# Structural chemometrics applied to small bioactive molecules complexed with their protein receptors (The examples) 

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EXAMPLE 1: A PEPTIDIC HIV-1 PROTEASE INHIBITOR L-700,417 IN INTERACTION WITH THE PROTEASE
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INHIBITOR L-700,417
HIV-1 PROTEASE/L-700,417 COMPLEX

| Groups | $F_{\mathrm{m}}$ | $D_{\mathrm{m}} / A$ | $I$ | $M_{\mathrm{F}}$ | $D_{\mathrm{F}} / A$ | $B / A$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All groups | $100 \%$ | 1.6 | $100 \%$ | $82 \%$ | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| H-bond groups | $66 \%$ | 2.3 | $47 \%$ | $45 \%$ | 2.8 | 1.6 |
| Hydrophobic groups | $82 \%$ | 2.7 | $80 \%$ | $82 \%$ | 3.2 | 1.7 |
| Aromatic groups | $60 \%$ | 3.1 | $62 \%$ | $56 \%$ | 3.4 | 1.8 |
| Benzene carbons | $29 \%$ | 3.5 | $28 \%$ | $17 \%$ | 4.0 | 2.5 |
| Polar groups | $82 \%$ | 2.4 | $70 \%$ | $54 \%$ | 3.0 | 1.6 |

$\rho=a_{1}+b_{1} \log D$
$\mathrm{V}^{1 / 3}=\mathrm{a}_{2}+\mathrm{b}_{2} \log \rho$
$\mathrm{F}=(\rho \tau)^{1 / 2}\left(\mathrm{~V}-\mathrm{V}_{0}\right), \quad \tau=\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{ve}}\left(\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{V}_{0}\right)$,
$\rho$ - overall ligand elec. density at $D$
$\mathrm{V}_{0}$ - ligand molecular volume
V - volume inside D
$\mathrm{N}_{\text {ve }}-$ No. val. electrons (protein $+\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ )
D - cut-off from the inhibitor surface



Function F as a measure of the overlap of the electron densities of the inhibitor and protease


The 3D scores plot from Principal Component Analysis (PCA, left) and the dendogram with samples from Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (HCA, right) applied to variables $F_{m}, D_{m}, I, M_{F}, D_{F}$ and $B$.

## EXAMPLE 2: PROGESTERONE IN INTERACTION WITH PROGESTERONE RECEPTOR

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PROGESTERONE


Progesterone -hydroquinone complex hydrate:


Progesterone:
CSD - PROGST10


Progesterone-resorcionol complex: CSD - KEFBEC


Progesterone (C: green; H: yellow; O; pink) at the active site of progesterone receptor (PR, gray; water: red). Four free pockets are visible - hydrogen substitution possible. [PDB: 1A28]

| H | $D_{\mathrm{H}} / \AA$ | $D / \AA$ | $\eta$ | $\eta_{\mathrm{H}}$ | H | $D_{\mathrm{H}} / \AA$ | $D / \AA$ | $\eta$ | $\eta_{\mathrm{H}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H4 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 55 | 143 | H21a | 2.2 | 3.0 | 62 | 147 |
| H6- $\beta$ | 3.1 | 3.5 | 52 | 139 | H12- $\alpha$ | 2.4 | 3.0 | 44 | 116 |
| H6- $\alpha$ | 2.9 | 3.6 | 53 | 135 | H12- $\beta$ | 2.3 | 2.3 | 43 | 118 |
| H7- $\beta$ | 2.7 | 3.4 | 43 | 94 | H11- $\beta$ | 2.5 | 3.3 | 32 | 98 |
| H7- $\alpha$ | 2.8 | 3.2 | 37 | 79 | H11- $\alpha$ | 2.5 | 2.5 | 46 | 126 |
| H8 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 29 | 56 | H1- $\alpha$ | 2.9 | 3.4 | 47 | 161 |
| H9 | 3.0 | 3.9 | 30 | 68 | H1- $\beta$ | 2.8 | 2.8 | 56 | 161 |
| H14 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 32 | 74 | H2- $\beta$ | 2.4 | 2.5 | 55 | 154 |
| H15- $\beta$ | 3.1 | 3.6 | 47 | 120 | H19a | 2.4 | 2.6 | 49 | 146 |
| H15- $\alpha$ | 2.4 | 3.0 | 51 | 119 | H18b | 2.4 | 3.1 | 36 | 97 |
| H16- $\beta$ | 2.4 | 3.1 | 50 | 130 | H18a | 2.7 | 3.2 | 29 | 82 |
| H16- $\alpha$ | 2.5 | 2.8 | 53 | 132 | H18c | 2.6 | 3.1 | 41 | 113 |
| H17 | 2.7 | 3.5 | 43 | 95 | H19b | 2.8 | 3.4 | 43 | 117 |
| H21c | 2.5 | 3.3 | 62 | 168 | H2- $\alpha$ | 2.3 | 3.0 | 69 | 184 |
| H21- $\beta$ | 2.2 | 2.2 | 58 | 139 | H19c | 2.7 | 3.5 | 41 | 110 |

Four variables were generated using a monomer unit of PR complexed with a progesterone molecule (PDB: 1A28), inside $5.5 \AA$ cut-off distance from progesterone molecular surface:
$D_{\mathrm{H}}$ - No. all PR+water atoms
D - No. non-H PR+water atoms
$\eta_{H}-$ No. valence electrons from all PR+water atoms
$\eta$ - No. valence electrons from non-H PR+water atoms


Principal Component Analysis (left) and Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (right) - three clusters of progesterone hydrogens:
-central (hidden, non-accessible, at ring junction) $\rightarrow$ substitution ??? -occupied (no free space around) $\rightarrow$ substitution ? -and free (there is a free space around) $\rightarrow$ substitution


Superimposed X-ray (PDB: 1A28) and ab initio geometries - high degree of rigidity;

Central (pink), occupied (blue) and free (yellow) hydrogens; Substitution of hydrogens $\mathrm{H} 6 \alpha, \mathrm{H} 6 \beta, \mathrm{H} 11(\alpha, \beta), \mathrm{H} 17 \alpha, \mathrm{H} 18(\mathrm{a}-\mathrm{c}) \rightarrow$ variation of progestational activity $\rightarrow$ treatment of diseases, postmenopausal difficulties and hormonal disorders

## EXAMPLE 3: 1-NAPHTHALENIC ACID (NAA) IN INTERACTION WITH AUXIN BINDING PROTEIN 1 (ABP1)

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Indole-3-acetic acid (IAA, left), NAA (middle) and superimposition.

| Substitution | Higher activity <br> $(5.6)$ | IAA like activity <br> $(5.4-5.5)$ | Lower activity <br> $(\leq 5.3)$ | Pocket size |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | - | - | Me | small |
| 4 | $\mathrm{~F}, \mathrm{Me}$ | $\mathrm{Et}, \mathrm{Cl}$ | - | medium |
| 5 | - | $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{Me}, \mathrm{Et}, \mathrm{Pr}, \mathrm{Bu}$ | Br | large |
| 6 | - | $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{Me}, \mathrm{Et}$ | - | medium |
| 7 | - | $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{Cl}, \mathrm{N}, \mathrm{Me}, \mathrm{Et}$ | - | medium or large |

Biological activity of auxins (IAAs) and probable size of pockets in ABP1.


NAA at the active cavity of ABP1 [PDB: 1LRH].

| NAA $^{\mathrm{b}}$ | IAA eq. ${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ | Count1 | Count2 | Minı. d | Count3 | Non-H | Count4 | Pocket size $^{\mathrm{d}}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9 anti | 8 anti | 2 | 1 | 2.90 | 27 | 0.54 | 21 | very small |
| 9 syn | 8 syn | 0 | 0 | 3.43 | 23 | 0.46 | 17 | medium |
| 2 | $[2]^{\mathrm{e}}$ | 0 | 0 | 3.35 | 26 | 0.48 | 20 | small |
| 3 | $[2]^{\mathrm{e}}$ | 0 | 0 | 3.70 | 27 | 0.44 | 22 | small |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2.91 | 27 | 0.46 | 11 | small |
| 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2.68 | 17 | 0.38 | 15 | medium |
| 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3.31 | 19 | 0.35 | 16 | large |
| 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3.46 | 24 | 0.39 | 18 | medium |
| 5 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3.54 | 22 | 0.42 | 18 | large |

aSteric descriptors inside $5.5 \AA$ : Count1, Count2 - No. vdW contacts with all/non-H atoms; Min. d - min. distance for vdW contacts; Count3 - No. non-H atoms; Non-H - number fraction of non-H atoms count; Count4 - No. C atoms. ${ }^{\text {b }}$ NAA H atoms. ${ }^{\text {cIAA }} \mathrm{H}$ atoms. ${ }^{\text {d F From molecular }}$ graphics. ${ }^{\text {e This IAA }} \mathrm{H}$ is in the mid-way between two NAA H atoms.
1.00 .80 .60 .40 .20 .0



HCA (left): very small (B), small (C), medium (A) and large (D) pockets. PCA (right): small, medium and large pockets.


Larger pockets allow placement of Me and Et at C4 and C5 of NAA.

