## **Supporting Information**

## Exploring the Counteracting and Refolding Ability of Choline-Based Ionic Liquids Towards Crowding Environment-Induced Changes in HSA Structure

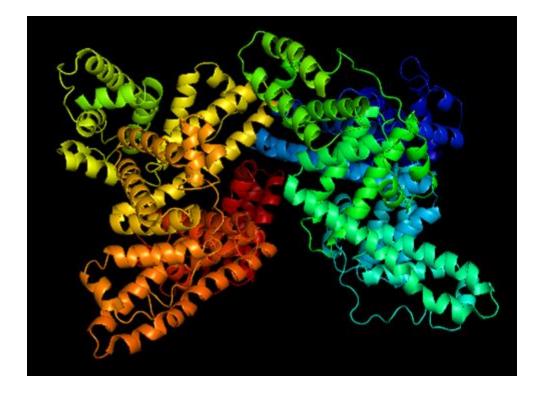
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Scheme S1. Native structure of HSA depicted as a carton diagram which was obtained from protein data bank and reconstructed in by Pymol software.

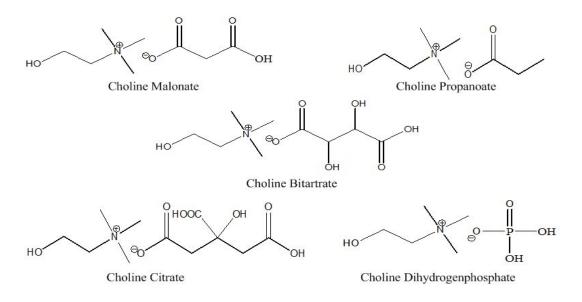


Figure S1. Chemical structure of cholinium-based ILs.

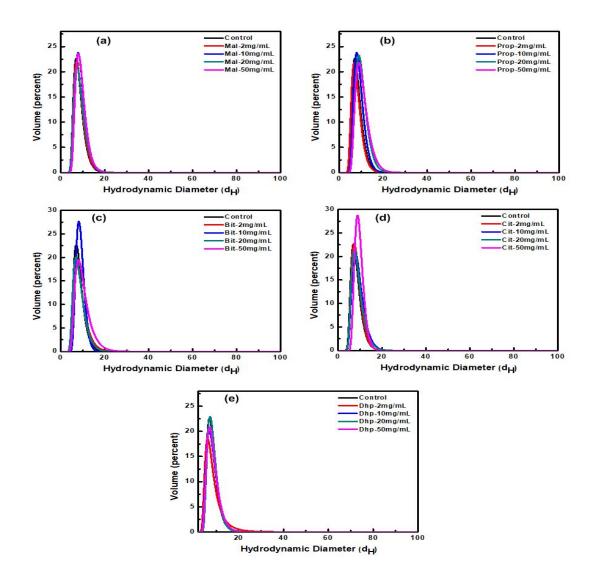


Figure S2. The hydrodynamic diameter  $(d_H)$  of HSA at 25 °C in presence of varying concentration of different ILs.

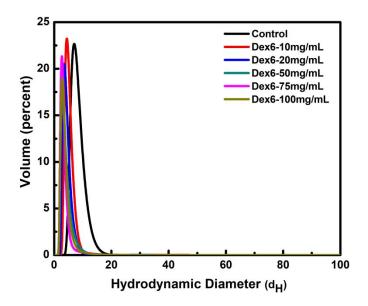
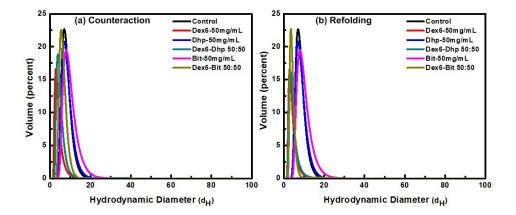


Figure S3. The hydrodynamic diameter  $(d_H)$  of HSA at 25 °C in presence of varying concentration of dex6.



**Figure S4.** The hydrodynamic diameter ( $d_H$ ) of HSA at 25 °C (a) counteracting (b) refolding conditions in presence dex6 and ILs (Bit and Dhp).

Concentration	d <sub>H</sub> values (nm)				
(mg/mL)	Mal	Prop	Bit	Cit	Dhp
Control	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
2	7.8	7.3	7.8	7.6	7.4
10	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.4	7.6
20	8.0	9.4	7.7	8.2	7.8
50	8.5	9.6	8.9	9.1	7.7

**Table S1.** The  $d_H$  values of HSA in the presence of varying concentrations of different cholinium-based ILs.

**Table S2.** The  $d_H$  and  $T_m$  values of HSA in absence and presence of dex6 as well as IL and combination of both under counteraction conditions phosphate buffer of pH 7.

Sample	d <sub>H</sub> (nm)	T <sub>m</sub> (°C) *
Control	7.8	66.23
Dex6	3.5	61.26
Dhp	7.7	61.92
Dex6-Dhp	4.4	67.85
Bit	8.9	61.69
Dex6-Bit	5.9	63.57

\*Error value of  $T_m \pm 0.4$  °C

**Table S3.** The  $d_H$  and  $T_m$  values of HSA determined using DLS absence and presence of dex6 as well as IL and combination of both under refolding conditions in phosphate buffer of pH 7.

Sample	d <sub>H</sub> (nm)	T <sub>m</sub> (°C)	

Control	7.8	66.23
Dex6 (50 mg/mL)	3.5	61.26
Dhp (50 mg/mL)	7.7	61.92
Dex6-Dhp (50:50)	3.8	67.44
Bit (50 Mg/mL)	9.0	61.69
Dex6-Bit (50:50)	3.8	67.81

\*Error value of  $T_m \pm 0.4$  °C