

# Computer Aided Drug Design Methods

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### Because of,

- ✓ the cost and the time
- ✓ the reasons for many diseases are not fully explained,

it has become necessary to design drugs in a rational way.

### **Computer-Aided Drug Design (CADD)**

is a new technology and accelerates the process of drug development using the accumulated knowledge of existing drugs and diseases in combination with other interdisciplinary inputs.

In these way it is possible to

- ✓ design of new drug candidates,
- ✓ estimate the activity of new molecules before synthesis.



Computer aided drug design techniques play an important role in;

- 1. Design of new chemical compounds which may be the drug active substances,
- 2. Reach more effective compounds
- **3.** Define mechanism of action of the drugs



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# DRUGS DISCOVERED BY COMPUTER AIDED DRUG DESIGN METHODS

TEVETEN<sup>®</sup> for hypertension treatment-Abbott Eprosartan: Angiotensin II receptor antagonist, Molecular Modelling





CRIXIVAN<sup>®</sup> for AIDS –Merck Indinavir: HIV-1 Protease Inhibitor, X-ray crystallography, Moleculer Mechanics Calculations and Receptor Based Design

TRUSOPT<sup>®</sup> for Glaucoma treatment-Merck Dorzolamide: Carbonic anhydrase inhibitor *ab inito* Calculations and Receptor Based Design





ZOMIG<sup>®</sup> for Migrain treatment-Wellcome, Zeneca Zolmitriptan: 5HT1-agonist, Pharmacophore Analysis and Ligand Based Design



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# **COMPUTER-AIDED DRUG DESIGN**

Molecular modeling studies



Quantitative structure activity relationship (QSAR)



# **Molecular modeling**

The aim of molecular modeling is to understand

- a. the basic relationship between chemical and physical properties,
- b. chemical structure and
- c. 3D structure of a molecule.

3-dimensional study is the definition of all properties of a compound in space.



Using molecular modeling techniques gathering information about;

- 1. 3D structure of the molecule
- Physicochemical properties of the molecule 2.
- 3. Comparison of a molecule with other molecules
- 4. Investigate the receptor-drug interactions



**Close view** 

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surface



### 3D structure can be created by using the drawing features in the software





### 3D structures can be created by using the fragment data in a program (software).











# Let's watch a video

This video is about SARS-CoV-2 Structure (COVID-19 Coronavirus)

You can find the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IuJqbV4D8Cc&list=FLD5BNZVjYcwC62P KTJs47Gg



There are two basic starting points for computer aided drug design:

1- Target = Receptors, enzymes or nucleic acids
2- Effector(ligand) = There may be natural endogenous substances or drugs which occupy the active site of the target and affect the target positively or negatively.

**STRUCTURE-BASED DESIGN** 

LIGAND BASED DESIGN



### STRUCTURE-BASED DESIGN

It is aimed to design molecules with the knowledge of receptor structure

### LIGAND BASED DESIGN



It is aimed to predict the structure of the receptor by using the structures of the active compunds.



### **STRUCTURE-BASED DESIGN**

DOCKING

Design of compounds from known receptor structure

- Receptor structure is known
- Mechanism of action is known
- Ligands and their biological activities are known or unknown





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## DOCKING

The compound, which may be effective, is designed by evaluating the suitability of sterically or electrostatically to the pockets in the receptor.





# DOCKING



 Interaction of Topotecan (yellow) with Topoisomerase I enzyme and DNA (Pdb: 1K4T)



# DOCKING



• Docking pose of Topotecan (Hydrogen bonds and pi interactions)



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## **LIGAND-BASED DESIGN**

Prediction of receptor structure from the structure of active molecules

- The structure of the receptor is unknown
- The mechanism of action might be known or unknown
- Ligand and biological activities of ligands are known



## PHARMACOPHORE ANALYSIS



### Pharmacophore

Is a part of a molecule that is responsible for a particular biological or pharmacological interaction.

### **Pharmacophore features**

- Hydrogen bond donor or acceptor
- Electrostatic,
- Hydrophobic,
- Aromatic,
- Steric... .

