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Finding the High Specific Target Gene Among Cry1Ac & Cry2Ab In Resistance To Pesticide.

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ABSTRACT

Bacillus thuringiensis(Bt) is a very important organism in the present day biological experiments. It is a soil bacterium and now-a-days it is also being used to transfer some required genes which can improve the resistance of certain plants by killing larvae like Lepidoptera especially, Spodoptera insects. Cry (Crystal genes) genes are the important genes in the Bt which can improve resistance in the plants. Among the Cry genes, Cry1Ac & Cry2Ab genes are the important resistance giving genes. These should be transferred to the plants because Spodoptera larva are the infectious ones which cause drastic damage to the plants and rapidly decreases the productivity by the infectious proteins in them. Homology modeling is a technique in which we can design the structure of required proteins like 6-aminobuturate aminotransferase. The structure of Cry1Ac & Cry2Ab proteins are modeled using various Bio-Informatics tools. Then by docking these proteins with the disease causing protein of the Spodoptera larva and comparing the energies of the best minimized structures, we can conclude which Cry protein suits best to control these larvae and gives more resistance. So that we can check for the presence of that particular protein in the hybrid crops and increase their productivity.

Keywords:6-aminobuturate aminotransferase,BT, Homology modeling

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COTTON is a soft, fluffy staple fiber that grows in a boll, or protective capsule, around the seeds of cotton plants of the genus **Gossypium**. The plant is a shrub native to tropical and subtropical regions around the world, including the America, Africa, India, and Pakistan. The fiber most often is spun into yarn or thread and used to make a soft, breathable textile, which is the most widely used natural-fiber cloth in clothing today.

Scientific classification of Gossypium hirsutum

KINGDOM	:	Plantae
SUBKINGDOM	:	Tracheobionta
SUPERDIVISION	:	Spermatophyta
DIVISION	:	Magnoliophyta
CLASS	:	Magnoliopsida
SUBCLASS	:	Dillendilae
ORDER	:	Malvales
FAMILY	:	Malvaceae
GENUS	:	Gossypium
SPECIES	:	<i>hirsutum</i>

But now-a-days, cotton crop is being susceptible to many diseases/infections caused by so many pests and insects. These all should be controlled in order to protect and increase the productivity of the crop. These infections should be studied to find a solution to this problem and increase the productivity.

SPODOPTERA:

SCIENTIFIC CLASSIFICATION:

SUBCLASS	:	Pterygota
INFRACLASS	:	Neoptera
SUPERORDER	:	Endopterygota
ORDER	:	Lepidoptera
GENUS	:	Spodoptera
SPECIES	:	<i>littoralis</i>



(LARVAL FORM)



(ADULT FORM)

There are many species of Spodoptera which causes damage to the crops. **Spodoptera** is a genus of moths of the Noctuidae family. Many are known as pest insects. The larvae are sometimes called armyworms. Species include:

DAMAGE

The caterpillars of this moth feed mainly on leaves, munching on their edges and making holes, giving them a ragged and torn appearance. If the larvae are numerous, they can completely defoliate the plants. When they have exhausted their food source, they invade neighbouring vegetation - which may often be another crop - in large numbers ("armyworm"), devouring almost all suitable plant material in their path. Infestations often remain unnoticed at first, as the small larvae prefer feeding sites close to the ground. By far

most of the damage, however, is caused by the last instar larvae, which consume more plant biomass than all of the other instars put together. This often makes attacks by fall armyworm seem very sudden.

There are some preventive measures to control these pests like some pesticides, but they are not effective. So, some other alternatives should be searched. The genome of the Cotton plant can be altered. An organism named *Bacillus thuringiensis* have some genes which can give more resistance namely, Crystal proteins. So, it is very much important to modify the crop's genome and produce genetically modified(GM) crops [1]. This procedure gives us more resistive crop and also more productivity. In order to apply this procedure, first we need to study about the genome of the *Bacillus thuringiensis* and then about the gene transfer using vectors.

Bacillus thuringiensis (or Bt):

Bacillus thuringiensis is a Gram-positive, soil-dwelling bacterium, commonly used as a biological alternative to a pesticide; alternatively, the Cry toxin may be extracted and used as a pesticide. *B. thuringiensis* also occurs naturally in the gut of caterpillars of various types of moths and butterflies, as well as on the dark surface of plants. This has led to their use as insecticides, and more recently to genetically modified crops using Bt genes. There are however many crystal-producing Bt strains that do not have insecticidal properties.

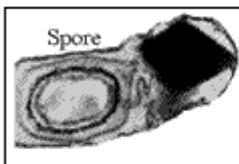
Genome description of Bacillus thuringiensis:

The genome of *Bacillus thuringiensis* consists of nearly 500 genes. These genes are **CRYSTAL** (Cry) proteins. These genes are mainly divided into Cry1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. then they are again divided into groups Cry1A, Cry1B,..., Cry2A, Cry2B,...,etc., Later they are again divided into Cry1Aa, Cry1Ab,..., Cry2Aa, Cry2Ab,...,etc., But among all these genes in the genome of the *Bacillus thuringiensis*, **Cry1Ac, Cry2Ab** are the genes which gives more resistance and can be transferred to the *Gossypium* genome for giving more resistance power. These Cry proteins are endotoxins and can be used to kill the pests of the cotton crop.

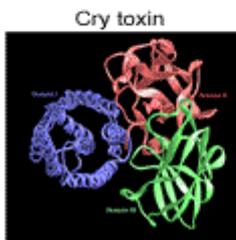
Bacillus thuringiensis



Gram-positive, spore-forming soil bacterium



Produce insecticidal crystal proteins (δ -endotoxins) during sporulation



Most *Bt* strains can synthesise more than one crystal, which may be formed by different Cry toxins

Cry toxins have specific activities against insect species of the orders Lepidoptera (moths and butterflies), Diptera (flies and mosquitoes), Coleoptera (beetles), hymenoptera (wasps, bees, ants and sawflies) and nematodes. Thus, *B. thuringiensis* serves as an important reservoir of Cry toxins for production of biological insecticides and insect-resistant genetically modified crops. When insects ingest toxin crystals, the alkaline pH of their digestive tract activates the toxin. Cry inserts into the insect gut cell membrane, forming a pore. The pore results cell lysis and eventual death of the insect.

Since cotton is a very important commercial plant, it's resistance over the pests and insects should be more. Among the pests infecting the Gossypium(cotton) crop, larvae of Lepidoptera and Spodoptera are the most infectious.

In order to increase the productivity of the cotton crop, we need to suppress the affect of these pests. This can be done by using endotoxins. These endotoxins can be produced by *Bacillus thuringiensis*(Bt). So, we have to transfer the genome of Bt into the cotton genome using various vectors.

USAGE OF VECTORS TO TRANSFER THE GENES

Essentially, gene transfer involves the delivery of therapeutic protein encoding nucleic acid to the target cells. The DNA consists of one or more genes to be expressed in the target cell and the sequences controlling their expression. The administration of genes as therapy requires transportation vehicles, called vectors, which encapsulate the gene and carry it into the target cell. The vector binds to the target cell membrane, and after this internalization takes place. The administered genome is then transported into the cell nucleus, where it is integrated into the genome of the cell or remains outside the genome as an episome in the nucleus, depending on the type of vector used. Every step in this process and the ultimate expression of the gene constitute potential limitations of gene therapy. If the 2- μ m plasmid is used as the basic vector and other bacterial and yeast segments are spliced into it, then a construct having several useful properties is obtained [2]. First, the 2 μ m segment confers the ability to replicate autonomously in the yeast cell, and insertion is not necessary for a stable transformation. Second, genes can be introduced into yeast, and their effects can be studied in that organism; then the plasmid can be recovered and put back into *E. coli*, provided that a bacterial replication origin and a selectable bacterial marker are on the plasmid. Such **shuttle vectors** are very useful in the routine cloning and manipulation of yeast genes.

PROTEIN DATA BANK (PDB):

The Protein Data Bank (PDB) format provides a standard representation for macromolecular structure data derived from X-ray diffraction and NMR studies.



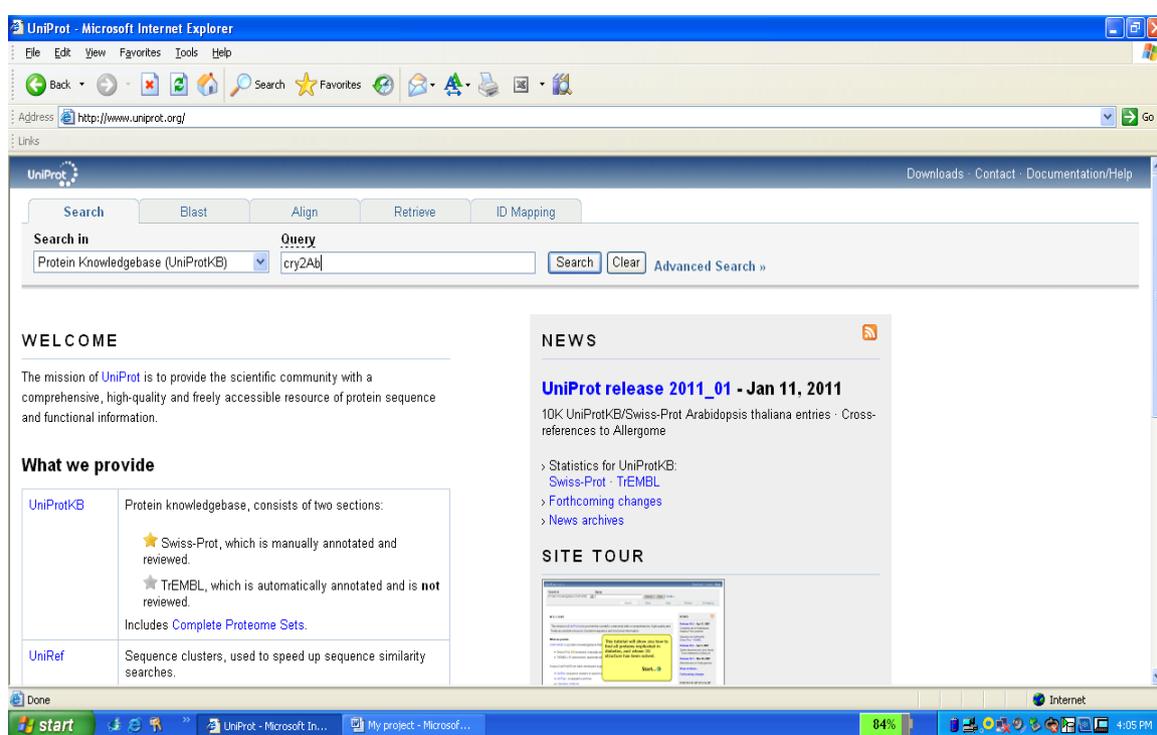
The file format initially used by the PDB was called the PDB file format. This original format was restricted by the width of computer punch cards to 80 characters per line. Around 1996, the "macromolecular Crystallographic Information file" format, mmCIF, started to be phased in. The "4hhb" is the PDB identifier. Each structure published in PDB receives a four-character alphanumeric identifier, its PDB ID. (This cannot be used as an identifier for biomolecules, because often several structures for the same molecule—in different environments or conformations—are contained in PDB with different PDB IDs.)The RCSB PDB also provides a

variety of tools and resources. These molecules are visualized, downloaded, and analyzed by users who range from students to specialized scientists [4].

UNIPROT

The UniProt Knowledgebase (UniProtKB) is the central hub for the collection of functional information on proteins, with accurate, consistent and rich annotation. In addition to capturing the core data mandatory for each UniProtKB entry (mainly, the amino acid sequence, protein name or description, taxonomic data and citation information), as much annotation information as possible is added. This includes widely accepted biological ontologies, classifications and cross-references, and clear indications of the quality of annotation in the form of evidence attribution of experimental and computational data.

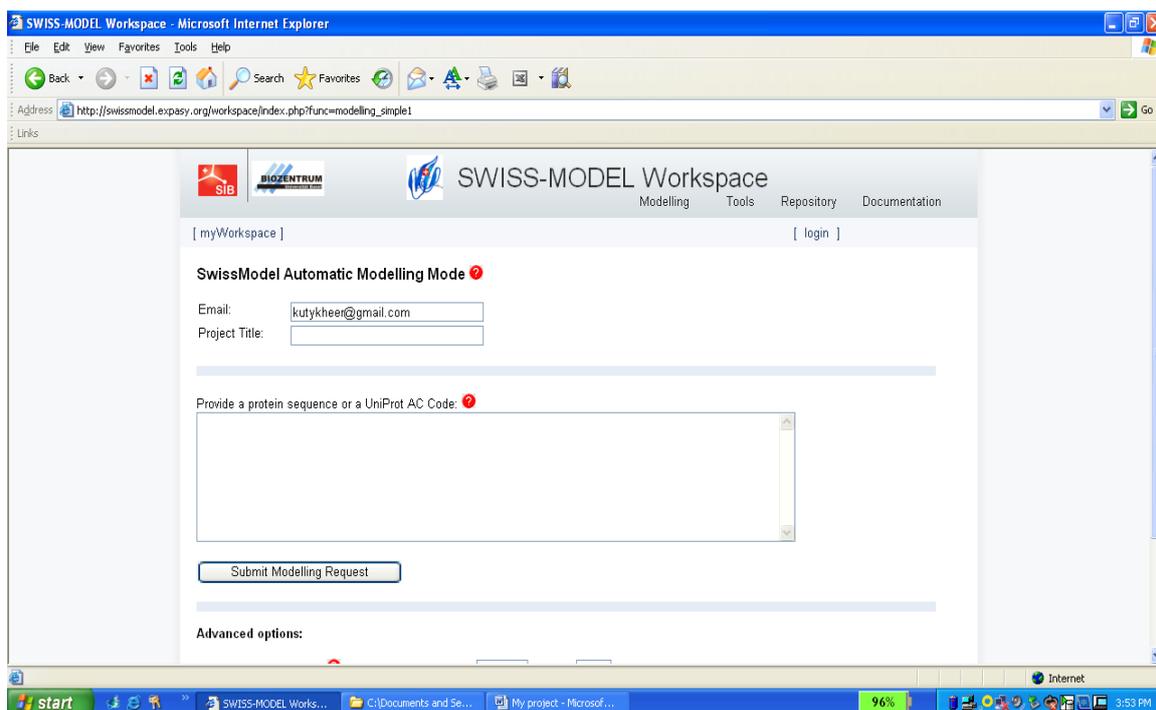
The UniProt Knowledgebase consists of two sections: a section containing manually-annotated records with information extracted from literature and curator-evaluated computational analysis, and a section with computationally analyzed records that await full manual annotation.



SWISS MODEL

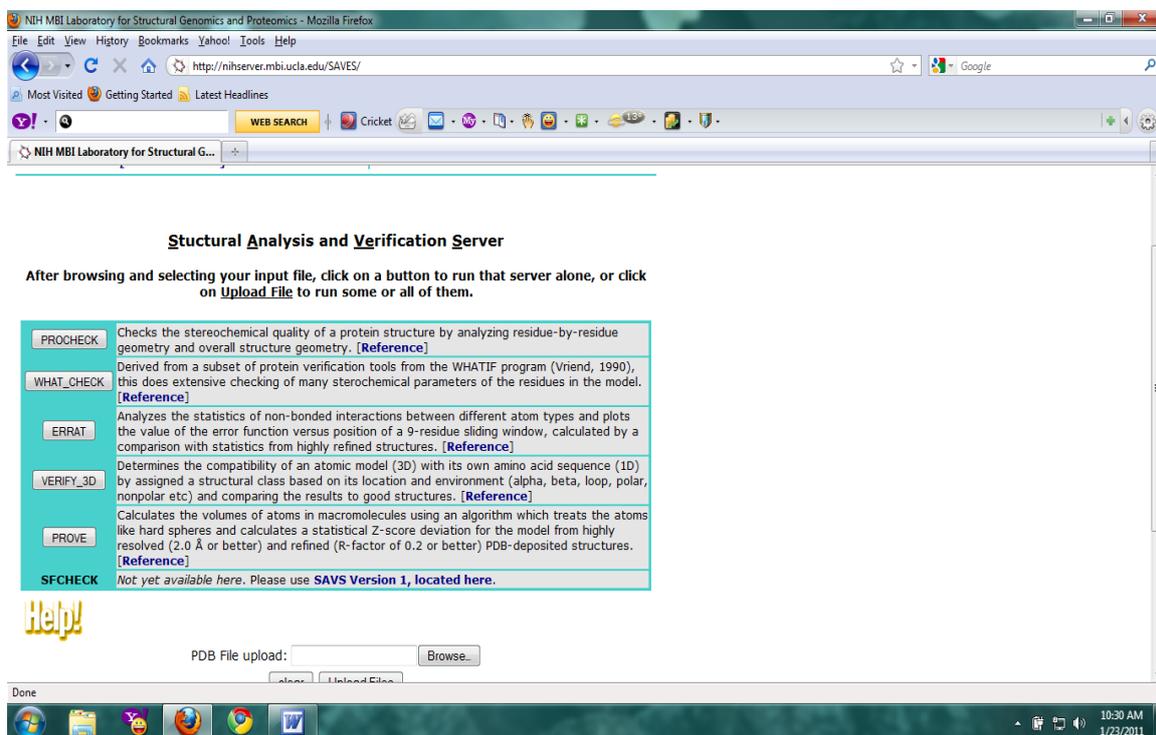
SWISS-MODEL is a fully automated protein structure homology-modeling server, accessible via the ExpASY web server, or from the program Deep View (Swiss Pdb-Viewer). The purpose of this server is to make Protein Modeling accessible to all biochemists and molecular biologists Worldwide. The SWISS-MODEL Repository is a database of annotated three-dimensional comparative protein structure models generated by the fully automated homology-modelling pipeline SWISS-MODEL.

SWISS-MODEL is developed by the Protein Structure Bioinformatics group at the SIB - Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics and the Biozentrum University of Basel



STRUCTURE ANALYSIS AND VERIFICATION SERVER (SAVS):

The below is the snapshot of the SAVS server which validates the protein structures:



SAVS is an online verification and validation server having some specific tests like PROCHECK, WHAT_CHECK, ERRAT, VERIFY_3D, PROVE. These are the tests / checks to verify whether the predicted structure is correct or not. This server also gives the Ramachandran plot for the specified structures predicted.

WETLAB TECHNIQUES

The extraction apparatus used to retrieve the proteins from the considered leaf tissue of the *Gossypium* (Cotton) plant consists of the following equipment:

- ❖ Glass tubes and rods to extract the tissue from the leaves of the cotton plant



The leaf tissues should be taken in an order according to the number of the samples of their planting in the glass tubes and should be smashed nicely to get its tissue proteins out from the samples. To do this extraction procedure we need to prepare certain solutions [3]. They are to be studied as follows:

- **1X Sample Buffer:** Take 50ml., of 10X sample extraction buffer, dilute it to 500ml., by adding D/W. Use 500ul or 1ml., per sample. Store at 4°C.
- **10X buffer A (for 1Lit):** Mix Buffer A (premix) in 800ml of Milli-Q/Distilled water. Add 1ml., of solution – A per 1000ml., using Milli-Q/Distilled water.
- **1X Buffer A:** Take 100ml., of 10X buffer A, dilute it to 1L by adding D/W.

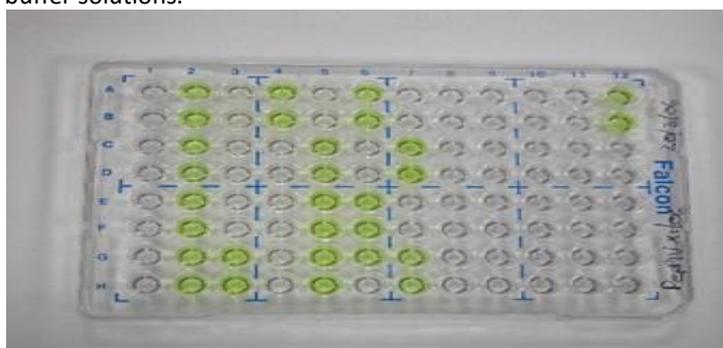
Sample preparation

For seed extract: Imbibe cotton seeds overnight in water. Remove seed cotton and place the seed in a microcentrifuge tube and add 500ul or 1ml., 1X sample extraction buffer. Crush with a pestle for 30sec., Use 50ul of this extract of sampling.

For leaf extracts: Punch out 3-4 leaf discs with a mcf tube by placing a leaf between the lid and the tube opening and closing the lid onto the leaf. Add 500ul or 1ml., 1X sample extraction buffer. Crush with a pestle for 30sec., Use 50ul., of this extract for sampling.

ELISA Apparatus:

After extracting the proteins from the leaf tissue, we need to keep them in the ELISA plate and follow certain steps by adding some buffer solutions.



- 1, 94 - B - BLANK
- 2, 95 - P - POSITIVE
- 3, 96 - N - NEGATIVE

After keeping the samples in the ELISA plate, we need to keep the plate in the ELISA Reader for the positive and negative results of the protein presence in the samples considered.

ELISA READER

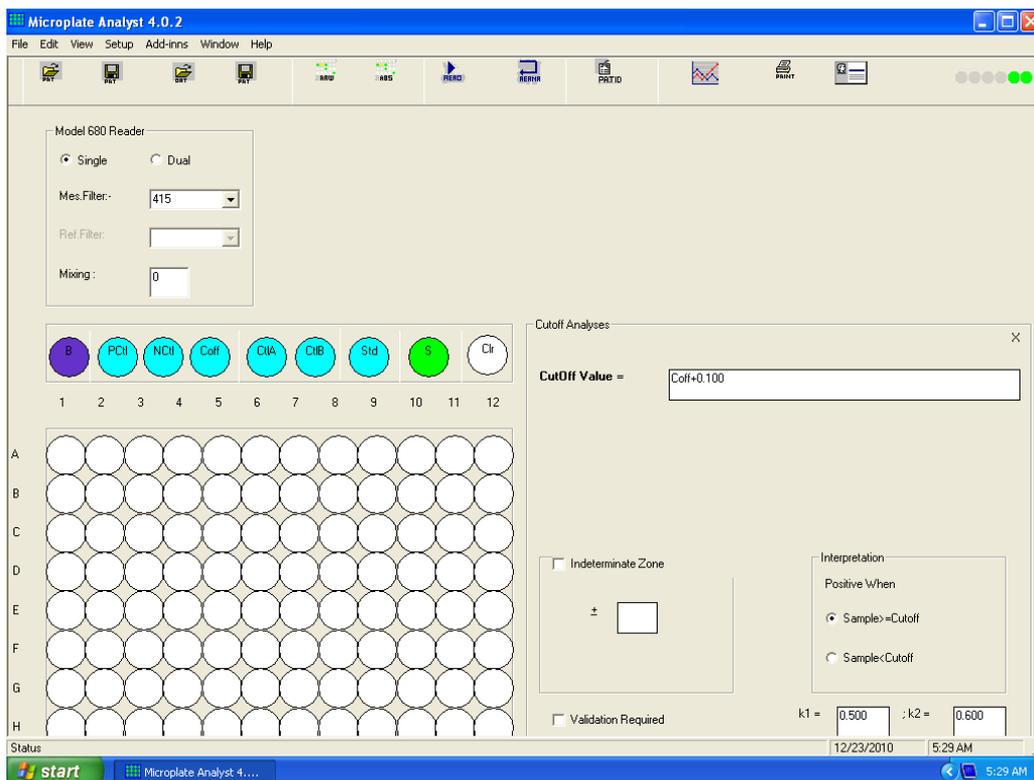


From the considered samples, we need to keep them in the ELISA Reader and give a certain absorbance value to get the results.

Cutoff value = $(1^{st} \text{ blank reading} + 2^{nd} \text{ blank reading})/2 + 0.1$

Among the obtained results, we need to check the values of the readings. Then, we have to note the values . If the values are more than the cutoff value, then we can conclude that the sample contains the specified protein and if it is less than that value, the protein is not present in the considered sample.

ELISA SOFTWARE

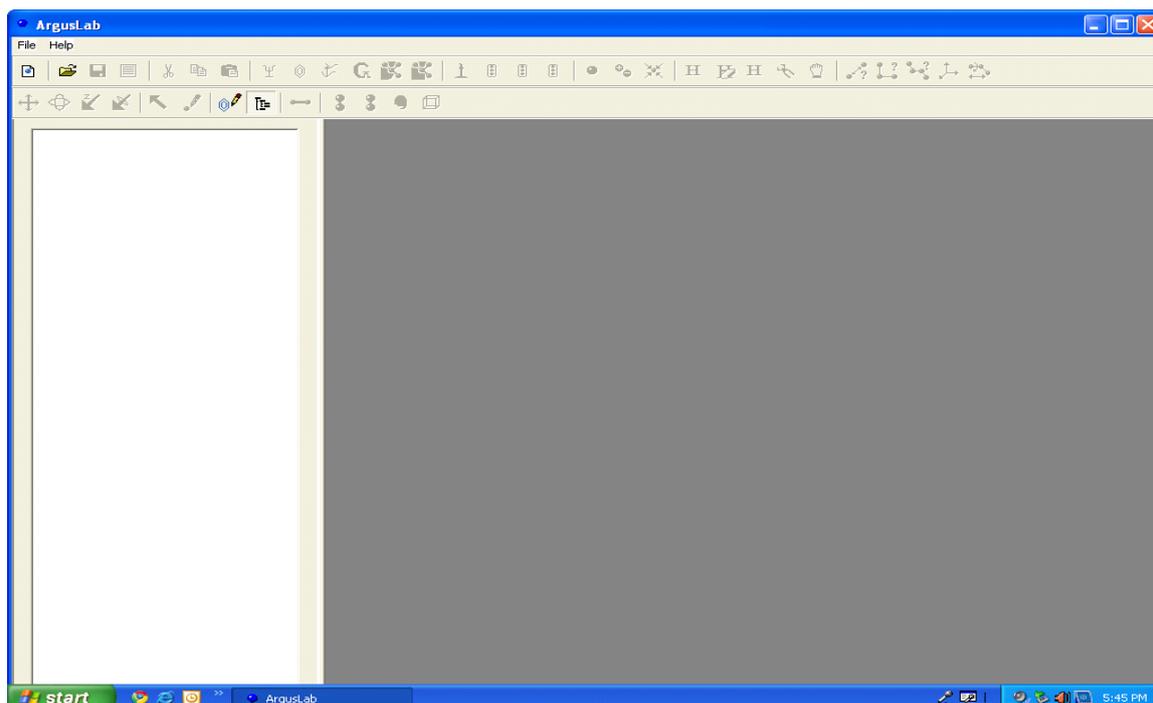


This is a microplate analyst. After analyzing all the samples in the ELISA plate and then keep it in the ELISA Reader, then, we can get the readings required for the considered samples.

TOOLS USED

ARGUS LAB

ARGUSLAB is a freely available tool in the online. It is used to do the valency satisfaction of the protein molecules, their minimization. It is mainly used to dock the target and ligand molecules. So that, it gives the poses of different conformations of the molecules. In that, we have to select the first best pose, which is having the minimum energy. The snapshot of the ARSUSLAB is as follows:



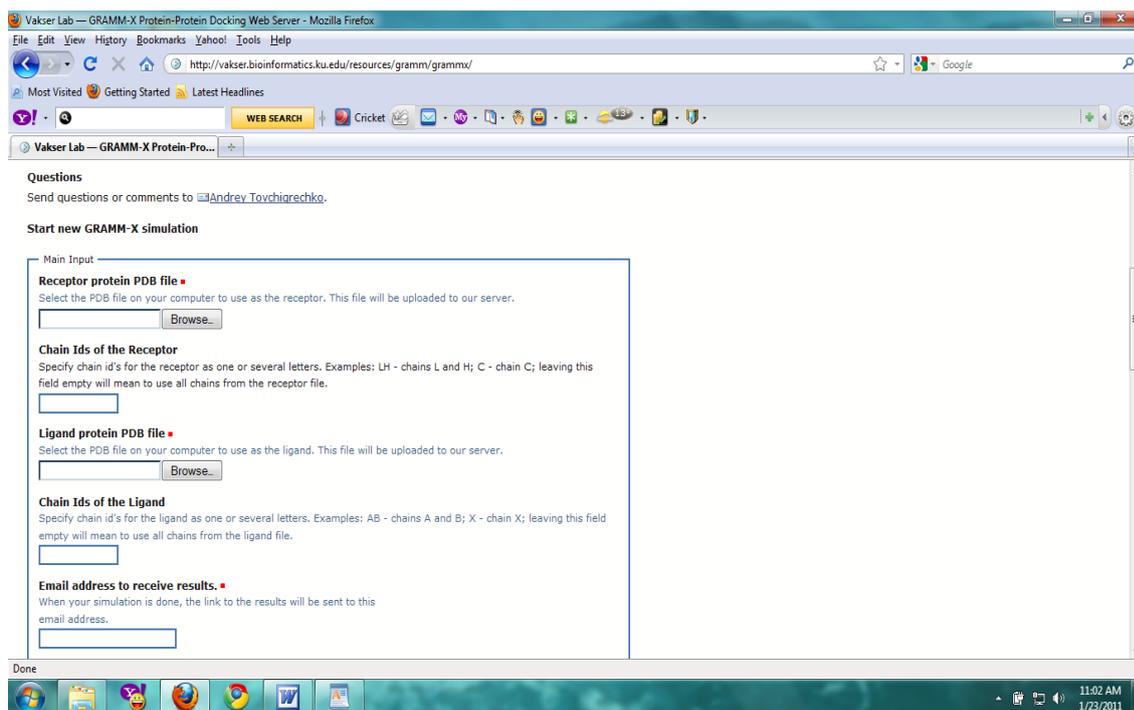
GRAMM Server:

This is the Web interface to our current protein docking software made available to the public. This software is different from the original GRAMM, except that both packages use FFT for the global search of the best rigid body conformations.

This server will ignore any small ligands or other non-protein molecules in the input files. It is designed exclusively for docking pairs of protein molecules.

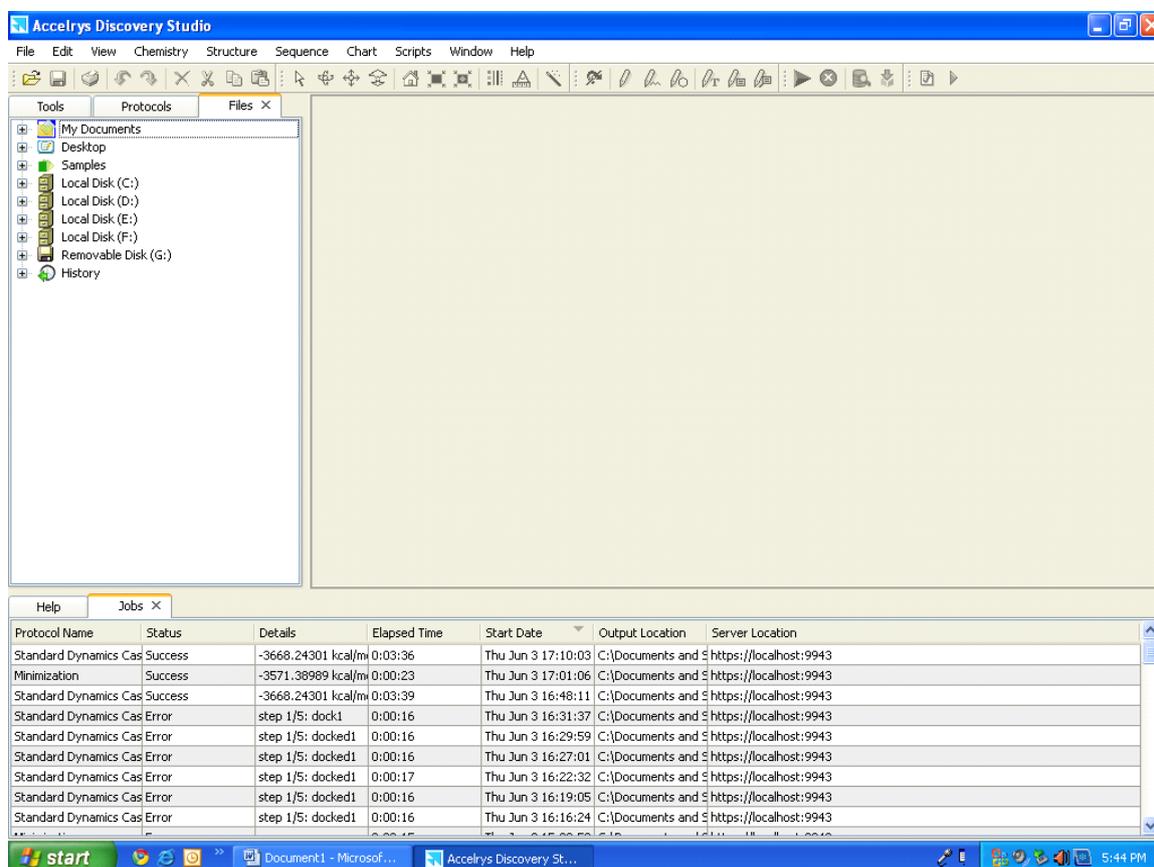
You can submit input files and parameters to this web server and the docking simulation will be run on our computer cluster.

When the results are ready, they will be saved in a temporary directory on the web server and the link to that directory will be sent to user.



ACCELRYS DISCOVERY STUDIO

It is a commercial software. It is used to calculate the various energies of the docked molecules. First, we have to apply the force field which is suitable to the loaded molecule and then, we have to perform the simulation studies like, minimization, standard dynamics. With the obtained results, we can find out the best suited drug to the selected target protein. The snapshot of the ACCELRYS STUDIO is as follows:



ALGORITHMS

The algorithms used in the simulation study work are **STEEPEST DESCENT, CONJUGATE GRADIENT, LEAPFROG ALGORITHM**. They can be explained in the following way:

STEEPEST DESCENT

The method of **steepest descent** or **stationary phase method** or **saddle-point method** is an extension of Laplace's method for approximating an integral, where one deforms a contour integral in the complex plane to pass near a stationary point (saddle point), in roughly the direction of steepest descent or stationary phase. The integral to be estimated is often of the form:

$$F(\lambda) = \int_{\gamma} f(z) e^{\lambda S(z)} dz,$$

where $\lambda > 0$, $\lambda \rightarrow +\infty$ is a large parameter, γ is a contour in the complex z -plane, and the functions $f(z)$ and $S(z)$ are holomorphic in a domain D containing γ . The zeros of $S'(z)$ are called the saddle points of $S(z)$. The essence of the method is as follows. The contour γ is deformed to a contour $\tilde{\gamma}$ with the same end-points and lying in D and such that $\max_{z \in \tilde{\gamma}} \operatorname{Re} S(z)$ is attained only at the saddle points or at the ends of $\tilde{\gamma}$.

CONJUGATE GRADIENT

The **conjugate gradient method** is an algorithm for the numerical expression of particular systems. The conjugate gradient method is an iterative method, so it can be applied to sparse systems that are too large to be handled by direct methods such as the Cholesky decomposition. Such systems often arise when numerically solving partial differential equations. The conjugate gradient method can also be used to solve unconstrained optimization problems such as energy minimization.

The biconjugate gradient method provides a generalization to non-symmetric matrices. Various nonlinear conjugate gradient methods seek minima of nonlinear equations.

Suppose we want to solve the following system of linear equations.

$$\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$$

where the n -by- n matrix \mathbf{A} is symmetric (i.e., $\mathbf{A}^T = \mathbf{A}$), positive definite (i.e., $\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{Ax} > 0$ for all non-zero vectors \mathbf{x} in \mathbf{R}^n)

LEAPFROG ALGORITHM

Leapfrog integration is a simple method for integrating differential equations, particularly in the case of a dynamical system. The method is known by different names in different disciplines. In particular, it is similar to the **Velocity Verlet** method, which is a variant of Verlet integration. Leapfrog integration is equivalent to calculating positions and velocities at interleaved time points, interleaved in such a way that they 'leapfrog' over each other. For example, the position is known at integer time steps and the velocity is known at integer plus half time steps.

Leapfrog integration is a second order method and hence usually works better than Euler integration, which is only first order. Unlike Euler integration, it is stable for oscillatory motion, as long as $dt < 1/\omega$.

$$\mathbf{r}(t + \delta t) = \mathbf{r}(t) + \mathbf{v}\left(t + \frac{1}{2} \delta t\right) \delta t$$

$$\mathbf{v}\left(t + \frac{1}{2} \delta t\right) = \mathbf{v}\left(t - \frac{1}{2} \delta t\right) + \mathbf{a}(t) \delta t$$

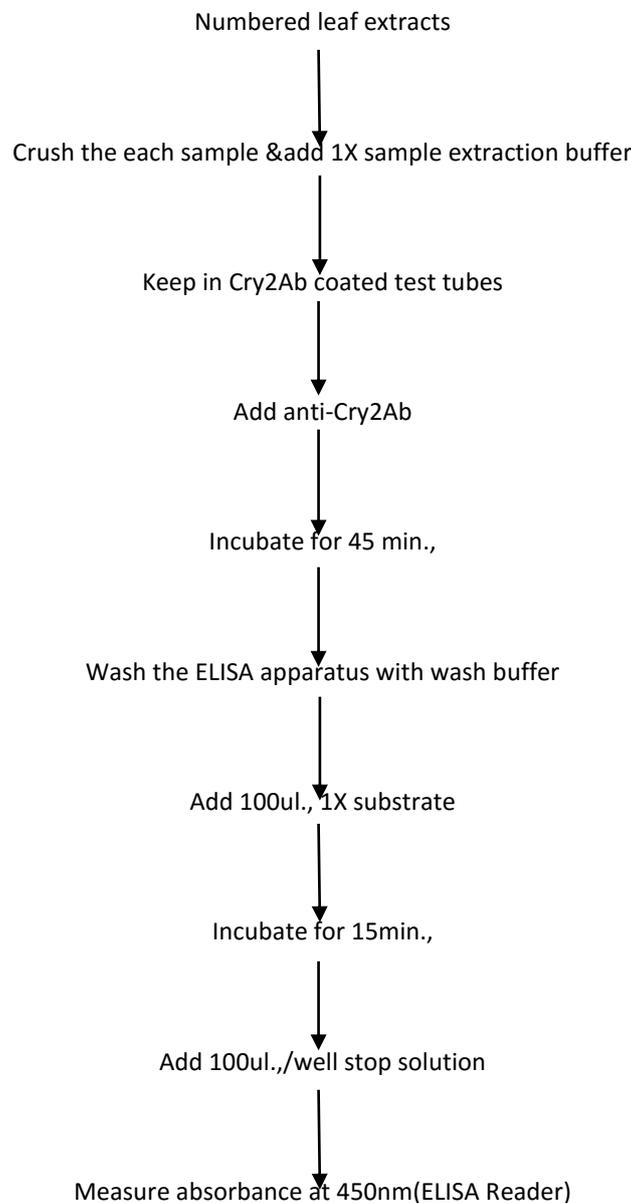
In this algorithm, the velocities are first calculated at time $t+1/2dt$; these are used to calculate the positions, r , at time $t+dt$. In this way, the velocities *leap* over the positions, then the positions *leap* over the velocities. The advantage of this algorithm is that the velocities are explicitly calculated, however, the disadvantage is that they are not calculated at the same time as the positions. The velocities at time t can be approximated by the relationship:

$$v(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[v\left(t - \frac{1}{2} \delta t\right) + v\left(t + \frac{1}{2} \delta t\right) \right]$$

METHODOLOGY

Leaf samples from 90 Bt cotton plants have been taken for the checking of presence of Cry1Ac and Cry2Ab proteins which are endotoxins. To do this, we need to use extraction apparatus and ELISA Reader. Here, we need to perform series of steps to check the presence of required Cry1Ac & Cry2Ab proteins.

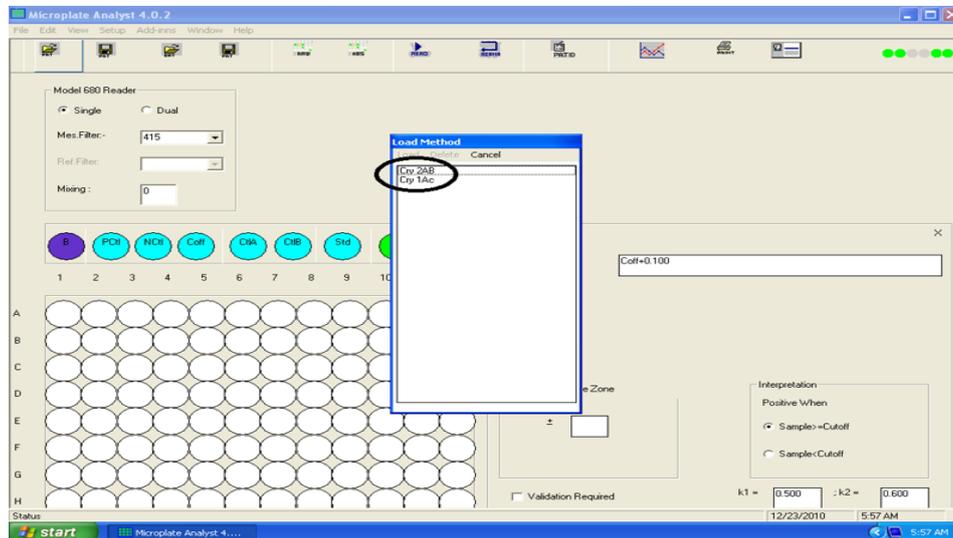
SERIES OF STEPS TO EXTRACT PLANT PROTEIN



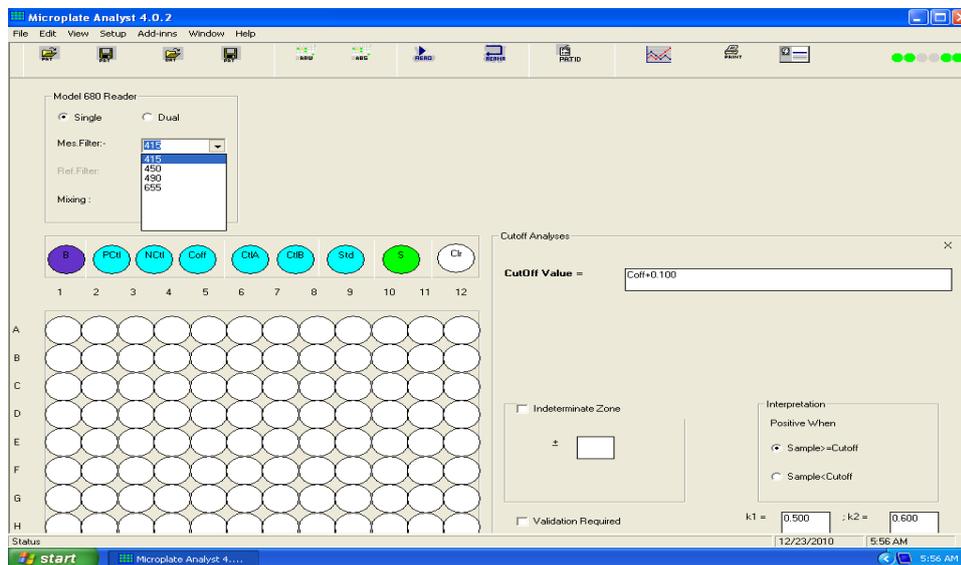
Criteria for a valid ELISA test / Classification of positives

After doing all the steps in the protocol, we need to keep the microplate in the ELISA Reader, then we need to keep it give specific options for each protein in the microplate analyst software.

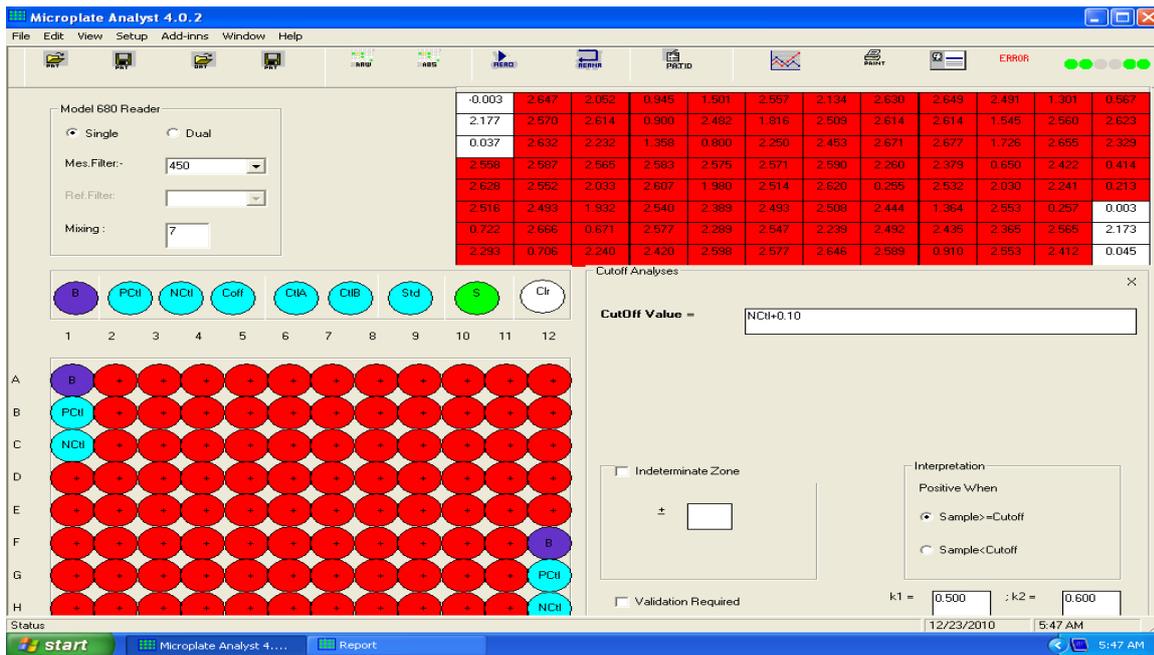
The below is the snapshot to select the specific protein to be tested which gives us the result in the considered samples.



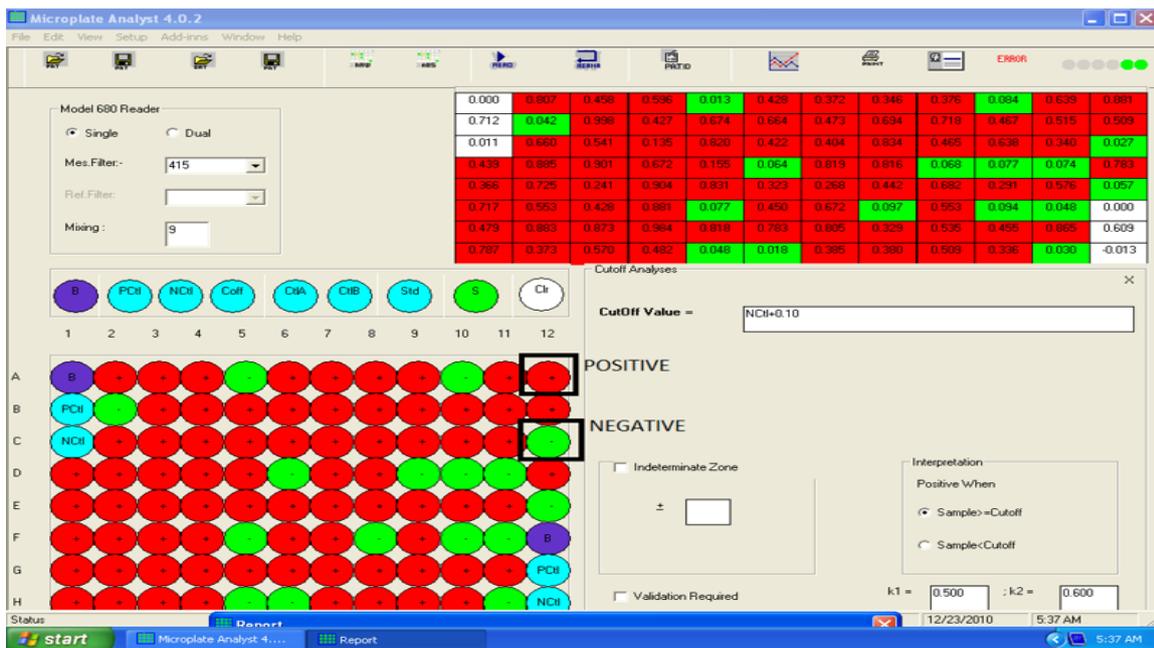
Sample wells with all reagents added except seed/leaf extract(blank wells), should have an absorbance value below 0.150 at 450nm at the time of taking the reading.



The below is the snapshot of results of ELISA Reader of Cry1Ac protein.



The below is the snapshot of the results of ELISA Reader of Cry2Ab protein.



The above are the results of respected proteins, Cry1Ac & Cry2Ab

- The **Violet** coloured blocks - **Blank**
- The **Red** coloured blocks - **Positive** results
- The **Green** coloured blocks - **Negative** results
- The **Blue** coloured blocks - **Positive & Negative** blocks (test tube)

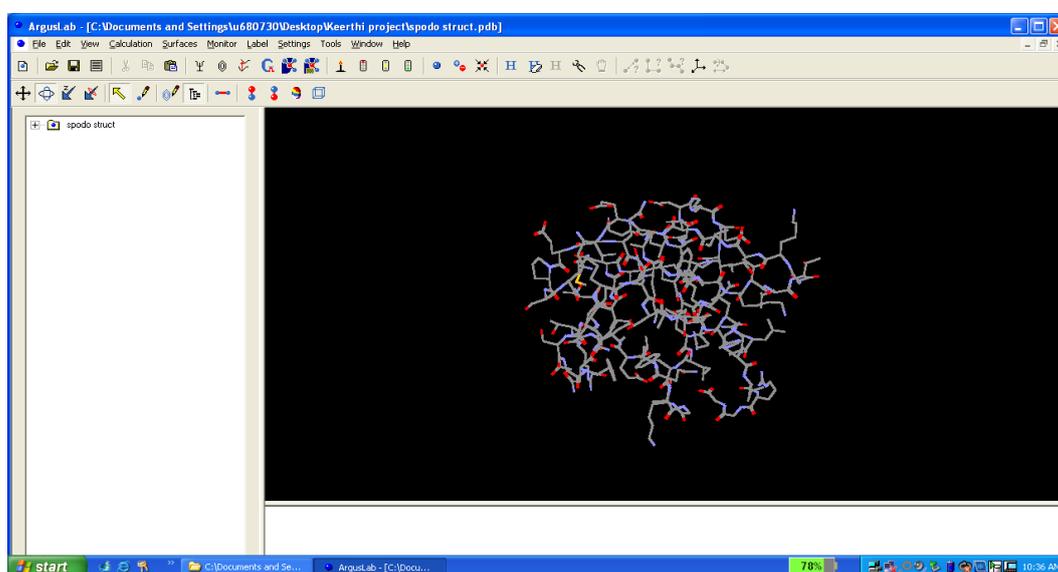
Later, we have to consider only the positive samples and send them in individual groups to the experimental lanes for the testing of their susceptibility and resistance. According to that we can decide, the presence of which protein gives more resistance to the Cotton crop.

We can also prove these results by testing the proteins after docking them with the disease causing protein i.e., **6-aminobutarate aminotransferase of Spodoptera**. Atlast, we can decide which protein gives the best result of giving resistance to the Cotton crop [5].

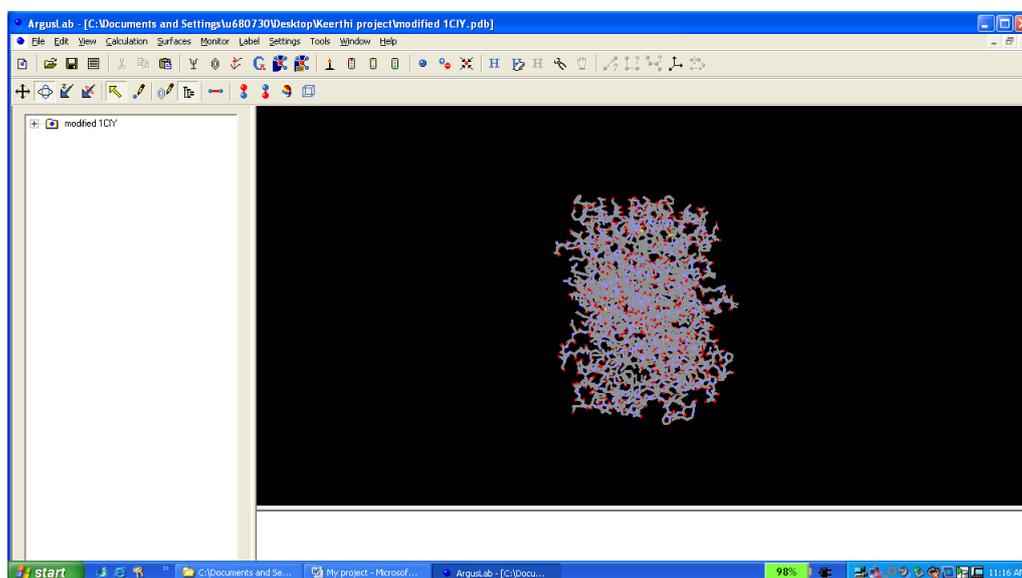
DRYLAB EXPERIMENTAL METHODOLOGY:

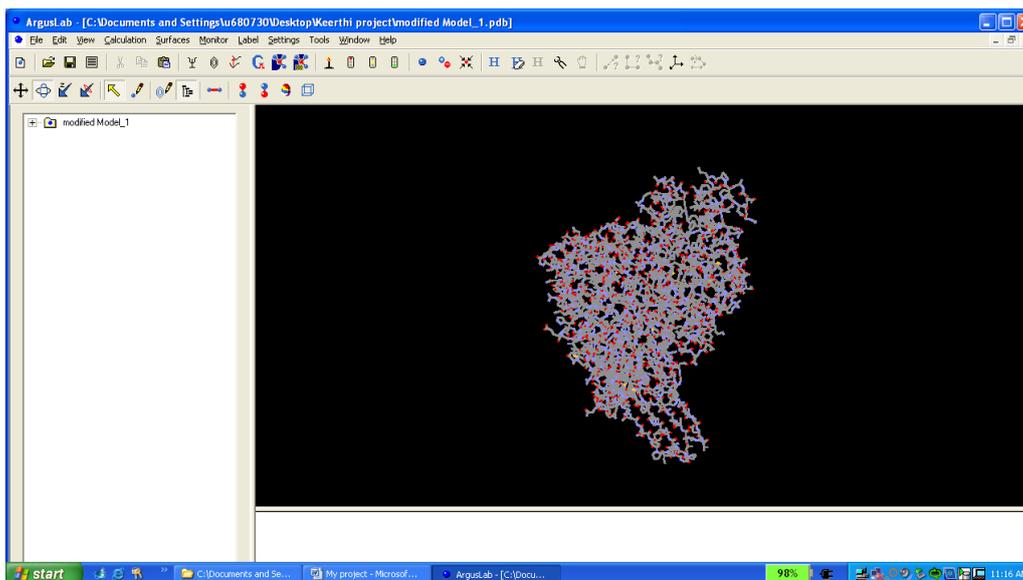
For the experimental proof of the resistance based problem of Bt Cotton genes/proteins, we have to take the diseases causing protein i.e., 6aminobutarate aminotransferase from the Spodoptera larva and dock them with the Cry1Ac and Cry2Ab proteins.

First, we need to retrieve the pdb structures of the disease causing protein i.e., 6aminobutarate aminotransferase of Spodoptera larva pests of the cotton plants and then we have to remove the hydrogen atoms from those structures and load them in the ARGUS LAB to view the structure of the protein. The retrieved and loaded structure of the Spodoptera larva which causes more infection to the Gossypium species is as follows:



Then, we have to do the homology modelling for the Cry1Ac and Cry2Ab proteins. We can do this by retrieving the sequence from the **Uniprot** and if we give that particular sequence in the **SWISS MODEL**, the results of the structures are sent to the mail ID. Then, we can load in the ARGUS LAB and can view them after removing hydrogen atoms from them.

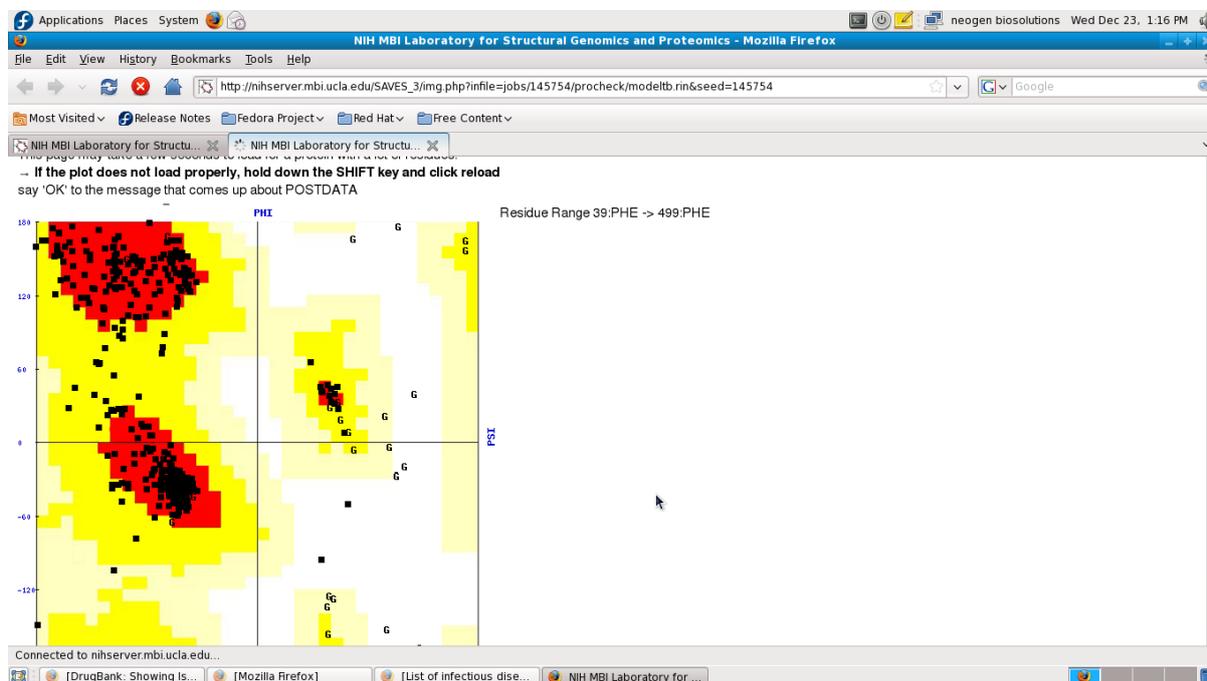




Later, we have to dock the Cry1Ac & Cry2Ab individually with the disease causing proteins of Lepidoptera and Spodoptera using an online server GRAMMx. If we, we browse and give the pdb files to the server, we can get the docked structures to the mail ID. Then, we can load these docked structures in the **Accelrys Discovery STUDIO** to view the structures and calculate the minimised energies.

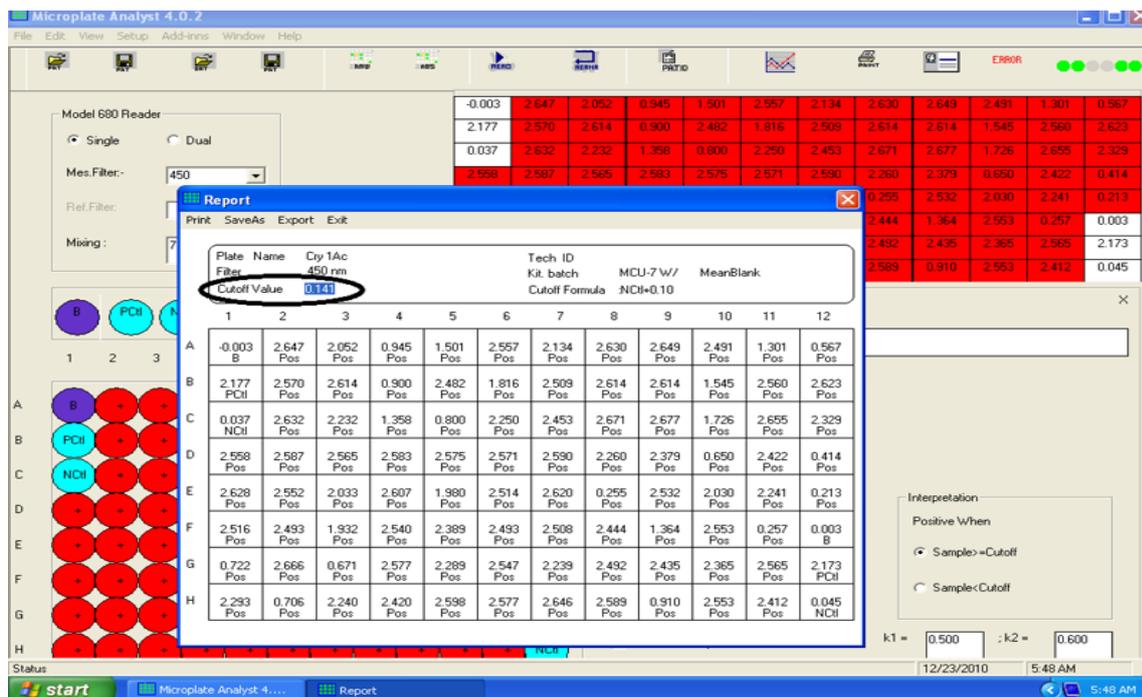
RESULTS & DISCUSSION

The SAVS results for the **6-aminobutarate aminotransferase** after Homology modelling is as follows:



The above result of **Ramachandran plot** says us that the most of the aminoacids are in the most probable region. So, we can say that this structure is accepted.

The results in the wetlab and experimnt to check the presence of the **Cry1Ac** protein in the concerned plant samples is as follows:



Here, the cutoff value is **0.141** and we can note that the values above it are positives and below it are negatives in respect to the Cry1Ac protein.

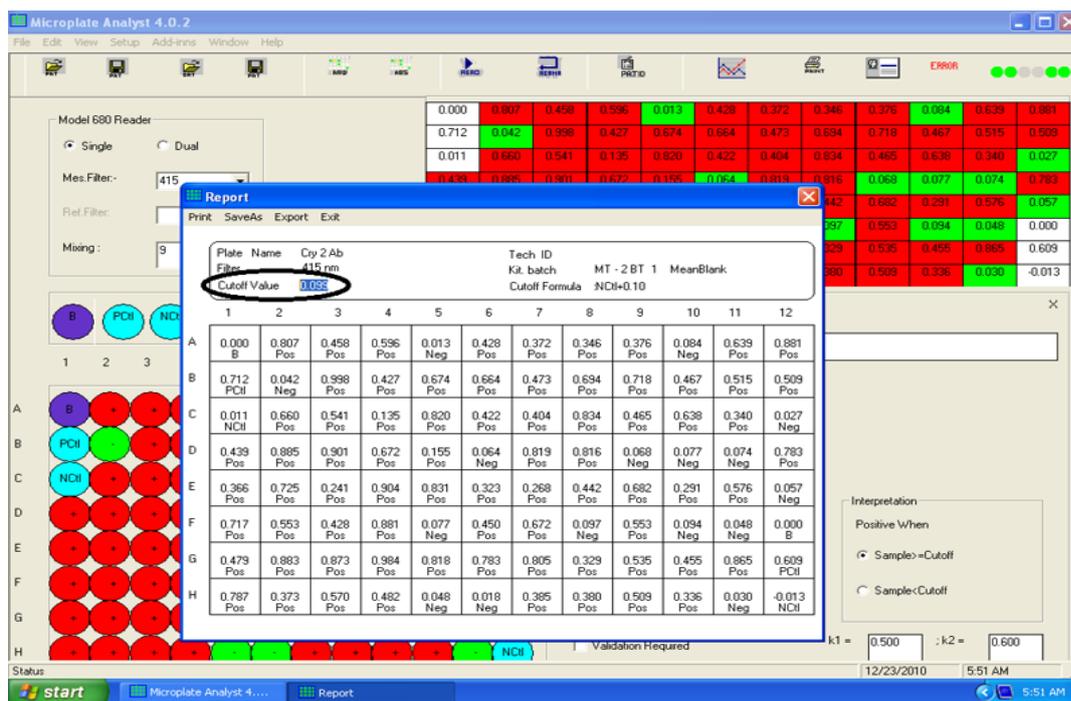
The results of the positives of Cry1Ac in the considered samples and which shows resistance towards the Spodoptera larva are as follows:

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POSITIVE	YES 7-POS	NO 15-POS	NO 23-POS	NO 31-POS	NO 39-POS	YES 47-POS	YES 55-POS	NO 63-POS	NO 71-POS	NO 79-POS	NO 87-POS
NEGATIVE	NO 8-POS	NO 16-POS	NO 24-POS	NO 32-POS	NO 40-POS	YES 48-POS	YES 56-POS	NO 64-POS	NO 72-POS	NO 80-POS	YES 88-POS
No 1-POS	YES 9-POS	NO 17-POS	NO 25-POS	NO 33-POS	YES 41-POS	NO 49-POS	NO 57-POS	NO 65-POS	YES 73-POS	NO 81-POS	NO 89-POS
No 2-POS	YES 10-POS	NO 18-POS	NO 26-POS	YES 34-POS	NO 42-POS	NO 50-POS	NO 58-POS	YES 66-POS	NO 74-POS	NO 82-POS	NO 90-POS
Yes 3-POS	NO 11-POS	NO 19-POS	YES 27-POS	NO 35-POS	NO 43-POS	NO 51-POS	YES 59-POS	YES 67-POS	NO 75-POS	NO 83-POS	BLANK
NO 4-POS	NO 12-POS	NO 20-POS	NO 28-POS	YES 36-POS	NO 44-POS	NO 52-POS	NO 60-POS	NO 68-POS	YES 76-POS	YES 84-POS	POSITIVE
NO 5-POS	YES 13-POS	YES 21-POS	NO 29-POS	NO 37-POS	YES 45-POS	YES 53-POS	NO 61-POS	NO 69-POS	NO 77-POS	NO 85-POS	NEGATIVE

The above table shows us the results about the resistance of **Cry1Ac** protein in the considered samples. The other results in the blocks are the numbers of the samples and the "POS" gives us the conformation about the presence of **Cry1Ac** protein.

Here, we can conclude that Cry1Ac protein is not the exact Crystal protein for giving the resistance to the Gossypium species because we can see that even some samples contain Cry1Ac protein, they didn't show the resistance over Spodoptera larva.

The results in the wetlab and experiment to check the presence of the **Cry2Ab** protein in the concerned plant samples is as follows:



Here, the cutoff value is **0.099** and we can note that the values above it are positives and below it are negatives in respect to the **Cry2Ab** protein.

The results of the positives of **Cry2Ab** in the considered samples and which shows resistance towards the Spodoptera larva are as follows:

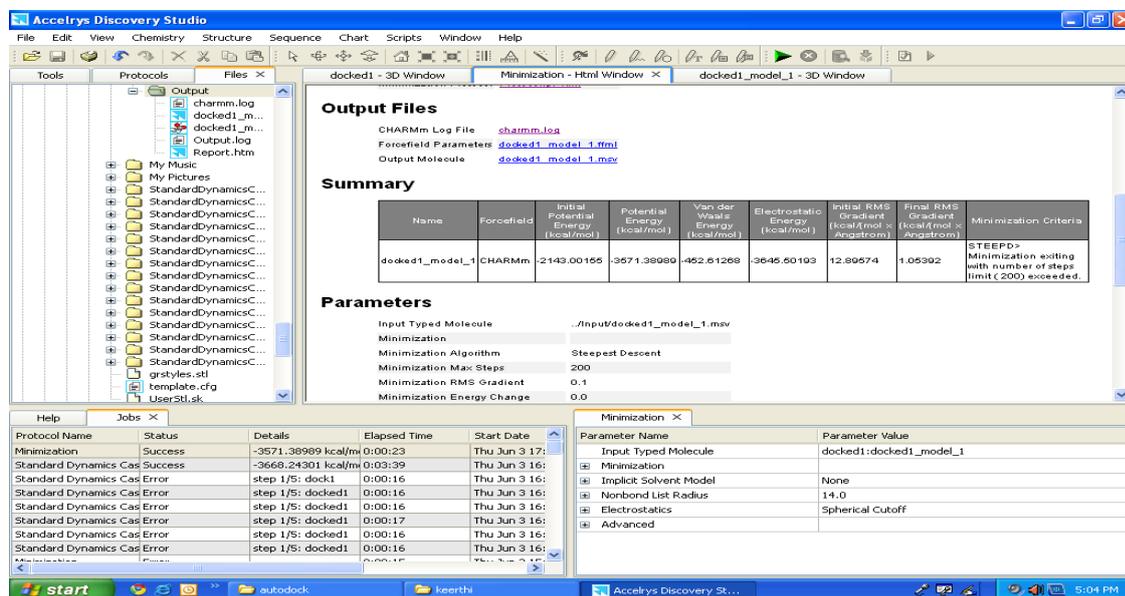
BLANK	YES 6-POS	YES 14-POS	YES 22-POS	30-NEG	YES 38-POS	YES 46-POS	YES 54-POS	YES 62-NEG	YES 70-POS	YES 78-POS	YES 86-POS
POSITIVE	7-NEG	15-POS	23-POS	31-POS	39-POS	47-POS	55-POS	63-POS	71-POS	79-POS	87-POS
NEGATIVE	YES 8-POS	YES 16-POS	YES 24-POS	YES 32-POS	YES 40-POS	YES 48-POS	YES 56-POS	YES 64-POS	YES 72-POS	YES 80-POS	88-NEG
YES 1-POS	Yes 9-POS	YES 17-POS	YES 25-POS	YES 33-POS	41- NEG	YES 49-POS	YES 57-POS	65-NEG	73-NEG	81-NEG	YES 89-POS
YES 2-POS	Yes 10-POS	YES 18-POS	YES 26-POS	Yes 34-POS	YES 42-POS	YES 50-POS	YES 58-POS	YES 66-POS	YES 74-POS	YES 82-POS	90-NEG
YES 3-POS	YES 11-POS	YES 19-POS	YES 27-POS	35-NEG	YES 43-POS	YES 51-POS	59-NEG	Yes 67-POS	75-NEG	83-NEG	BLANK
YES 4-POS	YES 12-POS	YES 20-POS	YES 28-POS	YES 36-POS	YES 44-POS	YES 52-POS	YES 60-POS	YES 68-POS	YES 76-POS	YES 84-POS	POSITIVE
YES 5-POS	YES 13-POS	YES 21-POS	YES 29-POS	37-NEG	YES 45- NEG	YES 53-POS	YES 61-POS	YES 69-POS	YES 77-POS	85-NEG	NEGATIVE

The above table shows us the results about the resistance of Cry2Ab protein in the considered samples. The other results in the blocks are the numbers of the samples and the “POS” gives us the conformation about the presence of Cry2Ab protein and “NEG” says us about the absence of the Cry2Ab protein

Here, we can conclude that Cry2Ab protein is not the exact Crystal protein for giving the resistance to the Gossypium species because we can see that even some samples contain Cry2Ab protein, they didn’t show the resistance over Spodoptera larva.

The final result of the drylab experiments can be seen in Accelrys STUDIO with the minimised energies of the docked structures.

The below are the results in concerned with the calculated energies of the minimised docked structures. The best energies i.e., the lowest energies are obtained to the docked structures of the Lepidopteran and Spodopteran larvae with the Cry2Ab protein. The below snapshots shows the results for potential, kinetic, vanderwaals, electrostatic energies using the forcefield **CHARMm** and the minimisation algorithm, **Steepest Descent and ConjugateGradient and LEAPFROG ALGORITHM**. The best results can be shown as follows:



Output Files

CHARMm Log File: [scharm.log](#)
 Forcefield Parameters: [docked1_model_1.ffml](#)
 Output Molecule: [docked1_model_1.mv](#)

Summary

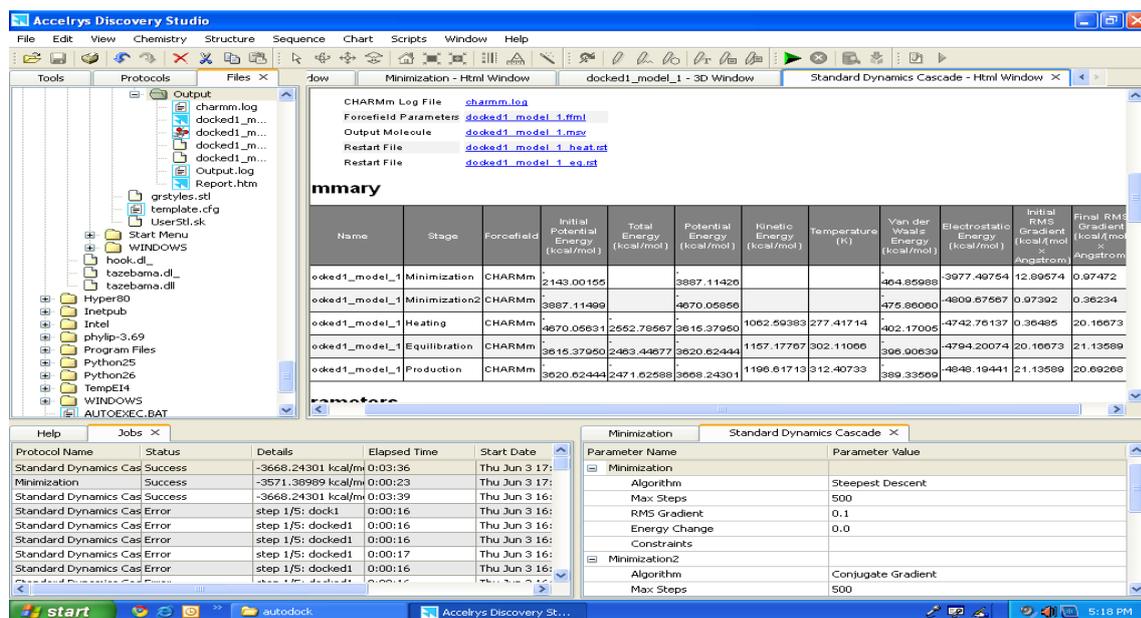
Name	Forcefield	Initial Potential Energy (kcal/mol)	Potential Energy (kcal/mol)	Van der Waals Energy (kcal/mol)	Electrostatic Energy (kcal/mol)	Initial RMS Gradient (kcal/mol x Angstrom)	Final RMS Gradient (kcal/mol x Angstrom)	Minimization Criteria
docked1_model_1	CHARMm	-2143.00155	-3571.38989	-452.61268	3645.60103	12.89574	1.05302	STEEPS> Minimization exiting with number of steps limit (200) exceeded.

Parameters

Input Typed Molecule: [../input/docked1_model_1.mv](#)
 Minimization:
 Minimization Algorithm: Steepest Descent
 Minimization Max Steps: 200
 Minimization RMS Gradient: 0.1
 Minimization Energy Change: 0.0

Jobs

Protocol Name	Status	Details	Elapsed Time	Start Date
Minimization	Success	-3571.38989 kcal/mi	0:00:23	Thu Jun 3 17:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Success	-3668.24301 kcal/mi	0:03:39	Thu Jun 3 16:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Error	step 1/S: dock1	0:00:16	Thu Jun 3 16:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Error	step 1/S: docked1	0:00:16	Thu Jun 3 16:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Error	step 1/S: docked1	0:00:16	Thu Jun 3 16:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Error	step 1/S: docked1	0:00:17	Thu Jun 3 16:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Error	step 1/S: docked1	0:00:16	Thu Jun 3 16:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Error	step 1/S: docked1	0:00:16	Thu Jun 3 16:



CHARMm Log File: [charm.log](#)
Forcefield Parameters: [docked1_model_1.ffml](#)
Output Molecule: [docked1_model_1.mv](#)
Restart File: [docked1_model_1.hearst](#)
Restart File: [docked1_model_1.eq.rst](#)

Summary

Name	Stage	Forcefield	Initial Potential Energy (kcal/mol)	Total Energy (kcal/mol)	Potential Energy (kcal/mol)	Kinetic Energy (kcal/mol)	Temperature (K)	Van der Waals Energy (kcal/mol)	Electrostatic Energy (kcal/mol)	Initial RMS Gradient (kcal/mol x Angstrom)	Final RMS Gradient (kcal/mol x Angstrom)
docked1_model_1	Minimization	CHARMm	2143.00155	3887.11420	3887.11420			404.85988	3977.49764	12.89574	0.97472
docked1_model_1	Minimization2	CHARMm	3887.11499	475.88606	4070.05856			475.88606	4809.67667	0.07392	0.36234
docked1_model_1	Heating	CHARMm	4670.05631	2562.76687	3816.37960	1062.59383	277.41714	402.17005	4742.76137	0.36485	20.16673
docked1_model_1	Equilibration	CHARMm	3616.37960	2463.44677	3620.62444	1157.17767	302.11056	306.00639	4794.20074	20.16673	21.13589
docked1_model_1	Production	CHARMm	3620.62444	2471.62288	3668.24301	1190.61713	312.40733	389.33560	4848.19441	21.13589	20.69268

Jobs

Protocol Name	Status	Details	Elapsed Time	Start Date
Standard Dynamics Cas	Success	-3668.24301 kcal/mi	0:03:36	Thu Jun 3 17:
Minimization	Success	-3571.38989 kcal/mi	0:00:23	Thu Jun 3 17:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Success	-3668.24301 kcal/mi	0:03:39	Thu Jun 3 16:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Error	step 1/S: dock1	0:00:16	Thu Jun 3 16:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Error	step 1/S: docked1	0:00:16	Thu Jun 3 16:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Error	step 1/S: docked1	0:00:16	Thu Jun 3 16:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Error	step 1/S: docked1	0:00:17	Thu Jun 3 16:
Standard Dynamics Cas	Error	step 1/S: docked1	0:00:16	Thu Jun 3 16:

Minimization

Parameter Name: [docked1:docked1_model_1](#)

Standard Dynamics Cascade

Parameter Name: [Minimization](#)

Algorithm: Steepest Descent
 Max Steps: 500
 RMS Gradient: 0.1
 Energy Change: 0.0
 Constraints:
 Minimization2:

Algorithm: Conjugate Gradient
 Max Steps: 500

CONCLUSION

Since, cotton is a very important commercial plant in the present day world, we need to increase its resistance over pests and insects. Among these the larva of Spodoptera are more infectious. So, we can control these by transferring resistance giving genes, Cry1Ac and Cry2Ab to the cotton genome and prove this task.

We proved this both in practical and experimental ways by wetlab and drylab techniques. By these experiments, we can conclude that the Cry1Ac and Cry2Ab proteins in the Bt Cotton plant can give more and more resistance to the crop both from the Spodopteran larva. The wetlab and research work in the fields and the drylab works by docking these structures with the 6-aminobuturate aminotransferase gave us the same result about the Crystal proteins, i.e., Cry2Ab is the best in giving resistance to the Cotton crop among the known Crystal proteins.



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