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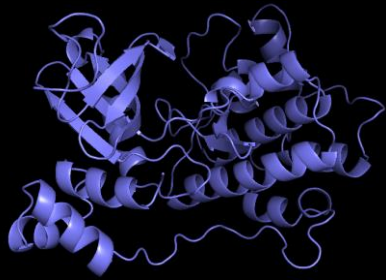
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Molecular Dynamic Pharmacophore and its application to Design Novel MARK4 Inhibitors

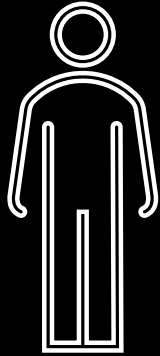
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MARK4

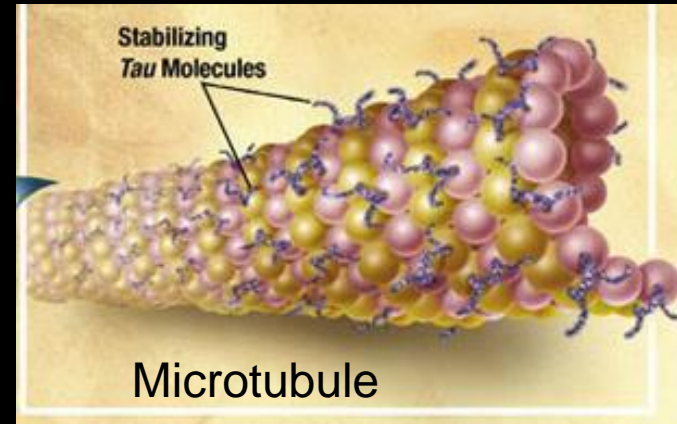


Microtubule
Affinity-Regulating
Kinase 4 (MARK4)

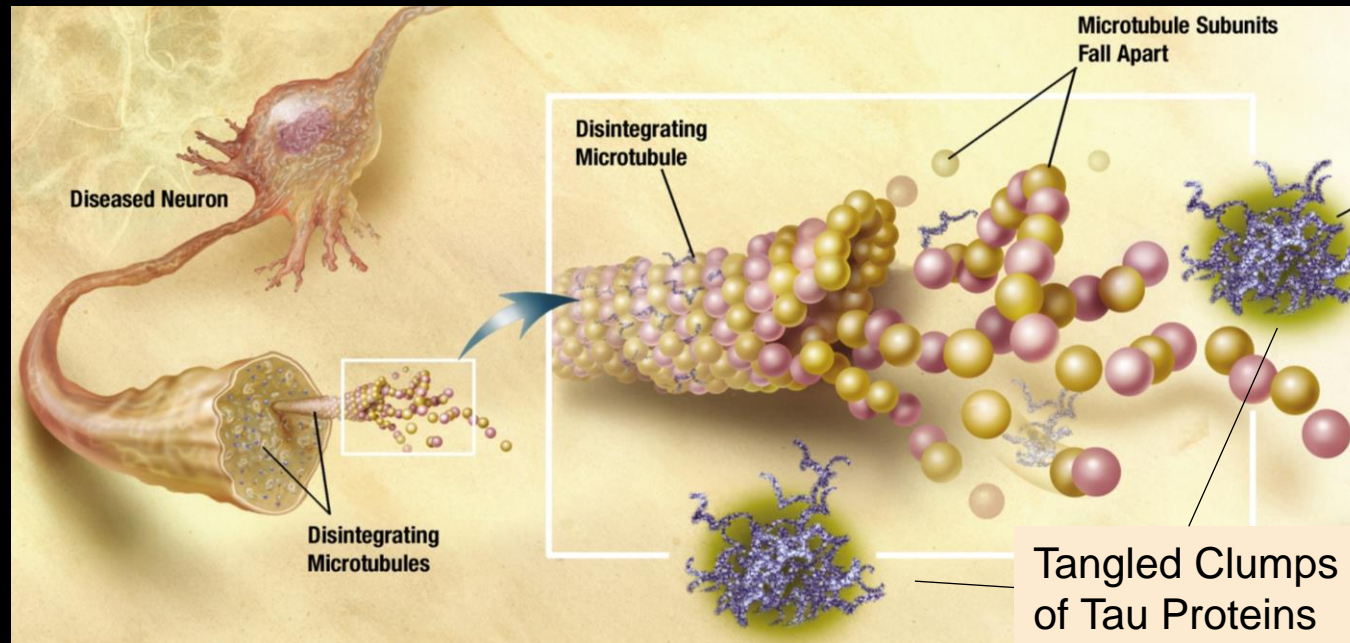


Tau protein

Microtubule-
Associated Protein 2
(MAP2) and MAP4



Cell regulation



Neurodegenerative
Disorders

Cancer

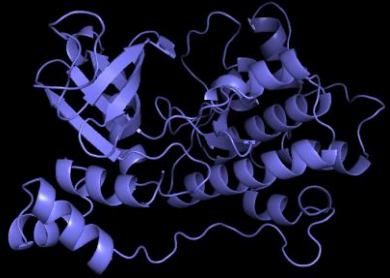
Diabetes

and other metabolic
diseases

[Trinczek et al.,
JBC, 2004](#)

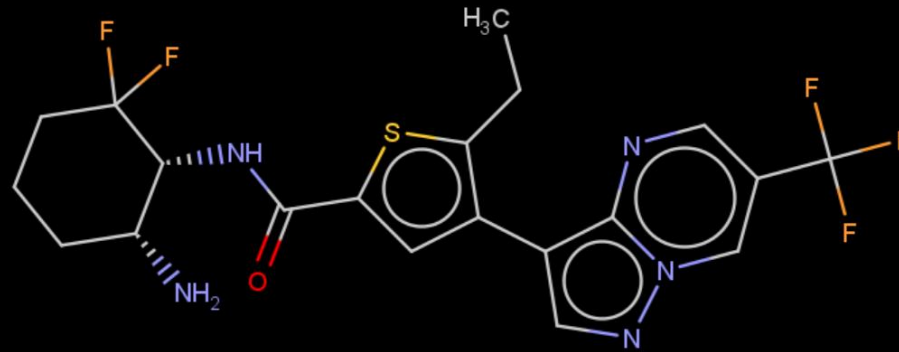
Using the process which occurs in brain as an example
The pictures were taken from [Wikipedia: Alzheimer's disease](#)

MARK4



MARK4

PDB code: 5es1



PDB code: 5RC

Macromolecule Content

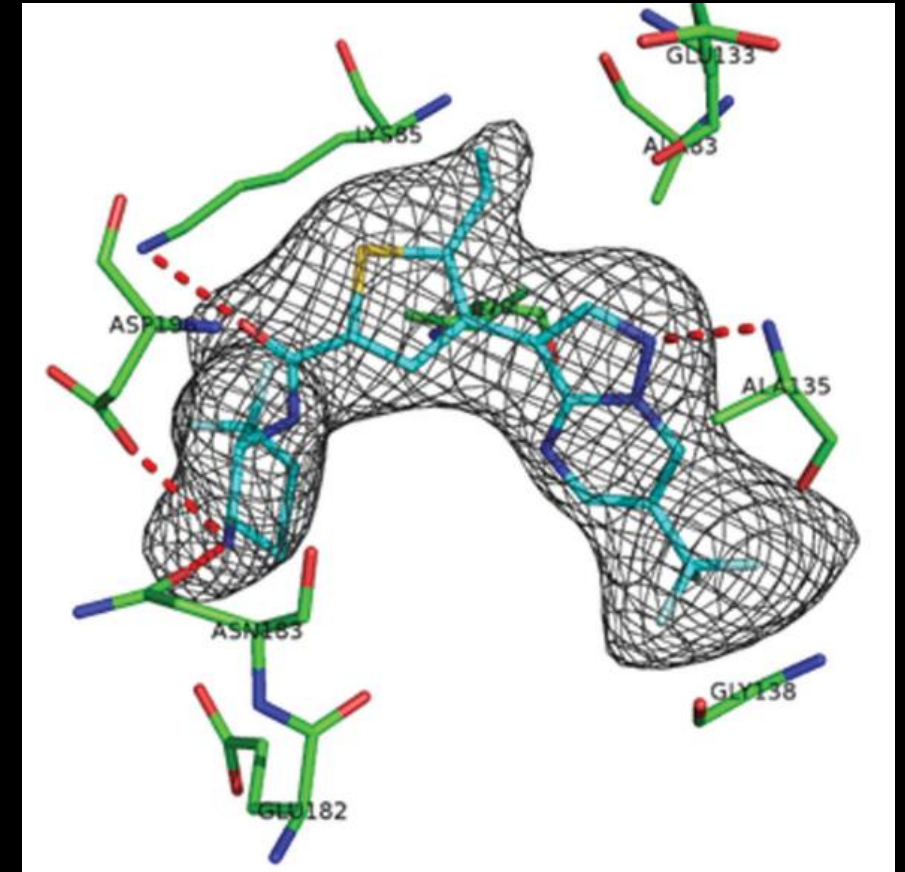
Chains: A

Sequence Length: 328

Organism: Homo sapiens



[Sack et al.,
2016](#)



Experimental Data Snapshot

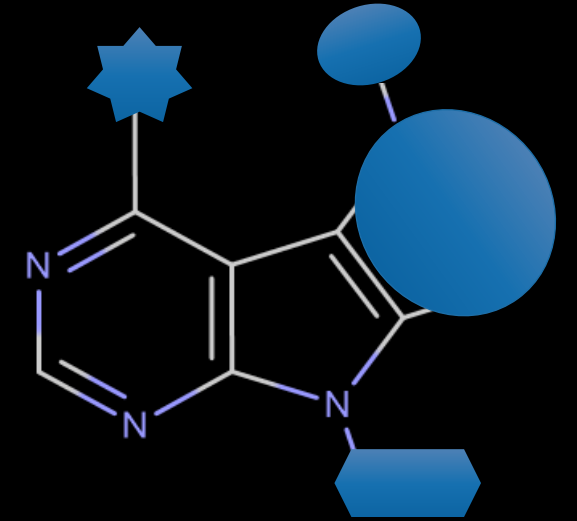
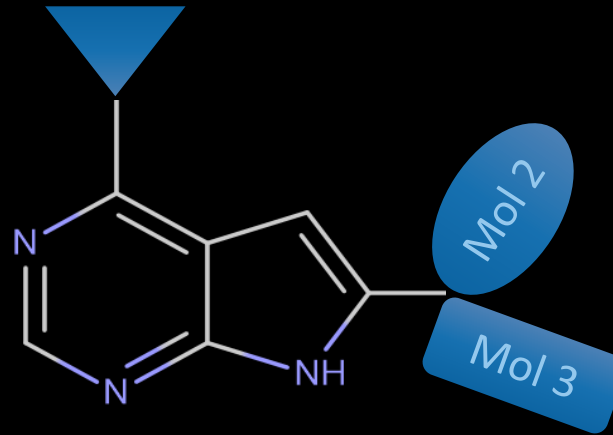
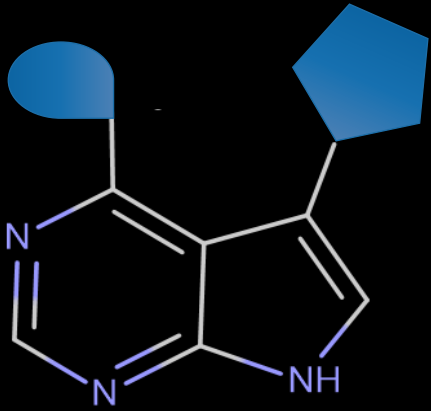
Method: X-RAY diffraction

Resolution: 2.80 Å

5RC	MARK1	MARK2	MARK3	MARK4
IC50, μM	0.0041	0.0025	0.0039	0.0046

Initial ligands

From the proprietary database



Mol 1	MARK1	MARK2	MARK3	MARK4
IC50, μM	>50	>50	>50	0.95
docking	-6.7	-7.4	-7.0	-8.0

Mol 4	MARK1	MARK2	MARK3	MARK4
IC50, μM	>50	>50	>50	1.29
docking	-8.1	-7.8	-8.1	-8.6

Mol 2	MARK1	MARK2	MARK3	MARK4
IC50, μM	>50	>50	38.8	0.59
docking	-7.5	-8.9	-7.7	-9.5

Mol 3	MARK1	MARK2	MARK3	MARK4
IC50, μM	>50	>50	>50	0.47
docking	-7.7	-8.1	-7.8	-9.1

Aim

Discover selective MARK4 inhibitors of new chemotypes
to extend structural diversity of compounds for further selection and optimization

MD representative pharmacophores



MD snapshot timeline



[Polishchuk at al.,
Int J Mol Sci, 2019](#)

MD pharmacophores

b36..87
53b..ef
53b..ef
e4f..ce
53b..ef
4af..f3
79f..31

3D pharmacophore
hashes

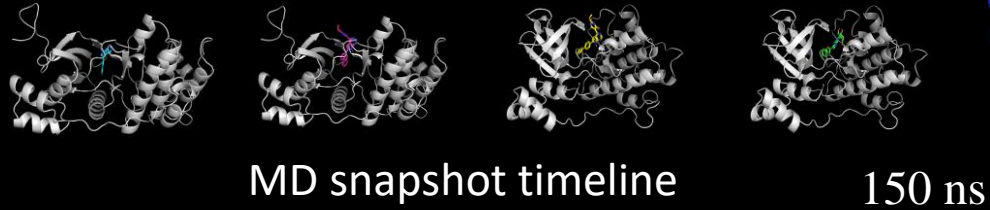
[Kutlushina at al.,
Molecules, 2018](#)

MD representative
pharmacophores



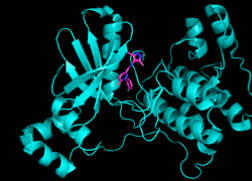
github.com/ci-lab-cz/pharmd

MD pharmacophores generation



MD representative pharmacophores

Mol 1 4015	Mol 2 2532	Mol 3 5221	Mol 4 5965
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MD snapshot timeline

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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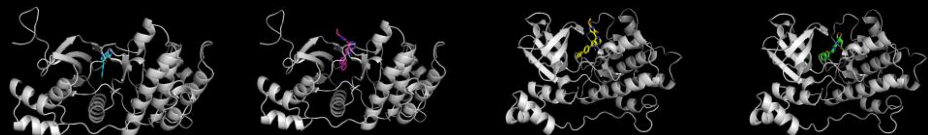
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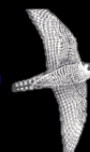
Validation of MD pharmacophores



MD snapshot timeline

150 ns

GROMACS
FAST. FLEXIBLE. FREE.



Quality assessment of the MD representative pharmacophores

MD representative pharmacophores

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4015

Mol 2
2532

Mol 3
5221

Mol 4
5965

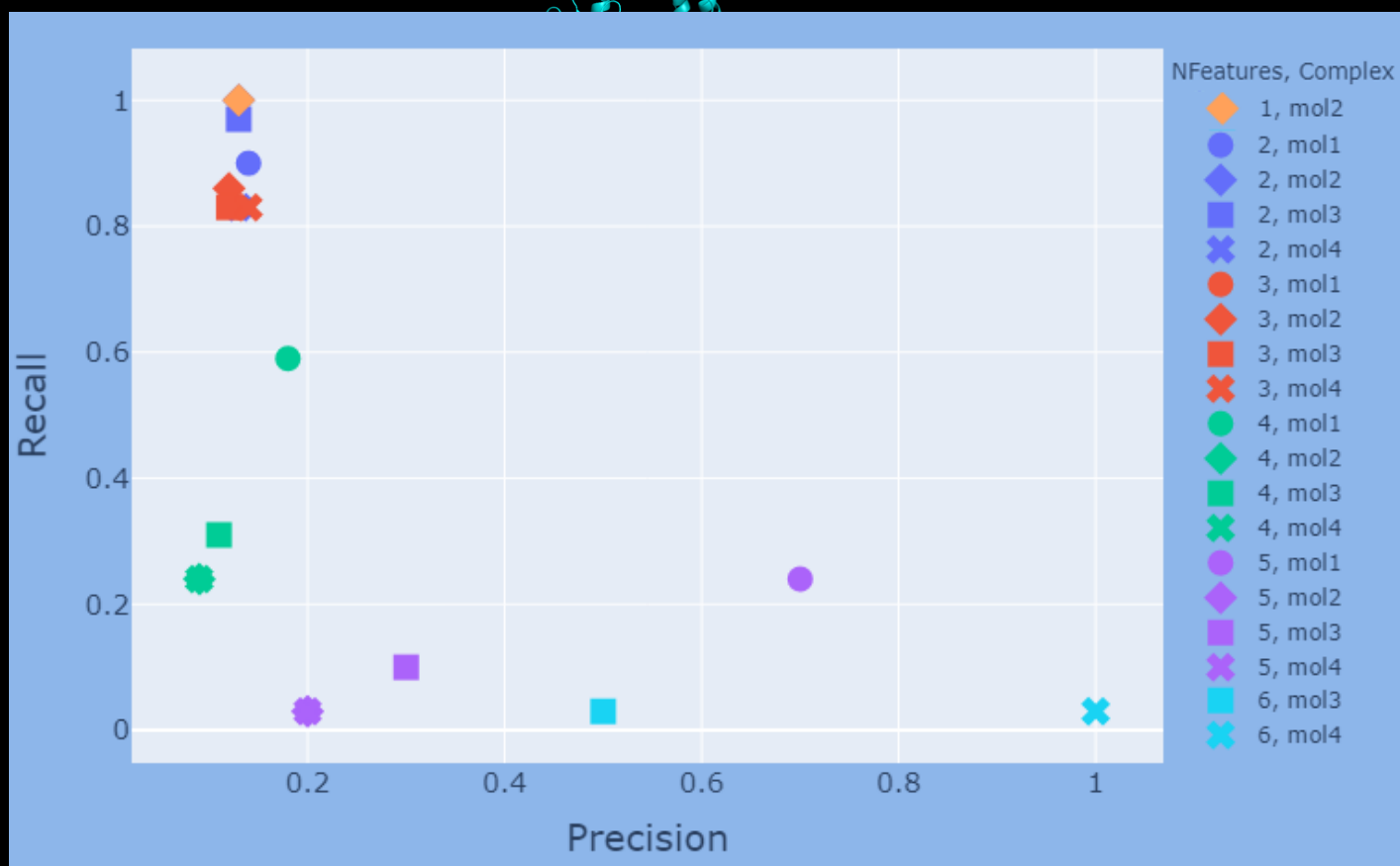
ChEMBL + proprietary

190 inactive molecules

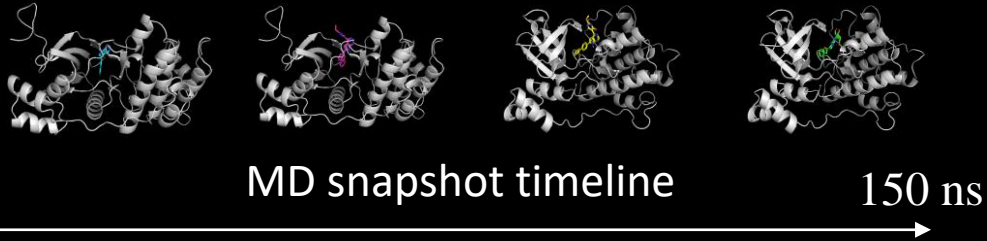
29 active molecules

up to 50 conformers

Virtual screening of validation set



Primary VS of Enamine by MD pharmacophores



5+ features MD representative pharmacophores

Mol 1 3938	Mol 2 2331	Mol 3 4989	Mol 4 5876
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up to 50 conformers 1783794 molecules

Virtual screening of Enamine

68337 molecules

RTB \leq 5
MW \leq 500 Da

Enamine datasets	Premium	Advanced	HTS	Total
Number of molecules	36929	376097	1370768	1783794
Number of Murcko scaffolds	26852	246940	714851	988643

Rank filtered molecules by CCA score



MD snapshot timeline

150 ns

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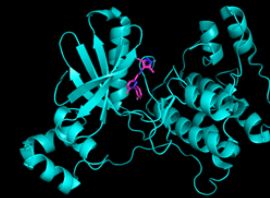
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Virtual screening of Enamine

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Conformers coverage
Approach (CCA)

618 molecules



MD snapshot timeline



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pharmacophores

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3D pharmacophore
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MD representative
pharmacophores



CCA score

compound
conformers

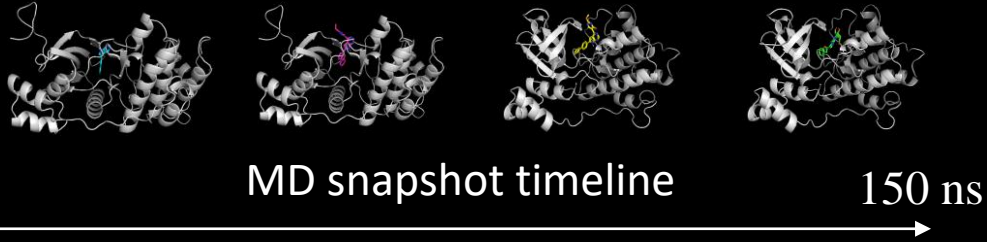


$\frac{4}{5} = 0.8$

[Polishchuk at al., Int J Mol Sci, 2019](#)

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Selecting hits by docking



Docking

AutoDock Vina

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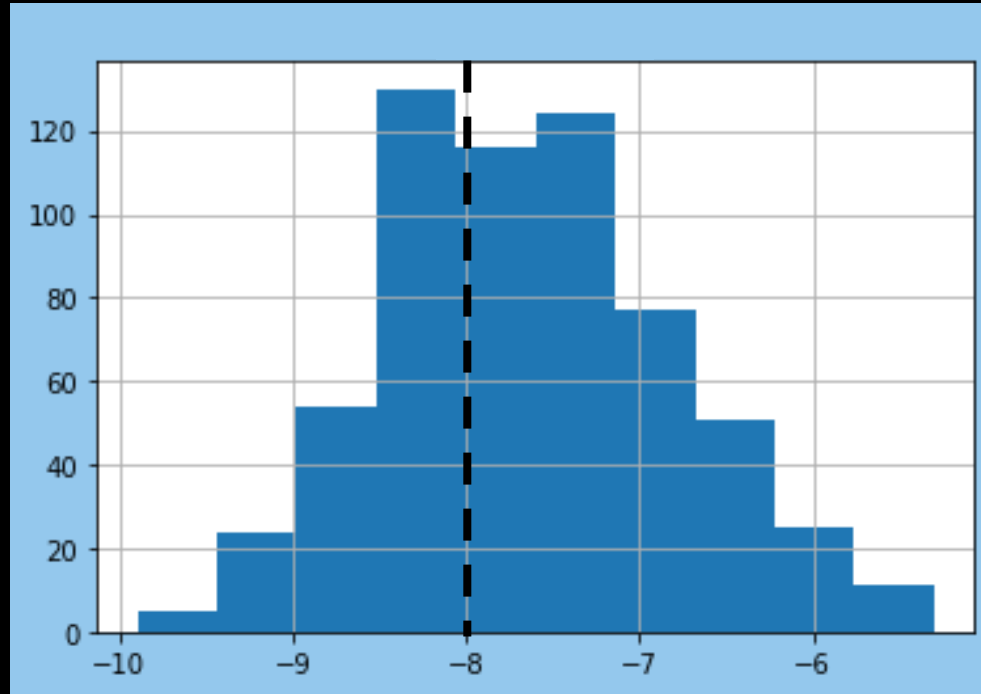
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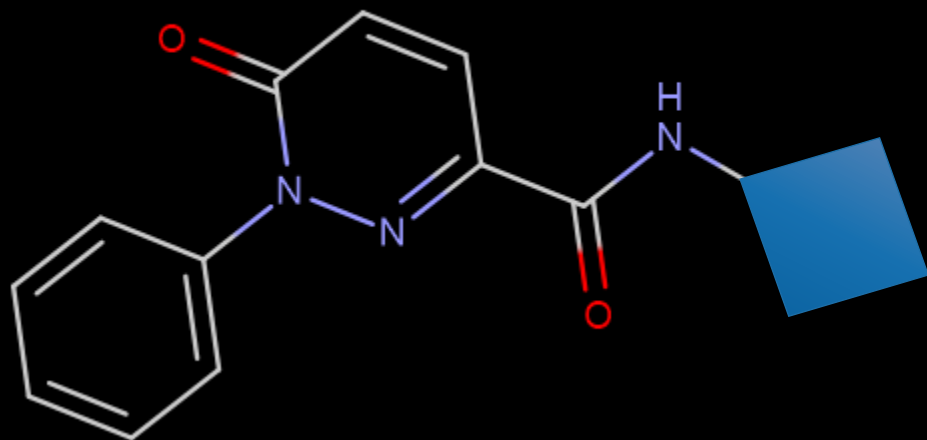
618 molecules



235 molecules

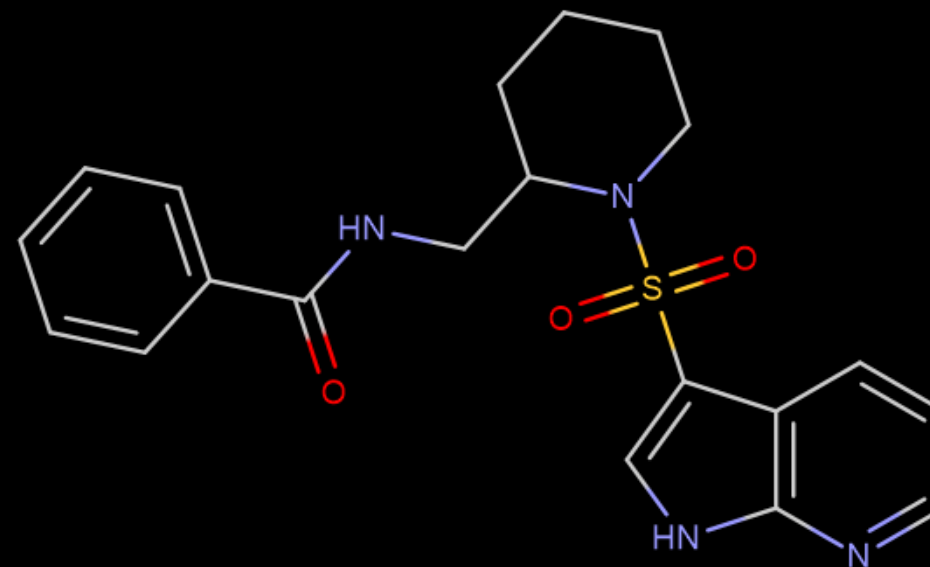
24 hits

The found inhibitors



Hit1	mol 1	mol 2	mol 3	mol 4
Tanimoto	0.37	0.32	0.33	0.3

Hit1	MARK1	MARK2	MARK3	MARK4
IC50, μM	>50	14.72	0.0088	0.032
docking	-8.026	-7.754	-7.164	-8.628



Hit2	mol 1	mol 2	mol 3	mol 4
Tanimoto	0.34	0.31	0.31	0.26

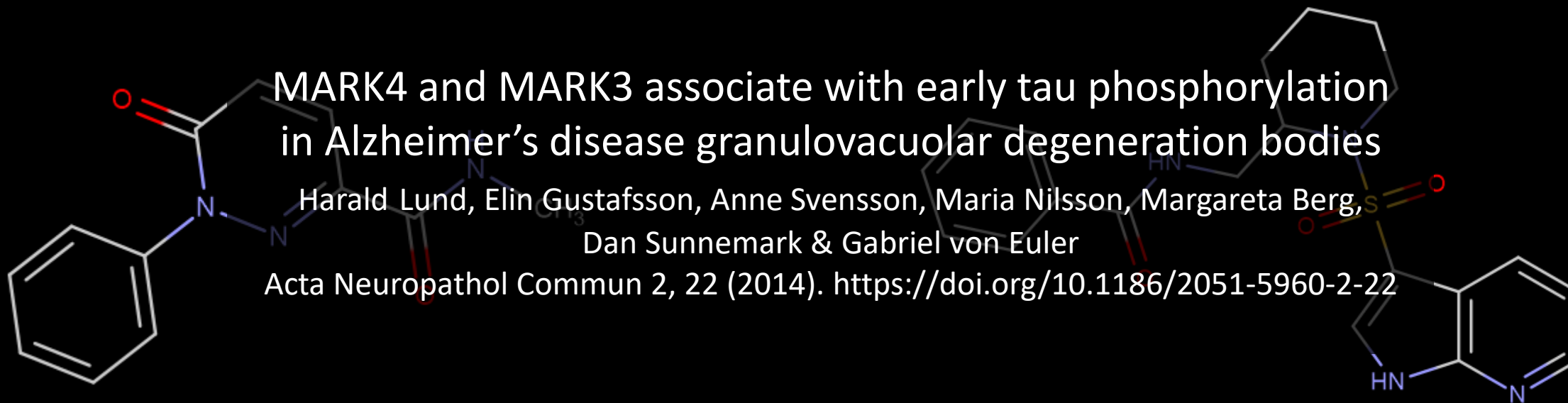
Hit2	MARK1	MARK2	MARK3	MARK4
IC50, μM	>50	19.79	>50	12.01
docking	-8.169	-7.755	-8.121	-8.863

The found inhibitors

MARK4 and MARK3 associate with early tau phosphorylation in Alzheimer's disease granulovacuolar degeneration bodies

Harald Lund, Elin Gustafsson, Anne Svensson, Maria Nilsson, Margareta Berg, Dan Sunnemark & Gabriel von Euler

Acta Neuropathol Commun 2, 22 (2014). <https://doi.org/10.1186/2051-5960-2-22>



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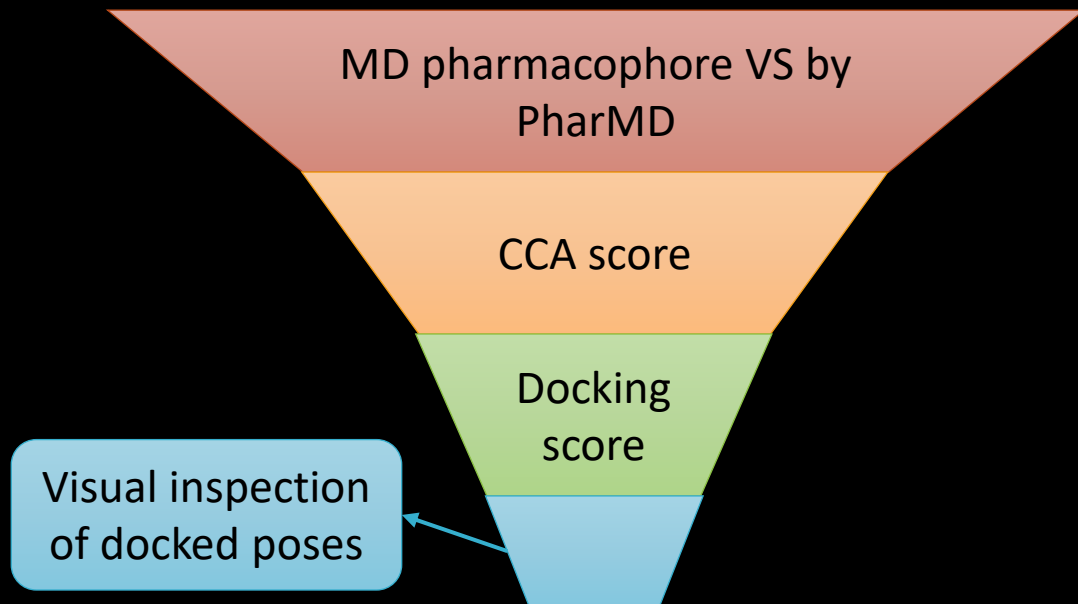
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Conclusions

- A workflow for virtual screening based on our previous implementation of MD pharmacophores and molecular docking was developed and validated
- We were able to find a novel MARK inhibitor which was selective over 1 and 2 subtypes and can be promising for further research



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