**INTRODUCTION:** The emergence of three lethal coronaviruses in <20 years and the urgency of the COVID-19 pandemic have prompted efforts to develop new therapeutic strategies, including by repurposing existing agents. After performing a comparative analysis of the three pathogenic human coronaviruses severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 1 (SARS-CoV-1), SARS-CoV-2, and Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV), we identified shared biology and host-directed drug targets to prioritize therapeutics with potential for rapid deployment against current and future coronavirus outbreaks.

**RATIONAL:** Expanding on our recent SARS-CoV-2 interactome, we mapped the virus-host protein-protein interactions for SARS-CoV-1 and MERS-CoV and assessed the cellular localization of each viral protein across the three strains. We conducted two genetic screens of SARS-CoV-2 interactors to prioritize functionally-relevant host factors and structurally characterized one virus-host interaction. We then tested the clinical relevance of three more host factors by assessing risk in genetic cohorts or observing effectiveness of host factor-targeting drugs in real-world evidence.

**RESULTS:** Quantitative comparison of the 389 interactors of SARS-CoV-2, 368 of SARS-CoV-1, and 296 of MERS-CoV highlighted interactions with host processes that are conserved across all three viruses, including where nonorthologous proteins from different virus strains seem to fill similar roles. We also localized each individually-expressed viral protein by microscopy and then raised and validated antisera against 14 SARS-CoV-2 proteins to determine their localization during infection.

On the basis of two independent genetic perturbation screens, we identified 73 host factors that, when deleted, caused significant changes in SARS-CoV-2 replication. From this list of potential drug targets, we validated the biological and clinical relevance of Tom70, IL17RA, PGES-2, and SigmaR1.

A 3-Å cryo-electron microscopy structure of Tom70, a mitochondrial import receptor, in complex with SARS-CoV-2 ORF9b, provides insight into how ORF9b may modulate the host immune response. Using curated genome-wide association study data, we found that individuals with genotypes corresponding to higher soluble IL17RA levels in plasma are at decreased risk of COVID-19 hospitalization.

To demonstrate the value of our data for drug repurposing, we identified SARS-CoV-2 patients who were prescribed drugs against prioritized targets and asked how they fared compared with carefully matched patients treated with clinically similar drugs that do not inhibit SARS-CoV-2. Both indomethacin, an inhibitor of host factor PGES-2, and typical antipsychotics, selected for their interaction with sigma receptors, showed effectiveness against COVID-19 compared with celecoxib and atypical antipsychotics, respectively.

**CONCLUSION:** By employing an integrative and collaborative approach, we identified conserved mechanisms across three pathogenic coronavirus strains and further investigated potential drug targets. This versatile approach is broadly applicable to other infectious agents and disease areas.

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Comparative host-coronavirus protein interaction networks reveal pan-viral disease mechanisms

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The COVID-19 pandemic, caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), is a grave threat to public health and the global economy. SARS-CoV-2 is closely related to the more lethal but less transmissible coronaviruses SARS-CoV-1 and Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV). Here, we have carried out comparative viral-human protein-protein interaction and viral protein localization analyses for all three viruses. Subsequent functional screening identified host factors that functionally impinge on coronavirus proliferation, including Tom70, a mitochondrial chaperone protein that interacts with both SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 ORF9b, an interaction we structurally characterized using cryo–electron microscopy. Combining genetically validated host factors with both COVID-19 patient genetic data and medical billing records identified molecular mechanisms and potential drug treatments that merit further molecular and clinical study.
In the past two decades, three deadly human respiratory syndromes associated with coronavirus (CoV) infections have emerged: severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in 2002, Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) in 2012, and COVID-19 in 2019. These three diseases are caused by the zoonotic coronaviruses severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 1 (SARS-CoV-1), Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV), and SARS-CoV-2 (SARS-CoV-2), respectively. Before their emergence, human coronaviruses were associated with usually mild respiratory illness. To date, SARS-CoV-2 has sickened millions and killed more than 1 million people worldwide. This unprecedented challenge has prompted widespread efforts to develop vaccine and antiviral strategies, including repurposed therapeutics, which offer the potential for treatments with known safety profiles and short development timelines. The successful repurposing of the antiviral nucleoside analog Remdesivir (Gilead) as well as the host-directed anti-inflammatory steroid dexamethasone (3) provide clear proof that existing compounds can be crucial tools in the fight against COVID-19. Despite these promising examples, there is still no curative treatment for COVID-19. Additionally, as with any virus, the search for effective antiviral strategies could be complicated over time by the continued evolution of SARS-CoV-2 and possible resulting drug resistance (4).

Current endeavors are appropriately focused on SARS-CoV-2 because of the severity and urgency of the ongoing pandemic. However, the frequency with which highly virulent coronavirus strains have emerged highlights an additional need to identify promising targets for broad coronavirus inhibitors with high barriers to resistance mutations and the potential for rapid deployment against future emerging strains. Although traditional antivirals target viral enzymes that are often subject to mutation and thus the development of drug resistance, targeting the host proteins required for viral replication is a strategy that can avoid resistance and lead to therapeutics with the potential for broad-spectrum activity because families of viruses often exploit common cellular pathways and processes.

Here, we identified shared biology and potential drug targets among the three highly pathogenic human coronavirus strains. We expanded on our recently published map of virus-host protein interactions for SARS-CoV-2 (5) and mapped the full interactomes of SARS-CoV-1 and MERS-CoV. We investigated the localization of viral proteins across strains and quantitatively compared the virus-human interactions for each virus. Using functional genetics and structural analysis of selected host-dependency factors, we identified drug targets and performed real-world analysis on clinical data from COVID-19 patients.

A cross-coronavirus study of protein function

A central goal of this study is to understand, from a systems level, the conservation of target proteins and cellular processes between SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV-1, and MERS-CoV, thereby identifying shared vulnerabilities that can be targeted with antiviral therapeutics. All three strains encode four homologous structural proteins (E, M, N, and S) and 16 nonstructural proteins (Nsp). The latter are proteolytically cleaved from a polyprotein precursor that is expressed from one large open reading frame (ORF, ORF1a) (Fig. 1A). Additionally, coronaviruses contain a variable number of accessory factors encoded by ORFs. Although the genome organization and sequence of ORF1a is mainly conserved between the three viruses under study, it diverges markedly in the region encoding the accessory factors, especially between MERS-CoV and the two SARS coronaviruses (Fig. 1, A to D, and table S2). These differences in conservation of genes and genome organization are linked to differences in host-targeting systems that we have studied through large-scale protein localization and interaction profiling (Fig. 1E). Building on our earlier work on the interactome of SARS-CoV-2 (5), we identified the host factors physically interacting with each SARS-CoV-1 and MERS-CoV viral protein. To this end, structural proteins, mature Nsps, and predicted ORF proteins were codon optimized, 2xStrep tagged, and cloned into a mammalian expression vector (figs. S1 and S2; see below and Materials and methods section). Each protein construct was transfected into HEK293T cells and affinity purified, and high-confidence interactors were identified by mass spectrometry (MS) and scored using SAINTextpress (significance analysis of interactome) and MiST (mass spectrometry interaction statistics) scoring algorithms (6, 7) (table S2 and figs. S3 to S6). Additionally, we performed MS analysis on SARS-CoV-2 Nsp16, which was not analyzed in our earlier work (3) (table S2 and fig. S7). In all, we now report 389 high-confidence interactors for SARS-CoV-2, 366 interactors for SARS-CoV-1, and 296 interactors for MERS-CoV (table S2).

Conserved coronavirus proteins often retain the same cellular localization

As protein localization can provide important information regarding function, we assessed the cellular localization of individually expressed coronavirus proteins in addition to mapping their interactions (Fig. 2A and Materials and methods). Immunofluorescence localization analysis of all 2xStrep-tagged SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV-1, and MERS-CoV proteins highlights similar patterns of localization for most shared protein homologs in HeLaM cells (Fig. 2B), which supports the hypothesis that conserved proteins share functional similarities. A notable exception is Nsp13, which appears to localize to the cytoplasm for SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV-1, but to the mitochondria for MERS-CoV (Fig. 2B, figs. S8 to S13, and table S3). To assess the localization of SARS-CoV-2 proteins in the context of infected cells, we raised antibodies against 20 SARS-CoV-2 proteins and validated them with the individually expressed 2xStrep-tagged proteins (fig. S14). Using the 14 antibodies with confirmed specificity, we observed that localization of viral proteins in infected Caco-2 cells sometimes differed from their localization when expressed individually (Fig. 2B, fig. S15, and table S3). This likely results from recruitment of viral proteins and complexes into replication compartments, as well as from remodeling of the secretory pathway during viral infection. Such differences could also result from mislocalization caused by protein tagging. For example, the localization of expressed ORF7B does not match the known SARS-CoV-1 Golgi localization seen in the infection state. For proteins such as Nsp1 and ORF3a, which are not known to be involved in viral replication, their localization is consistent both when expressed individually and in the context of viral infection (Fig. 2, C and D). We have compared the localization of the expressed viral proteins with the localization of their interaction partners using a cellular compartment gene ontology (GO) enrichment analysis (fig. S16). Several examples exist where the localization of the viral protein is in agreement with the localization of the interaction partners, including enrichment of the nuclear pore for Nsp9 interactors and endoplasmic reticulum (ER) enrichment for interactions with ORF8.

Our localization studies suggest that most orthologous proteins have the same localization across the viruses (Fig. 2B). Moreover, small changes in localization, as observed for some viral proteins across strains, do not coincide with strong changes in virus-host protein interactions (Fig. 2E). Overall, these results suggest that changes in protein localization, as measured by expressed, tagged proteins, are not common and therefore are unlikely to be a major source of differences in host-targeting mechanisms.

Comparison of host-targeted processes identifies conserved mechanisms with divergent implementations

To study the conservation of targeted host factors and processes, we first used a clustering approach (Materials and methods) to compare the overlap in protein interactions for the three viruses (Fig. 3A). We defined seven clusters of virus-host interactions corresponding to those that are specific to each virus or are shared among sets of viruses. The largest pairwise overlap was observed between SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2, with 70% identity in the clusters of the three viruses (Fig. 3B). SARS-CoV-2 and MERS-CoV have 33% identity, which is much lower than that observed for SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2. The remaining overlap to SARS-CoV-2 includes the 115 proteins that were already identified in the previous study (5). We performed a hypergeometric analysis to determine the significance of overlap between protein clusters from different viruses (Fig. 3C). The overlap is statistically significant for all virus pairs, with SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 sharing the highest number of interactions (coefficient of determination, 0.88).

The observation that SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV-1 share more interactions is in agreement with the conservation of genes and genome organization described above. In addition, SARS-CoV-2 and MERS-CoV share the largest number of interactions, which likely reflects the similarity in genome organization described above (Fig. 3A). In contrast, SARS-CoV-1 and MERS-CoV share only 17% of interactions, indicating that the two viruses differ significantly in terms of conserved mechanisms.

To identify conserved biological processes, we applied a clustering approach (Materials and methods) and compared the overlap in protein interactions (Fig. 3D). The analysis reveals that SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV-1 share the largest number of conserved processes, in agreement with the conservation of genome organization described above. In contrast, SARS-CoV-1 and MERS-CoV share only 13% of conserved processes, indicating that the two viruses differ significantly in terms of conserved biological processes.

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SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV-1, and MERS-CoV with putative protein coding genes highlighted. Intensity of filled color indicates sequence identity to specified virus. (D) Genome annotation of structural protein genes for SARS-CoV-2 (B), SARS-CoV-1 (C), and MERS-CoV (D). Color intensity indicates sequence identity to specified virus. (E) Overview of comparative coronavirus analysis. Proteins from SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV-1, and MERS-CoV were analyzed for their protein interactions and subcellular localization, and these data were integrated for comparative host interaction network analysis, followed by functional, structural, and clinical data analyses for exemplary virus-specific and pan-viral interactions. The asterisk indicates that the SARS-CoV-2 interactome was previously published in a separate study (S). SARS, both SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2; MERS, MERS-CoV; Nsp, nonstructural protein; ORF, open reading frame.

Fig. 1. Coronavirus genome annotations and integrative analysis overview. (A) Genome annotation of SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV-1, and MERS-CoV with putative protein coding genes highlighted. Intensity of filled color indicates the lowest sequence identity between SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV-1 or between SARS-CoV-2 and MERS. (B to D) Genome annotation of structural protein genes for SARS-CoV-2 (B), SARS-CoV-1 (C), and MERS-CoV (D). Color intensity indicates sequence identity to specified virus. (E) Overview of comparative coronavirus analysis. Proteins from SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV-1, and MERS-CoV were analyzed for their protein interactions and subcellular localization, and these data were integrated for comparative host interaction network analysis, followed by functional, structural, and clinical data analyses for exemplary virus-specific and pan-viral interactions. The asterisk indicates that the SARS-CoV-2 interactome was previously published in a separate study (S). SARS, both SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2; MERS, MERS-CoV; Nsp, nonstructural protein; ORF, open reading frame.

and SARS-CoV-2 (Fig. 3A), as is expected from their closer evolutionary relationship. A functional enrichment analysis (Fig. 3B and table S4) highlighted host processes that are targeted through interactions conserved across all three viruses, including ribosome biogenesis and regulation of RNA metabolism. Conserved interactions between SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2—but not MERS-CoV—were enriched in endosomal and Golgi vesicle transport (Fig. 3B). Despite the small fraction (7.1%) of interactions conserved between SARS-CoV-1 and MERS-CoV—but not SARS-CoV-2—these were strongly enriched in translation initiation and myosin complex proteins (Fig. 3B).

We next asked whether the conserved interactions were specific for certain viral proteins (Fig. 3C) and found that some proteins (M, N, Nsp7, Nsp8, and Nsp13) showed a disproportionately high fraction of shared interactions conserved across the three viruses. This suggests that the processes targeted by these proteins may be more essential and more likely to be required for other emerging coronaviruses. Such differences in conservation of interactions should be encoded, to some extent, in the degree of sequence differences. Comparing pairs of homologous proteins shared between SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV-1 or MERS-CoV, we observed a significant correlation between sequence conservation and protein-protein interaction (PPI) similarity (calculated as Jaccard index) [Fig. 3D; correlation coefficient (r) = 0.58, P = 0.0001]. This shows that the evolution of protein sequences strongly determines the divergence in virus-host interactions.

While studying the function of host proteins interacting with each virus, we noted that some shared cellular processes were targeted by different interactions across the viruses. To study this in more detail, we identified the cellular processes significantly enriched in the interactomes of all three viruses (fig. S17A and table S4) and ranked them by the degree of overlapping proteins (Fig. 3E). This identified proteins related to the nuclear envelope, proteasomal catabolism, cellular response to heat, and regulation of intracellular protein transport as biological functions that are hijacked by these viruses through different human proteins. Additionally, we found that up to 51% of protein interactions with a conserved human target occurred via a different (nonorthologous) viral protein (Fig. 3F), and, in some cases, the overlap of interactions for two nonorthologous virus baits was greater than that for the orthologous pair (Fig. 3G and fig. S17, B and C). For example, several interacting proteins of SARS-CoV-2 Nsp8 are also targeted by MERS-CoV ORF4a, and interactions of MERS-CoV ORF5 share interactors with SARS-CoV-2 ORF3a (Fig. 3G). In the case of Nsp8, we found some degree of structural homology between its C-terminal region and a predicted structural model of ORF4a (Materials and methods and fig. S17D), which is indicative of a possible common interaction mechanism.

We find that sequence differences determine the degree of changes in virus-host interactions and that often the same cellular process can be targeted by different viral or host proteins. These results suggest a degree of plasticity in
the way that these viruses can control a given biological process in the host cell.

**Quantitative differential interaction scoring identifies interactions conserved between coronaviruses**

The identification of virus-host interactions conserved across pathogenic coronaviruses provides the opportunity to reveal host targets that may remain essential for these and other emerging coronaviruses. For a quantitative comparison of each virus-human interaction from viral baits shared by all three viruses, we developed a differential interaction score (DIS). A DIS is calculated between any pair of viruses and is defined as the difference between the interaction scores ($K$) from each virus (Fig. 4A, Table S5, and Materials and methods). This kind of comparative analysis is beneficial as it permits the recovery of conserved interactions that may fall just below strict cutoffs. For each comparison, a DIS was calculated for interactions residing in certain clusters as defined in the previous analysis (see Fig. 3A). For example, for the SARS-CoV-2 to MERS-CoV comparison, a DIS was computed for interactions residing in all clusters except cluster 3, where interactions are either not found or scores were very low for both SARS-CoV-2 and MERS-CoV. A DIS of 0 indicates that the interaction is confidently shared between the two viruses being compared, whereas a DIS of +1 or −1 indicates that the host-protein interaction is specific for the virus listed first or second, respectively.

In agreement with our previous results (Fig. 3A), DIS values for the comparison between SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV-1 are enriched near zero, which indicates a high number of shared interactions (Fig. 4B, yellow). By contrast, comparing interactions from either SARS-CoV-1 or SARS-CoV-2 with MERS-CoV resulted in DIS values closer to ±1, which indicates a higher divergence (Fig. 4B, blue and green). The breakdown of DISs by homologous viral proteins reveals a high similarity of interactions for proteins N, Nsp8, Nsp7, and Nsp13 (Fig. 4C), reinforcing the observations made by overlapping thresholded interactions (Fig. 3, C and D). As the greatest dissimilarity was observed between the SARS coronaviruses and MERS-CoV, we computed a fourth DIS (SARS-MERS) by averaging $K$ from SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 before calculating the difference with MERS-CoV (Fig. 4, B and C, purple). We next created a network visualization of the SARS-MERS comparison (Fig. 4D), permitting an appreciation of SARS-specific (red; DIS near +1) versus MERS-specific (blue; DIS near −1) interactions as well as those conserved between all three coronavirus species (black; DIS near 0). SARS-specific interactions include DNA polymerase α interacting with Nsp1, stress granule regulators interacting with N protein, TLE transcription factors interacting with Nsp13, and AP2 clathrin interacting with Nsp10. Notable MERS-CoV–specific interactions include mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR) and Stat3 interacting with Nsp1; DNA damage response components p53 (TP53), MRE11, RAD50, and UBR5 interacting with Nsp14; and the activating signal cointegrator 1 (ASC-1) complex interacting with Nsp2. Interactions shared between all three coronaviruses include casein kinase II and RNA processing regulators interacting with N protein; inosine 5'-monophosphate (IMP) dehydrogenase 2 (IMPDH2) interacting with Nsp14; centrosome, protein kinase A, and TBK1 interacting with Nsp13; and the signal recognition particle, 75K small nuclear ribonucleoprotein (snRNP), exosome, and ribosome biogenesis components interacting with Nsp8 (Fig. 4D).

**Cell-based genetic screens identify SARS-CoV-2 host-dependency factors**

To identify host factors that are critical for infection and therefore potential targets for host-directed therapies, we performed genetic perturbations of 332 human proteins—331 previously identified to interact with SARS-CoV-2 proteins (5) plus ACE2—and observed their effect on infectivity. To ensure a broad coverage of potential hits, we carried out two screens in different cell lines, investigating the effects on infection: small interfering RNA (siRNA) knockdowns in A549 cells stably expressing ACE2 (A549-ACE2) (Fig. 5A) and CRISPR-based knockouts in Caco-2 cells (Fig. 5B). ACE2 was included as positive control in both screens as were nontargeting siRNAs or nontargeted Caco-2 cells as negative controls. After SARS-CoV-2 infection, effects on virus infectivity were quantified by real-time quantitative

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**Fig. 2. Coronavirus protein localization analysis.** (A) Overview of experimental design to determine localization of Strep-tagged SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV-1, and MERS-CoV proteins in HeLaM (left) or of viral proteins upon SARS-CoV-2 infection in Caco-2 cells (right). (B) Relative localization for all coronavirus proteins across viruses expressed individually (blue color bar) or in SARS-CoV-2–infected cells (colored box outlines). (C and D) Localization of Nsp1 and ORF3a expressed individually (C) or during infection (D); for representative images of all tagged constructs and viral proteins imaged during infection, see figs. S8 to S14 and fig. S15, respectively. Scale bars, 10 μm. (E) Prey overlap per bait measured as Jaccard index comparing SARS-CoV-2 versus SARS-CoV-1 (red dots) and SARS-CoV-2 versus MERS-CoV (blue dots) for all viral baits (all), viral baits found in the same cellular compartment (yes), and viral baits found in different compartments (no).
polymerase chain reaction (RT-qPCR) on cell supernatants (siRNA) or by titrating virus-containing supernatants (CRISPR) (see Materials and methods for details). Cells were monitored for viability, and knockdown or editing efficiency was determined as described (Materials and methods and fig. S18). This revealed that 93% of the genes were knocked down at least 50% in the A549-ACE2 screen, and 95% of the knockdowns exhibited a <20% decrease in viability. In the Caco-2 assay, we observed an editing efficiency of at least 80% for 89% of the genes tested (Materials and methods and fig. S18). Of the 332 human SARS-CoV-2 interactors, the
Fig. 4. Comparative differential interaction analysis reveals shared virus-host interactions. (A) Flowchart depicting calculation of DIS values using the average between the SAINT and MIST scores between every bait (i) and prey (j) to derive interaction score (k). The DIS is the difference between the interaction scores from each virus. The modified DIS (SARS-MERS) compares the average K from SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 to that of MERS-CoV (see Materials and methods). Only viral bait proteins shared between all three viruses are included. (B) Density histogram of the DISs for all comparisons. (C) Dot plot depicting the DISs of interactions from viral bait proteins shared between all three viruses, ordered left to right by the mean DIS per viral bait. (D) Virus-human PPI map depicting the SARS-MERS comparison [purple in (B) and (C)]. The network depicts interactions derived from cluster 2 (all three viruses), cluster 4 (SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2), and cluster 5 (MERS-CoV only).

Final A549-ACE2 dataset includes 331 gene knockdowns, and the Caco-2 dataset includes 286 gene knockouts, with the difference mainly owing to the removal of essential genes (Materials and methods). The readouts from both assays were then separately normalized using robust z-scores (Materials and methods), with negative and positive z-scores indicating proviral-dependency factors (perturbation leads to decreased infectivity) and antiviral host factors with restrictive activity (perturbation leads to increased infectivity), respectively. As expected, negative controls resulted in neutral z-scores (Fig. 5, C and D, and tables S6 and S7). Similarly, perturbations of the positive control ACE2 resulted in strongly negative z-scores in both assays (Fig. 5, C and D). Overall, the z-scores did not exhibit any trends related to viability, knockdown efficiency, or editing efficiency (fig. S18). With a cutoff of |z| > 2 to highlight genes that notably affect SARS-CoV-2 infectivity when perturbed, 31 and 40 dependency factors (z < -2) and 3 and 4 factors with restrictive activity (z > 2) were identified in A549-ACE2 and Caco-2 cells, respectively (Fig. 5E). Of particular interest are the host-depency factors for SARS-CoV-2 infection, which represent potential targets for drug development and repurposing. For example, non-opioid receptor sigma 1 (sigma-1, encoded by SIGMAR1) was identified as a functional host-depency factor in both cell systems, in agreement with our previous report of antiviral activity for sigma receptor ligands (5). To provide a contextual view of the genetics results, we generated a network that integrates the hits from both cell lines and the PPIs of their encoded proteins with SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV-1, and MERS-CoV proteins (Fig. 5F). Notably, we observed an enrichment of genetic hits that encode proteins interacting with viral Nsp7, which has a high degree of interactions shared across all three viruses (Fig. 3C). Prostaglandin E synthase 2 (PGES2, encoded by PTGES2), for example, is a functional interactor of Nsp7 from SARS-CoV-1, SARS-CoV-2, and MERS-CoV. Other dependency factors were specific to SARS-CoV-2, including interleukin-17 (IL-17) receptor A (IL17RA), which interacts with SARS-CoV-2 ORF8. We also identify dependency factors that are shared interactors between SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 such as the aforementioned sigma receptor 1 (SIGMAR1), which interacts with Nsp6, and the mitochondrial import receptor subunit Tom70 (TOMM70), which interacts with ORF9b. We will use these interactions to validate virus-host interactions (ORF8-IL17RA and ORF9b-Tom70), connect our systems biology data to evidence for the clinical impact of the host factors we identified (IL17RA), and analyze outcomes of COVID-19 patients treated with putative host-directed drugs against PGES-2 and sigma receptor 1.

**SARS ORF9b interacts with Tom70**

ORF9b of SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 were found to be localized to mitochondria upon overexpression as well as in SARS-CoV-2-infected cells. In line with this, the mitochondrial outer membrane protein Tom70 (encoded by TOMM70) is a high-confidence interactor of ORF9b in both SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 interaction maps (Fig. 6A), and it acts as a host-dependency factor for SARS-CoV-2 (Fig. 6B). Tom70 falls below the scoring threshold as a putative interactor of MERS-CoV Nsp2a, a viral protein not associated with mitochondria (table S2). Tom70 is one of the major import receptors in the translocase of the outer membrane (TOM) complex that recognizes and mediates the translocation of mitochondrial preproteins from the cytosol into the mitochondria in a chaperone-dependent manner (8). Additionally, Tom70 is involved in the activation of the mitochondrial antiviral signaling (MAVS) protein, which leads to apoptosis upon viral infection (9,10).

To validate the interaction between viral proteins and Tom70, we performed a coimmunoprecipitation experiment in the presence or absence of Strep-tagged ORF9b from SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 as well as Strep-tagged Nsp2 from all three coronaviruses. Endogenous Tom70—but not other translocase proteins of the outer membrane including Tom20, Tom22, and Tom40—coprecipitated only in the presence of ORF9b but not Nsp2 in both HEK293T and A549 cells, which confirms our affinity purification–mass spectrometry (AP-MS) data and suggests that ORF9b specifically interacts with Tom70 (Fig. 6C and fig. S19A). Further, upon coexpression in bacterial cells, we were able to copurify the ORF9b-Tom70 protein complex, which indicates a stable complex (Fig. 6D). We found that SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 ORF9b expressed in HeLaM cells colocalized with Tom70 (Fig. 6E) and observed that SARS-CoV-1 or SARS-CoV-2 ORF9b overexpression led to decreases in Tom70 expression (Fig. 6F, E and F). Similarly, ORF9b was found to colocalize with Tom70 on SARS-CoV-2 infection (Fig. 6G). This is in agreement with the known outer mitochondrial membrane localization of Tom70 (7) and ORF9b localization to mitochondria upon overexpression and during SARS-CoV-2 infection (Fig. 2B). We also saw decreases in Tom70 expression during SARS-CoV-2 infection (Fig. 6G) but did not see pronounced changes in expression levels of the mitochondrial protein Tom20 after individual Strep-ORF9b expression or upon SARS-CoV-2 infection (fig. S19, B and C).

**Cryo-electron microscopy structure of ORF9b-Tom70 complex reveals ORF9b interacting at the substrate binding site of Tom70**

Tom70, as part of the TOM complex, is involved in the recognition of mitochondrial preproteins from the cytosol (12). To further understand the molecular details of ORF9b-Tom70 interactions, we obtained a 3-Å cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) structure of the ORF9b-Tom70 complex (Fig. 7A and fig. S20). Notably, although purified proteins failed to interact upon attempted in vitro complex reconstitution, they yielded a stable and pure complex when coexpressed in *Escherichia coli* (Fig. 6D). This may be because of the fact that ORF9b alone purifies as a dimer (as inferred by the apparent molecular weight on size-exclusion chromatography) and would need to dissociate to interact with Tom70 on the basis of our structure. Tom70 preferentially binds preproteins with internal hydrophobic targeting sequences (23). It contains an N-terminal transmembrane domain and tetraoctapeptide...
Fig. 5. Functional interrogation of SARS-CoV-2 interactors using genetic perturbations. (A) A549-ACE2 cells were transfected with siRNA pools targeting each of the human genes from the SARS-CoV-2 interactome, followed by infection with SARS-CoV-2 and virus quantification using RT-qPCR. Cell viability and knockdown efficiency in uninfected cells was determined in parallel. (B) Caco-2 cells with CRISPR knockouts (KO) of each human gene from the SARS-CoV-2 interactome, followed by infection with SARS-CoV-2 and virus quantification using RT-qPCR. Cell viability targeting each of the human genes from the SARS-CoV-2 interactome, followed

repeat (TPR) motifs in its cytosolic segment. The C-terminal TPR motifs recognize the internal mitochondrial targeting signals (MTSs) of preproteins, and the N-terminal TPR clamp domain serves as a docking site for multi-chaperone complexes that contain preprotein (14, 15). Obtained cryo-EM density allowed us to build atomic models for residues 109 to 600 of human Tom70 and residues 39 to 76 of SARS-CoV-2 ORF9b (Fig. 7A and table S8). ORF9b makes extensive hydrophobic interactions at the pocket on Tom70 that have been implicated in its binding to MTS, with the total buried surface area at the interface being quite extensive—~2000 Å² (Fig. 7B). In addition to the mostly hydrophobic interface, four salt bridges further stabilize the interaction (Fig. 7C). On interaction with ORF9b, the interacting helices on Tom70 move inward to tightly wrap around ORF9b as compared with previously crystallized yeast Tom70 homologs (movie S1).
**Fig. 6. Interaction between ORF9b and human Tom70.** (A) ORF9b-Tom70 interaction is conserved between SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2. (B) Viral titers in Caco-2 cells after CRISPR knockout of TOMM70 or controls. (C) Coimmunoprecipitation of endogenous Tom70 with Strep-tagged ORF9b from SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2, Nsp2 from SARS-CoV-1, SARS-CoV-2, and MERS-CoV; or vector control in HEK293T cells. Representative blots of whole-cell lysates and eluates after IP are shown. (D) Size exclusion chromatography traces (10/300 S200 increase) of ORF9b alone, Tom70 alone, and coexpressed ORF9b-Tom70 complex purified from recombinant expression in E. coli. Insert shows SDS-PAGE of the complex peak indicating presence of both proteins. (E) Immunostainings for Tom70 in HeLaM cells transfected with GFP-Strep and ORF9b from SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 (left) and mean fluorescence intensity ± SD values of Tom70 in GFP-Strep and ORF9b expressing cells (normalized to nontransfected cells) (right). Scale bar, 10 μm. (F) Flag-Tom70 expression levels in total cell lysates of HEK293T cells upon titration of cotransfected Strep-ORF9b from SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2. (G) Immunostaining for ORF9b and Tom70 in Caco-2 cells infected with SARS-CoV-2 (left) and mean fluorescence intensity ± SD values of Tom70 in uninfected and SARS-CoV-2–infected cells (right). SARS2, SARS-CoV-2; SARS1, SARS-CoV-1; MERS, MERS-CoV; IP, immunoprecipitation. **P < 0.05, Student’s t test.
No structure for human Tom70 without a substrate has been reported to date, and therefore we cannot rule out the idea that the conformational differences are because of differences between homologs. However, it is possible that this conformational change upon substrate binding is conserved across homologs, as many of the Tom70 residues interacting with ORF9b are highly conserved, which likely indicates residues essential for endogenous MTS substrate recognition.

Although a previously published crystal structure of SARS-CoV-2 ORF9b revealed that it entirely consists of beta sheets [Protein Data Bank (PDB) ID: 6Z4U] (16), we observed that, upon binding Tom70 residues 52 to 68, ORF9b forms a helix (Fig. 7D). This is consistent with the fact that MTS sequences recognized by Tom70 are usually helical, and analysis with the TargetP MTS prediction server revealed a high probability for this region of ORF9b to have an MTS (Fig. 7E). This shows structural plasticity in this viral protein where, depending on the binding partner, ORF9b changes between helical and beta strand folds. Furthermore, we had previously identified two infection-driven phosphorylation sites on ORF9b, S50 and S53 (17), which map to the region on ORF9b buried deep in the Tom70 binding pocket (Fig. 7B, yellow). S53 contributes two hydrogen bonds to the interaction with Tom70 in this overall hydrophobic region. Therefore, once phosphorylated, it is likely that the ORF9b-Tom70 interaction is weakened. These residues are surface exposed in the dimeric structure of ORF9b, which could potentially allow phosphorylation to partition ORF9b between Tom70-bound and dimeric populations.

The two binding sites on Tom70—the substrate binding site and the TPR domain that recognize Hsp70 and Hsp90—are known to be conformationally coupled (18). Tom70’s interaction with a C-terminal EEVD motif of Hsp90 via the TPR domain is key for its function in the interferon pathway and induction of apoptosis on viral infection (10, 19). Whether ORF9b, by binding to the substrate recognition site of Tom70, allosterically inhibits Tom70’s interaction with Hsp90 at the TPR domain remains to be investigated; but notably we observe in our structure that R192, a key residue in the interaction with Hsp90 at the TPR, is moved out of position to interact with the EEVD sequence, which suggests that ORF9b may modulate interferon and apoptosis signaling via Tom70 (fig. S21). Alternatively, Tom70 has been described as an essential import receptor for PTEN induced kinase 1 (PINK1), and therefore the loss of mitochondrial import efficiency as a result of ORF9b binding to the Tom70 substrate binding pocket may induce mitophagy.

Fig. 7. Cryo-EM structure of ORF9b-Tom70 complex reveals ORF9b adopting a helical fold and binding at the substrate recognition site of Tom70. (A) Surface representation of the ORF9b-Tom70 structure. Tom70 is depicted as molecular surface in green, ORF9b is depicted as ribbon in orange. Region in charcoal indicates Hsp70 or Hsp90 binding site on Tom70. (B) Magnified view of ORF9b-Tom70 interactions with interacting hydrophobic residues on Tom70 indicated and shown in spheres. The two phosphorylation sites on ORF9b, S50 and S53, are shown in yellow. (C) Ionic interactions between Tom70 and ORF9b are depicted as sticks. Highly conserved residues on Tom70 making hydrophobic interactions with ORF9b are depicted as spheres. (D) Diagram depicting secondary structure comparison of ORF9b as predicted by JPred server—as visualized in our structure—or as visualized in the previously crystallized dimer structure (PDB ID: 6Z4U) (16). Pink tubes indicate helices, charcoal arrows indicate beta strands, and the amino acid sequence for the region visualized in the cryo-EM structure is shown on top. (E) Predicted probability of having an internal MTS as output by TargetP server by serially running N-terminally truncated regions of SARS-CoV-2 ORF9b. Region visualized in the cryo-EM structure (amino acids 39 to 76) overlaps with the highest internal MTS probability region (amino acids 40 to 50). MTS, mitochondrial targeting signal. Single-letter abbreviations for the amino acid residues are as follows: A, Ala; C, Cys; D, Asp; E, Glu; F, Phe; G, Gly; H, His; I, Ile; K, Lys; L, Leu; M, Met; N, Asn; P, Pro; Q, Gin; R, Arg; S, Ser; T, Thr; V, Val; W, Trp; and Y, Tyr.
Implications of the ORF8-IL17RA interaction for COVID-19

As described above, we found that IL-17 receptor A (IL17RA) physically interacts with ORF8 from SARS-CoV-2, but not SARS-CoV-1 or MERS-CoV (Fig. 5D, table S2, and Fig. 8A). Several recent studies have identified high IL-17 levels or aberrant IL-17 signaling as a correlate of severe COVID-19 (20–23). We demonstrated that the physical interaction of SARS-CoV-2 ORF8 with IL17RA occurs with or without IL-17A treatment, which suggests that signaling through the receptor does not disrupt the interaction with ORF8 (Fig. 8B). Furthermore, knockdown of IL17RA led to a significant decrease in SARS-CoV-2 viral replication in A549-ACE2 cells (Fig. 8C). These data suggest that the ORF8-IL17RA interaction modulates systemic IL-17 signaling.

One manner in which this signaling is regulated is through the release of the extracellular domain of the receptor as soluble IL17RA (sIL17RA), which acts as a decoy in circulation by soaking up IL-17A and inhibiting IL-17 signaling (24). Production of sIL17RA has been demonstrated by alternative splicing in cultured cells (25), but the mechanism by which IL17RA is shed in vivo remains unclear (26). ADAM family metalloproteinases are known to mediate the release of other interleukin receptors into their soluble form (27). We found that SARS-CoV-2 ORF8 physically interacted with both ADAM9 and ADAMTS1 in our previous study (5). We find that knockdown of ADAM9, like that of IL17RA, leads to significant decreases in SARS-CoV-2 replication in A549-ACE2 cells (Fig. 5D and table S2).

To test the in vivo relevance of sIL17RA in modulating SARS-CoV-2 infection, we leveraged a genome-wide association study (GWAS) which identified 14 single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) near the IL17RA gene that causally regulate sIL17RA plasma levels (28). We then used generalized summary-based Mendelian randomization (GSMR) (28, 29) on the curated GWAS datasets of the COVID-19 Host Genetics Initiative (COVID-HGI) (30) and observed that genotypes that predicted higher sIL17RA plasma levels were associated with lower risk of COVID-19 when compared with the population (Fig. 8D and table S9), which is seemingly consistent with our molecular data. Similar results were obtained when comparing only hospitalized COVID-19 patients to the population. However, there was no evidence of association in hospitalized versus nonhospitalized COVID-19 patients. Though the COVID-HGI dataset is underpowered and this observation needs to be replicated in other cohorts, the clinical observations, functional genetics, and clinical genetics all suggest that SARS-CoV-2 benefits from modulating IL-17 signaling. One potentially contradictory caveat is that we find high-level IL-17A treatment diminishes SARS-CoV-2 replication in A549-ACE2 cells (Fig. S22); however, IL-17 is a pleiotropic cytokine and it is likely to play multiple roles during SARS-CoV-2 infection in the context of a competent immune system.

Infectious and transmissible SARS-CoV-2 viruses with large deletions of ORF8 have arisen during the pandemic and have been associated with milder disease and lower concentrations of proinflammatory cytokines (31). Notably, compared with healthy controls, patients infected with wildtype, but not ORF8-deleted virus, had threefold elevated plasma levels of IL-17A (31). More work will be needed to understand if and how ORF8 manipulates the IL-17 signaling pathway during the course of SARS-CoV-2 infection.

Investigation of druggable targets identified as interactors of multiple coronaviruses

The identification of druggable host factors provides a rationale for drug repurposing efforts. Given the extent of the current pandemic, real-world data can now be used to study the outcome of COVID-19 patients coincidentally treated with host factor–directed, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)–approved therapeutics. Using medical billing data, we identified 738,933 patients in the United States with documented SARS-CoV-2 infection (Materials and methods). In this cohort, we probed the use of drugs against targets identified here that were shared across coronavirus strains and found to be functionally relevant in the genetic perturbation screens. In particular, we analyzed outcomes for an inhibitor of prostaglandin E synthase type 2 (PGES-2, encoded by PTGES2) and for potential ligands of sigma nonopiod receptor 1 (sigma-1, encoded by SIGMAR1), and investigated whether these patients fared better than carefully matched patients treated with clinically similar drugs without predicted anti-coronavirus activity.

PGES-2, an interactor of Nsp7 from all three viruses (Fig. 4D), is a dependency factor for SARS-CoV-2 (Fig. 5F). It is inhibited by the FDA-approved prescription nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) indomethacin. Computational docking of Nsp7 and PGES-2 to predict binding configuration showed that the dominant cluster of models localizes Nsp7 adjacent to the PGES-2–indomethacin binding site (fig. S23). However, indomethacin did not inhibit SARS-CoV-2 in vitro at reasonable antiviral concentrations (fig. S24 and table S10). A previous study also found that similarly high levels of the drug were needed for inhibition of SARS-CoV-1 in vitro, but this study still showed efficacy for indomethacin against canine coronavirus in vivo (32). This motivated
us to observe outcomes in a cohort of out-
patients with confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infec-
tion who by happenstance initiated a course of indomethacin compared with those who
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which lacks anti–PGES-2 activity. We com-
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techniques that mitigate biases that can arise in observational studies. A complete list of risk factors used for matching, which include demographic data, baseline health care utilization, comorbidities, and measures of disease severity, are found in table S11.

Among SARS-CoV-2-positive patients, new users of indomethacin in the outpatient setting were less likely than matched new users of celecoxib to require hospitalization or inpatient services [Fig. 9B; odds ratio (OR) = 0.33; 95% confidence interval (CI): 0.03 to 3.19]. The CI of our primary analysis included the null value. In sensitivity analyses, neither using the larger, risk-set–sampled cohort nor relaxing our outcome definition to include any hospital visit appreciably changed the interpretation of our findings, but it did narrow the CIs, particularly when both approaches were combined (OR = 0.25; 95% CI: 0.08 to 0.76). Although we acknowledge that this is a small, noninterventional study, it is nonetheless an example of how molecular insight can rapidly generate testable clinical hypotheses and help prioritize candidates for prospective clinical trials or future drug development.

To create larger patient cohorts, we next grouped drugs that shared activity against the same target—sigma receptors. We previously identified sigma-1 and sigma-2 as drug targets in our SARS-CoV-2–human PPI map, and multiple potent, nonselective sigma ligands were among the most promising inhibitors of SARS-CoV-2 replication in Vero E6 cells (5). As shown above, knockout and knockdown of SIGMAR1, but not of SIGMAR2 (also known as TMEM97), led to robust decreases in SARS-CoV-2 replication (fig. S24 and Fig. 5F), which suggests that sigma-1 may be a key therapeutic target. We analyzed SIGMAR1 sequences across 359 mammals and observed positive selection of several residues within beaked whale, mouse, and ruminant lineages, which may indicate a role in host-pathogen competition (fig. S25). Additionally, the sigma ligand drug amiodarone inhibited replication of SARS-CoV-1 as well as SARS-CoV-2, consistent with the conservation of the Nsp6–sigma-1 interaction across the SARS viruses (fig. S24 and Fig. 4D). We then looked for other FDA-approved drugs with reported nanomolar affinity for sigma receptors or those that fit the sigma-ligand chemotype (5, 34–41), and we selected 13 such therapeutics. We find that all are potent inhibitors of SARS-CoV-2 with half-maximal inhibitory concentration (IC50) values <10 μM, though there is a wide range in reported sigma receptor affinity with no clear correlation between sigma receptor binding affinity and antiviral activity (fig. S24D). Several clinical drug classes were represented by more than one candidate, including typical antipsychotics and antihistamines. Over-the-counter antihistamines are not well represented in medical billing data and are therefore poor candidates for real-world analysis, but users of typical antipsychotics can be easily identified in our patient cohort. By grouping these individual drug candidates by clinical indication, we were able to build a better-powered comparison.

We constructed a cohort for retrospective analysis on new, inpatient users of antipsychotics. In inpatient settings, typical and atypical antipsychotics are used similarly, most commonly for delirium. We compared the effectiveness of typical antipsychotics, which have sigma activity and antiviral effects (fig. S24E), versus atypical antipsychotics, which do not have antiviral activity (fig. S24F), for treatment of COVID-19 (Fig. 9C). Observing mechanical ventilation outcomes in inpatient cohorts is a proxy for the worsening of severe illness rather than the progression from mild disease signified by the hospitalization of indomethacin-exposed outpatients above. We again used RSS plus PS to build a robust, directly comparable cohort of inpatients (table S11). In our primary analysis, half as many of the new users of typical antipsychotics compared with the new users of atypical antipsychotics progressed to the point of requiring mechanical ventilation, demonstrating significantly lower use with an OR of 0.46 (95% CI: 0.23 to 0.93; P = 0.03; Fig. 9D). As above, we conducted a sensitivity analysis in the RSS-only cohort and observed the same trend (OR = 0.56; 95% CI: 0.31 to 1.02; P = 0.06), which emphasizes the primary result of a beneficial effect for typical versus atypical antipsychotics observed in the RSS-plus-PS–matched cohort. Although a careful analysis of the relative benefits and risks of typical antipsychotics should be undertaken before considering prospective studies or interventions, these data and analyses demonstrate how molecular information can be translated into real-world implications for the treatment of COVID-19—an approach that can ultimately be applied to other diseases in the future.

Discussion

In this study, we generated and compared three different coronavirus-human PPI maps in an attempt to identify and understand pan-coronavirus molecular mechanisms. The use of a quantitative DIS allowed for the identification of virus-specific as well as shared interactions among distinct coronaviruses. We also systematically carried out subcellular localization analysis using tagged viral proteins and antibodies targeting specific SARS-CoV-2 proteins. Our results suggest that protein localization can often differ when comparing individually expressed viral proteins with the localization of the same protein in the context of infection. This can be because of factors such as mislocation driven by tagging, changes in localization due to interaction partners, or cellular compartments that are specific to the infection state. These differences are notable caveats of virus-host interaction studies performed with tagged, expressed proteins. However, previous studies and the work performed here show how these data can be powerful for the identification of host-targeted processes and relevant drug targets.

These data were integrated with genetic data where the interactions uncovered with SARS-CoV-2 were perturbed using RNA interference (RNAi) and CRISPR in different cellular systems and viral assays—an effort that functionally connected many host factors to infection. One of these, Tom70, which we have shown binds to ORF9b from both SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2, is a mitochondrial outer membrane translocase that has been previously shown to be important for mounting an interferon response (42). Our functional data, however, show that Tom70 has at least some role in promoting infection rather than inhibiting it. Using cryo-EM, we obtained a 3-Å structure of a region of ORF9b binding to the active site of Tom70. Notably, we found that ORF9b is in a markedly different conformation than previously visualized. This suggests the possibility that ORF9b may partition between two distinct structural states, with each having a different function and possibly explaining its apparent pleiotropy. The exact details of functional significance and regulation of the ORF9b-Tom70 interaction will require further experimental elucidation. This interaction, however, which is conserved between SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2, could have value as a pan-coronavirus therapeutic target.

Finally, we attempted to connect our in vitro molecular data to clinical information available for COVID-19 patients to understand the pathophysiology of COVID-19 and explore therapeutic avenues. To this end, using GWAS datasets of the COVID-HGI (39), we observed that increased predicted sIL7RA plasma levels were associated with lower risk of COVID-19. Notably, we find that IL7RA physically binds to SARS-CoV-2 ORF8, and genetic disruption results in decreased infection. These collective data suggest that future studies should be focused on this pathway as both an indicator and therapeutic target for COVID-19. Furthermore, using medical billing data, we also observed trends in COVID-19 patients on specific drugs indicated by our molecular studies. For example, inpatients prescribed sigma-ligand typical antipsychotics appear to have better COVID-19 outcomes compared with users of atypical antipsychotics, which do not have anti-SARS-CoV-2 activity in vitro. However, we cannot be certain that the sigma receptor interaction is the mechanism underpinning this effect, as typical antipsychotics are known to bind to a multitude of cellular targets, and some atypical antipsychotics,
which lack anti–SARS-CoV-2 activity, nonetheless have reported affinity for rodent sigma receptors (table S10). Replication in other patient cohorts and further work will be needed to see whether there is therapeutic value in these connections, but we have at least demonstrated a strategy wherein protein network analyses can be used to make testable predictions from real-world clinical information.

We have described an integrative and collaborative approach to study and understand pathogenic coronavirus infection, identifying conserved targeted mechanisms that are likely to be of high relevance for other viruses of this family, some of which have yet to infect humans. We used proteomics, cell biology, virology, genetics, structural biology, biochemistry, and clinical and genomic information in an attempt to provide a holistic view of SARS-CoV-2 and other coronaviruses’ interactions with infected host cells. We propose that such an integrative and collaborative approach could and should be used to study other infectious agents as well as other disease areas.

Materials and methods

Cells

HEK293T/17 (HEK293T) cells were procured from the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Cell Culture Facility, and are available through UCSF’s Cell and Genome Engineering Core (https://cgec.ucsf.edu/cell-culture-and-banking-services). HEK293T cells were cultured in Dulbecco’s modified Eagle’s medium (DMEM) (Corning) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS) (Gibco, Life Technologies) and 1% penicillin-streptomycin (Corning) and maintained at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO₂. Short tandem repeat (STR) analysis by the Berkeley Cell Culture Facility on 8 August 2017 authenticates these as HEK293T cells with 94% probability.

HeLaM cells (RRID: CVCL_R965) were originally obtained from the laboratory of M. S. Robinson (CIMR, University of Cambridge, UK) and have been routinely tested for mycoplasma contamination. HeLaM cells were grown in DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS, 100 U/ml penicillin, 100 μg/ml streptomycin, and 2 mM glutamine at 37°C in 5% CO₂ humidified incubator.

A549 cells stably expressing ACE2 (A549-ACE2) were a gift from O. Schwartz. A549-ACE2 cells were cultured in DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS, basicficient (20 μg/ml) (Sigma) and maintained at 37°C with 5% CO₂. STR analysis by the Berkeley Cell Culture Facility on 17 July 2020 authenticates these as A549 cells with 100% probability.

Caco-2 cells (ATCC, HTB-37, RRID:CVCL_0025) were cultured in DMEM with GlutaMAX and pyruvate (Gibco, 10569010) and supplemented with 20% FBS (Gibco, 26140079). For Caco-2 cells utilized in Cas9-RNPK knockouts, STR analysis by the Berkeley Cell Culture Facility on 23 April 2020 authenticates these as Caco-2 cells with 100% probability.

Vero E6 cells were purchased from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) and thus authenticated [VERO C1008 (Vero 76, clone E6, Vero E6)] (ATCC, CRL-1586). Vero E6 cells tested negative for mycoplasma contamination. Vero E6 cells were cultured in DMEM (Corning) supplemented with 10% FBS (Gibco, Life Technologies) and 1% penicillin-streptomycin (Corning) and maintained at 37°C in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO₂.

Microbes

LOBSTER E. coli Expression Strain: LOBSTR-BL21(DE3)] Kehra no. EC1002.

Antibodies

Commercially available primary antibodies used in this study

Rabbit anti-beta-actin (Cell Signaling Technology #4967, RRID:AB_330288); mouse anti-beta tubulin (Sigma-Aldrich #T8382, RRID: AB_1844099); rabbit anti-BiP (Cell Signaling Technology #31778S, RRID:AB_219845); mouse anti-EEA1 (BD Biosciences #610457, RRID:AB_397839, used at 1:200); mouse anti-ERGIC3 (Enzo Life Sciences #ALX-504-602-C100, RRID: AB_205163, used at 1:200); anti-GM130; rabbit anti-GRP78 BiP (Abcam #Ab21685, RRID:AB_2110834); rabbit anti–SARS-CoV–nucleocapsid protein (NP) (Rockland #200-401-A50, RRID: AB_828403); rabbit anti-PDI (protein disulfide isomerase) (Cell Signaling Technology #3501, RRID:AB_2156433); mouse anti-Strep tag (Qiagen #94850, RRID:AB_2810897, used at 1:5000); mouse anti-strepMAB (IBA Life sciences #2-1507-001, used at 1:1000); rabbit anti-Strep-tag II (Abcam #ab232586); rabbit anti-Tom20 (Proteintech #11802-2-AP, RRID: AB_2207530, used at 1:1000); rabbit anti-Tom20 (Cell Signaling Technology #42406, RRID:AB_2687683); mouse anti-Tom22 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology #sc-10286, RRID:AB_1130526); rabbit anti-Tom40 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology #sc-i1414, RRID:AB_793274); mouse anti-Tom70 (Santa Cruz #sc-390545, RRID:AB_2711492, used at 1:500); Rabbit anti-STX5 (Synaptic Systems 110 053, used at 1:500); and ActinStaining Kit 647-Phalloidin (Hypernol–SARS-CoV-2 isolate Tor2 (NC_004718) and MERS-CoV (NC_019843) were downloaded from GenBank and utilized to design 2xStrep-tagged expression constructs of ORFs and protelytically mature Nsps derived from ORF1ab (with N-terminal methionines and stop codons added as necessary). Protein termini were analyzed for predicted acylation motifs, signal peptides, and transmembrane regions, and either the N or C terminus was chosen for tagging as appropriate. Finally, reading frames were codon optimized and cloned into pLVX-EFAlpha-ires-Puro (Takara/Clontech) including a 5’ Kozak motif.

Immunofluorescence microscopy of viral protein constructs

Approximately 60,000 HeLaM cells were seeded onto glass coverslips in a 12-well dish and grown overnight. The cells were transfected using 0.5 μg of plasmid DNA and either polyethylenimine (Polysciences) or FuGene HD (Promega; 1 part DNA to 3 parts transfection reagent) and grown for a further 16 hours.

Transfected cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (Polysciences) in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) at room temperature for 15 min. The fixative was removed and quenched using 0.1 M glycine in PBS. The cells were permeabilized using 0.1% saponin in PBS containing 10% FBS. The cells were stained with the indicated primary and secondary antibodies for 1 hour at room temperature. The coverslips were mounted onto microscope slides using ProLong Gold antifade reagent (ThermoFisher) and imaged using a UPlanApo 60x oil (NA 1.4) immersion objective on a Olympus BX61 motorized wide-field epifluorescence microscope. Images were captured using a Hamamatsu Orca monochrome camera and processed using ImageJ.

To gain insight into the intracellular distribution of each Strep-tagged construct, ~100 cells per transfection were manually scored. Each construct was assigned an intracellular distribution in relation to the plasma membrane, ER, Golgi, cytoplasm, and mitochondria (scored out of 7). Many of the constructs
had several localizations so this was also reflected in the scoring. The scoring also took into account the impact of expression level on the localization of the constructs.

**Meta-analysis of immunofluorescence data**

We first sorted the data concerning viral protein location for all Streptagged viral proteins expressed individually in three heatmaps (one per virus) using a custom R script (“heatmap” package). The information concerning protein localization during SARS-CoV-2 infection was added as a square border color code in the first heatmap, to compare the two different localization patterns. To compare the predicted versus the experimentally determined locations, for each protein we took the top scoring sequence-based localization prediction from DeepLoc (43) if the score was >1. When more than one localization can be assigned to the same protein, we took as many top scoring ones as experimentally assigned localizations we had for the same protein. Finally, for each cell compartment, we count the number of experimentally assigned viral proteins and the subset of them predicted to that same compartment as correct predictions. To compare changes in protein interactions with changes in protein localization (Strep-tagged experiment versus sequence-based prediction), we calculated the Jaccard index of prey overlap for each viral protein (SARS-CoV-2 versus SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 versus MERS-CoV) and plotted them together, for proteins with the same localization and for proteins with different localization.

**Generation of polyclonal sheep antibodies targeting SARS-CoV-2 proteins**

Sheep were immunized with individual N-terminal glutathione S-transferase (GST)-tagged SARS-CoV-2 recombinant proteins or N-terminal maltose binding protein (MBP)-tagged proteins (for SARS-CoV-2 S, S-RBD, and ORF7a), followed by up to five booster injections 4 weeks apart from each other. Sheep were subsequently bled and IgGs were affinity purified 4 weeks apart from each other. Sheep were sub-followed by up to five booster injections (SARS-CoV-2 S, S-RBD, and ORF7a), MERS-CoV baits, green fluorescent protein (GFP)–2xStrep, or empty vector controls, produced at 37°C for 30 min, alkylated in the dark with 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0 used to rinse beads –Strep tag affinity purification

Anti–Strep tag affinity purification

Frozen cell pellets were thawed on ice for 15 to 20 min and suspended in 1 ml lysis buffer [immunoprecipitation (IP) buffer (50 mM tris-HCl, pH 7.4 at 4°C; 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA) supplemented with 0.5% Nonidet P 40 Substitute (NP-40; Fluka Analytical) and Complete mini EDTA-free protease and PhosSTOP phosphatase inhibitor cocktails (Roche)]. Samples were then freeze-fractured by refreezing on dry ice for 10 to 20 min, then thawed and incubated on a tube rotator for 30 min at 4°C. Debris was pelleted by centrifugation at 13,000 × g, at 4°C for 15 min. Up to 56 samples were arrayed into a 96-well Deepwell plate for affinity purification on the KingFisher Flex Purification System (Thermo Scientific) as follows: MagStrep “type3” beads (30 µl; IBA Lifesciences) were equilibrated twice with 1 ml wash buffer (IP buffer supplemented with 0.05% NP-40) and incubated with 0.95 ml lysate for 2 hours. Beads were washed three times with 1 ml wash buffer and then once with 1 ml IP buffer. Beads were released into 75 µl denaturation-reduction buffer [2 M urea, 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 1 mM dithiotheritol (DTT)] in advance of on-bead digestion. All automated protocol steps were performed at 4°C using the slow mix speed and the following mix times: 30 s for equilibration and wash steps, 2 hours for binding, and 1 min for final bead release. Three 10-s bead collection times were used between all steps.

**On-bead digestion for affinity purification**

Bead-bound proteins were denatured and reduced at 37°C for 30 min, alkylated in the dark with 3 mM iodoacetamide for 45 min at room temperature, and quenched with 3 mM DTT for 10 min. To offset evaporation, 22.5 µl 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0 were added before trypsin digestion. Proteins were then incubated at 37°C, initially for 4 hours with 1.5 µl trypsin (0.5 µg/µl; Promega) and then another 1 to 2 hours with 0.5 µl additional trypsin. All steps were performed with constant shaking at 1100 rpm on a ThermoMixer C incubator. Resulting peptides were combined with 50 µl 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0 used to rinse beads and acidified with trifluoroacetic acid (0.5% final, pH < 2.0). Acidified peptides were desalted for MS analysis using a BioPureSPE Mini 96-Well Plate (20 mg PROTO 300 C18; The Nest Group, Inc.) according to standard protocols.

**MS operation and peptide search**

Samples were resuspended in 4% formic acid, 2% acetonitrile solution, and separated by a reversed-phase gradient over a nanoflow C18 column (Dr. Maisch). HPLC buffer A was composed of 0.1% formic acid, and HPLC buffer B was composed of 80% acetonitrile in 0.1% formic acid. Peptides were eluted by
a linear gradient from 7 to 36% B over the course of 52 min, after which the column was washed with 95% B and re-equilibrated at 2% B. Each sample was directly injected by means of an Easy-nLC 1200 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) into a Q-Exactive Plus mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and analyzed with a 75-min acquisition, with all MS1 and MS2 spectra collected in the orbitrap; data were acquired using the Thermo software Xcalibur (4.2.47) and Tune (2.11 QF1 Build 3006). For all acquisitions, QCloud was used to control instrument longitudinal performance during the project (44). All proteomic data were searched against the human proteome (uniprot reviewed sequences downloaded 28 February 2020), enhanced green fluorescent protein (EGFP) sequence, and the SARS-CoV or MERS protein sequences using the default settings for MaxQuant (version 1.6.12.0) (45). Detected peptides and proteins were filtered to 1% false discovery rate in MaxQuant. All MS raw data and search results files have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE partner repository with the dataset (PXD identifier PXD021588).

High-confidence protein interaction scoring

Identified proteins were then subjected to PPI scoring with both SAINTexpress (version 3.6.3) and MiST (https://github.com/kroganlab/mist) (6, 7). We applied a two-step filtering strategy to determine the final list of reported interactors, which relied on two different scoring stringency cut-offs. In the first step, we chose all protein interactions that had a MiST score ≥0.7, a SAINTexpress Bayesian false-discovery rate (BFDR) ≤0.05, and an average spectral count ≥2. For all proteins that fulfilled these criteria, we extracted information about the stable protein complexes that they participated in from the CORUM (46) database of known protein complexes. In the second step, we then relaxed the stringency and recovered additional interactors that (i) formed complexes with interactors determined in filtering step 1 and (ii) fulfilled the following criteria: MiST score ≥0.6, SAINTexpress BFDR ≤0.05, and average spectral counts ≥2. Proteins that fulfilled filtering criteria in either step 1 or step 2 were considered to be high-confidence protein-protein interactions (HC-PPIs).

Using this filtering criteria, nearly all of our baits recovered a number of HC-PPIs in close alignment with previous datasets reporting an average of around six PPIs per bait (47). However, for a subset of baits, we observed a much higher number of PPIs that passed these filtering criteria. For these baits, the MiST scoring was instead performed using a larger in-house database of 87 baits that were prepared and processed in an analogous manner to this SARS-CoV-2 dataset. This was done to provide a more comprehensive collection of baits for comparison, to minimize the classification of nonspecifically binding background proteins as HC-PPIs. This was performed for SARS-CoV-1 baits (M, Nsp12, Nsp13, Nsp8, and ORF7b), MERS-CoV baits (Nsp13, Nsp2, and ORF4a), and SARS-CoV-2 Nsp16. SARS-CoV-2 Nsp16 MiST was scored using the in-house database as well as all previous SARS-CoV-2 data (5).

Hierarchical clustering of virus-human protein interactions

Hierarchical clustering was performed on interactions for (i) viral bait proteins shared across all three viruses and (ii) passed the high-confidence scoring criteria (MiST score ≥0.6, SAINTexpress BFDR ≤0.05, and average spectral counts ≥2) in at least one virus. We clustered using a new interaction score (K), which we defined as the average between the MiST and SAINT score for each virus-human interaction. This was done to provide a single score that captured the benefits from each scoring method. Clustering was performed using the ComplexHeatmap package in R, using the “average” clustering method and “euclidean” distance metric. K-means clustering (k = 7) was applied to capture all possible combinations of interaction patterns between viruses.

GO enrichment analysis on clusters

Sets of genes found in seven clusters were tested for enrichment of GO terms, which was performed using the enricher function of clusterProfiler package in R (48). The GO terms were obtained from the C5 collection of Molecular Signature Database (MSigDBv7.1) and include biological process, cellular component, and molecular function ontologies. Significant GO terms were identified (adjusted P ≤ 0.05) and further refined to select nonredundant terms. To select nonredundant gene sets, we first constructed a GO term tree based on distances (1 – Jaccard similarity coefficients of shared genes) between the significant terms. The GO term tree was cut at a specific level (h = 0.99) to identify clusters of nonredundant gene sets. For results with multiple significant terms belonging to the same cluster, we selected the term with the lowest adjusted P value.

Sequence similarity analysis

Protein sequence similarity was assessed by comparing the protein sequences from SARS-CoV-1 and MERS-CoV to SARS-CoV-2 for orthologous viral bait proteins. The corresponding PPI similarity was represented by a Jaccard index, using the high-confidence interactomes for each virus.

GO enrichment and PPI similarity analysis

The high-confidence interactors of the three viruses were tested for enrichment of GO terms as described above. We then identified GO terms that are significantly enriched (adjusted P value < 0.05) in all three viruses. For each enriched term, we generated the list of its associated genes and computed the Jaccard index of pairwise comparisons of the three viruses.

Orthologous versus nonorthologous interactions analysis

For a given pair of viruses, we identified all pairs of baits that share interactors and categorized these into orthologous and nonorthologous groups on the basis of whether the two baits were orthologs or not. We then summed up the total number of shared interactors in each group to calculate the corresponding fractions. This was performed for all pairwise combinations of the three viruses.

Structural modeling and comparison of MERS-CoV ORF4a and SARS-CoV-2 Nsp8

To obtain a sensitive sequence comparison between MERS-CoV ORF4a and SARS-CoV-2 Nsp8, we took into consideration their homologs. We first searched for homologs of these proteins in the UniRef50 database using hibbits (1 iteration, E-value cutoff 1 × 10−5) (49). Subsequently, the resulting alignments were filtered to include only sequences with at least 80% coverage to the corresponding query sequence, and hidden Markov models (HMMs) were created using hmmake. Finally, the HMMs of ORF4a and Nsp8 homologs were locally aligned using hhalign. The structure of ORF4a was predicted de novo using trRosetta (50). To provide greater coverage than that provided by experimental structures, SARS-CoV-2 Nsp8 was modeled using the structure of its SARS-CoV homolog as template (PDB ID: 2AHM) (51) using SWISS-MODEL (52). To check local structural similarities between ORF4a and Nsp8, we used Geometricus, a structure embedding tool based on three-dimensional (3D) rotation invariant moments (53). This generates so-called shape-mers, analogous to sequence k-mers. The structures were fragmented into overlapping k-mers on the basis of the sequence (k = 20) and into overlapping spheres surrounding each residue (radius = 15 Å). To ensure that the similarities found between these distinct structures were significant, we used a high resolution of 7 to define the shape-mers. This resulted in the identification of four different shape-mers common to ORF4a and Nsp8. We aligned the entire ORF4a structure with residues 96 to 191 of the Nsp8 structure (i.e., after removal of the long N-terminal helix) using the Caretta structural alignment algorithm (54), using 3D rotation invariant moments (53) for initial superposition. We optimized parameters to maximize the Caretta score. The resulting alignment used k = 30, radius = 16 Å, gap open penalty = 0.05, gap extend penalty = 0.005,
and had a root mean square deviation (RMSD) of 7.6 Å across 66 aligning residues.

DIS analysis
We computed a DIS for interactions that (i) originated from viral bait proteins shared across all three viruses and (ii) passed the high-confidence scoring criteria (see above) in at least one virus. We defined the DIS to be the difference between the interaction scores (K) from each virus. A DIS near 0 indicates that the interaction is confidently shared between the two viruses being compared, whereas a DIS near -1 or +1 indicates that the host-protein interaction is specific for one virus or the other. We computed a fourth DIS (SARS-MERS) by averaging K from SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 before calculating the difference with MERS-CoV. Here, a DIS near +1 indicates SARS-specific interactions (shared between SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 but absent in MERS-CoV), a DIS near -1 indicates MERS-specific interactions (present in MERS-CoV and absent or lowly confident in both SARS-CoVs), and a DIS near 0 indicates interactions shared between all three viruses.

For each pairwise virus comparison, as well as the SARS-MERS comparison, the DIS was defined on the basis of cluster membership of interactions (Fig. 3A). For the SARS2-SARS1 comparison, interactions from every cluster except 5 were used, as those interactions are considered absent from both SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV-1. For the SARS2-MERS comparison, interactions from all clusters except 6 were used. For the SARS1-MERS comparison, only interactions from clusters 2, 4, and 5 were used.

Network generation and visualization
PPI networks were generated in Cytoscape (53) and subsequently annotated using Adobe Illustrator. Host-host physical interactions, protein complex definitions, and biological process groupings were derived from CORUM (46), GO (biological process), and manually curated from literature sources. All networks were deposited in NDEX (36).

siRNA library and transfection in A549-ACE2 cells
An OnTargetPlus siRNA SMARTpool library (Horizon Discovery) was purchased targeting 331 of the 332 human proteins previously identified to bind SARS-CoV-2 (5) (PDE4DIP was not available for purchase and was excluded from the assay). This library was arrayed in a 96-well format, with each plate also including two nontargeting siRNAs and one siRNA pool targeting ACE2 (table S12). The siRNA library was transfected into A549 cells stably expressing ACE2 (A549-ACE2, provided by O. Schwartz), using Lipofectamine RNAiMAX reagent (Thermo Fisher). Briefly, 6 pmol of each siRNA pool was mixed with 0.25 µl RNAiMAX transfection reagent and OptiMEM (Thermo Fisher) in a total volume of 20 µl. After a 5 min incubation period, the transfection mix was added to cells seeded in a 96-well format. Twenty-four hours after transfection, the cells were subjected to SARS-CoV-2 infection, as described in the section Viral infection and quantitation assay in A549-ACE2 cells, or incubated for 72 hrs to assess cell viability using the CellTiter-Glo luminescent viability assay according to the manufacturer's protocol (Promega). Luminescence was measured in a Tecan Infinity 2000 plate reader, and percentage viability calculated relative to untreated cells (100% viability) and cells lysed with 20% ethanol or 4% formalin (0% viability), included in each experiment.

Viral infection and quantification assay in A549-ACE2 cells
Cells seeded in a 96-well format were inoculated with a SARS-CoV-2 stock (BetaCoV/ France/ID0372/2020 strain, generated and propagated once in Vero E6 cells and a gift from the National Reference Centre for Respiratory Viruses at Institut Pasteur, Paris, originally supplied through the European Virus Archive goes Global platform) at a MOI of 0.1 PFU per cell. After a 1-hour incubation period at 37°C, the virus inoculum was removed, and replaced by DMEM containing 2% FBS (Gibco, Thermo Fisher). Seventy-two hours postinfection, the cell culture supernatant was collected, heat inactivated at 95°C for 5 min, and used for RT-qPCR analysis to quantify viral genomes present in the supernatant. Briefly, SARS-CoV-2–specific primers targeting the N gene region: 5′-TAACTGACAAAGGACT-GATTA-3′ (forward) and 5′-CGAAGGTTGACTCTTCATTG-3′ (reverse) (57) were used with the Luna Universal One-Step RT-qPCR Kit (New England Biolabs), using the gene-specific PCR primers and glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (GAPDH) as a housekeeping gene. The following cycling conditions were used in an Applied Biosystems QuantStudio 6 thermocycler: 55°C for 10 min, 95°C for 1 min, and 40 cycles of 95°C for 10 s, followed by 60°C for 1 min. The fold change in gene expression for each gene was derived using the 2-ΔΔCT, (2 (Delta Delta CT) method (58), normalized to the constitutively expressed housekeeping gene GAPDH. Relative changes were generated comparing the control siRNA knockdown transfected cells to the cells transfected with each siRNA.

Single guide RNA selection for Cas9 knockout screen
Single guide RNAs (sgRNAs) were designed according to Synthego’s multiguide gene knock- out (59). Briefly, two or three sgRNAs are bioinformatically designed to work in a co-operative manner to generate small, knockout-causing, fragment deletions in early exons (fig. S18). These fragment deletions are larger than standard indels generated from single guides. The genomic repair patterns from a multiguide approach are highly predictable on the basis of the guide spacing and design constraints to limit off-targets, resulting in a higher probability protein knockout phenotype (table S14).

sgRNA synthesis for Cas9 knockout screen
RNA oligonucleotides were chemically synthesized on Synthego solid-phase synthesis platform, using CPG solid support containing a universal linker: 5'-benzylthio-1H-tetrazole (BTT, 0.25 M solution in acetonitrile) was used for coupling [3'-O-dimethylamino-3'-O-methyl analogs and 3'-O-dimethylamino-3'-O-dithiazole-4-thione (DdT, 0.1 M solution in pyridine)] was used for thiolation, dichloroacetic acid (DCA, 3% solution in toluene) was used for detritylation. Modified sgRNA were chemically synthesized to contain 2'-O-methyl analogs and 3' phosphorylative nucleotide interlinkages in the terminal three nucleotides at both 5' and 3' ends of the RNA molecule. After synthesis, oligonucleotides were subject to a series of deprotection steps, followed by purification by solid-phase extraction (SPE). Purified oligonucleotides were analyzed by electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-MS).

Arrayed knockout generation with Cas9-RNPs
For Caco-2 transfection, 10 pmol Streptococcus Pyogenes NLS-Sp.Cas9-NLS (SpCas9) nuclease (Aldevron; 9212) was combined with 30 pmol total synthetic sgRNA (10 pmol each sgRNA, Synthego) to form ribonucleoproteins (RNPs) in 20 µl total volume with SF Buffer (Lonzal V5SC2002) and allowed to complex at room temperature for 10 min. All cells were dissociated into single cells using TrypLE Express (Gibco), resuspended in
Quantification of arrayed knockout efficiency

Two days after nucleofection, genomic DNA was extracted from cells using DNA Quick-Extract (Lucigen, #QE09050). Briefly, cells were lysed by removal of the spent media followed by addition of 40 μl of QuickExtract solution to each well. Once the QuickExtract DNA Extraction Solution was added, the cells were scraped off the plate into the buffer. After transfer to compatible plates, DNA extraction was then incubated at 68°C for 15 min followed by 95°C for 10 min in a thermocycler before being stored for downstream analysis.

Amplions for indel analysis were generated by PCR amplification with NEBNext polymerase (NEB, #M0541) or AmpliTaq Gold 360 polymerase (Thermo Fisher Scientific, #4398881) according to the manufacturer’s protocol. The primers were designed to create amplions between 400 and 800 base pairs (bp), with both primers at least 100 bp from any of the sgRNA target sites (table S15). PCR products were cleaned-up and analyzed by Sanger sequencing (Genewiz). Sanger data files and sgRNA target sequences were input into Inference of CRISPR Edits (ICE) analysis (ice.synthego.com) to determine editing efficiency and to quantify generated indels (60). Percentage of alleles edited is expressed as an ice-d score. This score is a measure of how discordant the sanger trace is before versus after the edit. It is a simple and robust estimate of editing efficiency in a pool, especially suited to highly disruptive editing techniques like multiplex.

Identification of essential genes for siRNA and Cas9 knockout screen

We used longitudinal imaging in A549 cells to assess cell viability (fig. S18). For benchmarking, relative cell viability was measured by CellTiter-Glo Luminescent Cell Viability Assay (Promega; G7571) as per manufacturer’s instructions. Briefly, two passages postnucleofection A549 siRNA pools cultured in 96-well tissue-culture treated plates (Corning, #3595) were lysed in the CellTiter-Glo reagent, by removing spent media and adding 100 μl of the CellTiter-Glo reagent containing the CellTiter-Glo buffer and CellTiter-Glo Substrate. Cells were placed on an orbital shaker for 2 min on a SpectraMax iD5 (Molecular Devices) and then incubated in the dark at room temperature for 10 min. Completely lysed cells were pipetted mixed and 25 μl were transferred to a 384-well assay plate (Corning, #3542). The luminescence was recorded on a SpectraMax iD5 (Molecular Devices) with an integration time of 0.25 s per well. Luminescence readings were all normalized to the without-sgRNA control condition.

To determine cell viability in Caco-2 knockouts we used longitudinal imaging (fig. S18). All gene knockout pools were maintained for a minimum of six passages to determine the effect of loss of protein function on cell fitness before viral infection. Viability was determined through longitudinal imaging and automated image analysis using a Celigo Imaging Cytometer (Celigo). Each gene knockout pool was split in triplicate wells on separate plates. Every day, except the day of seeding, each well was scanned and analyzed using built-in Confluence imaging parameters using autoexposure and autofocus with an offset of ~45 μm. Analysis was performed with standard settings except for an intensity threshold setting of 8. Confluency was averaged across three wells and plotted over time. Viability genes were determined as pools that, after six passages, remained <20% confluent 5 days after seeding. Genes deemed essential were excluded from the knockout screen.

Cells, virus, and infections for Caco-2 Cas9 knockout screen

Wild-type and CRISPR-edited Caco-2 cells were grown at 37°C, 5% CO₂ in DMEM, 10% FBS. SARS-CoV-2 stocks were grown and titered on Vero E6 cells as described previously (61). Wild-type and CRISPR-edited Caco-2 cell lines were infected with SARS-CoV-2 at a MOI of 0.01 in DMEM supplemented with 2% FBS. Seventy-two hours postinfection, supernatants were harvested and stored at ~80°C and the Caco-2 wild-type (WT) and CRISPR knockout (KO) cells were fixed with 10% neutral buffered formalin (NBF) for 1 hour at room temperature to enable further analysis.

Focus-forming assay for Caco-2 Cas9 knockout screen

Vero E6 cells were plated into 96-well plates at confluence (50,000 cells per well) in DMEM supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated FBS (Gibco). Before infection, supernatants from infected Caco-2 WT and CRISPR KO cells were thawed and serially diluted from 10⁻¹ to 10⁻⁸. Growth media was removed from the Vero E6 cells and 40 μl of each virus dilution was plated. After 1 hour of adsorption at 37°C, 5% CO₂, 40 μl of 2.4% microcrystalline cellulose (MCC) overlay supplemented with DMEM powdered media (Gibco) to a concentration of 1x was added to each well of the 96-well plate to achieve a final MCC overlay concentration of 1.2%. Plates were then incubated at 37°C, 5% CO₂ for 24 hours. The MCC overlay was gently removed and cells were fixed with 10% NBF for 1 hour at room temperature. After removal of NBF, monolayers were washed with ultrapure water and ice-cold 100% methanol/0.3% H₂O₂ was added for 30 min to permeabilize the cells and quench endogenous peroxidase activity. Monolayers were then blocked for 1 hour in PBS with 5% nonfat dry milk (NFDM). After blocking, monolayers were incubated with SARS-CoV N primary antibody (Novus Biologicals; NB100-65676; 1:2000) for 1 hour at room temperature in PBS, 5% NFDM. Monolayers were washed with PBS and incubated with an HRP-conjugated secondary antibody for 1 hour at room temperature in PBS with 5% NFDM. Secondary antibody was removed, monolayers were washed with PBS, and then developed using TrueBlue substrate (KPL) for 30 min. Plates were imaged on a Bio-Rad Chemidoc utilizing a phosphorscreen and foci were counted by eye to calculate focus-forming units per ml (FFU/ml) for each knockout. The original formalin-fixed Caco-2 WT and CRISPR KO cells were stained with DAPI (Thermo Scientific) and imaged on a Cytation 5-plate reader to determine cell viability. Wells containing no cells were excluded from further analyses.

Quantitative analysis and scoring of knockdown and knockout library screens

Virus readout by qPCR (A549-ACE2, expressed as plaque-forming units per milliliter) and focus-forming assay readouts (Caco-2, focus-forming units per milliliter) were processed using the RNAither package (www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/RNAither.html) in the statistical computing environment R. The two datasets were normalized separately, using the following method. The readouts were first log transformed (natural logarithm), and robust z-scores [using median and MAD (median absolute deviation) instead of mean and standard deviation] were then calculated for each 96-well plate separately. z-scores of multiple replicates of the same perturbation were averaged into a final z-score for presentation in Fig. 5. No filtering was done on the basis of differences in replicate z-scores, but all replicate scores are individually listed in tables S6 and S7. We suggest consulting the replicate z-scores for all genes and perturbations of interest. The A549-ACE2 siRNA screen includes three replicates (or more) of each perturbation, and the Caco-2 CRISPR screen includes two replicates (or more) of each perturbation. The results from the A549-ACE2 screen cover all 322 screened genes (331 SARS-CoV-2 interactors plus ACE2). The results from the
Antiviral drug and cytotoxicity assays (A549-ACE2 cells)

In total, 2500 A549-ACE2 cells were seeded into 96- or 384-well plates in DMEM (10% FBS) and incubated for 24 hours at 37°C, 5% CO₂. Two hours before infection, the media was replaced with 120 µl (96-well format) or 50 µl (384-well format) of DMEM (2% FBS) containing the compound of interest at the indicated concentration. At the time of infection, the media was replaced with virus inoculum (MOI 0.1 PFU per cell) and incubated for 1 hour at 37°C, 5% CO₂. After the adsorption period, the inoculum was removed, replaced with 120 µl (96-well format) or 50 µl (384-well format) of drug-containing media, and cells were incubated for an additional 72 hours at 37°C, 5% CO₂. At this point, the cell culture supernatant was harvested, and viral load was assessed by RT-qPCR (as described in the section Viral infection and quantification assay in A549-ACE2 cells). Viability was assessed using the CellTiter-Glo assay following the manufacturer’s protocol (Promega). Luminescence was measured in a Tecan Infinity 2000 plate reader, and percentage viability calculated relative to untreated cells (100% viability) and cells lysed with 20% ethanol or 4% formalin (0% viability), included in each experiment.

Antiviral drug and cytotoxicity assays (Vero E6 cells)

Viral growth and cytotoxicity assays in the presence of inhibitors were performed as previously described (5). In total, 2000 Vero E6 cells were seeded into 96-well plates in DMEM (10% FBS) and incubated for 24 hours at 37°C, 5% CO₂. Two hours before infection, the medium was replaced with 100 µl of DMEM (2% FBS) containing the compound of interest at concentrations 50% greater than those indicated, including a DMSO control. SARS-CoV-2 virus (100 PFU; MOI 0.025) was added in 50 µl of DMEM (2% FBS), bringing the final compound concentration to those indicated. Plates were then incubated for 48 hours at 37°C. After infection, supernatants were removed, and cells were fixed with 4% formaldehyde for 24 hours before being removed from the BSL3 facility. The cells were then immunostained for the viral NP protein (rabbit antisera produced in the Garcia-Sastre laboratory; 1:10,000) with a DAPI counterstain. Infected cells (488 nm) and total cells (DAPI) were quantified using a Celigo (Nexcelom) imaging cytometer. Infectivity is measured by the accumulation of viral NP protein in the nucleus of the cells (fluorescence accumulation). Percent infection was quantified as [(number of infected cells / total cells) – background] × 100, and the DMSO control was then set to 100% infection for analysis. The IC₅₀ and IC₉₀ for each experiment were determined using the Prism (GraphPad Software) software. Cytotoxicity measurements were performed using the MTT assay (Roche), according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Cytotoxicity was performed in uninfected Vero E6 cells with same compound dilutions and concurrent with viral replication assay. All assays were performed in biologically independent triplicates. Sources for all drugs tested may be found in table S10.

Coimmunoprecipitation assays for ORF9b and Tom70

HEK293T and A549 cells were transfected with the indicated mammalian expression plasmids using Lipofectamine 2000 (Invitrogen) and TransIT-X2 (Mirus Bio), respectively. Twenty-four hours after transfection, cells were harvested and lysed in NP-40 lysis buffer (0.5% Nonidet P 40 Substitute (NP-40); Fluka Analytical), 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.4 at 4°C, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA supplemented with cOmplete mini EDTA-free protease and PhosSTOP phosphatase inhibitor cocktails (Roche). Clarified cell lysates were incubated with Streptactin Sepharose beads (IBA) for 2 hours at 4°C, followed by five washes with NP-40 lysis buffer. Protein complexes were eluted in the SDS loading buffer and were analyzed by Western blotting with the indicated antibodies.

Quantification of Tom70 down-regulation in HeLaM cells overexpressing ORF9b

HeLaM cells were transiently transfected with plasmids encoding GFP-Strep, SARS-CoV-1 ORF9b-Strep, or SARS-CoV-2 ORF9b-Strep. The next day, the cells were fixed using 4% paraformaldehyde and immunostained with antibodies against Streptacitin, Sepharose beads (IBA) for 2 hours at 4°C, followed by five washes with NP-40 lysis buffer. Protein complexes were eluted in the SDS loading buffer and were analyzed by Western blotting with the indicated antibodies.

Quantification of Tom70 down-regulation in infected Caco-2 cells

Caco-2 cells were seeded on glass coverslips in triplicate and infected with SARS-CoV-2 at a MOI of 0.1 as described above. At 24 hours postinfection, cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde and immunostained with antibodies against Tom70, Tom20, and ORF9b. For signal quantification images of noninfected and neighboring infected cells were acquired using a LSM800 confocal laser-scanning microscope (Zeiss) equipped with a 63X, 1.4 NA objective and the Zen blue software (Zeiss). The mean fluorescence intensity of each cell was measured by ImageJ software. Forty-three cells were quantified for each condition—infected or noninfected—from three independent experiments.

Coexpression and purification of ORF9b-Tom70 (residues 109 to end) complexes

SARS-CoV-2 ORF9b and Tom70 (residues 109 to end) were coexpressed using a pET29-b (+) vector backbone where ORF9b was tag-less and Tom70 had an N-terminal 10XHIS-tag and SUMO-tag. LOBSTR E. coli cells transformed with the above construct were grown at 37°C until they reached an optical density at 600 nm (OD₆₀₀) of 0.8, then expression was induced at 37°C with 1 mM IPTG for 4 hours. Frozen cell pellets were resuspended in 25 ml of lysis buffer (200 mM NaCl, 50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 10% v/v glycerol, 2 mM MgCl₂) per liter of cell culture, supplemented with cOmplete protease inhibitor tablets (Roche), 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF) (Sigma), 100 µg/ml lysozyme (Sigma), 5 µg/ml DNaseI (Sigma), and then homogenized with an immersion blender (Cuisinart). Cells were lysed by 3x passage through an Emulsiflex C3 cell disruptor (Avestin) at ~103,000 kPa, and the lysate clarified by ultracentrifugation at 100,000 × g for 30 min at 4°C. The supernatant was collected, supplemented with 20 mM imidazole, loaded into a gravity flow column containing Ni-NTA superflow resin (Qiagen), and rocked with the resin at 4°C for 1 hour. After allowing the column to drain, resin was rinsed twice with 5 column volumes (cv) of wash buffer (150 mM KCl, 30 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 10% v/v glycerol, 20 mM imidazole, 0.5 mM tris(hydroxymethyl)phosphine (THP, WVRJ) supplemented with 2 mM ATP (Sigma) and 4 mM MgCl₂, then washed with 5 cv wash buffer with 40 mM imidazole. Resin was then rinsed with 5 cv Buffer A (50 mM KCl, 30 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 5% glycerol, 0.5 mM THP) and protein was eluted with 2 × 2.5 cv Buffer A plus 300 mM imidazole. Elution fractions were combined, supplemented with Ulp1 protease, and rocked at 4°C for 2 hours. Upl1-digested Ni-NTA eluate was diluted 1:1 with additional Buffer A, loaded into a 50 ml Superloop, and applied to a MonoQ 10/100 column on an Akta pure system (GE Healthcare) using 100% Buffer A, 0% Buffer B (1000 mM KCl, 30 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 5% glycerol, 0.5 mM THP). The MonoQ column was washed with 0 to 40% Buffer B gradient over 15 cv, peak fractions...
were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and the identity of tagless Tom70 (109 to end) and ORF9b proteins confirmed by intact protein MS (Xevo G2-MS Mass Spectrometer, Waters). Peak fractions eluting at ~15% B contained relatively pure Tom70 (109 to end) and ORF9b, and these were concentrated using 10 kDa Amicon centrifugal filter (Millipore) and further purified by size exclusion chromatography using a Superdex 200 increase 10/300 GL column (GE Healthcare) in buffer containing 150 mM KCl, 20 mM HEPES-NaOH pH 7.5, 0.5 mM TFP. The sole size-exclusion peak contained both Tom70 (109 to end) and ORF9b, and the center fraction was used directly for cryo-EM grid preparation.

**Expression and purification of SARS-CoV-2 ORF9b**

ORF9b with N-terminal 10XHis-tag and SUMO-tag was expressed using a pET-21b(+) vector backbone. LOBSTR *E. coli* cells transformed with the above construct were grown at 37°C until they reached an optical density at 600 nm (OD_{600}) of 0.8, then expression was induced at 16°C with 0.5 mM IPTG overnight. The soluble domain of Tom70 [Tom70 (109-109-end)] was purified as described in (62) with some modifications. Frozen cell pellets of LOBSTR *E. coli* transformed with the above construct were resuspended in 50 mM lysis buffer (500 mM NaCl, 20 mM KH$_2$PO$_4$, pH 7.5) per liter cell culture, supplemented with 1 mM PMSP (Sigma) and 100 μg/ml and homogenized. Cells were lysed by 3x passage through an EmulsiFlex C3 cell disruptor (Avestin) at ∼103,000 kPa, and the lysate clarified by ultracentrifugation at 4°C for 3 hours, supplemented with 10 mM imidazole, loaded into a gravity flow column with a 3 by 3 image-shift collection strategy at a nominal magnification of 105,000x (physical pixel size: 0.834 Å per pixel) on a Titan Krios (ThermoFisher) equipped with a K3 camera and a Bioquantum energy filter (Gatan) set to a split width of 20 eV. Collection dose rate was 8 electrons per pixel per second for a total dose of 66 electrons per square angstrom. Defocus range was −0.7 to −24 μm. Each collection was performed with semiautomated scripts in SerialEM (67).

**Cryo-EM sample preparation and data collection**

Three μl of ORF9b-Tom70 complex (12.5 μM) was added to a 400 mesh 1.2/1.3R Au Quantifoil grid previously glow discharged at 15 mA for 30 s. Blotting was performed with a blot force of 0 for 5 s at 4°C and 100% humidity in a FEI Vitrobot Mark IV (ThermoFisher) before plunge freezing into liquid ethane. A total of 1534 118-frame super-resolution movies were collected with a 3 by 3 image-shift collection strategy. The ORF9b-Tom70 complex model was submitted to the MitoFates server (65) using the TargetP-2.0 server (65) predicted that ORF9b residues 54 to 63 were the most likely to make up a presequence MTs on the basis of their propensity to form a positively charged amphipathic helix. Notably this analysis was consistent with the secondary structure prediction from JPRED (66).

**Cryo-EM image processing and model building**

We motion corrected 1534 movies using Motioncor2 (68), and we imported dose-weighted summed micrographs in cryosparc (version 2.15.0). Then, 1427 micrographs were curated on the basis of contrast transfer function (CTF) fit (better than 5 Å) from a patch CTF job. Template-based particle picking resulted in 2,805,121 particles, and 1,616,691 particles were selected after 2D classification. Five rounds of 3D classification using multiclass ab initio reconstruction and heterogeneous refinement yielded 178,375 particles. Homogeneous refinement of these final particles led to a 3.1-Å electron density map which was used for model building. The reconstruction was filtered by the masked Fourier shell correlation (FSC) and sharpened with a b-factor of ~145.

To build the model of Tom70 (109 to end), the crystal structure of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Tom71 (PDB ID: 3f53; sequence identity 25.7%) was first fit into the cryo-EM density as a rigid body in UCSF ChimeraX and then relaxed into the final density using Rosetta FastRelax mover in torsion space. This model, along with a BLAST alignment of the two sequences (69), was used as a starting point for manual building using COOT (70). After initial building by hand, the regions with poor density fit or geometry were iteratively rebuilt using Rosetta (71). ORF9b was built de novo into the final density using COOT, informed and facilitated by the predictions of the TargetP-2.0, MitoFates, and JPREDS servers. The ORF9b-Tom70 complex model was submitted to the Namdinator web server (72) and further refined in ISOLDE 1.0 (73) using the plugin for UCSF ChimeraX (74). Final model b-factors were estimated using Rosetta. The model was validated using phenix.validation_cryoem (75). The final model contains residues 109 to 272 and 298 to 600 of human Tom70 and 39
Computational human genetics analysis

To look for genetic variants associated with our list of proteins that had a meaningful impact on SARS-CoV-2 replication, we used the largest proteomic GWAS study to date (28). We identified IL17RA as one of the proteins assayed in Sun et al.’s proteomic GWAS and observed that it had multiple cis-acting protein quantitative trait loci (pQTLs) at a corrected $10^{-8}$ significance level and was expressed during COVID-19 versus population: case, hospitalized in New York City. We used the GSMR method to perform Mendelian randomization (MR) using near-independent linkage disequilibrium (LD) $R^2 = 0.05$, where $R^2$ is the coefficient of determination | cis-pQTLs for IL17RA. The advantage of the GSMR method over conventional MR methods is twofold. First, GSMR performs MR adjusting for any residual correlation between selected genetic variants by default. Second, GSMR has a built-in method called HEIDI (heterogeneity in dependent instruments)–outlier that performs heterogeneity tests in the near-independent genetic instruments and removes potentially pleiotropic instruments (i.e., where there is evidence of heterogeneity at $P < 0.01$). Details of the GSMR and HEIDI method have been published previously (29).

Summary statistics generated by COVID-HGI (round 3; www.covid19hg.org/results/) for COVID-19 versus population, hospitalized COVID-19 versus population and hospitalized COVID-19 versus nonhospitalized COVID-19 were used for IL17RA MR analysis. We used the 1000 genomes phase 3 European population genotype data to derive the LD correlation matrix for this analysis. The phenotype definitions as described by COVID-HGI are as follows.

1. COVID-19 versus population: Case, individuals with laboratory confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 infection, EHR/ICD coding/Physician-confirmed with laboratory confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 infection or hospitalization due to COVID-19-related symptoms; control, laboratory confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection or hospitalization due to COVID-19-related symptoms; control, laboratory confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection and not hospitalized 21 days after the test.

2. Infections and treatments for IL-17A

The WA-1 strain (BEI resources) of SARS-CoV-2 was used for all experiments. All live virus experiments were performed in a BSL3 laboratory. SARS-CoV-2 stocks were passaged in Vero E6 cells (ATCC) and titer was determined via plaque assay on Vero E6 cells as previously described (77). Briefly, virus was diluted 1:10² to 1:10⁶ and incubated for 1 hour on Vero E6 cells before an overlay of Avicel and complete DMEM (Sigma Aldrich, SLM-241) was added. After incubation at 37°C for 72 hours, the overlay was removed and cells were fixed with 10% formalin, stained with crystal violet, and counted for plaque formation. SARS-CoV-2 infections of A549-ACE2 cells were done at a MOI of 0.05 for 24 hours. Inhibitors and cytokines were added concurrently with virus. All infections were done in technical triplicates. Cells were treated with the following compounds: Remdesivir (SELLECK CHEMICALS LLC, S8932) and IL-17A (Millipore-Sigma, SRP0675).

RNA extraction, RT, and RT-qPCR for IL-17A treatment studies

Total RNA from samples was extracted using the Direct-zol RNA kit (Zymogen, R2060) and quantified using the NanoDrop 2000c (ThermoFisher). cDNA was generated using 500 ng of RNA from infected A549-ACE2 cells with Superscript III reverse transcription (ThermoFisher, 18080-044) oligo(dT)₁₅ primers (ThermoFisher, S0142). RT-qPCR reactions were performed on a CFX384 (BioRad) and delta cycle threshold ($\Delta CT$) was determined relative to RPL13A levels. Viral detection levels and target host genes in treated samples were normalized to water-treated controls. The SYBR green qPCR reactions contained 5 μl of 2× Maxima SYBR green/Rox qPCR Master Mix (ThermoFisher, K0221), 2 μl of diluted cDNA, and 1 n mol of both forward and reverse primers, in a total volume of 10 μl. The reactions were run as follows: 50°C for 2 min and 95°C for 10 min, followed by 40 cycles of 95°C for 5 s and 62°C for 30 s. Primer efficiencies were ~100%. Dissociation curve analysis after the end of the PCR confirmed the presence of a single and specific product. RT-qPCR primers were used against the SARS-CoV-2 E gene (PF_042_nCoV_E_F: ACAGCTAGTTAATAGTGTAATACCTGCT; PF_042_nCoV_E_R: ATATTGCGAGCTGAGGACACG), the CXCL8 gene (CXCL8 For: ACTGAGAGTGATTGAGAGTGAC; CXCL8 Rev: AACCTCTGGACCCAGTTTCC), and the RPL13A gene (RPL13A For: CCTGGAGGAGAAGAGAAGAGA; RPL13A Rev: TTGGAGACCTTCTGTGATTTGTGCA).

Transfections for IL-17A treatment studies

HEK293T cells were seeded 5 × 10⁵ cells per well (in 6-well plate) or 3 × 10⁵ cells per 10-cm² plates. The next day, 2 or 10 μg of plasmids was transfected using X-tremeGENE 9 DNA Transfection Reagent (Roche) in 6-well plate or 10-cm² plates, respectively. For IL-17A (Millipore-Sigma, SRP0675) incubation in cells, 0.5 μg of IL-17A was treated either before or after transfection and incubated at 37°C. After 48 hours, cells were collected by trypsinization. For IL-17A incubation with cell lysates, transfected cell lysates were incubated in the presence of 0.5 or 5 μg/ml IL-17A at 4°C on a rotator overnight. Plasmids pLVX-EFAlphal-SARS-CoV-2-orf8-2xStrep-IRE6-Puro (ORF8) and pLVX-EFAlphal-eGFP-2xStrep-IRE6-Puro (EGFP-Strep) were a gift from N. J. Krogan. (Addgene plasmid #141390, 141395) (5). pLVX-EFAlphal-IRE6-Puro (Vector) was obtained from Takara/Clontech.

SARS-CoV-2 ORF8 and IL17RAmunocomplementation

Transfected and treated HEK293T cells were pelleted and washed in cold D-PBS and then resuspended in Flag-IP Buffer (50 mM Tris HCl, pH 7.4, with 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, and 1% NP-40) with 1x HALT (ThermoFisher Scientific, 78429), incubated with buffer for 15 min on ice then centrifuged at 13,000 rpm for 5 min. The supernatant was collected and 1 μg of protein was used for immunoprecipitation (IP) with 100 μl of Streptactin Sepharse (IBA, 2-1201-01) on a rotor overnight at 4°C. Immunoprecipitates were washed five times with Flag-IP buffer and eluted with 1x Buffer E (100 mM Tris-Cl, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 2.5 mM Desthiobiotin). Eluate was diluted with 1x-NuPAGE (ThermoFisher Scientific, #NP0008) LDS Sample Buffer with 2.5% β-Mercaptoethanol and blotted for targeted antibodies. Antibodies used were Strept tag II (Qiagen, #34850), B-Actin (Sigma, #A5316), and IL17RA (Cell Signaling, #12681S).

Computational docking of PGES-2 and Nsp7

A model for human PGES-2 dimer was constructed by homology using MODELER (78) from the crystal structure of Macaca fascicularis mPGES-2 (PDB ID: 1Z9H (79); 98% sequence identity) bound to indomethacin. Indomethacin was removed from the structure utilized for docking. The structure of SARS-CoV-2 Nsp7 was extracted from PDB ID 7IV2 (80). Docking models were produced using ClusPro (81), ZDock (82), HDOCK (83), Gramm-X (84), SwarmDock (85), and PatchDock (86) with SOAP-PP score (87). For each protocol, up to 100 top scoring models were extracted (fewer for those that do not report >100 models); for PatchDock, models with SOAP-PP z-scores >3.0 were used (fit S23A). The 420 models were clustered at 4.0-Å RMSD, resulting in 127 clusters. The two largest clusters, composed of 192 models, are related by dimer symmetry. All other clusters contain <15 models.

Assessment of positive selection signatures in SIGMAR1

SIGMAR1 protein alignments were generated from whole-genome sequences of 359 mammals.
curated by the Zoonomia consortium. Protein alignments were generated with TOGA (https://github.com/hillierlab/TOGA), and missing sequence gaps were refined with CACTUS (88, 89). Branches undergoing positive selection were detected with the branch-site test aBSREL (90) implemented in the HyPhy package (90, 91). PhyloP was used to detect codons undergoing accelerated evolution along branches detected as undergoing positive selection by aBSREL relative to the neutral evolution rate in mammals, determined using phyloP on third nucleotide positions of codons which are assumed to evolve neutrally. P values from phyloP were corrected for multiple tests using the Benjamini-Hochberg method (92). PhyloP and phyloP are both part of the PHAST package version 1.4 (93, 94).

**Comparative SARS-CoV-1 inhibition by amiodarone**

SARS-CoV-1 (Urban) drug screens were performed with Vero E6 cells (ATCC #1568, Manassas, VA) cultured in DMEM (Quality Biological), supplemented with 10% (v/v) heat-inactivated FBS (Sigma), 1% (v/v) penicillin-streptomycin (Gemini Bio-products), and 1% (v/v) L-glutamine (2 mM final concentration, Gibco). Cells were plated in opaque 96-well plates 1 day before infection. Drugs were diluted from stock to 50 μM and an 8-point 1:2 dilution series prepared in duplicate in Vero Media. Every compound dilution and control were normalized to contain the same concentration of drug vehicle (e.g., DMSO). Cells were pretreated with drug for 2 hours at 37°C (5% CO2) before infection with SARS-CoV-1 at MOI 0.01. In addition to plates that were infected, parallel plates were left uninfected to monitor cytotoxicity of drug alone. All plates were incubated at 37°C (5% CO2) for 3 days before performing CellTiter-Glo (CTG) assays as per the manufacturer's instruction (Promega, Madison, WI). Luminescence was read on a BioTek Synergy HTX plate reader (BioTek Instruments Inc., Winooski, VT) using the Gen5 software (version 7.07, Biotek Instruments Inc., Winooski, VT).

**Real-world data source and analysis**

This study used deidentified patient-level records from HealthVerity’s Marketplace dataset, a nationally representative dataset covering >300 million patients with medical and pharmacy records from >60 health care data sources in the United States. The current study used data from 738,933 patients with documented COVID-19 infection between 1 March 2020 and 17 August 2020, defined as a positive or presumptive positive viral laboratory test result or an International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis code of U07.1 (COVID-19).

For this population, we analyzed medical claims, pharmacy claims, laboratory data, and hospital chargemaster data containing diagnoses, procedures, medications, and COVID-19 laboratory results from both inpatient and outpatient settings. Claims data included open (un adjudicated) claims sourced in near-real time from practice management and billing systems, claims clearinghouses, and laboratory chains, as well as closed (adjudicated) claims encompassing all major U.S. payer types (commercial, Medicare, and Medicaid). For inpatient treatment evaluations, we used linked hospital chargemaster data containing records of all billable procedures, medical services, and treatments administered in hospital settings. Linkage of patient-level records across these data types provides a longitudinal view of baseline health status, medication use, and COVID-19 progression for each patient under study. Data for this study covered the period of 1 December 2018 through 17 August 2020. All analyses were conducted with the Action Evidence Platform version r4.6.

This study was approved by the New England institutional review board (IRB) (no. 1-9757-1). Medical records constitute protected health information and can be made available to qualified individuals on reasonable request.

**Observation of hospitalization outcomes in outpatient new users of indomethacin (treatment arm) versus celecoxib (active comparator) using real-world data**

We used an incident (new) user, active comparator design (95, 96) to assess the risk of hospitalization among newly diagnosed COVID-19 patients who were subsequently treated with indomethacin or the comparator agent, celecoxib. Patients were required to have COVID-19 infection recorded in an outpatient setting during the study period of 1 March 2020 to 17 August 2020 and occurring in the 21 days before (and including) the date of indomethacin or celecoxib treatment initiation. Prevalent users of prescription-only NSAIDs (any prescription fill for indomethacin, celecoxib, ketoprofen, meloxicam, sulindac, or piroxicam 60 days prior) and patients hospitalized in the 21 days before and including the date of treatment initiation were excluded from this analysis. Using RSS, patients treated with indomethacin were matched at a 1:1 ratio to controls randomly selected among patients treated with celecoxib, with direct matching on calendar date of treatment (±7 days), age (±5 years), sex, Charlson comorbidity index (exact) (97), time since confirmed COVID-19 (±5 days), and disease severity based on the highest-intensity COVID-19-related health service in the 7 days before and including the date of treatment initiation (laboratory service only versus outpatient medical visit versus emergency department visit) and symptom profile in the 21 days before and including the date of treatment initiation (recorded symptoms versus none).

This risk-set–sampled population was further matched on a PS (93) estimated using logistic regression with 24 demographic and clinical risk factors, including covariates related to baseline medical history and COVID-19 severity in the 21 days before treatment (table S11). Balance between...
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