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Structure of endothelin ET_B receptor-Gi complex in a conformation stabilized by the unique NPxxL motif

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(a) Related to Fig. 2f.

ET _B R constructs	pEC ₅₀	E _{max}	E _{max} , %WT	n	relative ET _B R expression	n
WT (100%)	9.66 ± 0.06	0.30 ± 0.010	100 ± 3.1	4	100	9
D198A (3.49)	9.86 ± 0.04	0.30 ± 0.007 ^{b)}	99.7 ± 2.6	3	53.1 ± 4.8	6
R199A (3.50)	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	3	83.2 ± 6.0	7
Y293F (5.58)	9.39 ± 0.18	0.05 ± 0.005 ^{****a)}	5.5 ± 1.7	3	75.6 ± 9.3	5
N382A (7.49)	9.53 ± 0.23	0.04 ± 0.005 ^{****b)}	2.5 ± 1.8	3	52.9 ± 1.7	5

(b) Related to Fig. 2g.

ET _B R constructs	pEC ₅₀	E _{max}	E _{max} , %WT	n	relative ET _B R expression	n
WT (100%)	9.13 ± 0.05	0.26 ± 0.007	100.0 ± 3.0	4	100	3
L386Y (7.53)	9.70 ± 0.16	0.04 ± 0.004 ^{****c)}	15.4 ± 1.5	4	39.8 ± 4.8	3
L386A (7.53)	9.89 ± 0.17	0.03 ± 0.003 ^{****c)}	11.5 ± 1.2	4	34.3 ± 6.0	3
L386N (7.53)	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	3	29.0 ± 2.3	3
L386V (7.53)	9.15 ± 0.11	0.11 ± 0.006 ^{****b)}	33.5 ± 2.5	3	57.5 ± 4.4	3
L386I (7.53)	8.84 ± 0.07	0.15 ± 0.005 ^{****a)}	49.6 ± 2.1	4	99.1 ± 4.9	3

(c) Related to Fig. 5a.

ET _B R constructs	pEC ₅₀	E _{max}	E _{max} , %WT	n	relative ET _B R expression	n
WT (100%)	9.66 ± 0.06	0.30 ± 0.010	100 ± 3.1	4	100	9
WT (50%)	9.67 ± 0.08	0.24 ± 0.011	76.5 ± 4.0	3	66.0 ± 29.2	3
WT (35%)	9.70 ± 0.07	0.20 ± 0.008	62.9 ± 2.9	3	38.2 ± 12.4	3
N134A (ICL1)	9.60 ± 0.06	0.18 ± 0.005 ^{*c)}	54.6 ± 2.0	3	35.5 ± 1.5	4
S390A (8.47)	9.43 ± 0.08	0.11 ± 0.005 ^{****c)}	28.8 ± 1.8	3	41.5 ± 3.8	4

(d) Related to Fig. 5b.

ET _B R constructs	pEC ₅₀	E _{max}	E _{max} , %WT	n	relative ET _B R expression	n
WT (100%)	9.66 ± 0.05	0.29 ± 0.008	100 ± 3.2	5	100	11
M296A (5.61)	9.05 ± 0.08	0.13 ± 0.005 ^{****a)}	36.2 ± 2.0	3	91.5 ± 1.9	3
M300A (5.65)	9.18 ± 0.11	0.15 ± 0.009 ^{****a)}	46.9 ± 3.3	3	109.7 ± 14.0	3
V325A (6.37)	9.39 ± 0.08	0.20 ± 0.009 ^{****a)}	63.5 ± 3.3	3	89.5 ± 11.9	3

(e) Related to Fig. 5c.

ET _B R constructs	pEC ₅₀	E _{max}	E _{max} , %WT	n	relative ET _B R expression	n
WT (100%)	9.66 ± 0.05	0.29 ± 0.008	100 ± 3.2	5	100	11
H314A (6.26)	9.59 ± 0.06	0.27 ± 0.009	90.2 ± 3.5	3	62.7 ± 6.4	3
R318A (6.30)	9.31 ± 0.06	0.26 ± 0.009	88.2 ± 3.3	3	102.4 ± 16.2	3
T324A (6.36)	9.53 ± 0.06	0.23 ± 0.008 ^{b)}	77.3 ± 3.0	3	71.4 ± 2.2	3
V389A (7.56)	9.60 ± 0.06	0.28 ± 0.009	96.3 ± 3.6	3	69.6 ± 5.5	3
K391A (8.48)	9.59 ± 0.05	0.27 ± 0.008	91.2 ± 2.9	3	61.9 ± 10.6	3

(f) Related to Fig. 5d.

Gα _i constructs	pEC ₅₀	E _{max}	E _{max} , %WT	n
WT	9.32 ± 0.05	0.30 ± 0.008	100 ± 3.0	3
F354A (H5.26)	9.25 ± 0.04	0.26 ± 0.006 ^{**}	87.8 ± 2.2	3
L353A (H5.25)	9.48 ± 0.15	0.05 ± 0.004 ^{****}	7.8 ± 1.6	3
G352A (H5.24)	9.02 ± 0.05	0.20 ± 0.005 ^{****}	61.8 ± 1.9	3
C351A (H5.23)	9.20 ± 0.04	0.26 ± 0.005 ^{***}	87.0 ± 1.9	3
D350A (H5.22)	9.40 ± 0.04	0.28 ± 0.005	92.2 ± 2.1	3
N347A (H5.19)	9.43 ± 0.04	0.29 ± 0.007	96.5 ± 2.5	3
K345A (H5.17)	9.06 ± 0.06	0.16 ± 0.005 ^{****}	48.9 ± 1.9	3
D341A (H5.13)	9.51 ± 0.04	0.28 ± 0.006	92.1 ± 2.4	3

Supplementary Table 2: ET-1-induced activation of WT and mutant ET_B receptors in the G_s-mediated cAMP accumulation assay. Data were collected through the cAMP accumulation assay in parallel. pEC₅₀ and E_{max} estimates represent average value and standard error of the mean (SEM), respectively, from three to five independent experiments performed in duplicate. “N.D.” is used to denote cases where no activity was detected. ^{a), b), and c)}; Statistical differences from wild type (75%), wild type (50%), and wild type (25%) were analyzed using ANOVA with Dunnett’s multiple comparison of means test, respectively. ^{d)}; Statistical difference from wild type (100%) was determined using Student’s *t*-test. Significance levels are indicated as (*****p* < 0.0001, ****p* < 0.001, ***p* < 0.01, **p* < 0.05 vs WT).

(a) Related to Supplementary Fig. 10a

ET _B R constructs	pEC ₅₀	E _{max} , %WT	n	relative ET _B R expression	n
WT	8.52 ± 0.03	99.9 ± 1.4	5	100	3
N134A (ICL1)	8.79 ± 0.25	20.3 ± 2.2****a)	3	80.2 ± 10.4	3
D198A (3.49)	8.95 ± 0.16	48.2 ± 3.5****a)	3	73.1 ± 3.4	3
R199A (3.50)	N.D.	N.D.	3	87.5 ± 11.7	3
Y293F (5.58)	N.D.	N.D.	3	90.4 ± 4.4	3
N382A (7.49)	N.D.	N.D.	3	63.9 ± 8.3	3
S390A (8.47)	8.89 ± 0.86	2.9 ± 1.1****b)	3	48.0 ± 4.8	3

(b) Related to Supplementary Fig. 10b

ET _B R constructs	pEC ₅₀	E _{max} , %WT	n	relative ET _B R expression	n
WT	8.39 ± 0.05	99.7 ± 2.1	3	100	3
L386Y (7.53)	8.52 ± 0.29	4.9 ± 0.6****c)	3	37.4 ± 2.0	3
L386A (7.53)	8.23 ± 0.31	2.9 ± 0.4****c)	3	33.3 ± 5.2	3
L386N (7.53)	N.D.	N.D.	3	36.1 ± 3.3	3
L386I (7.53)	8.60 ± 0.13	25.8 ± 1.3****a)	3	78.0 ± 9.5	3
L386V (7.53)	8.40 ± 0.13	26.3 ± 1.4****b)	3	58.6 ± 1.6	3

(c) Related to Supplementary Fig. 10c

ET _B R constructs	pEC ₅₀	E _{max} , %WT	n	relative ET _B R expression	n
WT	8.52 ± 0.03	99.9 ± 1.4	5	100	3
M296A (5.61)	N.D.	N.D.	3	93.6 ± 2.3	3
M300A (5.65)	N.D.	N.D.	3	74.7 ± 9.3	3
H314A (6.26)	8.69 ± 0.11	85.9 ± 4.1 ^{b)}	3	49.9 ± 5.3	3
R318A (6.30)	8.31 ± 0.15	17.2 ± 1.0 ^{****a)}	3	79.0 ± 5.2	3
T324A (6.36)	8.54 ± 0.08	39.4 ± 1.2 ^{****d)}	3	91.8 ± 8.6	3
V325A (6.37)	8.74 ± 0.20	8.3 ± 0.7 ^{****b)}	3	50.3 ± 8.5	3
V389A (7.56)	8.80 ± 0.07	33.2 ± 1.1 ^{****b)}	3	63.6 ± 8.8	3
K391A (8.48)	8.59 ± 0.07	69.3 ± 1.9 ^{**a)}	3	67.8 ± 7.5	3

(d) Related to Supplementary Fig. 10d

WT ET _B R	pEC ₅₀	E _{max} , %WT	n
100%	8.21 ± 0.09	97.2 ± 3.7	3
75%	8.36 ± 0.08	79.5 ± 2.7	3
50%	8.54 ± 0.11	49.2 ± 2.2	3
25%	8.77 ± 0.16	19.8 ± 1.4	3
0%	N.D.	N.D.	2

(e) Related to Supplementary Fig. 10e

ET _B R constructs	pEC ₅₀	E _{max}	n
WT	8.46 ± 0.05	10.15 ± 0.17	3
vehicle	N.D.	N.D.	2

Supplementary Table 3: List of contacts between ET_BR and Gα_i.

Gα_i residue	ET_BR residue	Type of interaction
L194 ^{S3.1}	I209 ^{ICL2}	Nonbonded contact
T340 ^{H5.12}	W206 ^{ICL2}	Nonbonded contact
D341 ^{H5.13}	H314 ^{6.26} R318 ^{6.30}	Nonbonded contact Hydrogen bond
I343 ^{H5.15}	I209 ^{ICL2}	Nonbonded contact
I344 ^{H5.16}	W206 ^{ICL2} V203 ^{3.54}	Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact
N346 ^{H5.18}	K210 ^{ICL2}	Nonbonded contact
N347 ^{H5.19}	A202 ^{3.53} R208 ^{ICL2}	Nonbonded contact Hydrogen bond
L348 ^{H5.20}	V203 ^{3.54} M300 ^{5.65}	Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact
D350 ^{H5.22}	N134 ^{ICL1} K210 ^{ICL2}	Hydrogen bond with peptide backbone Hydrogen bond
C351 ^{H5.23}	P136 ^{2.39} R199 ^{3.50}	Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact
G352 ^{H5.24}	L386 ^{7.53} S390 ^{8.47}	Nonbonded contact Hydrogen bond with peptide backbone
L353 ^{H5.25}	R199 ^{3.50} M296 ^{5.61} V321 ^{6.33} V325 ^{6.37} V389 ^{7.56}	Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact
F354 ^{H5.26}	Q317 ^{6.29} V321 ^{6.33} V389 ^{7.56} S390 ^{8.47}	Nonbonded contact Nonbonded contact Hydrogen bond with peptide backbone Hydrogen bond with peptide backbone

Supplementary Table 4: Saturation binding using [¹²⁵I]ET-1 and HEK293A cell membranes expressing each mutant protein. The K_d values are presented as mean \pm SEM (pM), representing data from three independent experiments conducted in duplicates.

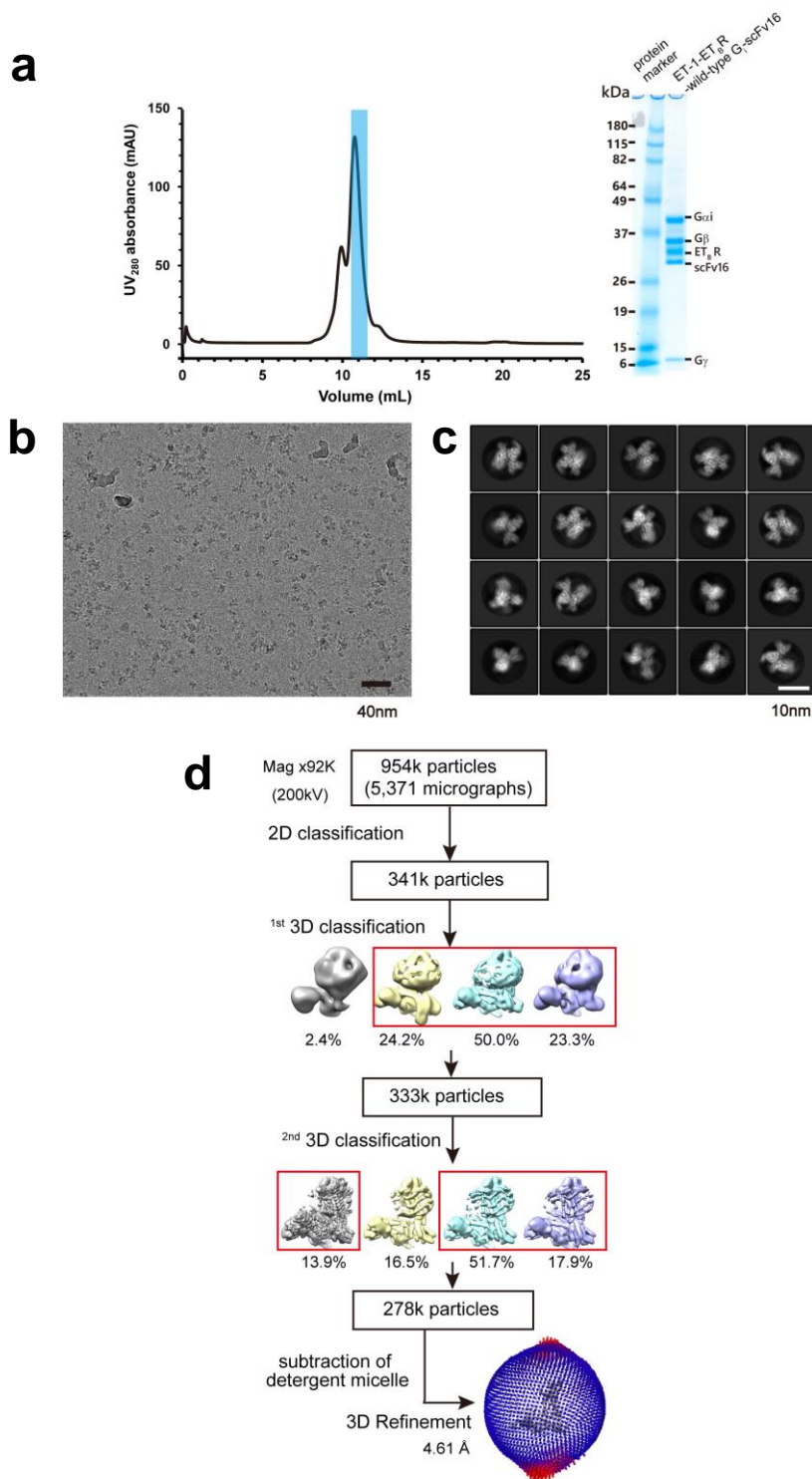
ET_BR construct	K_d (pM)
WT	16.8 \pm 1.7
N134A ^{ICL1}	14.0 \pm 2.4
D198A ^{3.49}	14.9 \pm 1.0
R199A ^{3.50}	15.5 \pm 0.5
Y293F ^{5.58}	15.2 \pm 0.3
M296A ^{5.61}	19.1 \pm 1.9
M300A ^{5.65}	17.3 \pm 4.0
T324M ^{6.36}	17.7 \pm 3.4
V325A ^{6.37}	17.3 \pm 2.2
N382A ^{7.49}	15.1 \pm 1.1
S390A ^{8.47}	16.3 \pm 1.4

Supplementary Table 5: Frequency of hydrogen bond occurrence in MD simulations.

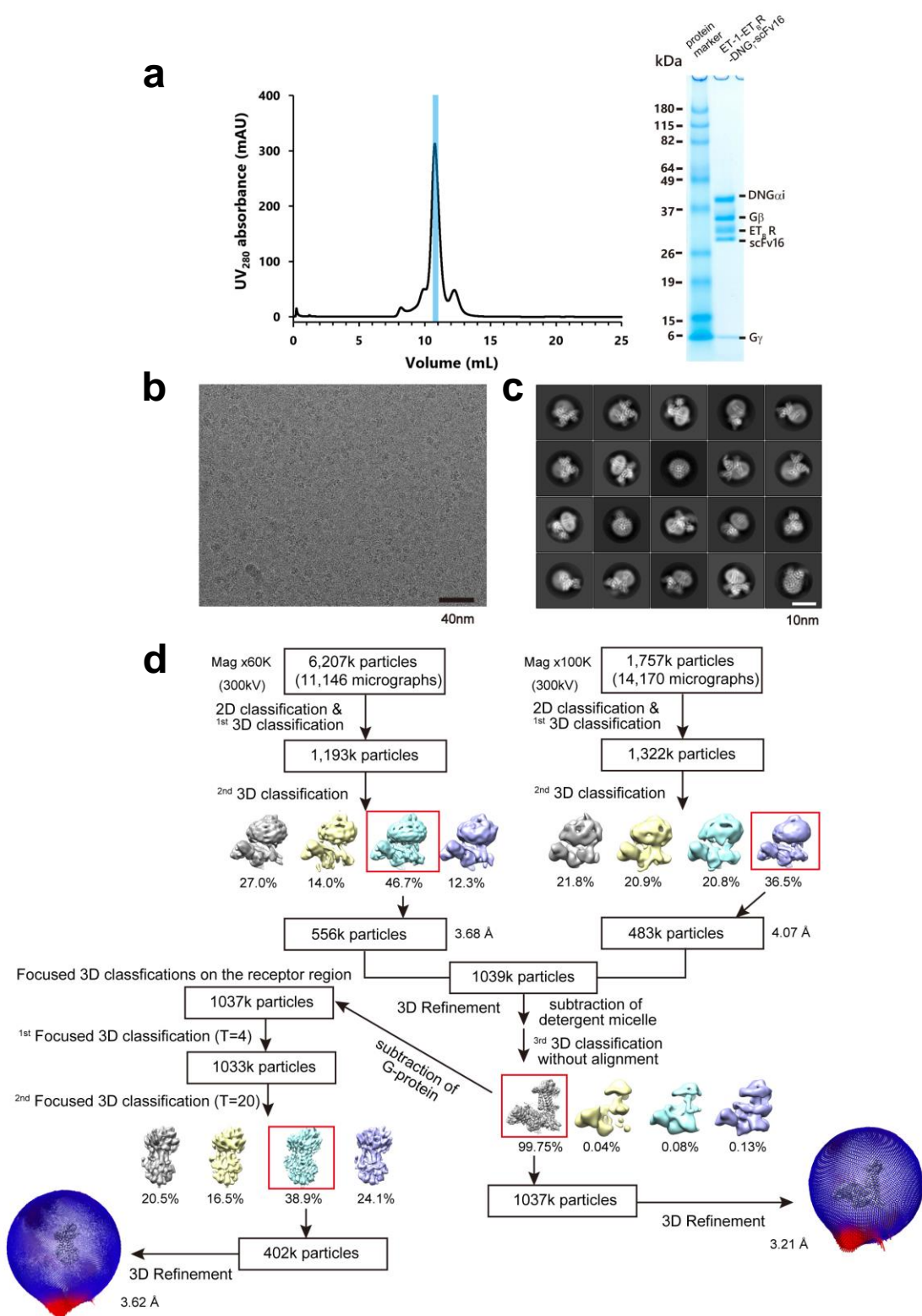
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D341 ^{H5.13} -R318 ^{6.30}	0.969	0.341	0.960	0.757
N347 ^{H5.19} -R208 ^{ICL2}	0.200	0.010	0.005	0.071
D350 ^{H5.22} -N134 ^{ICL1}	0.654	0.419	0.138	0.404
F354 ^{H5.26} -S390 ^{8.47}	0.686	0.987	0.412	0.695
D147 ^{2.50} -N382 ^{7.49}	0.995	0.951	0.078	0.675
D147 ^{2.50} -S379 ^{7.46}	0.999	0.999	0.984	0.994
R199 ^{3.50} -Y293 ^{5.58}	0.631	0.449	0.050	0.377

Supplementary Table 6: System setup of the MD simulations

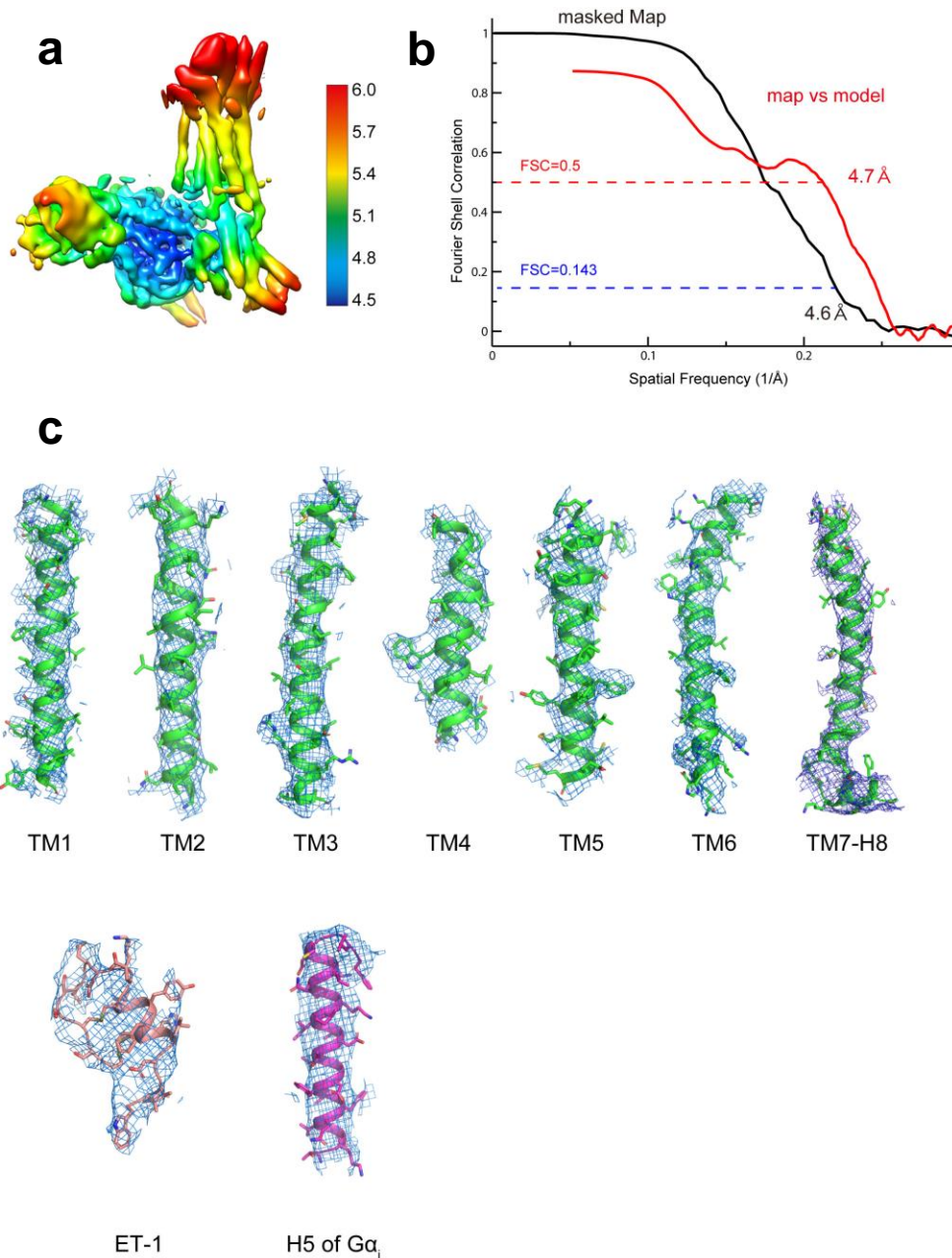
System	ET-1-bound ET _B R-G _i , 453 POPC, 64,293 TIP3P water, 0.15 M KCl
Total number of atoms	270,932
Simulation box	130 Å × 130 Å × 171 Å
Number of simulations	3



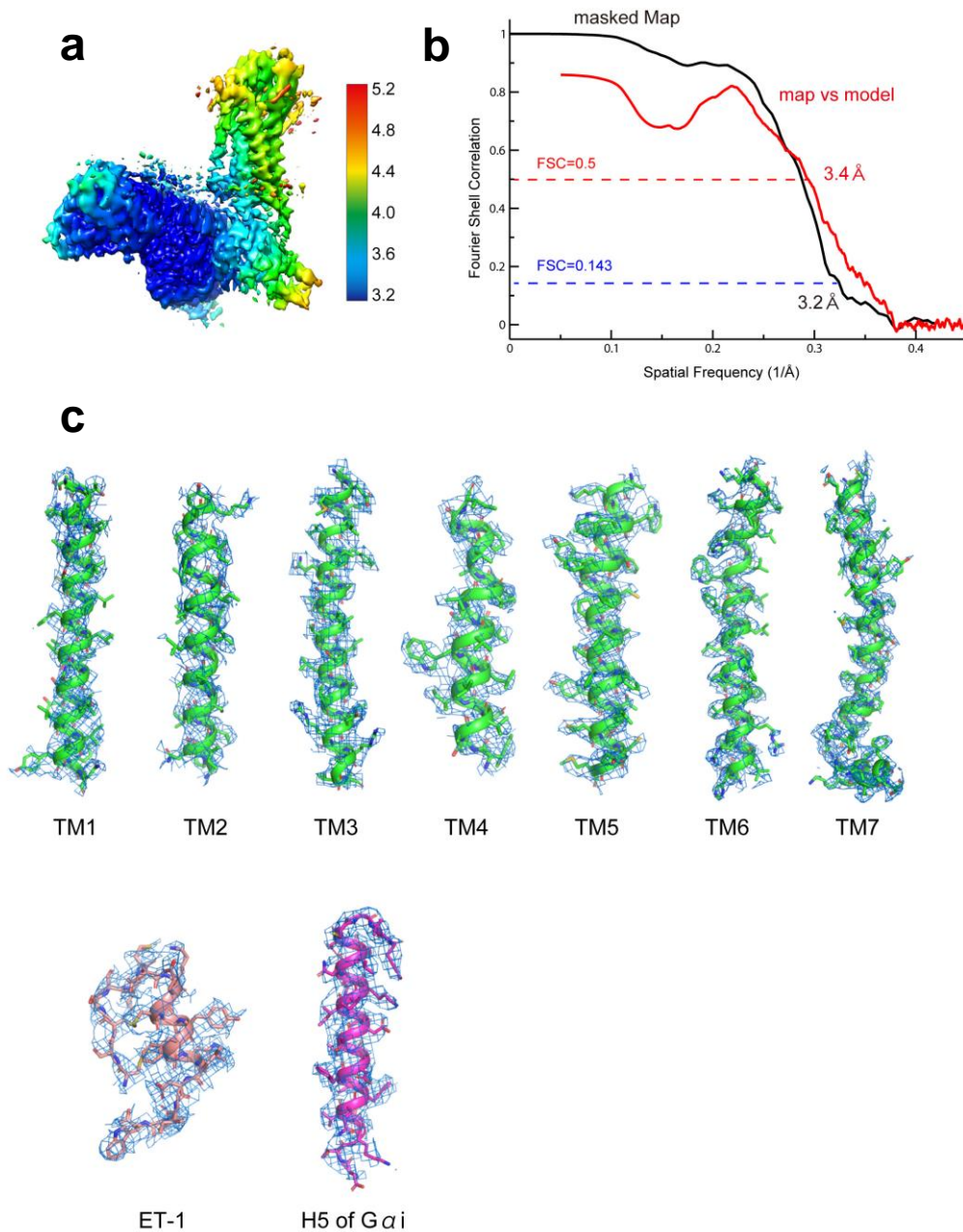
Supplementary Fig. 1: Structure determination of ET-1-ET_BR-wild-type G_i-scFv16 by cryo-EM. (a) (left) Representative elution profiles of the ET-1-ET_BR-wild-type G_i-scFv16 complex on a Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 GL gel-filtration column. The used fraction of column volume is indicated by a cyan box. (right) SDS-PAGE of the purified ET-1-ET_BR-wild type G_i-scFv16 complex. (b) A representative micrograph of the ET-1-ET_BR-wild type G_i-scFv16 complex. (c) Representative 2D class averages from micrographs. (d) Image processing flow of 3D classification and reconstruction. Angular distribution of reconstructed particles used in the final refinement.



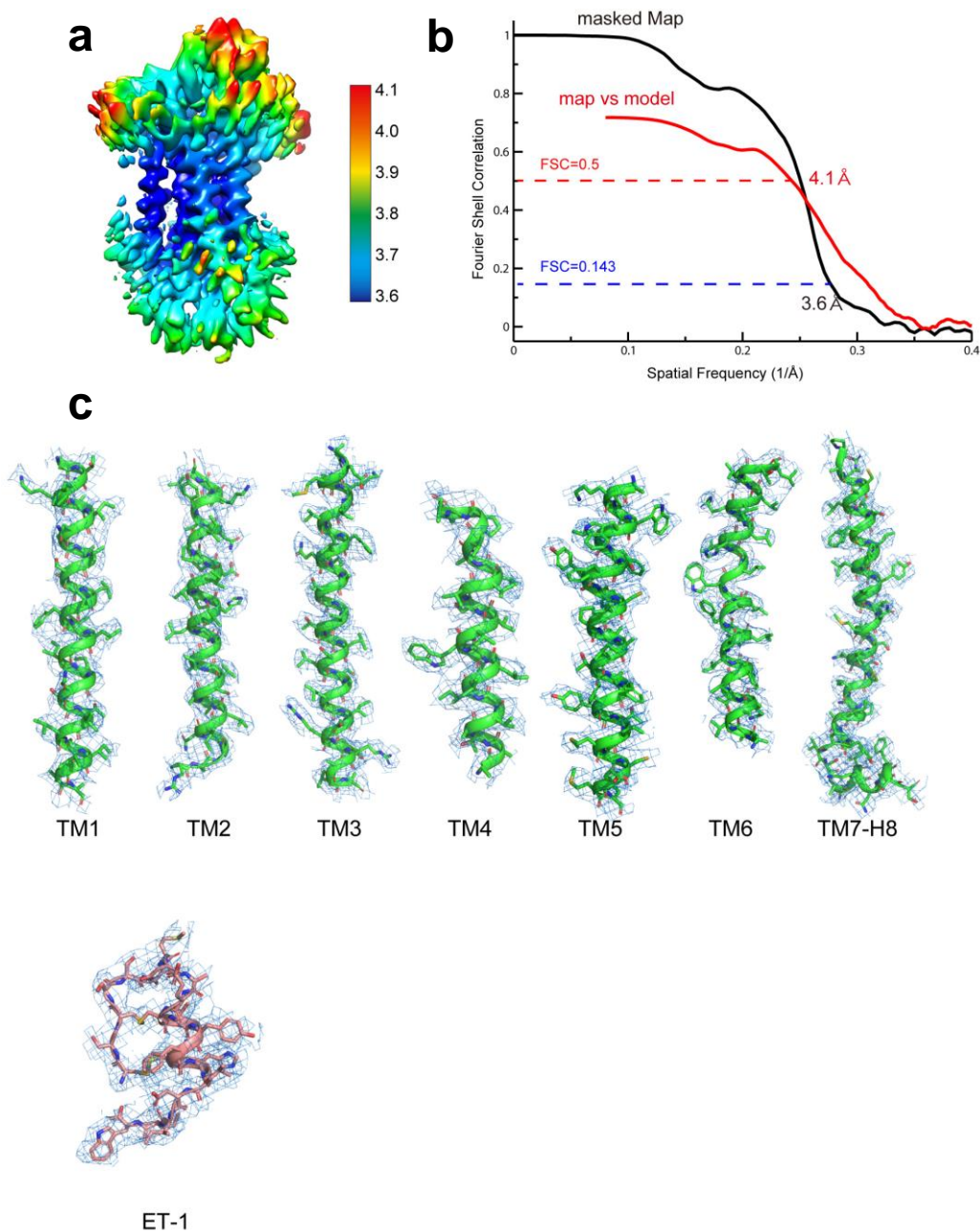
Supplementary Fig. 2: Structure determination of ET-1-ET_BR-DNG₁-scFv16 by cryo-EM. (a) (left) Representative elution profiles of the ET-1-ET_BR-DNG₁-scFv16 complex on a Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 GL gel-filtration column. The used fraction of column volume is indicated by a cyan box. (middle) SDS-PAGE of the purified ET-1-ET_BR-DNG₁-scFv16 complex. (right) The uncropped gel image. (b) A representative micrograph of the ET-1-ET_BR-DNG₁-scFv16 complex. (c) Representative 2D class averages from micrographs. (d) Image processing flow of 3D classification and reconstruction. Angular distribution of reconstructed particles used in the final refinement.



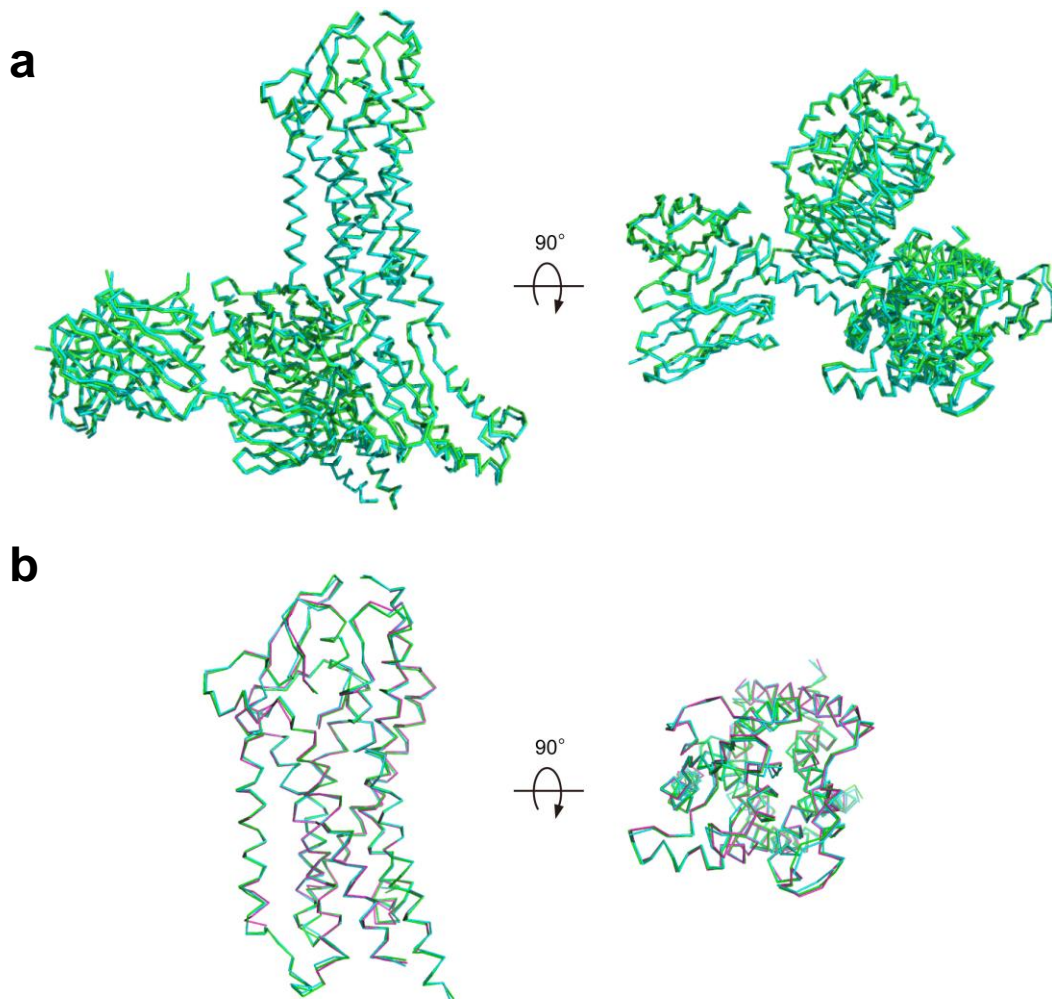
Supplementary Fig. 3: Cryo-EM densities and structural models in the ET-1-ET_BR-wild-type G_i-scFv16 complex. (a) The overall structure of the ET-1 bound ET_BR-wild-type G_i complex is represented in rainbow colors according to local resolution (shown in the color bar on the right). (b) Fourier shell correlation (FSC) plots of the cryo-EM map (masked: black) and the FSC plot of the model versus the final map (red) are superimposed. Global resolution defined at FSC = 0.143 is 4.61. (c) Selected regions of the cryo-EM density superimposed on selected regions of the refined model. The density maps are shown at a contour level of 4.5 σ . The color codes are the same as those in Fig. 1.



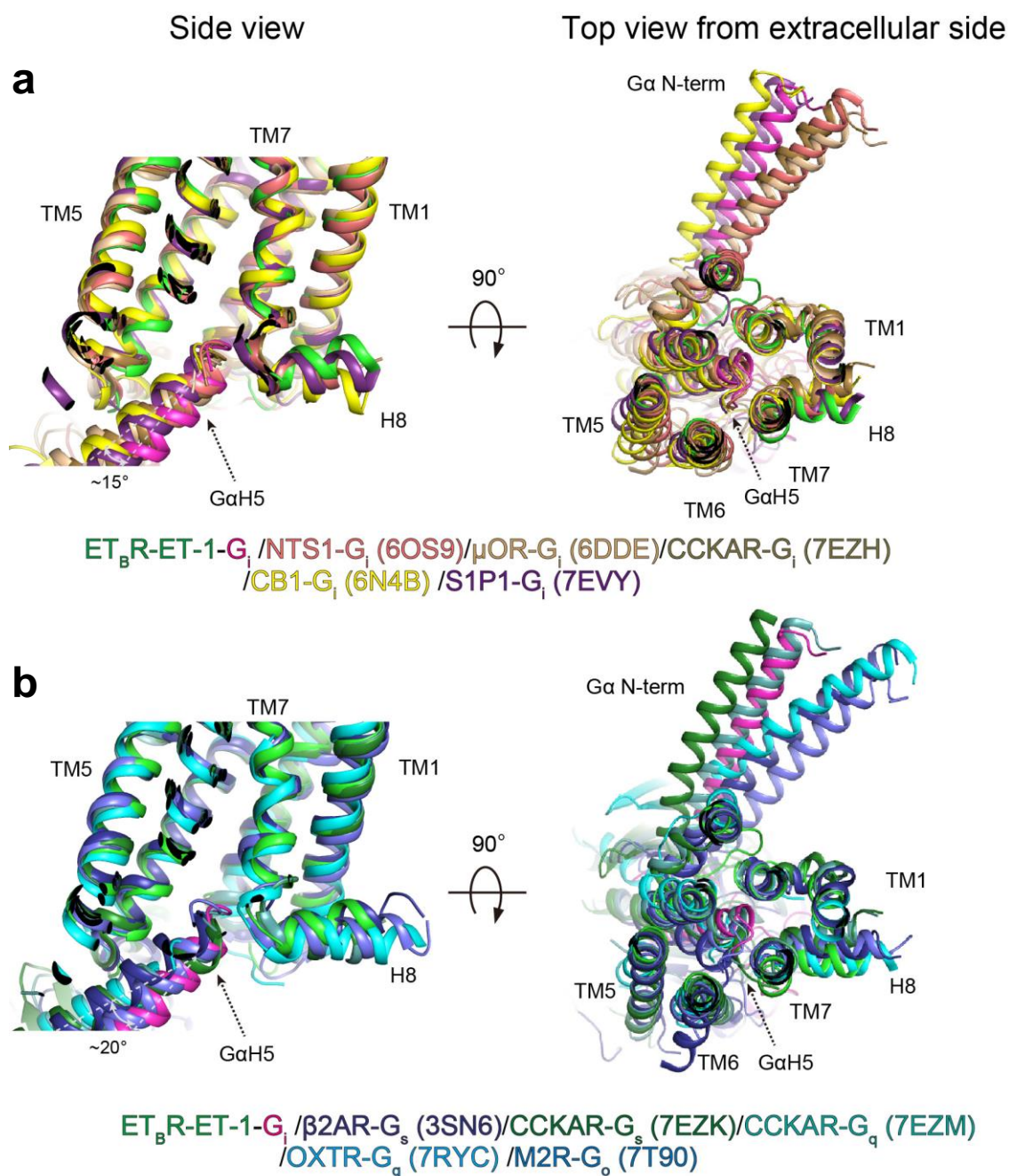
Supplementary Fig. 4: Cryo-EM densities and structural models in the ET-1-ET_BR-DNG₁-scFv16 complex. (a) Overall structure of the ET-1 bound ET_BR-DNG₁ complex is represented in rainbow colors according to local resolution (shown in the color bar on the right). (b) Fourier shell correlation (FSC) plots of the cryo-EM map (masked: black) and the FSC plot of the model versus the final map (red) are superimposed. Global resolution at FSC = 0.143 is 3.21. (c) Selected regions of the cryo-EM density superimposed on selected regions of the refined model. The density maps are shown at a contour level of 4.0 σ . The color codes are the same as those in Fig. 1.



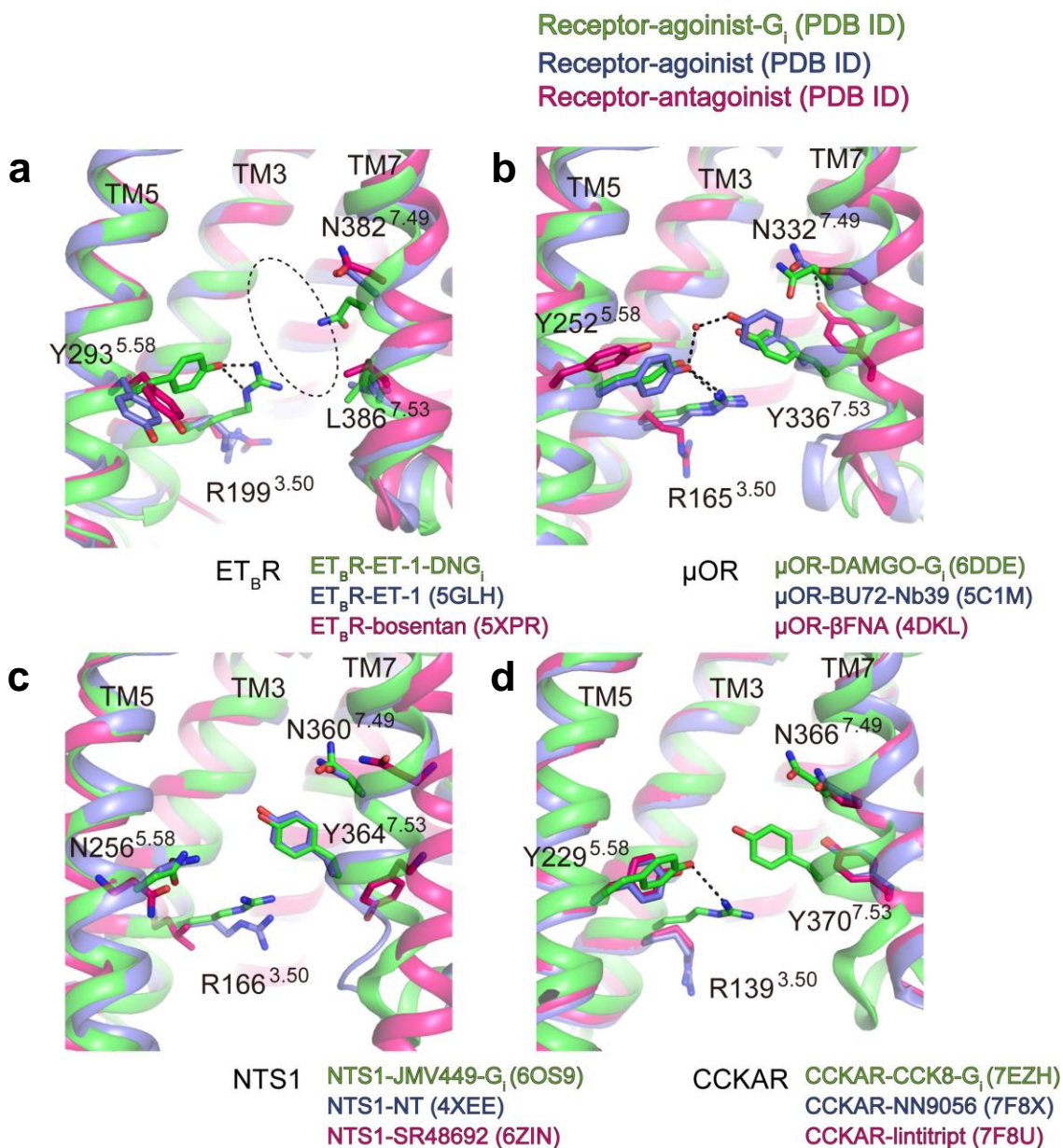
Supplementary Fig. 5: Cryo-EM densities and structural models after the 3D focused refinement on the receptor in ET-1-ET_BR complex. (a) Overall structure of the ET-1 bound ET_BR complex is represented in rainbow colors according to local resolution (shown in the color bar on the right). (b) Fourier shell correlation (FSC) plots of the cryo-EM map (masked: black) and the FSC plot of the model versus the final map (red) are superimposed. Global resolution at FSC = 0.143 is 3.62. (c) Selected regions of the cryo-EM density superimposed on selected regions of the refined model. The density maps are shown at a contour level of 4.0 σ . The color codes are the same as those in Fig. 1.



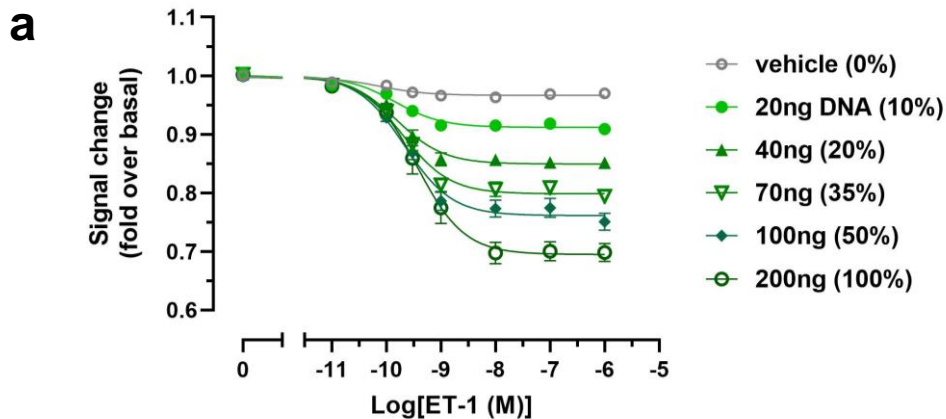
Supplementary Fig. 6: Structural comparison of the ET-1-ET_BR-DNG_i-scFv16 complex and the ET-1-ET_BR-wild-type G_i-scFv16 complex. (a) Side and top view displaying the superposition of the ET-1 bound ET_BR-DNG_i complex (in green) with the ET-1 bound ET_BR-wild-type G_i complex (in cyan). The overall RMSD of the C α atoms between them is 0.662. (b) Side and top view displaying the superposition of the ET-1 bound ET_BR complexes (green for the ET_BR-DNG_i, cyan for the ET_BR-wild-type G_i, and magenta for the focused 3D refinement on the receptor in the ET_BR-DNG_i). The overall RMSD of the C α atoms between ET-1 bound receptors compared to the reference receptor model in the ET_BR-DNG_i are measured at 0.391 for the ET_BR-wild-type G_i and 0.364 for the focused 3D refinement of ET_BR in the ET_BR-DNG_i.



Supplementary Fig. 7: Structural comparison of the ET-1-ET_BR-DNG_i-scFv16 complex with other GPCR-G complexes. (a) Side and extracellular top views showing the superposition of the ET-1 bound ET_BR-DNG_i complex (green and magenta) with other GPCR-G_i complexes. The contact surface area between the receptor and G_i subunit is as follows: 1132 Å² for ET_BR-DNG_i, 1095 Å² for NTS1-G_i, 1208 Å² for μOR-G_i, 1146 Å² for CCKAR-G_i, 910 Å² for CB1-G_i, and 1426 Å² for S1P1-G_i. (b) Side and extracellular top views showing the superposition of the ET-1 bound ET_BR-DNG_i complex (green and magenta) with the GPCR-G_s, -G_q, and -G_o complexes. The contact surface area between the receptor and G subunit is as follows: 1327 Å² for βAR-G_s, 1365 Å² for CCKAR-G_s, 1508 Å² for CCKAR-G_q, 724 Å² for OXTR-G_q, and 1038 Å² for M2R-G_o. Contact surfaces were calculated using AREAIMOL in the CCP4 software suite^{S1}.



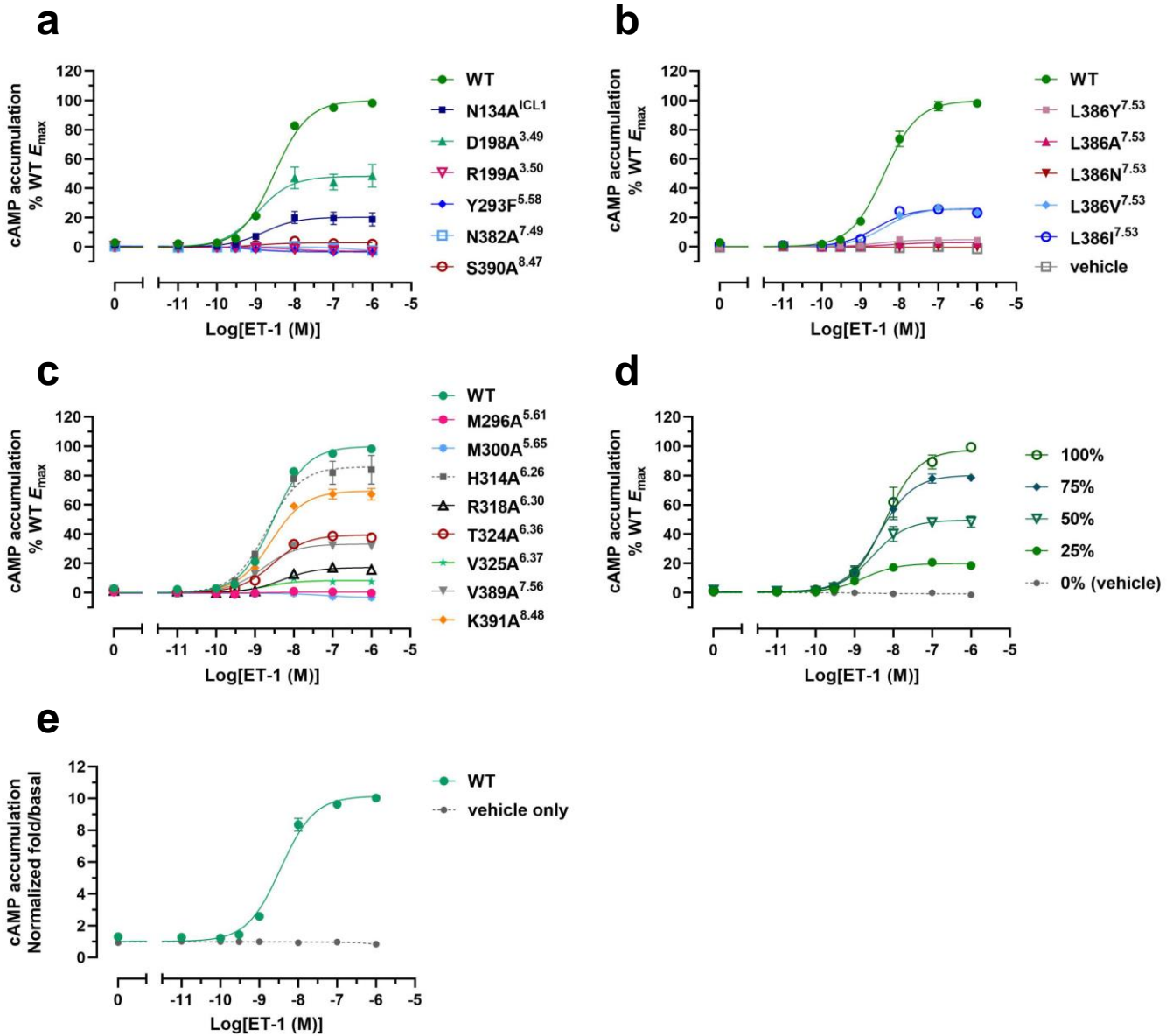
Supplementary Fig. 8: Structural comparison of ET_BR with other GPCRs. A comparison of the activation-dependent inward movement of TM7 in ET_BR and three GPCRs: μOR-G_i, NTS1-G_i, and CCKAR-G_i. The active state of the N^{7.49}P^{7.50}xxY^{7.53} motif exhibits a similar conformation but differs from that of the N^{7.49}P^{7.50}xxL^{7.53} motif, resulting in the creation of a cavity (indicated by a dashed oval in (a)).



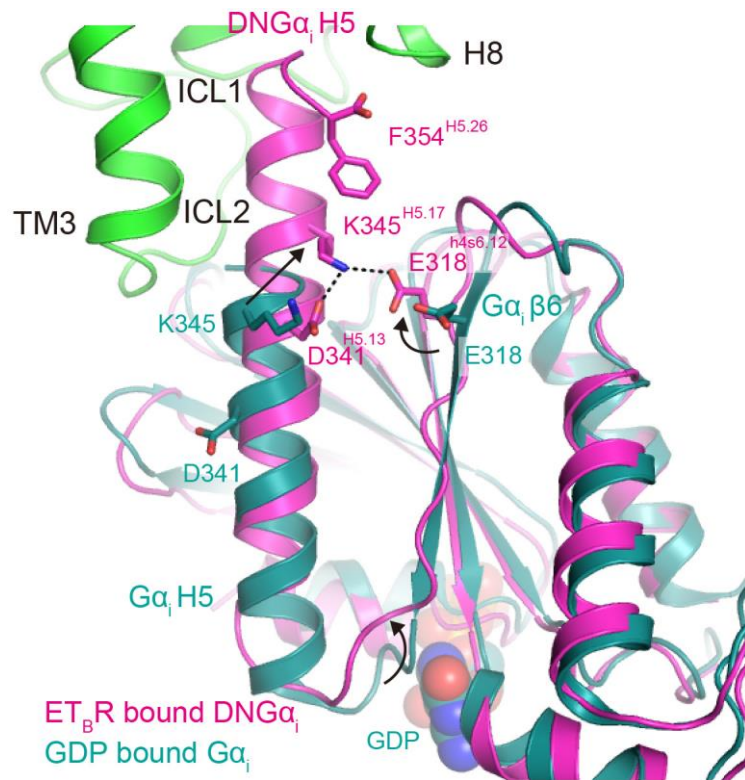
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100%	9.45 ± 0.09	0.30 ± 0.015	100 ± 5.5	3	100	3
50%	9.67 ± 0.08	0.24 ± 0.011	76.5 ± 4.0	3	66.0 ± 29.2	3
35%	9.70 ± 0.07	0.20 ± 0.008	62.9 ± 2.9	3	38.2 ± 12.4	3
25%	9.71 ± 0.07	0.17 ± 0.007	52.4 ± 2.5	3	32.1 ± 8.1	3
20%	9.82 ± 0.09	0.15 ± 0.007	44.0 ± 2.6	3	22.4 ± 5.6	3
10%	9.84 ± 0.09	0.09 ± 0.004	20.8 ± 1.6	3	11.8 ± 2.8	3
0%	N.D.	N.D.	N.D.	3	N.D.	4

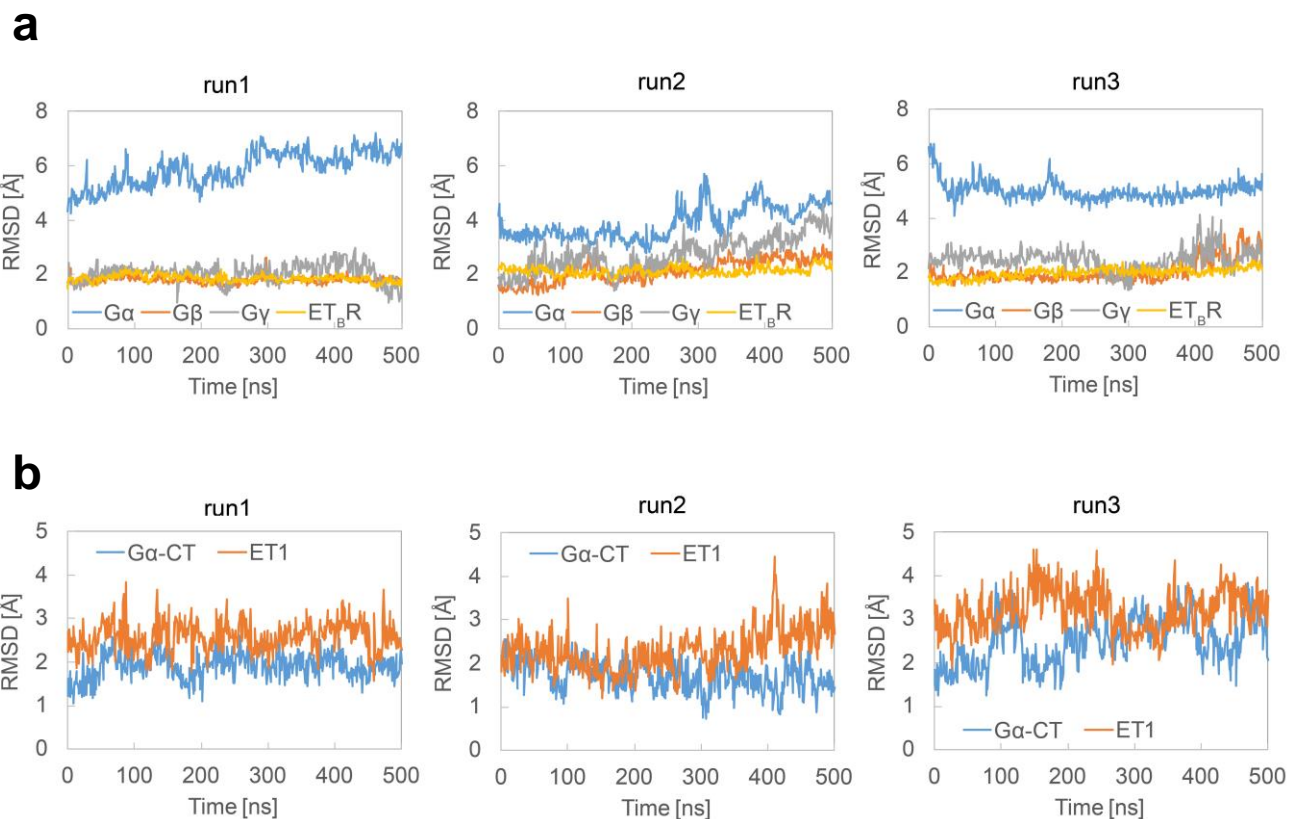
Supplementary Fig. 9: G_i dissociation assay of ET_BR. (a) Presentation of G_i dissociation assay results for WT ET_BR at reduced levels of expression (%DNA transfected). WT (100%) corresponds to the transfection of 200 ng of wild-type ET_BR expression plasmid for one well of a 6-well plate in G_i dissociation assays, as described in the Methods section. (b) pEC₅₀ and E_{max} estimates represent the average value and standard error of the mean (SEM), respectively, derived from three independent experiments performed in duplicate. N.D. indicates no detected activity.



Supplementary Fig. 10: ET-1-induced activation of WT and mutant ET_B receptors in the G_s -mediated cAMP accumulation assay. (a–c) G_s -mediated cAMP accumulation activities of mutant receptors. Three independent experiments were performed in duplicate. (d) Signaling of reduced levels of WT ET_B R (%DNA transfected) for G_s is presented. WT (100%) corresponds to the transfection of 500 ng of ET_B R expression plasmid for one well of a 6-well plate in the cAMP accumulation assay, as described in the Methods section. The signals demonstrate a nearly proportional relationship with the amount of expressed receptors in the cAMP accumulation assays. (e) cAMP accumulation with increasing concentrations of ET-1 in the WT (100%) and vehicle transfected cells are represented as normalized fold/basal.



Supplementary Fig. 11: Intramolecular interactions surrounding helix H5 of G α_i . TM5 and 6 of ET_BR are omitted for clarity. The translation and twist of helix H5 of G α_i during coupling with ET_BR resulted in K345^{H5.17} interacting with F354^{H5.26}, D341^{H5.13}, and E318^{h4s6.12} within G α_i .

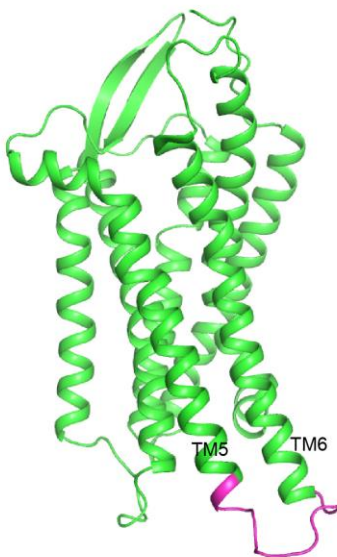


Supplementary Fig. 12: Time evolution of $C\alpha$ RMSDs. The time evolution of $C\alpha$ RMSDs is presented in two context types. **(a)** The $C\alpha$ RMSDs of $ET_{\beta}R$, $G\alpha_i$, $G\beta$, and $G\gamma$ are tracked relative to their initial structures. **(b)** The $C\alpha$ RMSDs of $ET1$ and C-terminal $\alpha 5$ helix of $G\alpha_i$ (residues 335–354) are monitored following the superposition of $C\alpha$ atoms of $ET_{\beta}R$ onto the initial structure.

a

	TM5	missing	TM6
ET _B R	KTAKDWWLFSFYFCLPLAITAFFYTLMTCEMLRKKSGMQIALNDHLKQRREVAKTVFCLVLFALCWLPLH	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	
6VMS	NPAFVVYSSIVSFYVPFIVILLVYIKIYIVLRRRRKLVNTNRKLSQQKEKKATQLLAIYLGFLIICWLPFF		

b



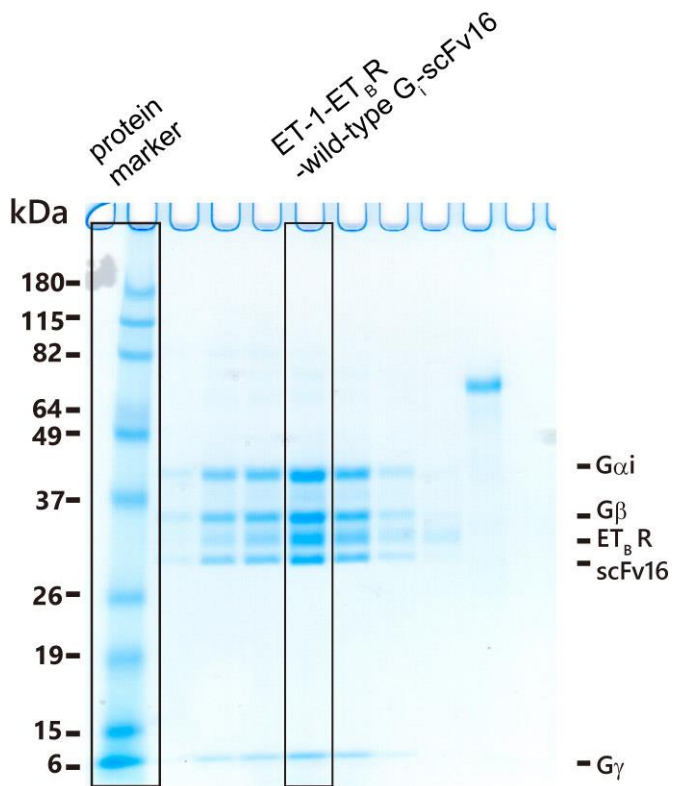
Supplementary Fig. 13: Structural modeling of the missing region between TM5 and TM6. (a) Sequence alignment of ET_BR and D2 dopamine receptor (PDB ID: 6VMS). The resolved and unresolved region are shown as a green line and magenta dashed line, respectively. (b) The structure used in MD is colored as shown in (a). The intracellular loop between TM 5 and TM6 of D2 dopamine receptor was used as a template for the missing region of ET_BR.

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Supplementary Fig. 14: Original uncropped gel images

Fig. S1(a)



Uncropped gel image

Fig. S2(a)

