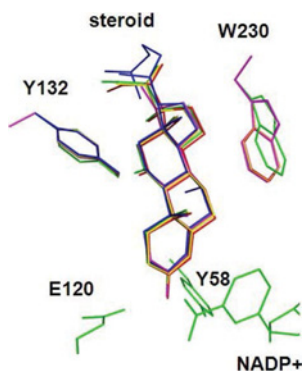


## SUPPLEMENTARY ONLINE DATA

# Rate of steroid double-bond reduction catalysed by the human steroid 5 $\beta$ -reductase (AKR1D1) is sensitive to steroid structure: implications for steroid metabolism and bile acid synthesis

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**Figure 1 Comparison of the binding of steroids in AKR1D1**

The docked conformations with lowest energy for testosterone (yellow), cortisone (green) and 7 $\alpha$ -hydroxycholestenone (blue) are shown. The steroid A ring is buried in the active site with the  $\Delta^4$ -double bond in close proximity to the catalytic tetrad (Glu<sup>120</sup> and Tyr<sup>58</sup> are shown) and the cofactor. The C17 side chain of the steroids protrudes out of the cavity. The details of the docking are given in the Experimental section of the main text. During docking, the side-chains of Tyr<sup>132</sup> and Trp<sup>230</sup> were kept flexible. The docked conformation of cortisone was identical with its conformation in the crystal structure of the AKR1D1–NADP<sup>+</sup>–cortisone complex (PDB code 3CMF) (in magenta).

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