## **Supplementary Materials**

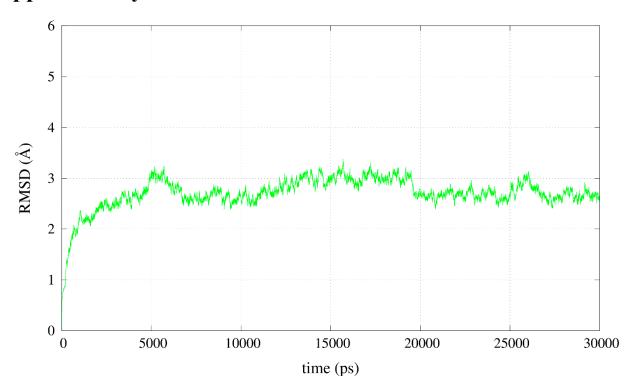
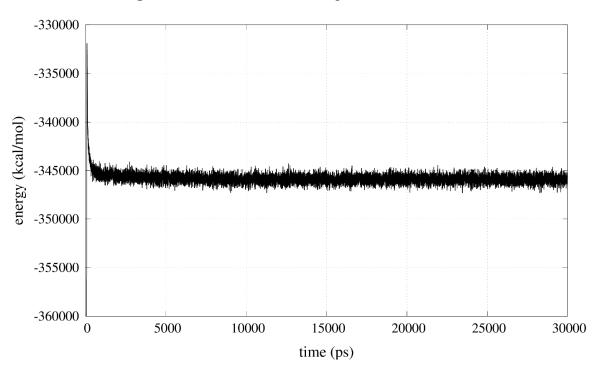
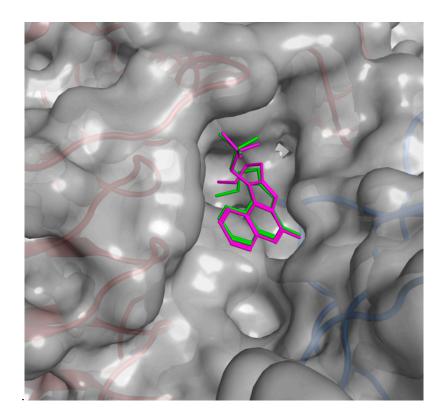


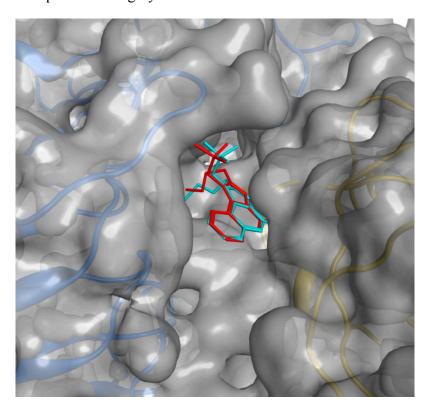
Figure S1. RMSD trend for the apo-structure of TLR7.



**Figure S2.** Total energy for the apo-structure of TLR7.



**Figure S3.** Superimposition of crystallographic and docked conformations of R-848 on TLR8. Experimental structure is represented in purple; docking result is depicted in green; pocket surface is represented in gray.



**Figure S4.** Superimposition of docked conformations of R-848 on TLR7 from Autodock and MOE. Autodock structure is represented in red; MOE result is depicted in cyan; pocket surface is represented in gray.

**Table S1.** Results from Autodock are compared with experimental binding energies.

	Autodock			Experimental		
Compound	Binding Energy (kcal/mol) 1	Size of Cluster <sup>2</sup>	Ligand Efficiency <sup>3</sup>	EC <sub>50</sub> (nM) <sup>4</sup>	SD (nM) <sup>4</sup>	Binding Energy (kcal/mol) <sup>5</sup>
R-837	-7.29	96	-0.41	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
R-848	-7.79	56	-0.34	607	240	-8.53
1V209	-8.23	59	-0.32	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
52455	-8.53	100	-0.37	103	12	-9.60
52457	-6.09	43	-0.28	-	-	-
52459	-7.93	100	-0.36	-	-	-
52542	-8.06	96	-0.35	353	96	-8.86
52587	-7.10	41	-0.32	-	-	-
52763	-8.15	99	-0.37	965	283	-8.26

SD refers to standard deviations. n.a. refers to unavailable data for agonists. - refers to compounds that did not show any activity on TLR7; <sup>1</sup> binding energy of the lowest energetic conformation in the most populated cluster; Autodock error is ~2.5 kcal/mol; <sup>2</sup> size of the most populated cluster (maximal value is 100); <sup>3</sup> calculated as binding energy/number of heavy atoms; <sup>4</sup> from [1]; <sup>5</sup> calculated as  $RT \ln(EC_{50})$ ; see text for more details.

**Table S2.** Relative binding energies resulting from MMGBSA calculations over Molecular Dynamics trajectories.

Compound	Binding Energy (kcal/mol)	SD (kcal/mol)	Activity
R-837	-31.081	2.530	yes
R-848	-40.734	3.986	yes
1V209	-50.251	4.360	yes
52455	-41.136	3.971	yes
52457	-23.592	2.982	no
52459	-22.476	3.265	no
52542	-48.162	3.523	yes
52587	-21.117	4.062	no
52763	-35.550	3.996	yes

SD refers to standard deviations.

**Table S3.** Single residues contributions to MMGBSA binding energies of 1V209, R-837, R-848, 52455, 52459.

D :1	Binding Energy Contribution (kcal/mol)						
Residue	1V209	R-837	R-848	52455	52459		
aTHR532	-0.368	-0.129	-0.447	-0.134	-2.642		
aASP555	-11.297	-2.259	-3.572	-9.212	-0.998		
aLEU556	-0.165	-1.438	-0.969	-0.084	-0.142		
aLEU557	-5.259	-4.818	-4.783	-4.457	-0.916		
aTYR579	-0.548	-1.104	-0.337	-1.405	-0.074		
aGLY584	-0.693	-0.269	-1.016	-1.006	-0.383		
aILE585	-5.078	-4.426	-4.362	-4.926	-1.513		
aTHR586	-6.570	-5.101	-5.693	-5.477	-0.347		
bPHE349	-0.869	-0.052	-0.763	-1.004	-0.030		
bPHE351	-2.428	-2.125	-3.268	-2.514	-0.221		
bVAL355	-1.422	-0.408	-1.561	-0.990	-2.050		
bTYR356	-4.137	-0.644	-2.259	-2.771	-4.980		
bGLY379	-0.676	-0.082	-0.859	-0.829	-0.051		
bVAL381	-2.350	-1.340	-2.586	-2.573	-1.112		
bTHR406	-0.833	-0.124	-0.837	-1.011	-0.095		
bASN407	-0.273	-0.109	-0.364	-0.288	-0.115		
bPHE408	-6.264	-2.719	-5.596	-5.303	-1.897		
bLYS432	-1.908	-0.267	-1.958	-2.225	-1.117		

a and b suffixes in the residues column refer respectively to the first or the second monomer of TLR7.

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