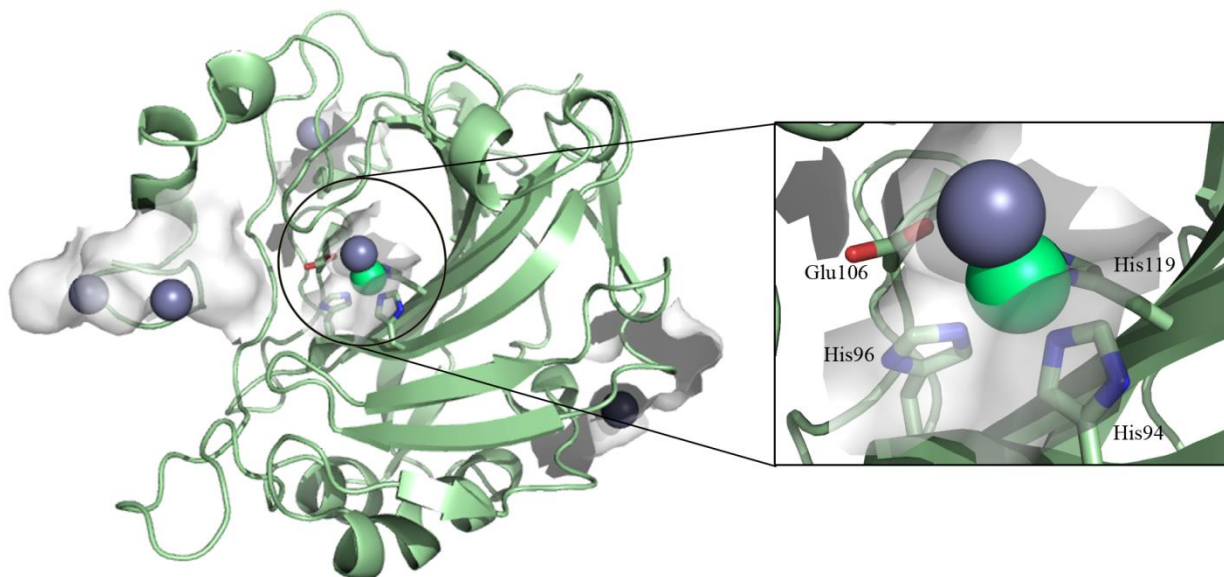


**Supplementary Figure S1.** *Zn:[NTA] species distribution at different pH values.* 1 mM NTA was the input into MINEQL+ 4.6 software in order to model and determine the distribution of both the Zn:[NTA] and Zn:[NTA]<sub>2</sub> species at different pH values. The Zn:[NTA] species predominates at acidic pH and decreases as the pH increases, while the Zn:[NTA]<sub>2</sub> species follows the opposite pattern.



**Supplementary Figure S2.** *Predicted binding of  $Zn^{2+}$  on carbonic anhydrase II.* Result of docking simulation performed on a carbonic anhydrase II (CA) X-ray crystal structure (PDB id: 1CAM); details of the catalytic site are shown in the square frame. Protein structure is in pale green,  $Zn^{2+}$  ions as grey spheres, and relevant amino acids as sticks. The zinc atom localized originally in the crystal structure of CA is shown in green.

<b>Carbonic Anhydrase II (PDB id: 1CAM, res.: 1.70 Å)</b>	<b>Pose 1</b>	<b>Pose 2</b>	<b>Pose 3</b>	<b>Pose 4</b>	<b>Pose 5</b>
<b>Estimate binding Energy (kcal/mol)</b>	-26.0211	-25.5656	-23.7628	-23.499	-22.5137
<b>Amino acids within 4 Å</b>	His94 His96 Glu106 His119 Ala199	Tyr51 Asp52 Ala54 Asp180	His3 His10	Asp32 Asp34	His3 His4

**Supplementary Table 1.** Results of docking simulations on Carbonic Anhydrase II.