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Figure S3. Conserved residues in Sf6 tail needle knob-like proteins.

The proteins shown in the figure S1 tree were aligned by Clustal W at the web site <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalw2/> [Larkin *et al.* (2007) Clustal W and Clustal X version 2.0. Bioinformatics 23: 2947-2948; asjens SR, Thuman-Commike PA (2011) Evolution of mosaically related tailed bacteriophage genomes seen through the lens of phage P22 virion assembly. Virology 411: 393-415]. The tail needle knob sequences containing only residues homologous to Sf6 amino acids 140 to 282 from P22-like phages are shown above with labels on the left in red text (Sf6 and HS1 are noted with an asterisk (*)) at the right end of those lines. The complete sequences of the extant homologues of this domain from outside the P22-like phage group are aligned below with labels in black text of the left. The consensus sequence is shown below with asterisks (*) marking universally conserved amino acids, colons (:) marking amino acids with strongly similar properties - scoring > 0.5 in the Gonnet PAM 250 matrix, and periods (.) marking amino acids with weakly similar properties - scoring ≤ 0.5 in the Gonnet PAM 250 matrix. In the bottom line red boxes indicate the universal conservation of the residues that contact the bound glutamate, green boxes indicate other universally conserved amino acids, and "P" marks amino acids that contact the phosphate ion on the 3-fold axis in Sf6.