## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## Structural dissection of human metapneumovirus phosphoprotein using small angle x-ray scattering

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Figure S1: Electron density maps of  $P_{core}$  crytals. A, B. Sample 2Fo-Fc maps contoured at 1.0  $\sigma$  for one helix each of the 4-helix bundles in the new crystal forms of  $P_{core}$ . N- and C-termini are labelled. The fitted models are shown in red in stick representation.



**Figure S2: Sequence alignment of** *Pneumoviridae* **P proteins with approximate and putative annotation of functional regions.** The multiple sequence alignment was generated using PROMALS3D [97] and Jalview [98]. Residues are colored using the ClustalX scheme, as implemented in Jalview. The putative functional regions have been assigned based on homology and previously reported studies [16, 26, 27, 42, 60, 66, 99, 100] . HMPV, human metapneumovirus, AMPV, avian metapneumovirus, CPV, canine pneumonia virus, MPV, murine pneumonia virus, BRSV, bovine respiratory syncytial virus, HRSV, human respiratory syncytial virus.



Figure S3: Characterization of full-length HMPV P by size exclusion chromatography (SEC) combined with detection by multi-angle laser light scattering (MALLS) and refractometry (RI). The black line shows the SEC elution profile as monitored by refractometry. The red line shows the molecular weight calculated from light scattering and refractometry data.



Figure S4: Guinier plots for P<sub>135-237</sub> SAXS profiles measured in the presence of guanidinum hydrochloride, showing linear behavior in the low Q range.



**Figure S5: Linear net charge per residue (NCPR) for HMPV P.** Plot of NCPR over 5 residue windows for the HMPV P sequence. The plot was obtained using the Classification of Intrinsically Disordered Ensemble Regions (CIDER) webserver [101].