

Supplementary Materials for

**Structures of neurokinin 1 receptor in complex with G_q and G_s proteins
reveal substance P binding mode and unique activation features**

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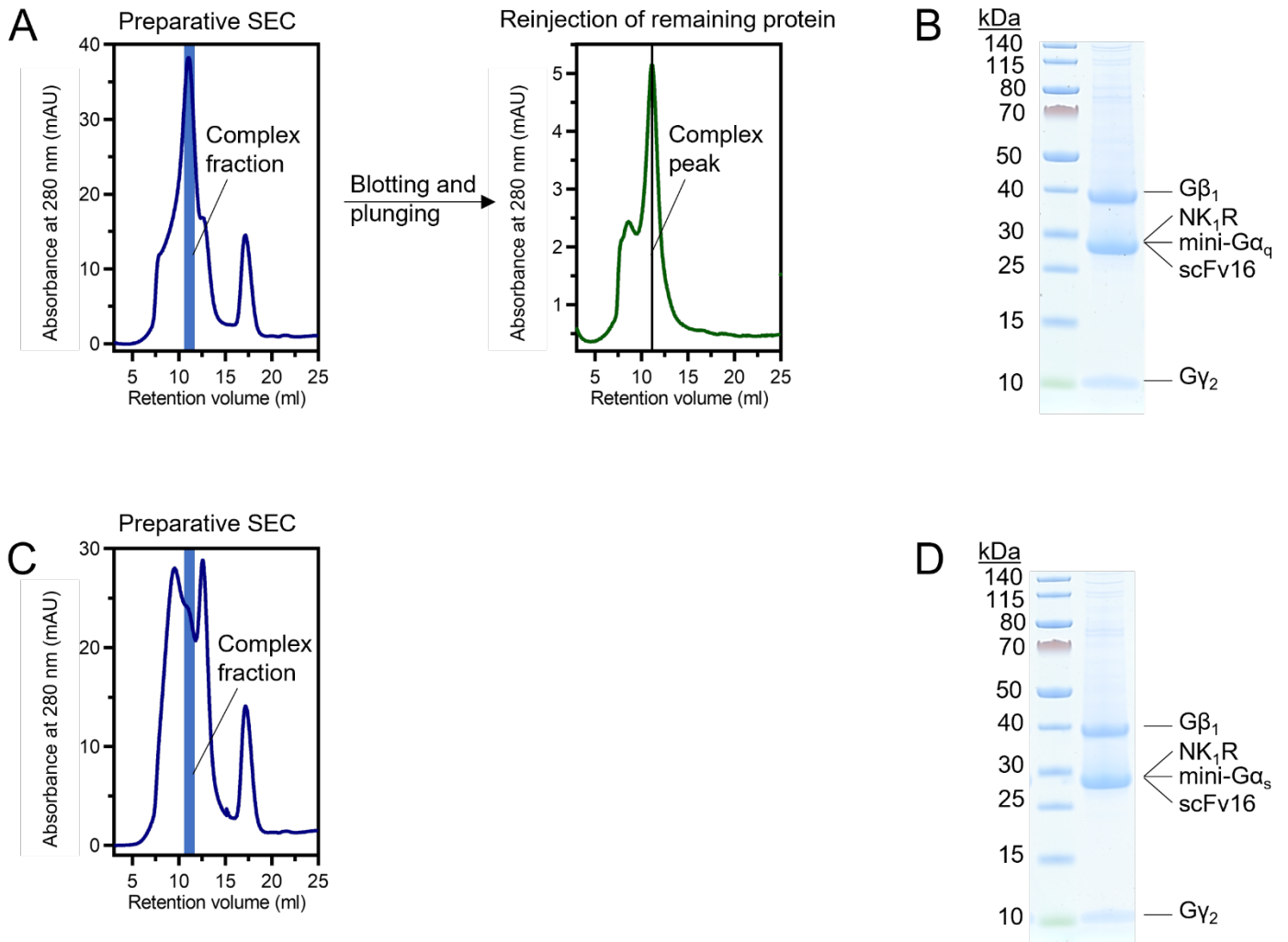


Fig. S1. NK₁R complexes: SEC and LDS-PAGE.

(A) SEC of the NK₁R:G_q complex. Left: Preparative SEC profile with the collected complex fraction indicated by a blue bar. Right: Analytical SEC profile of the remaining protein (concentrated collected complex fraction) after blotting and plunging (~3 h after fraction collection). Retention volume of the complex: 11.1 ml.

(B) LDS-PAGE gel of the NK₁R:G_q complex with complex components indicated. NK₁R, mini-Gα_q, and scFv16 run at the same apparent molecular weight (confirmed by LDS-PAGE of the individual components, gel not shown).

(C) Preparative SEC profile of the NK₁R:G_s complex with the collected complex fraction indicated by a blue bar. After blotting and plunging no sufficient quantity of protein for analytical SEC remained.

(D) LDS-PAGE gel of the NK₁R:G_s complex with complex components indicated. NK₁R, mini-Gα_s, and scFv16 run at the same apparent molecular weight (confirmed by LDS-PAGE of the individual components, gel not shown).

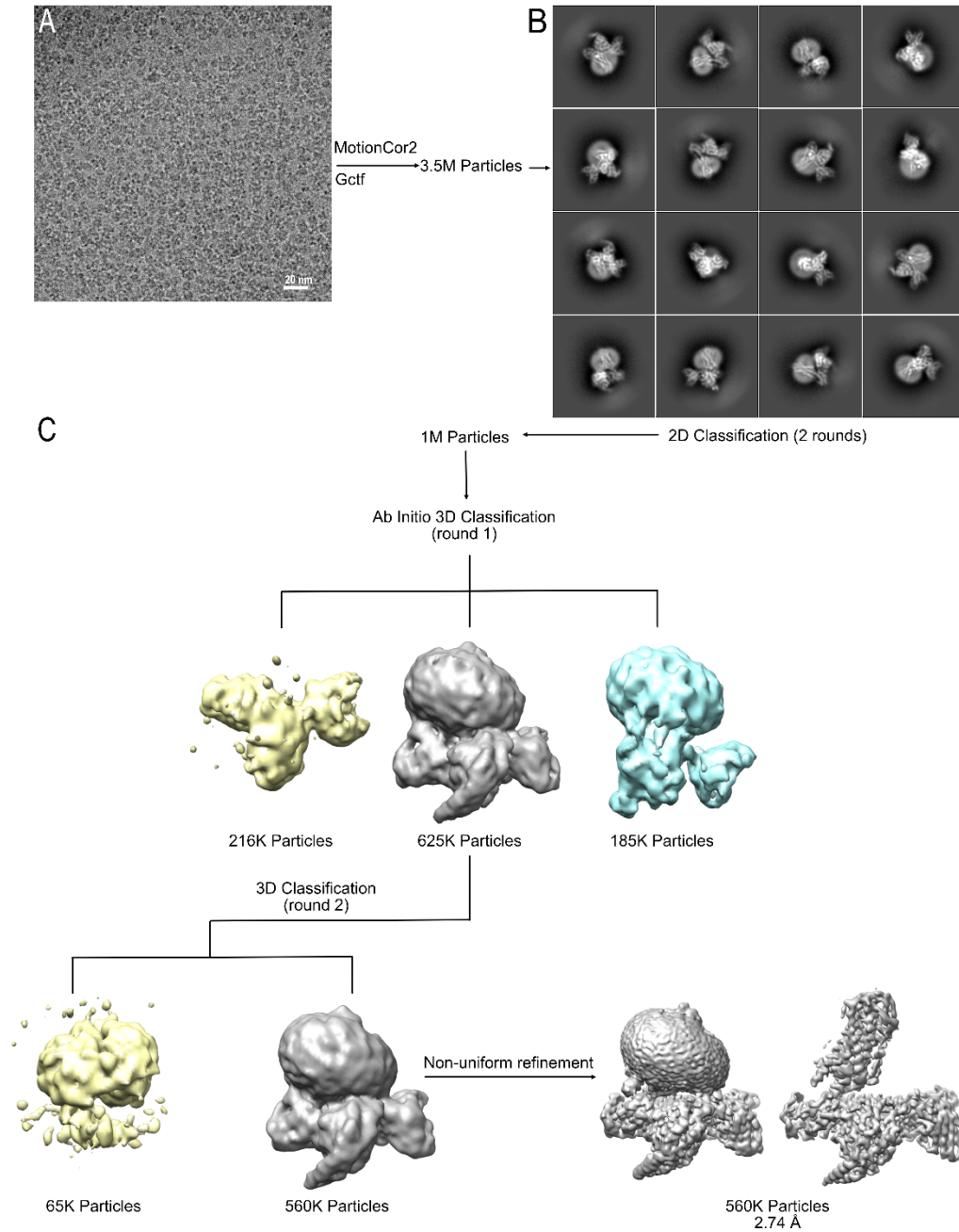


Fig. S2. Workflow for cryo-EM data processing of the NK₁R:SP:G_q:scFv16 complex.
(A) Representative cryo-EM micrograph of the NK₁R:SP:G_q:scFv16 complex. Scale bar, 20 nm.
(B) Representative 2D averages showing distinct secondary structure features from different views of the complex after 2 rounds of 2D classification.
(C) 3D classification workflow and refinement.

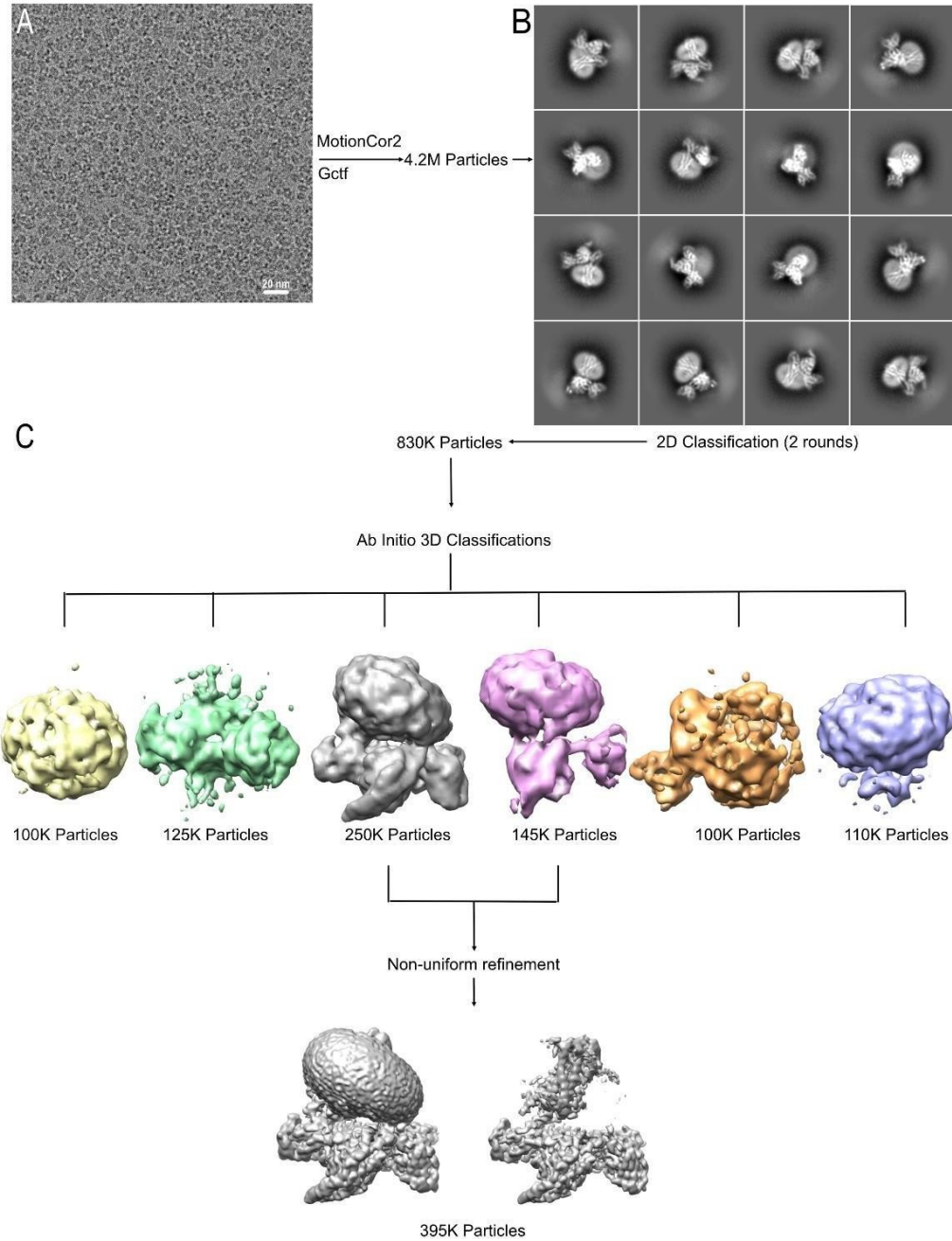


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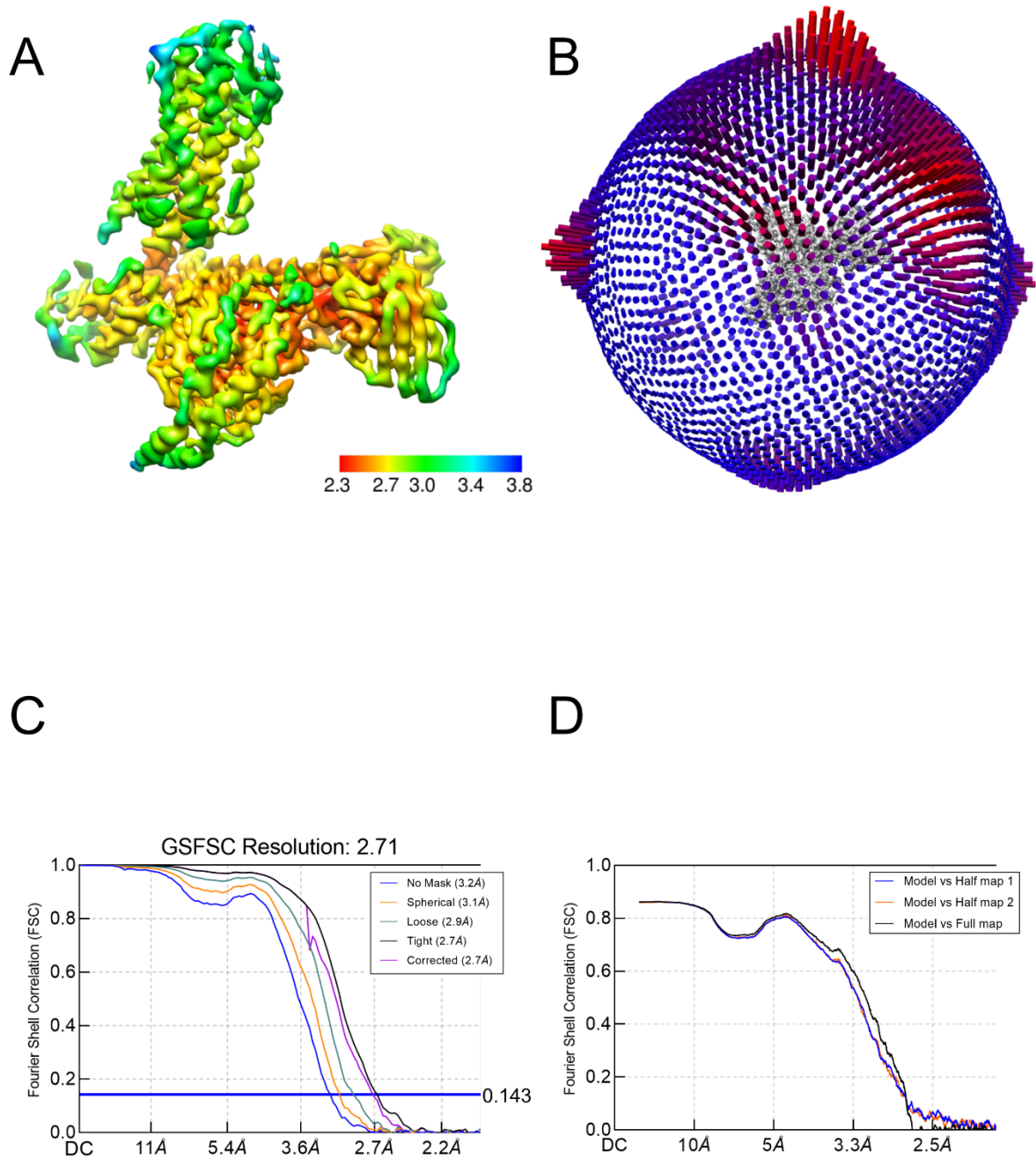


Fig. S4. Resolution of the NK₁R:SP:G_q:scFv16 complex.

(A) Local resolution analysis of the NK₁R:SP:G_q:scFv16 complex.

(B) Angular distribution of the particle orientations of the NK₁R:SP:G_q:scFv16 complex.

(C) The gold-standard Fourier shell correlation curves for the map of the NK₁R:SP:G_q:scFv16 complex.

(D) For cross validation, FSC curves of the refined model versus full map (black), refined map versus half map 1 (blue), and refined model versus half map 2 (orange) were calculated.

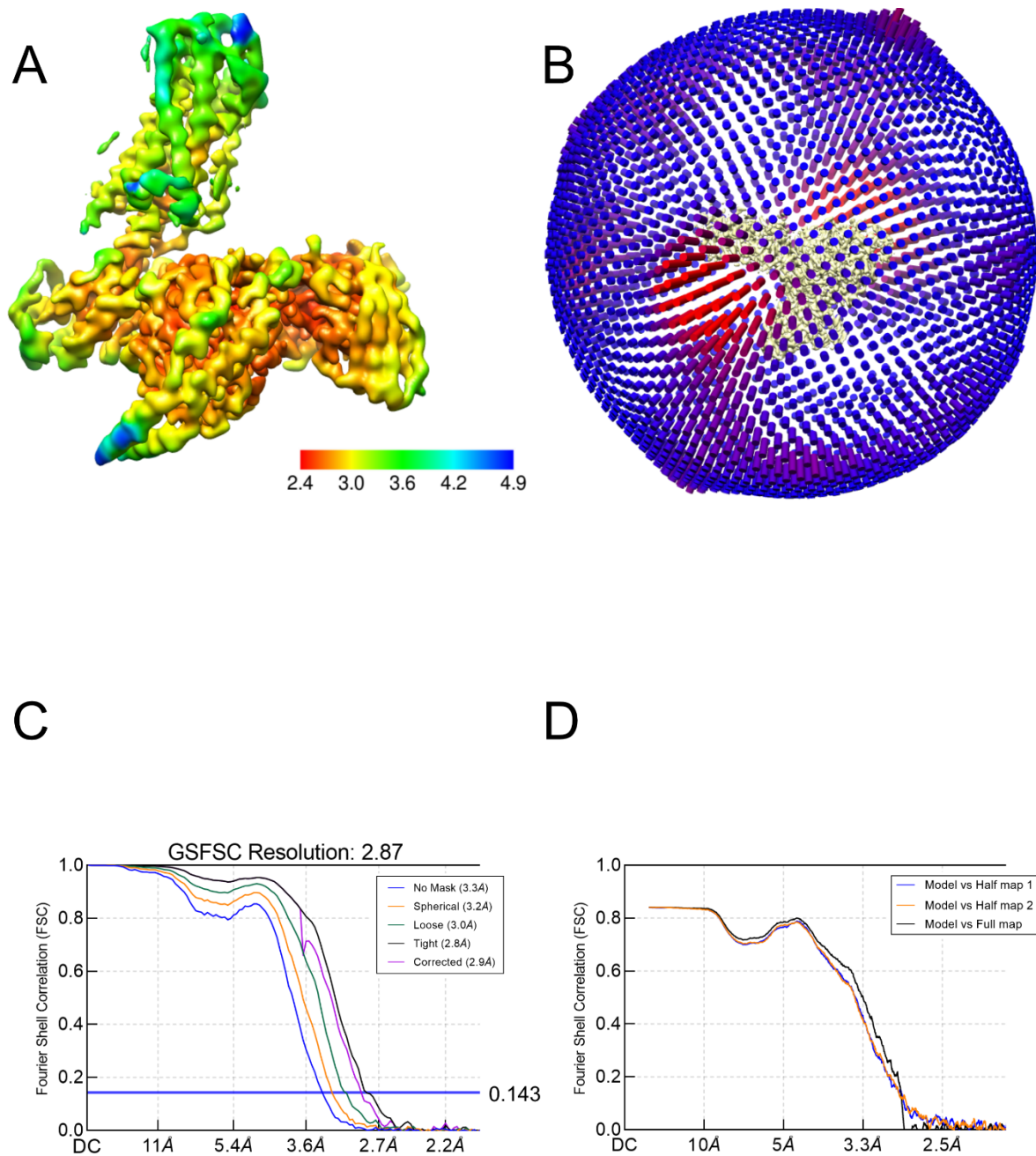


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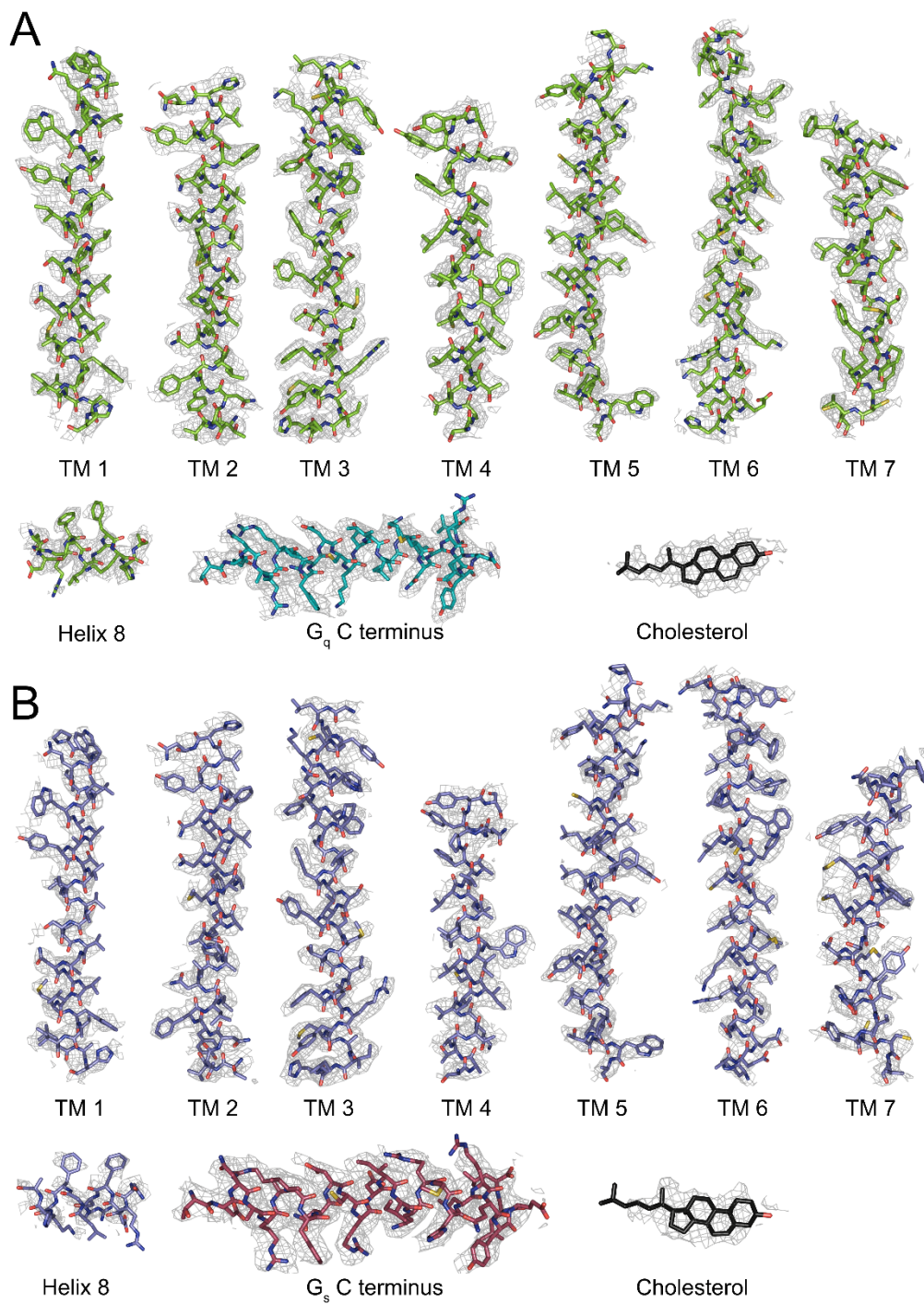


Fig. S6. Cryo-EM density within NK₁R.

(A) Cryo-EM density maps are shown for G_α_q Cα5 helix, cholesterol, NK₁R helix 8, and all seven transmembrane α-helices of the NK₁R:G_q complex.

(B) Cryo-EM density maps are shown for G_α_s Cα5 helix, cholesterol, NK₁R helix 8, and all seven transmembrane α-helices of the NK₁R:G_s complex.

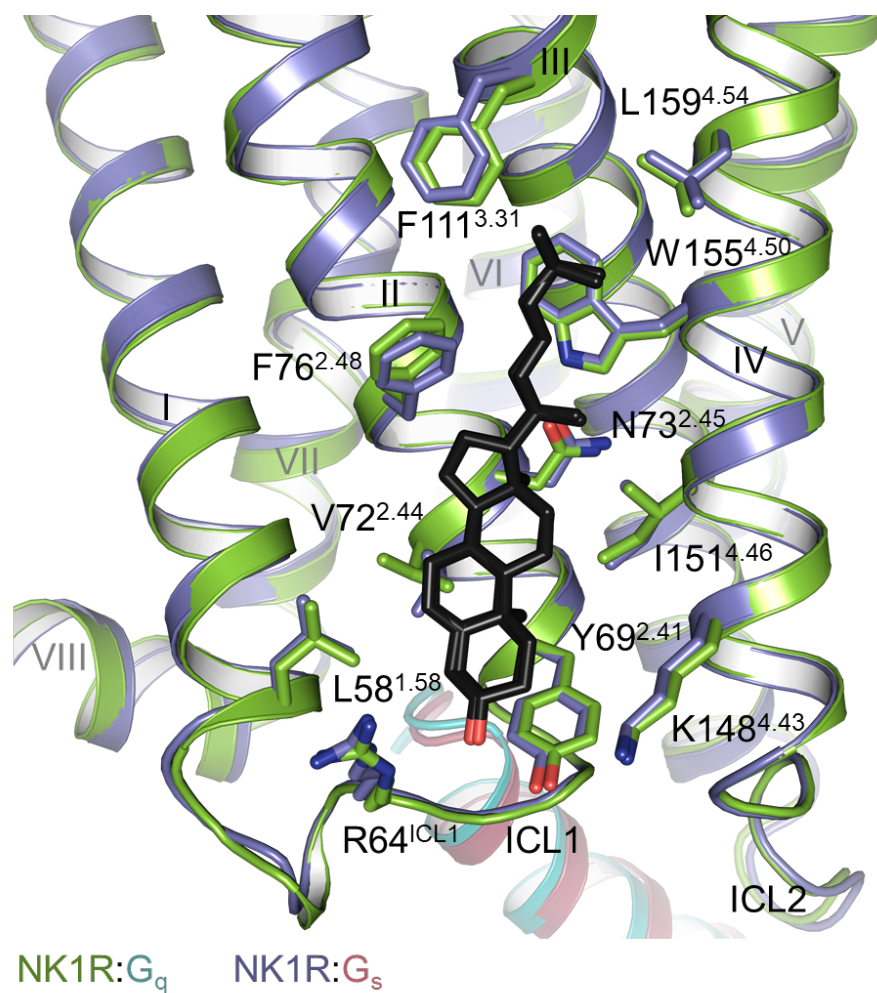


Fig. S7. Cholesterol binding site in NK₁R.

Structural superposition of NK₁R:G_q and NK₁R:G_s with cholesterol shown in black. Residues within 4 Å distance of cholesterol are depicted as sticks.

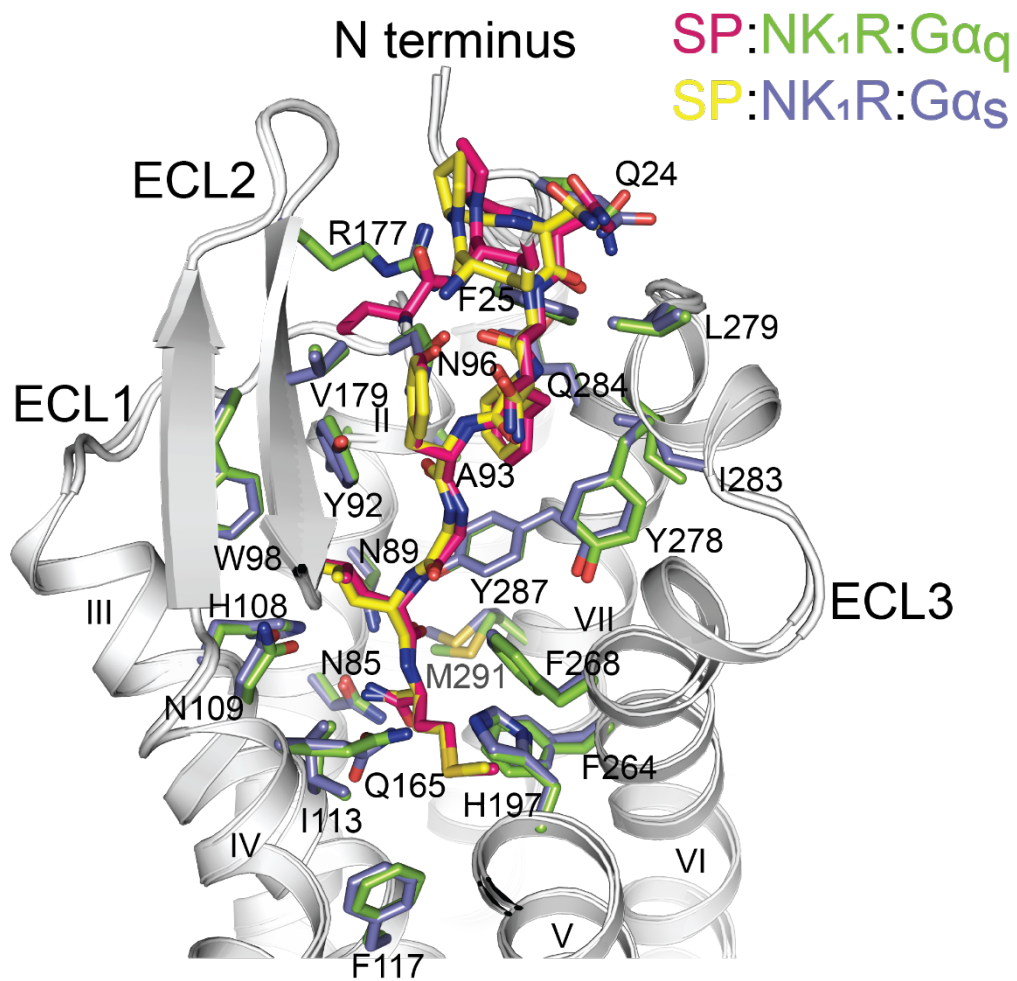


Fig. S8. Structural superposition of the orthosteric SP binding pocket in NK₁R:G_q and NK₁R:G_s.

SP and SP-interacting NK₁R residues are shown as sticks in the respective color scheme of the complex.

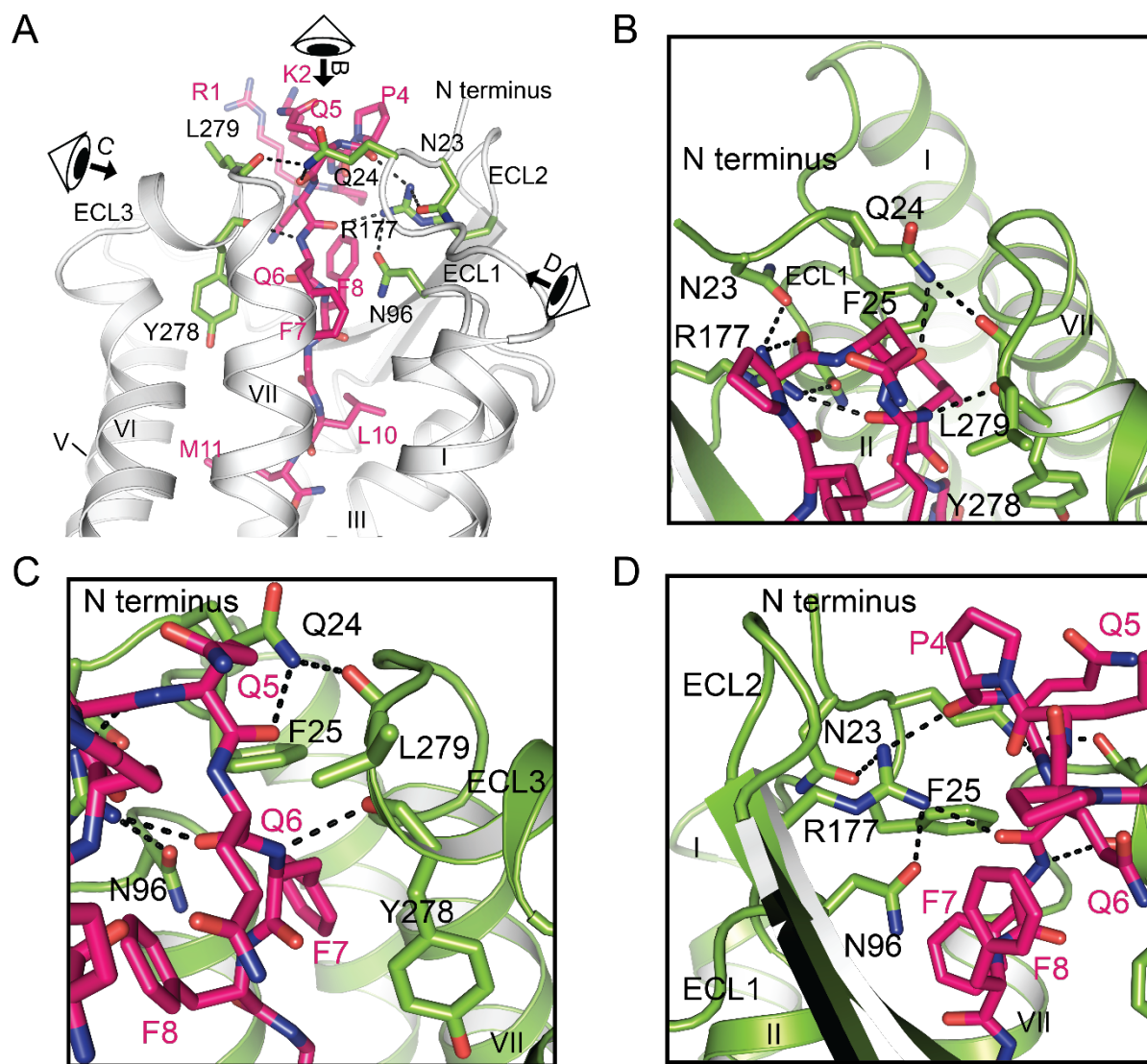


Fig. S9. Close-up views on the extracellular hydrogen-bonding network established by SP.

(A) Overview as in Fig. 2F with points of view for (B-D) indicated.

(B to D) Close-up views on the extracellular hydrogen-bonding network.

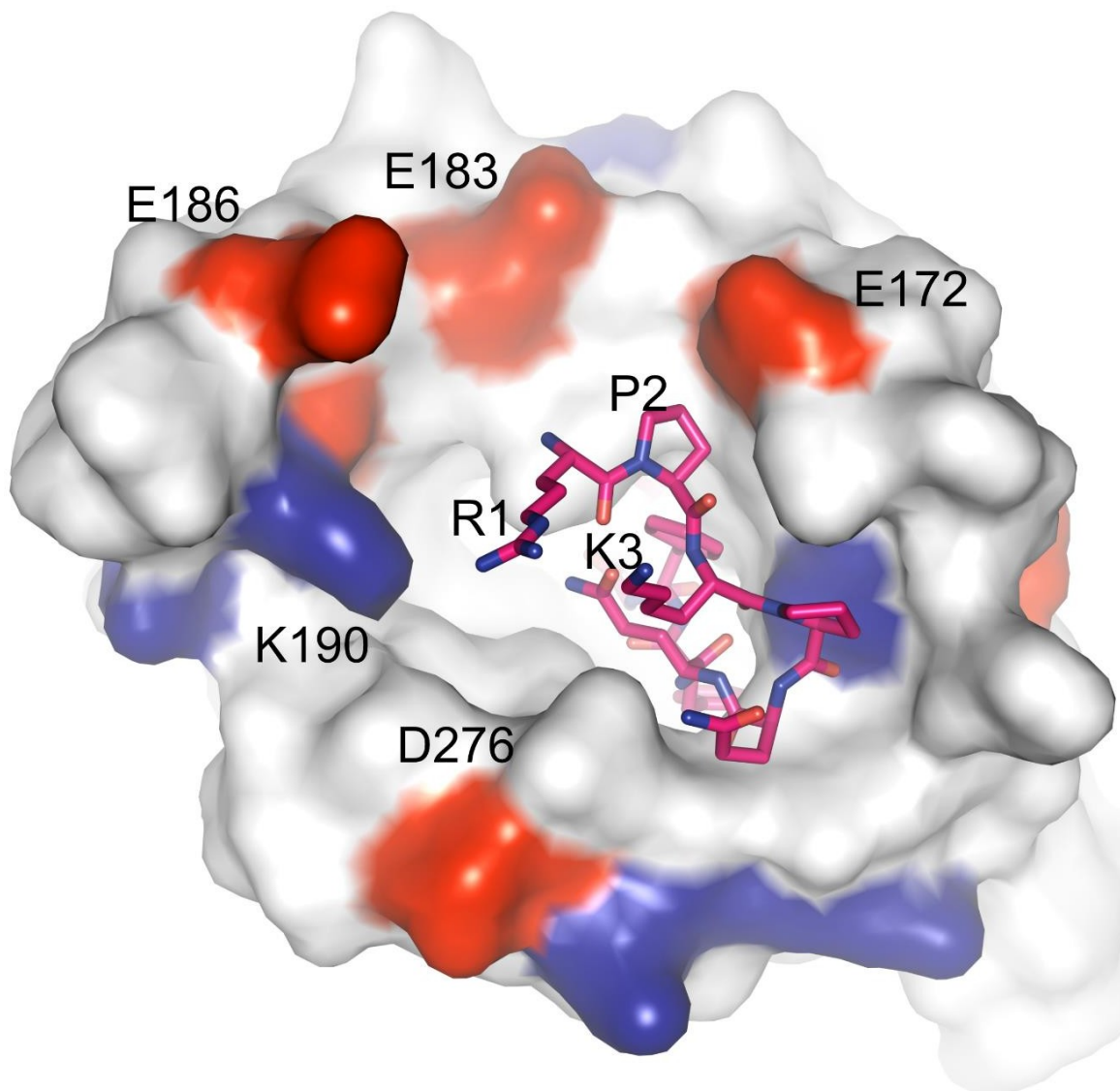


Fig. S10. Charge distribution on the extracellular surface of NK₁R.

Extracellular view of a surface representation of the NK₁R:SP complex with negatively charged residues in red (amino acids D and E), and positively charged residues in blue (amino acids R and K).

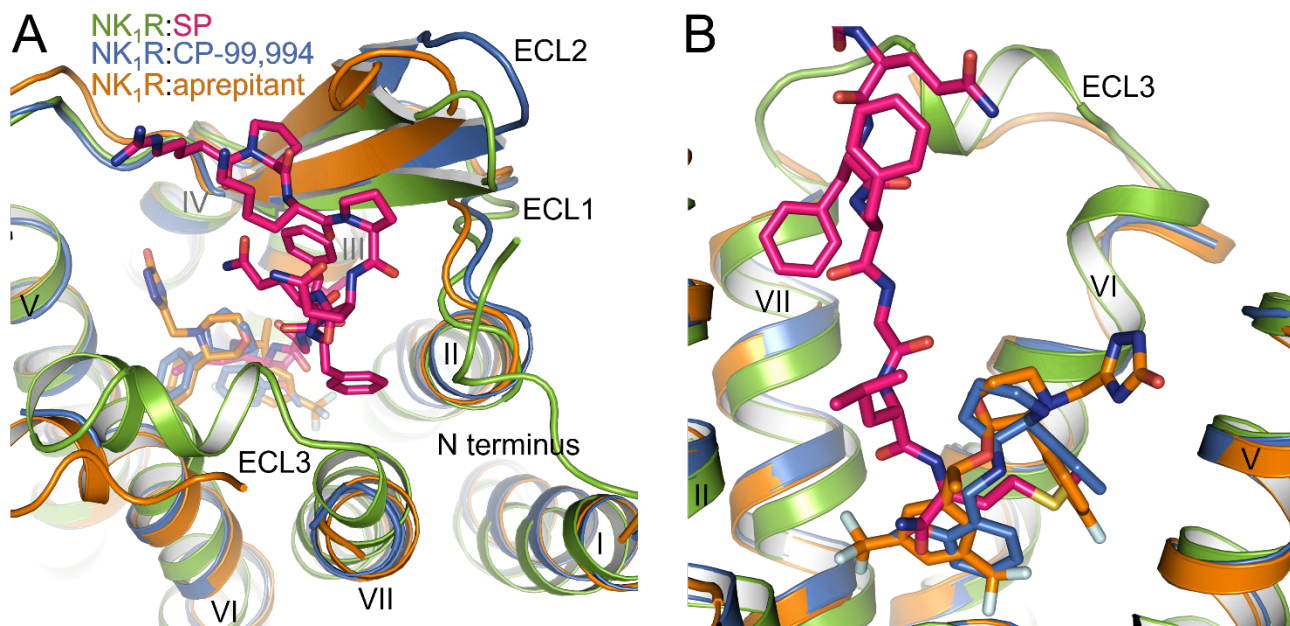


Fig. S11. Comparison of NK₁R:SP, NK₁R:CP-99,994 and NK₁R:aprepitant.

(A) Superposition of NK₁R:SP (G_q complex), NK₁R:CP-99,994 (PDB ID: 6HLL), and NK₁R:aprepitant (PDB ID: 6HLO) as viewed from the extracellular space.

(B) Close-up view on the ligands bound in the orthosteric pocket.

Table S1. Ligand binding data to NK₁R with single amino acid mutations

construct	K _D [nM]	fold change (to wt)	ΔpK _D (to wt)	B _{max} (%wt)	surface expression (%wt)	n
NK ₁ R (wt)	7 ± 1					19
N23A	124 ± 17	17.6 ± 2.4	-1.23 ± 0.06	88 ± 8	135 ± 12	5
N23Q	52 ± 5	7.3 ± 0.6	-0.86 ± 0.04	102 ± 7	151 ± 18	4
Q24A	52 ± 6	7.4 ± 0.8	-0.86 ± 0.05	101 ± 9	103 ± 14	4
Q24N	35 ± 2	5.0 ± 0.3	-0.70 ± 0.02	115 ± 9	154 ± 24	4
F25A	109 ± 47	15.5 ± 6.6	-1.02 ± 0.23	18 ± 3	87 ± 13	4
F25Y	11 ± 3	1.6 ± 0.4	-0.14 ± 0.12	72 ± 15	79 ± 29	4
N85A	59 ± 5	8.3 ± 0.7	-0.92 ± 0.04	89 ± 5	125 ± 6	3
N85D	71 ± 19	10.1 ± 2.7	-0.96 ± 0.12	65 ± 4	85 ± 8	4
N85Q	72 ± 26	10.3 ± 3.6	-0.87 ± 0.16	57 ± 6	86 ± 5	6
N89A	251 ± 38	35.7 ± 5.4	-1.54 ± 0.06	111 ± 14	163 ± 25	3
N89D	485 ± 211	69.0 ± 30.0	-1.56 ± 0.29	64 ± 21	120 ± 5	5
N89Q	782 ± 222	111.2 ± 31.6	-2.00 ± 0.10	110 ± 27	125 ± 6	4
Y92A	76 ± 5	10.8 ± 0.8	-1.03 ± 0.03	54 ± 5	74 ± 7	3
Y92F	8 ± 2	1.1 ± 0.2	-0.02 ± 0.09	62 ± 4	87 ± 5	3
N96A	62 ± 9	8.9 ± 1.3	-0.94 ± 0.06	78 ± 8	99 ± 12	3
N96D	15 ± 2	2.2 ± 0.3	-0.33 ± 0.05	86 ± 3	122 ± 11	3
N96Q	108 ± 8	15.4 ± 1.2	-1.19 ± 0.03	107 ± 4	133 ± 19	3
F117A	66 ± 10	9.4 ± 1.4	-0.96 ± 0.06	123 ± 5	111 ± 15	3
Q165A	77 ± 13	10.9 ± 1.9	-1.02 ± 0.08	106 ± 1	171 ± 45	3
R177A	321 ± 143	45.7 ± 20.4	-1.47 ± 0.18	56 ± 4	88 ± 9	6
R177K	419 ± 20	59.6 ± 2.9	-1.77 ± 0.02	87 ± 4	96 ± 9	4
V179A	64 ± 10	9.2 ± 1.4	-0.94 ± 0.07	86 ± 3	103 ± 10	5
F264A	32 ± 4	4.5 ± 0.6	-0.65 ± 0.06	89 ± 10	142 ± 26	3
F268A	195 ± 20	27.7 ± 2.9	-1.44 ± 0.04	138 ± 19	216 ± 36	3
Y278A	17 ± 5	2.4 ± 0.7	-0.33 ± 0.10	111 ± 6	140 ± 21	4
I283A	115 ± 21	16.4 ± 3.0	-1.19 ± 0.07	99 ± 6	137 ± 29	5
Q284A	93 ± 17	13.3 ± 2.4	-1.10 ± 0.07	74 ± 7	109 ± 17	4
Y287A	218 ± 140	31.0 ± 19.9	-1.30 ± 0.28	29 ± 14	60 ± 11	3
M291A	43 ± 12	6.1 ± 1.7	-0.69 ± 0.19	57 ± 3	85 ± 10	4

Whole-cell specific saturation binding experiment of fluorescently labelled peptide SP-HL488 to HEK293T cells expressing wild-type and mutated NK₁R variants. Binding curves were analyzed by global fitting to a one-site saturation binding equation. All values are expressed as mean ± SEM of the indicated number of independent experiments performed in duplicate. Cell surface expression was obtained by measuring fluorescence emission of SNAP-Lumi4-Tb-labeled receptors.

Table S2. List of contacts between NK₁R and Gα_s

Gα_s residue	Gα_s portion	NK₁R residue	NK₁R portion	Type of interaction
R31 ^{hns1.02}	hns1 loop	R141 ^{ICL2} S143 ^{4.38}	ICL2 IV	Hydrogen bond with peptide backbone Hydrogen bond
H34 ^{S1.02}	S1 loop	L138 ^{ICL2}	ICL2	Hydrogen bond with peptide backbone / Nonbonded contact
V210 ^{S3.01}	S3 loop	L138 ^{ICL2} Q139 ^{ICL2}	ICL2 ICL2	Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact
F212 ^{S3.03}		L138 ^{ICL2}	ICL2	Nonbonded contact
F359 ^{H5.08}	Ca5	L138 ^{ICL2}	ICL2	Nonbonded contact
C362 ^{H5.11}	Ca5	L138 ^{ICL2}	ICL2	Nonbonded contact
R363 ^{H5.12}	Ca5	I135 ^{3.55} P137 ^{ICL2} L138 ^{ICL2}	III ICL2 ICL2	Hydrogen bond with peptide backbone Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact
I366 ^{H5.15}	Ca5	P137 ^{ICL2} L138 ^{ICL2}	ICL2 ICL2	Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact
Q367 ^{H5.16}	Ca5	I134 ^{3.54} P137 ^{ICL2} L223 ^{5.65}	III ICL2 V	Hydrogen bond with peptide backbone / Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact
R368 ^{H5.17}	Ca5	Q239 ^{6.26}	VI	Nonbonded contact
H370 ^{H5.19}	Ca5	A133 ^{3.53} P137 ^{ICL2}	III ICL2	Nonbonded contact Hydrogen bond with peptide backbone
Q373 ^{H5.22}	Ca5	T67 ^{2.39}	II	Hydrogen bond
Y374 ^{H5.23}	Ca5	T67 ^{2.39} D129 ^{3.49} A133 ^{3.53} R141 ^{ICL2}	II III III ICL2	Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact
L376 ^{H5.25}	Ca5	R130 ^{3.50} I134 ^{3.54} V246 ^{6.33} M249 ^{6.36} L308 ^{7.56}	III III VI VI VII	Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact
L377 ^{H5.26}	Ca5	A242 ^{6.29} V246 ^{6.33} L308 ^{7.56} N309 ^{8.47}	VI VI VII VIII	Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Hydrogen bond with peptide backbone Hydrogen bond with peptide backbone

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C362 ^{H5.11}	Cα5	L138 ^{ICL2}	ICL2	Nonbonded contact
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L367 ^{H5.16}	Cα5	I134 ^{3.54}	III	Nonbonded contact
Q368 ^{H5.17}	Cα5	Q239 ^{6.26}	VI	Hydrogen bond
N370 ^{H5.19}	Cα5	A133 ^{3.53}	III	Hydrogen bond to peptide backbone
E373 ^{H5.22}	Cα5	T67 ^{2.39}	II	Hydrogen bond / Nonbonded contact
Y374 ^{H5.23}	Cα5	T67 ^{2.39} D129 ^{3.49} A133 ^{3.53} R141 ^{ICL2}	II III III ICL2	Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact
N375 ^{H5.24}	Cα5	N68 ^{2.40} L71 ^{2.43} N309 ^{8.47} F312 ^{8.50}	II II VIII VIII	Hydrogen bond Nonbonded contact Hydrogen bond Nonbonded contact
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