

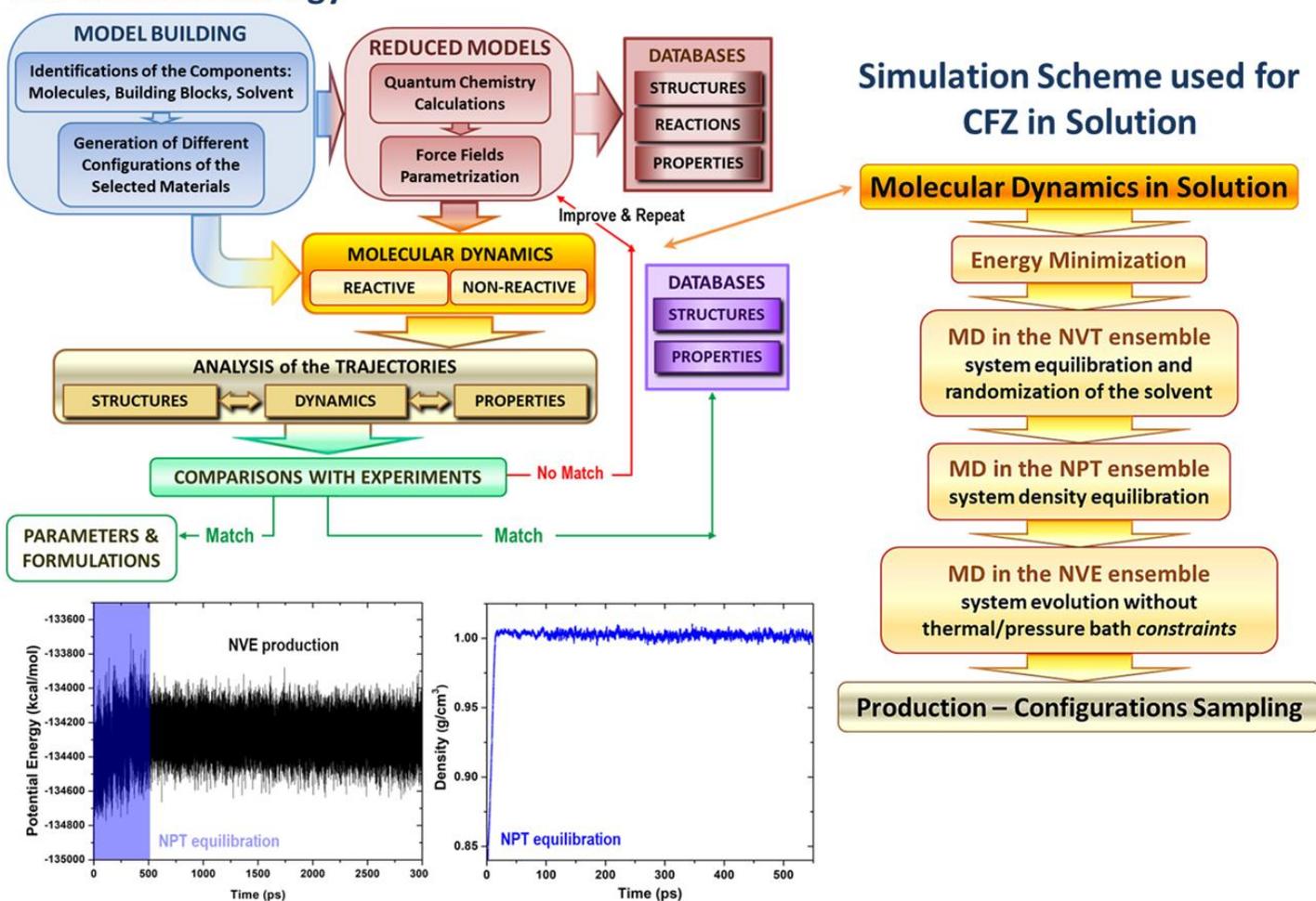
Exploring the Mechanisms of Drug-Delivery by Decorated ZnO Nanoparticles through Predictive ReaxFF Molecular Dynamics Simulations

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Other Computational Details

MD simulations with AMBER. The average volume of the water simulation box was approximately 405000 Å³ and contained 14000 water molecules. The average volume of the ethanol simulation box was approximately 202000 Å³ and contained 1100 ethanol molecules.

Our General Strategy



Computational scheme. At the bottom of the scheme, the potential energy trend during the equilibration of CFZ in water solution in the NPT ensemble, and the production phase in the NVE ensemble is shown on the left. On the right, the evolution of the density (water box) during the NPT equilibration is displayed.

ZnO Nanoparticle Model

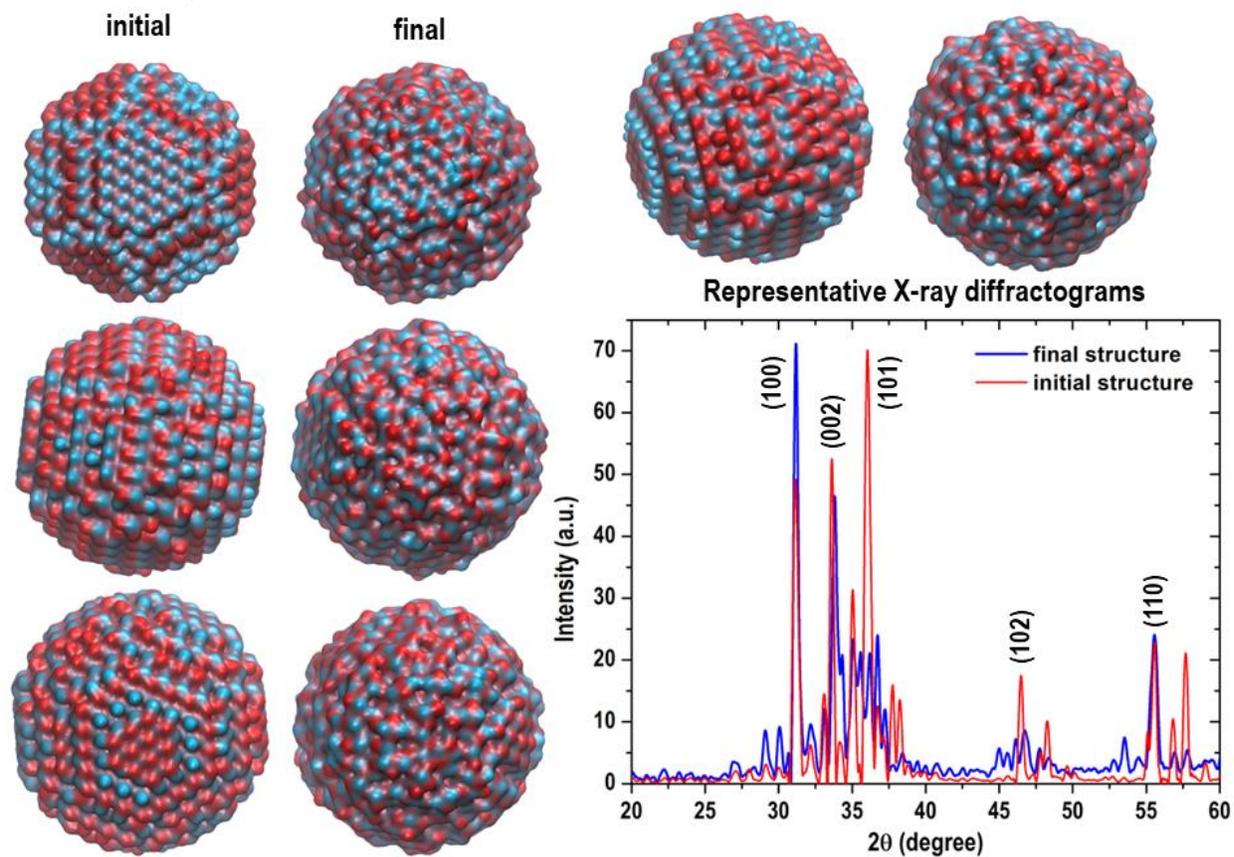
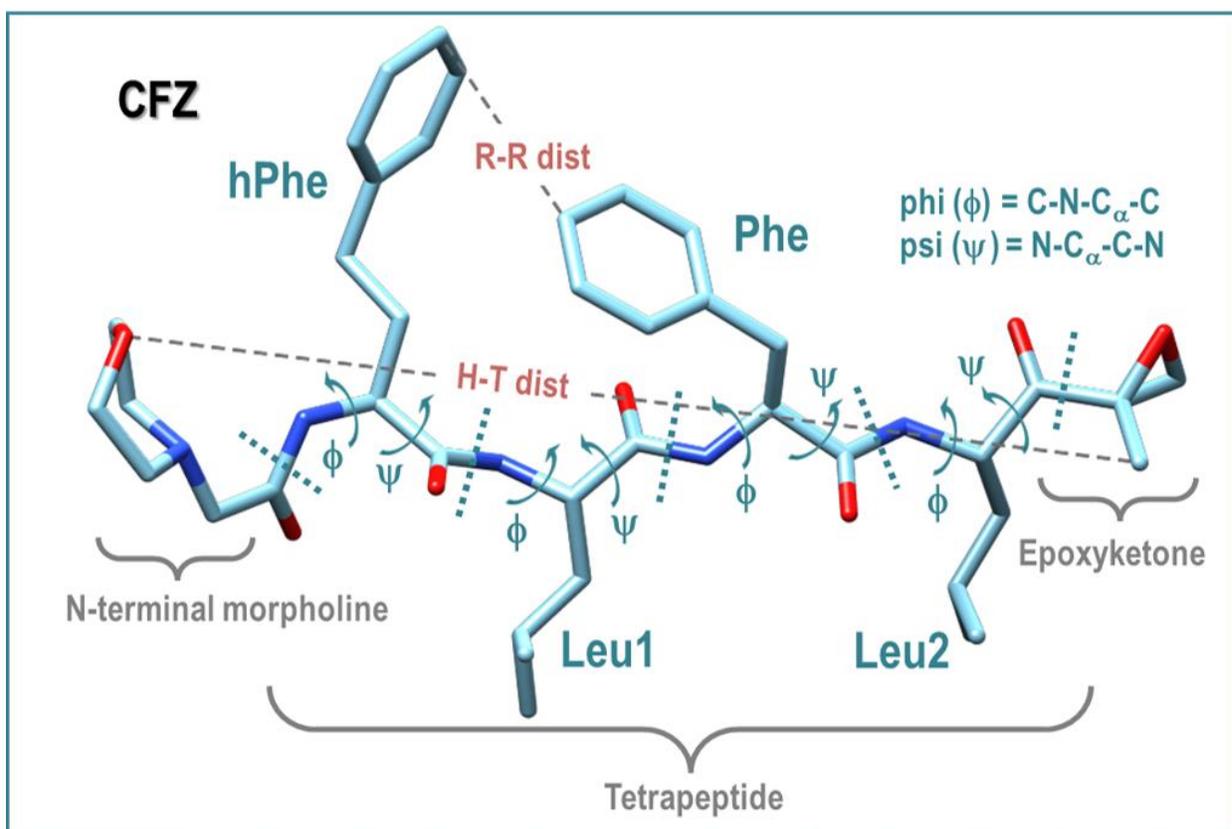


Figure S1 Different views of the initial ZnONP model after construction and its final equilibrated structure. Calculated diffractograms of the initial and final geometries with the characteristic reflections (slightly shifted) of single-phase wurtzite ZnONPs at $2\theta = 32, 34, 36, 47,$ and 57 degrees. Color codes: Zn bluish, O red.



| Mol. # | ΔE kcal/mol | morph deg | hPhe phi deg | hPhe psi deg | Leu1 phi deg | Leu1 psi deg | Phe phi deg | Phe psi deg | Leu2 phi deg | Leu2 psi deg | H-T dist Å | R-R dist Å | R_{gyr} Å |
|--------|---------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | 0.0 | 19.1 | -80.2 | 75.2 | -83.9 | 66.2 | -90.8 | 67.7 | -81.9 | 142.6 | 15.7 | 4.8 | 5.9 |
| 2 | 2.5 | 90.2 | -153.1 | 170.9 | -81.1 | 58.8 | -178.8 | 174.5 | -96.9 | 126.2 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| 3 | 3.1 | 15.9 | -65.2 | 164.9 | -78.7 | 78.5 | -80.6 | 67.2 | -79.1 | 143.7 | 13.4 | 4.7 | 5.7 |
| 4 | 3.4 | -28.1 | -144.3 | 178.2 | -82.4 | 111.0 | -78.0 | 78.2 | -126.5 | 71.4 | 12.1 | 6.8 | 5.2 |
| 5 | 3.9 | 21.6 | 177.4 | 162.1 | -54.5 | 150.4 | -85.6 | 80.1 | -71.4 | 144.3 | 11.8 | 10.2 | 5.2 |
| 6 | 5.7 | 90.5 | -153.8 | 164.9 | -83.6 | 60.2 | 176.8 | 149.4 | -134.9 | 152.5 | 7.1 | 4.8 | 5.2 |
| 7 | 6.7 | 24.3 | -148.3 | 160.2 | -100.6 | 138.1 | -167.9 | 172.6 | -56.5 | 148.6 | 11.1 | 4.6 | 5.9 |
| 8 | 7.8 | 93.5 | -155.0 | 155.8 | -72.1 | 92.5 | -55.9 | 131.8 | -111.7 | 118.4 | 10.9 | 4.5 | 5.4 |
| 9 | 7.8 | 21.3 | -169.5 | 154.5 | -102.7 | 177.1 | -52.4 | 132.0 | -110.2 | 123.6 | 15.1 | 9.9 | 5.8 |
| 10 | 8.1 | 19.3 | -149.7 | 162.2 | -83.3 | 57.3 | -168.3 | 165.8 | -50.9 | 126.1 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| 11 | 8.3 | 129.8 | -168.7 | 173.6 | -75.4 | 100.6 | -80.0 | 56.7 | -67.3 | 149.2 | 14.4 | 6.4 | 5.6 |
| 12 | 8.6 | 21.3 | -145.7 | 161.2 | -133.4 | 169.5 | -147.5 | 159.5 | -137.5 | 159.4 | 16.6 | 3.9 | 6.4 |
| 13 | 8.7 | 22.9 | -145.7 | 160.3 | -133.1 | 169.0 | -148.0 | 153.9 | -140.8 | 159.0 | 16.7 | 3.9 | 6.4 |
| 14 | 8.7 | 21.2 | -144.8 | 161.5 | -134.4 | 163.9 | -165.4 | 147.6 | -134.2 | 152.7 | 16.1 | 9.7 | 6.6 |
| 15 | 8.7 | 20.8 | -144.7 | 161.7 | -134.6 | 164.5 | -165.1 | 147.6 | -134.3 | 152.7 | 16.2 | 9.8 | 6.6 |
| 16 | 9.6 | 21.6 | -152.0 | 155.6 | -88.5 | 87.1 | -157.4 | 144.4 | -134.4 | 159.8 | 10.8 | 3.9 | 5.6 |
| 17 | 9.7 | 20.8 | -146.8 | 158.6 | -136.8 | 170.8 | -141.3 | 23.3 | -63.3 | 148.0 | 16.2 | 3.9 | 6.2 |
| 18 | 9.7 | 170.0 | -79.7 | 81.1 | -86.2 | 64.2 | -91.8 | 70.5 | -131.2 | 62.4 | 15.3 | 4.8 | 5.8 |
| 19 | 9.9 | 88.0 | -153.7 | 160.3 | -129.9 | 170.2 | -146.2 | 151.5 | -64.4 | 150.7 | 16.4 | 3.9 | 6.5 |
| 20 | 10.0 | 22.3 | -144.2 | 158.1 | -142.2 | 158.3 | -86.5 | 129.7 | -110.9 | 136.3 | 16.3 | 13.5 | 6.5 |
| 21 | 10.0 | 87.9 | -153.8 | 160.2 | -132.2 | 171.0 | -147.4 | 154.0 | -62.2 | 150.6 | 16.5 | 3.9 | 6.5 |

Figure S2 CFZ conformers within 10 kcal/mol of the minimum energy structure. The geometries have been obtained through Balloon conformational search and optimized at the DFT M06-2X/6-31G(d) level in the gas phase. Morph = N-C-C-N dihedral angle, phi and psi dihedral angles (degrees = deg) of all the residues (hPhe, Leu1, Phe, Leu2), Head-Tail, Ring-Ring distances (Å), and Radius of gyration (Å).

| Mol. | ΔE | morf | hPhe phi | hPhe psi | Leu1 phi | Leu1 psi | Phe phi | Phe psi | Leu2 phi | Leu2 psi | H-T | R-R | R_{gyr} |
|------|------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|-----------|
| # | kcal/mol | deg | deg | deg | deg | deg | deg | deg | deg | deg | A | A | A |
| 1 | 0.0 | 19.1 | -80.2 | 75.2 | -83.9 | 66.2 | -90.8 | 67.7 | -81.9 | 142.6 | 15.7 | 4.8 | 5.9 |
| 2 | 2.5 | 90.2 | -153.1 | 170.9 | -81.1 | 58.8 | -178.8 | 174.5 | -96.9 | 126.2 | 3.8 | 5.7 | 5.2 |
| 3 | 3.1 | 15.9 | -65.2 | 164.9 | -78.7 | 78.5 | -80.6 | 67.2 | -79.1 | 143.7 | 13.4 | 4.7 | 5.7 |
| 4 | 3.4 | -28.1 | -144.3 | 178.2 | -82.4 | 111.0 | -78.0 | 78.2 | -126.5 | 71.4 | 12.1 | 6.8 | 5.2 |
| 5 | 3.9 | 21.6 | 177.4 | 162.1 | -54.5 | 150.4 | -85.6 | 80.1 | -71.4 | 144.3 | 11.8 | 10.2 | 5.2 |
| 6 | 5.7 | 90.5 | -153.8 | 164.9 | -83.6 | 60.2 | 176.8 | 149.4 | -134.9 | 152.5 | 7.1 | 4.8 | 5.2 |
| 7 | 6.7 | 24.3 | -148.3 | 160.2 | -100.6 | 138.1 | -167.9 | 172.6 | -56.5 | 148.6 | 11.1 | 4.6 | 5.9 |
| 8 | 7.8 | 93.5 | -155.0 | 155.8 | -72.1 | 92.5 | -55.9 | 131.8 | -111.7 | 118.4 | 10.9 | 4.5 | 5.4 |
| 9 | 7.8 | 21.3 | -169.5 | 154.5 | -102.7 | 177.1 | -52.4 | 132.0 | -110.2 | 123.6 | 15.1 | 9.9 | 5.8 |
| 10 | 8.1 | 19.3 | -149.7 | 162.2 | -83.3 | 57.3 | -168.3 | 165.8 | -50.9 | 126.1 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 5.3 |
| 11 | 8.3 | 129.8 | -168.7 | 173.6 | -75.4 | 100.6 | -80.0 | 56.7 | -67.3 | 149.2 | 14.4 | 6.4 | 5.6 |
| 12 | 8.6 | 21.3 | -145.7 | 161.2 | -133.4 | 169.5 | -147.5 | 159.5 | -137.5 | 159.4 | 16.6 | 3.9 | 6.4 |
| 13 | 8.7 | 22.9 | -145.7 | 160.3 | -133.1 | 169.0 | -148.0 | 153.9 | -140.8 | 159.0 | 16.7 | 3.9 | 6.4 |
| 14 | 8.7 | 21.2 | -144.8 | 161.5 | -134.4 | 163.9 | -165.4 | 147.6 | -134.2 | 152.7 | 16.1 | 9.7 | 6.6 |
| 15 | 8.7 | 20.8 | -144.7 | 161.7 | -134.6 | 164.5 | -165.1 | 147.6 | -134.3 | 152.7 | 16.2 | 9.8 | 6.6 |
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| 17 | 9.7 | 20.8 | -146.8 | 158.6 | -136.8 | 170.8 | -141.3 | 23.3 | -63.3 | 148.0 | 16.2 | 3.9 | 6.2 |
| 18 | 9.7 | 170.0 | -79.7 | 81.1 | -86.2 | 64.2 | -91.8 | 70.5 | -131.2 | 62.4 | 15.3 | 4.8 | 5.8 |
| 19 | 9.9 | 88.0 | -153.7 | 160.3 | -129.9 | 170.2 | -146.2 | 151.5 | -64.4 | 150.7 | 16.4 | 3.9 | 6.5 |
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| 21 | 10.0 | 87.9 | -153.8 | 160.2 | -132.2 | 171.0 | -147.4 | 154.0 | -62.2 | 150.6 | 16.5 | 3.9 | 6.5 |
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| 29 | 10.8 | 16.1 | -61.0 | 143.8 | -147.7 | 154.4 | -77.7 | 127.4 | -109.1 | 133.7 | 17.2 | 15.0 | 6.5 |
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| 36 | 12.0 | 19.9 | -80.9 | 77.6 | -144.0 | 150.3 | -77.2 | 88.7 | -160.2 | 137.7 | 13.5 | 17.3 | 6.2 |
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| 82 | 15.8 | 87.0 | -156.2 | 168.5 | -134.7 | -77.9 | -51.0 | 149.9 | -122.8 | 71.5 | 9.6 | 12.8 | 5.4 |
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| 94 | 17.0 | 87.0 | -152.2 | 161.6 | -117.1 | 165.9 | -162.7 | 164.2 | -117.3 | 86.7 | 14.7 | 9.0 | 6.6 |
| 95 | 17.0 | -24.8 | -174.4 | 168.3 | -105.2 | 160.1 | -136.1 | 133.5 | -128.5 | 70.6 | 15.5 | 4.9 | 5.9 |
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| 126 | 25.1 | 164.7 | -164.6 | -175.4 | -131.5 | 172.7 | -51.7 | 145.1 | -108.3 | 36.6 | 17.5 | 12.1 | 6.1 |

Figure S3 All the 126 CFZ conformers. Morph = N-C-C-N dihedral angle, phi and psi dihedral angles (degrees = deg) of all the residues (hPhe, Leu1, Phe, Leu2), Head-Tail, Ring-Ring distances (Å), and Radius of gyration (Å).

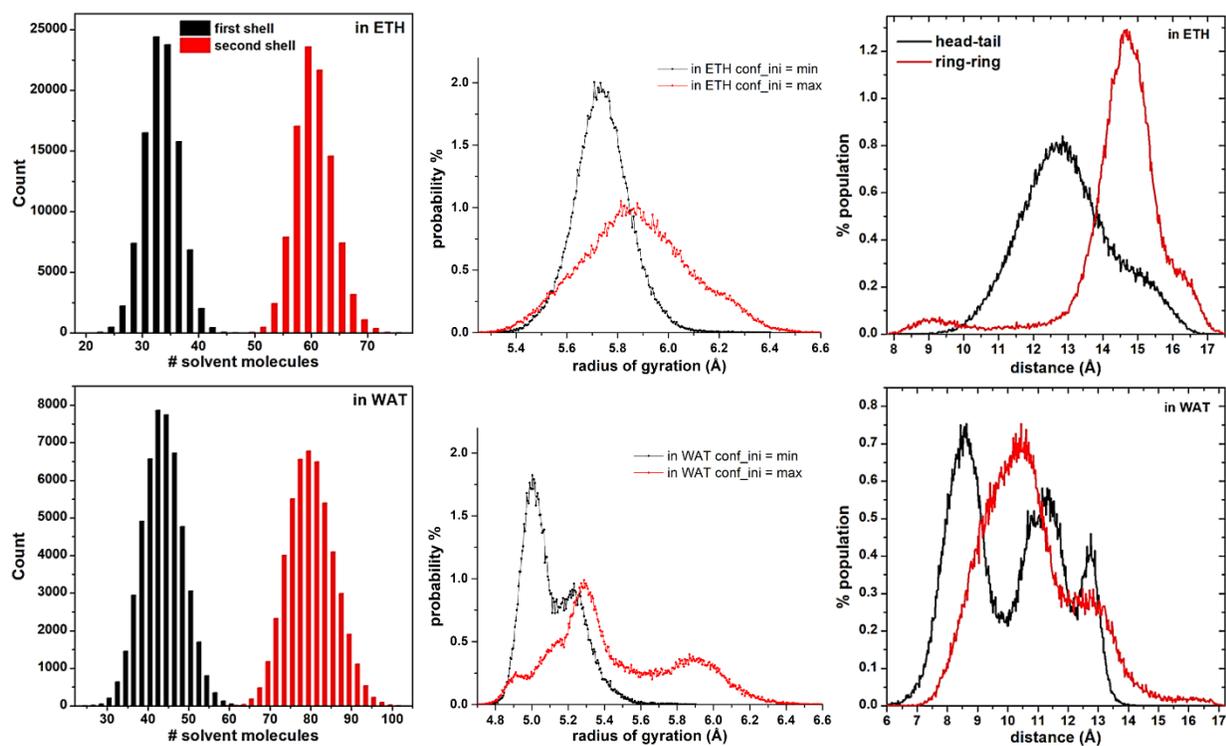


Figure S4 Radius of gyration, head-tail, and ring-ring distance plots depicting the CFZ conformations' evolution in water and ethanol solutions obtained through classical non-reactive MD simulations (AMBER16 – ff14SB and gaff force fields). The distributions of the number of solvent molecules in the first (within 2.8 Å) and second (within 3.5 Å) solvation shells are also displayed.

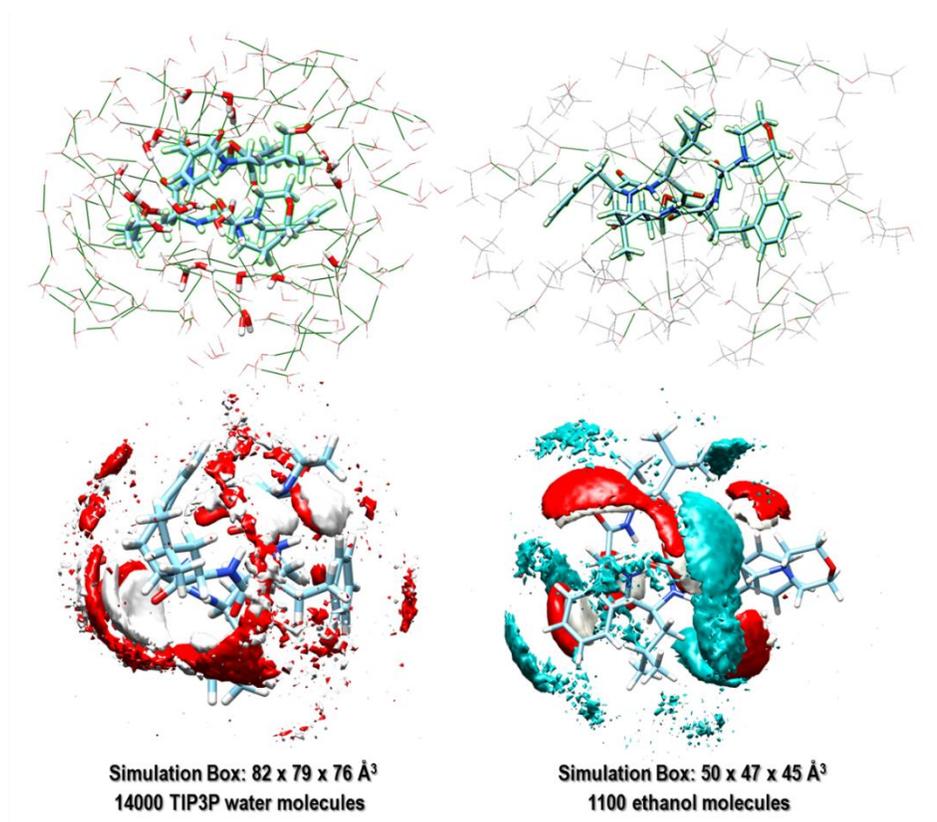


Figure S5 CFZ molecules surrounded by water (left) and ethanol (right) molecules (hydrogen bond = green lines). Spatial density distribution of the solvent atoms around an average representative structure of CFZ calculated from the last portions of the trajectories. Density regions: red = water and ethanol oxygens, white = water H and ethanol H(OH). Cyan = ethanol H(CH₃).

MD Simulations of CFZ in an OLA Matrix

ReaxFF MD simulations based on the ZnO force field combined with the protein force field (Sengul et al. ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces 2018, 10, 37717, Monti et al. Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 2013, 15, 15062)
System: 25 OLA molecules connected to a generic ZnO surface through the COOH groups (frozen), arranged in a 5x5 matrix (PBC).
Initial orientation: perpendicular to the surface
Intermolecular distance: 5 Å
Insertion of a CFZ molecule in a central pocket after removing 5 OLA
MD simulation in the NVT ensemble at 300 K

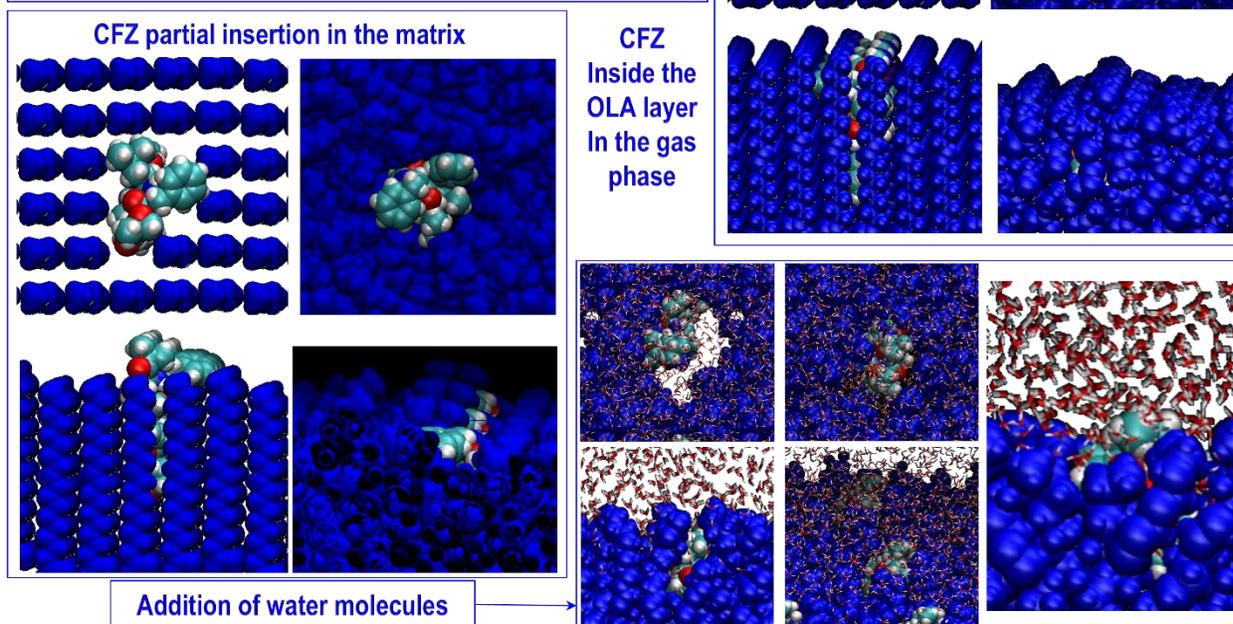


Figure S6 OLA matrix model with and without solvent molecules. Blue vdW spheres represent OLA. Without solvent, the OLA chains tend to entrap the drug by closing the pocket's opening.

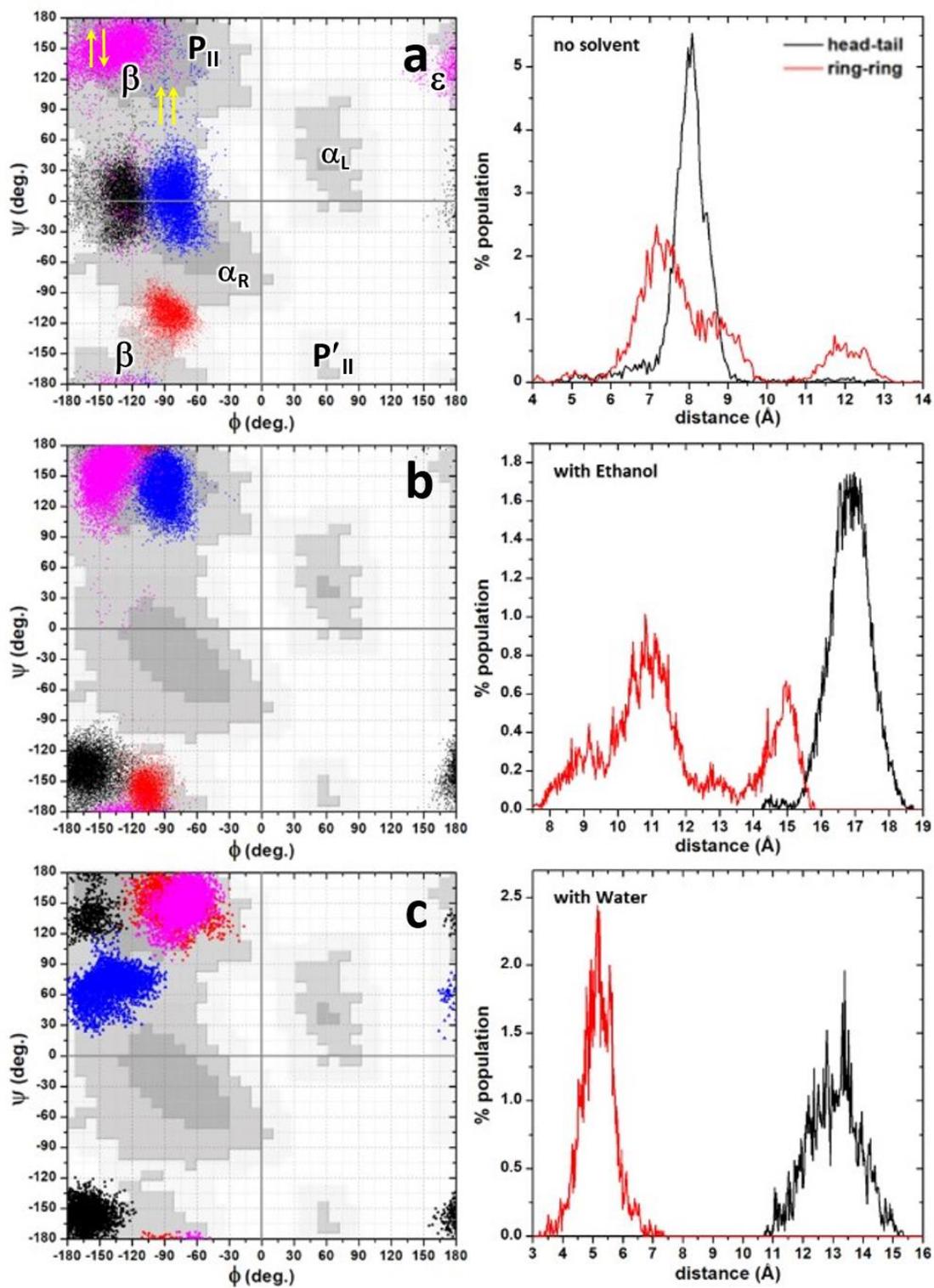


Figure S7 Ramachandran plots and respective head-tail and ring-ring distances of CFZ in the OLA matrix pocket without solvent molecules (a) in ethanol (b) and in water (c).

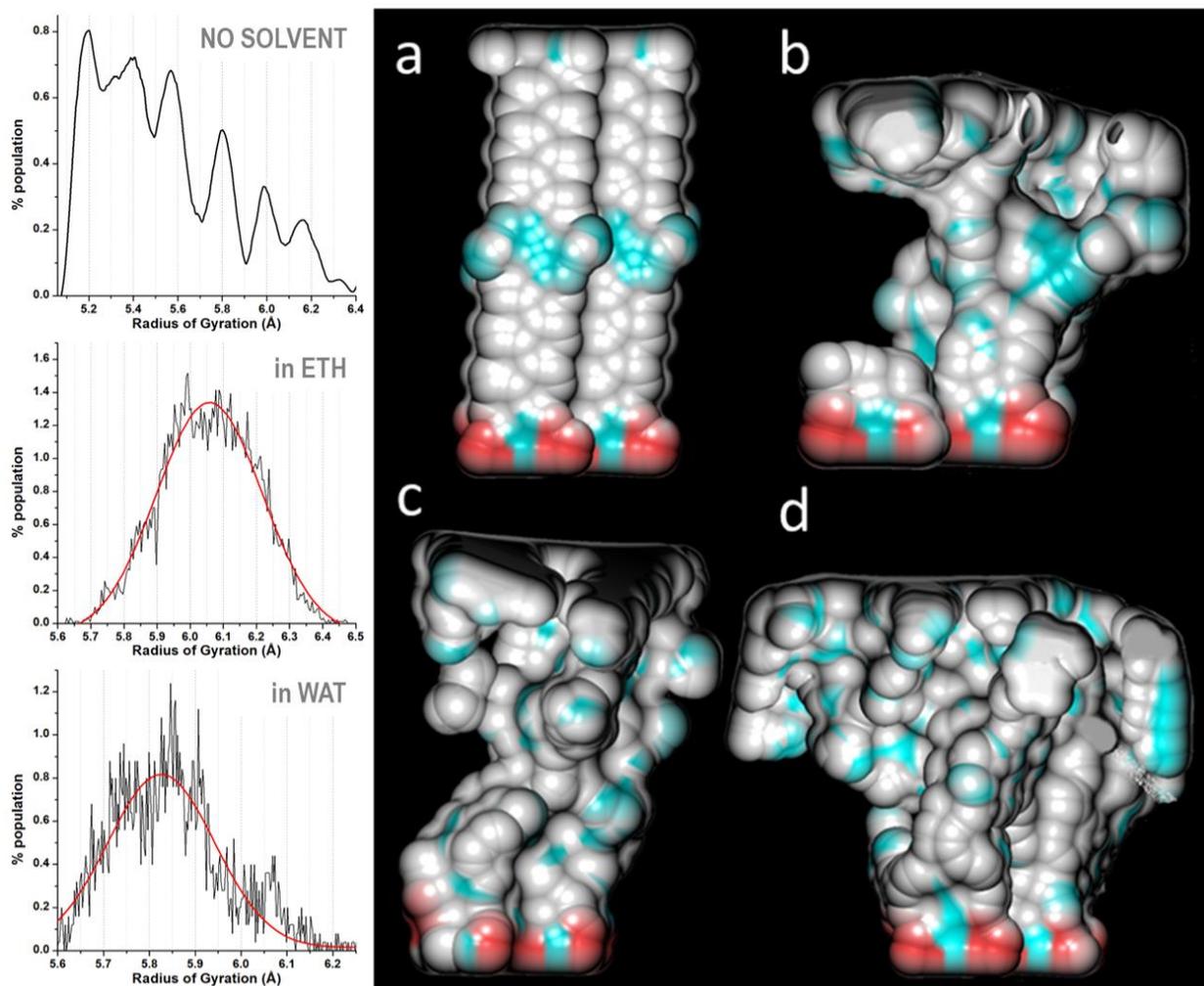


Figure S8 Distributions of the Radius of gyration of CFZ in the OLA matrix pocket without solvent, in ethanol, and water. Volume of the initial (a) and final (b, c, d) binding pockets without solvent (b), in ethanol (c) and water (d). The pocket volume has been obtained by using the CAVER Analyst 2.0 (BETA 2) software (Jurcik, A., Bednar, D., Byska, J., Marques, S. M., Furmanova, K., Daniel, L., Kokkonen, P., Brezovsky, J., Strnad, O., Stourac, J., Pavelka, A., Manak, M., Damborsky, J., Kozlikova, B.: CAVER Analyst 2.0: Analysis and Visualization of Channels and Tunnels in Protein Structures and Molecular Dynamics Trajectories., Bioinformatics, bty386, 2018).

The pocket volume is mapped through a combination of spheres with different radii. The color of the spheres depends on the contributing atoms (H white, C cyan, O red).

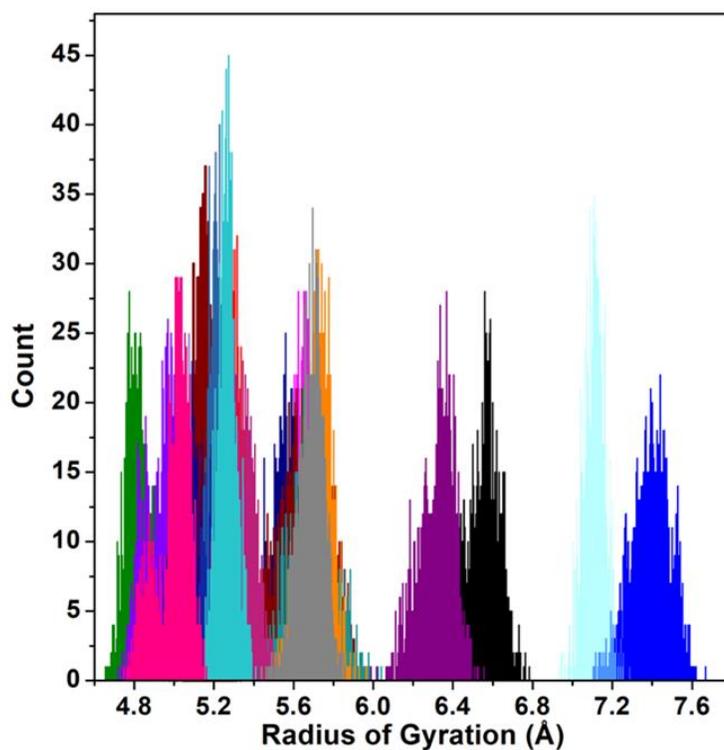
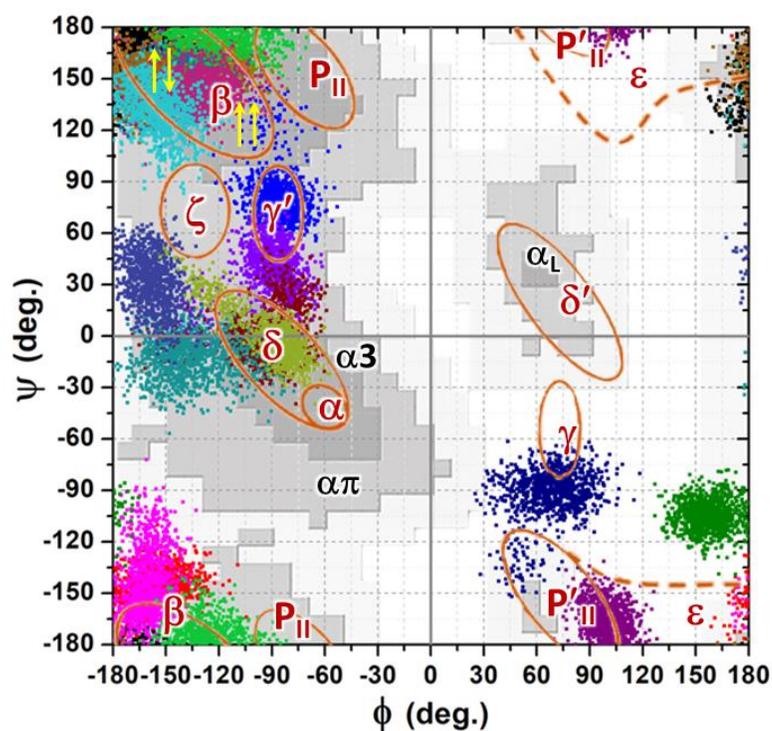


Figure S9 Top. Ramachandran plot of the CFZ molecules adsorbed on the OLA-functionalized ZnONP. Following the indications of Ref. RAMACHANDRAN, we have inserted all the regions that the authors used to classify the conformation of proteins and peptides. Besides the various types of α -helix, β -strands, and collagen-like motifs, already observed in the other Ramachandran plots describing the molecule in solution, γ -turns, γ' -turns, and ε (reflecting the somewhat extended chain of the molecules) regions are also populated due to the constraints determined by the carrier-drug association. **Bottom.** Distributions of Rgyr of CFZ adsorbed on the carrier.