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Structural insights on TRPV5 gating by endogenous modulators

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TRPV5 is a transient receptor potential channel involved in calcium reabsorption. Here we investigate the interaction of two endogenous modulators with TRPV5. Both phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate (PI(4,5)P₂) and calmodulin (CaM) have been shown to directly bind to TRPV5 and activate or inactivate the channel, respectively. Using cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM), we determined TRPV5 structures in the presence of dioctanoyl PI(4,5)P₂ and CaM. The PI(4,5)P₂ structure reveals a binding site between the N-linker, S4-S5 linker and S6 helix of TRPV5. These interactions with PI(4,5)P₂ induce conformational rearrangements in the lower gate, opening the channel. The CaM structure reveals two TRPV5 C-terminal peptides anchoring a single CaM molecule and that calcium inhibition is mediated through a cation- π interaction between Lys116 on the C-lobe of calcium-activated CaM and Trp583 at the intracellular gate of TRPV5. Overall, this investigation provides insight into the endogenous modulation of TRPV5, which has the potential to guide drug discovery.

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The calcium ion is vital for an array of cellular functions, and in the human body the kidneys regulate calcium homeostasis by filtration and reabsorption¹. Around 99% of calcium is reabsorbed by the kidney tubules¹, with ~15% of that reabsorption occurring via transient receptor potential vanilloid 5 (TRPV5) channels in the distal convoluted tubule and collecting tubule. TRPV5 is specialized for this task and is only expressed in the apical membrane of kidney epithelial cells in the distal convoluted tubule and collecting tubule^{2,3}. When open, TRPV5 allows calcium in the urine to flow along a concentration gradient through the channel pore into the cell. This gradient is maintained by the calcium sequestering protein calbindin, which delivers calcium to active transport proteins at the basolateral membrane of the epithelium, which then export the ions into the blood stream^{2,3}. Though this mechanism of calcium reabsorption is responsible for only ~15% of total calcium reabsorbed in the kidney, TRPV5 activity is critical for the homeostatic balance of calcium^{2,3}. This is exemplified by TRPV5 knock out mice, which have been reported to have systemic calcium imbalance in the form of hypercalciuria and bone mineral loss^{2,3}. In humans, single-nucleotide polymorphisms in TRPV5 in African-American populations result in a significant increase in calcium reabsorption that is correlated with a lower risk of nephrolithiasis^{2,3}. Together, these observations suggest that TRPV5 could be a potential drug target for human disorders involving altered calcium homeostasis.

TRPV5 is a calcium selective channel that displays constitutive activity in the presence of basal levels of the membrane phospholipid phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate (PI(4,5)P₂)². The TRPV5 channel is tetrameric and consists of classic TRPV family features, including six transmembrane helices (S1–S6), N-terminal ankyrin repeats (ARD), and the TRP domain⁴ (Fig. 1a). TRPV6 is a closely related epithelial Ca²⁺ channel that shows a high level of sequence homology with TRPV5³; these two channels have a much lower level of sequence homology with other members of the TRPV subfamily. The regulation and biophysical properties of TRPV5 and TRPV6 are similar, and they are functionally quite different from the rest of the TRPV subfamily³. PI(4,5)P₂ is found in the inner leaflet of the plasma membrane and it has been shown to be essential for the activity of both TRPV5^{5,6} and TRPV6⁷. For TRPV6, the activating effect of PI(4,5)P₂ was demonstrated in planar lipid bilayers, providing definitive evidence for direct effect on the channel⁸. However, the molecular details of the PI(4,5)P₂ interaction with TRPV5 and TRPV6 are essentially unknown.

To prevent excess flow of calcium ions into the cell, both TRPV5 and TRPV6 have been shown to rapidly inactivate through a calcium-dependent mechanism⁹. Calmodulin (CaM), a calcium sensing protein, has been shown to be involved in this inactivation by directly interacting with the last 30 amino acids of the TRPV5 C-terminus¹⁰. While the role of the distal C-terminal binding site is well established in CaM-mediated inactivation of TRPV5¹⁰ and the closely related TRPV6^{11–13}, the binding stoichiometry and the conformational changes that take place as a consequence of the binding of CaM to the channel have been unclear³. The absence of this information prevents us from further understanding TRPV5 function and regulation in the kidney.

In this study, we used cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) to uncover the molecular mechanisms of TRPV5 gating via endogenous modulators. Investigating TRPV5 modulation with cryo-EM permitted us to gain insight regarding TRPV5 gating and potentially form the basis for rational drug design for the treatment and prevention of hypercalciuria and nephrolithiasis in future studies.

Results

Structures of lipid-bound and PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5.

TRPV5 is part of the tightly regulated system of calcium homeostasis in the human body². Two endogenous mechanisms of regulation, binding of PI(4,5)P₂ or CaM to TRPV5, result in activation or inactivation of the channel¹³, respectively. To understand these mechanisms of modulation, first we used cryo-EM to determine the structure of detergent solubilized full-length rabbit TRPV5 in the presence of the 200 μM dioctanoyl (diC₈) PI(4,5)P₂, a soluble form of PI(4,5)P₂. This concentration is ~three times the EC₅₀ of diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ for TRPV6, and TRPV5 has a slightly higher apparent affinity for diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂¹⁴, thus this concentration was expected to result in near saturation of TRPV5 with diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂. During the cryo-EM structure determination process, one stable class emerged and was refined to an overall resolution of 3.9 Å (Fig. 1b, Supplementary Figure 1, Supplementary Figure 2, Supplementary Table 1). The vast majority of this TRPV5 cryo-EM map is at high resolution (3–3.5 Å) as side chains are clearly visible in the transmembrane region of the channel (Supplementary Figure 1, Supplementary Figure 3). This allowed for accurate model building in both the transmembrane domain (TMD) and the ankyrin repeat domain (ARD) (Fig. 1c, Supplementary Figure 3). Highly flexible areas such as the very distal C-terminal and N-terminal were unable to be resolved. Interestingly, five non-protein densities per monomer were identified in this cryo-EM map (Fig. 1b). None of these could be identified as diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂, and were attributed to annular lipids that had high enough affinity for TRPV5 to be co-purified with the protein. Similarly shaped non-protein densities were also assigned as lipids in a recently reported human TRPV6 cryo-EM structure¹⁵. Therefore, we will refer to this channel reconstruction as lipid-bound TRPV5.

The lipid-bound TRPV5 pore contains three residues that are involved in pore constriction: Asp542, Ile575, and Trp583 (Fig. 1d). Unlike the previously published structure of TRPV5⁴, there is clear density in the lipid-bound TRPV5 map indicating that the four Asp542 that constitute the highly specific Ca²⁺ selectivity filter are pointing directly into the pore in a similar fashion to the rat TRPV6 crystal structures^{16,17}. The lipid-bound TRPV5 lower gate appears to consist of Ile575 and Trp583 (Fig. 1d, e). These residues do not constrict the pore to the point of blocking ion translocation, indicating that the lower gate is open (Fig. 1e), as seen in the human TRPV6 cryo-EM structure¹⁵. This suggests that the pore of the lipid-bound TRPV5 structure may be in a closed pre-open conformation.

Based on these findings, we decided to increase diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ concentration to 400 μM and use nanodiscs to capture TRPV5 in the PI(4,5)P₂-bound state. During the cryo-EM structure determination process we noted that even before masking and 3D classification in RELION^{18,19} the initial 3D reconstruction contained a non-protein density that resembled diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ in both size and shape (Fig. 2a, Supplementary Figure 4). Next, we used particle subtraction and 3D classification that was focused on the diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂-binding site using a mask which included the entire TRP domain helix, the base of the S6 helix, and the head group of the diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ (Supplementary Figure 4). This classification yielded three classes with good features: one without diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ and two with diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ (Supplementary Figure 4). The class without diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ yielded a TRPV5 structure at 4.4 Å, which clearly resembled the lipid-bound TRPV5 in detergent (Supplementary Figure 5). Due to high similarity between the detergent and nanodisc lipid-bound TRPV5 structures (Supplementary Figure 5), we will only describe the lipid-bound TRPV5 in detergent as it was determined at a higher resolution (Supplementary Figure 1, Supplementary Figure 3, Supplementary Figure 5). The two classes with diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ density, after

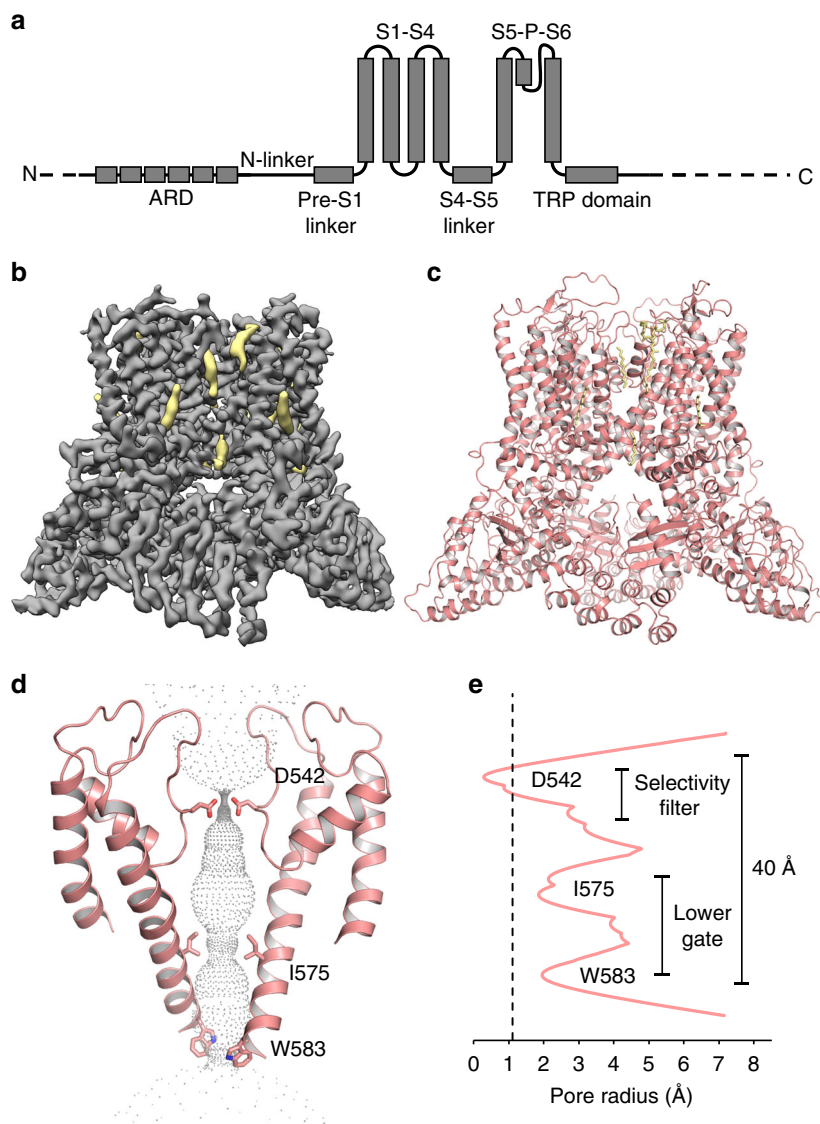


Fig. 1 Lipid-bound TRPV5 structure in detergent. **a** A schematic representation of the TRPV5 domains per channel monomer. Dashed lines indicate regions for which a model could not be built. **b** Density map of lipid-bound TRPV5 at 3.9 Å resolution. Density for TRPV5 is shown in gray and the densities attributed to annular lipids are shown in khaki. **c** Cartoon representation of the lipid-bound TRPV5 model. The TRPV5 tetramer is depicted as pink cartoons and annular lipids as khaki sticks. **d** Cartoon representation of the lipid-bound TRPV5 pore highlighting the three constriction points in the selectivity filter and lower gate. **e** Plot of pore radii of lipid-bound TRPV5 as a function of distance through the pore. The dotted line indicates the radius of a dehydrated calcium ion

additional classification and refinement, produced a single TRPV5 structure in a diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂-bound state at 4.0 Å (Fig. 2b, Supplementary Figure 6, Supplementary Figure 7, Supplementary Table 1). All structures identified in nanodiscs revealed non-protein densities in similar positions to those attributed to annular lipids in the lipid-bound TRPV5 structure in detergent (Fig. 1b, Fig. 2a, b, Supplementary Figure 5).

The PI(4,5)P₂-binding site in the TRPV5 channel is located between the N-linker (Arg302, Arg305), S4-S5 linker (Lys484), and the S6 helix (Arg584) of the channel (Fig. 2c). These results show an excellent correlation with predictions by earlier molecular dynamics (MD) simulations performed on the homologous TRPV6 channel (Fig. 2d, Supplementary Figure 8). These simulations predicted that residues Arg302, Arg305, and Lys484 are involved in the TRPV6 interaction with PI(4,5)P₂ (Fig. 2d, Supplementary Figure 8). Moreover, when these predicted PI(4,5)P₂-interacting TRPV6 residues (Arg302,

Arg305, Lys484) were mutated to glutamine, the channel had increased sensitivity to depletion of PI(4,5)P₂ with high concentrations of wortmannin, which inhibits PI4-kinases (Fig. 2e, Supplementary Figure 9). This result indicates reduced apparent affinity for PI(4,5)P₂, which is expected if a PI(4,5)P₂-interacting residue is mutated²⁰. The current amplitudes of the Arg302Gln and Lys484Gln mutants were also significantly lower than wild type TRPV6 (Supplementary Figure 9), which is consistent with decreased apparent affinity of the channel for PI(4,5)P₂. The Arg305 residue showed a less clear contact with PI(4,5)P₂ compared to Arg302 and Lys484, interacting with only three out of four subunits in MD simulations (Supplementary Figure 8). Accordingly, this mutant showed a less pronounced trend to be inhibited more by wortmannin and had a smaller amplitude, but these effects did not reach statistical significance from wild type (Fig. 2e, Supplementary Figure 9). When we mutated residues Arg302 and Lys484 to glutamine in TRPV5 and

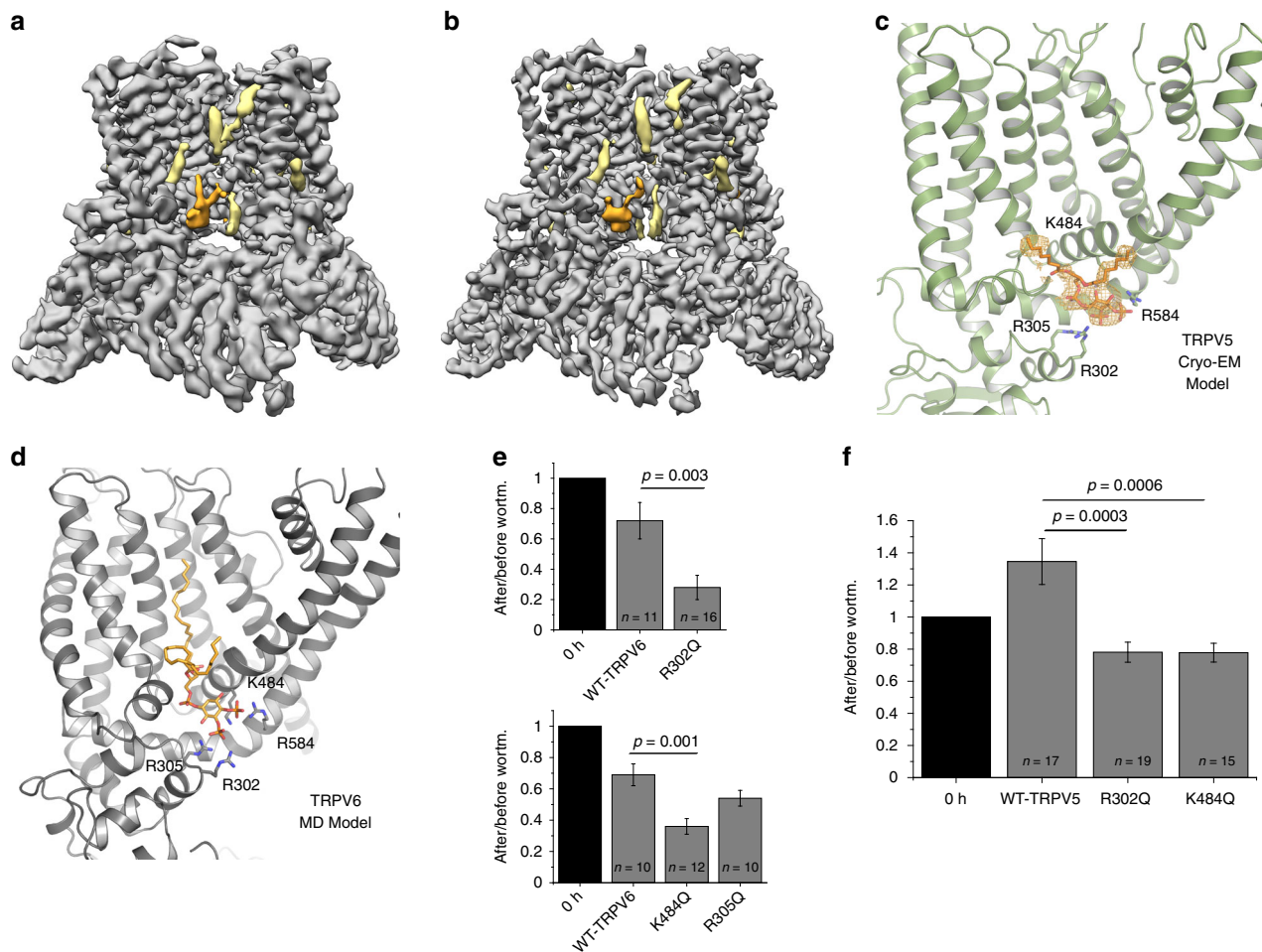


Fig. 2 PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 structure and PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV6 modeling. **a** The initial reconstruction of PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 in nanodiscs before masking and 3D classification. TRPV5 density is shown in gray, annular lipids are shown in khaki, and PI(4,5)P₂ is shown in orange. **b** PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 cryo-EM density in nanodiscs after focused 3D classification. TRPV5 density is shown in gray, annular lipids are shown in khaki, and PI(4,5)P₂ is shown in orange. **c** Zoomed-in view of the TRPV5 PI(4,5)P₂-binding pocket. The PI(4,5)P₂-binding site in the TRPV5 channel is located between the N-linker (R302, R305), S4-S5 linker (K484), and the S6 helix (R584) of the channel. **d** A model produced by molecular dynamics (MD) simulations of the predicted interaction between the homologous TRPV6 channel and PI(4,5)P₂. **e** Neutralization of key PI(4,5)P₂ interacting residues increases sensitivity to depletion of PI(4,5)P₂ in TRPV6. The TRPV6 currents in oocytes measured before and after incubation with 35 μM wortmannin for 1 h. Current values after wortmannin treatment are normalized to current values before treatment. *P*-values for significance values are shown after rounding to the first non-zero digit (analysis of variance). **f** Neutralization of key PI(4,5)P₂ interacting residues increases sensitivity to depletion of PI(4,5)P₂ in TRPV5. The TRPV5 currents in oocytes measured before and after incubation with 35 μM wortmannin for 1 h. Current values after wortmannin treatment are normalized to current values before treatment. *P*-values for significance values are shown after rounding to the first non-zero digit (analysis of variance). The sample size (*n*) indicates the number of individual oocytes tested, from at least two different oocyte preparations. Error bars represent ±SEM

performed analogous experiments, we observed that the TRPV5 channel also had significantly increased sensitivity to the depletion of PI(4,5)P₂ with high concentrations of wortmannin, suggesting that both TRPV5 and TRPV6 share a similar PI(4,5)P₂-binding site (Fig. 2f). Unlike for TRPV6, current amplitudes for these mutants were not statistically significantly different from wild type TRPV5 (Supplementary Figure 9).

Based on the structure of PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 compared to the lipid-bound TRPV5, the binding of diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ to TRPV5 appears to induce conformational changes related to channel activity. The pore of the channel widened, which could allow for the flow of hydrated Ca²⁺ ions (Fig. 3a–d). Specifically, the Asp542 residues, which line the selectivity filter of the channel and coordinate Ca²⁺ ions, point upwards in the extracellular vestibule of the channel instead of towards the ion conduction pathway as seen in the lipid-bound structure (Fig. 3d). The distance between the center of the carboxylate oxygen atoms of

the Asp542 residues in this structure is ~3 Å, which would allow for partially hydrated Ca²⁺ ion to flow through the pore of the channel (Fig. 3c, d). The lower gate of the channel is also wide open (~12 Å compared to ~8 Å in the lipid-bound state) due to the movement of the S6 helix and Trp583 upon binding of diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ (Fig. 3e), which would facilitate the movement of partially hydrated Ca²⁺ ions through the pore (Fig. 3c). Additionally, diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ binding caused global conformational changes in the S6 and TRP helices, as well as the S4–S5 linker when compared to the lipid-bound structure (Fig. 3f).

Comparison between the diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂-bound and lipid-bound TRPV5 structures revealed details of the conformational changes induced by PI(4,5)P₂ binding (Fig. 4). The inositol ring of the diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ head group is positioned close to the lower gate of the channel, where phosphate groups at position four and five can interact directly with Arg584 and Arg302, respectively (Fig. 4a, c). Specifically, the phosphate group at the position four

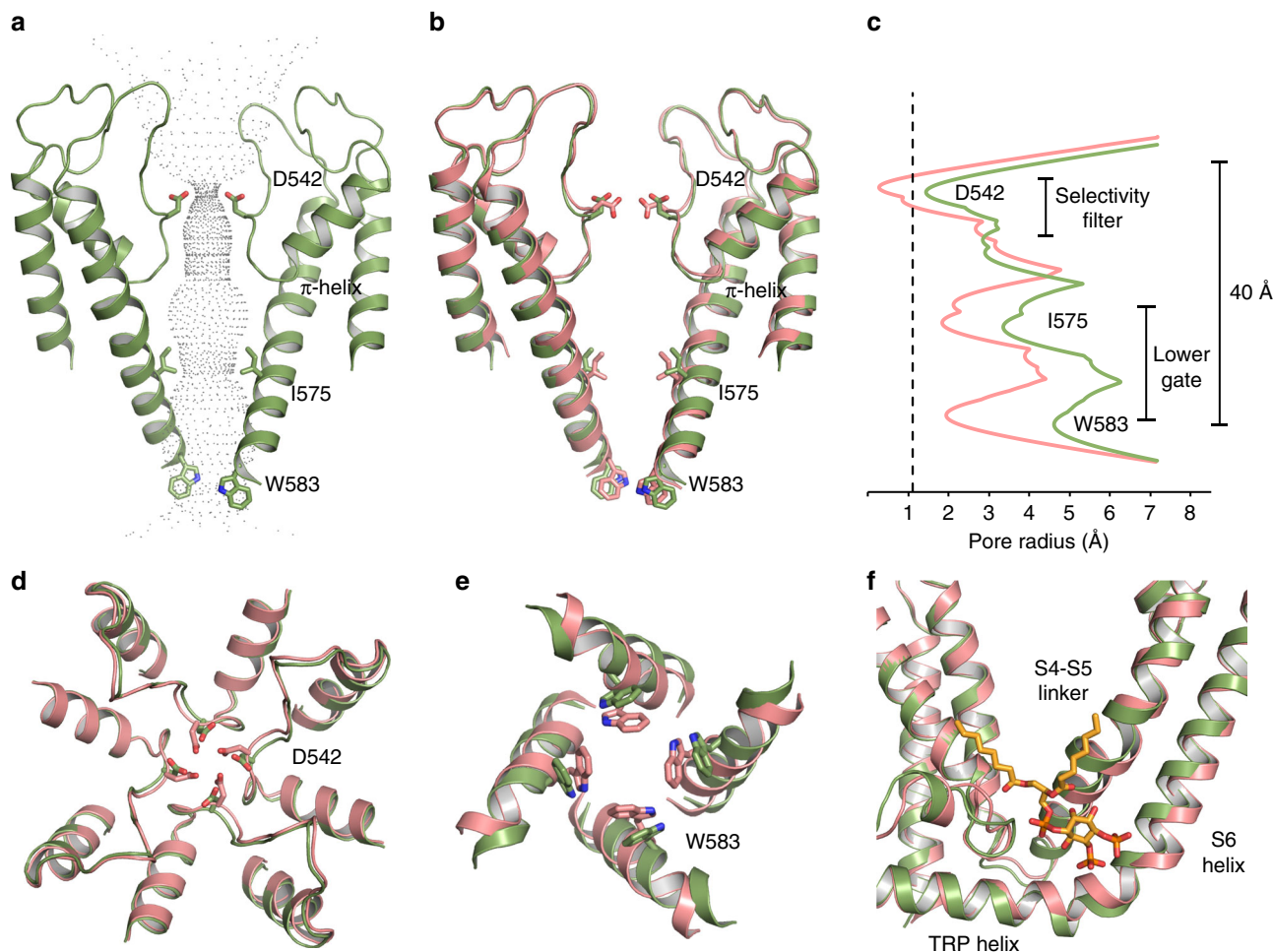


Fig. 3 Comparison between lipid-bound and PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5. **a** The pore diagram of PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 is shown in green. **b** Lipid-bound TRPV5 (pink) superimposed onto the PI(4,5)P₂-bound (green) pore diagram shows a slight shift in the S6 helices and important gating residues originating at the π -helix. **c** Plot of pore radii of lipid-bound TRPV5 (pink) and PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 (green) as a function of distance through the pore. The dotted line indicates the radius of a calcium ion. **d** Extracellular view of the tetrameric selectivity filter of lipid-bound (pink) and PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 (green). **e** Intracellular view of the tetrameric lower gate of lipid-bound (pink) and PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 (green). **f** Zoomed-in view of the overlaid TMDs of lipid-bound (pink) and PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 (green). DiC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ is shown in orange sticks

forms a salt bridge with the Arg584 on the S6 helix. This interaction is facilitated by the rotation of the Arg584 towards PI (4,5)P₂, which pulls the S6 helix away from the center of the pore, starting at the π -helix (Fig. 3b), and causes an outward shift of the S4-S5 linker (Fig. 3f). The rotation of Arg584 also induces the lengthening of the S6 helix and shortens the TRP helix (Fig. 3f, Fig. 4a, b): in the lipid-bound TRPV5 structure, the transition between the S6 helix and the TRP helix occurs between Arg584 and Val585, while in the diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 structure this transition occurs between residues Gln587 and Glu588. The extension and rotation of the S6 helix pulls Trp583 out of the pore and stabilizes its position through an interaction with Gln587, thus opening the lower gate. The shortening of the TRP helix causes Glu588 to pull away from Arg302, allowing Arg302 to interact with the phosphate group at position five of the diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ head group (Fig. 4c, d). Additionally, Lys484 interacts with the diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ inositol ring, which further electrostatically stabilizes the position of diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ in its binding pocket (Fig. 4c, d, Supplementary Movie 1).

TRPV5 inhibition by calmodulin. In order to investigate the mechanism of TRPV5 inactivation by CaM, we incubated

detergent solubilized full-length rabbit TRPV5 with calcium-activated rat CaM in a 1:20 molar ratio in the presence of 10 mM CaCl₂. The stoichiometry of TRPV5 to CaM has been speculated to be between one and four molecules of CaM per tetramer^{3,6,21–23} and the affinity between CaM and the TRPV5 C-terminus estimated at $\sim 0.3 \mu\text{M}$ ²⁴, therefore the high molar ratio was used to ensure TRPV5 saturation with CaM. This sample yielded a cryo-EM map at 4.4 Å without applied symmetry (Fig. 5a, Supplementary Figure 10, Supplementary Figure 11, Supplementary Figure 12, Supplementary Table 1). In this structure, a single CaM molecule is bound to the intracellular section of TRPV5 at the base of the pore (Fig. 5a). Both lobes of CaM are resolved and each bound to different sections of the TRPV5 C-terminus (Fig. 5a, b, Supplementary Figure 12). Despite the interaction with CaM, the CaM-bound conformation of TRPV5 is almost identical to the lipid-bound conformation of TRPV5, with an RMSD of ~ 0.6 Å overall and a very similar pore profile (Fig. 5c, d). Additionally, annular lipids were also identified in the CaM-bound TRPV5 structure in similar positions to those in the lipid-bound TRPV5 structure in detergent (Figs. 1b and 5a).

CaM is bound with the C-lobe at the base of the pore and the N-lobe resting against the ankyrin repeats of two adjacent TRPV5 monomers (Fig. 5a, b). A portion of the CaM N-lobe

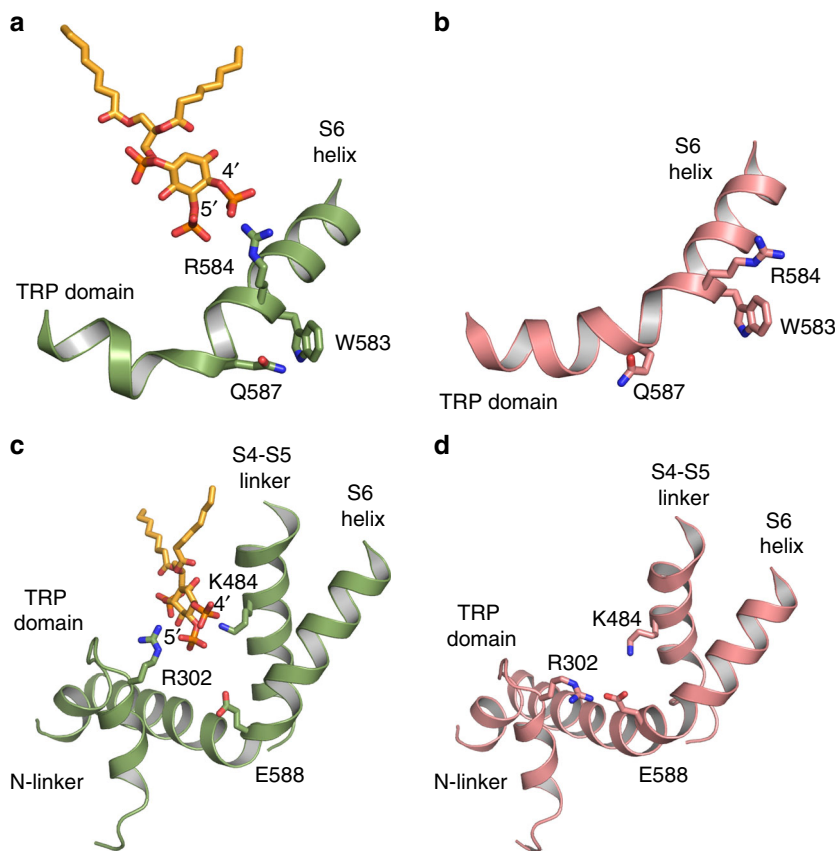


Fig. 4 Interactions of TRPV5 with PI(4,5)P₂. **a** View of the lower S6 helix and TRP domain of PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5. The PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 is shown in green and the PI(4,5)P₂ in orange. **b** View of the lower S6 helix and TRP domain of the lipid-bound TRPV5 structure (pink). **c** The 5' phosphate of PI(4,5)P₂ (orange) interacts with R302 of the N-linker and K484 of the S4-S5 linker in the PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 structure. **d** The lipid-bound structure showing the N-linker, S4-S5 linker, S6 helix, and TRP domain in pink

(Gly41-Ile64) and the linker between the CaM two lobes (Lys78-Ser82) are visible only as broken density and were excluded from the model (Fig. 6a). A peptide from the C-terminus of TRPV5 (His699-Thr709) is bound to the CaM C-lobe, with TRPV5 Trp702 making critical contacts with the CaM-binding pocket, as previously reported²³ (Fig. 6a, c). This peptide was arbitrarily assigned to TRPV5 chain A in the model, but no connections could be seen between the density for this peptide and any TRPV5 monomer. An extension of the TRPV5 chain A C-terminus (Asn640-Lys652) forms a helix and is bound to the hydrophobic binding pocket of the CaM N-lobe (Fig. 6b). This interaction is mediated by numerous hydrophobic contacts: Val644, Leu645, Val648, and Phe651 on the TRPV5 side and Phe20, Leu33, Val36, and Leu64 on the CaM side (Fig. 6a, d). A loop of the CaM C-lobe (Gly114-Thr118) crosses over the bottom of the TRPV5 pore, placing Lys116 directly into the pore. The ϵ -amino group of Lys116 sits in between the four Trp583 residues of the lower gate, forming a cation- π interaction and thereby blocking the flow of ions through the pore (Fig. 6e). To test the functional importance of Trp583 in TRPV5 inhibition by CaM, we performed excised inside out patch clamp experiments. Wild type TRPV5 currents were robustly inhibited by Ca²⁺-CaM (0.2 μ M CaM, 3 μ M free Ca²⁺) applied to the inner leaflet of the patch membrane (Fig. 6f, h), as reported previously for TRPV6¹³. On the other hand, the Trp583 to Leu mutant of TRPV5 was essentially not inhibited by Ca²⁺-CaM (Fig. 6g, h). Thus, this cation- π interaction appears to be critical for CaM-induced inhibition of TRPV5 (Fig. 6f-h).

Discussion

Here we have presented three structures of TRPV5, one in the presence of endogenous lipids that are likely to be involved in maintaining the structure of TRPV5, one bound to its endogenous activator, PI(4,5)P₂, and one bound to its endogenous inhibitor, CaM. The high-resolution, lipid-bound TRPV5 has allowed for more accurate model building of TRPV5 than available previously⁴. This structure also identified the binding pockets for several high affinity lipids which were consistently seen in all TRPV5 structures presented here. These binding pockets have the potential to be druggable areas of the TRPV5 channel as they are both membrane and solvent accessible and are in contact with regions that have been reported to be able to transmit conformational rearrangements to the pore in other TRPV family channels^{4,15,25}.

PI(4,5)P₂ is a conserved positive regulator of most TRP channels²⁰. The TRPV5-bound PI(4,5)P₂ structure revealed directly how a TRP channel is opened by this important endogenous lipid at the molecular level. Similar binding sites for PI(4,5)P₂ have been theoretically predicted for TRPV1²⁶ and TRPV6¹⁴ channels using computational modeling and experimental approaches, suggesting that the S4-S5 linker plays an essential role in this interaction. Our cryo-EM structure directly demonstrates an interaction between PI(4,5)P₂ and TRPV5 through the N-linker, the S4-S5 linker and the S6 helix of each TRPV monomer (Fig. 2). Comparison between the PI(4,5)P₂-bound and lipid-bound TRPV5 structures reveals that binding of PI(4,5)P₂ near to the lower gate of the TRPV5 channel induces

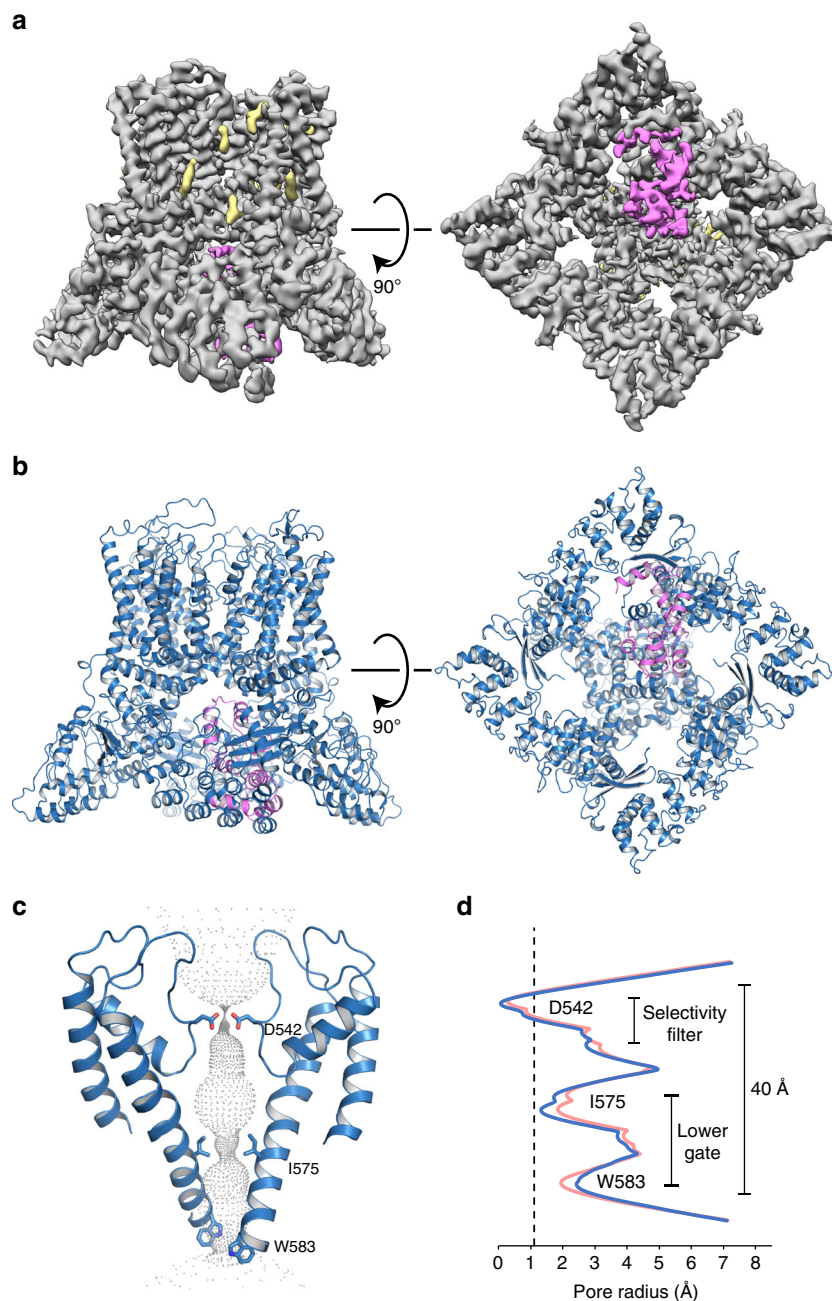


Fig. 5 CaM-bound structure of TRPV5. **a** Side and bottom view of the CaM-bound TRPV5 density map at 4.4 Å resolution. Density for TRPV5 is shown in gray, annular lipids shown in khaki, and CaM shown in hot pink. **b** Cartoon representation of the CaM-bound TRPV5 model in a side and bottom view. TRPV5 is shown in blue and CaM is shown in hot pink. **c** Pore diagram of CaM-bound TRPV5. Constriction residues are labeled and shown as sticks. **d** Plot of pore radii of CaM-bound TRPV5 as a function of distance through the pore is shown in blue. For reference, the lipid-bound TRPV5 pore graph is shown in pink. The dotted line indicates the radius of a calcium ion

conformational changes in the pore, which allows for the flow of Ca^{2+} ions (Figs. 3 and 7).

The CaM-bound structure has provided the first structural insight into how TRPV5 ion flow is inhibited by CaM. It is clear that the binding of a single CaM molecule completely obstructs the intracellular side of the pore, effectively blocking ion permeation (Fig. 7). This study also showed that while CaM binds to the predicted areas in the C-terminus of TRPV5, it also directly interacts at an additional C-terminal-binding site (Fig. 6). Taken together, the lipid-bound and CaM-bound TRPV5 structures provide additional evidence for the static nature of some TRPV subfamily channels^{15,25}. The minimal movement (RMSD ~ 0.6 Å)

between the two structures implies that large conformational changes in the upper and lower gates of TRPV5 may not be necessary for effective endogenous inhibition.

It has previously been shown that the N-lobe and C-lobe of CaM have different affinities for calcium ions, with the C-lobe having a six-fold higher affinity for calcium ions than the N-lobe²⁷. Other groups have proposed that this allows the CaM C-lobe to be constantly bound to the distal C-terminus of TRPV5 at normal cellular calcium levels, keeping a constant supply of CaM near the pore^{23,28}. In this model, the N-lobe only binds to the C-terminus of TRPV5 when calcium is high and the pore needs to be closed, and the second CaM binding event may

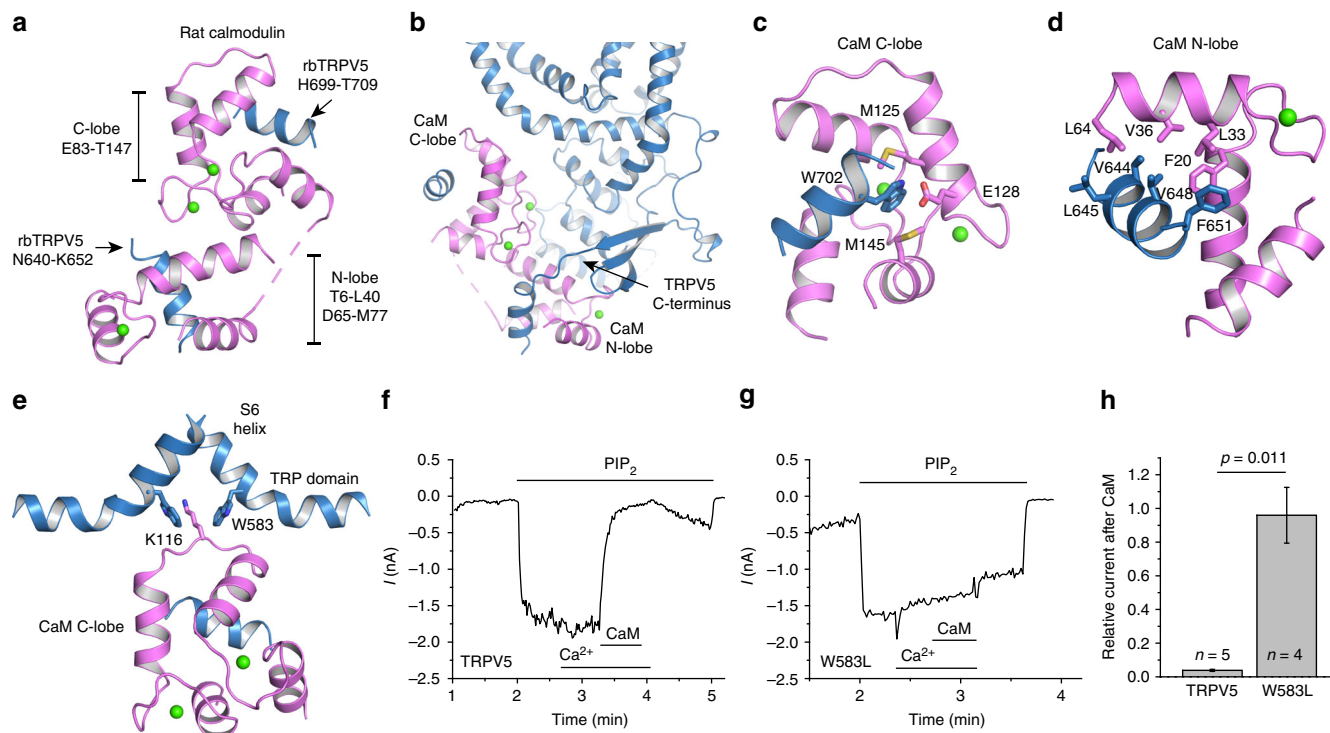


Fig. 7 TRPV5 activation by PI(4,5)P₂ and inactivation by CaM. A schematic representation of the proposed binding of both PI(4,5)P₂ and CaM to TRPV5, inducing either channel activation or inactivation. A dimer of TRPV5 is shown as a gray diagram, PI(4,5)P₂ is shown in orange, CaM is shown in pink and the blue circles indicate the flow of calcium ions

stabilize the position of CaM at the base of the pore and lead to the occlusion of the channel^{23,28}. The CaM N-lobe-binding site at TRPV5 residues Asn640-Lys652 could complement the previous model, by potentially “reeling in” CaM when calcium levels are high and bringing the CaM C-lobe into close proximity with the base of the pore.

Overall, our structural studies have provided molecular insights into the endogenous modulation of TRPV5 that could guide therapeutics design for a variety of calcium dependent kidney diseases.

Methods

Protein expression and purification. Full-length rabbit TRPV5 was expressed with a 1D4 affinity tag in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*^{29,30}. The membranes were lysed

and harvested using a M-110Y microfluidizer and ultracentrifugation. Lysed membranes containing TRPV5 were solubilized in Buffer A (150 mM NaCl, 2 mM TCEP, 1 mM PMSF, 20 mM HEPES pH 8, 10% glycerol, and 0.87 mM LMNG). Non-soluble material was removed via ultracentrifugation. Detergent solubilized TRPV5 was then purified using CnBr-activated Sepharose 4B beads conjugated to 1D4 specific antibodies. The beads were washed with Buffer B (150 mM NaCl, 2 mM TCEP, 20 mM HEPES pH 8, and 0.064 mM DMNG) and TRPV5 was eluted using Buffer B with the addition of 3 mg/mL 1D4 peptide.

The sample involved in the reconstruction of lipid-bound TRPV5 in detergent was then subjected to size-exclusion chromatography (Superose 6, GE Healthcare) in Buffer B. This sample was concentrated to ~2.5 mg/mL and incubated with soluble diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ (dioctanoyl phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate) at a final concentration of 200 μM for 30 min prior to vitrification.

For the sample that was reconstituted into nanodiscs, after elution from the Sepharose beads TRPV5 was incubated with MSP2N2 and soy polar lipid extract (Avanti Polar Lipids, Inc.) in a molar ratio of 1:1:200 (TRPV5:MSP2N2:Soy Polar Lipids) for 30 min. To produce purified MSP2N2 for the reconstitution, MSP2N2

(Addgene) was transformed into BL21 (DE3) cells, then grown on LB plates containing 30 µg/mL kanamycin. Cells expressing MSP2N2 were then grown in TB supplemented with 0.2% glucose and 30 µg/mL kanamycin at 37 °C with shaking. When the culture reached an OD₆₀₀ of ~0.5 the temperature was reduced to 28 °C. The culture was induced with 1 mM IPTG at an OD₆₀₀ of ~1.0. After 3 h the culture was harvested by centrifugation and the cell pellet was resuspended in a buffer containing 100 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, 1 mM PMSF and a complete EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail tablet (Roche). Cells were lysed via homogenization and centrifuged at 30,000×g for 30 min. The lysate supernatant was bound to Ni-NTA equilibrated with Buffer C (100 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4). The bound resin was washed with four bed volumes of Buffer C containing 1% Triton X-100 followed by four bed volumes of Buffer C supplemented with 50 mM sodium cholate and four bed volumes of Buffer C containing 20 mM imidazole. The MSP2N2 was eluted from the Ni-NTA resin with Buffer C supplemented with 300 mM imidazole. The elution was passed through a desalting column equilibrated with 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl, and 0.5 mM EDTA. Desalted MSP2N2 was utilized for reconstitution³¹. Soy polar lipids were dried under nitrogen flow for 3 h prior to reconstitution and dried lipids were resuspended with a 1:200 molar ratio of lipids to DMNG before being added to the protein mixture. Bio-Beads (Bio-Rad, Bio-Beads SM-2 Absorbent Media) were added to the TRPV5, MSP, lipid mixture for 1 h. Fresh Bio-Beads were then added and allowed to incubate overnight. The reconstituted nanodiscs were further purified using size-exclusion chromatography (Superose 6, GE Healthcare) in buffer containing 150 mM NaCl, 2 mM TCEP, and 20 mM HEPES pH 8. This sample was concentrated to ~2.8 mg/mL and incubated with soluble diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ at a final concentration of 400 µM for 30 min prior to vitrification.

Rat CaM in the pET 28b vector was expressed in Rosetta 2(DE3) *Escherichia coli*. Cells were grown in Terrific Broth supplemented with 30 µg/mL kanamycin and 35 µg/mL chloramphenicol at 37 °C. The cells were resuspended in buffer containing 20 mM Tris, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, pH 7.5, 1 mM PMSF, and a complete EDTA-free protease inhibitor cocktail tablet (Roche) then sonicated for 1 h. The lysate was passed through low substitution phenyl sepharose fast flow column (GE Healthcare) equilibrated with 20 mM Tris, 1 mM EGTA, pH 7.5 buffer. The flow through was then supplemented with 20 mM CaCl₂ and run through a low substitution phenyl sepharose fast flow column equilibrated with 20 mM Tris, 500 mM NaCl, 1 mM CaCl₂, pH 7.5. The column was washed with 20 mM Tris, 1 mM CaCl₂, pH 7.5, and the CaM was eluted with 20 mM Tris, 1 mM EGTA, pH 7.5. CaM was further purified using an AKTA purifier (GE Healthcare) with the following buffer: 10 mM Tris, 50 mM NaCl, 10 mM CaCl₂, pH 7.5³². Purified TRPV5 was incubated for 1 h with 10 mM CaCl₂ and the purified rat CaM at a molar ratio of 1:20 (TRPV5 tetramer:CaM) after elution from the Sepharose beads. The TRPV5-CaM mixture was then further purified using size-exclusion chromatography (Superose 6, GE Healthcare) in Buffer B. No chelating agents were added to Buffer B; thus, trace amounts of calcium are present in the final sample. The peak containing CaM-bound TRPV5 was concentrated to ~3 mg/mL.

Cryo-EM data acquisition. For all samples, fluorinated Fos-Choline-8 was added to the concentrated protein to a final concentration of 3 mM immediately prior to vitrification. Samples were double blotted on 200 mesh Quantifoil 1.2/1.3 grids (Quantifoil Micro Tools) with 3.5 µL per blot and plunge frozen in liquid ethane using a Vitrobot (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Grids containing TRPV5 and diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ in detergent, as well as grids with CaM-bound TRPV5 were imaged with a 300 kV Titan Krios microscope equipped with a Gatan K2 Summit direct detector camera. Super resolution movies (50 frames) were captured for 10 s each with one frame collected every 0.2 s. The resultant pixel size and dose rate were 0.55 Å/pix and ~8 electrons/pix/s, respectively. Images were collected in a defocus range between 1.0 and 2.5 µm under focus in an automated fashion using Legicon software³³.

Grids containing TRPV5 and diC₈ PI(4,5)P₂ in nanodiscs were also imaged with a 300 kV Titan Krios microscope equipped with a Gatan K2 Summit direct detector camera. Super resolution movies (40 frames) were captured with an 8 s exposure time in super resolution mode resulting in a pixel size and dose rate of 0.532 Å/pix and ~6 electrons/pix/sec, respectively. Images were collected in a defocus range between 1.25 and 2.5 µm under focus.

Image processing. For the dataset of lipid-bound TRPV5 in detergent, MotionCorr³⁴ was used to correct for beam induced motion and to bin the images to a final pixel size of 1.1 Å, producing both summed and dose weighted micrographs. CTF estimation of the summed micrographs was performed using Gctf³⁵. All other image processing was performed using RELION on the dose weighted micrographs unless otherwise mentioned^{18,19}. Approximately 2500 particles were picked manually from 3889 micrographs and sorted into 2D classes. The best classes were used as templates for autopicking. After autopicking, 2D classification was used to remove false positives and suboptimal particles. The remaining ~241,000 particles were reconstructed into a single electron density map with C4 symmetry using the 3D auto-refine option in RELION followed by 3D classification into eight classes without assigning angles to the particles. The initial model used for 3D refinement and classification was produced by applying a low-pass filter of 60 Å to the previously published TRPV5 cryo-EM structure⁴. The best class by manual inspection

underwent multiple rounds of 3D refinement followed by 3D classification until the best ~26,000 particles were able to be reconstructed into a 4.4 Å map. The mask used for this reconstruction was created from the original 3D auto-refinement of ~241,000 particles adjusted to a threshold of 0.005, low-pass filtered to 15 Å and a soft edge of five pixels was applied. A separate dataset collected under the same conditions from grids prepared at the same time as the sample above produced 3062 additional micrographs. The same methods as above were implemented and resulted in a map containing ~19,000 particles that was reconstructed to 4.2 Å. These particles were then combined using the JoinStar command in Relion to produce a particle set of ~45,000 particles that were refined to 4.1 Å in RELION (Supplementary Figure 2). A B-factor of -174 was then applied to the unsharpened map using Bfactor software and the final resolution of 3.9 Å was determined using rmeasure software^{36,37}. Local resolutions were estimated using the RESMAP software³⁸.

For the dataset of PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 in nanodiscs, MotionCorr³⁴ was used to correct for beam-induced motion and to bin the images to a final pixel size of 1.1 Å, producing both summed and dose-weighted micrographs. CTF estimation of the summed micrographs was performed using Gctf³⁵. All other image processing was performed using RELION on the dose-weighted micrographs unless otherwise mentioned^{18,19}. To create templates for autopicking, 2112 particles were manually picked from 1575 micrographs and sorted into 21 classes. The best classes were used to autopick 493,047 particles which were then subjected to 2D classification into 200 classes to remove false positives and suboptimal particles. The best classes contained 121,980 particles, which were refined to 4.4 Å using 3D AutoRefine with C4 symmetry in the absence of a mask using the same initial model as in the lipid-bound structure. A mask was created of this structure by adjusting the threshold to 0.005, lowpass filtering to 15 Å and applying a soft edge of five pixels. The 4.4 Å structure was postprocessed using the above mask to produce the Initial 3D Reconstruction at 4.3 Å (Supplementary Figure 4). A cylinder with a radius of 40 Å and height of 15 Å was created in Chimera, centered on the pore at the height of the TRP helices. This cylinder was used to make a mask at a threshold of 0.5, an extended edge of two pixels, and a soft edge of five pixels. This mask was then used for particle subtraction, where everything outside of this mask was subtracted, as previously described³⁹. The subtracted particles were then sorted by 3D classification into five classes without assigning angles, yielding three high-resolution classes. Two of these classes had density for PI(4,5)P₂ (total of ~72,000 particles) and one had no PI(4,5)P₂ density (~30,000 particles). We swapped both sets of subtracted particles back to the unsubtracted particles and refined both sets using the mask previously used to refine the ~121,000 particle map. The ~30,000 particles for the class without PI(4,5)P₂ were refined to 4.5 Å in RELION. Postprocessing was run on this data in RELION using the same mask as previously with an applied *b* factor of -200, leading to a final resolution of 4.4 Å. The ~72,000 particles were then sorted again by 3D classification into three classes without assigning angles. The best of these classes consisted of ~25,500 particles and was refined to 4.1 Å in RELION. Postprocessing was run on this data in RELION using the same mask as previously with an applied *b* factor of -150, leading to a final resolution of 4.0 Å (Supplementary Figure 4). Local resolutions were estimated using RESMAP³⁸.

For the dataset of CaM-bound TRPV5 in detergent, MotionCorr³⁴ was used without gain correction and without binning to produce both summed and dose weighted micrographs with a final pixel size of 1.1 Å. CTF estimation of the summed micrographs was performed using Gctf³⁵. All other image processing was performed using RELION on the dose weighted micrographs unless otherwise mentioned^{18,19}. To create templates for autopicking, 3,125 particles were manually picked from 2118 micrographs and sorted into 30 classes. The best classes were used to autopick 391,648 particles which were then subjected to 2D classification into 100 classes to remove false positives and suboptimal particles. The best classes contained 153,776 particles, which were refined to 5.4 Å using 3D AutoRefine with C1 symmetry in the absence of a mask using the same initial model as in the lipid-bound structure. At this point, there was clearly density present in the region between the ARDs of the TRPV5 monomers, but it appeared to be asymmetrical. To make sure that information for all the asymmetrical features was aligned in the same orientation, we decided to use symmetry expansion. The ~154,000 particles from the initial C1 reconstruction were refined in C4 to generate symmetry operators. RELION symmetry expansion in C4 was used to expand the particle stack and ensure that all the information for CaM was present in all four possible orientations. A sphere of radius 25 Å was created in Chimera and placed at the base of the pore so that the entire region with density for CaM was in the sphere. A mask was made of this sphere in RELION, at a threshold of 0.1, extended by five pixels, and with a soft edge of five pixels. This spherical mask was used for particle subtraction, as described above, and then the subtracted particles were sorted into five classes with 3D classification. The resulting classes captured CaM in the four possible orientations, with approximately equal numbers of particles, as well as a class without CaM bound. The class with the best resolution was chosen, consisting of ~129,000 particles, and we reverted to the unsubtracted particles and refined these particles. There was still some heterogeneity in the CaM, so we further classified the particles into three classes, resulting in a class with ~47,500 particles that refined to 4.7 Å in RELION. After postprocessing in RELION with an applied *b* factor of -200, this data reached a resolution of 4.4 Å (Supplementary Figure 11). Local resolutions were estimated using RESMAP³⁸.

Model building. The previously published model of TRPV5 bound to econazole (PDB 6B5V)⁴ was used as an initial model and docked to the cryo-EM map of lipid-bound TRPV5. The model was manually adjusted in Coot⁴⁰ and refined with imposed four-fold NCS using phenix.real_space_refinement⁴¹. The lipid-bound TRPV5 model was docked into the PI(4,5)P₂-bound TRPV5 map and manually adjusted and refined as before. The lipid-bound TRPV5 model was docked into the CaM-bound TRPV5 map. To model CaM into the extra density, the N-lobe (residues 6–77) and C-lobe (residues 83–147) of a calcium-bound CaM structure (PDB 1CLL) were separated and independently fit in Chimera to the two lobes of density visible at the base of the pore. A portion of the N-lobe was visible only as broken density, and so was removed from the model. The TRPV5 C-terminal peptide from state 01 of PDB 5OEO was fit into the remaining density near the C-lobe in Chimera. An extension of the C-terminus of TRPV5 chain A was modeled into helical density in the peptide-binding pocket of the CaM N-Lobe. This assembly was manually adjusted in Coot and refined without NCS using phenix.real_space_refinement.

The final models were randomized in PHENIX⁴¹ by 0.5 Å and refined against one of the half maps. EMAN2 was used to generate FSC curves between this refined test model and each half map, as well as between the final model and the summed map for each model. The pore radii were generated using HOLE⁴². Figures were made in Pymol⁴³ and Chimera⁴⁴.

Xenopus oocyte electrophysiology. Oocyte sacs were extracted from female *Xenopus laevis* frogs (*Xenopus* Express) and digested with 0.2 mg/ml collagenase (Sigma) in OR2 solution (82.5 mM NaCl, 2 mM KCl, 1 mM MgCl₂, and 5 mM HEPES, pH 7.4) overnight at 18 °C. Oocytes were maintained in OR2 solution plus 1.8 mM CaCl₂ and 1% penicillin/streptomycin (Mediatech) at 18 °C. cRNA was generated using the mMessage mMachine kit (Thermo Fisher); point mutations were introduced using the Quikchange mutagenesis kit (Agilent Genomics). cRNA (20 ng) was injected using a nanoliter injector system (World Precision Instruments). The W583L mutant of TRPV5 was kept in OR2 with 0.1 mM CaCl₂, to avoid Ca²⁺ overload and cell damage. The experiments were performed 48–72 h after injection. Purified CaM from bovine testes was purchased from Sigma.

Two-electrode voltage clamp (TEVC) measurements were performed as described earlier¹⁴; briefly oocytes were initially placed in a solution containing 97 mM NaCl, 2 mM KCl, 1 mM MgCl₂, and 5 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, where TRPV5 or TRPV6 currents are largely blocked by Mg²⁺ and trace amounts of Ca²⁺ in the medium. Monovalent currents were initiated with changing the solution containing 96 mM LiCl, 1 mM EGTA, and 5 mM HEPES, pH 7.4. Currents were recorded with thin-wall inner filament-containing glass pipettes (World Precision Instruments) filled with 3 M KCl in 1% agarose. Currents were recorded with a GeneClamp 500B amplifier (Molecular Devices using a ramp protocol from –100 to +100 mV (0.25 mV/ms), immediately preceded by a 100-ms step to –100 mV, applied once every second; holding potential was 0 mV.

Excised inside-out patch clamp experiments were performed as described earlier¹³ using borosilicate glass pipettes (World Precision Instruments) of 0.8–1.7 MΩ resistance. The electrode pipette solution contained 96 mM LiCl, 1 mM EGTA, and 5 mM HEPES, pH 7.4. After establishing gigaohm resistance seals on devitelized *Xenopus* oocytes, the currents were measured using an Axopatch 200B amplifier (Molecular Devices). We used a ramp protocol from –100 to 100 mV, performed once a second, immediately preceded by a 100-ms step to –100 mV. The perfusion solution contained 93 mM potassium gluconate, 5 mM HEDTA, 5 mM HEPES, with the pH adjusted to 7.4. To obtain 3 μM free Ca²⁺, 2.5 mM Ca²⁺ gluconate was added. The bath was connected with the ground electrode through an agar bridge. Animal procedures were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, and all animal procedures were performed in accordance with the approved ethical guidelines.

TRPV6 computational modeling. We generated an almost full-length atomistic model of TRPV6 by performing comparative homology modeling using the structure of the closed state of TRPV1 as a template (PDB:3J5P). We extracted the pairwise sequence alignment between TRPV1 and TRPV6 from the multiple sequence alignment containing about 3000 sequences⁴⁵. We then generated 288 models using ROSETTA⁴⁶ and discarded the 50 ones with the lowest score. We performed clustering on the remaining 248 structures and found two major clusters differing by the conformation of the S2–S3 segment. Due to the absence of significant structural constraints from the template, we modeled this region of TRPV6 ab initio.

To investigate the binding mode of PI(4,5)P₂ we considered a model ligand and performed a series of stochastic optimizations of its positions with respect to the TRPV6 structure using the program AUTODOCK⁴⁷. The model ligand is a simplified version PI(4,5)P₂ that contains the entire head group, the glycerol moiety and part of the acyl chains (up to the third carbon atom). This choice allowed us to explore thoroughly the conformational space by ignoring the large number of degrees of freedom describing the configuration of the flexible acyl chain. Since not all the binding poses of the model ligand correspond to a geometrically viable conformation of PI(4,5)P₂, we post-processed the output of docking and selected only those binding poses in which the acyl chain is correctly positioned with respect to the lipid bilayer. The conformational search was restricted to a specific region of the channel encompassing the S4–S5 linker, the

N-term sections of S1, S3, and S5, the C-term section and S2 and S4, the S2–S3 loop, the N-term section of the TRP box and the adjacent part of the cytoplasmic domain. The region was large enough to contain at least two adjacent subunits to allow for the identification of potential interactions at their interface. For each structure of TRPV6 (20 in total) 1000 docking experiments were performed using the Lamarckian genetic algorithm allowing for a maximum of 250,000 energy evaluations.

We performed molecular dynamics simulations of the PI(4,5)P₂-TRPV6 and PI(4,5)P₂-TRPV1 complexes and of the TRPV6 apo channel (with no bound PI(4,5)P₂). We used the naturally occurring long acyl chain version (arachydonyl-stearyl, AAsT) PI(4,5)P₂ for these simulation. As initial configurations, we considered the structural models with the highest scores. The channels were embedded into a fully hydrated 1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine membrane surrounded by a 150 mM KCl solution. Overall, the system contains more than 300,000 atoms. During the initial equilibration protocol, we gradually released each component of the (water and ions, lipid tails, lipid head groups, protein side chains and protein backbone) system from positional restraints. During the production run, trajectories were collected for 0.7 μs. Simulations were performed at constant temperature and pressure (1 atm, 300 K) using the Langevin piston approach using NAMD 2.10⁴⁸. The CHARMM36 force field⁴⁹ was used to describe the protein, the ions and the lipid molecules. For the vdW interactions, we used a cutoff of 11 Å with a switching function between 8 and 11 Å. The long-range component of electrostatic interactions was calculated using the particle mesh Ewald approach⁵⁰ using a cutoff for the short-range component of 11 Å. The equations of motion were integrated using the RESPA multiple time-step algorithm⁵¹, with a time step of 2 fs, and long-range interactions calculated every other step.

Data availability

The cryo-EM density maps and atomic coordinates of all structures presented in the text are deposited into the Electron Microscopy Data Bank and Protein Data Bank under the following access codes: Lipid-Bound TRPV5 in detergent (EMB-7965, PDB 6DMR); PI(4,5)P₂-Bound TRPV5 in nanodiscs (EMB-7966, PDB 6DMU); CaM-Bound TRPV5 in detergent (EMB-7967, PDB 6DMW). All data is available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

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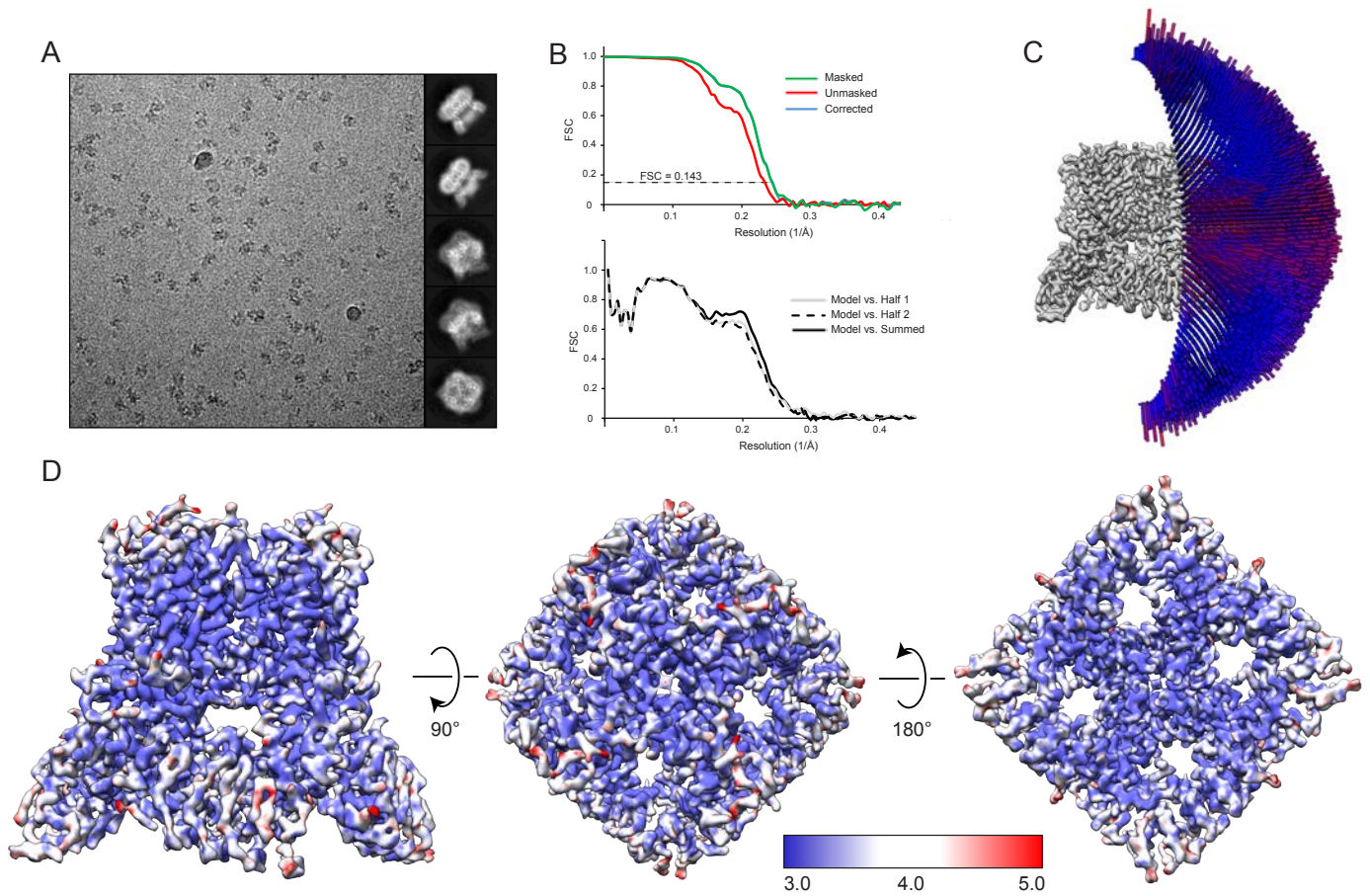
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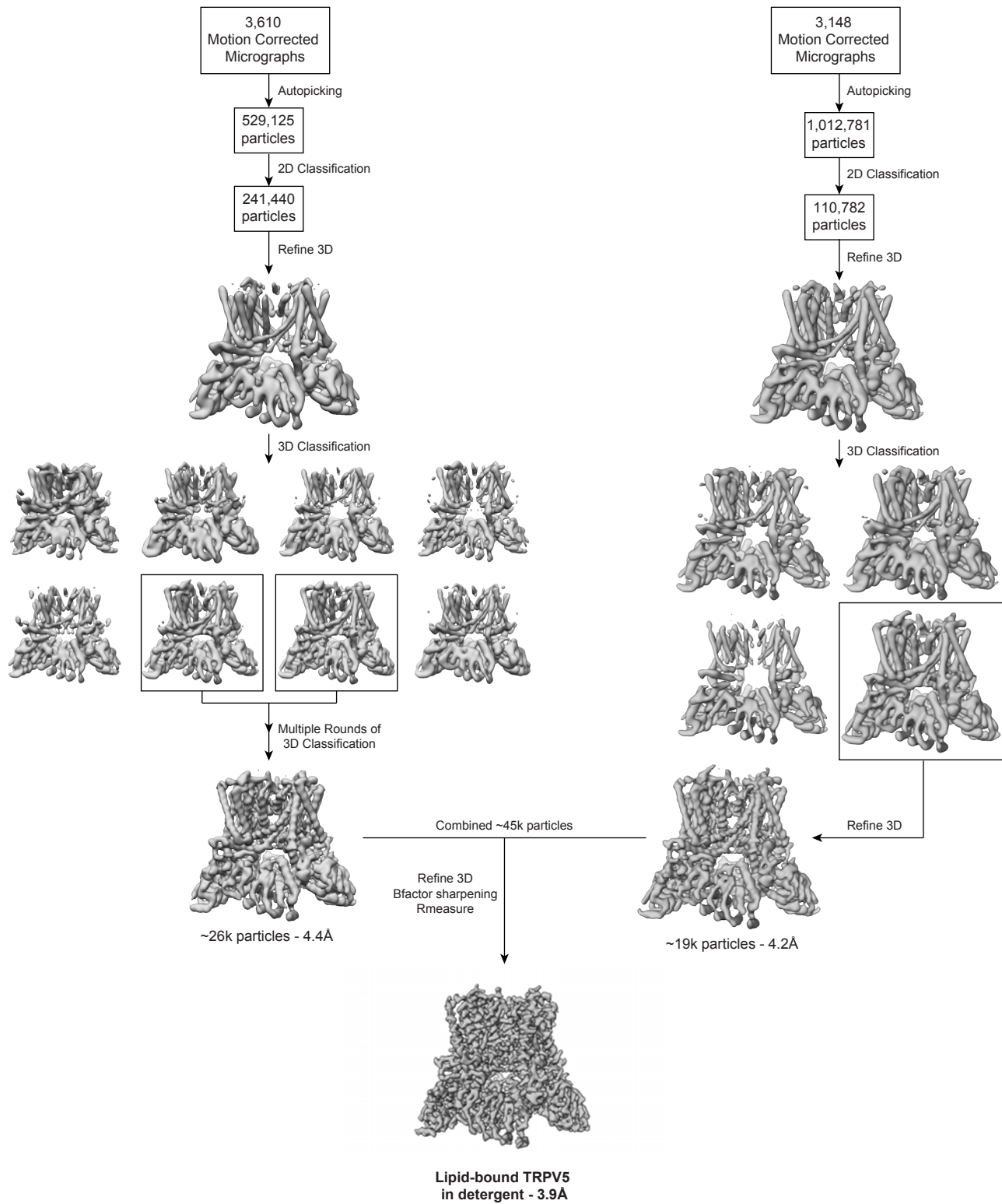
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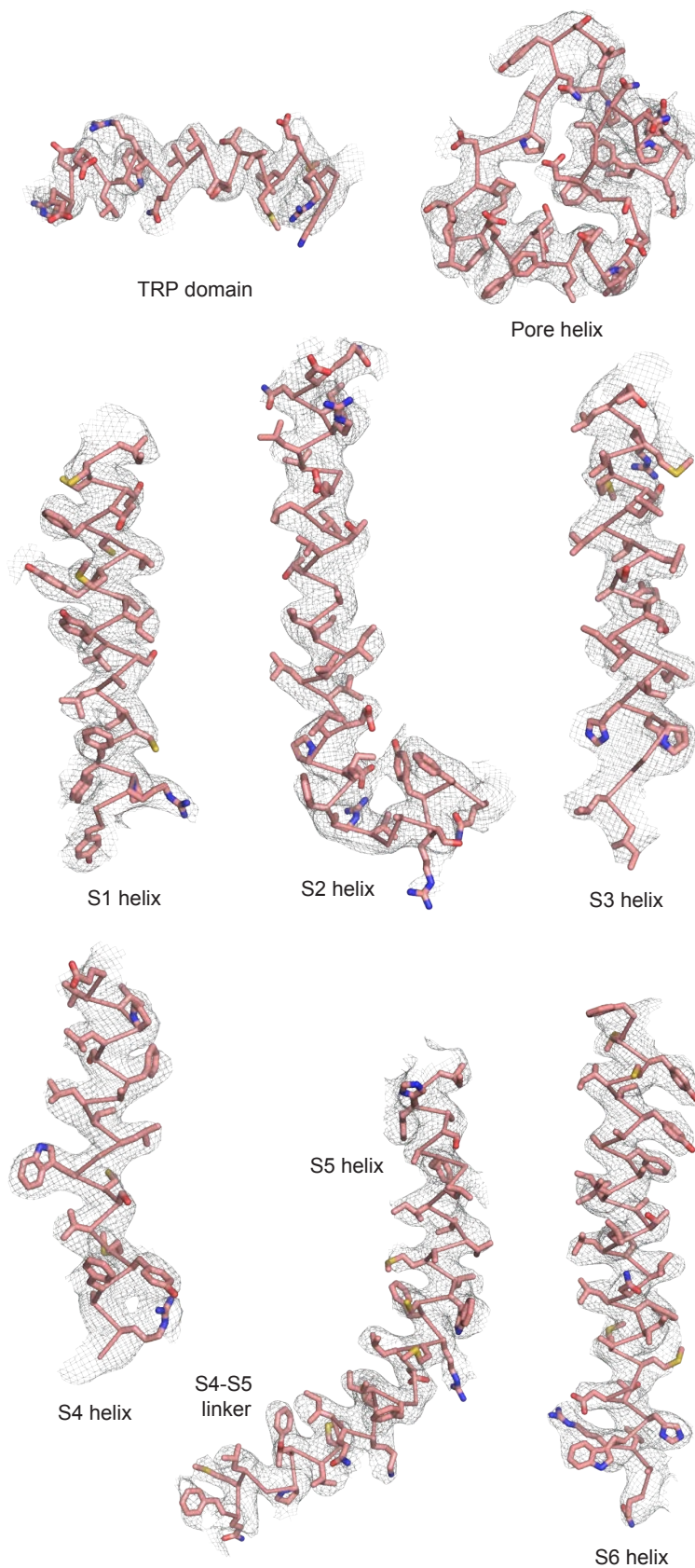
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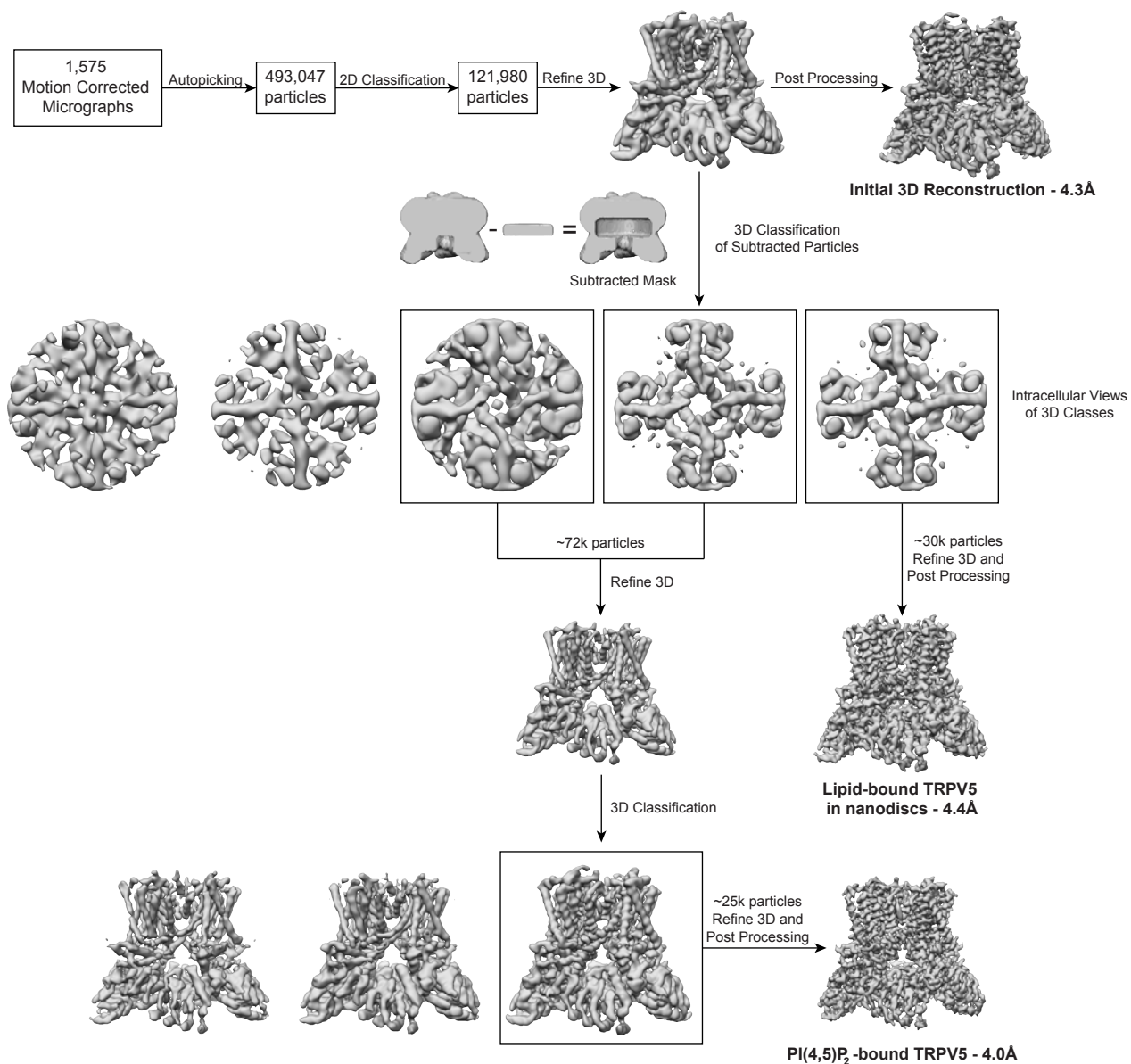
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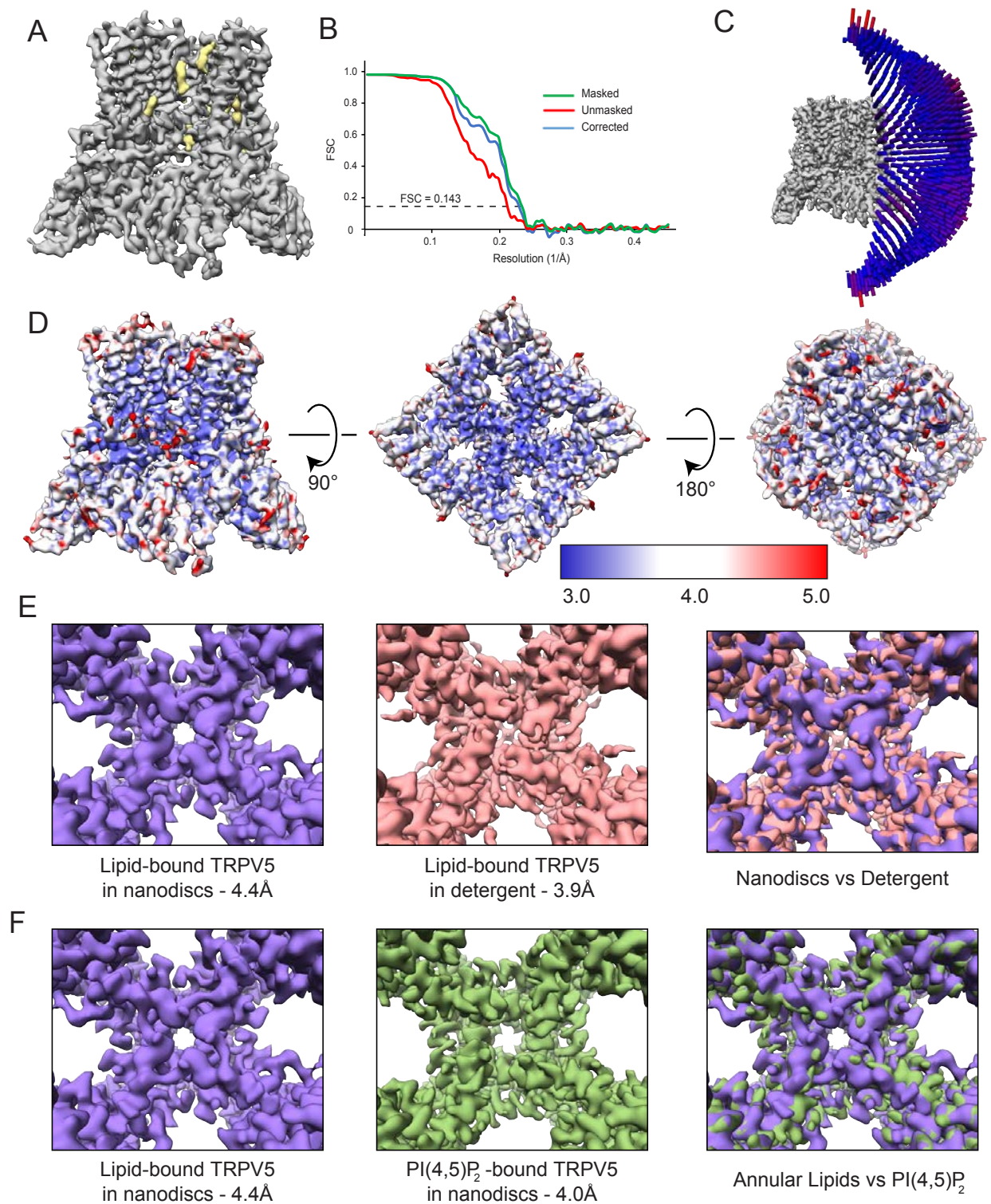
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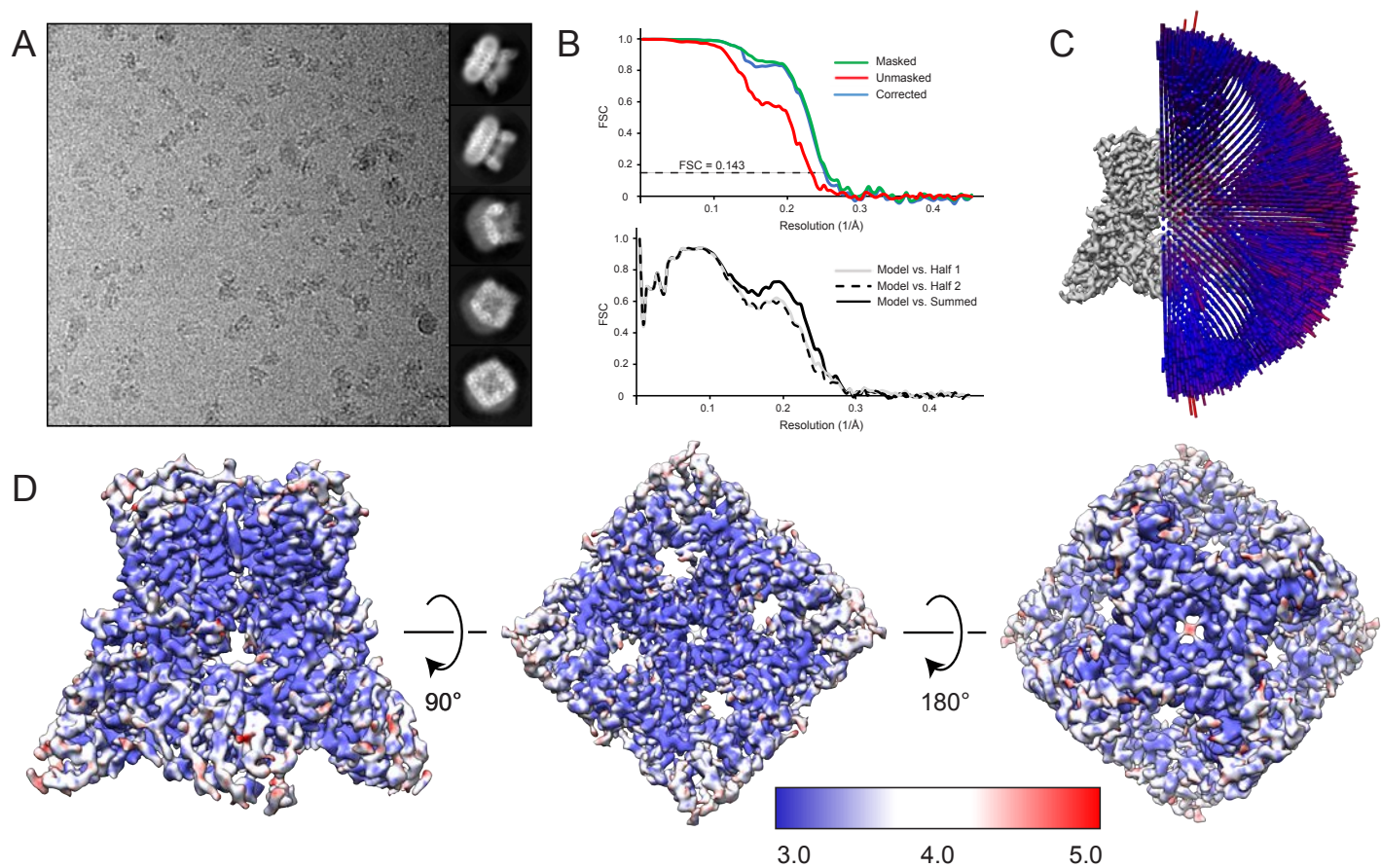
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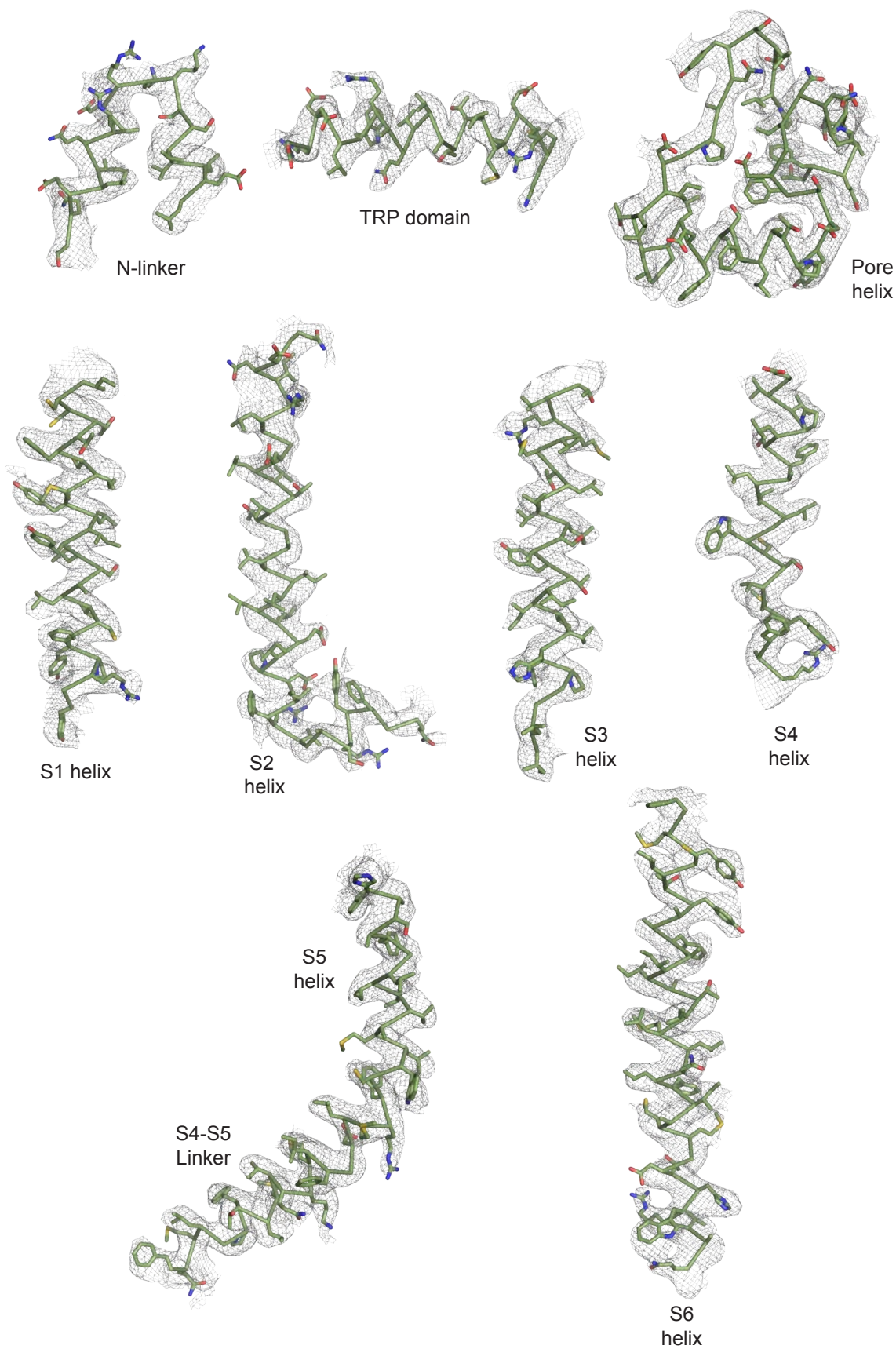
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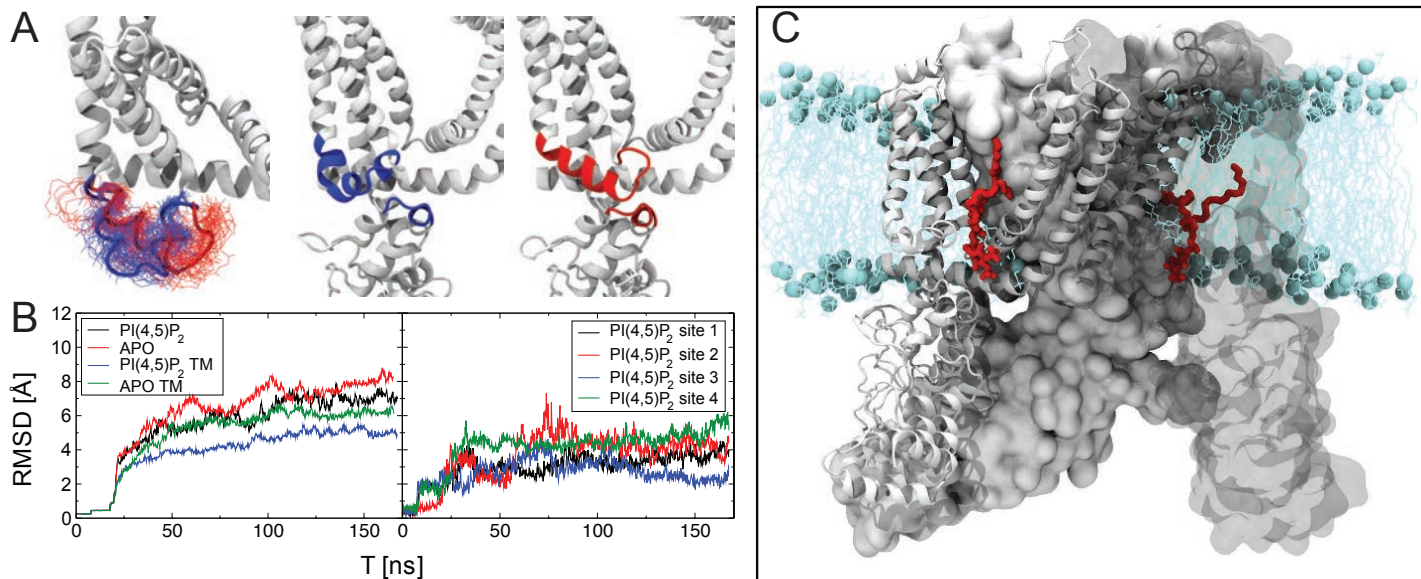
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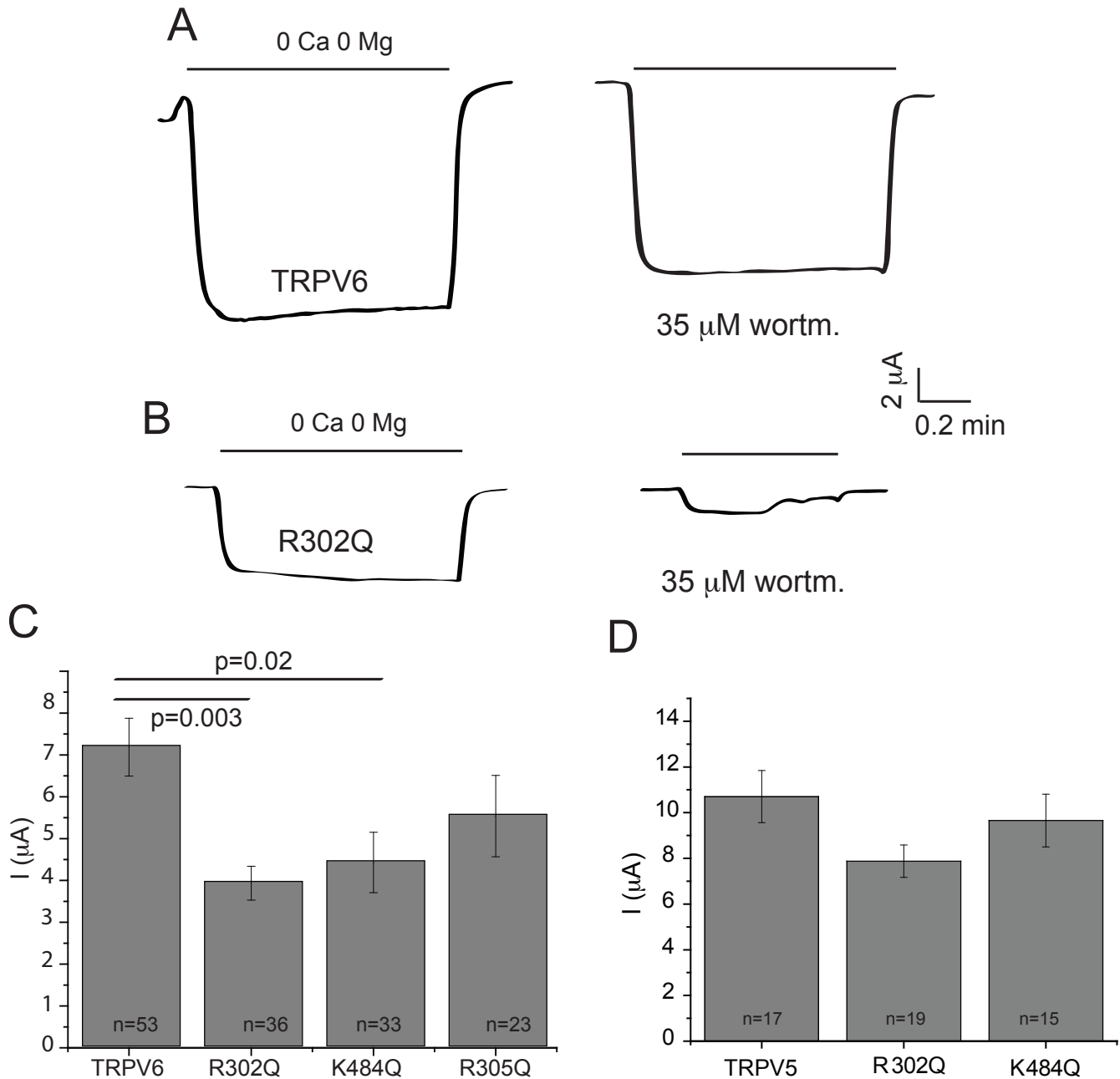
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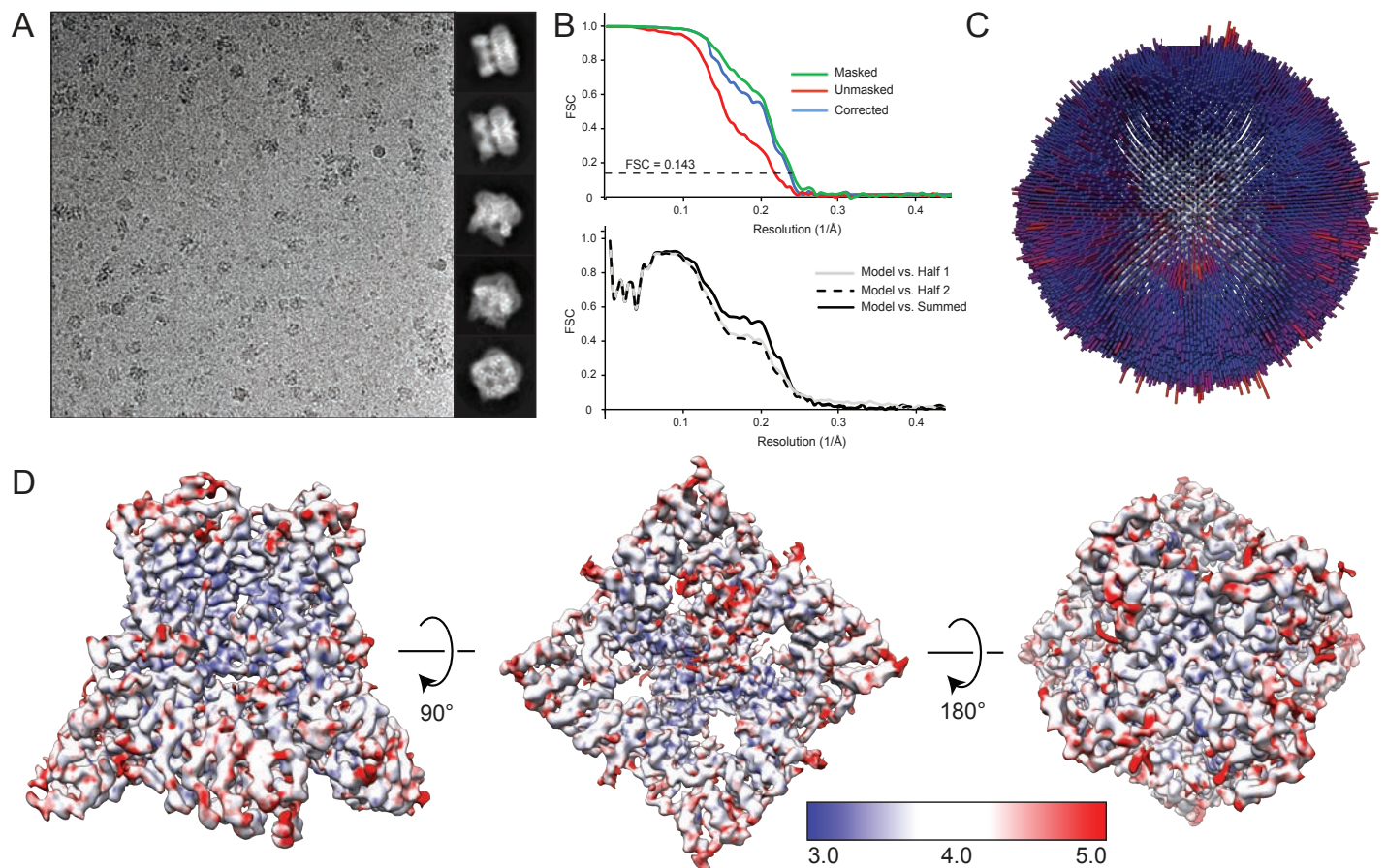
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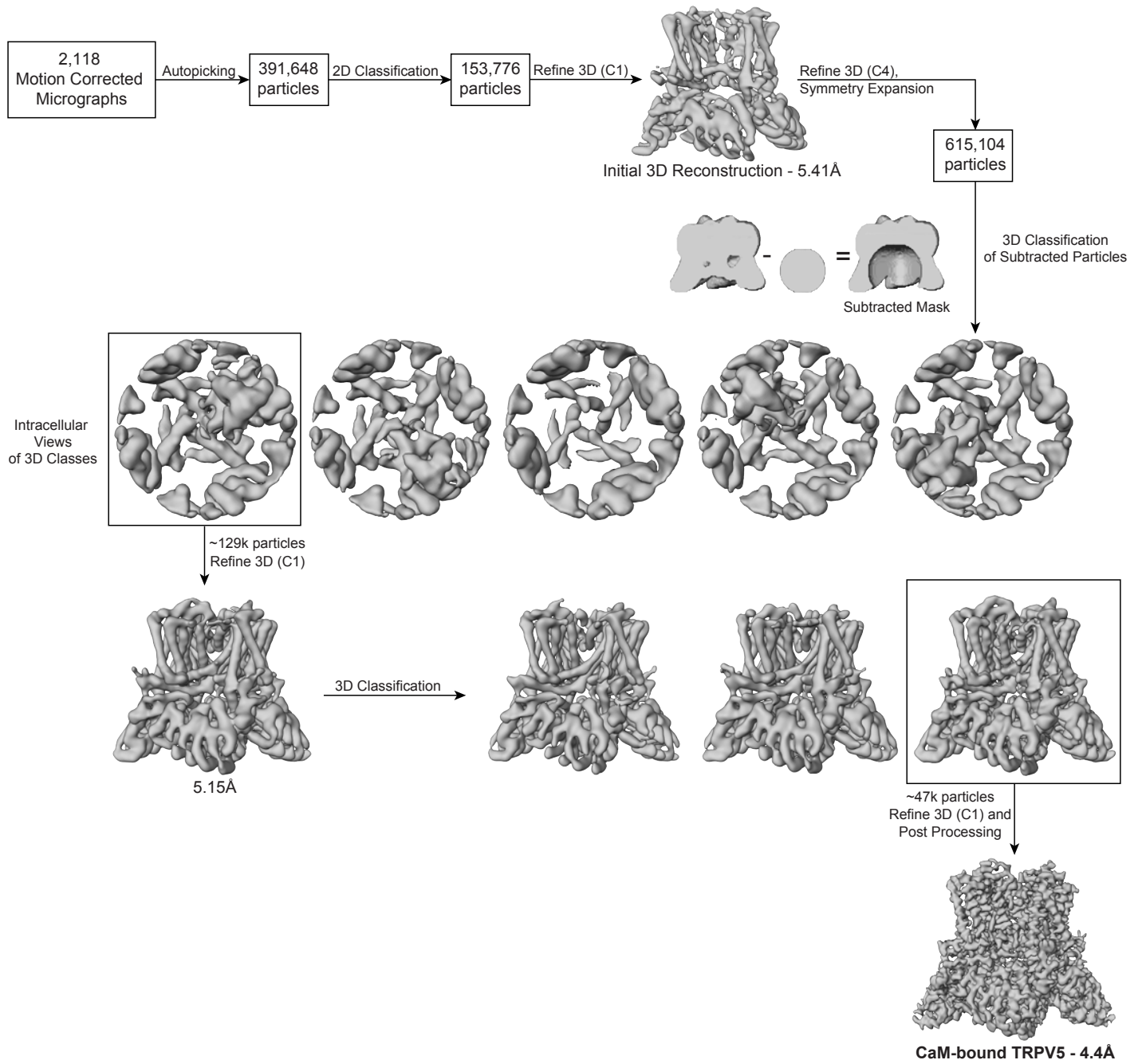
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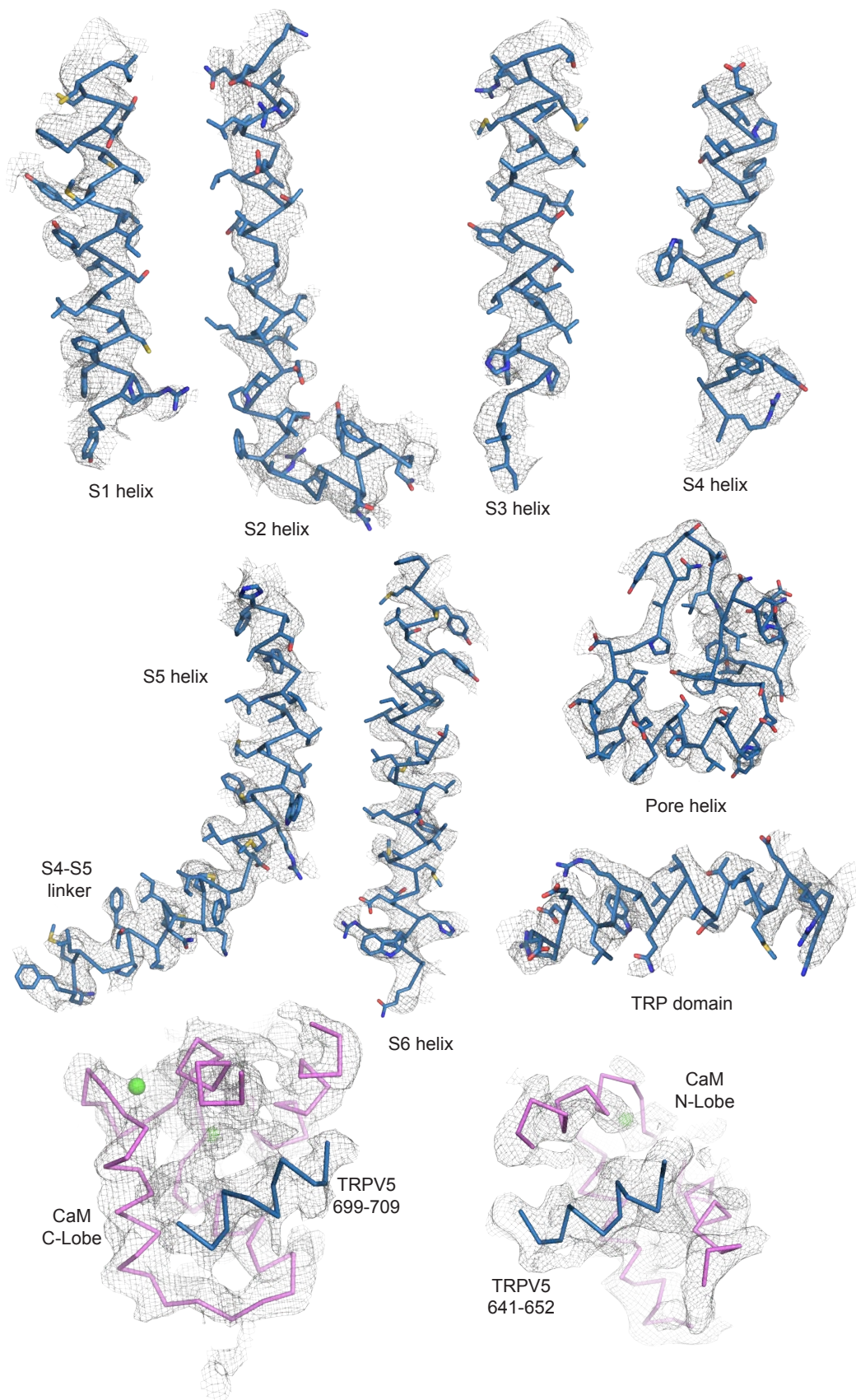
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Magnification	~45,500	~45,500	~45,500
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Defocus range (μm)	1.0-2.5	1.0-2.5	1.25-2.5
Pixel size (Å)	1.1	1.1	1.1
Symmetry imposed	C4	C4	C1
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FSC threshold	0.143	0.143	0.143
Map sharpening <i>B</i> factor (Å ²)	-174	-150	-200
Model composition			
Nonhydrogen atoms	0	0	3
Protein residues	2424	2412	2562
Ligands	0	4	0
R.m.s. deviations			
Bond lengths (Å)	0.006	0.006	0.005
Bond angles (°)	1.18	1.28	0.92
Validation			
MolProbity score	1.44	1.29	1.64
Clashscore	3.57	1.71	6.63
Poor rotamers (%)	0.00	0.19	0.18
Ramachandran plot			
Favored (%)	95.76	94.69	95.98
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C1 symmetry is defined and does need further explanation.

the C1 symmetry map was not high enough resolution to refine sidechain placement

Logically, it is secondary structure resolution

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Obviously, but the authors spent a lot of time on discussing what could be – they need better data.

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The fact that the authors claim to have identified clear density for two calcium ions at this resolution is such a dramatic over interpretation that it puts the entire manuscript at question!

That was a misstatement, the point we were making is that we saw density that fit well to the Ca²⁺-bound state of the CaM C-lobe, which is why we included those ions in our original model despite the low resolution. We also saw extra density in that map next to the CaM C-lobe which fit well to the TRPV5 C-terminal peptide, which only binds to Ca²⁺-activated CaM. In our new higher resolution CaM map, both lobes are clearly in Ca²⁺-activated conformations and we were able to place calcium ions in the three visible EF-hand motifs.

With this in mind I have serious doubts about the strong interpretation of the extra densities that were identified as annular lipids bound to the first structure by the authors.

The TRPV field has had several high-profile papers published highlighting extra density in the transmembrane region which these papers have identified as lipids. Our extra density in this region looks very similar to that published for TRPV1 and TRPV6 in Nature and is clearly visible in the same locations in all three of our structures, including the half maps. Nevertheless, we have removed the lipids from our deposited models.

Minor concerns:

The figures and color codes are too dark and do not have sufficient contrast. Especially in Figure 2 C the potential Ca ions are impossible to spot.

Figures and color codes have been lightened and changed.

The manuscript should be significantly shortened and many phrases should be left out entirely:

In spite of the high quality of this map [This phrase has been removed.](#)

without applied symmetry (referred to as C1 symmetry)
C1 symmetry is defined and does need further explanation.
[This phrase has been removed.](#)

the C1 symmetry map was not high enough resolution to refine sidechain placement
Logically, it is secondary structure resolution
[This phrase has been removed.](#)

Nevertheless, at these resolutions we cannot definitively say one way or the other as a wide variety of lipids can be docked into the densities [This phrase has been removed.](#)

Obviously, but the authors spent a lot of time on discussing what could be – they need better data.
[In our revised manuscript we now discuss our improved structures.](#)

The sentences in regards to the nanodiscs are also quite confusing and should be removed. It has been demonstrated before that annular lipids can be co-purified with detergent solubilized membrane proteins.
[These phrases have been removed.](#)

[Unfortunately, we could not shorten the manuscript as we now have additional data that had not been originally included in the manuscript. Nevertheless, we removed the sentences that were outline above.](#)

Reviewer #2 (Remarks to the Author):

TRPV5 is a calcium-selective channel highly expressed in the apical membrane of certain kidney epithelial cells and plays an important role in calcium reabsorption in the kidney. Previous functional studies have shown that TRPV5 activity is tightly regulated by endogenous modulators, including PI(4,5)P2 and calmodulin (CaM), which stimulate and inhibit TRPV5 activity, respectively. A better understanding of the molecular mechanisms of both forms of regulation is of intrinsic importance and may lead to new approaches to target these channels as drug targets.

In this interesting study, the authors aimed to elucidate the structural basis of PI(4,5)P2 and CaM regulation and obtained cryo-EM structures of TRPV5 in the presence of diC8 PI(4,5)P2, a short chain PI(4,5)P2, and calcium-bound CaM. The quality of the structural data is good, and the authors were rightly cautious when called for in their modeling and interpretation. Despite the limited resolution, the CaM-bound structure convincingly reveals that one CaM binds to each channel and inhibits the channel by directly blocking the inner pore. Although many channels are regulated by CaM and many structures of ion channel/CaM complexes have been reported, to my knowledge, this is the first structure showing a direct pore block by CaM. This new regulatory mechanism by CaM is a highlight of this work.

The structures obtained in the presence of diC8 PI(4,5)P2 and CaM show multiple lipids, consistent with the observation of lipid modulation of TRPV5 activity. However, the authors were unable to definitely identify the PI(4,5)P2 binding site. Indeed, the high similarity between the lipid-bound and CaM-bound structures suggest that diC8 PI(4,5)P2 is not present in the lipid-bound structure. This shortcoming significantly lessens the impact of this study and should be addressed by using alternative approaches such as nanodisc reconstitution. Without identifying the PI(4,5)P2 binding site and elucidating how PI(4,5)P2 enhances channel activity, this work seems incomplete and unsatisfying.

Thank you. We appreciate Reviewer #2's valuable critiques. Recently, we were able to obtain PI(4,5)P₂-bound structure at a global resolution of 4.0Å and a CaM-bound TRPV5 structure at a global resolution of 4.4Å in C1 symmetry. At these resolutions, we were able to visualize amino acid side chains in our newly determined TRPV5 structures, which allowed us to propose mechanisms of TRPV5 activation by PI(4,5)P₂ and inactivation by CaM. We used nanodiscs to determine the TRPV5 structure in the presence of PI(4,5)P₂ and unambiguously identified a PI(4,5)P₂ binding site. As explained in response to reviewer 1, we also provide electrophysiological data to support the functional role of the identified PI(4,5)P₂ binding site both for TRPV5 and the closely related TRPV6.

Minor points:

1. In Figure 4C, the authors assign two putative calcium ions in the pore, one at the selectivity filter and one at the lower gate, in the lipid-bound structure. However, no calcium was added in Buffer B. What is the free calcium concentration in Buffer B? The authors should explain this experiment and result in more detail.

We have removed the calcium ions in the pore from our model and references to them in the text.

2. Related to the question above, how confident are the authors that the CaM in the CaM-bound structure is calcified? Although 10 mM calcium was added to the TRPV5-CaM mixture, my understanding is that the complex was finally purified in Buffer B, which has no added calcium and whose free calcium concentration is not stated. Please clarify.

We do not know the exact concentration of the free calcium in our buffer B. However, aqueous buffer solutions with no added calcium usually still contain calcium in the low micromolar range. We have clarified this in the method section of the manuscript. Additionally, CaM has very distinct and well-established calcium-free and calcium-bound configurations. In our new, higher resolution map of CaM-bound TRPV5, both N and C lobes are unambiguously in the calcium-bound configuration.

3. W583 and Q587 are identified as key amino acids for CaM C-lobe interaction and CaM inhibition. The authors should provide more information on these amino acids and functionally validate their importance. Are they present in TRPV6? What happens to CaM inhibition if they are mutated, either individually or in combination?

In our improved CaM-bound TRPV5 structure at global resolution of 4.4Å in C1 symmetry, we were able to determine that W583 of the TRPV5 channel directly interacts with K116 of CaM, which allows CaM to directly block the TRPV5 channel pore. These findings were also supported by functional data provided in this manuscript (Fig. 6 F-H), which showed that mutation of the W583 to L583 completely abolished CaM inhibition of the channel, suggesting that W583 is an essential residue that facilitates this mechanism of CaM inactivation. The same tryptophan residue is located at the bottom of the TRPV6 pore.

4. It might be interesting and helpful to compare and contrast CaM inhibition of TRPV5 and the TRPV5-CaM structure with CaM modulation of some other TRP channels and CaM-bound structures.

We added a section in the text comparing our data to previously published studies of CaM and PI(4,5)P₂ modulation of other TRP channels.

REVIEWERS' COMMENTS:

Reviewer #1 (Remarks to the Author):

The authors have addressed most of my concerns. They have collected more data and were most importantly successful in improving the resolution of the CaM bound state. As I have stated in my original review this structure was particularly unsuitable for publication before - but with the recent improvements it is fine.

Reviewer #2 (Remarks to the Author):

The authors have taken the reviewers' critiques to heart and revised the manuscript extensively. The revised manuscript is much improved, with new and higher-resolution structures, functional data and computational modeling, and provides compelling structural and mechanistic insights into how calmodulin and PI(4,5)P₂ regulate TRPV5. This work will be of great interest to searchers in various fields and will certainly have a significant impact on TRP channel studies. The authors have adequately addressed my concerns and questions.