

The mathematical formula to estimate the Exosome Affinity between miRNA-peptide and Exosome: ALGORITHM “CRUZ-RODRIGUEZ (EA) “

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Abstract

The new coronavirus, formed a clade within the subgenus Orthocoronavirinae, sarbecovirus subfamily. The first time these cases were published they were classified as “pneumonia of unknown etiology.” The Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local CDCs organized an intensive outbreak investigation program. The etiology of this illness is now attributed to a novel virus belonging to the coronavirus (CoV) family, Covid-19. The pandemic caused by a novel virus strain Covid-19, approaches 7,734,000 cases with 429,000 fatalities in 215 countries worldwide. Moreover, a solid second wave in some countries, in cases exceeding the first, ensures that from the clinical range details of the disease, new diagnostics, prevention and treatment strategies remain in the process of development. Unfortunately, for future epidemics insufficient research leading up to purported species-species viral transmission (VT) is disastrous. We have designed a preventive vaccine in Silico aimed to protect against Covid-19 infection and transmission. Our analysis identified 16 microRNA (miRNA) with theoretical Exosome Affinity (EA) with peptide among 85.44-92.84 “Ro” range. Due to, the miRNA-peptides, in Silico, manifesting highly affinity with exosomes, ours 16 chimeras could reach a representative activity against the virogenes and cancer disease due to “exosome sequestering” and also, the treatment of cancer diseases due to “podosome depletion” in metastasis stage.

Keywords: Covid-19, Chimera miRNA-peptide, Theoretical Value of Fusion Stability (FS), Viral Transmission (VT), Theoretical Fusion Value Exosome Affinity (EA)

Introduction

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), viral diseases continue to emerge episodically and represent a serious issue to public health. In the last twenty years, several viral epidemics such as the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV from 2002 to 2003, and H1N1 influenza in 2009, have been recorded. In December 2019, a cluster of patients with pneumonia of unknown cause was

linked to a seafood wholesale market in Wuhan, China. A previously unknown betacoronavirus was identified through the use of unbiased sequencing in samples from patients with pneumonia [1].

January 10, 2020, the first 2019-nCoV genome was sequenced, followed by five subsequent viral genome sequences [2].

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The pandemic caused by the novel virus strain Covid-19, has led to over 7,734,000 cases with 429,000 fatalities in 215 countries worldwide. The clinical range of the disease, new diagnostics, prevention and treatment strategies are in the process of development.

Unfortunately, insufficient research leading up to purported species-to-species viral transmission (VT) is causing dismay to those interested in the disease. We know that VT are more frequently episodic, yet always assume a systemic closed biology. This may be a faulty discipline assumption since the increasing episodic nature of viral transmission bears scrutiny on potential physiographic-climatic links. These in turn are open to geogenic-geological connections with terrain biology and ecology.

The entire biological cycle of the virus and host along with the evolution of the epidemic, (most especially identifying when the epidemic will reach its peak) is unknown. Terrain-controlled genomic studies in soil geo-microbiology along with invertebrate Medical Geology to higher species-species transmissions studies are recommended. This may extend the viral genomic phylogenetic trees beyond the species-species barriers and provide diversity of potential future impacts. Geologists have not considered the possibility of the disease spreading by air, water, and earth. The discipline of Medical Geology can translate this enigmatic situation using its potential to understand the planet and human (health) relationships [5-10].

One aim of this proposed study is to better understand potential dormant repositories of outbreaks and the potential spread of those repositories, together with potential geogenic terrain factors like closed spaces and triggers. Integrated research to certificate the closed space may be favorable or not, regarding virus transmission. We are opening diversity research in viral Medical Geology studies, as a new discipline [11].

A better wild-type viral genomics understanding leading up to the current pandemic of Covid-19 is needed along with research into potential dormant repositories of outbreaks and the spread of those repositories, geogenic terrain factors and triggers. This will help understand the episodic, recurring and frequent nature of outbreaks and potential virulent and contagious future outbreaks. Here we have identified a miRNA-peptide fusion: [12-14].

COVID-19 Vaccination & Exosomes

The pandemic caused by a novel virus strain Covid-19, has led to over 215,000 fatalities in over 185 countries worldwide. The betacoronavirus SARS-CoV-2 is an enveloped ranging from 30 nm to 120 nm in diameter and seventh member of the Coronaviridae family. It has a positive-sense single-stranded RNA genome of 29,903 nucleotides with a 5' -cap structure and 3' -poly A tail that interacts with the nucleoprotein. This genome encodes five structural proteins including the spike glycoprotein (S), the nucleocapsid protein (N), the membrane protein (M), RNA dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp), the small envelope glycoprotein (E), and several nonstructural proteins most of which, like in other coronaviruses, are of unknown functions. The expressed S protein (180 kDa) is heavily glycosylated in the golgi apparatus then transferred to the surface of the virion vesicle.

The RdRp is one of the most versatile enzymes of RNA viruses that is indispensable for replicating the viral RNA genome as well as for carrying out transcription. The SARS-CoV-2 enters cells by engaging the angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) as receptor with the external surface unit of N-terminal (S1) of the spike (S) protein, and then uses the host transmembrane serine protease 2 (TMPRSS2) for S priming, allowing fusion of viral and cellular membranes and the viral RNA genome entry mainly into the cytoplasm of epithelial cells of lung alveoli, liver, heart, kidney, brain and intestine. Therefore, the miRNA region of this protein in the viral genome represents a good target for miRNA development by using exosome against to the spike mRNA of SARS-CoV-2. In this case the viral spike miRNA translation will be blocked after hybridisation with the selected complementary miRNAs. The result of the inhibited spike protein will be tested by using the Western blot analyses. Also, a synthetic miRNA can be used to inhibit viral genomic mRNA replication by inhibiting RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp) [15].

Virus genomic region targeted by virus and host miRNAs
Viral diseases are difficult to predict, which requires prompt responses to their occurrence. Therefore, novel approaches in viral disease prevention, early detection, diagnosis and personalized therapy is required. All viruses multiply using a nucleic acid synthesis system and a protein synthesis system in an infected cell. In animal cells, 65% of the protein synthesis is controlled by miRNA (miRNA inhibiting target mRNA).

The miRNA was widely found in plants, animals and some viruses including SARS-CoV-2 and involved in a variety of biological processes. It is a small non-coding RNA molecule with an average of 20 nucleotides in length, regulates most of protein expression at the miRNA translational level. miRNAs delivered to recipient cells regulate gene expression by either repressing the translation or causing degradation of multiple mRNAs, depending on the cellular content. Nowadays, 2,850 of human miRNAs have been identified, each of which are estimated to control various genes.

The viral genomes, including DNA and RNA virus, are capable of encoding miRNAs. The virus-derived miRNAs can be expressed in host cells and participate in the lifecycle and cellular consequences of infection. The virus-derived miRNAs have been found to target a large number of host coding mRNAs involved in regulating cell proliferation, apoptosis, and host immunity. This biological role of miRNAs can help in the fight against viral reproduction, since the synthesis of viral proteins occurs in the host cell. The classical mechanism of miRNAs to regulate their target gene is by binding to the 3' untranslated region (3' UTR) of target mRNA to exert negative regulatory effects on gene expression. The use of miRNAs for this purpose requires with the fulfillment of a number of conditions. One of the most important point is that the selected miRNA must highly specifically bind to the target miRNA of the viral genome (gRNA) or parts of its genome.

Therefore, with the ongoing exploration of miRNAs, miRNAs' clinical application keeps continuously developing as well, among which miRNA-targeting anti-viral therapy has aroused great interest and wide concern. In addition, miRNA expression profiles offer molecular signatures for the classification, diagnosis, and progression of viral biomarkers. The miRNAs expression levels have been proven to be potentially valuable for the early diagnosis, prognosis, and prediction of the response to therapy in various types of viral infection using multiple analyses of miRNAs.

The miRNA plays an important role in cancer development since miRNAs are involved in cell differentiation, and regulation of cell cycle. The first paper of the special issue provides general information of miRNA in cancer research.

This thematic issue presents two computational approaches for miRNA identification and their role in cancer [16].

Exosomes

Exosomes are produced by virtually all normal and pathological cells and are found in all body fluids. Intercellular communication between infected cells and with their neighbouring cells and distant organs is key to the survival pathway, progression and drug resistance. A growing body of evidence indicates that exosomes play a critical role in this cell-cell communication process.

Exosomes are biological nanoparticles with an average diameter of between 30 and 100 nm in size and produced by almost all cell types in the human body. The thousands of exosomes are released by a single parent cell in a day. While in response to pathological conditions, exosomes are found to be secreted in high numbers. In fact, exosomes are admirably equipped to serve as communication vehicles and their surface is decorated by the parent cell-derived signaling molecules.

Exosome contents not only mirror the composition of the donor cell but also reflect a regulated sorting mechanism. They are released into all body fluids (plasma, urine, saliva, amniotic fluids, ascites, cerebrospinal fluid and others) contain nucleic acids mainly miRNAs, mRNAs and specific protein biomarkers. These bioactive molecules are transferred from donor cells to target cells by exosome transport system, leading to reprogramming of the recipient cells. Therefore, the specific exosomes secreted by infected cells that contain the biomarkers can be used to predict the existence of a disease.

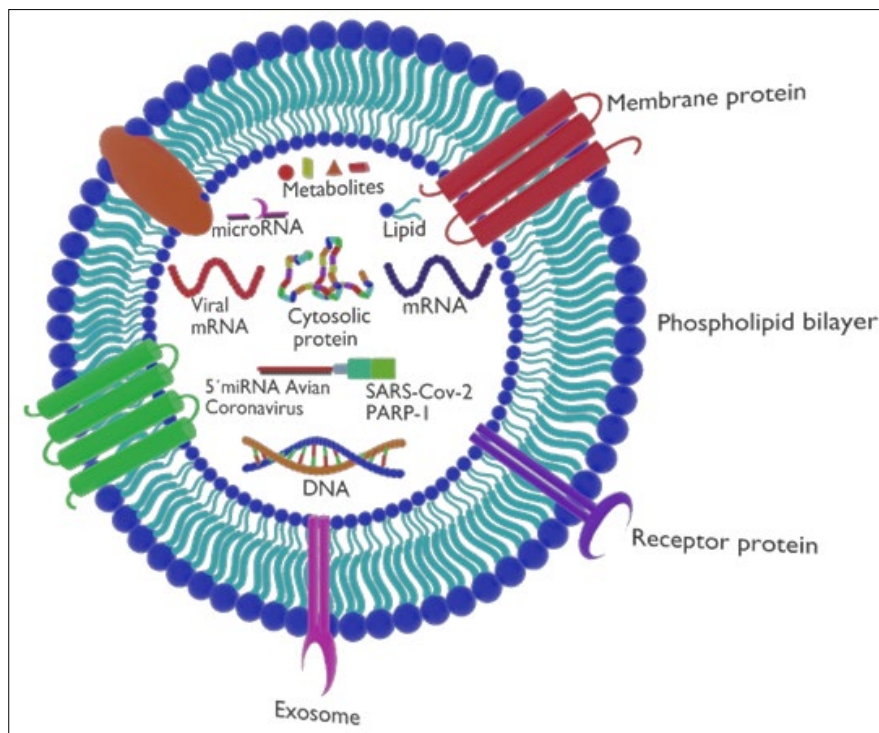


Figure 1: The structure and content of exosome. Exosomes contain various types of proteins, nucleic acids, lipids and metabolites [17].

COVID-19 Vaccination & Podosomes

Podosomes and invadopodia are unique actin-rich adhesions that establish close contact to the substratum but can also degrade components of the extracellular matrix. Accordingly, matrix degradation localized at podosomes or invadopodia is thought to contribute to cellular invasiveness in physiological and pathological situations. Cell types that form podosomes include monocytic, endothelial and smooth muscle cells, whereas invadopodia have been mostly observed in carcinoma cells by Linder S and col in 2007.

Materials and Methods

Homology modelling has evolved into an important procedure in structural biology, significantly contributing to narrowing the gap between known protein sequences from a virus and designed protein in Silico structures.

Antiviral proteins were designed to be used as protein inhibitors. The inhibition is due to protein on protein interactions. A cleavage site has been adjusted (DEV D) in the peptide to induce the caspases 3 and 7 action, and thereby apoptosis in infected cells.

On the other hand, in cells not infected apoptosis is not induced, and the synthesis of the miRNA will allow an antigen involved in production of antibodies against the Covid-19 and also HIV-1 to appear.

The miRNA 3' and peptide N-terminus will both be modified for click chemistry conjugation [13-14].

Gene Targets:

Ontology enrichment analysis

The 16 primers used as miRNA targets were: [18] (Biologio, Nijmegen, The Netherlands)

1. NFAT3C_FW1(CTCCTAGAACTAGCATTACAGATG),
2. NFAT3C_RV1(GACCAGGTGATGGAGTTGGAG),
3. NFAT5_FW1(CACTGAGGTGCCACGTAATC),
4. NFAT5_RV1(GCTTTTGAGTTGCCTTTGCTG),
5. SPPL3_FW2(GTAGCAGACTATTACCTACGTG),
6. SPPL3_RV2(GAAGCTTCAGTTTGCCTAACTG),
7. TGFB2_FW1(GCAAGATTTGCAGGTATTGATGAC),
8. TGFB2_RV1(CCTGCACATTCCTAAAACAA),
9. JUN_FW1(GCAGAGCATGACGCTGAACCTG),
10. JUN_RV1(CTTGCTCGTCGGTAACGTTT),
11. IBV5'GU391_fw(GCTTTTGAGCCTAGCGTT),
12. IBV5'GL533_rv(GCCATGTTGTCACTGTCTATTG),
13. housekeepinggeneGAPDH_FW92(GAAGGCTGGGGCTCATCTG),
14. GAPDH_RV92(CAGTTGGTGGTGCACGATG),
15. housekeepinggeneACTB_FW89(CAACACAGTGCTGTCTGGTGGTA)
16. ACTB_RV89(ATCGTACTCCTGCTTGCTGATCC).

All primers were validated for their stability after peptide fusion. Statistical analysis [19]

DNA	A	T	C	G	SUMA	PRIMER	PEPTIDE
1	18	6	6	4	34	AAAAAAAAAA--CTCCTA GAACTAGCATTACAGATG	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEV DGVDEVAKKSK
2	13	4	2	10	29	AAAAAAAA--GACCA GGTGTGATGGAGTTGGAG	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEV DGVDEVAKKSK
3	14	4	6	5	29	AAAAAAAA--CACTGAGGTG CCACGTAATC	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEV DGVDEVAKKSK
4	9	10	4	6	29	AAAAAAAA--GCTTTTGAGTT GCCTTTGCTG	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEV DGVDEVAKKSK
5	14	6	5	5	30	AAAAAAAA-- GTAGCAGACTATTA CCTACGTG	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEV DGVDEVAKKSK
6	13	7	5	5	30	AAAAAAAA-- GAAGCTTCAGTTT GCCTAACTG	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEV DGVDEVAKKSK
7	15	7	3	7	32	AAAAAAAA-- GCAAGATTTGCA GGTATTGATGAC	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEV DGVDEVAKKSK
8	16	4	7	1	28	AAAAAAAA-- CCTGCACATTCCTAAAACAA	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEV DGVDEVAKKSK
9	14	3	6	7	30	AAAAAAAA-- GCAGAGCATGA CGCTGAACCTG	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEV DGVDEVAKKSK
10	10	7	6	5	28	AAAAAAAA-- CTTGCTCGTCGGTAACGTTT	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEV DGVDEVAKKSK

11	10	7	4	5	26	AAAAAAAA-- GCTTTTGAGCCTAGCGTT	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEVDGVDEVAKKKSK
12	11	9	5	5	30	AAAAAAAA-- GCCATGTTGTCA CTGTCTATTG	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEVDGVDEVAKKKSK
13	11	4	4	8	27	AAAAAAAA-- GAAGGCTGGGG CTCATCTG	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEVDGVDEVAKKKSK
14	11	5	3	8	27	AAAAAAAA-- CAGTTGGTGGTGCACGATG	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEVDGVDEVAKKKSK
15	13	6	5	7	31	AAAAAAAA-- CAACACAGTGCTGT CTGGTGGTA	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEVDGVDEVAKKKSK
16	11	8	8	4	31	AAAAAAAA-- ATCGTACTCCTG CTTGCTGATCC	CCCCC-- VNCDTFCAGSTFISDEVDGVDEVAKKKSK

Table 1 shows the 16 DNA primers used as fusion with the selected peptide for the vaccine against the human Coronavirus. On the table the number of nitrogenated bases and the size of the primer can be seen. The Polyadenylation (number of Adenines adjusted at the 5' end of the primer and the number of Cys adjusted to the peptid utilized as a spacing arm between the RNA and the peptide.)

This peptide begins with the amino acid Cysteine (C) to facilitate fusion with the 5' of miRNA.

$$FS = a * b * c * d$$

The peptide utilized was the following:

- Full peptide sequencing (34 amino acids)

CCCCVNCDTFCAGSTFISDEVDGVDEVAKKKSK

https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi#alnHdr_YP_009725299
NON-STRUCTURAL POLYPROTEIN 1AB [BAT SARS-LIKE CORONAVIRUS]

After cleavage of caspase 3/7

- I) SARS-CoV-2 (23 amino acids)

CCCCVNCDTFCAGSTFISDEVD

https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi#alnHdr_QHW06038
ORF1AB POLYPROTEIN [SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME CORONAVIRUS 2]

- II) HUMAN PARP-1 (11 amino acids)

GVDEVAKKKSK

https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi#alnHdr_AAL02174
poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase, partial [Homo sapiens]

The mathematical formula utilized to estimate the stability of the fusion between miRNA and the selected peptide was:

where:

$$a = \frac{S_{PolyA}}{S_{PolyCys}}, \quad b = \frac{MW_{miRNA}}{MW_{Peptide}}, \quad c = \frac{S_{Peptide}}{S_{miRNA}}, \quad d = \frac{[2(A+B) + 3(C+G)]}{\sum (pI_1, pI_2, \dots, pI_n)}$$

S_{PolyA} : Poly A size

$S_{PolyCys}$: Poly Cys size

MW_{miRNA} : miRNA Molecular Weight

$MW_{Peptide}$: Peptide Molecular Weight

$S_{Peptide}$: Peptide size [aa]

S_{miRNA} : miRNA Size

B= T if DNA or B=U if RNA

pI: point Isoelectric

n: peptide size

Formula developed by Prof. Dr. Luis CRUZ-RODRIGUEZ and named as Fusion Stability CRUZ-RODRIGUEZ (FS) and values units in Cruz [9]

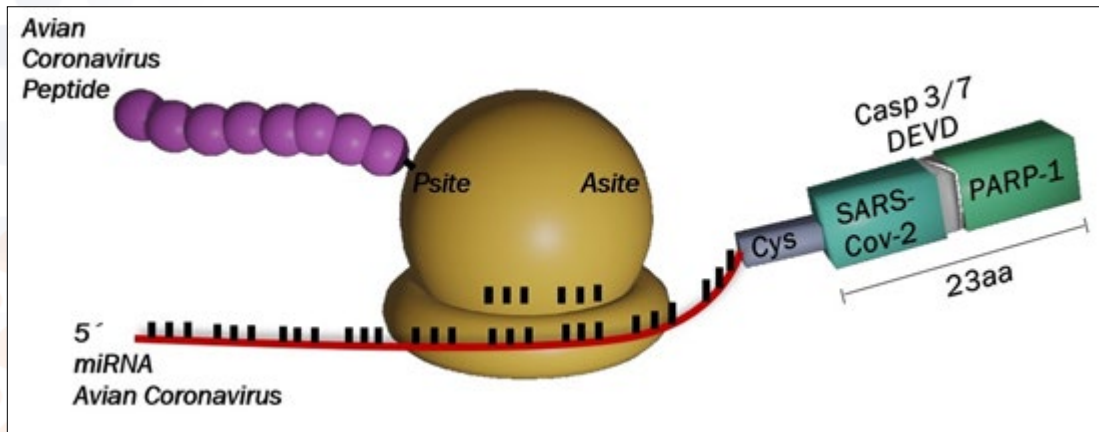


Figure 2: indicates fusion stability (FS) between primers of miRNA and peptide (spacing arm (Poly Cys) and fused molecules SARS-CoV-2 and PARP-1) and protein synthesis in ribosome. [12-14, 19].

The mathematical formula utilized to estimate the Exosome Affinity (EA) between miRNA-peptide and Exosome is:

$$EA = FS * [(MW_{(peptide)} / MW_{(primer)}) + (Size_{(peptide)} / Size_{(primer)})]$$

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Results and Discussion

Bioinformatics identification of miRNAs

Prior to analysis, readings containing poly-N, with 5' Cys-peptide fusion with a 3' insert tag, containing poly-A (add 8 nucleotides of Alanine to all primers except primer to which 10 nucleotides of Alanine were added). The small miRNA was clustered with a peptide with caspase site, and the percentage of differential of Fusion Stability (FS) RNA-peptide was calculated. The mapped small RNA reads were examined for the presence of known miRNAs using MiRBase20.0 (<http://www.mirbase.org/>). Figure 3 below.

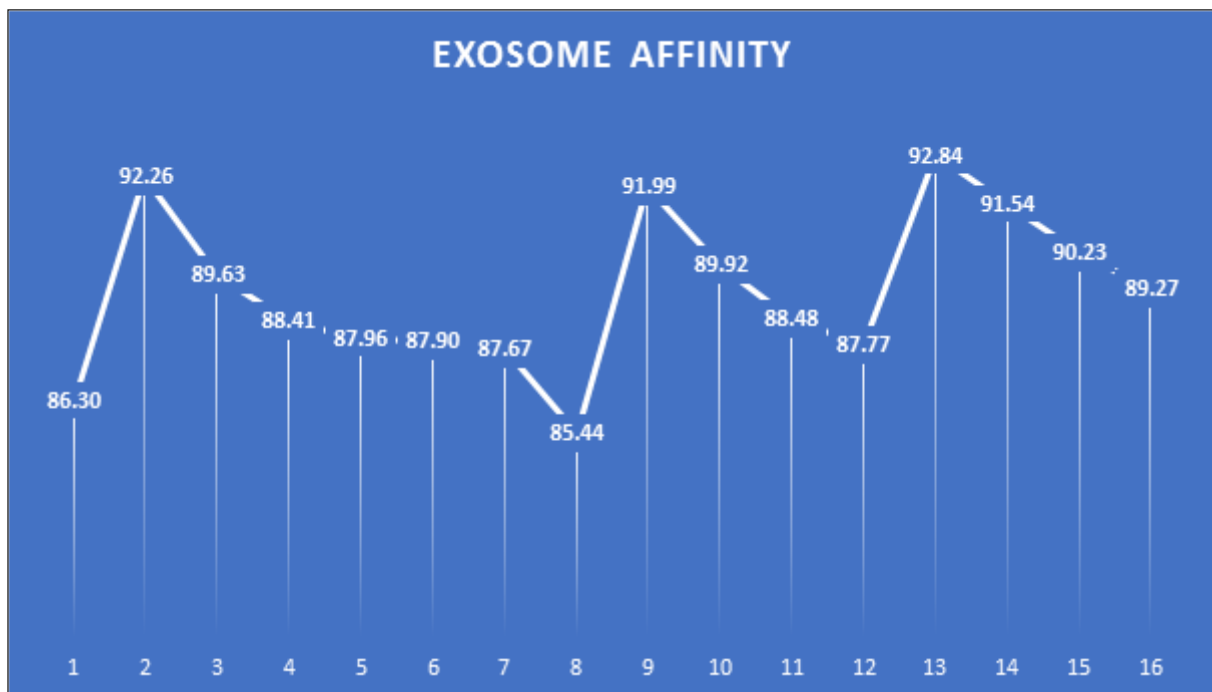


Figure 3: shows the stability value Vs Exosome affinity among different 16 miRNA-peptide.

The Exosome Affinity most representative was 92.84 Ro and was named: ANTIVIRAL CHEMICAL CHIMERA FORMULA LCR_2020_B008-13: Antiviral chemical chimera formula: against Human Coronavirus (Covid-19) [17-20].

Using ProMod3 and the introduction a new local model quality estimation method, QMEANDisCo. SWISS-MODEL (<https://swissmodel.expasy.org>). [19]. Here, we present an update to the SWISS-MODEL server, with 16 candidates of antiviral Covid19 vaccine miRNA-peptide.

<https://swissmodel.expasy.org/interactive/88DDHj/models/>

From candidate selected: LCR_2020_B008-13
miRNA poly-A (27 nt)-peptide (34 aa)

5'(AAAAAAAA----
GAAGGCUGGGGCUCAUCUG)3' ---- (N-ter)
CCCCCVNCDTFCAGSTFISDEVDGVDEVAKKSK
(C-ter)

We present an update to: miRNA, full peptide sequencing and the two peptides after caspase 3/7 cleavage.

- miRNA + Poly-A (27 nt) fusion peptide (SARS-Cov-2 (23 aa) + PARP-1 (11 aa))

5'(AAAAAAAA----
GAAGGCUGGGGCUCAUCUG)3' ---- (N-ter)
CCCCCVNCDTFCAGSTFISDEVDGVDEVAKKSK
(C-ter)

<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi#1797068551>

Leptospira interrogans serovar Copenhageni strain SK1 chromosome I

- miRNA (19 nt)

5' GAAGGCUGGGGCUCAUCUG
<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi#1390069545>

Phasianus colchicus nuclear factor of activated T cells 3 (NFATC3), transcript variant X1, miRNA

Conclusions and Perspectives

Our analysis in Silico identified 16 stable fusion miRNA-peptide and Exosomes. Candidates aimed to prevent and treatment virus infections and cancer diseases as breast cancer. The vaccine candidate against Covid-19 with the highest FS was named: LCR_2020_B008-13

It presents a cleavage site for enzymes Caspase-3 and caspase-7 are both activated universally during apoptosis, irrespective of the specific death-initiating stimulus, and both proteases are widely considered to coordinate the demolition phase of apoptosis by cleaving as a protein substrate. Inoculation is expected to be orally with appropriate doses.

Perspectives:

With regards to the antiviral action, the candidate manifests LCR_2020_B008-1, in Silico, manifests a partial inhibiting activity on the HIV-1 and HIV-2, which means that readjustments in this chimera miRNA-peptide could reach a

representative tripe antiviral activity against the VIH-1 / VIH-2 and Covid-19 [13-14, 21-24].

With regards to the antitumoral action, the candidate manifests LCR_2020_B008-14, in Silico, manifests a partial inhibiting activity on the BRCA1 mutated, which means that this chimera miRNA-peptide could reach a representative in Breast cancer treatment [25-28].

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