



Fig. S16: Localization of $W^{6.48}$ in different active states of various class A GPCRs.

Visualization of distance differences between inactive and active state conformations of $W^{6.48}$ in

(a) MC4R,

(b) bovine rhodopsin (PDB IDs: inactive- 1u19¹¹, active- 6cmo¹²), and

(c) 5-HT_{2A}-receptor (5HT2A) (PDB IDs: inactive- 6wh4, active- 6wha¹³). The distances are associated with receptor activation (toggle switch model), thereby the tryptophan undergoes a vertical-lateral shift (measured at NE1 of Trp). In the 5HT2A structure the tryptophan side chain undergoes additional strong rotation. The associated TM6 outward movements are measured at C α positions of intracellularly located (a) M241^{6.31}, (b) K245^{6.28}, (c) S316^{6.28}, and reflects the largest spatial difference of TM6 between respective active states.

(d-f) Visualization of the horizontal $W^{6.48}$ shift from the top-view. The amino acid position 3.36 at TM3 in opposite to position 6.48 is different between all three receptors. However, in MC4R the L133^{3.36} with a large hydrophobic side chain has a direct impact on $W^{6.48}$. In the SHU9119 antagonized MC4R structure³ this leucine inhibits an activation related shift of TM6 at position $W^{6.48}$.