

Coordination of Cu^{2+} and Ni^{2+} with the Histone Model Peptide of H2B N-terminal tail (1-31 residues): A Spectroscopic Study.

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Table S1. Acquisition parameters of NMR experiments performed on H2B₁₋₃₁ at 298K.

Experiments	Acquired data points (nucleus)			Spectral width (ppm)		
	t ₁	t ₂	t ₃	F ₁	F ₂	F ₃
[¹ H, ¹ H]-TOCSY ^{[a][b]}	2048 (¹ H)	672 (¹ H)	-	10 (¹ H)	10 (¹ H)	-
[¹ H, ¹ H]-NOESY ^{[a][b]}	2048 (¹ H)	640 (¹ H)	-	11 (¹ H)	11 (¹ H)	-
[¹ H, ¹³ C]-HSQC ^{[a][b][c]}	1024 (¹ H)	512 (¹³ C)	-	11 (¹ H)	80 (¹³ C)	-
[¹ H, ¹⁵ N]-HSQC ^[a]	1024 (¹ H)	256 (¹⁵ N)	-	12 (¹ H)	40 (¹⁵ N)	-
HNHA ^[a]	128 (¹ H)	16 (¹⁵ N)	1024 (¹ H)	13 (¹ H)	37 (¹⁵ N)	13 (¹ H)

[a] Data acquired on a 700 spectrometer, equipped with a triple resonance TXI Z-GRAD 5 mm.

[b] Data acquired on a 600 MHz spectrometer equipped with a triple resonance TXI Z-GRAD 5 mm and TXI Z-GRAD with ATMM 5 mm probe, for the Ni²⁺-free and bound H2B₁₋₃₁ spectra, respectively.

[c] Data acquired on a 400 MHz spectrometer equipped with a triple resonance TXI BBO 5 mm probe (for Cu²⁺-H2B₁₋₃₁ complexes).

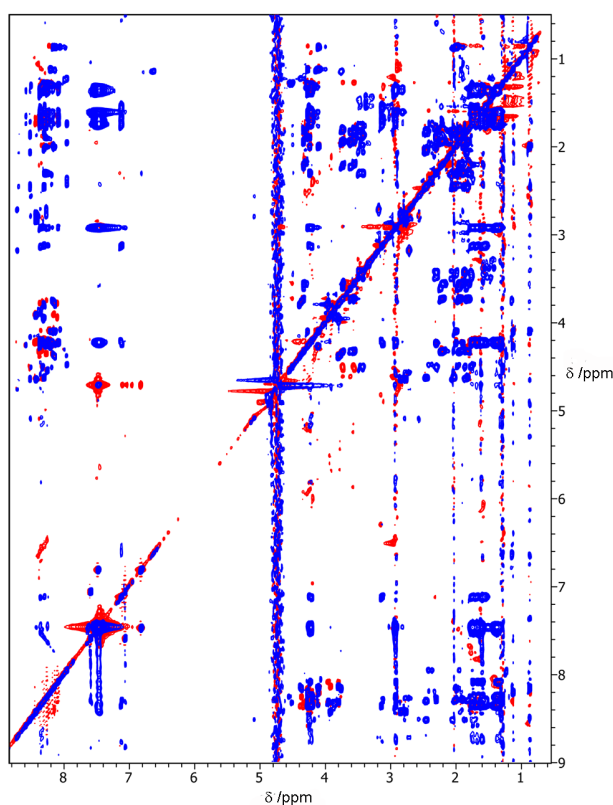


Figure S1. Overlaid NOESY (red) and TOCSY (blue) spectra of H2B₁₋₃₁ at pH 2, 298 K.

Table S2. Resonance assignments for H2B₁₋₃₁ at pH 2, 298 K (ppm related to TMS).

Residue	Atom	δ/ppm	Residue	Atom	δ/ppm	Residue	Atom	δ/ppm	
Pro1	¹ Hα	4.50	Pro3	¹ Hγ ₂	1.93	Lys5	¹³ Cγ	22.0	
	¹ Hβ ₂	2.30		¹ Hγ ₃	1.83		¹³ Cδ	26.3	
	¹ Hβ ₃	1.98		¹³ Cα	60.39		¹³ Cε	39.3	
	¹ Hδ ₂	3.46		¹³ Cβ	29.35		Ser6	¹ H _N	8.16
	¹ Hδ ₃	3.42		¹³ Cγ	29.31			¹ Hα	4.36
	¹ Hγ ₂	1.88		¹³ Cδ	47.92		¹ Qβ	3.75	
	¹ Hγ ₃	1.76		Ala4	¹ H _N		8.25	¹⁵ N	116.9
	¹³ Cα	61.2			¹ Hα		4.23	¹³ Cα	55.3
	¹³ Cβ	27.0		¹ Qβ	1.32		¹³ Cβ	61.3	
	¹³ Cγ	24.3		¹⁵ N	125.6		Ala7	¹ H _N	8.25
	¹³ Cδ	47.2		¹³ Cα	49.8			¹ Hα	4.54
Glu2	¹ H _N	8.30	¹³ Cβ	16.4	¹ Qβ	1.27			
	¹ Hα	4.62	Lys5	¹ H _N	8.25	¹⁵ N	127.2		
	¹ Hβ ₂	2.03		¹ Hα	4.25	¹³ Cα	47.8		
	¹ Hβ ₃	1.83		¹ Hβ ₂	1.74	¹³ Cβ	15.3		
	¹ Qγ ^[a]	2.45		¹ Hβ ₃	1.67	Pro8	¹ Hα	4.33	
	¹⁵ N	120.4		¹ Qγ	1.37		¹ Qβ	2.19	
	¹³ Cα	50.8		¹ Qδ	1.60		¹ Hγ ₂	1.90	
	¹³ Cβ	25.7		¹ Qε	2.92		¹ Hγ ₃	1.81	
Pro3	¹ Hα	4.33		¹ Qz	7.46	¹ Hδ ₂	3.73		
	¹ Qβ	2.23	¹⁵ N	120.6	¹ Hδ ₃	3.56			
	¹ Hδ ₂	3.72	¹³ Cα	53.6	¹³ Cα	60.0			
	¹ Hδ ₃	3.62	¹³ Cβ	30.2	¹³ Cβ	29.9			

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Table S2. (Continuation) Resonance assignments for H2B₁₋₃₁ at pH 2, 298 K (ppm related to TMS).

Residue	Atom	δ/ppm	Residue	Atom	δ/ppm	Residue	Atom	δ/ppm
Pro8	¹³ Cγ	24.6	Lys11	¹ Qε	2.92	Gly13	¹⁵ N	110.6
	¹³ Cδ	47.8		¹ Qz	7.5		¹³ Cα	42.4
Ala9	¹ H _N	8.32		¹⁵ N	123.3	Ser14	¹ H _N	8.14
	¹ Hα	4.51		¹³ Cα	53.6		¹ Hα	4.38
	¹ Qβ ^[a]	1.28		¹³ Cβ	30.3		¹ Qβ	3.79
	¹⁵ N	125.8		¹³ Cγ	22.0		¹⁵ N	115.51
	¹³ Cα	47.6		¹³ Cδ	28.2		¹³ Cα	55.51
	¹³ Cβ	15.4		¹³ Cε	39.4		¹³ Cβ	61.38
Pro10	¹ Hα	4.33	Lys12	¹ H _N	8.29	Lys15	¹ H _N	8.35
	¹ Qβ	2.22		¹ Hα	4.24		¹ Hα	4.23
	¹ Hγ ₂	1.96		¹ Hβ ₂	1.75		¹ Hβ ₂	1.74
	¹ Hγ ₃	1.82		¹ Hβ ₃	1.67		¹ Hβ ₃	1.67
	¹ Hδ ₂	3.73		¹ Qγ	1.39		¹ Qγ	1.36
	¹ Hδ ₃	3.55		¹ Qδ	1.60		¹ Qδ	1.59
	¹³ Cα	60.1		¹ Qε	2.91		¹ Qε	2.91
	¹³ Cβ	29.3		¹ Qz	7.46		¹ Qz	7.48
	¹³ Cγ	24.6		¹⁵ N	123.1		¹⁵ N	122.9
	¹³ Cδ	48.6		¹³ Cα	53.6		¹³ Cα	53.6
Lys11	¹ H _N	8.37		¹³ Cβ	30.4		¹³ Cβ	30.4
	¹ Hα	4.25		¹³ Cγ	21.9		¹³ Cγ	22.0
	¹ Hβ ₂	1.75		¹³ Cδ	26.4		¹³ Cδ	26.4
	¹ Hβ ₃	1.68		¹³ Cε	39.4		¹³ Cε	39.4
	¹ Qγ	1.35	Gly13	¹ H _N	8.42	Lys16	¹ H _N	8.30
	¹ Qδ	1.55		¹ Qα	3.92		¹ Hα	4.22

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Residue	Atom	δ/ppm	Residue	Atom	δ/ppm	Residue	Atom	δ/ppm
Lys16	¹ Hβ ₂	1.76	Val18	¹³ Cα	59.5	Lys20	¹³ Cδ	26.3
	¹ Hβ ₃	1.69		¹³ Cβ	30.1		¹³ Cε	39.4
	¹ Qγ ^[a]	1.38		¹³ Cγ ₁	17.7	Ala21	¹ H _N	8.23
	¹ Qδ	1.60		¹³ Cγ ₂	18.4		¹ Hα	4.20
	¹ Qε	2.92	Thr19	¹ H _N	8.20		¹ Qβ	1.29
	¹ Qz	7.46		¹ Hα	4.26		¹⁵ N	125.4
	¹⁵ N	124.2		¹ Hβ	4.10		¹³ Cα	49.8
	¹³ Cα	53.5		¹ Qγ ₂	1.13		¹³ Cβ	16.4
	¹³ Cβ	30.3		¹⁵ N	119.3	Gln22	¹ H _N	8.28
	¹³ Cγ	22.0		¹³ Cα	59.0		¹ Hα	4.24
	¹³ Cδ	26.2		¹³ Cβ	67.2		¹ Hβ ₂	2.00
	¹³ Cε	39.5		¹³ Cγ ₂	18.8		¹ Hβ ₃	1.89
Ala17	¹ H _N	8.28	Lys20	¹ H _N	8.23		¹ Qγ	2.32
	¹ Hα	4.27		¹ Hα	4.21		¹ Hε ₂₁	7.59
	¹ Qβ	1.29		¹ Hβ ₂	1.73		¹ Hε ₂₂	7.05
	¹⁵ N	126.3		¹ Hβ ₃	1.67		¹⁴ N	120.3
	¹³ Cα	49.5		¹ Qγ	1.38		¹⁵ Nε ₂	108.8
	¹³ Cβ	16.5		¹ Qδ	1.61		¹³ Cα	53.1
Val18	¹ H _N	8.16		¹ Qε	2.92		¹³ Cβ	27.0
	¹ Hα	4.10		¹ Qz	7.47		¹³ Cγ	31.1
	¹ Hβ	2.00		¹⁵ N	122.8	Lys23	¹ H _N	8.33
	¹ Qγ ₁	0.88		¹³ Cα	53.6		¹ Hα	4.21
	¹ Qγ ₂	0.86		¹³ Cβ	30.5		¹ Hβ ₂	1.75
	¹⁵ N	120.4		¹³ Cγ	22.0		¹ Hβ ₃	1.67

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Residue	Atom	δ/ppm	Residue	Atom	δ/ppm	Residue	Atom	δ/ppm
Lys23	¹ Q ^γ ^[a]	1.32	Asp25	¹ H _N	8.42	Lys27	¹³ C ^γ	21.981
	¹ Q ^δ	1.61		¹ H ^α	4.64		¹³ C ^δ	26.284
	¹ Q ^ε	2.93		¹ H ^β ₂	2.84		¹³ C ^ε	39.304
	¹ Q ^z	7.47		¹ H ^β ₃	2.78	Lys28	¹ H _N	8.237
	¹⁵ N	124.4		¹⁵ N	120.5		¹ H ^α	4.211
	¹³ C ^α	53.6		¹³ C ^α	50.4		¹ Q ^β	1.728
	¹³ C ^β	30.3		¹³ C ^β	36.0		¹ H ^γ ₂	1.366
	¹³ C ^γ	22.0	Asp25	¹ H _N	8.31		¹ H ^γ ₃	1.309
	¹³ C ^δ	26.4		¹ H ^α ₁	3.79		¹ Q ^δ	1.624
	¹³ C ^ε	39.3		¹ H ^α ₂	3.94		¹ Q ^ε	2.921
Lys24	¹ H _N	8.35		¹⁵ N	109.537		¹ Q ^z	7.459
	¹ H ^α	4.22		¹³ C ^α	42.633		¹⁵ N	123.296
	¹ H ^β ₂	1.75	Lys27	¹ H _N	8.08	Lys28	¹³ C ^α	53.738
	¹ H ^β ₃	1.67		¹ H ^α	4.233		¹³ C ^β	30.33
	¹ Q ^γ	1.34		¹ H ^β ₂	1.732		¹³ C ^γ	22.067
	¹ Q ^δ	1.60		¹ H ^β ₃	1.671		¹³ C ^δ	26.242
	¹ Q ^ε	2.91		¹ H ^γ ₂	1.37		¹³ C ^ε	39.207
	¹ Q ^z	7.49		¹ H ^γ ₃	1.32	Arg29	¹ H _N	8.349
	¹⁵ N	123.6		¹ Q ^δ	1.6		¹ H ^α	4.207
	¹³ C ^α	53.6		¹ Q ^ε	2.91		¹ H ^β ₂	1.69
	¹³ C ^β	30.4		¹ Q ^z	7.467		¹ H ^β ₃	1.763
	¹³ C ^γ	22.0		¹⁵ N	120.73		¹ Q ^γ	1.588
	¹³ C ^δ	26.4		¹³ C ^α	53.668		¹ Q ^δ	3.134
	¹³ C ^ε	39.4		¹³ C ^β	30.301		¹ H ^ε	7.124

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Residue	Atom	δ/ppm	Residue	Atom	δ/ppm	Residue	Atom	δ/ppm
Arg29	¹ H _{H21}	7.46	Lys30	¹ Qδ ^[a]	1.601	Arg31	¹ Hβ ₃	1.67
	¹ H _{H22}	6.809		¹ Qε	2.918		¹ Qγ	1.56
	¹⁵ N	121.988		¹ Qz	7.462		¹ Qδ	3.122
	¹⁵ N _{H2}	111.85		¹⁵ N	123.279		¹ He	7.108
	¹³ Cα	53.461		¹³ Cα	53.434		¹ H _{H21}	7.462
	¹³ Cβ	28.155		¹³ Cβ	30.296		¹ H _{H22}	6.799
	¹³ Cγ	24.36		¹³ Cγ	21.976		¹⁵ N	121.152
	¹³ Cδ	40.583		¹³ Cδ	26.357		¹⁵ N _{H2}	112.363
Lys30	¹ H _N	8.323		¹³ Cε	39.263		¹³ Cα	53.488
	¹ Hα	4.193	Arg31	¹ H _N	8.295		¹³ Cβ	28.293
	¹ Hβ ₂	1.741		¹ Hα	4.248		¹³ Cγ	40.687
	¹ Hβ ₃	1.67		¹ Hβ ₂	1.742		¹³ Cδ	24.354
	¹ Qγ	1.327						

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Table S3. Resonance assignments for H2B₁₋₃₁ (free and Ni²⁺-bound state) and chemical shifts differences at pH 10.1, 298K (ppm related to TMS).

Residue	Atom	Free/ppm	Ni ²⁺ -bound/ppm	$\Delta\delta$ /ppm	Residue	Atom	Free/ppm	Ni ²⁺ -bound/ppm	$\Delta\delta$ /ppm	
Pro1	¹ H α	4.504	4.510	0.01	Pro3	¹ H γ_2	3.774	3.770	0.00	
	¹ H β_2	2.304	2.307	0.00		¹ H γ_3	3.635	3.640	0.01	
	¹ H β_3	1.999	2.000	0.00		¹³ C α	60.465	60.469	0.00	
	¹ H δ_2	1.876	1.880	0.00		¹³ C β	29.260	29.319	0.06	
	¹ H δ_3	1.787	1.800	0.01		¹³ C δ	47.975	48.096	0.12	
	¹ H γ_2	3.477	3.478	0.00		¹³ C γ	24.613	24.664	0.05	
	¹ H γ_3	3.434	3.434	0.00		Ala4	¹ H α	4.229	4.224	0.00
	¹³ C α	61.186	61.210	0.02			¹ Q β	1.327	1.329	0.00
	¹³ C β	26.886	-	-			¹³ C α	49.733	49.758	0.03
	¹³ C γ	24.196	24.215	0.02			¹³ C β	16.207	16.290	0.08
	Glu2	¹³ C δ	46.706	46.651		-0.05	Lys5	¹ H α	4.264	4.271
¹ H α		4.513	4.509	0.00	¹ H β_2	1.787		1.784	0.00	
¹ H β_2		1.947	1.963	0.02	¹ H β_3	1.700		1.707	0.01	
¹ H β_3		1.842	1.851	0.01	¹ Q γ	1.573		1.378	-0.20	
¹ Q γ ^[a]		2.240	2.244	0.00	¹ Q δ	1.378		1.584	0.21	
¹³ C α		51.761	51.598	-0.16	¹ Q ϵ	2.841		2.859	0.02	
¹³ C β		27.085	27.058	-0.03	¹³ C α	53.442		53.466	0.02	
Pro3	¹³ C γ	33.342	33.278	-0.06	¹³ C β	30.402	27.034	-3.37		
	¹ H α	4.326	4.326	0.00	¹³ C γ	22.126	30.334	8.21		
	¹ Q β	2.237	2.245	0.01	¹³ C δ	27.234	22.017	-5.22		
	¹ H δ_2	1.959	1.960	0.00	¹³ C ϵ	39.394	39.440	0.05		
	¹ H δ_3	1.846	1.851	0.00	Ser6	¹ H α	4.376	4.371	0.00	

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Residue	Atom	Free/ppm	Ni ²⁺ -bound/ppm	$\Delta\delta$ /ppm	Residue	Atom	Free/ppm	Ni ²⁺ -bound/ppm	$\Delta\delta$ /ppm	
Ser6	¹ H β_2	3.768	3.765	0.00	Pro10	¹ H α	4.350	4.357	0.01	
	¹ H β_3	3.825	-	-		¹ Q β	2.218	2.220	0.00	
	¹³ C α	55.182	55.229	0.05		¹ H γ_2	1.960	1.966	0.01	
	¹³ C β	61.153	61.042	-0.11		¹ H γ_3	1.812	1.816	0.00	
Ala7	¹ H α	4.553	4.563	0.01	HD2	3.747	3.744	0.00		
	¹ Q β	1.290	1.306	0.02		HD3	3.584	3.584	0.00	
	¹³ C α	47.722	47.688	-0.03		¹³ C α	60.135	60.144	0.01	
	¹³ C β	15.327	15.310	-0.02		¹³ C β	29.903	29.233	-0.67	
Pro8	¹ H α	4.342	4.348	0.01	¹³ C γ	24.733	24.518	-0.22		
	¹ Q β ^[a]	2.215	2.207	-0.01		¹³ C δ	48.752	47.683	-1.07	
	¹ H γ_2	1.958	1.955	0.00		Lys11	¹ H α	4.265	4.272	0.01
	¹ H γ_3	-	1.828	-0.13			¹ H β_2	1.766	1.777	0.01
	¹ H δ_2	3.727	3.729	0.00			¹ H β_3	1.686	1.696	0.01
¹ H δ_3	3.572	3.570	0.00	¹ Q γ	1.310		1.311	0.00		
Pro8	¹³ C α	59.849	59.798	-0.05	¹ Q δ	1.382	1.385	0.00		
	¹³ C β	29.870	29.313	-0.56	¹ Q ϵ	2.757	2.815	0.06		
	¹³ C γ	24.642	24.476	-0.17	¹³ C α	53.607	53.492	-0.12		
	¹³ C δ	47.690	0.000	0.00	¹³ C β	30.390	30.312	-0.08		
	Ala9	¹ H α	4.508	4.524	0.02	¹³ C γ	22.190	22.210	0.02	
¹ Q β		1.299	1.300	0.00	¹³ C δ	29.094	29.104	0.01		
¹³ C α		47.527	47.584	0.06	¹³ C ϵ	39.683	39.392	-0.29		
¹³ C β		15.330	16.422	1.09	Lsy12	¹ H α	4.229	4.227	0.00	

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Lys12	¹ H β_2	1.756	1.734	-0.02	Lys15	¹ Q ϵ	2.760	2.931	0.17
	¹ H β_3	1.678	-	-		¹³ C α	53.684	54.130	0.45
	¹ H γ_2	1.383	1.316	-0.07		¹³ C β	30.378	30.378	0.00
	¹ H γ_3	1.333	-	-		¹³ C γ	22.361	22.361	0.00
	¹ Q δ ^[a]	1.493	1.525	0.03		¹³ C δ	29.100	29.100	0.00
	¹ Q ϵ	2.744	2.929	0.19		¹³ C ϵ	40.839	40.839	1.27
	¹³ C α	53.581	53.862	0.28	Lys16	¹ H α	4.208	4.166	-0.04
	¹³ C β	30.293	30.355	0.06		¹ H β_2	1.742	2.032	0.29
	¹³ C γ	22.235	22.276	0.04		¹ H β_3	1.695	-	0.34
	¹³ C δ	28.406	27.964	-0.44		¹ H γ_2	1.380	1.707	0.33
	¹³ C ϵ	39.618	40.922	1.30		¹ H γ_3	1.318	1.629	0.31
Gly13	¹ Q α	3.911	3.875	-0.04		¹ Q δ	1.524	1.800	0.28
	¹³ C α	42.188	42.672	0.48		¹ Q ϵ	2.785	3.043	0.26
Ser14	¹ H α	4.396	3.958	-0.44		¹³ C α	53.907	53.461	-0.45
	¹ Q β	3.799	3.563	-0.24		¹³ C β	30.259	31.462	1.20
	¹³ C α	55.530	-	-		¹³ C γ	22.248	22.060	-0.19
	¹³ C β	61.125	-	-		¹³ C δ	28.241	-	-
Lys15	¹ H α	4.249	4.178	-0.07		¹³ C ϵ	39.588	41.800	2.21
	¹ H β_2	1.764	-	2.41	Ala17	¹ H α	4.267	4.420	0.15
	¹ H β_3	1.691	1.713	0.02		¹ Q β	1.310	0.908	-0.40
	¹ Q γ	1.371	1.283	-0.09		¹³ C α	49.611	50.911	1.30
	¹ Q δ	1.515	1.391	-0.12		¹³ C β	16.379	-	-

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Val18	¹ H α	4.101	3.004	-1.10	Lys20	¹³ C β	30.330	30.514	0.18
	¹ H β	2.026	1.304	-0.72		¹³ C γ	22.133	-	-
	¹ Q γ_2 ^[a]	0.893	1.024	0.13		¹³ C δ	27.989	-	-
	¹ Q γ_3	0.880		0.14		¹³ C ϵ	39.529	-	-
	¹³ C α	59.532	53.743	-5.79	Ala21	¹ H α	4.209	3.575	-0.63
	¹³ C β	30.060	29.074	-0.99		¹ Q β	1.291	1.391	0.10
	¹³ C γ_1	17.725	18.505	0.78		¹³ C α	49.883	-	-
	¹³ C γ_2	18.387		0.12		¹³ C β	16.483	16.327	-0.16
Thr19	¹ H α	4.277	5.076	0.80	Gln22	¹ H α	4.234	3.045	-1.19
	¹ H β	4.136	2.935	-1.20		¹ H β_2	2.023	1.815	-0.21
	¹ Q γ_2	1.148	1.380	0.23		¹ H β_3	1.938	-	-0.12
	¹³ C α	58.977	-	-	¹ Q γ	2.323	2.239	-0.08	
	¹³ C β	67.092	61.066	-6.03	Gln22	¹³ C α	53.106	55.650	2.54
	¹³ C γ_2	18.786	16.359	-2.43		¹³ C β	26.823	29.247	2.42
Lys20	¹ H α	4.213	3.957	-0.26		¹³ C γ	30.998	33.317	2.32
	¹ H β_2	1.757	1.738	-0.02	Lys23	¹ H α	4.209	3.626	-0.58
	¹ H β_3	1.694	1.808	0.11		¹ H β_2	1.735	1.892	0.16
	¹ Q γ	1.366	2.058	0.69		¹ H β_3	1.694	-	0.20
	¹ Q δ	1.538	-	-		¹ Q γ	1.322	1.740	0.42
	¹ H ϵ_2	2.770	3.446	0.68		¹ Q δ	1.512	1.510	0.00
	¹ H ϵ_3	-	3.239	0.47		¹ Q ϵ	2.740	3.150	0.41
	¹³ C α	53.758	64.993	11.24		¹³ C α	53.828	58.289	4.46

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Table S3. (Continuation) Resonance assignments for H2B₁₋₃₁ (free and Ni²⁺-bound state) and chemical shifts differences at pH 10.1, 298K (ppm related to TMS).

Residue	Atom	Free/ppm	Ni ²⁺ -bound/ppm	$\Delta\delta$ /ppm	Residue	Atom	Free/ppm	Ni ²⁺ -bound/ppm	$\Delta\delta$ /ppm
Lys23	¹³ C β	30.297	-	-	Lys27	¹ H α	4.218	4.204	-0.01
	¹³ C γ	22.210	22.128	-0.08		¹ H β_2	1.753	-	2.45
	¹³ C δ	28.304	27.853	-0.45		¹ H β_3	1.686	1.700	0.01
	¹³ C ϵ	39.500	40.433	0.93		¹ Q γ	1.315	1.384	0.07
Lys24	¹ H α	4.235	3.562	-0.06		¹ Q δ	1.512	1.321	-0.19
	¹ H β_2	1.755	2.086	0.33		¹ Q ϵ	2.754	2.922	0.17
	¹ H β_3	1.709	-	0.38		¹³ C α	53.842	53.438	-0.40
	¹ Q γ ^[a]	1.377	1.545	0.17		¹³ C β	30.428	30.355	-0.07
	¹ Q δ	1.507	1.545	0.04		¹³ C γ	22.266	22.129	-0.14
	¹ Q ϵ	2.747	2.794	0.05		¹³ C δ	28.381	29.013	0.63
	¹³ C α	53.731	62.060	8.33		¹³ C ϵ	39.581	40.910	1.33
	¹³ C β	30.348	26.808	-3.54	Lys28	¹ H α	4.194	4.194	0.00
	¹³ C γ	22.046	22.110	0.06		¹ Q β	1.712	1.747	0.04
	¹³ C δ	28.443	27.902	-0.54		¹ Q γ	1.375	1.375	0.00
	¹³ C ϵ	39.559	39.486	-0.07		¹ Q δ	1.519	1.560	0.04
Asp25	¹ H α	4.512	3.589	-0.92		¹ Q ϵ	2.753	2.816	0.06
	¹ Q β	2.627	3.190	0.56		¹³ C α	53.904	53.983	0.08
	¹³ C α	51.632	-	0.00		¹³ C β	30.298	30.331	0.03
	¹³ C β	38.557	-	0.00		¹³ C γ	22.200	22.118	-0.08
Gly26	¹ H α_1	3.892	2.985	-0.91		¹³ C δ	28.425	27.446	-0.98
	¹ H α_2	3.841	2.895	-0.95		¹³ C ϵ	39.617	39.404	-0.21
	¹³ C α	42.788	-	-	Arg29	¹ H α	4.224	4.225	0.00

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Table S3. (Continuation) Resonance assignments for H2B₁₋₃₁ (free and Ni²⁺-bound state) and chemical shifts differences at pH 10.1, 298K (ppm related to TMS).

Residue	Atom	Free/ppm	Ni ²⁺ -bound/ppm	$\Delta\delta$ /ppm	Residue	Atom	Free/ppm	Ni ²⁺ -bound/ppm	$\Delta\delta$ /ppm
Arg29	¹ H β_2	1.797	1.798	0.00	Arg31	¹³ C α	53.558	53.535	-0.02
	¹ H β_3	1.708	1.713	0.01		¹³ C β	30.223	30.366	0.14
	¹ Q γ ^[a]	1.614	1.592	-0.02		¹³ C γ	22.137	22.120	-0.02
	¹ Q δ	3.159	3.155	0.00		¹³ C δ	28.485	27.627	-0.86
	¹³ C α	53.783	53.798	0.02		¹³ C ϵ	39.007	39.474	0.47
	¹³ C β	28.082	28.140	0.06		¹ H α	4.241	4.247	0.01
	¹³ C γ	24.471	24.404	-0.07		¹ H β_2	1.778	1.778	0.00
	¹³ C δ	40.437	40.489	0.05		¹ H β_3	1.688	1.686	0.00
Lys30	¹ H α	4.203	4.204	0.00	¹ Q γ	1.556	1.555	0.00	
	¹ H β_2	1.752	1.772	0.02	¹ Q δ	3.137	3.136	0.00	
	¹ H β_3	1.691	1.718	0.03	¹³ C α	53.751	53.726	-0.02	
	¹ Q γ	1.315	1.358	0.04	¹³ C β	28.230	28.049	-0.18	
	¹ Q δ	1.508	1.563	0.05	¹³ C γ	24.386	24.463	0.08	
	¹ Q ϵ	2.742	2.818	0.08	¹³ C δ	40.599	40.489	-0.11	

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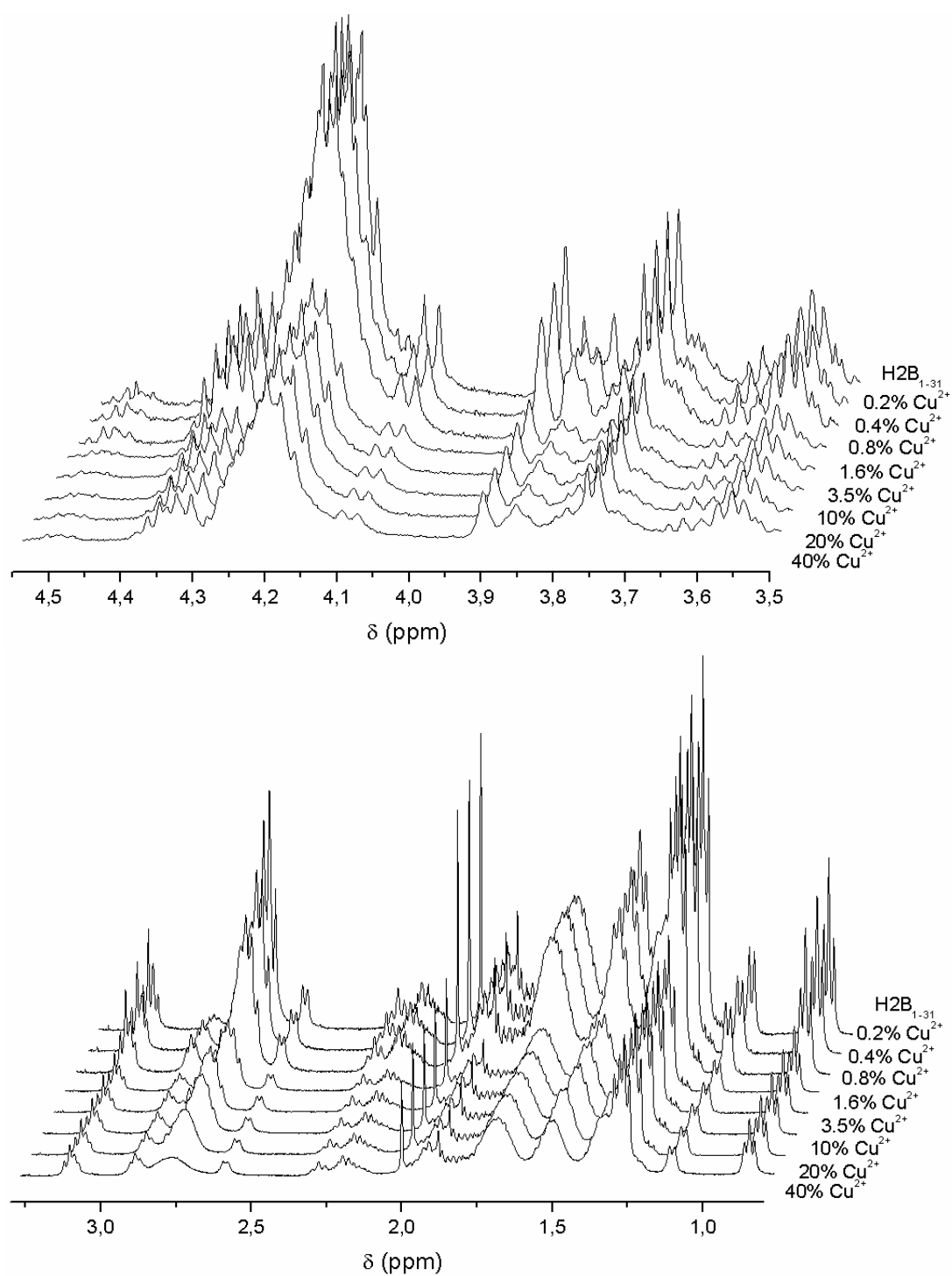


Figure S2 ^1H NMR stack plot showing the effect of Cu^{2+} addition to H2B_{1-31} signals (2 mM in 99.9 % D_2O , at pH 10.1, 298 K). $\text{CuCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ was added in aliquots reaching 0.002, 0.004, 0.008, 0.016, 0.035, 0.01, 0.02 and 0.04 mole-equivalents of Cu^{2+} .

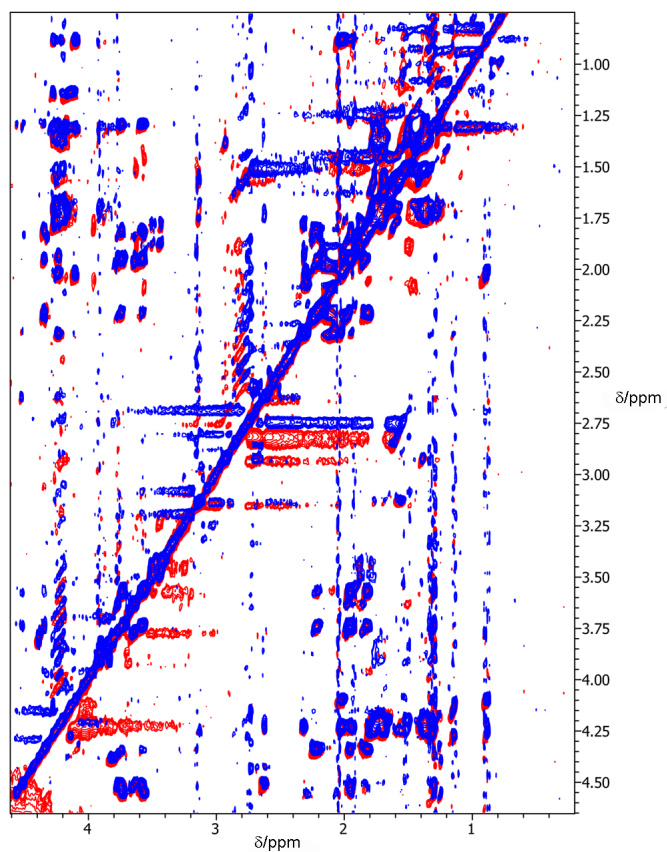


Figure S3. Overlaid aliphatic region of the free H2B_{1-31} (blue) and Ni^{2+} -bound H2B_{1-31} (red) of $[\text{}^1\text{H}-\text{}^1\text{H}]$ -NOESY spectra at a peptide to nickel molar ratio of 1.1:1, at pH 10.1, 298 K.

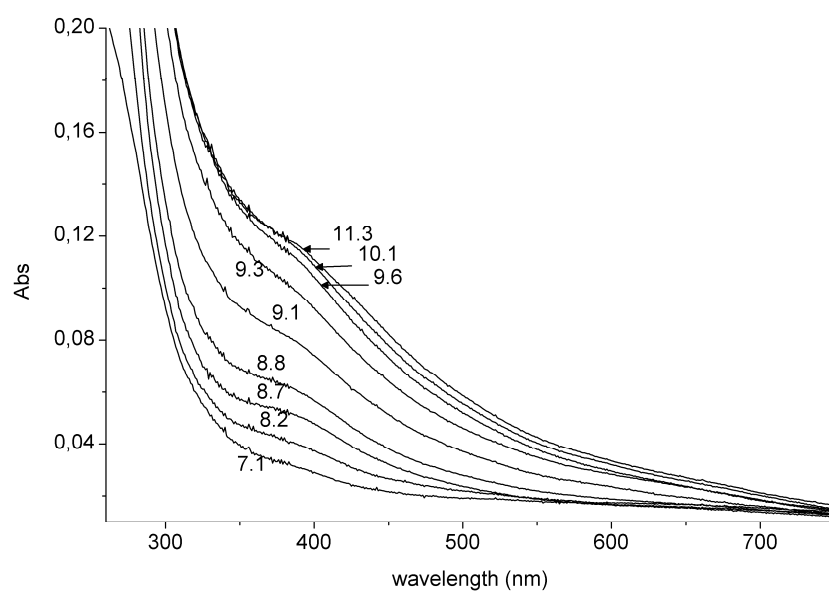


Figure S4. UV/Vis spectra of the Ni^{2+} : H2B_{1-31} system, at various pH values with a molar ratio of 1:1.1 (0.6 mM), at 298 K and $I = 0.2 \text{ M}$ (KCl).

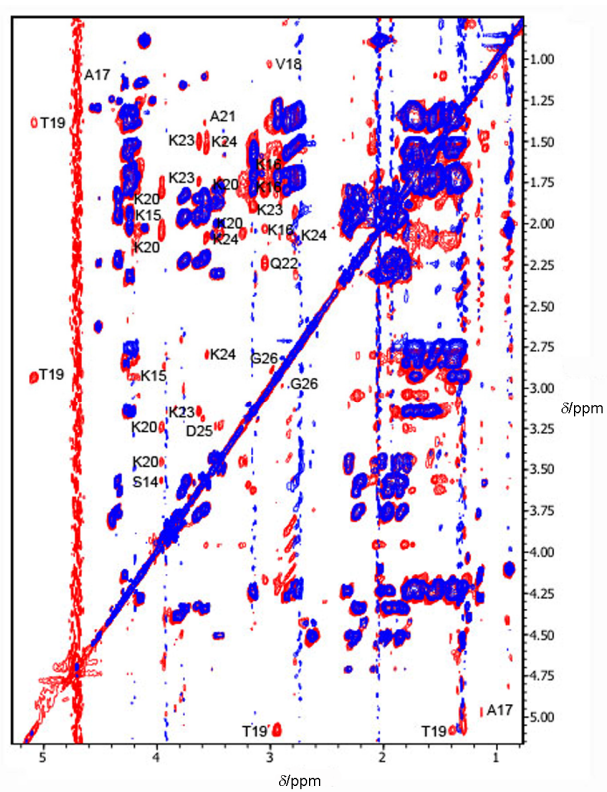


Figure S5. Overlaid aliphatic region of the free H2B₁₋₃₁ (blue) and Ni²⁺-bound H2B₁₋₃₁ (red) TOCSY spectra at a peptide to nickel molar ratio of 1.1: 1 (pH 10.1, 298 K). New resonances due to Ni²⁺ binding have been labelled.