



**Table 1:** List of the non-structural proteins (nsps) of SARS-CoV-2 their amino acid lengths, and their functions.

Non-Structural proteins (NSPs)	Amino Acid diameter and posture	How it works	References
Nonstructural proteins-1	One eighty aa(residues 1–180)	Inhibits the host's innate immunity.	(Jauregui <i>et al.</i> , 2013)
proteins-2 Nonstructural	638 aa (residues 181–818)	The cellular component that inhibits host factors 1 and 2.	(Cornillez <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
Nonstructural proteins-3	residues A819-G2763	The Coronavirus sequence contains its largest protein. This large membrane-bound protein is a papain-like protease that processes viral polyproteins encoded by genomic RNA into individual proteins. It was also shown to antagonize host innate immunity.	(Shanker <i>et al.</i> , 2020)
Nonstructural proteins-4	residues K2764 – Q3263	In double-membrane vesicles, NMSP6 are involved. The formation between viral replication complexes depends on this interaction.	(Sakai <i>et al.</i> , 2017) [21]
Nonstructural proteins-5	306 aa (residues S3264 – Q3569)	Mpro, a chymotrypsin-like protease is the main enzyme responsible for digesting	Jin <i>et al.</i> , 2020)
Nonstructural proteins-6	290 aa (residues S3570- Q3859)	Transmembrane scaffold protein interacts with nsp3 and nsp4	Oostra <i>et al.</i> , 2008) [16]
Nonstructural proteins-7	83 aa (residues S3860 – Q3942)	The cofactor attaches to nsp8, forming hexadecameric complexes and acting as a processivity clamp	Zhai <i>et al.</i> , 2005)
Nonstructural proteins-8	198 aa (residues A3943 – Q4140)	It forms a hexagonal complex with NSP7 and acts as a processivity clamp for RNA polymerase and primase	Zhai <i>et al.</i> , 2005)
Nonstructural proteins-9	113 aa (residues N4141 – Q4253)	It binds ssRNA. The protein helps to protect nascent nucleic acids from nucleases during replication or transcription.	(Egloff <i>et al.</i> , 2004) [6]
Nonstructural proteins-10	139 aa (residues A4254 – Q4392)	This protein interacts with nsp14, which is involved in replication fidelity	(Fehr <i>et al.</i> , 2015) [8]
Nonstructural proteins-11	11-23 aa (residues S4393 – V4405)	An ORF1a frameshift line is represented by this short peptide at its end.	(Fehr <i>et al.</i> , 2015) [8]
Nonstructural proteins-12	932 aa (residues S4393 – Q5324)	The RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp) is responsible for both replication and transcription of the viral genome	(Posthuma <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
Nonstructural proteins-13	601 aa (residues A5325 – Q5925)	Helicases are characterized by metal-binding domain and a helicase conserved domain. Through its capacity to unwind double-stranded RNA and DNA, it is crucial for viral replication.	(Jang <i>et al.</i> , 2020)
Non structural proteins-14	527 aa (residues A5926 – Q6452)	The guanine methyl transferase activity which is involved in mRNA capping	(Snijder <i>et al.</i> , 2016) [23]
Nonstructural proteins-15	346 aa (residues S6453 – Q6798)	Poly (U)-specific endoribonuclease that cleaves RNA at the 3' end of purines. Loss of nsp15 was found to affect viral replication and virulence.	(Snijder <i>et al.</i> , 2016) [23]
Nonstructural proteins-16	298 aa (residues S6799 – N7096)	For viral mRNA to avoid host detection, it has 2-O methyltransferase activity	(Totura <i>et al.</i> , 2012)

### Viruses that are different from SARS-CoV-2

A Coronavirus is classified according to the international commission on viruses which may be conserved regions based like similarities of the amino acid sequences which have the seven regions contained within ORF1ab including ADRP, NSP5, and NSP12-16. Similarly, the S-protein homology between the SARS-CoV and the SARS-CoV-2 is relatively low at 76.5 percent. In seven regions of the amino acid sequence by similarity, however, SARS-CoV-2 is more divergent than its closest relative (Xu *et al.*, 2020) [37]. Several viral genetic revisions recommended that 149 mutagenic sites have appeared in SARS-CoV-2. Presently SARS-CoV-2's genetic code is more resistant to mutation than SARS-CoV and it is further divided into 2 types: L is more varied and spreads fast and S protein in SARS-CoV-2 changes greatly (Tang X *et al.*, 2020)

### Methods for sequencing

In recent years, sequencing techniques, various experiments in virology, biotechnology, and even the characterization of new viruses through meta genomic analyses, complete viral genome sequence, diversity, and evolution (Domingo *et al.*, 2012) [4]. The technologies have been successfully applied to several different protocols of preparing library preparation developed independently. It is important to align sample type, viral load, RNA extraction procedure, RNA quality, parallelization, and automation requirements with the experiment's objectives. There are four techniques like (1)

shotgun meta transcriptomics (2) hybrid enrichment, (3) DNA amplifying (4) sequence analysis of RNA (Pillay *et al.*, 2020)

### Translational and epigenomic profiling of SARS-CoV-2

The transcription program SARS-CoV-2 transcriptome studies were mostly based on Oxford Nanopore technologies, with nanotube ball sequencing, which confirmed that transcription in SARS-CoV-2 is a discontinuous and highly controlled process based on a template switch during sub genomic negative-strand RNA synthesis. In infected mouse cells, quantitative sequencing identified an 'AAGAA-like' motif enriched in the 3' region of this genome, indicating possible post-transcriptional modifications. Post-transcriptional changes may occur more frequently (Kim *et al.*, 2020). Individual SG mRNAs have been identified through RNA-seq reads spanning template switch sites. Epitranscriptome variations include transient changes such as N6-methyladenosine and 5-methylcytosine involved RNA editing and potentially contribute to the interaction between biotin and viruses (Tian *et al.*, 2018).

### Targeting of COVID-19 via in silico and in vitro approaches

This review will discuss how potential drugs for treating SARS-CoV-2 have been identified *in vitro* and silico studies. There are mainly different methods used in producing an anti-CoV-2 drug for SARS. In research,

Ribavirin did not affect the strain, while the new antiviral drug Remdesivir inhibited the virus' replication. The nucleocapsid protein of SARS-CoV-2 also revealed unique drug-targeting sites that can be utilized to design new antiviral drugs (Vickers *et al.*, 2017) [35]. A study has also been conducted on the effects of combining three drugs Oseltamivir, Lopinavir, and Ritonavir by using molecular dynamics (Muralidharan *et al.*, 2021). The application of the drug repurposing strategy was tested on chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine (Yao *et al.*, 2020) [38]. *In vitro*, hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin showed synergistic effects against SARS-CoV-2 (Andreani *et al.*, 2020) [1]. The effectiveness of hydroxychloroquine as a treatment and its cardiovascular effects have recently focused on clinical studies (Kalra *et al.*, 2020) [12].

A second strategy involved screening molecular databases for compounds that had antiviral activity against SARS-CoV-2. (NSP12) major protein targets are modeling of homology protein targets in SARS-CoV-2 include papain-like (PLpro), main protease (M pro), RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp), helicase. Researchers have also conducted experiments by using medicinal plant libraries to identify potential antiviral phytochemicals (Qamar *et al.*, 2020).

Thirdly, homology analysis of viral proteins is used to find potential binding sites and determine binding mechanisms. Study designed that identified a mechanism-based inhibitor of SARS-CoV-2 Mpro and tested more than 10,000 compounds for their ability to inhibit this protease (Jin *et al.*, 2020). A study by scientists identified compounds that may target Mpro, the main protease of SARS-CoV-2 (Liu *et al.*, 2020). Furthermore, scientist designed inhibitors from the protease domain of ACE2 and, using molecular dynamics simulations, determined that the helical peptides were highly specific for SARS-CoV-2 (Han *et al.*, 2020) [10].

### There are several types of vaccines being developed

Currently, different technologies and methods have been investigated to develop a successful CoV-2 vaccine, but so far there have only been types that are in Phase 3 clinical trials. Several technologies are being used to implement novel approaches for the study of COVID-19 infections, allowing for accelerated research and development, and reducing the risk of COVID-19 infected individuals who are elderly, pregnant, or immune-compromised (Thanh Le *et al.*, 2020) [33]. Authorizations (EUAs) for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 (BNT162b2) and Moderna COVID-19 (mRNA-1273) vaccines (Oliver *et al.*, 2020) [15]. Adenovirus Type 5 (Recombinant Novel Coronavirus Vaccine) developed by CanSino Biological Inc./Beijing Institute of Biotechnology does not require 2 doses in its Phase 3 study (Shrotri *et al.*, 2021)

### A subunit vaccine

It is a group of generally immunogenic antigens capable of stimulating the immune system. While this kind of vaccine is harmless and simpler to produce, and it requires the use of adjuvants to generate a powerful immune response (Zhang *et al.*, 2020) [40]. Moreover, these vaccines may require repeated administration, as they do not activate killer T cells or CD8+ T cells. A virus VLPs (Virus-like Particles) consists of subunit vaccines that are composed of several virus-derived proteins that match the structure of wild

viruses, but they lack the viral genome (Jeyanathan *et al.*, 2020). Due to their role in cell penetration, these proteins provide competent cell entry, making them a suitable option for vaccine production. VLP vaccines combine sound safety profiles with robust immunogenicity, so they are a safe alternative to inactivated viruses. These kinds of expression systems can be created from insect, yeast, or bacterial cells, and they have outstanding adjuvant properties. The formerly developed vaccines activated efficient immune responses. offer a superior platform for the development of vaccines because of these properties (Ghorbani *et al.*, 2020) [9]. VLP vaccine COVID-19 particle (CoVLP) by Medicago, a Canadian company, using genetically modified plants. Unpublished studies indicate that it can induce neutralizing antibodies in mice (Wire *et al.*, 2020)

### The mRNA vaccine works in the following way

Human cells are injected with synthetic mRNA, which instructs them to produce the virus' proteins. Immune cells recognize the viral proteins and mount an immune response against them (Hague *et al.*, 2020). Due to their affordable price, short manufacturing cycles, and high potency, mRNA vaccines can replace traditional vaccines. mRNA vaccines have not yet been approved for human use, but previous studies of influenza, rabies and Zika virus infections in animals support their potential (Pardi *et al.*, 2018) [17]. It is not well-suited for use as a prophylactic vaccine since mRNA is not very stable and cannot be taken up easily by cells. Therefore, required lipid nanoparticle carriers (LNP) that are highly effective in stabilizing and packaging the mRNA for injection. In addition, they require cold storage conditions (Wang *et al.*, 2020) [20].

### Analyzing and detecting

This virus is routinely detected using real-time quantitative reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (qRT-PCR). It detects two distinct sequences, the virus envelope (E) gene and the RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp) gene (Corman *et al.*, 2020) [3]. Using the ARTIC platform, the SARS-CoV-2 nanopore sequencing protocol has been developed and optimized (J. Quick; 2020). This platform provides extensive experience and expertise in using this technology in the sequencing and surveillance of outbreaks, including Zika and Ebola (Quick *et al.*, 2017) [18]. The SARS-CoV-2 genomes are sequenced using nanopores, allowing researchers to monitor and the evolution of the viruses (pore Cov). To amplicon-based methods, metagenomic, transcriptomic sequencing can identify the primary pathogen and additional infections that may be present (Moore *et al.*, 2020) [14]. Coronaviruses can be detected in environmental samples e.g., from human bronchoalveolar lavage fluid. The presence of SARS-CoV-2 genomic traces in human fecal meta genomes before the outbreak of the current pandemic supports the hypothesis that an inactive, non-virulent form of the virus was present in human populations prior to the outbreak (S. Rampelli *et al.*, 2020) [20].

### Toolkit for genome analysis by the viral bioinformatics research center

Viral Bioinformatics Research Centre (VBRC) has been developed. Several tools are available for users to analyze Gen Bank files by using VBRC information. An organized database can be accessed through Virus Orthologous Groups

(Ehlers *et al.*, 2002) [7]. A multiple sequence alignment is generated, visualized, and edited using Base-By-Base (Brodie *et al.*, 2004) [2]. By aligning and plotting genomes, genes, and proteins, allows for comparison. Users can add comments to sequences and save alignments locally. The Viral Genome Organizer (Upton *et al.*, 2000) [34]. has been designed to enable users to visualize and compare genes in multiple viral genomes. Besides exporting protein or DNA sequences, the tool also displays open reading frames, STARTs, STOPs, and other user-defined results. It can display shared orthologs if genomes are loaded from the database. This tool, created by scientists before in (2006) allows genomes to be annotated using a reference genome (Tcherepanov *et al.*, 2006).

### Conclusion

High transmission rate and rapid spread of Covid-19 effects our daily lives badly. In this article, researchers explore the latest advances related to clinical features, characterization of genome, DNA fingerprinting, and disease control by modern tools and techniques. Despite this, many questions remain, which include the patient susceptibility variation, disease progression, and possible outcome of SARS-CoV-2 infection, which, depends on a highly complex interaction between the vulnerability of body, environment, and pathogenic virus. Furthermore, till to date none of the effective and proven clinical method developed,

Mutations have played a crucial role in the virus's evolution. Therefore, the high-throughput and cost-effective methods for reconstructing genetic sequences mutating pathogens shows these are effective and useful tools for detecting and control of the infectious disease spread in humans.

NGS tools and approaches proved very effective and quickly adapted in SARC Cov 2 case for the answering the associated biological questions. Only a few years ago, data production and analysis would have been inconceivable. As of the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2020, SARS-CoV-2 confirmed cases have been reported in 216 countries, areas, or territories. Researchers are now focusing efforts on finding a comprehensive understanding of the virus and developing vaccines as preventive measure. Here, on the base of classification and protein structure SARS CoV and SARS Cov2 are compared.

### Abbreviations

COVID-19: Coronavirus disease 2019; ORFs: Open reading frames; nsps: Nonstructural proteins; RBD: Receptor binding domain; ACE2: Angiotensin converting enzyme2; WHO: World Health Organization

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