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	$F_{\rm m}$	D _m /Å	I	$M_{\rm F}$	$D_{\rm F}/{ m \AA}$	B/Å
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

 $\rho = a_1 + b_1 \log D$ $V^{1/3} = a_2 + b_2 \log \rho$ $F = (\rho \tau)^{1/2} (V - V_0), \quad \tau = N_{ve} (V - V_0),$ $\rho - \text{ overall ligand elec. density at } D$ $V_0 - \text{ ligand molecular volume}$ V - volume inside D $N_{ve} - \text{ No. val. electrons (protein+H_2O)}$ 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 -hydroquinone complex hydrate: CSD – PRORES



PROGESTERONE

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]

Н	$D_{ m H}/{ m \AA}$	$D/{ m \AA}$	η	$\eta_{\rm H}$	Н	$D_{ m H}/{ m \AA}$	$D/\text{\AA}$	η	$\eta_{\rm H}$
H4	2.5	3.3	55	143	H21a	2.2	3.0	62	147
Η6-β	3.1	3.5	52	139	H12-α	2.4	3.0	44	116
H6-α	2.9	3.6	53	135	H12-β	2.3	2.3	43	118
Η7-β	2.7	3.4	43	94	H11-β	2.5	3.3	32	98
H7-α	2.8	3.2	37	79	H11-α	2.5	2.5	46	126
H8	3.0	3.0	29	56	H1- α	2.9	3.4	47	161
H9	3.0	3.9	30	68	H1-β	2.8	2.8	56	161
H14	3.5	4.4	32	74	H2-β	2.4	2.5	55	154
H15-β	3.1	3.6	47	120	H19a	2.4	2.6	49	146
H15-α	2.4	3.0	51	119	H18b	2.4	3.1	36	97
H16-β	2.4	3.1	50	130	H18a	2.7	3.2	29	82
H16-α	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	Η2-α	2.3	3.0	69	184
H21-β	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 Å cut-off distance from progesterone molecular surface:

 $D_{\rm H}$ – No. all PR+water atoms

D – No. non-H PR+water atoms

 η_{H} – No. valence electrons from all PR+water atoms

 η – 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 H6 α , H6 β , H11(α , β), H17 α , H18(a-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	IAA like activity	Lower activity	Pocket size
	(5.6)	(5.4 – 5.5)	(≤ 5.3)	
2	-	_	Me	small
4	F, Me	Et, Cl	_	medium
5	_	F, Cl, Me, Et, Pr, Bu	Br	large
6	_	F, Me, Et	_	medium
7	_	F, Cl, N, Me, 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].

NAAb	IAA eq. ^c	Count1	Count2	Min. d	Count3	Non-H	Count4	Pocket size ^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] ^e	0	0	3.35	26	0.48	20	small
3	[2] ^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 Å: 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. ^bNAA H atoms. ^cIAA H atoms. ^dFrom molecular graphics. ^eThis IAA H is in the mid-way between two NAA H atoms.



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.