Supplementary Information

Direct-acting antiviral resistance of Hepatitis C virus is promoted by epistasis

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Supplementary Figure 1: **Robustness of the correlation observed between model energies and experimental fitness values. Results are shown for the maximum-entropy model that considers epistatic interaction and for the conservation-only model that ignores epistasis.** The sequence data used for inferring each model was generated by a standard bootstrap procedure using ten samples. The reported p-value was calculated using the two-sided Mann-Whitney test ($n_1 = 9$ SC-DRMs and $n_2 = 11$ remaining DRMs). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 2: **Top ranked pairs of mutations based on the strength of their couplings (ranked by the values of -**J **from Eq. 1) are more likely to involve DRMs as compared to pairs picked randomly.** Precision is the proportion of top x pairs that involve at least one DRM based on the model couplings (shown in black) or picking pairs randomly (shown in gray; results averaged over 10 random realizations). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 3: **Robustness of the enrichment of SC-DRMs in each drug (Figure [4\)](#page-8-0) to the number of top-coupled pairs of mutations used to define SC-DRMs.** (**a**) Number of drugs with at least one SC-DRM vs. top $x (x \in [0, 300])$ pairs of mutations used to define SC-DRMs. Pairs of mutations were ranked based on the couplings of the inferred model (ranked by the values of $-J$ from Eq. 1), and DRMs appearing among the top x pairs of mutations were considered to be SC-DRMs. (**b**) Number of drugs for which the p-value associated with the number of SC-DRMs reached the significance level (p-value < 0.05) vs. top x ($x \in [0, 300]$) pairs of mutations used to define SC-DRMs. Statistically significant enrichment of SC-DRMs was observed for the majority of drugs (>5) for almost all values of x. Here, the p-value measures the probability of observing by a random chance at least the observed number of SC-DRMs among all DRMs associated with a drug (see Methods for details). DRMs against each drug are listed in Table [1.](#page-6-0)¹⁻⁴Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 4: **Statistical significance of the number of non-SC-DRMs associated with each drug.** Non-SC-DRMs are DRMs not appearing in the top 300 pairs of mutations based on the couplings of the inferred model (ranked by the values of $-J$ from Eq. 1). The p-value measures the probability of observing by a random chance at least the observed number of non-SC-DRMs among all DRMs associated with a drug (see Methods for details). Statistical significant results (p-value < 0.05) are marked with a star on the top of each bar. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 5: **Comparison of statistical properties and model predictions based on complete data with those based on a subset of drug-na¨ıve patients.** (**a**) Correlation of single mutant probabilities (left panel) and double mutant probabilities (right panel) between sequences from all patients (7370 sequences) and the subset of drug-naïve patients (5877 sequences). (b) Correlation between model predicted energies and experimental fitness measurements compiled from different studies (mentioned in the legend). Normalization of both fitness measurements and predicted model energies was performed by subtracting the mean from each data set and dividing by its standard deviation. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 6: **Correlation between the model predicted energies and 36 experimental fitness measurements that are associated with DRMs.** These fitness measurements were compiled from different studies that are mentioned in the legend. Normalization of both fitness measurements and predicted model energies was performed by subtracting the mean from each data set and dividing by its standard deviation. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 7: **Correlation between the sequence energy obtained from newly inferred model and in-vitro infectivity measurements.** This model was inferred by including all sequences (9683 sequences) and weighted each sequence without patient information (2167 sequences) as 1. These fitness measurements were compiled from different studies that are mentioned in the legend. Normalization of both fitness measurements and predicted model energies was performed by subtracting the mean from each data set and dividing by its standard deviation. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Figure 8: **Statistical validation of the inferred model for the HCV NS3 protein.** Comparison of the (**a**) single mutant probabilities, (**b**) double mutant probabilities, (**c**) connected correlations, and (**d**) distribution of the number of mutants per sequence obtained from the MSA and those predicted by the inferred model. Connected correlations represent correlations which cannot be explained by lower order mutant probabilities and is given by $f_{ij}(a, b) - f_i(a) f_j(b)$, where $f_i(a)$ is the probability of observing mutant a at residue i while f_{ij} is the probability of simultaneously observing mutants a and b at residues i and j respectively. The number of mutants per sequence is the number of amino acids that are different in a sequence from those of the consensus sequence (sequence constructed with the most-frequent amino acid at each residue). Samples were generated from the inferred model using the Markov Chain Monte Carlo method.⁵ Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1: **List of NS3 residues in each co-evolutionary sector inferred using RocaSec6,7**

Supplementary Table 2: **List of NS3 residues in experimentally-known biochemical domains**

Supplementary Table 3: **List of top-coupled mutations that are predicted to be compensatory for SC-DRMs**

Each row shows the SC-DRM, the number of MSA sequences lacking the SC-DRM, the associated compensatory mutation (among top 300 pairs of mutations with large values of $-J_{ij}$), and the percentage of sequences where the associated mutation was found to compensate for the SC-DRM.

Supplementary Table 4: **List of DRM-associated residues in the binding residues of drugs with known structure**

SC-DRMs are shown in **bold** and DRMs from other drugs exclusively are underlined.

Supplementary Table 5: **List of binding residues of drugs with known structures.**

Residues that are not associated with any DRMs are shown in **bold**. Of these, residues that are associated with strong compensatory interactions based on our model (top 300 pairs of mutations with large values of $-J_{ij}$) are also underlined.

Supplementary Table 6: **Efficacy of each NS3-targeting drug and the number of SC-DRMs associated with them**

Supplementary Table 7: **Details of infectivity measurements obtained from each study (listed in Supplementary Data 1).**

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