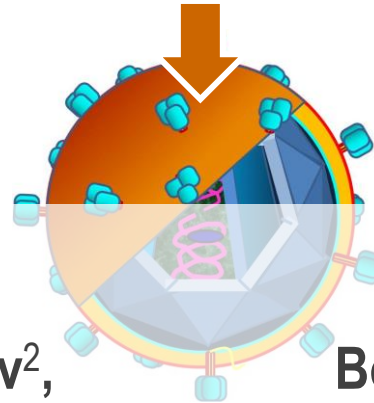


# FROM BASIC PRINCIPLES TO COMPUTATIONALLY REFINED MODELS FOR A PRACTIC SYNTHESIS OF THE NANO-COMPETENT POLYMERIC ANTIVIRALS



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## Comments

- Good day, Dear Colleagues
- With thankfulness for this opportunity. • I would like consider some aspects of not computer but the 'own human brain-aided' generation of fundamental strategies for design, synthesis, and testing the antiviral Drugs. • And after focusing on the key problems we can search their solutions using the computer-aided modeling capacity

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# ANTIVIRAL DRUG DEVELOPMENT

Accumulated **Basic Knowledge** ↔  
fundamentally predictable principles for



**Targets identification** ↔

**Design** ↔

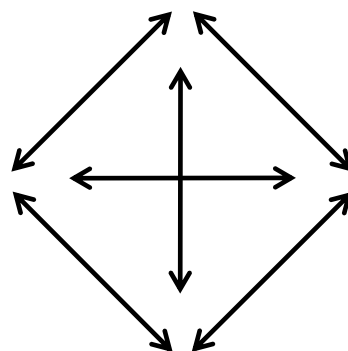
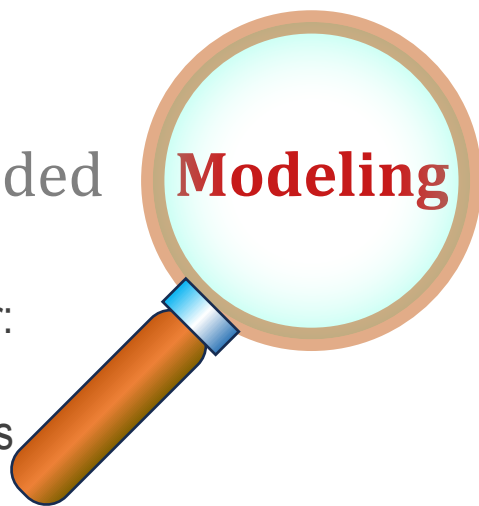
**Antivirals prognosis**

Computer-Aided

**Modeling**

Detailing - Clarifying the mechanisms & parameters for:

- **Viral Target** – **Antiviral** interaction in QSAR aspects
- **Synthesis optimization** toward the **desired structures of the Antivirals**



**Synthesis**

- Realization of desired druggable (**Macro**) molecular constructs
- Stepwise preparation of drug-candidate samples for (**bio**) evaluations

**Bio Testing**

Experimental verification of the

- **Design & Modeling** Prognosis efficiency or discovery of unpredicted data as new objects for analysis and reinvestigation
- **Prospects** of the **synthesized test-variants** for potential Antivirals for future **biomedical advancement**

Comments

- It can be summarized by the scheme. From basic knowledge supported Design toward pilot synthesis – bio-testing, and computational modeling if it is relevantly helpful



# ANTIVIRAL DRUG DESIGN

## 1. FUNDAMENTALLY PREDICTABLE BASIC PRINCIPLES



Comments

- So, the Design and fundamentally predictable basic principles



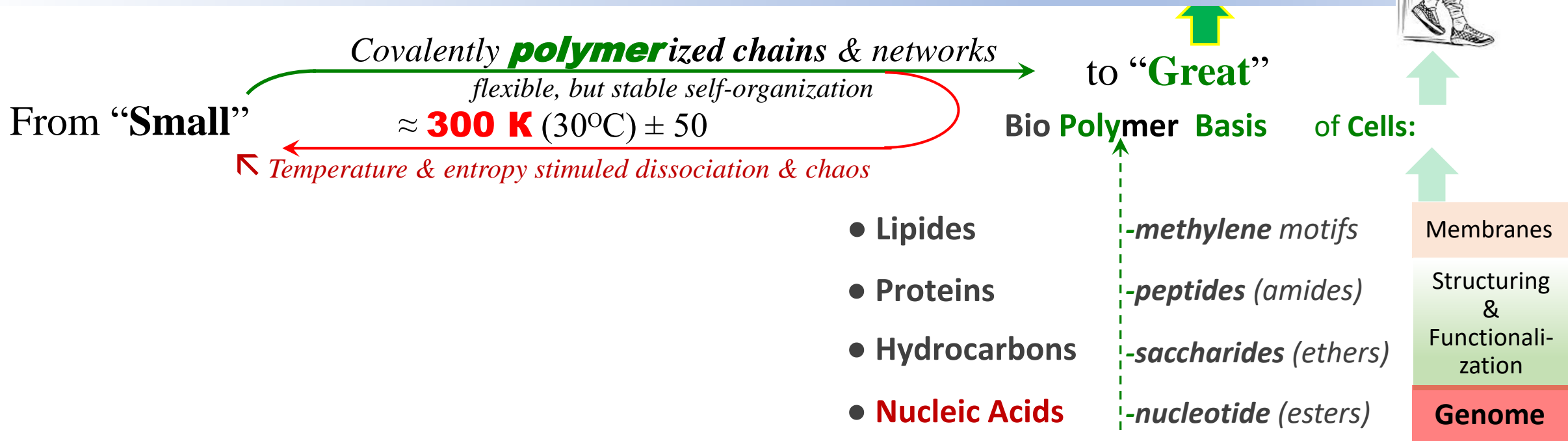
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## 1. FUNDAMENTALLY PREDICTABLE BASIC PRINCIPLES

### 1.1. Small and Macro Molecules



## Molecular evolution of biological forms of Life



Comments

- First of all, about small and macro molecules
- The biologic life existence and evolution is naturally progressing from small toward great molecular forms.
- Under the temperature of our Planet only Polymeric chains and networks can covalently accumulate energy sufficient for stable resistance against chaotic dissociation.
- They capable of stepwise self-organizing up to bio life basis, starting from lipides to polysaccharides, proteins and nucleic acids.



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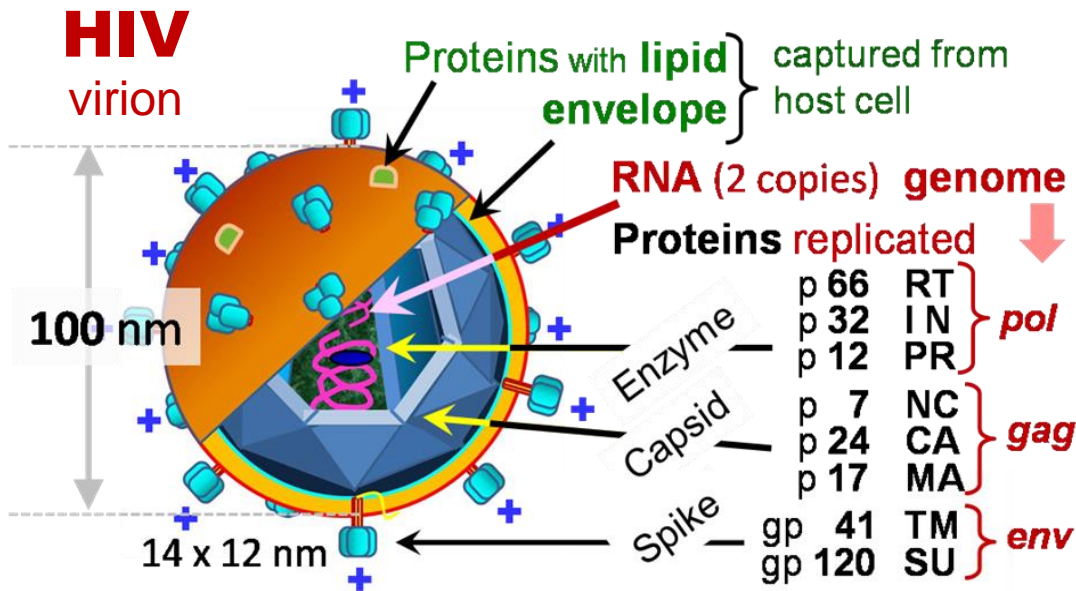
## Molecular evolution of biological forms of Life

*Covalently **polymerized chains & networks**  
flexible, but stable self-organization* →

to “Great”

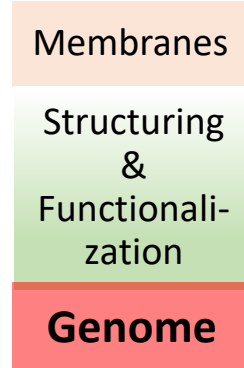
Extracellular Viral Particles =  
max compressed inter-bio-polymeric complexes

Bio Polymer Basis of Cells:



- Lipides
- Proteins
- Hydrocarbons
- Nucleic Acids

- methylene motifs
- peptides (amides)
- saccharides (ethers)
- nucleotide (esters)

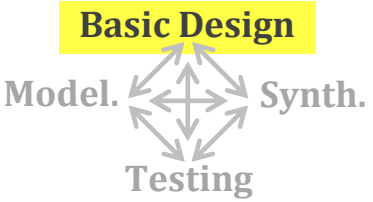


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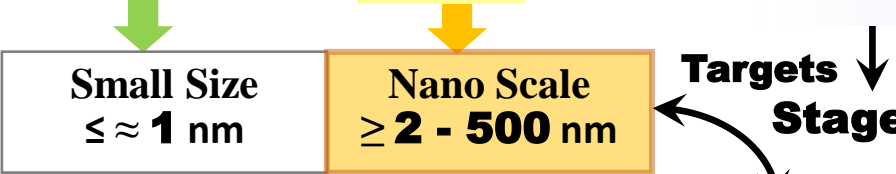
• The unique compact concentrates of these vital biopolymers, without small molecules ballast, represents extracellular viral particles, the virions. ....They are in fact the maximally compressed inter-bio-polymeric nano-complexes .

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### 1.1. Small and Macro Molecules In view for counter intervention in Viral Life Cycle



The Sub-nano sites of:\*      The Nano objects:

#### Extracellular Viral Particles (Virions)

- Virions' surface local points
- Virions' surface full scale

#### Virions Entry into Cells, and Uncoating

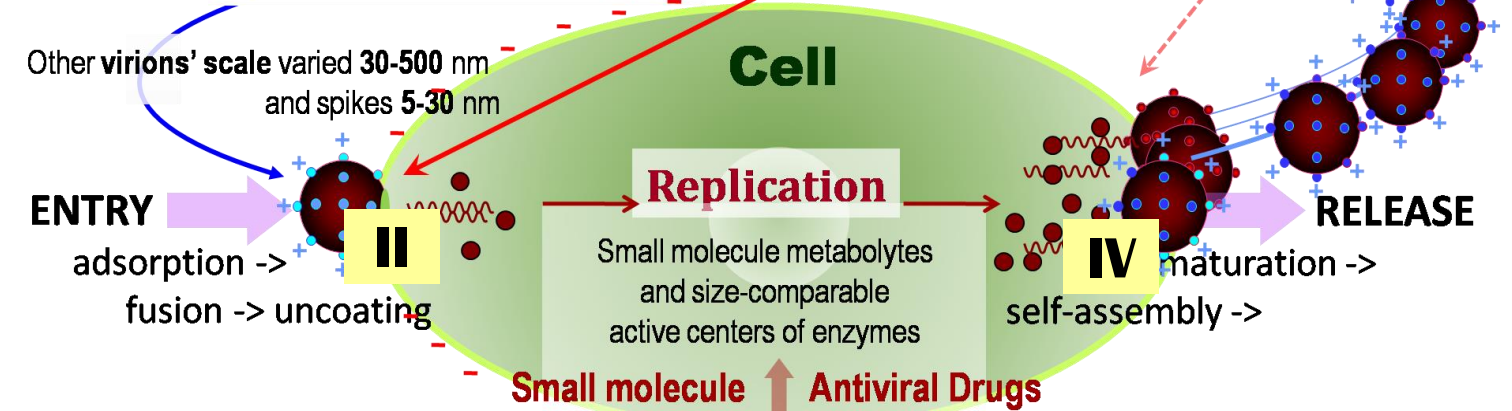
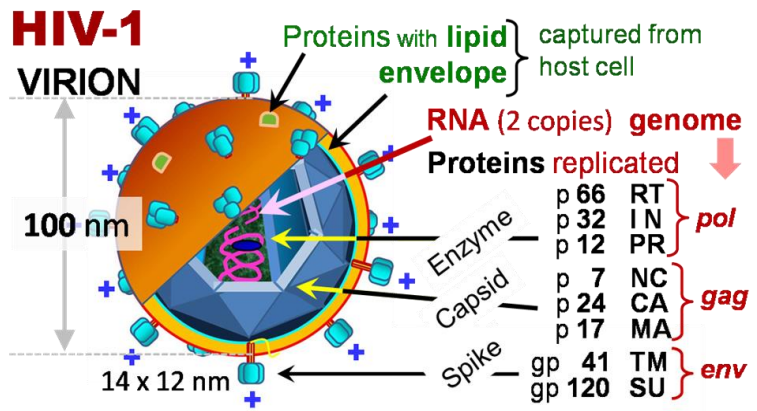
- Virion Spikes\*
- Cell Receptors\*
- Passage of Ion Channels
- Virion Spikes
- Cell Receptors
- Cell membrane Raft –domains

#### Intracellular Replication of Viral Species

- Metabolites
- Enzyme Centers
- Nucleic Acids & complexes

#### Virions Assenbly, Maturation, Release

- Pre Assembling points
- Assembling pre-virion nano-units
- Cell membrane Raft –domains



*Comments*  
 • This fact is very important in view for any therapeutic intervention in a viral life cycle, which could be divided conditionally into 4 stages: I – extracellular Virions, II – Entry into Cell, III – Intracellular replication, and IV – assembly, maturation and release of new virions. • Only the III stage involve small molecules as metabolites for biosynthesis, While other stages dominantly supported by biopolymeric macromolecules and their nano- complexes Therefore, the stages I, II, and IV can and should be natural priority for adequate neutralization by exactly macromolecular scale drugs, that we named as “PolyAntivirals”. Just that is our general strategy for development of the PolyAntivirals.

# **Some Basic Principles/Criteria**

toward

## **Poly-ANTIVIRALS**

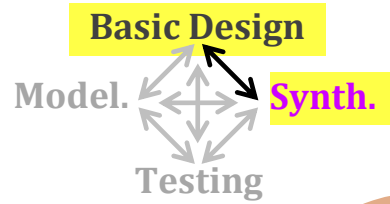
### **Design – Practical Synthesis**

*Comments*

- *The first task is formulation and implementation of some relevant principles and criteria for stepwise design and practical synthesis such products*

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1.1.

### Macro Molecules In view for counter intervention in **Viral Life Cycle**

**Targets**  
2-500 nm

● Virions' surface (incl. Spikes)

● Virion Spikes  
● Cell Receptors  
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● Fusion Mediators

● Nucleic Acids & complexes

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**I**  
Virions

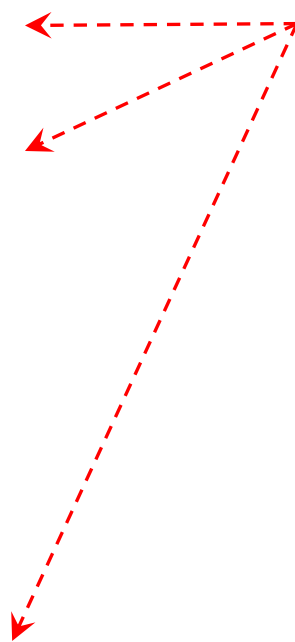
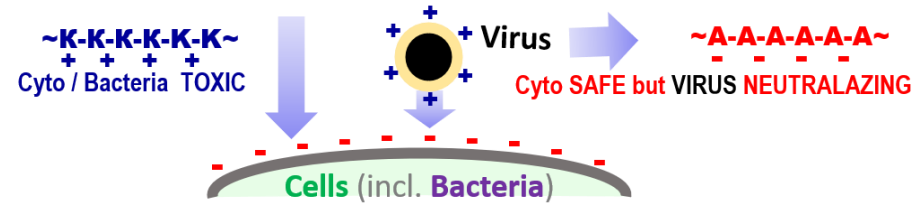
**II**  
V. Entry

**III**  
Replication

**IV**  
Assembly

### 1.2. Relevant Criteria for Macromolecular (Poly)Antivirals Synthesis

- Solubility in aqua-based physiological media → hydrophilic O / N groups
- Charge selectivity to Virions in competition with Cell's Receptors → Poly Anions  $n^-$



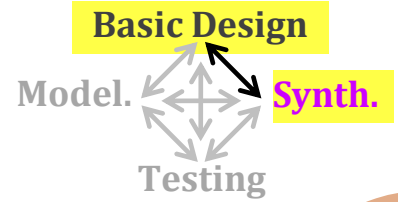
Comments

The 1st is– solubility in aqua media, 2nd – Charge regulated selectivity toward the positively charged virions, used Coulomb forces to be attracted by negatively charged cell's receptors. Exactly the polyanionic polymers may be most effective interceptors of virions in competition with cells, suppressing an adsorption of viruses on cells.



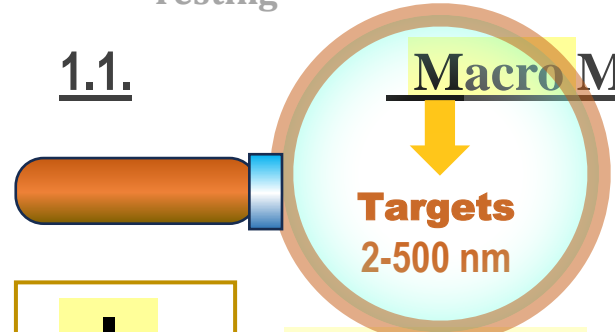
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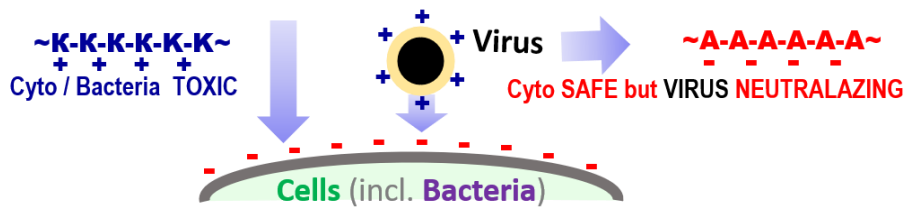
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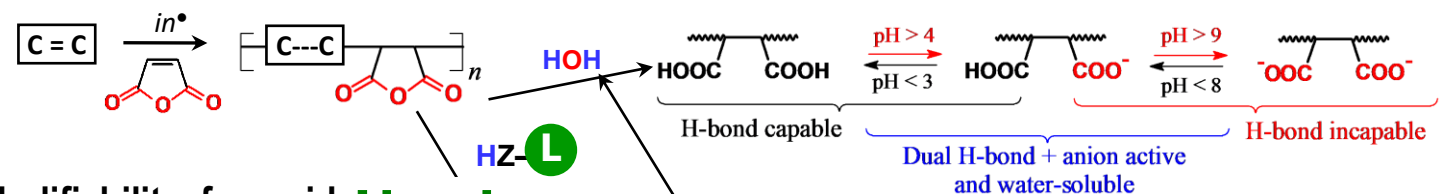
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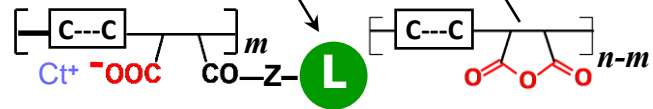
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- Ability to bind Targets via combinations of ionic + H-bonds simultaneously



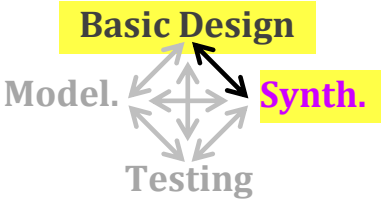
- Modifiability for said Ligands



*Comments*  
 ● The bio motivated criteria should be completed by chemical requirements for Ability to bind Targets double effective - using both ionic and hydrogen bonds simultaneously. The most suitable can be intrachain-inserted fragments of succinic acid, that easy obtained from copolymers of maleic anhydride via hydrolysis. Moreover, the anhydride centers are excellent points for covalent linkage of desired ligands in side positions of polymeric chain through aminolysis and/or esterification

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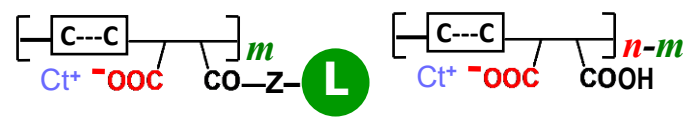
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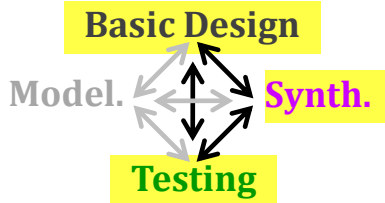
Required Combination of Properties	Structural Determinants			
	Polymerization degree <i>n</i>	Succinic Units Ionizable H-bondable $Ct^+ -OOC \leftrightarrow COOH$	Co-monomer residue $C-C$	Side Chain Ligands $-Z-L_{m/n}$
● Nano-competency	Determinant			
● Aqua-Solubility	Co-factor	Determinant	Co-factor	Co-factor
● Bio-Selectivity	Nano-Trigger	Det. Vector	Co-factor	Modulator
● Non-Toxicity	Variator	Determinant	Co-factor	Co-factor
● Anti-Viral Efficiency	Variator	Determinant	Co-factor	Modulator
<i>Immune mediated</i>	Variator	Determinant	Co-factor	Co-factor
<i>Directly Targeted</i>	Nano-Trigger	Co-Vector	Co-factor	Modulator

Comments

• These leads us to the resulted variant of Basic Formulation of candidate for Polyantivirals. Here we have understandable set of macromolecular structure's determinants allows us to regulate their desired properties: Nano-competency, Aqua-solubility, Charge-dependent Bio selectivity, as well: Non-toxicity and Antiviral efficiency, which could be conducted through immune modulation and/or be directly targeted to virus objects in view for above mentioned priority within stages I, II and IV

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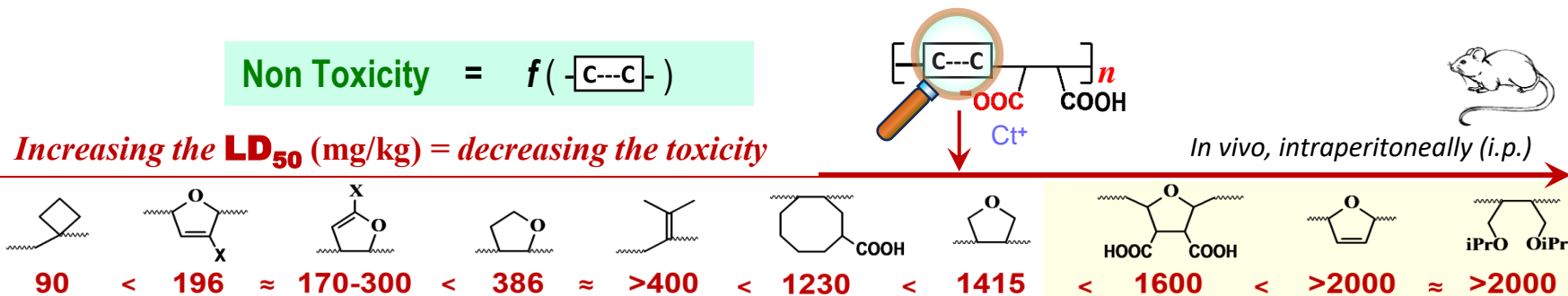
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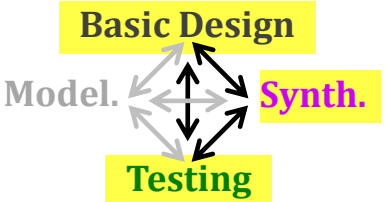
*In vivo, intraperitoneally (i.p.)*

Comments

● The next is history of pilot synthesis and selection of most prospective candidates in accordance with criteria of Non-toxicity & (next slide)

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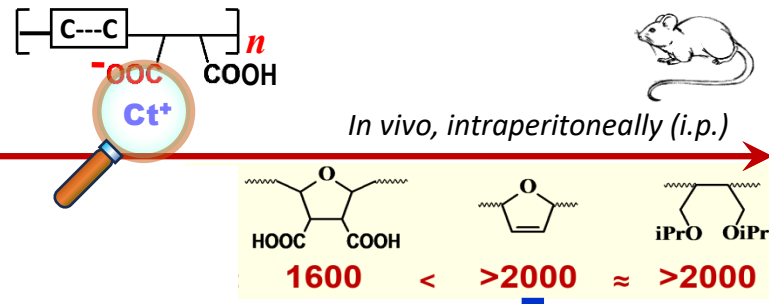
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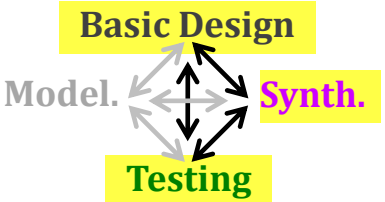
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Comments

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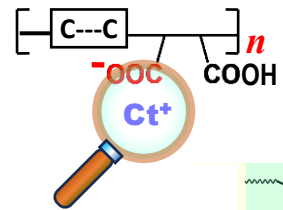
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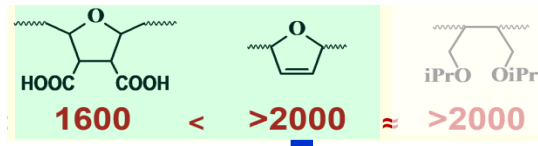
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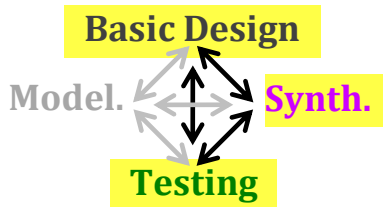
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And Antiviral potency, at least, of an immune mediated mode

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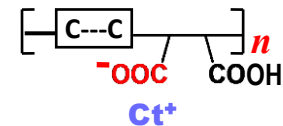
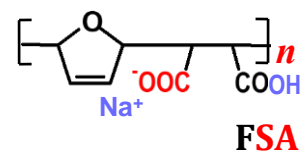
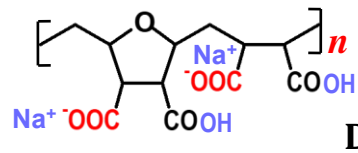
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1600 < >2000 ≈ >2000

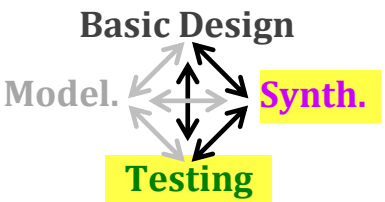
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Comments

• Finely we come to the displayed two copolymeric structures

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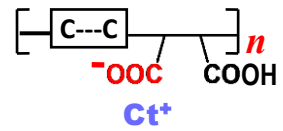
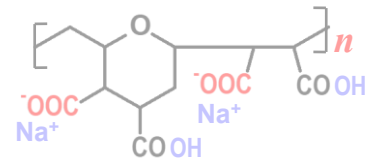
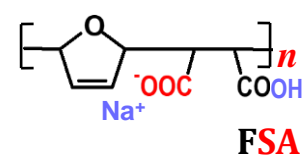
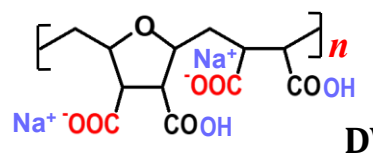
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<i>in vivo</i> , Protection, %		
TBV	RbV	EEEV
65(-)	55(82)	65(95)

↑  
*In vivo* evaluations were performed under the **lethally hard conditions** up to **200 LD<sub>50</sub>** of Viruses (in brackets – for combined: **PolyAntivirals + Vaccine**)

*Comments*

● and following bio evaluations *in vivo* revealed highly significant capacity of these polyanionic compound protecting mice or rats against lethal doses of neuroviral infections.

**Immune mediated Potency**

**+**

**Direct**

**Anti-Viral Targeting**

**Amplification**

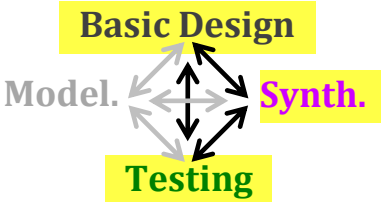
*Comments*

*The next step of the Polyantivirals development was oriented to combining the immune mediated potency with an additional capacity for direct anti-viral targeting impacts*



# ANTIVIRAL DRUG DESIGN

## 1. FUNDAMENTALLY PREDICTABLE BASIC PRINCIPLES



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#### Stages

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Replication

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- Cell membrane Raft –domains
- Fusion Mediators

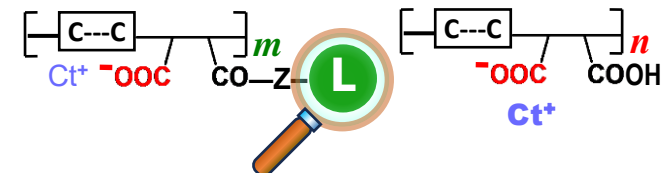
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- Assembling pre-virion nano-units
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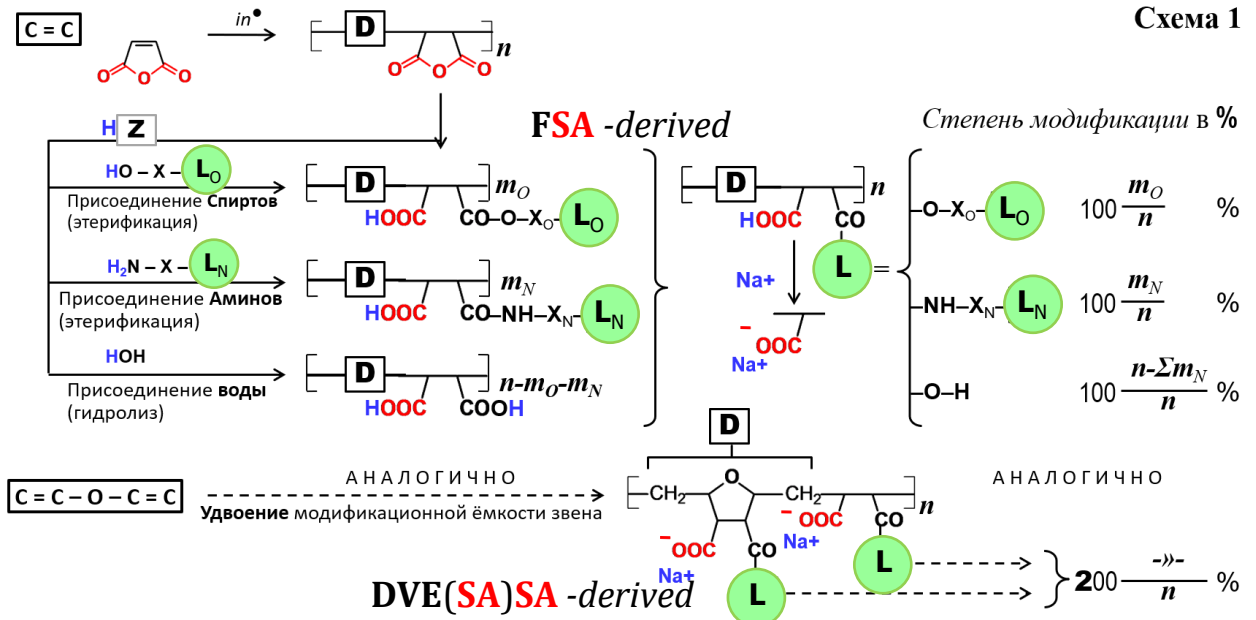
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● NEXT GENERATIONS  
The **L**-co-SAR-programmed directly against Viral Targets



*In vivo, intraperitoneally (i.p.)*



<i>in vivo</i> , Protection, %		
TBV	RbV	EEEV
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↑

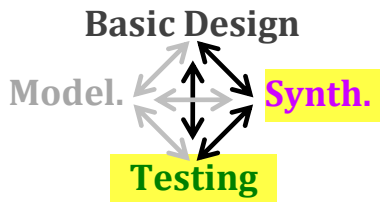
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Comments

This task was taken into realization via chain's side positions modification by desired combinations of ligand-expecting species, even if they are not active in small molecule forms. ● We propose an ability of they activation to detectable levels of purposed bio activity due to a rational cointegration together on the prepared platforms of polymeric chains. ● Similarly macromolecular programming the protein and nucleic acid biopolymeric chains by certain combinations of side-groups we hope to find novel artificial combinations of so called "synthetic" polymers which could programmed these polymers toward virus-specific targets

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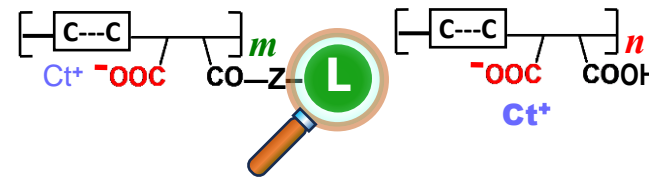
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3	-Z-Nb	0.1-0.3	>3300	>2140	240				
4	-Z-Ad	0.1-0.3	>1100	→10000	25				
5	-Z-Chol	≤ 0.03	>220	5400	-				
6	-Z-Pept <small>Cell Receptors</small>	≤ 0.02	→10000	-	-				
7	-Z-Pept <small>Viral (HIV, MA)</small>	≤ 0.01	+	← Test-Samples are completed for bio evaluations					

Comments

• And today we have, at least, seven original generations that possess many-folds more higher and widen antiviral activity in comparison with known small molecule prototypes. The correspondent indexes of selectivity for inhibition of HIV, Influenza, Cytomegalo viruses, as examples, are shown in the Table.. The markers to the left indicate the most expected virus-specific targets for each generation in correspondence with stages of a viral life cycle.

# Modeling

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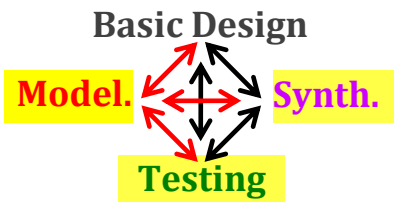
**Poly-ANTIVIRALS** (of 1-4 generations)  
and **Viral Fusion mediated Proteins**

gp41 (**HIV**), HA2 (**Influenza**), Gp2 (**Ebola**)

...

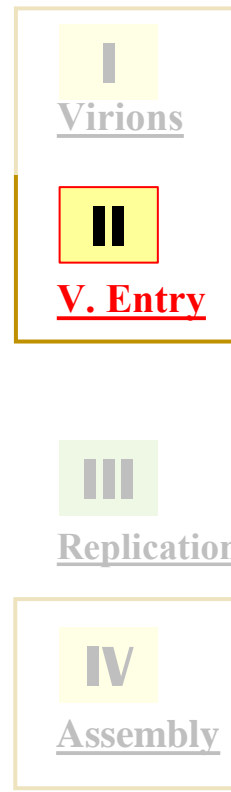
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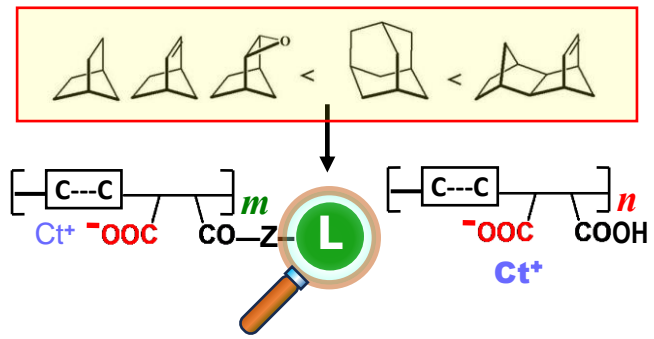
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**Strongly effective • Antiviral protection + • Drug resistance prevention**  
fundamentally predicted by virtue of the

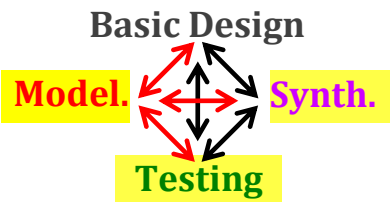
**• Polymer capacity for multipoint covering the viral Nano-Targets**

Comments

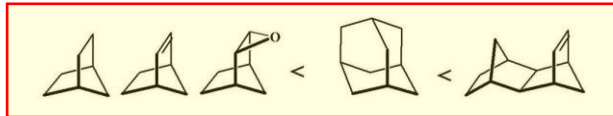
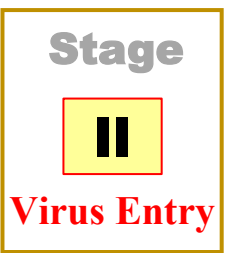
• First of all, there are generations 3 and 4 where the norbornane (terpenoid related) and adamantane-derived side ligands has been used, in comparison with 1 and 2 generations

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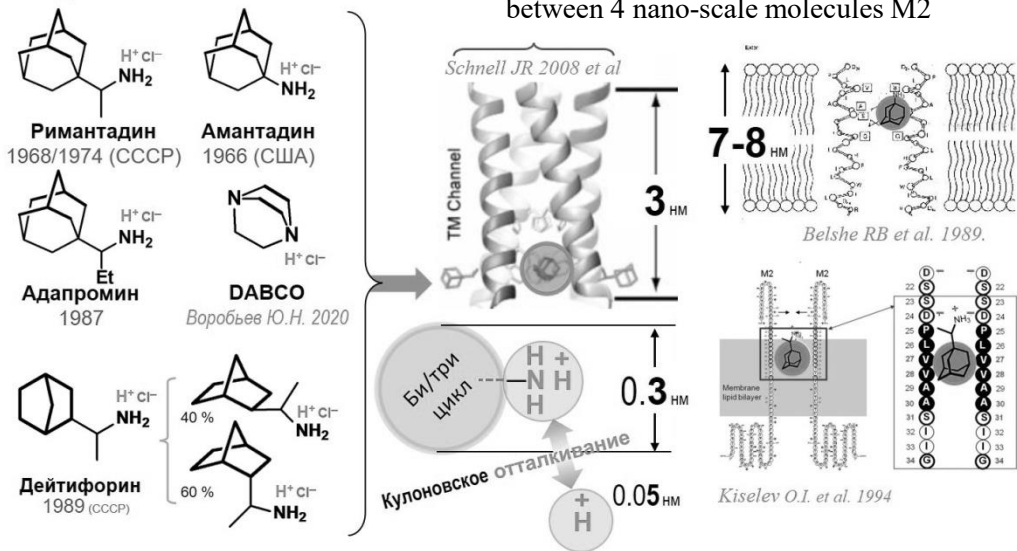
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Amantadine, Rimantadine, Deitiforin, ... are well known to be a fairly good inhibitors of some Influenza type A viruses,

but without any significant protection against other viruses

Amino derivatives of Adamantane (Ad), Norbornane (Nb) → block the very small gate of ion (proton) channel between 4 nano-scale molecules M2



Objectively:

the small size → the highly limited effectiveness & applicability

- within the only size adequate - very specific targets, which can be not typical for other viruses
- because of easily allowed **Drug Resistance** – by simplest (one point) mutations of virus
- in virtue of an enhanced **Permeability** through **bio-protective barriers** → resulted in hardly controllable risks of toxicity

Comments

• The small molecule prototypes such as rimantadine and similar are well known to be a fairly good inhibitors of some Influenza type A viruses, but without any significant protection against other viruses. • However, considered here approach to the 'Polyantivirals' implies novel possibilities for powerful amplification of the small molecules' potency due to their rational cointegration into the polyanionic macromolecules,

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Basic Design

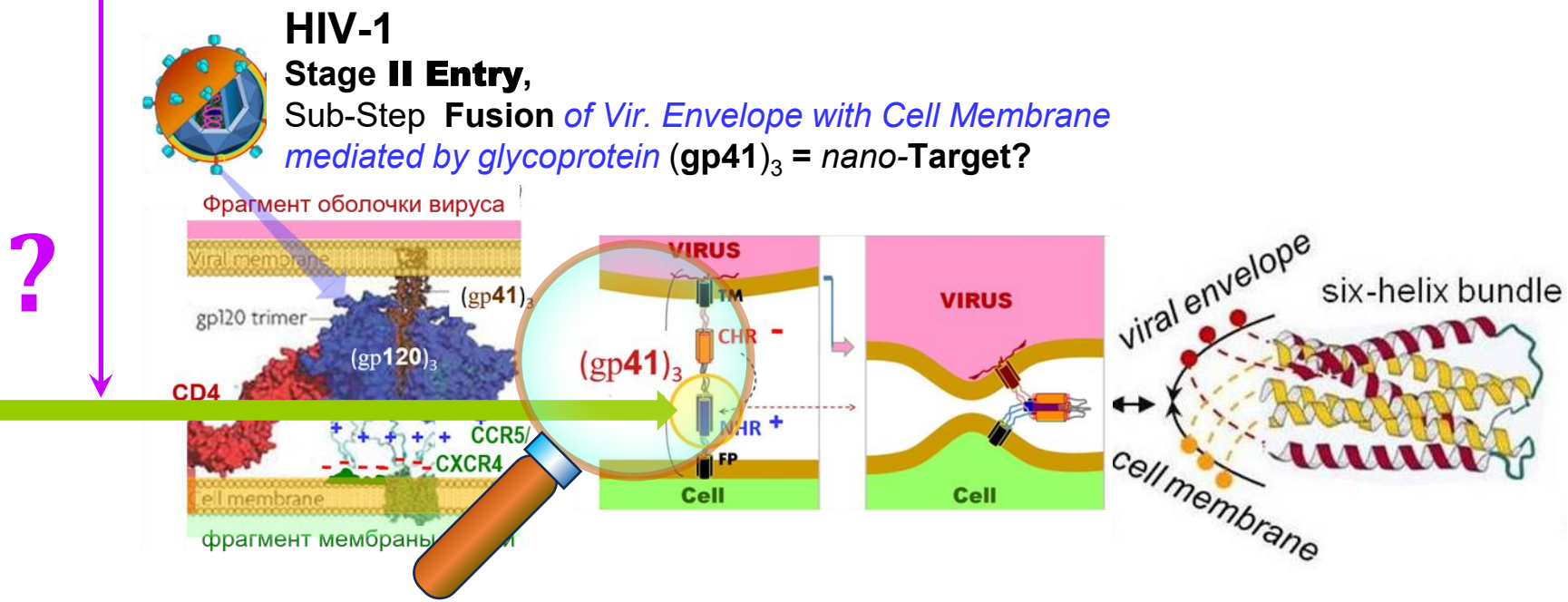
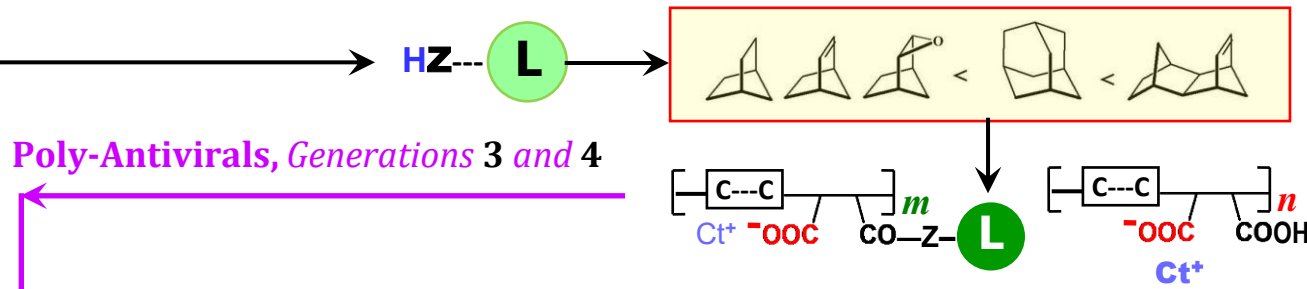
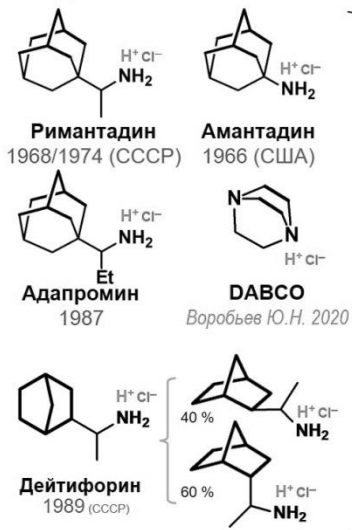


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Rimantadine + many variations

Amino derivatives of Adamantane (Ad), Norbornane (Nb)



Comments

• That has been first demonstrated experimentally by our research group in relation to rimantadine resistant viruses of Influenza and HIV • Particularly, the gp41, being key mediator of HIV fusion, was found could be the most probable nano-target of anti-HIV protection by these Polyantivirals.. Extraction from literature data includes modelling works, and analysis these data lead us to NHR region of gp41, as a most probable target

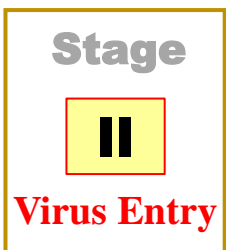
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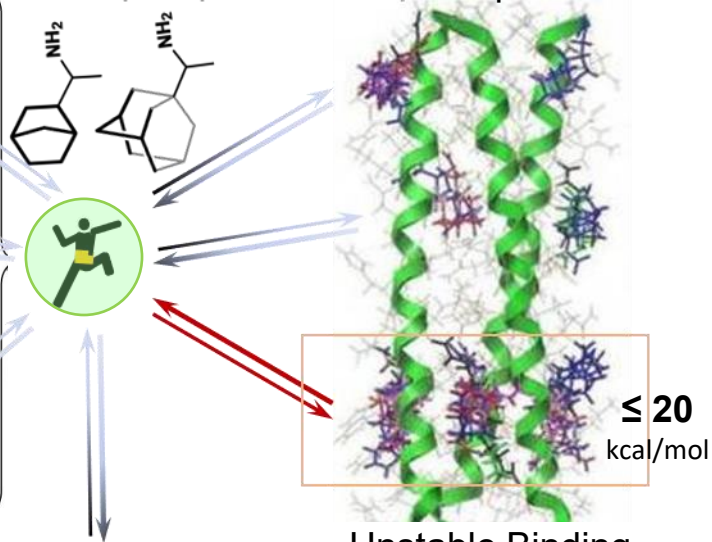


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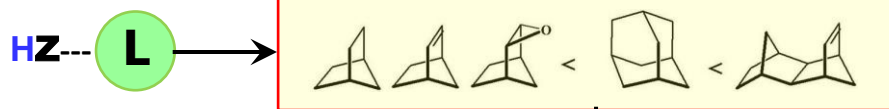
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Local attacks scattered in space & time



Unstable Binding

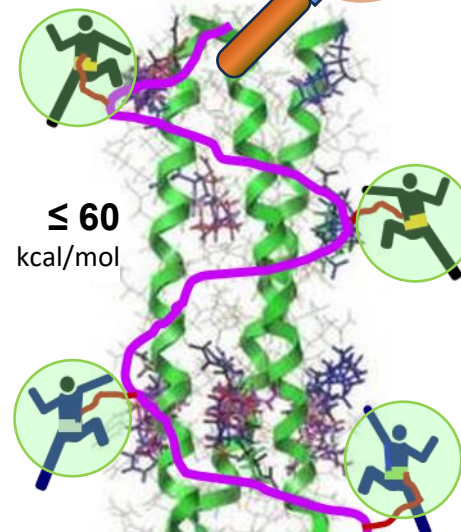


DOCKING

Poly-Antivirals, Generations 3 and 4



HIV-1, Stage II Entry, Fusion, (gp41)<sub>3</sub>, (NHR)<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> - cationic domain = nano-Target?



Polymer chain – combines small precursors together, supporting:

- multi-point cooperative attacks
- mutual reinforcing in space & time
- Polymer Charge-selective orientation toward the cationic Target

Chain flexibility allows ligand-cooperating adaptation to the Target

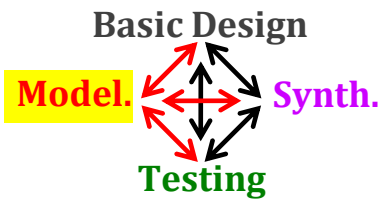
Binding strongly Stabilized by Polymeric Chain

Comments

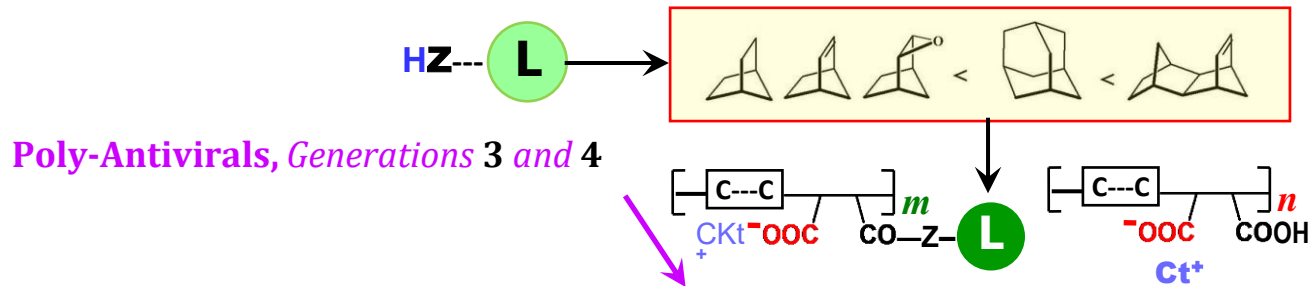
• The small molecule carbocycles inefficiency against HIV fusion is well explained by the Docking modeling. The binding energies are too slow to provide a stable blocking. The observed multiple binding-permitted sites allows to conclude that these small molecules capable of only local attacks, scattered in space and time. But they incapable working together in mutual coordination against the target. • However the required possibility can be achieved hypothetically on basis of integrated polymeric chains

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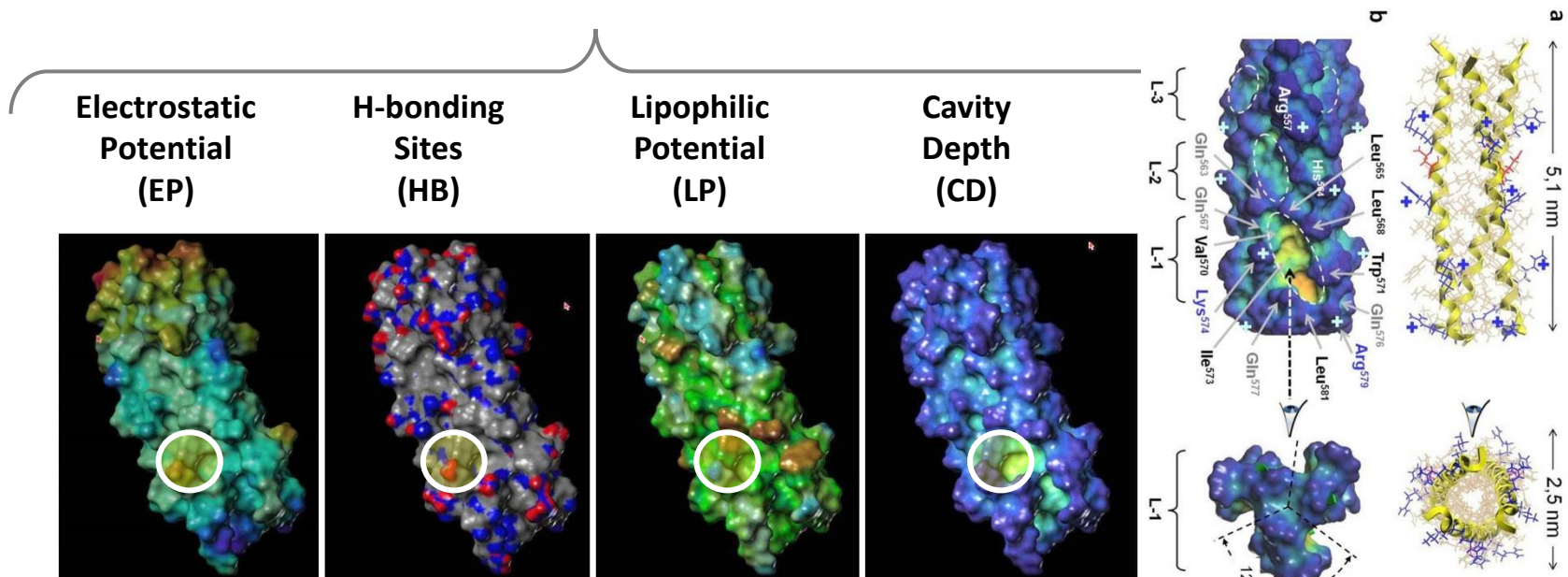
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Comments



• The Docking and MD exploration undertaken in collaboration with Vladimir Tsvetkov has been launched from pre-investigation of the Target parameters. Particularly it is typical nano-object with scale up to 5 nm in length, enriched by positive charged amino acids potentially sensitive to polyanionic chains



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Stage

II

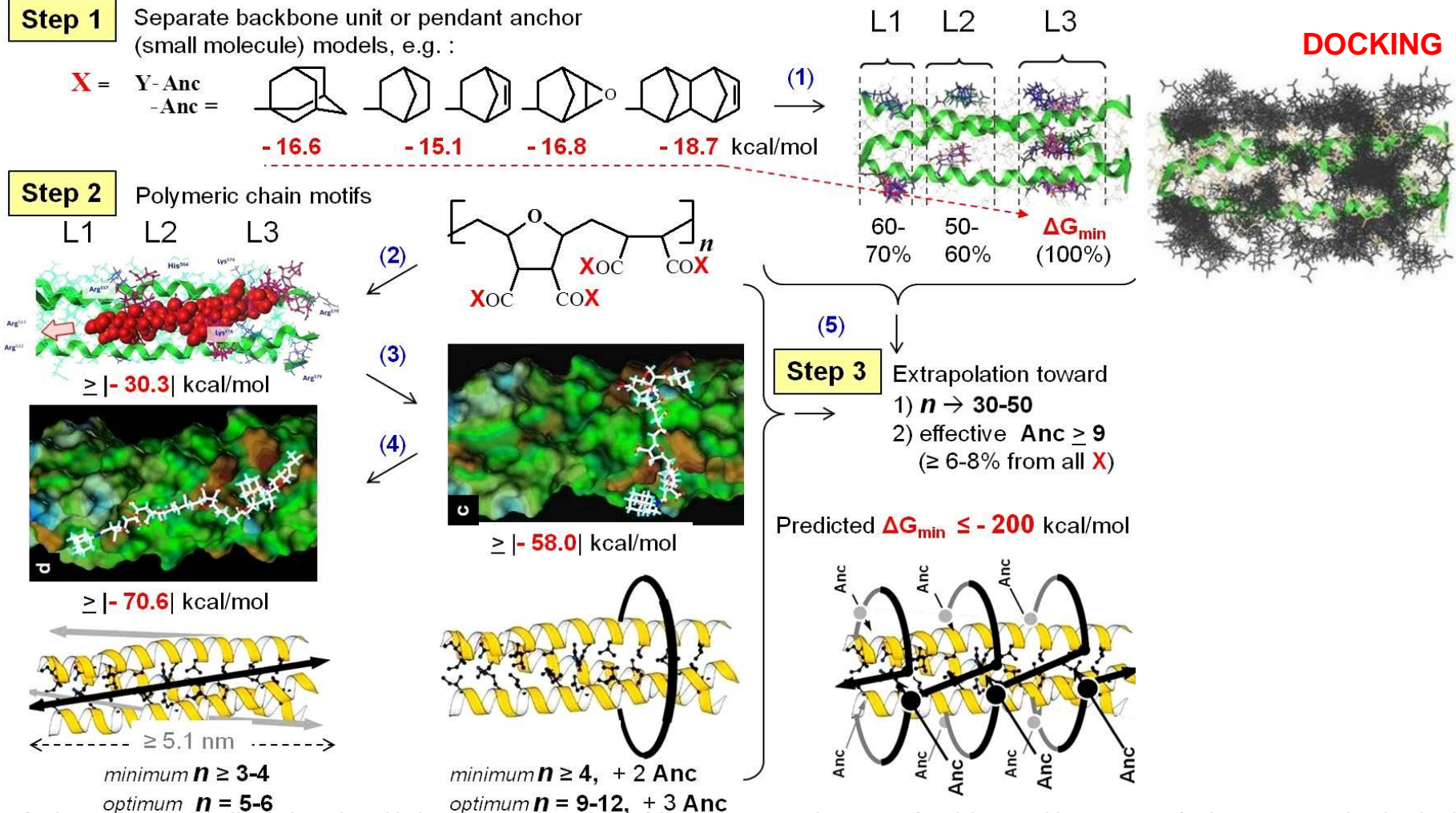
Virus Entry



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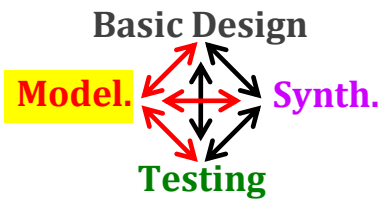
Comments



• Then docking of small size structural fragment from backbone of polymeric chain, as well side-ligands and linkers were performed with following stepwise elongation of models toward bigger parts of polymeric antiviral molecule till the scale that permitted by docking program applied. Further the data obtained were used for extrapolations to scale comparable with original polymer compound.

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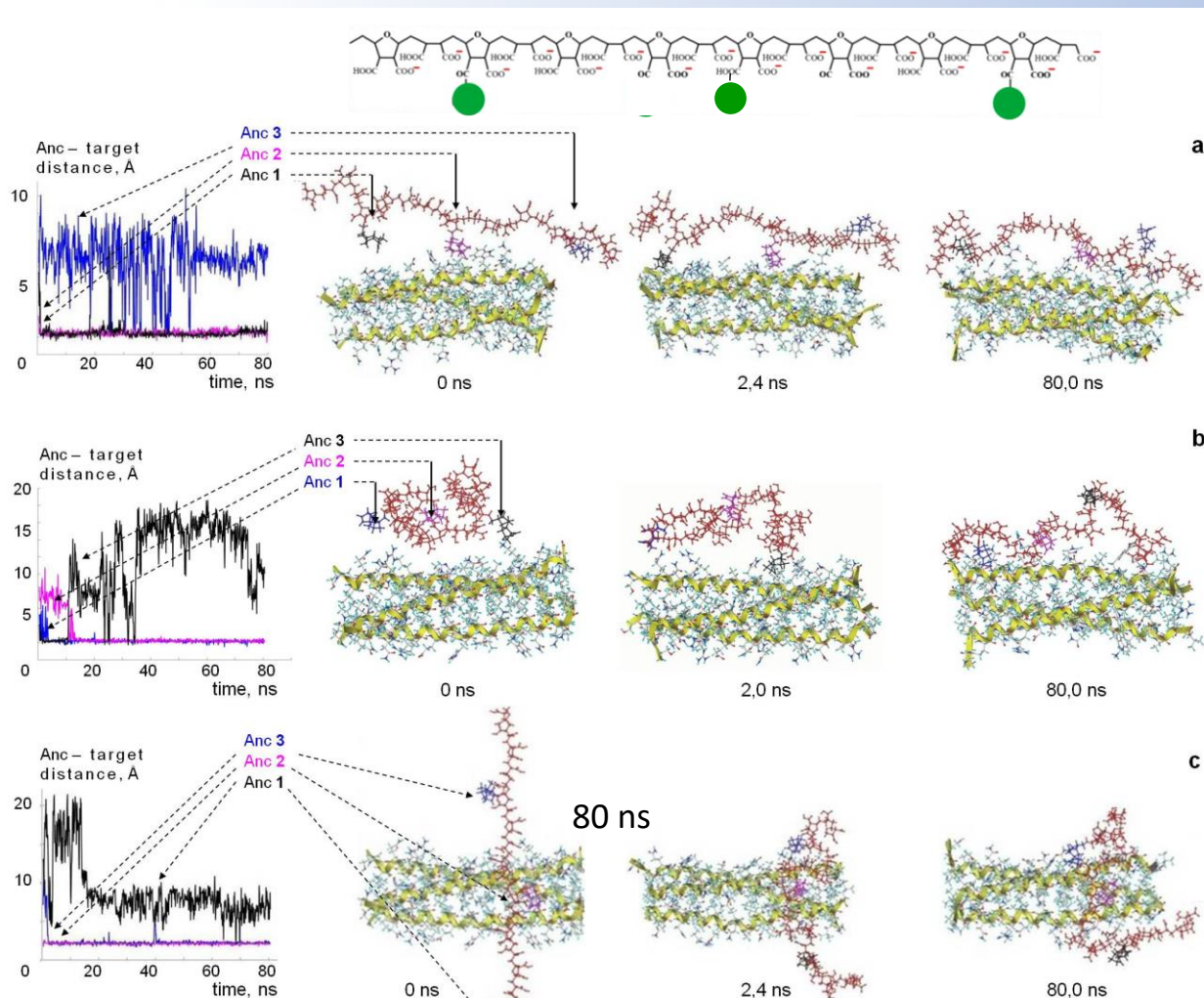


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Comments

• The studies were completed by molecular dynamics, particularly, of n=11 oligomer equipped by 3 anchors optimally positioned to be well capable both for axial and belting types binding. This model demonstrated good binding energy nearly 60 kcal/mol, sufficient for stable while dynamically adaptable fixation on the target



DOCKING  
+ MOLECULAR DYNAMICS

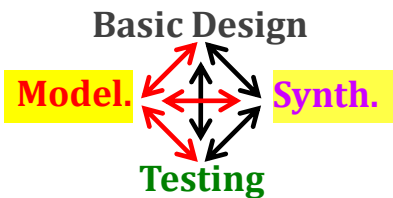
- 63.0 ± 9.7 kcal/mol

- 59.1 ± 12.5 kcal/mol

- 61.8 ± 14.5 kcal/mol

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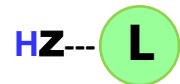
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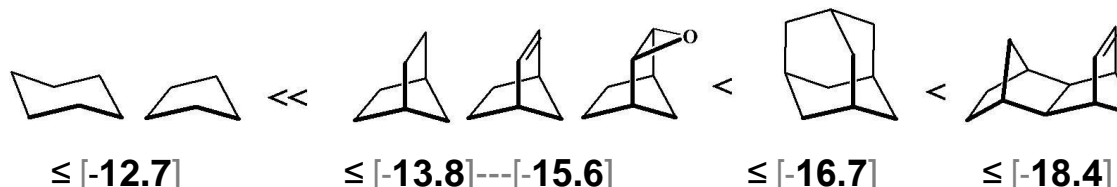
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#### Small Molecules



$\Delta E$  kcal/mol  
Antiviral **SI**



$\leq [-12.7]$

$\leq [-13.8] \text{---} [-15.6]$

$\leq [-16.7]$

$\leq [-18.4]$

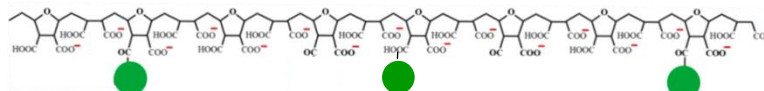
Binding Energy

DOCKING + MD

No detectable and statistically significant anti-HIV activity

#### Poly-Antivirals

Antiviral **SI**

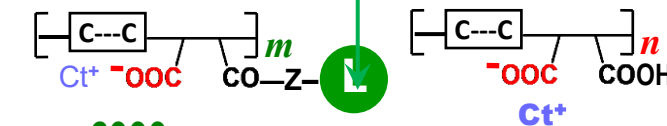


$< 10$

$\rightarrow 900$

$\rightarrow 1100$

$\rightarrow 6000$



$\Delta E$  kcal/mol

$\geq [-(50 \rightarrow 70)]$ , if  $n \geq 9-12$  and  $m \geq 3$

$\rightarrow \geq [-200 \dots]$ , when  $n \geq 30-35$  and  $m \geq 9$

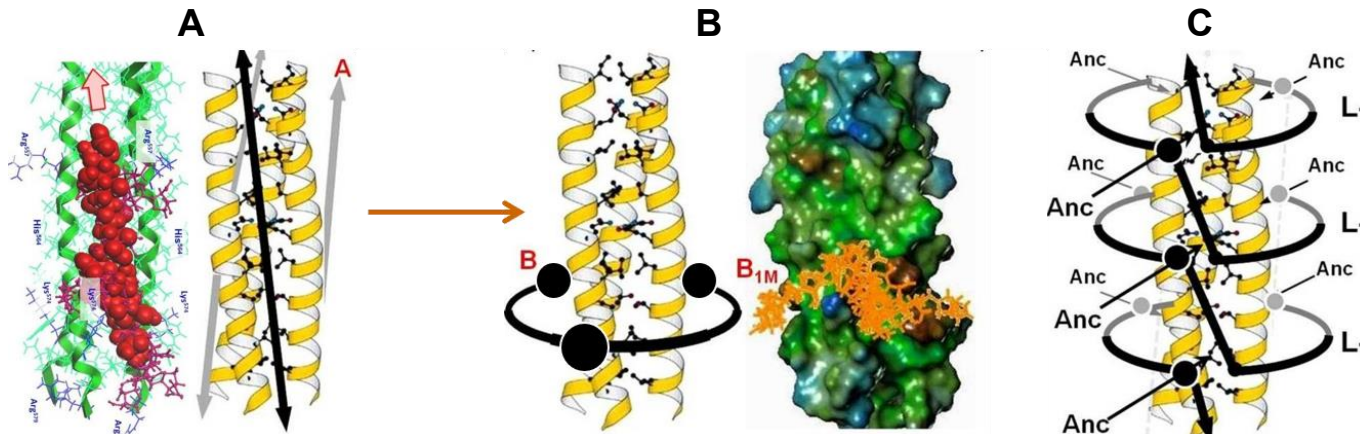
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#### Binding Mode Regulation:

- A – Axial  
 $n \geq 4-6$ ,  $m \rightarrow 0$
- B – Belting  
 $n \approx 4-12$   $m \approx 2-3$
- C – Combined  
 $n \geq 30-50$   $m \geq 9$

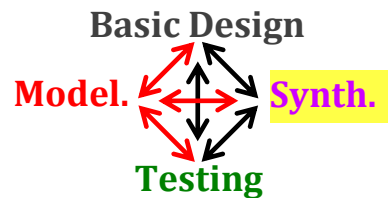
• The results obtained are in well correlation with experimentally detected anti-HIV-1 activity in vitro. Finally, the tree modes of the target binding were found (axial, belting, combined) in dependence on degree of polymerization and in comparison with grade of side modification by hydrophobic carbocyclic ligands (anchors) and their configuration

Polymeric Chain Synthesis

**Molecular Mass – Size  
regulation**

*Comments*

- *In view of important role of the polymerization degree, related to molecular mass, the next task of special modeling was oriented toward the problem of the mass control under practical synthesis of precursors for polymeric chains*

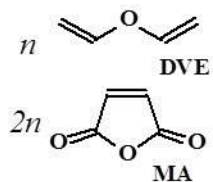


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## 3. POLY-ANTIVIRALS SYNTHESIS CONTROL FOR CHAIN SIZE

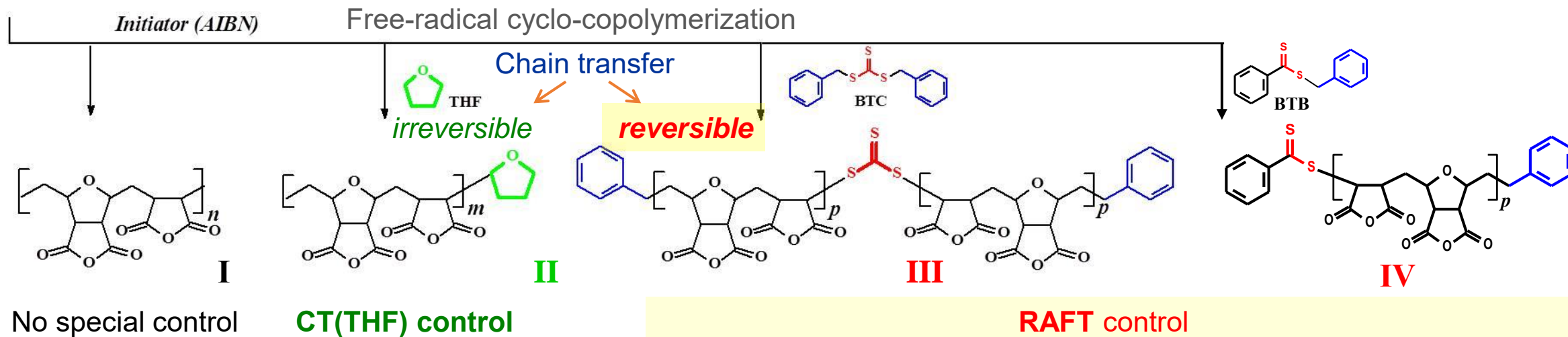
### 3.1. Providing the **MM** and **MMD** of **Polymeric Basis** required for the purposed bioactivity

The widely used methods for control of MM and MMD required in **practical synthesis**:



(**MM**) – Molecular Mass and their distribution (**MMD**)

$n$  – degree of polymerization  $\Leftrightarrow$  the Polymeric Chain's length / size

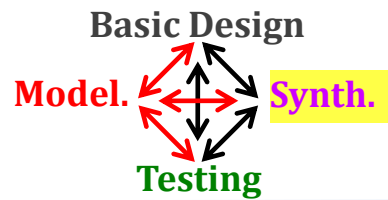


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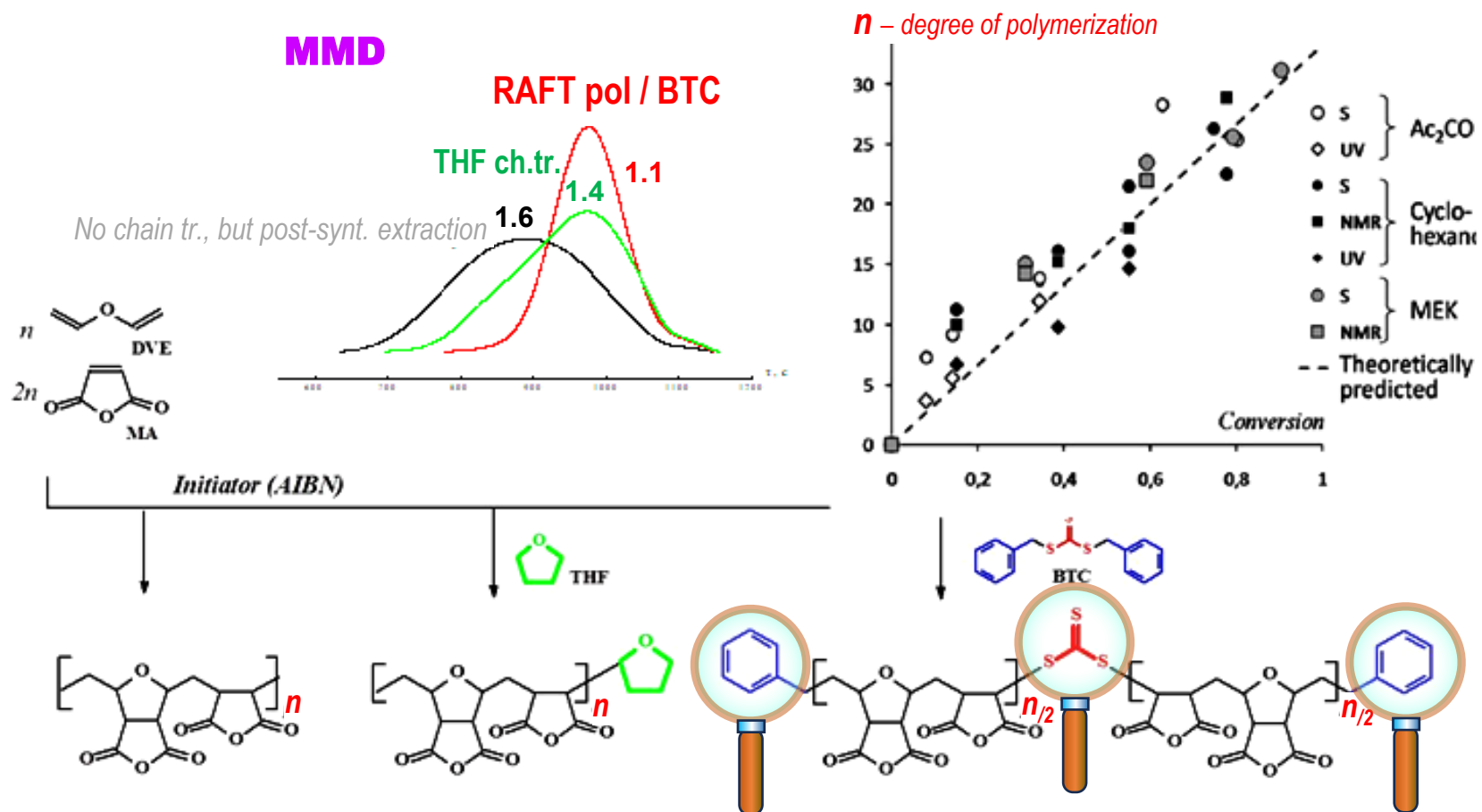
for regulation of polymeric chains propagation during the polymerization commonly chain transfer agent of irreversible or reversible modes are used



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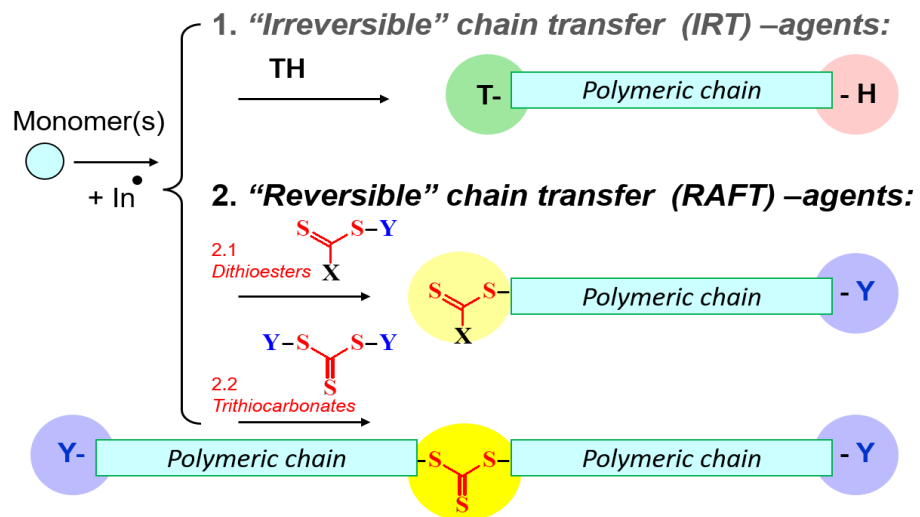
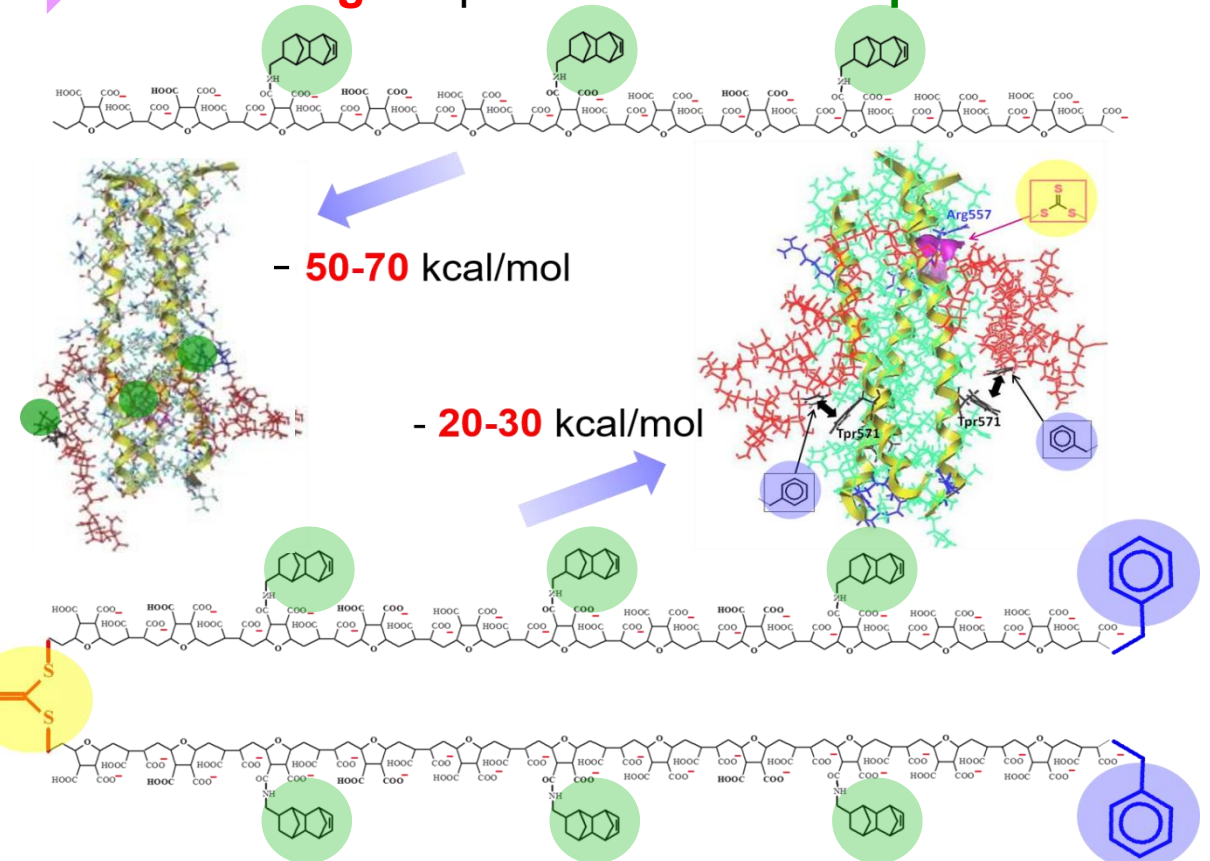


Comments

- In studied case the best MM-controlling results were observed for reversible three thiocarbonate RAFT-agent
- However this method have one by-effect: inserting the threethiocarbonate residue in center of chain and the benzene cycles – in both tails of the chain



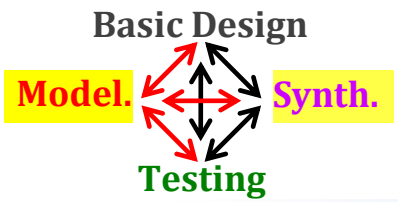
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for the **Synthesis methodology****Modeling** the possible **bio consequences**:**DOCKING**  
**+ MD**

## Comments

- So prior usage these methods we need estimate the possible bio consequences
- The MD shown significant decreasing the binding energy crucially required for purposed antiviral activity.

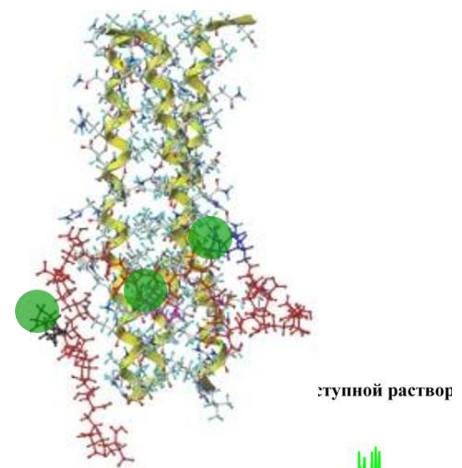
Therefore it indicates the necessity to find reverse corrections of the practical synthesis methodology to prevent or remove the undesired micro insertions within polymeric chain



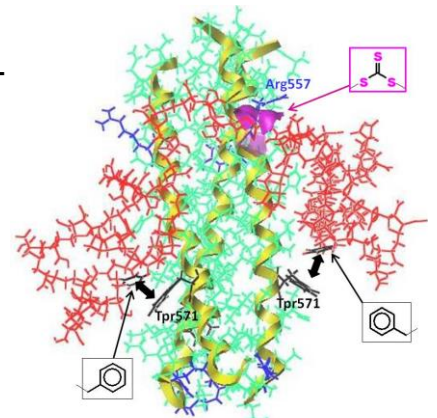
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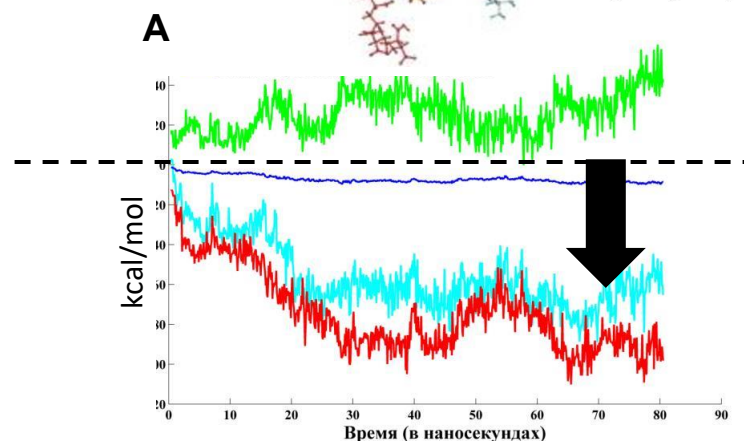
### 3.1. Providing the MM and MMD of Polymeric Basis required for the purposed bioactivity



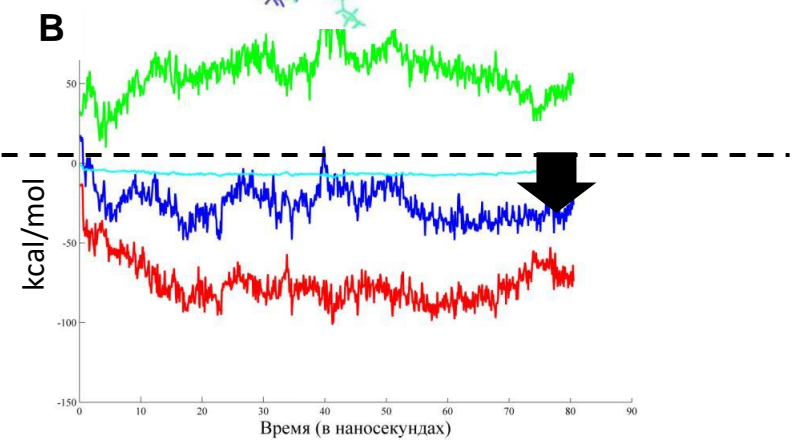
With RAFT residues



+ MD



Sum =  $|-50-70|$  kcal/mol



Sum =  $|-20-30|$  kcal/mol

Coulomb + hydration

Sum

van-der-Waals

Comments

No comment, illustration only

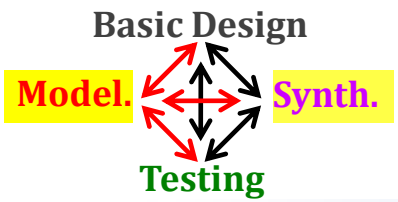


# Polymeric Chain Synthesis

## **Isomerism** **regulation**

*Comments*

*The second unique problem of the practical synthesis appeared as polymeric chain isomerism*



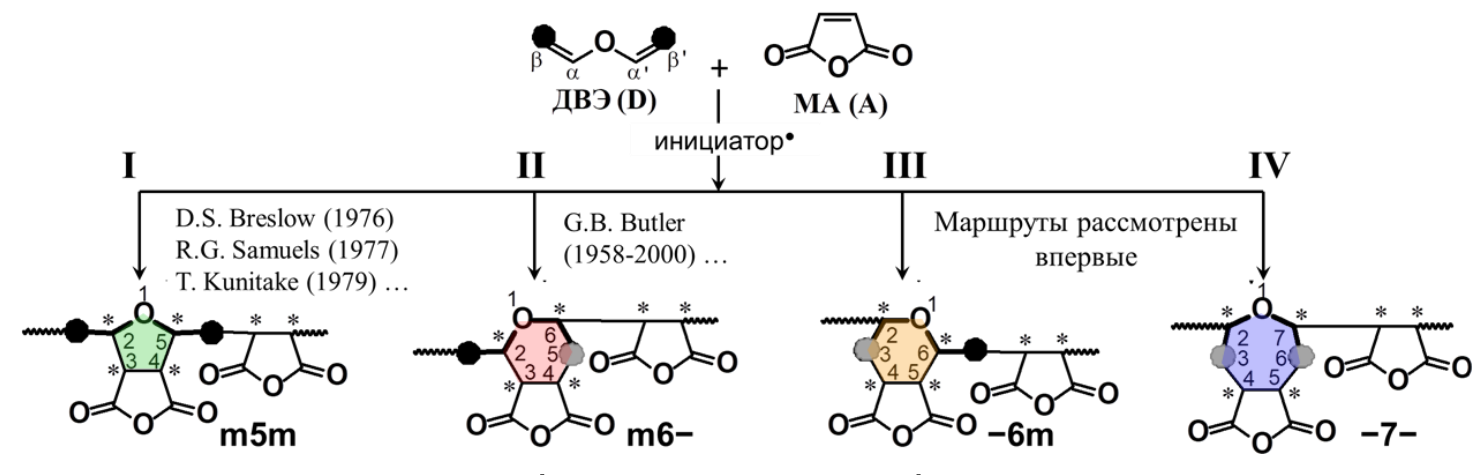
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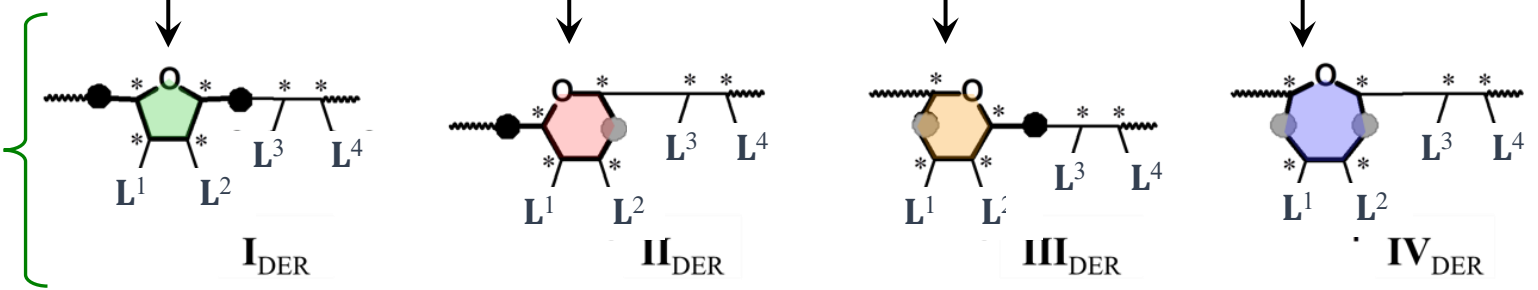
**4** routs  $\cdot$  **2<sup>6</sup>** stereo isomers = **256** isomeric variants of chin backbone units ?

Synthesis of the Parent Polymeric backbone, [-DVE(MA)-MA-]<sub>n</sub> which is reactive for the following conversions toward Poly-ANTIVIRALS



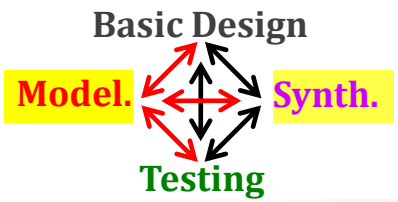
Controlled portion aminolysis (L<sup>i</sup>= COOH, CONHR), esterification (L<sup>i</sup>= COOH, COOR), final hydrolyzsis (L<sup>i</sup>= COOH↔COO<sup>-</sup>+H<sup>+</sup>);

**BIO ACTIVE**  
**Poly-ANTIVIRAL GENERATIONS**  
[ 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, presented above]



Comments

Alternating radical cyclo copolymerization of DVE with MA hypothetically could assume up to 256 variations of isomerism. Of course, some of them are predictable preferable. But no reliable information in this regard was found



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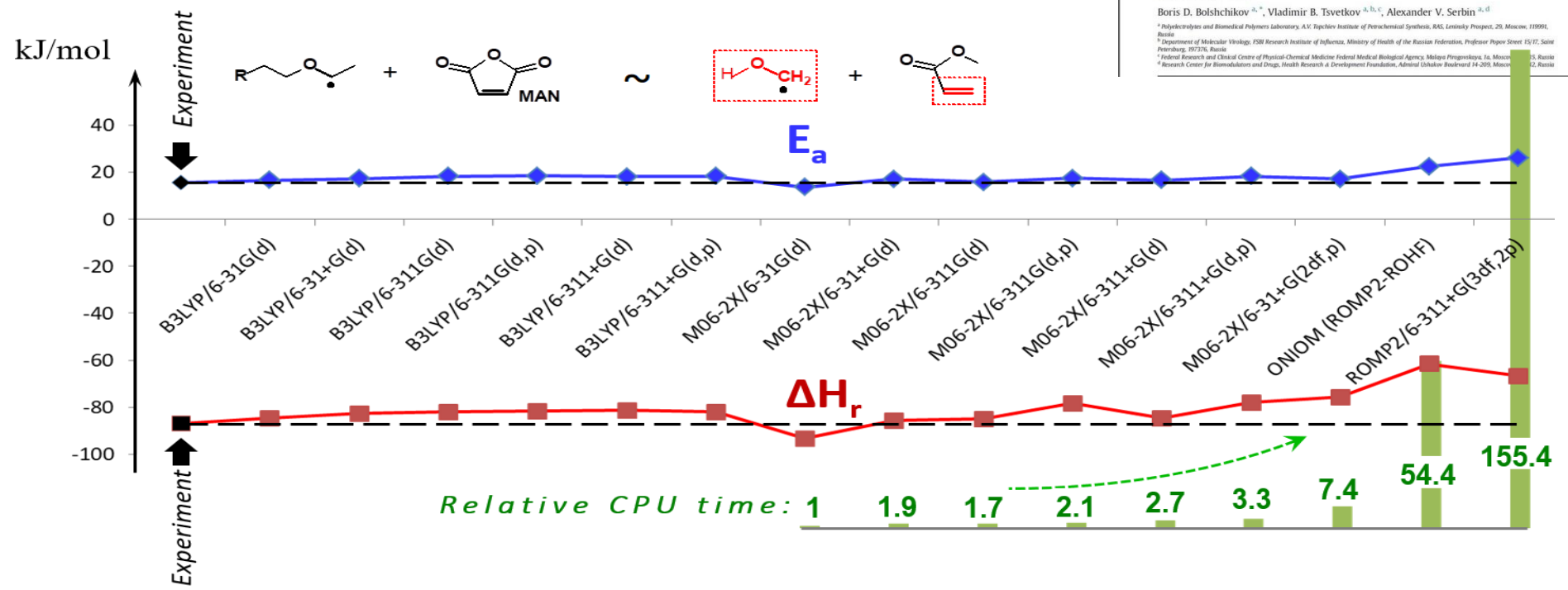
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*Quantum chemical investigation of chain isomerism regulation*

#### Methods

Approbation and selection of known Methods in search for

- CPU-time saving, but
- precisely adequate to estimation of the  $E_a$  and  $\Delta H_r$  in reference to experimental data about related reactions



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Comments

• Then a special quantum chemical studies in combination with kinetics modeling were performed in collaboration with Boris Bolshchikov



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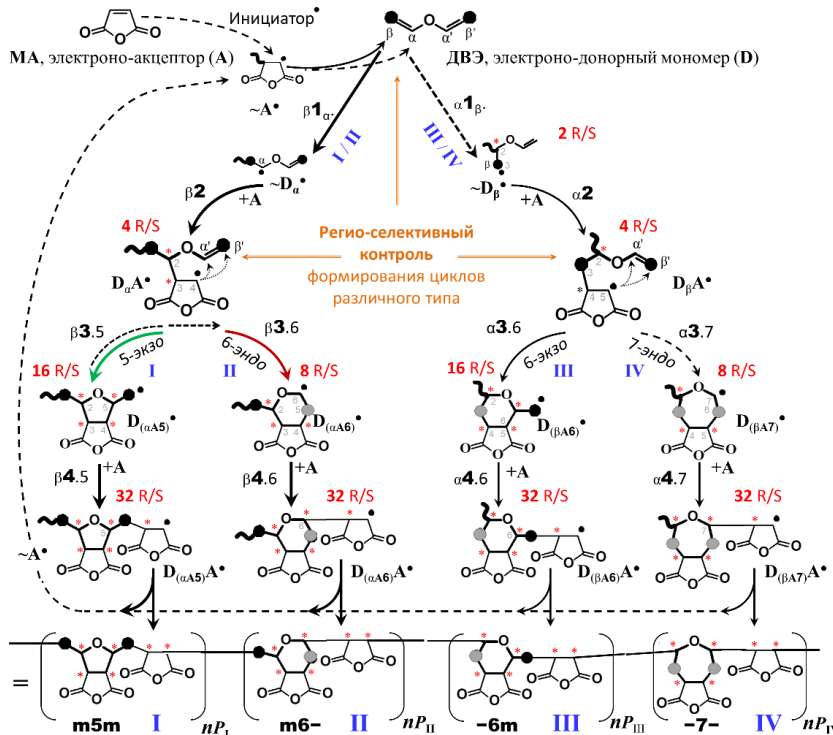
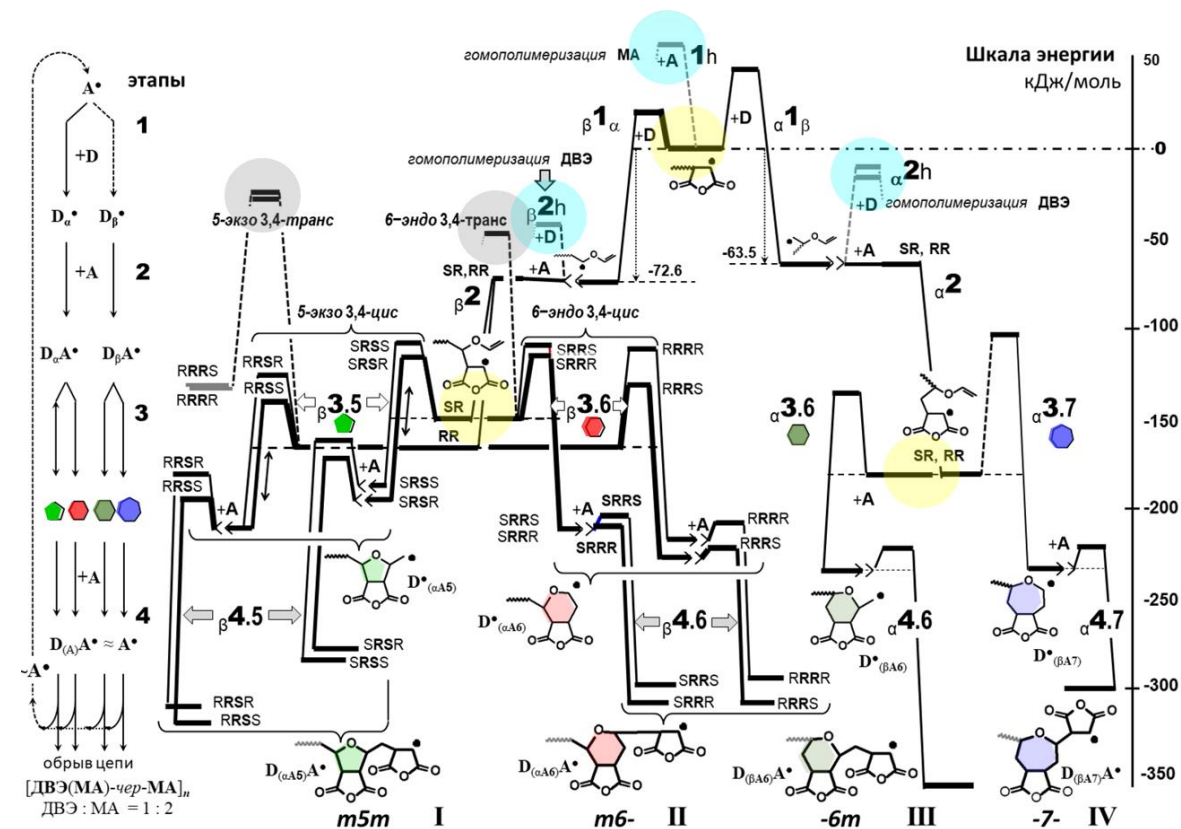
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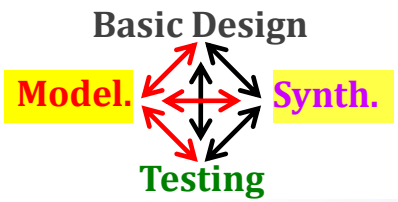
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## Stepwise sub-Reactions Map

Stepwise sub-Reactions' energy (the  $E_a$  and  $\Delta H_r$ ) Map

Comments

• All considerable routes of sub reactions and activation energies and enthalpies were estimated, mapped and analyzed.



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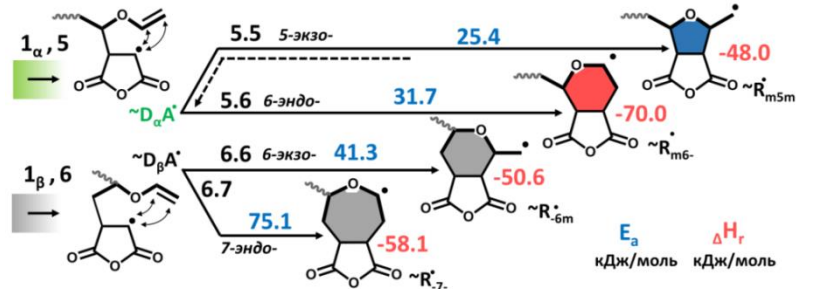


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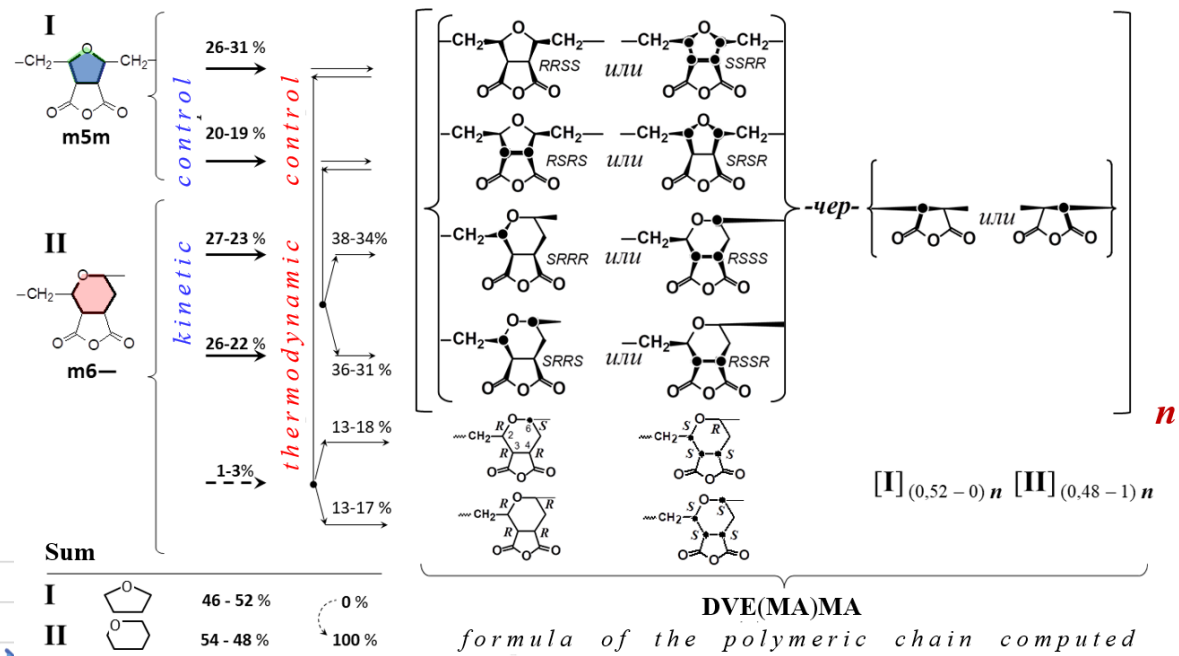
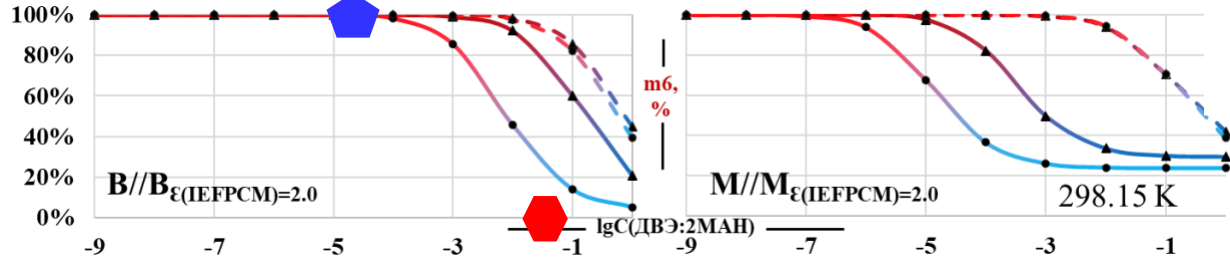
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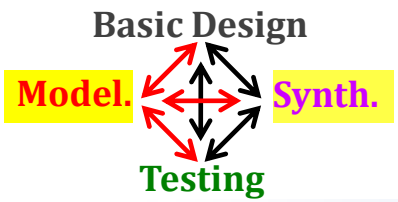
+ Kinetics Modeling



=  $f(\text{concentrations})$ ; as well as of other factors



Comments  
 • Crucial points and factors of kinetic and thermodynamic control of isomerism, as well as quantitative estimations of isomeric variations in polymeric chain were determined. The computational prognosis for possible variations of special experimental conditions allowing switching isomerism from furan-related cyclization toward pyran-related alternative were found and formulated in practical recommendations.



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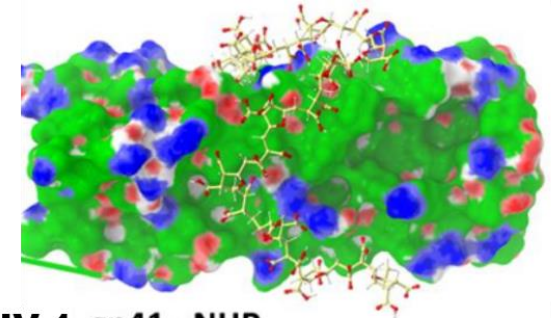


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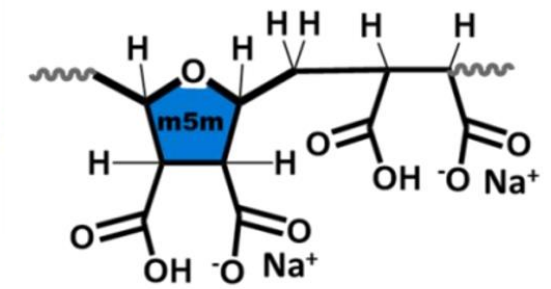
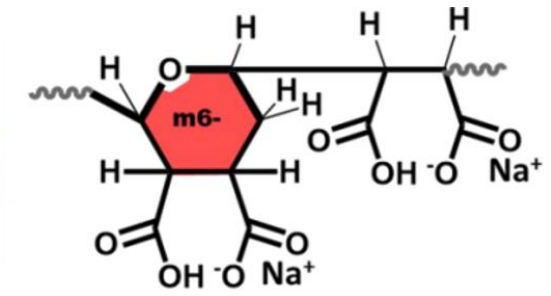
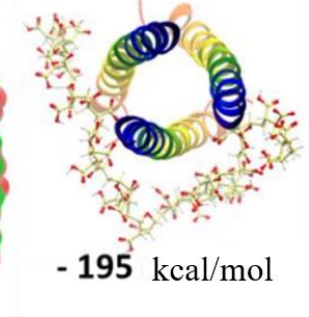
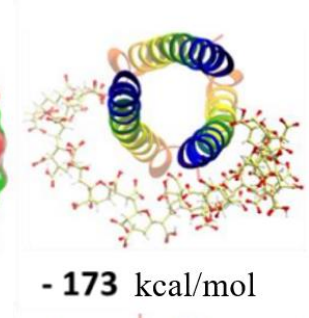
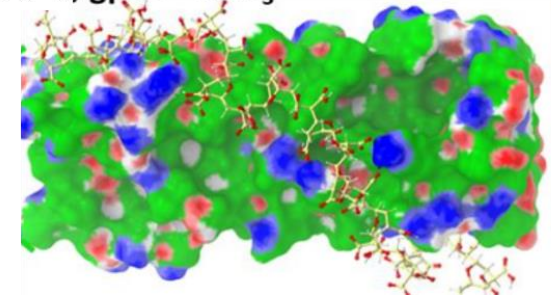
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**HIV-1, gp41 - NHR<sub>3</sub>**



Furanose-like cyclo- isomerism = *Nucleic Acids – related mimicry*

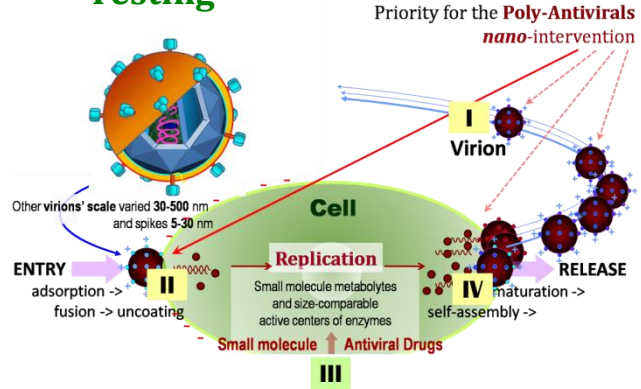
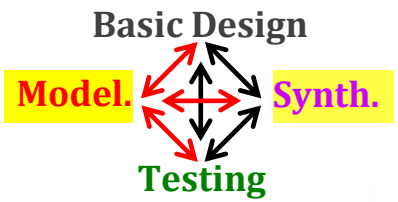
Comments In parallel, the different capacity to bind the viral target depending on furan / pyran related isomeric content was found  
 An ability to regulate proportions between pyranose and furanose like intrachain mimicry is very interesting from bio functional aspect of view.  
 • The first variant may imitates polysaccharide chains, while • second one – the nucleic acid backbone. • The last opportunity can be favorable factor for an enhanced IFN inducing activity, at least, but • pyranose related similarity – for imitation of some virus-responsible cell receptors.

# Current Results & Prospects

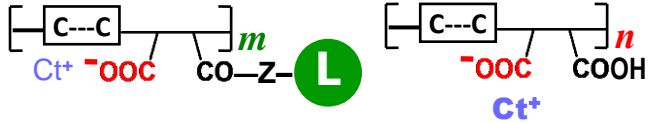
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- *And finally Current results & Prospects*

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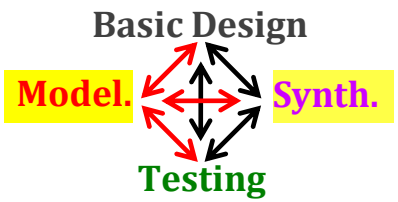
- I Virions**
  - Virions' surface (incl. Spikes) ← 1, 2
  - Virion Spikes ← 1, 2
  - Cell Receptors ← 1, 2
  - Cell membrane Raft –domains ← 5
  - Fusion Mediators ← 3, 4
- III Replication**
  - Nucleic Acids & complexes ← 1, 2
- IV Assembly**
  - Assembling pre-virion nano-units ← 6
  - Cell membrane Raft –domains ← 5

№	-Z-L	m/n	in vitro, SI = CC <sub>50</sub> /IC <sub>50</sub>			in vivo, Protection, %			
			HIV	Infl.	CMV	TBV	RbV	EEEV	
1	No Side Ligands	0	10-100	≤ 30	≤ 350	65(-)	55(82)	65(95)	
2	-Z-SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	≤ 0.80	>680	→10000	7500	↑ In vivo evaluations were performed under the <b>lethally hard conditions</b> up to <b>200 LD<sub>50</sub></b> of Viruses (in brackets – for combined: <b>PolyAntivirals + Vaccine</b> )			
3	-Z-Nb	0.1-0.3	>3300	>2140	240				
4	-Z-Ad	0.1-0.3	>1100	→10000	25				
5	-Z-Chol	≤ 0.03	>220	5400	-				
6	-Z-Pept <sup>Cell Receptors</sup>	≤ 0.02	→10000	-	-				
7	-Z-Pept <sup>Viral (HIV, MA)</sup>	≤ 0.01	+	← Test-Samples are completed for bio evaluations					

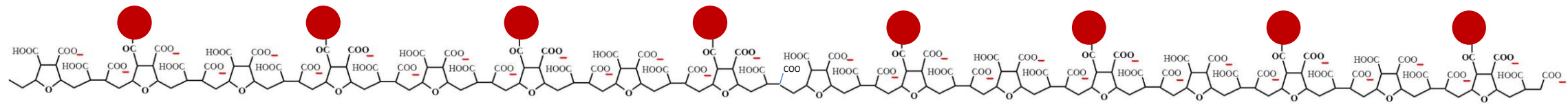
Comments  
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 Some other part of polyantiviral generations needs future studies basing on modeling techniques



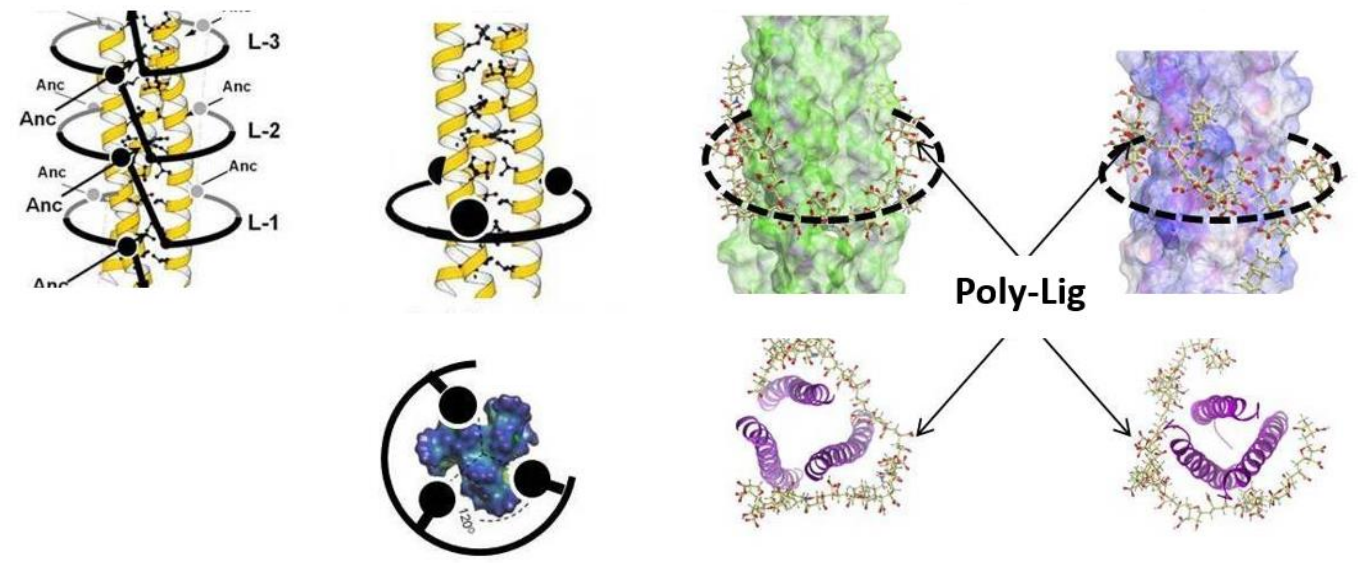
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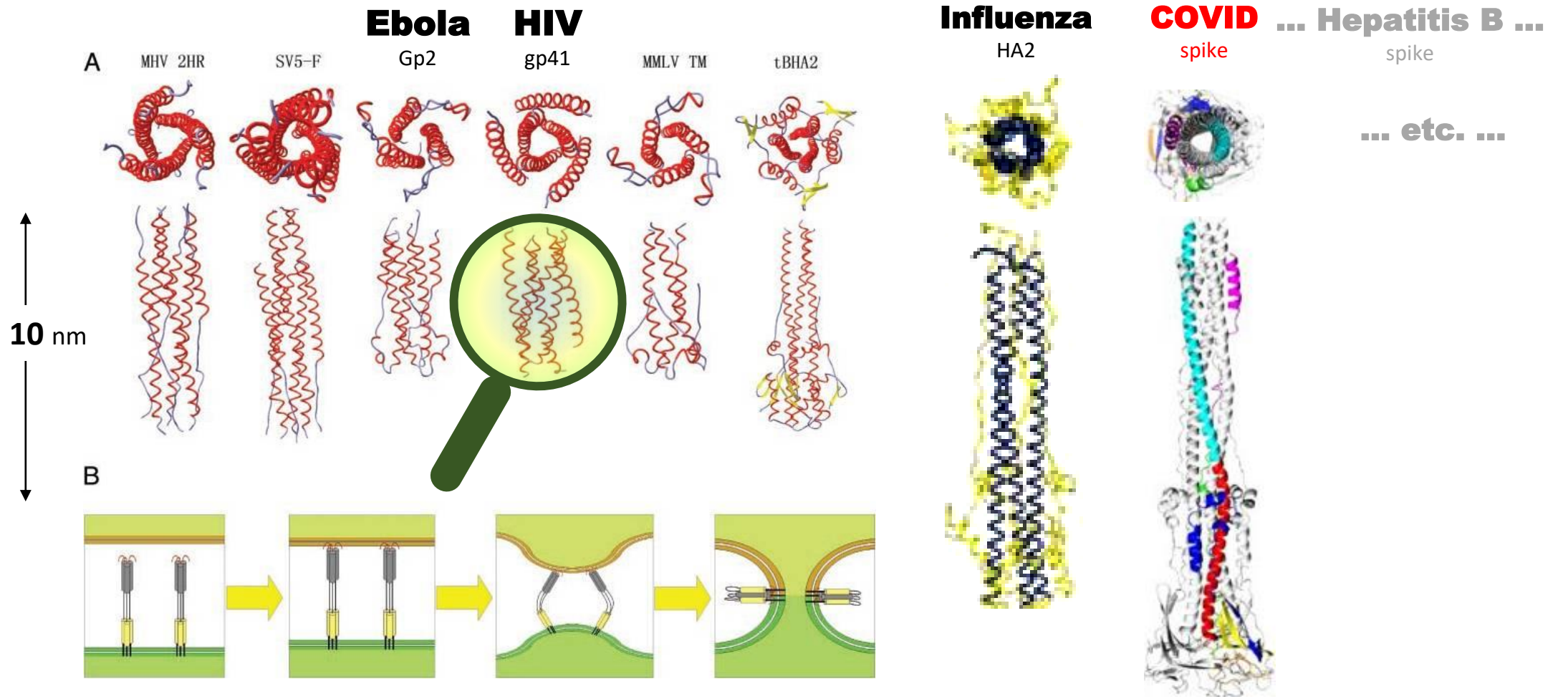
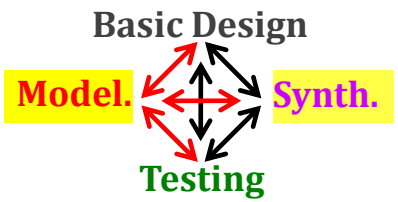
SI = 40-3 300 **HIV**     $\Rightarrow$     20-10 000 **Influenza**     $\Rightarrow$     ??? **Ebola**     $\Rightarrow$     ??? **CORONA**



Comments

- Current groundwork opens wide horizon for future advancing, including inhibition of other danger viruses Especially concerning the viruses with similar biomolecular mechanisms of entry into cells, where viruses can be stopped at the very initial stage

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