

**Table S6.** The binding free energies ( $\Delta G$ ) in kcal/mol computed by both molecular mechanics generalized Born surface area (MM-GBSA) and molecular mechanics Poisson-Boltzmann surface area (MM-PBSA) methods at TLR4\*/MD2 interface.

Complex	#	$\Delta E_{MM}$		Generalized Born (GB)		$\Delta G$	Poisson-Boltzmann (PB)		$\Delta G$
		$\Delta E_{ele}$	$\Delta E_{vdw}$	$\Delta G_{sol}$			$\Delta G_{sol}$		
				$\Delta G_{pol}$	$\Delta G_{nonpol}$	$\Delta G_{pol}$	$\Delta G_{nonpol}$		
(TLR4-MD2) <sub>2</sub>	1	<b>-130.70</b> (35.33)	<b>-54.16</b> (8.46)	<b>163.46</b> (33.19)	<b>-7.49</b> (1.25)	<b>-28.87</b> (7.62)	<b>153.52</b> (34.08)	<b>-6.99</b> (1.03)	<b>-38.30</b> (8.24)
(TLR4-MD2) <sub>2</sub>	2	<b>-127.25</b> (48.76)	<b>-62.64</b> (8.92)	<b>167.76</b> (44.97)	<b>-8.43</b> (1.19)	<b>-32.20</b> (8.54)	<b>157.69</b> (45.50)	<b>-7.54</b> (0.72)	<b>-39.72</b> (8.53)
(TLR4-MD2) <sub>2</sub>	3	<b>-111.24</b> (45.27)	<b>-38.96</b> (8.76)	<b>139.91</b> (42.32)	<b>-5.43</b> (1.21)	<b>-17.19</b> (7.98)	<b>127.33</b> (42.98)	<b>-5.15</b> (0.94)	<b>-28.00</b> (7.96)
(TLR4-MD2) <sub>2</sub>	4	<b>-100.08</b> (41.04)	<b>-53.78</b> (6.19)	<b>136.76</b> (39.61)	<b>-6.84</b> (0.89)	<b>-24.99</b> (7.11)	<b>124.68</b> (39.91)	<b>-6.09</b> (0.65)	<b>-35.25</b> (8.10)
(TLR4-MD2) <sub>2</sub>	1-4	<b>-117.32</b> (14.28)	<b>-52.39</b> (9.84)	<b>152.39</b> (16.31)	<b>-7.05</b> (1.26)	<b>-24.35</b> (6.36)	<b>140.81</b> (17.21)	<b>-6.44</b> (1.05)	<b>-35.32</b> (5.22)
(TLR4-MD2-LPS) <sub>2</sub>	1	<b>-129.04</b> (31.58)	<b>-75.38</b> (5.50)	<b>178.29</b> (28.47)	<b>-9.63</b> (0.69)	<b>-35.75</b> (7.07)	<b>176.32</b> (28.86)	<b>-7.67</b> (0.35)	<b>-35.75</b> (8.85)
(TLR4-MD2-LPS) <sub>2</sub>	2	<b>-139.08</b> (34.71)	<b>-71.20</b> (9.83)	<b>182.33</b> (33.32)	<b>-9.38</b> (1.27)	<b>-37.31</b> (9.05)	<b>175.18</b> (35.11)	<b>-7.63</b> (0.65)	<b>-42.72</b> (9.20)
(TLR4-MD2-LPS) <sub>2</sub>	3	<b>-153.29</b> (29.62)	<b>-67.98</b> (7.26)	<b>190.72</b> (27.97)	<b>-8.68</b> (0.98)	<b>-39.21</b> (7.73)	<b>180.47</b> (28.02)	<b>-7.33</b> (0.58)	<b>-48.11</b> (9.86)
(TLR4-MD2-LPS) <sub>2</sub>	4	<b>-274.18</b> (38.48)	<b>-78.52</b> (6.15)	<b>296.96</b> (36.13)	<b>-11.37</b> (0.81)	<b>-67.10</b> (8.50)	<b>285.85</b> (35.75)	<b>-8.82</b> (0.46)	<b>-75.67</b> (9.53)
(TLR4-MD2-LPS) <sub>2</sub>	1-4	<b>-173.90</b> (67.59)	<b>-73.27</b> (4.63)	<b>212.96</b> (55.82)	<b>-9.77</b> (1.14)	<b>-43.96</b> (15.91)	<b>204.46</b> (54.31)	<b>-7.86</b> (0.66)	<b>-50.56</b> (17.49)
(TLR4-MD2-neoseptin3) <sub>2</sub>	1	<b>-222.52</b> (39.26)	<b>-64.87</b> (6.93)	<b>247.09</b> (36.88)	<b>-8.95</b> (0.97)	<b>-49.23</b> (8.11)	<b>235.26</b> (36.46)	<b>-7.40</b> (0.71)	<b>-59.52</b> (10.39)
(TLR4-MD2-neoseptin3) <sub>2</sub>	2	<b>-141.81</b> (53.77)	<b>-75.63</b> (11.47)	<b>184.43</b> (51.58)	<b>-9.65</b> (1.46)	<b>-42.65</b> (9.88)	<b>173.19</b> (51.80)	<b>-7.53</b> (0.85)	<b>-51.76</b> (10.03)
(TLR4-MD2-neoseptin3) <sub>2</sub>	3	<b>-167.54</b> (40.85)	<b>-86.27</b> (6.39)	<b>211.26</b> (37.31)	<b>-11.45</b> (0.91)	<b>-53.98</b> (8.81)	<b>201.89</b> (38.00)	<b>-8.81</b> (0.50)	<b>-60.72</b> (10.40)
(TLR4-MD2-neoseptin3) <sub>2</sub>	4	<b>-170.39</b> (55.75)	<b>-83.52</b> (12.27)	<b>214.76</b> (51.70)	<b>-11.14</b> (1.46)	<b>-50.27</b> (12.88)	<b>204.62</b> (50.67)	<b>-8.49</b> (0.71)	<b>-57.77</b> (11.57)
(TLR4-MD2-neoseptin3) <sub>2</sub>	1-4	<b>-175.57</b> (33.84)	<b>-77.57</b> (9.59)	<b>215.18</b> (25.08)	<b>-10.30</b> (1.19)	<b>-48.24</b> (5.13)	<b>203.74</b> (25.37)	<b>-8.06</b> (0.70)	<b>-57.44</b> (3.98)