# A trick of the tail: computing the entropic contribution to the energetics of quinone-protein unbindung 

## Supporting information

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Figure S1. Entropic contributions to the free energy as a function of the isoprenoid side chain length. Linear regression analysis of the data presented in table 1 of the main article. Bullet symbols: computed data, solid line: linear regression line, dashed line: theoretical limit for an acceptance ratio of unity in eq. 1, main article. This corresponds to a fully flexible chain with 18 dihedral angle states per isoprene monomer.


Figure S2. Level plot of the menaquinol dihedral angles, with letters as indicated in figure 1 of the main article. Black: MHK4, green: MHK6, red: MHK8.


Figure S3. Number of unique conformations found during the MD simulation as a function of time. The lines represent menaquinol-6 (orange dashed line) and menaquinone-6 (full orange line) in n-hexane. In addition, we show menaquinol-8 (red dashed line), menaquinone-8 (full red line), menaquinol-6 (green dashed line) menaquinone-6 (full green line), menaquinol-4 (blue dashed line) menaqinone-4 (full blue line), all embedded in a lipid bilayer membrane.

## Dihedral angles

Angles are enumerated according to their position in the side chain with reference to the naphtoquinone moiety of the quinone or quinol, cf. figure 1 of the main article.

We have:

- angles 3, 6, 9, ... $=\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{\text {badc }}$
- angles 4, 7, 10, ... = $\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{\text {adcb }}$
- angles 5, 8, 11, $\ldots=\boldsymbol{\varphi}_{\text {dcba }}$

Figure set S4. Menaquinol-4 (MHK4) in a lipid bilayer

angle 3









Figure set S5. Menaquinol-6 (MHK6) in a lipid bilayer
angle 1

angle 3

angle 5

angle 7

angle 2

angle 4

angle 6

angle 8



angle 11


angle 13




angle 17


Figure set S6. Menaquinol-6 (MHK6) in n-hexane
angle 1

angle 3

angle 5

angle 7

angle 2


angle 6

angle 8

angle 9

angle 11

angle 13

angle 15

angle 10

angle 12
 angle 14

angle 16



Figure set S7. Menaquinol-8
(MHK8) in a lipid bilayer









angle 23


Figure set S8. Menaquinone-4 (MK4) in a lipid bilayer



# Figure set S9. Menaquinone-6 (MQ6) in n-hexane 

angle 9

angle 11

angle 13

angle 15

angle 10

angle 12

angle 14

angle 16

angle 1

angle 3

angle 5

angle 7

angle 2

angle 4


angle 8



# Figure set S10. Menaquinone-6 (MQ6) in a lipid bilayer 




## Figure set S11. Menaquinone-8 <br> (MQ8) in a lipid bilayer



angle 17

angle 18

angle 20


angle 19

angle 21

angle 23


