Supplementary data

Supplementary Table S1. Dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP-IV) half maximal inhibitory concentration (IC $_{50}$) of tripeptides reported in the literature.

Peptide sequence ¹	DPP-IV IC ₅₀	Mode of inhibition	Reference
	(μM)		
IPI	3.2; 3.5	competitive	(1,2)
VPL	15.8	competitive	(2,3)
GPX	43.5	na	(4)
IPA	49.0	competitive	(5)
LPQ	56.7	competitive	(6)
IPM	69.5	competitive	(7)
QPG	70.9	competitive	(6)
QPF	71.7	competitive	(6)
SPQ	78.9	competitive	(6)
QPQ	79.8	competitive	(6)
LPQ	56.7; 82.0	na	(6,8)
LPL	241.4	competitive	(1)
YPY	243.7	competitive	(1)
PPL	390.1	na	(9)
GPM	417.9	na	(10)
LPP	563.3	non-competitive	(7)
GPV	794.8	na	(10)
PPG	2252.7	na	(9)
GPA	5030.0	na	(11)

¹Peptide sequences abbreviated with the one letter amino acid code.

na: not available

Comparison between computational geometries of binding and crystallographic poses of dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP-IV) inhibitors

Figure S1. The chemical structures of compounds taken as reference are shown. **A.** 1-methylamine-1-benzyl-cyclopentane. **B.** 8-[(3~{R})-3-azanylpiperidin-1-yl]-7-[(2-bromophenyl)methyl]-1,3-dimethyl-purine-2,6-dione **C.** (S)-2-[(R)-3-amino-4-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-butyryl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid amide. **D.** 7-benzyl-1,3-dimethyl-8-piperazin-1-yl-3,7-dihydro-purine-2,6-dione.

The compounds taken as reference for the procedure validation are shown in Figure S1. To check the procedure reliability in predicting the geometries of binding, the computed poses of benchmark compounds reported in Figure S1 have been compared to those obtained in the respective crystallographic studies. As shown in Figure S2 all the calculated geometries of binding have been found consistent with the crystallographic poses, confirming the reliability of the procedure.

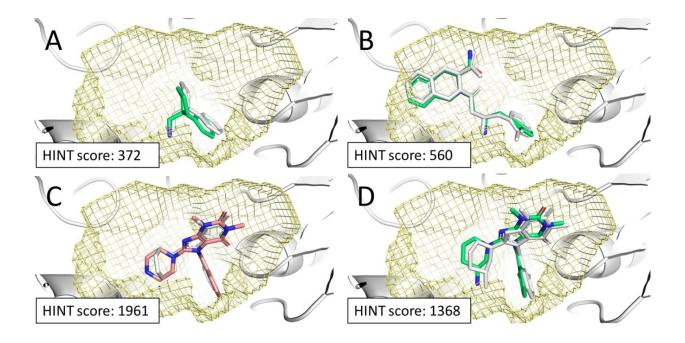


Figure S2. Comparison between the computational geometries of binding and the crystallographic poses (in white color) of the reference compounds. **A.** 1-methylamine-1-benzyl-cyclopentane (PDB ID 007) from the PDB structure 2BUA (12). **B.** (S)-2-[(R)-3-amino-4-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-butyryl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid amide (PDB ID 008) from the PDB structure 2BUC (12). **C.** 7-benzyl-1,3-dimethyl-8-piperazin-1-yl-3,7-dihydro-purine-2,6-dione (PDB ID SC3) from the PDB structure 2AJ8 (13) and **D.** 8-[(3~{R})-3-azanylpiperidin-1-yl]-7-[(2-bromophenyl)methyl]-1,3-dimethyl-purine-2,6-dione (PDB ID 6Z8) from the PDB structure 5LLS (14).

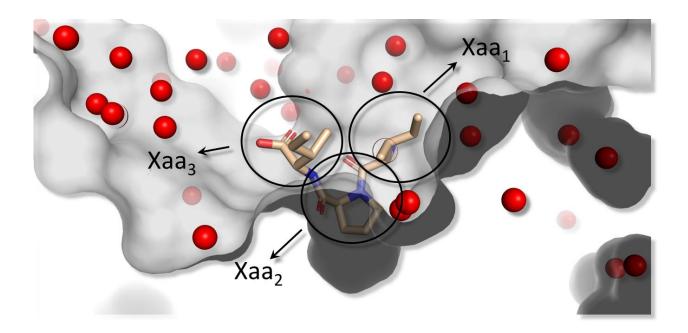


Figure S3. Representation of crystallographic pose of Ile-Pro-Ile (PDB code 1WCY) (15). The white surface retraces the shape of the dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP-IV) binding site, red spheres indicate water molecules forming the bulk solvent and Ile-Pro-Ile is represented in yellow sticks. Xaa is an amino acid residue.

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