## **Supporting Information**

## Relevance of hydrogen bonds for the histamine H2 receptor-ligand interactions:

## A lesson from deuteration<sup>†</sup>

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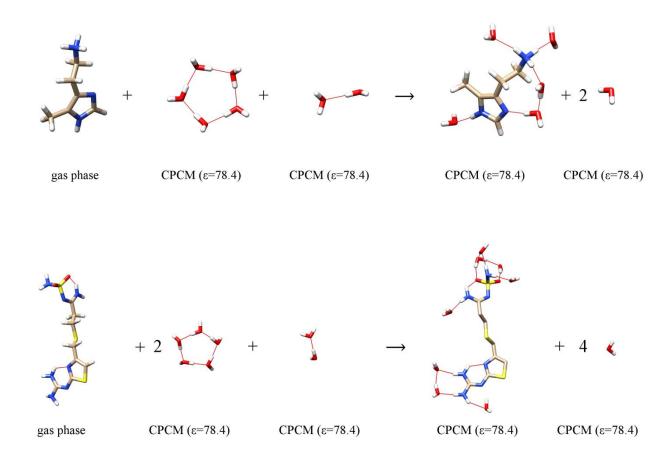
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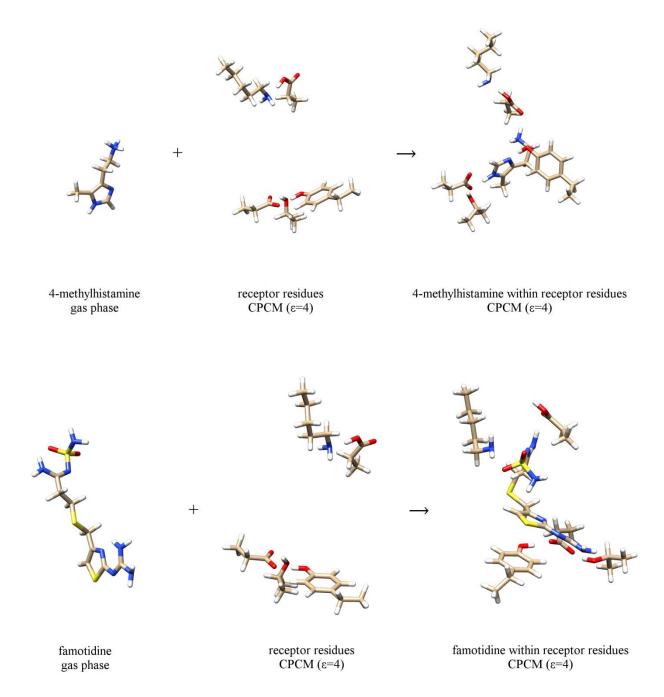
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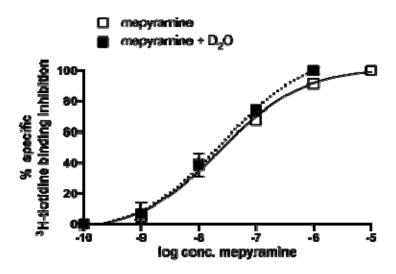
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