

Robust Denaturation of Villin Headpiece by MoS₂ Nanosheet:

Potential Molecular Origin of the Nanotoxicity

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Table S1. Force field parameters used in the simulation. The values are in units of eV and Å for energy and distance, respectively.

Bond coefficients	r_0	k	
Mo-S	2.41	4.3213	

Angle coefficients	θ_0	k	
Mo-S-Mo	81.67	3.4297	
S-Mo-S	81.78	2.7227	

Non-bonded coefficients	σ	ε	charge
Mo	2.5510	0.8382	0.76
S	3.3695	0.0606	-0.38

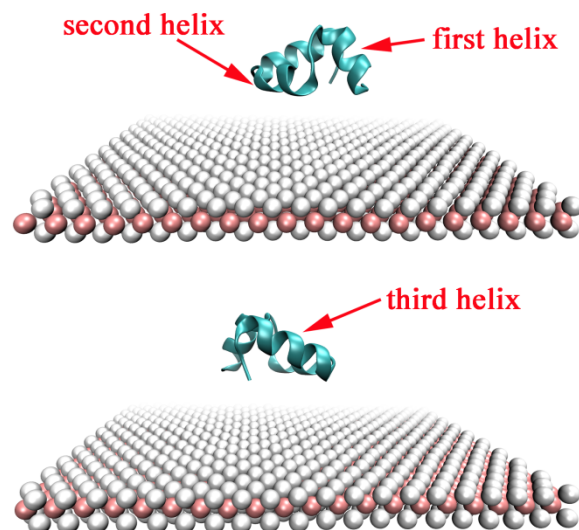


Figure S1. Two side views of HP35/MoS₂ complex.

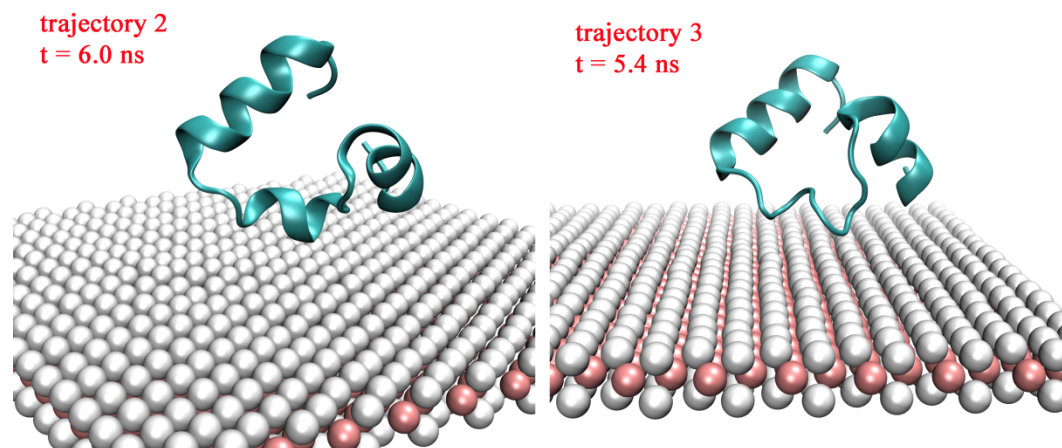


Figure S2. Initial contacting configurations of HP35 and MoS₂ nanosheet in the other two trajectories.

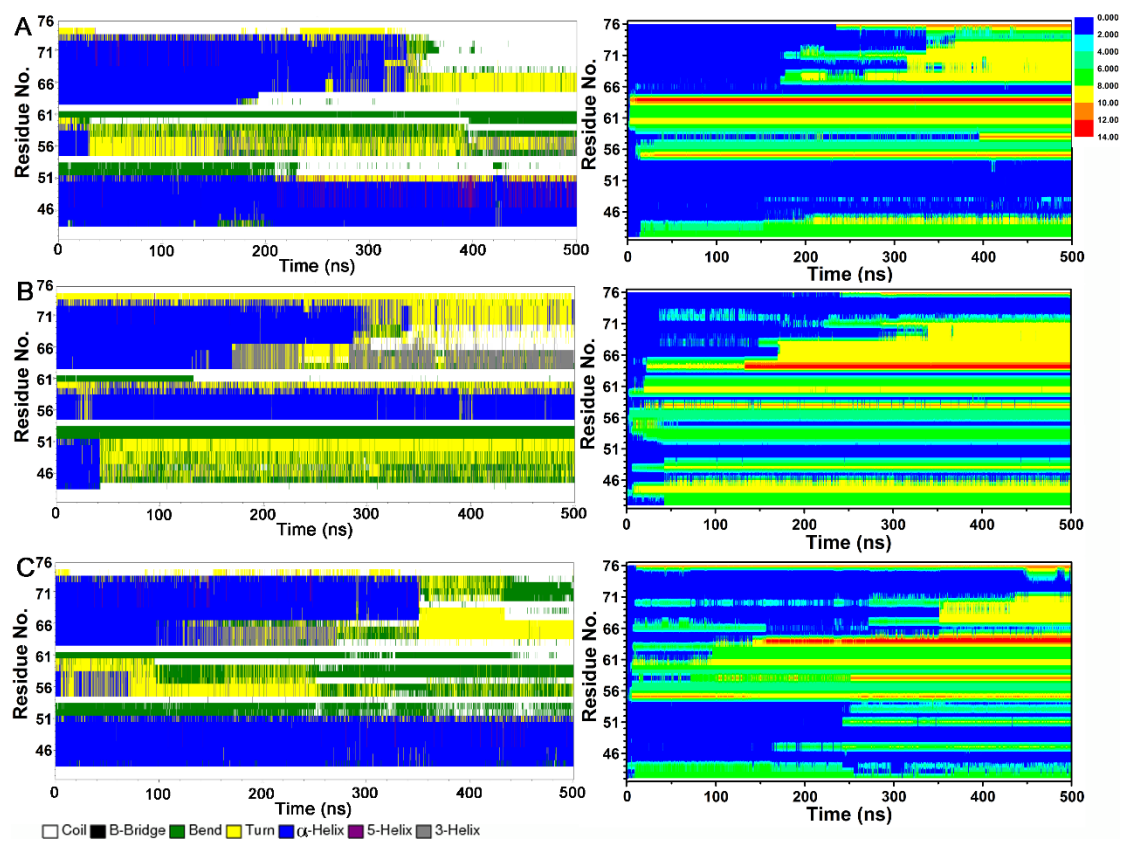


Figure. S3. Time evolution of the secondary structure of HP35 (the first column) and the heavy atom contact number between protein and MoS₂ nano-sheet (the second column) for all three trajectories, A for run-1, B for run-2, and C for run-3.

Table S2: Relative populations of hydrophobic, aromatic and basic residues in every helix.

	hydrophobic	aromatic	basic
First helix	30.0%	20.0%	10.0%
Second helix	42.9%	14.3%	14.3%
Third helix	23.1%	7.7%	38.5%

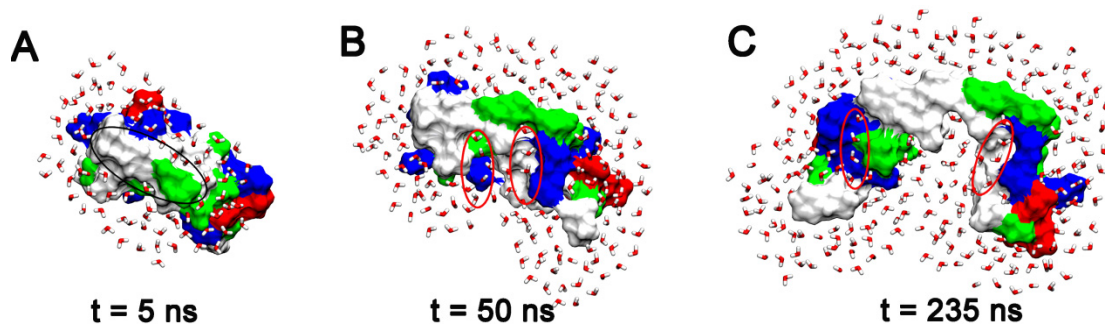


Figure S4. Representative trajectory snapshots to show the water dynamics during the adsorption of HP35 onto the surface of MoS₂ nanosheet. These important intermediate configurations are drawn from the bottom view (from the MoS₂) and hide the MoS₂ nanosheet. The HP35's surface is colored in terms of the residue sidechain's hydrophobicity, with acidic, basic, polar and nonpolar colored with red, blue, green and white, respectively. The black circle filters out the drying zone and red circles indicate the key wetting positions in which waters emerge as lubricant.