

## Supporting Information

Free Energy Analysis of a Conformational Change of Heme ABC Transporter BhuUV-T

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**Table S1. Selected atoms for tMD and the string method calculation**

simulation	selected atoms <sup>†</sup>
targeted MD	(((segid:PRA or segid:PRB) and not rno:22-28 and not rno:356-362 and \
&	not rno:49-55 and \
string	not rno:133-144 and \
method	not rno:167-172 and \
	not rno:282-289 and \
	not rno:330-336) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and not rno:1-7 and not rno:267-273 and \
	not rno:10-16 and \
	not rno:49-61 and \
	not rno:91-95 and \
	not rno:165-174 and \
	not rno:109-120)) and \
	(an:CA)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:90 and an:CD)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:90 and an:OE1)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:90 and an:NE2)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:36 and an:CG)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:36 and an:ND2)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:40 and an:NZ)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:41 and an:OG)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:42 and an:OG1)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:147 and an:CB)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:147 and an:OG)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:180 and an:CG)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:181 and an:CD)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:185 and an:O)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:214 and an:ND1)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:214 and an:NE2)) or \
	((segid:PRC or segid:PRD) and (rno:214 and an:CG)) or \

((segid:PRA or segid:PRB) and (rno:108 and an:CG)) or \

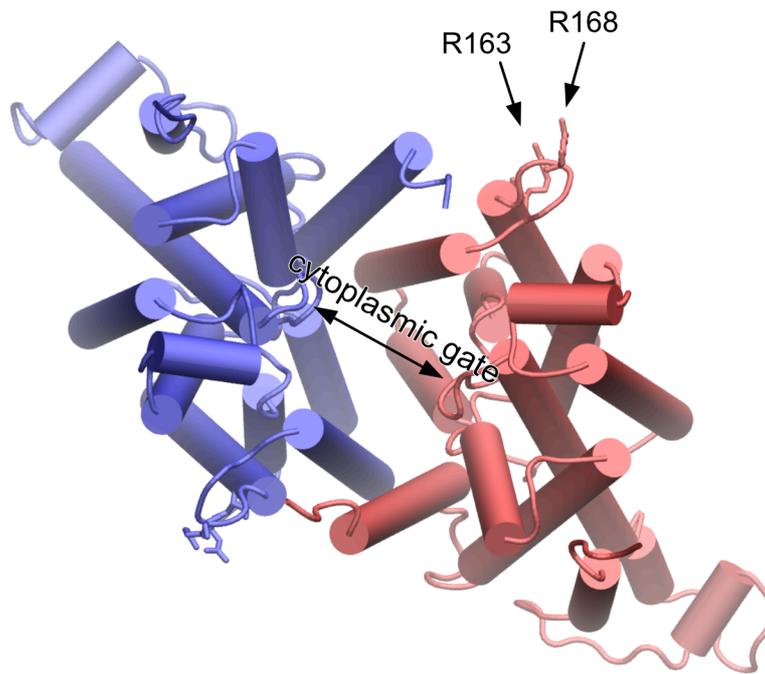
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((segid:PRA or segid:PRB) and (rno:110 and an:CG))

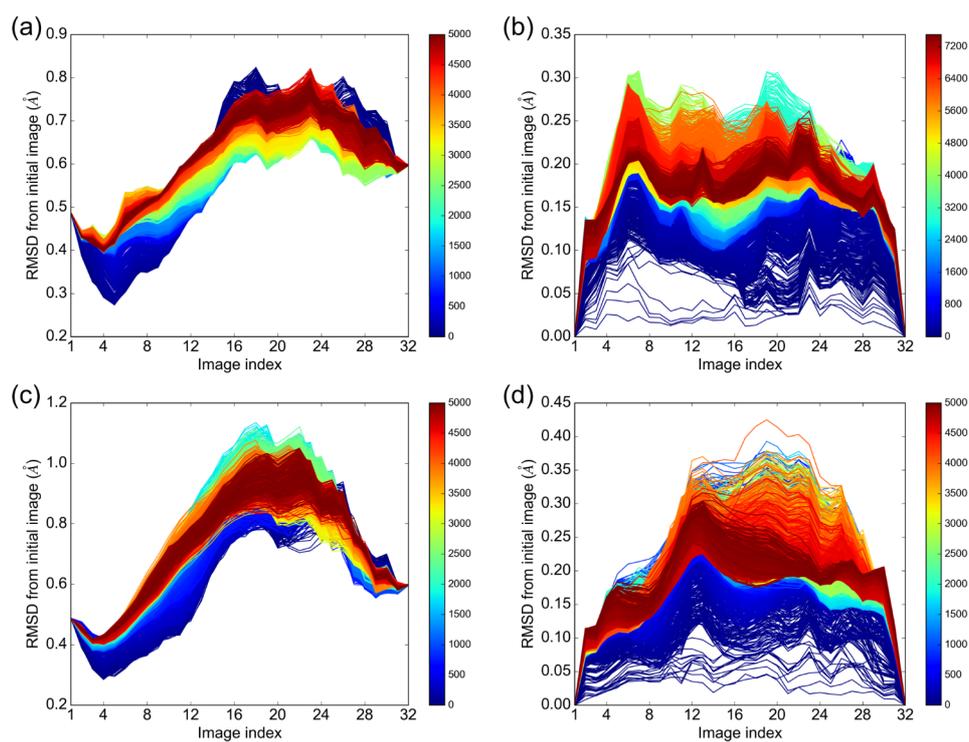
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† Atom selections are described in the GENESIS selection format (<https://www.r-ccs.riken.jp/labs/cbrt/>).

“PRX” denotes the protomer X. Protomer A and B correspond to the TMDs, while protomer C and D to the NBDs. Atom names follow the PDB nomenclature.



**Figure S1. Residues that could be labeled by dyes.** The protein (BhuUs only) is shown from the cytoplasmic side. The side chains of R163 and R168 are shown in a stick representation.



**Figure S2. Convergence of the string calculations.** The RMSD from the initial image was calculated for each cycle and plotted according to the color bar on the right side. (a-d) The evolution of RMSD of the second (a), third (b), fourth (c), and fifth (d) string calculations. Note that the terminal images (image 1 and 32) were fixed.