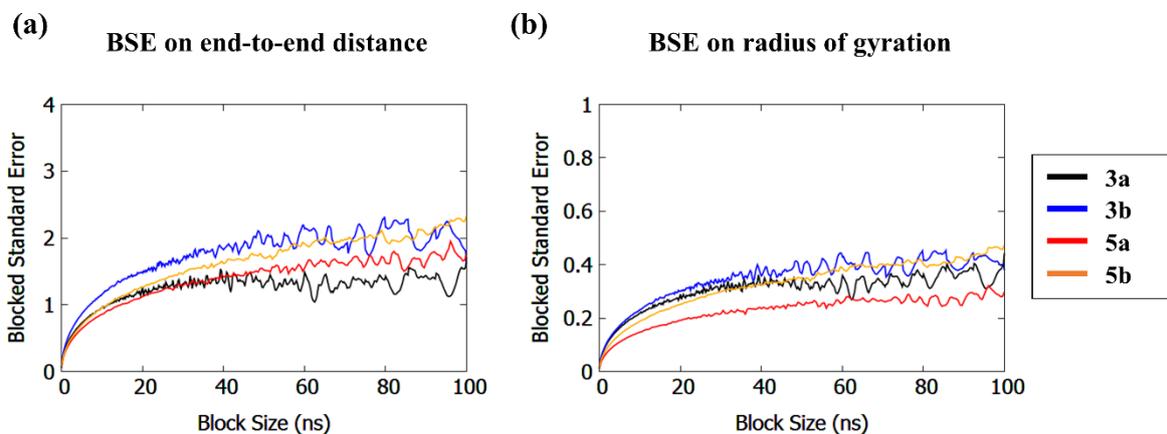


Simulation Convergence



Supplementary Figure S1: Block averaging analysis for the (a) end to end distance, r , and (b) radius of gyration for 6 RUs of the serogroup 3 and 5 O-Ags. The plot of blocked standard error (BSE) versus block size reaches a plateau for all the O-Ags of serogroup 3 and 5, indicating convergence in each simulation.

	1A_2B	1A_1D	2A_1D	2A_1F	3A_1F	1B_2C	1B_3C	1C_3D	2C_5B	1D_1F
Average distance^a	2.3 ± 0.2	3.9 ± 0.3	2.3 ± 0.2	2.3 ± 0.3	2.7 ± 0.3	3.7 ± 0.6	2.3 ± 0.2	2.2 ± 0.2	2.7 ± 0.4	2.8 ± 0.5
r⁶ average MD^a	2.3 ± 0.2	3.8 ± 0.6	2.2 ± 0.2	2.3 ± 0.2	2.6 ± 0.3	3.3 ± 0.8	2.2 ± 0.2	2.2 ± 0.1	2.5 ± 0.3	2.6 ± 0.4
Theillet NMR^b	2.2 ± 0.1	3.7 ± 0.4	2.3 ± 0.1	2.3 ± 0.1	2.4 ± 0.2	3.3 ± 0.4	2.2 ± 0.1	2.3 ± 0.1	2.7 ± 0.3	2.6 ± 0.2
Theillet MD^b	2.3	3.5	2.4	2.3	2.4	3.3	2.2	2.3	2.7	2.6

Supplementary Table S1: Comparison between MD simulation and experimental data of distances between hydrogen atom pairs (columns) are in good agreement for serotype 3a. (a) The mean distance and corresponding r^6 average from our 1.2 μ s production runs, excluding 200 ns for equilibration. (b) Experimental NMR distances from NOE build-up curves (estimated 10% error) of the native O-Ag and distances calculated by full ensemble relaxation analysis of 60 ns MD simulations of a 3RU serotype 3a O-Ag (Theillet et. al., 2010).

	1A_1B	1A_2B	1A_4B	1A_1D	1A_2D	2A_1B	2A_1D	2A_2D	2A_5D	2A_1G	4A_1D	5A_1B	5A_2B	1B_2C	1B_3C	1B_4C	2B_4C	2B_1G	3B_1G	3B_5G
Average distance ^a	3.6 ± 0.6	2.3 ± 0.2	4.2 ± 0.4	3.6 ± 0.7	4.4 ± 0.3	5.0 ± 0.2	2.4 ± 0.2	4.3 ± 0.2	4.0 ± 0.4	4.5 ± 0.8	4.2 ± 0.4	2.6 ± 0.4	3.7 ± 0.5	4.0 ± 0.4	2.3 ± 0.2	3.9 ± 0.3	4.2 ± 0.3	2.4 ± 0.5	2.7 ± 0.3	3.0 ± 0.6
r ^b average ^a	3.2 ± 0.8	2.2 ± 0.2	4.0 ± 1.1	3.1 ± 0.8	4.3 ± 0.4	4.9 ± 0.2	2.3 ± 0.2	4.3 ± 0.8	3.9 ± 0.4	3.9 ± 1.4	4.0 ± 0.8	2.4 ± 0.3	3.4 ± 0.9	3.6 ± 1.5	2.3 ± 0.2	3.7 ± 1.1	4.1 ± 0.4	2.3 ± 0.2	2.6 ± 0.4	2.7 ± 0.4
ROE ^b	3.1 ± 0.3	2.1 ± 0.2	4.7 ± 0.5		4.5 ± 0.4		2.0 ± 0.2	4.5 ± 0.4	4.1 ± 0.4	4.1 ± 0.4	4.2 ± 0.4	2.4 ± 0.2	4.6 ± 0.5	3.4 ± 0.3	2.1 ± 0.2	4.3 ± 0.4	4.6 ± 0.5	2.3 ± 0.2	2.5 ± 0.2	3.0 ± 0.3
NOE ^b	3.0 ± 0.3	2.1 ± 0.2	4.6 ± 0.5	3.5 ± 0.3		4.7 ± 0.5	2.1 ± 0.2	4.5 ± 0.4	3.8 ± 0.4	4.1 ± 0.4	4.3 ± 0.4	2.6 ± 0.3	4.3 ± 0.4	2.9 ± 0.3	2.1 ± 0.2	4.4 ± 0.4	4.8 ± 0.5	2.4 ± 0.2	2.2 ± 0.2	
Theillet MD ^c	3.2	2.3	4.5	3.2		4.9	2.3	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.2	2.4	3.9	3.3	2.3	4.0	4.4	2.3	2.6	

Supplementary Table S2: Distances of pairs of hydrogen atoms (columns) from MD simulation and experimental data for serotype 5a. (a) The average distance and corresponding r^b average from our 2 μ s production runs, excluding 200 ns for equilibration. (b) Experimental NMR distances (estimated 10% error) derived from NOE build-up curves and ROESY off-resonance measurements on the native O-Ag sample with an avDP15 (Clement *et. al.*, 2003). (c) Distances calculated by full ensemble relaxation analysis of 60 ns MD simulations of a 3RU O-Ag (Theillet *et. al.*, 2010).