

## Supporting Information for

### Elucidation of a dynamic interplay between a beta-2 adrenergic receptor, its agonist and stimulatory G protein

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**Table S1.** Molecular systems simulated, their simulation times (in ns or  $\mu$ s), average boost potentials ( $\Delta V$ ) and standard deviations (std) in kcal/mol for GaMD runs. All simulation systems were first subject to 90 ns long equilibration (eq) MD runs after which microsecond-long unbiased Anton 2 MD or enhanced sampling GaMD simulations commenced. See main text “*Materials and Methods*” section for more details.

System name	Eq MD	Anton 2 MD	GaMD	
$\beta_2$ AR – NE(+)	90 ns	2.5 $\mu$ s	Run 1, 600 ns, $\Delta V = 14.56$ , std = 4.29 Run 2, 600 ns, $\Delta V = 15.14$ , std = 4.35 Run 3, 600 ns, $\Delta V = 14.65$ , std = 4.29	
$\beta_2$ AR – G <sub>s</sub> – NE(+)	90 ns	Run 1	5.0 $\mu$ s	Run 1, 600 ns, $\Delta V = 18.60$ , std = 4.78
		Run 2	5.0 $\mu$ s	Run 2, 600 ns, $\Delta V = 18.95$ , std = 4.86
		Run 3	7.5 $\mu$ s	Run 3, 600 ns, $\Delta V = 16.73$ , std = 4.64
		Run 4	5.0 $\mu$ s	

**Table S2.** MM-PBSA interaction free energies ( $\Delta G$ ) between NE(+) and  $\beta_2$ AR or  $\beta_2$ AR – G<sub>s</sub> (in kcal/mol) along with their standard errors of mean (SEM) computed using block averages, enthalpic ( $\Delta H$ ) and entropic ( $-T\Delta S$ ) components. Calculations were based on GaMD trajectories (600 ns each). See “*Materials and Methods*” section of the main text for a description of the reweighting procedure.

System	$\Delta H$	$-T\Delta S$	$\Delta G \pm \text{SEM}$	Reweighted $\Delta H$
$\beta_2$ AR-GaMD-run1	-26.00	8.93	-17.07 $\pm$ 1.38	-25.96
$\beta_2$ AR-GaMD-run2	-25.61	5.30	-20.31 $\pm$ 0.44	-26.74
$\beta_2$ AR-GaMD-run3	-26.25	7.71	-18.54 $\pm$ 1.35	-27.69
$\beta_2$ AR-G <sub>s</sub> -GaMD-run1	-25.87	6.58	-19.29 $\pm$ 1.46	-27.72
$\beta_2$ AR-G <sub>s</sub> -GaMD-run2	-24.22	7.15	-17.07 $\pm$ 0.66	-22.21
$\beta_2$ AR-G <sub>s</sub> -GaMD-run3	-22.22	5.19	-17.03 $\pm$ 0.54	-21.29

**Table S3.** Amino acid residue (AA) contact information between different components of  $G_s$  and  $\beta_2AR$  proteins from Anton 2 MD runs of  $\beta_2AR - G_s - NE(+)$  system. Close contacts are defined as AAs within 3 Å of each other. The stable contacts are defined as AA interacting more than 50% of the simulation time. The average percentage interaction time was calculated by averaging the interaction times of the stable AA contacts in the third column.

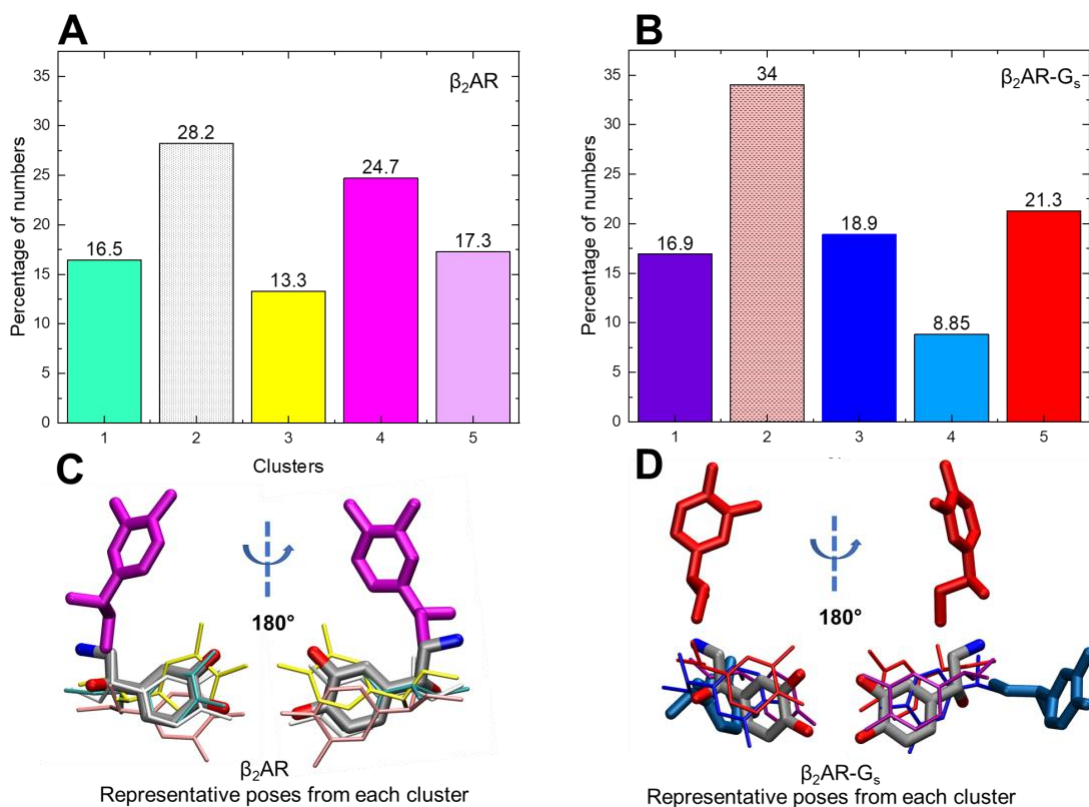
<b>Contacts</b>		<b>Number of stable contacts</b>	<b>Average percentage interaction time</b>
AA in $\beta_2AR$ interact with $G_s\alpha$ $\alpha 5$	Run 1	26	86.7%
	Run 2	<b>22</b>	<b>85.0%</b>
	Run 3	25	89.5%
	Run 4	25	88.5%
AA in $G_s\alpha$ $\alpha 5$ interact with $\beta_2AR$ ICL3	Run 1	4	53.0%
	Run 2	3	69.8%
	Run 3	4	67.2%
	Run 4	4	62.9%
AA in $\beta_2AR$ ICL3 interact with $G_s\alpha$ $\alpha 5$	Run 1	3	65.7%
	Run 2	3	72.5%
	Run 3	3	66.6%
	Run 4	2	75.3%
AA in $\beta_2AR$ ICL3 interact with $G_s$	Run 1	5	70.6%
	Run 2	9	88.1%
	Run 3	10	78.8%
	Run 4	3	72.7%

**Table S4.** Pearson correlation coefficients ( $r$ ) calculated for any two MD simulation averaged geometric criteria characterized in main-text Figure 4 based on Anton 2 MD runs of  $\beta_2$ AR –  $G_s$  – NE(+) system: **A** –  $G_s\alpha$  A161 to E299 distance, **B** – angle between two vectors of  $G_s\alpha$ AH and  $G_s\alpha$ Ras domains, **C** –  $G_s\alpha$ AH and  $G_s\alpha$ Ras interdomain distance, **D** –  $\beta_2$ AR NpxxY to  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha$ 5 distance, **E** –  $\beta_2$ AR to  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha$ 5 distance, **F** –  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha$ 1 to  $\alpha$ 5 distance.

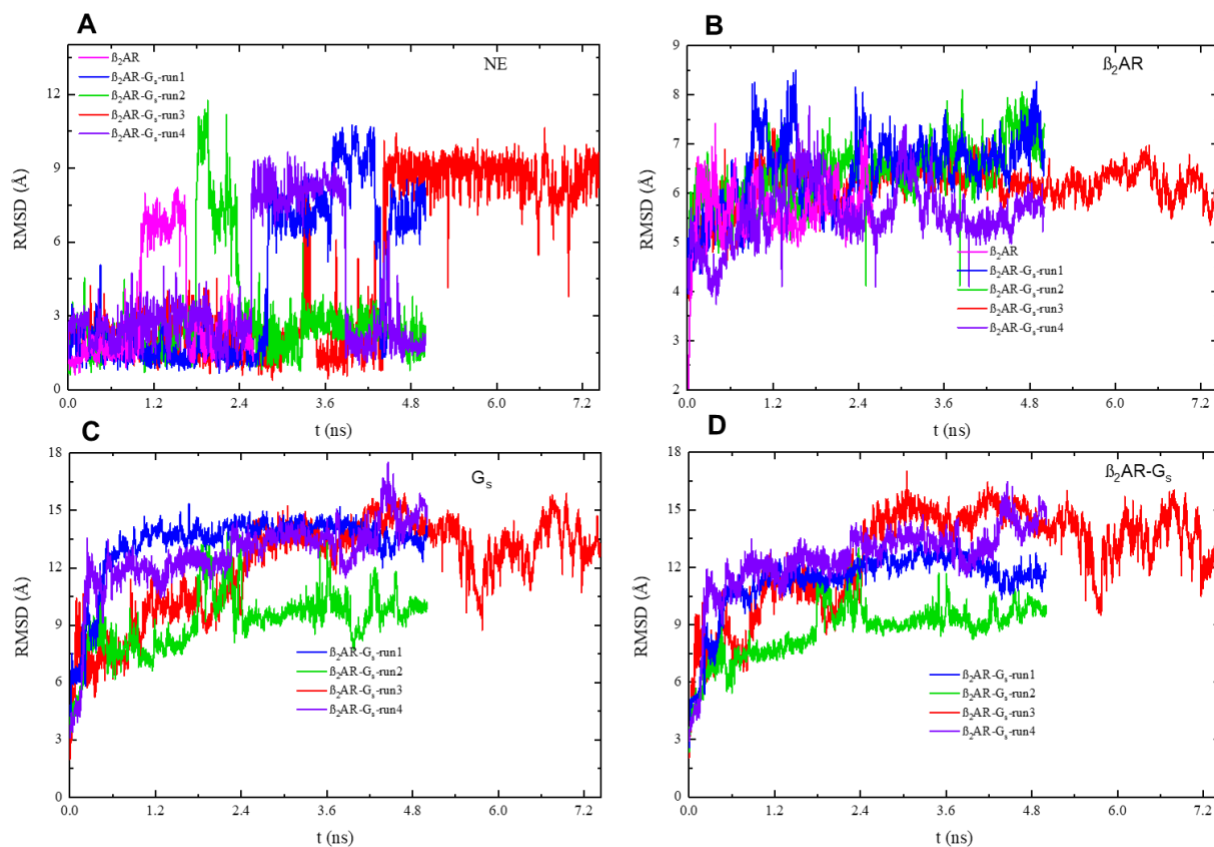
Row #	A and B				
1	0.61				
	A and C	B and C			
2	0.99	0.69			
	A and D	B and D	C and D		
3	-0.36	-0.71	-0.46		
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4	0.53	0.07	0.46	0.55	
	A and F	B and F	C and F	D and F	E and F
5	-0.65	-0.63	-0.65	-0.06	-0.80

**Table S5.** MM-PBSA interaction free energies ( $\Delta G$ ) between  $\beta_2$ AR and  $G_s$  (in kcal/mol), along with their standard errors of mean (SEM) computed using block averages, enthalpic ( $\Delta H$ ) and entropic ( $-T\Delta S$ ) components based on GaMD trajectories (600 ns each). See the “Materials and Methods” section of the main text for a description of the reweighting procedure.

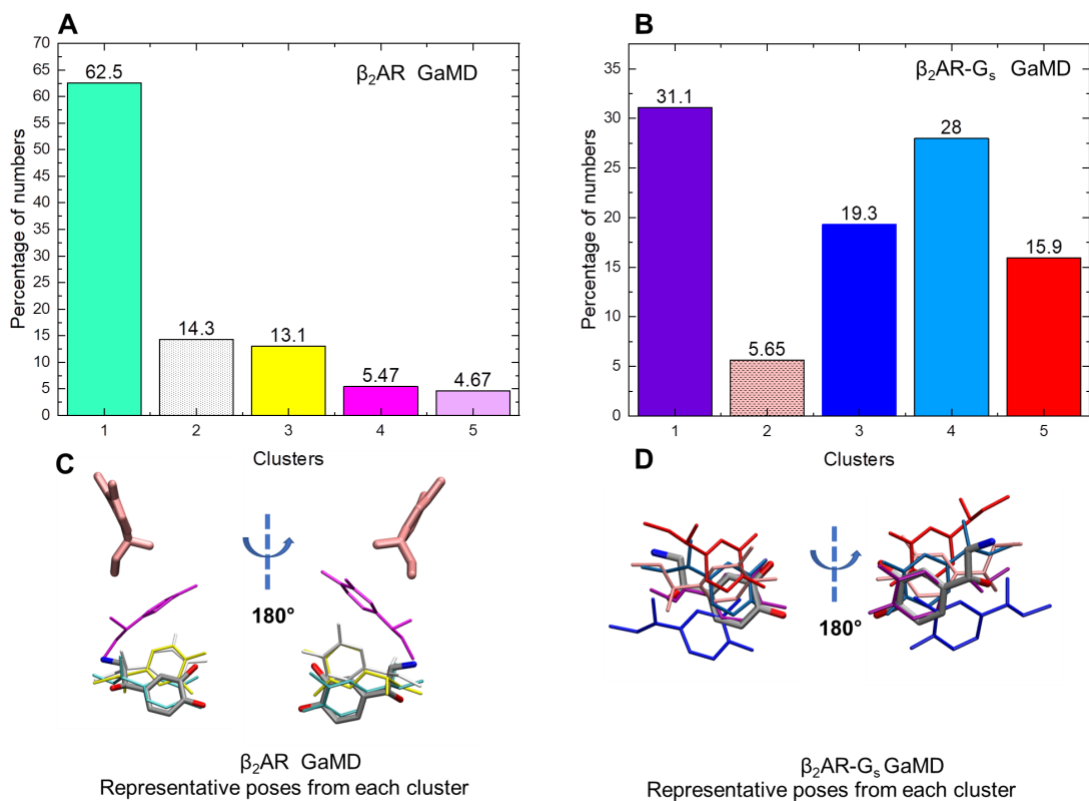
System	$\Delta H$	$-T\Delta S$	$\Delta G \pm \text{SEM}$	Rewighted $\Delta H$
$\beta_2$ AR- $G_s$ -GaMD-run1	-142.3	97.9	-44.4 $\pm$ 11.9	-144.4
$\beta_2$ AR- $G_s$ -GaMD-run2	-154.2	98.8	-55.3 $\pm$ 13.8	-135.0
$\beta_2$ AR- $G_s$ -GaMD-run3	-119.5	94.4	-25.1 $\pm$ 18.3	-132.2



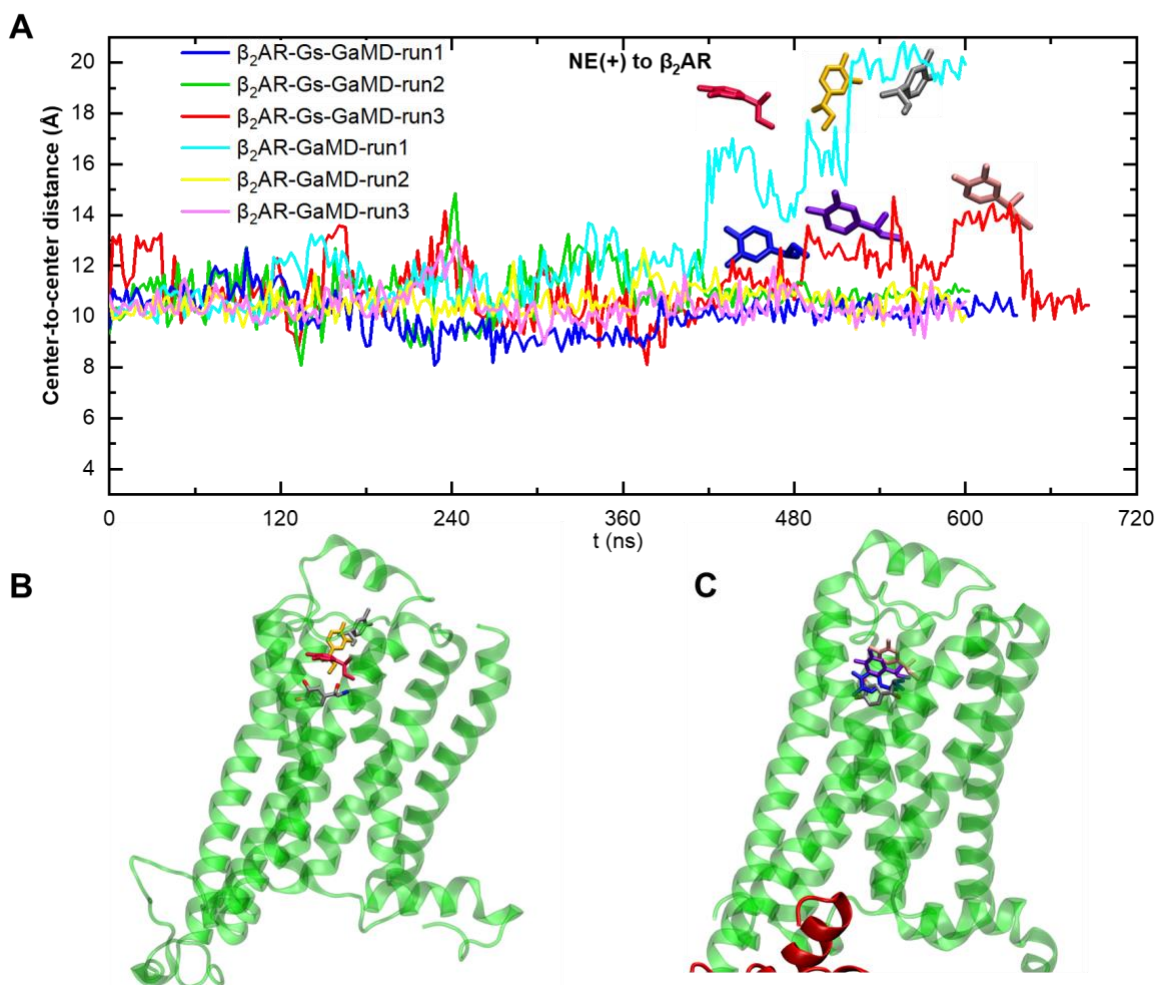
**Fig. S1. (A)** Clustering for binding poses of NE(+) in  $\beta_2AR$  Anton 2 run, percentage of pose numbers out of all poses in each cluster is shown on top of each bar. **(B)** Clustering for binding poses of NE(+) in  $\beta_2AR-G_s$  (Four Anton 2 runs combined), percentage of pose numbers out of all poses in each cluster is shown on top of each bar. **(C)** Representative binding poses found for  $\beta_2AR$ , the coloring of molecules matches the histogram in (A), the white molecule corresponding to cluster 2 in (A). **(D)** Representative binding poses for  $\beta_2AR-G_s$ , the coloring of molecules matches the histogram in (B), the red molecule with thin bonds corresponds to cluster 2.



**Fig. S2.** RMSD time series of **(A)** NE(+) in different Anton 2 runs, trajectories were aligned to the  $\beta_2\text{AR}$  without loops with the first frame as reference; **(B)**  $\beta_2\text{AR}$  in different Anton 2 runs, trajectories were aligned to  $\beta_2\text{AR}$  with the first frame as reference; **(C)**  $G_s$  in different Anton 2 runs, trajectories were aligned to  $G_s$  with the first frame as reference; **(D)**  $\beta_2\text{AR-G}_s$  complex in different Anton 2 runs, trajectories were aligned to  $\beta_2\text{AR-G}_s$  with the first frame as reference.

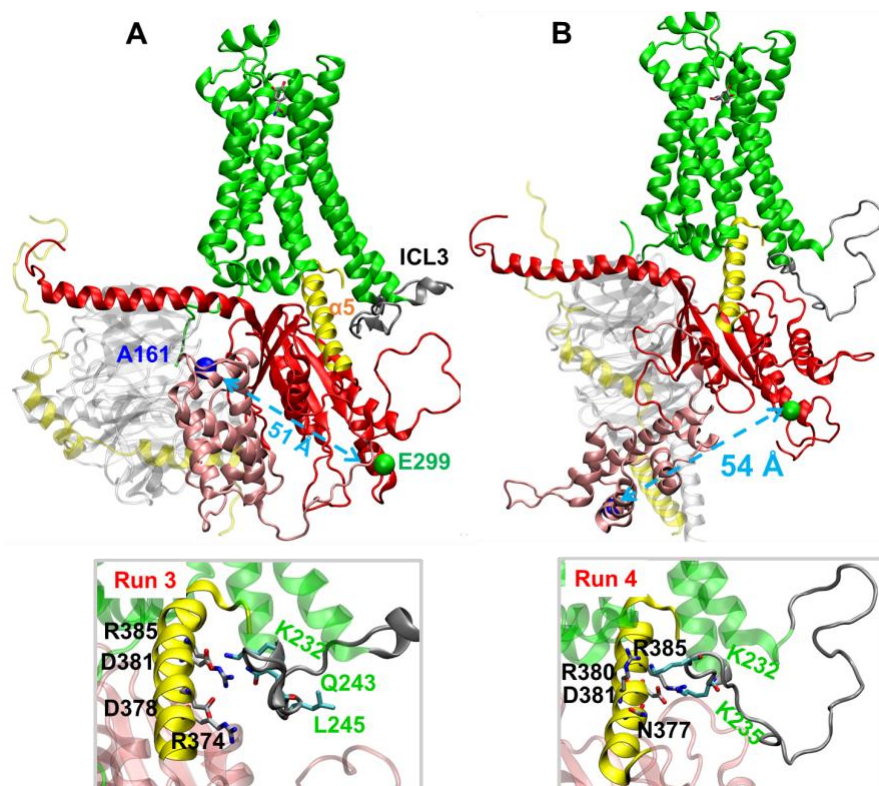


**Fig. S3.** (A) Clustering for binding poses of NE(+) in  $\beta_2$ AR GaMD runs, percentage of pose numbers out of all poses in each cluster is shown on top of each bar. (B) Clustering for binding poses of NE(+) in  $\beta_2$ AR-G<sub>s</sub> GaMD runs, percentage of pose numbers out of all poses in each cluster is shown on top of each bar. (C) Representative binding poses found for  $\beta_2$ AR, the coloring of molecules matches the histogram in (A), the white molecule corresponds to cluster 2 in (A). (D) Representative binding poses for  $\beta_2$ AR-G<sub>s</sub>, the coloring of molecules matches the histogram in (B), the pink molecule corresponds to cluster 2.

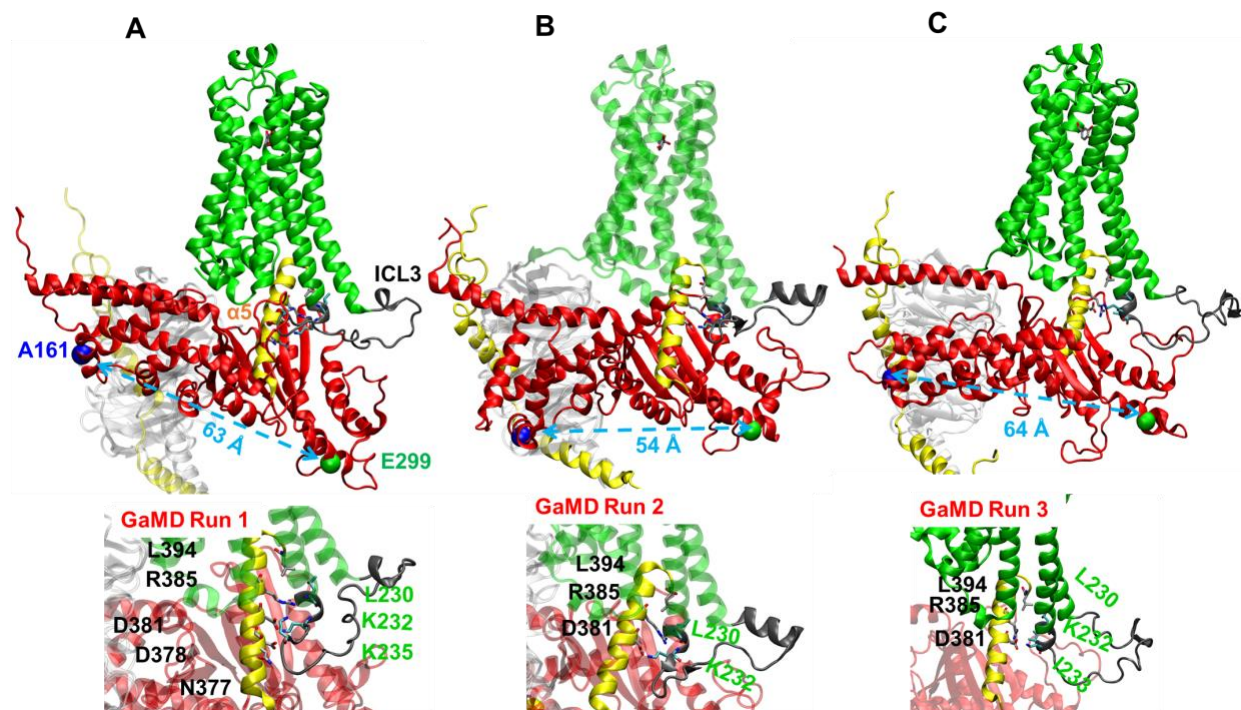


**Fig. S4. (A)** Time series of center-to-center distance between NE(+) and  $\beta_2$ AR geometric centers based on GaMD simulations; **(B)** Representative binding poses of NE(+) from  $\beta_2$ AR-GaMD-run1 (NE(+) colors correspond to those in panel A); **(C)** Representative binding poses of NE(+) from  $\beta_2$ AR-Gs-GaMD-run3 (NE(+) colors correspond to those in panel A).

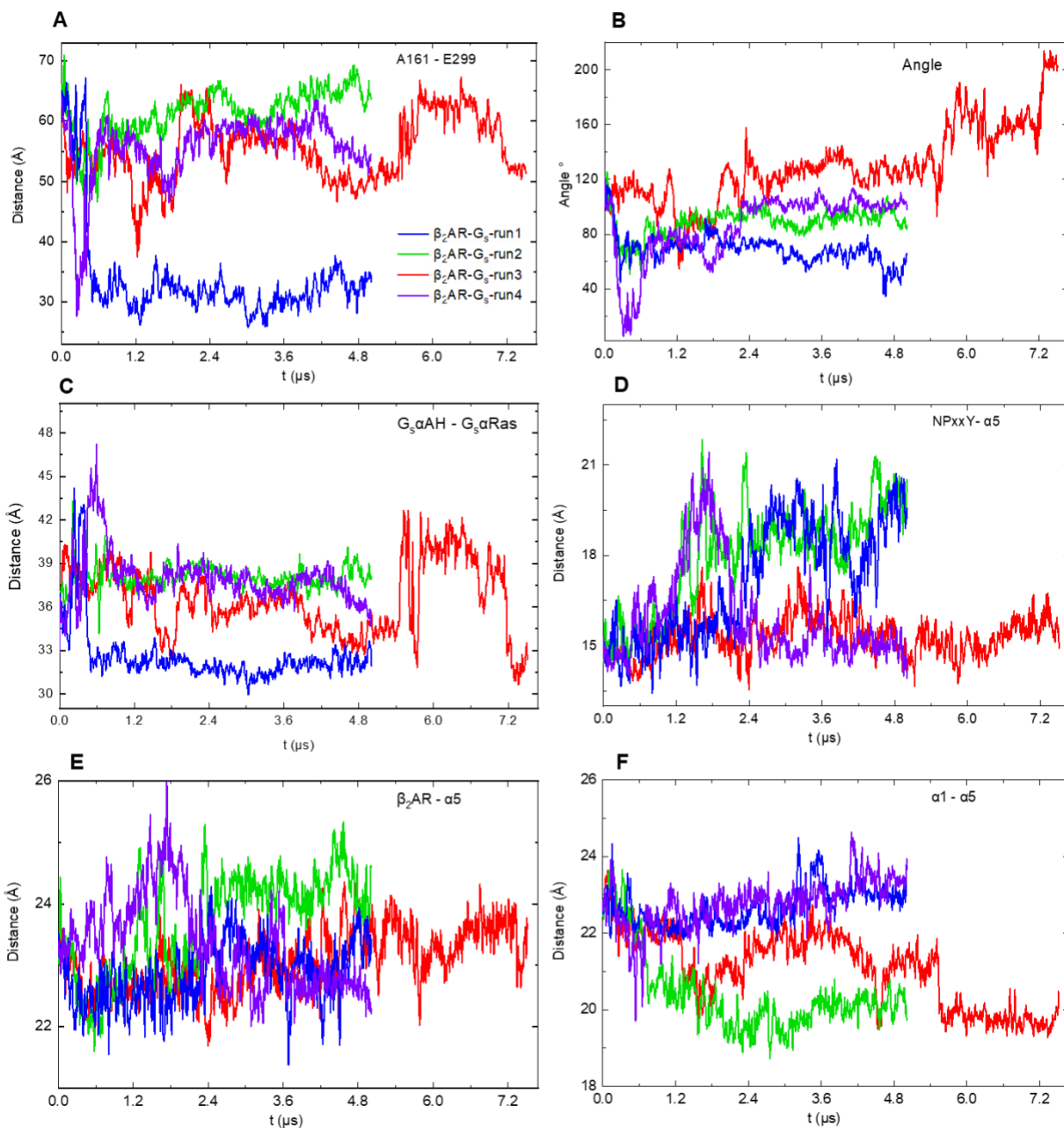




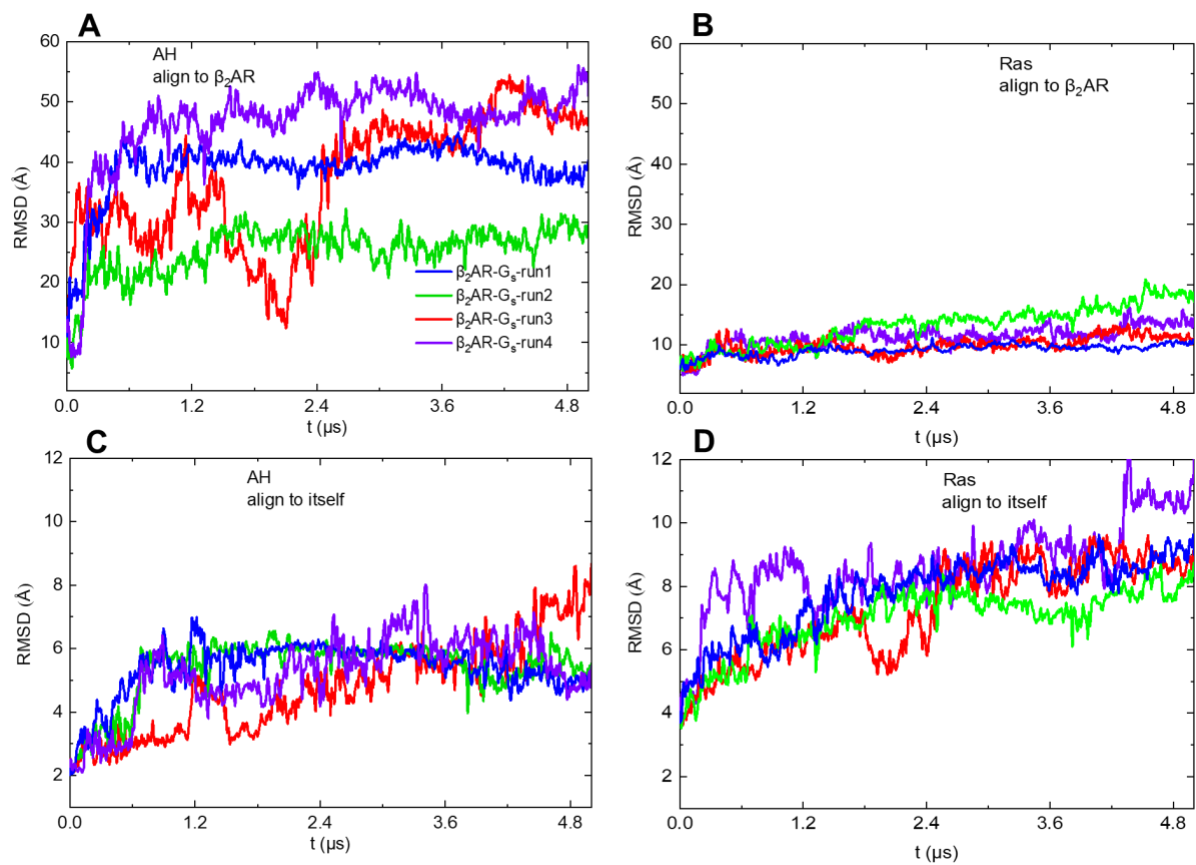
**Fig. S5.** All-atom Anton 2 MD simulations of the active state of the human  $\beta_2\text{AR-G}_s$  complex with NE(+) bound. **(A)** run 3 with the inset at the bottom. **(B)** run 4 with the inset at the bottom. Final structures from 5  $\mu\text{s}$  long unbiased MD simulation runs on Anton 2. Individual protein chains / subunits are shown in the ribbon representation using different colors and labeled.  $\text{G}_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  helix and  $\beta_2\text{AR}$  intracellular loop 3 (ICL3) are shown as yellow and dark gray.  $\text{G}_s\alpha$   $\alpha$ -helical domain residue A161 and Ras-like domain residue E299 are shown as blue and green balls, and distances between them are shown by light-blue dashed arrows.



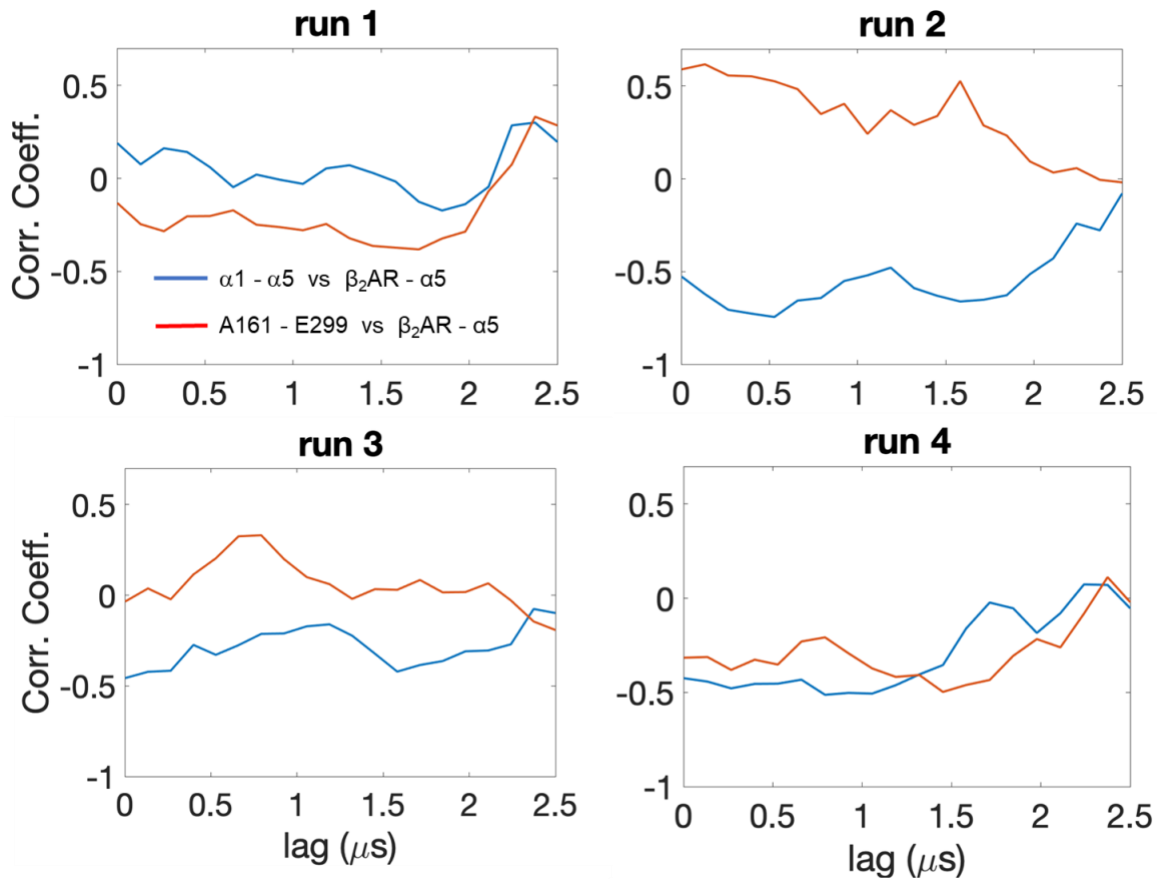
**Fig. S6.** All-atom GaMD simulations of the active state of the human  $\beta_2$ AR- $G_s$  complex with NE(+) bound. **(A)** GaMD run 1 with the inset at the bottom. **(B)** GaMD run 2 with the inset at the bottom. **(C)** GaMD run 3 with the inset at the bottom. Final protein structures from 600-ns long GaMD simulation runs are shown. Individual protein chains / subunits are shown in the ribbon representation using different colors and labeled.  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  helix and  $\beta_2$ AR intracellular loop 3 (ICL3) are shown as yellow and dark gray.  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha$ -helical domain residue A161 and Ras-like domain residue E299 are shown in blue and green balls, and distances between them are shown by light-blue dashed arrows.



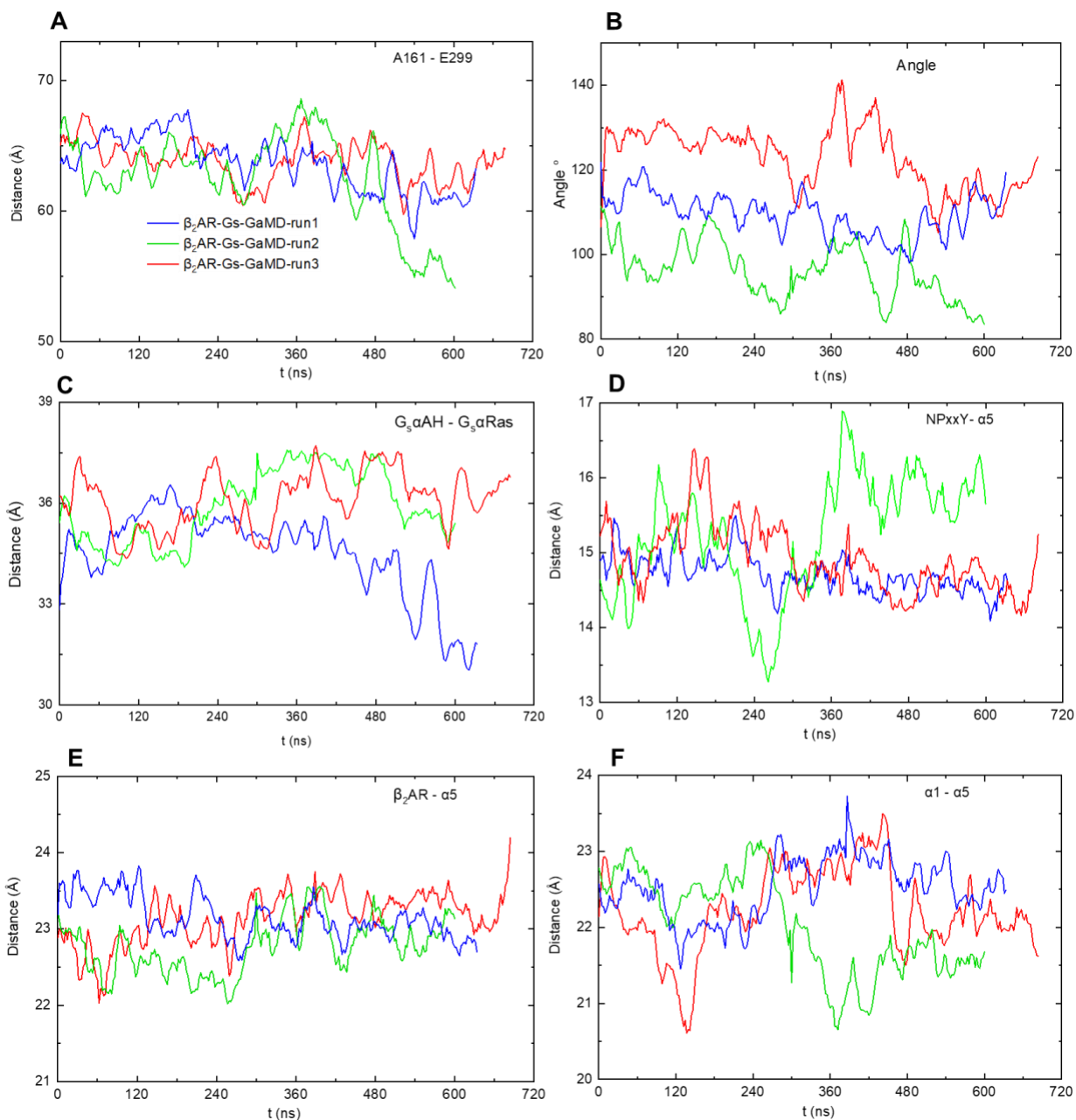
**Fig. S7.** Time series of geometric criteria from all-atom Anton 2 MD simulations of  $\beta_2\text{AR-G}_s\text{-NE(+)}$  system: **(A)**  $\text{G}_s\alpha$  A161 to E299 distance indicating protein conformational changes (opening or closing); **(B)** angle between two vectors found in  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{AH}$  and  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{Ras}$  domains indicating the relative orientation of two domains. Vector 1 goes through  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{AH}$  and A161 centers, vector 2 goes through  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{Ras}$  and E299 centers (see main-text Figure 4C); **(C)** distance between  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{AH}$  and  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{Ras}$  domains; **(D)** distance between NPxxY (on the TM7 of  $\beta_2\text{AR}$ ) and  $\text{G}_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  helix indicating possible partial  $\beta_2\text{AR-G}_s$  dissociation; **(E)** distance between  $\beta_2\text{AR}$  and  $\text{G}_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  indicating possible partial  $\beta_2\text{AR-G}_s$  dissociation; **(F)**  $\text{G}_s\alpha$   $\alpha 1$  to  $\alpha 5$  distance indicating relative movement of  $\alpha 1$  and  $\alpha 5$  helices. (The geometric centers were used for the distance and angle measurements.)



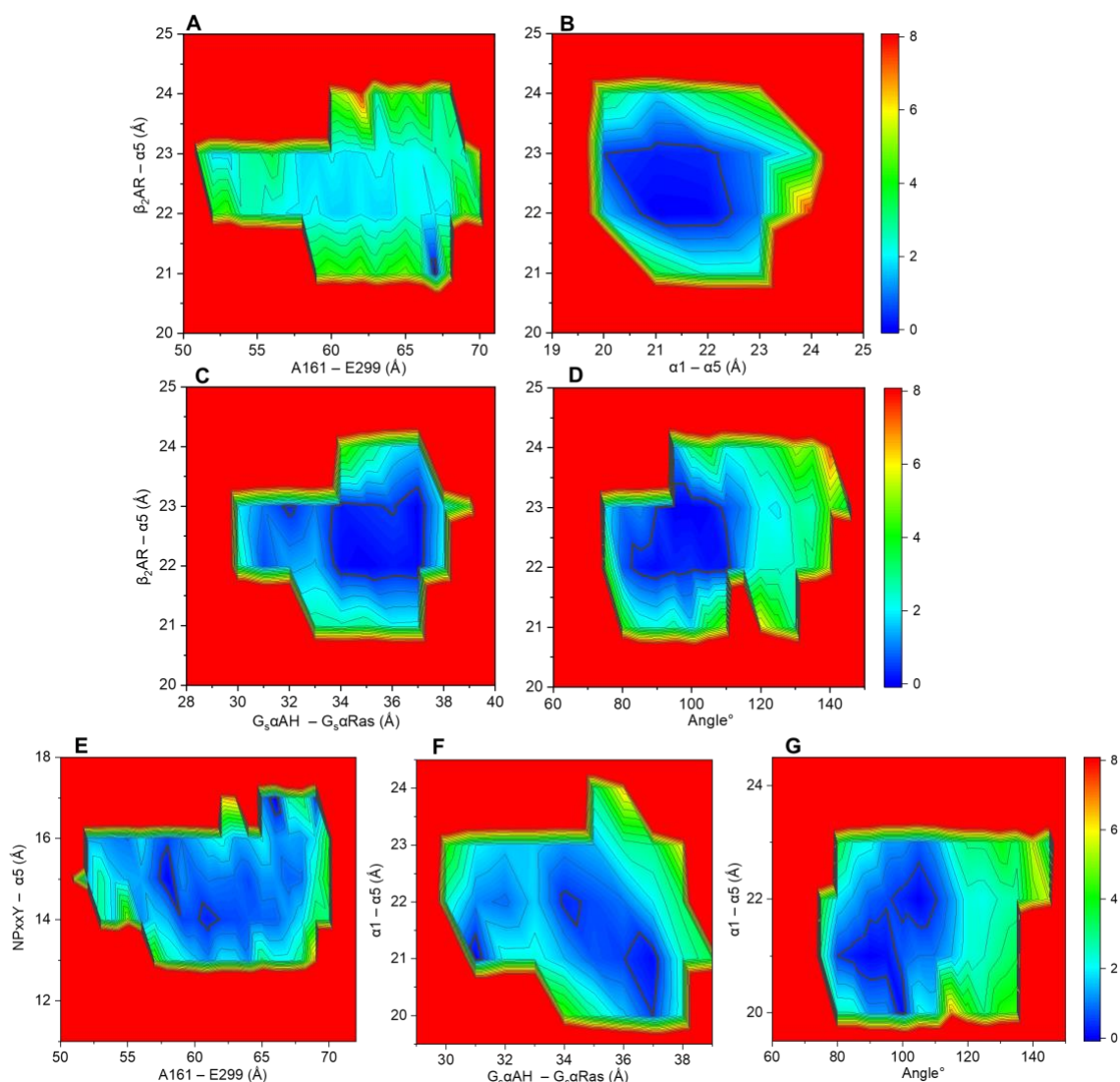
**Fig. S8.** RMSD time series from all-atom Anton 2 MD simulations of  $\beta_2$ AR-G<sub>s</sub>-NE(+) system: **(A)** G<sub>s</sub>αAH domain C<sub>α</sub> atoms aligned with respect to  $\beta_2$ AR; **(B)** G<sub>s</sub>αRas domain C<sub>α</sub> atoms aligned with respect to  $\beta_2$ AR; **(C)** G<sub>s</sub>αAH domain C<sub>α</sub> atoms aligned with respect to its initial structure; **(D)** G<sub>s</sub>αRas domain C<sub>α</sub> atoms aligned with respect to its initial structure.



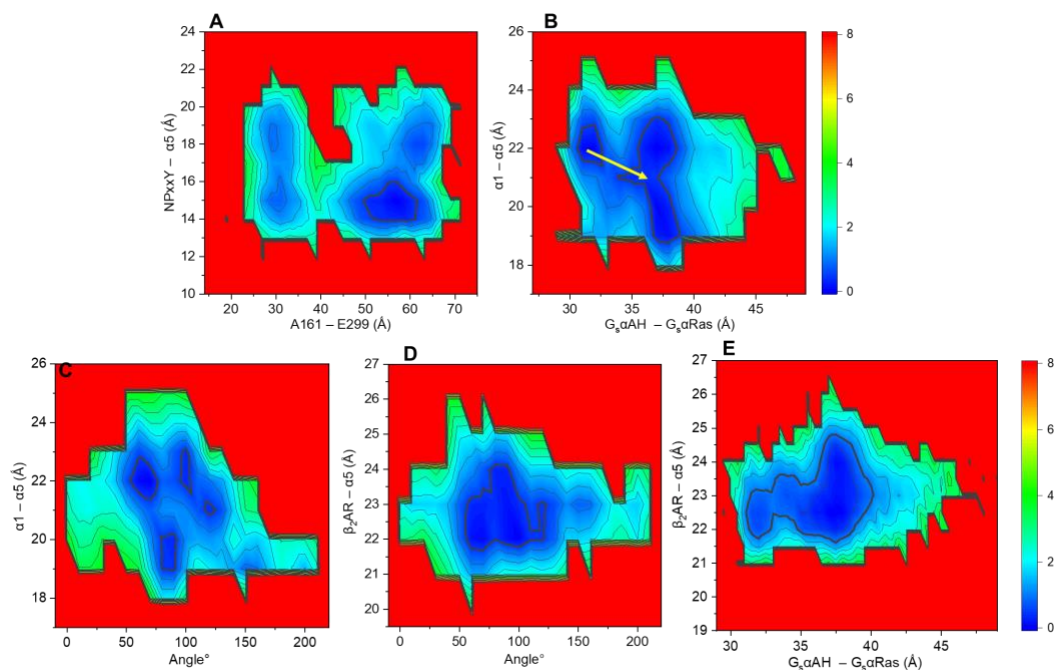
**Fig. S9.** Pearson correlation coefficients (Corr. Coeff)  $r$  as a function of lag time calculated for  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 1 - \alpha 5$  distance vs.  $\beta_2\text{AR} - G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  distance (blue) and  $G_s\alpha$  A161 - E299 distance vs.  $\beta_2\text{AR} - G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  distance (red). These data are based on all-atom Anton 2 MD simulations of  $\beta_2\text{AR} - G_s - \text{NE}(+)$  system.



**Fig. S10.** Time series of geometric criteria from all-atom GaMD simulations of  $\beta_2\text{AR-G}_s\text{-NE}(+)$  system: **(A)**  $\text{G}_s\alpha$  A161 to E299 distance indicating protein conformational changes (opening or closing); **(B)** Angle between two vectors found in  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{AH}$  and  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{Ras}$  domains indicating the relative orientation between the two domains. Vector 1 goes through  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{AH}$  and A161 centers, vector 2 goes through  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{Ras}$  and E299 centers (see main text Fig. 4C); **(C)** Distance between  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{AH}$  and  $\text{G}_s\alpha\text{Ras}$  domains; **(D)** Distance between NPxxY (on the TM7 of  $\beta_2\text{AR}$ ) and  $\text{G}_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  indicating possible partial  $\beta_2\text{AR-G}_s$  dissociation; **(E)** Distance between  $\beta_2\text{AR}$  and  $\text{G}_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  indicating possible partial  $\beta_2\text{AR-G}_s$  dissociation; **(F)** Distance between  $\text{G}_s\alpha$   $\alpha 1$  and  $\alpha 5$  indicating relative movement of helices  $\alpha 1$  and  $\alpha 5$ . (The geometric centers were used for the distance and angle measurements.)

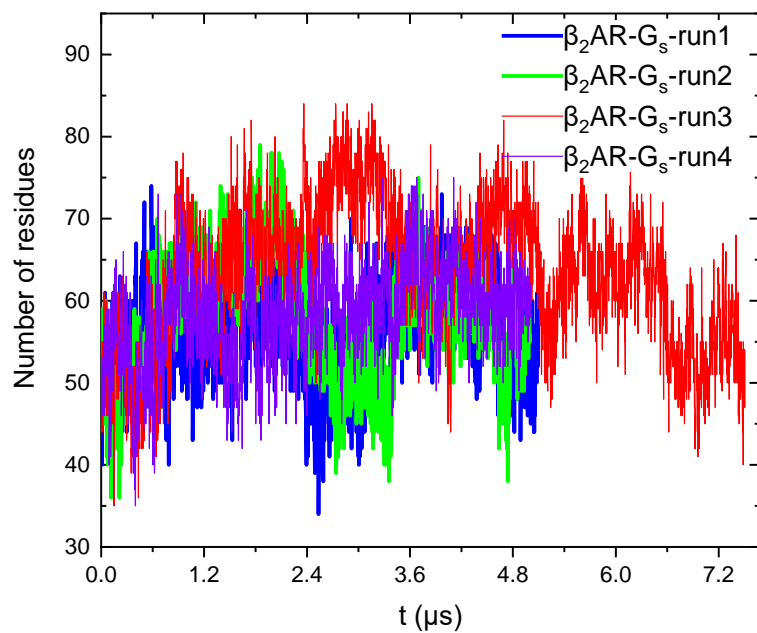


**Fig. S11.** 2D potential of mean force (PMF) or free energy profiles (in kcal/mol) based on  $G_s\alpha$  conformation and its possible partial dissociation from  $\beta_2AR$  from all-atom GaMD simulations of the active state of the human  $\beta_2AR-G_s$  complexes with bound NE(+): **(A)** A161 to E299 distance indicating  $G_s\alpha$  open or closed conformation is shown as X-axis. Distance between  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  and  $\beta_2AR$  indicating possible partial  $\beta_2AR-G_s$  dissociation is shown as Y-axis. **(B)**  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 1$  to  $\alpha 5$  distance is shown as X-axis. Distance between  $\alpha 5$  and  $\beta_2AR$  indicating possible partial  $\beta_2AR-G_s$  dissociation is shown as Y-axis. **(C)** Distance between  $G_s\alpha AH$  and  $G_s\alpha Ras$  is set as X-axis. Distance between  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  and  $\beta_2AR$  indicating possible partial  $\beta_2AR-G_s$  dissociation is shown as Y-axis. **(D)** Angle between two vectors, one from  $G_s\alpha AH$  and the other from  $G_s\alpha Ras$ , is set as X-axis (shown in Figure 4C). Distance between  $\alpha 5$  and  $\beta_2AR$  indicating possible partial  $\beta_2AR-G_s$  dissociation is shown as Y-axis. **(E)** Distance between  $G_s\alpha$  A161 and E299 is shown as X-axis.  $\beta_2AR$  NPxxY to  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  distance is shown as Y-axis. **(F)** Distance between  $G_s\alpha AH$  and  $G_s\alpha Ras$  is set as X-axis. Distance between  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  and  $\alpha 1$  is shown as Y-axis. **(G)** Angle between two vectors, one from  $G_s\alpha AH$  and the other from  $G_s\alpha Ras$  (shown in Figure 4C), is set as X-axis. Distance between  $G_s$   $\alpha 5$  and  $\alpha 1$  is shown as Y-axis. All data are from GaMD simulations. (The geometric centers were used for the distance and angle measurements.)

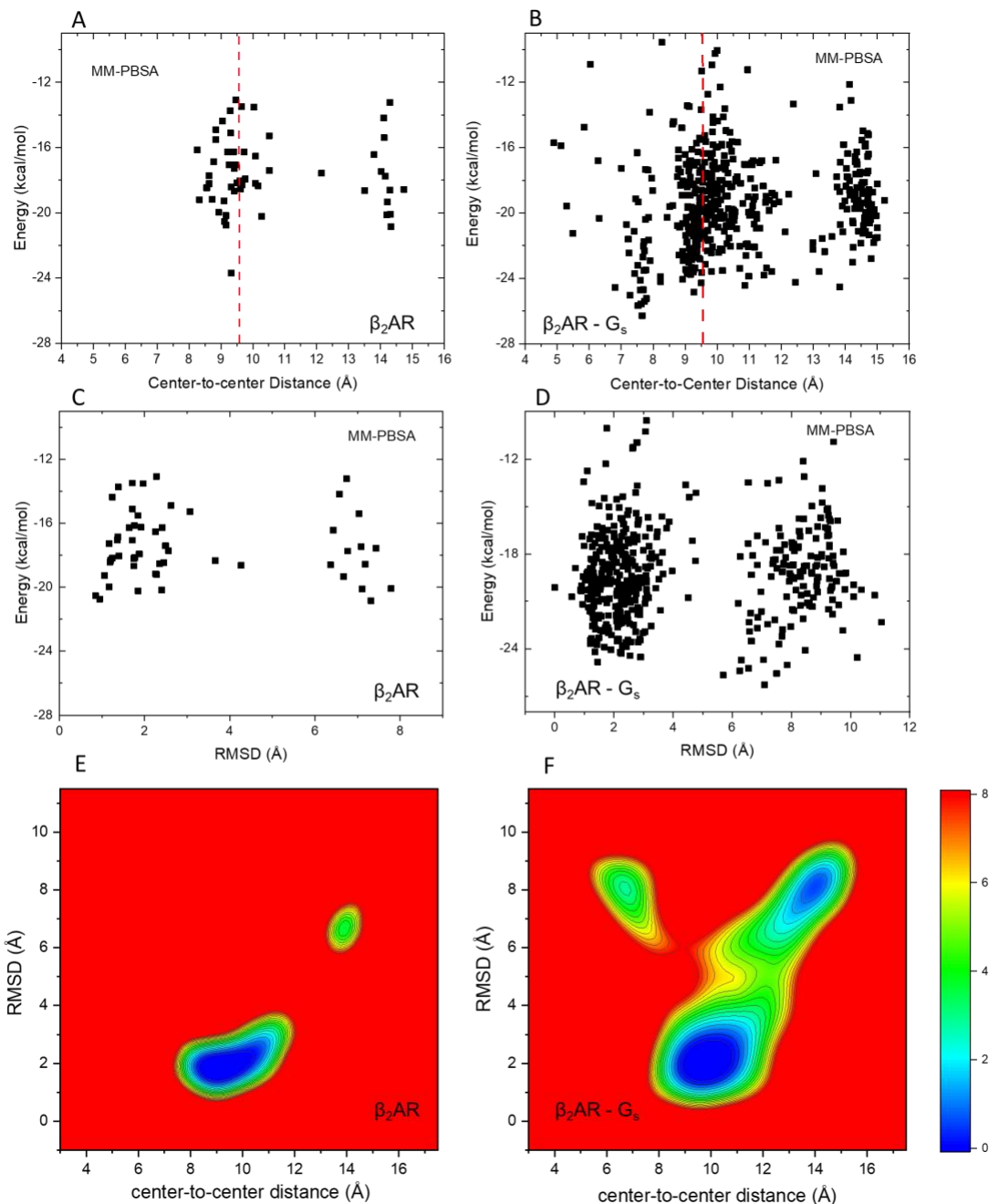


**Fig. S12.** 2D potential of mean force (PMF) or free energy profiles (in kcal/mol) from all-atom Anton 2 MD simulations of the active state of the human  $\beta_2\text{AR-G}_s$  complexes with bound NE(+). **(A)** Distance between  $G_s\alpha$  A161 and E299 is shown as X-axis.  $\beta_2\text{AR}$  NPxxY to  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  distance is shown as Y-axis. **(B)** Distance between  $G_s\alpha\text{AH}$  and  $G_s\alpha\text{Ras}$  is set as X-axis. Distance between  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  and  $\alpha 1$  is shown as Y-axis. **(C)** Angle between two vectors, one from  $G_s\alpha\text{AH}$  and the other from  $G_s\alpha\text{Ras}$ , is set as X-axis. Distance between  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  helix and  $\alpha 1$  helix is shown as Y-axis. **(D)** Angle between two vectors, one from  $G_s\alpha\text{AH}$  domain and the other from  $G_s\alpha\text{Ras}$  domain, is set as X-axis; distance between  $G_s\alpha$   $\alpha 5$  and  $\beta_2\text{AR}$  is shown as Y-axis. **(E)** Distance between  $G_s\alpha\text{AH}$  and  $G_s\alpha\text{Ras}$  domains is set as X-axis; distance between  $\alpha 5$  and  $\beta_2\text{AR}$  is shown as Y-axis. (The geometric centers were used for the distance and angle measurements.)





**Fig. S13.** Time series of the number of amino acid residues (AAs) in the binding interface between  $\beta_2\text{AR}$  and  $\text{G}_s$  from all-atom Anton 2 MD simulations of  $\beta_2\text{AR-G}_s\text{-NE(+)}$  system. The AAs in the binding interface were defined as those within 3 Å of either  $\beta_2\text{AR}$  or  $\text{G}_s$ .



**Fig. S14.** (A) Scatter plot of MM-PBSA binding energies between NE(+) and  $\beta_2$ AR with their center-to-center distances in  $\beta_2$ AR only system. (B) Scatter plot of MM-PBSA binding energies between NE(+) and  $\beta_2$ AR with their center-to-center distances in  $\beta_2$ AR- $G_s$  system. (C) Scatter plot of MM-PBSA binding energies between NE(+) and  $\beta_2$ AR with RMSDs of NE(+) in  $\beta_2$ AR only system. (D) Scatter plot of MM-PBSA binding energies between NE(+) and  $\beta_2$ AR with RMSDs of NE(+) in  $\beta_2$ AR- $G_s$  system. (E) 2D PMF based on RMSD of NE(+) and center-to-center distance between NE(+) and  $\beta_2$ AR captured in the  $\beta_2$ AR only system. (F) 2D PMF based on RMSD of NE(+) and center-to-center distance between NE(+) and  $\beta_2$ AR captured in the  $\beta_2$ AR- $G_s$  systems. All plots are based on Anton 2 simulations, the vertical red dashed line in panels A and B indicates the initial center-to-center distance between NE(+) and  $\beta_2$ AR. (The geometric centers were used for the distance measurements.)