

Supporting Materials

Table S1. Protonation state of the His residues in the simulation systems of CDK9 and CDK2.

| CDK9 | | CDK2 | |
|--------|-----|--------|-----|
| His38 | HIE | His60 | HIE |
| His75 | HIE | His71 | HID |
| His108 | HIE | His84 | HID |
| His141 | HID | His119 | HIE |
| His147 | HIE | His121 | HID |
| His236 | HIE | His125 | HIE |
| His312 | HIE | His161 | HID |
| | | His268 | HIE |
| | | His283 | HIE |
| | | His295 | HIE |

Table S2. The results of 5 repeats of SMD simulations.

| System | F_{\max_1} | F_{\max_2} | F_{\max_3} | F_{\max_4} | F_{\max_5} | F_{\max}^a |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| CDK9/12u | 1399 | 1440 | 1372 | 1368 | 1332 | 1382 ± 40 |
| CDK2/12u ^b | 1092 | 1142 | 996 | 1108 | 1054 | 1078 ± 60 |
| CDK2/12u ^c | 910 | 923 | 909 | 883 | 899 | 904 ± 15 |
| CDK9/4 | 1258 | 1277 | 1224 | 1228 | 1356 | 1268 ± 53 |
| CDK2/4 | 1025 | 1019 | 1123 | 991 | 989 | 1029 ± 55 |

^a $F_{\max} = \bar{X}$, the uncertainty of them is based on the the 5 repeats of SMD simulations standard deviation (

$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$) of them (n=5; i=1, 2, 3, 4, 5; $X_i = F_{\max_i}$, $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$).^bCDK9/12u system with “inward

orientation” of the ligand. ^cCDK9/12u system with “outward orientation” of the ligand.

Table S3. The individual energy components of compound 12u predicted by MM/GBSA.

| Residue | CDK9/12u | | | | | Residue | CDK2/12u | | | | |
|---------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | ΔE_{ele} | ΔG_{GB} | ΔE_{vdW} | ΔG_{SA} | ΔG_{bind} | | ΔE_{ele} | ΔG_{GB} | ΔE_{vdW} | ΔG_{SA} | ΔG_{bind} |
| Ile25 | -0.16 | 0.46 | -6.20 | -0.78 | -6.68 | Ile10 | -0.18 | 0.70 | -5.86 | -0.86 | -6.20 |
| Gly26 | 0 | 0.08 | -0.52 | -0.02 | -0.44 | Gly11 | 0.06 | 0.04 | -1.24 | -0.16 | -1.30 |
| Gln27 | -0.06 | 0.54 | -2.04 | -0.36 | -1.92 | Glu12 | -0.44 | 0.66 | -1.04 | -0.16 | -1.00 |
| Gly28 | -0.04 | 0.12 | -0.38 | -0.04 | -0.36 | Gly13 | 0.10 | -0.02 | -0.50 | -0.10 | -0.52 |
| Thr29 | 0 | 0.18 | -1.40 | -0.28 | -1.48 | Thr14 | 0.02 | 0.02 | -0.12 | 0 | -0.10 |
| Phe30 | 0 | 0.02 | -0.08 | 0 | -0.06 | Tyr15 | -0.02 | 0.06 | -0.16 | 0 | -0.14 |
| Gly31 | 0.02 | 0 | -0.04 | 0 | -0.02 | Gly16 | -0.08 | 0.12 | -0.12 | 0 | -0.08 |
| Glu32 | -0.1 | 0.14 | -0.18 | 0 | -0.14 | Val17 | 0.04 | -0.02 | -0.20 | 0 | -0.18 |
| Val33 | -0.02 | -0.02 | -3.06 | -0.3 | -3.4 | Val18 | -0.06 | 0.02 | -3.86 | -0.46 | -4.36 |
| Phe34 | -0.06 | 0.08 | -0.50 | 0 | -0.46 | Tyr19 | -0.02 | 0.04 | -0.44 | 0 | -0.42 |
| Lys35 | 0.20 | 0.10 | -1.90 | -0.12 | -1.72 | Lys20 | 0.28 | -0.20 | -0.44 | 0 | -0.36 |
| Ala46 | 0.14 | -0.04 | -2.44 | -0.22 | -2.58 | Ala31 | 0.12 | 0 | -2.40 | -0.20 | -2.48 |
| Lys48 | -1.76 | 1.60 | -2.36 | -0.22 | -2.74 | Lys33 | -1.30 | 1.28 | -2.44 | -0.26 | -2.70 |
| Val78 | -0.08 | 0.08 | -0.08 | 0 | -0.08 | Ile63 | -0.06 | 0.06 | -0.06 | 0 | -0.06 |
| Val79 | -0.12 | 0.08 | -1.32 | -0.12 | -1.48 | Val64 | -0.04 | 0.02 | -1.14 | -0.10 | -1.24 |
| Asn80 | 0.08 | -0.04 | -0.24 | 0 | -0.20 | Lys65 | -0.20 | 0.22 | -0.20 | 0 | -0.16 |
| Phe103 | 0.10 | 0.16 | -3.38 | -0.18 | -3.30 | Phe80 | 0.12 | 0.12 | -3.42 | -0.18 | -3.38 |
| Asp104 | -0.56 | 0.54 | -0.68 | -0.02 | -0.72 | Glu81 | -0.54 | 0.50 | -0.74 | -0.04 | -0.82 |
| Phe105 | -0.08 | 0.08 | -1.72 | -0.02 | -1.74 | Phe82 | -0.28 | 0.22 | -3.26 | -0.12 | -3.44 |
| Cys106 | -1.38 | 0.92 | -2.92 | -0.18 | -3.56 | Leu83 | -1.78 | 1.16 | -2.76 | -0.16 | -3.56 |
| Glu107 | -0.58 | 0.72 | -1.48 | -0.08 | -1.42 | His84 | -0.08 | 0.24 | -1.30 | -0.12 | -1.26 |
| His108 | 0.06 | 0.04 | -1.78 | -0.06 | -1.72 | Gln85 | -0.10 | 0.04 | -1.28 | -0.12 | -1.44 |
| Asp109 | -1.02 | 2.20 | -3.82 | -0.52 | -3.16 | Asp86 | -0.40 | 1.62 | -2.70 | -0.44 | -1.94 |
| Leu110 | 0 | 0.02 | -0.18 | 0 | -0.16 | Leu87 | 0 | 0.02 | -0.12 | 0 | -0.10 |
| Ala111 | 0.02 | -0.02 | -0.32 | -0.02 | -0.32 | Lys88 | 0.08 | -0.04 | -0.22 | 0 | -0.18 |
| Gly112 | 0.04 | -0.06 | -0.16 | 0 | -0.18 | Lys89 | 0.32 | -0.22 | -0.4 | -0.06 | -0.36 |
| Ala153 | -0.92 | 0.96 | -1.86 | -0.42 | -2.26 | Gln131 | -0.30 | 0.52 | -1.92 | -0.44 | -2.14 |
| Asn154 | -0.02 | 0.14 | -0.98 | -0.08 | -0.94 | Asn132 | -0.06 | 0.12 | -0.54 | -0.02 | -0.50 |
| Val155 | -0.04 | 0.02 | -0.30 | 0 | -0.3 | Leu133 | -0.04 | 0.04 | -0.24 | 0 | -0.24 |
| Leu156 | -0.04 | 0.08 | -5.52 | -0.60 | -6.08 | Leu134 | -0.02 | 0.04 | -4.64 | -0.62 | -5.26 |
| Ile157 | -0.06 | 0.06 | -0.3 | 0 | -0.3 | Ile135 | -0.04 | 0.06 | -0.20 | 0 | -0.18 |
| Thr158 | 0 | 0.02 | -0.12 | 0 | -0.08 | Asn136 | 0.02 | 0 | -0.06 | 0 | -0.04 |
| Leu165 | 0.14 | -0.12 | -0.18 | 0 | -0.16 | Leu143 | 0.10 | -0.10 | -0.14 | 0 | -0.12 |
| Ala166 | -0.30 | 0.30 | -1.74 | -0.14 | -1.86 | Ala144 | -0.3 | 0.26 | -1.08 | -0.08 | -1.18 |
| Asp167 | -1.06 | 1.40 | -2.38 | -0.34 | -2.40 | Asp145 | -1.12 | 1.60 | -2.26 | -0.44 | -2.20 |

Table S4. The individual energy components of compound 4 predicted by MM/GBSA.

| Residue | CDK9/4 | | | | | Residue | CDK2/4 | | | | |
|---------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | ΔE_{ele} | ΔG_{GB} | ΔE_{vdW} | ΔG_{SA} | ΔG_{bind} | | ΔE_{ele} | ΔG_{GB} | ΔE_{vdW} | ΔG_{SA} | ΔG_{bind} |
| Lys24 | -0.66 | 0.70 | -0.18 | 0 | -0.16 | Lys9 | -0.16 | 0.26 | -0.22 | 0 | -0.14 |
| Ile25 | 0.18 | 0.18 | -5.18 | -0.72 | -5.52 | Ile10 | 0.24 | 0.32 | -6.44 | -1.02 | -6.90 |
| Gly26 | -0.04 | 0.14 | -1.54 | -0.08 | -1.50 | Gly11 | 0.06 | 0.02 | -0.80 | -0.12 | -0.84 |
| Gln27 | 0.06 | 0.06 | -0.38 | 0 | -0.26 | Glu12 | 0.08 | 0 | -0.26 | -0.02 | -0.22 |
| Gly28 | 0 | 0 | -0.04 | 0 | -0.04 | Gly13 | 0.02 | 0 | -0.06 | 0 | -0.04 |
| Thr29 | -0.02 | 0.08 | -0.14 | 0 | -0.10 | Thr14 | 0 | 0.02 | -0.02 | 0 | 0 |
| Phe30 | -0.14 | 0.46 | -3.64 | -0.70 | -4.02 | Tyr15 | 0 | 0 | -0.02 | 0 | -0.02 |
| Gly31 | -0.10 | 0.14 | -0.28 | -0.02 | -0.26 | Gly16 | -0.02 | 0.04 | -0.04 | 0 | -0.02 |
| Glu32 | 0.36 | -0.30 | -0.24 | 0 | -0.20 | Val17 | 0 | 0.02 | -0.14 | 0 | -0.12 |
| Val33 | 0.04 | -0.08 | -4.44 | -0.46 | -4.92 | Val18 | -0.04 | 0.02 | -3.14 | -0.44 | -3.60 |
| Phe34 | 0 | 0.04 | -0.42 | 0 | -0.38 | Tyr19 | 0 | 0.02 | -0.44 | 0 | -0.42 |
| Lys35 | 0.32 | -0.26 | -0.36 | 0 | -0.28 | Lys20 | 0.94 | -0.82 | -0.62 | -0.02 | -0.52 |
| Lys44 | 0.26 | -0.22 | -0.08 | 0 | -0.04 | Val29 | 0.02 | -0.02 | -0.1 | 0 | -0.08 |
| Val45 | 0.02 | 0 | -0.20 | 0 | -0.18 | Val30 | 0 | 0.02 | -0.24 | 0 | -0.22 |
| Ala46 | 0.08 | 0 | -2.24 | -0.20 | -2.36 | Ala31 | 0.08 | 0.02 | -2.52 | -0.24 | -2.66 |
| Leu47 | 0.02 | 0.02 | -0.56 | 0 | -0.54 | Leu32 | -0.02 | 0.04 | -0.70 | 0 | -0.68 |
| Lys48 | -1.42 | 1.68 | -2.90 | -0.34 | -2.98 | Lys33 | -1.48 | 1.42 | -2.46 | -0.18 | -2.72 |
| Lys49 | -0.3 | 0.34 | -0.12 | 0 | -0.08 | Lys34 | -0.08 | 0.08 | -0.06 | 0 | -0.04 |
| Val78 | -0.06 | 0.06 | -0.06 | 0 | -0.06 | Ile63 | -0.08 | 0.08 | -0.06 | 0 | -0.06 |
| Val79 | -0.06 | 0.04 | -1.26 | -0.10 | -1.38 | Val64 | -0.02 | 0 | -1.00 | -0.06 | -1.08 |
| Asn80 | 0.08 | -0.04 | -0.20 | 0 | -0.16 | Lys65 | -0.04 | 0.08 | -0.14 | 0 | -0.12 |
| Leu81 | -0.04 | 0.04 | -0.14 | 0 | -0.14 | Leu66 | -0.02 | 0.02 | -0.12 | 0 | -0.12 |
| Leu101 | -0.04 | 0.04 | -0.22 | 0 | -0.22 | Leu78 | -0.04 | 0.04 | -0.18 | 0 | -0.20 |
| Val102 | 0.06 | -0.06 | -0.16 | 0 | -0.14 | Val79 | 0.08 | -0.06 | -0.14 | 0 | -0.12 |
| Phe103 | 0.16 | 0.10 | -3.26 | -0.18 | -3.16 | Phe80 | 0.02 | 0.16 | -3.72 | -0.14 | -3.66 |
| Asp104 | -0.84 | 0.78 | -0.66 | -0.02 | -0.74 | Glu81 | -0.86 | 0.86 | -0.88 | -0.02 | -0.92 |
| Phe105 | -0.16 | 0.18 | -3.00 | -0.06 | -3.04 | Phe82 | -0.24 | 0.18 | -3.14 | -0.18 | -3.38 |
| Cys106 | -1.86 | 1.24 | -2.50 | -0.18 | -3.3 | Leu83 | -1.78 | 1.38 | -3.26 | -0.22 | -3.88 |
| Glu107 | -1.12 | 1.38 | -1.36 | -0.14 | -1.26 | His84 | -0.14 | 0.32 | -1.32 | -0.14 | -1.28 |
| His108 | -0.14 | 0.26 | -1.72 | -0.08 | -1.66 | Gln85 | -0.14 | 0.18 | -0.86 | -0.04 | -0.86 |
| Asp109 | -2.00 | 3.32 | -4.04 | -0.66 | -3.36 | Asp86 | -0.12 | 1.00 | -2.2 | -0.34 | -1.68 |
| Leu110 | 0 | 0.02 | -0.20 | 0 | -0.18 | Leu87 | -0.02 | 0.04 | -0.12 | 0 | -0.10 |
| Ala111 | 0.1 | -0.08 | -0.32 | -0.02 | -0.32 | Lys88 | -0.18 | 0.20 | -0.28 | -0.02 | -0.28 |
| Gly112 | 0.14 | -0.14 | -0.20 | 0 | -0.18 | Lys89 | -0.02 | 0.10 | -0.36 | -0.06 | -0.36 |
| Ala152 | -0.08 | 0.08 | -0.14 | 0 | -0.14 | Pro130 | -0.04 | 0.04 | -0.20 | 0 | -0.20 |
| Ala153 | -0.18 | 0.48 | -1.52 | -0.34 | -1.56 | Gln131 | -0.32 | 0.60 | -2.84 | -0.52 | -3.06 |
| Asp167 | -0.76 | 1.20 | -2.18 | -0.38 | -2.14 | Asp145 | -0.48 | 1.04 | -3.90 | -0.54 | -3.88 |

Table S5. The ΔW_{PMF} of 10 cycles of 200 ps US simulations.

| | CDK9-12u ^a | CDK2-12u ^b | CDK9-4 ^a | CDK2-4 ^a |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0~200 ps | 20.57±0.15 ^c | 17.81±0.64 | 21.97±0.18 | 19.66±0.35 |
| 200~400 ps | 20.54±0.15 | 15.22±0.61 | 18.70±0.14 | 15.28±0.35 |
| 400~600 ps | 20.66±0.15 | 13.03±0.60 | 17.47±0.16 | 13.21±0.37 |
| 600~800 ps | 22.29±0.21 | 10.43±0.63 | 17.11±0.20 | 11.21±0.35 |
| 800~1000 ps | 20.02±0.24 | 10.90±0.40 | 16.15±0.14 | 12.44±0.42 |
| 1000~1200 ps | 20.42±0.18 | 10.77±0.26 | 16.13±0.16 | 12.69±0.39 |
| 1200~1400 ps | 18.72±0.25 | 10.55±0.37 | 15.39±0.12 | 11.34±0.28 |
| 1400~1600 ps | 18.43±0.12 | 10.55±0.39 | 16.71±0.11 | 12.60±0.17 |
| 1600~1800 ps | 20.17±0.13 | 10.00±0.35 | 15.92±0.14 | 11.91±0.21 |
| 1800~2000 ps | 19.34±0.15 | 9.60±0.25 | 14.28±0.11 | 13.40±0.21 |
| average (2 ns) | 19.4±1.10 ^d | 10.1±2.67 | 15.5±2.12 | 11.0±2.50 |

^aThe PMF value was estimated by averaging bins across 18~20 Å of the Reaction Coordinate (CDK9-12u, CDK9-4, and CDK2-4). ^bThe PMF value was estimated by averaging bins across 12~16 Å of the Reaction Coordinate (CDK2-12u). ^cThe standard deviations (

$s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$) for the 10 cycles of US simulations (0~2000 ps) were estimated from 18~20 Å of the RC for CDK9-12u, CDK9-4, and

CDK2-4, and 12~16 Å of the RC for CDK2-12u. ^dThe total standard deviations ($s = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}}$) were estimated from the PMF values

of the 10 cycles of US simulations.

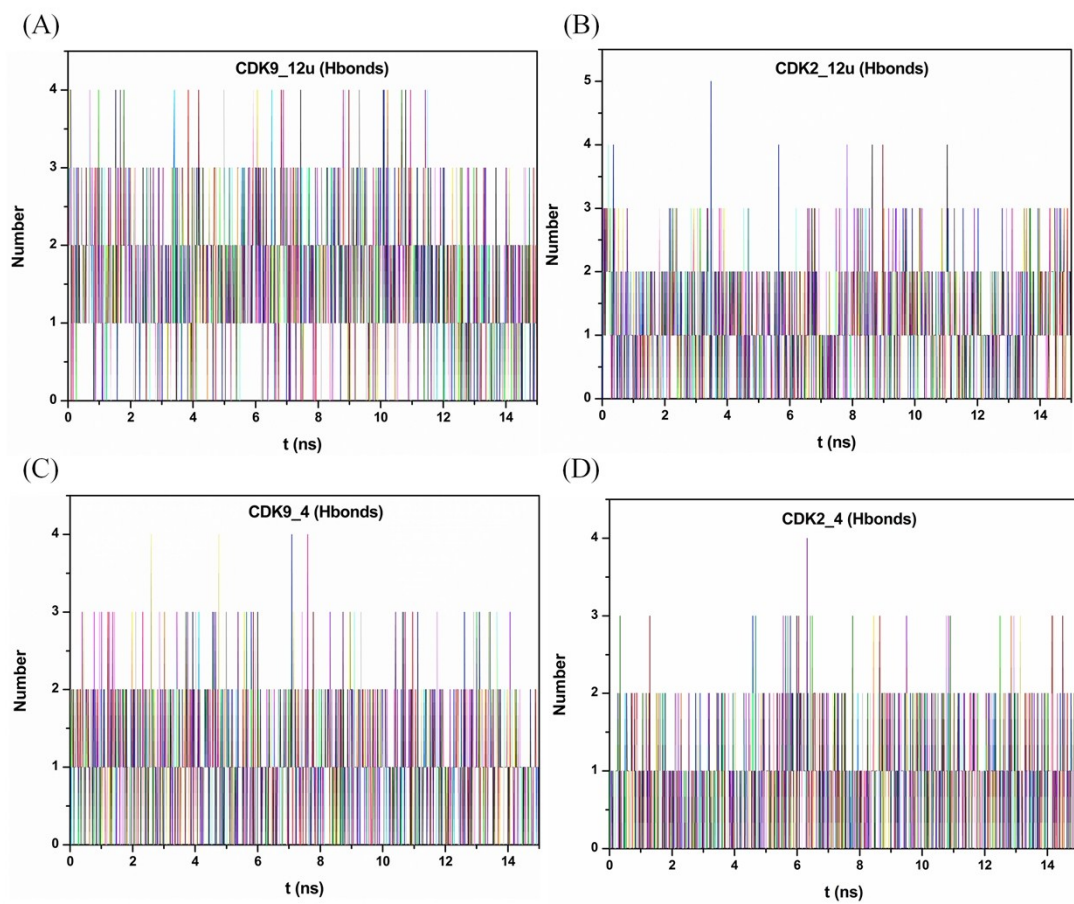


Figure S1. H-bonds interactions of the four systems in the MD simulations.

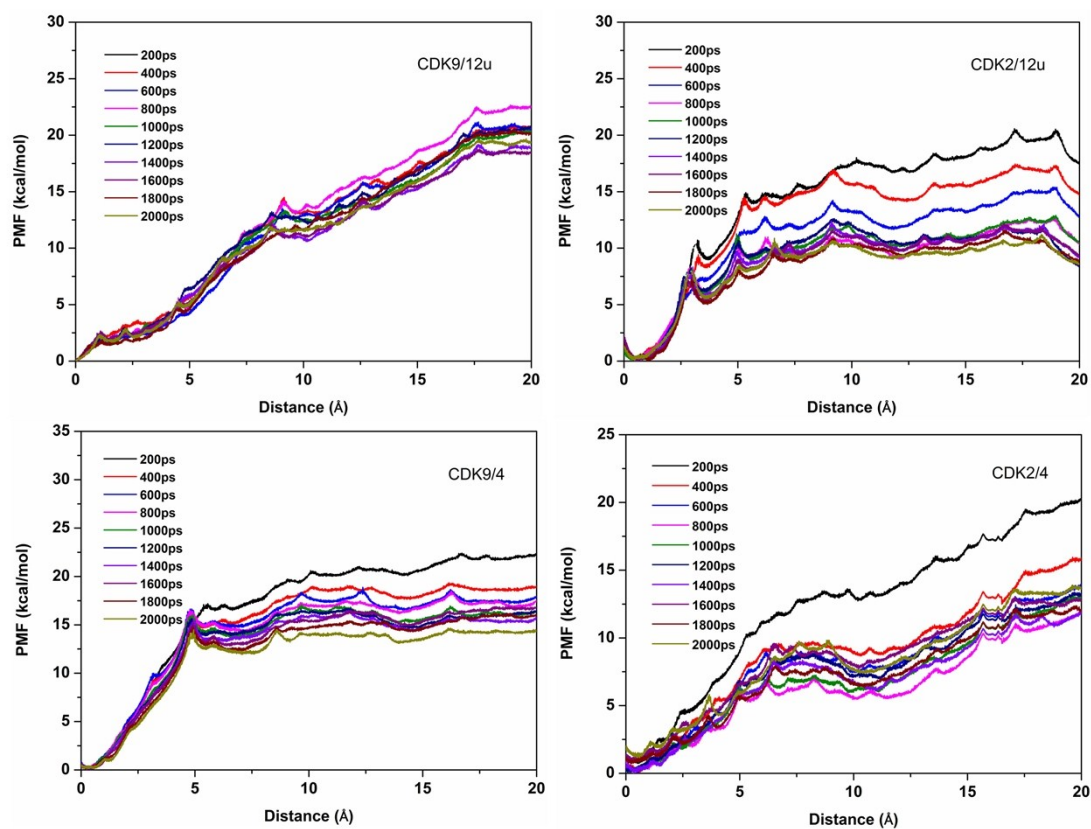


Figure S2. Convergence of PMFs calculated by US, where 2 ns US simulations were performed for each system.

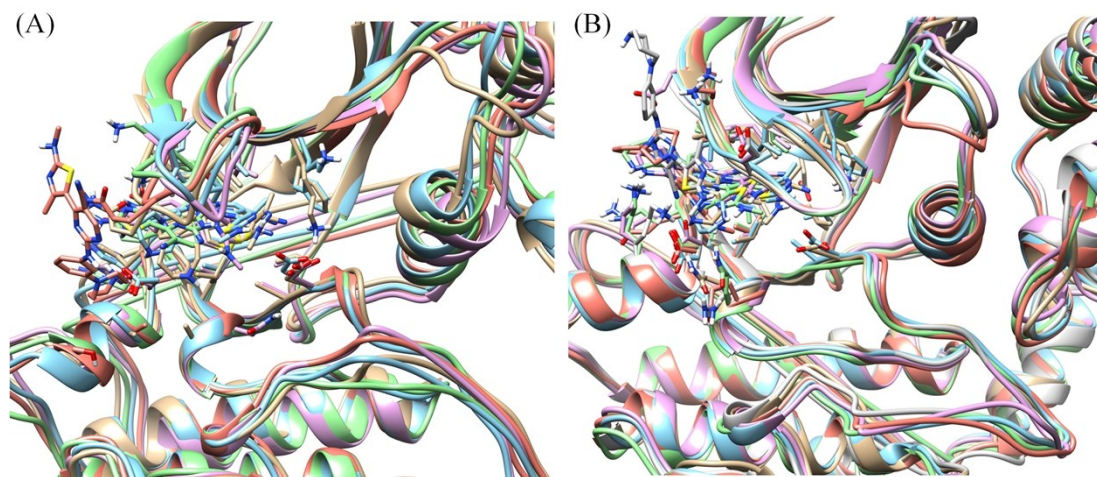


Figure S3. The superimposition of the representative structures extracted from (A) CDK9 and (B) CDK2 US simulations.