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## INHIBITION OF PROTEIN (ENZYME) DHNA BY USING MOLECULAR DOCKING

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**ABSTRACT:** Aim of this study was to generate a model of DHNA using protein sequence and homology modelling and then dock the modelled protein with an inhibitor. Molecular docking is a frequently used method in structure - based rational drug design. It is used for evaluating the complex formation of small ligands with large biomolecules, predicting the strength of the bonding forces and finding the best geometrical arrangements. For inhibition of final model built from the swiss model by using target sequence of DHNA from *Shigella flexneri* and template sequence from *E. coli* choose 4 type of ligand molecule in which 2 molecule (2-amino pyrimidine and neopterin) selected for docking with the help of Autodock Vina (software). And final result is shown in docking result 1 and 2 respectively. Docking results shows mean binding energy -3.42 by neopterin and -2.77 by 2-amino, pyrimidine. Neopterin shows high mean binding energy in both of ligands so we can use neopterin as strong inhibitor of DHNA.

### INTRODUCTION: Folate Biosynthesis Pathway:

Folate cofactors are important for living systems. Most of the microorganisms synthesize folates de novo but in mammals folate synthesis does not occur. Hence, folate biosynthetic pathway is a perfect target for antimicrobial agents. It required for the transfer of one-carbon units in a number of metabolic steps, including the key methylation of dUMP to give dTMP, an essential nucleotide for DNA synthesis. Most microorganisms can synthesize the required folates from the simple precursor GTP, p-aminobenzoate (pABA) and glutamate. But folate biosynthetic pathway absent in mammals because lack of all three enzymes which works in middle of folates synthesis. So mammals take folates through diet<sup>1</sup>.

### Folate Biosynthetic Pathway:

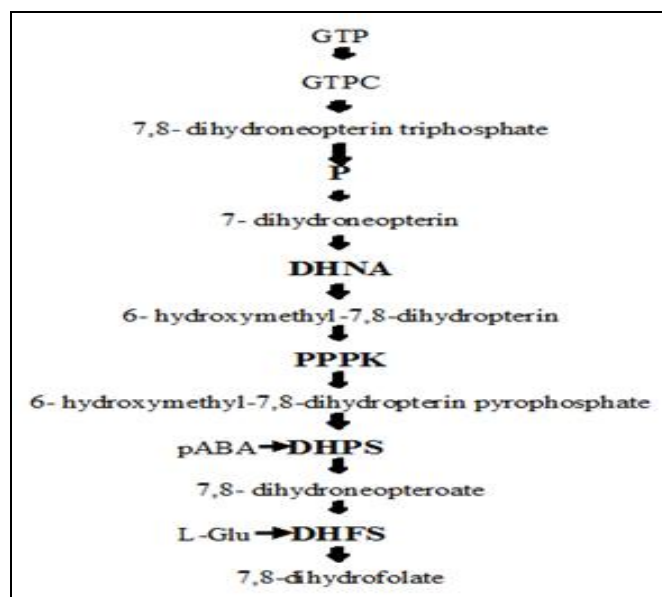


FIG. 1: IT SHOWS THE SIMPLE FALATE BIOSYNTHETIC PATHWAY IN WHICH GUANINE TRIPHOSPHATE (GTP) THOUGH USING DIFFERENT ENZYMES IN EACH STEPS LIKE DIHYDRONEOPTERINALDOLASE (DHNA); PYROPHOSPHOKINASE (PPPK); PARA-AMINOBENZOIC ACID (PABA); DIHYDROPTEROATE SYNTHASE (DHPS); DIHYDROFOLATE SYNTHASE (DHFS)<sup>1</sup>

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**Enzyme:** Dihydroneopterinaldolase (DHNA) is the first enzyme in the pathway and has major role of the three enzymes that are absent in mammals and therefore an attractive target for developing antimicrobial agents<sup>2</sup>.

**Structure, Function, Reaction, Inhibitors:** DHNA has a hollow cylinder structure, 70Å in height, an outer diameter of 65 Å and inner diameter of 13Å. Two tetrameric rings are placed head to head forming an octamer of cylindrical shape. The N and C termini are located on the top and bottom of the structure.

The figure represents the DHNA crystal structure with different subunits represented as distinguished

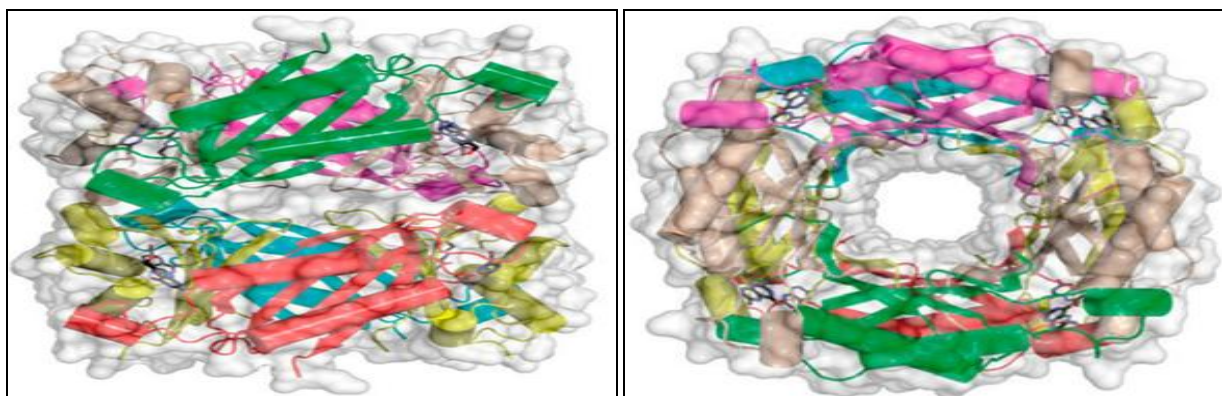


FIG. 2: TWO VIEWS (SIDE, ON THE LEFT; TOP, ON THE RIGHT) OF THE SaDHNA-HP OCTAMER (PDB ENTRY 2DHN)

Reaction of DHNA it works as aldolase and epimerase both.

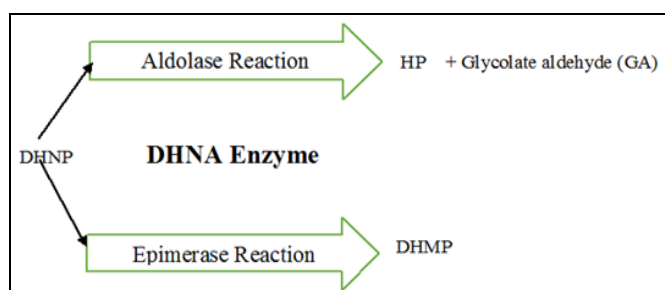


FIG. 3: IT SHOWS ONLY ONE ENZYME DHNA (DIHYDRONEOPTERINALDOLASE) PROCEEDS TWO TYPE OF MACHENISM FIRST ALDOLASE REACTION WHICH FORMS HP(6-HYDROXYMETHYL-7, 8-DIHYDROPTERIN) WITH GA (GLYCOLATE ALDEHYDE) BY DHNP (7,8-DIHYDRO-D-NEOPTERIN) AND WITH SIMILAR INTERMEDIATE EPIMERASE RECTION GET PROCEEDS DHMP (7, 8-DIHYDRO-L-MONAPTERIN) MOLECULE GET FORMS<sup>2</sup>

**Inhibitors:** Neopterin (oxidized form of DHNP) and monopterin (oxidized form of DHMP) are known inhibitors of DHNA. After the oxidation of DHNP and DHMP forms a double bond between

with colors. The HP molecules are shown as stick models in atomic color scheme (Carbon in black, nitrogen in blue, and oxygen in red).

DHNA is a unique enzyme which works as aldolase as well as epimerase. It works as unique type of aldolase it requires neither the construction of a Schiff's base between the substrate and enzyme nor metal ions for catalysis. When it works as aldolase then conversion of DHNP to 6-hydroxymethyl-7, 8-dihydropterin (HP) with the generation of glycoaldehyde (GA) and the epimerization of 7, 8-dihydroneopterin (DHNP) to 7, 8-dihydroneopterin (DHMP).

C7 and N8, which may make the protonation of N5 much harder so that NP and MP may not undergo chemical reaction catalyzed by DHNA. Thus, these two blocks DHNA catalysis. 2-amino pyrimidine, a substrate analogue, forms the same hydrogen bonding with the enzyme as the substrate and is also a good inhibitor.

**Organism from Where the Enzyme is taken:** Scientific name of organism *Shigella flexneri* (Uniprot id-P0AC18).

#### Classification of Organism:

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| Kingdom: | Bateria               |
| Phylum:  | Proteobacteria        |
| Class:   | Gammaproteobacteria   |
| Order:   | Enterobacteriales     |
| Genus:   | Shigella              |
| Species: | flexneri <sup>3</sup> |

**Some Reported Work on DHNA in Other Organisms:**

**TABLE 1: SOME REPORTED WORK ON DHNAS AND ITS ORGANISM** <sup>8, 9, 10, 11, 12</sup>

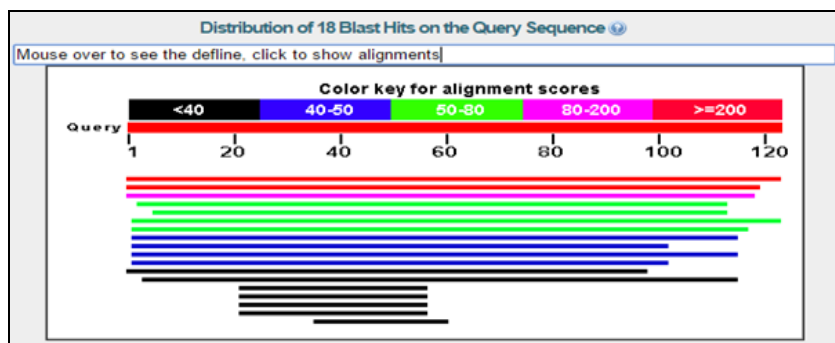
| S. no. | Enzymes | Organism         | Work  | Reference                      |
|--------|---------|------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1      | EcDHNA  | <i>E. coli</i>   | First identified of DHNA  | Mathis and Brown 1970          |
| 2      | SaDHNA  | <i>S. aureus</i> | Crystal structure of DHNA complex with the product HP   | Hennig and coworkers 1998      |
| 3      | SaDHNA  | <i>S. aureus</i> | aldolase and epimerase activities and determined the steady-state kinetic parameters for both reactions | Hausmann and coworkers 1998    |
| 4      | SaDHNA  | <i>S. aureus</i> | the total sequential resonance assignment of the 110-kDa homo-octomeric SaDHNA                          | Wu thrich 2000                 |
| 5      | SaDHNA  | <i>S. aureus</i> | pKa of N5 of SaDHNA-bound 7,8-dihydrobiopterin by Raman spectroscopy                                    | Deng and coworkers 2000        |
| 6      | SaDHNA  | <i>S. aureus</i> | protonation of the reaction intermediate prefers the pro-S position                                     | Illarionova and coworkers 2002 |

**Objective of Study:** Objective of the study was to generate a model of DHNA using protein sequence and homology modelling and then dock the modelled protein with an inhibitor.

**METHDOLOGY:** Using uniprot id P0AC18 of Dihydroneopterin-aldolase from *Shigella flexneri* run FASTA for align sequence of those enzyme. Then using blasta do pBlast of fasta sequence in pdb formate. I have got chain A, atomic resolution crystal structure of *E. coli* dihydroneopterin-

aldolase in complex with neopterin. It gives maximum, total score of alignment is 246 with 100% quality cover, identity and E value 2e-84 and accession no. is 2O90\_A. Using 2O90\_A accession no. or PDB id in RCSB download template .pdb file. Then in swiss modeler, put the target template in FASTA format and upload .pdb file of template and build the model. The model obtained was docked with appropriate ligand using Autodock Vina <sup>4, 5</sup>.

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:**



**FIG. 4: FIRST RED COLOUR LINE REPRESANT 100% IDENTITY IN *E. COLI* AND 85% IDENTITY IN *YERSINIA PESTRIS***

| Description   | Max score | Total score | Query cover | E value | Ident | Accession |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----------|
| Chain A, Atomic Resolution Crystal Structure Of Ec Dihydroneopterin Aldolase In Complex With Neopterin (Escherichia coli)   | 246       | 246         | 100%        | 2e-84   | 100%  | 2O90_A    |
| Chain A, Dihydroneopterin Aldolase/Dihydropteridin-Triphosphatase 2-Epimerase From Yersinia Pestis (Yersinia pestis)  | 206       | 206         | 96%         | 2e-68   | 85%   | 3JCE_A    |
| Chain A, Crystal Structure Of Putative Dihydroneopterin Aldolase (Fob) From Vibrio Cholerae O1 Biovar El Tor Str. N16961 (Vibrio cholerae O1 biovar El Tor str. N1) | 169       | 169         | 95%         | 6e-54   | 68%   | 3J1K_A    |
| Chain A, 7,8-Dihydroneopterin Triphosphate Epimerase (Escherichia coli)   | 53.9      | 53.9        | 90%         | 6e-10   | 25%   | 1B9L_A    |
| Chain A, Crystal Structure Of FobX From Pseudomonas Aeruginosa (Pseudomonas aeruginosa)   | 53.9      | 53.9        | 87%         | 8e-10   | 25%   | 4AEY_A    |
| Chain A, Crystal Structure Of 7,8-Dihydroneopterin Aldolase In Complex With Guanine (Arabidopsis thaliana)  | 53.1      | 53.1        | 99%         | 1e-09   | 34%   | 1SQJ_A    |
| Chain A, Dhna Complex With 3-(5-Amino-7-Hydroxy[1,2,3]Triazole[4,5-D]imidin-2-Yl)-Benzoic Acid (Staphylococcus aureus)  | 50.1      | 50.1        | 94%         | 1e-08   | 28%   | 1B9L_A    |
| Chain A, 7,8-Dihydroneopterin Aldolase, Complexed With Product From Mycobacterium Tuberculosis (Mycobacterium tuberculosis)   | 48.9      | 48.9        | 92%         | 3e-08   | 31%   | 1NBU_A    |
| Chain A, Tetrameric Structure Of Apo-7,8-Dihydroneopterin Aldolase From Mycobacterium Tuberculosis (Mycobacterium tuberculosis H37Rv)                               | 48.1      | 48.1        | 81%         | 6e-08   | 32%   | 1Z9W_A    |
| Chain B, 7,8-Dihydroneopterin Aldolase, Complexed With Product From Mycobacterium Tuberculosis (Mycobacterium tuberculosis)   | 45.1      | 45.1        | 92%         | 6e-07   | 30%   | 1NBU_B    |
| Chain C, 7,8-Dihydroneopterin Aldolase, Complexed With Product From Mycobacterium Tuberculosis (Mycobacterium tuberculosis)   | 41.6      | 41.6        | 81%         | 1e-05   | 30%   | 1NBU_C    |
| Chain A, The Bifunctional Dihydroneopterin Aldolase 8-Hydroxymethyl-7,8-Dihydropteridin Synthase From Streptococcus Pneumoniae (Streptococcus pneumoniae)           | 33.5      | 33.5        | 79%         | 0.025   | 21%   | 2C08_A    |
| Chain A, Crystal Structure Of Dihydroneopterin Aldolase (Dbh, [Q291]) From Burkholderia Thailandensis Bound To Guanine (Burkholderia thailandensis E264)            | 31.2      | 31.2        | 90%         | 0.13    | 23%   | 1V5D_A    |
| Chain A, Crystal Structure Of The Catalytic Subunit Of Human Primase (Homo sapiens)   | 28.5      | 28.5        | 28%         | 1.9     | 46%   | 4L6K_A    |
| Chain A, Crystal Structure Of Human Primase Catalytic Subunit (Homo sapiens)  | 28.1      | 28.1        | 28%         | 2.1     | 46%   | 4L6Q_A    |
| Chain A, Crystal Structure Of Human Primase (Homo sapiens)  | 28.1      | 28.1        | 28%         | 2.2     | 46%   | 4BR2_A    |
| Chain A, Crystal Structure Of Human Primase In Heterodimeric Form, Comprising Pri1 And Truncated Pri1 Lacking The C-terminal Fa-s Domain (Homo sapiens)             | 28.1      | 28.1        | 28%         | 2.3     | 46%   | 4BRU_A    |
| Chain A, Crystal Structure Of 6-Hydroxy-D-Nicotinamide Oxidase From Arthrobacter Nicotinovorans, Crystal Form 3 (IP1) (Arthrobacter nicotinovorans)                 | 27.3      | 27.3        | 20%         | 4.9     | 40%   | 2BVF_A    |

**FIG. 5: TOTAL 18 RESULT SPECIES HAVE FOUND WHICH SHOWS THE PRESENCE OF DHNA ENZYME**

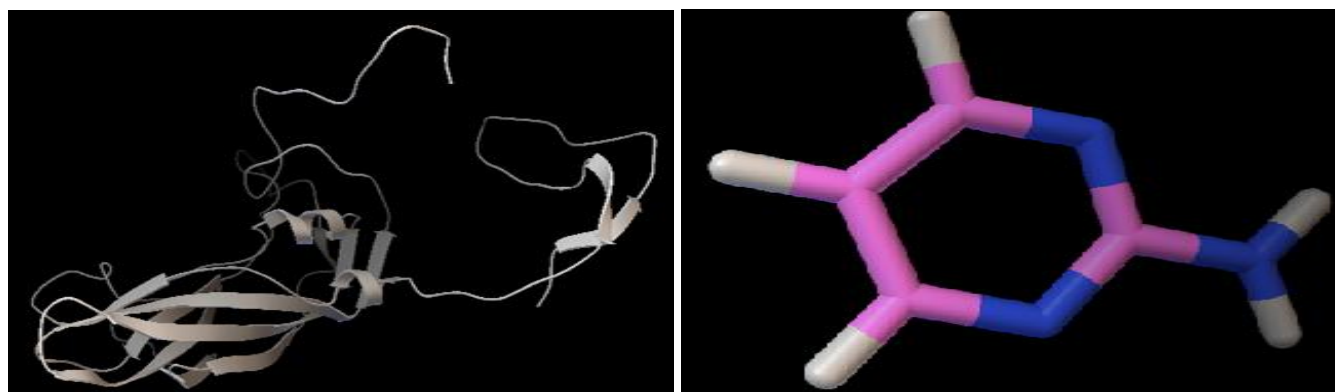


FIG. 6: FINAL MODEL BUILT FROM THE SWISS MODEL WITH THE HELP OF TARGET SEQUENCE OF DHNA FROM *SHIGELLA FLEXNERI* AND TEMPLATE SEQUENCE FROM *E. COLI*. AND ITS FRONT OF LIGAND (2-AMINO, PYRIMIDINE) STRUCTURE <sup>7</sup>

Docking Result 1 of Fig. 6 Protein and Ligand (2-amino, pyrimidine):

| CLUSTERING HISTOGRAM |         |     |         |      |               |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------|---------|-----|---------|------|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| Clus                 | Lowest  | Run | Mean    | Num  | Histogram     |    |    |    |    |    |
| -ter                 | Binding |     | Binding | in   | 5             | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 |
| Rank                 | Energy  |     | Energy  | Clus | :   :   :   : |    |    |    |    |    |
| 35                   |         |     |         |      |               |    |    |    |    |    |
| 1                    | -2.82   | 4   | -2.77   | 7    | #####         |    |    |    |    |    |
| 2                    | -2.41   | 2   | -2.38   | 2    | ##            |    |    |    |    |    |
| 3                    | -2.15   | 1   | -2.15   | 1    | #             |    |    |    |    |    |

Number of multi-member conformational clusters found = 2, out of 10 runs.

| RMSD TABLE |          |     |                |              |                |              |  |
|------------|----------|-----|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| Rank       | Sub-Rank | Run | Binding Energy | Cluster RMSD | Reference RMSD | Grep Pattern |  |
| 1          | 1        | 4   | -2.82          | 0.00         | 147.52         | RANKING      |  |
| 1          | 2        | 3   | -2.82          | 0.17         | 147.60         | RANKING      |  |
| 1          | 3        | 5   | -2.82          | 0.05         | 147.53         | RANKING      |  |
| 1          | 4        | 8   | -2.79          | 0.25         | 147.64         | RANKING      |  |
| 1          | 5        | 9   | -2.79          | 0.10         | 147.48         | RANKING      |  |
| 1          | 6        | 6   | -2.75          | 0.17         | 147.47         | RANKING      |  |
| 1          | 7        | 8   | -2.58          | 0.49         | 147.31         | RANKING      |  |
| 2          | 2        | 2   | -2.41          | 0.00         | 134.80         | RANKING      |  |
| 2          | 2        | 10  | -2.35          | 1.41         | 134.61         | RANKING      |  |
| 3          | 1        | 1   | -2.15          | 0.00         | 133.20         | RANKING      |  |

INFORMATION ENTROPY ANALYSIS FOR THIS CLUSTERING

Information entropy for this clustering = 0.35 (rmstol = 2.00 Angstrom)

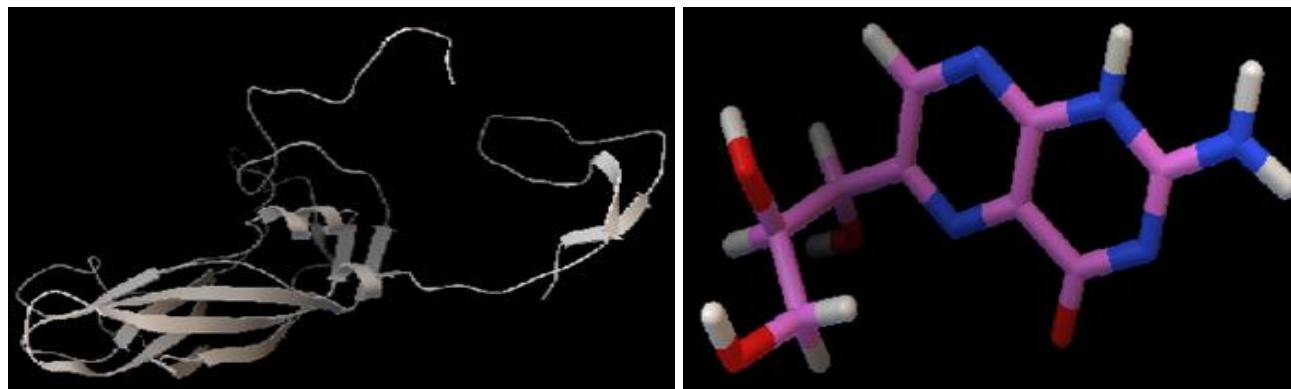


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**Docking Result 2 of Fig. 7 Protein and Ligand (Neopterin):**

| CLUSTERING HISTOGRAM |         |     |         |      |           |                |
|----------------------|---------|-----|---------|------|-----------|----------------|
| Clus                 | Lowest  | Run | Mean    | Num  | Histogram |                |
| -ter                 | Binding |     | Binding | in   |           |                |
| Rank                 | Energy  |     | Energy  | Clus | 5         | 10 15 20 25 30 |
| 35                   |         |     |         |      |           |                |
| :                    |         |     |         |      | :         | :              |
| 1                    | -3.75   | 3   | -3.42   | 7    | #####     |                |
| 2                    | -3.49   | 1   | -3.09   | 2    | ##        |                |
| 3                    | -2.97   | 5   | -2.97   | 1    | #         |                |

Number of multi-member conformational clusters found = 2, out of 10 runs.

| RMSD TABLE |          |     |                |              |                |              |
|------------|----------|-----|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Rank       | Sub-Rank | Run | Binding Energy | Cluster RMSD | Reference RMSD | Grep Pattern |
| 1          | 1        | 3   | -3.75          | 0.00         | 130.56         | RANKING      |
| 1          | 2        | 8   | -3.72          | 1.40         | 130.34         | RANKING      |
| 1          | 3        | 4   | -3.66          | 0.43         | 130.57         | RANKING      |
| 1          | 4        | 6   | -3.56          | 1.45         | 130.27         | RANKING      |
| 1          | 5        | 7   | -3.24          | 1.92         | 131.21         | RANKING      |
| 1          | 6        | 10  | -3.17          | 1.27         | 130.32         | RANKING      |
| 1          | 7        | 9   | -2.84          | 1.96         | 130.36         | RANKING      |
| 2          | 1        | 1   | -3.49          | 0.00         | 130.32         | RANKING      |
| 2          | 2        | 2   | -2.70          | 1.17         | 130.39         | RANKING      |
| 3          | 1        | 5   | -2.97          | 0.00         | 130.26         | RANKING      |

INFORMATION ENTROPY ANALYSIS FOR THIS CLUSTERING

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**CONCLUSION:** For inhibition of final model built from the swiss model by using target sequence of DHNA from *Shigella flexneri* and template sequence from *E. coli* choose 4 type of ligand molecule in which 2 molecule (2-amino pyrimidine and neopterin) selected for docking with the help of Autodock Vina (software). And final result is shown in docking results 1 and 2 respectively. Docking result shows mean binding energy -3.42 by neopterin and -2.77 by 2-amino, pyrimidine. Neopterin shows high mean binding energy in both of ligands so we can use neopterin as strong inhibitor of DHNA.

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