

Tutorial Protein modelling with online tools

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Task

- Prepare model of human UGT1A1
 - SwissModel
 - <https://swissmodel.expasy.org/>
 - AlphaFold
 - <https://colab.research.google.com/github/sokrypton/>
 - I-Tasser
 - <http://zhanglab.ccmb.med.umich.edu/I-TASSER/>
 - ESMfold
 - <https://esmatlas.com/resources?action=fold>

Preparation of sequence

- Find Uniprot sequence of human
<https://esmatlas.com/resources?action=fold>
 - Store it as FASTA
 - Remember UNIPROT ID
- Analyze overall topology
 - Feature viewer
- Find similar sequences with known PDB structure with BLAST

The screenshot shows a UniProtKB entry page for P22309 (UD11_HUMAN). The top navigation bar includes links for BLAST, Align, Retrieve/ID mapping, and Peptide search. The main title is "UniProtKB - P22309 (UD11_HUMAN)". Below the title, there are buttons for BLAST, Align, Format, Add to basket, and a refresh icon. The central content area displays the following details:

- Protein:** UDP-glucuronosyltransferase 1-1
- Gene:** UGT1A1
- Organism:** Homo sapiens (Human)
- Status:** Reviewed - Annotation score: 100

A sidebar titled "Display" lists several options:

- Entry (selected)
- Publications
- Feature viewer
- Feature table

Below the sidebar is a section titled "Function" which lists checked items:

- Function
- Names & Taxonomy
- Subcellular location
- Pathology & Biotech
- PTM / Processing
- Expression

The main text area below the sidebar describes the function of UDPGT:

UDPGT is of major importance in the conjugation and synthesis of glucuronides bilirubin IX-alpha to form both the glucuronidation of 17beta-estradiol, 17alpha-ethynodiol, and umbelliferone. Isoform 2 lacks transferase activity.

Catalytic activity: UDP-glucuronate + acceptor = UDP + acceptor beta-D-

SwissModel

- Use FASTA as input - First search for templates

SWISS-MODEL

Start a New Modelling Project [?](#)

Target Sequence:
(Format must be Fasta, Clustal, Promod, plain string, or a valid UniProtKB AC)

Target GIVVF3LGS... 360
Target LGHPMTRAFI... 420
Target EDLENALKAV... 480
Target LTWYQYHSLD... 533

[Reset Form](#)

[+ Upload Target Sequence File...](#)

Project Title:
Untitled Project

Email:
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[Search For Templates](#)

[Build Model](#)

<http://swissmodel.expasy.org>

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[Summary](#) [Templates](#) [Models](#)

Template Results [?](#)

The search for templates matching your target sequence is currently **running**. Please wait.

...reusing cached query alignment
...predicting residue burial status with ACCpro
...searching PDB profile database with previously built query profile

If you want to come back later, bookmark this link:

<http://swissmodel.expasy.org/interactive/hVaTnM/>

MAVE S Q G G R P L V L G L L C V L G P V V S H A G K I L L I P V D G S H W
L S M L G A I Q Q L Q Q R G H E I V V L A P D A S L Y I R D G A F Y T L K T Y P
V P F Q R E D V K E S F V S L G H N V F E N D S F L Q R V I K T Y K K I K K D S
A M L L S G C S H L L H N K E L M A S L A E S S F D V M L T D P F L P C S P I V
A Q Y L S L P T V F F L H A L P C S L E F E A T Q C P N P F S Y V P R P L S S H

SwissModel

- Not all templates are made equal ☺
- Try to have
 - large coverage,
 - high identity,
 - best resolution
 - and preferably similar ligands (UDP)
- To compare select just 5 with best coverage

SWISS-MODEL

All Projects

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Summary Templates 50 Models

Template Results

Templates	Sequence Similarity	Alignment of Selected Templates	More ▾			
Name	Title	Coverage	Identity	Method	Oligo State	Ligands
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2pq6.1.A	UDP-glucuronosyl/UDP-glucosyltransferase		17.96	X-ray, 2.1Å	monomer	None
<input type="checkbox"/> 2iya.1.A	OLEANDOMYCIN GLYCOSYLTRANSFERASE		18.30	X-ray, 1.7Å	monomer	1 x ZIO , 1 x UDP
<input type="checkbox"/> 2yjn.1.A	GLYCOSYLTRANSFERASE		16.08	X-ray, 3.1Å	hetero-oligomer	None
<input type="checkbox"/> 4lei.1.B	NDP-forosamyltransferase		16.88	X-ray, 3.1Å	homo-dimer	2 x TYD
<input type="checkbox"/> 4lei.1.A	NDP-forosamyltransferase		16.88	X-ray, 3.1Å	homo-dimer	2 x TYD
<input type="checkbox"/> 1iir.1.A	glycosyltransferase GtB		13.89	X-ray, 1.8Å	monomer	2 x MG
<input type="checkbox"/> 2c1x.1.A	UDP-GLUCOSE FLAVONOID 3-O GLYCOSYLTRANSFERASE		17.22	X-ray, 1.9Å	monomer	1 x UDP , 1 x B3P

SwissModel

- Closeness in the sequence space is important, but structure comparison of templates is more important –
- template is the sole predictor of model

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Template Results

Templates Sequence Similarity Alignment of Selected Templates More

SMTL ID: 1irr.1.A
Title: glycosyltransferase GtfB
Coverage: 13.80
Identity: 0.26
Similarity: 0.26
Ligands: 2 x MG
Method: X-ray 1.80 Å
Oligo State: monomer
Found_by: HHblits

Build Models 5

Clear Selection

View 2pq8.1.A 2iya.1.A 2yjn.1.A 4lei.1.A 1irr.1.A

SwissModel – Model building

- Template selection enables model building
- Quality of model is shown with General Model Quality Estimate - Mine are not good...

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Summary Templates 50 Models 5  

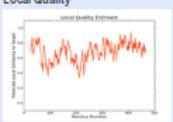
Model Results 

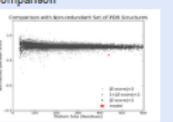
Order by: QMEAN4

Model 01 

Oligo-State Ligands
MONOMER None

Global Quality
QMEAN 4.80
C_B 4.13
All Atom 2.65
Solvation 1.40
Torsion 3.85

Local Quality 

Comparison 

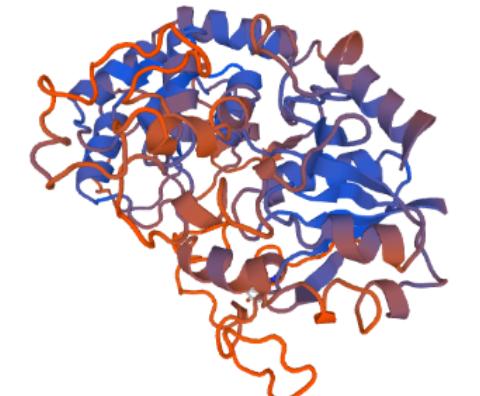
GMQE QMEAN 0.46 4.80 

Template 2pg6.1.A Seq Identity 17.96% Coverage 

Description UDP-glucuronosyl/UDP-glucosyltransferase

Model-Template Alignment

Model_01 MAVEPQQGRPLVLLGVLGVSHAGKILLFPIVDG SHWLSMLGAHQQLQQRGRHEIVVLA
2pg6.1.A KHEVAMIPVYKHNPLFLAKLVLURGHTENVSYHRLKSRGPKAFDTGTTNFFESFOGLTPEE-GD-GD-V-
Model_01 FENDSFQLQVIKTYKKIKKDSAMLLSCSHLHNKEELMASLAE SSFDVMLTDPPFLPCSPPIVAQYL
2pg6.1.A SQ D QFTLQCFRQPFKPY-ELITRLKETNWPFVWDFCQMTTIGAATFELV V QSSCLM
Model_01 TEIQLQVNNMLIAFS-QNELCDWVVS PYATLASERLQREVTQVQDLSSASVWLFRSDEVKDYP
2pg6.1.A EGDVNDIPIGLKQKEDT DERTTINHMEEFTEI- V QDWKNTLWVWDFCQMTTIGAATFELV
Model_01 EAYINASGEHNGIIVVSILGMSVSEIPEKAMAIADALOKIPQTIVLWRYTGT RPSN LANNTI
2pg6.1.A LQDNEKEPQVYVY GSTT-VMCELIPEA-LANNTI
Model_01 VAMP LFQGDQMDNAKRMET KOAGVT LNVELMTSEDLENALKAVIND KSYKEN IMLRSSLHKDRPV
2pg6.1.A EPPF DQIDCRPCKENE GQID-TNPPE ELAWLINEVIRGKOKKVM LGGAAEFTPQGCSYMOI
Model_01 IGPFLAXVLTVAFITPKWCAYGKRCLGKGRVKAHKSMTH
2pg6.1.A



AlphaFold

- [Google Colab](#)
 - <https://colab.research.google.com/github/sokrypton/>
- [AlphaFold](#)
 - <https://wwwalphafold.ebi.ac.uk/entry/P22309>

I-Tasser

- Insert FASTA
- Use as much knowledge as possible (e.g. PDB, secondary structure...)
- Submit
- And compare to SwissModel

[\[Home\]](#) [\[Server\]](#) [\[Queue\]](#) [\[Forum\]](#) [\[About\]](#) [\[Remove\]](#) [\[Statistics\]](#)

I-TASSER submission for job id S298758

Submitted Sequence

```
>UGT1A1
MAVESQGGRPLVLGLLLCVLGPVVSHAGKILLIPVDGSHWLSQLGAIQQQLQQRGHEIVVL
APDASLYIRDGAFYTLKTYPVPFQREDVKEFVSLGHNVFENDSFLQRVIKYKKIKKDS
AMLLSGCSHLHNKELMASLAESSFDVMLTDPFLPCSPIVAQYLSLPTVFFLHALPCSLE
FEATQCPNPFSYVPRPLSSHSDHMTFLQRVKNMLIAFSQNFLCDVVYSPYATLASEFLQR
EVTVQDLLSSASVNLFRSDFKDYPRPIMPNMVFVGGINCLHQNPPLSQEFEAYINASGEH
GIVVFSLGSMVSEIPEKKAMAIADALGKIPQTVLWRYTGTRPSNLANNTILVKWLPQNDL
LGHPMTRAFITHAGSHGVYESICNGVPMVMMPLFGDQMDNAKRMETKGAGVTLNVLEMTS
EDLENALKAVINDKSYKENIMRLSSLHKDRPVEPLDLAVFWVEFVMRHKGAPHLRPAAH
LTWYQYHSLDVIGFLLAVVLTVAFITFKCCAYGYRKCLGKKGRVKKAHKSKTH
```

Your sequence has been successfully submitted and is in processing.....
You will receive a notification email once the job is completed. You may want to bookmark this page to check the results later.

I-Tasser results

- Predict secondary structure
- Predict solvent accessibility
- Identification of templates
- 5 models sorted by C-score (quality estimate)
- Structural analogs
- Predicted function
- Ligand binding site
- EC number and GO

ESMfold – language model

- <https://esmatlas.com/resources?action=fold> – max 400 aa
- [https://esmatlas.com/resources?action=search sequence](https://esmatlas.com/resources?action=search_sequence) – gives list of known sequences
 - Or look them up in Mgnify database
- UGT has 533 AA.
 - > 3 models – beginning, center, end
 - Division ideally beyond some helical segment that enable concatenation
 - Later / concatenation of models in Pymol

Comparison of models

- in Pymol
 - compare to known best template
 - compare between each other
 - identify parts which seems to be ok in most models
 - look at positions of disorder
 - C-terminal TM helix – is it in the model?
- Quality check
 - QMEAN
 - <https://swissmodel.expasy.org/qmean/>
 - AlphaFold score