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1 **Accurate contact-based modelling of repeat proteins predicts the structure of**
2 **Curlin and SPW repeats.**

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9 **Abstract**

10 Repeat proteins are an abundant class in eukaryotic proteomes. They are involved in many
11 eukaryotic specific functions, including signalling. For many of these families, the structure is
12 not known. Recently, it has been shown that the structure of many protein families can be
13 predicted by using contact predictions from direct coupling analysis and deep learning.
14 However, their unique sequence features present in repeat proteins is a challenge for
15 contact predictions DCA-methods. Here, we show that using the deep learning-based
16 PconsC4 is more effective for predicting both intra and interunit contacts among a
17 comprehensive set of repeat proteins. In a benchmark dataset of 819 repeat proteins about
18 one third can be correctly modelled and among 51 PFAM families lacking a protein structure,
19 we produce models of five families with estimated high accuracy.

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21 **Author Summary**

22 Repeat proteins are widespread among organisms and particularly abundant in eukaryotic

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23 proteomes. Their primary sequence present repetition in the amino acid sequences that
24 origin structures with repeated folds/domains. Although the repeated units are easy to be
25 recognized in primary sequence, often structure information are missing. Here we used
26 contact prediction for predicting the structure of repeats protein directly from their primary
27 sequences. We benchmark our method on a dataset comprehensive of all the known
28 repeated structures. We evaluate the contact predictions and the obtained models set for
29 different classes of proteins and different lengths of the target, and we benchmark the quality
30 assessment of the models on repeats proteins. Finally, we applied the methods on the
31 repeat PFAM families missing of resolved structures, five of them modelled with high
32 accuracy.

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34 **Introduction**

35 Repeat proteins contain periodic units in the primary sequence that are likely the result of
36 duplication event at the genetic level [1]. Repeat proteins emerge through replication
37 slippage [2] and double-strand break repair [3]. This protein class is present in all genomes
38 but is more frequent in eukaryotic organisms [4–6] where they are involved in a wide range
39 of functions [7]. In particular, due to their extended structures repeat proteins often behave
40 as molecular scaffolds in protein signalling or for protein complexes as WD40 domain [8], or
41 ankyrin repeats [9,10].

42 Repeat proteins are often conserved among orthologs [4,11] while exhibiting a more
43 accelerated evolution and divergence among paralogs [11].

44 A classification of repeat proteins was proposed by Kajava [12,13] based on the length of
45 the repeat units and the tertiary structure of the repeat units. According to Kajava's
46 classification, there are five classes of repeat proteins. However, in this study, we ignore
47 class I and II because there are no available structures for class I, and class II structures are
48 folded in a coiled-coil structure easy to be predicted. Moreover, the extreme amino acid

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49 compositional bias of many of these proteins makes it very hard to find the coevolving
50 residues in these classes.

51 The dataset used in our study contains three classes of proteins divided into 20 subclasses
52 divided by their secondary structure, according to RepeatsDB [14] Fig 1. The three classes
53 are class III containing extended repeats (e.g. α and β solenoids), class IV containing closed
54 repeats structures (e.g. TIM and β barrels and β -propeller), class V where the units appear
55 as separate domains on a string. The units are also longer in class V than in other classes.

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57 **Figure1. Repeats proteins classification.** Representation of the repeats classes and
58 subclasses as classified in repeatsDB 2.0 [14]

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60 Class III is dominated by solenoid structures (Figure1 III.1, III.2 III.3) [13], and there is a wide
61 range in the numbers of units (from 4 to 38). Also, the length of the individual unit is widely
62 variable, e.g. β -solenoid have significantly shorter repeats compared with α and α/β solenoid
63 [13]. Two subclasses: β -trefoil/ β -hairpins, anti-parallel and β -layer/ β -hairpins form extended
64 beta strands without the bend typical of the solenoid.

65 Members of class IV are constrained in variability by the closed fold. Indeed despite ten
66 subclasses of different units fold the number of units go from 3 to 16, and the proteins with
67 more than ten units are rare. The length of the units is in between class III and V [13].

68 Class V has the longest units, which fold into proper domains and also a low number of units
69 with few interactions between them.

70 However, many repeat proteins lack a resolved structure or a template to perform homology
71 modelling. Residue-residue contact prediction is the most promising template free method
72 [15]. Contact prediction methods identify residues co-evolution from multiple sequence

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73 alignment and identify the evolutionary constraints of the residues imposed by the tertiary
74 protein structure [16]. Nevertheless, repeat proteins are a difficult target for contact
75 prediction; the internal symmetry introduces artefacts in the contact map at a distance
76 corresponding to the repeated units [17].

77 Here, we benchmark the deep-learning-based contacts prediction program PconsC4 [18]
78 against the GaussDCA [19] on a comprehensive dataset generated from RepeatsDB [14].
79 The predicted contacts were then used as constraints to generate proteins model, and their
80 quality was then tested by Pcons [20]. On the base of the benchmark, we propose models
81 for the protein structures of PFAM protein families missing of resolved structures.

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83 Results and Discussion

84 General contact prediction analysis in repeat proteins

85 To assess the quality of the contacts predictions among repeat protein classes, we generate
86 a dataset of proteins, clustering at 40% of identity, the reviewed entries of RepeatsDB [14].
87 For each repeats region present in the dataset we extract the sequence of a representative
88 repeat unit and a pair of repeats, obtaining in this way three datasets: i) a single unit
89 datasets; ii) a double unit datasets; iii) complete region datasets.

90 For all the three sets of proteins, multiple sequence alignments (MSA) and secondary
91 structure predictions were generated. Subsequently using the MSA as input for PconsC4
92 and GaussDCA [19] contacts were predicted for each family. The performance of the contact
93 predictions was evaluated for each subclass separately. As expected, PconsC4 over-
94 perform GaussDCA in all the three sets and all the classes of repeat proteins, Figure 2.

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96 *Figure2. Precision of contact predictions. Positive Predicted Value (PPV) for the*

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97 *GaussDCA (red) and Pconsc4 (Blue) contact prediction for each subclass. In light colour the*
98 *single unit dataset, in medium colour the double units dataset, and in dark colour the*
99 *complete region dataset.*

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101 Here, it should be remembered that Pconsc4 use the GaussDCA prediction as an input for
102 the U-net [32] that learn to recognize specific contacts patterns [18].

103 In general, the predictions for the full length regions (darker colors in Fig. 2) give better
104 results than split the proteins into units but with some exceptions. In particular in class V,
105 that is composed by bigger units forming repeats of the “beds on a string” type, the splitting
106 in units may help, especially in some subclasses, to reach better contacts prediction
107 performance as discussed later.

108 Furthermore, Pconsc4 appear efficient in removing the DCA repeats artefacts compared
109 with GaussDCA. In Fig. 3 are shown some contact maps examples. In the GaussDCA
110 predictions are evident the periodic artefacts of wrong predictions (red dots) forming
111 perpendicular lines. These appear to be contacts between equivalent positions in the repeat
112 unit.

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114 *Figure 3. GaussDCA and Pconsc4 contact maps. Contact map for a prediction with a)*
115 *GaussDCA b) Pconsc4. In grey, the real contacts from the structure, in green the corrected*
116 *predicted value, in red the false predicted value.*

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118 Finally, it is well known that the quality of the prediction is directly correlated with the number
119 of sequences in the starting MSA, especially for the DCA methods [18]. The same trend is
120 confirmed among protein repeats, Fig. 4, where the repeats with a smaller MSA are

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121 predicted with lower PPV. PconsC4 and GaussDCA show the same pattern in the average
122 PPV except for an increase of the PPV for PconsC4 with MSA with a Neff Higher than 12.

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124 *Figure 4. PPV versus Neff. Positively Predicted Value for GaussDCA in red and PconsC4 in*
125 *Blue on the Neff value (number of effective sequences length weighted with length).*

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127 Differences among repeat classes in contacts prediction

128 Fig. 2 shows variations in the percentage of correct contacts among different protein repeat
129 classes and subclasses, to clarify the origin of these differences, we investigated more in-
130 depth the origin of the predicted contacts.

131 One central aspect that affects the difficulty of prediction is due to the pattern of contacts
132 [33]. In general, contacts that are parts of larger interaction areas are better predicted as well
133 as interactions between residues that are close in the sequence. A comparison between the
134 intra-unit and inter-unit contacts are shown in Fig 5a. Here, we obtained the number of intra
135 and inter-unit contacts from the PDB structures and we selected the same number of intra
136 and inter units from the contact predictions. The PPV was finally calculated as the number of
137 correct contacts over the number of the selected contacts.

138 On average the intra-units contacts are predicted with higher accuracy than the inter-unit
139 one, but this is not true for all protein classes. This behaviour is due to significant differences
140 of the units structures among the classes: in class III the unit are short, and the residues
141 form contacts mostly with the neighbour units; in class V, on the contrary, the units are long,
142 folded in independent domains and the contacts are predominantly inside the units with few
143 inter-unit contacts; class IV is halfway between class III and V. The inter units contacts of
144 class III and partially of class IV results easier do be predicted then class V ones, because
145 they form clearer patterns in contact maps. On the contrary, the intra-unit contacts of class V

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146 are predicted better than class III and IV for the same reason. We plot the PPV versus the
147 ratio of the inter-unit contacts over the total number of contacts of each protein. The PPV
148 show an inverse relation with the ratio of inter-unit contact of the protein (Figure 5.b,c,d).

149 The inter-units PPV is low for the proteins with an inter-contact ratio lower than 20%
150 constituting class V. Figure 5c shows the lowest inter-units contacts PPV while the PPV
151 between inter- and intra- contacts invert the trends at a ratio of 80%. This switch
152 corresponds to solenoid structures and TIM Barrel that have a ratio between 80%-100%
153 larger interaction surfaces between different units than inside a single unit.

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155 **Figure 5. Predicted contacts analysis.** *Positive Predicted Value (PPV) obtained by*
156 *PconsC4 for different types of contacts. a) Examples of inter- and intra- unit contacts. b) In*
157 *red, the PPV for intra-units contacts in blue PPV for inter-units contact. c) Repeats*
158 *subclasses. In red, the PPV for intra-units contacts in blue PPV for inter-units contact, colors*
159 *and shapes in the scatter plot indicate different protein subclasses. d) Secondary structure.*
160 *In red, the overall PPV, in blue, the α -helical subclasses, in green, the α -helix/ β -strand*
161 *subclasses, and in orange, the β -strand subclasses.*

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163 In Figure 5d, we divided the proteins into their secondary structure class. Proteins
164 subclasses containing only β -strand or α -helix/ β -strand appear easier to predict. The plots
165 show a steep decrease in the PPV values around the ratio of 50% helix for both intra- and
166 inter-units contacts. This is due to the α -helix subclasses component. α -helix are harder to
167 predict because they produce a less clear contact pattern compared with β -strand.

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169 Protein model generation and quality assessment

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170 Proteins models were generated using CONFOLD [28] starting from the contact predictions
171 of PconsC4 and the PSIPred secondary structure as constraints. In Fig. 6 we compare the
172 TM-score between the first model ranked by CONFOLD and the corresponding PDB protein
173 structure.

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175 **Figure 6. Protein model quality.** *a) TM-score in all the subfamilies. In sea-green the single*
176 *unit prediction, in blue the double units prediction, in red the complete region prediction. b)*
177 *TM-score of the subfamilies of class V. In green the single unit prediction and in brown the*
178 *prediction of that unit when the entire region is modelled.*

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180 Although the best contact predictions were, on average, obtained with the complete regions,
181 still splitting the structure lead in some cases to a better model; this is true in particular for
182 the “Beads on a string” class V, but single-unit models are also useful in the “propeller”
183 subclasses class IV: IV.4 β propeller, IV.8 α/β propeller and IV.5 α/β prism. Moreover
184 modelling a couple of units lead to the best models in two subclass III.3 α solenoid IV.10
185 and aligned prism. All these subclasses except α -solenoid have a low ratio of inter-units
186 contacts (below 50%) Fig. 5b, however α -solenoid where the complete protein reaches in
187 some cases a length of 1000 residues. Moreover, the bend of the protein is very difficult to
188 predict, and the models result in a series of straight helices.

189 It is questionable if the lower quality of the models of the complete region is due to a general
190 decrease in the performance or only to the impossibility to model the correct interaction
191 among different domains. To answer this question, we analysed more in deeper class V,
192 where the decrease in the performance is most evident. We extract from the “complete
193 region model” the same units and the units previously modelled as single and double units
194 Fig. 6b. Interestingly, even the single units and the double units extracted from the complete
195 region modelling have a lower or similar accuracy compared with the single and double units

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196 modelled alone, Figure 6b. This is observed is regardless of the quality of the prediction of
197 the contacts in the complete region prediction, Fig. 2, suggesting that the poor performance
198 is not only due to the more difficult prediction of the interdomain contacts but also due to a
199 limitation of the modelling of longer proteins.

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201 In order to evaluate the model quality, we plot the TM-scores of the models against the score
202 obtained from the quality assessment method Pcons [20], Fig. 7. In light of this result, we
203 consider the models of a complete repeats region reasonably correct when they reach a
204 Pcons score of 0.4. The complete dataset with Pcons prediction is reported in Table S1.

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206 **Figure 7. TM-score versus Pcons-score.** *TM-score versus Pcons-score for complete*
207 *region models.*

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209 **Modelling of repeat proteins without resolved structures**

210 In order to predict the structure of new repeats families, we selected 51 PFAM repeats family
211 without resolved structure. A representative sequence of each family was run against
212 Uniclust30 with HHpred, and the resulting MSA was used to predict the contact map that
213 was used together with the PSIPred prediction as constraints to generate the models.

214 All the models were evaluated with Pcons, but only five of them reach a Pcons score higher
215 than 0.4. These are the PFAM family; MORN 2, SPW, Curlin rpt, RTTN N, RHS repeat,
216 Table 1 (In Supplementary the target/template alignments).

217 In order to further prove the reliability of these models and perform a more comprehensive
218 protein modelling approach, we associated homology modelling and the contact-based
219 modelling approach. For three out of five proteins, HHsearch returned a highly reliable

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220 template, Table 1.

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PFAM Family	Representative sequence (Uniprot ID)	Pcons score	Template with seq. coverage > 70% (PDB ID)	HHsearch probability	TM score contact model/homology model
MORN 2 (PF07661)	Q8RH85	0.711	1MUF_A	99.37	0.5003
SPW	A0A2A3HD64	0.674	5EQC_A	29.35	/
Curlin rpt	Q8EIH3	0.576	2N59_A	1.97	/
RTTN N (PF14726)	W5P499	0.490	4U2X_E	94.03	0.3529
RHS repeat	A0A1G0MXS8	0.407	5KIS_B	99.46	0.5823

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223 In Fig. 8, the superimposition between homology modelling and contact based model is
 224 shown. In all three the protein family there is a substantial agreement between the two
 225 approaches. MORN 2 family contact-based and homology model are in agreement except
 226 for loops and the bend of the central beta-strand.

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228 **Figure 8. High quality protein models.** a) Superimposition between the contact-based
 229 models and the Homology Model performed with Chimera [34] and their respective TM-
 230 score. In red, the contact-based models and in light blue Homology models. b) Protein
 231 model of SPW family in the membrane (light brown). On the left in blue and red the two
 232 repeated units on the right in red the SPW motif. c) Protein model of Curlin repeats, in blue

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233 *and red the repeated units.*

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235 The RTTN N is the family showing the lowest TM-score between the two models mostly due
236 to a different rearrangement of the firsts three alpha-helices. Has to be mentioned, however,
237 that despite a high probability score, the identity between the target and the best template is
238 only 7% (Figure S1b) making hard to determine which is the best model.

239 In RHS repeat family, the score between the contact-based models and the homology model
240 share a TM-score of 0.58. Only the N terminal is modelled in a different with an extra beta-
241 strand in the contact-based model and an alpha helix in the template-based modelling.
242 However, we argue that in this case, the contact-based modelling overperform the Homology
243 model; indeed the contact prediction mode is in agreement with the secondary structure
244 prediction that predicts an N-terminal Beta strand (Figure S1c).

245 The remaining two PFAM families do not have suitable templates, and contact-based
246 modelling is the best suitable method for model them.

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248 **SPW family**

249 According to the PFAM database, the SPW family is present in Bacteria and Archaea in one
250 or two units, and in a few cases in association with a Vitamin K epoxide reductase or NAD-
251 dependent epimerase/dehydratase domain. Each repeated unit is formed by two
252 transmembrane alpha-helices and is characterized by an SPW motive [35]. According to our
253 model, the repeated motifs is buried in the membrane symmetrically located close to the
254 extracellular side, Fig. 8b. PFAM architectures show many proteins with only a single SPW
255 motif however a more careful analysis of these sequences shows that in many cases they
256 contain a second degenerate SPW unit before or after the one identified where however the
257 proline residue is conserved (Figure S2).

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258 The Tryptophan is on the outer side of the protein facing the bilayer while the proline is on
259 the inner side of the protein promoting the formation of a kink in the transmembrane helix
260 [36]. The motif “SP” in particular, increase the bending effect of proline significantly due to
261 their hydrogen bond pattern [37], indeed due to the structural propriety, the motif is relatively
262 rare in membrane proteins [37].

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264 **Curlin repeats family**

265 Our model results in a β -solenoid structure, Fig. 8c DeBenedictis et al. in 2017 presented
266 and discussed ab initio models for the Curlin repeats family members CsgA and CsgB [38],
267 their best models is in agreement with our model (a direct comparison is difficult as the
268 coordinates is not available of their model). The model is furthermore confirmed by the
269 partial structure of the repeat units of CsgA published by Perov et al. [39] where they
270 crystallize in parallel β -sheets with individual units situated perpendicular to the fibril axis
271 (corresponding PDB IDs are 6G8C, 6G8D, 6G8E).

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273 **Conclusion.**

274 The modelling of the unknown PFAM families was challenging. Only 10% of the datasets
275 had a Pcons score equal or higher to 0.4; compared to 21% in the benchmark dataset.
276 However, the differences between the two datasets have to be taken into account. It is
277 known that a smaller MSA affects the prediction of contacts and known structures are biased
278 towards the larger family [40] Indeed our “Unknown protein families” dataset shows a
279 significant lower Neff score compared with the PDB benchmark set, Figure 9a. Moreover, in
280 the Unknown protein set, there are more eukaryotic-specific protein families (Fig. 9b).

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282 **Figure9. Datasets comparisons.** a) Neff score comparison between the two datasets. b)

283 The variation in the membership to the three domains of life between the PFAM families of

284 the “Unresolved Proteins Dataset” and the “PDB dataset”.

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286 Despite the significant improvement brought by deep-learning in contact prediction, there is

287 still room for improvement. The prediction of inter-domain contacts accuracy is often lower

288 than the intra-units one and the development of a model trained explicitly on repeats protein

289 datasets might improve the result. Furthermore, the folding part of the pipeline is a limiting

290 step, in particular for long proteins.

291 In our study, we performed a comprehensive coevolution analysis on repeat protein families,

292 and we show that PconsC4 contact-predictions method overcomes the traditional difficulties

293 of DCA methods for this class of proteins. We investigated the modelling of repeat units, and

294 we provided a “titration curve” for Pcons score for repeat proteins. Finally, we test our

295 pipeline on PFAM families without protein structures showing its usefulness in providing new

296 structural information.

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298 **Materials and Methods**

299 **Datasets generation**

300 The repeat protein dataset was generated starting from the 3585 reviewed entries in

301 RepeatsDB [14,21], <http://protein.bio.unipd.it/repeatsdb-lite/dataset>. The proteins of class I

302 and II were removed, and then the dataset was homology reduced using CD-HIT [22] at 40%

303 identity resulting in 819 repeats regions. From this “complete region dataset” two others

304 datasets were generated: I) A “single unit” dataset with one repeat unit for each region; II) A

305 “double unit” dataset with a pair of units per each repeat region. In the two derived datasets,

306 the representative units were selected, avoiding or at least minimizing, the presence of

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307 insertions.

308 The non-resolved repeats protein family dataset was generated, collecting all the repeat
309 proteins families with missing structural information present in PFAM [23] in May 2019 and
310 removing the domains with a significant overlap with the disorder prediction. It results in 51
311 protein families. The representative sequence for each family of repeat was chosen for
312 matching these criteria: 1) select the most common architecture; 2) Include when possible at
313 least three repeat units.

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315 Multiple sequence alignment (MSA)

316 The multiple sequence alignments (MSA) were carried out using HHblits [24] with an E-value
317 cutoff of 0.001 against the Uniclust30_2017_04 database [25]. The number of effective
318 sequences of the alignment, expressed as Neff-score, was calculated by HHblits and used
319 for subsequent analysis.

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321 Contact prediction and models generation

322 The protein models were generated following the PconsFold2 protocol of [26]. The
323 secondary structure of the repeat regions was predicted by PSIPred [27]. Protein contacts
324 were calculated with PconsC4 [18] and together with the secondary structure predictions
325 were used as input for ConFold [28]. The modelling was run using the top scoring 1.5 L
326 contracts where L is the length of the modelled regions and the two-stage modelling.

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328 Contacts analysis

329 A protein contact was defined as two residues having a beta carbon distance equal or lower
330 than 8Å in the PDB structure and farther than 5 residues in the sequence. Using this

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331 definition, we assess the number of correctly predicted contacts (the Positively Predicted
332 value (PPV)) taking into account the top-scoring 1.5 L contracts.

333 In the intra/inter unit contacts analysis, the predicted contacts of each protein were divided
334 between i) intra-unit contacts, if between residues inside the same unit; ii) inter-units if the
335 residues are in different repeat units. The units mapping was taken from the RepeatsDB
336 database [14]. In this analysis, we calculate the number of intra- and inter-unit contacts
337 existing in the PDB structure, and we selected the same number of intra- and inter-units
338 predictions. The PPV was then calculated as the number of correct contacts over the
339 number of the selected contacts.

340 Homology modelling

341 Templates for homology modelling were searched by HHsearch [29] using the HHpred web-
342 server with default settings on PDB_mmCIF70_3_Aug database. Subsequently, the models
343 were generated by HHpred [30].

344 Protein models analysis

345 The model quality was assessed using Pcons [20]. We download and installed Pcons. With
346 the option -d we predicted the quality among the model in the stage2 folder generated by
347 Confold. Pcons uses a clustering method, and the score is simply the average structural
348 similarity to all models, as measured by the S-score.

349 The TM-score was calculated using TMalign [31]. To ensure that the protein structure and
350 the model were properly aligned the option -l was used, providing a local protein alignment
351 for the two sequences.

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446 **Supporting Information**

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448 **Table S1. Unknown protein family dataset.** In the columns are reported respectively: the UniProt ID
449 of the modelled sequence, the PFAM family, the Pcons score.

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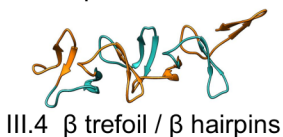
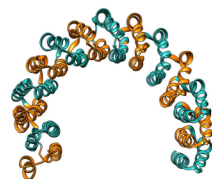
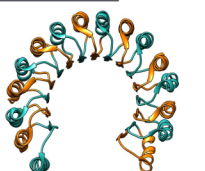
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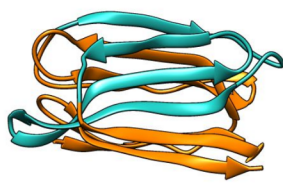
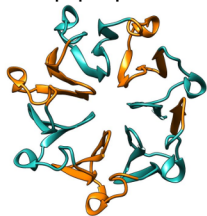
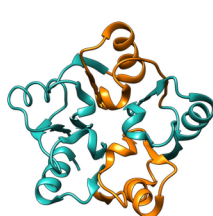
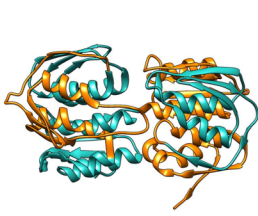
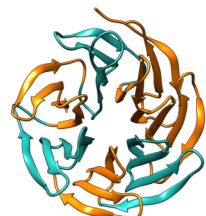
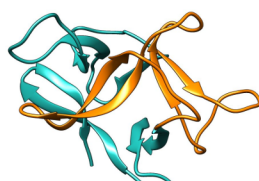
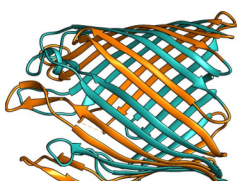
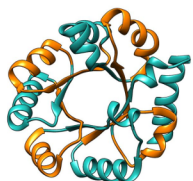
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455 second motif) that is not recognized by PFAM.

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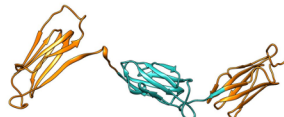
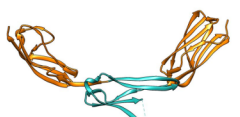
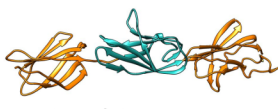
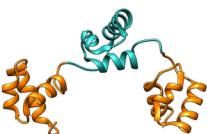
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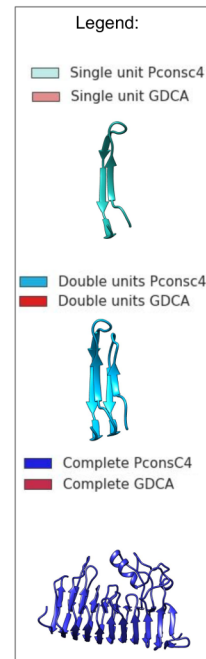
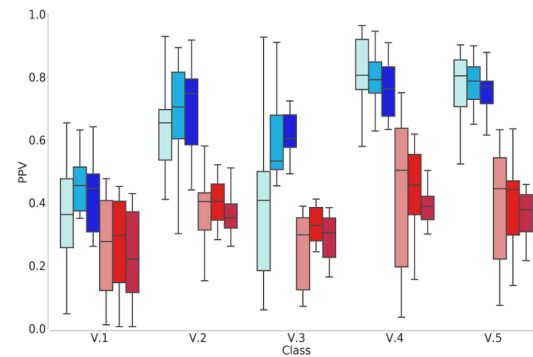
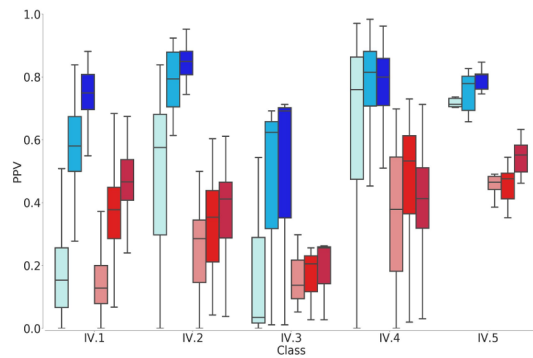
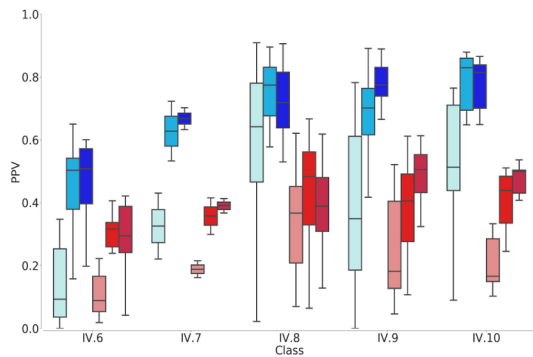
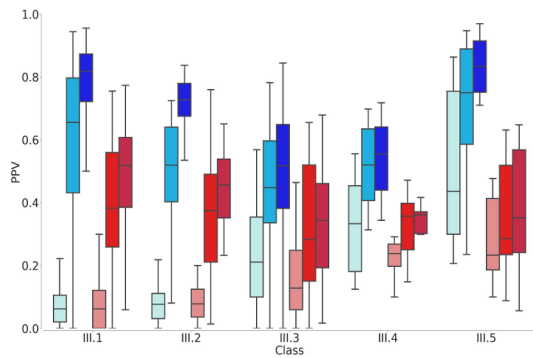


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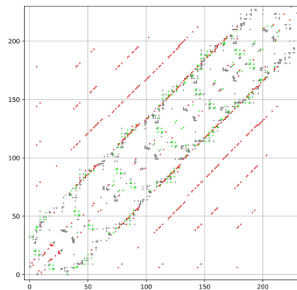


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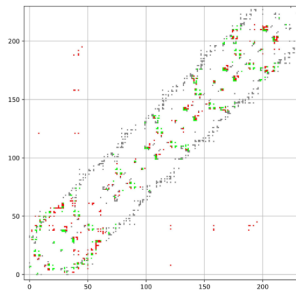




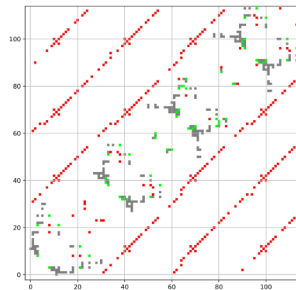
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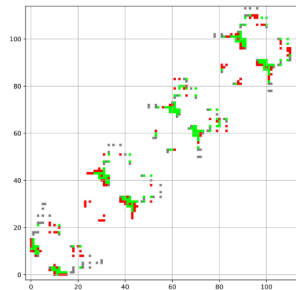
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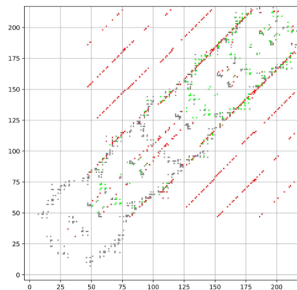
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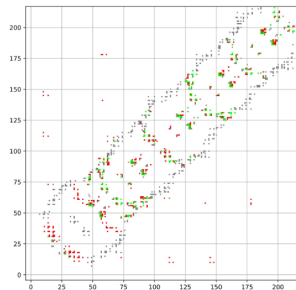
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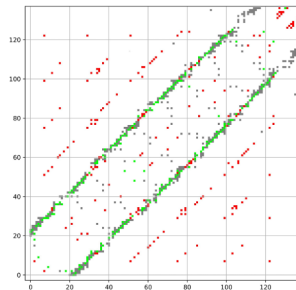
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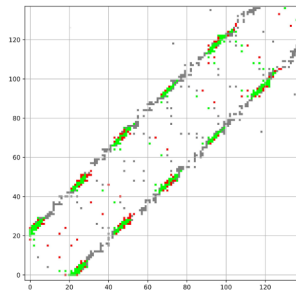
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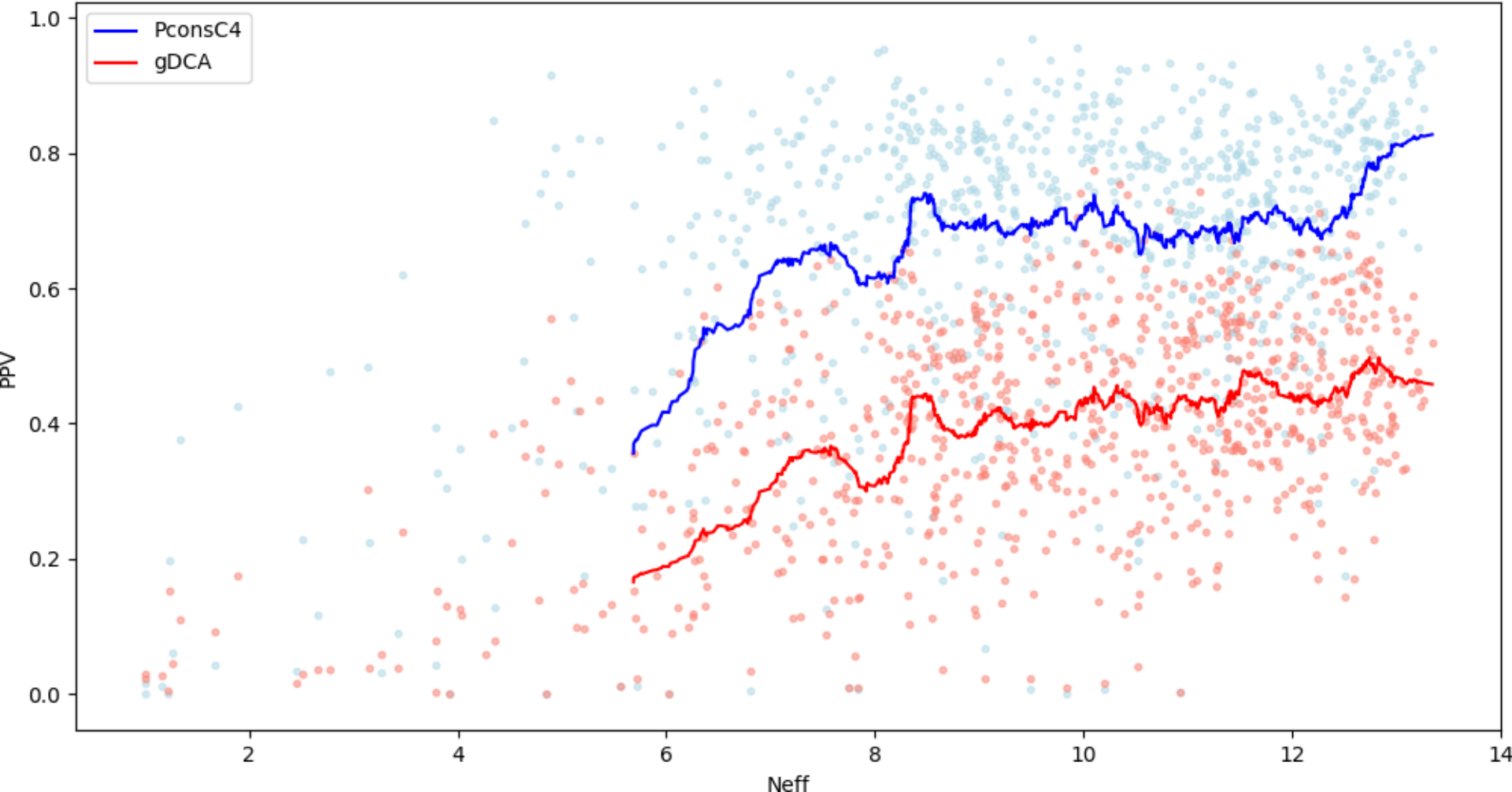
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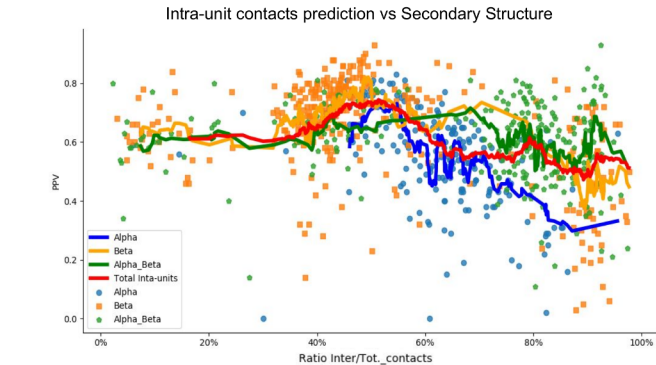
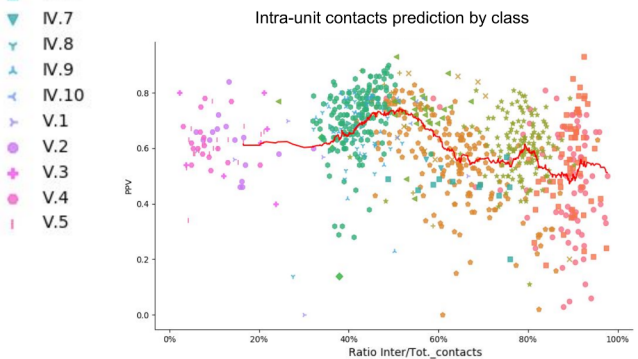
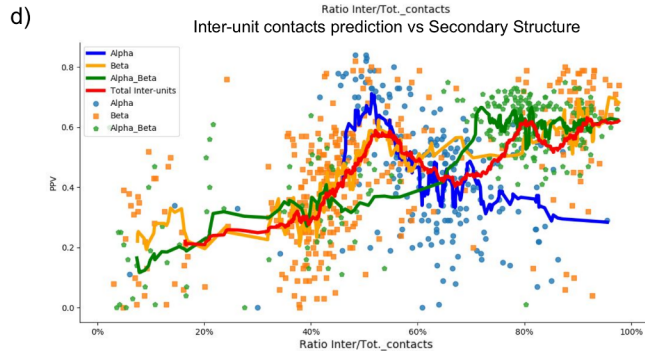
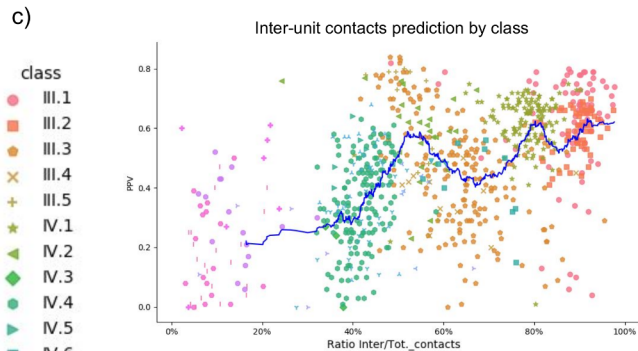
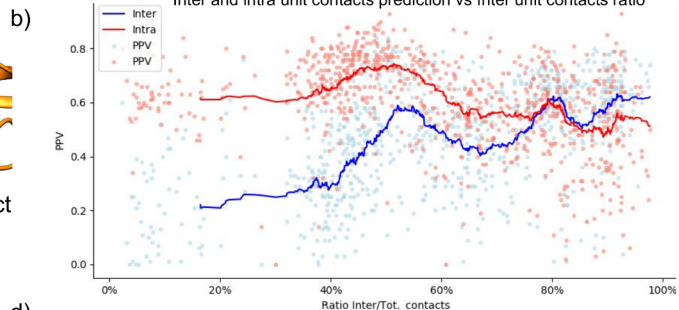
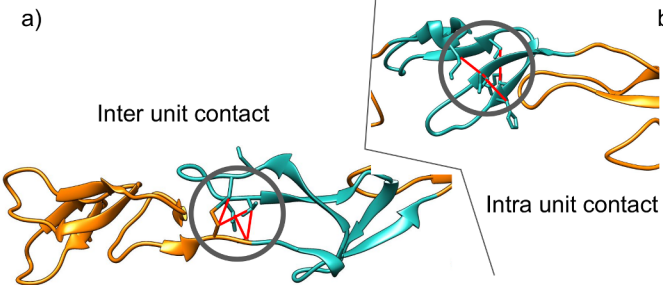
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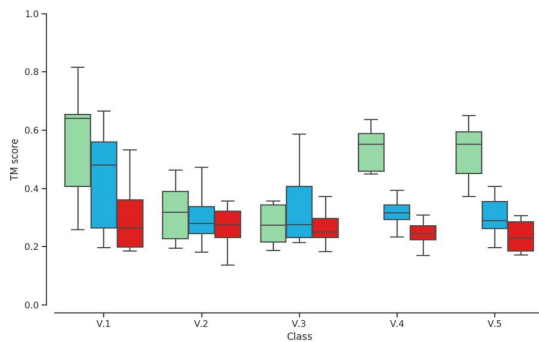
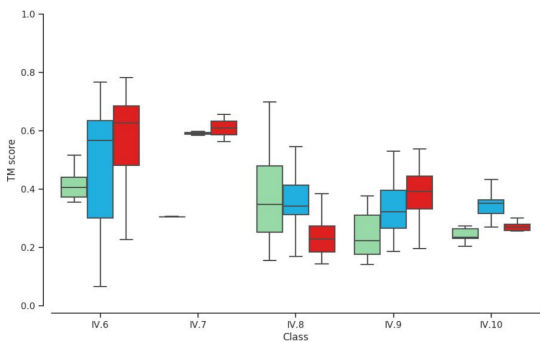
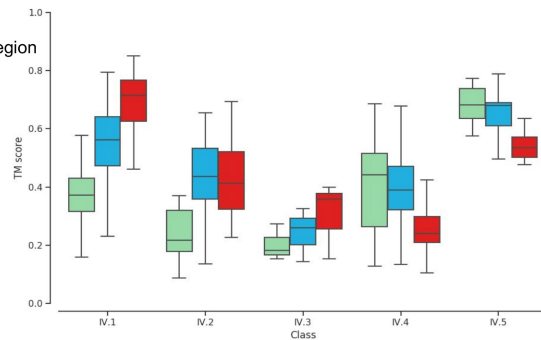
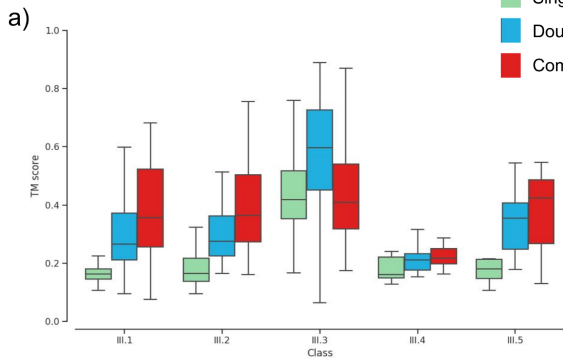
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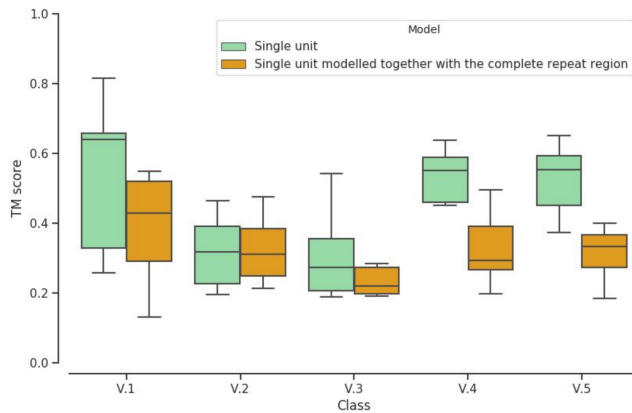
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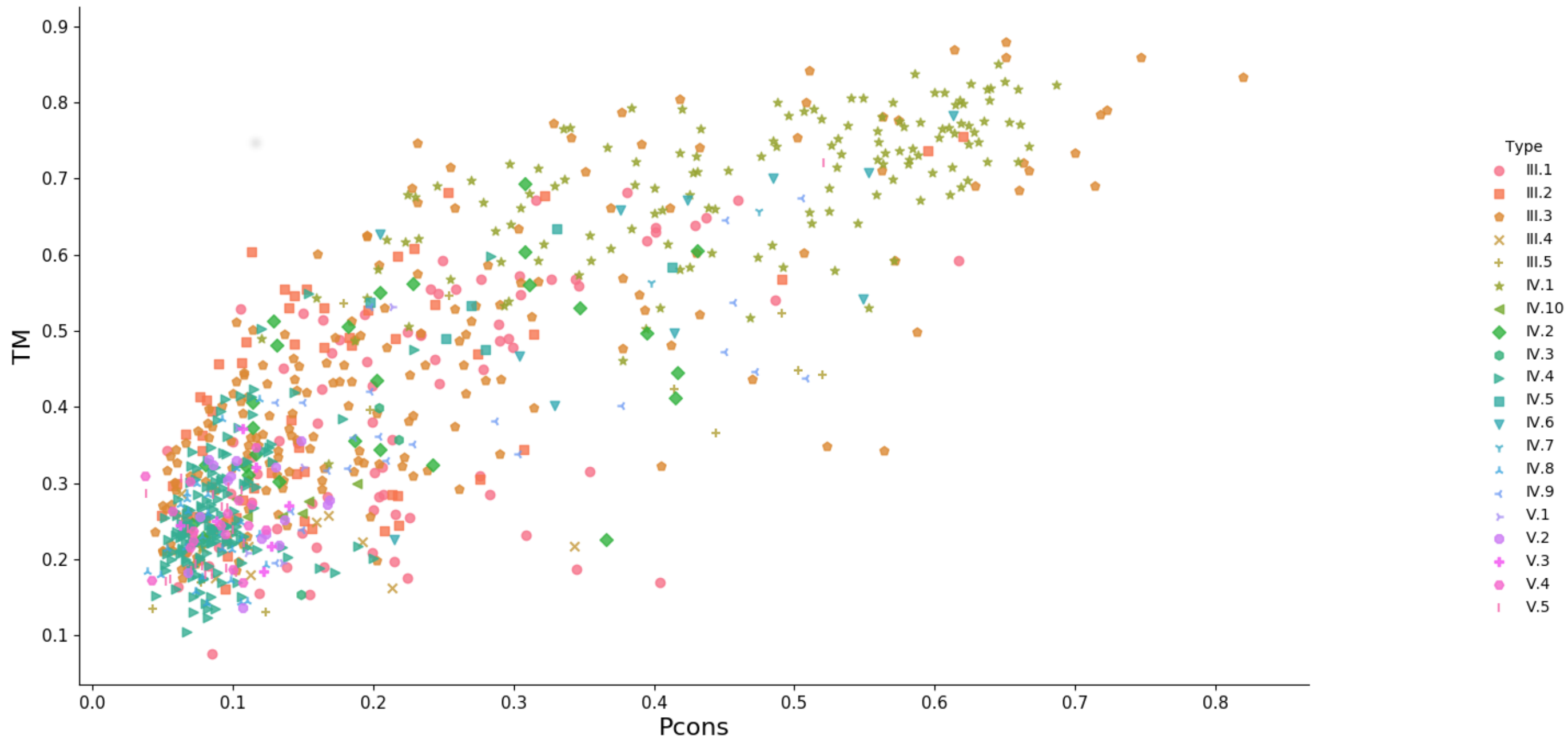


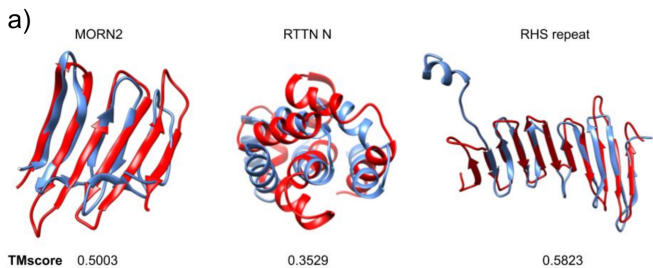






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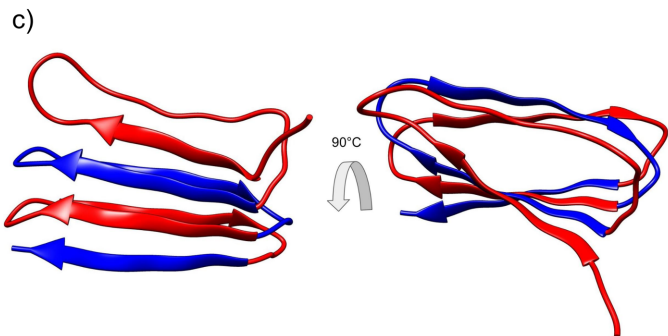
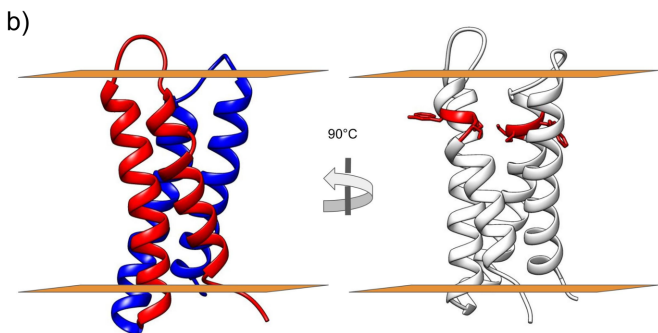




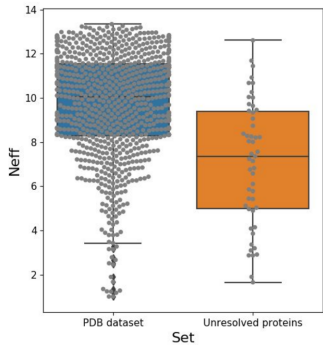


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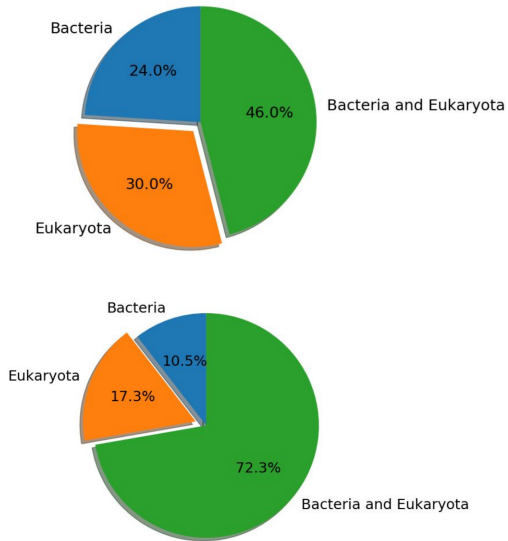
 Homology Model



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a) MORN 2, PF07661, target Q8RH85

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Probability: 99.37%, E-value: 1.3e-13, Score: 73.11, Aligned cols: 70, Identities: 21%, Similarity: 0.357,

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Q Consensus        1   --G-----g-----g-----g-----g-----g-----g-----y--- 70 (70)
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Q Consensus        11  --G-----G-----g-----g-----g-----g-----g-----g----- 81 (257)
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T ss_pred          EeeeEEEECCCCCEEEEEEEcCeEeEeEeEeCCcEeEEEEcCCcCeceEEEECCCCCEEEEEEE
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b) RTTN N, PF14726, target W5P499

4U2X_D_eVP24, KPNA5C; eVP24, importin alpha6, immune antagonist; 3.153A (Zaire ebolavirus); Related PDB entries: 4U2X_F_4U2X_E
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Q Consensus        1   EIR-RAL-nI-sKL-ggK---dL-----Ll--Ll-Wfn-----VL-Ll--L-k-----l-- 68 (97)
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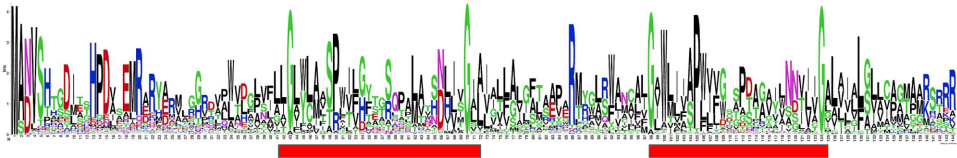
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T ss_pred          hC#####hC#####
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c) RHS repeat, PF05593, target A0A1G0MXS8

5KIS_B_YenB, RHS2; ABC toxin, RHS, TOXIN; 2.4A (Yersinia entomophaga)
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J1S4N0	PF11966	0.094
U5QIU9	PF06739	0.096
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