

1. Prepare starting structure

- a. isolate binding helix (residues 23-46) from ACE2; save PDB of binding helix in complex with the spike protein RBD

- b. Relax native complex:

```
$relax.static.linuxgccrelease  
-relax:constrain_relax_to_start_coords  
-relax:coord_constrain_sidechains -relax:ramp_constraints  
false -ex1 -ex2 -use_input_sc -flip_HNQ -no_optH false -s  
native_helix_rbd_complex.pdb
```

- c. Extract and renumber relaxed structure:

```
$/farmshare/software/non-free/rosetta/3.12/tools/protein_t  
ools/scripts/clean_pdb.py  
native_helix_rbd_complex_relaxed.pdb ignorechain
```

2. Remodel

- a. Create blueprint file of the binding helix (chain A):

```
$/farmshare/software/non-free/rosetta/3.12/tools/protein_t  
ools/scripts/clean_pdb.py  
native_helix_rbd_complex_relaxed.pdb A
```

- b. Created 22 blueprint files with python (see **helix_LLE_sub_blueprints** folder for blueprint files)

- c. Run remodel protocol on all blueprints to generate 5 designs from the starting helix-RBD complex:

```
$for bp in helix_LLE_sub_blueprints/*; do  
remodel.static.linuxgccrelease -s  
native_helix_rbd_complex_relaxed_renumbered.pdb -blueprint  
$bp -jd2:no_output -remodel:quick_and_dirty -out:prefix  
complexed_LLE_sub_pdb/${bp:36:21} -run:chain A; done
```

- d. Select the 12 designs with the lowest total energy scores for the next step (see **top12_remodel_designs** folder)

3. FastDesign and Docking

- a. Ran a FastDesign-Docking script (see **xml** file) on native structure and the 12 Remodel designs (see **sbatch** file)

4. NCAA Substitution with Pyrosetta

- a. Ran the `ncaa_monte_carlo_substitution.py` script to generate low-energy structures from 10,000 iterations of substitutions within the 16_5 remodeled helix (lowest-scoring design from step 3).

- b. After, ran the FastDesign-Docking mutant (see **xml** file) script on the mutant designs to generate docking scores for analysis with the **sbatch** file in the mutating folder.