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### **Supporting Information**

# A QM/MM study of the initial excited state dynamics of green-absorbing proteorhodopsin





Figure S1. A comparison of bond lengths in different geometries. The method used for the QM part of the combined QM/MM calculation is varying: CASSCF/MM S<sub>0</sub> equilibrium geometry, BP86/MM S<sub>0</sub> equilibrium geometry, CASSCF/MM S<sub>1</sub> optimized geometry with  $C_{12}-C_{13}=C_{14}-C_{15}$  dihedral angle close to the one of the S<sub>0</sub> equilibrium (-170°), CASSCF/MM S<sub>1</sub>/S<sub>0</sub> conical intersection geometry (-120°, from the relaxed scan), and CASSCF geometry at the S<sub>1</sub>/S<sub>0</sub> surface hop (-115°, from the MD simulation).



Figure S2. The orbitals included into the active space for CASSCF and CASPT2 calculation

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Table S1. Excitation energies in eV (nm) and oscillator strengths obtained from RI-CC2/cc-pVDZ for models optimized via DFT and CASSCF as the quantum chemical part in the QM/MM approach. Experimentally, the first absorption maximum for GPR is found at ca. 2.40 eV (516 nm) at pH 9.2.

Optimization via	BP86/MM			CASSCF/MM			CASSCF/MM		
Environment	Point charges			Point charges			Vacuum		
RI-CC2	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f
<b>S</b> <sub>1</sub>	2.45	507	2.20	2.46	505	1.72	2.07	598	1.69
S <sub>2</sub>	3.84	323	0.31	3.89	319	0.21	3.49	355	0.29
S <sub>3</sub>	4.39	283	0.27	4.62	268	0.58	4.34	286	0.38
S <sub>4</sub>	4.85	255	0.05	4.99	249	0.05	4.59	270	0.01
S <sub>5</sub>	5.43	228	0.00	5.31	234	0.00	4.74	262	0.05

Table S2. Excitation energies in eV (nm) and oscillator strengths obtained from RI-ADC(2)/cc-pVDZ for models optimized via DFT and CASSCF as the quantum chemical part in the QM/MM approach. Experimentally, the first absorption maximum for GPR is found at ca. 2.40 eV (516 nm) at pH 9.2.

Optimization via	BP86/MM			CASSCF/MM			CASSCF/MM		
Environment	Point charges			Point charges			Vacuum		
RI-ADC(2)	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f	E <sub>vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>vert</sub> [nm]	f	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f
<b>S</b> <sub>1</sub>	2.30	539	1.81	2.37	523	1.26	1.96	633	1.03
S <sub>2</sub>	3.76	330	0.20	3.83	324	0.22	3.40	365	0.32
S <sub>3</sub>	4.37	284	0.25	4.62	269	0.69	4.33	286	0.60
\$4	4.75	261	0.06	4.91	253	0.08	4.59	270	0.04
S <sub>5</sub>	5.49	226	0.01	5.39	230	0.00	4.70	264	0.01

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Table S3. Excitation energies in eV (nm) and oscillator strengths obtained from TD-BP86/cc-pVDZ for models optimized via DFT and CASSCF as the quantum chemical part in the QM/MM approach. Experimentally, the first absorption maximum for GPR is found at ca. 2.40 eV (516 nm) at pH 9.2..

Optimization via	BP86/MM			CASSCF/MM			CASSCF/MM		
Environment	Point charges			Point charges			Vacuum		
TD-BP86	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f
<b>S</b> <sub>1</sub>	2.27	547	1.41	2.04	607	0.81	1.91	649	0.79
S <sub>2</sub>	2.84	437	0.81	2.91	426	0.94	2.72	456	0.05
S <sub>3</sub>	3.45	360	0.00	3.21	387	0.03	2.80	442	0.85
S <sub>4</sub>	3.56	349	0.00	3.42	363	0.17	3.08	403	0.03
S <sub>5</sub>	3.91	317	0.00	3.58	346	0.02	3.21	386	0.05

Table S4. Excitation energies in eV (nm) and oscillator strengths obtained from TD-B3LYP/cc-pVDZ for models optimized via DFT and CASSCF as the quantum chemical part in the QM/MM approach. Experimentally, the first absorption maximum for GPR is found at ca. 2.40 eV (516 nm) at pH 9.2..

Optimization via	BP86/MM			CASSCF/MM			CASSCF/MM		
Environment	Point charges			Point charges			Vacuum		
TD-B3LYP	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f	E <sub>vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>vert</sub> [nm]	f
Sı	2.43	511	1.90	2.32	534	1.22	2.14	579	1.14
S <sub>2</sub>	3.30	376	0.41	3.33	372	0.68	3.18	390	0.71
S <sub>3</sub>	3.99	311	0.03	3.98	311	0.21	3.67	338	0.00
S4	4.42	281	0.04	4.22	294	0.01	3.83	324	0.12
S5	4.50	276	0.00	4.49	276	0.04	4.07	305	0.00

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Table S5. Excitation energies in eV (nm) and oscillator strengths obtained from TD-CAM-B3LYP/cc-pVDZ for models optimized via DFT and CASSCF as the quantum chemical part in the QM/MM approach. Experimentally, the first absorption maximum for GPR is found at ca. 2.40 eV (516 nm) at pH 9.2.

Optimization via	BP86/MM			CASSCF/MM			CASSCF/MM		
Environment	Point charges			Point charges			Vacuum		
TD-CAM-B3LYP	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f	E <sub>Vert</sub> [eV]	E <sub>Vert</sub> [nm]	f
<b>S</b> <sub>1</sub>	2.56	484	2.16	2.70	460	1.72	2.49	499	1.60
S <sub>2</sub>	4.02	308	0.14	4.08	304	0.21	3.84	323	0.29
S <sub>3</sub>	4.48	277	0.12	4.64	267	0.33	4.48	277	0.24
S <sub>4</sub>	4.98	249	0.05	5.09	244	0.07	4.94	251	0.01
S5	5.49	226	0.00	5.47	227	0.00	5.02	247	0.09