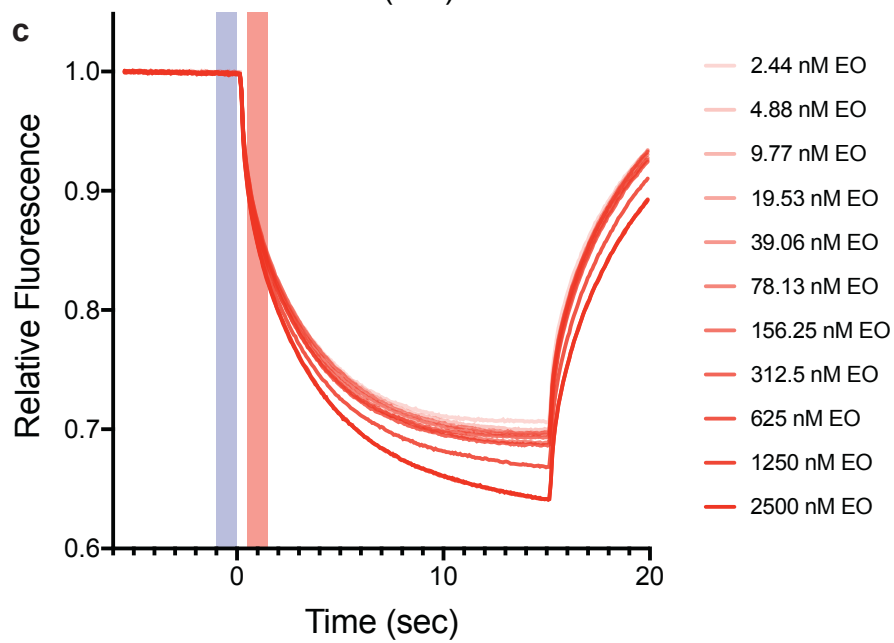
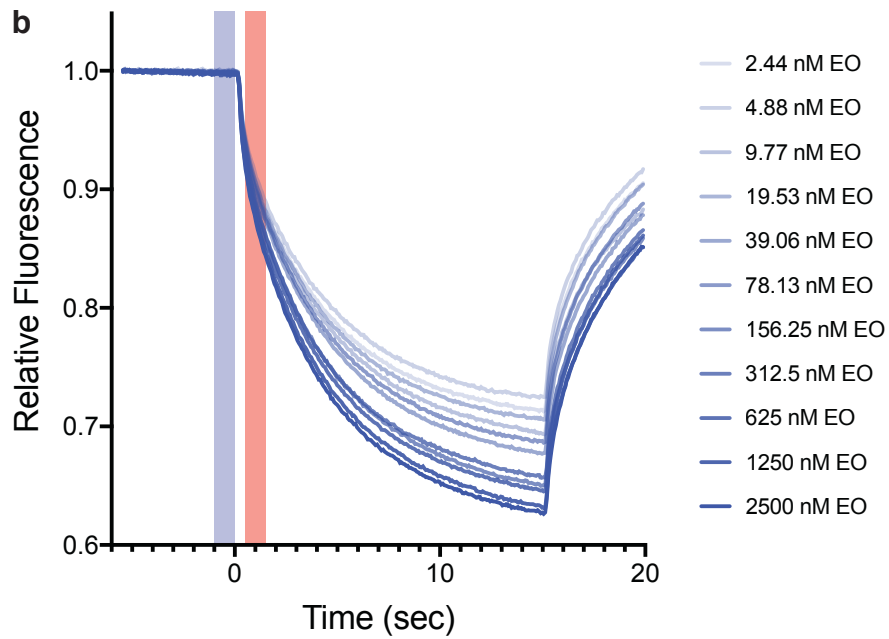
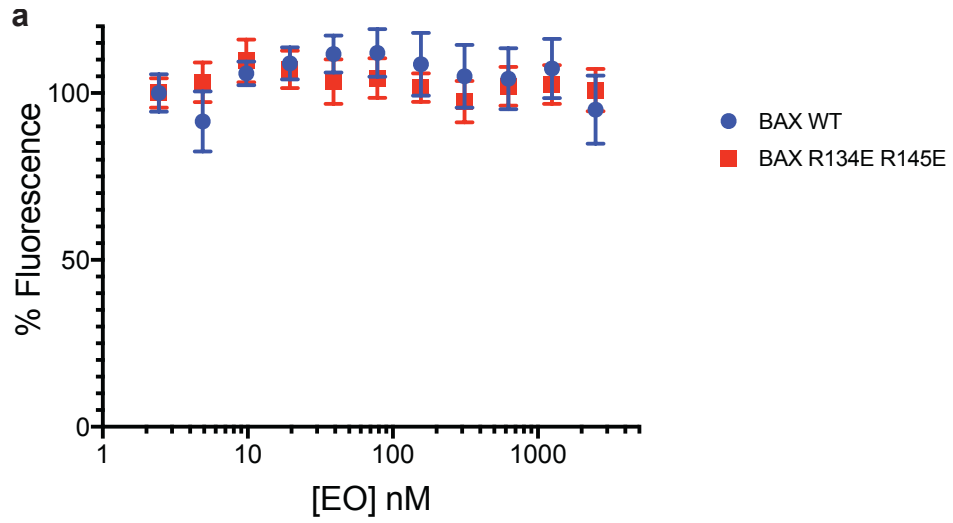


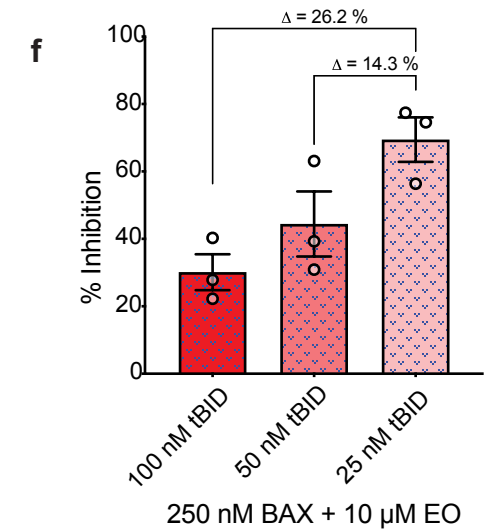
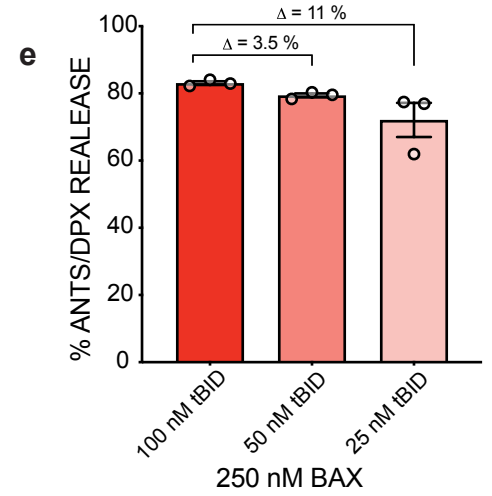
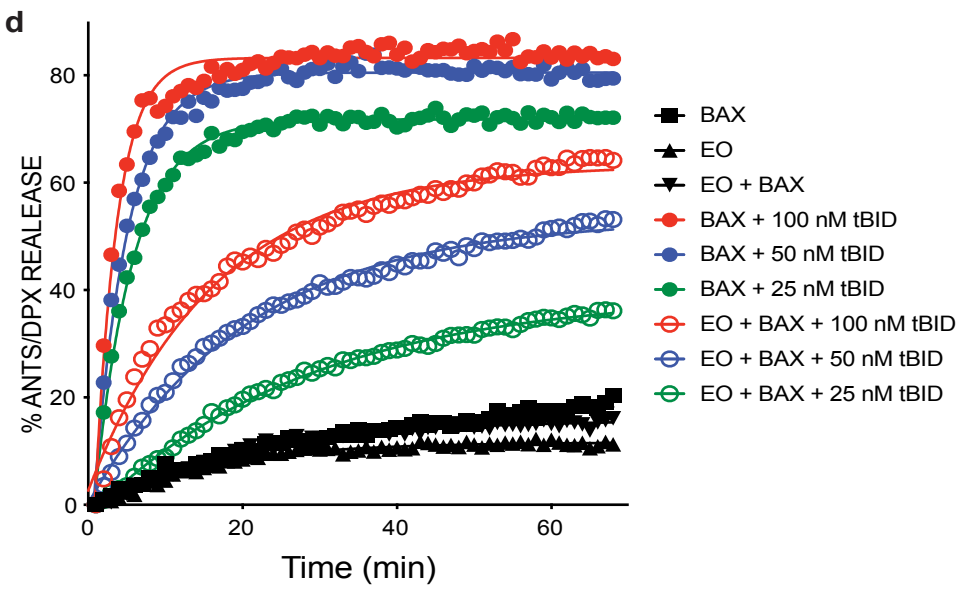
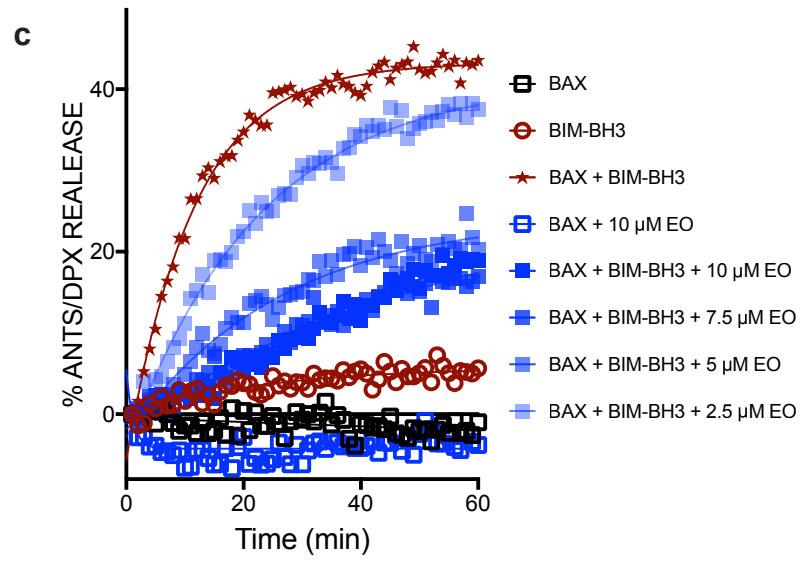
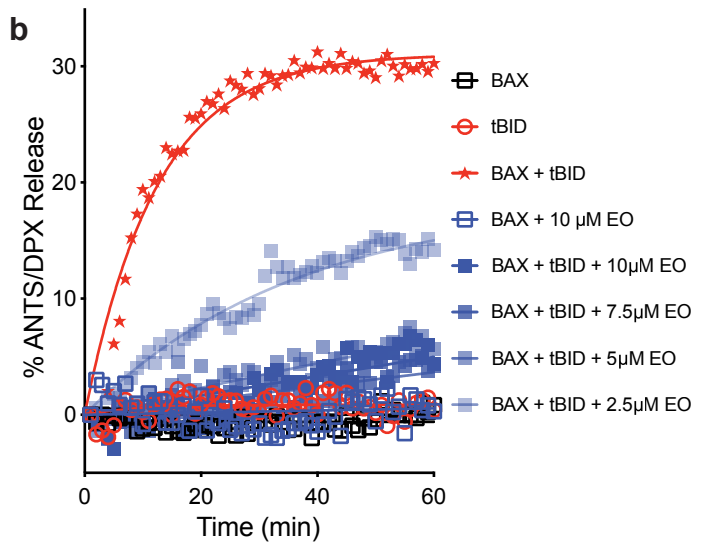
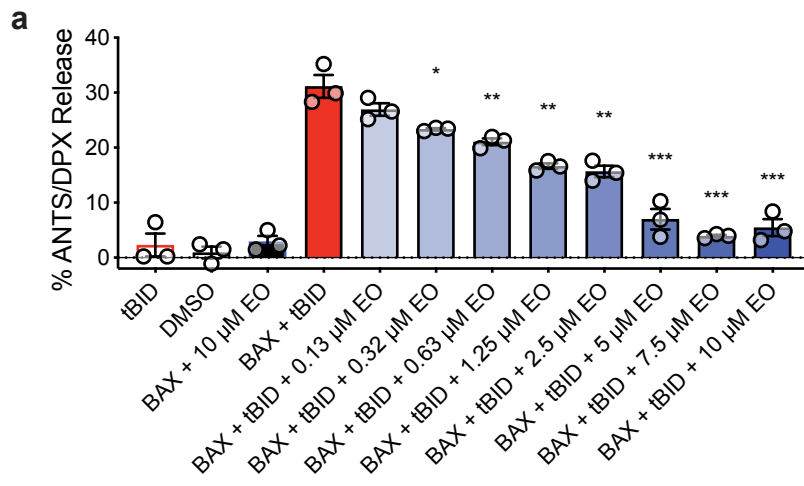
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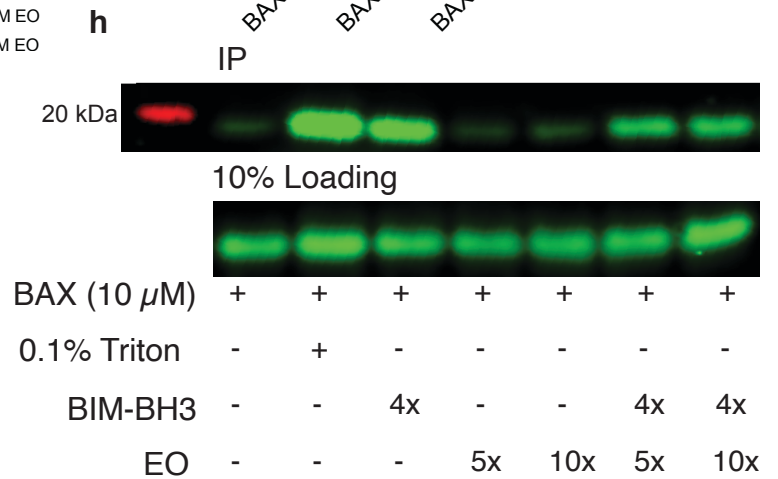
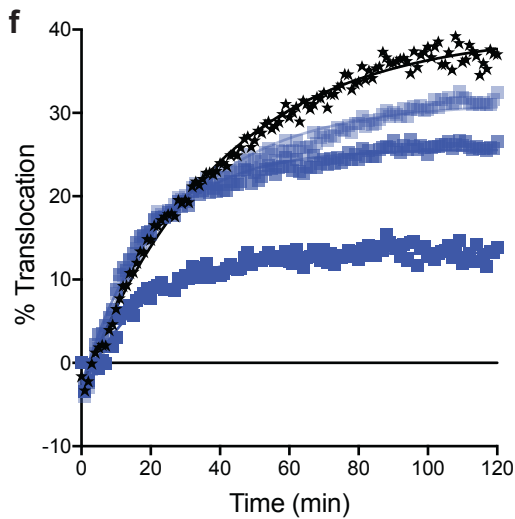
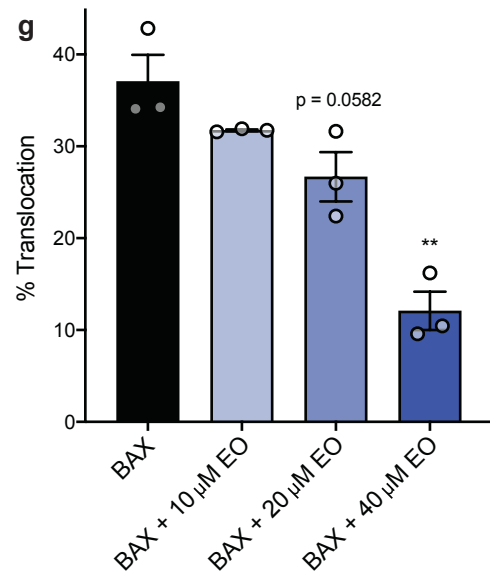
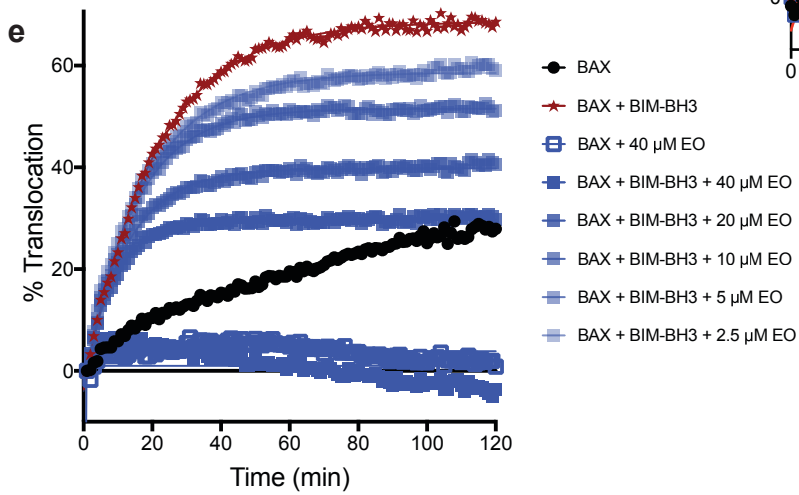
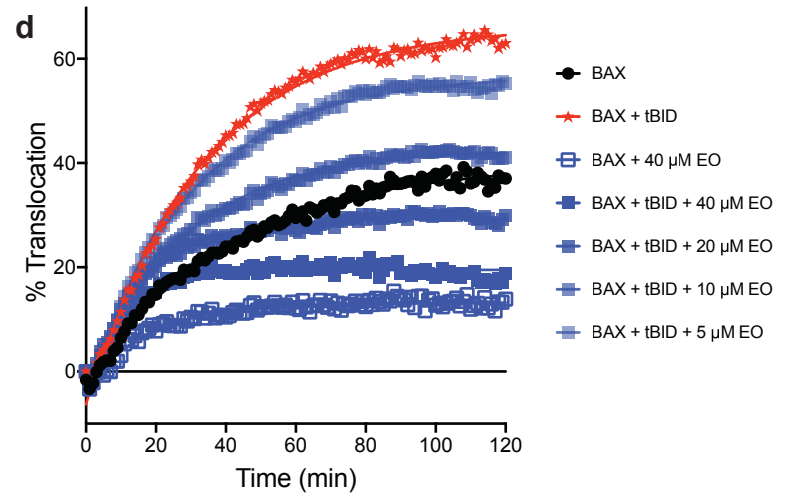
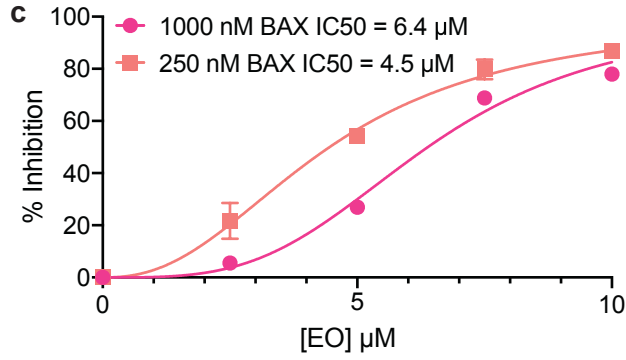
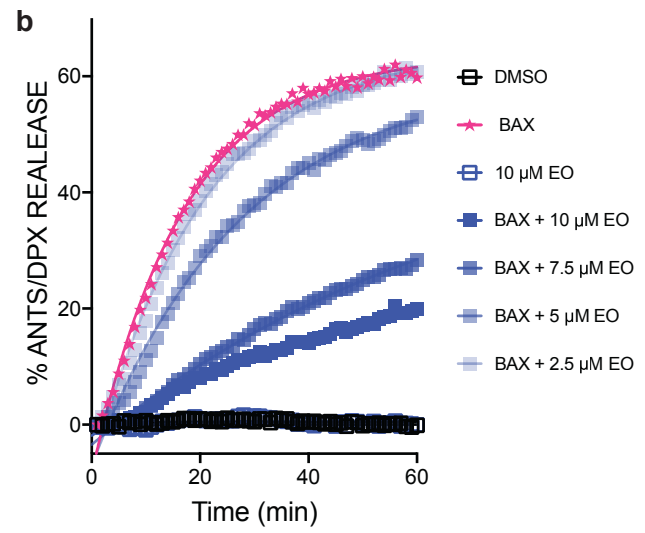
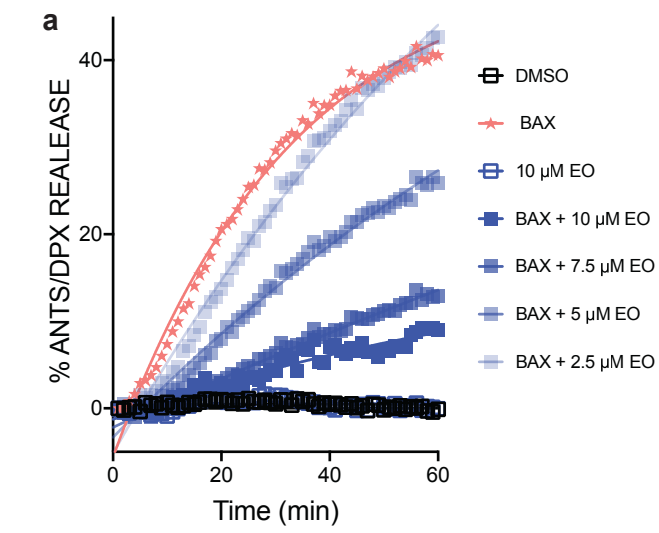


Supplementary Figure 1. Direct binding of Eltrombopag (EO) to BAX by microscale thermophoresis (MST). **a**, Normalized percent fluorescence of BAX 4C and BAX 4C R134E R145E upon titration of EO over a range of concentrations showing stable fluorescence. **b-c**, MST thermophoretic traces of fluorescence with respect to time for BAX-4C + EO (**b**) and BAX-4C R134E R145E + EO (**c**). MST titration curves were determined using the temperature jump portion of the curve (red shaded box) normalized to the pre-IR region (blue shaded box). Data are representative of three independent experiments each $n=3 \pm \text{SEM}$. Source data has been provided.

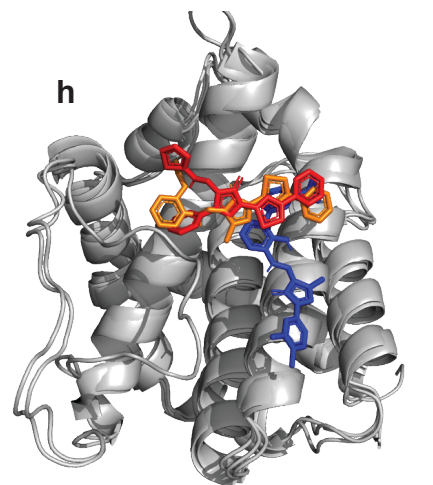
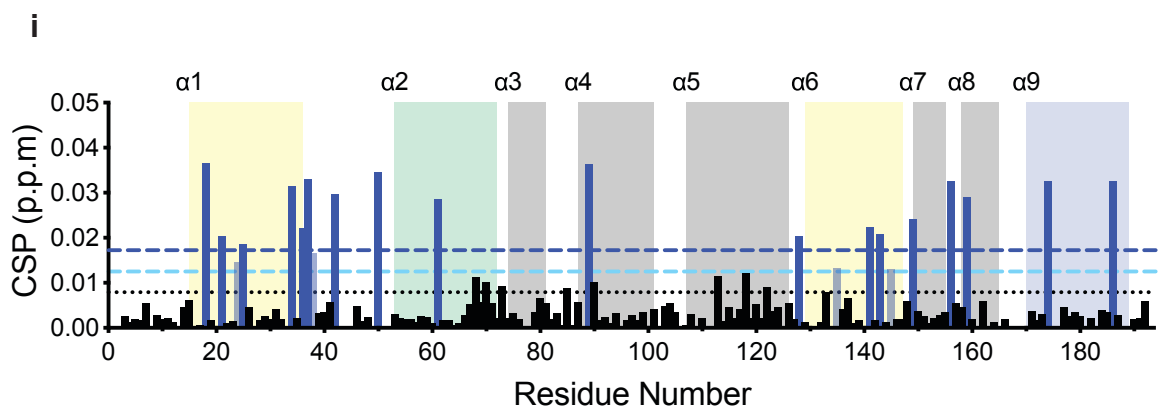
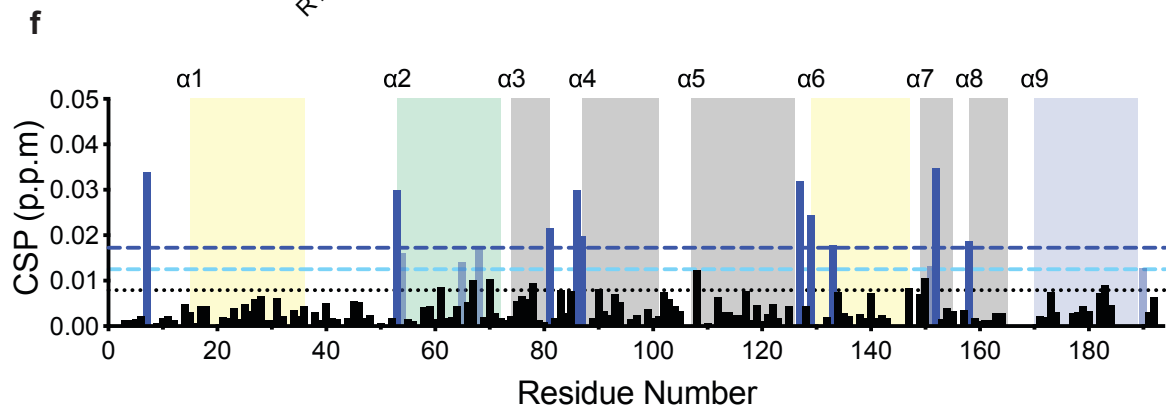
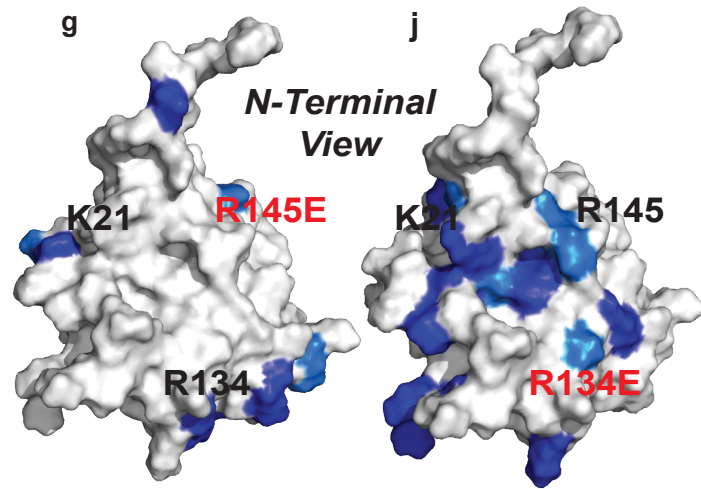
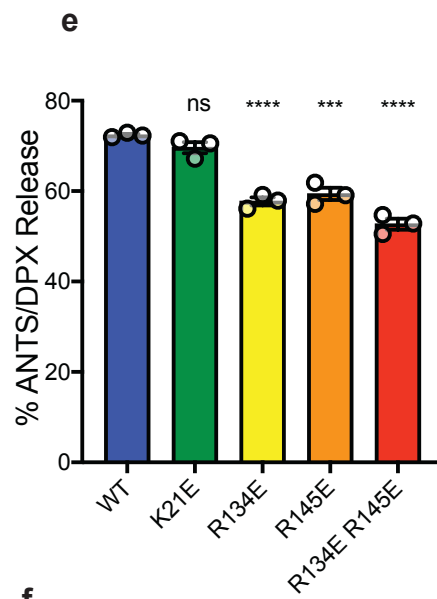
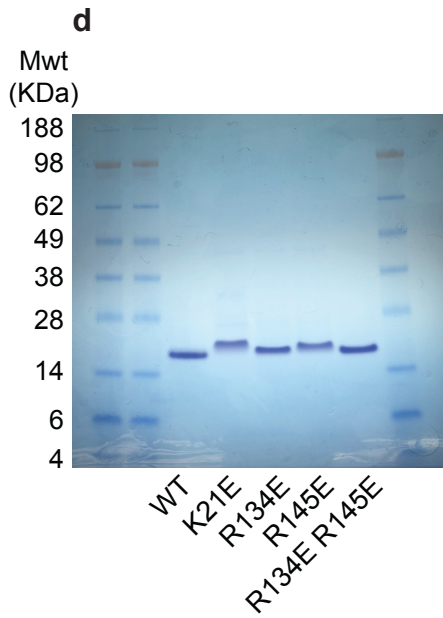
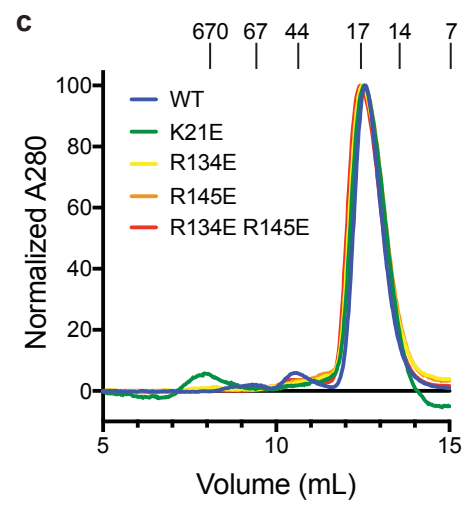
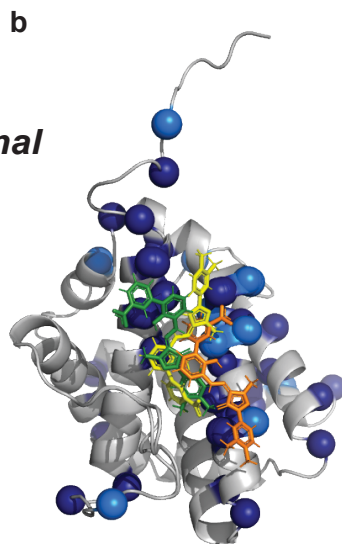
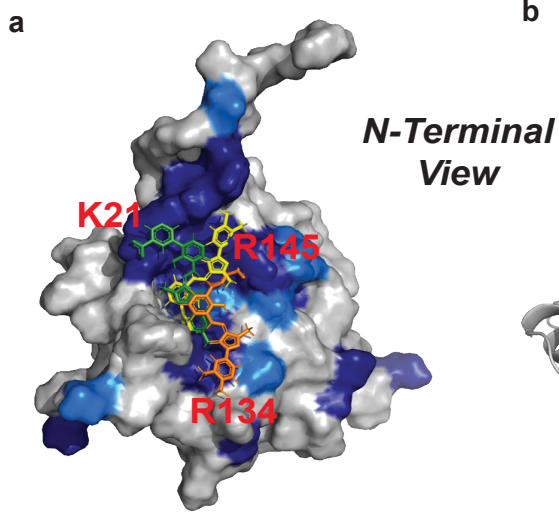


Supplementary Figure 2. Eltrombopag (EO) inhibits BH3-induced BAX activation.

a, Representative BAX-mediated membrane permeabilization assay using ANTS/DPX liposomes with 50 nM BAX, 5 nM tBID, and 0.13-10 μ M EO after 30 minute incubation. Data are representative of three independent experiments each $n=3 \pm$ SEM. **b-c**, Representative kinetic traces of ANTS/DPX liposomal release with respect to time in the presence and absence of 2.5-10 μ M EO. Conditions are 50 nM BAX + 5 nM tBID (**b**) and 50 nM BAX + 1 μ M BIM-BH3 (**c**). **d**, Kinetic traces of ANTS/DPX liposomal release with respect to time in the presence of 250 nM BAX, 10 μ M EO, and 25, 50, or 100 nM tBID. **e-f**, Quantified ANTS/DPX liposomal release after 60 minutes for BAX in the presence of the indicated concentration of tBID (**e**) and corresponding percentage inhibition in the presence of 10 μ M EO (**f**). Data are representative of three independent experiments each $n=3 \pm$ SEM. Two-sided *t*-test, **** $P < 0.0001$; *** $P < 0.001$; ** $P < 0.01$; * $P < 0.05$; ns, $P > 0.05$ (Left to right P-values were 0.0204, 0.0097, 0.0025, 0.0027, 0.0010, 0.0002, 0.0006 for (**a**)). Source data has been provided.

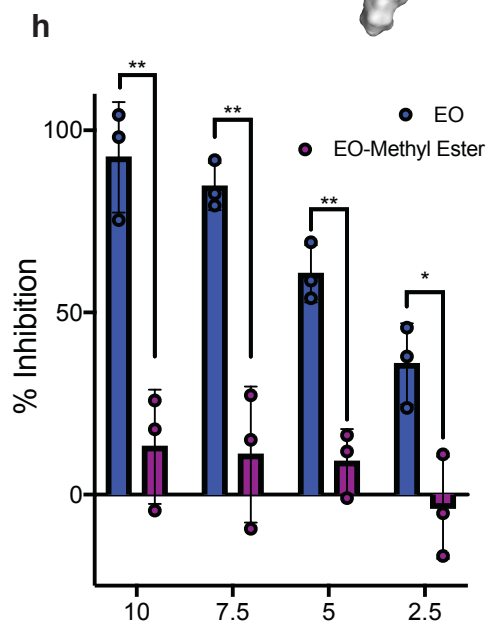
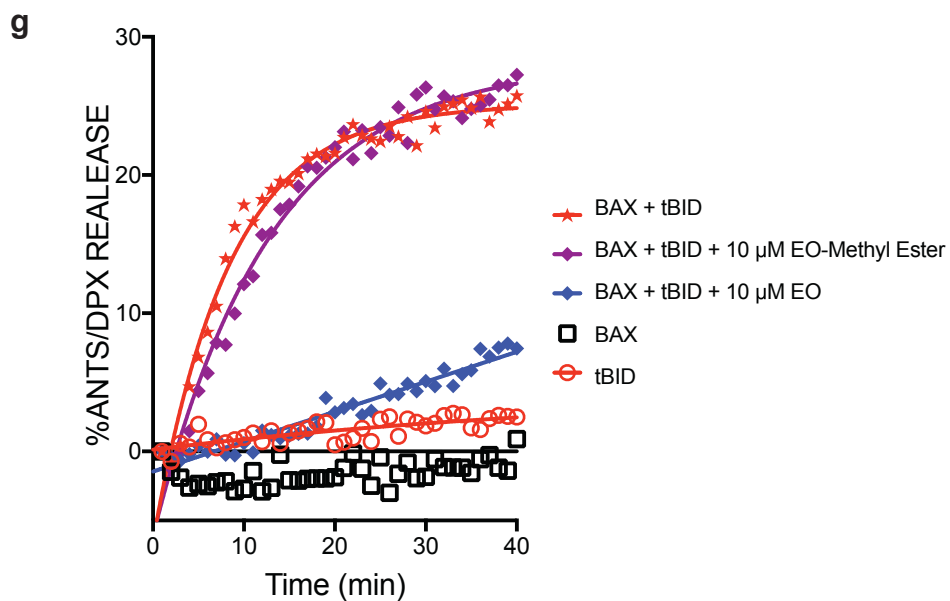
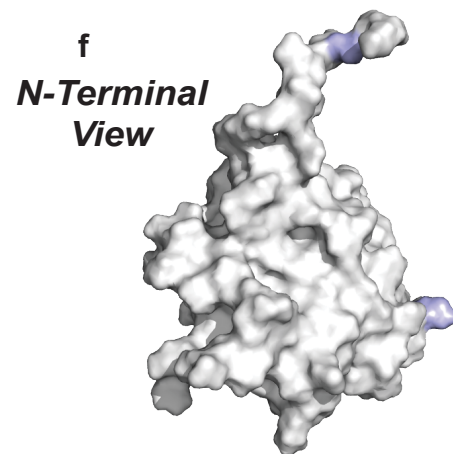
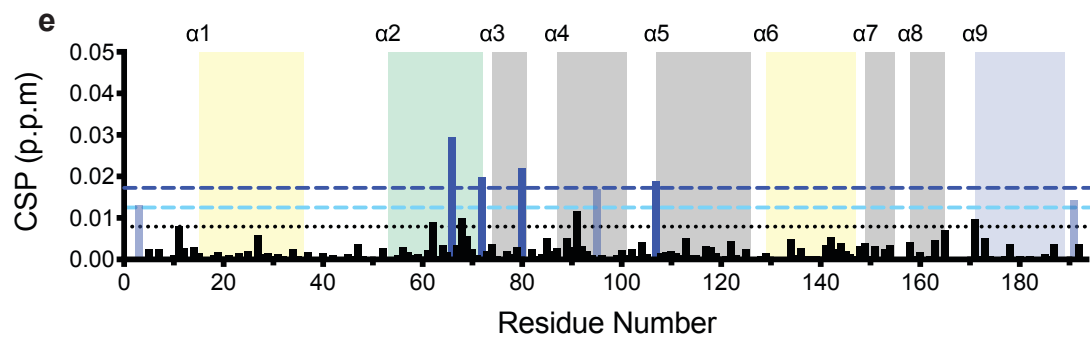
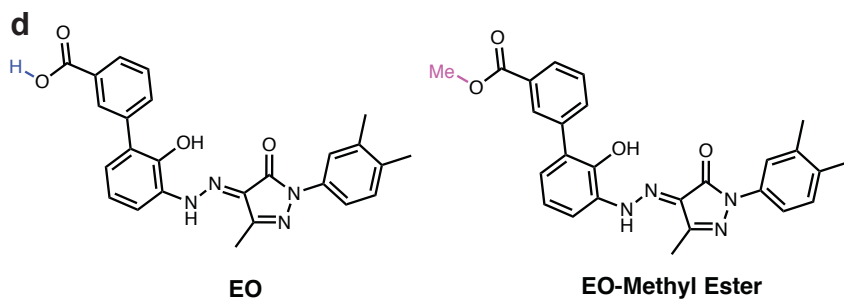
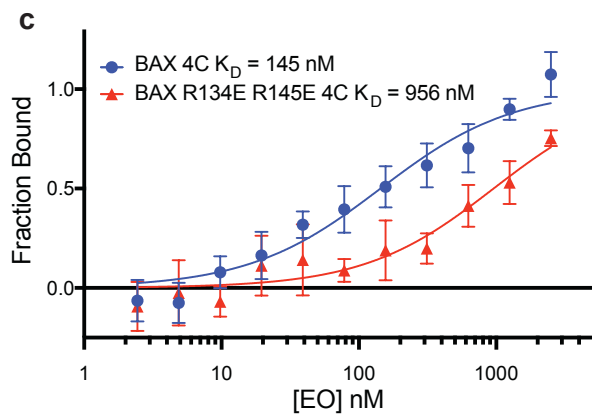
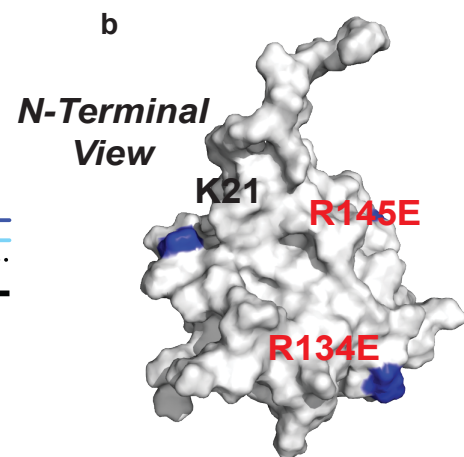
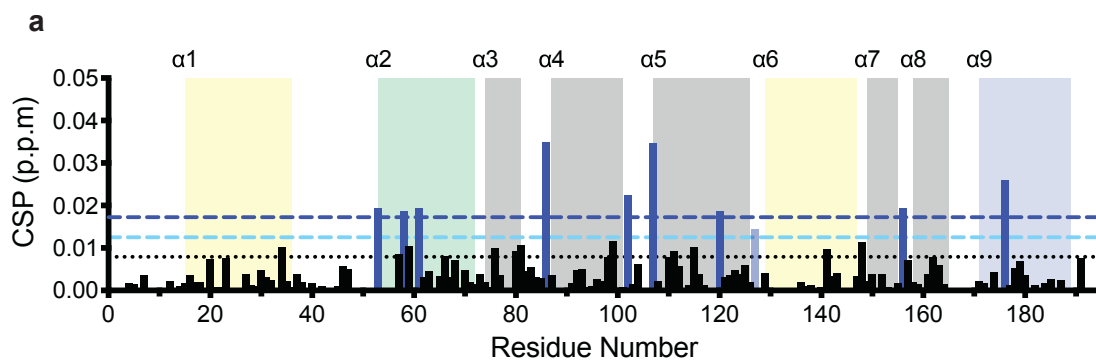


Supplementary Figure 3. Eltrombopag (EO) inhibits heat-induced BAX activation, translocation and 6A7-epitope exposure. **a-b**, Representative kinetic traces of ANTS/DPX liposomal release with respect to time in the presence and absence of 2.5-10 μ M EO. Conditions are 250 nM BAX (**a**) or 1000 nM BAX (**b**) at 42°C. **c**, Percentage inhibition dose response curves for EO inhibition of heat induced BAX activation at 250 and 1000 nM at 30 minutes incubation. IC₅₀ values are shown for clarity. **d-f**, Representative kinetic traces of NBD-labeled BAX (800 nM) translocation with respect to time in the presence of 200 nM tBID (**d**), 1 μ M BIM-BH3 (**e**), and 37°C heat (**f**) at the indicated concentration of EO up to 40 μ M. **g**, Quantified percentage auto-translocation of NBD-labeled BAX (800 nM) at 37°C in the presence of 10-40 μ M EO. Data are representative of two independent experiments each $n=3 \pm$ SEM. Two-sided *t*-test, **** $P < 0.0001$; *** $P < 0.001$; ** $P < 0.01$; * $P < 0.05$; ns, $P > 0.05$ (Left to right P-values were 0.0582, 0.0022 for (**g**)). **h**, BIM-BH3 mediated BAX activation immunoprecipitation assay using the 6A7-epitope specific antibody with 1:4 BAX:BIM-BH3 and 1:5 or 1:10 BAX:EO. Immunoblot is representative of two independent experiments. Source data has been provided.

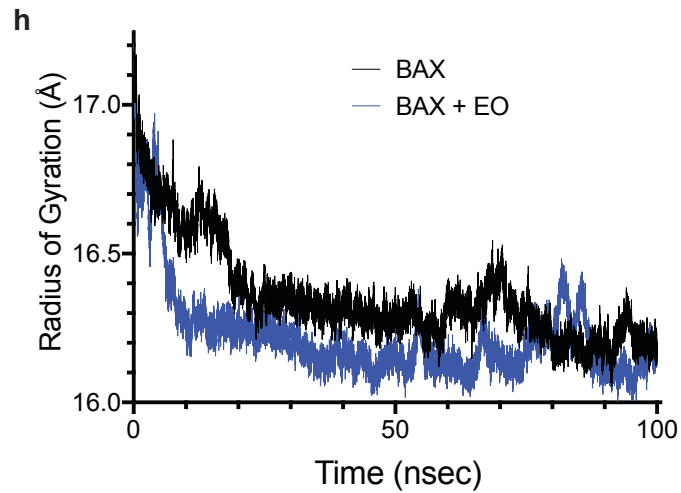
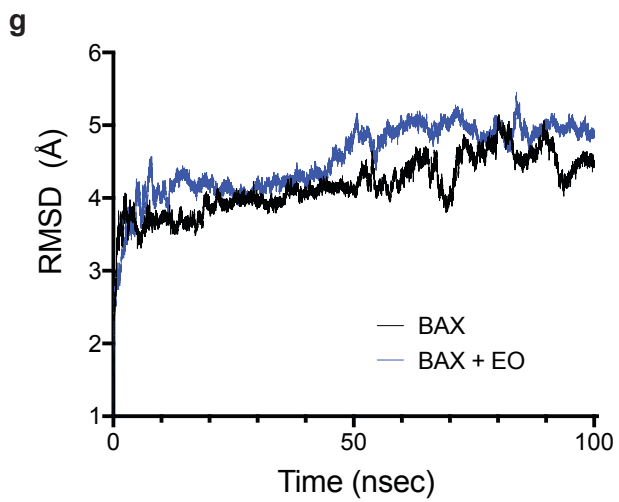
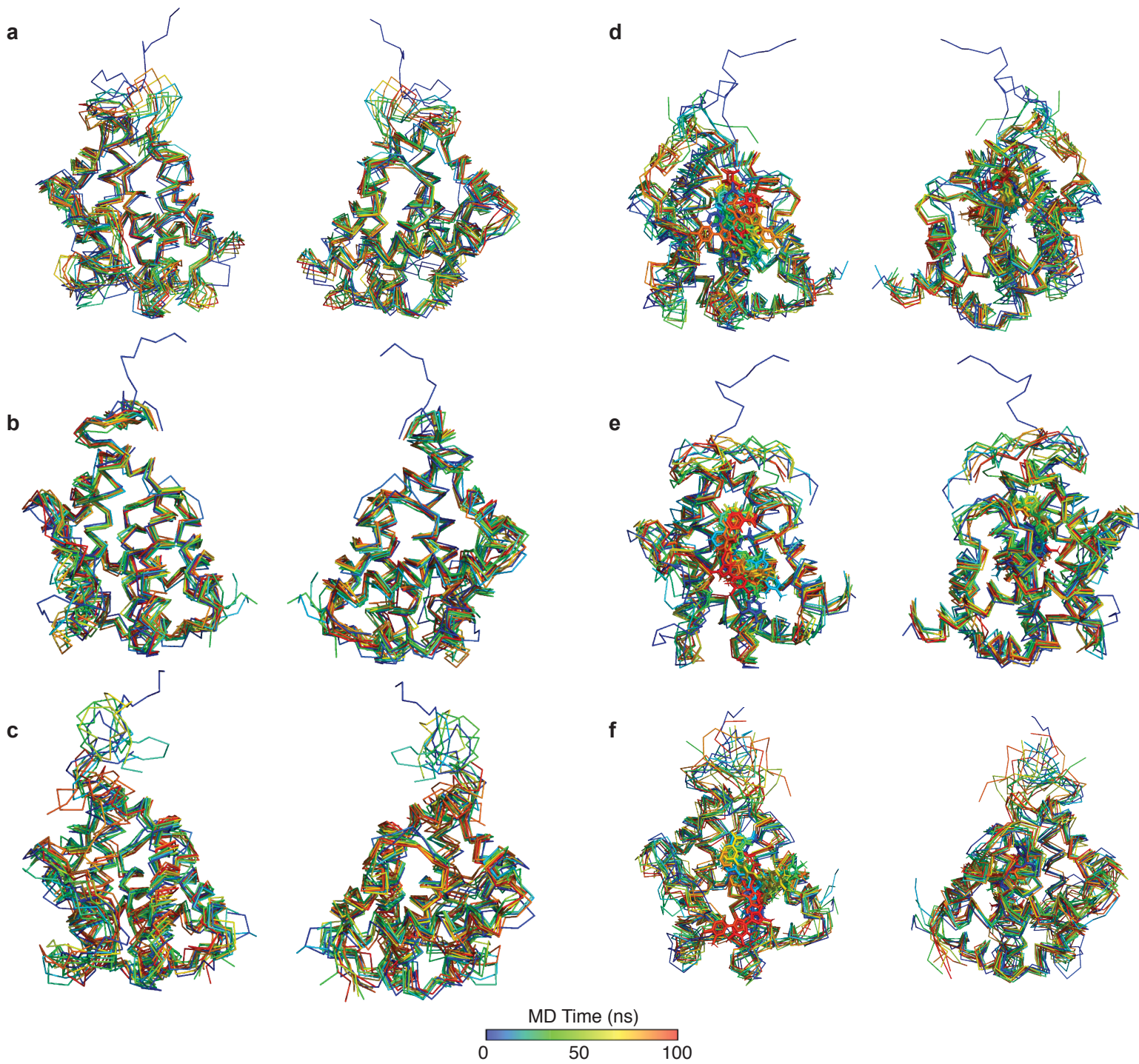


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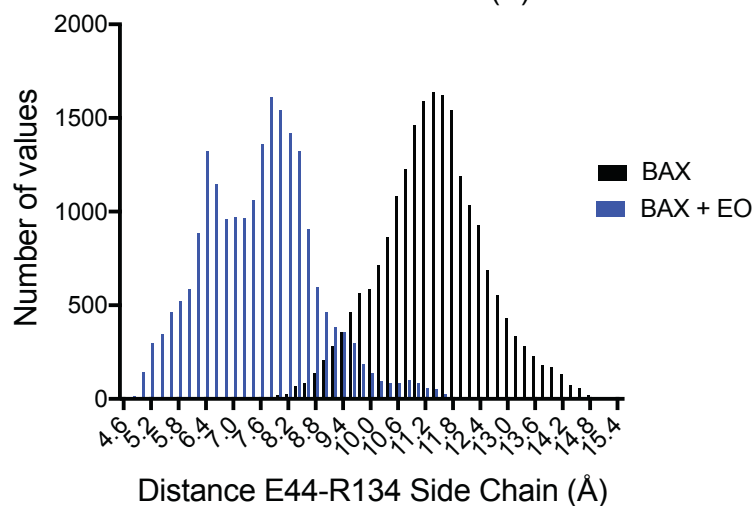
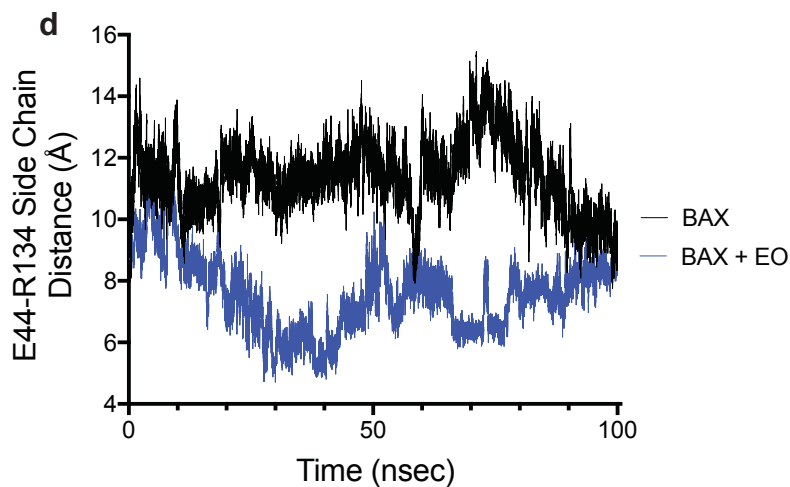
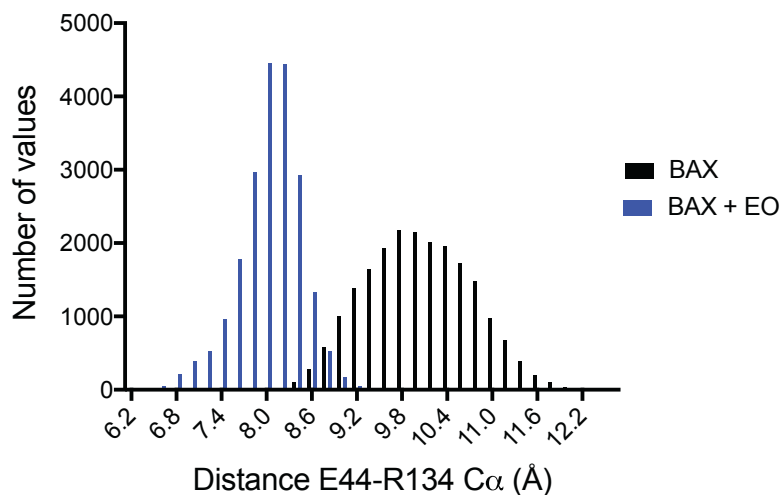
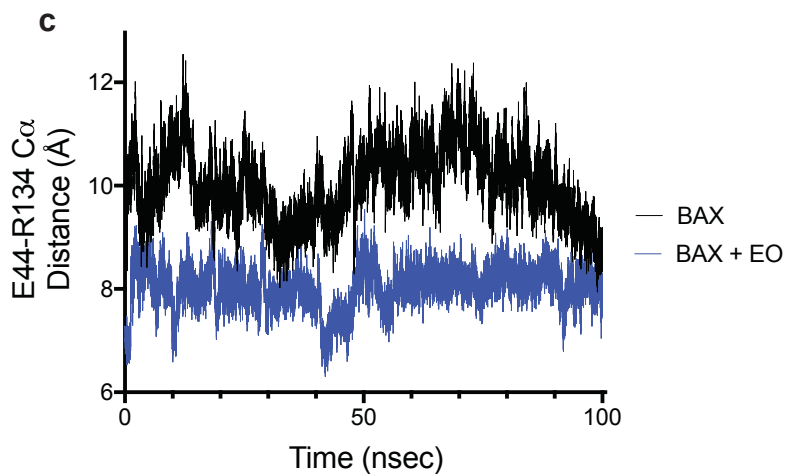
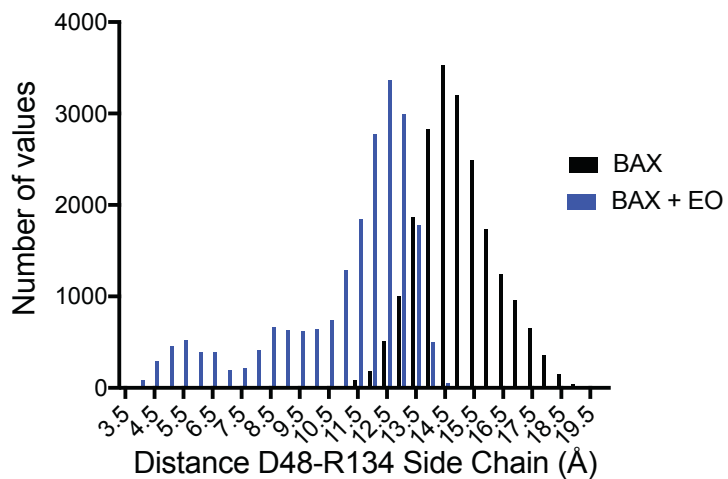
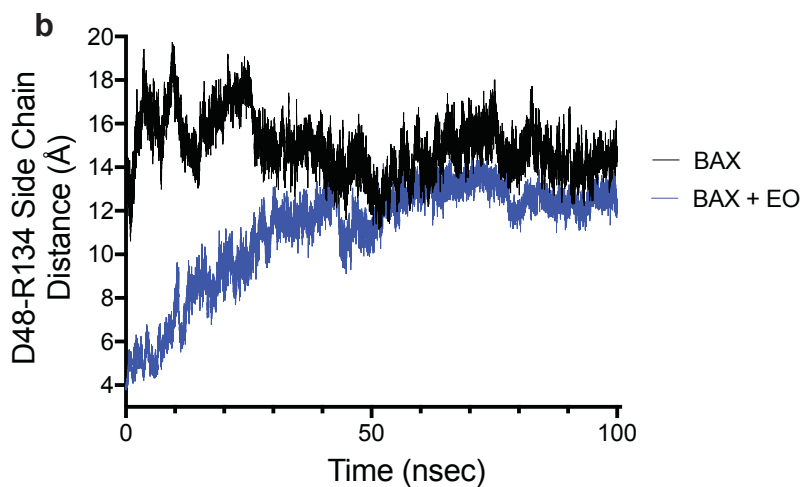
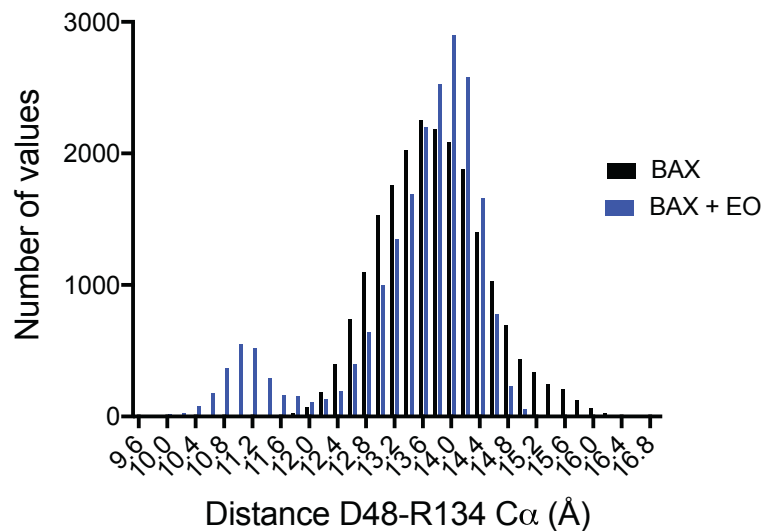
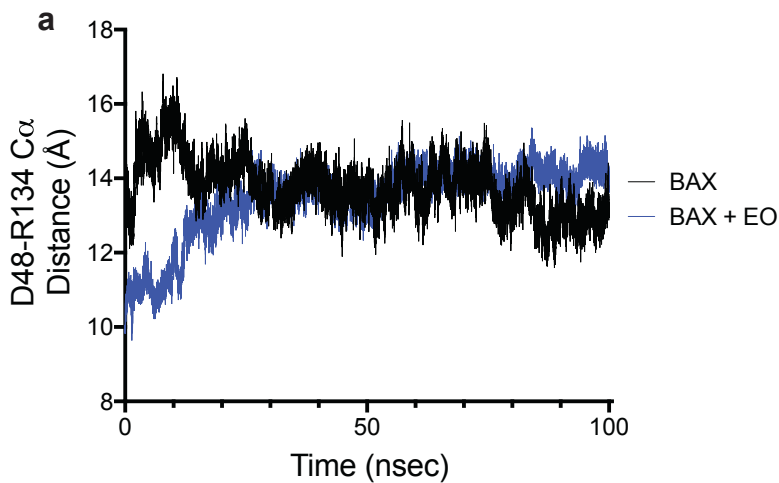
Supplementary Figure 4. Eltrombopag (EO) forms unique contacts with the BAX trigger site. **a-b**, Surface (**a**) and ribbon (**b**) representation of HSQC-NMR restraint guided induced fit docking (IFD) of EO onto the N-terminal trigger site of BAX (PDB: 1F16 DOI: 10.2210/pdb1F16/pdb). Sample poses representative of ionic interactions between EO and one of three basic trigger site residues are displayed in different colors for clarity. Exact glide docking scores are as follows: orange (R145), -6.111; yellow (R134), -6.881; green (K21), -4.687. Data are representative of three independent experiments. **c**, Size exclusion chromatography traces using Superdex 75 Increase FPLC column of wild type (WT) BAX and the trigger site mutants K21E, R134E, R145E, and R134E R145E. All mutants elute as monomers with no significant differences in elution profile. **d**, SDS-PAGE of WT BAX and the trigger site mutants K21E, R134E, R145E, and R134E R145E showing a consistent ~21 kDa band of acceptable purity. **e**, Percentage ANTS/DPX liposomal release of 250 nM WT (blue), K21E (green), R134E (yellow), R145E (orange) or R134E R145E (red) BAX and 5 nM tBID after 30 minutes. Data are representative of two independent experiments each $n=3 \pm \text{SEM}$. Two-sided *t*-test, **** $P < 0.0001$; *** $P < 0.001$; ** $P < 0.01$; * $P < 0.05$; ns, $P > 0.05$ (Left to right *P*-values were 0.00009, 0.0007, 0.00009 for **e**). **f**, Measured chemical shift perturbations (CSPs) of ^{15}N -labeled BAX R145E in the presence of 1:2 BAX R145E:EO are plotted as a function of BAX residue number. Residues with chemical shift perturbations over the significance threshold or 2 times the significance threshold are labeled light blue or dark blue, respectively. The black dotted line represents the average CSP. Residues associated with the N-terminal trigger site, BH3-domain, canonical site, and transmembrane domain are highlighted in yellow, green, grey, and blue, respectively. Data is representative of three independent experiments. **g**, Mapping of significant CSPs noted in BAX R145E (**f**) to the surface structure of BAX (PDB: 1F16 DOI: 10.2210/pdb1F16/pdb). **h**, Overlay of BAX docking poses for EO, BAM7, and BTSA1 showing different trigger site binding orientations. Previously reported fluorescence polarization competition assay IC₅₀ (FPA IC₅₀) correlates with binding energy predicted by Schrodinger Maestro MM-GBSA. **i**, Measured chemical shift perturbations (CSPs) of ^{15}N -labeled BAX R134E in the presence of 1:2 BAX R145E:EO are plotted as a function of BAX residue number. Colors are as described for **f**. **j**, Mapping of significant CSPs noted in BAX R134E (**i**) to the surface structure of BAX (PDB: 1F16 DOI: 10.2210/pdb1F16/pdb). Source data has been provided.



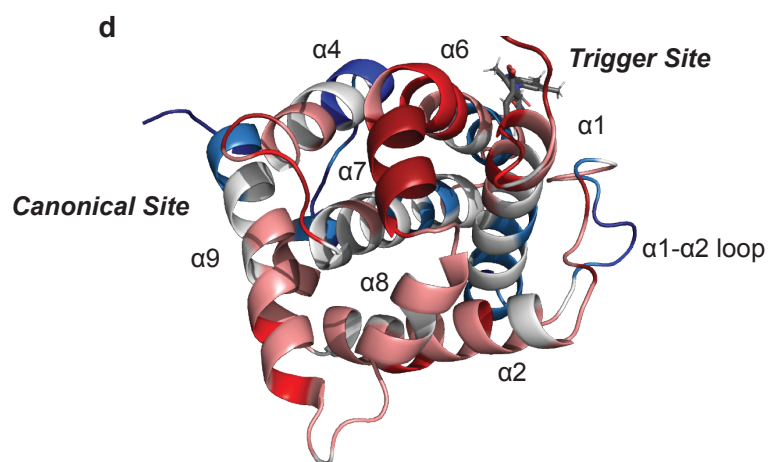
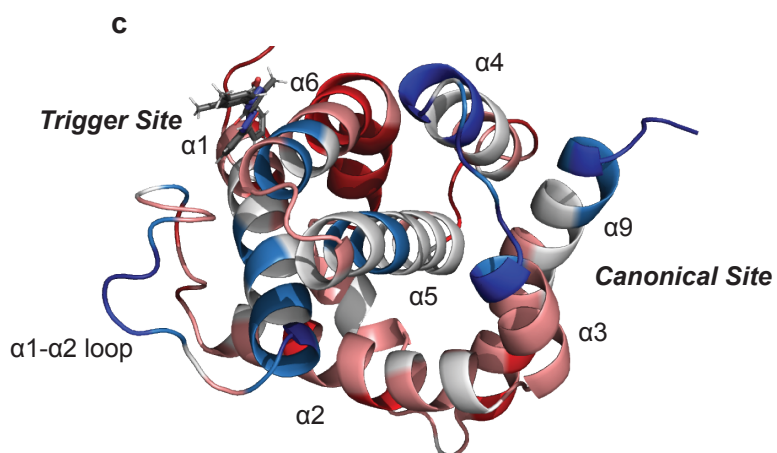
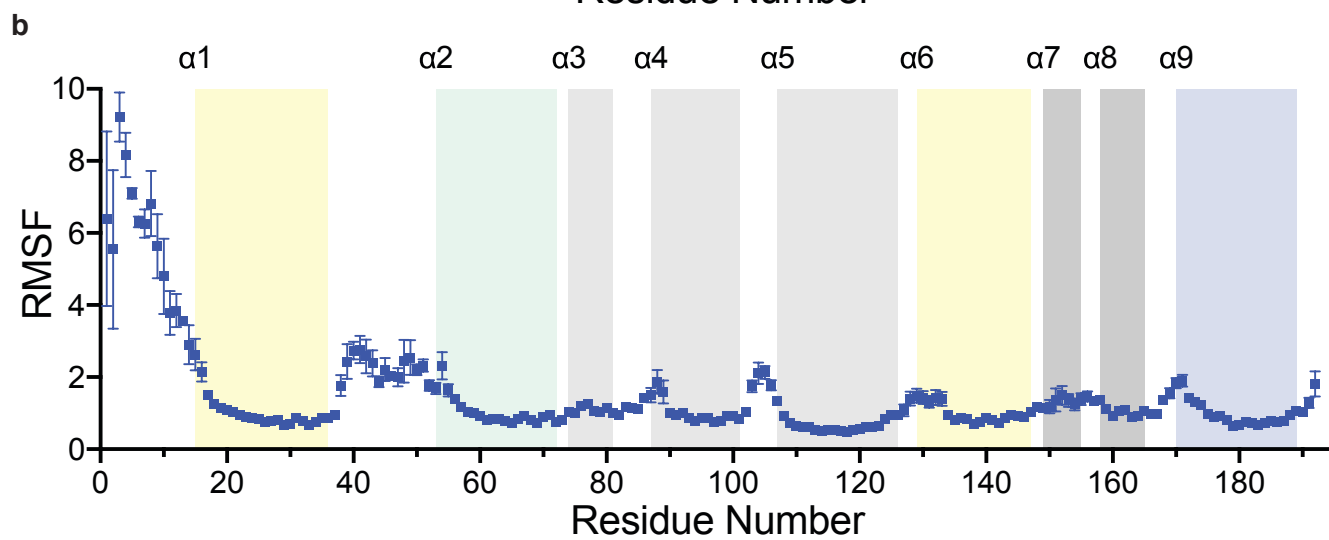
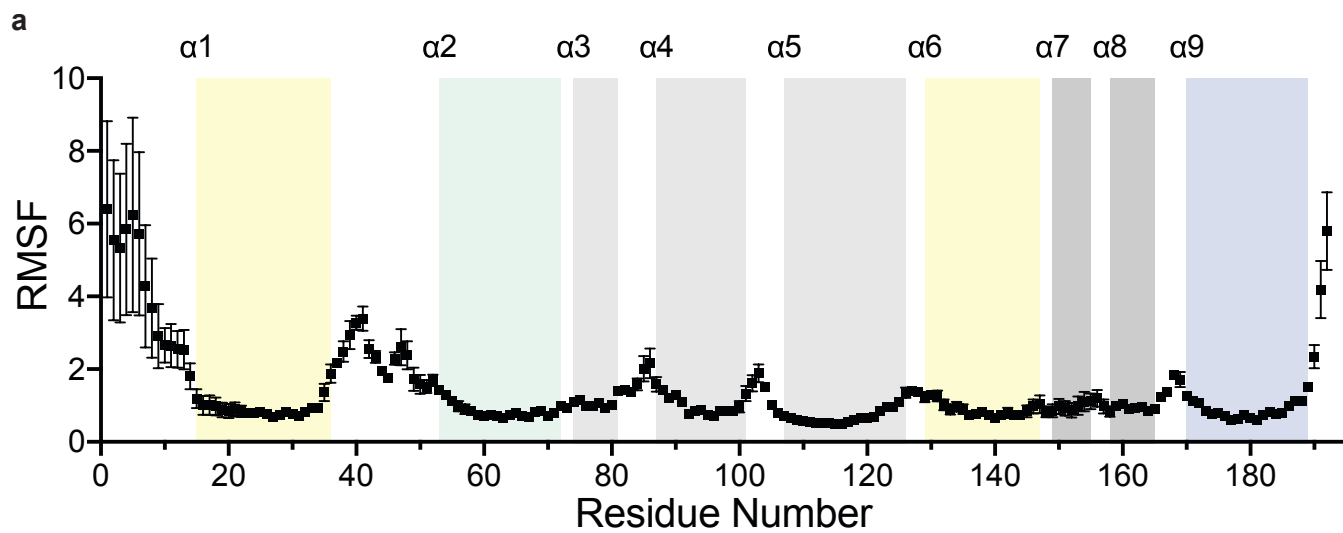
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Supplementary Figure 6. Molecular dynamics (MD) simulations of unbound BAX and the BAX:EO complex. **a-f**, Overlay of structures from 100 nsec MD simulation of BAX (**a-c**) and BAX:EO (**d-f**) in 10 nsec intervals as indicated by the color scale. N-terminal (left) and C-terminal (right) views are shown for clarity. Three independent simulations were performed (**a-c** and **d-f**). **g**, Root mean square deviation (RMSD) of atomic positions is plotted with respect to time for BAX and BAX-EO. Mean RMSD from n=3 BAX and BAX-EO simulations. **h**, Radius of gyration plotted with respect to time for BAX and BAX-EO. Mean radius of gyration from n=3 BAX and BAX-EO simulations. Source data has been provided.

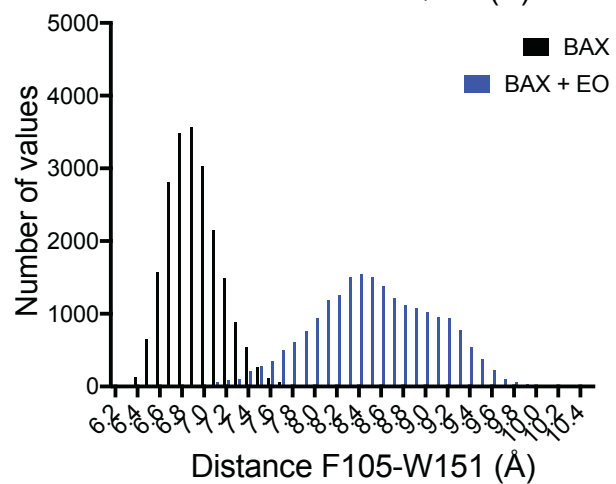
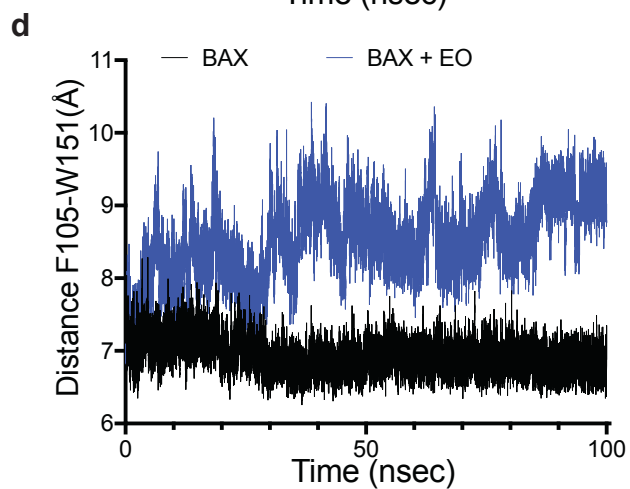
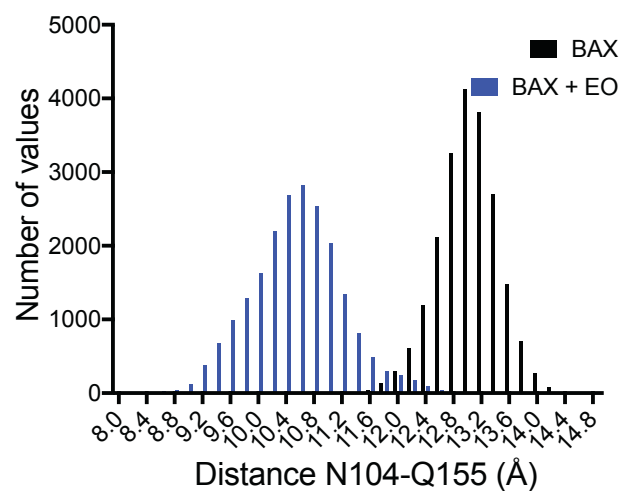
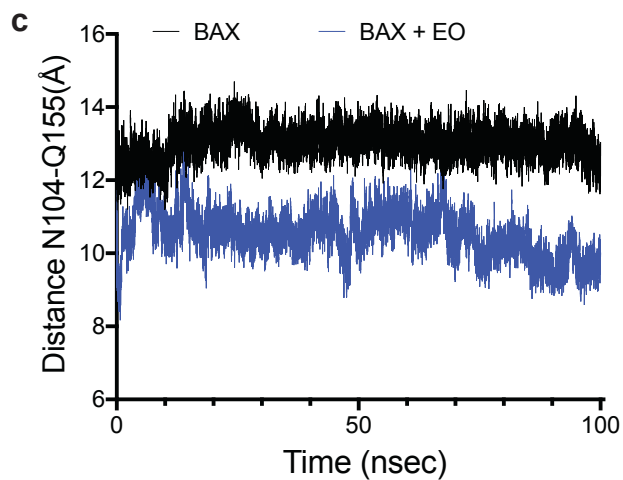
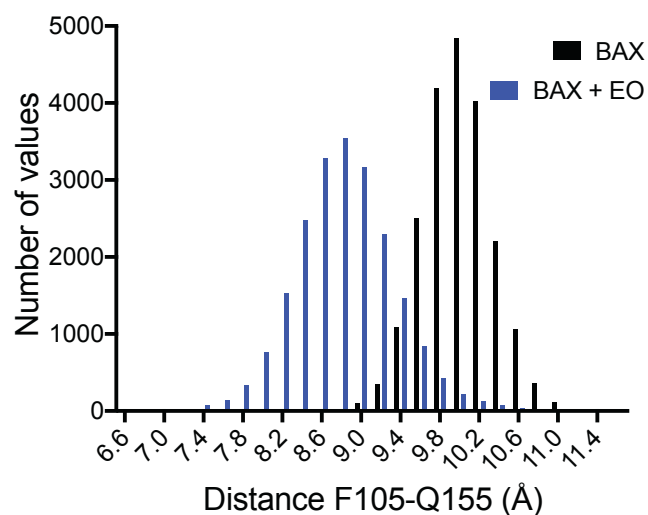
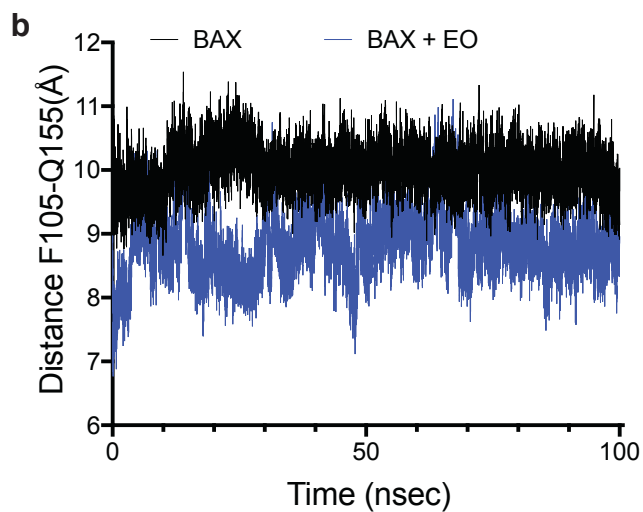
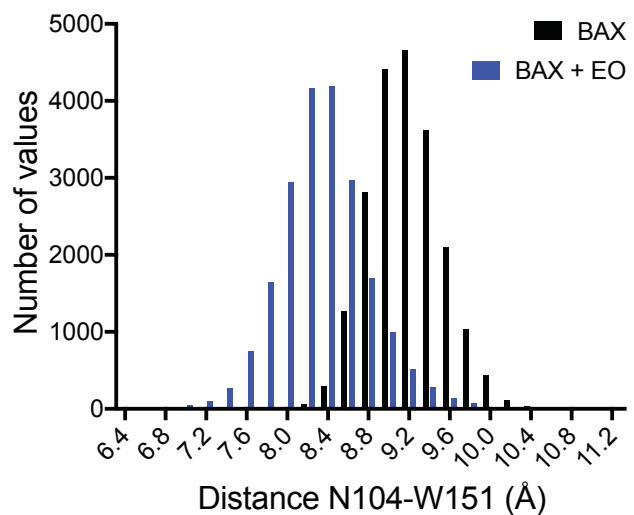
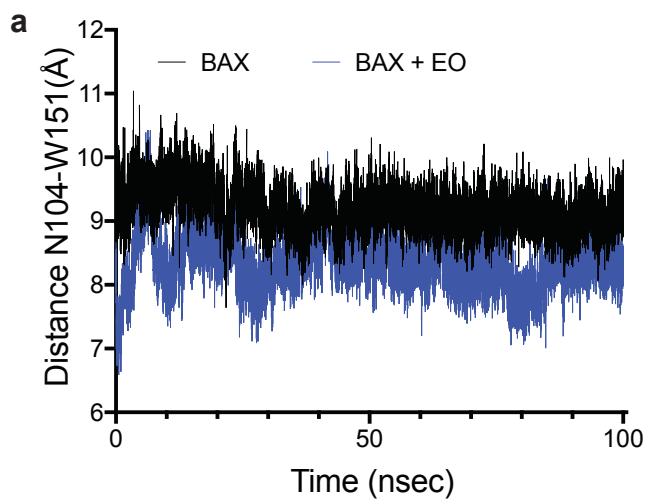


Supplementary Figure 7. Distance analysis of unbound BAX and BAX-Eltrombopag (EO) MD simulations: α 1- α 2 loop. a-d, Molecular dynamic simulation distances between the basic R134 and acidic D48 (**a, b**) and E44 (**c, d**) on α 1- α 2 loop of BAX. Distances are calculated from α -carbons (**a, c**) and side chain terminal carbons (**b, d**). Distances are represented as both distance with respect to time (left) and distance frequency histogram (right). All data represent mean n=3 simulations for both BAX and BAX-EO MD simulations. Source data has been provided.

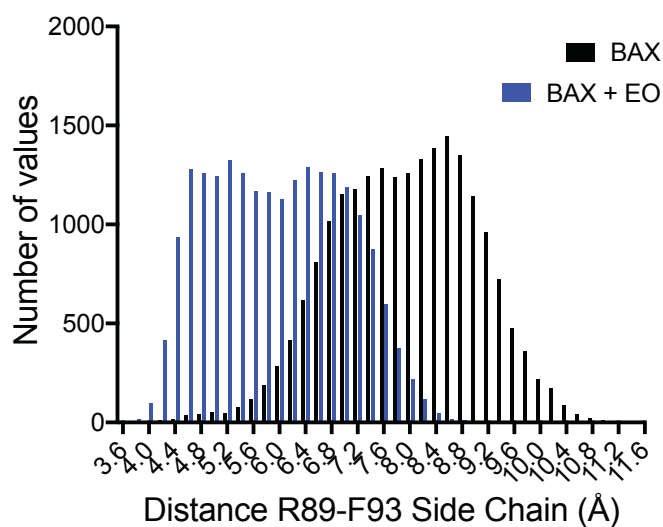
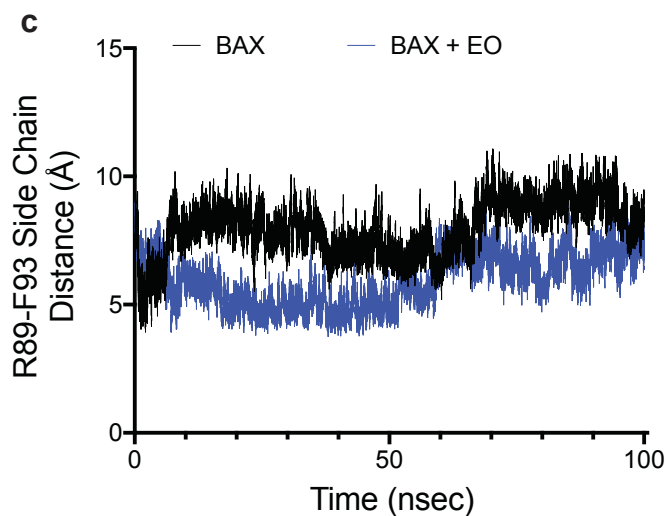
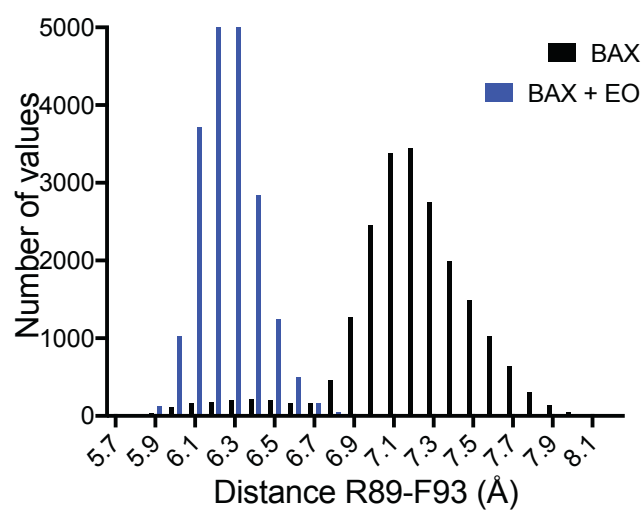
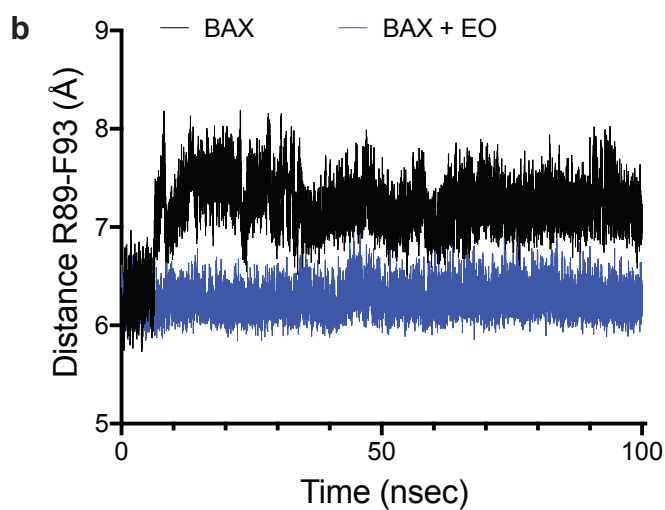
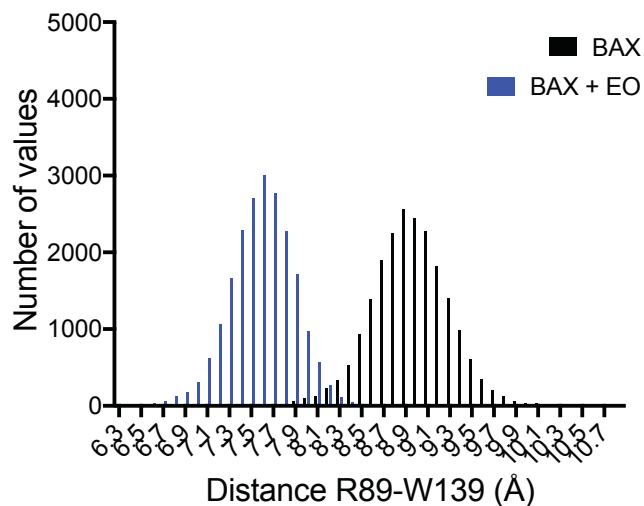
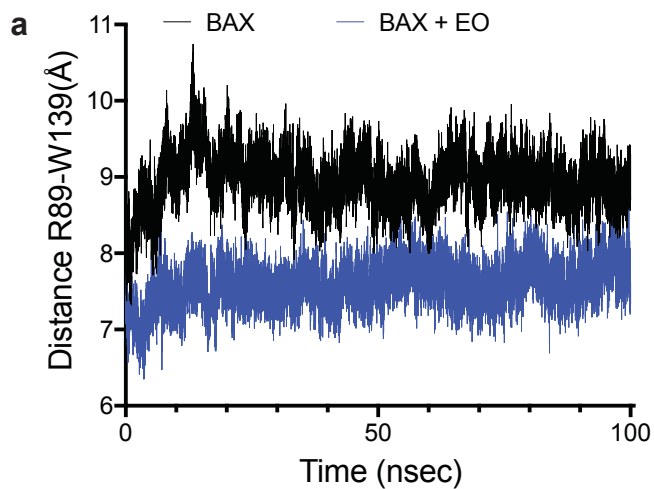


Supplementary Figure 8. Comparative analysis of molecular dynamics simulations.

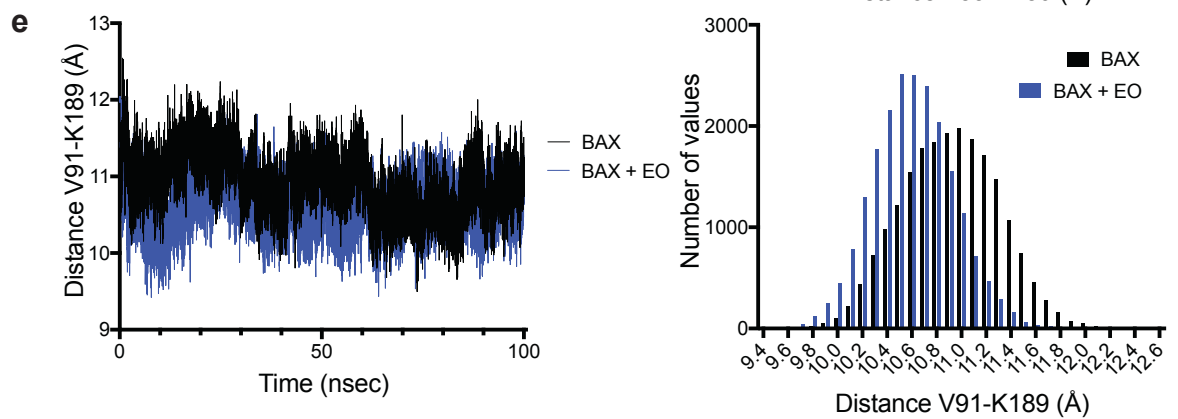
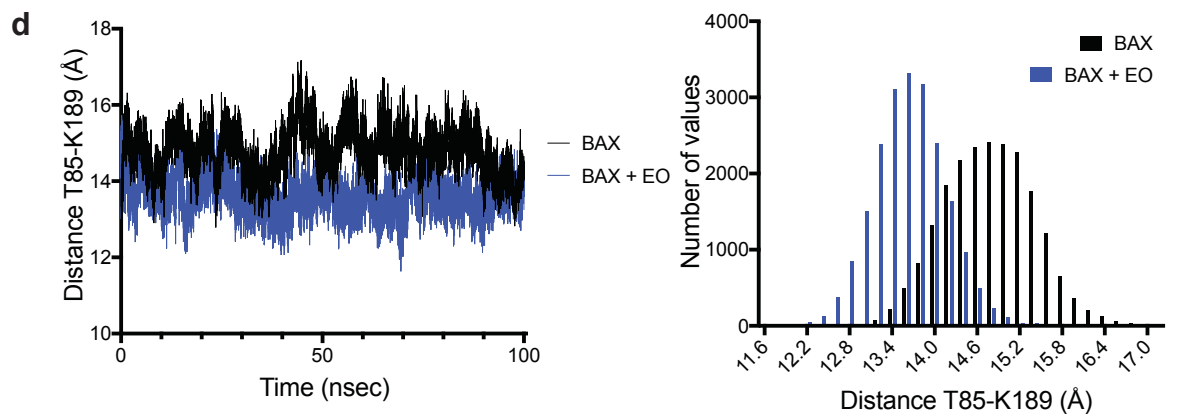
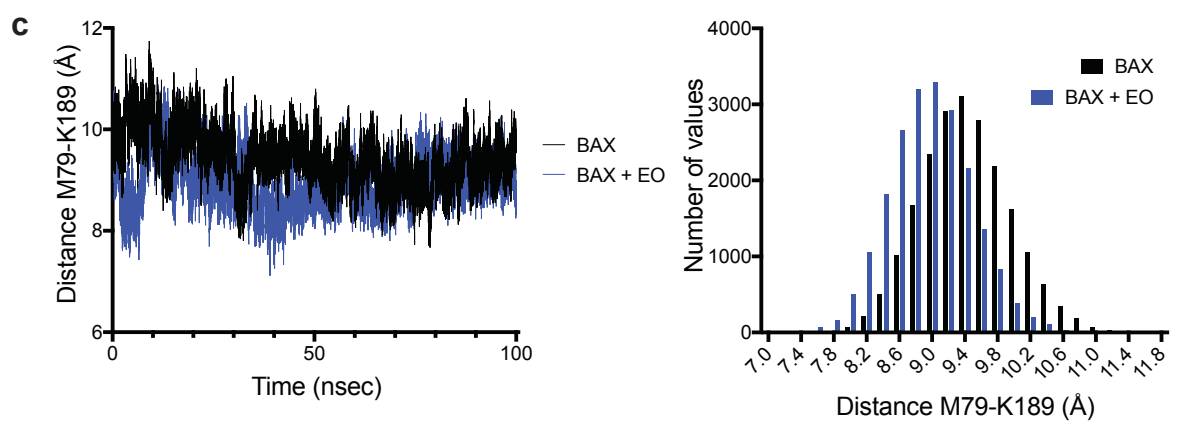
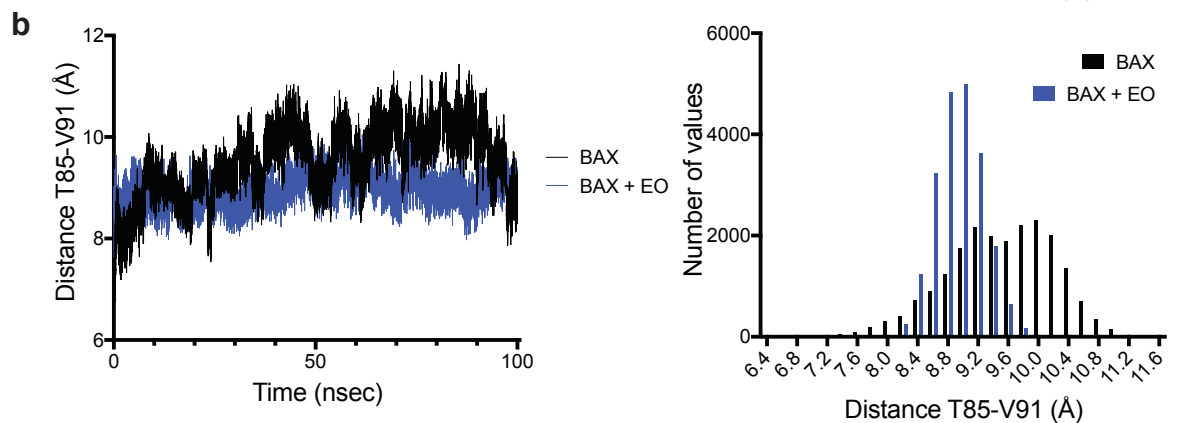
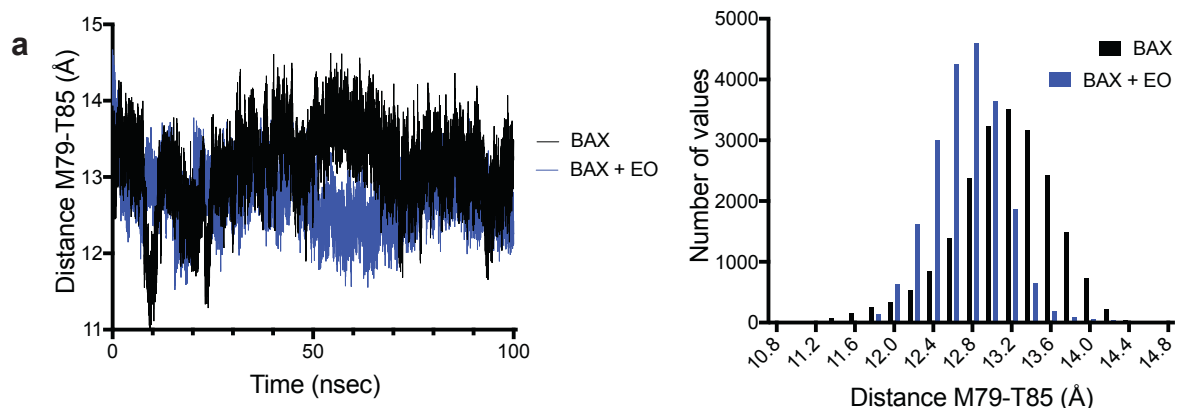
a-b, Root mean square fluctuation (RMSF) is plotted with respect to BAX residue number for BAX (**a**) and BAX-EO (**b**) molecular dynamic (MD) simulations. Data represent mean $n=3 \pm \text{SEM}$ for both BAX and BAX-EO simulations. **c-d**, Ribbon representation of BAX-EO complex with residues demonstrating increased and decreased RMSF highlighted in shades red and blue, respectively, corresponding to Fig. 4f. The BAX-EO complex is oriented to highlight areas of clustered decrease (**c**) and increase (**d**) in RMSF. Labels for helices and regions of interest (canonical site, trigger site) are included for clarity. Source data has been provided.



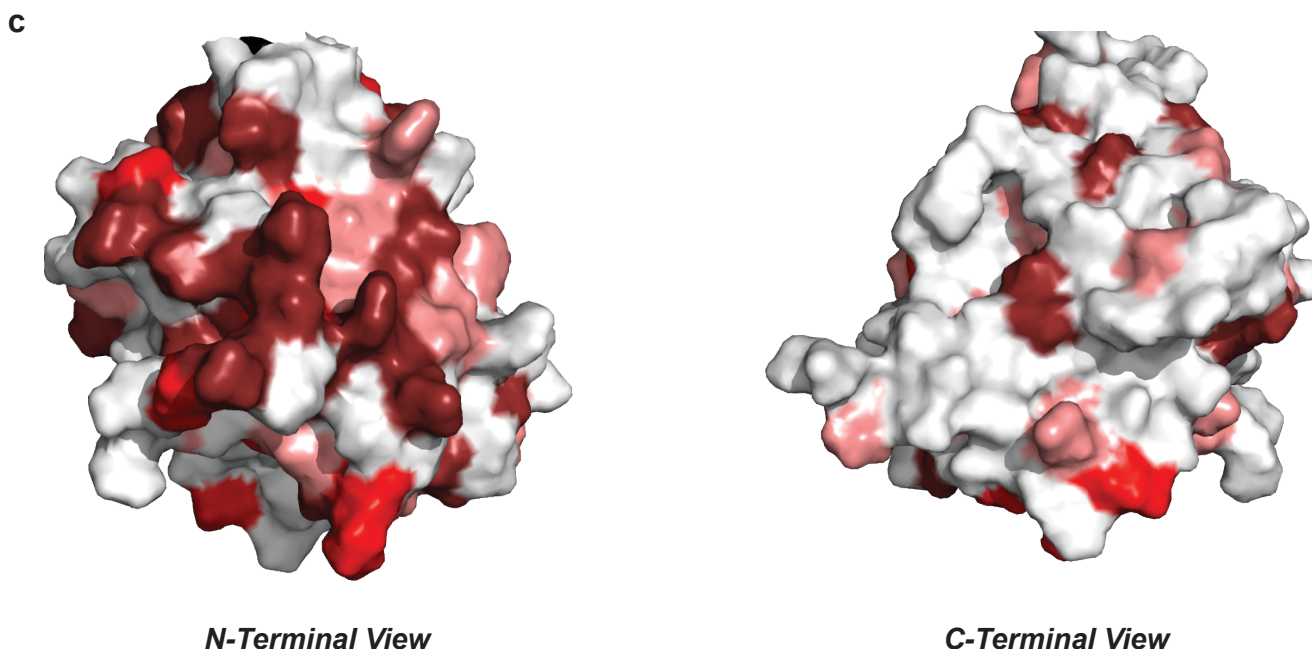
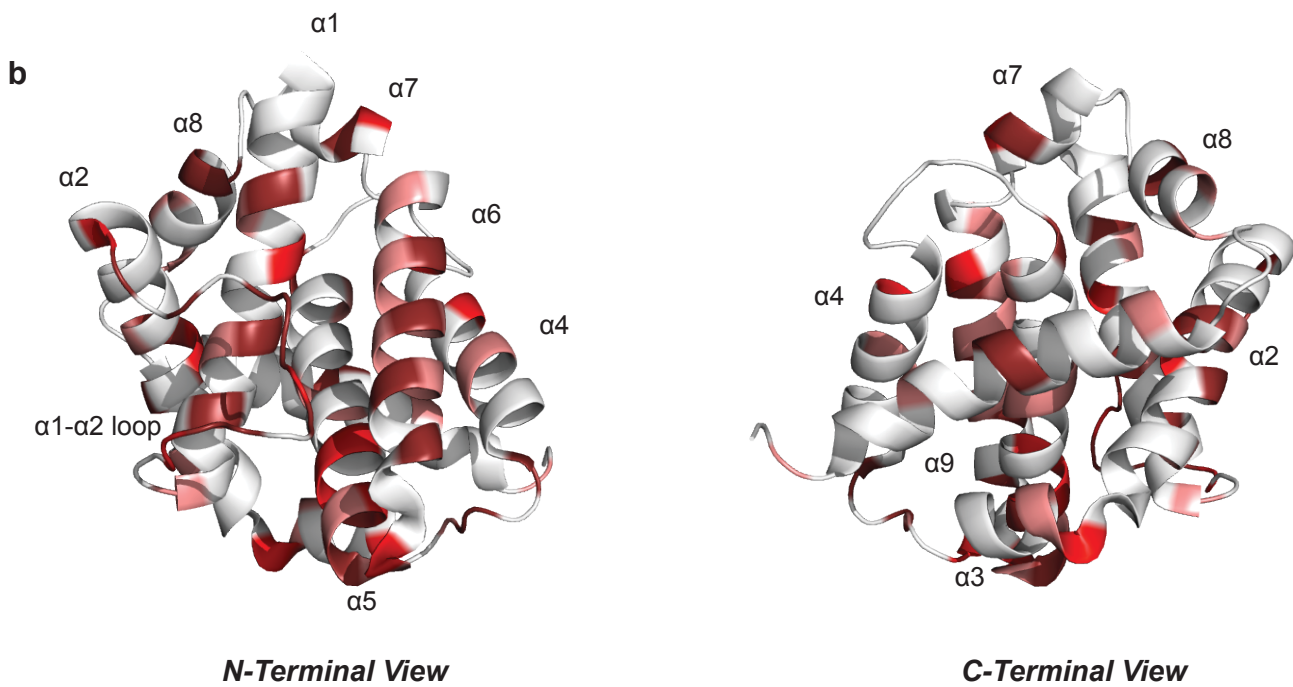
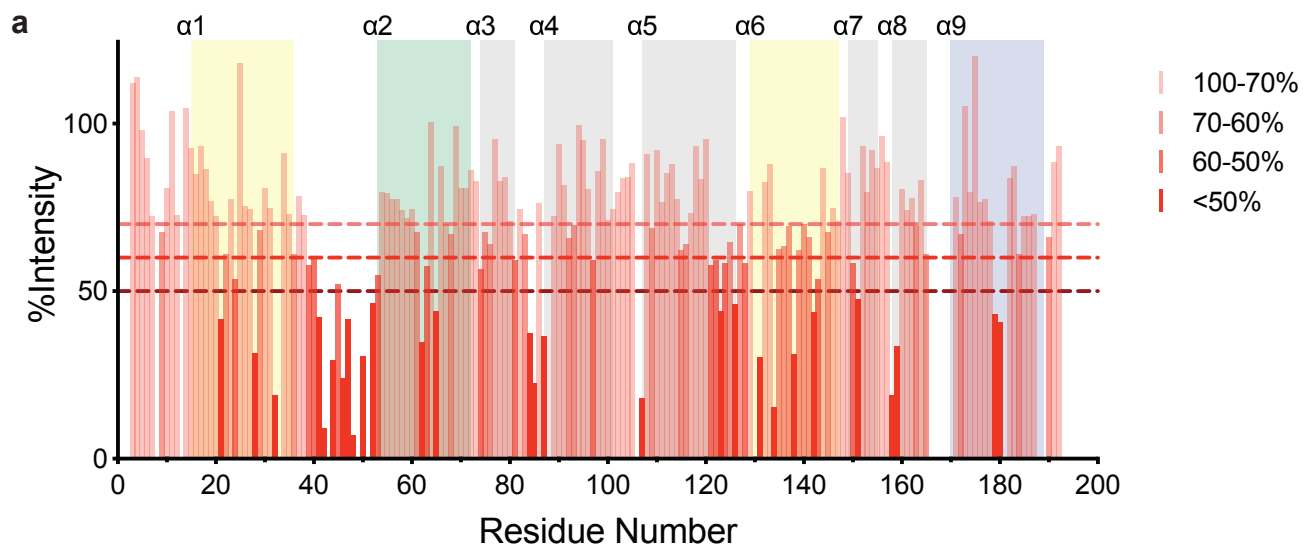
Supplementary Figure 9. Distance analysis of unbound BAX and BAX-Eltrombopag (EO) molecular dynamics simulations: $\alpha 7/\alpha 4$ - $\alpha 5$ loop interface. a-d, Molecular dynamic simulation distances between $\alpha 7$ and $\alpha 4$ - $\alpha 5$ loop residues N104-W151 (a), F105-Q155 (b), N104-Q155 (c), and F105-W151 (d). All distances are calculated from α -carbons. Distances are represented as both distance with respect to time (left) and distance frequency histogram (right). All data represent mean $n=3$ simulations for both BAX and BAX-EO MD simulations. Source data has been provided.



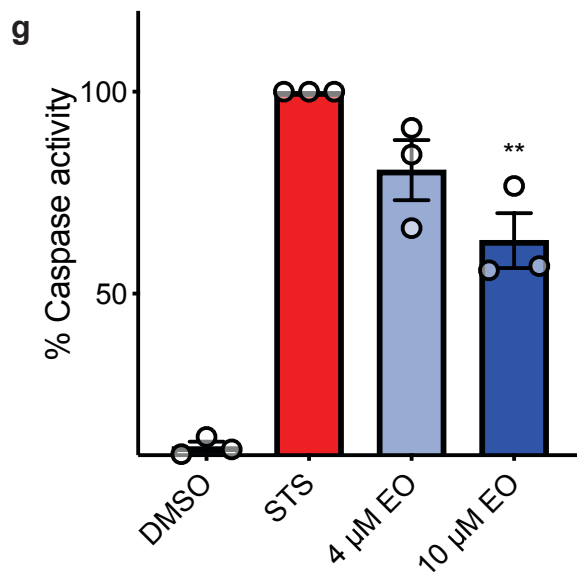
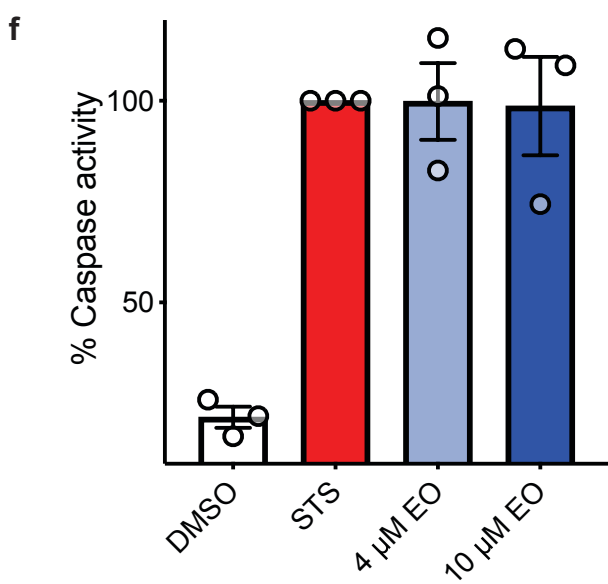
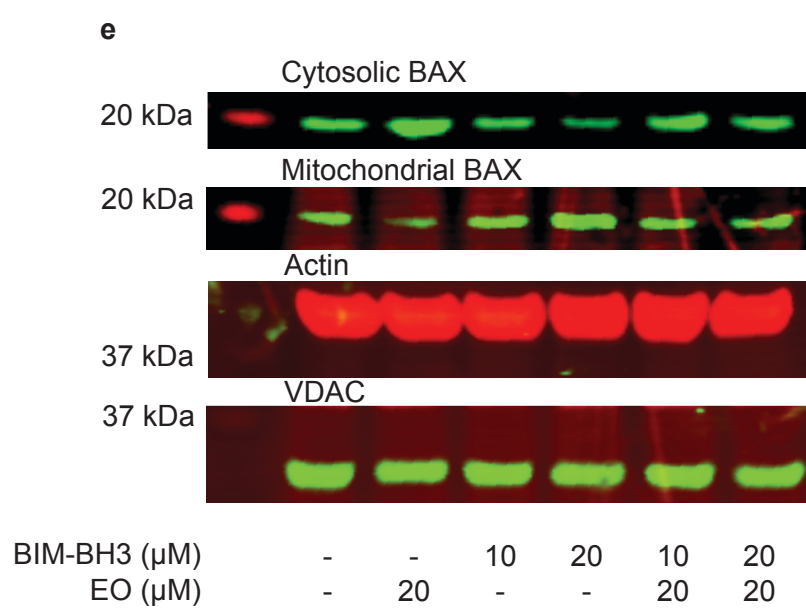
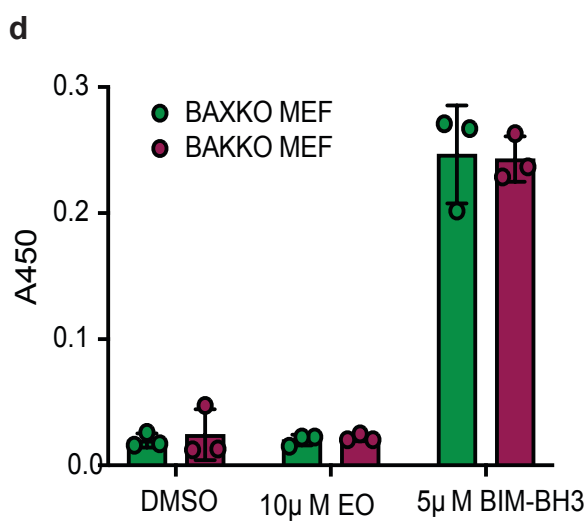
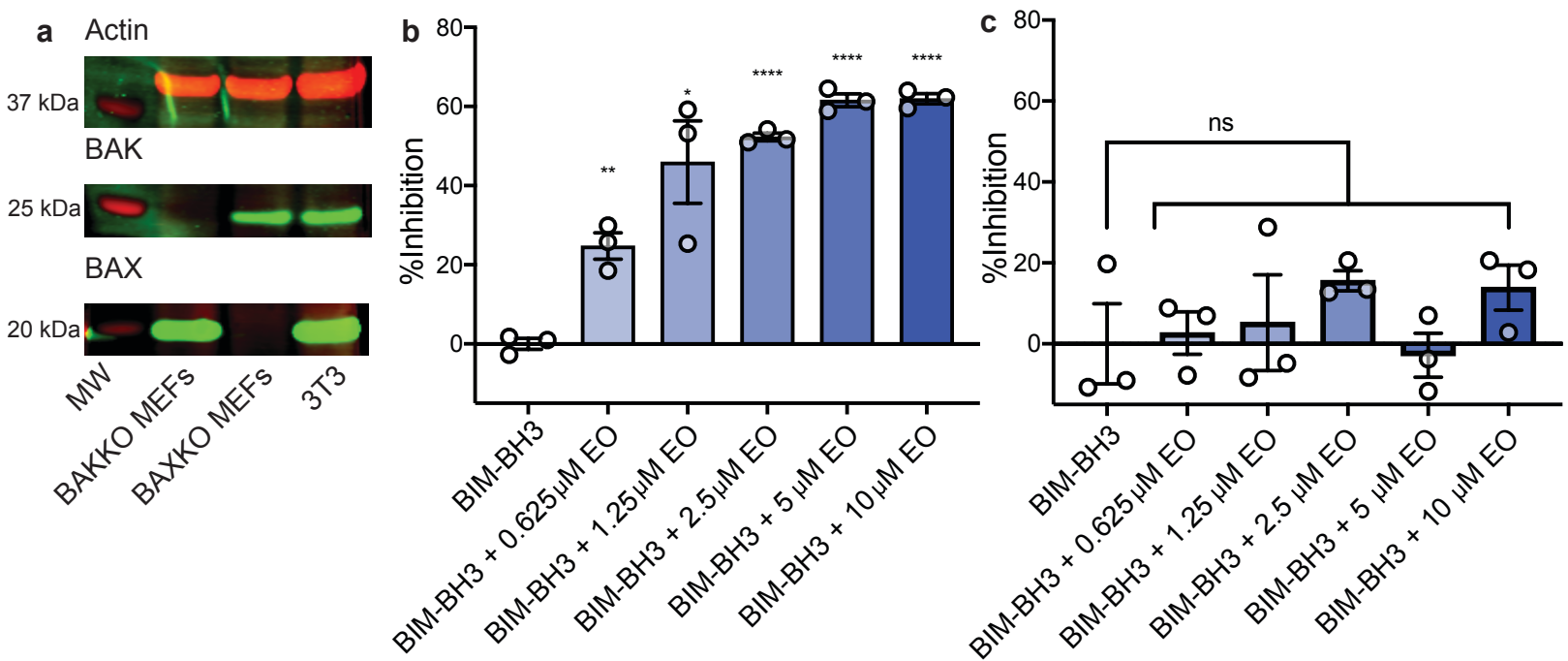
Supplementary Figure 10. Distance analysis of unbound BAX and BAX-Eltrombopag (EO) molecular dynamics simulations: α 4- α 6 interface. a-c, Molecular dynamic simulation distance between α 4 and α 6 residues R89-W139 (**a**), and R89-F93 (**b**). Distances is calculated from α -carbons. Distance between R89-F93 terminal carbons (**c**). Distance is represented as both distance with respect to time (left) and distance frequency histogram (right). Data represent mean n=3 simulations for both BAX and BAX-EO MD simulations. Source data has been provided.



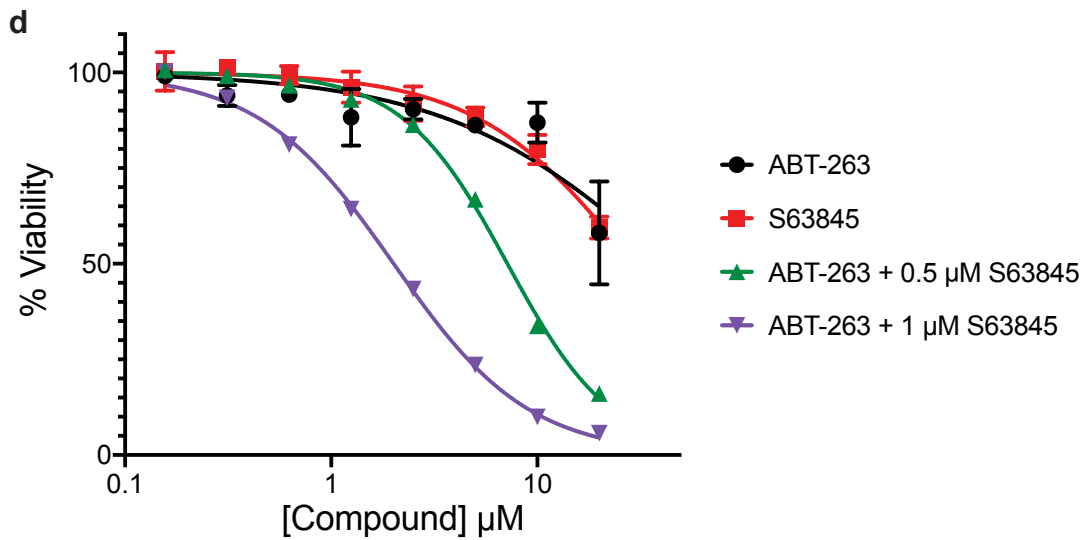
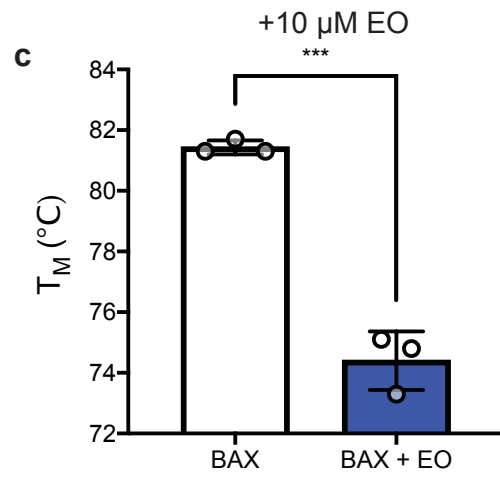
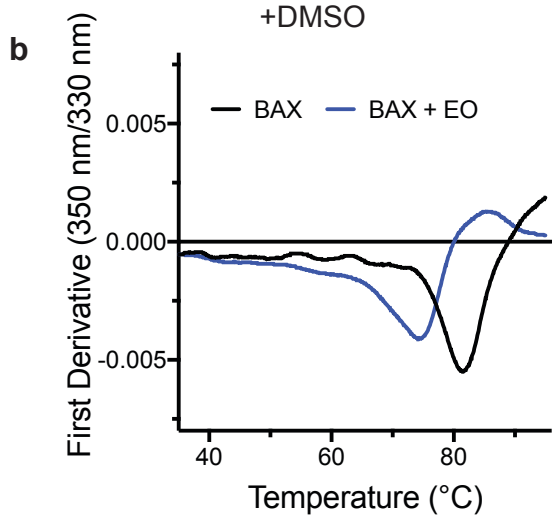
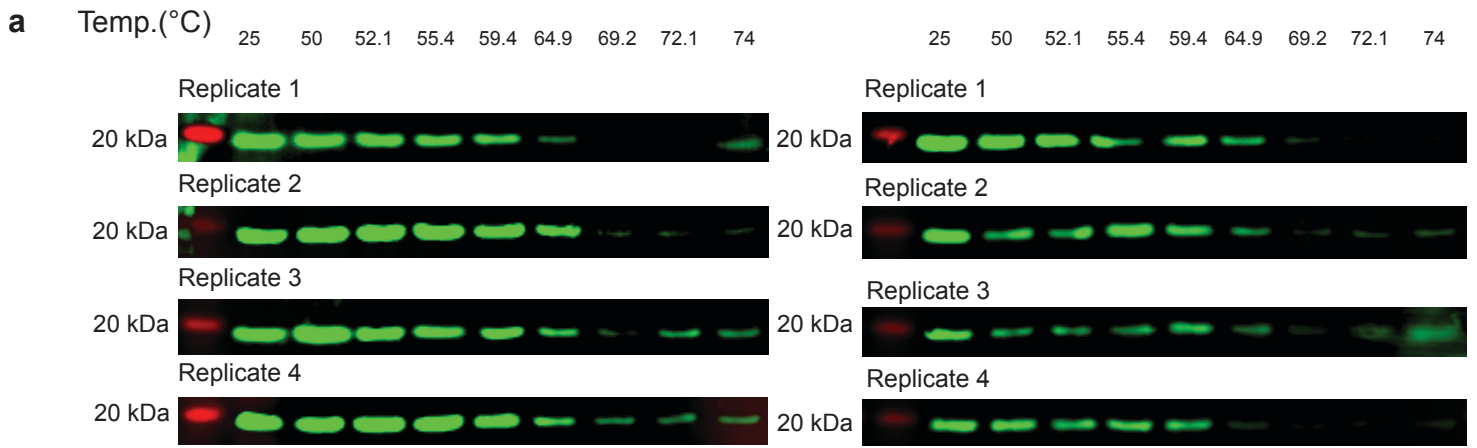
Supplementary Figure 11. Distance analysis of unbound BAX and BAX-Eltrombopag (EO) molecular dynamics simulations: $\alpha 9/\alpha 3-\alpha 4$ loop interface. a-e, Molecular dynamic simulation distances between canonical site residues M79-T85 (**a**), T85-V91 (**b**), M79-K189 (**c**) T85-K189 (**d**), V91-K189 (**e**). All distances are calculated from α -carbons. Distances are represented as both distance with respect to time (left) and distance frequency histogram (right). All data represent mean n=3 simulations for both BAX and BAX-EO MD simulations. Source data has been provided.



Supplementary Figure 12. Analysis of paramagnetic relaxation effects (PRE) on the BAX structure by PRE probe, hydroxy-TEMPO. **a**, Percentage intensity paramagnetic relaxation effect (PRE) of ^{15}N -labeled BAX in the presence of the soluble paramagnetic reagent hydroxy-TEMPO plotted with respect to BAX residue number. Intensities below the labeled threshold values are indicated in shades of red. Residues associated with the N-terminal trigger site, BH3-domain, canonical site, and transmembrane domain are highlighted in yellow, green, grey, and blue, respectively. **b-c**, Ribbon (**b**) and surface (**c**) representations of BAX with residues exhibiting significant PRE-highlighted in shades of red corresponding to (**a**). Helices are labeled and N-terminal (left) and C-terminal (right) views are provided for clarity. Source data has been provided.



Supplementary Figure 13. Eltrombopag inhibits BAX translocation and BAX-mediated apoptosis in cells. **a**, Western blot analysis of BAK KO MEFs, BAX KO MEFs, and 3T3 cells confirming the expression and knock-out of BAX or BAK. Data representative of n=3 independent cell lysate isolates. **b-c**, Percentage inhibition of BIM-BH3 induced mitochondrial cytochrome *c* release in BAK^{-/-} mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) (**b**) and BAX^{-/-} MEFs(**c**). **d**, A450 Absorbance corresponding to BIM-BH3 induced mitochondrial cytochrome *c* release for BAX^{-/-} (green) and BAK^{-/-} (maroon) MEFs demonstrates similar BIM-BH3 effects in either cell line. All data represent n=3 ± SEM and are representative of three independent experiments. **e**, Representative immunoblot analysis of BAX translocation in BAK KO MEF cells in response to BIM BH3 titration in the presence of 10 or 20 μM EO. Actin and VDAC are loading controls for cytosolic and mitochondrial fractions, respectively. **f-g**, Caspase 3/7 assay of BAX^{-/-} mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) (**f**) and BAK^{-/-} MEFs (**g**) in response to 3 μM STS and the presence or absence of various doses of EO for 6 hr. Data represent mean of n=3 ± SEM and are representative of three independent experiments. Two-sided *t*-test, **** *P* < 0.0001; ****P* < 0.001; ***P* < 0.01; **P* < 0.05; ns, *P* > 0.05 ((Left to right *P* values were 0.0023, 0.0119, 0.000007, 0.000009, 0.000005 for (**b**) 0.0055 for (**g**)). Source data has been provided.



Supplementary Figure 14. Eltrombopag engages and inhibits BAX in cells. **a**, Cellular thermal shift assay (CETSA) BAX melting curves for BAK KO MEFs treated with vehicle or 10 μ M EO. Replicate western blots were quantified by fluorescence intensity using LiCor Odyssey Clx and normalized to generate melting curve in **Figure 6d**. Data representative of n=4 independent CETSA experiments with vehicle or 10 μ M EO. **b**, Representative melting curve of recombinant BAX (black) and BAX + EO (blue) at a 1:10 ratio. Curves represent average of n=3 independent experiments. **c**, Calculated melting temperature (T_M) based on **(b)** of BAX (black) and BAX + EO (blue) at a 1:10 ratio. **d**, Percentage viability of 3T3 cells fibroblast cells treated with the indicated doses of ABT-263, S63845 as single agents or in combination. Data represent n=3 \pm SEM of three independent experiments. Two-sided *t*-test, **** $P < 0.0001$; *** $P < 0.001$; ** $P < 0.01$; * $P < 0.05$; ns, $P > 0.05$ (P value was 0.0003 for **(c)**). Source data has been provided.