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## **Supporting Information**

## Role of Tryptophans in UV-B Absorption of UVR8 Photoreceptor - A Computational Study

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	TD-DFTB		B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p)	
	$\Delta E (\mathrm{eV})$	f	$\Delta E (eV)$	f
L <sub>b</sub>	4.13	0.073	4.29	0.040
L <sub>a</sub>	4.59	0.033	4.74	0.021

Table S1. Calculated transition energies and oscillator strengths for tryptophan dimer W285 and W337 in the gas phase,  $\Delta E$  means the transition energy, and *f* stands for the oscillator strength.

## **Captions for figures**

Fig. S1. Absorption spectra<sup>22</sup> of (a) W198, (b) W250 and (c) W302 for differently substituted models.

Fig. S2. Absorption spectra<sup>22</sup> of (a) M1, (b) M2, (c) M3, (d) M4, (e) M5, (f) M6, (g) M8 and (h)

M9 for distal Trps, interfacial Trps, and interfacial Trps with neighboring residues included.

Fig. S3. Absorption spectra<sup>22</sup> of amino acids apart from tryptophan contained in UVR8.



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