## Title: Supplementary Movie 1. Morph between the closed state of spHCN model with S4 up and the open state of spHCN model with S4 down.

**Description:** The cryo-EM structure of hHCN1 was used for the homology modelling of the closed state of spHCN model with S4 up and the cryo-EM structure of hERG with the VSD replaced for the VSD with S4 down from<sup>4</sup> were used for the homology modelling of the open state of spHCN model with S4 down. A morph between our closed and open HCN models suggests that the transition from closed to open involves a downward movement of S4, that breaks the F216-W355 interaction and E356-N370 hydrogen bond, and a rotation and tilting of lower S4, a radial translation of lower S5, and a tilting and rotation of lower S6 which opens the pore. In the open state with S4 down, N370 is in a hydrophilic water-filled crevice. See Supplementary Figure 3a for identification of residues shown with space-filled side chains.

## Title: Supplementary Movie 2. Morph between the closed and open states of spHCN model with S4 up.

**Description:** The cryo-EM structure of HCN1 was used for the homology modelling of the closed state of spHCN model with S4 up and the cryo-EM structure of hERG was used for the homology modelling of the open state of spHCN model with S4 up. A morph between our closed and open HCN models with S4 up suggests that the transition from closed to open (when S4 is up) involves a rotation and tilting of lower S4, a radial translation of lower S5 that breaks the F216-W355 interaction and the E356-N370 hydrogen bond, and a tilting and rotation of lower S6 which opens the pore. See Supplementary Figure 3b for identification of residues shown with space-filled side chains.