

Supplementary Materials for:

**The Binding Mode of Vilazodone to Human Serotonin Transporter
Elucidated by Ligand Docking and Molecular Dynamics Simulation**

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Table S1. The rules of detecting protein-ligand interactions¹.

Interaction type	Protein atoms	Ligand atoms	Rule 1 ^a	Rule 1 ^b
Hydrophobic	Hydrophobic	Hydrophobic	$\ \vec{Y}_1\vec{Y}_2\ \leq 4.5 \text{ \AA}$	
Aromatic (face to face)	Aromatic	Aromatic	$\ \alpha_1\alpha_2\ \leq 4 \text{ \AA}$ & $\ \alpha_i\alpha_j\ \leq 12 \text{ \AA}$	$\langle \vec{n}_1, \vec{n}_2 \rangle \in \left[\frac{-\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{6} \right]$
Aromatic (edge to face)	Aromatic cycle	Aromatic cycle	$\ \alpha_1\alpha_2\ \leq 4.0 \text{ \AA}$ ^c	$\langle \vec{n}_1, \vec{n}_2 \rangle \in \left[\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6} \right]$
H-bond (Protein: acceptor)	H-bond acceptor	H-bond donor	$\ \vec{D}\vec{A}\ \leq 3.5 \text{ \AA}$	$\langle \vec{D}\vec{H}, \vec{H}\vec{A} \rangle \in \left[\frac{-\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$
H-bond (Protein: donor)	H-bond donor	H-bond acceptor	$\ \vec{D}\vec{A}\ \leq 3.5 \text{ \AA}$	$\langle \vec{D}\vec{H}, \vec{H}\vec{A} \rangle \in \left[\frac{-\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$
Ionic (Protein: anionic)	Negative ionizable	Positive ionizable	$\ \vec{+}\vec{-}\ \leq 4.0 \text{ \AA}$	
Ionic (Protein: cationic)	Positive ionizable	Negative ionizable	$\ \vec{+}\vec{-}\ \leq 4.0 \text{ \AA}$	

^aY, hydrophobe; a₁, protein interacting atom; a₂, ligand interacting atom; a_i, any atom of the protein aromatic ring; a_j, any atom of ligand aromatic ring; D, H-bond donor; A, H-bond acceptor; +, cation; -, anion; ^bn, normal to the aromatic ring; H, hydrogen. ^c for 5 pairs of protein-ligand interacting aromatic atoms.

Table S2. The energy contributions (kcal/mol) of the residues located on TM1 as well as the proportion of their contributions to that of the 24 residues.

TMs	Residues	Lig.29	Lig.39	Lig.47	Lig.15	Lig.22	Lig.20	Esc.
TM1	Y95	-1.34	-1.88	-2.14	-1.34	-2.92	-3.76	-4.97
	A96	-0.05	-0.88	-0.54	-0.11	-0.63	-1.25	-0.70
	D98	-3.45	-4.50	-1.04	-1.89	-2.86	-1.	-5.54
	R104	-2.10	-0.06	-0.17	-2.09	0.06	0.11	0.21
	Sum	-6.94	-7.32	-3.89	-5.43	-6.35	-6.84	-11.00
	Proportion	23.41%	25.14%	13.28%	21.56%	25.05%	26.30%	38.76%

Table S3. The energy contributions (kcal/mol) of the residues located on TM3 as well as the proportion of their contributions to that of the 24 residues.

TMs	Residues	Lig.29	Lig.39	Lig.47	Lig.15	Lig.22	Lig.20	Esc.
TM3	A169	-0.63	-0.61	-0.82	-1.00	-0.17	-0.71	-0.37
	I172	-2.42	-3.48	-3.59	-2.49	-2.32	-3.09	-3.21
	A173	-1.28	-0.85	-0.76	-0.63	-0.	-0.71	-0.56
	Y175	-0.47	-1.01	-1.26	-0.63	-0.35	-0.36	-0.44
	Y176	-2.84	-1.75	-2.66	-3.17	-2.78	-2.21	-2.33
	N177	-0.	-0.05	-0.47	-0.03	-0.86	-0.13	-0.17
	Sum	-8.58	-7.75	-9.56	-7.95	-7.42	-7.21	-7.08
	Proportion	28.94%	26.67%	32.83%	34.43%	29.21%	27.60%	24.76%

Table S4. The energy contributions (kcal/mol) of the residues located on TM6 as well as the proportion of their contributions to that of the 24 residues.

TMs	Residues	Lig.29	Lig.39	Lig.47	Lig.15	Lig.22	Lig.20	Esc.
TM6	A331	-1.00	-0.05	-0.07	-0.44	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04
	Q332	-0.95	-0.08	-0.06	-0.71	-0.08	-0.05	-0.04
	F334	-0.19	-1.00	-0.25	-0.16	-1.03	-0.53	-0.25
	F335	-3.44	-2.28	-4.13	-2.32	-2.46	-1.62	-0.77
	S336	-0.42	-0.33	-0.99	-0.65	-0.26	-0.61	-1.18
	G338	-0.38	-0.70	-1.08	-0.14	-0.58	-0.72	-0.85
	F341	-0.44	-0.68	-1.53	-1.00	-0.62	-1.27	-1.24
	V343	-0.58	-0.48	-0.55	-0.41	-0.14	-0.16	-0.19
	Sum	-7.40	-5.60	-8.66	-5.83	-5.21	-5.00	-4.56
	Proportion	24.96%	19.27%	29.74%	25.25%	20.51%	19.14%	15.95%

Table S5. The energy contributions (kcal/mol) of the residues located on TM8 as well as the proportion of their contributions to that of the 24 residues.

TMs	Residues	Lig.29	Lig.39	Lig.47	Lig.15	Lig.22	Lig.20	Esc.
TM8	S438	-3.03	-1.43	-0.88	-1.48	-2.17	-1.59	-0.85
	T439	-1.72	-1.08	-0.92	-1.38	-0.63	-1.70	-1.19
	G442	-0.87	-0.92	-1.55	-0.96	-0.39	-0.84	-1.33
	L443	-1.00	-1.03	-1.26	-0.94	-0.92	-1.01	-0.82
	Sum	-6.62	-4.46	-4.61	-4.76	-4.11	-5.14	-4.19
	Proportion		22.33%	15.35%	15.83%	20.61%	16.18%	19.68%

Table S6. The energy contributions (kcal/mol) of the residues located on TM10 as well as the proportion of their contributions to that of the 24 residues.

TMs	Residues	Lig.29	Lig.39	Lig.47	Lig.15	Lig.22	Lig.20	Esc.
	E493	-1.54	-1.09	-1.01	-0.87	-0.52	-0.29	-0.24
TM10	T497	-0.38	-1.77	-1.19	-0.20	-0.82	-0.99	-0.54
	V501	-0.29	-1.13	-0.37	-0.14	-0.91	-0.54	-0.77
	Sum	-2.21	-3.99	-2.57	-1.21	-2.25	-1.82	-1.55
	Proportion	7.45%	13.73%	8.83%	5.24%	8.86%	6.97%	5.42%

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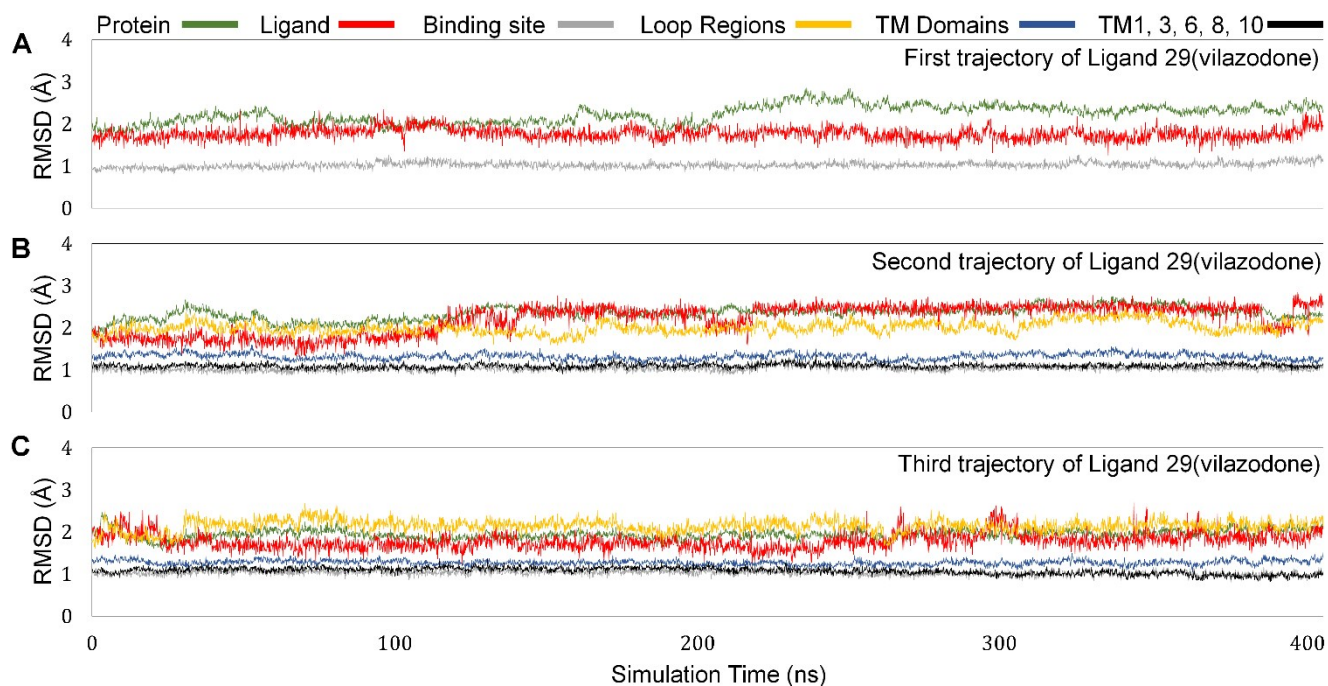


Figure S1. The RMSDs (Å) of protein (green line), ligand (red line), binding site (gray line), loop regions (yellow line), TM1-12 domains (blue line), and TM1, 3, 6, 8, 10 (dark line) surrounding S1 binding pocket as a function of the simulation time (ns) calculated from the three trajectories of ligand 29 (vilazodone) system in three different independent simulations.

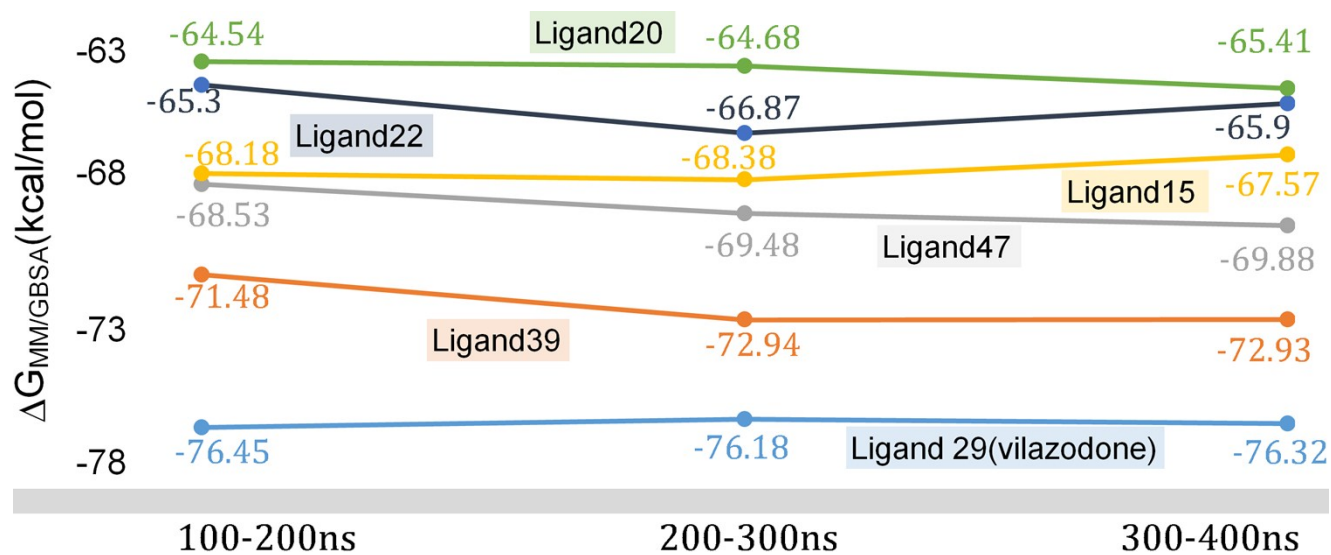


Figure S2. The binding free energies of 3 different simulation periods for 6 studied systems via MM/GBSA based on 1000 snapshots

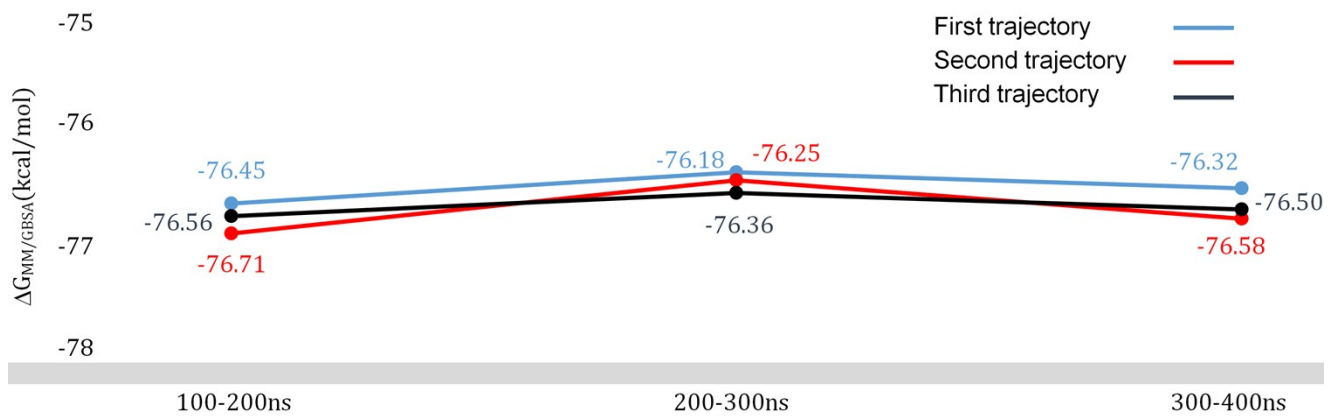


Figure S3. The binding free energies ($\Delta G_{MM/GBSA}$) of 3 different simulation periods for ligand 29 (vilazodone) system via MM/GBSA based on 1000 snapshots in three independent simulations.

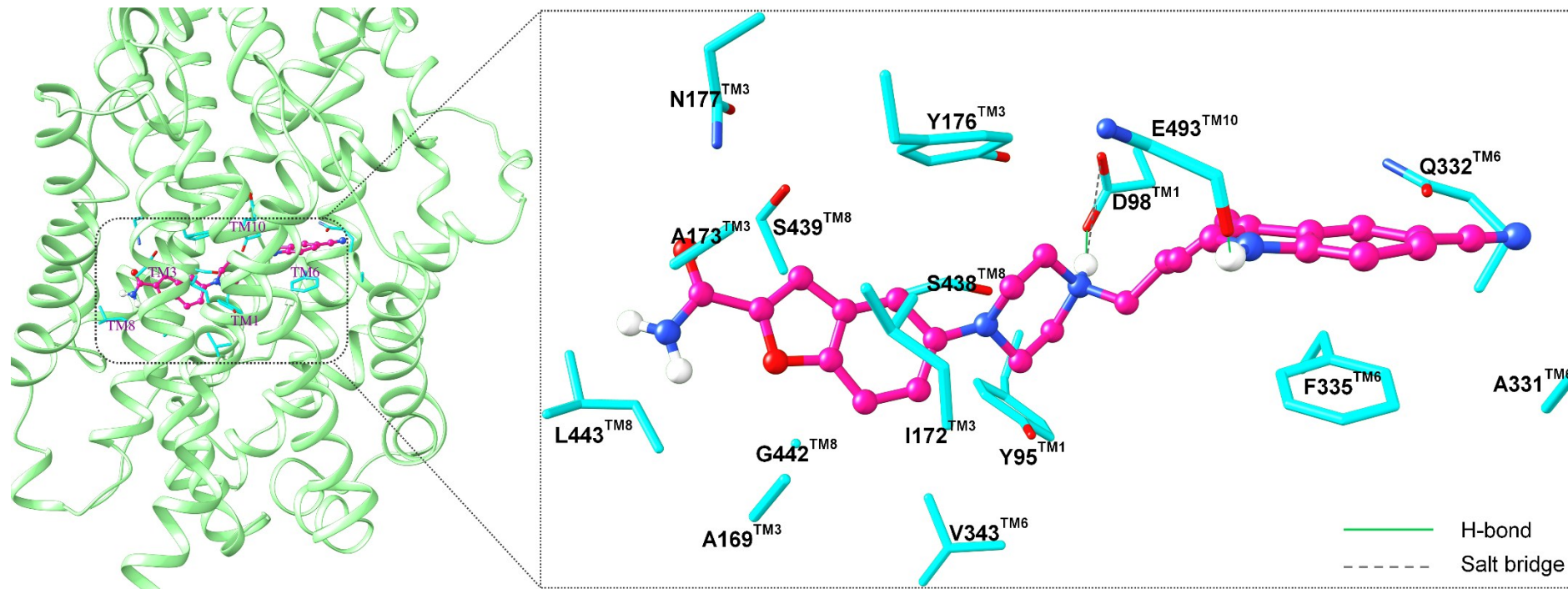


Figure S4. Global distribution of the key residues contributing to vilazodone's binding in hSERT.

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