## **Supplementary figure legends**

**Figure 1** Linking of the GluR2 peptide to the carboxyl tail does not change the overall conformation of the PICK1 PDZ-GluR2 peptide complex. The overlay plot of the HSQC spectra of PICK1-3C-GluR2C with or without cleavage of the linker sequence by protease 3C. The insert shows the SDS-PAGE analysis of complete cleavage of the PICK1-3C-GluR2 linkage by protease 3C. Note that after protease 3C cleavage, PICK1 PDZ displayed a slightly smaller molecular weight than the uncleaved complex.

**Figure 2** Lipid membrane binding of the peptide ligand-free form PICK1 PDZ . PICK1 PDZ binds to lipid membrane in a peptide ligand independent manner. In this assay, B1 domain of Streptococcal protein G (GB1)-fused form of PICK1 PDZ also robustly binds to lipid membrane in liposome sedimentation assay. As the control, the GB1 domain showed no detectable lipid membrane binding.

**Figure 3** Substitution of Cys46 with a Gly does not alter the overall structure of the PICK1 PDZ and GluR2 peptide complex. (A) Overlay plot of the HSQC spectra of <sup>15</sup>N-labeled PICK1 PDZ-3C-GluR2 and the C46G mutant of PICK1 PDZ-3C-GluR2. The data show that the majority of the peaks from the two proteins overlap with each other well. (B) Plot as a function of the residue number of combined <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>15</sup>N chemical shift difference of PICK1 PDZ-3C-GluR2 and the C46G mutant of PICK1 PDZ-3C-GluR2. The combined <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>15</sup>N chemical shift changes are defined as:

$$\Delta_{\rm ppm} = \left[ \left( \Delta \delta_{HN} \right)^2 + \left( \Delta \delta_N \times \alpha_N \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

Where  $\Delta \delta_{HN}$  and  $\Delta \delta_N$  represent chemical shift differences of amide proton and nitrogen chemical shifts of each residue of PICK1 PDZ. The scaling factor ( $\alpha_N$ ) used to normalize the <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>15</sup>N chemical shifts is 0.17.

**Figure 4** Mutation of Cys residues in the CPC-motif does not affect the GluR2 peptide to the PICK1 PDZ domain. Quantitative measurements of the binding affinities of the wild type PICK1 PDZ domain (A) and the CC-GG mutant (B) towards the GluR2 peptide using fluorescence polarization. Fluorescence polarization assay were performed on a PerkinElmer LS-55 fluorimeter equipped with an automated polarizer at 20 °C. The GluR2 peptide (from GeneScript Corporation) was labeled by fluorescein-5-isothiocynate (FITC, from Molecular Probes) and purified by passing the reaction mixture through a Superdex Peptide HR 10/30 column (from GE healthcare). The labeled peptide (~1  $\mu$ M) were titrated with increasing amount of binding proteins in 40 mM Hepes buffer containing 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA and 1 mM DTT (pH 7.4). The dissociation constant, *Kd*, for each titration reaction was derived by fitting the binding curve with the classical one-site binding equation.

**Figure 5:** Lipid membrane binding of the full-length PICK1. (A) The PICK1 CC-GG mutant has impaired lipid membrane binding. In this assay, we compared dose-dependent (0-160  $\mu$ g/ml) lipid membrane bindings of the maltose binding protein (MBP)-fused form of the wild type PICK1 and its CC-GG mutant using liposome sedimentation assay. (B) Quantification of the liposome sedimentation assays of PICK1 shown in panel (B). Values are mean ± SD of three individual experiments.

Distance restraints	
	445
Intraresidue( $i-j=0$ )	445
Sequential( $ i-j =1$ )	481
Medium range $(2 \le  i-j  \le 4)$	316
Long range( $ i-j  \ge 5$ )	764
Hydrogen bonds	50
Total	2056
Dihedral angle restraints	
Φ	36
Ψ	35
Total	71
Mean r.m.s. deviations from the experimental restraints	
Distance (Å)	$0.001 \pm 0.000$
Dihedral (°)	$0.010 \pm 0.008$
Mean r.m.s. deviations from idealized covalent geometry	
Bond (Å)	$0.001 \pm 0.000$
Angle (°)	$0.265 \pm 0.002$
Improper (°)	$0.103 \pm 0.003$
Mean energies (kcal mol <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	
E <sub>NOE</sub> <sup>b</sup>	$0.20{\pm}0.03$
$E_{cdih}^{b}$	$0.00{\pm}0.00$
E <sub>L-J</sub>	$-348.91 \pm 18.98$
Ramachandran plot <sup>c</sup> (Residues 18-104 in PDZ and GluR2 <sup>d</sup> )	
% residues in the most favorable regions	76.7
additional allowed regions	21.0
generously allowed regions	1.9
Atomic r.m.s. differences (Å)	
Residues 19-40,47-103 in PDZ and GluR2 <sup>d</sup>	
Backbone heavy atoms (N, $C^{\alpha}$ , and $\dot{C}$ )	0.36
Heavy atoms	0.75

**Supplementary Table 1** Structural statistics for the family of 20 NMR structures of PICK1 PDZ-GluR2 peptide complex<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>None of the structures exhibits distance violations greater than 0.3 Å or dihedral angle violations greater than  $4^{\circ}$ .

<sup>b</sup>The final values of the square-well NOE and dihedral angle potentials were calculated with force constants of 50 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>Å<sup>-1</sup> and 200 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>rad<sup>-1</sup>.

<sup>c</sup>The PROCHECK-NMR program (Laskowski et al,1996) was used to assess the overall quality of the structures.

<sup>d</sup>GluR2 refers to the last 5 amino acid residues(ESVKI) of the GluR2 subunit of the AMPA receptors.





## Supplementary Figure 2



## Supplementary Figure 3



Residue Number



## Supplementary Figure 5

