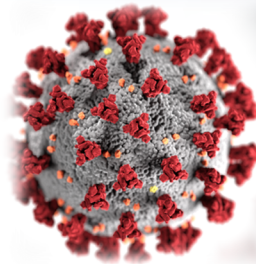


# Rol del Diseño de Fármacos y la Biología Computacional en Respuesta a la Pandemia del Covid-19



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# Introducción



## COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

**Dec. 31, 2019**



China alerts World Health Organization (WHO) to several cases of pneumonia with no known cause in Wuhan. The disease goes on to be named COVID-19.

**Jan. 7**



WHO officials announce they have identified a new virus named SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19. It belongs to the coronavirus family, which includes viruses that cause SARS, MERS and the common cold.

**Jan. 11**



China announces the first death linked to COVID-19.

**Jan. 13**



WHO reports the first case outside of China in Thailand.

**Feb. 26**



National Institutes of Health (NIH) begin the first clinical trial in the U.S. for a potential COVID-19 treatment, remdesivir, an antiviral drug originally developed to treat Ebola.

**Feb. 29**



The FDA took steps to expand novel coronavirus testing to hospital clinical microbiology laboratories.

**Mar. 11**



WHO declares COVID-19 a pandemic, with more than 100,000 cases and 4,000 deaths in 114 countries.

**Apr. 2**



Confirmed cases of COVID-19 top 1 million worldwide.

**Apr. 10**



Global deaths due to COVID-19 top 100,000.

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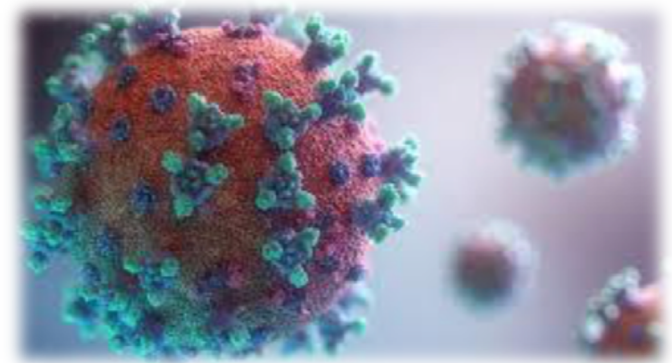
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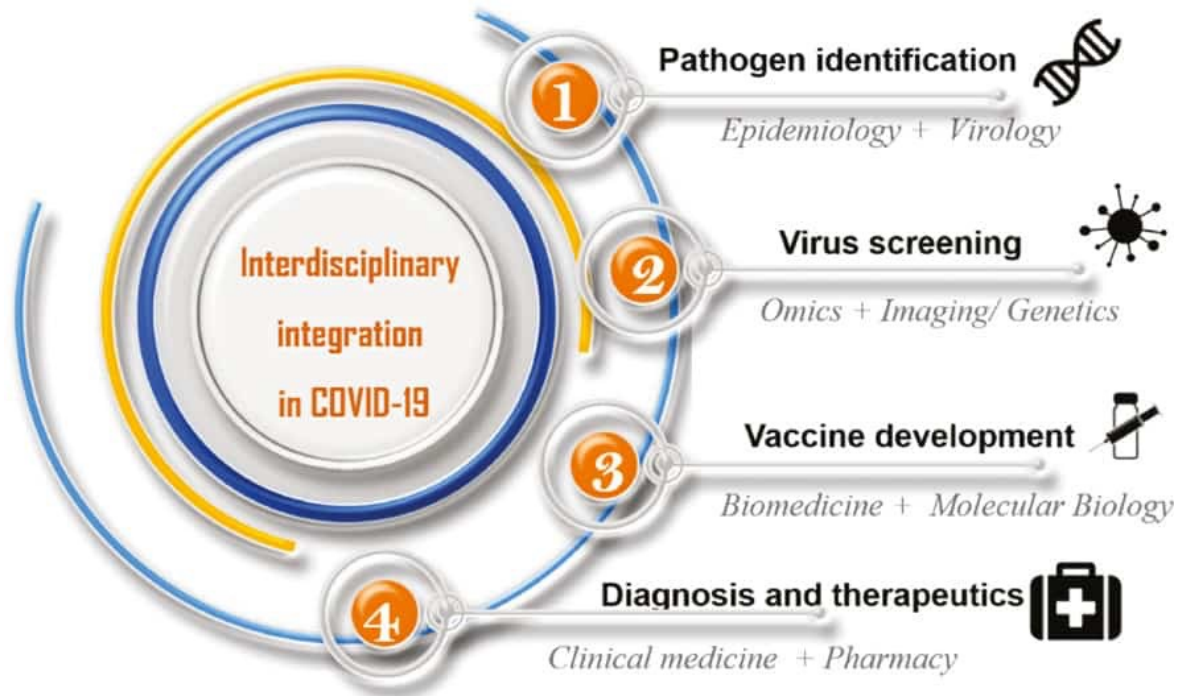
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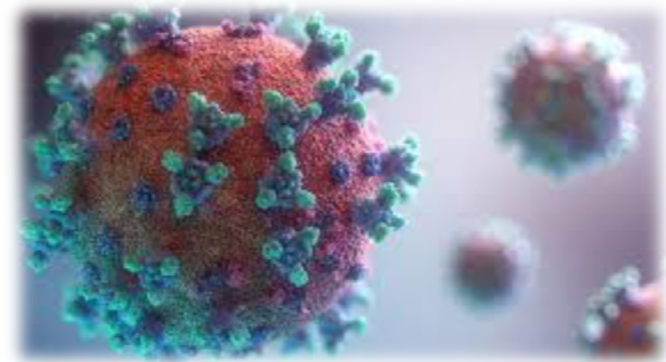
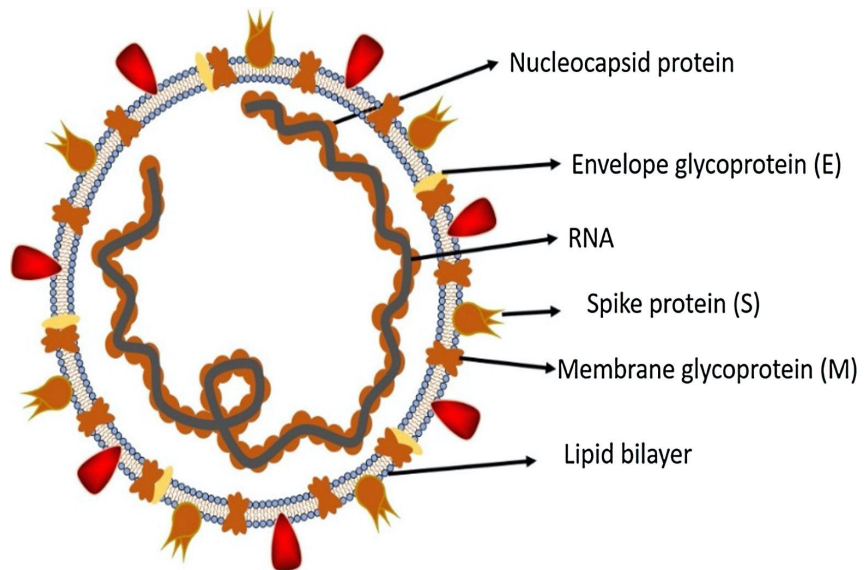
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### An Overview of the Crystallized Structures of the SARS-CoV-2

Mihaela Ileana Ionescu<sup>1,2</sup> 

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**The crystal structure of COVID-19 main protease in complex with an inhibitor N3**

Liu, X., Zhang, B., Jin, Z., Yang, H., Rao, Z.

(2020) Nature **582**: 289-293

**Released** 2020-02-05

**Method** X-RAY DIFFRACTION 2.16 Å

**Organisms** Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2  
synthetic construct

**Macromolecule** 3C-like proteinase (protein)  
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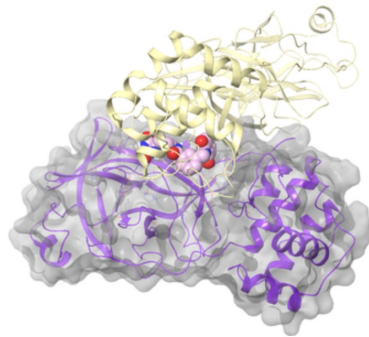
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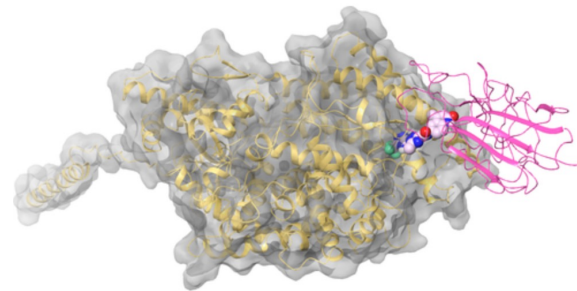
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40 different sites among  
17 critical proteins related to SARS-CoV-2



nsp5 (Mpro) – Dimerization Site

Mpro, the main protease of coronavirus, cleaves PPIa and PPIab into many of their constituent nsps (11 cleavage sites in PPIab). Mpro is a functional dimer, meaning it does not have any significant activity when it is not in dimer form. We have targeted the dimerization interface of Mpro (Screen ID 18).



ACE2 – Site 1 – Spike Binding Interface

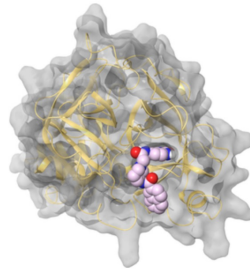
The angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) receptor plays a keyrole in the entry process of the virus into human cells. We have targeted a site (around residue Glu37) with two virtual screens (Screen IDs 1 and 2).



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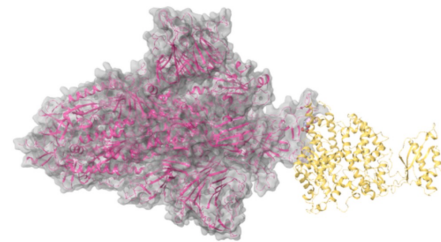


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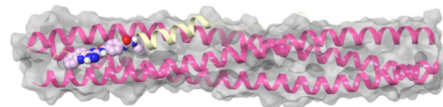
### TMPRSS2 - Active Site

The essential priming of S during entry can be executed by the host serine protease TMPRSS2 in the case of SARS-CoV-2, making it a potential therapeutic target. In addition, recent research has shown that the TMPRSS2 inhibitor, camostat mesylate, can block viral entry in cell-based assays. We have targeted the active site of TMPRSS2 (Screen ID 6).



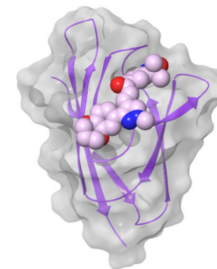
### Spike Protein - ACE2 Binding Site

The spike protein forms the highly glycosylated trimeric receptor-binding protein that decorates the virion surface and facilitates entry into the host cell through interaction with its receptor ACE2. We have targeted the ACE2 binding interface on the RBD of the spike protein via an ultra-large virtual screen (Screen ID 7).



### Spike Protein - HR1 Domain - HR2 Binding Interface

The HR domains of the spike protein and their mode of interaction are known to be of critical importance, and are highly conserved across corona viruses, making them an attractive target for the development of pan-coronavirus fusion inhibitors. We have targeted the HR2 binding interface of the HR1 domain.



### ORF7a - Entire Surface (Blind Docking)

ORF7a is an accessory protein with a transmembrane helix at the C-terminus that is known to localize to the ER, Golgi, and cell surface. The assembly of ORF7a into viral particles suggests that the protein is important in the viral replication cycle, and that it might have a function early on in the infection. We have carried out a blind docking against the entire surface (Screen ID 8).

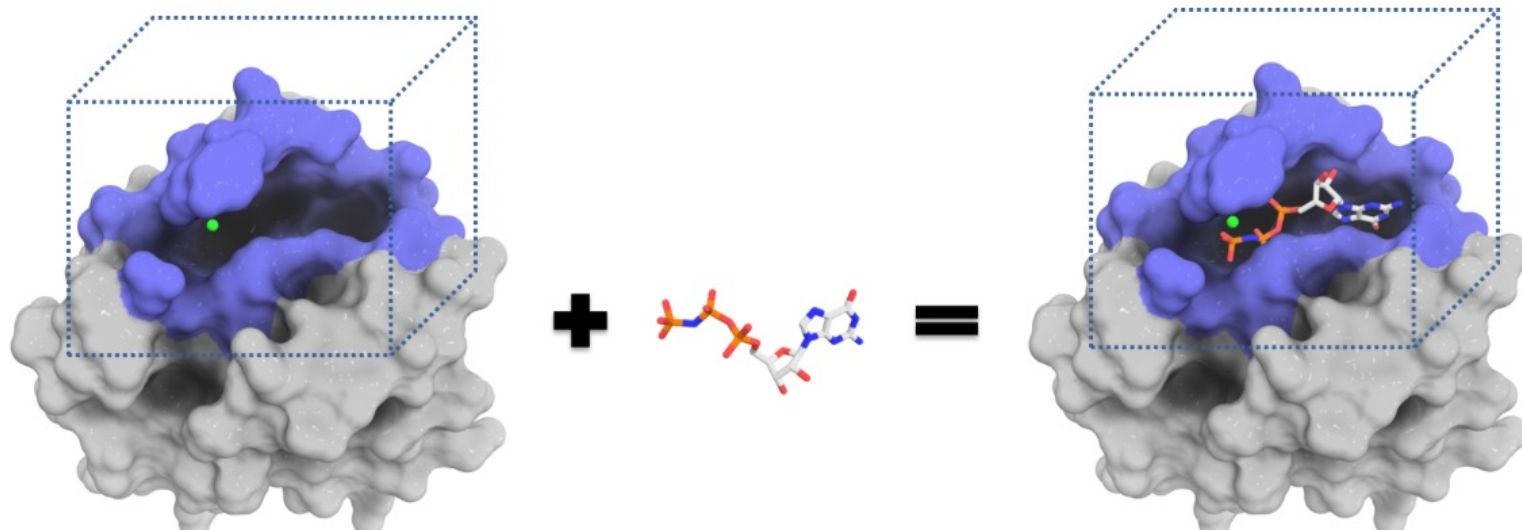


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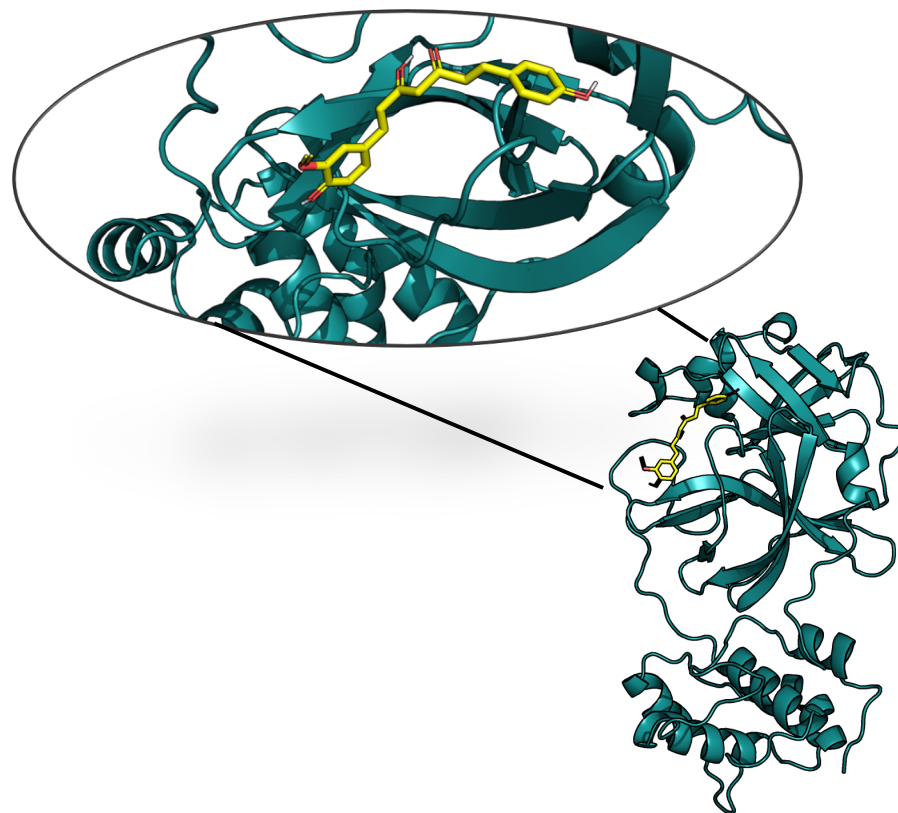
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Proteasa principal (Mpro/3CLpro)  
PDB 6lu7

Ligands	Vina (DINC)	Vinardo (DINC)	AD4 (DINC)	SwissDock
Curcumin	-7.67	<b>-8.39</b>	<b>-8.32</b>	-8.22
Demetoxi curcumin	<b>-7.75</b>	<b>-8.27</b>	<b>-8.56</b>	<b>-8.40</b>
Bisdemetoxi curcumin	-7.64	-7.54	-8.03	-8.00
Ellagic Acid	<b>-8.54</b>	-7.45	-7.01	-7.52
Gallic Acid	-6.29	-6.33	-5.15	-6.35
Gallate	-6.29	-6.30	-4.61	-6.04
Piperine	-6.58	-5.96	-5.99	-7.94
Quercetin	<b>-8.49</b>	-6.76	-6.52	-8.00



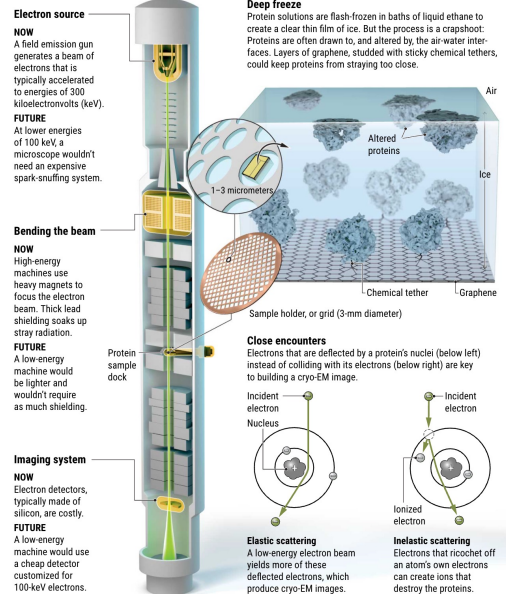
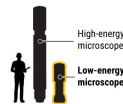
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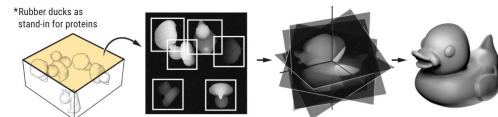
### A costly view

Cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) reveals the structure of proteins by probing a flash-frozen solution with a beam of electrons, and then combining 2D images of individual molecules into a 3D picture. The cost of high-energy microscopes has limited the method's adoption, but researchers are pushing for cheaper, smaller, lower-energy machines (right).

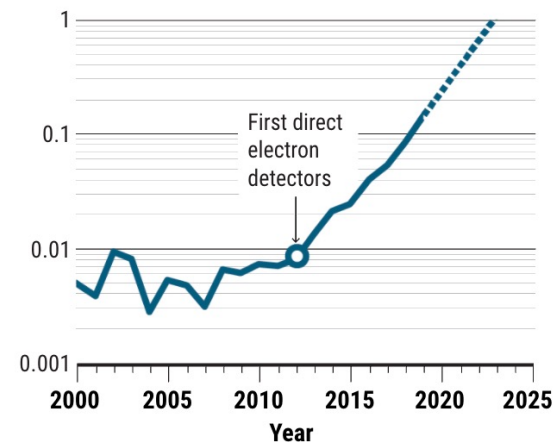


### Building a 3D picture

Ideally, individual proteins freeze in random orientations. The microscope generates 2D images of each orientation. A computer identifies the 2D projections and uses them to calculate the 3D structure.



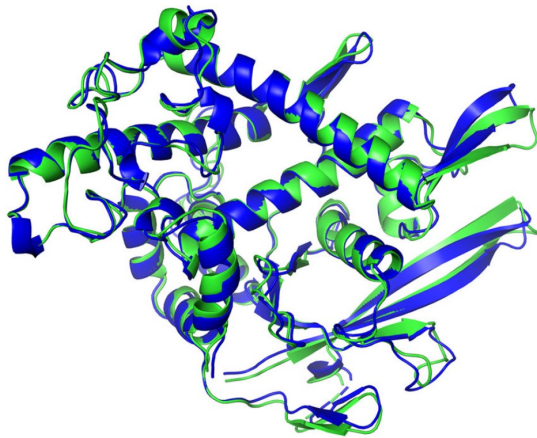
### Ratio of proteins solved by cryo-EM to proteins solved by crystallography



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## Secuenciación e Identificación de Mutaciones



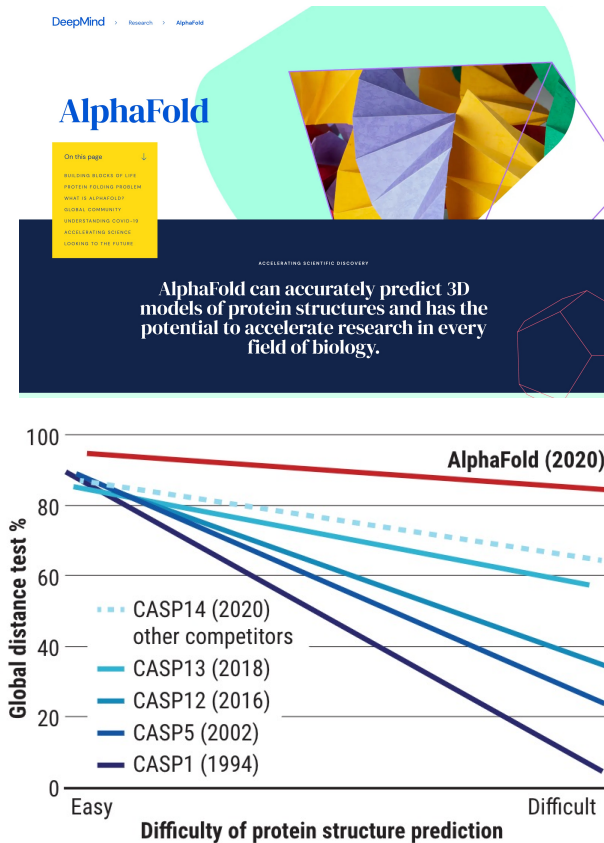
Structures of a protein that were predicted by artificial intelligence (blue) and experimentally determined (green) match almost perfectly. DEEPMIND

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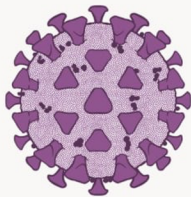


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### Variants of Concern



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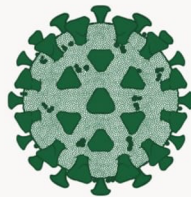
50% more transmissible



Likely causes more severe disease



Vaccines are still effective



'South Africa Variant' B.1.351



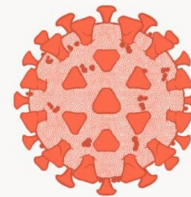
50% more transmissible



Unknown if it causes more severe disease



Vaccines are less effective



'Brazil Variant' P.1



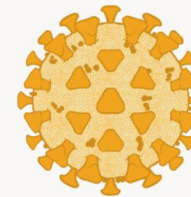
Believed to be more transmissible, but more research needed



Unknown if it causes more severe disease



Vaccine efficacy is unknown



'California Variants' B.1.427/B.1.429



20% more transmissible



May cause more severe disease, but more research needed



Vaccines are likely still effective

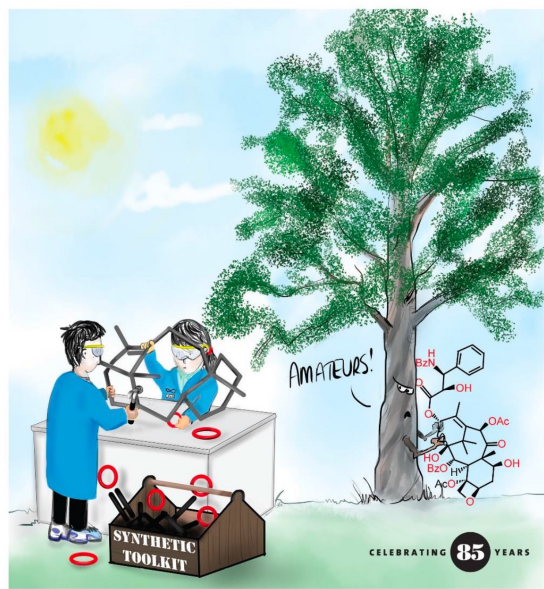


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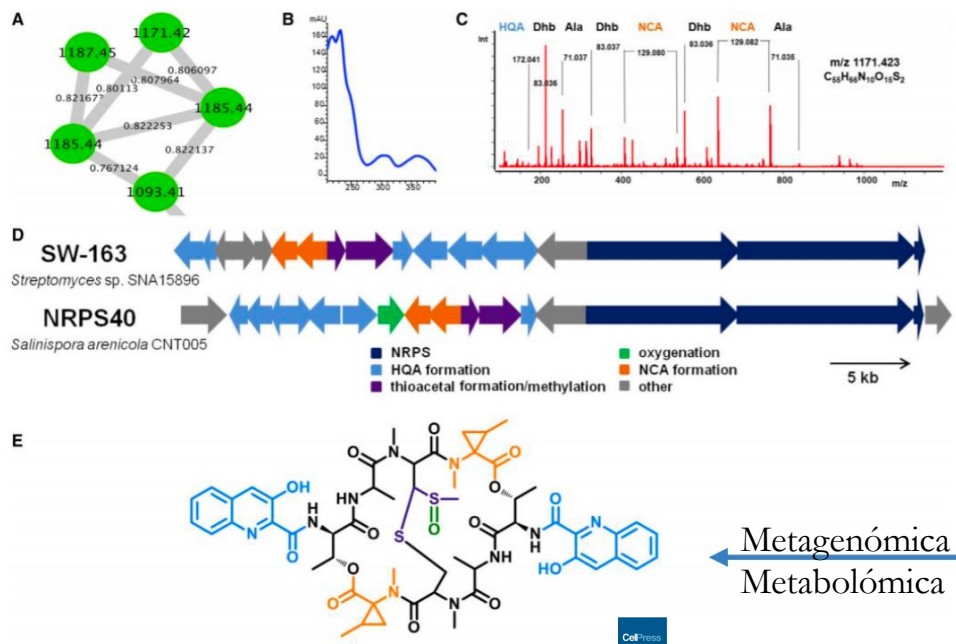
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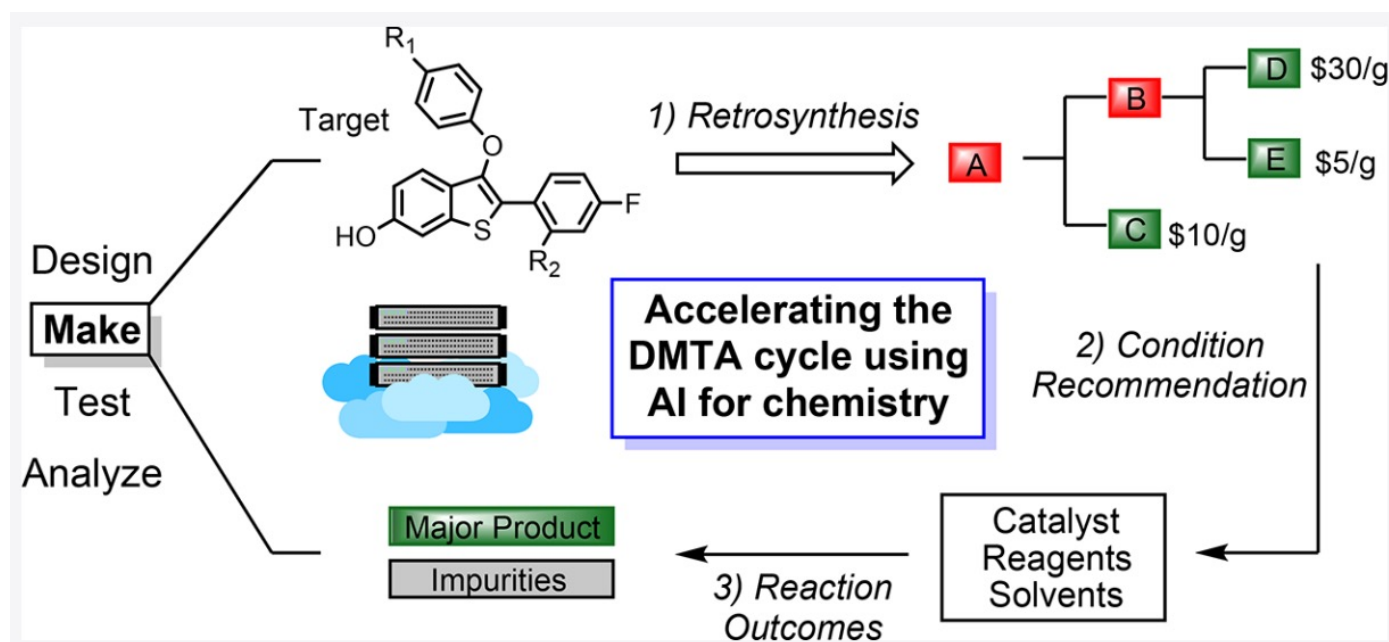
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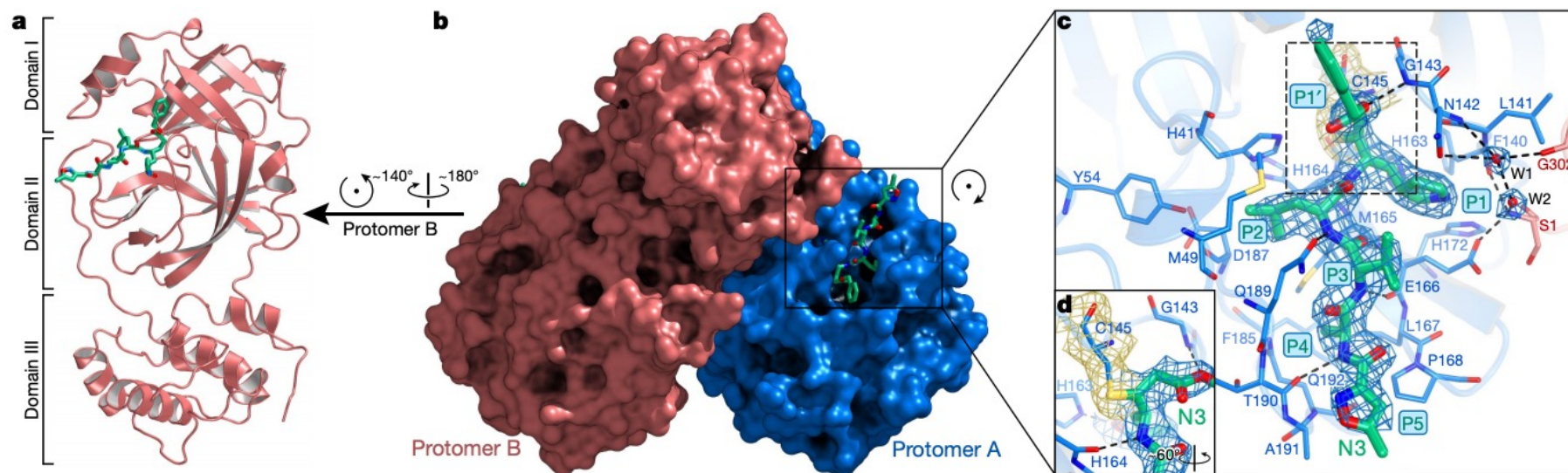
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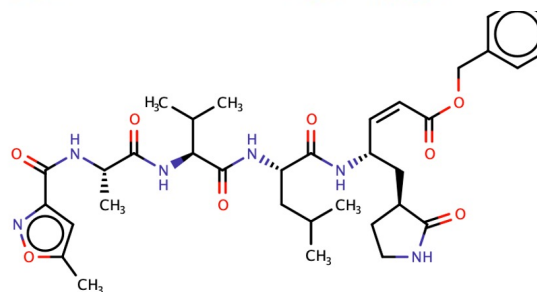
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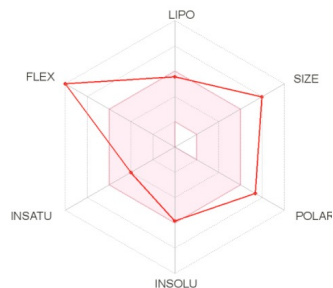
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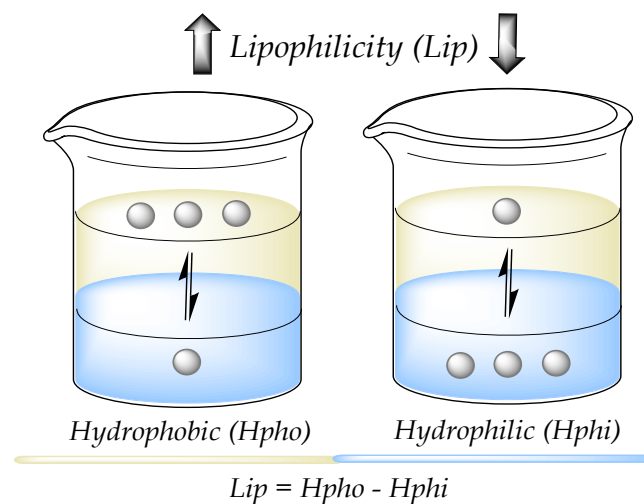
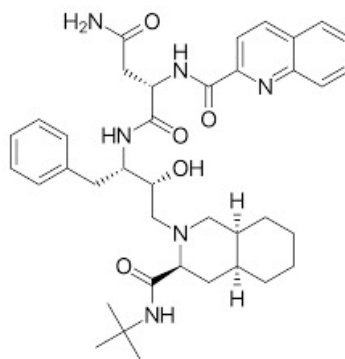
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### Physicochemical Properties

Formula	C38H50N6O5
Molecular weight	670.84 g/mol
Num. heavy atoms	49
Num. arom. heavy atoms	16
Fraction Csp3	0.50
Num. rotatable bonds	16
Num. H-bond acceptors	7
Num. H-bond donors	5
Molar Refractivity	192.87
TPSA <sup>2</sup>	166.75 Å²

### Lipophilicity

Log $P_{o/w}$ (iLOGP) <sup>2</sup>	3.66
Log $P_{o/w}$ (XLOGP3) <sup>2</sup>	4.24
Log $P_{o/w}$ (WLOGP) <sup>2</sup>	2.71
Log $P_{o/w}$ (MLOGP) <sup>2</sup>	1.40
Log $P_{o/w}$ (SILICOS-IT) <sup>2</sup>	3.84
Consensus Log $P_{o/w}$ <sup>2</sup>	3.17





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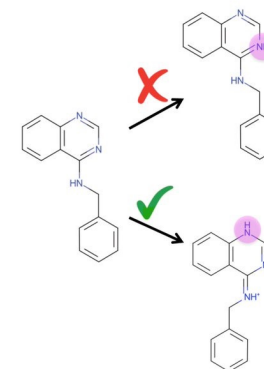
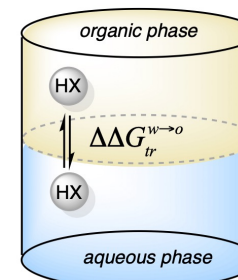
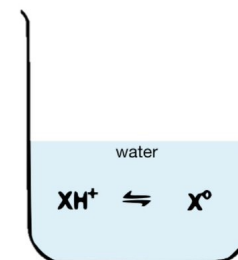
## Propiedades de Drogas

**SAMPL**  
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Drug Design Data Resource

### SAMPL6 $pK_a$ Challenge



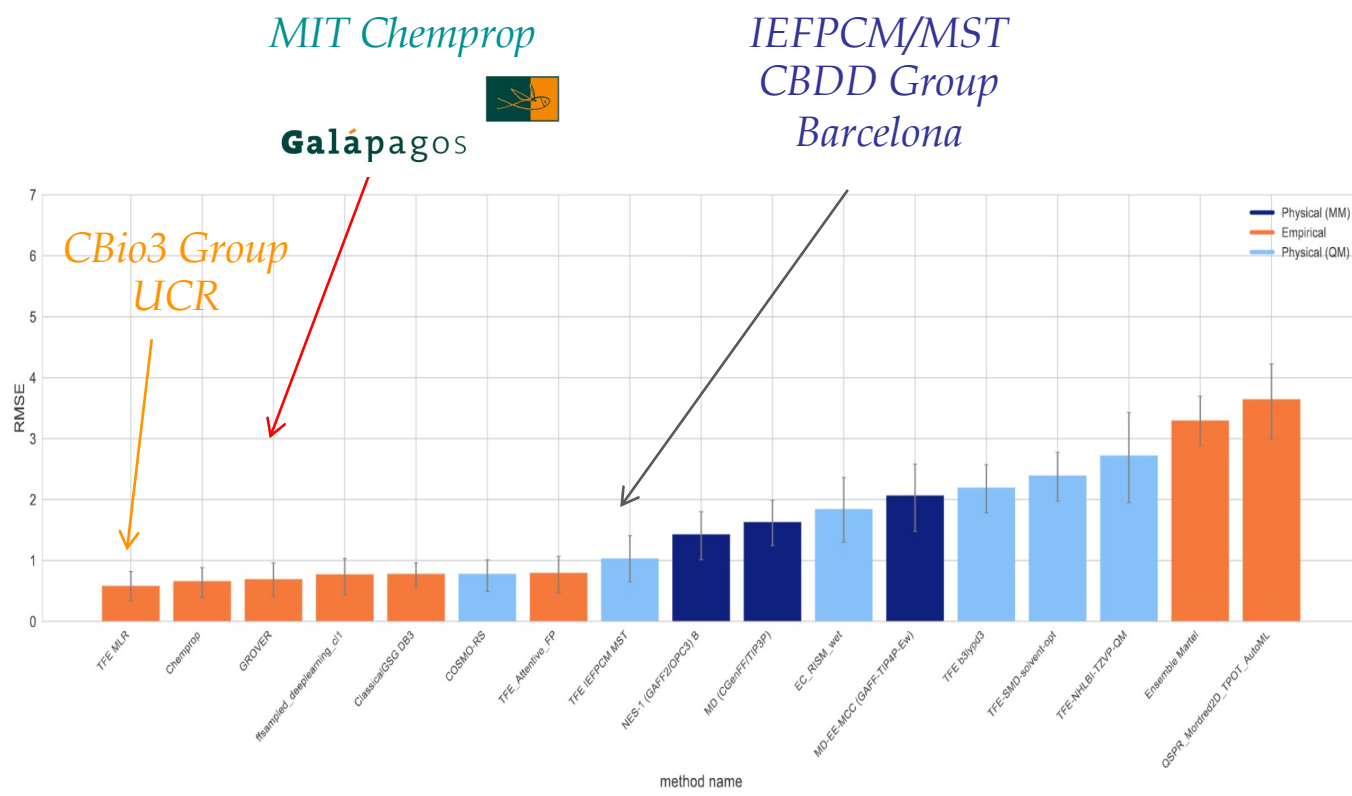
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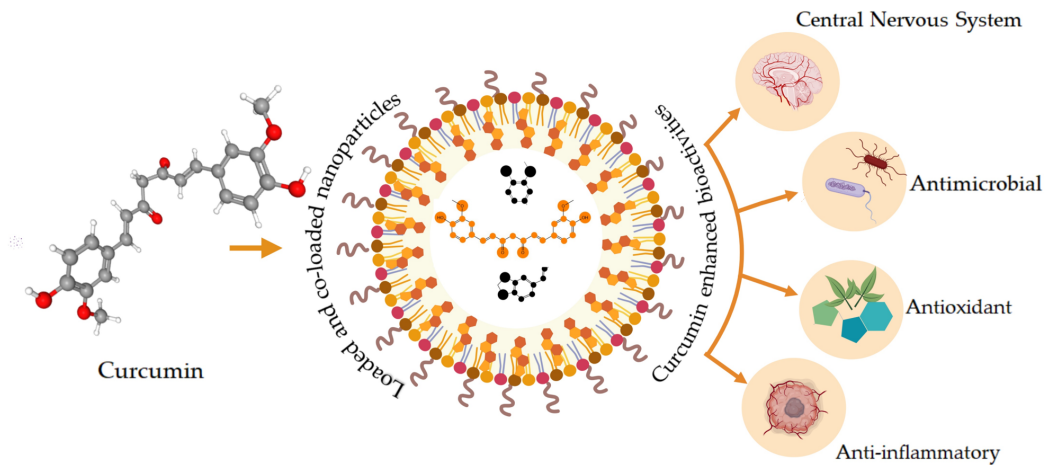


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