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RESEARCH PROFILE:

- Investigations of drugs and proteins especially in biological membrane environments
- molecular dynamics simulations of biological systems
- study of activation processes in G-protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs)
- ligand docking to proteins and use of other methods for drug design
- interactions of proteins with graphene, carbon nanotubes and lipid cubic phases

CURRENT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

- Research on rhodopsin and other proteins involved in vision processes. Oligomerization of rhodopsin as a universal feature for other G-protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs). Large biological complexes of oligomeric rhodopsin with G protein and arrestin (publications 1-3)
- Study of activation processes of GPCRs (opioid receptors, adenosine receptors, serotonin receptors, and others) (publications 4-6)
- Homology modeling of GPCRs – construction of web service GPCR-M (publications 7-8)
- Interactions of proteins with graphene and lipid cubic phases (publications 9-10)

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