

Supplementary Materials

Sesquiterpene Lactones with Dual Inhibitory Activity against the *Trypanosoma brucei* Pteridine Reductase 1 and Dihydrofolate Reductase

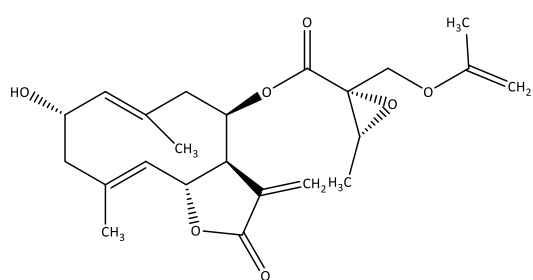
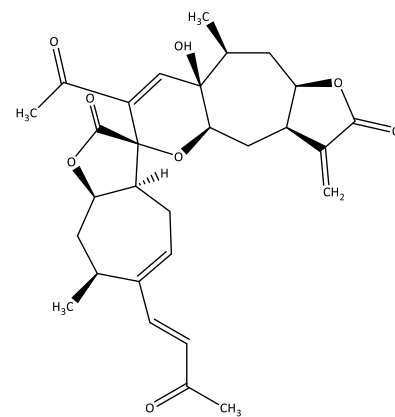
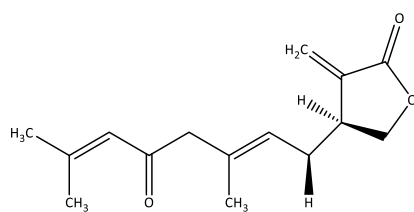
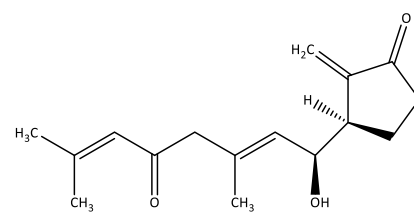
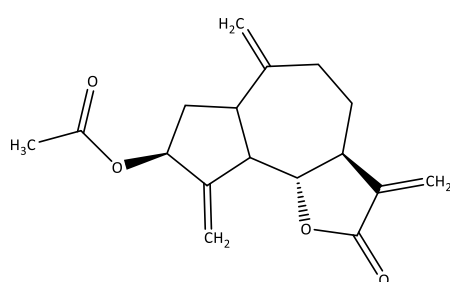
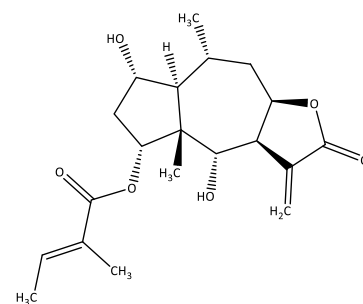
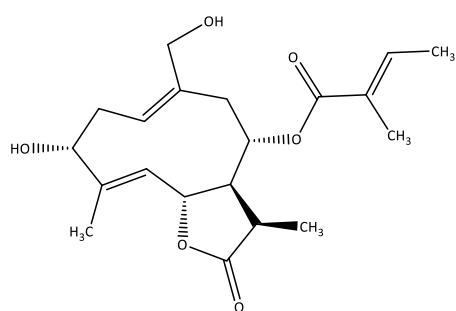
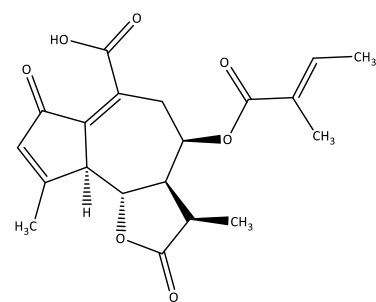
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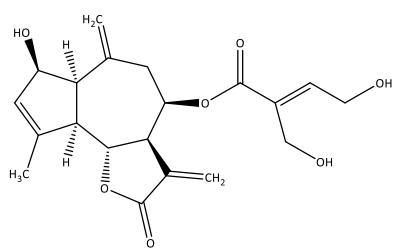
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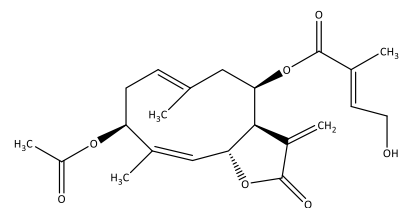
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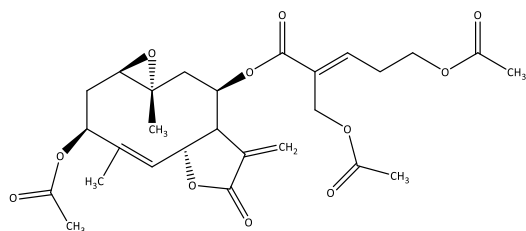
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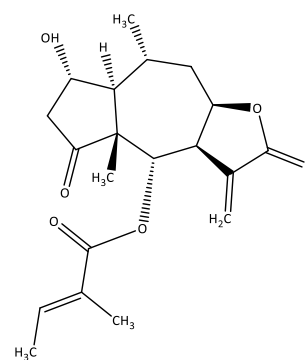
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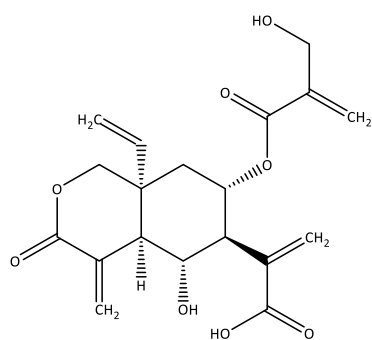
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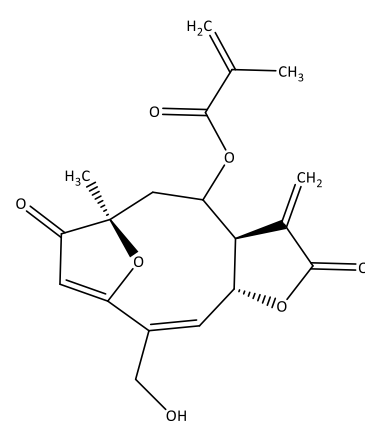
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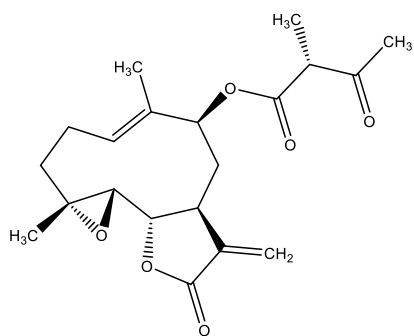
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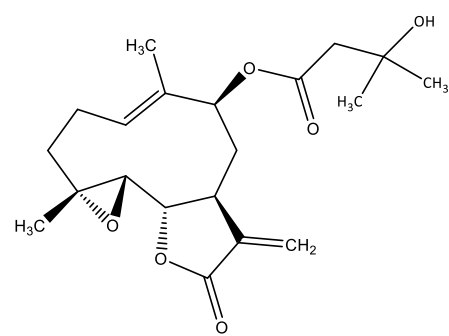
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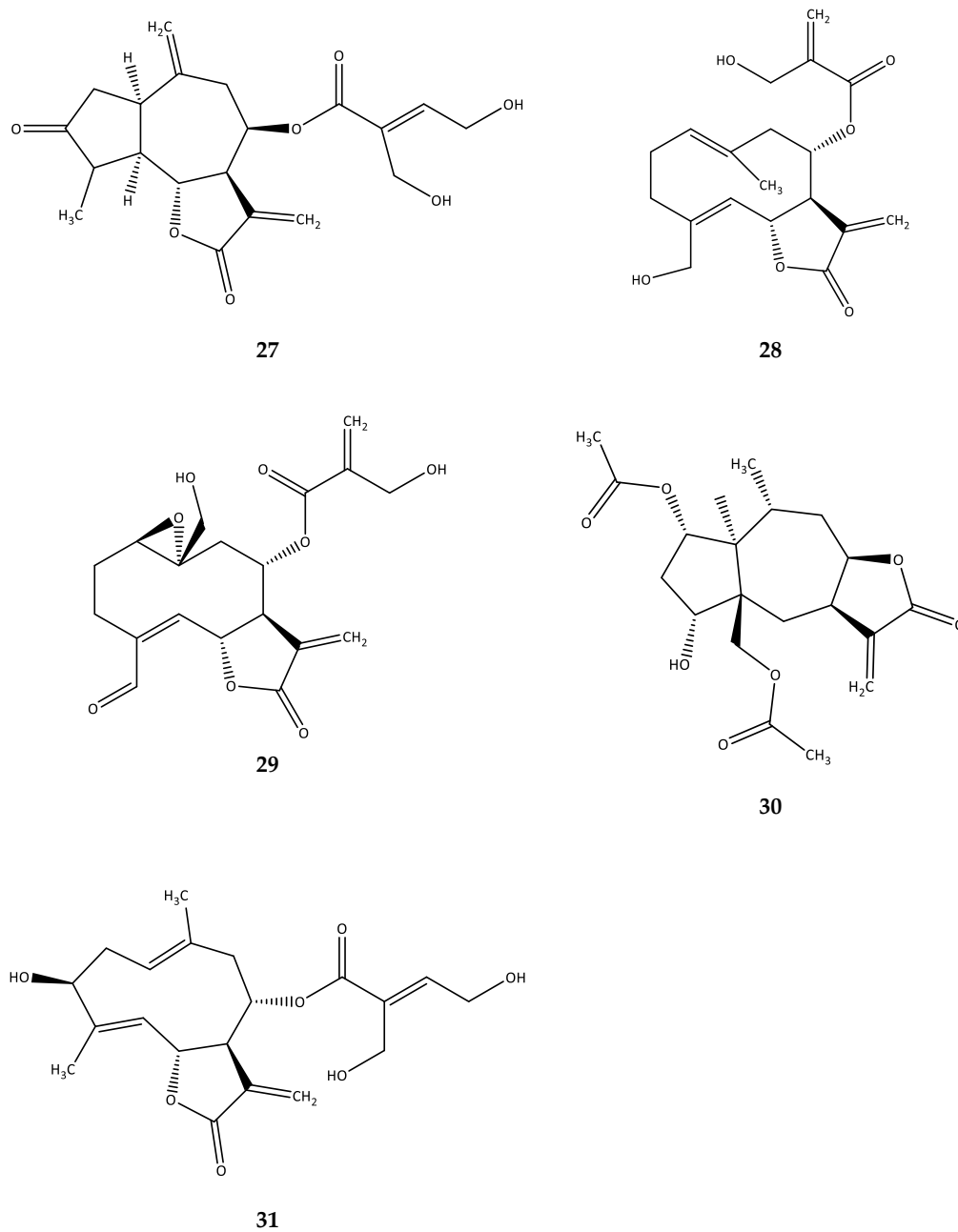


Figure S1. Molecular structures of further sesquiterpene lactones identified as *in silico* hits during the pharmacophore-based *in silico* screening but not tested.

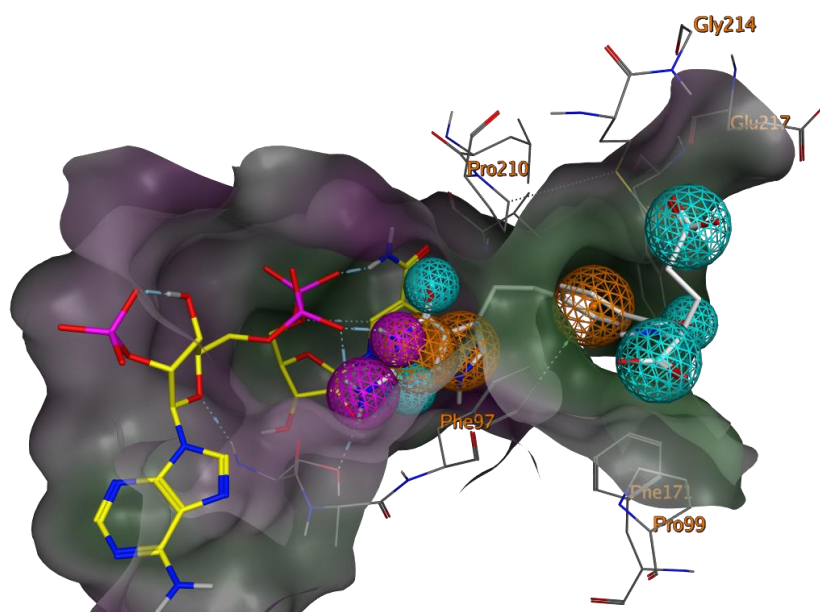


Figure S2. Complex-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *TbPTR1* binding pocket (ID: „2X9G“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADP in yellow, carbon atoms of the co-crystallized inhibitor pemetrexed in white. The molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of the inhibitor are represented by feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, H-bond acceptors in cyan, aromatic centers in orange. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

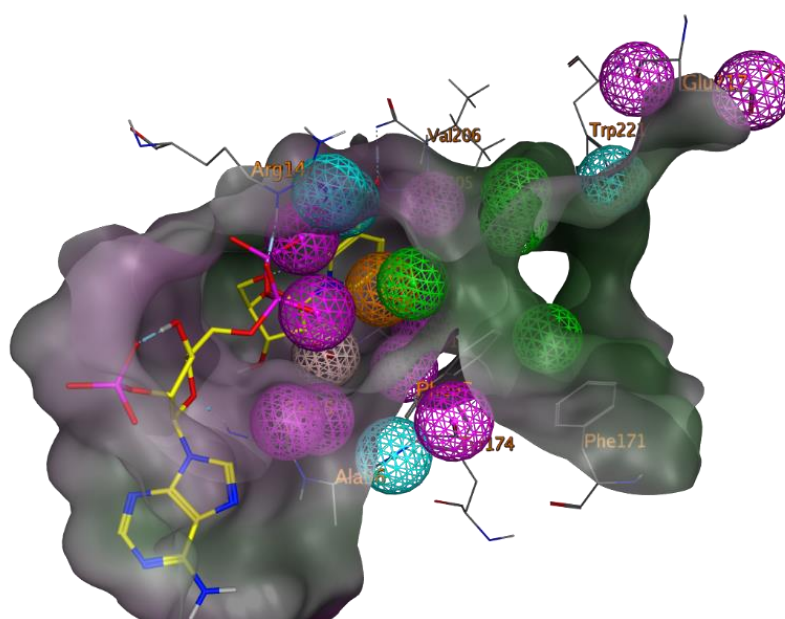


Figure S3. Target-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *TbPTR1* binding pocket (ID: „2X9G“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADP in yellow, the molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of amino acids with an inhibitor are represented by projecting feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, H-bond acceptors in cyan, ionic interactions in beige, aromatic centers in orange, hydrophobic structures in green. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

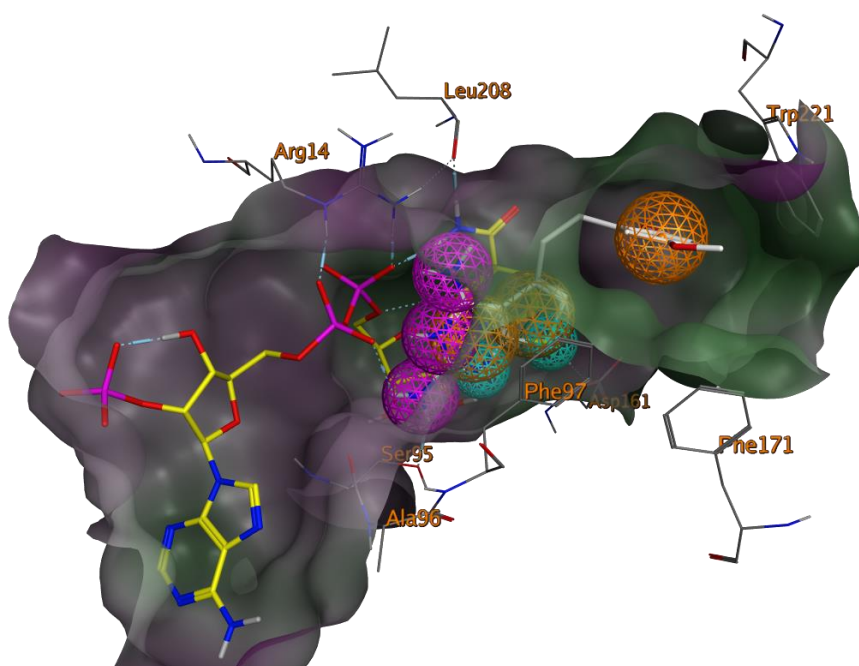


Figure S4. Complex-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *TbPTR1* binding pocket (ID: „3MCV“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADP in yellow, carbon atoms of the co-crystallized inhibitor PY848 in white. The molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of the inhibitor are represented by feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, H-bond acceptors in cyan, aromatic centers in orange. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

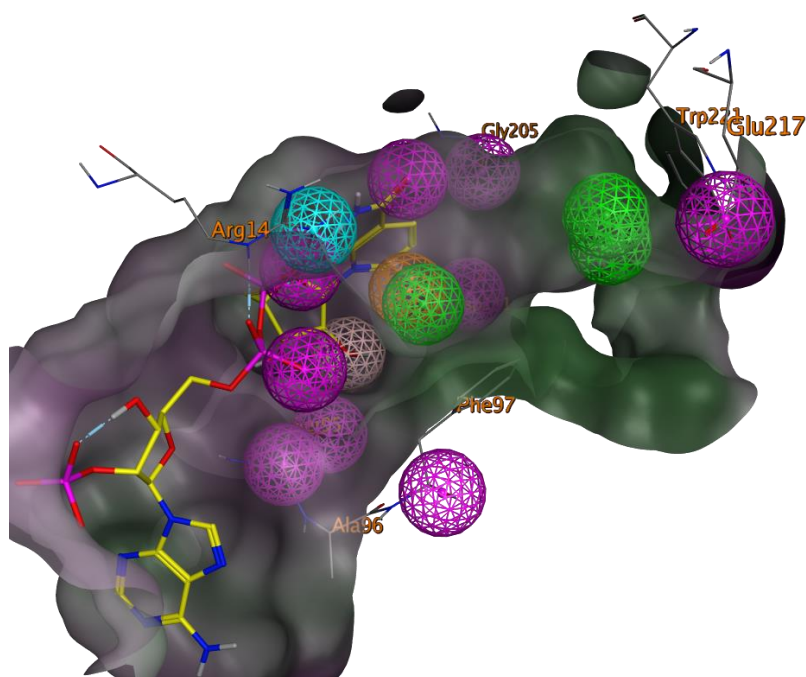


Figure S5. Target-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *TbPTR1* binding pocket (ID: „3MCV“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADP in yellow, the molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of amino acids with an inhibitor are represented by projecting feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, H-bond acceptors in cyan, ionic interactions in beige, aromatic centers in orange, hydrophobic structures in green. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

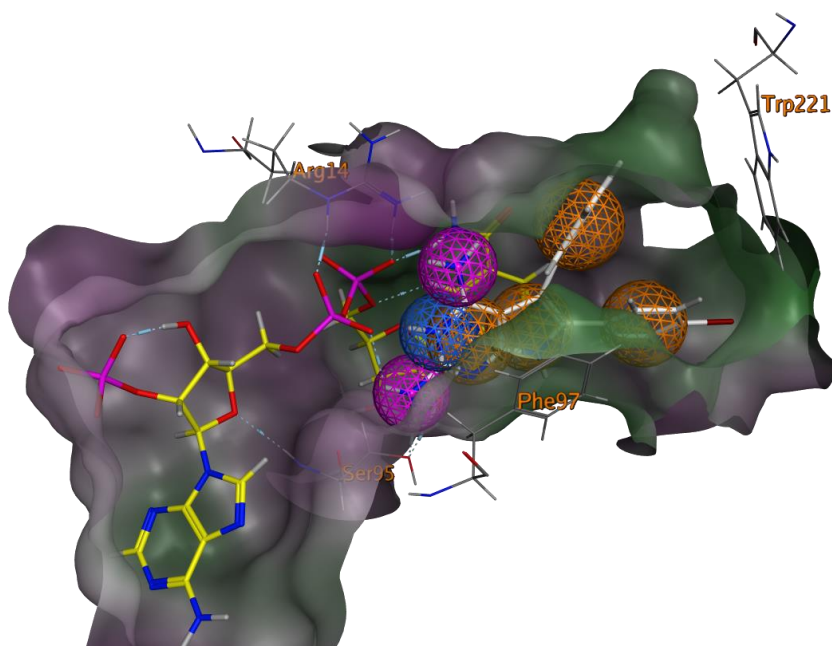


Figure S6. Complex-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *TbPTR1* binding pocket (ID: „4CMJ“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADP in yellow, carbon atoms of the co-crystallized inhibitor 6 (4 bromophenyl) 5 phenyl 7H-pyrrolo[2,3 d]pyrimidine-2,4-diamine in white. The molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of the inhibitor are represented by feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, cationic interactions in blue, aromatic centres in orange. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

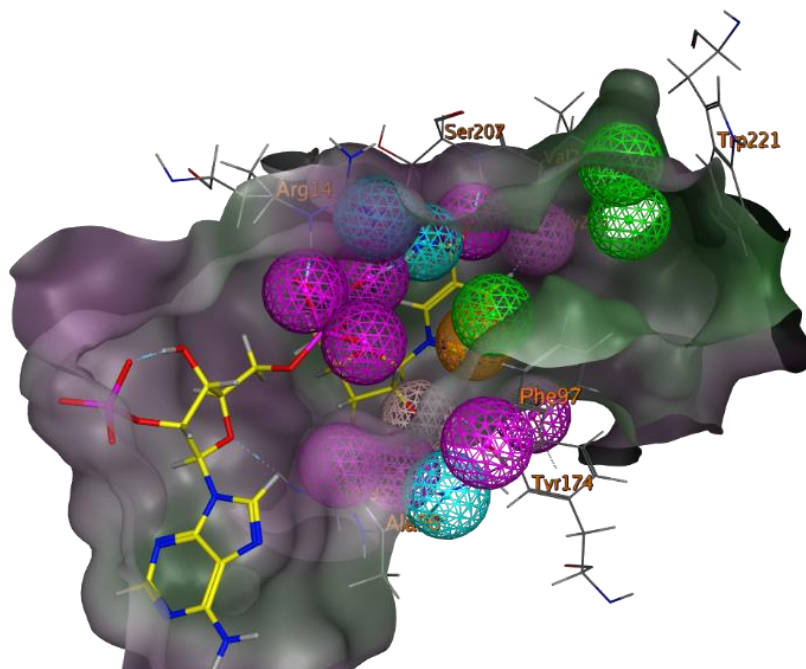


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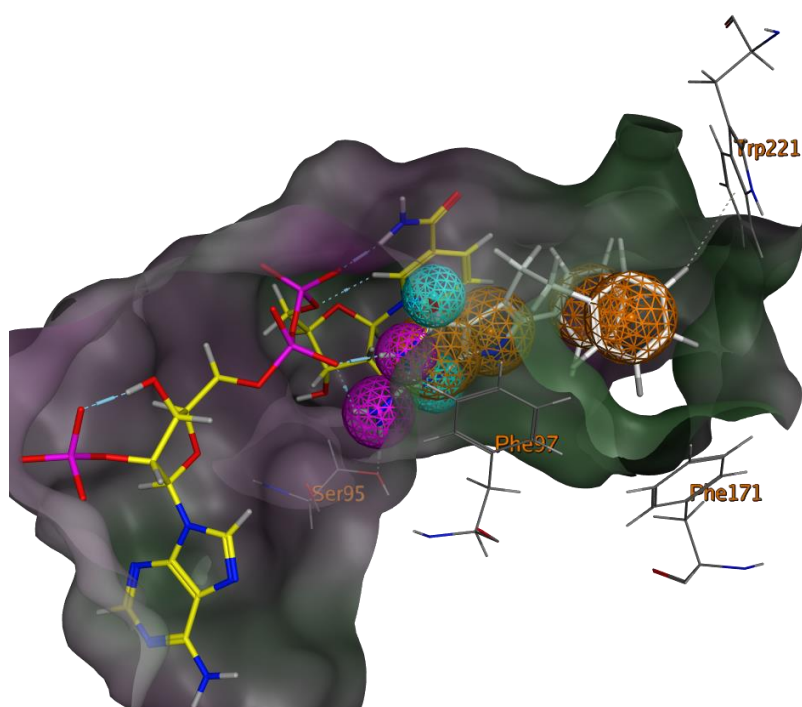


Figure S8. Complex-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *TbPTR1* binding pocket (ID: „4CMK“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADP in yellow, carbon atoms of the co-crystallized inhibitor 2-amino-5-phenethyl-6-phenyl-3H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidine-4(7H)-one in white. The molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of the inhibitor are represented by feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, H-bond acceptors in cyan, aromatic centres in orange. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

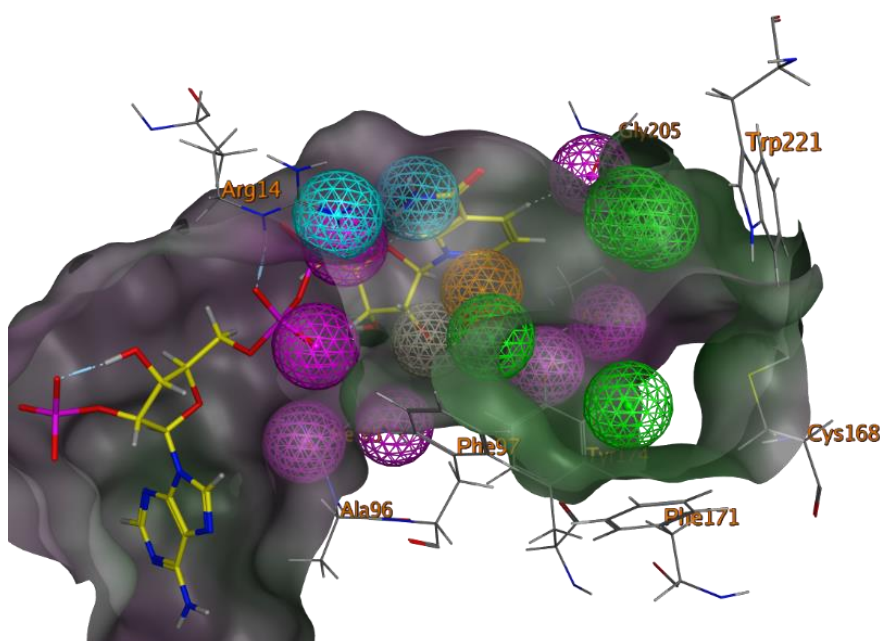


Figure S9. Target-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *TbPTR1* binding pocket (ID: „4CMK“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADP in yellow, the molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of amino acids with an inhibitor are represented by projecting feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, H-bond acceptors in cyan, ionic interactions in beige, aromatic centres in orange, hydrophobic structures in green. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

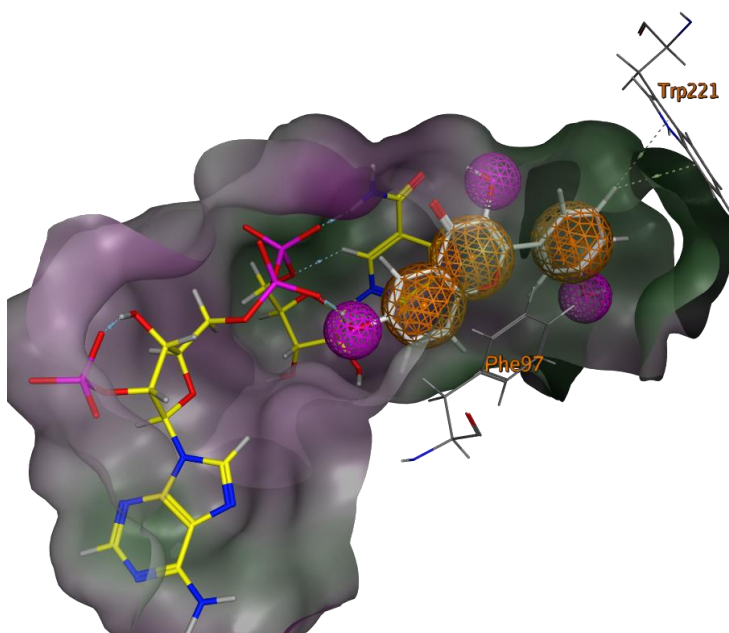


Figure S10. Complex-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *TbPTR1* binding pocket (ID: „5JDI“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADP in yellow, carbon atoms of the co-crystallized inhibitor 3,6-dihydroxyl-2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-4H-1-benzopyrane-4-one in white. The molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of the inhibitor are represented by feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, aromatic centres in orange. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

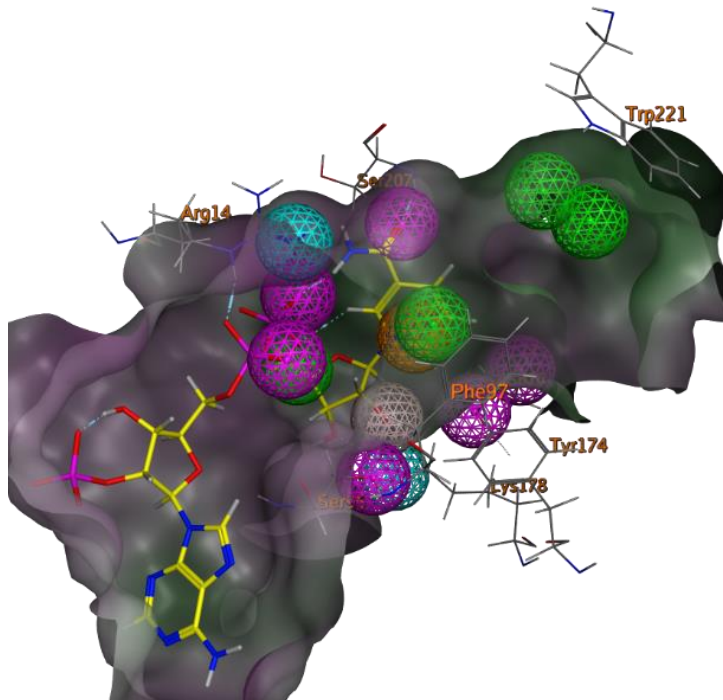


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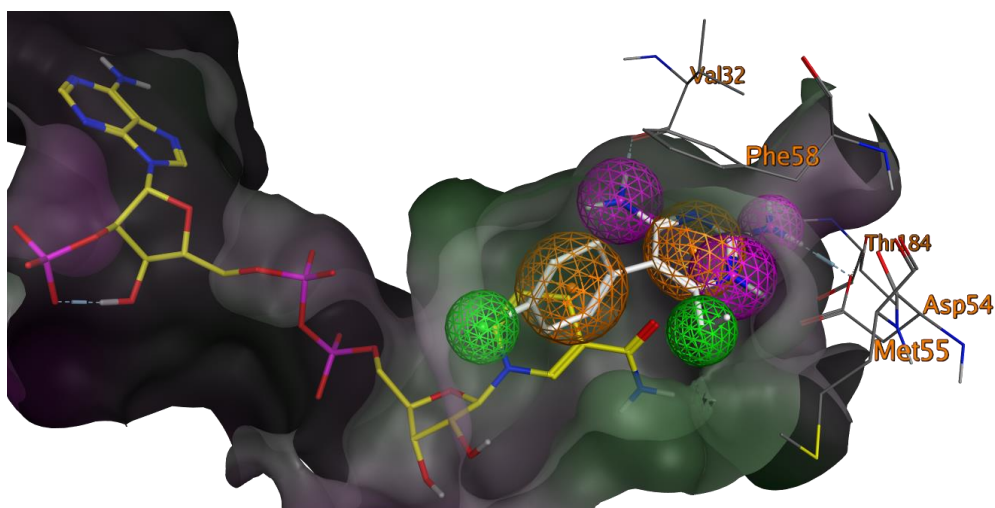


Figure S12. Complex-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *Tb*DHFR binding pocket (ID: „3QFX“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADPH in yellow, carbon atoms of the co-crystallized inhibitor pyrimethamine in white. The molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of the inhibitor are represented by feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, aromatic centres in orange, hydrophobic structures in green. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

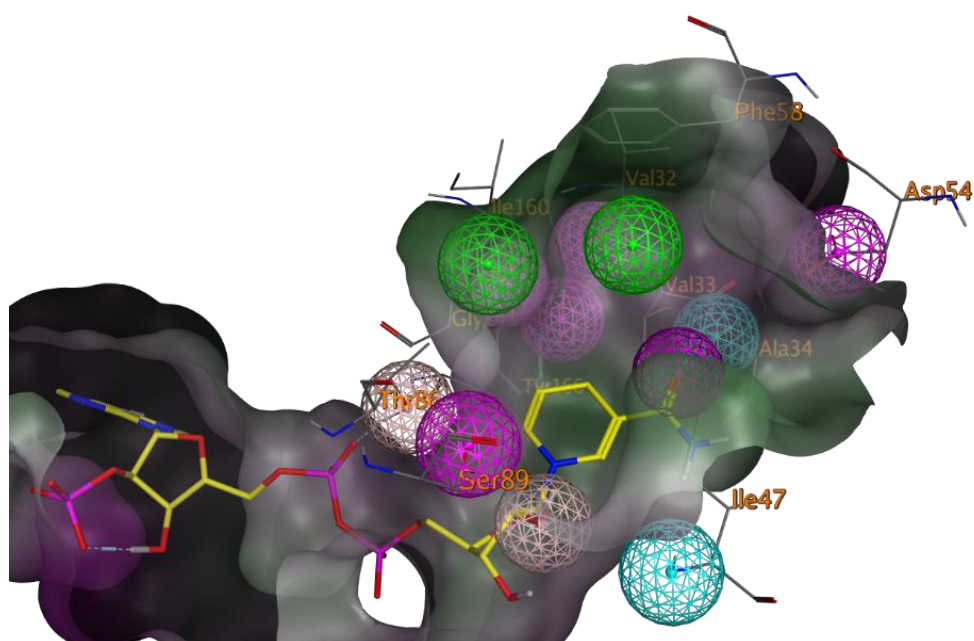


Figure S13. Target-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *Tb*DHFR binding pocket (ID: „3QFX“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADPH in yellow, the molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of amino acids with an inhibitor are represented by projecting feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, H-bond acceptors in cyan, ionic interactions in beige, aromatic centres in orange, hydrophobic structures in green. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

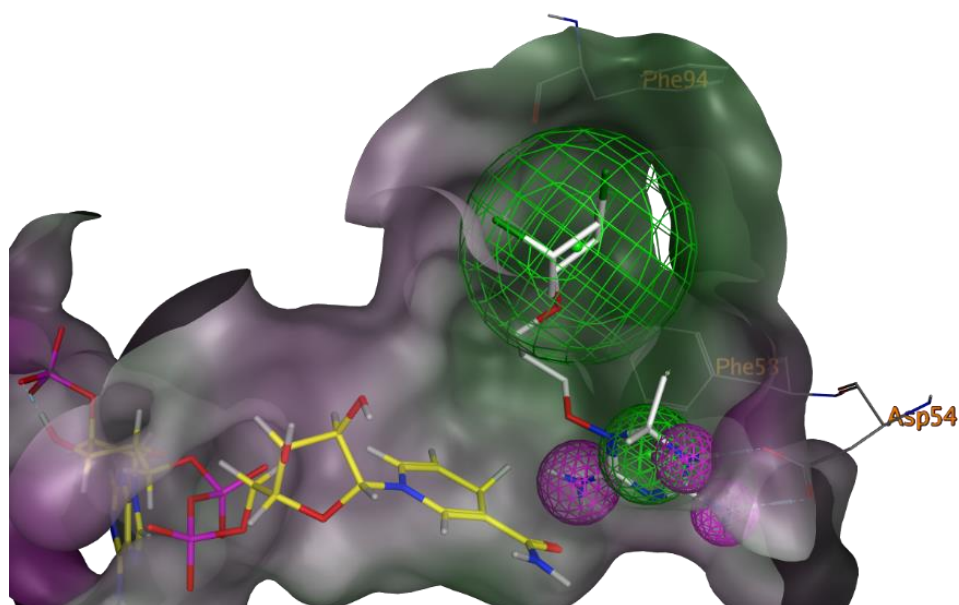


Figure S14. Complex-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *Tb*DHFR binding pocket (ID: „3RG9“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADPH in yellow, carbon atoms of the co-crystallized inhibitor WR99210 in white. The molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of the inhibitor are represented by feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, hydrophobic structures in green. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

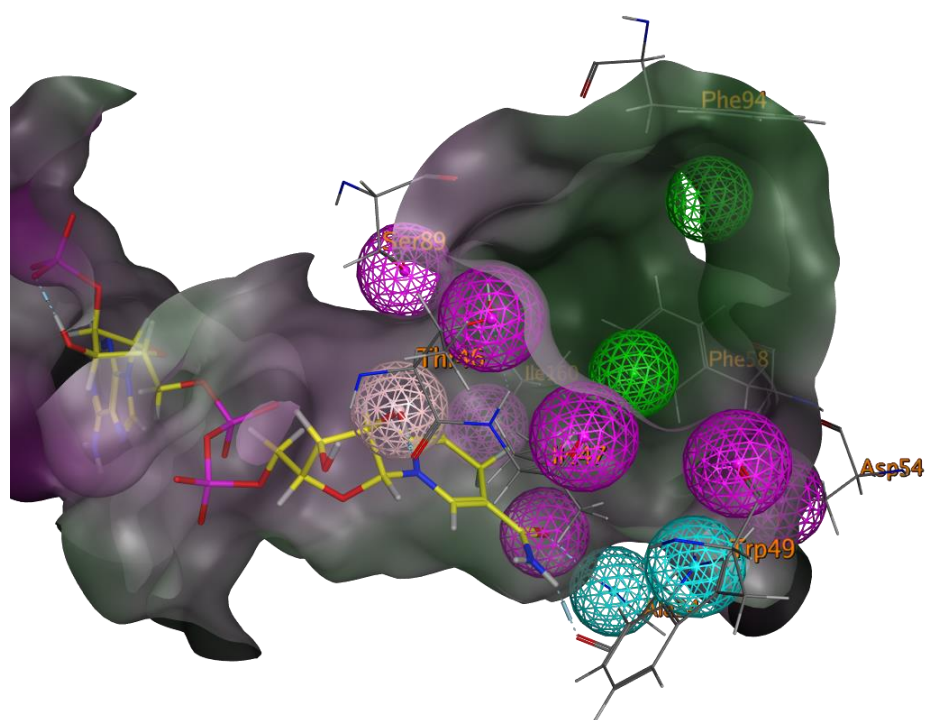


Figure S15. Target-based pharmacophore hypothesis based on the *Tb*DHFR binding pocket (ID: „3RG9“). Carbon atoms of the co-crystallized co-substrate NADPH in yellow, the molecular surface is coloured according to lipophilicity with lipophilic areas in green and hydrophilic areas in purple. Potential interactions of amino acids with an inhibitor are represented by projecting feature spheres: H-bond donors in purple, H-bond acceptors in cyan, ionic interactions in beige, aromatic centres in orange, hydrophobic structures in green. Exclusion spheres are not depicted.

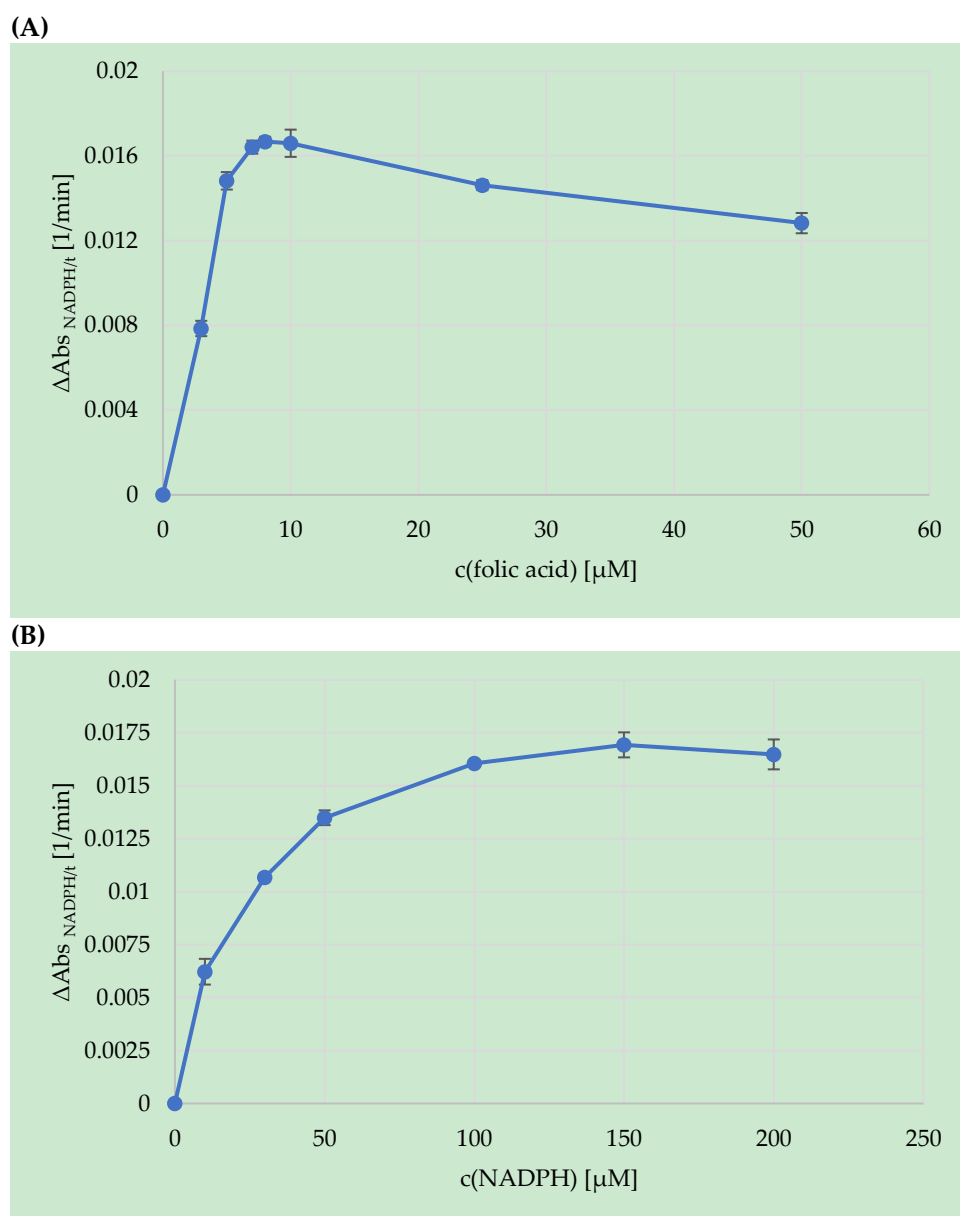


Figure S16. Experimental determination of the saturating conditions of folic acid and NADPH for *TbPTR1*. (A) Constant concentration of the co-substrate NADPH (200 μM) while varying the concentrations of the substrate folic acid (3 μM – 50 μM). In the concentration range above the saturation (8–10 μM), substrate inhibition was observed. (B) Constant concentration of the substrate folic acid (8 μM) while varying the concentrations of the co-substrate NADPH (10 μM – 200 μM). The determination was carried out according to 4.5., using buffer A (50 mM Tris/HCl (pH 7.6), 250 mM NaCl) at 340 nm and a constant temperature of 30 °C.

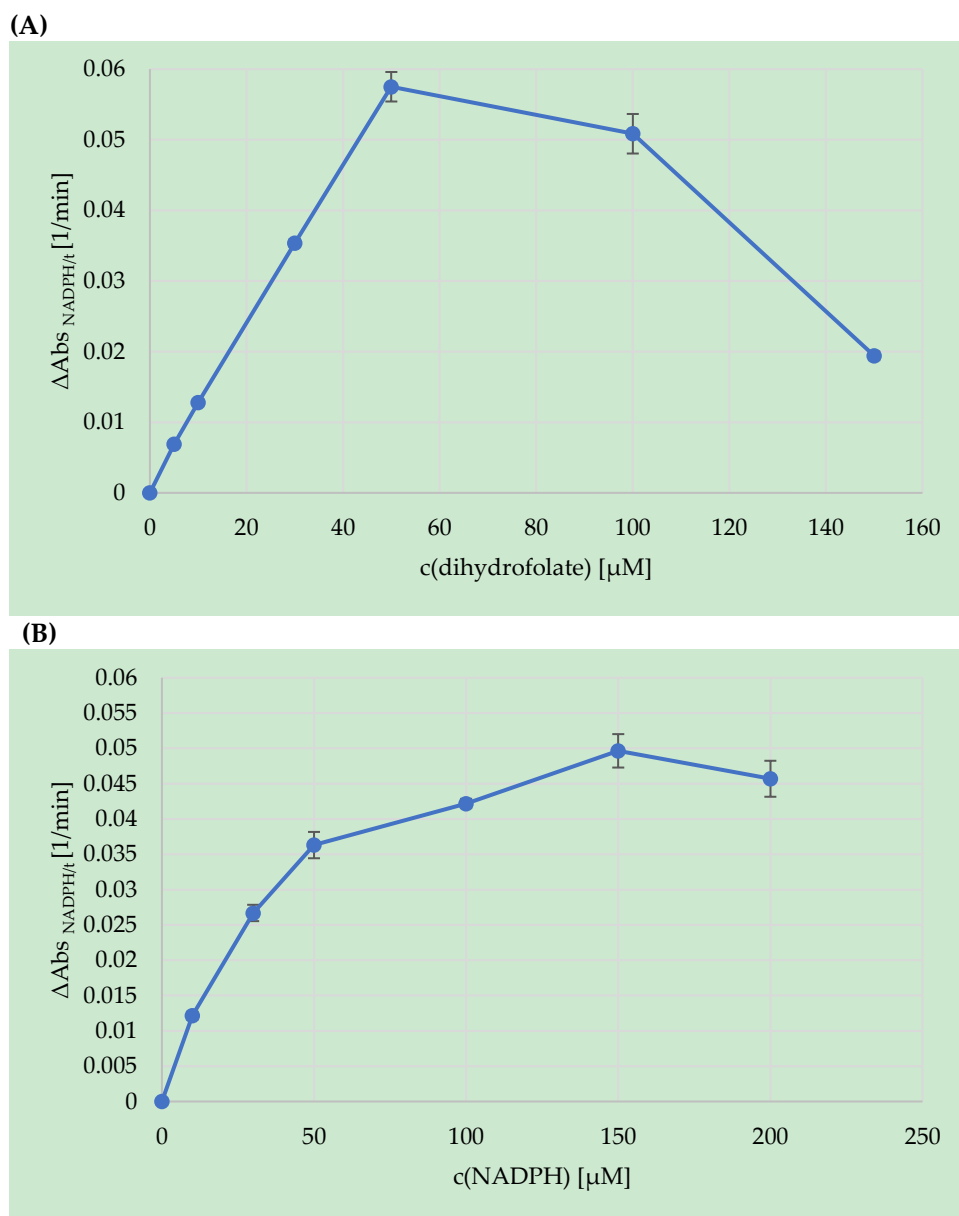
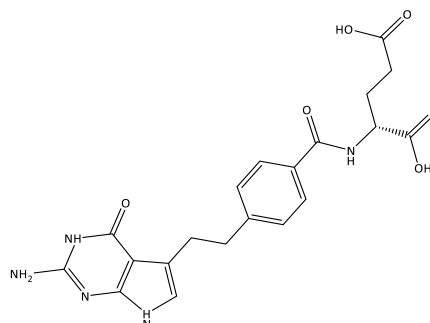


Figure S17. Experimental determination of the saturating conditions of dihydrofolate (DHF) and NADPH for *TbDHFR*. (A) Constant concentration of the co-substrate NADPH (200 μM) while varying the concentrations of the substrate DHF (5 μM – 150 μM). In the concentration range above saturation (>40 μM), substrate inhibition was observed. (B) Constant concentration of the substrate DHF (50 μM) while varying the concentrations of the co-substrate NADPH (10 μM – 200 μM). The determination was carried out according to 4.6., using buffer B (50 mM Tris/HCl (pH 7.6), 250 mM NaCl, 10 mM BME) at 340 nm and a constant temperature of 30 °C.

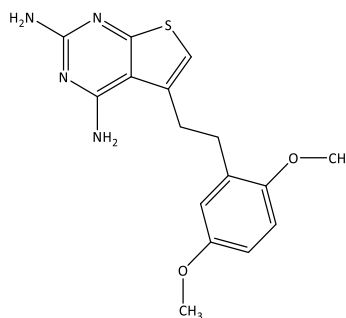
Table S1. Top hits (compound numbers according to Figure 2 and Figure S1) obtained after complex- and target-based pharmacophore search and docking based on protein structure model 2X9G and its co-crystallized inhibitor pemetrexed. Hits are ranked by their docking scores after induced fit docking.



pemetrexed (2X9G)
-9.79 kcal/mol

complex-based		target-based	
compound	S	compound	S
8	-8.16 kcal/mol	10	-8.90 kcal/mol
10	-8.05 kcal/mol	9	-8.21 kcal/mol
9	-7.85 kcal/mol	14	-7.65 kcal/mol
14	-7.55 kcal/mol	13	-7.48 kcal/mol
12	-7.37 kcal/mol	15	-7.27 kcal/mol

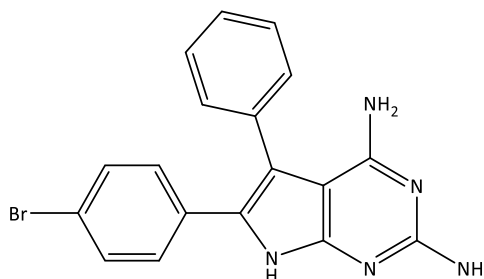
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PY848 (3MCV)
-10.37 kcal/mol

complex-based		target-based	
compound	S	compound	S
5	-8.59 kcal/mol	27	-7.84 kcal/mol
4	-8.03 kcal/mol	14	-7.76 kcal/mol
16	-7.91 kcal/mol	1	-7.15 kcal/mol
10	-7.78 kcal/mol	17	-7.14 kcal/mol
14	-7.76 kcal/mol	31	-7.05 kcal/mol

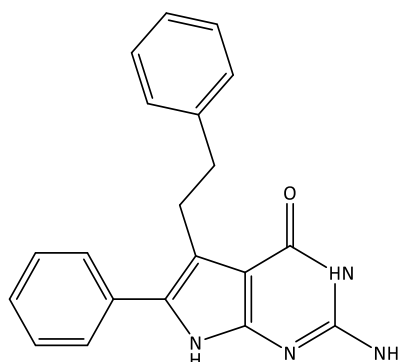
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6-(4 bromophenyl)-5-phenyl-7H-pyrrolo[2,3 d]pyrimidine-2,4-diamine (4CMJ)
-9.51 kcal/mol

complex-based		target-based	
compound	S	compound	S
10	-8.90 kcal/mol	9	-9.09 kcal/mol
31	-8.88 kcal/mol	1	-8.81 kcal/mol
19	-8.49 kcal/mol	31	-8.52 kcal/mol
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3	-8.27 kcal/mol	20	-8.23 kcal/mol

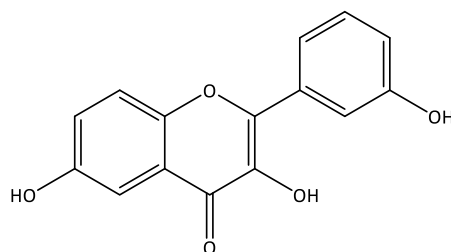
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2-amino-5-phenethyl-6-phenyl-3H-pyrrolo[2,3 d]pyrimidine-4(7H)-one (4CMK)
-8.77 kcal/mol

complex-based		target-based	
compound	S	compound	S
10	-9.12 kcal/mol	11	-8.63 kcal/mol
9	-9.01 kcal/mol	5	-8.55 kcal/mol
21	-8.83 kcal/mol	21	-8.48 kcal/mol
19	-8.75 kcal/mol	7	-8.32 kcal/mol
5	-8.65 kcal/mol	22	-8.32 kcal/mol

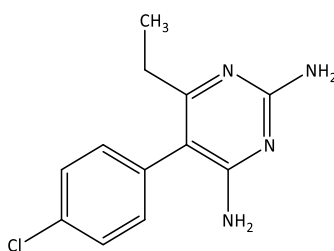
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3,6-dihydroxy-2-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-4H-1-benzopyran-4-one (5JDI)
-7.65 kcal/mol

complex-based		target-based	
compound	S	compound	S
3	-8.95 kcal/mol	7	-9.39 kcal/mol
23	-8.73 kcal/mol	11	-8.99 kcal/mol
19	-8.65 kcal/mol	25	-8.56 kcal/mol
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22	-8.50 kcal/mol	31	-8.33 kcal/mol

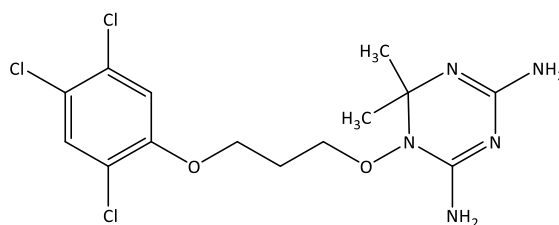
Table S6. Top hits (compound numbers according to Figure 2 and Figure S1) obtained after complex- and target-based pharmacophore search and docking based on protein structure model 3QFX and its co-crystallized inhibitor pyrimethamine. Hits are ranked by their docking scores after induced fit docking.



pyrimethamine (3QFX)
-8.26 kcal/mol

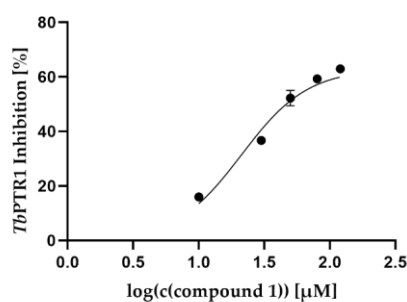
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compound	S	compound	S
5	-8.81 kcal/mol	4	-8.44 kcal/mol
8	-8.42 kcal/mol	24	-8.07 kcal/mol
4	-8.32 kcal/mol	27	-7.83 kcal/mol
10	-8.32 kcal/mol	28	-7.81 kcal/mol
24	-8.09 kcal/mol	29	-7.79 kcal/mol

Table S7. Top hits (compound numbers according to Figure 2 and Figure S1) obtained after complex- and target-based pharmacophore search and docking based on protein structure model 3RG9 and its co-crystallized inhibitor WR99210. Hits are ranked by their docking scores after induced fit docking.



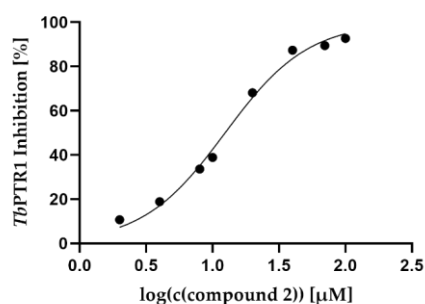
WR99210 (3RG9)
-8.66 kcal/mol

complex-based		target-based	
compound	S	compound	S
9	-9.63 kcal/mol	18	-8.46 kcal/mol
10	-8.81 kcal/mol	31	-8.18 kcal/mol
21	-8.72 kcal/mol	30	-8.11 kcal/mol
8	-8.55 kcal/mol	6	-8.09 kcal/mol
31	-8.21 kcal/mol	27	-8.00 kcal/mol



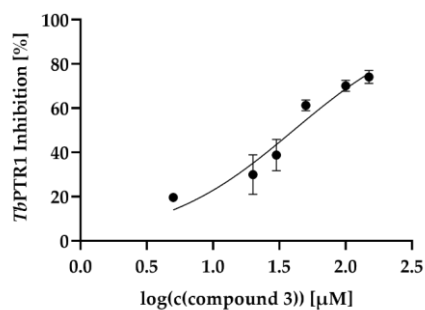
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Span	= 62.99
95% CI (profile likelihood)	
LogEC50	1.273 to 1.378
HillSlope	1.474 to 2.020
EC50	18.76 to 23.90
Goodness of Fit	
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R squared	0.9716
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Sy.x	3.132
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Figure S18. Determination of the EC₅₀ value of compound 1 against TbPTR1. The EC₅₀ value was determined by nonlinear regression analysis using the software GraphPad Prism 8 (Table 1).



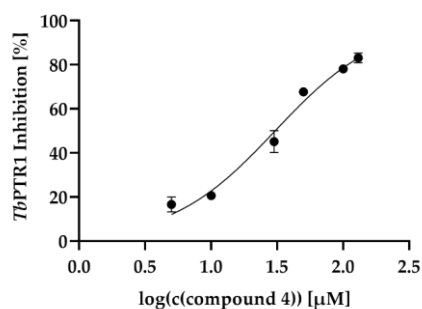
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LogEC50	1.095
HillSlope	1.390
EC50	12.44
Span	= 100.0
95% CI (profile likelihood)	
LogEC50	1.071 to 1.119
HillSlope	1.288 to 1.504
EC50	11.78 to 13.14
Goodness of Fit	
Degrees of Freedom	22
R squared	0.9919
Sum of Squares	191.1
Sy.x	2.947
Constraints	
Bottom	Bottom = 0
Top	Top = 100
Number of points	
# of X values	24
# Y values analyzed	24

Figure S19. Determination of the IC₅₀ value of compound 2 against *TbPTR1*. The IC₅₀ value was determined by nonlinear regression analysis using the software GraphPad Prism 8 (Table 1).



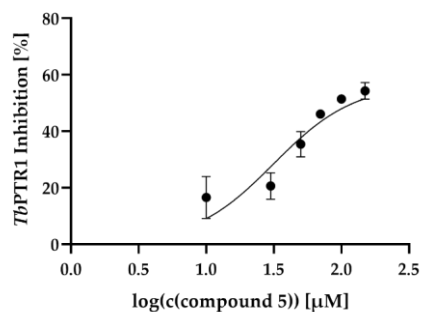
Best-fit values	
Bottom	= 0.000
Top	= 100.0
LogEC50	1.607
HillSlope	0.8690
EC50	40.45
Span	= 100.0
95% CI (profile likelihood)	
LogEC50	1.527 to 1.685
HillSlope	0.6881 to 1.084
EC50	33.62 to 48.39
Goodness of Fit	
Degrees of Freedom	16
R squared	0.9126
Sum of Squares	697.6
Sy.x	6.603
Constraints	
Bottom	Bottom = 0
Top	Top = 100
Number of points	
# of X values	18
# Y values analyzed	18

Figure S20. Determination of the IC₅₀ value of compound 3 for *TbPTR1*. The IC₅₀ value was determined by nonlinear regression analysis using the software GraphPad Prism 8 (Table 1).



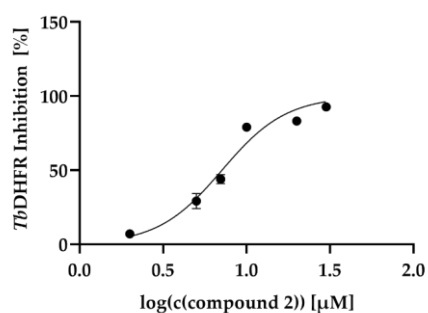
Best-fit values	
Bottom	= 0.000
Top	= 100.0
LogEC50	1.485
HillSlope	1.096
EC50	30.54
Span	= 100.0
95% CI (profile likelihood)	
LogEC50	1.438 to 1.531
HillSlope	0.9707 to 1.238
EC50	27.41 to 33.93
Goodness of Fit	
Degrees of Freedom	16
R squared	0.9771
Sum of Squares	289.8
Sy.x	4.256
Constraints	
Bottom	Bottom = 0
Top	Top = 100
Number of points	
# of X values	18
# Y values analyzed	18

Figure S21. Determination of the IC₅₀ value of compound **4** for *TbPTR1*. The IC₅₀ value was determined by nonlinear regression analysis using the software GraphPad Prism 8 (Table 1).



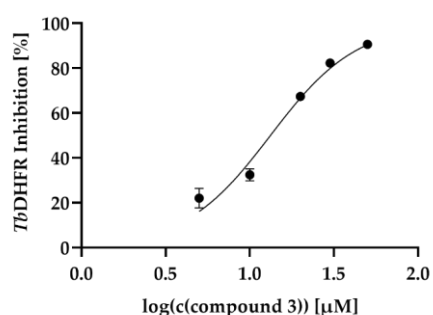
Best-fit values	
Bottom	= 0.000
Top	= 56.92
LogEC50	1.499
HillSlope	1.452
EC50	31.52
Span	= 56.92
95% CI (profile likelihood)	
LogEC50	1.367 to 1.606
HillSlope	1.008 to 2.236
EC50	23.27 to 40.33
Goodness of Fit	
Degrees of Freedom	16
R squared	0.8468
Sum of Squares	620.5
Sy.x	6.227
Constraints	
Bottom	Bottom = 0
Top	Top = 56.92
Number of points	
# of X values	18
# Y values analyzed	18

Figure S22. Determination of the EC₅₀ value of compound **5** for *TbPTR1*. The EC₅₀ value was determined by nonlinear regression analysis using the software GraphPad Prism 8 (Table 1).



Best-fit values	
Bottom	= 0.000
Top	= 100.0
LogEC50	0.8527
HillSlope	2.259
EC50	7.124
Span	= 100.0
95% CI (profile likelihood)	
LogEC50	0.8122 to 0.8931
HillSlope	1.733 to 3.120
EC50	6.489 to 7.818
Goodness of Fit	
Degrees of Freedom	16
R squared	0.9565
Sum of Squares	771.9
Sy.x	6.946
Constraints	
Bottom	Bottom = 0
Top	Top = 100
Number of points	
# of X values	18
# Y values analyzed	18

Figure S23. Determination of the IC₅₀ value of compound 2 for *TbDHFR*. The IC₅₀ value was determined by nonlinear regression analysis using the software GraphPad Prism 8 (Table 1).



Best-fit values	
Bottom	= 0.000
Top	= 100.0
LogEC50	1.123
HillSlope	1.691
EC50	13.27
Span	= 100.0
95% CI (profile likelihood)	
LogEC50	1.083 to 1.161
HillSlope	1.457 to 1.964
EC50	12.11 to 14.50
Goodness of Fit	
Degrees of Freedom	13
R squared	0.9745
Sum of Squares	283.3
Sy.x	4.668
Constraints	
Bottom	Bottom = 0
Top	Top = 100
Number of points	
# of X values	15
# Y values analyzed	15

Figure S24. Determination of the IC₅₀ value of compound 3 for *TbDHFR*. The IC₅₀ value was determined by nonlinear regression analysis using the software GraphPad Prism 8 (Table 1).