

# Supporting Information

## Accommodation of a 1S (-)-Benzo[*c*]phenanthrenyl-*N*<sup>6</sup>-dA Adduct in a Y Family Dpo4 DNA Polymerase Active Site: Structural Insights through Molecular Dynamics Simulations

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## Tables

Table S1. Torsion angles in modeled Dpo4 ternary complexes from Type I and Type II crystal structures.<sup>a</sup>

<b>Model</b>	<b>Residue</b>	<b><math>\alpha</math> (°)</b>	<b><math>\beta</math> (°)</b>	<b><math>\gamma</math> (°)</b>	<b><math>\delta</math> (°)</b>	<b><math>\varepsilon</math> (°)</b>	<b><math>\zeta</math> (°)</b>	<b><math>\chi</math> (°)</b>
Control and Major Groove Type I	tG <sub>1</sub>	N/A	N/A	36.4	156.4	155.0	-94.6	116.0
	tG <sub>2</sub>	139.8	-132.8	<i>116.1</i>	<i>146.1</i>	-103.2	127.8	-139.1
Intercalation	tG <sub>1</sub>	N/A	N/A	36.3	156.4	155.0	-95.2	-97.8
	tG <sub>2</sub>	-46.8	-146.0	36.4	156.4	-62.3	-129.9	-97.8
	tA <sub>3</sub>	-112.9	-150.7	<i>-47.0</i>	138.5	-177.0	-110.3	-114.0
	tC <sub>4</sub>	-87.2	-94.3	36.3	156.4	107.0	-80.0	148.9
	tA* <sub>5</sub>	-114.3	125.7	132.6	135.4	-151.3	-89.1	-35.5
	tA <sub>6</sub>	-79.2	-175.4	52.6	146.1	-161.0	-112.1	-99.3
	tG <sub>7</sub>	-65.0	171.2	47.6	<i>119.8</i>	<i>-179.1</i>	-120.7	-111.1
-1 Deletion	tG <sub>1</sub>	N/A	N/A	36.4	156.4	154.9	-95.2	-97.8
	tG <sub>2</sub>	-46.8	-146.1	36.4	156.4	-62.3	-108.8	-97.7
	tA <sub>3</sub>	-135.2	-172.2	-5.2	-138.5	-143.3	-150.4	-114.1

<sup>a</sup> N/A denotes values not applicable to the terminal residue. Italicized numbers denote crystal values.

Table S2. Hydrogen bonding interactions of > 10% occupancy or bifurcated hydrogen bonds between polymerase residues and the sugar-triphosphate backbone of the incoming dNTP.

<b>Model</b>	<b>Hydrogen Bond <sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Occupancy <sup>b</sup></b>
Control	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1–H $\eta$ 12...O2 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	100%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2–H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\beta$ (dTTP)	99.70%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2–H $\eta$ 22...O2 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	90.90%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1–H $\gamma$ 1...O1 $\beta$ (dTTP)	99.5%
	(Tyr10)N–H...O2 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	95.60%
	(Tyr10)N–H...O1 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	61.40%
	(Tyr10)N–H...O3 $\beta$ (dTTP)	33.20%
	(Phe11)N–H...O2 $\beta$ (dTTP)	95.30%
	(Tyr12)N–H...O3'(dTTP)	81.75%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 1...O3 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	44.65%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 3...O3 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	32.50%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 2...O3 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	21.70%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 1...O2 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	6.60%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 3...O2 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	4.65%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 2...O2 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	4.10%
Intercalation	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1–H $\eta$ 12...O1 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	98.75%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2–H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	95.94%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2–H $\eta$ 22...O1 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	40.62%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1–H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	36.27%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1–H $\eta$ 12...O1 $\beta$ (dTTP)	12.06%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1–H $\gamma$ 1...O3 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	36.51%
	(Tyr10)N–H...O1 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	16.41%
	(Tyr12)O $\eta$ –H $\eta$ ...O3'(dTTP)	14.71%
	(Tyr12)O $\eta$ –H $\eta$ ...375O4'(dTTP)	7.15%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 1...O1 $\beta$ (dTTP)	42.47%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 1...O1 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	18.51%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 2...O1 $\beta$ (dTTP)	12.06%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 3...O1 $\beta$ (dTTP)	12.01%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 2...O1 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	10.86%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 3...O1 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	9.65%
<i>syn</i> -dATP	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2–H $\eta$ 22...O1 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	40.10%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1–H $\gamma$ 1...O3 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	99.9%
	(Tyr10)N–H...O1 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	30.10%
	(Tyr10)N–H...O2 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	19.75%
	(Tyr10)N–H...O3 $\beta$ (dCTP)	33.20%
	(Tyr12)O $\eta$ –H $\eta$ ...375O2(dCTP)	99.95%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 2...O1 $\beta$ (dCTP)	19.35%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 3...O1 $\beta$ (dCTP)	12.80%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 1...O1 $\beta$ (dCTP)	1.25%
	(Tyr12)O $\eta$ –H $\eta$ ...O3'(dATP)	98.60%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1–H $\eta$ 12...O1 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dATP)	99.50%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2–H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dATP)	92.35%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2–H $\eta$ 22...O1 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dATP)	78.35%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1–H $\gamma$ 1...O3 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dATP)	39.65%
	(Tyr10)N–H...O1 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dATP)	27.00%
	(Tyr10)N–H...O2 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dATP)	7.55%
	(Tyr10)N–H...O3 $\beta$ ( <i>syn</i> -dATP)	33.20%
	(Tyr12)O $\eta$ –H $\eta$ ...O3'( <i>syn</i> -dATP)	88.70%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 3...O1 $\beta$ ( <i>syn</i> -dATP)	65.90%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ –H $\zeta$ 2...O1 $\beta$ ( <i>syn</i> -dATP)	18.20%

Intercalation (Cont'd)	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O1 $\beta$ (syn-dATP)	15.25%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	89.40%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O1 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	72.90%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O1 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	22.60%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	16.15%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1-H $\gamma$ 1...O3 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	16.05%
	(Tyr12)O $\eta$ -H $\eta$ ...375O4'(dGTP)	10.65%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O1 $\beta$ (dGTP)	32.55%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O1 $\beta$ (dGTP)	32.00%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O1 $\beta$ (dGTP)	28.30%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O1 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	9.350%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O1 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	6.30%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O1 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	4.70%
	(dGTP)O3'-HO3'...O $\delta$ 2(Asp105)	64.15%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O1 $\gamma$ (syn-dGTP)	99.40%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\gamma$ (syn-dGTP)	99.00%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O1 $\gamma$ (syn-dGTP)	70.00%
Major Groove Type I	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1-H $\gamma$ 1...O3 $\gamma$ (syn-dGTP)	26.20%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O1 $\gamma$ (syn-dGTP)	57.80%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O2 $\gamma$ (syn-dGTP)	9.30%
	(Phe11)N-H...O2 $\gamma$ (syn-dGTP)	67.55%
	(Phe11)N-H...O3 $\gamma$ (syn-dGTP)	5.25%
	(Tyr12)N-H...O3'(syn-dGTP)	11.30%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O1 $\beta$ (syn-dGTP)	48.20%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O1 $\beta$ (syn-dGTP)	26.75%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O1 $\beta$ (syn-dGTP)	21.05%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	99.80%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\beta$ (dTTP)	83.80%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	19.30%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\beta$ (dTTP)	17.95%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O1 $\beta$ (dTTP)	12.40%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O2 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	100%
	(Phe11)N-H...O1 $\beta$ (dTTP)	27.45%
	(Tyr12)N-H...O3'(dTTP)	91.75%
	(Tyr12)O $\eta$ -H $\eta$ ...375O2(dTTP)	7.90%
Groove Type II	(Tyr48)O $\eta$ -H $\eta$ ...O3 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	93.35%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O1 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	51.20%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O1 $\gamma$ (dTTP)	44.40%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\beta$ (dCTP)	87.25%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O2 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	85.40%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O2 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	34.80%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O1 $\beta$ (dCTP)	22.10%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\beta$ (dCTP)	15.35%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1-H $\gamma$ 1...O1 $\beta$ (dCTP)	100%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O2 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	88.20%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O3 $\beta$ (dCTP)	57.20%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O1 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	37.65%
	(Phe11)N-H...O2 $\beta$ (dCTP)	22.25%
	(Tyr12)O $\eta$ -H $\eta$ ...375O2(dCTP)	88.85%
	(Tyr12)N-H...O3'(dCTP)	83.45%
	(Tyr48)O $\eta$ -H $\eta$ ...O2 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	37.75%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O3 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	45.95%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O3 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	36.95%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O3 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	14.55%

	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O2 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	13.75%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O2 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	9.10%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O2 $\gamma$ (dCTP)	4.50%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\beta$ (dATP)	72.95%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O2 $\gamma$ (dATP)	70.05%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\beta$ (dATP)	56.35%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O1 $\beta$ (dATP)	53.30%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O2 $\gamma$ (dATP)	15.50%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\gamma$ (dATP)	13.45%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1-H $\gamma$ 1...O3'(dATP)	86.30%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1-H $\gamma$ 1...O1 $\beta$ (dATP)	7.25%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O2 $\gamma$ (dATP)	98.65%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O3 $\beta$ (dATP)	38.65%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O1 $\gamma$ (dATP)	27.50%
	(Tyr48)O $\eta$ -H $\eta$ ...O2 $\gamma$ (dATP)	97.50%
	(Tyr48)O $\eta$ -H $\eta$ ...O3 $\gamma$ (dATP)	8.10%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O3 $\gamma$ (dATP)	46.60%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O3 $\gamma$ (dATP)	27.55%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O3 $\gamma$ (dATP)	19.90%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O1 $\gamma$ (dATP)	7.30%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O1 $\gamma$ (dATP)	6.90%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O1 $\gamma$ (dATP)	1.40%
Major Groove Type I (Cont'd)	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\beta$ (syn-dATP)	99.90%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O2 $\gamma$ (syn-dATP)	99.50%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O2 $\gamma$ (syn-dATP)	48.05%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\gamma$ (syn-dATP)	21.00%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O1 $\beta$ (syn-dATP)	11.65%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\beta$ (syn-dATP)	8.30%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\gamma$ (syn-dATP)	6.80%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1-H $\gamma$ 1...O1 $\beta$ (syn-dATP)	98.25%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1-H $\gamma$ 1...O3'(syn-dATP)	13.35%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O2 $\gamma$ (syn-dATP)	100%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O3 $\beta$ (syn-dATP)	34.70%
	(Tyr12)N-H...O3'(syn-dATP)	19.45%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O1 $\gamma$ (syn-dATP)	34.95%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O3 $\gamma$ (syn-dATP)	26.95%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O1 $\gamma$ (syn-dATP)	20.55%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O3 $\gamma$ (syn-dATP)	16.50%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O1 $\gamma$ (syn-dATP)	15.00%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O3 $\gamma$ (syn-dATP)	14.00%
(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\beta$ (dGTP)	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\beta$ (dGTP)	100%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O2 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	97.60%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O2 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	32.70%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\beta$ (dGTP)	27.95%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O1 $\beta$ (dGTP)	25.90%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	18.40%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1-H $\gamma$ 1...O1 $\beta$ (dGTP)	99.95%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O2 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	79.10%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O3 $\beta$ (dGTP)	42.25%
	(Phe11)N-H...O2 $\beta$ (dGTP)	98.95%
	(Tyr12)N-H...O3'(dGTP)	81.25%
	(Tyr48)O $\eta$ -H $\eta$ ...O2 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	33.00%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O3 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	43.20%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O3 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	40.15%

	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O3 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	15.05%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O2 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	14.45%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O2 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	11.60%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O2 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	4.60%
Major Groove Type I (Cont'd)	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\beta$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	99.95%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	99.10%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O2 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	33.65%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O3 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	19.65%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 1-H $\eta$ 12...O3 $\beta$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	12.15%
	(Arg51)N $\eta$ 2-H $\eta$ 22...O1 $\beta$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	11.55%
	(Thr45)O $\gamma$ 1-H $\gamma$ 1...O1 $\beta$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	100%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O2 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	99.95%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O3 $\beta$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	43.90%
	(Phe11)N-H...O2 $\beta$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	85.00%
	(Phe11)N-H...O1 $\beta$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	6.40%
	(Tyr12)N-H...O3'( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	51.10%
-1 Deletion	(Tyr48)O $\eta$ -H $\eta$ ...O2 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	100%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O3 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	41.90%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O3 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	40.70%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O3 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	16.80%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 3...O2 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	3.90%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 1...O2 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	3.80%
	(Lys159)N $\zeta$ -H $\zeta$ 2...O2 $\gamma$ ( <i>syn</i> -dGTP)	1.15%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O1 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	47.45%
	(Tyr10)N-H...O2 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	19.40%
	(Phe11)N-H...O3 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	12.50%
	(Phe11)N-H...O2 $\gamma$ (dGTP)	9.80%

<sup>a</sup> Hydrogen bonds are specified in the format (A)B-C...D(E), where A is the residue name of the donor atom, B is the name of the donor atom, C is the name of the hydrogen atom, D is the name of the acceptor atom, and E is the residue name of the acceptor atom. \* denotes 1S (-)-B[c]Ph-dA modification.

<sup>b</sup> Criterion for hydrogen bond occupancy is: heavy-to-heavy distance  $\leq 3.4 \text{ \AA}$  and bond angle  $\leq 135^\circ$ .



## Figure Legends

Figure S1. RMSDs for the Dpo4 ternary complexes over the 1 ns MD simulations. **(A)** RMSDs for the unmodified control with incoming dTTP and 1S (–)-B[c]Ph-dA intercalation models with varying incoming dNTPs. Color code: control, black; dTTP, green; dCTP, orange; dATP, red; *syn*-dATP, cyan; dGTP, blue; *syn*-dGTP, magenta. **(B)** RMSDs for the major groove Type I models with varying dNTPs and –1 deletion model with incoming dGTP. Color code: same as in **(A)** except that *black* represents the –1 deletion case.

Figure S2. Time dependence of the linkage site torsional angles  $\alpha'$ ,  $\beta'$  and  $\chi$  over 1 ns time frame for unmodified control and 1S (–)-B[c]Ph-dA intercalation structures in the Dpo4 DNA polymerase. See Figure 1 for definition of the torsion angles. Color code: same as in Figure S1A.

Figure S3. Time dependence of the linkage site torsional angles  $\alpha'$ ,  $\beta'$  and  $\chi$  over 1 ns time frame for 1S (–)-B[c]Ph-dA major groove Type I structures and –1 deletion model in the Dpo4 DNA polymerase. See Figure 1 for definition of the torsion angles. Color code: same as in Figure S1B.

Figure S4. Time dependence of distances and angles of significantly occupied hydrogen bonds (> 50% occupancy) between the templating residue and incoming dNTP in unmodified control and 1S (–)-B[c]Ph-dA intercalation structures in the Dpo4 DNA polymerase. Refer to Table 1 for complete specifications of these hydrogen bonds. Color code: the same as in Figure S1A.

Figure S5. Stacking interactions in the unmodified control and in the 1S (–)-B[c]Ph-dA intercalation structures of the Dpo4 ternary complexes after 1 ns of MD. **(A)–(G)** are the same as in Figure 2. Color code: unmodified or modified adenine, green; incoming dNTP, purple; B[c]Ph, red; tA<sub>6</sub>, magenta; pT<sub>13</sub>, cyan. The view is along the DNA helix axis from 5' to 3' end of the template strand. All stereo images are constructed for viewing with a stereoviewer.

Figure S6. Time dependence of the distances between C1's of the nascent base pair and distances between P $\alpha$  of dNTP and O3' of the primer terminus, in the unmodified control and 1S (–)-B[c]Ph-dA intercalation structures in the Dpo4 DNA polymerase. Color code: the same as in Figure S1A.

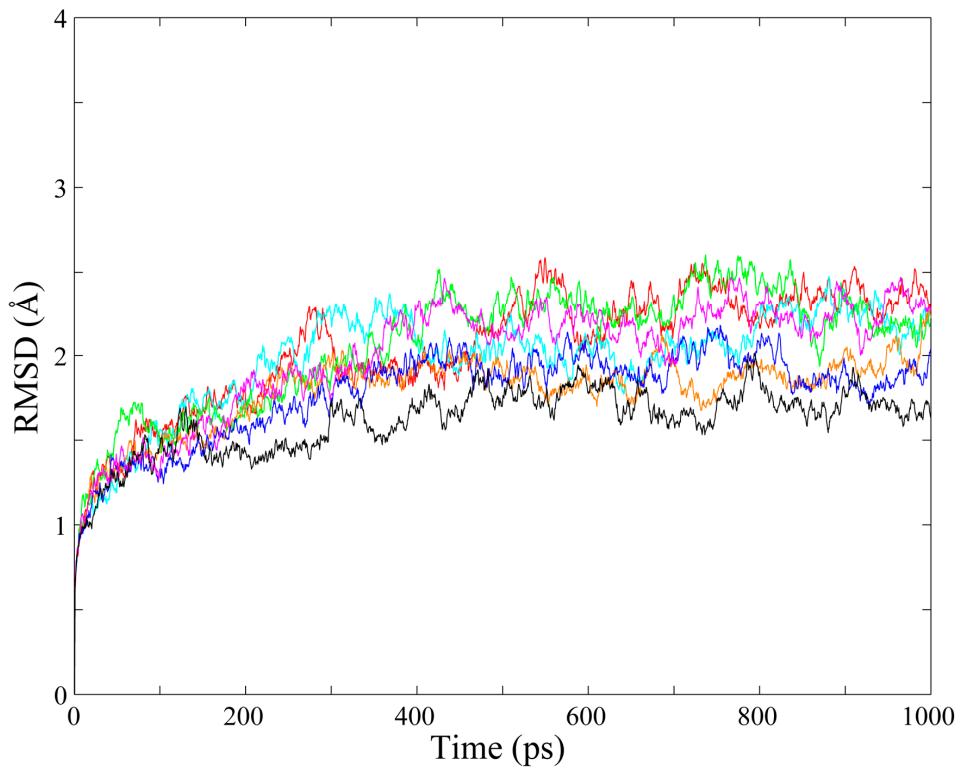
Figure S7. Time dependence of the distances between C1's of the nascent base pair and distances between P $\alpha$  of dNTP and O3' of the primer terminus, in the 1S (–)-B[c]Ph-dA major groove and –1 deletion models of the Dpo4 ternary complexes. Color code: the same as in Figure S1B.

Figure S8. Time dependence of distances and angles of significantly occupied hydrogen bonds (> 50% occupancy) between the templating residue and incoming dNTP in the 1S (–)-B[c]Ph-dA major groove and –1 deletion models of the Dpo4 ternary complexes. Refer to Table 1 for complete specifications of these hydrogen bonds. Color code: the same as in Figure S1B.

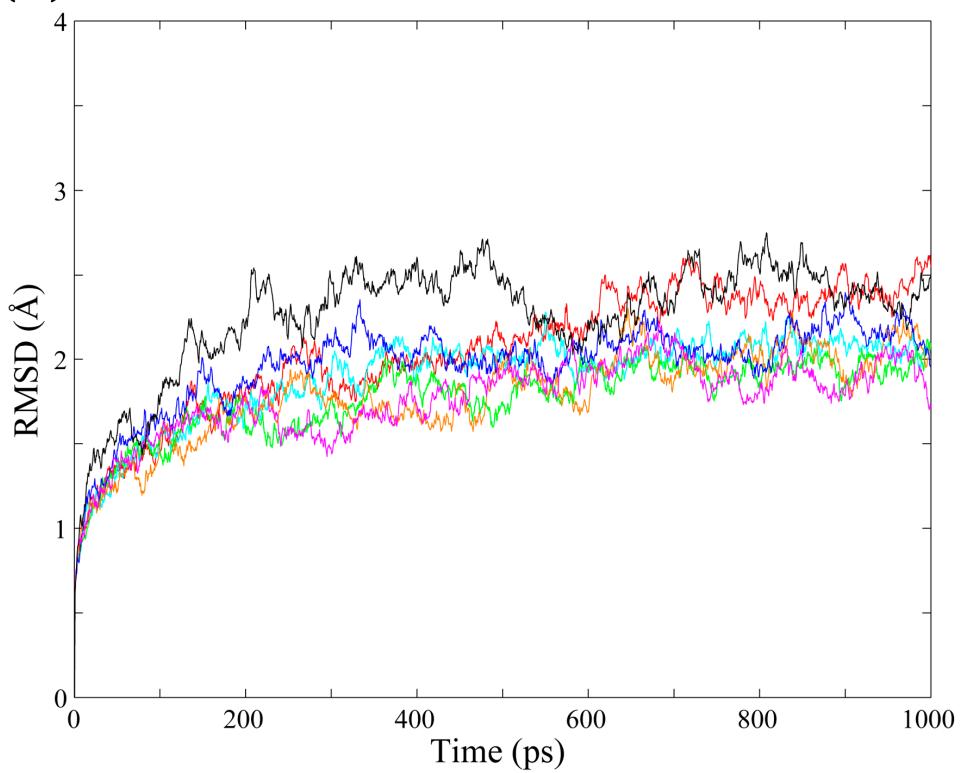
Figure S9. Stacking interactions in the unmodified control and in the 1S (–)-B[c]Ph-dA major groove and –1 deletion models of the Dpo4 ternary complexes after 1 ns of MD. **(A)–(G)** are the same as in Figure 5. Color code: the same as in Figure S5 except that tC<sub>4</sub> is shown in orange in **(G)**. All stereo images are constructed for viewing with a stereoviewer.

**Figure S1**

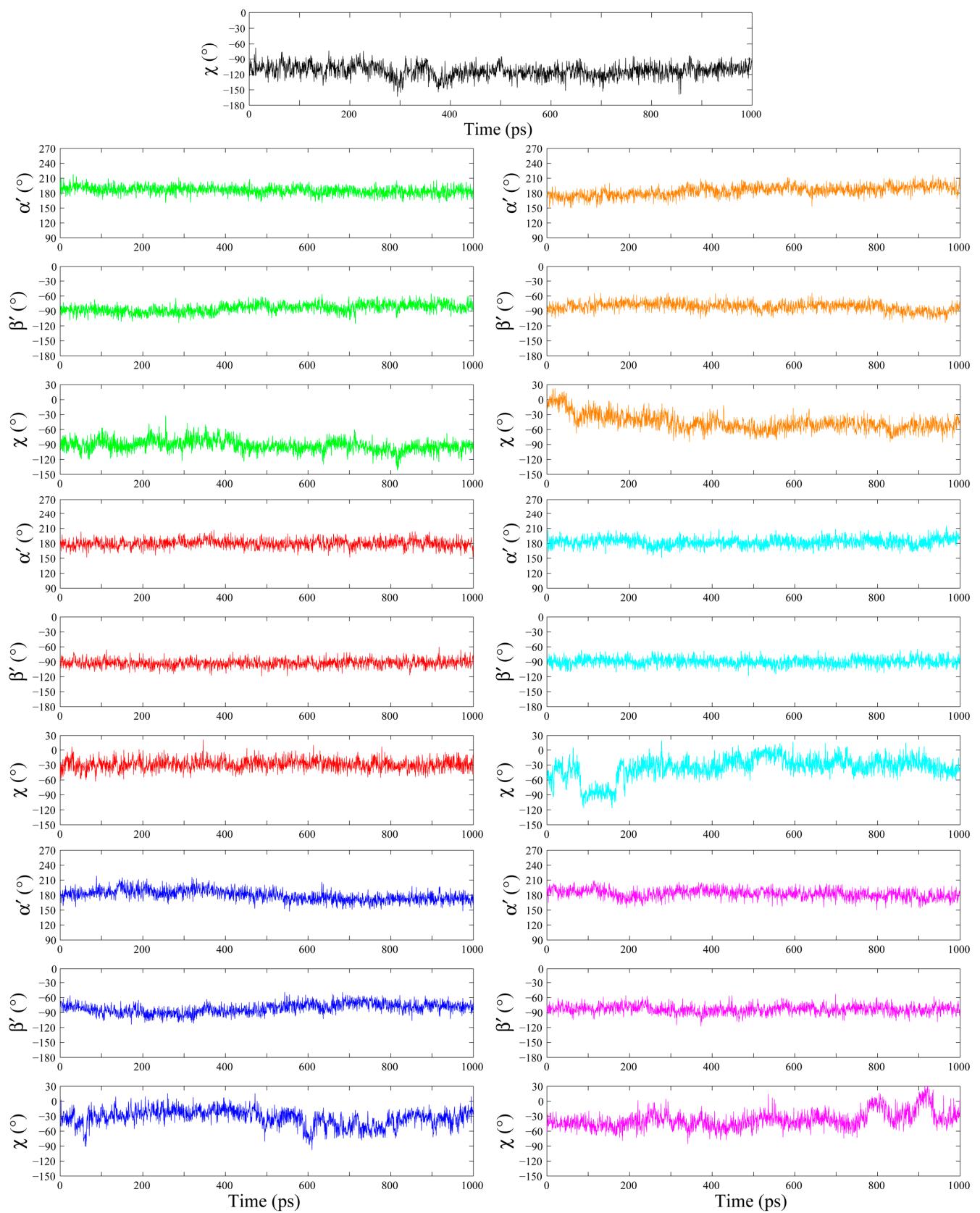
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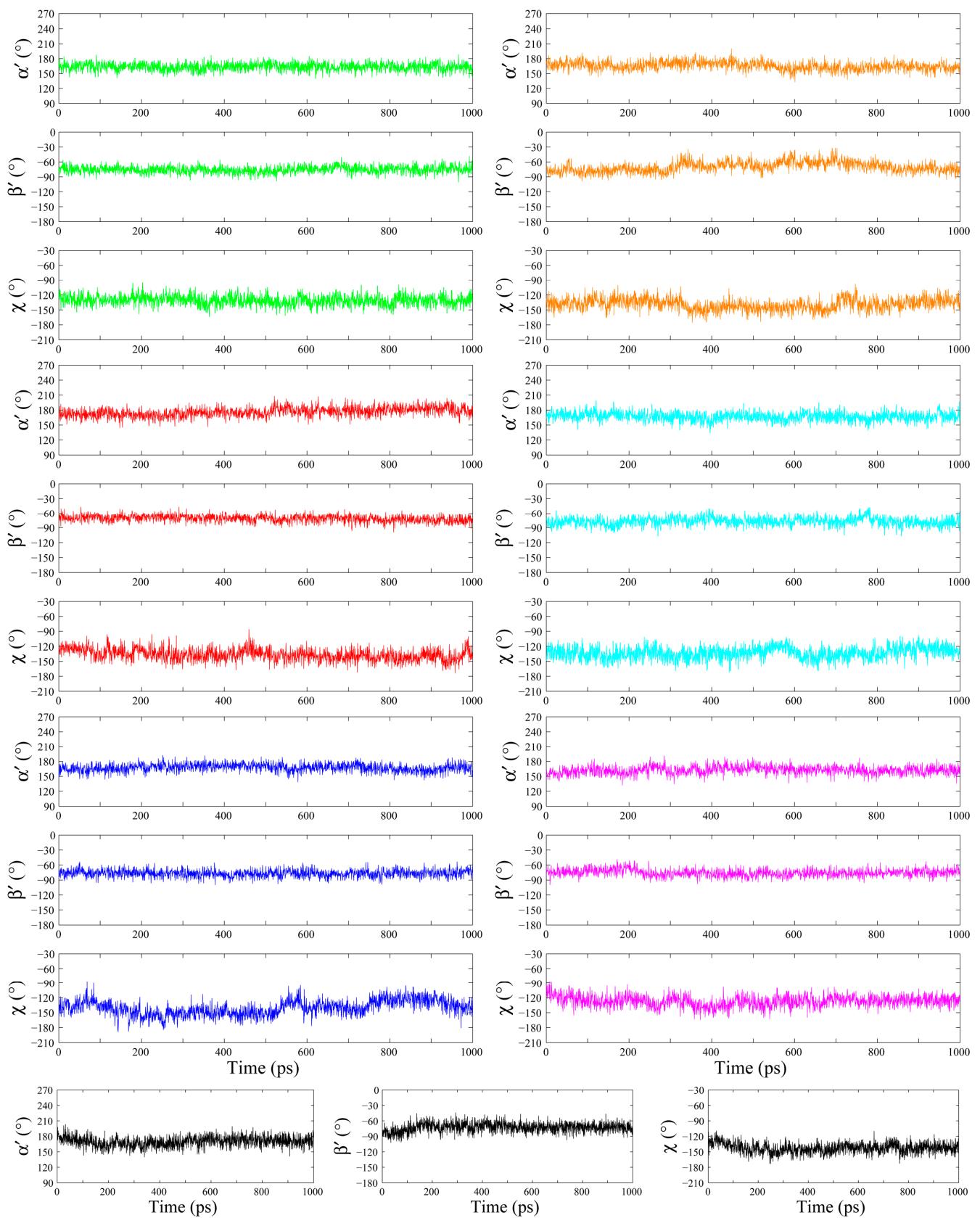
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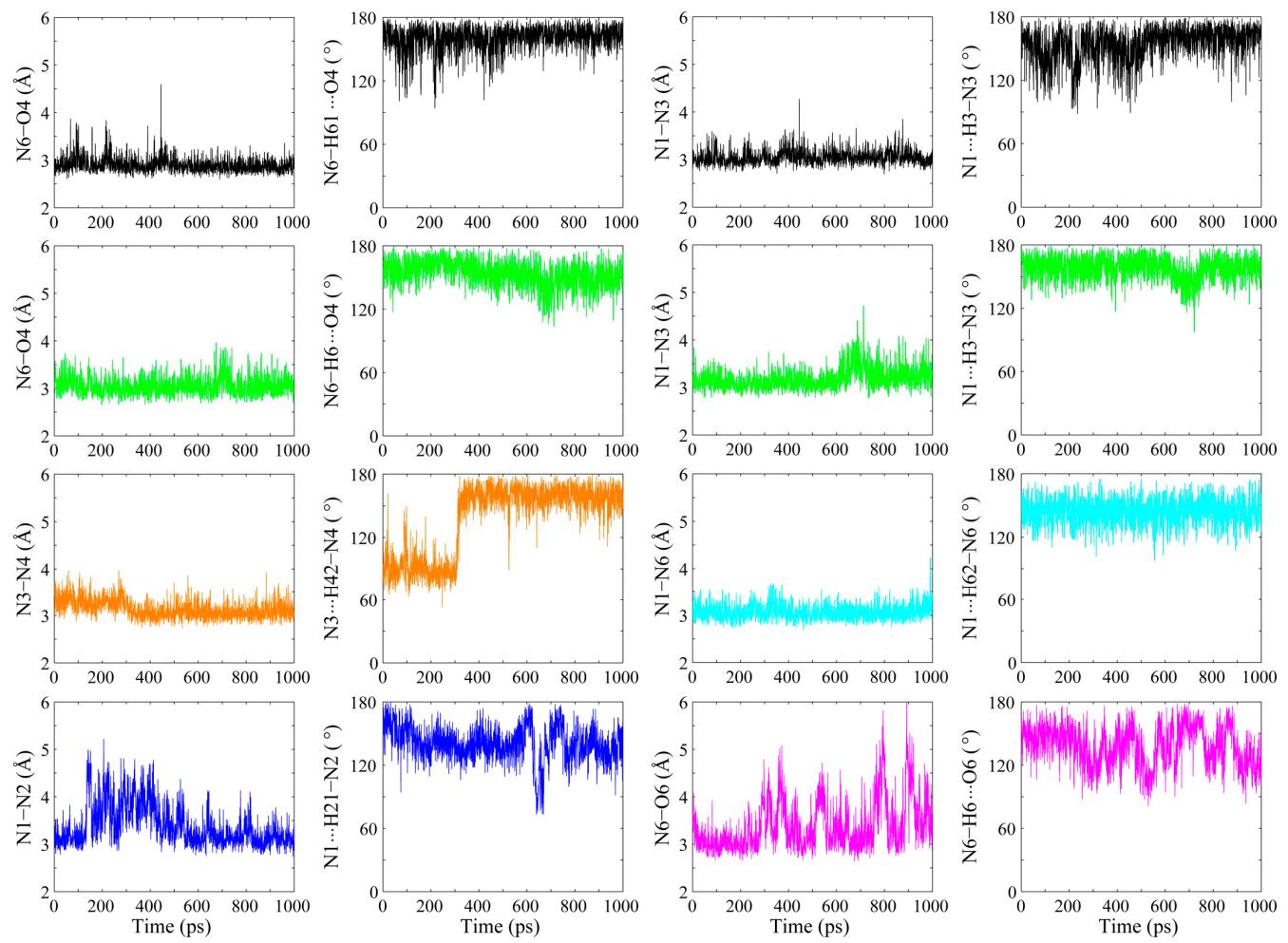
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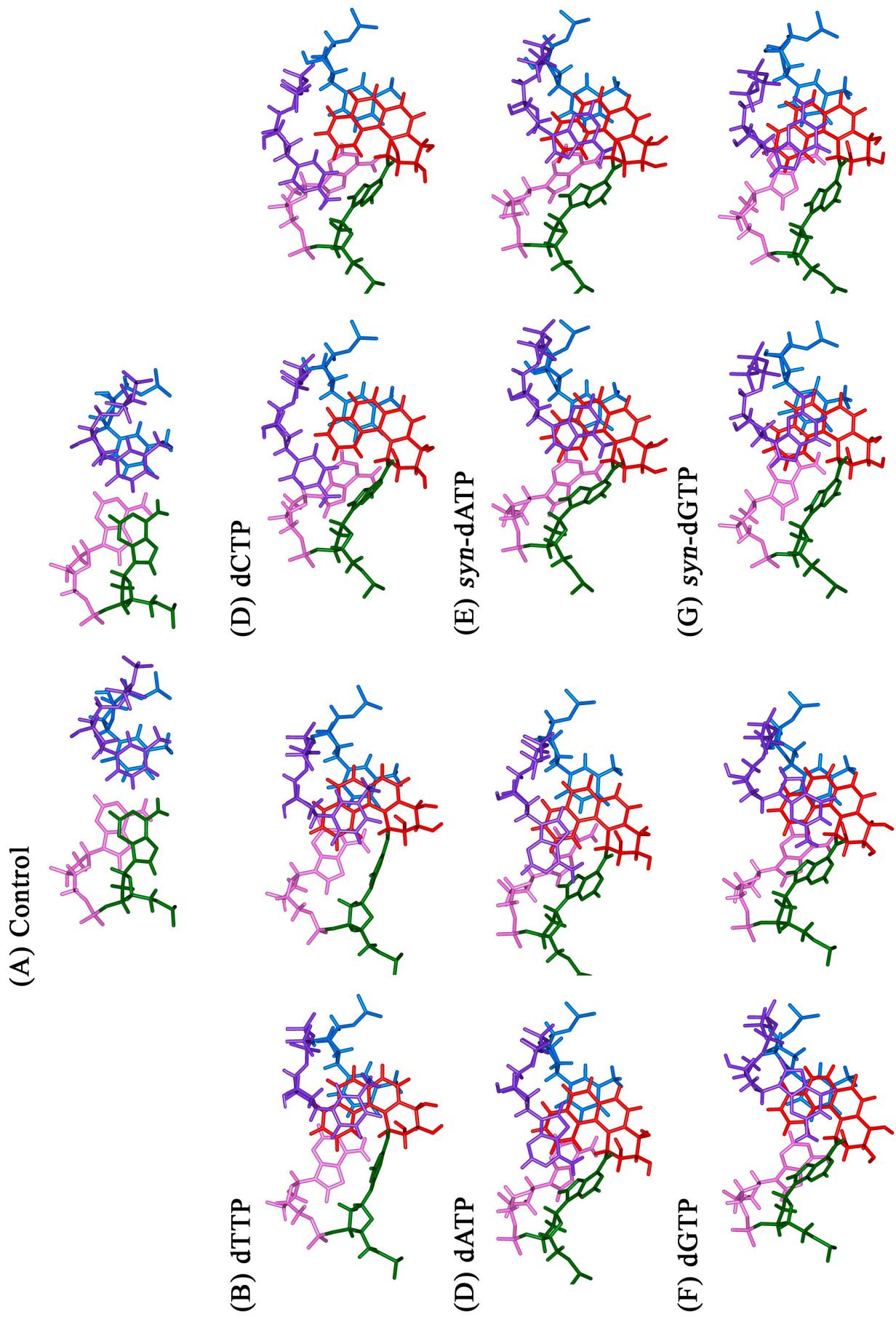
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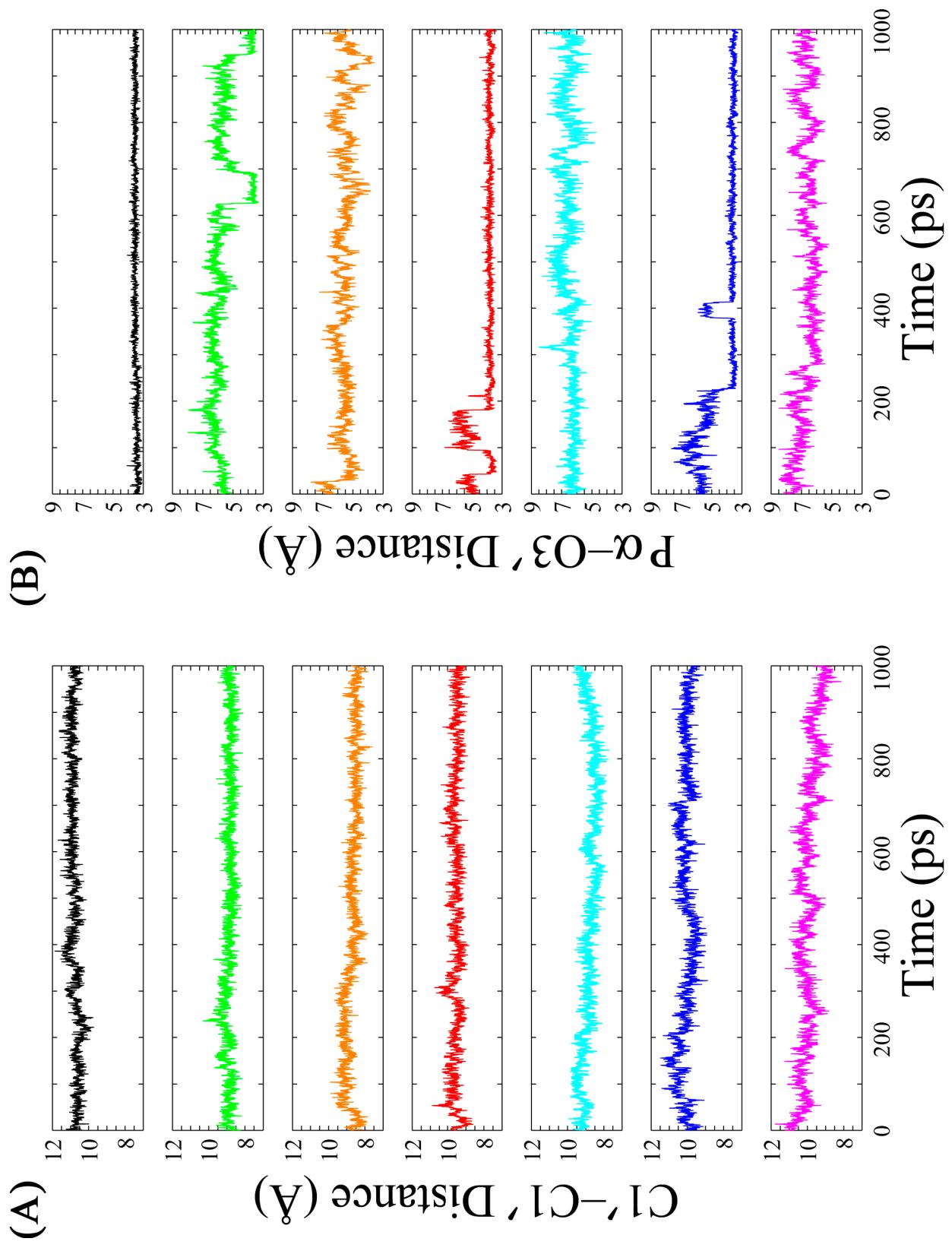
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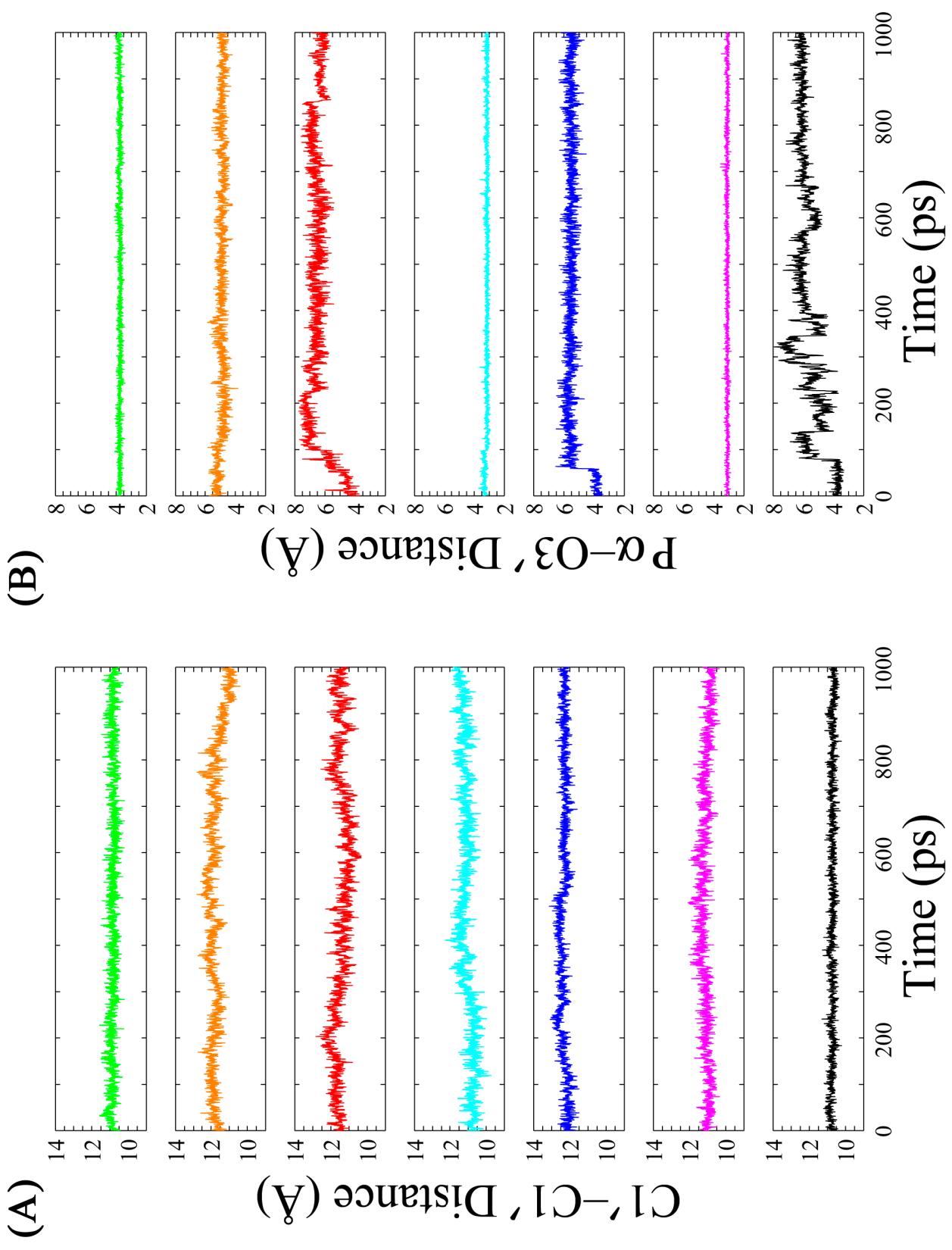
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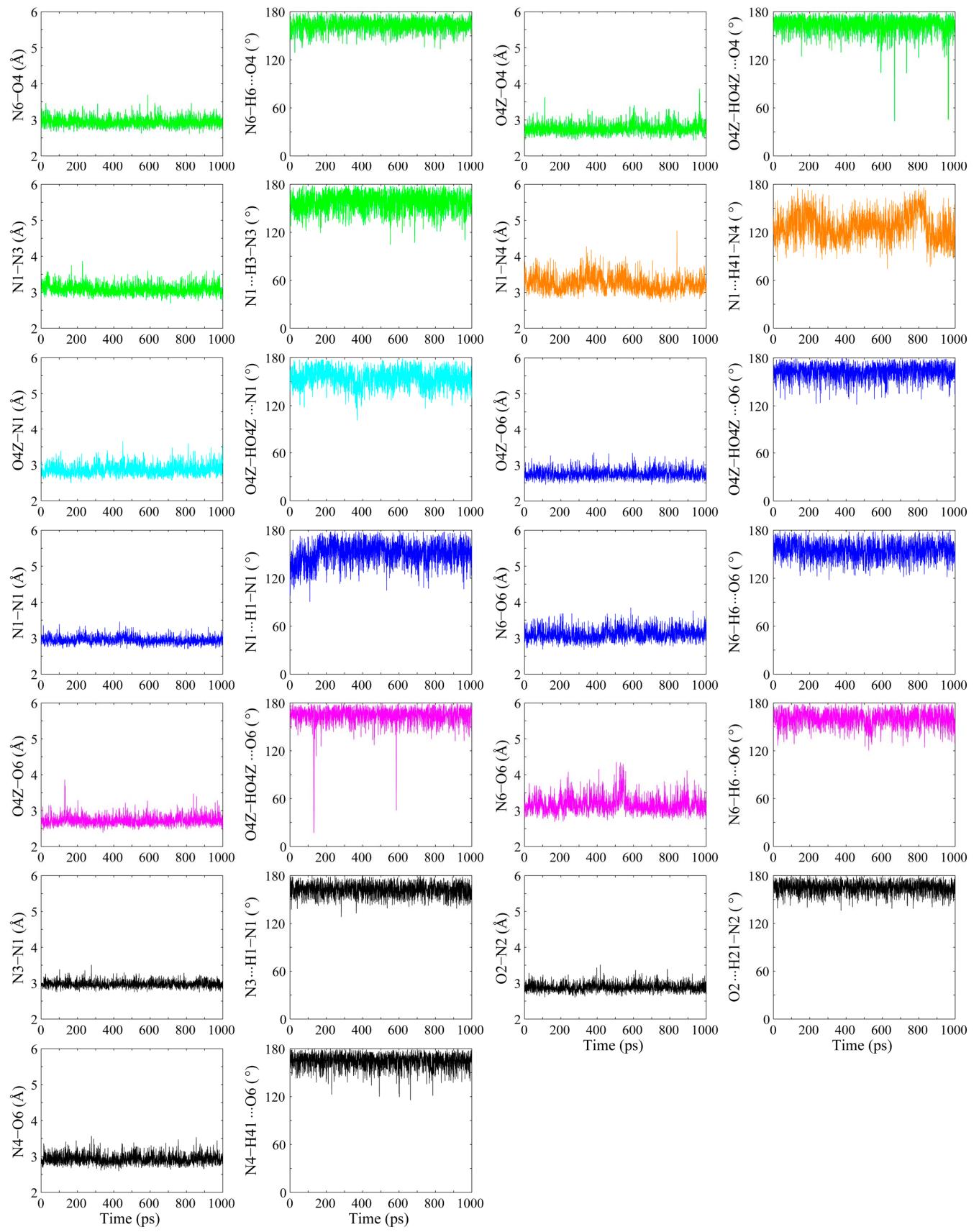
**Figure S6**



**Figure S7**



**Figure S8**



**Figure S9**

