

Partial atomic charges for the PNA backbone. Partial atomic charges for the atoms of the PNA backbone are listed in the table below.

| atom name | atom type | partial atomic charge |
|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|
| C1' | C | 0.51 |
| O1' | O | -0.51 |
| C2' | CT2 | -0.16 |
| H2' | HB | 0.09 |
| H2'' | HB | 0.09 |
| N2' | NH3 | -0.07 |
| C5' | CT2 | -0.16 |
| H5' | HB | 0.09 |
| H5'' | HB | 0.09 |
| C6' | CT2 | 0.08 |
| H6' | HB | 0.04 |
| H6'' | HB | 0.04 |
| N1' | NH1 | -0.47 |
| H1' | H | 0.31 |
| C3' | C | 0.51 |
| O3' | O | -0.51 |
| C4' | CT2 | -0.15 |
| H4' | HB | 0.09 |
| H4'' | HB | 0.09 |

Force field parameters. Below we list the additional PNA parameters used in our simulations that are not provided in the standard CHARMM27 parameter files. The last column contains information about reference systems that the data are from.

Bonds:

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| CT2 | NN2 | 400.0 | 1.460 | CN8 - NN2 |
| CT2 | NN2B | 400.0 | 1.458 | CN8 - NN2B |
| NH3 | C | 370.0 | 1.3389 | +/- 0.0091, 1PUP cryst. data, NH1 - C |

Angles:

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|------|------|-----|-------|-------|--|
| CN1 | NN2 | CT2 | 70.0 | 115.4 | CN1 - NN2 - CN9 |
| CN1T | NN2B | CT2 | 70.0 | 116.0 | CN1T - NN2B - CN9 |
| CN3 | NN2 | CT2 | 70.0 | 120.5 | CN3 - NN2 - CN9 |
| CN3 | NN2B | CT2 | 70.0 | 122.0 | CN3 - NN2B - CN9 |
| CN4 | NN2 | CT2 | 70.0 | 127.8 | CN4 - NN2 - CN9 |
| CN4 | NN2B | CT2 | 70.0 | 126.9 | CN4 - NN2B - CN8 |
| CN5 | NN2 | CT2 | 70.0 | 125.9 | CN5 - NN2 - CN9 |
| CN5 | NN2B | CT2 | 70.0 | 125.9 | CN5 - NN2B - CN8 |
| CT2 | NH3 | C | 50.0 | 122.0 | +/- 2.2, 1PUP cryst. data, CT2 - NH1 - C |
| CT2 | NH3 | CT2 | 60.0 | 109.5 | 26.00 2.466 CTL2 - NTL - CTL2 |
| HB | CT2 | CT2 | 26.5 | 110.1 | 22.53 2.1790 HA - CT2 - CT2 |
| NH3 | C | CT2 | 80.0 | 118.6 | +/- 1.5, 1PUP cryst. data, NH1 - C - CT2 |
| NH3 | CT2 | HB | 45.0 | 107.5 | 35.00 2.1010 NN6 - CN8 - HN8 |
| NN2 | CT2 | HB | 33.43 | 110.1 | HN8 - CN8 - NN2 |
| NN2B | CT2 | HB | 33.43 | 110.1 | HN8 - CN8 - NN2B |
| NN2 | CT2 | C | 43.7 | 109.3 | +/- 1.2, 1PUP cryst. data, NH3 - CT2 - C |
| NN2B | CT2 | C | 43.7 | 109.3 | +/- 1.2, 1PUP cryst. data, NH3 - CT2 - C |
| O | C | NH3 | 80.0 | 120.6 | +/- 1.3, 1PUP cryst. data, O - C - NH1 |

Dihedrals:

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|------|------|-----|----|------|---|-----|-------------------------|
| CN1 | NN2 | CT2 | C | 0.19 | 3 | 0.0 | CN5 - NN2B - CT2 - C |
| CN1 | NN2 | CT2 | HB | 0.19 | 3 | 0.0 | CN1 - NN2 - CN9 - HN9 |
| CN1T | NN2B | CT2 | C | 0.19 | 3 | 0.0 | CN5 - NN2B - CT2 - C |
| CN1T | NN2B | CT2 | HB | 0.19 | 3 | 0.0 | CN1T - NN2B - CN9 - HN9 |
| CN3 | NN2 | CT2 | C | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | CN4 - NN2B - CT2 - C |
| CN3 | NN2 | CT2 | HB | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | CN3 - NN2 - CN9 - HN9 |
| CN3 | NN2B | CT2 | C | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | CN4 - NN2B - CT2 - C |
| CN3 | NN2B | CT2 | HB | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | CN3 - NN2B - CN9 - HN9 |
| CN4 | NN2 | CT2 | C | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | CN4 - NN2B - CT2 - C |
| CN4 | NN2 | CT2 | HB | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | CN4 - NN2 - CN9 - HN9 |
| CN4 | NN2B | CT2 | C | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | CN4 - NN2B - CN8 - CN9 |
| CN4 | NN2B | CT2 | HB | 0.00 | 3 | 0.0 | CN4 - NN2 - CN8 - HN8 |
| CN5 | NN2 | CT2 | C | 0.19 | 3 | 0.0 | CN5 - NN2B - CT2 - C |
| CN5 | NN2 | CT2 | HB | 0.19 | 3 | 0.0 | CN5 - NN2 - CN9 - HN9 |
| CN5 | NN2B | CT2 | C | 0.19 | 3 | 0.0 | CN5 - NN2B - CN8 - CN9 |
| CN5 | NN2B | CT2 | HB | 0.19 | 3 | 0.0 | CN5 - NN2 - CN8 - HN8 |

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| CT2 | NH3 | C | CT2 | 1.40 | 2 | 180.0 | (13) |
| CT2 | NH3 | C | O | 1.40 | 2 | 180.0 | (13) |
| H | NH1 | CT2 | CT2 | 0.00 | 1 | 0.0 | H - NH1 - CT2 - CT3 |
| NH2 | CC | CT2 | HB | 0.00 | 3 | 180.0 | NH2 - CC - CT2 - HA |
| X | CT2 | C | X | 0.05 | 6 | 180.0 | X - CTL2 - CL - X |

Improper:

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|------|------|-----|-----|--------|---|------|-------------------|
| NN2 | CN1 | CN3 | CT2 | 90.00 | 0 | 0.00 | CN2 - X - X - NN1 |
| NN2B | CN1T | CN3 | CT2 | 90.00 | 0 | 0.00 | CN2 - X - X - NN1 |
| NN2 | CN4 | CN5 | CT2 | 90.00 | 0 | 0.00 | CN2 - X - X - NN1 |
| NN2B | CN4 | CN5 | CT2 | 90.00 | 0 | 0.00 | CN2 - X - X - NN1 |
| OC | X | X | CC | 100.00 | 0 | 0.00 | OBL - X - X - CL |
| NH3 | CT1 | CT2 | C | 90.00 | 0 | 0.00 | CN2 - X - X - NN1 |
| NH3 | CT2 | CT2 | C | 90.00 | 0 | 0.00 | CN2 - X - X - NN1 |