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Molecular docking study on antiparasitic nucleoside drugs

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Challenges in drug discovery targeting TriTryp diseases

- TriTryps diseases (*Leishmania* spp., *Trypanosoma cruzi* and *Trypanosoma brucei* subspecies) affect more than 30 million people worldwide; high mortality and morbidity.
- No vaccines available
- The treatment of infected people is one of the main strategies to control these diseases.
Drugs in use present major drawbacks (high toxicity, relevant contraindications and complicated administration regimens)
- **Adenosine analogues inhibitors top Adenosine Kinase (AK)**

The objective for molecular Molecular docking study on antiparasitic nucleoside drugs

The tested hypothesis is whether nucleoside analogues are phosphorylated more easily by *TbADK* than by *Leishmania mexicana* (*LmxADK*).

Methodology:

Target site: Adenosine Kinase (AK) *L. Mexicana* (LmexAK) *T. brucei* AK (TbAK) Both, tested on cell toxicity.

No available experimentally resolved structure of TbAK and LmexAK

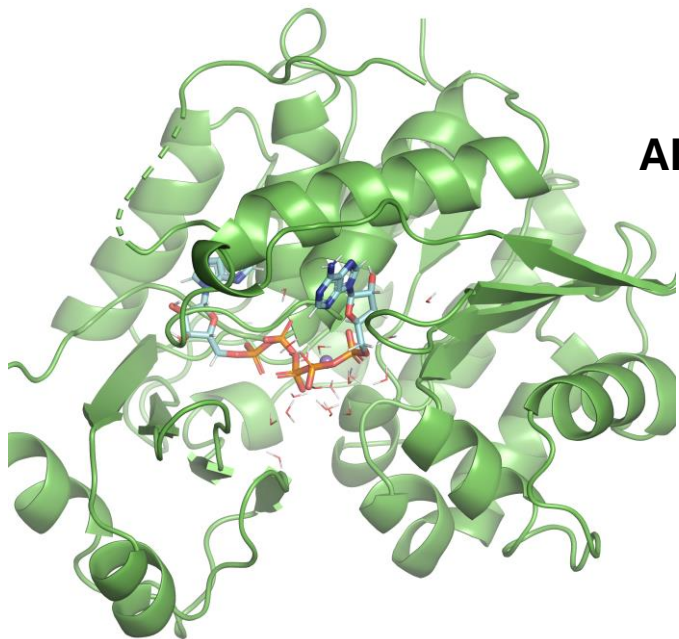
Leads, testing drugs: AK inhibitors (24 adenosine analogues drug class)

Utilizing amino acid sequences from genes of TbAK and LmexAK (TriTrypDB) <https://tritrypdb.org/tritrypdb/app> Generated structures for TbAK and LmexAK (amino acids sequences in software package) <https://alphafold.ebi.ac.uk/>

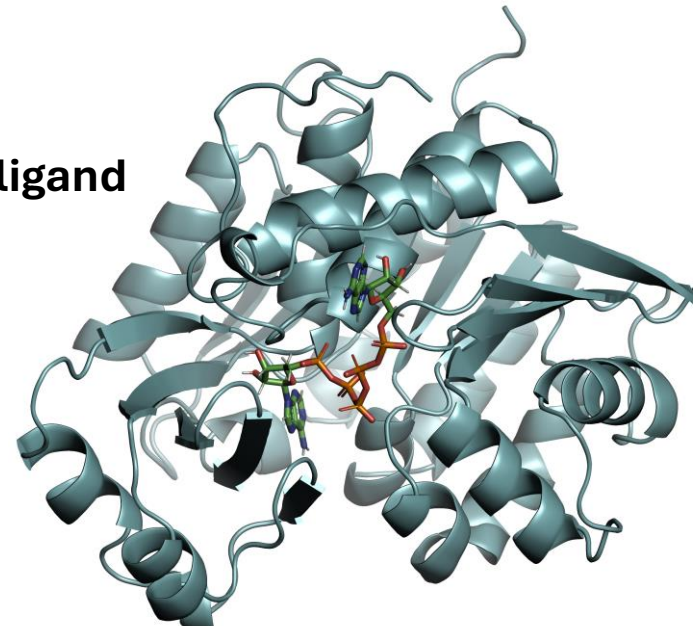
Optimizing the protein structures (PyMol software package) <https://www.pymol.org/>

Docking testing: interaction AK with lead compounds (drugs): Software package <https://www.schrodinger.com/platform/products/glide/>

Measurement of bond distances (PyMol software package) <https://www.pymol.org/>)

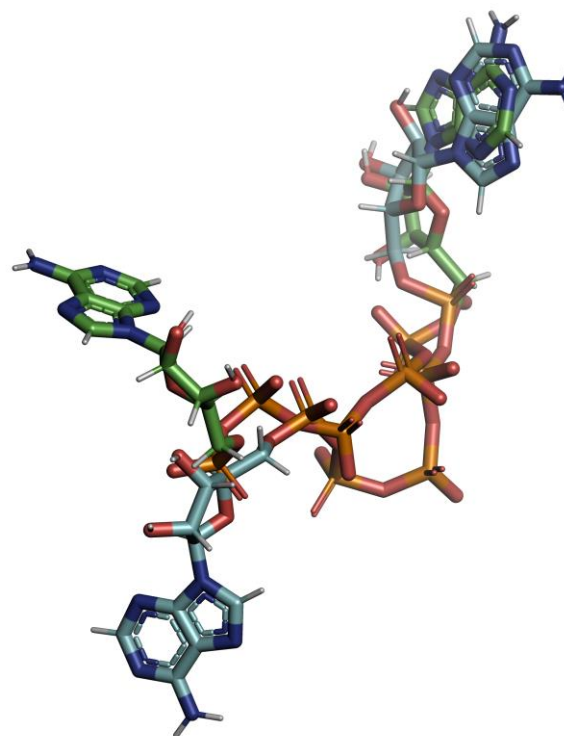
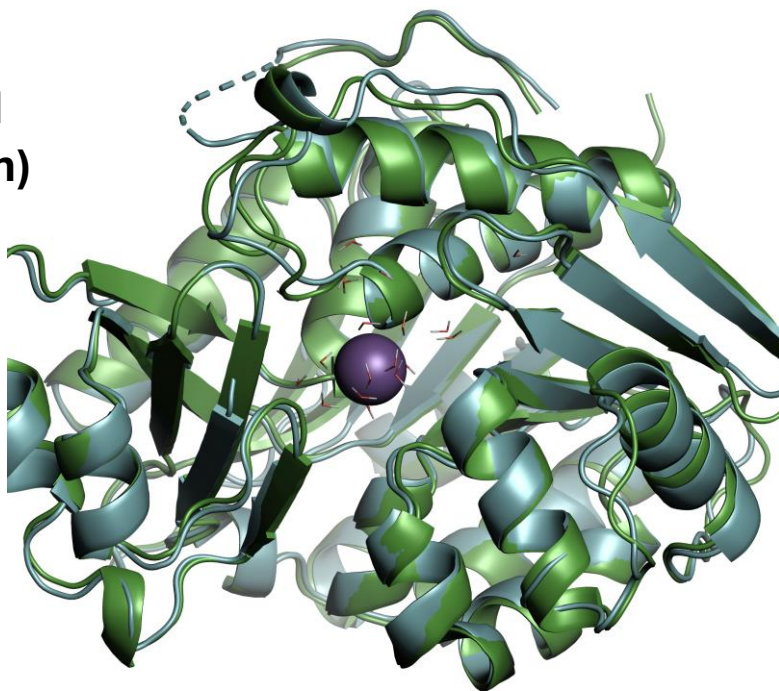


AK(Tb) with ligand



AK(Lm) with ligand

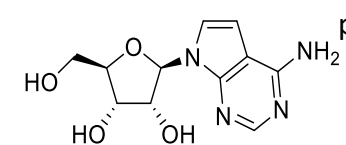
**Superimposed
AK(Tb) & AK(Lm)**



**Superimposed ligands
AK(Tb) & AK(Lm)**

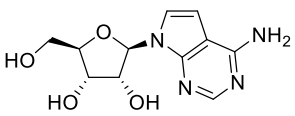
Executive: RMSD = 1.316 (2283 to 2283 atoms)

AK (Tb) docked_3OTX-1_-_minimized / docked_lig3otx	Å	AK (Lm) nu_Lm_AK_AF_aligned_to_3otx/ docked_LMAK_lig3otx	Å
(N295)-NH...O(15)-P(13)	2.8	(R12)-NH2... (N54) pyrimidine	2.2
(N295) C=O ...O(46)(ring tetrahydrofuran/THF)	2.2	(G62)secNH... (N56) pyrimidine	2.0
H2O... N(56)(pyrimidine/purine ring)	2.6	(D16)C-O...H-(O46)/ Tetrahydrofuran THF ring	1.9
(R132) guanidine/NH2+...O(44) – H (THF ring)	2.4	(D16)C-O...H-(O44)/ Tetrahydrofuran THF ring	1.8
(N67)-NH2...O(19)-P(17) chain	2.2	(G296)N-H... (O19)–(P17)chain	1.8
(N67)-NH2...O(16)-P(13) chain	2.7	(D299)N-H... (O18)=(P17)chain	2.6
(R132)-NH2...O(39)-P(17)chain	1.9	(D298)N-H... (O18)=(P17)chain	2.3
(R132)-NH2...O(15)-P(13) chain	2.4	(D298)N-H... (O6)=(P5)chain	2.5
(R132)-NH2...O(10)-P(9) chain	1.8	(N221)N-H2... (O11)–(P9)chain	2.0
(R132)-NH2...O(10)-P(9) chain	2.2	(N221)N-H2... (O8)–(P9)chain	2.4
H2O...O(18)=P(19) chain	2.5	(T263)O-H... (O3)–(P1)chain	2.0
H2O...O(06)=P(5) chain	1.9	(G265)N-H... (O3)–(P1)chain	2.1
H2O...O(07)-P(5) chain	1.5	(N323)C=O...H-(O25)/ Tetrahydrofuran THF ring	2.0
H2O...O(06)=P(5) chain	1.7	THF ring (O27)–H... (N37)/ pyrimidine ring	2.2 intra
H2O...O(11)-P(9) chain	2.1		
H2O...O(11)-P(9) chain	1.4	AK (Tb)	AK (Lm)
H2O...O(11)-P(9) chain	3.0	13 amino acids participate in H-bonds;	13 amino acid participate in H-bonds;
H2O...O(18)=P(17) chain	2.5	No one amino acid with	2 amino acids with purine ring/ to which
H2O...O(14)=P(13) chain	1.7	Purine/pyrimidine or imidazole/ in	do not attach highest DS C16H23N3O5
(D299)-NH...O(14)-P(13) chain	1.9	Ligand	3 amino acids with THF ring in ligand/
(A297)-NH...O(6)=P(5) chain	1.7		N323 close to overlapping C16H23N3O5
H2O...O(18)=P(17) chain	2.5		
H2O...O(4)-P(1) chain	2.7	2 amino acids with THF ring in ligand (to	
H2O...O(4)-P(1) chain	2.4	this ring does not overlap highest ranked	
H2O...O(20)-P(1) chain	2.5	Tubricidin/C11H14N4O4	THF ring in 2 bonds close to overlapping
H2O...O(20)-P(1) chain	2.4	THF ring: 2 intramolecular bonds	C16H23N3O5 (one bond is intramolecular)
(T264)-O-H...O(20)-P(1) chain	2.7	17 H-bonds with water molecules	No water molecules in active site of ligand
(N222)_NH2...O(20)-P(1) chain	2.5	2 bonds with Na with Ligand chain in	No Na in active site
H2O...O(2)=P(1) chain	1.8		
H2O...O(2)=P(1) chain	1.9		
NA (Sodium)...O(1)–P(9) chain	3.0		
NA (Sodium)...O(8)–P(9) chain	3.5		
H2O...O(23)– chain	2.7		
Ligand: THF-O(25)...O(3)–P(1) chain	2.7, intra	active site	
Ligand: Purine/ imidazole (N31) – H...O(27) THF ligand	2.0 intra		



pIC50

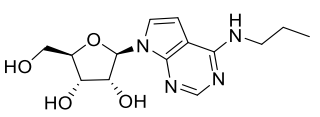
Docking score
ranking



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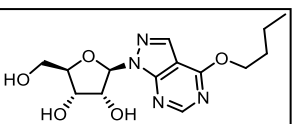
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Tubercidin



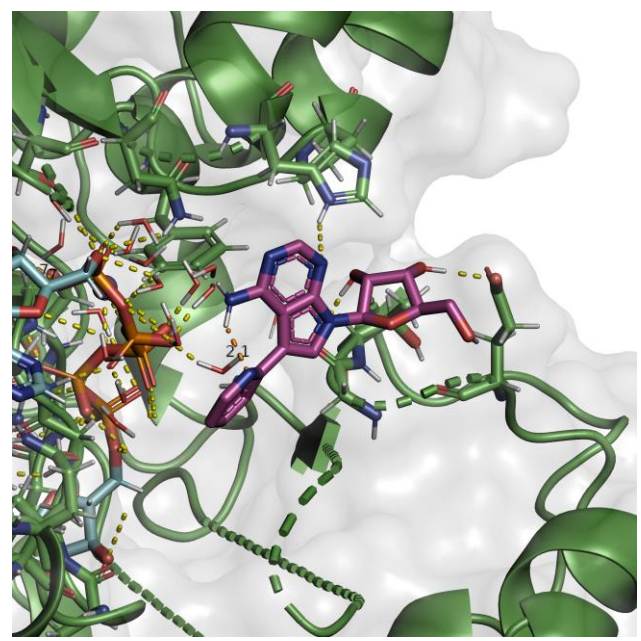
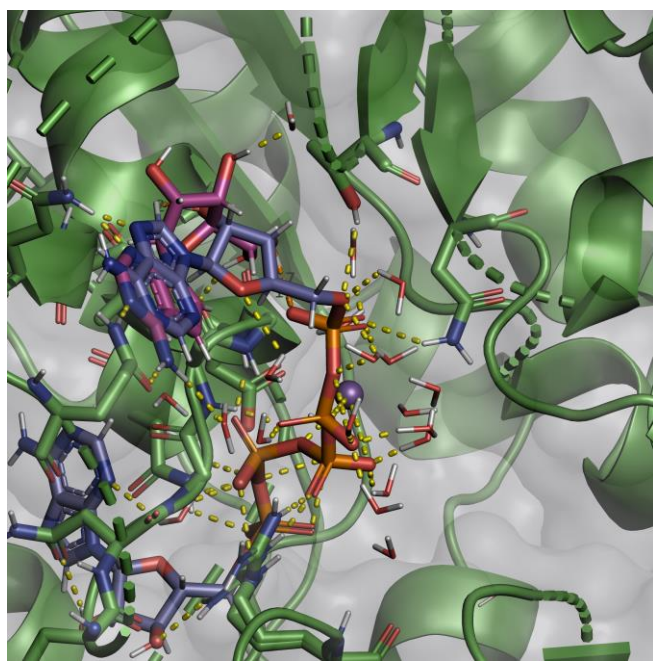
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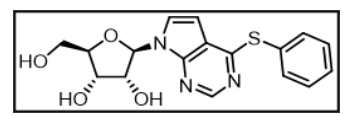
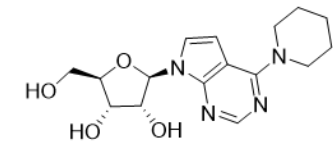


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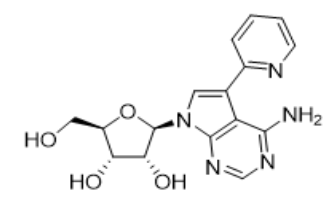
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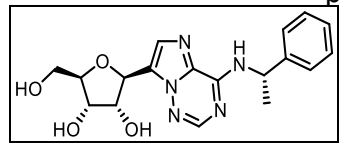
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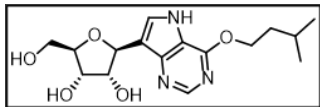
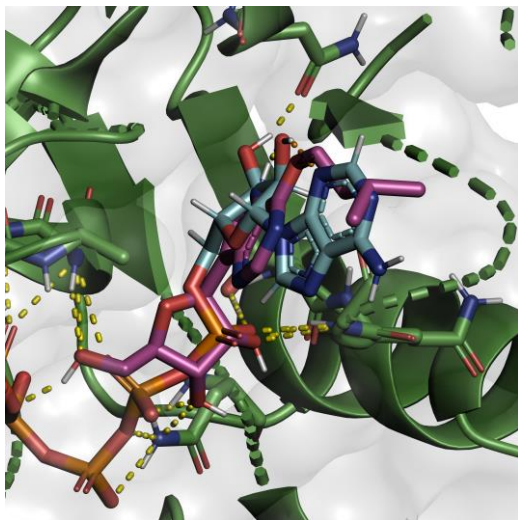
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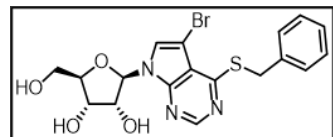
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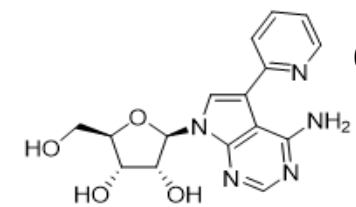
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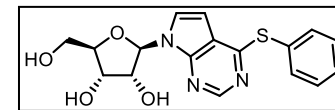
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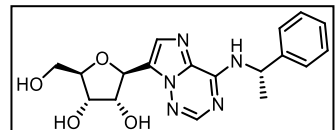
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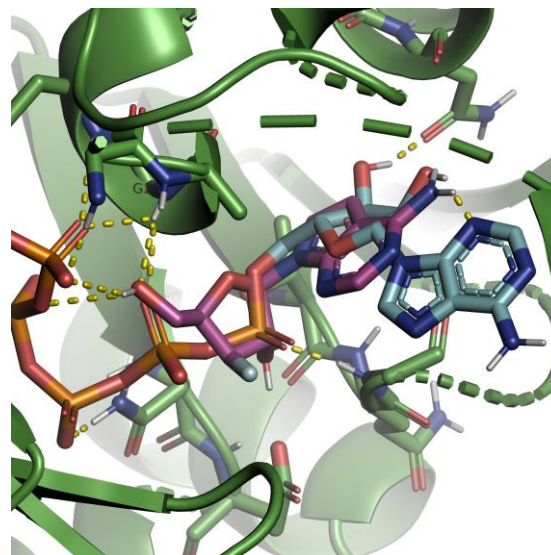
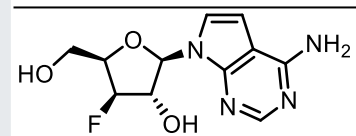
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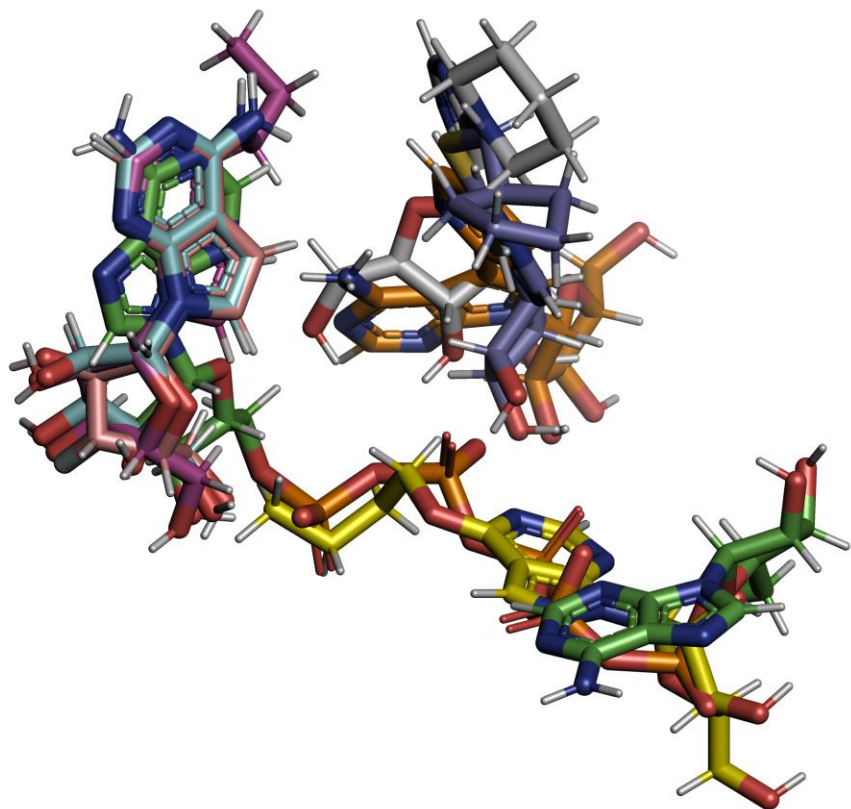
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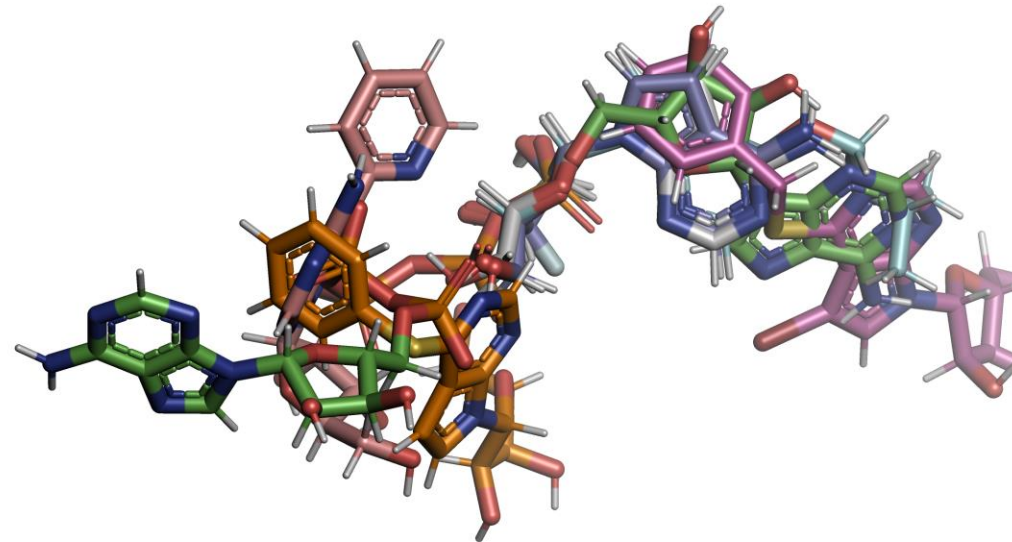
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Highest & lowest scored Drugs
binding to ligand in AK (Tb)



Highest & lowest scored Drugs
binding to ligand in AK (Lm)

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