## Macromolecular crowding increases the affinity of the PHD of ING4 for the histone H3K4me3 mark

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**Supplementary Figure 1.** Effect of 15% Ficoll 70 on the backbone amide chemical shifts of ING4-PHD bound to H3K4me3 peptide (left) or free (right). The bar plots show the CSP observed for each residue in  ${}^{1}\text{H}{-}{}^{15}\text{N}$  HSQC spectra of 50  $\mu$ M PHD in the presence or absence of a 4-fold molar excess of H3K4me3 in 20 mM sodium phosphate pH 6.5, 50 mM NaCl, 1 mM perdeuterated dithiothreitol, 15% Ficoll 70, 5%  ${}^{2}\text{H}_{2}\text{O}$ , and 0.01% NaN<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C. The estimated experimental error is 0.008 ppm and is indicated with a horizontal line.



**Supplementary Figure 2.** Binding isotherm of H3K4me3 peptide to the PHD finger of ING4 as measured by the changes in the intrinsic fluorescence of the PHD protein at 25 °C. The solid line is the fitting to an equilibrium with a single set of binding sites. The Adjustable parameters are indicated with their corresponding errors. The protein concentration was 10  $\mu$ M in 20 mM sodium phosphate pH 6.5, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM dithiothreitol, 15% Ficoll 70. The data were measured on a Perkin Elmer LS55B using an excitation wave length of 280 nm and 7 nm slit widths.