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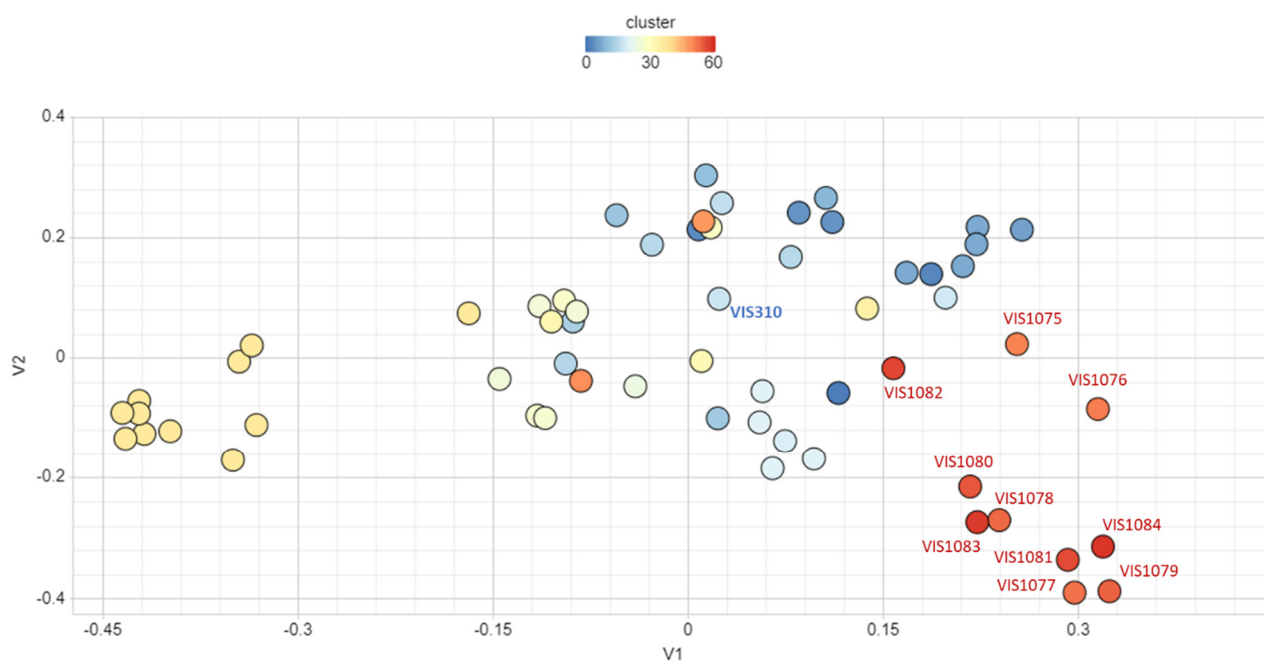


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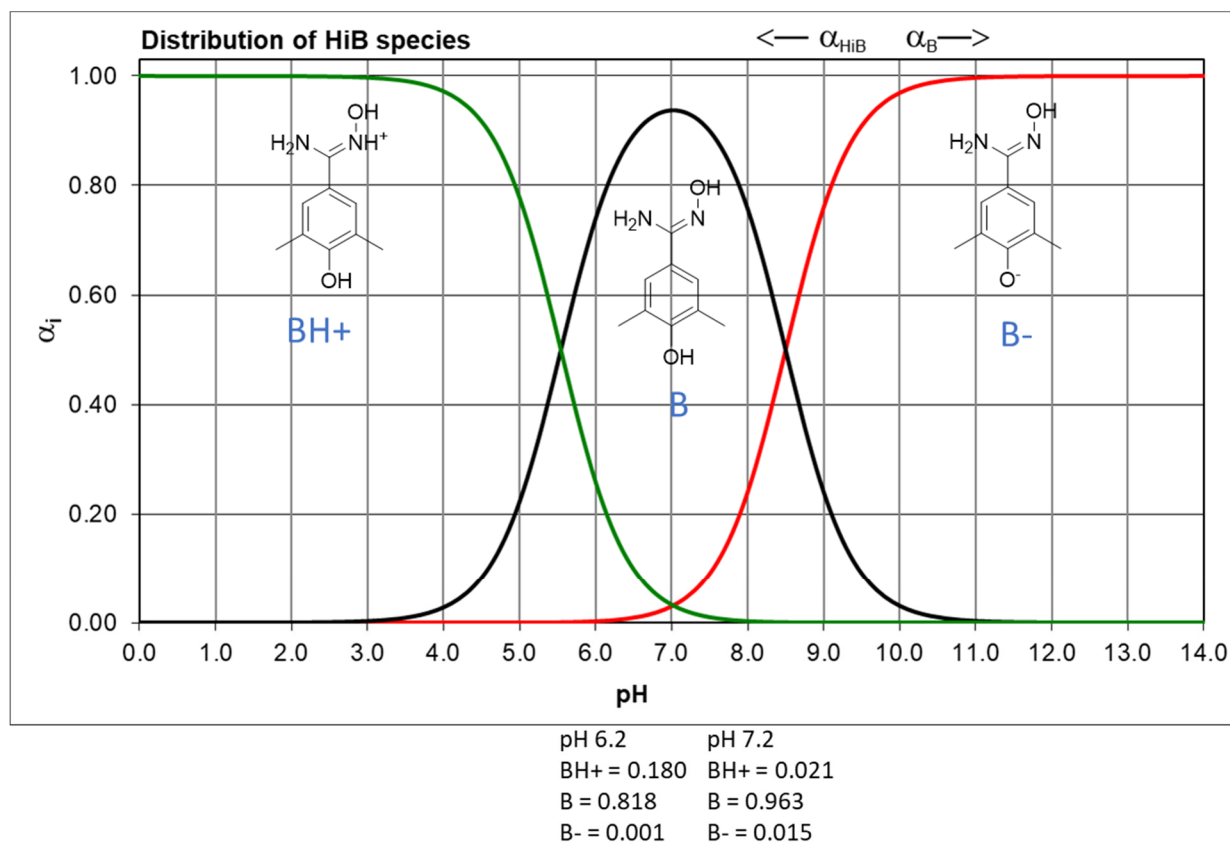


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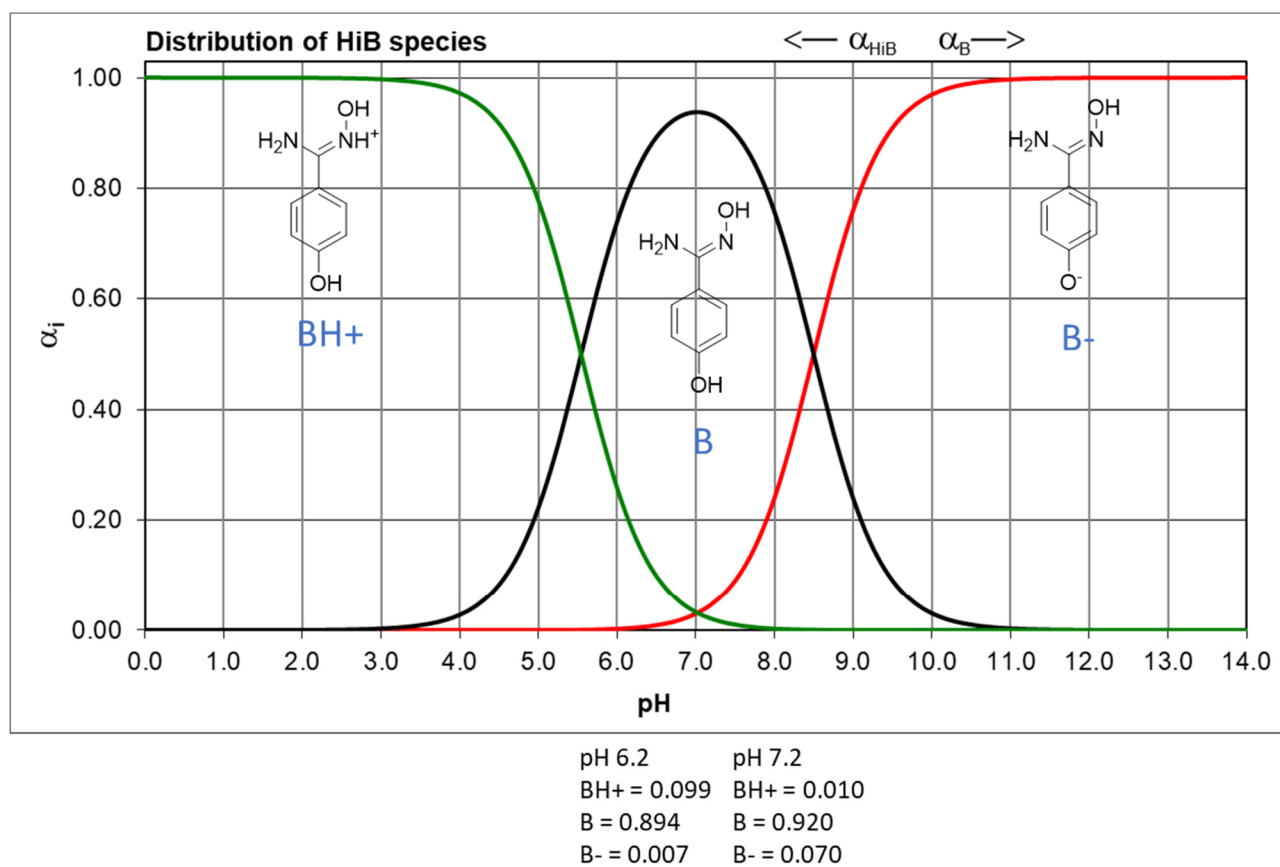


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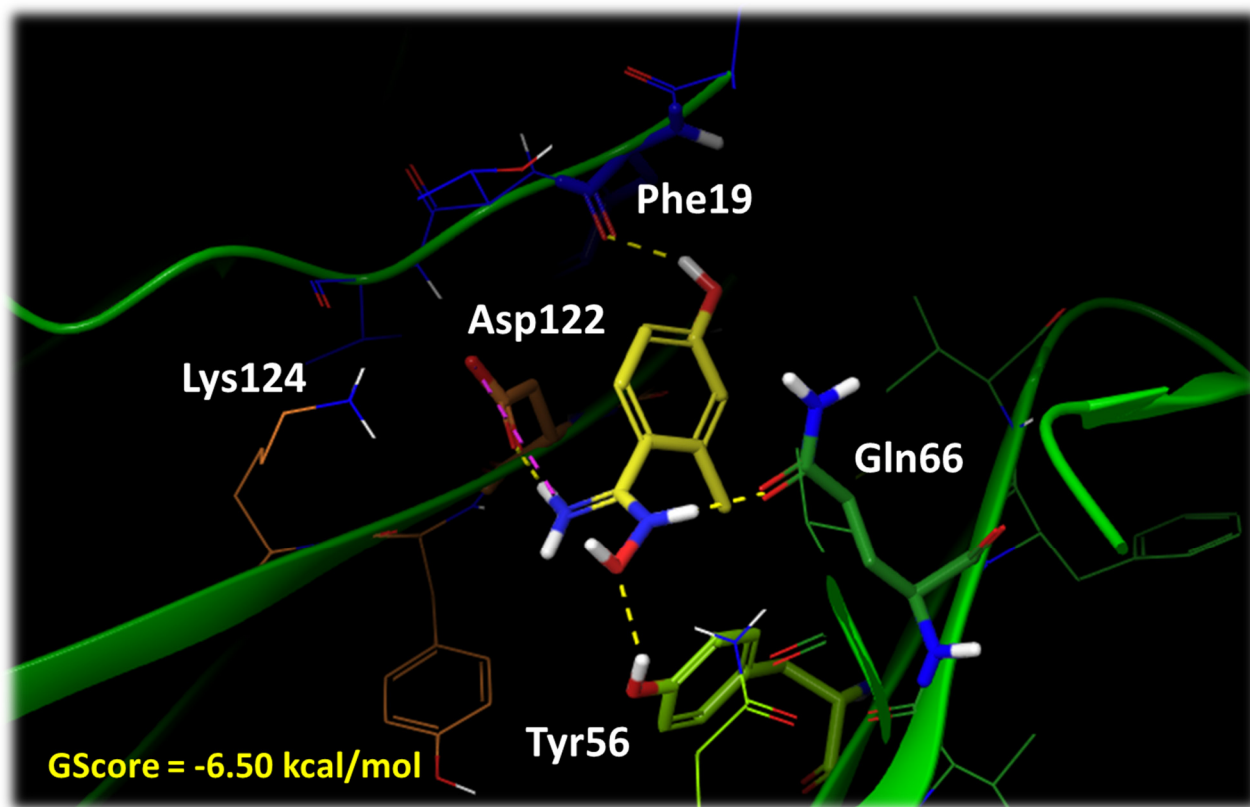


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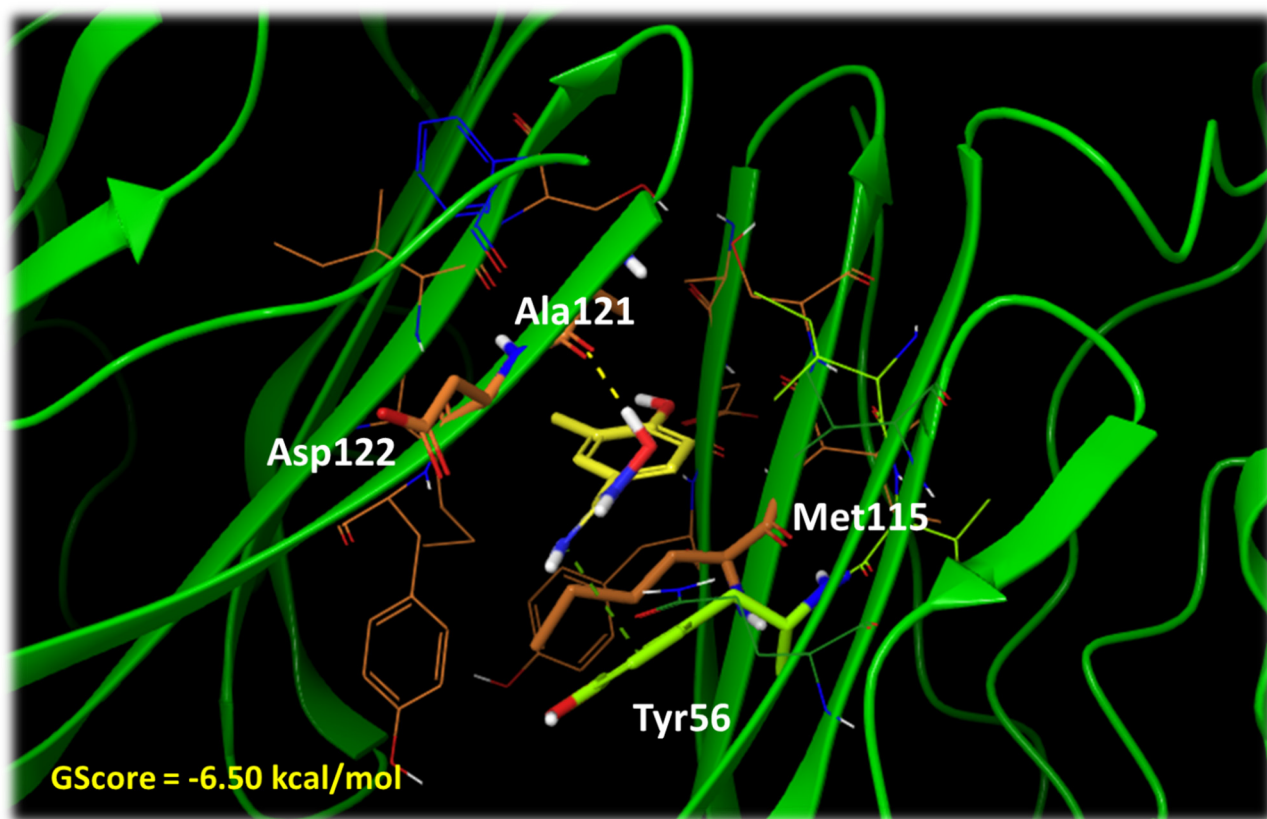


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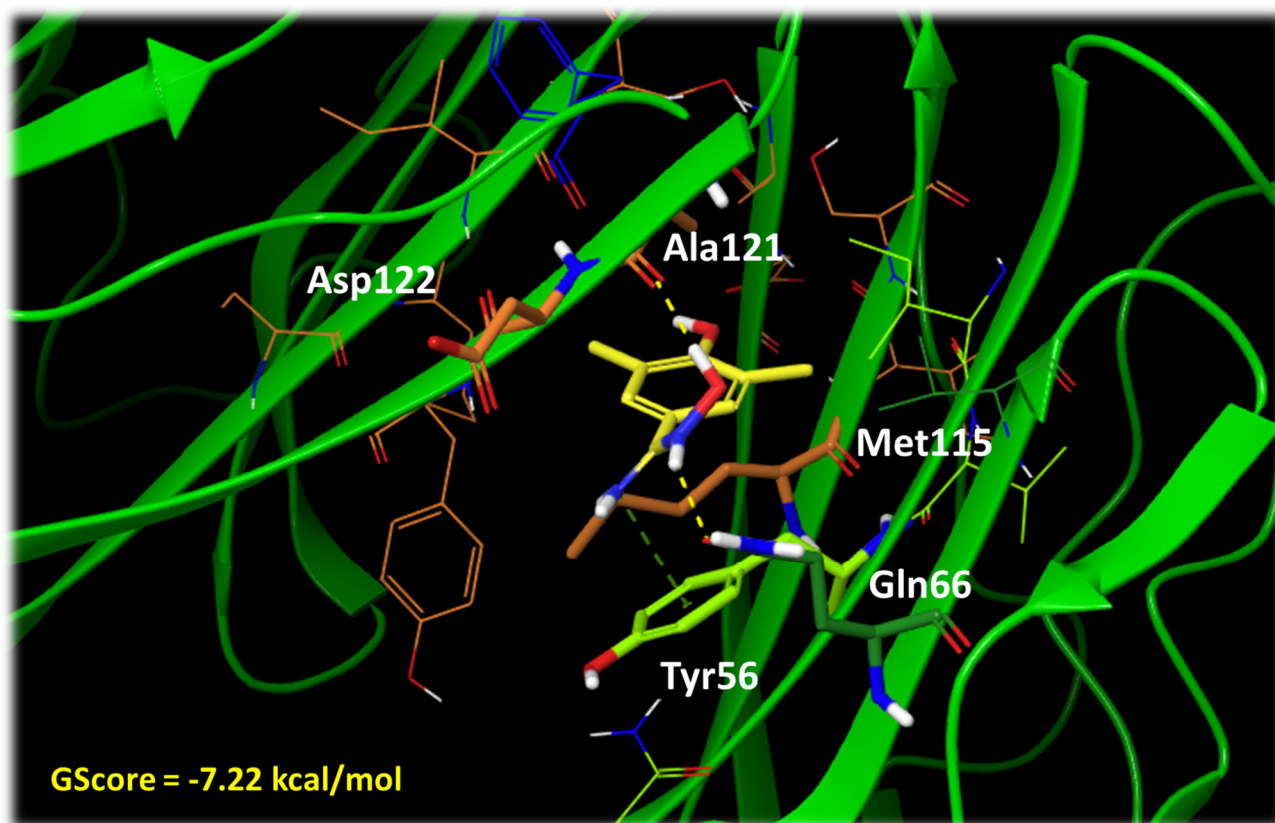


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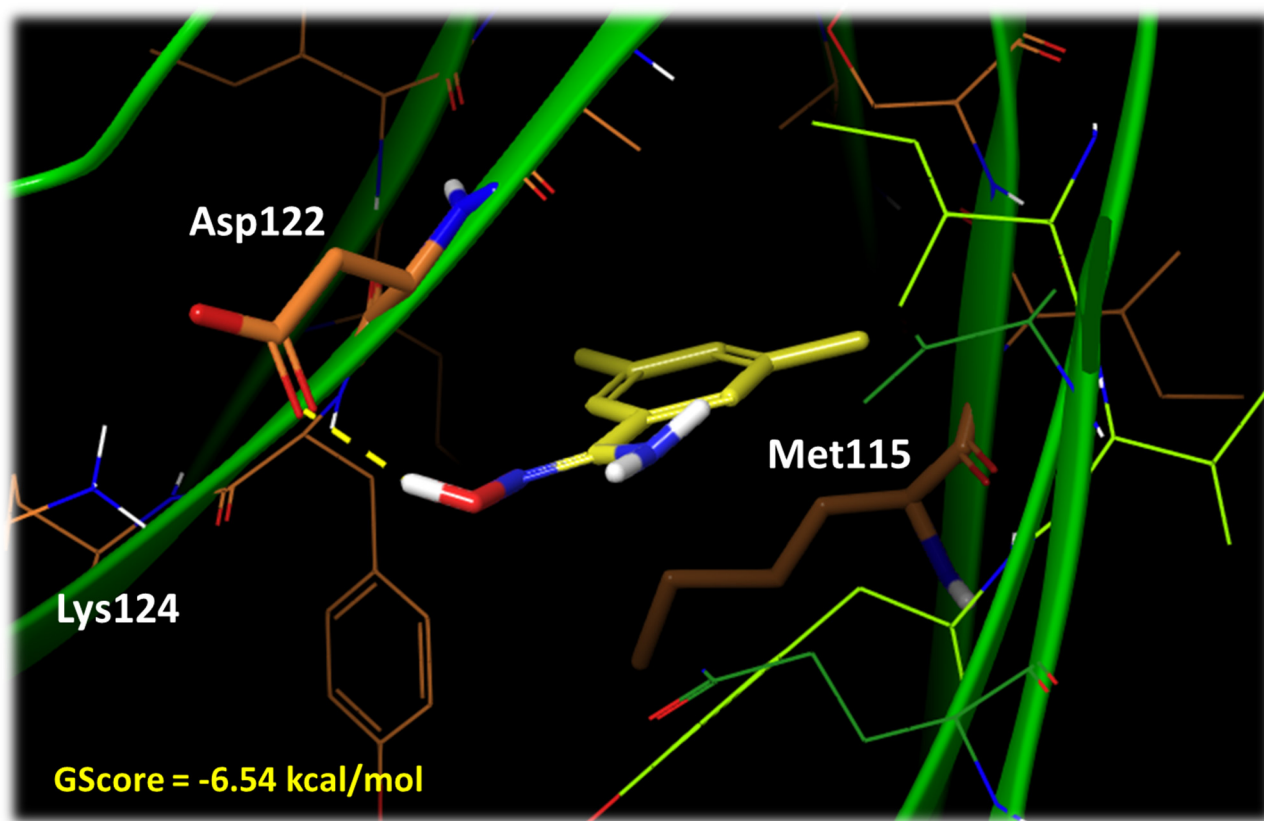


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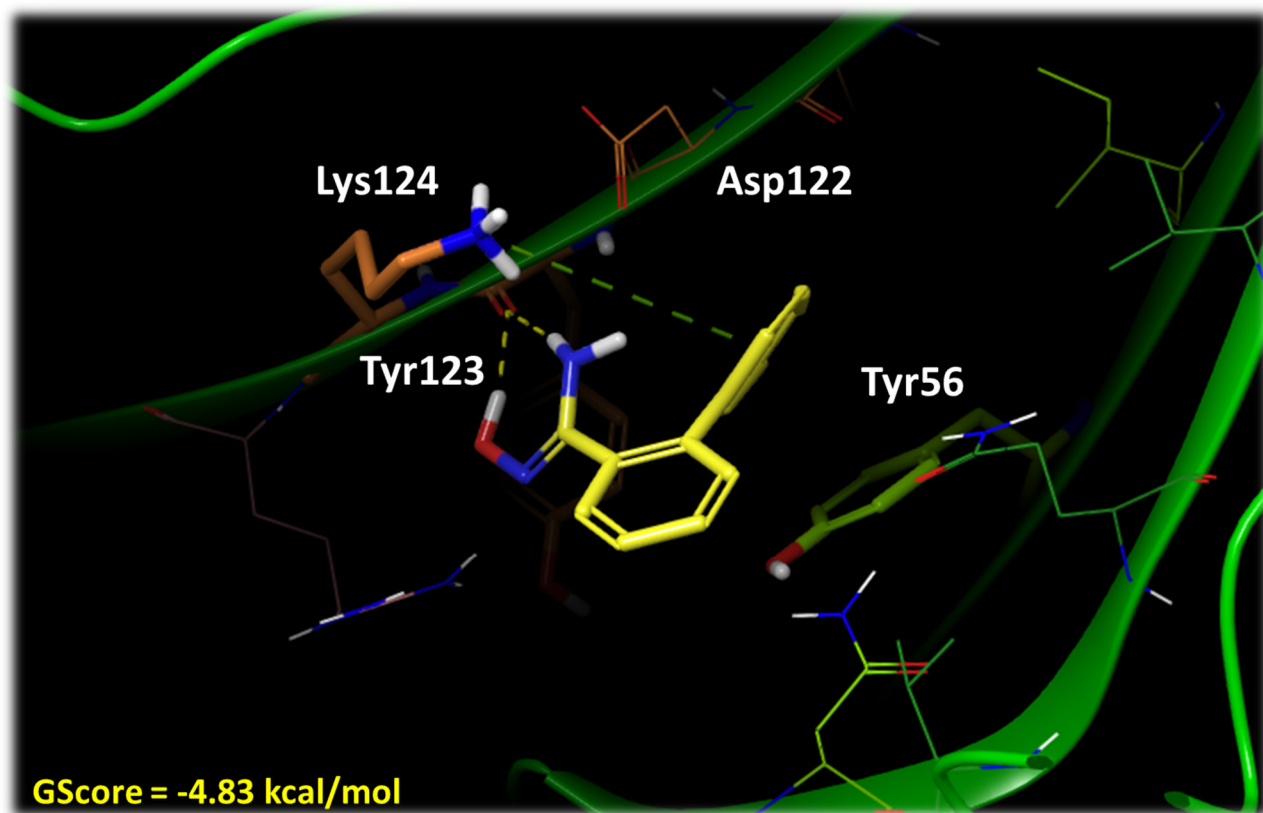


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| Compounds (VIS) | SMILES | MW (Dalton) | Gscore (Kcal/mol) |
|-----------------|--|-------------|-------------------|
| VIS209 | <chem>Cl.NCC(O)COCC1COC2=C(O1)C=CC=C2</chem> | 239 | -8.28 |
| VIS228 | <chem>NC[C@@H](O)c1cc(Cl)cc(Cl)c1</chem> | 206 | -8.05 |
| VIS260 | <chem>NC(=S)NNC(=O)c1cc(Br)ccc1</chem> | 274 | -6.99 |
| VIS262 | <chem>C[C@@H](O)c(n1)[nH]c(c12)cccc2</chem> | 162 | -7.48 |
| VIS264 | <chem>CC[C@@H](O)c([nH]1)[nH+][c(c12)cccc2</chem> | 176 | -7.63 |
| VIS267 | <chem>[NH3+]CC[C@@H](O)c1cccc1</chem> | 151 | -7.55 |
| VIS268 | <chem>FC(F)(F)c1ccc(cc1)[C@H](O)C[NH3+]</chem> | 205 | -8.71 |
| VIS270 | <chem>[NH3+]C[C@@H](O)c1ccc(C)cc1</chem> | 151 | -7.24 |
| VIS284 | <chem>[NH3+]CCSc1c[nH]c(c12)cccc2</chem> | 192 | -7.94 |
| VIS285 | <chem>NCc1n[nH]c(=O)c(c12)cccc2</chem> | 175 | -7.05 |
| VIS287 | <chem>c1c[nH]c(=O)c(c12)cccc2O</chem> | 161 | -6.80 |
| VIS300 | <chem>OCC[NH2+]C[C@@H](O)Cn(c1cccc2)c(c3c12)cccc3</chem> | 284 | -7.02 |
| VIS303 | <chem>[H]/N=C\N1S[C@H](C1=O)CC(=O)Nc2cccc(c23)cccc3</chem> | 299 | -9.13 |
| VIS307 | <chem>[nH+]1ccn(C)c1[C@@H](O)c2cc(OC)c(cc2)OC</chem> | 248 | -8.26 |
| VIS308 | <chem>[NH3+]Cc(n1)n(C(C)C)c(c12)cccc2</chem> | 189 | -8.14 |
| VIS309 | <chem>NCc1cc(ccc1)-c2nccs2</chem> | 190 | -7.95 |
| VIS310 | <chem>ONC(=[NH2+])c1cc(C)c(O)c(C)c1</chem> | 180 | -7.22 |
| VIS315 | <chem>[NH3+]C[C@](C1)(O)CCc(c12)cccc2</chem> | 177 | -7.80 |
| VIS328 | <chem>C1COCC[NH+]1C[C@@H](O)COc2cccc(c23)cccc3</chem> | 287 | -8.42 |
| VIS343 | <chem>CNC[C@@H](O)Cn(c(C)C1C)c(c12)cccc2</chem> | 232 | -6.03 |
| VIS344 | <chem>CCN(CC)C[C@H](O)Cn(c(c1c23)C(=O)CCC1)c2cccc3</chem> | 314 | -6.79 |
| VIS345 | <chem>CCN(CC)C[C@H](O)Cn(c(C)C1C)c(c12)cccc2</chem> | 274 | -5.97 |
| VIS346 | <chem>c1cccc(c12)n(c(C)C2C)C[C@@H](O)CNCc3ccco3</chem> | 298 | -6.84 |
| VIS471 | <chem>c1cccc(c12)[nH]cc2CCNC(=O)Cc3csc(n3)NC(=O)c4c(=O)[nH]ccc4</chem> | 421 | -8.46 |
| VIS542 | <chem>COC1=CC2=C(C=C1OC)C(NCC2)C1=CC=C(O)C=C1</chem> | 285 | -6.21 |
| VIS545 | <chem>FC1=CC=C(CNC(=O)C2=CC=C3N=CNC3=C2)C=C1</chem> | 269 | -9.09 |
| VIS549 | <chem>CN1C(O)=NC2=C1C(=O)N(CC1=CC=CC=C1)C(=O)N2C</chem> | 286 | -7.80 |
| VIS566 | <chem>CC1=C(C(N2N=CN=C2N1)C1=CC=CN=C1)C(N)=O</chem> | 256 | -5.61 |
| VIS568 | <chem>NC(=O)CC1NC2=CC=CC=C2NC1=O</chem> | 205 | -7.54 |
| VIS573 | <chem>CC1=NC2=C(C=CC=C2)N1CC(N)=O</chem> | 189 | -7.54 |
| VIS582 | <chem>NCC(O)C1=CC2=C(OCC2)C=C1</chem> | 179 | -8.66 |
| VIS584 | <chem>CC1=CC=C(CSC2=NC=C(CO)N2CC(N)=O)C=C1</chem> | 291 | -9.22 |
| VIS592 | <chem>NC(=O)CN1C(CC2=CC=CC=C2Cl)=NC2=CC=CC=C12</chem> | 300 | -8.56 |
| VIS597 | <chem>FC1=CC=C(C=C1)C1=C(NN=N1)C(=O)NCC1=CC=CC=N1</chem> | 297 | -8.37 |
| VIS599 | <chem>NC(=O)C(=O)NCCC(O)C1=CC(Cl)=CC=C1</chem> | 257 | -8.15 |
| VIS724 | <chem>Cl.NC(CO)C(O)c1ccc(Cl)cc1</chem> | 238 | -7.55 |
| VIS726 | <chem>Oc1cc2cccc(O)c(=O)c2c(O)c1O</chem> | 220 | -5.86 |
| VIS826 | <chem>CN1C2=C(N(CC3=CC=C(C)C=C3)C(S)=N2)C(=O)N(C)C1=O</chem> | 316 | -6.05 |
| VIS868 | <chem>O=C(OC)C1=CC=C(O)C2=C1C3=C(OC2)C=CC=C3</chem> | 256 | -4.66 |
| VIS871 | <chem>CC(C1=C2C(C(OC)=O)=CC=C1)(C)OC3=C2C=CC=C3</chem> | 268 | -4.39 |
| VIS872 | <chem>CC(C1=C2C(C(OC)=O)=CC=C1O)(C)OC3=C2C=CC=C3</chem> | 284 | -4.36 |
| VIS873 | <chem>O=C(OC)C1=CC=C(O)C2=C1C3=C(OC2C)C=CC=C3</chem> | 270 | -4.73 |

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| VIS874 | <chem>OC(C1=CC=C(O)C2=C1C3=C(OC2)C=CC=C3)=O</chem> | 242 | -4.82 |
| VIS875 | <chem>CC(C1=C2C(C(OC)=O)=CC(CCC)=C1)(C)OC3=C2C=CC=C3</chem> | 310 | -4.23 |
| VIS876 | <chem>O=C(OC)C1=CC=CC2=C1C3=C(OC2C4=CC=CC=C4)C=CC=C3</chem> | 316 | -5.87 |
| VIS877 | <chem>OC(C1=CC=CC2=C1C3=C(OC2)C=CC=C3)=O</chem> | 226 | -4.76 |
| VIS878 | <chem>O=C(OC)C1=CC=C(OC(C)=O)C2=C1C3=C(OC2)C=CC=C3</chem> | 298 | -5.08 |
| VIS879 | <chem>O=C(OC)C1=CC=C(C)C2=C1C3=C(OC2)C=CC=C3</chem> | 254 | -4.56 |
| VIS32926 | <chem>Nc1[nH]ncc1-c1ccc(F)cc1F</chem> | 195 | -7.71 |
| VIS1058 | <chem>O=C(NCC1=CC(CN2C=NC3=CC=CC=C23)=CC=C1)C1=CC=C(C=C1)C#N</chem> | 366 | -9.40 |
| VIS1075 | <chem>OC1CCC1NCc1ccncc1</chem> | 178 | -6.49 |
| VIS1076 | <chem>OC1CCCC1n1ccnc1</chem> | 152 | -7.00 |
| VIS1077 | <chem>CC(C)(C)C(=O)N1C[C@@H](O)[C@H](N2CCCC2)C1</chem> | 240 | -7.88 |
| VIS1078 | <chem>Cl.O=S1(=O)CCC2(CCCN2)CC1</chem> | 189 | -6.29 |
| VIS1079 | <chem>C[C@]1(O)CC[C@H]1N1CC2CCCCC2C1</chem> | 209 | -7.61 |
| VIS1080 | <chem>CC1CCC2(CC1)NC(=O)NC2=O</chem> | 182 | -7.36 |
| VIS1081 | <chem>O=C1C(N2CCC(O)C2)CCN1CC(F)(F)F</chem> | 252 | -8.28 |
| VIS1082 | <chem>CC(C)(O)c1ncc[nH]1</chem> | 126 | -5.62 |
| VIS1083 | <chem>CN(C)C(=O)C1(F)CCNC1</chem> | 160 | -6.66 |
| VIS1084 | <chem>CN(C)C1CCC(O)CC1</chem> | 143 | -5.80 |

Table S2. Inflection temperature (Ti), initial ratio and differential (Δ) ratio of wt-PD-L1 and labelled NT650/PD-L1 at pH 7.2 and 6.2.

| Sample | Ti [°C] | Initial Ratio | Δ Ratio |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| wt-PD-L1 | 61.36±0.15 | 0.67±0.01 | 0.29±0.02 |
| NT650/PD-L1 pH 7.2 | 60.63±0.58 | 0.71±0.01 | 0.24±0.03 |
| NT650/PD-L1 pH 6.2 | 60.73±0.49 | 0.66±0.01 | 0.26±0.03 |

Table S3. Calculated pKa (calc pKa), experimental pKa and R^2 values of the potentiometric assays according to the Yasuda-Shedlovsky method.

| Compound | calc pKa (Marvin, v20.11; 2021) | pKa | R^2 | % MeOH | Temperature |
|--------------|--|--|--|------------|-------------|
| VIS310 (9) | 5.60 (calc pKa1) 9.18 (calc pKa2) 11.02 (calc pKa3) | 5.65 ± 0.01 9.32 ± 0.02 n.d. | 0.9981 (pKa1) 0.9971 (pKa2) n.d. | 50; 40; 30 | 25°C |
| VIS1200 (16) | 5.24 (calc pKa1) 9.33 (calc pKa2) | 5.26 ± 0.01 n.d. | 0.9999 (pKa1) n.d. | 45; 40; 35 | 25°C |
| VIS1201 (17) | 5.38 (calc pKa1) 8.70 (calc pKa2) 10.52 (calc pKa3) | 5.35 ± 0.12 8.64 ± 0.01 n.d. | 0.9999 (pKa1) 0.9999 (pKa2) n.d. | 45; 40; 35 | 25°C |
| VIS1202 (18) | 5.49 (calc pKa1) 8.96 (calc pKa2) 10.76 (calc pKa3) | 5.38 ± 0.01 8.97 ± 0.03 n.d. | 0.9976 (pKa1) 0.9959 (pKa2) n.d. | 45; 40; 35 | 25°C |
| VIS1203 (19) | 5.59 (calc pKa1) 8.94 (calc pKa2) 10.67 (calc pKa3) | 5.38 ± 0.01 9.17 ± 0.02 n.d. | 0.9998 (pKa1) 0.9971 (pKa2) n.d. | 45; 40; 35 | 25°C |
| VIS1204 (20) | 4.99 (calc pKa1) 9.02 (calc pKa2) | 5.30 ± 0.01 n.d. | 0.9998 (pKa1) n.d. | 45; 40; 35 | 25°C |

n.d.: not determined (pKa out of the range of values of SiriusT3, pKa > 12).