## **Supplementary Information**

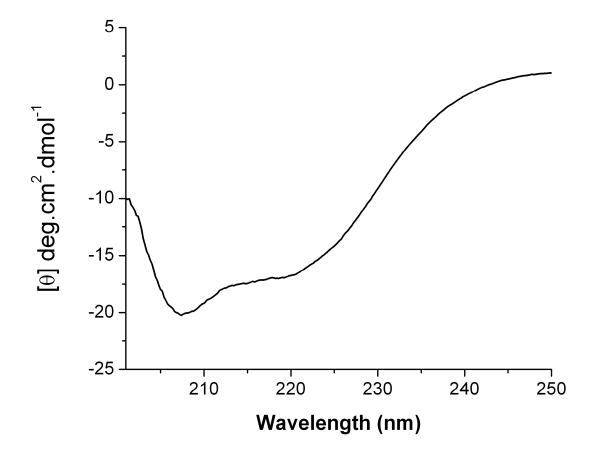
## Structure of Human PIR1, an Atypical Dual Specificity Phosphatase

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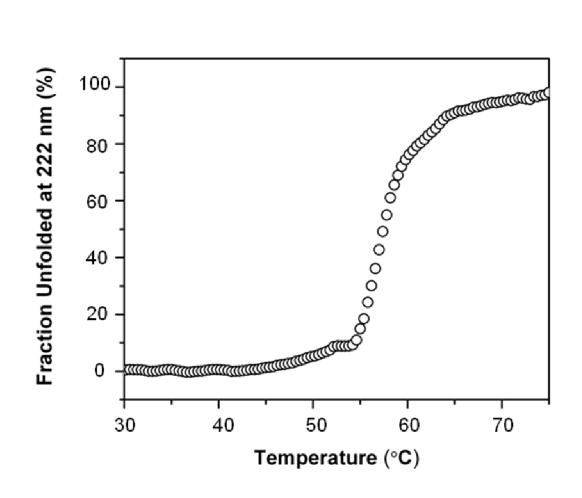
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Figure S1. The far UV circular dichroism spectrum of PIR1-C152S-core<sup>FED</sup> recorded from a 6 µM sample of purified protein dissolved in 20 mM sodium phosphate buffer pH 8 and 170 mM NaCl.



**Figure S2. Thermal denaturation of PIR1-C152S-core monitored by measuring temperature-induced CD changes in ellipticity at 222 nm**. PIR1-C152S-core unfolded irreversibly with *app*Tm ~57.2 °C.



**Figure S3. Superimposition of the cubic (gray) and orthorhombic (red) crystal structures of PIR1-C152S-core solved at 1.85Å and 1.20Å resolution, respectively**. The rmsd between the two structures is ~0.32 Å. The ribbon diagrams were prepared using the program Pymol (Delano Scientific).

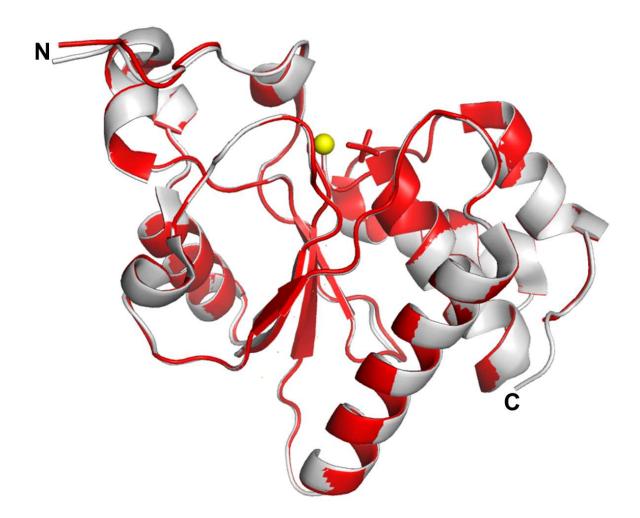
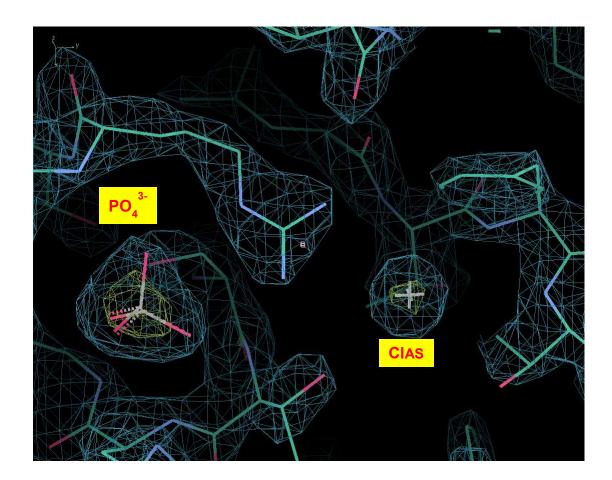


Figure S4. Active site ions visualized in the 2.20 Å crystal structure of PIR1-C152C-core<sup>FED</sup> crystallized in the presence of ~35mM NaCl. In yellow is an unbiased Fo-Fc difference map contoured at  $8\sigma$  above background and overlaid to a 2Fo-Fc map (cyan) displayed at 1.5 $\sigma$ . The structure was refined to a Rwork/free of 20.2/25.4% at 2.20 Å resolution. The density was calculated and is displayed using the program Coot (*1*).



## REFERENCES

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