Supporting Information

PeSTo-Carbs: Geometric Deep Learning for Prediction of Protein-Carbohydrate Binding Interfaces

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Dataset

PeSTo-Carbs General (PS-G) was trained on protein carbohydrate complexes with the following 35 molecules:

N-acetyl-beta-D-glucosamine (NAG), beta-D-glucopyranose (BGC), alpha-D-glucopyranose (GLC), alpha-D-mannopyranose (MAN), beta-D-galactopyranose (GAL), alpha-L-fucopyranose (FUC), beta-D-mannopyranose (BMA), N-acetyl-alpha-D-mannosamine (BM3), nonyl beta-D-glucopyranoside (BNG), beta-D-xylopyranose (XYP), uridine-diphosphate-n-acetylglucosamine (UD1), N-acetyl-alpha-D-galactosamine (A2G), undecyl-maltoside (UMQ), N-acetyl-beta-D-galactosamine (NGA), galactose-uridine-5-diphosphate (GDU), 6-O-phosphono-beta-D-glucopyranose (BG6), N-acetyl-beta-neuraminic acid (SLB), N-acetyl-alpha-neuraminic acid (SIA), fructose -6-phosphate (F6R), alpha-D-galactopyranose (X6X), 1,6-di-O-phosphono-D-fructose (P6F), 2-amino-2-deoxy-alpha-D-glucopyranose (PA1), 2-amino-2-deoxy-beta-D-galactopyranose (1GN), alpha-L-rhamnopyranose (RAM), alpha-D-Abequopyranose (ABE), alpha-D-glucopyranuronic acid (GCU), 2-acetamido-2-deoxy-4-O-sulfo-beta-D-galactopyranose (ASG), alpha-L-gulopyranuronic acid (LGU), alpha-L-arabinofuranose (AHR), beta-D-galactofuranuronic acid (GTK), beta-D-glucopyranuronic acid (BDP), beta-L-fructofuranose (LFR) and cyclodextrins.

PeSTo-Carbs Specialized (PS-S) included the following 21 monomers from above: GLC, BGC, FUC, GAL, ASG, NGA, SIA, AHR, XYP, MAN, RIB, ADA, GTK, BDP, GCU, LGU, RAM, ABE, BM3, FRU, LFR.

Table S1: Carbohydrates in the dataset

Table S2: Evaluation metrics

Figure S1: Receiving Operating Characteristic Curve for the predictions of protein-carbohydrate and protein-cyclodextrin interfaces with PS-G on the benchmark dataset.

Figure S2: Precision-Recall Curve for the predictions of protein-carbohydrate and protein-cyclodextrin interfaces with PS-G on the benchmark dataset.

Carbohydrate-protein complex formation in Hevein-32 domain

A defined 32-amino acid segment within the hevein protein has been identified as a carbohydrate binding domain¹. Solanke et al. conducted a 2 μ s molecular dynamics simulation to elucidate the binding mechanism between this truncated protein, hevein-32, and N-acetylglucosamine monosaccharide (GlcNAc)². Within the simulation, hevein-32 transitions from an initial unbound state to a specifically binding state with GlcNAc at approximately 720 ns. Utilising this simulation trajectory, we applied the PS-S model to analyse protein conformations at 20 ns intervals, enabling predictions of the carbohydrate binding interface. **Figure S3a** illustrates the Root Mean Square Deviation (RMSD) of the hevein-32 domain throughout the simulation. **Figure S3b** attests that the model accurately identifies the absence of any binding interface in the unbound state. In **Figure S3c**, the model correctly predicts the binding interfaces for Tyr30 and Glu29 residues in the bound state, however it is noteworthy that the prediction for Trp23 falls within the low-confidence range. This example underscores the robustness of our method in handling the conformational variability inherent in protein structures.

Havein-32 domain unbound state

Havein-32 domain bound state

Figure S3: (a) Backbone RMSD of the hevein-32 domain over the course of a 2 μs molecular dynamics simulation. Prediction of PS-S on the unbounded state (b) at 20 ns and the bounded state (c) at 720 ns. The model is applied to the protein structure alone. The confidence of the predictions is shown with a gradient of color from blue for non-interfaces to red for interfaces. The N-acetylglucosamine monosaccharide (in yellow) is subsequently added to assess the quality of the prediction visually.

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