

Supporting Information

Molecular simulations studies on the binding selectivity of 2-anilino-4-(thiazol-5-yl)- pyrimidines in complexes with CDK2 and CDK7

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Table S1. Surflex score of docked ligand CP1 for CDK2 and CP1-3 for CDK7

Docking complex	ΔG_{exp}	CScore ^a	Crash score ^b	Polar score ^c	G score ^d	PMF score ^e	D score ^f	Chem score ^g	Amino acid interaction
CDK2-CP1	-13.66	7.20	-1.02	1.89	-249.57	-62.04	-150.91	-29.01	Leu83, Lys89, Asp86
CDK7-CP1	-8.27	4.49	-1.02	2.15	-136.05	-43.39	-108.54	-24.65	Met94
CDK7-CP2	-9.79	5.41	-1.10	1.68	-200.73	-24.64	-200.73	-34.87	Met94
CDK7-CP3	-11.85	5.55	-0.47	1.82	-110.04	-66.02	-193.54	-25.25	Met94

^a**CScore** is a consensus scoring which uses multiple types of scoring functions to rank the affinity of ligands, ^b**Crash-score** revealing the inappropriate penetration into the binding site, ^c **Polar** region of the ligand, ^d **G-score** showing hydrogen bonding, complex (ligand-protein), and internal (ligand-ligand) energies, ^e **PMF-score** indicating the Helmholtz free energies of interactions for protein-ligand atom pairs (Potential of Mean Force, PMF), ^f **D-score** for charge and van der Waals interactions between the protein and the ligand, ^g **Chem-score** points for hydrogen bonding, lipophilic contact, and rotational entropy, along with an intercept term.

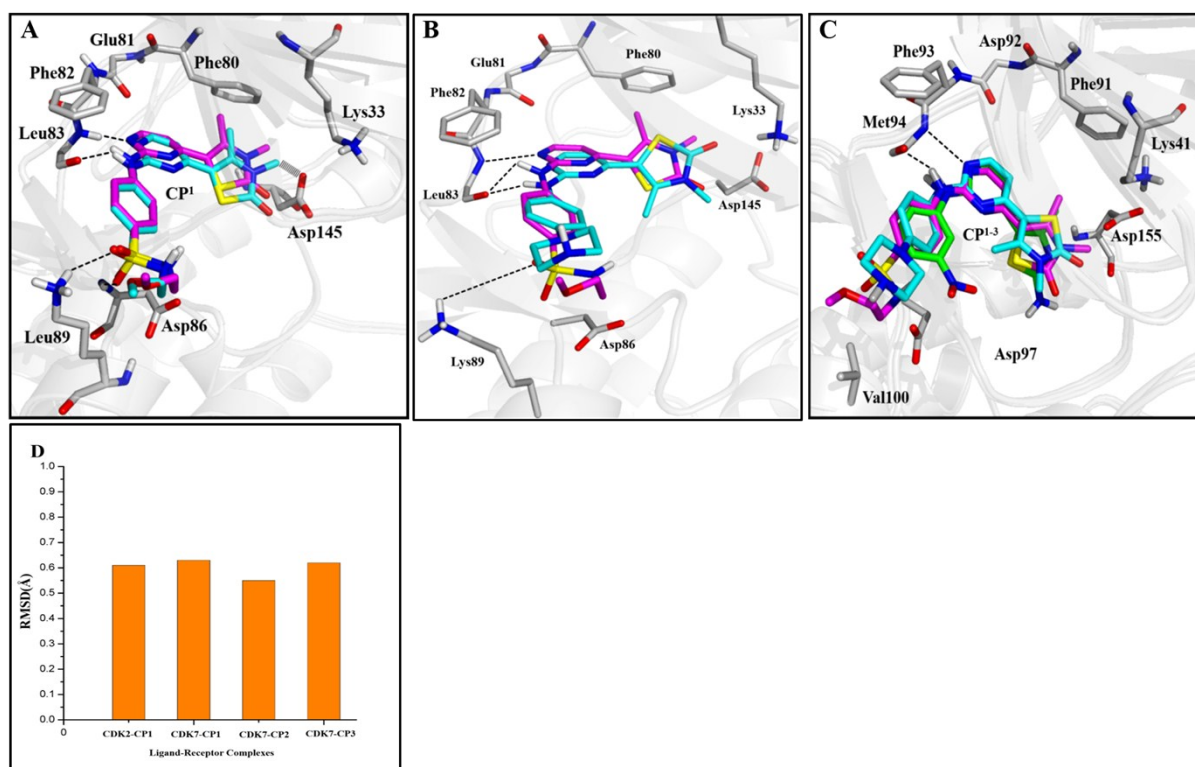


Figure S1. Comparison of binding modes of docked ligand with their starting conformations. **(A)** Superimposition of the docked ligand CP1 (Purple) and experimental conformation of CDK2 (Cyan). **(B)** Superimposition of the docked ligand CP1 (Purple) and experimental conformation of CP3 in the active site of CDK2 (Cyan). **(C)** Alignment of docked compounds CP1 (Purple), CP2 (Green) and CP3 (Cyan) within the active site of CDK7. The main residues constituting the active site are identified with a three letter representation. **(D)** The average means RMSD using bars chart.

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CDK1  -----MEDYTKIEKIGE GTYGVVYKGRHKTTGQVVAAMKKIRLESE---EEGVPSTA 48
CDK2  -----MENFQKVEKIGE GTYGVVYKARNKLTGEVVALKKIRLDTE---TEGVPSTA 48
CDK3  FCFPGSSVAMDMFQKVEKIGE GTYGVVYKAKNRETGQLVALKKIRLDLE---MEGVPSTA 57
CDK4  -----MATSRYEPVAEIGV GAYGTVYKARDPHSGHFVALKSVRVPNNGGGGGGLPIST 53
CDK7  -MALDVKSRAKRYEKLDFLGE GQFATVYKARDKNTNQIVAIKKIKLGRHSEAKDGINRTA 59
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CDK1  IREISLLKE---LRHPNIVSLQDVLMO-----DSRLYLI FEFLSMDLKKYLD SIPPQY M 100
CDK2  IREISLLKE---LNHPNIVKLLDVIHT-----ENKLYLV FEFLHQDLKKFMDASA-LTGI 99
CDK3  IREISLLKE---LKHPNIVRLLDVHN-----ERKLYLV FEFLSQDLKKYMDSTP-GSEL 108
CDK4  VREVALLRLEAFEHPNVVRLMDVCATSRTDREIKVTLV FEHVDQDLRTYLDKAP-PPGL 112
CDK7  LREIKLLQE---LSHPNIIGLLDAFGH-----KSNISLV FDFMETDLEVI IKDNS--LVL 109
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CDK1  DSSLVKSZYLIQILQGIVFCHSRRLHRDLKP QNLLI DDKGTIKL ADFGLARAFGIPIRVY 160
CDK2  PLPLIKSYLFQLLQGLAFCHSHRVLHRDLKP QNLLI NTEGAIKL ADFGLARAFGVPVRTY 159
CDK3  PLHLIKSYLFQLLQGVSFCHSHRVIHRDLKP QNLLI NELGAIKL ADFGLARAFGVPVRTY 168
CDK4  PAETIKDLMRQFLRGLDFLHANCIVHRDLKP ENILV TSGGTVKL ADFGLARIYSYQM-AL 171
CDK7  TPSHIKAYMLMTLQGLEYLHQHWILHRDLKP NNLLI DENGVLKL ADFGLAKSFGSPNRAY 169
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CDK1  THEVVTLWYRSPEVLLGSARYSTPVDIWSIGTIFAELATKKPLFHGDSEIDQLFRIFRAL 220
CDK2  THEVVTLWYRAPEILLGSKYYSTAVDIWSLGCIFAEMVTRRALFPGDSEIDQLFRIFRTL 219
CDK3  THEVVTLWYRAPEILLGSKFYTTAVDIWSIGCIFAEMVTRKALFPGDSEIDQLFRIFRML 228
CDK4  TPVVVTLWYRAPEVLLQS-TYATPVDMWSVGCIFAEMFRRKPLFCGNSADQLGKIFDLI 230
CDK7  THQVVTRWYRAPELLFGARMYGVGVDMWAVGCILAELLRVPFLPGDSDLDQLTRIFETL 229
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CDK1  GTPNNEVWPEVESLQDYKNTFPKWKPGSLASHVKNLDENGLDLSKMLIYDPAKRISGKM 280
CDK2  GTPDEVVWPGVTSMPDYKPSFPKWARQDFSKVVPPLDEDGRSLLSQMLHYDPNKRISAKA 279
CDK3  GTPSEDTWPGVTQLPDYKGSFPKWTRKGLEEIVPNLEPEGRDLLMQLLQYDPSQRITAKT 288
CDK4  GLPPEDDWRDVS LPR--GAFP PRGPRVQSVVPEMEESGAQLLEMLTFNPHKRISAFR 288
CDK7  GTPTEEQWPDMSLPDYVT-FKSFPGIPLHHIFSAAGDLDLQGLFLFNPCARITATQ 288
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CDK1  ALNHPYFNDLDNQIKKM----- 297
CDK2  ALAHPFFQDVTKVPHLRL----- 298
CDK3  ALAHPYFSSPE-PSPAARQYVLQR----FRH----- 314
CDK4  ALQHSYLHKDEGNPE----- 303
CDK7  ALKMKYFSNRPGTPGCQLPRNCPVETLKEQSNPALAIKRKRTEALEQGGLPKKLIF 347

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Figure S2. The sequence alignments of CDK1, CDK2, CDK3, CDK4 and CDK7 generated by Clustal W. at <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalw2/>. In the sequences, an asterisk (*) indicates an identical or conserved residue; a colon (:) indicates conserved substitutions; a stop (.) indicates semi-conserved substitutions.

Table S2. Result of binding site comparison of CDK2 and CDK7, based on EasyMIFs using CMET probes.

Rank	Total energy (kcal·mol ⁻¹)		Volume (Å ³)		Residues contributing to each cluster (identified by subsite)	
	CDK2	CDK7	CDK2	CDK7	CDK2	CDK7
1	-1622.97	-955.83	123	75	I10, G11, G13, V18, K33, V64, F80, Q131, N132, A144, D145	E20, T96, D97, E99, V100, K139, P140, N141
2	-797.57	-841.43	66	57	E8, K9, I10, G11, K20, F82, H84	L18, K41, F91, D92, F93, M94, E95, T96, D97, L144, A154, D155
3	-125.81	-561.12	8	50	I10, E81, F82, L83, A31, L134	F93, E95, T96, E147

Table S3. Quantum chemical descriptors based upon DFT calculations used for MESP for compounds CP1, CP2, and CP3.

Quantum descriptors	Gas phase			Solvent phase (Aqueous)		
	CP1	CP2	CP3	CP1	CP2	CP3
E_{LUMO} (eV)	-0.080	-0.105	-0.065	-0.071	-0.117	-0.067
E_{HOMO} (eV)	-0.222	-0.215	-0.190	-0.217	-0.215	-0.188
Total dipole moment μ (D)	11.52	4.41	5.19	15.75	5.85	6.85

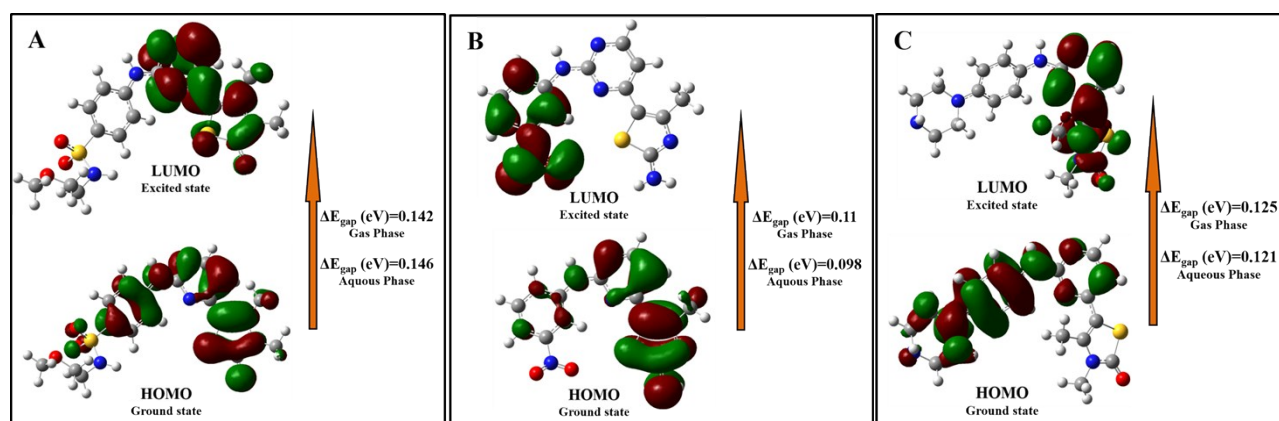


Figure S3. Molecular orbital for the HOMO–LUMO plot of (A) CP1, (B) CP2, and (C) CP3 with B3LYP/6-31G (d,p)

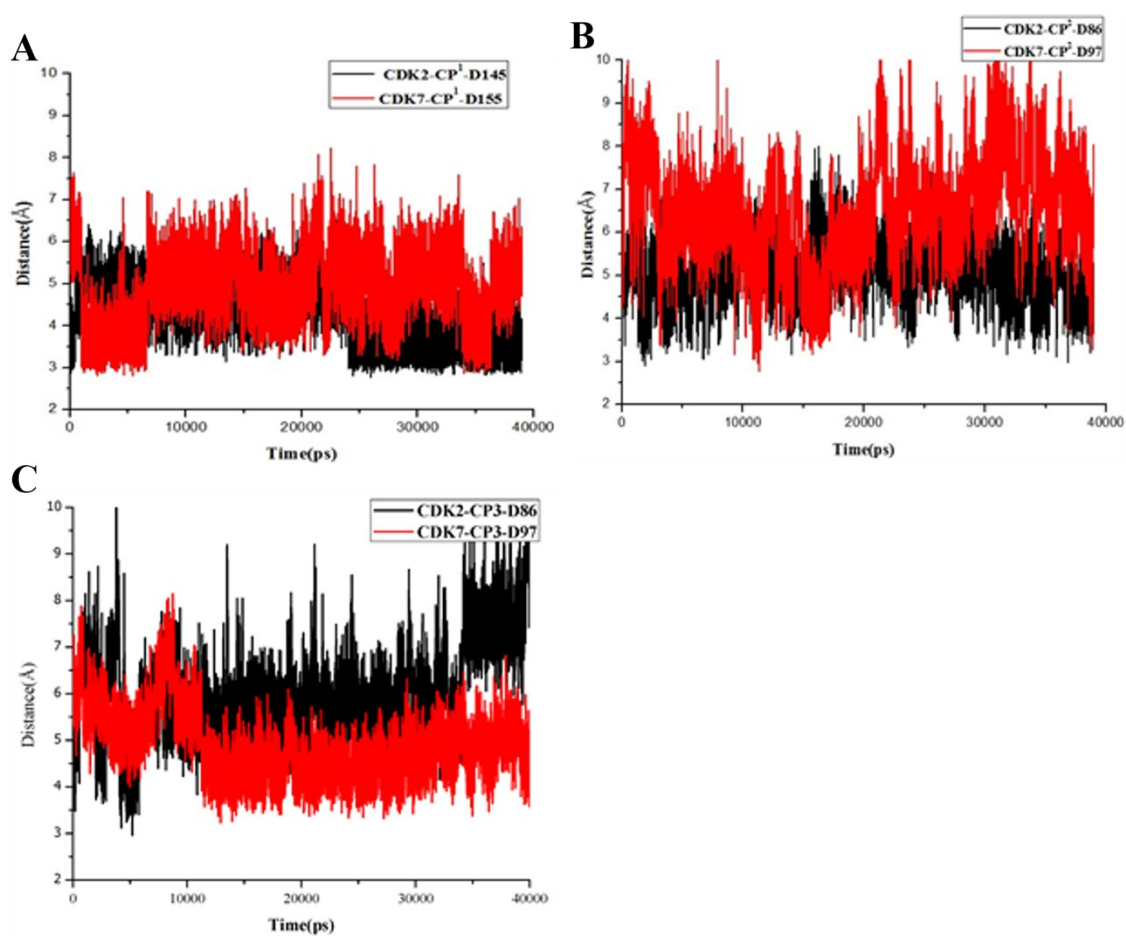


Figure S4. (A) The distance of CDK2-Asp145 (OD1) and CDK7-Asp155 (OD1) from C27 atom of inhibitor CP1, plotted as a function of time in CDK2-CP1 and CDK7-CP1. (B) The distance of CDK2-Asp86 (OD1) and CDK7-Asp97 (OD1) from N₁₇ atom of inhibitor CP2, plotted as a function of time in CDK2-CP2 and CDK7-CP2. (C) The distance of CDK2-Asp86 (CB) and CDK7-Asp97 (CB) from N₆ atom of inhibitor CP3, plotted as a function of time in CDK2-CP3 and CDK7-CP3.

Table S4. Hydrogen bonds analyses from MD trajectories ^a

System	Donor ^a	Acceptor ^a	Occupancy(%) ^b	Distance(Å) ^c	Angle(°) ^d
CDK2-CP1	Leu83 N-H	CP1 N1	98.48	3.003 ± 0.12	24.90 ± 13.12
	CP1 N1-H9	Leu83 O	73.16	2.999 ± 0.17	27.15 ± 8.12
	Lys89 NZ-HZ3	CP1 O2	41.69	3.234 ± 0.45	33.05 ± 15.12
	Lys89 NZ-HZ2	CP1 O2	31.69	3.202 ± 0.60	33.53 ± 14.87
CDK7-CP1	CP1 N1-H9	MET94 O	99.97	2.952 ± 0.15	23.29 ± 10.12
	Met94 N-H	CP1 N1	99.28	3.064 ± 0.14	32.19 ± 14.55
	Lys44 NZ-HZ2	CP1 O3	36.00	2.87 ± 0.70	154.31 ± 14.73
CDK2- CP2	CP2 N7-H8	Leu83 O	99.81	3.001 ± 0.16	21.96 ± 11.08
	Leu83 N-H	CP2 N1	97.83	3.099 ± 0.15	29.01 ± 13.13
	CP2 N7A-H5	Asp145 OD1	46.28	3.011 ± 0.28	21.36 ± 11.00
	CP2 N7A-H4	Asp145 OD2	40.40	3.454 ± 0.59	32.67 ± 14.69
	Lys89 NZ-HZ2	CP2 O8B	12.80	3.498 ± 0.78	34.19 ± 14.49
CDK7- CP2	CP2 N7-H8	Met94 O	99.30	2.961 ± 0.15	19.31 ± 11.30
	Met94 N-H	CP2 N1	98.37	3.106 ± 0.15	28.58 ± 12.97
	CP2 N7A-H4	Asp155 OD2	30.59	3.241 ± 0.75	27.72 ± 15.58
	CP2 N7A-H4	Asp155 OD1	28.21	4.142 ± 0.72	37.56 ± 13.74
CDK2-CP3	CP3 N7-H6	Leu83 O	100	3.026 ± 0.16	27.77 ± 13.07
	Leu83 N-H	CP3 N1	99.80	3.054 ± 0.13	21.74 ± 10.26
CDK7- CP3	CP3 N7-H6	Leu83 O	99.94	3.038 ± 0.21	19.55 ± 10.12
	MET94 N-H	CP3 N1	99.51	3.023 ± 0.13	31.79 ± 13.87
Q85T- CP1	Leu83 N-H	CP1 N1	85.90	3.090 ± 0.16	21.70 ± 9.69
K89L- CP1	Leu83 N-H	CP1 N1	82.97	3.123 ± 0.16	21.65 ± 9.79
	CP1 N8-H	Glu228 O	100	2.63 ± 0.11	158.97 ± 9.88
	CP1 N16-H	Asp292 OD2	30.00	4.31 ± 0.43	144.23 ± 13.75
D145A- CP1	Leu83 N-H	CP1 N1	79.69	3.167 ± 0.19	21.65 ± 9.79

^a The listed donor and acceptor pairs satisfy the criteria for the hydrogen bond over 30.0% of the time during the 40 ns of simulation. ^b Occupancy is in unit of percentage of the investigated time period. ^c The average distance with standard error (SE = standard deviation/N^{1/2}) between hydrogen acceptor atom and proton on hydrogen donor atom in the investigated time period. ^d The average angle with standard error (SE = standard deviation/N^{1/2}) in parentheses for hydrogen bond in the investigated time period.