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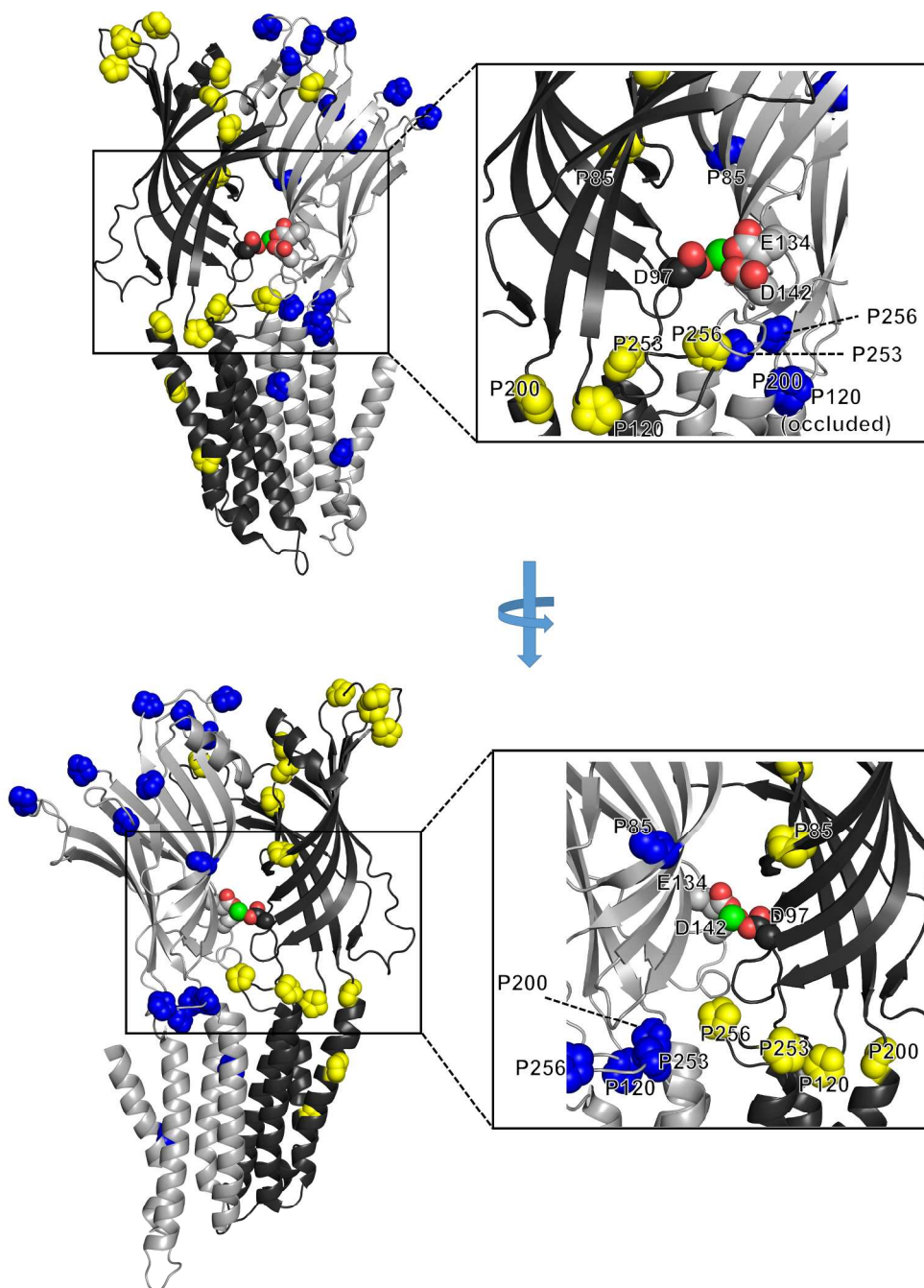
### **Probing proline residues in the prokaryotic ligand-gated ion channel, ELIC.**

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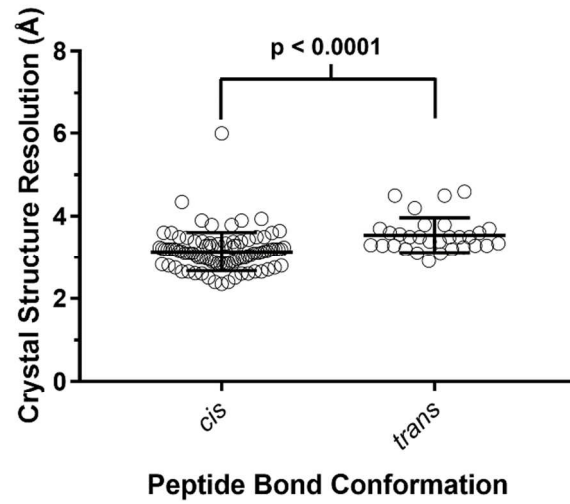
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**Running title: Proline residues in ELIC**

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**Figure S1.** Divalent cation binding-site in ELIC, as exemplified by a crystal structure with  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$  (PDB 2YN6). Two subunits of the homopentamer are shown. The primary face is shown in light gray with Pro side chains in blue, while the complementary face is shown in black with Pros in yellow. Oxygen atoms on negatively-charged residues in the divalent cation binding site are shown in red, and the  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$  ion is shown in green. Additional  $\text{Ba}^{2+}$  atoms bind to different sites in this crystal structure, but the site illustrated in this figure was shown to be responsible for the modulatory effect of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ .<sup>26</sup>



**Figure S2.** Correlation between crystal structure resolution and assignment of a *cis* peptide bond at the  $\beta$ 6- $\beta$ 7 loop Pro in 124 X-ray crystal structures of pLGICs in the Protein Data Bank. Analysis of statistical significance was performed in GraphPad Prism using a nonparametric Mann-Whitney test.

**Table S1.** X-ray crystal structures of pLGICs used to analyze conformation of  $\beta 6$ - $\beta 7$  loop proline.<sup>a</sup>

<b>PDB Code</b>	<b>Receptor</b>	<b>Resolution (Å)</b>	<b><math>\beta 6</math>-<math>\beta 7</math> Loop Pro Conformation</b>	<b>Citation</b>
6F0U	GLIC E35A	2.35	cis	1
4HFI	GLIC	2.4	cis	2
4IL4	GLIC	2.4	cis	2
6F0R	GLIC E82Q	2.5	cis	1
6F0Z	GLIC D88N	2.5	cis	1
3TLW	GLIC - crosslinked	2.6	cis	3
5IUX	GLIC V135C	2.6	cis	Fourati et al, 2016 TBP
6F16	GLIC H277Q	2.6	cis	1
5TIN	GlyR $\alpha 3$ N38Q	2.61	cis	Huang et al, 2017 TBP
4HFH	GLIC	2.65	cis	4
5MZR	GLIC H235Q	2.65	cis	Fourati et al, 2018 TBP
5MZT	GLIC H235Q	2.65	cis	Fourati et al, 2018 TBP
6F0M	GLIC E35Q	2.65	cis	1
6F13	GLIC E75A	2.7	cis	1
4HFB	GLIC F14'A	2.75	cis	4
5OSA	GLIC-GABA <sub>A</sub> R chimera	2.75	cis	5
4HFE	GLIC	2.8	cis	4
5MZQ	GLIC M205W	2.8	cis	Fourati et al, 2018 TBP
4IL9	GLIC A237F	2.83	cis	2
3TLU	GLIC - crosslinked	2.85	cis	3
5VDH	GlyR $\alpha 3$	2.85	cis	6
6F0V	GLIC E82Q	2.85	cis	1
6F10	GLIC D88N	2.85	cis	1
6F15	GLIC H127Q	2.85	cis	1
3EAM	GLIC	2.9	cis	7
3TLV	GLIC - crosslinked	2.9	cis	3
3UU5	GLIC - crosslinked	2.9	cis	3
3UUB	GLIC - crosslinked	2.9	cis	3
5HCJ	GLIC	2.95	cis	8
6F11	GLIC D86A	2.95	cis	1
4COF	GABA <sub>A</sub> $\beta 3$	2.97	cis	9
3UU6	GLIC - crosslinked	2.98	cis	3
4F8H	GLIC	2.99	cis	10
4ILC	GLIC	2.99	cis	2
4QH5	GLIC	3	cis	11

4Z90	ELIC	3	cis	12
6F0I	GLIC E26A	3	cis	1
5CFB	GlyR $\alpha$ 3	3.04	cis	13
3UU4	GLIC - crosslinked	3.05	cis	3
4HFC	GLIC F14'A	3.05	cis	4
4HFD	GLIC	3.1	cis	4
4ZZC	GLIC	3.1	cis	14
5MUR	GLIC F14'A	3.1	cis	Sauguet et al, 2018 TBP
5MVM	GLIC F14'A N15'A	3.1	cis	Fourati et al, 2018 TBP
5OSC	GLIC-GABA <sub>A</sub> chimera	3.1	cis	5
5SXU	ELIC	3.1	cis	15
5VDI	GlyR $\alpha$ 3 N38Q	3.1	cis	6
5V6O	GLIC G2'L I9'A	3.12	cis	16
3UU3	GLIC - crosslinked	3.15	cis	3
4ILB	GLIC A237F	3.15	cis	2
5HCM	GLIC	3.15	cis	8
6F0J	GLIC E26A	3.15	cis	1
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4IRE	loop C	3.19	cis	17
5MUO	GLIC	3.19	cis	Fourati et al, 2017 TBP
3P4W	GLIC	3.2	cis	18
3TLS	GLIC E19'P	3.2	cis	3
4QH4	GLIC	3.2	cis	11
4TNW	GluCl	3.2	cis	19
4TWD	ELIC	3.2	cis	20
5O8F	GABAA $\beta$ 3- $\alpha$ 5 chimera	3.2	cis	21
6F0N	GLIC E82A	3.2	cis	1
6F12	GLIC E181A	3.2	cis	1
4LMK	GLIC Y27'A	3.22	cis	22
3UU8	GLIC - crosslinked	3.25	cis	3
5J0Z	GLIC	3.25	cis	Basak et al, 2017 TBP
5TIO	GlyR $\alpha$ 3	3.25	cis	Huang et al, 2017 TBP
3P50	GLIC	3.3	cis	18
3TLT	GLIC H11'F	3.3	cis	3
5L47	GLIC	3.3	cis	23
5L4H	GLIC	3.3	cis	23
5OJM	GABAA $\beta$ 3- $\alpha$ 5 chimera	3.3	cis	21
4A97	ELIC	3.34	cis	24
4NPP	GLIC-His <sub>10</sub>	3.35	cis	25
	GLIC C27S K33C I9'A			
5V6N	N21'A	3.36	cis	16
4Z91	ELIC	3.39	cis	12

4QH1	GLIC	3.4	cis	11
4ZZB	GLIC	3.4	cis	14
5SXV	ELIC	3.4	cis	15
4LMJ	GLIC T25'A	3.44	cis	22
5MVN	GLIC M205W	3.49	cis	Fourati et al, 2017 TBP
4ILA	GLIC	3.5	cis	2
4X5T	GlyR-GLIC chimera	3.5	cis	26
5L4E	GLIC	3.5	cis	23
4TNV	GluCl	3.6	cis	19
4TWH	ELIC F16'S	3.6	cis	20
4A98	ELIC	3.61	cis	24
3ZKR	ELIC	3.65	cis	27
4LML	GLIC I9'A T25'A	3.8	cis	22
5OSB	GLIC-GABA <sub>A</sub> chimera	3.8	cis	5
2YOE	ELIC	3.9	cis	24
4TWF	ELIC	3.9	cis	20
5KXI	$\alpha$ 4 $\beta$ 2 nAChR	3.94	cis	28
4NPQ	GLIC	4.35	cis	25
6F7A	GLIC	6	cis	29
3RQW	ELIC	2.91	trans	10
3RQU	ELIC	3.09	trans	10
3EHZ	GLIC	3.1	trans	30
2XQ9	GLIC E221A	3.2	trans	31
5HEG	GLIC P246G	3.21	trans	32
3RHW	GluCl	3.26	trans	33
2VL0	ELIC	3.3	trans	34
2YKS	ELIC F246A	3.3	trans	35
5HEH	GLIC P246G	3.3	trans	32
5HEO	ELIC P254G	3.3	trans	32
2YN6	ELIC	3.31	trans	36
3RIF	GluCl	3.35	trans	33
2XQ7	GLIC	3.4	trans	31
3RI5	GluCl	3.4	trans	33
2XQ3	GLIC	3.5	trans	31
2XQ5	GLIC	3.5	trans	31
3EI0	GLIC E221A	3.5	trans	34
4PIR	5-HT3 <sub>A</sub>	3.5	trans	37
5HEJ	ELIC F116A	3.5	trans	32
5LG3	ELIC	3.57	trans	38
2XQ4	GLIC	3.6	trans	31
2XQ8	GLIC	3.6	trans	31

2XQ6	GLIC	3.7	trans	31
2XQA	GLIC	3.7	trans	31
3RIA	GluCl	3.8	trans	33
3UQ7	ELIC L9'S F16'S	3.8	trans	39
3UQ5	ELIC L9'S F16'S	4.2	trans	39
5HEW	ELIC T28D	4.5	trans	32
5LID	ELIC	4.5	trans	38
				Chakrapani et al, 2015
4YEU	ELIC-GLIC chimera	4.6	trans	TBP

<sup>a</sup> Crystal structures are grouped by *cis* and *trans* conformation about the  $\beta 6$ - $\beta 7$  prolyl peptide bond and listed in order of decreasing resolution. One pLGIC structure (3UQ4) was excluded from this analysis because it had an ambiguous, bent conformation about the prolyl peptide bond. Structures lacking a transmembrane domain were excluded from this analysis. TBP= to be published.

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