

# Supplementary Material

## Computational Study on the Encapsulation of Glucosamine Anomers by Cucurbit[6]uril and Cucurbit[8]uril in Aqueous Solution

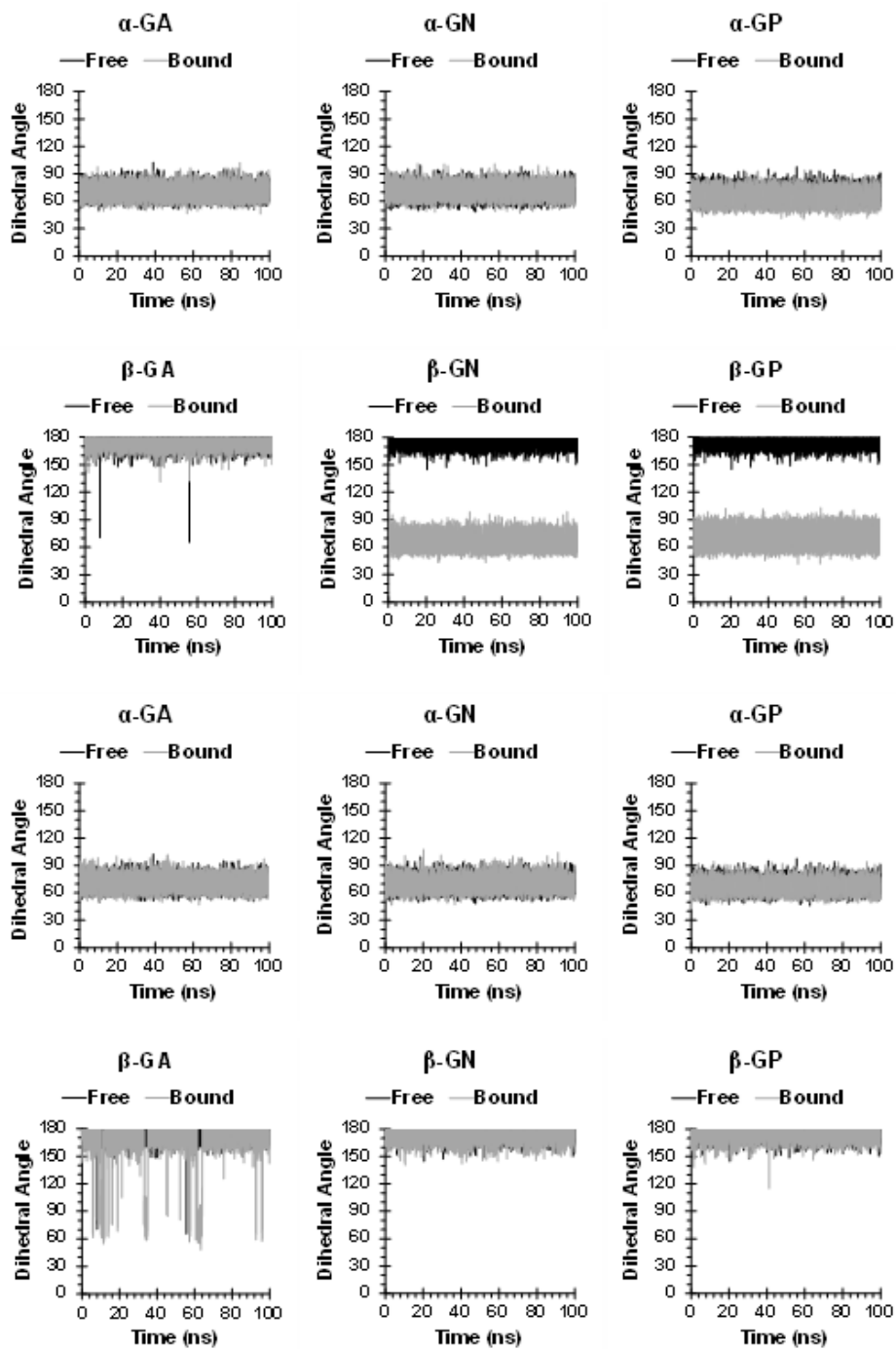
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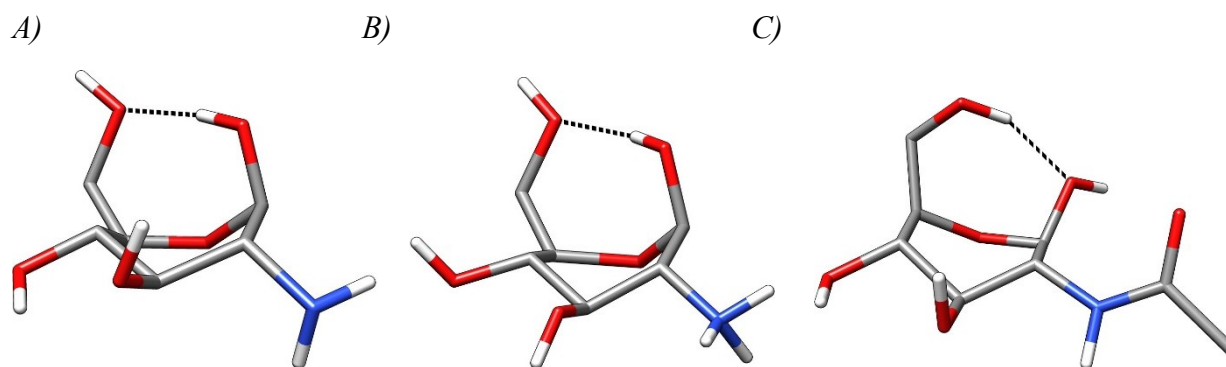
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**Figure S1.** The dihedral angle  $O_1-C_1-O_5-C_5$  versus time for the free and bound glucosamines with CB6 (first and second rows) and CB8 (third and fourth rows).



**Figure S2.** Sampled snapshots depicting ring distortion of  $\beta$ -GN in CB6 complex (A),  $\beta$ -GP in CB6 complex (B), and  $\beta$ -GA in CB8 complex (C) (CB removed for clarity).

**Table S1.** The computed relative binding free energies for CB6 complexes using TI in kcal/mol.

Mutations	$\Delta\Delta G_1$	$\Delta\Delta G_2$	$\Delta\Delta G_3$	$\Delta\Delta G_{\text{ELE}}$	$\Delta\Delta G$
$\alpha$ -GA $\rightarrow\beta$ -GA	-1.77	5.15	-6.08	-7.85	-2.69
$\alpha$ -GN $\rightarrow\beta$ -GN	-1.40	4.05	-3.17	-4.57	0.52
$\alpha$ -GP $\rightarrow\beta$ -GP	3.81	0.13	-1.49	2.32	2.64
$\alpha$ -GP $\rightarrow\alpha$ -GN	-3.71	0.25	-1.33	-5.04	-4.79
$\beta$ -GP $\rightarrow\beta$ -GN	0.68	0.65	1.60	2.28	2.93

**Table S2.** The computed relative binding free energies for CB8 complexes using TI in kcal/mol.

Mutations	$\Delta\Delta G_1$	$\Delta\Delta G_2$	$\Delta\Delta G_3$	$\Delta\Delta G_{\text{ELE}}$	$\Delta\Delta G$
$\alpha$ -GA $\rightarrow\beta$ -GA	-0.77	0.93	0.51	-0.26	0.69
$\alpha$ -GN $\rightarrow\beta$ -GN	1.10	2.01	0.70	1.80	1.61
$\alpha$ -GP $\rightarrow\beta$ -GP	-0.58	0.42	0.05	-0.53	-0.11
$\alpha$ -GP $\rightarrow\alpha$ -GN	0.39	1.02	0.92	1.31	1.89
$\beta$ -GP $\rightarrow\beta$ -GN	0.73	0.82	1.27	2.09	2.83

$$\Delta\Delta\Delta G_{\text{vdW}} = \Delta\Delta G_2, \Delta G_{\text{ELE}} = \Delta\Delta G_1 + \Delta\Delta G_3; \Delta\Delta G = \Delta\Delta G_1 + \Delta\Delta G_2 + \Delta\Delta G_3$$