Supplemental text S2: Posterior sampling

The Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithm is a method often used to sample from a posterior distribution, generating a distribution of solutions. To sample conformations, we used the Metropolis-Hasting algorithm.

From the current conformation C_n , it is randomly perturbed (see figure 2) to generate the structure C_{n+1} . We then calculate the acceptance ratio $\alpha = \frac{P(C_{n+1})}{P(C_n)}$. If $\alpha > 1$, then we accept the new proposed conformation, otherwise, we accept C_{n+1} with probability α .