

Materials Design Analysis Reporting (MDAR) Checklist for Authors

The MDAR framework establishes a minimum set of requirements in transparent reporting applicable to studies in the life sciences (see Statement of Task: [doi:10.31222/osf.io/9sm4x](https://doi.org/10.31222/osf.io/9sm4x)). The MDAR checklist is a tool for authors, editors and others seeking to adopt the MDAR framework for transparent reporting in manuscripts and other outputs. Please refer to the MDAR Elaboration Document for additional context for the MDAR framework.

Materials

Antibodies	Yes (indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)	n/a
For commercial reagents, provide supplier name, catalogue number and RRID, if available.	SARS-CoV-2 (2019-nCoV) Spike RBD Antibody (Sino Biological Inc. Cat: 40592-T62), Anti-Rabbit IgG (whole molecule)–Alkaline Phosphatase antibody produced in goat(Sigma, Cat: A3687); Donkey anti-human IgG Fc F(ab') ₂ fragment (Jackson ImmunoResearch; Cat: 709-006-098)	
Cell materials	Yes (indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)	n/a
Cell lines: Provide species information, strain. Provide accession number in repository OR supplier name, catalog number, clone number, OR RRID	HEK 293T cells were purchased from ATCC ((ATCC® CRL-3216™); Expi293F from Thermo Fisher Scientific (Catalog number: A14527).	
Primary cultures: Provide species, strain, sex of origin, genetic modification status.		n/a
Experimental animals	Yes (indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)	n/a
Laboratory animals: Provide species, strain, sex, age, genetic modification status. Provide accession number in repository OR supplier name, catalog number, clone number, OR RRID		n/a
Animal observed in or captured from the field: Provide species, sex and age where possible		n/a
Model organisms: Provide Accession number in repository (where relevant) OR RRID		n/a
Plants and microbes	Yes (indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)	n/a
Plants: provide species and strain, unique accession number if available, and source (including location for collected wild specimens)		n/a
Microbes: provide species and strain, unique accession number if available, and source		n/a
Human research participants	Yes (indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)	n/a
Identify authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval.		n/a
Provide statement confirming informed consent obtained from study participants.		n/a
Report on age and sex for all study participants.		n/a

Design

Study protocol	Yes (indicate where provided: page	n/a
For clinical trials, provide the trial registration number OR cite DOI in manuscript.		n/a
Laboratory protocol	Yes (indicate where provided: page	n/a
Provide DOI or other citation details if detailed step-by-step protocols are available.	All detailed step-by-step protocols are described in the Materials and Methods section (Supplementary Materials)	
Experimental study design (statistics details)	Yes (indicate where provided: page	n/a
State whether and how the following have been done, or if they were not carried out.		n/a
Sample size determination		n/a
Randomisation		n/a
Blinding		n/a
Inclusion/exclusion criteria		n/a
Sample definition and in-laboratory replication	Yes (indicate where provided: page	n/a
State number of times the experiment was replicated in laboratory	Multiple EM data sets were collected with very similar quality. All other experiments have been repeated multiple times with excellent reproducibility. This is indicated in each figure legend.	
Define whether data describe technical or biological replicates		n/a
Ethics	Yes (indicate where provided: page	n/a
Studies involving human participants: State details of authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval.		n/a
Studies involving experimental animals: State details of authority granting ethics approval (IRB or equivalent committee(s), provide reference number for approval.		n/a
Studies involving specimen and field samples: State if relevant permits obtained, provide details of authority approving study; if none were required, explain why.		n/a
Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC)	Yes (indicate where provided: page	n/a
If study is subject to dual use research of concern, state the authority granting approval and reference number for the regulatory approval		n/a

Analysis

Attrition	Yes (indicate where provided: page	n/a
State if sample or data point from the analysis is excluded, and whether the criteria for exclusion were determined and specified in advance.	No samples or data points from the analysis were excluded except for standard cryo-EM practices (e.g., excluding junk particles).	
Statistics	Yes (indicate where provided: page	n/a
Describe statistical tests used and justify choice of tests.	For the cell-cell fusion and flow cytometry experiments, error bars indicate the standard deviation calculated by the Excel STDEV function. Data points were means \pm standard deviations from triplicate measurements.	
Data Availability	Yes (indicate where provided: page	n/a
State whether newly created datasets are available, including protocols for access or restriction on access.	The atomic structure coordinates are deposited in the RCSB Protein Data Bank (PDB) under the accession numbers 7KRQ, 7KRR and 7KRS; and the electron microscopy maps have been deposited in the Electron Microscopy Data Bank (EMDB) under the accession numbers EMD-23010, EMD-23011 and EMD-23012. All materials generated during the current study are available from the corresponding author under an MTA with Boston Children's Hospital.	
If data are publicly available, provide accession number in repository or DOI or URL.	PDB IDs: 7KRQ, 7KRR and 7KRS EMDB IDs: EMD-23010, EMD-23011 and EMD-23012	
If publicly available data are reused, provide accession number in repository or DOI or URL, where possible.		n/a
Code Availability	Yes (indicate where provided: page	n/a
For all newly generated code and software essential for replicating the main findings of the study:		n/a
State whether the code or software is available.		n/a
If code is publicly available, provide accession number in repository, or DOI or URL.		n/a

Reporting

Adherence to community standards	Yes (indicate where provided: page no/section/legend)	n/a
MDAR framework recommends adoption of discipline-specific guidelines, established and endorsed through community initiatives. Journals have their own policy about requiring specific guidelines and recommendations to complement MDAR.	This MDAR checklist.	
State if relevant guidelines (eg., ICMJE, MIBBI, ARRIVE) have been followed, and whether a checklist (eg., CONSORT, PRISMA, ARRIVE) is provided with the manuscript.		n/a