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## Research Article

# Potential of Imiquimod and Fulvestrant against Mycobacterium tuberculosis using Molecular docking approach

## Abstract

*Mycobacterium Tuberculosis* cause severe disease of lungs known as Tuberculosis. It is a major cause of morbidity and mortality even in the emerging countries also. However, to prepare an antibiotics drug against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* is a major challenge. Two compounds Imiquimod, Fulvestrant were selected for our study which can stop action of Arbinosyl transferase enzyme of *M.tuberculosis*. In silico docking was carried out by using software named swissdock (<http://www.swissdock.ch/>). These are computer aided drug designing techniques which are helpful for this study. Both the above 2 drugs have the potential to block the activity of mutant strain of *M.tuberculosis*.

## Introduction

Tuberculosis is a disease of lungs cause by bacteria *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. This bacterium is found in lungs but if it is not treated it can be spread to other parts of body. About 33% of population of world is considered to be infected through this virus. A sick person can also transfer this bacterium to healthy persons through mouth or air [1-3]. Antibiotics are mostly used to treat this infectious disease. Effective antibiotics target the cell wall of bacteria and stop their multiplication in lungs. It usually takes place 6-9 months to treat this disease.

Arabinosyl transferase enzyme in *M.tuberculosis* is the cause of Tuberculosis in human being. The docking results show that above selected ligands have the ability to bind with the cell wall of bacteria and cell wall permeability also increases which causes the death of bacteria.

TB Diagnosis relies on skin test of tuberculosis or (TST) or tests of blood. Although its treatment is also hard and involves disposal of several antibiotics for the long interval of time. Social links also screened or handled if necessary. The resistance of antibiotics is also an emerging problem in multiple or several drug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) infections. Currently a large variety of novel vaccines are useable in the development but it is also a major killing bacteria for developing countries.

Fulvestrant is first selected drug use in our study. It also acts as an anti-cancerous compound by blocking the abnormal

hormone production in the body. It also acts as an anti-cancerous compound, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory [4]. However adverse effects include head ache, bone pain, sore throat, weakness, nausea and vomiting.

Imiquimod acts as immune system modifier. It also acts as an anti-cancerous compound, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, anti-allergic, prohibition of various enzymes have been inquired [5]. (However, adverse consequences are headaches, pain in back, aches of muscles, fatigue, diarrhea, and fungal infections).

## Material and Methods

### Receptor and ligand retrieval and analogs design of analog for Imiquimod and Fulvestrant

Arbinosyl transferase (3PTY) 3-D structure was recollected from data bank of protein (pdb) as (Figure 1). Similarly the structure for imiquimod and Fulvestrant were obtained also from Drug Bank .Similarity of structure, sub-structure, identification (70%) search performed and behaved out of these chemical compounds by using Browser Molsoft ICM 3.5-1p and software name Chem BioDraw Ultra 12.0. Compound library was collected from ZINC Database, PubChem.

### Optimization of Ligand structure and calculation of physiochemical properties

The optimization of screened ligands were done before by

using force field MM2 of Chem Bio 3D ultra[6]. The structure of ligands like Imiquimod and Fulvestrant, were downloaded from Pubchem (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pccompound>) and stored in UCSF chimera 1.10.1 version of software.

## Result and Discussion

The physiochemical properties (Hydrogen bond acceptor, hydrogen bond donor, number of rotatable bond, Calculated, molecular weight, etc) were predicted and checked for non-violation of drug all are given below. Moreover the 2D structures of selected ligands are also shown in figure 2.

### Potential protein binding sites prediction and molecular docking study

The potential ligand binding site of Arbinosyl transferase receptor was computed at Swiss dock. Volume and Surface of the binding site were computed and optimum binding site was selected to perform[7]. The screened out compounds were spelt or imported in Swiss docking software. Swiss dock software is used for visualization and docking at molecular level[8]. The flexibility of bonds in ligands were lay down and similarly the flexibility of side chain of amino acids into the fastening or binding cavity was also adjust on a tolerance of 1.10 ,strength of 0.90 towards docking simulations. Fundamental interaction of Ligands for receptor was considered to determine the better binding conformation of complex of receptor-ligand. The scoring for imiquimod and Fulvestrant are 12 and 15 respectively.

Medcam designer software is used to ADMET our ligand. ADMET properties of the compounds Fulvestrant, imiquimod are tabulated respectively in the table 1.

### ADMET and prediction of toxicity

Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion and Toxicity all the properties were studied for above mentioned compounds and were computed by using PASS (Prediction of Activity Spectra for Substances) Inet and Pre ADMET server). PASS and Inet predicts 2536 of 4130 possible activities as immune stimulant, kidney function stimulator, fibronlytic, antiviral, anti-leukemic etc were studied [9]. However, some adverse effects are cardio toxicity, hypo-calcemic, depression, nephro-toxic were studied.

It is a serious disease and it is necessary to develop a new drug for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. In this study we examined many compounds but two anticancer compounds were selected for further studies on the basis of minimum score and top conformation.

Docking score and H-bond interaction of ligands against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* is given table 2.

Docked poses of ligand Imiquimod, Fulvestrant with the enzyme shown in figure 3.

After successful docking of the Fulvestrant and Imiquimod with Arbinosyl transferase the complex models of receptor/

ligand was retrieved and this analysis depends on the parameter such as interaction of hydrogen bond, interactions  $\ddot{i} - \ddot{i}$ , energy of binding.

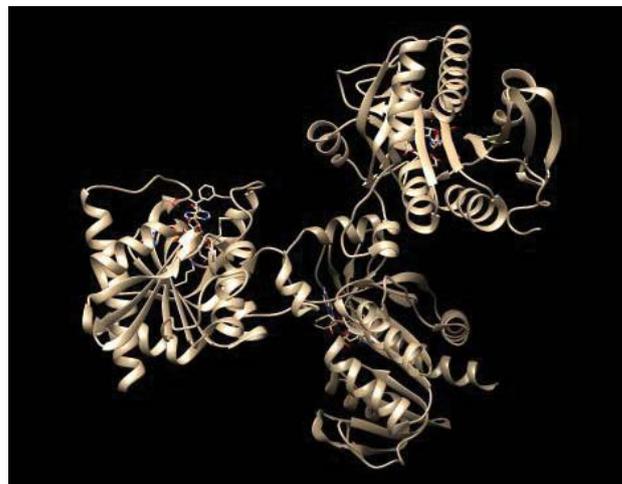


Figure 1: Arabinosyl transferase (3PTY) structure obtained from data bank of protein (1IPW7).

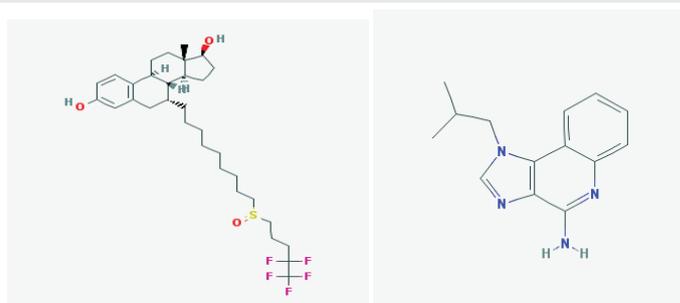


Figure 2: Structure of Fulvestrant and Imiquimod.

Table 1:

Compound name	Energy value	Structure name	M log p	S+ log p	S+ log D	MWT	M_NO	T_PSA
Fulvestrant	-8.64	104741	6.073	7.196	7.196	606.784	3.00	57.530
Imiquimod	-6.0	57469	1.989	2.827	2.800	240.310	4.00	56.730

Table 2:

Compound name	Molar Mass	Compound id	Score	No of H-bonds
Fulvestrant	606.772g/mol	104741	15	2
Imiquimod	240.304g/mol	57469	12	2

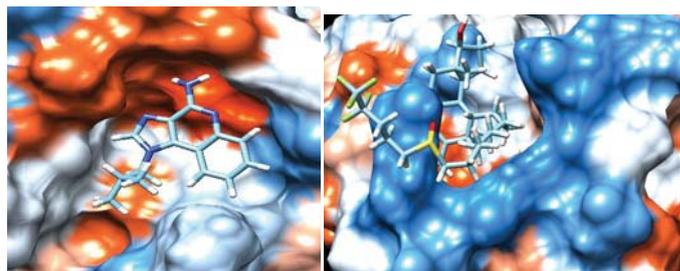


Figure 3: Docked poses of ligand Imiquimod, Fulvestrant with the enzyme is shown above.

## Conclusion

Molecular docking belongs to a new innovative approach for the study of small compound binding with the receptor protein. The suitable ligand is that whose hydrogen bond donor is less than five. The ligand we selected for study form hydrogen bond with the catalytic triad of protein. The ligand we selected has potential against mycobacterium tuberculosis

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