

Supplementary Materials

	Protein A	P53	KIT WT	KIT MU
Total charge of counter-ions	+2	-3	+1	0
Water box dimensions (\AA^3)	75x49x49	76x73x64	77x73x81	77x73x81
Number of water molecules	4 174	8 215	13 195	13 197
Total number of atoms	13 477	27 755	44 870	44 879
Deviation after equilibration (\AA)	0.83	0.65	1.29	1.13

Table S1 MD preparation and equilibration details. The counter-ions employed to neutralize the systems are Na^+ and Cl^- . Root mean square deviations were computed on the backbone atoms of the equilibrated conformations versus the initial template.

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Replicate	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Cutoff (\AA)	1.5	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
# reference conformations	2-3	2-6	2-4	2-5	4-7	5-7	2-4	5-6
Convergence criterion c	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6

Table S2 Convergence analysis of the two MD replicates of each studied system. The analysis was applied 5 times on the last 30 ns of every productive run. The convergence criterion c was calculated as described in Methods.

	pathway-based CB					clique-based CB
	$l \geq 4$	$l \geq 5$	$l \geq 6$	$l \geq 7$	$l \geq 8$	All
P53						
all	1	1	1	1	1	5
sim1	3 (55)	3 (61)	1 (84)	1 (75)	1 (88)	8 (78)
sim2	1 (95)	1 (82)	1 (87)	1 (80)	1 (59)	8 (91)
Protein A						
all	1	1	1	1	1	2
sim1	1 (100)	1 (100)	1 (98)	1 (100)	1 (98)	2 (100)
sim2	1 (88)	1 (82)	1 (82)	1 (80)	1 (78)	2 (88)
KIT WT						
all	3	1	1	1	1	7
sim1	3 (94)	1 (93)	1 (88)	1 (96)	1 (96)	6 (76)
sim2	2 (92)	1 (95)	2 (90)	1 (87)	1 (80)	6 (58)
KIT MU						
all	1	2	3	2	2	5
sim1	2 (76)	2 (70)	2 (31)	1 (52)	1 (51)	5 (90)
sim2	1 (96)	2 (94)	3 (90)	2 (98)	2 (100)	6 (68)

Table S3 Reproducibility of communication blocks over the MD replicates of each studied system. The numbers of pathway-based and clique-based communication blocks (CBs) identified by COMMA when applied to the whole conformational ensemble and to the individual MD trajectories are indicated. For pathway-based CBs, different minimum pathway lengths l (in residues) are considered. The overlap (in percentages of residues) between the CBs identified from the first (resp. second) MD replicate and those identified from the whole conformational ensemble are indicated in parentheses.

	all	sim1	sim2
H1-H2	0.5	0.1	0.3
H1-H3	1.1	1	0.3
H2-H3	4.1	4.1	2.6

Table S4 Reproducibility of communication strengths between secondary structure elements (SSEs) in Protein A. The communication strengths (computed as the product of the proportions of residues involved in communication pathways linking the two segments multiplied by the number of pairs of residues directly linked by a pathway, see Methods) between pairs of helices (H1, H2, H3) are reported for the whole conformational ensemble and for each individual replicate. The order of communication strengths is the same in the three analyses.

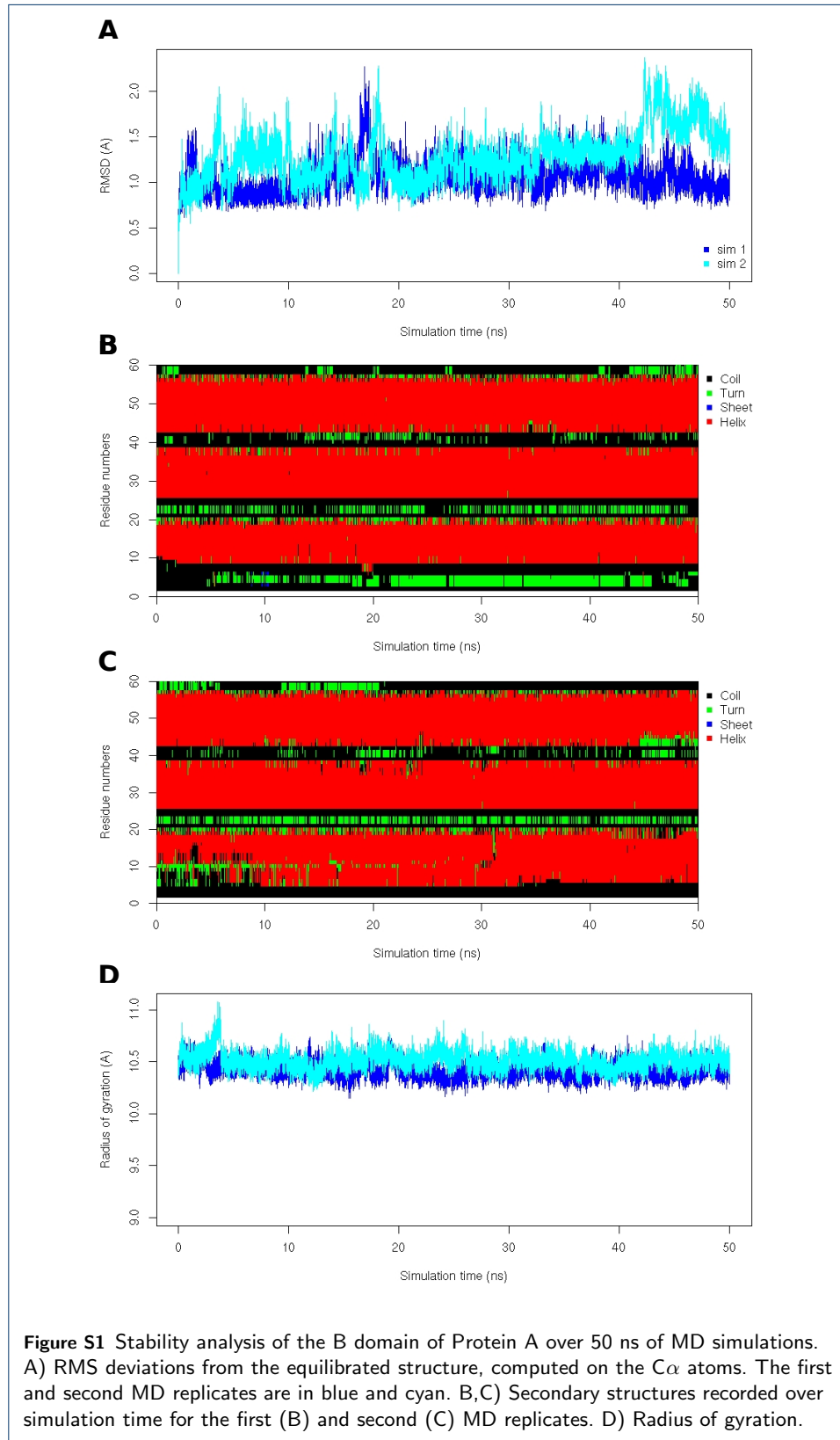


Figure S1 Stability analysis of the B domain of Protein A over 50 ns of MD simulations. A) RMS deviations from the equilibrated structure, computed on the $C\alpha$ atoms. The first and second MD replicates are in blue and cyan. B,C) Secondary structures recorded over simulation time for the first (B) and second (C) MD replicates. D) Radius of gyration.

