

Molecular Dynamics Simulations for the Michaelis Complex of Ectoine Synthase (EctC)

Justyna Andrys-Olek, Johann Heider and Tomasz Borowski

Supplementary Materials

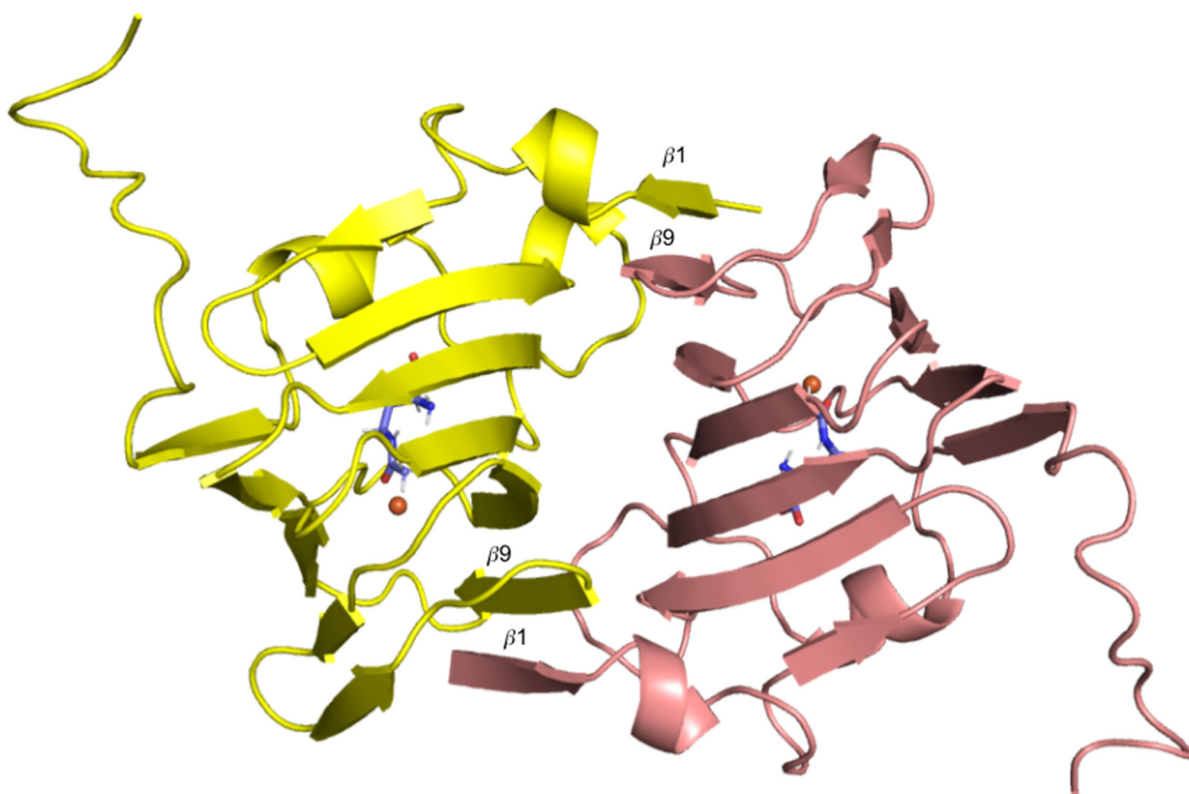


Figure S1. Ectoine synthase dimer from *P. Lautus* (PDB: 5ONN) with both monomers occupied by the ligand molecules. Interface of dimerization marked with labels of interacting β -strands.

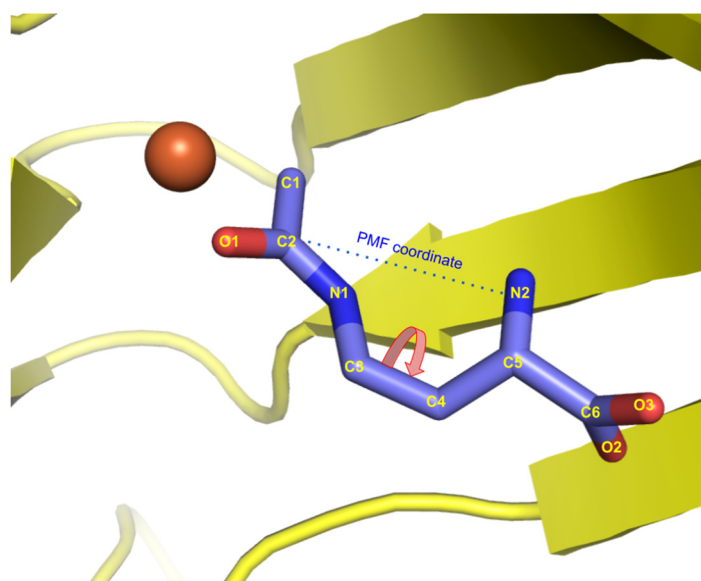


Figure S2. The substrate geometry from the 5ONN crystal structure. Atoms labelled and PMF reaction coordinate (C2-N2 distance) indicated with blue dotted line. N1-C3-C4-C5 dihedral marked with a red bent arrow.

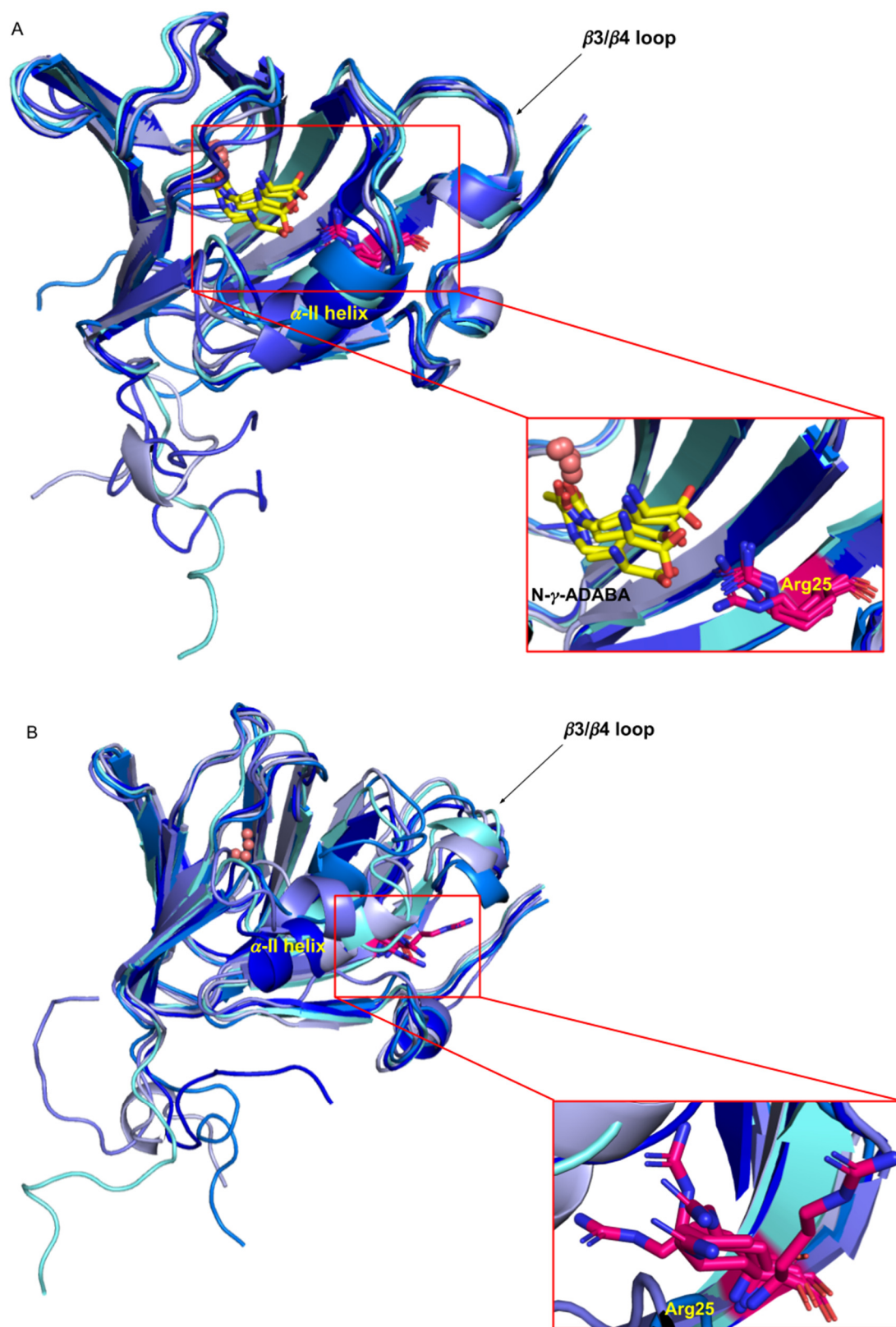
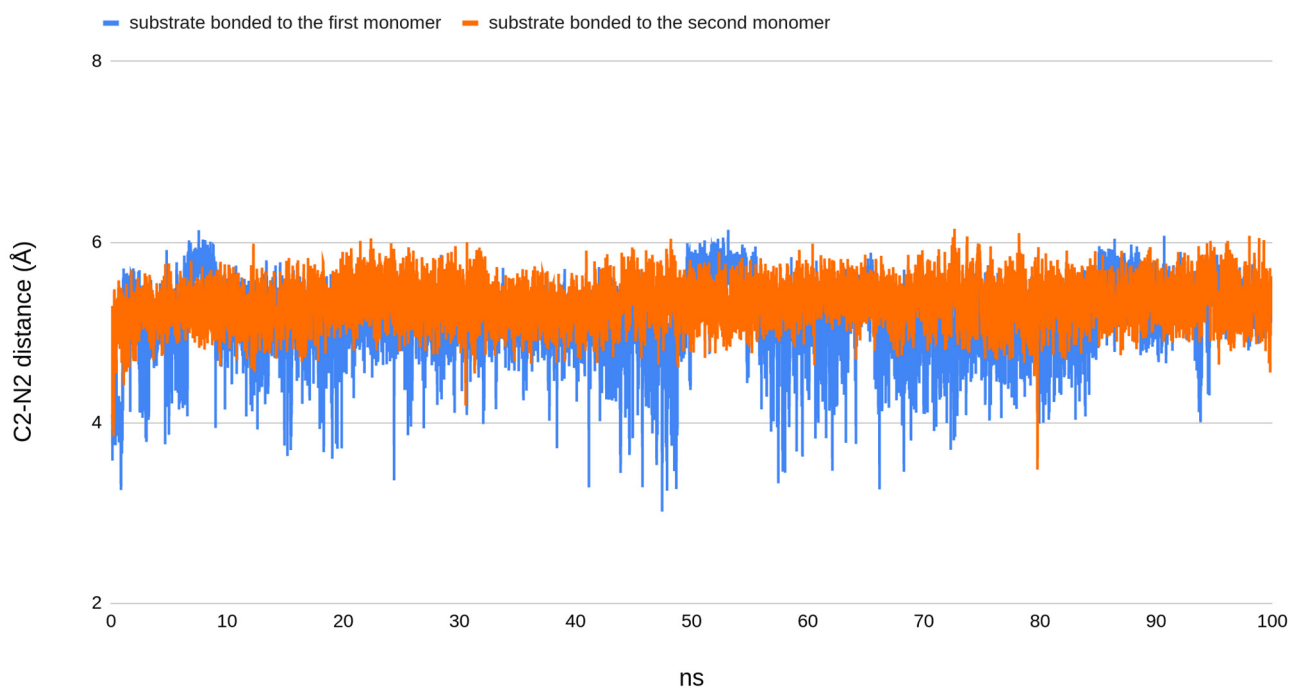


Figure S3. Structural alignment of five centroid geometries for the occupied (A) and empty (B) EctC monomers. A: Zoom into the Arg25-N- γ -ADABA mutual orientation. B: zoom into the multiple orientations of Arg25.

C2-N2 distance in substrate molecules in bonded model (Trp21-A)



C2-N2 distance in substrate molecules in bonded model (Trp21-B)

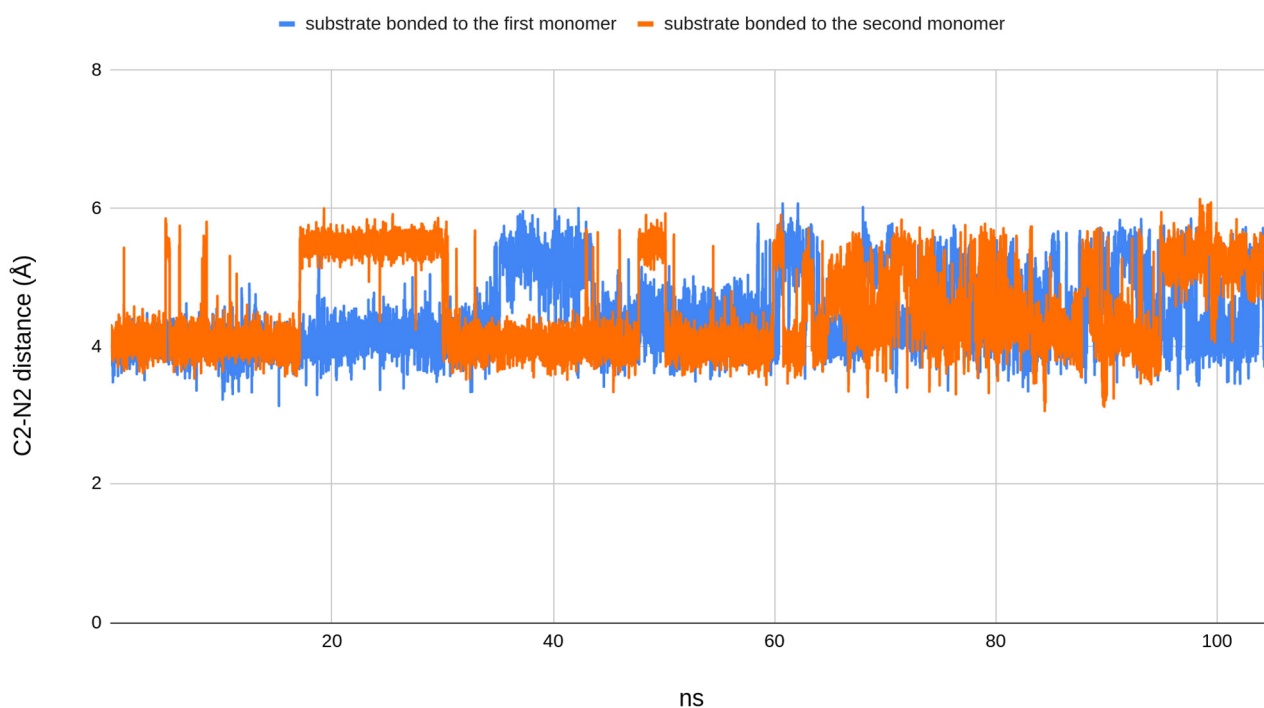


Figure S4. Graph of the C2-N2 distance in N- γ -ADABA molecules bonded to both monomers in the EctC dimer for the model γ with the Trp21-A or Trp21-B conformation. **Top:** Graph of the C2-N2 distance in N- γ -ADABA molecules bonded to both γ monomers in the EctC dimer for the model with the **Trp21-A** conformation. **Bottom:** Graph of the C2-N2 distance in N- γ -ADABA molecules bonded to both monomers in the EctC dimer for the model with the **Trp21-B** conformation. The measurements were extracted from the 100 ns long MD simulations for the bonded model with tetrahedral geometry around Fe^{2+} .

$C\alpha$ - $C\beta$ - $C\gamma$ - $N\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21

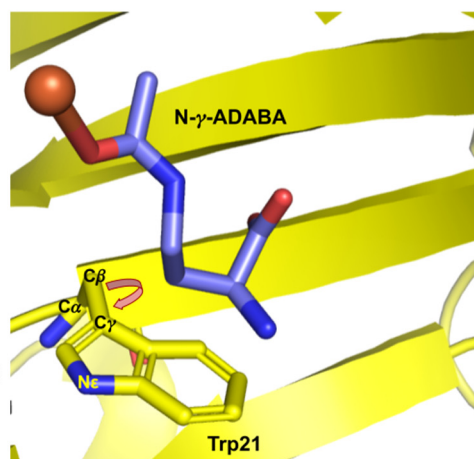
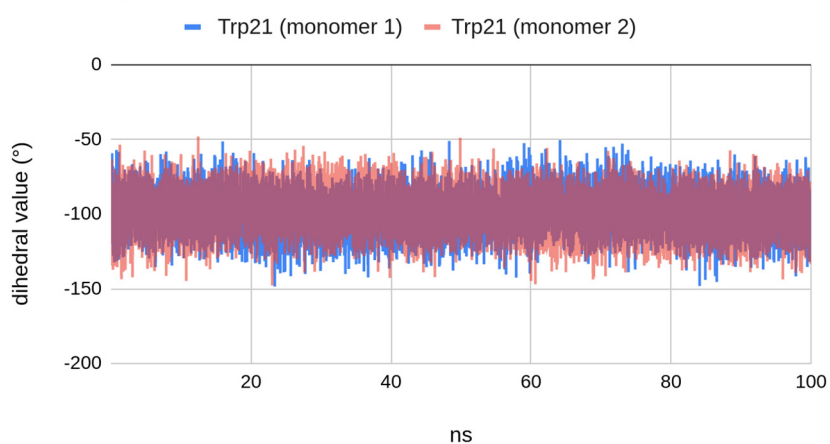


Figure S5. Conformation of Trp21 in MD for 4-coordinate bonded model. **Left:** the $C\alpha$ - $C\beta$ - $C\gamma$ - $N\epsilon$ dihedral values calculated for Trp21 in both monomers in MD for 4-coordinate bonded model. **Right:** Trp21 in the Trp21-A conformation with the $C\alpha$ - $C\beta$ - $C\gamma$ - $N\epsilon$ dihedral marked with red bent arrow.

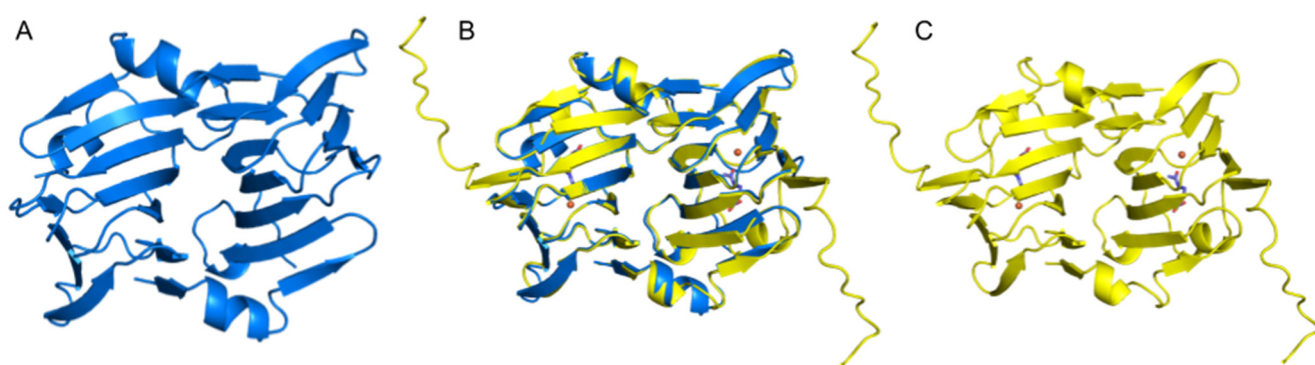


Figure S6. The homology modelling of *P/EctC* dimer. (A) The homology modelling template, EctC from *S. alaskensis*. PDB:5BXX [2](DOI:10.2210/pdb5BXX/pdb). (B) Structural alignment of the template (blue) and new model (yellow). (C) Two 5ONN monomers sequentially aligned with both monomers from the 5BXX dimer resulting in a new 5ONN dimer.

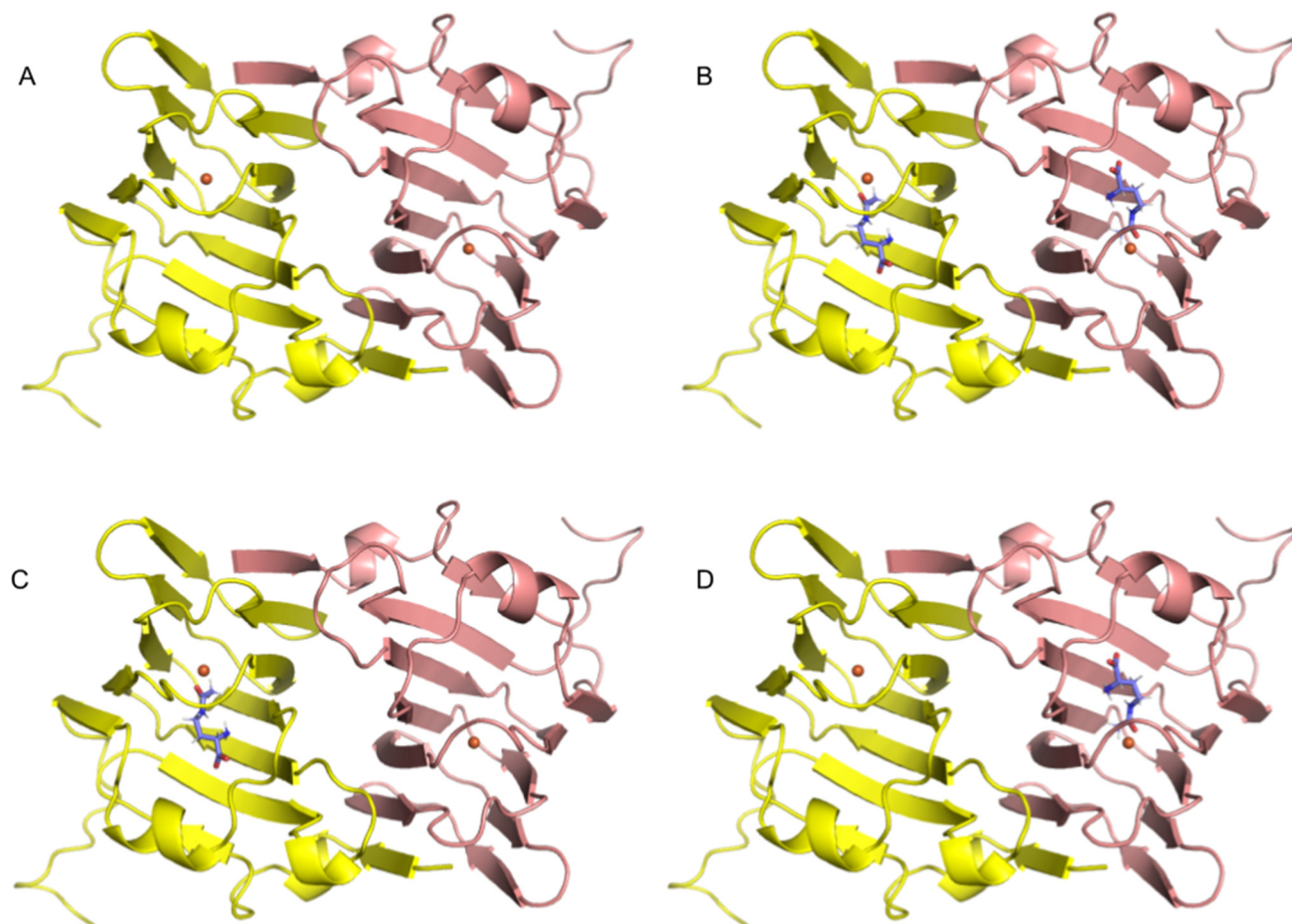


Figure S7. 6-coordinate Fe²⁺ models of EctC dimer with different monomer occupations: (A) both monomers empty, (B) both monomers occupied, (C) monomer A occupied; monomer B empty, (D) monomer A empty; monomer B occupied.

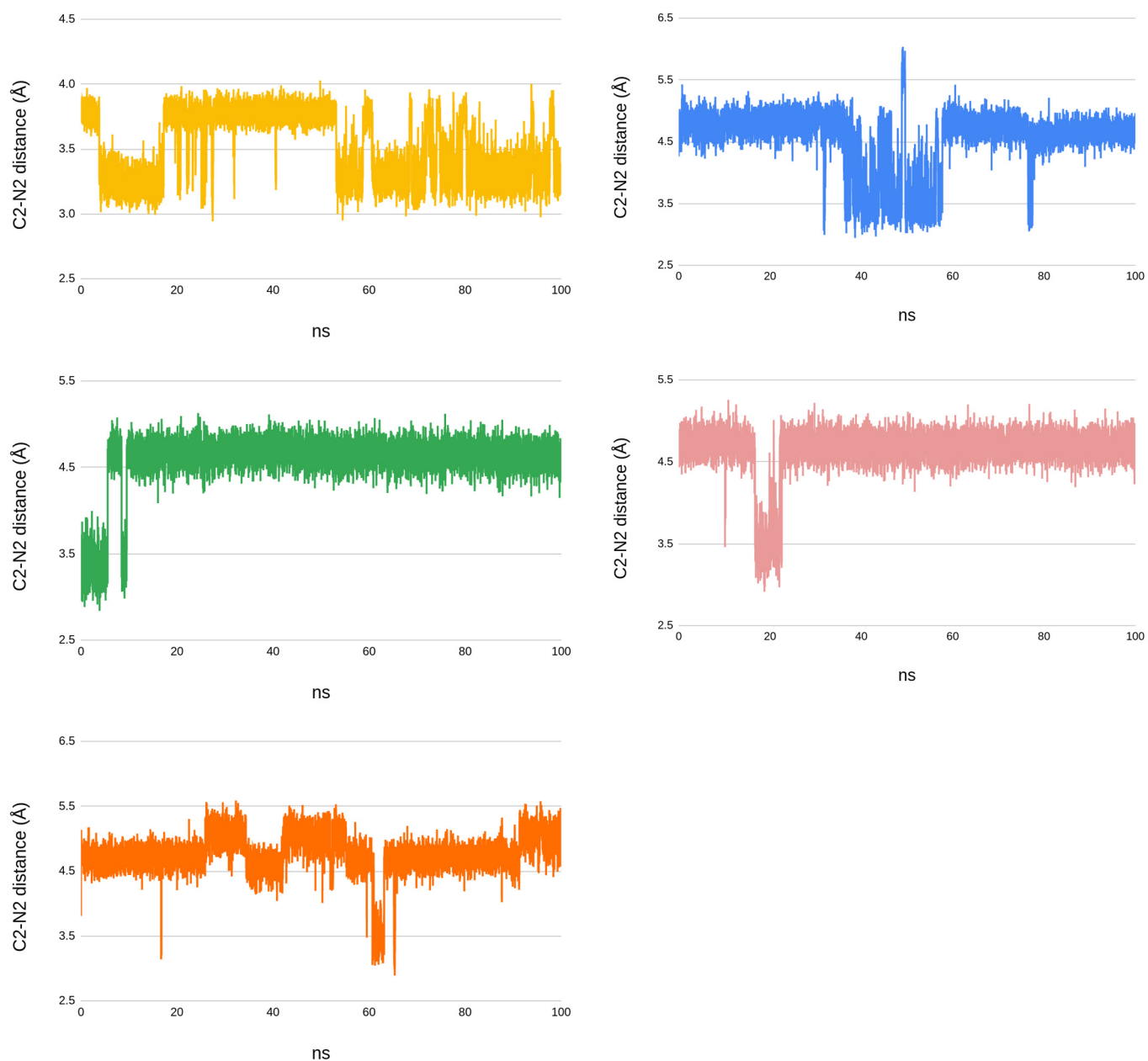
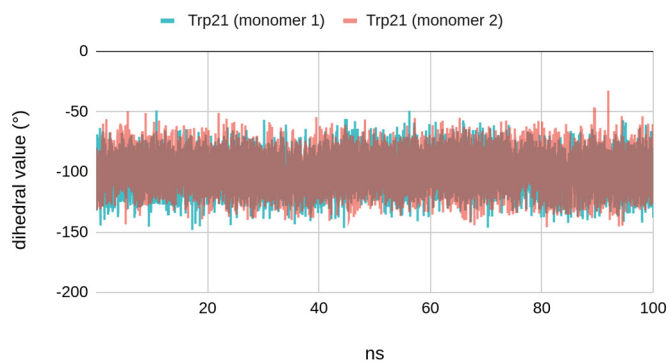
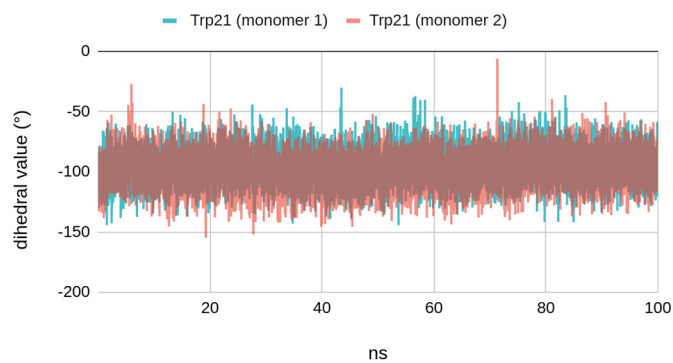


Figure S8. Graphs of the C2-N2 distances for MD trajectories for the dimers with at least one monomer in a form of the Michaelis complex. Some NAC states (C2-N2 oscillates around 3.2 Å) persisted for long periods during the simulation (yellow, blue) and some lasted shorter (green, pink, orange).

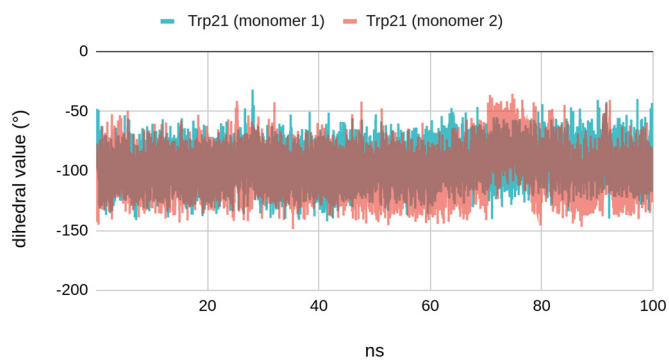
$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers in holo form (1)



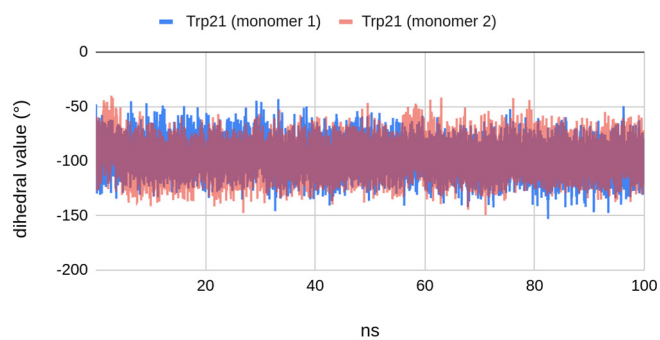
$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers in holo form (2)



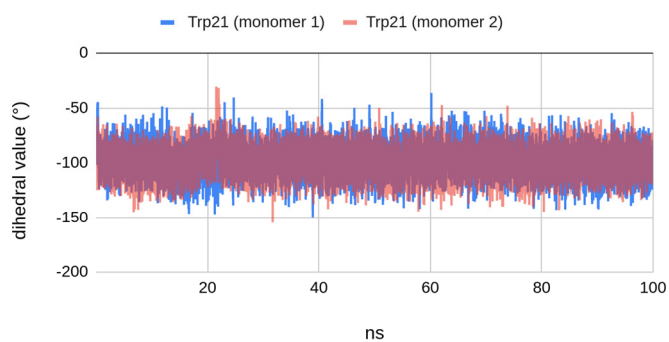
$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers in holo form (3)



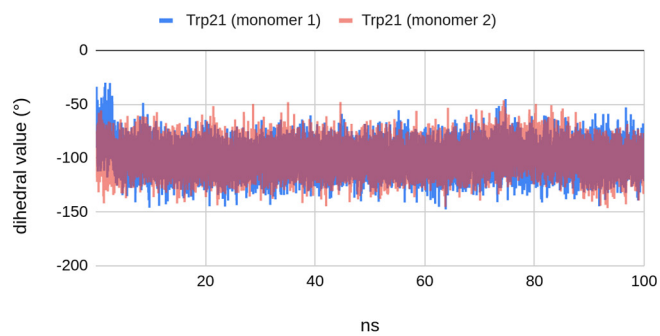
$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers with N- γ -ADABA bound (1)



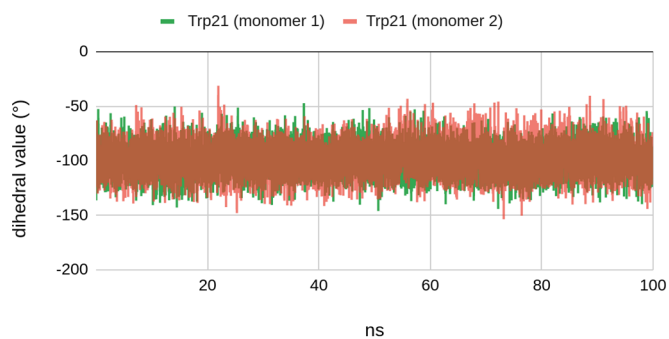
$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers with N- γ -ADABA bound (2)



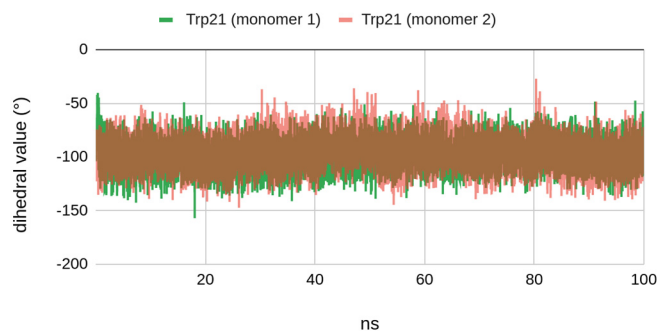
$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers with N- γ -ADABA bound (3)



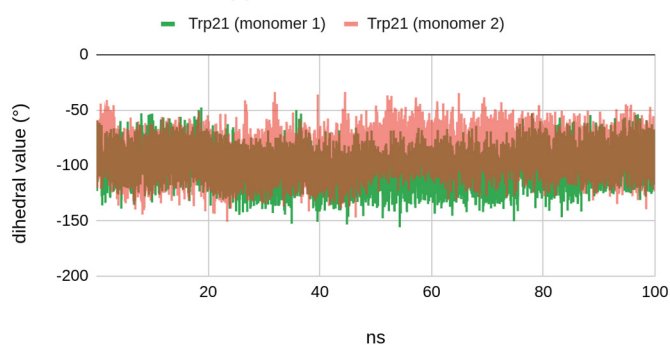
$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 with N- γ -ADABA bound. monomer 2 in holo form (1)



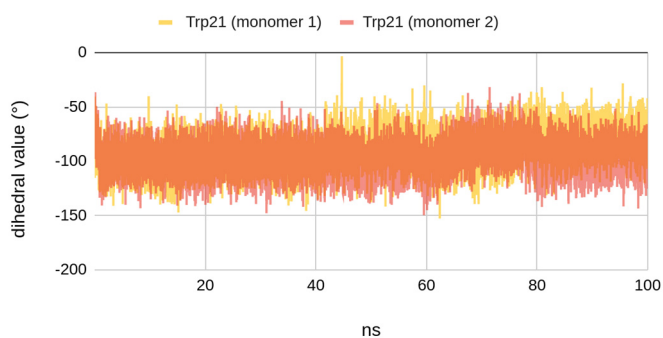
$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 with N- γ -ADABA bound. monomer 2 in holo form (2)



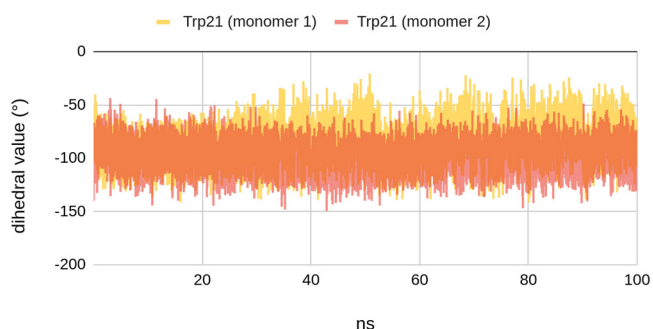
$C\alpha-C\beta-C\gamma-N\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 with N- γ -ADABA bound. monomer 2 in holo form (3)



$C\alpha-C\beta-C\gamma-N\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 in holo form. monomer 2 with N- γ -ADABA bound (1)



$C\alpha-C\beta-C\gamma-N\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 in holo form. monomer 2 with N- γ -ADABA bound (2)



$C\alpha-C\beta-C\gamma-N\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 in holo form. monomer 2 with N- γ -ADABA bound (3)

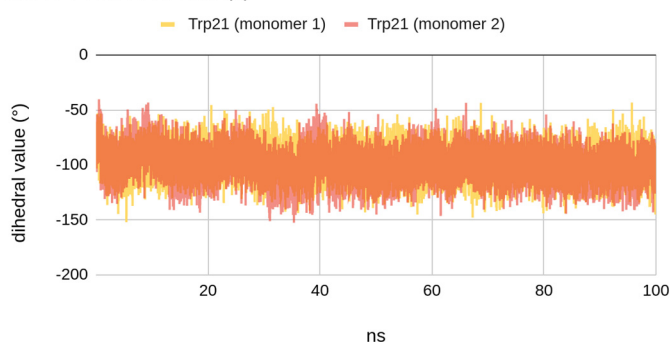


Figure S9. The $C\alpha-C\beta-C\gamma-N\epsilon$ dihedral values for Trp21 in MD simulations for the 6-coordinate Fe^{2+} models of EctC dimer. The $C\alpha-C\beta-C\gamma-N\epsilon$ dihedral values calculated for Trp21-A in both monomers in all twelve MD simulations for the 6-coordinate Fe^{2+} models of EctC dimer: first 3 MD for the model with both monomers empty, then 3 MD for the model with both monomers occupied, then 3 MD for the model with the first monomer occupied/second empty and last 3 MD for the model with the first monomer empty/second occupied. Trp-A conformation has values around -100 deg; Trp-B around $+90$ deg.

$C\alpha-C\beta-C\gamma-N\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21

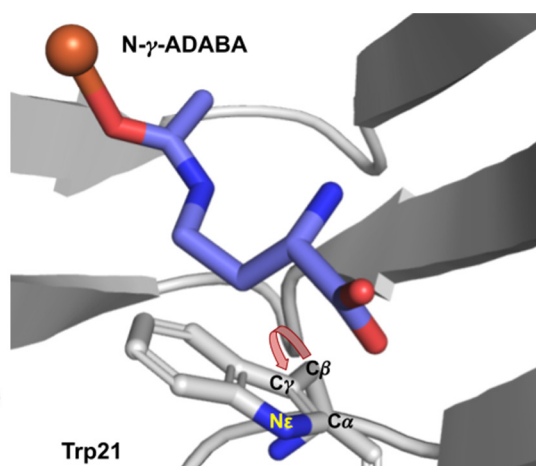
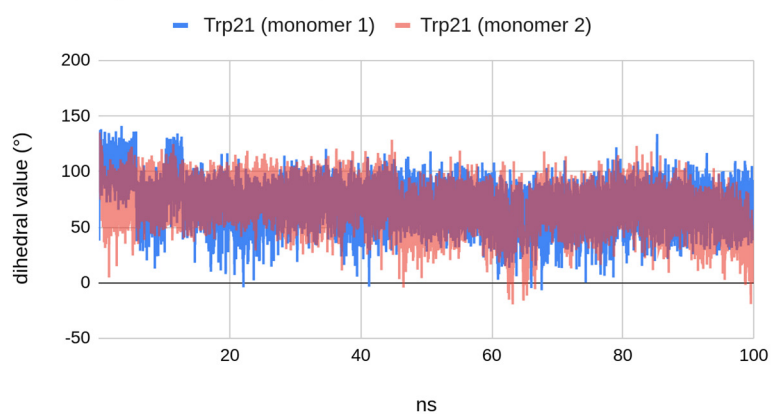
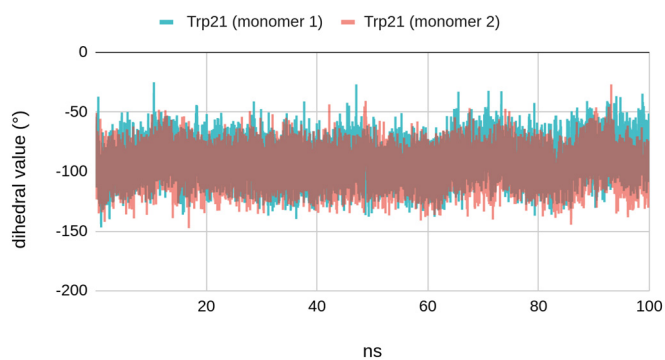
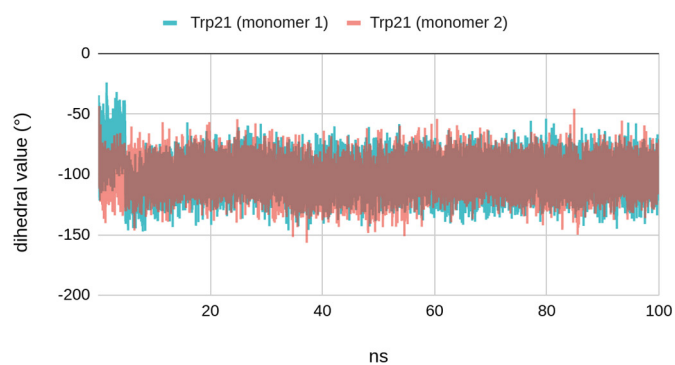


Figure S10. Conformation of Trp21(B) in MD for 4-coordinate bonded model. **Left:** $C\alpha-C\beta-C\gamma-N\epsilon$ dihedral values for Trp21-B (both EctC monomers) in MD trajectories for 4-coordinate Fe^{2+} model. **Right:** Trp21 in the Trp21-B conformation with $C\alpha-C\beta-C\gamma-N\epsilon$ dihedral marked with the red bent arrow.

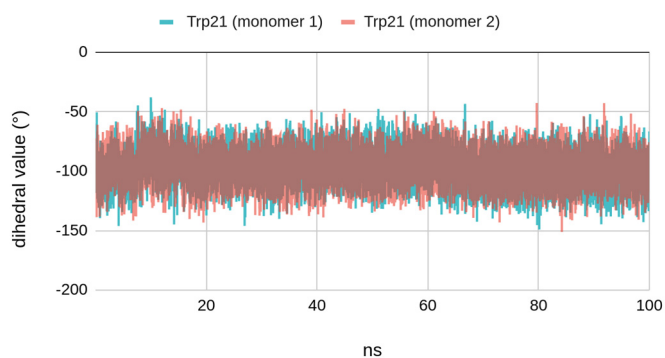
α -C β -C γ -N ϵ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers in holo form (1)



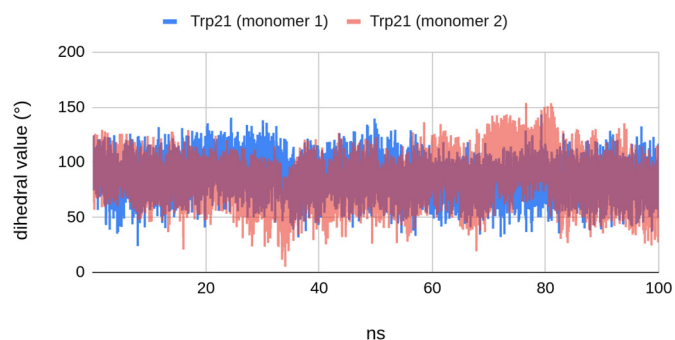
α -C β -C γ -N ϵ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers in holo form (2)



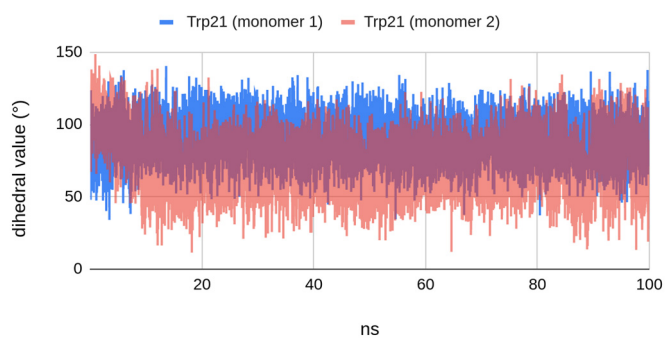
α -C β -C γ -N ϵ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers in holo form (3)



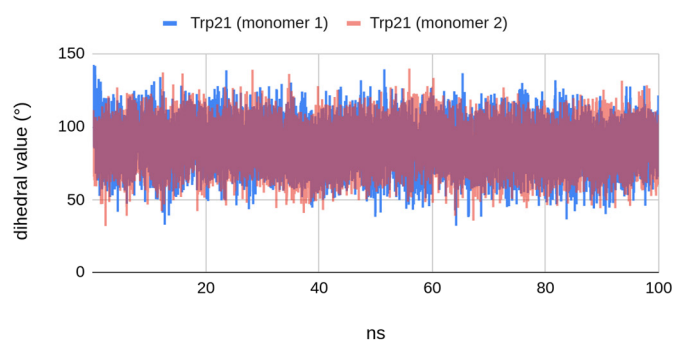
α -C β -C γ -N ϵ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers with N- γ -ADABA bound (1)



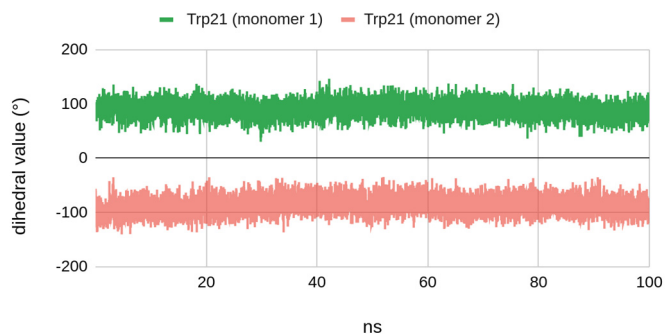
α -C β -C γ -N ϵ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers with N- γ -ADABA bound (2)



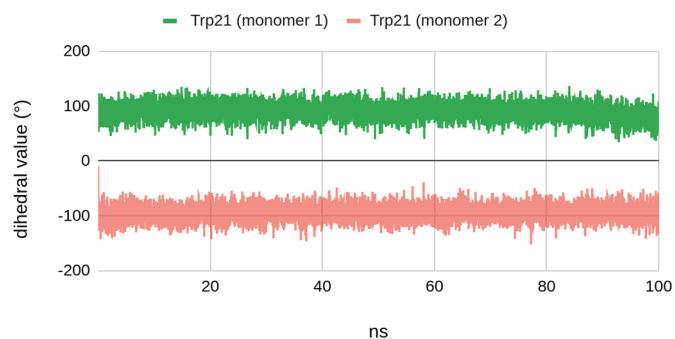
α -C β -C γ -N ϵ dihedral in Trp21 - both monomers with N- γ -ADABA bound (3)



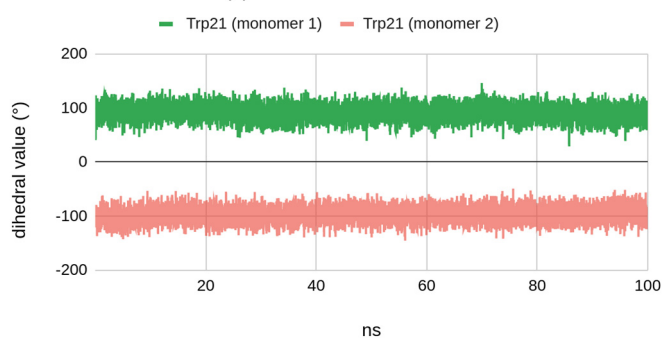
α -C β -C γ -N ϵ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 with N- γ -ADABA bound. monomer 2 in holo form (1)



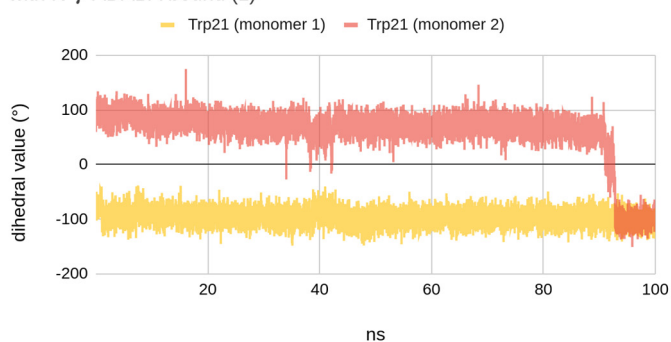
α -C β -C γ -N ϵ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 with N- γ -ADABA bound. monomer 2 in holo form (2)



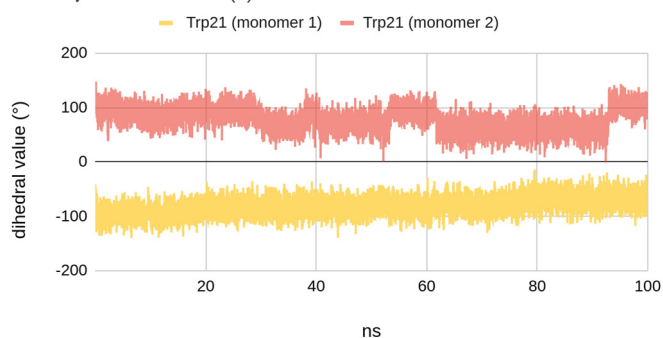
$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 with N- γ -ADABA bound. monomer 2 in holo form (3)



$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 in holo form. monomer 2 with N- γ -ADABA bound (1)



$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 in holo form. monomer 2 with N- γ -ADABA bound (2)



$\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral in Trp21 - monomer 1 in holo form. monomer 2 with N- γ -ADABA bound (3)

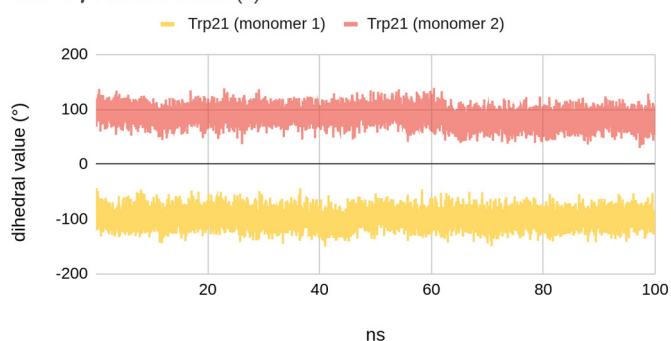


Figure S11. The $\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral values for Trp21(B) in MD simulations for the 6-coordinate Fe^{2+} models of EctC dimer. The $\text{C}\alpha\text{-C}\beta\text{-C}\gamma\text{-N}\epsilon$ dihedral values calculated for Trp21(B) in both monomers in all twelve MDs for the 6-coordinate Fe^{2+} models of EctC dimer: first 3 MD for the model with both monomers empty, then 3 MD for the model with both monomers occupied, then 3 MD for the model with the first monomer in the complex occupied/second empty and last 3 MD for the model with the first monomer empty/second occupied. Trp-A conformation has values around -100 deg; Trp-B around $+90$ deg.

Table S1. Force field (bonded model) parameters describing the geometry around Fe²⁺ ion with tetrahedral geometry. Reference (equilibrium) values and force constants of bonds between Fe²⁺ and its ligands are listed in the “Bond” section: O2 stands for the carboxyl oxygen of Glu57, OH for the tyrosyl oxygen of Tyr84, O for the substrate carbonyl oxygen and NB for the -nitrogen atom of His92. Analogously, the “Angle” section refers to the ε angles involving Fe²⁺.

BOND	r_{eq} [Å]	K [kcal/mol Å²]
O2-FE	2.34	24.00
OH-FE	2.04	71.34
NB-FE	2.16	75.68
O-FE	2.41	24.00
ANGLE	θ_{eq} [deg]	K [kcal/mol rad²]
O2-FE-OH	139.57	13.10
O2-FE-NB	123.16	9.26
O2-FE-O	123.72	12.00
CO-O2-FE	136.58	18.13
OH-FE-NB	107.16	21.00
OH-FE-O	120.72	20.08
C-OH-FE	145.37	9.00
CV-NB-FE	132.59	3.38
NB-FE-O	166.47	3.00
CR-NB-FE	126.40	3.45
FE-O-C	138.13	14.73