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Computational interaction study of Human Angiotensin Converting Enzyme with anticancer and antimicrobial peptides in diabetic nephropathy

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Objectives: The Diabetic kidney disease (DKD) is associated with Diabetic nephropathy (DN) which is the syndrome, represented symptomatically by altered albumin level, lowering glomerular filtration rate etc. leading to kidney failure. The renin-angiotensin system (RAS) has been reported to play the crucial role in the control of kidney function by regulating blood pressure in the body system. Several genes such as ACE, ALR2, APOC1 etc and their genetic variants are majorly affected and associated with Diabetic nephropathy (DN). Several ACE (angiotensin) inhibitors are known but still noted with major challenges of drug side effect and immunogenicity. This reveals the possibilities to find new drug molecules through performing the *in-silico* interaction study computational interaction/docking and finding and investigate the promiscuity features of antimicrobial and anticancer peptide with exploration of the mechanism of action against 108A drug target.

Methods: The structure (Human Angiotensin Converting Enzyme PDB ID : 108A) has been downloaded from www.rcsb.org. The blind docking experiment was performed initially with control (C-peptide 3-33 EAEDLQVGQVELGGGPGAGSLQPLALEGSLQ) with target 108A, afterwards four different peptides (Aurein 1.2, GLFDIIKKIAESF), pleuricin 03 GRRKRKWLRRIGKGVKIIGGAALDHL, (pleuricin 07 (RWGKWFKKATHVGHVGHKAAALAYL), human neutrophil peptide-1 (HNP-1, ACYCRIPACIAGERRYGTCTIYQGALWAFCC) were docked with same target on default parameters on Hpepdock server.

Results: The control (C protein) has shown docking score -156.601 while the four anticancer and antimicrobial peptides shown comparatively better docking score (Aurein 1.2 (168.371), pleuricin 03 (-230.588), pleuricin 07 (-215.952), human neutrophil peptide-1 (-229.749). Comparing with control pleuricin 03 was the best hence selected reveals the binding pattern with histidine and aspartic acid. Molecular Dynamics simulation results demonstrated the structural stability binding with (histidine 153, Glutamic 188, Arginine 191 etc.).

Conclusions: It is concluded that pleuricin 03 peptide shown promiscuity by exhibiting better docking/interaction and could be further extended by wet lab based and more interactions on MD simulation based experiments.