Protein: 1BVR Enoyl-ACP Reductase (InhA) - Rozwarski D.A. et al. (1998a)

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Part A: Analysis and Description of the Structure

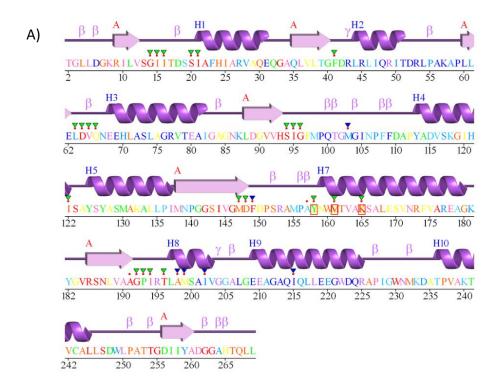
a) InhA catalyzes a two-step reaction that allows extension of long chain fatty acyl-CoA molecules in Mycobacterium Tuberculosis by using NADH as a cofactor to reduce one of the trans double bonds in a fatty-acyl at least 16 carbon atoms long, and this process produces a precursor molecule in the production of mycolic acid (Rozwarski *et al.*, 1999).

C16-Enoyl-ACP (fatty-acyl) + NADH → Enolate Anion Intermediate → C16-Acyl-CoA + NAD⁺ (Vögeli *et al.*, 2018)

b) CATH Structural classification

(http://cathdb.info/version/latest/superfamily/3.40.50.720/classification): NAD(P)-binding Rossmann-like Domain (Sillitoe et al., 2021).

c) InhA is a tetrameric enzyme with a buried surface area per subunit of 29%, a comparatively large proportion of each subunit involved in contact with the other subunits (Rozwarski *et al.*, 1999). Each subunit is 268 residues long, and forms one domain with a Rossmann fold that forms an unusually deep active site crevice for the enzyme class (Rozwarski *et al.*, 1999). The crevice has two entry points to accommodate binding first by NADH via the major entry portal, and then entry by the fatty acyl ligand via the minor entry portal. The Rossmann fold is a common fold for proteins binding to NAD, and forms from beta-alpha-beta motifs and tight turns between beta strands and alpha helices (Hanukoglu, 2015), which is clear from the PDBsum PROMOTIF analysis (Hutchinson and Thornton, 1996) (Figure 1A), showing 5 clear motifs which form the Rossmann fold (Figure 1B).



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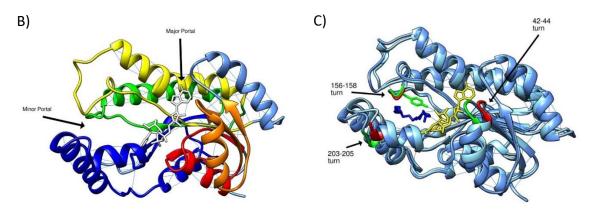


Figure 1: A) Plot of secondary structures for a subunit of InhA (taken from the PDBsum PROMOTIF analysis, (Hutchinson and Thornton, 1996), https://www.ebi.ac.uk/thornton-srv/databases/cgi-bin/pdbsum/GetPage.pl?pdbcode=1bvr&template=protein.html&o=RESCONS&l=1&chain=A&c=999&r=wiring)

- **B)** Structure of active form of protein bound to NAD+. Each beta-alpha-beta motif involved in the Rossmann fold to hold NAD+ in place are coloured in red, orange, yellow, green, and dark blue, with NAD+ coloured in white. Also labelled are the major and minor entry portals for the crevice. Model produced using USCF Chimera (Pettersen *et al.*, 2004).
- **C)** The three gamma turns highlighted. The position of each loop for an inactive form of the protein is shown in red, while the active form positions are shown in green. NAD is in yellow, and the THT fatty acyl ligand is in dark blue. Also shown for the active model is the confirmation of the Tyr158 residue positioned over/within the minor portal. Model produced using USCF Chimera (Pettersen *et al.*, 2004).

Subunits have one 7-stranded parallel beta sheet and 10 alpha helices, including two perpendicular helices forming the binding loop that the substrate binds to. Although 43.3% of the structure is made from unstructured loop regions and turns, (Hutchinson and Thornton, 1996), these loops are largely held in place by hydrogen bonds, such as the hydrogen bond between Ala157 and Gly104. In the active form of the enzyme, the binding loop (residues 196-219) moves 4Å to the left, widening the crevice opening and opening a new entryway leading from the minor entry portal of the crevice to the active site, allowing entry of the fatty acyl ligand (Rozwarski *et al.*, 1999).

There are three gamma turns (42-44, 156-158, and 203-205) (Figure 1C). When compared to an inactive form of the protein (Dias *et al.*, 2007), the turn at 42-44 is formed in the active state of the protein over the major portal (Figure 1C), therefore this loop may hold the bound NAD in place while catalysis takes place. The 156-158 turn is also important to function, since the turn may be maintained but the Tyr158 residue rotates 60 degrees upon cofactor binding, therefore opening the minor portal to allow substrate entry (Rozwarski *et al.*, 1999).

d) The Met1 residue and side-chain O-C in Thr2 residues for all subunits in the tetramer are missing from the structure, but no other atoms are missing. R and Rfree were good even before refinement in adding water molecules to artificially improve R, where R was 0.234 before and 0.217 afterwards, while Rfree was 0.356 (Rozwarski *et al.*, 1999), both of which are considered good scores for solved structures and indicate good quality of the model.

B-factor of 51.7 was within expected range for a structure of overall 2.8Å resolution (Carugo, 2018), however B-factor varied greatly for each chain (Chain A had B-factor range of 18-104). Some residues may either have local poor quality or multiple residue conformations. Electron density is overall fairly poor, and the structure did not align well with the density until below 0.3 volume. Resolution varies between 2.8Å and 10Å considering all subunits (Rozwarski et al., 1999), which explains the poor-quality electron density map and indicates a poorer structure overall.

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From the PDB file (Rozwarski *et al.*, 1999), 4 residues had bond angles deviating more than 6 RMSD from the Engh and Huber values (Engh and Huber, 1991) - Pro227, Pro107, Pro193, Leu217. Additionally, on average per chain only between 21-51% of residues were deemed to be high quality with respect to geometric quality tests.

(https://files.rcsb.org/pub/pdb/validation_reports/bv/1bvr/1bvr_full_validation.pdf) (Rozwarski D.A. et al. (1998a)).

Table 1: Percentage of outlier residues per chain. Adapted from the PDB validation report for this structure (Rozwarski et al., 1999). The more outliers a residue has (from 0 up to >3), the more geometric quality tests that residue has failed.

Chain	0 Outliers (%)	1 Outlier (%)	2 Outliers (%)	3 or more Outliers (%)	Residues poorly fit to density map (%)
Α	50	45	5	0	1
В	51	43	5	0	1
С	49	46	5	0	2
D	47	44	8	0	2
E	21	53	23	3	0
F	47	47	6	0	3

PROCHECK (http://www.ebi.ac.uk/thornton-srv/databases/cgi-

bin/pdbsum/GetPage.pl?pdbcode=1bvr&template=procheck_summary.html) (Laskowski et al., 1993) and the Ramachandran plots from UCSF Chimera (Pettersen et al., 2004) were used to further analyse torsion angles. 64 residues were identified as outliers from the Ramachandran plot, several of these were Tyrosine residues (Figure 2A, 2B). These were Tyr158 residues, which are known to undergo a 60 degree rotational confirmation change on cofactor binding (Rozwarski et al., 1999), and since this structure represents the active form of the protein, this is likely the reason for the outlying torsion angle for these residues. This only explains some residues however, and Ramachandran plot quality assessment from PROCHECK confirmed poor quality, as overall assessment was outside of the expected region (Figure 2C). Although some of the poor-quality features of the structure can be explained by the function of the active site, the model is still of general poor quality, which could be attributed to the resolution.

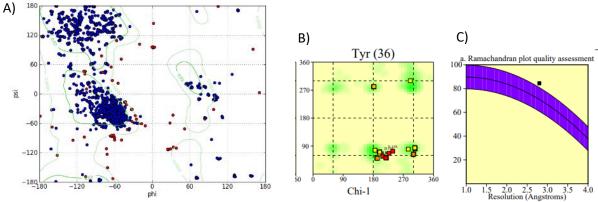


Figure 2: Bond analysis plots. A) Ramachandran plot, with potential outliers highlighted in red. B) Tyrosine bond angle analysis, with outliers highlighted in red, and C) overall plot quality from PROCHECK (actual plot quality plotted as the black square, with the curve region of expected quality in purple. Plots produced in PROCHECK (http://www.ebi.ac.uk/thornton-srv/databases/cgi-bin/pdbsum/GetPage.pl?pdbcode=1bvr&template=procheck_summary.html) (Laskowski *et al.*, 1993) and UCSF Chimera (Pettersen *et al.*, 2004).

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e) NAD+ (cofactor to facilitate the *in vitro* reaction), and trans-2-hexadecenoyl-(N-acetylcysteamine)-thioester (THT).

f) The below are the identified contacts between the protein and the THT ligand:

Table 2: Groups in contact between THT ligand and protein active site. (adapted from Rozwarski et al., 1999)

Atom in Ligand	Residue	Atom in Residue	Distance of Contact	ted from Rozwarski et al., 1999 Interaction Type
0	Tyr ¹⁵⁸	ОН	3.7	Hydrogen Bond
C1	Met ¹⁰³	CE	4.2	Hydrophobic Interaction
C1	Met ¹⁹⁹	CG	4.9	Hydrophobic Interaction
C2	Met ¹⁹⁹	CE	4	Hydrophobic Interaction
C3	Phe ¹⁴⁹	CE2	4	Hydrophobic Interaction
C4	Phe ¹⁴⁹	CE2	3.2	Hydrophobic Interaction
C4	Met ¹⁹⁹	CE	3.9	Hydrophobic Interaction
C4	Pro ¹⁹³	CG	4.2	Hydrophobic Interaction
C5	Phe ¹⁴⁹	CZ	3.1	Hydrophobic Interaction
C5	Tyr ¹⁵⁸	CE2	3.3	Hydrophobic Interaction
C5	Met ¹⁹⁹	CE	4.5	Hydrophobic Interaction
C5	Pro ¹⁹³	CG	4.8	Hydrophobic Interaction
C6	Met ¹⁹⁹	CE	3.9	Hydrophobic Interaction
C6	Leu ²¹⁸	CD2	4.4	Hydrophobic Interaction
C6	Pro ¹⁹³	CG	4.8	Hydrophobic Interaction
C7	Tyr ¹⁵⁸	CD2	3.6	Hydrophobic Interaction
C7	Leu ²¹⁸	CD1	4.7	Hydrophobic Interaction
C8	lle ²¹⁵	CG1	3.4	Hydrophobic Interaction
C8	Ala ¹⁵⁷	СВ	3.8	Hydrophobic Interaction
C8	Leu ²¹⁸	CD1	5	Hydrophobic Interaction
C9	lle ²¹⁵	CD1	3.4	Hydrophobic Interaction
C9	Met ¹⁹⁹	CE	4.1	Hydrophobic Interaction
C9	Ala ¹⁵⁷	СВ	4.4	Hydrophobic Interaction
C10	Ala ¹⁵⁷	СВ	3.8	Hydrophobic Interaction
C10	lle ²¹⁵	CD1	3.8	Hydrophobic Interaction
C10	Met ¹⁰³	CG	4.4	Hydrophobic Interaction
C10	Gly ¹⁰⁴	CA	4.6	Hydrophobic Interaction
C11	Met ¹⁰³	CE	3.4	Hydrophobic Interaction
C11	Met ¹⁰³	CG	3.7	Hydrophobic Interaction
C11	Gly ¹⁰⁴	CA	4.9	Hydrophobic Interaction
C12	Met ¹⁰³	CE	3.9	Hydrophobic Interaction
C12	Ile ²⁰²	CG1	3.9	Hydrophobic Interaction
C12	Ile ²¹⁵	CD1	4.5	Hydrophobic Interaction
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C13	lle ²⁰²	CG2	3	Hydrophobic Interaction
C13	Met ¹⁰³	CE	4.5	Hydrophobic Interaction
C13	Leu ²⁰⁷	CD2	4.7	Hydrophobic Interaction
C14	Met ¹⁰³	CE	3.8	Hydrophobic Interaction
C14	lle ²⁰²	CG2	4	Hydrophobic Interaction
C14	Leu ²⁰⁷	CD1	5	Hydrophobic Interaction
C15	Ala ¹⁹⁸	СВ	3.7	Hydrophobic Interaction
C15	lle ²⁰²	CG2	4.4	Hydrophobic Interaction
C16	Ala ¹⁹⁸	СВ	4.2	Hydrophobic Interaction
C16	Ala ²⁰¹	СВ	4.8	Hydrophobic Interaction
C16	Leu ²⁰⁷	CD1	5.1	Hydrophobic Interaction

The majority of these interactions are hydrophobic interactions between the non-polar carbon chain of the THT ligand, with one hydrogen bond being formed between Tyr158 and the C=O group within the enoyl 'head' of the ligand. Interactions were visualized using the Protein-Ligand Interaction Profiler PLIP (https://plip-tool.biotec.tu-dresden.de/plip-web/plip/index) (Adasme, M.F. et al. (2021)):

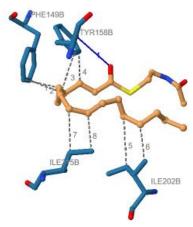


Figure 3: Visualization of recognised interactions between THT ligand and protein. Hydrogen bonds are shown in blue, and hydrophobic interactions shown as grey dashed lines. Produced with PLIP (https://pliptool.biotec.tu-dresden.de/plip-web/plip/index) (Adasme *et al.*, 2021)

g) Binding affinity: The hydrophobic interactions along the carbon 'tail' of the ligand (C7-C16) are most important to binding affinity. As hydrophobic interactions such as van de Waals forces are weak, these are most likely to be important in increasing binding affinity of the fatty acid tail for the active site, and are shown to form with non-polar residues such as Ile202 and 215 in the active site (Figure 3). As these interactions are weak and easy to break, many forces form between the highly non-polar protein binding site and every carbon in the ligand to increase affinity as much as possible.

Catalysis: The only interaction which is not hydrophobic is the hydrogen bond between Tyr158 and the enoyl C=O oxygen group of the ligand. Tyr158 is within a highly conserved catalytic triad consensus sequence for the SDR family of enzymes (Tyr159 xxx Lys163 (Baker, 1995), shown in E.coli 7alpha-HSDH, where the Tyrosine residue is shown to interact with the fatty acid ligand). The consensus sequence within InhA is Phe149-Tyr158-Lys165 (Rozwarski et al., 1999), and as Tyr158 has interaction with the fatty acid as well, Tyr158 is involved with the catalytic process. It has been proposed that the hydrogen bond stabilizes the enolate intermediate in the reaction as it directly

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hydrogen bonds with the carbonyl oxygen, which isn't involved in the reduction itself but Tyr needs to hold it in place to keep the fatty acid chain in place while the catalysis takes place.

The hydrophobic interaction between Phe149 and fatty acid is also important to the reaction rather than binding affinity. Aromatic residues are highly conserved at this position (Rozwarski et al., 1998b), indicating critical importance of this residue for the enzyme to function. During the catalytic reaction, a hydride ion transfers between the NAD ring of the cofactor and the enoyl carbon in the fatty acid chain – and as Phe149 is 4Å from both the NAD ring and the ligand, it is possible that the residue could direct ion transfer between NADH and the ligand, enabling cleavage of the acyl-CoA group (Rozwarski et al., 1998b).

Part B: Identifying potential inhibitors

a) A SMILES string for the THT ligand was available within the ZINC database (https://zinc15.docking.org/substances/ZINC000014880555/) (Sterling and Irwin, 2015), which was queried using the InChI Key for this molecule available on the PDB page for the complex (Rozwarski D.A. et al. (1998a)),(Berman et al., 2000) (InChI used: GDVZALUOXPTSHD-UHFFFAOYSA-N).

SMILES string: CCCCCCCCCCCCC(=O)SCCNC(C)=O

- b) This molecule obeys Lipinski's rule of 5:
 - 1. No more than 5 hydrogen bond donors: this molecule has 1 hydrogen bond donor (-NH), therefore obeys this rule.
 - 2. No more than 10 hydrogen bond acceptors: this molecule can accept 4 hydrogen bonds (2 for each C=O bond), therefore obeys this rule.
 - 3. A molecular weight less than 500 D: this molecule has a MW of 357.6 from the ZINC database (Sterling and Irwin, 2015), and therefore obeys this rule.
 - 4. An octanol/water partition coefficient not > 5: Also from the ZINC database page (https://zinc15.docking.org/substances/ZINC000014880555/) (Sterling and Irwin, 2015), logP for this molecule is reported to be 5.864, which is above 5. However, while the molecule does not obey this rule, since molecules which violate only one of the rules are considered to be accepted, this molecule obeys Lipinski's rule of 5.
- c) As there are multiple 'canonical' SMILES strings, similar molecules to the ligand were identified using a search for similar substructures. In this case, since the region of the ligand within the active site (ie in contact with the protein and the cofactor) is the enoyl group, this was chosen to be the substructure searched.

A list of candidate molecules were identified by searching the ChEMBL database (Mendez et al., 2019)(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl/) and performing a search for the substructure using the inbuilt chemical structure sketch API. SMILES string for the substructure was CC(=O)NCCSC(C)=O, and 236 molecules were identified from this search.

d) To generate the Tanimoto similarity scores for the 236 molecules from ChEMBL, first the full ligand SMILES string was written as a .smi file. Then, the following commands were used with the babel binary from OpenBabel (O'Boyle *et al.*, 2011) (The Open Babel Package v2.3.2, http://openbabel.org/wiki/Main Page):

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babel chembl_search.sdf chembl_id.sdf -append "chembl_id"
babel tht ligand.smi chembl id.sdf -ofpt tanimoto.sdf
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This appends the ChEMBL ID to each record for later retrieval, and generates a Tanimoto score of similarity for each of the ChEMBL molecules against the ligand using the default FP2 hashed fingerprint of each molecule (linear hashing algorithm used by babel that identifies fragments up to 7 atoms long and hashes into a 1024-bit vector (https://openbabel.org/wiki/FP2).

To generate a histogram and other statistics about these scores, the output .sdf file was imported into R Studio (RStudio Team, 2020) and the following commands were used with R (v4.2.0, R Core Team 2021) and the Tidyverse package (Wickham et al., 2019):

library (tidyverse)

read_tsv ("tanimoto.sdf") -> tanimoto

cleaning the imported dataframe for analysis

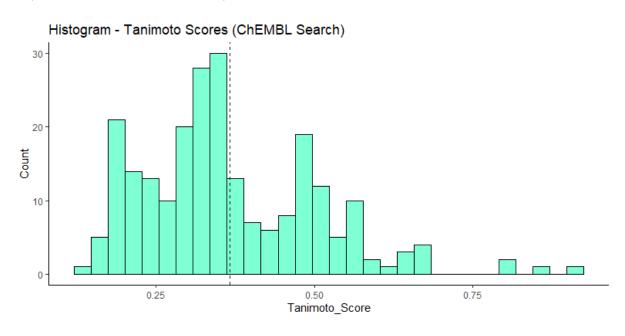
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tanimoto %>%
rename ("score" = ">") %>%
separate (score, c("wording","Tanimoto_Score"), sep = "= ") %>%
select (-1) %>%
mutate (Tanimoto_Score = as.numeric (Tanimoto_Score)) %>%
filter (!is.na (Tanimoto_Score)) -> tanimoto_cleaned
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generating histogram

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ggplot (tanimoto_cleaned, aes (Tanimoto_Score)) +
geom_histogram (color = "black", fill = "aquamarine") +
geom_vline (aes (xintercept = mean (Tanimoto_Score)), linetype = "dashed") +
labs (title = "Histogram - Tanimoto Scores (ChEMBL Search)", y = "Count") +
theme_classic()
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mean and standard deviation

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mean (tanimoto_cleaned$Tanimoto_Score) sd (tanimoto_cleaned$Tanimoto_Score)
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Figure 4: Histogram of Tanimoto similarity scores for the THT ligand against the identified 236 ChEMBL molecules. The dashed line represents the mean score for these molecules.

The mean score was 0.3658743, and the standard deviation was 0.1395929.

e) Since the fingerprints used were binary hashed fingerprints, the Tanimoto score was used to measure similarity to the ligand.

Four molecules had a Tanimoto score above 0.75. The highest of these, CHEMBL244985, is a small molecule with a short carbon chain attached to the searched enoyl substructure (SMILES string CCCC(C)C(=O)SCCNC(C)=O), and while not as non-polar as the ligand, may be a candidate for further study to examine if this may bind to the active site of the enzyme since the enoyl group end heavily resembles that of the ligand.

(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl/compound report card/CHEMBL244985/)(Mendez, D. et al. (2019))

Part C: Docking to a model structure

a) Sequence first found by searching UniProt,

(https://www.uniprot.org/uniprotkb/P9WGR1/entry#structure) (Wang et al., 2021), displaying the sequence published by Camus et al., 2002.

Using GenTHREADER (http://bioinf.cs.ucl.ac.uk/psipred) (McGuffin and Jones, 2003), the template chosen was 5TF4 (PDB ID). GenTHREADER was chosen as in the scenario there are no high sequence identity homologs identified through UniProt or PDB searches. For this template, confidence was 'CERT' (p-value of below 0.0001, very high likelihood of homology). Looking at the alignment output, the first two hits were above 70% sequence identity and were excluded (100% and 89.9% identity respectively), the third hit had identity of 28.4% while retaining a p-value below 0.0001 and an alignment length covering most of the queried sequence (249/269, 93% of queried sequence aligned). Template was also functionally similar, being another enoyl-acyl carrier protein reductase (same enzyme as target) with very similar catalytic activity in a different bacterial species, and therefore may likely have similar structure.

b) Alignment was performed using ClustalOmega (https://toolkit.tuebingen.mpg.de/tools/clustalo) Sievers et al., 2011), MUSCLE (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/muscle/), (Madeira et al., 2022) and Psi-Coffee (https://tcoffee.crg.eu/apps/tcoffee/do:psicoffee) (Di Tommaso et al., 2011), as each alignment produced is different and it was uncertain at this stage which alignment would produce the most accurate, or best-fitting, result. All alignments can be found in Appendix C for reference.

SWISS-MODEL (https://swissmodel.expasy.org/) (Waterhouse *et al.*, 2018) and MODELLER (Webb and Sali, 2016) were used to generate models from all three alignments, and Phyre2 (http://www.sbg.bio.ic.ac.uk/phyre2/html/page.cgi?id=index) (Kelley *et al.*, 2015) was used to generate a separate model based on its own alignment algorithm, giving 7 different models in total.

The 'best' model was selected from the 7 options using QMEANDisCo (https://swissmodel.expasy.org/qmean/) (Studer et al., 2020), a statistical potential-based method combined with a measure of how consistent the distance between all the carbon alpha backbone atoms are in the model when considering the average carbon alpha bond distance in homologous structures. This gives a global (overall) as well as a per-residue model quality estimate on a scale of 0-1, highlighting regions of lower quality in the model. For reference, the native experimental structure of the template 5tf4 attained a global QMEANDisCo of 0.90. The best global QMEANDisCo score was 0.72 from the Psi-Coffee alignment input into SWISS-MODEL – QMEANDisCo scores are provided for all models in Appendix C.

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The QMEANDisCo score also provides an indication of local areas of low model quality. In the chosen Psi-Coffee/SWISS-MODEL model, low scoring regions were highlighted in orange if the residue scored below the global average score of 0.72 (Figure 5). Of note, high quality predicted residues tended to be part of predicted beta sheet and alpha helix structures, while low quality regions such as residues 202-214 with QMEANDisCo scores between 0.25-0.55 were part of an extended loop region in the model that were aligned against a gap in the PsiCoffee alignment.

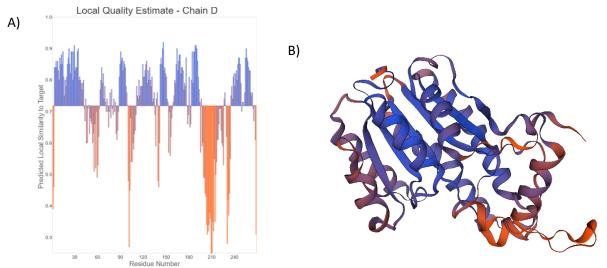
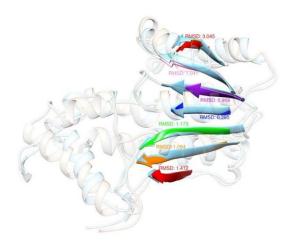


Figure 5: QMEANDisCo Local Scores. A) QMEANDisCo (https://swissmodel.expasy.org/qmean/) (Studer et al., 2020) local score for each residue in the model produced using the Psi-Coffee alignment and SWISS-MODEL modelling tool. Residues in orange scored below the global quality average of 0.72 and are considered to be of low quality in the predicted model. B) Predicted structure taken from SWISS-MODEL output (Waterhouse et al., 2018)

c) The overall structure closely resembles the experimental structure (successfully predicting most alpha helices and identifying the parallel beta sheet), represented well by the global RMSD of 0.937. This is considered to be a good superposition as the carbon-alpha backbones of the model and experimental structure are on average within less than 1 angstrom of each other.

For the 7 parallel beta sheet strands (residues 256-260, 185-191, 143-148, 90-93, 9-12, 35-40, 60-62), local RMSD remained around 1 angstrom, with the exception of the seventh strand, which had a slightly larger RMSD of 3.045 (Figure 6), showing that this beta sheet was a well-predicted region.



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Figure 6: RMSD values of the 7-stranded parallel beta sheet (model vs experimental structure). Experimental structure residues from 'top' strand to 'bottom': 59-62 (RMSD: 3.045), 35-40 (RMSD: 1.041), 9-12 (RMSD: 0.968), 90-93 (RMSD: 0.395), 143-148 (RMSD: 1.173), 185-191 (RMSD: 1.094), 256-260 (RMSD: 1.412). Model produced using USCF Chimera (Pettersen *et al.*, 2004).

Looking at the predicted loop region of low quality (residues 202-214), local RMSD is much larger, and the experimental structure shows this region as a helix, turn, helix, which is a more structured region that occupies a difference arrangement in space, validating the predicted low quality of these residues structures (see Figure 7).

Within one loop region of the experimental model, the predicted model identified two short alpha helices, highlighted in green in Figure 7. Despite this region having a low RMSD comparable to the higher quality prediction of the beat sheet (1.332), the prediction of the residues arranged in a helix structure does not match the experimental structure, potentially highlighting a drawback of using RMSD in this way (since RMSD in Chimera only considers position of the carbon alpha atoms rather than the residue side-chains). Some of the helices, while being predicted to occur correctly, also have a different position in space to the experimental structure (Figure 7).

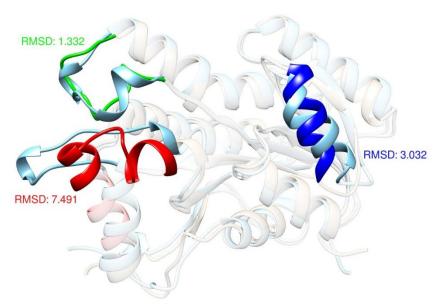


Figure 7: Local differences between experimental and predicted models, predicted model colored in light blue. In red: The experimental structure helix-turn-helix alongside the predicted loop, residues 202-214 (RMSD: 7.491). In green: The experimental loop region alongside predicted helix-like turn regions in the predicted model, residues 99-112 (RMSD: 1.332). In dark blue: One alpha helix with different arrangement in space to the predicted model, residues 44-53 (RMSD: 3.032). Model produced using UCSF Chimera (Pettersen et al., 2004).

To account for these local differences, the TM-score (Zhang and Skolnick, 2004) (https://seq2fun.dcmb.med.umich.edu//TM-score) was calculated and was output as 0.8960, scoring highly on the TM-score scale of between 0-1, again showing that the model is very similar to the experimental structure.

d) The ligand identified in Part A(e), THT, was identified within the ZINC database as ZINC14880555 (https://zinc15.docking.org/substances/ZINC000014880555/) (Sterling and Irwin, 2015). The model was prepared using the Dock Prep Chimera tool (Lang *et al.*, 2009) and the docking modelled using SwissDock (Grosdidier *et al.*, 2011). Table 3 shows the ten docked models with the lowest predicted energy confirmations, and Model 1 with the lowest energy confirmation was chosen (note: one

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model (not shown) had a slightly higher FullFitness score, however was not chosen since the model had a much higher energy and deltaG, and therefore a model with the lowest energy was chosen instead).

Table 3: The 10 predicted structures from SwissDock (Grosdidier et al., 2011) with the lowest Energy outcome.

Model	deltaG	FullFitness	Energy
1	-8.883539	-1378.516	-70.5968
2	-8.550922	-1377.5789	-68.9529
3	-8.550922	-1377.5789	-68.9529
4	-8.550922	-1377.5789	-68.9529
5	-8.469255	-1376.683	-68.1576
6	-8.469255	-1376.683	-68.1576
7	-8.469255	-1376.683	-68.1576
8	-8.855798	-1375.5188	-67.8335
9	-8.350707	-1373.7324	-67.4806
10	-8.930396	-1376.3048	-67.3309

e) The predicted model has docked THT in the cofactor NADH binding site (Figure 8). This is a limitation of producing a model from sequence, since the model produced cannot account for cofactor binding and shape confirmation changes, therefore the predicted docking model can only represent the inactive form of the protein. NADH binding changes the confirmation of the binding site, moving the binding loop 4 angstroms to the left and rotating the key Tyr158 residue 60 degrees to the right to widen crevice to allow large fatty acid chains to enter the crevice (Rozwarski *et al.*, 1999). Without NADH binding, the correct binding site is physically unavailable, preventing the ligand from entering the site.

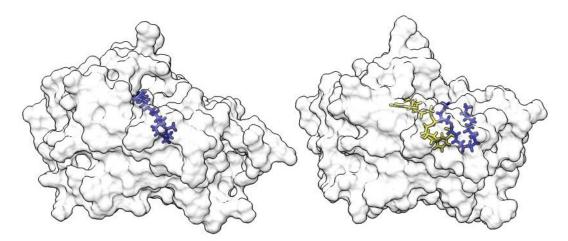


Figure 8: Overall side-by-side comparison of the experimental structure (left) and the SwissDock (Grosdidier et al., 2011) structure with ligand THT docked (right). THT is highlighted in blue, and the cofactor NAD+ is highlighted in yellow. Models produced using UCSF Chimera (Pettersen et al., 2004).

Looking at electrostatic potential of the two models, the experimental model has a fairly neutral electrostatic potential in the NADH and ligand binding site to increase binding affinity for hydrophobic carbon chains (Rozwarski *et al.*, 1999). Two regions in the NADH binding site show charge — a section of positive charge, accommodating partial negative charges of -OH groups of the NAD+ ring, and a section of negative charge which accommodates the partial positive charges of the nitrogen atoms in the adenine ring (Figure 9). The predicted model also reflects these regions of charge within the NADH binding site, with the polar end of the THT ligand the positively charged region and the longer non-polar chain in the more neutral part.

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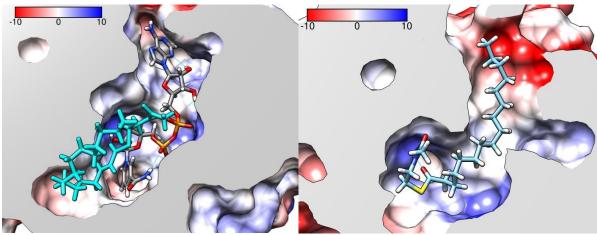


Figure 9: NADH binding site in each model, coloured by electrostatic potential (Red corresponds to negative charge, Blue corresponds to positive charge). On the left, NAD+ and THT (light blue) bound to the experimental model. On the right, THT bound in the NADH binding site in the predicted model. Binding site is smaller in the predicted model since the model does not represent the confirmation change allowing access to the second binding site as shown for the experimental model. Solvent-excluded molecular surfaces were created using the MSMS package of UCSF Chimera (Sanner et al., 1996) (Pettersen et al., 2004).

In the experimental structure, NAD+ in the NADH binding site forms hydrogen bonds with Thr196 and Ile194, residues important in catalysis (Rozwarski *et al.*, 1999), as well as at Ser20, Val65, and Asp64 at regions towards the binding site opening, to provide stability and additional binding affinity for NADH. However, in the predicted model, the only hydrogen bond predicted between ligand and protein was at Lys165, which is logical since the ligand is highly non-polar and would be unable to create many hydrogen bonds. This, coupled with the predicted docking of the non-polar chain in a region of high electronegative charge, means this model is unlikely to be stable in reality and is not very useful in understanding binding of this ligand.

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APPENDIX 1: ADDITIONAL CODE USED FOR PART A

retrieve mmCIF from PDB open cifID:1bvr

removing the subunits from the second incomplete tetramer (retain only the whole tetrameric structure)

delete :.A,.B

retain only 'best quality' subunit per validation report (51% residues with 0 outliers)

delete :.A,.C,.D,.E,.F

c) # Rossmann fold figure color red :9-40 color orange :35-62 color yellow :88-148 color green :138-191

color blue :185-260

show :NAD color white :NAD

Gamma loops figure open cifID:2IED delete :.C,.D,.A mm #0 #1

color blue :THT color yellow :NAD color green #0:42-44,156-158,203-205 color red #1:42-44,156-158,203-205 select #0 :158 Actions -> Atoms/Bonds -> show

Ramachandran Plot Creation (highlighted phi angle of residues with suspicious torsion angles)

select :5,21.e,23.e,41.a,41.b,41.c,41.d,41.f,42.b,48.e,55,56.e,64.e,65.e,74.a,74.b,74.c,74.d,84.e,94.d,98.a,98.b,98.c,98.d,100,103.d,103.e,105.e,107.d,108.d,112.e,114.e,123.e,124.e,125.e,142.e,150,157.a,157.b,157.c,157.d,157.e,159,193.e,197.d,202.e, 203.d,203.e,205.e,207.e,208.e,209.a,209.b,209.c,209.e,209.f,210.a,210.b,210.c,210.d,210.e,221.e,247.e@N,CA,C,O ramachandran

d) Contacts between protein and ligand

PLIP: 1bvr entered as PDB ID. All other options kept as default.

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APPENDIX 2: CODE AND OUTPUT FROM PART B

> < chembl pref name>

Protein: 1BVR Enoyl-ACP Reductase (InhA) - Rozwarski D.A. et al. (1998a)

LACTACYSTIN

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Protein: 1BVR Enoyl-ACP Reductase (InhA) - Rozwarski D.A. et al. (1998a)

21 22 2 0

22 23 1 0

23 24 2 0

24 25 1 0

25 26 2 0

26 21 1 0

20 27 2 0

27 28 1 0

28 29 2 0

29 30 1 0

30 31 2 0

31 20 1 0

M END

> <chembl_id> CHEMBL4078511

> <chembl_pref_name>

None

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e) The top ten ChEMBL molecules with a substructure matching the ligand THT:

ChEMBL ID	Tanimoto Score	
CHEMBL244985	0.921569	
CHEMBL243567	0.854545	
CHEMBL244833	0.810345	
CHEMBL244204	0.810345	
CHEMBL1179301	0.678571	
CHEMBL1179279	0.678571	
CHEMBL67577	0.666667	
CHEMBL68560	0.666667	
CHEMBL501082	0.653846	

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APPENDIX C: CODE AND OUTPUT FROM PART C

a) GenTHREADER used to identify structural homologs, settings: GenTHREADER (Rapid Fold Recognition) selected, no other options selected.

Protein sequence input:

MTGLLDGKRILVSGIITDSSIAFHIARVAQEQGAQLVLTGFDRLRLIQRITDRLPAKAPLLELDVQNEEHLASLAGRVTEAIGAGN KLDGVVHSIGFMPQTGMGINPFFDAPYADVSKGIHISAYSYASMAKALLPIMNPGGSIVGMDFDPSRAMPAYNWMTVAKSAL ESVNRFVAREAGKYGVRSNLVAAGPIRTLAMSAIVGGALGEEAGAQIQLLEEGWDQRAPIGWNMKDATPVAKTVCALLSDW LPATTGDIIYADGGAHTQLL

b) Template model downloaded from PDB (https://www.rcsb.org/structure/5TF4), experimental validation report checked. Most complete subunit (least missing residues from model) = Chain D (6 residues missing)

Chimera:

retrieve mmCIF from PDB open cifID:5tf4

remove all chains except chain D

sel :.D select invert

Actions -> Atoms/Bonds -> delete

delete substrate/cofactor and identify sequence

delete solvent delete :GOL,NAD ~show

File -> Save PDB

sequence:.D

In Sequence dialog: File -> Save.as (used 'Aligned FASTA' file type)

Alignment inputs:

>sequence

MTGLLDGKRILVSGIITDSSIAFHIARVAQEQGAQLVLTGFDRLRLIQRITDRLPAKAPLLELDVQNEEHLASLAGRVTEAIGAGN KLDGVVHSIGFMPQTGMGINPFFDAPYADVSKGIHISAYSYASMAKALLPIMNPGGSIVGMDFDPSRAMPAYNWMTVAKSAL ESVNRFVAREAGKYGVRSNLVAAGPIRTLAMSAIVGGALGEEAGAQIQLLEEGWDQRAPIGWNMKDATPVAKTVCALLSDW LPATTGDIIYADGGAHTQLL

>5tf4 (#0) chain D/-1-272

GSMÁKÓNGLLYGKRGLILGLANNRSIAWGIAKTASSAGAELAFTYQGEAMKKRVEPLAEEVKGFVCGHCDVSDSASIDAVFN TIEKKWGKLDFLVHAIGFSDKEELSGRYVDISESNFMMTMNISVYSLTALTKRAEKLMSDGGSILTLTYYGAEKVVPNYNVMG VAKAALEASVKYLAVDLGPKHIRVNAISAGPIKTLAASGIGDFRYILKWNEYNAPLRRTVTIEEVGDSALYLLSDLSRSVTGEVH HVDSGYNIIGMKAVDAPDISVVKE

ClustalOmega Input: no changes to default parameters

MUSCLE Input: Pearson/FASTA, all other parameters default

Psi-Coffee Input: no changes to default parameters (Alignment Length = 80, Alignment Format = clustalw_aln, fasta_aln, phylip, score_ascii, score_html. Case = Upper, Residue number = off, outorder = input)

ClustalOmega Output:

>sequence

----MTGLLDGKRILVSGIITDSSIAFHIARVAQEQGAQLVLTGFDRLRLIQRITDRLPAKAPL---

LELDVQNEEHLASLAGRVTEAIGAGNKLDGVV

HSIGFMPQTGMGINPFFDAPYADVSKGIHISAYSYASMAKALLPIMNPGGSIVGMDF-

DPSRAMPAYNWMTVAKSALESVNRFVAREAGKYGVRSNLVAA

GPIRTLAMSAIVGGALGEEAGAQIQLLEEGWDQRAPIGWNMKDAT------PVAKTVCALLSDWLPATTGDIIYADGGAHTQLL--

>5tf4

GSMAKGNGLLYGKRGLILGLANNRSIAWGIAKTASSAGAELAFTYQGEA-MKKRVE-PLAEEVKGFVCGHCDVSDSA---SIDAVFNTIEKKWGKLDFLV

HAIGFSDKEELS-

GRYVDISESNFMMTMNISVYSLTALTKRAEKLMSDGGSILTLTYYGAEKVVPNYNVMGVAKAALEASVKYLAVDLGPKHIRVN AISA

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GPIKTI AASGIGDF-----

RYILKWNEYNAPLRRTVTIEEVGDSALYLLSDLSRSVTGEVHHVDSGYNIIGMKAVDAPDISVVKE

MUSCLE Output:

>sequence

-----MTGLLDGKRILVSGIITDSSIAFHIARVAQEQGAQLVLTGFDRLRLIQRITDRLP AKAPLL--ELDVQNEEHLASLAGRVTEAIGAGNKLDGVVHSIGFMPQTGMGINPFFDAPY ADVSKGIHISAYSYASMAKALLPIMNPGGSIVGMD-FDPSRAMPAYNWMTVAKSALESVN RFVAREAGKYGVRSNLVAAGPIRTLAMSAIVGGALGEEAGAQIQLLEEGWDQ-RAPIGWN MKDATPVAKTVCALLSDWLPATTGDIIYADGGAHTQLL------

>5tf4 (#0) chain D/-1-272

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PsiCoffee Output:

>sequence _R_ sequence.prf

----MTGLLDGKRILVSGIITDSSIAFHIARVAQEQGAQLVLTGFDR--LRLIQRITDRLPAKAPLLELDVQNEEHLAS LAGRVTEAIGAGNKLDGVVHSIGFMPQTGMGINPFFDAPYADVSKGIHISAYSYASMAKALLPIMNPGGSIVGMDF-DPS RAMPAYNWMTVAKSALESVNRFVAREAGKYGVRSNLVAAGPIRTLAMSAIVGGALGEEAGAQIQLLEEGWDQRAPIGWNM KDATPVAKTVCALLSDWLPATTGDIIYADGGAHTQLL-------

>5tf4 (#0) chain D/-1-272 R 5tf4.prf

GSMAKGNGLLYGKRGLILGLANNRSIAWGIAKTASSAGAELAFTYQGEAMKKRVEPLAEEVKG-FVCGHCDVSDSASIDA VFNTIEKKWG---KLDFLVHAIGFSDKEELS-GRYVDISESNFMMTMNISVYSLTALTKRAEKLMSDGGSILTLTYYGAE KVVPNYNVMGVAKAALEASVKYLAVDLGPKHIRVNAISAGPIKTLAASGIGD------FRYILKWNEYNAPLRRTV T-IEEVGDSALYLLSDLSRSVTGEVHHVDSGYNIIGMKAVDAPDISVVKE

Target-Template Modelling Inputs:

SWISS-MODEL: Biounit '5tf4.1.D' chosen to build model for all three alignments. No other changes to default parameters. Phyre2: Expert Mode Login required. One-to-One Threading, Secondary Structure scoring = yes, weight = 0.1, alignment method = local.

MODELLER: Open both alignment and template model in Chimera. In the alignment window: Structure -> Modeller (homology), Target sequence = sequence, Template = 5tf4, Run Modeller via a web service, Advanced Options -> Number of output models = 1

SWISS-MODEL QMEANDisCo v4.3.0 Inputs: Selected 'QMEANDisCo', all other parameters left as default.

QMEANDisCo (Studer et al., 2020) Global Scores for each of the 7 output models:

Alignment + Model	QMEANDisCo
PSI-COFFEE, SWISS-MODEL	0.72 ±0.05
MUSCLE, SWISS-MODEL	0.66 ±0.05
PSI-COFFEE, MODELLER	0.66 ±0.05
ClustalO, SWISS-MODEL	0.63 ±0.05
MUSCLE, MODELLER	0.62 ±0.05
Phyre2	0.61 ±0.05
ClustalO, MODELLER	0.58 ±0.05

c) In chimera:

to get one subunit and none of the ligands/non-standard residues for better comparison to model

open ciflD:1bvr delete :NAD delete :THT delete :HOH delete :.A,.C,.D,.E,.F

select

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~show

Run MatchMaker, superimpose the predicted model onto the actual structure model, do not recalculate secondary structure predictions. All other settings as default.

mm #0 #1 computeSS false

Highlight the 7 beta sheet strands and their RMSD values (local RMSD)

color red #0:256-260 color orange #0:185-191 color green #0:143-148 color blue #0:90-93 color purple #0:9-12 color hot pink #0:35-40 color red #0:59-62

select

transparency 90,r

transparency 0,r #0:256-260,185-191,143-148,90-93,9-12,35-40,59-62 # experimental model beta sheet transparency 0,r #1:257-260,184-191,142-148,90-93,9-14,35-40,57-62 # predicted model beta sheet background solid white

rmsd #0:256,260 #1:256,260 rmsd #0:185,191 #1:185,191 rmsd #0:143,148 #1:143,148 rmsd #0:90,93 #1:90,93 rmsd #0:9,12 #1:9,12 rmsd #0:35,40 #1:35,40 rmsd #0:59,62 #1:59,62

Actions -> Label -> Residue -> Custom (for each beta sheet strand, to represent RMSD in figure format)

Highlight the differences in local structure

color red #0: 200-214 color green #0: 99-112 color blue #0:44-53

select

transparency 90,r transparency 0,r #0:200-214,99-112,44-53 # experimental structure transparency 0,r #1:200-214,99-112,44-53 # model structure background solid white

rmsd #0:200,214 #1:200,214 rmsd #0:99,112 #1:99,112 rmsd #0:44,53 #1:44,53

Actions -> Label -> Residue -> Custom

d) Chimera:

prepare model protein for docking

select

addh hbond true # hbond true = considers hydrogen bonds in adding hydrogen atoms

Tools -> Structure Editing -> Dock Prep (Remove: Delete Solvent and Write Mol2 file, all other options remain as default)

SwissDock Settings: Target (model) was uploaded as a .pdb file as prepared above. Ligand (THT) was added using the ZINC ID for THT (ZINC14880555). All parameters left as default.

hbonds

display:196,194,20,65,64

Tools -> General Controls -> Model Panel -> clipping

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Model 1 preparation for figure select ~show represent stick show:LIG color blue :LIG select invert surface #0 color white,s #0 transparency 75,s #0 e) Chimera: # prepare experimental docked model for figure - general structure comparison (binding sites) ## Note: leave Model 1 from above step open open cifID:1bvr delete #2:.A,.C,.D,.E,.F color white #2 color blue :THT color yellow :NAD color red :HOH addh spec #2:THT hbond true surface #2 color white,s #2 transparency 75,s #2 ~surface :NAD,THT,HOH mm #0 #2 computeSS false Tools -> General Controls -> Model Panel -> Deactivate model #0 and #1.6, move model #2 to the right, re-activate models #0 and #1.6. select #2 ~show show: THT,NAD Actions -> Ribbon -> Hide # electrostatic potential models open cifID:1bvr delete :.A,.C,.D,.E,.F delete #2:HOH select :LIG.NAD.THT Actions -> Color -> by element transparency 0,s #0 addh hbond true addcharge # Charge model: AMBER ff14SB coulombic key -10 red 0 white 10 blue ~show show:THT,NAD,LIG ~ribbon

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