

**MOLECULAR MODELLING AND DRUG DESIGN**

**UNIT - I**

Basic concepts of molecular structure (bond length, bond angle, torsion angle and non-covalent interactions – Molecular structure and internal energy - Energy minimization of small molecules – Empirical representation of molecular energies – Use of force fields and the molecular mechanics method –Discussion of global energy minimum – Molecular representation in graphics.

**UNIT - II**

Basic principles of molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo Simulation for conformational analysis - ab initio – Density-Functional Theory and semiempirical methods.

**UNIT - III**

Macromolecular modeling – Identification and mapping of active sites - Design of ligands for known macromolecular target sites. Drug-receptor interactions. Classical SAR/QSAR studies and their Implications to the 3-D modeler. 2-D and 3-D database searching –pharmacophore identification and novel drug design.

**UNIT - IV**

Cancer and related diseases – mechanism and action of available anti-cancer drugs - New targets for anti-cancer drugs - Drugs that rescue mutant p53's and tubulin.

**UNIT - V**

Enzyme background – Theories of enzyme inhibition - Enzyme inhibition as a tool for drug development – Structured-based drug design – structural bioinformatics in drug discovery - Examples.

**Reference Books**

1. Andrew Leach, Molecular Modelling: Principles and Applications (2nd Edition), Addison Wesley Longman, Essex, England, 1996.
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4. N. Cohen (Ed.), Guide Book on Molecular Modeling in Drug Design, Academic Press, San Diego, 1996.
5. D. Frenkel and B. Smith, Understanding Molecular Simulations. From Algorithms to Applications, Academic Press, San Diego, California, 1996.
6. C. Rauter and K. Horn, X-ray crystallography and drug design, Elsevier, 1984.
7. M. Kalos and P. A. Whitlock, Monte Carlo Methods. John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1986.
8. J.A. McCammon and S.C. Harvey. Dynamics of Proteins and Nucleic Acids. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1987.
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