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Sommario (in pillole) 3

- La **struttura, conformazione e sequenze** dello spike sono state comparate tra coronavirus in relazione alla loro affinità per il recettore.
- L'**affinità** dello spike per ACE2 è stata determinata e comparata con quelle dei Coronavirus precedenti

Interazione tra Spike e recettore ACE2

Strutture ed affinità 1

Structural basis for the recognition of SARS-CoV-2 by full-length human ACE2

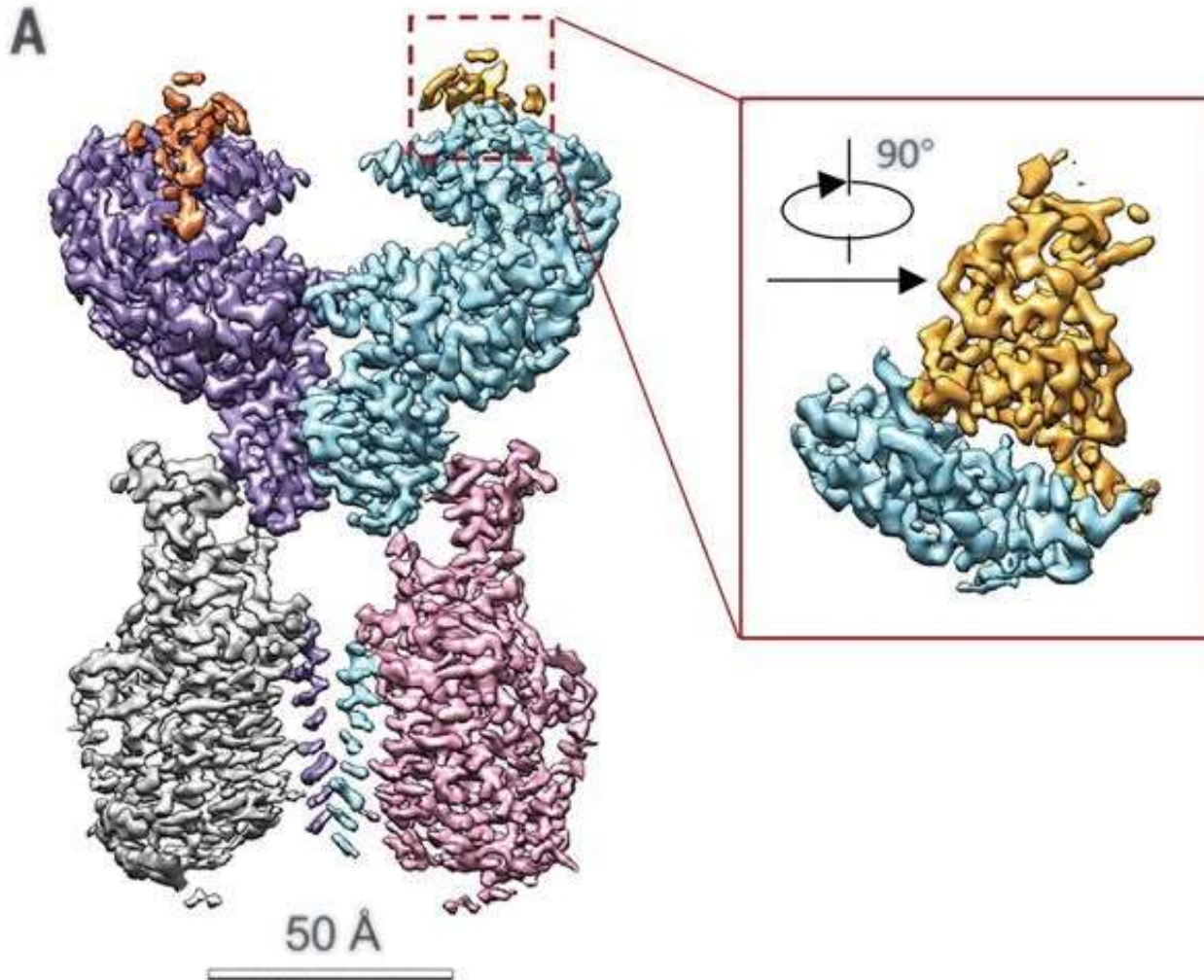
- EM reconstruction of the ternary complex
- Structure determined to an overall resolution of 2.9 Å from 527,017 particles
- Resolution of 3.5 Å for the RBD

Reliable modeling and analysis of the interface

by Renhong Yan et Al Science Volume 367(6485):1444-1448 March 27, 2020

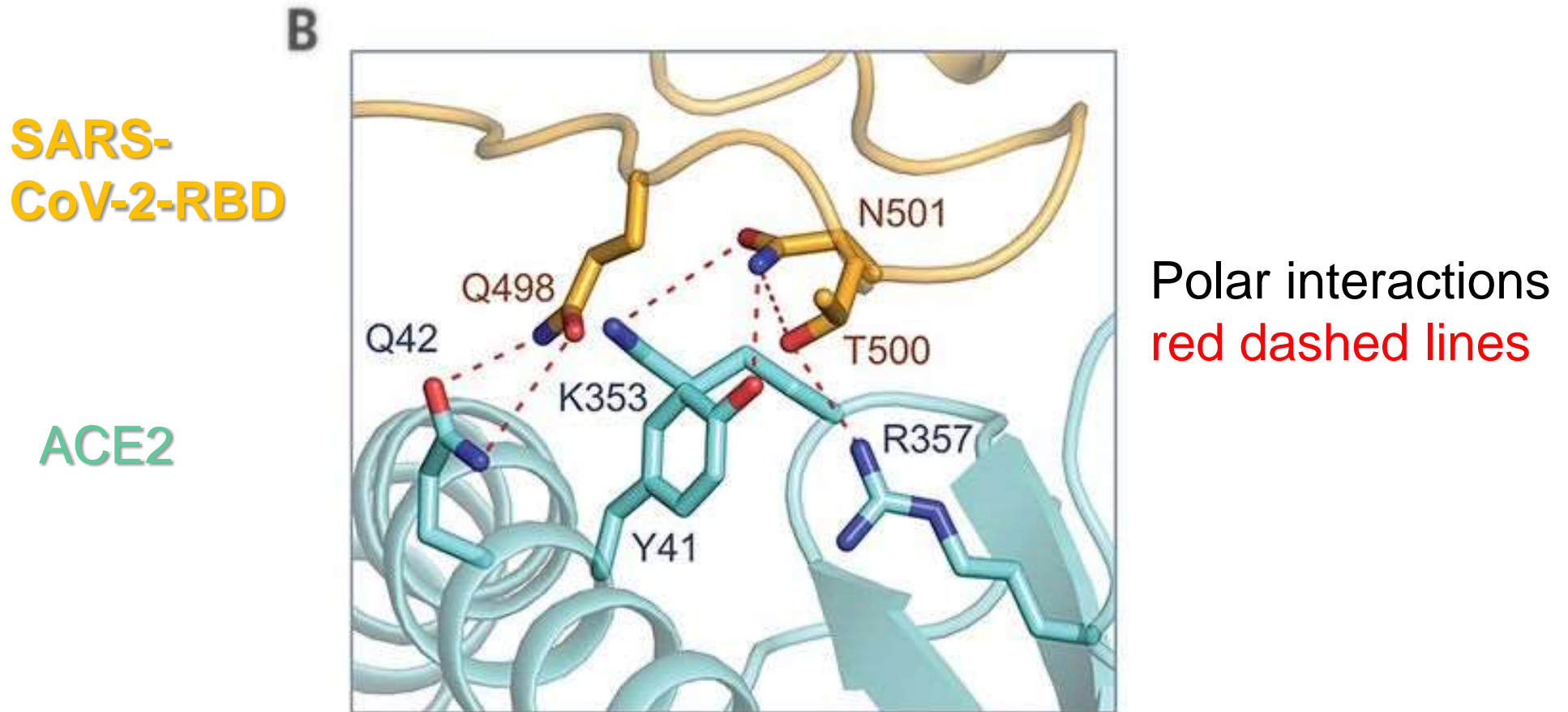
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Cryo-electron microscopy structures of full-length human ACE2 in the presence of the neutral amino acid transporter B⁰AT1 with the receptor binding domain (RBD) of the surface spike glycoprotein (S protein) of SARS-CoV-2



The RBD (Spike) is recognized by the extracellular peptidase domain PD of ACE2 mainly through polar residues.

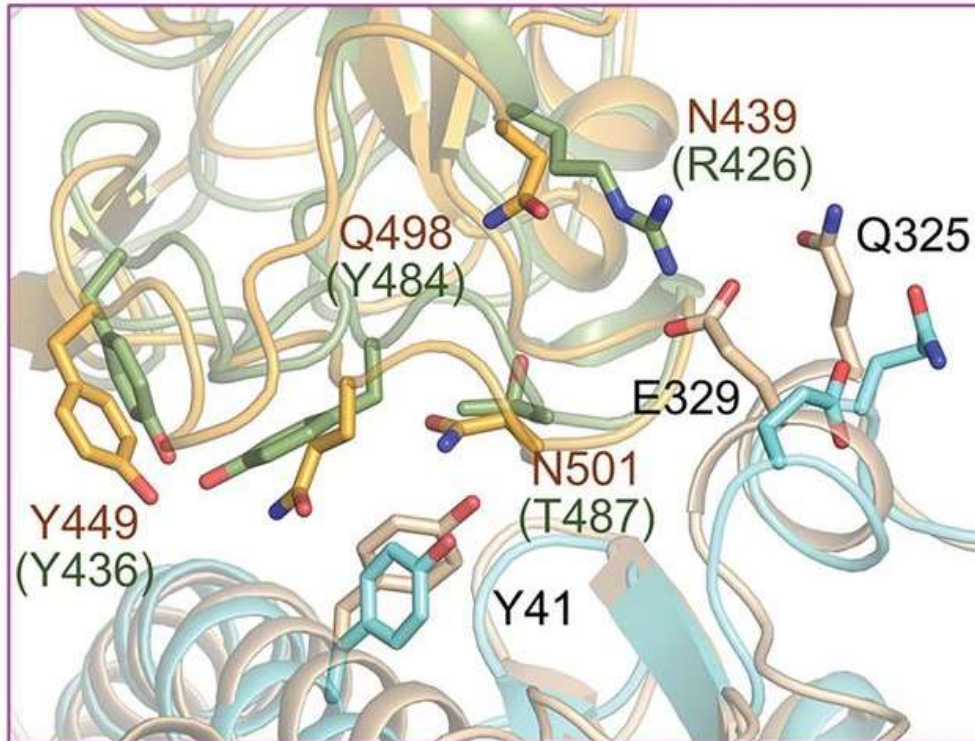
Fig. 4 Interactions between SARS-CoV-2-RBD and ACE2.



“The overall interface is similar to that between SARS-CoV and ACE2 mediated mainly through **polar interactions**”

Interface comparison between SARS-CoV-2-RBD and SARS-CoV-RBD with ACE2

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Change of residues
CoV-2-RBD (**brown**)
SARS-CoV-RBD (**green**).

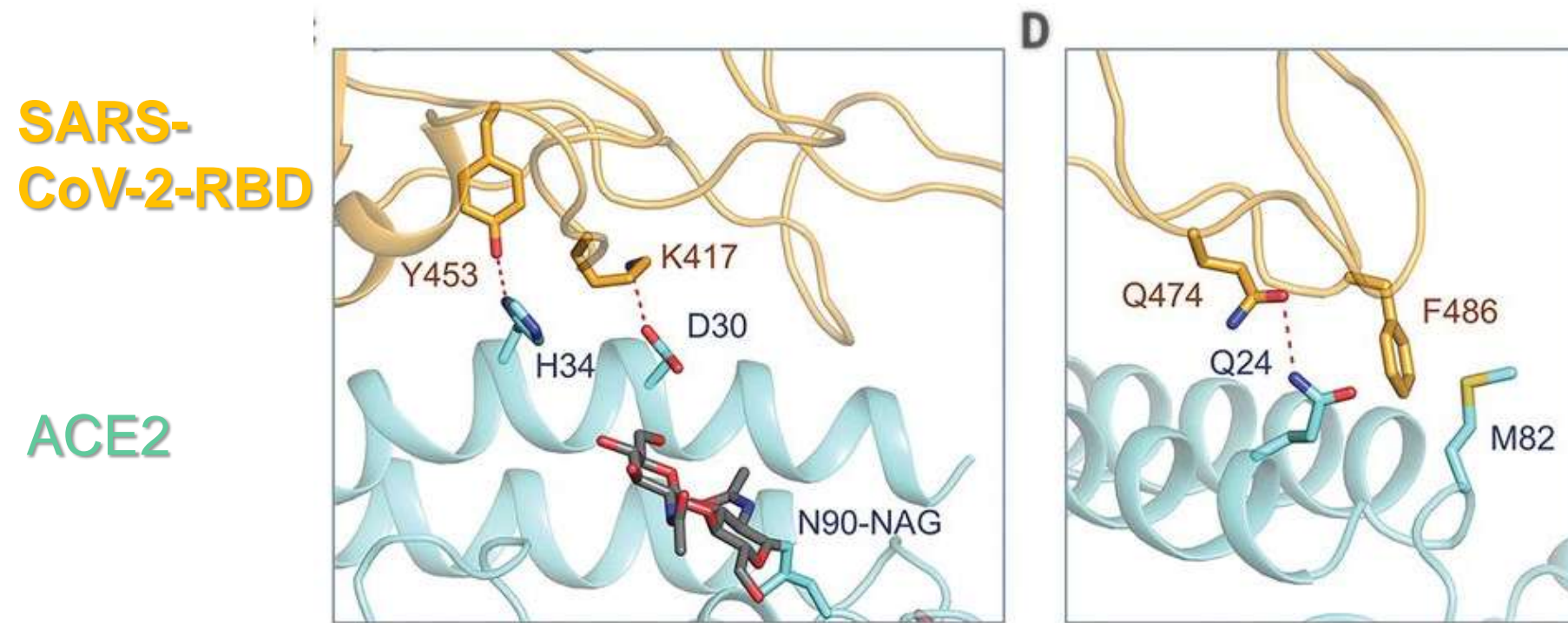
Interazioni meno forti

Replacement of Arg426 (**R426**) with Asn439 (**N439**) appears to weaken the interaction by eliminating one important salt bridge with Asp329 (E329)

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New Interactions between SARS-CoV-2-RBD and ACE2.



The change from Val404 to Lys417 (K417) may result in a tighter association because of the salt bridge formation between Lys417 and Asp30 (D30) of ACE2

Interazioni piu forti

The change from Leu472 to Phe486 (F486) may result in a stronger van der Waals contact with Met82 (M82)

Comparazione del RBD tra coronavirus

SARS	413	PDDFMG	C	V	L	A	W	N	T	R	N	I	D	A	T	S	T	G	N	Y	N	K	Y	R	Y	L	R	H	G	K	L	R	P	F	E	R	D	I	S	N	V	P	F	S	P	D	G	K	P	C	T	P	P	-	A	L	N	C	Y	W	P	L	N	D	Y	G	F	Y	T	T	G	I	G	Y	Q	E		
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Civet	413	PDDFMG	C	V	L	A	W	N	T	R	N	I	D	A	T	S	T	G	N	Y	N	K	Y	R	Y	L	R	H	G	K	L	R	P	F	E	R	D	I	S	N	V	P	F	S	P	D	G	K	P	C	T	P	P	-	A	L	N	C	Y	W	P	L	K	D	Y	G	F	Y	T	T	S	G	I	G	Y	Q	E	
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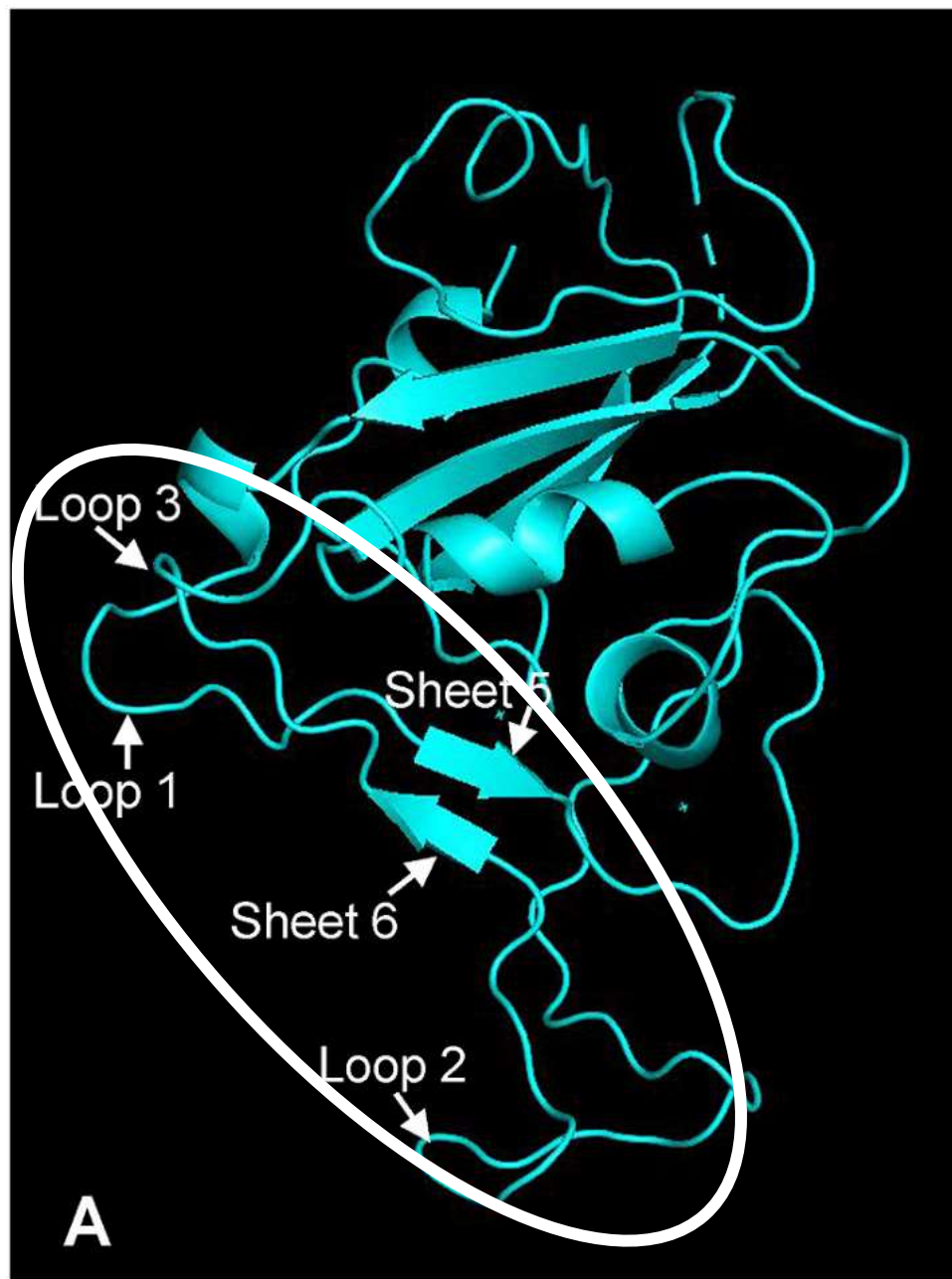
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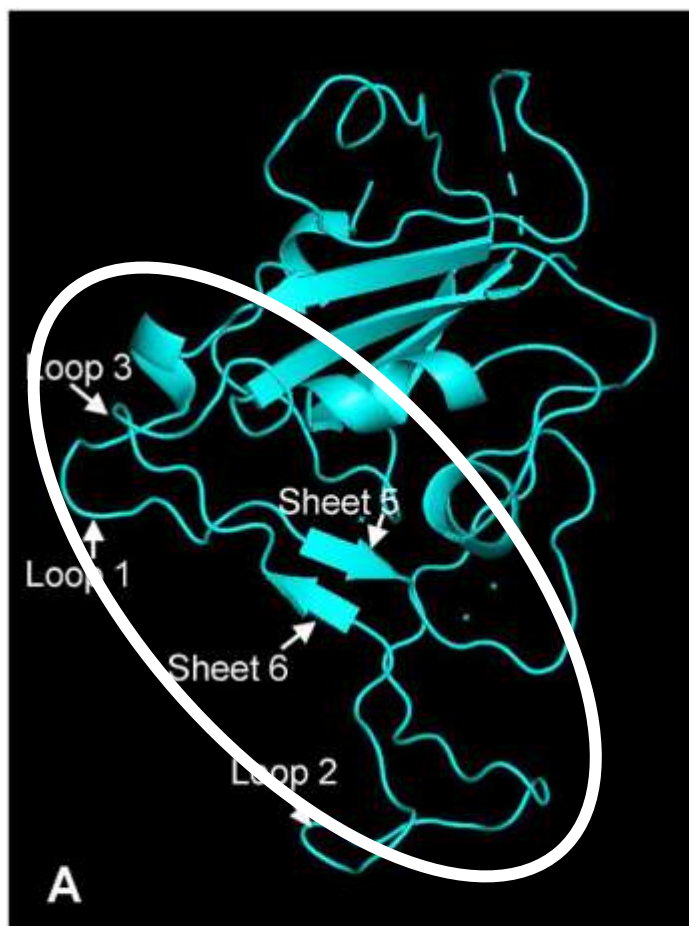
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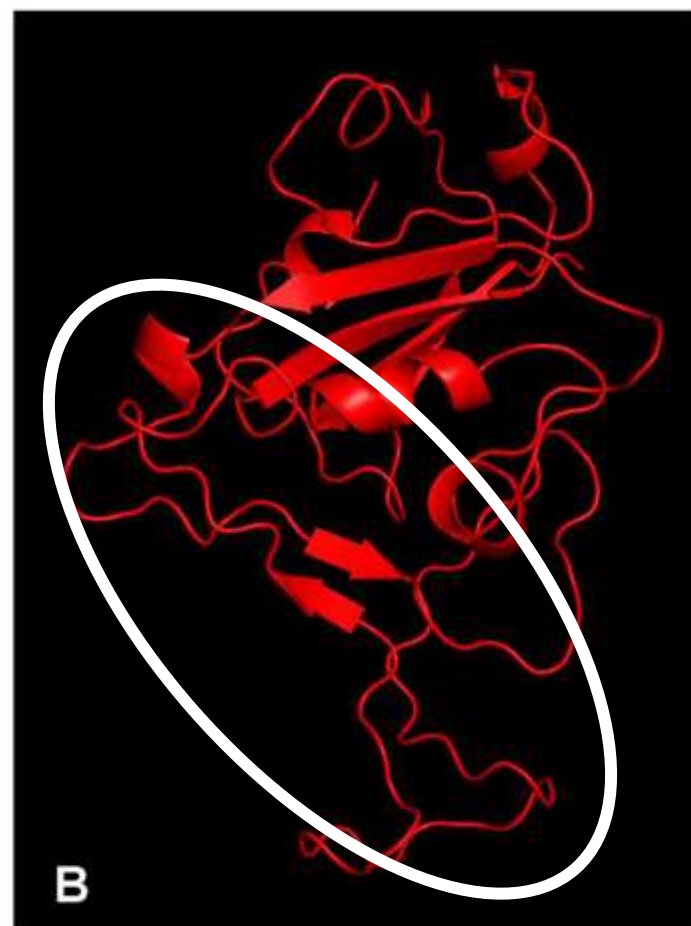
The structure of spike glycoprotein RBD of 2019-nCoV has unique features that potentially allow a high affinity binding to ACE2 in human cells.



SARS-CoV RBD



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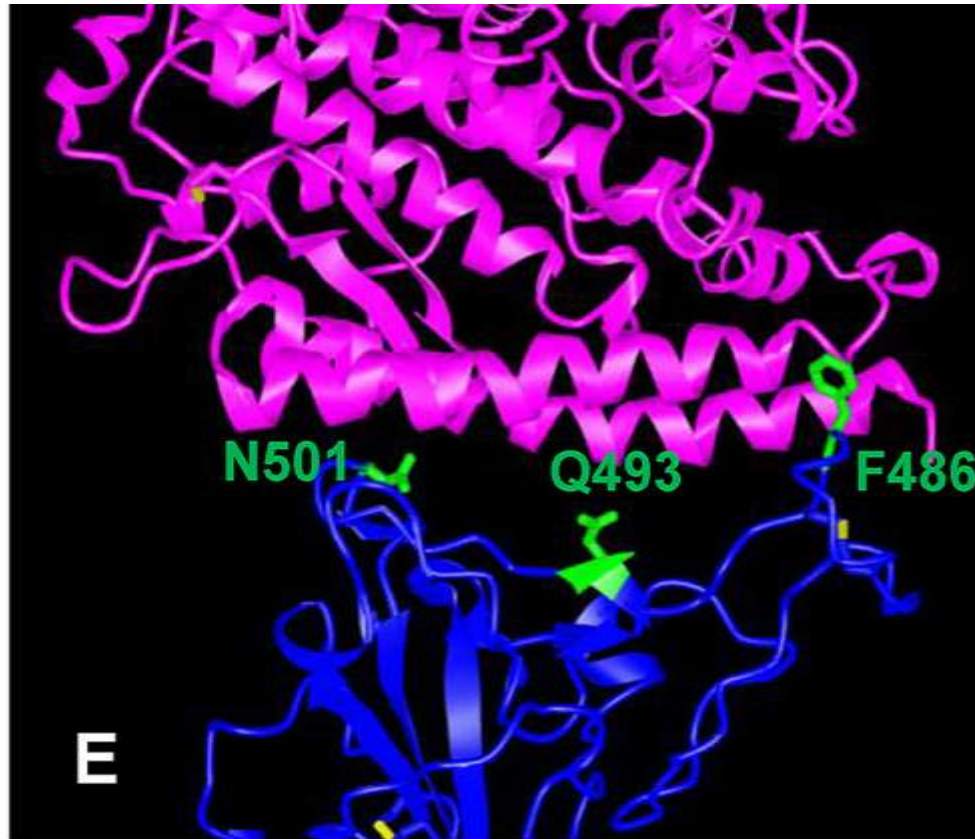


2019-nCoV RBD

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ACE2



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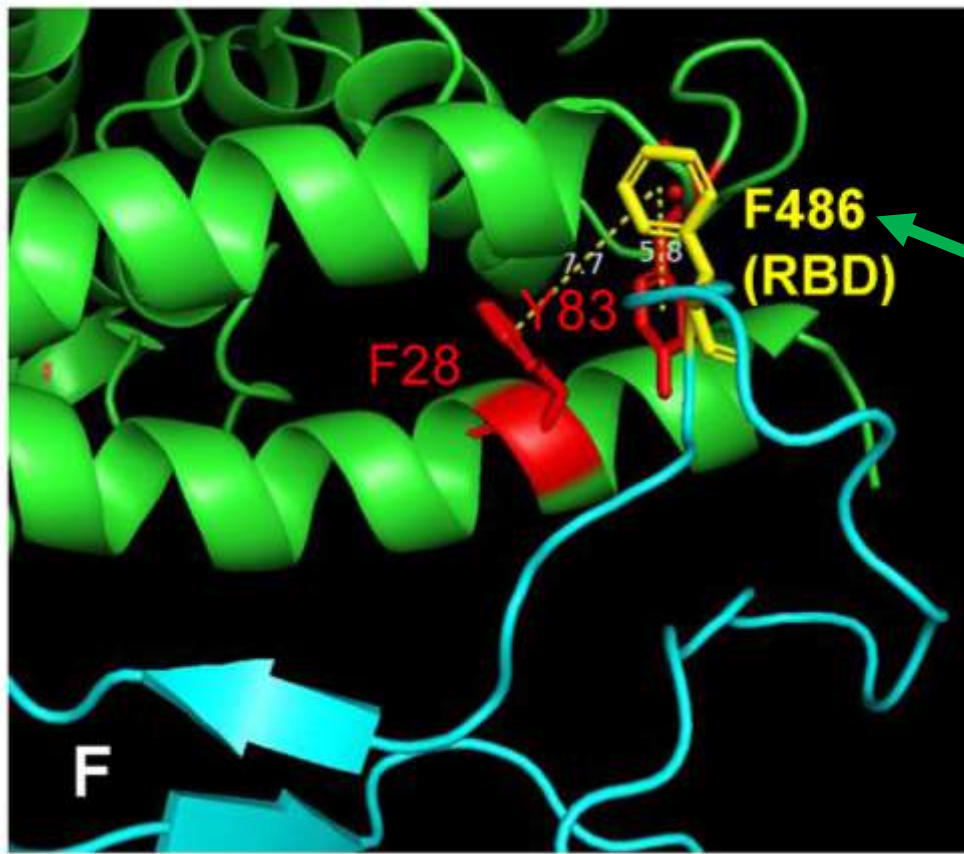
RBD
2019-nCov

2019-nCov RBD/ACE2

phenylalanine F486 in the flexible loop can penetrate deep into a hydrophobic pocket in ACE2

Comparazione del RBD tra coronavirus

ACE2



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Loop 3

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RBD

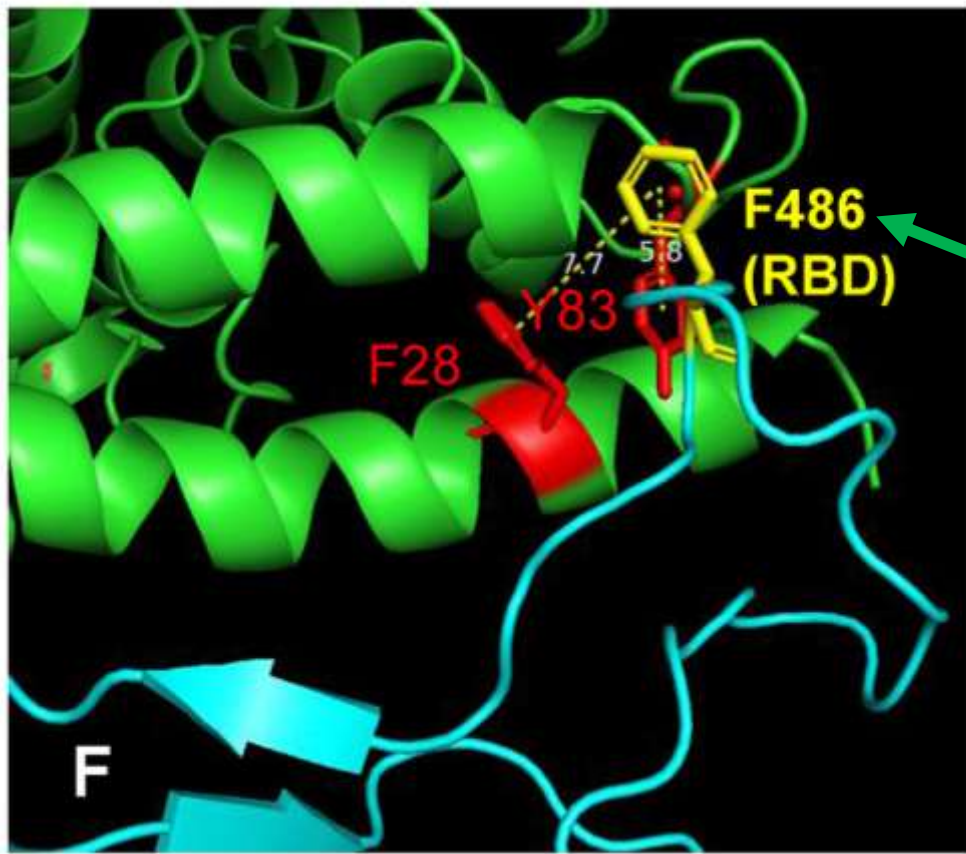
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phenylalanine F486 in the flexible loop can penetrate deep into a hydrophobic pocket in ACE2 formed by **F28, L79, Y83, and L97**

The presence of two aromatic amino acids in the pocket may provide additional binding force via π -stacking interactions.

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ACE2



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CSAV	-G	P	N	C	Y	N	P	L	R	P	Y	G	F	F	T	A	G	V	G	H	Q	E
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RBD
2019-nCov

Structural features of the spike glycoprotein RBD of 2019-nCoV confer potentially higher affinity binding for its receptor than found with SARS-CoV

ACE2 nel Regno Animale

Amino acid sequence alignment of ACE2 molecules from 7 animals

Fish	
Frog	
Snake	
Bird	
Bat	
Civet	
Human	1 MSSSSWLLL--SLVAVTAAQSTIEEQAKTFLDKFNHEAEDLFYQSSLASWNYNTNITEEN
Fish	
Frog	
Snake	
Bird	
Bat	
Civet	
Human	59 VONMNNAGDKWSAFLKEOSTLAQMYPLQEIQNLTVKLOLOALQQNGSSVLSEDKSKRLNT

amino acid residues in human ACE2 that directly interact with RBD of SARS-CoV **highlighted in red**.

dash-lines for α -helix

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Fish	1	-MFLQWLLL-SLAAAALSLS	SPVEQEATA	FLKEFDTKSQDLV	YKSSLASWEY	NTNITDEN
Frog	1	MSALLWLFSVG-LLLATGTSQDV	TSQARD	FLKQFELEAEI	IYHQSALAQWE	YNTNITDEN
Snake	1	--MLSWLCLTCSLVVLAV-AQDV	TQQAAE	FLKQFDARADDLY	YNASTASWNY	NTNITDEN
Bird	1	MSGSFWLLL--SFAALTA	AAQSTTEELAK	TFLETFNYEAQELS	YQSSVASWNY	NTNITDEN
Bat	1	MSGSFWLLL--SLVAVTTA	AQSTTEDRAK	TFLDEFNSEAENL	SYQSSLASWDY	NTNINDEN
Civet	1	MSGSFWLLL--SFAALTA	AAQSTTEELAK	TFLETFNYEAQELS	YQSSVASWNY	NTNITDEN
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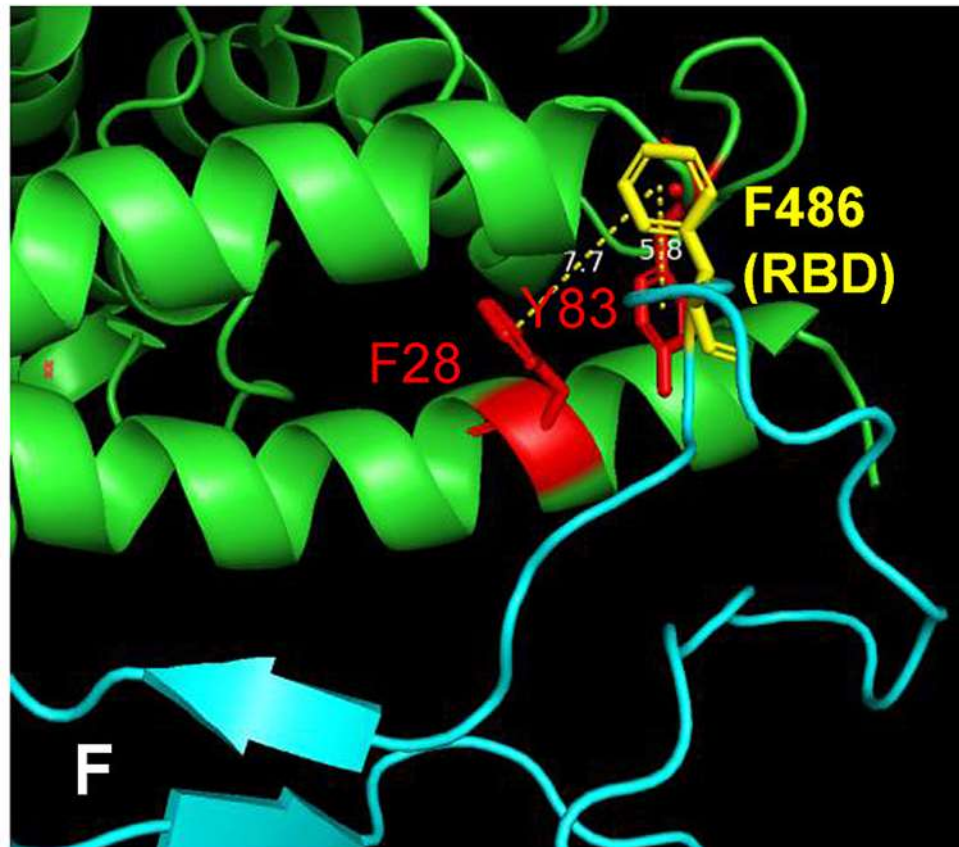
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Snake	58	AKIMHEKDNI	FSKFYEEASRN	SMFDVNOITNET	IRRQISLLQNGPTDSFK---	DQLDT
Bird	59	AKNMNEAGAKWSA	YEEQSKLAQT	YPLAEIQDAKIKRQLQAL	QQSGSSVLSADKS	QRLNT
Bat	59	VQKMDEAGAKWSAFYEEQSK	LAKNYPLEQIQNV	TVKLQLQILQQSGSPVLS	EDKSKRLNS	
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amino acid residues in human ACE2 that directly interact with RBD of SARS-CoV **highlighted in red**.

Correspondent amino acids for other animals **are also highlighted in red if they are shared by human ACE2**

dash-lines for α -helix

Out of ACE2 20 amino acid residues involved in the direct interaction, **4 of them are shared by all seven species of animals analyzed**
F28 that interacts with F486 of spike glycoprotein from 2019-nCoV is **shared by all seven species**



IPOTESI

ACE2 molecules from any of these animals has the potential to interact with RBD of 2019-nCoV with high affinity.

SARS-CoV-like coronaviruses have been found in many bats that are considered as natural reservoirs for the viruses.

It would not be a surprise if any of these wild animals is found to be a primary or secondary host of 2019-nCoV.

Interazione tra Spike e recettore ACE2

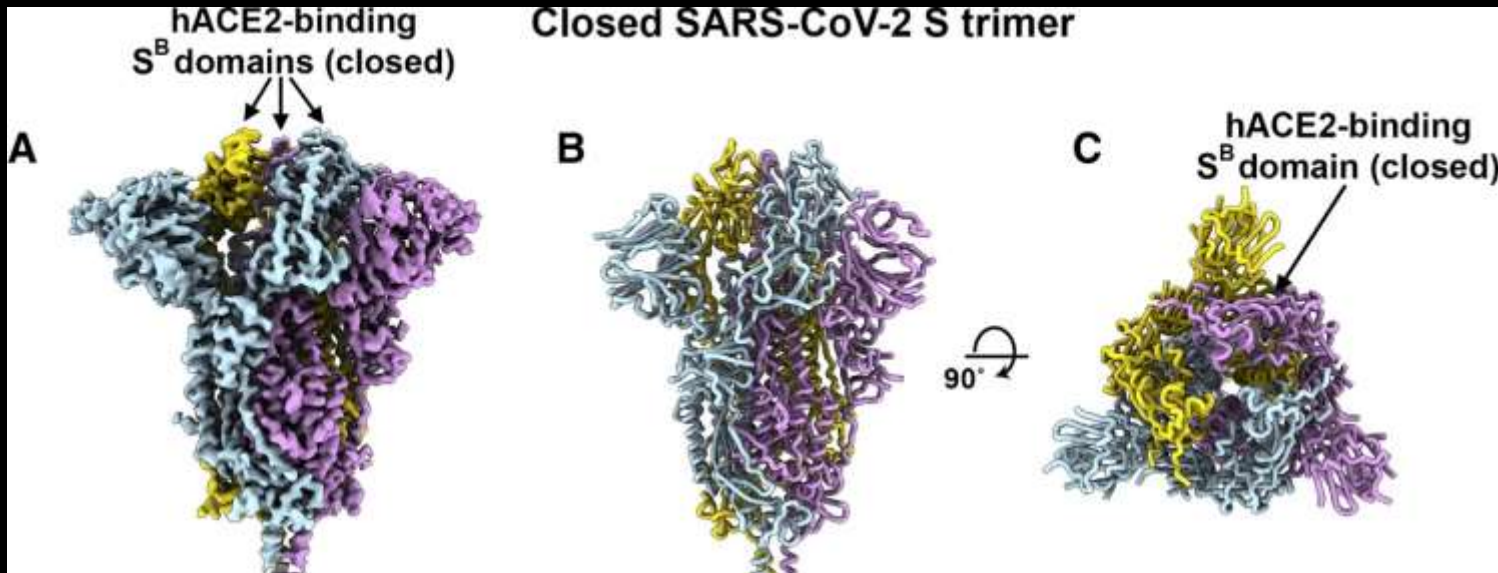
Strutture ed affinità 2

Structure, Function, and Antigenicity of the SARS-CoV-2 Spike Glycoprotein

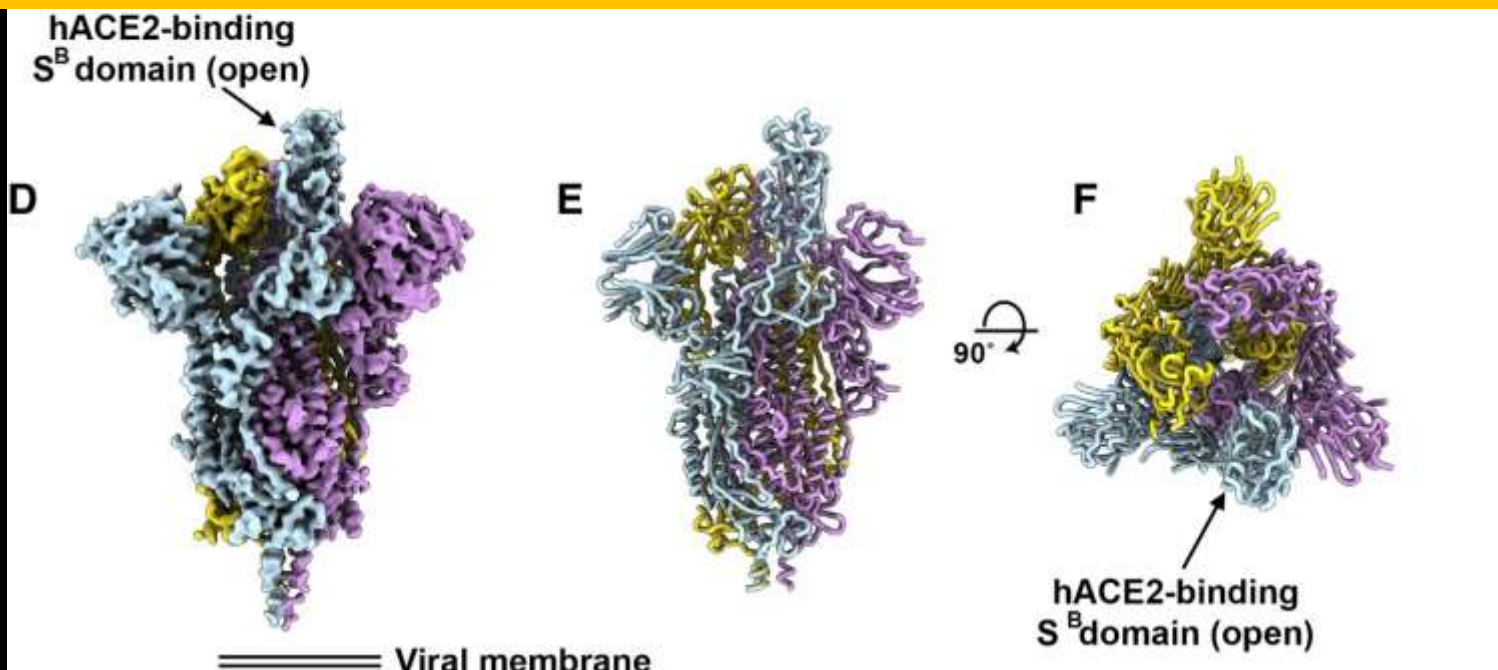
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SARS-CoV-2 S trimer exists in multiple, distinct conformational states resulting from S^B opening at the trimer apex.



I cambi strutturali dello spike sono essenziali per la fusione delle membrane

Structural changes of spike S are necessary for receptor engagement of virus and lead to initiation of membrane fusion

In SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus, S glycoprotein trimers appear to exist in partially opened states, while they remain largely closed in human coronaviruses associated with common colds.

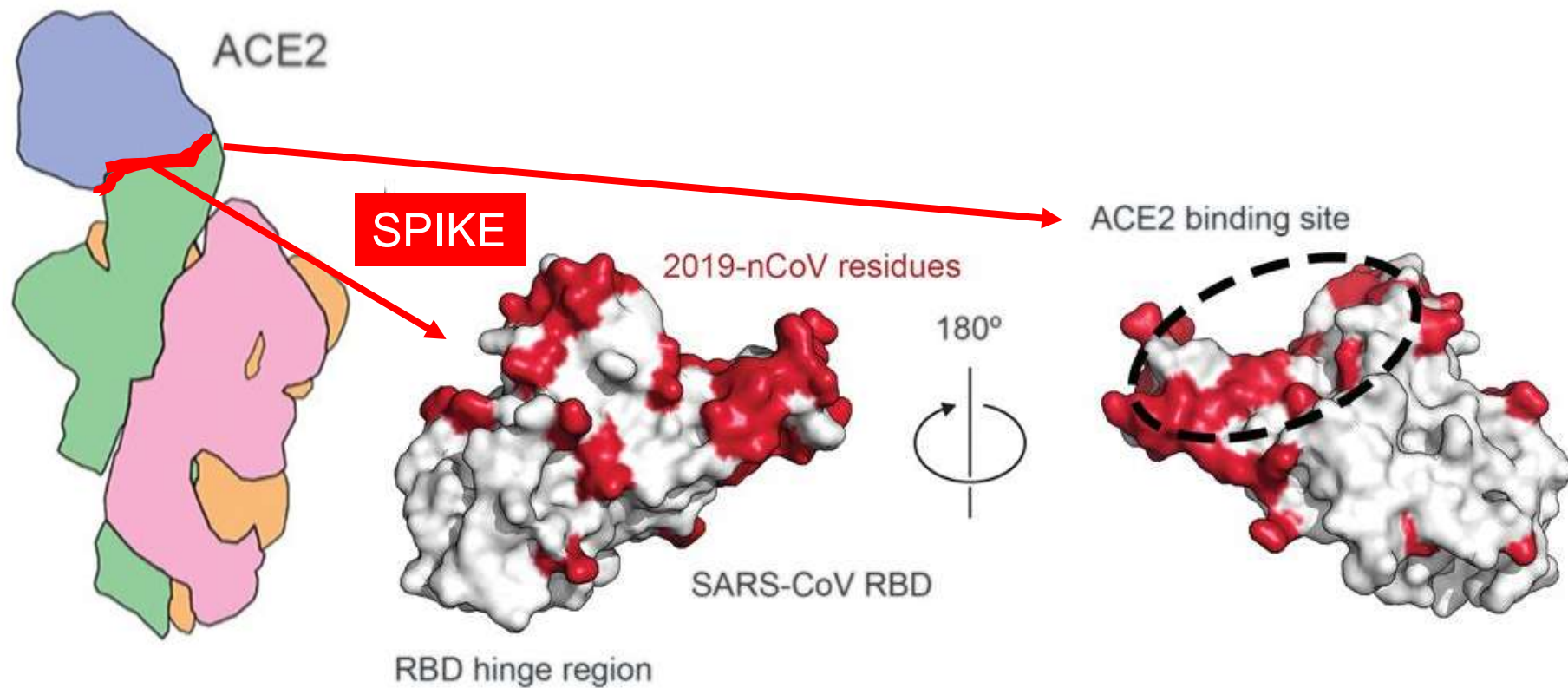
L'affinità di legame tra spike ed ACE2 e patogenicità del virus

The binding affinity of SARS-CoV for hACE2 could be correlated with with the rate of transmissibility, viral replication in distinct species, and disease severity.

The most pathogenic coronaviruses will exhibit S glycoprotein trimers spontaneously sampling closed and open conformations, as is the case for SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV.

Lo Spike ed il recettore cellulare interagiscono con grande affinità

- The SARS-CoV2 S B domain engages human ACE2 (hACE2) with **tight binding** which could partially explain the **efficient transmission** of SARS-CoV-2 in humans.



SARS-CoV Receptor Binding Domain shown as a white molecular surface (PDB ID: 2AJF), with residues that **vary** in the 2019-nCoV RBD **colored red**. The ACE2-binding site = black dashed line.

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Misura dell'affinità con biosensori

Surface plasmon resonance

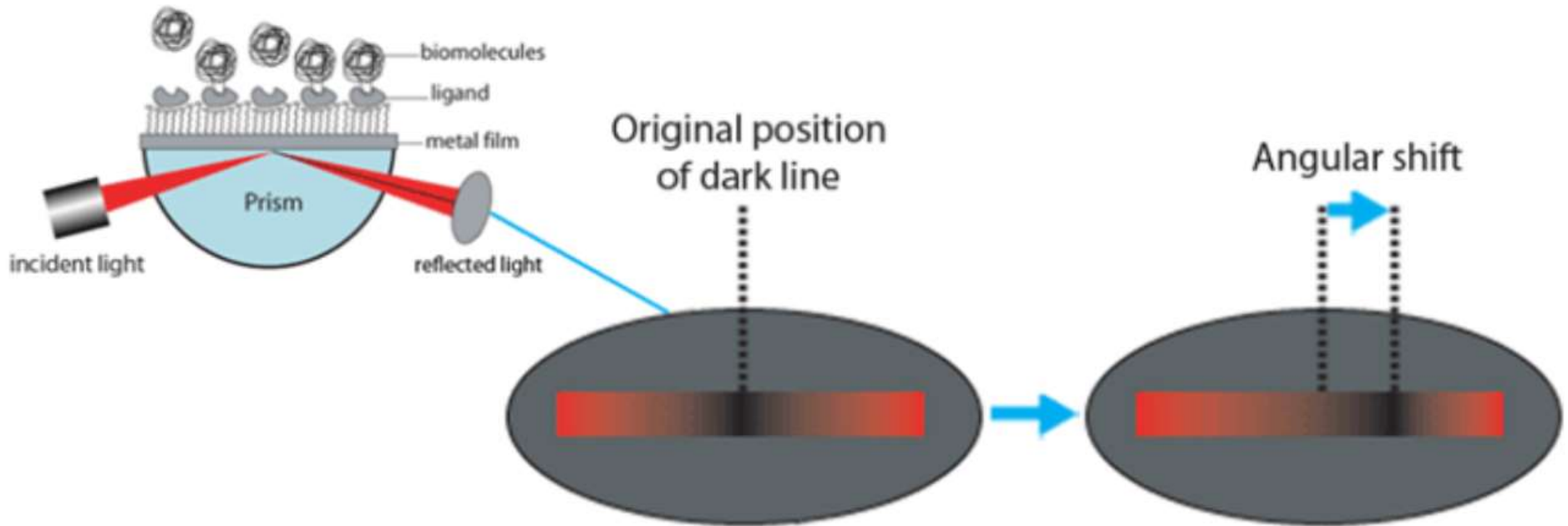
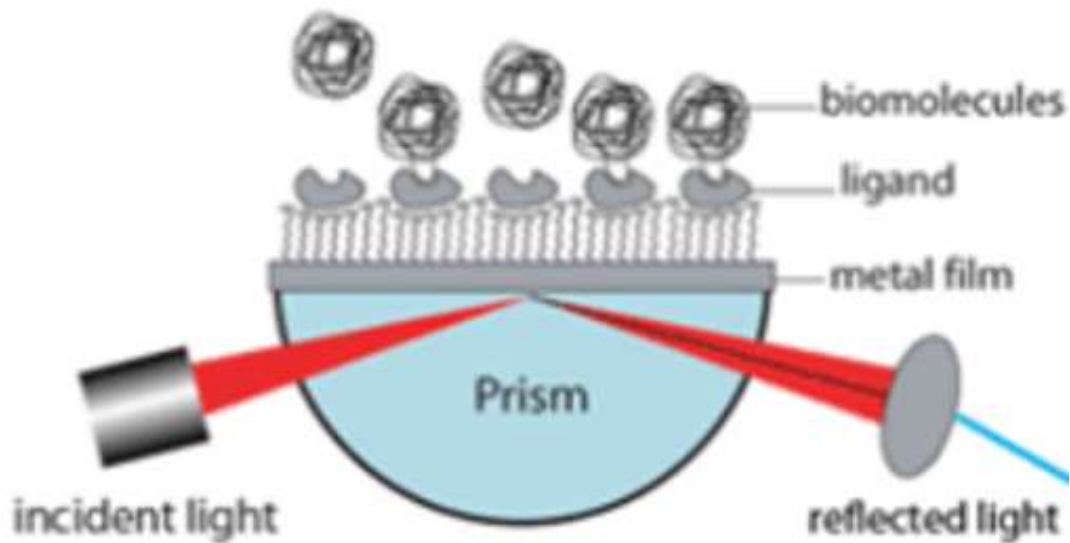


FIG. 2 The excitation of surface plasmons results in a dark line in the reflected beam, and the angular position of the dark line shifts as a molecule binding event takes place.

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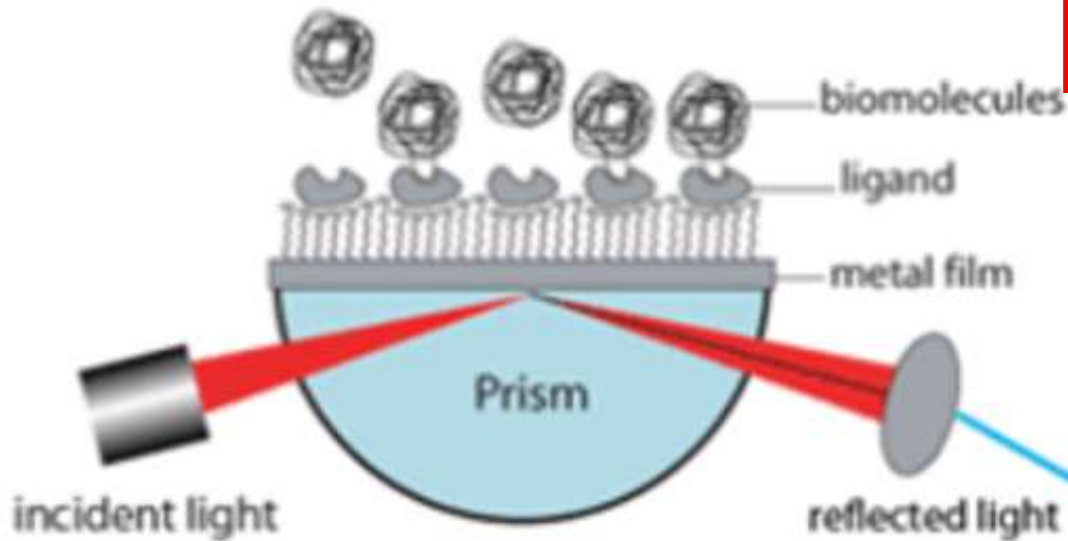


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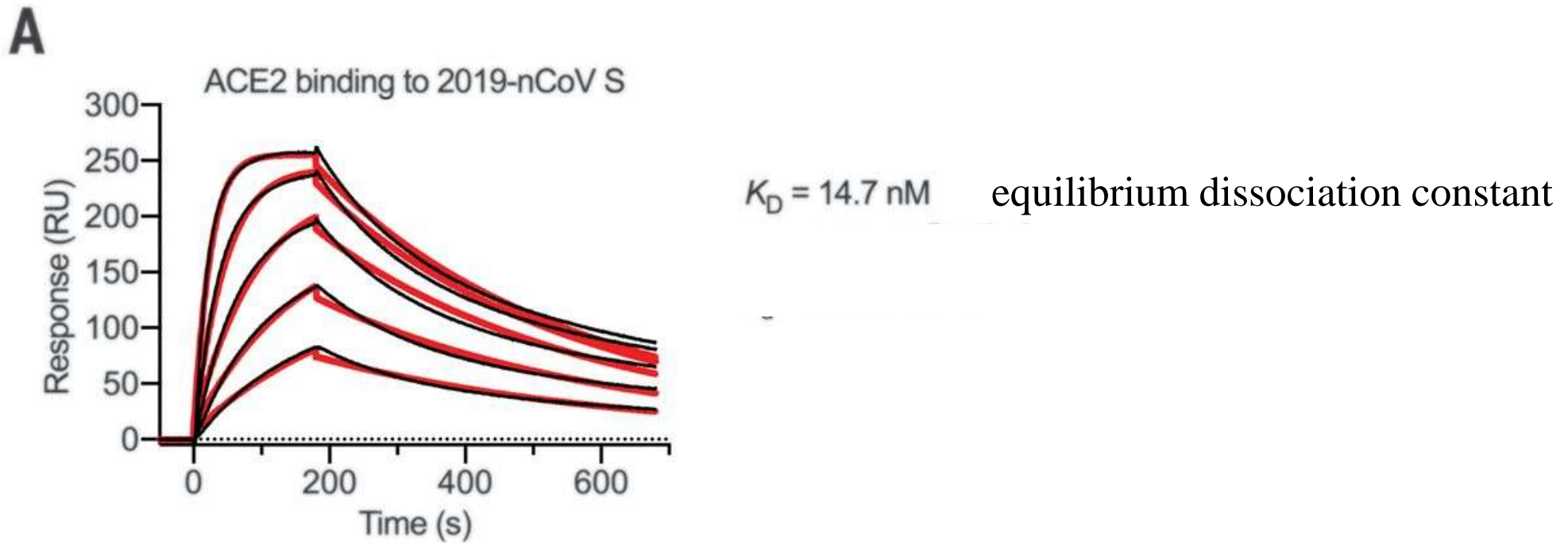
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Serial dilutions (250 to 15.6 nM) of purified ACE2 were injected

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2019-nCoV S binds human ACE2 with high affinity.



Surface plasmon resonance sensorgram showing the binding kinetics for human ACE2 and immobilized 2019-nCoV S.

Data are shown as black lines (best fit of the data in red)

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Misura dell'affinità con biosensori Comparazione tra RBD

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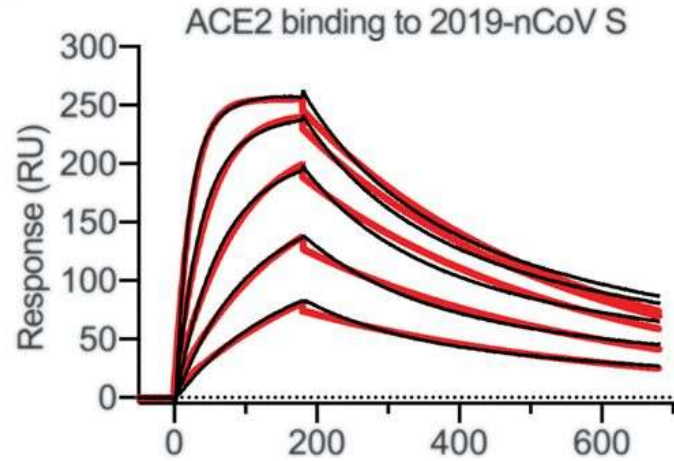
Serial dilutions (250 to 15.6 nM) of purified ACE2 were injected

2 His-tagged SARS-CoV RBD was immobilized to a sensorchip

Serial dilutions of purified and untagged ACE2 were injected ranging in concentration from 500 to 31.3 nM.

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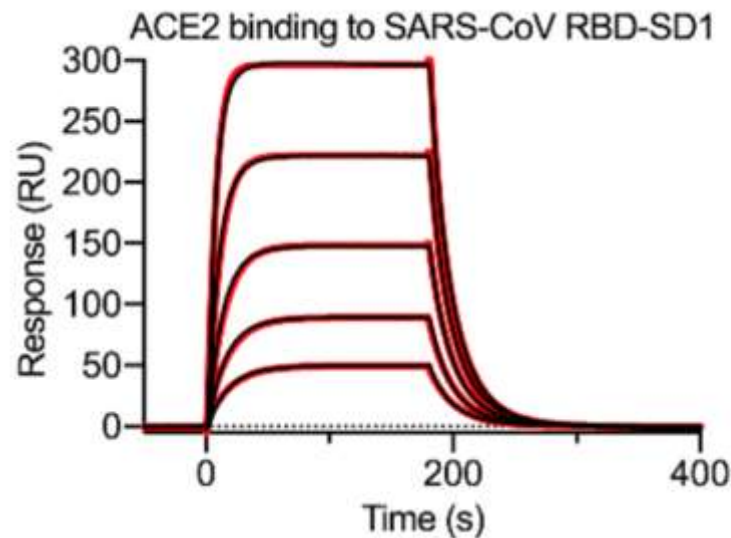
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$$K_D = 14.7 \text{ nM}$$
$$k_a = 1.88 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$
$$k_d = 2.76 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Equilibrium dissociation constant

Rate constant



$$K_D = 325.8 \text{ nM}$$
$$k_a = 3.62 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$$
$$k_d = 0.112 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

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Comparazione affinità
Spike-ACE2
tra coronavirus

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CONCLUSIONI

ACE2 bound to the 2019-nCoV S ectodomain with ~15 nM affinity, which is ~10- to 20-fold higher than ACE2 binding to SARS-CoV

The 2019-nCoV S protein binds angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) with higher affinity than does severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)-CoV S.

Ipotesi

The high affinity of 2019-nCoV S for human ACE2 may contribute to the apparent ease with which 2019-nCoV can spread from human to human; however, additional studies are needed

Misura dell'affinità

Risultati e interpretazione parzialmente diversi in un'altra pubblicazione

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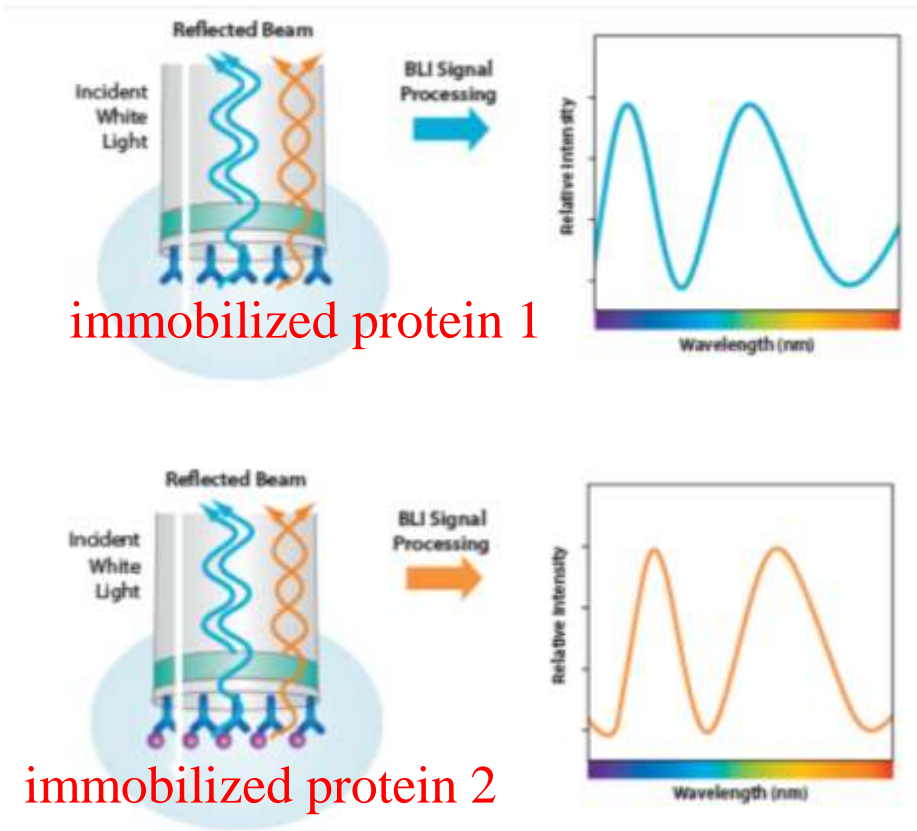
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PROPOSTA SPERIMENTALE

To understand the contribution of receptor interaction to the infectivity of SARS-CoV-2, we characterized engagement of hACE2 by SARS-CoV-2 S^B and SARS-CoV S^B **side-by-side**.

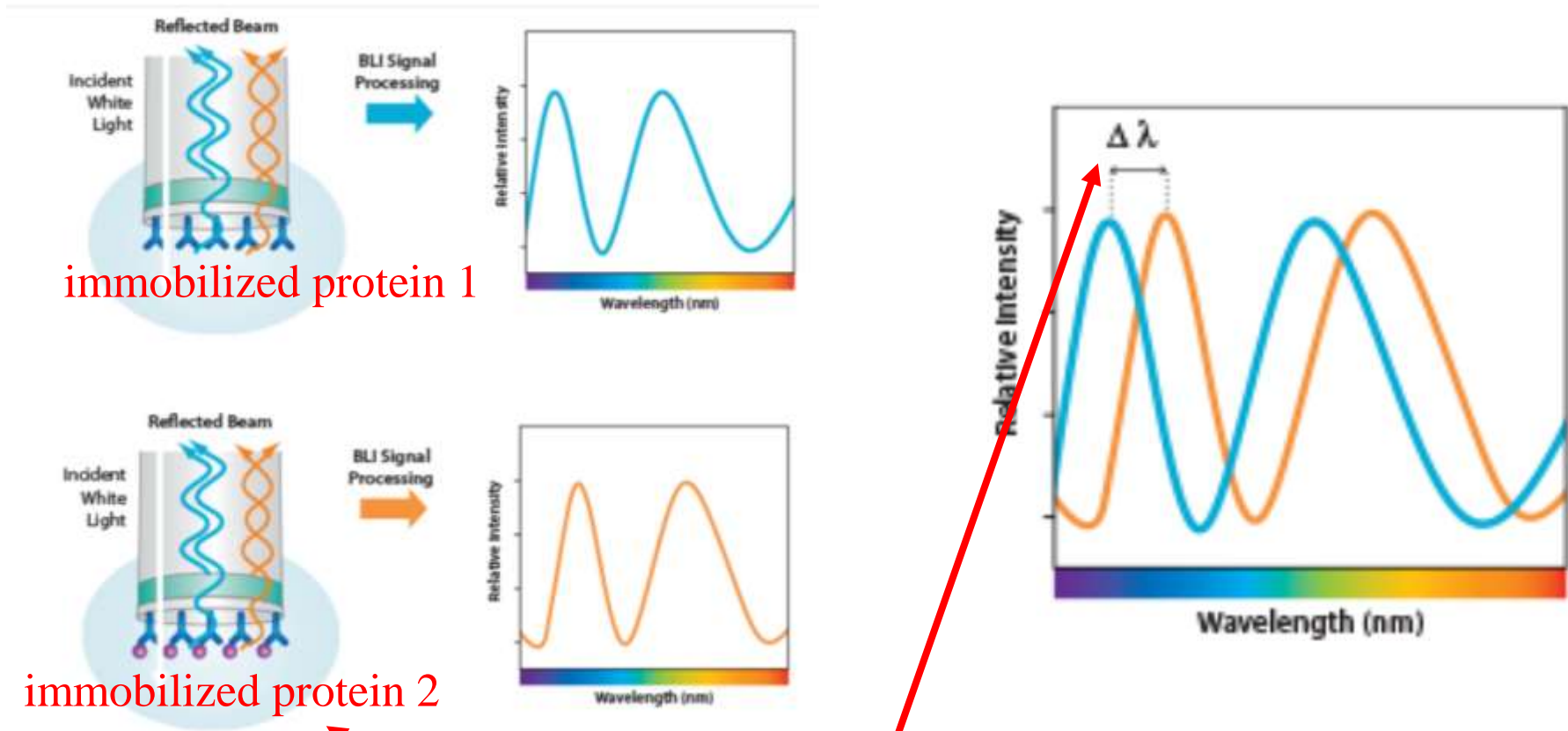
We used **biolayer interferometry to study binding kinetics and affinity** of the purified hACE2 ectodomain to SARS-CoV-2 S^B and SARS-CoV S^B immobilized at the surface of biosensors.

Bio-Layer Interferometry (BLI) measures biomolecular interactions



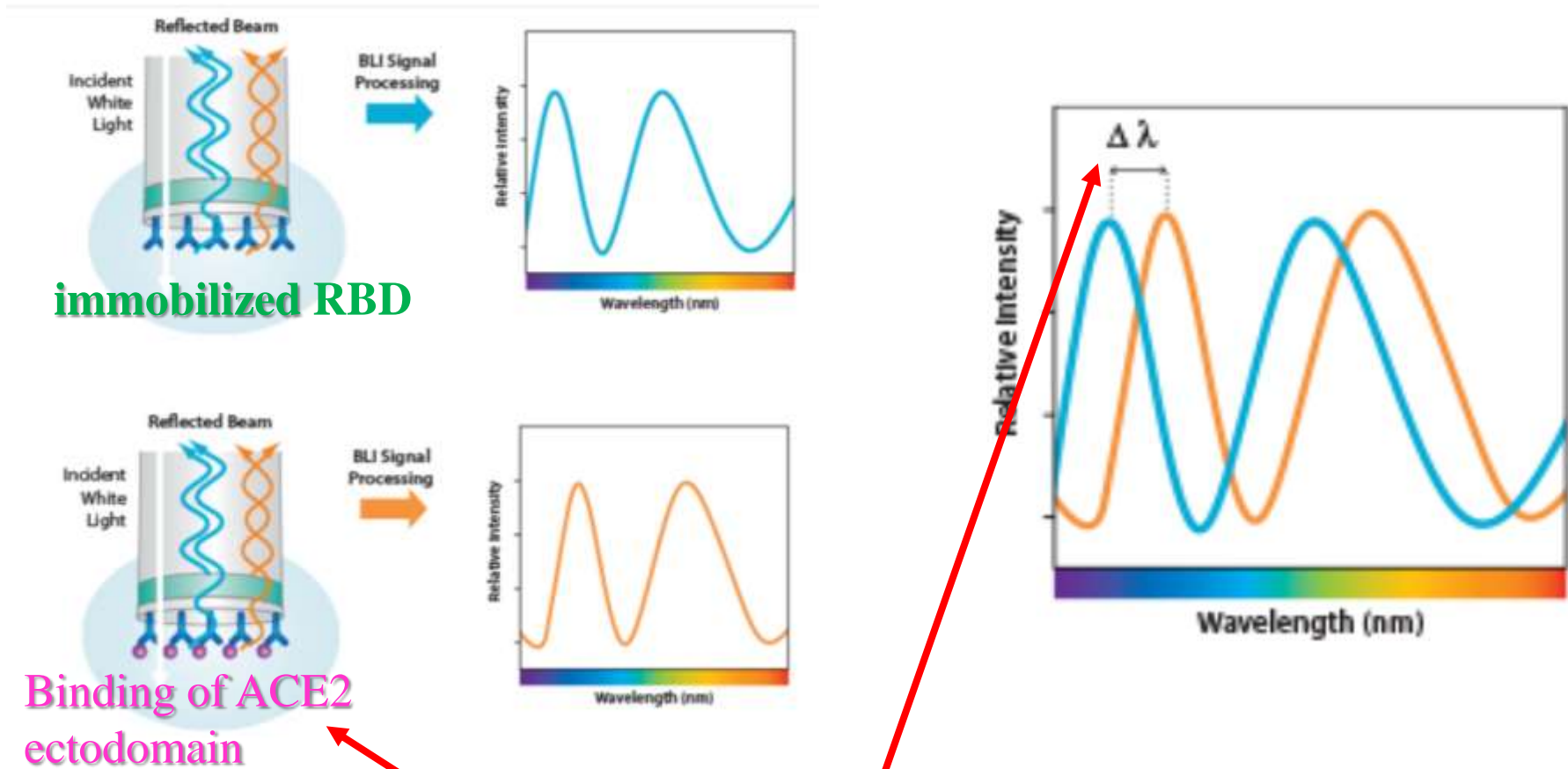
Optical analytical technique that analyzes the **interference pattern** of white light reflected from a **layer of immobilized protein** on the biosensor tip

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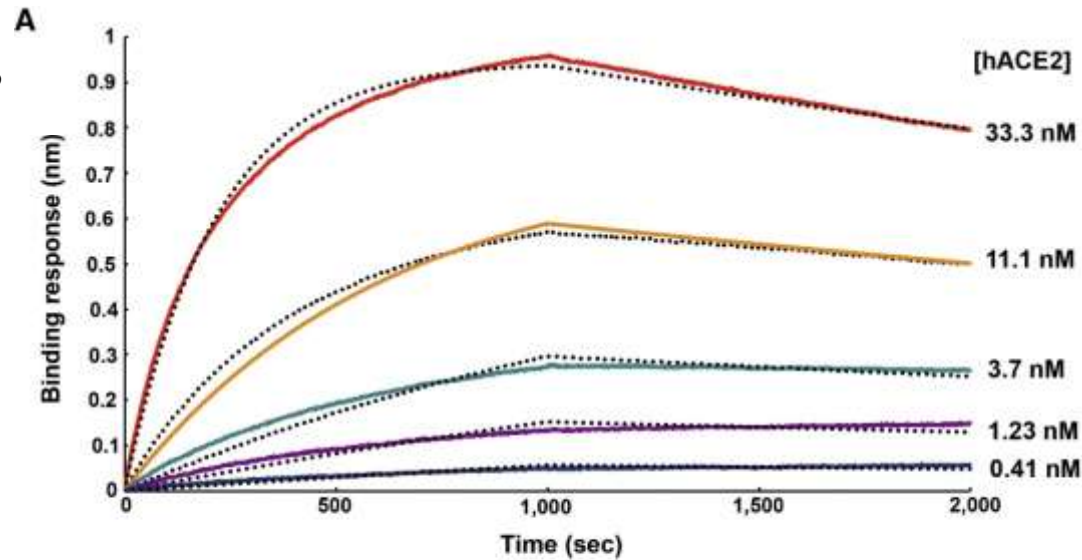


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SARS-CoV-2 S Recognizes hACE2 with **Comparable** Affinity to SARS-CoV S

SARS-CoV-2 S^B

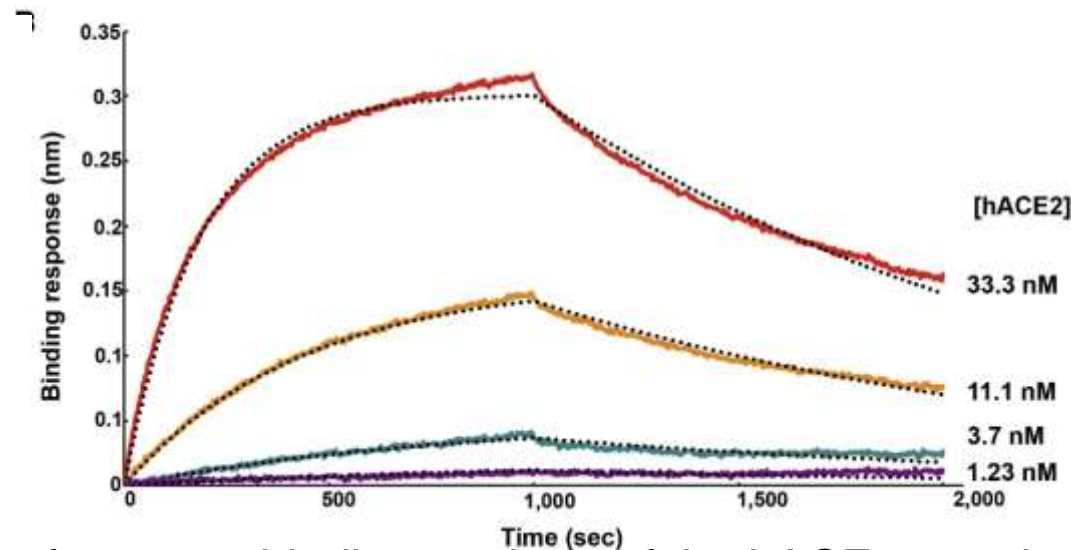
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equilibrium dissociation
Constant (KD)

1.2 nM

SARS-CoV S^B



5.0 nM

Bi-layer interferometry binding analysis of the hACE2 ectodomain to immobilized SARS-CoV-2 S^B (A) or SARS-CoV S^B (B).

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Comparazione affinità Spike-ACE2 tra coronavirus

Table 1. Kinetic Analysis of hACE2 Binding to SARS-CoV-2 S^B and SARS-CoV S^B by Biolayer Interferometry

	SARS-CoV-2 S ^B	SARS-CoV S ^B
K _D (nM)	1.2 ± 0.1	5.0 ± 0.1
k _{on} (M ⁻¹ .s ⁻¹)	1.4 × 10 ⁵ (2.3 ± 1.4 × 10 ⁵)	1.4 × 10 ⁵ (1.7 ± 0.7 × 10 ⁵)
k _{off} (s ⁻¹)	1.6 × 10 ⁻⁴ (1.7 ± 0.8 × 10 ⁻⁴)	7.1 × 10 ⁻⁴ (8.7 ± 5.1 × 10 ⁻⁴)

K_D Costante dissociazione all'equilibrio

k_{on}
k_{off} Costanti di velocita

“We found that hACE2 bound to SARS-CoV-2 S^B and SARS-CoV S^B with respective equilibrium dissociation constants of 1.2 nM and 5.0 nM, and comparable kinetic rate constants”

Sommario (in pillole) 3

- La struttura, conformazione e sequenze dello spike, e dell'interfaccia con il recettore ACE2, sono state comparate tra coronavirus in relazione alla loro affinità per il recettore ACE2.
- L'affinità dello spike per ACE2 è stata determinata con diversi metodi (**biosensori**) e comparata con quelle dei Coronavirus precedenti

Il coronavirus comparso nel 2019 **sembra essere più affine al recettore, e quindi più infettivo**

Sommario (in pillole) 3

- Gli spike dei coronavirus sono stati studiati in relazione alla loro antigenicità.

Queste informazioni aiutano lo sviluppo di vaccini,
di anticorpi per inibire il virus e per saggi immunologici

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