

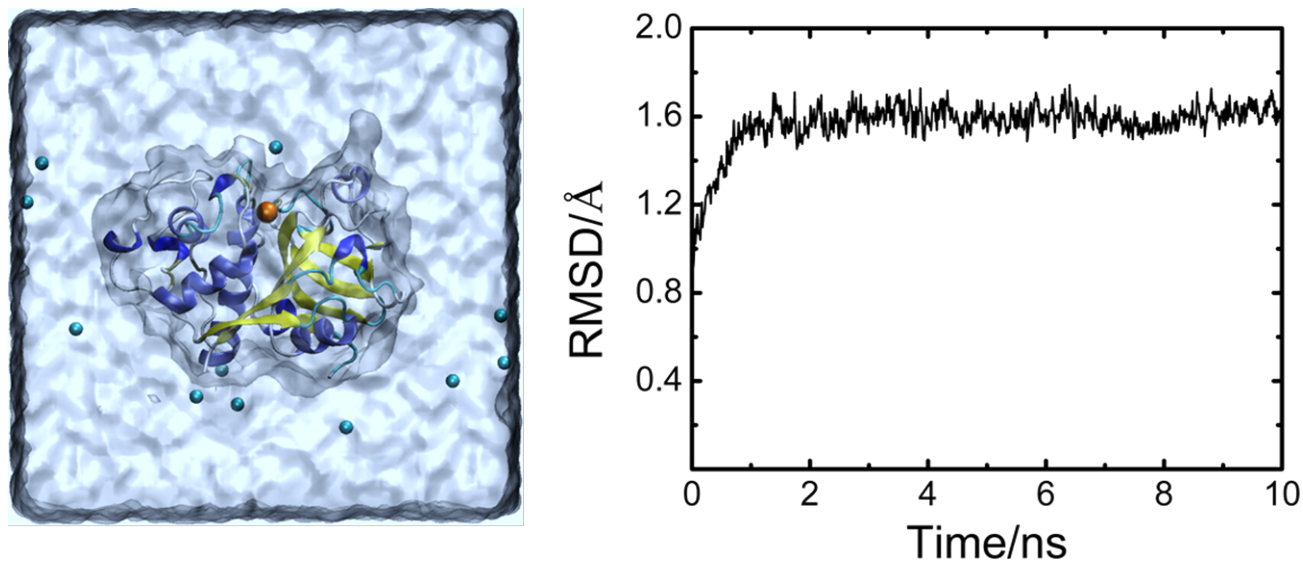
Electronic Supplementary Information for  
“Immobilization of papain on nanoporous silica”

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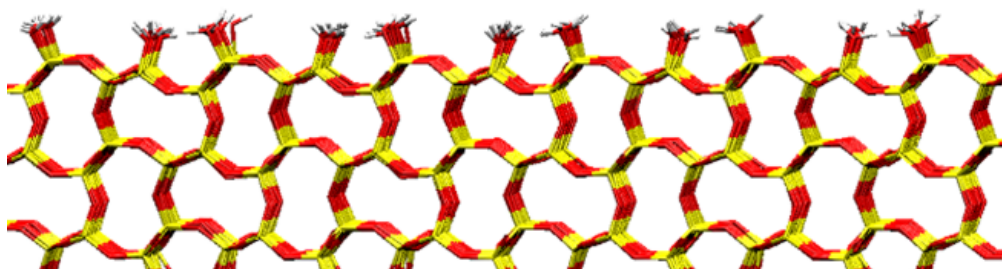
**Figure S1.** Time evolution of the aligned RMSD over the papain with respect to its initial structure.

**Table S1.** Parameters and atomic partial charges of silica used in the simulations.

Atom Type	$\sigma$ (Å)	$\epsilon$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$q$ (e)
Si	4.4	0.6	1.08
O	3.54	0.1521	-0.54
Oh <sup>a</sup>	3.54	0.1521	-0.59 <sup>b</sup>
H	0.449	0.046	0.32

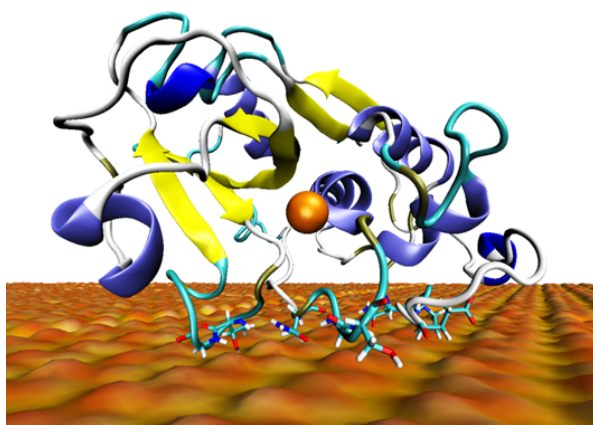
<sup>a</sup> Silanol O atom.

<sup>b</sup>  $q_{\text{Oh}}$  value from -0.54 to -0.59 e to ensure neutrality

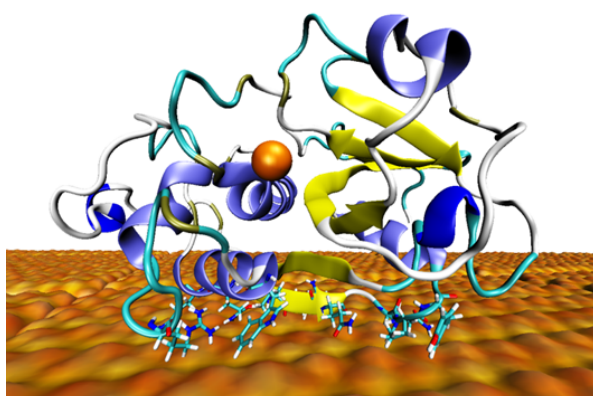
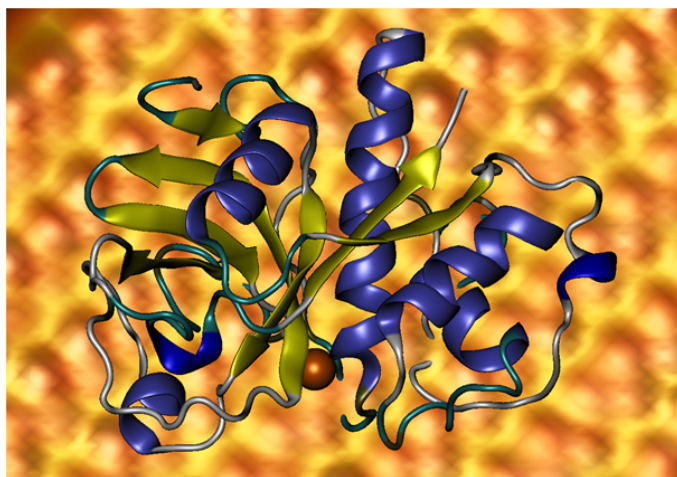


**Figure S2.** Structure of silica surface in the present study. The silica surface was constructed with a surface area of  $103 \text{ Å} \times 103 \text{ Å}$ .

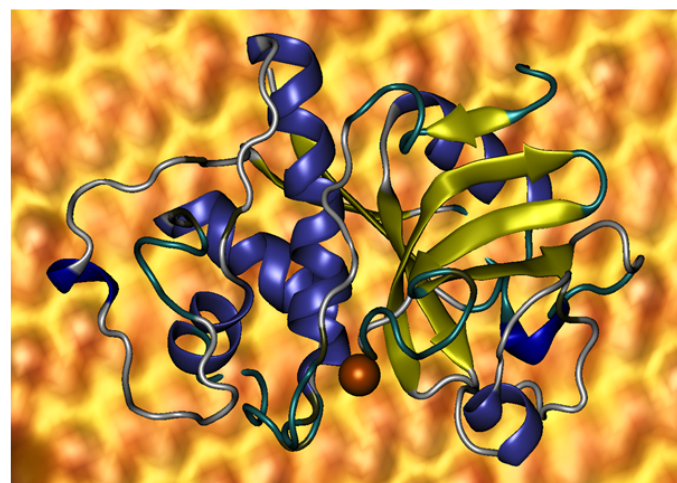
## Top view



Dock A - ASN18, GLY20, SER21, ASN84, PRO87, GLU89, THR179, GLY180



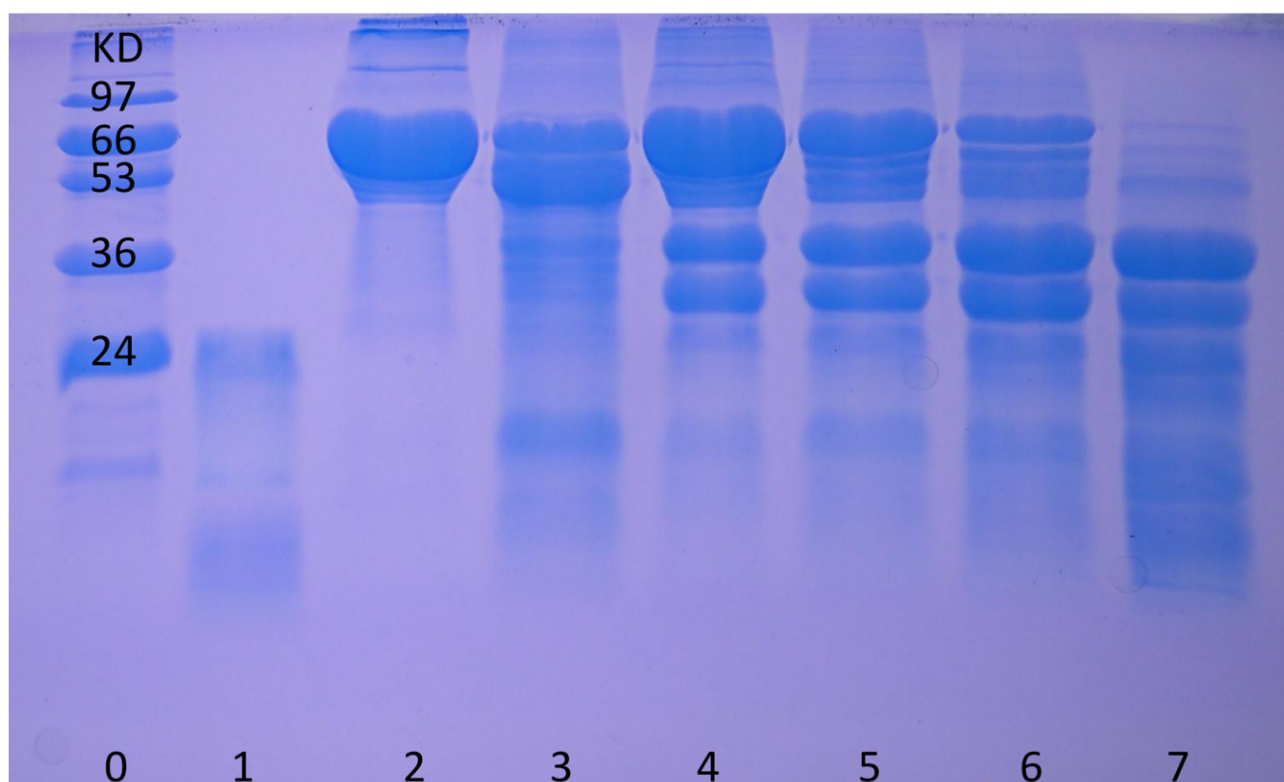
Dock B - ARG59, TRP69, GLN73, GLN77, VAL110, ARG111, GLN112, GLN114, PRO115, TYR116



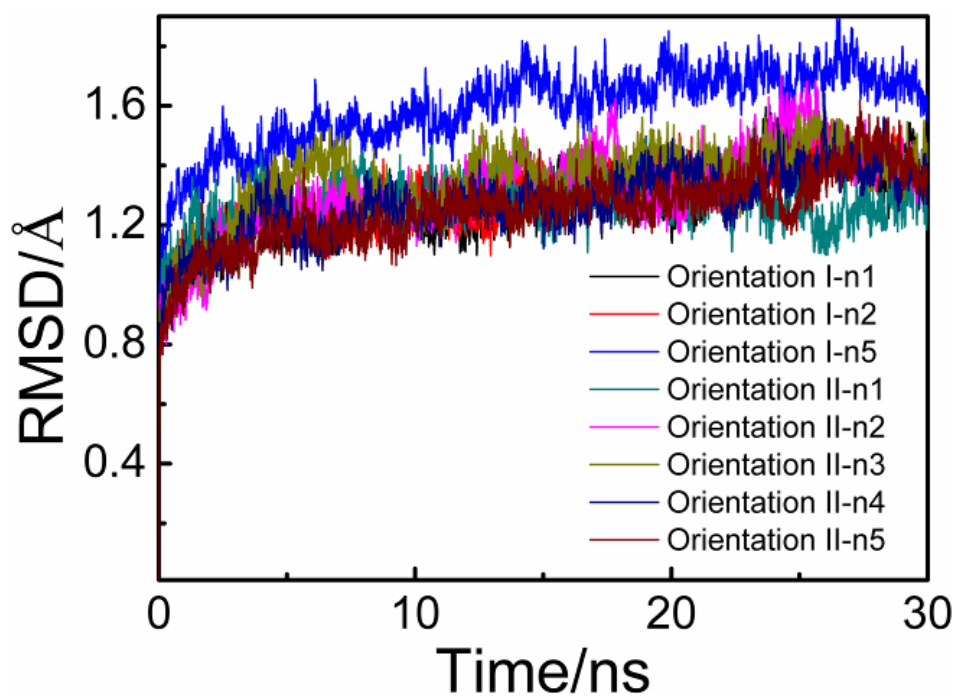
**Figure S3.** Conformations of the top two docked complexes obtained by the PatchDock and FireDock package. The two orientations in Dock A and B were used as representative orientations in adsorption simulations, denoted as Orientation I and II, respectively. The atom S of residue CYS25 in active center is highlighted by orange sphere.

**Table S2.** Detail of systems for MD simulation. The simulations of each orientation were repeated five times.

Orientation	Number of Atoms			
	Papain	Silica	Water	Ion
Orientation I	3253	10227	73842	11
Orientation II	3253	10227	73854	11



**Figure S4.** The digestive pattern of different concentrations of bovine serum albumin (BSA) digested by papain. The amounts in each wells are as follows: lane 0, protein molecular weight maker; lane 1, 5 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> papain; lane 2, 4 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> BSA; lane 3-7, papain:BSA (w/w) is 1:100, 1:20, 1:10, 1:4, respectively.



**Figure S5.** Time evolution of the aligned RMSD over the papain with respect to its initial structure for each adsorption system.