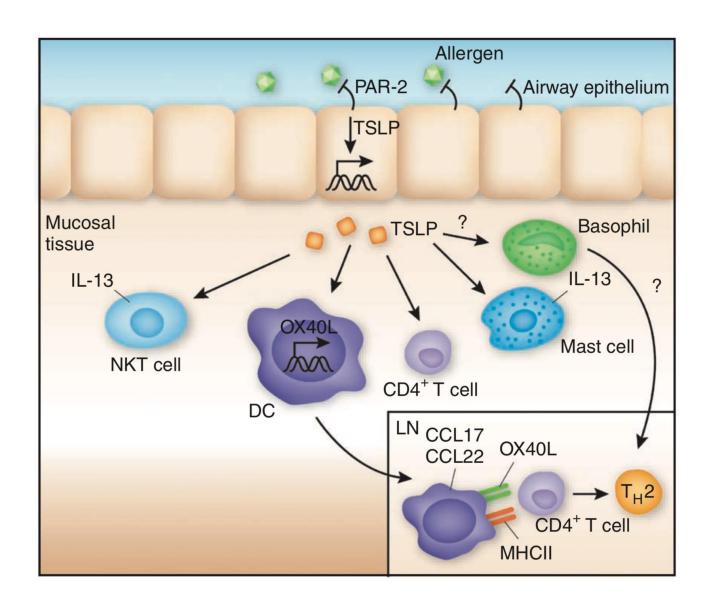
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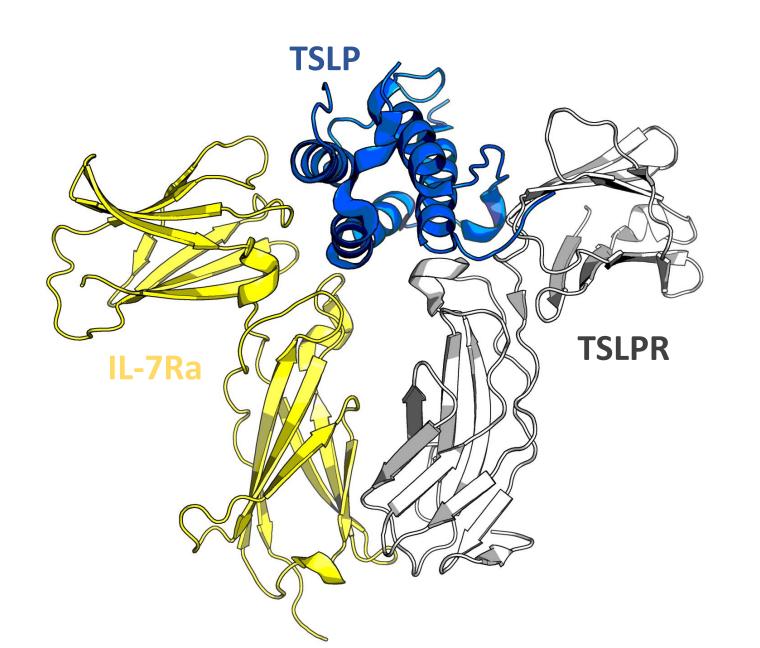
A molecular modelling study

What is TSLP?

- Cytokine
- Pro-inflammatory
- Master switch for asthma, allergic rhinitis and eczema



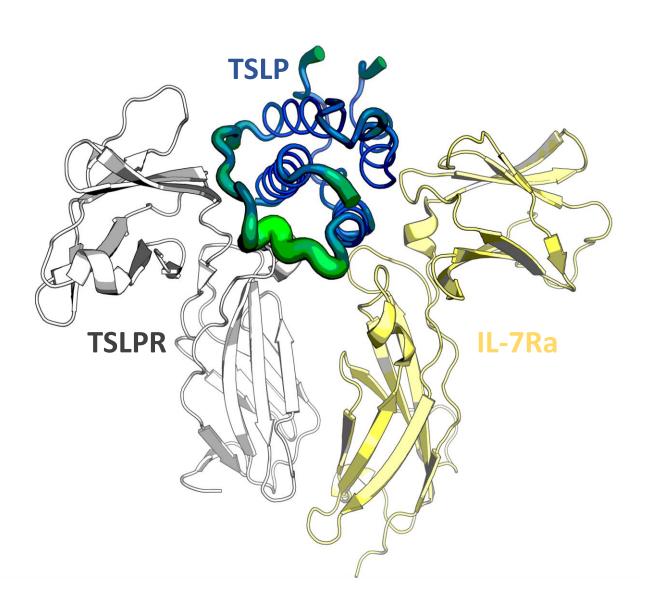
TSLP:TSLPR:IL-7Ra complex



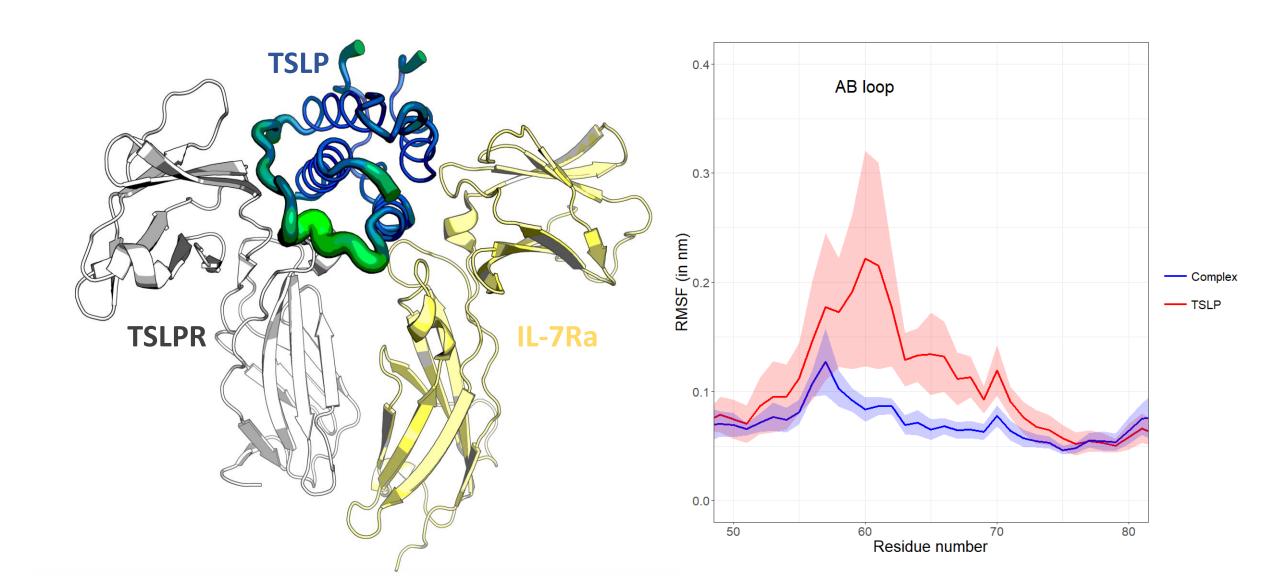
Molecular dynamics simulations

- Make molecules move (in a physics-consistent way)
- Answer biological questions

Priming of TSLP by TSLPR



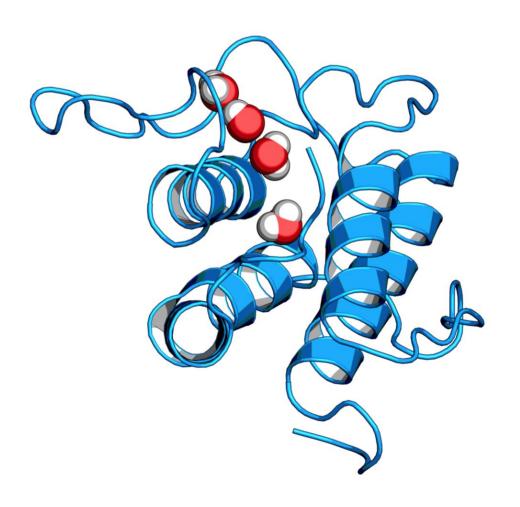
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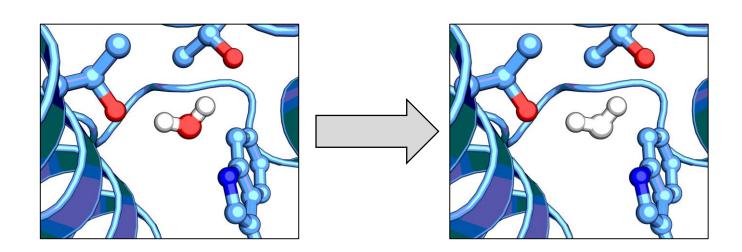
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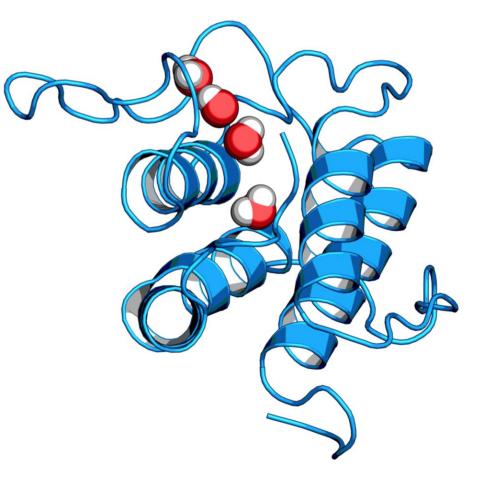


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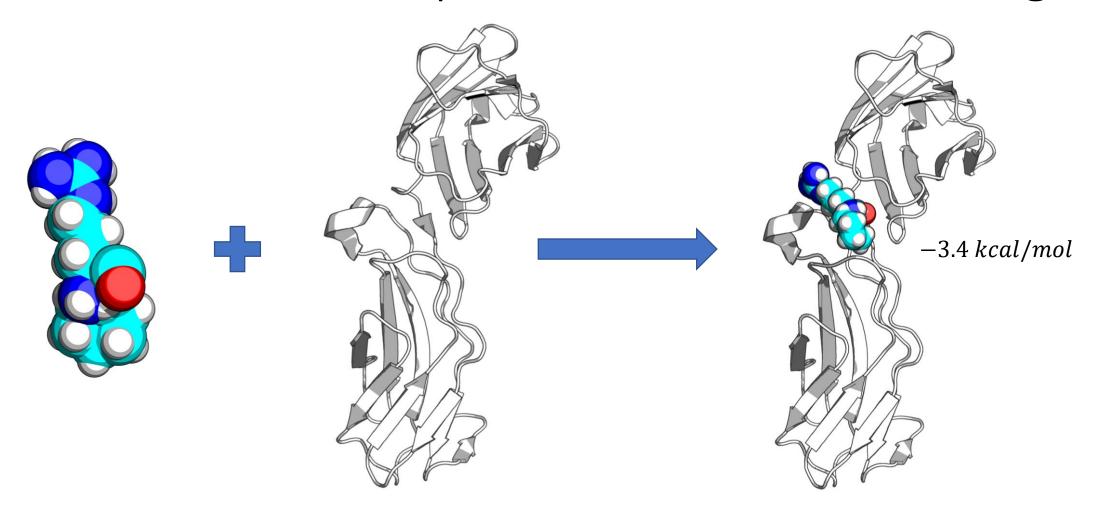
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- Calculate energy by transforming into a 'ghost' molecule: -3.6 kcal.mol⁻¹





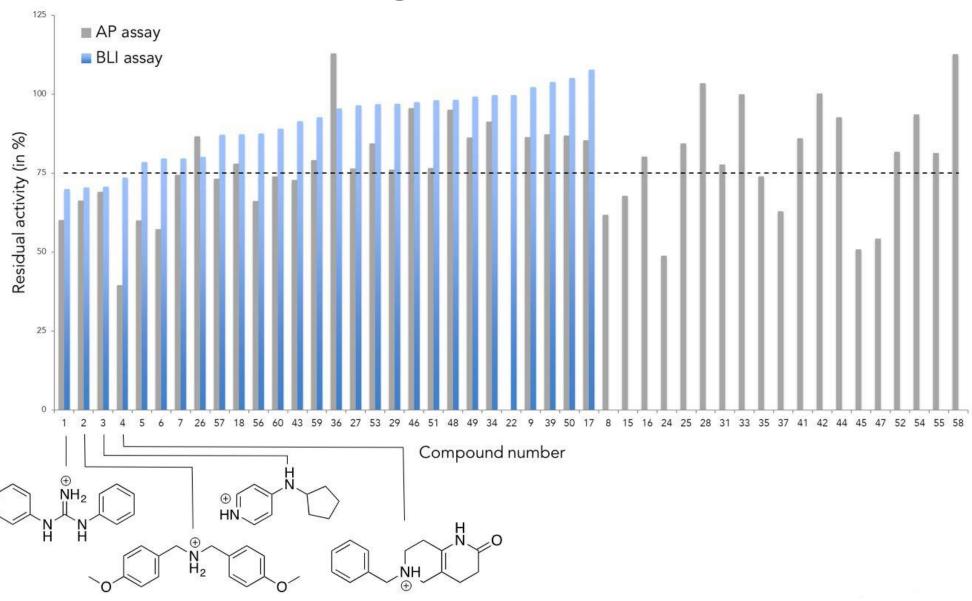


Inhibitor development: molecular docking



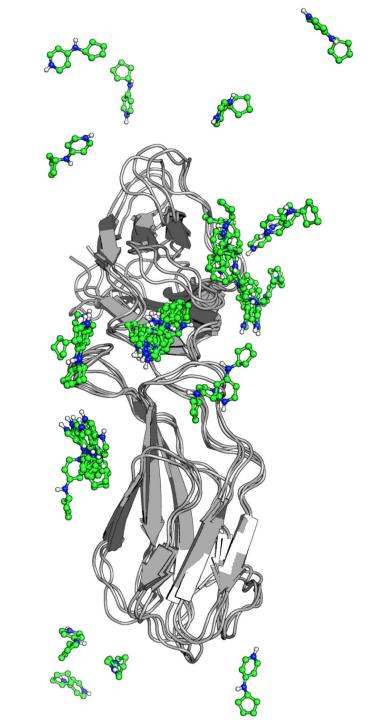
Ligand Protein Complex + Score

In vitro testing



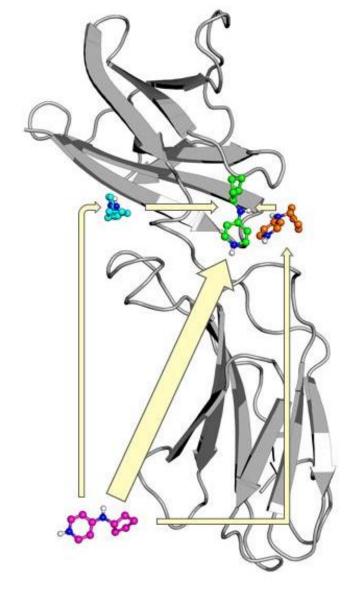
Simulating the binding process

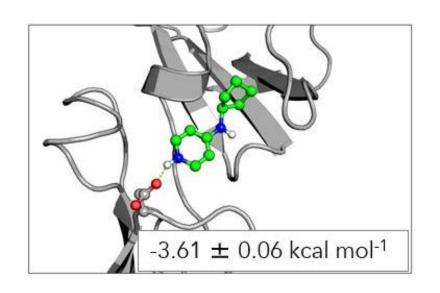
- Put ligand and protein into a box
- Run 150 medium-length simulations

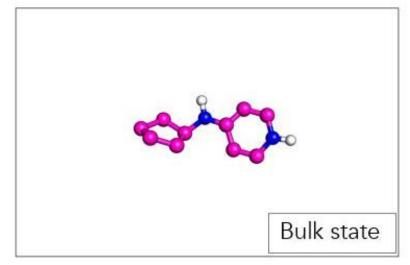


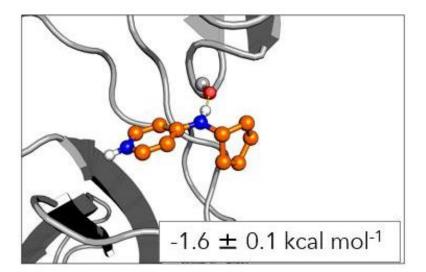
$-2.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

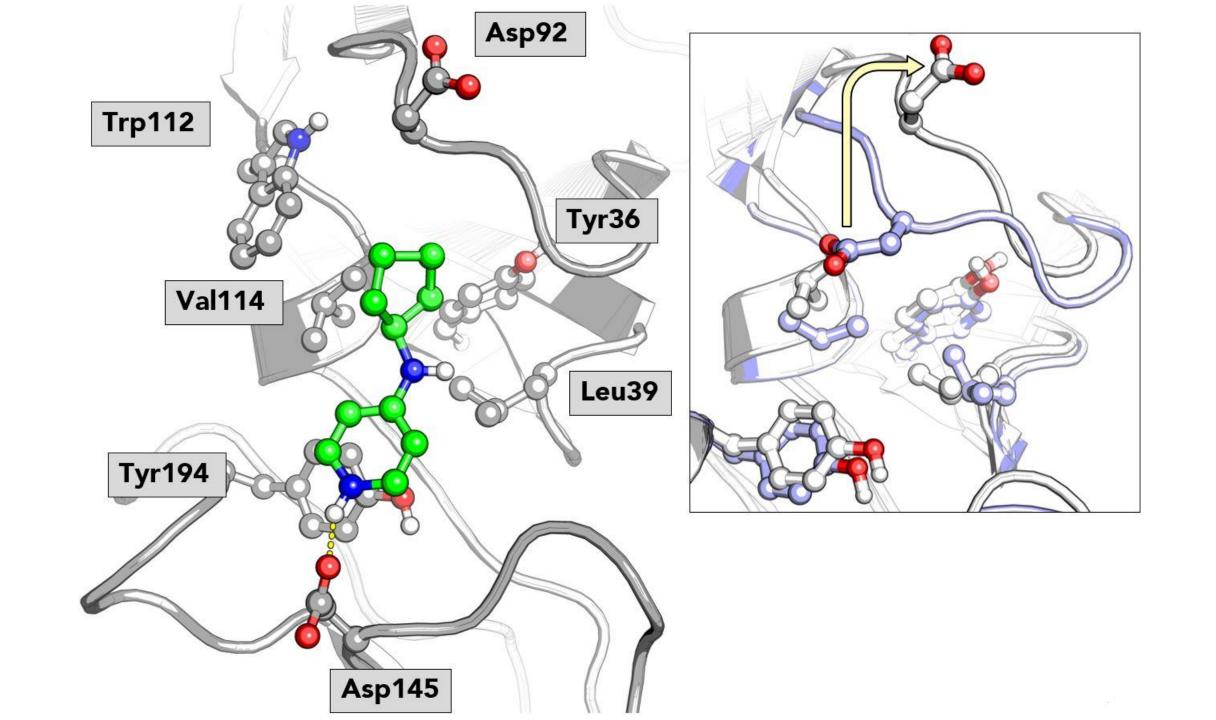
Markov Model











Thank you!



