## **Supplementary Information**

## Structural Insight into Inhibition of CsrA-RNA Interaction Revealed by Docking, Molecular Dynamics and Free Energy Calculations

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Figure S1. Correlation of the predicted binding energies by MM-GBSA ( $\Delta G_{\text{MM-GBSA}}$ ) using igb = 1 with binding energy ( $\Delta G_{\text{calc}}$ ) calculated from experimental IC<sub>50</sub>.

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Figure S2. Correlation of the predicted binding energies by MM-GBSA ( $\Delta G_{\text{MM-GBSA}}$ ) using igb = 7 with binding energy ( $\Delta G_{\text{calc}}$ ) calculated from experimental IC<sub>50</sub>.

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Figure S3. Correlation of the predicted binding energies by MM-GBSA ( $\Delta G_{\text{MM-GBSA}}$ ) using igb = 8 with binding energy ( $\Delta G_{\text{calc}}$ ) calculated from experimental IC<sub>50</sub>.

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 CsrA(Y. pseudotuberculosis)
 MLILTRRVGE TLMIGDEVTV TVLGVKGNQV RIGVNAPKEV SVHREEIYQR IQAEKSQPTT Y

 2BTI\_A
 MLILTRRVGE TLMIGDEVTV TVLGVKGNQV RIGVNAPKEV SVHREEIYQR IQAEKSQPTS Y

 2BTI\_B
 MLILTRRVGE TLMIGDEVTV TVLGVKGNQV RIGVNAPKEV SVHREEIYQR IQAEKSQPTS Y

## Figure S4. Sequence alignment between CsrA from Y. pseudotuberculosis YPIII and the two chains of 2BTI<sup>a</sup>.

<sup>a</sup>Note: The amino acid sequence of CsrA (*Y. pseudotuberculosis*) was retrived from UniProt database (Accession No. B1JJ99) at <u>http://www.uniprot.org</u>. The sequence of 2BTI protein are retrived from Protein Data Bank (PDB). Sequence alignment was carried out using Pymod 2.0<sup>1</sup>. The aligned sequences are plotted using BioEdit 7.2.5<sup>2</sup>.

Table S1. MM/GBSA binding free energies and different components of CsrA-inhibitor complexes calculated from the MD simulations using igb = 1. <sup>a</sup>All values are given in kcal/mol and as average  $\pm$  SEM (standard error of the mean).

Compounds	$\Delta E_{ m vdW}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta E_{ m ele}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta G_{ m polar}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta G_{ m nonpolar}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta G_{ m MM-GBSA}{}^{ m a}$
1	$\textbf{-23.88} \pm 0.23$	$\textbf{-9.53} \pm 0.23$	$16.52\pm0.22$	$\textbf{-2.92}\pm0.03$	$\textbf{-19.81} \pm 0.24$
2	$\textbf{-15.95}\pm0.28$	$\textbf{-21.14} \pm 0.38$	$25.66\pm0.40$	$\textbf{-1.96} \pm 0.03$	$\textbf{-13.39}\pm0.26$
3	$\textbf{-22.60} \pm 0.10$	$\textbf{-25.84} \pm 0.36$	$29.99\pm 0.34$	$\textbf{-2.67} \pm 0.01$	$\textbf{-21.12}\pm0.12$
4	$\textbf{-27.92} \pm 0.15$	$\textbf{-78.78} \pm 0.54$	$80.31\pm0.53$	$\textbf{-4.00} \pm 0.02$	$\textbf{-30.39}\pm0.18$
5	$-21.64\pm0.12$	$\textbf{-65.26} \pm 0.70$	$74.14\pm0.71$	$\textbf{-3.44}\pm0.02$	$-16.20\pm0.12$

Compounds	$\Delta E_{ m vdW}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta E_{ m ele}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta G_{ m polar}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta G_{ m nonpolar}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta G_{ m MM-GBSA}{}^{ m a}$
1	$-23.88\pm0.23$	$\textbf{-9.53}\pm0.23$	$20.59\pm0.27$	$\textbf{-2.92}\pm0.03$	$\textbf{-15.74} \pm 0.20$
2	$\textbf{-15.95}\pm0.28$	$\textbf{-21.14} \pm 0.38$	$29.18\pm 0.44$	$\textbf{-1.96} \pm 0.03$	$\textbf{-9.87} \pm 0.23$
3	$\textbf{-22.60} \pm 0.10$	$\textbf{-25.84} \pm 0.36$	$33.60\pm0.35$	$\textbf{-2.67} \pm 0.01$	$\textbf{-17.51} \pm 0.12$
4	$\textbf{-27.92} \pm 0.15$	$\textbf{-78.78} \pm 0.54$	$85.50\pm0.54$	$\textbf{-4.00} \pm 0.02$	$\textbf{-25.20} \pm 0.17$
5	$-21.64\pm0.12$	$\textbf{-65.26} \pm 0.70$	$72.27\pm0.67$	$\textbf{-3.44}\pm0.02$	$\textbf{-18.07}\pm0.16$

Table S2. MM/GBSA binding free energies and different components of CsrA-inhibitor complexes calculated from the MD simulations using igb = 2. <sup>a</sup>All values are given in kcal/mol and as average  $\pm$  SEM (standard error of the mean).

Table S3. MM/GBSA binding free energies and different components of CsrA-inhibitor complexes calculated from

the MD simulations using igb = 7. <sup>a</sup>All values are given in kcal/mol and as average  $\pm$  SEM (standard error of the mean).

Compounds	$\Delta E_{ m vdw}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta E_{ m ele}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta G_{ m polar}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta G_{ m nonpolar}{}^{ m a}$	$\Delta G_{ m MM-GBSA}{}^{ m a}$
1	$\textbf{-23.88} \pm 0.23$	$\textbf{-9.53}\pm0.23$	$21.60\pm0.30$	$\textbf{-2.92}\pm0.03$	$\textbf{-14.73}\pm0.18$
2	$\textbf{-15.95}\pm0.28$	$\textbf{-21.14} \pm 0.38$	$32.02\pm0.49$	$\textbf{-1.96} \pm 0.03$	$\textbf{-7.03}\pm0.20$
3	$\textbf{-22.60} \pm 0.10$	$\textbf{-25.84} \pm 0.36$	$38.63\pm0.39$	$\textbf{-2.67} \pm 0.01$	$\textbf{-12.48}\pm0.12$
4	$\textbf{-27.92} \pm 0.15$	$\textbf{-78.78} \pm 0.54$	$89.43\pm0.54$	$\textbf{-4.00} \pm 0.02$	$\textbf{-21.27}\pm0.17$
5	$-21.64 \pm 0.12$	$-65.26 \pm 0.70$	$69.07 \pm 0.65$	$-3.44 \pm 0.02$	$-21.27 \pm 0.19$

 $Table \ S4. \ MM/GBSA \ binding \ free \ energies \ and \ different \ components \ of \ CsrA-inhibitor \ complexes \ calculated \ from \ and \$ 

he MD simulations using igb = 8. <sup>a</sup> A	ll values are given in kcal/mol a	and as average $\pm$ SEM (standard	error of the mean).
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1	$\textbf{-23.88} \pm 0.23$	$\textbf{-9.53} \pm 0.23$	$22.67\pm0.30$	$\textbf{-2.92}\pm0.03$	$\textbf{-13.66} \pm 0.17$
2	$\textbf{-15.95} \pm 0.28$	$\textbf{-21.14} \pm 0.38$	$29.53\pm0.48$	$\textbf{-1.96} \pm 0.03$	$\textbf{-9.52}\pm0.20$
3	$\textbf{-22.60} \pm 0.10$	$\textbf{-25.84} \pm 0.36$	$37.31\pm0.37$	$\textbf{-2.67} \pm 0.01$	$\textbf{-13.80}\pm0.11$
4	$\textbf{-27.92} \pm 0.15$	$\textbf{-78.78} \pm 0.54$	$89.47\pm0.54$	$\textbf{-4.00} \pm 0.02$	$\textbf{-21.23}\pm0.16$
5	$-21.64\pm0.12$	$\textbf{-65.26} \pm 0.70$	$69.40\pm0.65$	$\textbf{-3.44}\pm0.02$	$\textbf{-20.94} \pm 0.18$

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