

1 **Supplementary Material for**

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3 Unique pathogen peptidomes facilitate pathogen-specific selection and

4 specialization of MHC alleles

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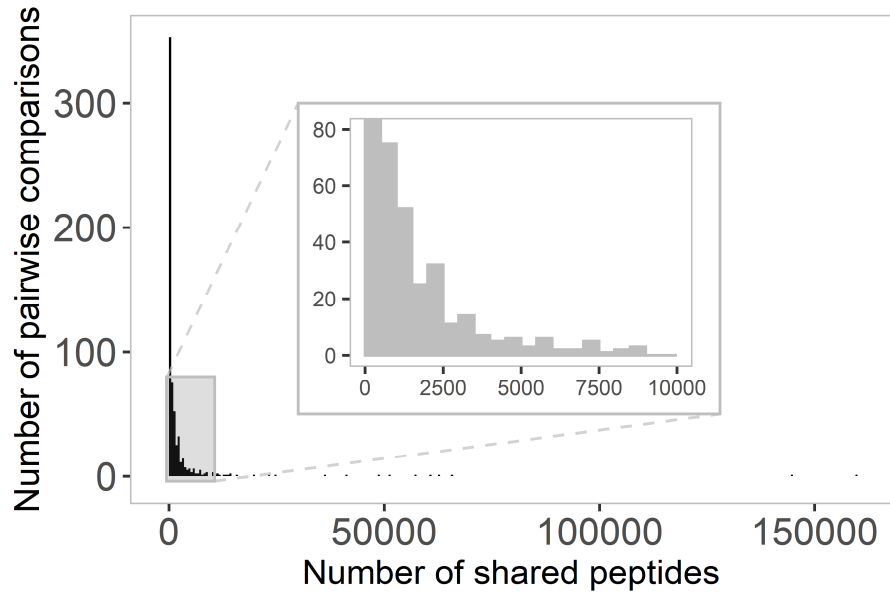
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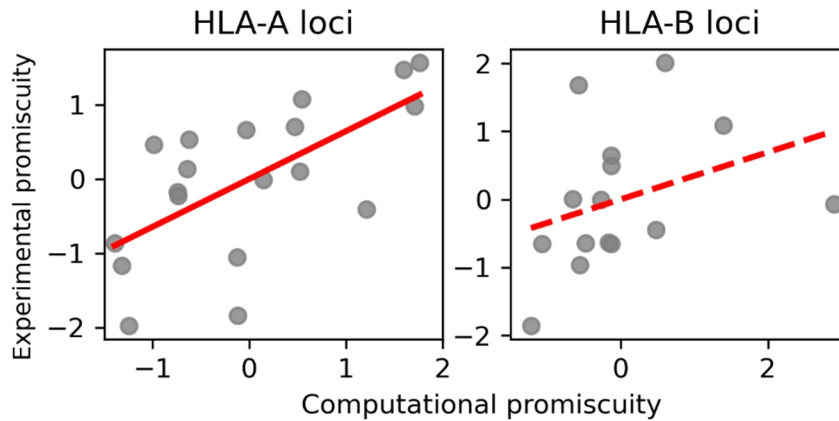
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18 **Figure S1.** Distribution of the number of shared peptides among all pairs of pathogens  
 19 (N=630). For each pathogen pair, shared peptides represent the overlap between both  
 20 pathogen peptidomes.

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23 **Figure S2.** Experimental and computational promiscuity values are correlated for HLA-  
 24 A (Kendall's tau = 0.51, p = 0.002) and HLA-B (Kendall's tau = 0.37, p = 0.054) loci.

25 Each dot represents HLA-A (N = 19) and HLA-B (N = 15) variants for which sufficient  
 26 experimental data is available on the Immune Epitope Database. Computational

27 promiscuity was calculated as the fraction of the bound peptides among the complete

28 dataset of 51.9 Mio peptides. Experimental promiscuity was calculated based on the data

29 from the Immune Epitope Database as the fraction of positive binding assays among the

30 total number of assays for each HLA allele. Computational and experimental promiscuity

31 values were normalized for comparison. Solid red line represents significant correlation

32 while dashed line represents positive trend. The HLA alleles included in the analysis are

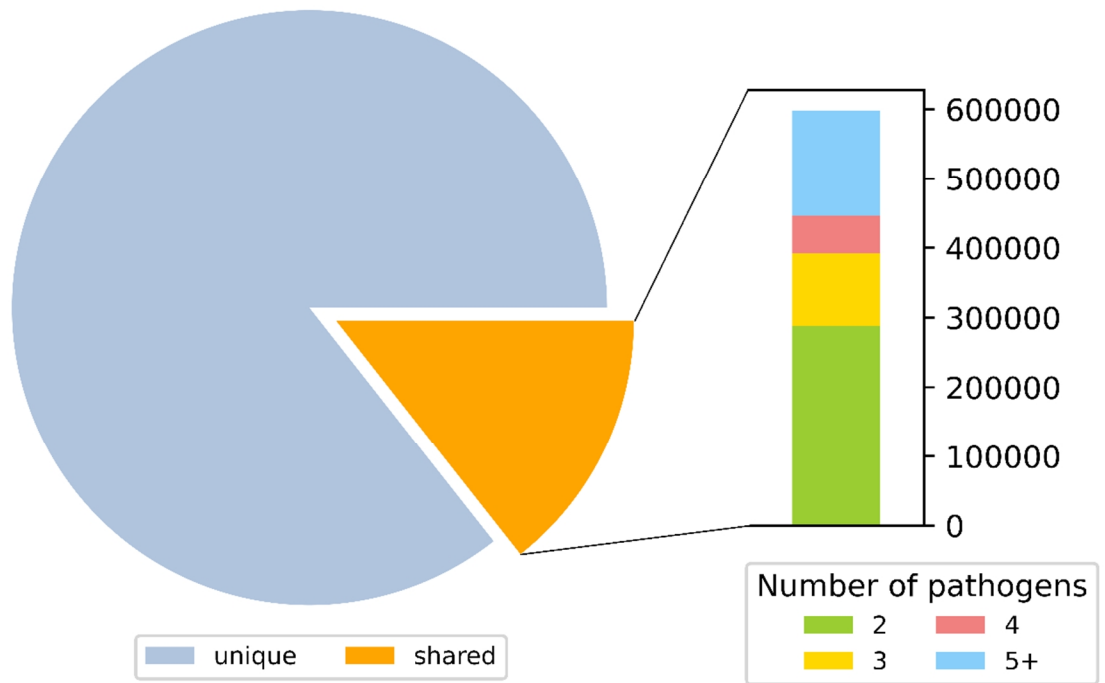
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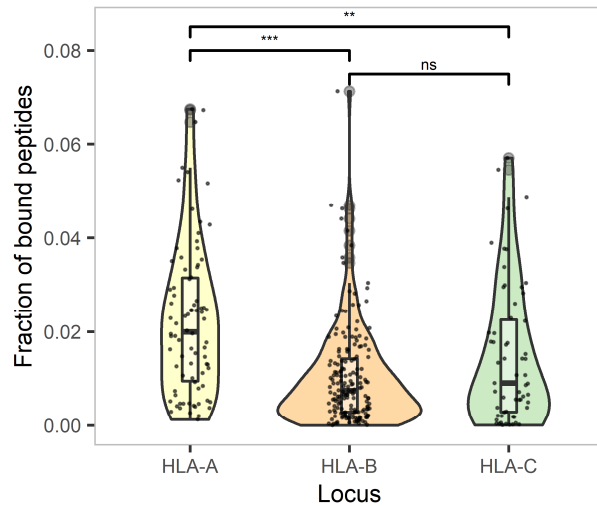
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39 **Figure S3.** Peptide sharing among human pathogens based on groups of peptides that are  
 40 bound by same set of HLA alleles. A total of 4,157,475 groups were analyzed and only  
 41 14.4% of these groups were shared among pathogens. The pie chart represents the  
 42 proportions of shared (N = 597,700) and unique (N = 3,559,775) groups of peptides while  
 43 the bar chart shows the extent of sharing across pathogen species for all shared peptide  
 44 groups.

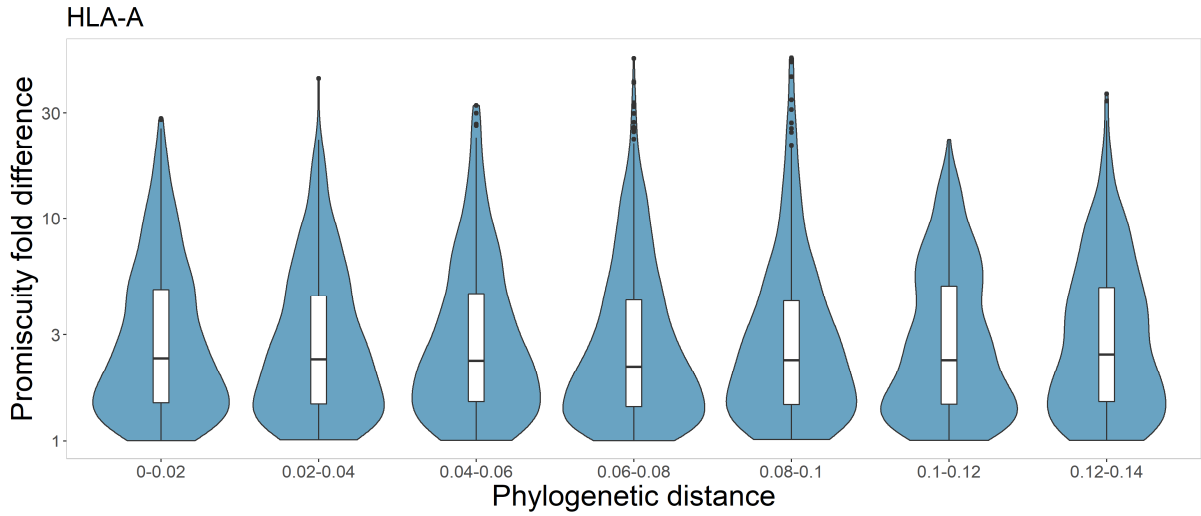
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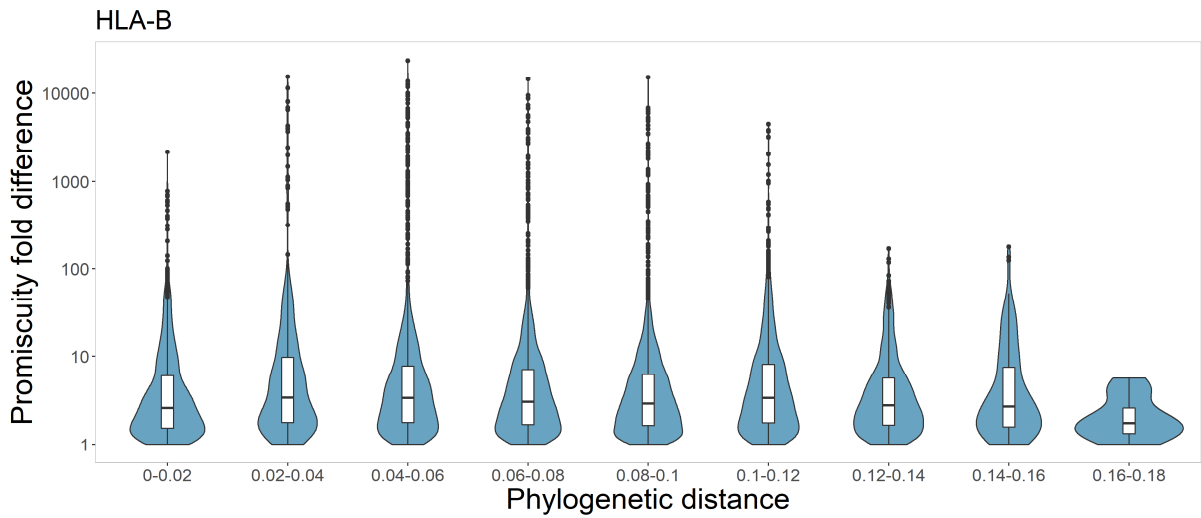
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47 **Figure S4.** Variation of promiscuity within and among MHC loci. The fraction of bound  
 48 peptides out of the complete set of unique peptides ( $N = 51,861,826$  nine-mers) is shown  
 49 for common variants of the three HLA class I loci (HLA-A;  $n = 82$ , HLA-B;  $n = 180$  and  
 50 HLA-C;  $n = 59$ ). Each dot represents an HLA variant. Upper and lower edges of boxes  
 51 correspond to the first and the third quartiles of the data while whiskers extend up to the  
 52 data at most 1.5 IQR away from the edges of the box. Statistical significance from  
 53 Wilcoxon rank sum test is indicated: \*\*\* -  $p < 0.001$ , \*\* -  $p < 0.01$ , ns -  $p > 0.05$ .

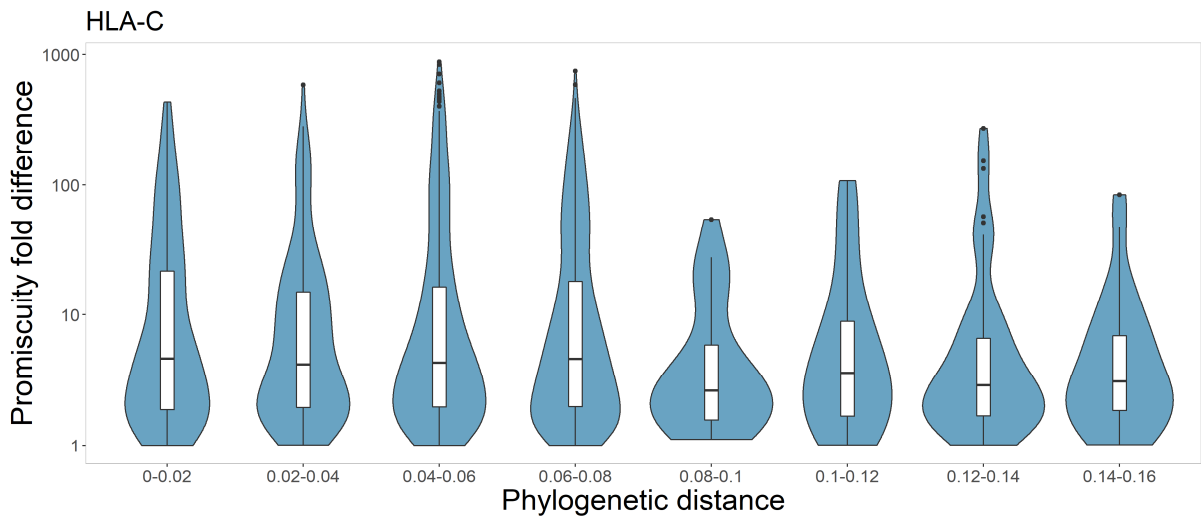
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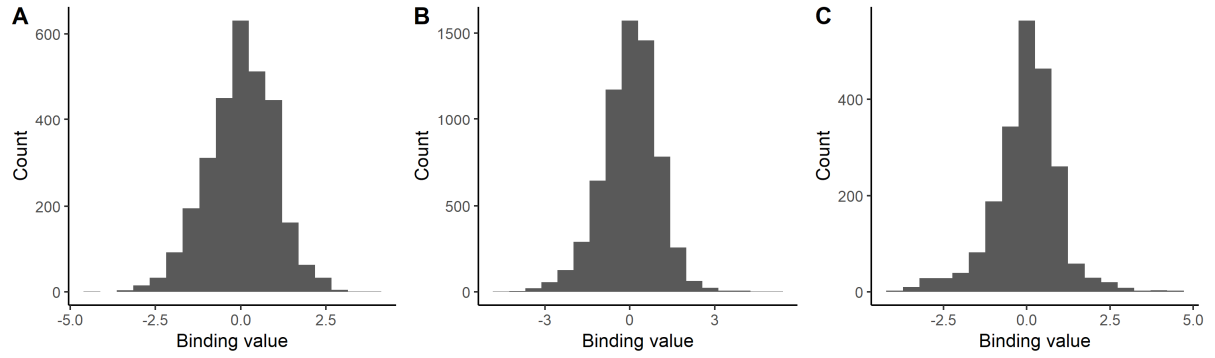
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58 **Figure S5.** Differences in promiscuity in comparison to phylogenetic distance between  
 59 pairs of HLA variants (HLA-A; n = 82, HLA-B; n = 180 and HLA-C; n = 59).

60 Phylogenetic distance between each pair is calculated as tip-to-tip distance in a  
61 phylogenetic tree. Promiscuity differences were calculated for each pair as the ratio of the  
62 number of bound peptides of more promiscuous variant to the number of bound peptides  
63 of the less promiscuous variant. Variant pairs were binned based on phylogenetic  
64 distance for better visualization.  
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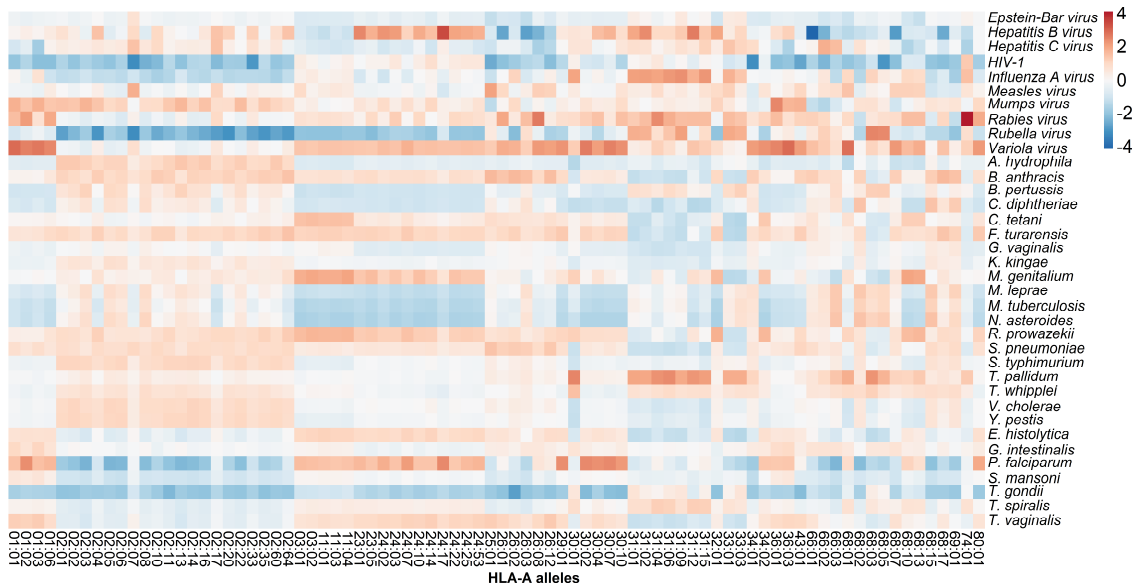


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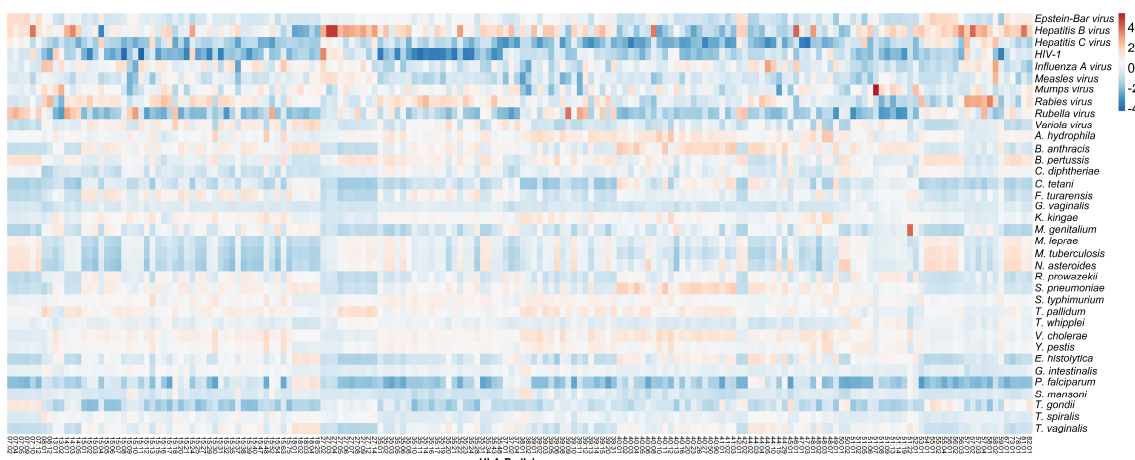
67 **Figure S6.** Distribution of standardized binding proportions for (A) HLA-A (n = 82), (B)  
 68 HLA-B (n = 180) and (C) HLA-C (n = 59) loci. The fraction of bound peptides from each  
 69 pathogen was normalized for each allele to obtain binding values (i.e. standardized  
 70 binding proportions).

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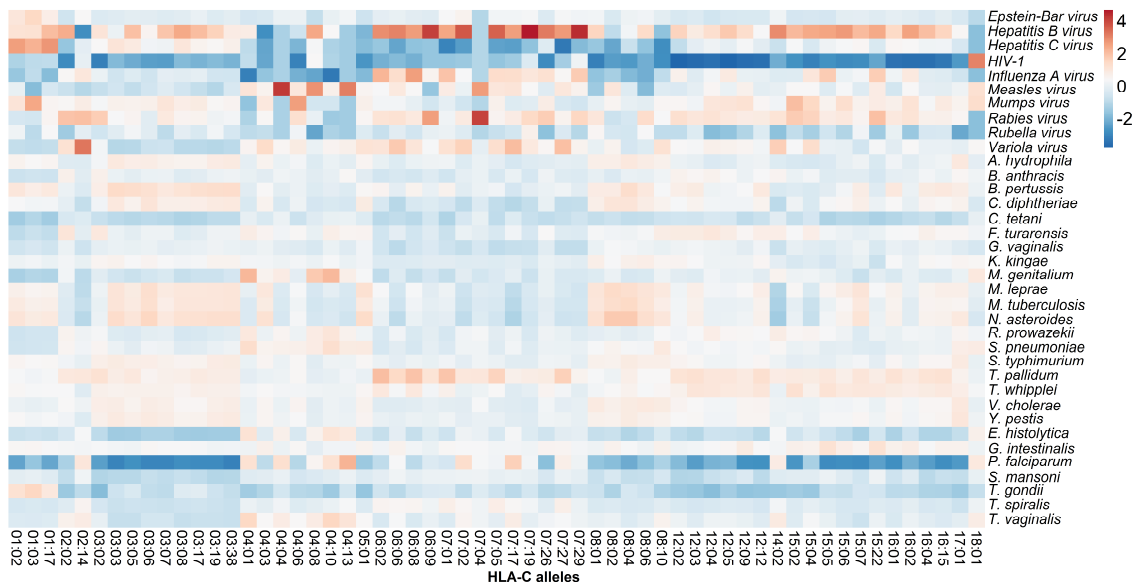




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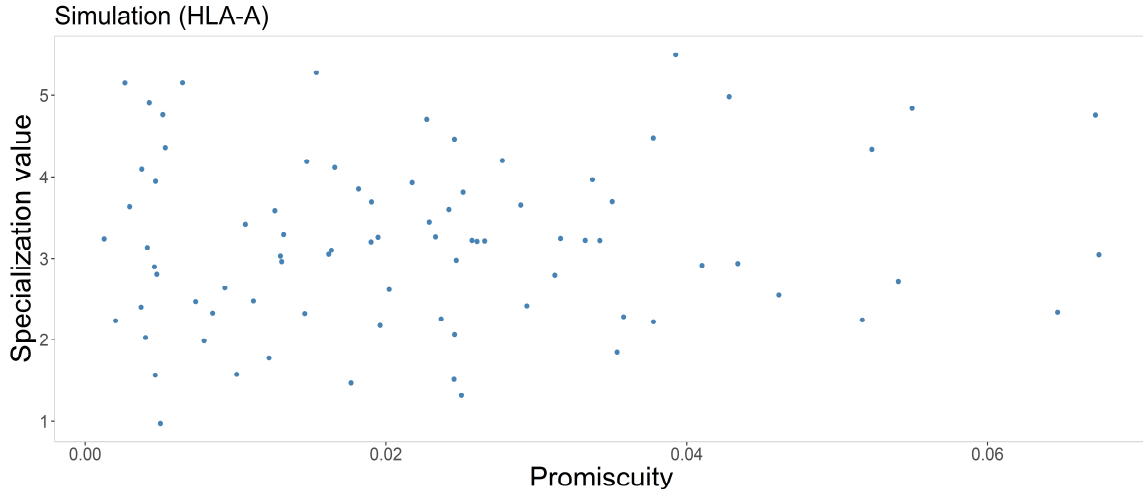


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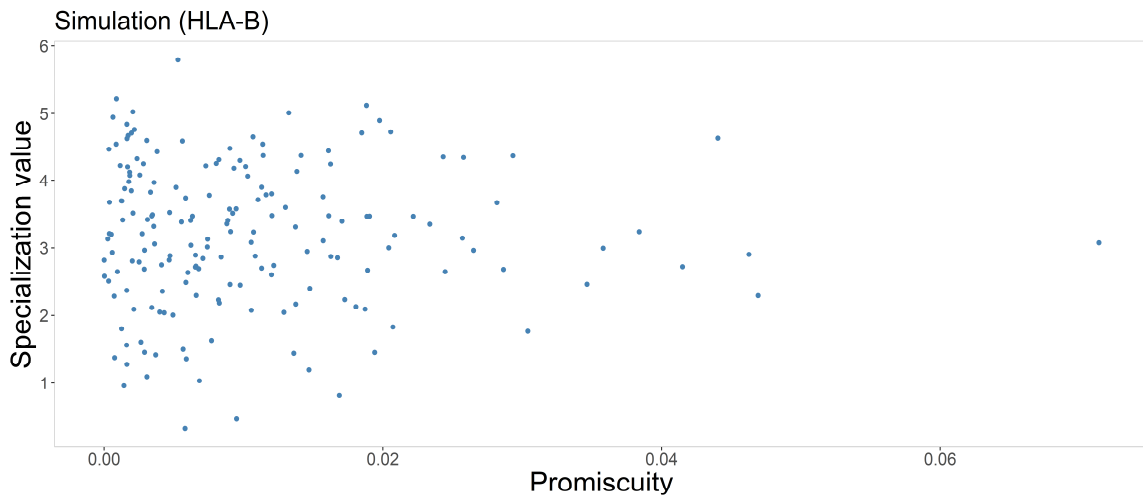


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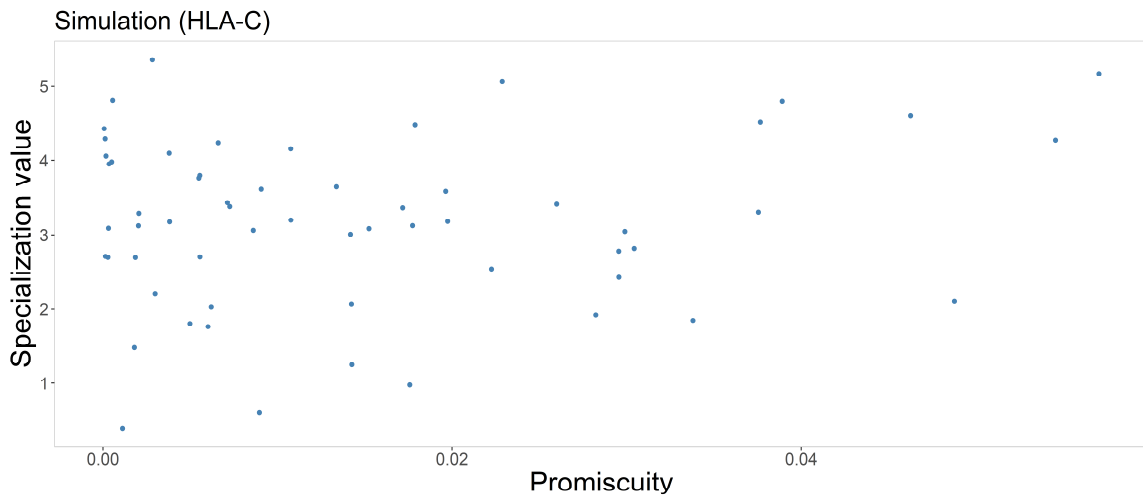
75 **Figure S7.** Standardized proportions of bound peptides by each HLA variant (x-axis)  
76 (HLA-A: n = 82; HLA-B: n = 180; HLA-C: n = 59) from each pathogen (y-axis)(n = 36).  
77 Corresponding HLA locus of each heatmap is written on the x-axis label.  
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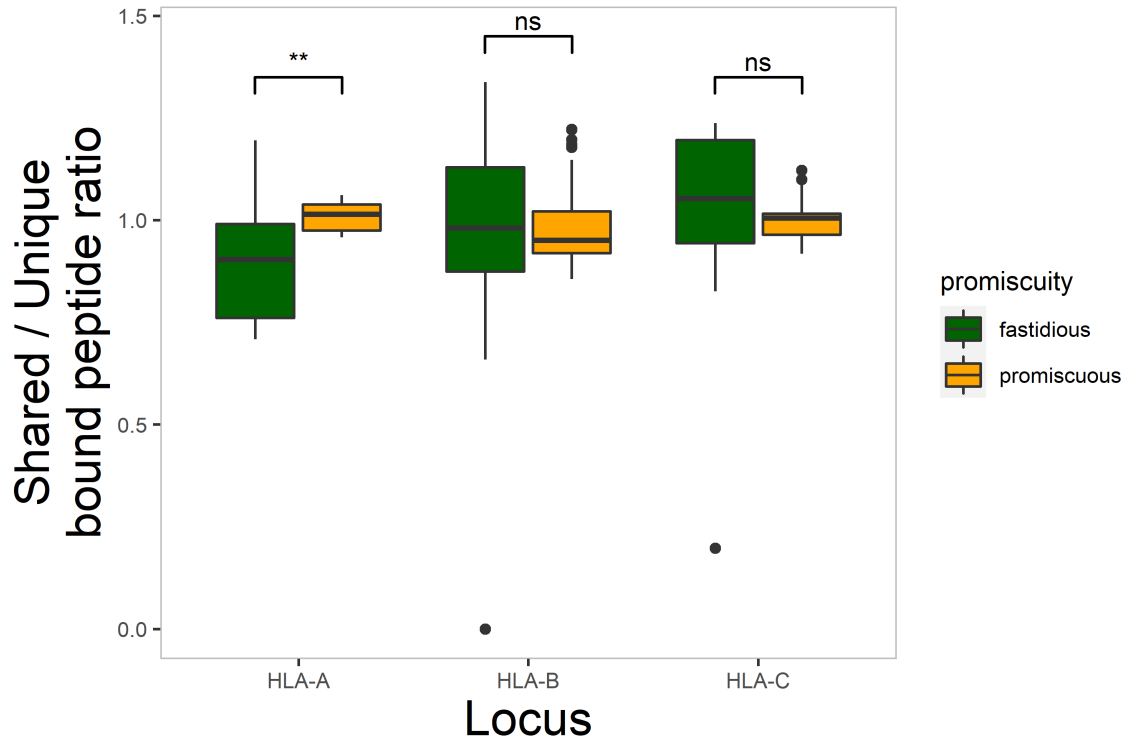
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82 **Figure S8.** Specialization as a function of promiscuity in the simulated data. Each dot  
 83 corresponds to a simulated HLA variant. The number of bound peptides by each HLA  
 84 variant from each pathogen were simulated by using the observed promiscuity of an HLA

85 variant as the probability of binding a peptide. Specialization value of simulated HLA  
86 variants were calculated in the same way as the real data (i.e. difference between the  
87 maximum and the median values of standardized proportions of bound peptides). No  
88 significant correlation between specialization and promiscuity were observed for any  
89 locus in the simulated data (Kendall correlation, HLA-A:  $\tau = 0.05$   $p = 0.54$ ; HLA-B:  
90  $\tau = -0.02$   $p = 0.65$ ; HLA-C:  $\tau = 0.01$   $p = 0.93$ ).  
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93 **Figure S9.** Comparison of the most promiscuous (top 25%) and the most fastidious  
 94 (bottom 25%) HLA variants regarding binding to shared peptides. Shared peptides are the  
 95 peptides observed in at least three different pathogens. The ratio on the y-axis is expected  
 96 to be one if there is no tendency of alleles to bind either shared or unique peptides. \*\* -  
 97  $p < 0.01$ , ns -  $p > 0.05$  (Wilcoxon rank sum test)

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**Table S1.** Human pathogens used for the analysis. The asterisk (\*) indicates that the pathogen is used for the pairwise peptide sharing analysis in Figure 2.

Organism	UniProt Proteome ID	Date accessed	Number of proteins	Number of nine-mers
<i>Aeromonas hydrophila</i>	UP000000756	11.08.2018	4121	1330710
<i>Bacillus anthracis</i> (*)	UP000000594	11.12.2018	5490	1375030
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i> (*)	UP000002676	3.07.2018	3258	1013488
<i>Clostridium tetani</i> (*)	UP000001412	3.07.2018	2415	780947
<i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> (*)	UP000002198	3.07.2018	2265	701220
<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>	UP000001926	3.07.2018	7959	2972321
Epstein-Barr virus	UP000153037	3.07.2018	92	39553
<i>Francisella tularensis</i>	UP000001174	11.08.2018	1528	459802
<i>Gardnerella vaginalis</i>	UP000001453	11.08.2018	1365	470742
<i>Giardia intestinalis</i> (*)	UP000001548	3.07.2018	7154	3048781
Hepatitis B virus	UP000007930	3.07.2018	7	1760
Hepatitis C virus	UP000000518	3.07.2018	2	3154
HIV1	UP000002241	11.12.2018	9	3062
Influenza A virus	UP000009255	3.07.2018	13	4508
<i>Kingella kingae</i>	UP000004207	11.08.2018	2102	551780
Measles virus	UP000008699	3.07.2018	8	4907
Mumps virus	UP000002331	11.12.2018	8	4759
<i>Mycobacterium leprae</i> (*)	UP000000806	11.12.2018	1603	521894
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> (*)	UP000001584	12.06.2018	3993	1263777
<i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> (*)	UP000000807	11.12.2018	483	172194
<i>Nocardia asteroides</i>	UP0000017048	11.08.2018	6459	2018795
<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i> (*)	UP000001450	16.06.2018	5449	3806032
Rabies virus	UP000008649	3.07.2018	5	3570
<i>Rickettsia prowazekii</i> (*)	UP000002480	11.08.2018	834	271251
Rubella virus	UP000000571	3.07.2018	2	3162
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i> (*)	UP000001014	11.08.2018	4431	1341710
<i>Schistosoma mansoni</i>	UP000008854	3.07.2018	11723	4939504
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> (*)	UP000002642	2.07.2018	2823	541479
<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i>	UP000002226	3.07.2018	8404	6440952
<i>Treponema pallidum</i> (*)	UP000000811	11.08.2018	1027	337608
<i>Trichinella spiralis</i>	UP000006823	3.07.2018	16041	4319328
<i>Trichomonas vaginalis</i>	UP000001542	3.07.2018	50190	11405499
<i>Tropheryma whpplei</i>	UP000002200	11.08.2018	805	251906
Variola virus	UP000002060	3.07.2018	199	52593
<i>Vibrio cholera</i> (*)	UP000000584	2.07.2018	3783	1110752
<i>Yersinia pestis</i> (*)	UP000000815	3.07.2018	3909	1193604

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