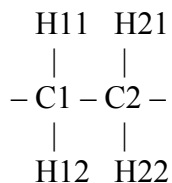


### Supporting Information

Force-field parameter modifications, based on the GAFF force field<sup>1</sup>, for an ethyl cross-link between mispair-aligned thymine residues:



Atom number	Atom type	Charge
C1, C2	CT	0.1710
H11, H12, H21, H22	HC	0.0855

Added bond terms:

CT-NA:  $K=418.0 \text{ kcal/mol/\AA}^2$ ,  $r_0=1.388 \text{ \AA}$

Added angle terms:

C-NA-CT:  $K=70.0 \text{ kcal/mol/rad}^2$ ,  $\theta_0=125.20^\circ$

NA-CT-CT:  $K=70.0 \text{ kcal/mol/rad}^2$ ,  $\theta_0=120.00^\circ$

NA-CT-HC:  $K=50.0 \text{ kcal/mol/rad}^2$ ,  $\theta_0=109.50^\circ$

Added dihedral terms:

\*-CT-NA-\*:  $K=1.35 \text{ kcal/mol}$ ,  $n=2$ ,  $\delta=180.0$

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