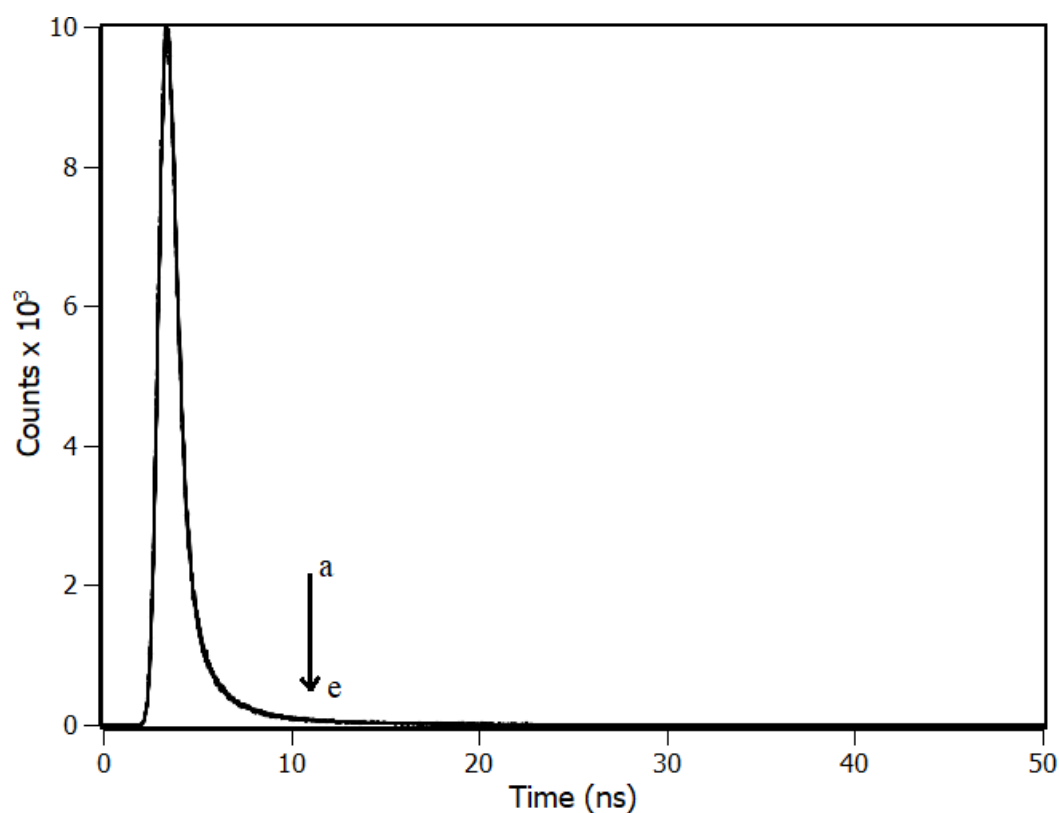


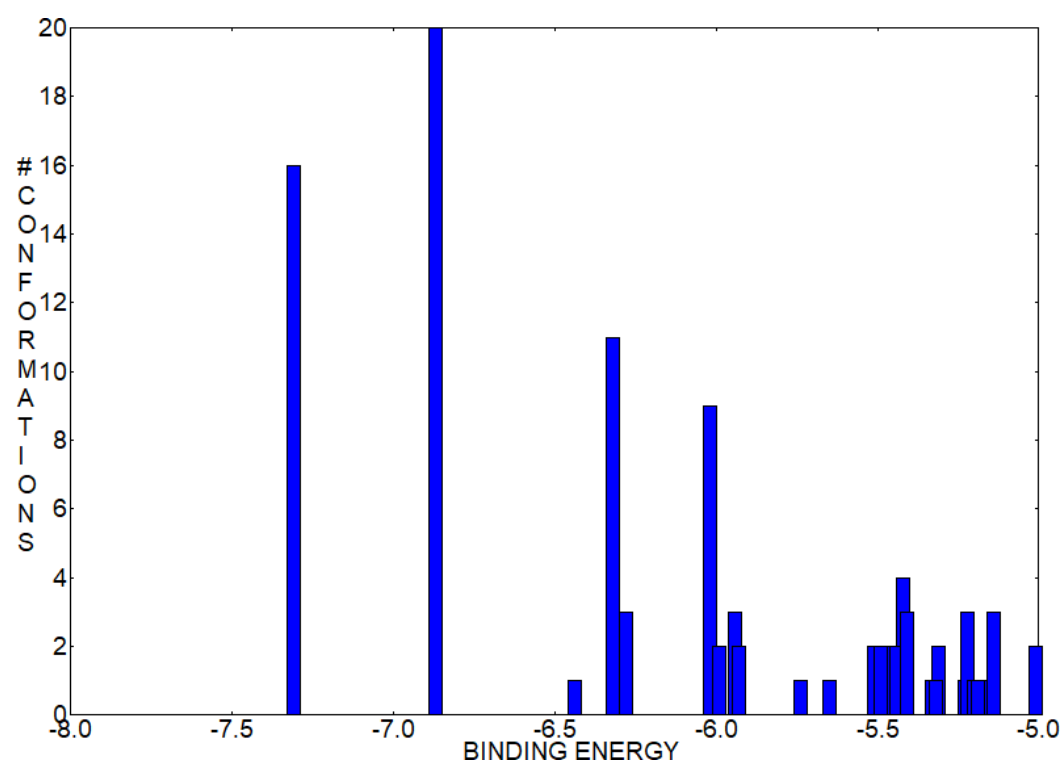
## Supplementary material



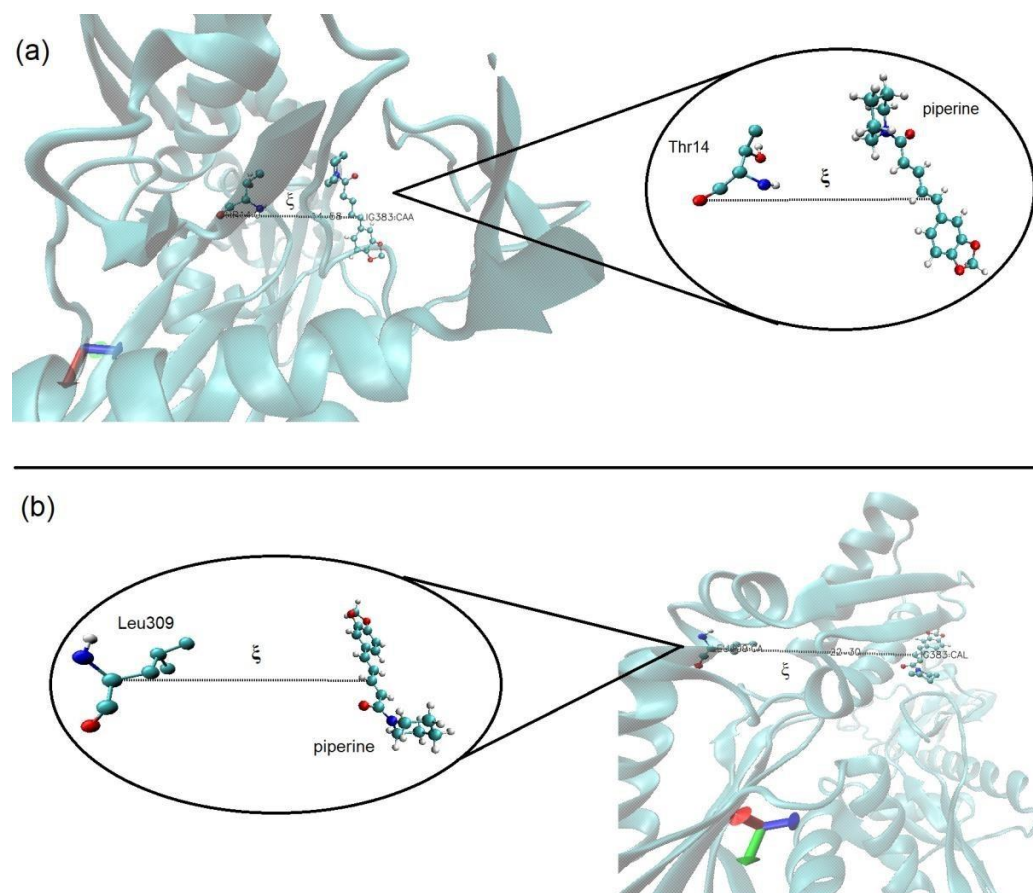
**Figure S1.** Time-resolved fluorescence decay of (a) NBD with Piperine ( $\rightarrow e$ ) from 0 to 20  $\mu\text{M}$ .  $[\text{IL-1}\beta] = 10 \mu\text{M}$ ,  $T = 298\text{K}$  and  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 295\text{nm}$ .

**Table S1.** Tryptophan lifetime in different stoichiometries NBD:Piperine.

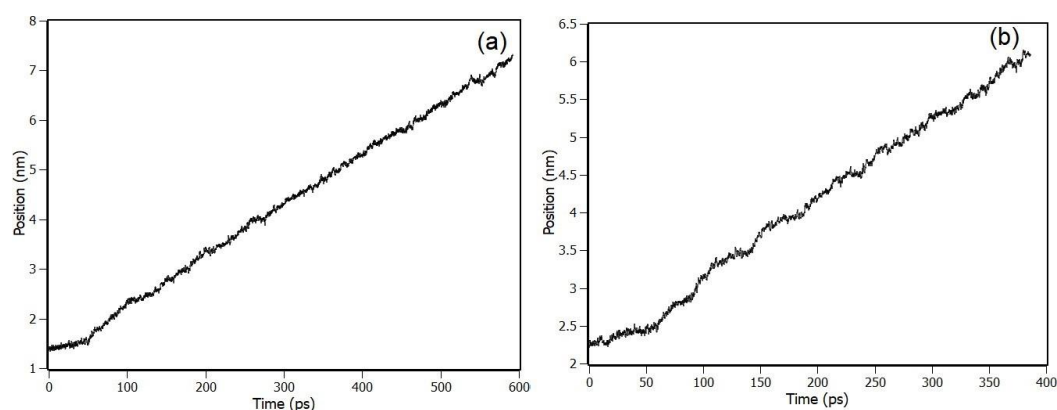
| [piperine]( $\mu\text{M}$ ) | $\alpha_1$ | $\tau_1$ (ns) | $\alpha_2$ | $\tau_2$ (ns) | $\tau_{\text{avg}}$ (ns) |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 0                           | 0.78       | 0.22          | 0.73       | 3.31          | 2.19                     |
| 5                           | 0.774      | 0.23          | 0.72       | 3.29          | 2.19                     |
| 10                          | 0.78       | 0.22          | 0.73       | 3.32          | 2.19                     |
| 15                          | 0.79       | 0.20          | 0.75       | 3.41          | 2.18                     |
| 20                          | 0.79       | 0.21          | 0.74       | 3.37          | 2.18                     |



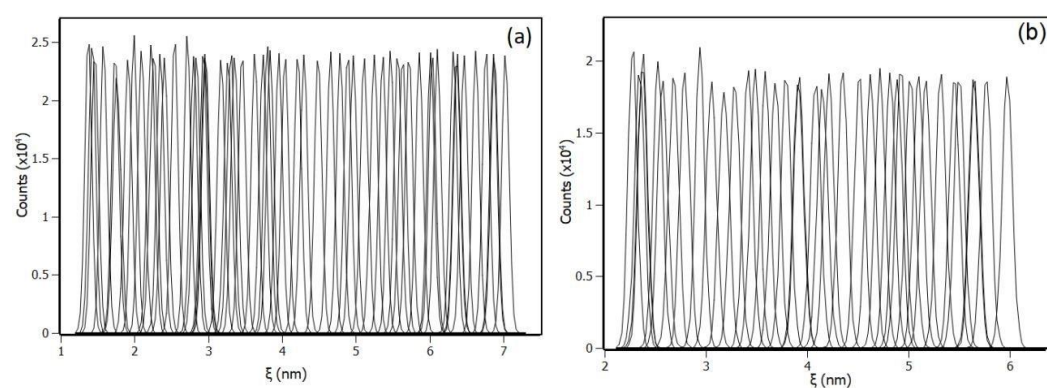
**Figure S2.** Molecular docking clusters with their respective energy scores.



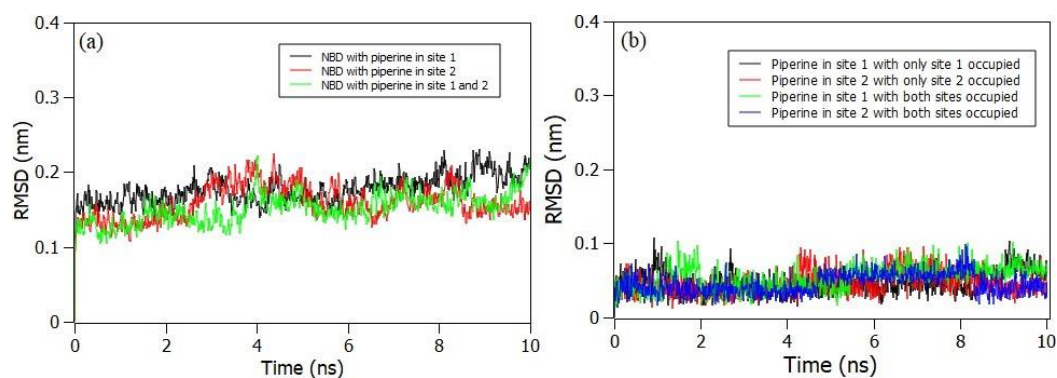
**Figure S3.** The atoms picked to define the reaction coordinate ( $\xi$ ) for (a) binding site 1 and (b) binding site 2.



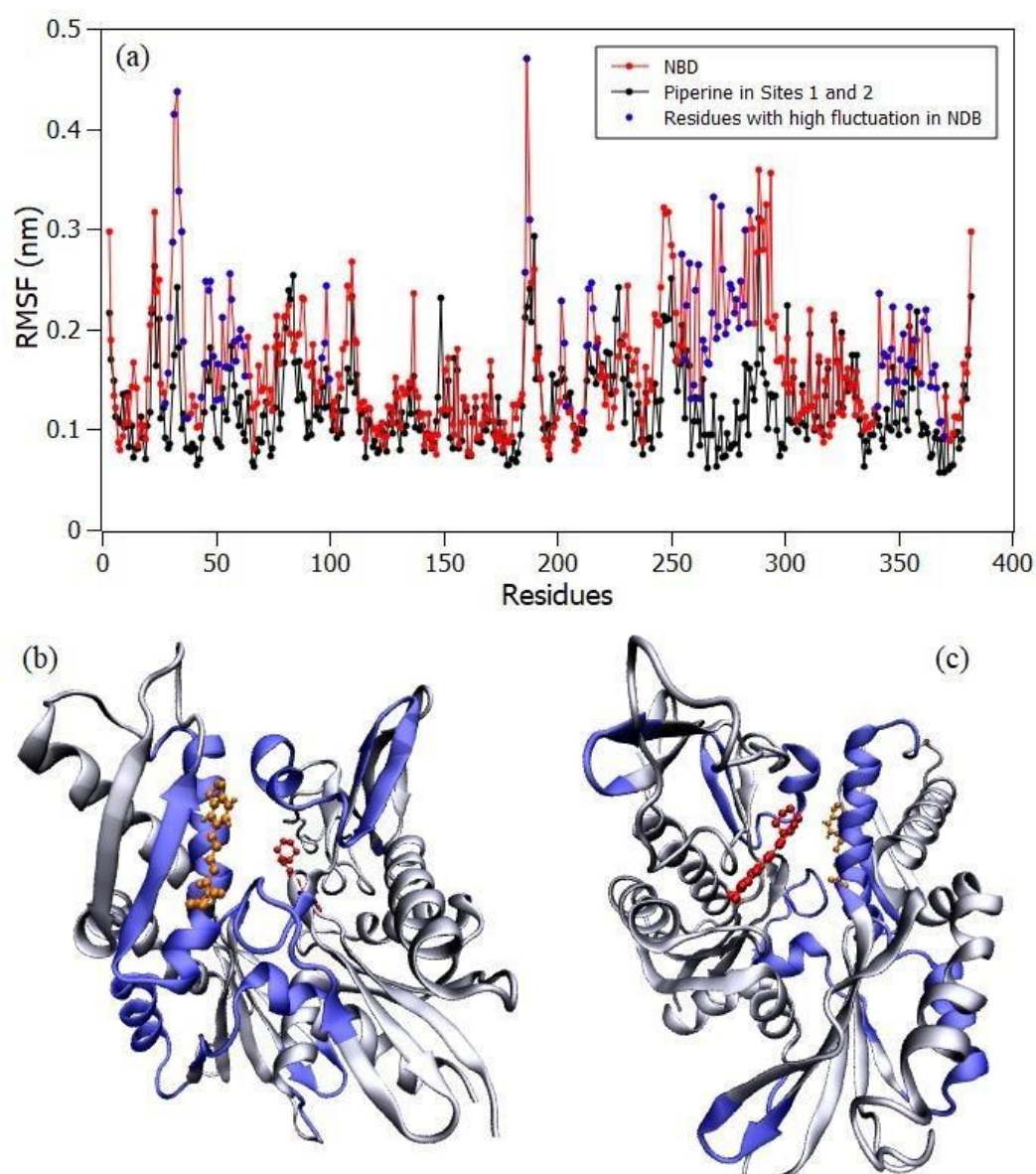
**Figure S4.** Pulling profile during the pulling simulation. Y-axis is the value of reaction coordinate ( $\xi$ ) and x-axis is the time of simulation.



**Figure S5.** Configuration histograms of the pulling in z-axis with the windows distance as being 0.1 nm for (a) binding site 1 and (b) binding site 2.



**Figure S6.** Root mean square deviation (RMSD) of (a) NBD in the presence of piperine and (b) piperine occupying the binding sites.



**Figure S7.** (a) Root mean square fluctuation (RMSF) of NBD residues in the absence and presence of piperine in both binding sites (red and black, respectively), blue dots represent the residues that altered the fluctuation from high to low when the ligands were inserted in the binding sites. (b) and (c) Blue cartoon represents the regions that altered the fluctuation from high to low when the ligands were inserted in the binding sites. Red and Orange represent piperine in site 1 and in site 2, respectively.