# Elucidating features that drive the design of selective antifolates using crystal structures of human dihydrofolate reductase 

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Figure S1. Electron density ( $2 \mathrm{Fo}-\mathrm{Fc}$ ) for ligands in the active site of human DHFR. a) UCP1006, b) UCP1015, c) UCP1019, d) UCP1017, e) UCP1025. Density is contoured at $1.5 \sigma$ for UCP1006, UCP1015 and UCP1025; density is contoured at $1.0 \sigma$ for UCP1017 and UCP1019.


Figure S1, cont. Electron density visualized using simulated annealing omit maps for ligands in the active site of human DHFR. a) UCP1006, b) UCP1015, c) UCP1019, d) UCP1017, e) UCP1025.


Figure S2. Ligand conformations as bound to human DHFR. All of the inhibitors with the exception of UCP1025 adopt approximately the same dihedral angle around the propargylic carbon. UCP1025 adopts a different angle, forcing the biaryl system "backward" in this orientation. a) all inhibitors superposed (yellow: UCP1006, blue: UCP1025, orange: UCP1017, purple: UCP1019, pink: UCP1015) b) UCP1006 superimposed with only UCP1025 for clarity c) stereoview of UCP1006, d) stereoview of UCP1025
h 1 MVGSLNCIVAVSQ-NMGIGKNGDLPWPPLRNEFRYFQRMTTTSSVEGKQNL
Sa 0 MTLSILVAHDL-QRVIGFENQLFWH-LFNDLKHVKKLSTG------HT
Cg 1 MSKPVUGIVAALLPPEMGIGFQGNLPW-RLAKEMKYFREVTTLTNDNSKQNU
h 51 VIMGKKTWFSIPEKNRPLKGRINLVISRELKEPP---QGAHFLSRSLDDALK
Sa 40 LWMGRKTFESIG---KPLFNRRNVVLTSDTSFNV---EGVDVIH-SIEDIYQ
Cg 52 VIMGRKTWESIFQKFRPLPKRINVUVSRSFDGELRKVEDGIYHSNSLRNCLT
h 100 LTEQ-PELAN-KVDMVWIVGGSSVYKEAMNHPGHLKLFUTRIMQ----DF
Sa 86 LPG-------_--HVFIFGGQTLFEEMIDKVD--DMYITVIEG--_-KF
Cg 104 ALOSS-LANENKIERIYIIGGGEIYROSMDL--ADHWLITKIMPLPETTIP
h 145 ESDTFFPE--IDLEKYKLIP-EYPG---------------------------MLSD

Cg 152 QMDTFLQKQELEQ-RFYDNSDKLVDFLFSSIOLEGRLTSQEWNGELVKGLP
h 172 VQEEKGIKYKFEBYEKND
Sa 144 --EKHTIPHTFLHLIRKK
Cg 202 -VQEKGYQFYFTLYTKK

Figure S3. Structural alignment of human, S. aureus and C. glabrata DHFR


Figure S4. Superpositions of loop region in a survey of crystal structures of human DHFR bound to a variety of ligands.

| PDB ID | Color | Distance I60 | Distance E62 | Distance K63 | Distance N64 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4KAK | Orange |  |  |  |  |
| 1KMV | Periwinkle | 1.0 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.5 |
| 1S3W | Green | 0.5 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| 3NZD | Magenta | 0.8 | 1.3 | 1.9 | 1.6 |
| 2C2S | Light Blue | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| 2W3A | Raspberry | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| $\mathbf{1 O H J}$ | Dark Blue | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| 4DDR | Light Gray | 1.0 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 1.8 |

