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The mechanosensitive channel of large conductance (MscL) is a homopentameric membrane protein that serves as effective osmotic safety valves in prokaryotes. It senses and transduces mechanical stimuli into protein motion. MscL is specifically designed to change its conformation in response to changes in membrane tension. In this study, two different EPR dataset were used in modeling the Escherichia coli MscL channel in its closed (cl-ecoMscL) and intermediate (in-ecoMscL) conformations through PaDSAR, an experimentally restrained molecular dynamics simulation method. The in-ecoMscL model is in overall very similar to the cl-ecoMscL, suggesting the model may be correspond to pre-expanded closed state. Structure comparison between cl-ecoMscL and in-ecoMscL revealed the major transmembrane (TM) movement is located near the hydrophobic gate residues: Leu19 and Val23. To investigate structure and dynamics properties of the protein, 100ns molecular dynamics (MD) simulations of the closed and intermediate state conformations were performed in palmitoyl-oleyl-phosphatidyl cholines bilayer and dilauroyl-glycero-phosphocholines bilayer, respectively. The results show structure stability of MscL during the course of MD simulations. The relative mobility of TM1 and TM2 segments is consistent with the experimental mobility data. The bilayer thickness change observed from the MD simulations indicates the protein-induced bilayer deformation due to the effect of hydrophobic mismatch.

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Ms	Mechanosensitive channels
MscL	Mechanosensitive channels of Large conductance
MscS	Mechanosensitive channels of Small conductance
PD	pore domain
TM	transmembrane
Å	angstrom
°	degree
MD	molecular dynamics
PDB	protein data bank
PSF	protein structure file
VMD	visual molecular dynamics
APBS	adaptive Poisson-Boltzmann solver
PBE	Poisson-Boltzmann equation
PaDSAR	pseudoatom-driven solvent accessibility refinement
EPR	electron paramagnetic resonance
<b>a</b>	alpha
SDSL	site directed spin labeling
V	Valine
L	Leucine
$\Delta G_{\text{elec}}$	electrostatic salvation free energy
$L_{\text{mem}}$	range of membrane bilayer thickness
$\epsilon_m$	dielectric constant of the membrane
$\epsilon_w$	dielectric constant of the water
$\epsilon_{\text{protein}}$	dielectric constant of the protein
POPC	palmitoyl oleoyl phosphatidyl cholines
DLPC	Dilauroylglycero phospho cholines

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ns	nanosecond
RMSD	root-mean-square-deviation
RMSF	root-mean-square-fluctuation
3D	three dimensional
Kcal	kilocalorie
mV	milivolt
DSSP	database of secondary structure assignments of all protein
nS	nanosiemens

