Determination of the DNA Deformibility Matrix on the Trinucleotide Level which Reveals the Coupling Strength of All the Base Movements

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The mechanical deformability of DNA is suequence-dependent and plays important role in various biological processes such as packaging, gene regulation, and perhaps in all protein-DNA interactions. X-ray crystallography, NMR spectroscopy, and molecular dynamics simulation data confirmed that the mechanical response of DNA to external interactions depends on the sequence content. Here, with using all-atom Molecular Dynamics simulation, we aim to investigate sequence dependent mechanics in trinucleotide level. we derived base-pair step parameters for every trinucleotide step and tested sequence dependent characteristics of base pair step parameters and their relashionship to features of DNA structure. Our results show more detailed coupling between inter and intra base-pair parameters. Also Coupling coefficients indicate significant values for adjacent base pairs.