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Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection

Code used for upstream processing is present in the vpSAT Github repository (<https://github.com/jnoms/vpSAT/tree/main>). This includes scripts required for most computational steps. A workflow is available that shows all main processing steps: https://github.com/jnoms/vpSAT/blob/main/manuscript_code/latest/analysis_workflow.ipynb. The stable vpSAT version used for this work is available through zenodo: <https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.10373132>.

The SAT python package can be downloaded as instructed on the SAT Github repository (<https://github.com/jnoms/SAT/tree/main>). The stable SAT version used for this work is available through zenodo: <https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.10373132>.

Code used for phylogenetics analysis can be found here: https://github.com/Doudna-lab/nomburg_j-LigT_phylogeny.

All plotting and analysis scripts are available as Quarto documents: https://github.com/jnoms/vpSAT/blob/main/manuscript_code/2024-01-04/.

All code can also be found on Zenodo, along with all intermediate data necessary to reproduce the figures: <https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.10373132>

Other software versions:

MMseqs2 release version b0b8e85f3b8437c10a666e3ea35c78c0ad0d7ec2

Colabfold downloaded June 22, 2023

Dalilite version 5

Foldseek version 2.8bd520

IQTree version 2.3.3
 Clustal Omega v1.2.4
 MMseqs2 version 15.6f452 (for the phylogenetics analysis)
 InterProScan version 5
 PSI-BLAST version 2.15.0
 DIAMOND version 0.9.14
 jackhmmer version 3.1b2
 hhsuite version 3.3.0

Data analysis

R version 4.0.3 - all analysis code is available in the Zenodo repository

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Data

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All manuscripts must include a [data availability statement](#). This statement should provide the following information, where applicable:

- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
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There are several options for viewing, downloading, and searching the structural models generated here.

Searching

We have established a Google Colab notebook that enables any user to quickly and easily search one or more protein structures against our viral structure database using Foldseek: <https://colab.research.google.com/github/jnom/vpSAT/blob/main/bin/colab/QueryStructures.ipynb>. This notebook runs rapidly and displays alignment results and information on the protein clusters to which alignment targets belong.

For users who want to conduct high-throughput searches, we have released a pre-made Foldseek database to facilitate use - <https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.10685504>.

Viewing and downloading

We have established a Google Colab notebook that allows users to explore our data. Users can input a virus taxonomy ID or family name and browse available proteins. Users can then automatically view and download individual structures. <https://colab.research.google.com/github/jnom/vpSAT/blob/main/bin/colab/ExploreStructures.ipynb>.

We have uploaded our structures to ModelArchive - <https://www.modelarchive.org/doi/10.5452/ma-jd-viral>. ModelArchive hosts predicted structures in a uniform way with extensive metadata. Furthermore, ModelArchive is part of EBI's 3D-Beacons framework (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/pdbe/pdbe-kb/3dbeacons/>), enabling uniform downloads and processing of our protein structures through a shared API encompassing the PDB, AlphaFold database, and other databases.

Structures can be accessed through each viral family phage in Viralzone [ref] - <https://viralzone.expasy.org/10977>.

Finally, all structures are available on Zenodo: <https://zenodo.org/doi/10.5281/zenodo.10291580>

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N/A

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N/A

Population characteristics

N/A

Recruitment

N/A

Ethics oversight

N/A

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

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Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	There was no consideration of sample size. We simply included all viral proteins available from RefSeq at the start of this study.
Data exclusions	There were two key exclusions: 1. Proteins that were larger than 1500 residues (or, in some cases 1000 residues) were excluded. This resulted in exclusion of 1706 proteins. 2. A small number of proteins failed to fold.
Replication	All computational pipelines were run successfully at least twice.
Randomization	This study did not perform experiments that require sample randomization.
Blinding	This study did not perform experiments that require blinding.

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Materials & experimental systems

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	Streptactin HRP (IBA 2-1502-001), Santa Cruz Biotech Mouse anti GapDH (sc-365062), ECL Anti-mouse IgG (Amersham NXA931)
Validation	These antibodies are reported to be validated by their manufacturers.

Eukaryotic cell lines

Policy information about [cell lines and Sex and Gender in Research](#)

Cell line source(s)	HEK 293T cells were kindly provided by the Ott lab at the Gladstone Institutes. These cells were originally provided by ATCC.
Authentication	None of the cell lines were authenticated.
Mycoplasma contamination	Cells were tested for Mycoplasma by the Gladstone Institutes Stem Cell Core within the past year, and determined to be Mycoplasma free.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in this study.

Plants

Seed stocks

Report on the source of all seed stocks or other plant material used. If applicable, state the seed stock centre and catalogue number. If plant specimens were collected from the field, describe the collection location, date and sampling procedures.

Novel plant genotypes

Describe the methods by which all novel plant genotypes were produced. This includes those generated by transgenic approaches, gene editing, chemical/radiation-based mutagenesis and hybridization. For transgenic lines, describe the transformation method, the number of independent lines analyzed and the generation upon which experiments were performed. For gene-edited lines, describe the editor used, the endogenous sequence targeted for editing, the targeting guide RNA sequence (if applicable) and how the editor was applied.

Authentication

Describe any authentication procedures for each seed stock used or novel genotype generated. Describe any experiments used to assess the effect of a mutation and, where applicable, how potential secondary effects (e.g. second site T-DNA insertions, mosaicism, off-target gene editing) were examined.