

Methods and Applications

Machine Learning Approach Effectively Predicts Binding Between SARS-CoV-2 Spike and ACE2 Across Mammalian Species — Worldwide, 2021

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) is a recently emergent coronavirus of natural origin and caused the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The study of its natural origin and host range is of particular importance for source tracing, monitoring of this virus, and prevention of recurrent infections. One major approach is to test the binding ability of the viral receptor gene ACE2 from various hosts to SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, but it is time-consuming and labor-intensive to cover a large collection of species.

Methods: In this paper, we applied state-of-the-art machine learning approaches and created a pipeline reaching >87% accuracy in predicting binding between different ACE2 and SARS-CoV-2 spike.

Results: We further validated our prediction pipeline using 2 independent test sets involving >50 bat species and achieved >78% accuracy. A large-scale screening of 204 mammal species revealed 144 species (or 61%) were susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 infections, highlighting the importance of intensive monitoring and studies in mammalian species.

Discussion: In short, our study employed machine learning models to create an important tool for predicting potential hosts of SARS-CoV-2 and achieved the highest precision to our knowledge in experimental validation. This study also predicted that a wide range of mammals were capable of being infected by SARS-CoV-2.

INTRODUCTION

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) has caused the ongoing pandemic of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and has led to more than 229 million people infected and 4.7 million fatalities as of September 23, 2021 (<https://covid19.who.int>). Despite a large number of investigations on the biology and pathology of SARS-CoV-2, as well as treatment of COVID-19, the virus and pandemic still pose a tremendous threat to global health and stability. The natural origin of this virus has gained consensus among scientific communities but available evidence is still short of being conclusive. For instance, bats and pangolins have been proposed but disputes still remain (1), leaving room for misinformation and abuse. Identifying the host species susceptible to, including the source and intermediate species of, SARS-CoV-2 is still one of the central scientific objectives for COVID-19 research and will help provide information for monitoring and containing a potential viral reservoir as well as preventing reoccurring zoonosis as in the case of influenza viruses.

The entry of SARS-CoV-2 to host cells requires the binding of its spike protein and host angiotensin I converting enzyme 2 (ACE2), a process that underwent intense investigation. Blocking their binding with a list of neutralizing monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) has been demonstrated to effectively prevent viral entry to cells *in vitro* and *in vivo* (2), and several mAbs were approved for clinical treatment of COVID patients (3). Short peptide mimicking the structure of ACE2 region binding to the viral spike protein has also been developed, which binds the receptor binding domain (RBD) of spike proteins with picomole-level affinity and effectiveness in cell assays (4). Besides serving as a target for treatment, the ability of binding between the SARS-CoV-2 spike and the ACE2 from non-human species indicated the susceptibility of those species towards SARS-CoV-2 and, combined with ecological data and evolutionary evidence, might identify key species as probable origins and/or intermediate hosts of SARS-CoV-2.

Screening the binding between the ACE2 from large-scale collection of species and the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein thus is highly desired; however, in reality,

there are great constraints due to costs and time required for experimental verification. Alternatively, bioinformatic approaches capable of predicting binding between the two proteins with high precision are helpful in prioritizing species of interest and excluding very unlikely species, reducing the cost and time for this purpose. Based on sequence similarity in the ACE2 across species, Damas et al. (5) proposed a score predicting binding to the SARS-CoV-2 spikes; since then, many species' ACE2 have been tested, and retrospectively it is clear that the approach is limited in its precision. Namely, ACE2 from all bat species (36 in total in their prediction) were predicted to be “low” or “very low” in binding to the SARS-CoV-2 spike, but later experiments demonstrated that 20 species' ACE2 (55.56%) could bind to the viral spike (6). Alongside bats, 17 out of 29 (58.62%) other mammals with ACE2 genes considered unlikely to bind to the SARS-CoV-2 spike actually had ability to bind as well (Supplementary Table S1, available in <http://weekly.chinacdc.cn/>). Thus, the currently available bioinformatic approach has an extremely high false negative rate and is still short of precisely predicting binding between the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein and the ACE2 across species.

METHODS

We have therefore applied machine learning approaches to address the remaining challenges (see Supplementary Materials, available in <http://weekly.chinacdc.cn/>). Machine learning methods have the ability to combine diverse and complex data and automatically learn features for prediction, classification, and regressions. In biology, they have been successfully applied in establishing predictive and classification models using genomic features (7), metabolic markers (8), and many more (9). In our study, we selected five representative machine learning methods to perform classification (i.e., prediction of binding *vs.* non-binding), namely Support Vector Machine (SVM), Decision Tree (DT), Random Forest (RF), Adaboost (ADA), and Gradient Boosting Regression Tree (GBRT). For the single estimator we chose SVM and DT because they are suitable for small training sets. However, single estimators have a tendency to cause poor generalizability or robustness. To reduce this issue, we chose three additional ensemble methods (RF, ADA, and GBRT) for the construction of the prediction model.

The five models were further equipped with *a priori*

information to establish a combined prediction pipeline. A study on the human ACE2 introduced mutations at 117 amino acid (AA) sites individually, whereas at each site the AA was mutated to all potential alternative AAs and the changes in affinity (relative to the wildtype ACE2) to that of SARS-CoV-2 have been experimentally examined, providing a quantitative reference data (10). Further, studies from Wang et al. (11) and Liu et al. (12) identified subsets of 24 and 20 AAs, respectively, in the human ACE2 as important sites for interaction with SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, which can be used as qualitative information to reduce model complexity and potential over-fitting. Based on reported experimental verifications of the ACE2 protein from 90 species (73 unique species, 27 from Wu et al. (13), 49 from Liu et al. (12). 14 are from our lab and currently being considered for independent publication), we aligned the ACE2 sequences of those species to the human ACE2 and extracted AAs to replace with log₂ enrichment ratios for the 117, 24, and 20 sites as input data format (Figure 1A). We have deposited this pipeline and details of the method at <https://github.com/mayuefine/Binding-prediction>.

RESULTS

The training and the test set data contained 62 and 11 species, respectively, and the test set was set aside from the training process. In order to screen the models with a stable performance, we trained five models on three groups of site information (group 20, group 24, and group 117, each group containing 5 machine learning approaches). Finally, the predictions of the three groups were combined and a combination of six models with the highest precision was chosen as our prediction pipeline, out of a total of 408 combinations; this pipeline reached an *in silico* precision of circa 87.5% (Figure 1B) and was used for subsequent analysis. We used this pipeline to generate a prediction score for each ACE2 sequence, which was equal to the number of models predicting that it binded to the viral spike divided by the total number of models.

Bat species of the order Chiroptera were of highest interest for tracing the origin and studying the host range of SARS-CoV-2, as bat species harbor multiple coronavirus species including the SARS virus. One of the closest related strains of coronavirus to SARS-CoV-2, RaTG13, was found in horseshoe bats (*Rhinolophus affinis*) (14). Thus, we applied our pipeline and

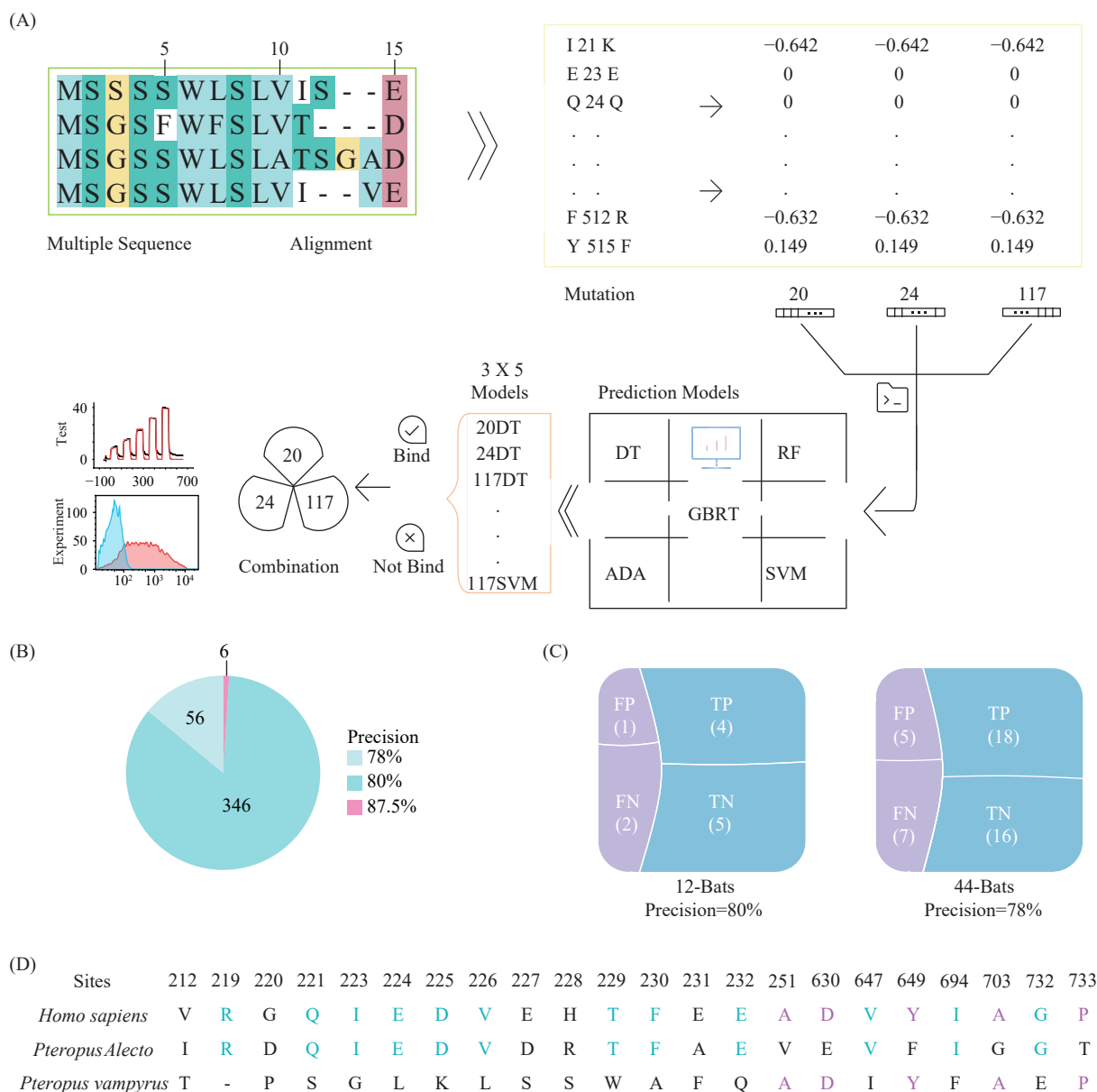


FIGURE 1. Overview of methodology and model performance of this study. (A) Schematic representation of the workflow; (B) The distribution of precision from all 408 potential combinations of models/input data; (C) Distribution of true positive (TP), true negative (TN), false positive (FP), and false negative (FN) in our models' prediction in two experimentally validated datasets; (D) Distribution of different AAs in human (*Homo sapiens*) and two bat species (*P. alecto* and *P. vampyrus*).

Note: After sequencing alignment, information from chosen sites were transformed into vectors and fed to five different models, from which the optimal combination was chosen as pipeline and used to predict available ACE2 sequences. After the prediction, we selected some of the sequences for experimental validation. Figure 1B showed that multiple combinations reached high precision using our testing dataset. that we presume to influence binding between ACE2 and viral spike protein as well, based on the observation that the two bat species' ACE2 have different binding with the viral spike.

Abbreviations: ACE2=angiotensin I converting enzyme 2; DT=decision tree; RF=random forest; GBRT=gradient boosting regression tree; ADA=adaboost; SVM=support vector machine.

examined across bat species with ACE2 sequences available (59 in total), in which we predicted their ability to bind with SARS-CoV-2 spike proteins. We then tested the precision of our prediction in two experimentally validated datasets, in which ACE2 with

predictions score >0.5 were considered likely to bind to the viral spike. We selected 12 bats' ACE2 and expressed the proteins, then confirmed with Surface Plasmon Resonance (SPR) and flow cytometry for the ability to bind the viral spike (Supplementary

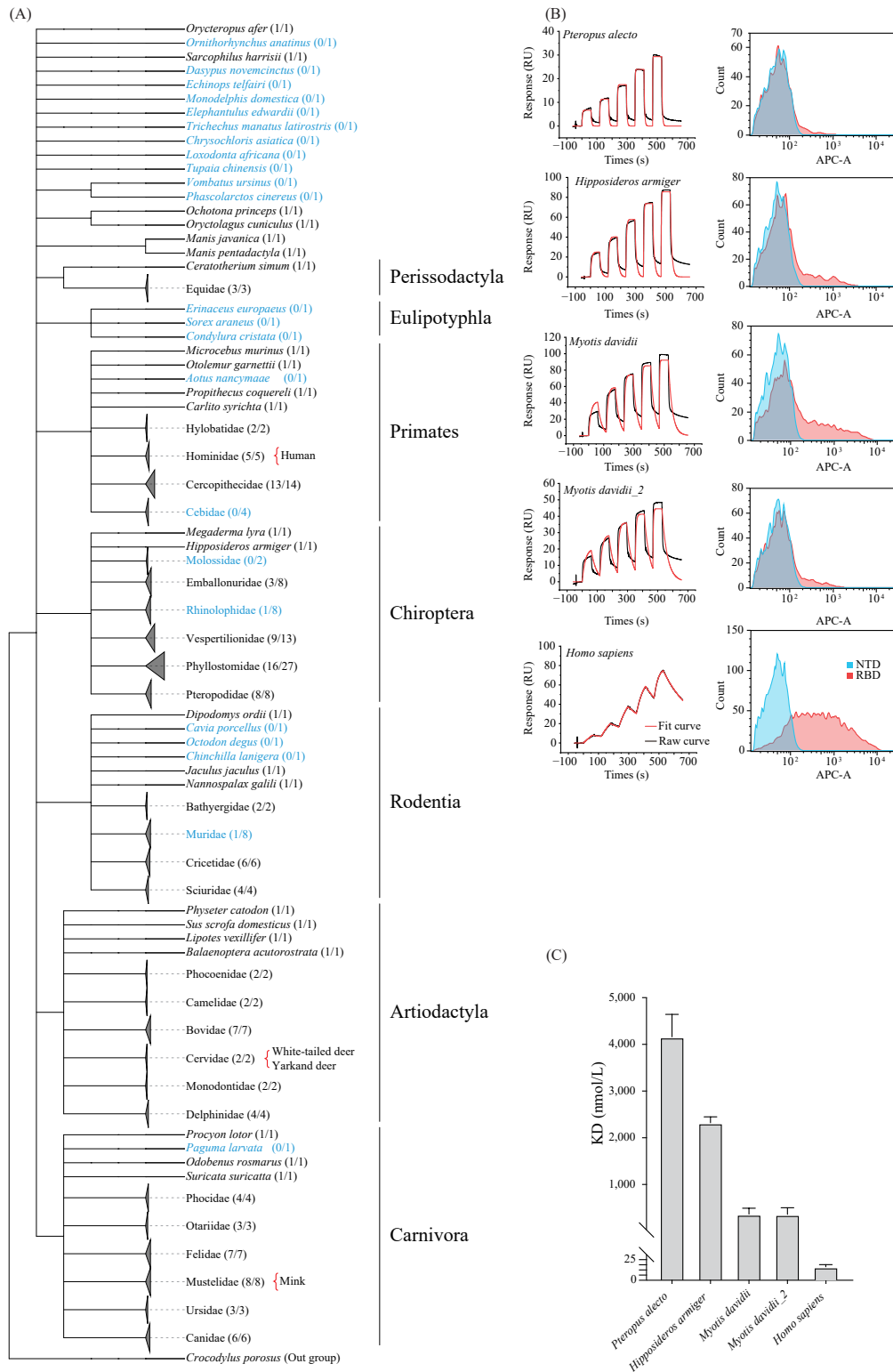


FIGURE 2. Prediction and validations of ACE2 across species in binding to SARS-CoV-2 spike. (A) The predicted range of species with ACE2 capable of binding to SARS-CoV-2; (B) SPR and flow cytometry validation for multiple species' ACE2 in binding to SARS-CoV-2 spike; (C) KD in nmol/L of the species shown in (B).

Note: For families with multiple species, the branch is collapsed and the proportion predicted to bind is shown in Figure 2A. Blue species/families are those predicted not to bind.

Abbreviations: ACE2=angiotensin I converting enzyme 2; SARS-CoV-2=severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2; SPR=surface plasmon resonance; KD=binding affinity.

Table S2, available in <http://weekly.chinacdc.cn/>). Overall, 4 of the 6 ACE2s predicted to bind to the SARS-CoV-2 spike were validated to bind to the viral spike (Figure 2B and Supplementary Figure S1, available in <http://weekly.chinacdc.cn/>), together with 5 ACE2s confirmed not to bind out of 6 ACE2s predicted to be so. Here we achieved a precision of 80% (Figure 1C). Then, using another dataset of 46 bat species by Yan et al. (6), after excluding the 2 sequences contained in our training set, we predicted the binding capacity and achieved 78.26% precision as shown in Figure 1C. Thus, our unified pipeline incorporating multiple machine learning models and different sets as input has the ability of confidently predicting binding between bat ACE2s and viral spikes.

It also drew our attention that during our validation, ACE2 sequences from *Pteropus alecto* and *Pteropus vampyrus* have identical AAs at all 117 sites we selected for input; however, *P. alecto* ACE2 could bind to the SARS-CoV-2 spike in our experimental system and *P. vampyrus* ACE2 had no detectable binding, suggesting additional AAs affected the binding capacity. We compared ACE2 sequences of these 2 species and identified in total 22 sites of difference between the 2. Of these sites, 16 are identical to human ACE2 (12 for *P. alecto* and 4 for *P. vampyrus*) (Figure 1D and Figure 2C). This comparison provided extra information that one or more of the AAs different between *P. alecto* and *P. vampyrus* and humans underly the differences in binding to the viral spike protein but have not been discovered in available studies. Closer investigations revealed that this set of AAs was not involved in binding with viral spike protein, thus their influences were indirect and likely affected by the ACE2 protein structurally or even by post-translation modifications including glycosylation.

Eventually, we refined our models incorporating the modified list of AAs as an input, and performed predictions on available ACE2 sequences from mammalian species (Supplementary Table S3, available in <http://weekly.chinacdc.cn/>, 204 in total and belonging to 69 families). This has resulted in the ACE2 of interest (likely to bind to the SARS-CoV-2 spike) from a total of 144 species, spread across 47 families (60.87%, Figure 2A). It is worth noting that the wide range of potential mammalian hosts agree with the emerging evidences of SARS-CoV-2 virus presence across mammals. Aside from 5 species of Hominidae (primates), ACE2s were predicted to bind to the viral spike protein in: 13 species of Cercopithecidae (old world monkeys), 8 species of

Pteropodidae (old world fruit bats), 7 species of Felidae (cats), 7 species of Bovidae (ruminants), 7 species of Mustelidae (containing minks), 6 species of Canidae (dogs), 3 species of Equidae (horses), 6 species of Cricetidae (muroid rodents), 4 species of Sciuridae (squirrels), and 3 species of Ursidae (bears). Even in all 3 families of marine mammal, their ACE2s had high likelihood to bind to the SARS-CoV-2 spike (in all 4 species of Phocidae, 4 of Delphinidae and 3 of Otariidae, Figure 2B). Our prediction was supported by emerging reports that white-tailed deer (family Cervidae) were positive in antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 in 2021, which came in addition to reports of dogs, cats, and minks being viable hosts for this virus. In summary, based on ACE2 sequence features, our study suggested that SARS-CoV-2 has an extremely large range of potential hosts and indicates the importance of investigating wild animals for viral existence and monitoring its spread.

DISCUSSION

In conclusion, our study employed machine learning models suitable for analyzing sequence data, incorporated established functional data with multiple features extracted from sequences, and achieved high precision in predicting binding between ACE2s from difference species to the spike protein of SARS-CoV-2. The precision within the test data set was 87.5%, and in a total of 44 bat species, the group of mammals that attracted most concern, we achieved >78% precision as well, indicating that the model can be further expanded to predict susceptibility of more bat species once genomic sequences or ACE2 sequences become available (Supplementary Table S4, available in <http://weekly.chinacdc.cn/>). With the same approach we have also screened the available ACE2 sequences across a large range of mammals, in which we found that a large range of mammals requires attention. Our pipeline is capable of determining species of interest for tracing and analyzing species of interest to understand the potential origin of and transmission routes of SARS-CoV-2.

Our pipeline, in terms of performance, remains to be improved upon, provided that more accurate machine-learning models and/or more a priori information continues to emerge. First, limited by the number of experimentally validated sets and understanding on ACE2-spike interactions, we had to limit the total AAs in the ACE2 sequences for training and prediction, in which our result already indicated

contained critical information that is currently unavailable with regard to AAs in other part of the sequence, as in the case of *P. alecto* and *P. vampyrus*. In addition, the growing concerns amid the COVID-19 pandemic lie in the fast-emerging variants of SARS-CoV-2 strains, especially when mutations in ACE2-interacting AAs in the spike protein have already demonstrated changes in binding affinity to human ACE2s, whether they lead to host range changes and even broader transmission remain to be investigated.

In summary, our approach has the potential and will need to be expanded to analyze binding abilities of different SARS-CoV-2 variants and ACE2s to forecast the potential spread of this virus and identify priority species for monitoring.

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Supplementary Material

Method

Data Collection

The 73 species angiotensin I converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) sequences for constructing predictive models and evaluation were collected from published articles (1–2) and unpublished data. Overall, 11 sequences from these 73 were randomly selected as test dataset for model evaluation and were not involved in model training.

The sequences of mammalian ACE2 for prediction were downloaded as of September 22, 2020 with a total of 294 ACE2 sequences of mammalian species from 23 orders being gathered. We performed multiple sequence alignment on collection of 294 sequences with human ACE2 sequence, using software CLUSTAL (version 2.1, Conway Institute, UCD, Dublin, Ireland, parameter “complete multiple alignment”) (3), in which sequences with more than 10 consecutive amino acid missing in the head 100 sites were excluded from the subsequent analysis, resulting in 272 ACE2 sequences (204 unique species).

Model Construction and Evaluation

We selected key amino acid sites and used the log2 enrichment ratios values from Chan et al. to label the amino acids for each ACE2 sequence (4), with 20, 24, and 117 sites selected from Liu et al. (1), Wang et al. (2), and Chan et al. (4), respectively. The sequences screened for these three sites were divided into a training dataset and a test dataset with an 8:2 ratio and used for training and testing of the model, respectively. As for prediction models, we used five different methods to train three different collections of sites, including support vector machine (SVM), Decision Tree, Random Forest, AdaBoost and Gradient Boosting, resulting in 15 models of input data/methods. After hundreds of epochs of training, random combinations of the 15 models were evaluated based on precision ($\text{Precision} = \text{TP} / (\text{TP} + \text{FP})$, where TP: True Positive, FP: False Positive). We selected six model combinations for ACE2 sequences prediction in the subsequent analysis and set the prediction score ($\text{Prediction Score} = \text{Pn} / \text{Mn}$), where Pn indicated the number of one sequence that was predicted to have binding ability and Mn was the total number of models used for prediction. The threshold value for the prediction score was set to 0.5, i.e., a prediction score ≥ 0.5 was considered to have the ability to bind with Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). The 272 sequences were also screened for sites for binding ability prediction.

Model construction and prediction were carried out based on the scikit-learn module in the Python3 (version 0.22.2, Python Software Foundation, Fredericksburg, VA, USA). The functions used for model training were “svm,” “DecisionTreeClassifier,” “RandomForestClassifier,” “AdaBoostClassifier,” and “GradientBoostingClassifier.” The parameters used for SVM were: $\text{gamma} = \text{'scale'}$; $\text{class_weight} = \{0:2\}$; for decision tree classifier were default parameters; for random forest classifier were the following: $\text{n_estimators} = 600$, $\text{oob_score} = \text{True}$, $\text{n_jobs} = -1$, $\text{class_weight} = \{0:2\}$; for Ada boost classifier were the following: $\text{base_estimator} = \text{DecisionTreeClassifier}$ ($\text{max_depth} = 2$), $\text{n_estimators} = 500$; and for gradient boosting classifier were the following: $\text{n_estimators} = 100$, $\text{learning_rate} = 1.0$, $\text{max_depth} = 1$, $\text{random_state} = 0$. All details were also available in our github depository.

ACE2 Sequence Acquisition and Gene cloning

Twelve bat orthologs were randomly selected from the test sets. The full-length coding sequences (accession numbers are shown in Supplementary Table S2) of these orthologs were synthesized and cloned into the pEGFP-N1 vector for flow cytometry (FACS). The extracellular domain of these ACE2 orthologs was fused with the Fc domain of mouse IgG (mFc) and cloned into the pCAGGS expression vector for surface plasmon resonance (SPR).

Protein Expression and Purification

The SARS-CoV-2 receptor-binding domain (RBD) and SARS-CoV-2 N-terminal domain (NTD) proteins used for flow cytometry and SPR were expressed and purified from the supernatants of HEK293F cells culture as described in our previous work (5). Proteins were stored in a PBS buffer [$1.8 \text{ mmol/L KH}_2\text{PO}_4$, $10 \text{ mmol/L Na}_2\text{HPO}_4$ (pH 7.4), 137 mmol/L NaCl , 2.7 mmol/L KCl] buffer. The indicated pCAGGS plasmids were transiently transfected into HEK293T cells (ATCC CRL-3216). Supernatants containing mFc-tagged ACE2 proteins were collected and concentrated at 48 h post-transfection.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S1. Binding ability of various mammalian ACE2, including published experimental results, prediction from Damas et al. (7) using our method.

Mammals	Species	Common name	Experiment results	Previous prediction results	Our prediction	Accession Number
Bats	<i>Anoura caudifer</i>	Tailed tailless bat	Binding	Very low	Binding	GCA_004027475.1
	<i>Artibeus jamaicensis</i>	Jamaican fruit-eating bat	Binding	Very low	Binding	GCA_004027435.1
	<i>Carollia perspicillata</i>	Seba's short-tailed bat	Binding	Very low	Not bind	GCA_004027735.1
	<i>Desmodus rotundus</i>	Common vampire bat	Binding	Very low	Not bind	XP_024425698.1
	<i>Eidolon helvum</i>	Straw-colored fruit bat	Binding	Low	Binding	GCA_000465285.1
	<i>Eonycteris spelaea</i>	Lesser dawn bat	Binding	Low	Binding	GCA_003508835.1
	<i>Macroglossus sobrinus</i>	Long-tongued fruit bat	Binding	Very low	Binding	GCA_004027375.1
	<i>Megaderma lyra</i>	Indian false vampire	Binding	Low	Binding	MT515624
	<i>Micronycteris hirsuta</i>	Hairy big-eared bat	Binding	Very low	Not bind	GCA_004026765.1
	<i>Miniopterus schreibersii</i>	Schreibers' long-fingered bat	Binding	Very low	Binding	GCA_004026525.1
	<i>Mormoops blainvillei</i>	Antillean ghost-faced bat	Binding	Very low	Not bind	GCA_004026545.1
	<i>Myotis brandtii</i>	Brandt's bat	Binding	Very low	Binding	XP_014399780.1
	<i>Myotis davidii</i>	David's myotis	Binding	Very low	Binding	XP_006775273.1
	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Little brown bat	Binding	Very low	Binding	XP_023609437.1
	<i>Myotis myotis</i>	Greater mouse-eared bat	Binding	Very low	Binding	https://vgp.github.io/genomeark/Myotis_myotis
	<i>Noctilio leporinus</i>	Greater bulldog bat	Binding	Very low	Binding	GCA_004026585.1
	<i>Pipistrellus pipistrellus</i>	Common pipistrelle	Binding	Very low	Not bind	GCA_004026625.1
	<i>Pteropus alecto</i>	Black flying fox	Binding	Low	Binding	XP_006911709.1
	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	Egyptian rousette	Binding	Low	Binding	XP_015974412.1
	<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	Brazilian free-tailed bat	Binding	Very low	Not bind	GCA_004025005.1
Other Mammals	<i>Ailuropoda melanoleuca</i>	Giant panda	Binding	Low	Binding	XP_002930657.1
	<i>Camelus ferus</i>	Wild Bactrian camel	Binding	Low	Binding	XP_006194263.1
	<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i>	Southern white rhinoceros	Binding	Low	Binding	XP_004435206.1
	<i>Equus caballus</i>	Horse	Binding	Low	Binding	XP_001490241.1
	<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>	White-footed mouse	Binding	Low	Binding	XP_028743609.1
	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	Egyptian rousette	Binding	Low	Binding	XP_015974412.1
	<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Pig	Binding	Low	Binding	NP_001116542.1
	<i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>	Grizzly bear	Binding	Low	Binding	XP_026333865.1
	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Red fox	Binding	Low	Binding	XP_025842512.1
	<i>Callorhinus ursinus</i>	Northern fur seal	Binding	Very low	Binding	XP_025713397.1
	<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>	Steller sea lion	Binding	Very low	Binding	XP_027970822.1
	<i>Jaculus jaculus</i>	lesser Egyptian jerboa	Binding	Very low	Binding	XP_004671523.1
	<i>Manis javanica</i>	Malayan pangolin	Binding	Very low	Binding	XP_017505746.1
	<i>Mustela erminea</i>	Stoat	Binding	Very low	Binding	XP_032187677.1
	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Little brown bat	Binding	Very low	Binding	XP_023609437.1
	<i>Neomonachus schauinslandi</i>	Hawaiian monk seal	Binding	Very low	Binding	XP_021536480.1
	<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	California sea lion	Binding	Very low	Binding	XP_027465353.1

Abbreviations: ACE2=angiotensin I converting enzyme 2.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S2. Results of binding between ACE2 from 12 bat species and SARS-CoV-2 spike performed in our study.

Species	KD (nmol/L)	Prediction score	Accession number
<i>Pteropus alecto</i>	4,163.47±479.62	1.00	XP_006911709.1
<i>Pteropus vampyrus</i>	—*	1.00	XP_011361275.1
<i>Hipposideros armiger</i>	2,323.89±124.60	0.70	XP_019522936.1
<i>Myotis davidii</i>	369.03±126.37	0.79	XP_015426919.1
<i>Myotis davidii</i>	361.33±144.51	0.79	XP_006775273.1
<i>Rhinolophus pearsonii</i>	—	0.20	ABU54053.1
<i>Megaderma lyra</i>	735.58±121.91	0.47	QKE49998.1
<i>Molossus molossus</i>	—	0.33	KAF6491643.1
<i>Pipistrellus abramus</i>	—	0.11	ACT66266.1
<i>Rhinolophus landeri</i>	3,635.83±156.31	0.01	ALJ94034.1
<i>Scotophilus dinganii</i>	—	0.22	QJF77809.1
<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	—	0.17	QLF98520.1
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	13.28±2.06	1.00	NP_00135844.1

Note: Prediction score of >0.5 is considered to be able to bind SARS-CoV-2 spike.

Abbreviations: ACE2=angiotensin I converting enzyme 2; SARS-CoV-2=severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2; KD=binding affinity.

* No detected affinity.

Flow Cytometry Analysis

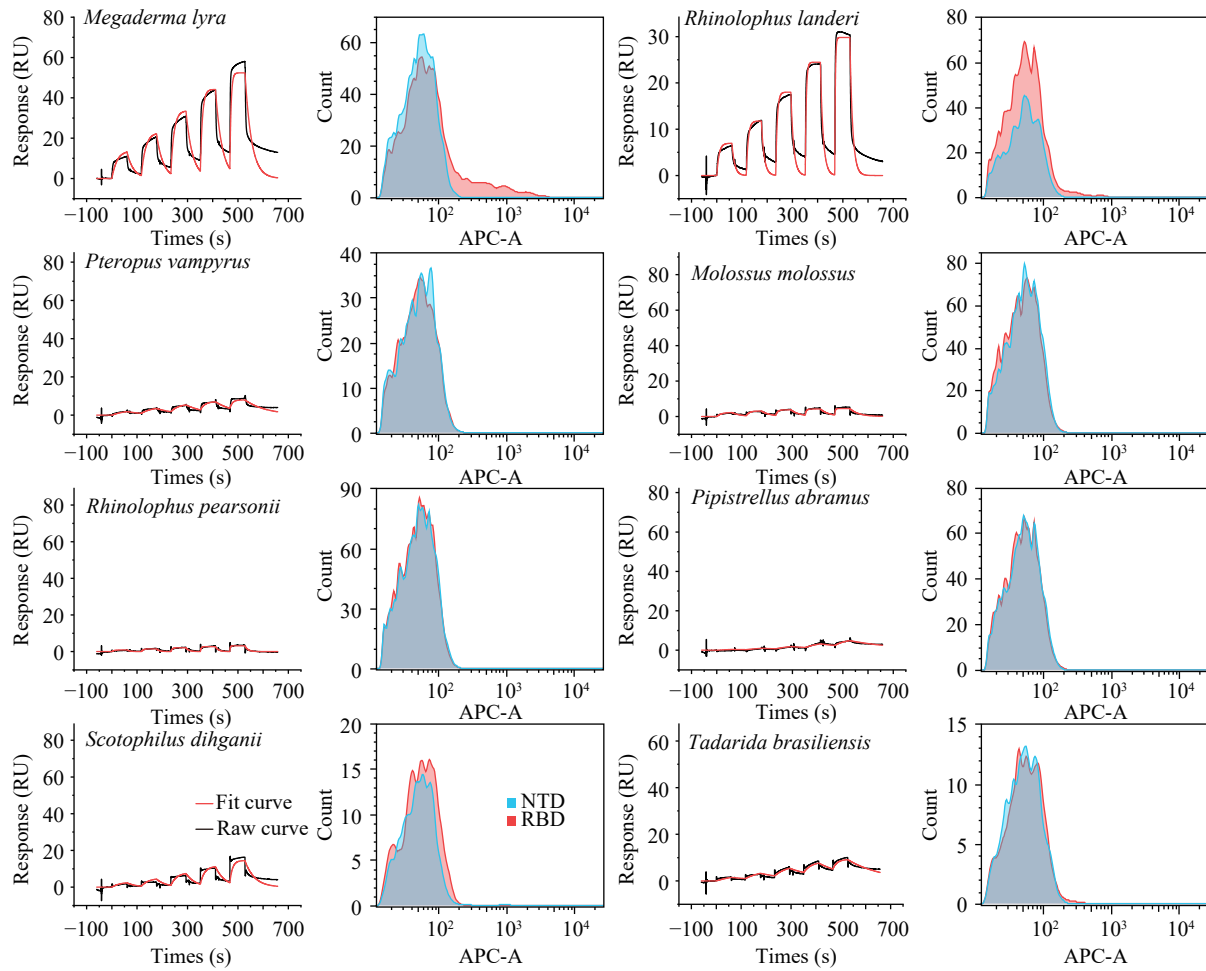
To test the binding between each of the 12 ACE2s and SARS-CoV-2 RBD, the 12 bat ACE2s fused with eGFP were expressed on the cell surface by transfecting each of the 12 pEGFP-N1-ACE2s plasmids into BHK21 cells (ATCC, ATCC CCL-10) using PEI (Alfa). Cell culture was replaced with fresh media (DMEM with 10% FBS, Gibco) 4–6 h post-transfection. After 48 h, cells were collected and resuspended in PBS. Then, 2×10^5 cells were incubated with the histidine tagged test proteins (SARS-CoV-2 RBD, SARS-CoV-2 NTD) at a concentration of 10 µg/mL at 37 °C for 30 min. Cells were then washed three times in PBS and stained with anti-His/APC antibodies (1:500, Miltenyi Biotec, AB_2751870) for 30 min at 37 °C. Flow cytometry (FACS) data were acquired on a BD FACSCanto (BD Biosciences, Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA) and analyzed using FlowJo V10 software (TreeStar Inc., Ashland, OR, USA), with results shown in Supplementary Figure S1.

SPR Analysis

We tested the binding affinities between the mFc-tagged ACE2s and SARS-CoV-2 RBD or SARS-CoV RBD proteins by SPR using a BIAcore 8K (GE Healthcare) carried out at 25 °C in single-cycle mode. The PBST buffer (1.8 mmol/L KH₂PO₄, 10 mmol/L Na₂HPO₄ (pH 7.4), 137 mmol/L NaCl, 2.7 mmol/L KCl, and 0.05% (v/v) Tween 20) was used as the running buffer. The CM5 biosensor chip was first immobilized with anti-mIgG antibody (ZSGB-BIO, ZF-0513) as previously described. (1) The supernatants containing mFc-tagged ACE2s were injected and captured by the antibody immobilized on the CM5 chip at approximately 300–600 response units. The serially diluted SARS-CoV-2 RBD protein flowed over the chip surface, with another channel set as control. The chip was regenerated using pH 1.7 glycine after each reaction. The equilibrium dissociation constants (binding affinity, KD) for each pair of interaction were calculated with BIAcore_8K evaluation software (GE Healthcare, Chicago, IL, USA) by fitting to a 1:1 Langmuir binding model. Data were analyzed using OriginLab (Origin 2018, OriginLab Corporation, Northampton, MA, USA).

Phylogenetic Tree

The phylogenetic tree was constructed by uploading the species names from 272 sequences into NCBI Taxonomy Common Tree (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/CommonTree/>). The visualization of the phylogenetic tree was based on iTol (6).



SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE S1. SPR and flow cytometry validation for multiple species' ACE2.

Abbreviations: ACE2=angiotensin I converting enzyme 2; SPR=surface plasmon resonance; RU=response unit; NTD=N-terminal domain; RBD=receptor-binding domain.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S3. Prediction of the binding capacity of collected mammalian ACE2 to SARS-CoV-2.

Species	Common name	Prediction scores	Data availability
<i>Hylobates moloch</i>	Silvery gibbon	1.00	XP_032612508.1
<i>Phocoena sinus</i>	Vaquita	1.00	XP_032476001.1
<i>Globicephala melas</i>	Long-finned pilot whale	1.00	XP_030703991.1
<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	Canada lynx	1.00	XP_030160839.1
<i>Monodon monoceros</i>	Narwhal	1.00	XP_029095804.1
<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>	White-footed mouse	1.00	XP_028743609.1
<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata scammoni</i>	Common minke whale	1.00	XP_028020351.1
<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>	Steller sea lion	1.00	XP_027970822.1
<i>Marmota flaviventris</i>	Yellow-bellied marmot	1.00	XP_027802308.1
<i>Zalophus californianus</i>	California sea lion	1.00	XP_027465353.1
<i>Bos indicus</i> x <i>Bos taurus</i>	Hybrid cattle	1.00	XP_027389729.1
<i>Bos indicus</i> x <i>Bos taurus</i>	Hybrid cattle	1.00	XP_027389727.1
<i>Cricetulus griseus</i>	Chinese hamster	1.00	XP_027288607.1
<i>Lagenorhynchus obliquidens</i>	Pacific white-sided dolphin	1.00	XP_026951598.1
<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	Cheetah	1.00	XP_026910297.1
<i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>	Grizzly bear	1.00	XP_026333865.1
<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	Red fox	1.00	XP_025842512.1
<i>Puma concolor</i>	Puma	1.00	XP_025790417.1
<i>Callorhinus ursinus</i>	Northern fur seal	1.00	XP_025713397.1
<i>Canis lupus dingo</i>	Dingo	1.00	XP_025292925.1
<i>Theropithecus gelada</i>	Gelada	1.00	XP_025227847.1
<i>Neophocaena asiaeorientalis asiaeorientalis</i>	Yangtze finless	1.00	XP_024599894.1
<i>Pongo abelii</i>	Sumatran orangutan	1.00	XP_024096013.1
<i>Physeter catodon</i>	Sperm whale	1.00	XP_023971279.1
<i>Felis catus</i>	Domestic cat	1.00	XP_023104564.1
<i>Ptilocolobus tephrosceles</i>	Ugandan red colobus	1.00	XP_023054821.1
<i>Delphinapterus leucas</i>	Beluga whale	1.00	XP_022418360.1
<i>Papio anubis</i>	Olive baboon	1.00	XP_021788732.1
<i>Neomonachus schauinslandi</i>	Hawaiian monk seal	1.00	XP_021536486.1
<i>Neomonachus schauinslandi</i>	Hawaiian monk seal	1.00	XP_021536480.1
<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Pig	1.00	XP_020935034.1
<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Pig	1.00	XP_020935033.1
<i>Odocoileus virginianus texanus</i>	White-tailed deer	1.00	XP_020768965.1
<i>Bos indicus</i>	<i>Bos taurus indicus</i>	1.00	XP_019811720.1
<i>Bos indicus</i>	<i>Bos taurus indicus</i>	1.00	XP_019811719.1
<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>	Common bottlenose dolphin	1.00	XP_019781177.1
<i>Panthera pardus</i>	Leopard	1.00	XP_019273508.1
<i>Gorilla gorilla gorilla</i>	Western lowland gorilla	1.00	XP_018874749.1
<i>Manis javanica</i>	Malayan pangolin	1.00	XP_017505746.1
<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Chimpanzee	1.00	XP_016798469.1
<i>Pan troglodytes</i>	Chimpanzee	1.00	XP_016798468.1
<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	Egyptian rousette	1.00	XP_015974412.1

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Species	Common name	Prediction scores	Data availability
<i>Marmota marmota marmota</i>	Alpine marmot	1.00	XP_015343540.1
<i>Propithecus coquereli</i>	Coquerel's sifaka	1.00	XP_012494185.1
<i>Ovis aries</i>	Sheep	1.00	XP_011961657.1
<i>Cercocebus atys</i>	Sooty mangabey	1.00	XP_011891198.1
<i>Mandrillus leucophaeus</i>	Drill	1.00	XP_011850923.1
<i>Colobus angolensis palliatus</i>	Angola colobus	1.00	XP_011795654.1
<i>Macaca nemestrina</i>	Pig-tailed macaque	1.00	XP_011733505.1
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	Human	1.00	XP_011543854.1
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	Human	1.00	XP_011543853.1
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	Human	1.00	XP_011543851.1
<i>Pteropus vampyrus</i>	Large flying fox	1.00	XP_011361275.1
<i>Rhinopithecus roxellana</i>	Golden snub-nosed monkey	1.00	XP_010364367.2
<i>Pan paniscus</i>	Pygmy chimpanzee	1.00	XP_008972437.1
<i>Pan paniscus</i>	Pygmy chimpanzee	1.00	XP_008972428.1
<i>Nannospalax galili</i>	Upper galilee mountains blind mole rat	1.00	XP_008839098.1
<i>Ursus maritimus</i>	Polar bear	1.00	XP_008694637.1
<i>Chlorocebus sabaeus</i>	Green monkey	1.00	XP_007989304.1
<i>Lipotes vexillifer</i>	Yangtze River dolphin	1.00	XP_007466389.1
<i>Panthera tigris altaica</i>	Amur tiger	1.00	XP_007090142.1
<i>Peromyscus maniculatus bairdii</i>	Prairie deer mouse	1.00	XP_006973269.1
<i>Pteropus alecto</i>	Black flying fox	1.00	XP_006911709.1
<i>Bubalus bubalis</i>	Water buffalo	1.00	XP_006041602.1
<i>Bos mutus</i>	Wild yak	1.00	XP_005903173.1
<i>Capra hircus</i>	Goat	1.00	XP_005701129.2
<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Dog	1.00	XP_005641049.1
<i>Macaca fascicularis</i>	Crab-eating macaque	1.00	XP_005593094.1
<i>Ictidomys tridecemlineatus</i>	Thirteen-lined ground squirrel	1.00	XP_005316051.3
<i>Bos taurus</i>	Cattle	1.00	XP_005228486.1
<i>Bos taurus</i>	Cattle	1.00	XP_005228485.1
<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	Golden hamster	1.00	XP_005074266.1
<i>Heterocephalus glaber</i>	Naked mole-rat	1.00	XP_004866157.1
<i>Ochotona princeps</i>	American pika	1.00	XP_004597549.2
<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i>	Southern white rhinoceros	1.00	XP_004435206.1
<i>Odobenus rosmarus divergens</i>	Pacific walrus	1.00	XP_004415448.1
<i>Orcinus orca</i>	Killer whale	1.00	XP_004269705.1
<i>Cricetulus griseus</i>	Chinese hamster	1.00	XP_003503283.1
<i>Nomascus leucogenys</i>	Northern white-cheeked gibbon	1.00	XP_003261132.2
<i>Ailuropoda melanoleuca</i>	Giant panda	1.00	XP_002930657.1
<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Rabbit	1.00	XP_002719891.1
<i>Chrysocyon brachyurus</i>	Maned wolf	1.00	QNC68917.1
<i>Neofelis diardi</i>	Sunda clouded leopard	1.00	QNC68916.1
<i>Speothos venaticus</i>	Bush dog	1.00	QNC68915.1
<i>Manis pentadactyla</i>	Chinese pangolin	1.00	QLH93383.1

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Species	Common name	Prediction scores	Data availability
<i>Dobsonia viridis</i>	Greenish naked-backed fruit bat	1.00	QJF77815.1
<i>Syconycteris australis</i>	Southern blossom bat	1.00	QJF77811.1
<i>Epomophorus wahlbergi</i>	Wahlberg's epauletted fruit bat	1.00	QJF77792.1
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	Human	1.00	NP_068576.1
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	Human	1.00	NP_001358344.1
<i>Capra hircus</i>	Goat	1.00	NP_001277036.1
<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	Dog	1.00	NP_001158732.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	NP_001129168.1
<i>Pongo abelii</i>	Sumatran orangutan	1.00	NP_001124604.1
<i>Sus scrofa</i>	Pig	1.00	NP_001116542.1
<i>Felis catus</i>	Domestic cat	1.00	NP_001034545.1
<i>Bos taurus</i>	Cattle	1.00	NP_001019673.2
<i>Rousettus leschenaultii</i>	Leschenault's rousette	1.00	BAF50705.1
<i>Rousettus leschenaultii</i>	Leschenault's rousette	1.00	ADJ19219.1
<i>Mesocricetus auratus</i>	Golden hamster	1.00	ACT66278.1
<i>Felis catus</i>	Domestic cat	1.00	ACT66276.1
<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	Rabbit	1.00	ACT66271.1
<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	Domestic pig	1.00	ACT66265.1
<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>	Greater horseshoe bat	1.00	ACM45790.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04576.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04571.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04570.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04569.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04568.1
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<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04566.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04564.1
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<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04560.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04559.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04557.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04556.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04555.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04554.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04553.1
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	1.00	ACI04552.1
<i>Nyctereutes procyonoides</i>	Raccoon dog	1.00	ABW16956.1
<i>Chlorocebus aethiops</i>	Grivet	1.00	AAV57872.1
<i>Camelus ferus</i>	Wild bactrian camel	0.99	XP_006194263.1
<i>Jaculus jaculus</i>	Lesser Egyptian jerboa	0.99	XP_004671523.1
<i>Mirounga leonina</i>	Southern elephant seal	0.97	XP_034852450.1
<i>Trachypithecus francoisi</i>	Francois's langur	0.97	XP_033056809.1

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Species	Common name	Prediction scores	Data availability
<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	Rhesus monkey	0.97	ACI04573.1
<i>Equus asinus</i>	African wild ass	0.93	XP_014713133.1
<i>Equus przewalskii</i>	Przewalski's horse	0.93	XP_008542995.1
<i>Orycteropus afer afer</i>	Aardvark	0.93	XP_007951028.1
<i>Microtus ochrogaster</i>	Prairie vole	0.93	XP_005358818.1
<i>Equus caballus</i>	Horse	0.93	XP_001490241.1
<i>Neovison vison</i>	American mink	0.93	QPL12211.1
<i>Arctonyx collaris</i>	Hog badger	0.93	QLF98526.1
<i>Cynopterus sphinx</i>	Indian short-nosed fruit bat	0.93	QKE49997.1
<i>Uroderma bilobatum</i>	Tent-building bat	0.93	QJF77842.1
<i>Platyrrhinus vittatus</i>	Greater broad-nosed bat	0.93	QJF77835.1
<i>Platyrrhinus helleri</i>	Heller's broad-nosed bat	0.93	QJF77834.1
<i>Cynopterus sphinx</i>	Indian short-nosed fruit bat	0.93	QJF77831.1
<i>Chiroderma villosum</i>	Hairy big-eyed bat	0.93	QJF77830.1
<i>Chiroderma salvini</i>	Salvin's big-eyed bat	0.93	QJF77829.1
<i>Artibeus phaeotis</i>	Dwarf fruit-eating bat	0.93	QJF77823.1
<i>Artibeus lituratus</i>	Great fruit-eating bat	0.93	QJF77822.1
<i>Artibeus jamaicensis</i>	Jamaican fruit-eating bat	0.93	QJF77821.1
<i>Phodopus campbelli</i>	Campbell's desert hamster	0.93	ACT66274.1
<i>Fukomys damarensis</i>	Damara mole-rat	0.91	XP_010643477.1
<i>Cervus hanglu yarkandensis</i>	Yarkand deer	0.88	KAF4027296.1
<i>Urocitellus parryi</i>	Arctic ground squirrel	0.87	XP_026252506.1
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<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Little brown bat	0.87	XP_023609439.1
<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>	Little brown bat	0.87	XP_023609437.1
<i>Myotis brandtii</i>	Brandt's bat	0.87	XP_014399783.1
<i>Myotis brandtii</i>	Brandt's bat	0.87	XP_014399782.1
<i>Myotis brandtii</i>	Brandt's bat	0.87	XP_014399780.1
<i>Taphozous melanopogon</i>	Black-bearded Tomb Bat	0.87	QJF77841.1
<i>Taphozous theobaldi</i>	Theobald's tomb bat	0.87	QJF77840.1
<i>Artibeus glaucus watsoni</i>	—*	0.87	QJF77824.1
<i>Artibeus hartii</i>	Little fruit-eating bat	0.86	QJF77832.1
<i>Scotophilus kuhlii</i>	Lesser asiatic yellow house bat	0.82	QJF77810.1
<i>Scotophilus dinganii</i>	Yellow-bellied house bat	0.82	QJF77809.1
<i>Procyon lotor</i>	Raccoon	0.80	BAE72462.1
<i>Myotis davidii</i>	David's myotis	0.79	XP_015426919.1
<i>Myotis davidii</i>	David's myotis	0.79	XP_006775273.1
<i>Tylonycteris robustula</i>	Greater bamboo bat	0.79	QJF77813.1
<i>Sarcophilus harrisii</i>	Tasmanian devil	0.77	XP_031814825.1
<i>Dipodomys ordii</i>	Ord's kangaroo rat	0.77	XP_012887573.1
<i>Dipodomys ordii</i>	Ord's kangaroo rat	0.77	XP_012887572.1
<i>Vicugna pacos</i>	Alpaca	0.77	XP_006212709.1
<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Harbor seal	0.73	XP_032245506.1

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Species	Common name	Prediction scores	Data availability
<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	Big brown bat	0.73	XP_027986092.1
<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	Big brown bat	0.73	XP_008153150.1
<i>Megaderma lyra</i>	Indian false vampire	0.73	QKE49998.1
<i>Hipposideros armiger</i>	Great roundleaf bat	0.70	XP_019522936.1
<i>Glossophaga commissarisi</i>	Commissaris's long-tongued bat	0.70	QJF77793.1
<i>Microcebus murinus</i>	Gray mouse lemur	0.69	XP_020140826.1
<i>Carlito syrichta</i>	Philippine tarsier	0.69	XP_008062810.1
<i>Anoura geoffroyi</i>	Geoffroy's tailless bat	0.67	QJF77820.1
<i>Suricata suricatta</i>	Meerkat	0.66	XP_029786256.1
<i>Anoura cultrata</i>	Handley's tailless bat	0.66	QJF77819.1
<i>Kerivoula pellucida</i>	Clear-winged woolly bat	0.63	QJF77795.1
<i>Grammomys surdaster</i>	Grammomys	0.60	XP_028617961.1
<i>Coleura afra</i>	African sheath-tailed bat	0.59	QJF77826.1
<i>Neoromicia nanus</i>	Banana bat	0.58	QJF77804.1
<i>Otolemur garnettii</i>	Small-eared galago	0.56	XP_003791912.1
<i>Hylonycteris underwoodi</i>	Underwood's long-tongued bat	0.54	QJF77833.1
<i>Lontra canadensis</i>	Northern American river otter	0.53	XP_032736028.1
<i>Enhydra lutris kenyonii</i>	Sea otter	0.53	XP_022374079.1
<i>Enhydra lutris kenyonii</i>	Sea otter	0.53	XP_022374078.1
<i>Mustela lutreola</i>	European mink	0.53	QNC68911.1
<i>Melogale moschata</i>	Chinese ferret-badger	0.53	QLF98521.1
<i>Mustela putorius furo</i>	Domestic ferret	0.53	NP_001297119.1
<i>Mustela erminea</i>	Stoat	0.53	XP_032187677.1
<i>Halichoerus grypus</i>	Gray seal	0.52	XP_035963182.1
<i>Sturnira parvidens</i>	–	0.51	QJF77839.1
<i>Sturnira ludovici</i>	Highland Yellow-shouldered Bat	0.51	QJF77838.1
<i>Sturnira hondurensis</i>	–	0.51	QJF77837.1
<i>Arvicanthis niloticus</i>	African grass rat	0.49	XP_034341939.1
<i>Mastomys coucha</i>	Southern multimammate mouse	0.47	XP_031226742.1
<i>Mus pahari</i>	Shrew mouse	0.47	XP_021043935.1
<i>Antrozous pallidus</i>	Pallid bat	0.47	QJF77789.1
<i>Carollia perspicillata</i>	Seba's short-tailed bat	0.44	QJF77828.1
<i>Carollia castanea</i>	Chestnut short-tailed bat	0.44	QJF77827.1
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<i>Vampyrus spectrum</i>	Spectral bat	0.38	QJF77843.1
<i>Carollia sowelli</i>	Sowell's short-tailed bat	0.38	QJF77814.1
<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	African savanna elephant	0.37	XP_023410960.1
<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>	Brazilian free-tailed bat	0.37	QLF98520.1
<i>Sorex araneus</i>	European shrew	0.36	XP_004612266.1
<i>Elephantulus edwardii</i>	Cape elephant shrew	0.34	XP_006892457.1

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<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	Norway rat	0.34	NP_001012006.1
<i>Molossus molossus</i>	Pallas's mastiff bat	0.33	KAF6491643.1
<i>Aeorestes cinereus</i>	Hoary bat	0.33	QJF77796.1
<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	Domestic guinea pig	0.32	ACT66270.1
<i>Rhinolophus sinicus</i>	Chinese rufous horseshoe bat	0.31	ADN93475.1
<i>Micronycteris schmidtorum</i>	Schmidts's big-eared bat	0.26	QJF77799.1
<i>Lonchophylla robusta</i>	Orange nectar bat	0.24	QJF77797.1
<i>Glossophaga soricina</i>	Pallas's long-tongued bat	0.24	QJF77794.1
<i>Miniopterus natalensis</i>	Natal long-fingered bat	0.22	XP_016058453.1
<i>Tupaia chinensis</i>	Chinese tree shrew	0.22	XP_006164754.1
<i>Dasypus novemcinctus</i>	Nine-banded armadillo	0.22	XP_004449124.1
<i>Rhinolophus macrotis</i>	Big-eared horseshoe bat	0.22	ADN93471.1
<i>Sapajus apella</i>	Tufted capuchin	0.20	XP_032141854.1
<i>Cebus capucinus imitator</i>	White headed capuchin	0.20	XP_017367865.1
<i>Condylura cristata</i>	Star-nosed mole	0.20	XP_012585871.1
<i>Aotus nancymae</i>	Ma's night monkey	0.20	XP_012290105.1
<i>Saimiri boliviensis boliviensis</i>	Bolivian squirrel monkey	0.20	XP_010334925.1
<i>Callithrix jacchus</i>	White-tufted-ear marmoset	0.20	XP_008987241.1
<i>Emballonura alecto</i>	Small Asian sheath-tailed bat	0.20	QJF77816.1
<i>Mus musculus</i>	House mouse	0.20	NP_001123985.1
<i>Mus musculus</i>	House mouse	0.20	ACT66269.1
<i>Rhinolophus pearsonii</i>	Pearson's horseshoe bat	0.20	ABU54053.1
<i>Vombatus ursinus</i>	Common wombat	0.19	XP_027691156.1
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	Koala	0.19	XP_020863153.1
<i>Grammomys surdaster</i>	Grammomys	0.18	XP_028636273.1
<i>Mirounga leonina</i>	Southern elephant seal	0.17	XP_034882212.1
<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	Harbor seal	0.17	XP_032285427.1
<i>Octodon degus</i>	Degu	0.17	XP_023569950.1
<i>Monodelphis domestica</i>	Gray short-tailed opossum	0.17	XP_007500942.1
<i>Monodelphis domestica</i>	Gray short-tailed opossum	0.17	XP_007500941.1
<i>Monodelphis domestica</i>	Gray short-tailed opossum	0.17	XP_007500935.1
<i>Paguma larvata</i>	Masked palm civet	0.17	Q56NL1.1
<i>Phyllostomus discolor</i>	Pale spear-nosed bat	0.16	XP_028378317.1
<i>Desmodus rotundus</i>	Common vampire bat	0.16	XP_024425698.1
<i>Rhynchonycteris naso</i>	Proboscis bat	0.16	QJF77807.1
<i>Octodon degus</i>	Degu	0.14	XP_023575315.1
<i>Trichechus manatus latirostris</i>	Florida manatee	0.13	XP_004386381.1
<i>Rhinolophus alcyone</i>	Halcyon horseshoe bat	0.13	ALJ94035.1
<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	Domestic guinea pig	0.12	XP_023417808.1
<i>Pipistrellus abramus</i>	Japanese house bat	0.11	ACT66266.1
<i>Theropithecus gelada</i>	Gelada	0.10	XP_025218729.1
<i>Chrysochloris asiatica</i>	Cape golden mole	0.10	XP_006833624.1
<i>Micronycteris hirsuta</i>	Hairy big-eared bat	0.10	QJF77798.1

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<i>Crocodylus porosus</i>	Australian saltwater crocodile	0.09	XP_019384827.1
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<i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i>	Platypus	0.08	XP_001515597.2
<i>Micronycteris microtis</i>	Common big-eared bat	0.08	QJF77800.1
<i>Chrysochloris asiatica</i>	Cape golden mole	0.07	XP_006835673.1
<i>Centronycteris centralis</i>	Thomas's shaggy bat	0.07	QJF77790.1
<i>Rhinolophus sinicus</i>	Chinese rufous horseshoe bat	0.07	ADN93472.1
<i>Balantiopteryx plicata</i>	Gray sac-winged rat	0.03	QJF77825.1
<i>Echinops telfairi</i>	Small madagascar hedgehog	0.01	XP_004710002.1
<i>Rhinolophus landeri</i>	Lander's horseshoe bat	0.01	ALJ94034.1
<i>Rhinolophus pusillus</i>	Least horseshoe bat	0.01	ADN93477.1
<i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>	Western European hedgehog	0.00	XP_007538670.1
<i>Saccopteryx bilineata</i>	Greater sac-winged bat	0.00	QJF77808.1
<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>	Greater horseshoe bat	0.00	BAH02663.1
<i>Rhinolophus sinicus</i>	Chinese rufous horseshoe bat	0.00	AGZ48803.1
<i>Rhinolophus ferrumequinum</i>	Greater horseshoe bat	0.00	ADN93470.1

Note: >0.5 prediction score in our analysis indicate bindiSilvery gibbon2 and SARS-CoV-2 spike.

Abbreviations: ACE2=angiotensin I converting enzyme 2; SARS-CoV-2=severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2.

* No common name.

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S4. Results of our predictions and the results of the experimental validation from Yan et al. (8).

Sequenece_name	Experiment results	Our prediction sore	Accession number
<i>Rousettus_aegyptiacus</i>	Binding	1.00	XM_016118926.1
<i>Pteropus_alecto</i>	Binding	1.00	XM_006911647.1
<i>Pteropus_giganteus</i>	Binding	1.00	GCA_902729225.1
<i>Eidolon_helvum</i>	Binding	1.00	GCA_000465285.1
<i>Eonycteris_spelaea</i>	Binding	1.00	GCA_003508835.1
<i>Macroglossus_sobrinus</i>	Binding	1.00	GCA_004027375.1
<i>Cynopterus_sphinx</i>	Not bind	0.93	MT515623
<i>Cynopterus_brachyotis</i>	Not bind	0.93	GCA_009793145.1
<i>Rhinolophus_pearsonii</i>	Not bind	0.09	MT515622
<i>Hipposideros_armiger</i>	Binding	0.70	XM_019667391.1
<i>Hipposideros_galeritus</i>	Not bind	0.72	GCA_004027415.1
<i>Hipposideros_pratti</i>	Not bind	0.70	MT515621
<i>Megaderma_lyra</i>	Binding	0.73	MT515624
<i>Noctilio_leporinus</i>	Binding	0.77	GCA_004026585.1
<i>Taphozous_melanopogon</i>	Binding	0.87	MT952961
<i>Anoura_caudifer</i>	Binding	0.72	GCA_004027475.1
<i>Trachops_cirrhosus</i>	Binding	0.26	MT952962
<i>Vampyrus_spectrum</i>	Not bind	0.31	MT952963
<i>Tonatia_saurophila</i>	Not bind	0.14	GCA_004024845.1
<i>Phyllostomus_discolor</i>	Not bind	0.16	XM_028522516.1
<i>Carollia_perspicillata</i>	Binding	0.44	GCA_004027735.1
<i>Micronycteris_hirsuta</i>	Binding	0.11	GCA_004026765.1
<i>Sturnira_hondurensis</i>	Binding	0.44	GWHA000000000
<i>Artibeus_jamaicensis</i>	Binding	0.93	GCA_004027435.1
<i>Desmodus_rotundus</i>	Binding	0.16	XM_024569930.1
<i>Pteronotus_parnellii</i>	Not bind	0.36	GCA_000465405.1
<i>Mormoops_blainvillei</i>	Binding	0.38	GCA_004026545.1
<i>Pteronotus_davyi</i>	Not bind	0.33	MT952964
<i>Tadarida_brasiliensis</i>	Not bind	0.37	GCA_004025005.1
<i>Molossus_molossus</i>	Not bind	0.49	https://vgp.github.io/genomeark/Molossus_molossus
<i>Miniopterus_schreibersii</i>	Binding	0.76	GCA_004026525.1
<i>Miniopterus_natalensis</i>	Not bind	0.22	GCA_001595765.1
<i>Eptesicus_fuscus</i>	Not bind	0.73	XM_008154928.2
<i>Aeorestes_cinereus</i>	Not bind	0.33	GCA_011751065.1
<i>Pipistrellus_pipistrellus</i>	Binding	0.36	GCA_004026625.1
<i>Lasiurus_borealis</i>	Not bind	0.29	GCA_004026805.1
<i>Pipistrellus_kuhlii</i>	Not bind	0.32	https://vgp.github.io/genomeark/Pipistrellus_kuhlii
<i>Antrozous_pallidus</i>	Binding	0.86	GCA_007922775.1
<i>Nycticeius_humeralis</i>	Not bind	0.47	GCA_007922795.1
<i>Murina_faeae</i>	Not bind	0.48	GCA_004026665.1
<i>Myotis_myotis</i>	Binding	0.72	https://vgp.github.io/genomeark/Myotis_myotis
<i>Myotis_davidii</i>	Binding	0.79	XM_006775210.2
<i>Myotis_brandtii</i>	Binding	0.87	XM_014544294.1
<i>Myotis_lucifugus</i>	Binding	0.87	XM_023753669.1

Note: >0.5 prediction score in our analysis indicate binding between ACE2 and SARS-CoV-2 spike.

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