

Supporting information for  
Unique structural features of mule deer prion protein  
provide insights into chronic wasting disease

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**Table S1. Local backbone RMSD values that represent overlap of three-residue segment centred at each residue in the sequence of overlaid mdPrP, wtdPrP and ePrP structures.<sup>a</sup>**

aa residue <sup>b</sup>	RMSD (Å)	aa residue	RMSD (Å)	aa residue	RMSD (Å)
Leu <sup>128</sup>	3.49	Asn <sup>162</sup>	0.69	Thr <sup>196</sup>	3.48
Gly <sup>129</sup>	3.29	Gln <sup>163</sup>	0.74	Lys <sup>197</sup>	3.52
Gly <sup>130</sup>	3.10	Val <sup>164</sup>	0.64	Gly <sup>198</sup>	3.14
Tyr <sup>131</sup>	1.39	Tyr <sup>165</sup>	0.51	Glu <sup>199</sup>	2.91
Met <sup>132</sup>	0.63	Tyr <sup>166</sup>	0.38	Asn <sup>200</sup>	4.02
Leu <sup>133</sup>	0.74	Arg <sup>167</sup>	0.73	Phe <sup>201</sup>	4.20
Gly <sup>134</sup>	0.71	Pro <sup>168</sup>	1.02	Thr <sup>202</sup>	3.64
Ser <sup>135</sup>	1.34	Val <sup>169</sup>	1.22	Glu <sup>203</sup>	3.35
Ala <sup>136</sup>	1.68	Asp <sup>170</sup>	1.86	Thr <sup>204</sup>	2.51
Met <sup>137</sup>	1.78	Gln <sup>171</sup>	1.58	Asp <sup>205</sup>	2.20
Ser <sup>138</sup>	2.41	Tyr <sup>172</sup>	1.73	Ile <sup>206</sup>	2.27
Arg <sup>139</sup>	2.14	Asn <sup>173</sup>	1.97	Lys <sup>207</sup>	1.99
Pro <sup>140</sup>	1.68	Asn <sup>174</sup>	1.15	Met <sup>208</sup>	1.28
Leu <sup>141</sup>	1.62	Gln <sup>175</sup>	1.24	Met <sup>209</sup>	1.06
Ile <sup>142</sup>	1.41	Asn <sup>176</sup>	1.32	Glu <sup>210</sup>	1.13
His <sup>143</sup>	1.52	Thr <sup>177</sup>	1.19	Arg <sup>211</sup>	0.83
Phe <sup>144</sup>	2.17	Phe <sup>178</sup>	1.10	Val <sup>212</sup>	0.77
Gly <sup>145</sup>	2.37	Val <sup>179</sup>	0.86	Val <sup>213</sup>	0.66
Asn <sup>146</sup>	2.42	His <sup>180</sup>	1.28	Glu <sup>214</sup>	0.68
Asp <sup>147</sup>	3.62	Asp <sup>181</sup>	1.26	Gln <sup>215</sup>	0.77
Tyr <sup>148</sup>	2.86	Cys <sup>182</sup>	0.81	Met <sup>216</sup>	0.66
Glu <sup>149</sup>	1.65	Val <sup>183</sup>	0.90	Cys <sup>217</sup>	0.76
Asp <sup>150</sup>	2.05	Asn <sup>184</sup>	0.75	Ile <sup>218</sup>	0.73
Arg <sup>151</sup>	2.22	Ile <sup>185</sup>	0.59	Thr <sup>219</sup>	0.84
Tyr <sup>152</sup>	1.25	Thr <sup>186</sup>	0.48	Gln <sup>220</sup>	1.02
Tyr <sup>153</sup>	0.79	Val <sup>187</sup>	0.76	Tyr <sup>221</sup>	1.01
Arg <sup>154</sup>	1.42	Lys <sup>188</sup>	0.63	Gln <sup>222</sup>	0.63
Glu <sup>155</sup>	0.92	Gln <sup>189</sup>	0.77	Arg <sup>223</sup>	0.86
Asn <sup>156</sup>	1.02	His <sup>190</sup>	1.48	Glu <sup>224</sup>	1.00
Met <sup>157</sup>	1.40	Thr <sup>191</sup>	1.61	Ser <sup>225</sup>	0.89
Tyr <sup>158</sup>	2.29	Val <sup>192</sup>	1.97	Gln <sup>226</sup>	1.24
Arg <sup>159</sup>	2.02	Thr <sup>193</sup>	2.23	Ala <sup>227</sup>	2.53
Tyr <sup>160</sup>	1.60	Thr <sup>194</sup>	2.77	Tyr <sup>228</sup>	2.39
Pro <sup>161</sup>	1.01	Thr <sup>195</sup>	3.18		

<sup>a</sup> RMSD values have been calculated with program CHIMERA. We superimposed three structures of mdPrP, ePrP and wtdPrP that have lowest energies in NMR ensemble first, and then we calculated the backbone RMSD values per residue of superimposed structures.

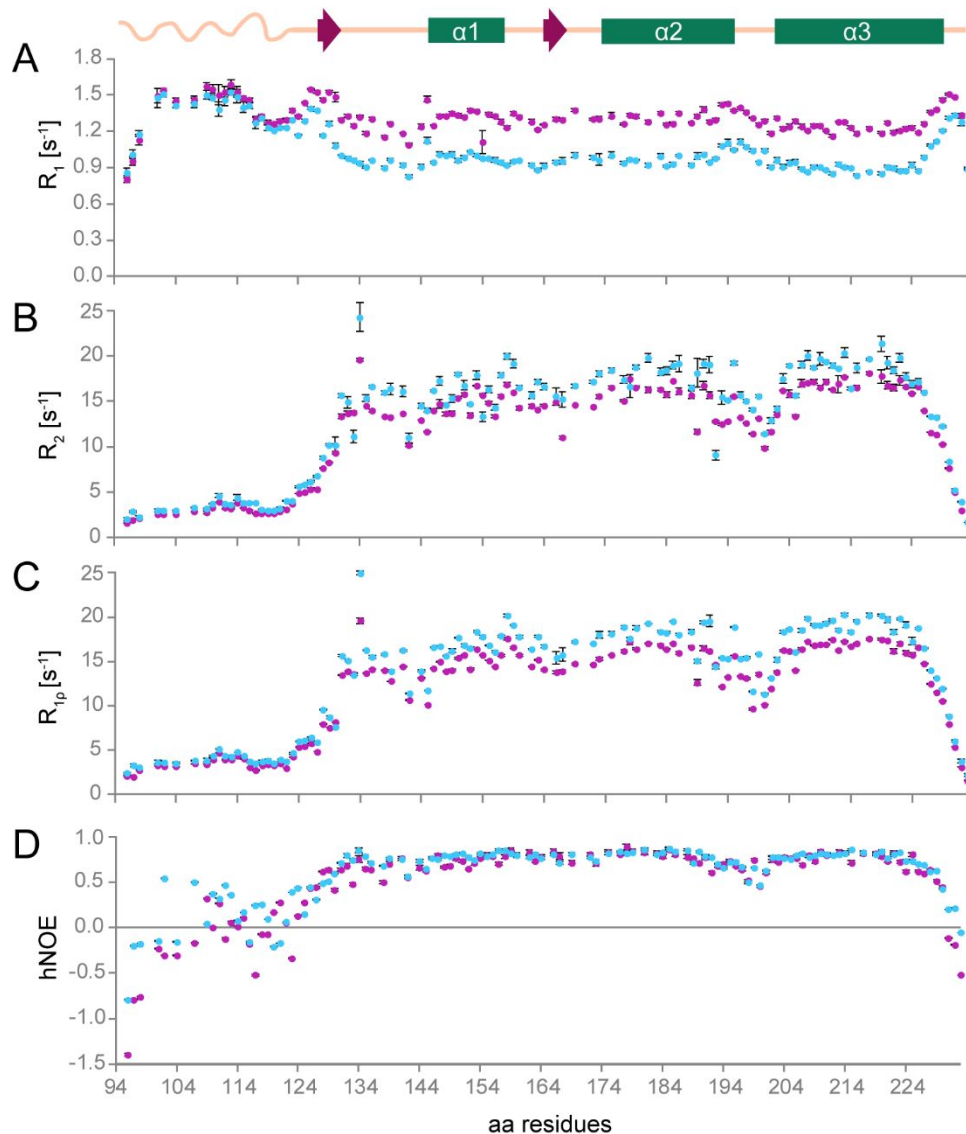
<sup>b</sup> Residue numbering is based on mdPrP amino acid sequence. RMSD values are showed for residues from 128 to 228.

**Table S2. Distances between C-atoms of selected amino acid residues of mdPrP, wtdPrP and ePrP structures.<sup>a</sup>**

distance	mdPrP (Å)	wtdPrP (Å)	ePrP (Å)
Leu <sup>128</sup> C <sub>δ1</sub> -Ile <sup>185</sup> C <sub>δ1</sub>	3.8 ± 0.1	9.4	8.5 ± 0.3
Tyr <sup>131</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub> -Ile <sup>185</sup> C <sub>δ1</sub>	6.3 ± 0.1	3.2	5.1 ± 0.3
Phe <sup>144</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub> -Tyr <sup>153</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub>	6.1 ± 0.2	5.2	4.7 ± 0.6
Tyr <sup>148</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub> -Tyr <sup>152</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub>	3.9 ± 0.2	6.2	9.0 ± 1.6
Tyr <sup>148</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub> -Thr <sup>202</sup> C <sub>γ2</sub>	8.1 ± 0.4	16.4	8.3 ± 1.7
Tyr <sup>148</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub> -Thr <sup>204</sup> C <sub>γ2</sub>	5.2 ± 0.4	12.3	6.7 ± 1.1
Tyr <sup>152</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub> -Thr <sup>202</sup> C <sub>γ2</sub>	5.2 ± 0.3	8.7	4.4 ± 1.0
Tyr <sup>152</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub> -Thr <sup>204</sup> C <sub>γ2</sub>	5.1 ± 0.4	6.2	4.8 ± 0.8
Val <sup>169</sup> C <sub>β</sub> -Ser <sup>225</sup> C <sub>β</sub>	5.5 ± 0.2	6.1	5.5 ± 0.4
Val <sup>169</sup> C <sub>β</sub> -Tyr <sup>228</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub>	4.3 ± 0.3	6.7	7.5 ± 0.6
Tyr <sup>221</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub> -Ser <sup>225</sup> C <sub>β</sub>	4.3 ± 0.3	5.0	4.9 ± 0.5
Ser <sup>225</sup> C <sub>β</sub> -Tyr <sup>228</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub>	8.5 ± 0.2	8.7	7.8 ± 0.3
Ser <sup>225</sup> C <sub>β</sub> -Tyr <sup>229</sup> C <sub>ζ</sub>	5.0 ± 0.2	NA <sup>b</sup>	10.2 ± 0.4

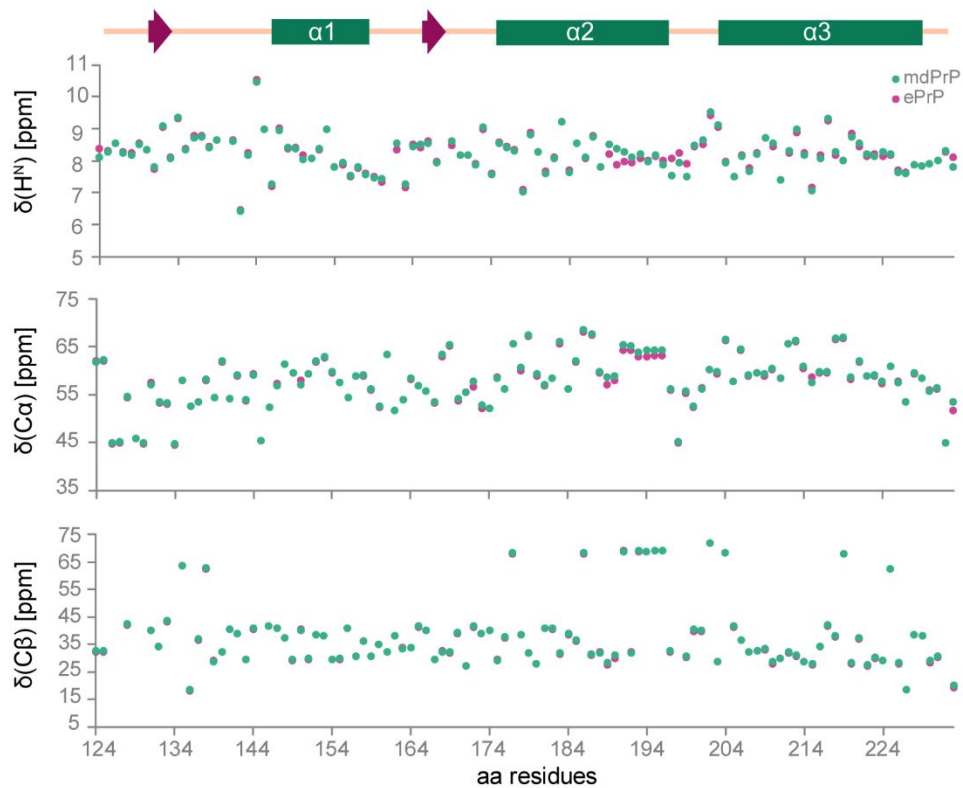
<sup>a</sup> Reported distances are average values obtained from coordinates of structural ensemble for mdPrP (PDB id 6FNV) and ePrP (PDB id 1XYW) that were determined by NMR, and wtdPrP (PDB id 4YXH) determined by X-ray crystallography. Standard deviations are reported for the ensembles of 20 lowest energies structures of mdPrP and ePrP that have been determined by NMR.

<sup>b</sup> NA – not applicable

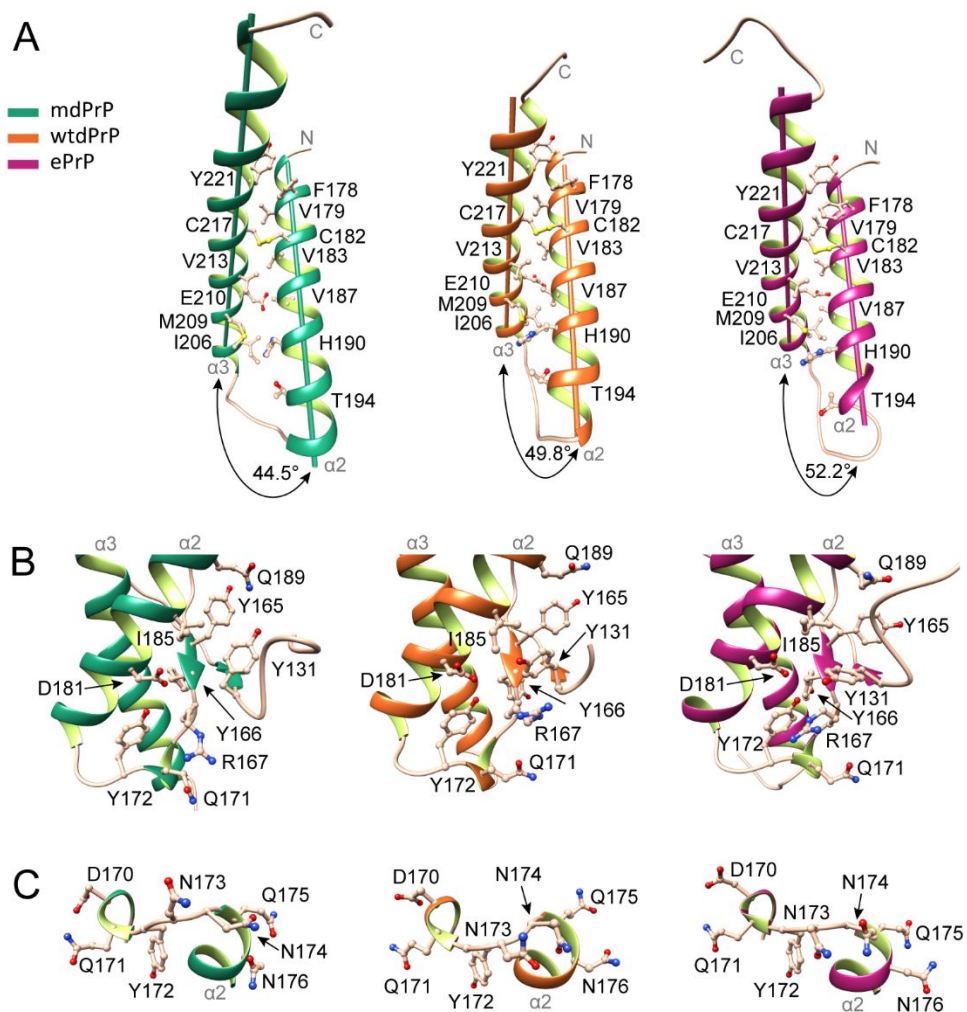


**Figure S1.  $^{15}\text{N}$  amide backbone relaxation rates and hNOE of mdPrP.** The same as Figure 4 at manuscript with included error bars. A)  $^{15}\text{N}$  longitudinal ( $R_1=1/T_1$ ), B) transverse ( $R_2=1/T_2$ ), C) spin-lattice relaxation rates in the rotation frame ( $R_{1\rho}=1/T_{1\rho}$ ) and D) hNOE at 298 K at magnetic field of 14.1 (magenta) and 18.8 T (blue). A schematic presentation of secondary structure elements of mdPrP is at the top of the figure. The error bars represent standard deviation of  $R_1$  (A),  $R_2$  (B) and  $R_{1\rho}$  (C) relaxation rates and hNOE values (D).

Supporting Information

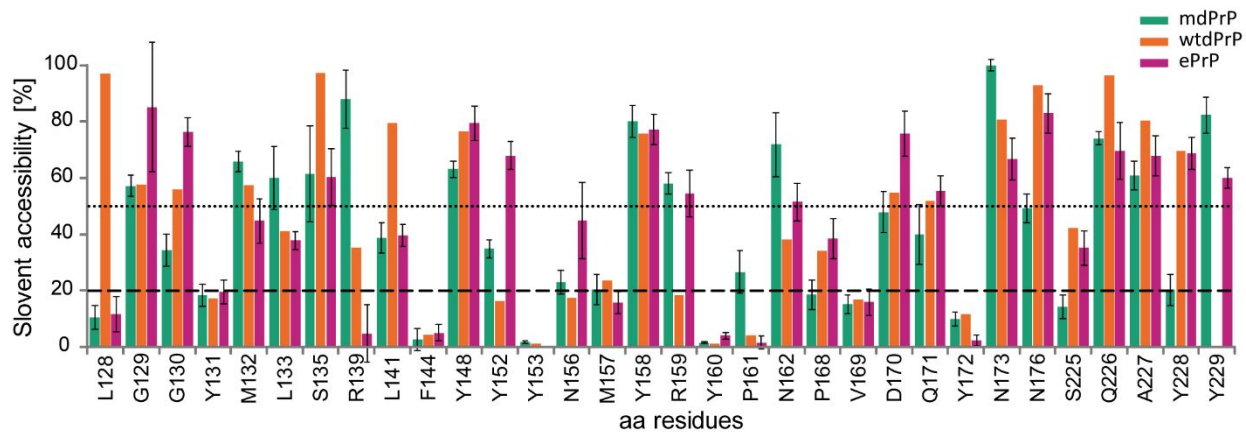


**Figure S2. Chemical shifts of  $H^N$ ,  $C^\alpha$  and  $C^\beta$  atoms of mdPrP (green) and ePrP (magenta) structures (residues from 124 to 233). Data for ePrP was reported earlier (BMRB id 6383).**



**Figure S3. Structural diversity of mdPrP, wtdPrP and ePrP.** Structure of mdPrP is shown in green, wtdPrP in orange and ePrP in magenta. Marked amino acid residues are presented as a ball-and-stick. A)  $\alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_3$  helices of mdPrP, wtdPrP and ePrP structures. B) Arrangements of amino acid residues that are in the proximity of Tyr<sup>131</sup>. C) Orientation of Asp<sup>170</sup>, Gln<sup>171</sup>, Tyr<sup>172</sup>, Asn<sup>173</sup>, Asn<sup>174</sup>, Gln<sup>175</sup> and Asn<sup>176</sup> in  $\beta_2$ - $\alpha_2$  loop.

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**Figure S4. Solvent accessibility of selected amino acid residues of mdPrP, wtdPrP and ePrP.** Hatched and dotted lines at 20% and 50% indicate limits of amino acid residue accessibility to the solvent (>50%) or burial in solvent inaccessible regions (<20%). Standard deviations are reported and have been calculated for the family of 20 lowest energies structures of mdPrP and ePrP that have been determined by NMR.