

# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**Mechanistic insights into the stimulant properties of novel psychoactive substances (NPS) and their discrimination by the dopamine transporter – *in silico* and *in vitro* exploration of dissociative diarylethylamines**

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Table S1. The convergence of the calculated free energy change (kcal/mol) in each perturbation for the five compounds in the bound (protein-ligand complex in water) state. (N.B. This is not the change of the binding free energy). The error was estimated based on the standard deviation of all the values used in the estimation of the final value.

Compound	$\Delta G_4$ w.r.t. DPH (kcal/mol) 100ns	$\Delta G_4$ w.r.t. DPH (kcal/mol) 150ns	$\Delta G_4$ w.r.t. DPH (kcal/mol) 175ns	Average $\Delta G_4$ w.r.t. DPH (kcal/mol)
DPH	0	0	0	0
3-MXP	1.19	1.25	1.28	$1.25 \pm 0.5$
4-MXP	1.84	1.89	1.92	$1.89 \pm 0.5$
2-Cl-DPH	-6.77	-6.80	-6.84	$-6.84 \pm 0.7$
2-MXP	15.51	15.59	16.02	$15.59 \pm 0.8$

		●----- N-terminus -----●●	
hDAT	1	<b>MSKSKCSVGLMSSVVAPAKEPNAVGPKEVELILVKEQNGVQLTSSTLTNPRQSPVEAQDRETWGGKIDFLLS</b>	72
rDAT	1	<b>MSKSKCSVGPMSVVAPAKESNAVGPREVELILVKEQNGVQLTNSLTINPPQTPVEAQERETWSKKIDFLLS</b>	72
mDAT	1	<b>MSKSKCSVGPMSVVAPAKEPNAVGPREVELILVKEQNGVQLTNSLTINPPQTPVEVQERETWSKKIDFLLS</b>	72
dDAT	1	<b>MSPT---GHISKSKTPTPHDN-----DNNSI-----SDERETWSGKIDFLLS</b>	39
		----- TM1 ----- ● EL1 ● ----- TM2 ----- ● IL1 ● -----	
hDAT	73	<b>VIGFAVDLANVWRFPYLCYKNGGGAFLLVPYLLFMVIAGMPLFYME<b>LALGQFNREGAAGVW-KICPILKGVGF</b></b>	143
rDAT	73	<b>VIGFAVDLANVWRFPYLCYKNGGGAFLLVPYLLFMVIAGMPLFYME<b>LALGQFNREGAAGVW-KICPVLRGVGF</b></b>	143
mDAT	73	<b>VIGFAVDLANVWRFPYLCYKNGGGAFLLVPYLLFMVIAGMPLFYME<b>LALGQFNREGAAGVW-KICPVLRGVGF</b></b>	143
dDAT	40	<b>VIGFAVDLANVWRFPYLCYKNGGGAFLLVPYIGMLVVGIGIPLFYME<b>LALGQHNRKGAITCWGRVLPFLKIGIV</b></b>	111
		----- TM3 ----- ● EL2	
hDAT	144	<b>TVLILISLYVGFYFNVIWAALHYLFSSFTTELPWIHCNNSWNSPNC-----</b>	189
rDAT	144	<b>TVLILISFYVGFYFNVIWAALHYFFSSFTMDLPWIHCNNTWNSPNC-----</b>	189
mDAT	144	<b>TVLILISFYVGFYFNVIWAALHYFFSSFTMDLPWIHCNNTWNSPNC-----</b>	189
dDAT	112	<b>AVVLIAFYVDFYFNVIWAALSLRFFASFTNSLPWTSNNIWNTPNCRPFESQNASRVPVIGNYSGLYAMGNQ</b>	183
		EL2 ●----- TM4 -----●	
hDAT	190	<b>----SDAHPGDS<b>SGD</b>SSGLNDTFG--TTPAAEYFERGVLLHSHGIDDLGPPRWQLTACLVLVIVLLYFSLW</b>	256
rDAT	190	<b>----SDAHASN<b>SS-D</b>GLGLNDTGG--TTPAAEYFERGVLLHSHGIDDLGPPRWQLTACLVLVIVLLYFSLW</b>	255
mDAT	190	<b>----SDAHSSN<b>SS-D</b>GLGLNDTGG--TTPAAEYFERGVLLHSHGIDDLGPPRWQLTACLVLVIVLLYFSLW</b>	255
dDAT	184	<b>SLLYNETYMNG<b>SSLD</b>TSAVGHVEGFQSAASEYFNRYILELNRSEGIHDLGAIKWDMALCLLIVYLICYFSLW</b>	255
		IL2 ●----- TM5 -----● EL3 ●----- TM6 -----●	
hDAT	257	<b>KGVKTS<b>SGKVVV</b>WITATMPYVVL<b>TALLLR</b>GVTLPGAIDGIRAYLSVDFYRLCEASVWID<b>DAATQVCF</b>SLGVGFV</b>	328
rDAT	256	<b>KGVKTS<b>SGKVVV</b>WITATMPYVVL<b>TALLLR</b>GVTLPGAMDGIRAYLSVDFYRLCEASVWID<b>DAATQVCF</b>SLGVGFV</b>	327
mDAT	256	<b>KGVKTS<b>SGKVVV</b>WITATMPYVVL<b>TALLLR</b>GVTLPGAMDGIRAYLSVDFYRLCEASVWID<b>DAATQVCF</b>SLGVGFV</b>	327
dDAT	256	<b>KGIST<b>SGKVVV</b>WITALFPYAVLL<b>LIRGL</b>TLPGSFLGIQYYLTPNFSAIYKAEVWV<b>DAATQVCF</b>SLGPGFV</b>	327
		----- ● IL3 ●----- TM7 -----● EL4	
hDAT	329	<b>LIAFSSYN<b>KFT</b>NNCYRDAIVTTSINSLTSFSSGFVVFSFLGYMAQKHSVP<b>IGD</b>VAKDGPGLIFIIYPEAIAT</b>	400
rDAT	328	<b>LIAFSSYN<b>KFT</b>NNCYRDAIITTSINSLTSFSSGFVVFSFLGYMAQKHNVP<b>IRD</b>VATDGPGLIFIIYPEAIAT</b>	399
mDAT	328	<b>LIAFSSYN<b>KFT</b>NNCYRDAIITTSINSLTSFSSGFVVFSFLGYMAQKHNVP<b>IRD</b>VATDGPGLIFIIYPEAIAT</b>	399
dDAT	328	<b>LIAFSSYN<b>KYH</b>NNVYKDAL<b>L</b>TSFINSATSFIAGFVIFSVLGYMAHTLGVR<b>IED</b>VATEGPLVFFVYPAIAT</b>	399
		●----- TM8 -----● IL4 ●----- TM9 -----● EL5 ●-----	
hDAT	401	<b>LPLSSAWAVVFFIMLLTLGID<b>SAMGGMES</b>VITGLID<b>DEF</b>QLLH<b>RHRE</b>LFTLFIVLATFLLSLFCVTNGGIYVF</b>	472
rDAT	400	<b>LPLSSAWAAVFFIMLLTLGID<b>SAMGGMES</b>VITGLV<b>DEF</b>QLLH<b>RHRE</b>LFTLGIVLATFLLSLFCVTNGGIYVF</b>	471
mDAT	400	<b>LPLSSAWAAVFFIMLLTLGID<b>SAMGGMES</b>VITGLV<b>DEF</b>QLLH<b>RHRE</b>LFTLGIVLATFLLSLFCVTNGGIYVF</b>	471
dDAT	400	<b>MPASTFWALIFFMLLTLGID<b>SS</b>FGG<b>SEAI</b>ITAL<b>SDEF</b>PKIK<b>RNR</b>ELFVAGLFSLYFVVGLASCTQGGFYVF</b>	471
		----- TM10 -----● IL5 ●----- TM11 -----●	
hDAT	473	<b>TLLDHF<b>AA</b>AGTSILFGV<b>LI</b>E<b>AI</b>GVAVFYGVQ<b>Q</b>FSDDIQMTGQRPSLYWRLC<b>W</b>KLVS<b>P</b>CFLLFVVVVSIVTFR</b>	544
rDAT	472	<b>TLLDHF<b>AA</b>AGTSILFGV<b>LI</b>E<b>AI</b>GVAVFYGVQ<b>Q</b>FSDDIKQMTGQRPNLYWRLC<b>W</b>KLVS<b>P</b>CFLLYVVVVSIVTFR</b>	543
mDAT	472	<b>TLLDHF<b>AA</b>AGTSILFGV<b>LI</b>E<b>AI</b>GVAVFYGVQ<b>Q</b>FSDDIKQMTGQRPNLYWRLC<b>W</b>KLVS<b>P</b>CFLLYVVVVSIVTFR</b>	543
dDAT	472	<b>HLLDRY<b>AA</b>AGYSILVAV<b>FF</b>E<b>AI</b>AVSWIYGTNR<b>F</b>---SEDIRDMIGFP<b>PG</b>RY<b>W</b>QVCWRV<b>V</b>APIFLLFITVYGLI</b>	543
		●----- EL6 -----●----- TM12 -----●●	
hDAT	545	<b>PPHYGAYIFPDWANALGWVIATSSMAMVPIYAA<b>Y</b>KFC<b>S</b>LPGSFREKLAYAI<b>A</b>PEKDRE---LVDRGEVR<b>QFT</b></b>	613
rDAT	544	<b>PPHYGAYIFPDWANALGWIIATSSMAMVPIYAT<b>Y</b>KFC<b>S</b>LPGSFREKLAYAI<b>T</b>PEK<b>D</b>HQ---LVDRGEVR<b>QFT</b></b>	612
mDAT	544	<b>PPHYGAYIFPDWANALGWIIATSSMAMVPIYAT<b>Y</b>KFC<b>S</b>LPGSFREKLAYAI<b>T</b>PEK<b>D</b>RQ---LVDRGEVR<b>QFT</b></b>	612
dDAT	544	<b>GYEPLTYADVYVPSWANALGWCIAGSSVVMIPAVAI<b>F</b>KL<b>L</b>STPGSLRQ<b>R</b>FTILTTPWR<b>Q</b>QSMAMV<b>L</b>NGV<b>T</b></b>	612
		----- C-terminus -----●	
hDAT	614	<b>LRHWLKV</b>	620
rDAT	613	<b>LRHWLLL</b>	619
mDAT	613	<b>LRHWLLV</b>	619
dDAT	613	<b>EVTVVRLTDTETAKEPV<b>D</b></b>	631

**Figure S1:** Alignment of human (hDAT), rat (rDAT), mouse (mDAT) and fruit-fly (dDAT) amino acid sequences. Conservation > 99% is indicated in black and highlights the high conservation at the transmembrane (TM) regions, especially TM1-10. Positively charged residues are coloured in red and negatively charged residues in cyan. The figure was prepared using Alignment-annotator web server [42].

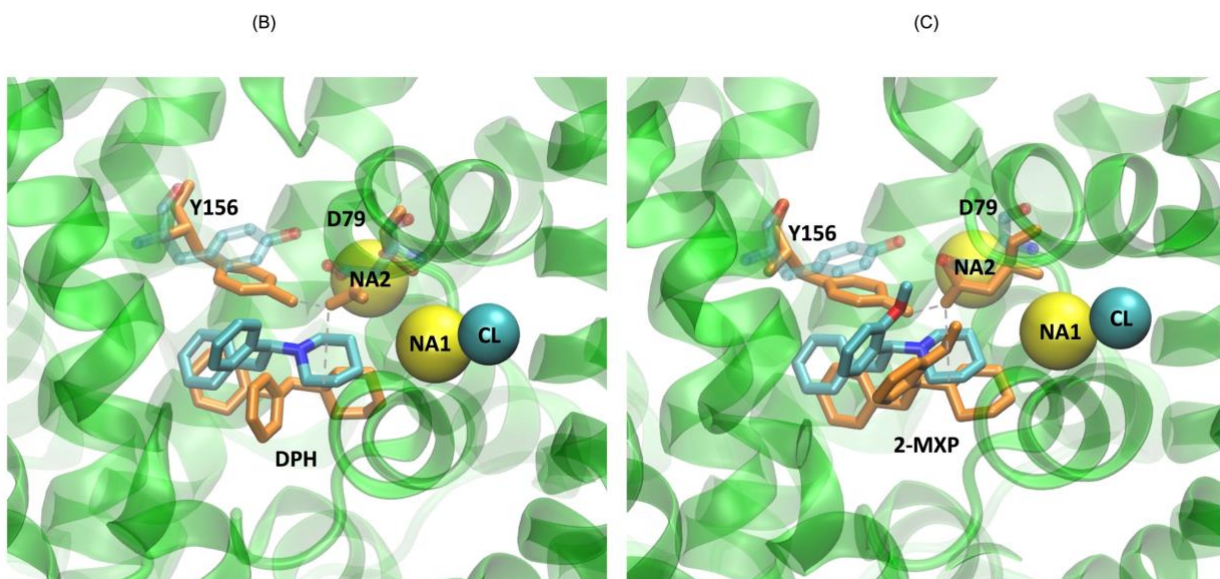
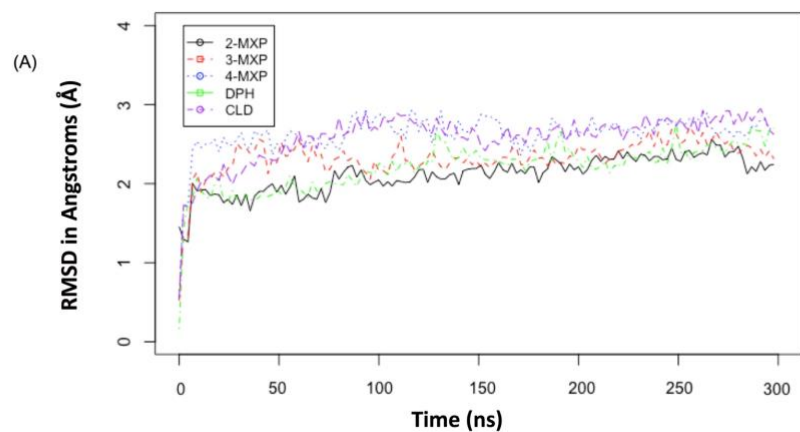
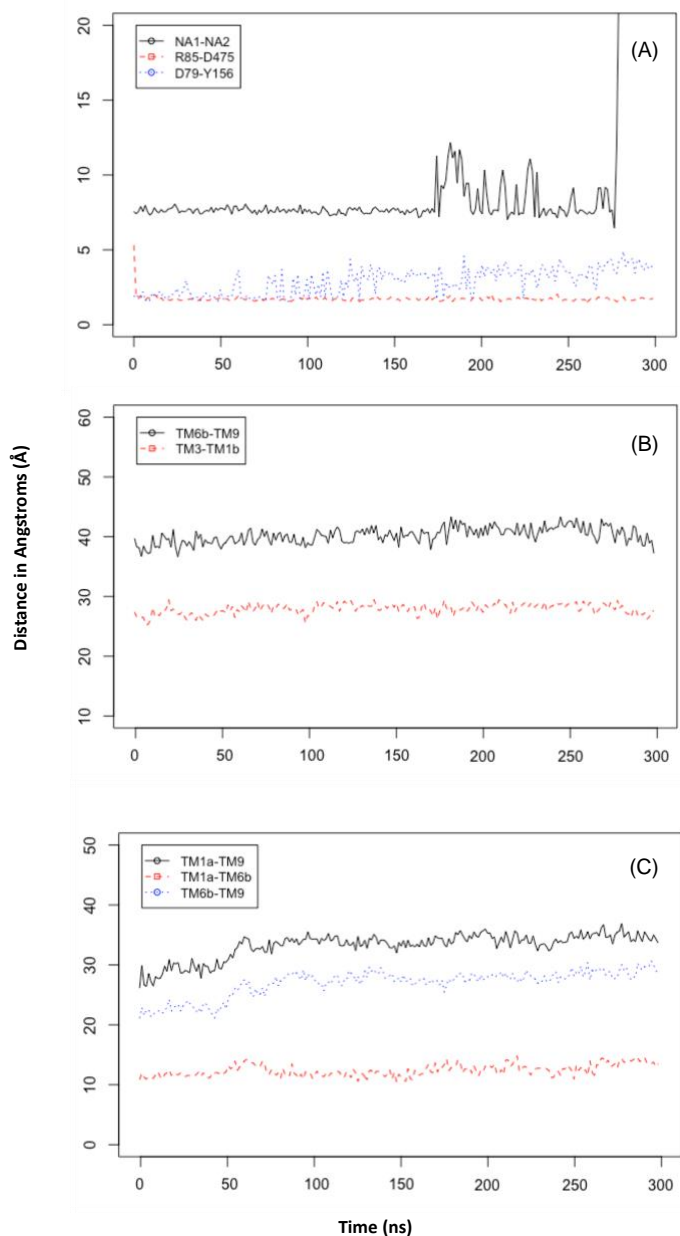
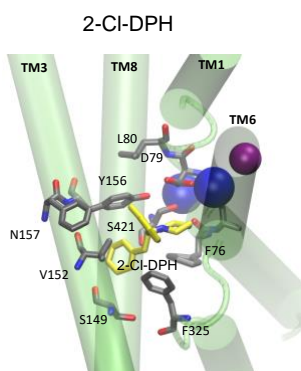
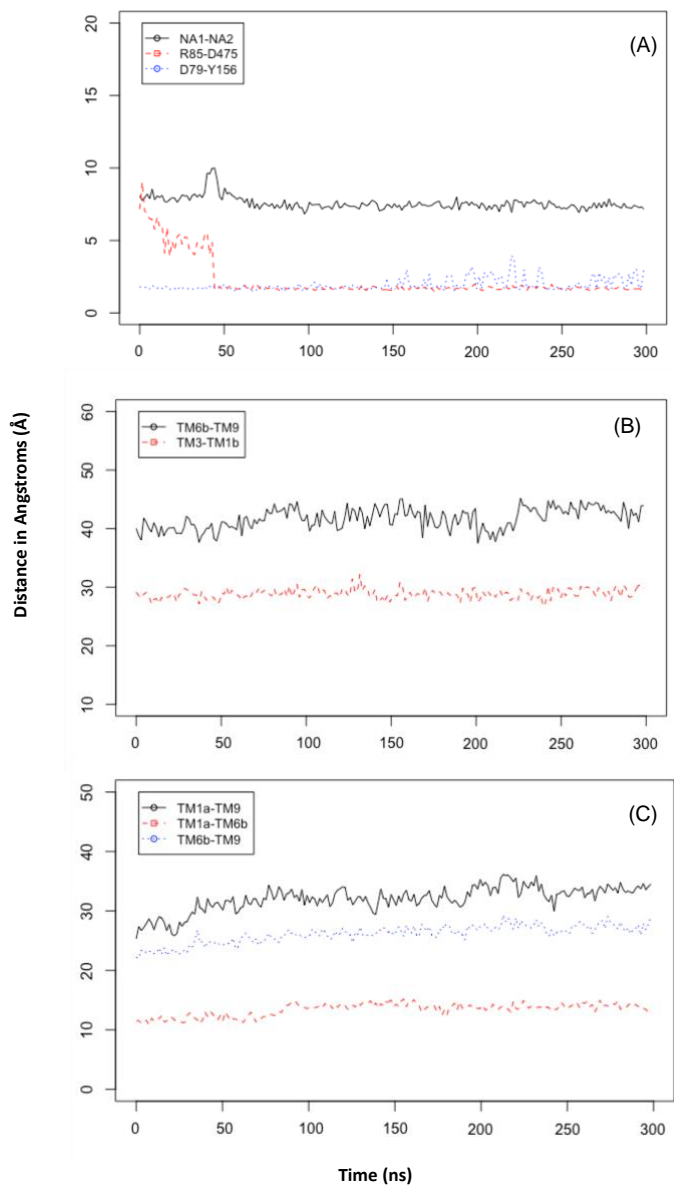
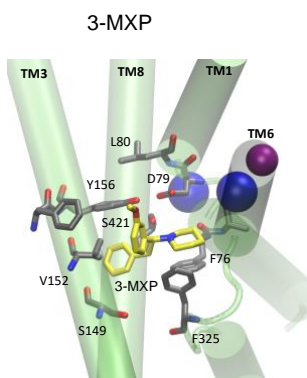


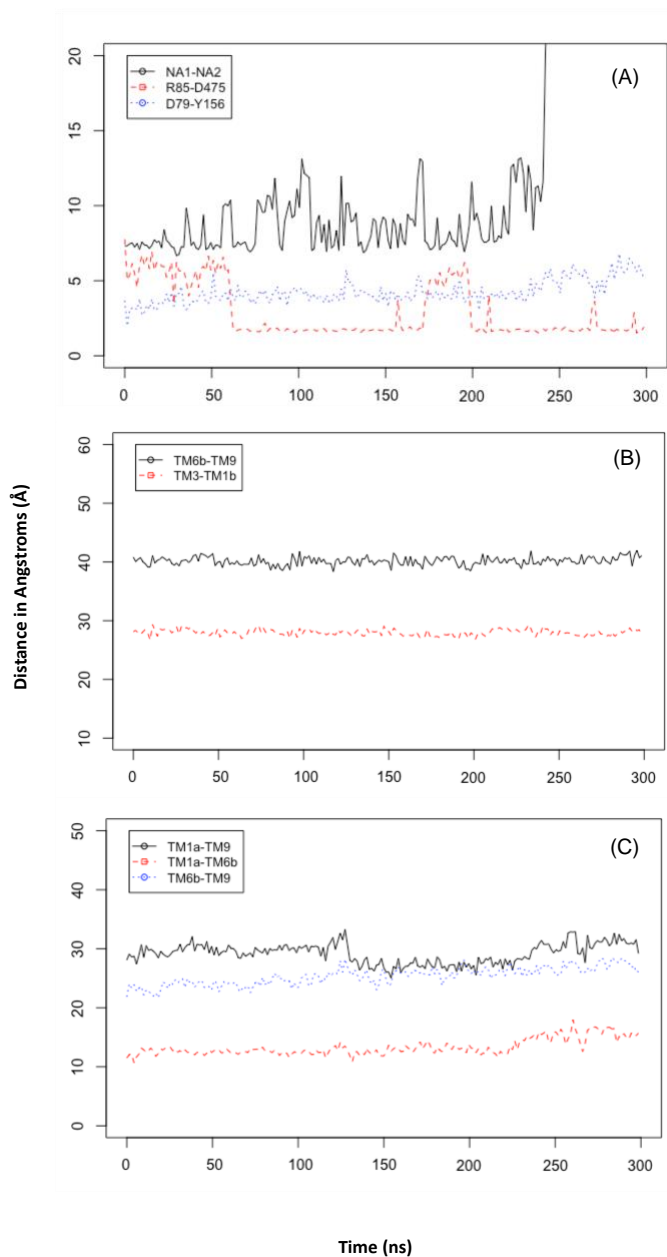
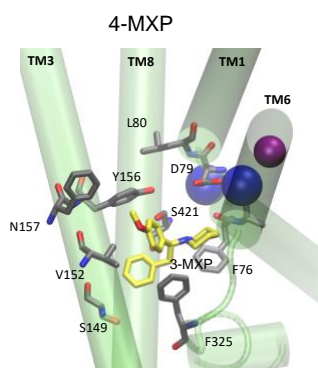
Figure S2: (A) RMSD graph and superimposition of compounds at the binding site after docking (cyan) and after 100ns (orange) of unbiased MD for (B) DPH and (C) 2-MXP. Internal sodium and chloride ions are depicted as yellow and cyan coloured spheres. Dashed lines refer to the salt bridge interaction between Asp79 and the protonated amine of the respective compound as well as the hydrogen bond between the OH group of Tyr156 and Asp79.



**Figure S3:** Time evolution in the simulations for rDAT when bound to 2-Cl-DPH. (A) depicts the distances between D79 and Y156, Na1 and Na2 and R85 and D475. (B) and (C) depict the C $\beta$ -C $\beta$  distances between residues in various extracellular and intracellular transmembrane (TM) segments respectively for I67 (in TM1a) and L446 (in TM9), I67 (in TM1a) and S332 (in TM6b) and S332 (in TM6b) and L446 (in TM9); E306 (in TM6a) and F171 (in TM3); and F171 (in TM3) and K92 (in TM1b).



**Figure S4:** Time evolution in the simulations for rDAT when bound to 3-MXP. (A) depicts the distances between D79 and Y156, Na1 and Na2 and R85 and D475. (B) and (C) depict the C $\beta$ -C $\beta$  distances between residues in various extracellular and intracellular transmembrane (TM) segments respectively for I67 (in TM1a) and L446 (in TM9), I67 (in TM1a) and S332 (in TM6b) and S332 (in TM6b) and L446 (in TM9); E306 (in TM6a) and F171 (in TM3); and F171 (in TM3) and K92 (in TM1b).



**Figure S5:** Time evolution in the simulations for rDAT when bound to 4-MXP. (A) depicts the distances between D79 and Y156, Na1 and Na2 and R85 and D475. (B) and (C) depict the C $\beta$ -C $\beta$  distances between residues in various extracellular and intracellular transmembrane (TM) segments respectively for I67 (in TM1a) and L446 (in TM9), I67 (in TM1a) and S332 (in TM6b) and S332 (in TM6b) and L446 (in TM9); E306 (in TM6a) and F171 (in TM3); and F171 (in TM3) and K92 (in TM1b).