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## Molecular docking and dynamics (MD) simulation of 6-gingerol and 6-shogaol against human estrogen receptor alpha (ER $\alpha$ ) (Article)

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### Abstract

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Simulation and computational analysis of 6-gingerol and 6-shogaol is done to evaluate their binding affinity against ER $\alpha$ . Active site prediction was done using Computed Atlas of Surface Topography of Proteins (CASTp) to determine the binding pocket of ER $\alpha$ . Molecular docking and molecular dynamics (MD) simulation were done to assess the binding affinity and stability of the ligand-ER $\alpha$  complexes formed. Results showed that Tamoxifen have lowest binding energy ( $-9.61 \pm 0.39$  kcal/mol) followed by 6-gingerol ( $-6.59 \pm 0.29$  kcal/mol) and 6-shogaol ( $-5.70 \pm 0.36$  kcal/mol). Inhibition constant (Ki) range of TMX-ER $\alpha$  was found to be drastically lower than both 6GN-ER $\alpha$  and 6SG-ER $\alpha$ . Based on the difference in the binding energy range and inhibition constant, 6-gingerol and 6-shogaol showed less potential in substituting tamoxifen for the inhibition of ER $\alpha$  Docking complexes formed was supported with stability in root mean square deviation (RMSD) and total binding energy of the complexes. The study is concluded that 6-gingerol have high level of interactions with the ER $\alpha$  active site in terms of hydrogen bonding whereas hydrophobic interactions are observed with both 6-gingerol and 6-shogaol. However, both ginger bioactive compounds poses low potential as substitute in comparison with tamoxifen against ER $\alpha$ . © Penerbit UTHM.

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