

Supplementary Materials for

pH-dependent gating mechanism of the *Helicobacter pylori* urea channel revealed by cryo-EM

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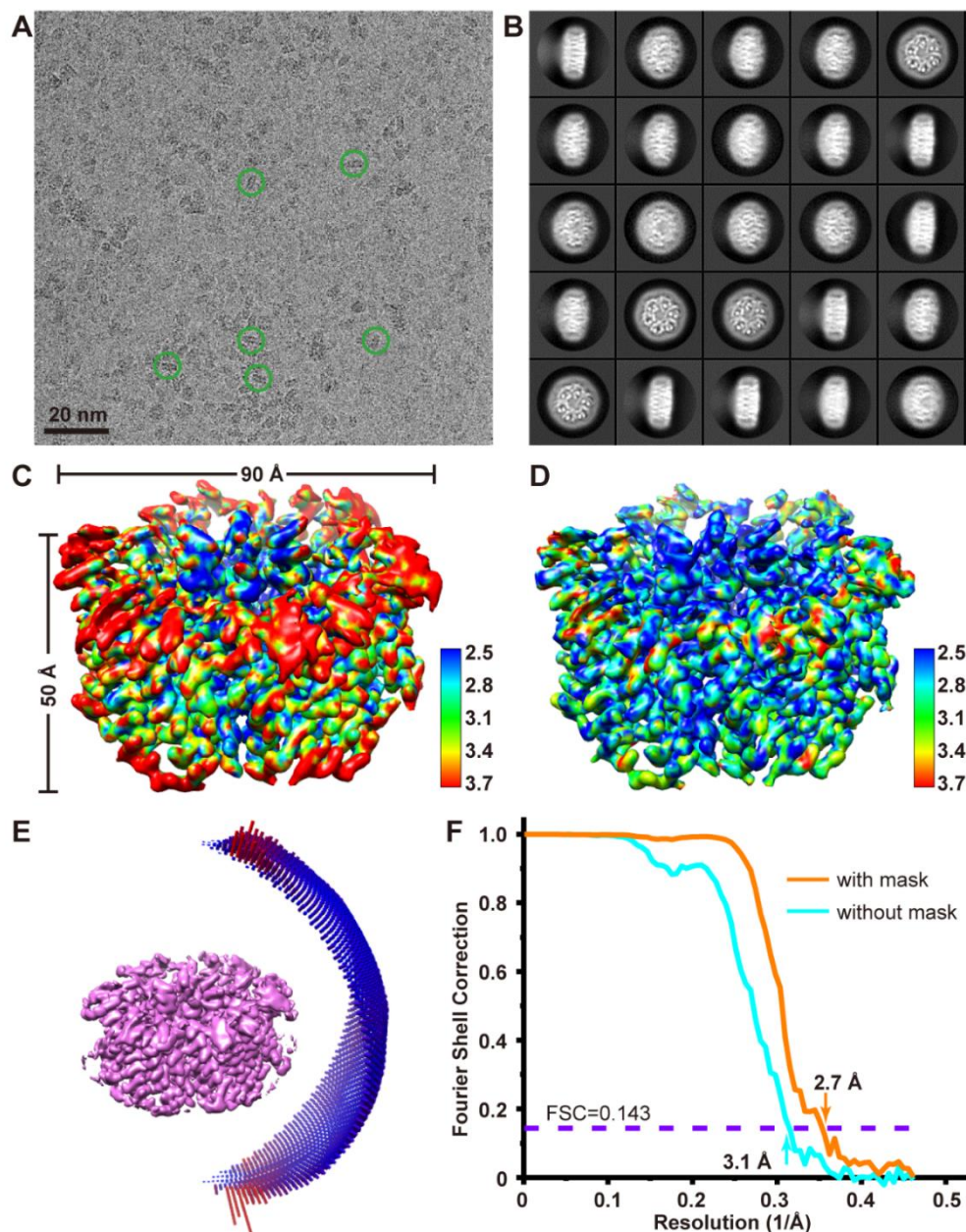


Fig. S1. Cryo-EM analysis of 6hisHpUreI in closed conformation. (A) A representative cryoEM micrograph of 6hisHpUreI in the closed conformation with representative particles circled. (B) Representative 2D class averages. (C and D) The local resolution evaluation of the reconstructed maps without (C) or with (D) a mask. (E) Angular distribution. (F) Global resolution evaluation based on “gold-standard” Fourier shell correction (FSC) generated by RELION.

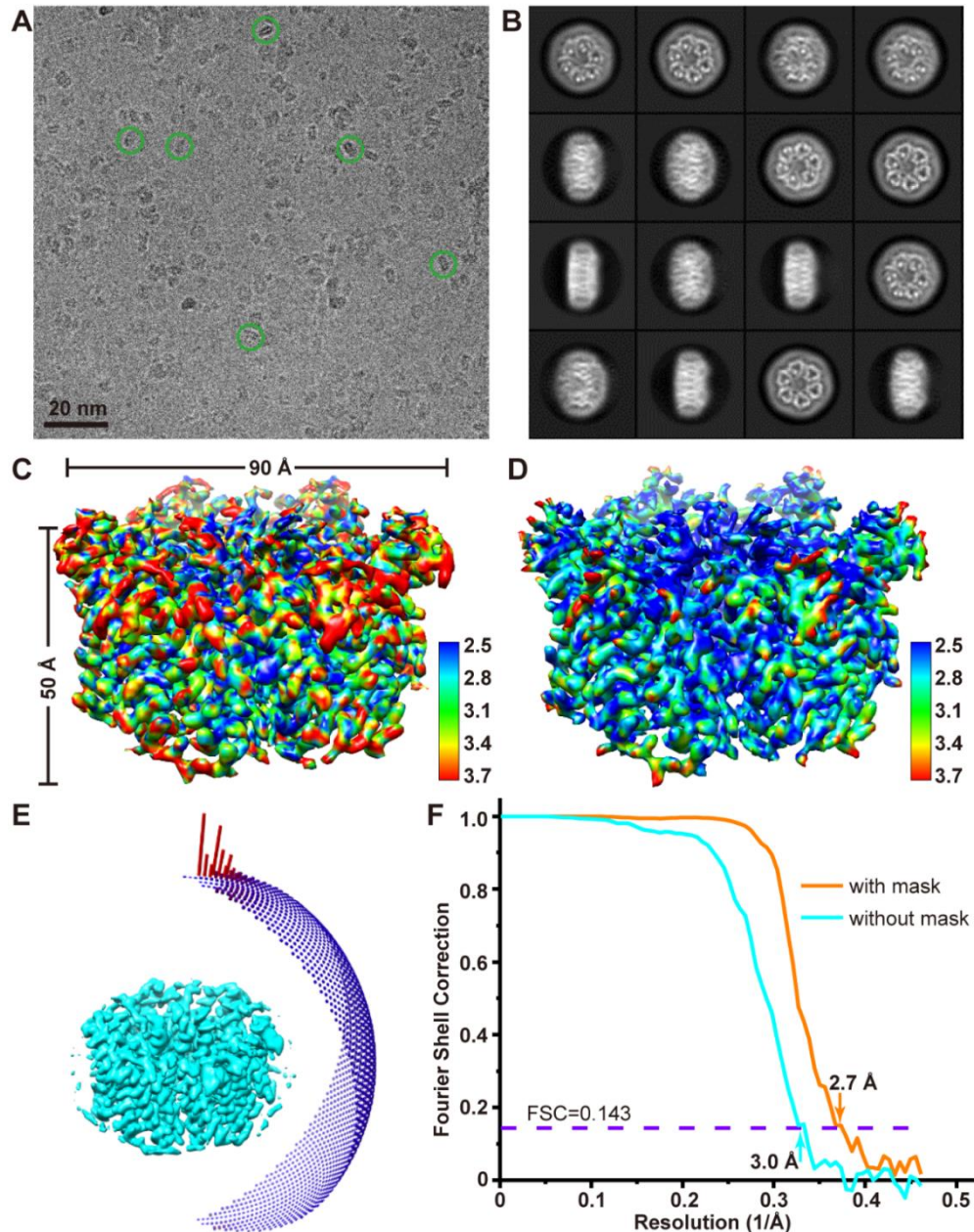


Fig. S2. Cryo-EM analysis of 6hisHpUreI in open conformation. (A) A representative cryoEM micrograph of 6hisHpUreI in the open conformation with representative particles circled. (B) Representative 2D class averages. (C and D) The local resolution evaluation of the reconstructed maps without (C) or with (D) a mask. (E) Angular distribution. (F) Global resolution evaluation based on “gold-standard” Fourier shell correction (FSC) generated by RELION.

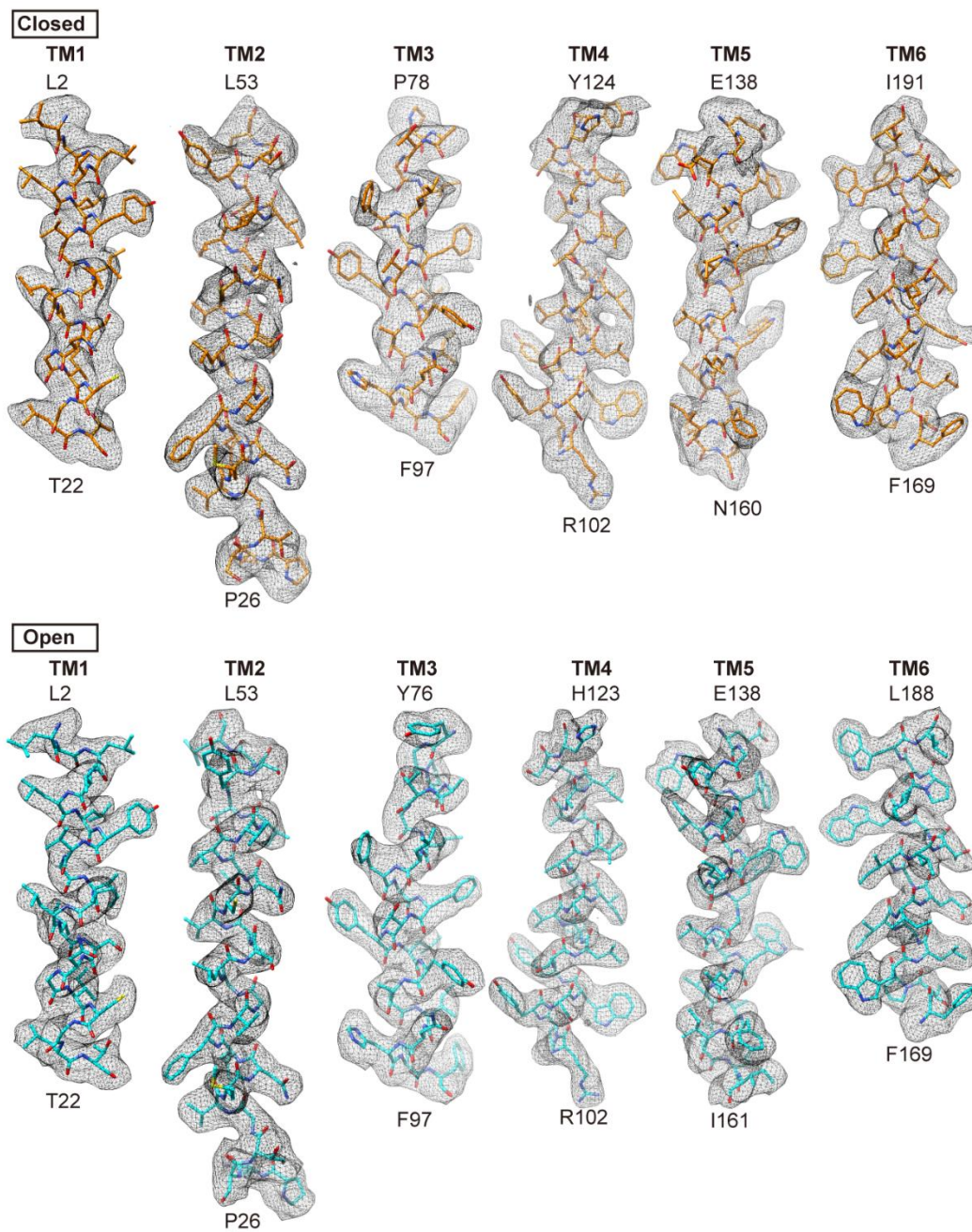


Fig. S3. Cryo-EM densities (mesh) of the six TM helices in 6hisHpUreI in the closed and open conformations superposed with their atomic models. The models are shown as sticks colored according to atom type: C, orange (closed) or cyan (open); N, blue; O, red; and S, yellow.

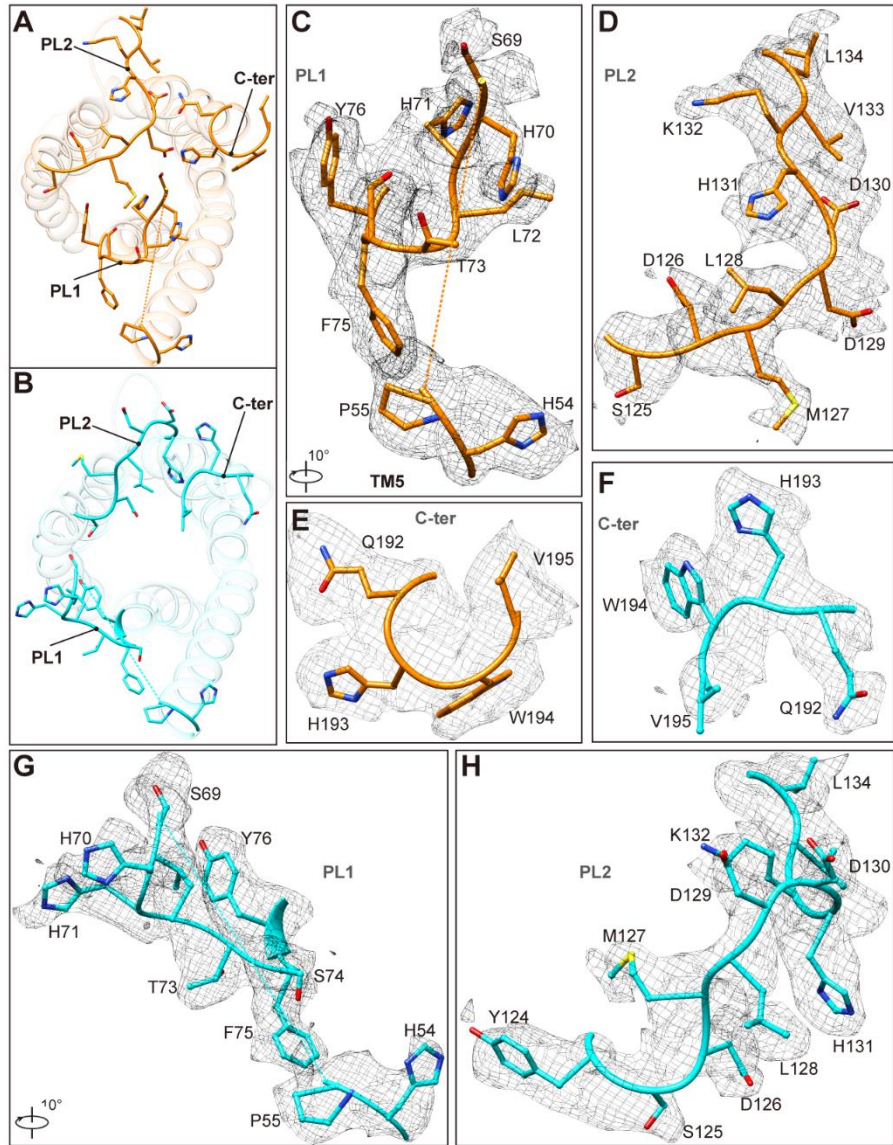


Fig. S4. Details of the cryo-EM densities overlaid with their atomic models (sticks) of the PLs and C terminus in the closed (orange) and open (cyan) conformations. (A and B) Periplasmic view of one protomer in the closed (A) and open (B) conformations. (C-E) PL1, PL2 and C-terminus in the closed conformation. (F-H) C-terminus, PL1 and PL2 in the open conformation.

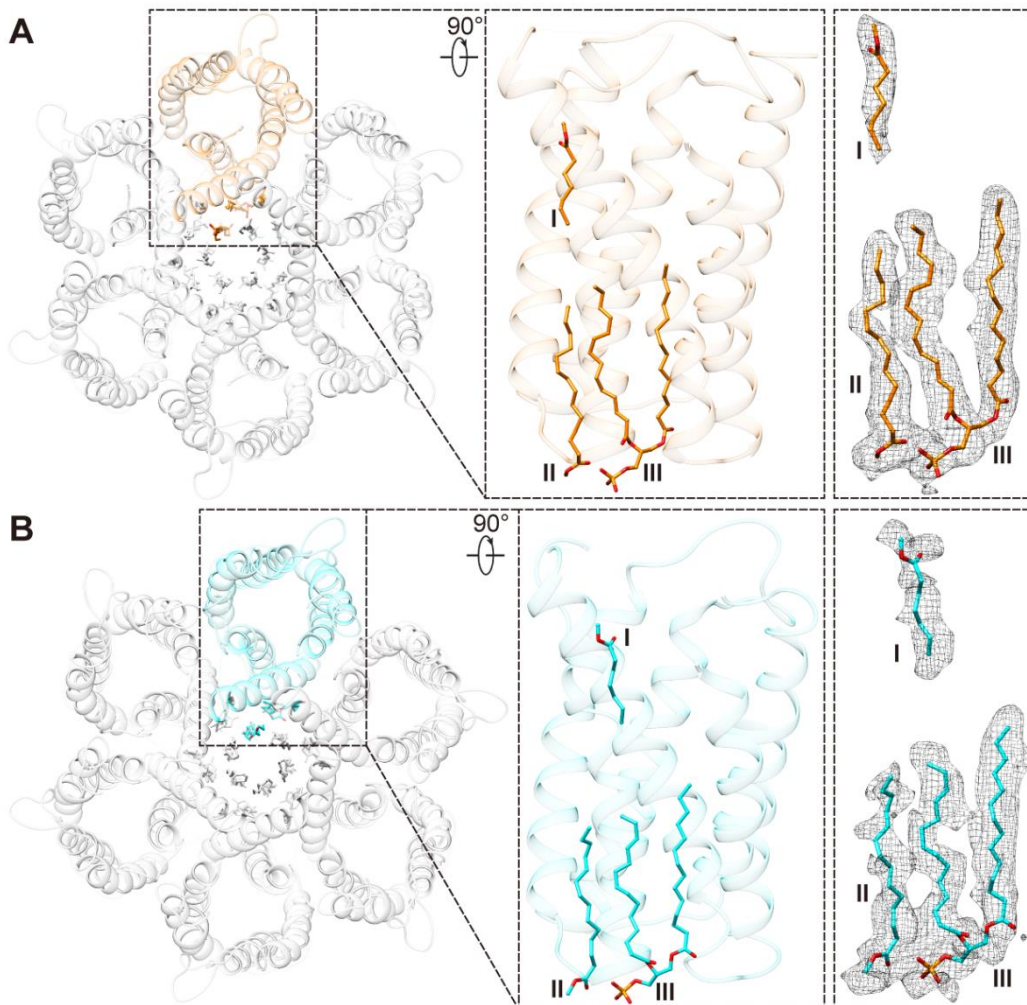


Fig. S5. Ordered lipids resolved in the cryoEM density maps. Ordered lipids resolved in the cryoEM density maps in the closed (A) and open (B) conformations. The density is shown as grey mesh and the atomic model of the lipids as colored sticks.

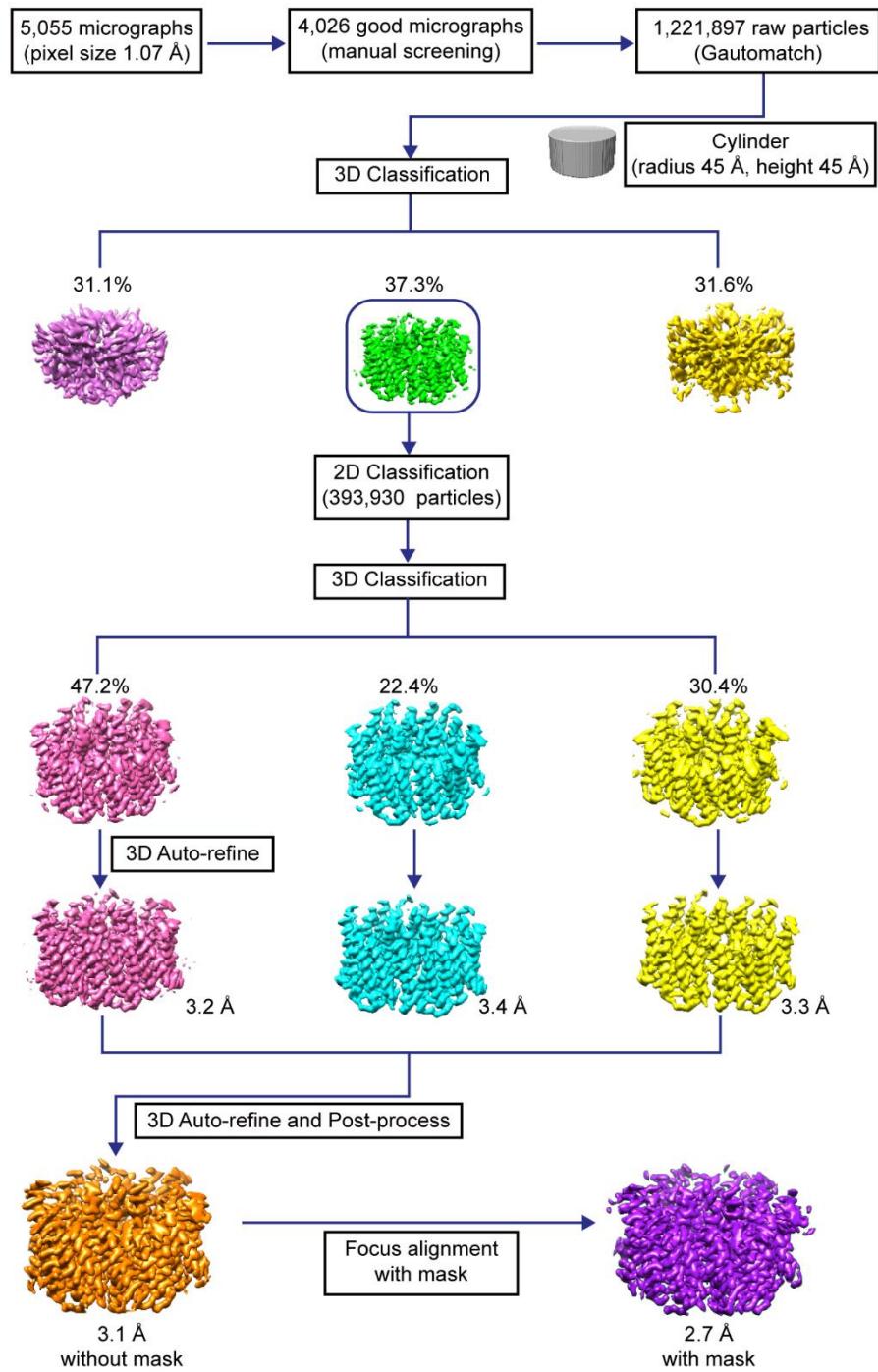


Fig. S6. Data processing workflow used for the dataset recorded for the sample in the closed conformation.

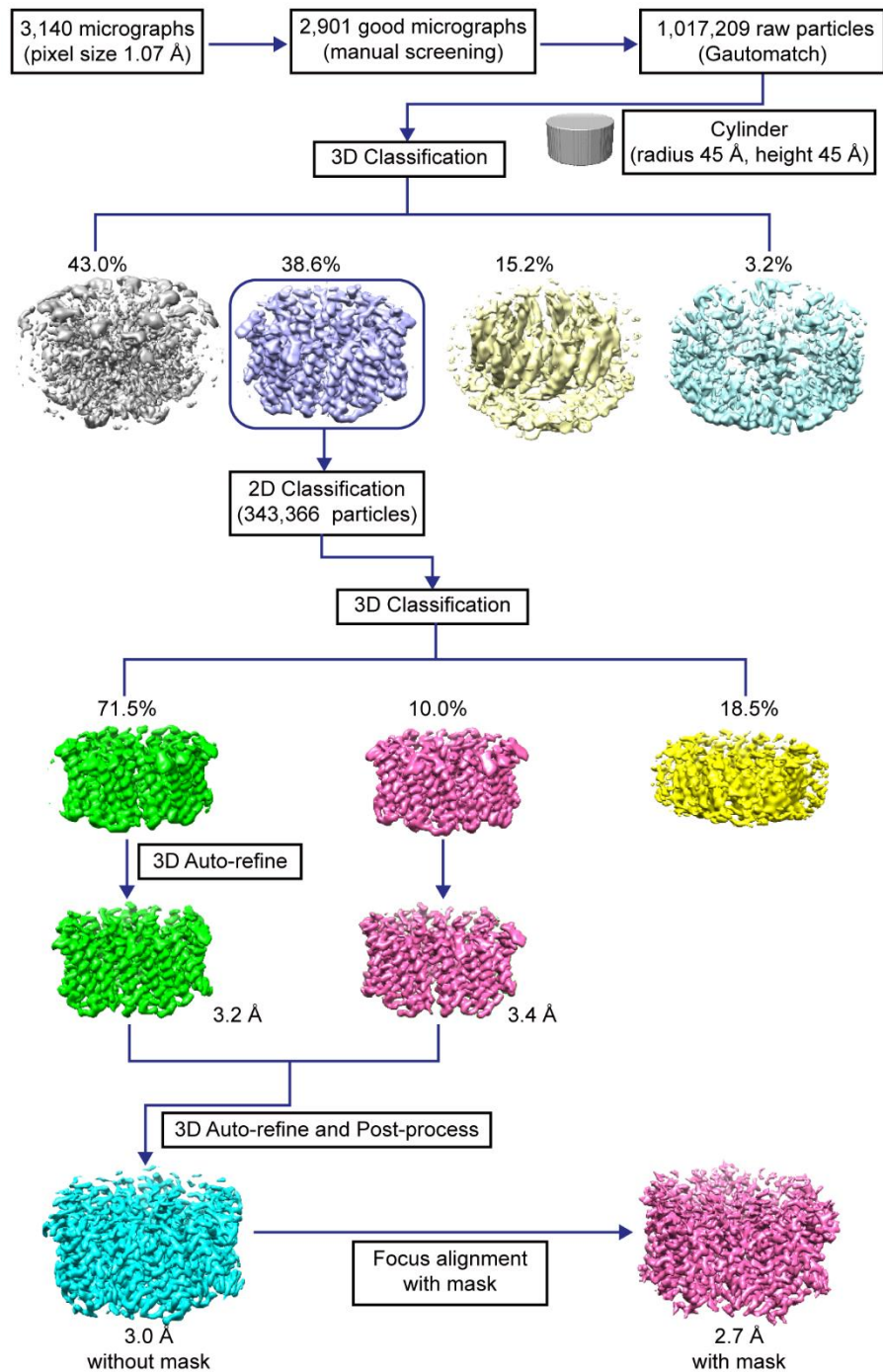


Fig. S7. Data processing workflow used for the dataset recorded for the sample in the open conformation.

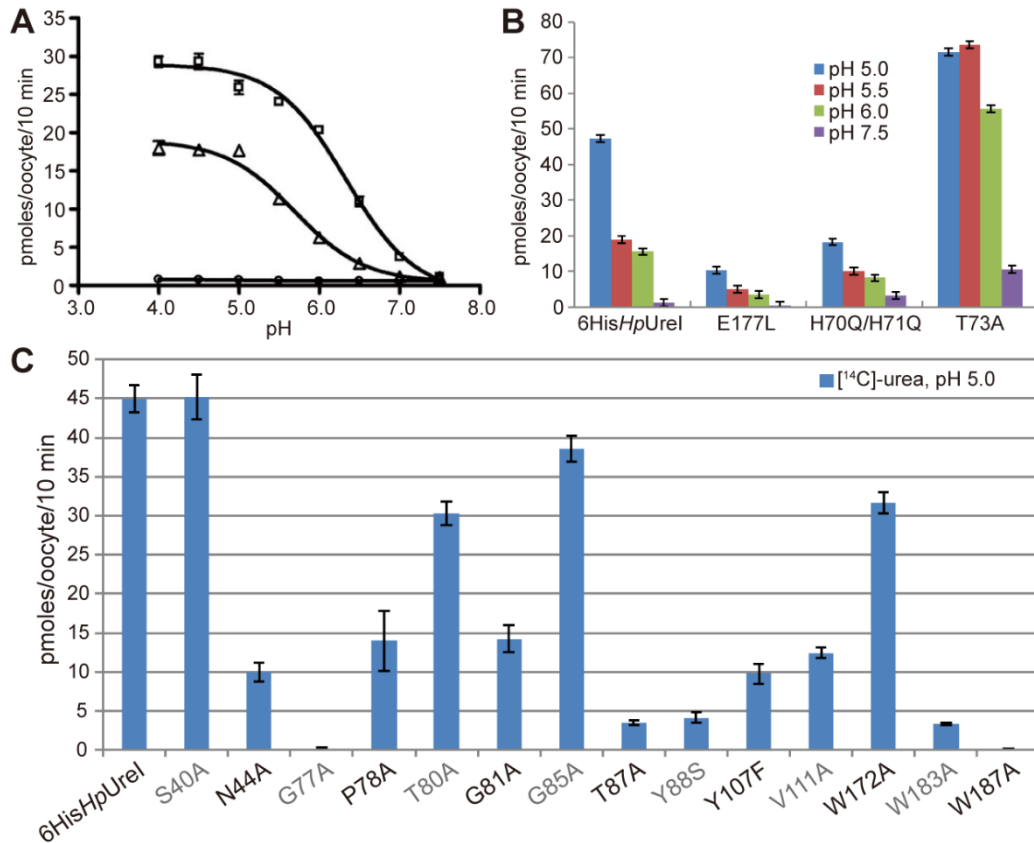


Fig. S8. Urea passage activity for wild-type *HpUreI* and mutants of *6hisHpUreI*. (A)

Dependence of [¹⁴C]-urea influx (pmol/oocyte/10 min) on pH for oocytes expressing wild type *HpUreI* (□) or *6hisHpUreI* (Δ) compared to non-injected control oocytes (○). (B) pH-dependence of [¹⁴C]-urea influx (pmol/oocyte/10 min) for oocytes expressing *6hisHpUreI* or mutants E177L, H70Q/H71Q, or T73A. (C) [¹⁴C]-urea influx (pmol/oocyte/10 min) for oocytes expressing point mutants of *6hisHpUreI* as compared to the control.

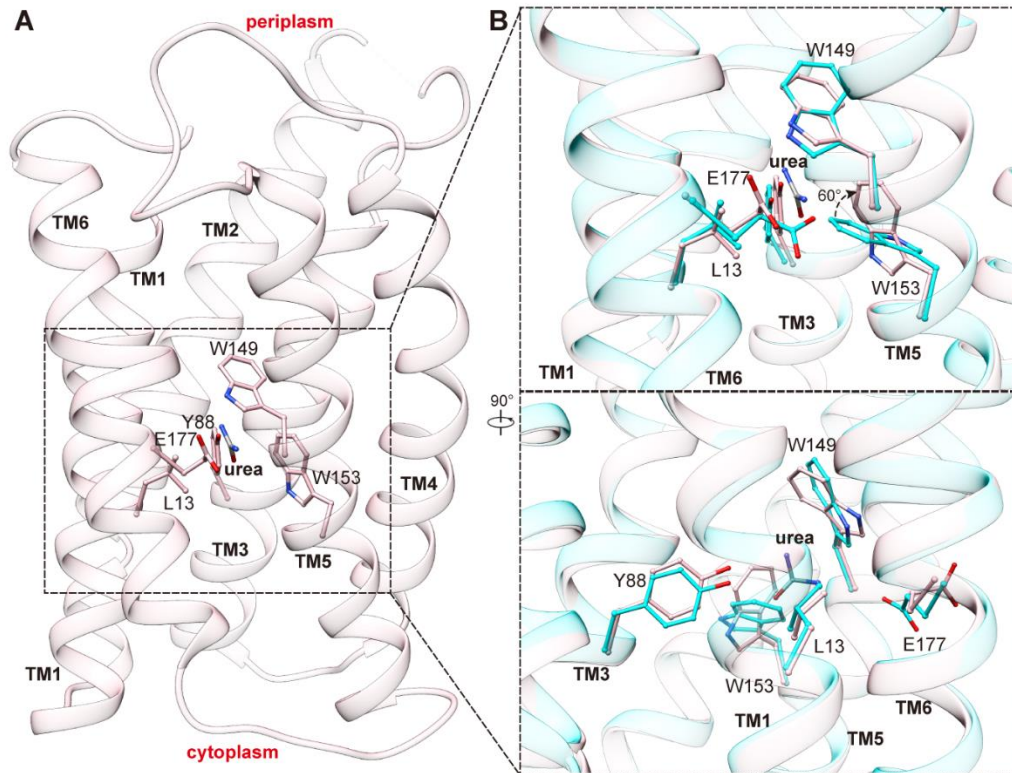


Fig. S9. Proposed filter model for urea fitted in the open conformation of 6hisHpUreI by using HADDOCK2.2. (A) Model for urea (grey) next to residues leu13, try88, trp149, trp153 and glu177 (sticks) in the proposed filter region of the 6hisHpUreI protomer (pink). (B) The same side chains from the original cryoEM model (cyan) compared to those of the model fitted with urea (pink).

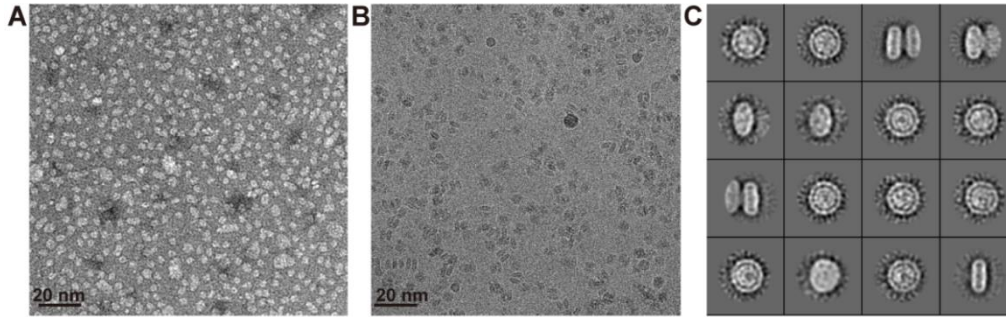


Fig. S10. Sample quality evaluation for 6hisHpUreI in DDM other than amphipol. (A and B) Representative negative stain (A) and cryoEM (B) micrographs of 6hisHpUreI in DDM. (C) Representative 2D class averages of particles from the cryoEM micrographs recorded from the sample in DDM showing poor structural features. Subsequent optimization of the sample in amphipol dramatically improved the visibility of the structural detail.

Table S1. Statistics of the cryo-EM structures.

	6hisHpUreI closed	6hisHpUreI open
CryoEM data collection and processing		
Microscope	Krios	Krios
Voltage (kV)	300	300
Nominal Magnification	130,000	130,000
Physical pixel size (Å)	1.07	1.07
Camera	K2 summit	K2 summit
Frame exposure time (s)	0.15	0.15
# movie frames	100	60
Total electron dose (e⁻/Å²)	~72	~43
Particle defocus range (µm)	1.0-3	1.0-3
# movies	5,505	3,140
# used movies	4,026	2,901
# extracted particles	1,221,897	1,017,209
# particles for 3D final maps	393,930	279,840
Symmetry for final maps	C6	C6
Resolution without mask (Å) / Map sharpening B-factor (Å²)	3.1 / -66.6	3.0 / -147.0
Resolution with mask (Å) / Map sharpening B-	2.7 / -71.9	2.7 / -89.5

factor (\AA^2)

Atomic model refinement

Number of protein residues	1,092	1,092
Number of atoms	9,096	9,096
RMSD bond lengths (\AA)	0.01	0.01
RMSD bond angles ($^\circ$)	0.98	0.89
MolProbity score	1.99	1.31
Clash score	6.46	2.88
Rotamer outliers (%)	1.31	0
Ramachandran statistics		
Most favored (%)	94.01	97.10
Additional allowed (%)	5.99	2.90
Outliers (%)	0	0

Movies Legends

Movie S1. Cryo-EM density views of 6hisHpUreI in closed conformation. 360° panorama of the density map, starting from periplasmic view. Protomers are colored separately and amphipol in grey.

Movie S2. Atomic model and density fit views of 6hisHpUreI in closed conformation. 360° panorama of the model, starting from periplasmic view. Protomers are colored separately.

Movie S3. Cryo-EM density views of 6hisHpUreI in open conformation. 360° panorama of the density map, starting from periplasmic view. Protomers are colored separately and amphipol in grey.

Movie S4. Atomic model and density fit views of 6hisHpUreI in open conformation. 360° panorama of the model, starting from periplasmic view. Protomers are colored separately.

Movie S5. 6hisHpUreI closed and open conformations morph. Morph movie, calculated using the “morph conformations” function in UCSF Chimera, of the closed and open states. This morph is not representative of the exact motion of the mechanism, but is intended to give a sense of scale for the dramatic conformational shift.