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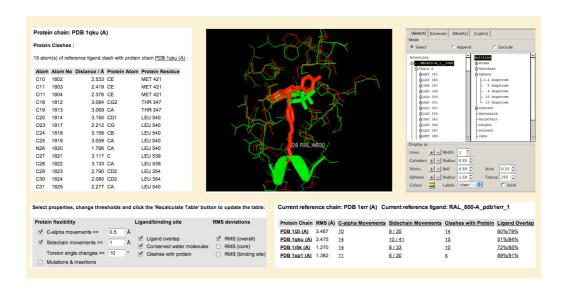
# Visualization of macromolecular structures

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Supplementary Figure 1 | Relibase comparison of human estrogen receptor structures. The superimposition is calculated based on minimal RMSD to the  $C\alpha$  binding site atoms of the reference structure (PDB 1ERR-A). In the top left corner is OpenAstexViewer<sup>1</sup> showing the human estrogen complexed with the antagonist raloxifene (PDB 1ERR, red) and with the agonist estrogen (PDB 1qku, green). Below the embedded viewer is the table calculated by Relibase+highlighting differences in protein structure. Clicking on a link in the table creates a pop-up window (bottom right) giving details about the protein movement. The  $C\alpha$  movements are caused by the differences in volume of the agonist and antagonist (shown in stick representation), where the antagonist prevents Helix 12 (green) from closing the binding site and from building an interface to the co-activator. The view has been assembled with the help of the hierarchical selection menu (top right) that is part of the Astex viewer.

### Supplementary Table 1 | Tools for visualizing RNA secondary structure

Name	os	Input formats	2D layout	Features and strengths <sup>b</sup>	Limitations	URL
jViz.Rna²	Win, Mac, Linux	Bracket notation BPSEQ CT	Circular Dot plot Linear Squiggle	2D manipulation, pseudoknots. Can compare different structures with the same sequence.	Has a confusing squiggle layout	http://jviz.cs.sfu.ca
NAVRNA <sup>3</sup>	Linux only	PDB	Squiggle	2D editing & manipulation, interactive 2D & 3D display, pseudoknots. Uses novel approach to interact with structural data.	Requires hardware not available to many users	http://tinyurl.com/NAVRNA
PseudoViewer <sup>4</sup>	Win only	Bracket notation BPSEQ CT Custom format	Squiggle	2D manipulation. Can easily recover RNA secondary structures with any kind of pseudoknots.		http://tinyurl.com/pseudoview
RNAFamily	Win, Mac, Linux	CT	Linear	Can render several secondary structures in the same display.	Linear layout only	http://tinyurl.com/rnafmly
RNAMovies <sup>5</sup>	Win, Mac, Linux	Custom format DCSE RNAStructML	Squiggle	Pseudoknots. Currently the only tool that can make movies.	No other functionality	http://tinyurl.com/rnamovies
Rnaviz <sup>6</sup>	Win, Mac, Linux	DCSE CT RNAML	Squiggle	2D manipulation, annotation, pseudoknots. Use of skeleton files makes it easily produce and save RNA layout.	No recent update	http://rnaviz.sourceforge.net
S2S Assemble*7	Win, Mac, Linux	BPSEQ Bracket notation CT FASTA PDB RNAML Stockholm	Squiggle	2D editing & manipulation, non- canonical interactions, pseudoknots, interactive 2D & 3D display, interactive 3D modeling, secondary structure prediction. Has very rich set of features.	Steep learning curve	http://bioinformatics.org/s2s http://bioinformatics.org/assemble
StructureLab <sup>8</sup>	Linux only	Various formats are supported depending on linked algorithm	Dot plot Stem trace Squiggle	2D manipulation, annotations, pseudoknots. interactive 2D & 3D display, interactive 3D modeling, secondary structure prediction.	Steep learning curve due to rich feature set	http://tinyurl.com/structureLab
VARNA <sup>*9</sup>	Win, Mac, Linux	BPSEQ Bracket notation CT RNAML	Circular Linear Squiggle	2D manipulation, 2D editing, annotations, non-canonical interactions, pseudoknots. Can be embedded in webpages.		http://varna.lri.fr
XRNA	Win, Mac, Linux	Custom format (XRNA)	Squiggle	2D manipulation, annotations.	Constrains on 2D editing	http://rna.ucsc.edu/rnacenter/xrna

<sup>\*</sup>means our recommendations. All tools listed are free for academic use; bTools with '2D editing' can modify the secondary structure definition; tools with 'Non-canonical' can handle non-canonical interactions. Tools with interactive 2D & 3D display allow simultaneous visualization, and interaction between, both secondary structure and tertiary structure in a 3D viewer, e.g., PyMOL.

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