

Delving Deep into the Structural Aspects of the BPro28-BLys29 Exchange in Insulin *Lispro*: A Structural Biophysical Lesson

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1 Supplementary Materials and Methods

1.1 Experimental insulin-insulin receptor complex and dimeric insulin structures in the Protein Data Bank: a brief update

PDB ID	Resolution	Structure Title
6PXW	3.10 Å	Cryo-EM structure of full-length insulin receptor bound to 4 insulin. 3D refinement was focused on the top part of the receptor complex
6PXV	3.20 Å	Cryo-EM structure of full-length insulin receptor bound to 4 insulin. 3D refinement was focused on the extracellular region
6CE7	7.40 Å	Insulin receptor ectodomain in complex with one insulin molecule
6CEB	4.70 Å	Insulin receptor ectodomain in complex with two insulin molecules - C1 symmetry
6SOF	4.30 Å	Human insulin receptor ectodomain bound by 4 insulin
6CE9	4.30 Å	Insulin receptor ectodomain in complex with two insulin molecules

Table 1: Insulin-insulin receptor (IR) complex structures inside Protein Data Bank (PDB [1]) as of July 12, 2020. All the structures were retrieved from the PDB website (<https://www.rcsb.org/>) directly. In this table, the resolution of **PDB ID: 1MHI** is not applicable (NA) because it was determined by liquid-state NMR spectroscopy.

PDB ID	6CE7
Insulin receptor	A, B, P
Insulin chain A	N
Insulin chain B	O
PDB ID	6CE9
Insulin receptor	A, B, M, P
Insulin chain A	K, N
Insulin chain B	L, O
PDB ID	6CEB
Insulin receptor	A, B, M, P
Insulin chain A	K, N
Insulin chain B	L, O
PDB ID	6PXV
Insulin receptor	A, C
Insulin	D, E, F, G
PDB ID	6PXW
Insulin receptor	A, B
Insulin	C, D, E, F
PDB ID	6SOF
Insulin receptor	A, B, C, D
Insulin chain A	E, G, I, K
Insulin chain B	F, H, J, L

Table 2: Chains and their respective PDB identifiers for the six experimental insulin-IR complex structures listed in Table 1. In this table, the chains and their respective PDB identifiers are to be used in the structural analysis of interfacial electrostatic interactions between insulin receptor and insulin or its fast acting analogues, and also in the interpretation of the result of the structural analysis of interfacial electrostatic interactions, where the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number** for all tables in this supplementary document (**supps.pdf**).

PDB ID	6PXV
Chains F, G	both P28 and K29 are missing
Chains D, E	K29 is missing
PDB ID	6PXW
Chains E, F	both P28 and K29 are missing
Chains C, D	K29 is missing
PDB ID	6SOF
Chains F,H,J,L	both P28 and K29 are present

Table 3: Experimentally charted and uncharted territories (EUTs) [2] at positions 28 and 29 of the six experimental insulin-IR complex structures listed in Table 1.

Since the atomic coordinates of both P28 and K29 are present in the experimental complex structure (PDB ID: 6SOF) of insulin and IR, this structure was chosen to represent the regular (i.e., native) insulin-IR complex structure for subsequent illustrations of their interfacial electrostatic interactions in comparison with the fast-acting insulin analogue, i.e., insulin lispro [3, 4, 5].

1.2 Construction and structural electrostatic analysis of a homology structural model of insulin lispro in complex with IR

To begin with, the amino acid sequences of insulin lispro and IR are listed in italics in fasta format as below,

>IR

*HLYPGEVCPGMDIRNNLTRLHELENCVIEGHLQILLMFKTRPEDFRDLSF
PKLIMITDYLLLFRVYGLESLKDLFPNLTVIRGSRLFFNYALVIFEMVHLKELG
LYNLMNITRGSVRIEKNNELCYLATIDWSRILDSVEDNYIVLNKDDNEECGDI
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SECLGNCSQPDDPTKCVACRNFYLDGRCVETCPPPYHYHFQDWRCVNFSSFCQ
DLHHKCKNSRRQGCHQYVIHNNKCIPECPSGYTMNSSNLLCTPCLGPCPKVC
HLEGEKTIDSVTSAQELRGCTVINGSLIINIRGGNNLAAELEANLGLIEEISGY
LKIRRSYALVSLSFFRKLRLIRGETLEIGNYSFYALDNQNLRLQLWDWSKHNL
ITQGKLLFFHYNPKLCLSEIHKMEEVSGTKGRQERNLALKTNQDQASCENEL
LKFSYIRTSFDKILLRWEPYWPPDFRDLLGFMLFYKEAPYQNVTEFDGQDAC
GSNSWTVVDIDPPLRSNDPKSQNHGWLMLRGLKPWTQYAIFVKTLVTFSD
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VFWERQAEDSELFELDYCLKGLKLPSRTWSPPFESEDSQKHNQSEYEDSAGE
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VPTVAAFPNTSSTSVPTSPEEHRPFKVVNKESSLVISGLRHFTGYRIELQACN
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NGLIVLYEVSYYRYGDEELHLCVSRKHFALEKRGRLRGLSPGNYSVRIRATSL
AGNGSWTEPTYFYVTDYLDVPSNIAKIIIGPLIFVFLFSVVIGSIYLFRLKRQPD
GPLGPLYASSNPEFLTASDVFPSCSVYVPDEWEVSREKITLLRELGGQGSFGMV*

YEGNARDIIKGEAETRVAVKTVNESASLRERIEFLNEASVMKGFTCHHVVRL
 LGVVSKGQPTLVVMELMAHGDLKSYLRSLRPEAENNPGRPPPTLQEMIQMA
 AEIADGMAYLNAKKFVHRNLAARNCMVAHDFTVKIGDFGMTRDIYETDYY
 RKGGKGLLPVRWMAPESLKDGVTFTSSDMWSFGVVLWEITSLAEQPYQGLS
 NEQVLKFVMDGGYLDQPDNCPERVTDLMRMCWQFNPKMRPTFLEIVNLLK
 DDLHPSFPEVSFFHSEENKAPESSELEMEFEDMENVPLDRSSHCQREEAGGR
 DGGSSLGFKRSYEEHIPYTHMNGGKKNAAAAAPRSNPSLESSGLEVLVLFQ

>InsulinLispro

FVNQHLCGSHLVEALYLVCGERGFFYTKPTRREAEDLQGSLLQPLALEGSL
 QKRGIVEQCCTSICSLYQLENYCN

Afterwards, the two sequences above were plugged into the SWISS-MODEL homology modeling [6] server in search of an experimental structural model, which led to a Cryo-EM structure (PDB ID: 6PXV) with 99.86% sequence identity, representing a hetero-2-4-meric structure of full-length insulin receptor (IR) bound to 4 insulin [7]. After homology structural modeling [6], the UCSF Chimera software [8] was employed to add hydrogen atoms to the homology structural model (supplementary file **lispro.pdb**), which was subsequently subject to a comprehensive set of electrostatic interaction analysis as described previously in [9]. Take **6PXV.pdb** as an example again, after the addition of hydrogen atoms by Chimera [8], the PDB file was renamed to be **H6PXV.pdb**.

2 Supplementary Results

2.1 Interfacial electrostatic interactions between IR and regular insulin: a brief update

PDB file name	Residue A	Atom A	Residue B	Atom B	Distance (Å)
H6CE7	A_ARG_65	NH1	O_GLU_13	OE2	2.835
H6PXV	A_ARG_479	NH2	G_GLU_21	OE1	3.630
H6PXV	A_ARG_479	NH2	G_GLU_21	OE2	3.051
H6PXV	C_ARG_479	NH2	F_GLU_21	OE1	3.657
H6PXV	C_ARG_479	NH2	F_GLU_21	OE2	3.064
H6PXW	A_ARG_479	NH2	F_GLU_21	OE1	3.630
H6PXW	A_ARG_479	NH2	F_GLU_21	OE2	3.052
H6PXW	B_ARG_479	NH2	E_GLU_21	OE1	3.656
H6PXW	B_ARG_479	NH2	E_GLU_21	OE2	3.065
H6SOF	C_LYS_40	NZ	H_GLU_21	OE1	3.890
H6SOF	C_LYS_40	NZ	H_GLU_21	OE2	3.086
H6SOF	C_LYS_484	NZ	L_GLU_13	OE1	3.321
H6SOF	L_HIS_10	NE2	C_GLU_674	OE1	2.709
H6SOF	L_HIS_10	NE2	C_GLU_674	OE2	3.653
H6SOF	J_HIS_10	NE2	A ASP_483	OD2	3.765

Table 4: Salt bridging networks [9] within the six experimental insulin-IR structures (Table 1). In this table, the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number**, and '.pdb' is not included in the **PDB file name**.

PDB file name	Acceptor (A)	Donor (D)	Hydrogen (H)	D-A (Å)	H-A (Å)	$\angle ADH(^{\circ})$
H6PXV	O, E_CYS.75	NE, A_ARG.717	HE, A_ARG.717	2.59	1.65	16.71
H6PXV	O, D_CYS.75	NE, C_ARG.717	HE, C_ARG.717	2.64	1.69	15.81
H6PXV	ND2, A_ASN.15	N, D_PHE.24	H, D_PHE.24	3.13	2.17	14.93
H6PXV	OD1, C_ASN.711	N, D_VAL.58	H, D_VAL.58	3.46	2.45	4.00
H6PXV	ND2, C_ASN.15	N, E_PHE.24	H, E_PHE.24	3.17	2.21	15.07
H6PXV	OD1, A_ASN.711	N, E_VAL.58	H, E_VAL.58	3.47	2.47	4.10
H6PXW	O, D_CYS.75	NE, A_ARG.717	HE, A_ARG.717	2.59	1.65	16.71
H6PXW	O, C_CYS.75	NE, B_ARG.717	HE, B_ARG.717	2.64	1.69	15.82
H6PXW	ND2, A_ASN.15	N, C_PHE.24	H, C_PHE.24	3.13	2.17	14.95
H6PXW	OD1, B_ASN.711	N, C_VAL.58	H, C_VAL.58	3.46	2.45	4.05
H6PXW	ND2, B_ASN.15	N, D_PHE.24	H, D_PHE.24	3.17	2.21	15.06
H6PXW	OD1, A_ASN.711	N, D_VAL.58	H, D_VAL.58	3.47	2.47	4.04

Table 5: Side chain and main chain hydrogen bonding networks [9] of the six experimental insulin-IR structures (Table 1), except that the distance ($D - A$) cutoff was set to be 4 Å. In this table, the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number**, $\angle ADH$ represents the angle formed by acceptor (A), donor (D) and hydrogen (H) ($\angle ADH$), and '.pdb' is not included in the **PDB file name**.

2.2 Interfacial electrostatic interactions between IR and insulin lispro: a brief update

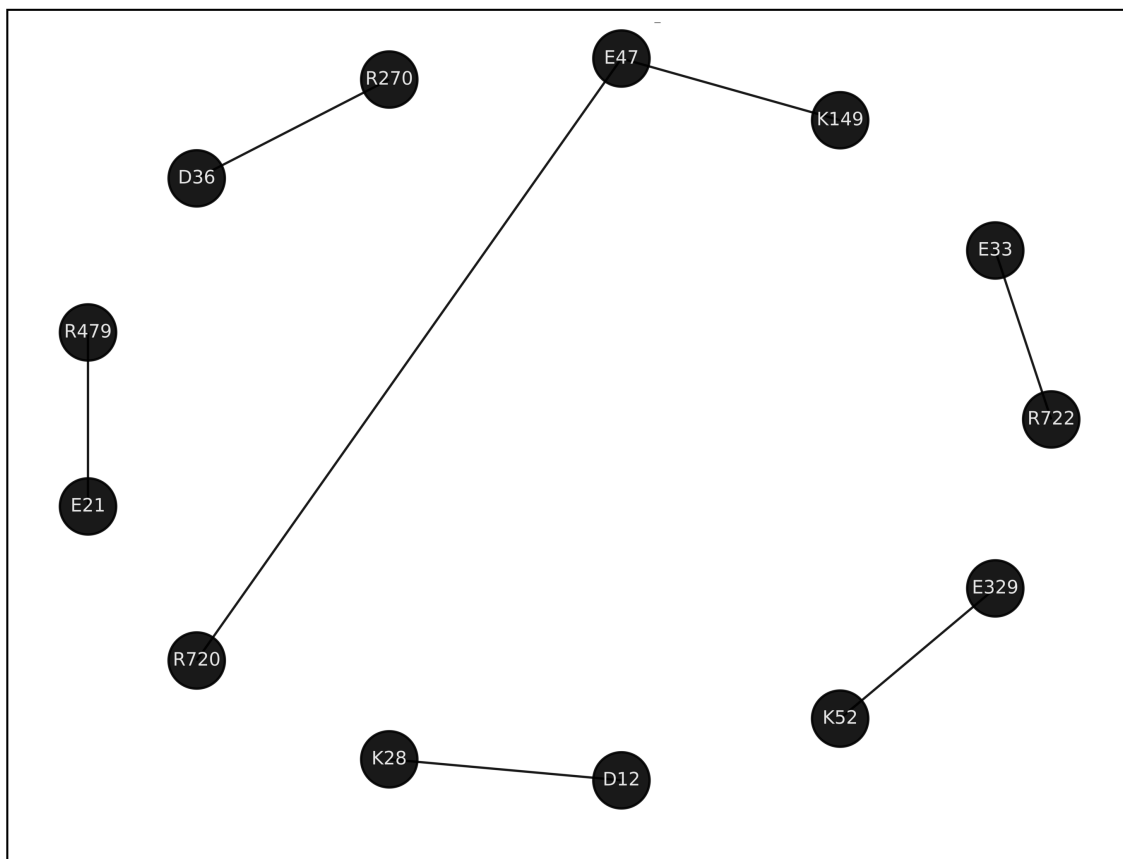


Figure 1: A computer-generated two-dimensional graph of the interfacial salt bridging network of insulin lispro. In this figure, the residue naming scheme is **one letter residue code_residue number**.

PDB file name	Residue A	Atom A	Residue B	Atom B	Distance (Å)
lispro	A_ARG_14	NH2	A_ASP_12	OD1	3.438
lispro	A_ARG_19	NH2	A_ASP_12	OD2	3.756
lispro	A_ARG_42	NH2	A_GLU_44	OE2	2.874
lispro	A_ARG_65	NH2	A_GLU_97	OE1	2.651
lispro	A_LYS_73	NZ	A_ASP_74	OD1	2.765
lispro	A_LYS_73	NZ	A_ASP_74	OD2	2.677
lispro	A_ARG_86	NH1	A_ASP_59	OD1	3.418
lispro	A_ARG_86	NH1	A_ASP_59	OD2	3.106
lispro	A_LYS_102	NZ	A_GLU_70	OE1	2.609
lispro	A_LYS_102	NZ	A_GLU_70	OE2	3.264
lispro	A_ARG_114	NH2	A_GLU_353	OE1	2.897
lispro	A_ARG_114	NH2	A_GLU_353	OE2	2.741
lispro	A_ARG_118	NH2	A_GLU_120	OE1	2.642
lispro	A_LYS_121	NZ	A_GLU_97	OE2	2.667
lispro	A_LYS_121	NZ	B_GLU_706	OE2	2.574
lispro	A_LYS_149	NZ	A_GLU_124	OE1	2.552
lispro	A_LYS_149	NZ	A_GLU_124	OE2	3.982
lispro	A_LYS_149	NZ	A_GLU_153	OE1	3.996
lispro	A_HIS_185	ND1	A_GLU_103	OE1	3.891
lispro	A_LYS_224	NZ	A_ASP_221	OD2	2.671
lispro	A_ARG_252	NH2	A_GLU_30	OE1	2.634
lispro	A_ARG_252	NH2	A_GLU_30	OE2	2.928
lispro	A_LYS_310	NZ	A_GLU_287	OE1	2.612
lispro	A_LYS_310	NZ	A_GLU_287	OE2	3.122
lispro	A_LYS_319	NZ	A_GLU_329	OE1	2.537

lispro	A_ARG_345	NH1	B_GLU_697	OE1	2.570
lispro	A_LYS_369	NZ	A_GLU_394	OE1	2.629
lispro	A_LYS_369	NZ	A_GLU_394	OE2	2.793
lispro	A_ARG_383	NH2	A_GLU_355	OE1	2.769
lispro	A_ARG_383	NH2	A_GLU_355	OE2	2.840
lispro	A_ARG_386	NH1	A_GLU_363	OE1	2.758
lispro	A_ARG_386	NH1	A_GLU_363	OE2	2.880
lispro	A_ARG_386	NH2	A_GLU_363	OE2	2.760
lispro	A_ARG_389	NH1	A_GLU_391	OE2	3.858
lispro	A_LYS_425	NZ	A_GLU_453	OE1	2.615
lispro	A_LYS_425	NZ	A_GLU_453	OE2	3.481
lispro	A_LYS_425	NZ	A_ASP_456	OD1	2.780
lispro	A_LYS_425	NZ	A_ASP_456	OD2	2.849
lispro	A_HIS_440	NE2	A_GLU_443	OE2	3.763
lispro	A_LYS_441	NZ	A_GLU_438	OE1	3.793
lispro	A_LYS_441	NZ	A_GLU_438	OE2	2.695
lispro	A_LYS_449	NZ	A_GLU_444	OE1	2.533
lispro	A_LYS_449	NZ	A_GLU_444	OE2	3.673
lispro	A_LYS_460	NZ	B_ASP_404	OD1	2.979
lispro	A_LYS_460	NZ	B_ASP_404	OD2	2.714
lispro	A_LYS_474	NZ	A_GLU_490	OE1	2.686
lispro	A_LYS_474	NZ	A_GLU_490	OE2	2.645
lispro	A_LYS_484	NZ	A_ASP_483	OD2	2.629
lispro	A_ARG_498	NH1	A_GLU_706	OE1	2.702
lispro	A_ARG_498	NH1	A_ASP_707	OD1	2.673
lispro	A_ARG_498	NH1	A_ASP_707	OD2	3.685

lispro	A_ARG_498	NH2	A_ASP_496	OD1	3.749
lispro	A_ARG_498	NH2	A_ASP_496	OD2	3.139
lispro	A_ARG_498	NH2	A_ASP_707	OD1	3.056
lispro	A_ARG_498	NH2	A_ASP_707	OD2	2.889
lispro	A_LYS_557	NZ	A_ASP_677	OD2	2.638
lispro	A_ARG_576	NH1	A_GLU_575	OE1	2.699
lispro	A_ARG_576	NH1	A_GLU_575	OE2	3.381
lispro	A_ARG_576	NH2	A_GLU_575	OE1	3.563
lispro	A_ARG_576	NH2	A_GLU_575	OE2	2.645
lispro	A_LYS_616	NZ	A_ASP_600	OD2	2.638
lispro	A_HIS_627	NE2	A_GLU_793	OE1	2.732
lispro	A_ARG_656	NH1	A_ASP_638	OD1	3.075
lispro	A_ARG_656	NH1	A_ASP_638	OD2	2.694
lispro	A_ARG_656	NH2	A_GLU_637	OE1	2.931
lispro	A_ARG_656	NH2	A_ASP_638	OD1	2.615
lispro	A_ARG_656	NH2	A_ASP_638	OD2	3.814
lispro	A_ARG_702	NH2	B_GLU_120	OE2	2.732
lispro	A_LYS_703	NZ	A_ASP_496	OD2	2.679
lispro	A_LYS_703	NZ	A_ASP_499	OD1	2.606
lispro	A_LYS_703	NZ	A_ASP_499	OD2	2.969
lispro	A_ARG_722	NH1	D_GLU_33	OE2	3.008
lispro	A_ARG_757	NH1	A_GLU_633	OE2	3.205
lispro	A_ARG_757	NH1	A_GLU_782	OE1	2.714
lispro	A_ARG_757	NH2	A_GLU_782	OE1	2.741
lispro	A_ARG_757	NH2	A_GLU_782	OE2	3.551
lispro	A_LYS_761	NZ	A_ASP_789	OD1	2.771

lispro	A_LYS_761	NZ	A_ASP_789	OD2	2.698
lispro	A_LYS_761	NZ	A_GLU_793	OE1	3.131
lispro	A_ARG_774	NH2	A_GLU_837	OE1	2.593
lispro	A_ARG_774	NH2	A_GLU_837	OE2	3.875
lispro	A_ARG_780	NH1	A_GLU_633	OE1	3.041
lispro	A_ARG_780	NH1	A_GLU_633	OE2	2.733
lispro	A_ARG_804	NH1	A_GLU_637	OE1	3.114
lispro	A_ARG_804	NH1	A_GLU_637	OE2	2.708
lispro	A_ARG_804	NH2	A_GLU_637	OE1	2.742
lispro	A_ARG_804	NH2	A_GLU_637	OE2	2.987
lispro	A_LYS_810	NZ	A_ASP_813	OD2	3.192
lispro	A_HIS_829	ND1	A_GLU_821	OE1	3.166
lispro	A_LYS_836	NZ	A_GLU_837	OE2	2.622
lispro	A_ARG_850	NH1	A_GLU_856	OE1	2.565
lispro	A_ARG_850	NH2	A_GLU_855	OE2	2.632
lispro	A_ARG_850	NH2	A_GLU_856	OE1	3.332
lispro	A_ARG_851	NH2	A_ASP_854	OD1	2.731
lispro	A_ARG_851	NH2	A_ASP_854	OD2	2.992
lispro	A_HIS_858	NE2	A_GLU_856	OE2	3.716
lispro	A_LYS_864	NZ	A_GLU_643	OE2	2.822
lispro	A_HIS_865	NE2	A_GLU_869	OE1	3.220
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lispro	A_ARG_885	NH2	A_GLU_899	OE2	2.610
lispro	A_ARG_887	NH2	A_GLU_846	OE1	3.093
lispro	B_ARG_14	NH2	B_ASP_12	OD1	3.254
lispro	B_ARG_42	NH2	B_GLU_44	OE2	2.875
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lispro	B_LYS_73	NZ	B_ASP_74	OD1	2.764
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lispro	B_ARG_118	NH2	B_GLU_120	OE1	2.642
lispro	B_LYS_121	NZ	A_GLU_706	OE2	2.573
lispro	B_LYS_121	NZ	B_GLU_97	OE2	2.667
lispro	B_LYS_149	NZ	B_GLU_124	OE1	2.609
lispro	B_LYS_149	NZ	F_GLU_47	OE1	2.562
lispro	B_HIS_185	ND1	B_GLU_103	OE1	3.891
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lispro	B_ARG_252	NH2	B_GLU_30	OE1	2.634
lispro	B_ARG_252	NH2	B_GLU_30	OE2	2.929

lispro	B_ARG_270	NH1	D_ASP_36	OD1	3.818
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lispro	B_LYS_310	NZ	B_GLU_287	OE2	3.115
lispro	B_LYS_319	NZ	B_GLU_329	OE1	2.533
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lispro	B_LYS_369	NZ	B_GLU_394	OE1	2.628
lispro	B_LYS_369	NZ	B_GLU_394	OE2	2.791
lispro	B_ARG_383	NH2	B_GLU_355	OE1	2.770
lispro	B_ARG_383	NH2	B_GLU_355	OE2	2.840
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lispro	B_LYS_441	NZ	B_GLU_438	OE2	2.695
lispro	B_LYS_449	NZ	B_GLU_444	OE1	2.533
lispro	B_LYS_449	NZ	B_GLU_444	OE2	3.672
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lispro	B_LYS_474	NZ	B_GLU_490	OE2	2.666

lispro	B_ARG_479	NH2	E_GLU_21	OE1	3.575
lispro	B_ARG_479	NH2	E_GLU_21	OE2	2.685
lispro	B_LYS_484	NZ	B_ASP_483	OD2	2.575
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lispro	B_ARG_498	NH1	B_ASP_707	OD1	2.673
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lispro	B_ARG_498	NH2	B_ASP_707	OD1	3.065
lispro	B_ARG_498	NH2	B_ASP_707	OD2	2.878
lispro	B_ARG_576	NH1	B_GLU_575	OE1	2.692
lispro	B_ARG_576	NH1	B_GLU_575	OE2	3.408
lispro	B_ARG_576	NH2	B_GLU_575	OE1	3.527
lispro	B_ARG_576	NH2	B_GLU_575	OE2	2.630
lispro	B_LYS_616	NZ	B_ASP_600	OD2	2.620
lispro	B_HIS_627	NE2	B_GLU_793	OE1	2.748
lispro	B_ARG_656	NH1	B_ASP_638	OD1	3.607
lispro	B_ARG_656	NH1	B_ASP_638	OD2	2.645
lispro	B_ARG_656	NH2	B_GLU_637	OE1	3.891
lispro	B_ARG_656	NH2	B_ASP_638	OD1	2.686
lispro	B_ARG_656	NH2	B_ASP_638	OD2	3.300
lispro	B_ARG_702	NH2	A_GLU_120	OE2	2.731
lispro	B_LYS_703	NZ	B_ASP_496	OD2	2.674
lispro	B_LYS_703	NZ	B_ASP_499	OD1	2.606
lispro	B_LYS_703	NZ	B_ASP_499	OD2	2.965
lispro	B_ARG_720	NH2	C_GLU_47	OE1	2.958

lispro	B_ARG_757	NH1	B_GLU_633	OE2	3.229
lispro	B_ARG_757	NH1	B_GLU_782	OE1	2.716
lispro	B_ARG_757	NH2	B_GLU_782	OE1	2.749
lispro	B_ARG_757	NH2	B_GLU_782	OE2	3.672
lispro	B_LYS_761	NZ	B_ASP_789	OD1	2.767
lispro	B_LYS_761	NZ	B_ASP_789	OD2	2.695
lispro	B_LYS_761	NZ	B_GLU_793	OE1	3.181
lispro	B_ARG_774	NH2	B_GLU_837	OE1	2.594
lispro	B_ARG_774	NH2	B_GLU_837	OE2	3.876
lispro	B_ARG_780	NH1	B_GLU_633	OE1	3.071
lispro	B_ARG_780	NH1	B_GLU_633	OE2	2.729
lispro	B_ARG_804	NH1	B_GLU_637	OE1	3.255
lispro	B_ARG_804	NH1	B_GLU_637	OE2	2.641
lispro	B_ARG_804	NH2	B_GLU_637	OE1	2.632
lispro	B_ARG_804	NH2	B_GLU_637	OE2	3.252
lispro	B_LYS_810	NZ	B_ASP_813	OD2	3.191
lispro	B_HIS_829	ND1	B_GLU_821	OE1	3.166
lispro	B_LYS_836	NZ	B_GLU_837	OE2	2.620
lispro	B_ARG_850	NH1	B_GLU_856	OE1	2.564
lispro	B_ARG_850	NH2	B_GLU_855	OE2	2.633
lispro	B_ARG_850	NH2	B_GLU_856	OE1	3.331
lispro	B_ARG_851	NH2	B_ASP_854	OD1	2.731
lispro	B_ARG_851	NH2	B_ASP_854	OD2	2.991
lispro	B_HIS_858	NE2	B_GLU_856	OE2	3.716
lispro	B_LYS_864	NZ	B_GLU_643	OE2	2.829
lispro	B_HIS_865	NE2	B_GLU_869	OE1	3.220

lispro	B_HIS_865	NE2	B_GLU_869	OE2	3.116
lispro	B_ARG_870	NH1	B_GLU_821	OE1	3.898
lispro	B_ARG_870	NH2	B_GLU_821	OE1	3.358
lispro	B_ARG_875	NH1	B_GLU_869	OE1	3.500
lispro	B_ARG_875	NH2	B_GLU_869	OE1	2.610
lispro	B_ARG_875	NH2	B_GLU_869	OE2	3.407
lispro	B_ARG_885	NH1	B_GLU_899	OE1	2.805
lispro	B_ARG_885	NH1	B_GLU_899	OE2	3.610
lispro	B_ARG_885	NH2	B_GLU_899	OE1	3.312
lispro	B_ARG_885	NH2	B_GLU_899	OE2	2.610
lispro	B_ARG_887	NH2	B_GLU_846	OE1	3.092
lispro	C_LYS_28	NZ	A_ASP_12	OD2	2.702
lispro	C_ARG_31	NH2	C_GLU_33	OE1	3.676
lispro	C_ARG_31	NH2	C_GLU_33	OE2	3.242
lispro	C_ARG_32	NH1	C_GLU_35	OE1	2.889
lispro	C_ARG_32	NH1	C_GLU_35	OE2	2.825
lispro	D_ARG_22	NH2	D_GLU_70	OE2	3.935
lispro	D_LYS_52	NZ	B_GLU_329	OE2	3.665
lispro	D_ARG_53	NH1	D_GLU_47	OE1	2.776
lispro	D_ARG_53	NH2	D_GLU_47	OE1	2.757
lispro	E_ARG_32	NH1	E_GLU_33	OE1	2.677
lispro	E_ARG_32	NH2	E_GLU_33	OE1	2.746
lispro	F_ARG_31	NH1	F_GLU_33	OE2	2.647
lispro	F_ARG_31	NH2	F_GLU_33	OE2	2.692
lispro	F_ARG_32	NH2	F_ASP_36	OD1	2.564
lispro	F_ARG_32	NH2	F_ASP_36	OD2	3.516

Table 6: Salt bridging [9] network of insulin lispro. In this table, the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number**.

PDB file name	Acceptor (A)	Donor (D)	Hydrogen (H)	D-A (Å)	H-A (Å)	$\angle ADH(^{\circ})$
lispro	OE2, F_GLU_13	OG, A_SER.481	HG, A_SER.481	2.66	1.74	14.06
lispro	ND1, F_HIS_10	NZ, A_LYS_484	HZ2, A_LYS_484	3.68	2.81	26.35
lispro	OE1, F_GLU_70	ND2, A_ASN_547	HD21, A_ASN_547	3.60	2.65	17.10
lispro	OE2, F_GLU_70	ND2, A_ASN_547	HD21, A_ASN_547	3.21	2.37	27.99
lispro	O, F_CYS_64	NH1, A_ARG_554	HH12, A_ARG_554	3.11	2.21	22.25
lispro	OE2, D_GLU_57	ND2, A_ASN_711	HD22, A_ASN_711	3.22	2.39	29.20
lispro	OXT, D_ASN_74	NH1, A_ARG_717	HH12, A_ARG_717	2.67	1.77	21.20
lispro	OE2, D_GLU_33	NH1, A_ARG_722	HH11, A_ARG_722	3.01	2.06	16.41
lispro	OE2, D_GLU_70	N, A_SER.724	H, A_SER.724	3.03	2.05	11.22
lispro	O, F_TYR_16	N, A_ASN_743	H, A_ASN_743	3.92	2.93	11.33
lispro	OE1, F_GLU_13	N, A_SER.745	H, A_SER.745	3.89	2.89	6.62
lispro	OE1, F_GLU_47	NZ, B_LYS_149	HZ3, B_LYS_149	2.56	1.65	19.89
lispro	O, D_ALA_34	NH1, B_ARG_270	HH12, B_ARG_270	2.70	1.77	18.02
lispro	OE1, D_GLN_38	NH2, B_ARG_271	HH21, B_ARG_271	3.63	2.64	10.85
lispro	OE2, E_GLU_21	NH2, B_ARG_479	HH21, B_ARG_479	2.69	1.80	23.08
lispro	OE2, E_GLU_13	OG, B_SER.481	HG, B_SER.481	2.65	1.82	24.30
lispro	ND1, E_HIS_10	NZ, B_LYS_484	HZ3, B_LYS_484	3.68	2.81	26.81
lispro	OE1, E_GLU_70	ND2, B_ASN_547	HD21, B_ASN_547	3.92	2.99	19.43
lispro	OE2, E_GLU_70	ND2, B_ASN_547	HD21, B_ASN_547	3.21	2.39	29.52
lispro	O, E_CYS_64	NH1, B_ARG_554	HH12, B_ARG_554	3.03	2.15	24.41
lispro	O, C_ASN_71	N, B_ARG_717	H, B_ARG_717	2.82	1.84	11.43
lispro	NE2, C_GLN_51	NH1, B_ARG_720	HH12, B_ARG_720	3.76	2.77	9.52
lispro	OE1, C_GLN_51	NH2, B_ARG_720	HH22, B_ARG_720	2.71	1.86	26.51
lispro	ND2, A_ASN_15	N, C_PHE_24	H, C_PHE_24	3.36	2.35	1.97
lispro	OD2, A_ASP_12	NZ, C_LYS_28	HZ2, C_LYS_28	2.70	1.81	22.61
lispro	NH2, A_ARG_270	N, C_THR_30	H, C_THR_30	3.97	3.06	22.71
lispro	O, B_VAL_712	NZ, C_LYS_52	HZ2, C_LYS_52	2.70	1.71	8.73
lispro	OD1, B_ASN_711	N, C_ILE_55	H, C_ILE_55	2.86	1.96	22.14
lispro	OD1, B_ASN_711	N, C_VAL_56	H, C_VAL_56	3.28	2.28	4.88
lispro	OG, B_SER_724	N, C_SER_65	H, C_SER_65	3.02	2.04	10.93
lispro	O, A_ASN_730	N, D_VAL_2	H1, D_VAL_2	2.70	1.88	29.20
lispro	ND2, B_ASN_15	N, D_PHE_24	H, D_PHE_24	3.40	2.39	3.40
lispro	OD1, A_ASN_711	N, D_ILE_55	H, D_ILE_55	2.87	1.93	17.59
lispro	OD1, A_ASN_711	N, D_VAL_56	H, D_VAL_56	3.28	2.27	6.08
lispro	O, B_ARG_554	NE2, E_GLN_4	HE22, E_GLN_4	3.45	2.55	22.80
lispro	OE2, A_GLU_154	N, E_GLY_54	H, E_GLY_54	2.69	1.72	13.17

lispro	O, B_ASP_535	OH, E_TYR_67	HH, E_TYR_67	2.71	1.89	26.05
lispro	O, A_ARG_554	NE2, F_GLN_4	HE22, F_GLN_4	3.62	2.77	27.69
lispro	OD1, A_ASN_743	OH, F_TYR_16	HH, F_TYR_16	3.48	2.67	27.69
lispro	O, A_ASP_535	OH, F_TYR_67	HH, F_TYR_67	2.66	1.87	28.17

Table 7: The side chain and main chain hydrogen bonding analysis [9] of IR in complex with insulin lispro, except that the distance ($D-A$) cutoff for hydrogen bond screening was set to be 4 Å. In this table, the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number**, $\angle ADH$ represents the angle formed by acceptor (A), donor (D) and hydrogen (H) ($\angle ADH$).

2.3 A comparison of interfacial electrostatic interactions between IR-insulin and IR-insulin lispro

PDB file name	Residue A	Atom A	Residue B	Atom B	Distance (Å)
H6PXV	A_ARG_479	NH2	G_GLU_21	OE1	3.630
H6PXV	A_ARG_479	NH2	G_GLU_21	OE2	3.051
H6PXV	C_ARG_479	NH2	F_GLU_21	OE1	3.657
H6PXV	C_ARG_479	NH2	F_GLU_21	OE2	3.064
H6PXW	A_ARG_479	NH2	F_GLU_21	OE1	3.630
H6PXW	A_ARG_479	NH2	F_GLU_21	OE2	3.052
H6PXW	B_ARG_479	NH2	E_GLU_21	OE1	3.656
H6PXW	B_ARG_479	NH2	E_GLU_21	OE2	3.065
H6SOF	C_LYS_40	NZ	H_GLU_21	OE2	3.086
H6SOF	C_LYS_484	NZ	L_GLU_13	OE1	3.321
H6SOF	L_HIS_10	NE2	C_GLU_674	OE1	2.709
H6SOF	L_HIS_10	NE2	C_GLU_674	OE2	3.653
H6SOF	J_HIS_10	NE2	A ASP_483	OD2	3.765

Table 8: Salt bridges formed at the binding interface of insulin and IR for three experimental insulin-IR structures (PDB IDs: 6PXV, 6PXW and 6SOF, Table 1). In this table, the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number**, and '.pdb' is not included in the **PDB file name**.

PDB file name	Residue A	Atom A	Residue B	Atom B	Distance (Å)	Note
lispro	A_ARG_722	NH1	D_GLU_33	OE2	3.008	E33 missing
lispro	B_LYS_149	NZ	F_GLU_47	OE1	2.562	E47 missing
lispro	B_ARG_270	NH1	D_ASP_36	OD1	3.818	E36 missing
lispro	B_ARG_479	NH2	E_GLU_21	OE1	3.575	same
lispro	B_ARG_479	NH2	E_GLU_21	OE2	2.685	same
lispro	B_ARG_720	NH2	C_GLU_47	OE1	2.958	E47 missing
lispro	C_LYS_28	NZ	A_ASP_12	OD2	2.702	novel
lispro	D_LYS_52	NZ	B_GLU_329	OE2	3.665	K52 missing

Table 9: Salt bridges formed at the binding interface of insulin lispro and IR for supplementary file **lispro.pdb**. In this table, the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number**, and '.pdb' is not included in the **PDB file name**.

In Table 9, the last column accounts for the differences in the interfacial salt bridging networks of the structures of IR in complexes with both regular insulin and insulin lispro. For instance,

1. **E33 missing** represents that while an interfacial salt bridge was structurally identified between A_ARG_722 and D_GLU_33 for insulin lispro in complex with IR, no interfacial salt bridge was structurally identified for regular insulin in complex with IR because the atomic coordinates of residue Glu33 (E33) are missing in the original PDB file (PDB IDs: 6PXV and 6PXW, Table 1).
2. **same** means that the interfacial salt bridges between ARG_479 and GLU_21 were structurally identified for IR structures in complexes with both regular insulin and insulin lispro.
3. **novel** means that an entirely new interfacial salt bridge was formed between C_LYS_28 and A_ASP_12 at the binding interface between IR and insulin lispro

due to the simple Pro28-Lys29 exchange in the B chain of regular human insulin. Of further biophysical interest, the side chain nitrogen atom (carrying positive electric charge) of C_LYS_28 is only 4.7 Å away (Table 12) from another side chain oxygen atom (carrying negative electric charge) of A_ASP_12, listed in Table 12, which is rather close to the cutoff distance for salt bridge screening as described previously in [9].

2.4 Three sets of interfacial electrostatic interactions that stabilize structure of insulin lispro in complex with IR

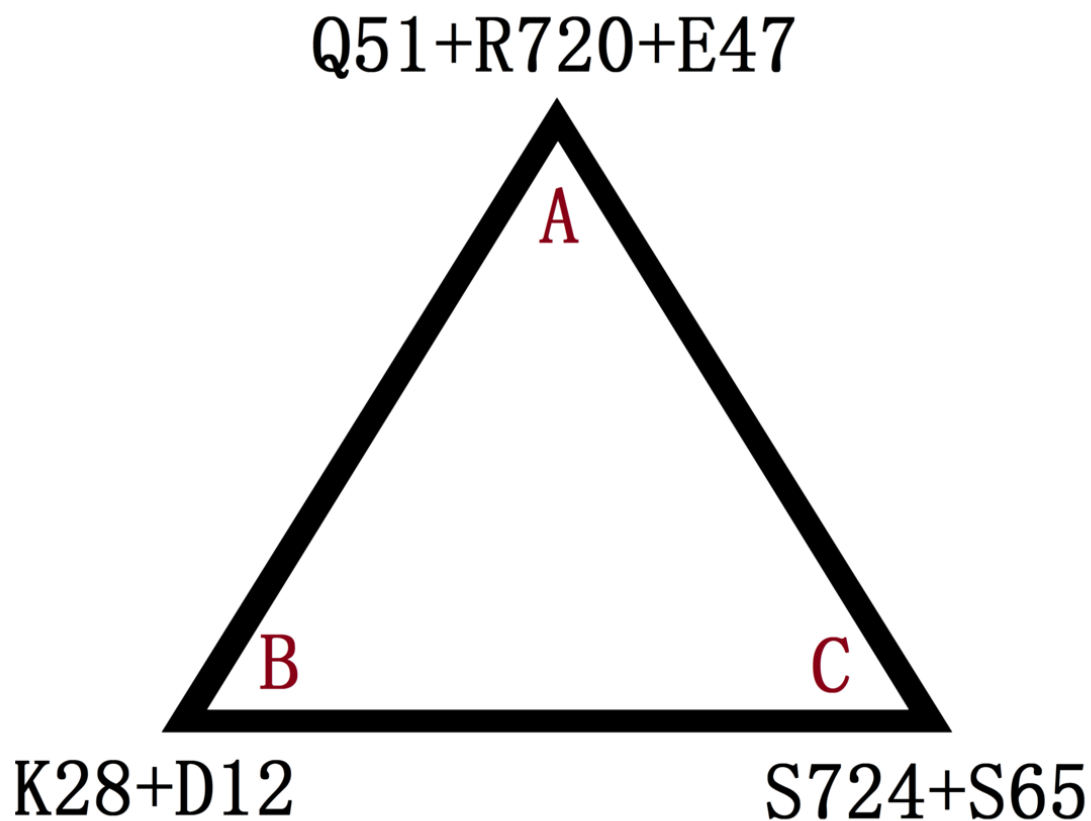


Figure 2: An electrostatic interaction triangle ($\triangle ABC$) that stabilizes the complex structure of insulin lispro and IR. Of $\triangle ABC$ in this figure, all details of the three vertices are listed in Tables 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 as below.

2.4.1 Vertex A of an electrostatic interaction triangle

PDB file name	Residue A	Atom A	Residue B	Atom B	Distance (Å)
lispro	B_ARG_720	NH1	C_GLU_47	OE1	4.751
lispro	B_ARG_720	NH2	C_GLU_47	OE1	2.958

Table 10: Interfacial salt bridges at **vertex A** of the electrostatic triangle in the complex structure of IR and insulin lispro. In this table, the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number**, and '.pdb' is not included in the **PDB file name**.

PDB file name	Acceptor (A)	Donor (D)	Hydrogen (H)	D-A (Å)	H-A (Å)	$\angle ADH(^{\circ})$
lispro	NE2, C_GLN_51	NH1, B_ARG_720	HH12, B_ARG_720	3.76	2.77	9.52
lispro	OE1, C_GLN_51	NH2, B_ARG_720	HH22, B_ARG_720	2.71	1.86	26.51

Table 11: Interfacial side chain hydrogen bonds at **vertex A** of the electrostatic triangle in the complex structure of IR and insulin lispro. In this table, the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number**, $\angle ADH$ represents the angle formed by acceptor (A), donor (D) and hydrogen (H) ($\angle ADH$), and '.pdb' is not included in the **PDB file name**.

2.4.2 Vertex B of an electrostatic interaction triangle

PDB file name	Residue A	Atom A	Residue B	Atom B	Distance (Å)
lispro	C_LYS_28	NZ	A_ASP_12	OD1	4.687
lispro	C_LYS_28	NZ	A_ASP_12	OD2	2.702

Table 12: Interfacial salt bridges at **vertex B** of the electrostatic triangle in the complex structure of IR and insulin lispro. In this table, the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number**, and '.pdb' is not included in the **PDB file name**.

PDB file name	Acceptor (A)	Donor (D)	Hydrogen (H)	D-A (Å)	H-A (Å)	$\angle ADH(^{\circ})$
lispro	OD2, A_ASP_12	NZ, C_LYS_28	HZ2, C_LYS_28	2.70	1.81	22.61

Table 13: Interfacial side chain hydrogen bond at **vertex B** of the electrostatic triangle in the complex structure of IR and insulin lispro. In this table, the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number**, $\angle ADH$ represents the angle formed by acceptor (A), donor (D) and hydrogen (H) ($\angle ADH$), and '.pdb' is not included in the **PDB file name**.

2.4.3 Vertex C of an electrostatic interaction triangle

PDB file name	Acceptor (A)	Donor (D)	Hydrogen (H)	D-A (Å)	H-A (Å)	$\angle ADH(^{\circ})$
lispro	OG, B_SER_724	N, C_SER_65	H, C_SER_65	3.02	2.04	10.93

Table 14: Interfacial hydrogen bond at **vertex C** of the electrostatic triangle in the complex structure of IR and insulin lispro. In this table, the residue naming scheme is **Chain ID_residue name_residue number**, $\angle ADH$ represents the angle formed by acceptor (A), donor (D) and hydrogen (H) ($\angle ADH$), and '.pdb' is not included in the **PDB file name**.

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