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**Computational method
for calculating ligand binding affinities**

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There are two major types of rational drug design: ligand-based drug design and structure-based drug design. In this lecture I will explain computer-aided drug design, especially structure-based methods, which relies on knowledge of the three dimensional structure of the target proteins. In structure-based drug design molecular docking screens of chemical databases are widely used for ligand discovery. Typical docking approaches and scoring methods will be reviewed. I will also introduce our alternative docking screen which uses MD simulations and concavity shape comparing.

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