Lab Session 10: Docking

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- Download structures of Dihydrofolate Reductase (PDB ID: 4DFR) from Protein Data Bank and Folic acid from PubChem. Perform molecular docking (blind and target-based) using Autodock.
 - A. Find the binding energy of the most probable docked conformation.
 - B. Find the residues present in this ligand binding site.
 - C. What is the nature of amino acids present in the ligand binding site? Represent the docked structure in your lab report.
 - D. If 50% of the residues that are acidic in nature are replaced with the basic ones. What will be the change in docking result? Explain and demonstrate with an example.
 - E. Compare the results of Target-based docking and Blind docking.