

1 Supplementary Material

2 **In silico study of the mechanism of binding of the**
 3 **N-terminal region of α Synuclein to synaptic-like**
 4 **membranes**

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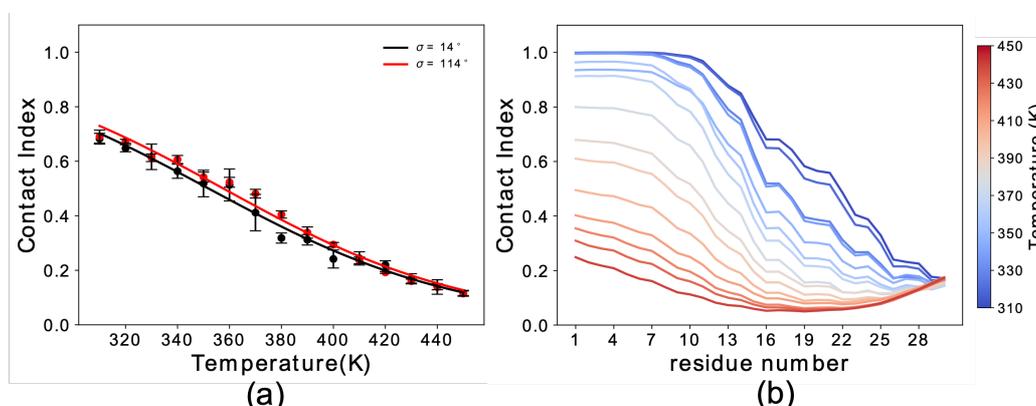
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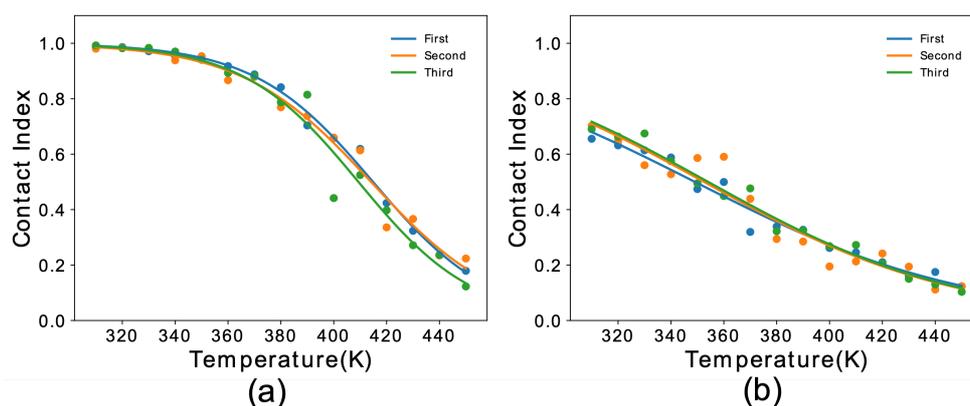


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13 **Figure S1. Effects of the variation in the σ of the restraining potential.** We assessed if the conformational
 14 properties of the extended-disordered conformation are influenced by different values of σ employed in both
 15 angle and dihedral restraints. A) Membrane-binding melting curves calculated from plotting the global contact
 16 index as a function of the temperature of the simulation. The curves calculated from simulations using σ
 17 values of 14° (black) and 114° (red) are largely similar. B) Residue specific contact indexes in the range of
 18 temperatures going from 310K (dark blue) to 450K (dark red) at step increment of 10K. Plots for α S₁₋₃₀ binding
 19 to DOPE:DOPS:DOPC lipid bilayer in the extended-disordered conformations are shown. These simulations
 20 were run with a σ value of 114° . Data using a σ value of 14° are shown in Fig. 1D.

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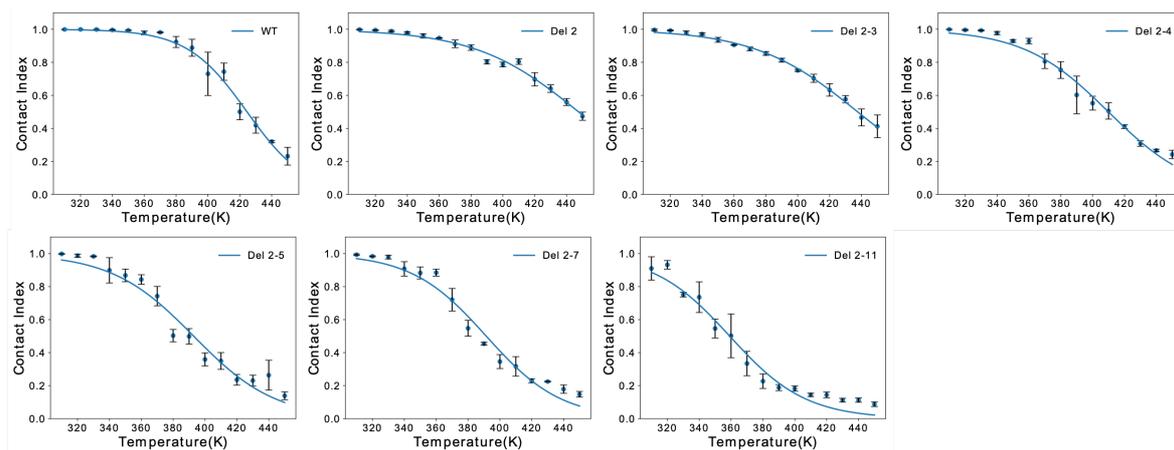
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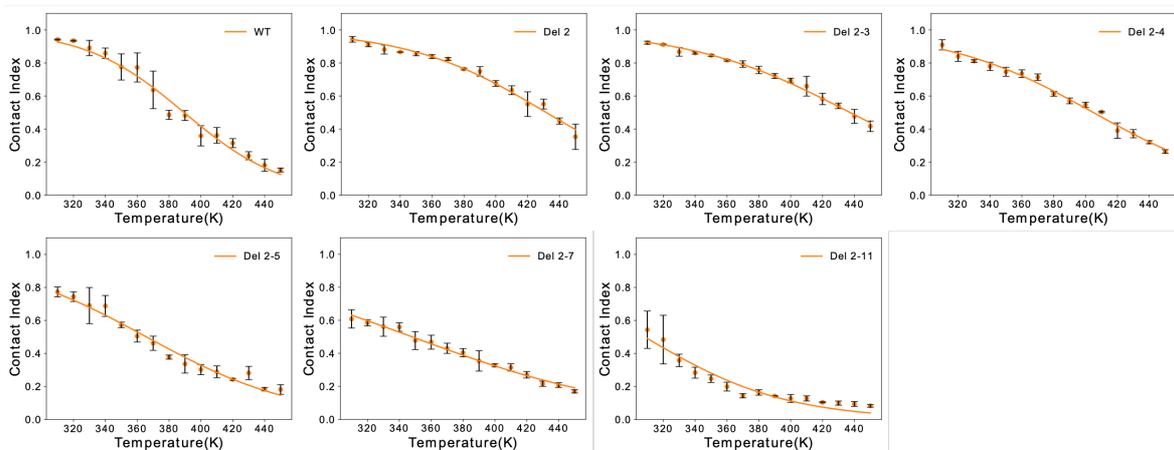
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24 **Figure S2. Simulations convergence.** The convergence of the simulations has been assessed by dividing the
25 trajectories in three equivalent and consecutive segments and by comparing observables calculated in these
26 samplings. **(a-b)** Membrane-binding melting curves calculated from plotting the global contact index as a
27 function of the temperature of the simulation. Plots for αS_{1-30} binding to DOPE:DOPS:DOPC lipid bilayer in the
28 helical **(a)** and extended-disordered **(b)** conformations are shown. First, second and third segments of the
29 simulations are shown in orange blue and green, respectively.

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(a)



(b)

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32 **Figure S3. Membrane interactions by different deletion constructs α S₁₋₃₀.** Membrane-binding melting curves
 33 calculated from plotting the global contact index as a function of the temperature of the simulation. Plots for
 34 the binding to DOPE:DOPS:DOPC by various α S constructs in the helical (a) and extended-disordered (b)
 35 conformations are shown. These plots are calculated by considering only the first 15 residues of each construct.

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