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Abstract	<p>Sortase A is a housekeeping enzyme of Gram-positive bacteria that catalyses the anchoring of surface proteins to the bacterial peptidoglycan. The enzyme works to establish an interaction between bacteria and host cells and is essential for pathogenesis. This makes Sortase A a potential suitable target for inhibition, in order to treat bacterial infections.</p> <p>In this degree project Sortase A from <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> was explored and potential inhibitors were investigated by performing enzyme activity and bacterial binding assays. A robust FRET assay was developed and optimized for a recombinant version of the enzyme and serves as a good starting point for studying inhibition.</p>	
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