

## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

### Suppl. Fig. 1

#### **Pseudoligand interaction in the PHD<sub>Pyg02</sub>-HD1<sub>B9L</sub> complex**

Surface representation of PHD-HD1, showing a pseudo-ligand, K386 (orange stick representation), which occupies the K4 binding pocket of the PHD finger. K384 is also highlighted as this residue sits above the A1 pocket. This pseudoligand consists of the C-terminal end of another PHD molecule found in a neighbouring asymmetric unit.

### Suppl. Fig. 2

#### **Hydrogen bonds in the PHD-HD1 interface**

Ribbon and stick representation of the PHD-HD1 interface; green, PHD<sub>Pyg02</sub>; blue, HD1<sub>B9L</sub>. All hydrogen bonds are indicated with dotted lines, and the bonded residues are labelled.

### Suppl. Fig. 3

#### **Structural integrities and thermal stabilities of mutant PHD<sub>Pyg01</sub>-HD1<sub>BCL9</sub> complexes**

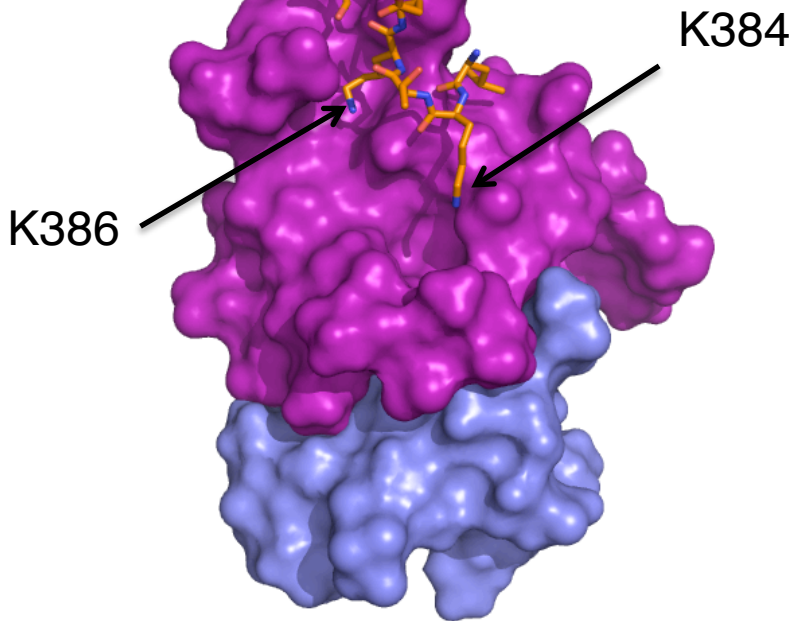
(a) Overlaid far UV-CD spectra of wt and mutant PHD<sub>Pyg01</sub>-HD1<sub>BCL9</sub> complexes, recorded at 22°C; blue, wt; red, W390F; green, I357A (note that W390 contributes a spectral feature at 230 nm, typical of some aromatic residues in a chiral environment, which is thus absent in the W390F mutant). The spectra indicate that the mutations do not perturb the secondary structure compositions of the mutant PHD<sub>Pyg01</sub>-HD1<sub>BCL9</sub> complexes. (b) Overlaid thermal denaturation UV-CD spectra (220 nm) of wt and mutant PHD<sub>Pyg01</sub>-HD1<sub>BCL9</sub> complexes; a decrease in the thermal stability of the mutant PHD<sub>Pyg01</sub>-

HD1<sub>BCL9</sub> complexes is observable at high temperatures, however there is no significant difference in their thermal stability at the temperature (25°C) at which the ITC measurements were obtained. (c) 600 MHz Proton NMR spectra with W5 WATERGATE solvent suppression of 50 µM protein in phosphate buffer pH 6.8, 25°C; top, wt; middle, I344A; bottom, W377F.

#### **Suppl. Fig. 4**

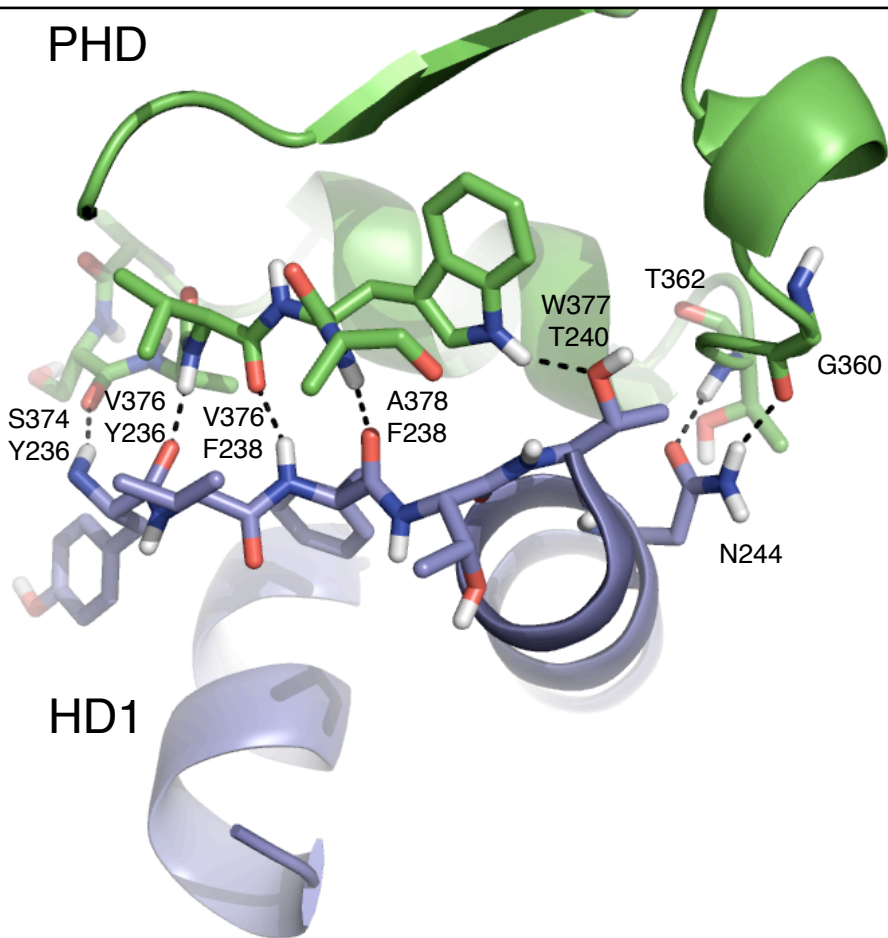
#### **Calculated electron density for I344 in support of the modelling of I344 as an ‘incorrect’ rotamer**

Stick representation of PHD<sub>Pyg02</sub> centred on the triad of I344, M361 and W377 within the PHD structural core; the image shows the calculated  $2F_O - F_C$  map contoured at 1.0 sigma. The electron density unambiguously identifies the conformation of the I344 side-chain, despite this being flagged up as an ‘incorrect’ rotamer by the structure validation software MolProbity.



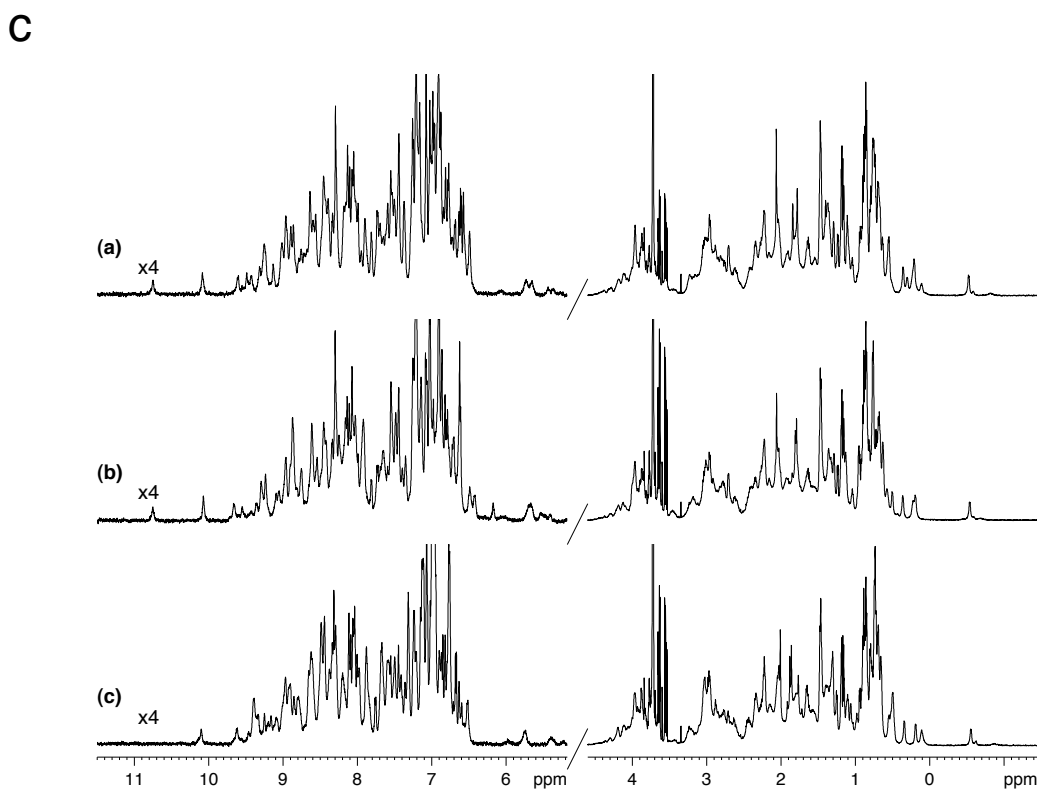
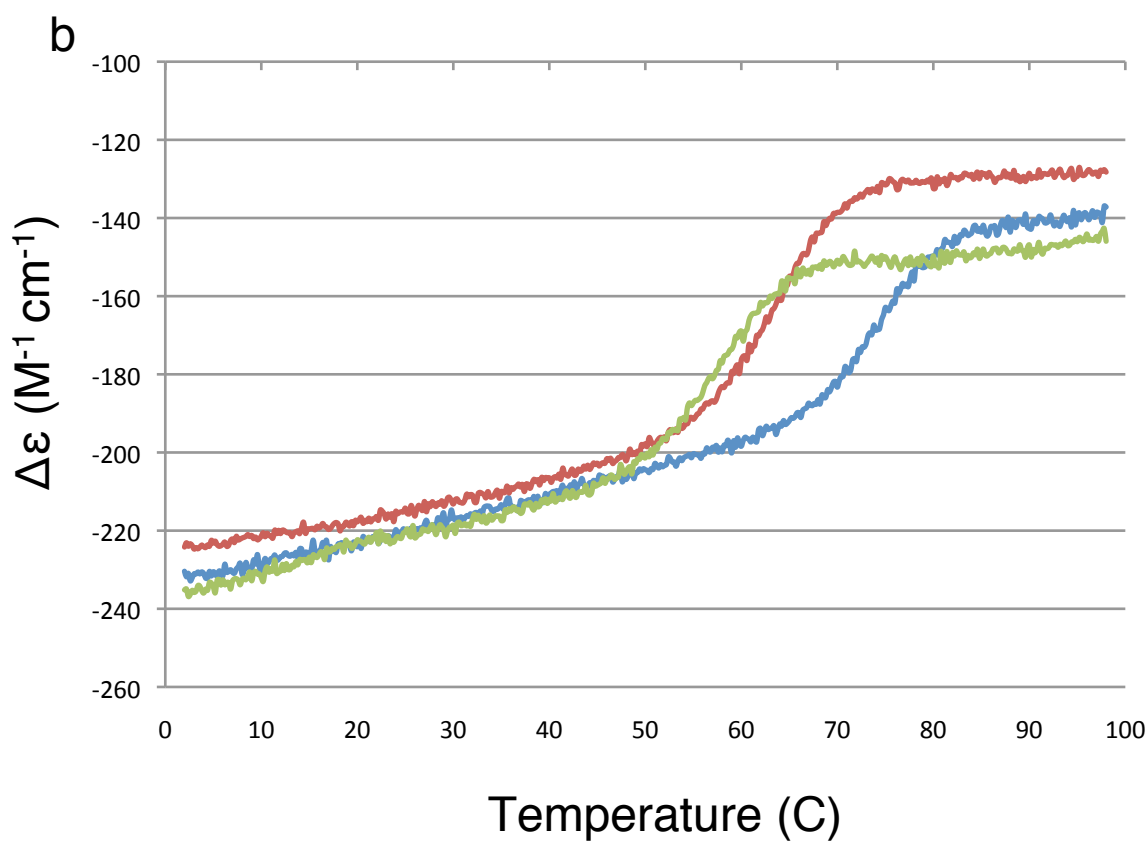
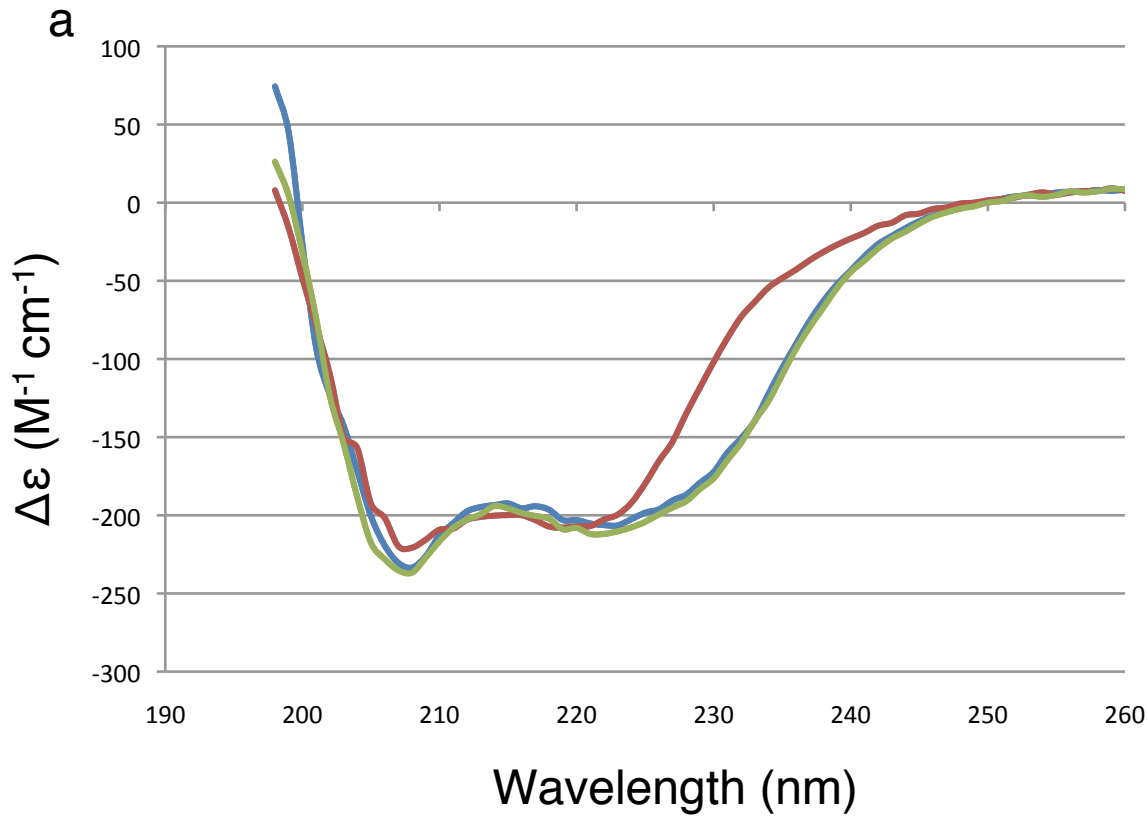
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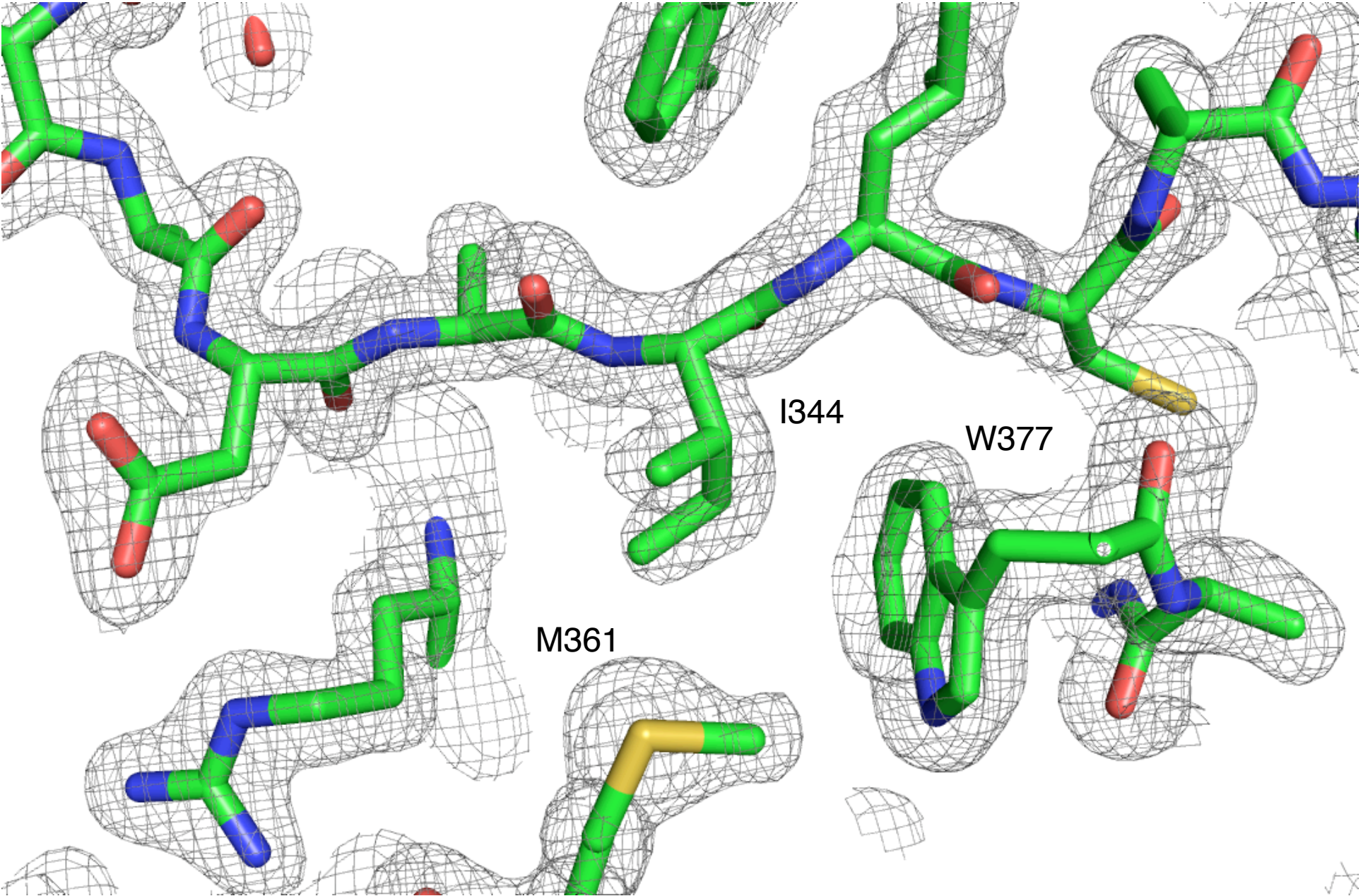
PHD



HD1

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