

TABLE S1 Comparison of Different Software Packages for Calculation of Volumes of Proteins

Software	Volume Type	Web-Server	vdW radii	vdW radii selectable	Explicit Hydrogens	Probe size adjustable	Algorithm	Issues
ProteinVolume	V_{MS} V_{Void} V_{VDW}	Yes ^a	All-atom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Flood-Filling	
MCVOL [1]	V_{MS} V_{VDW} V_{Void}	No	All-atom	Yes	Yes	Yes	Monte Carlo	Slight deviation per run (<0.5%)
VOIDOO [2]	V_{vdw} V_{SA} V_{Void}	No	All-atom	Yes	Yes	Yes	3D-grid	No V_{MS}
AVP [3]	V_{Void}	No	United	No	Yes	Yes	3D-grid	No V_{MS} AVP produces V_{Void} volumes are 30% lower than all other programs.
³ V [4]	V_{MS} V_{VDW} V_{Void}	Yes ^b	All-atom	Yes (not for web-server)	Yes	Yes	3D-grid	Web server has a max grid resolution of 0.5Å, which produces V_{MS} that is 10-15% larger than other software.
Voronoia [5]	V_{MS} V_{Void} V_{VDW}	Yes ^c	United	No ^e	No	Yes	3D-grid	Large overestimation of V_{MS} due to radii set. Some heavy atoms missing from volume calculation.
VADAR [6]	V_{MS} + parts of V_E	Yes ^d	United	No ^f	No	No	Voronoi/Delaney	No V_{MS}
GEPOL [7]	V_{MS} V_{VDW}	No	All-atom	Yes	Yes	N/A	Numerical tessellation	Limit to 100,000 surface points
MSROLL [8]	V_{MS} V_{VDW} V_{Void}	No	All-atom	Yes	Yes	N/A	Analytical	Susceptible to geometrical degeneracies
VORLUME [9]	V_{vdw} V_{SA}	No	United	No	No	N/A	Alpha-Shapes	No V_{MS}
ALPHAVOL [10]	V_{vdw} , V_{SA}	No	United	No	Polar Only	N/A	Alpha-Shapes	No V_{MS} , limit 500 amino acid residues

a ProteinVolume - gmlab.bio.rpi.edu
b 3V - <http://3vee.molmovdb.org/volumeCalc.php>
c Voronoia - <http://bioinformatics.charite.de/voronoia/index.php?site=input>
d VADAR - <http://vadar.wishartlab.com/>
e selectable from ProtOr, or Stouten
f selectable from Chothia, Eisenberg, Richards or Shrake.

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