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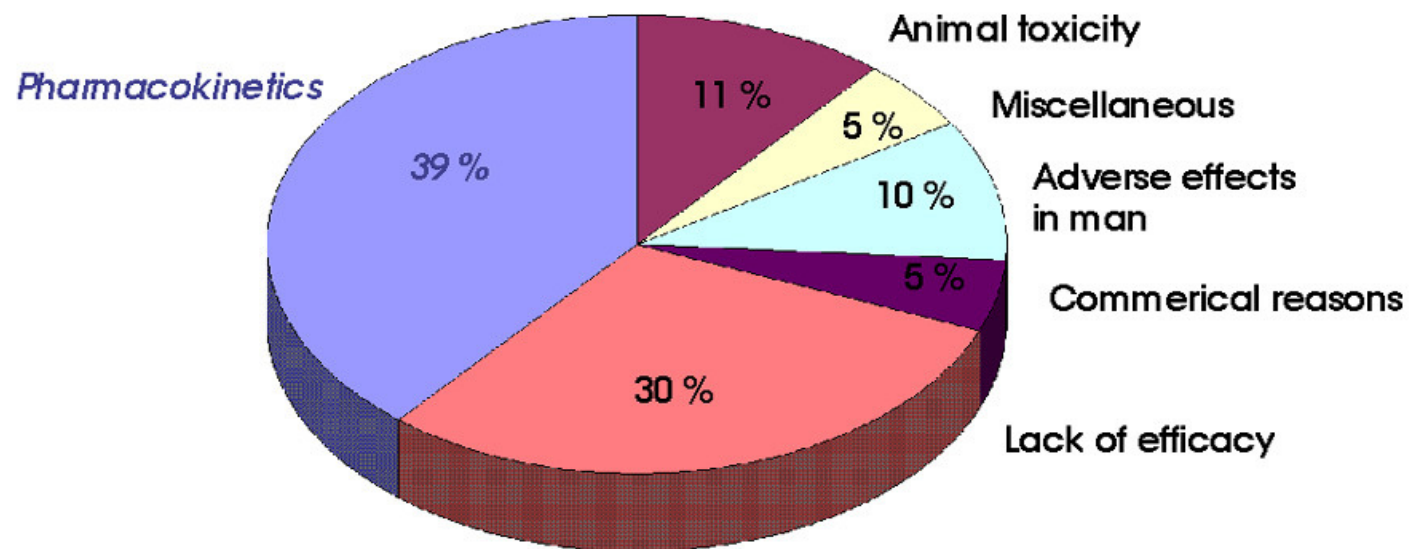
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# Πρόβλεψη ADME Ιδιοτήτων

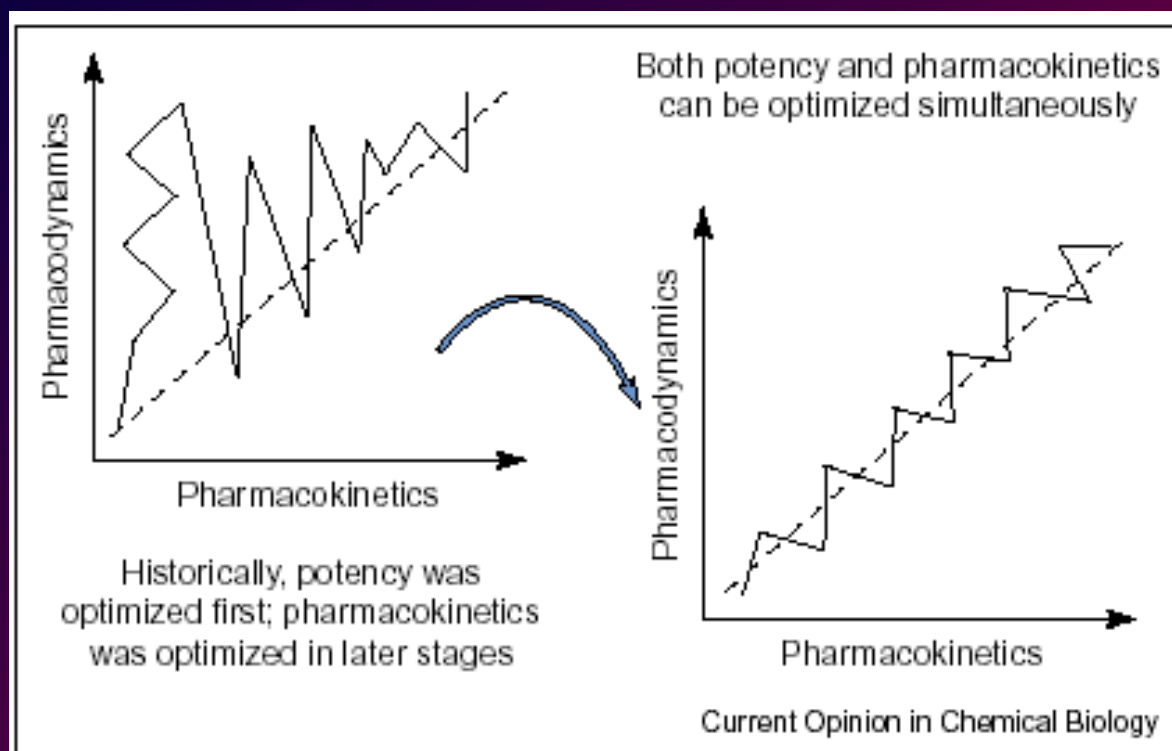
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## Causes of Candidate Failures in Man

## Προτεινόμενη πορεία: ταυτόχρονη βελτιστοποίηση των φαρμακοδυναμικών και φαρμακοκινητικών ιδιοτήτων

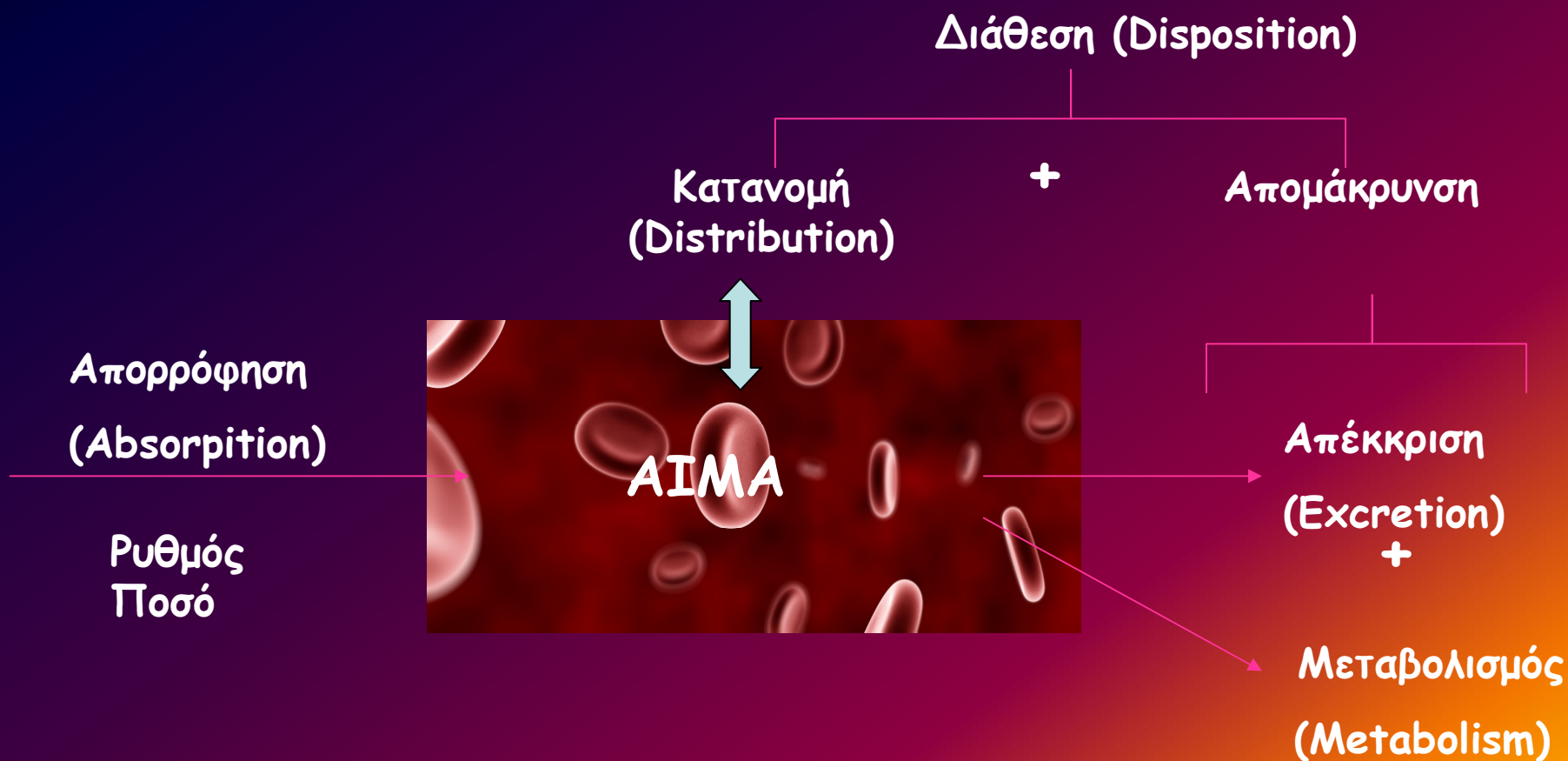


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## Φαρμακοκινητική φάση

- Δοσολογία φαρμάκου
- Συχνότητα χορήγησης φαρμάκου
- Οδός χορήγησης φαρμάκου
- Σχέσεις μεταξύ της ποσότητας ή της συγκέντρωσης του φαρμάκου στο σώμα και του χρόνου

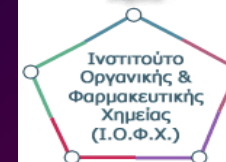
## Φαρμακοκινητικές διαδικασίες φαρμάκων



## Στόχος των *in silico* μεθόδων

*Η έγκαιρη εντόπιση των προβληματικών μορίων είναι δυνατό να μειώσει το κόστος και τον χρόνο ανάπτυξης νέων φαρμακευτικών μορίων*

- ☺ Έγκαιρη διάγνωση των υποψήφιων προβληματικών φαρμακευτικών μορίων
- ☺ Μείωση του αριθμού των πειραμάτων
- ☺ Σύνδεση των φαρμακοκινητικών ιδιοτήτων με μοριακές δομές
- ☺ Μετατροπή των δεδομένων σε πληροφορία και επομένως σε γνώση



# LIST OF *IN SILICO* ADMET PRODUCTS

Company	Products
ACD/Labs	ACD/LogD Suite and ACD/Log Sol Suite, ACD/LogD Batch and ACD/Log Sol Batch, ACD/Structure Design Suite, ACD/PhysChem Batch
Aegis Technologies Group	acsIXtreme
Applied Biosystems	Metabolite ID Software
Aureus Pharma	AurScope, AurQuest
BioByte	Bio-Loom, CQSAR, ClogP
BioKin Limited	BatchKi, Dynafit, PlateKi, SteadyFit
Bio-Rad	KnowItAll
BioReason	Class Pharmer Suite
Cerep	BioPrint
Chemical Computing Group	MOE
ChemSilico	CSLogWS, CSLogD, CSLogP, CSpKa, CSBBB, CSPB, CSGlobal, CSHIA
Chenomx	Chenomx NMS Suite 4.0
ComGenex	Pallas Software Family
CompuDrug	Hazard Expert, Hazard Expert Pro, MetabolExpert, MEXAlert, pKalc, TPSA, Rule of 5, PrologP, ToxAlert
Cyprotex	Cloe PK
Daylight Chemical Information Systems	PC Models
EduSoft	Hint, Molconn-Z, Zap, HASL
Elsevier – MDL	MDL QSAR, MDL Toxicity Database, MDL Metabolite, MDL Sculpt, MDL ISIS for Excel, MDL Carcinogenicity Module, RTECS
Entelos	PhysioLab Technology
Equbits	Equbits Foresights
Evotec OAI	Evotec Profile
Exonhit Therapeutics	Safe-Hit
Gene Logic	ToxExpress System, BioExpress System
GeneGo	MetaCore, MetaDrug
Genomatica	SimPheny
Globomax Icon	NONMEM, PDx-Pop, PDx-IVIVC
Golden Helix	ChemTree, HelixTree
Iconix Pharmaceuticals	DrugMatrix
IDBS	ActivityBase, BioBook, ChemXtra, PredictionBase
InnaPhase	Galileo, Watson, Newton, Kinetic

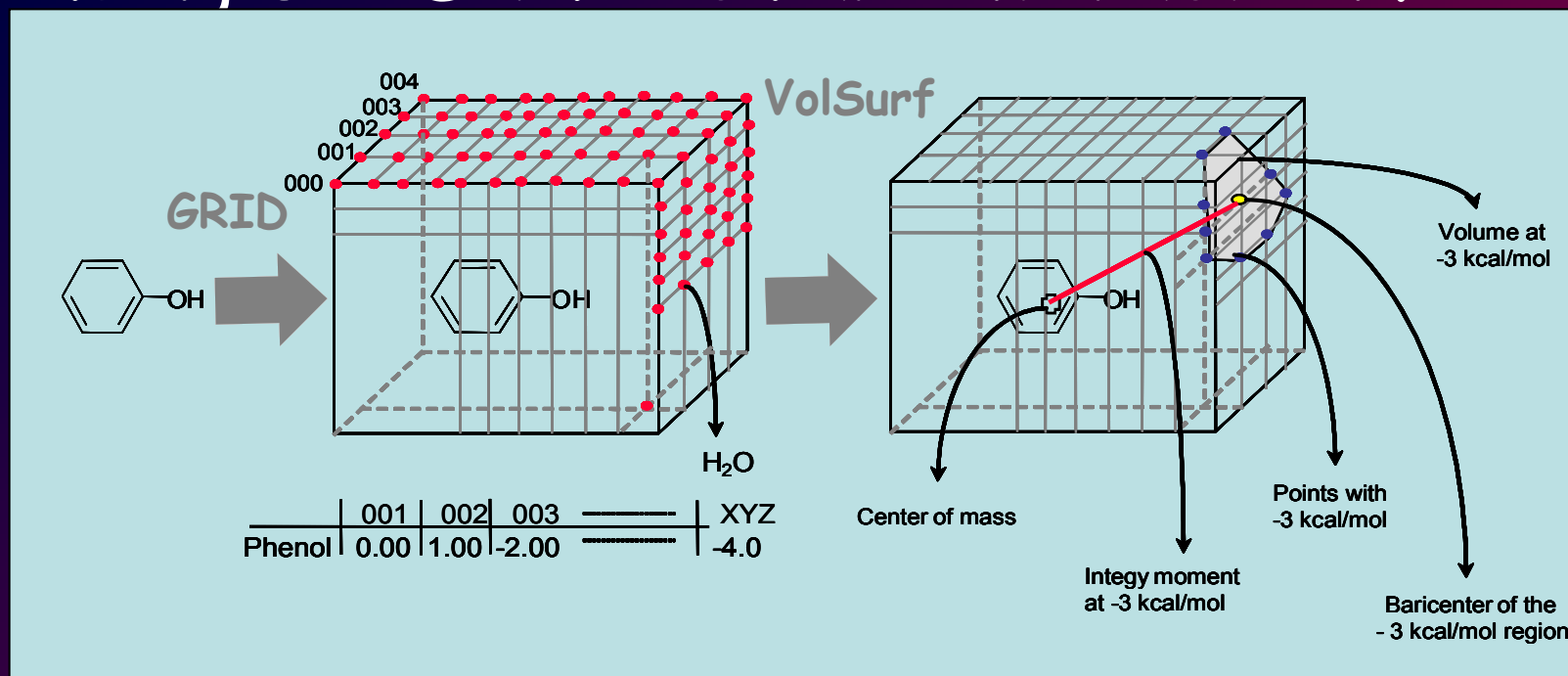
Company	Products
LeadScope	LeadScope Toxicity Database, LeadScope Known Drugs Databases, LeadScope Enterprise, LeadScope Personal
LHASA	DEREK for Windows, METEOR, Vitic
Biowisdom/LION	iDEA, LeadNavigator
MDS Pharma Services	Pharmotif Solutions
Molecular Discovery Limited	GRID, VolSurf, MetaSite, Almond, ADRIANA
MulticASE	MCASE/MC4PC, CASETOX, ToxLite, METAPC, MCWEB
Nimbus Biotechnology	PK-Map
NorayBio	CacoReady Software, NorayNet ADME
Novatia	Metlab Profiler
Partek	Partek Screener's Solution, Partek QSAR Solution, Partek Discovery Suite
Pharma Algorithms	Algorithm Builder, QSAR Builder, ADME Boxes v. 3.0, Tox Boxes v. 1.0, ADME/Tox WEB, DMSO Solubility, ADME Batches, Absolv
Bayer Technology Services	PK-SIM
pION	ELM-Evolution Library Manager
Schrodinger	QikProp
Supernus Pharmaceuticals	ProPhile, RADAR, ProScreen, OptiScreen
Simcyp	Simcyp
Simulations Plus, Inc.	ADMET Modeler, ADMET Predictor, Class Pharmer 4.0, GastroPlus, DDDPlus
Sirius	RefinementPro2
Spotfire	DecisionSite for Lead Discovery
Strand Life Sciences	ADMETIS
Summit PK	PK Solutions, Metabase
Syracuse Research Corporation	PHYSPROP
TerraBase	TerraQSAR Programmes, TerraTox Database Products
Thermo Electron Corporation	Metabolite ID 2.0
TimTec	SLIPPER, DISCON, HYBOT-PLUS
Tripos	VolSurf
Umetrics	SIMCA-P, SIMCA-P +
Waters	MetaboLynx Application Manager
White Carbon	Pathways for Adaptive ADME/Tox

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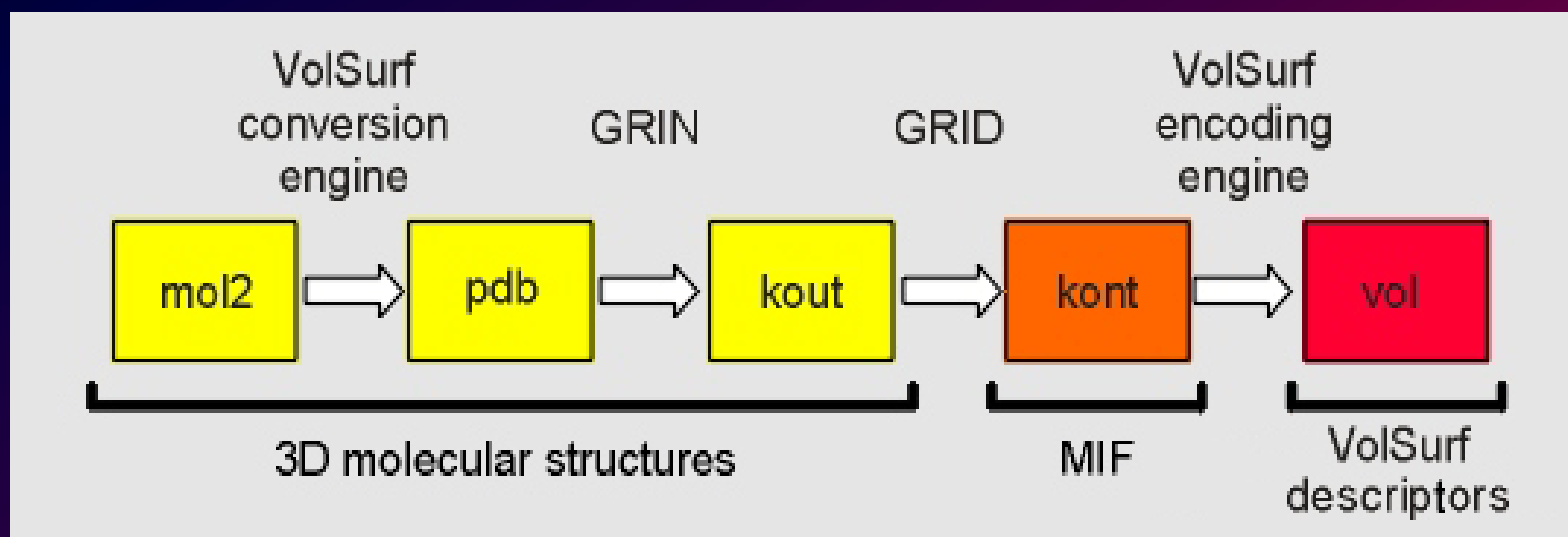
# ADME Prediction using GRID-Molecular Interaction Fields



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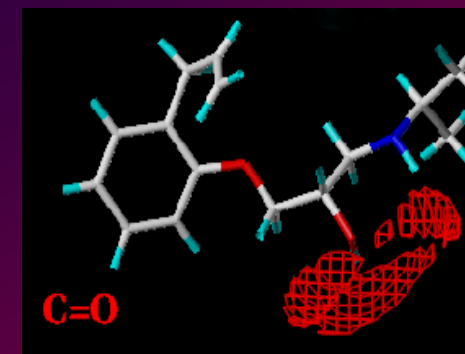
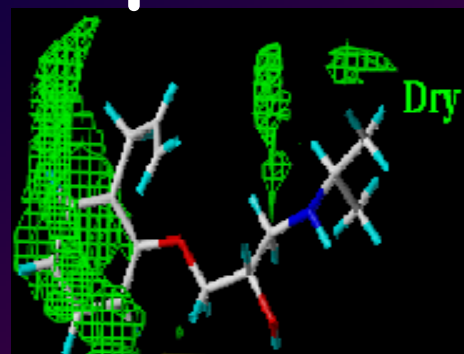
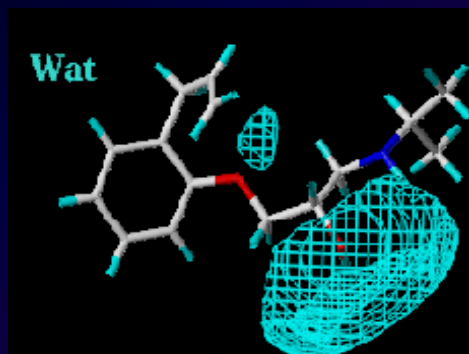
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# VolSurf



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# VolSurf Descriptors

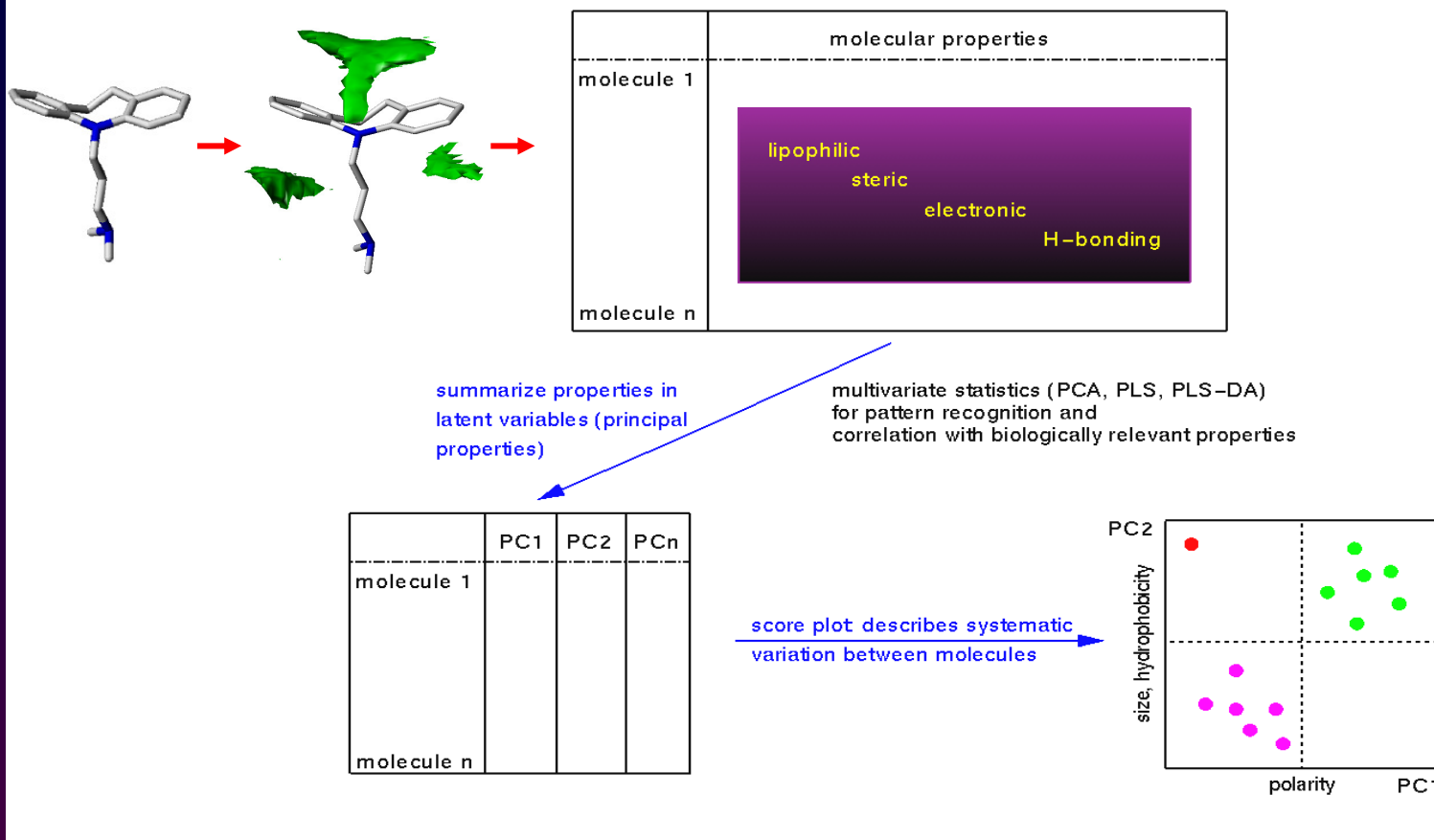


V  
S  
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CW1-CW8  
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D12, D13, D23

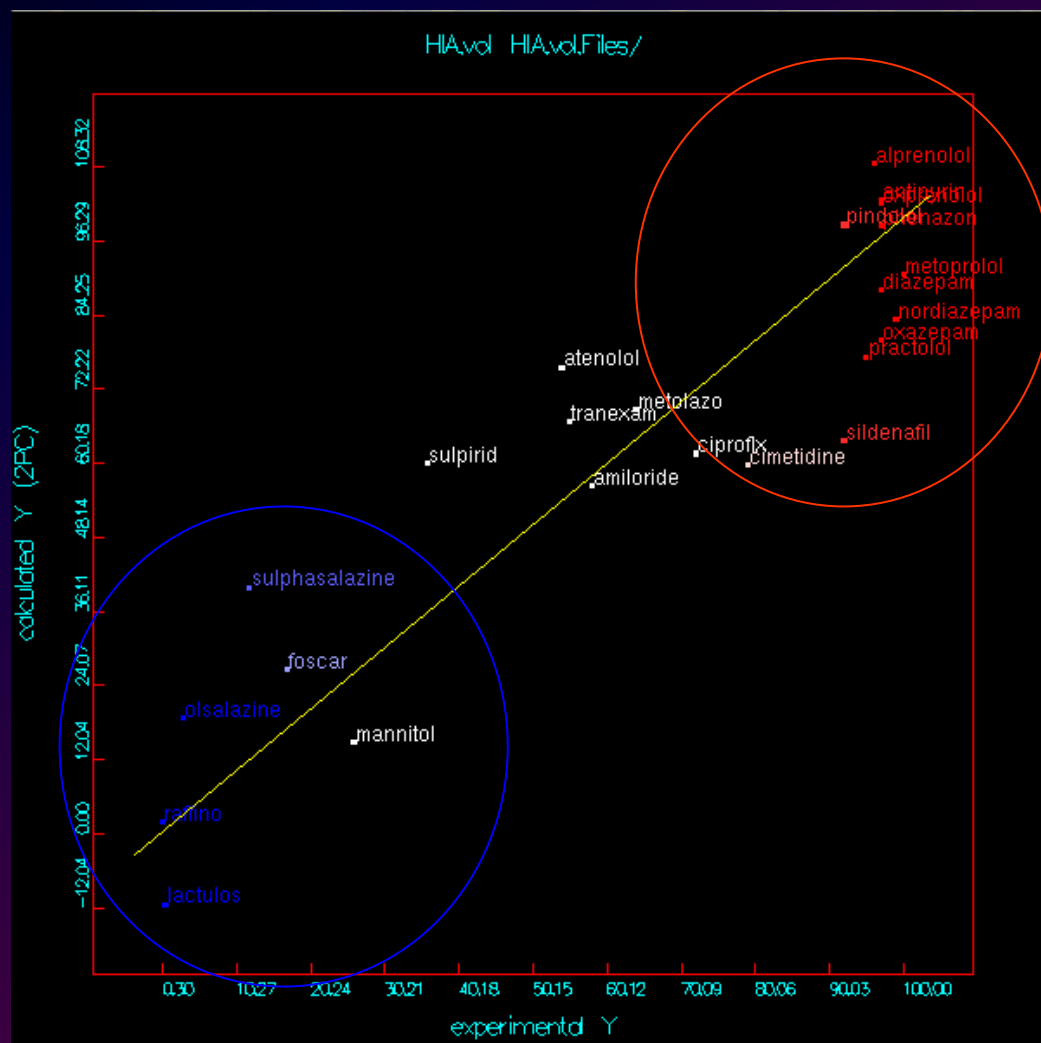
D1-D8  
ID1-ID8  
HL1-HL2  
A  
CP  
POL

Wp1-Wp8  
HB1-HB8

## Multivariate Modeling with VolSurf Descriptors



# VolSurf in a set of passively absorbed drugs



Derivation of a Quantitative Structure Property model for the Human Intestinal Absorption (HIA)

Data set: 24 compounds

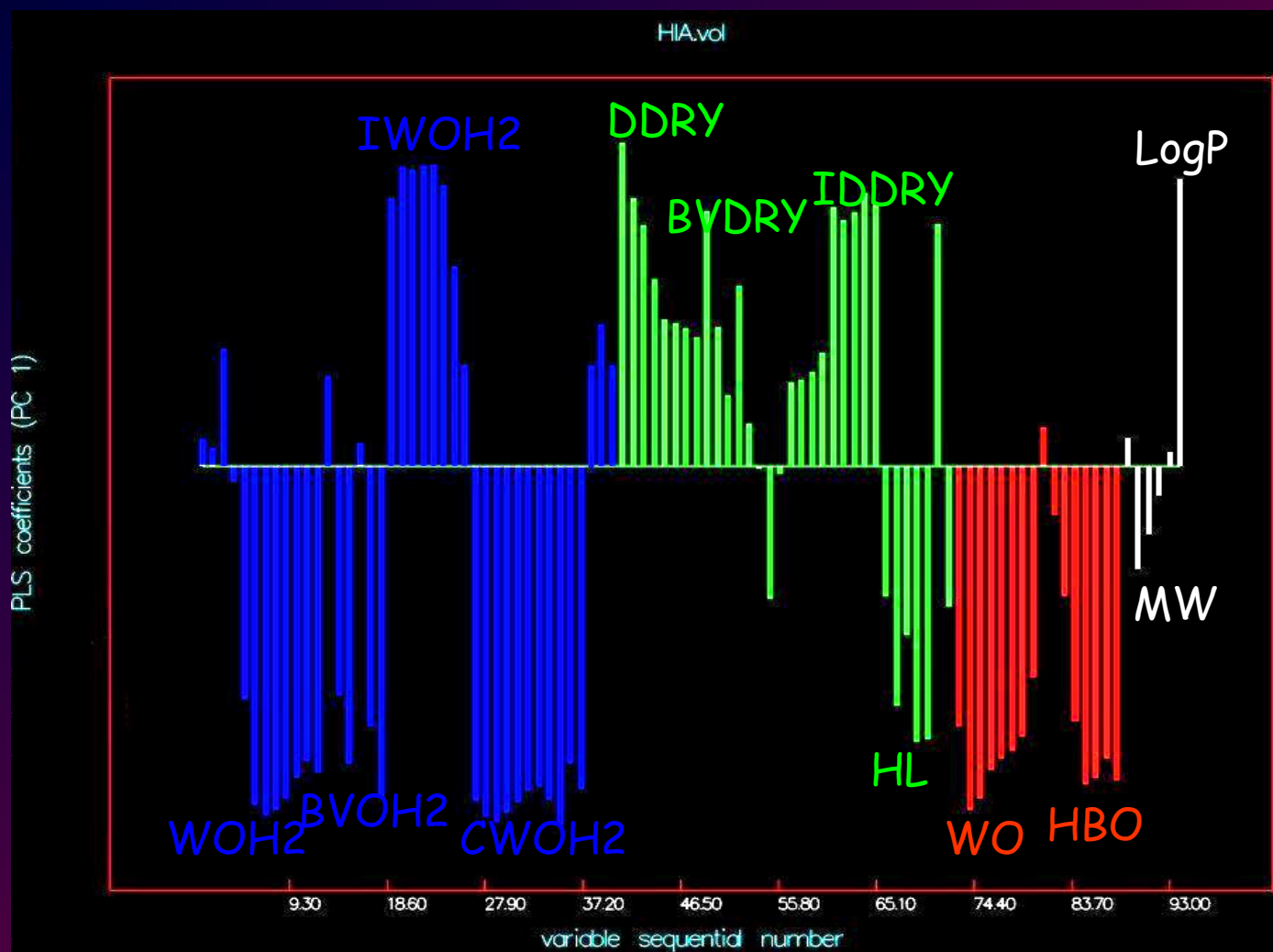
Probes: DRY, H<sub>2</sub>O, O

Y: %HIA value for the 24 compounds

PLS model

$A = 2$   $r^2 = 0.83$   $q^2 = 0.70$

# Use PLS to correlate %HIA with the VolSurf descriptors

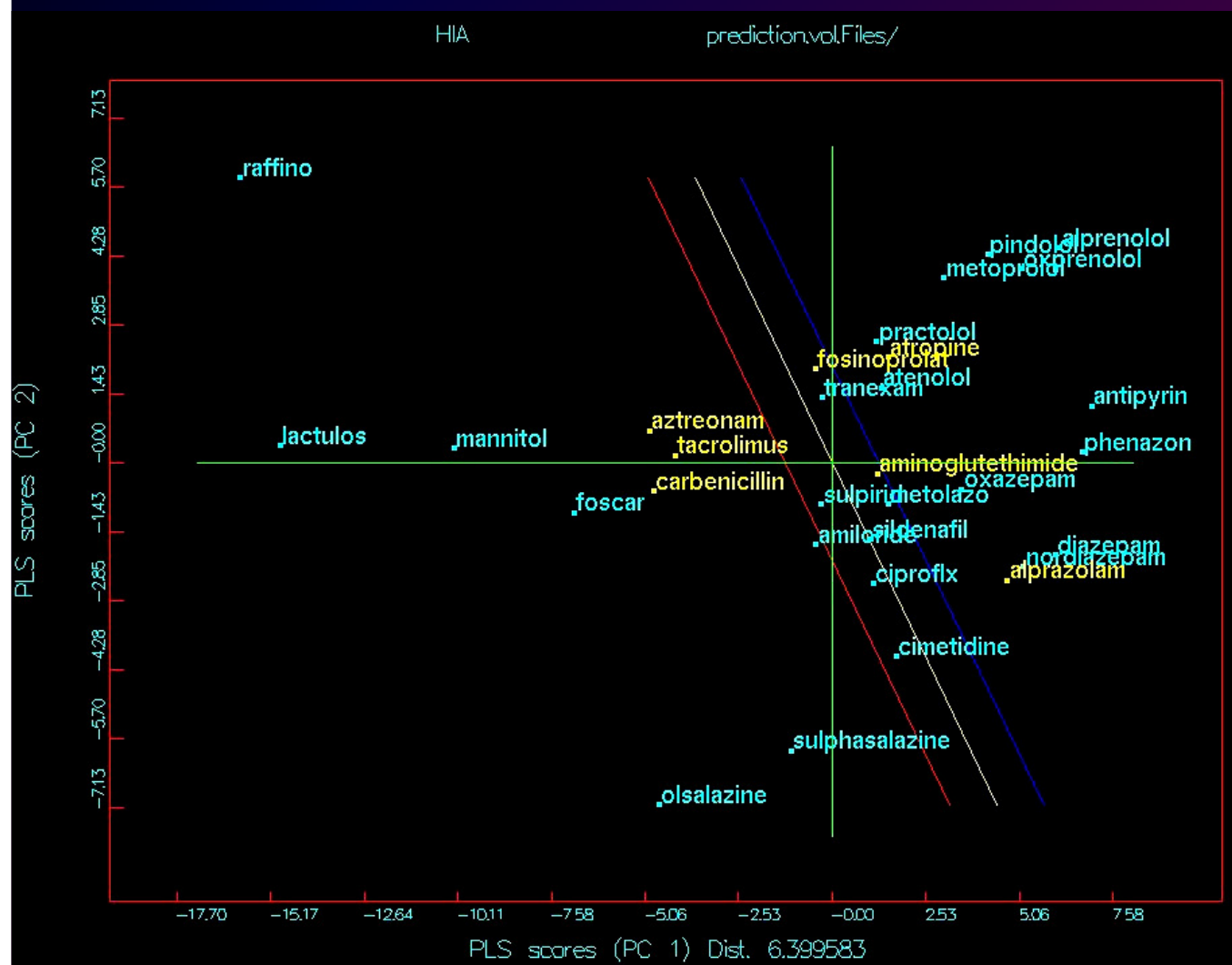


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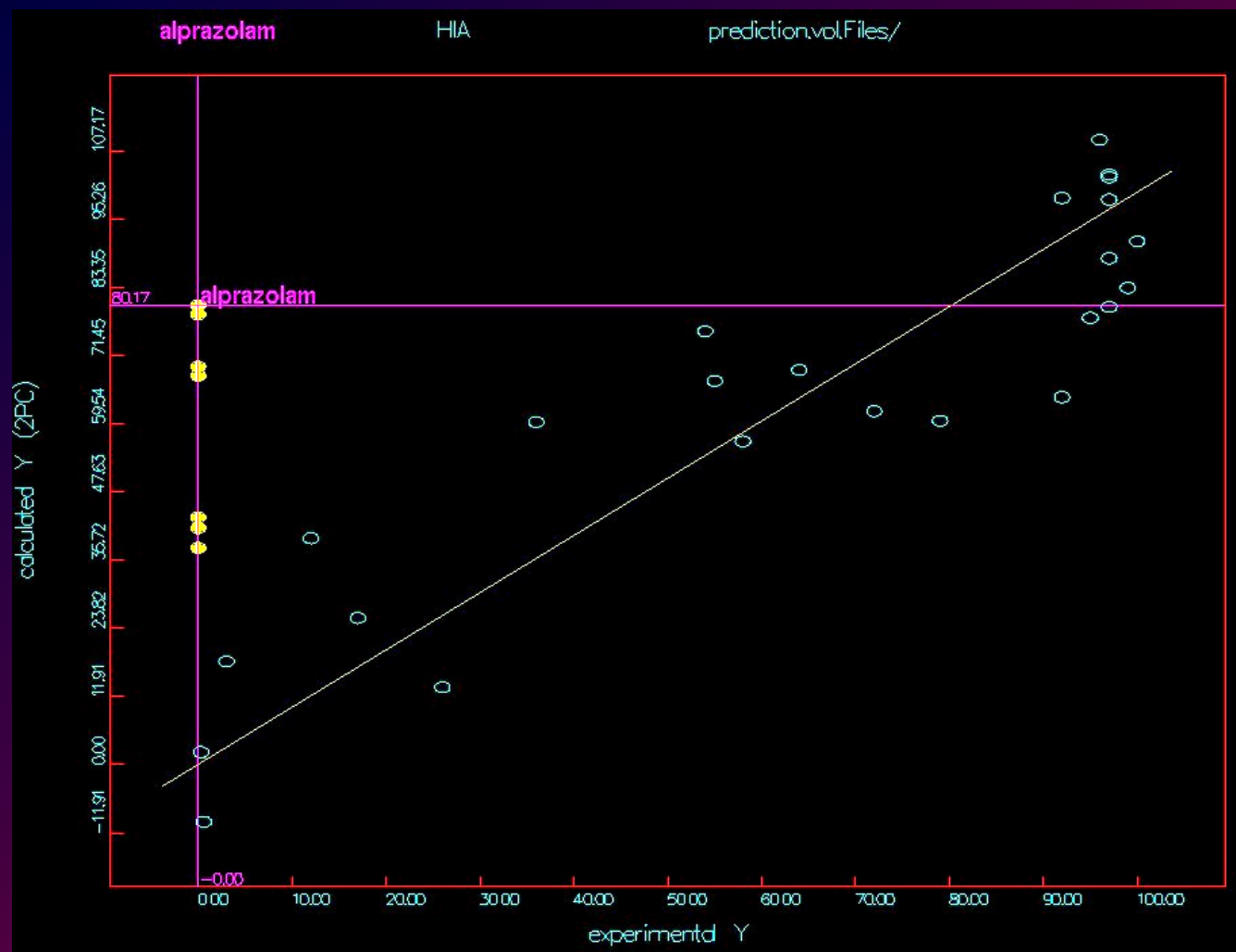
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Data set: 7 compounds

Y: %HIA value ?

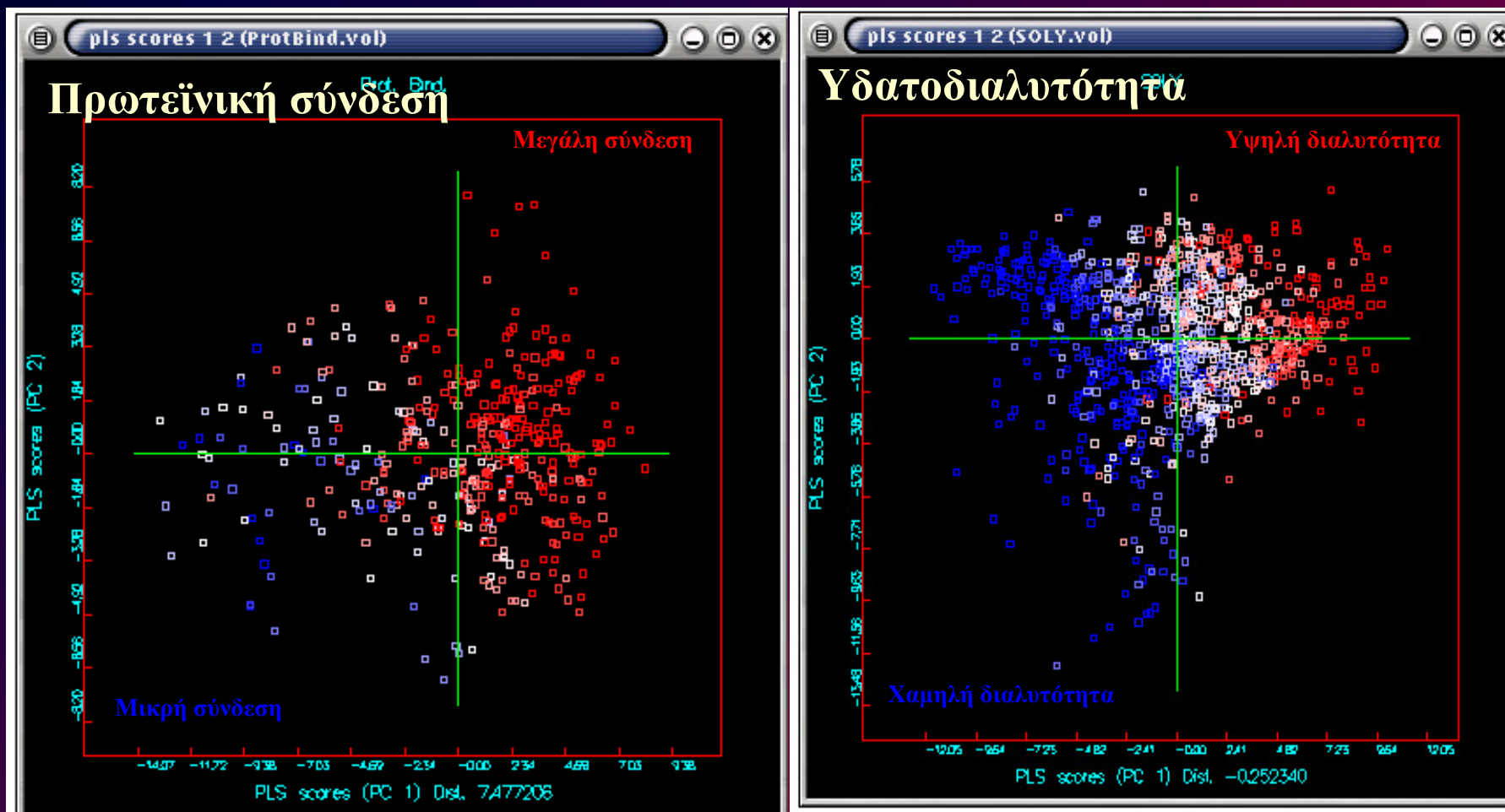


# External Prediction for % HIA





# ADME Models

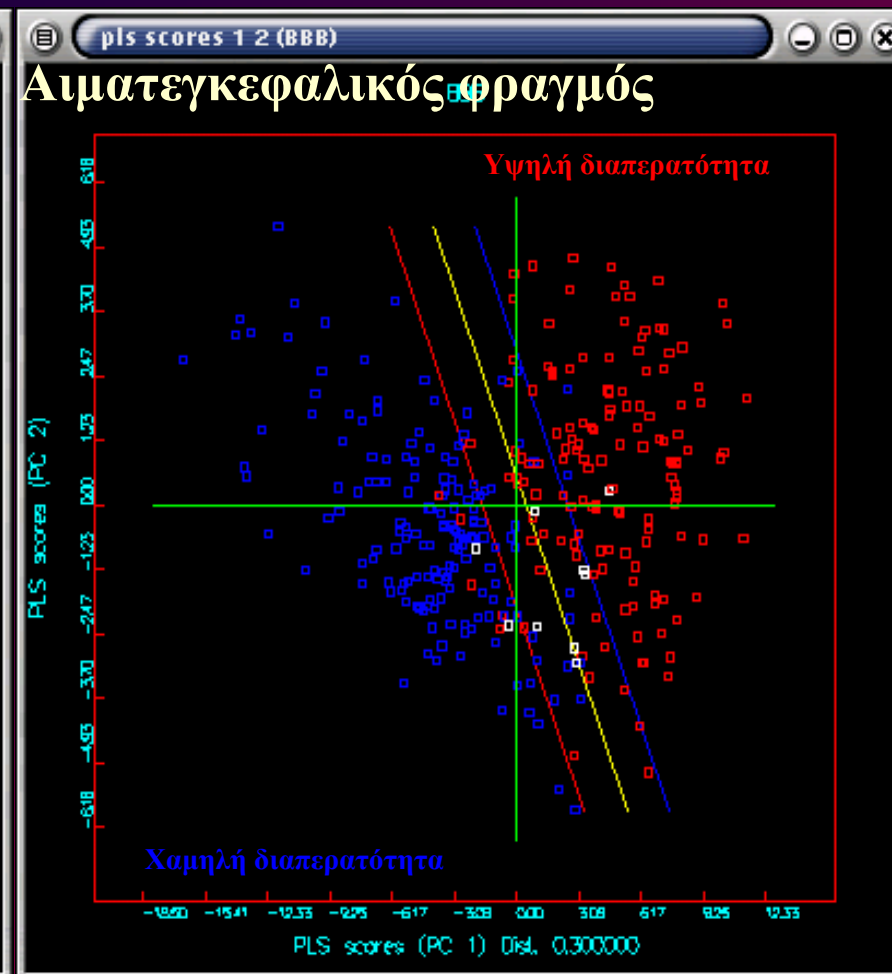
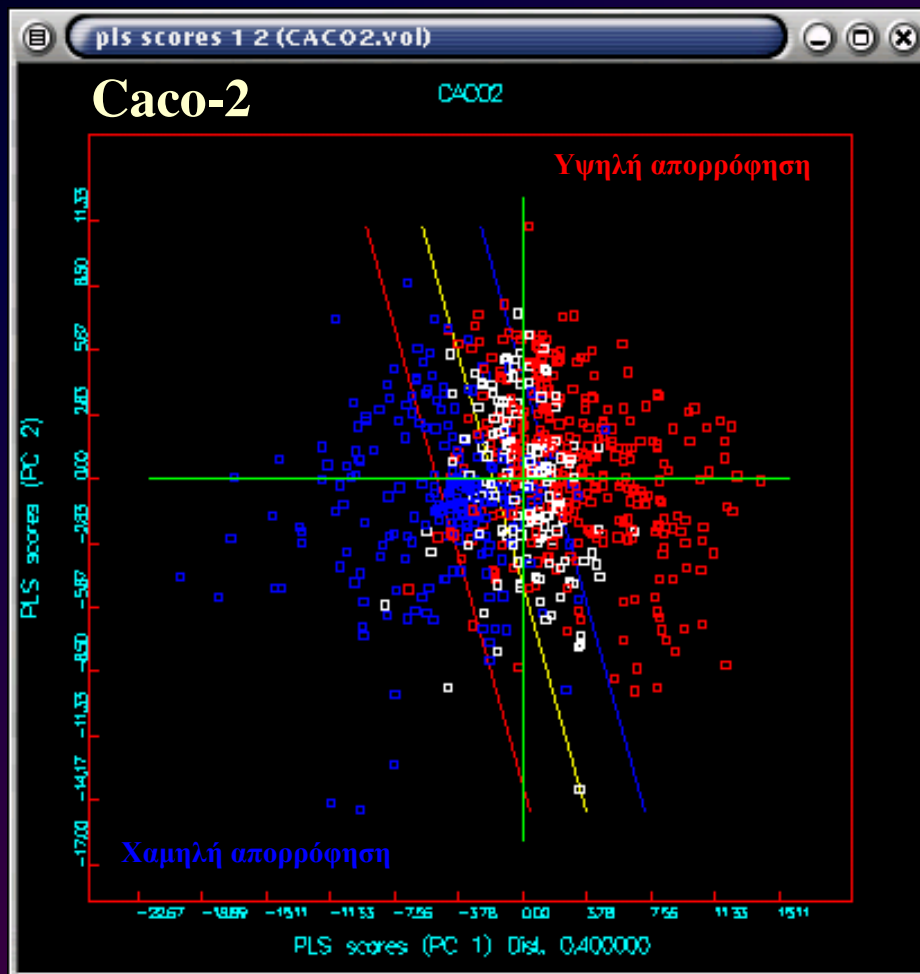


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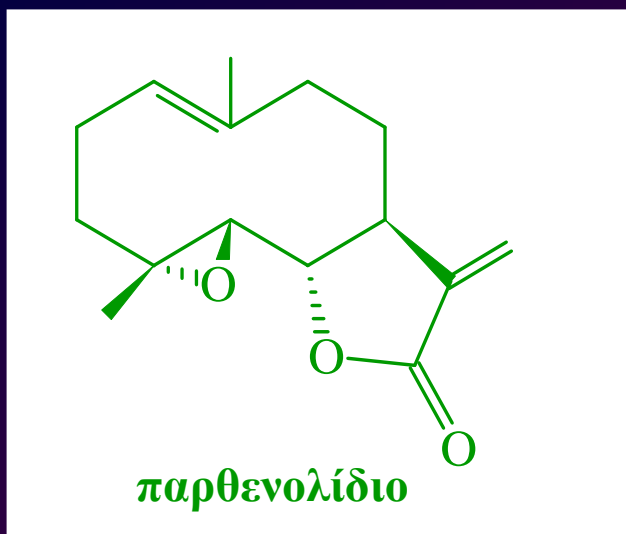
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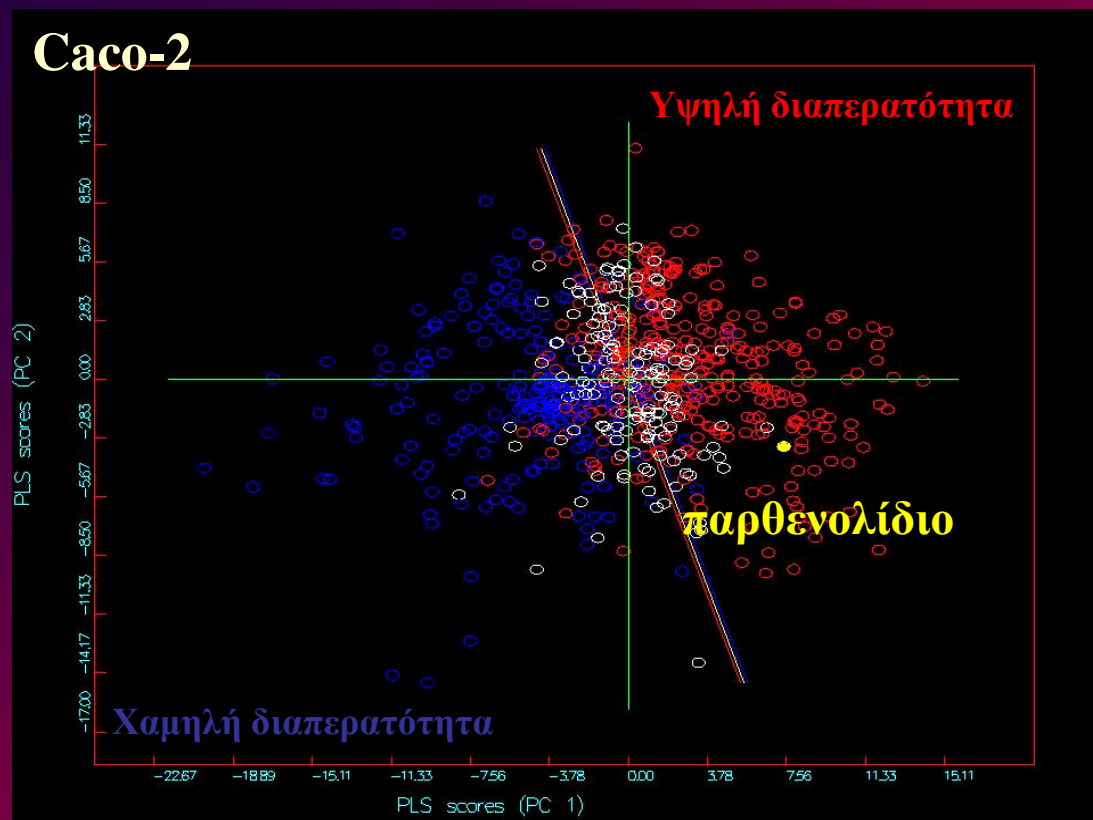
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Πειραματικά δεδομένα:  
• διαπερνά τα κύτταρα Caco-2



Βιβλιογραφία:  
Khan S. I *et al.*, Transport of parthenolide across human intestinal cells (Caco-2), 2003, *Planta Med.*, 69, 1009-1012



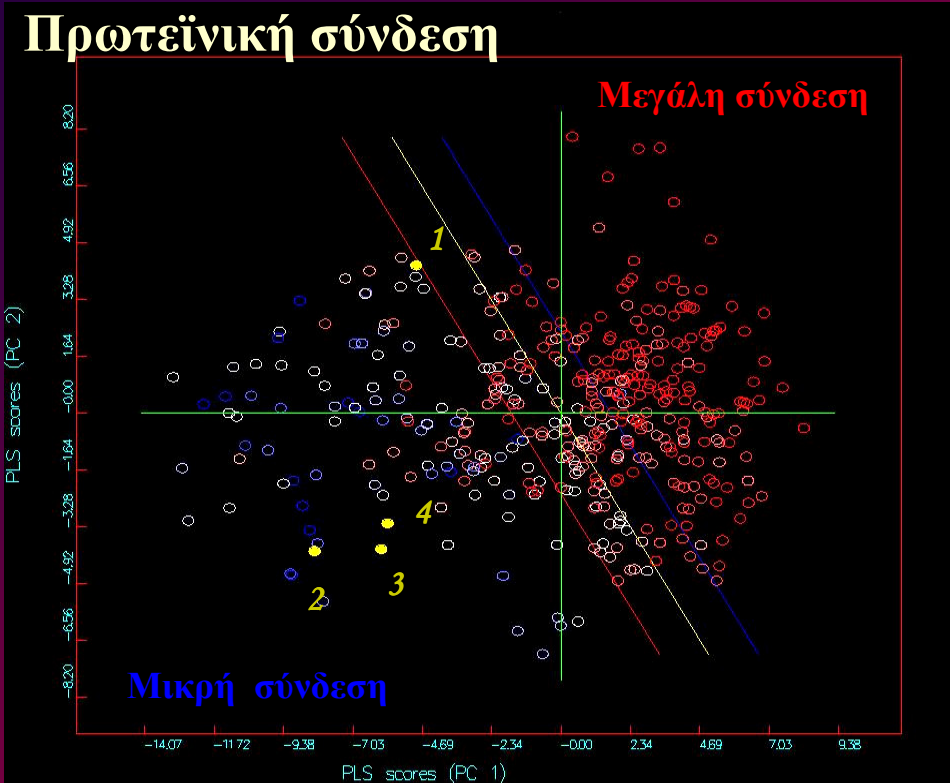
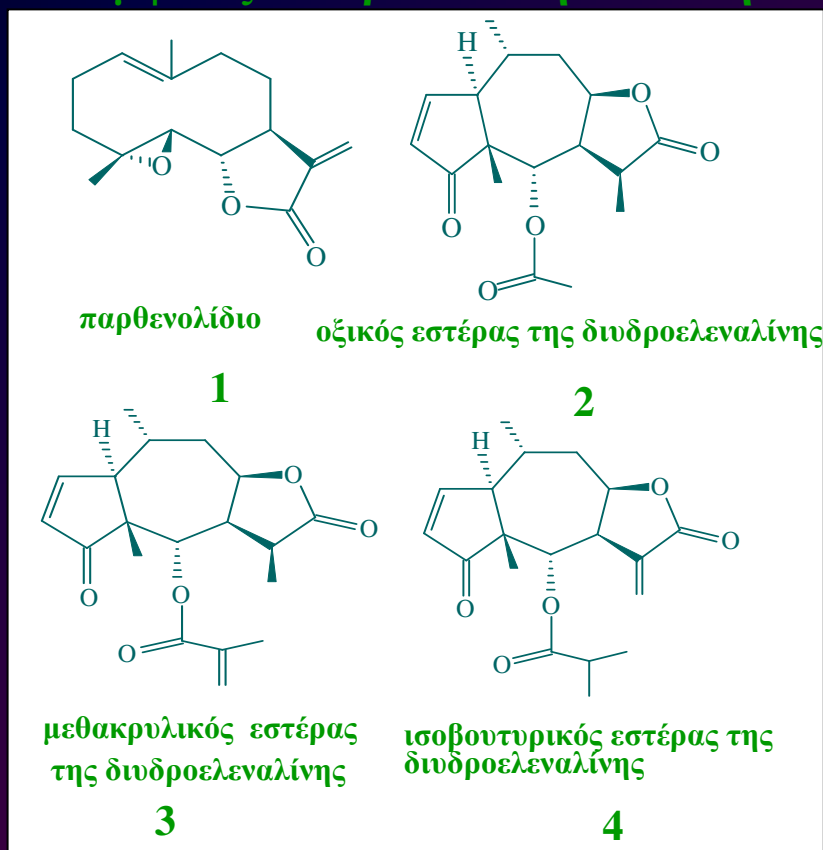
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Πειραματικά δεδομένα:

► δεν εμφανίζουν πρωτεϊνική σύνδεση



Βιβλιογραφία:

Wagner S. *et al.*, *In vitro* behaviour of sesquiterpene lactones and sesquiterpene lactone-containing plant preparations in human blood, plasma and human serum albumin solutions, *Planta Med.*, 2003, 70, 227-233.

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## Theoretical Investigation of Pharmacokinetic Profile of Synthetic Cannabinoids

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### Introduction

Cannabis sativa L. is one of the oldest known medicinal plants, which contains a family of chemically related 21 carbon alkaloids, termed cannabinoids. Pharmacological studies have shown that cannabinoids are involved in 11 pathological, nausea and vomiting associated with cancer chemotherapy, loss of appetite, pain, multiple sclerosis, spinal cord trauma, Tourette's syndrome, epilepsy, glaucoma, Parkinson disease, dystonia, decreased IOP (Intraocular Pressure) [1, 2]. Cannabinoids exert their actions by binding to specific receptors: CB1 and CB2. Both cannabinoid receptors belong to the Class A, rhodopsin-like family of G-Protein Coupled Receptors (GPCRs) [3].

### Results and Discussion

The selected structures were used as a data base in an attempt to correlate physicochemical parameters with pK<sub>i</sub> values. To fulfill this aim, VolSurf approach was applied and 3D molecular fields were transformed into descriptors using the water (OH), the hydrophobic (OH), and the hydrogen bond acceptor (HBA) [4]. The PLS (Partial Least Squares) multivariate data analysis of the pK<sub>i</sub> versus the 3d VolSurf descriptors was performed. The PLS, after the elimination of two strong outliers (compounds 2 and 16), yielded a two component model for CB1 with  $r^2 = 0.81$ ; the cross validation of the model using the leave-one-out (LCO) method yielded q<sup>2</sup> = 0.81 and a two component model for CB2 with  $r^2 = 0.81$ ; the cross validation of the model using the leave-one-out (LCO) method yielded q<sup>2</sup> = 0.81 (Table 3). The quality of the two models is demonstrated in the plot of the experimental versus calculated pK<sub>i</sub> (Figs. 2b and 2c).

### Materials and Methods

The structures of the studied molecules were retrieved using Tripos force field of SYBYL [5] and Monte Carlo analysis of QM3(BB) energy functions as well as the semiempirical methods of AM1 and PM3. VolSurf [6-8] is a computational procedure to explore the physicochemical property space of a molecule (or family of molecules) in terms of interaction regions between the molecule and chemical probes. The molecular descriptors obtained refer to molecular size and shape, the corresponding sites and shape of both hydrophilic and hydrophobic regions and the ratio of these two components. Both the descriptors and the corresponding energy, are not alternative to molecular models, and have proven to be useful in generating predictive ADMET models. In addition, statistical methods with VolSurf enable the creation of models that relate its descriptors to biological properties.

**Novel cannabinoid derivatives (Table 1) have been synthesized and tested for their in vitro biological activity at CB1 and CB2 receptors. The aim of this study was to correlate physicochemical parameters with pK<sub>i</sub> values and to predict their pharmacokinetic profile (ADME: Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, and Excretion) using the VolSurf procedure.**

Compound	CB1 pK <sub>i</sub>	CB2 pK <sub>i</sub>
1	9.25	9.21
2	9.25	9.41
3	9.25	9.41
4	9.25	9.41
5	9.25	9.41
6	9.25	9.41
7	9.25	9.41
8	9.25	9.41
9	9.25	9.41
10	9.25	9.41
11	9.25	9.41
12	9.25	9.41
13	9.25	9.41
14	9.25	9.41
15	9.25	9.41
16	9.25	9.41
17	9.25	9.41
18	9.25	9.41
19	9.25	9.41
20	9.25	9.41
21	9.25	9.41

**Fig. 2a and 2b illustrate the visual comparison of CB1 and CB2 3D molecular fields of the most potent compound 17 and the less active compound 22 for CB1. The green region around 17 represents the hydrophobic field. The arrows represent the vectors of the Integ. moments, which measure the imbalance between the centre of mass and the position of the hydrophobic regions around them. The high intensity moment of 17 indicates that there is a clear concentration of hydrophobic region in only one part of the molecule. The red regions around 22 represent the fields related with the hydrogen bond acceptor probes, which explain the weak potency of compound 22. The same approach is observed for compounds 8 and 16 (see also Fig. 3a and 3b).**

**The molecules were also projected on the following pre-calculated ADMET specific blood-brain barrier (BBB) permeation, Caco-2 cell permeability, plasma protein affinity and thermodynamic stability (Fig. 4). It was predicted that the studied molecules can access to the BBB, can be transported across the intestinal epithelium, they have low plasma-protein affinity and low aqueous solubility.**

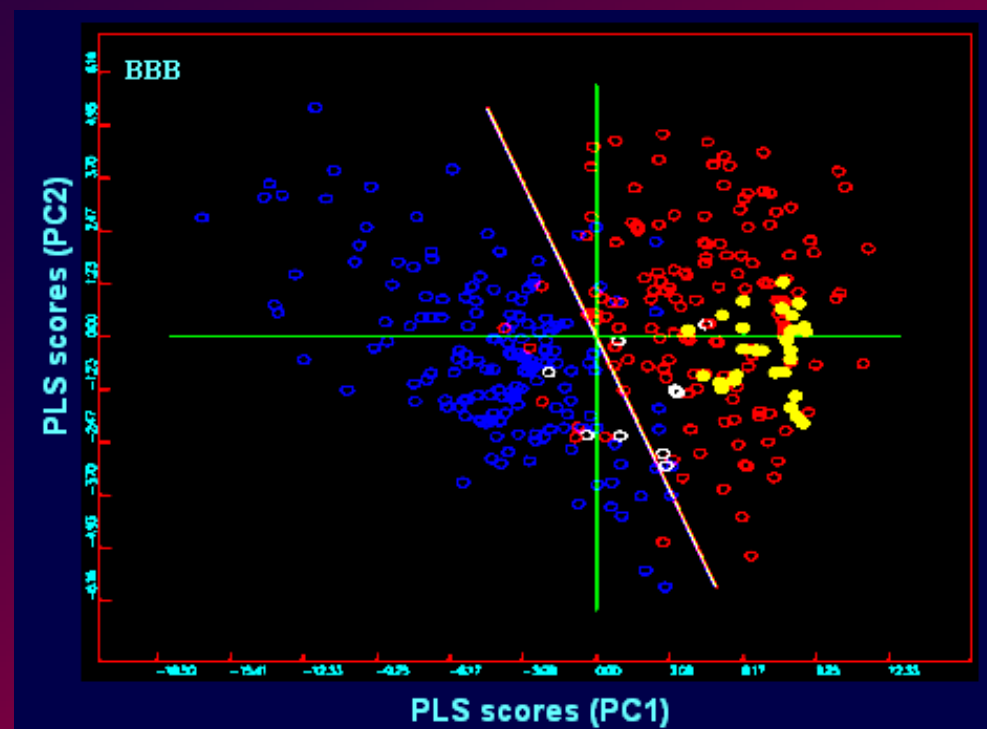


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# Theoretical Investigation of Pharmacokinetic Profile of Synthetic Cannabinoids

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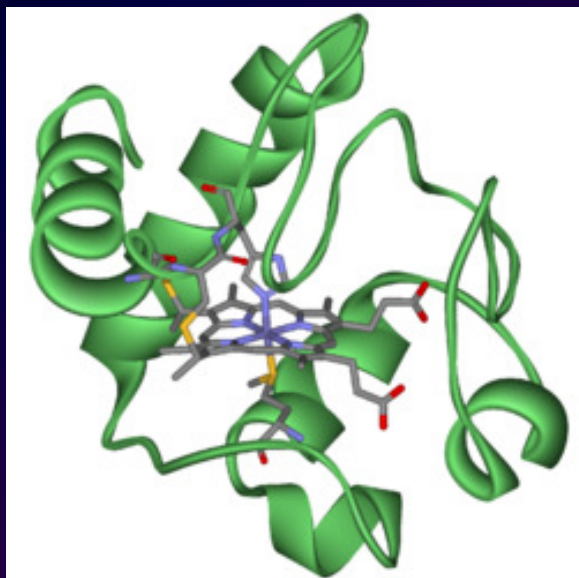
		CB1	CB2		CB1	CB2
		pKi	pKi		pKi	pKi
	1	7.32	7.41	22	5.90	6.64
	2	9.19	8.51			
	3	7.66				
	4	9.08	9.31			
	5	7.66	7.08			
	6	8.66	8.48			
	7	7.02	7.14	23	6.20	6.43
	8	7.92	7.29			
	9	7.24	6.97			
	10	7.93	8.03	24	6.12	6.65
	11	7.55	7.60	25	6.59	6.98
	12	8.08	8.41	26	6.50	6.96
	13	9.35	8.72			
	14	8.74	8.44			
	15	6.77	6.99			
	16	9.28	9.66			
	17	9.49	9.28	27	6.87	7.30
	18	7.24	6.59			
	19	9.36	9.07	28	7.23	7.00
	20	8.90	9.54	29	6.18	7.46
	21	9.15	8.99	30	6.72	7.20



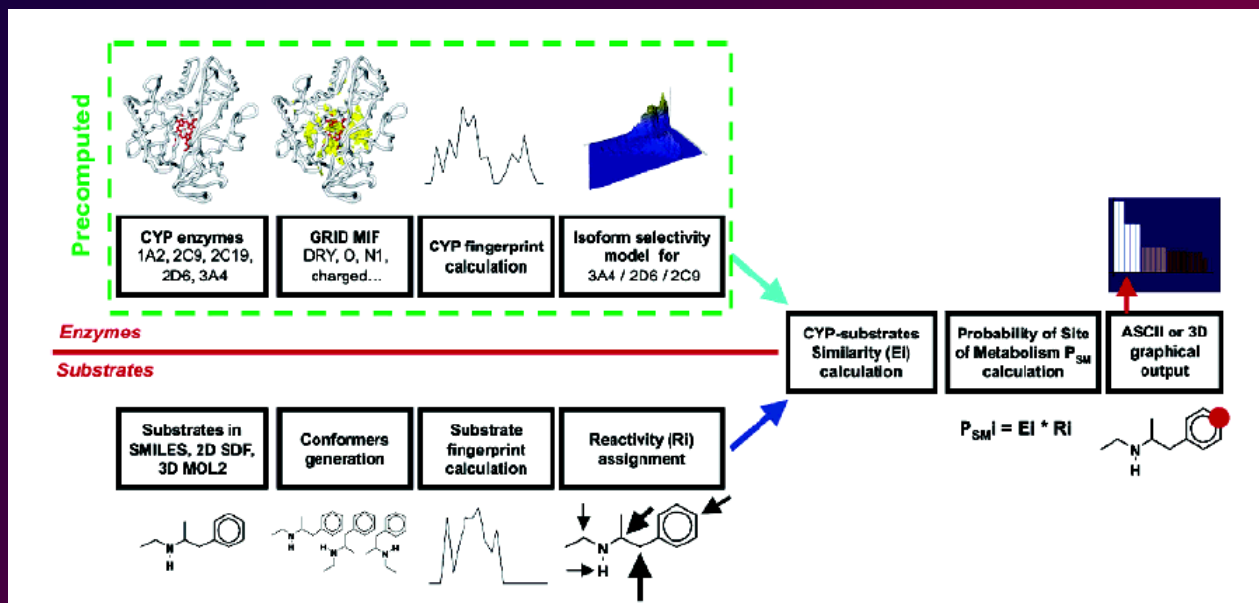


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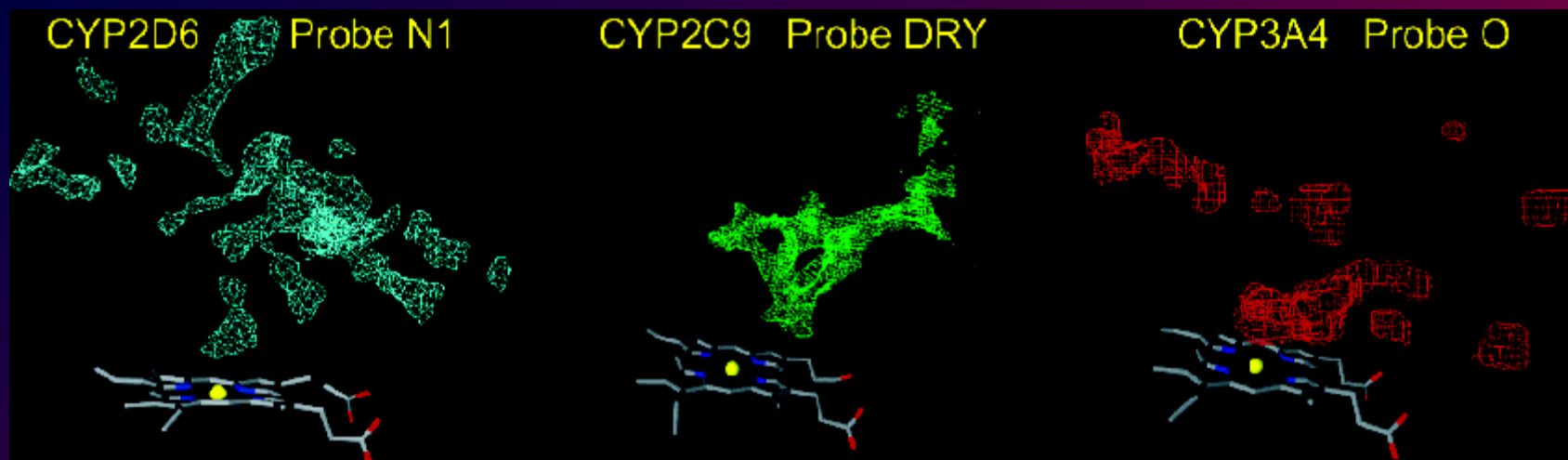
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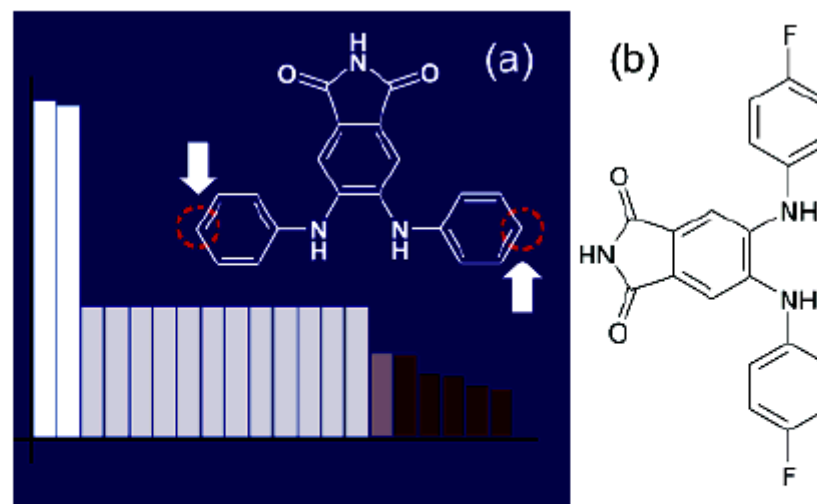
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**Figure 8.** (a) The predicted sites of oxidation are ranked according to probability values and reported in the histogram. White bars highlight the higher probability values that correspond to the para position of the molecule (indicated by white arrows in the 2D structure). (b) Compound CGP53353, a metabolically stable EGF-receptor kinase inhibitor.

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## In silico studies of ADME properties of AT1 receptor antagonists

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### Introduction

The necessity of the pharmaceutical industry to limit the time and expense of drug development due to the non optimal pharmacokinetic profile of candidate drugs, has initiated the interest in high-throughput screening methods and their in silico counterparts for rapid estimation of ADME properties (Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism and Excretion) at the early stages of drug development.

In the current study, some relevant pharmacokinetic and metabolic properties are theoretically calculated for AT1 antagonists (BIBAFEN) using VolSurf and MetSift software. The dataset is comprised of already marketed antihypertensives and other synthetic derivatives (Fig. 1). In particular, we have focused on aspects of blood brain barrier penetration, Caco-2 cell absorption, plasma protein binding, aqueous solubility, volume of distribution, and metabolism by CYP3A4.

**Materials and Methods**

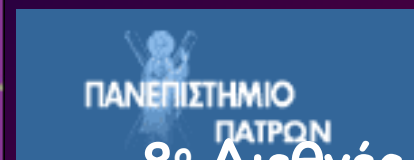
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MetSift involves the calculation of different sets of descriptors, one for the CYP enzymes and one set for the potential substrates. The set of descriptors used to characterize CYP enzymes is based on GRID flexible molecular interaction fields. For the CYP2D6 and CYP3A4 enzymes, the crystal structures of human isozymes are used.

### Results and Discussion

Fig. 2 reports the projection of the examined compounds on the pre-calculated ADMET models: blood-brain barrier penetration, Caco-2 cell absorption, plasma protein binding, aqueous solubility, volume of distribution, and metabolism by CYP3A4. The model Caco-2 shows that losartan, irbesartan, losartan, B07, B09, and V12 can be transported across the intestinal epithelium, while the other compounds can not be transported. The model BBB indicates that the compounds do not cross the BBB. Irbesartan, valsartan, B07, B09, and V12 have high plasma-protein affinity, while the remaining compounds have low plasma-protein affinity. From the model of aqueous solubility it can be observed that the compounds have low aqueous solubility. Irbesartan, losartan, valsartan, B07, B09, B06, V6, B216, B6, and B5 each has a small VD value. Moreover, from the projection of the molecules on the CYP3A4 model can be deduced that B07, B09, V12, and

Figure 3 shows the predicted sites of metabolism by CYP3A4 for B07, B09, V12 and irbesartan and Figure 4 the predicted sites of metabolism by CYP2D6 for all the compounds. It can be observed that all the main metabolites of the marketed AT1 antagonists are well predicted.



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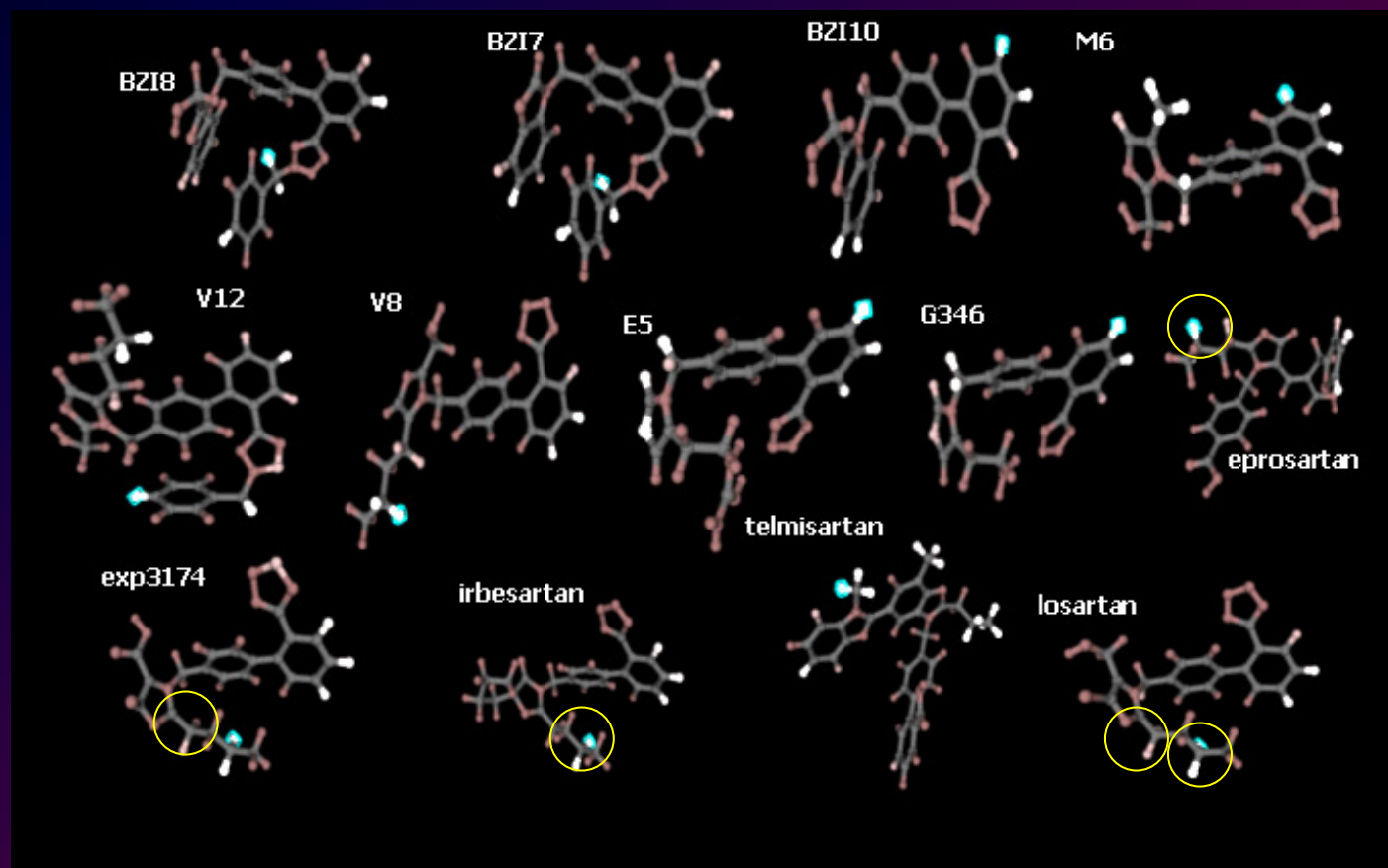
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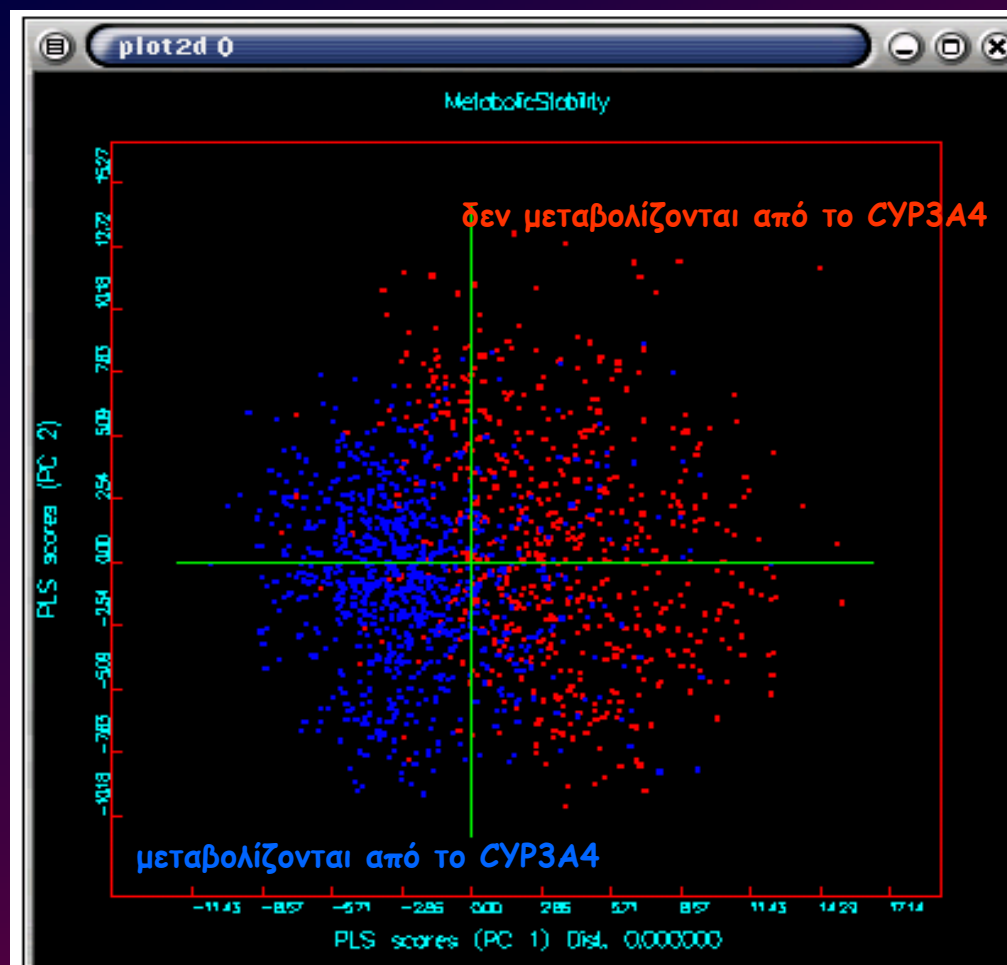
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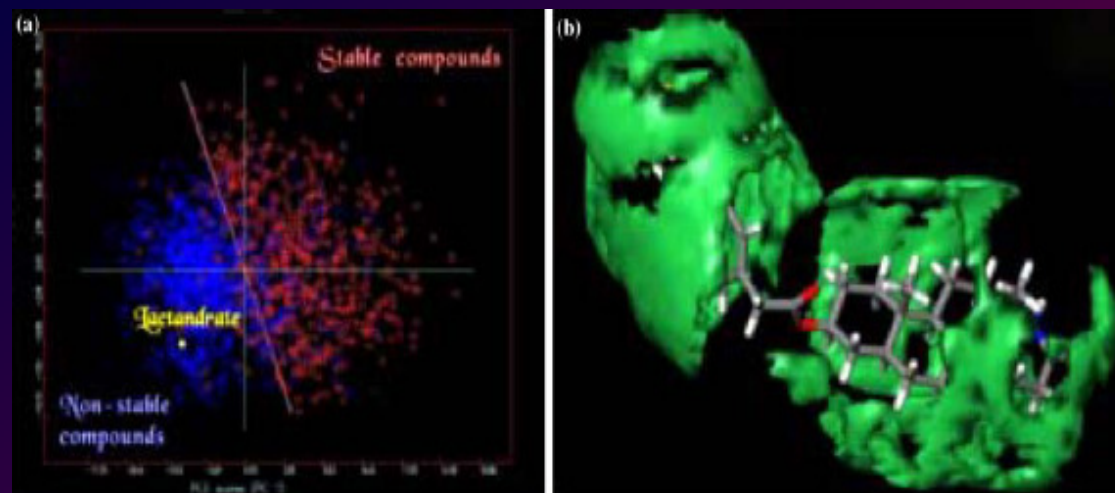
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Graphical visualisation of predicted CYP3A4 metabolic sites for the examined compounds. Four different shades of colour are used, from dark brown (lowest probability) to white (highest). The major metabolic site is highlighted by colour blue.

# ADME Models - CYP3A4



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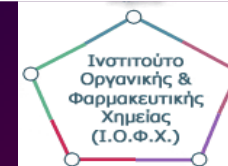
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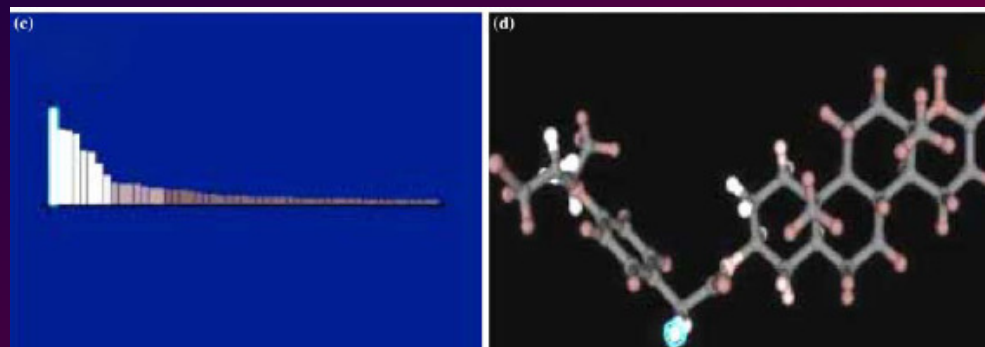


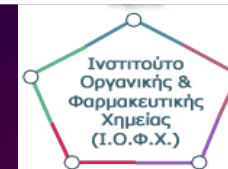
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