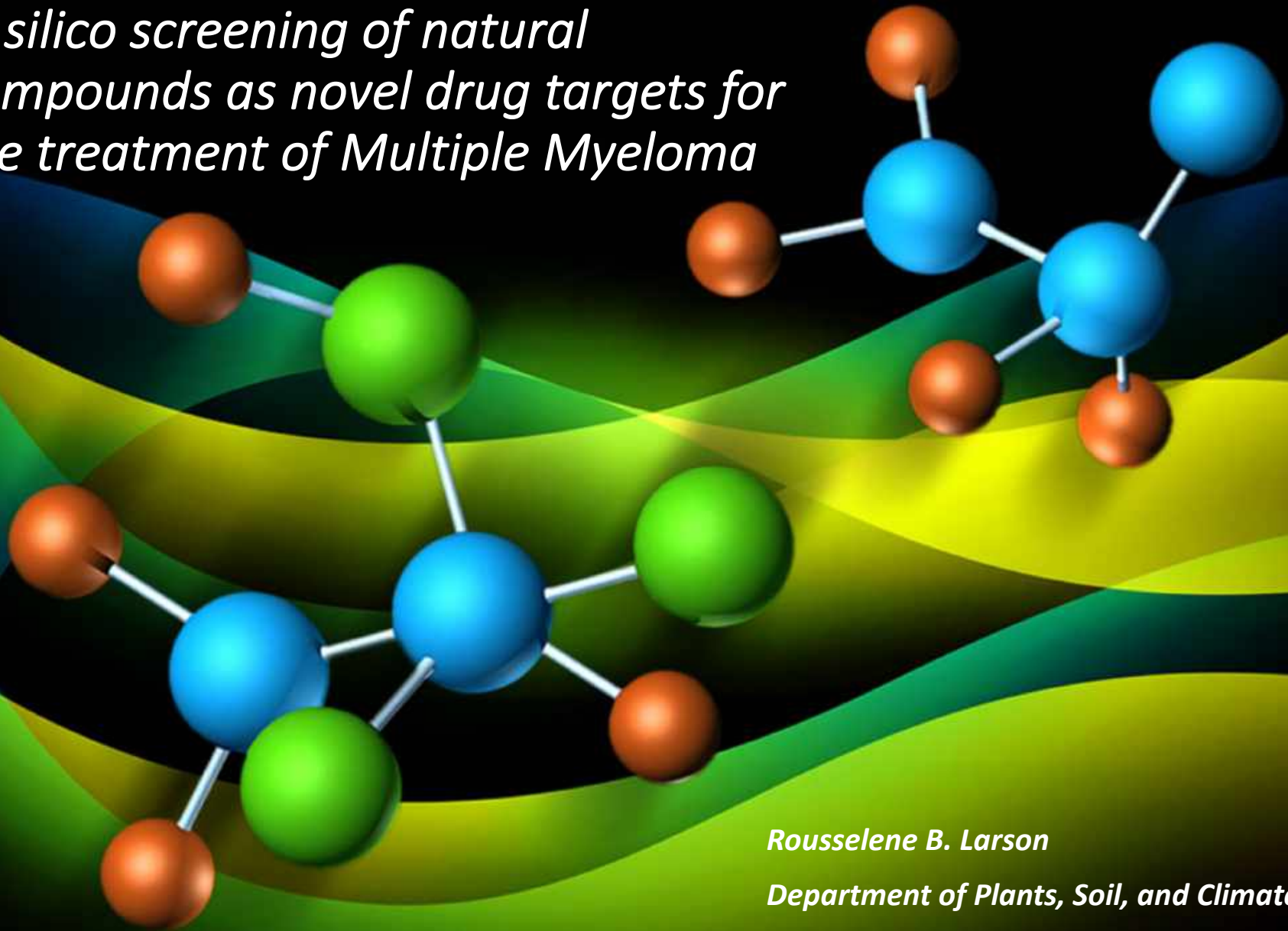


*In silico screening of natural  
compounds as novel drug targets for  
the treatment of Multiple Myeloma*



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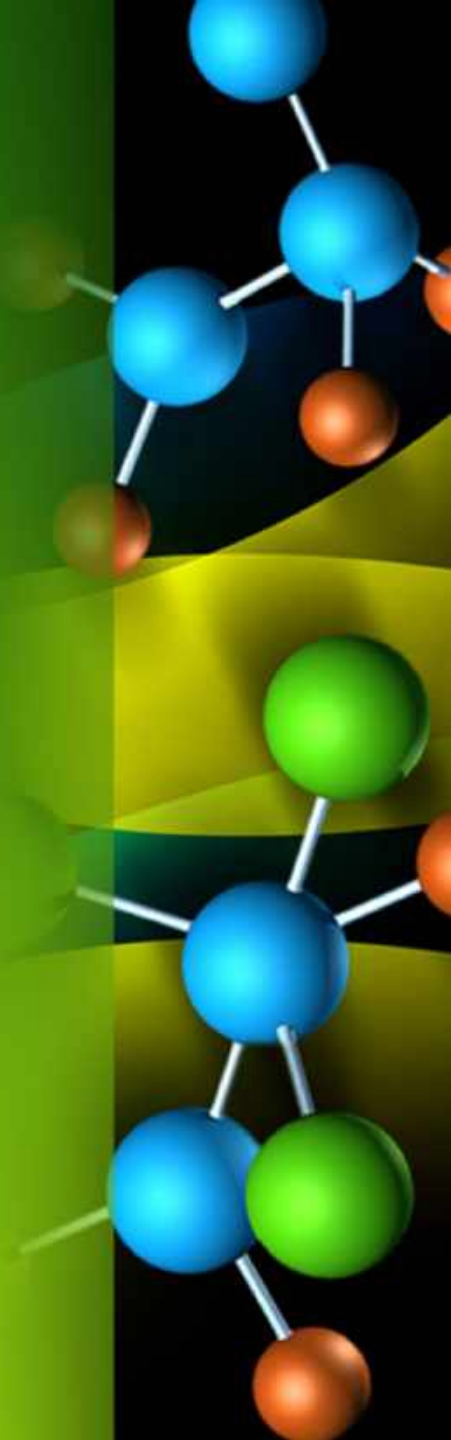
# Objective

- Understanding the need for therapeutics.
- Benefits of natural products.
- Docking methods used for predictions models.
- Models used to predict and prioritize natural products for therapeutics.

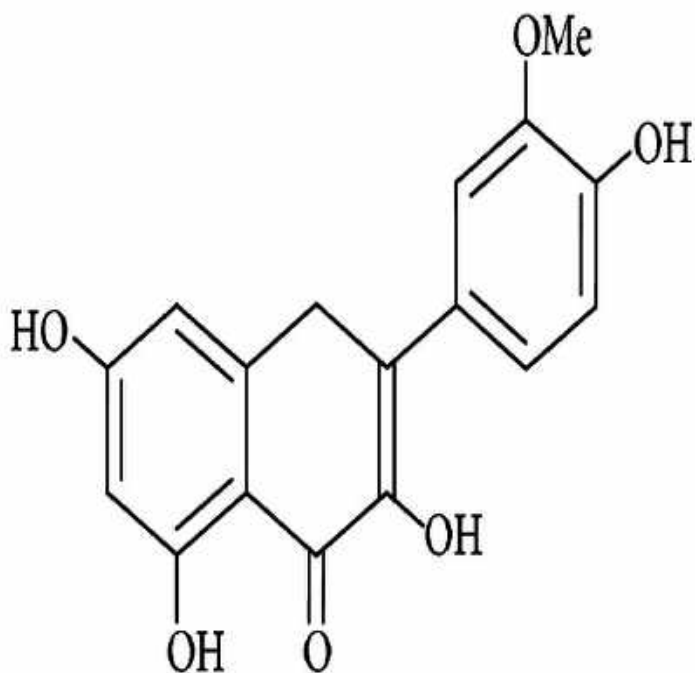


# Natural compounds

Plant natural products have been intensively investigated during the past decades with a considerable amount of generated data.

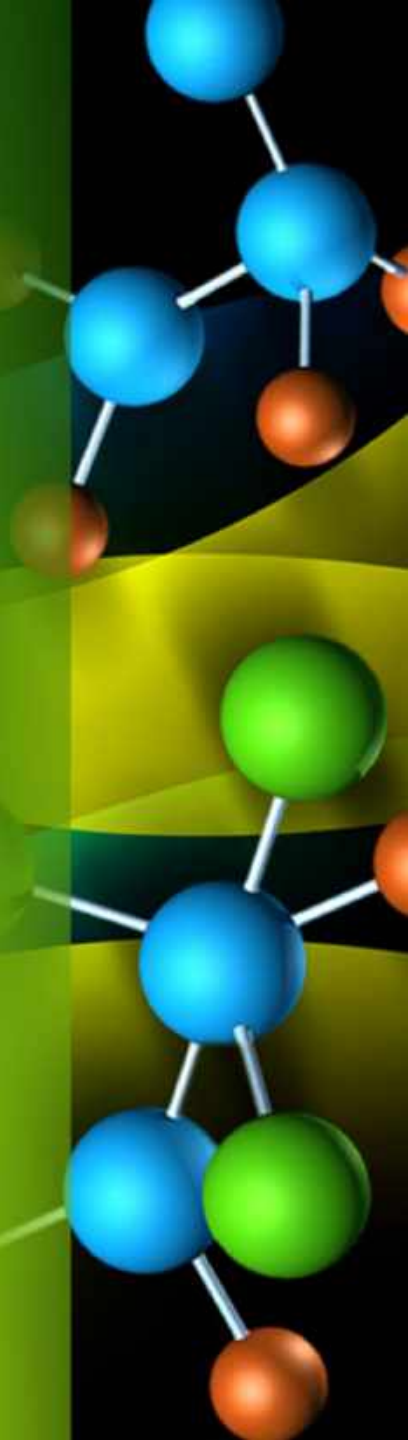


# Natural Compound

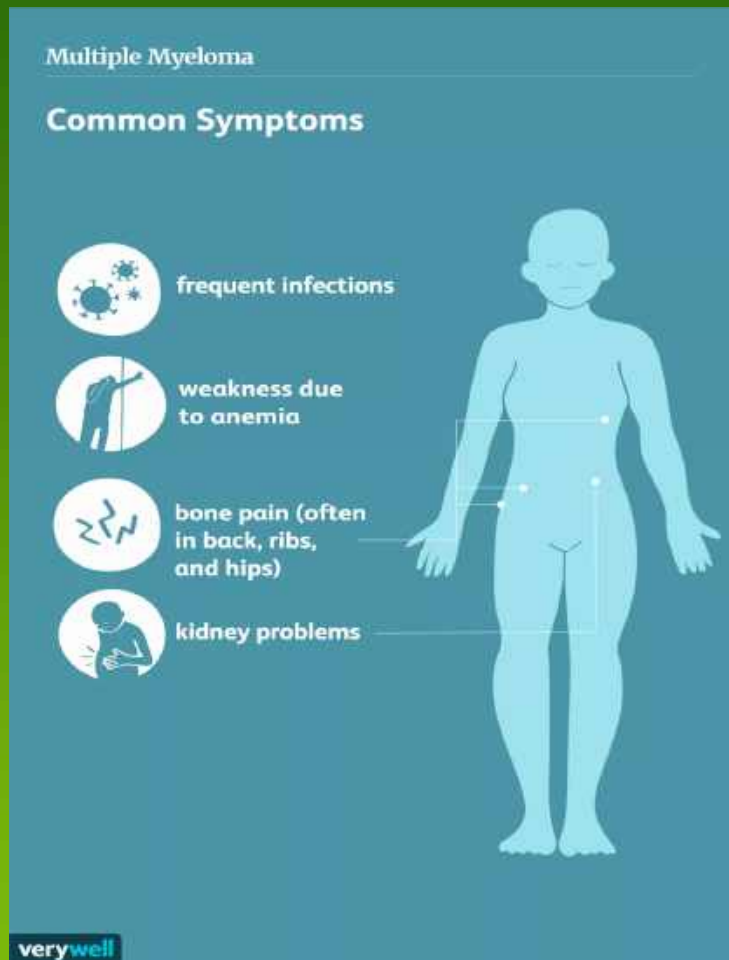


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- Small molecules found in natural products (many are plants based).
- Biological activities
- Pharmacological activity.



# Multiple Myeloma

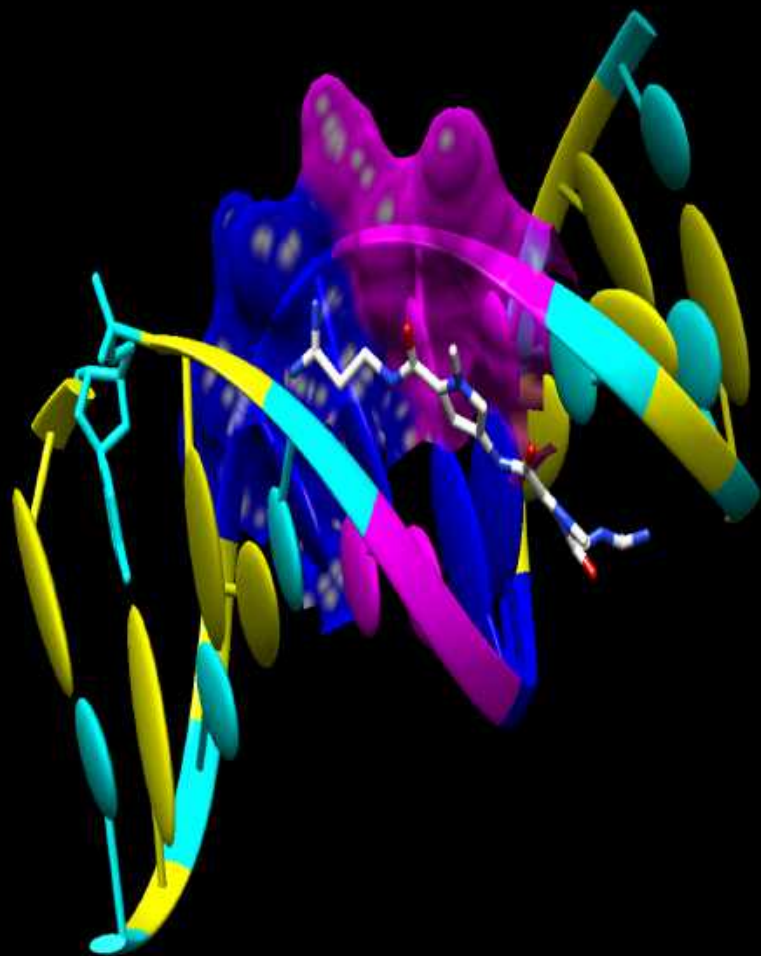
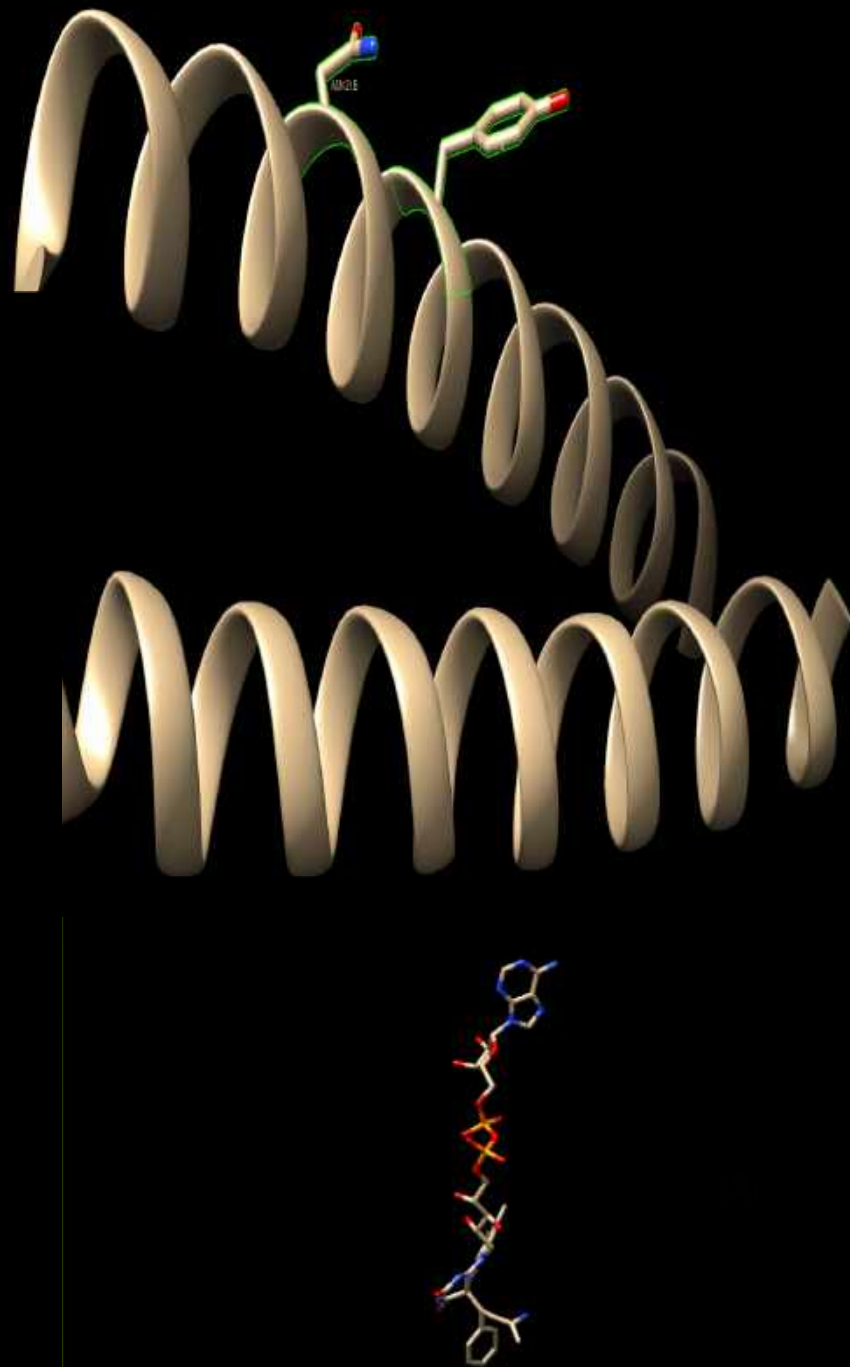


- Multiple Myeloma (MM) is an incurable hematological malignancy cancer characterized by excessive clonal plasma cell proliferation in the bone marrow.
- In the United States, MM is the second most prevalent type of cancer that affects about 4 in 100,000 Americans.





In this study, we are performing large scale *in silico* molecular protein-ligand docking



# Method

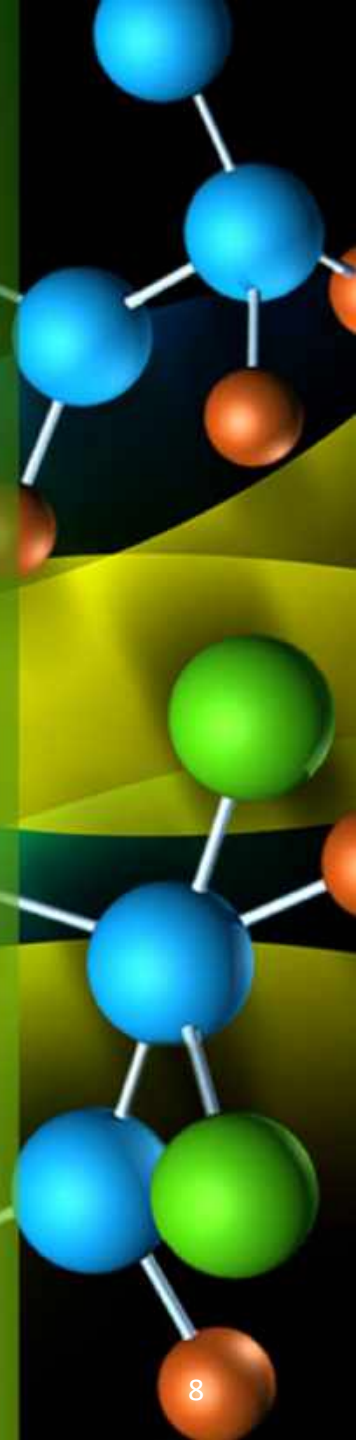
As a preliminary step, we have prepared:

- ~200,000 natural compounds as ligands
- Several MM target proteins like CDH1, LCP1, ALDH1A1, MAFB, and HIF1A as receptor molecules.
- Over 500 target proteins are being tested.
- These proteins have been found to be present in MM patients that are actually tested for the disease.



# Method

- The protein-ligand complexes obtained from molecular docking will be subjected for molecular dynamics simulation at ~10-100ns to explore the protein and complex conformational energy landscape.
- A webserver of these docking complexes will be implemented using PHP, HTML5, JQuery, JavaScript.
- The tool will allow users to select a human MM target protein and natural compound and check their binding affinity with a protein-ligand complex.
- Additionally, it will provide options to run molecular dynamics simulation on the complex using the High-Performance Computing cluster



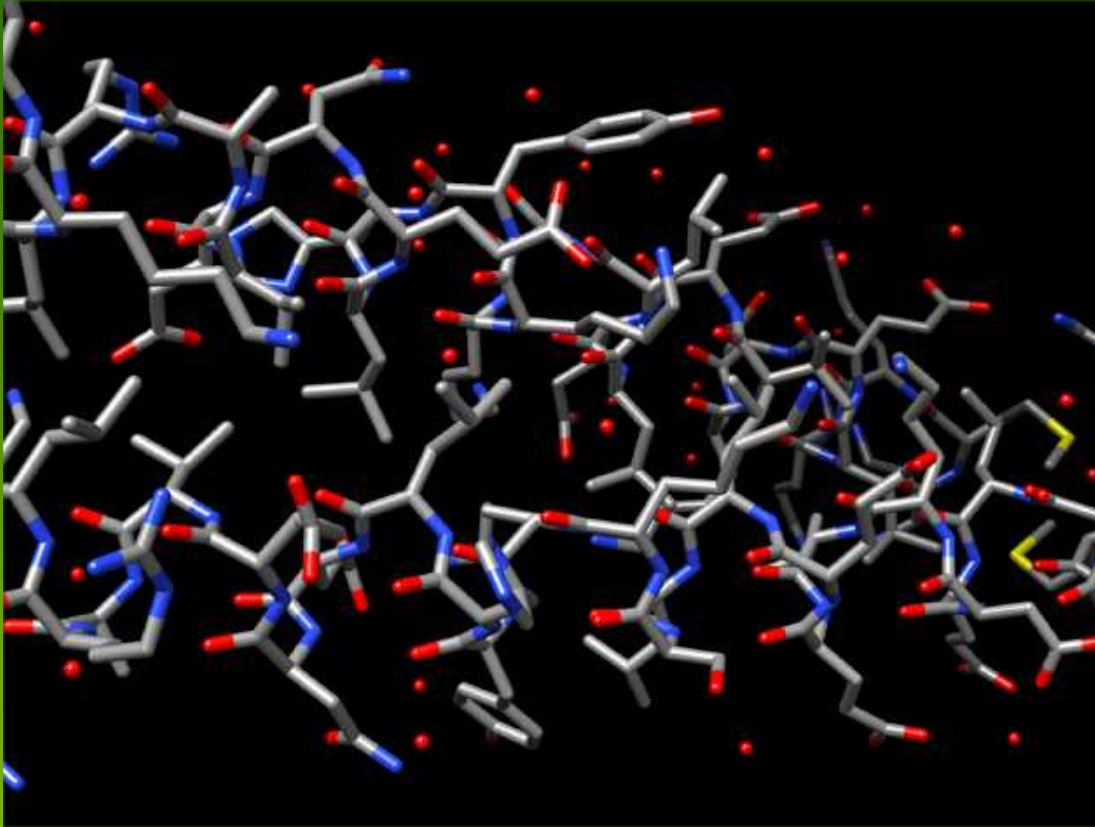


# Drugs for Drug Designer

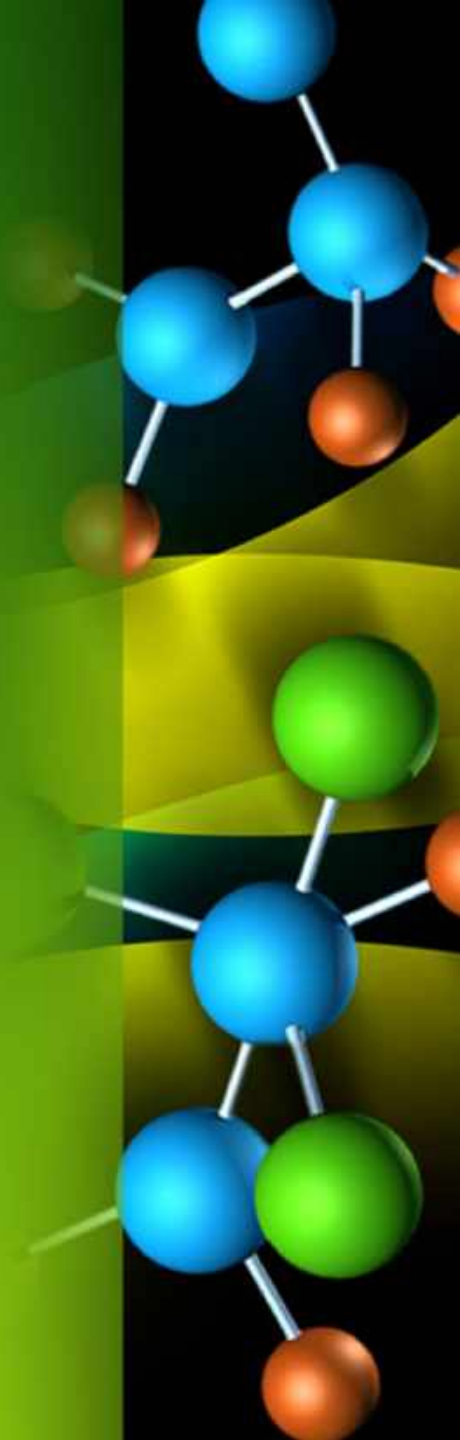
- A compound (ligand) that binds to biological target (protein) and either activate (agonist) or inactivate (antagonist) the protein function.
- The structure (3D) of drug is complementary to the active site (binding pocket) of biological target (protein).
- This binding is stabilized by many electrostatic hydrophobic and hydrogen bonds



# Protein Docking



Given the 3D structures of two molecules,  
determine the best binding modes.



# Protein Docking

- Molecular docking is the study of how two or more molecular structures (e.g., drug and enzyme or protein) fit together.
- In a simple definition, docking is a molecular modeling technique that is used to predict how a protein (enzyme) interacts with small molecules (ligands).

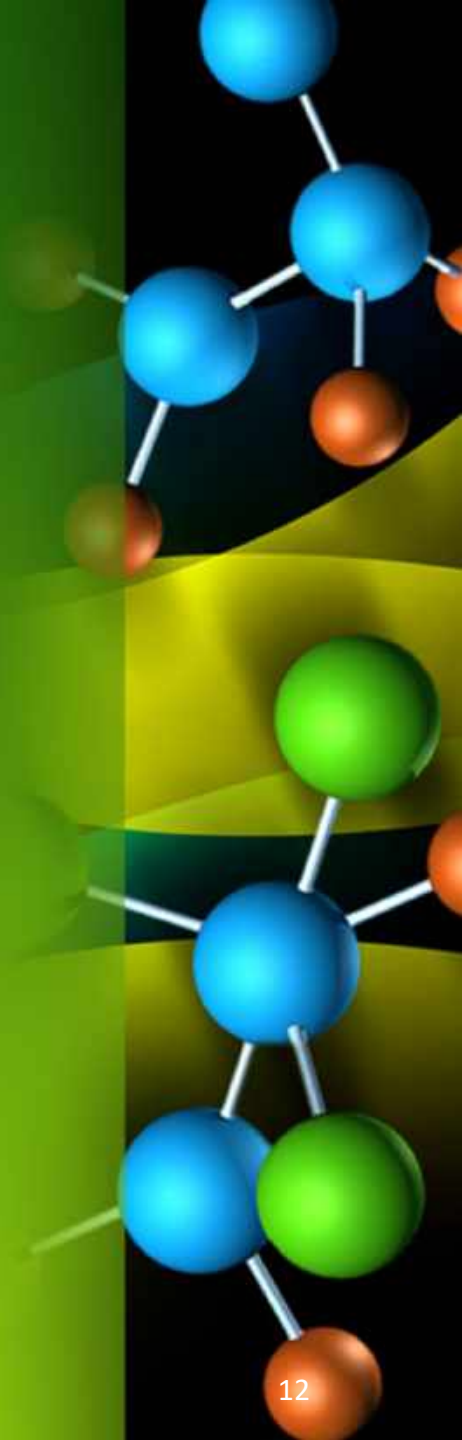


# Target Selection & Structure

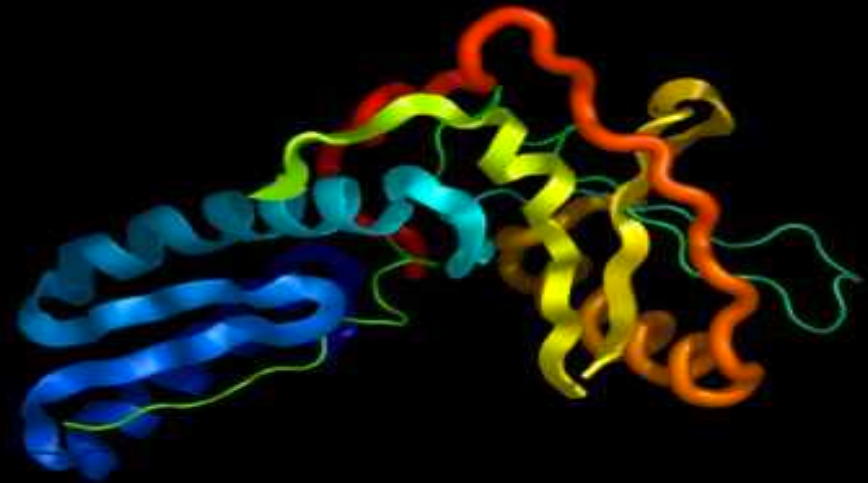
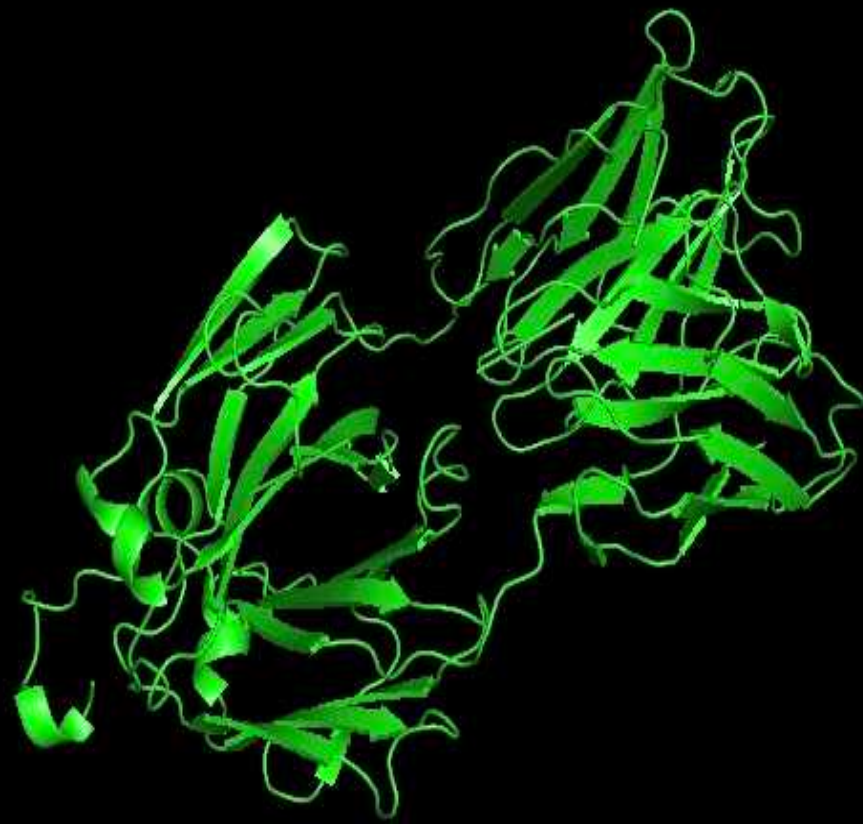
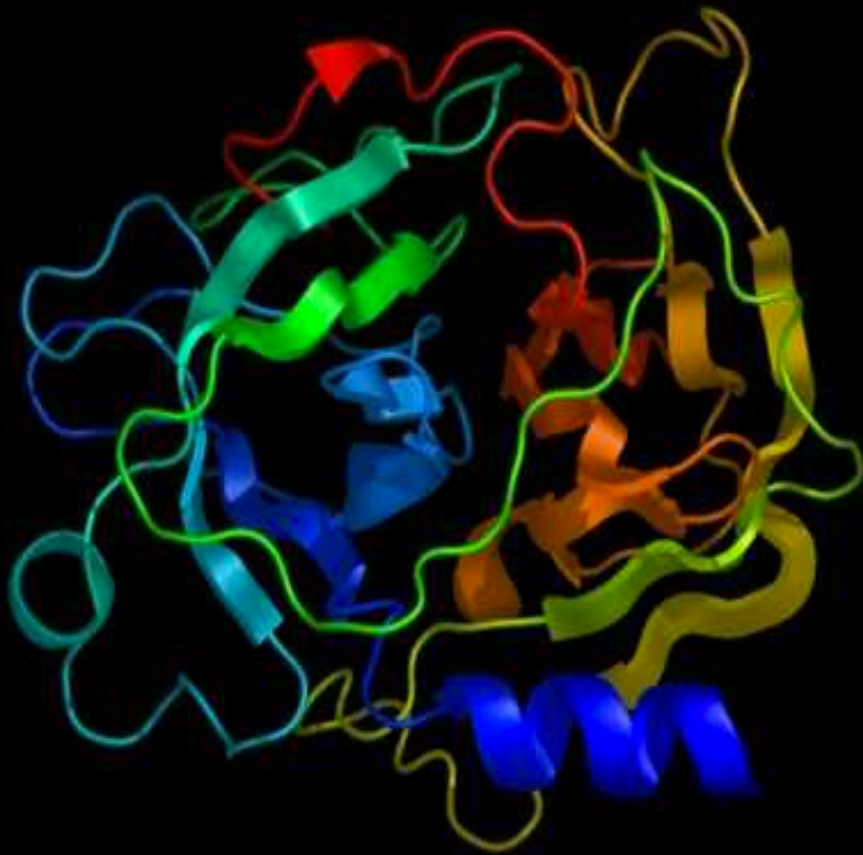
Protein has the following secondary structures:

- Helix
- Strands
- Loop

These secondary structures combine to form 3D structures.



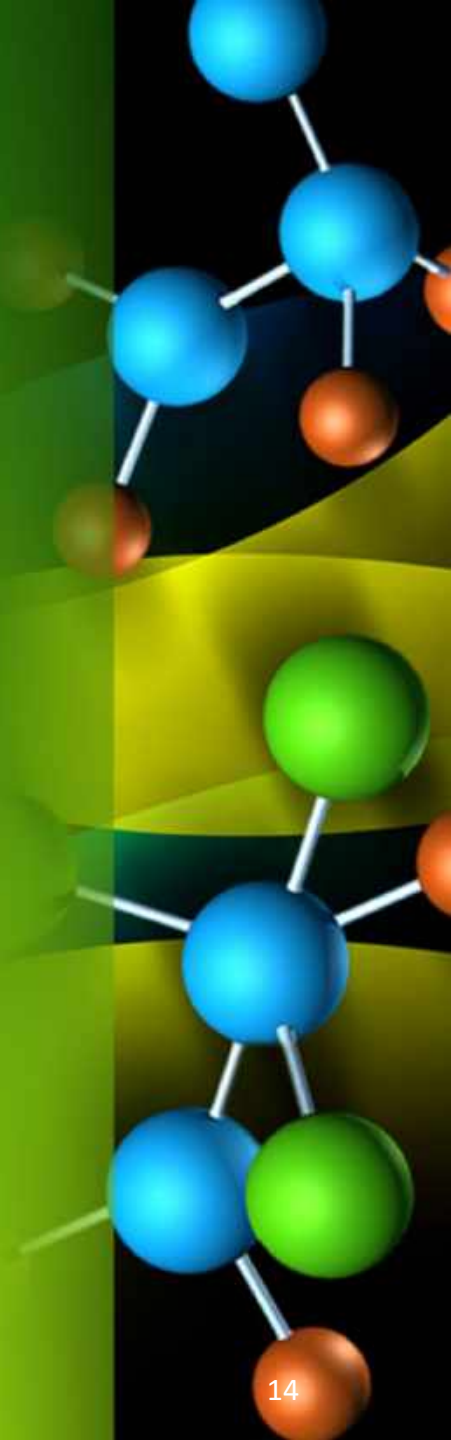






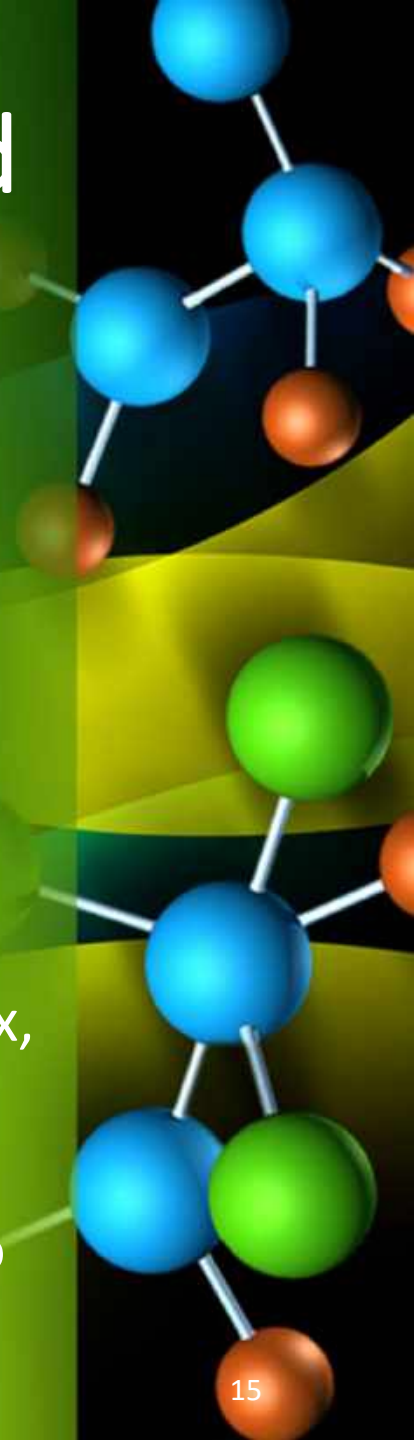
# Protein Docking

- Need protein 3D structure
- Need binding pocket in the protein
- Need candidate ligand that need to be docked
- Docking place the candidate ligand in binding pocket
- It results in multiple poses/conformation of candidate molecule inside the pocket



# Binding Energy Protein-Ligand

- Binding energy between protein-ligand calculated for docked pose.
- Physical binding energy constitutes:
  1. Electrostatic
  2. Van der Waal
  3. Hydrophobic
  4. Solvation
- Lower binding energy shows a more stable complex, rank docked poses.
- Knowledge based binding energy calculation is also used.





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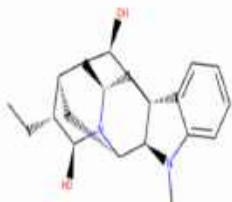
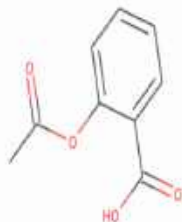
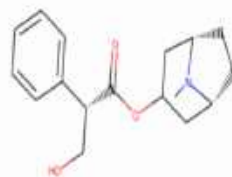
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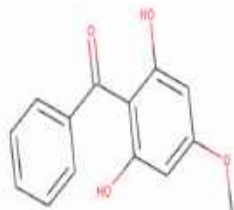
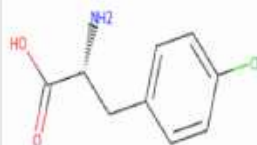
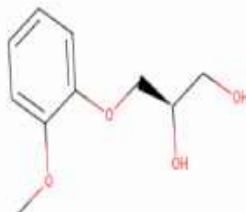
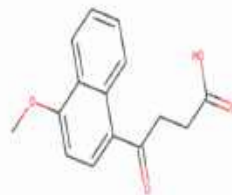
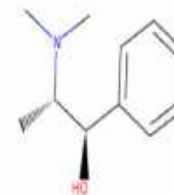
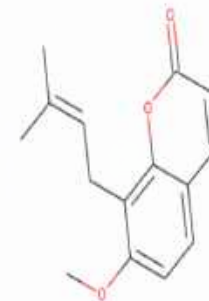
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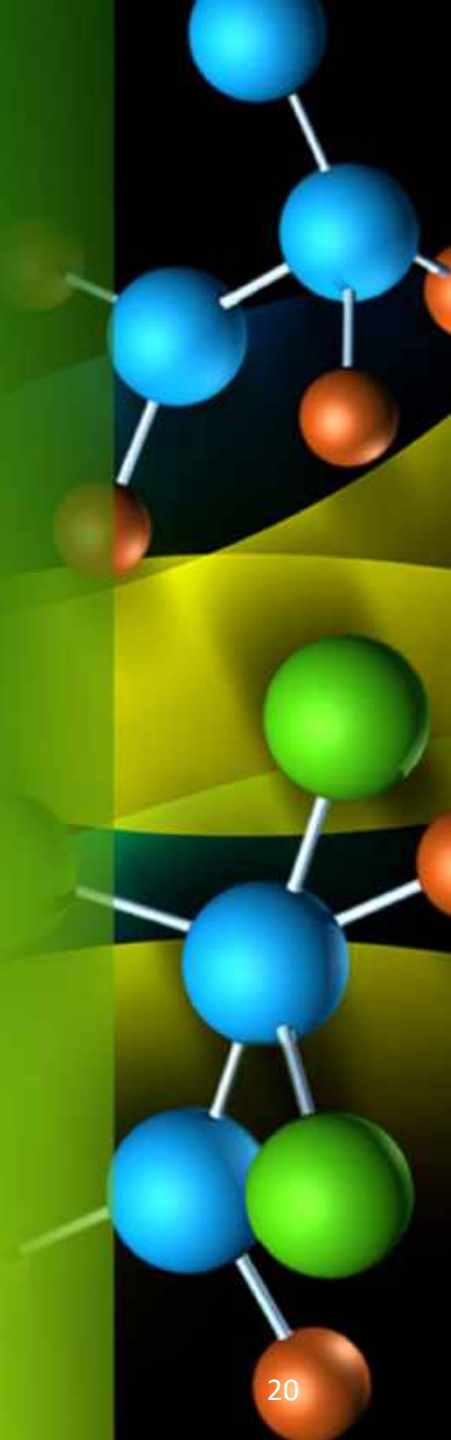


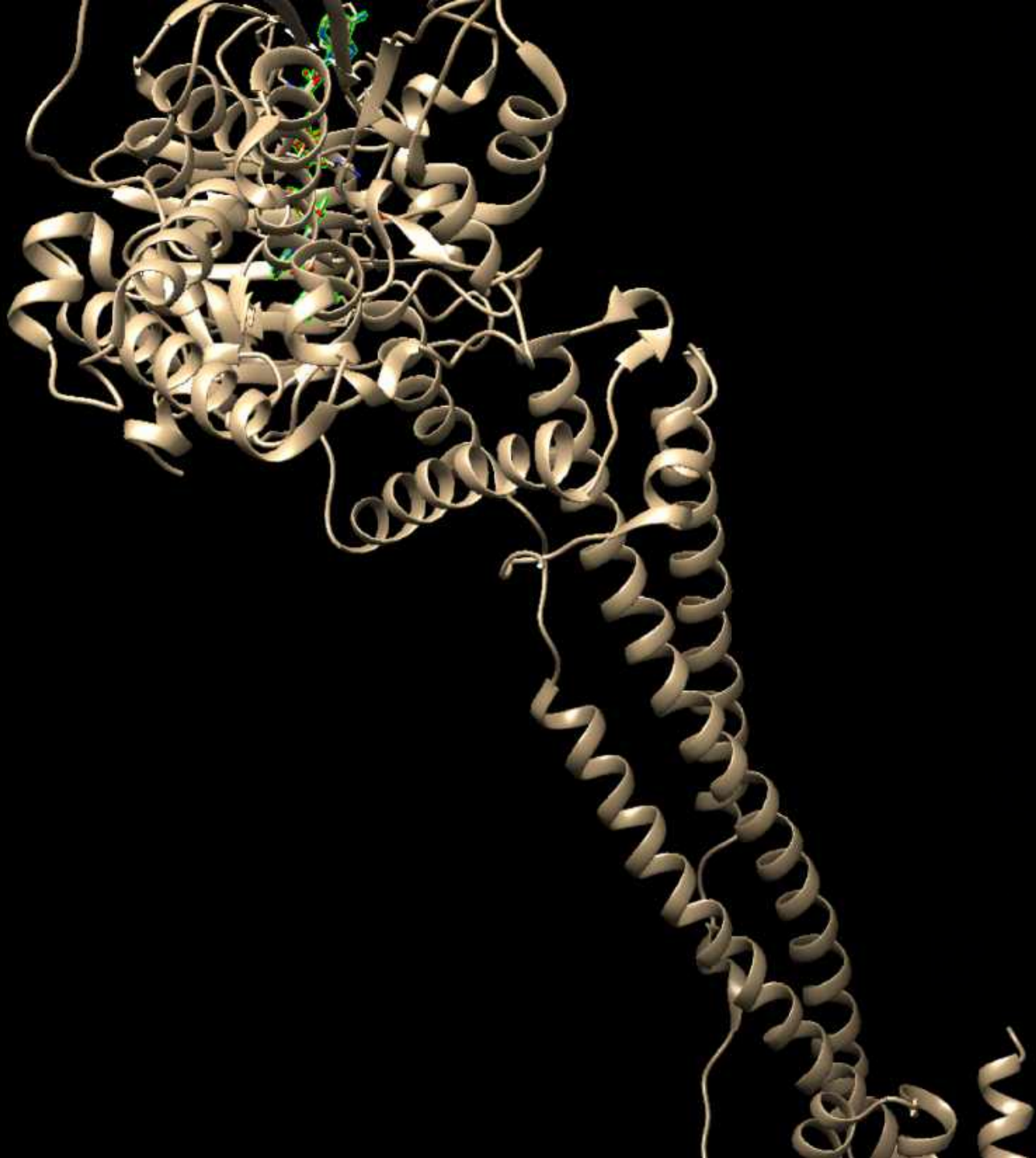
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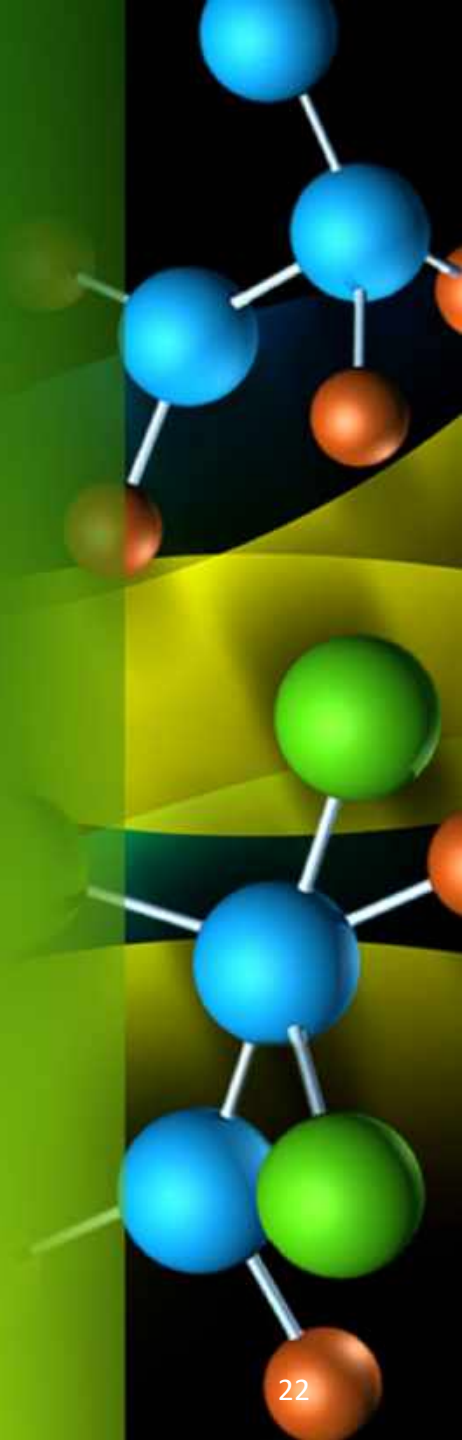
Histone demethylase KDM1A (also known as LSD1) has become an attractive therapeutic target for the treatment of cancer as well as other disorders such as viral infections.





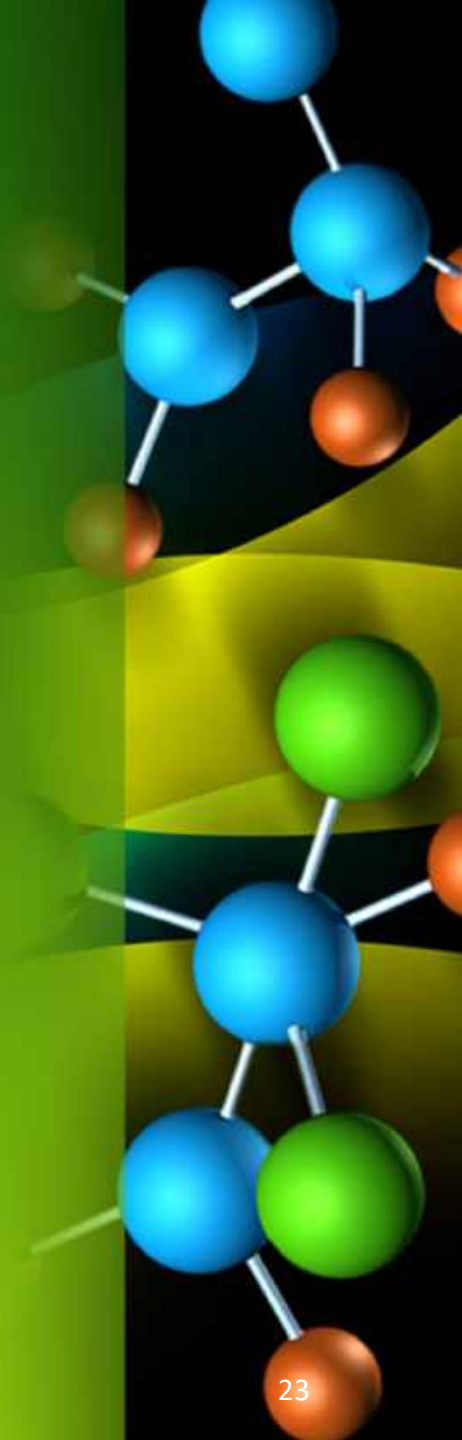
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- ❑ Estimated Free Energy of Binding =  $+6.11e+03$  kcal/mol
- ❑ Final Intermolecular Energy =  $+6.10e+03$  kcal/mol
- ❑ vdW + Hbond + desolv Energy =  $+6.10e+03$  kcal/mol
- ❑ Electrostatic Energy =  $+0.48$  kcal/mol
- ❑ Final Total Internal Energy =  $-2.36$  kcal/mol
- ❑ Torsional Free Energy =  $+5.07$  kcal/mol
- ❑ Unbound System's Energy =  $-2.36$  kcal/mol



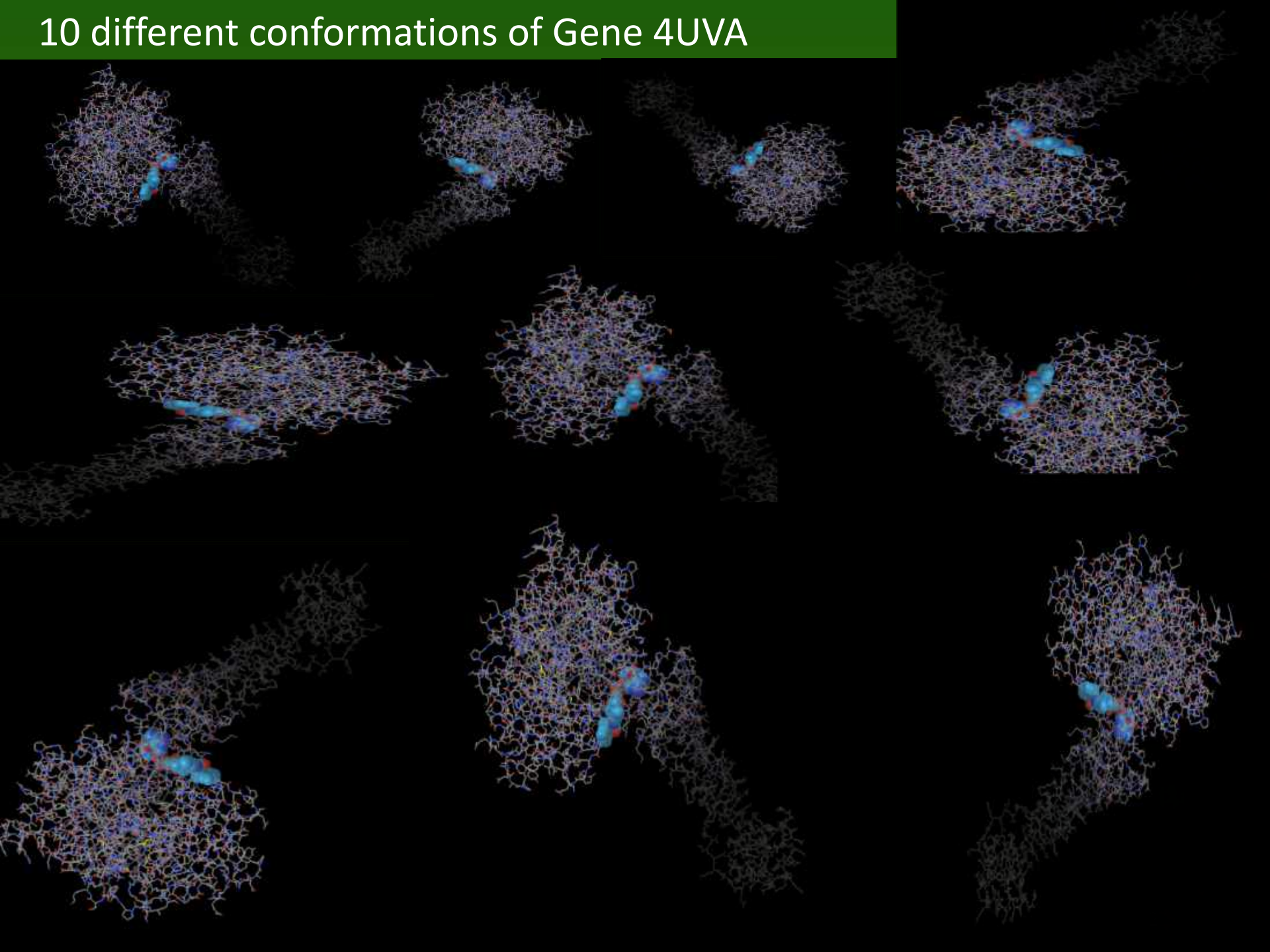
# Model 2...

- ❑ Estimated Free Energy of Binding = +3.47e+03 kcal/mol
- ❑ Final Intermolecular Energy = +3.46e+03 kcal/mol
- ❑ vdW + Hbond + desolv Energy = +3.46e+03 kcal/mol
- ❑ Electrostatic Energy = +0.33 kcal/mol
- ❑ Final Total Internal Energy = -0.82 kcal/mol
- ❑ Torsional Free Energy = +5.07 kcal/mol
- ❑ Unbound System's Energy = -0.82 kcal/mol





# 10 different conformations of Gene 4UVA



# Benefit

- Protein–protein docking can help us better understand how natural compounds play a role in treatments for patients with Multiple Myeloma.
- Can Provide structural and mechanistic insights for the proteins involved in MM.
- Can help us characterize the behavior of small molecules in the binding site of each protein (protein-ligand interaction).
- Design models that can be used to predict and prioritize natural products for therapeutics.

