

## **Supporting Information**

### **Hydroxyl Groups on Annular Ring-B Dictate the Affinities of Flavonol-CCL2 Chemokine Binding Interactions**

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**Table S1:** Summary of all the possible bonds of mCCL2/hCCL2-kampherol (KP) complexes as obtained from molecular docking. HPI and H-bond represent the hydrophobic interaction, and hydrogen bond respectively.

mCCL2	Kaempferol (KP)	Type of Interaction & Distance	hCCL2	Kaempferol (KP)	Type of Interaction & Distance
C11 (O)	O4H	H-Bond (2.4 Å)	C11 (O)	O4H	H-Bond (2.9 Å)
Y13 (N)	O2	H-Bond (3.1 Å)	Y13 (HH)	O2	H-Bond (3.3 Å)
Y13 (NH)	O2	H-Bond (2.4 Å)	Y13 (HH)	O3H	H-Bond (3.2 Å)
Y13 (NH)	O3H	H-Bond (3.2 Å)	N14 (Oδ1)	O3H	H-Bond (2.1 Å)
Y13 (NH)	O3	H-Bond (2.4 Å)	N14 (Oδ1)	O3	H-Bond (2.6 Å)
Y13 (NH)	C3	HPI (3.0 Å)	N14 (Cβ)	C6'	HPI (3.9 Å)
S14 (Hγ)	O3H	H-Bond (2.8 Å)	T16 (Oγ1)	O6H	H-Bond (2.2 Å)
S14 (Oγ)	O3	H-Bond (3.0 Å)	T16 (Oγ1)	O6	H-Bond (3.1 Å)
S14 (N)	O3	H-Bond (2.9 Å)	T16 (Hγ)	O6H	H-Bond (2.6 Å)
S14 (C)	C5'	HPI (3.5 Å)	T16 (N)	O6H	H-Bond (3.2 Å)
S14 (O)	O3H	H-Bond (3.0 Å)	T16 (N)	C5'	HPI (3.2 Å)
T16 (N)	C4'	HPI (3.5 Å)	T16 (Cα)	C5'	HPI (3.5 Å)
T16 (N)	O6	H-Bond (3.2 Å)	E50 (O)	O1	H-Bond (3.3 Å)
T16 (NH)	O6	H-Bond (3.2 Å)	E50 (Oη1)	O5	H-Bond (2.8 Å)
T16 (N)	C5'	HPI (2.9 Å)	E50 (Oη1)	O5H	H-Bond (2.2 Å)
E50 (Oη1)	O5H	H-Bond (2.4 Å)	E50 (Cβ)	C8	HPI (3.6 Å)
E50 (Cβ)	C8	HPI (3.8 Å)	C52 (NH)	O1	H-Bond (2.3 Å)
C52 (NH)	O1	H-Bond (2.4 Å)	C52 (N)	O1	H-Bond (3.0 Å)
C52 (N)	O1	H-Bond (3.5 Å)	C52 (Cβ)	C2	HPI (3.6 Å)
C52 (Cβ)	C6'	HPI (3.5 Å)	C52 (Cβ)	C1'	HPI (3.9 Å)

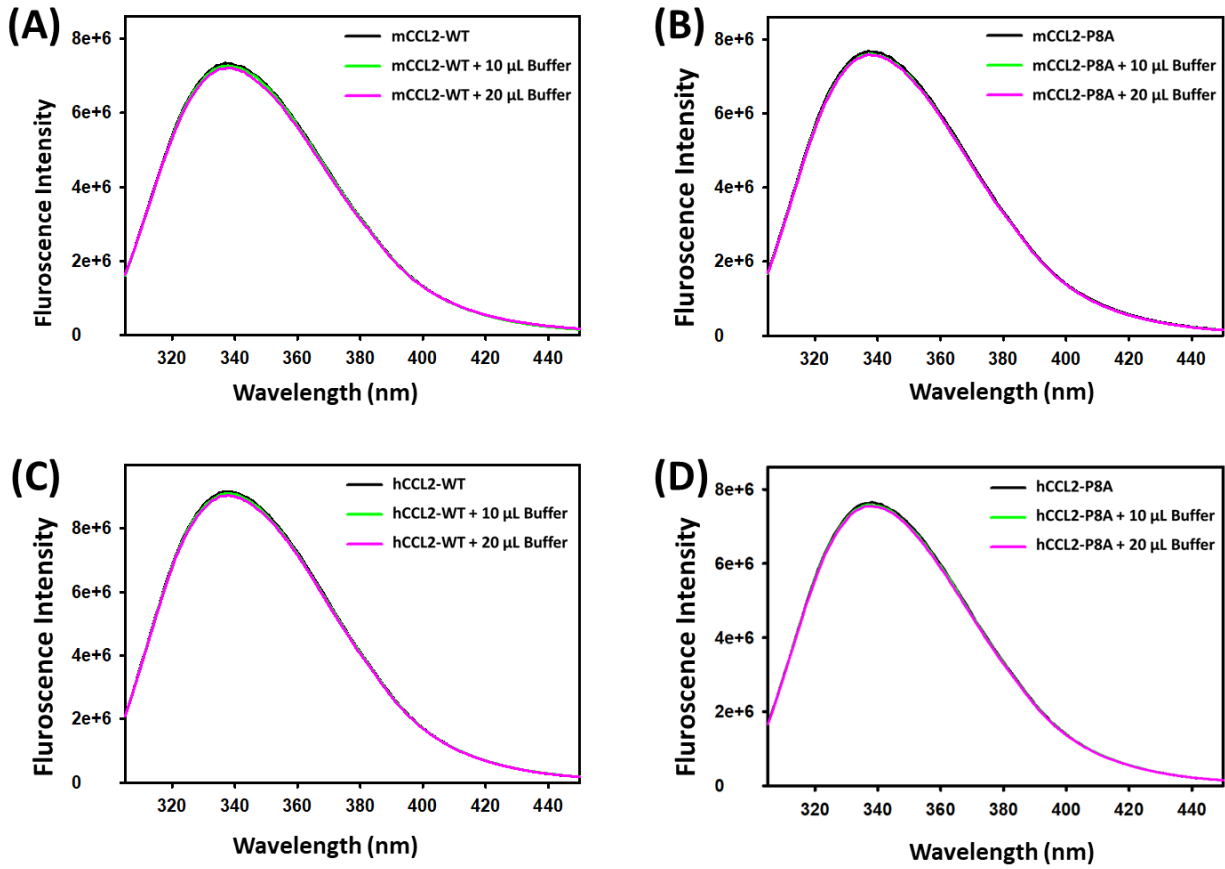
**Table S2:** Summary of all the possible bonds of mCCL2/hCCL2-quercetin (QT) complexes as obtained from molecular docking. HPI and H-bond represent the hydrophobic interaction, and hydrogen bond respectively.

mCCL2	Quercetin (QT)	Type of Interaction & Distance	hCCL2	Quercetin (QT)	Type of Interaction & Distance
C11 (O)	O4H	H-Bond (1.7 Å)	C11 (O)	O4H	H-Bond (2.2 Å)
C11 (NH)	O4H	H-Bond (3.5 Å)	Y13 (HH)	O2	H-Bond (3.2 Å)
Y13 (NH)	O2	H-Bond (2.9 Å)	Y13 (HH)	O3H	H-Bond (3.7 Å)
Y13 (NH)	O3H	H-Bond (1.7 Å)	N14 (Oδ1)	O3H	H-Bond (2.1 Å)
Y13 (NH)	O3	H-Bond (2.2 Å)	N14 (Oδ1)	O3	H-Bond (2.8 Å)
Y13 (NH)	C3	HPI (3.3 Å)	T16 (Oγ1)	O6H	H-Bond (2.1 Å)
S14 (N)	O3	H-Bond (3.2 Å)	T16 (Oγ1)	O6	H-Bond (3.1 Å)
S14 (NH)	O3	H-Bond (2.2 Å)	T16 (Hγ)	O6H	H-Bond (2.5 Å)
S14 (NH)	O3H	H-Bond (2.2 Å)	T16 (N)	O6H	H-Bond (3.5 Å)
S14 (Hγ)	C6'	HPI (3.8 Å)	T16 (N)	C5'	HPI (3.3 Å)
S14 (Oγ)	O3	H-Bond (3.5 Å)	T16 (Cα)	C5'	HPI (3.5 Å)
T16 (N)	C4'	HPI (3.5 Å)	T16 (Cβ)	C4'	HPI (3.7 Å)
T16 (N)	O6	H-Bond (3.1 Å)	E50 (O)	O1	H-Bond (3.2 Å)
T16 (NH)	O6	H-Bond (3.1 Å)	E50 (Oη1)	O5	H-Bond (2.9 Å)
T16 (N)	C5'	HPI (3.2 Å)	E50 (Oη1)	O5H	H-Bond (2.3 Å)
E50 (Oη1)	O5H	H-Bond (2.1 Å)	E50 (Cβ)	C8	HPI (3.6 Å)
E50 (Cβ)	C2	HPI (3.6 Å)	I51 (CγH)	O7H	H-Bond (3.4 Å)
V51 (CγH)	O7H	H-Bond (2.8 Å)	C52 (NH)	O1	H-Bond (2.3 Å)
C52 (NH)	O1	H-Bond (2.6 Å)	C52 (N)	O1	H-Bond (3.1 Å)
C52 (Cβ)	C6'	HPI (3.2 Å)	C52 (Cβ)	C6'	HPI (3.7 Å)
C52 (C)	C5'	HPI (3.8 Å)	C52 (C)	C5'	HPI (3.9 Å)

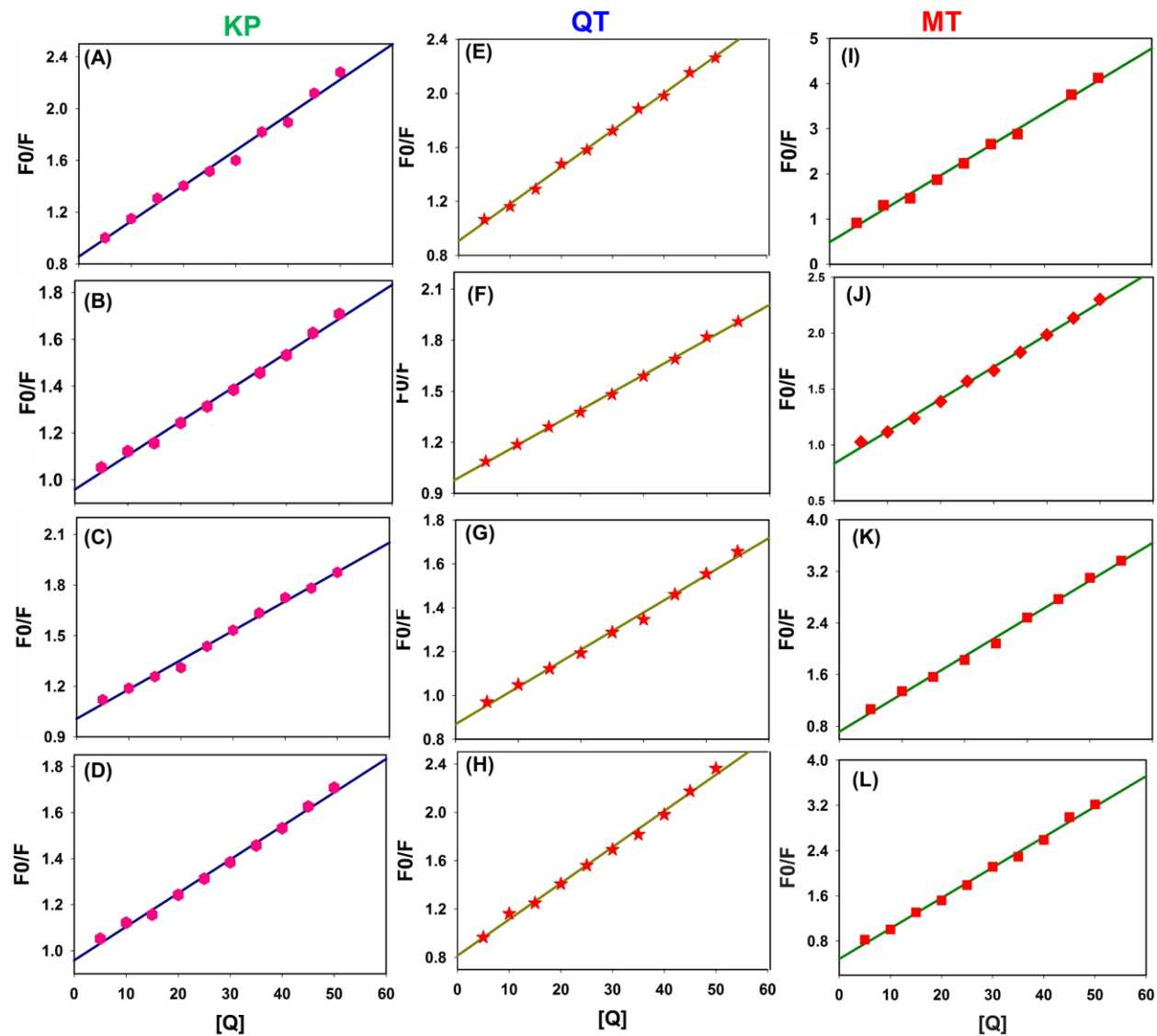
**Table S3:** Summary of all the possible bonds of mCCL2/hCCL2-myricetin (MT) complexes as obtained from molecular docking. HPI and H-bond represent the hydrophobic interaction, and hydrogen bond respectively.

mCCL2	Myricetin (MT)	Type of Interaction & Distance	hCCL2	Myricetin (MT)	Type of Interaction & Distance
C11 (O)	O4H	H-Bond (2.0 Å)	C11 (O)	O4H	H-Bond (1.9 Å)
C11 (O)	O2	H-Bond (3.4 Å)	C11 (O)	O2	H-Bond (2.6 Å)
C12 (C $\beta$ )	C7	HPI (3.9 Å)	C12 (C $\alpha$ )	C4	HPI (3.9 Å)
Y13 (NH)	O3H	H-Bond (3.3 Å)	Y13 (HH)	O2	H-Bond (3.0 Å)
Y13 (NH)	O3	H-Bond (3.4 Å)	Y13 (HH)	O3H	H-Bond (3.2 Å)
Y13 (NH)	C3	HPI (3.8 Å)	N14 (O $\delta$ 1)	O3H	H-Bond (1.7 Å)
S14 (O $\gamma$ )	O8H	H-Bond (1.8 Å)	N14 (O $\delta$ 1)	O3	H-Bond (2.5 Å)
S14 (H $\gamma$ )	O8	H-Bond (3.1 Å)	N14 (C $\beta$ )	C6'	HPI (3.2 Å)
S14 (C)	C5'	HPI (3.9 Å)	F15 (NH)	O8H	H-Bond (3.3 Å)
F15 (N)	O8H	H-Bond (2.8 Å)	T16 (N)	O7H	H-Bond (3.3 Å)
F15 (NH)	O8H	H-Bond (3.2 Å)	T16 (N)	O6	H-Bond (2.7 Å)
T16 (N)	O8	H-Bond (3.1 Å)	T16 (N)	O6H	H-Bond (2.6 Å)
T16 (NH)	O8	H-Bond (2.9 Å)	T16 (NH)	O6H	H-Bond (2.0 Å)
T16 (NH)	O6H	H-Bond (3.4 Å)	T16 (NH)	O7	H-Bond (2.5 Å)
E50 (O $\eta$ 1)	O5H	H-Bond (1.7 Å)	E50 (O)	O1	H-Bond (3.8 Å)
E50 (O $\eta$ 1)	O5	H-Bond (2.6 Å)	E50 (O $\eta$ 1)	O5	H-Bond (2.7 Å)
E50 (C $\beta$ )	C8	HPI (3.8 Å)	E50 (O $\eta$ 1)	O5H	H-Bond (2.3 Å)
E50 (O)	O1	H-Bond (2.7 Å)	E50 (C $\beta$ )	C8	HPI (3.9 Å)
V51 (C $\gamma$ H)	O7H	H-Bond (3.2 Å)	I51 (C $\gamma$ 2)	O7H	HPI (3.9 Å)
C52 (NH)	O1	H-Bond (2.4 Å)	C52 (NH)	O1	H-Bond (3.3 Å)
C52 (N)	O1	H-Bond (3.3 Å)	C52 (C $\beta$ )	C2'	HPI (3.9 Å)
C52 (C $\beta$ )	C6'	HPI (3.7 Å)	C52 (O)	O7H	H-Bond (2.0 Å)

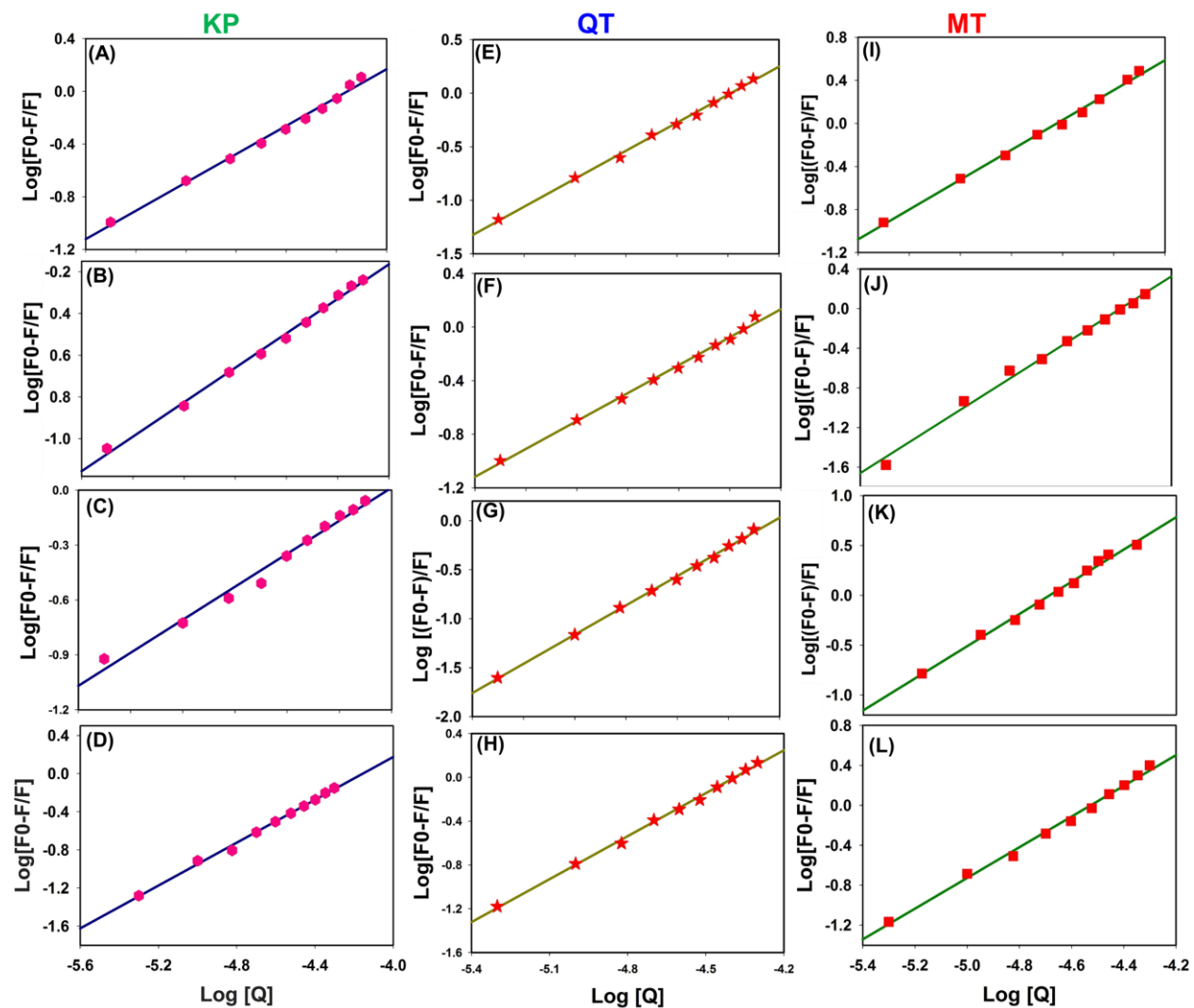
**Figure S1:** Fluorescence quenching patterns of mCCL2-WT (A), mCCL2-P8A (B), hCCL2-WT (C) and hCCL2-P8A (D) upon addition of buffer (10  $\mu$ L and 20  $\mu$ L). A protein concentration of 25  $\mu$ M has been used for all the buffer titration experiments.



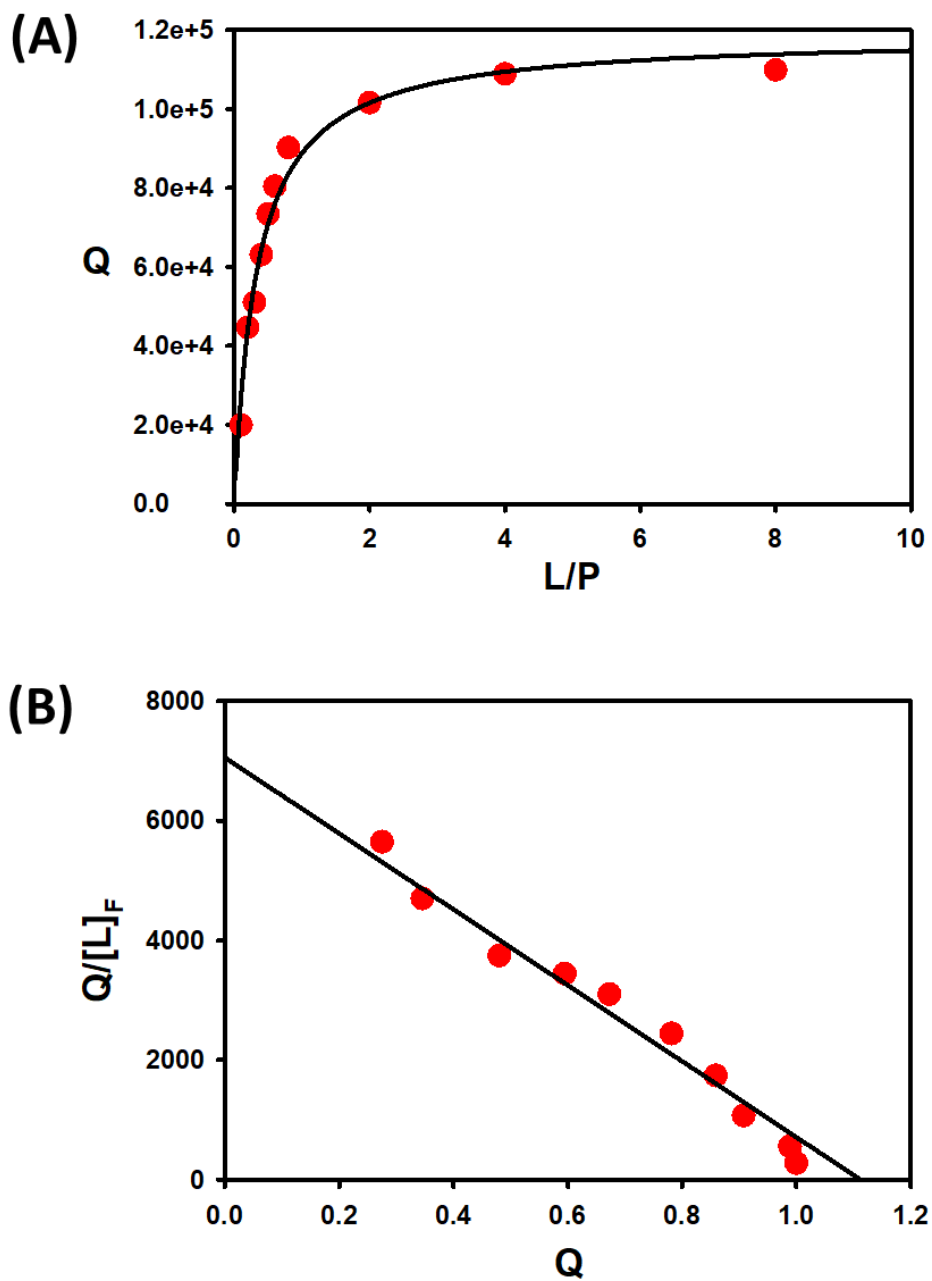
**Figure S2:** Fluorescence quenching pattern of CCL2 orthologs: Stern–Volmer plots of mCCL2-WT, mCCL2-P8A, hCCL2-WT and hCCL2-P8A complexed with kaempferol (KP) (A-D); quercetin (QT) (E-H); and myricetin (MT) (I-L) respectively.



**Figure S3:** Double-log plots of mCCL2-WT, mCCL2-P8A, hCCL2-WT and hCCL2-P8A complexed with kaempferol (KP) (A-D); quercetin (QT) (E-H); and myricetin (MT) (I-L) respectively.



**Figure S4:** Representative plots showing the (A) Non-linear regression analysis, and (B) scatchard plot analysis of myricetin (MT) interaction with mCCL2-P8A. The obtained  $K_d$  value and number of binding sites ( $n$ ) are  $0.37 \pm 0.04 \mu\text{M}$  and  $1.2 \pm 0.2$  respectively.





**Figure S5:** Coulomb- Short Range (Coul-SR) electrostatics of human and murine monomeric CCL2-flavonol (KP/QT/MT)-complex: hCCL2-Kaempferol (A); hCCL2-Myricetin (B); hCCL2-Quercetin (C); mCCL2-Kaempferol (D); mCCL2-Myricetin (E); and mCCL2-Quercetin (F) respectively. The red line represents the average Coul-SR interaction energy value.

