

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Ser170 Controls the Conformational Multiplicity of the Loop 166-175 in Prion Proteins:

Implication for Conversion and Species Barrier

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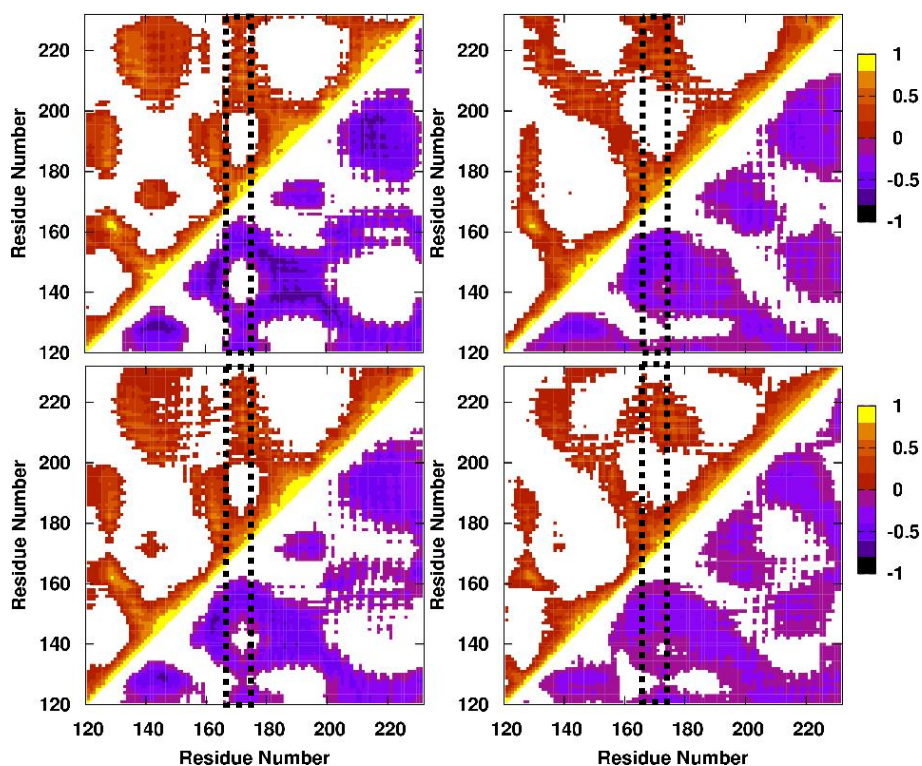


Figure S1 The cross-correlation coefficient C_{ij} between the displacements of C_{α} atoms i and j is calculated as

$$C_{ij} = \left\langle \Delta \vec{r}_i \Delta \vec{r}_j \right\rangle / \left(\left\langle \Delta r_i^2 \right\rangle \left\langle \Delta r_j^2 \right\rangle \right)^{1/2}$$

where \vec{r}_i is the displacement of C_{α} atom i from its average position, and $\langle \rangle$ represents an average over a simulation segment. Data were obtained by averaging the C_{ij} over 20 segments of 1 ns each. The last 20 ns of the trajectories mPrP (top) and mPrPmb (bottom) were used for this plot. In each plot, the upper and lower triangles show correlated and anti-correlated displacement, respectively. The dotted rectangle emphasizes L1 residues 166-175.

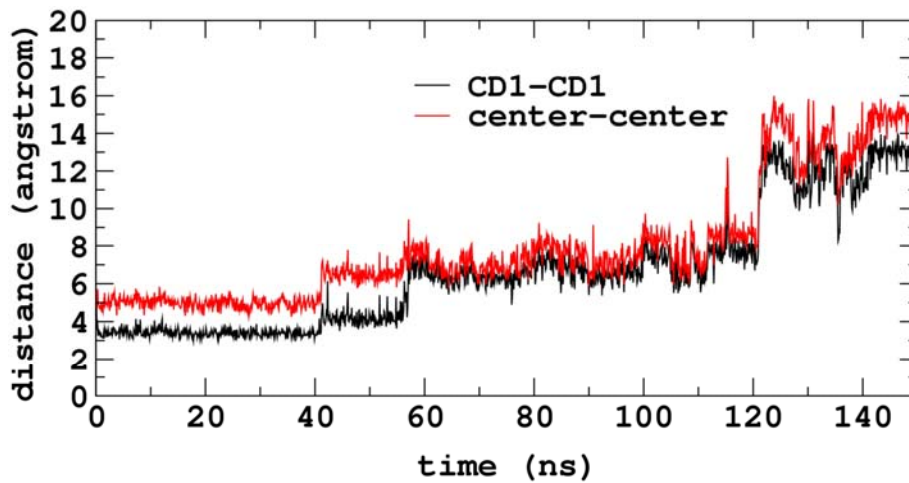


Figure S2 Time evolution (simulation mPrPmb) of the separation of the ring centroids (center-center $\equiv R_{\text{cen}}$ in Ref. (1)) and the closest distance (C δ 1-C δ 1 $\equiv R_{\text{clo}}$ in Ref. (1)) between Tyr169 and Phe175.

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