

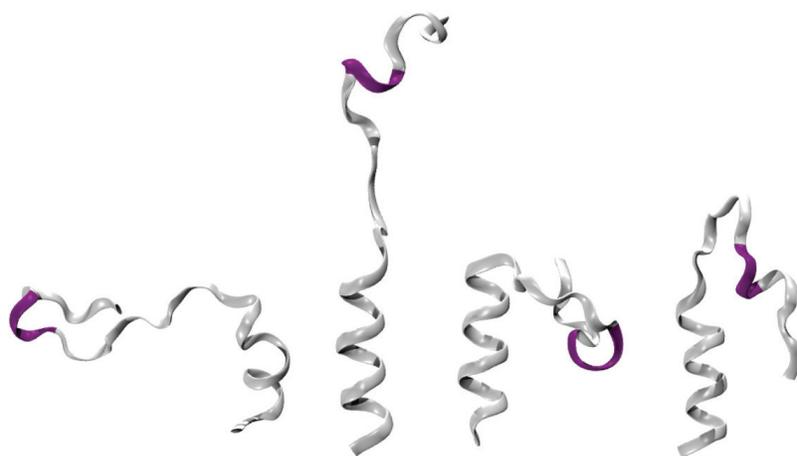
## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Backbone conformational preferences of an intrinsically disordered protein in solution

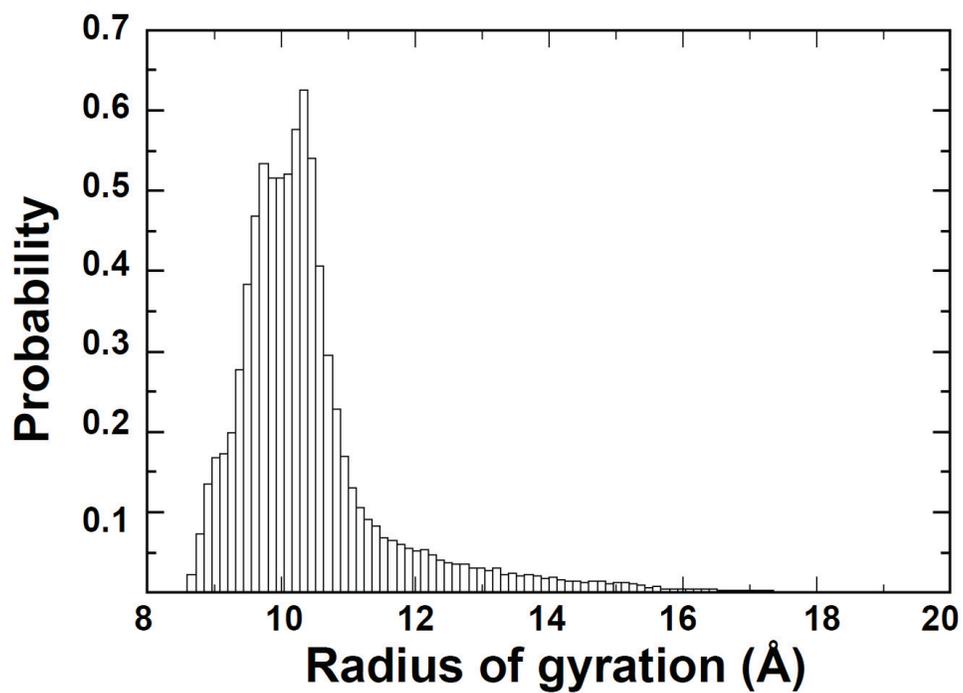
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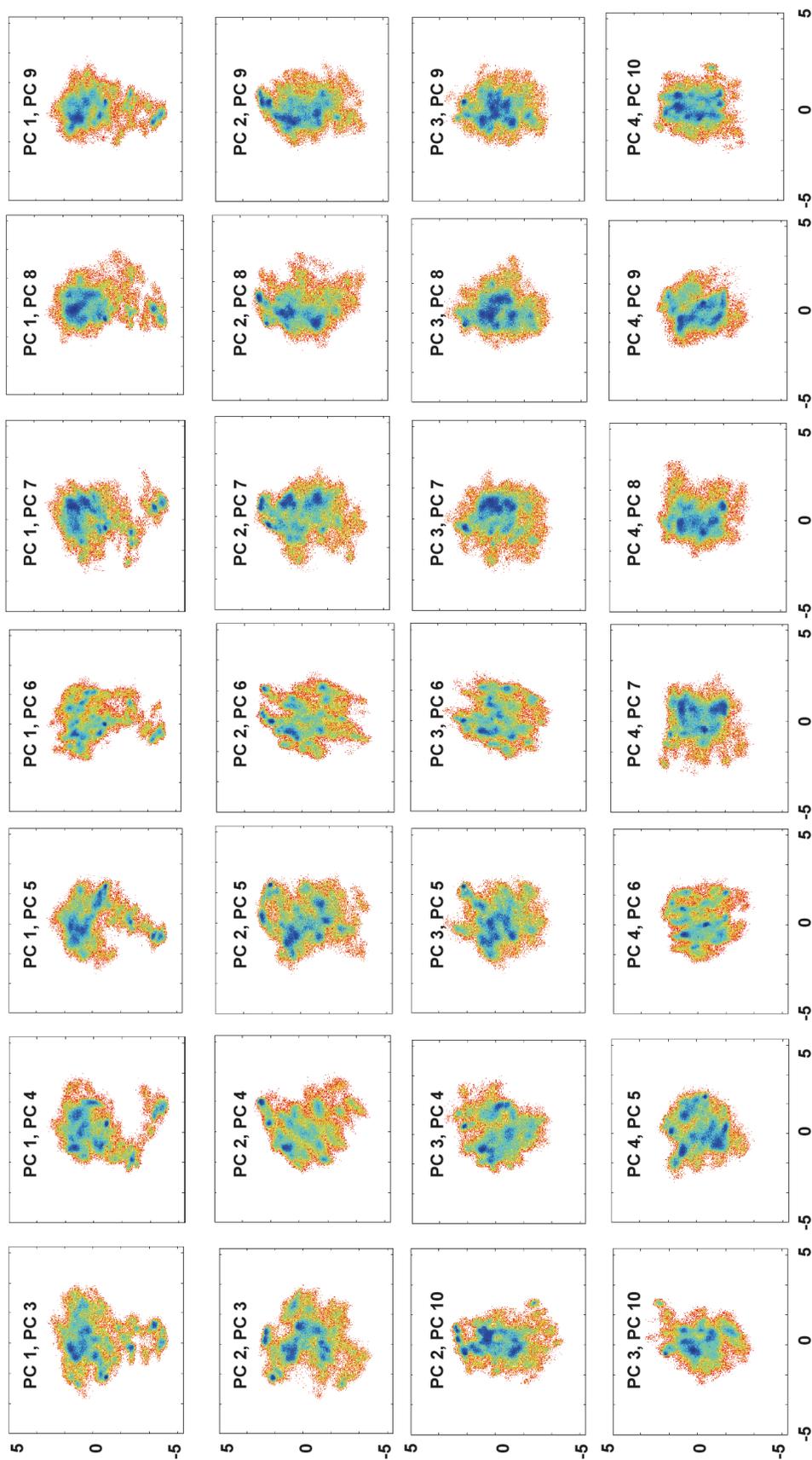
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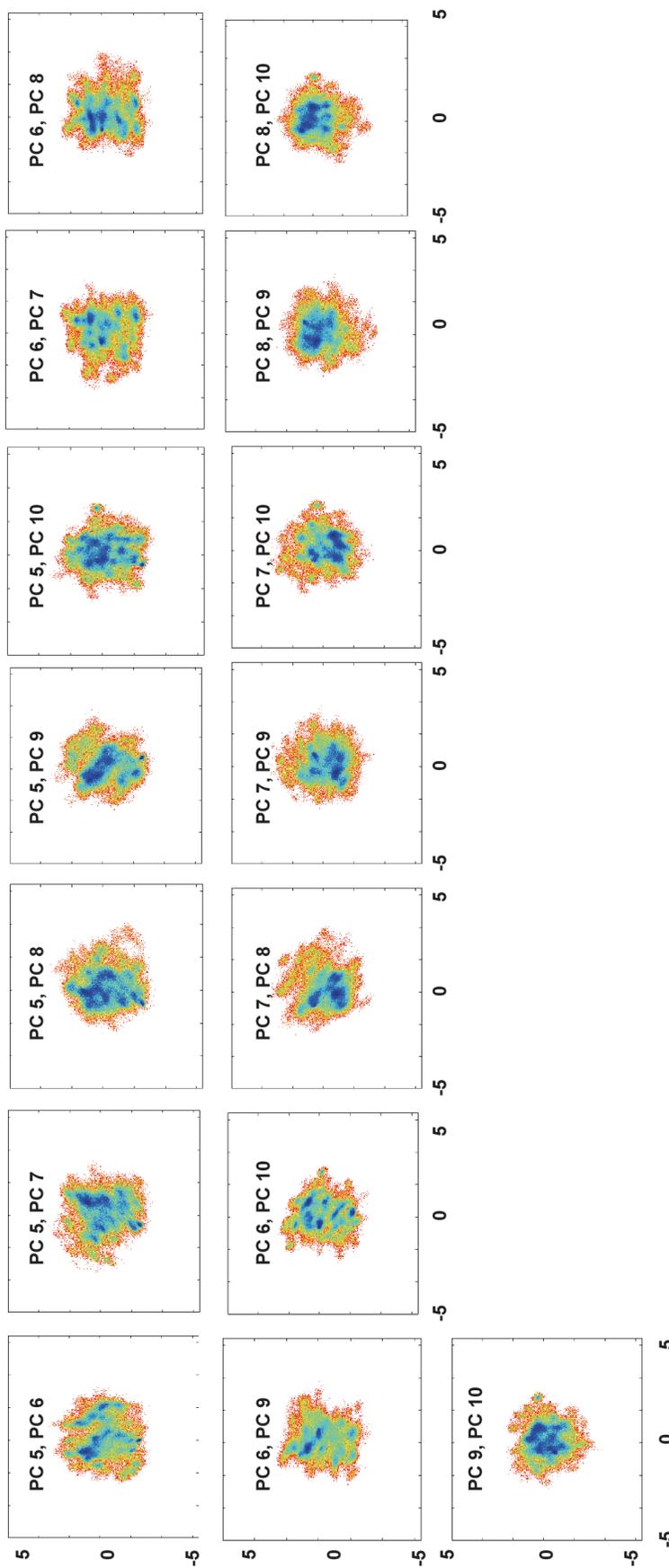
**Figure S1.** Transient helix formed by residues N139-L142 of KID. We show different snapshots extracted from the 4- $\mu$ s trajectory of KID. The protein is rendered as ribbons, and the transient helix formed by residues N139-L142 is colored in purple.



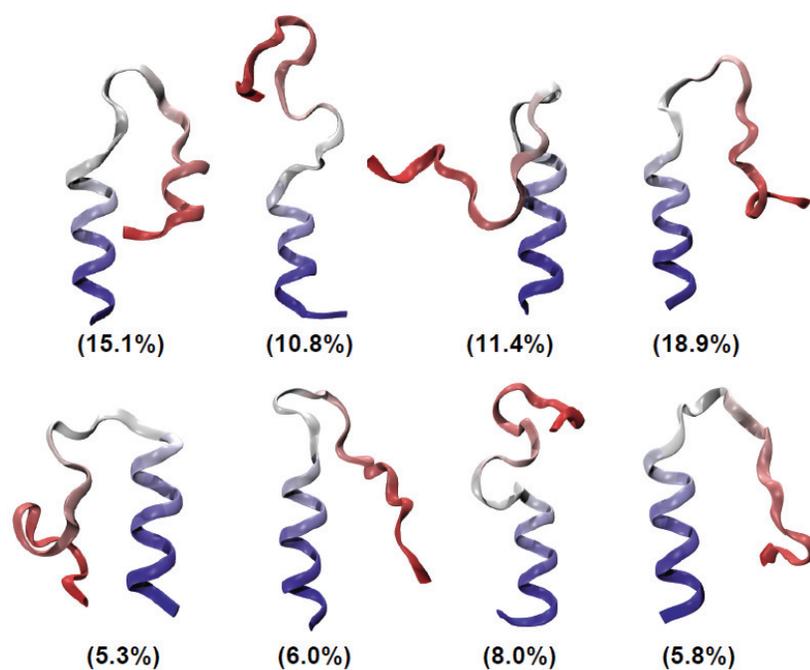
**Figure S2.** Probability histogram of the radius of gyration of KID. Radius of gyration was calculated for each structure in the 4- $\mu$ s trajectory using the program VMD (Humphrey, W.; Dalke, A.; Schulten, K., *J Mol Graph* **1996**, *14*, 33).



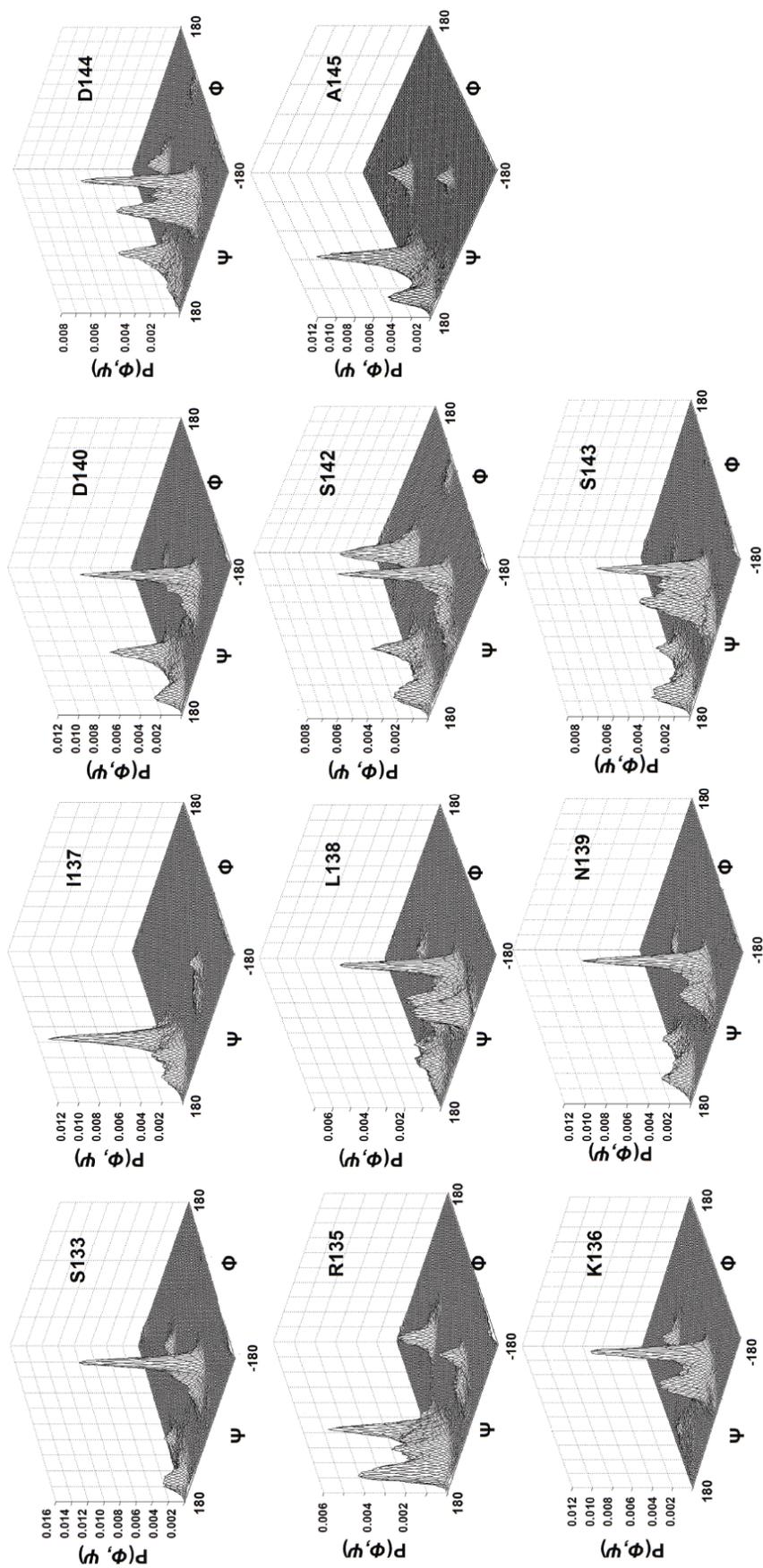
**Figure S3.** Free energy landscapes of KID. We used all possible pair combinations of the first ten principal components as reaction coordinates to construct two-dimensional free energy landscapes. The legend inside each plot indicates the pairs of principal components (in the format  $PC_a, PC_b$ ) that were used to construct the energy landscapes. We used the color scale dark blue  $\rightarrow$  light blue  $\rightarrow$  green  $\rightarrow$  yellow  $\rightarrow$  red, where dark blue and red colors correspond to the lowest and highest free energy. The scale unit along the x- and y-axes is in Angstroms ( $\text{\AA}$ ).



**Figure S3.** Continued.



**Figure S4.** Representative conformations of KID obtained from clustering analysis using the first three principal components obtained from PCA. The numbers in parenthesis indicate the propensity of individual conformational states in the 4- $\mu$ s trajectory. The N-terminus of KID (around domain  $\alpha_A$ ) is shown in blue, while the C-terminus (around domain  $\alpha_B$ ) is shown in red.



**Fig. S5.** Probability histograms of the ( $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$ ) dihedral angles of residues S133-A145 (segment  $\alpha_B$ ). The histograms show a preference for specific conformations in the ( $\Phi$ ,  $\Psi$ ) space over the 4- $\mu$ s trajectory. Histograms of residues Y134 and L141 are shown in Fig. 3 of the manuscript.