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The "No Ligand Depletion" Assumption Is Unnecessary and Can Be Misleading

Abstract:

Binding equilibrium concentrations in receptor-ligand interactions are routinely calculated with formulas that assume the non-depletion of ligands. This can result in discrepancies and is unnecessary, as we demonstrate for the allosteric ternary complex model. The method can be used within curve-fitting algorithms to estimate binding parameters, e.g. Kd and alpha, without concerns as to whether it is legitimate to assume that each ligand has equal total and equilibrium concentrations.