

## The complex-formation behaviour of His residues in the fifth Cu<sup>2+</sup> binding site of human Prion protein: a close look

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### SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

**Table S1.**

Thermodynamic parameters for protonation of PrP<sub>91-114</sub>, PrP<sub>92-100</sub>, PrP<sub>106-113</sub>, in aqueous solution.  $T = 298$  K,  $I = 0.1$  mol dm<sup>-3</sup> (KCl or KNO<sub>3</sub>). Standard deviations are given in parentheses. Charges are omitted for clarity.

Data from F. Berti *et al.*, Chem. Eur. J. 13 (2007) 1991 and M. Remelli *et al.*, Dalton Trans. (2005) 2876.

Species	log $\beta$	log $K_{\text{step}}$	$-\Delta H^\circ$ kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S^\circ$ J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>
PrP <sub>91-114</sub>				
HL	11.15	11.15	-	-
H <sub>2</sub> L	21.46	10.31	-	-
H <sub>3</sub> L	31.49	10.04	-	-
H <sub>4</sub> L	40.85	9.35	-	-
H <sub>5</sub> L	47.39	6.54	-	-
H <sub>6</sub> L	53.11	5.73	-	-
PrP <sub>92-100</sub>				
HL	6.38	6.38	25	38
PrP <sub>106-113</sub>				
HL	10.52	10.52	81	-69
H <sub>2</sub> L	20.32	9.80	111	16
H <sub>3</sub> L	26.48	6.16	135	53

**Table S2.**

Thermodynamic parameters for Cu<sup>2+</sup> complex-formation of PrP<sub>91-114</sub>, PrP<sub>92-100</sub>, PrP<sub>106-113</sub>, in aqueous solution.  $T = 298\text{ K}$ ,  $I = 0.1\text{ mol dm}^{-3}$  (KCl or KNO<sub>3</sub>). Standard deviations are given in parentheses. Charges are omitted for clarity.

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Species	$\log \beta$	$\log K_{\text{step}}$	$-\Delta H^\circ$ kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	$\Delta S^\circ$ J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup>
PrP <sub>91-114</sub>				
CuH <sub>5</sub> L	51.35	5.29	-	-
CuH <sub>4</sub> L	46.06	-	-	-
CuH <sub>2</sub> L	34.18	6.56	-	-
CuHL	27.62	7.40	-	-
CuL	20.22	8.78	-	-
CuH <sub>-1</sub> L	11.44	-	-	-
CuH <sub>-3</sub> L	-8.66	-	-	-
PrP <sub>92-100</sub>				
CuL	3.85	6.25	20	6
CuH <sub>-1</sub> L	-2.40	5.82	8	-72
CuH <sub>-2</sub> L	-8.22	7.55	-39	-27
CuH <sub>-3</sub> L	-15.77	9.51	-65	-85
CuH <sub>-4</sub> L	-25.28	-	-88	-187
PrP <sub>106-113</sub>				
CuH <sub>2</sub> L	23.84	6.19	161	-82
CuHL	17.65	5.04	93	27
CuL	12.61	7.71	82	-33
CuH <sub>-1</sub> L	4.90	9.85	53	-84
CuH <sub>-2</sub> L	-4.95	10.64	20	-162
CuH <sub>-3</sub> L	-15.59	11.81	-48	-138
CuH <sub>-4</sub> L	-27.40	-	-	-

**Table S3.**

Spectroscopic parameters for Cu<sup>2+</sup> complex-formation of PrP<sub>92-113</sub>, PrP<sub>92-100</sub>, PrP<sub>106-113</sub> analogues, in aqueous solution. Molar absorptivity is always referred to the total molar concentration of the Cu<sup>2+</sup> ion. *T* = 298 K, *I* = 0.1 mol dm<sup>-3</sup> (KCl). Charges are omitted for clarity.

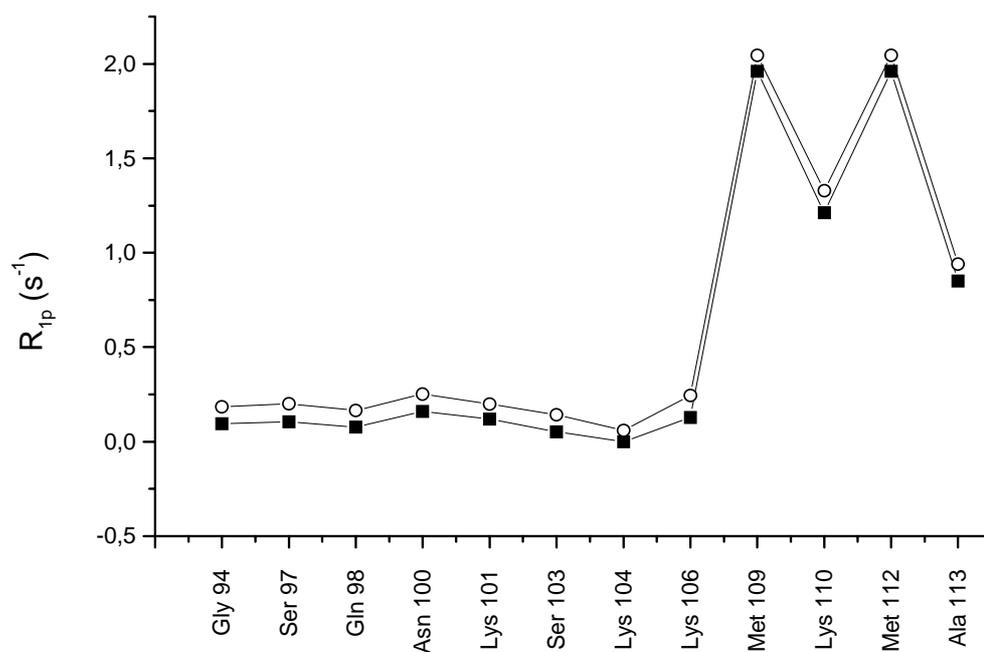
(H96A)PrP <sub>92-113</sub>						(H111A)PrP <sub>92-113</sub>							
Species (pH)	UV-Vis $\lambda/\text{nm}$ $\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$		CD $\lambda/\text{nm}$ $\Delta\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$		EPR $A_{\text{H}}/\text{G}$ $g_{\text{H}}$		Species	UV-Vis $\lambda/\text{nm}$ $\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$		CD $\lambda/\text{nm}$ $\Delta\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$		EPR $A_{\text{H}}/\text{G}$ $g_{\text{H}}$	
CuH <sub>4</sub> L (pH 5.0)	785	31	292	-0.17	123	2.52	CuH <sub>4</sub> L (pH 5.5)	795	15	264	0.13	142	2.44
			444	0.11						297	-0.06		
CuH <sub>2</sub> L (pH 6.5)	617	118	253	5.19	168	2.23	CuH <sub>3</sub> L (pH 6.0)	780	16	340	0.02	142	2.45
			326	-0.44						526	0.01		
			385	0.14						258	0.62		
			532	0.31						305	-0.08		
CuHL (pH 7.5)	574	133	254	7.05	178	2.22	CuH <sub>2</sub> L (pH 7.0)	628	55	343	0.13	n.d.	
			317	0.23						514	0.05		
			345	-0.06						626	-0.05		
			390	0.13						271	1.46		
			493	-0.39						322	-0.09		
CuL (pH 9.0)	534	163	644	0.57	192	2.20	CuHL (pH 8.5)	576	97	379	0.11	175	2.22
			257	7.30						489	0.04		
			293	-0.05						616	-0.44		
			318	1.20						276	2.22		
			359	-0.06						335	-0.32		
			404	0.06						391	0.16		
			497	-1.11						612	-0.84		
CuH <sub>1</sub> L (pH 10.0)	530	175	634	1.10	192	2.20	CuL (pH 9.5)	570	105	275	2.57	204	2.19
			256	7.58						339	-0.28		
			293	-0.11						393	0.16		
			318	1.32						601	-0.95		
			363	-0.06						259	2.59		
			401	0.07						336	-0.18		
CuH <sub>2</sub> L (pH 10.5)	n.d.	n.d.	635	1.16	n.d.	n.d.	CuH <sub>1</sub> L (pH 10.0)	566	113	393	0.10	209	2.19
			586	-0.93						586	-0.93		
			257	7.81						253	3.27		
			293	-0.28						316	-0.36		
CuH <sub>3</sub> L (pH 11.0)	528	175	319	1.32	192	2.20	CuH <sub>2</sub> L (pH 11.0)	556	121	393	0.05	212	2.19
			399	0.07						581	-0.95		
			498	-1.31						253	3.27		
			637	1.19						316	-0.36		
										393	0.05		
						CuH <sub>3</sub> L	n.d.		n.d.		n.d.		

<b>(H96His-N<sup>T</sup>-Me)PrP<sub>92-113</sub></b>						<b>(H111His-N<sup>T</sup>-Me)PrP<sub>92-113</sub></b>							
<b>pH</b>	<b>UV-Vis</b>		<b>CD</b>		<b>EPR</b>		<b>pH</b>	<b>UV-Vis</b>		<b>CD</b>		<b>EPR</b>	
	$\lambda/\text{nm}$	$\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\lambda/\text{nm}$	$\Delta\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$	$A_{\parallel}/\text{G}$	$g_{\parallel}$		$\lambda/\text{nm}$	$\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\lambda/\text{nm}$	$\Delta\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$	$A_{\parallel}/\text{G}$	$g_{\parallel}$
<b>pH 4.0</b>	803	29	266	0.24	n.d.		<b>pH 4.0</b>	809	29	267	0.18	120	2.42
			292	-0.26						305	-0.10		
<b>pH 5.0</b>	800	33	265	0.28	n.d.		<b>pH 5.0</b>	798	23	264	0.24	120	2.42
			293	-0.20						305	-0.10		
<b>pH 5.5</b>	795	30	255	1.60	n.d.		<b>pH 5.5</b>	768	31	258	1.74	120	2.42
			314	-0.14						317	-0.17		
			425	-0.02						386	0.01		
			527	0.07						523	0.08		
			611	-0.05						610	-0.04		
<b>pH 6.0</b>	632	59	255	4.48	n.d.		<b>pH 6.0</b>	635	51	255	4.74	120	2.42
			317	-0.35						321	-0.31		
			376	0.04						386	0.05		
			435	-0.02						526	0.23		
			525	0.23						613	-0.11		
<b>pH 6.5</b>	619	100	254	6.65	n.d.		<b>pH 6.5</b>	621	101	254	6.23	171	2.22
			316	-0.46						316	-0.34		
			377	0.06						383	0.06		
			434	-0.01						525	0.28		
			524	0.33						606	-0.15		
<b>pH 7.0</b>	611	120	253	6.79	n.d.		<b>pH 7.0</b>	613	115	254	6.43	175	2.22
			313	-0.47						315	-0.29		
			377	0.05						381	0.04		
			433	-0.01						440	-0.02		
			521	0.30						523	0.22		
<b>pH 7.5</b>	602	124	254	6.30	n.d.		<b>pH 7.5</b>	601	121	255	6.11	175	2.22
			310	-0.46						307	-0.23		
			379	0.024						330	-0.09		
			436	-0.02						385	0.02		
			518	0.22						472	-0.06		
<b>pH 8.0</b>	587	130	254	5.90	n.d.		<b>pH 8.0</b>	578	126	255	5.65	175	2.22
			302	-0.47						301	-0.23		
			350	-0.12						327	0.03		
			472	-0.07						353	-0.08		
			517	0.07						478	-0.13		
<b>pH 8.5</b>	562	138	255	5.63	180	2.20	<b>pH 8.5</b>	556	144	256	5.27	179	2.20
			300	-0.40						300	-0.31		
			354	-0.13						325	0.14		
			475	-0.12						357	-0.10		
			574	-0.42						481	-0.21		
<b>pH 9.0</b>	549	147	255	5.43	182	2.20	<b>pH 9.0</b>	547	153	256	5.11	186	2.20
			299	-0.50						298	-0.31		
			327	0.05						325	0.21		
			356	-0.15						358	-0.11		
			475	-0.17						485	-0.25		
<b>pH 10.0</b>	541	170	255	5.23	180	2.18	<b>pH 10.0</b>	539	167	257	5.05	195	2.19
			298	-0.59						297	-0.40		
			326	0.10						324	0.25		
			356	-0.14						361	-0.11		
			481	-0.20						484	-0.26		
<b>pH 11.0</b>	542	173	255	5.38	192	2.20	<b>pH 11.0</b>	536	177	257	5.15	196	2.19
			297	-0.87						297	-0.55		
			330	0.08						326	0.33		
			361	-0.11						365	-0.08		
			480	-0.17						487	-0.31		
			574	-0.63					563	-0.53			
			661	0.31					658	0.33			

<b>(H96His-N<sup>T</sup>-Me)PrP<sub>92-100</sub></b>						<b>(H111His-N<sup>T</sup>-Me)PrP<sub>106-113</sub></b>							
Species	UV-Vis		CD		EPR		Species	UV-Vis		CD		EPR	
	$\lambda/\text{nm}$	$\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\lambda/\text{nm}$	$\Delta\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$	$A_{\parallel}/G$	$g_{\parallel}$		$\lambda/\text{nm}$	$\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$	$\lambda/\text{nm}$	$\Delta\epsilon/\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$	$A_{\parallel}/G$	$g_{\parallel}$
<b>CuH<sub>1</sub>L</b>	617	35	259	0.64	119	2.41	n.d.		258	2.83	119	2.41	
			306	-0.04					332	-0.34			
			341	0.05					530	0.20			
<b>CuH<sub>2</sub>L</b>	600	70	251	3.68	170	2.23	617	79	249	8.32	170	2.22	
			306	-0.63					337	-0.61			
			346	0.48					388	0.09			
			503	0.40					459	-0.04			
			601	-0.60					536	0.30			
<b>CuH<sub>3</sub>L</b>	555	110	247	2.46	180	2.22	568	100	256	7.47	182	2.21	
			309	-1.48					316	1.15			
			494	0.91					359	-0.11			
			589	-1.46					494	-1.03			
<b>CuH<sub>4</sub>L</b>	550	112	246	2.79	196	2.20	549	108	257	7.65	192	2.20	
			278	0.17					317	1.46			
			310	-1.77					363	-0.10			
			363	-0.04					495	-1.27			
			493	0.80					627	0.94			
			587	-1.54									
<b>CuH<sub>3</sub>L</b>	543	111	257	7.94	195	2.19	543	111	257	7.94	195	2.19	
			319	1.56					319	1.56			
			365	-0.07					365	-0.07			
			496	-1.44					496	-1.44			
			627	1.03					627	1.03			

**Fig. S1**

Proton paramagnetic relaxation contributions ( $R_{1p}$ ) of (H96A)PrP<sub>92-113</sub>  $\alpha$  protons calculated in presence of 0.1 Cu<sup>2+</sup> equivalents, T=298 K, pH 6.5 and by using  $p_f = 1$  (solid squares) or  $p_f = 0.9$  (open circles).



**Fig. S2**

Comparison between proton paramagnetic relaxation contributions ( $R_{1p}$ ) of (A) (H96His-N<sup>T</sup>-Me)PrP<sub>92-113</sub> and (H96His-N<sup>T</sup>-Me)PrP<sub>92-100</sub>; (B) (H111His-N<sup>T</sup>-Me)PrP<sub>92-113</sub> and (H111His-N<sup>T</sup>-Me)PrP<sub>106-113</sub> calculated in presence of 0.1 Cu<sup>2+</sup> equivalents, T=298 K, pH 6.5.

