

Supplementary table 1: The segments chosen for structural studies.

Sequence	Residue no.	Morphology under EM	Structure	Reason to choose
GNNQGSN	300-306	Microcrystals	5WKD	High density of Asn and Gln residues
NFGAFS	312-317	Microcrystals	5WHN	Aromatic residues next to each other
NFGEFS	312-317	Microcrystals	5WKB	Familiar mutation A315E
NFGTFS	312-317	Microcrystals	5WHP	Familiar mutation A315T
NFGpTFS	312-317	Microcrystals	6CF4	Phosphorylation of Familiar mutation A315T
AMMAAA	321-326	Microcrystals	6CEW	A324E reduces TDP-43 aggregation
AAAQAALQS	324-332	Microcrystals/fibrils		ZipperDB (AAAQAA rank no.3; AQAALQ rank no. 8)
AALQSS	328-333	Microcrystals	6CB9	ZipperDB (rank no.10)
SWGMMGMLASQ	333-343	Microcrystals	6CFH	M337E reduces TDP-43 aggregation
ASQQNQ	341-346	Microcrystals		ZipperDB (rank no.5), high NQ density
GNNQNNQ	351-356	Microcrystals		ZipperDB (rank no.6), high NQ density
GNNSYS	370-375	Microcrystals	5WIA	ZipperDB (rank no.4)
GSASNAG	386-392	Microcrystals		ZipperDB (GSASNA rank no. 2; SASNAG rank no.7)
GFNGGFG	396-402	Microcrystals	5WIQ	Aromatic residues next to each other
SKSSGW	407-412	Aggregates/fibrils		ZipperDB (rank no.1)

Supplementary table 2: Familial variants of TDP-43, annotated as lying either in predicted LARKS¹ or in a LARKS of known structure².

The familiar variants reported in LCD of TDP-43 (Chiang, C. *et al.*, *Sci. Rep.* **6**, 21581, 2016)

G287S¹	G290A¹	S292N¹	G294V¹
G294A¹	G295S¹	G295C¹	G295R¹
G298S¹	M311V¹	A315T²	A315E²
A321G	A321V	Q331K	S332N
G335D¹	M337V¹	Q343R	N345K
G348C	G348V	G348R	N352S
N352T	R361S	R361T	P363A
G368S¹	Y374X¹	N378D¹	N378S¹
S379P¹	S379C¹	A382T¹	A382P¹
I383V¹	G384R¹	W385G¹	N390S¹
N390D¹	S393L¹		

¹: lie in predicted LARKS ; ²: lie in observed LARKS; The variants annotated as 1 or 2 were labeled in bold.