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## **Supplemental Data**

### **Rules for NLS Recognition by Karyopherin $\beta$ 2 and Mechanism of Substrate Release by RanGTP**

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#### **HEAT Repeat Nomenclature**

Individual helices are named according to their position in the HEAT repeat such that the A helix of HEAT repeat 1 is abbreviated to H1A. HEAT repeat 1 spans residues 1-40 and includes the first two helices (Chook et al., 2002). We note that the first and last pairs of helices in the originally reported Kap $\beta$ 2-Ran structure were not labeled as HEAT repeats due to structural deviations compared to other repeats (Chook and Blobel, 1999). However, they were later renamed to repeats H1 and H20 to conform to a standard Kap $\beta$  HEAT numbering system (Bayliss et al., 2000; Chook et al., 2002; Cingolani et al., 1999; Vetter et al., 1999).

Table S1.

Kap  $\beta$ 2-M9NLS ComplexData Collection:

Native:	Selenomethionine:
Resolution 100.00 - 3.05 Å	Resolution 100.00 – 3.30 Å
Space group C2	Space group C2
a=152.01 Å, b=154.09 Å, c=141.67 Å, $\beta$ =91.75°	a=155.65 Å, b=154.59 Å, c=141.56 Å, $\beta$ =91.56°
<sup>a</sup> R <sub>sym</sub> 0.055 (0.429) <sup>b</sup>	<sup>a</sup> R <sub>sym</sub> 0.103 (0.500) <sup>b</sup>
I/ $\sigma$ 24.7 (2.0) <sup>b</sup>	I/ $\sigma$ 21.5 (2.1) <sup>b</sup>
Redundancy 4.6 (4.1) <sup>b</sup>	Redundancy 4.9 (4.7) <sup>b</sup>
Completeness 99.0% (92.8%) <sup>b</sup>	Completeness 98.5% (91.5%) <sup>b</sup>

Refinement:

Resolution 100.00 - 3.05 Å

<sup>c</sup>R<sub>factor</sub> = 0.242      R<sub>free</sub> = 0.272

rmsd from ideal bond lengths 0.0074 Å

rmsd from ideal bond angles 1.136°

Ramachandran Plot: 90.4% in most favored regions, 9.6% in allowed regions

Model:

	<u>Residues</u>	<u>Average B factor</u>
Complex 1:		
Kap $\beta$ 2 Chain A	6-36, 44-77, 80-319, 368-890	72.7 Å <sup>2</sup>
M9NLS Chain C	263-289	81.9 Å <sup>2</sup>
Complex 2:		
Kap $\beta$ 2 Chain B	6-36, 44-55, 59-75, 80-319, 368-890	74.4 Å <sup>2</sup>
M9NLS Chain D	266-289	77.6 Å <sup>2</sup>

<sup>a</sup>R<sub>sym</sub> =  $\sum_h \sum_i | (I_i(h) - \langle I(h) \rangle) | / \sum_h \sum_i I_i(h)$ ; I<sub>i</sub>(h) is the i-th measurement of reflection h and  $\langle I(h) \rangle$  is the weighted mean of all measurements of h.

<sup>b</sup>Values in parentheses are calculated for data in the highest resolution shell

<sup>c</sup>R factor =  $\sum_h | |F_{obs}(h)| - |F_{calc}(h)| | / \sum_h F_{obs}(h)$ ; R<sub>free</sub> is calculated with 10% of the data.

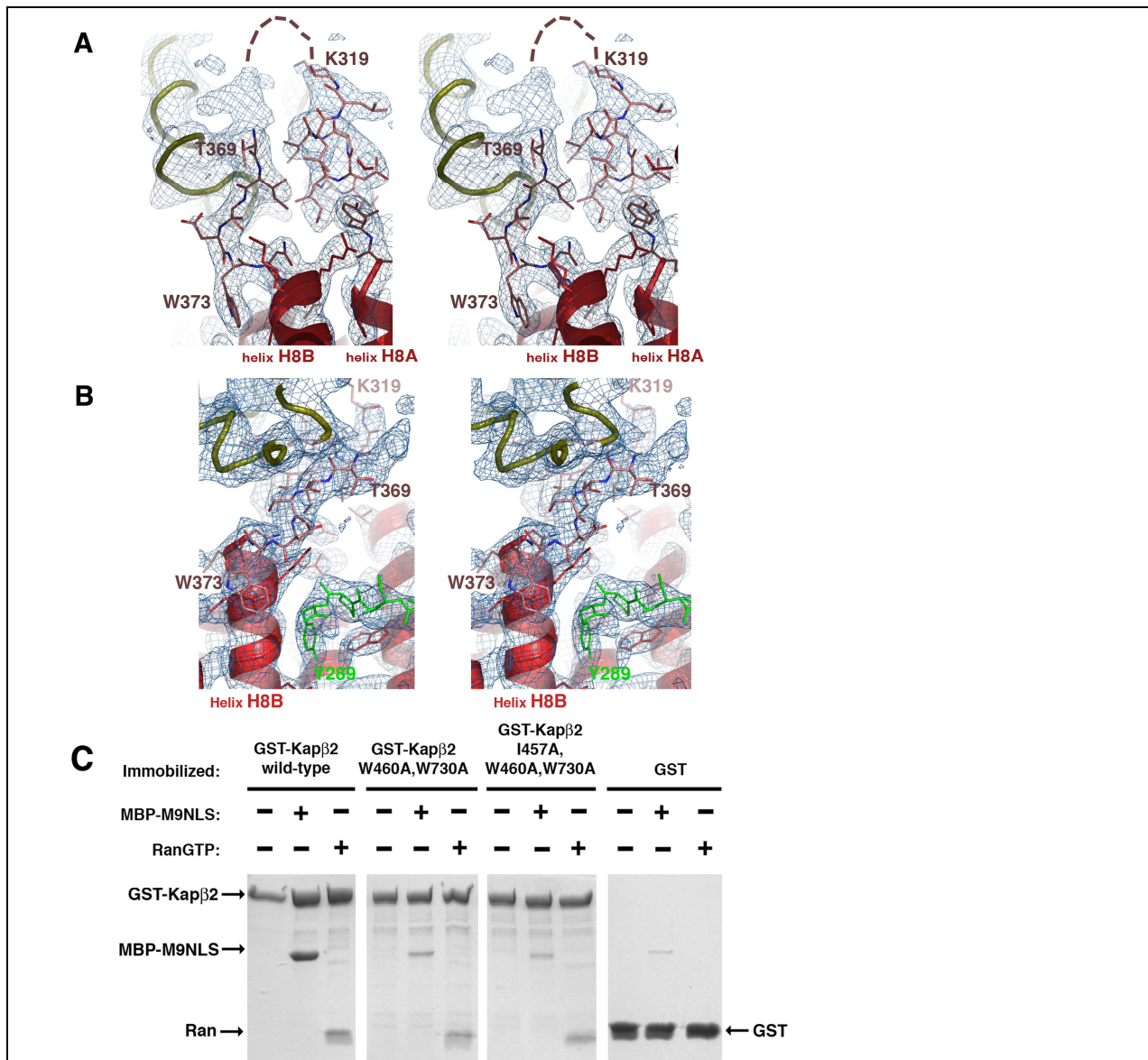


Figure S1. (A) Stereo diagram of the 2Fo-Fc map (1.0  $\sigma$ , blue mesh) drawn at Kap $\beta$ 2 (red) HEAT repeat 8, showing H8 loop residues 312-319 connecting to H8A and residues 369-374 to H8B. A neighboring Kap $\beta$ 2 in the crystal is shown as a yellow ribbon. Red dashes represent the disordered connection between loop residues 319 and 369. (B) similar to A, rotated  $\sim 90^\circ$  about the vertical axis. M9NLS is in green. (C) Binding studies of MBP-M9NLS and immobilized Kap $\beta$ 2 mutants. Control experiments were also performed using immobilized Kap $\beta$ 2 proteins and RanGTP.

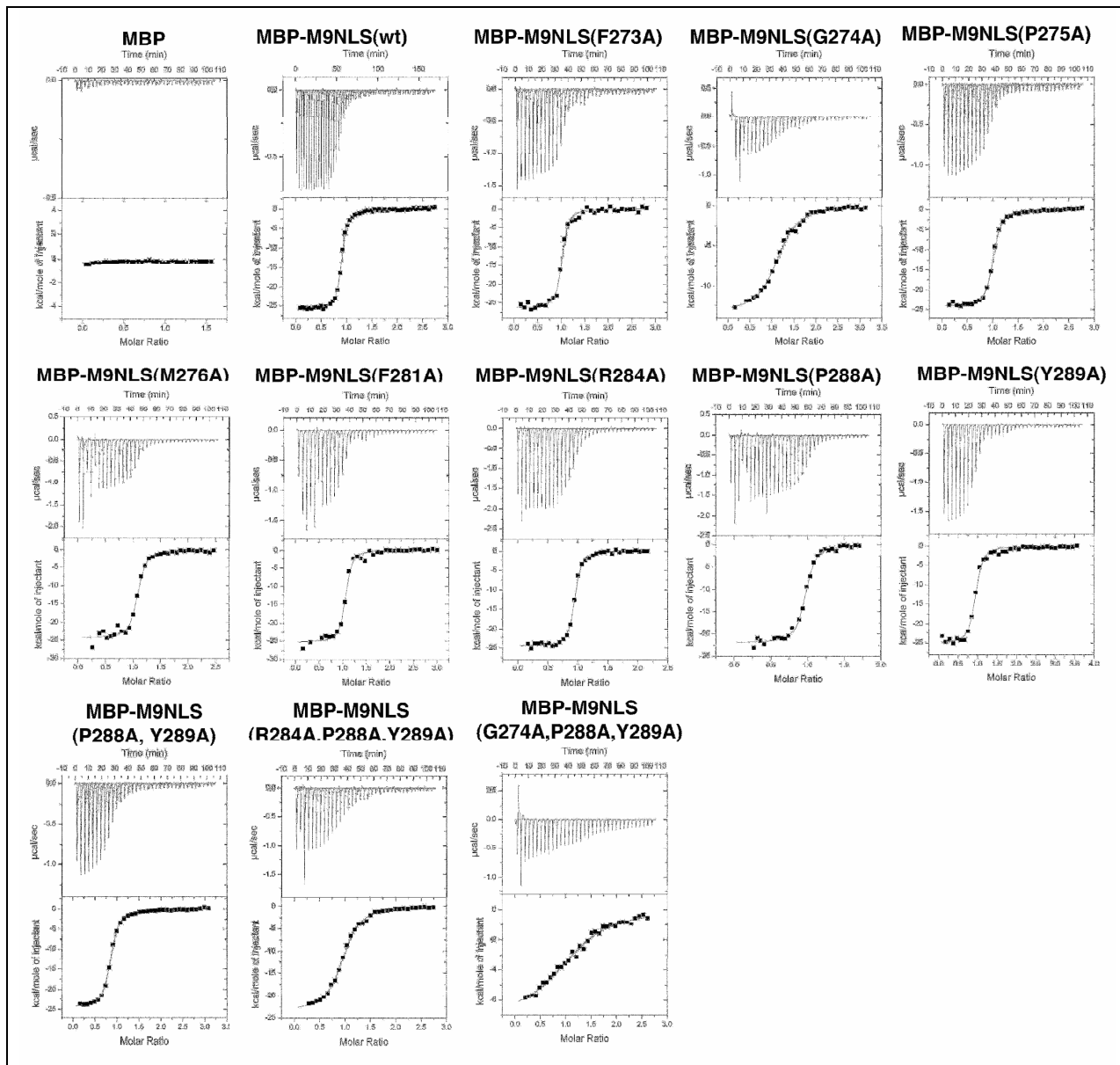


Figure S2. ITC profiles of MBP, MBP fusions of wild type M9NLS and various alanine mutants interacting with full length Kap $\beta$ 2. Nonlinear least squares fits to the single binding site model were used to fit the ITC profiles (closed squares).

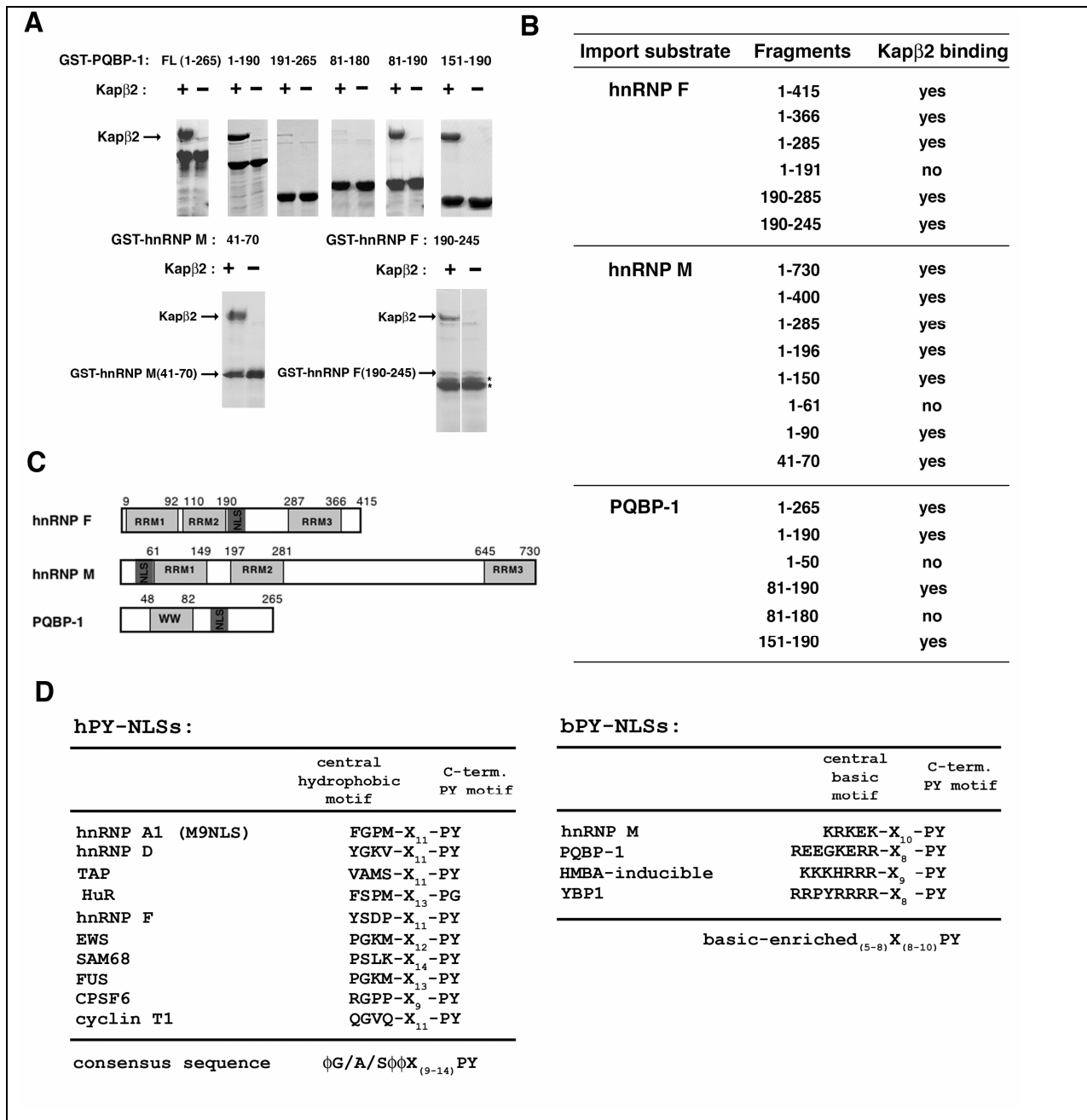


Figure S3. (A) Binding assays of Kap $\beta$ 2 and immobilized deletion mutants of PQBP-1, hnRNP M, and F. Degraded fragments of the substrates are labeled with asterisks. (B) Summary of all binding assays to map NLSs of PQBP-1, hnRNP M, and F. (C) Location of newly characterized NLSs of PQBP-1, hnRNP M, and F. RNA binding domains (RRMs) and WW-domain are shaded light gray and the NLSs are shaded dark gray. (D) Summary of the central hydrophobic and basic motifs of the PY-NLSs.

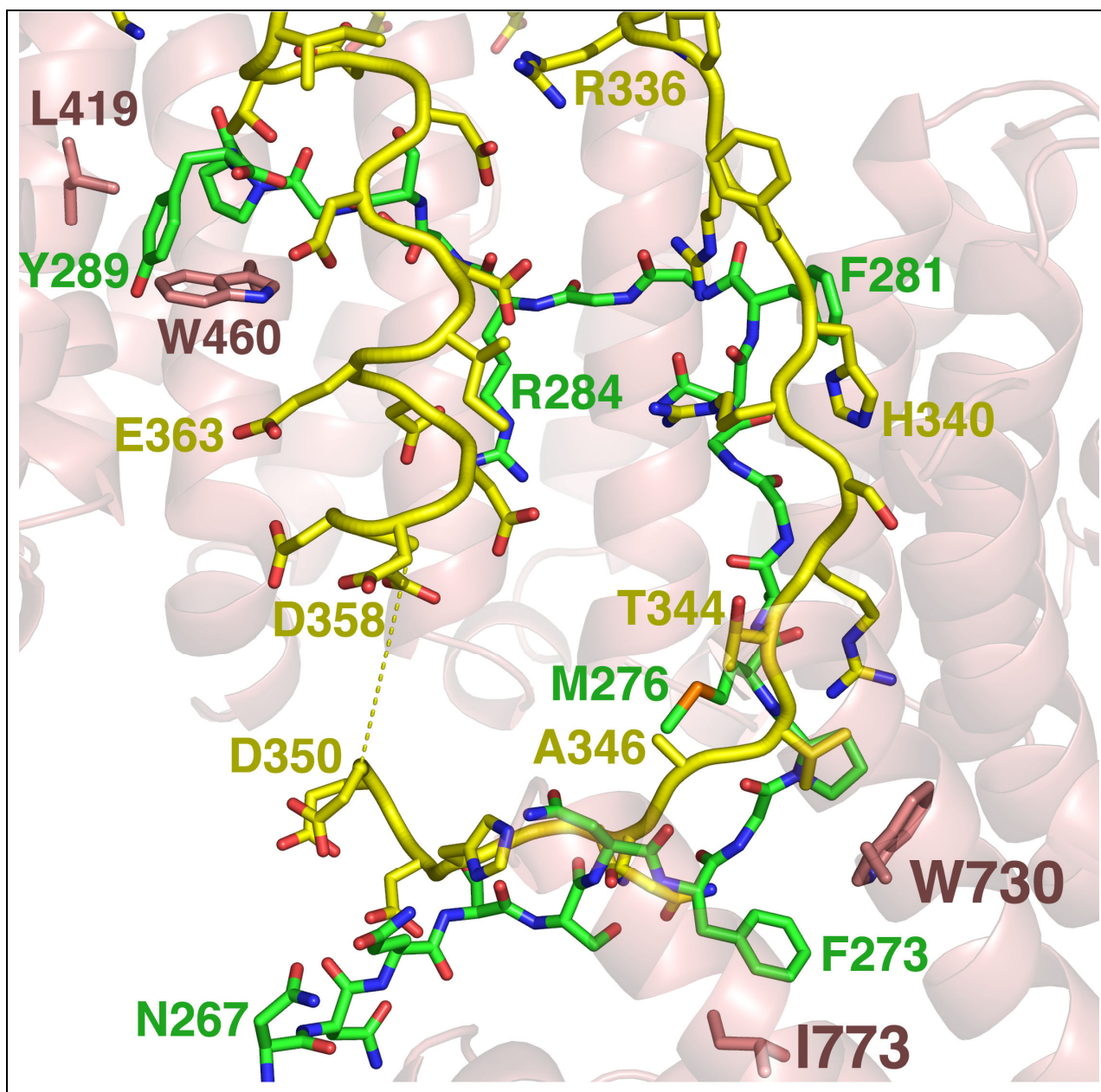


Figure S4. Superposition of the Kap $\beta$ 2-M9NLS and Kap $\beta$ 2-Ran complexes, showing the spatial overlap between the Kap $\beta$ 2 H8 loop in the Ran state (yellow) and M9NLS (green).

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