**Supplementary Figure 1.** Script to align simulation snapshots with the template (starting structure) in YASARA. Each aligned snapshot is subsequently saved as a new PDB.

clear

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#"i" controls the number of snapshots, in this case 11 snapshots were
#generated (one every 2 ns and including the template at time zero).
i=0
while i < 22000
 Loadsce (Macrotarget)
 sim = FileSize (MacroTarget)(i).sim
 TempCtrl Rescale
 #In this case AMBER99 was used as force field
 Forcefield Amber99
 #Change the cut-off to standard settings according to your software
 #version
 Cutoff 7.86
 Longrange Coulomb
 Boundary Periodic
 console On
 if not sim
  ShowMessage 'Could not load snapshot (i)'
 # If there is a snapshot, load it
 LoadSim (MacroTarget)(i)
 Sim Off
 simtime = Time
 ShowMessage 'Analyzing snapshot (0+i) at (0+simtime) ps'
 #In this macro, the .sim files from YASARA are first converted to
 #PDB-files. To do that, we need one object. Check which object
 #numbers are relevant for you. In this case I have object 1,3 and 4.
 JoinObj 3-4,1,Center=Yes
 #Save the joined object as a PDB
 SavePDB 1, (MacroTarget)(i).pdb, format=PDB, Transform=YES
 clear
 console Off
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#Increase i, in this case one snapshot was saved every 2 ns. i = i+2000

**#Now** we can start aligning! Set i to the first snapshot (time zero is the template). i=2000

#Make a table to plot the RMSD for snapshots compared to the template

MakeTab rmsd tab, Columns = 2

while i < 22000

#Load the starting structure ("(MacroTarget)0000.pdb") and one snapshot for alignment

LoadPDB (MacroTarget)0000.pdb, Center = No

LoadPDB (MacroTarget)(i).pdb, Center = No

#Align with MUSTANG so that the actual snapshot will share the same coordinates as #the template.

#In this case "molecule A" corresponds to the protein, you might have to adjust this to your #case.

rmsdal,residues,calist() = AlignMol A Obj 2,A Obj 1,Method=MUSTANGPP

## # Calculate RMSD

rmsd = RMSDMol A Obj 2, A Obj 1

Tabulate (i)

Tabulate (rmsd)

console on

ShowMessage 'RMSD: (rmsd)'

**#Now delete the template (starting structure)** 

DelObj 1

#Save the aligned snapshot as a new PDB

SavePDB 2, (MacroTarget)align\_(i).pdb, format=PDB, Transform=YES

DelObj 2

console off

#Increase loop variable to repeat for each snapshot

i = i + 2000