTVGVITVLVVVIV...

DNER_HUMAN	frame 0	...IIIGALCVAFILMLIILIVGI
	frame 1	..LIIIGALCVAFILMLIILIVG.
	frame 2	.LIIIIGALCVAFILMLIILIV..
	frame 3	LLLIIIGALCVAFILMLIILI...
DSG2_HUMAN	frame 0	...PAAIALMILAFLLLLLLPPLLM
	frame 1	..LPAAIALMILAFLLLLLLPPLL.
	frame 2	.LLPAAIALMILAFLLLLLLPPLL..
	frame 3	LLLPAAIALMILAFLLLLLLPPLL...
ERBB4_HUMAN	frame 0	...LIAAGVIGGLFILVIVGLTFAVY
	frame 1	..LLIAAGVIGGLFILVIVGLTFAVY.
	frame 2	.LLLIAAGVIGGLFILVIVGLTFAV..
	frame 3	LLLLIAAGVIGGLFILVIVGLTFA...
GLPA_HUMAN	frame 0	...ITLIIIFGVMAGVIGTILLISYGI
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	frame 2	.LLITLIIIFGVMAGVIGTILLISY..
	frame 3	LLLTITLIIIFGVMAGVIGTILLIS...
HLAA_HUMAN	frame 0	...VGIIAGLVLLGAVITGAVVAAMW
	frame 1	..LVGIIAGLVLLGAVITGAVVAAM..
	frame 2	.LLVGIIAGLVLLGAVITGAVVAAV..
	frame 3	LLLVGIIAGLVLLGAVITGAVVAA...
ITB1_HUMAN	frame 0	...IIPIVAGVVAGIVLIGLALLIW
	frame 1	..LIIPIVAGVVAGIVLIGLALLI.
	frame 2	.LIIIPIVAGVVAGIVLIGLALL..
	frame 3	LLLIIPIVAGVVAGIVLIGLALL...
JAG2_HUMAN	frame 0	...GLLVPVLCGAFSVLWLACVVL
	frame 1	..LGLLVPVLCGAFSVLWLACVV.
	frame 2	.LLGLLVPVLCGAFSVLWLACV..
	frame 3	LLLGLLVPVLCGAFSVLWLAC...
LDLR_HUMAN	frame 0	...ALSIVLPIVLLVFLCLGVFLLW
	frame 1	..LALSIVLPIVLLVFLCLGVFLL.
	frame 2	.LLALSIVLPIVLLVFLCLGVFL..
	frame 3	LLLALSIVLPIVLLVFLCLGVF...
NOTC1_HUMAN	frame 0	...FMYVAAAAFVLLFFVGCGVLL
	frame 1	..LFMYVAAAAFVLLFFVGCGVL.
	frame 2	.LLFMYVAAAAFVLLFFVGCGV..
	frame 3	LLLFBMYVAAAAFVLLFFVGCG...
NOTC2_HUMAN	frame 0	...LLYLLAVALAVVIILFIILLGVI
	frame 1	..LLYLLAVALAVVIILFIILLGV.
	frame 2	.LLLYLLAVALAVVIILFIILLG..
	frame 3	LLLLYLLAVALAVVIILFIILL...
NOTC3_HUMAN	frame 0	...LLPLLVAGAVLLVILVLGVMVA
	frame 1	..LLPLLVAGAVLLVILVLGVMV.

	frame 2	.LLLLPLLVAGAVLLVILVLGVM..
	frame 3	LLLLLPLLVAGAVLLVILVLGV...
NOTC4_HUMAN	frame 0	...VLCSPVAGVILLALGALLVLQLI
	frame 1	..LVLCS PVAGVILLALGALLVLQL.
	frame 2	.LLVLCSPVAGVILLALGALLVLQ..
	frame 3	LLLVLCS PVAGVILLALGALLVL...
PTPRT_HUMAN	frame 0	...MAGVIAGLLMFIIIIILGVMLTI
	frame 1	..LMAGVIAGLLMFIIIIILGVMLT.
	frame 2	.LLMAGVIAGLLMFIIIIILGVML..
	frame 3	LLL MAGVIAGLLMFIIIIILGVML...
PXDC2_HUMAN	frame 0	...GLIIGILILVLIVATAILVTV
	frame 1	..LGLIIGILILVLIVATAILVT.
	frame 2	.LLGLIIGILILVLIVATAILV..
	frame 3	LLL GLIIGILILVLIVATAIL...
SDC1_HUMAN	frame 0	...GVIAGGLVGLIFAVCLVGFL
	frame 1	..LGVIAGGLVGLIFAVCLVGFM.
	frame 2	.LLGVIAGGLVGLIFAVCLVGF..
	frame 3	LLL GVIAGGLVGLIFAVCLVG...
SDC2_HUMAN	frame 0	...VLA AVIAGGVIGFLFAIFLILLV
	frame 1	..LVLA AVIAGGVIGFLFAIFLILL..
	frame 2	.LLVLA AVIAGGVIGFLFAIFLILL..
	frame 3	LLL VLAA VIAGGVIGFLFAIFLIL...
TNR17_HUMAN	frame 0	...ILWTCLGLSLIISLAVFVLMFLL
	frame 1	..LILWTCLGLSLIISLAVFVLMFL.
	frame 2	.LLL WTCLGLSLIISLAVFVLMF..
	frame 3	LLL LWTCLGLSLIISLAVFVLM...
TYOBP_HUMAN	frame 0	...GVLAGIVMGDLVLTVLIALAV
	frame 1	..LGVLAGIVMGDLVLTVLIALA.
	frame 2	.LGVLAGIVMGDLVLTVLIAL..
	frame 3	LLL GVLAGIVMGDLVLTVLIA...
PS1 TMD2	cryo-EM ¹	...VGQR ALHSILNAAIMISVIVVM TILLVVLY
	frame 3	LLL VGQR ALHSILNAAIMISVI.....
	frame 2	.LLVGQR ALHSILNAAIMISVIVV.....
	frame 1	..L VGQR ALHSILNAAIMISVIVV.....
	frame 0	...VGQR ALHSILNAAIMISVIVVM.....
	frame -1GQR ALHSILNAAIMISVIVVMT.....
	frame -2QRALHSILNAAIMISVIVVMTI.....
	frame -3RALHSILNAAIMISVIVVMTIL....
	frame -4ALHSILNAAIMISVIVVMTILL....
	frame -5LHSILNAAIMISVIVVMTILLV...
	frame -6HSILNAAIMISVIVVMTILLVV..
	frame -7SILNAAIMISVIVVMTILLVVL.

frame -8ILNAIMISVIVVMTILLVLY
GpA	LIIFGVMAGVIGTILLISY
GpA G83I 8	LIIFGVMA I VGITILLISY
L20	LLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLL

¹TMD2 from presenilin 1, as identified in the cryo-EM structure (pdb 5fn2 {Bai, 2015 #7886}).

Table S3. DNA oligonucleotide sequences used in qPCR and NGS.

GpA wt control primer pair	
qPCR_NBLa_fwd¹	CAAACGACGAGCGTGACACC
qPCR_GpA_wt_rev	GAATGGTGCCAATCACGCC
GpA G83I control primer pair	
qPCR_NBLa_fwd¹	CAAACGACGAGCGTGACACC
qPCR_GpA_G83I_rev	AGCAGAATGGTGCCAATCACAAT
Full plasmid quantification control primer pair	
qPCR_plasmid_control_fwd	CGAGAACGCAGGCCATTATCG
qPCR_plasmid_control_rev	GATGGTCGTCATCTACCTGC
Oligonucleotides used for NGS amplicon generation	
NBLa_NGS_fwd	ACACTTTCCCTACACGACGCTTCCGATCT <u>G</u> TAGCAATGGCAACACG ²
NBLa_NGS_rev	GA <u>T</u> GGAGTTCA <u>G</u> ACGTGTGCTTCCGATCTAACCGAGTAACCAGAAATCGGAACAA ²
Substrate library amplification	
[BIOTIN]BLa_Library_fwd	[BIOTIN]GTTCTGCTAATCGAGCTAGC
[BIOTIN]BLa_Library_rev	[BIOTIN]TGCCAGTTGTGGATCCC

¹Shared oligonucleotide for both controls

²underlined sequences are priming regions within the NBLa-plasmid; 5' parts are Illumina universal sequencing adapters

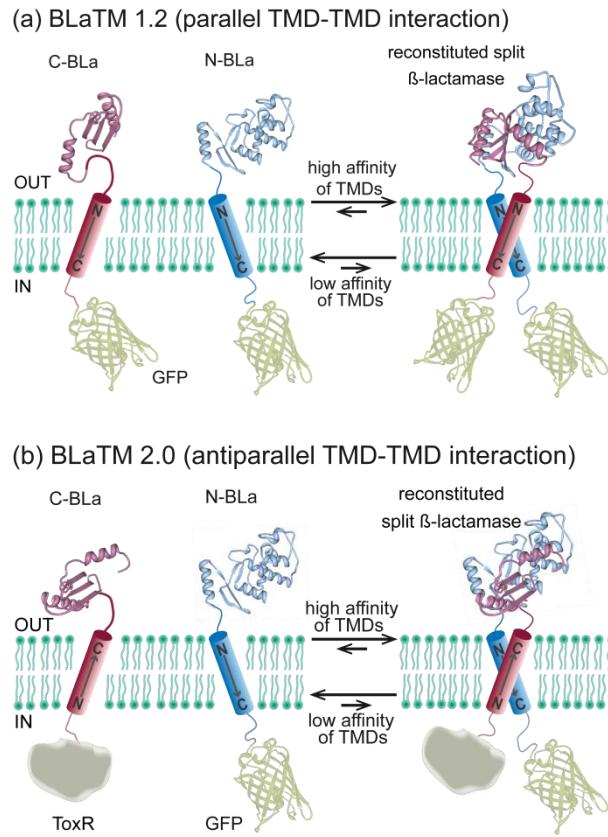
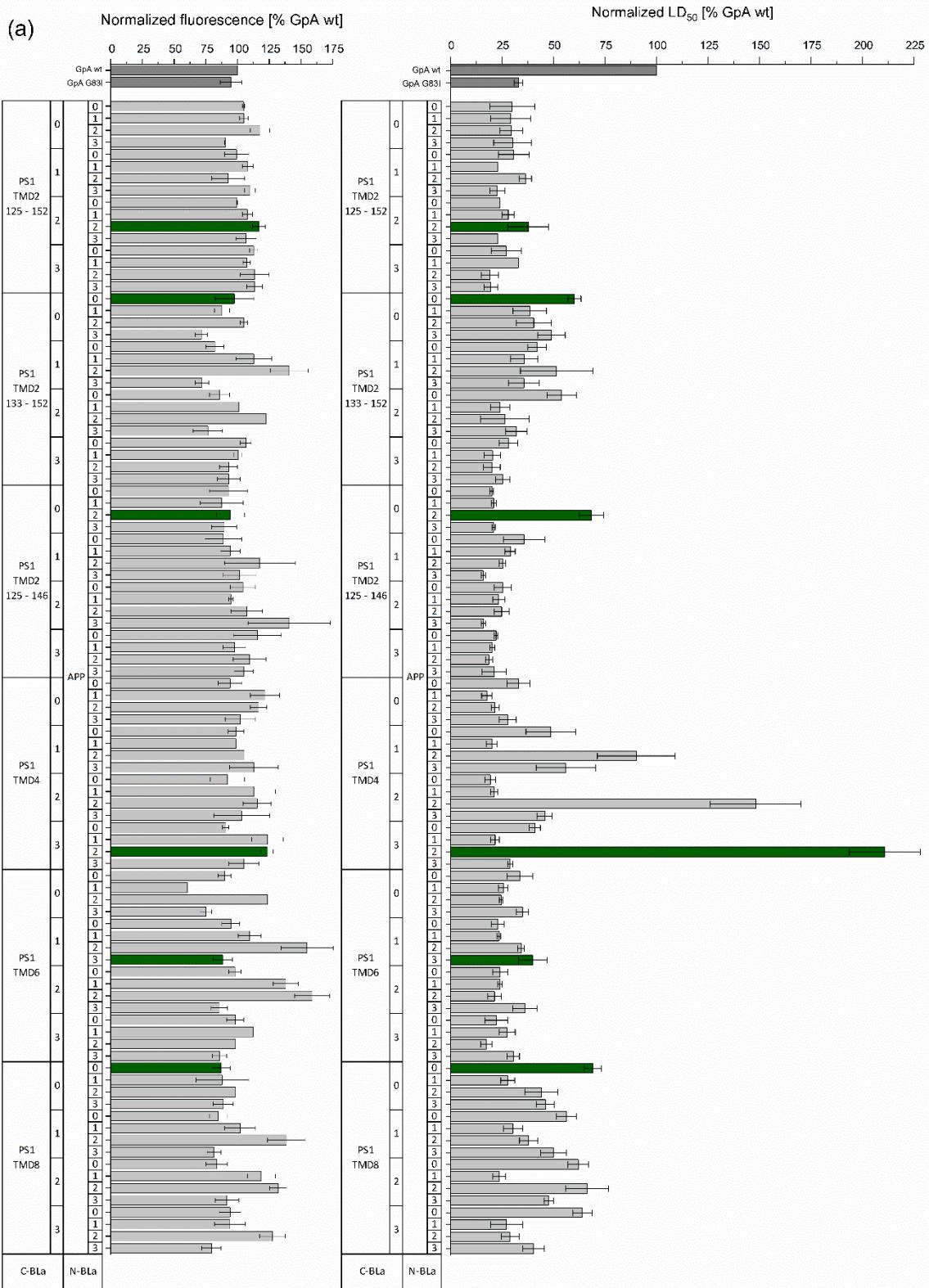
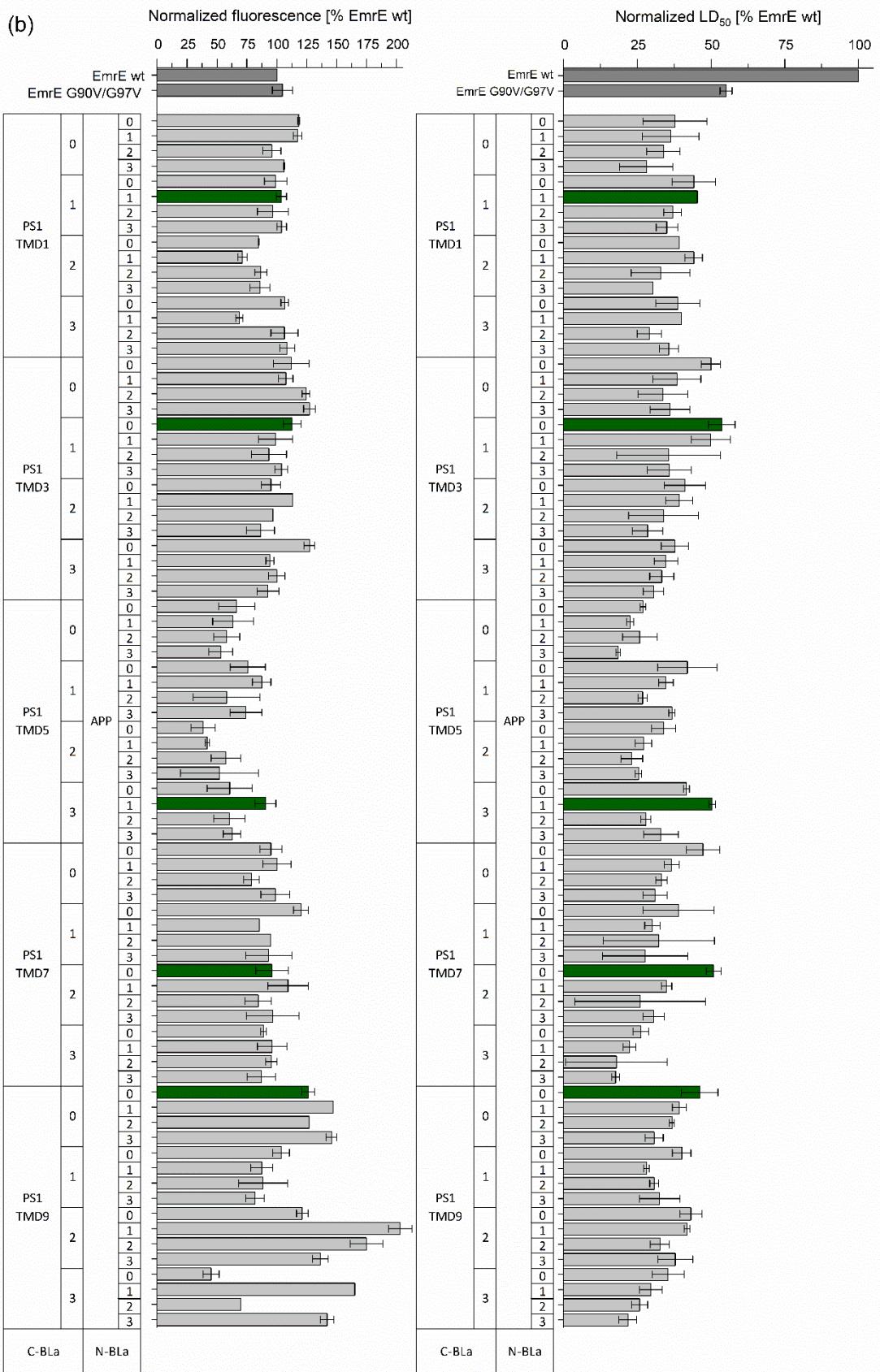
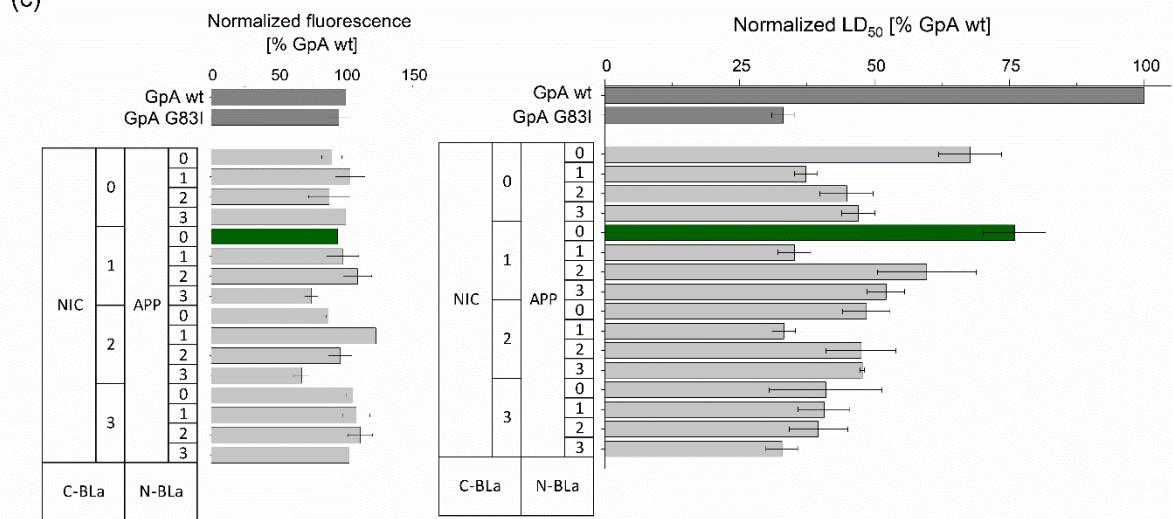


Figure S1. Design of the BLaTM system. **(a)** Scheme of BLaTM 1.2 used to study parallel TMD interactions (modified after Fig. 1 in 17). **(b)** Scheme of BLaTM 2.0 used to study antiparallel interactions. Reproduced, with permission, from ref. {Julius, 2017 #8260}.

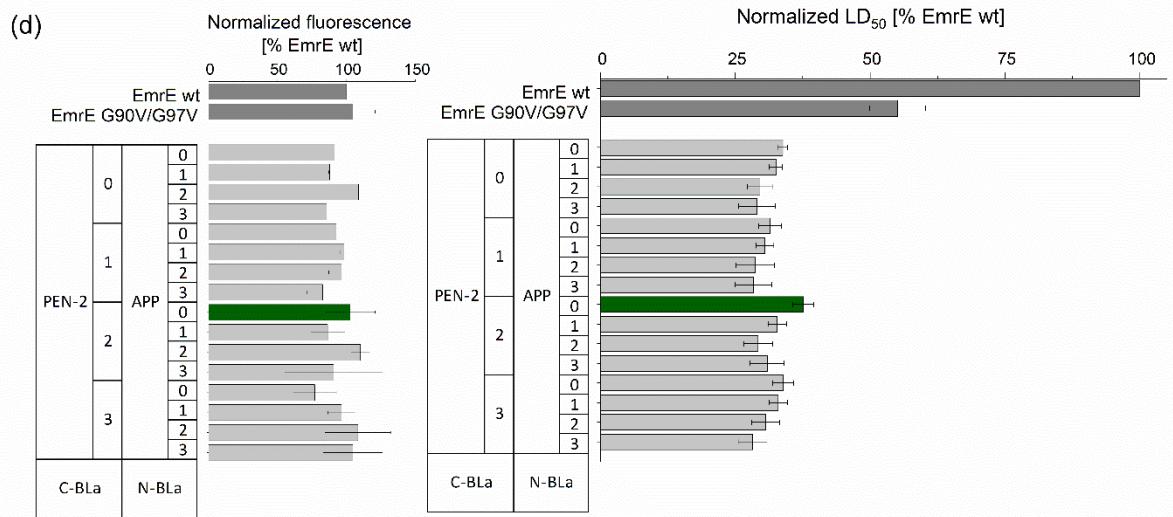


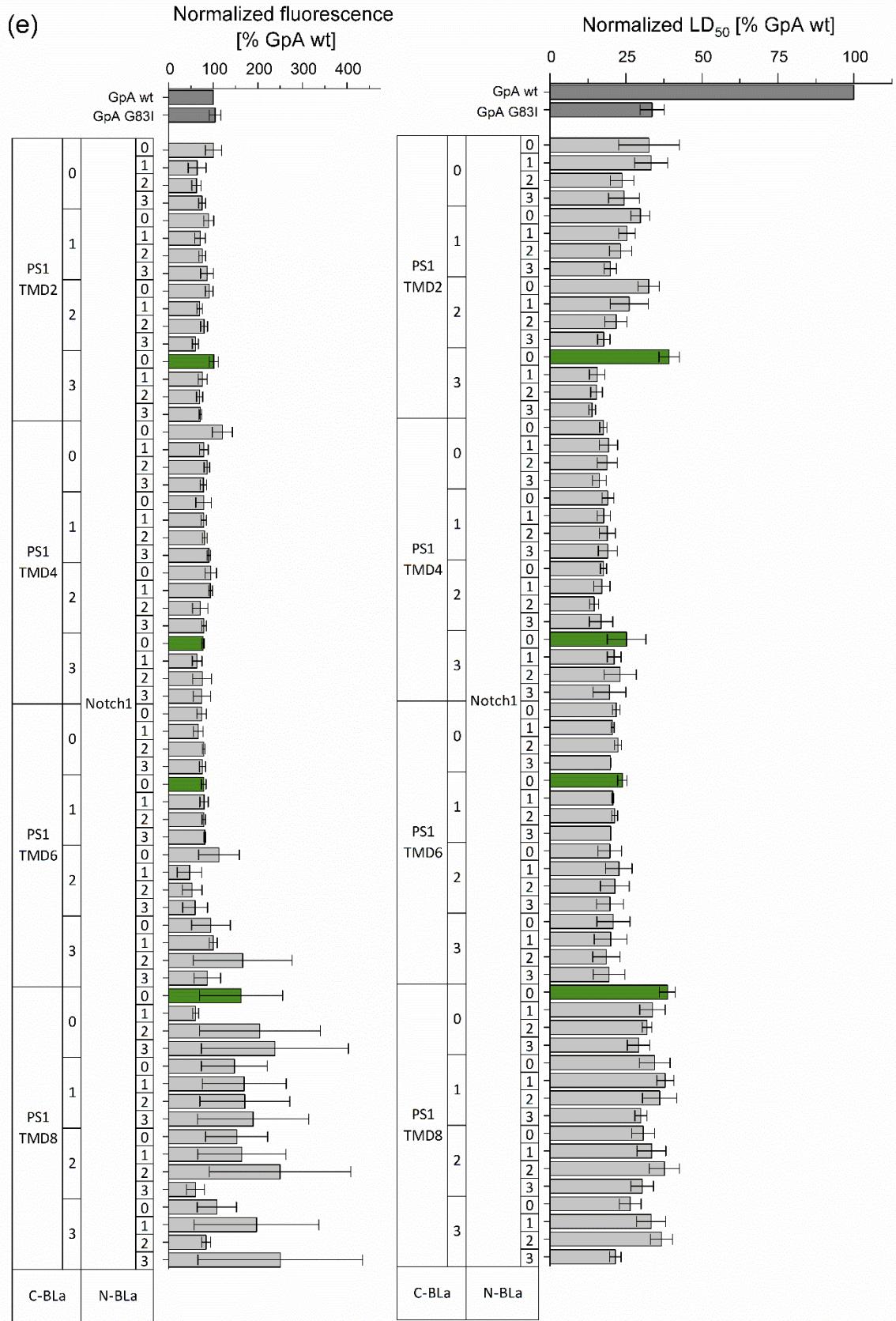


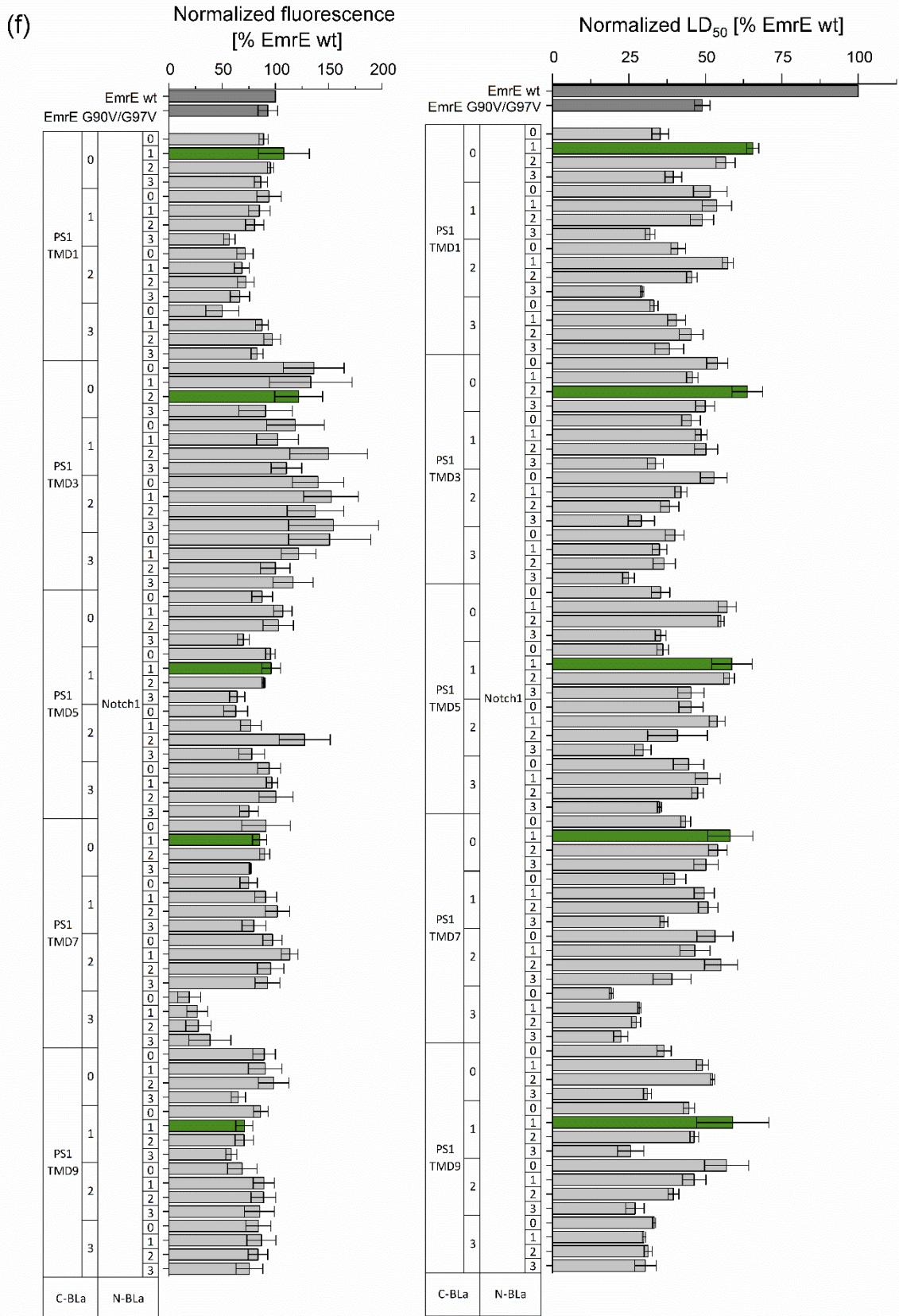
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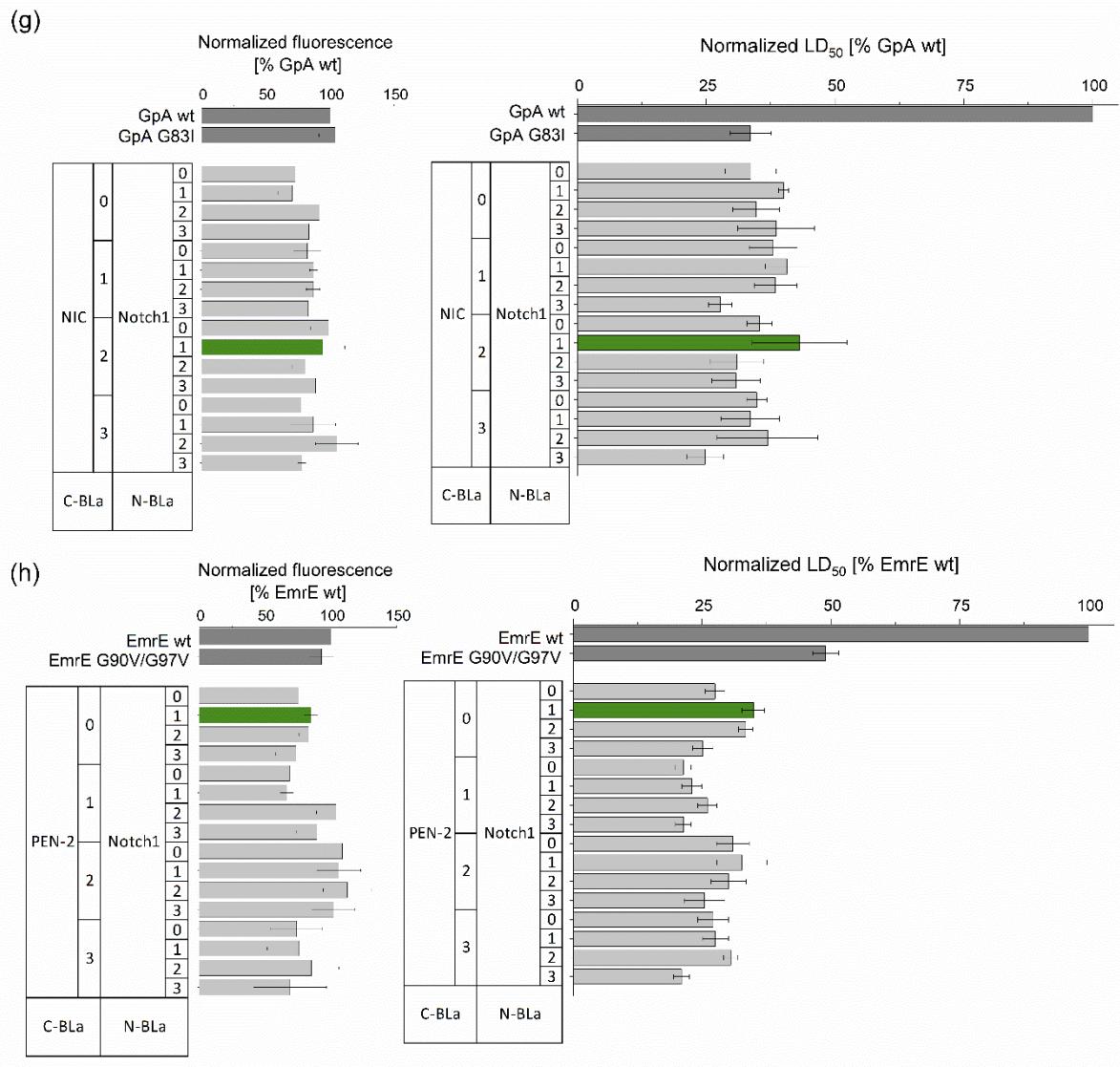


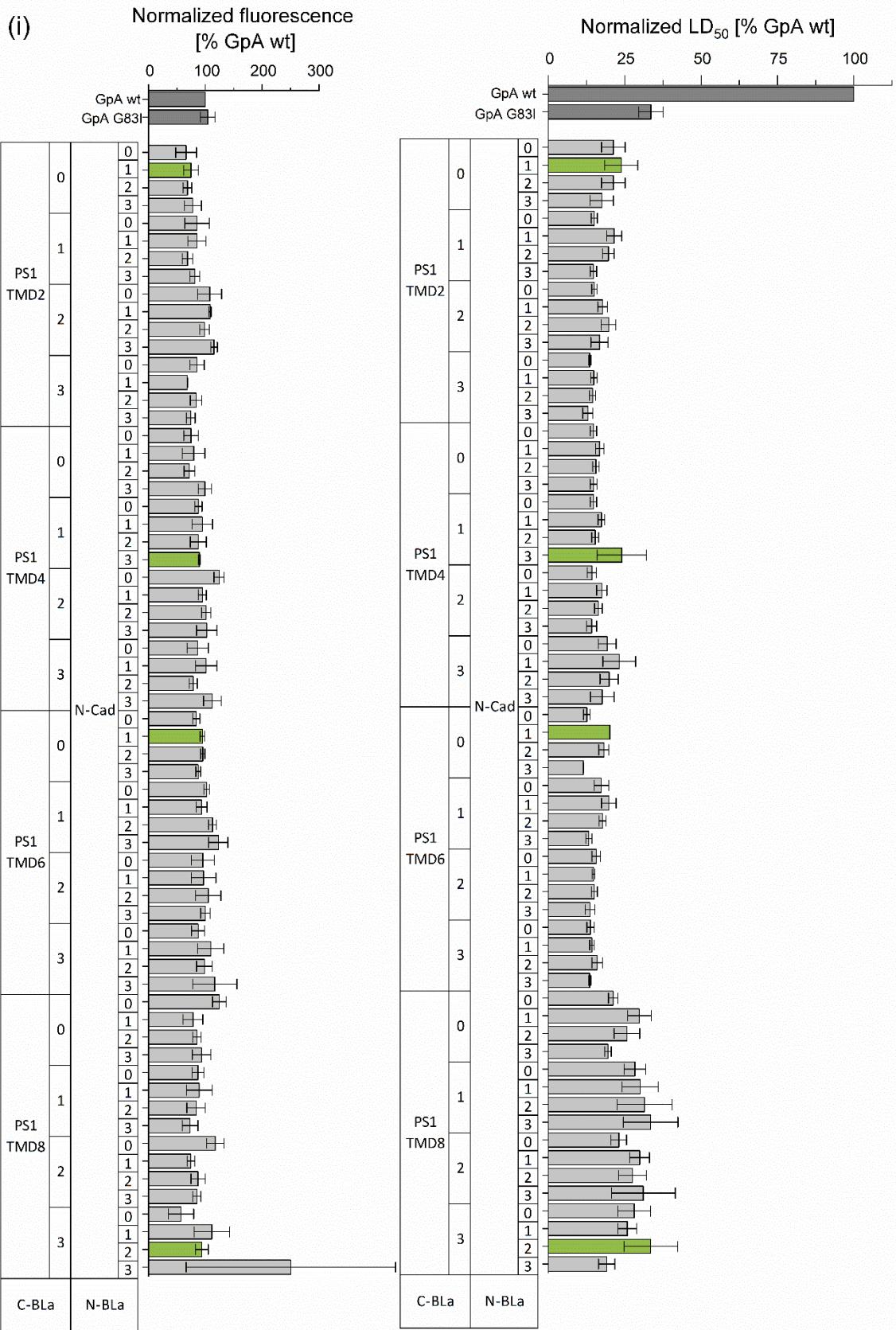
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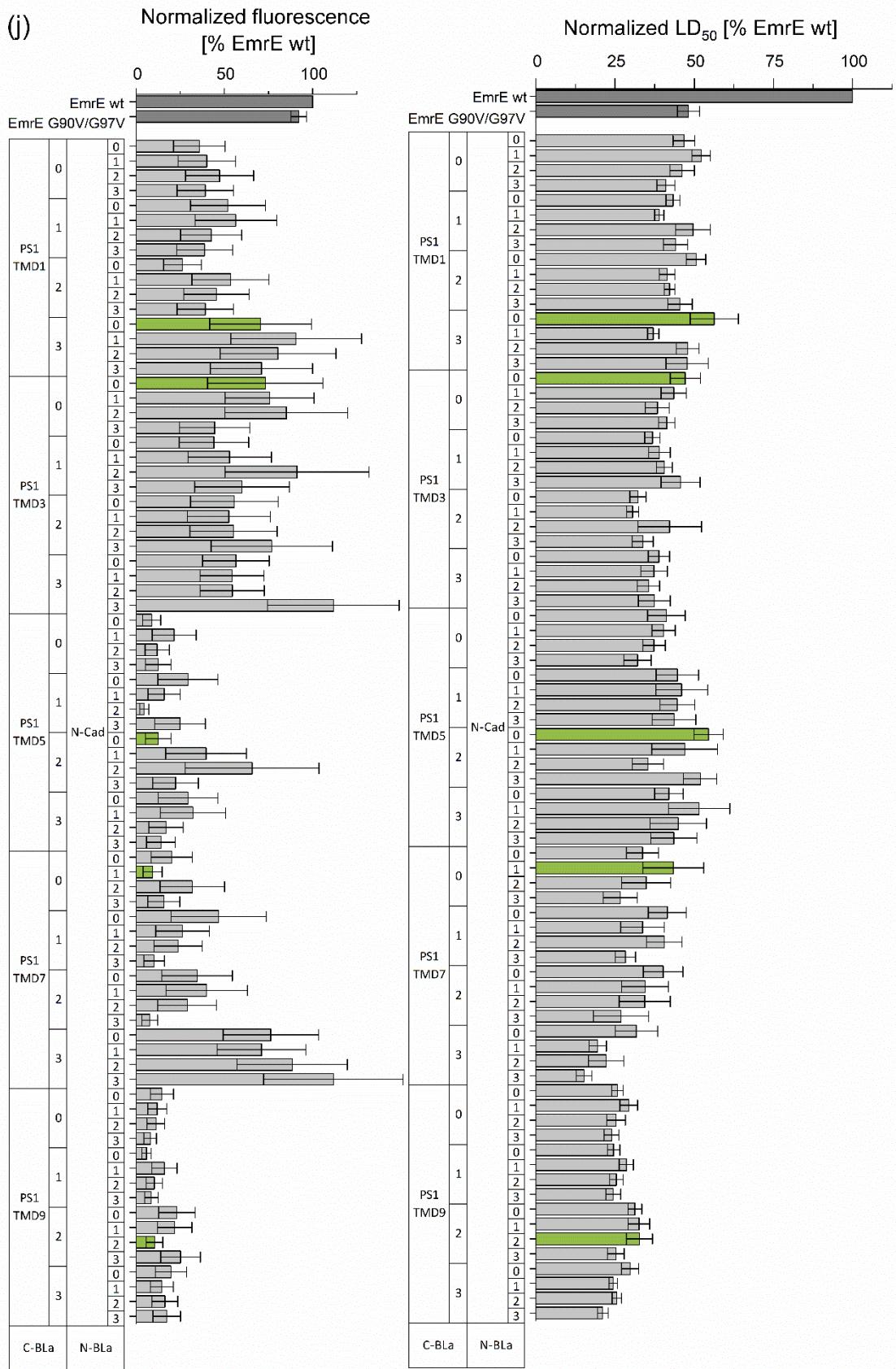




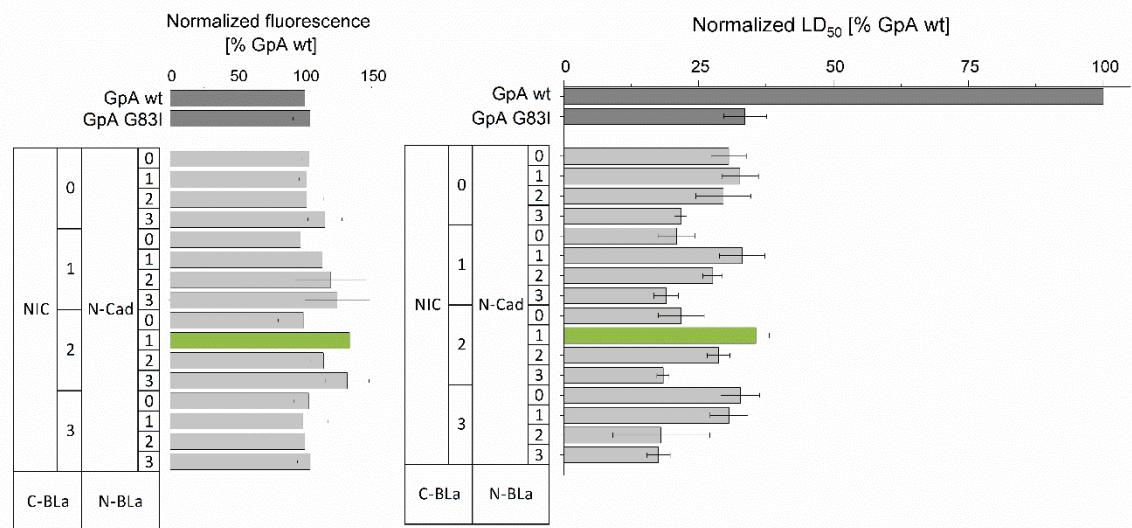




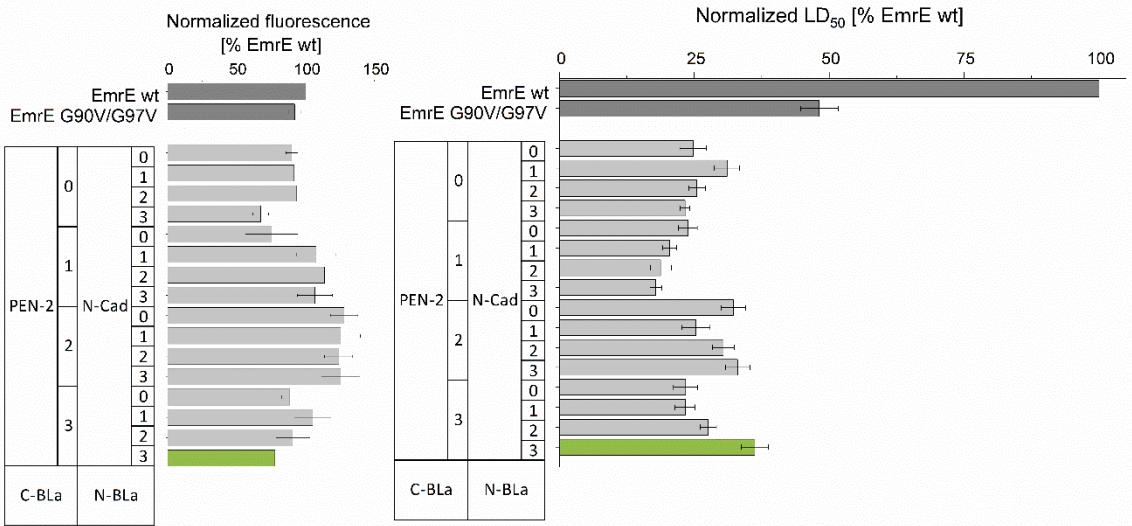


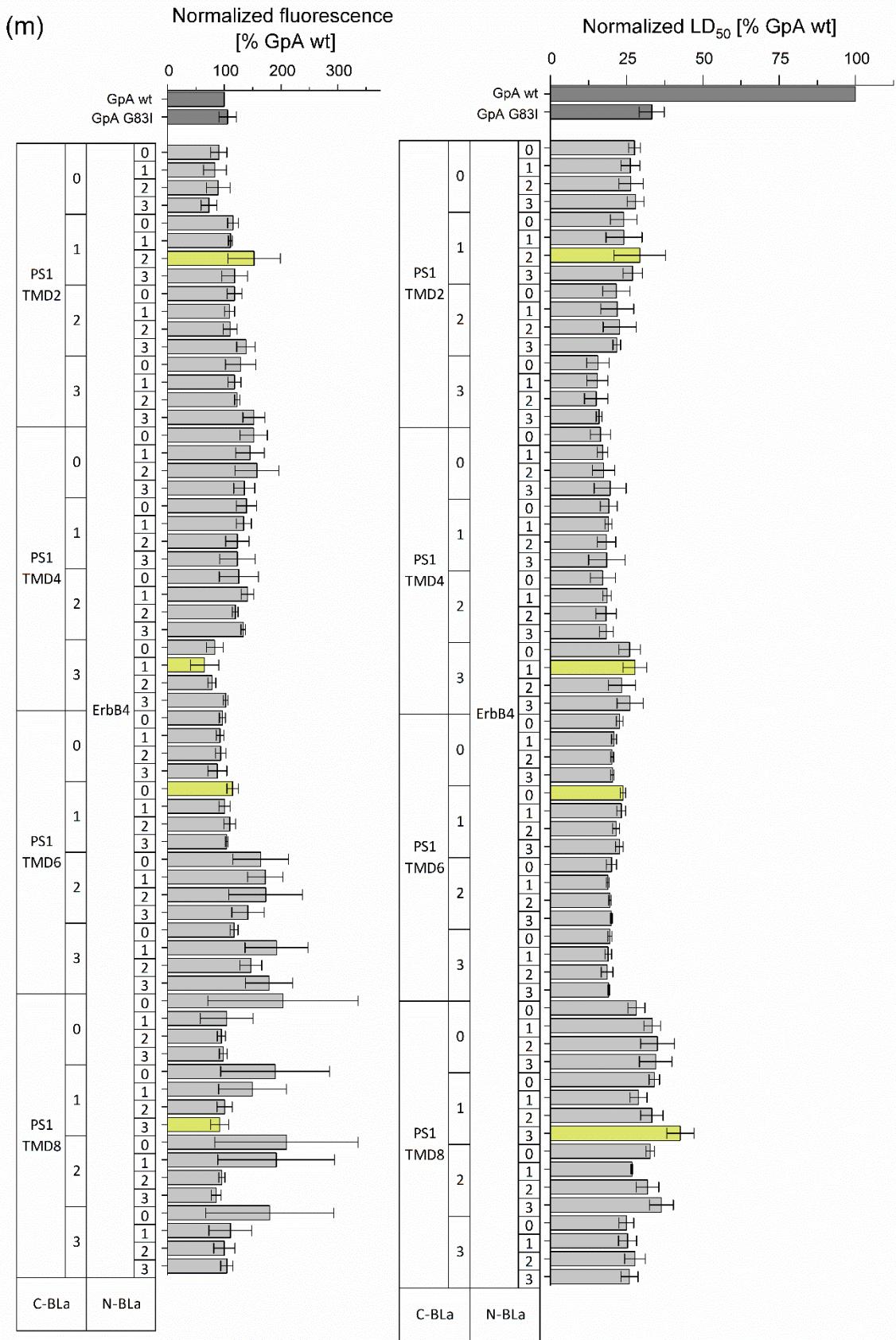


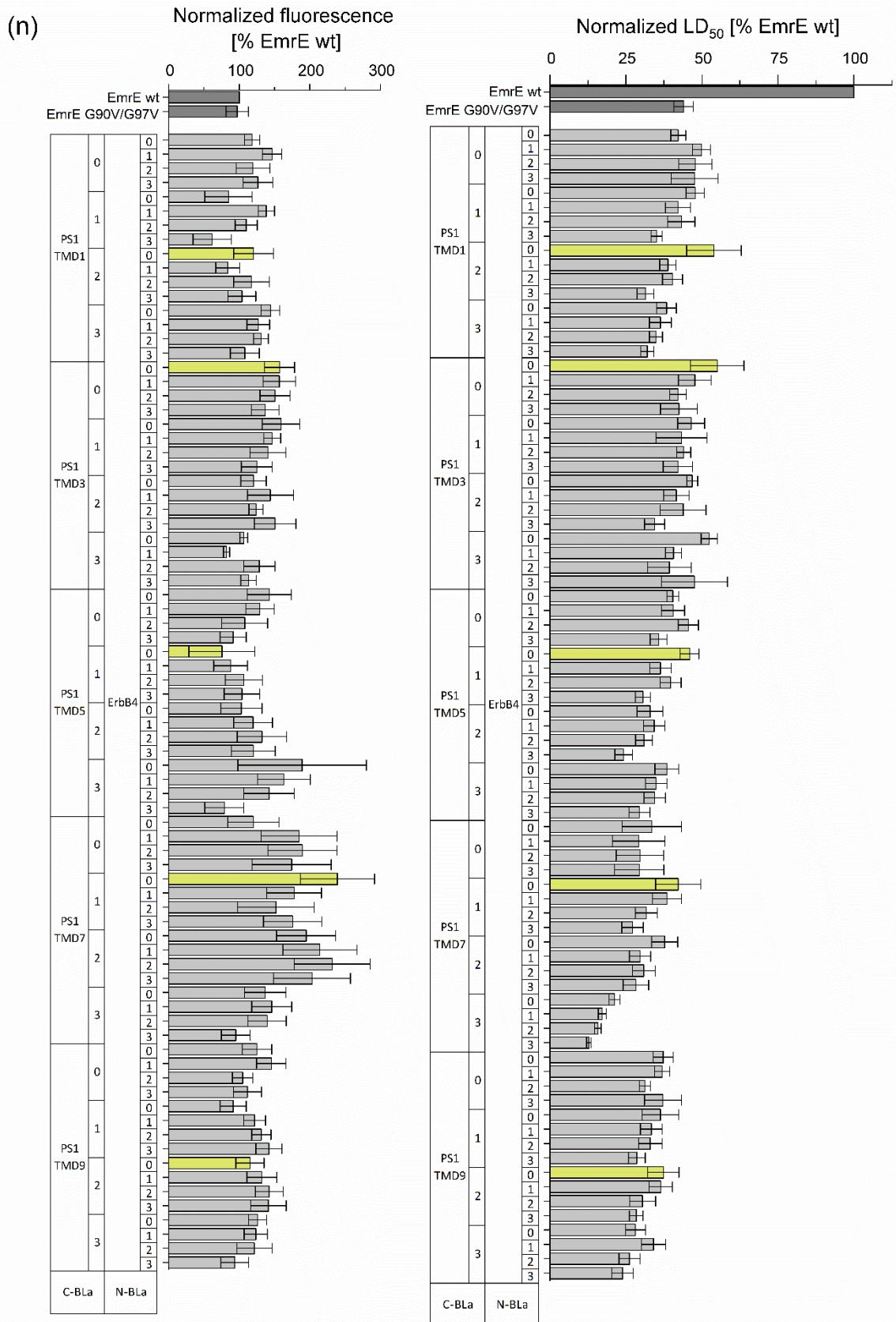
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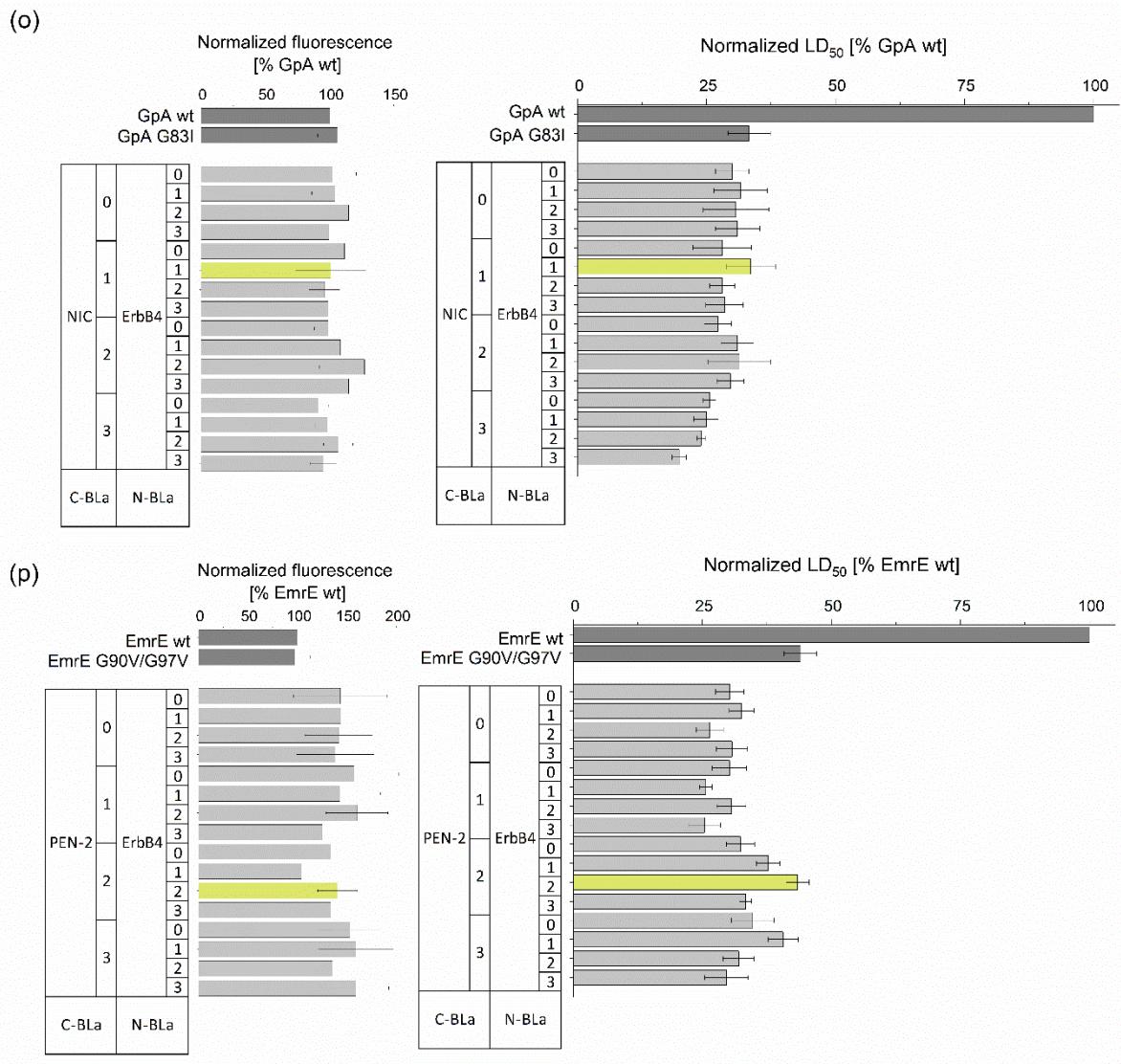


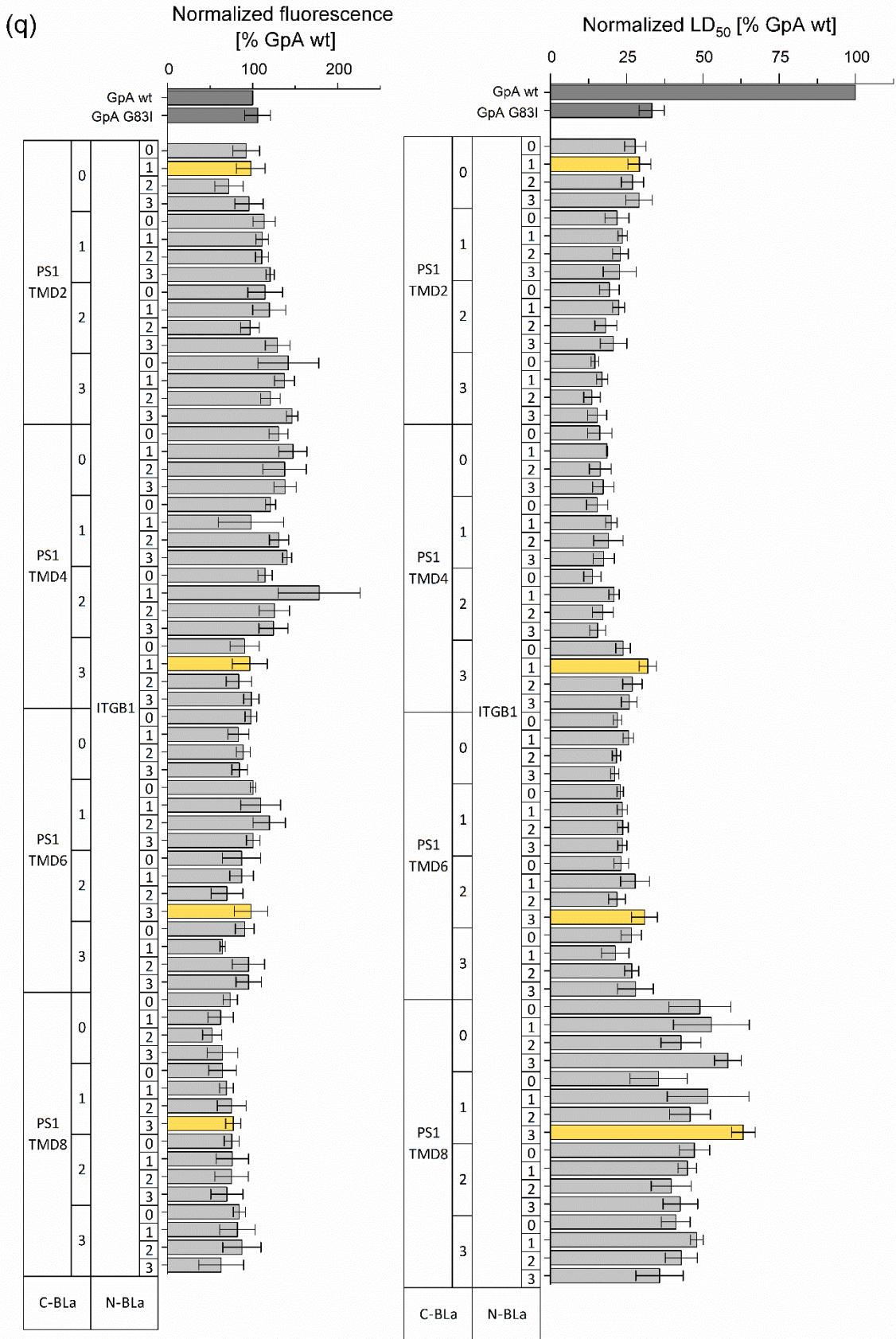
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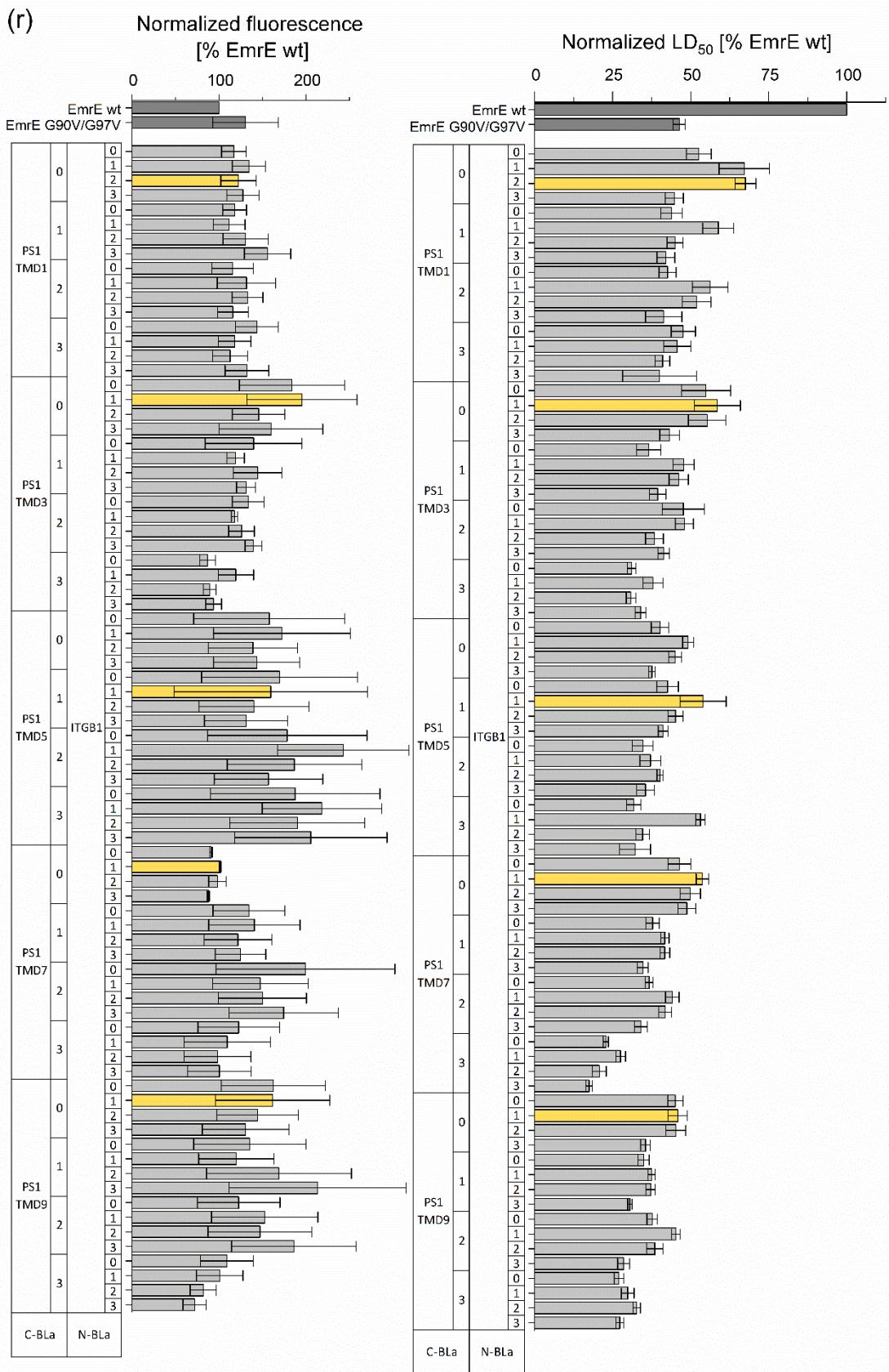












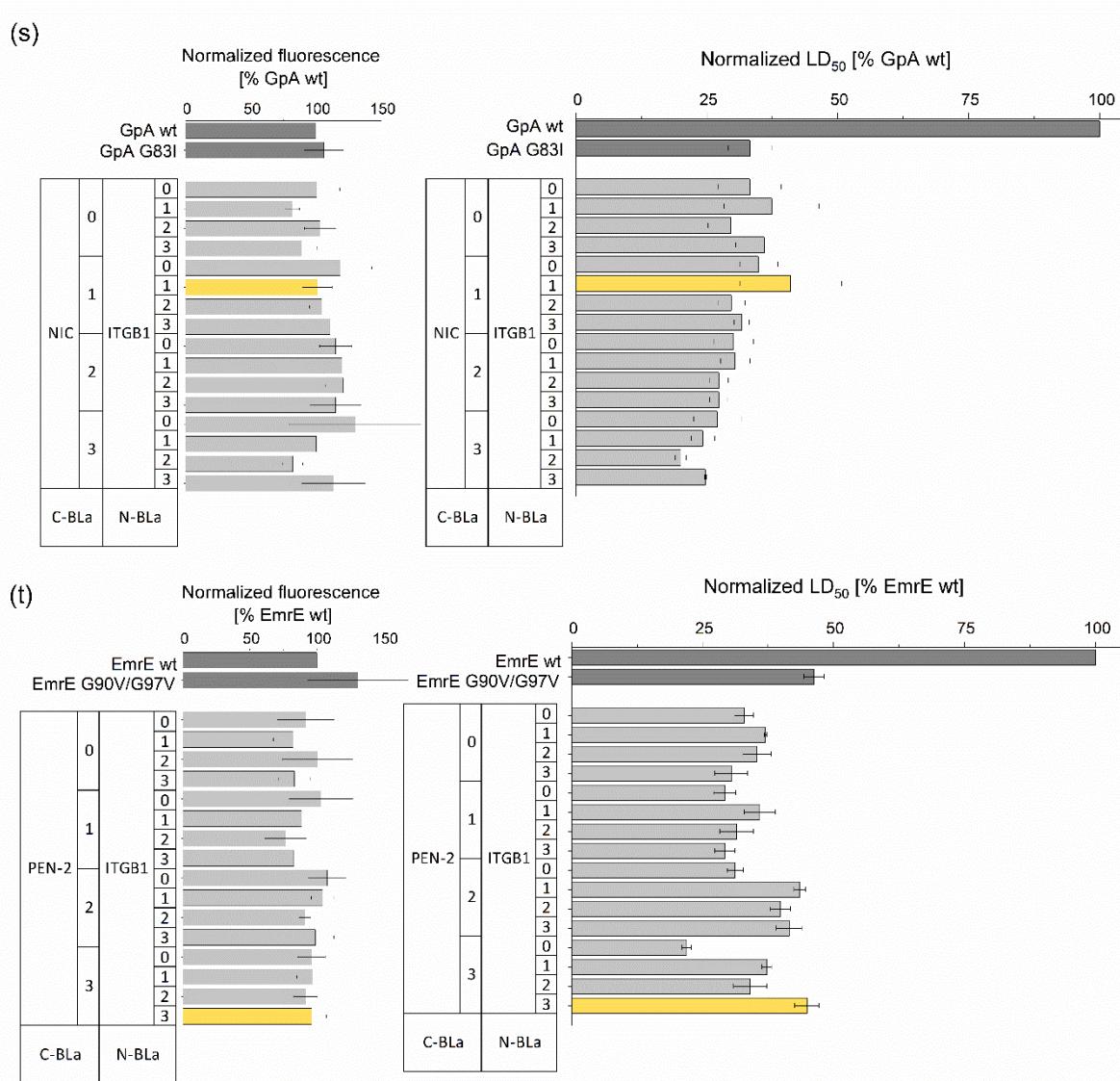


Figure S2. Heterotypic interactions of all investigated pairings of non-/substrate TMDs and γ -secretase TMDs. The strongest interaction in any given pairing is depicted in color and reproduced in Fig. 3 and Fig. 4. The right or upper panels show the LD₅₀ values of the tested pairs while the left or lower panels represent the respective GFP expression controls. Parts (a) – (d) show all pairs of the APP TMD and the TMDs of PS1, nicastrin, and PEN-2. Parts (e) – (h) show all pairs of the Notch 1 TMD and the TMDs of PS1, nicastrin, and PEN-2. Parts (i) – (l) show all pairs of the N-cadherin TMD and the TMDs of PS1, nicastrin, and PEN-2. Parts (m) – (p) show all pairs of the ErbB4 TMD and the TMDs of PS1, nicastrin, and PEN-2. Parts (q) – (t) show all pairs of the integrin β 1 TMD and the TMDs of PS1, nicastrin, and PEN-2. Means \pm SEM, n = 3-6. The color code corresponds to that Figs. 3 and 4.

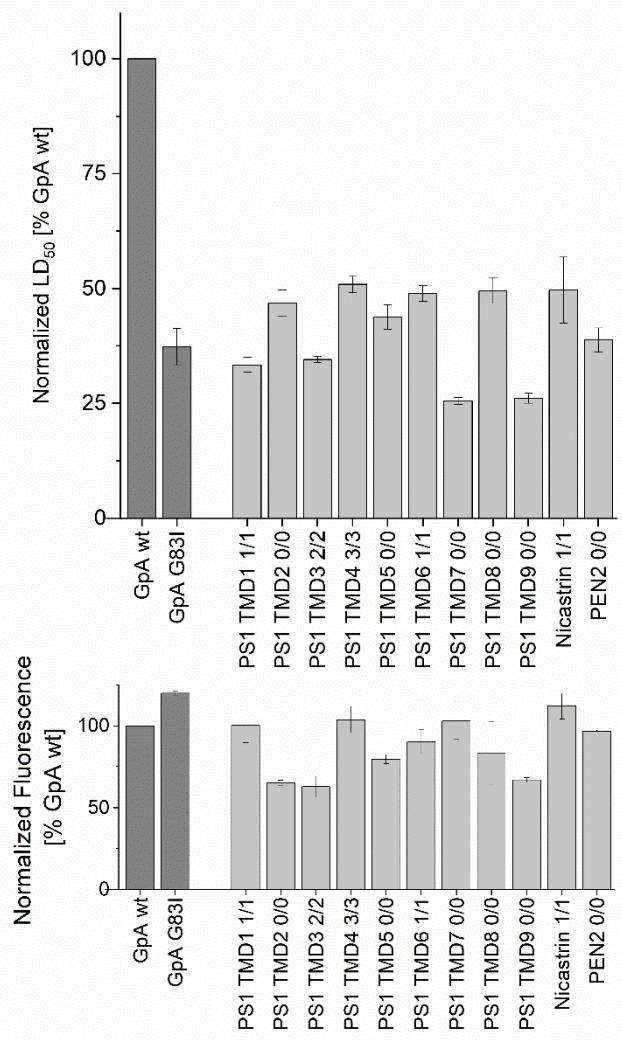


Figure S3. Homodimerization of γ -secretase TMDs. Upper panel: Strength of homotopic interactions of γ -secretase TMDs normalized to the homodimerization signal of GpA, used as reference. Lower panel: GFP expression controls of the respective pairs normalized to the GFP expression of GpA. Note that the frames tested here correspond to those frames yielding the highest heteromerization signals given in Fig. 3. Means \pm SEM, n = 3.

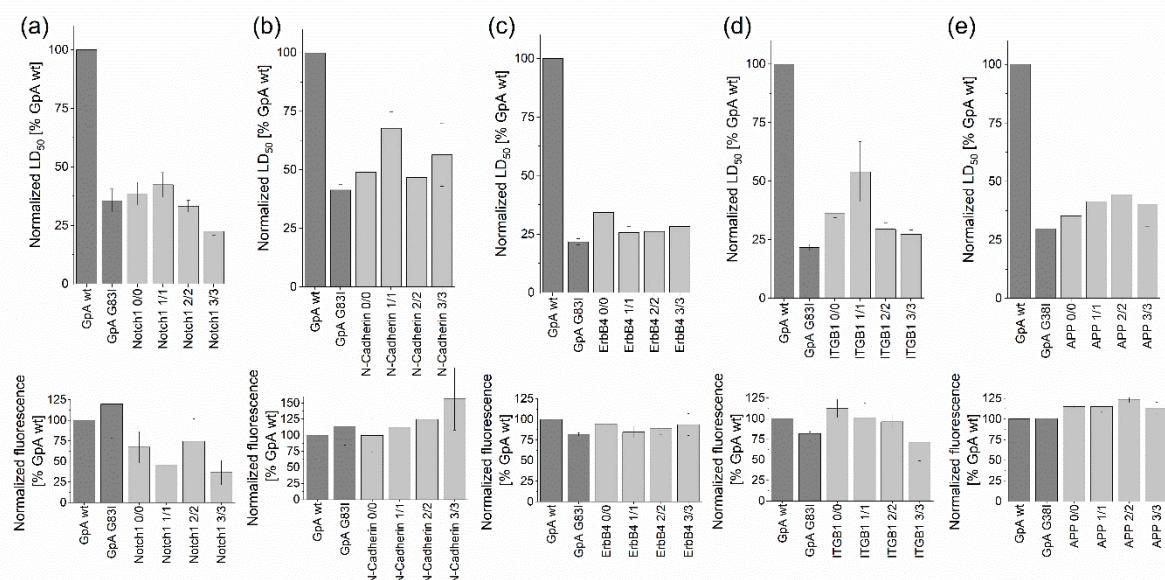


Figure S4. Homodimerization of (non)-substrate TMDs. Upper panels: strength of homotopic interaction of the Notch 1 **(a)**, N-cadherin **(b)**, ErbB4 **(c)**, integrin β 1 **(d)**, or APP **(e)** TMD. Lower panels: respective GFP expression controls. All values are normalized to the homodimerization signal or GFP expression of the GpA TMD, respectively. Means \pm SEM, n = 3-4.

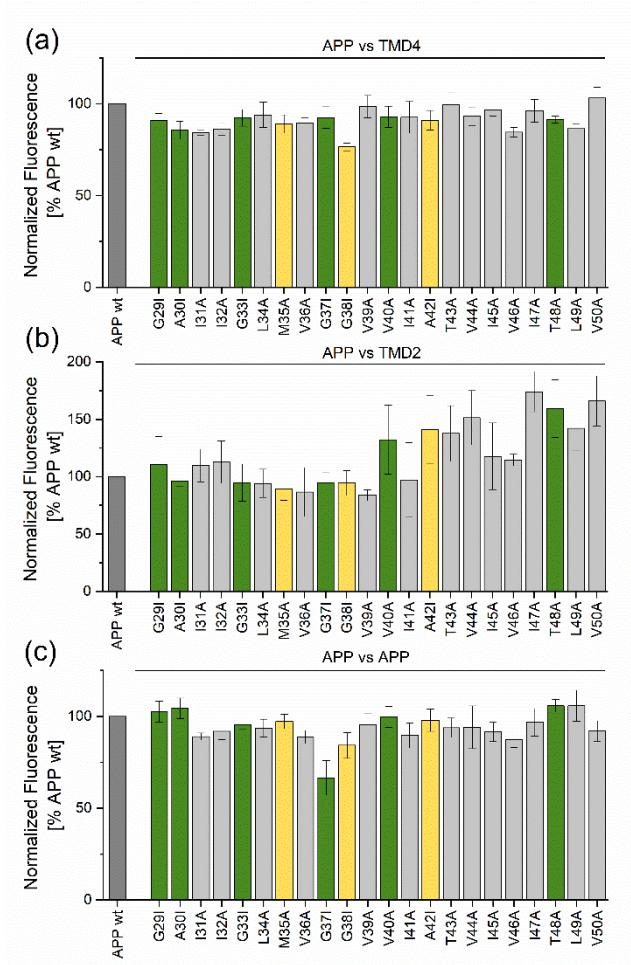


Figure S5. GFP expression controls corresponding to the mutational analysis of the heterotypic or homotypic interactions of the APP TMD. **(a)** GFP expression controls of APP TMD (frame 2) mutants paired with the PS1 TMD4 (frame 3). **(b)** GFP expression controls of APP TMD (frame 2) mutants paired with the PS1 ¹²⁵⁻¹⁴⁶TMD2 (frame 0). **(c)** GFP expression controls of the homodimerization of APP TMD (frame 2) mutants normalized to the signal of wt. Values are normalized to the signal of APP wt in the respective part. Means \pm SEM, n = 4-5. The corresponding LD₅₀ values are shown in Fig. 5 using the same color coding.

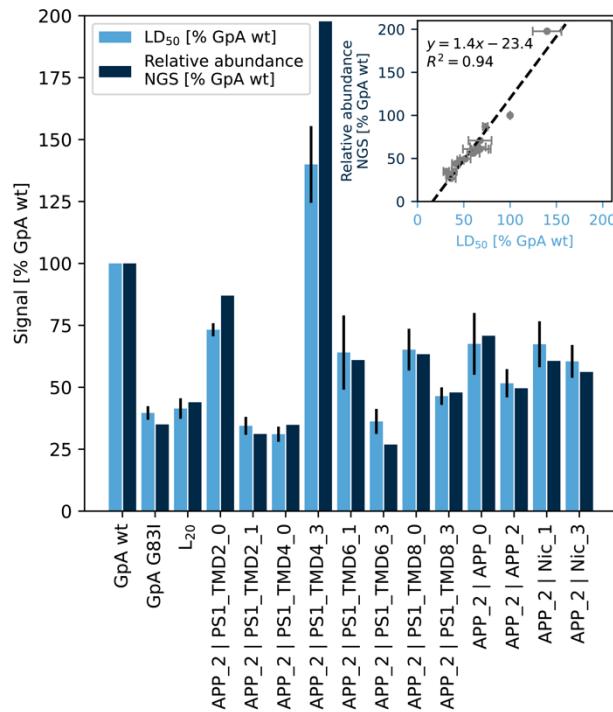


Figure S6. Validation of the library-based BLATM system. The abundances of pairs of various reference TMD-TMD interactions, as determined by deep sequencing (black bars), are compared to manually measured LD₅₀ values (blue bars). All values were normalized to the respective signals obtained with GpA wt. Inset: correlation analysis of both sets of data.

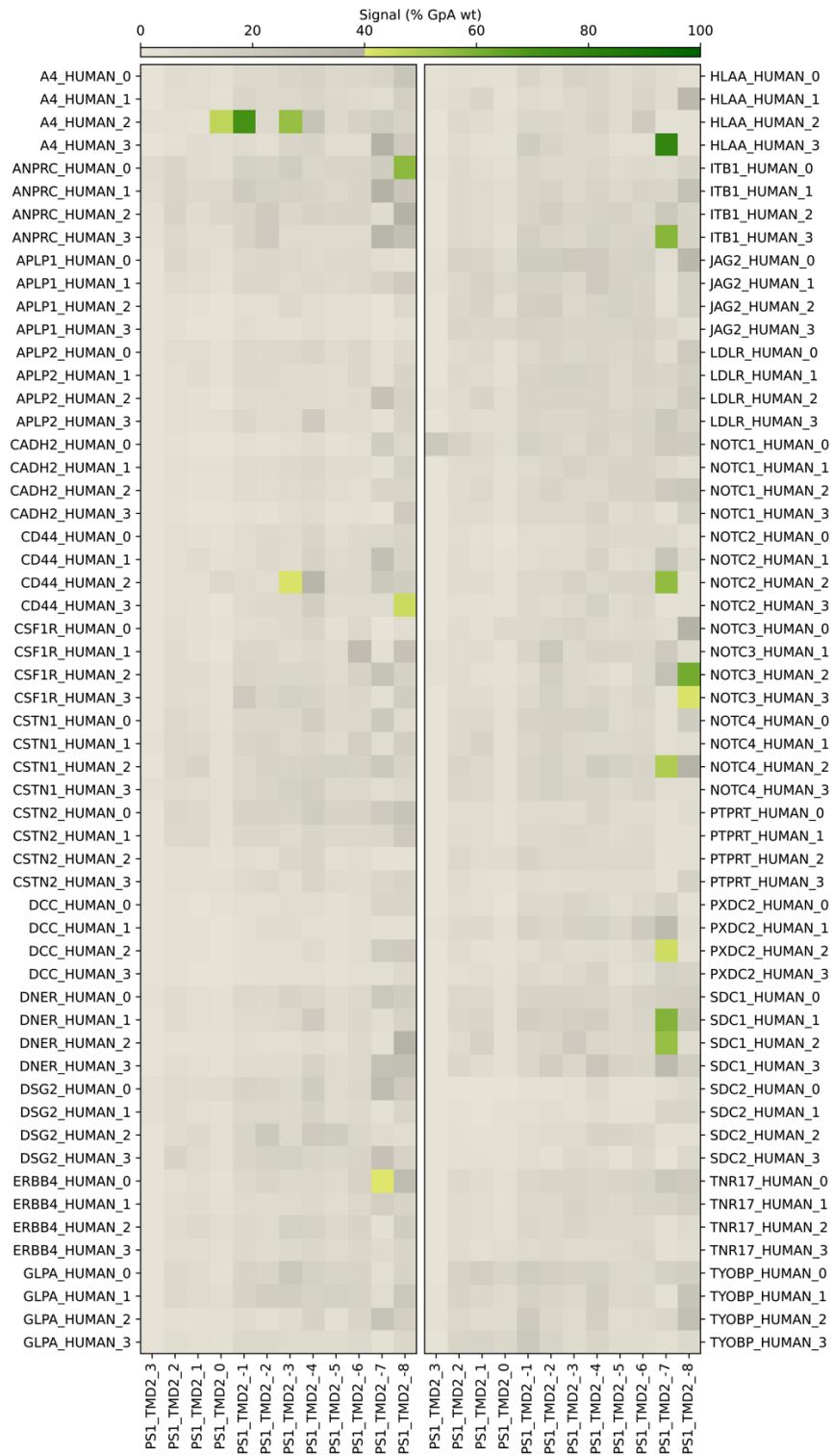


Figure S7. TMD-TMD interactions of various parts of the PS1 TMD2 with substrate TMDs, as examined with the BLaTM library screening system. The heatmap depicts the abundances of pairs obtained with all tested combinations of sequences and frames. Abundances in excess of 40% of the abundance seen with the GpA positive control are depicted in green and were confirmed by manual testing as shown in Fig. 6.

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