

Supplementary tables and figures

2-[2-(4-(trifluoromethyl)phenylamino)thiazol-4-yl]acetic acid (Activator-3) is a potent activator
of AMPK

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Table S1: Activity change observed in the selected 100 protein kinases tested against Activator-3 at 10 μ M concentration.

| No. | Protein Kinase | Control (CPM) | Test (CPM) | Difference Test-Control | % Activity | % Change |
|-----|----------------|---------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1 | ABL1 | 574,777 | 561,149 | 13,628 | 98% | 2% |
| 2 | AKT1 | 256,826 | 231,604 | 25,222 | 90% | 10% |
| 3 | ASK1 | 63,215 | 65,142 | (1,927) | 103% | -3% |
| 4 | AURORA A | 57,230 | 51,188 | 6,042 | 89% | 11% |
| 5 | AXL | 27,937 | 27,537 | 400 | 99% | 1% |
| 6 | BMPR2 | 52,011 | 49,850 | 2,161 | 96% | 4% |
| 7 | BRK | 97,389 | 105,326 | (7,937) | 108% | -8% |
| 8 | BTK | 19,951 | 19,215 | 736 | 96% | 4% |
| 9 | BUB1B | 5,894 | 5,416 | 478 | 92% | 8% |
| 10 | CAMK1 beta | 692,242 | 723,296 | (31,054) | 104% | -4% |
| 11 | CAMKK2 | 73,703 | 46,831 | 26,872 | 64% | 36% |
| 12 | CASK | 1,676 | 1,542 | 134 | 92% | 8% |
| 13 | CDK1/CyclinA1 | 119,703 | 109,114 | 10,589 | 91% | 9% |
| 14 | CDK2/CyclinA1 | 142,944 | 103,234 | 39,710 | 72% | 28% |
| 15 | CDK4/CyclinD3 | 82,745 | 86,478 | (3,733) | 105% | -5% |
| 16 | CHK1 | 71,583 | 72,993 | (1,410) | 102% | -2% |
| 17 | CK1 alpha 1 | 72,832 | 66,138 | 6,694 | 91% | 9% |
| 18 | c-KIT | 35,085 | 36,179 | (1,094) | 103% | -3% |
| 19 | CLK1 | 230,212 | 243,270 | (13,058) | 106% | -6% |
| 20 | CSK | 202,650 | 203,223 | (573) | 100% | 0% |
| 21 | DAPK1 | 123,986 | 123,065 | 921 | 99% | 1% |
| 22 | DCAMKL1 | 46,200 | 39,568 | 6,632 | 86% | 14% |
| 23 | DDR1 | 14,327 | 3,006 | 11,321 | 21% | 79% |
| 24 | DMPK | 85,414 | 98,852 | (13,438) | 116% | -16% |
| 25 | DYRK1A | 238,298 | 234,337 | 3,961 | 98% | 2% |
| 26 | EEF2K | 150,251 | 165,305 | (15,054) | 110% | -10% |
| 27 | EIF2AK4(GCN2) | 240,212 | 266,028 | (25,816) | 111% | -11% |
| 28 | ERK1 | 181,820 | 202,357 | (20,537) | 111% | -11% |
| 29 | FAK | 103,915 | 122,894 | (18,979) | 118% | -18% |
| 30 | FGFR1 (FLT2) | 64,132 | 76,386 | (12,254) | 119% | -19% |
| 31 | GCK | 326,016 | 315,596 | 10,420 | 97% | 3% |
| 32 | GRK1 | 4,695 | 4,425 | 270 | 94% | 6% |
| 33 | GSK3 beta | 259,502 | 237,980 | 21,522 | 92% | 8% |
| 34 | Haspin (GSG2) | 649,776 | 567,600 | 82,176 | 87% | 13% |
| 35 | HER2 | 17,086 | 16,024 | 1,062 | 94% | 6% |
| 36 | HIPK1 | 220,703 | 225,947 | (5,244) | 102% | -2% |
| 37 | HPK1 | 505,596 | 458,118 | 47,478 | 91% | 9% |
| 38 | IGF1R | 111,183 | 130,972 | (19,789) | 118% | -18% |
| 39 | IKK alpha | 23,730 | 23,944 | (214) | 101% | -1% |
| 40 | InsR | 127,897 | 121,884 | 6,013 | 95% | 5% |

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|----|-------------|---------|---------|----------|------|------|
| 41 | IRAK2 | 11,167 | 12,213 | (1,046) | 109% | -9% |
| 42 | JAK3 | 251,132 | 247,535 | 3,597 | 99% | 1% |
| 43 | JNK1 | 260,451 | 281,079 | (20,628) | 108% | -8% |
| 44 | KDR | 143,399 | 123,268 | 20,131 | 86% | 14% |
| 45 | LCK | 169,610 | 183,106 | (13,496) | 108% | -8% |
| 46 | LIMK1 | 9,169 | 9,837 | (668) | 107% | -7% |
| 47 | LRRK2 | 13,019 | 8,637 | 4,382 | 66% | 34% |
| 48 | MAPKAPK2 | 684,637 | 663,505 | 21,132 | 97% | 3% |
| 49 | MEK1 | 11,065 | 9,870 | 1,195 | 89% | 11% |
| 50 | MEKK2 | 57,505 | 60,944 | (3,439) | 106% | -6% |
| 51 | MELK | 196,694 | 190,938 | 5,756 | 97% | 3% |
| 52 | MET | 22,779 | 18,378 | 4,401 | 81% | 19% |
| 53 | MLCK | 77,724 | 81,195 | (3,471) | 104% | -4% |
| 54 | MNK1 | 145,676 | 124,582 | 21,094 | 86% | 14% |
| 55 | MST1 | 129,380 | 139,489 | (10,109) | 108% | -8% |
| 56 | NDR | 60,405 | 64,785 | (4,380) | 107% | -7% |
| 57 | NEK1 | 15,127 | 18,387 | (3,260) | 122% | -22% |
| 58 | NIK | 20,768 | 18,639 | 2,129 | 90% | 10% |
| 59 | p38 alpha | 29,613 | 21,540 | 8,073 | 73% | 27% |
| 60 | p70S6K | 99,007 | 85,893 | 13,114 | 87% | 13% |
| 61 | PAK1 | 13,614 | 7,852 | 5,762 | 58% | 42% |
| 62 | PDGFR alpha | 11,569 | 9,520 | 2,049 | 82% | 18% |
| 63 | PDK1 | 38,399 | 32,272 | 6,127 | 84% | 16% |
| 64 | PEAK1 | 48,788 | 47,952 | 836 | 98% | 2% |
| 65 | PHKG1 | 34,809 | 27,513 | 7,296 | 79% | 21% |
| 66 | PIM1 | 109,257 | 108,664 | 593 | 99% | 1% |
| 67 | PKAc alpha | 663,764 | 705,431 | (41,667) | 106% | -6% |
| 68 | PKC alpha | 608,812 | 598,938 | 9,874 | 98% | 2% |
| 69 | PKC beta I | 233,612 | 228,387 | 5,225 | 98% | 2% |
| 70 | PKC delta | 103,168 | 122,939 | (19,771) | 119% | -19% |
| 71 | PKC mu | 395,655 | 372,284 | 23,371 | 94% | 6% |
| 72 | PKD2 | 239,936 | 191,560 | 48,376 | 80% | 20% |
| 73 | PKN1/PRK1 | 2,048 | 1,319 | 729 | 64% | 36% |
| 74 | PLK1 | 18,240 | 17,587 | 653 | 96% | 4% |
| 75 | PRKG1 | 72,543 | 75,907 | (3,364) | 105% | -5% |
| 76 | RAF1(EF) | 36,437 | 38,043 | (1,606) | 104% | -4% |
| 77 | RET | 104,158 | 112,951 | (8,793) | 108% | -8% |
| 78 | RIPK1 | 83,489 | 65,885 | 17,604 | 79% | 21% |
| 79 | ROR2 | 6,517 | 4,254 | 2,263 | 65% | 35% |
| 80 | ROS1 | 224,185 | 241,677 | (17,492) | 108% | -8% |
| 81 | SBK1 | 80,555 | 73,208 | 7,347 | 91% | 9% |
| 82 | SGK1 | 44,450 | 40,622 | 3,828 | 91% | 9% |
| 83 | SIK | 71,648 | 77,581 | (5,933) | 108% | -8% |
| 84 | SRC | 80,755 | 23,783 | 56,972 | 29% | 71% |
| 85 | STK19 | 14,557 | 12,624 | 1,933 | 87% | 13% |
| 86 | STK3 | 47,152 | 54,332 | (7,180) | 115% | -15% |
| 87 | SYK | 82,315 | 89,196 | (6,881) | 108% | -8% |
| 88 | TAK1-TAB1 | 45,160 | 48,799 | (3,639) | 108% | -8% |

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|-----|---------------|---------|---------|----------|------|-----|
| 89 | TBK1 | 222,624 | 201,825 | 20,799 | 91% | 9% |
| 90 | TGFBR1 (ALK5) | 24,198 | 9,472 | 14,726 | 39% | 61% |
| 91 | TIE2 | 47,076 | 38,640 | 8,436 | 82% | 18% |
| 92 | TLK1 | 509,942 | 447,043 | 62,899 | 88% | 12% |
| 93 | TOPK | 87,715 | 67,645 | 20,070 | 77% | 23% |
| 94 | TRKA | 124,500 | 125,192 | (692) | 101% | -1% |
| 95 | TSSK1B | 166,193 | 155,343 | 10,850 | 93% | 7% |
| 96 | TTK | 25,004 | 25,840 | (836) | 103% | -3% |
| 97 | ULK1 | 145,631 | 158,046 | (12,415) | 109% | -9% |
| 98 | VRK1 | 9,162 | 9,109 | 53 | 99% | 1% |
| 99 | WNK1 | 21,189 | 18,051 | 3,138 | 85% | 15% |
| 100 | ZAK | 155,102 | 153,022 | 2,080 | 99% | 1% |

Table S2: Activity change observed in the LKB1 Kinase tested against Activator-3 at 200 μ M concentration

| Protein Kinase | Control (CPM) | Test (CPM) | % Change |
|----------------|---------------|------------|----------|
| LKB1 | 10984 | 11638 | 5% |

Table S3: Evaluating the goodness of the representative structure obtained from MD simulations using PROCHECK server.

| Ramchandran Map | No. of residues | Percentage |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Most favored regions | 889 | 85.8% |
| Additional allowed regions | 128 | 12.4% |
| Generously allowed regions | 13 | 1.3% |
| Disallowed regions | 6 | 0.6% |
| Non-glycine and non-proline residues | 1036 | 100.0% |

Table S4: Heterotrimeric human AMPK crystal structures available in PDB.

| PDBID | Isoform | Organism | Inhibitor and/or activator | Modifications | References |
|-------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 5ISO | $\alpha 2\beta 1\gamma 1$ | Homo sapiens | AMP, Staurosporine, 992 | 108-SEP | NA |
| 4ZHX | $\alpha 2\beta 1\gamma 1$ | Homo sapiens | AMP, C2Z, C1V, Staurosporine, | 172-TPO 108-SEP | Lagendorf et al. 2016 ¹ |
| 5EZV | $\alpha 2\beta 1\gamma 1$ | Homo sapiens | C2Z, C1V, Staurosporine | 172-TPO 108-SEP | Lagendorf et al. 2016 ¹ |
| 4RER | $\alpha 1\beta 2\gamma 1$ | Homo sapiens | AMP, HEPES, B- | 172-TPO | Li et al. 2015 ² |

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|------------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | cyclodextrin, Staurosporine | 108-SEP | |
| 4REW | $\alpha 1\beta 2\gamma 1$ | Homo sapiens | AMP, Staurosporine | - | Li et al. 2015 ² |
| 4CFE | $\alpha 2\beta 1\gamma 1$ | Homo sapiens | AMP, Staurosporine, 991 | 172-TPO 108-SEP | Xiao et al. 2013 ³ |
| 4CFF | $\alpha 2\beta 1\gamma 1$ | Homo sapiens | AMP, Staurosporine, A769662 | 172-TPO 108-SEP | Xiao et al. 2013 ³ |
| 4CFH (2Y94) | $\alpha 1\beta 2\gamma 1$ | $\alpha 1, \gamma 1$ -Rattus norvegicus $\beta 2$ - Homo sapiens | AMP, Staurosporine | 172-TPO | Xiao et al. 2011 ⁴ |

FigureS1

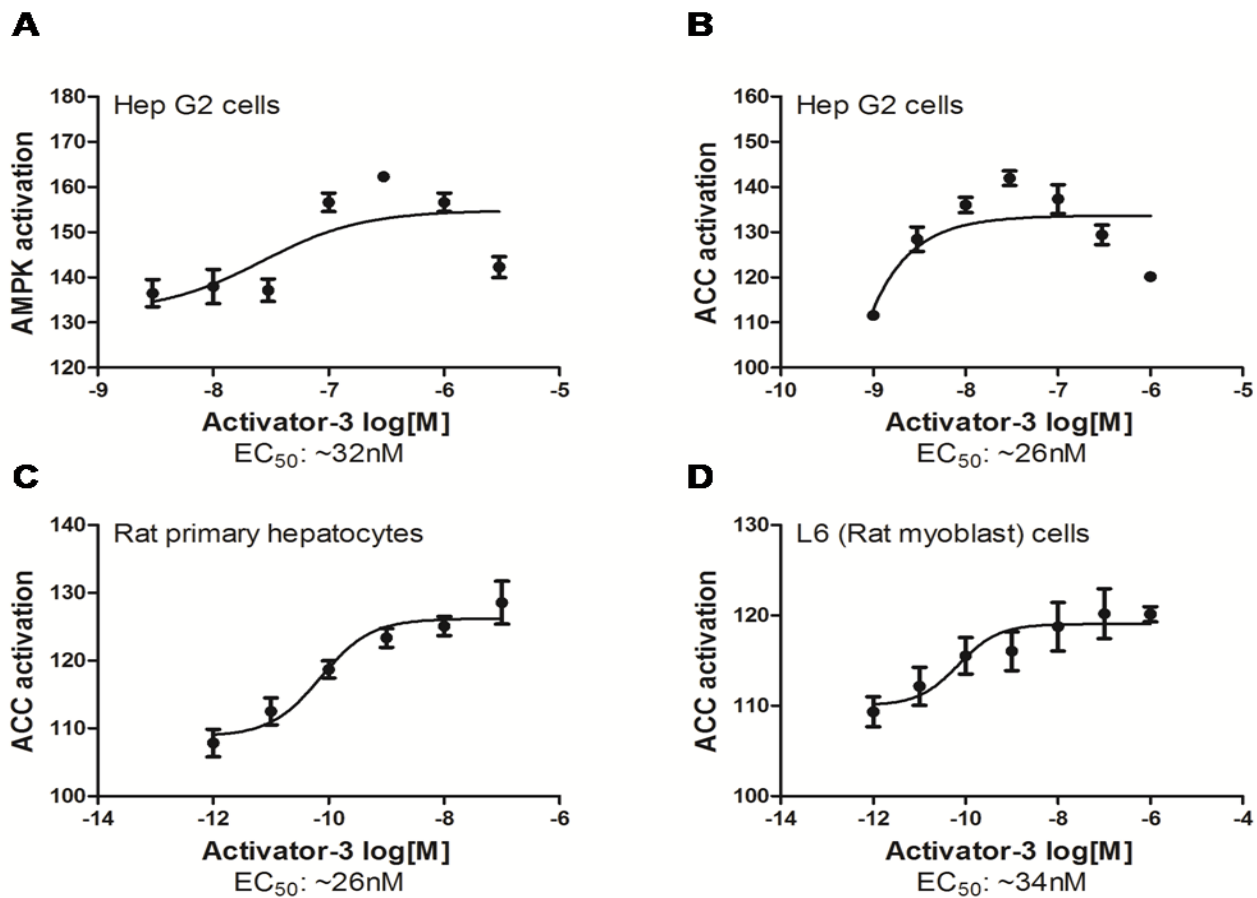


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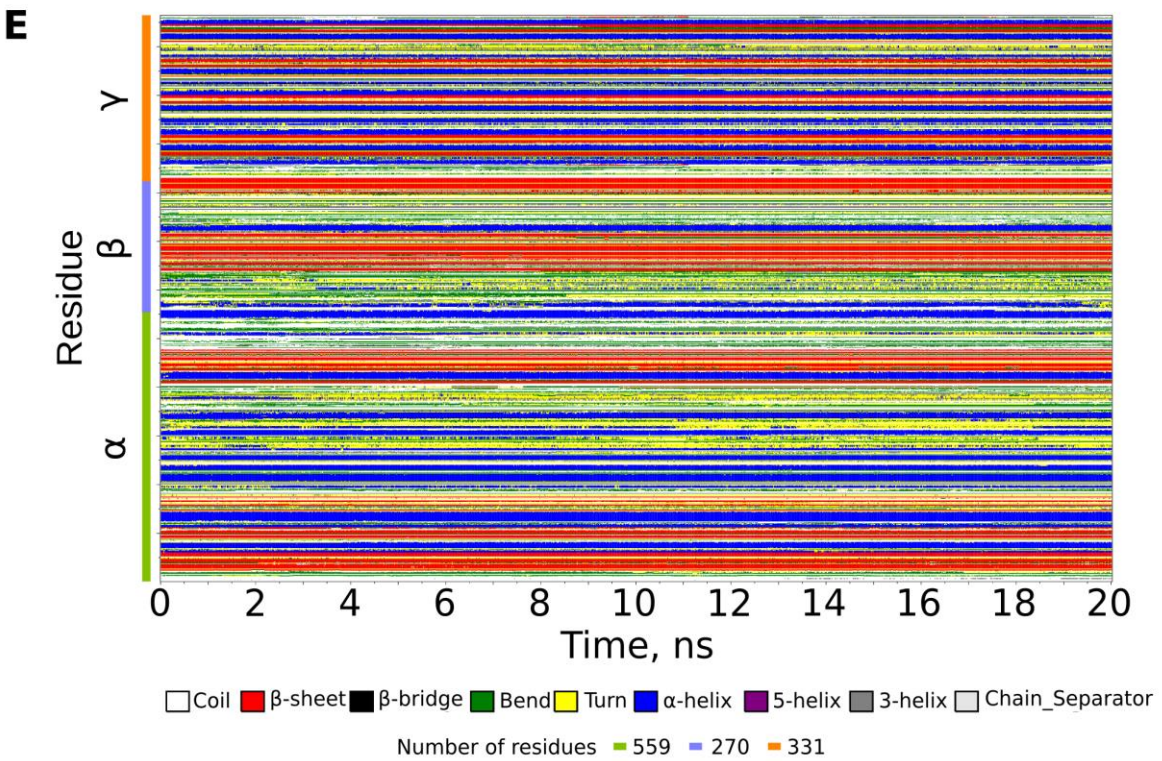
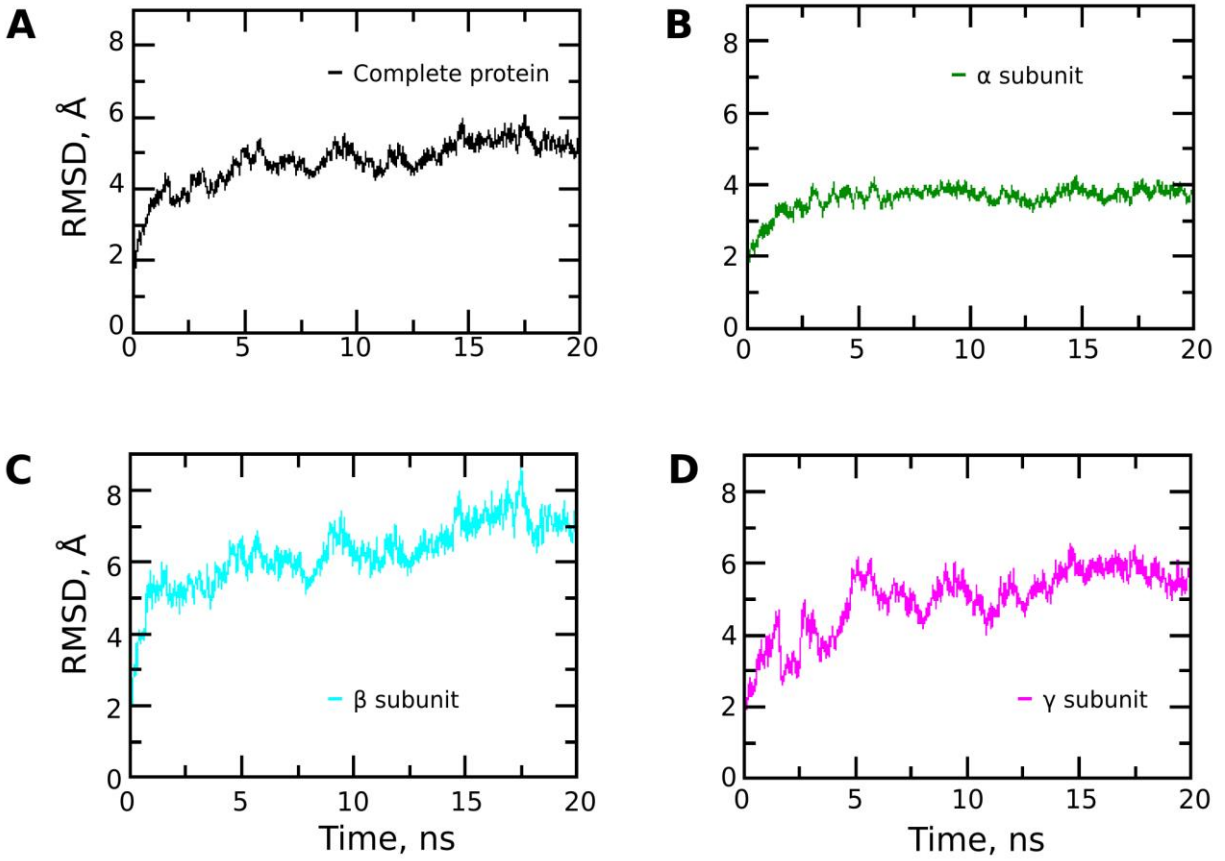


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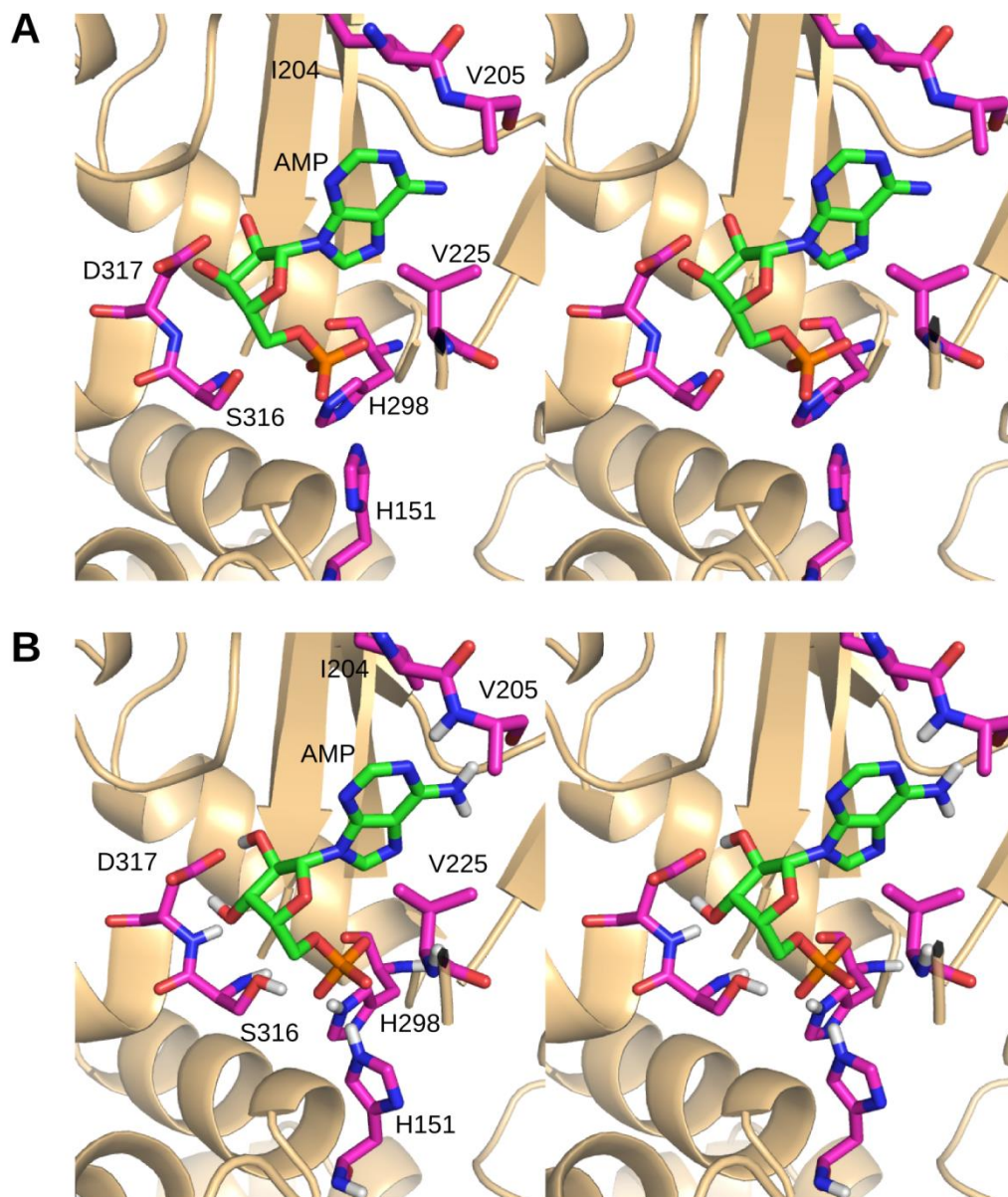


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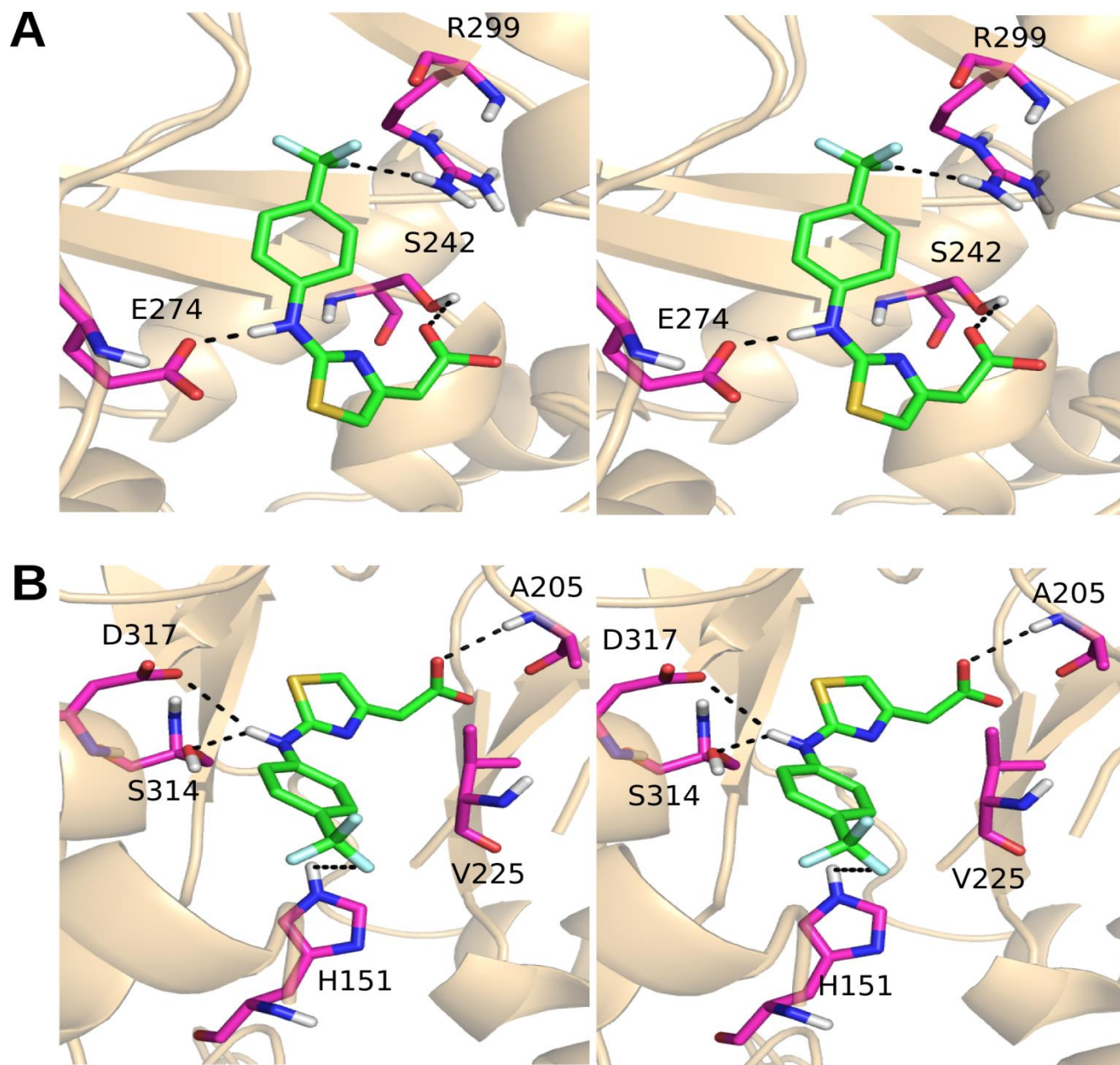


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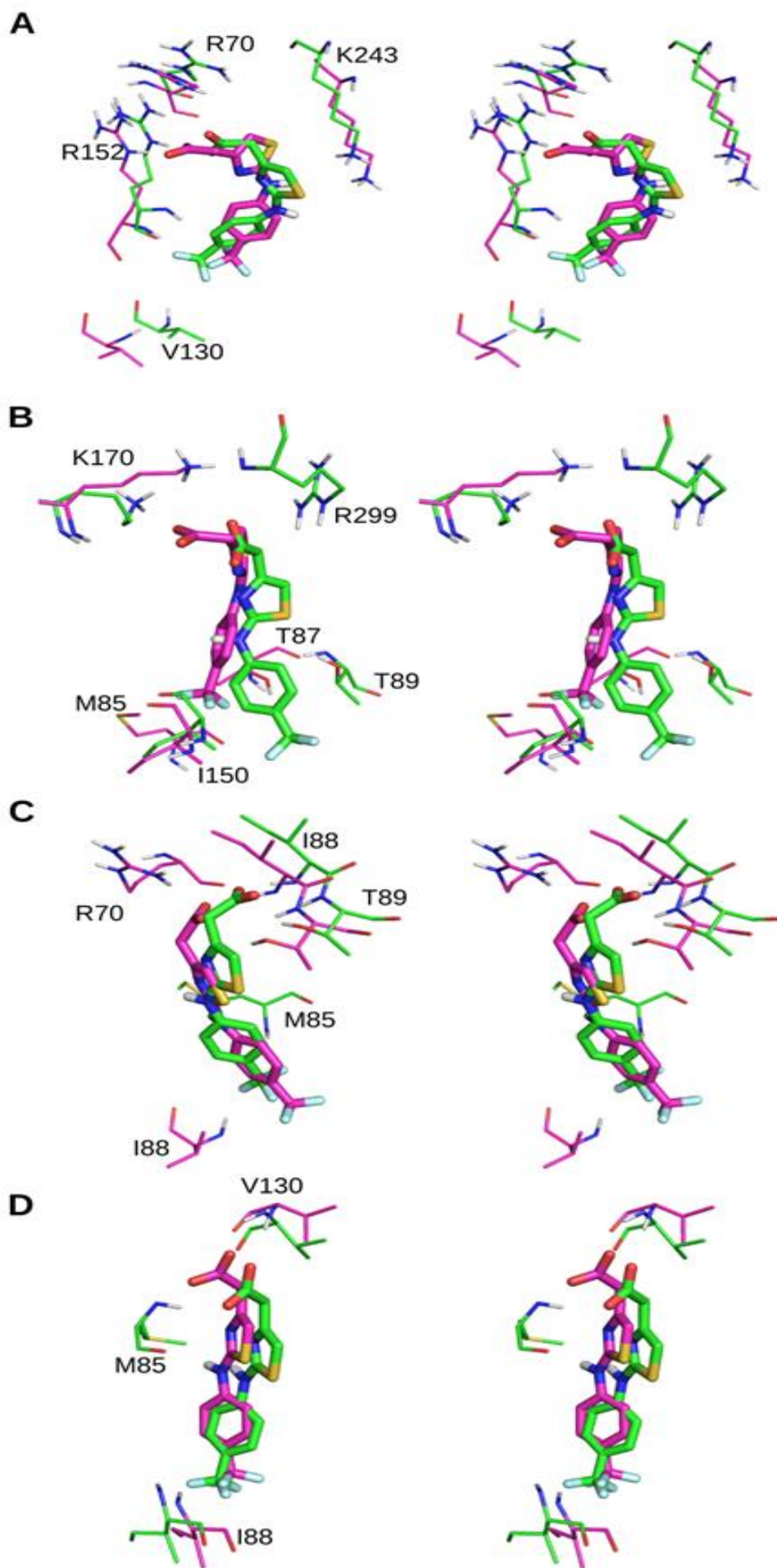


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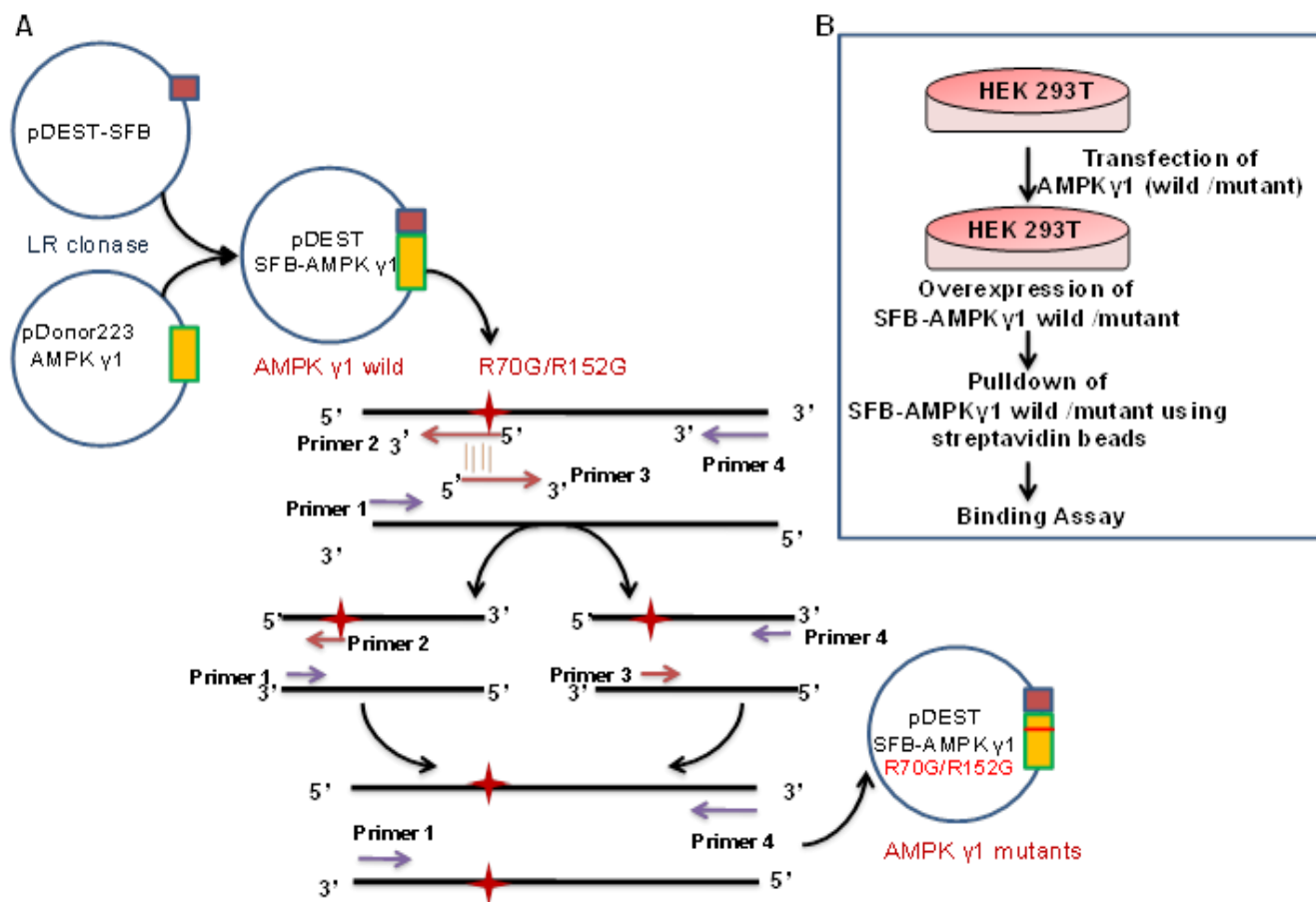


Figure S7

| | Pharmacokinetic profile in rat Activator-3 (30mg/kg) | | |
|-------------|---|--|---------------|
| | AUC (0-t) $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{ml}$ | C_{max} ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) | $t_{1/2}$ (h) |
| Activator-3 | 978 | 109 | 4.11 |

- ❖ Good PK profile
- ❖ Bioavailability 100%
- ❖ No significant BBB penetration
- ❖ Molecular weight of Activator-3 = 302
- ❖ AUC (978 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{ml}$) = 3.3mM
- ❖ C_{max} (109 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) = 360 μM

Figure S8

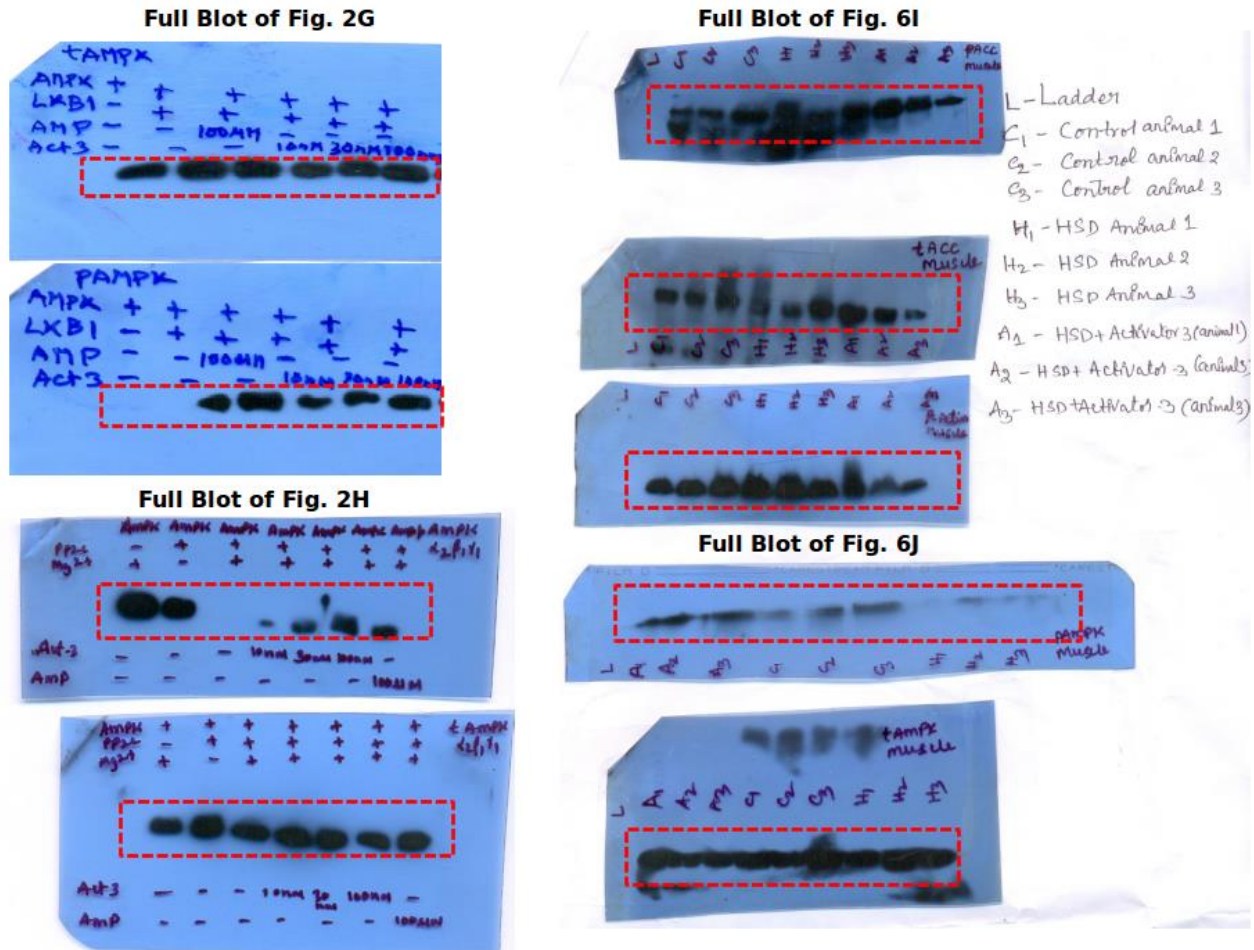


Figure S9:

ALPHA Subunit

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|---------------------------|-----|---|-----|
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 1 | MRRLLSSWRKMATAEKQKHGDRVKIGHYILGDTLGVGTFGKVKVKGKHEL TG | 50 |
| | 1 | -----RVKIGHYILGDTLGVGTFGKVKVKGKHELTG | 30 |
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 51 | HKVAVKILNRQKIRSLDVVGKIRREIQNLKLFRRPHI IKLYQVISTP SDI | 100 |
| | 31 | HKVAVKILNRQKIRSLDVVGKIRREIQNLKLFRRPHI IKLYQVISTP SDI | 80 |
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 101 | FMVMEYVSGGELFDYICKNGRLDEKESRRLFQQILSGVDYCHRRMVVHRD | 150 |
| | 81 | FMVMEYVSGGELFDYICKNGRLDEKESRRLFQQILSGVDYCHRRMVVHRD | 130 |
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 151 | LKPENVLLDAHNAKIADFGLSNMMSDGEFLRTSCGSPNYAAPEVISGRL | 200 |
| | 131 | LKPENVLLDAHNAKIADFGLSNMMSDGEFLRXSCGSPNYAAPEVISGRL | 180 |
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 201 | YAGPEVDIWSGGVILYALLCGTLPFDDDHVPTLFKKICDGIFYTPQYLN P | 250 |
| | 181 | YAGPEVDIWSGGVILYALLCGTLPFDDDHVPTLFKKICDGIFYTPQYLN P | 230 |
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 251 | SVISLLKHMLQVDPMKRATIKDIREHEWFKQDLPKYLFPED PSYSSTMI D | 300 |
| | 231 | SVISLLKHMLQVDPMKRATIKDIREHEWFKQDLPKYLFPED----- | 271 |
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 301 | DEALKEVCEKFECS EEVLSCLYNRNHQDPLAVAYHLIIDNRRIMNEAKD | 350 |
| | 272 | -----AVAYHLIIDNRRIMNEAKD | 290 |
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 351 | FYLATSPPPDSFLDDHHLTRPHPERVFFLVAETPRAR HRTLDELNPQKSKHQ | 400 |
| | 291 | FYLATSPPPDSFLDDHHLTRPHPERVFFLVAETPRA----- | 325 |
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 401 | GVRK AKWHLGIRSQSRPNIDMAEVCRAIKQLDYEWKVVNPYYLVRVRK KNP | 450 |
| | 326 | ----AKWHLGIRSQSRPNIDMAEVCRAIKQLDYEWKVVNPYYLVRVRK KNP | 371 |
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 451 | VTSTYSKMSLQLYQVDSRTYLLDFRSIDDEI TEAKSGTATPQRSGSVSNY | 500 |
| | 372 | VTSTFSKMSLQLYQVDSRTYLLDFRSIDDEI----- | 402 |
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 501 | RSCQRSDSDAEAQGSSEVSLTSSVTSLDSSPVDLTPRPGSHTIEFFEMC | 550 |
| | 403 | ----- | 402 |
| AAPK1_HUMAN 4cfh_a.pdb | 551 | ANLIKILAQ | 559 |
| | 403 | ----- | 402 |

Beta Subunit

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|---------------------------|-----|--|-----|
| AAKB1_HUMAN 4cff_b.pdb | 1 | MNGTSSERAALERHGHGKTPRRDSSGGTKDGRPKILMDSPEADLPHSE | 50 |
| | 1 | ----- | 0 |
| AAKB1_HUMAN 4cff_b.pdb | 51 | EIKAPEKEEF LAQHLDLEVNDKAPAAQARPTVFRWTGGGKEVYLSGSFNNW | 100 |
| | 1 | -----RPTVFRWTGGGKEVYLSGSFNNW | 23 |
| AAKB1_HUMAN 4cff_b.pdb | 101 | SKLPLTRSHNNFVAILDLPEGEHQYKFFVDGQWTHDPSEP IVTSQLGTVN | 150 |
| | 24 | SKLPLTRXHNHFVAILDLPEGEHQYKFFVDGQWTHDPSEP IVTSQLGTVN | 73 |
| AAKB1_HUMAN 4cff_b.pdb | 151 | NIQVKKTDFEVDALMVDSQK SDVSELSSPPGPYHQEPYVCKPEERF | 200 |
| | 74 | NIQVKKTDFEVDALMVDSQK-----YHQEPYV----- | 103 |
| AAKB1_HUMAN 4cff_b.pdb | 201 | RAPP ILPPLLQVILNKDTGISCDPALLPEPNHVMLNHL YALS IKDGMV M | 250 |
| | 104 | --PPILPPLLQVILNKDTGISCDPALLPEPNHVMLNHL YALS IKDGMV M | 151 |
| AAKB1_HUMAN 4cff_b.pdb | 251 | LSATHRYKKKYVT TLLYKPI | 270 |
| | 152 | LSATHRYKKKYVT TLLYKPI | 171 |

Gamma Subunit

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|---------------------------|-----|--|-----|
| AAKG1_HUMAN 4cff_e.pdb | 1 | METVISSDSSPAVENEHPQETPESNN SVYTSFMKSHRCYDLIPTSSKL VV | 50 |
| | 1 | -----SVYTSFMKSHRCYDLIPTSSKL VV | 24 |
| AAKG1_HUMAN 4cff_e.pdb | 51 | FDTSLQVKKAFFALVTNGVRAAPLWDSKKQSFV GMLTITDFINILHRYK | 100 |
| | 25 | FDTSLQVKKAFFALVTNGVRAAPLWDSKKQSFV GMLTITDFINILHRYK | 74 |
| AAKG1_HUMAN 4cff_e.pdb | 101 | SALVQIYELEEHHK IETWREVYLQDSFKPLVCISPNASLFD AVSS LIRNKI | 150 |
| | 75 | SALVQIYELEEHHK IETWREVYLQDSFKPLVCISPNASLFD AVSS LIRNKI | 124 |
| AAKG1_HUMAN 4cff_e.pdb | 151 | HRLPVIDPESGNTLYIL THKRILKFLKLFITEFPKPEFMSKSLEELQIGT | 200 |
| | 125 | HRLPVIDPESGNTLYIL THKRILKFLKLFITEFPKPEFMSKSLEELQIGT | 174 |
| AAKG1_HUMAN 4cff_e.pdb | 201 | YANIAMVRTTPVYVALGIFVQHRVSALPVVDEKGRVVDI YSKFDVINLA | 250 |
| | 175 | YANIAMVRTTPVYVALGIFVQHRVSALPVVDEKGRVVDI YSKFDVINLA | 224 |
| AAKG1_HUMAN 4cff_e.pdb | 251 | AEKTYNNLDVSVTKALQHRSHYFEGVLKCYL HETLETIINRLVEAEVHRL | 300 |
| | 225 | AEKTYNNLDVSVTKALQHRSHYFEGVLKCYL HETLETIINRLVEAEVHRL | 274 |
| AAKG1_HUMAN 4cff_e.pdb | 301 | VVDENDVVKGIVSLSDILQALVLT GGEKKP | 331 |
| | 275 | VVDENDVVKGIVSLSDILQALVLT----- | 299 |

Legends of the Supplementary figures

Figure S1: Activator-3 activates AMPK and ACC in *in vitro* cell based assays. pAMPK (**A**) and pACC (**B, C and D**) based dose response curve of Activator-3 in HepG2 cells (**A,B**) primary Hepatocytes and L6 muscle cells (**C,D**).

Figure S2: Root mean square deviation (RMSD) of the protein backbone with respect to the energy minimized modeled structure for **A.** complete protein, **B.** α subunit, **C.** β subunit, **D.** γ subunit. **E.** DSSP plot showing secondary structure of the protein during the simulation. The color code for each of the secondary structure is given below the plot. α , β and γ subunits on the y-axis are demarcated using green, blue and magenta colors respectively.

Figure S3: Residues interacting with AMP molecule in the **A.** crystal structure (PDB: 4CFF) and **B.** Homology modeled structure. AMP and interacting residues are shown in green and magenta sticks respectively.

Figure S4: AMPK-activator-3 docked complexes for **A.** Site 3; **B.** Site 4. Activator-3 and interacting residues are shown in green and magenta sticks respectively.

Figure S5: Position of the Activator-3 before (green) and after 10ns MD simulation (magenta) in **A.** Wild-type; **B.** R70G mutant; **C.** R152G mutant; **D.** R70G&R152G (double) mutant

Figure S6: **A.** Schematic diagram of the constructs of human $\alpha 1\beta 1\gamma 1$ AMPK isoform and its mutants. **B.** Method of overexpression and purification of recombinant and its mutants human AMPK $\alpha 1\beta 1\gamma 1$ in HEK-293T cells used for enzyme assay.

Figure S7: Pharmacokinetics profile of Activator-3 in rats: HSD rats were treated with Activator-3 at 30mg/kg dose and different pharmacokinetics parameters were measured.

Figure S8: western blot raw data for pACC, total ACC, β -Actin, pAMPK and total AMPK for rat muscle tissue, LKB1 mediated phosphorylation of AMPK stimulated by Activator-3 and protection Assay using $\alpha 2\beta 1\gamma 1$.

Figure S9: Sequence alignment of α , β and γ subunits with the template structure that was used for modeling. The missing residues (pink) were modeled using either template based or ab initio modeling.

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