Supporting Information

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Fig. S1. PISEMA spectra of 5 Ile residues (at positions 32, 33, 35, 39, and 42) in apo and amantadine-bound M2 TMD measured by solid-state NMR (red) and calculated from MD trajectories (blue, averaged over all 4 helices and over 2 trajectories). The measured PISEMA spectra are taken from Li C, Qin H, Gao FP, and Cross TA [(2007) Solid-state NMR characterization of conformational plasticity within the transmembrane domain of the influenza A M2 proton channel. *Biochim Biophys Acta* 1768:3162–3170]. The individual results for each of 5 Leu residues (at positions 26, 36, 38, 40, and 43) collected from the 4 helices over 2 MD trajectories, before averaging, are shown in Fig. 3.



Fig. S2. Interhelical and intrahelical salt bridges between Asp-44 and Arg-45. The apo form (*Upper*) is dominated by intrahelical salt bridges, whereas the amantadine-bound form (*Lower*) is dominated by interhelical salt bridges.

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Fig. S3. Directions of the principal axes of ¹⁵N and ¹⁹F chemical-shift tensors in the molecular frames of peptide backbone and Trp side chain. For backbone ¹⁵N, δ_{22} is perpendicular to the peptide plane, and δ_{33} is obtained by rotating the N-H vector around the δ_{22} axis clockwise (toward the carbonyl carbon) for 17° (1). For Trp sidechain ¹⁵N, δ_{22} is in the indole ring and perpendicular to the N-H vector, and δ_{33} is obtained by rotating the N-H vector around the δ_{22} axis counterclockwise for 5° (2). For ¹⁹F at the 6F-Trp position, δ_{22} is along the F-C vector, and δ_{33} is in the indole ring (and perpendicular to δ_{22}) (3).

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Fig. 54. Representative structures, shown in gray, for the unprotonated (*Upper*) and protonated (*Lower*) states. For each structure, *Left* and *Right* show views within the membrane bilayer and from the virus interior side, respectively. Straight and bent lines in the *Upper* and *Lower Left* indicate the small and large helix-kink angles, respectively, of the unprotonated and protonated models. Superimposed to these models are structures determined by solution NMR [Protein Data Bank (PDB) ID code 2RLF] (1) and X-ray crystallography (PDB ID code 3C9J) (2), shown in blue and red, respectively. The superposition suggests that the representative structure for the unprotonated state is similar to the NMR structure, determined at a relatively high pH of 7.5, whereas the representative structure for the prosonated state is similar to the X-ray structure determined at a low pH of 5.3 (note that both structures were determined in the presence of a drug molecule). Superposition was over the N-terminal half (residues Leu-26–Gly-34) only. For clarity, only the portion from Leu-26 to Leu-46 is shown. Trp-41 side chains are shown as sticks.

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Fig. S5. Channel pores in the models of the unprotonated (*Left*) and protonated (*Right*) states. Pore radii are calculated by the HOLE program [Smart OS, Neduvelil JG, Wang X, Wallace BA, Sansom MS (1996) HOLE: A program for the analysis of the pore dimensions of ion channel structural models. *J Mol Graphics* 14:354–360:376] and color-coded as follows: red, < 1.15 Å; green, between 1.15 and 2.30 Å; and blue, > 2.30 Å. Trp-41 side chains are shown as sticks.



Fig. S6. Kinetic model for proton conductance. The open circle represents the binding site presented by His-37; smaller black circles represent protons.

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Fig. S7. Proton flux predicted by the kinetic model. The abscissa is pH_{ex} for inward current and pH_{in} for outward current.

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Fig. S8. Voltage-proton flux relation. Following Chizhmakov et al. [(2003) Differences in conductance of M2 proton channels of two influenza viruses at low and high pH. J Physiol (London) 546:427–438], a negative sign is assigned to I/I⁰ to indicate inward flux.

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