# 1 Docking-informed machine learning for kinome-wide affinity prediction

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### 7 Abstract

Kinase inhibitors are an important class of anti-cancer drugs, with 80 inhibitors clinically approved, and >100 in 8 9 active clinical testing. Most bind competitively in the ATP-binding site, leading to challenges with selectivity for a 10 specific kinase, resulting in risks for toxicity and general off-target effects. Assessing the binding of an inhibitor for the entire kinome is experimentally possible but expensive. A reliable and interpretable computational 11 prediction of kinase selectivity would greatly benefit the inhibitor discovery and optimisation process. Here, we 12 13 use machine learning on docked poses to address this need. To this end, we aggregated all known inhibitorkinase affinities and generated the complete accompanying 3D interactome by docking all inhibitors to the 14 respective high quality X-ray structures. We then used this resource to train a neural network as a kinase-specific 15 scoring function, which achieved an overall performance ( $R^2$ ) of 0.63-0.74 on unseen inhibitors across the 16 17 kinome. The entire pipeline from molecule to 3D-based affinity prediction has been fully automated and 18 wrapped in a freely available package. This has a graphical user interface which is tightly integrated with PyMOL 19 to allow immediate adoption in the medicinal chemistry practice.

### 20 Introduction

Protein kinases are one of the main protein families targeted by anti-cancer drugs, with 80 approved drugs and
 around 150 in clinical testing.<sup>1</sup> However, current FDA-approved kinase inhibitors are designed to target only a
 few percent of the entire protein family.<sup>2</sup> The so-far untargeted kinases, thus, offer great opportunities for the
 development of novel molecular therapies.

25 The chances of success for any drug greatly depend on two parameters: affinity of the drug for the intended target protein, and selectivity over the rest of the protein family. Off-target activity is often the main 26 cause of (pre-)clinical toxicity, and side-effects in general.<sup>3</sup> This issue is particularly pressing for kinase inhibitors, 27 as these in most cases target the ATP-binding site of the protein, which is highly conserved across this large 28 protein family.<sup>4</sup> This leads to many kinase inhibitors potently binding to many family members, sometimes 29 30 inhibiting as much as 70% of all kinases.<sup>5</sup> Determining the specificity of an inhibitor over all ±500 kinases is experimentally feasible, but is prohibitively expensive in terms of time, material and funds to perform on a 31 32 routine basis.

33 In recent years, various computational methods of predicting kinase inhibitor selectivity have thus been 34 developed.<sup>6-8</sup> Approaches vary from 'classical' protein structure-based techniques such as molecular docking to 35 machine learning approaches such as Quantitative Structure Activity Relationship (QSAR) studies. The revolution of artificial intelligence (AI) has not gone unnoticed in this field, and e.g. AlphaFold<sup>9</sup> will have a tremendous 36 37 impact in the coming years, giving direct access to structures for all proteins. Structure-based methods typically 38 rely on either classical physics-based scoring functions to 'score' a generated protein-ligand complex. More recently, machine learning-based scoring functions such as RFScore have reached state-of-the-art perfor-39 mance.<sup>10–12</sup> These scoring functions were trained on experimental datasets such as the PDBbind, offering a 40 relatively broad set of protein-inhibitor complexes and their bioactivity data.<sup>13</sup> 41

We set out to develop a fully automated docking-based affinity prediction for kinases. As it is generally 42 accepted that pose finding for most docking algorithms is very good<sup>14</sup>, we envisioned that a large docking-based 43 44 protein-inhibitor dataset for which biochemical data is known should also function as a basis for training a scoring 45 function. We demonstrated this approach by generating protein-inhibitor complexes for all kinase inhibitors in the Papyrus dataset<sup>15</sup>, a large aggregation of literature binding data, for kinases of which a high-quality 46 experimental protein structure is available in the KLIFS database, a kinase specific mirror of the PDB.<sup>18,19</sup> We used 47 two docking algorithms: Autodock VinaGPU<sup>16</sup> and DiffDock<sup>17</sup>. This generated database is then used to train a 48 multi-layered Neural Network as scoring function, that shows excellent performance on bio-activity predictions 49 for unseen inhibitors. The automated workflow has been wrapped in an easily installable Docker container<sup>20</sup> with 50 51 a convenient PyMOL Graphical User Interface (GUI) plugin, allowing broad access to the methodology.

### 52 Results

## 53 Extracting literature biochemical and structural data

To generate our desired docking-based training dataset, we first needed to select all kinases of which we have a high-quality experimental structure. As a source of well curated and annotated kinase protein structures available in the Protein Data Bank we used the KLIFS database. These structures were filtered based on their resolution ( $\leq 2.5$  Å) and KLIFS quality metric ( $\geq 8$ ). We selected the best of each of the four possible combinations of DFG-in/out and  $\alpha$ -C helix in/out as annotated in the KLIFS database. In total, this led to 345 protein structures for 226 unique kinases.

60 Next, we extracted all reported inhibitory activities for these kinases in the Leiden Papyrus dataset, a 61 curated resource combining data from resources such as ChEMBL, PubChem and others. We chose to 62 indiscriminately use  $pIC_{50}$ ,  $pK_i$  and  $pK_d$  values, collectively from hereon: pChEMBL values. We filtered the 63 compounds to entail only the more drug-like small molecules using quite lax criteria (MW  $\leq$  750, NumHBD  $\leq$  10, 64 NumHBA  $\leq$  15, Rotatable Bonds  $\leq$  15), which should have reasonable chance to dock well and form a 65 representative training set for real world medicinal chemistry applications. An overview of the resulting 66 physicochemical properties and chemical diversity is plotted in Supplementary Figure 1.

This procedure led to a completed dataset of in total 205,190 affinity values for 87,951 unique compounds
 against 226 unique kinases. A summative view of the workflow and complete resulting dataset is depicted in
 Figure 1 and Supplementary Figure 1.



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Figure 1: Kinase activity dataset | A) Distribution of kinase inhibition values reported per kinase group; B) Distribution of the
 reported inhibitory values; C) Number of pChEMBL values for unique kinases reported per kinase inhibitor, *i.e.*, against how
 many kinases was a compound tested; D) Number of reported inhibitors per kinase, *i.e.*, how many compounds were tested
 for a kinase; E) Overview of the workflow of the work in this paper.

#### 75 Large scale Molecular Docking using Open Source software

We set up an automated docking pipeline to generate a set of docking poses for all inhibitor-protein pairs in the created dataset (Figure 1E). To this end, inhibitors were prepared for docking using an RDKit<sup>21</sup> pipeline, which enumerates potential stereo- and double bond isomers, and generates a 3D conformer. For each protein structure, a binding site was defined using PyVOL to guide the VinaGPU docking algorithm.<sup>22</sup> All prepared isomers were consecutively docked in the known targets of these inhibitors using two docking algorithms: Autodock VinaGPU and the diffusion-based DiffDock algorithm (version of December 2022).

For all compound-protein structure pairs, a maximum of 5 poses were generated. The poses were filtered for excessive atomic overlap based on a tailored clash-score (see Methods and Supplementary Figure 2) to get rid of unphysical poses generated, a problem especially prevalent in DiffDock generated poses. For the inhibitorkinase pairs in our dataset for which an experimental pose has been determined (only ± 0.2% of the 205,000), the root mean squared deviation (RMSD) was calculated for both docking algorithms. Median ± absolute deviation for DiffDock and VinaGPU were 1.296 ± 0.587 and 5.659 ± 4.177, respectively.

88 The results of this large-scale docking project were aggregated and have been made available in an SQLite database that holds all activities, compounds, isomers, protein information, kinase structure information and all 89 90 poses for both docking tools. A simplified schema of this database with statistics per table is depicted in 91 Supplementary Figure 3A. The database includes all .mol-formatted poses in a compressed format, as well as the 92 .pdb files for all KLIFS structures used. The database was designed to be readily usable for machine learning 93 applications. Additionally, a KNIME-based user interface has been built to browse and query the generated docking complexes (Supplementary Figure 3B). The full database and accompanying application are freely 94 95 available on Zenodo and GitHub (vide infra).

#### 96 Baseline performance of readily available docking scores

97 The performance of two readily available docking scores was assessed to establish a baseline for bioactivity 98 prediction. To this end, we assessed the predicted binding affinity by the Vina score, and used RFScoreVS<sup>23</sup> to 99 rescore all poses generated by VinaGPU and DiffDock. The results are aggregated in Figure 2. Unsurprisingly, 100 neither of the scoring algorithms showed any productive correlation with the Papyrus pChEMBL values, either 101 when looking at the entire dataset (Figure 2A-C) or when aggregating the per-kinase correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) 102 over the kinase groups (Figure 2D-F).



104Figure 2: Correlation of Vina and RFScoreVS scoring functions with Papyrus pChEMBL data | Predicted affinity values vs.105literature values displayed as logarithmic hexbin plots, as based on the -Vina score for all VinaGPU poses (A), RFScoreVS for106all VinaGPU poses (B), RFScoreVS for all DiffDock poses (C), R<sup>2</sup> calculated per kinase and aggregated per kinase group for Vina107scores (D), RFScoreVS for VinaGPU poses (E) and RFScoreVS for DiffDock poses (F).

#### 108 Kinome-wide activity predictions learned from docked poses

109 We then set out to train a more performant kinase specific scoring function on this unprecedently large structural dataset. First, the database was used to generate protein-ligand extended connectivity (PLEC)<sup>24</sup> fingerprints for 110 111 the first three poses of every protein structure-inhibitor pair. All PLEC fingerprints were used as input for one 112 single 3-layer Deep Neural Network tasked with predicting the affinity value based on a given fingerprint. This 113 was done separately for the two docking algorithms, to compare their relative performance in this task. The 114 generated models, which function as kinase-specific scoring functions, were trained on either a random 80:20 115 split of protein-inhibitor activity pairs, an 80:20 compound-based split (completely unseen compounds) or an 116 80:20 split based on kinases (completely unseen kinases as test set). These latter splits are intended to assess the generalisation capabilities of the models towards newly designed inhibitors or unseen kinase targets, 117 respectively. As a non-docking 2D comparison, in parallel we trained the same DNN on only the ECFP4 118 119 fingerprints of the inhibitors, to assess the added value of using docked poses as input. In this case we trained one model per kinase for all kinases that had at least 100 unique inhibitors known (172 out of 226 kinases in the 120 121 dataset). The performance results of these models are shown in Figure 3 and Supplementary Figure 5 and specified per kinase in Supplementary Tables 1-3 (Supplementary Materials). 122

123 Regardless of the underlying docking algorithm, the performance of the DNNs trained on the compound splits ( $R^2 = 0.63 - 0.74$ ) vastly outperformed both the original Vina scoring ( $R^2 = 0.04$ ) as well as the rescoring 124 125 using RFScoreVS ( $R^2 = 0.05 - 0.06$ ). For the DiffDock model, for 86 out of 214 kinases (40%) the  $R^2$  of the 126 compound split was higher than 0.6, yielding predictions of sufficient quality to be genuinely informative in drug 127 discovery projects. This value is comparable to the ECFP models, where 84 out of the 172 were  $\geq$  0.6. Of note, 128 the ECFP models were only trained for kinases with  $\geq$  100 compounds, which leads to fewer kinases covered 129 overall. The DiffDock model can extrapolate to some extend to the lower coverage kinases that are lacking in de 130 ECFP models, with an  $R^2 \ge 0.6$  for 18% of these (8 out of 42). The VinaGPU model shows somewhat lower overall performance, with 65 out of all 220 models having an  $R^2 \ge 0.6$ , and 5 of the low-coverage kinases. This 131 corresponds to the overall higher RMSD as observed in the docking procedure, pointing to the lower quality of 132 133 the underlying training data.



Figure 3: Model performance | Predicted affinity values vs. literature values for the compounds-split test set displayed as logarithmic hexbin plots, as based on predictions for ECFP models (A), the DNN trained on DiffDock poses (B) and on the VinaGPU poses (C). Panels D, E and F show the average performance per kinase group for ECFP, DiffDock and VinaGPU models, respectively.

- Comparing the DiffDock and VinaGPU-based models shows some intriguing results. There is only a low correlation between the performances per kinase (Supplementary Figure 6). This can partially be attributed to the smaller number of successful docking poses DiffDock generated but could also be due to the intrinsic differences between the pose finding tools.
- The different splits clearly showed that the random splits performed best overall, although only slightly outcompeting the compound split. This is to be expected as for 78% of the compounds there is only 1 activity in the dataset, meaning that the random and compound splits have highly similar difficulties in practice. However, for unseen kinases the performance drops significantly (Supplementary Figure 5). This seems to indicate that the
- 147 model strongly relies on the kinase structure underlying the complexes and suggests that when appending new
- 148 kinases or KLIFS structures to the dataset, retraining of the model is warranted.

### 149 KinaseDocker<sup>2</sup> release for direct local application

- 150 Encouraged by the strong performance across the kinome we decided to wrap our workflow and models in a 151 user-friendly application that allows predictions to be generated by a medicinal chemist in real-world 152 applications. Because the model inherently generates docking poses on which the affinity prediction is based, 153 interpretation of the reliability of the output can be done on a per-compound and per-kinase basis. With this interpretability endpoint in mind, we chose the open-source molecular viewer PyMOL as the basis for the 154 155 program. We wrote a plugin that allows the input of a (list of) SMILES strings, the selection of a (list of) kinases and the choice of docking engine. The docking and consecutive bioactivity prediction by the neural network is 156 handled by a Docker image that requires minimal installation by the user. The output data is written to files as 157 158 well as presented in a table on screen. From this table generated complexes can be loaded and inspected in the 159 PyMOL session. Programmatic access is available if larger scale runs are desired. The whole codebase has been 160 designed to be modular, allowing the future implementation of different model architectures or structure
- 161 encodings. All code and Docker images are openly available, see section Code Availability.



163 Figure 4: A user-friendly application: KinaseDocker<sup>2</sup> | (A) Schematic overview of the software setup; (B) screenshots of the

164 Graphical User Interface of KinaseDocker<sup>2</sup>.

### 166 Discussion

167 The homogeneity of the sources of biochemical data in the Papyrus dataset (and nearly every other publicly available dataset) inherently means that there is considerable noise in the data. Realistically, R<sup>2</sup> values of around 168 169 0.8 are as high as can be achieved when taking experimental error into account.<sup>25</sup> This means that the DiffDock 170 model for 42 kinases (± 20 %) already reached this maximum. For these, no significant improvement on this 171 metric can be expected regardless of the methodological improvements or addition of further data. Adding more 172 (diverse) compounds would for these kinases merely expand the chemical space where the model is applicable. 173 For the kinases with lower performing predictions, the addition of more data and/or more structures could still 174 increase performance.

Training (machine learning-based) scoring functions on structural data has been a successful strategy for 175 years, enabled by datasets such as the PDBbind, as demonstrated by, for example, the RFScore series.<sup>12,23,26–28</sup> 176 177 Utilising the accuracy of pose finding in docking algorithms to synthesize an orders of magnitude larger training 178 dataset has, to the best of our knowledge, not been attempted before. Here we clearly showed that the approach 179 in the basis works and outperforms current state-of-the-art in this kinase-specific use-case. There are many 180 possibilities for future improvement over the current machine learning implementation. The docking 181 performance of our VinaGPU workflow was not very high, with an average RMSD > 5 Å. More manual curation 182 of the dataset could reduce the amount of flawed docking poses, arguably positively impacting the quality of the 183 training data.

From a machine learning perspective, the current choice of encoding the poses (3D) using PLEC fingerprints (1D) and utilising a basic DNN architecture is inherently lossy. Implementing geometric deep learning models directly on the 3D data could positively impact performance if it can make better use of the available information. Additionally, the attention mechanism of the Transformer architecture could be used to highlight important regions in the complex for the generated prediction, yielding better interpretability and guidance for compound optimisation.

There are more domain-focused improvements that could improve the performance too. The current implementation uses every KLIFS structure available for a certain kinase when docking a compound, regardless of inhibitor type (type I, II, III).<sup>29,30</sup> Previous work has shown that ML models can differentiate Type I and II inhibitors based on structure to a reasonable extend.<sup>31</sup> By only considering the poses of a molecule in their preferred activity state (DFG-in or -out), when available, the predictions should theoretically be improved.

195 To broaden the scope of kinases for which predictions can be made, structural data on the proteins is 196 currently the main bottleneck. Of the 636 kinases, 226 (± 35 %) have crystal structures that meet our criteria. Of 197 these, only about 26 % (59) have both DFG-in and -out(-like) structures available. A strategy to enrich this dataset 198 could be through homology modelling. Considering the high sequence and structural similarity in the kinase 199 domains, for many if not most kinases a reliable homology model in both DFG-states should be feasible to obtain. 200 Adding these to the dataset would not only considerably extend the applicability of the model to the entire 201 kinome, it would also grow the size of the available biochemical training data with >100,000 datapoints for which 202 currently no high quality experimental structure is available.

### 203 Conclusion

204 Kinase inhibitors are an essential part of anti-cancer therapy. Developing new kinase inhibitors suitable for clinical 205 use requires these to be as specific as possible, targeting primarily the intended kinase. Due to the high homology 206 in kinase domains, this is not a trivial requirement. Computational tools to aid in the development of these 207 inhibitors by predicting inhibition across the kinome can be of great value. Current state-of-the-art struggles to 208 perform well across the protein family, in part due to the lack of suitable data. Here, we generate a large dataset 209 of predicted binding poses, each corresponding to an experimental binding affinity in the Papyrus dataset, where 210 a high-quality kinase domain structure of the target is available in the KLIFS database. We showed that this 211 dataset forms a strong basis on which to train machine learning models that can predict binding affinities of 212 compounds for a wide variety of targets. We trained a Deep Neural Network on a 1D protein-ligand interaction 213 fingerprint representation (PLEC) and showed that this vastly outperforms readily available (re-)scoring functions 214 like Vina score and RFscoreVS. Encouraged by these results, we developed a user-friendly interface to bring the 215 automated docking procedure and scoring function as a freely available tool called KinaseDocker<sup>2</sup> to the bench 216 chemist. Simultaneously, we ensured the modularity of the code, so that exchanging the protein-ligand complex

- encoding or the predictive model for more advanced approaches is feasible. Finally, we set-up an interface for
  the database of docking poses to expose the data encapsulated in this to the general (bio)chemist.
- We expect that the scoring functions trained here are useful as is, but also that, together with the dataset generated here, they form a starting point to further tackle the kinase selectivity question, enabling the reliable
- 221 prediction of affinities across the kinome to aid in bringing new and safe anti-cancer drugs to patients.

# 222 Code & Data availability

- 223 The 3D structure database generated as part of this work is available as an .sqlite database on Zenodo
- 224 (10.5281/zenodo.10894122), together with the KNIME workflow that provides a simple user interface to
- search it. Code to reproduce the work described in this paper is available on GitHub
- 226 (https://github.com/APAJanssen/KinaseDocker2-Paper-code). The PyMOL plugin is available on its own GitHub
- 227 (https://github.com/APAJanssen/KinaseDocker2), which contains instructions on how to set up the Docker
- 228 environment. The Docker image is available on Docker Hub
- 229 (https://hub.docker.com/repository/docker/apajanssen/kinasedocker2).

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### 349 Methods

### 350 Biochemical data

Data was retrieved from Papyrus v5.5<sup>15</sup>, filtering on the Uniprot Protein Class 'Kinase' and data quality 'High'. The data was matched to the KLIFS<sup>19</sup> dataset based on Uniprot<sup>32</sup> accessions. Mutations were disregarded and averages for unique compound – Uniprot pairs were used as activity value (pChEMBL). Included bioactivities were filtered based on the drug-likeness of the measured compounds. Filters used were MW between 250 and 750 Da, rotatable bonds  $\leq$  15, number of hydrogen bond donors  $\leq$  10 and number of hydrogen bond acceptors  $\leq$ 15, calculated using RDKit.<sup>21</sup>

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### 358 Structural data

359Kinase structures and annotations were retrieved from KLIFS in October 2022. The structures were filtered on360resolution ( $\leq 2.5$  Å) and missing residues ( $\leq 5$ ) after which the highest quality (KLIFS metric) structure was selected361based on DFG-in/out and  $\alpha$ C-helix states as annotated in KLIFS, if available. The .mol2 files were downloaded and362converted to PDB files using OpenBabel<sup>33</sup>. PDB structures thus generated were used as is for DiffDock or further363converted to .pdbqt format using the Open Drug Discovery Toolkit<sup>34</sup> for use with Autodock VinaGPU.

365 Docking benchmark set

Ligands from the KLIFS database were extracted and used as a benchmark dataset for the two docking algorithms used. RMSD was determined using the CalcLigRMSD extension for RDkit.<sup>35</sup>

369 Pocket definition

Pockets for Autodock Vina docking were automatically generated using PyVOL<sup>22</sup> using default settings with manual curation to encompass the entire ATP-binding pocket. The largest pocket detected in most cases represented the ATP-binding site, to which a 5 Å padding was added for the docking box. DiffDock was executed without restraints on binding site location (i.e., blind docking).

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### 375 Ligand preparation

376 SMILES strings from the Papyrus dataset were transformed into 2D structures using default settings and 377 enantiomers and cis/trans isomers were enumerated using RDKit.<sup>21</sup> These RDKit objects were converted to 378 .pdbqt format for VinaGPU docking using the Open Drug Discovery Toolkit.<sup>34</sup> The RDKit objects were written to 379 .csv files in canonical SMILES format with stereo information to use as DiffDock input.

- 381 Docking
- Two docking procedures were employed: DiffDock<sup>17</sup> and AutoDock VinaGPU<sup>16,36</sup>, both installed through Docker<sup>20</sup>.
   Generated VinaGPU poses were converted to mol-format using RDKit.

### 384 AutoDock VinaGPU

A Docker image of AutoDock VinaGPU<sup>16,37</sup> was used, running on commercial RTX4070 or RTX3070 GPUs. For each protein, the corresponding KLIFS structures with predefined binding site boxes were iterated and all compounds with known activities docked. The AutoDock VinaGPU implementation differs slightly from the well characterized CPU version in its docking settings, where the *exhaustiveness* parameter is now replaced by *search\_depth* and *thread*. A small parameter optimisation was performed to benchmark the performance of VinaGPU on this dataset, resulting in the final settings *search\_depth* = 10, *threads* = 8192 which resulted in balanced performance vs. run time (data not shown). Output .pdbqt formatted poses were converted to .mol format using OpenBabel

- and aggregated in a tabular format for inclusion in the database.
- 393 DiffDock

The original DiffDock Github release of October 2021 was used. Compounds were provided in canonical SMILES format with explicit stereochemistry. ESM embeddings were generated using the provided scripts and default

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--repr\_layers 33 --include per\_tok

For inference, the release inference.py script was used with minor changes relating to the output data structure.The author recommended settings for high throughput inference were used:

--inference\_steps 20 --samples\_per\_complex 5 --batch\_size 10 --actual\_steps 18 --no\_final\_step\_noise

Output .sdf formatted poses were expanded to .mol format and aggregated in a tabular format for inclusion inthe database.

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### 402 Clash-score filtering

The filter criterium (clash < 10) was based on the Vina output, where after fitting a normal distribution on the</li>
 clash scores a 3σ upper limit was calculated to be 10.02, which was visually inspected to be sensible and used
 for both docking algorithms. The clash-score was calculated per atom using the formula:

406  $\max\left[0, 1 - \frac{d}{(r_1 + r_2)}\right]$ 

where d is the Euclidian distance between the atoms, and r<sub>1</sub> and r<sub>2</sub> are the Van der Waals radii of the respective
atom types.<sup>38</sup> This per-atom contribution was calculated based on selections made using the PyMOL API. In brief,
KLIFS .pdb and docking pose .mol-files were loaded in PyMOL. A selection around 4 Å of the ligand was made,
and for all resulting atoms pairs the clashing contribution was determined. All contributions were summed to
yield the pose clash-score.

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### 413 Machine learning

All machine learning algorithms were implemented in PyTorch 2.0. Splits were curated to ensure that the test set pChEMBL distribution is similar to the train set distribution. All DNNs were 3-layer fully connected NNs with the input layer either 2048 bits (ECFP) or 65536 bits (PLEC) to 4000, the hidden layer 4000 inputs to 1000 outputs and the output layer using the 1000 inputs to 1 output value. All layers use ReLU activation functions and the input and hidden layers use a dropout rate of 25% during training. The learning rate is fixed at 10<sup>-5</sup>, batch size 128 with 100 epochs as fixed termination. After every epoch the performance on the test set is evaluated and the best model is stored. Typically, 50-70 epochs are required to reach a plateau.

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### 422 Prediction aggregation

For any given kinase-compound combination, the top 3 poses for all available KLIFS structures were scored by the DNN. To get to a final activity prediction, we tested several aggregation strategies. Taking the mean value of all options (aggregating the various KLIFS, all available stereoisomers, and the top 3 poses) yielded consistently the highest  $R^2$  (Supplementary Figure 8). As expected, using only the top 1 pose (according to Vina or DiffDock ranking) performed slightly better than taking only the  $2^{nd}$  or  $3^{rd}$  ranked pose, showing that on average the builtin scoring mechanism of both algorithms is able to prioritize the most relevant poses. However, averaging either

429 the top 2 or top 3 poses consistently improved the performance.

### 430 Supplementary Figures



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 433 Supplementary Figure 1: Chemical and kinase diversity | A) Violin plot of physicochemical properties of the kinase inhibitors;
 433 B) t-SNE embedding of the chemical space by ECFP4 fingerprints (2048 bits), coloured by majority kinase group target; C)
 434 View of included kinases coloured in phylogenetic tree.

### Comparison of Clash Scores



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437 Supplementary Figure 2: Clashing score filtering | Histograms of the calculated clash scores for all DiffDock poses (left) and
438 VinaGPU poses (right), illustrating the cut-off value of 10. Bottom inset shows 3 illustrations of poses with clash scores of 5,
439 15 and 30. Red dashed lines indicate atomic clashes. Insets were generated using UCSF ChimeraX<sup>39</sup>.



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 442 Supplementary Figure 3 Machine Learning-ready database of kinase-inhibitor complexes | A) Schematic and abbreviated

database schema with statistics per table; B) Screenshots of the KNIME-based GUI that enables users to search and
 download data locally from the database.



Supplementary Figure 4: Model performance on the random split | Predicted affinity values vs. literature values for the random-split test set displayed as logarithmic hexbin plots, as based on predictions of the DNN trained on DiffDock poses (A) and on the VinaGPU poses (B). Panels C and D show the average performance per kinase group for DiffDock and VinaGPU models, respectively.



452 453 **Supplementary Figure 5: Model performance on the kinases split** | Predicted affinity values vs. literature values for the 454 kinase-split test set displayed as logarithmic hexbin plots, as based on predictions of the DNN trained on DiffDock poses (A) 455 and on the VinaGPU poses (B). Panels C and D show the average performance per kinase group for DiffDock and VinaGPU 456 models, respectively.



Supplementary Figure 6: Performance correlation between models | Assessment of the correlation between the per kinase
 performance for VinaGPU and ECFP (A), DiffDock and ECFP (B) and DiffDock and VinaGPU (C) models. Kinases are coloured
 by kinase group.

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465 Supplementary Figure 7: Correlation between performance and bioactivity count or chemical diversity | Assessment of the 466 correlation between the per kinase performance for ECFP and bioactivity count (A), DiffDock and bioactivity count (B) and 467 VinaGPU and bioactivity count (C), ECFP and chemical diversity (D), DiffDock and chemical diversity (E) and VinaGPU and 468 chemical diversity (F). Chemical diversity is calculated as the Shannon entropy (higher = more diverse) of the ECFP fingerprint 469 for all compounds included in the kinase's bioactivity data. Kinases are coloured by kinase group.



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Supplementary Figure 8: Top N pose aggregation strategies | Predicted affinity values vs. literature values for the compounds-split test set displayed as logarithmic hexbin plots, as based on predictions of the DNN trained on DiffDock poses 474 (A) and on the VinaGPU poses (B). Each sub-plot shows the aggregation of either the Top 1, 2 or 3 poses, using either the 475 maximum or the mean of all predictions for all poses for that compound-kinase pair.