

Cheat Sheet of the “Manual Fitting” Workflow

- 1) Select the receptor (and reference ligand, can be from the same PDB entry)
- 2) Start PyMOL
- 3) Download the specific chain(s) from the RCSB PDB (e.g. via PyMOL)
- 4) Check for any missing/mutated residues within the interested region
 - a) PDB headers
 - b) Visualize in 3D
 - c) Corresponding journal article
- 5) Prepare receptor with the pdb2pqr server
- 6) Restore essential cofactors to the protonated receptor
- 7) Reference complex preparation
 - a) Extract the reference ligand from co-crystal
 - b) Protonate the reference ligand from co-crystal
 - c) (optional) re-combine the receptor-ligand complex to remove steric clashes of the protonated receptor/ligand
 - i) Combine the protonated ligand with the protonated receptor
 - ii) In “builder” fix receptor coordinates
 - iii) Sculpt to remove steric clashes due to the new hydrogens
(Note the inaccuracies in ligand geometry!)
 - iv) Extract the ligand again for geometry optimization
 - d) Optimize the geometry of protonated reference ligand
 - e) Combine the processed receptor and ligand to make the reference complex
 - f) Save the reference pdb to “complex” folder
- 8) Preparing a model of the “new” complex
 - a) Copy the reference complex to a new object (copy 1)
 - b) Fix receptor coordinates
 - c) Modify the ligand
 - d) Use the sculpting tool to fit the new ligand by hand
 - e) Extract the new ligand
 - f) Optimize the geometry of the new ligand
 - g) Make another copy of the reference complex (copy 2) and give it a name
 - h) Delete the ligand in copy 2 of the reference complex
 - i) Copy the optimized new ligand to the unliganded copy 2 of reference complex
 - j) Save the complex as pdb in the “complex” folder
- 9) From the provided “scripts/PLATFORM/box-local” folder copy the scripts to the directory containing “complex” folder
 - a) Quick minimization only: “min-autolist.sh” (+ “minimize-auto-win.bat” for windows)
 - b) Quick minimization with flexible receptor: “min-flex-autolist.sh” (+ “minimize-flex-auto-win.bat” for windows)
 - c) Docking with the gridbox defined by ligand: “dock-autolist.sh” (+ “dock-auto-win.bat” for windows)
- 10) check the directory structure
- 11) **Make sure there is no space in all the filename!!!**
- 12) (Windows only, option: using double-click scripts):
 - a) Edit the path to conda environment in the .bat scripts
 - b) Edit the smina variable in the .sh scripts
 - c) double-click “XXX-auto-win.bat” and follow the instructions
- 13) (Non-windows users or command-line option for windows):
 - a) open a terminal
 - b) activate the conda environment with smina installed
 - c) cd to the directory with the scripts, then type:

`bash xxx-autolist.sh #where xxx is min, dock, min-flex etc depends on the method you are using`
- 14) Open the results for visualization and analysis