

Supporting Information

HOW REACTIVE ARE DRUGGABLE CYSTEINES IN PROTEIN KINASES?

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Table S1: Comparison of Calculated Cysteine pK_a's with Experimental pK_a values for Human Muscle Creatine Kinase (HMCK)

Protein Kinase	PDB ID	Cys Residue	Exptl. pK _a	RETI-pK _a ^I	PROPK A	H++
HMCK	1QK1	283	5.7 ± 0.1 ^I	7.1 ± 0.6	9.9	6.8
HMCK (P284A)	1QK1	283	6.4 ± 0.1 ^I	7.4 ± 0.8	9.7	6.9
HMCK (S285A)	1QK1	283	6.7 ± 0.1 ²	8.4 ± 0.4	10.6	7.5

^I The calculated RETI-pK_a's of Cys283 in HMCK is the average of independent 10 ns triplicate runs.

The pK_a's of the active site cysteine (Cys283) in wild-type and mutant variants of Human Muscle Creatine kinase (HMCK) is calculated using the replica-exchange thermodynamic integration (RETI) method—as a means of validation of the method within the kinase application domain. The implicit solvent models H++ and PROPKA are also used to compute the pK_a of the cysteine residue. The calculations are performed using coordinates from the model system of human ubiquitous mitochondrial protein kinase (PDB ID: 1QK1), as Naor and Jensen³ have reported that the lower resolution structure (3.5 Å) of HMCK (PDB ID: 1I0E) gives erroneous results. The calculated cysteine pK_a's of Cys283 in the wild-type and mutant variants of HMCK are predicted in the correct pK_a direction by the RETI method, with an overall root-mean-square deviation (RMSD) of 1.4 pK units from experiment. The accuracy of the RETI method for this kinase domain is consistent with earlier validation studies where for a test set of 18 cysteine residues in 12 proteins, the overall RMSD was 2.4 pK units from experiment.⁴ The H++ and PROPKA models are generally unreliable for predicting small relative pK differences in cysteine pK_a's (as seen in the range of predicted pK_a's for the wild-type and P284A HMCK mutant).

Table S2. Comparison of Computed pK_a's of Selected Kinase Cysteines using the different pK_a Calculation Methods

Protein Kinase	PDB ID	Cys Residue	RETI-pK _a ^I	CpH REMD-pK _a ^{II}	neMD/MC-pK _a ^{III}
c-KIT	3G0E	788	23.8 ± 1.0	20.2 ± 0.1	11.9 ± 0.7
c-Src	3F6X	277	8.4 ± 0.9	9.6 ± 0.0	9.3 ± 0.2
EGFR	4G5J	797	11.1 ± 0.7	13.5 ± 0.2	11.5 ± 0.3
JAK3	4QPS	909	13.0 ± 0.4	12.7 ± 0.4	11.1 ± 0.5
PDGFR α	5K5X	814	24.3 ± 0.6	19.4 ± 0.1	11.2 ± 0.1

^{I, II, III} The calculated pK_a's are the average of three independent pK runs.

Table S2 lists the predicted pK_a's of targeted cysteines within select kinase models using the RETI and constant-pH methods (pH-REMD⁵ and neMD/MC⁶). The predicted pK_a's generally agree well with one another, given that these methods are fundamentally different pK_a calculation methods. However, the predicted pK_a's of Cys788 in c-KIT and Cys814 in PDGFR α kinases using the hybrid neMD/MC method significantly differs from the pK_a's computed by the other methods. Both Cys788 and Cys814 residues are located in the catalytic loop segment of the kinases and are buried in the interior of the protein, as indicated by their low thiolate hydration numbers (Table S4). The neMD/MC sampling over the course of the 20-ns

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MD simulation draws in water molecules to stabilize the thiolate anion in these proteins, resulting in the rather different pK_a 's observed. The predicted pK_a 's still remain elevated for these proteins, and our primary conclusions are still valid. We note that these elevated predicted cysteine pK_a 's are largely notional and not expected to be quantitative accurate. These elevated kinase cysteine pK_a 's are suggestive of general trends and indicative of the physicochemical environment around the targetable cysteine residue. Figure S1 depicts the titration curves for both cysteines (i.e., Cys788 and Cys814) using the different constant-pH pK_a calculation methods.

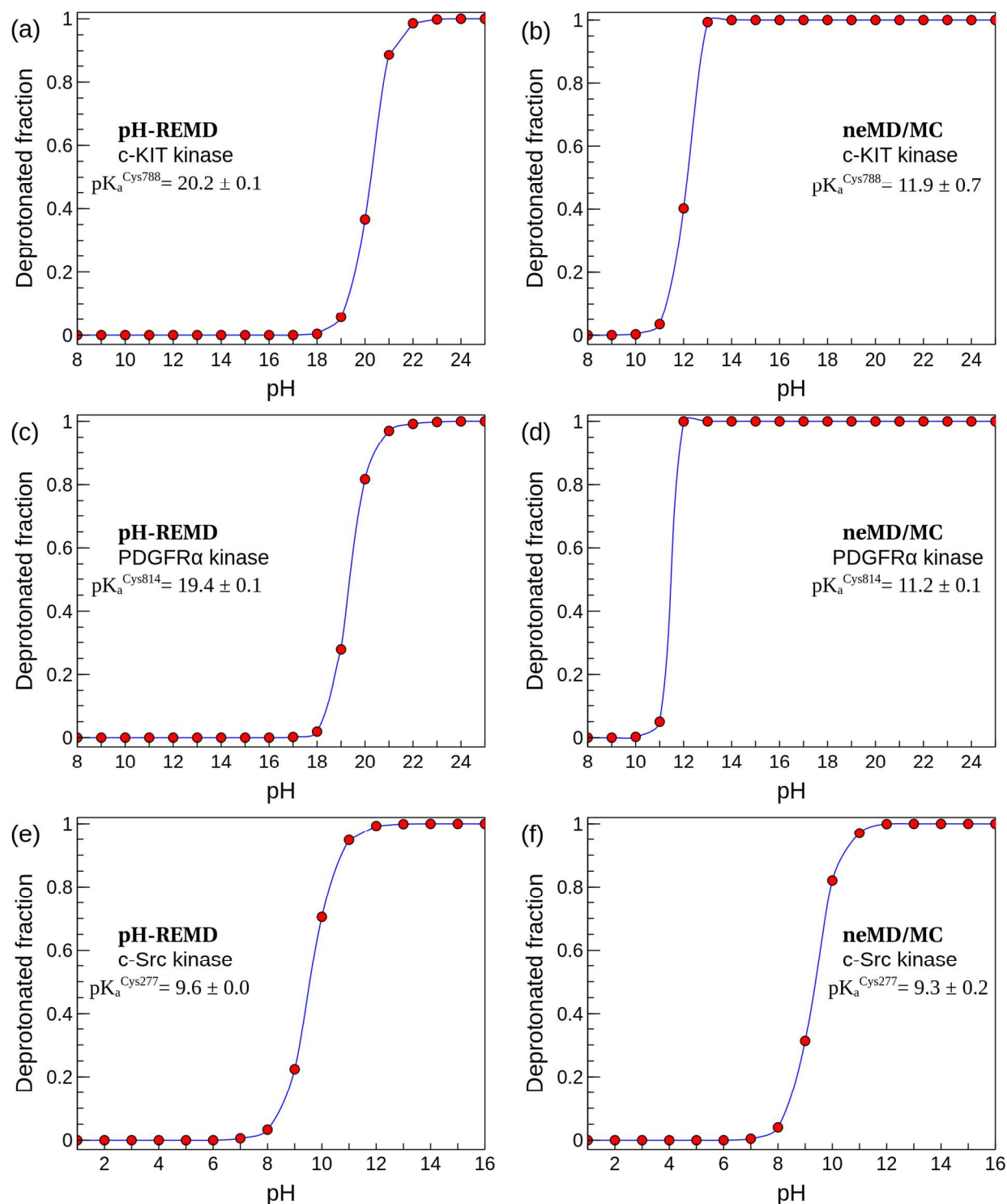


Figure S1. Titration curves of Cys788 (a, b), Cys814 (c, d), and Cys 277 (e, f) in c-KIT, PDGFR α , and c-Src kinases, respectively. The fitted curves were generated from deprotonated fractions of pH-REMD and hybrid neMD/MC constant pH molecular dynamics simulations. The reported pK_a 's are the average of three independent replicates.

Table S3. Details of the Protein Kinase Structures Studied

Protein Kinase	PDB Code ^(a)	Cys Residue ^(b)	Region
BMX	3SXS ⁽⁷⁾	496 ⁽⁸⁾	Front pocket
BRAF	5FD2 ⁽⁹⁾	532	Hinge region
BRAF (V600E)	5FD2 ⁽⁹⁾	532	Hinge region
BTk	1K2P ⁽¹⁰⁾	481 ⁽¹¹⁾	Front pocket
c-KIT ^{"DFG-in"}	1PKG ⁽¹²⁾	788 ⁽¹³⁾	Catalytic loop
c-KIT ^{"DFG-out"}	3G0E ⁽¹⁴⁾	788 ⁽¹³⁾	Catalytic loop
c-Src	3F6X ⁽¹⁵⁾	277 ⁽¹⁶⁾	P-loop
EGFR	4G5J ⁽¹⁷⁾	797 ⁽¹⁸⁾	Front pocket
EGFR (L858R)	4LQM ⁽¹⁹⁾	797 ⁽¹⁸⁾	Front pocket
EGFR (T790M)	4I24 ⁽²⁰⁾	797 ⁽¹⁸⁾	Front pocket
EGFR (T790M/ L858R)	4I22 ⁽²⁰⁾	797 ⁽¹⁸⁾	Front pocket
ERK2	4QTA ⁽²¹⁾	166 ⁽²²⁾	DFG region
FGFR1	4UWY ⁽²³⁾	488 ⁽²⁴⁾	P-loop
FGFR4	4QQC ⁽²⁵⁾	477 ⁽²⁵⁾	P-loop
FGFR4	4XCU ⁽²⁶⁾	552 ⁽²⁶⁾	Hinge region
FLT3	4RT7 ⁽²⁷⁾	828 ⁽²⁸⁾	DFG region
GSK3B	3DU8 ⁽²⁹⁾	199 ⁽³⁰⁾	DFG region
HER2/ ErbB2	3PP0 ⁽³¹⁾	805 ⁽³²⁾	Front pocket
HER3/ ErbB3	4OTW	721 ⁽³³⁾	Roof sheet
HER4/ ErbB4	3BCE ⁽³⁴⁾	778 ⁽³⁵⁾	Front pocket
IKK β	4KIK ⁽³⁶⁾	46 ⁽³⁷⁾	Catalytic loop
IKK β	4KIK ⁽³⁶⁾	179 ⁽³⁸⁾	Activation loop
ITK	4PQN ⁽³⁹⁾	442 ⁽⁴⁰⁾	Front pocket
JAK3	4QPS ⁽⁴¹⁾	909 ⁽⁴²⁾	Front pocket
JNK2	3E7O ⁽⁴³⁾	116 ⁽⁴⁴⁾	Front pocket
JNK3	4WHZ ⁽⁴⁵⁾	154 ⁽⁴⁴⁾	Front pocket
MEK1/ MAP2K1	1S9J ⁽⁴⁶⁾	207 ⁽⁸⁾	DFG region
MSK1	3KN6 ⁽⁴⁷⁾	440	P-loop
NEK2	2W5A ⁽⁴⁸⁾	22 ⁽⁴⁹⁾	P-loop
PDGFR α	5K5X ⁽⁵⁰⁾	814 ⁽¹³⁾	Catalytic loop
RSK1	3RNY ⁽⁵¹⁾	432 ⁽⁵²⁾	P-loop
RSK2	2QR8 ⁽⁵³⁾	436 ⁽⁵²⁾	P-loop
TAK1	4GS6 ⁽⁵⁴⁾	174 ⁽⁵⁵⁾	DFG region
VEGFR2	4ASE ⁽⁵⁶⁾	1045 ⁽⁵⁷⁾	DFG region

^(a) PDB Structure code, followed by the crystallographic structure reference (if one was published).

^(b) Targeted cysteine residues and literature reference that provides confirmation of covalent modification of protein.

Table S4. Calculated pK_a's and Hydration numbers of Targeted Cysteine Residues using RETI-pK_a Method

Protein Kinase	Cys Residue	RETI-pK_a^I	Hydration No.^{II}
BMX	496	10.31 ± 0.46	3.91
BRAF	532	12.49 ± 0.65	4.42
BRAF (V600E)	532	11.36 ± 0.81	3.88
BTK	481	10.41 ± 0.80	4.26
c-KIT ^{"DFG-in"}	788	21.04 ± 0.48	4.62
c-KIT ^{"DFG-out"}	788	23.78 ± 1.03	3.59
c-Src	277	8.38 ± 0.88	5.98
EGFR	797	11.13 ± 0.65	4.26
EGFR (L858R)	797	12.58 ± 0.44	4.96
EGFR (T790M)	797	11.55 ± 0.97	4.25
EGFR (T790M/ L858R)	797	12.33 ± 0.59	4.70
ERK2	166	11.66 ± 0.67	4.01
FGFR1	488	11.02 ± 0.86	4.98
FGFR4	477	7.79 ± 0.73	4.40
FGFR4	552	9.07 ± 0.78	4.06
FLT3	828	15.11 ± 0.54	4.29
GSK3B	199	12.41 ± 0.83	4.24
HER2/ ErbB2	805	11.82 ± 0.47	3.78
HER3/ ErbB3	721	12.25 ± 0.73	4.96
HER4/ ErbB4	778	12.36 ± 0.85	3.96
IKKβ	46	11.37 ± 0.83	4.29
IKKβ	179	10.76 ± 0.94	3.90
ITK	442	11.96 ± 0.55	3.57
JAK3	909	13.00 ± 0.39	5.39
JNK2	116	7.01 ± 0.83	5.53
JNK3	154	9.62 ± 0.51	5.11
MEK1/ MAP2K1	207	12.77 ± 0.42	3.95
MSK1	440	14.80 ± 0.41	5.29
NEK2	22	12.59 ± 0.62	4.84
PDGFRα	814	24.34 ± 0.58	3.68
RSK1	432	12.25 ± 0.49	4.79
RSK2	436	12.61 ± 0.68	5.25
TAK1	174	13.60 ± 0.55	4.98
VEGFR2	1045	15.28 ± 0.43	4.15

^{I,II} The pK_a's of the druggable cysteines and hydration numbers of the thiolates are the average of independent 10 ns runs performed in triplicate. Cysteine thiolate hydration numbers were computed from the trajectories of each independent free energy calculation. For the model cysteine in aqueous solution, the hydration number calculated was 4.44.

Table S5. List of Charged Residues within 10 Å from Target Cysteine Residue

Protein Kinase	Cys Residue	Acidic Residues [Å]	Basic Residues [Å]
BMX	496	---	Arg502 [8.76], Arg540[9.20]
BRAF	532	Glu533[8.52], Glu586[9.55]	His585[5.60], Lys591[6.44]
BRAF (V600E)	532	Glu533[8.52], Glu586[9.55]	His585[5.60], Lys591[6.44]
BTk	481	Glu488[9.05], Asp539[9.80]	Arg487[8.08], Arg525[9.23]
c-KIT ^{"DFG-in"}	788	Asp816[4.26], Asp572[7.35], Asp851[9.74]	Lys786[8.10]
c-KIT ^{"DFG-out"}	788	Asp851[7.96]	His790[8.75], Arg791[9.74]
c-Src	277	---	----
EGFR	797	Asp800[3.42]	Arg803[8.34], Arg841[9.80]
EGFR (L858R)	797	Asp800[3.52], Glu804[8.64]	Arg803[7.73], Arg841[9.39]
EGFR (T790M)	797	Asp800[3.53], Glu804[8.60]	Asp803[7.84], Arg841[9.66]
EGFR (T790M/ L858R)	797	Asp800[3.64], Glu804[8.81]	Arg803[7.56], Arg841[9.48]
ERK2	166	Asp167[6.10], Glu71[7.55], Asp111[7.64], Asp149[9.51]	Lys54[6.58], His147[7.36], Lys151[9.02]
FGFR1	488	Asp524[6.04], Asp519[7.52], Asp527[9.17]	Lys517[5.31], Lys655[7.83], Lys523[8.00]
FGFR4	477	Glu475[5.04], Asp641[8.72]	Lys644[6.11], Lys506[8.69], Lys503[8.95]
FGFR4	552	Glu485[8.91], Glu551[9.86]	Arg483[6.50]
FLT3	828	Asp829[6.61], Asp698[8.06], Asp811[9.34], Glu661[9.78]	Arg834[7.09], His809[7.21], Lys644[7.81]
GSK3B	199	Asp200[5.61], Glu97[9.29], Asp181[9.37]	His179[7.23], Lys85[7.53], Lys183[8.69]
HER2/ ErbB2	805	Asp808[4.08]	Arg811[7.94], Arg849[9.35]
HER3/ ErbB3	721	---	Lys706[8.70], Lys723[9.03], His705[9.14]
HER4/ ErbB4	778	Glu781[3.71], Glu785[8.80]	Arg822[9.59]
IKKβ	46	Asp90[8.02], Glu61[9.67]	Arg55[8.40], Arg47[9.77], Lys44[9.80]
IKKβ	179	---	Arg144[5.15], Lys171[6.29]
ITK	442	Asp445[3.42]	Arg448[7.39]
JAK3	909	Asp912[3.26]	Arg911[4.67], Arg953[5.59], Arg916[8.71]
JNK2	116	Glu217[7.77]	His120[8.18], Lys153[9.85]
JNK3	154	Glu255[7.26]	Lys191[10.27], His259[12.19]
MEK1/ MAP2K1	207	Asp208[3.99], Asp190[8.66]	Lys97[5.95], His188[6.72], Lys192[9.63]
MSK1	440	Asp565[8.33]	Lys455[8.00], Arg441[9.73]
NEK2	22	Asp159[8.24], Glu38[9.56]	Lys37[5.14]
PDGFRα	814	Asp877[7.96]	His816[8.38], Arg817[9.70], His650[9.89]
RSK1	432	Glu431[6.53], Asp557[7.85]	Lys447[6.11]
RSK2	436	Asp427[8.84]	Lys451[7.77]
TAK1	174	Asp175[5.25], Glu77[8.63], Asp156[9.39]	His154[7.21], Lys63[7.63]
VEGFR2	1045	Glu967[8.06], Asp1046[8.42], Glu935[9.97]	His1026[8.35], Lys1043[8.43], Lys918[9.02], Arg1051[9.66]

Table S6. Comparison of the pK_a's of Cysteine Residues in Protein Kinases

Protein Kinase	Cys Residue	RET1-pK_a[†]	PROPKA	H++
BMX	496	10.31 ± 0.46	9.92	10.42
BRAF	532	12.49 ± 0.65	11.24	>12
BRAF (V600E)	532	11.36 ± 0.81	11.24	>12
BTK	481	10.41 ± 0.80	9.44	9.74
c-KIT ^{"DFG-in"}	788	21.04 ± 0.48	12.67	>12
c-KIT ^{"DFG-out"}	788	23.78 ± 1.03	13.00	>12
c-Src	277	8.38 ± 0.88	9.14	8.10
EGFR	797	11.13 ± 0.65	10.38	10.55
EGFR (L858R)	797	12.58 ± 0.44	11.17	11.58
EGFR (T790M)	797	11.55 ± 0.97	11.02	10.70
EGFR (T790M/ L858R)	797	12.33 ± 0.59	11.43	11.74
ERK2	166	11.66 ± 0.67	12.73	>12
FGFR1	488	11.02 ± 0.86	9.32	8.77
FGFR4	477	7.79 ± 0.73	10.00	10.99
FGFR4	552	9.07 ± 0.78	10.12	9.45
FLT3	828	15.11 ± 0.54	13.11	>12
GSK3B	199	12.41 ± 0.83	12.39	11.79
HER2/ ErbB2	805	11.82 ± 0.47	10.65	10.72
HER3/ ErbB3	721	12.25 ± 0.73	10.85	10.44
HER4/ ErbB4	778	12.36 ± 0.85	10.62	10.38
IKKβ	46	11.37 ± 0.83	9.75	>12
IKKβ	179	10.76 ± 0.94	10.85	>12
ITK	442	11.96 ± 0.55	9.68	10.42
JAK3	909	13.00 ± 0.39	10.37	9.10
JNK2	116	7.01 ± 0.83	10.24	9.53
JNK3	154	9.62 ± 0.51	10.56	9.77
MEK1/ MAP2K1	207	12.77 ± 0.42	13.48	>12
MSK1	440	14.80 ± 0.41	11.05	10.66
NEK2	22	12.59 ± 0.62	10.74	9.34
PDGFRα	814	24.34 ± 0.58	12.92	>12
RSK1	432	12.25 ± 0.49	10.88	>12
RSK2	436	12.61 ± 0.68	10.91	10.36
TAK1	174	13.60 ± 0.55	12.88	>12
VEGFR2	1045	15.28 ± 0.43	13.56	>12

[†] The pK_a's of the druggable cysteines reported are the average of independent 10 ns runs performed in triplicate.

Table S7. Calibration of constant pH-REMD method with the Model Cysteine Pentapeptide

Method	pK _a
Experimental ^[58]	8.55 ± 0.03
pH-REMD (Amber ff99SB)	8.74 ± 0.02

The pH-REMD method with the Amber99 force field has been reported to yield accurate titratable residue pK_a's for both model peptides and benchmark protein systems.⁵ We validated the use of the Amberff99SB force field with the pH-REMD approach by computing the pK_a of the model cysteine pentapeptide (i.e., ACE-(Ala)₂-Cys-(Ala)₂-NH₂). Three independent pH-REMD simulation trials were performed on the model system. Each pH-REMD trial simulation consisted of 8 replicas spanning pH range of 6.5–10.0, with increments of 0.5 pH units. Simulation cell was modeled to mimic experimental conditions⁵⁸ and pH-REMD parameters chosen were the same as those adopted for kinase model systems (see Constant pH-REMD in Theory and Methods). Each replica window was run for 20 ns, equaling a total of 160 ns for each independent model system run. The average predicted pK_a from the triplicate run of the cysteine pentapeptide is reported in Table S7. This computed pK_a is in close agreement with the experimental reported pK_a. For this reason, we believe the Amberff99SB force field is an appropriate choice for use in the constant pH-REMD simulations of selected kinase model systems, having been originally implemented and parameterized using the AMBER program.

Sample Input Parameters for RETI Molecular Dynamics Simulations

1) Energy Minimization Parameters

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; Parameters describing what to do, when to stop and what to save
integrator      = steep           ; Algorithm (steep = steepest descent minimization)
emtol          = 1000.0          ; Stop minimization when the maximum force < 1000.0 kJ/mol/nm
emstep         = 0.01            ; Energy step size
nsteps         = 100000          ; Maximum number of (minimization) steps to perform
; Parameters describing how to find the neighbors of each atom and how to calculate the interactions
nstlist        = 1              ; Frequency to update the neighbor list and long range forces
cutoff-scheme   = Verlet
ns_type        = grid           ; Method to determine neighbor list (simple, grid)
coulombtype     = PME            ; Treatment of long range electrostatic interactions
rcoulomb       = 1.0            ; Short-range electrostatic cut-off
rvdw           = 1.0            ; Short-range Van der Waals cut-off
pbc            = xyz            ; Periodic Boundary Conditions (yes/no)
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2) NVT Equilibration Parameters

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title          = NVT equilibration
define         = -DPOSRES       ; position restrain the protein
; Run parameters
integrator     = sd              ; leap-frog integrator
nsteps        = 10000000         ; 2 * 500000 = 10000 ps
dt            = 0.002            ; 2 fs
; Output control
nstxout       = 10000            ; save coordinates every 1.0 ps
nstvout       = 10000            ; save velocities every 1.0 ps
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nstenergy      = 10000          ; save energies every 1.0 ps
nstlog         = 10000          ; update log file every 1.0 ps
; Bond parameters
continuation    = no            ; first dynamics run
constraint_algorithm = lincs      ; holonomic constraints
constraints      = all-bonds; all bonds (even heavy atom-H bonds) constrained
lincs_iter      = 1             ; accuracy of LINCS
lincs_order     = 4             ; also related to accuracy
; Neighborsearching
cutoff-scheme   = Verlet
ns_type         = grid          ; search neighboring grid cells
nstlist         = 10            ; 20 fs, largely irrelevant with Verlet
rcoulomb        = 1.0           ; short-range electrostatic cutoff (in nm)
rvdw            = 1.0           ; short-range van der Waals cutoff (in nm)
; Electrostatics
coulombtype     = PME           ; Particle Mesh Ewald for long-range electrostatics
pme_order       = 4             ; cubic interpolation
fourierspacing  = 0.16         ; grid spacing for FFT
; Temperature coupling is on
tcoupl          = V-rescale      ; modified Berendsen thermostat
tc-grps         = Protein Non-Protein ; two coupling groups - more accurate
tau_t           = 0.1 0.1       ; time constant, in ps
ref_t           = 298.15 298.15 ; reference temperature, one for each group, in K
; Pressure coupling is off
pcoupl          = no            ; no pressure coupling in NVT
; Periodic boundary conditions
pbc             = xyz           ; 3-D PBC
; Dispersion correction
DispCorr        = EnerPres      ; account for cut-off vdW scheme
; Velocity generation
gen_vel         = yes           ; assign velocities from Maxwell distribution
gen_temp        = 300           ; temperature for Maxwell distribution
gen_seed        = -1            ; generate a random seed

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3) NPT Equilibration Parameters

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title          = NPT equilibration
define         = -DPOSRES       ; position restrain the protein
; Run parameters
integrator      = sd             ; leap-frog integrator
nsteps         = 10000000        ; 2 * 10000000 = 10000 ps
dt             = 0.002           ; 2 fs
; Output control
nstxout        = 10000          ; save coordinates every 20.0 ps
nstvout        = 10000          ; save velocities every 20.0 ps
nstenergy      = 10000          ; save energies every 20.0 ps
nstlog         = 10000          ; update log file every 20.0 ps
; Bond parameters
continuation    = yes           ; Restarting after NVT
constraint_algorithm = lincs      ; holonomic constraints

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constraints      = all-bonds; all bonds (even heavy atom-H bonds) constrained
lincs_iter      = 1                ; accuracy of LINCS
lincs_order     = 4                ; also related to accuracy
; Neighborsearching
cutoff-scheme   = Verlet
ns_type         = grid             ; search neighboring grid cells
nstlist         = 10              ; 20 fs, largely irrelevant with Verlet scheme
rcoulomb        = 1.0             ; short-range electrostatic cutoff (in nm)
rvdw            = 1.0             ; short-range van der Waals cutoff (in nm)
; Electrostatics
coulombtype     = PME              ; Particle Mesh Ewald for long-range electrostatics
pme_order       = 4               ; cubic interpolation
fourierspacing  = 0.16           ; grid spacing for FFT
; Temperature coupling is on
tcoupl          = V-rescale        ; modified Berendsen thermostat
tc-grps         = Protein Non-Protein ; two coupling groups - more accurate
tau_t           = 0.1 0.1         ; time constant, in ps
ref_t           = 298.15 298.15   ; reference temperature, one for each group, in K
; Pressure coupling is on
pcoupl          = Parrinello-Rahman ; Pressure coupling on in NPT
pcoupltype      = isotropic        ; uniform scaling of box vectors
tau_p           = 1.0             ; time constant, in ps
ref_p           = 1.0             ; reference pressure, in bar
compressibility = 4.5e-5          ; isothermal compressibility of water, bar^-1
refcoord_scaling = com
; Periodic boundary conditions
pbc             = xyz             ; 3-D PBC
; Dispersion correction
DispCorr        = EnerPres        ; account for cut-off vdW scheme
; Velocity generation
gen_vel         = no              ; Velocity generation is off

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4) Free Energy Calculation Parameters

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integrator      = sd
dt              = 0.002
nsteps         = 6000000
nstxout        = 5000
nstvout        = 5000
nstlog         = 5000
nstenergy      = 250
;nstxout-compressed = 250
rlist          = 1.0
coulombtype     = PME
pme_order       = 6
fourierspacing  = 0.1
cutoff-scheme   = Verlet
ns_type         = grid            ; search neighboring grid cells
nstlist        = 10              ; 20 fs, largely irrelevant with Verlet
rcoulomb        = 1.0

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rvdw          = 1.0
; and pressure to 1 bar
pcoupl = parrinello-rahman
ref-p = 1
compressibility = 4.5e-5
tau-p = 5
gen-vel       = $GEN_VEL$
gen-temp      = 300
gen-seed      = 173529
constraints   = hbonds
constraint_algorithm = lincs
lincs-order = 12
tc_grps      = System
tau_t        = 1.0
ld_seed      = -1
ref_t = 298.15

; Free energy
free_energy = yes
init-lambda-state = $STATE$
calc-lambda-neighbors = -1
sc_alpha = 0.0
couple-lambda1 = vdw-q
fep-lambdas = $ALL_LAMBDAS$
coul-lambdas = $ALL_LAMBDAS$
vdw-lambdas = $ALL_LAMBDAS$
DispCorr = EnerPres

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Sample Input Files for the constant pH-REMD Simulations

1) Energy Minimization Parameters

Minimize for constant pH REMD simulations

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&cntrl
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  ncyc=1000,
  maxcyc=5000,
  ntp=50,
  cut=8,
  restraintmask='!:WAT&@CA,C,O,N'
  restraint_wt=10.0,
/

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2) Heating Parameters

Heating step for constant pH REMD simulations

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&cntrl
  imin=0, irest=0, ntx=1,
  ntp=1000, ntwx=1000, nstlim=200000,
  dt=0.002, ntt=3, gamma_ln=5.0, ig=-1,
  ntc=2, ntf=2, cut=8, ntb=1,

```

```

iwrap=1, ioutfm=1, nmropt=1,
/
&wt
TYPE='TEMP0', ISTEP1=0, ISTEP2=150000,
VALUE1=10.0, VALUE2=300.0,
/
&wt TYPE='END' /

```

3) Equilibration/Relaxation Parameters

Explicit solvent molecular dynamics constant pressure MD

```

&cntrl
imin=0, irest=1, ntx=5,
ntpr=1000, ntwx=1000, nstlim=5000000,
dt=0.002, ntt=3, tempi=300,
temp0=300, gamma_ln=1.0, ig=-1,
ntp=1, ntc=2, ntf=2, cut=8,
ntb=2, iwrap=1, ioutfm=1,
/

```

4) Constant pH-REMD Parameters for one replica (pH=12)

Explicit REMD for cpH

```

&cntrl
imin=0, irest=1, ntx=5, nt xo=2,
ntpr=1000, ntwx=1000, nstlim=5000,
dt=0.002, ntt=3, numexchg=1000, tempi=300.0,
temp0=300.0, gamma_ln=5.0, ig=-1,
ntc=2, ntf=2, cut=8, iwrap=1,
ioutfm=1, icnstph=2, ntcnstph=100,
solvph=12.0, ntrelex=100, saltcon=0.1,
/

```

Sample Input Files for the constant-pH neMD/MC Simulations

1) Equilibration Parameters

```

# input
coordinates      egfr-ionized.pdb
structure        egfr-ionized.psf
parameters       par_all36_prot_mod.prm
paratypecharmm   on

# output
set output       egfr_equil
outputname       $output
dcdfile          ${output}.dcd
xstFile          ${output}.xst
dcdfreq          10000
xstFreq          1000
binaryoutput     yes
binaryrestart     yes

```

```

outputEnergies      100
restartfreq         1000
fixedAtoms          off
rigidBonds          all

```

Basic dynamics

```

exclude             scaled1-4
1-4scaling          1
COMmotion           no
dielectric           1.0

```

Simulation space partitioning

```

switching           on
switchdist          10
cutoff              12
pairlistdist        14

```

Multiple timestepping

```

firsttimestep       0
timestep            2
stepspercycle       20
nonbondedFreq       1
fullElectFrequency  2

```

Temperature control

```

set temperature     298.15
temperature         $temperature; # initial temperature

```

Langevin Dynamics

```

langevin            on;          # do langevin dynamics
langevinDamping     1;          # damping coefficient (gamma) of 1/ps
langevinTemp        $temperature; # bath temperature
langevinHydrogen    no;         # don't couple langevin bath to hydrogens
seed                12345

```

Pressure control

```

langevinPiston      on
langevinPistonTarget 1.01325; # in bar -> 1.01325 bar = 1 atm
langevinPistonPeriod 2000
langevinPistonDecay  100
langevinPistonTemp   $temperature
useFlexibleCell      no
UseGroupPressure     yes
fixedAtomsForces     off

```

PBC

```

cellBasisVector1    82.2 0.0 0.0
cellBasisVector2    0.0 87.6 0.0
cellBasisVector3    0.0 0.0 79.5
cellOrigin           65.7 5.7 -22.4

```

```

wrapAll      on
dcdUnitCell   yes
PME           yes
PMEGridSpacing 1.0

```

```

# Scripting
minimize      1000
reinitvels    $temperature
run           10000000

```

2) Constant-pH Specific Parameters

```

# These keywords all follow as usual
set temperature 298.15
set topo_dir "../topology"
structure $topo_dir/egfr-ionized.psf
coordinates $topo_dir/egfr-ionized.pdb
binCoordinates $topo_dir/egfr_equil.coor
binVelocities $topo_dir/egfr_equil.vel
extendedSystem $topo_dir/egfr_equil.xsc

```

```

wrapWater on
wrapAll on
wrapNearest on
outputEnergies 5000
DCDFreq 5000

```

```

timestep 2.0
fullElectFrequency 2
rigidBonds ALL
langevin on
langevinTemp $temperature
langevinDamping 1.0
langevinHydrogen no

```

```

switching on
VDWForceSwitching on
LJCorrection on
switchDist 10.0
cutoff 12.0
pairlistDist 14.0
exclude scaled1-4
1-4scaling 1.0
PME on
PMEGridSpacing 1.0

```

```

# Begin constant-pH MD keywords and modifications
# Load the constant-pH Tcl files
source ../namdcph/namdcph.tcl
# Load force field files as usual, but add constant-pH specific parameters

```

```

set toppar_dir "../toppar"
paratypecharmm on
parameters $toppar_dir/par_all36_prot.prm
#parameters par_all36m_prot.prm
parameters $toppar_dir/par_cph36_prot.prm
parameters $toppar_dir/par_all36_solvent.prm
# Load constant-pH specific topology files
cphConfigFile $toppar_dir/conf_cph36_prot.json
topology $toppar_dir/top_all36_prot.rtf
topology $toppar_dir/top_cph36_prot.rtf
topology $toppar_dir/top_solvent.rtf

# We will be running multiple pH values sorted into their own directories, but
# otherwise using the same naming scheme.
source pH.tcl
#set pHList [list 6.0 6.5 7.0 7.5 8.0 8.5 9.0 9.5 10.0 10.5 11.0 11.5]
#set pH [lindex $pHList [myReplica]]
pH $pH

outputname prot_prod0
stdout prot_prod0.log
cphMDBasename namdcph.md
cphSwitchBasename namdcph.sw

# Experimental values from
# For clarity, each residue is sorted by type with a separate command:
# CYS
cphSetResiduepKai AP1:797 9.5
cphSetResiduepKai AP1:800 4.0
cphProposalWeight AP1:797 10.0
cphProposalWeight AP1:800 10.0

# With the current settings this implies 10 ps between switching attempts,
# which will be 15 ps in length. These settings should be relatively close to
# optimal.
cphNumstepsPerSwitch 7500
cphRun 5000 2000
# Don't exit until all simulations have finished.
#replicaBarrier
exit

```

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