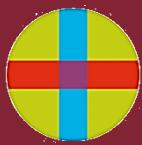


# *Protein Targeting Chimeras strategy in favour of the degradation of CK2.*

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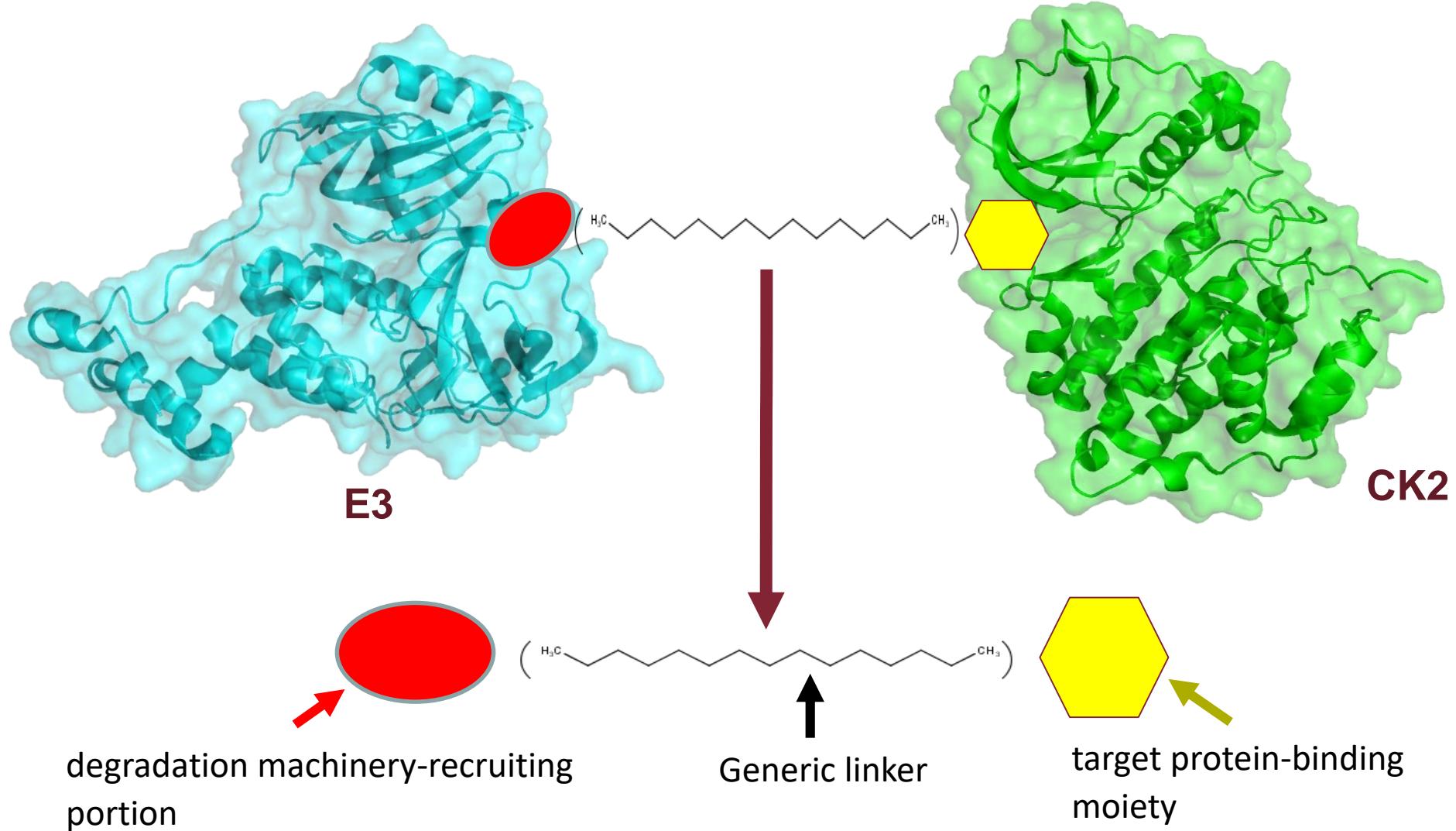
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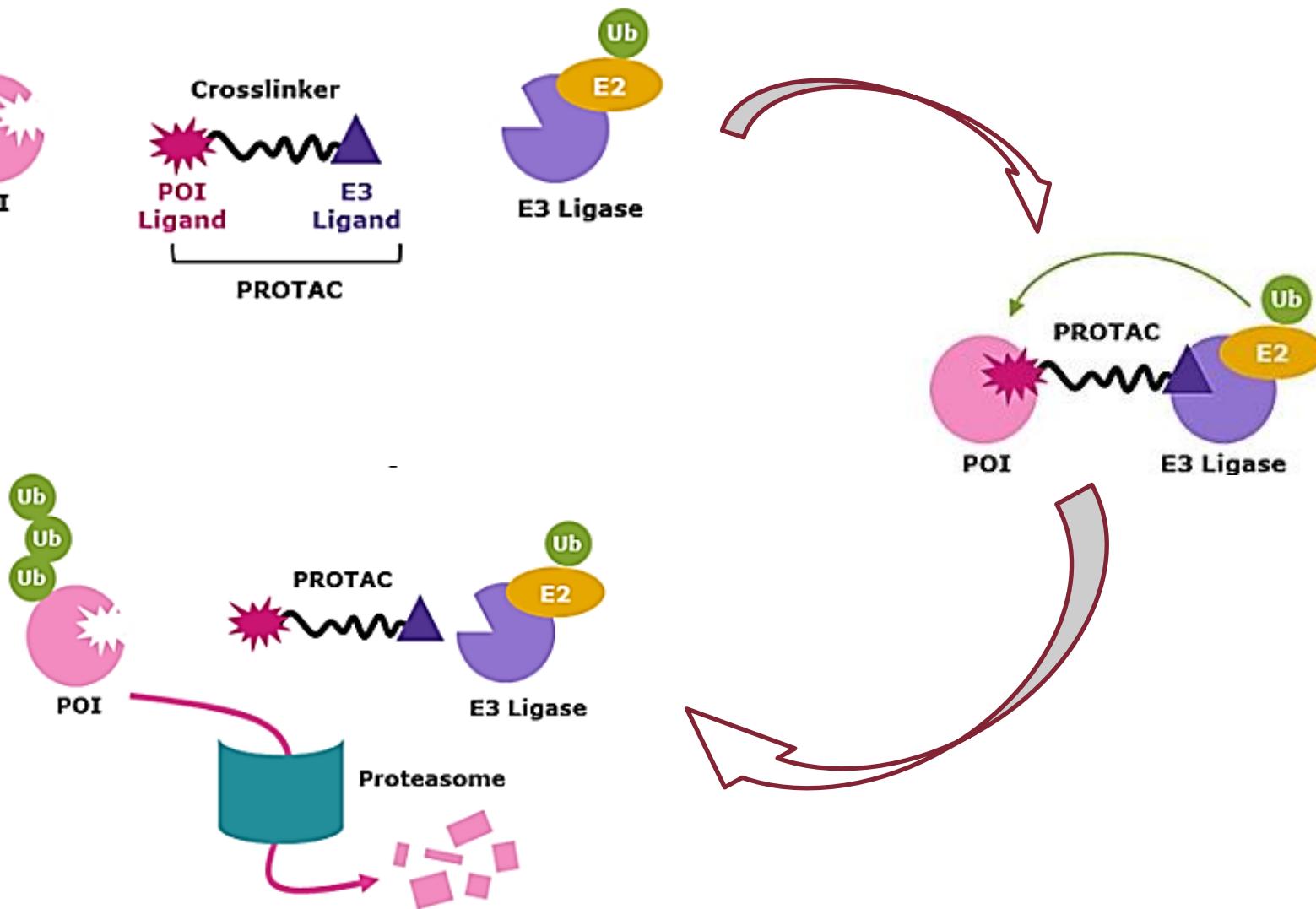
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# 1. Aim of the study





## 2. Introduction: PROTAC





# 3. Workflow



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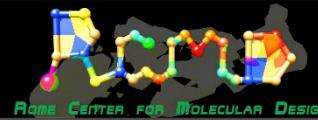
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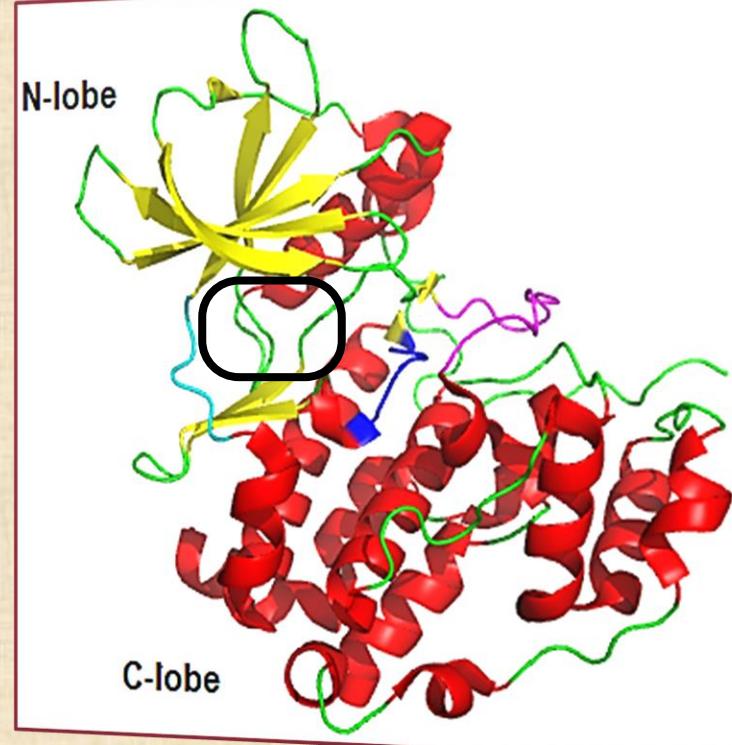


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### About CK2

- ❖ Casein Kinase 2 (CK2) is a constitutively active non-specific serine/threonine kinase
- ❖ key regulator of many cellular processes, such as cellular proliferation, anti-apoptotic mechanisms and proangiogenic signalling
- ❖ Elevated CK2 expression and activity are related to blood tumours and solid tumours



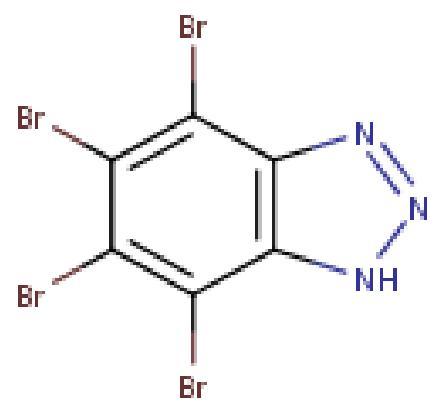
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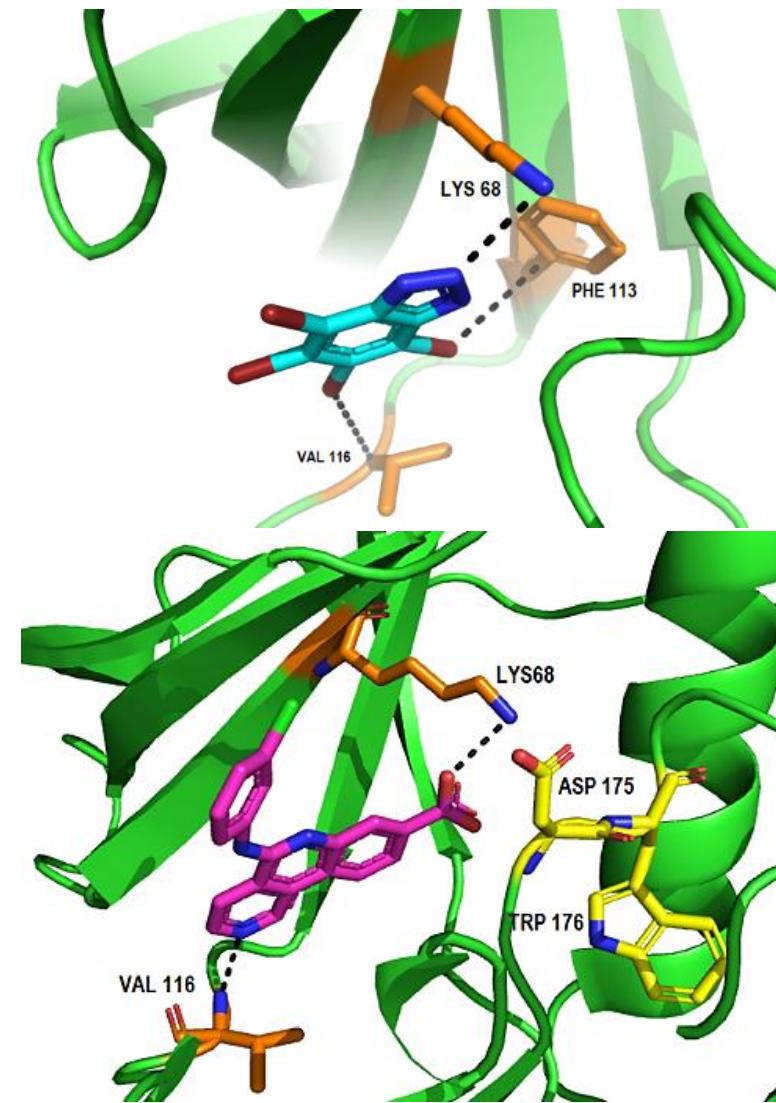
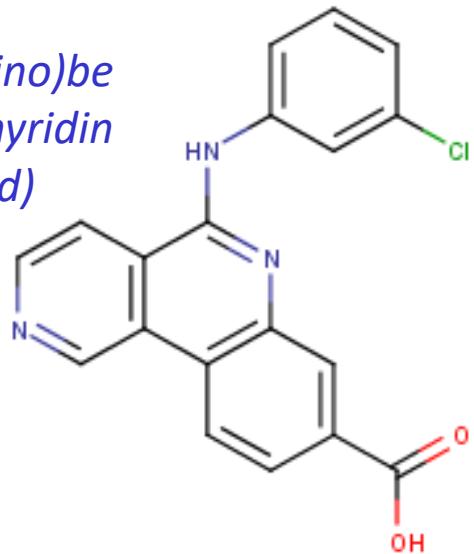
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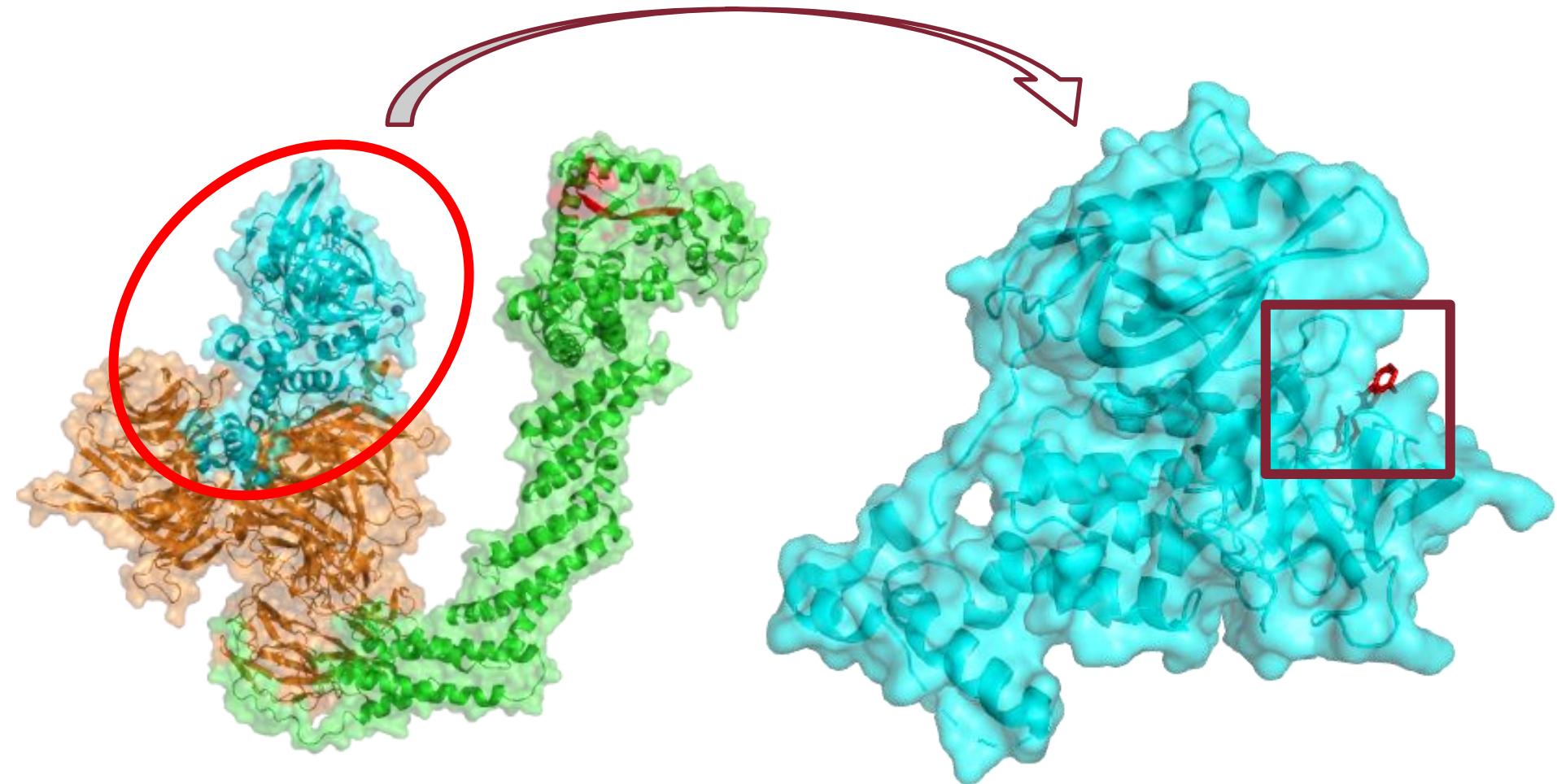


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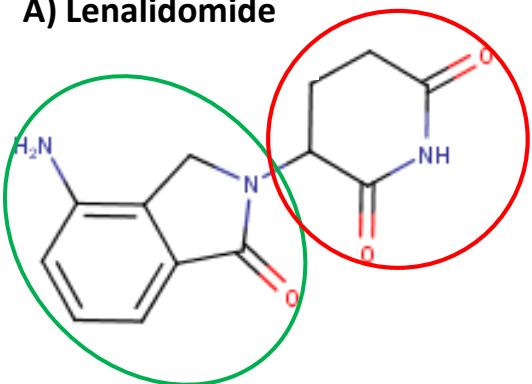
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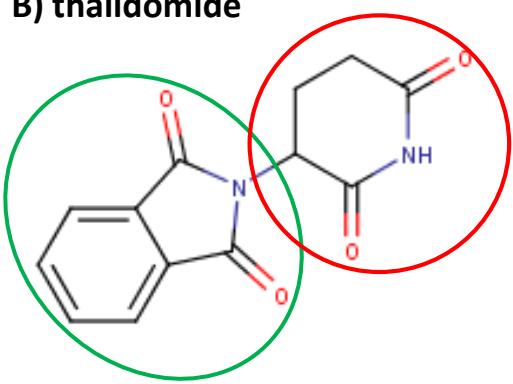


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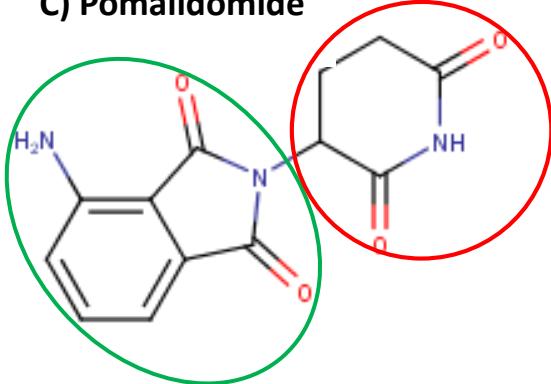
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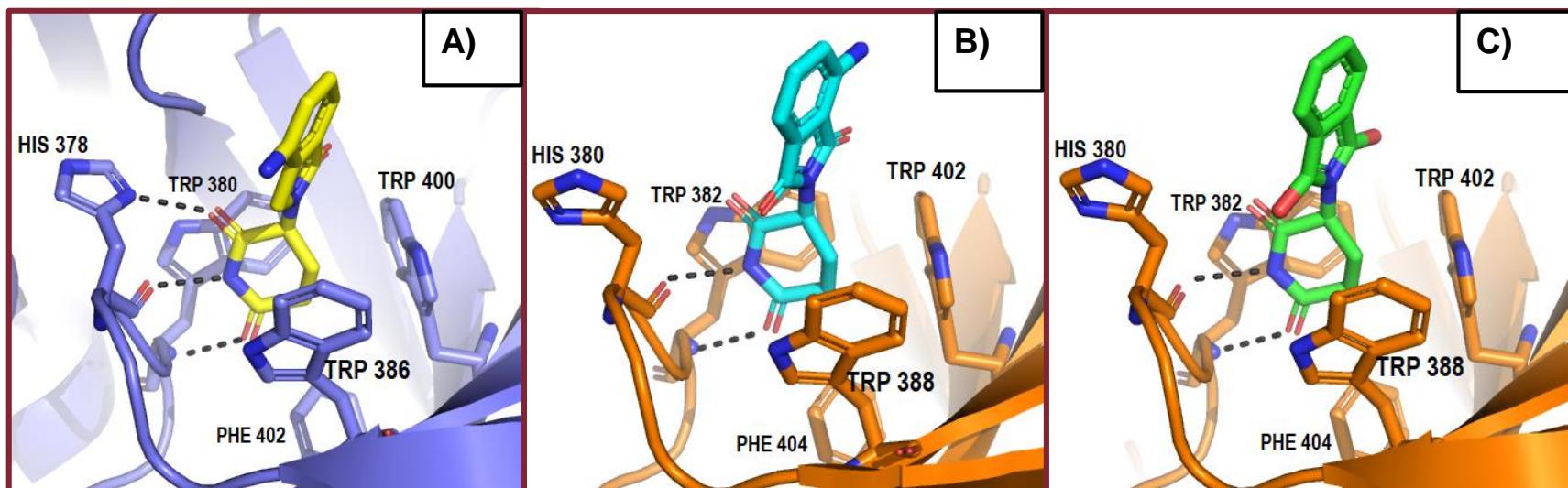


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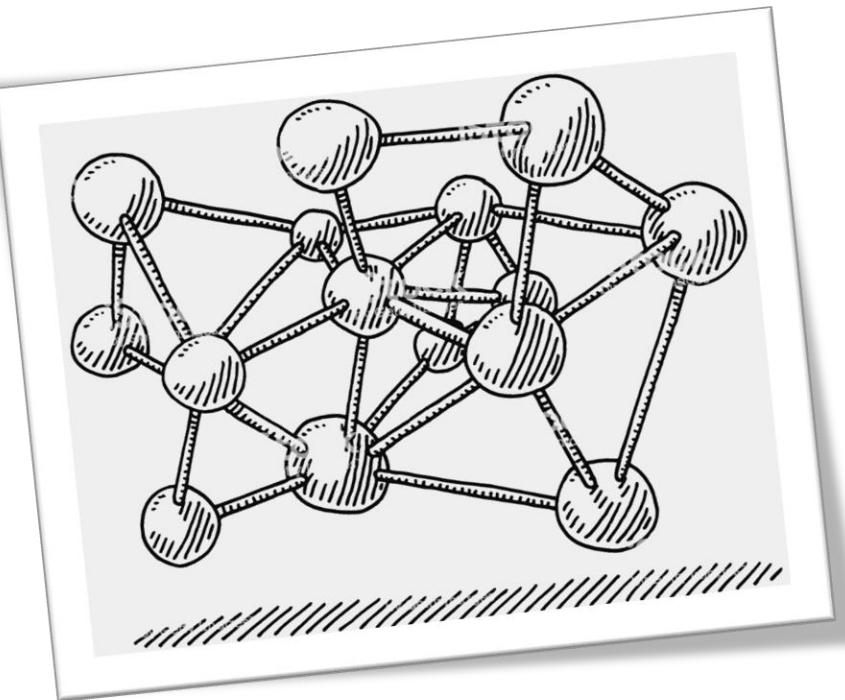
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### 3. PROTACs: Compound 2



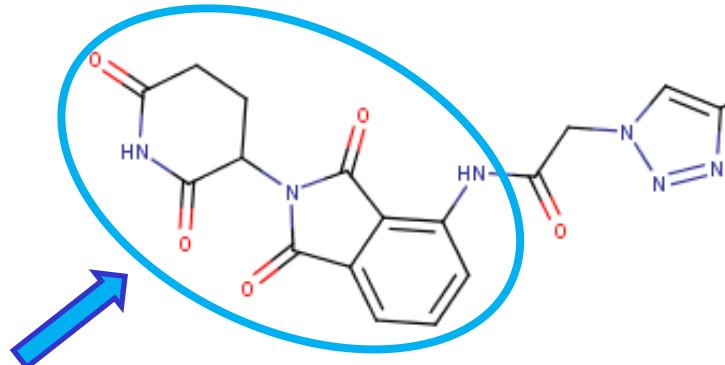
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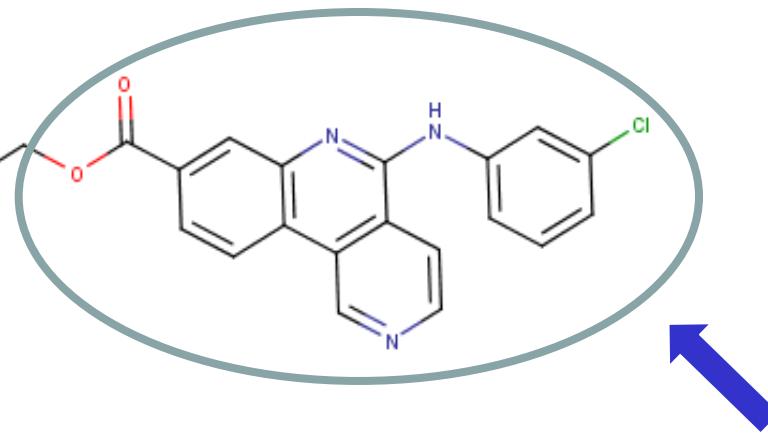


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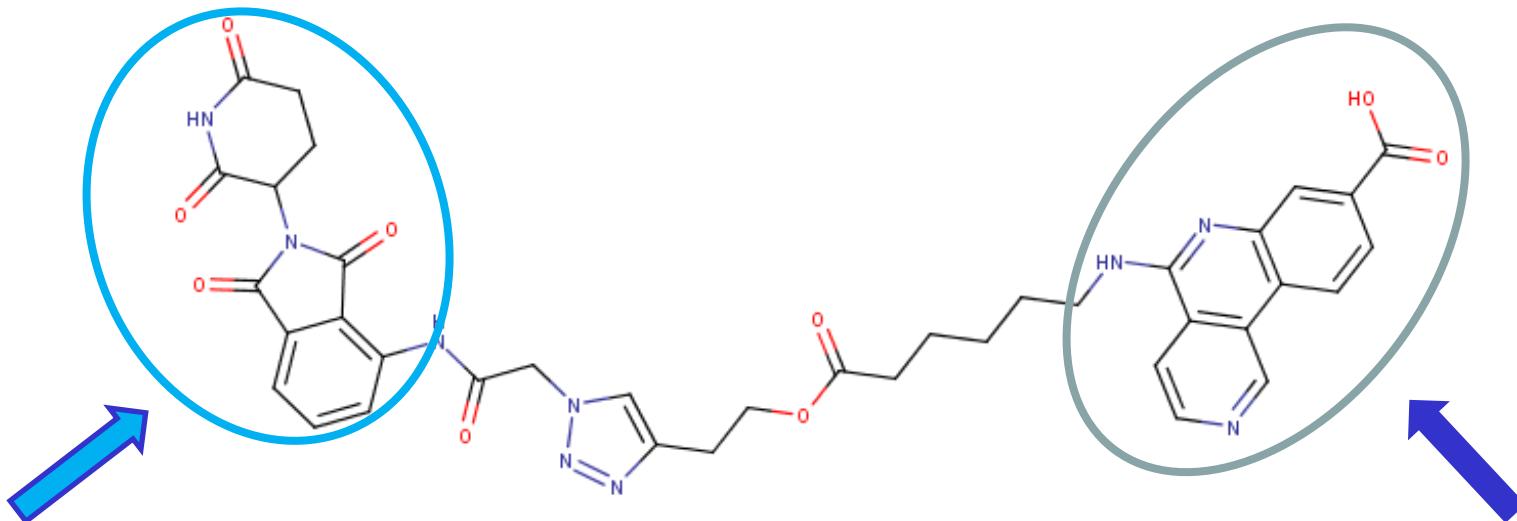
### 3. PROTACs: compound V-LRY715



❖ PROTAC V-LRY715 is structurally similar to that of *Chen, H. et al.*<sup>5</sup>



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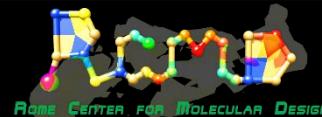


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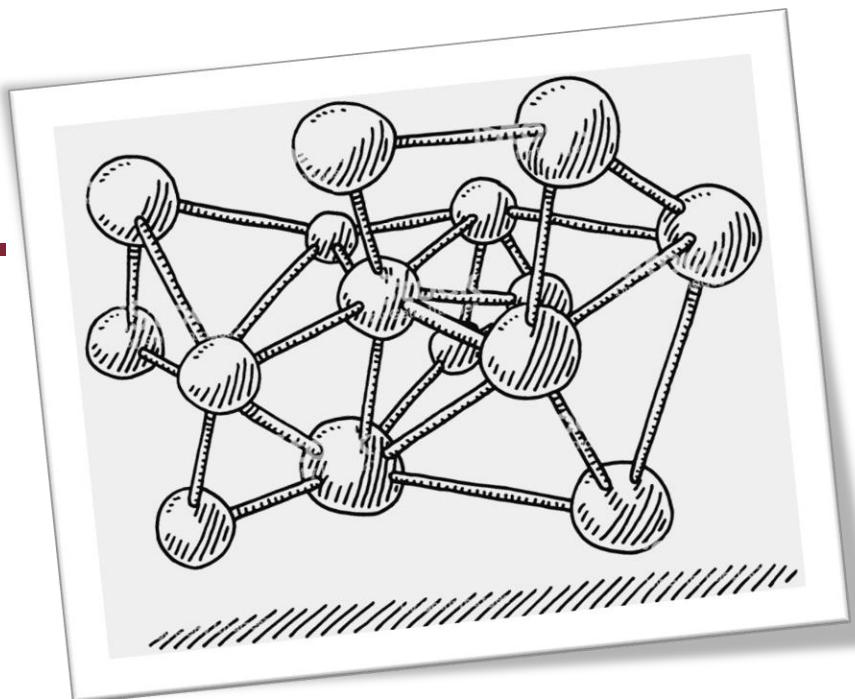
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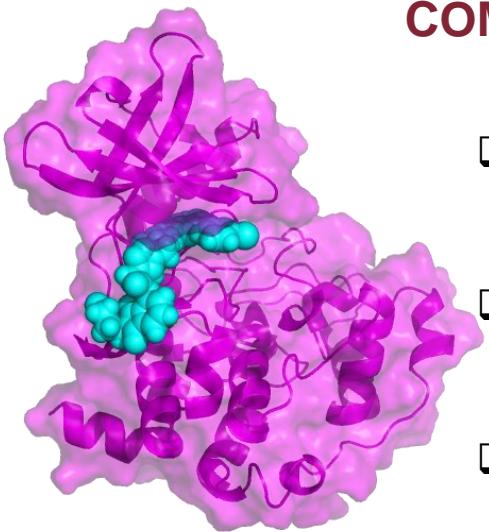
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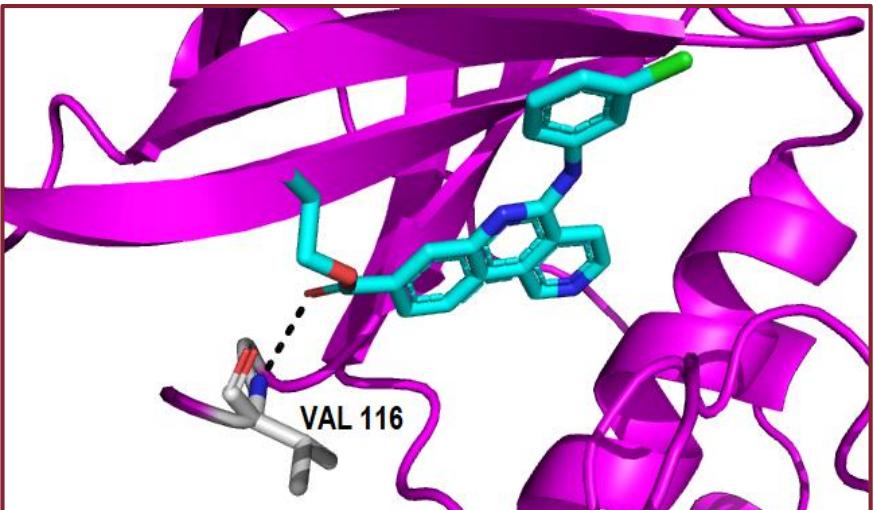


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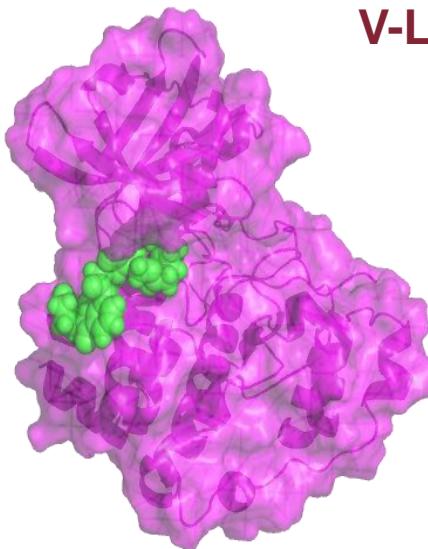
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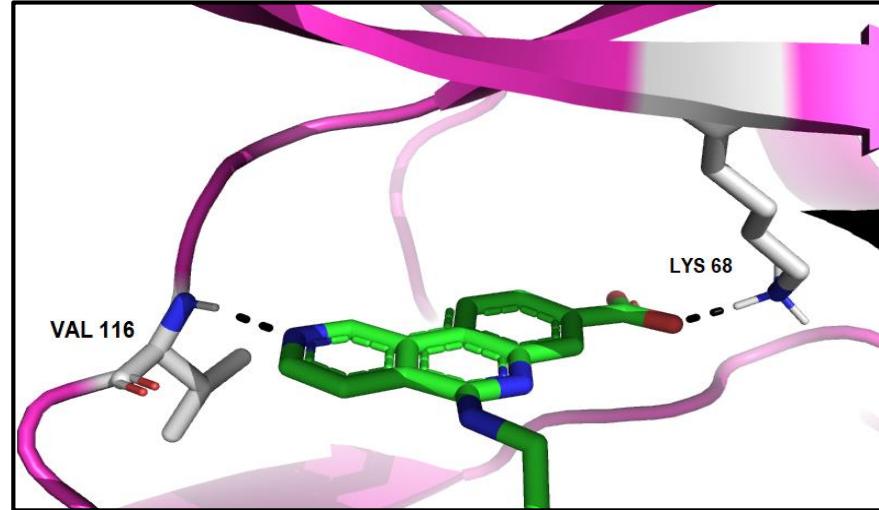
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**11.504 kcal/mol.**
- Lack ionic interaction with Lys68.
- Respected interaction with hinge region



## V-LRY715



- docking score of -  
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- Bonds both with Val116 of hinge region and side chain of Lys68





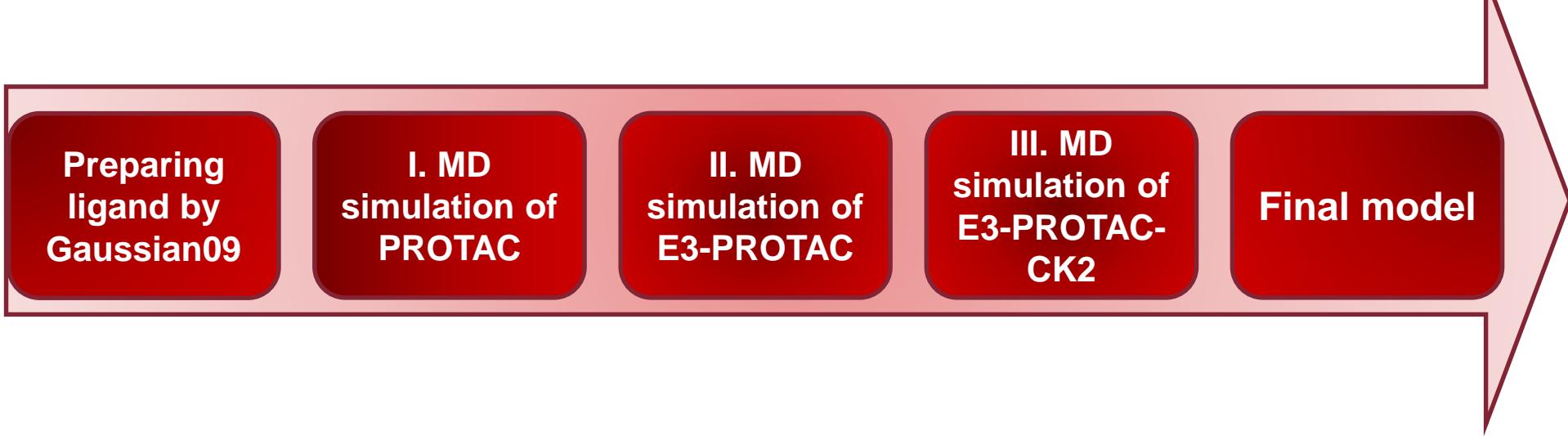
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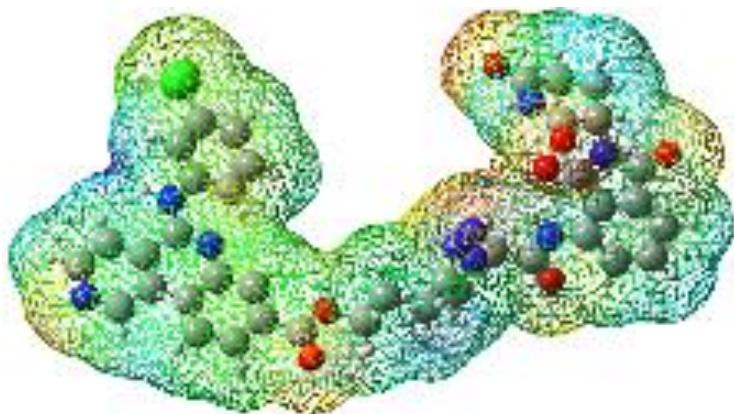
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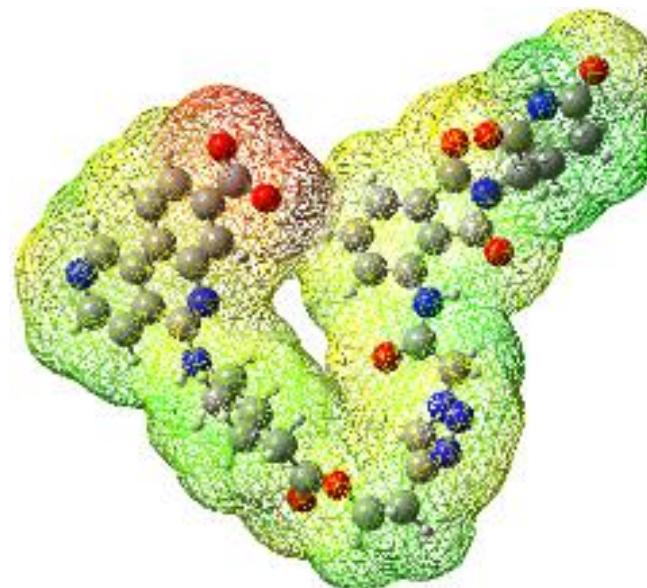
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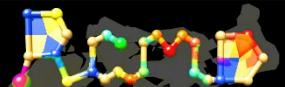
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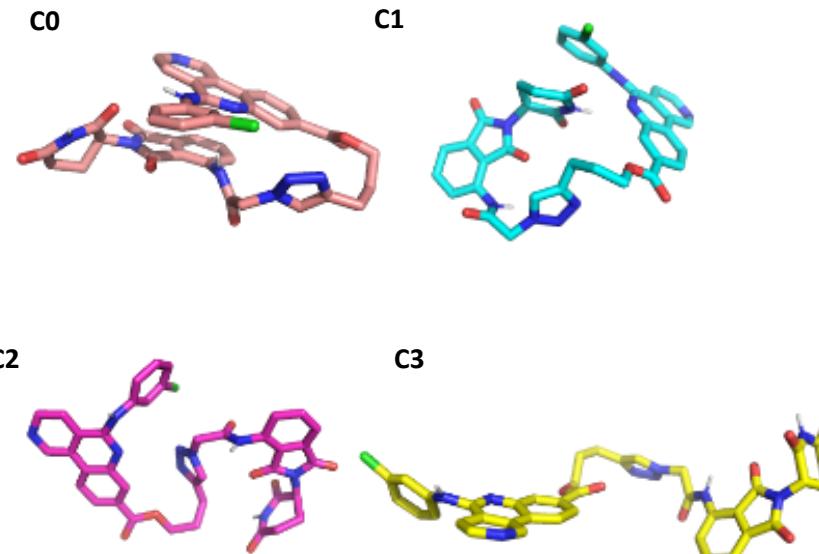
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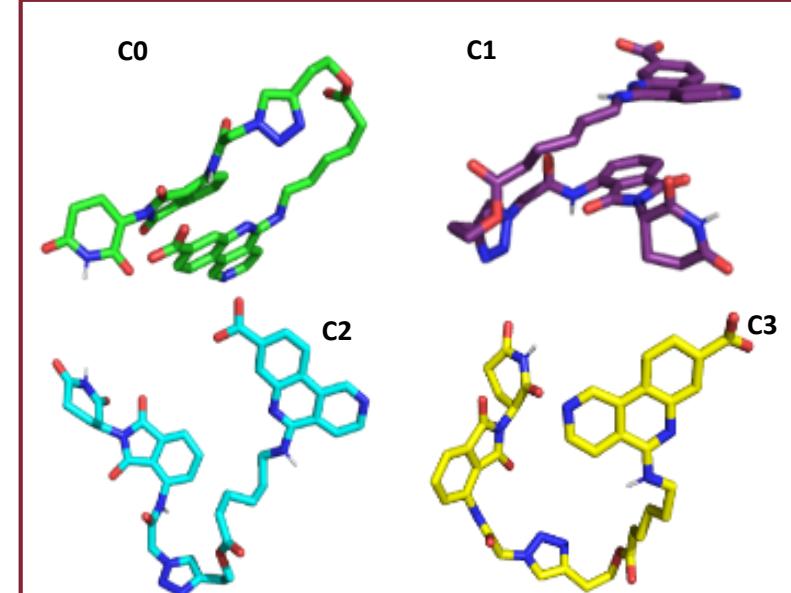
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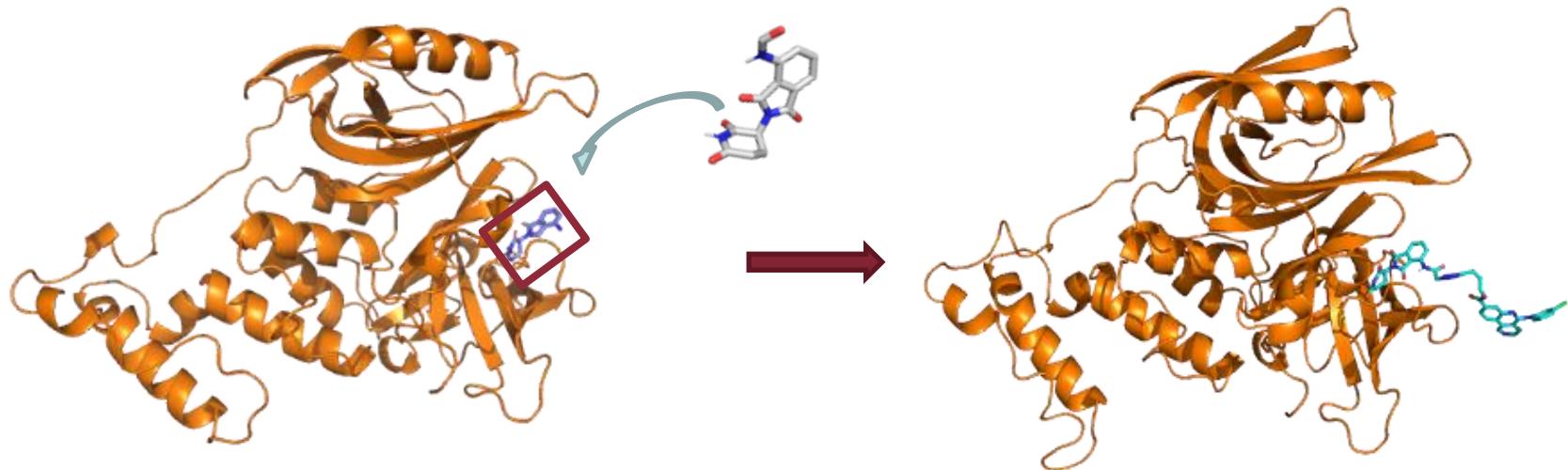
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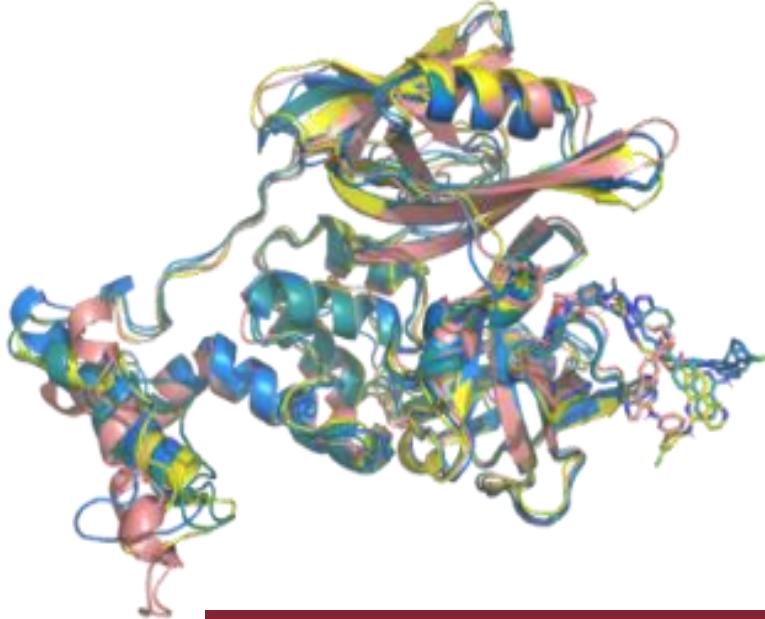
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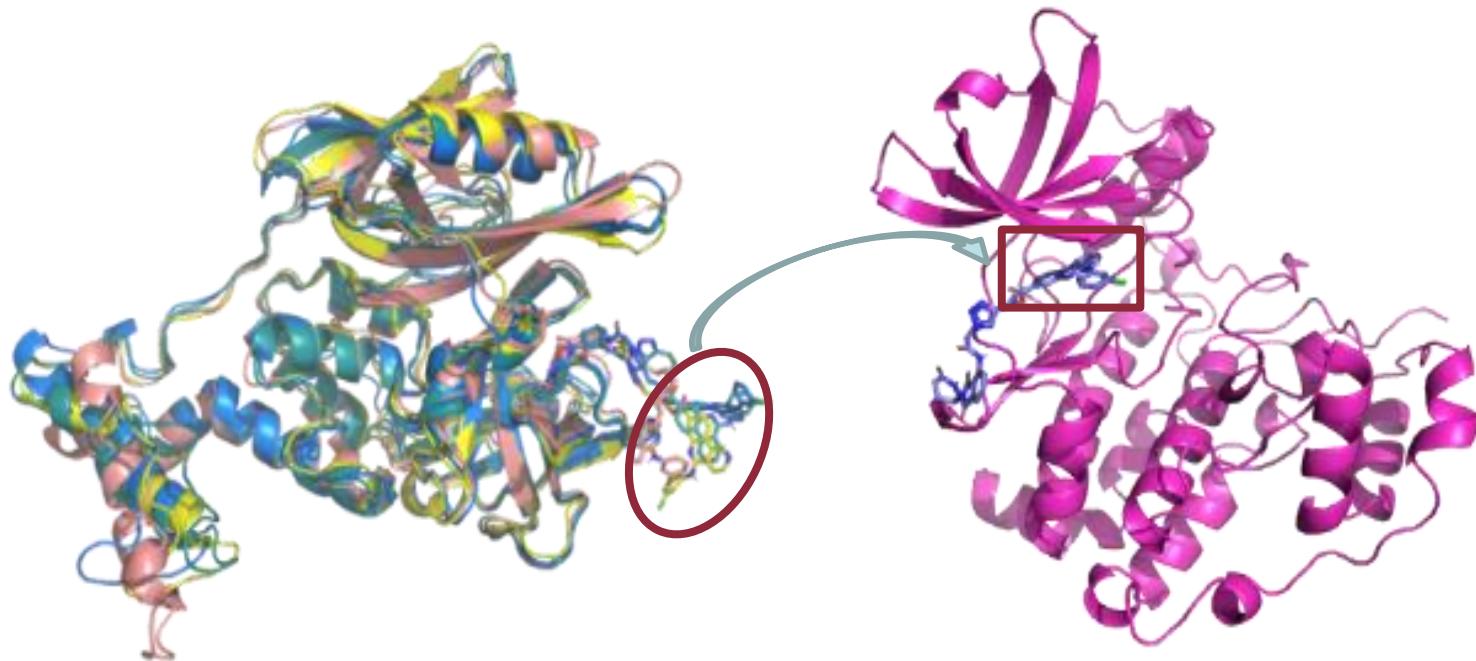
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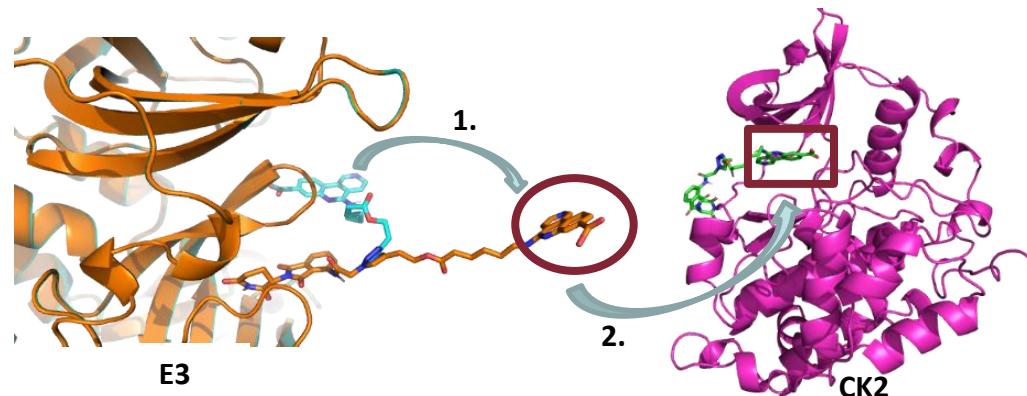
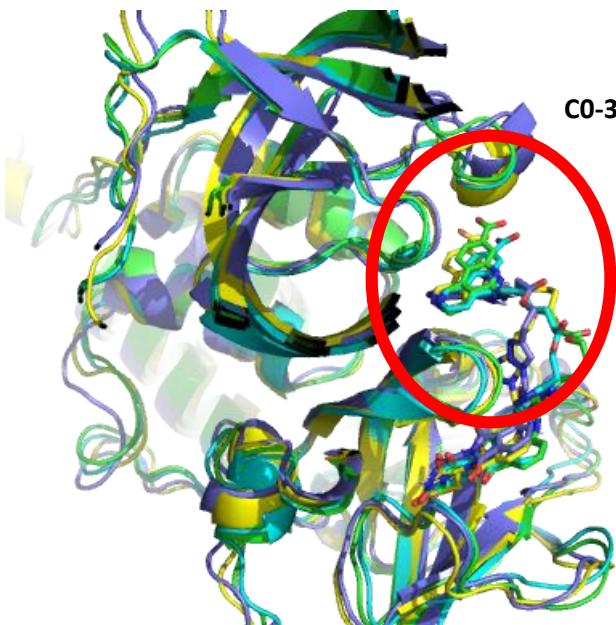
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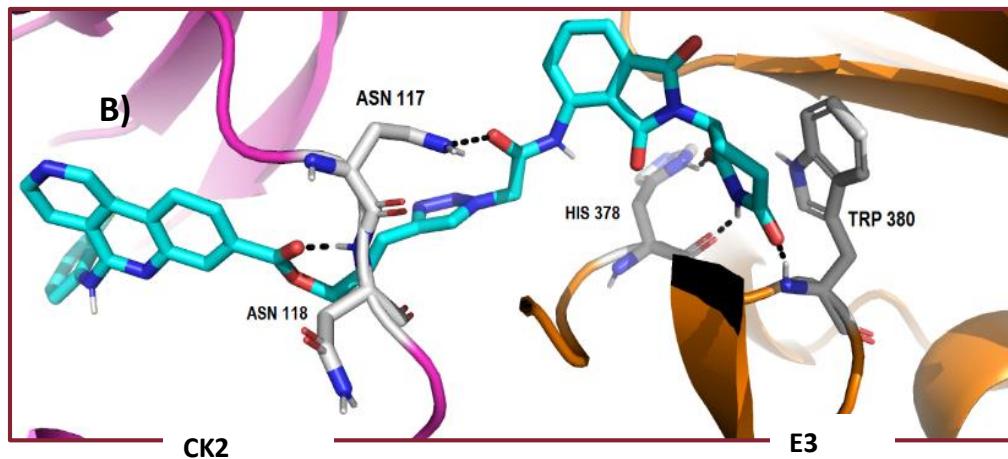
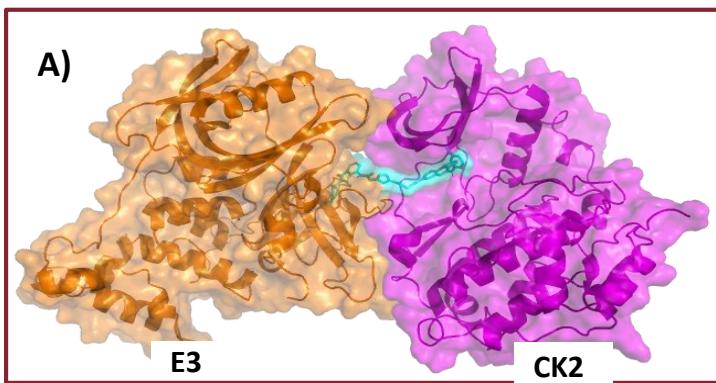
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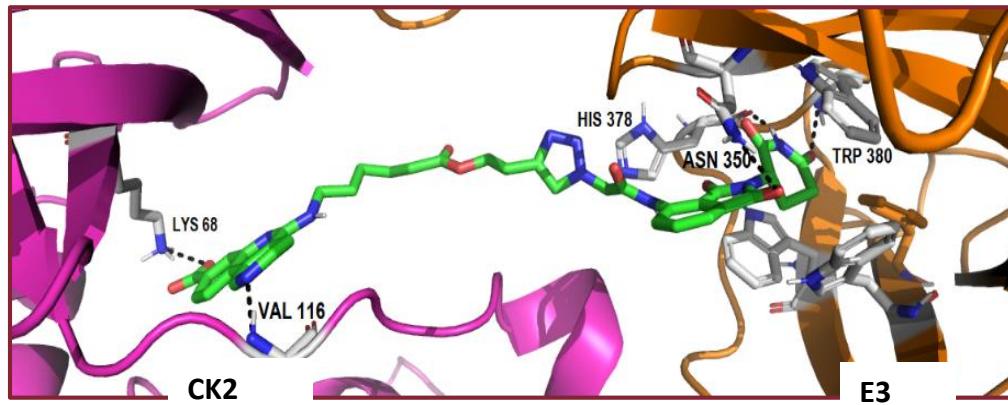
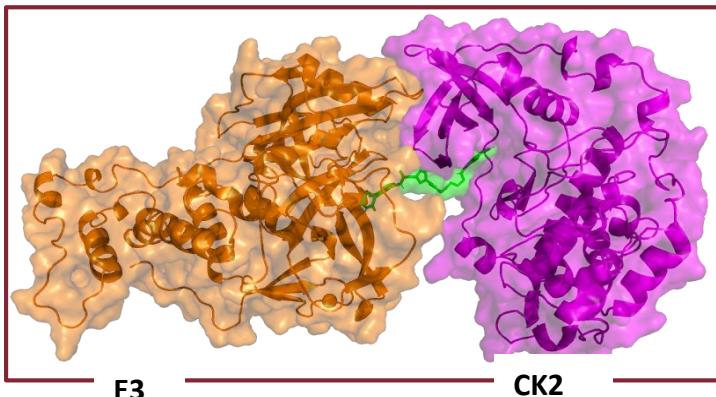


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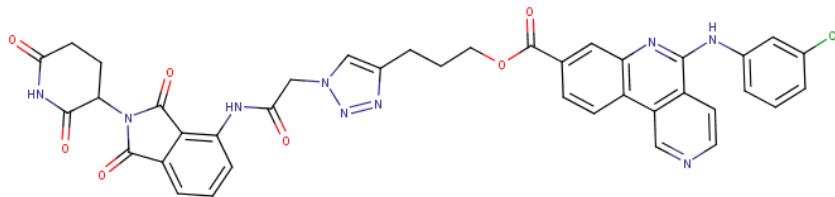




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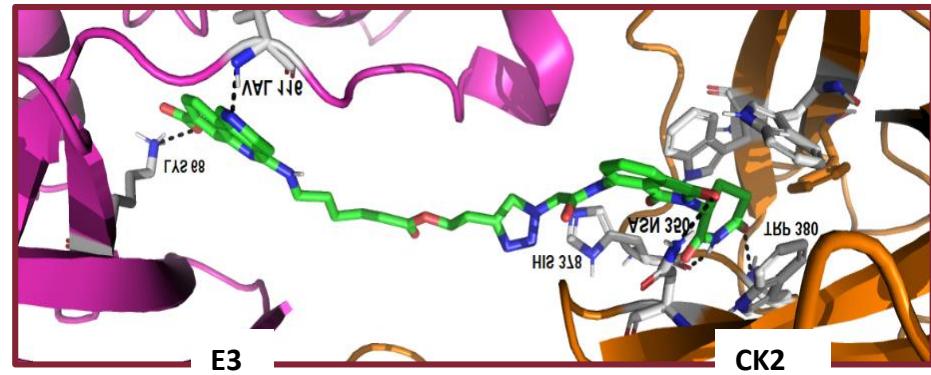
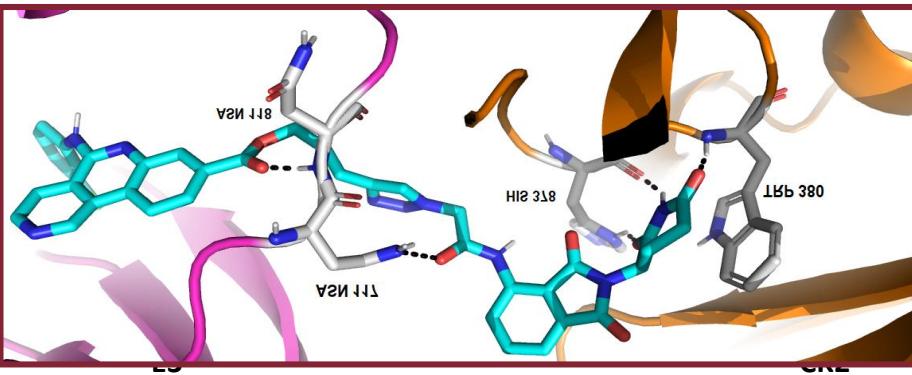
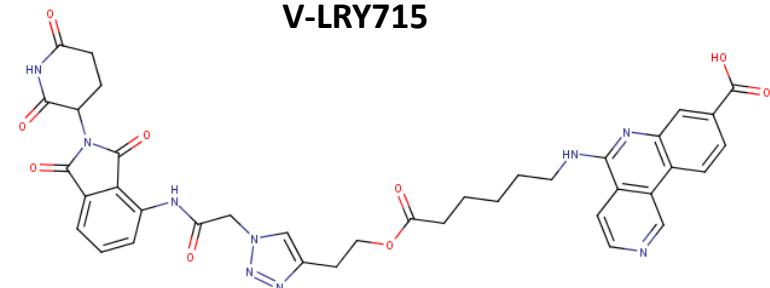
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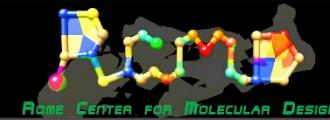
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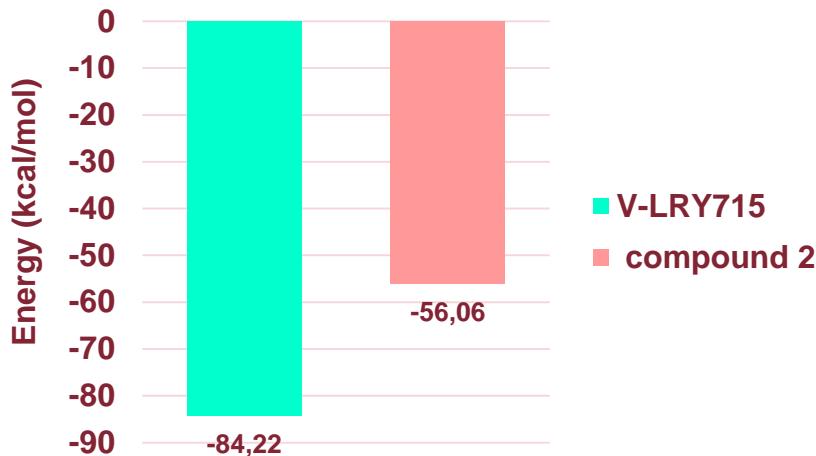
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VDW	-54.21
SUR	-2.86
DESOL-REC	3.86
DESOL-LIG	6.39
H-BOND	-3.53
TOT	-56.06

## V-LRY715

INTERACTION	MEAN
ELE	-18.48
VDW	-87.93
SUR	-5.63
DESOL-REC	9.16
DESOL-LIG	21.45
H-BOND	-2.79
TOT	-84.22

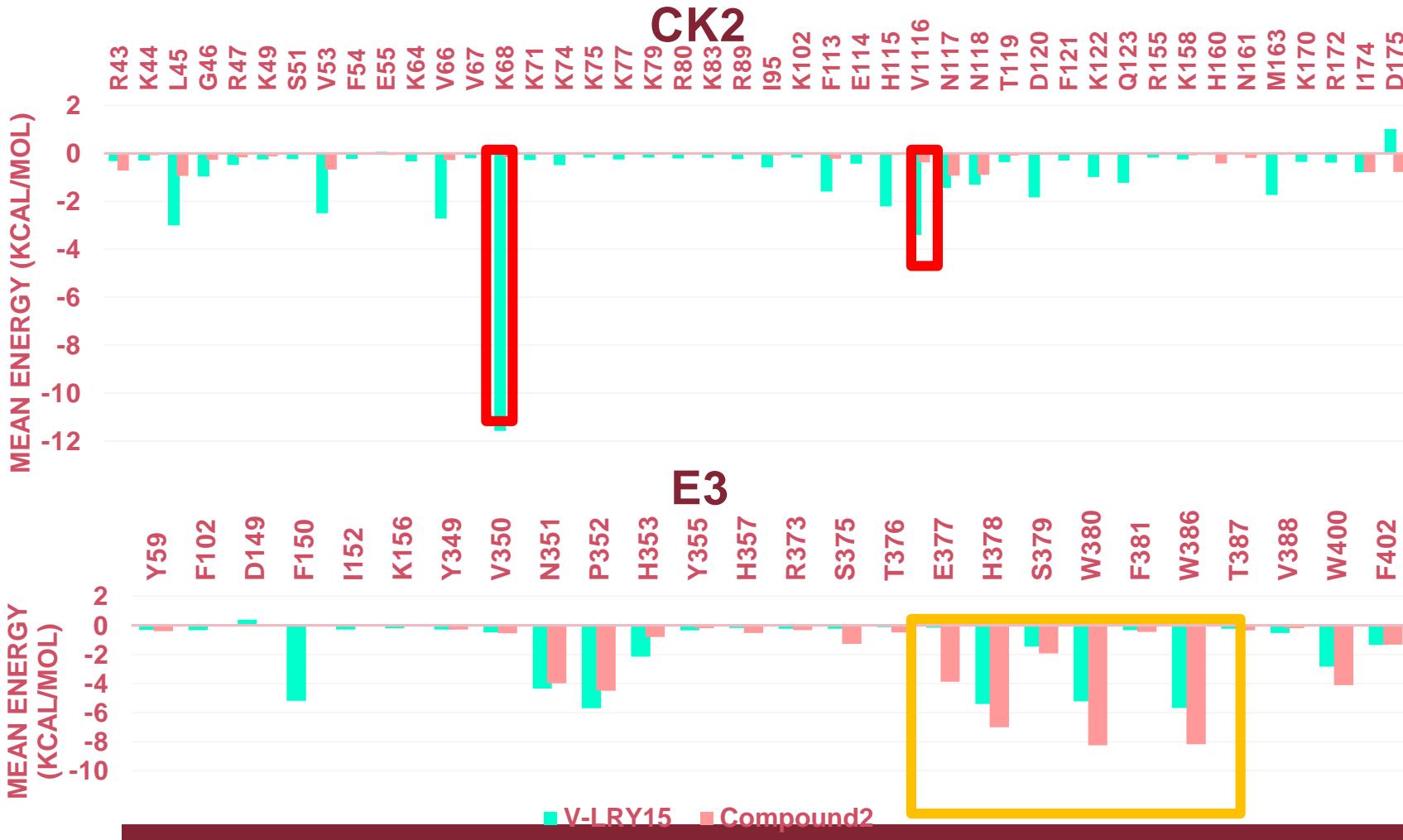
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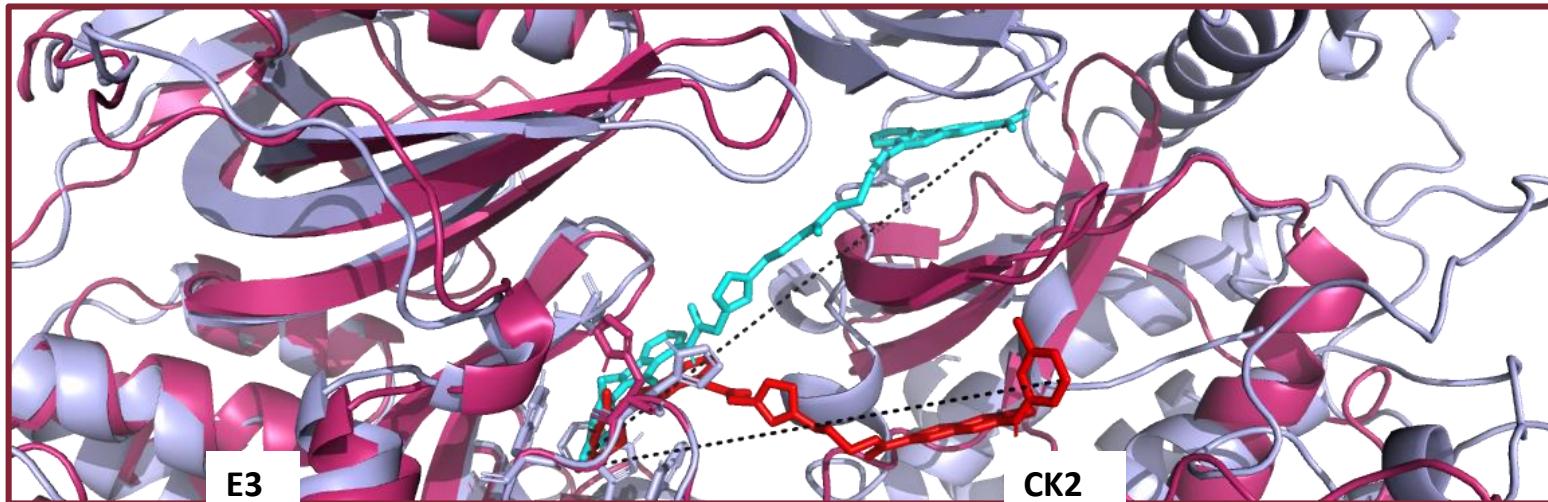
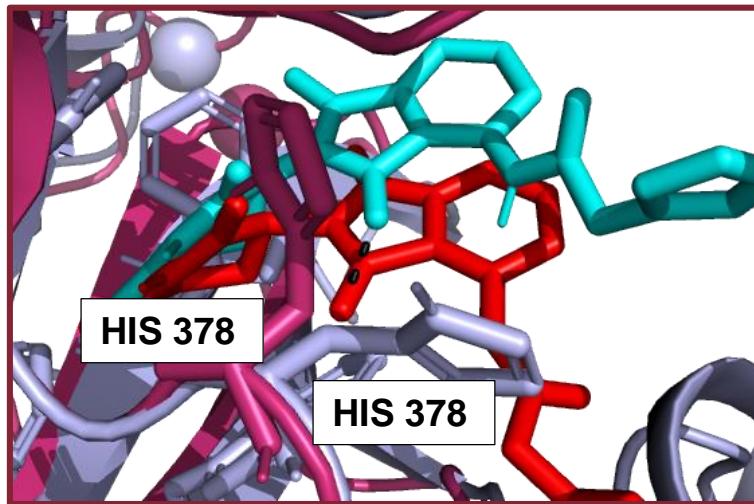
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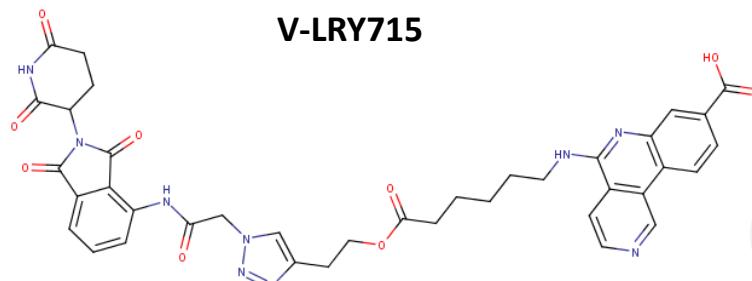


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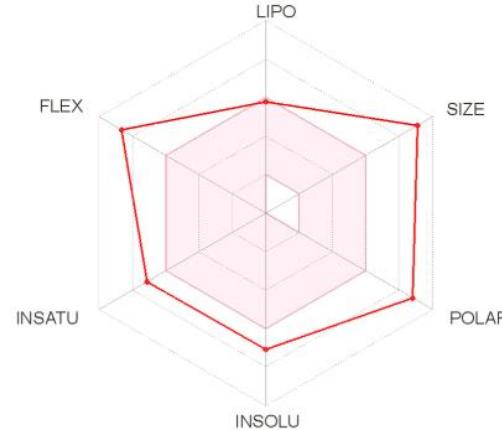
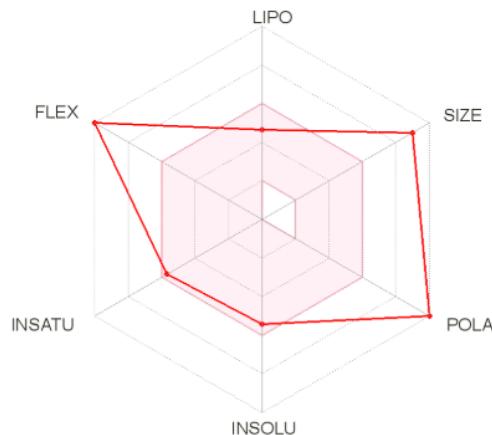
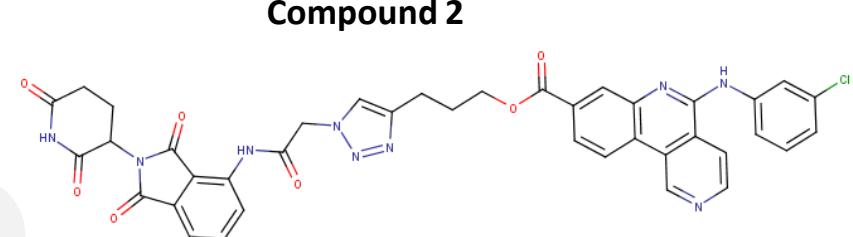




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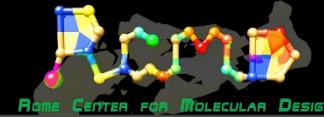
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Molecule	MW	Fraction Csp3	Rotatable bonds	TPSA	XLOGP3	ESOL Log S
V-LRY715	761.74	0.29	17	244.77	2.63	-5.43
Compound 2	772.16	0.18	13	207.47	4.6	-7.08



# CONCLUSIONS



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We have proposed a plausible binding-mode for the interaction of compound **2** reported by *Chen et al.* and the E3-ligase and CK2.

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We have designed a new PROTAC that guarantees the fundamental interactions of the CX-4945 moiety with Val116 and Lys68.

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We have carried out a comparative study of the binding energies and can state that the proposed V-LRY715 can be a better CK2-binding agent than compound **2**.

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New PROTACs with a shorter linker both to simplify the synthesis and to reduce the flexibility of the molecule trying to reduce the number of routable bonds and finally with the intent of bringing the two proteins to favour a good protein interaction and make the complex more stable.



## NEW PROTACs PROPOSED

- Analogous to V-LRY175 with a shorter linker
- In order to both simplify the synthesis and to reduce the flexibility of the molecule trying to reduce the number of routable bonds.

**TBB is thought as new probable moiety to recruit CK2:**

**Although the TBB shows less enzyme activity compared to CX-4945TBB has a very simple synthetic process**

