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中文摘要

同源蛋白的多重序列排比帶有演化紀錄，從這些紀錄中可以分析出許多有用的資訊。這類分析中最常見的即是保守性分析；一個排比的位置如果總是只能觀察到一種胺基酸殘基，我們就稱它是保守性十分強的位置。保守性強的位置通常是蛋白質中行使功能的區域，這是因為功能的行使會限制住該區域可能產生的突變。

然而，有些位置雖然保守性不強，卻仍然是蛋白質行使功能的重要區域。胺基酸之間的關聯性解釋了這種現象。許多研究者表示，要了解蛋白質之中胺基酸間的關聯性，可從對兩個位置作關聯突變分析得知。

在這份研究中，我們利用保守性熵和關聯性熵來預測相關聯的殘基並進行比較。我們的研究初步證實經校正的關聯性熵是有效的預測關聯突變的指數。我們同時也提出一種新的空間搜尋方法來找出關聯殘基所組成的網絡和它的意義。

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Abstract

Multiple sequence alignments (MSA) carry evolutionary records. By analyzing these records, one may get useful biological information. A common analysis method is conservation analysis. If there is no record in mutation at one MSA position, we say that position tends to be conserved. Conserved positions are always functional important sites since functionality imposes constraints on these sites from mutation.

Although some positions show little conservation, they are still functionally important. The coupling residues account this observation. Many investigators have proposed that analyzing correlated mutation in two positions can effectively predict the coupling degree between these two residues.

Thus, in this study, we introduce conservation entropy and coupling entropy to detect coupling between two sites and also compare the effect between two. Our study generally confirmed the effect of normalized coupling entropy to be a good indicator in detecting correlated mutation. We also introduce a network searching strategy to verify the identity of coupling residues network

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Figure.20 Mapping the top 6 values of $H(i, 23)$ of 1EY0; The ranking from high to low is: 60→52→10→49→67→46. (green: top 6 of $H(i, 92)$; red: residue 92).

Figure.21 Mapping the top 6 values of $H(i, 72)$ of 1EY0; The ranking from high to low is: 69→50→12→56→128→11. (green: top 6 of $H(i, 72)$; red: residue 72).

1. Introduction

Multiple sequence alignment (MSA) of homologous proteins demonstrates evolutionary records. Changes in these records are made by the mutation of amino acids. Each position of MSA shows different degree of conservation. Conserved positions are often functionally important positions, since functionality would impose constraints on mutation. The degree of conservation at each amino acid site is similar to the inverse of the site's rate of evolution; slowly evolving sites are evolutionarily conserved, while rapidly evolving sites are variable¹.

However, mutation studies have shown that many non-conserved positions may also be functionally important. How, then, do these non-conserved positions change during evolution without eliminating the activity of the protein? In the laboratory experiment, the detrimental effects of one mutation may be suppressed by a compensating mutation at another position, that is, a second-site suppressor mutation, and it is expected that during evolution the effects of mutations are often counterbalanced in a similar way. Thus, this concept forms the basis that non-conserved positions in functionally important sites may have some coupling relationships between each other.

But what is the actual meaning of “coupling”? Many investigators proposed that these coupling residues, while not necessarily nearby in the primary sequence, form three-dimensional contacts at an above-random frequency². Some investigators reasoned that, as previously mentioned, coupling residues may comprise functional sites and play an important role in functional interactions^{3,4}. There are others who suggested another explanation of this coupling relationship that since some coupling residues do not interact in close distance but in long-range interactions, they could be responsible for the energetic process such as allosteric communication in signal transduction proteins^{5,6}. For example, ligand binding at an externally accessible site in G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs) reliably triggers structural changes at distant cytoplasmic domains that mediate interaction with heterotrimeric G proteins^{7,8}. It is also been proposed that coupling residues in distal functional sites are connected by a small subset of coupling residues which forms a sparse

physically connected networks that serves like a bridge in the protein tertiary structure⁶.

To verify the true meaning of coupling residues, an important step is to globally map coupling relationships between amino acid residues in protein structure. A common technique for understanding coupling residues is the double mutant cycle analysis, in which the energetic independence of two residue positions is established if the sum of the free energy changes of two independent mutations is equal to the free energy change of the double mutant⁹⁻¹³. Even a modestly sized protein, however, has millions of possible double mutations that render experimental laboratory study of double mutant cycles impractical. Thus, an alternative approach is suggested by relating evolutionary information in MSA to coupling residues in protein by detection of correlated mutations. If every time a given residue in a position of MSA changes, there is a corresponding change in another position of the MSA, then the two corresponding residue positions may be coupled and under selective pressure.

Many researchers have reasoned that coupling positions in sequence alignments must be correlated mutate and thus identifiable. In 1994, Valencia *et al.*¹⁴ proposed that analyzing correlated mutation can be used to convert sequence correlation patterns into three-dimensional structure information. Others proposed that this analysis can be used to determine functionally important residues¹⁵. Ranganathan and colleagues^{5,6} proposed a statistical coupling analysis (SCA) algorithm and claimed it could find “pathways of energetic connectivity” that “have emerged early in the evolution of the protein folds and, much like the atomic structure, are fundamentally conserved features of the domain families⁵”. Oliviera *et al.*¹⁶ (2002) developed a qualitative method, Correlated Mutation Analysis (CMA), to identify coupling residues based on the variability, entropy and correlation of the residues. Singer *et al.*² (2002), in a variation of CMA using empirically derived likelihood scores, predicted residues to be in contact with a 16% accuracy for a variety of protein families. Tiller and Liu¹⁷ (2003) and Dunn *et al.*^{3,4} (2005) used mutual interdependence and mutual information to identify positions that coupled with each other, but were not coupled significantly with other positions in the alignment.

In our work, we adopted entropy calculations to measure the couplings between

positions. We applied both conservation entropy and coupling entropy to map global sequence of target proteins to verify what the coupled residues stand for, and see if the information in MSA can be used to predict the residue contact in three-dimensional structure, functional important sites, or energetic connectivity in proteins, as previously researchers proposed. Toward that end, we examined a few published double mutant cycle data sets and compared our results to previous works. In addition, we proposed a novel “space-searching” method which includes structural information that has yet been used in previous study. By using this method, we wanted to verify the identity of the network of coupling residues.

2. Methods

2.1 Amino acid composition frequency

To calculate the measure of correlated mutation, we first have to extract useful evolutionary information from MSA. This is obtained by using the observed amino acid composition frequencies, f_{x_i} , which stands for the composition frequency of amino acid x at position i , and x_i is the amino acid types on position i . x denotes 20 kinds of amino acids.

The frequency can simply be obtained by

$$f_{x_i} = \frac{n_{x_i}}{N} \quad (1)$$

Where n_{x_i} means the number of sequences with amino acid x at position i ; N means the total number of aligned sequences.

2.2 Conservation entropy

With the amino acid composition frequency, the conservation entropy $H(i)$ can be obtained by

$$H(i) = -\sum_x f_{x_i} \ln f_{x_i} \quad (2)$$

Conservation entropy is a well known measure of uncertainty for a random variable. It follows that when f_{x_i} can only take on one value, i.e., with $f_{x_i} = 1$, then $H(i) = 0$, i.e. there is

no uncertainty. When the frequency is equally distributed over all members of the amino acids, i.e., $f_{x_i} = 1/20$ for all kinds of x , then $H(i)$ is maximized.

2.3 Coupling entropy

As for dealing with two positions in MSA, coupling entropy can be applied:

$$H(i, j) = \sum_{x,y} f_{x_i y_j} \ln \frac{f_{x_i y_j}}{f_{x_i} f_{y_j}} + \sum_{x,y} f_{x_i} f_{y_j} \ln \frac{f_{x_i} f_{y_j}}{f_{x_i y_j}} \quad (3)$$

Here, f_{x_i, y_j} denotes the frequency of amino acids x and y observed simultaneously in position i and j , respectively. The magnitude of $H(i, j)$ can be accounted by the consistency of two functions, that is, f_{x_i} and f_{y_j} in our case. To justify the ability of $H(i, j)$, we calculate a small set of artificial testing alignment in Fig. 1.

We can see that with $H(i, j)$ itself can only report little about the correlation between two columns of the alignment. By the conclusion made by Wahl and Dunn *et al.*^{3,4}, the performance of entropy calculation would become better after normalization. Thus, we tried to normalize $H(i, j)$ as well. We normalized $H(i, j)$ by divide each term with its own numerator:

$$H'(i, j) = 2 \left(\frac{\sum_{x,y} f_{x_i y_j} \ln \frac{f_{x_i y_j}}{f_{x_i} f_{y_j}}}{\sum_{x,y} f_{x_i y_j} \ln f_{x_i y_j}} + \frac{\sum_{x,y} f_{x_i} f_{y_j} \ln \frac{f_{x_i} f_{y_j}}{f_{x_i y_j}}}{\sum_{x,y} f_{x_i} f_{y_j} \ln f_{x_i} f_{y_j}} \right) \quad (4)$$

The constant “2” is simply put for the purpose of making the completely correlated positions to be normalized to 1(See Fig.1. (A) and (B)). The comparison between before and after normalization is shown in Fig.1. We use $H'(i, j)$ instead of $H(i, j)$ throughout this work unless otherwise noted.

The higher the $H(i, j)$, the more the degree of correlated mutation between position i and j .

2.4 Network searching strategy

The searching strategy is started from an initial residue, with an input of PDB file is necessary. The overview of the searching strategy is shown in Fig.2. After the target residue

been selected, a cutoff sphere is defined around the target residue by any atom of the residues with distance with any atom of the target residue below 4Å. The 4Å criterion is chosen by empirically trials. The next step is to calculate the $H(i, j)$ of all residues inside the cutoff sphere. With a given threshold, we then choose the residue with largest $H(i, j)$ exceed threshold as the next target residue. The termination of this network searching is executed when the next target residue is already in the network.

2.5 Datasets

We began our calculation with two examples: (1) the third PDZ domain from the mammalian synaptic protein PSD-95 (PDB_ID: 1BE9); (2) the Staphylococcal Nuclease (PDB_ID: 1EY0). The reason why pick these proteins as our examples is that they all have been studied by previous work and thus suitable to be compared^{5,18}. Also, both the PDZ domain and the Staphylococcal Nuclease have published double mutant cycle data^{5,19}. The MSA file of 1BE9 and 1EY0 are downloaded from the HSSP database²⁰. The number of aligned sequence is 432 in 1BE9, while 67 in 1EY0.

PDZ domains are found in many cell junction-associated proteins, mediating the clustering of membrane ion channels by binding to their C-terminus. An important function of PDZ domains was implicated when the two N-terminal PDZ domains (PDZ-1 and PDZ-2) of PSD-95 and its close relatives were shown to act as specific binding modules for the peptide motif (Thr/Ser-X-Val) found at the very C-terminus of Shaker-type K⁺ channels and of NR2 subunits of N-methyl-D-aspartic acid (NMDA) receptor ion channels. The interaction between the PDZ domains of PSD-95 and the C-terminus of K⁺ channel subunits results in the co-clustering of both proteins when they are co-expressed in heterologous cells. Furthermore, Shaker-type K⁺ channels and NMDA receptor ion channels co-localize with PSD-95 in the mammalian brain. In further support of a membrane protein localization function, mutations in Discs-large, the Drosophila homolog of PSD-95, cause abnormal morphology at synapses where the protein is known to occur²¹.

PDZ domains are suitable dataset to do coupling analysis because they are small protein with only 115 residues. And they are also evolutionarily well represented protein family (many positions in alignment show distribution near to natural occurrence). In addition, PDZ

domains play key roles as organizing centers for multi-protein signaling complexes⁵.

Fig.3. is a citation figure of MacKinnon et al.'s work in 1996²¹ about the crystal structure of PDZ domain. The residues that directly participate in peptide-binding can be shown.

As for Staphylococcal Nuclease, we compared our results to a previous work of double mutant cycle analysis¹⁹, which studied the stability effects of multiple packing mutations in the hydrophobic core. This study verified that there are 6 residues in the core region show interactions: 23, 25, 66, 72, 92, and, 99.

3. Results

1BE9 contains 115 residues. The numbering begins from 301 to 415. The plot of global mapping of conservation entropy is shown in Fig.4. The ranking of this global mapping of top conserved residues is listed in Table.1, which we can see that there is not much residues located on binding site in those highly conserved region. We then generate global mapping plot of coupling entropy $H(i, j)$ with certain positions in binding site. Fig.5~8 shows some results with j position in 318, 372, 322, and 339. Table 2~5 shows the ranking of these $H(i, j)$. The results of network searching are listed in Table 6~8, with different thresholds. We selected initial targets as those residues in binding-sites. The comparison between different thresholds is shown in Table 9. Fig. 11~15 demonstrate the mapping with those high $H(i, j)$ to three-dimensional structure.

1EY0 contains 136 residues. The numbering begins from 6 to 141. Fig. 19~21 demonstrate the mapping with those high $H(i, j)$ to three-dimensional structure, with j positions on hydrophobic core.

4. Discussion

4.1 PDZ domain

From Fig.4 and Table.1, we can find that many positions in 1BE9 show low degree of conservation. This is consistent with the previous statement that PDZ domains are evolutionarily well represented protein family⁵. Although global mapping of some $H(i)$ can verify many binding site residues, it's still difficult to verify the coupling degree between

them.

As for the global mapping of $H(i, j)$ of 1BE9, we pick 4 binding-site residues, 318, 372, 322, 339, to be our examples. From the results we could make a rough suggestion that $H(i, j)$ may be good in three-dimension prediction. From Table 3, we can find that the highest residue except the 372 itself is residue 329. We thus compare this result to MacKinnon's schematic plot of binding site in Fig.12. It is interesting to find that position 372 and 329 are in direct contact in three-dimension structure. Furthermore, they even bind to the same residue of the substrate with hydrogen bond. This result of coupling can be accounted by either direct contact or functional interaction between residues. In other example, such as residue 339, also shows a highest $H(i, j)$ partner residue 326, which is also directly contact in space. For even more, residue 339 and 326 also binds to the same residue of peptide substrate (Fig. 13). Fig.15 shows the results of residue 318. In this result, the top $H(i, j)$ value residues are few in binding site, but show spatial arrangement, instead. This result may suggest that in some positions $H(i, j)$ may only identify those residues in proximal but without functional correlation.

Network searching methods can verify “strong coupling pairs”, which responsible for terminating the network. With our searching strategy, the network would always been terminated in the coupling pairs with in average high $H(i, j)$. Fig.16 shows these “Strong coupling pairs” mapping on three-dimensional structure. The meaning of these coupling pairs needs more study to realize.

Threshold in searching network may serve as a “filter” that screens out “strong coupling pairs.” From Table 9, we can easily discover that when threshold set to as much high as 0.5 in 1BE9, the searched network would only those linked with binding site residues. This suggests that coupling residues in binding site are in average with high $H(i, j)$ relative to other positions. The strong coupling of these binding site residues may give a hint that these residues are not only with three-dimensional contact, but also with “functionality attractions”.

4.2 Staphylococcal Nuclease

Fig. 19~21 show the $H(i, j)$ mapping results with j position at 92,23, and 72, respectively. From the results of Stites and Chen in 2001¹⁹, six residues in the hydrophobic core are highly coupled, which are 23, 25, 66, 72, 92, and, 99. Our result can only identify very few of them (Fig. 19, 92 to 23). This suggests that analysis in correlated mutation may have little power to identify energetic connections, at least in the Staphylococcal Nuclease dataset. This result agrees with the conclusion made by Aldrich and Fodor in 2004 that analysis in correlated mutations can hardly find energetically connect residues¹⁸.

5. Conclusions

Globally mapping of some coupling entropy can verify some residues that contact in 3D structure. Some can even identify functional correlated residues. Network searching methods can verify “Strong coupling pairs”, which responsible for terminating the networks. Threshold in searching network may serve as an useful “filter” that screens out “Strong coupling pairs.” The coupling residues verified by correlated mutation can be accounted by directly contact. And some coupling residues in functional sites can be explained by functional correlation. Our results do not support the hypothesis that analysis in correlated mutations can identify those with energetic connections.



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7. Tables

Table.1. The ranking of $H(i)$ on protein 1BE9 for top most conserved positions

(Residues on binding site are in boldface)

Position i	$H(i)$
347	0.10
324	0.11
357	0.11
356	0.40
363	0.41
415	0.50
351	0.50
301	0.50
353	0.57
414	0.65
362	0.69
375	0.70
360	0.79
412	0.80
413	0.81
329	0.83
338	0.84
341	0.88
327	0.92
379	0.93
359	0.94
364	0.96
322	0.96
330	0.99

Table.2. The ranking of $H(i,318)$ on protein 1BE9 for top most conserved positions

(Residues on binding site are in boldface)

Position i	$H(i, 318)$
311	0.52
312	0.41
314	0.40
319	0.38
316	0.34
310	0.30
317	0.30
315	0.30
320	0.29
387	0.28
309	0.26
313	0.24
391	0.23
412	0.22
308	0.22
342	0.22
388	0.21
303	0.21
334	0.21
413	0.20
355	0.20
405	0.19
394	0.19

Table.3. The ranking of $H(i,372)$ on protein 1BE9 for top most conserved positions

(Residues on binding site are in boldface)

Position i	$H(i, 372)$
329	0.72
382	0.64
322	0.63
339	0.56
380	0.54
323	0.52
326	0.51
327	0.51
340	0.46
325	0.45
331	0.43
348	0.41
355	0.40
330	0.39
376	0.38
367	0.36
362	0.36
378	0.36
346	0.36
350	0.35
345	0.33
334	0.32
361	0.32
354	0.30

Table.4. The ranking of $H(i,322)$ on protein 1BE9 for top most conserved positions

(Residues on binding site are in boldface)

Position i	$H(i, 322)$
372	0.63
380	0.57
326	0.45
382	0.44
346	0.36
386	0.35
348	0.34
350	0.34
361	0.34
339	0.33
366	0.32
323	0.32
331	0.32
367	0.30
321	0.30
377	0.30
378	0.29
345	0.29
332	0.29
340	0.28
376	0.27
337	0.27
333	0.27
362	0.27

Table.5. The ranking of $H(i,339)$ on protein 1BE9 for top most conserved positions

(Residues on binding site are in boldface)

Position i	$H(i, 339)$
326	0.65
372	0.56
331	0.56
340	0.55
370	0.53
355	0.52
382	0.51
368	0.48
328	0.47
352	0.47
380	0.46
330	0.45
321	0.42
323	0.42
334	0.41
350	0.40
361	0.39
378	0.38
383	0.37
327	0.36
377	0.36
365	0.36
358	0.36
349	0.36
348	0.35

Table.6. Network initiated from binding site residues of 1BE9 with no threshold.

(Residues on binding site are in boldface)

Initial position <i>i</i>	Network	Number of Network elements
318	318 → 319 → 317 → 319	4
321	321 → 322 → 346 → 349 → 346	5
322	322 → 346 → 349 → 346	4
323	323 → 386 → 323	3
324	324 → 325 → 340 → 342 → 340	5
325	325 → 340 → 342 → 340	4
326	326 → 327 → 326	3
327	327 → 326 → 327	3
329	329 → 372 → 329	3
339	339 → 326 → 327 → 326	4
372	372 → 329 → 372	3
379	379 → 323 → 386 → 323	4
383	383 → 384 → 383	3

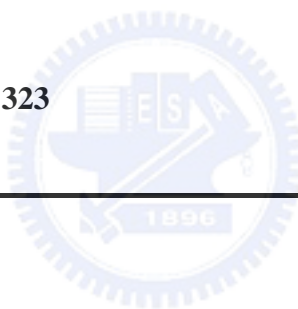


Table.7. Network initiated from binding site residues with threshold = 0.3.

(Residues on binding site are in boldface)

Initial position <i>i</i>	Network	Number of Network elements
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321	321 → 322 → 346 → 349 → 346	5
322	322 → 346 → 349 → 346	4
323	323 → 386 → 323	3
324	324	1
325	325 → 340 → 342 → 340	4
326	326 → 327 → 326	3
327	327 → 326 → 327	3
329	329 → 372 → 329	3
339	339 → 326 → 327 → 326	4
372	372 → 329 → 372	3
379	379 → 323 → 386 → 323	4
383	383 → 384 → 383	3



Table.8. Network initiated from binding site residues with threshold = 0.5.

(Residues on binding site are in boldface)

Initial position <i>i</i>		Network	Number of Network elements
318	318		1
321	321		1
322	322		1
323	323		1
324	324		1
325	325		1
326	326	326 → 327 → 326	3
327	327	327 → 326 → 327	3
329	329	329 → 372 → 329	3
339	339	339 → 326 → 327 → 326	4
372	372	372 → 329 → 372	3
379	379		1
383	383		1



Table.9. Comparison between networks with different threshold

Initial			
position	No threshold	Threshold = 0.3	Threshold = 0.5
<i>i</i>			
318	318 → 319 → 317 → 319	318 → 319 → 317 → 319	318
321	321 → 322 → 346 → 349 → 346	321 → 322 → 346 → 349 → 346	321
322	322 → 346 → 349 → 346	322 → 346 → 349 → 346	322
323	323 → 386 → 323	323 → 386 → 323	323
324	324 → 325 → 340 → 342 → 340	324	324
325	325 → 340 → 342 → 340	325 → 340 → 342 → 340	325
326	326 → 327 → 326	326 → 327 → 326	326 → 327 → 326
327	327 → 326 → 327	327 → 326 → 327	327 → 326 → 327
329	329 → 372 → 329	329 → 372 → 329	329 → 372 → 329
339	339 → 326 → 327 → 326	339 → 326 → 327 → 326	339 → 326 → 327 → 326
372	372 → 329 → 372	372 → 329 → 372	372 → 329 → 372
379	379 → 323 → 386 → 323	379 → 323 → 386 → 323	379
383	383 → 384 → 383	383 → 384 → 383	383

8. Figures

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
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$H(i, j)$	0.058	0.122	0.056	0.058	0
$H'(i, j)$	1	1	0.496	0.357	0

Figure.1



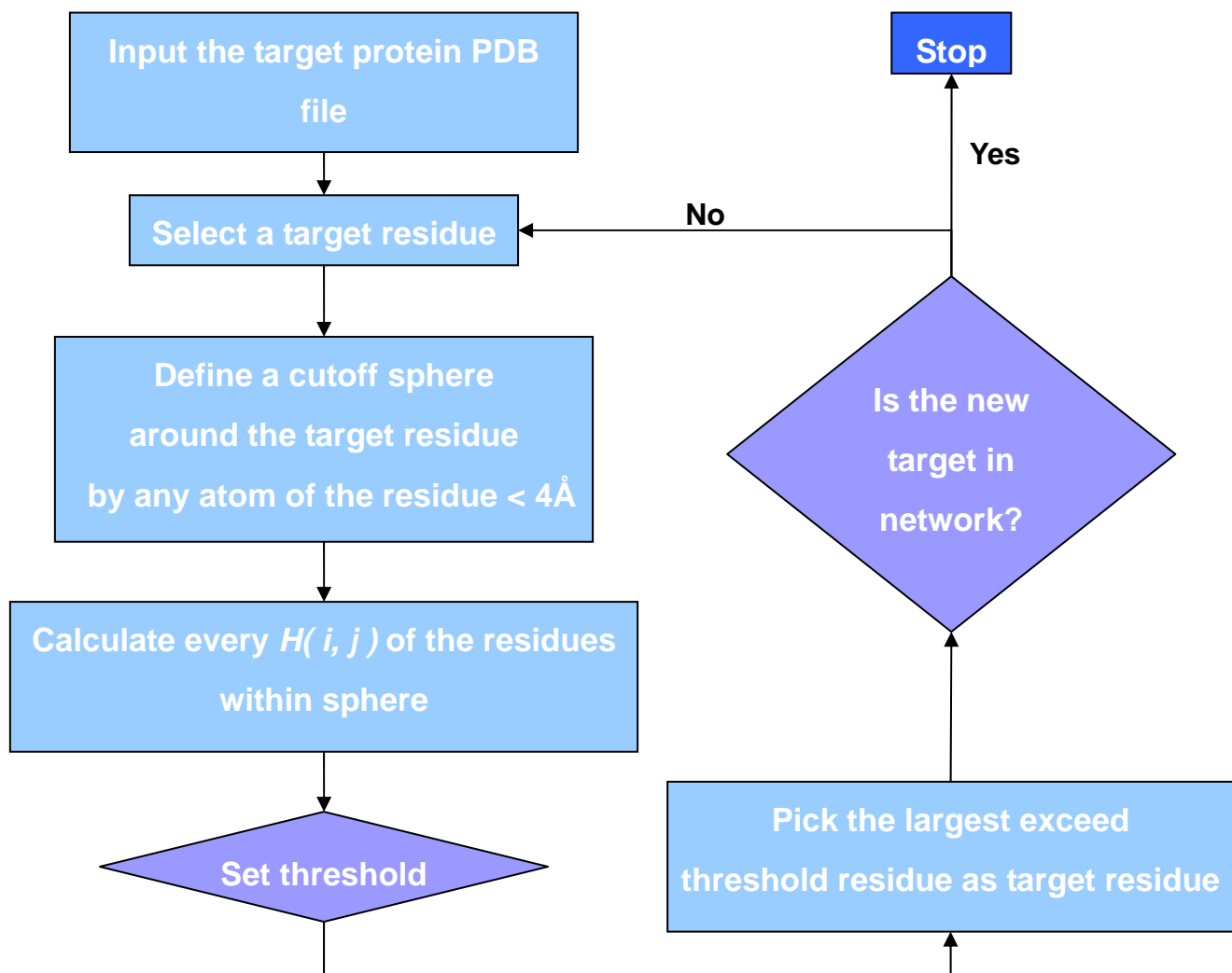
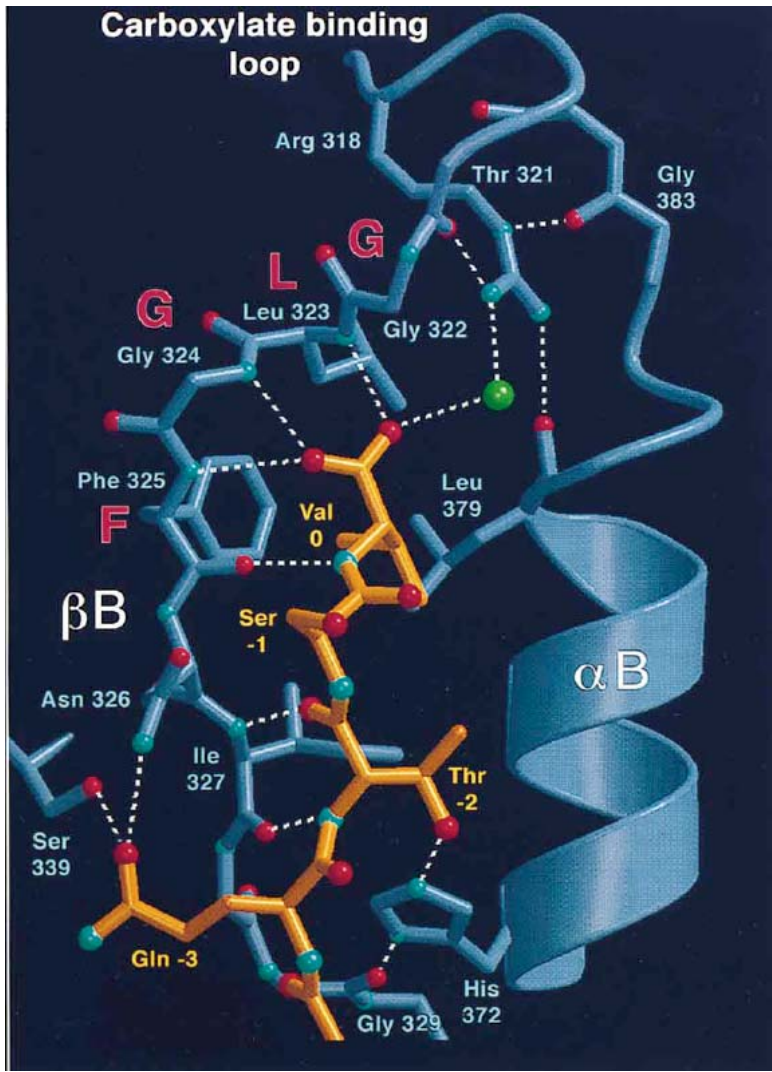


Figure.2





α B region
372H
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β B region
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325F
326N
327I
329G
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Loop region
318K
321T

Figure.3



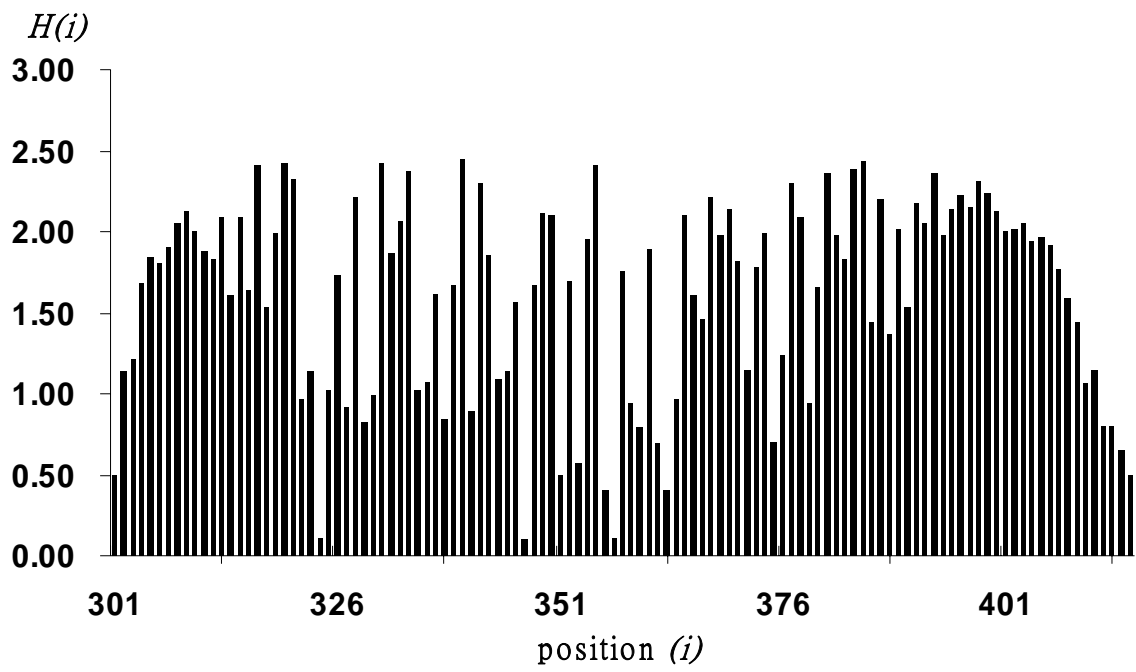


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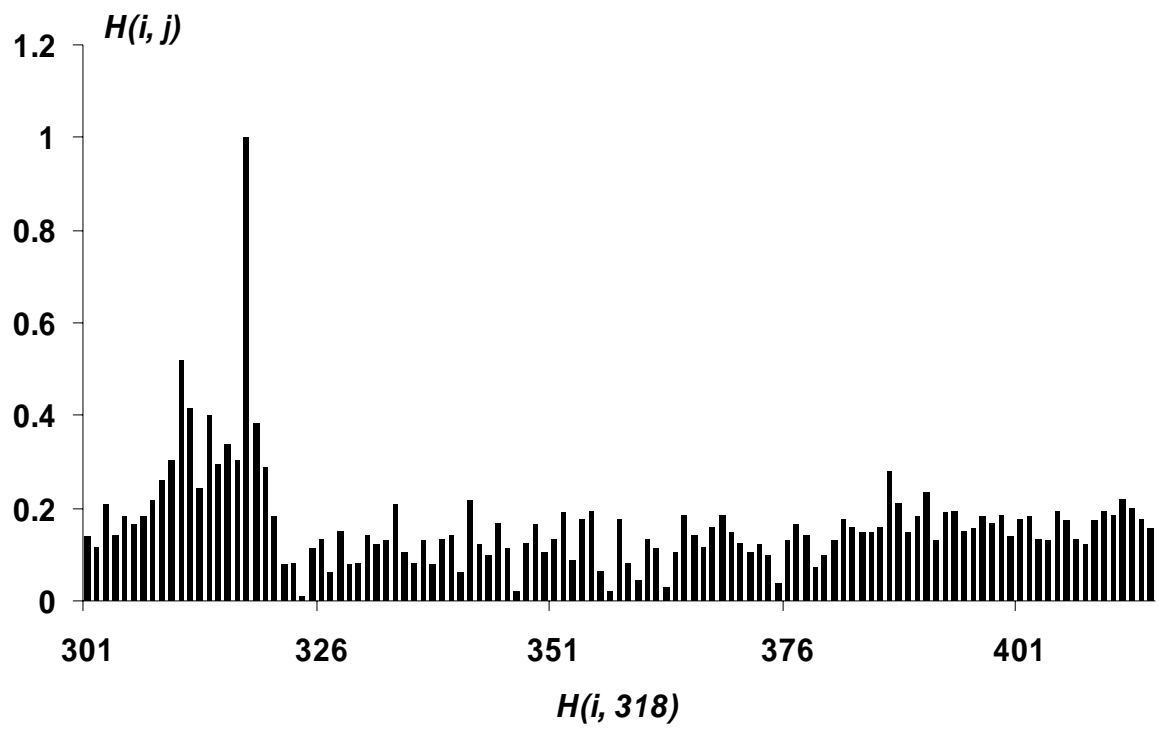


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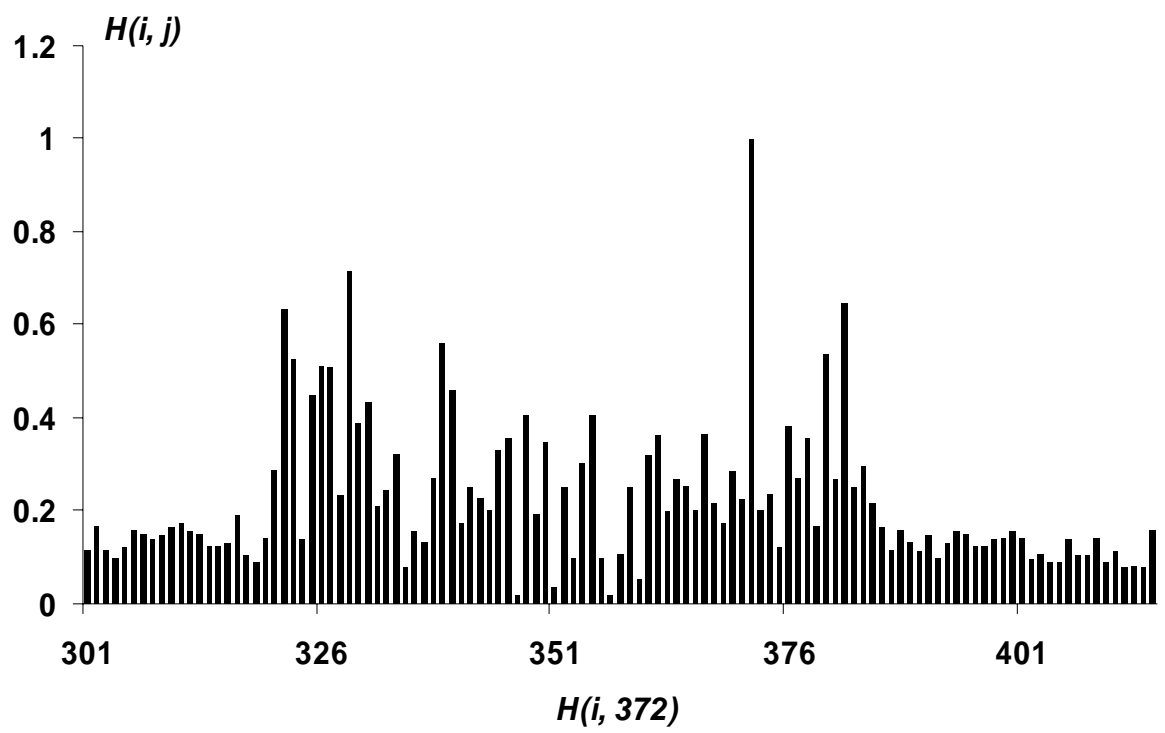


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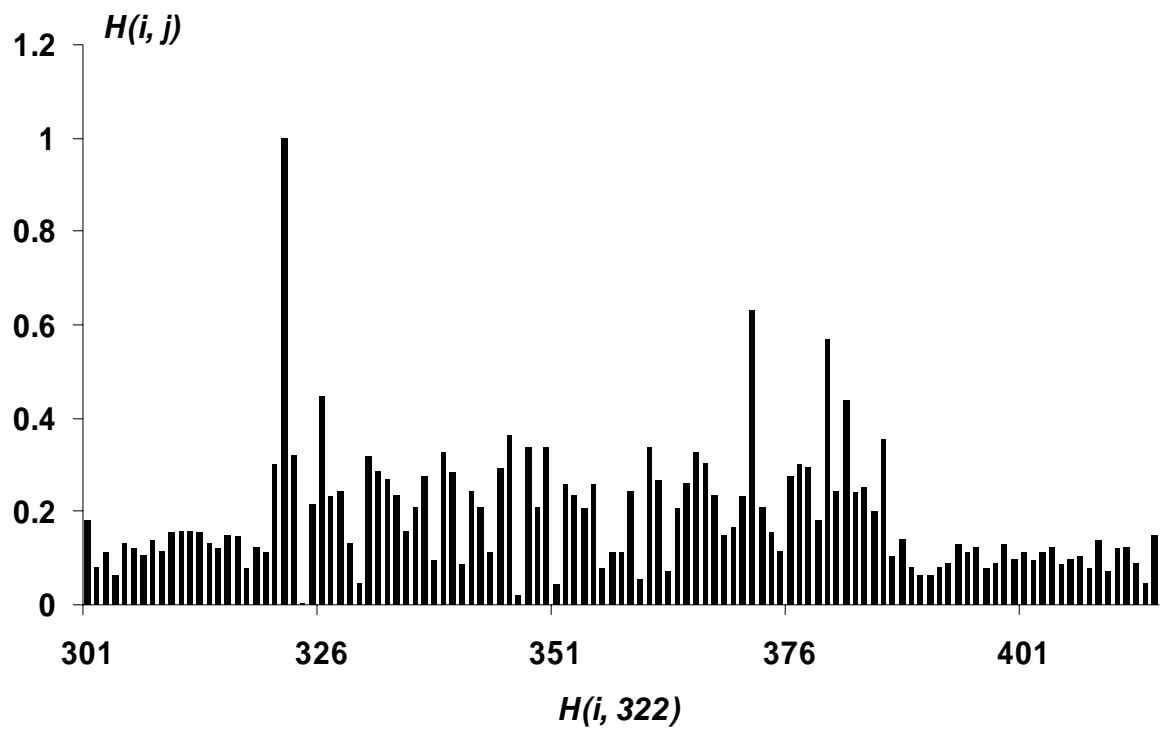


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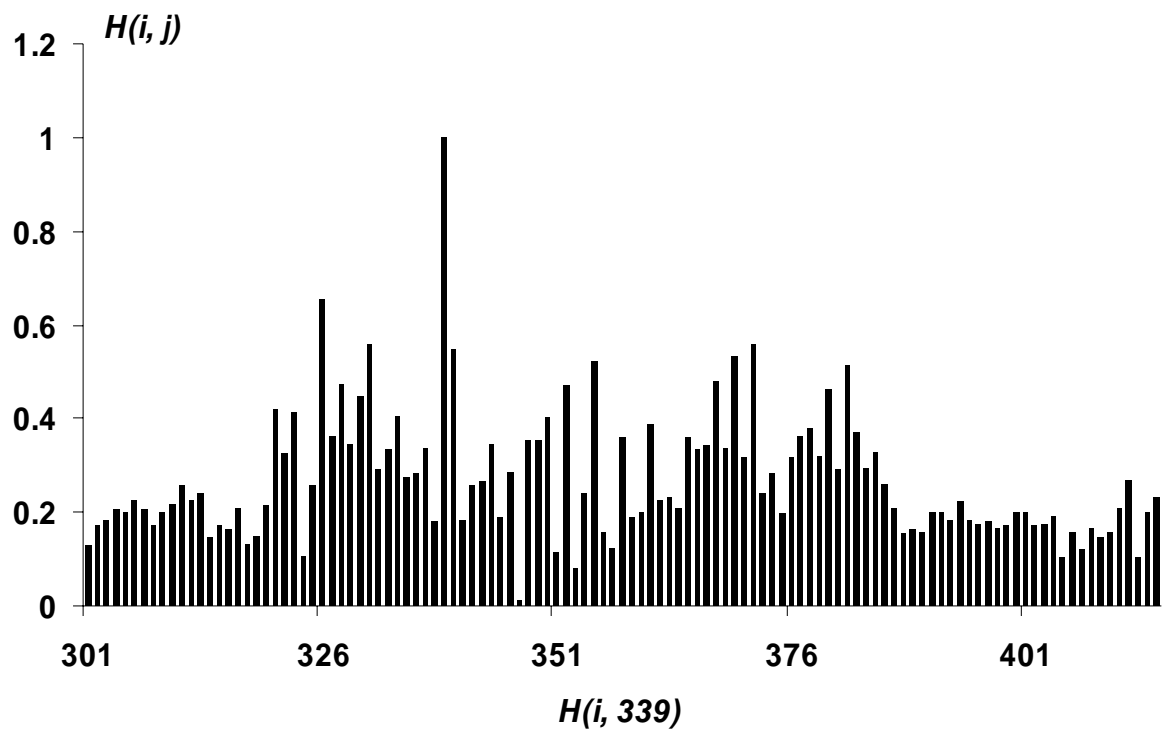


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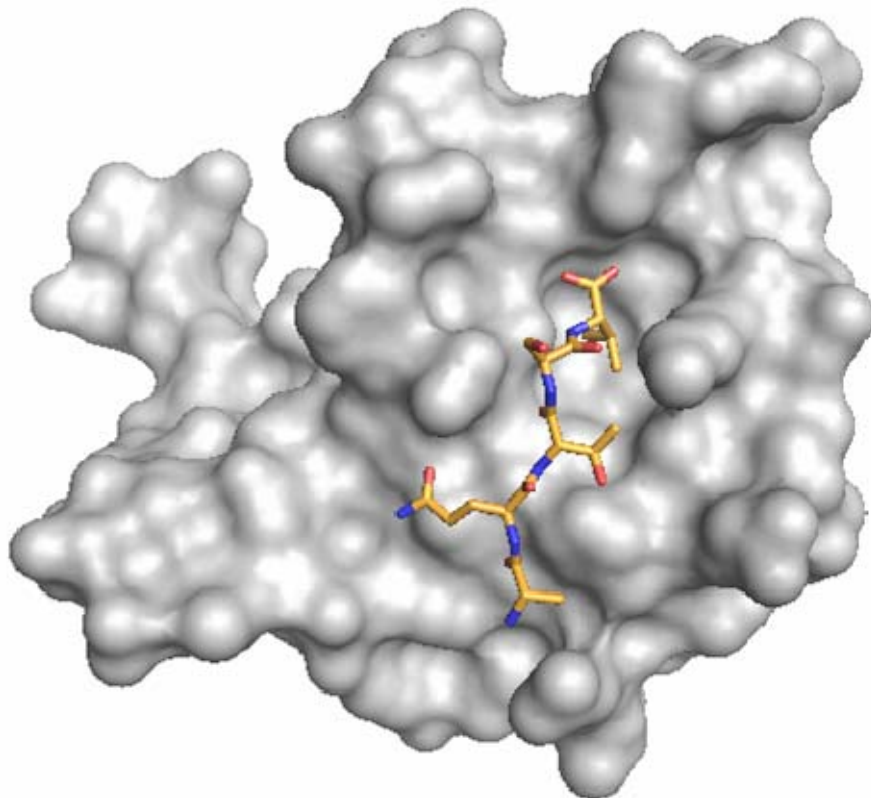


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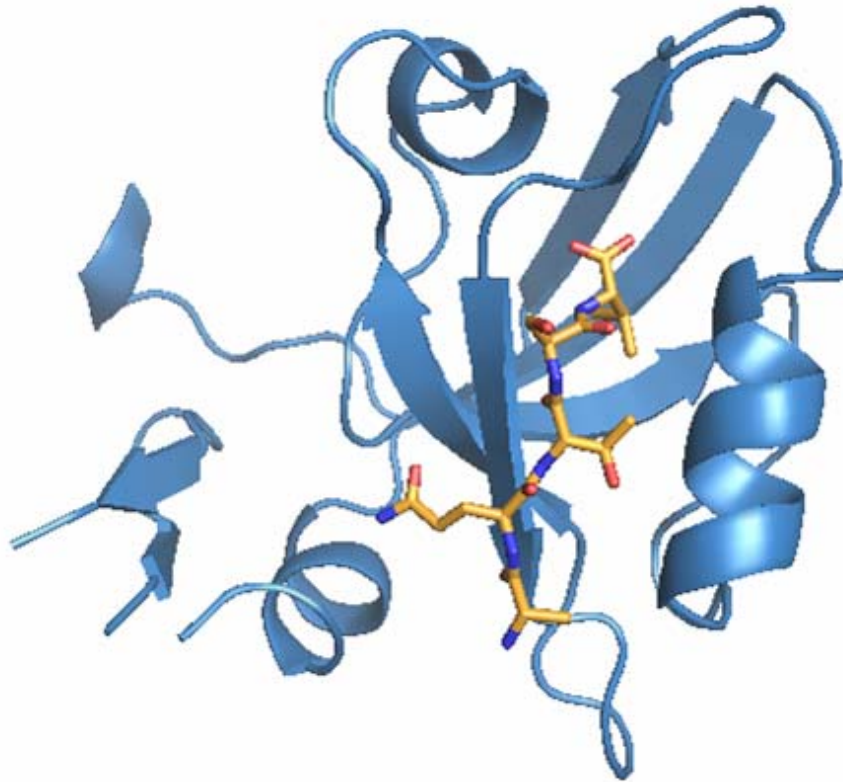


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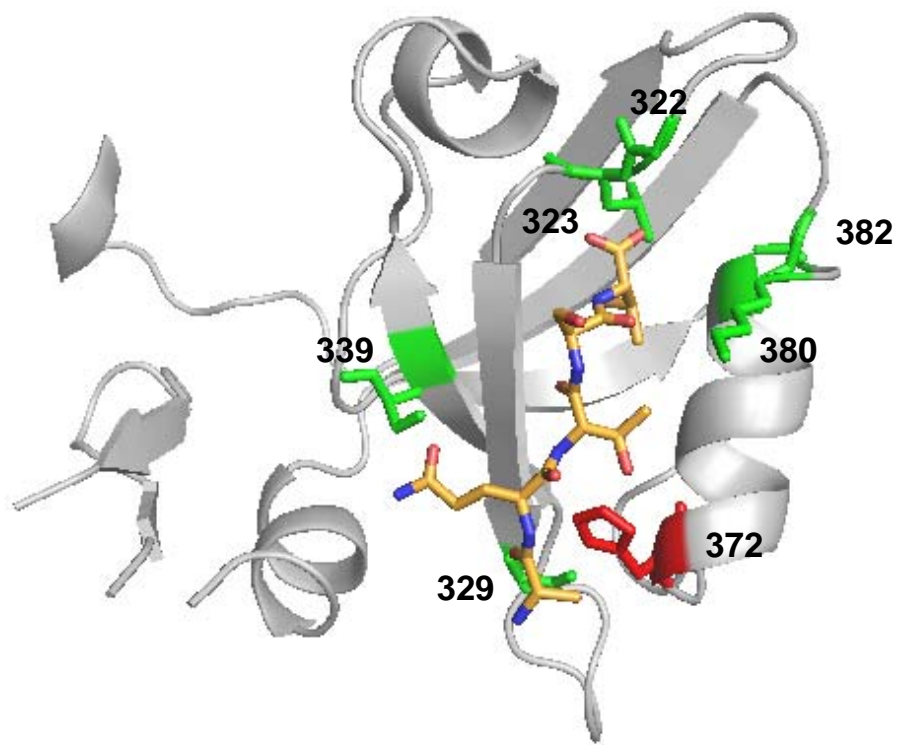


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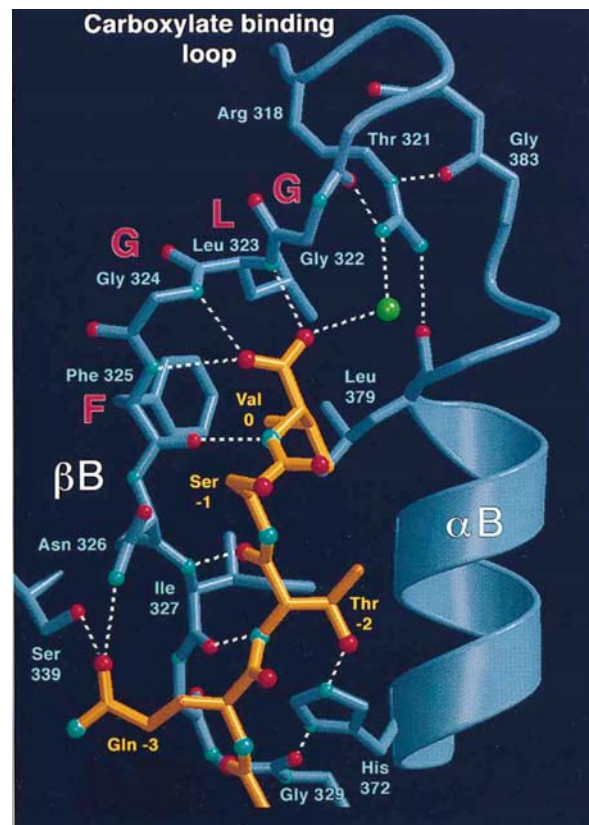
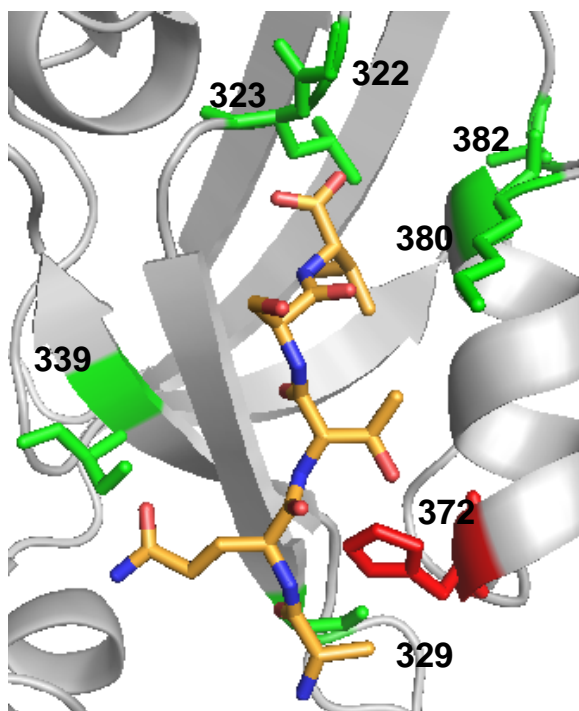


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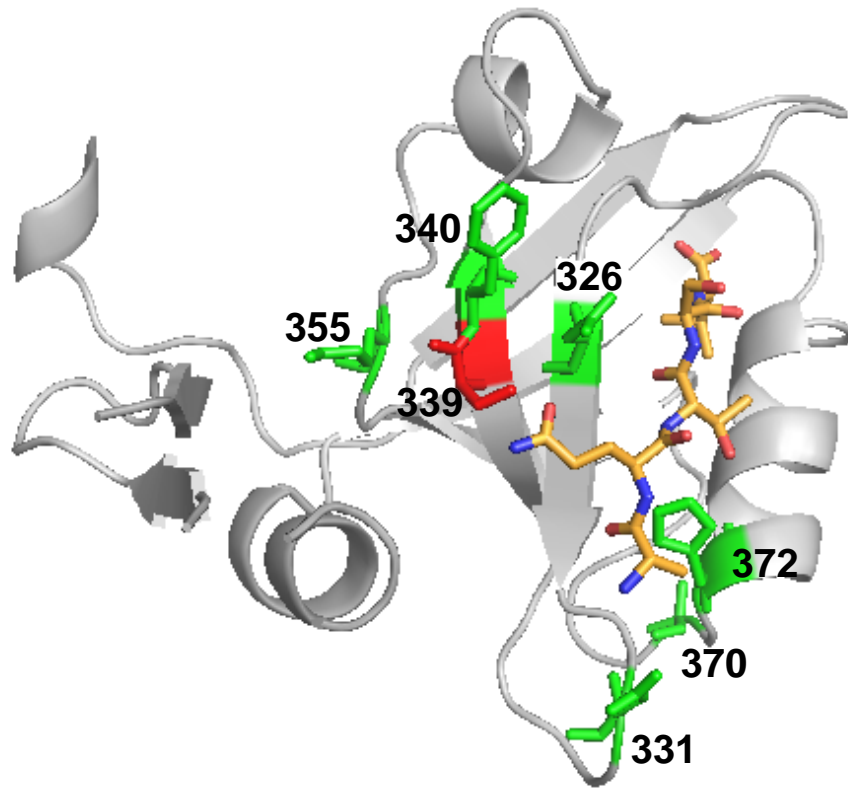


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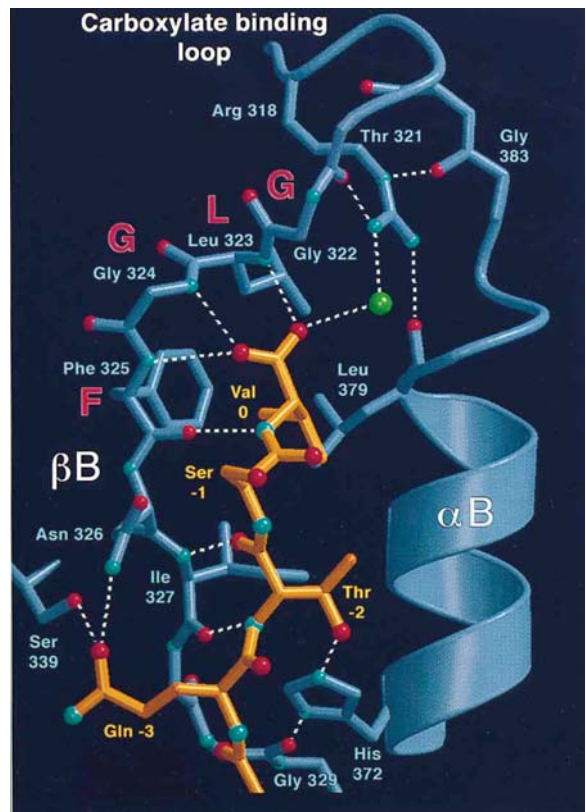
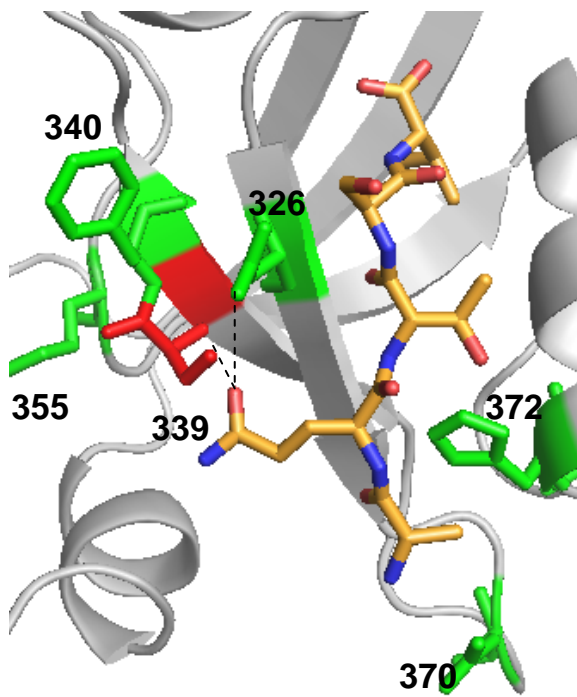


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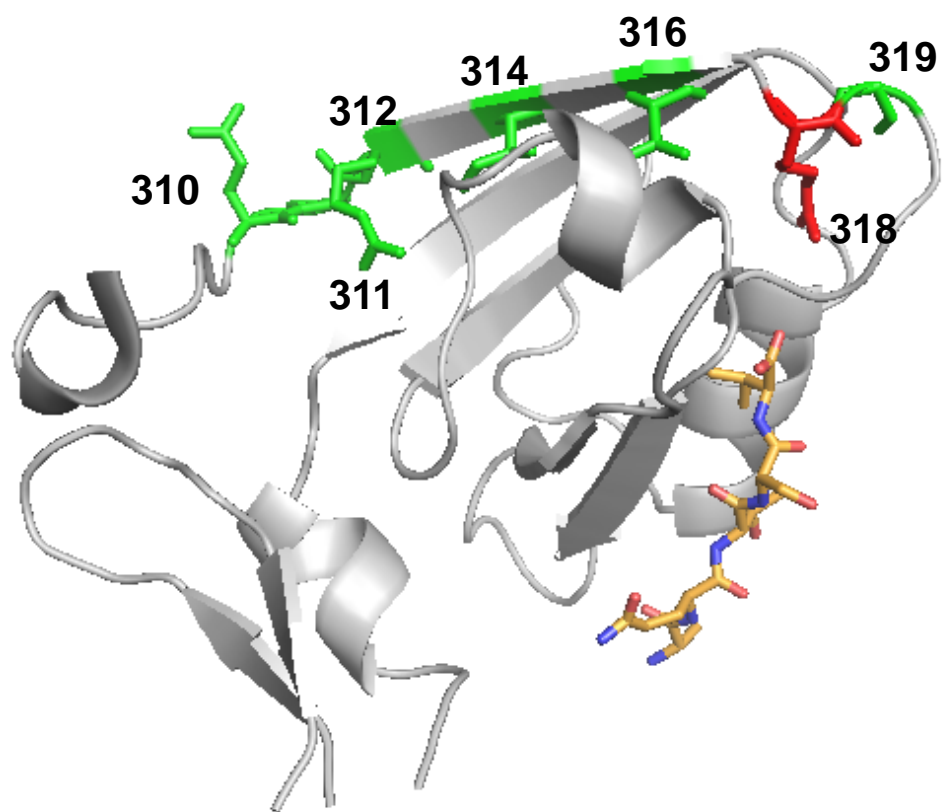


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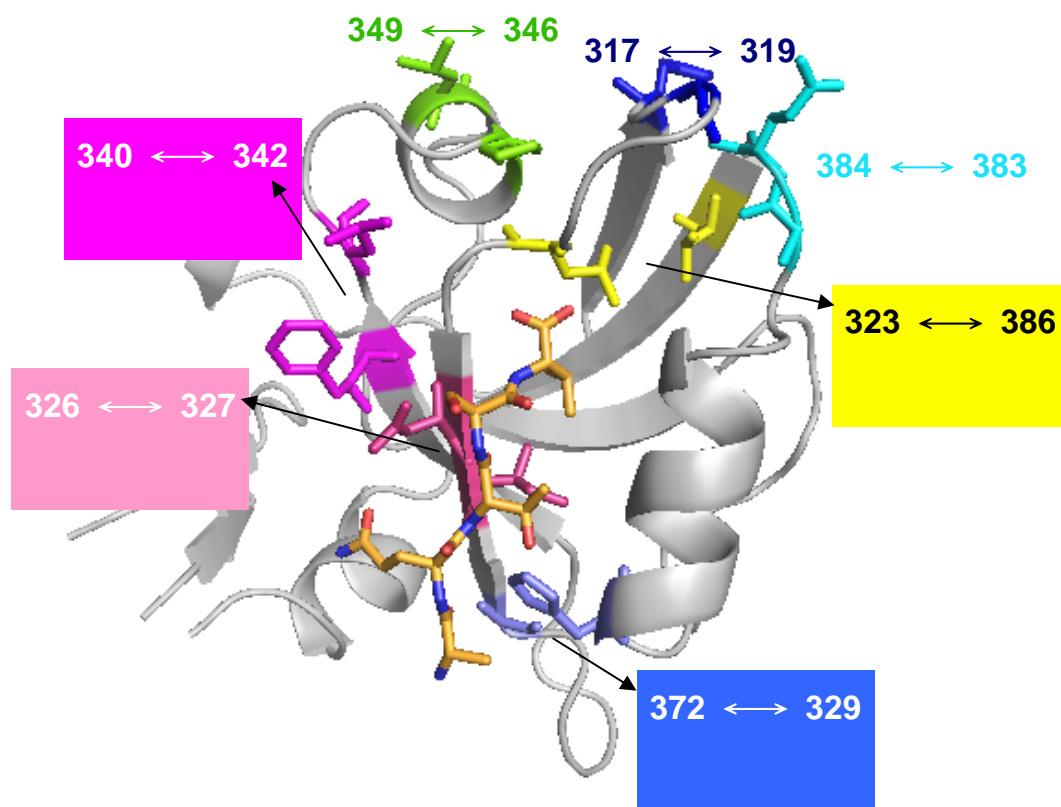


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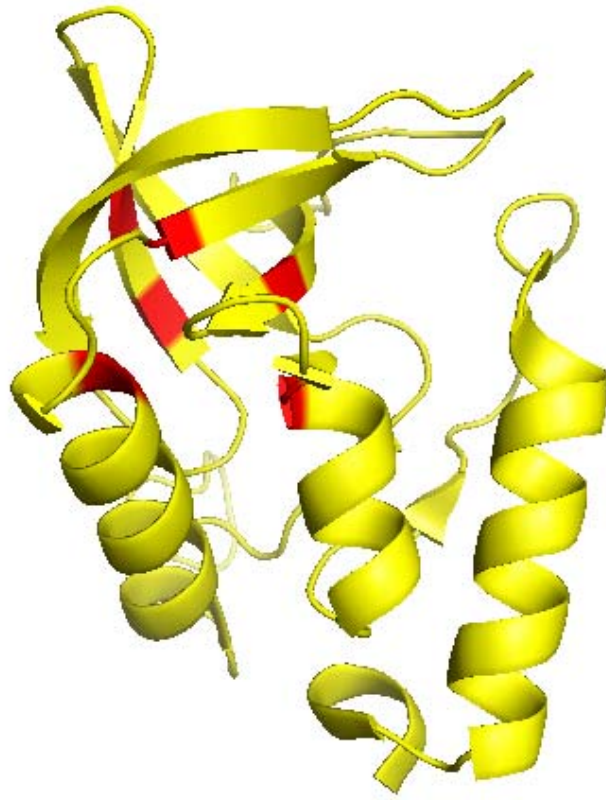


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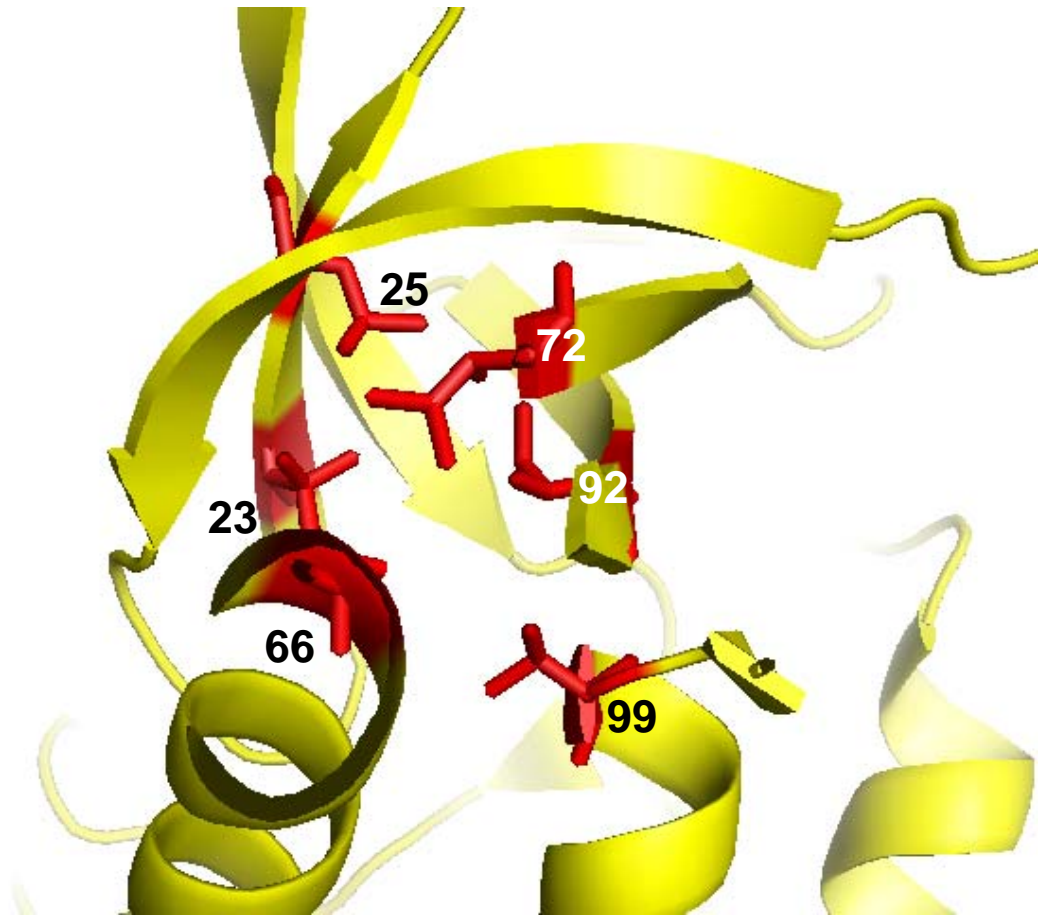


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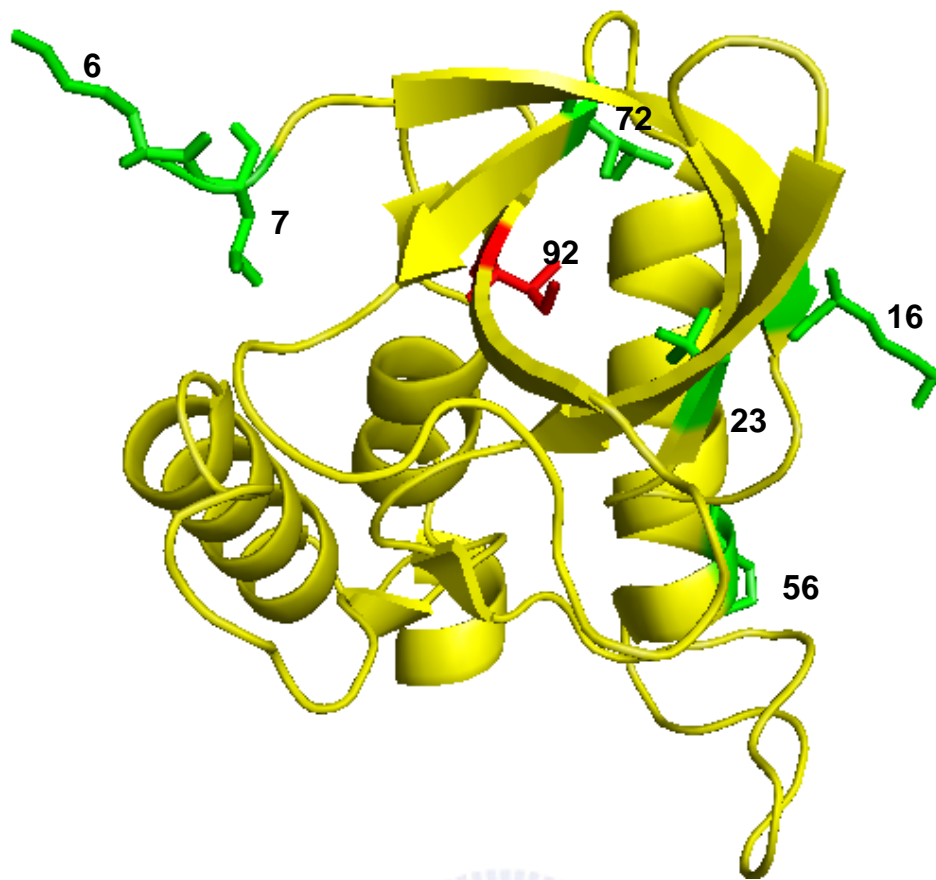


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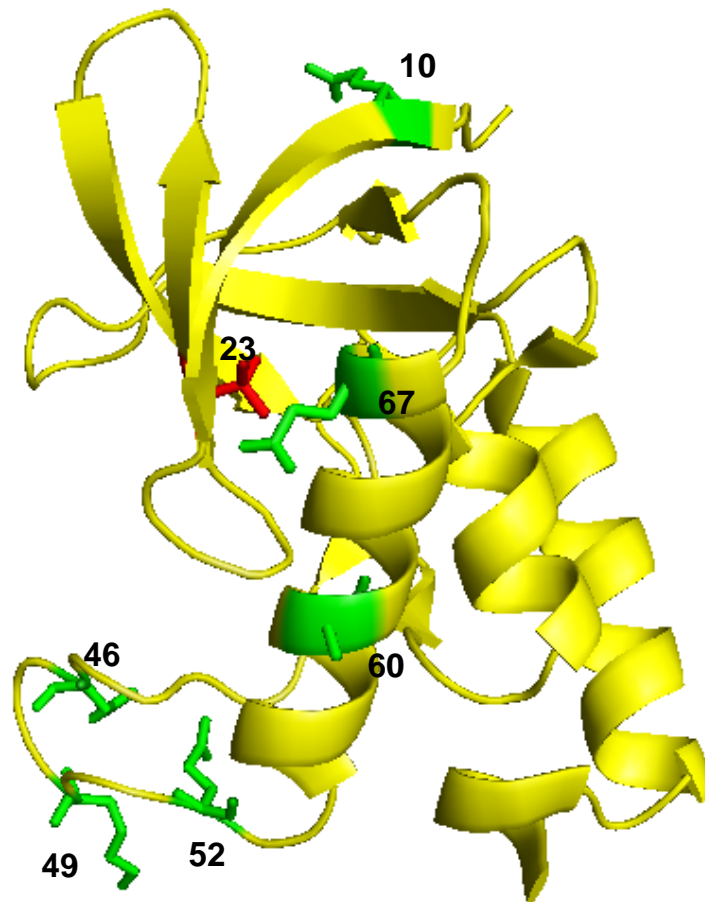


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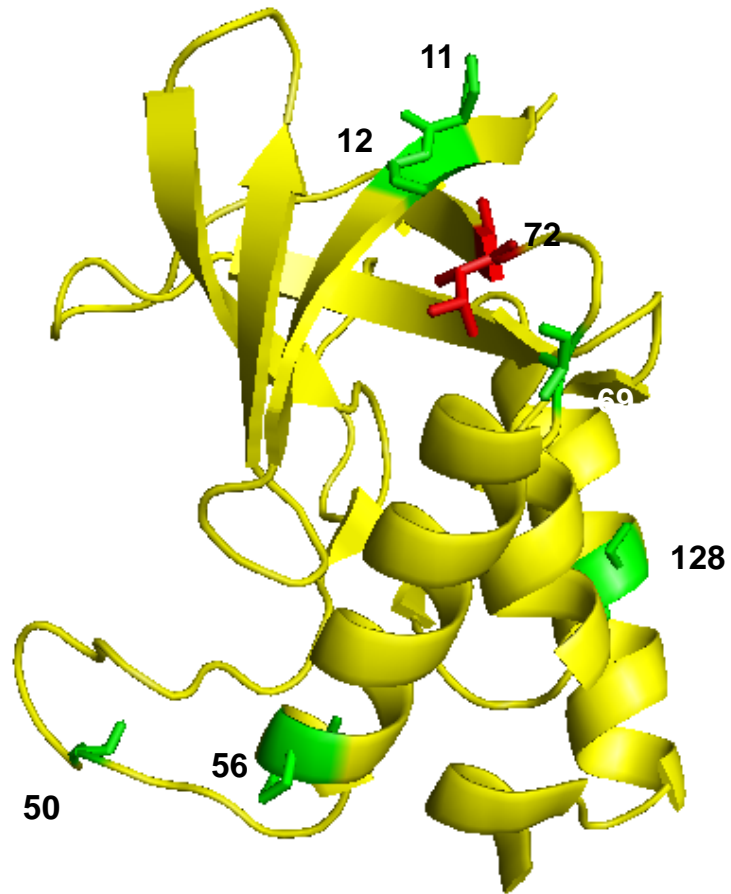


Figure.21

