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Comparative Molecular Field Analysis (CoMFA) is a 3D-QSAR method that uses statistical correlation techniques for the analysis of the quantitative relationship between the biological activity of a set of compounds with a special alignment, and their three-dimensional electronic and steric properties. Other properties, such as hydrophobicity and H-bonding, can also be incorporated into the analysis.

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