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Computer aided docking studies of some antimicrobial agents

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Docking analysis is an operation in which one molecule is brought into the vicinity of another while calculating the interaction energies of the many mutual orientations and conformations of the two interacting species. Docking studies on thirty six imidazolidine-2-thione molecules were performed using software like Autodock 4.0, Autodock Vina and Accelrys DS visualizer 2.0. Dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR), Topoisomerase IV and DNA gyrase enzymes were used as targets for the docking studies; the structures of which were taken from the Protein Data Bank (PDB). Docking simulations were carried out using the Lamarckian Genetic Algorithm. Best conformation of the ligand was analyzed based on energies like docked energy, binding energy, and possibly per atom electrostatic and van der Waals energies. The 'best' docking result was considered to be the conformation with the lowest (docked) energy. From the docking studies it was found that ligand interaction with Dihydrofolate Reductase (3FRB) and DNA gyrase (3G7E) involves less binding energy as well as appreciable KI value when compared with the standard. Interaction of ligand with Topoisomerase-IV did not show good result as compared to standard because of large binding energy differences hence, it can be postulated that Dihydrofolate reductase and DNA gyrase enzymes are the probable targets for the type of imidazolidine-2-thione derivatives studied as antibacterial agents.

Biography

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