Binding mechanism of inhibitors to SARS-CoV-2 main protease deciphered by

multiple replica molecular dynamics simulations

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complexes ^a	Residue	$\Delta\Delta E_{ala}$	$\Delta\Delta E_{max}$	$\Delta\Delta G_{max}$	$\Delta\Delta G_{ab}$	$\Delta\Delta G_{a^{1}a^{1}a^{1}a^{1}a^{1}a^{1}a^{1}a^{1$	$\Delta\Delta G^{\rm b}$
Masitinih_Mpro	M40	0 10	- vaw	- nonpol	gb	-0.41	1 10
19145111110-191	E140	-0.14	0.27	-0.02	0.04	-0.1	0.15
	L140 I 141	-0.14	0.13	-0.02	0.04	0.05	0.13
	N142	-0.07	1.12	01	-0.91	-0.93	0.10
	H163	0.02	0.72	0.02	-0.79	-0.09	0.65
	H164	0.11	0.23	0.01	-0.27	-0.16	0.08
	M165	0.33	1.23	0.05	-0.31	0.02	1.31
	E166	0.79	1.46	0.09	-1.4	-0.51	0.94
	0189	2.65	1.9	0.18	-2.62	0.03	2.11
	X ¹⁰⁵	2.00	119	0110	2.02	0.02	2.11
O6K-M ^{pro}	M49	0.19	1.80	0.18	-0.61	-0.42	1.41
	E140	0.69	0.66	0.04	-0.66	0.03	0.73
	L141	1.10	0.87	0.05	-0.74	0.36	1.28
	N142	1.35	1.59	0.16	-1.97	-0.62	1.13
	H163	8.19	0.47	0.01	-4.64	3.55	4.03
	H164	0.23	0.37	0.01	-0.33	-0.1	0.25
	M165	0.34	1.31	0.06	-0.48	-0.14	1.23
	E166	-0.41	2.71	0.19	-0.72	-1.13	1.77
	Q189	1.04	1.73	0.15	-1.69	-0.65	1.23
FJC-M ^{pro}	M49	0.17	1.81	0.16	-0.22	-0.05	1.92
	E140	-0.47	0.46	-0.02	0.32	-0.15	0.28
	L141	-0.01	0.18	0	0.15	0.14	0.30
	N142	1.96	0.94	0.08	-2.24	-0.28	0.74
	H163	9.38	0.41	0	-5.16	4.22	4.63
	H164	0.27	0.25	0	-0.26	0.01	0.26
	M165	0.41	2.23	0.13	-0.37	0.04	2.40
	E166	8.99	2.05	0.1	-7.68	1.31	3.45
	Q189	0.29	1.16	0.15	-1.18	-0.89	0.42
GQU-M ^{pro}	M49	-0.64	0.46	0.01	0.69	0.05	0.52
	E140	-0.35	0.47	-0.02	0.21	-0.14	0.31
	L141	-0.04	0.14	0	0.13	0.09	0.23
	N142	1.32	1.85	0.16	-2.26	0.94	1.07
	H163	8.82	0.41	-0.01	-5.03	3.79	4.19
	H164	0.21	0.62	0.02	-0.32	-0.11	0.53
	M165	0.35	1.86	0.08	-0.34	0.01	1.95
	E166	1.59	1.90	0.11	-0.7	0.89	2.90
	Q189	0.94	1.33	0.13	-1.78	-0.84	0.62

Table S1. Results of computational alanine-scanning mutagenesis on inhibitors-M^{pro} binding.

^aAll values are given in kcal/mol. ${}_{b}\Delta\Delta G = \Delta G_{mut} - \Delta G_{WT}$

Table 52. Energetie contributions of elasters to offerings of minorors to the M ²								
complexes ^a	cluster 1 (C1)	cluster 2 (C2)	cluster 3 (C3)	cluster 4 (C4)				
Masitinib-M ^{pro}	-5.09	-2.94	-4.61	-3.63				
O6K-M ^{pro}	-3.37	-8.12	-9.79	-2.29				
FJC-M ^{pro}	-2.77	-7.18	-12.44	-1.82				
GQU-M ^{pro}	-1.84	-6.64	-12.43	-1.67				

Table S2. Energetic contributions of clusters to bindings of inhibitors to the M^{pro}

^aAll values are given in kcal/mol.



Fig. S1 Root-mean-square deviations (RMSDs) of backbone atoms in the M^{pro}: (A) the *apo* M^{pro}, (B) the masitinib-bound M^{pro}, (C) the O6K-bound M^{pro}, (D) the FJC-bound M^{pro}, (D) the GQU-bound M^{pro}.



Fig. S2 The function of the eigenvalues VS the eigenvector indices obtained from principal component analysis performed on the single joined MRMD trajectory.



Fig. S3 Collective motions corresponding to the first eigenvector obtained from principal component analysis performed on the single joined MRMD trajectory: (A) the *apo* M^{pro}, (B) the masitinib-bound M^{pro}, (C) the O6K-bound M^{pro}, (D) the FJC-bound M^{pro} and (E) the GQU-bound M^{pro}.



Fig. S4. Free energy landscapes of loop L1 in the M^{pro} projected on the first two eigenvectors: (A) the *apo* M^{pro}, (B) the masitinib-bound M^{pro}, (C) the O6K-bound M^{pro}, (D) the FJC-bound M^{pro} and (E) the GQU-bound M^{pro}.



Fig. S5. Free energy landscapes of loop L2 in the M^{pro} projected on the first two eigenvectors: (A) the *apo* M^{pro}, (B) the masitinib-bound M^{pro}, (C) the O6K-bound M^{pro}, (D) the FJC-bound M^{pro} and (E) the GQU-bound M^{pro}.



Fig. S6 Interactions of inhibitors with separate residues in the M^{pro}: (A) the masitinib-M^{pro} compound, (B) the O6K-M^{pro} compound, (C) the FJC-M^{pro} compound and (D) the GQU-M^{pro} compound.



Fig. S7 Interactions of inhibitors with significant residues in the M^{pro}.