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Example 1: Statin + HMG-CoA Reductase

You can follow along with this example by downloading the initial PDB from here. Before starting, watch the video tutorial provided by the authors of AutoDock Vina, here.

Preparing the files

We first need to split the crystal structure of the complex into separate receptor and ligand files. Open up the file 1T02.pdb in your favourite text editor and look at the file. The first section are REMARKS about the structure:

```
OXIDOREDUCTASE
TITLE
          CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF A STATIN BOUND TO CLASS II HMG-COA
         2 REDUCTASE
TITLE
          MOL_ID: 1;
COMPND
COMPND
         2 MOLECULE: 3-HYDROXY-3-METHYLGLUTARYL-COENZYME A REDUCTASE;
         3 CHAIN: A, B;
4 SYNONYM: HMG-COA REDUCTASE;
COMPND
COMPND
COMPND
         5 EC: 1.1.1.88;
COMPND
         6 ENGINEERED: YES
         MOL_ID: 1;
2 ORGANISM_SCIENTIFIC: PSEUDOMONAS MEVALONII;
SOURCE
SOURCE
SOURCE
         3 ORGANISM_TAXID: 32044;
SOURCE
         4 GENE: MVAA;
         5 EXPRESSION_SYSTEM: ESCHERICHIA COLI BL21(DE3);
SOURCE
         6 EXPRESSION_SYSTEM_TAXID: 469008;
SOURCE
SOURCE
          7 EXPRESSION_SYSTEM_STRAIN: BL21(DE3);
SOURCE
         8 EXPRESSION_SYSTEM_VECTOR_TYPE: PLASMID;
SOURCE
         9 EXPRESSION_SYSTEM_PLASMID: PKK177-3
KEYWDS
           STATIN, HMG-COA REDUCTASE, COMPLEX, OXIDOREDUCTASE
EXPDTA
          X-RAY DIFFRACTION
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             AUTH L.TABERNERO, V.W.RODWELL, C.V.STAUFFACHER
TITL CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF A STATIN BOUND TO A CLASS II
JRNL
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             TITL 2 HYDROXYMETHYLGLUTARYL-COA REDUCTASE.
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                    12621048
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                    10.1074/JBC.M213006200
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             DOI
         1
REMARK
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         2 RESOLUTION. 2.60 ANGSTROMS.
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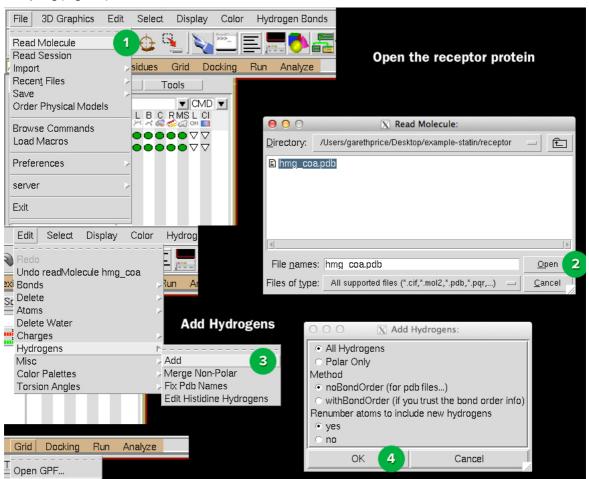
Delete all the header lines, up to line 765 which is the first atom of the structure.

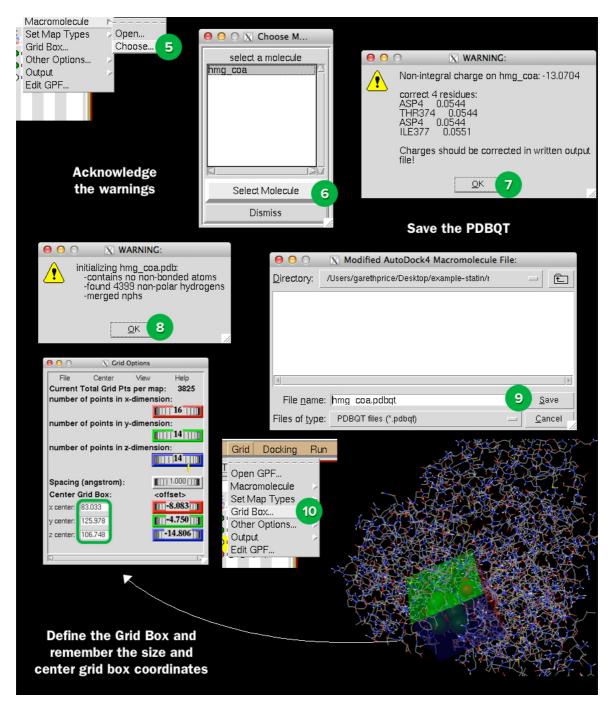
Copy all lines with ATOM at the start into its own file, named hmg_coa.pdb. Include the TER statement in line 5529. Then, copy the subsequent lines starting with HETATM and LVA in the fourth column into its own file, LVA.pdb:

```
HETATM 5530
                 LVA A 429
                                86.909 124.095 109.838
HETATM 5531
             02
                 LVA A 429
                                86.507 128.170 108.114
                                                         1.00 20.16
                                                                               0
HETATM 5532
             03
                 LVA A 429
                                86.864 123.804 107.707
                                                         1.00 27.05
                                                                               0
HETATM 5533
                 LVA A 429
                                84.788 129.227 110.408
                                                         1.00 11.88
                                                                               0
             08
HETATM 5534
             04
                 LVA A 429
                                80.841 127.668 105.566
                                                         1.00
                                                                               0
HETATM 5535
                 LVA A 429
                                79.054 124.995 108.378
HETATM 5536
             C6
                 LVA A 429
                                78.856 126.160 107.545
                                                         1.00
                                                              22.90
HETATM 5537
                 LVA A 429
                                84.257 128.194 109.522
             C7
                                                         1.00 17.04
                 LVA A 429
                                79.875 124.940 109.429
                                                                               c
HETATM 5538
             C8
                                                         1.00 20.40
HETATM 5539
                                79.632 127.431 107.958
             C9
                LVA A 429
                                                         1.00 24.43
HETATM 5540
             C10 LVA A 429
                                86.967 124.566 108.590
                                                         1.00 23.47
                                                                               C
HETATM 5541
                                                                               c
             C11 LVA A 429
                                80.677 126.143 109.812
                                                         1.00 18.97
                                                                               c
HETATM 5542
             C12 LVA A 429
                                80.962 127.009 108.579
                                                         1.00 20.64
HETATM 5543
             C13 LVA A 429
                                85.938 126.854 108.348
                                                         1.00 18.19
                                                                               c
HETATM 5544
                                                                               Ċ
             C14 LVA A 429
                                78.029 126.156 106.515
                                                         1.00 22.58
                                                                               c
HETATM 5545
                                79.964 128.209 106.624
             C15 LVA A 429
                                                         1.00 29.33
HETATM 5546
             C16 LVA A 429
                                82.827 127.987 109.966
                                                         1.00 16.97
HETATM 5547
             C17 LVA A 429
                                85,118 126,936 109,609
                                                         1.00 16.96
                                                                               00000
HETATM 5548
             C18 LVA A 429
                                81.826 128.257 108.857
                                                         1.00 19.74
HETATM 5549
             C19 LVA A 429
                                78.612 128.587 106.018
                                                         1.00 28.96
HETATM 5550
             C20 LVA A 429
                                79.918 126.866 110.908
                                                         1.00 18.11
HETATM 5551
             C21 LVA A 429
                                87.077 125.953 108.412
                                                         1.00 19.54
HETATM 5552
             C22 LVA A 429
                                77.823 127.339 105.609
                                                         1.00 27.45
HETATM 5553
             C23 LVA A 429
                                78.144 126.939 104.114
                                                         1.00 27.49
                                                                               C
HETATM 5554
             C24 LVA A 429
                                81.879 128.353 105.045
                                                         1.00 36.32
HETATM 5555
             C25 LVA A 429
                                82.754 127.503 104.174
                                                         1.00 33.59
                                                                               C
HETATM 5556
             026 LVA A 429
                                82.059 129.532 105.295
                                                         1.00 40.47
                                                                               0
HETATM 5557
             C27 LVA A 429
                                82.364 127.528 102.717
                                                         1.00
                                                              32.10
HETATM 5558
             C28 LVA A 429
                                82.665 126.087 104.739
                                                         1.00 35.43
HETATM 5559
             C29 LVA A
                       429
                                83.114 126.580 101.841
```

Now, put hmg_coa.pdb into a 'receptor' folder and LVA.pdb into a 'pdb' folder. Next, we need to prepare the receptor protein (hmg_coa.pdb).

Open up AutoDockTools, and follow the steps in the image below. Make sure to remember the coordinates and dimensions. Make sure Spacing (Angstrom) is set to 1.000.





Open a new file and enter the box coordinates and dimensions such as:

```
center_x = 83.033
center_y = 125.978
center_z = 106.748

size_x = 16
size_y = 14
size_z = 14
```

Save it as hmg_coa.conf.

You should have a folder that looks like:

```
hmg_coa.conf
   - LVA.pdb
receptor
   hmg_coa.pdb
   hmg_coa.pdbqt
```

Running ODScreen

We can now run the screening. First, let's check that everything is installed properly. In terminal, cd to the Protocol Folder (i.e. the folder with odscreen.py, odparam.py etc.) and run python odcheck.py. Check that there are no failures, and follow the installation guides if there are. You can ignore the warnings. Now, we can run the screening protocol. Navigate to the folder where hmg_coa.conf is located (from before). Now we can run odscreen.py . Make sure you use the correct path to the odscreen.py file.

python /protocolfolder/odscreen.py -d . -r hmg_coa -i pdb -c hmg_coa.conf

This is the result:

```
OPEN DISCOVERY
          Screening Module
# Version: 1.0
# URL: www.opendiscovery.org.uk
# Contacts: gareth.price@warwick.ac.uk
        a.marsh@warwick.ac.uk
# LigDir: /Desktop/example-statin
          Receptor Name: hmg_coa
             Input Type: pdb
            Conf: hmg_coa.conf
           Exhaustivness: 20
# Time Started: Mon, 22 Jul 2013 00:15:20 #
              PDB -> SMILES
           Writing smiles/LVA.txt
                  IMAGES
           Writing images/LVA.svg
            Writing mol/LVA.mol
                   MOL2
           Writing mol2/LVA.mol2
                MINIMISATION
               Minimising LVA
              PDBQT PREPARATION
             Writing LVA.pdbqt
                 SCREENING
               Processing LVA
                EXTRACTING
          Processing results/LVA/
                PDB -> MOL2
       Writing results-mol2/LVA.mol2
```

The resulting files are:

```
combined.mol
 hmg_coa.conf
 images
 └─ LVA.svg
 mol
 └─ LVA.mol
 mol2
 └─ LVA.mol2
od_log.txt
 pdb
 LVA.pdb
 pdb-minimised
   - LVA.pdb
 pdbqt
   LVA.pdbqt
 receptor
   - hmg_coa.pdb
     hmg_coa.pdbqt
 results
    - LVA
     ├─ LVA_mode_1.pdb
     ├── LVA_mode_1.pdb

├── LVA_mode_10.pdb

├── LVA_mode_2.pdb

├── LVA_mode_3.pdb

├── LVA_mode_4.pdb

├── LVA_mode_6.pdb
      ├─ LVA_mode_7.pdb
      ├─ LVA_mode_8.pdb
      ├─ LVA_mode_9.pdb
      ├─ hmg_coa.pdb
      ├ log.txt
      ─ out.pdbqt
     complexes
     └─ LVA.pdb
    - summary-sorted.csv
  ─ summary.csv
 summary.txt
    - LVA.mol2
 smiles
    - LVA.txt
 smiles.txt
```

From this point on you can analyse the results. A starting point is to look at the binding energies, sorted and summarised in the summary-sorted.csv file. This should open in any text editor or programs like Excel.