

**Supplementary information to:**

**ROLE OF CHANGES IN SARS-COV-2 SPIKE PROTEIN IN THE INTERACTION WITH THE HUMAN ACE2 RECEPTOR: AN *IN SILICO* ANALYSIS**

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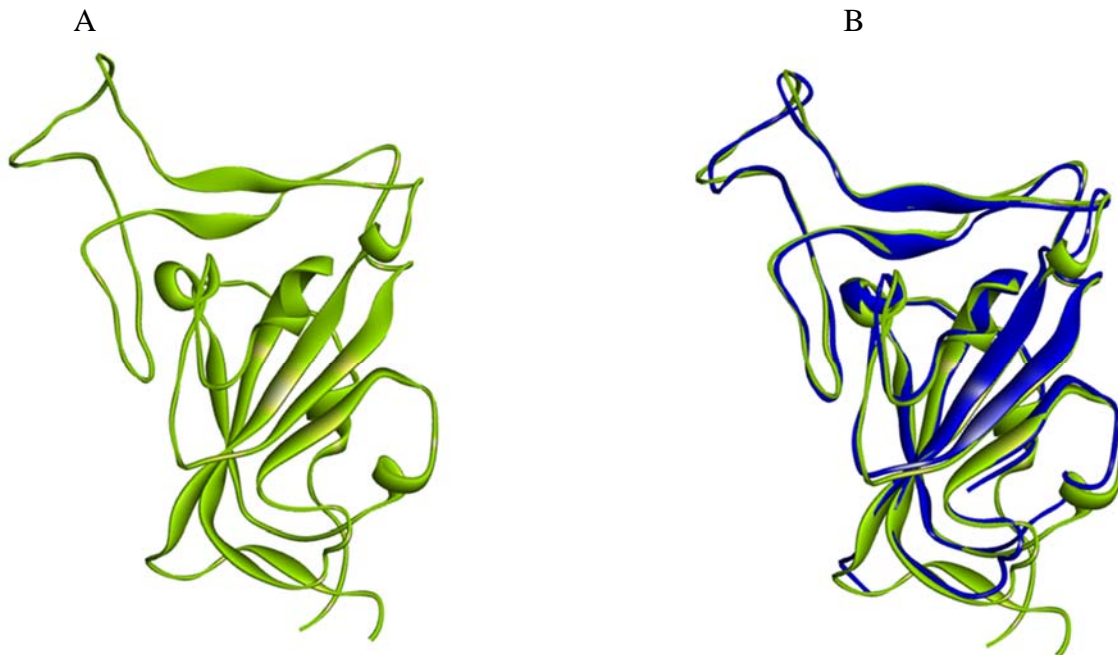
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**Supplementary Figure 1:** Spike protein of *Rhinolophus sinicus* (A) and the merge between spike of *Rhinolophus sinicus* and SARS-CoV (B). The merge image shows a high level of structural similarity in both protein, suggesting a similar pattern of interaction with the receptor.