

Cheminformatics Approaches for Hazard Identification & Characterization

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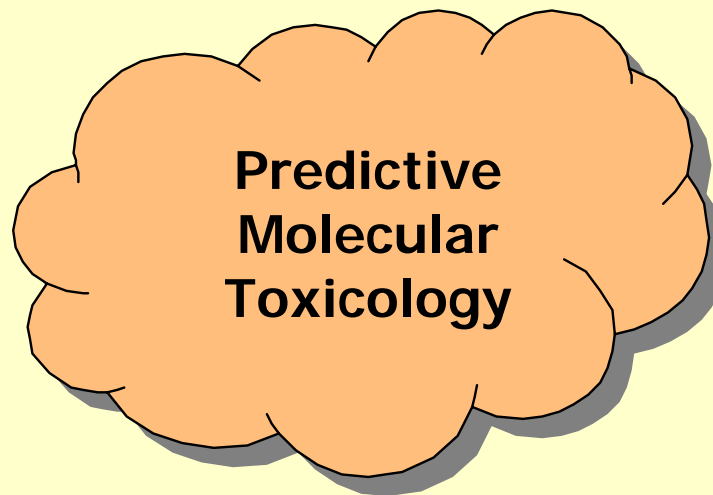
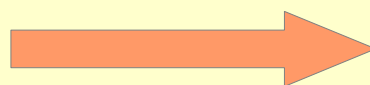
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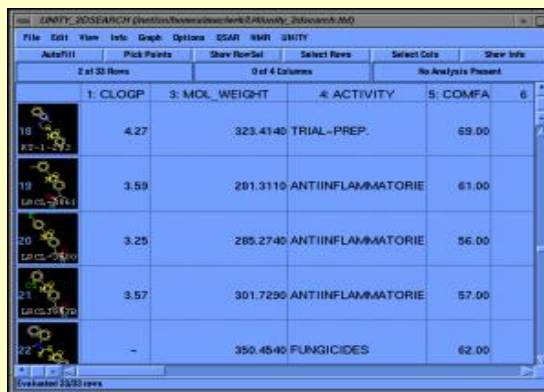
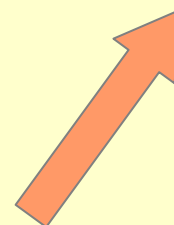
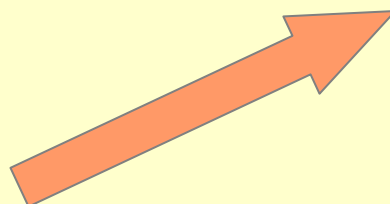
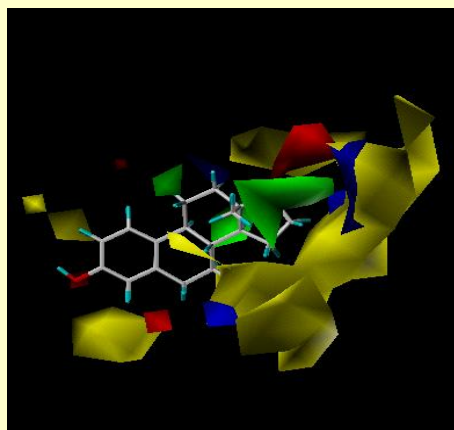
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Integrated Approach

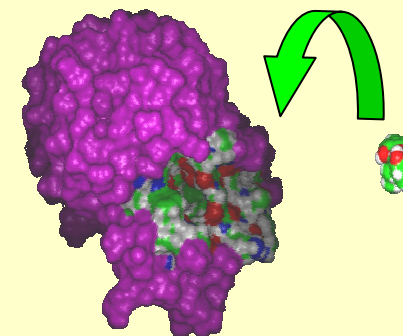
Receptor-based Approaches



Ligand-based Approaches



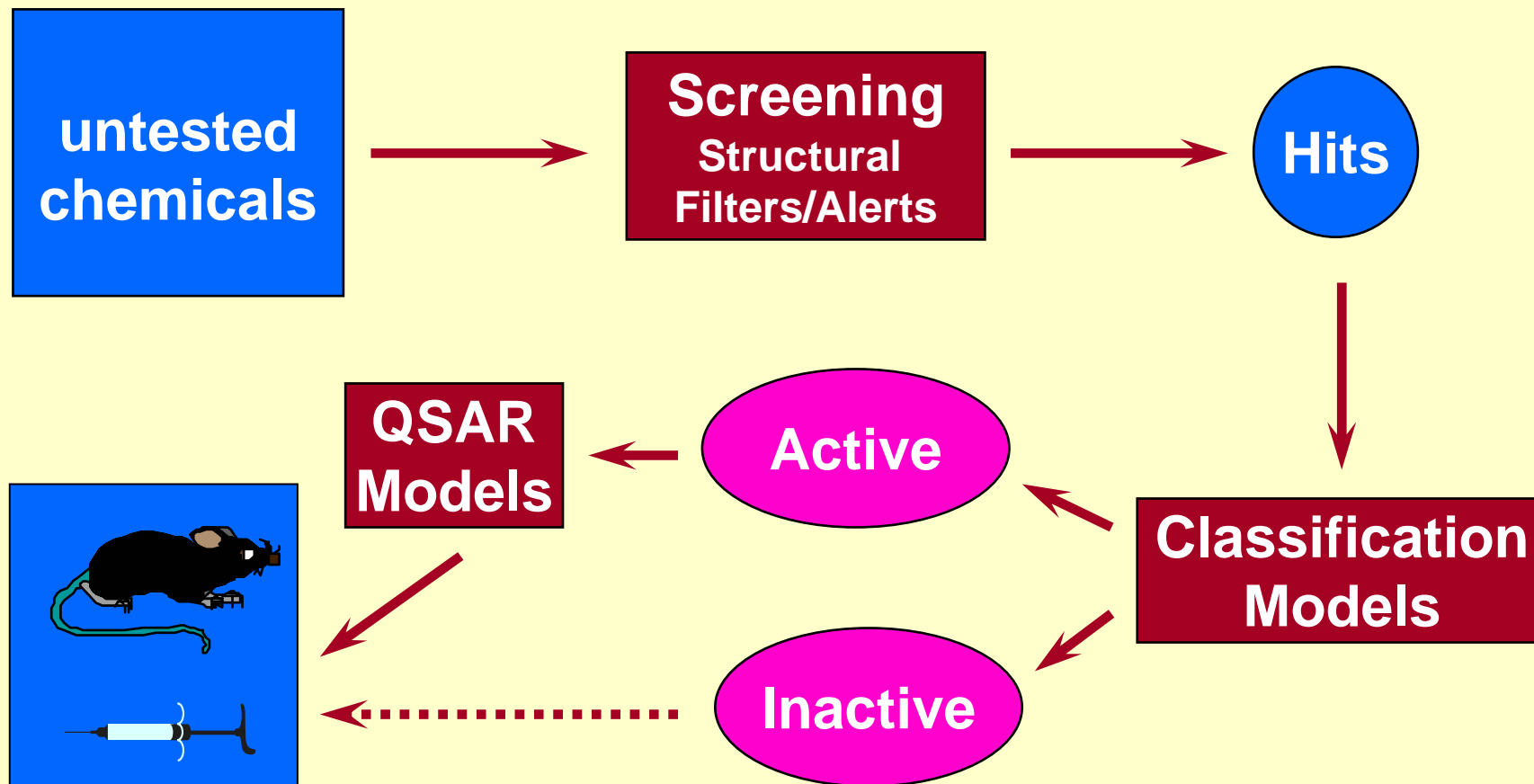
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Virtual Screening

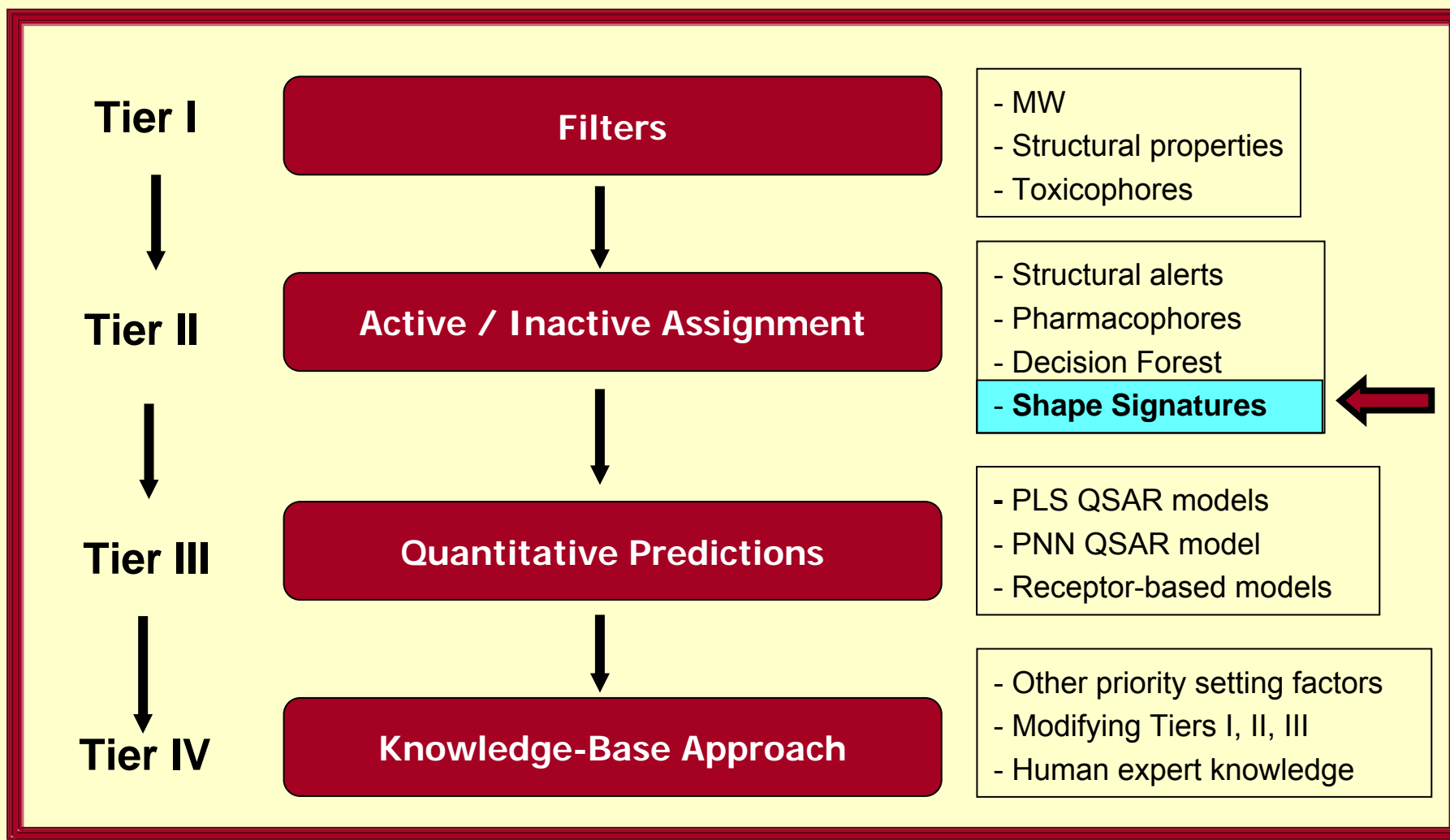
Computational Screening Paradigm

- Priority Setting -



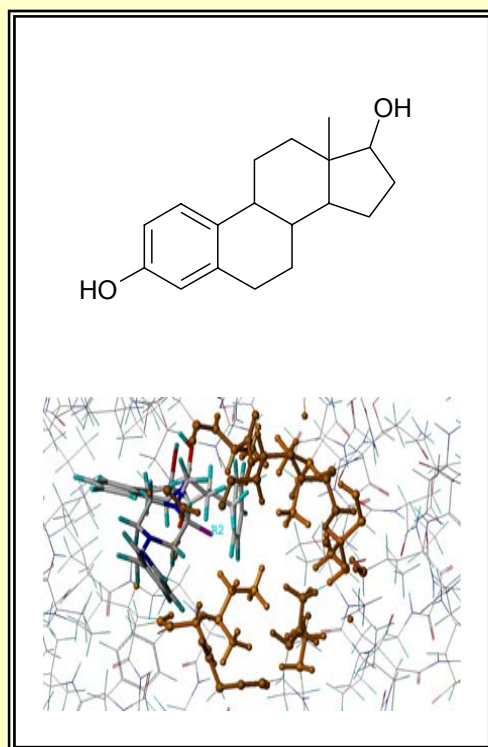
Schematic of Hierarchical Screening Framework

- addresses the need to minimize *false negatives* and *uncertainties* -



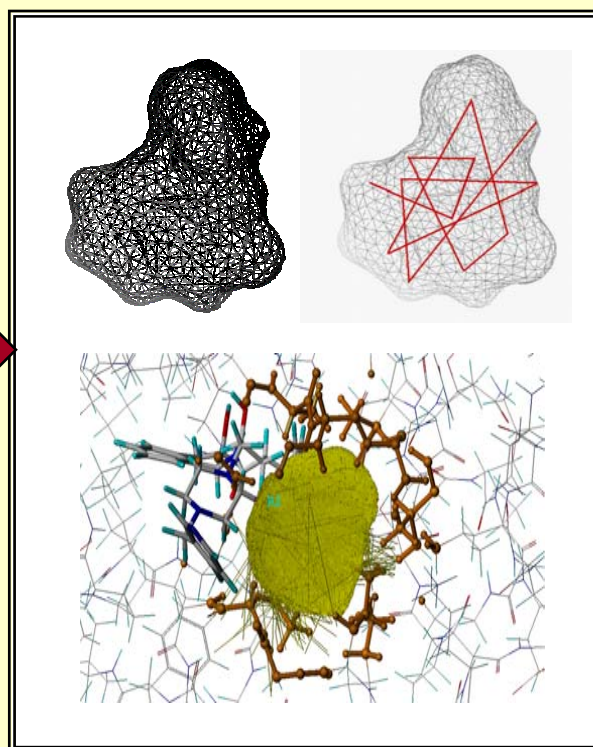
Shape Signatures Tool

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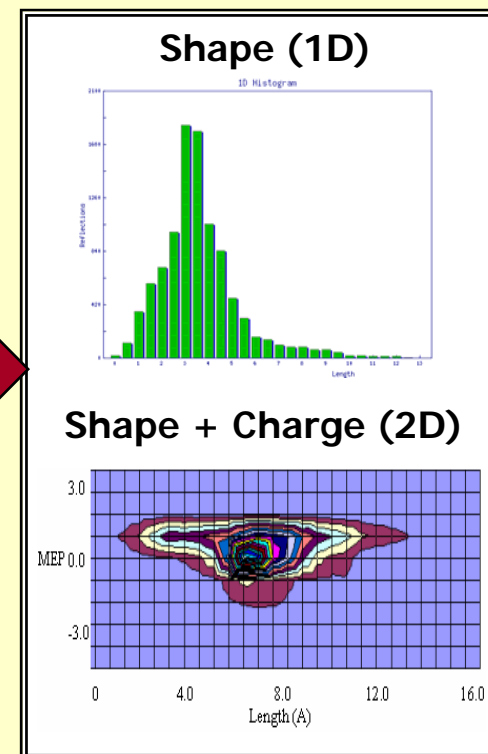
**Small molecule or
Protein binding pocket**

PROCESSING



**Ray tracing to
generate the raw data**

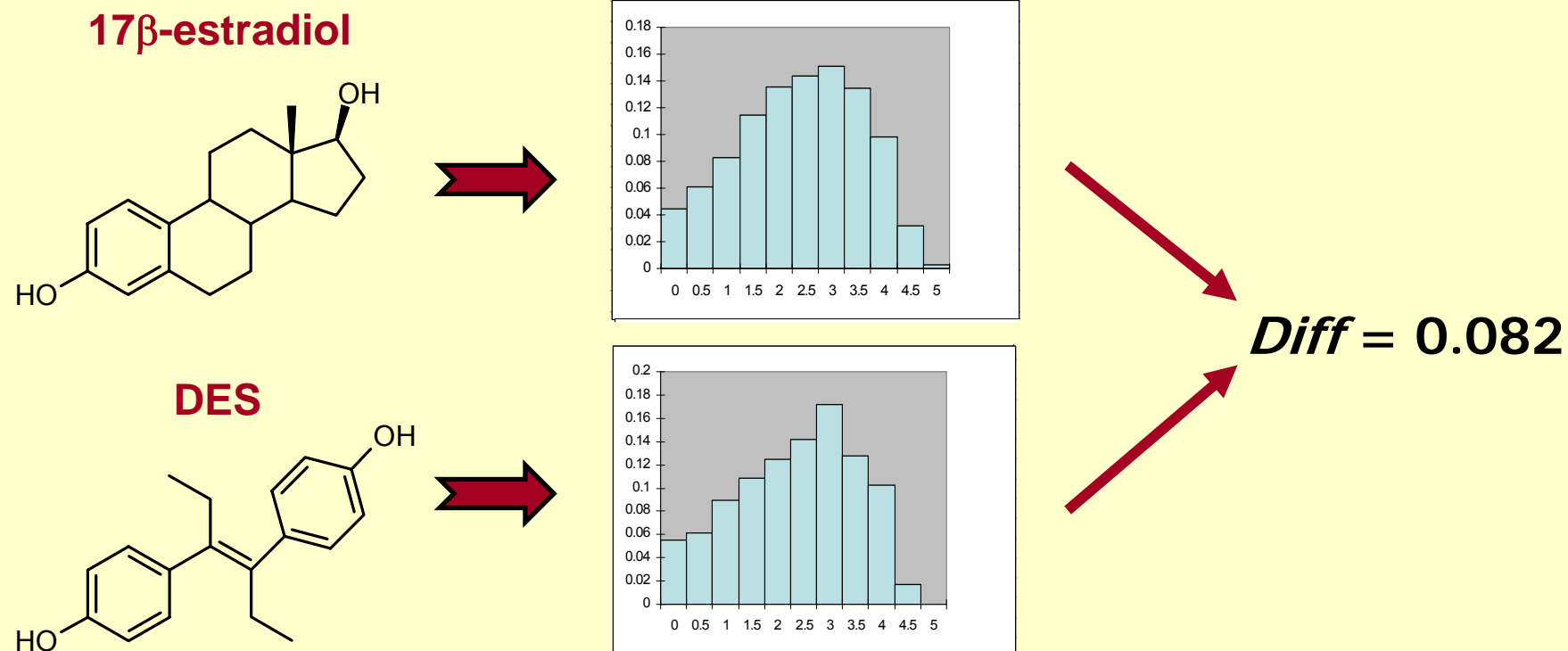
OUTPUT



**1D and 2D
Shape Signatures**

Shape Signatures Tool

molecules are compared by subtracting their histograms



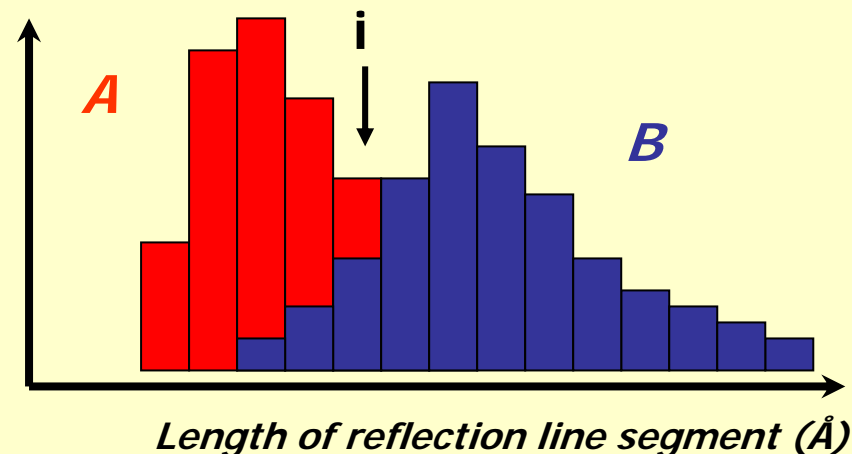
Small *Diff* value means that two molecules have similar shape and polarity

Shape Signatures Tool: Scoring Schemes

compute the difference between two normalized histograms representing molecules *A* and *B*

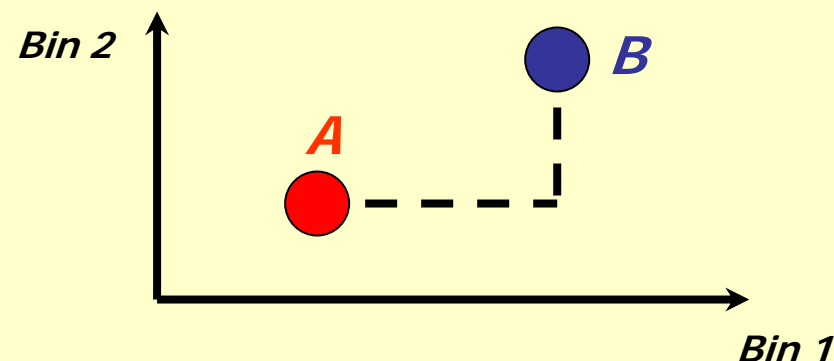
1. χ^2 score

$$\Delta_{AB} = \sum_i^{\text{over bins}} (A_i - B_i)^2 / (A_i + B_i)$$



2. Manhattan metric score

$$\Delta_{AB} = \sum_i^{\text{over bins}} |A_i - B_i|$$

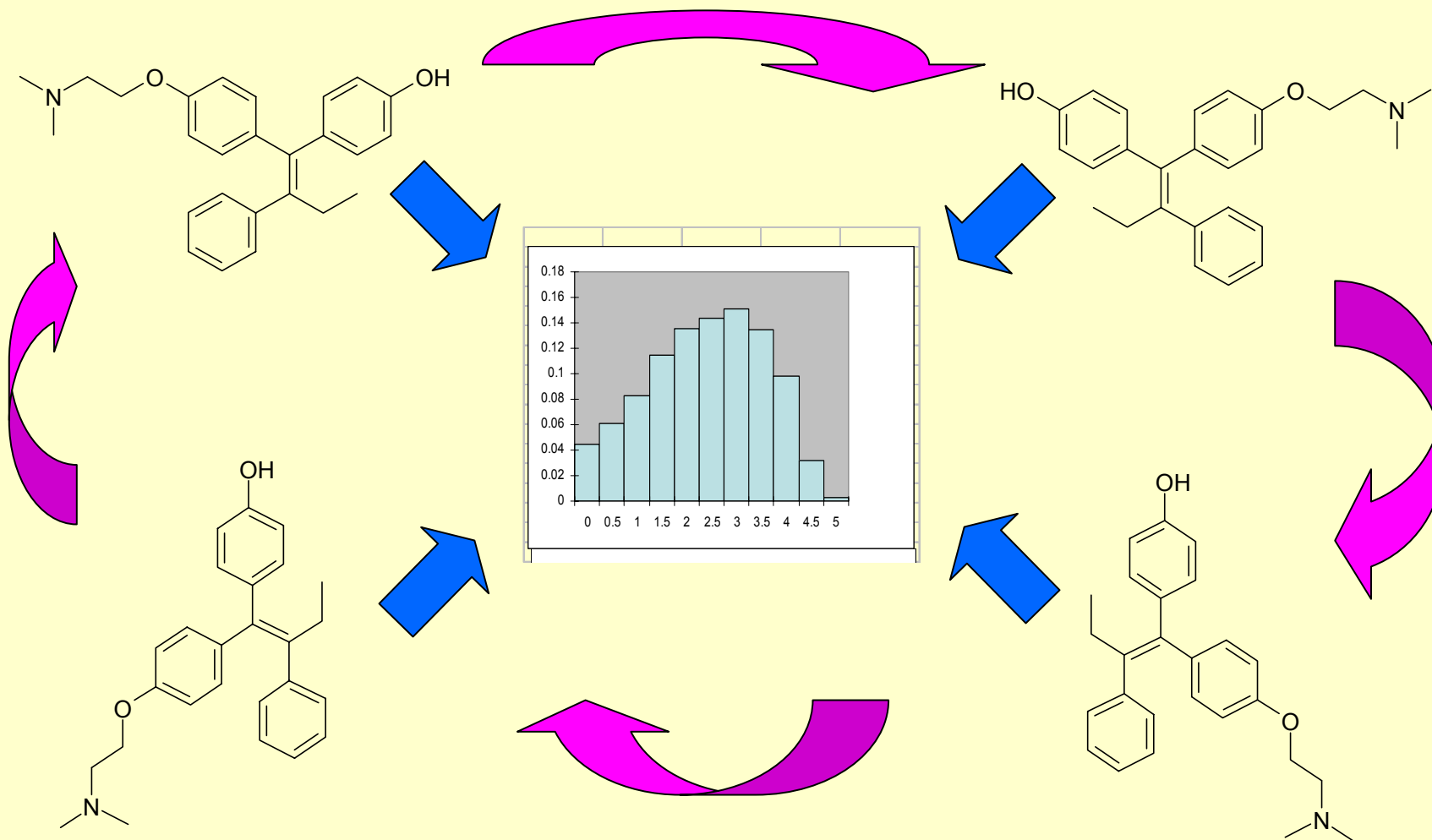


$\Delta_{AB} = 0$ \Rightarrow *A* and *B* are identical molecules (complete overlap)

$\Delta_{AB} = 2$ \Rightarrow *A* and *B* are entirely different (no overlap)

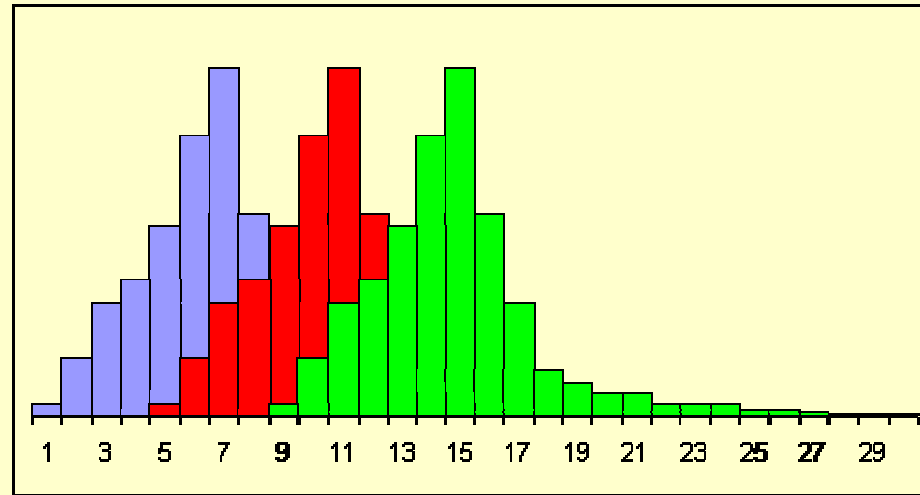
Shape Signatures are Rotationally Invariant

- insensitive to position/orientation -

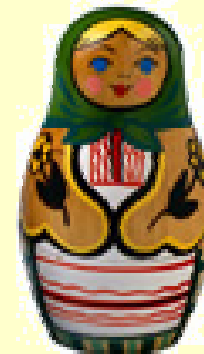
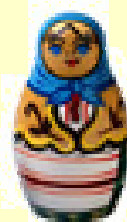
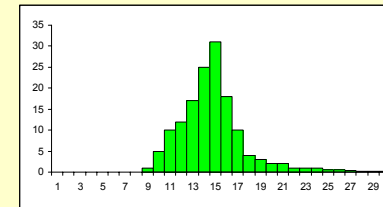
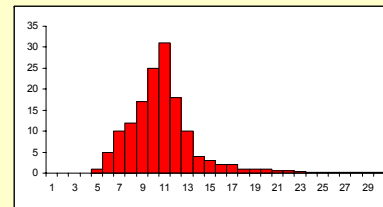
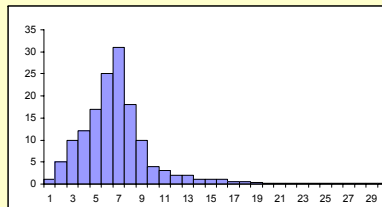


Shape Signatures:

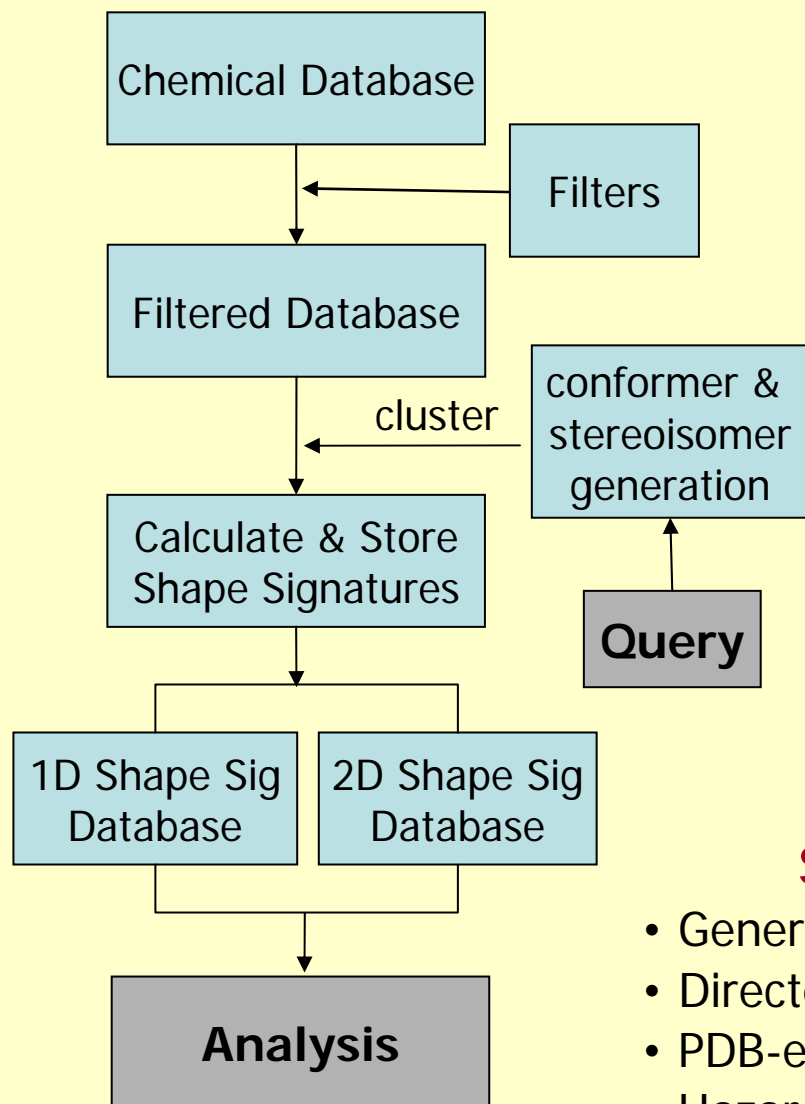
- same shape, but different sizes (volumes) -



shift along x-axis →



Flowchart



Shape Signatures User Interface

The user interface consists of several interconnected windows:

- Molecular Sketcher:** A window for drawing chemical structures.
- Molecular Viewer:** A window displaying the 3D structure of a molecule and its corresponding shape signature (a colored, semi-transparent volume).
- Ray Tracing:** A window showing the process of generating a shape signature by tracing rays through a molecule.
- Histogram:** A window displaying a histogram of the shape signature, showing the distribution of lengths.
- Database Searching:** A window showing a table of search results with columns for ID, name, and score, along with chemical structures and histograms for each entry.

ID	Name	Score	Chemical Structure	Histogram
1	HTS_00651	MAYBRIDGE	0.0484	[Histogram]
2	HTS_08105	MAYBRIDGE	0.0551	[Histogram]
3	WAY-100135	WDI	0.0597	[Histogram]
4	ST4074848	GPCR	0.0615	[Histogram]

Shape Signature Databases

- General Database >3 million vendor chemicals
- Directed libraries of kinase, GPCR, and NR ligands
- PDB-extracted ligand database
- Hazardous Chemicals (EDCs, H₂O CCLs, DSSTox, CWAs)

Shape Signatures Database

Description

E-lab, or *Shape Signatures*, a recently developed computational tool in Dr. William J. Walsh's lab, employs a customized ray-tracing algorithm to explore the volume enclosed within the surface of a molecule. It then processes the output to construct compact representations (i.e., signatures) of molecular shape, polarity, and other bio-relevant properties. Its underlying principle is that the molecular shape and surface charge of a chemical are fundamental determinants of its biological activity. To facilitate use by the general scientific community, the current version of Shape Signatures tool features numerous pre- and post-processing capabilities. For example, the computational engine has been embedded in an intuitive graphics user interface (GUI) that can be accessed through the internet. Molecules can be sketched or uploaded, and results from shape comparisons can be viewed in real time or stored. The program accepts molecular inputs in a wide variety of file formats, and procedures are implemented to handle conformational flexibility and stereochemistry.

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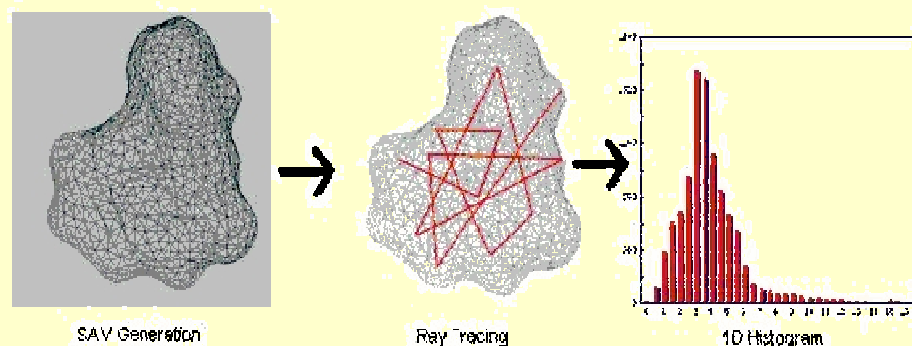
[Small Molecules Shape Signatures](#)

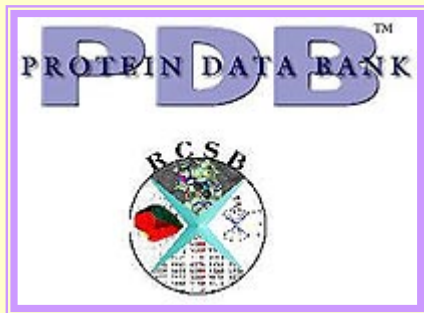
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Key Steps in Shape Signature Generation





Extract Ligands

High quality crystal structures
(resolution < 2.5 Å)

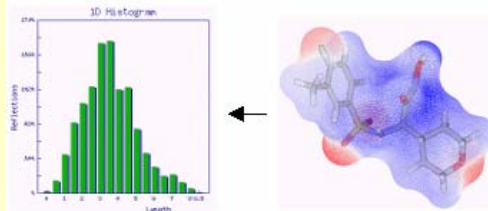
Preliminary
Ligand Database

Remove metal ions,
salts, redundant
structures

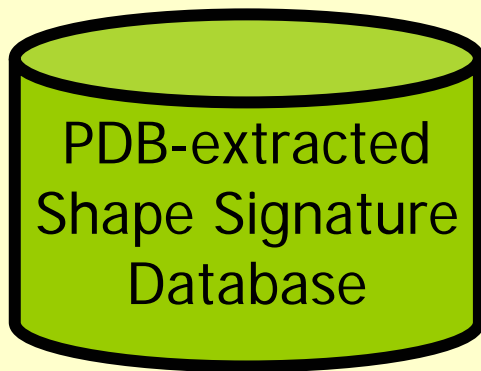
Filter

PDB-extracted
Shape Signature
Database

Convert to ShapeSig



Final Ligand
Database



2D or 3D
structure

**Query
Molecule**

Text describing the input to the database search process.

List of Hits
With high
similarity
to query

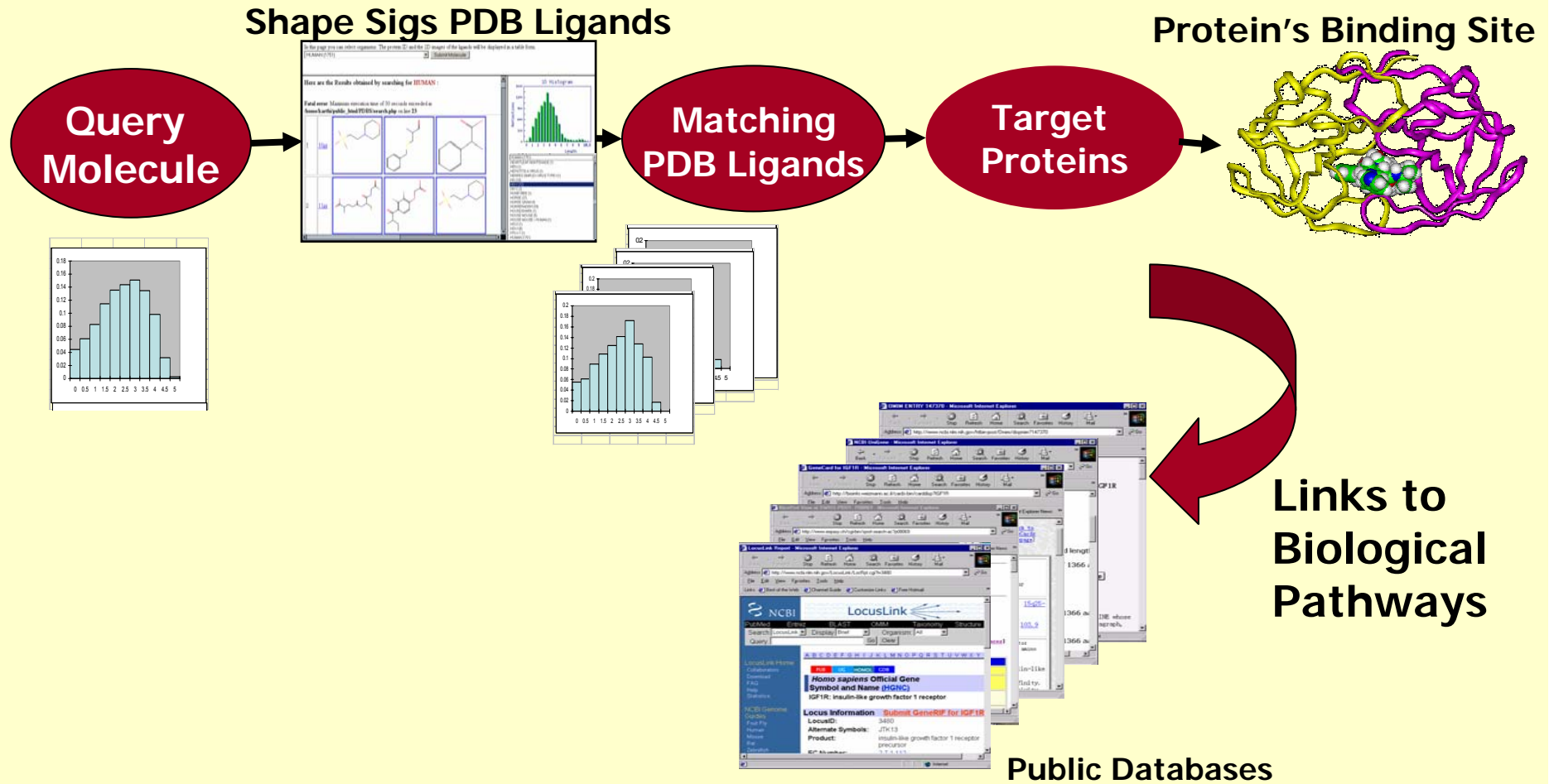
Text describing the output of the database search process.

- drug-like features (Lipinski)
 - parent protein ID, structure, link
 - protein functionality
 - pathway info
- A callout box containing a list of features associated with the hits.

Potential Toxicities

Text indicating the final outcome of the analysis.

Molecules → Target Protein → Mechanism



Chemical → Target Protein → Mechanisms

Protein Data Bank (PDB): World Repository of ~35,000 Protein-Ligand Crystal Structures (<http://www.rcsb.org/pdb/>)

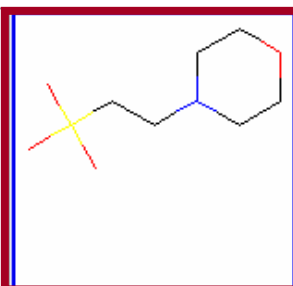
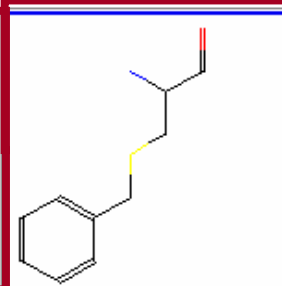
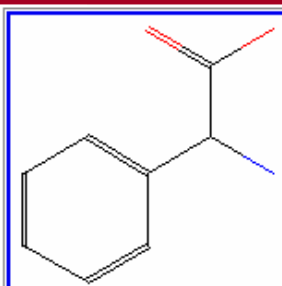
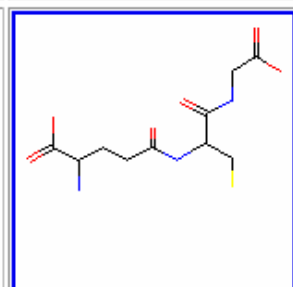
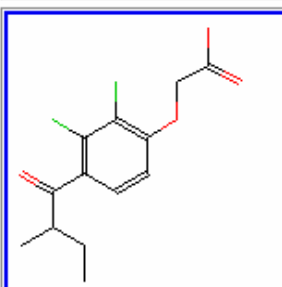
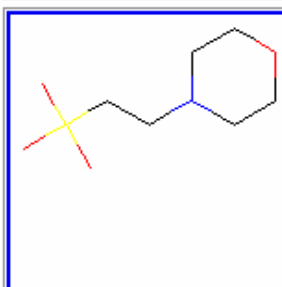
In this page you can select organisms. The protein ID and the 2D images of the ligands will be displayed in a table form.

HUMAN (1751)

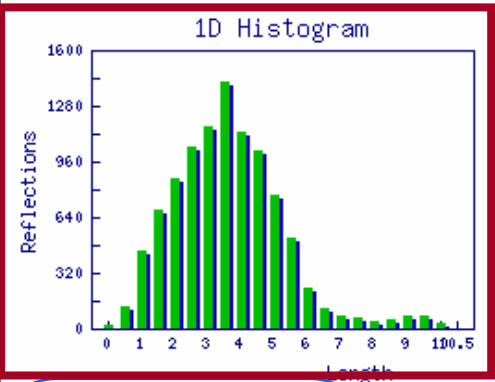
Shape Signatures of PDB-extracted ligands

Here are the Results obtained by searching for HUMAN :

Protein Structure
PDB ref code #

1	10gs			
2	11gs			

1D Histogram

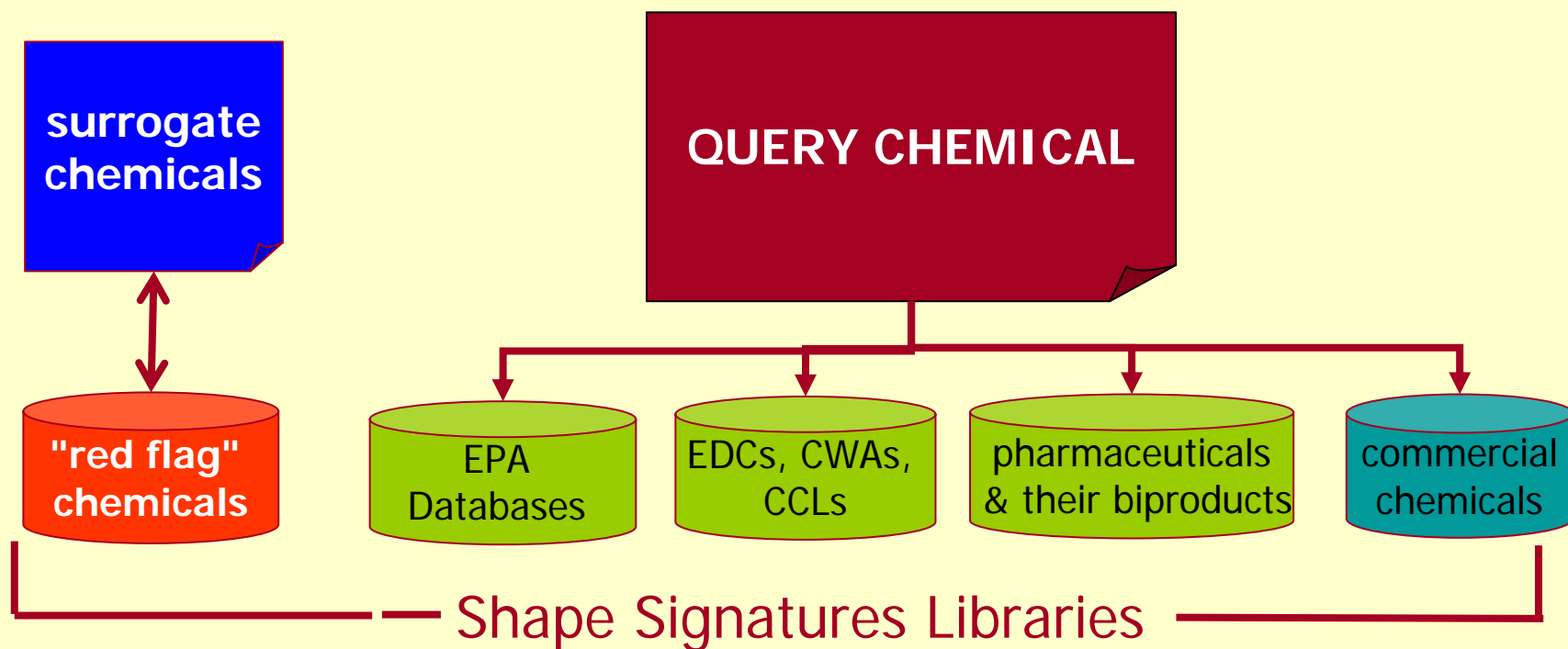


Species/Protein Family	Count
HUMAN (1751)	72
HEARTLEAF NIGHTSHADE (1)	1
HEN (1)	1
HEPATITIS A VIRUS (1)	1
HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUS TYPE-1 (1)	1
HIV (10)	10
HIV-1 (72)	72
HIV-2 (3)	3
HONEYBEE (1)	1
HORSE (37)	37
HORSE GRAM (4)	4
HORSERADISH (28)	28
HOUNDSHARK (1)	1
HOUSE MOUSE (5)	5
HOUSE MOUSE + HUMAN (1)	1
HSV2 (1)	1
HSV1 (6)	6
HTLV-1 (1)	1
HUMAN (1751)	72



Species/Protein Family

Identifying Problem Chemicals & Possible Surrogates



Key Features of *Shape Signatures*

- Compact: Encodes molecular shape and other biorelevant features in a single entity
- Finds hits missed by techniques that search on chemical (sub)structure
- User Oriented: fast, simple, intuitive
- No need for special procedures, e.g., molecular alignment, descriptor selection
- No need to reformulate model as more data are added
- Versatile: Works for any number or type of molecular species (organics, organometallics, ions, etc.)
- Complementary to other computational approaches, e.g., QSAR, receptor-based docking/scoring
- Operable stand-alone, or together with other approaches, modules, tools

Case Study I

Using Shape Signatures to Cluster Compounds into Functional Groups

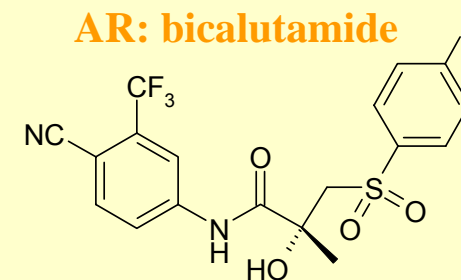
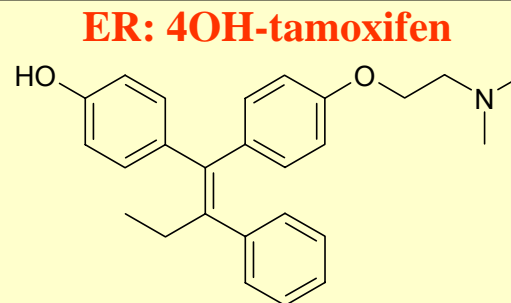
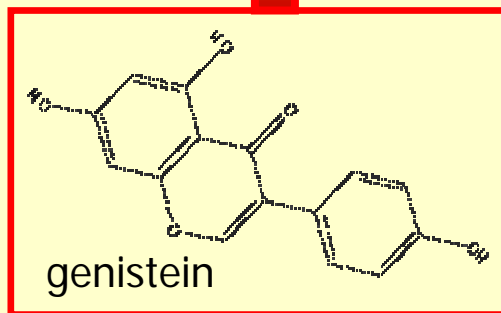
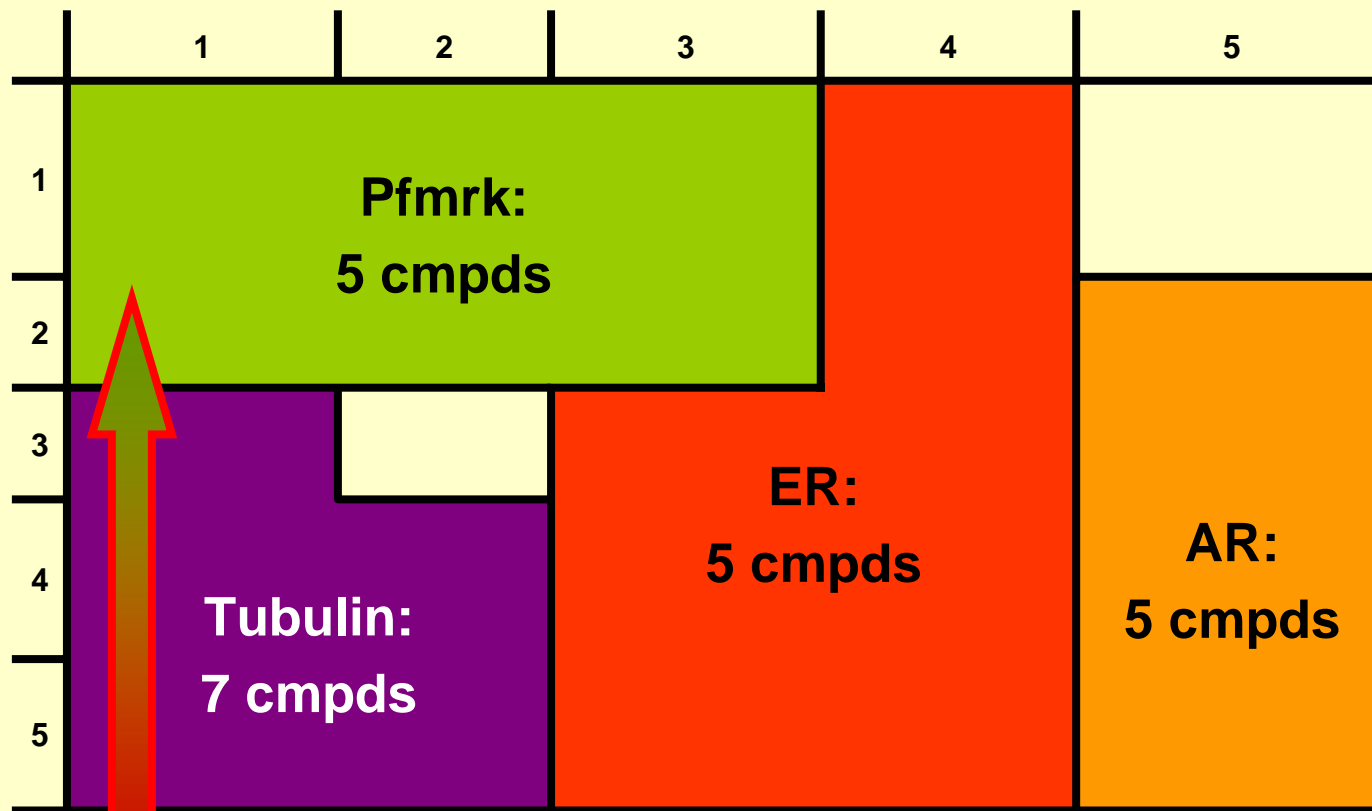
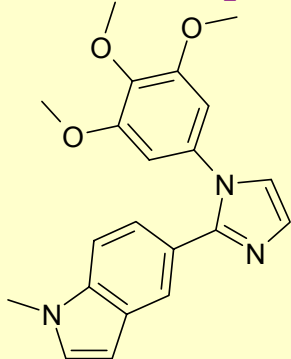
Clustering of 22 Bioactive Compounds: AR (5), ER (5), Pfmrk (5) and Tubulin (7) ligands based on Shape Signatures histograms

	1	2	3	4	5
1	CICQL, HOBQL, OXINDOLE			RALOXIFENE	
	GENISTEIN				
2	HOPQL		mol28E		BICALUTAMIDE, HOF
3	30b		TAMOXIFEN		
4	25b, 25g		DES		compd18
5	08b, 10, 24h, 40b			ESTRADIOL	DHT, R1881

Method: Kohonen Self-Organizing Map (SOM) **Distance function:** Euclidean

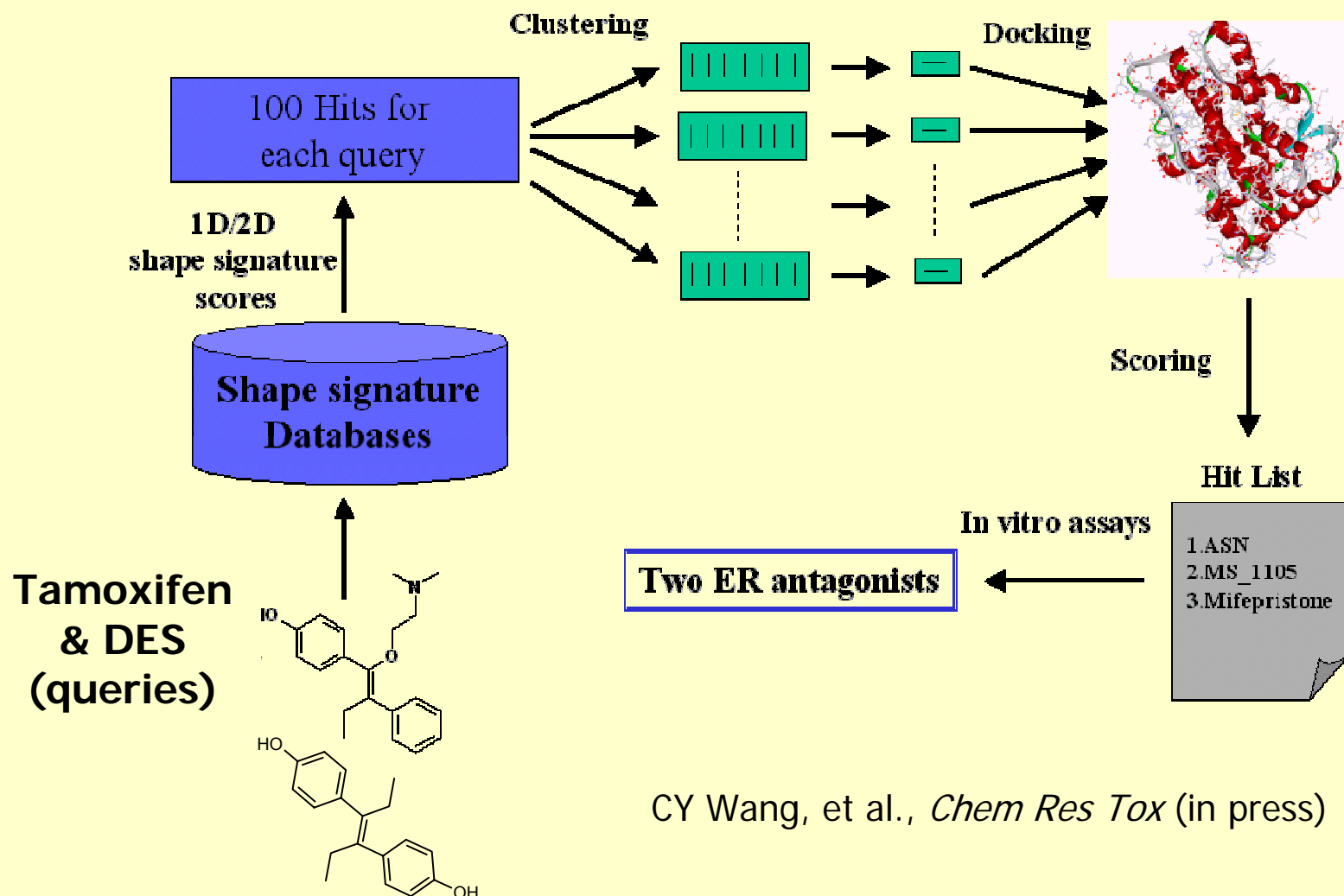


Tubulin: cmpd 10



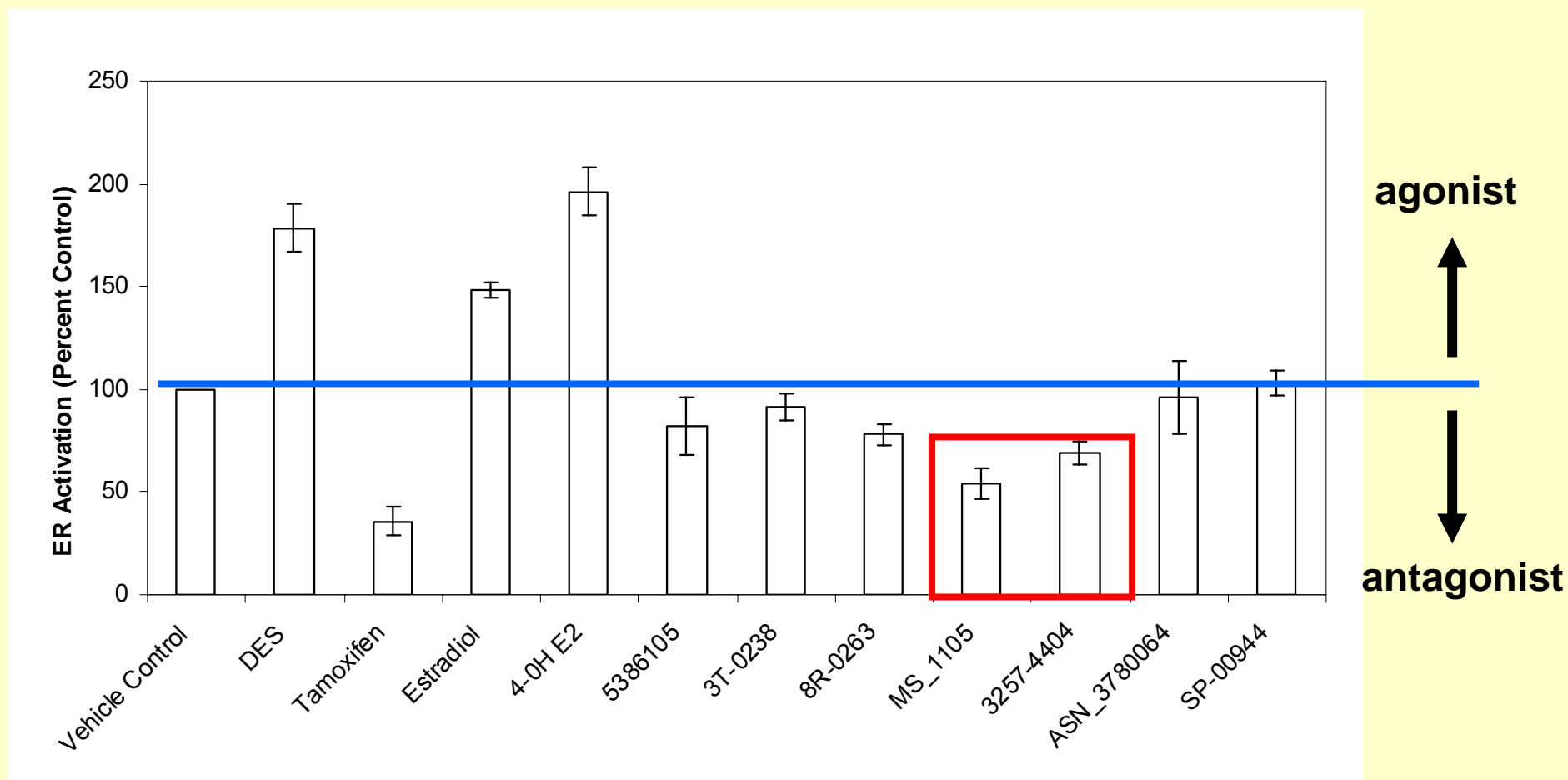
Case Study II

Identification of Previously Unrecognized (Anti)estrogens

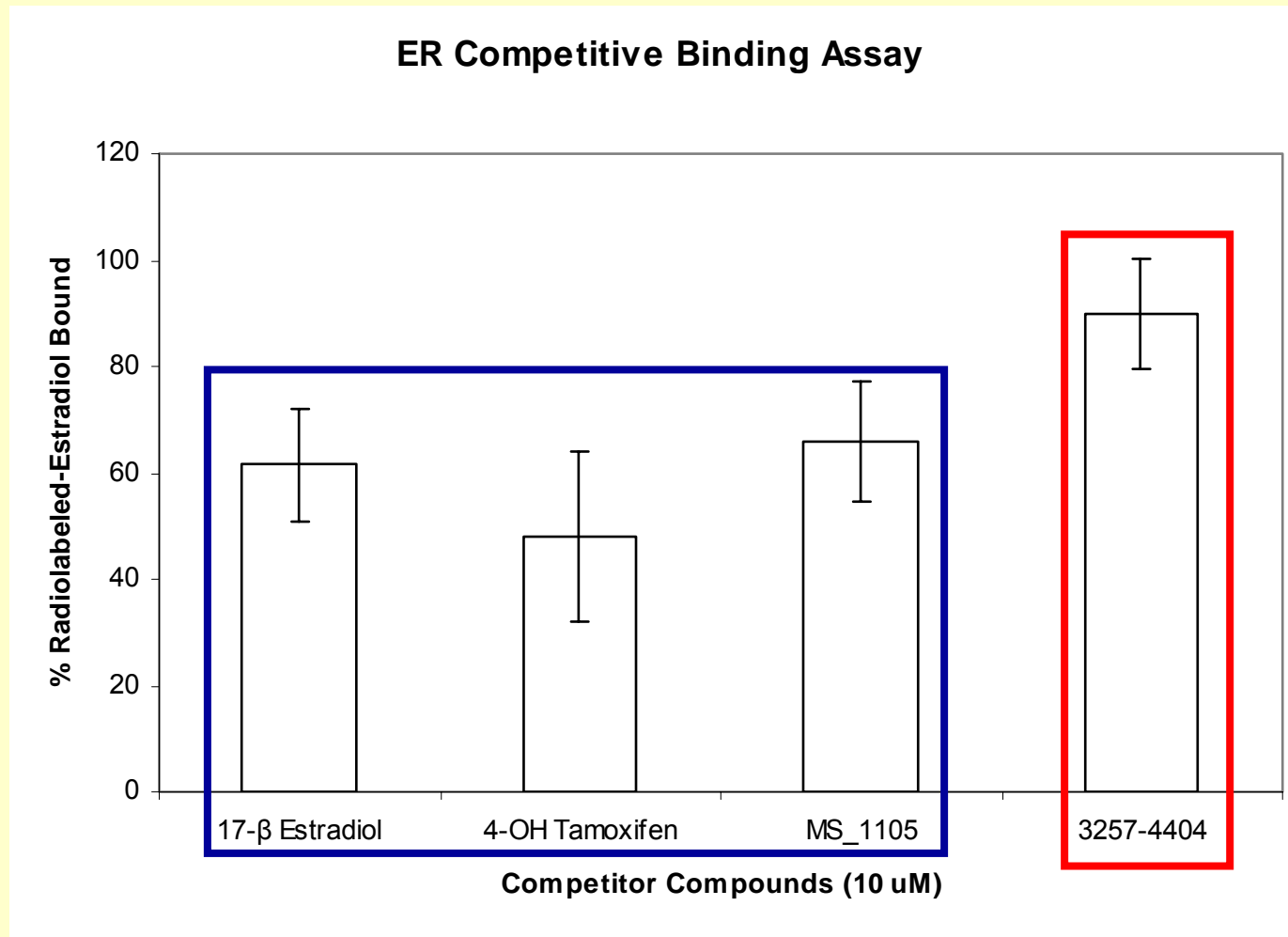


CY Wang, et al., *Chem Res Tox* (in press)

Estrogenic Activity Assay: Identify ER agonists and antagonists



ER Competitive Binding Assay

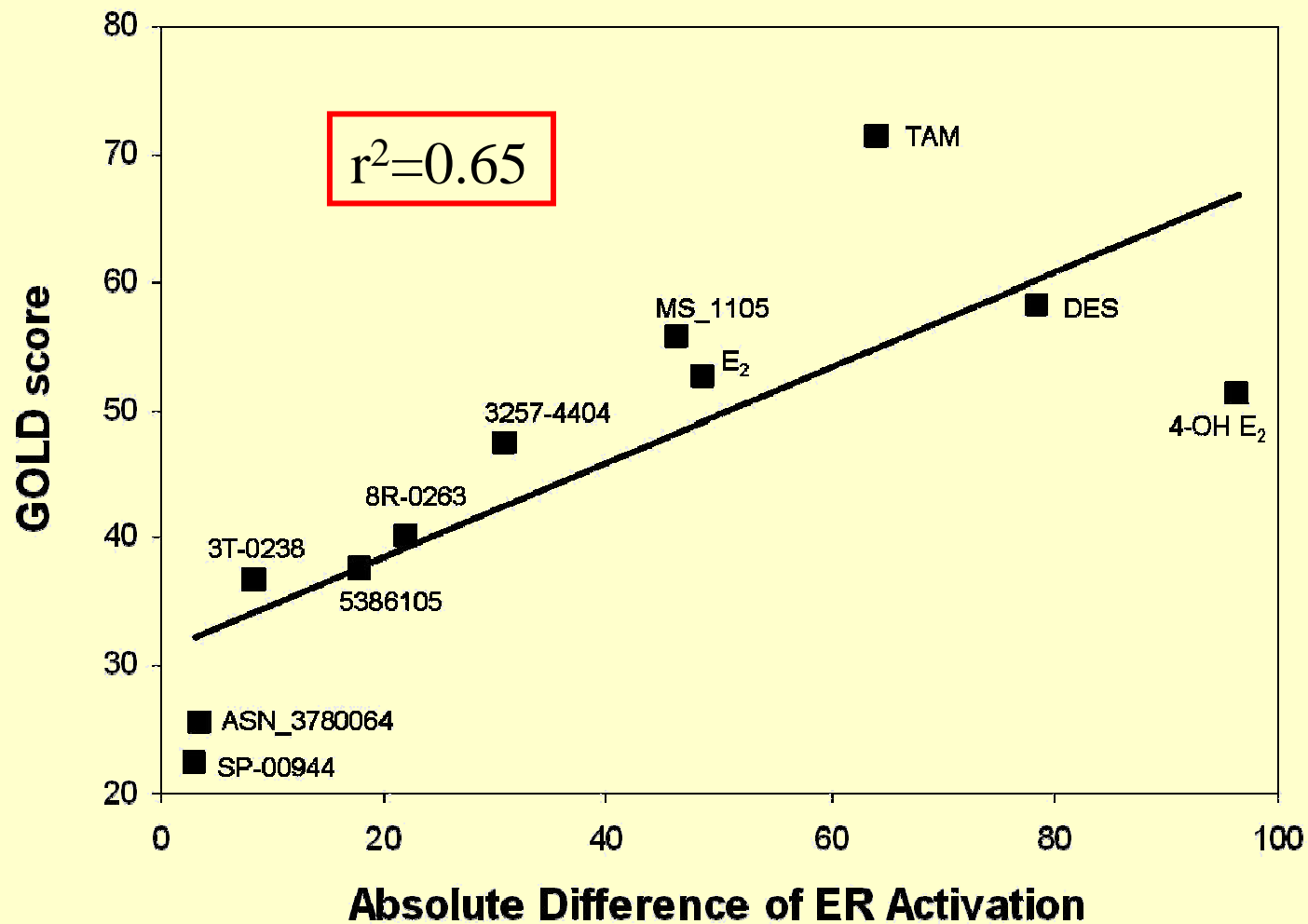


MS_1105 competes with radiolabeled estradiol

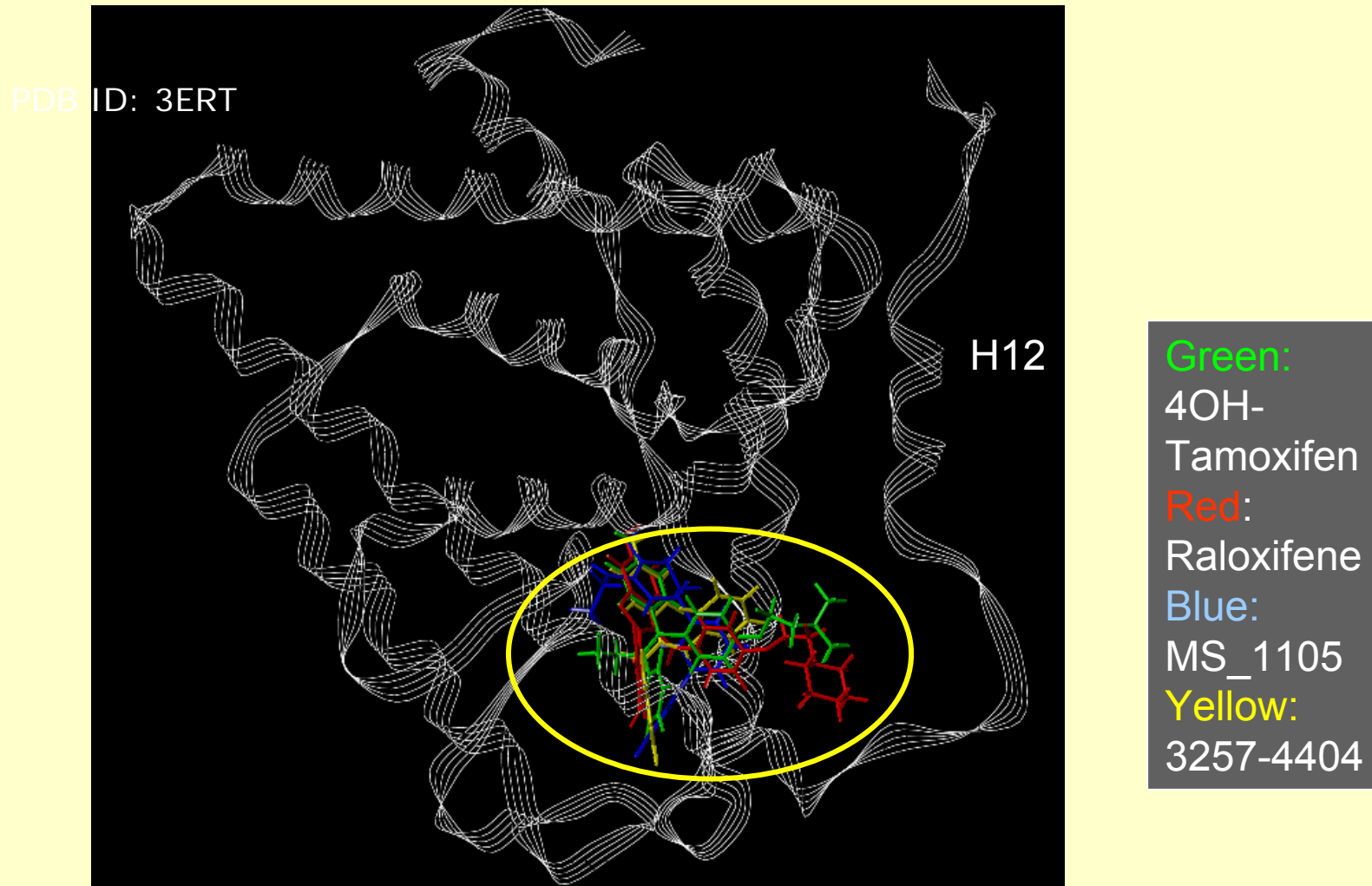
3257-4404 has lower affinity to ER

Both compounds are ligands of ER

Correlation of GOLD docking score and absolute difference of ER activation

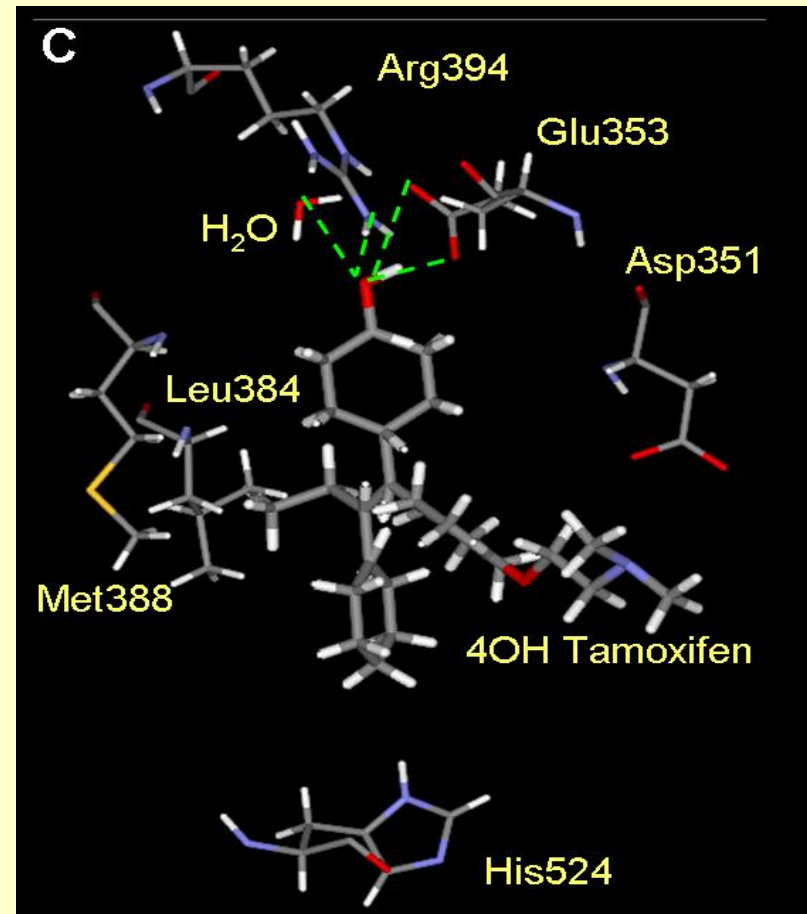
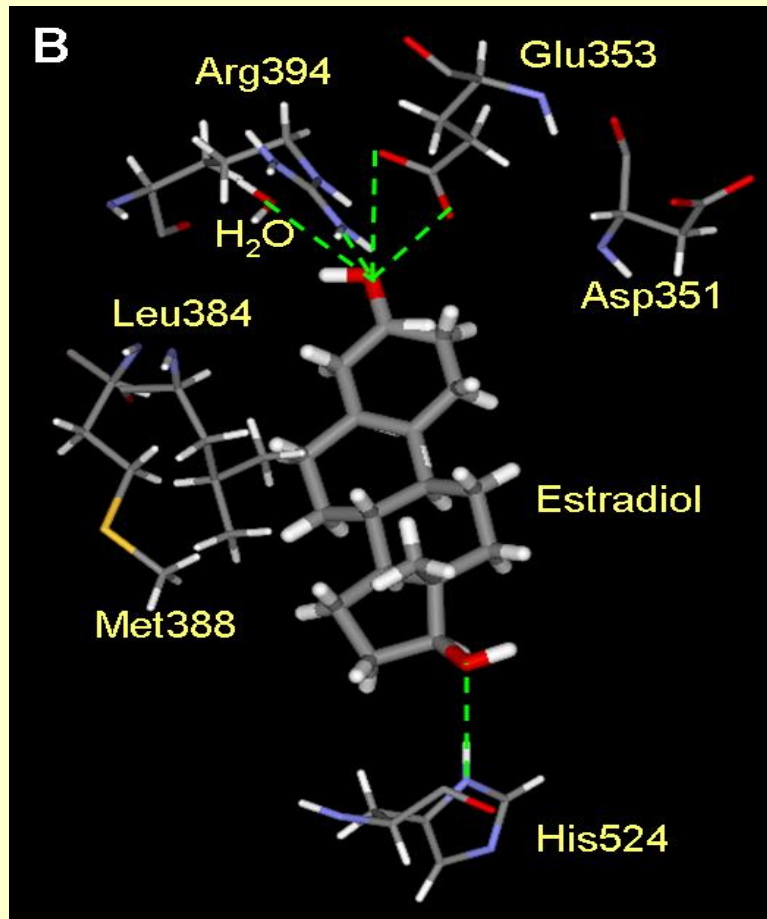


Molecular Modeling of ER-ligand complex



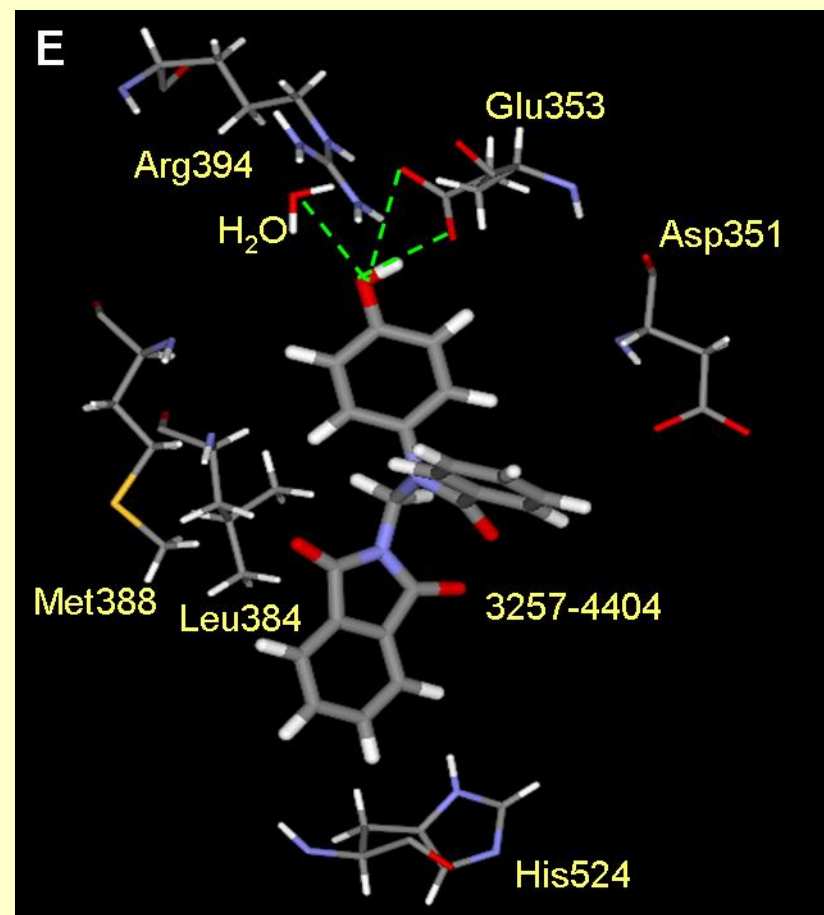
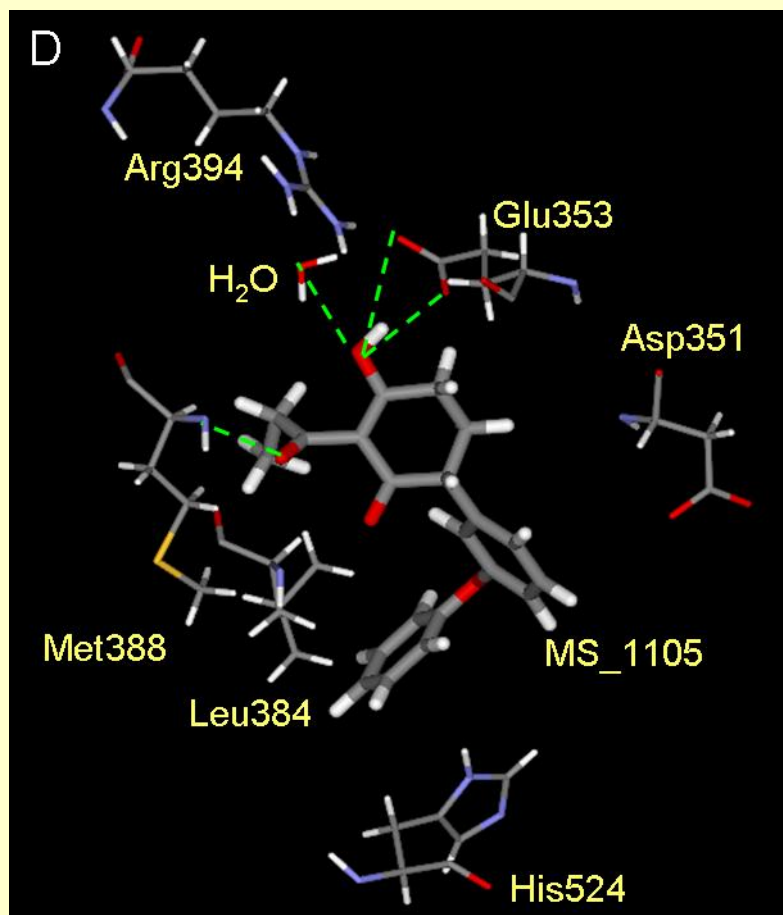
ER docking orientation for MS_1105 and 3257-4404
is similar to 4-OH tamoxifen and raloxifene

Hydrogen bonding network



--- Hydrogen bond

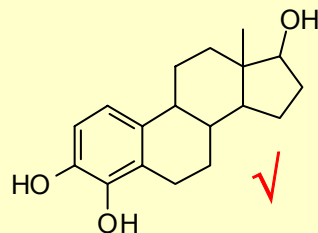
Hydrogen bonding network – Cont'd



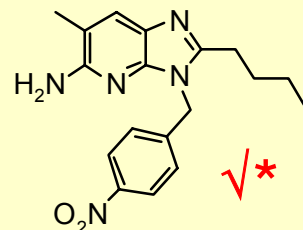
--- Hydrogen bond

Predicted to Exhibit (Anti-)estrogenic Activity

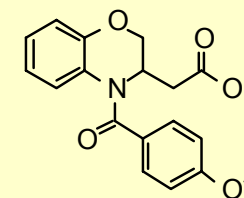
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Sigma	4-OH Estradiol
Maybridge	SP-00944
ChemDiv	3257-4404



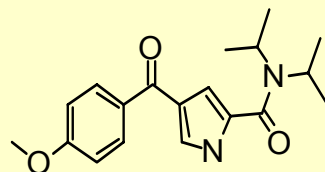
4-OH Estradiol ✓



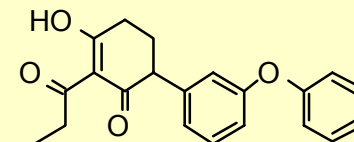
5386105 ✓*



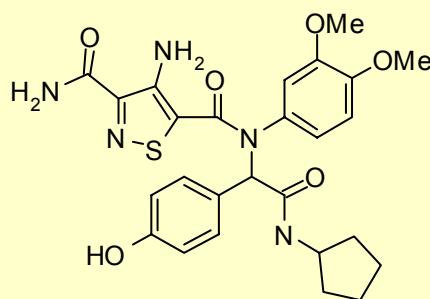
3T_0238 ✓*



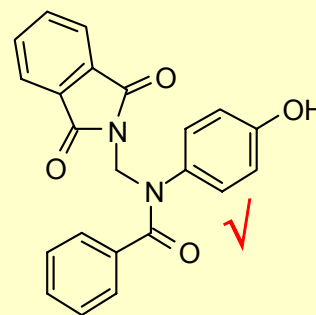
8R-0263 ✓*



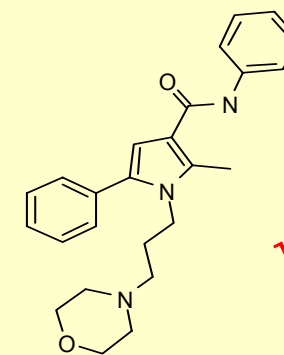
MS_1105 ✓



ASN_3780064 ✓*



3257-4404 ✓



SP-00944 ✓*

Case Study III

Virtual Screening of Estrogen Receptor Ligands

- Enrichment study on 21 estrogenic compounds in the PDB-extracted shape signature database.
- *Using each ER ligand once as query, can it find the other 20 ER ligands?*
- Results evaluated based on the enrichment score (E), which is defined as the ratio of yield of actives in the hitlist (H_a/H_t) relative to the yield of actives in the database (A/D)

$$E = \frac{\frac{H_a}{H_t}}{\frac{A}{D}}$$

H_a = number of estrogenic compounds in top 20 hit list
 $H_t = 20$
 $A = 21$
 $D = 5432$

Theoretical perfect E = $5432/21 = 258$

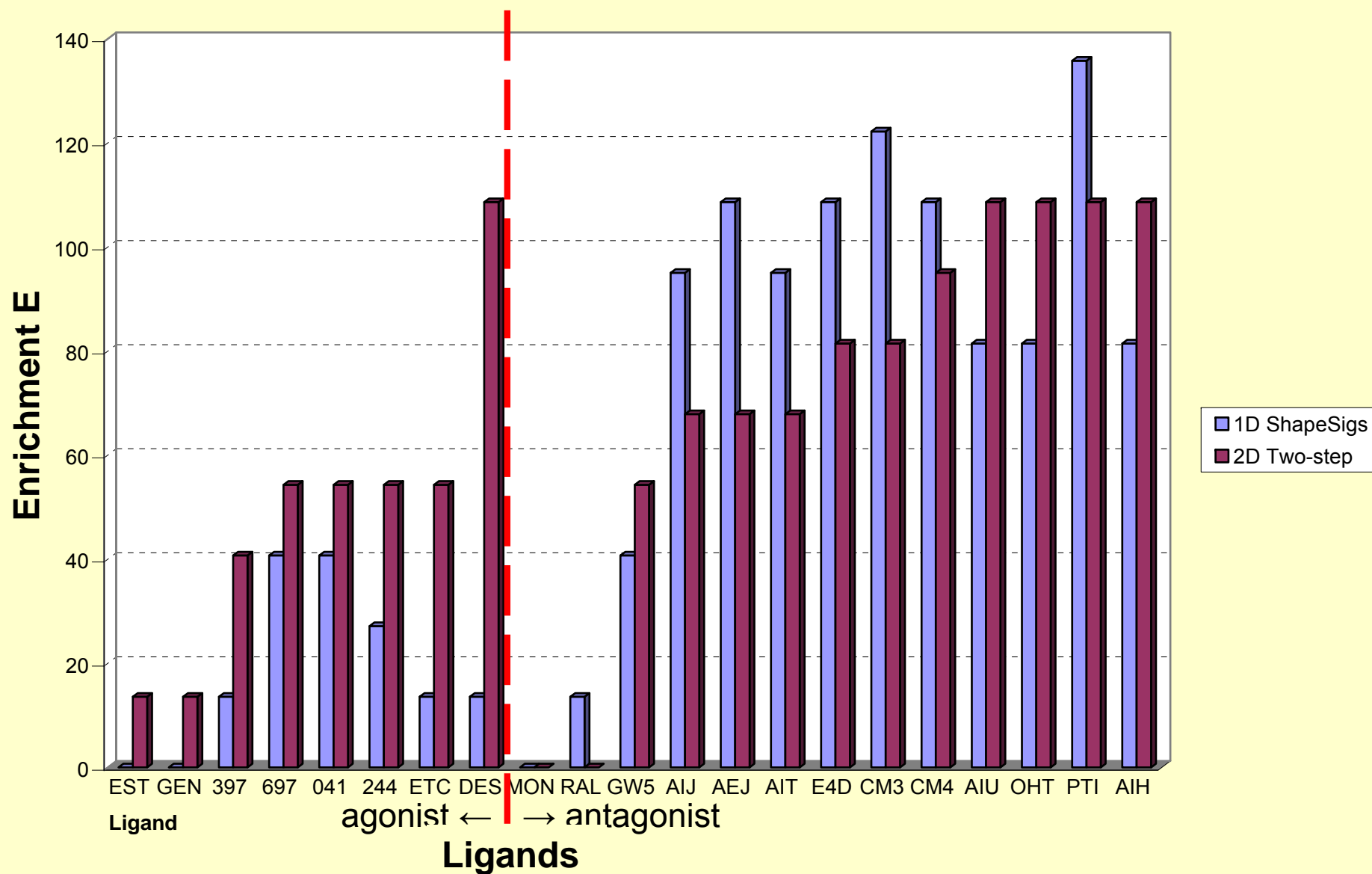
E = 1, the virtual screening method is no better than random sampling

E = 5, a 5-fold improvement over random selection.

E > 10, very good

E > 100, exceptional and extremely rare.

Top 20 Estrogen Ligands from PDB



Possible Ways Shape Signatures May Be Useful to EPA Investigators

- **Problem:** What is possible target or mode of action for my compound(s)?
- **Approach:** Use compound as query to search PDB-based ShapeSigs database
- **Problem:** Are there alternative protein targets (intended or unintended) for my compound(s)?
- **Approach:** Use compound as query, and explore list of protein 'hits' in PDB-based ShapeSigs database
- **Problem:** Is a certain compound active or inactive (e.g., ER ligand)?
- **Approach:** Compare ShapeSig of compound vs. ShapeSig database of known actives

Possible Ways Shape Signatures May Be Useful to EPA Investigators (cont ..)

- **Problem:** Is it possible to tell whether a collection of compounds might have common modes of action?
- **Approach:** Cluster compounds into groups based on their ShapeSigs
- **Problem:** Are there compounds in a database that have similar endpoints (e.g., physical props, functionality, mode of action) to my compound(s)?
- **Approach:** Use known compounds as queries to search database (virtual screening), using ShapeSigs to find matches

Thank You!

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