

Supplementary information to:

Theoretical encapsulation of Fluorouracil (5-FU) anti-cancer chemotherapy drug into carbon nanotubes (CNT) and boron nitride nanotubes (BNNT)

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Details on Computations

The potential energy of the molecule 5-FU (E) is defined as below [1]:

$$E = E_{val} + E_{nb} \quad (S1)$$

where E_{val} is valence or bonded interactions, and E_{nb} refers to non-bonded interactions which are the superposition of the van der Waals energy (E_{vdW}) and Coulombic energy (E_Q) (as shown in Eq. S2) [1]:

$$E_{nb} = E_{vdW} + E_Q \quad (S2)$$

E_{vdW} depends on the two parameters of D_0 and R_0 , which are van der Waals well depth (kcal.mol⁻¹), and van der Waals bond length (as defined in Eq. S3) [1]. The obtained values of the D_0 and R_0 for each atom type of the drug 5-FU are tabulated in Table S1.

$$E_{vdW} = D_0 \left(\left(\frac{R}{R_0} \right)^{-12} - 2 \left(\frac{R}{R_0} \right)^{-6} \right) \quad (S3)$$

Table S1. Van der Waals parameters of 5-FU atoms.

Atom Type	R_0 (Å)	D_0 (Kcal.mol ⁻¹)
C_R	3.458	0.0950
N_R	3.293	0.1450
F_	2.928	0.3050
O_2	3.128	0.2150
H_A	2.852	0.0100
H_	2.852	0.0100

The valence interaction comprises of the bonding stretch (E_B), bond-angle bend (E_A), dihedral angle torsion (E_T), and inversion terms (E_I) as represented in Eq. S4 [1]:

$$E_{val} = E_B + E_A + E_T + E_I \quad (S4)$$

The Bond stretch interaction is described as below [1]:

$$E_B = K_e (R - R_e)^2 \quad (S5)$$

The force constant (K_e) and anharmonic terms near equilibrium (R_e) for bond types of the drug 5-FU are reported in Table S2.

Table S2. K_e and R_e constants for bond types of drug 5-FU

Bond Type	K_e (Kcal.mol ⁻¹ . Å ⁻²)	R_e (Å)
C_R-N_R	350	1.340
C_R-C_R	525	1.390
C_R-O_2	700	0.970
N_R-H_A	350	1.020
C_R-H_	350	1.020
C_R-F_	350	1.301

The bond-angle bend interaction energy (E_A) between is defined in Eq. S6 [1]. The values of equilibrium angle (θ_J°) and force constant (K_{IJK}) for angle types of the drug 5-FU are summarized in Table S3.

$$E_A = E_{IJK} = K_{IJK}(\theta_{IJK} - \theta_J^\circ)^2 \quad (S6)$$

Table S3. Quantities of θ_J° and K_{IJK} for angle types of the drug 5-FU

Angle Type	K_{IJK} (kcal.mol ⁻¹ .rad ⁻²)	θ_J° (rad)
C_R-C_R-N_R	50	120.00
N_R-C_R-O_2	50	120.00
C_R-C_R-O_2	50	120.00
C_R-N_R-C_R	50	120.00
C_R-N_R-H_A	50	120.00
N_R-C_R-N_R	50	120.00
N_R-C_R-H_	50	120.00
C_R-C_R-H_	50	120.00
C_R-C_R-C_R	50	120.00
C_R-C_R-F_	50	120.00

The torsion or dihedral interaction energy (E_D) for two bonds IJ and KL connected with bond is defined as below [1]:

$$E_D = E_{IJKL} = V_{JK}(1 - \cos(n_{IL}(\varphi - \varphi_{JK}^\circ))) \quad (S7)$$

where V_{JK} , n_{IL} , and φ_{JK}° correspond to the barrier to rotation, the periodicity, and the equilibrium angle constants. The values of these constants for dihedral types of the drug 5-FU are summarized in Table S4.

Table S4. The values of V_{JK} , n_{IL} , and ϕ_{JK}° for dihedral types of the drug 5-FU

Dihedral Type	V_{JK} (Kcal.mol ⁻¹)	n_{IL}	ϕ_{JK}°
C_R-C_R-N_R-C_R	5	2	0
C_R-C_R-N_R-H_A	5	2	0
O_2-C_R-N_R-C_R	5	2	0
O_2-C_R-N_R-H_A	5	2	0
C_R-C_R-C_R-N_R	5	2	0
N_R-C_R-C_R-F	5	2	0
C_R-C_R-C_R-O_2	5	2	0
F-C_R-C_R-O_2	5	2	0
N_R-C_R-N_R-C_R	5	2	0
N_R-C_R-N_R-H_A	5	2	0
H-C_R-N_R-C_R	5	2	0
H-C_R-N_R-H_A	5	2	0
C_R-C_R-C_R-H	5	2	0
F-C_R-C_R-H	5	2	0

The improper (inversion) interaction energy (E_I) for drug 5-FU with planar equilibrium geometry is considered in Eq. S8 [1].

$$E_I = E_{IJKL} = K_I(1 - \cos\Psi_I) \quad (\text{S8})$$

where Ψ_I is an angle between the IL bond and JK plane. The values of force constant K_I for improper types of the drug 5-FU are listed in Table S5.

Table S5. values of K_I for improper types of the drug 5-FU

Improper Type	K_I (kcal.mol ⁻¹ .rad ⁻²)
C_R-C_R-N_R-O_2	40.00
C_R-N_R-C_R-H_A	40.00
N_R-C_R-N_R-O_2	40.00
C_R-C_R-N_R-H	40.00
C_R-C_R-C_R-F	40.00

The partial charges of atoms in drug 5-FU are reported in Table S6.

Table S6. Atomic charges of elements in drug 5-FU

Atom	Charge
C_R	0.495100
N_R	-0.494500
C_R	0.590000
N_R	-0.526200
C_R	-0.001900
C_R	0.487600
F	-0.550500
O_2	-0.390100

O_2	-0.370200
H_A	0.289100
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H	0.184300

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