SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Molecular dynamics analysis of conformational change of paramyxovirus F protein during the initial steps of membrane fusion.

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1. Supplementary Materials and Methods

1.1. Analysis of MD trajectories. To ensure that sufficient sampling has been done, a series of analysis of the MD trajectories were performed: temporal profiles of root mean square deviation (RMSD), secondary structure and radius of gyration, as well as root mean square fluctuation (RMSF) profiles of residues during MD (Figures S2 to S4). In addition, non-weighted covariance matrix of $C\alpha$ atoms of the structure were calculated to obtain cosine content (c_i) [1] of the three first principal components (Table S1). This value ranges between 0 (no cosine) and 1 (perfect cosine). Values close to 1 are representative of random motion, and therefore, of insufficient sampling.

2. Supplementary Figures

Figure S1. Refolding of domain III of paramyxovirus F protein.

Paramyxovirus F protein has been crystallized in pre-fusion and post-fusion states for two different members of the *Paramyxoviridae* family: simian virus 5 (PDB ID: 2B9B) and parainfluenza 3 virus (PDB ID: 1ZTM) respectively. In order to compare how the structural changes exhibited by domain III of F protein could be extrapolated to other members of the family, a concise multiple alignment of some representative sequences is included. A. Multiple sequence alignment of domain III of F protein from representative members of the *Paramyxoviridae* family (*HRSV1* and *HRSVL*: human respiratory syncytial virus groups B (strain 18537) and A (strain Long) respectively; SV5: simian virus 5 (strain W3); NDVA: Newcastle disease virus (strain chicken/Australia-Victoria/32); 9PARA: human parainfluenza virus 1; SENDA: Sendai Hamamatsu): *PI3H4*: human parainfluenza 3 virus virus (strain Wash/47885/57)). Elements of the secondary structure of crystallized pre-fusion (PDB ID: 2B9B) and post-fusion (PDB ID: 1ZTM) F protein are included (arrows: betasheets; rectangles: alpha-helices). Position of fusion peptide (F-pep) is indicated. Purple box surrounds the HRA region that undergoes the principal structural change. **B**. Domain III in the pre-fusion state of the crystallized structure from simian virus 5 (PDB ID: 2B9B). **C**. Domain III in the post-fusion state of the crystallized structure from human parainfluenza 3 virus (PDB code: 1ZTM). Proteolytic cleavage site (B) and disulfide bond (B, C) are indicated. Figure plots were generated using PyMOL Molecular Graphics System, Schrödinger, LLC.

Figure S2. Analysis of monomeric domain during steered-MD simulation.

Temporal profiles of $C\alpha$ root mean square deviation (RMSD, **A**) and radius of gyration (**B**); and root mean square fluctuation (RMSF, **C**) profile of all residues in the domain III of the monomeric structure. Data correspond to the MD simulation shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2B in the manuscript.

Figure S3. Analysis of trimeric domain during MD simulation of coiled-coil formation.

Temporal profiles of $C\alpha$ root mean square deviation (RMSD, **A**) and radius of gyration (**B**); and root mean square fluctuation (RMSF, **C**) profile of all residues in the domain III of the trimeric structure. Data correspond to the MD simulation shown in Figure 3 in the manuscript. Simulation has been extended up to 20 ns to get a broader view of the stability of the obtained structure after conformational change of the trimer.

Figure S4. Analysis of complete protein during 30 ns of unrestricted MD simulation.

Temporal profiles of $C\alpha$ root mean square deviation (RMSD, **A**), radius of gyration (**B**) and secondary structure content (**C**) of the protein in the pre-fusion state (starting structure: PDB ID: 2B9B; resolution: 2,85 Angstroms). Root mean square fluctuation

(RMSF, **D**) profile of residues in the domain III of the protein in the pre-fusion state. Data correspond to 30 ns of unrestricted MD simulation.

3. Supplementary Table

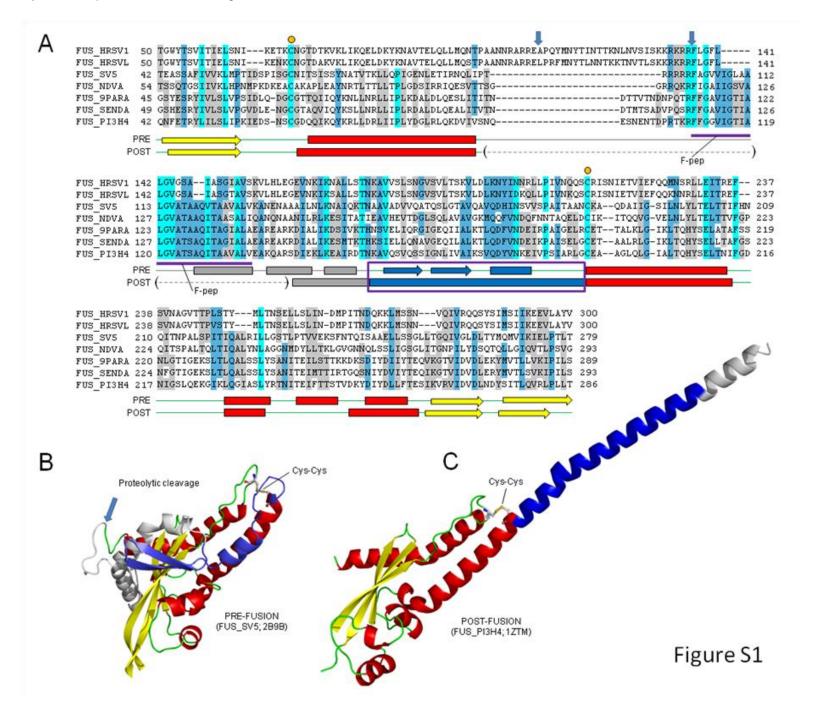
Table S1. Cosine content (c_i) of the first three principal components for monomeric domain and trimeric domain (coiled-coil formation) in stable phase of MD simulations.

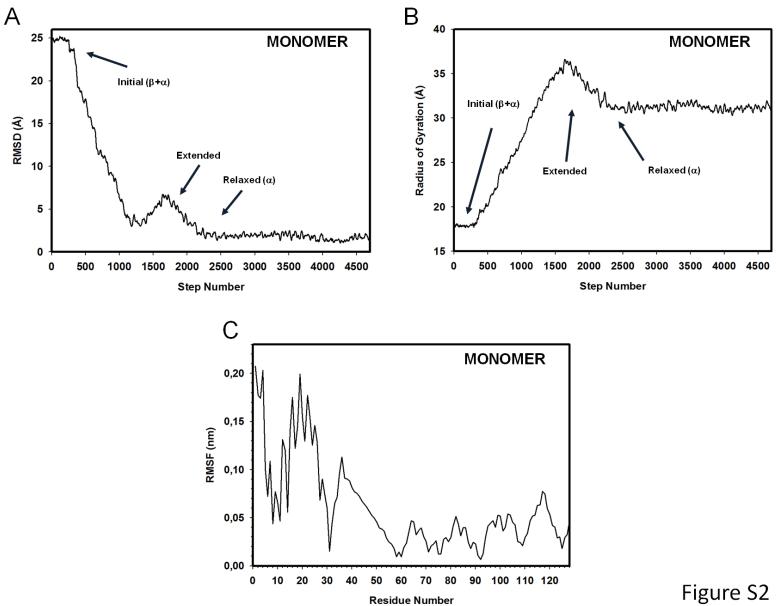
	<u>PC-1</u>	<u>PC-2</u>	<u>PC-3</u>
monomeric domain	0.0013	0.1877	0.0419
trimeric domain	0.1019	0.0108	0.0114

Cosine content was calculated according to Hess, 2000 [1]. The results, far from a perfect cosine $(c_i = 1)$ indicate that the trajectories have reached an overall sufficient sampling.

4. References.

[1] Hess, B. (2002). Convergence of sampling in protein simulations. Phys Rev E Stat Nonlin Soft Matter Phys 65, 031910





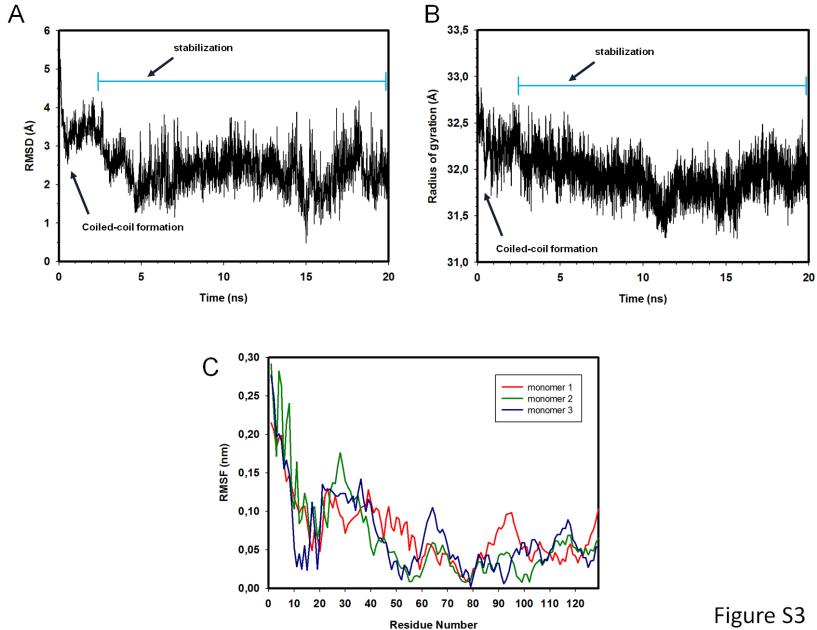


Figure S3

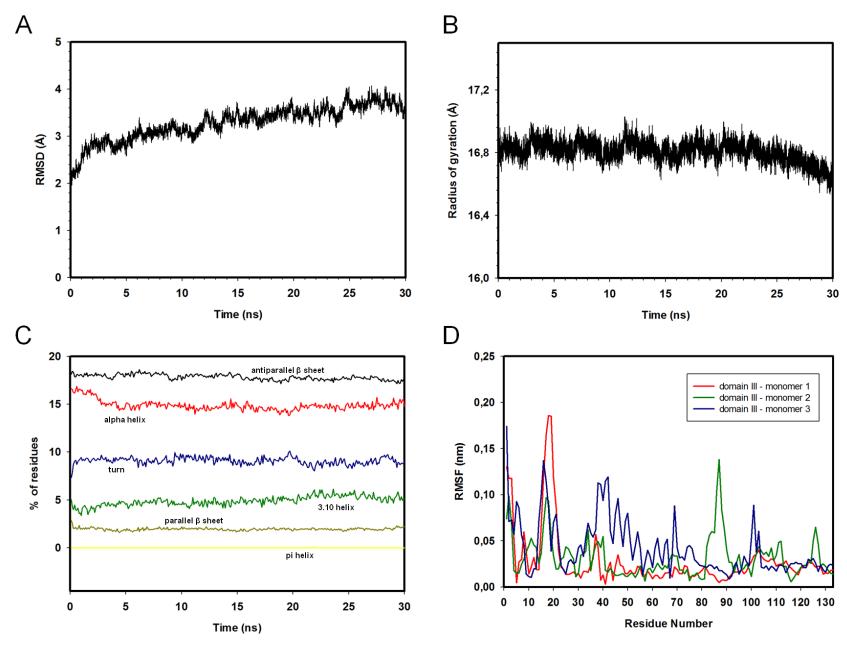


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