Supplementary Information - The SARS-CoV-2 replication-transcription complex is a priority target for broad-spectrum pan-coronavirus drugs

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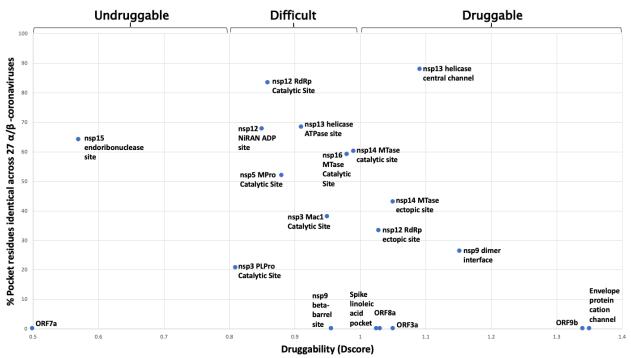


Figure S1: percent sequence identity and druggability of drug binding sites in the SARS-CoV-2 proteome represented in the PDB

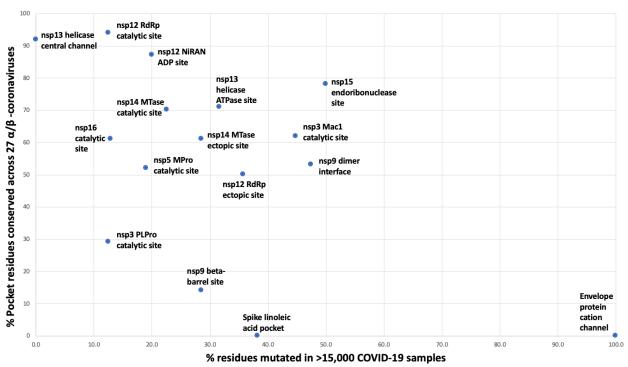


Figure S2: Mutation level of residues lining drug binding sites found in SARS-CoV-2 proteins in the PDB across >15,000 samples from COVID-19 patients and across 27 α - and β - coronavirus genera.

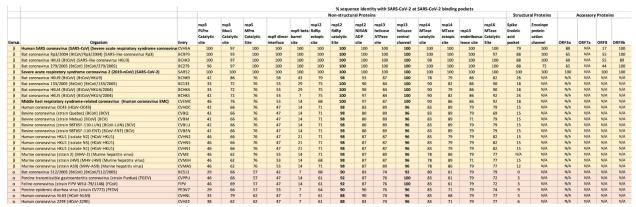


Table S1: Conservation matrix of SARS-CoV-2 proteome represented in the PDB across 27 α and β - coronaviruses. SARS-CoV-2, SARS and MERS are highlighted in bold.

METHODS:

Binding pocket detection:

Protein structures from the PDB were loaded in ICM (Molsoft, San Diego). Proteins were protonated, missing side-chains were built using a biased-probability Monte Carlo energy minimization simulation in the internal coordinates space, optimal positions of added polar hydrogens were generated, correct orientation of side-chain amide groups for glutamine and asparagine and most favourable histidine isomers were identified. The PocketFinder algorithm implemented in ICM, which uses a transformation of the Lennard-Jones potential to identify ligand binding envelopes regardless of the presence of bound ligands, was then applied (An et al. 2004, 2005). All PDB codes are provided in the accompanying web portal at https://www.thesgc.org/SARSCoV2_pocketome/

Druggablity score:

Protein structures were loaded in Maestro (Schrodinger, New York), and prepared using the default protein preparation wizard, which includes adjustment of protonation state and polar hydrogen rotameric state. Druggability scores (Dscores) were calculated with Schrodinger's SiteMap, where druggability of a binding pocket is calculated as a weighted function of volume, hydrophobicity and enclosure. Benchmark analysis demonstrated that binding pockets where extended experimental effort failed to identify drug-like ligands had a Dscore lower than 0.8 while experimentally druggable pockets had a Dscore higher than 1.0. Dscores between these

values generally corresponded to challenging binding sites that could potentially be targeted by covalent inhibitors or by polar molecules that necessitated a pro-drug strategy (Halgren, 2009).

Genetic variability of binding pockets across coronaviruses:

Automated sequence search based on a full gapped optimal sequence alignment (Abagyan and Batalov, 1997) retrieved coronavirus homologs for most SARS-CoV-2 proteins. A multiple sequence alignment was generated using hierarchical clustering of the sequences based on sequence similarity calculated with the ZEGA alignment (a modification of the Needleman and Wunsch algorithm permitting zero gap-end penalties, ZEGA alignment) and Gonnet residue substitution matrix [gon92] (Gonnet et al. 1992, Abagyan and Batalov 1997). Residues with side-chain atoms within 2.8Å of the ligand binding envelope detected in ICM were extracted from the alignment and used to calculated % conservation and % identity.

Genetic variability of binding pockets across SARS-CoV-2 samples:

Over 15000 sequences marked as 'complete' and 'high coverage' submitted up to 31/7/20 were downloaded from GISAID. These sequences were then aligned to the reference genome (NC_045512.2 accession from NCBI), and the alignment was used to infer a maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree and a mutation history using parsimony (details of alignment, alignment filtering, tree inference, and mutation history inference can be found in (Turakhia, Thornlow, et al., 2020)). Alignment sites containing putative systematic sequencing errors were masked (details in (De Maio et al.; Turakhia, De Maio, et al., 2020)).

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