



THE HUMAN INSULIN RECEPTOR

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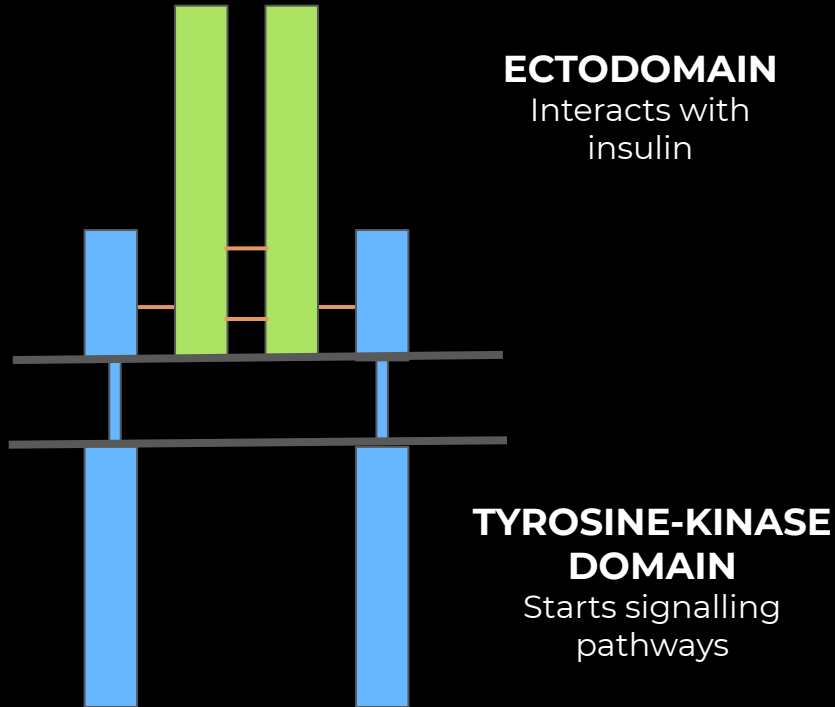
Take home message

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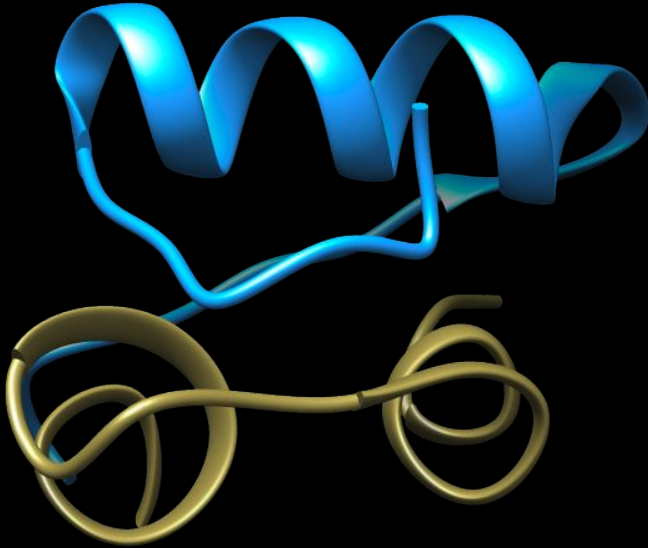
Introduction

INSULIN RECEPTOR



- ▶ Receptor of tyrosine-kinase family
- ▶ Involved in glucose homeostasis and metabolism
- ▶ Homodimer composed by **alfa** and **beta** subunits linked by **disulfide bonds**

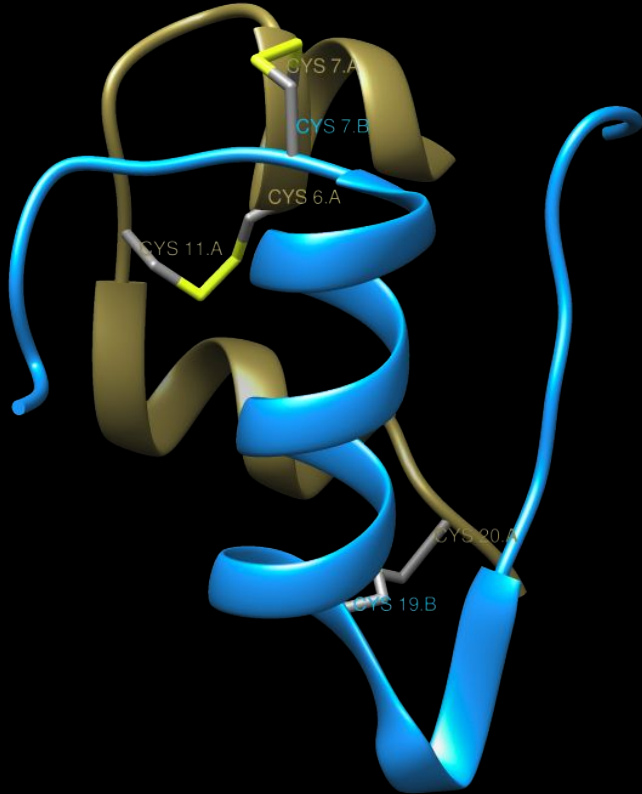
INSULIN



Monomer consisting in two chains:

- **Chain A:** N terminal and C terminal helices
- **Chain B:** Central helix

INSULIN



Disulfide bridges

A7	B7
A20	B19
A6	A11

INSULIN RECEPTOR FAMILY

**Insulin
receptor**

IGF-1R

IGF-2R

IRR

LIGAND

Insulin

IGF-1

IGF-2/M6P

unknown

FUNCTION

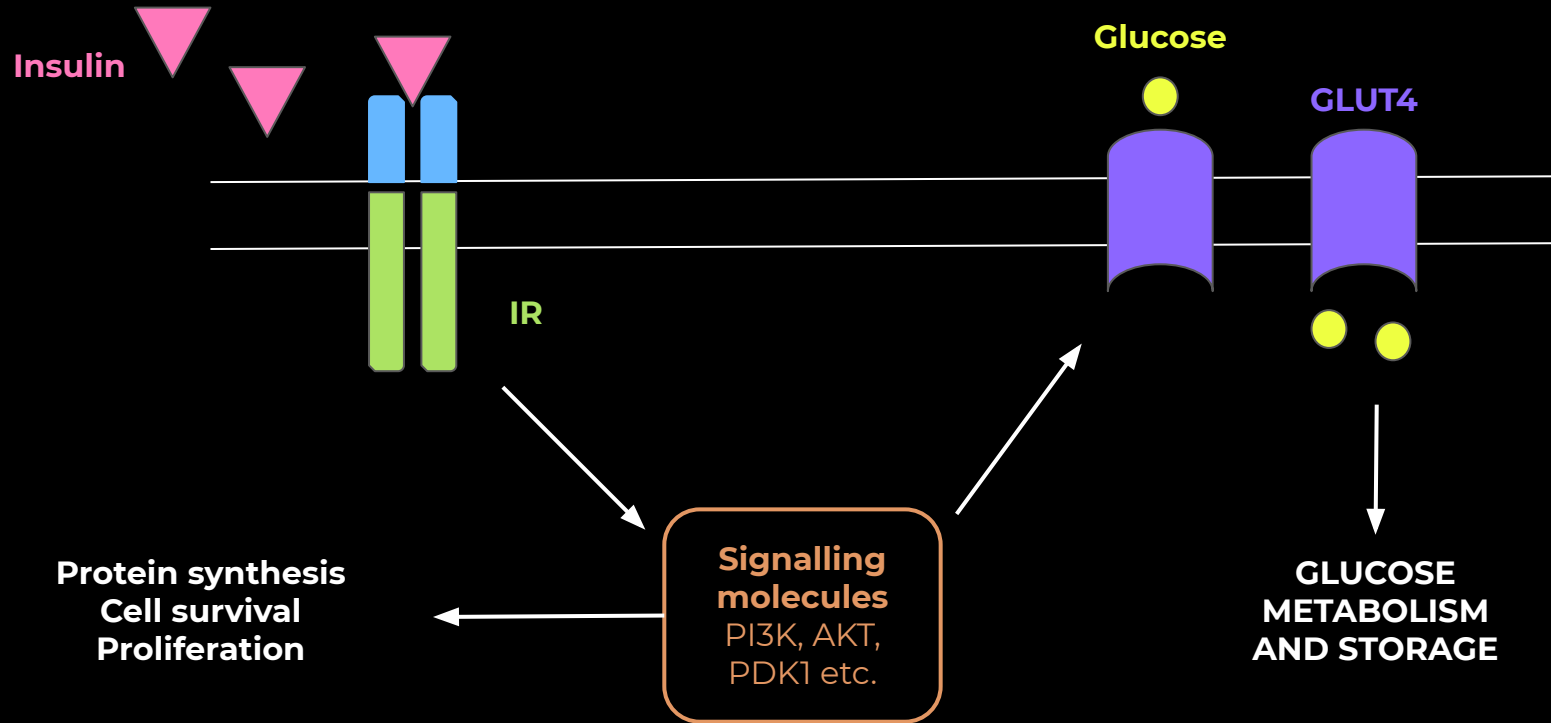
glucose
homeostasis and
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growth and
anabolic processes

transport
lysosomal acid
hydrolase
precursors

pH sensing
receptor

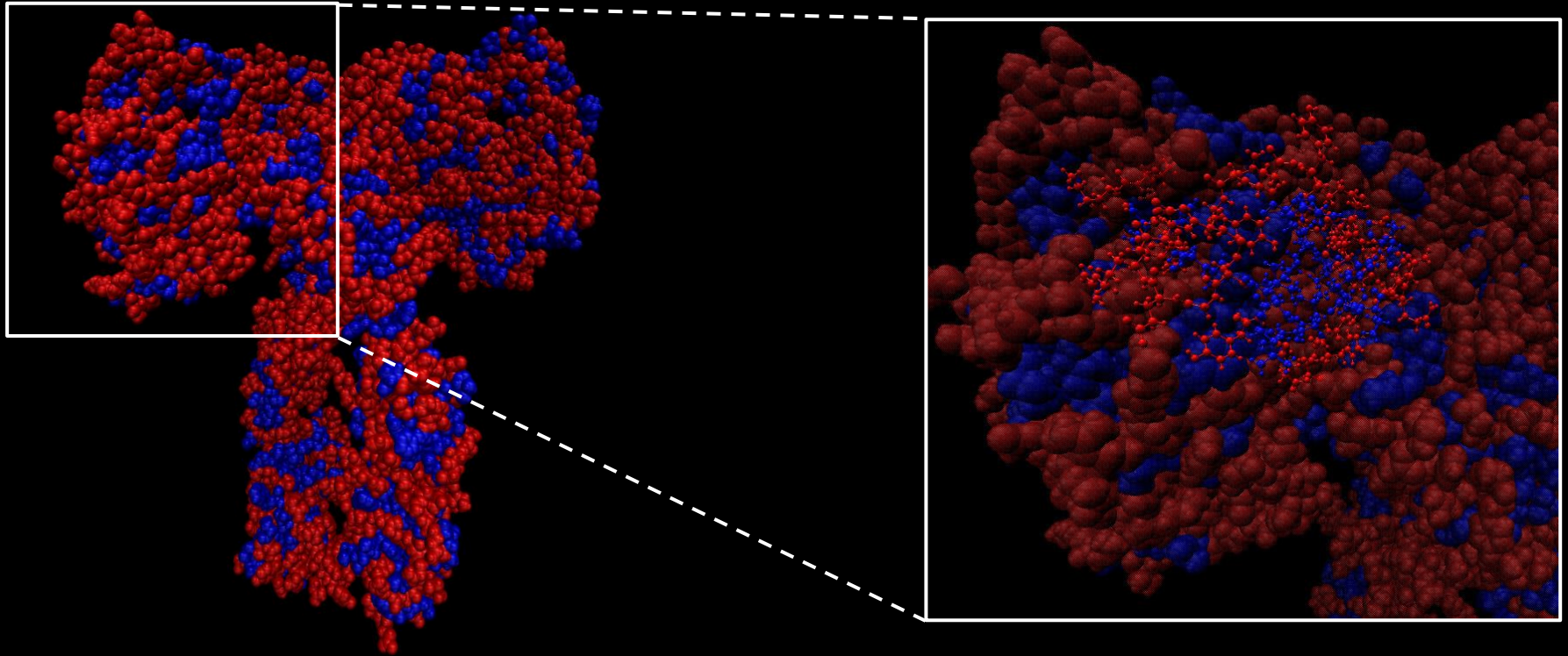
SIGNALLING PATHWAY



SCOP CLASSIFICATION

Class	Fold	Superfamily	Family	Protein
Small proteins	Knottins (small inhibitors, toxins, lectins) Disulfide-bound fold; contains beta-hairpin with two adjacent disulfides	Growth factor receptor domain	Growth factor receptor domain	Insulin receptor

POLARITY



Polar
Hydrophobic

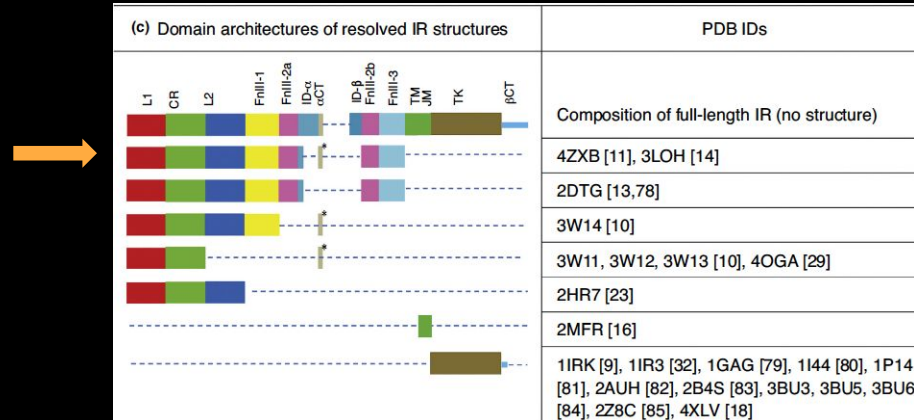
Insulin receptor structure

CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

No full-length structures of the Insulin Receptor.

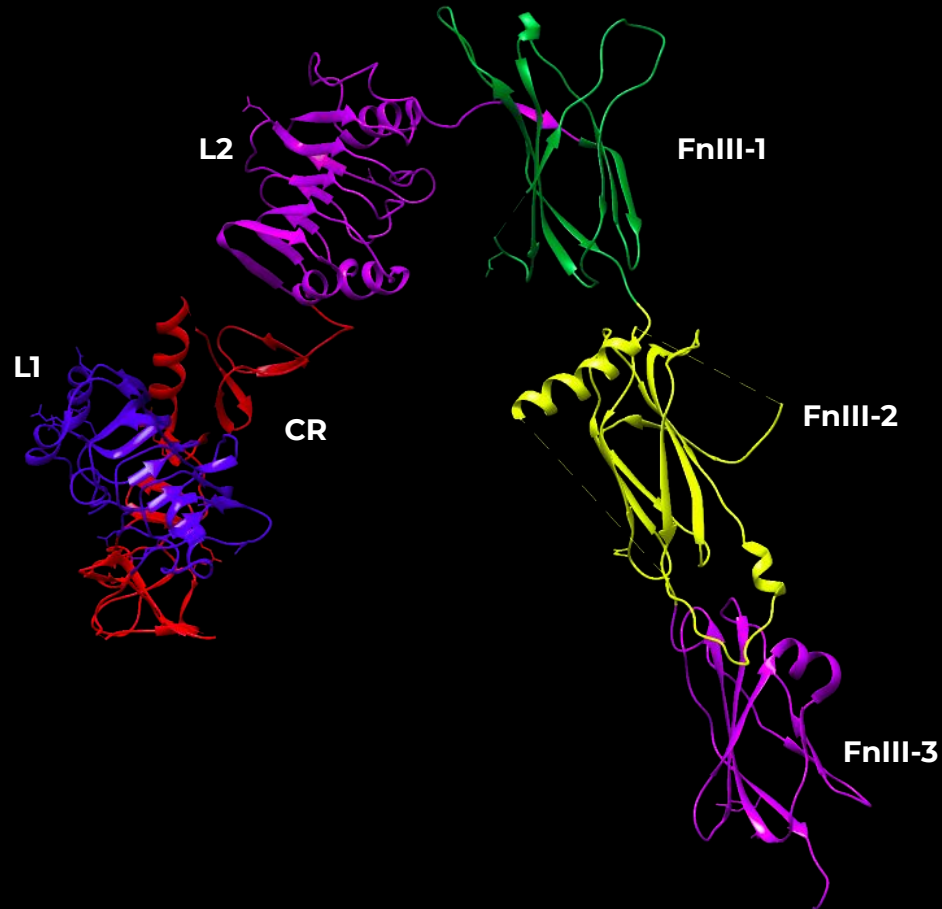
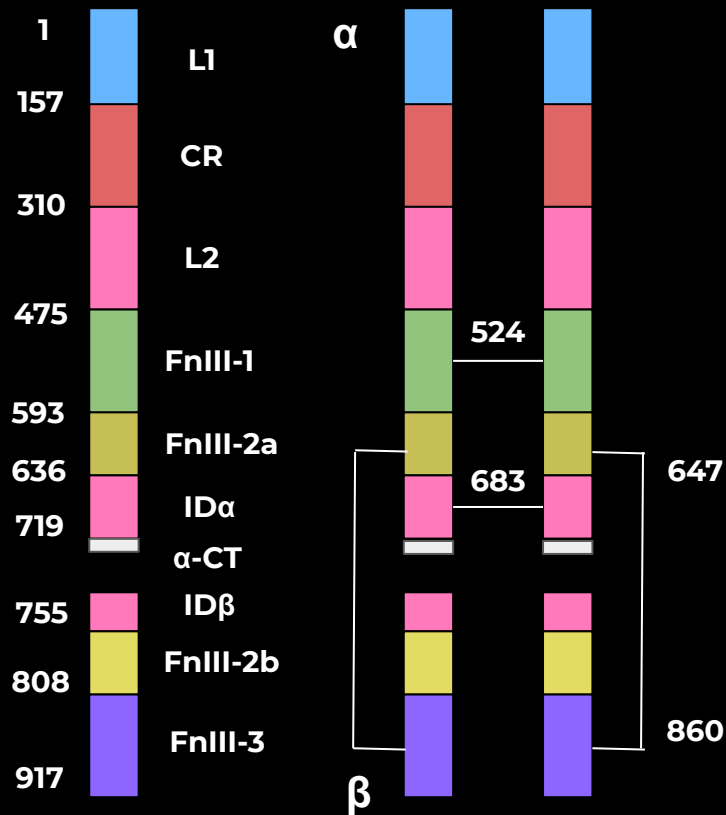
- Large flexibility.
- Membrane-bound nature.

Structures deposited in the PDB database:



} Most complete ectodomain

IR OVERVIEW



L1 and L2



L1



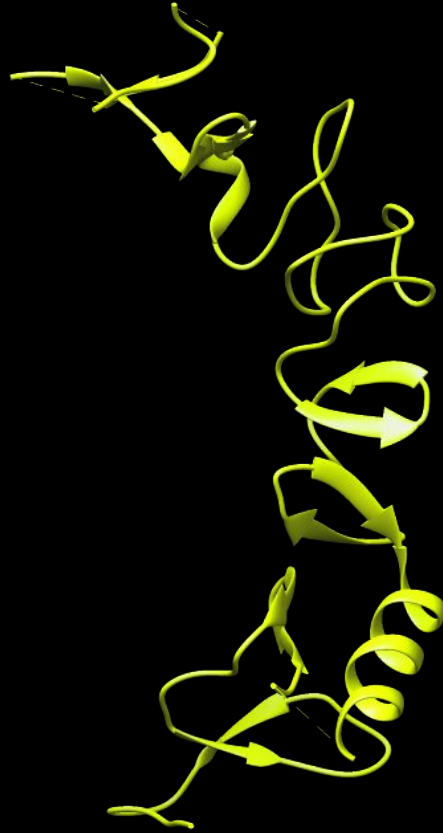
L2

LEUCINE-RICH DOMAIN

Curved horseshoe structures

Parallel beta sheets
Some helices

CR

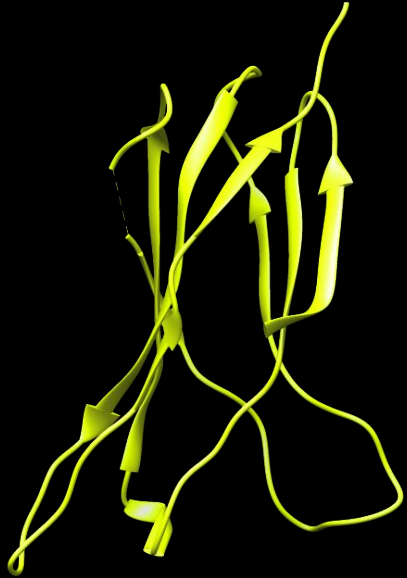


CYSTEINE-RICH DOMAIN

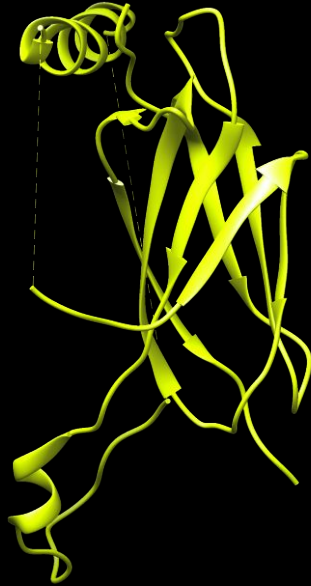
Furin-like cysteine region

Single helix on one side
Small antiparallel sheets

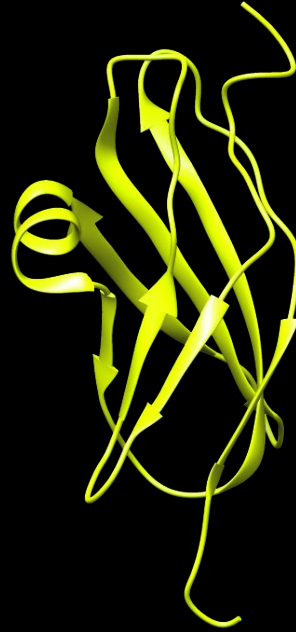
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FnIII-1



FnIII-2



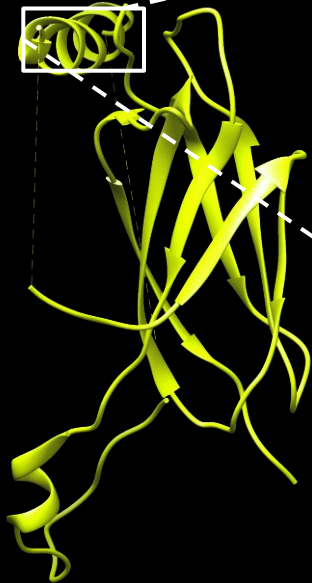
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FIBRONECTIN-TYPE III DOMAIN

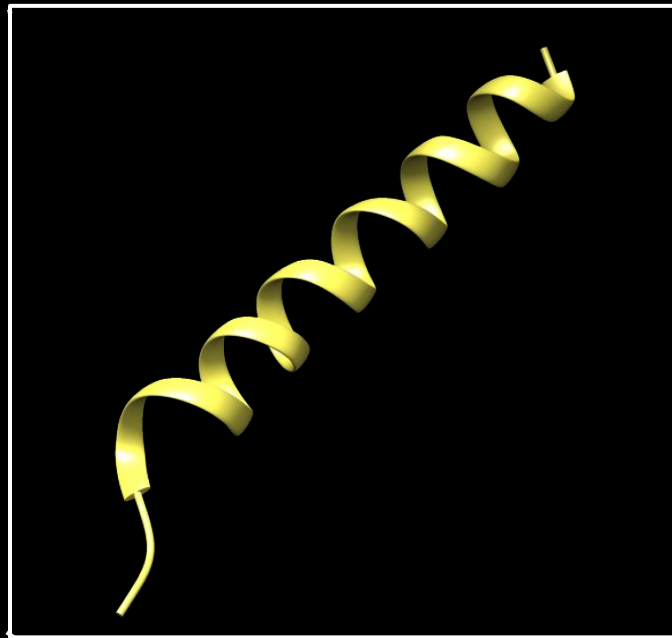
Sandwich domain

Two antiparallel beta-sheets

FnIII

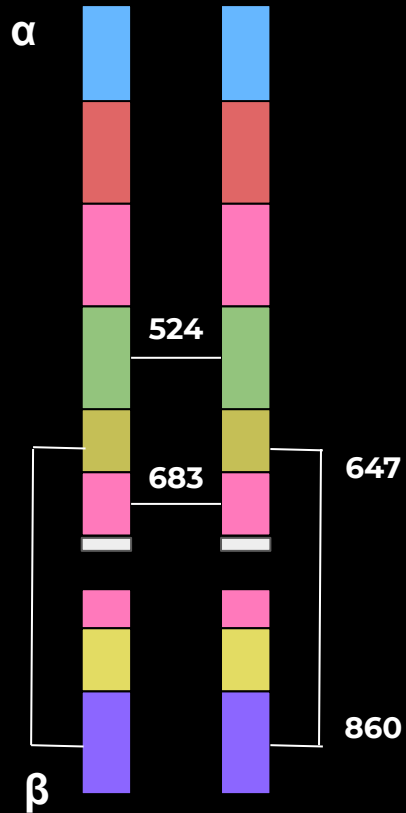


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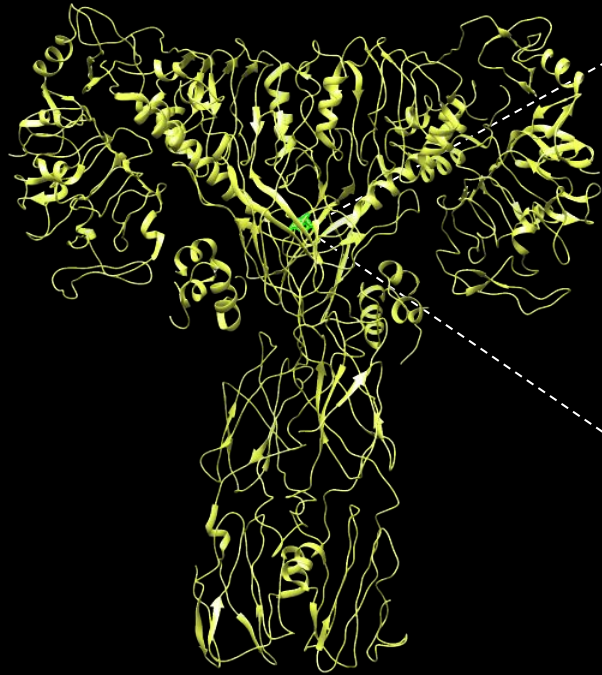


C-terminus domain.
Key role in insulin binding

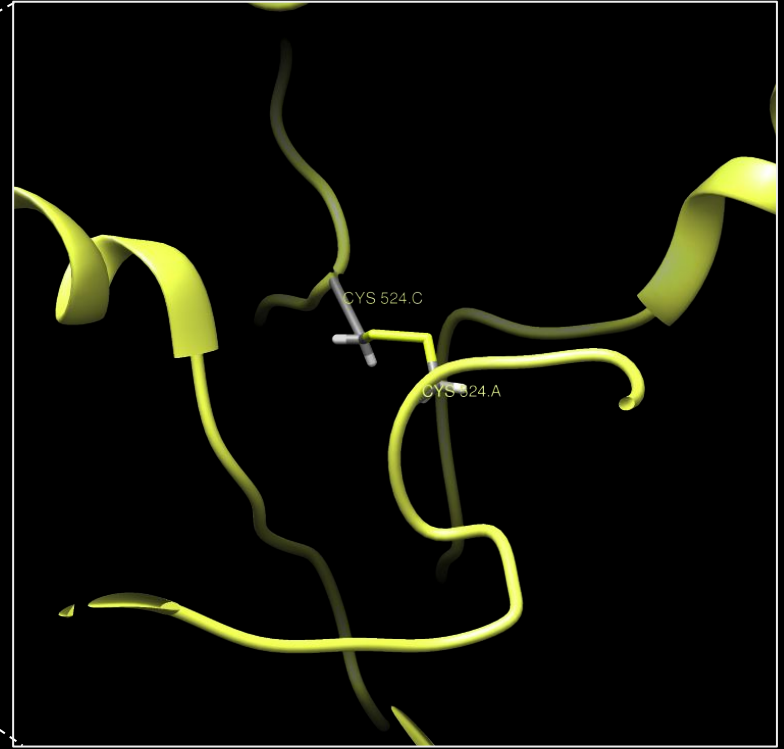
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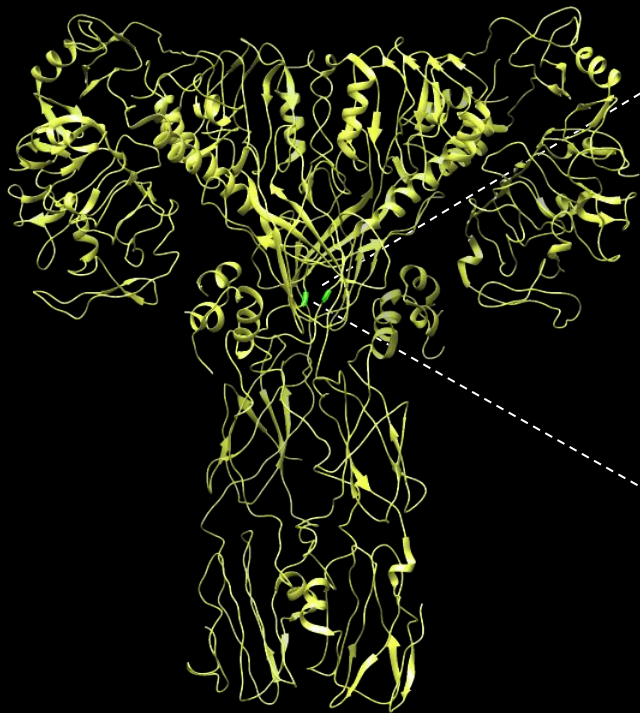
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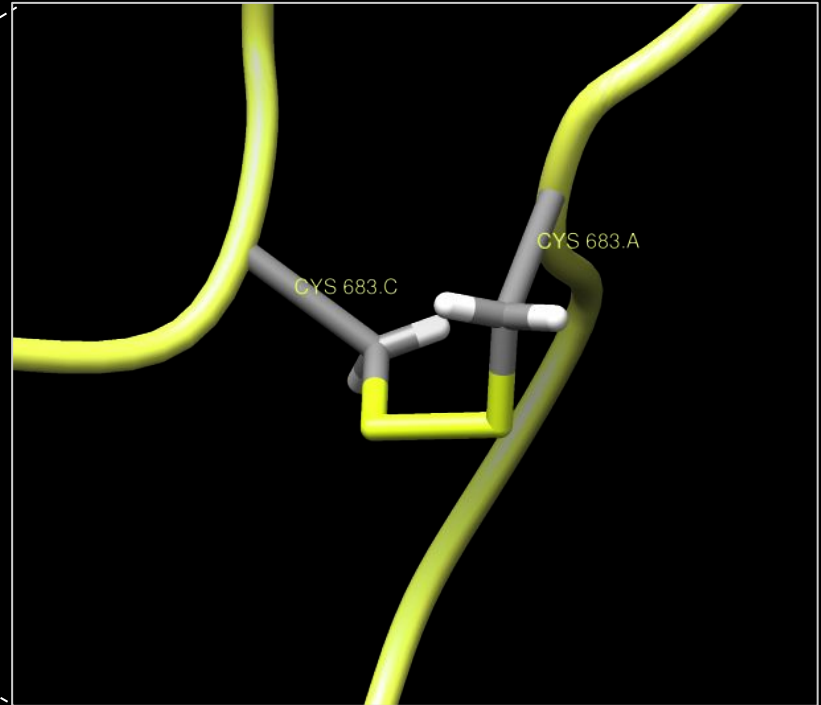
Cys524 - Cys524



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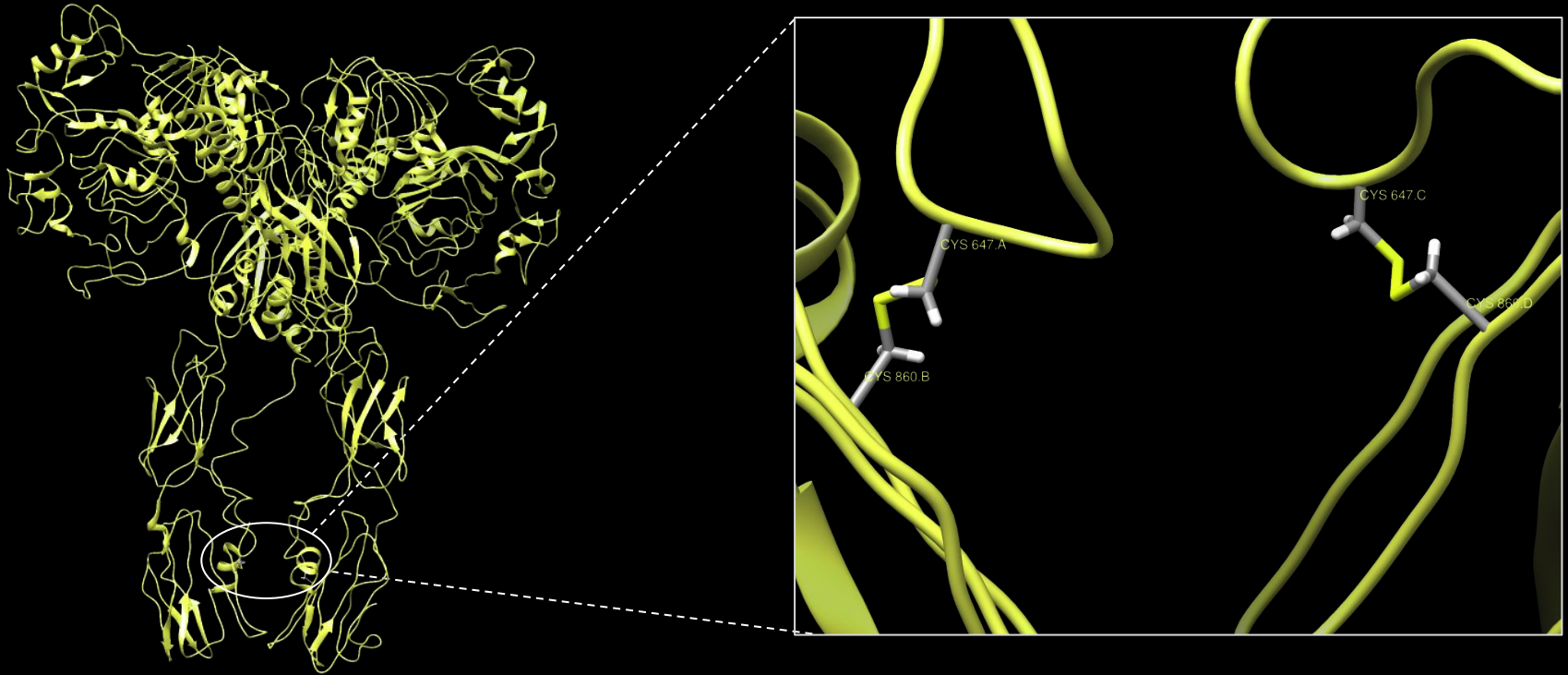


Cys683 - Cys683



DISULFIDE BOND

Cys647 - Cys860



Interaction IR-insulin

METHODOLOGY

Interaction analysis:

1. Data from PDB structures-related articles ✗
2. Data from original PDB structures and other articles ✗
3. PISA prediction ✓

METHODOLOGY

Hydrogen bonds

XML

No disulfide bonds found

No covalent bonds found

No salt bridges found

##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
1	C:ARG 498[HH21]	2.48	E:CYS 7[SG]
2	C:ASN 711[OD1]	1.87	E:ILE 2[H]

Interfacing residues (not a contact table)

XML

Display level: Residues

Inaccessible residues

Solvent-accessible residues

ASA Accessible Surface Area, Å²

BSA Buried Surface Area, Å²

ΔG Solvation energy effect, kcal/mol

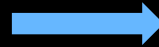
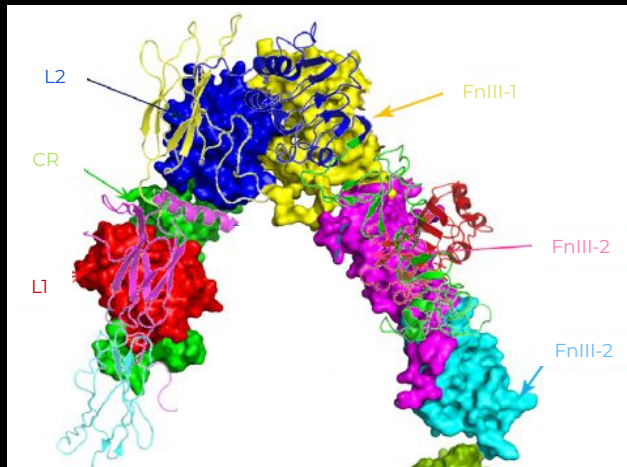
|||| Buried area percentage, one bar per 10%

Residues making Hydrogen/Disulphide bond, Salt bridge or Covalent link

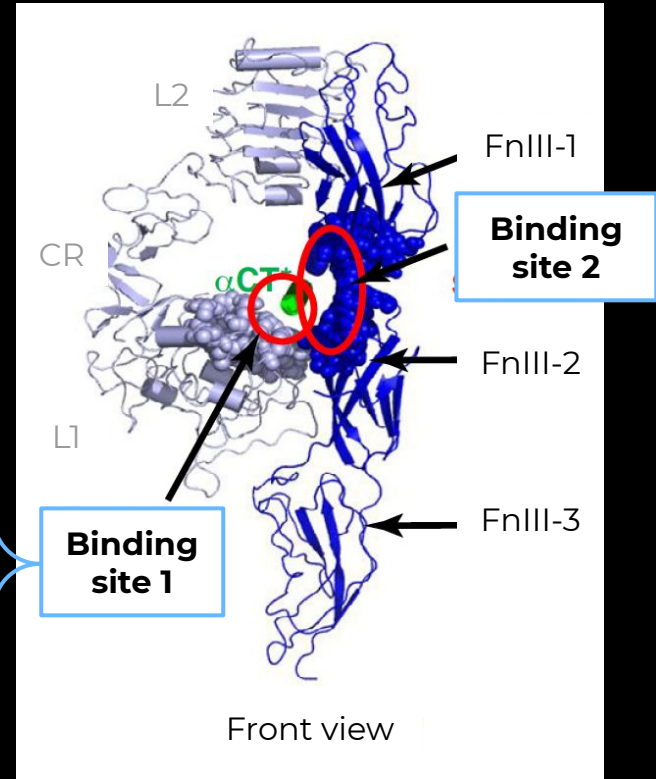
Interfacing residues

##	Structure 1	HSDC	ASA	BSA	ΔG	##	Structure 2	HSDC	ASA	BSA	ΔG
1	C:HIS 1		168.50	0.00	0.00	1	E:GLY 1		60.88	21.34	0.30
2	C:LEU 2		35.11	0.00	0.00	2	E:ILE 2	H	120.78	80.79	1.11
3	C:TYR 3		37.41	0.00	0.00	3	E:VAL 3		86.27	58.90	0.94
4	C:PRO 4		105.23	0.00	0.00	4	E:GLU 4		123.21	6.51	0.00
5	C:GLY 5		23.79	0.00	0.00	5	E:GLN 5		79.57	17.90	-0.21
6	C:GLU 6		123.28	0.00	0.00	6	E:CYS 6		44.06	0.00	0.00
7	C:VAL 7		103.25	0.00	0.00	7	E:CYS 7	H	109.69	50.90	1.03
8	C:CYS 8		18.77	0.00	0.00	8	E:THR 8		111.53	0.00	0.00
9	C:PRO 9		78.90	0.00	0.00	9	E:SER 9		65.60	0.00	0.00
10	C:GLY 10		36.97	0.00	0.00	10	E:ILE 10		146.88	0.00	0.00
11	C:MET 11		57.47	0.00	0.00	11	E:CYS 11		26.38	0.00	0.00
12	C:ASP 12		36.80	0.00	0.00	12	E:SER 12		50.12	0.00	0.00
13	C:ILE 13		17.19	0.00	0.00	13	E:LEU 13		123.44	0.00	0.00
14	C:ARG 14		116.71	0.00	0.00	14	E:TYR 14		173.49	0.00	0.00
15	C:ASN 15		90.74	0.00	0.00	15	E:GLN 15		75.33	0.73	-0.01
16	C:ASN 16		91.16	0.00	0.00	16	E:LEU 16		43.26	4.51	0.07
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INTERACTION IR-INSULIN

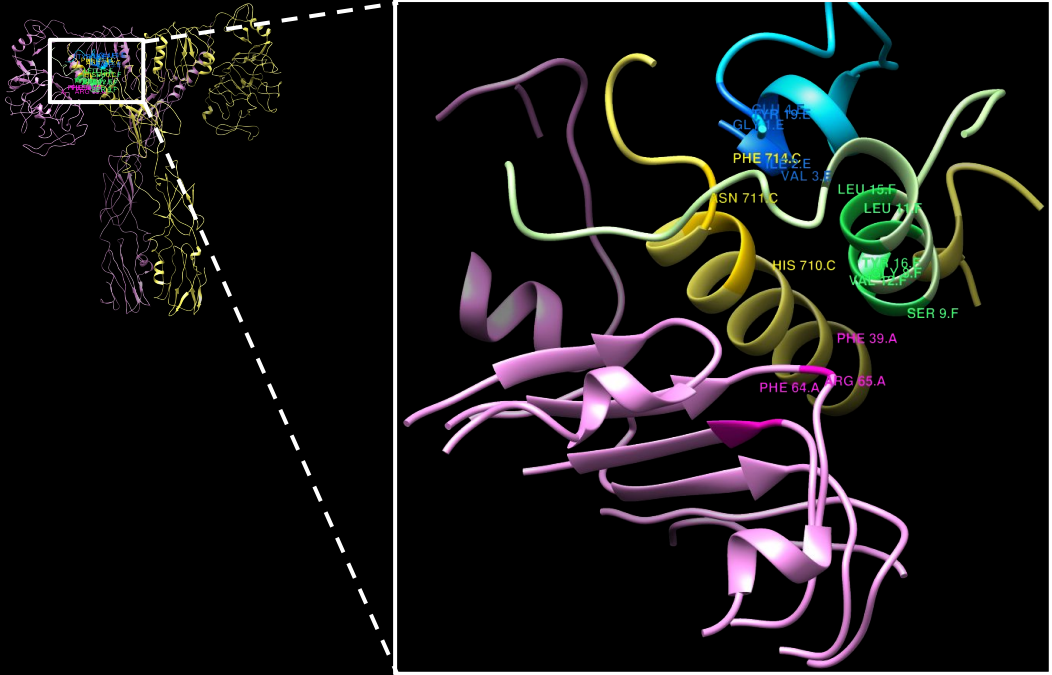


I
II
III
IV



BINDING SITE 1

The L1- α CT harbor



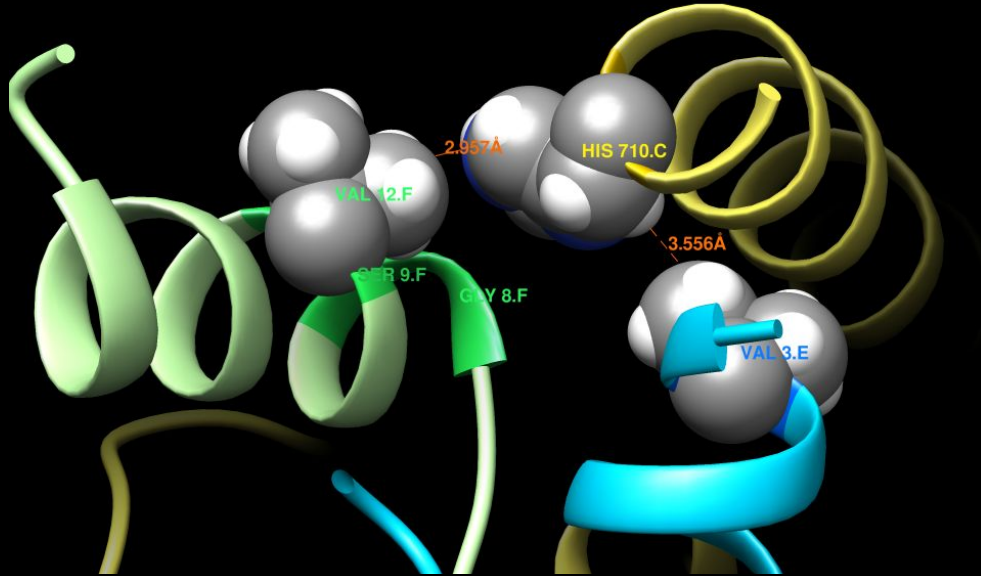
IR	Insulin
His710	ValA3
	GlyB8
	SerB9
	ValB12

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Asn711	GlyA1
	ValA3
	GluA4

Phe714	GlyA1
	IleA2
	TyrA19
	LeuB11
	ValB12
	LeuB15

IV	Phe39	ValB12
	Phe64	
	Arg65	
	Phe39	TyrB16

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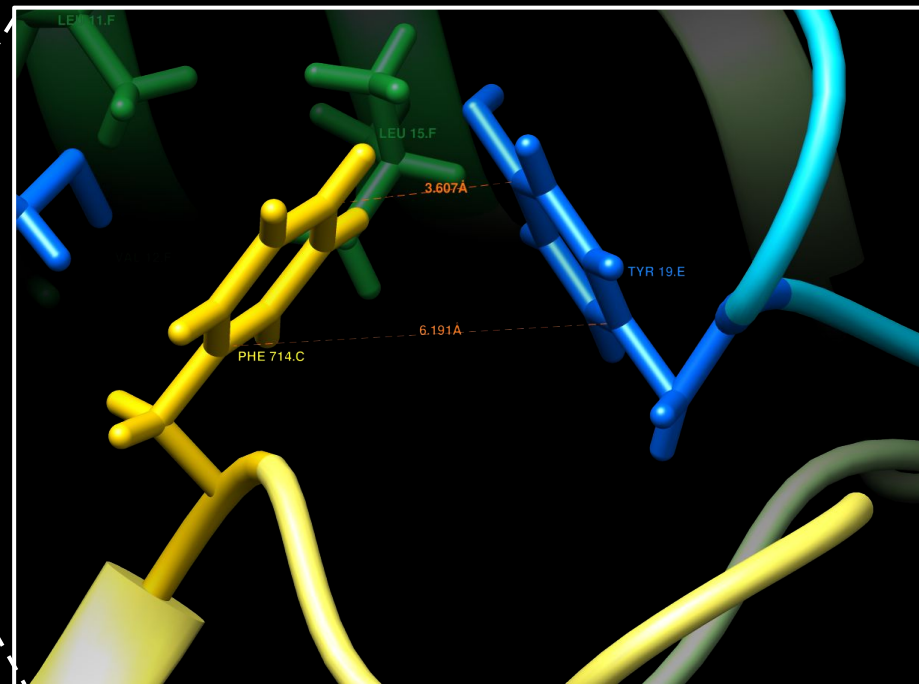


α -CT (IR)	Insulin	Type	Distance (Å)
His710	ValB12	VdW	2,975
	ValA3	VdW	3,556

BINDING SITE 1: II

α -CT (IR)	Insulin	Type	Distance (Å)
Phe714	TyrA19	π -int.	3,607-6,191 (-125,329 °)
	IleA2	VdW	$\approx 2,8$
	LeuB15	VdW	2,860

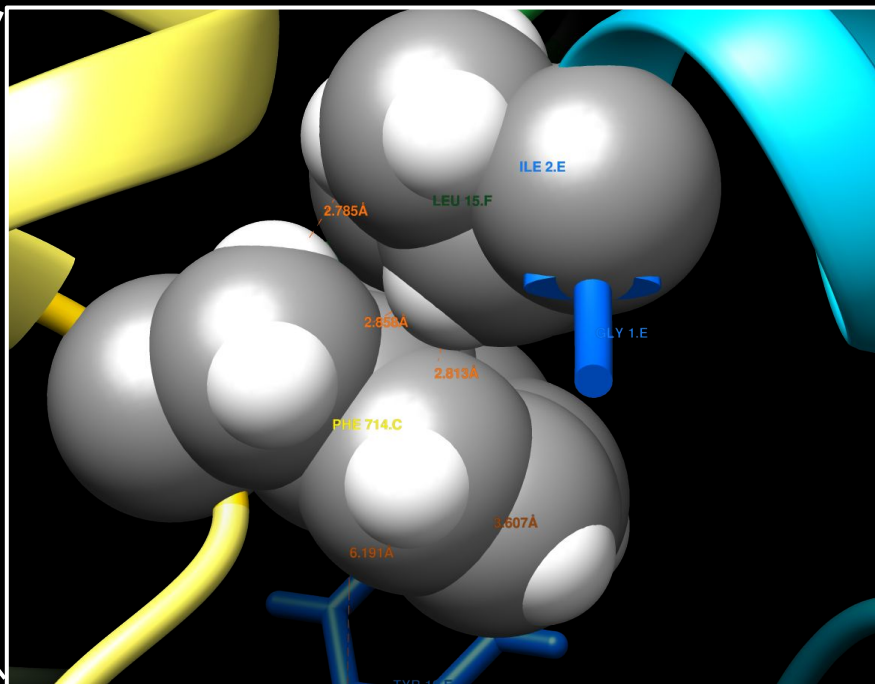
Hydrophobic pocket



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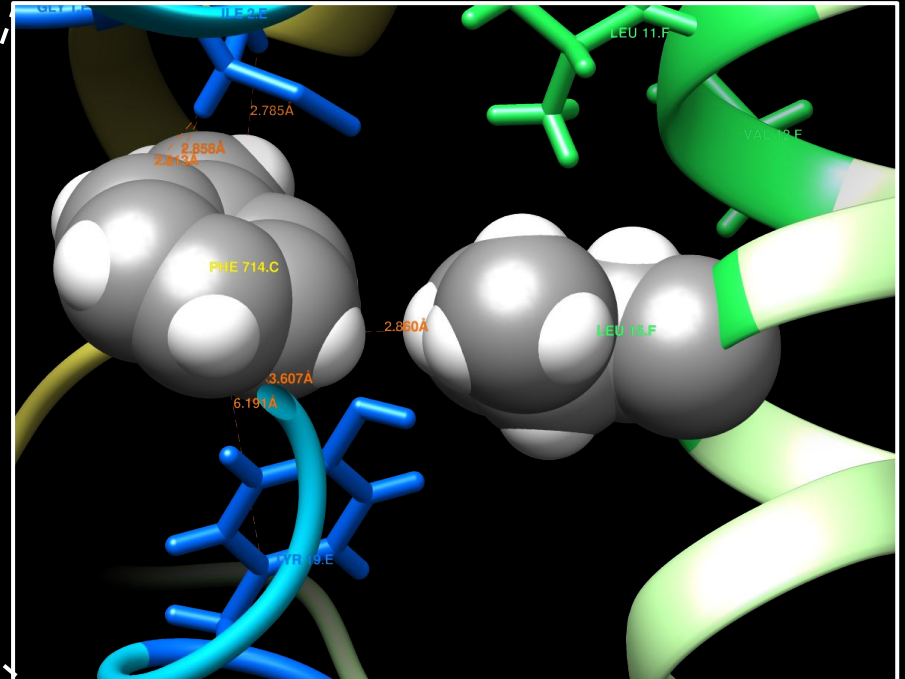
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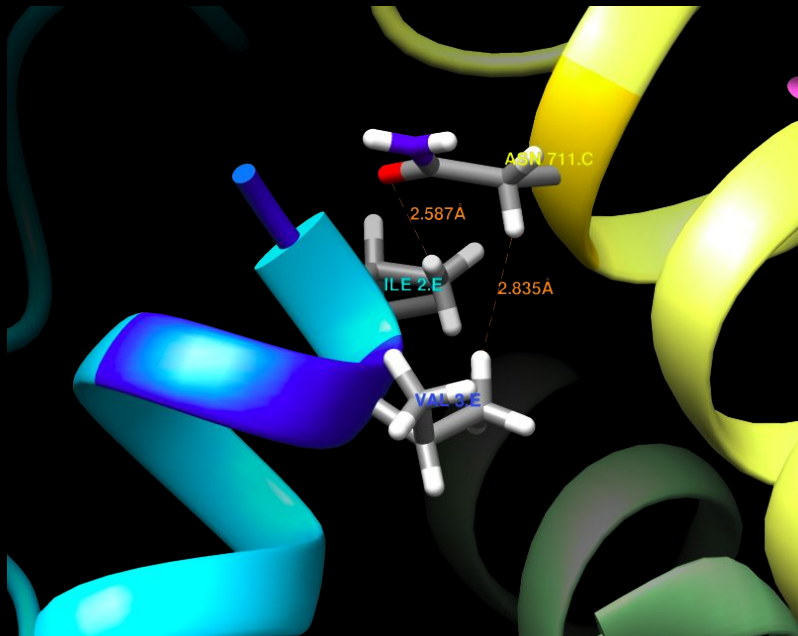
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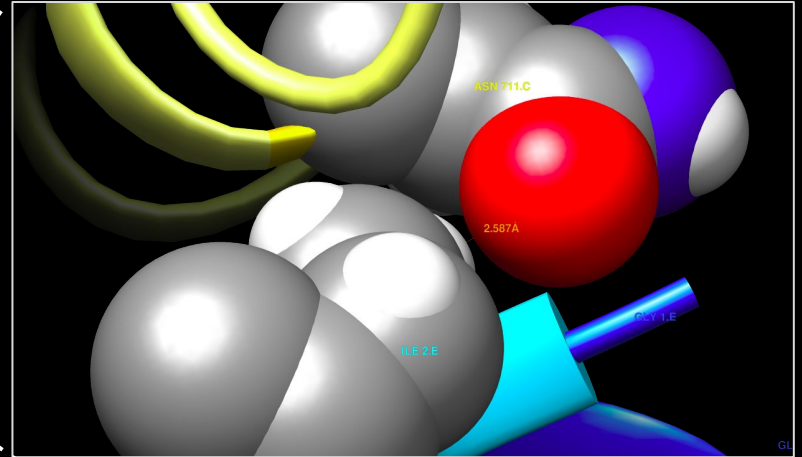
BINDING SITE 1: III



α -CT (IR)	Insulin	Type	Distance (Å)
Asn711	GlyA1	VdW	-
	IleA2	VdW	2,587
	ValA3	VdW	2,835

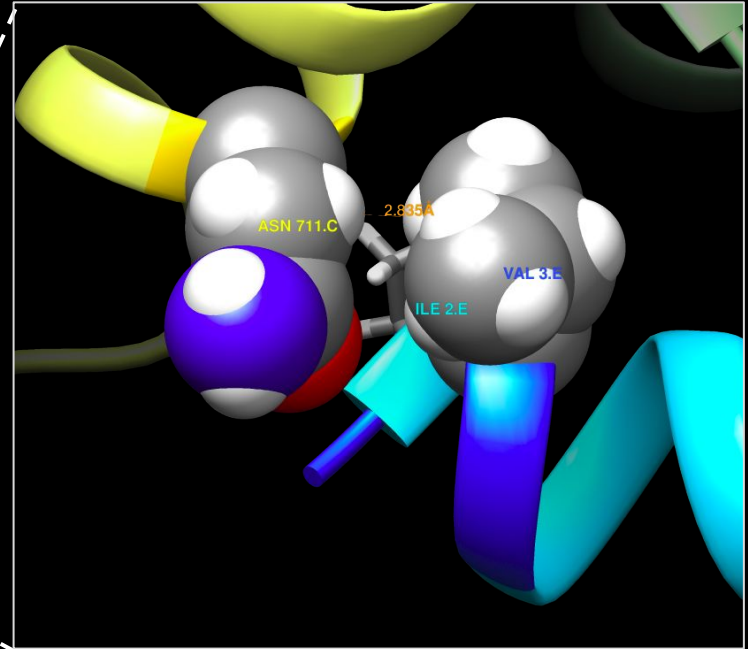
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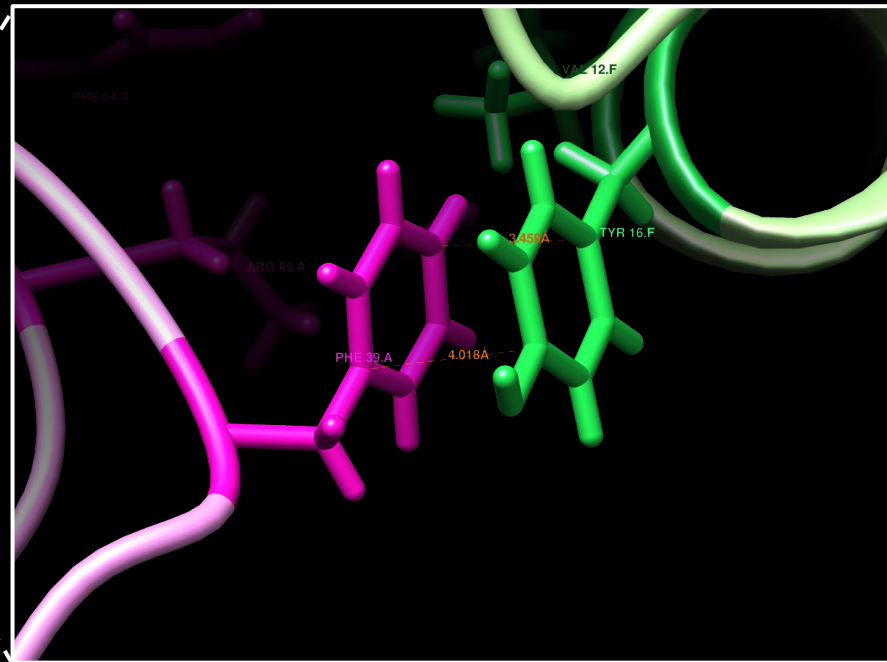
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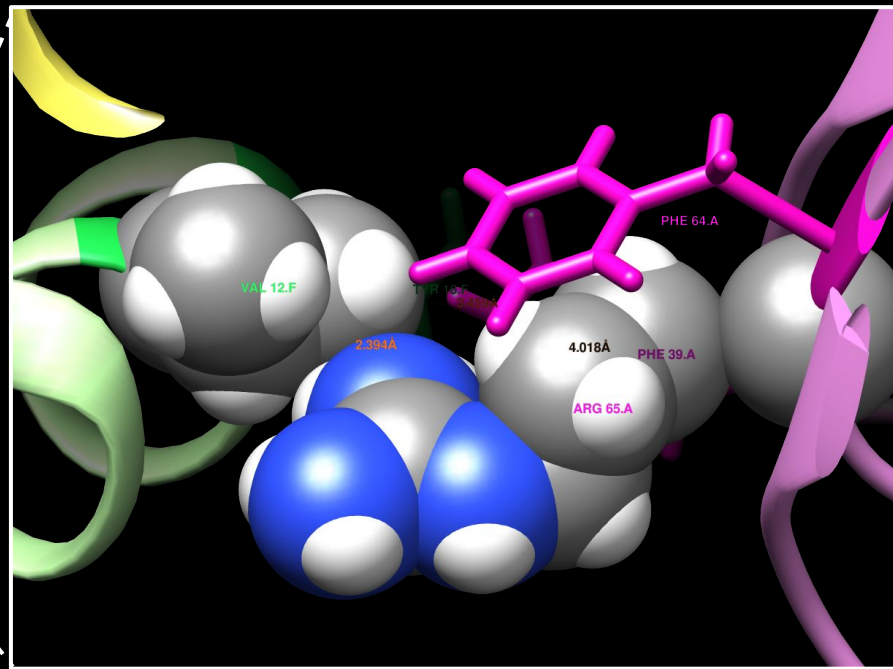
L1 (IR)	Insulin	Type	Distance (Å)
Phe39	TyrB16	π -int.	3,459-4,018 (53,789 °)
Arg65	ValB12	VdW	2,394
Phe64	ValB12	VdW	4,471

Hydrophobic interaction



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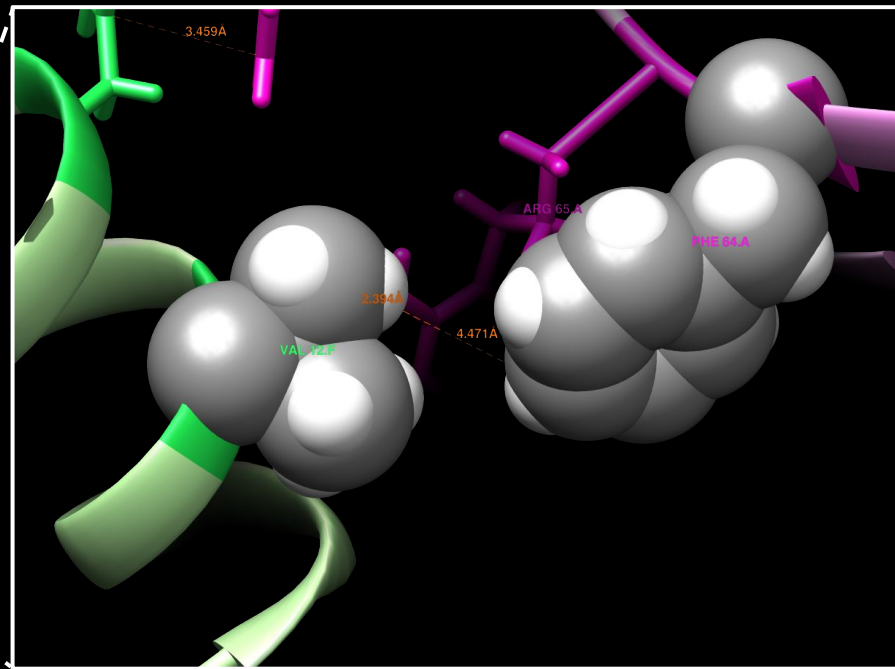
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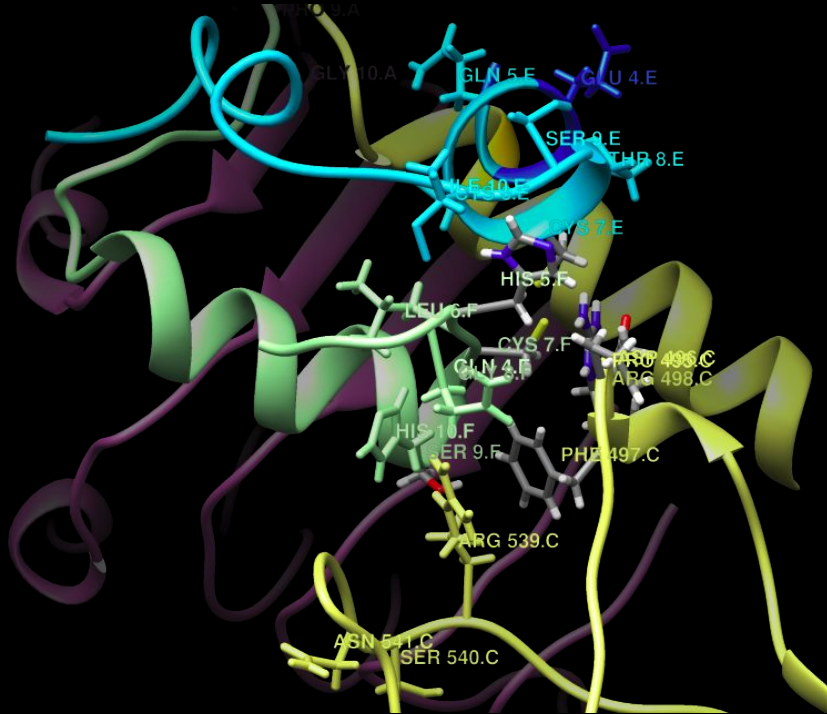
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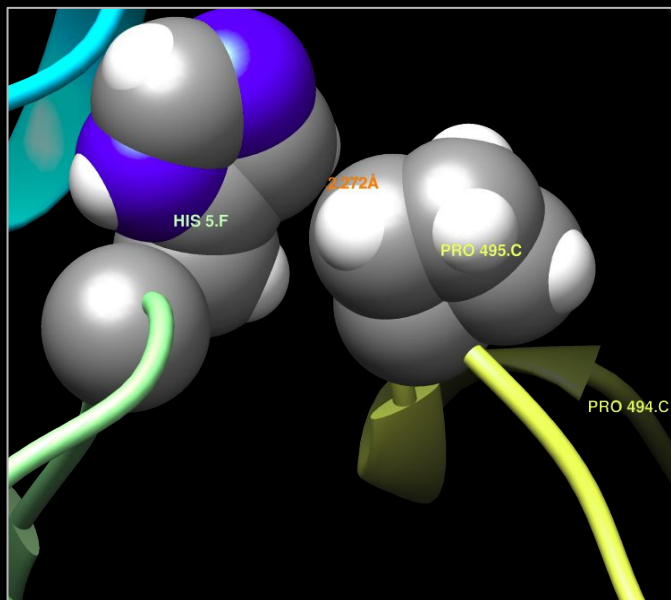
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Junction of FnIII-1 and FnIII-2



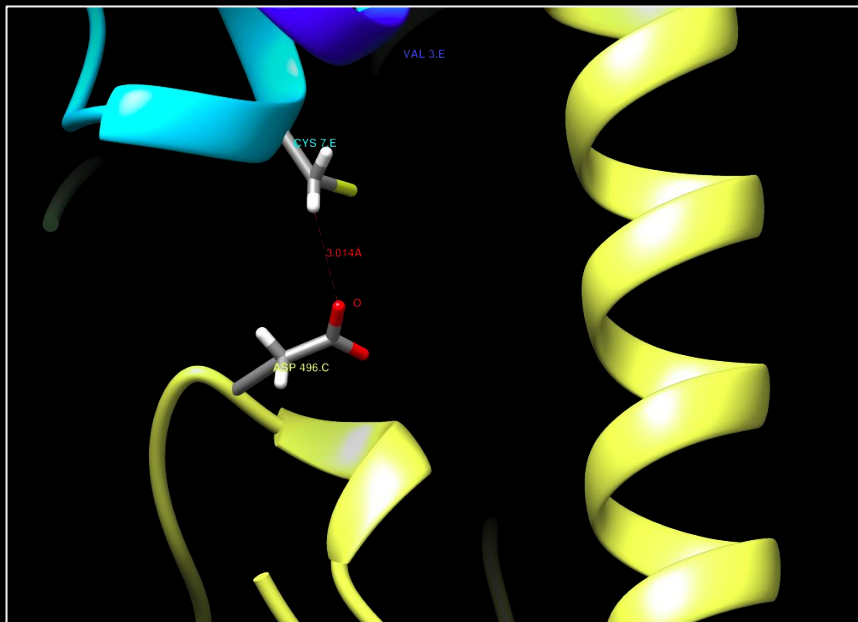
IR	Insulin
Pro495-Arg498	Chain B (Gln4-Gly10)
Arg539-Asn541	

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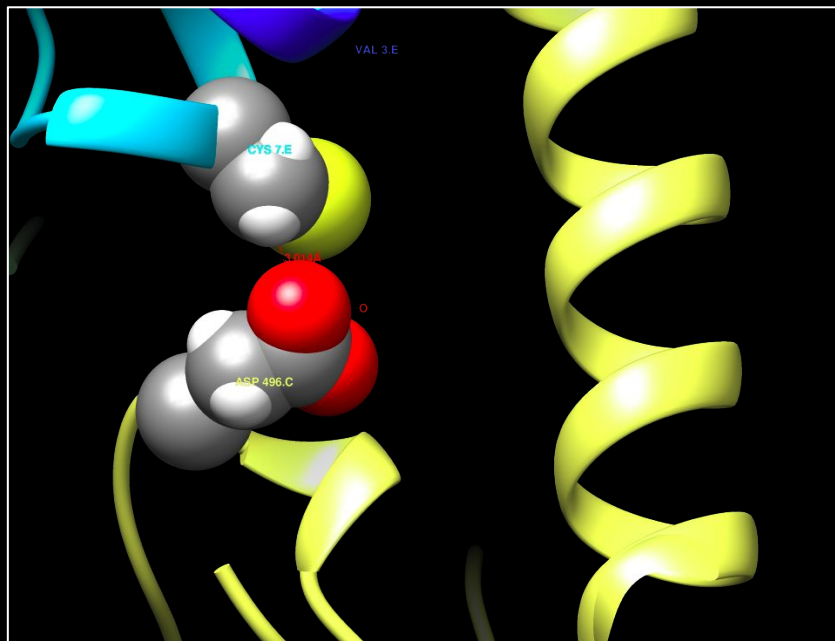
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Phe497	SerB9	VdW	3,466

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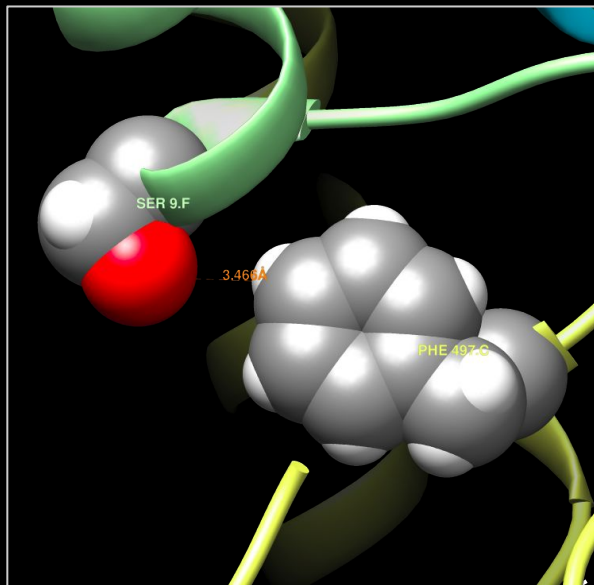
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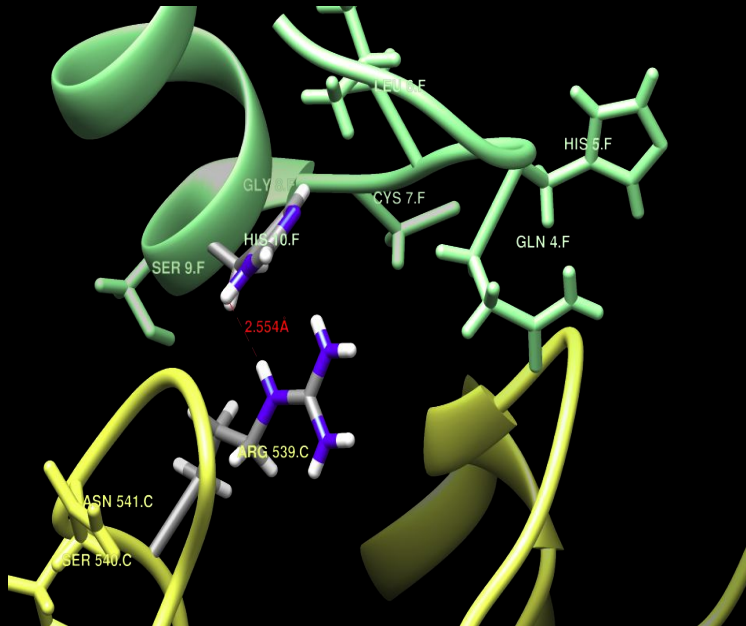
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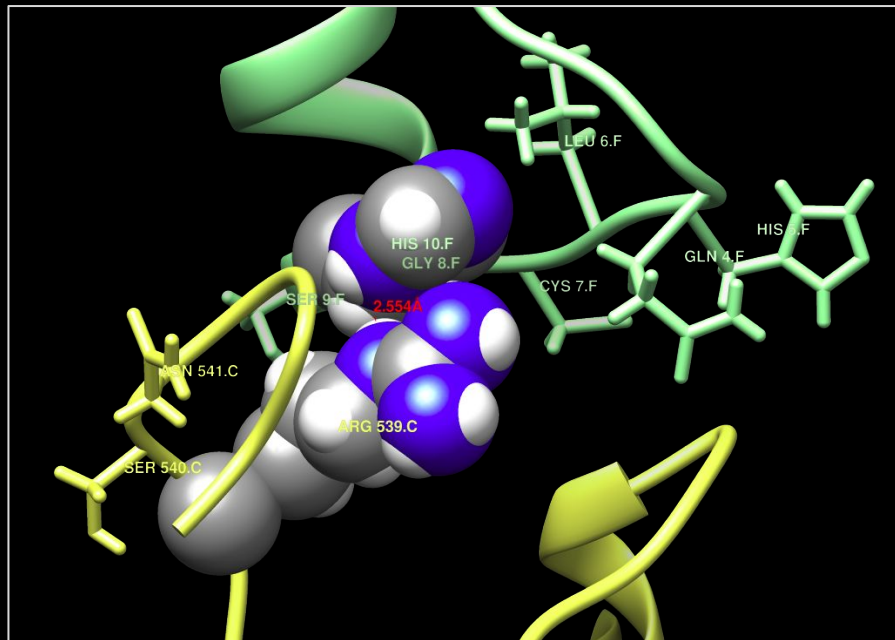
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Asn 541	-	-	-

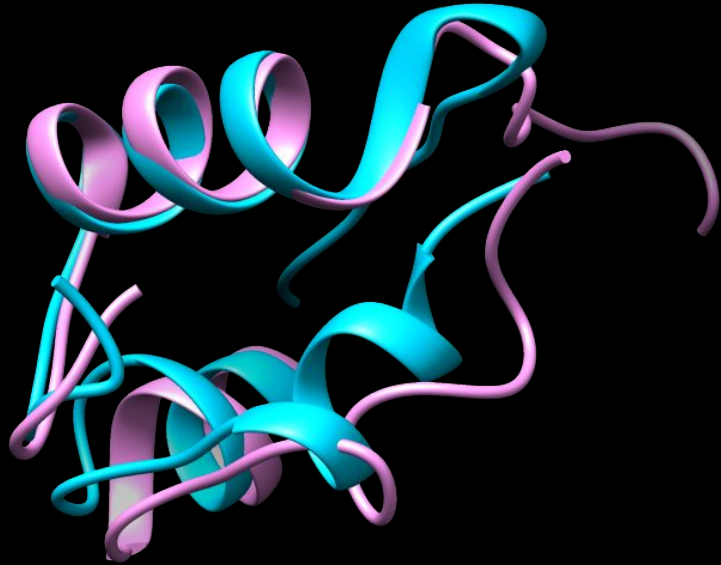
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Conformational changes upon
insulin binding

CONFORMATIONAL CHANGES INSULIN

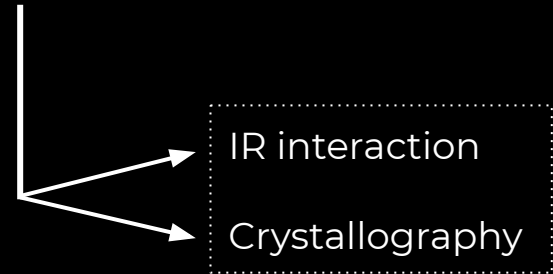


RMSD = 5.604 Å

Insulin

Insulin bound to IR

Conformational changes due to...



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ROTATIONS

①

Rotation of 35° of L2-CR-L1 domains

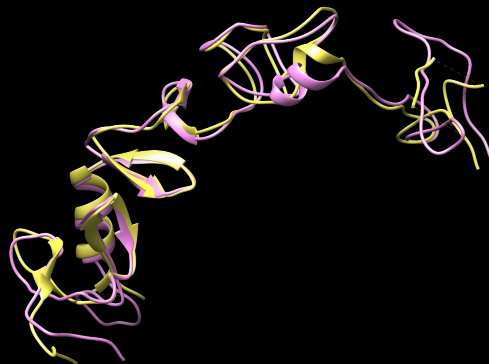
②

55° swing of CR-L1 domain



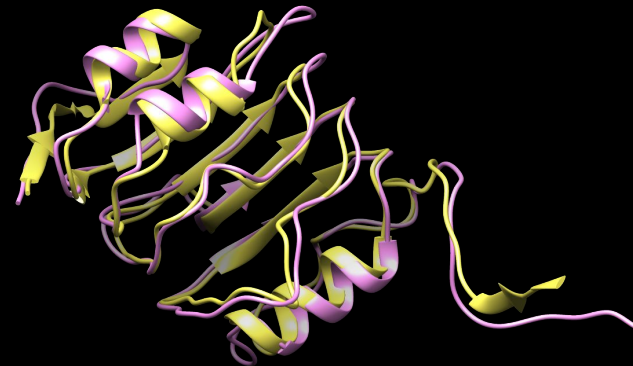
L1

RMSD = 1.194 Å



CR

RMSD = 2.242 Å



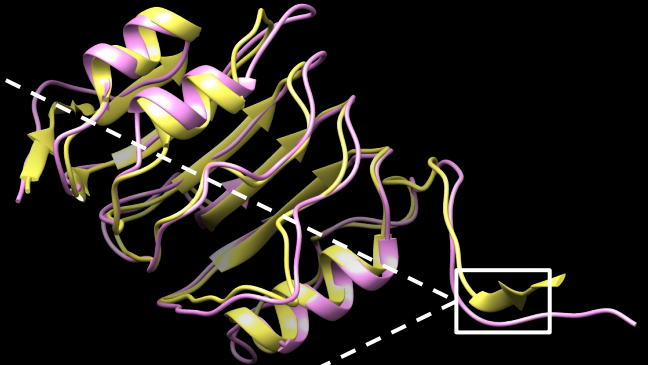
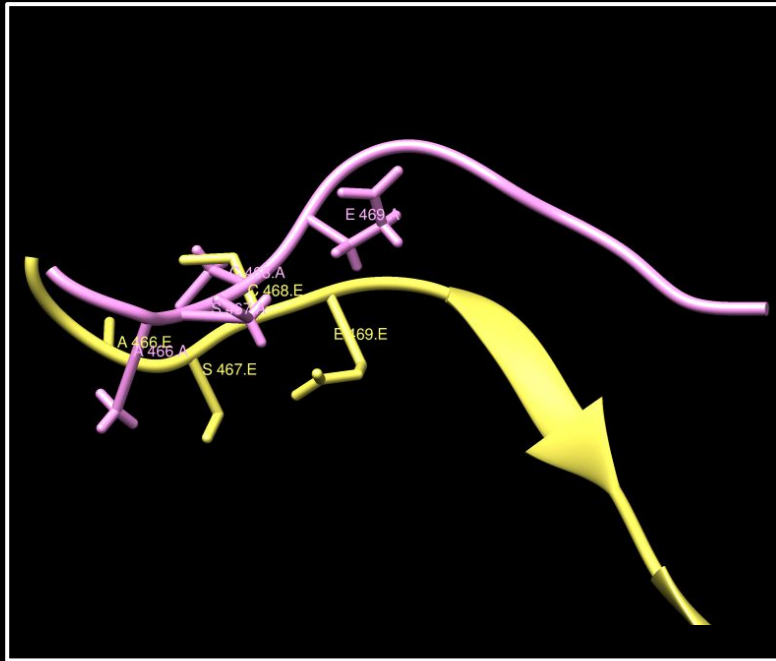
L2

RMSD = 2.374 Å

ROTATIONS

①

Rotation of 35° of L2-CR-L1 domains



L2

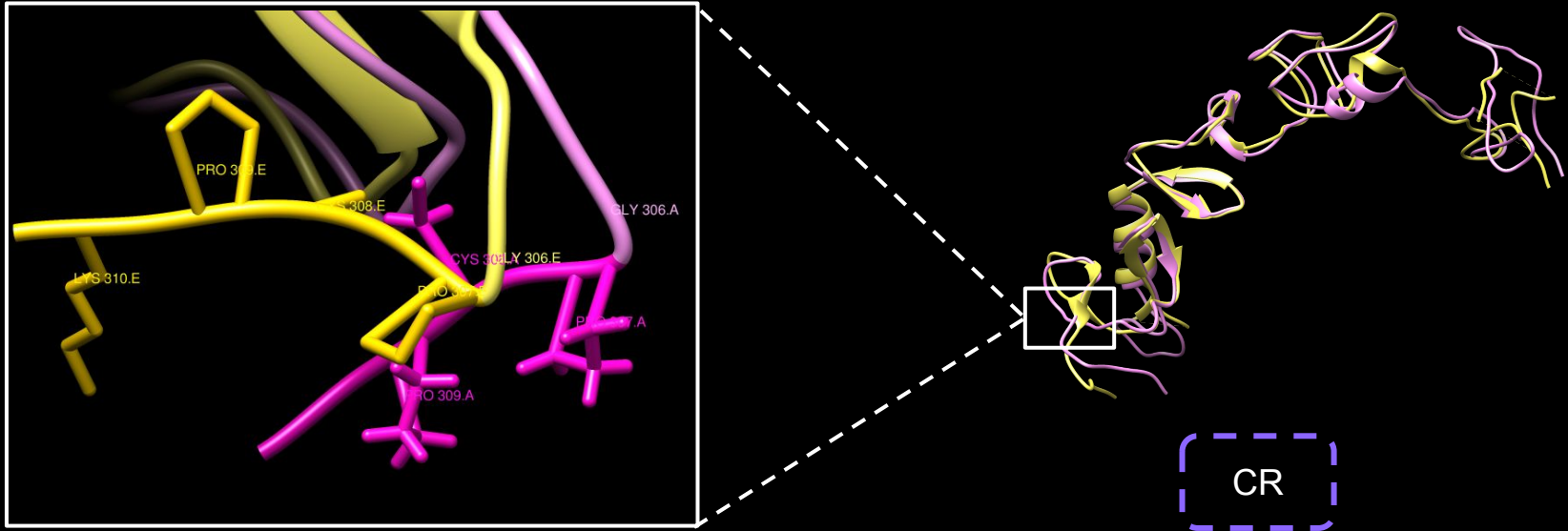
RMSD = 2.374 Å

IR
IR+insulin

ROTATIONS

2

55° swing of the CR-L1 domain



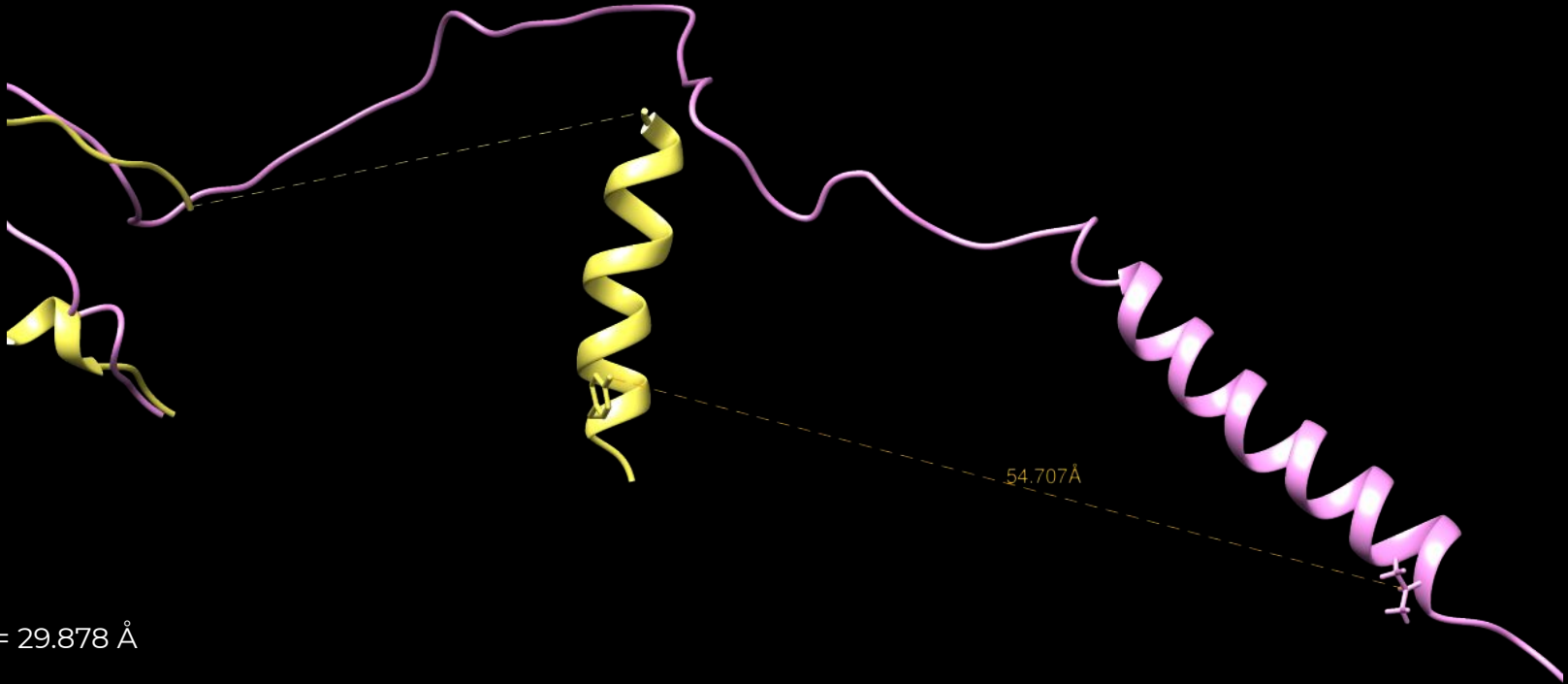
IR
IR+insulin

RMSD = 2.242 Å

alfa-CT

3

Displacement of 55 Å of α CT domain



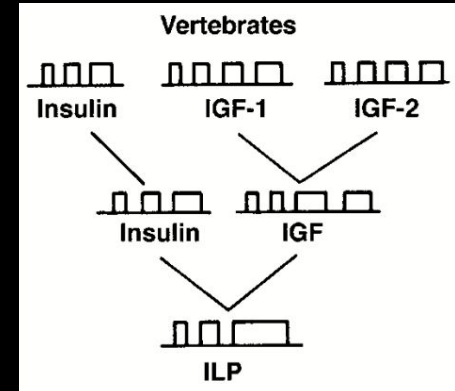
RMSD = 29.878 Å

IR
IR+insulin

Comparison IR-IGF1R

IGF1R-IR: comparison

- Hormone family: essential cellular physiological processes.
- The process of functional specialization is yet unknown.
- Origin: two rounds of gene duplication.



Adapted from Chan SJ
et al, 2000

GENOMIC

SIMILARITIES

↑ degree of identity

12 exons with identical length

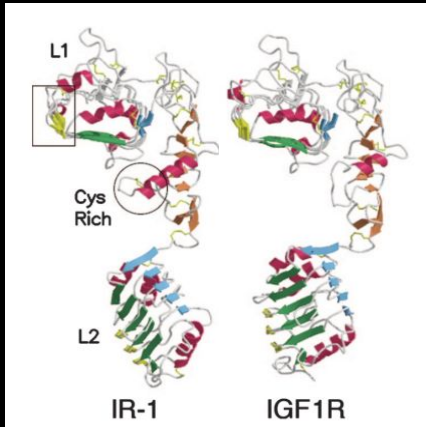
Strong selection pressure

DIFFERENCES

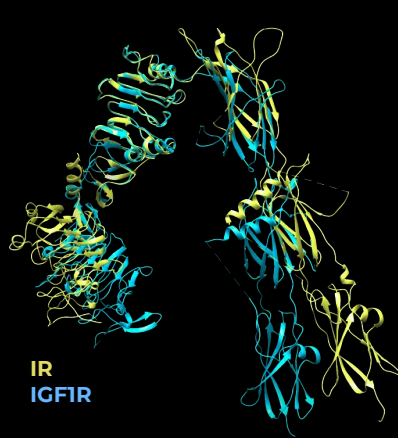
IGF-1R: 21 exons

IR: 22 exons → 2 isoforms

IGF1R-IR: comparison



Adapted from Meizhen
Lou *et al*, 2006



SIMILARITY

Same fold and
domains

DIFFERENCES

Sites of membrane
entry → IGF-1R is more
“compact”

Specific residues
**Further explained*

L1

IR GEVC-PGMDIRNNLTRLHELENC SVIEGHIQILIMFKRPEDFRDLSFPKLIMITDYLLLFRVYGLES LKDLFPNLTVIRGSRLFFNYAL
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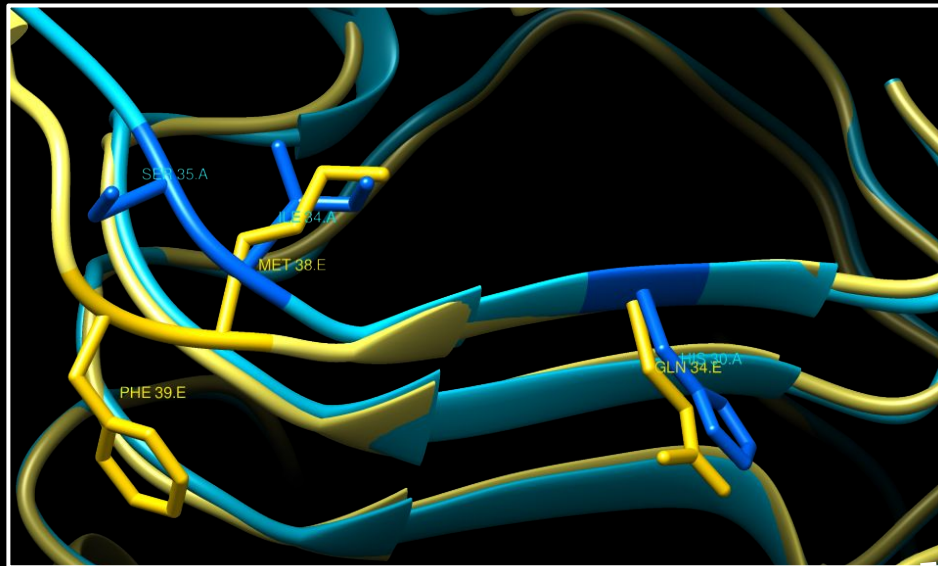
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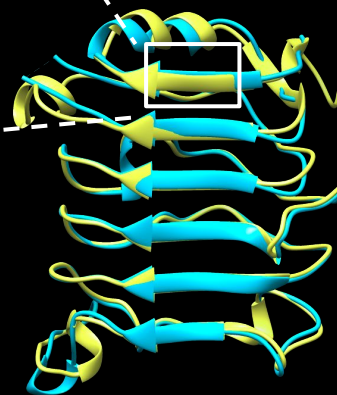
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RMSD = 2.339 Å

IR
IGF1R

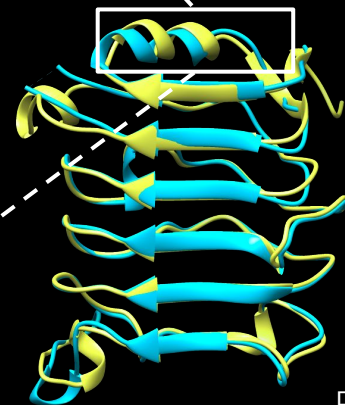


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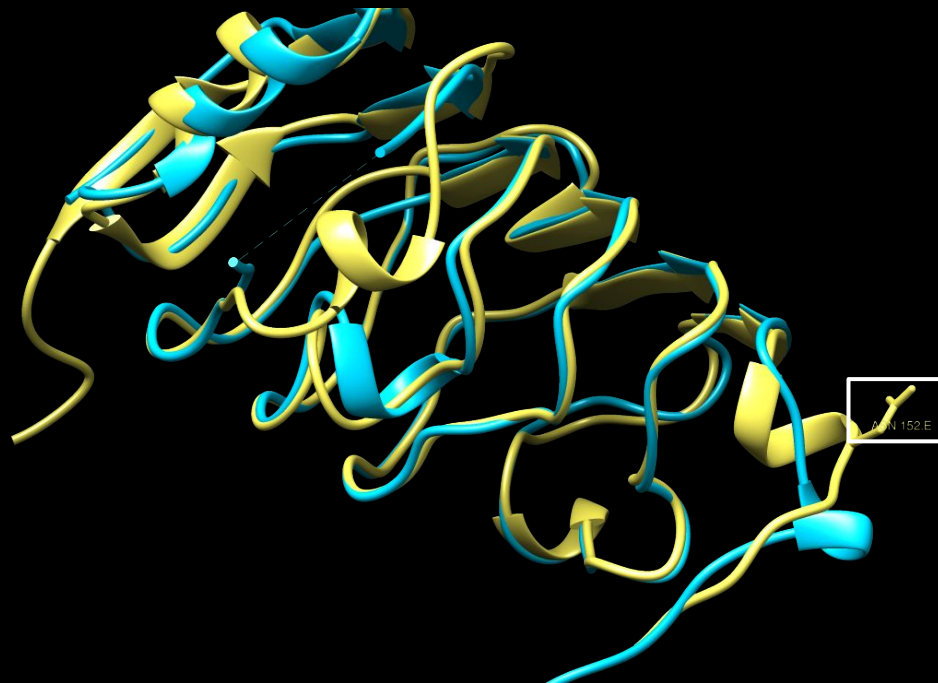
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Most variable region
Addition of Lys and Pro
in IR

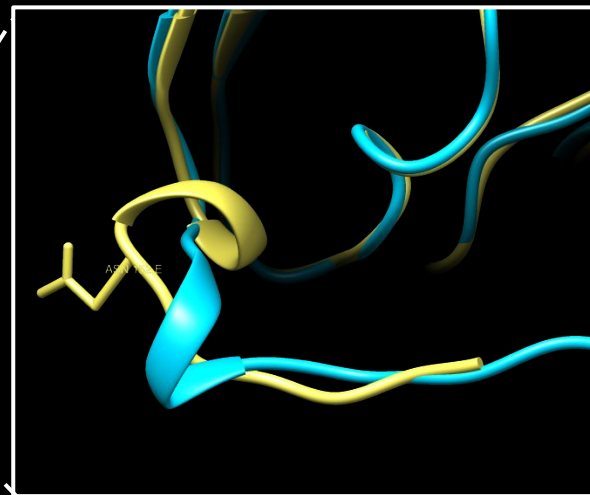


RMSD = 2.339 Å

L1: III



Backbone deviation



RMSD = 2.339 Å

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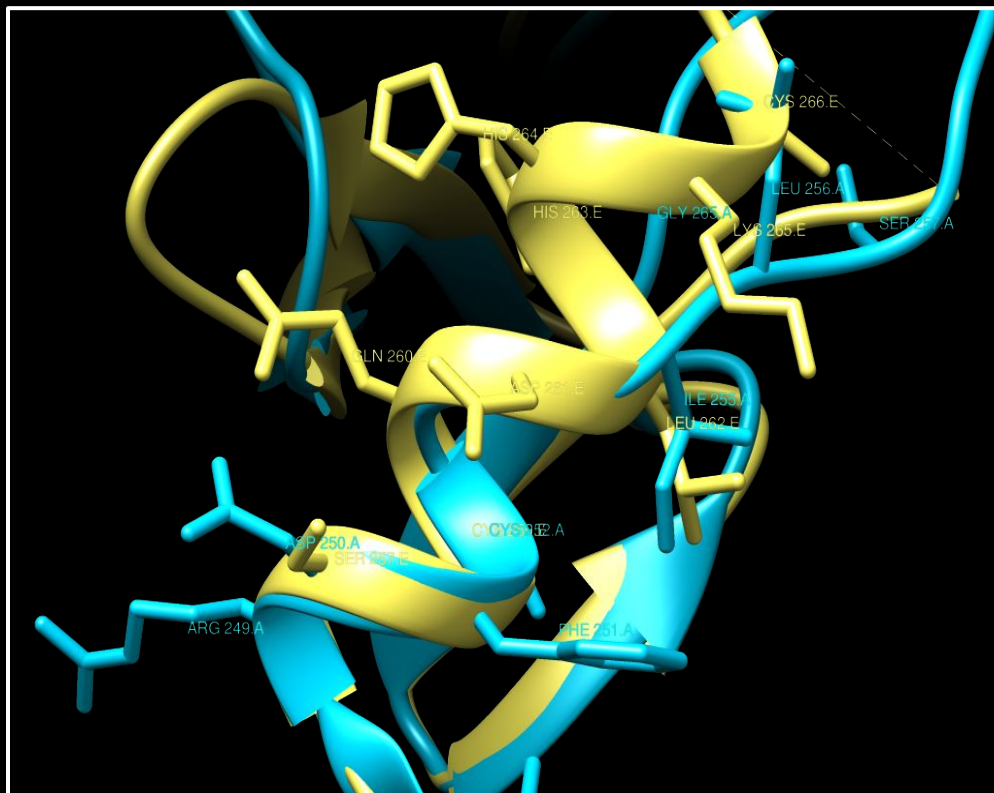
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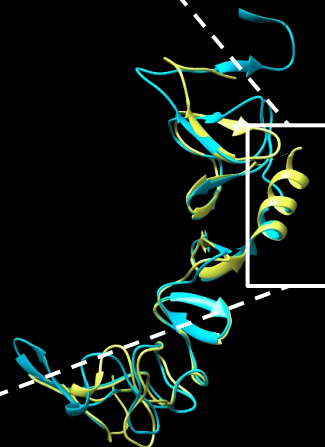
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CR: I



4 residue insertion
(Gln, Lys, His, His)
Further extension of
 α -helix of IR.
Stabilize with an
extra disulfide bond



RMSD = 2.735 Å

L2

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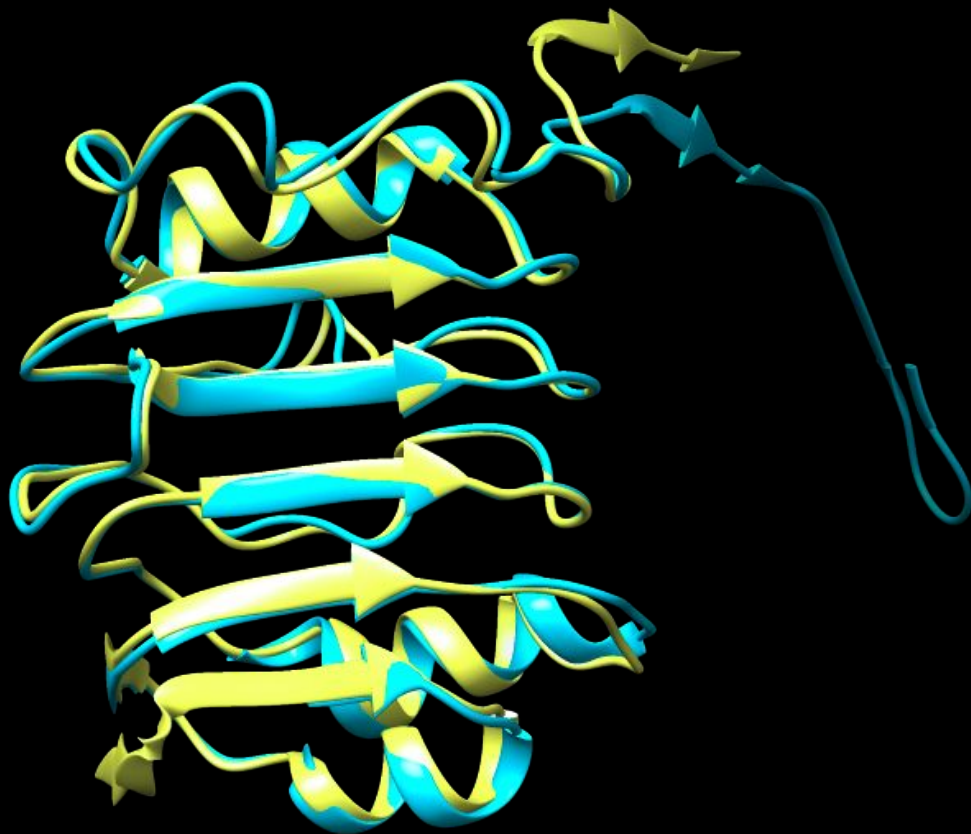
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L2



IR
IGF1R

RMSD = 1.531 Å

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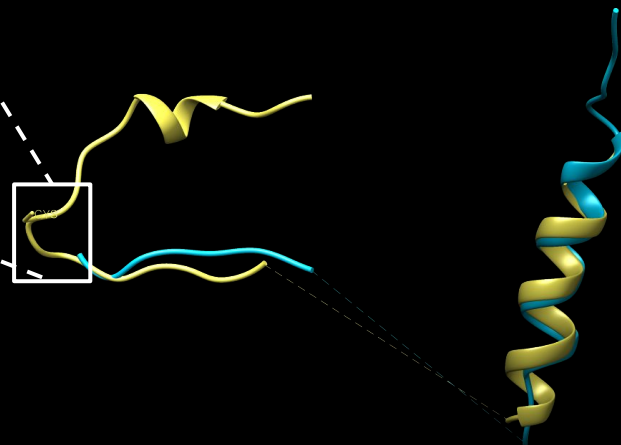
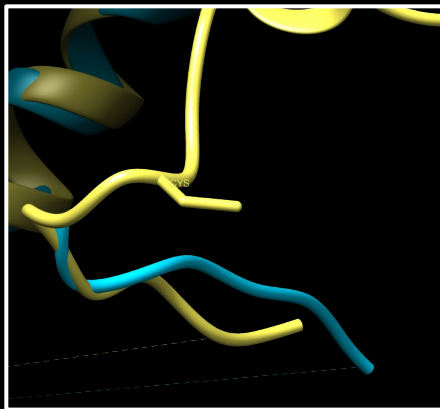
Cys conserved → disulfide bonds



FnIII-2a

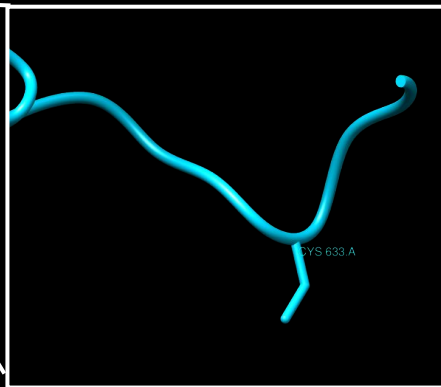
RMSD = 0.635 Å

IR
IGF1R



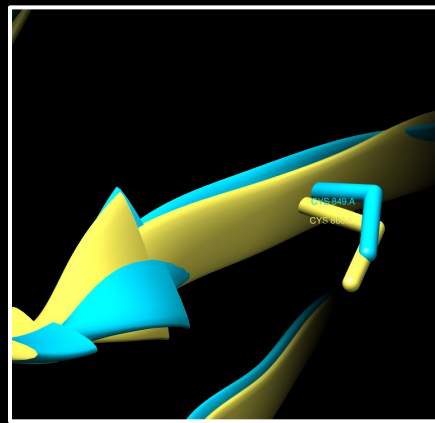
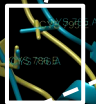
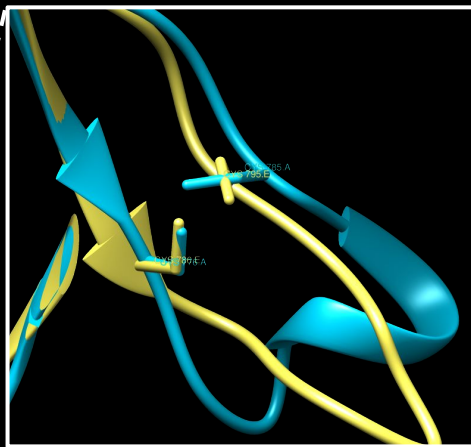
**FnIII-2
alfaCT**

RMSD = 7.255 Å



FnIII

Cys conserved → disulfide bonds



FnIII-2b

FnIII-3

RMSD = 3.084 Å

RMSD = 1.303 Å

Evolution of IR

EVOLUTION

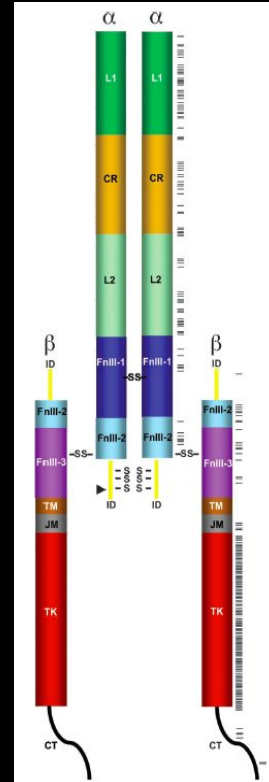
- The process of functional specialization is yet unknown.
- Duplication and divergence events occurred early.
 - Zebrafish: two insulin genes.
 - Protochordate amphioxus: single gene → ancestral vertebrate genes?

Vertebrates: primary structure conservation shows strong selection pressure.

Invertebrates: insulin-like family members in *Drosophila melanogaster*, insects, molluscs... → Genetic evidence suggests high functional conservation.

D. melanogaster:

- High degree of sequence conservation with human receptor.
- C-terminal extension. Related with signaling transduction.
- *In our MSA*: N-terminal extension.



Adapted from
Hernández-Sánchez C
et al, 2008

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Conserved in vertebrates
↓
IR-insulin interacting res.
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Conserved or cons. subst.

Homo_sapiens -----MATGRRGAAAP-----LLVAVAALLGAAGHLYP
Sus_scrofa -----MGAGRRGAAALP-----LLVAVAALLVSAAGHLYP
Mus_musculus -----MGFGRGCETTAVP-----LLVAVAALLVGTAGHLYP
Drosophila_melanogaster [...]QQEKDRHKCFHYKHNYSPGISLLLFILLANTLAIQAVVLPAAHQQLLH
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Drosophila_melanogaster NDIADGLDKTALSVSQTQSRWTRSESNTMRLSQNVKPKCSMDIRNMVSH
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Homo_sapiens
Sus_scrofa
Mus_musculus
Drosophila_melanogaster

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Conserved in vertebrates



IR-insulin interacting res.



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Sus_scrofa        LEESFRKTFEY LHNVVVPRKSSSGPAAED----- Sus_scrofa
Mus_musculus      LEESFRKTFEY LHNVVVFP----- Mus_musculus
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Mus_musculus      ---RPSRKRR-----SLEEVG-----NVTATTLTLPDFPNVSSTIVPT Mus_musculus
Drosophila_melanogaster GATNPSRRRRDVALEPELDDVEGVSLLRHVRSITDDTDAFFEKDDENTYK Drosophila_melanogaster
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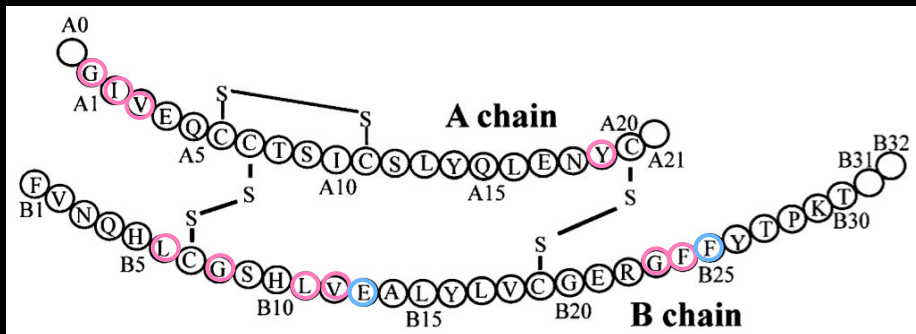
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INSULIN

In vertebrates



Adapted from Kwak SY *et al*, 2010

Fully conserved

GlyA1	GlyB8
IleA2	LeuB11
ValA3	ValB12
TyrA19	GlyB23
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Conservative substitutions

B13	B25
Glu → Asp	Phe → Tyr

Take home message

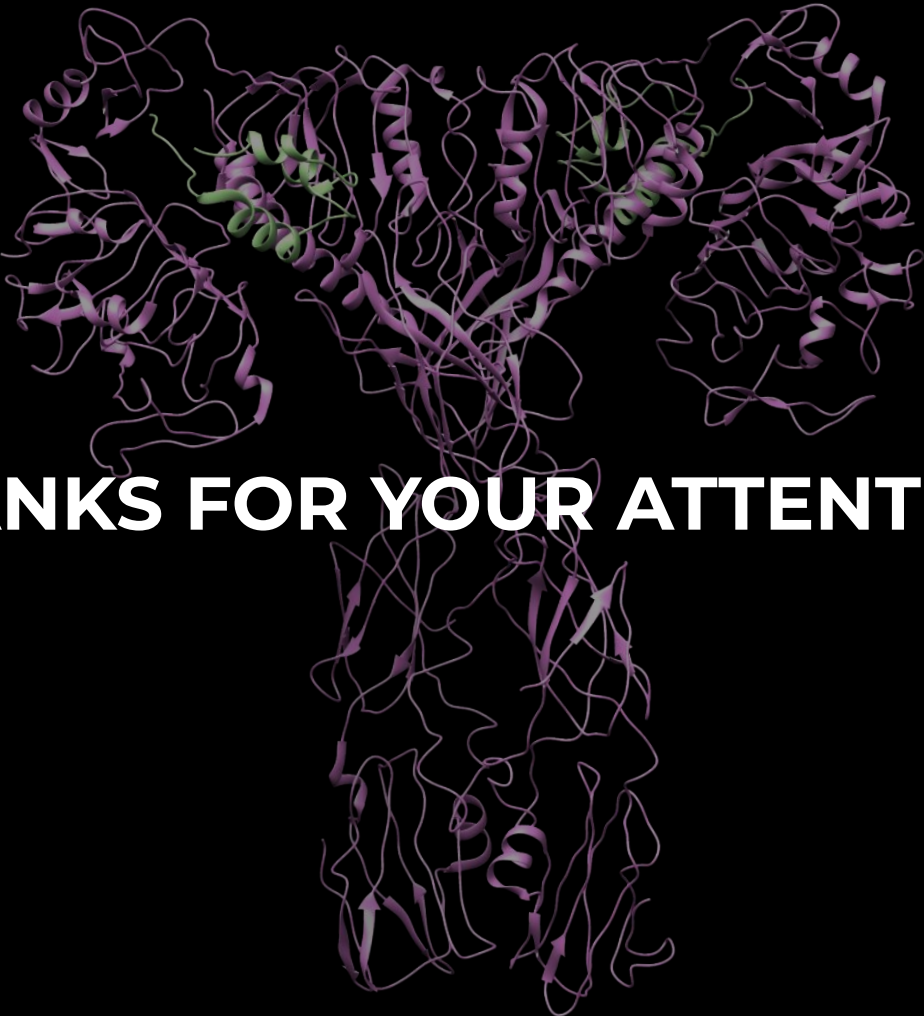
Take home message

- Insulin Receptor is produced as a **single polypeptide chain**.
- There is **no full PDB structure** of the IR due to the difficulty of crystallizing it.
- The **exact interaction** between IR and insulin is not yet well established.
- **IR** is very **conserved** among **evolution**. There is also a high conservation between IR and IGF-1R:
 - High identity even between vertebrates and invertebrates
 - This indicates that there is a strong selective pressure
- There are still several features to fully understand:
 - Site 2 of the IR-insulin interaction.
 - Functional specialization along evolution.

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PEM questions

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1. What kind of signalling does the insulin receptor have?

- a. G-protein coupled.
- b. Tyrosine kinase.**
- c. The two previous are true.
- d. MAP kinase.
- e. All of them are true.

2. Which domains form binding site 1?

- 1. L1
 - 2. L2
 - 3. alpha-CT
 - 4. CR
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- a. 1, 2, 3
 - b. 1, 3**
 - c. 2, 4
 - d. 4
 - e. 1, 2, 3, 4

3. Which of the following sentences is FALSE?

- a. Receptors from insulin receptor family are IR, IGFR-1R, IGF-2R, IRR.
- b. IR is stabilized by 4 disulfide bonds.
- c. When IR is bound to the insulin it dimerizes and forms an homodimer.**
- d. IR and IGF-1R have the same quaternary structure.
- e. All of them are true..

4. Leucine rich domains are formed by:

- a. Four antiparallel beta strands.
- b. Three parallel beta sheets on one side and some helices on the other.**
- c. Eight beta strands arranged in two four-stranded sheets
- d. Single helix on one side connected by some beta-sheets
- e. Eight alpha helices

5. Leucine rich domains interacts with insulin with:

- a. Disulfide bonds.
- b. Hydrogen bonds.
- c. VdW and hydrophobic interactions.**
- d. Salt bridge.
- e. Ionic bond.

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6. Which of the following sentences is false?

- a. Insulin receptor conformation changes upon Insulin binding.
- b. As the disulfide bonds are not crucial for the insulin binding, they are not conserved between species.**
- c. Although the disulfide bonds are not crucial for the insulin binding, they perform an important function in Insulin receptor, so they are conserved between species.
- d. Insulin can bind to IGF1R.
- e. All of them are false.

7. Choose the correct answer:

- a. Insulin receptor needs downstream proteins to activate GLUT4 transporter.
- b. Insulin receptor is also related to cell survival and proliferation.
- c. A and B are correct.**
- d. The receptor can directly open GLUT4 transporter.
- e. All of them are correct.

8. Choose the incorrect answer:

- a. There are several covalent interactions between IR and insulin.**
- b. The IR plays a role in metabolism.
- c. The IR has two different isoforms.
- d. Insulin can bind to IGF1R.
- e. All of them are incorrect.

9. The IGF1R:

- a. Has no relationship with IR.
- b. Can not be aligned with the IR sequence.
- c. Is a pH sensing receptor.
- d. Shares a high degree of identity with IR.**
- e. None of the previous ones.

10. Choose the right answer:

- a. The IR sequences along species show strong selection pressure.
- b. There is a high conservation of the IR along vertebrates.
- c. A and B are true.**
- d. There are no IR family members in invertebrates.
- e. All of them are true.