

**Supporting Information**

**Structural motif, *Topi* and its role in protein function and  
fibrillation**

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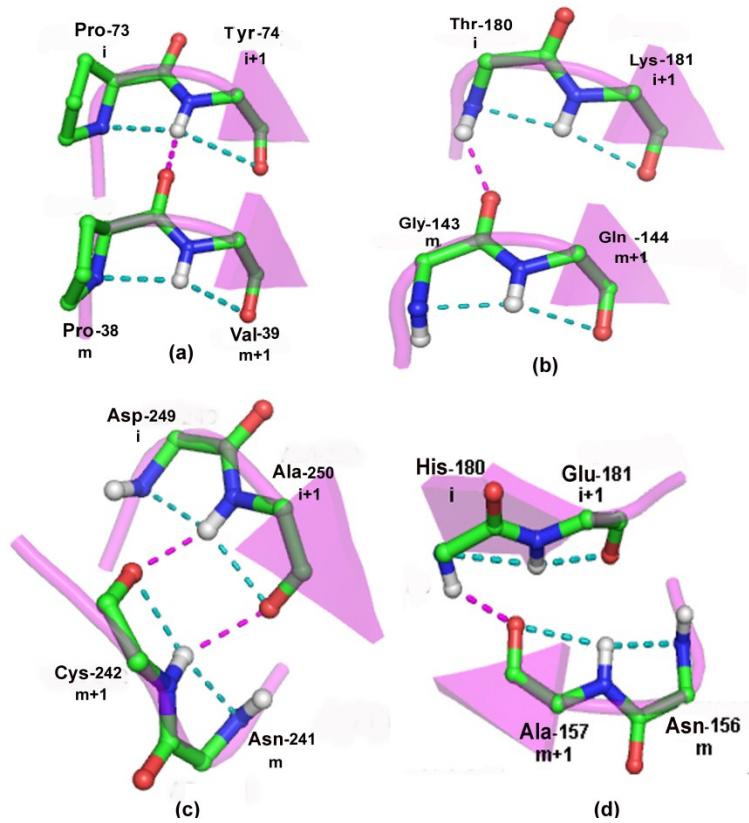


Figure S1. *Topi* motif, where two fused-rings motifs (involving residue pairs, (i, i+1) and (m,m+1)) are connected by a long range intermolecular hydrogen bond, (a) (i+1) → m , type I; (b) i→m, type II; (c) (i+1)→(m+1), type III and (d) i→(m+1), type IV<sup>9</sup>.

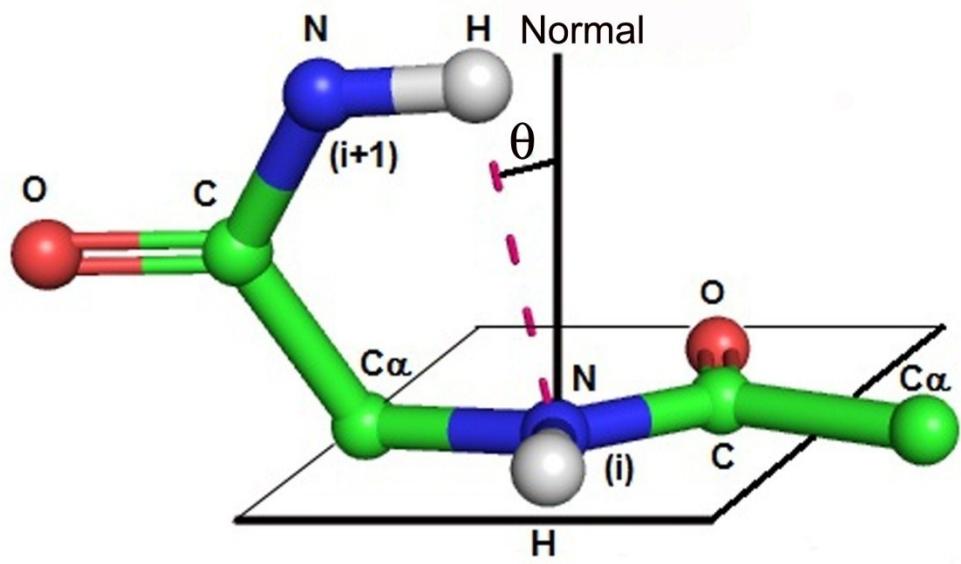


Figure S2. Definition of angle  $\theta$  – the angle made by the  $N(i) \cdots H(i+1)$  direction with the normal to the peptide plane passing through  $N(i)$ .

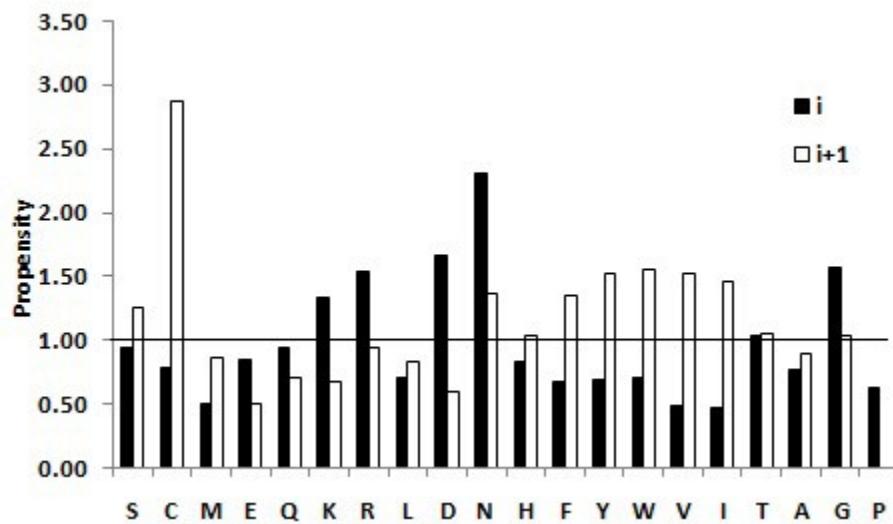


Figure S3. Propensities of residues to occur at  $i$  and  $i+1$  positions of type I *topi*.

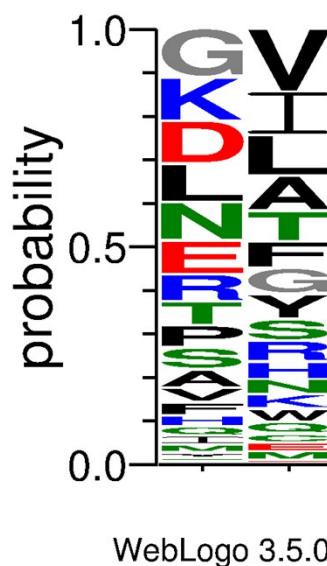


Figure S4. The WebLogo for two residues ( $i$  and  $i+1$ ) (and using both the segments) in type I *topi*.

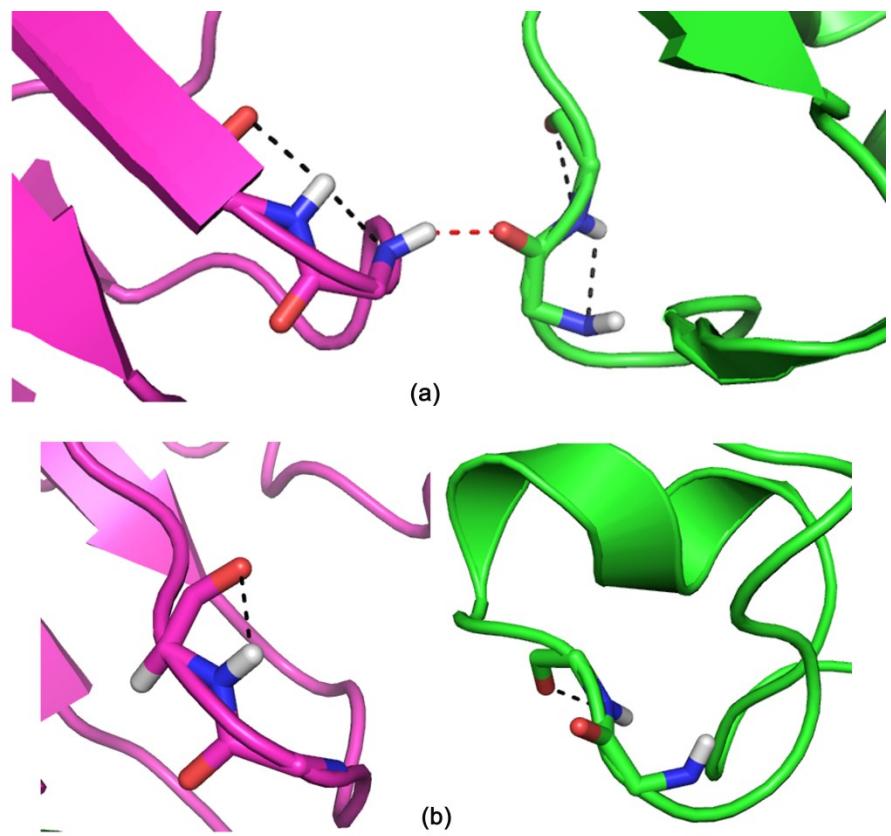


Figure S5. (a) *Topi* structure at the interface of a heterodimer (PDB: 1XU1). The fused-rings motif in the component chains is missing in (b) the unbound forms of the subunits (PDB: 1U5Y and 1XUT).

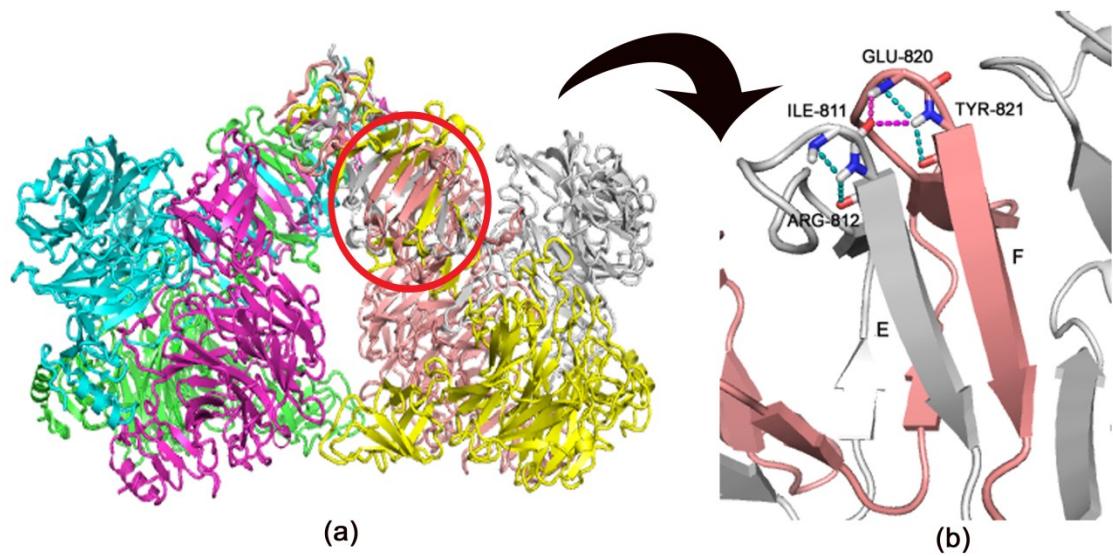


Figure S6. Occurrence of *topi* motif in the interface (marked by red circle) of two protein chains, labelled E and F, of a multimeric protein (PDB, 1V0F).

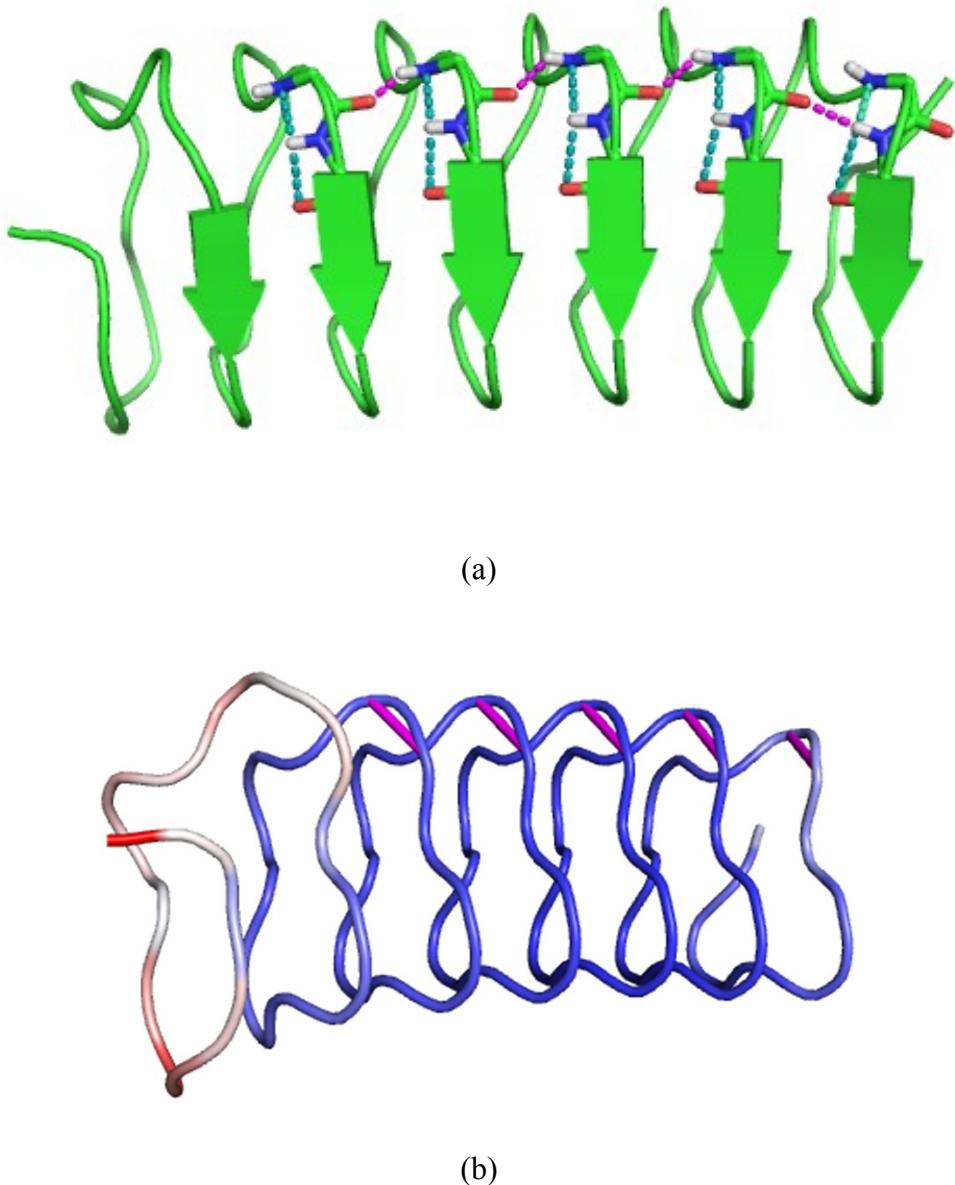


Figure S7. (a) The occurrence of a series of linked ( $(i+1) \rightarrow m$  and  $i \rightarrow m$ , pink dashed line) fused-rings motifs in the pentapeptide repeat protein (PDB, 1EZG, antifreeze protein from the beetle)<sup>48</sup>. (b) Fluctuation of the backbone (taking C,  $C\alpha$ , and N only) is shown in color (blue to red signifies rigid to flexible). Magenta stick indicates the position of *topi* motifs is parallel peptides.

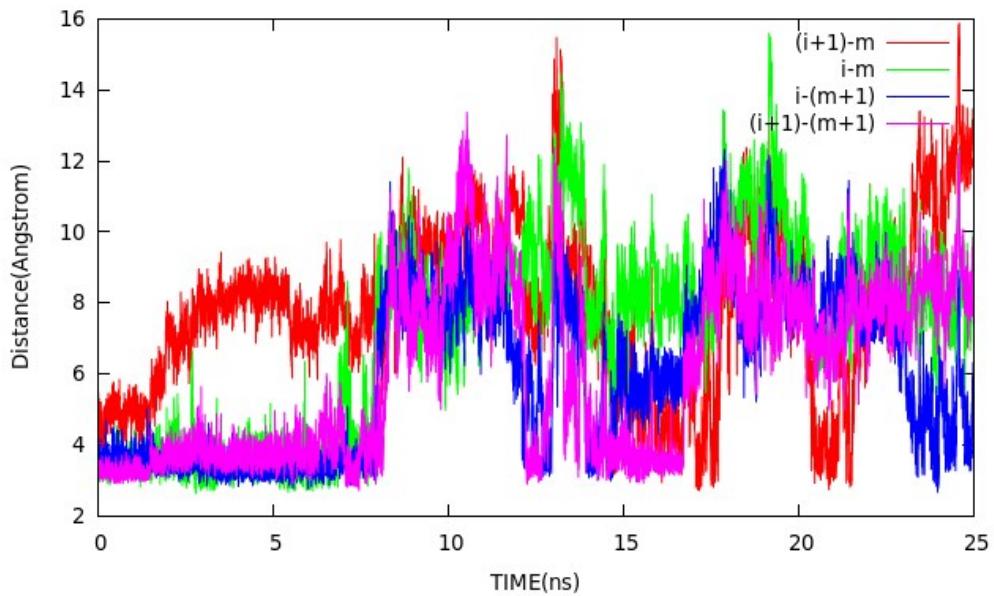


Figure S8. Different distances ( $i+1 \rightarrow m$ ,  $i \rightarrow m$ ,  $i \rightarrow m+1$  or  $i+1 \rightarrow m+1$ ) between *topi* segments, plotted against the simulation time (in ns) for the pair of 6-residue peptides (with *topi* at center). The sequence of the segment is (200)Val-Asp-His-Cys-Phe-Phe (PDB file: 1OFL).<sup>32</sup> The peptide segments fall apart beyond 25 ns.

Table S1. List of fused-rings motifs found in misfolded proteins

PDB ID	Chain ID	Residue (i) number	Residue (i)	Residue (i+1)
2kj3	C	221	ALA	ILE
	A	224	GLY	ARG
	B	224	GLY	ARG
	C	224	GLY	ARG
	A	229	LYS	ASP
	B	229	LYS	ASP
	C	229	LYS	ASP
	B	236	ARG	ALA
	B	251	HIS	GLY
	A	252	GLY	GLY
	A	254	ILE	ARG
	B	254	ILE	ARG
	B	257	SER	ASP
	A	265	GLU	THR
	B	265	GLU	THR
	A	272	GLU	SER
	A	289	ASN	HIS
	B	292	HIS	HIS
2kkw	A	39	TYR	VAL
	A	94	PHE	VAL
	A	98	ASP	GLN
	A	108	PRO	GLN
	A	110	GLU	GLY
2lmp	L	23	ASP	VAL
	N	23	ASP	VAL
	Q	23	ASP	VAL
	C	25	GLY	SER
	F	25	GLY	SER
	G	25	GLY	SER
	H	25	GLY	SER
	K	25	GLY	SER
	L	25	GLY	SER
	O	25	GLY	SER
	Q	25	GLY	SER
	R	25	GLY	SER
	A	29	GLY	ALA
	C	29	GLY	ALA
	R	29	GLY	ALA

	E	38	GLY	VAL
	F	38	GLY	VAL
	I	38	GLY	VAL
	L	38	GLY	VAL
	O	38	GLY	VAL
	Q	38	GLY	VAL
2n0a	H	3	VAL	PHE
	B	4	PHE	MET
	C	6	LYS	GLY
	D	6	LYS	GLY
	E	11	ALA	LYS
	I	11	ALA	LYS
	G	12	LYS	GLU
	J	12	LYS	GLU
	B	14	GLY	VAL
	F	14	GLY	VAL
	C	25	GLY	VAL
	J	26	VAL	ALA
	E	27	ALA	GLU
	C	28	GLU	ALA
	H	28	GLU	ALA
	D	29	ALA	ALA
	E	99	GLN	LEU
	J	99	GLN	LEU
	H	103	ASN	GLU
	J	104	GLU	GLU
	F	109	GLN	GLU
	I	109	GLN	GLU
	G	110	GLU	GLY
	H	111	GLY	ILE
	B	112	ILE	LEU
	C	117	PRO	VAL
	I	117	PRO	VAL
	F	120	PRO	ASP
	G	121	ASP	ASN
	D	123	GLU	ALA
	B	125	TYR	GLU
	I	125	TYR	GLU
	B	128	PRO	SER
	C	128	PRO	SER

	I	129	SER	GLU
	G	134	GLN	ASP
	J	134	GLN	ASP
	B	139	GLU	ALA
	I	139	GLU	ALA
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	C	13	GLY	LYS
	D	13	GLY	LYS
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	E	319	ILE	THR
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	E	338	ASN	VAL
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	E	367	GLN	THR
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	F	375	LEU	THR
	E	384	THR	VAL
	F	384	THR	VAL
	E	390	MET	SER
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