

Supplemental Materials

Computational insights on the destabilization of α -helical conformations formed by leucine zipper peptides in response to temperature

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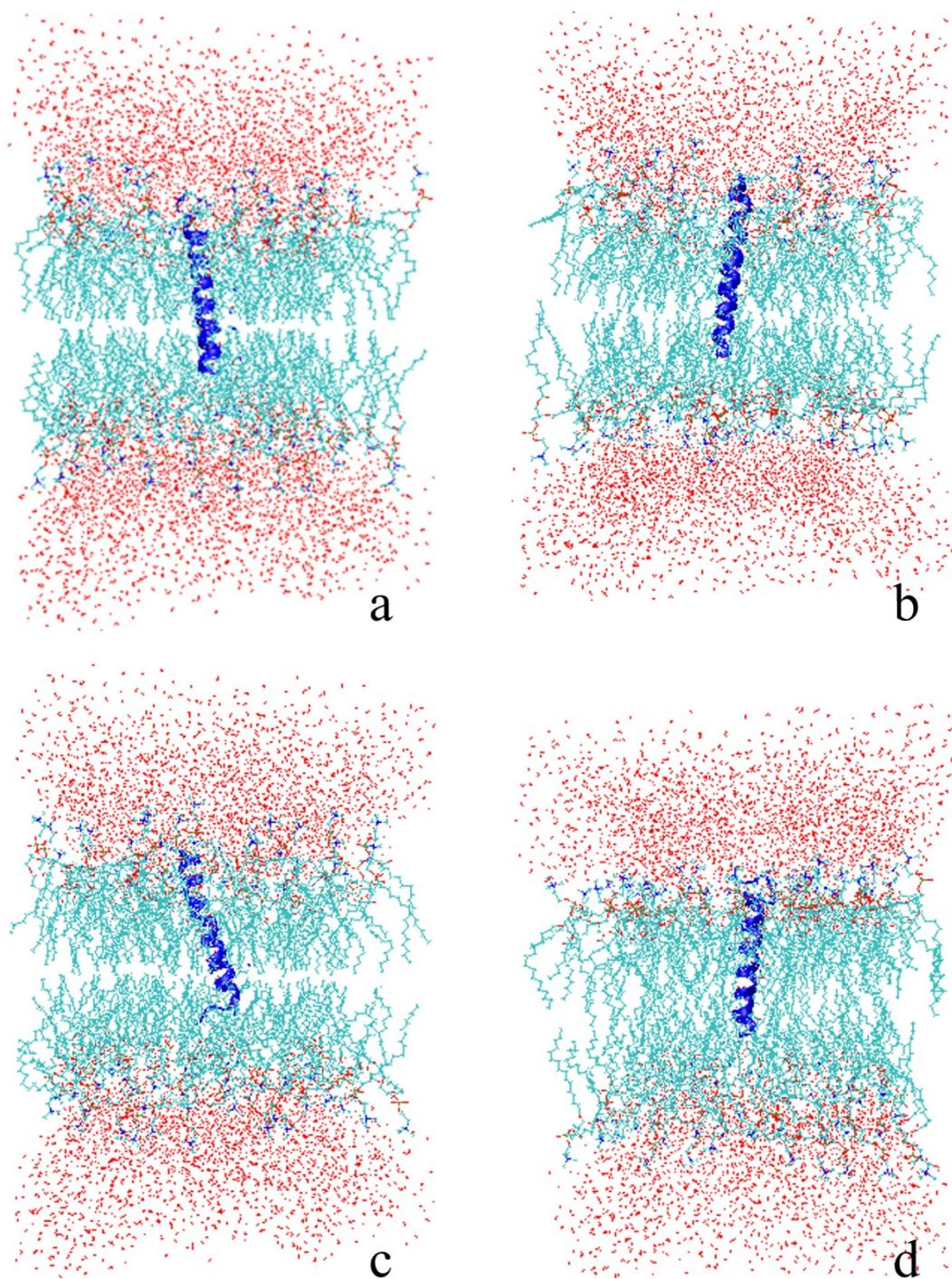


Figure S1. The initial structures of the ALA peptide complexed with lipid DPPC bilayer and water at (a) 315 K, (b) 320 K, (c) 325 K and (d) 330 K.

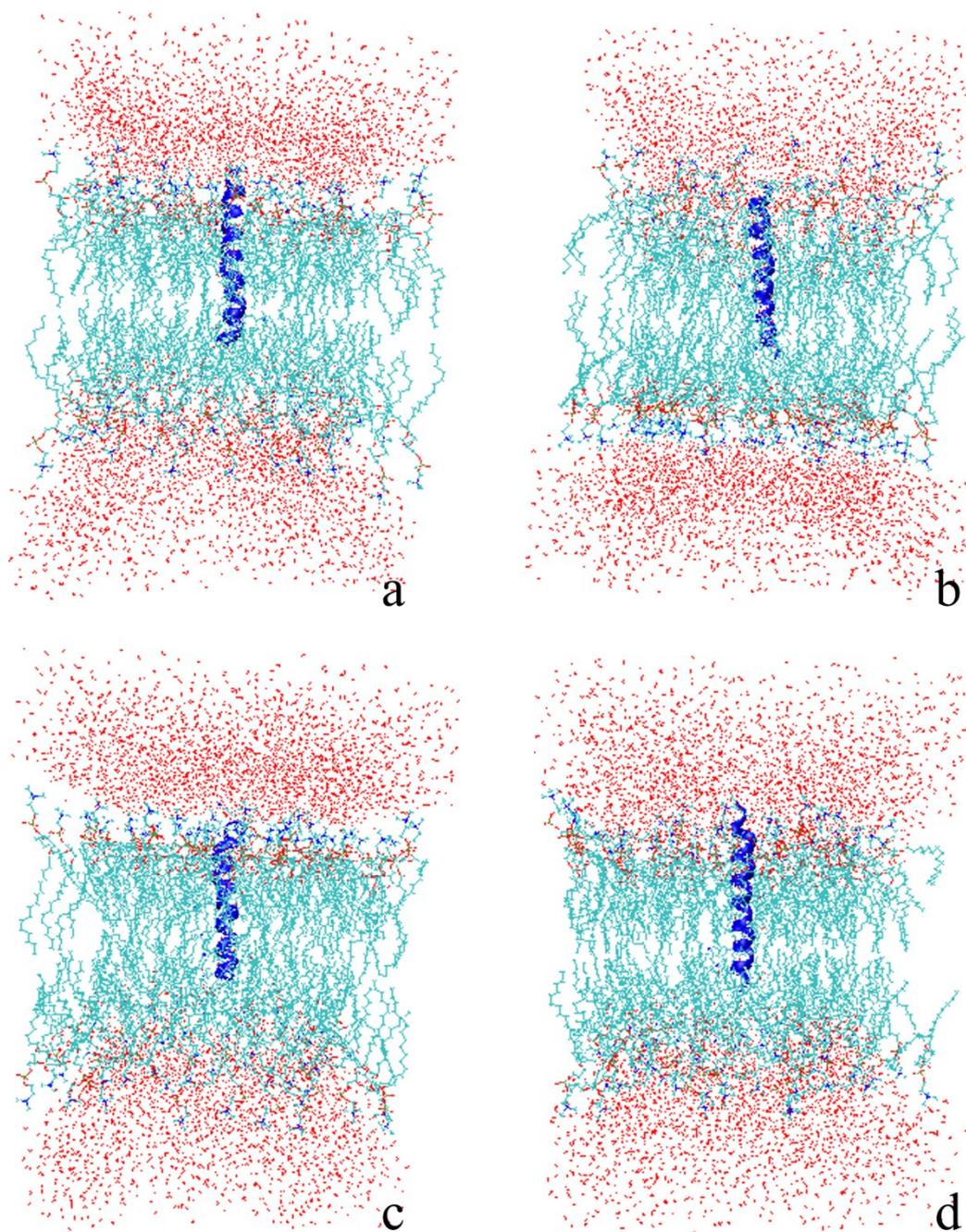
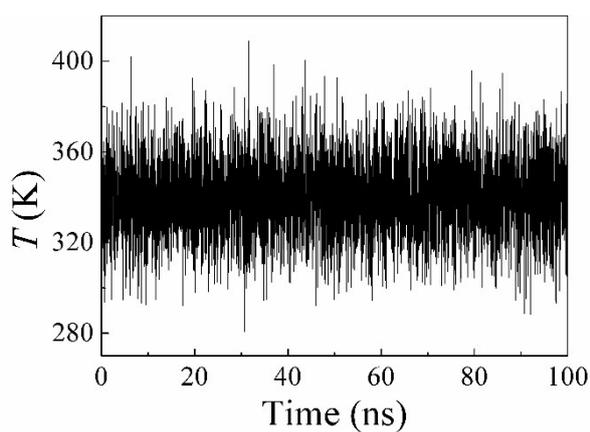
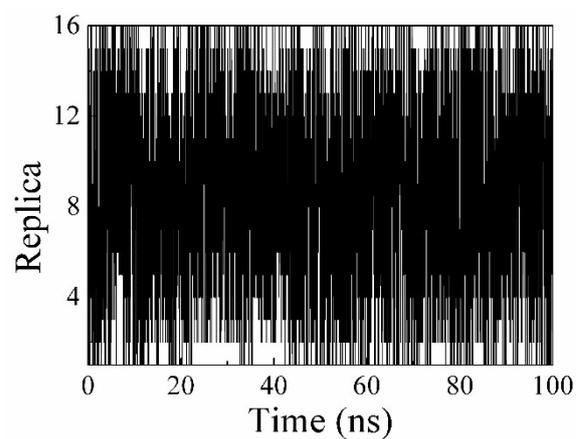


Figure S2. The initial structures of the capped peptide complexed with lipid DPPC bilayer and water at (a) 315 K, (b) 320 K, (c) 325 K and (d) 330 K.



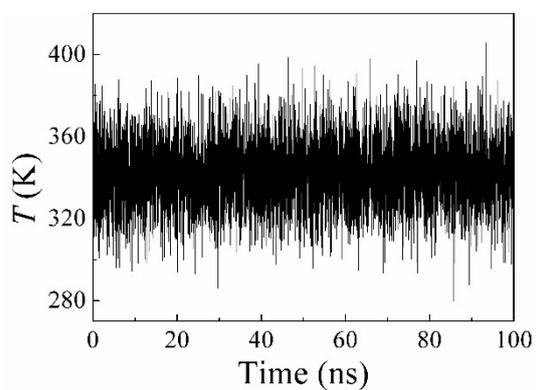
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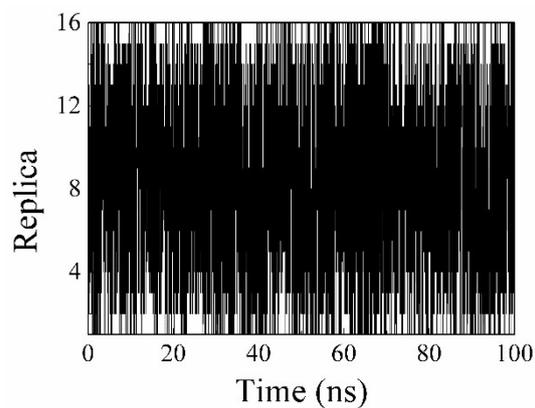
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Figure S3. 100-ns REMD simulation of the ALA peptide. (a) Time series of temperature exchanges for replica 8.

(b) Time series of replica exchanges at 325 K.



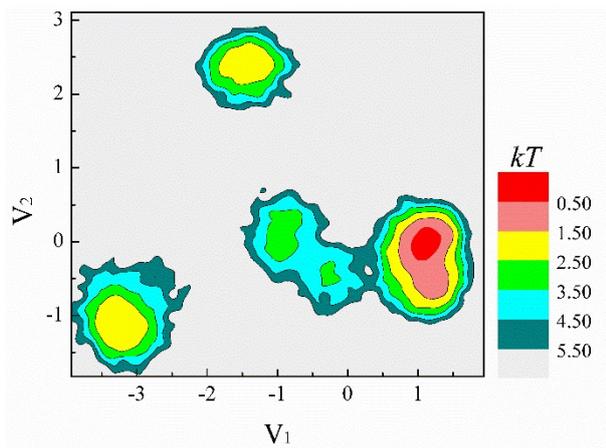
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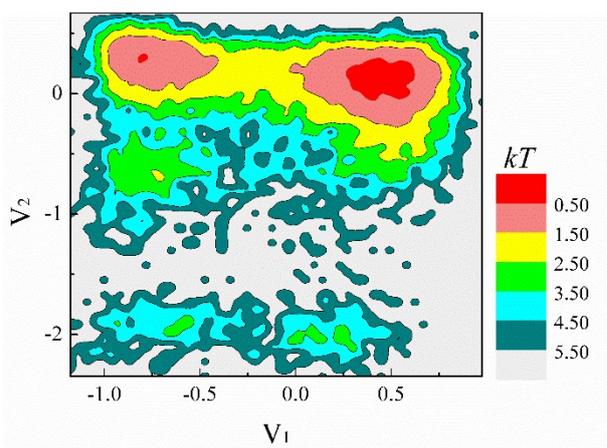
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Figure S4. 100-ns REMD simulation of the capped peptide. (a) Time series of temperature exchanges for replica

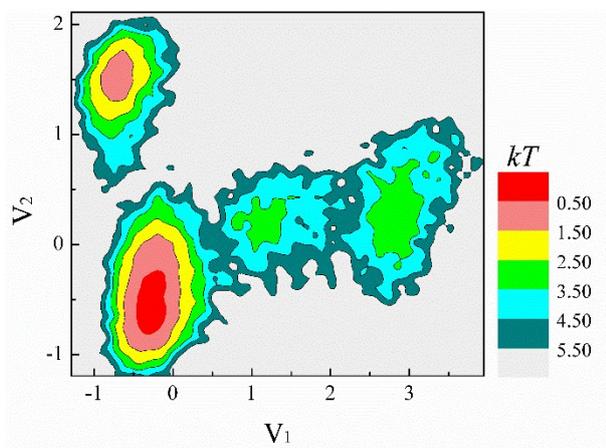
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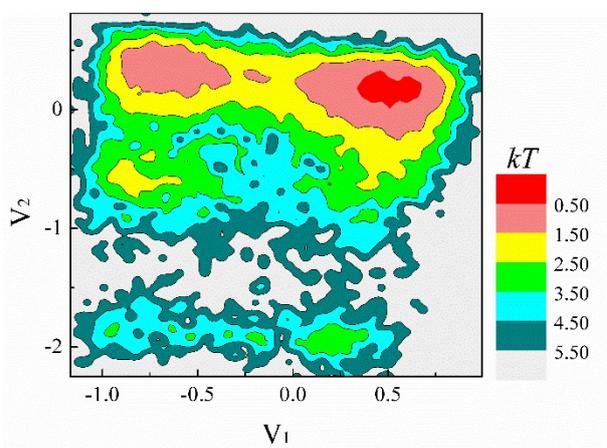
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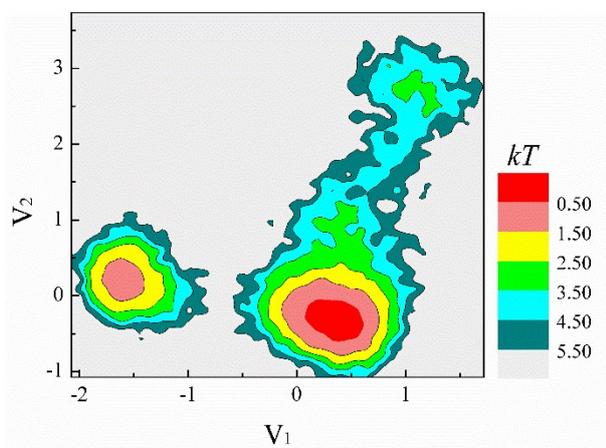
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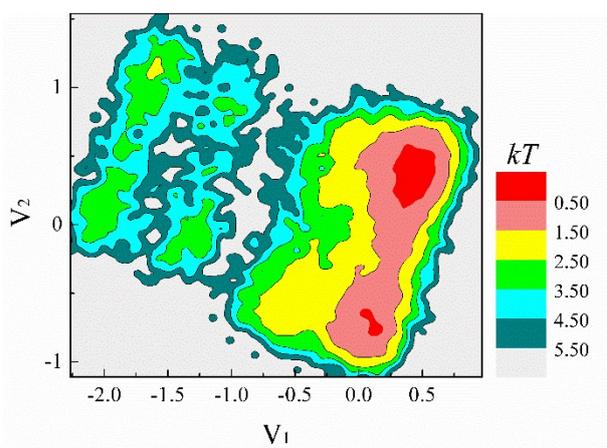
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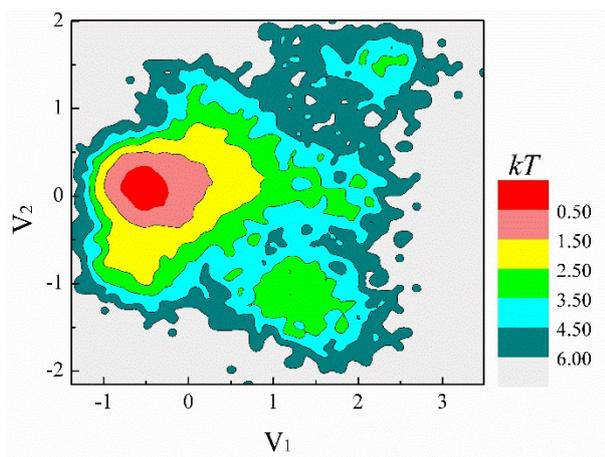
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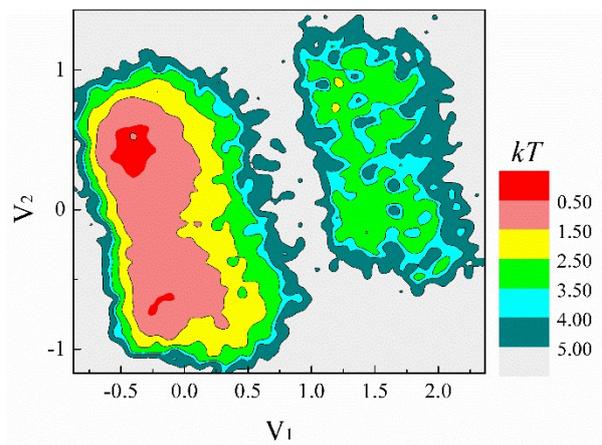
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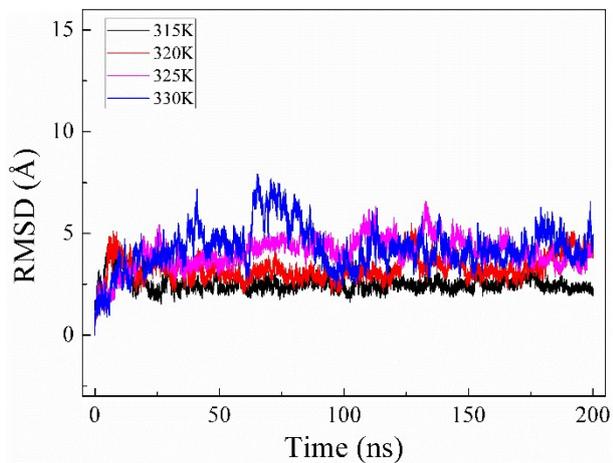


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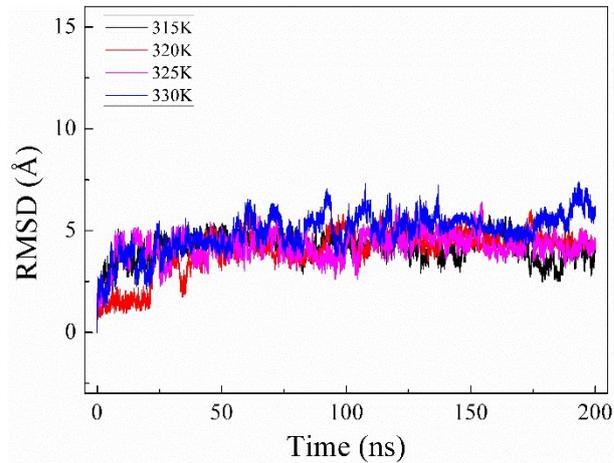


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Figure S5. Free energy landscape (φ) along the first two principal components (V_1 , V_2) for the ALA peptide at (a) 295 K, (c) 320 K, (e) 380 K and (g) 450 K, and for the capped peptide at (b) 295 K, (d) 320 K, (f) 380 K and (h) 450 K.



(a)



(b)

Figure S6. The RMSD profiles of the (a) ALA and (b) capped peptides in the 200-ns conventional MD simulations at 315 K, 320 K, 325 K and 330 K