

Generating Reaction criteria for protein-ligand complex

A set of reaction criteria are used to define the formation of a complex between 2 solutes for docking and association rate calculations. These reaction criteria must be validated for the complex to be accepted and recorded in the complex file. The list of reaction criteria must be provided in a separate file (named with a suffix **.rxna*), which consists of a set of definitions like:

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#keyword          criteria for solute 1 | distance|          criteria for solute 2
CNONS ATOM    540 OE2 GLU A 60    26.527 32.135 -0.455 |    60.00| ATOM    332 N    LEU D 34    28.306 33.610 1.176
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They consist of a keyword for the type of reaction criterion (e.g. CNONS refers to non-specific criteria, CSPEC refers to a specific reaction criteria), the type of position of the atom of the solute 1 in PDB format, the distance criterion, and the type of position of the atom of the solute 2 in PDB format.

Name of the Script: ReactionCriteria.py

Description:

This Python script generates reaction criteria file (.rxna file) required by the SDA software for calculation of association rates for Ligand and Protein association.

It defines reaction criteria on the basis of :

- 1) H-bonding contacts (donor-acceptor pairs) between protein and ligand molecules.
- 2) Chlorine-pi interactions .
- 3) pi-pi interactions between protein and ligand molecules.

Input parameters:

It takes total 4 parameters as input where 4th parameter is OPTIONAL (Name of Mol2 file of ligand):

- 1) Name of PDB file of protein (with .pdb extention)
- 2) Name of PDB file of ligand (with .pdb extension)
- 3) Distance to be considered for reaction criteria (integer number)
- 4) Name of Mol2 file of ligand (OPTIONAL ARGUMENT)

*** MOL2 file of the ligand must be provided as the 4th and the last argument to allow the pi-pi interactions between ligand and protein molecules to be considered for defining reaction criteria.***

*** The script uses PyMOL function to add polar hydrogens to PDB files (in case H atoms are missing in input PDB files).***

Usage:

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python ReactionCriteria.py protein_pdb ligand_pdb distance ligand_mol2
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protein_pdb - Name of PDB file of the protein with .pdb extension

ligand_pdb - Name of the PDB file of the ligand with .pdb extension

distance - Distance criteria to include in reaction criteria file (integer number)

ligand_mol2 - Name of the Mol2 file of the ligand with .mol2 extension

Example:

We have used crystal structure of protein-inhibitor complex (**PDB Id:2W26**) of Human Coagulation Factor Xa and its inhibitor: Rivaroxaban.

Coordinates of Factor Xa and Rivaroxaban were separated into two PDB files:

- 1) **Xa.pdb** (Chain A of PDB ID 2W26 corresponding to heavy chain of activated Human Coagulation Factor Xa).
- 2) **RIV.pdb** (HETATMs with residue name RIV corresponding to rivaroxaban).

Both of the PDB structures were protonated at pH 7 and 300K using MOE software to add hydrogen atoms. Un-protonated PDB files can also be used as input files. In such case script adds hydrogen atoms to the respective files using PyMOL functionality and creates temporary files (with **_temp.pdb** extension) in the same directory which must be deleted later by the user.

Mol2 file of the Rivaroxaban (**RIV.mol2**) was generated using *antechamber* program of **AMBER 14** package. Distance of 6 Angstrom was used as distance criteria in our case.

Script was run as:

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ganotrgv@arete:~/sda/auxi/Kon-rates-SmallMolecule/Generate-ReactionCriteria/TestRun$ python  
ReactionCriteria.py Xa.pdb RIV.pdb 6 RIV.mol2
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*** Output reaction criteria file is generated in the same directory with name: **RIV.rxna**.

ganotrgv@arete:~/sda/auxi/Kon-rates-SmallMolecule/Generate-ReactionCriteria/TestRun\$ cat RIV.rxna

CNONS ATOM	1285	N THR A 98	10.829	0.686	12.834		6.00	ATOM	5	O5 RIV A1001	9.768	1.124	16.111
CNONS ATOM	1299	N TYR A 99	12.420	2.291	14.218		6.00	ATOM	5	O5 RIV A1001	9.768	1.124	16.111
CNONS ATOM	1304	CG TYR A 99	11.462	4.585	16.400		6.00	ATOM	10	C10 RIV A1001	7.918	4.619	19.048
CNONS ATOM	2538	CD2 PHE A 174	7.510	-1.643	20.690		6.00	ATOM	11	C11 RIV A1001	6.837	2.690	20.070
CNONS ATOM	3174	CG TRP A 215	11.647	4.092	20.850		6.00	ATOM	12	C12 RIV A1001	7.682	3.222	19.078
CNONS ATOM	3215	N GLY A 219	4.929	4.193	26.175		6.00	ATOM	17	O17 RIV A1001	4.690	6.614	23.757
CNONS ATOM	3215	N GLY A 219	4.929	4.193	26.175		6.00	ATOM	19	O19 RIV A1001	4.634	4.419	23.228
CNONS ATOM	3218	O GLY A 219	6.537	5.971	27.315		6.00	ATOM	21	N21 RIV A1001	7.078	8.136	24.932
CNONS ATOM	3370	CD1 TYR A 228	17.445	5.720	26.819		6.00	ATOM	29	CL RIV A1001	13.544	7.302	26.531