

Structure Based Prediction of Influenza Drug-Resistant Mutations

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Baloxavir Marboxil (Xofluza)

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Baloxavir Marboxil for Uncomplicated Influenza in Adults and Adolescents

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xofluza™
(baloxavir marboxil) tablets

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Baloxavir Marboxil Safe and Effective for High-Risk Influenza Patients

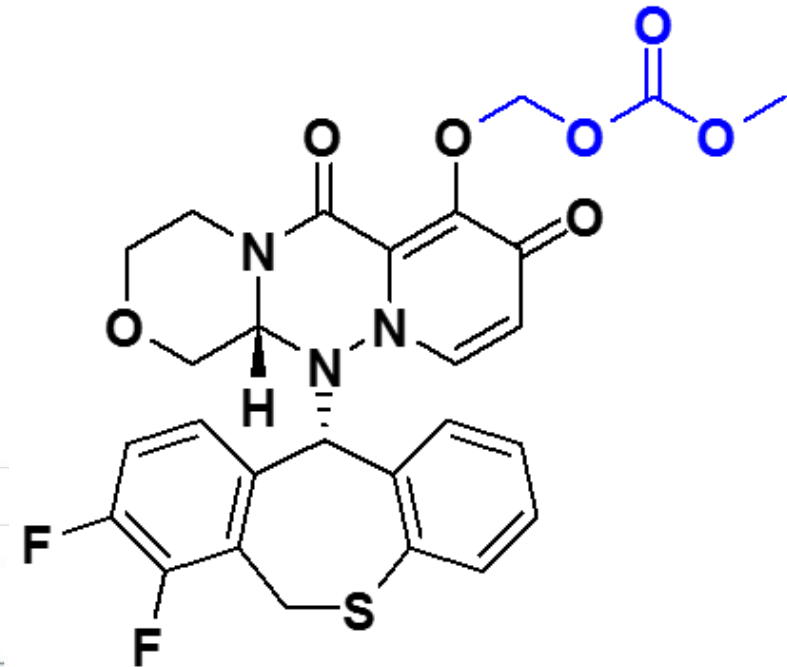
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SAN FRANCISCO — When compared with a placebo, the oral selective, cap-dependent, endonuclease inhibitor baloxavir marboxil was

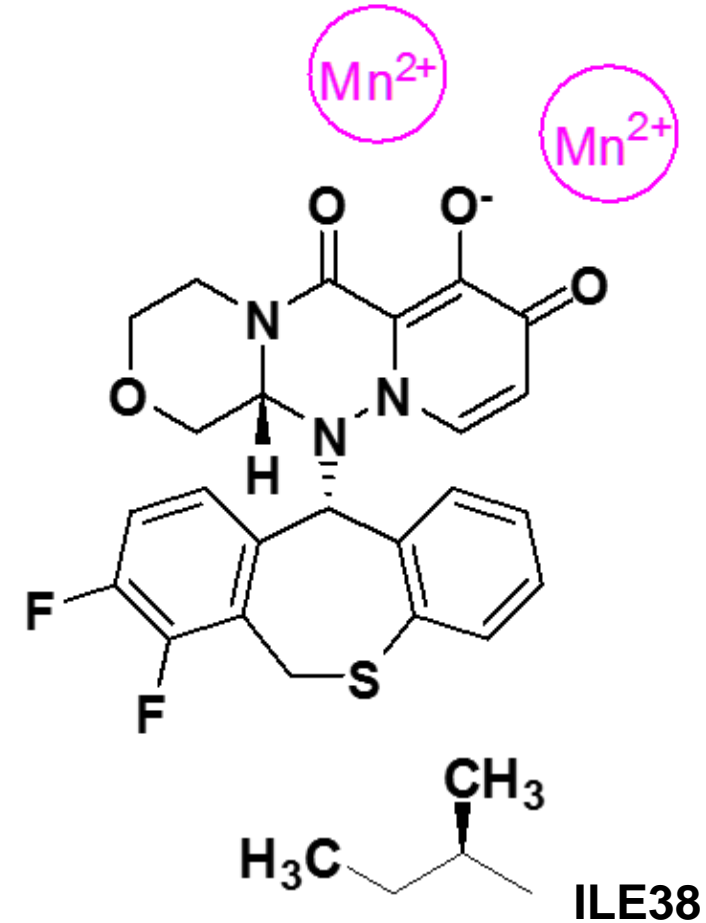
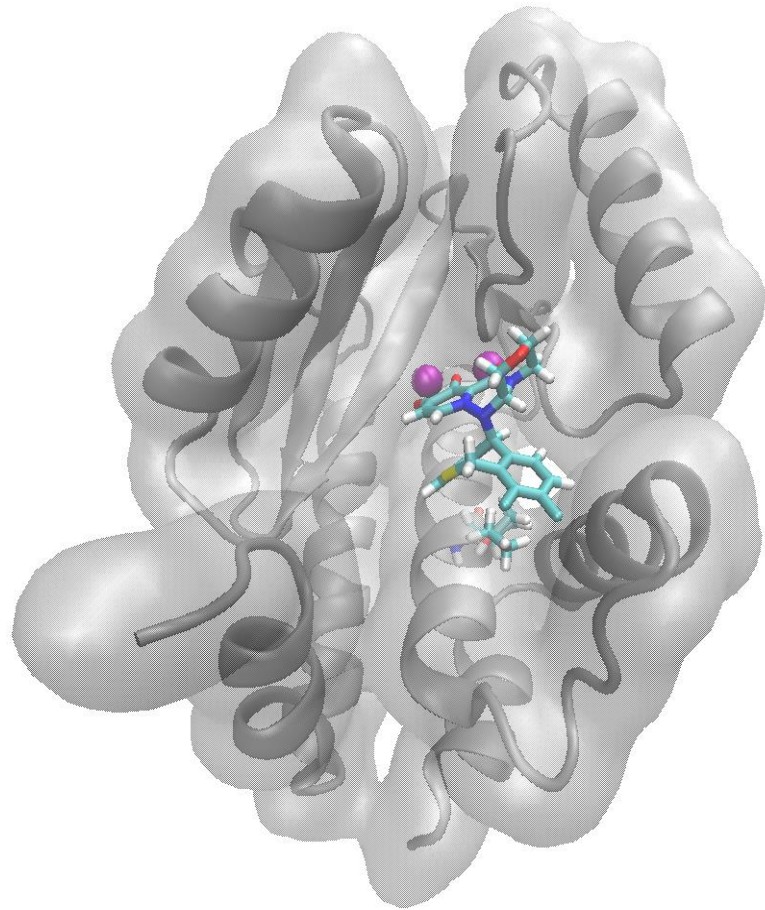


Baloxavir proved superior to oseltamivir in shortening the

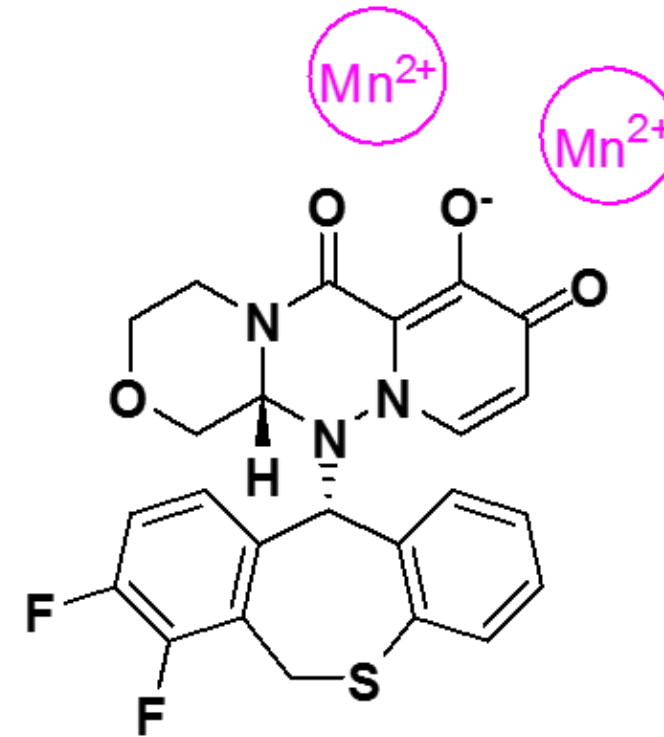
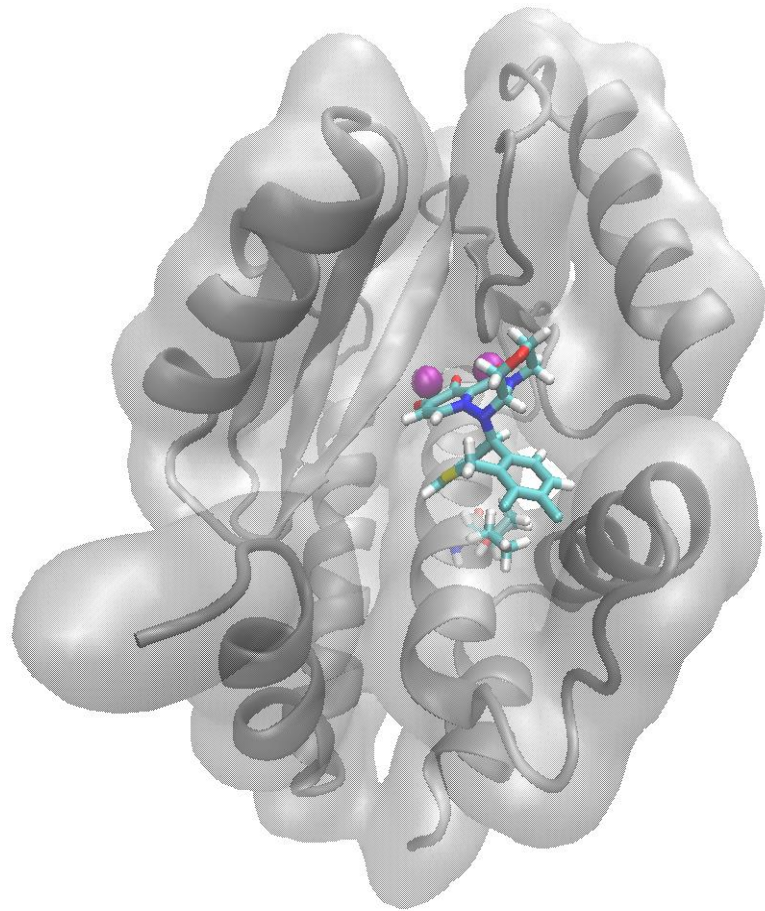


Baloxavir Marboxil - Xofluza
(Roche, Shionogi)

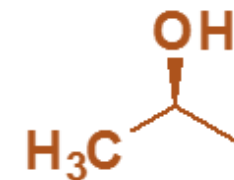
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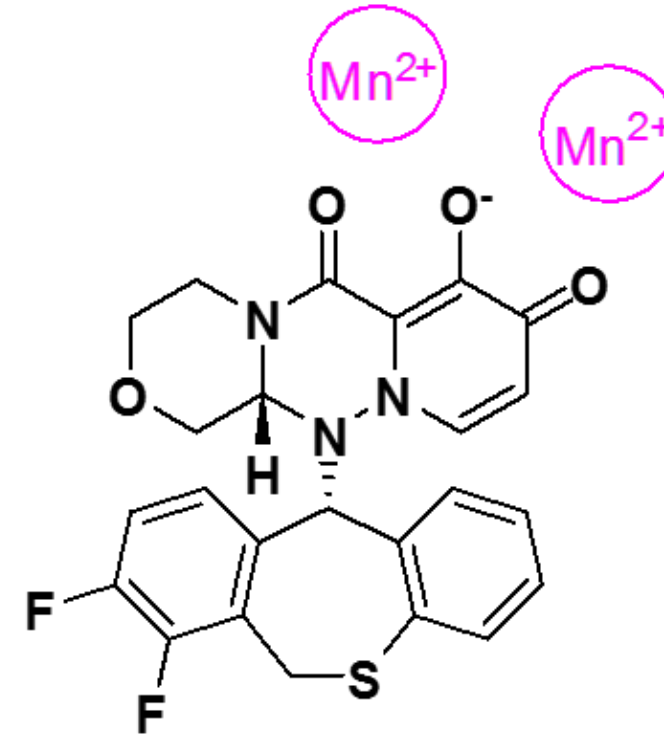
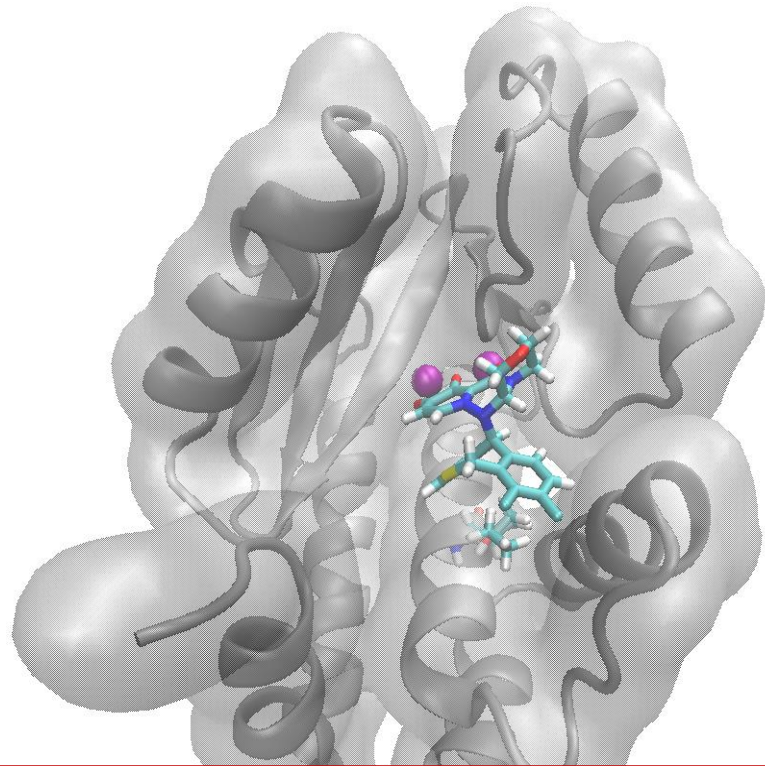


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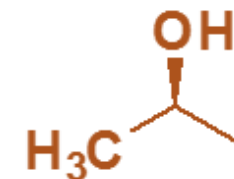
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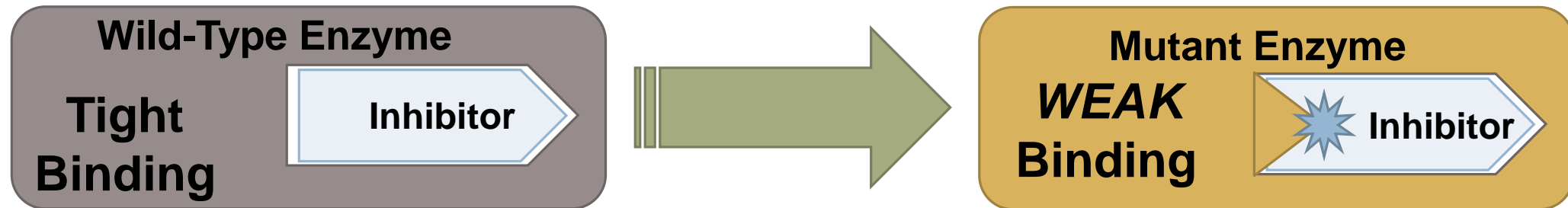
**IF WE ONLY HAD THE BOUND STRUCTURES,
COULD WE PREDICT BALOXAVIR RESISTANCE MUTATIONS?**



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Predicting Resistance: Central Hypothesis

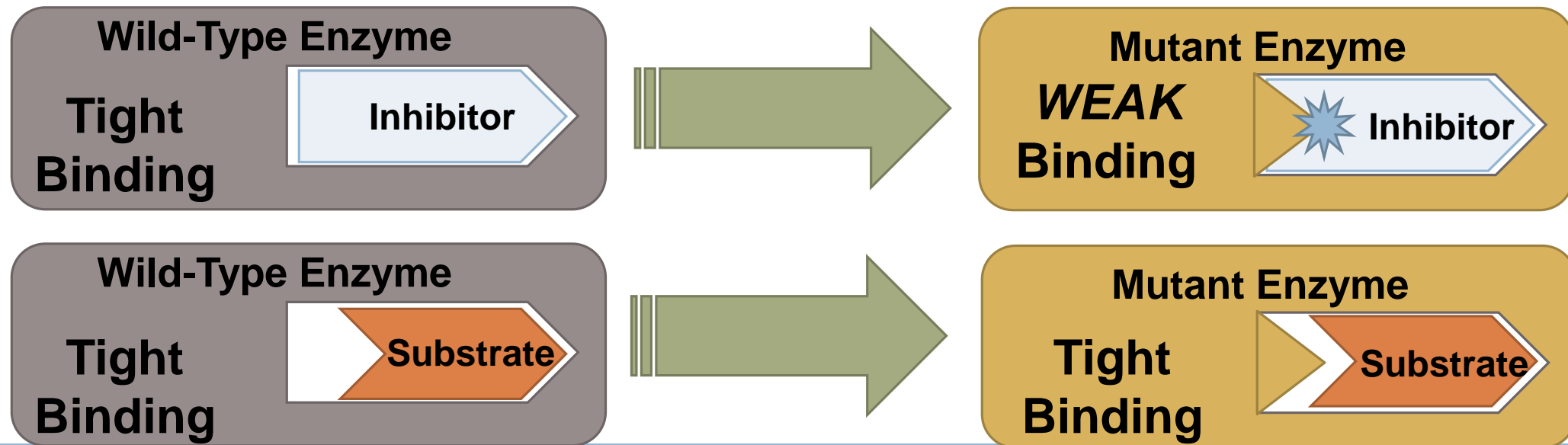
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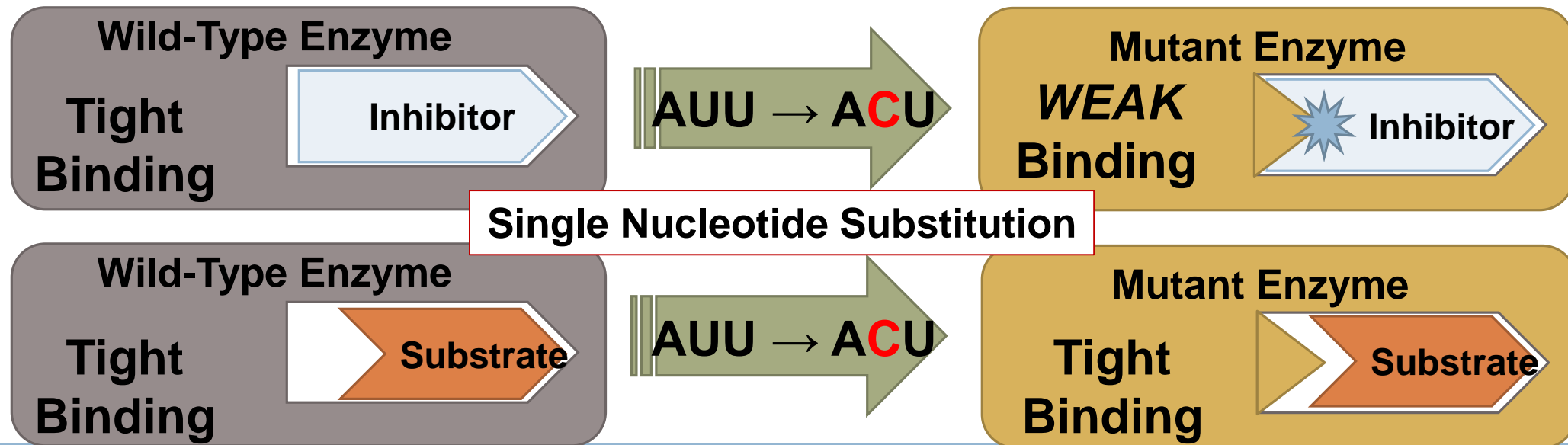
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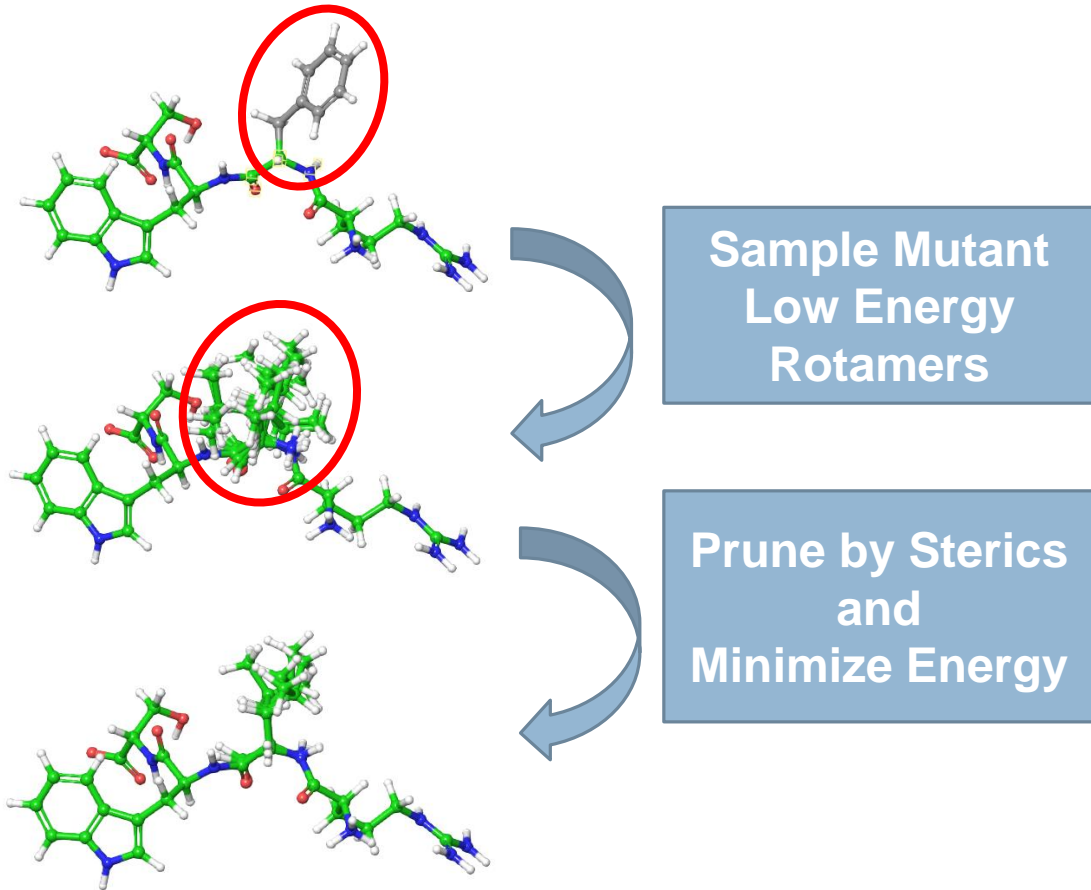


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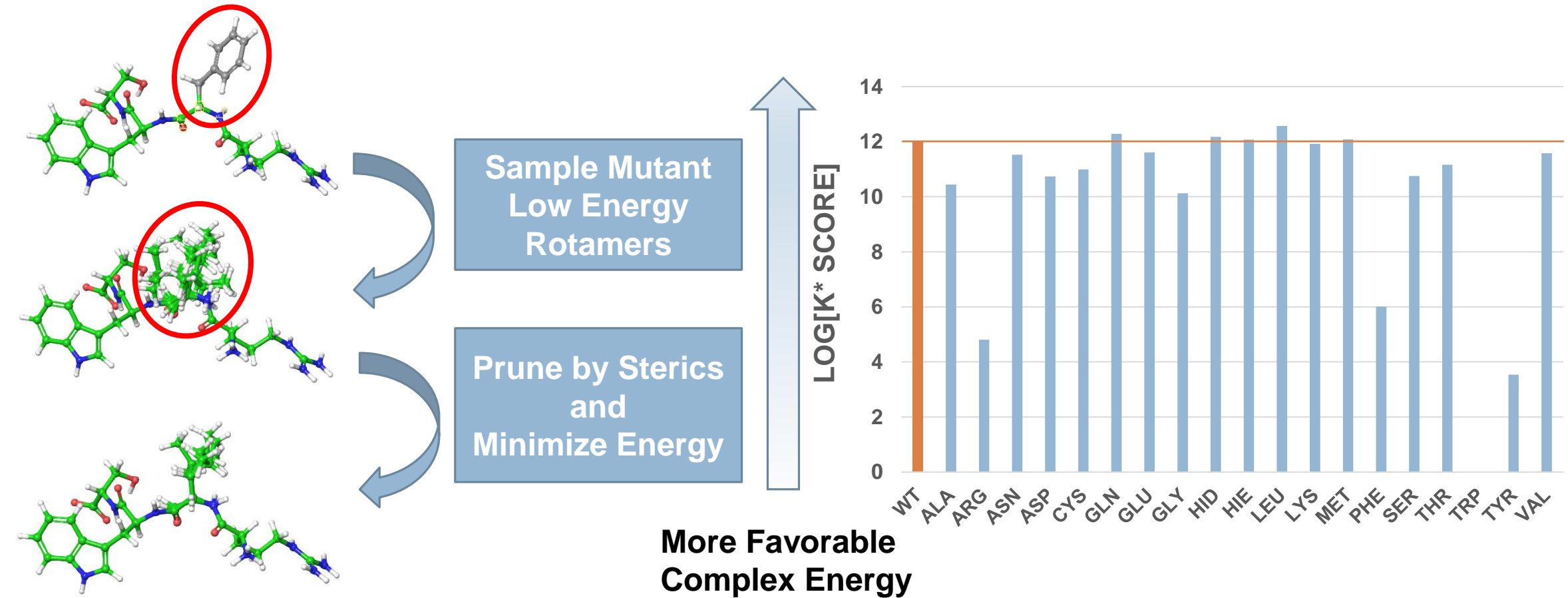
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- II. Maintain Affinity of Substrate
- III. Low Genetic Barrier



Simulation of All I38 Mutations: OSPNEY / K* Protein Design Algorithm

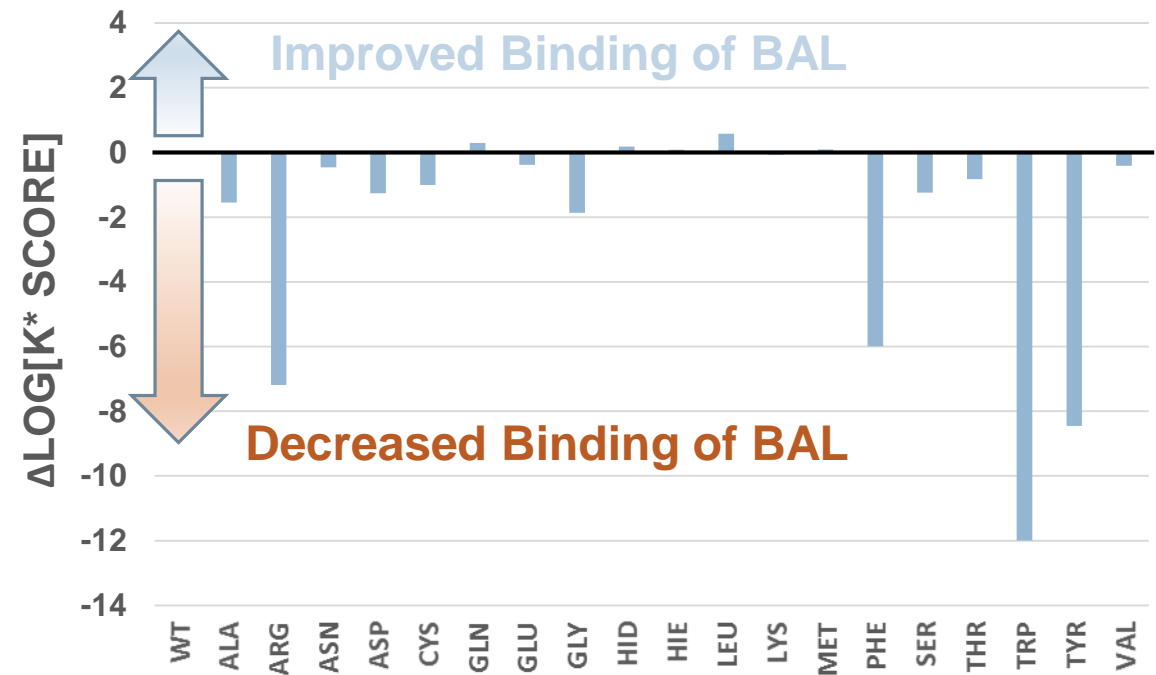
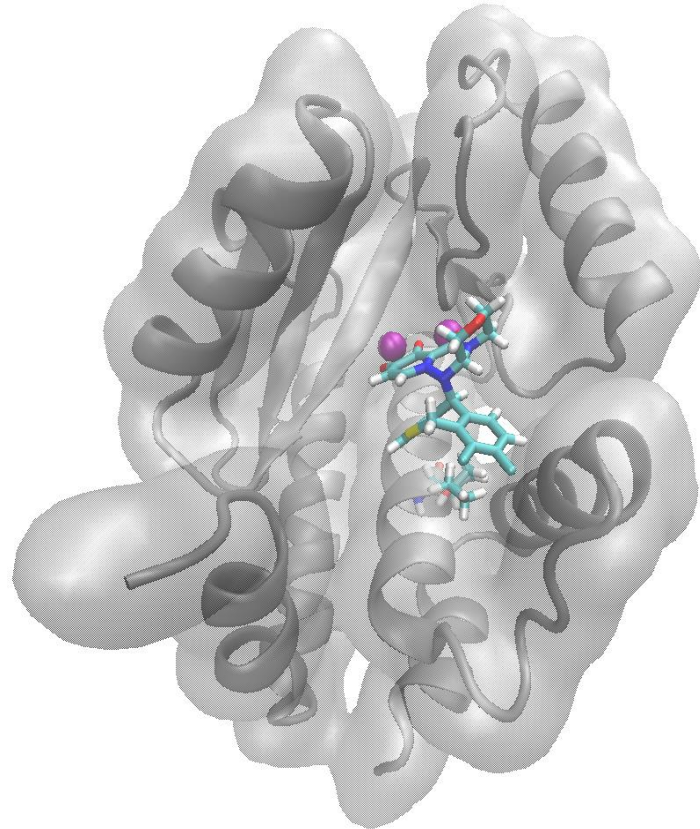


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Simulation of All I38 Mutations: Energy Relative to Wild-Type

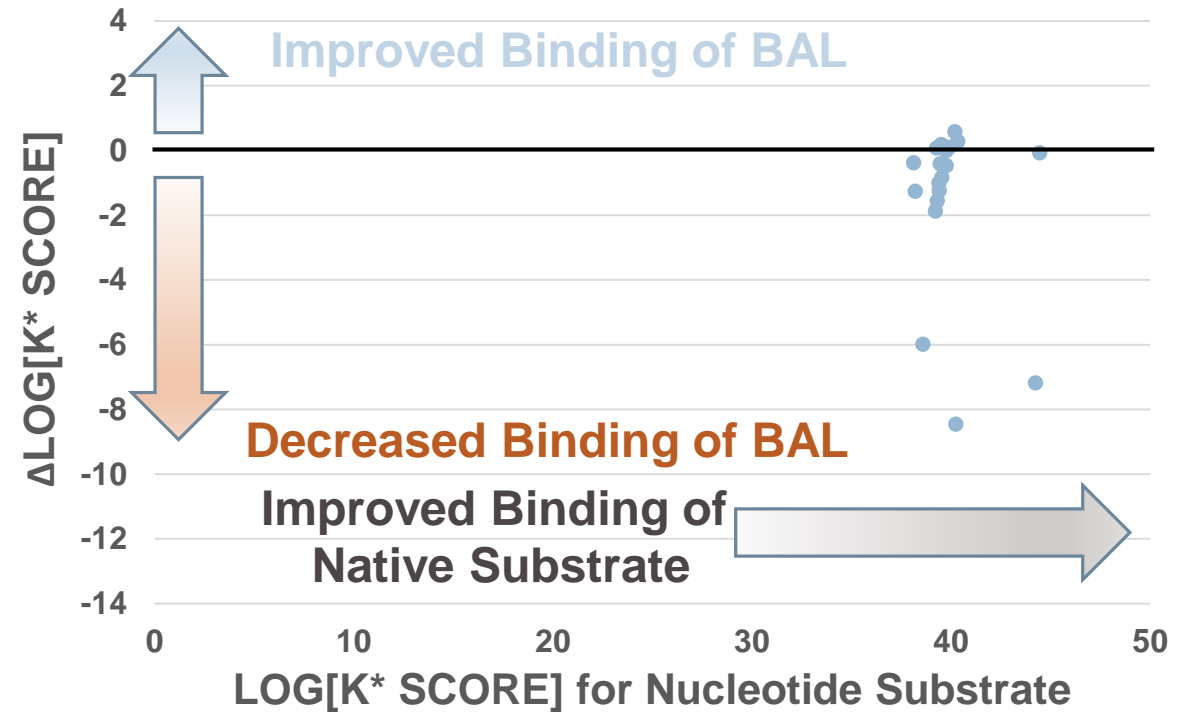
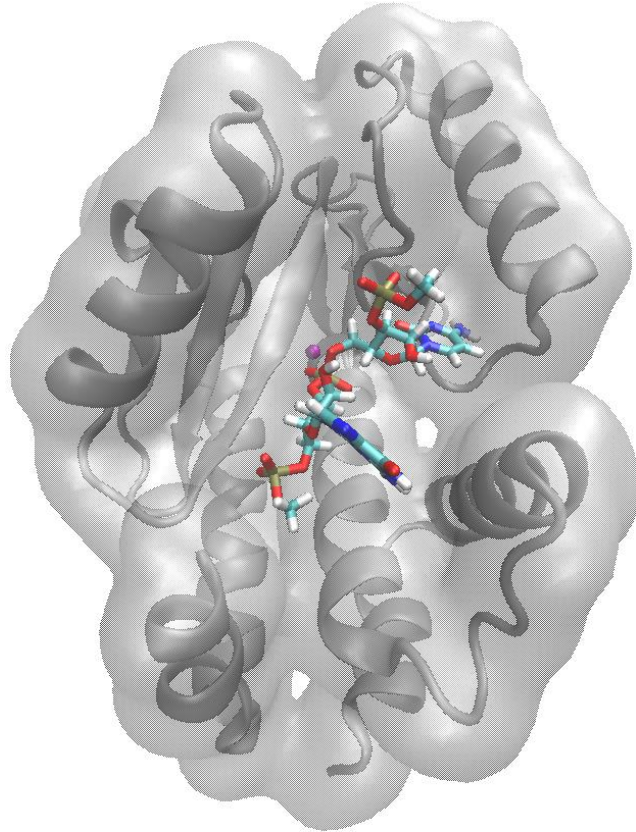
Model of BAL Active Species
Bound to Flu A H1N1 PA



**USEFUL TO PREDICT ACTIVITY
AGAINST VARIANT STRAINS**

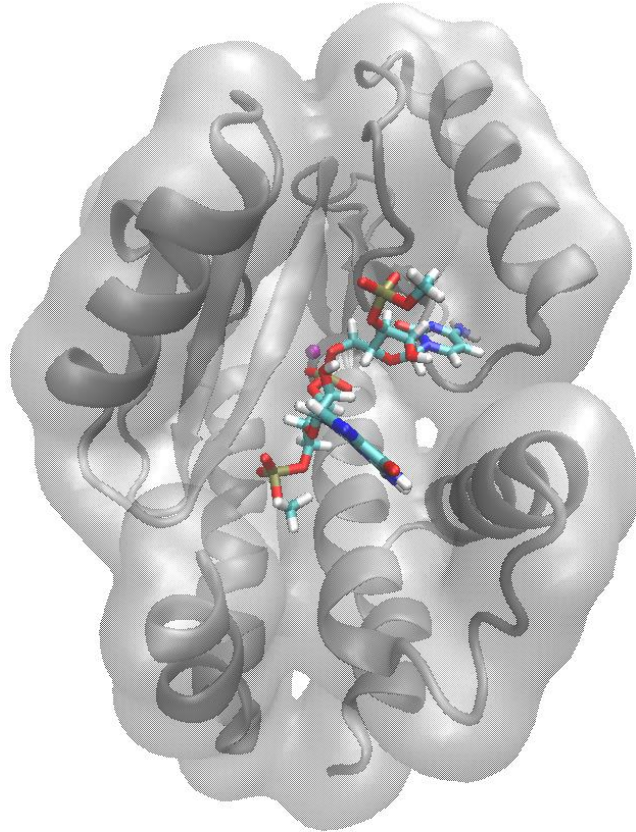
Simulation of All I38 Mutations: Considering Native Substrate Affinity

**Model of Di-Nucleotide Substrate
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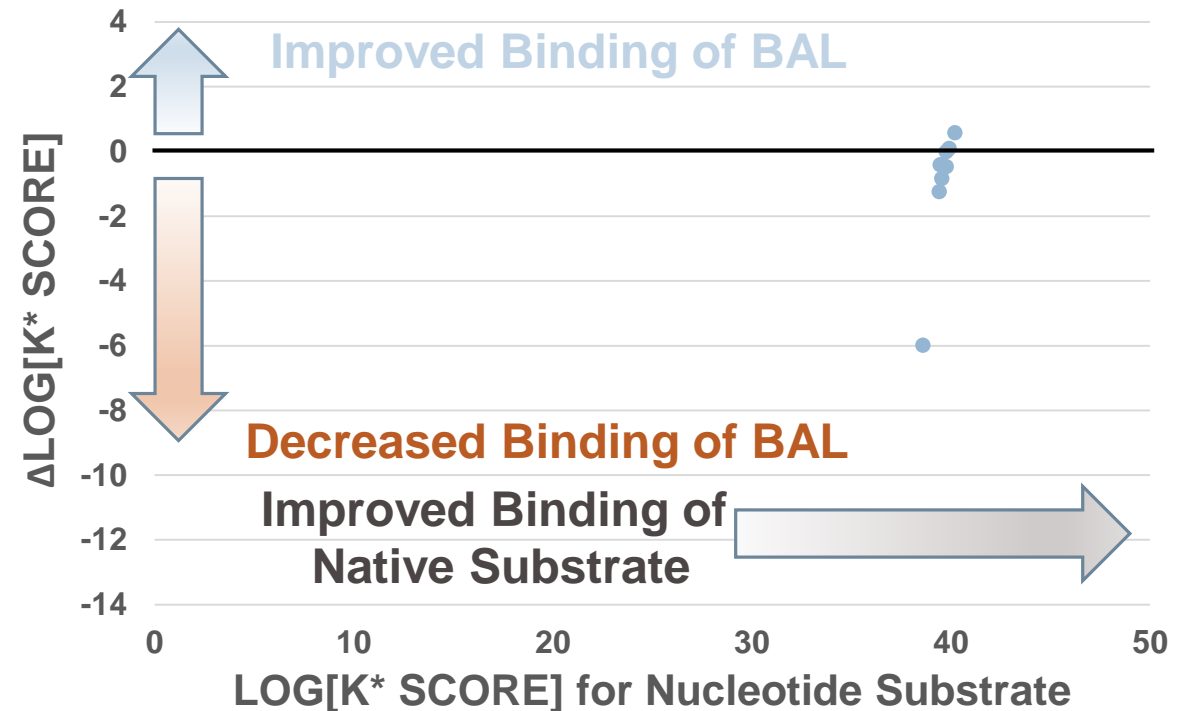


Simulation of All I38 Mutations: Accessible by Low Genetic Barrier

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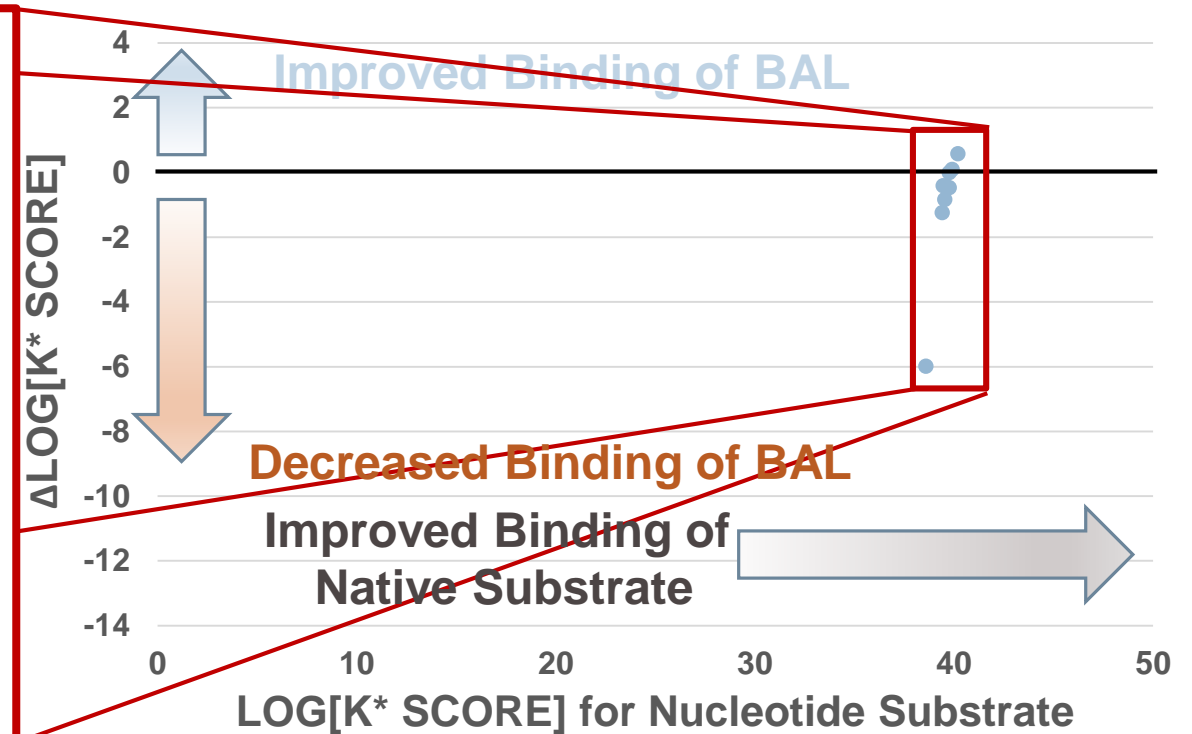
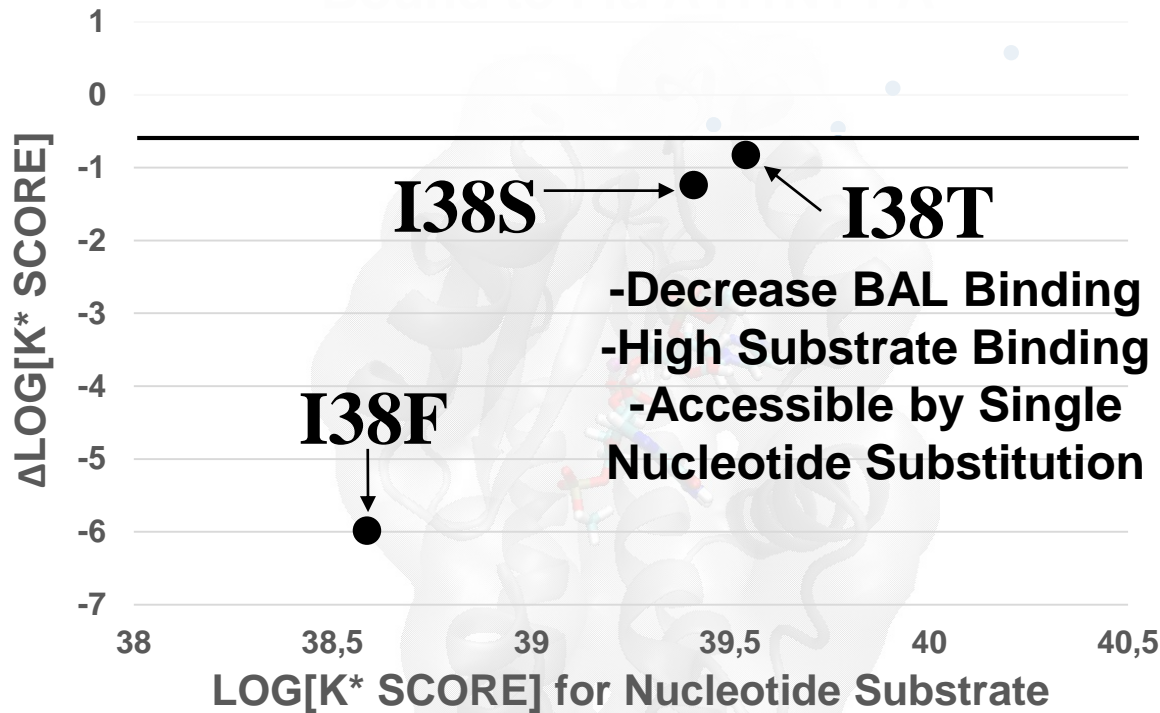


SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE MUTATIONS

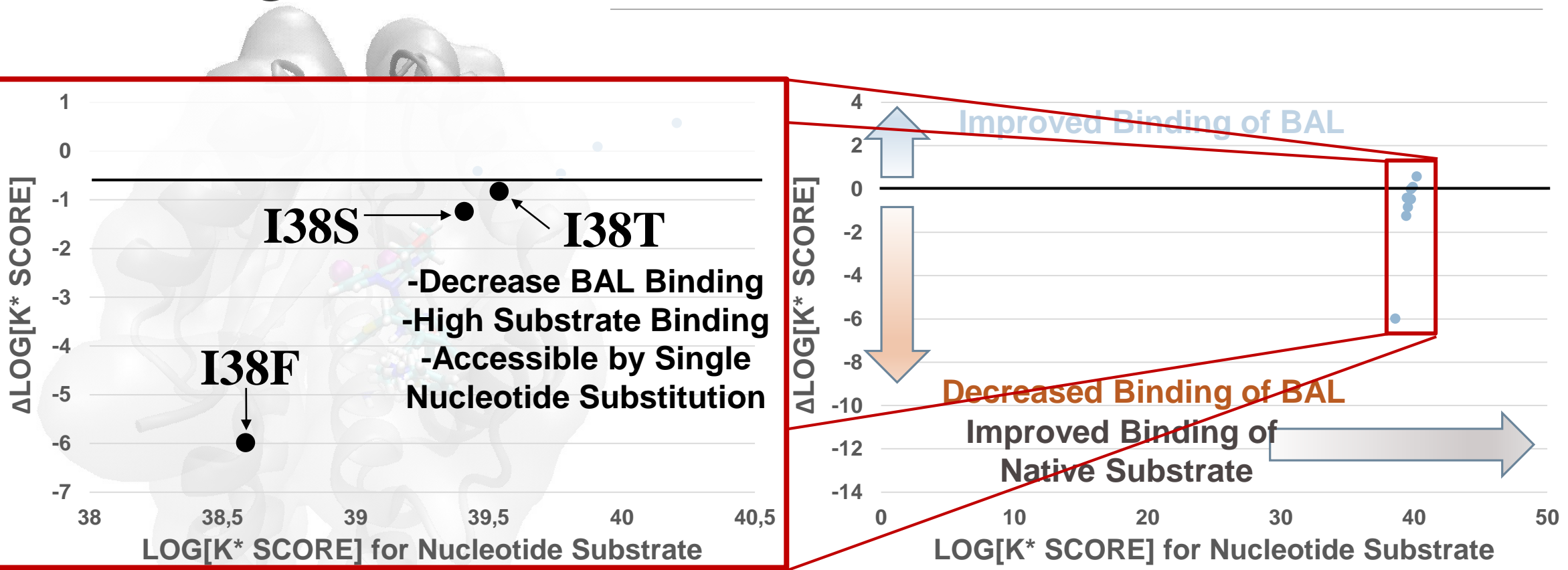


Simulation of All I38 Mutations: Single-Nucleotide Accessible Mutations

Model of Di-Nucleotide Substrate
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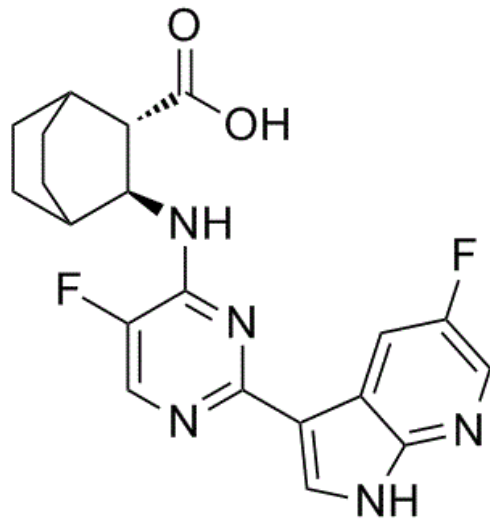


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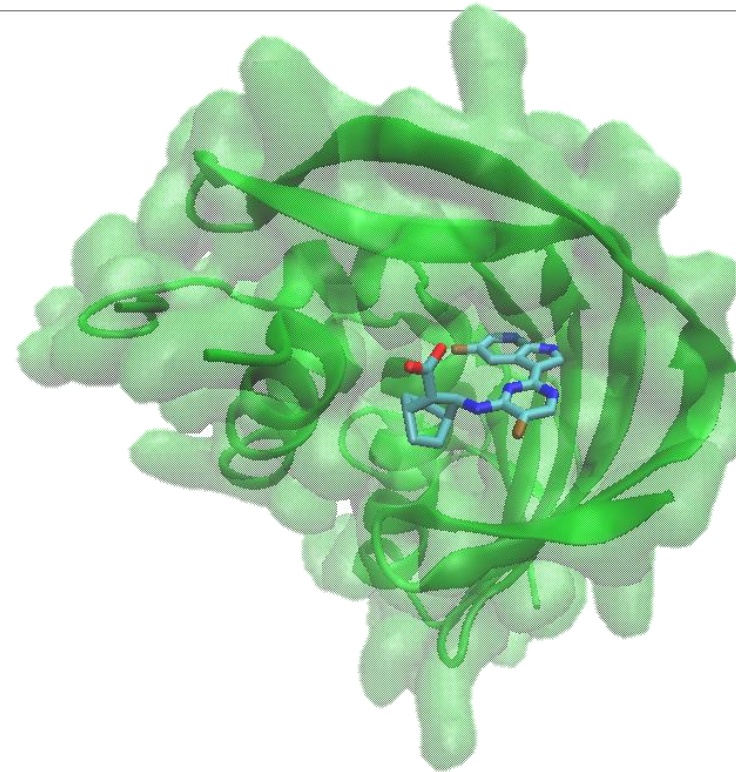


**Correctly Identified I38T As a Likely
Resistance Mutation for Baloxavir Marboxil**

Predicting Resistance Mutations for Pimodivir - Influenza A PB2 Inhibitor



VX-787 (Pimodivir)



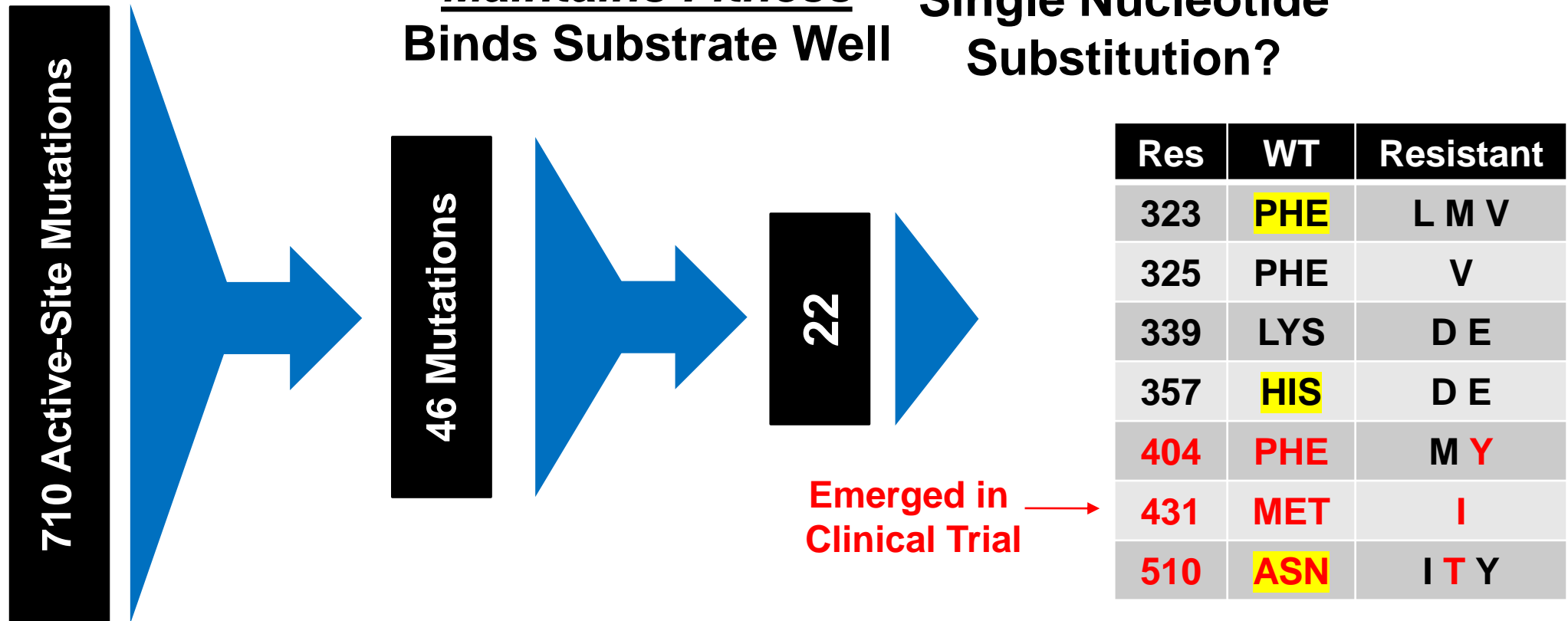
**Model of Pimodivir Bound
To Avian H5N1 FluA PB2**

Predicting Resistance Mutations for Pimodivir - Influenza A PB2 Inhibitor

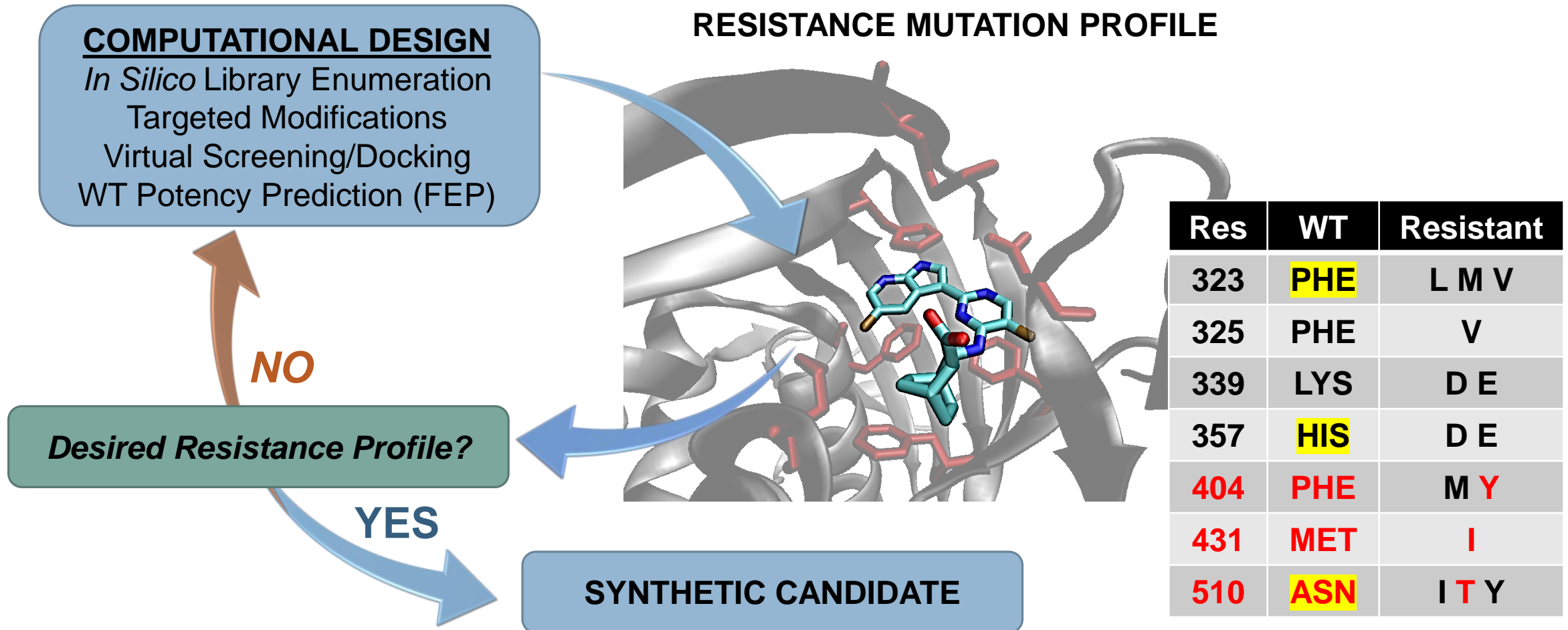
Reduced Inhibitor
Binding from WT

Maintains Fitness
Binds Substrate Well

Low Genetic Barrier
Single Nucleotide
Substitution?



Incorporating Resistance Prediction into Drug Design Platform



Summary and Conclusions

Developed approach to *de novo* predict resistance mutations given only an inhibitor-bound structure

- Successfully applied to other viruses (HIV-1, HBV, HCV and ZIKV)
- Recapitulated resistance mutations for Baloxavir Marboxil and Pimodivir

Useful tool in antiviral drug design

- Rational design of broadly active agents against all strain variations
- Rational design of agents with improved resistance profiles
- Rational design of drug combinations that ensure no single mutation delivers cross-resistance to all agents

Future Directions and Other Applications

- Allosteric mutations not in direct contact with inhibitor
- Compensatory mutations that improve substrate binding
- Antibody escape mutations

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