

Supplementary Material Table S1: Molecular Dynamics simulation set-up

The Meaning of Alignment (Pirovano, Feenstra & Heringa)

Parameter/feature	Setting
MD package	Gromacs 3.1.4
forcefield	gromos 43a1
cut-off	twin-range 0.8/1.2 nm
neighbour list update	5 steps
bond constraints	lincs algorithm
time step Δt	2 fs
Temperature T	300 K
weak coupling time τ_T	1 ps
pressure P	1 bar
weak coupling time τ_P	0.1 p
position restraints f_c	1000 kJ mol ⁻¹ nm ⁻¹

Equilibration:

- energy minimized of protein in vacuum; non-hydrogen atoms harmonic position restrained
- energy minimized of protein in vacuum; no position restraints
- solvation in periodic cubic box pre-equilibrated simple point-charge (SPC) water with 1.2 nm minimum distance
- energy minimization of solvated system
- random starting velocities from 300 K Maxwell distribution
- water relaxation during 1 ps with protein position restrained