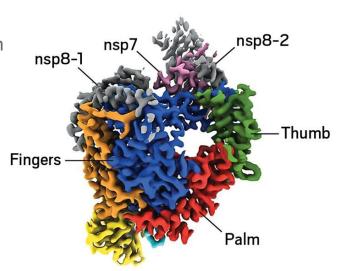
RNA Dependent RNA Polymerase (RdRp) of SARS-CoV-2

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What is RdRp?

- RdRp (also known as nsp12) is a key part of the SARS-CoV-2 replication machinery, as it catalyzes replication of RNA from an RNA template
 - RdRp is a nonstructural protein i.e. it does not exist in the viral structure and is encoded in the viral genome solely for replication
 - Ribosomes produce the proteins for the replication machinery using the instructions encoded in the viral genome
- RdRp is part of the nsp12-nsp7-nsp8 complex
 - On its own, nsp12 cannot function and nsp7 and nsp8 are both cofactors
 - nsp7 and nsp8 both serve to suppress the host genome



Remdesivir

- Remdesivir targets the RdRp replication process of the viral genome
- ☐ It strongly resembles the nucleotide adenosine, causing the RNA replicase to incorporate it; this essentially 'caps' the RNA strand being synthesized and replication of viral RNA is prevented
 - Remdesivir does not interfere with the activity and replication of cells and only inhibits viral replication
 - However, it is not always entirely effective, as intact viral RNA copies may still be able to escape the cell and infect other cells. If paired with another antiviral drug, treatment could become a lot more effective

Adenosine

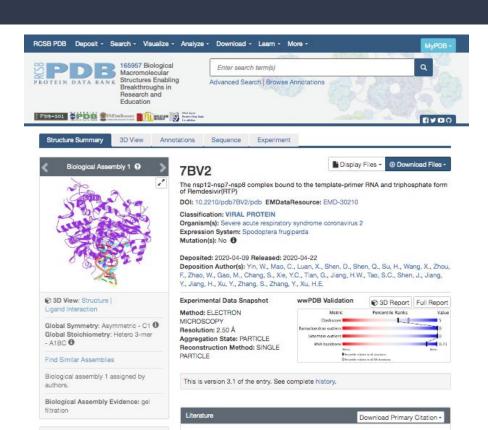
Remdesivir

Obtaining PBD codes from the Protein Data Bank

The web address for the Protein Data Bank is https://www.rcsb.org/.

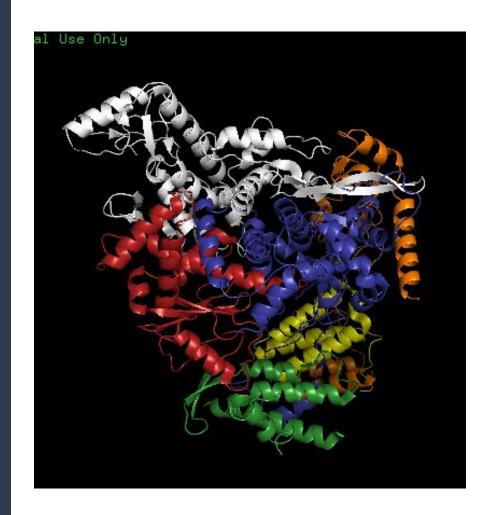
In order to view proteins on PyMol, you can do one of two things:

- Find the desired protein in the Protein Data Bank and copy its protein ID. Then, type "fetch" and desired ID into PyMol.
- Download the PDB file directly from the data bank and open it in PyMol.



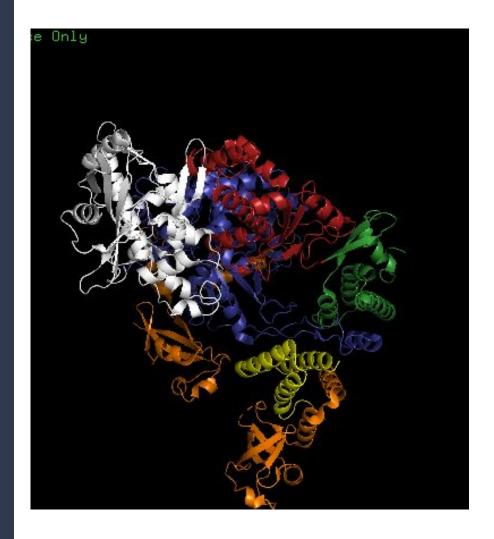
SARS-CoV-2 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase in complex with cofactors (6M71)

- Nsp12
 - Beta Hairpin, NiRAN, and interface - White
 - Fingers Blue
 - Palm Red
 - Thumb Green
- Nsp7 Yellow
- Nsp8 Orange



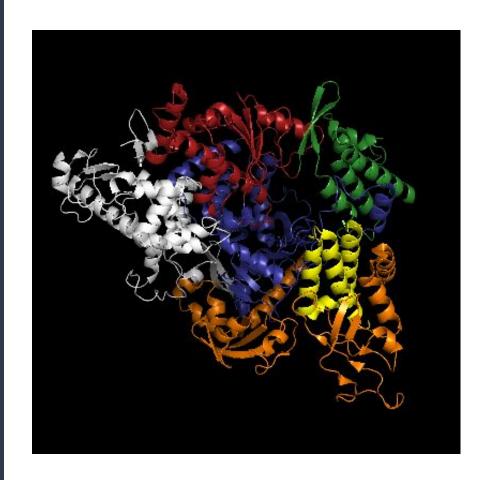
SARS-CoV-2 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase in complex with cofactors in reduced condition (7BTF)

- Nsp12
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 - Fingers Blue
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- Nsp7 Yellow
- Nsp8 Orange



Cryo-EM structure of the apo nsp12-nsp7-nsp8 complex (7BV1)

- Nsp12
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The nsp12-nsp7-nsp8 complex bound to the template-primer RNA and triphosphate form of Remdesivir(RTP) (7BV2)

- Nsp12
 - Beta Hairpin, NiRAN, and interface White
 - Fingers Blue
 - Palm Red
 - Thumb Green
- Nsp7 Yellow
- Nsp8 Orange



COVID-19 RNA-dependent RNA polymerase pre-translocated catalytic complex (7C2K)

- Nsp12
 - Beta Hairpin, NiRAN, and interface White
 - Fingers Blue
 - Palm Red
 - Thumb Green
- Nsp7 Yellow
- Nsp8 Orange

