

Core Facility for Crystallographic and Biophysical Research to support the development of medicinal products

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As a result of the TEAM-TECH Core Facility Project from the Foundation for Polish Science, we have established the Core Facility for Crystallography and Biophysics (CFCB) at the Biological and Chemical Research Centre, University of Warsaw, under the supervision of Professor Krzysztof Woźniak (Head) and Jan Kutner, Ph.D. (Deputy Manager).

The Core Facility services (Figure 1) are focused on the analysis of proteins and small molecule compounds leading to crystallization trials for academic and commercial users. The project enables studies of challenging biochemical and pharmaceutical problems, with an emphasis on drug development. Research at CFCB is carried out in an interdisciplinary way, including both wet biology ("BIO") and chemical crystallography ("CHEM") techniques as well as theoretical approaches including structure modelling, bioinformatics and computational methods. Biology and chemistry team members work in synergy complementing their knowledge, skills and experience. Apart from services and collaborations, postdoctoral and Ph.D. researchers carry out their research projects dedicated either to small-molecule or protein crystallography.

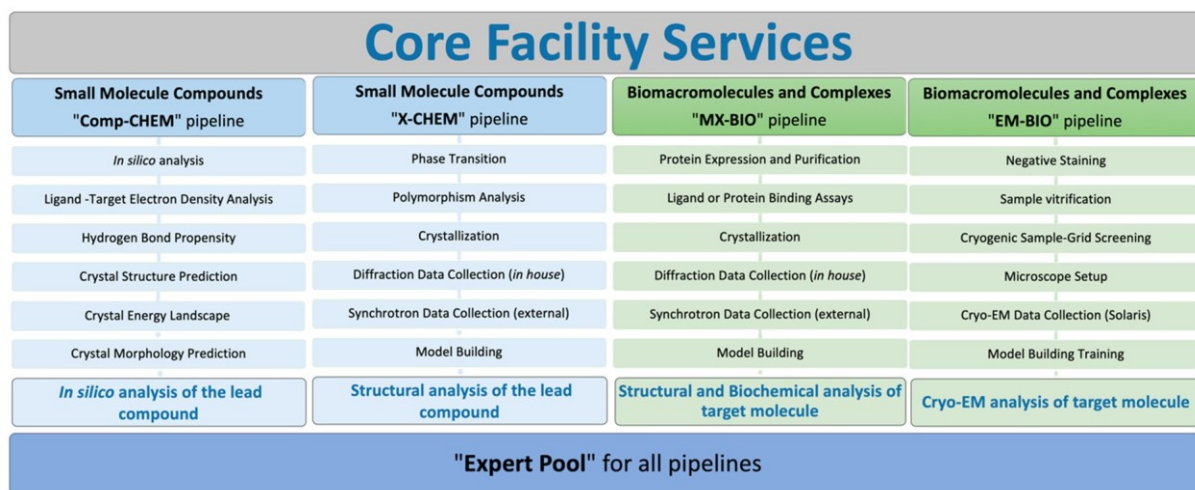


Figure 1. The main pipelines of the CFCB

Work in the Facility includes collaboration with other research groups and biotech/pharmaceutical companies, such as the WPD Pharmaceuticals, Cellis, Leaderna Biostructures, OncoArendi Therapeutics, Pikralida, Bio-Rad and Innvigo.

Moreover, we cooperate with Dr. Sebastian Glatt and Dr. Przemysław Grudnik (Structural Biology Core Facility, Jagiellonian University, Cracow) under the TT CF extension concerning on the commercial aspects (The Integrative Platform for Accelerated Drug Discovery – IPADD).

We are open to different forms of collaborations with individual researchers, research groups or biotech/pharma companies.

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