



Figure S2. Free energy landscape of L-BH as a function of dihedral angle χ_1 alone. Due to the symmetry of the phenyl ring, the major conformations of L-BH are described by only one torsion χ_1 and the resulting free energy landscape displays characteristic minima for the *anti* (-180°), g^- (-60°) and g^+ ($+60^\circ$) conformer. As the 100-ns equilibrium MD simulation of L-BH in solution contained multiple transitions between these minima (especially $anti \leftrightarrow g^- \leftrightarrow g^+$, **Supplementary Fig. 3d**), the barrier for interconversion between conformers is estimated to be $< 9 kT$ (between g^- and g^+ , the barrier between g^+ and *anti* is higher but interconversion can proceed through the pathway with the lower barrier).