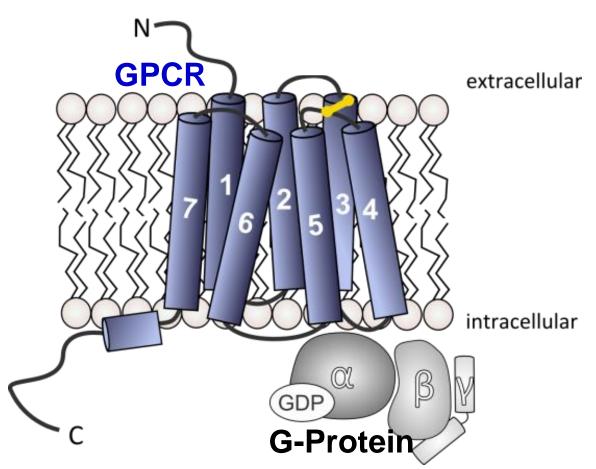
Mapping the binding sites of UDP and prostaglandin E2 glyceryl ester in the nucleotide receptor P2Y6



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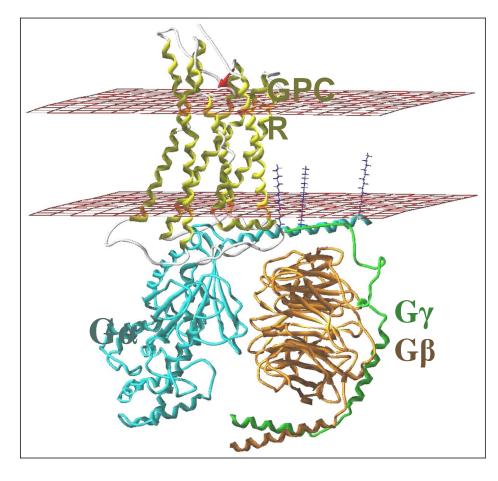
G protein coupled receptors

Schematic structure of a GPCR



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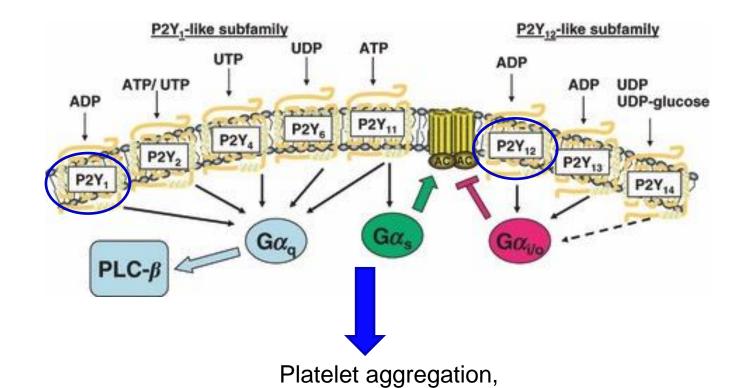
Atomic structure of a GPCR



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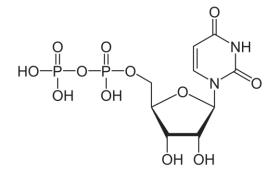
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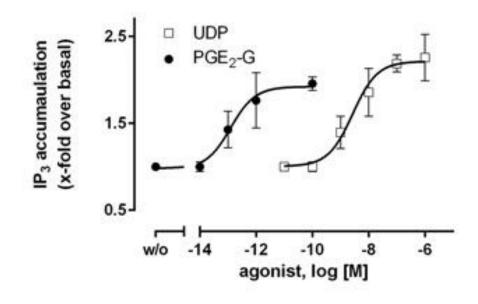


UDP and PGE-2G are native agonists for P2Y6



Uridine diphosphate

Prostaglandin E₂ glyceryl ester

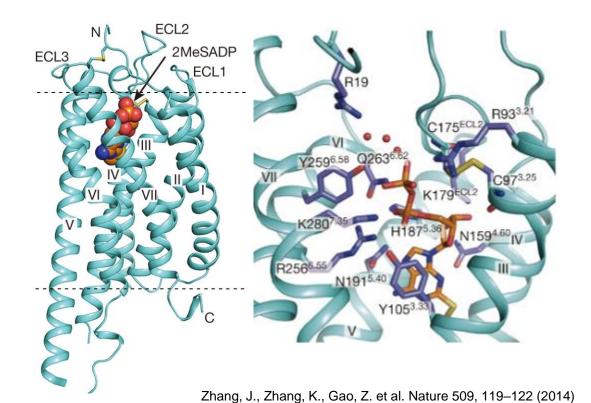




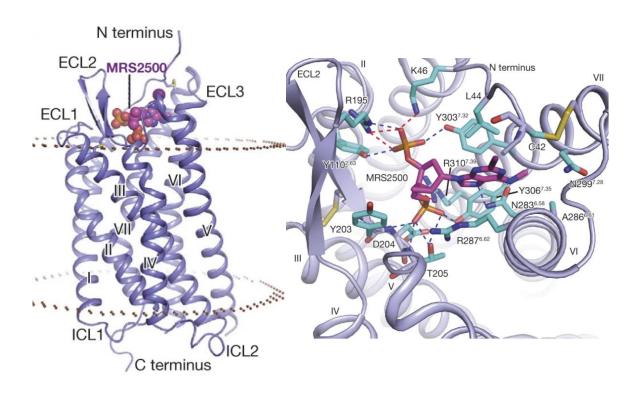
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Interaction of P2Y receptors to UDP analogs

P2Y12 and agonists: 2MeSADP and 2MeSATP



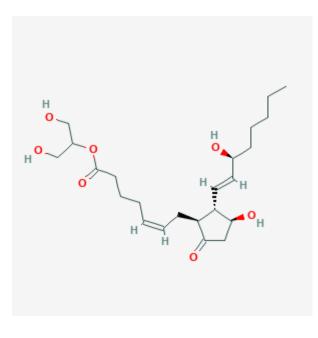
P2Y1 and antagonist: MRS2500



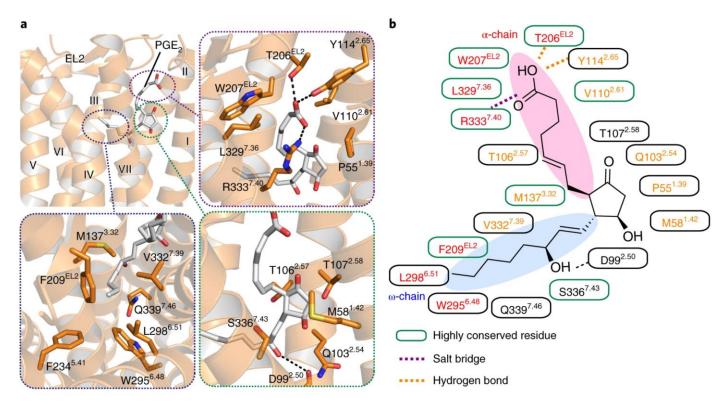
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Interactions of EP3 GPCR receptor to PGE-2G analog



PGE-2G



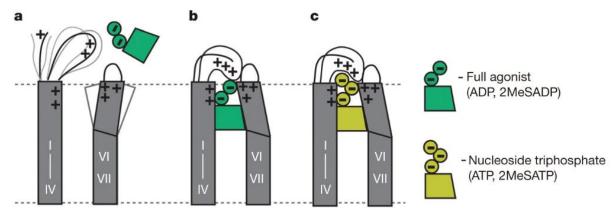
PGE₂ – EP3 co-crystal structure

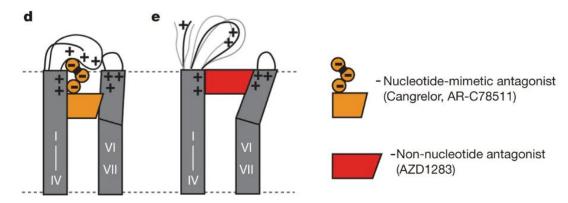
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Hypothesis of P2Y receptor activation

Activation mechanism of P2Y12



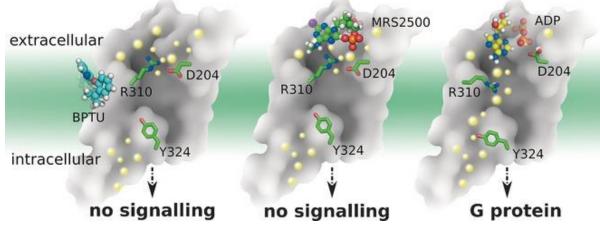


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- Conserved across three P2Y receptors:

The binding pockets have an upper half of cluster of basic side chains and lower half of hydrophobic sidechains

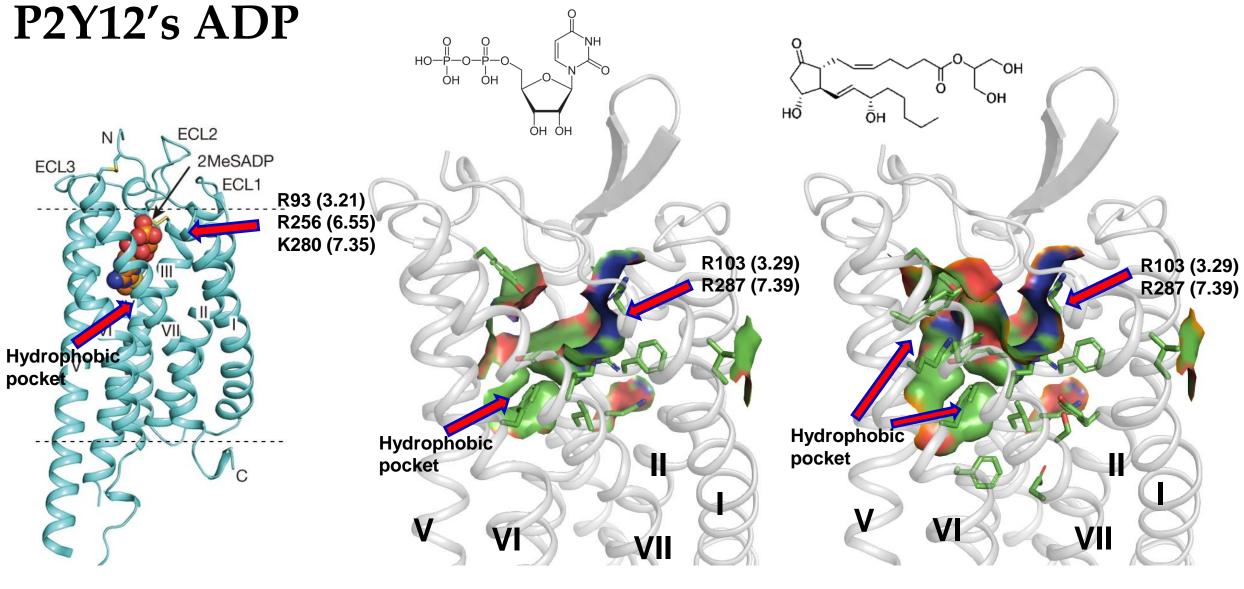
P2Y1: disruption of D45.52 & R7.39 salt bridge



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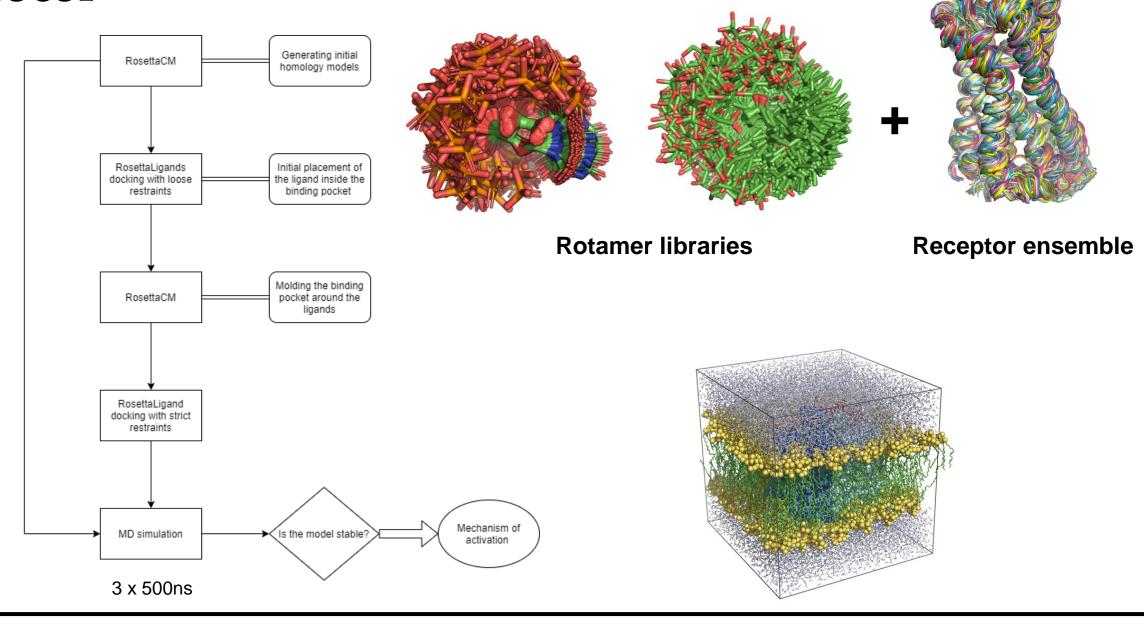


Mutagenesis data suggest similar binding pockets to





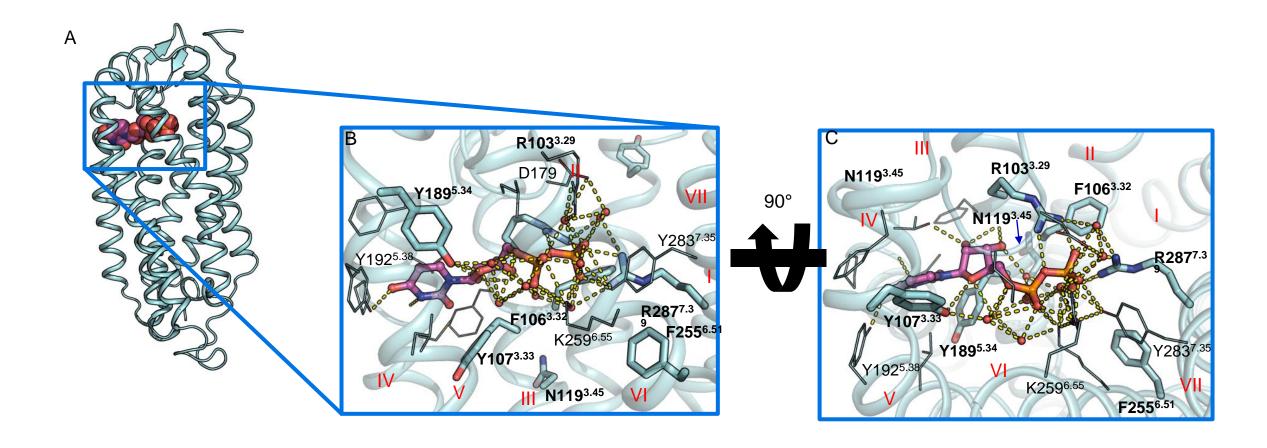
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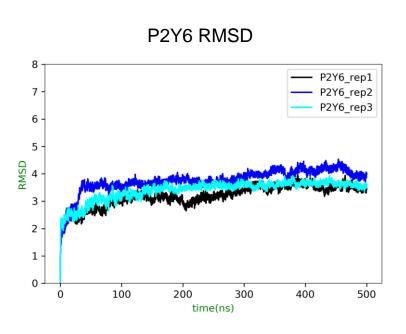
P2Y6-UDP MD-refined docked model

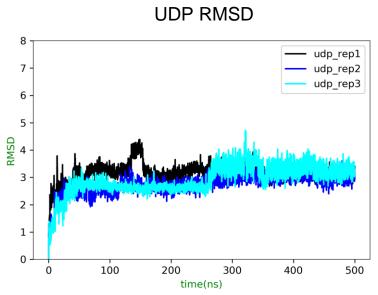
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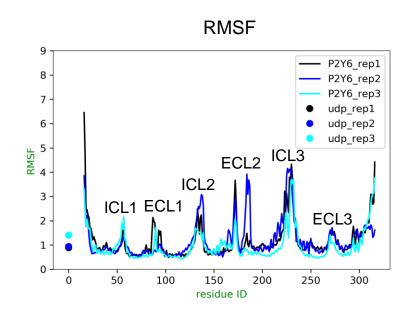




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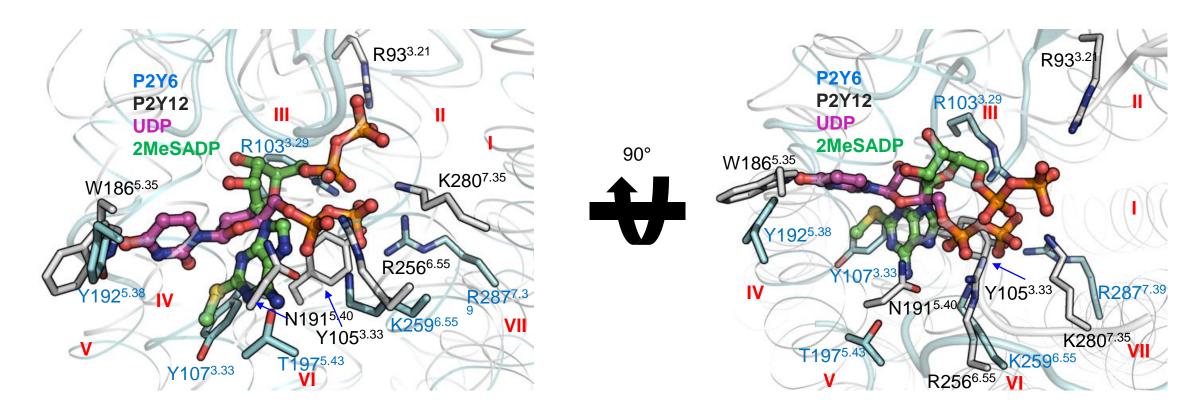






Compare to 2MeSADP-P2Y12 crystal structure

Agonists' negatively charged diphosphate group forms hydrogen bonds/salt bridges to residues on the extracellular half of both P2Y6 and P2Y12 receptors, stabilizing the proximity between TMs 3-4 and TMs 6-7 (the "closed state")

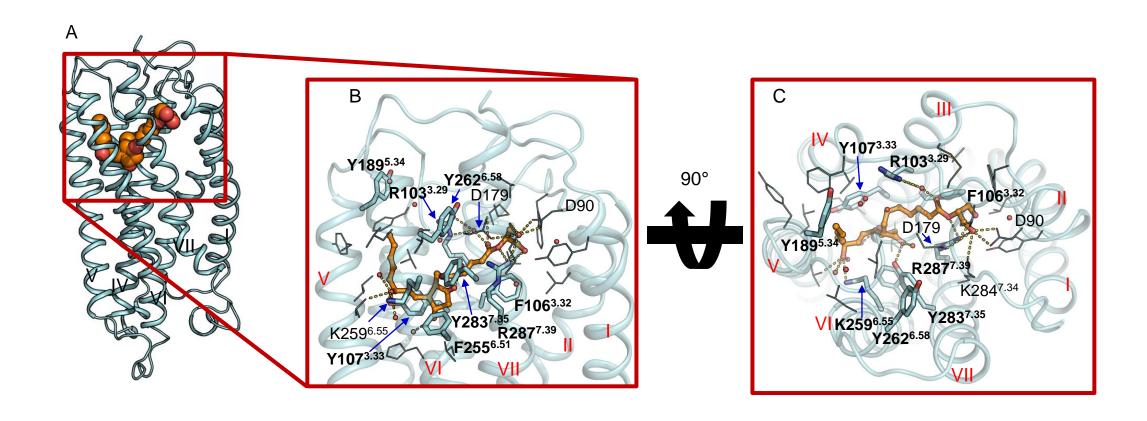




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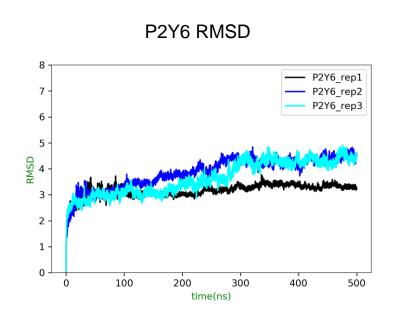
P2Y6-PGE₂-G MD-refined docked model

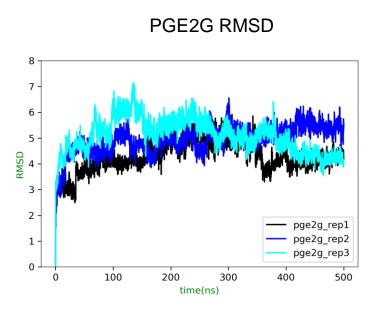
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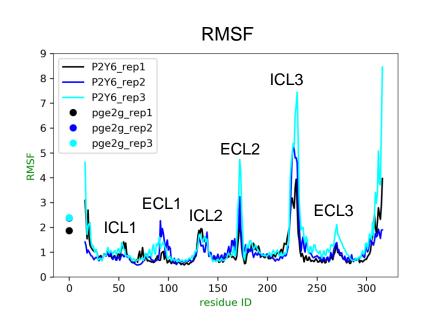




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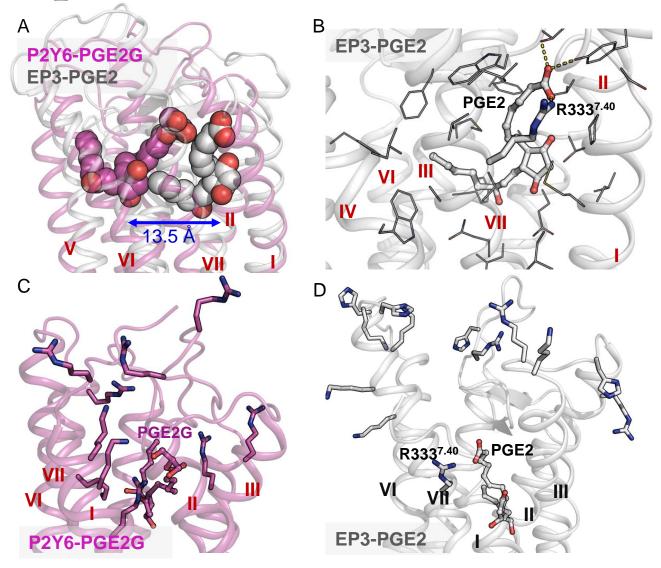








Comparison to the EP3-PGE2 complexes



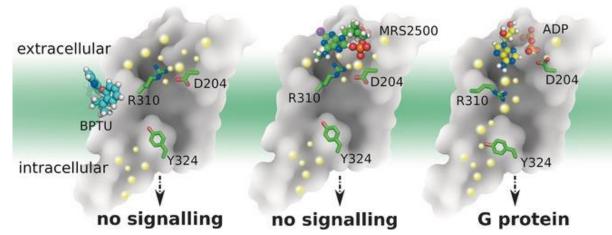
The ring of PGE2-G shifts around 13.5Å toward the TM5 compared to that of PGE2.

The transmembrane region of the P2Y6 has more positively charged sidechains than does EP3, enabling the shift and elongation of the binding pose of PGE2-G.

In contrast, the only positively charged residue in the extracellular half of the transmembrane region of EP3 is R333 on TM7.

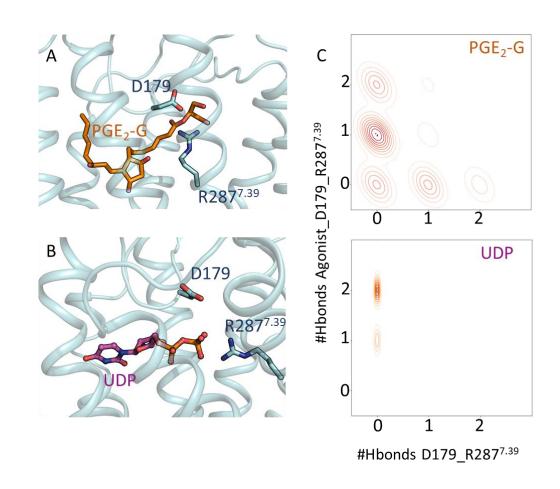


Conservation in agonism and D45.52 & R7.39 saltbridge



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- Previous MD study on P2Y1 suggested that agonist disrupted the ionic lock between D^{45.52} (ECL2) and R^{7.39}
- Throughout MD simulations, UDP completely blocked the saltbridge between D179^{45.52} (ECL2) and R287^{7.39}, while PGE2-G frequently interfered this ionic interactions.

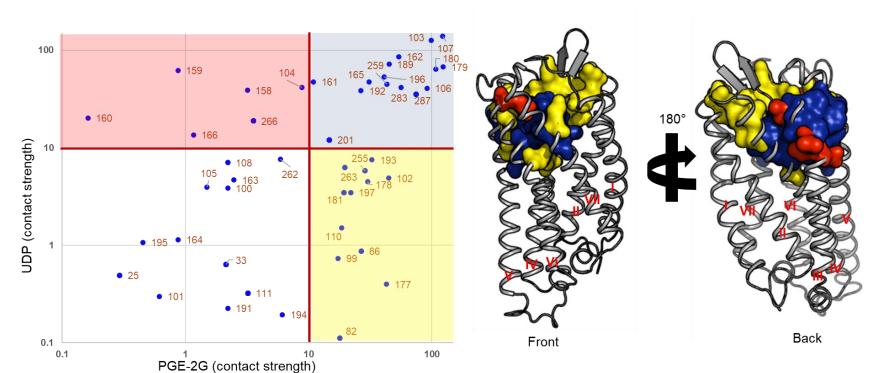




Overlapping binding pocket of P2Y6's two agonists

Relative contract strength is the sum of atom pair contact frequency between each agonist and P2Y6 residues throughout the MD simulations.

Out of 15 identified common residues, three residues (R103, F107, and R287) were confirmed by mutagenesis studies. Eleven of the remaining twelve residues are in close proximity with those residues that were confirmed to be important for activation by both agonists.



The **overlapping area** of the binding pockets spans across the extracellular half of TM3, TM5, TM6, and TM7, and the tip of TM2, TM4, and TM5.

The binding pocket of PGE2-G might expand to the tip of TM1, TM2, TM3, and TM4, and the core of TM6, while the binding pocket of UDP expands to the tip of TM3 and the core of TM5.



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