



**Supporting Information S3 Fig. Proteins' backbone.** **A)**  $\alpha$  root-mean-square-deviations (RMSDs) of hA<sub>2A</sub>R across the three systems are plotted as a function of the simulated time. The RMSD values for the full lengths hA<sub>2A</sub>R (residue 1-329), hA<sub>2A</sub>R without histidine tag [1] (residue 1-317) and truncated hA<sub>2A</sub>R (residue 1-291) are represented in red, blue and green, respectively. A dotted black line indicates where RMSDs start to oscillate around averaged values. **B)** Superposition between representative receptor structures obtained by clustering procedure [2] of the three MD simulations (yellow) and the CFF/hA<sub>2A</sub>R complex X-ray structure [1] (cyan).

#### Supporting references

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