

Figure S1: Key interacting residues between PLpro and ISG15

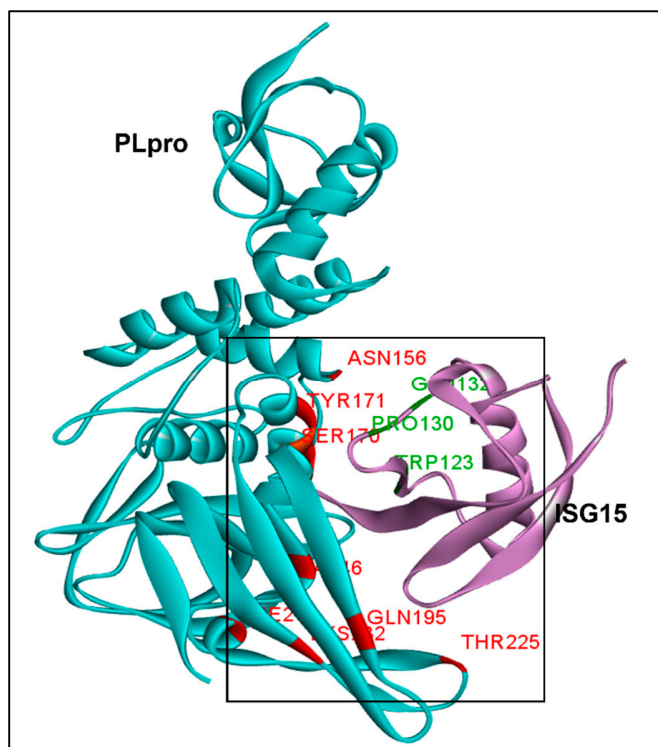


Figure S1. The key interacting residues of PLpro (Cyan) marked in Red and ISG15 (purple) marked in Green found to be critical for the improved de-ISGylation activity of PLpro (the key interacting residues adapted from (Klemm et al. 2020))

Table S1. Docking scores of various phytochemicals from *A. paniculata* (AG), *T. cordifolia* (GU), *O. sanctum* (TU) against SARS-CoV-2 (PLpro-ISG15) complex interacting site (PDB ID:6XA9)

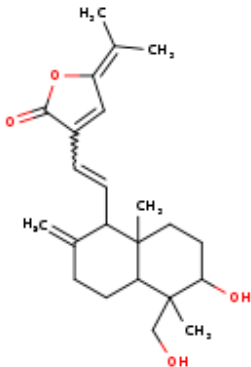
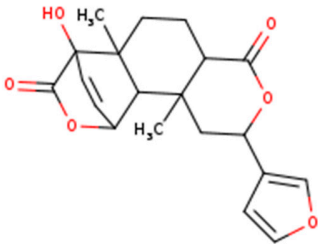
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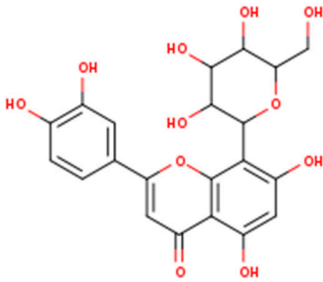
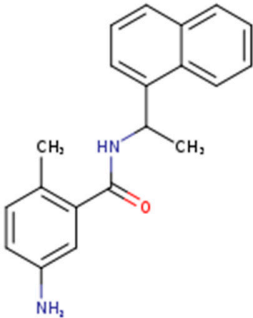
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56		beta-Gurjunene	6450812	<chem>CC1CCC2C(C2(C)C)C3C1CCC3=C</chem>	-7.4

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60		alpha-Selinene	10123	<chem>CC1=CCCC2(C1CC(CC2)C(=C)C)C</chem>	-7.1
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62		Esculetin	52814 16	<chem>C1=CC(=O)OC2=CC(=C(C=C21)O)O</chem>	-6.6
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64		Caffeic acid	68904 3	<chem>C1=CC(=C(C=C1C=CC(=O)O)O)O</chem>	-6.3
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84		Oleic acid	44563 9	<chem>CCCCCCCC=CCCCCCCCC(=O)O</chem>	-5.3
85		Palmitic acid	985	<chem>CCCCCCCCCCCCCCCC(=O)O</chem>	-5.3
86		(E)-beta-Ocimene	52815 53	<chem>CC(=CCC=C(C)C=C)C</chem>	-5.1
87		Benzaldehyde	240	<chem>C1=CC=C(C=C1)C=O</chem>	-4.9
88		alpha-Myrcene	51932 4	<chem>CC(=C)CCCC(=C)C=C</chem>	-4.8
89		2-Furaldehyde	7362	<chem>C1=COC(=C1)C=O</chem>	-4.3
90		Heptan-1-ol	8129	<chem>CCCCCCCCO</chem>	-4.3
	Positive control	GRL0617	24941 262	<chem>CC1=C(C=C(C=C1)N)C(=O)NC(C)C2=CC=CC3=CC=CC=C32</chem>	-8.5

Table S2. (i). Drug-likeness properties of the top-ranking phytochemicals from *A. paniculate*, *T. cordifolia*, *O. sanctum*, and GRL0617.

S.No .	Herb	Phytoconstituents	Molecular formula	ADME properties (Lipinski's Rule of Five)		Drug Likeness
				Properties	Value	
1	<i>A. paniculata</i>	14-deoxy-15-isopropylidene-11,12-didehydroandrographolide (AG1) 	C23H32O4	Molecular weight (<500 Da)	372.50 g/mol	YES
				LogP (<5)	3.52	
				H-Bond donor (<5)	2	
				H-Bond acceptor (<10)	4	
				Violations	0	
2	<i>T. cordifolia</i>	Isocolumbin (GU1) 	C20H22O6	Molecular weight (<500 Da)	358.39 g/mol	YES
				LogP (<5)	2.12	
				H-Bond donor (<5)	1	

				H-Bond acceptor (<10)	6	
				Violations	0	
3	<i>O. sanctum</i>	Orientin (TU1) 	C ₂₁ H ₂₀ O ₁₁	Molecular weight (<500 Da) LogP (<5) H-Bond donor (<5) H-Bond acceptor (<10) Violations	448.38 g/mol 1.27 8 11 2	NO
4	GRL0617	GRL0617 	C ₂₀ H ₂₀ N ₂ O	Molecular weight (<500 Da) LogP (<5) H-Bond donor (<5)	304.39 g/mol 2.69 2	YES

				H-Bond acceptor (<10)	1	
				Violations	0	

Table S2. (ii). Pharmacokinetic properties (ADMET) prediction for the top-ranking phytoconstituents from *A. paniculate*, *T. cordifolia*, *O. sanctum*, and **GRL0617**.

Property	Model Name	AG1	GU1	TU1	GRL0617
Absorption	Buffer solubility (mg/L)	0.53	32388.1	562.68	5.81
	Caco2 permeability (nm/sec)	22.12	21.91	3.00	21.65
	Human Intestinal Absorption (%)	93.75	95.26	14.99	94.85
	MDCK cell permeability (nm/sec)	0.06	55.59	0.70	9.90
	P-glycoprotein inhibition	Inhibitor	Non	Non	Non
	Plasma Protein Binding (%)	98.92	88.65	63.12	86.11
	Pure water solubility (mg/L)	3.06	23.84	256.36	1.42
	Skin Permeability (logKp, cm/hour)	-1.73	-3.47	-4.69	-2.59
Distribution	BBB (C.brain/C.blood)	1.22	0.22	0.03	1.40
Metabolism	CYP2C19 inhibition	Non	Non	Inhibitor	Non
	CYP2C9 inhibition	Inhibitor	Inhibitor	Inhibitor	Non
	CYP2D6 inhibition	Non	Non	Non	Non
	CYP2D6 substrate	Non	Non	Non	Non
	CYP3A4 inhibition	Inhibitor	Inhibitor	Inhibitor	Non
	CYP3A4 substrate	Substrate	Substrate	Weakly	Substrate
Toxicity	acute algae toxicity	0.0129867	0.10331	0.0208	0.028122
	Ames test	mutagen	mutagen	non-mutagen	mutagen
	hERG inhibition	medium risk	medium risk	high risk	medium risk

Abbreviations: 14-deoxy-15-isopropylidene-11,12-didehydroandrographolide (AG1), Isocolumbin (GU1), Orientin (TU1), ADMET, absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion, and toxicity; BBB, blood-brain barrier; CYP, cytochrome P; hERG, human ether-a-go-go-related gene.

Principle component analysis (PCA)

The molecular dynamics trajectories were used for PCA to identify the conformational motions relevant to protein functions. Eigenvalues were used to calculate the conformational changes due to the movement of atoms (Khan et al., 2016). The eigenvalues were generated by diagonalizing the covariance matrix of the C α atomic fluctuations against the equivalent Eigenvectors' (EV) indices. The first 10 modes were taken into consideration in the analysis of the essential subspace as they cover >95% variance of the protein where an exponentially decaying curve of eigenvalues is obtained against the EVs (Supplementary Figure- 2). In this study, PC1 and PC2 that dominate the protein conformational fluctuations were also used for the analysis of PLpro without ligand and in the complexes. For the first two PCs taken into consideration, simulation results revealed the subspace dimension for PLpro in the unbound state and in the complex is comparable, with no noticeable large difference in the dimension (Supplementary Figure- 1). This is also reflected in their 2D projection plots of trajectories, with similar trace values of the covariance matrix for both.

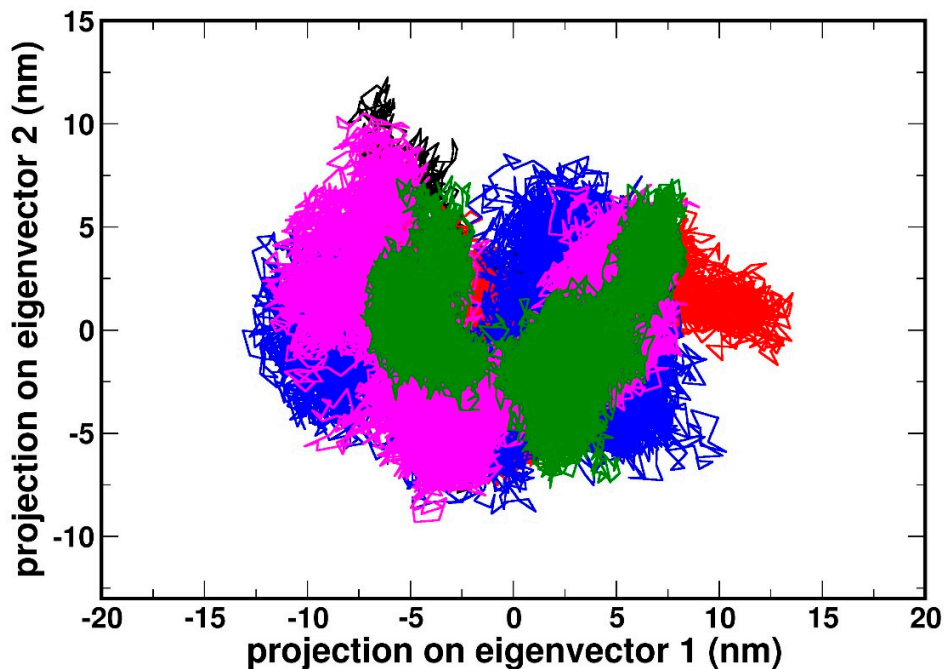


Figure S2. Principal component analysis (PCA) of (PLpro-ISG15) in the unbound state (Black color) and in the (PLpro-ISG15) complex-AG1 (Red color), (PLpro-ISG15) complex-GU1(Blue color), (PLpro-ISG15) complex-TU1(magenta color) and (PLpro-ISG15) complex-GRL0617 (Green color). The 2D projection plot of the first two principal eigenvectors