



Supporting Information

for

Design and selection of peptides to block the SARS-CoV-2 receptor binding domain by molecular docking

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Additional experimental data

Table S1: Summary of antiviral peptides used for initial docking; their known antiviral activity is listed. Information taken from the Antimicrobial Peptide Database (<https://aps.unmc.edu/database/anti>).

APD ID	PEPTIDE NAME	ACTIVITY
AP00013	Aurein 1.2	Anti-HIV
AP00023	Antiviral protein Y3	Inhibition of Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV)
AP00025	Alloferon 1	Inhibition of Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV)
AP00026	Lactoferricin B	Anti-HIV
AP00028	Tricyclic peptide RP 71955	Anti-HIV
AP00029	Cecropin A(1-8)-Magainin 2(4-12) hybrid peptide (CE-MA)	Anti-HIV
AP00058	Maximin 1	Anti-HIV
AP00060	Maximin 3	Anti-HIV
AP00061	Maximin 4	Anti-HIV
AP00062	Maximin 5	Anti-HIV
AP00074	Brevinin-1	Inhibition of Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV)
AP00094	Temporin A	Active against Channel Catfish Virus (CCV) and Frog Virus 3 (FV3)
AP00095	Temporin B	Inhibition of Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV)
AP00102	Thanatin	Inhibition of Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV)
AP00121	RANATUERIN 2P	Active against Channel Catfish Virus (CCV) and Frog Virus 3 (FV3)
AP00139	Cecropin A	Anti-HIV
AP00144	Magainin 2	Anti-HIV
AP00146	Melittin	Inhibition of Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV-1 & HSV-2)
AP00150	Indolicidin	Anti-HIV, Anti-HSV-1, Anti-HSV-2
AP00160	Dermaseptin-S4	Anti-HIV
AP00173	GNCP-2	Neutrophil. Generic antiviral activity is inferred.
AP00174	GNCP-1	Neutrophil. Generic antiviral activity is inferred.
AP00176	human neutrophil peptide-1	Anti-HIV. Active against Zika Virus.
AP00177	human neutrophil peptide-2	Inhibition of Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV-1 & HSV-2)
AP00178	human neutrophil peptide-3	Anti-HIV. Active against pseudo typed viruses expressing SARS-CoV-2 spike proteins.
AP00179	human neutrophil peptide-4	Anti-HIV
AP00180	human defensin 5	Inhibits non-enveloped BK virus infection.
AP00181	human defensin 6	Human defensin. Innate antiviral activity is expected.
AP00187	Rabbit neutrophil peptide 1	Neutrophil. Generic antiviral activity is inferred.
AP00188	Rabbit neutrophil defensin 2	Neutrophil. Generic antiviral activity is inferred.
AP00195	Protegrin 1	Anti-HIV
AP00211	Polymyxin I	Anti-HIV
AP00212	Polymyxin II	Anti-HIV
AP00214	Tachyplesin I	Anti-HIV, Anti-HSV-1, Anti-HSV-2
AP00217	Rabbit neutrophil defensin 3a	Neutrophil. Generic antiviral activity is inferred.
AP00218	Protegrin 2	Anti-HIV
AP00219	Protegrin 3	Anti-HIV
AP00220	Protegrin 4	Anti-HIV
AP00221	Protegrin 5	Anti-HIV
AP00222	RatNP-1	Neutrophil. Generic antiviral activity is inferred.
AP00223	RatNP-2	Neutrophil. Generic antiviral activity is inferred.
AP00224	RatNP-3	Neutrophil. Generic antiviral activity is inferred.

AP00225	RatNP-4	Neutrophil. Generic antiviral activity is inferred.
AP00240	Caerin 1.1	Anti-HIV
AP00241	Caerin 1.2	Anti-HIV
AP00242	Caerin 1.3	Anti-HIV
AP00243	Caerin 1.4	Anti-HIV
AP00244	Caerin 1.5	Anti-HIV
AP00245	Caerin 1.6	Anti-HIV
AP00246	Caerin 1.7	Anti-HIV
AP00257	Caerin 4.1	Anti-HIV
AP00272	mBD-1	A fusion construction of mBD-1 and mBD-3 is active against Influenza A Virus (IAV).
AP00274	Circulin A	Anti-HIV
AP00275	Circulin B	Anti-HIV
AP00281	mCRAMP	Inactivates Zika virus (ZIKV).
AP00283	Human beta defensin 3	Anti-HIV
AP00310	LL-37	Anti-HIV, Anti-HSV-1, Anti-HSV-2. Active against Zika virus and Dengue virus type 2.
AP00325	Uperin 3.6	Anti-HIV
AP00327	Uperin 7.1	Anti-HIV
AP00333	Mytilin B	Related to innate antiviral immune response.
AP00345	Caerin 1.10	Anti-HIV
AP00355	Ginkobilobin	Anti-HIV
AP00366	BMAP-27	Anti-HIV
AP00367	BMAP-28	Anti-HSV-1
AP00384	Ponericin L2	Anti-HIV
AP00399	Spinigerin	Anti-HIV
AP00405	RANATUERIN 6	Anti-HIV
AP00408	RANATUERIN 9	Anti-HIV
AP00445	RTD-1	Active against HIV and SARS virus.
AP00446	Alpha-basrubrin	Anti-HIV
AP00449	Alpha-MSH	Anti-HIV
AP00451	hBD-1	Anti-HIV
AP00473	Piscidin 1	Anti-HIV
AP00474	Piscidin 3	Active against Channel Catfish Virus (CCV).
AP00499	Gramicidin A	Anti-HIV
AP00505	human Histatin 5	Anti-HIV
AP00524	Human beta defensin 2 (monomero)	Anti-HIV
AP00549	Plectasin	Active against dengue virus type 2.
AP00553	Sesquin	Anti-HIV
AP00708	GF-17	Anti-HIV
AP00729	Kalata B1	Anti-HIV
AP00730	Kalata B8	Anti-HIV
AP00928	Subtilosin A	Active against HSV-1 and HSV-2.
AP01010	Latarcin 1	Active against dengue virus type 2.
AP01034	Palicourein	Anti-HIV
AP01049	Kalata B2	Anti-HIV
AP01058	Vhl-1	Anti-HIV

AP01065	Cycloviolacin O14	Anti-HIV
AP01136	Tricyclon A	Anti-HIV
AP01208	Retrocyclin-2	Anti-HIV
AP01382	TEWP	Active against Chandipura virus.
AP01406	EP5-1	Active against pseudorabies virus (PRV).
AP01580	Elafin	Anti-HIV, Anti-HSV-1, Anti-HSV-2
AP01654	Caerin 1.19	Anti-HIV
AP02095	SLPI	Anti-HIV
AP02099	RNase 3	Active against respiratory syncytial virus, group B (RSV-B).
AP02130	Antiviral lectin scytovirin	Anti-HIV
AP02131	Cyanovirin-N	Anti-HIV
AP02132	Microcystis viridis lectin	Anti-HIV
AP02133	Griffithsin	Anti-HIV
AP02146	ALFpm3	Active against White Spot Syndrome Virus (WSSV).
AP02337	RNase 2	Active against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

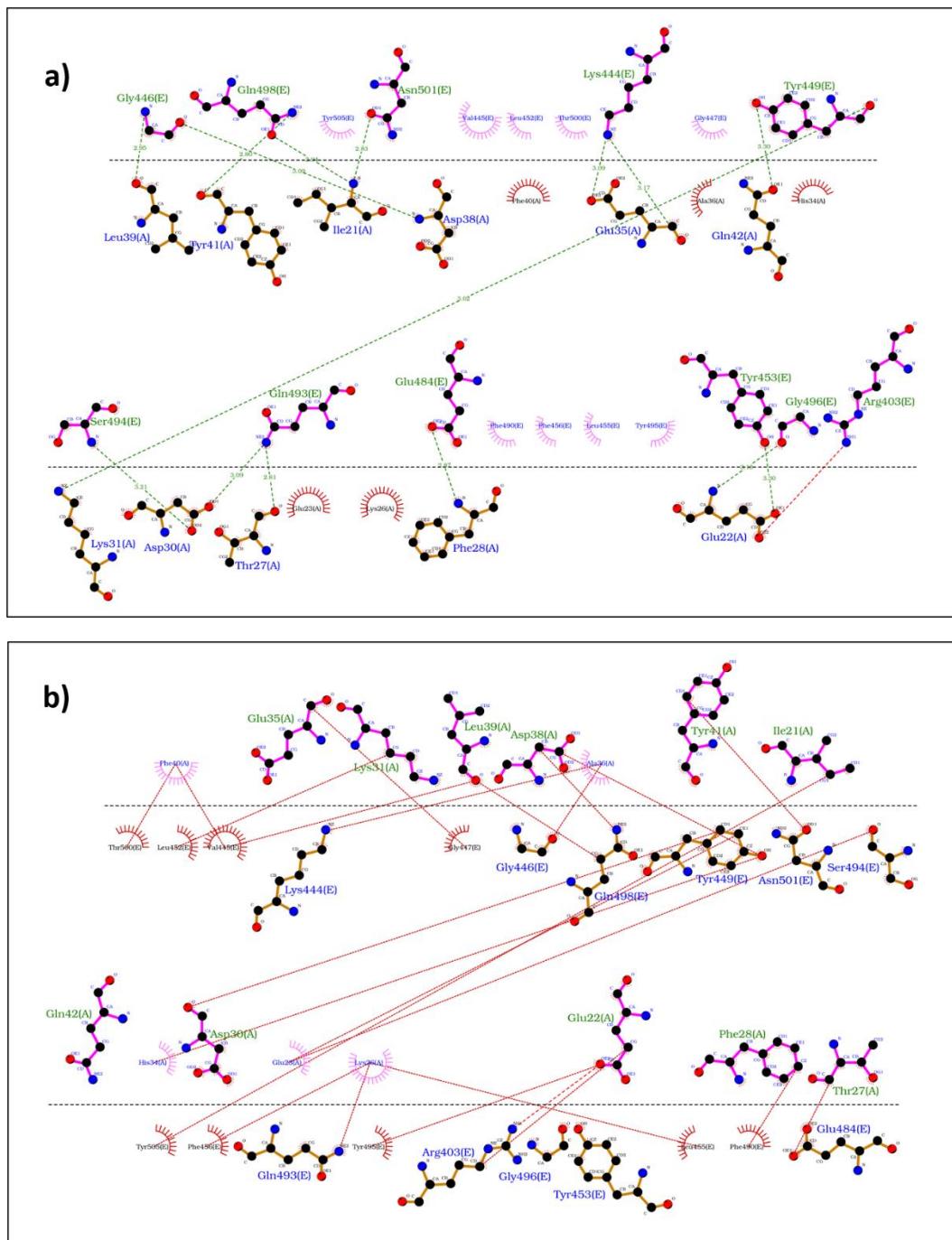


Figure S1: ACE2 docked to the SARS-CoV-2 RBD. (a) Interaction of amino acids by hydrogen bond (green dash line) and (b) representative hydrophobic interactions (red dash line) between ACE2 and RBD.

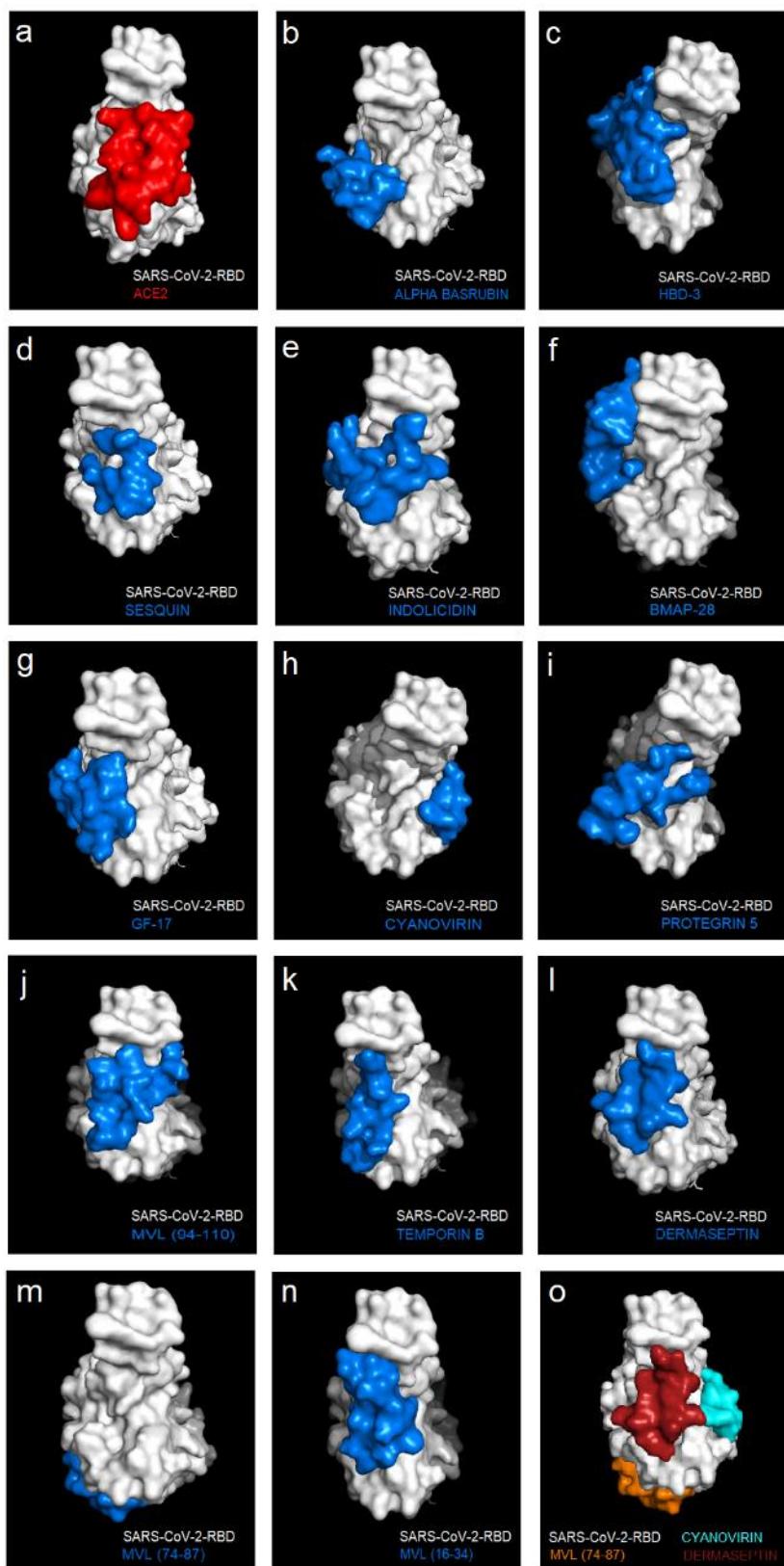
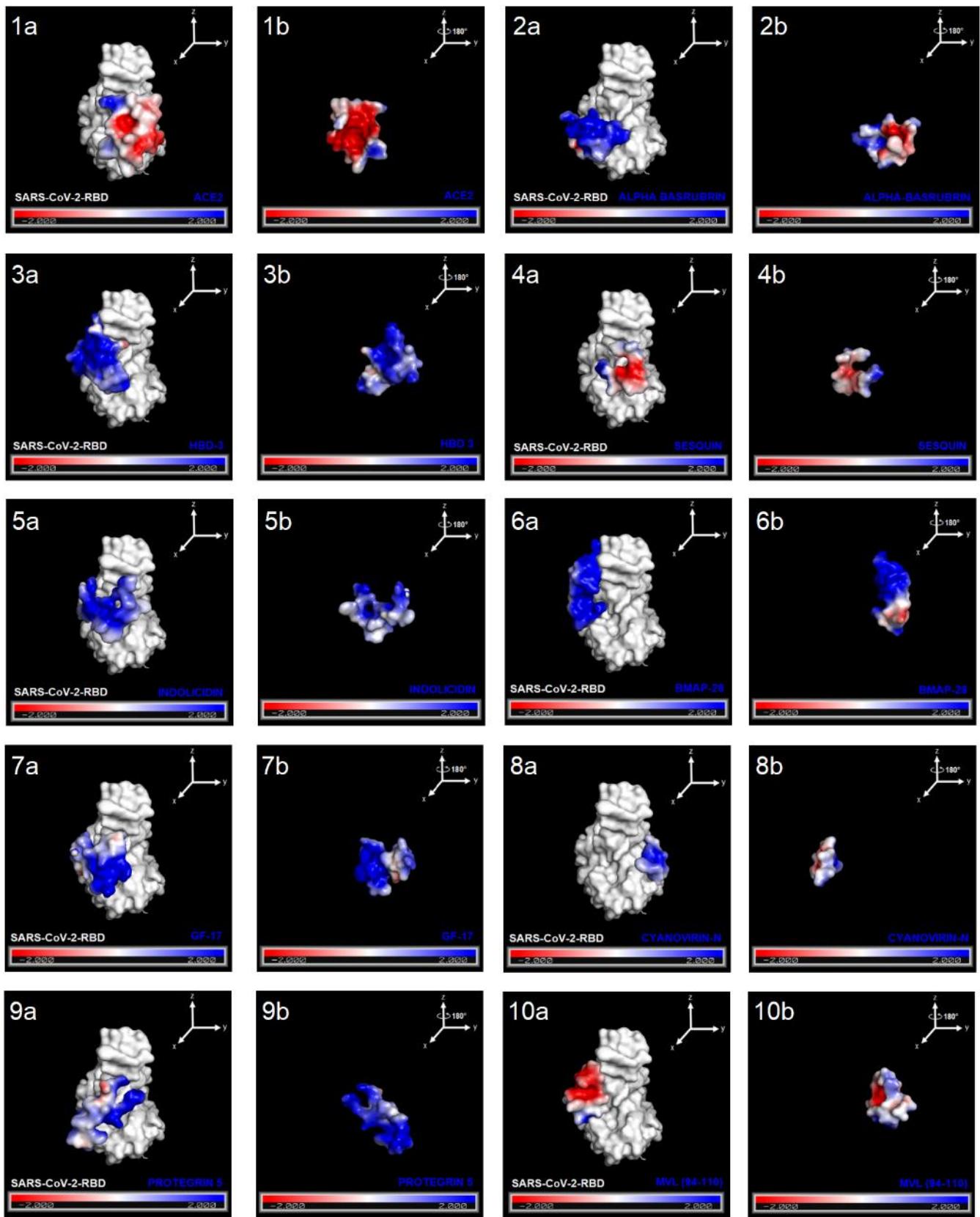


Figure S2: Peptide candidates (blue) docked to the SARS-CoV-2 RBD (white) with the highest binding affinities. (a) ACE2 (red). (b) Alpha basrubarin. (c) HBD-3. (d) Sesquin. (e) Indolicidin. (f) BMAP-28. (g) GF-17. (h) Cyanovirin. (i) Protegrin 5. (j) MVL 94-110. (k) Temporin-B. (l) Dermaseptin S4. (m) MVL (74-87). (n) MVL (16-34). (o) SARS-CoV-2 RBD (white) docked to three non-competing peptides.



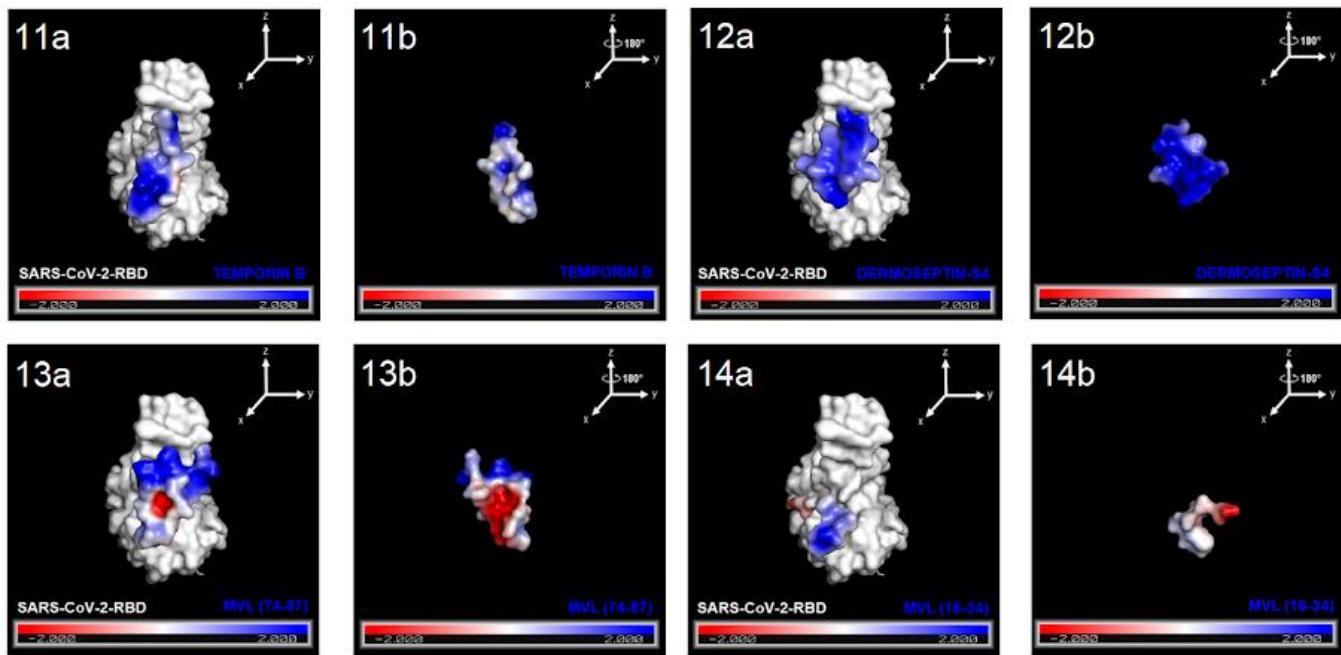


Figure S3: Distribution of electrostatic potential on the surface of APD peptide candidates docked in SARS-CoV-2 RBD. (1a,b) ACE2. (2a,b) Alpha basrubrin. (3a,b) HBD-3. (4a,b) Sesquin. (5a,b) Indolicidin. (6a,b) BMAP-28. (7a,b) GF-17. (8a,b) Cyanovirin-N (70–80). (9a,b) Protegrin 5. (10a,b) MVL (94–110). (11a,b) Temporin B. (12a,b) Dermaseptin-S4. (13a,b) MVL (74–87). (14a,b) MVL (16–34). The potential distribution was calculated by using the APBS module in PyMOL. The values range from −2 (red) over 0 (white) to +2 (blue). The orientation of the peptides in image (b) are rotated by about 180° along the z-axis of image (a) to show the peptide surface that binds to the RBD receptor.

Table S3: Hydrogen bonds and hydrophobic interactions of potential peptide candidates against SARS-CoV-2 RBD obtained by LigPlot+.

Peptide	Sequence fragment	PDB/ UNIPRO	Residues	Hydrogen bonds	Representative hydrophobic interactions	Isoelectric point (pH)
Alpha Basrubrin	1-20	P83186	20	19	30	6.34
Human Beta Defensin 3	27-44	1KJ6	19	18	30	10.41
Sesquin	1-10	P84868	10	8	17	3.93
Indolicidin	1-13	1G89	13	10	31	12.13
BMAP-28	1-18	2NDC	18	14	28	11.91
GF-17	1-17	2L5M	17	13	23	11.88
Cyanovirin-N (70-80)	70-80	2EZM	10	8	21	8.89
Protegrin 5	1-18	2NC7	18	13	21	9.67
MVL (94-110)	94-110	1ZHS	17	12	22	10.11
Temporin B	1-13	6GIL	13	9	19	10.12
Dermaseptin-S4	1-13	2DD6	13	9	18	11.17
MVL (74-87)	74-87	1ZHS	14	9	18	3.93
MVL (16-34)	16-34	1ZHS	19	12	31	7.86
ACE2	21-44	6VYB	24	14	24	4.0

Table S4: Immunogenicity analysis of peptides against Human MHC I to determine the number of alleles with IC50 < 50nM and IC50 < 500 nM concentrations.

Peptide	Sequence	No. Alleles IC50 < 50 nM	No. Alleles 50 < IC50 < 500 nM
L13	WLNHSNNQTWDDWIDQDTQD	0	0
CD3	THDKTQHGQDQQDQTTGQDWQQQ	0	0
H3	SGLTSWNDDNTQETWDQTTG	0	0
P1	LWRLGPDQTWGPTKRGPDWQ	0	0
P1a	THDLWDQDDDDTTGDYIQSQ	0	0
P3a	THDLWRQDRTGDRTDYIQSQ	0	0
P9	THRLWDQRRDTTDGSYIQSQ	0	0
P13	THRLWDQRDTTGRQSYDISQ	0	0
P14	THRLWRQRDTTGDSYIDQSQ	0	0
P15	THRLWRQRDTGDSYIDQSQ	0	0
Cyanovirin-N	AAECKTRAQQ	0	0
Sesquin	KTCENLADTY	0	0
Alpha-Basrubrin	GADFQECMKEHSQKQHQHKG	0	0
LD2	GLTQIQLNSLRRWDDTRRT	0	1
CD2	THDKTQHGQDQRQTTGQDWQQQ	0	1
H1	SGLTSWNRRNTQETWRQTTG	0	1
H2	SGLTSWNRNRTQETWRQTTG	0	1
P2a	THDLWRQDRDRRTGDYIQSQ	0	1
P3	LDYGGNQDLGGYTSLLGGTDL	0	1
P7	THRLWDQRDRDTTGRYIQSQ	0	1
P8	THRLWDQRDRDTTGSYIQSQ	0	1
P10	THRLWDQRDTTRDGDSYIQSQ	0	1
P11	THRLWDQRDTTGRDSYIQSQ	0	1
P12	THRLWDQRDTTGRQSYIDSQ	0	1
LD3	GLTQIQLNSLDDWDDTDDT	1	1
Temporin B	LLPIVGNLLKSLL	0	1
MVL (74-87)	NDEAQKLGPQIAAS	0	1
L3	LSSQQTLDDWIDQDTGQDWY	0	2
P4	NDYGGNQLGSGYTSLLGGTDN	0	2
P4a	THDLWRQDTGRDRTDYIQSQ	0	2
P17	THRLWRQRRTGSDYDIWDSQ	0	2
CD1	THRKTQHGQRQRQTTGQRWQQQ	1	2
L2	LSSQQTLDWRIRQDTGQDWY	1	2
P16	THRLWRQRRTGSDYDIQDSQ	1	2
P8a	THDLWDQDTGSRTRYWQRIS	2	2

P9a	THDLWDQDTGSRTYRWQRIS	2	2
ACE2	IEEQAKTFLDKFNHEAEDLFYQSS	3	2
LI2	WLNHSNNQTWDRWIDQRTQD	0	3
P5	NDYGGNQLDGGYTSLGGTDN	0	3
P6a	THDLWDQDTGRDTRYRYQSQ	0	3
P6	THRLWRQRRTTGRYIQSQ	1	3
P7a	THDLWDQDTGSRTRYRIQSQ	1	3
P5a	THDLWDQDTGRTRTYIQSQ	2	3
MVL (16-34)	AEAQQVGPKIAAHQGNFT	0	3
GF-17	GFKRIVQRIKDFLRNLV	2	3
MVL (94-110)	GQWRTIVEGVMSVIQIK	5	3
Dermaseptin-S4	ALWKTLKKVLKA	5	3
LI1	WLNHSNNQTWRRWIRQRTQR	5	4
L1	LSSQQTLRRWIRQRTGQRWY	5	5
Protegrin 5	RGGRLCYCRPRFCVCVGR	0	5
Indolicidin	ILPWKWPWWPWRR	1	5
Human Defensin 3	Beta EEQIGKCSTRGRKCCRRKK	0	6
P10a	DTHDLTDQWGSGWGYRTQRISR	2	8
LD1	GLTQIQLNSLRRWIRTRRT	5	10
BMAP-28	GGLRSLGRKILRAWKKYGPPIVPIIRIG	3	12

Table S5: Contact area of peptides docked on SARS-CoV-2 RBDDE and RBDM variants.

RBD δ		RBDM	
OAP	Ac	OAP	Ac
P1	1039.78	P1	870.44
ACE2	1245.96	ACE2	1222.81
Cyanovirin-N (70-80)	604.08	Cyanovirin-N (70-80)	670.43
Liso1_20	919.27	Liso1_20	4915.35
Liso111_130	998.72	Liso111_130	4984.20
Liso61_80	732.16	Liso61_80	4974.99
MVL (16-34)	890.06	MVL (16-34)	782.62
P10	924.60	P10	856.24
P11	984.05	P11	959.13
P12	1171.33	P12	791.97
P13	854.73	P13	938.85
P15	937.56	P15	1039.63
P17	1165.96	P17	856.47
P2a	770.42	P2a	957.17
P4a	1064.26	P4a	1093.94
P6a	944.48	P6a	1043.39
P7	1037.59	P7	941.23
P8	1118.28	P8	897.82
P9	841.20	P9	972.60
PH1	871.82	PH1	997.86
PH2	833.10	PH2	921.22
Sesquin	641.88	Sesquin	684.09
TemporinB	681.97	TemporinB	704.49