

AI-Driven Prediction of Inhibitors of Metabolizing Enzymes and Transporters for Safer Drug Design

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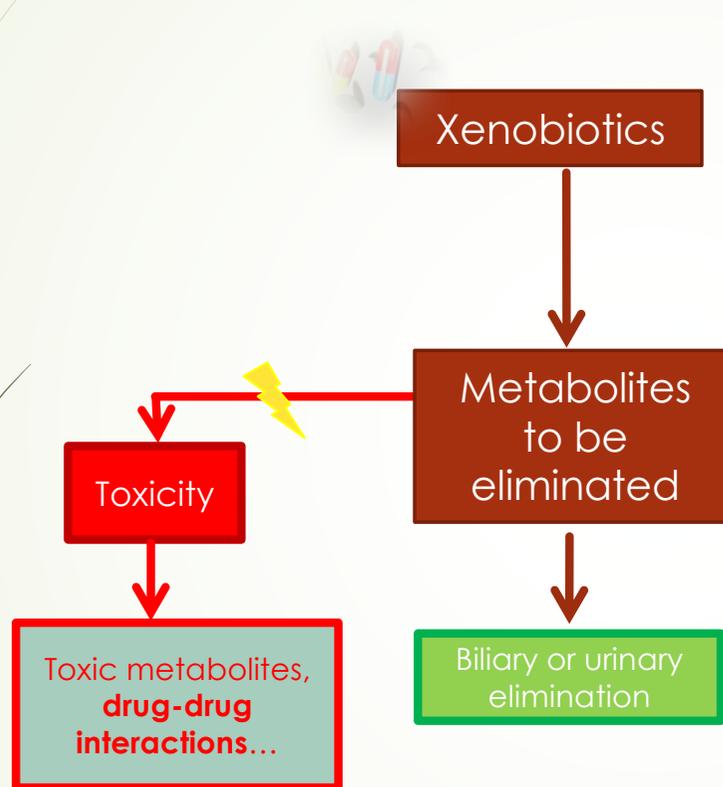
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Drug-drug interactions, Drug Metabolizing Enzymes (DME) and Transporters



Phase I DME Oxido-reduction

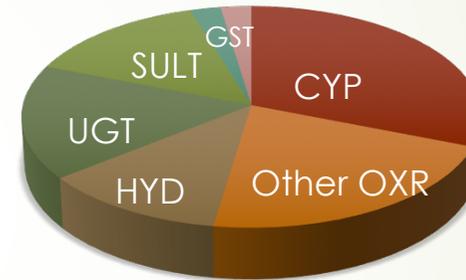
Cytochrome P450 (CYP), ...

Phase II DME Conjugation

Sulfotransferases (SULT),

Uridine Diphosphate

Glucuronosyltransferase (UGT), ...



Efflux Transporters

Influx Transporters

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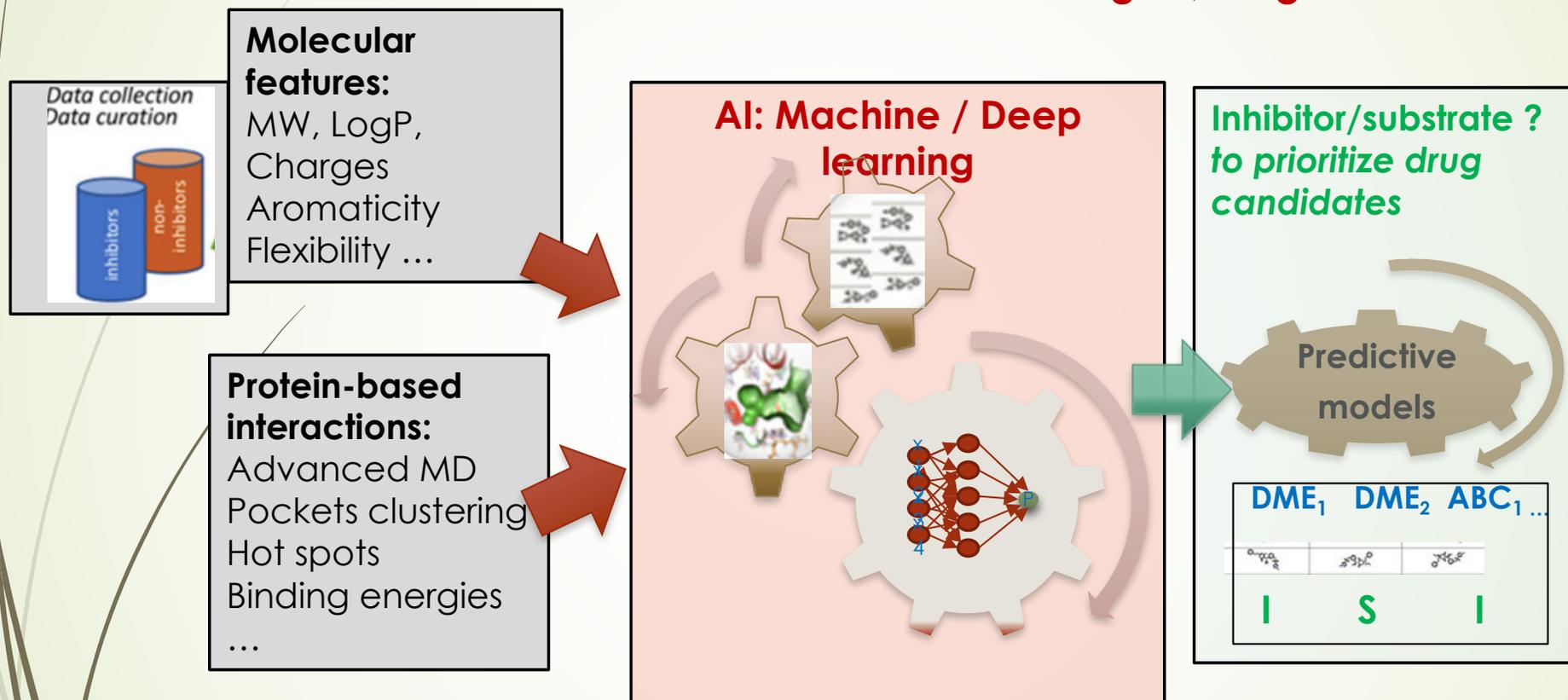
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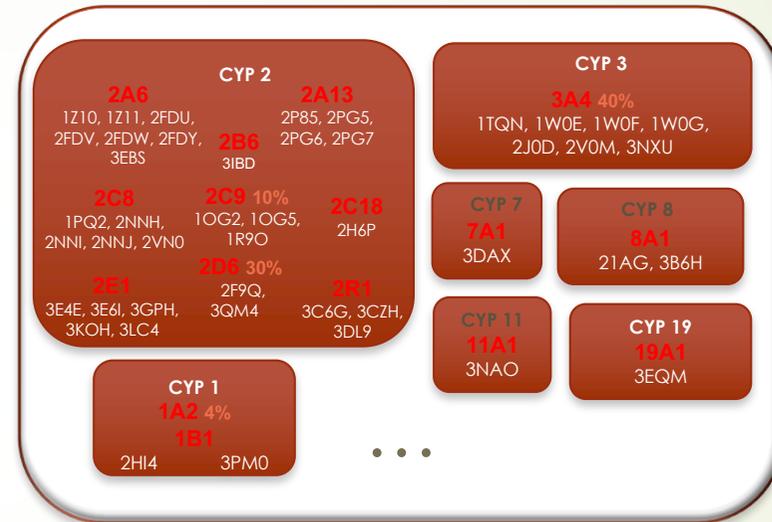
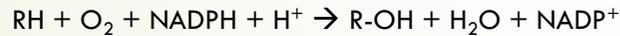
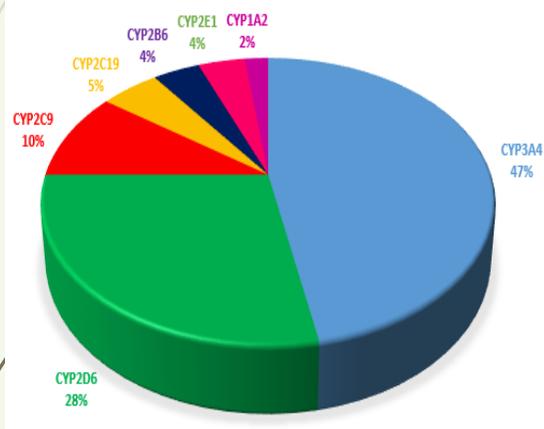
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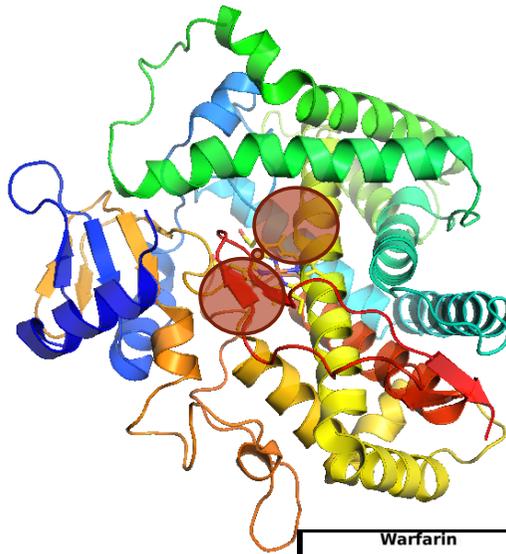
CYP 450: major drug metabolizing enzymes

Percentage of drugs metabolized by different CYPs



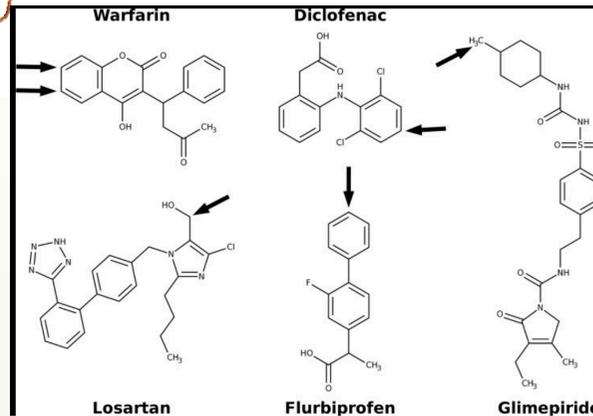
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CYP 450: major drug metabolizing enzymes



- ▶ CYP 2C9
- ▶ Metabolizing ~10 % of drugs
- ▶ Highly polymorphic isoform
- ▶ >60 alleles

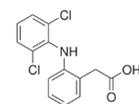
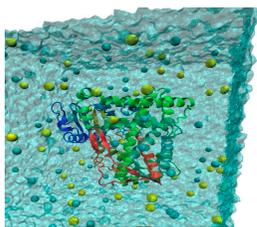
▶ **Strong flexibility**



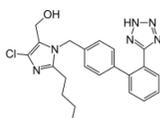
Drugs substrates of CYP2C9

CYP 2C9 flexibility: Generation and selection of ensemble conformations

- MD of CYP 2C9 : 5 x 50 ns

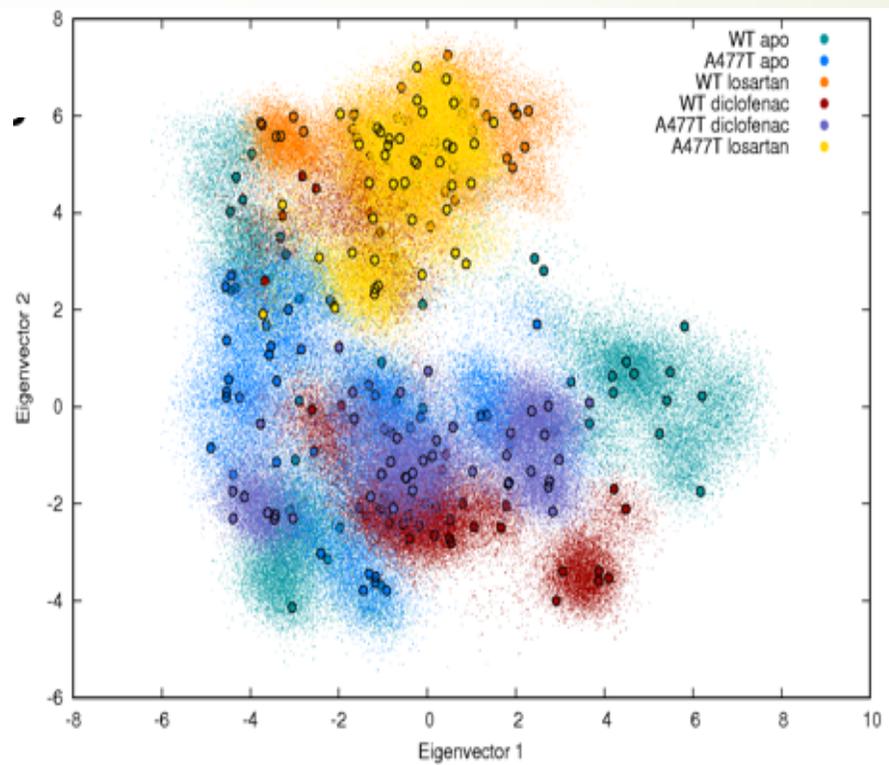
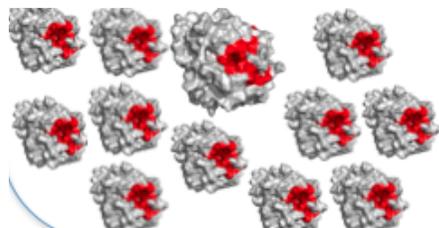


Diclofenac

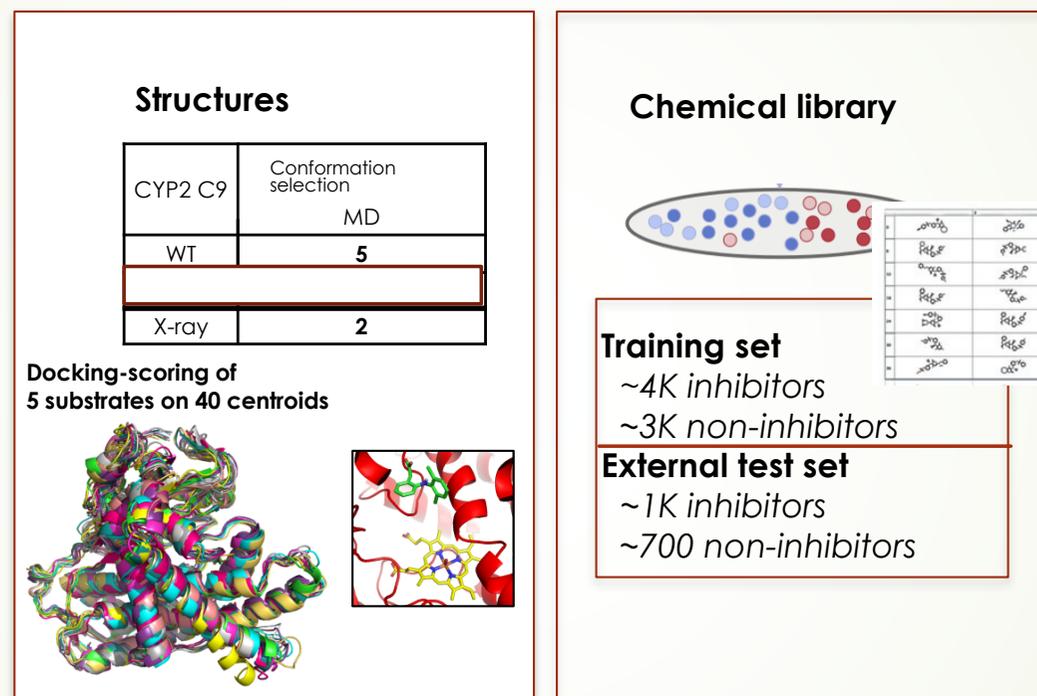


Losartan

- Most populated clusters: 40 centroids for each CYP 2C9 system



Interaction energies for the integrated ML approach to predict inhibitors of CYP 2C9

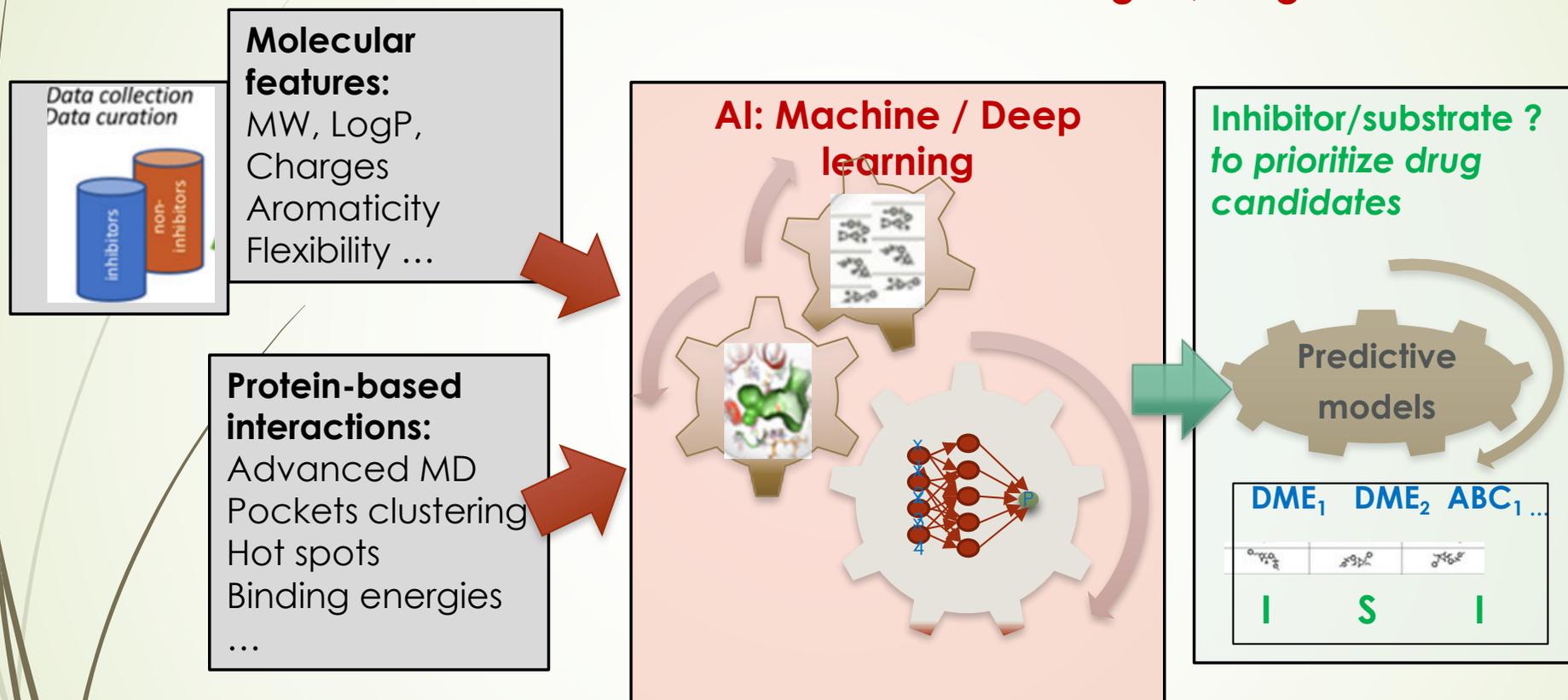


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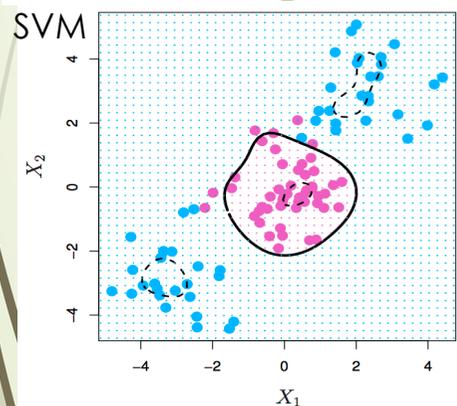
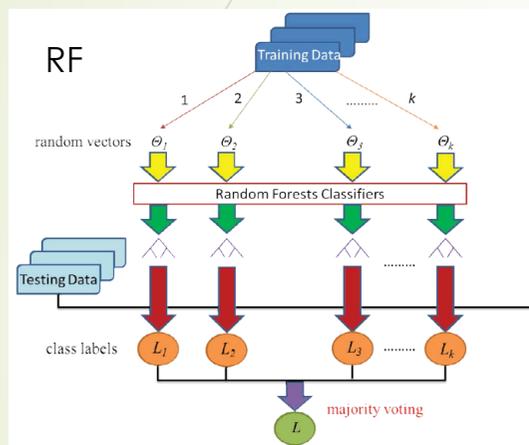
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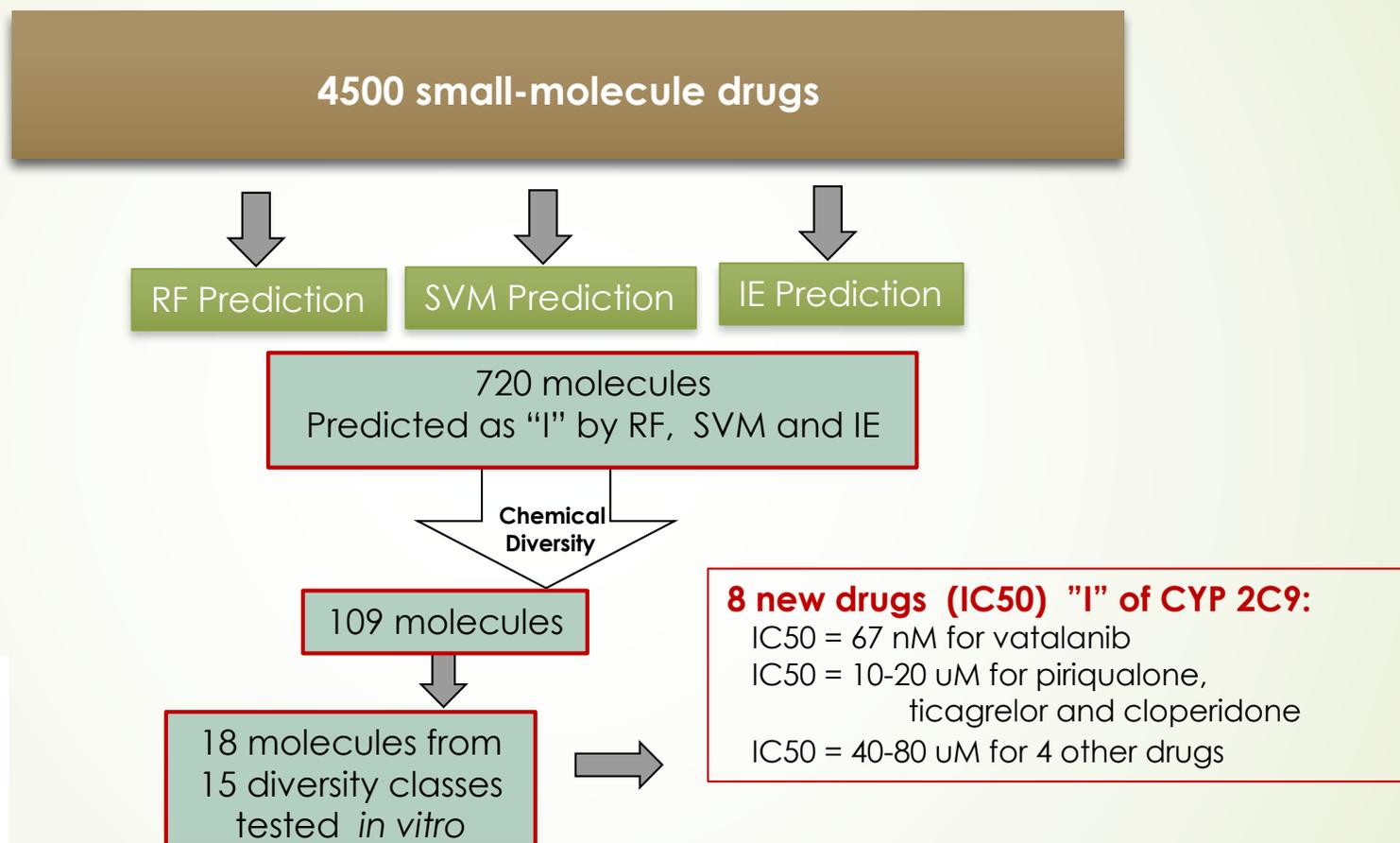
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Best RF and SVM models for CYP2C9



Descriptors selected by importance of 2000 RF	Validation External set	Accuracy %	Sensitivity % <i>Inhibitors</i>	Specificity % <i>non-inhibitors</i>
20 Phys-chem + 7 Interaction energies	SVM	83.72	88.77	75.89
	RF	84.45	89.57	76.52
36 Phys-chem + 7 Interaction energies	SVM	84.76	89.87	76.83
	RF	85.55	89.97	78.69
170 Phys-Chem +7 Interaction energies	SVM	86.22	90.87	79.00
	RF	85.55	90.57	77.76

Experimental validation of drugs predicted as inhibitors of CYP 2C9



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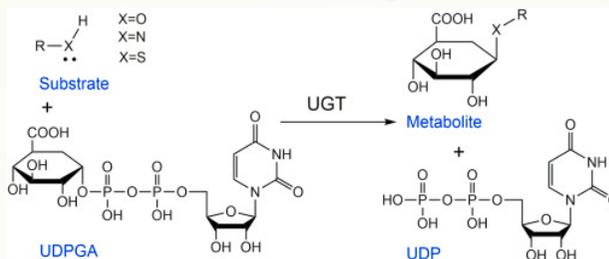
ToxME

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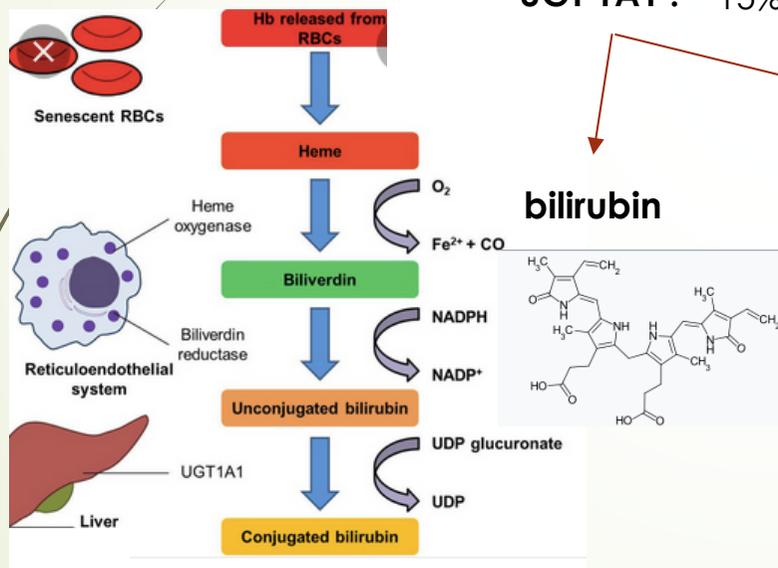
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Uridine 5'-diphosphate - glucuronosyltransferase (UGT)

35 % of phase II drug metabolism



UGT 1A1 : 15% of all UGT drug metabolism

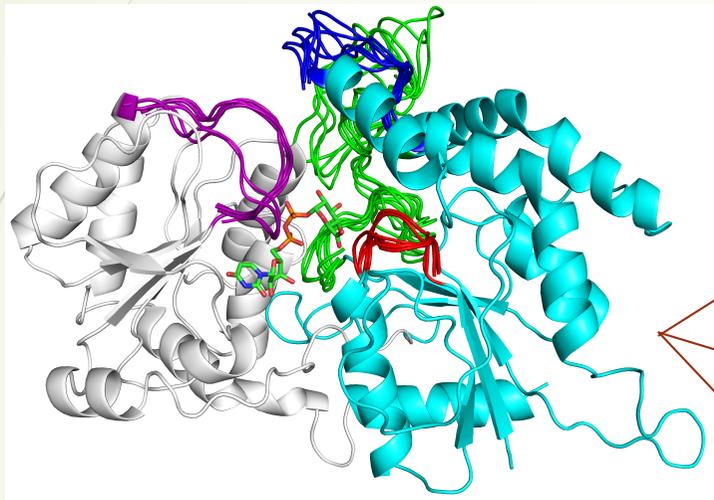


drugs

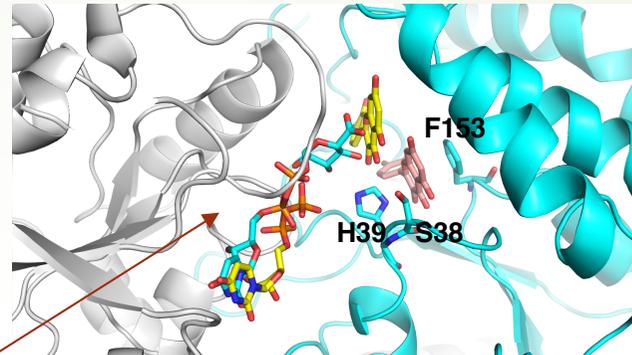
irinotecan (SN38), raloxifene, estrogens, lamotrigine, protease inhibitors

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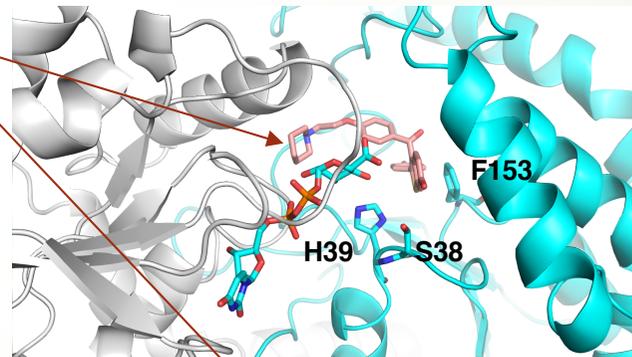
UGT 1A1 structure, dynamics and ligand interactions



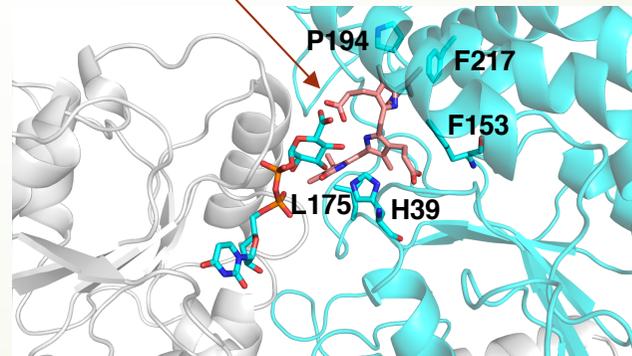
3 replicas x 100 ns MD, clustering



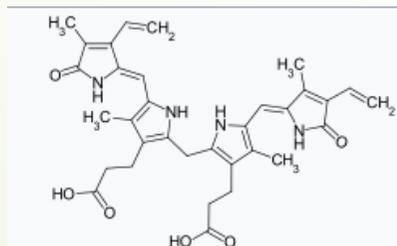
quercetin



raloxifene



bilirubin
(~ NMR
conformation)



Best RF and SVM models for UGT 1A1

Molecular features	ML	Balanced Accuracy % on the external set	Sensitivity % <i>inhibitors</i>	Specificity % <i>non-inhibitors</i>
56 Phys-chem +6 Interaction energies	SVM	90.7	88.9	92.5
	RF	93.7	92.6	93.6

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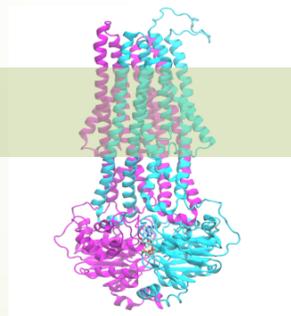
ATP-binding cassette transporters

- ▶ Energy of ATP hydrolysis to translocate substrates across membrane
- ▶ Exports endogenous substrates, toxins, drugs
- ▶ 2 transmembrane domains (**TMD**)
- ▶ 2 nucleotide-binding domains (**NBD**)

P-gp (ABCB1)
P-glycoprotein

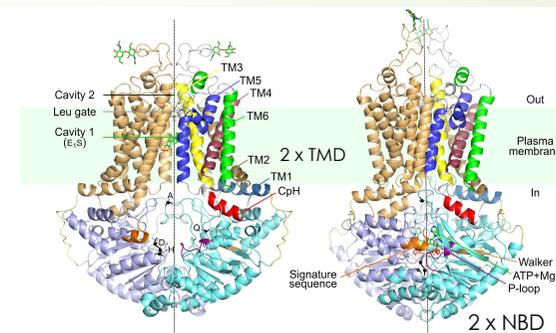


Inward *occluded*



Outward

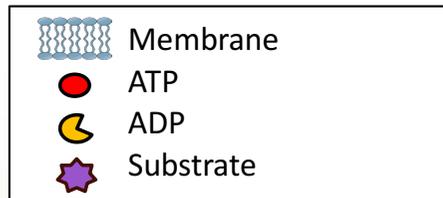
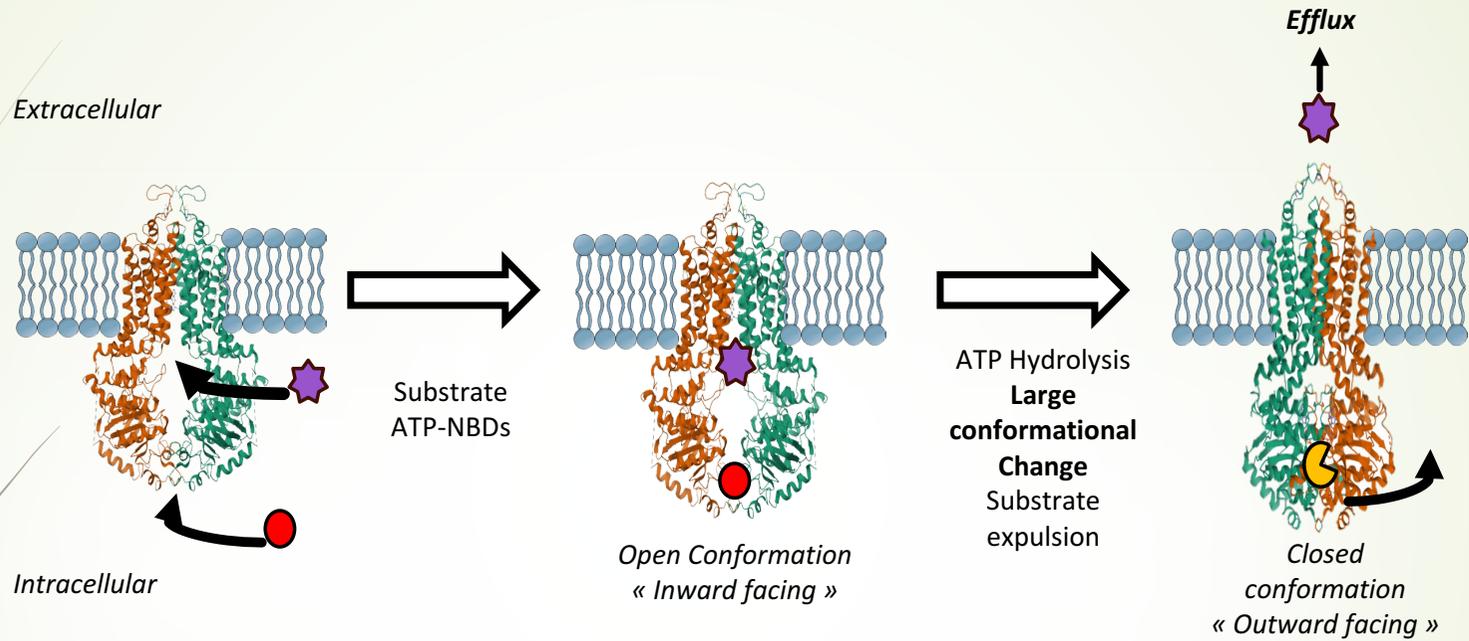
BCRP (ABCG2)
Breast Cancer Resistance
Protein



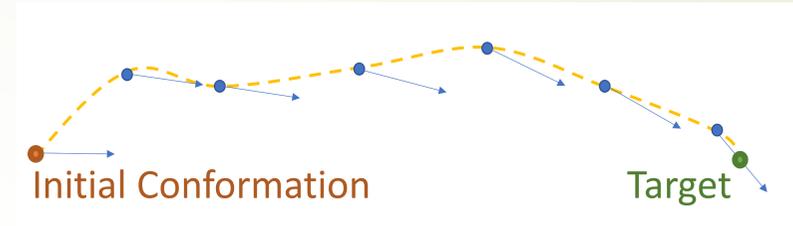
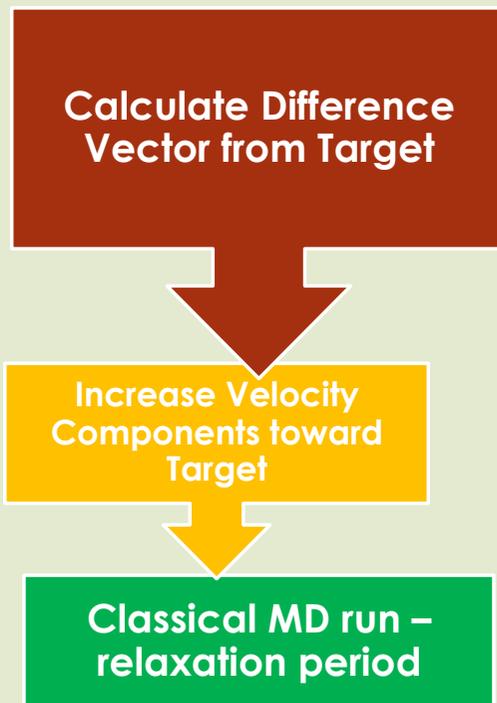
Inward

Outward

BCRP and P-gp transport cycle

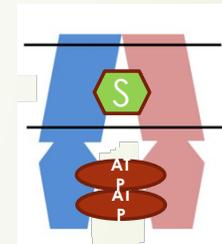


Kinetically excited targeted MD (ketMD)

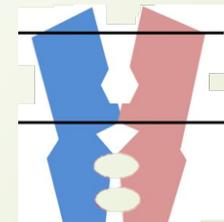


40 excitation cycles, each with 5 ps relaxation period

Substrate- & ATP-bound IFS

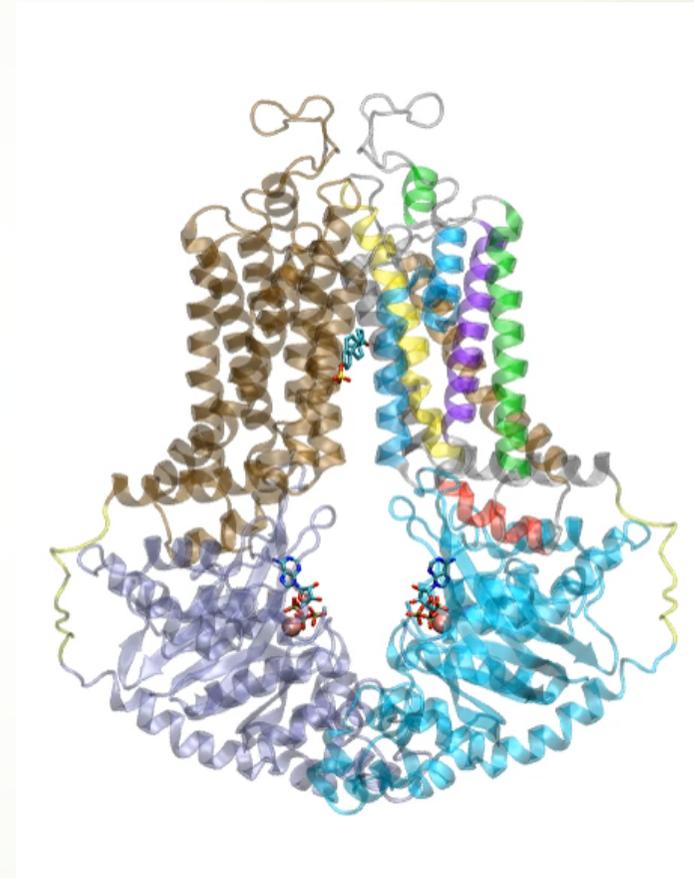
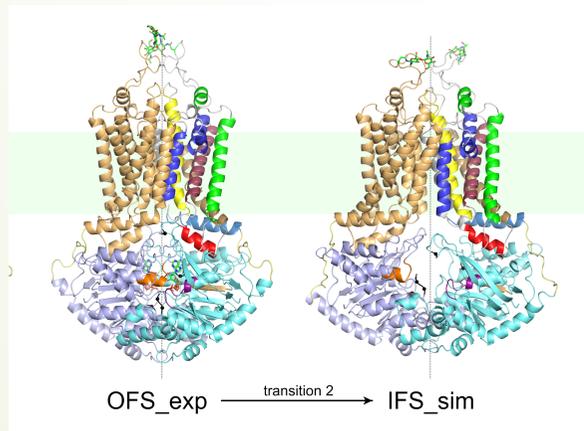
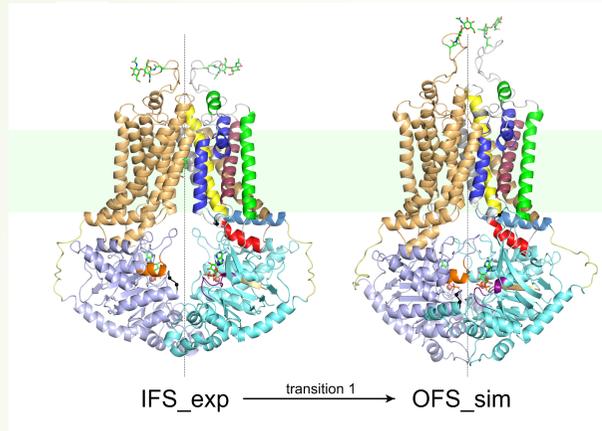


Nucleotide-free OFS



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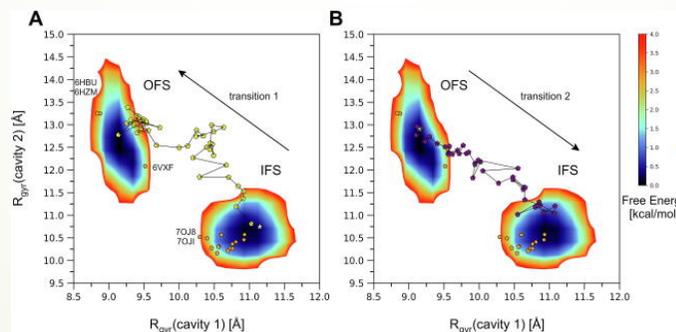
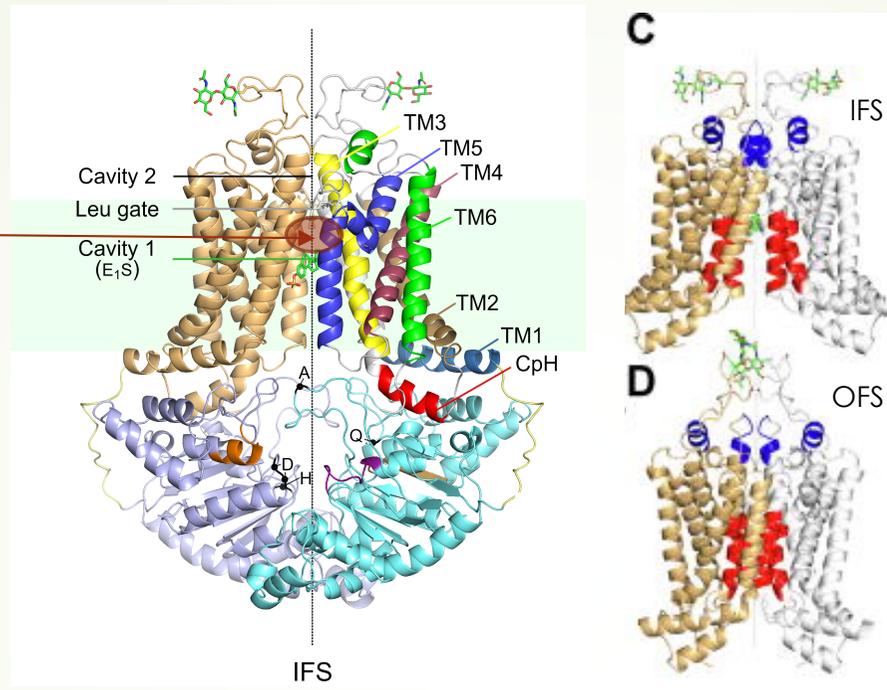
Substrate translocation of BCRP



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Substrate translocation of BCRP

pocket-like formation



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Performance of our AI models predicting inhibitors of BCRP

Predicted		External dataset
Non-inhibitors	Inhibitors	Experimental
97	6	103 non-inhibitors
3	132	135 inhibitors

Accuracy = 96,2 %

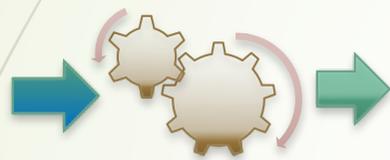
Sensitivity = 97.8 %

Specificity = 94.2 %

DRUGME / DRUGABC SOFTWARE

INPUT

Small molecule
in 3D
MOL2



OUTPUT

Compound ds	Models For each DME					Models For each ABC			
	ML1 ML2	IE3	Inter. Energy	Best Poses	RISK	ML1 DL2	IE3	Inter. energy	Best poses
	I I		-5 -6		Medium	I	I	-7 -2	
	I I	I	-12 -4		High	I	I	-8 -11	
	I		+3 -1		Low		I	-2 -7	
			+5 -2		0			+7 -1	
		I	-8 -4		Low			+4 -4	
	I	I	-9 -3		High	S	S	-11 -6	
	S I		-6 +1		Medium	I	I	-9 -5	

DME: CYP 2D6, 2C9, 3A4
UGT 1A1
SULT 1A1, 1A3
ABC: BCRP, P-gp



Conclusions and Perspectives

- *ketMD: original approach to study efflux mechanisms of ABC transporters for further prediction of inhibitors and substrates*
- *Integration of SB and ML/DL methodologies to predict inhibitors and substrates of DME and ABC transporters*
- *Multiscale models*
- *Helpful to predict DDI for safer drugs in drug discovery and clinics*

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