Supplementary Material

Protein engineering. N6C was designed and constructed based on a full consensus sequence of ANK repeats (S. Wetzel, K. Binz & A. Plückthun, manuscript in preparation). It was expressed according to published methods (1). The N- and C-terminal caps are the same as in ref. 1, and the consensus ANK repeat is DKDGYTPLHLAAREGHLEIVEVLLKAGADVNAK.

Atomic force microscopy. Details of the custom-made AFM apparatus have been described (2, 3). Calibration of the cantilevers (Si_3N_4 from Digital Instruments, Inc.) is done in solution using the equipartition theorem (4). The typical string constant is ≈ 40 mN m^{-1}, and the typical pulling rate is 0.4 μm s^{-1}. All experiments have been performed in phosphate buffered saline at room temperature.

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