

Supplementary Material

Potential Use of Tea Tree Oil as a Disinfectant Agent Against Coronaviruses: a Combined Experimental and Simulation Study

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Table S1. Structural information for the three simulated TTO molecules.

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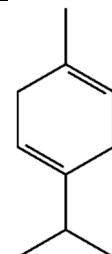

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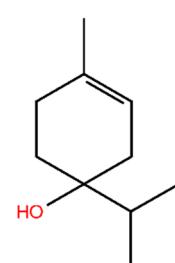
γ -terpinene

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terpinen-4-ol

CC1=CCC(CC1)(C(C)C)O

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1,8-cineole

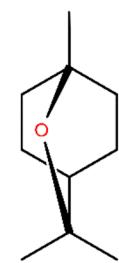
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Table S2. Virucidal activity of single components of TTO against FCoVII and HCoV-OC43.

TTO Components, %	Time of Exposure (min)	Virus Exposed to Compound	FCoVII (Log TCID ₅₀ /ml)			HCoV-OC43 (Log RNA copies/ml)		
			Virus Control	RV	Virus Inactivation (%)	Virus Exposed to Compound	Virus Control	RV
γ -terpinene, 3.33	5	2.50	3.00	0.50	68.38	3.91	4.39	0.48
	15	2.00	3.00	1.00	90.00	3.50	4.39	0.89
	30	2.00	3.00	1.00	90.00	3.35	4.39	1.04
γ -terpinene, 0.66	5	2.50	3.00	0.50	68.38	3.83	4.39	0.56
	15	2.50	3.00	0.50	68.38	3.57	4.39	0.82
	30	2.50	3.00	0.50	68.38	3.30	4.39	1.09
1,8-cineole, 3.33	5	2.50	3.00	0.50	68.38	3.34	4.39	1.05
	15	2.50	3.00	0.50	68.38	3.02	4.39	1.37
	30	1.50	3.00	1.50	96.84	2.90	4.39	1.49
1,8-cineole, 0.66	5	2.50	3.00	0.50	68.38	3.90	4.39	0.49
	15	2.50	3.00	0.50	68.38	3.71	4.39	0.68
	30	2.00	3.00	1.00	90.00	3.55	4.39	0.84
terpinen-4-ol, 3.33	5	<0.50	3.00	≥ 2.50	$\geq 99.68^*$	2.24	4.39	2.15
	15	<0.50	3.00	≥ 2.50	$\geq 99.68^*$	2.23	4.39	2.16
	30	<0.50	3.00	≥ 2.50	$\geq 99.68^*$	1.97	4.39	2.42
terpinen-4-ol, 0.66	5	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	4.01	4.39	0.38
	15	2.50	3.00	0.50	68.38	3.78	4.39	0.61
	30	2.00	3.00	1.00	90.00	3.75	4.39	0.64

All the virucidal experiments were performed mixing an amount of each virus with non-cytotoxic dilution of compounds (1:1). Reduction value (RV) is the reduction of virus in test product compared to virus control not exposed to compound. The virus percentage inactivation is calculated using the formula $1 - (1/10\text{LRV}) \times 100\%$. Viral titers of FCoVII are expressed as Log TCID₅₀/ml, while viral titers of HCoV-OC43 is indicated as Log RNA copies/ml. * due to cytotoxicity of the tested compound, the detection limit did not allow to detect higher FCoVII reduction.

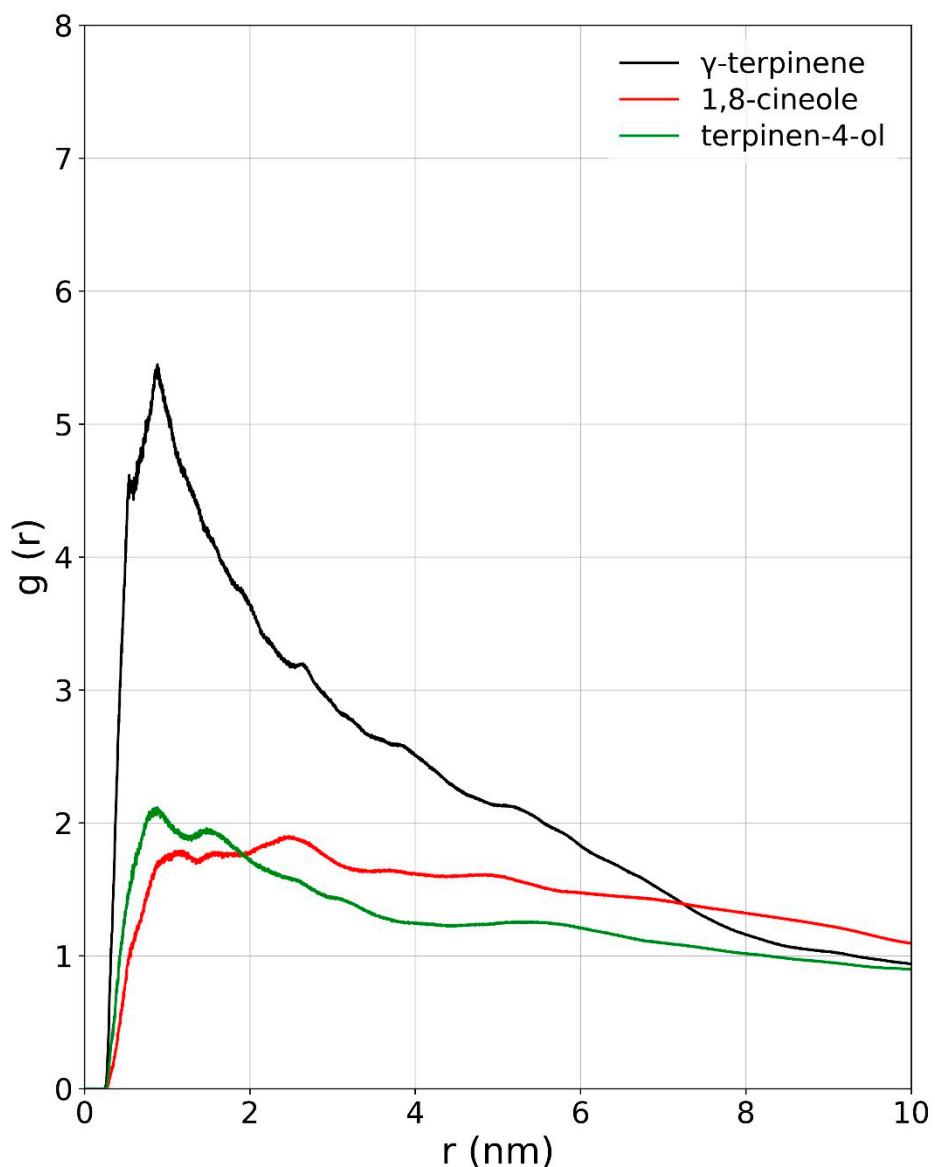


Figure S1. Radial distribution function (RDF) calculated for the three TTO molecules over the S surface during the 150 ns trajectory.

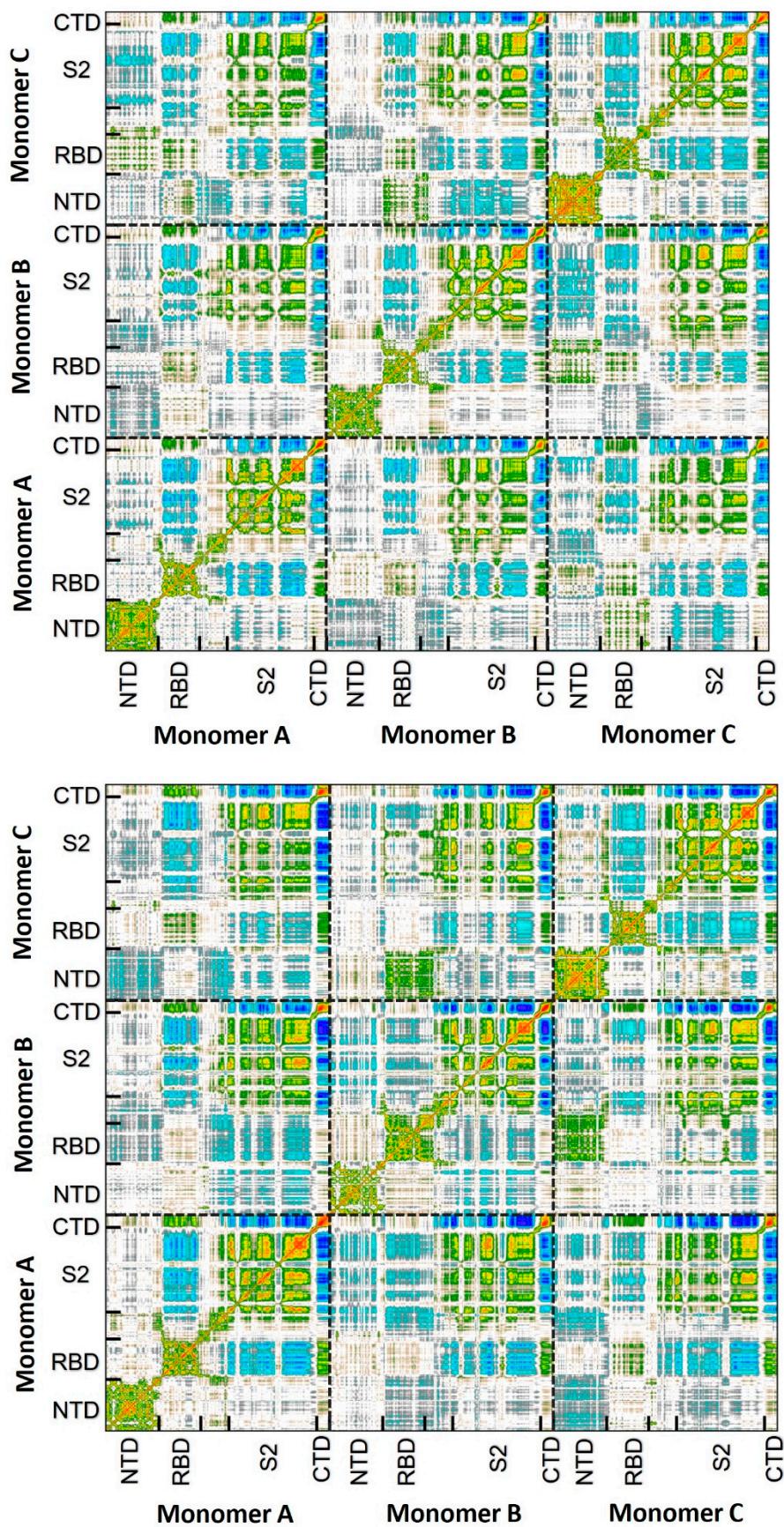


Figure S2. Correlation plots obtained for the S protein in the absence (up) or presence (down) of TTO compounds.

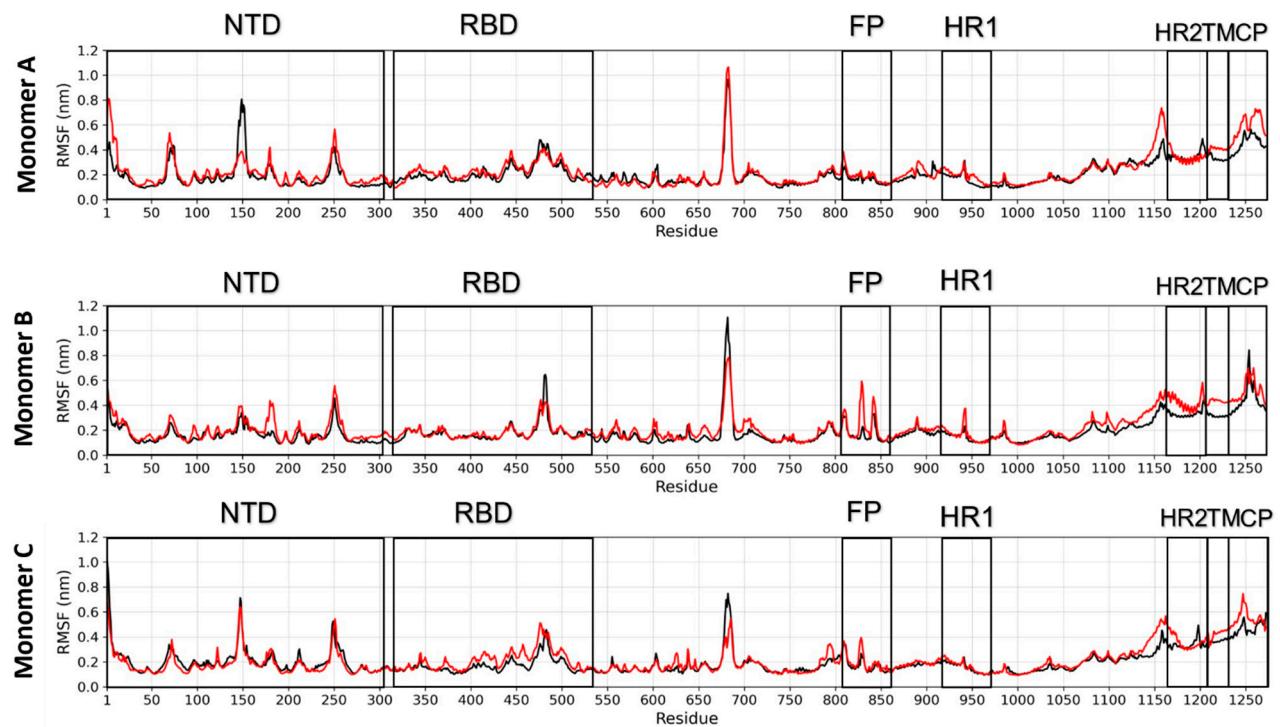
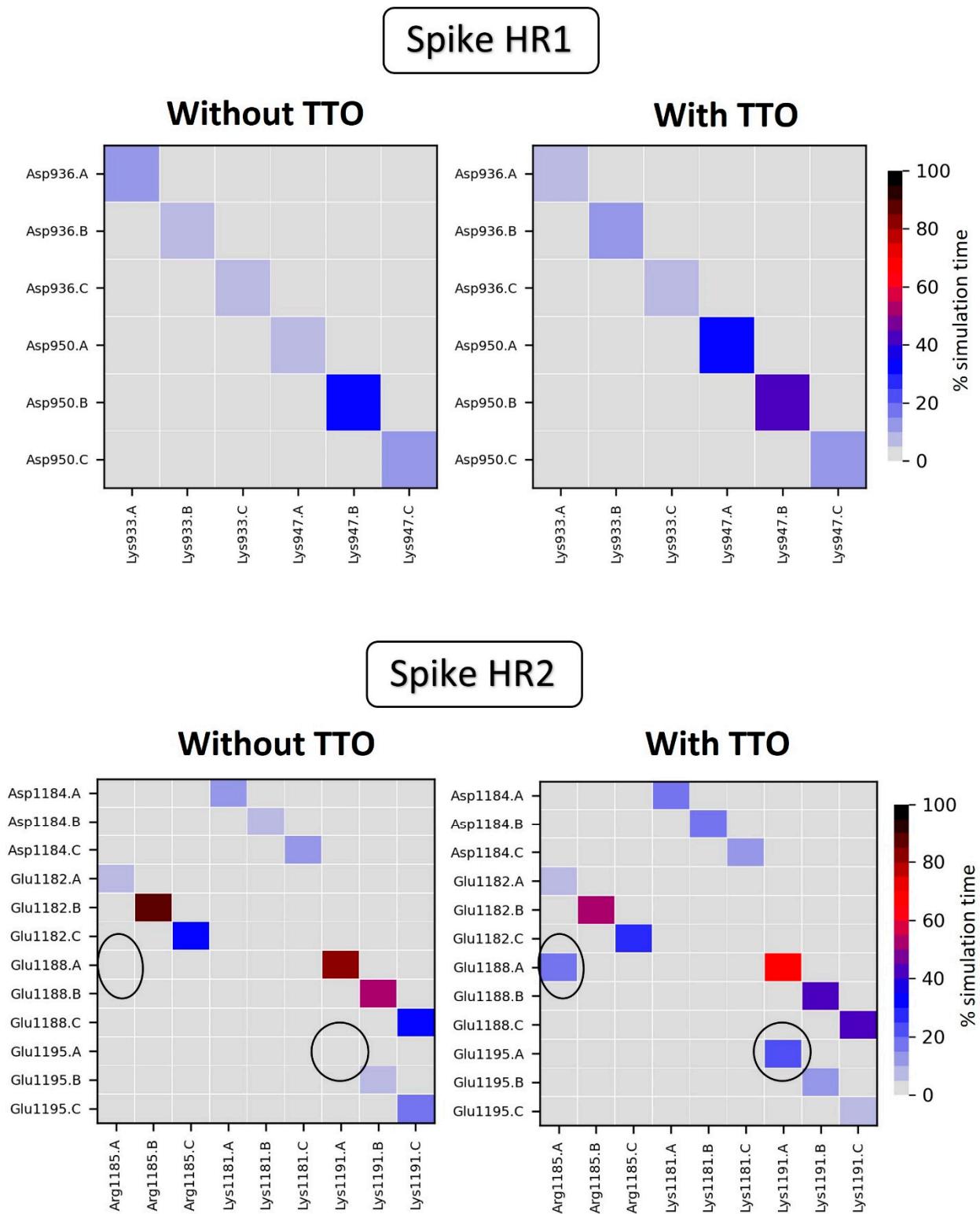
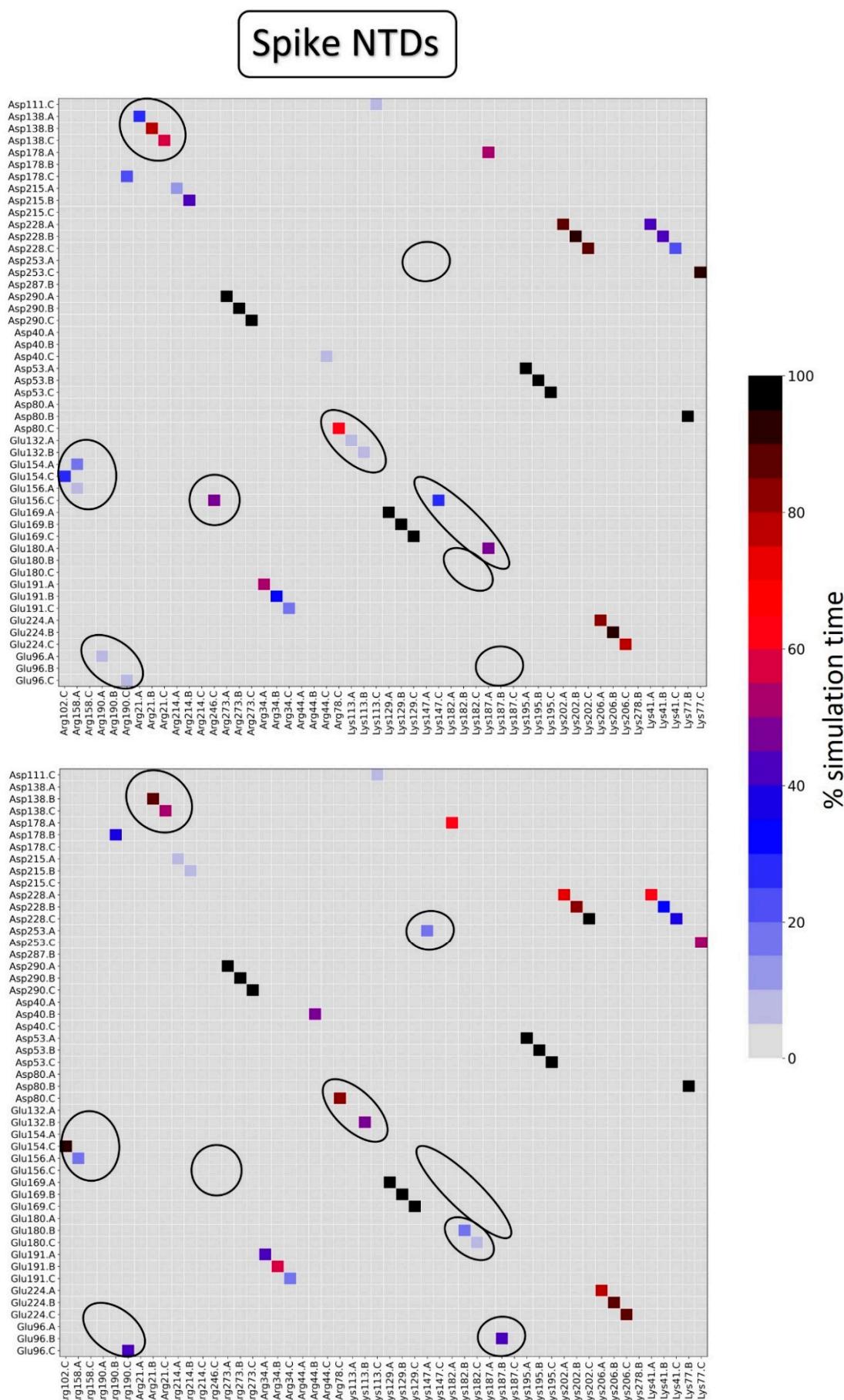


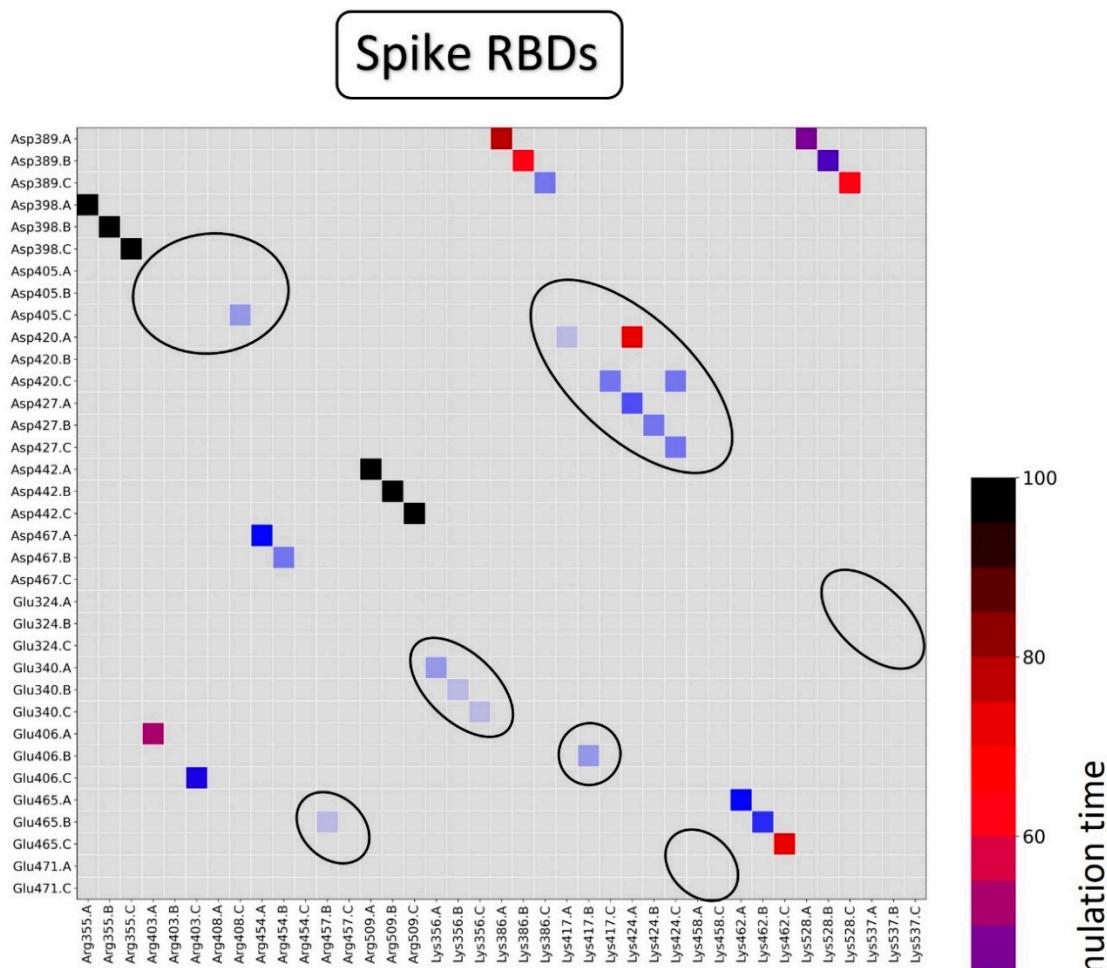
Figure S3. RMSFs calculated for the three S monomers (A, B, C) during the 150 ns GaMD simulations in the absence (black line) or presence (red line) of the TTO molecules. Black squares highlight the different S domains.

Figure S4. Heatmaps representing salt bridges interactions established within each S domain, in the absence or presence of TTO compounds. Heatmaps are colored according to each salt bridges persistence during the simulation time. Black circles indicate differences in the interaction pattern in the two conditions.





Without TTO



With TTO

