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### **Structural Basis for the Structure–Activity Behaviour of Oxaliplatin and its Enantiomeric Analogues: A Molecular Dynamics Study of Platinum-DNA Intrastrand Cross-Link Adducts**

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### S1.1 Binding energy calculation

The free energy of each species was calculated and the binding energy is defined according to the equations shown in as follows:

$$\Delta G_{\text{binding}} = G_{\text{complex}} - G_{\text{receptor}} - G_{\text{ligand}} \quad (1)$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta E_{\text{MM}} + \Delta G_{\text{solv}} - T\Delta S$$

$$\Delta E_{\text{MM}} = \Delta E_{\text{ele}} + \Delta E_{\text{vdw}}$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{solv}} = \Delta G_{\text{ele,sol}} + \Delta G_{\text{nonpol,sol}} = \Delta G_{\text{ele,sol}} + \gamma \Delta \text{SASA} + b$$

In Equation (1) the free energy is split into a ‘gas phase’ term, containing internal composed of containing internal energy ( $\Delta E_{\text{MM}}$ ) and entropic ( $T\Delta S$ ) parts, and a solvation contribution ( $\Delta G_{\text{solv}}$ ).  $\Delta E_{\text{MM}}$  denotes the molecular mechanics energy, which represents the internal energy (bond, angle and dihedral angle), van der Waals and electrostatic contributions.  $G_{\text{solv}}$  corresponds to the solvation free energy and it includes the polar contribution to solvation and nonpolar contribution, where  $\gamma$ , representing the surface tension, and  $b$ , being a constant, are empirical constants and in this work were set to 0.0072 kcal/(mol • Å<sup>2</sup>) and 0, respectively. SASA is the solvent accessible surface area (Å<sup>2</sup>) that was estimated using the MSMS algorithm with a probe radius of 1.4 Å. The conformational entropy change of the complex formation contributes to the entropy term  $T\Delta S$ . For reasons of computational economics and large standard deviations, we omitted the entropy term, thus it was deemed as relative binding energy. The binding energy was calculated from a single trajectory of the Pt-DNA complex with MM-PBSA, implemented in AMBER10. The average values and standard errors of the mean values were calculated from 200 snapshots in the last 10 ns of each MD trajectory.

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### S2.2 Bhattacharyya distance (BD) analysis

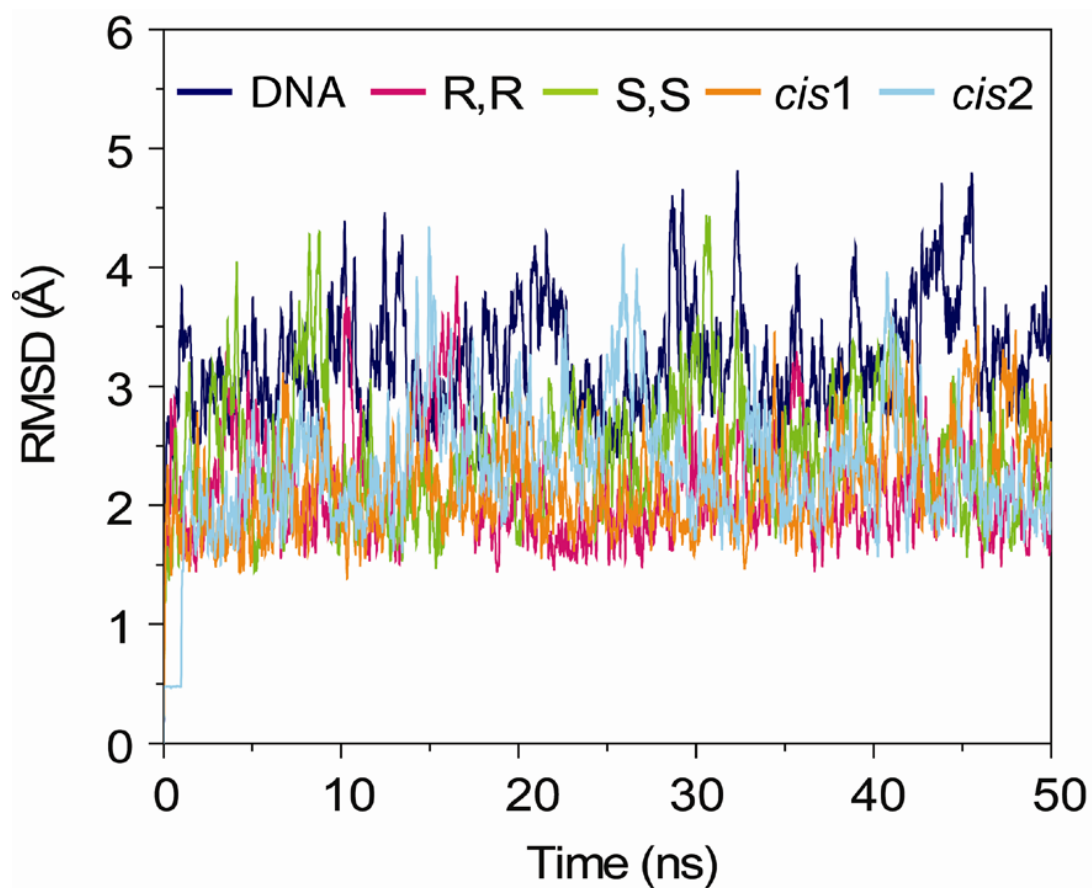
The  $BD(i,j)$  between class  $i$  and  $j$  is defined as

$$BD(i,j) = 2[1 - e^{-a(i,j)}],$$

where  $a(i,j)$  is defined as 
$$a(i,j) = \frac{1}{8}(\mathbf{m}_i - \mathbf{m}_j)^T \left( \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{\Sigma}_i + \mathbf{\Sigma}_j) \right)^{-1} (\mathbf{m}_i - \mathbf{m}_j) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left[ \frac{\left| \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{\Sigma}_i + \mathbf{\Sigma}_j) \right|}{\sqrt{|\mathbf{\Sigma}_i| |\mathbf{\Sigma}_j|}} \right],$$

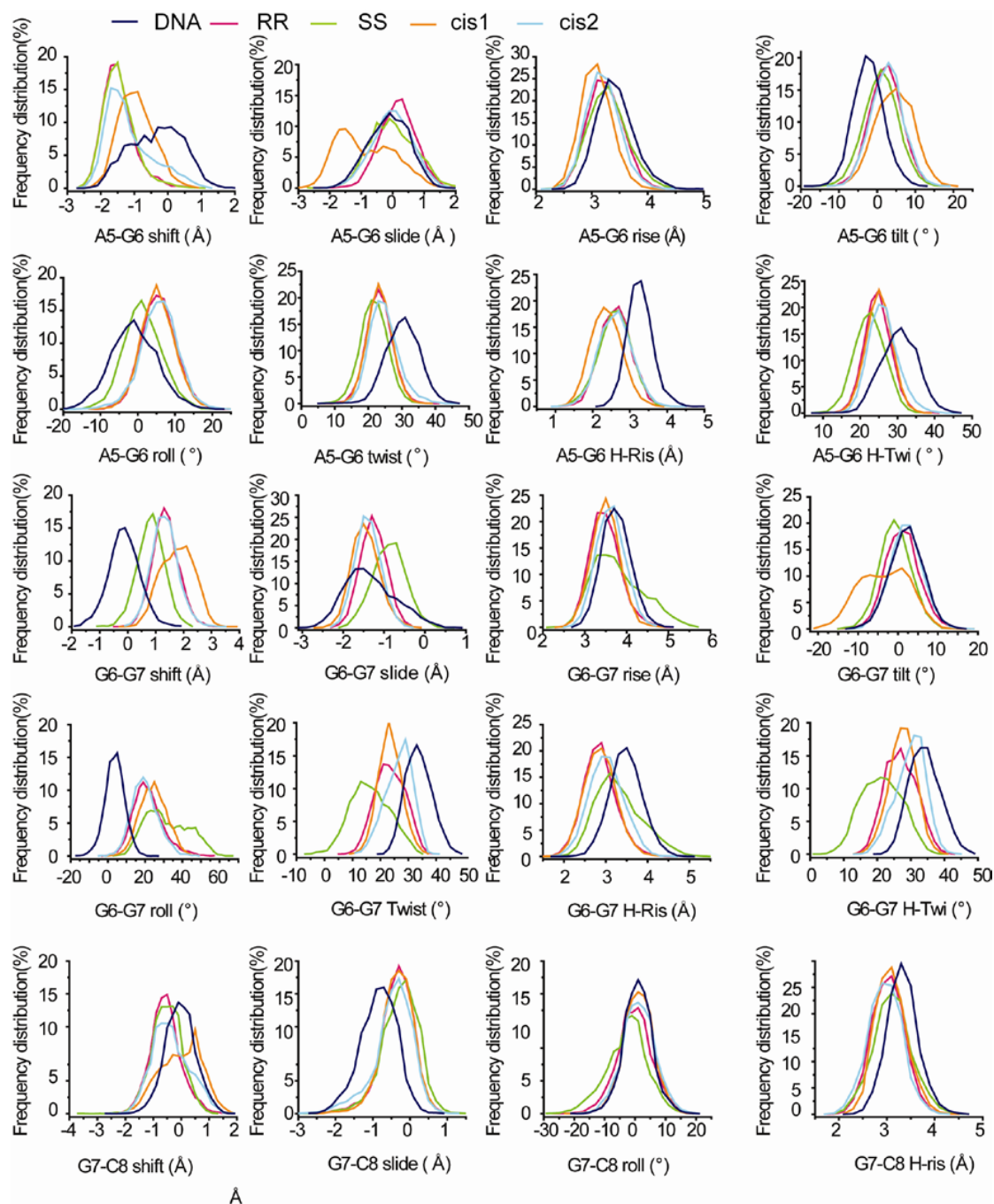
and  $\mathbf{m}_i$  and  $\mathbf{\Sigma}_i$  denote the mean and covariance matrix of class  $i$ , respectively.

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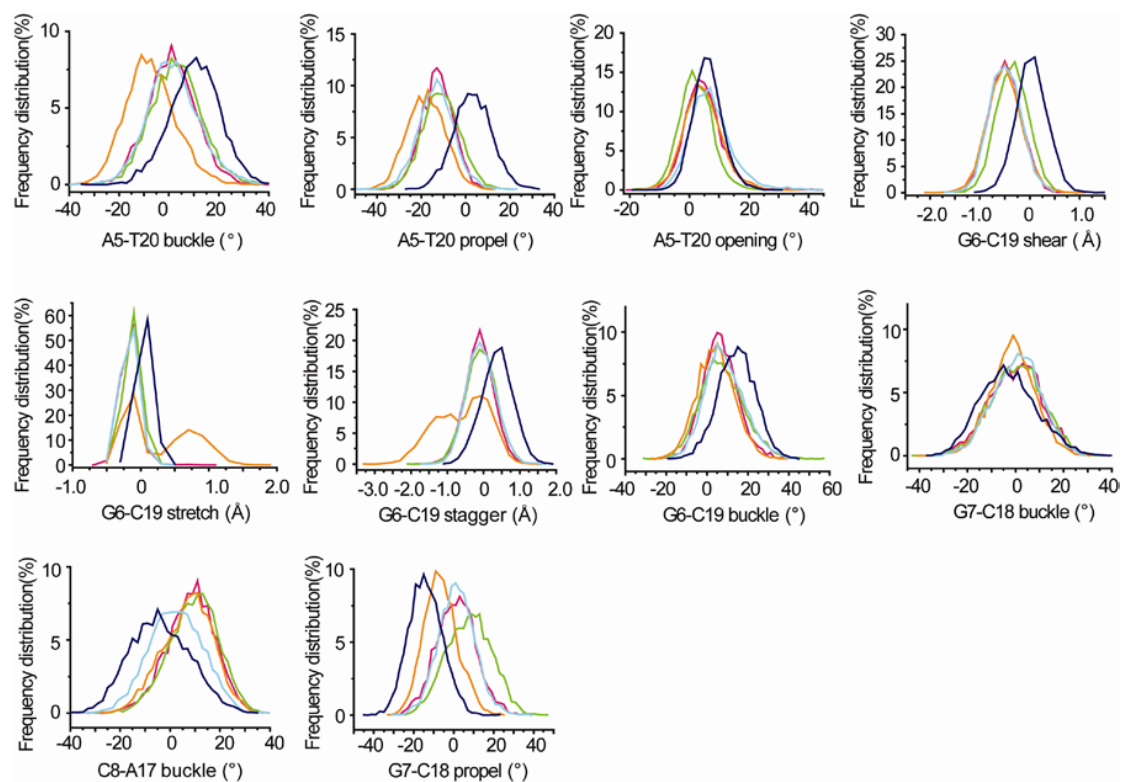
**Figure S1.** Root Mean Squared Deviations (RMSD) for molecular dynamics (MD) simulations over time. The undamaged DNA (navy) and drugs bound DNA (pink: *trans*-R,R-DACH-Pt-DNA; green: *trans*-S,S-DACH-Pt-DNA; orange: *cis1*- DACH-Pt-DNA; cyan: *cis2*-DACH-Pt-DNA) are represented as continuous lines. The values show that the positions of the drug-bound DNA remain fairly constant with minimal deviation.

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**Figure S2.** Selected frequency distributions of the representative DNA duplex base pair step helical parameters for the central four binding base pairs for the different crosslinks. Navy: undamaged DNA; pink: *trans*-*R,R*-DACH-Pt-DNA; green: *trans*-*S,S*-DACH-Pt-DNA; orange: *cis*1-DACH-Pt-DNA; cyan: *cis*2-DACH-Pt-DNA are represented as continuous lines.

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**Figure S3.** Selected frequency distributions of the representative DNA duplex base pair helical parameters for the central four binding base pairs for the different crosslinks. Navy: undamaged DNA; pink: *trans*-*R,R*-DACH-Pt-DNA; green: *trans*-*S,S*-DACH-Pt-DNA; orange: *cis*1-DACH-Pt-DNA; cyan: *cis*2-DACH-Pt-DNA are represented as continuous lines.

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**Table S1.** Estimated relative binding energy of DNA duplexes from MM-PBSA

	<i>R,R-trans</i>		<i>S,S-trans</i>		<i>cis1</i>		<i>cis2</i>	
#	Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE	Mean	SE
$\Delta E(\text{ele})$	-1109.5	2.3	-1149.8	1.6	-1155.2	1.7	-1118.7	1.9
$\Delta E(\text{vdw})$	-10.1	0.1	-10.4	0.1	-14.9	0.2	-9.9	0.1
$\Delta E(\text{internal})$	9.7	0.1	9.9	0.2	9.8	0.2	10.4	0.1
$\Delta E(\text{gas})$	-1109.9	2.4	-1150.2	1.7	-1160.3	1.8	-1118.3	1.9
$\Delta E(\text{PBsur})$	-1.7	0.0	-1.7	0.0	-2.2	0.0	-1.5	0.0
$\Delta E(\text{PBcal})$	990.3	2.3	1033.2	1.7	1045.9	1.7	1010.4	2.0
$\Delta E(\text{PBsol})$	988.6	2.3	1031.5	1.7	1043.8	1.7	1008.8	2.0
$\Delta E(\text{PBele})$	-119.3	0.6	-116.5	0.6	-109.3	0.5	-108.3	0.6
$\Delta G(\text{PBtot})$	-121.3	0.7	-118.6	0.6	-116.5	0.6	-109.4	0.6

$\Delta E(\text{ele})$  = Electrostatic energy

$\Delta E(\text{vdw})$  = van der Waals energy

$\Delta E(\text{gas})$  = total gas phase energy ( $\Delta E_{\text{ele}} + \Delta E_{\text{vdw}} + \Delta E_{\text{internal}}$ )

$\Delta E(\text{PBsur})$  = nonpolar solvation energy

$\Delta E(\text{PBcal})$  = polar solvation energy

$\Delta E(\text{PBsol})$  = total solvation energy ( $\Delta E_{\text{PBsur}} + \Delta E_{\text{PBcal}}$ )

$\Delta E(\text{PBele})$  = total electrostatic energy ( $\Delta E_{\text{ele}} + \Delta E_{\text{PBcal}}$ )

$\Delta G(\text{PBtot})$  = enthalpy of binding ( $\Delta E_{\text{gas}} + \Delta E_{\text{PBcal}}$ )

SE = standard error of mean