

Supplementary material:

Table 1: The dataset of VVSPs used in the analysis. In total 185 VVSP sequences were collected from the protein sequence databases and 11 sequences were obtained from relevant literature (indicated as 'not reported' under accession number category). The name of snake, NCBI accession number and the short reference code for each sequence is given in the table

Viper Species	Accession number	Reference code	Viper Species	Accession number	Reference code
<i>Agkistrodon bileatus</i>	Q9PSN3	AB-BL		AD147557	EP-SP2
<i>Agkistrodon contortrix contortrix</i>	P82981	AC-CN	<i>Gloydius blomhoffi</i>	P81176	GB-HY
	P09872	AC-AN		Q9PT51	GB-BV
<i>Agkistrodon piscivorus leucostoma</i>	ADP88562	AP-PC	<i>Gloydius blomhoffi brevicaudus</i>	AAD01624	GBB-PA
	ADP88561	AP-PA		Q9YGY9	GBB-H2
	ADW77220	AP-TL		P85109	GBB-KA
<i>Bitis gabonica rhinoceros</i>	AAR24534	BG-SP1	<i>Gloydius halys</i>	Q9PTL3	GBB-SL
	CBM40645	BG-RHIN2		Q9YGI6	GH-P2
	CBM40646	BG-RHIN3		O93421	GH-PS
	CBM40647	BG-RHIN4	<i>Gloydius halys</i>	Q802F0	GH-PT
	CBM40648	BG-RHIN5		Q9YGY2	GH-PL
<i>Bothrops alternatus</i>	Q61WF1	BAI-BT		AAC61838	GH-SL
	P0CG03	BAI-BH		P81176	GH-H
<i>Bothrops asper</i>	Q072L6	BAAs-SPL	<i>Gloydius saxatilis</i>	Q75ZE1	G5a-DE
<i>Bothrops atrox</i>	P04971	BAI-BT	<i>Gloydius shedaensis</i>	Q615L0	GSh-SH
	AAA48553	BAI-BAT		P0C5B4	GSh-GL
<i>Bothrops insularis</i>	Q8QG86	BI-SP	<i>Gloydius ussuriensis</i>	Q75ZE2	GU-BRE
<i>Bothrops jararaca</i>	Q5W959	Bja-IHP2		Q8UUJ2	GU-TUI
	P81824	Bja-PABJ		Q91053	GU-TC
	O13069	Bja-KN		Q8UUJ1	GU-TUA
	Q9PTU8	Bja-SPA		O42207	GU-CPI
	P81661	Bja-BT		Q8UVX1	GU-TG
	Q5W960	Bja-IHP1		P86171	GU-KR
	Q5W958	Bja-IHP3		Not reported	GU-GS
<i>Bothrops jararacussu</i>	Q2PQJ3	Bju-SP1	<i>Lachesis muta muta</i>	Q27J47	LMM-PA
	Q71229	Bju-SPH		P33589	LMM-GY
<i>Calloselasma rhodostoma</i>	P26324	CR-AN	<i>Lachesis stenophrys</i>	Q072L7	LS-TLE
	P47797	CR-A	<i>Macrovipera lebetina</i>	Q9PT41	ML-FVA
	CAA01526	CR-ALP4		Q9PT40	ML-P2
	CAA01525	CR-ALP1		Q8JH85	ML-AF
	CAA01524	CR-ALP2		Q8JH62	ML-BF
	CAA01523	CR-ALP3		Not reported	ML-P3
<i>Cerastes cerastes</i>	Q7SYF1	CC-CR		Not reported	ML-P4
<i>Crotalus adamanteus</i>	Q8UUK2	CAAd-SP		ADN04917	ML-BFP
	Not reported	CAAd-CR		ADN04916	ML-SP1
	AEJ32000	CAAd-SP6	<i>Protobothrops mucrosquamatus</i>	ADN04918	ML-SP3
	AEJ31999	CAAd-SP5		Q9DG84	PM-S2
	AEJ31998	CAAd-SP4		Q91511	PM-M5
	AEJ31997	CAAd-SP3		Q91507	PM-M1
	AEJ31996	CAAd-SP2		Q91510	PM-M4
	AEJ31995	CAAd-SP1		AAB01070	PM-PT
<i>Crotalus atrox</i>	Q8QHK2	CAI-CT2		Q9DG83	PM-SK
	Q8QHK3	CAI-CT1		Q91509	PM-M3
<i>Crotalus durissus terrificus</i>	Q58G94	CDT-G21	<i>Sistrurus catenatus edwardsi</i>	Q91508	PM-M2
	ABY65929	CDT-G13		ABG26969	SCE-SP3
	ABY65930	CDT-G14		ABG26970	SCE-SP4
	ABY65931	CDT-G17		ABG26974	SCE-SP8
<i>Crotalus durissus durissus</i>	Q2QA04	CDD-SP		ABG26975	SCE-SP9
<i>Cryptelytrops albolabris</i>	Not reported	CAI-AF		ABG26967	SCE-SP1
	Not reported	CAI-PA		ABG26977	SCE-SP11
	ABS12074	CAI-TL1		ABG26968	SCE-SP2
	ABS12075	CAI-TL2		ABG26972	SCE-SP6
<i>Daboia russelli siamensis</i>	P18965	DR-VG		ABG26976	SCE-SP10
	P18964	DR-VA		ABG26973	SCE-SP7
	ADP88560	DR-SB		ABG26971	SCE-SP5
	ADP88559	DR-SA	<i>Protobothrops elegans</i>	Not reported	PE-PI
	ADP88558	DR-VGP		P84787	PE-EL2
	3SBK_A	DR-VS		P84788	PE-EL1
<i>Deinagkistrodon acutus</i>	AAW56608	DA-TL1	<i>Trimeresurus flavoviridis</i>	P05620	TF-TLE
	AAW56633	DA-TL2		1405260A	TF-FL
	AAW56609	DA-TL3		O13057	TF-SP2
	ABK91854	DA-TL4		O13058	TF-SP3
	ABK91856	DA-TL5	<i>Trimeresurus gramineus</i>	O13059	TG-SP1
	ABK97625	DA-TL6		O13062	TG-SP2C
	ABK97628	DA-TL7		O13063	TG-SP3
	ABK91852	DA-TL8		O13060	TG-SP2A
	AAK52506	DA-TL10		O13061	TG-SP2B
	ABK97627	DA-TL11	<i>Trimeresurus jerdonii</i>	Q9DF66	TJ-SP3
	ABK91853	DA-TL12		Q9DF67	TJ-SP2
	ABK97626	DA-TL13		Q9DF68	TJ-SP1
	1OP2_A	DA-ASII		B0ZT25	TJ-SPH
	1OP0_A	DA-ASI	<i>Viridovipera stejneri</i>	Q8AY79	VS-S2
	AAD19350	DA-DF		Q71QH7	VS-PA
	Q918X0	DA-DK		1BQY_A	VS-VPA
	Q918W9	DA-DX		Q8AY82	VS-SPH1
	CAC00530	DA-AC2		Q71QJ1	VS-KN9
	CAB46431	DA-AC		Q71QI8	VS-KN10
	Q918X2	DA-AT		Q71QJ3	VS-KN1
	ACF17164	DA-VY		Q71QH5	VS-KN8
	Not reported	DA-P1		Q71QI5	VS-KN3
	Not reported	DA-P7		Q71QI7	VS-KN11
	Not reported	DA-P8		Q71QI4	VS-KN5
	Not reported	DA-P9		Q71QJ4	VS-KNH4
	ABV89584	DA-TL		Q71QI1	VS-KN12

<i>Echis coloratus</i>	ADI47576	EC-SP1	Q71QH6	VS-KN13
	ADI47574	EC-SP2	Q8AY80	VS-S1
	ADI47566	EC-SP3	Q8AY78	VS-SP5
	ADI47562	EC-SP4	Q8AY81	VS-SJ
	ADI47559	EC-SP5	AAQ02901	VS-C3
	ADI47552	EC-SP6	AAQ02898	VS-C1
	ADI47549	EC-SP7	Q71QI3	VS-C5
<i>Echis ocellatus</i>	ADE45141	EO-SP	AAQ02909	VS-C4
	ADC52861	EO-SP1	Q71QI2	VS-C2
	ADE45139	EO-SP2	Q71QI0	VS-KNH7
	ADE45140	EO-SP3	Q71QJ0	VS-KN2
	CAQ72889	EO-SP4	Q71QJ2	VS-KN6
	ADI47555	EO-SP5	Q71QH9	VS-KN14
	ADI47558	EP-SP1	CBW30778	VN-NI
<i>Echis pyramidum leakeyi</i>		<i>Vipera nikolskii</i>		

Table 2: VVSPs with substitutions for cysteine residues involved in the formation of disulphide linkages. The VVSPs and their substituted residue (blue) in the appropriate positions are shown in table. The positions of two corresponding cysteine residues which form disulphide linkage are placed next to each other to indicate the missing disulphide linkage due to substitution. VVSPs normally contain 6 disulphide linkages; C22-C157, C42-C58, C91-C245e, C136-C201, C168-C182 and C191-C220. X indicates the substituted residue and - indicates a deletion.

Name of VVSP	22	157	42	58	91	245e	136	201	168	182	191	220
BAI-BH	C	C	C	C	X	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
CAd-SP5	C	C	C	C	C	X	C	C	C	C	C	C
CC-CR	C	C	X	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
DA-DK	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	X	C	C	C	C
DA-TL4	C	C	C	X	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
DA-TL7	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	X	C	C	C	C
EO-SP2	C	C	C	C	C	X	C	C	C	C	C	C
EO-SP5	C	C	C	C	C	-	C	C	C	C	C	C
EO-SP6	C	C	C	C	C	X	C	C	C	C	C	C
GBB-SL	C	C	C	C	X	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
VS-KN5	C	C	X	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
VS-KN6	C	C	X	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
VS-KN14	C	C	X	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C

Table 3: VVSPs with substituted catalytic triad residues. VVSPs with various substitutions (blue) for their catalytic triad residues are shown in table. Normally VVSPs contain H57, D102 and S195 in their catalytic triad.

Name of VVSP	57	102	195	Name of VVSP	57	102	195
BGSP1	R	D	N	ML-P2	R	D	N
BG-RHIN2	R	D	N	ML-P3	H	D	N
BG-RHIN3	R	D	N	ML-P4	R	D	S
BAI-BH	N	T	S	TF-SP2	R	D	S
Bas-SPL	N	D	S	TG-SP2A	R	D	S
Bja-HP3	Q	D	S	TJ-SP1	R	D	P
Bju-SPH	N	D	S	TJ-SPH	R	D	S
CAd-SP6	H	D	A	VS-SPH1	R	D	S
EC-SP4	R	D	T	VS-KNH4	R	D	S
EC-SP5	R	D	T	VS-KNH7	R	D	S
EO-SP	R	D	T				

Table 4: VVSPs with substituted primary specificity pocket residues. VVSPs with various substitutions (blue) for their specificity pocket residues are shown in table. Normally VVSPs contain D189, G216 and G/A226 in their specificity pocket.

Name of VVSP	189	216	226	Name of VVSP	189	216	226
AP-PA	D	R	G	DA-TL12	G	G	G
BG-SP1	D	E	A	DR-SA	G	G	S
BG-RHIN2	D	E	A	DR-SB	G	G	V
BG-RHIN3	D	E	A	EC-SP6	G	G	G
BG-RHIN4	G	A	G	EC-SP7	G	V	G
BG-RHIN5	G	A	G	EP-SP1	G	G	V
Bja-HP3	D	R	G	EP-SP2	G	G	V
CAd-SP3	G	G	G	EO-SP1	G	V	G
CR-ALP2	S	G	A	EO-SP2	G	S	G
CDD-SP	G	G	E	ML-AF	G	G	G
DA-AC	G	G	G	ML-BF	G	G	V
DA-AC2	G	G	G	SCE-SP9	S	G	S
DA-TL5	G	G	G	SCE-SP5	S	G	G
DA-TL6	G	G	G	TF-SP3	G	G	G
DA-TL7	G	G	G	TG-SP3	D	G	N
DA-TL8	G	G	G	VS-C2	G	T	A
DA-TL10	G	G	G	VS-KN8	D	G	V
DA-TL11	G	G	G				