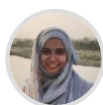


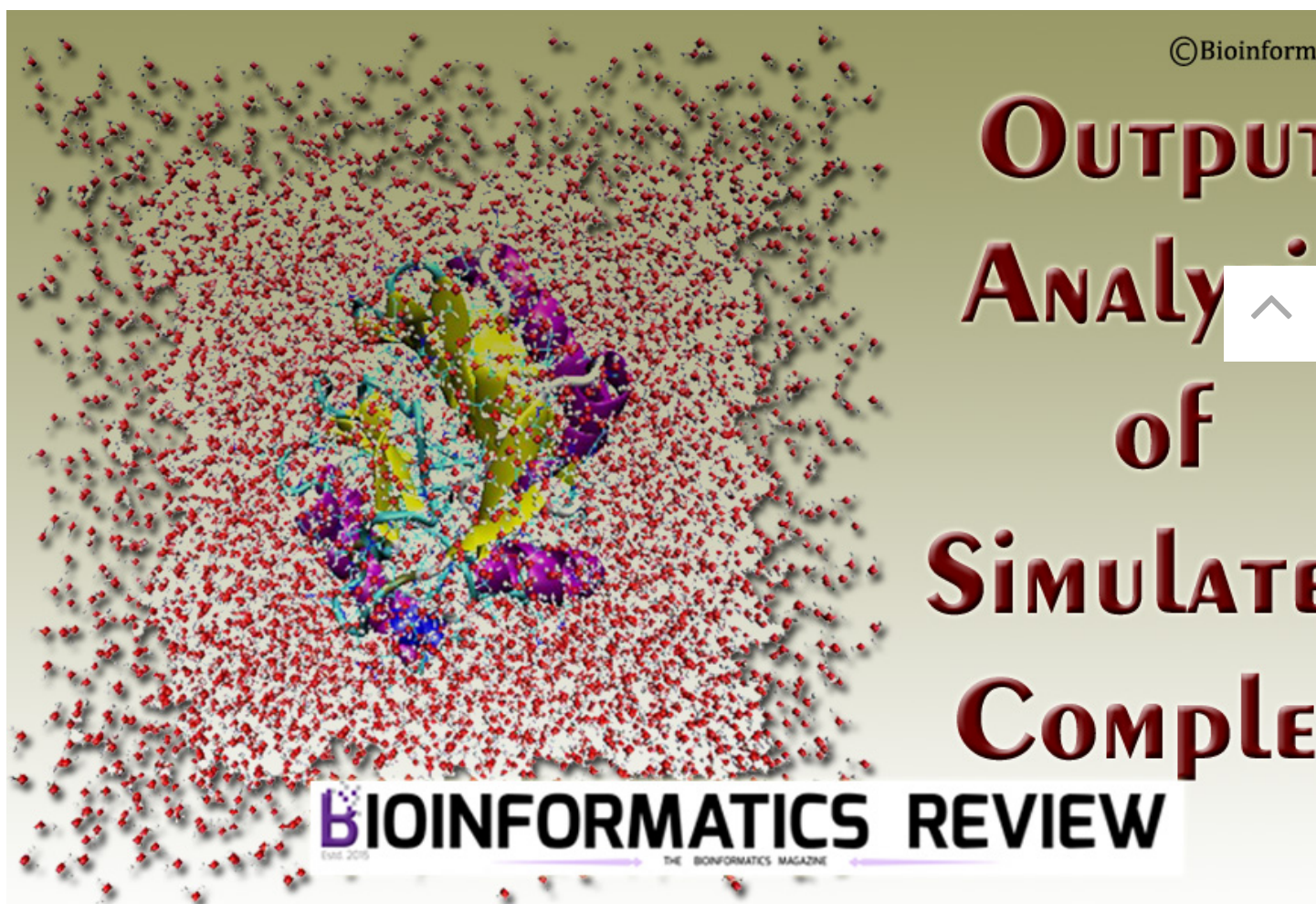
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# Tutorial: MD simulation output analysis of a complex using GROMACS



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We have provided several tutorials on molecular dynamics (MD) simulation (further reading section). They include installation of simulation software, simulation of a simple protein, and a complex. In this article, we will analyze the GROMACS [1] output of a simulation of a complex.

We have previously provided a [detailed article](#) on GROMACS [1] output analysis of a complex simulation. Here, we are going to plot some important parameters based on which a complex simulation can be analyzed.

At first, correct the trajectory because the protein might appear broken or located outside of the box. For that, use the *trjconv* module of GROMACS. To do this, we need the input files as input resulted from the final MD run. Open the terminal, and type the following command:

```
$ gmx trjconv -s md_0_1.tpr -f md_0_1.xtc -o md_0_1_noPBC.xtc -pbc center
```

When prompted, type “1” for selecting “Protein” as the group to be centered and “System”. It will generate *md\_0\_1\_noPBC.xtc* as output that will be used for the next steps shown below.

## 1. RMSD

```
$ gmx rms -s md_0_1.tpr -f md_0_1_noPBC.xtc -o rmsd.xvg -tu ns
```

here, *-tu ns* refers to time units.

When prompted, type “4” for selecting “Backbone” and “0” for “System”. It will generate the *rmsd.xvg* file that can be plotted using xmgrace software. The RMSD plot for the complex looks like the one shown in the above-mentioned tutorial.

## 2. RMSF

```
$ gmx rmsf -f md_0_1_noPBC.xtc -s md_0_1.tpr -o rmsf.xvg
```

When prompted, type “1” for “Protein”.

## 3. Radius of gyration

```
$ gmx gyrate -f md_0_1_noPBC.xtc -s md_0_1.tpr -o gyrate.xvg
```

When prompted, type “1” for protein.

Hydrogen – Acceptor).

```
$ gmx hbond -f md_0_1_noPBC.xtc -s md_0_1.tpr -num -dist
```

here, **-num** calculates the number of hydrogen bonds and **-dist** calculates the average distance among them.

When prompted, select Protein and Ligand. This will display the status of hydrogen bonds between the protein and the ligand. This tells about the stability of hydrogen bonds between the protein and the ligand.

## Protein-ligand interactions

If you want to see whether a hydrogen bond is present between the protein and the ligand during the complete simulation, then find the interaction between the ligand and residues present in the pocket. For example, the binding residue in the pocket is using the gmx distance module, you can find the hydrogen bond distance between the hydroxyl group of ligand (C1F) and the carbonyl O atom of the receptor (Ty

```
$ gmx distance -s md_0_10.tpr -f md_0_10_center.xtc -select 'resname OAB and name OAB plus resid 150 and name OE1' -oall
```

here, **-oall** represents all distances as a function of time.

These are some basic operations that you can perform to analyze protein-ligand complex simulation using GROMACS modules.

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## Further Reading

1. [Tutorial: Molecular dynamics \(MD\) simulation using Gromacs.](#)
2. [Tutorial: MD simulation output analysis of protein using GROMACS.](#)

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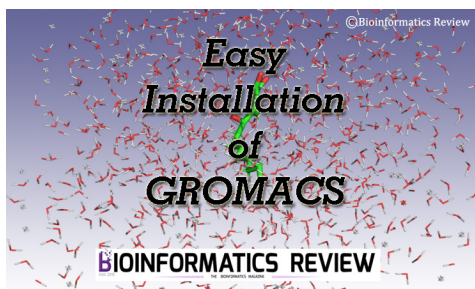
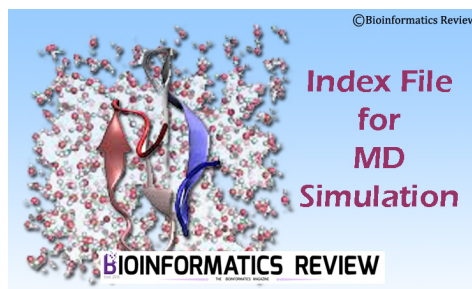
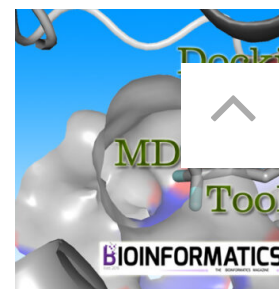
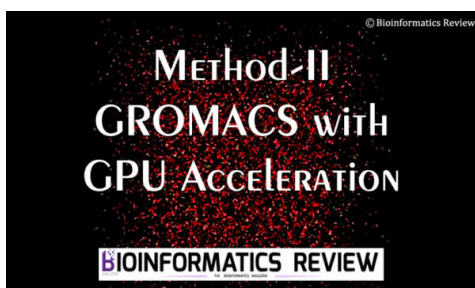
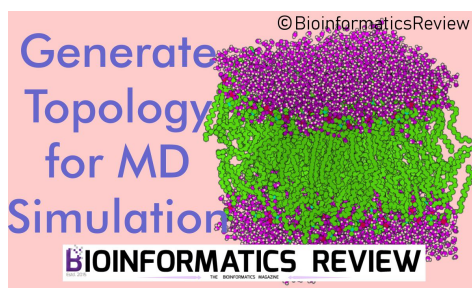
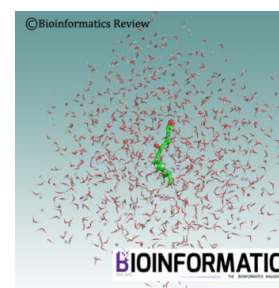
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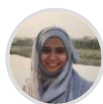
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# Easy installation of GROMACS on Ubuntu 18.04 & 20.04



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We have provided several articles on GROMACS [1] installation on Ubuntu including the installation method for GROMACS version 5.x.x. In this article, we will provide shell scripts to install the latest (2021 series) of GROMACS on Ubuntu 18.04 and 20.04. [\(more...\)](#)

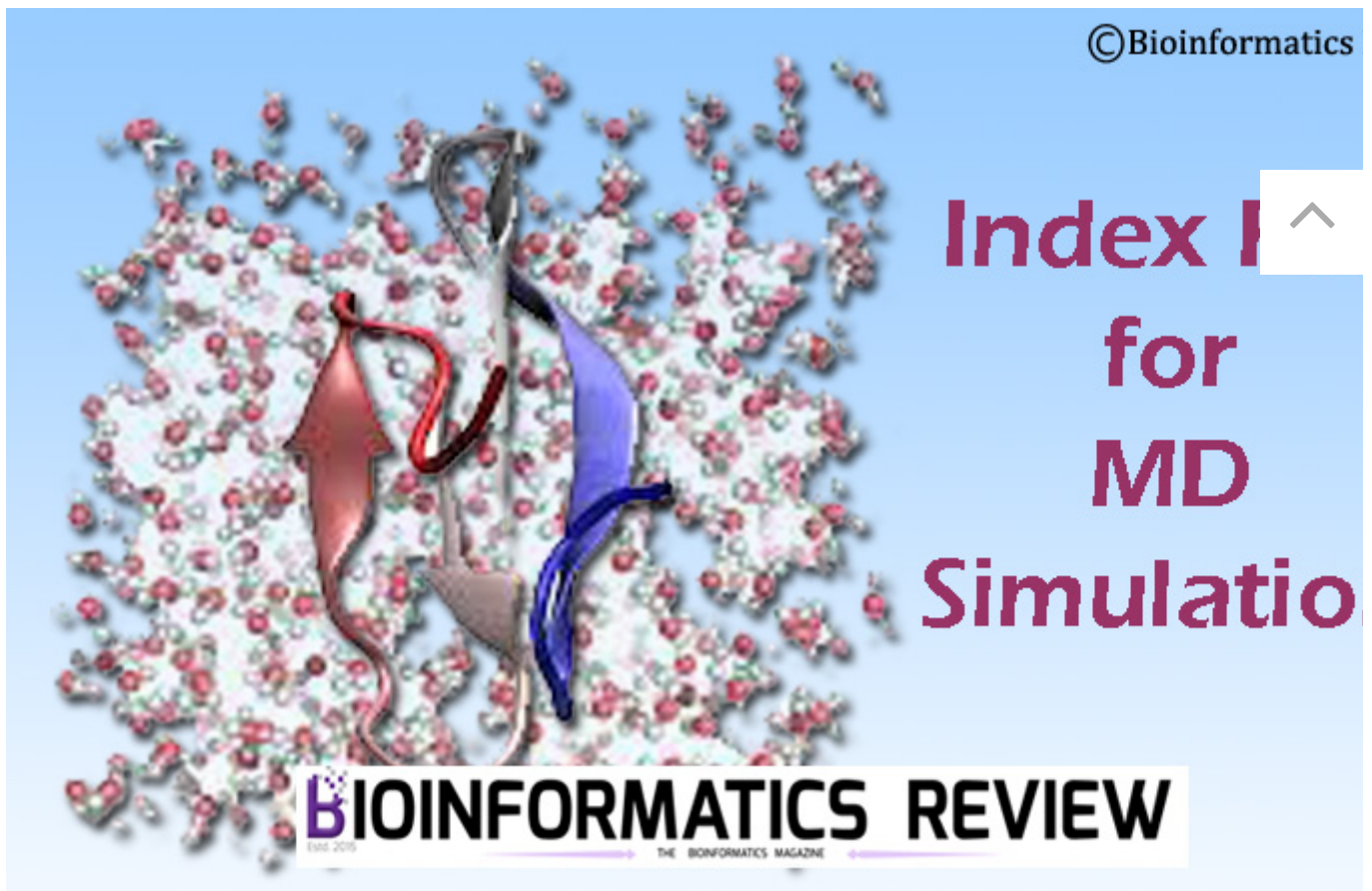
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MD simulation is a tricky technique if you don't understand what you are doing to various parameters and algorithms in GROMACS [1]. That may lead to several errors. In this article, we are going to create an index file for the protein groups in GROMACS to solve these errors. [\(more...\)](#)

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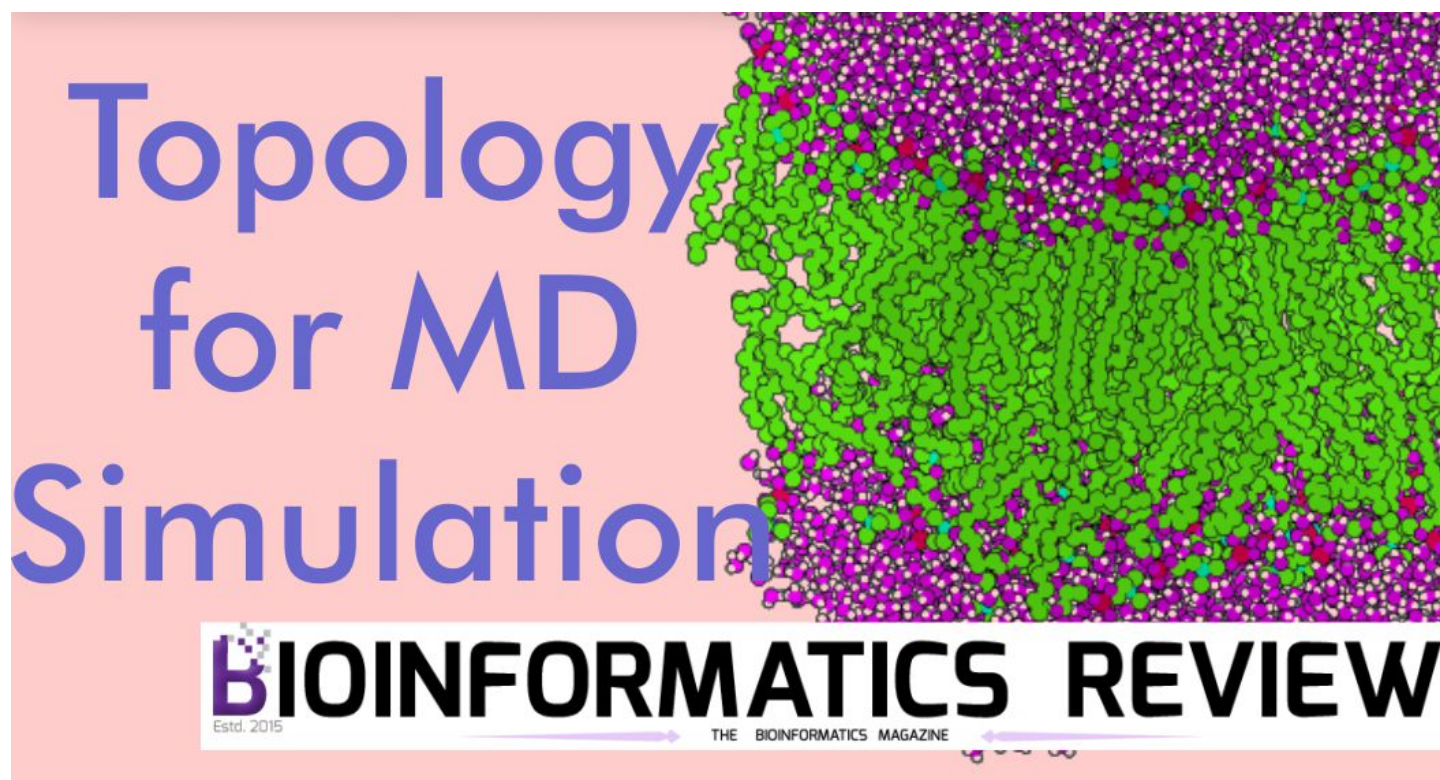


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Generating the topology of small molecules/ligands is an important step in molecular dynamics (MD) Simulation. We explained it in previous articles as part of many tutorials. In this article, we will explain how can you generate the topology of ligands for simulation of complex or small molecules only. [\(more...\)](#)

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