

## Supporting Information

### Entropic Effect and Residue Specific Entropic Contribution to the Cooperativity in Streptavidin-biotin Binding

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**Table S1.** The binding free energy components and the standard errors of the mean under the ff12SB force field.

Energy (kcal/mol)	$\Delta E_{ele}$	$\Delta E_{vdw}$	$\Delta G_{sol}$	$\Delta H$	$-T\Delta S$	$\Delta G_{cal}$	$\Delta G_{exp}$
WT	-81.73±0.65	-30.65±0.14	80.94±0.51	-31.43±0.22	17.77±0.00	-13.66±0.22	-18.1
S45A	-70.11±0.56	-29.11±0.14	73.92±0.46	-25.29±0.23	14.90±0.01	-10.39±0.23	-13.8
D128A	-87.66±0.59	-27.65±0.15	87.20±0.48	-28.11±0.20	15.25±0.00	-12.85±0.20	-13.8
DM	-86.91±0.57	-26.39±0.15	90.30±0.48	-23.00±0.20	11.84±0.00	-11.16±0.20	-8.1
Cooperativity				-1.03	-0.54	-1.58	1.4

**Table S2.** The binding free energy components and the standard errors of the mean under the ff02 force field.

Energy (kcal/mol)	$\Delta E_{ele}$	$\Delta E_{vdw}$	$\Delta G_{sol}$	$\Delta H$	$-T\Delta S$	$\Delta G_{cal}$	$\Delta G_{exp}$
WT	-61.69±0.45	-29.37±0.14	66.44±0.38	-24.62±0.18	10.63±0.00	-13.99±0.18	-18.1
S45A	-63.24±0.52	-28.80±0.13	72.06±0.45	-20.01±0.20	12.00±0.01	-8.00±0.20	-13.8
D128A	-91.27±0.80	-28.67±0.13	92.11±0.70	-27.82±0.17	20.79±0.03	-7.03±0.18	-13.8
DM	-80.91±0.49	-27.65±0.14	85.29±0.43	-23.26±0.16	10.92±0.00	-12.34±0.16	-8.1
Cooperativity				-0.05	-11.24	-11.30	1.4

**Table S3.** The binding free energy components and the standard errors of the mean under the ff15ipq force field.

Energy (kcal/mol)	$\Delta E_{ele}$	$\Delta E_{vdw}$	$\Delta G_{sol}$	$\Delta H$	$-T\Delta S$	$\Delta G_{cal}$	$\Delta G_{exp}$
WT	-75.50±0.62	-31.96±0.15	72.63±0.51	-34.82±0.22	17.94±0.01	-16.88±0.22	-18.1
S45A	-63.59±0.71	-29.86±0.15	68.05±0.59	-25.40±0.29	18.41±0.01	-6.98±0.29	-13.8
D128A	-69.48±0.65	-28.14±0.14	72.49±0.53	-25.13±0.19	16.44±0.01	-8.69±0.19	-13.8
DM	-68.25±0.66	-27.30±0.13	73.52±0.57	-22.03±0.15	17.86±0.01	-4.17±0.15	-8.1
Cooperativity				-6.32	0.95	-5.38	1.4

**Table S4.** The binding free energy components and the standard errors of the mean for the second simulation under the PPC force field.

Energy (kcal/mol)	$\Delta E_{ele}$	$\Delta E_{vdw}$	$\Delta G_{sol}$	$\Delta H$	$-T\Delta S$	$\Delta G_{cal}$	$\Delta G_{exp}$
WT	-132.41±0.70	-26.20±0.20	112.79±0.55	-45.82±0.26	19.31±0.01	-26.50±0.26	-18.1
S45A	-120.28±0.64	-24.90±0.20	102.37±0.46	-42.82±0.25	17.64±0.01	-25.17±0.25	-13.8
D128A	-115.39±0.55	-24.46±0.18	105.38±0.41	-34.46±0.18	15.67±0.01	-18.80±0.18	-13.8
DM	-123.49±0.59	-23.06±0.18	113.92±0.44	-32.62±0.24	16.86±0.01	-15.76±0.01	-8.1
Cooperativity				-1.16	2.86	1.71	1.4

**Table S5.** The binding free energy components and the standard errors of the mean for the third simulation under the PPC force field.

Energy (kcal/mol)	$\Delta E_{ele}$	$\Delta E_{vdw}$	$\Delta G_{sol}$	$\Delta H$	$-T\Delta S$	$\Delta G_{cal}$	$\Delta G_{exp}$
WT	-130.58±0.59	-27.13±0.18	109.94±0.43	-47.77±0.25	19.36±0.01	-28.41±0.25	-18.1
S45A	-120.07±0.68	-24.96±0.19	103.35±0.50	-41.68±0.27	16.77±0.00	-24.91±0.27	-13.8
D128A	-124.48±0.50	-24.88±0.17	114.09±0.39	-35.27±0.20	13.59±0.00	-21.68±0.20	-13.8
DM	-121.25±0.58	-23.33±0.17	112.97±0.45	-31.61±0.19	15.65±0.01	-15.96±0.19	-8.1
Cooperativity				-2.43	4.65	2.22	1.4

**Table S6.** The occupancy of the hydrogen bonds between the eight residues of the streptavidin and biotin under the four force fields.

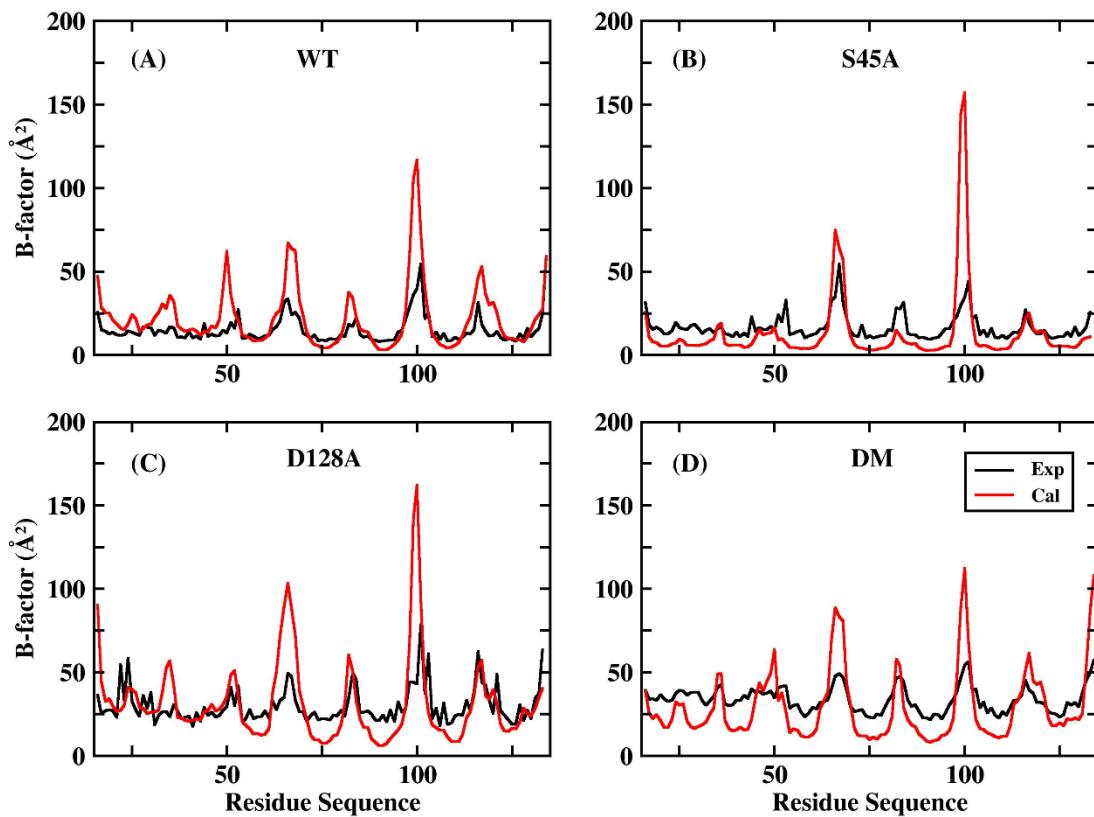
	Occupancy (%)	N23	S27	Y43	S45	N49	S88	T90	D128
WT	<b>ff12SB</b>	63.22	99.93	99.50	92.75	53.18	38.47	95.45	99.81
	<b>ff02</b>	7.11	99.31	99.81	91.22	97.88	57.39	85.79	35.56
	<b>ff15ipq</b>	92.15	98.89	99.90	94.75	75.47	41.68	85.73	99.70
	<b>PPC</b>	53.33	100.00	100.00	96.32	98.63	94.91	98.10	100.00
S45A	<b>ff12SB</b>	0.00	95.67	98.84	N/A	90.60	60.31	96.67	0.25
	<b>ff02</b>	0.00	5957	79.08	N/A	82.96	25.11	76.69	1.25
	<b>ff15ipq</b>	61.58	85.84	98.69	N/A	55.51	15.16	81.88	67.14
	<b>PPC</b>	32.77	100.00	100.00	N/A	99.97	92.72	98.76	100.00
D128A	<b>ff12SB</b>	0.06	99.91	99.95	97.98	70.93	21.90	94.23	N/A
	<b>ff02</b>	0.00	99.82	99.97	95.94	99.12	72.69	90.99	N/A
	<b>ff15ipq</b>	0.00	98.32	99.91	93.58	51.41	12.99	58.95	N/A
	<b>PPC</b>	0.00	100.00	100.00	99.24	98.44	97.81	97.35	N/A
DM	<b>ff12SB</b>	0.00	98.15	99.92	N/A	66.48	16.62	88.61	N/A
	<b>ff02</b>	0.00	99.34	99.12	N/A	82.14	15.77	72.18	N/A
	<b>ff15ipq</b>	0.00	96.34	99.37	N/A	60.65	2.80	40.25	N/A
	<b>PPC</b>	0.00	99.94	100.00	N/A	97.95	96.50	97.74	N/A

**Table S7.** The decomposition of the binding free energy of S88 residue under the PPC force field.

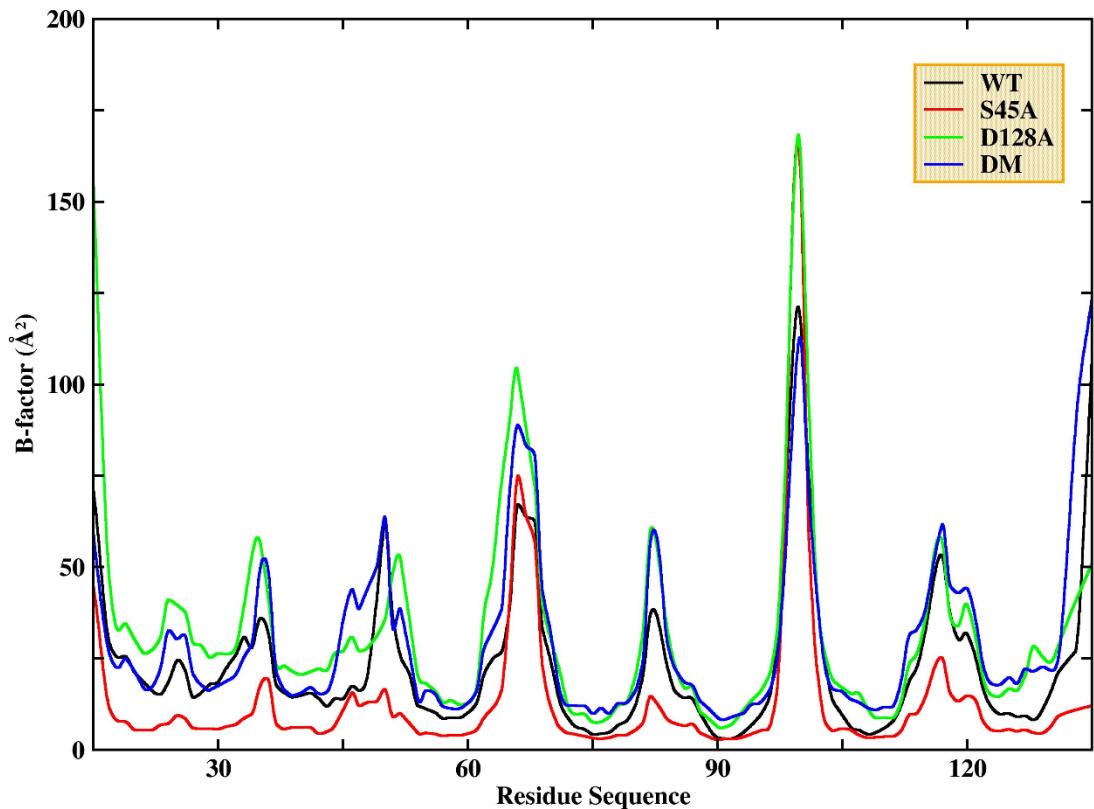
S88 (kcal/mol)	$\Delta E_{ele}$	$\Delta E_{vdw}$	$\Delta G_{pb}$	$\Delta G_{np}$	$\Delta H$	$-T\Delta S$	$\Delta G_{cal}$
<b>WT</b>	-16.00±0.87	0.26±0.12	14.88±0.71	-0.12±0.00	-1.00±0.11	7.88±0.00	6.88±0.11
<b>S45A</b>	-23.70±0.59	1.38±0.17	20.62±0.42	-0.12±0.00	-1.82±0.09	6.96±0.00	5.14±0.11
<b>D128A</b>	-20.96±0.32	0.90±0.17	18.88±0.18	-0.18±0.00	-1.34±0.08	8.08±0.00	6.74±0.11
<b>DM</b>	-22.44±0.47	1.20±0.16	19.88±0.31	-0.16±0.00	-1.54±0.09	7.38±0.00	5.84±0.11

**Table S8.** The decomposition of the binding free energy of T90 residue under the PPC force field.

T90 (kcal/mol)	$\Delta E_{ele}$	$\Delta E_{vdw}$	$\Delta G_{pb}$	$\Delta G_{np}$	$\Delta H$	$-T\Delta S$	$\Delta G_{cal}$
<b>WT</b>	-1.04±0.09	-0.94±0.07	3.06±0.09	-0.10±0.00	0.98±0.08	0.20±0.00	1.18±0.11
<b>S45A</b>	-1.66±0.08	-0.54±0.09	3.58±0.08	-0.10±0.00	1.28±0.10	0.20±0.00	1.48±0.11
<b>D128A</b>	-1.20±0.07	-0.98±0.07	3.24±0.08	-0.08±0.00	0.98±0.09	0.16±0.00	1.14±0.11
<b>DM</b>	-1.80±0.09	-1.00±0.06	3.96±0.10	-0.08±0.00	1.06±0.08	0.19±0.00	1.25±0.11

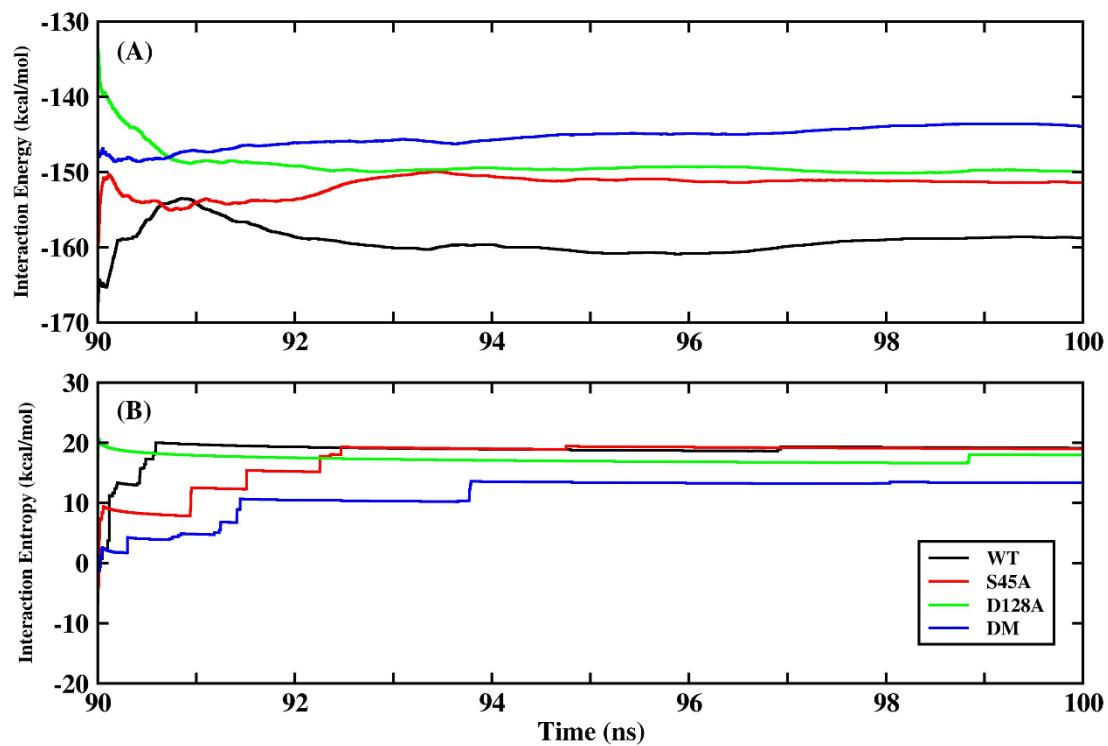


**Figure S1.** The comparison of B-factors between simulated and experimental values at the four systems under the PPC force field.

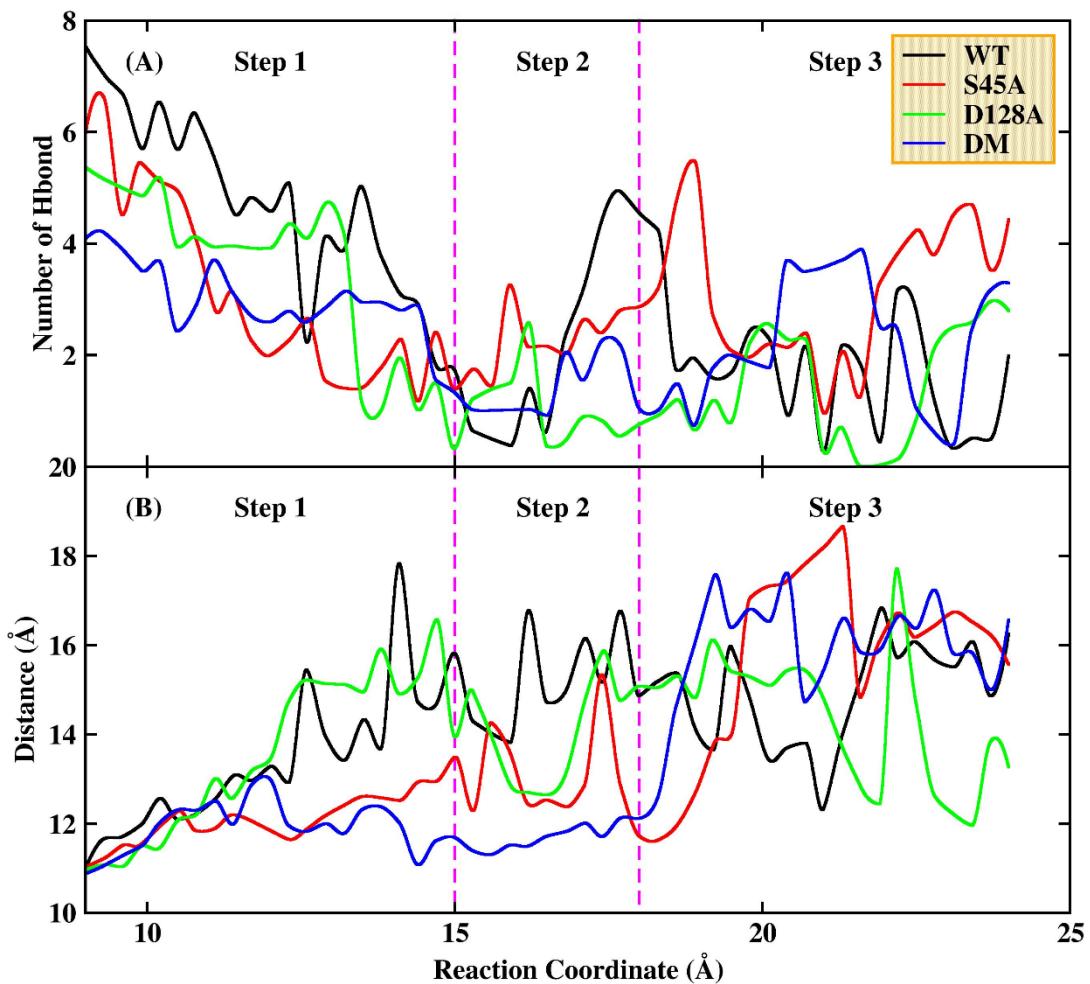


**Figure S2.** The comparison of simulated B-factors in four system of different

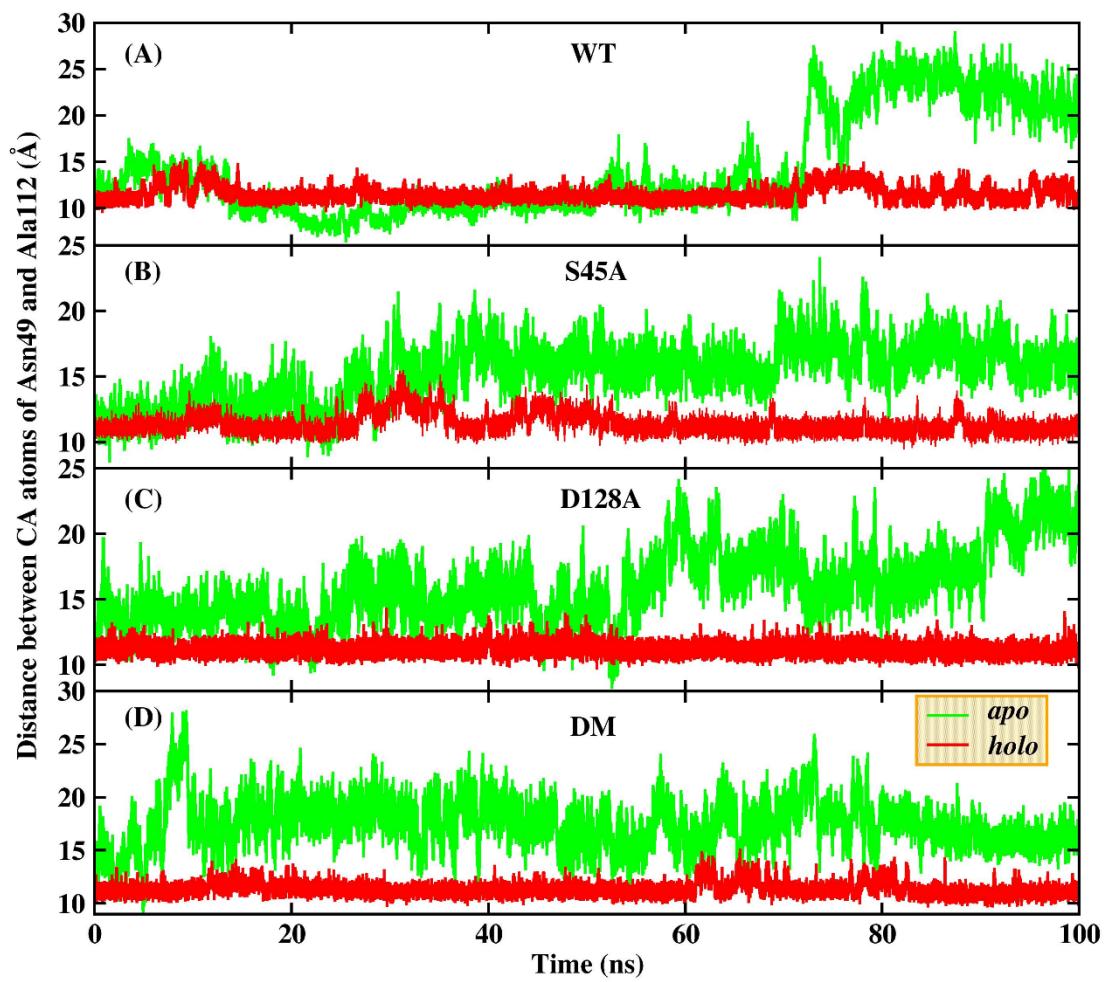
mutation types under the PPC force field.



**Figure S3.** The interaction energy and interaction entropy as function of time during the last 10 ns MD simulation under the PPC force field. (A) is interaction energy; (B) is interaction entropy.



**Figure S4.** The hydrogen bonds and distance as a function of the reaction coordinates during the unbinding process of streptavidin and biotin. (A): The average number of hydrogen bonds between biotin and streptavidin. (B): The distance between CA atoms of Asn49 and Ala112.



**Figure S5.** The distances between CA atoms of Asn49 and Ala112 in the *apo* and *holo* structure.