

Fig. S19: Cryo-EM map differences of the NDP- α -MSH-MC4R-Gs-Nb35 and setmelanotide-MC4R-Gs-Nb35 complexes at Q156^{IL2} in the IL2-Gs interface.

(a) Close-up view on the cryo-EM maps for Q156 IL2 in the NDP- $\alpha\text{-}MSH\text{-}MC4R\text{-}Gs\text{-}NB35$ and

(b) setmelanotide-MC4R-Gs-Nb35 complex and

(c) the superposition of both complexes.

By comparison, both agonist-bound MC4R complexes display two different rotamers for Q156^{IL2}, which results in the case of the NDP- α -MSH–MC4R–Gs–Nb35 complex in a hydrogen bond distance between Q156^{IL2} and D201^{s2s3}. This subtle difference among setmelanotide and NDP- α -MSH activated MC4R indicates that MC4R agonists modulate G-protein binding at IL2.

NDP- α -MSH-MC4R, the corresponding Gs-protein, setmelanotide-MC4R and its Gs-protein are colored orange, dark green, yellow, and slate, respectively. Amino acids are shown as sticks. The protein is depicted as ribbon. Cryo-EM maps are displayed as mesh and volume, contoured at 4 σ level and colored corresponding to the displayed proteins.