

Supplementary Materials

Molecular docking simulations on histone deacetylases (HDAC)-1 and -2 to investigate the flavone binding

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Supplementary Tables

Table S1**Autodock settings for simulations performed as blind (A) and focused (B) docking.**

All parameters not specified in this table or under Methods were left as default settings.

A. Blind docking

| Complex | Docking protocol | Grid box (npts) | Spacing (Å) |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| HDAC1-flavone | rigid | 106*112*126 | 0.513 |
| HDAC1-luteolin | rigid | 104*116*126 | 0.500 |
| HDAC1-apigenin | rigid | 118*124*126 | 0.480 |
| HDAC1-vorinostat | rigid | 106*112*126 | 0.513 |
| HDAC2-flavone | rigid | 118*108*126 | 0.508 |
| HDAC2-luteolin | rigid | 118*108*126 | 0.508 |
| HDAC2-apigenin | rigid and hydrated | 118*126*126 | 0.48 |
| HDAC2-vorinostat | rigid | 118*114*126 | 0.48 |

B. Focused docking

| Complex | Docking protocol | Grid box (npts) | Spacing (Å) | Flexible residues |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------|---|
| HDAC1-flavone | flexible | 48*60*55 | 0.375 | HIS140; HIS141; ASP176; ASP264; TYR303 |
| HDAC1-luteolin | flexible | 48*60*55 | 0.375 | HIS140; HIS141; PHE150; ASP176; PHE 205; ASP264; TYR303 |
| HDAC1-apigenin | flexible | 48*60*55 | 0.375 | HIS140; HIS141; ASP176; PHE205; ASP264; TYR30 |
| HDAC1-vorinostat | rigid and hydrated | 48*60*55 | 0.375 | |
| HDAC2-flavone | Rigid | 48*60*48 | 0.375 | |
| HDAC2-apigenin | flexible | 50*60*48 | 0.375 | HIS145; HIS146; ASP181; PHE 210; ASP269; TYR308 |
| HDAC2-luteolin | flexible | 50*60*48 | 0.375 | HIS145; HIS146; ASP181; PHE 210; ASP269; TYR308 |
| HDAC2-vorinostat | Rigid | 50*60*48 | 0.375 | |

Table S2**Analysis of the best complex conformations.**

For each complex, the best cluster of conformations has been considered, and the best three energy values have been considered.

| Complex | Number of conformation in the cluster | 1st conf. | 2nd conf. | 3rd conf. | Mean energy | Dev.std |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|
| HDAC1-flavone | 15 | -10.29 | -10.23 | -9.86 | -10.13 | 0.23 |
| HDAC1-luteolin | 9 | -9.41 | -9.26 | -8.87 | -9.18 | 0.28 |
| HDAC1-apigenina | 12 | -9.25 | -8.34 | -7.73 | -8.44 | 0.76 |
| HDAC1-vorinostat | 40 | -8.46 | -8.38 | -8.21 | -8.35 | 0.13 |
| HDAC2-flavone | 51 | -8.90 | -8.90 | -8.90 | -8.90 | 0.00 ¹ |
| HDAC2-luteolin | 6 | -9.26 | -9.13 | -9.02 | -9.14 | 0.12 |
| HDAC2-apigenin | 1 | -9.32 ² | | | -9.32 | |
| HDAC2-vorinostat | 63 | -8.50 | -8.36 | -8.31 | -8.39 | 0.10 |

¹ Standard deviation value obtained for HDAC2-flavone complex is equal to zero as a consequence of the same energy value observed for the first three conformations.

² For HDAC2-luteolin docking simulation, the best conformation obtained has not been clustered with other complex conformations.

Table S3

Summary of interactions occurring for each tested ligand with HDAC1 and HDAC2.

| HDACs: residue | Interaction with | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| | flavone | vorinostat | apigenin | luteolin |
| HDAC1: Zn ²⁺ | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: Zn ²⁺ | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC1: TYR24 | | | | X |
| HDAC2: TYR29 | | | | |
| HDAC1: HIS29 | | | | |
| HDAC2: HIS33 | | X | | |
| HDAC1: PRO29 | | | | |
| HDAC2: PRO34 | | X | | |
| HDAC1: MET30 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: MET35 | X | | | |
| HDAC1: ASP99 | | | X | X |
| HDAC2: ASP104 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC1: GLY138 | | X | | |
| HDAC2: GLY143 | | | X | |
| HDAC1: LEU139 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: LEU144 | X | | X | |
| HDAC1: HIS140 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: HIS145 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC1: HIS141 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: HIS146 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC1: GLY149 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: GLY154 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC1: PHE150 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: PHE155 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC1: CYS151 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: CYS156 | X | | X | X |
| HDAC1: ASP176 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: ASP181 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC1: HIS178 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: HIS183 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC1: TYR204 | | X | | |
| HDAC2: TYR209 | | | | |
| HDAC1: PHE205 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: PHE210 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC1: PRO206 | | | | |
| HDAC2: PRO211 | | | X | X |
| HDAC1: GLN260 | | | X | X |
| HDAC2: GLN265 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC1: ASP264 | | | X | |
| HDAC2: ASP269 | | | X | X |

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|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| HDAC1: LEU271 | X | X | X | |
| HDAC2: LEU276 | X | X | X | |
| HDAC1: GLY272 | | X | | |
| HDAC2: GLY277 | | | | |
| HDAC1: GLY300 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: GLY305 | X | | | X |
| HDAC1: GLY301 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: GLY306 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC1: GLY302 | | | | |
| HDAC2: GLY307 | | | X | X |
| HDAC1: TYR303 | X | X | X | X |
| HDAC2: TYR308 | X | X | X | X |

Supplementary Figures

Figure S1. Alignment of HDAC1 and HDAC2 sequences. Amino acids with numbers are in evidence for their interaction with ligands as described in the Results section. Numbers for HDAC2 are shifted in comparison to HDAC1 as we reported the numbers from PDB files.

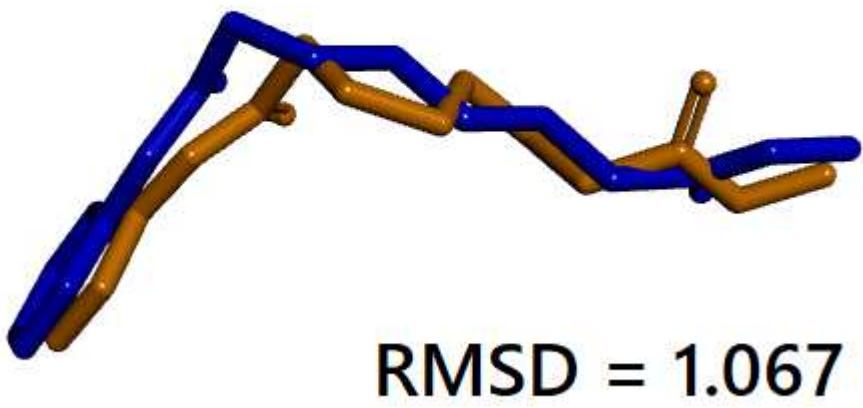
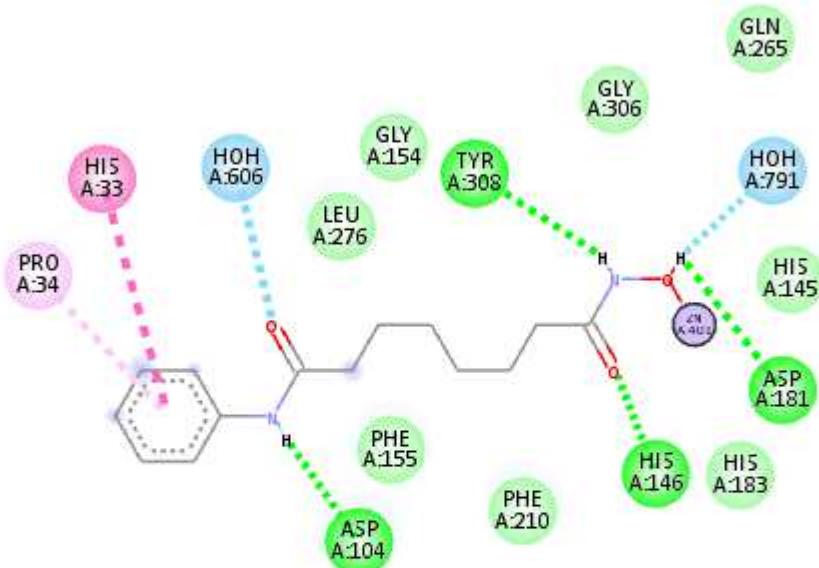


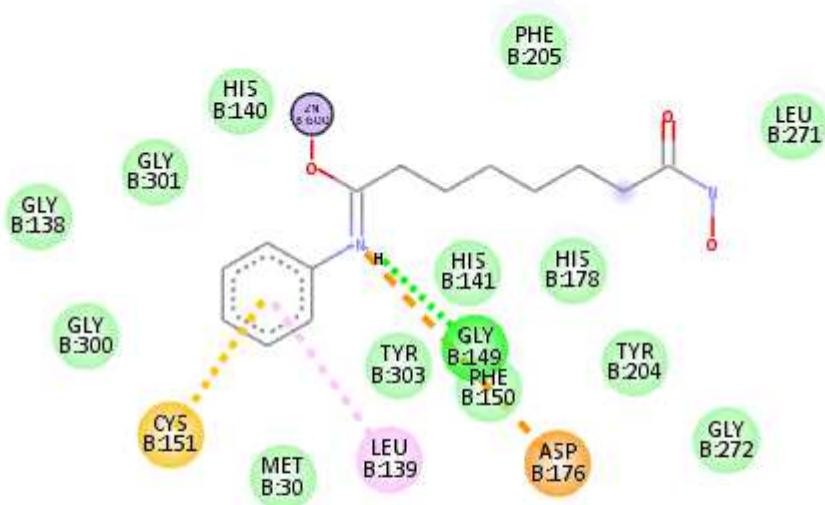
Figure S2. Superimposition of vorinostat molecules from the experimental complex and the redocked complex.



Interactions

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| van der Waals | Pi-Pi T-shaped |
| Water Hydrogen Bond | Pi-Alkyl |
| Conventional Hydrogen Bond | Covalent bond |

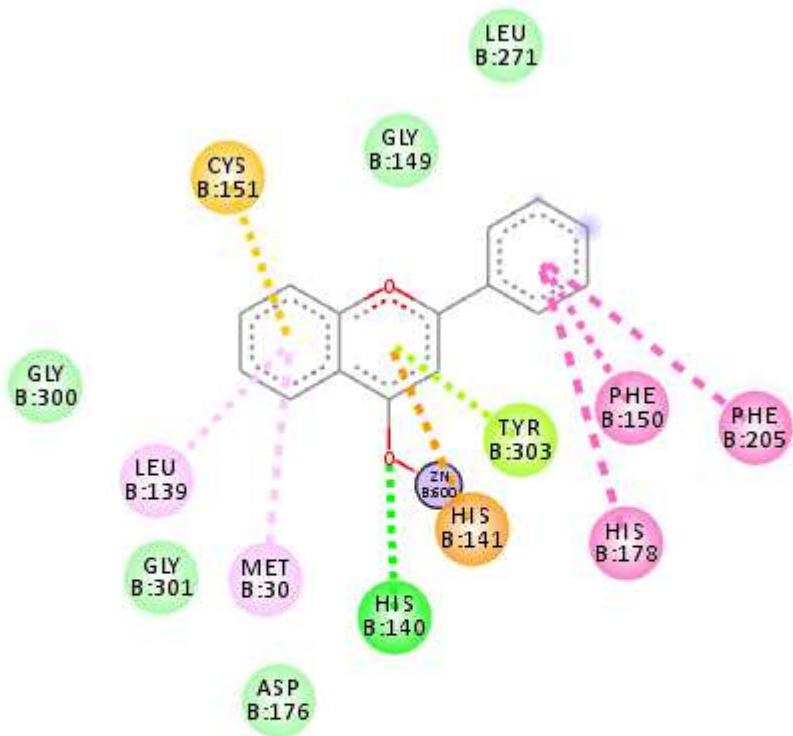
Figure S3. 2D diagram of interaction between HDAC2 and vorinostat. Image created with DiscoveryStudio4.5.



Interactions

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| | van der Waals |
| | Attractive Charge |
| | Conventional Hydrogen Bond |
| | Pi-Sulfur |
| | Pi-Alkyl |
| | Covalent bond |

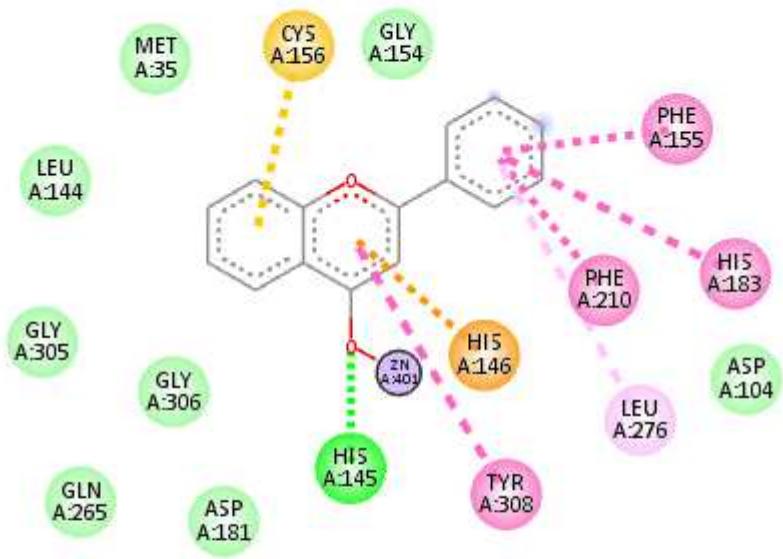
Figure S4. 2D diagram of interaction between HDAC1 and vorinostat. Image created with DiscoveryStudio4.5.



Interactions

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|--------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| [Green Box] | van der Waals | [Pink Box] | Pi-Pi Stacked |
| [Blue Box] | Conventional Hydrogen Bond | [Light Blue Box] | Pi-Pi T-shaped |
| [Orange Box] | Pi-Cation | [Purple Box] | Pi-Alkyl |
| [Yellow Box] | Pi-Sulfur | [Grey Box] | Covalent bond |
| [Red Box] | Pi-Lone Pair | | |

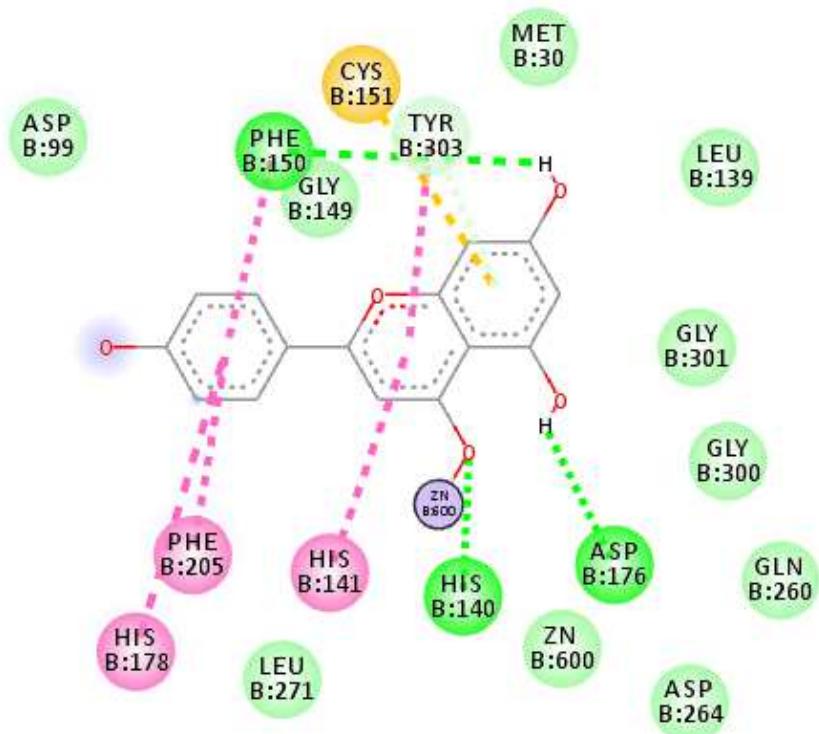
Figure S5. 2D diagram of interaction between HDAC1 and flavone. Image created with DiscoveryStudio4.5.



Interactions

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|---|----------------------------|---|----------------|
| | van der Waals | | Pi-Pi Stacked |
| | Conventional Hydrogen Bond | | Pi-Pi T-shaped |
| | Pi-Cation | | Pi-Alkyl |
| | Pi-Sulfur | | Covalent bond |

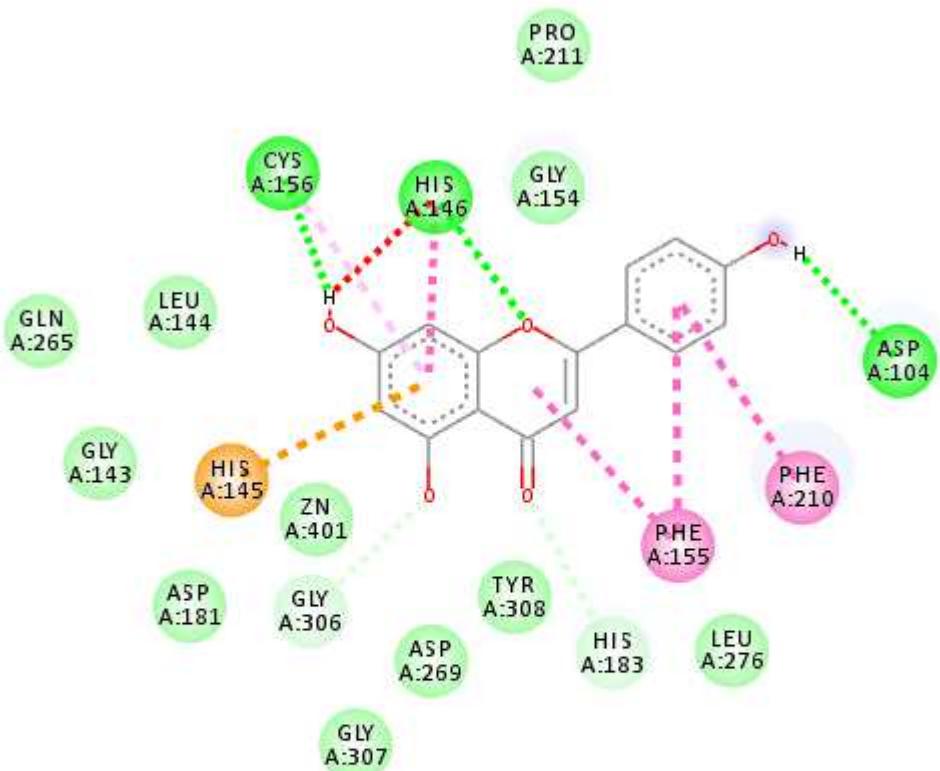
Figure S6. 2D diagram of interaction between HDAC2 and flavone. Image created with DiscoveryStudio4.5.



Interactions



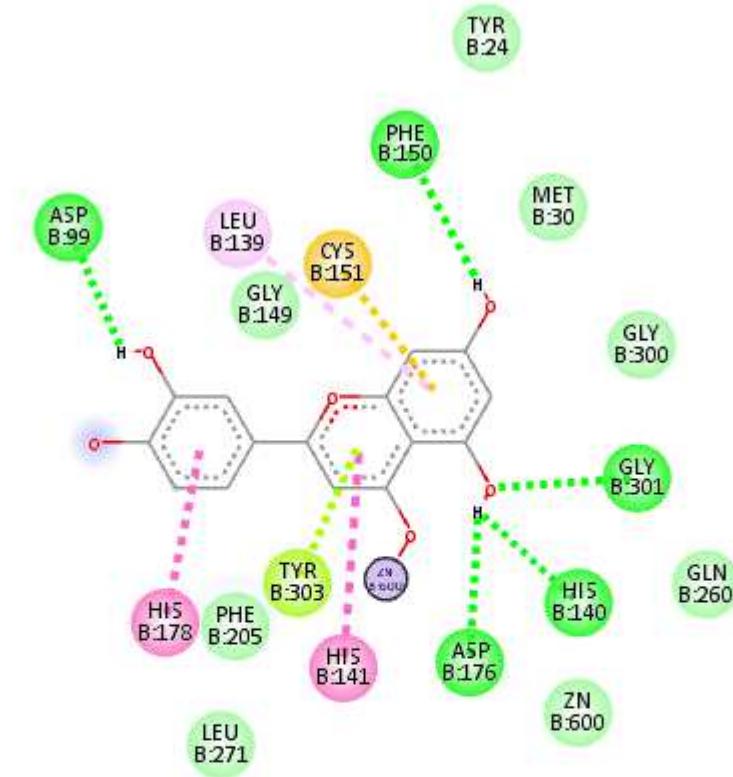
Figure S7. 2D diagram of interaction between HDAC1 and apigenin. Image created with DiscoveryStudio4.5.



Interactions

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|---|----------------------------|
| | van der Waals |
| | Conventional Hydrogen Bond |
| | Carbon Hydrogen Bond |
| | Unfavorable Donor-Donor |
| | Pi-Cation |
| | Pi-Pi Stacked |
| | Pi-Pi T-shaped |
| | Pi-Alkyl |

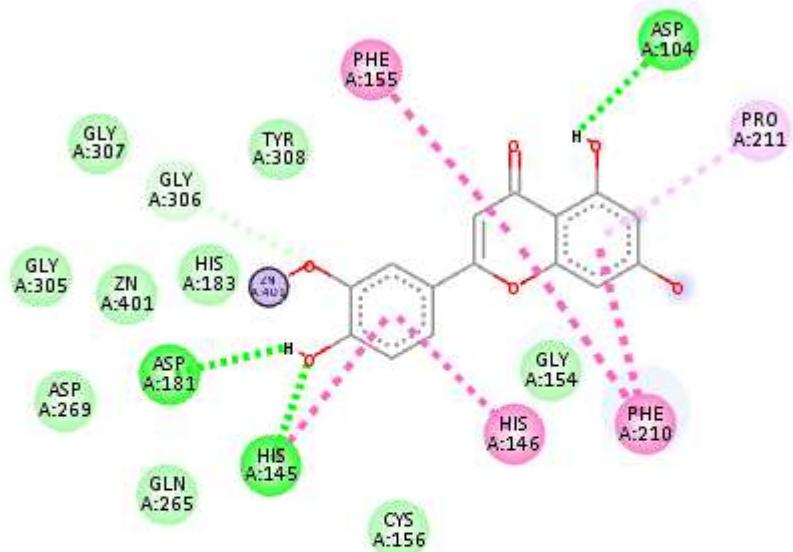
Figure S8. 2D diagram of interaction between HDAC2 and apigenin. Image created with DiscoveryStudio4.5.



Interactions

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| | van der Waals |
| | Conventional Hydrogen Bond |
| | Pi-Sulfur |
| | Pi-Lone Pair |
| | Pi-Pi T-shaped |
| | Pi-Alkyl |
| | Covalent bond |

Figure S9. 2D diagram of interaction between HDAC1 and luteolin. Image created with DiscoveryStudio4.5.



Interactions

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| van der Waals | Pi-Pi T-shaped |
| Conventional Hydrogen Bond | Pi-Alkyl |
| Carbon Hydrogen Bond | Covalent bond |
| Pi-Pi Stacked | |

Figure S10. 2D diagram of interaction between HDAC2 and luteolin. Image created with DiscoveryStudio4.5.