

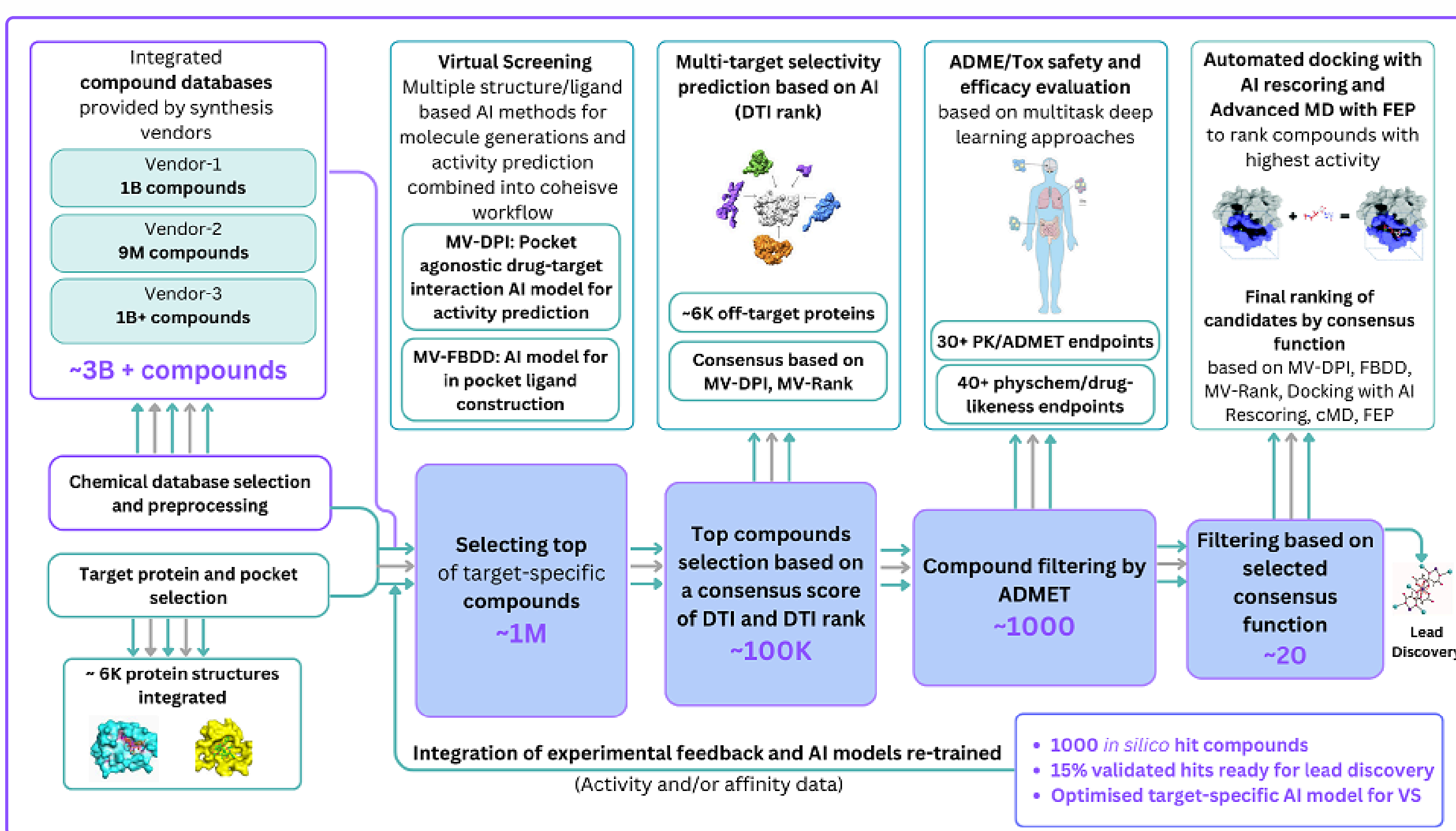
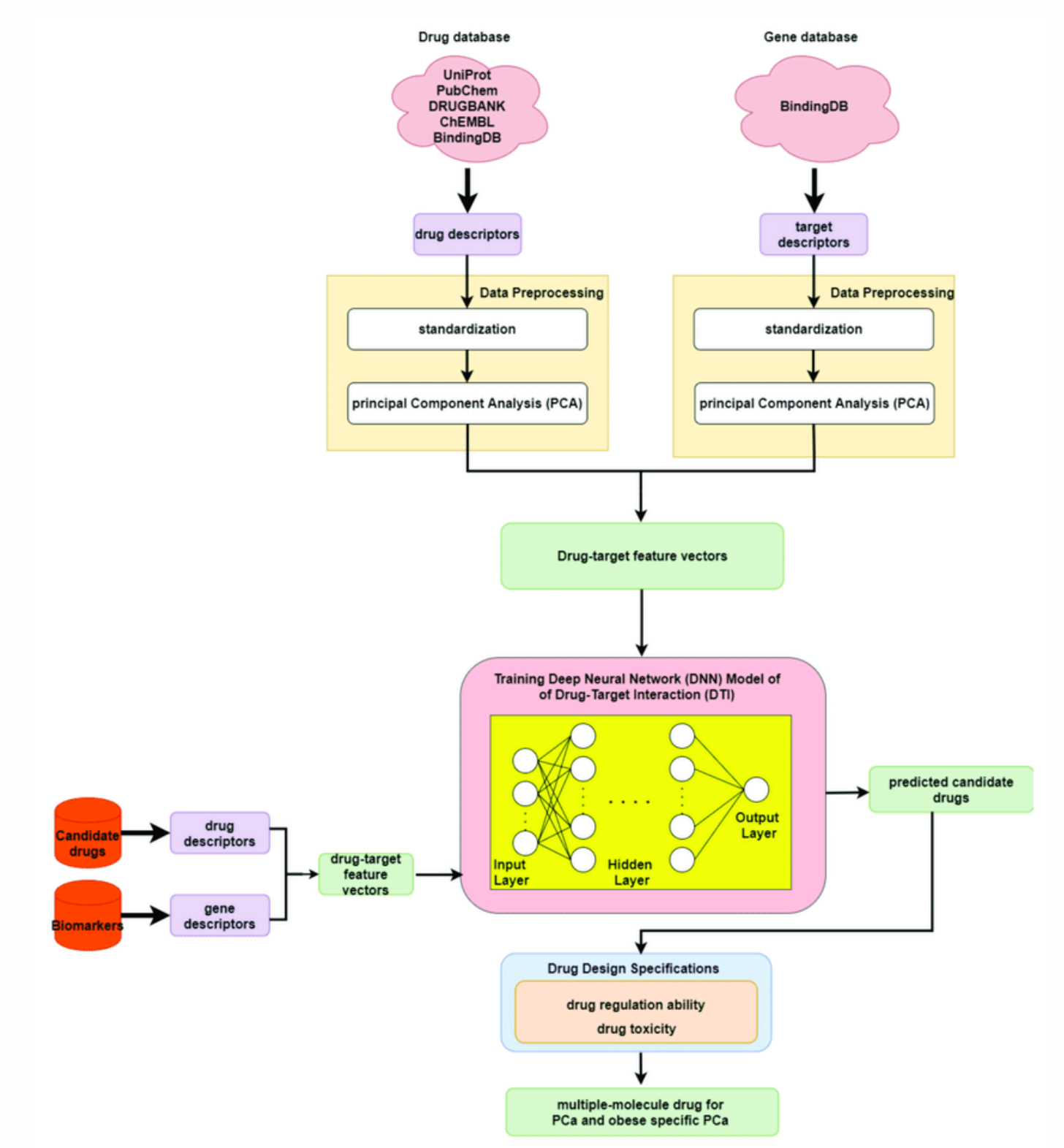
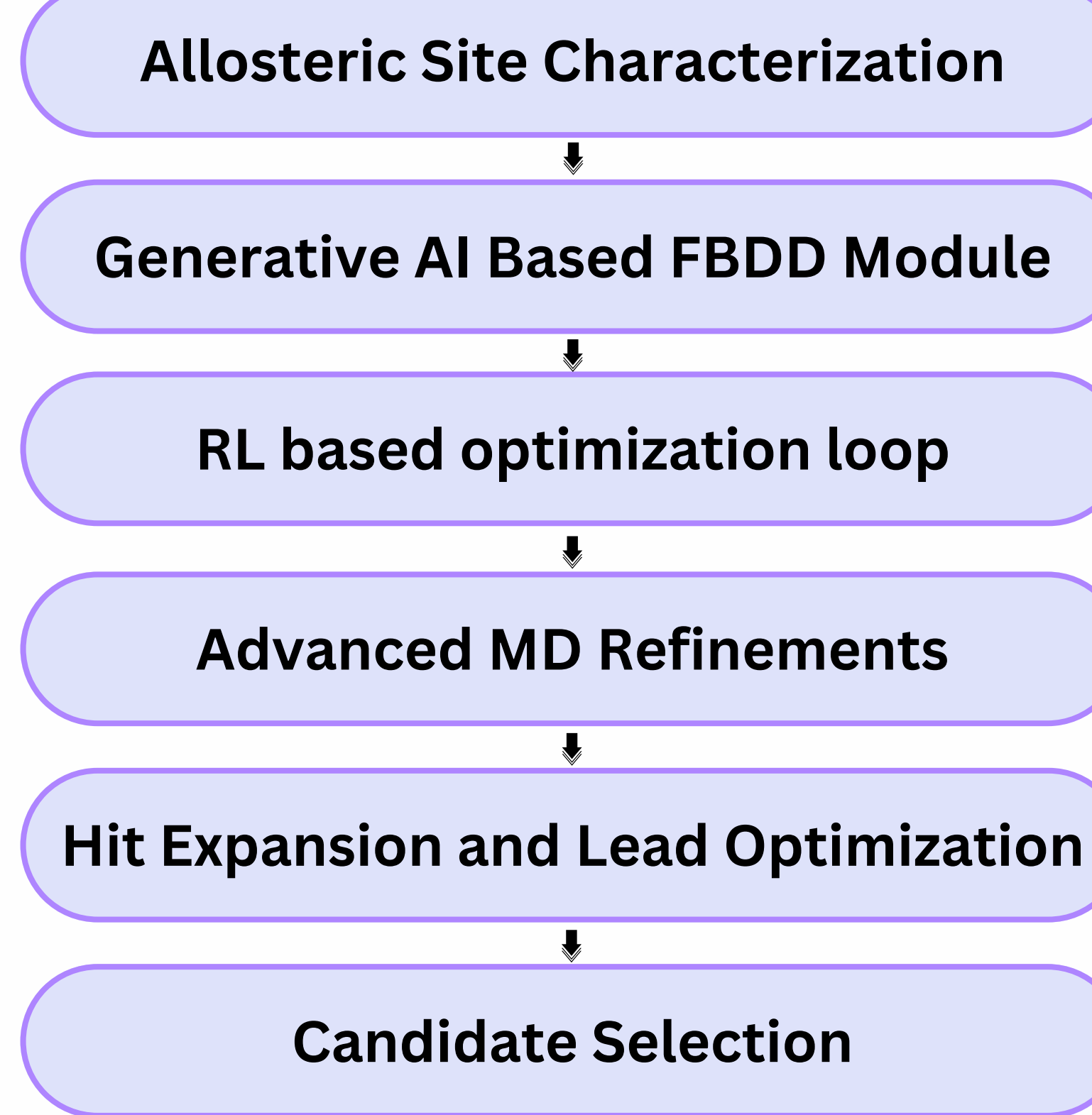
De-novo Drug Discovery

- **Therapeutic Area:** Oncology
- **Context:** Assist in the development of a de-novo molecule in oncology
- **Objective:** Utilize advanced NLP/ML and MD technologies to identify and optimize lead oncology entities targeting a specific regulatory protein, streamlining candidate selection for preclinical development through sophisticated simulations and energy calculations

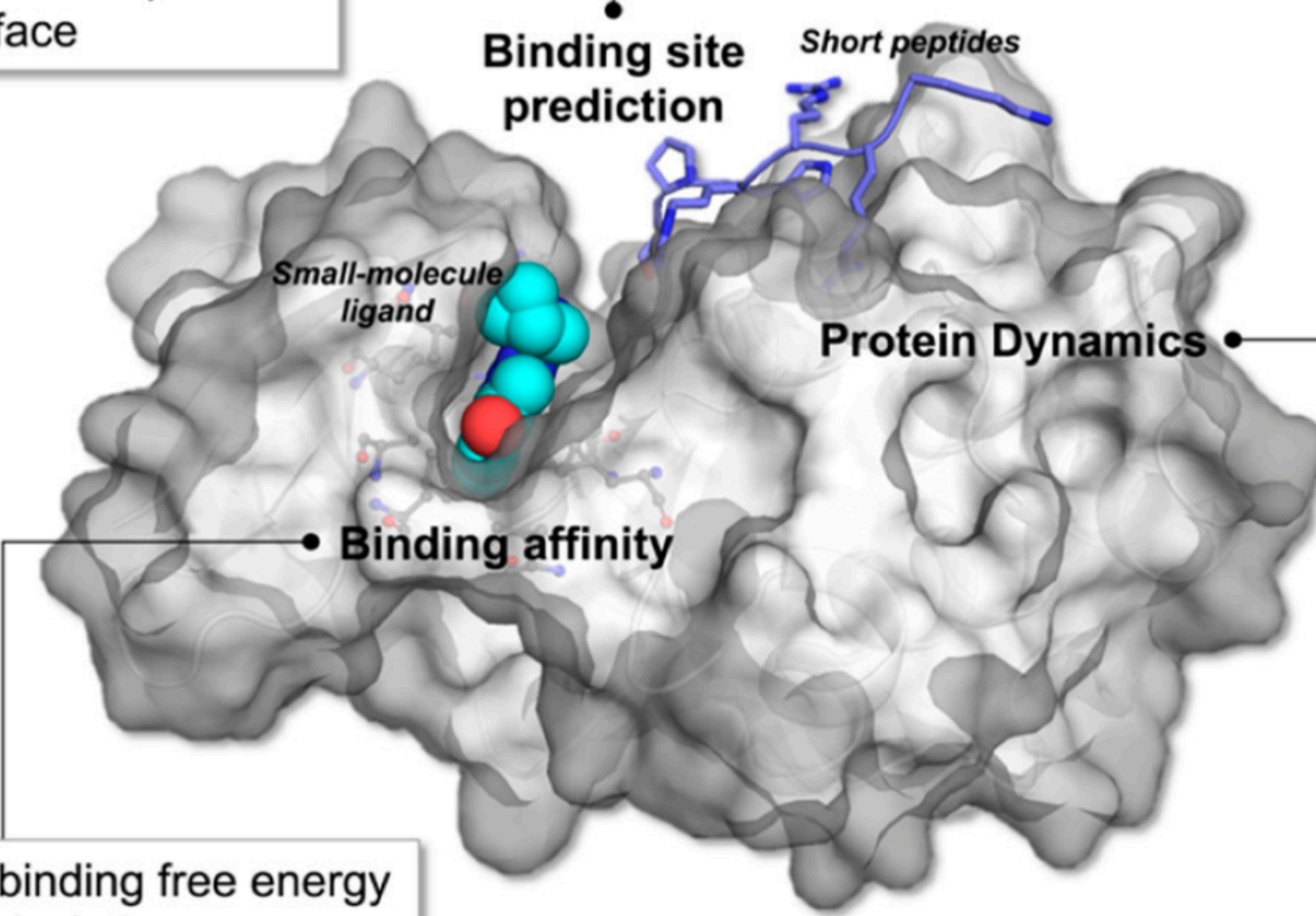
Method

- Utilized advanced NLP/ML modules to build a probe for potential binding site
- Leveraged on advanced MD (molecular dynamics) technology to enhance sampling methods through biased/un-biased equilibrium & non-equilibrium solutions
- Reparametrized force fields to overcome limitations in current simulation tools
- Determined binding free-energy through free-energy calculations

Flow



- Cosolvent MD simulations – probe for potential binding sites
- Computational alanine mutagenesis – 'hotspots' identification for protein-protein(peptide) interface



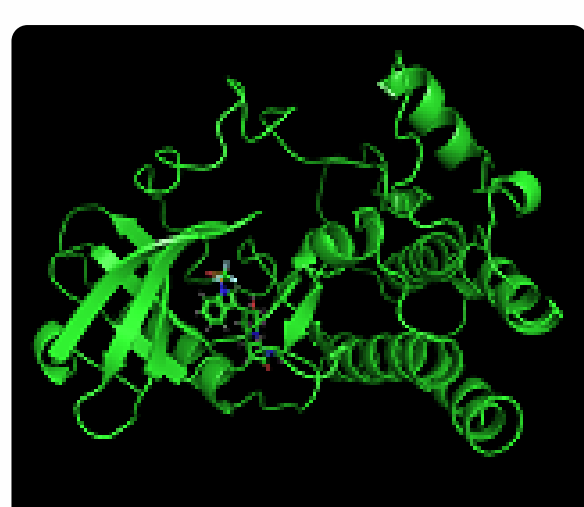
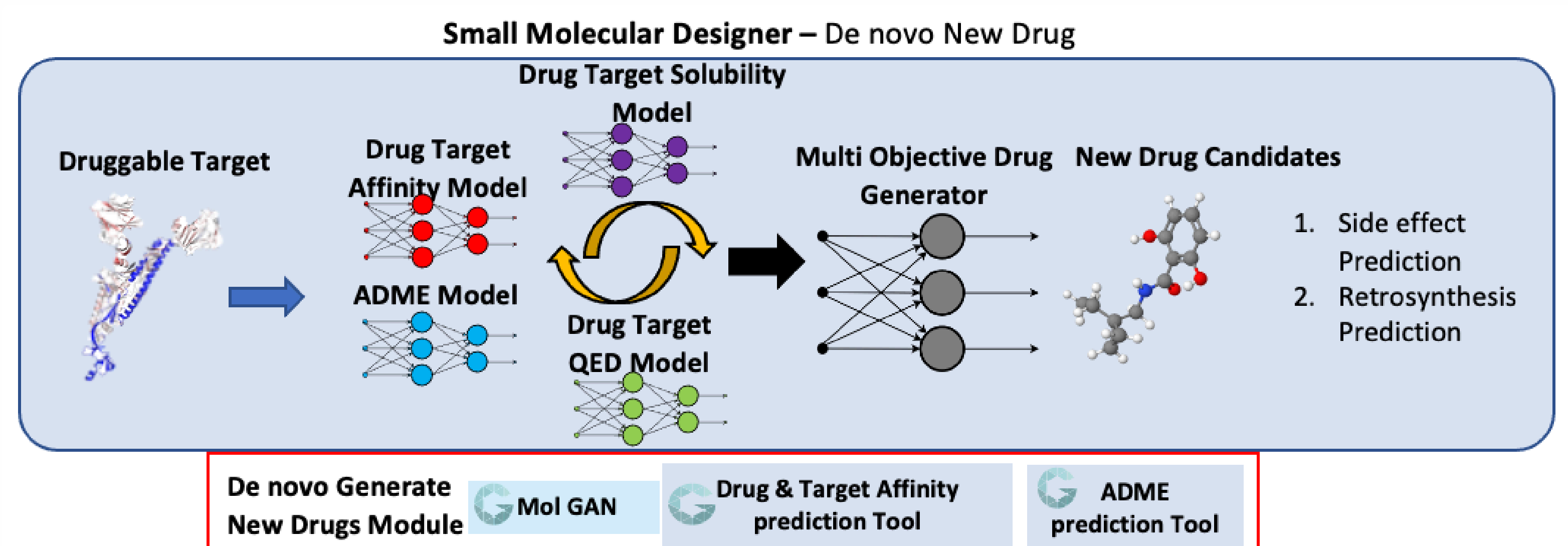
- Molecular dynamics simulations
- Enhanced sampling methods – Replica-exchange-based, biased/unbiased equilibrium and non-equilibrium simulations etc.

- Limitations in current simulation tools
- Improvements – reparameterization of force fields (electrostatic polarization effect and torsional parameters)

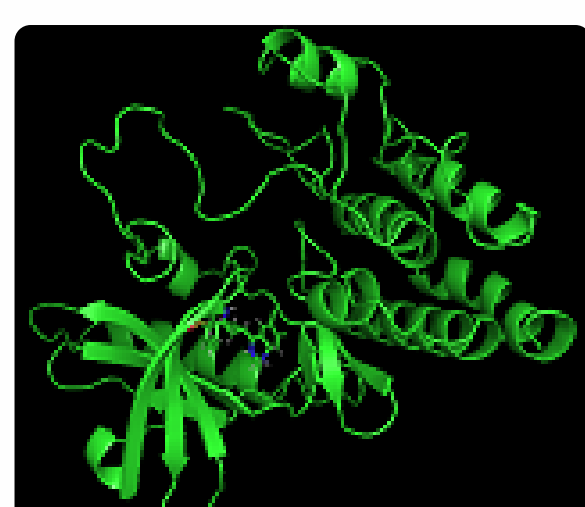
- Determination of binding free energy via free energy calculations – alchemical (FEP and TI) and end-point (MM/PBSA and MM/GBSA)

Results

- Created a library of novel fragments targeting allosteric sites with high specificity and stitched them into molecules
- Identified lead entities exhibiting optimal interaction with the regulatory protein's binding site of interest
- Streamlined selection of viable candidates ready for preclinical development pathways



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mv_20278



mv_18313

Compounds	FEP Score
Reference Compound	-15.1 kcal/mol
De novo Molecule 1	-14.3 kcal/mol
De novo Molecule 2	-16.5 kcal/mol
De novo Molecule 3	-16.01 kcal/mol