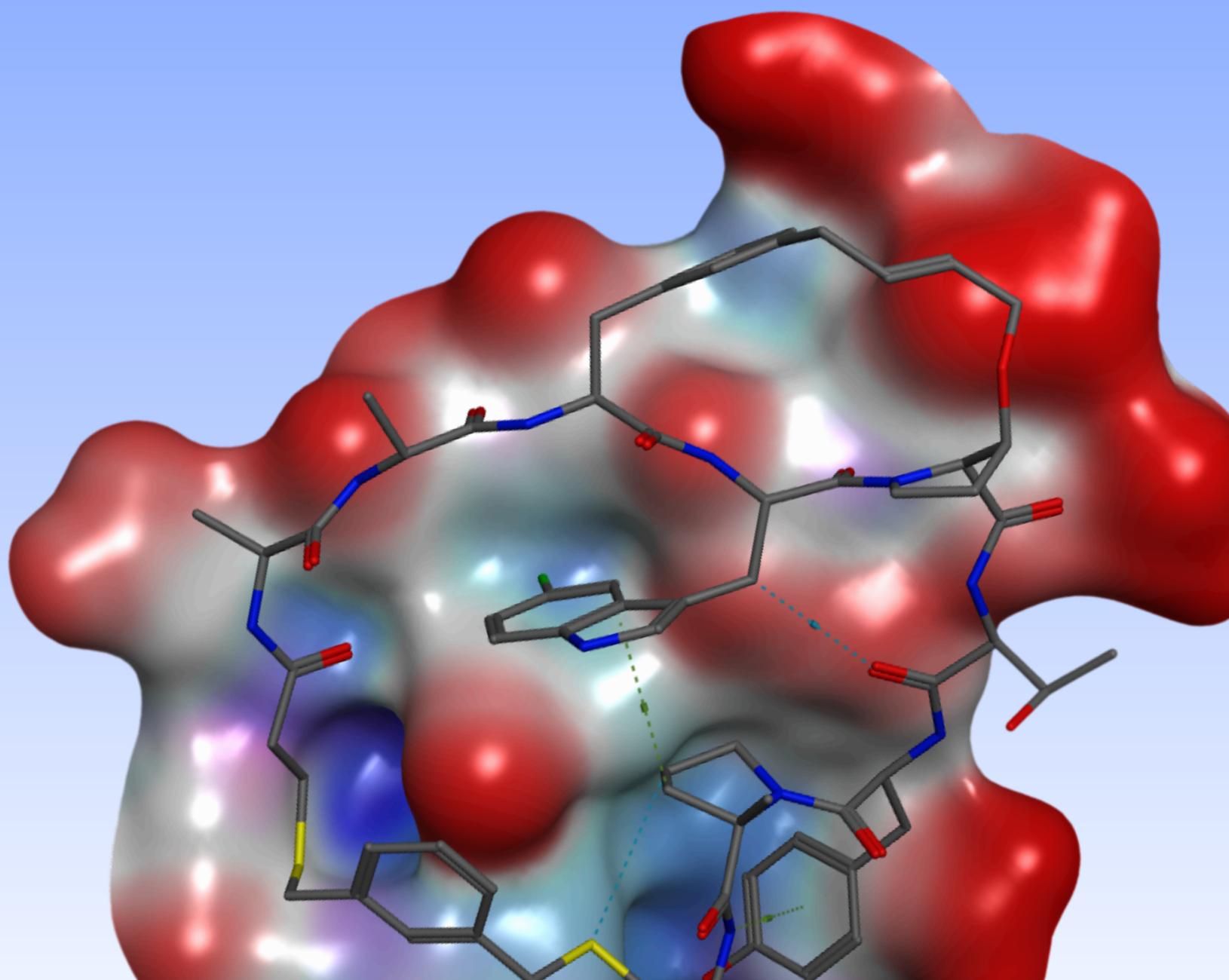


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## RSC-BMCS Hot Topics: Peptides in Drug Discovery

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (afternoon, BST)  
Online Meeting



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## Synopsis

The BMCS Hot Topics online meetings are intended to highlight breaking areas of research in fields of science relevant to drug discovery. They will run as stand-alone half-day virtual events, 2-3 times per year. The programme will be targeted towards researchers working who would like to enhance their understanding of these nascent or developing fields.

Peptides are a key modality for modulating biological pathways with the potential to enable mechanisms inaccessible to traditional small molecules. This meeting will showcase advances in peptide discovery and development, from cyclic and stapled scaffolds to strategies for achieving oral bioavailability. Talks will span discovery and optimisation technologies alongside chemistry strategies for stability, permeability, and delivery, with case studies charting progress from peptide leads to clinical candidates.

## Registration

Registration is open. Please [click here](#) to register.

Please note that registrations are for one person per booking.

If you wish to register multiple people from the same organisation, we can offer a sizeable discount. If you are interested, please contact [aimee.jackson@hg3.co.uk](mailto:aimee.jackson@hg3.co.uk)

## Confirmed Speakers

**Jim Aggen**, *Circle Pharma*

*Cyclin A/B RxL Inhibitors: A case study for achieving cell permeability and oral bioavailability in macrocyclic peptides.*

**Poppy Llowarch**, *AstraZeneca*

*Accelerating peptide hit-to-lead optimisation using affinity-selection mass spectrometry*

**Jennifer Johnston**, *Merck*

*Discovery of Enlicitide: from mRNA display to Phase II*

**Pius Baur**, *JnJ*

## Sponsorship

The organising committee are seeking sponsorship from organisations supporting the low registration fees offered to students. If you wish to sponsor, please [click here](#).

All sponsors will receive the following:

- Logo and URL on the meeting website
- Logo on the holding slides shown during the breaks at the meeting
- Logo included in the delegate handbook
- One static slide to be included in the holding slides

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