

# Supplementary Information

## Methionine in a protein hydrophobic core drives tight interactions required for assembly of spider silk

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## Supplementary Tables

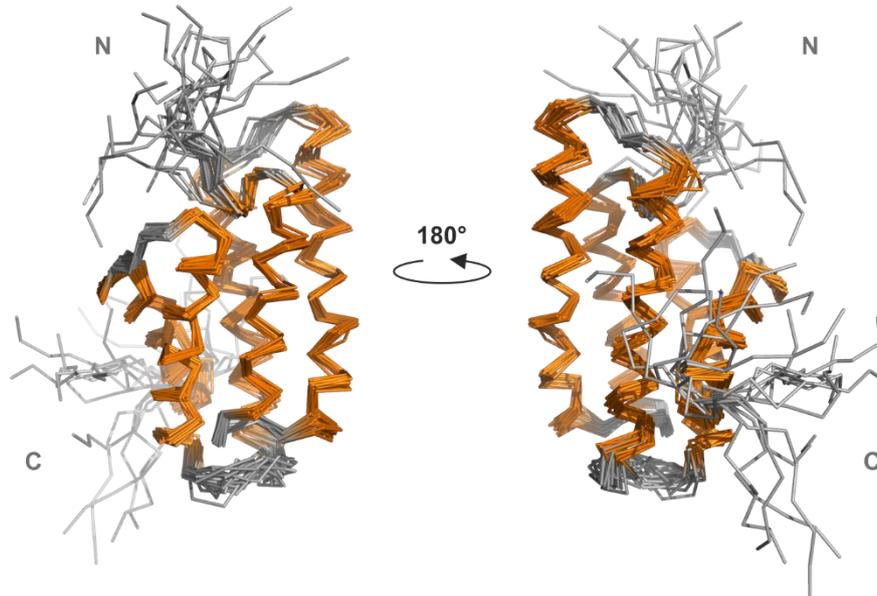
**Supplementary Table 1:** Structural statistics for the NMR solution structure of L6-NTD

<b>Conformational restricting restraints</b>	
Total NOE distance restraints	1673
intraresidue $ i - j $	448
sequential $ i - j  = 1$	463
medium-range $1 <  i - j  < 5$	347
long-range $ i - j  \geq 5$	415
Dihedral angle restraints (Talos-N)	216
No. of restraint per residue	14.4
No. of long-range restraints per residue	3.2
<b>Residual restraint violations<sup>a</sup></b>	
Average no. of distance violations per structure	
0.1-0.2 Å	6.95
0.2-0.5 Å	0
>0.5 Å	1
Average no. of dihedral angle violations per structure	
1-10°	4.4
>10°	0
<b>Model quality (ordered residues)<sup>a</sup></b>	
RMSD backbone atoms (Å)	2.9
RMSD heavy atoms (Å)	2.9
RMSD bond lengths (Å)	0.02
RMSD bond angles (°)	0.25
<b>MolProbity Ramachandran statistics<sup>a</sup></b>	
Most favored regions	98.4
Allowed regions	1.6
Disallowed regions	0
<b>Global quality scores (raw/Z score)<sup>a</sup></b>	
Verify3D	0.39
ProsaII	0.84
PROCHECK ( $\phi$ - $\psi$ )	0.47
PROCHECK (all)	-0.11
MolProbity clash score	2.80
<b>Model contents</b>	
Ordered residue ranges (HetNOE > 0.6)	0-60, 63-82, 90-108, 110-129
Total no. of residues	137
BMRB accession number	27683
PDB ID code	6QJY

<sup>a</sup> calculated using Protein Structure Validation Software 1.5 for using ordered residues (HetNOE > 0.6). Average distance violations were calculated using the sum over  $r^{-6}$

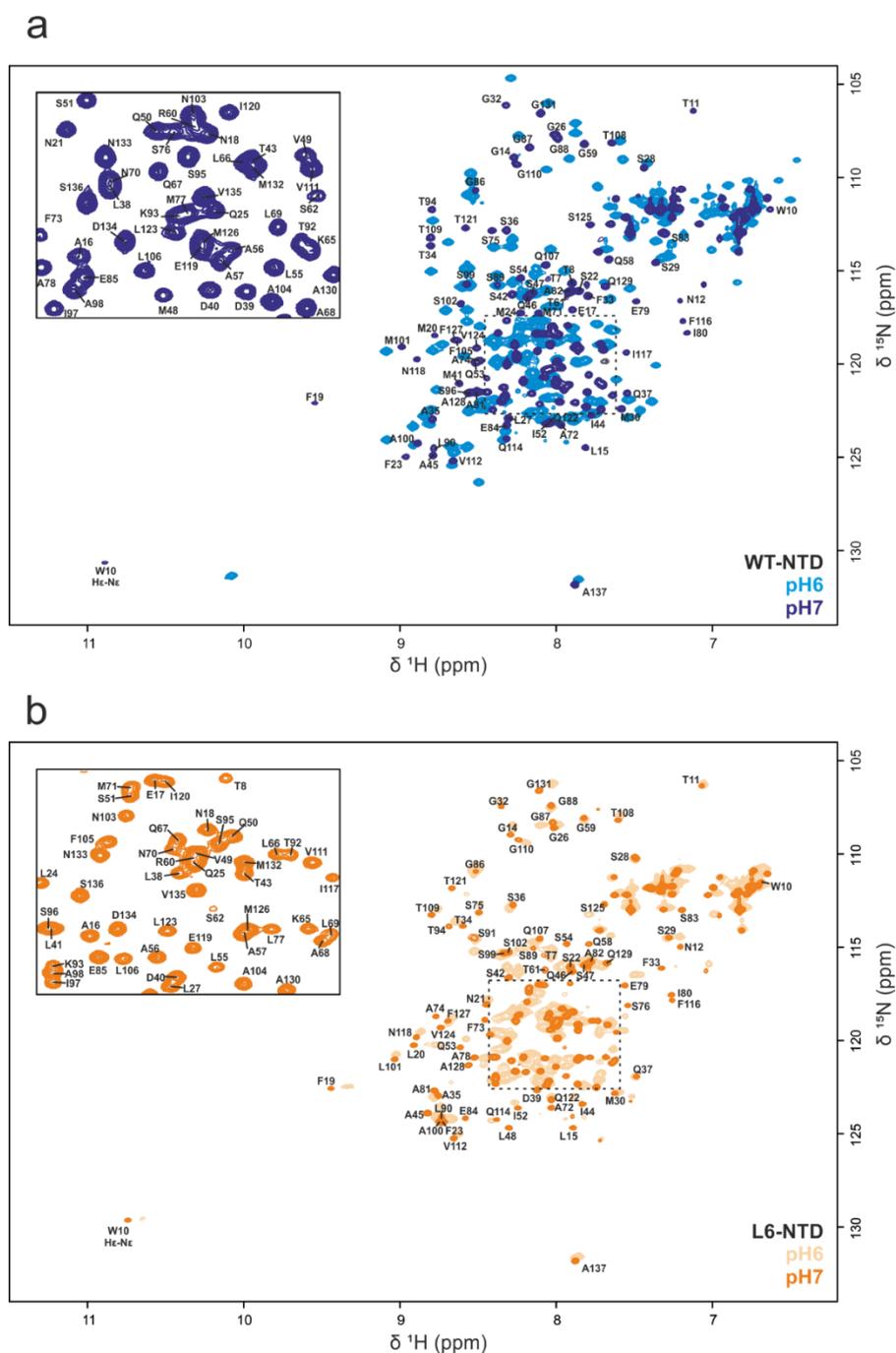
## Supplementary Figures

### Supplementary Figure 1



Structure bundle of L6-NTD determined by solution NMR spectroscopy. Alignment of the 20 lowest-energy conformers shown as backbone trace. The backbone heavy atom RMSD for the NMR structure bundle is 1.2 Å. Helices are highlighted orange. N- and C-terminus are indicated.

## Supplementary Figure 2



$^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{15}\text{N}$ -HSQC NMR spectra of WT-NTD and L6-NTD. **(a)** Spectra of WT-NTD recorded in pH 7.0 and 200 mM ionic strength (blue) and in pH 6.0 and 8 mM ionic strength (cyan). **(b)** Spectra of L6-NTD recorded in pH 7.0 and 200 mM ionic strength (orange) and in pH 6.0 and 8 mM ionic strength (light orange). Assignments for the spectra recorded under monomer conditions (pH 7.0) are indicated (source data are provided in the BMRB; entry 18262: WT-NTD; entry 27683: L6-NTD).