

# Supplementary Data

## Mapping Central $\alpha$ -Helix Linker Mediated Conformational Transition Pathway of Calmodulin via Simple Computational Approach

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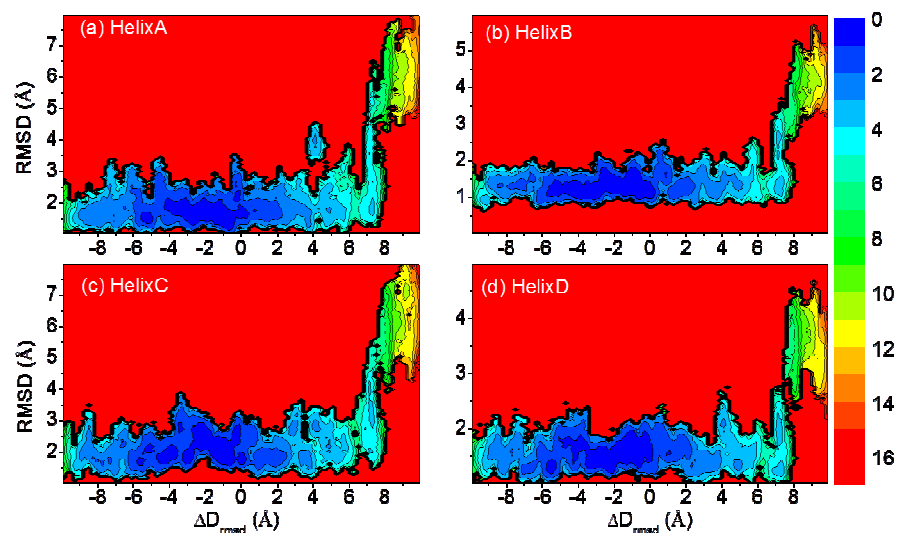


Figure S1. Two-dimensional free energy profiles as the function of  $\Delta D_{rmsd}$  of intact apo-CaM and the RMSD value of individual helices within N-terminal domain to their respective closed states. The contours are spaced at intervals of 1.0 kcal/mol.

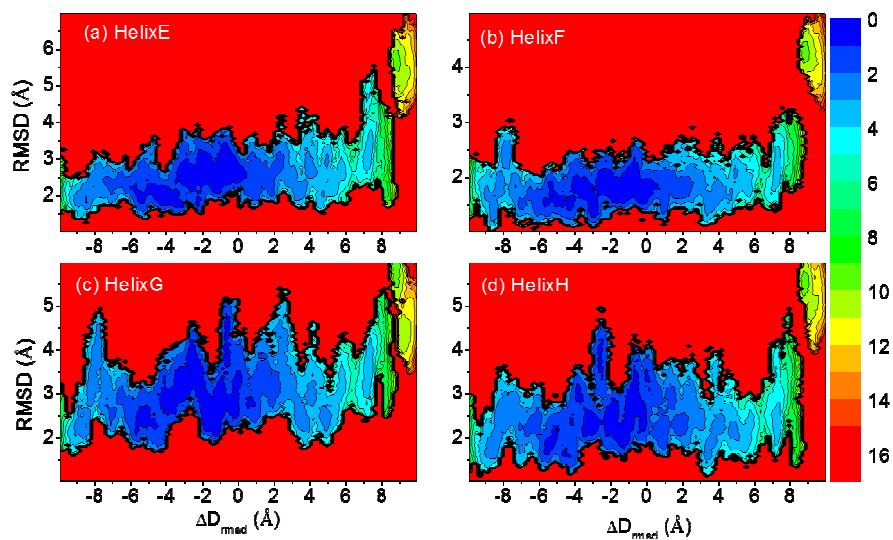


Figure S2. Two-dimensional free energy profiles as the function of  $\Delta D_{rmsd}$  of intact apo-CaM and the RMSD value of individual helices within C-terminal domain to their respective closed states. The contours are spaced at intervals of 1.0 kcal/mol.

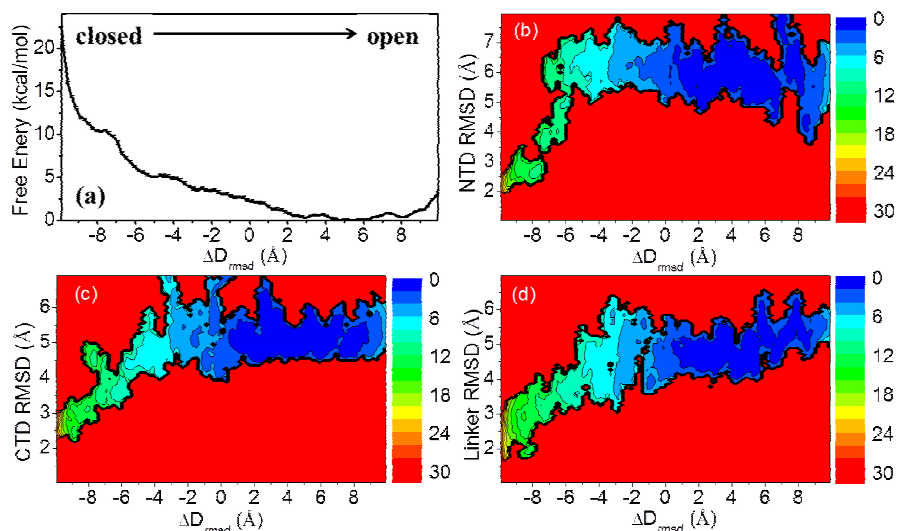


Figure S3. (a) One-dimensional free energy profiles as a function of  $\Delta D_{rmsd}$  for the conformational transition of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -bound calmodulin. (b-d) Two-dimensional free energy landscapes for the conformational transition of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -bound calmodulin as the function of  $\Delta D_{rmsd}$  and the RMSD value of different regions (N-terminal domain, C-terminal domain, central  $\alpha$ -helix linker) to their closed states. The contours are spaced at intervals of 2.0 kcal/mol.

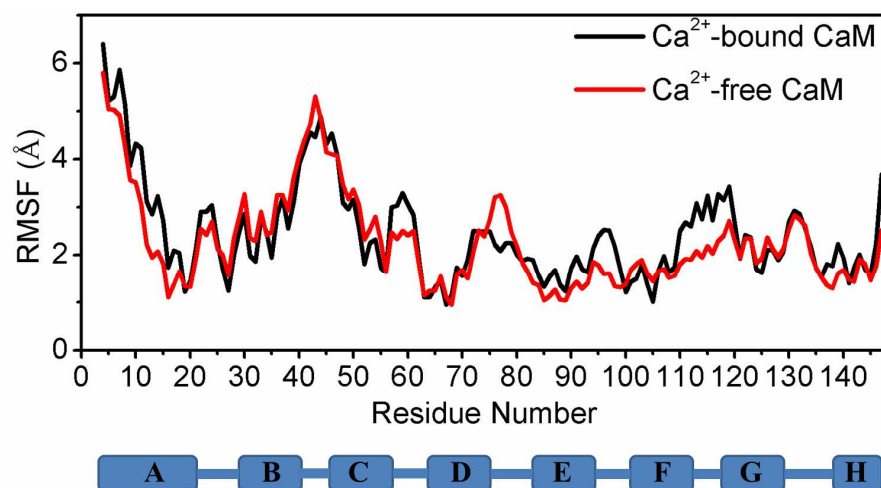


Figure S4. The root-mean-square-fluctuation (RMSF) vs sequence index in Ca<sup>2+</sup>-free and Ca<sup>2+</sup>-bound calmodulin measured from conventional MD simulation. The helix secondary structure is indicated below the plot.