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We thank the reviewer for raising this interesting point. We agree that showing data across all simulation replicates helps with clearer data



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Ligand Binding assay protocol

SIRPa binding to CD47 mutants overexpressed into HEK293T cells.

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We thank the reviewer for this comment which helps to improve the HDX-MS section. We obtained 68% sequence coverage for the protein constructs, which was originally mentioned in the Supplementary Table 2 legend, and now better described in the replacement Supplementary Table 2 included in the revised version of the manuscript. The PLGS searching parameters have now been included in the Methods section of the manuscript for clarification as suggested by this reviewer. The peptide 184-194 was identified from multiple runs of different batches of the WT CD47^{BRIL} protein construct (and in the experiments performed with the panel of CD47^{BRIL} mutants) and based on the quality of its MS/MS spectrum (shown below), we believe this is a true positive ID.



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