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#### WHAT IS IN BIOVIA DISCOVERY STUDIO®?

- **Comprehensive research portfolio** addressing the needs of drug discovery processes from early-stage target identification, lead identification and optimization to preclinical formulations development
- Mature science based on proven and validated methods developed by academic leaders at Harvard, MIT, and UCSF and leveraged by scientists worldwide across industry and academia
- **Collaborative science** partnering with sophisticated modeling software such as CHARMm, NAMD, MODELER, ZDOCK, GOLD, and more

#### **COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH PORTFOLIO**

#### Protein modeling and development:

- Perform sequence similarity searches using BLAST and PSI-BLAST against local or NCBI databases
- Perform a range of feature and motif predictions and biophysical property calculations on protein sequences
- Predict sites prone to post-translational modifications (PTM)
- Generate high-quality 3D models of target proteins from their sequences with the market leading MODELER homology modeling algorithm
- Systematically sample and refine loop conformations using the CHARMm-based LOOPER algorithm
- Optimize amino acid side-chain positions using the ChiRotor CHARMm-based algorithm



## **Figure 1:** Solvated membrane protein within an explicit membrane.

- Prepare protein structures for molecular dynamics and docking studies using a comprehensive set of automatic protein preparation tools
  - Removes disorder and extraneous water molecules
  - Detects and adds missing atoms and residues with additional refinement
  - Predicts pKas of titratable amino acids and protonates at the desired pH for optimal interactions

- Calculate protein ionization, isoelectric point and other protein properties quickly and accurately
- Carry out protein-protein docking studies with ZDOCK and refine poses to examine binding partner interactions
- Perform combinatorial amino acid mutagenesis to evaluate the effects of mutations on protein stability and binding affinity, considering pH dependency and thermal effects
  - Mutations can be to a single residue such as in alaninescanning or in selected, complex combinations
  - Clear output about the predicted effect of the mutation and how it is composed
- Calculate protein features and sequence descriptors for use in machine learning applications

#### Antibody design and modeling:

 Identify and annotate domains and Complementarity Determining Regions (CDRs) of antibody sequences based on custom or widely used numbering schemes – including IMGT, Kabat, Chothia and Honegger



**Figure 2:** Aggregation Scores (left), with residue details, and Charge QMap (right) surfaces on an antibody structure.

- Generate high quality 3D full-length antibody, Fab or Fv structures from a set of light and heavy chain sequences
  - Automated modeling cascade easily and rapidly generates antibody models with refined loops
  - Templates are based on a curated PDB antibody template database
- Build bispecific and single chain variable fragment (scFv) antibody models using dedicated tools
- Calculate biophysical properties important for protein formulation, including solubility, viscosity and Developability Index (DI) for rapid, early stage assessment of suitability for development
  - Relative viscosity scores are estimated using the surface charge method (SCM)
  - The DI ranks the aggregation propensity of the antibodies and is calculated from the aggregation propensity score (AggMap) and total charge properties

- Predict preferential interaction of common excipients (Sorbitol, Sucrose, Trehalose, Proline, Arginine·HCl, and NaCl) with machine learning models to improve antibody formulation
- Predict the paratope residues in the antibody CDR regions to guide antibody-antigen binding studies



Figure 3: Predict paratope residues (colored in red).

- Create antibody-antigen complexes and perform affinity maturation studies to investigate binding improvements
- Reduce immunogenicity by predicting humanizing mutations without compromising antibody stability or efficacy
  - Residues to be mutated are suggested based on human germline gene sequences and frequency statistics from the NCBI
  - Humanized structures can be automatically generated for further analysis

#### Simulations:

- Perform minimization and Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulations on GPU and CPU with best-in-class simulation programs, CHARMm and NAMD
  - Support for a broad range of force fields, including CGenFF, charmm36 and CHARMm
- Apply hybrid Quantum Mechanics/Molecular Mechanics (QM/MM) methods with DMol<sup>3</sup> and CHARMm to investigate electronic properties
- Visualize and analyze MD trajectories to understand conformational behavior and study structural properties
- Calculate relative binding free energies for an entire combinatorial library in a single GPU simulation using the efficient Multi-Site Lambda Dynamics (MSLD) workflow
  - Up to 20 times more efficient than free energy perturbation

- Large scale validation of the science to explore large congeneric chemistry space in early lead optimization
- Perform Free Energy Perturbation (FEP) simulations to calculate the relative free energy of binding to between multiple pairs of ligands with NAMD or CHARMm (GPU)
  - Calculation of Forward and Reverse estimates of free energy
  - Custom lambda schedule with narrower windows near the end states to improve accuracy
- Create solvated explicit membrane-protein systems for MD simulations
  - Solvate with pre-equilibrated homogenous lipid bilayers or customized lipid boxes, including complex heterogeneous lipid compositions
- Detect and analyze transient and static binding pockets from molecular simulation trajectories

#### Structure and fragment-based design:

- Virtually screen ligands and fragments with a range of tools, depending on project and available data
  - Methods include the CHARMm-based CDOCKER workflow, hotspots-based LibDock, Ludi, Multiple Copy Simultaneous Search (MCSS) and pharmacophore-based methods



**Figure 4:** Combinatorial library defined with a core and two sites within the Hsp90 binding site for MSLD simulation.

- Interface with your GOLD installation from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre to launch docking calculations
- Perform *in situ* lead optimization using classical medicinal chemistry reaction transformations and commercially-available reagents
- Develop new ideas with scaffold hopping or *in situ* R-group substitutions using molecular fragments derived from commercially-available compounds
- Calculate quick and accurate binding energies with CHARMm-based MM-PBSA or MM-GBSA methods

- Enrich screening results with the identification of critical interacting residues using a comprehensive set of favorable, unfavorable and unsatisfied non-bond monitors
  - Non-bond interaction criteria can be customized as desired
- Create advanced predictive models by combining empirical and energy-based scoring functions with classical QSAR, fingerprints, and quantum mechanics-based descriptors

#### Pharmacophore and ligand-based design:

- Automatically generate 3D pharmacophores with the market leading Catalyst pharmacophore engine from:
  - Active small-molecule ligands (qualitative, quantitative, with inactive data, small and large datasets)
  - Receptor binding sites
  - Receptor-ligand complexes
- Perform vigorous model validation with detailed metrics, confusion matrices and ROC plots for easy analysis



**Figure 5:** Interactions pharmacophore from a receptor-ligand complex harmonizes with non-bond feature perception.

- Conduct robust screening studies with powerful and flexible pharmacophore-ligand fitting methods
  - Study the multiple mappings of ligands to a pharmacophore
  - Screen ligand libraries with flexible feature combinations, focusing on the highest fitting pharmacophore for each molecule
  - Profile with multiple pharmacophores to map multiple ligands, determining the best fit of features or FitValue
- Build and search databases of pre-generated 3D ligand conformations
- Explore off-target activity and drug repurposing using the PharmaDB repository of diverse receptor-ligand pharmacophore models derived from the scPDB
- Enumerate reaction- or Markush-based combinatorial libraries
- Optimize library selection using Pareto optimization, clustering, diversity and similarity analysis

#### Pharmacokinetic properties and toxicity:

- Calculate hundreds of physicochemical, topological, electronic, geometric, fingerprint and Quantum Mechanics based descriptors, as well as physics-based energy properties
- Create predictive statistical models including Bayesian, Recursive Partitioning, Partial Least Squares, Genetic Functional Analysis, 3D Field-based QSAR and more
- Identify Matched Molecular Pairs transformations and study activity cliffs
- Assess ADMET safety profiles (absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion and toxicity) with predictive models including blood-brain barrier penetration, human intestinal absorption, aqueous solubility, hepatotoxicity, CYP2D6, AMES, Rat Oral LD50, and many more
- Calculate assessments of small molecule toxicity and environmental effects such as Ames mutagenicity, rodent carcinogenicity, skin irritancy and sensitization, eye irritancy, aerobic biodegradability and many more

#### **MATURE SCIENCE**

BIOVIA Discovery Studio<sup>®</sup> is built on over 30 years of peerreviewed scientific research and has been validated by scientists worldwide across industry and academia. Search through tens of thousands of indexed references on our <u>database</u>.

#### **COLLABORATIVE SCIENCE**

- **CHARMm** for force-field based simulations: Distributed with both CPU and GPU editions
- **NAMD** for force-field based simulations: Distributed with both CPU and GPU editions
- **MODELER** for protein homology modeling
- BLAST+ for sequence searching
- GOLD for protein-ligand docking
- ZDOCK for protein-protein docking
- Catalyst for pharmacophore modelling
- AggMap and SCM for protein aggregation & viscosity prediction

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