

1 **Whole Genome Sequence Analysis and Homology Modelling of a 3C Like Peptidase and**  
2 **a Non-Structural Protein 3 of the SARS-CoV-2 Shows Protein Ligand Interaction with**  
3 **an Aza-Peptide and a Noncovalent Lead Inhibitor with Possible Antiviral Properties**

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10 **Abstract**

11 The family of viruses belonging to Coronaviridae mainly consist of virulent pathogens that have a zoonotic property, Severe  
12 Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) of this family have emerged  
13 before and now the SARS-CoV-2 has emerged in China. Characterization of spike glycoproteins, polyproteins and other viral  
14 proteins from viruses are important for vaccine development. Homology modelling of these proteins with known templates  
15 offers the opportunity to discover ligand binding sites and explore the possible antiviral properties of these protein ligand  
16 complexes. Any information emerging from these protein models can be used for vaccine development. In this study we did a  
17 complete bioinformatic analysis, sequence alignment, comparison of multiple sequences and homology modelling of the  
18 SARS-CoV-2 whole genome sequences, the spike protein and the polyproteins for homology with known proteins, we also  
19 analysed receptor binding sites in these models for possible binding with ligands that exhibit antiviral properties. Our results  
20 showed that the tertiary structure of the polyprotein isolate SARS-CoV-2\_HKU-SZ-001\_2020 had 98.94 percent identity with  
21 SARS-Coronavirus NSP12 bound to NSP7 and NSP8 co-factors. Our results indicate that a part of the viral genome (residues  
22 3268 -3573 in Frame 2 with 306 amino acids) of the SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate Wuhan-Hu-1 (Genbank Accession Number  
23 MN908947.3) when modelled with template 2a5i of the PDB database had 96 percent identity with a 3C like peptidase of  
24 SARS-CoV which has ability to bind with Aza-Peptide Epoxide (APE) which is known for irreversible inhibition of SARS-  
25 CoV main peptidase. This region was conserved in 98 genomes of SARS-CoV-2. The part of the genome (residues 1568-  
26 1882 in Frame 2 with 315 amino acids) when modelled with template 3e9s of the PDB database had 82 percent identity with  
27 a papain-like protease/deubiquitinase which when complexed with ligand GRL0617 acts as inhibitor which can block SARS-  
28 CoV replication. This region was conserved in 91 genomes of SARS-CoV-2. It is possible that these viral inhibitors can be  
29 used for vaccine development for the SARS-CoV-2.

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31 **Introduction**

32 More than a decade has passed since the emergence human Coronavirus that caused Severe  
33 Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV) and it is about 7 years since the emergence of another

34 type of Coronavirus - Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and now the SARS-  
35 CoV-2 has emerged in China. This repeated onslaught of these viruses goes to show that it can  
36 assume pandemic proportions at any time and at any place.

37 The family of viruses belonging to Coronaviridae mainly consist of virulent pathogens that  
38 have a zoonotic property and this large family of corona viruses, have been known to be  
39 circulating in animals including camels, cats and bats. It has been seen in the past that Severe  
40 Acute Respiratory Syndrome associated coronavirus (SARS-CoV) and Middle East  
41 Respiratory Syndrome-associated coronavirus (MERS-CoV) belonging to this family of  
42 viruses can be transmitted from animals to humans and can cause respiratory diseases. Human  
43 to human transmission on this virus has been a concern and due to this search for antiviral  
44 compounds and vaccine development for this family of virus becomes the need of the hour.

45 The SARS was first seen in 2002 in Guangdong province of China, and later spread globally  
46 and has caused close to about 8096 cases (WHO 2004, de Wit et al., 2016). In 2012, a novel  
47 betacoronavirus, designated Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus or MERS-CoV  
48 associated with severe respiratory disease in humans, emerged in the Arabian Peninsula (de  
49 Wit et al., 2013).

50 The World Health Organization (WHO), China Country Office was informed of cases of  
51 pneumonia of unknown aetiology in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, on 31 December 2019  
52 (WHO 2020). A novel coronavirus currently termed SARS-COV-2 was officially announced  
53 as the causative agent by Chinese authorities on 7 January 2020. As on 20 Feb 2020 China's  
54 National Health Commission reported that there are 74,280 confirmed cases in China (Fig.1).  
55 The World Health Organization reported 924 confirmed cases in 25 countries outside China  
56 (WHO Situation Report 29 2020). This novel corona virus has been designated as SARS-CoV-  
57 2.

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59 Coronaviruses are RNA viruses and have large genomes structures and due to this they can  
60 have high error in replication as compared to host genomes. It is also known that various CoVs  
61 can do effective recombination of their genomes after infecting host cells (Luo et al 2018). This  
62 recombination can be a factor for their evolution to novel types which may have new animals  
63 as their intermediate hosts. These factors give the CoVs high adaptive ability and the capability  
64 to jump across species and have a relatively large host range.

65 Characterization of Spike glycoproteins from viruses are important for vaccine development.  
66 Any information coming from the protein model can be used for vaccine development. *In Silico*  
67 Epitope, polyprotein and spike protein-based peptide vaccine designing for infectious viruses  
68 is a way that can hasten the process of vaccine development. Spike (S) protein, polyprotein and  
69 other viral proteins of the SARS-CoV-2 as a target for the development of vaccines and  
70 therapeutics for the prevention and treatment of infection is an important approach. In the case  
71 of SARS-CoV, these proteins can mediate binding of the virus with its receptor and promotes  
72 the fusion between the viral and host cell membranes and virus entry into the host cell, hence  
73 peptides, antibodies, organic compounds and short interfering RNAs that interact with the spike  
74 protein can have a potential role in vaccine development (Du et al 2009).

75 There are multiple domain functions that are active in the replication of the coronavirus and  
76 these domains are present in a protein designated as Non-structural protein 3 (nsp3) which is  
77 the largest protein in the coronavirus genome (Chen et al 2015). 3C like protease (3CLpro) and  
78 Papain like Protease (PLpro) are two important class of proteases that are involved in the  
79 process of translation of the polypeptide from the genomic RNA to protein components that  
80 are required structurally or non-structurally for replication and packaging of new generation  
81 viruses (Liu et al 2020)

82 We hypothesised that there can be some proteins in the large chunk of proteins in the SARS-  
83 CoV-2 that could have homology with the Non-structural protein 3 (nsp3) SARS CoV and  
84 these proteins can possibly have binding sites with ligands that can bind with known ligand  
85 with antiviral properties.

86 Here in this study we did a complete bioinformatic analysis, sequence alignment, comparison  
87 of multiple sequences of the SARS-CoV-2 whole genome sequences, the Spike protein and  
88 the polyproteins for homology with known spike proteins and also analysed receptor binding  
89 sites for possible vaccine development.

## 90 **Materials and Methods**

91 Six complete viral genome sequences, seven polyproteins (RdRp region) and seven  
92 glycoproteins available on NCBI portal on 4 Feb 2020 were taken for analysis. The sequence  
93 details and GenBank accession numbers are listed in Supplementary Table 1. Amongst the  
94 seven polyproteins, five are of Wuhan pneumonia virus isolate SARS-COV-2 and two  
95 sequences are of Wuhan pneumonia virus isolate SI200040-SP. The seven Glycoproteins are  
96 of the same isolate, Wuhan pneumonia virus isolate SARS-COV-2.

97 The available polyproteins (RdRp region) and glycoprotein sequences were retrieved from  
98 Genbank, NCBI (Benson et al., 2000). These sequences were translated to amino acid  
99 sequences using sorted six frame translation with Bioedit (Hall et al., 2011). Multiple sequence  
100 alignment of the translated protein sequences was performed and phylogenetic tree was  
101 constructed using Mega-X (Kumar et al., 2018). The alignment shows that amongst the seven  
102 polyproteins, five sequences were identical being from the same isolate and two other  
103 sequences of the other isolate are identical. Similar analysis of the seven glycoproteins was  
104 done, all the seven glycoprotein sequences were found to be identical. Therefore, further  
105 analysis was carried out for three sequences.

106 1. MN938385.1 SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate SARS-COV-2\_HKU-SZ-001\_2020 ORF1ab  
107 polyprotein, RdRp region, (orf1ab) gene, partial cds: 0 to 284: Frame 3 95 aa

108 2. MN970003.1 SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate SI200040-SP orf1ab polyprotein, RdRP  
109 region, (orf1ab) gene, partial cds: 2 to 289: Frame 2 96 aa

110 3. MN938387.1 SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate SARS-COV-2\_HKU-SZ-001\_2020 surface  
111 glycoprotein (S) gene, partial cds: 1 to 105: Frame 1 35 aa

112 Expasy proteomics server (Gasteiger et al., 2003) was used to study the protein sequence and  
113 structural details. These peptides were studied for their physio-chemical properties using the  
114 tool Protparam (Gasteiger et al., 2005). The secondary structure analysis was done using Chou  
115 and Fasman algorithm with CFSSP (Kumar, 2013). To generate the 3D structure from the fasta  
116 sequence, homology modelling was performed and the templates were identified. The model  
117 was built using the template with highest identity. Swiss-model (Schwede et al., 2003) was  
118 used to build and validate the 3D model, structural assessment was also performed to validate  
119 the model built.

120 Complete genome sequence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate Wuhan-Hu-1 (Genbank  
121 Accession Number MN908947.3) which has 29903 bp ss-RNA linear was translated sorted  
122 6 frame with minimum ORF of 20 with any start codon and the resultant protein sequence was  
123 used for homology modelling, homology models where done with large chunks of proteins  
124 21503 to 25381 in Frame 2 with 1293 amino acids, 13450 to 21552 in Frame 1 with 2701  
125 amino acids and 254 to 13480 in Frame 2 with 4409 amino acids.

126 SWISS-MODEL server was used for homology modelling (Waterhouse et al 2018) where  
127 computation was on ProMod3 engine which is based on Open Structure (Biasini et al 2013).  
128 Structural information is extracted from the template, sequence alignment is used to define  
129 insertions and deletions.

130 Protein ligand interaction profile with hydrogen bonding, hydrophobic interactions, salt bridges  
131 and  $\pi$ -Stacking was done with PLIP server (Salentin et al., 2015)

## 132 **Results and Discussion**

133 The physico- chemical properties and primary structure parameters of the 7 polyproteins RdRp  
134 region of the SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate is given in Table 1. RdRp forms an important part of  
135 the viral genome where in the RNA viruses its function is to catalyze the synthesis of the RNA  
136 strand complementary to a given RNA template.

137 The isolates SI200040-SP orflab polyprotein and the isolate SI200121-SP orflab polyprotein  
138 had 2 reading frames as compared to the rest of the isolates which had 3 reading frames. The  
139 presence of multiple reading frames suggests the possibility of overlapping genes as seen in  
140 many virus and prokaryotes and mitochondrial genomes. This could affect how the proteins  
141 are made. The number of amino acid residues in all the polyproteins were the same expect one  
142 isolate SI200040-SP which had one amino acid more than the other polyproteins. The  
143 extinction coefficients of the two isolates SI200040-SP orflab polyprotein and the isolate  
144 SI200121-SP orflab polyprotein was much higher compared to the rest of the polyproteins.  
145 The extinction coefficient is important when studying protein-protein and protein-ligand  
146 interactions. The instability index of these two isolates was also high when compared to the  
147 others indicating the that these two isolates are instable. Regulation of gene expression by  
148 polyprotein processing is known in viruses and this is seen in many viruses that are human  
149 pathogens (Yost et al 2013).

150 The isolates here like many other viruses may be using replication strategy which could involve  
151 the translation of a large polyprotein with subsequent cleavage by viral proteases. The two  
152 isolates SI200040-SP orflab polyprotein and the isolate SI200121-SP orflab polyprotein also  
153 showed shorter half-lives as compared to the other isolates indicating that they are susceptible  
154 to enzymatic degradation.

155 The tertiary structure analysis of the isolate SARS-CoV-2 \_HKU-SZ-001\_2020 ORF1ab  
156 polyprotein is given in Table 2. It is seen that the polyprotein has a 98.94 percent identity with  
157 PDB structure 6nur.1.A which is a hetero-1-2-1-mer. The polyprotein is an RNA directed RNA  
158 polymerase. The protein is identical to the SARS-Coronavirus NSP12 bound to NSP7 and  
159 NSP8 co-factors (Kirchdoerfer and Ward 2019). In SARS it is basically a nonstructural protein  
160 with NSP12 being the RNA dependent RNA polymerase and the co factors NSP 7 and NSP 8  
161 having the function of forming hexadecameric complexes and also act as processivity clamp  
162 for RNA polymerase and primase (Fehr et al., 2016). This structure as in SARS CoV here in  
163 SARS-CoV-2 may be involved in the machinery of core RNA synthesis and can be a template  
164 for exploring antiviral properties.

165 The phylogenetic tree of the seven polyproteins is shown in Fig.2. It is seen that two  
166 polyproteins were distinctly different from the rest. The Phylogenetic tree of the seven  
167 glycoproteins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate is shown in Fig.3, it is seen that the  
168 glycoproteins are similar in all the isolates. Multiple alignment of the Polyproteins of the  
169 SARS-CoV-2 is shown in Supplementary Fig.1.

170 This structure as in SARS CoV here in SARS-CoV-2 may be involved in the machinery of core  
171 RNA synthesis and can be a template for exploring antiviral properties. Based on its functions  
172 in the SARS CoV and its identity to the SARS-CoV-2, it is possible that it has the same  
173 functions in SARS-CoV-2 an RNA polymerase which does de novo initiation and primer  
174 extension with possible exonuclease activities, the activity itself being primer dependent useful  
175 for understanding the mechanism of SARS-CoV-2 replication and can be used as an antiviral  
176 target (Te Velthuis et al 2012; Te Velthuis et al 2010; Subissi et al 2014; Subissi et al 2014).

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178 The polyprotein also has an identity of 19.74 percent with an ABC-type uncharacterized  
179 transport system periplasmic component-like protein, this protein is known to be a substrate  
180 binding protein and possible binding can be explored here (Bae et al 2019).

181 The homology model developed from the residues 254 to 13480 in Frame 2 with 4409 amino  
182 acids from the Complete genome sequence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate Wuhan-Hu-1  
183 (Genbank Accession Number MN908947.3) which has 29903 bp with linear ss-RNA linear  
184 showed interesting template alignments, in all the model aligned with 50 templates from the  
185 PDB database with most of them being replicase polyprotein 1ab which is a SARS-CoV  
186 papain-like protease (Daczkowski 2017). The maximum similarity of 97.3 percent was with  
187 template structure of a Nsp9 protein from SARS-coronavirus indicating that this novel  
188 coronavirus has high degree of similarity with the SARS-coronavirus and this can be used for  
189 gaining insights into vaccine development. Nsp 9 is an RNA binding protein and has an  
190 oligosaccharide/oligonucleotide fold-like fold, this protein can have an important function in  
191 the replication machinery of the virus and can be important when designing antiviral for this  
192 virus (Egloff et al 2004).

193 Two models were developed, one from residues 3268 -3573 in Frame 2 with 306 amino  
194 acids and the other from the part of the genome residues 1568-1882 in Frame 2 with 315  
195 amino acids of the SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate Wuhan-Hu-1 (Genbank Accession Number  
196 MN908947.3). The models had similarity with the 3C like proteinase and a papain-like  
197 protease/deubiquitinase protein which are known antiviral drug targets. Ligand binding with  
198 these proteins and their action is on viral replication and inactivation can be useful in stopping  
199 the viral replication (Baez-Santos et al 2015).

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201 The homology models of the 4409 amino acid residues of the whole genome of the SARS-  
202 CoV-2 virus isolate Wuhan-Hu-1 with the ligand association with templates 2a5i and 3e9s are  
203 shown in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 respectively.

204 The statistics of structural comparison with PDB templates is given in Table 5, it is seen that  
205 the proteins from the SARS-CoV-2 are significantly close to the proteins of SARS CoV and  
206 the amino acid alignment in the binding region is the same in both the viruses.

207 The alignment of the 305 residues from 3268-3573 aa of the Novel Coronavirus COVI-19 with  
208 the template 2a5i is shown in Fig.6 and the alignment of the 315 residues from 1568-1882 aa  
209 of the Novel Coronavirus COVI-19 with the template 3e9s is shown in Fig.7.

210 A PSI-BLAST of a length of 306 amino acid residues 3268 -3573 in Frame 2 from the SARS-  
211 CoV-2 virus isolate Wuhan-Hu-1 (Genbank Accession Number MN908947.3) was conducted  
212 to ascertain the conservation of these amino acids in 101 genome sequences of SARS-CoV-2  
213 and it was found that there was a complete match with 98 of these genomes and 99.67 percent  
214 identity with 3 genomes in the orf1a polyprotein of the virus. The fact that the region is  
215 conserved in all these SARS-CoV-2 sequences further emphasizes this ligand interaction of  
216 Aza-Peptide epoxide with the protein can be used as an antiviral in SARS-CoV-2. Similarly  
217 A PSI-BLAST of a length of 315 amino acid residues 3268 -3573 in Frame 2 with 315 amino  
218 acid residues 1568-1882 in Frame 2 from SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate Wuhan-Hu-1 (Genbank  
219 Accession Number MN908947.3) was conducted to ascertain the conservation of these amino  
220 acids in 101 genome sequences of SARS-CoV-2 and it was found that there was a complete  
221 match with 91 of these genomes and 99.68 percent identity with 10 genomes in the orf1a  
222 polyprotein of the virus. The fact that the region is conserved in all these SARS-CoV-2  
223 sequences further emphasizes this ligand interaction of ligand GRL0617 with the protein can  
224 be used as an antiviral in SARS-CoV-2.

225 The important templates that aligned with this 4409 amino acid residues of the whole genome  
226 of the SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate Wuhan-Hu-1 were 2a5i of the PDB database which is a  
227 crystal structure of SARS coronavirus main peptidase inhibited by an Aza-Peptide epoxide in  
228 the space group C2 (Lee et al 2005) and 3e9s of the PDB database which is new class of  
229 papain-like protease/deubiquitinase which when combined with ligand GRL0617 acts as  
230 inhibitors blocking SARS virus replication (Ratia et al 2008). The model with template 2a5i of  
231 the PDB database shows that Aza-Peptide Epoxide (APE;  $k_{inact}/K_i=1900(\pm 400) M^{-1} s^{-1}$ )  
232 which is a known anti SARS agent can be used to develop a molecular target with irreversible  
233 inhibitor properties. The protein ligand interaction analysis of the Novel Coronavirus C3 like  
234 peptidase and aza-peptide epoxide is shown in Fig.8. The substrate binding properties and  
235 structural and chemical complementarity of this Aza-Peptide Epoxide can be explored as an  
236 anti - Coronavirus SARS-COV-2 agent. The APE which is ethyl (2S)-4-[(3-amino-3-oxo-  
237 propyl)-[[[(2S)-2-[[[(2S)-4-methyl-2-phenylmethoxycarbonylamino-pentanoyl]amino]-3-  
238 phenyl-propanoyl]amino]amino]-2-hydroxy-4-oxo-butanoate structure is shown in Fig.9.

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240 The model with template 3e9s of the PDB database shows that the Coronavirus viral protein  
241 can have a ligand which is a papain-like protease (PLpro) that is known to be a potent inhibitor  
242 of viral replication in SARS (Ratia et al 2008).

243 The two parts of the Main protein from the whole genome of the SARS-CoV-2 aligned with  
244 two SAR proteins and the ligand binding sites were similar, the alignment positions, number  
245 of amino acids and ligand and the interacting residues is given in Table 3

246 The complete genome of MN908947.3 SARS-CoV-2 virus isolate Wuhan-Hu-1 encodes a  
247 4409aa long protein along with the other glycoproteins and polyproteins. The homology  
248 modelling of this protein showed sequence and structural alignment with two SARS proteases

249 with structural accession numbers 3e9s.1 and 2a5i.1 at positions 1568-1882 and 3268-3573  
250 respectively. Reports suggests inhibition of virus replication by TTT ligand and an aza-peptide  
251 epoxide inhibiting the main peptidase. The structural similarity of these templates are 83% and  
252 96% respectively. The multiple sequence alignment shows complete conservation of the  
253 sequence suggesting a high degree of homology. The protein ligand interaction analysis of the  
254 Novel Coronavirus non structural protein and papain-like protease is shown in Fig. 10.

255 The Comparison of Hydrophobic interaction, hydrogen bonding, salt bridges of the  
256 constructed model of the Novel Coronavirus protein from region 3268-3573 aa to ligand AZP  
257 with Hydrophobic interaction, hydrogen bonding, salt bridges of the template 2a5i is given in  
258 Suppl. Table 2, when comparing both it is seen that the binding properties are the same expect  
259 for the presence of water bridge in the template 2a5i.

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261 The Comparison of Hydrophobic interaction, hydrogen bonding,  $\pi$ -Stacking of the constructed  
262 model of the Novel Coronavirus protein from region 1568-1882 aa to ligand Small molecule  
263 Noncovalent Lead Inhibitor with the Hydrophobic interaction, hydrogen bonding,  $\pi$ -Stacking  
264 of the template 3e9s is given in Suppl. Table 3, when comparing both it is seen that the binding  
265 properties are the same except or an additional  $\pi$ -Stacking at Tyr in the template 2a5i. This  
266 shows that there is high possibility of binding of these antiviral compounds with the regions of  
267 Novel Coronavirus protein that is in homology with the SARS protein.

268 Comparison of the hydrophobic interaction of the biding of the ligand AZP between the SARS-  
269 CoV-2 protein and the template 2a5i of SARS CoV is shown in Fig.11 and the comparison of  
270 the hydrophobic interaction of the biding of the ligand AZP between the SARS-CoV-2 protein  
271 and the template 3e9s of SARS CoV is shown in Fig.12. It is seen that the interaction is the

272 same in both proteins with the same amino acids participating in the interaction indicating that  
273 there is a possibility that these ligands with antiviral properties can bind to the new virus.

274 The similarity in the amino acids involved in the Hydrophobic interactions which are short range  
275 interactions and have an important role in the affinities of the ligands and receptors shows that  
276 the proteins of the SARS-CoV-2 may bind with the same affinity as seen in the SARS CoV  
277 and this also shows a similar action of the ligand as seen in SARS CoV, indicating that these  
278 ligands can be used as antivirals in the SARS-CoV-2.

279 The targeting of this part of the genome of the SARS-CoV-2 with the antiviral compounds  
280 which have shown to bind in the similar region of the SARS virus can have implication in the  
281 development of an effective antiviral compound against the SARS-CoV-2 . The SARS-CoV-2  
282 shows homology with the SARS coronaviral proteases, papain-like protease (PLpro) and 3C-  
283 like protease (3CLpro), these proteins have the function of processing the viral polyprotein and  
284 also they perform the function of stripping ubiquitin and the ubiquitin-like interferon (IFN)-  
285 stimulated gene 15 (ISG15) from the hosts to facilitate coronavirus replication and help in  
286 evading immune response of the host, these inhibitors can also have a role in disrupting  
287 signalling cascades in infected cells and protecting the uninfected cells.

288 The chemical GRL0617 is 5-Amino-2-methyl-N-[(1R)-1-(1-naphthalenyl)ethyl]benzamide  
289 and is known to inhibit the papainlike protease that is present in SARS CoV . This protease is  
290 a potential target for antiviral compounds (Chaudhuri et al., 2011). We found the SARS-CoV-  
291 2 has homology with this and the binding sites for this in the structural protein of the SARS-  
292 CoV-2 is the same (Table 4). This compound inhibits the enzyme that is required for the  
293 cleavage of the viral protein from the virus in SARS CoV, it also cleaves ubiquitin and has a  
294 structural homology with the Deubiquitinases (DUBs) of the Ubiquitin-Specific Proteases  
295 Compound GRL0617 binds in the S4 and S3 enzyme subsite that gets the C terminal tail of the

296 Ubiquitin (King and Finley 2014; Schauer et al., 2019). Our results show that Aza-Peptide  
297 Epoxide an irreversible protease inhibitor and GRL0617 a viral replication inhibitor can be  
298 used to develop inhibitors of the Novel Coronavirus SARS-COV-2.

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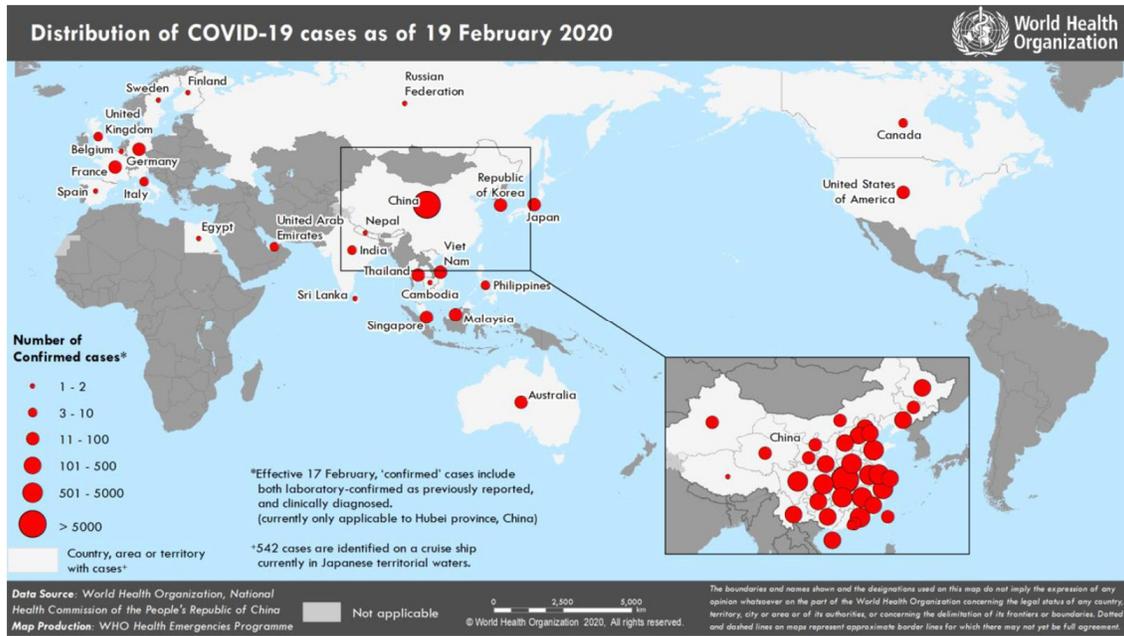
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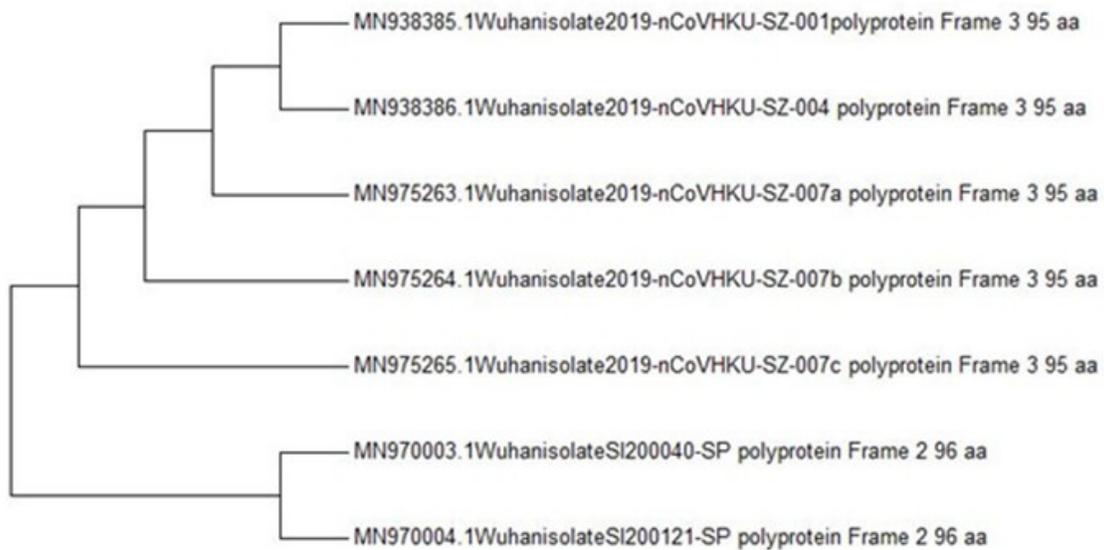
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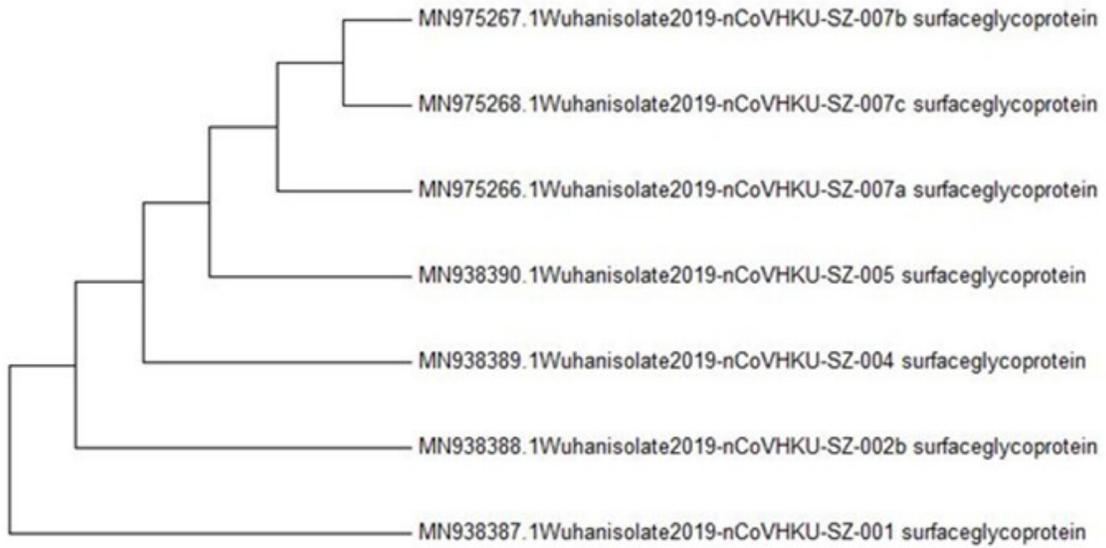
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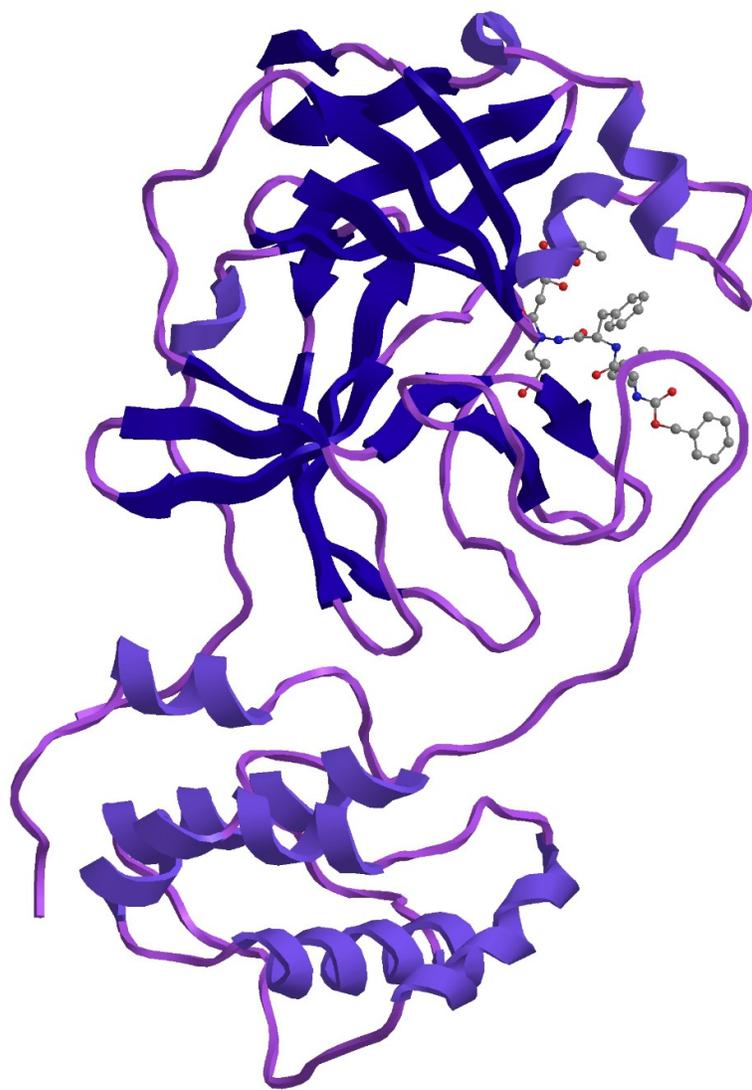


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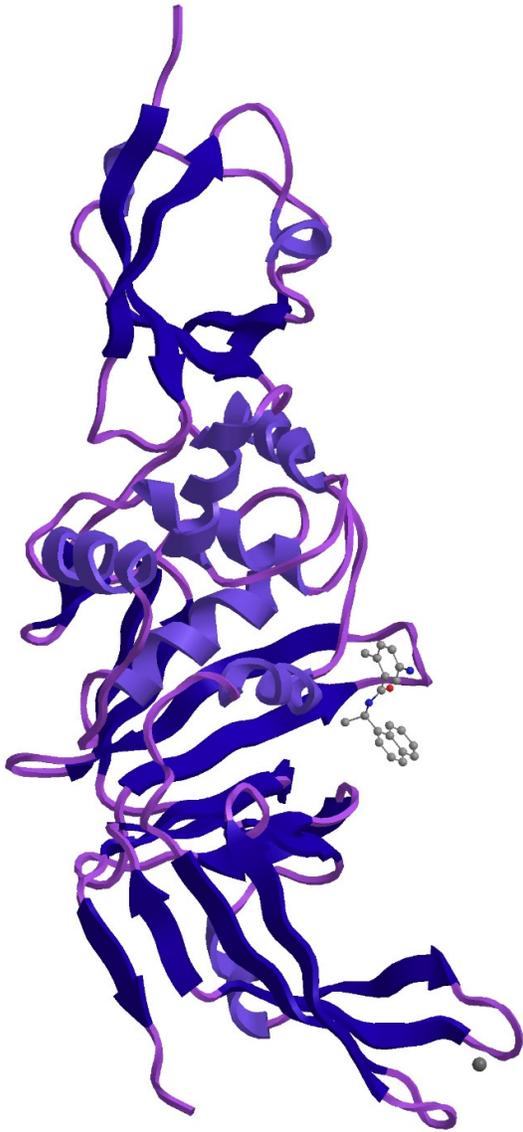
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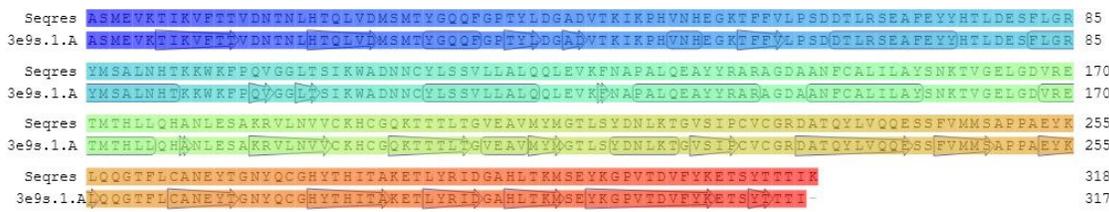
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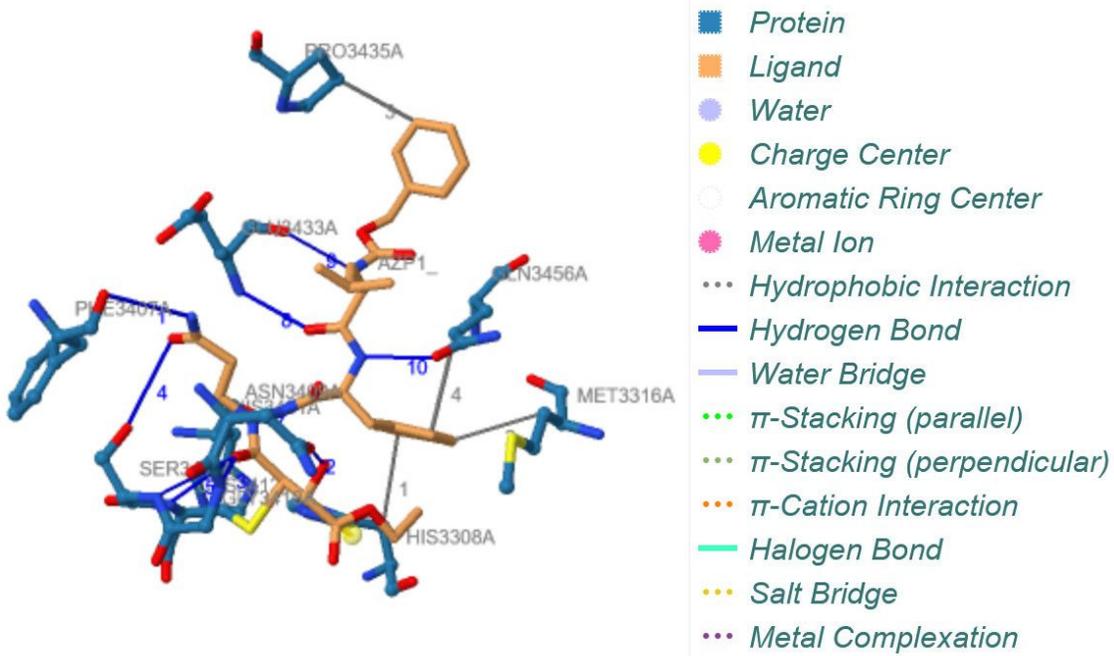
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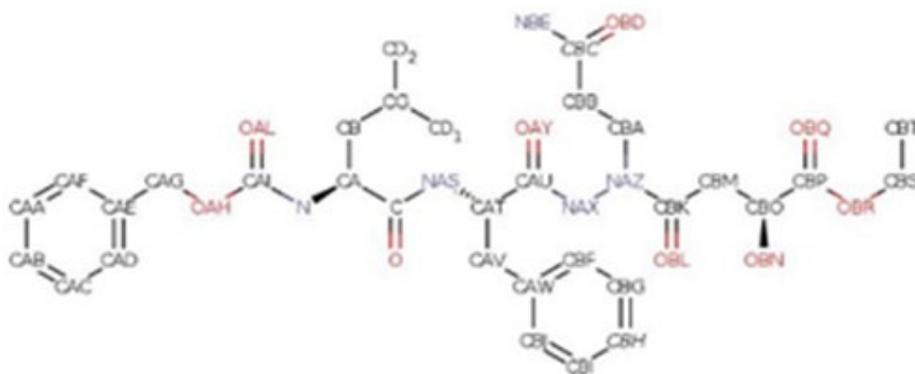
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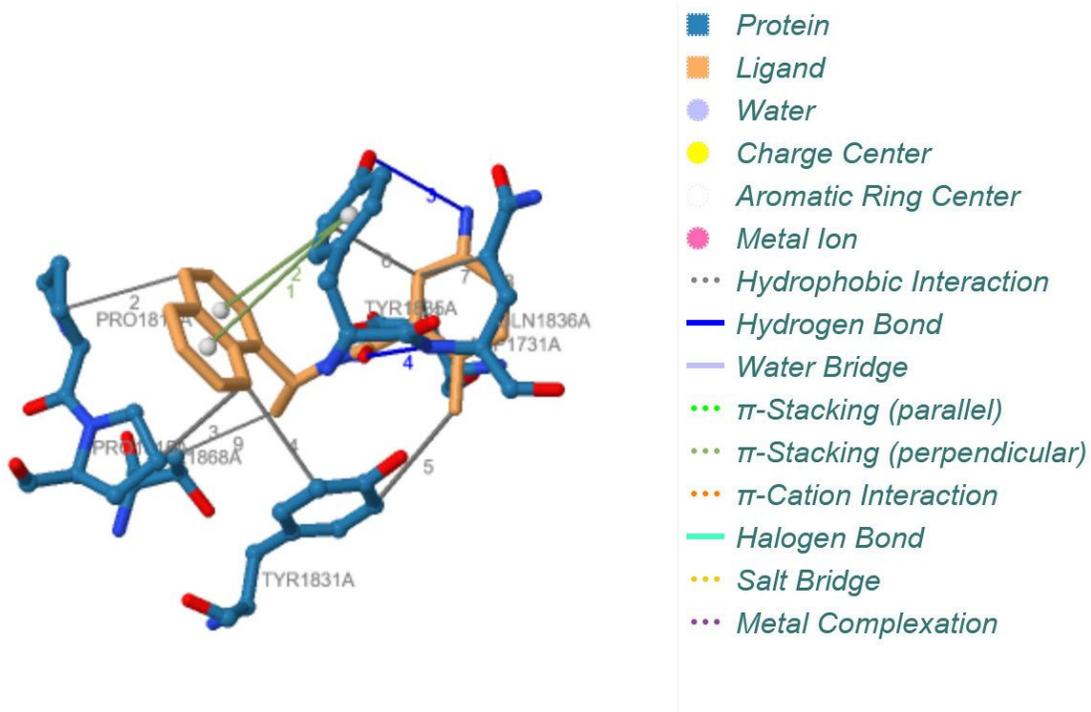
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448 **Fig. 9** Structure of Aza-Peptide Epoxide (APE) ethyl (2S)-4-[(3-amino-3-oxo-propyl)-[[[(2S)-  
449 2-[[[(2S)-4-methyl-2-phenylmethoxycarbonylamino-pentanoyl]amino]-3-phenyl-  
450 propanoyl]amino]amino]-2-hydroxy-4-oxo-butanoate with possible anti Coronavirus  
451 activity – (Source <https://www.rcsb.org/ligand/AZP>)



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453 **Fig.10** Protein Ligand interaction between the Novel Coronavirus non structural protein and  
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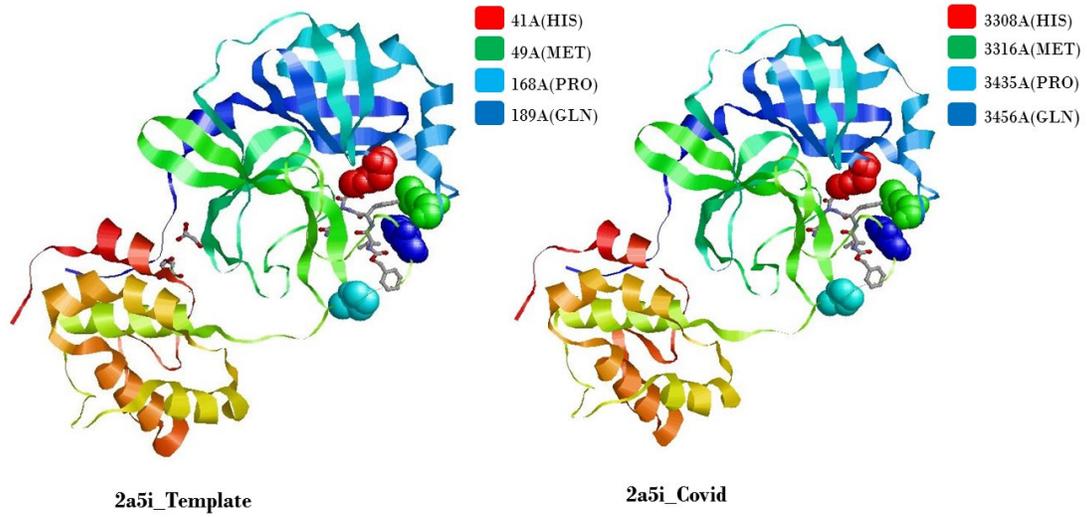
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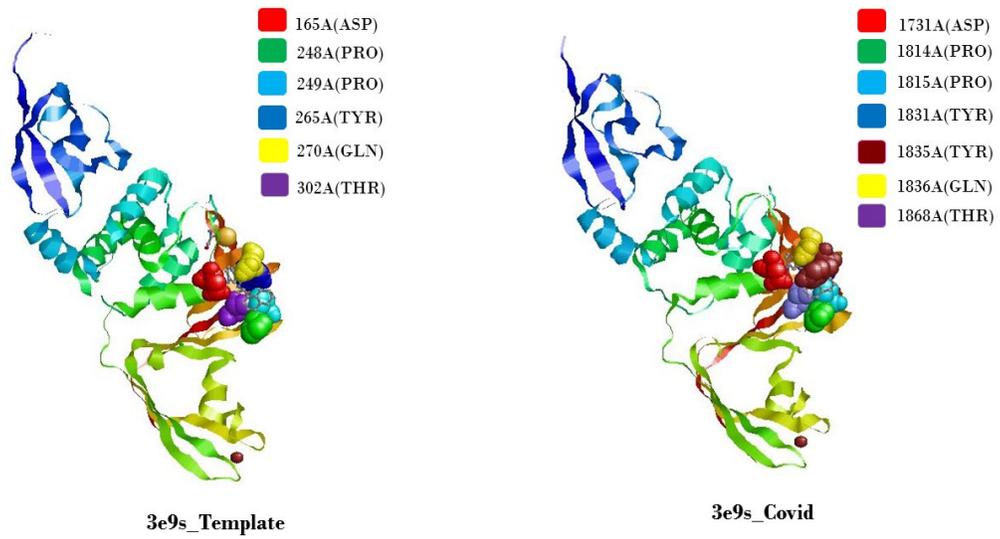
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