

Supplementary Materials

Design of modular autoproteolytic gene switches responsive to anti-coronavirus drug candidates

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Supplementary Table 1. PLpro cleavage sites

Cleavage site	Amino acid sequence
PL _{pro} CS _{NAT1} – (Nsp1/nsp2)	RELNGGAYTRYV
PL _{pro} CS _{NAT2} – (Nsp2/nsp3)	FTLKGGAPTKVT
PL _{pro} CS _{NAT3} – (Nsp3/nsp4)	IALKGGKIVNNW

Supplementary Table 2. Mpro cleavage sites

Cleavage site	Amino acid sequence
M _{pro} CS _{NAT1} – (Nsp4/nsp5)	TSAVLQSGFRKM
M _{pro} CS _{NAT2} – (Nsp5/nsp6)	SGVTFQSAVKRT
M _{pro} CS _{NAT3} – (Nsp6/nsp7)	KVATVQSKMSDV
M _{pro} CS _{NAT4} – (Nsp7/nsp8)	NRATLQAIASEF
M _{pro} CS _{NAT5} – (Nsp8/nsp9)	SAVKLQNNELSP
M _{pro} CS _{NAT6} – (Nsp9/nsp10)	ATVRLQAGNATE
M _{pro} CS _{NAT7} – (Nsp10/nsp12)	REPMLQSADAQS
M _{pro} CS _{NAT8} – (Nsp12/nsp13)	PHTVLQAVGACV
M _{pro} CS _{NAT9} – (Nsp13/nsp14)	NVATLQAENVTG
M _{pro} CS _{NAT10} – (Nsp14/nsp15)	TFTRLQSLNVA
M _{pro} CS _{NAT11} – (Nsp15/nsp16)	FYPKLQSSQAWQ
M _{pro} CS _{OPT}	TTVRLQSGFRKM

Supplementary Table 3. Sequences of Mpro mutants from clinical samples

Mpro mutant	Amino acid sequence
M_{pro}C156F	MSGFRKMAFPSGKVEGCMVQVTCGTTTTLNGLWLDDVVYCPRHVICTSEDMLN PNYEDLLIRKSNHNFLVQAGNVQLRVIGHSMQNCVLKLVKVDANPKTPKYKQV RIQPGQTFSVLACYNGSPSGVYQCAMRPNFTIKGSFLNGSCGSVGFNIDYDFVSF CYMHHMELPTGVHAGTDLEGNFYGPFVDRQTAQAAGTDTTITVNVLAWLAA VINGDRWFLNRFTTTLNDFNLVAMKYNIEPLTQDHVDILGPLSAQTGIAVLDM CASLKELLQNGMNGRTILGSALLEDEFTPFDDVVRQCSGVTFQ
M_{pro}G71S	MSGFRKMAFPSGKVEGCMVQVTCGTTTTLNGLWLDDVVYCPRHVICTSEDMLN PNYEDLLIRKSNHNFLVQASNVQLRVIGHSMQNCVLKLVKVDANPKTPKYKQV RIQPGQTFSVLACYNGSPSGVYQCAMRPNFTIKGSFLNGSCGSVGFNIDYDCVSF CYMHHMELPTGVHAGTDLEGNFYGPFVDRQTAQAAGTDTTITVNVLAWLAA VINGDRWFLNRFTTTLNDFNLVAMKYNIEPLTQDHVDILGPLSAQTGIAVLDM CASLKELLQNGMNGRTILGSALLEDEFTPFDDVVRQCSGVTFQ
M_{pro}R279C	MSGFRKMAFPSGKVEGCMVQVTCGTTTTLNGLWLDDVVYCPRHVICTSEDMLN PNYEDLLIRKSNHNFLVQAGNVQLRVIGHSMQNCVLKLVKVDANPKTPKYKQV RIQPGQTFSVLACYNGSPSGVYQCAMRPNFTIKGSFLNGSCGSVGFNIDYDCVSF CYMHHMELPTGVHAGTDLEGNFYGPFVDRQTAQAAGTDTTITVNVLAWLAA VINGDRWFLNRFTTTLNDFNLVAMKYNIEPLTQDHVDILGPLSAQTGIAVLDM CASLKELLQNGMNGCTILGSALLEDEFTPFDDVVRQCSGVTFQ

Mpro^{V77A/K90R}	MSGFRKMAFPSGKVEGCMVQVTCGTTTTLNGLWLDDVVYCPRHVICTSEDMLN PNYEDLLIRKSNHNFLVQAGNVQLRAIGHSMQNCVLKLRVDTANPKTPKYKQV RIQPGQTFSVLACYNGSPSGVYQCAMRPNFTIKGSFLNGSCGSVGFNIDYDCVSF CYMHHMELPTGVHAGTDLEGNFYGPFVDRQTAQAAGTDTTITVNVLAWLAA VINGDRWFLNRFTTTLNDFNLVAMKYNYEPLTQDHVDILGPLSAQTGIAVLDM CASLKELLQNGMNGRTILGSALLEDEFTPFVVRQCSGVTFQ
Mpro^{P184L}	MSGFRKMAFPSGKVEGCMVQVTCGTTTTLNGLWLDDVVYCPRHVICTSEDMLN PNYEDLLIRKSNHNFLVQAGNVQLRVIGHSMQNCVLKLVDTANPKTPKYKQV RIQPGQTFSVLACYNGSPSGVYQCAMRPNFTIKGSFLNGSCGSVGFNIDYDCVSF CYMHHMELPTGVHAGTDLEGNFYGLFVDRQTAQAAGTDTTITVNVLAWLAA VINGDRWFLNRFTTTLNDFNLVAMKYNYEPLTQDHVDILGPLSAQTGIAVLDM CASLKELLQNGMNGRTILGSALLEDEFTPFVVRQCSGVTFQ

Supplementary Table 4. Plasmids used and designed in this study

Plasmid	Detailed description and cloning strategy	Reference
pTS1017	O _{TetR} -P _{hCMV} _{min} -SEAP-pA Mammalian reporter plasmid encoding O _{TetR} -P _{hCMV} _{min} driven expression of SEAP reporter protein.	1
pLeo665	O _{TetR} -P _{hCMV} _{min} -SS-nanoLuc-pA Mammalian reporter plasmid encoding O _{TetR} -P _{hCMV} _{min} driven expression of secreted nanoLuc reporter protein.	2
pDA326	P _{TREBI} -Citrine-2A-SEAP-sTRSV-pA Mammalian reporter plasmid encoding for P _{TREBI} -driven Citrine-2A-SEAP expression cassette with an sTRSV ribozyme-dependent destabilization module in the 3'-UTR.	3
BB3-YPet	P _{hCMV} -YPet-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding P _{hCMV} -driven YPet expression.	4
BB3-5xUAS-SEAP	P _{5xUAS} -SEAP-pA Mammalian reporter plasmid encoding P _{5xUAS} driven expression of SEAP reporter protein.	4
pQP-T2A	Plasmid containing DNA binding domain GAL4.	Addgene plasmid #102583
pTS1106	P _{hCMV} -TetR-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding P _{hCMV} -driven DNA binding domain TetR expression.	4
BB3-VP16	P _{hCMV} -VP16-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding P _{hCMV} -driven VP16 expression.	4
BB3-rTetR	P _{hCMV} -rTetR-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding P _{hCMV} -driven rTetR expression.	4
pAB150	P _{hCMV} -3xNLS-DcuR-VPR-pA	1

	Mammalian expression plasmid encoding P _{hCMV} -driven DcuR fused to a 3xNLS N-terminal domain and to a C-terminal VPR transactivator domain.	
BB3-P _{PGK}	P _{PGK} _MCS-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding P _{PGK} and multi cloning site (MCS).	4
pNF024	P _{hCMV} _SEAP-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding P _{hCMV} -driven SEAP reporter protein.	Unpublished
pcDNA3.1(+)	P _{hCMV} _MCS-pA Cloning vector for constitutive expression of target genes	ThermoFisher
pDF145	P _{T7} _SpAH-Env140ac <i>In vitro</i> RNA production plasmid without mammalian promoter activity.	5
rTetR-NS3-VP65_IRES_mCherry	Plasmid containing HCV protease.	Addgene plasmid #112628
pCDNA3-FlipGFP(TEV cleavage seq) t2A mCherry	Plasmid containing FlipGFP.	Addgene plasmid #124429
pNF118	P _{hCMV} _TetR-MproCS(opt)-NLS-VP16-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing optimized Mpro cleavage site and NLS. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF249 and oNF251 to introduce optimised Mpro cleavage site, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI. VP16 was amplified from BB3-VP16 using oNF11 and oNF248 to introduce NLS, PCR fragment was digested with BamHI/XbaI. Fragments were ligated into pcDNA3.1(+) (EcoRI/XbaI).	This work
pNF120	P _{hCMV} _TetR-PL _{pro} CS _{NAT3} -NLS-VP16-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing PL _{proNAT3} cleavage site and NLS. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF249 and oNF253 to introduce PL _{proNAT3} cleavage site, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI. VP16 was amplified from BB3-VP16 using oNF11 and oNF248 to introduce NLS, PCR fragment was digested with BamHI/XbaI. Fragments were ligated into pcDNA3.1(+) (EcoRI/XbaI).	This work
pNF121	P _{hCMV} _Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-M _{pro} CS _{OPT} -NLS-VP16-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing M _{proOPT} cleavage site and NLS. Mpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF258 and oNF259. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF251 to introduce M _{proOPT} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF251 was used to fuse Mpro(S2) and TetR-M _{pro} CS _{OPT} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI. VP16 was amplified from BB3-VP16 using oNF11 and oNF248 to introduce NLS, PCR fragment was digested with BamHI/XbaI. Fragments were ligated into pcDNA3.1(+) (EcoRI/XbaI).	This work
pNF122	P _{hCMV} _Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-VP16-pA	This work

	<p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing NLS. Mpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF258 and oNF259. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF261. PCR assembly reaction, using oNF258 and oNF261 was used to fuse Mpro(S2) and TetR with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI. VP16 was amplified from BB3-VP16 using oNF11 and oNF248 to introduce NLS, PCR fragment was digested with BamHI/XbaI. Fragments were ligated into pcDNA3.1(+)(EcoRI/XbaI).</p>	
pNF123	<p>P_{hCMV}_Mpro(S2)-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro. Mpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF258 and oNF262, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/XbaI and ligated into pcDNA3.1(+)(EcoRI/XbaI).</p>	This work
pNF124	<p>P_{hCMV}_PLpro(S2)-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 PLpro. PLpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_PLpro(S2) using oNF263 and oNF264, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/XbaI and ligated into pcDNA3.1(+)(EcoRI/XbaI).</p>	This work
pNF138	<p>P_{PGK}_TetR-MproCS_{OPT}-NLS-VP16-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing optimized Mpro cleavage site and NLS. P_{PGK} was excised from bb3-P_{PGK} using MluI/EcoRI and ligated into pNF118 (MluI/EcoRI).</p>	This work
pNF140	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro. P_{PGK} was excised from bb3-P_{PGK} using MluI/EcoRI and ligated into pNF123 (MluI/EcoRI).</p>	This work
pNF142	<p>P_{PGK}_PLpro(S2)-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro. P_{PGK} was excised from bb3-P_{PGK} using MluI/EcoRI and ligated into pNF124 (MluI/EcoRI).</p>	This work
pNF143	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-MproCS_{OPT}-NLS-VP16-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing Mpro_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. P_{PGK} was excised from bb3-P_{PGK} using MluI/EcoRI and ligated into pNF121 (MluI/EcoRI).</p>	This work
pNF144	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-NLS-VP16-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing NLS. P_{PGK} was excised from BB3-P_{PGK} using MluI/EcoRI and ligated into pNF122 (MluI/EcoRI).</p>	This work
pNF147	<p>P_{PGK}_PLpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-PLproCS_{NAT1}-NLS-VP16-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 PLpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing PLpro_{NAT1} cleavage site and NLS. PLpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_PLpro(S2) using oNF263 and oNF272. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF252 to introduce</p>	This work

	<p>PLpro_{NAT1} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF263 and oNF252 was used to fuse PLpro(S2) and TetR-PLproCS_{NAT1} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI. VP16 was amplified from BB3-VP16 using oNF11 and oNF248 to introduce NLS, PCR fragment was digested with BamHI/XbaI. Fragments were ligated into pNF140 (EcoRI/XbaI).</p>	
pNF148	<p>P_{PGK}_PLpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-NLS-VP16-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 PLpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing NLS. PLpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_PLpro(S2) using oNF263 and oNF272. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF261 to introduce PLpro(nat1) cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF263 and oNF261 was used to fuse PLpro(S2) and TetR with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI. VP16 was amplified from BB3-VP16 using oNF11 and oNF248 to introduce NLS, PCR fragment was digested with BamHI/XbaI. Fragments were ligated into pNF140 (EcoRI/XbaI).</p>	This work
pNF151	<p>O_{tet}P_{hCMV}min_{SS}-nanoLuc_sTRSV-pA</p> <p>Mammalian reporter plasmid encoding TetR driven expression of nanoLuc with a sTRSV ribozyme-dependent destabilization module in the 3'-UTR. nanoLuc was excised from pLeo665 using EcoRI/XbaI and ligated into pDA326 (EcoRI/XbaI).</p>	This work GenBank: OK425853
pNF152	<p>P_{PGK}_TetR-15gs-PLproCS_{NAT3}-NLS-VP16-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing PLpro_{NAT3} cleavage site and NLS. P_{PGK} was excised from BB3-P_{PGK} using MluI and EcoRI and ligated into pNF120 (MluI/EcoRI).</p>	This work
pNF153	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-MproCS_{NAT1}-NLS-VP16-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing Mpro(nat1) cleavage site and NLS. Mpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF258 and oNF259. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF250 to introduce Mpro_{NAT1} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF250 was used to fuse Mpro(S2) and TetR-MproCS(nat1) with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI. VP16 was amplified from BB3-VP16 using oNF11 and oNF248 to introduce NLS, PCR fragment was digested with BamHI/XbaI. Fragments were ligated into pNF140 (EcoRI/XbaI).</p>	This work
pNF157	<p>P_{CMV}_Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-MproCS_{OPT}-NLS-VPR-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VPR with fusion linker containing Mpro_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. Mpro(S2)-TetR-MproCS_{OPT} was amplified from pNF143 using oNF258 and oNF304. VPR was amplified from pAB150 using oNF303 and oNF305. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF305 to obtain Mpro(S2)-TetR-MproCS_{OPT}-NLS-VPR, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/XhoI and ligated into pNF024 (EcoRI/XhoI).</p>	This work
pNF159	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-MproCS_{OPT}-NLS-VPR-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VPR with fusion linker containing Mpro_{OPT} cleavage</p>	This work

	site and NLS. P _{PGK} was excised from bb3-P _{PGK} using MluI/EcoRI and ligated into pNF157 (MluI/EcoRI).	
pNF162	P _{PGK} _PLpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-PL _{pro} CS _{NAT3} -NLS-VP16-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 PLpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing PL _{pro} _{NAT3} cleavage site and NLS. PLpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_PLpro(S2) using oNF263 and oNF272. TetR-PL _{pro} CS _{NAT3} -NLS-VP16 was amplified from pNF120 using oNF260 and oNF248. PCR assembly reaction using oNF263 and oNF248 was used to fuse PLpro(S2) and TetR-PL _{pro} CS _{NAT3} -NLS-VP16, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/XbaI. Fragments were ligated into pNF140 (EcoRI/XbaI).	This work GenBank: OK425852
pNF167	P _{PGK} _Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-M _{pro} CS _{OPT} -NLS-VP64-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing M _{pro} _{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. VP64 was amplified from pAB150 using oNF327 and oNF328 to introduce NLS, PCR fragment was digested with BamHI/XbaI and ligated into pNF143 (BamHI/XbaI).	This work GenBank: OK425851
pNF168	P _{PGK} _Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR-NLS-VP64-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing NLS. VP64 was amplified from pAB150 using oNF327 and oNF328 to introduce NLS, PCR fragment was digested with BamHI/XbaI and ligated into pNF144 (BamHI/XbaI).	This work
pNF169	P _{PGK} _TetR-NLS-VP16-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing NLS. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF249 and oNF261, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI. VP16 was amplified from BB3-VP16 using oNF11 and oNF248 to introduce NLS, PCR fragment was digested with BamHI/XbaI. Fragments were ligated into pNF140 (EcoRI/XbaI).	This work
pNF174	P _{PGK} _Mpro(S1)-15gs-TetR-NLS-VP64-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-1 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing NLS. Mpro(S1) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S1) using oNF332 and oNF333. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF261. PCR assembly reaction using oNF332 and oNF261 was used to fuse Mpro(S1) and TetR with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).	This work
pNF175	P _{PGK} _PLpro(S1)-15gs-TetR-NLS-VP16-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-1 PLpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing NLS. PLpro(S1) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_PLpro(S1) using oNF334 and oNF335. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF261. PCR assembly reaction using oNF334 and oNF261 was used to fuse PLpro(S1) and TetR with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF138 (EcoRI/BamHI).	This work

pNF179	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S1)-15gs-TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT}-NLS-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-1 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. Mpro(S1)-15gs-TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT} was amplified from pNF174 using oNF332 and oNF251, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF180	<p>P_{PGK}_PLpro(S1)-15gs-TetR-PL_{pro}CS_{NAT3}-NLS-VP16-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-1 PL_{pro} linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing PL_{pro}_{NAT3} cleavage site and NLS. PLpro(S1)-15gs-TetR-PL_{pro}CS_{NAT3} was amplified from pNF175 using oNF334 and oNF253, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF138 (EcoRI/BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF186	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-15gs-GAL4BD-M_{pro}CS_{OPT}-NLS-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain GAL4 fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. Mpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF258 and oNF259. GAL4BD was amplified from pQP-T2A using oNF312 and oNF340 to introduce M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF340 was used to fuse Mpro(S2) and GAL4BD-M_{pro}CS(opt) with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/ BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF182	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-15gs-GAL4BD-NLS-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain GAL4 fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing NLS. Mpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF258 and oNF259. GAL4BD was amplified from pQP-T2A using oNF312 and oNF326. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF326 was used to fuse Mpro(S2) and GAL4BD with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/ BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF184	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR- M_{pro}CS_{NAT1} -NLS-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing M_{pro}_{NAT1} cleavage site and NLS. VP64 was amplified from pAB150 using oNF327 and oNF328 to introduce NLS, PCR fragment was digested with BamHI/XbaI and ligated into pNF153 (BamHI/XbaI).</p>	This work
pNF193	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(M)-15gs-TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT}-NLS-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding MERS Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. Mpro was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(M) using oNF342 and oNF343. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF251. PCR assembly reaction using oNF342 and oNF251 was used to fuse Mpro(M) and TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF194	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(M)-15gs-TetR-NLS-VP64-pA</p>	This work

	<p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding MERS Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing NLS. Mpro(M) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(M) using oNF342 and oNF343. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF261. PCR assembly reaction using oNF342 and oNF261 was used to fuse Mpro(M) and TetR with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).</p>	
pNF196	<p>O_{tet}PhCMV_{min}_YPet_sTRSV-pA</p> <p>Mammalian reporter plasmid encoding TetR driven expression of YPet with a sTRSV ribozyme-dependent destabilization module in the 3'-UTR. Ypet was excised from bb3-YPet using EcoRI/XbaI and ligated into pNF151 (EcoRI/XbaI).</p>	This work
pNF199	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)_{C145A}-15gs-TetR_{-Mpro}CS_{OPT}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding mutated SARS-CoV-2 Mpro_{C145A} linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing Mpro_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. C145A mutation was introduced by amplifying Mpro(S2) from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF258 and oNF349 to amplify N-terminal and oNF348 and oNF259 to amplify C-terminal followed by PCR assembly using oNF258 and oNF259. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF251 to introduce Mpro_{OPT} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF251 was used to fuse Mpro(S2)_{C145A} and TetR_{-Mpro}CS_{OPT} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/ BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF221	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-TetR_{-Mpro}CS_{NAT2}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing Mpro_{NAT2} cleavage site and NLS. Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR_{-Mpro}CS_{NAT2} was amplified from pNF168 using oNF258 and oNF392 to introduce MproCS_{NAT2}, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF222	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-TetR_{-Mpro}CS_{NAT3}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing Mpro_{NAT3} cleavage site and NLS. Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR_{-Mpro}CS_{NAT3} was amplified from pNF168 using oNF258 and oNF393 to introduce MproCS_{NAT3}, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF223	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-TetR_{-Mpro}CS_{NAT4}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing Mpro_{NAT4} cleavage site and NLS. Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR_{-Mpro}CS_{NAT4} was amplified from pNF168 using oNF258 and oNF394 to introduce MproCS_{NAT4}, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF224	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-TetR_{-Mpro}CS_{NAT5}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing Mpro_{NAT5} cleavage site and NLS. Mpro(S2)-15gs-TetR_{-Mpro}CS_{NAT5} was amplified from</p>	This work

	pNF168 using oNF258 and oNF395 to introduce $M_{pro}CS_{NAT5}$, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).	
pNF225	$P_{PGK_Mpro(S2)-TetR-MproCS_{NAT6}-VP64-pA}$ Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing $M_{proNAT6}$ cleavage site and NLS. $M_{pro(S2)-15gs-TetR-MproCS_{NAT6}}$ was amplified from pNF168 using oNF258 and oNF396 to introduce $M_{pro}CS_{NAT6}$, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).	This work
pNF226	$P_{PGK_Mpro(S2)-TetR-MproCS_{NAT7}-VP64-pA}$ Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing $M_{proNAT7}$ cleavage site and NLS. $M_{pro(S2)-15gs-TetR-MproCS_{NAT7}}$ was amplified from pNF168 using oNF258 and oNF397 to introduce $M_{pro}CS_{NAT7}$, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).	This work
pNF227	$P_{PGK_Mpro(S2)-TetR-MproCS_{NAT8}-VP64-pA}$ Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing $M_{proNAT8}$ cleavage site and NLS. $M_{pro(S2)-15gs-TetR-MproCS_{NAT8}}$ was amplified from pNF168 using oNF258 and oNF398 to introduce $M_{pro}CS_{NAT8}$, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).	This work
pNF228	$P_{PGK_Mpro(S2)-TetR-MproCS_{NAT9}-VP64-pA}$ Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing $M_{proNAT9}$ cleavage site and NLS. $M_{pro(S2)-15gs-TetR-MproCS_{NAT9}}$ was amplified from pNF168 using oNF258 and oNF399 to introduce $M_{pro}CS_{NAT9}$, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).	This work
pNF229	$P_{PGK_Mpro(S2)-TetR-MproCS_{NAT10}-VP64-pA}$ Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing $M_{proNAT10}$ cleavage site and NLS. $M_{pro(S2)-15gs-TetR-MproCS_{NAT10}}$ was amplified from pNF168 using oNF258 and oNF400 to introduce $M_{pro}CS_{NAT10}$, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).	This work
pNF230	$P_{PGK_Mpro(S2)-TetR-MproCS_{NAT11}-VP64-pA}$ Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing $M_{proNAT11}$ cleavage site and NLS. $M_{pro(S2)-15gs-TetR-MproCS_{NAT11}}$ was amplified from pNF168 using oNF258 and oNF401 to introduce $M_{pro}CS_{NAT11}$, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).	This work
pNF231	$P_{PGK_PLpro(S2)-TetR-PLproCS_{NAT2}-VP16-pA}$ Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 PLpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription	This work

	<p>activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing PL_{pro}^{NAT3} cleavage site and NLS. PL_{pro}(S2)-15gs-TetR-PL_{pro}CS_{NAT2} was amplified from pNF162 using oNF263 and oNF402 to introduce PL_{pro}CS_{NAT2}, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF138 (EcoRI/BamHI).</p>	
pNF236	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)_{C156F}-15gs-TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding mutated SARS-CoV-2 M_{pro}_{C156F} linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. C156F mutation was introduced by amplifying M_{pro}(S2) from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_M_{pro}(S2) using oNF258 and oNF440 to amplify N-terminal and oNF439 and oNF259 to amplify C-terminal followed by PCR assembly using oNF258 and oNF259. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF251 to introduce M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF251 was used to fuse M_{pro}(S2)_{C156F} and TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/ BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF237	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)_{G71S}-15gs-TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding mutated SARS-CoV-2 M_{pro}_{G71S} linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. G71S mutation was introduced by amplifying M_{pro}(S2) from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_M_{pro}(S2) using oNF258 and oNF442 to amplify N-terminal and oNF441 and oNF259 to amplify C-terminal followed by PCR assembly using oNF258 and oNF259. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF251 to introduce M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF251 was used to fuse M_{pro}(S2)_{G71S} and TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/ BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF238	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)_{H41A}-15gs-TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding mutated SARS-CoV-2 M_{pro}_{H41A} linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. H41A mutation was introduced by amplifying M_{pro}(S2) from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_M_{pro}(S2) using oNF258 and oNF444 to amplify N-terminal and oNF443 and oNF259 to amplify C-terminal, followed by PCR assembly using oNF258 and oNF259. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF251 to introduce M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF251 was used to fuse M_{pro}(S2)_{H41A} and TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/ BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF239	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)_{P184L}-15gs-TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding mutated SARS-CoV-2 M_{pro}_{P184L} linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. P184L mutation was introduced by amplifying M_{pro}(S2) synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_M_{pro}(S2) using oNF258 and oNF446 to amplify N-terminal and oNF445 and oNF259 to amplify C-terminal followed by PCR assembly using oNF258 and oNF259. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF251 to introduce M_{pro}_{OPT} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF251 was used to fuse M_{pro}(S2)_{P184L} and TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/ BamHI).</p>	This work

pNF240	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)_{R279C}-15gs-TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding mutated SARS-CoV-2 Mpro_{R279C} linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing Mpro_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. R279C mutation was introduced by amplifying Mpro(S2) from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF258 and oNF448 to amplify N-terminal and oNF447 and oNF259 to amplify C-terminal followed by PCR assembly using oNF258 and oNF259. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF251 to introduce Mpro_{OPT} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF251 was used to fuse Mpro(S2)_{R279C} and TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/ BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF241	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)_{V77A/K90R}-15gs-TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding mutated SARS-CoV-2 Mpro_{V77A/K90R} linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing Mpro_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. V77A/K90R mutation was introduced by amplifying Mpro(S2) from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF258 and oNF450 to amplify N-terminal and oNF449 and oNF259 to amplify C-terminal, followed by PCR assembly using oNF258 and oNF259. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF251 to introduce Mpro_{OPT} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF251 was used to fuse Mpro(S2)_{V77A/K90R} and TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/ BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF242	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)_{W31A}-15gs-TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding mutated SARS-CoV-2 Mpro_{W31A} linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing Mpro_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. W31A mutation was introduced by amplifying Mpro(S2) from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF451 and oNF259. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF251 to introduce Mpro_{OPT} cleavage site. PCR assembly reaction using oNF451 and oNF251 was used to fuse Mpro(S2)_{W31A} and TetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/ BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF245	<p>P_{PGK}_Mpro(S2)-15gs-rTetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT}-VP64-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 Mpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain rTetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing Mpro_{OPT} cleavage site and NLS. Mpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF258 and oNF259. rTetR was amplified from BB3-rTetR using oNF455 and oNF456. PCR assembly reaction using oNF258 and oNF456 was used to fuse Mpro(S2) and rTetR-M_{pro}CS_{OPT} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/ BamHI).</p>	This work
pNF246	<p>P_{PGK}_PLpro(S2)-15gs-rTetR-PL_{pro}CS_{NAT2}-VP16-pA</p> <p>Mammalian expression plasmid encoding SARS-CoV-2 PLpro linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain rTetR fused to transcription activation domain VP16 with fusion linker containing PL_{pro}_{NAT2} cleavage site and NLS. PLpro(S2) was amplified from synthetic gene fragment DNA_twist_Mpro(S2) using oNF263 and oNF272. rTetR was amplified from BB3-rTetR using oNF455 and oNF457. PCR assembly reaction using oNF263 and oNF457 was used to fuse PLpro(S2) and</p>	This work

	rTetR-PL _{pro} CS _{NAT2} with 15gs linker, PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI ligated into pNF138 (EcoRI/ BamHI).	
pAna225	P _{5xUAS} _ss-nanoLuc_sTRSV-pA Mammalian reporter plasmid encoding Gal4 driven expression of nanoLuc with a sTRSV ribozyme-dependent destabilization module in the 3'-UTR. P _{5xUAS} was excised from BB3-5xUAS-SEAP using BglII/EcoRI and ligated into pNF151 (BglII/EcoRI).	This work
pNF250	P _{PGK} _HCVp-TetR-HCVpCS-VP64-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding hepatitis C virus protease linked to N-terminal of DNA binding domain TetR fused to transcription activation domain VP64 with fusion linker containing HCVp cleavage site and NLS. HCVp was amplified from Addgene plasmid #112628 using oNF468 and oNF469. TetR was amplified from pTS1106 using oNF260 and oNF471. PCR assembly reaction using oNF468 and oNF471 was used to fuse HCVp and TetR-HCVpCS with 15gs linker. The PCR fragment was digested with EcoRI/BamHI and ligated into pNF167 (EcoRI/BamHI).	This work
pNF256	P _{CMV} _FlipGFP-PL _{pro} CS-pA Mammalian expression plasmid encoding FlipGFP containing PL _{pro} cleavage site. The PL _{pro} cleavage site was introduced by PCR-amplifying Addgene plasmid #124429 using oNF475 and oNF476 and back-ligating the fragment.	This work

Abbreviations

Citrine, improved version of YFP derived from *Aequorea victoria*

15gs, flexible linker containing 15x glycine and serine

YPet, improved version of Venus derived from *Aequorea victoria*

sTRSV, engineered hammerhead ribozyme derived from the natural ribozyme from the satellite RNA of the tobacco ringspot virus

TetR, Tet repressor protein derived from *Escherichia coli* transposon Tn10

rTetR, reverse TetR repressor

SEAP, human, placental secreted alkaline phosphatase

ss-nanoLuc, secreted version of nanoluc luciferase derived from deep sea shrimp *Oplophorus gracilirostris*

PTREBI, bidirectional 3G tetracycline-responsive promoter

O_{TetR}, TetR operator consisting of 7 repeats of TetR binding sites

P_{5xUAS}, GAL4BD operator consisting of 5 repeats of GAL4BD binding sites *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*-derived Gal4-specific upstream activator sequence

P_{hCMV}, human cytomegalovirus immediate early promoter

P_{hCMVmin}, minimal human cytomegalovirus immediate early promoter

P_{mPGK}, mouse phosphoglycerate promoter

VPR, VP64-p65-Rta (a fusion of 3 transactivation domains)

VP64, 4 core repeats of VP16 transactivation domain

NLS, nuclear localization sequence

MCS, multiple cloning site

M_{pro}CS_{OPT}, optimized cleavage site for main protease

PL_{pro}CS_{NAT1-3}, native cleavage sites recognized by papain-like protease derived from SARS-CoV-2 polyprotein

M_{pro}(S2), Main protease derived from SARS-CoV-2

PL_{pro}(S2), Papain-like protease derived from SARS-CoV-2

M_{pro}CS_{NAT1-11}, native cleavage sites recognized by main protease derived from SARS-CoV-2 polyprotein

M_{pro}(S1), Main protease derived from SARS-CoV-1

PL_{pro}(S1), Papain-like protease derived from SARS-CoV-1

GAL4BD, GAL4 DNA binding domain

M_{pro}(M), Main protease derived from MERS

pA, polyadenylation signal

Env140ac, active ribozyme from environmental samples

3'UTR, three prime untranslated region

VP16, herpes simplex virus-derived transactivation domain

Gal4_{DBD}, Gal4 transcription factor DNA binding domain

Supplementary Table 5. Oligonucleotides used in this study

Oligonucleotide name	Sequence
oNF11	AGGAAGGATCCGGCCCAAAGAAGAAACGGAAGGTGGGAAGTGGTGCTCCTCCTA CAGATGTCAGCCTGGGGG
oNF248	GGCCCTCTAGATTACCCACCGTACTCGTCAATTC
oNF249	TGCTGGAATTCGCCACCATGTCCAGATTAGATAAAAAGTAAAGTGATTAAC
oNF250	GGGCCGGATCCCATTTTCTAAATCCGCTCTGGAGGACGGCGCTTGTACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCACATTTAAG
oNF251	GGGCCGGATCCCATTTTCTAAACCCGCTTTGGAGCCGGACTGTGGTACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCACATTTAAG
oNF253	GGGCCGGATCCCAAATTATTGACAATCTTGCCGCCTTTCAGAGCGATACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCACATTTAAG
oNF258	TGCTGGAATTCGCCACCATGAGCGGCTTCAGAAAAATGGC
oNF259	ACCGCTCCGGAGCCTCCGCCCCCGGAGCCTCCGCCTCCGGAACCCTGGAAGGTG ACGCCAG
oNF260	GGCTCCGGGGGCGGAGGCTCCGGAGGCGGTTCCAGATTAGATAAAAAGTAAAGTG ATTAACAGC
oNF261	GGGCCGGATCCACTTCCGGACCCACTTTCACATTTAAGTTGTTTTTC
oNF262	GGCCCTCTAGATTACTGGAAGGTGACGCCAGAG
oNF263	CGTGAGAATTCGCCACCATGTCTTTCGCGAAGTCCGG
oNF272	ACCGCTCCGGAGCCTCCGCCCCCGGAGCCTCCGCCTCCGGAACCTCCATCTAGC TTGTACGTGAC
oNF303	GGATCCGGCCCAAAGAAGAAACGGAAGGTGGGAAGTGGTGAGGCCAGCGGTTCC GGACGGGCTGAC
oNF304	ACCACTTCCCACCTTCCGTTTTCTTTGGGCCGGATCC
oNF305	GCATGCTCGAGTTAAAACAGAGATGTGTCTGAAGATGGACAG
oNF312	GGTTCCGGAGGCGGAGGCTCCGGGGGCGGAGGCTCCGGAGGCGGTATGAAGCTA CTGTCTTCTATCGAAC
oNF326	GGGCCGGATCCACTTCCCGATACAGTCAACTGTCTTTGAC
oNF327	AGATGGGATCCGGCCCAAAGAAGAAACGGAAGGTGGGAAGTGGTGAGGCCAGC GGTTCCGGACGGGCTGAC
oNF328	GGCCCTCTAGATGCATGTTACCTAGAGTTAATCAGCATGTCCAG
oNF332	AGACCGAATTCGCCACCATGTCCAGGCTTTAGGAAGATGG
oNF333	ACCGCTCCGGAGCCTCCGCCCCCGGAGCCTCCGCCTCCGGAACCCTGAAATGTC ACACCGGAGC
oNF334	GACCGAATTCGCCACCATGGAGGTAAAGACAATTAAGTCTTTAC
oNF335	ACCGCTCCGGAGCCTCCGCCCCCGGAGCCTCCGCCTCCGGAACCCTTTGATAGTG GTAGTATAACTTGTTTC
oNF340	GGGCCGGATCCCATTTTCTAAACCCGCTTTGGAGCCGGACTGTGGTACTTCCCG ATACAGTCAACTGTCTTTGACC

oNF342	GAGACCGAATTCGCCACCATGTCCGGCTTGGTGAAAATG
oNF343	ACCGCTCCGGAGCCTCCGCCCCGGAGCCTCCGCCTCCGGAACCCTGCATGACC ACGCCATAATC
oNF348	CTCATTTCTGAATGGCAGCGCAGGTAGTGTGGGGTTTAAC
oNF349	GTAAACCCACACTACCTGCGCTGCCATTCAGAAATGAG
oNF392	GGGCCGGATCCTGTCCTTTTCACTGCGGATTGAAATGTCACGCCTGAACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCAC
oNF393	GGGCCGGATCCAACATCTGACATCTTTGACTGCACGGTCGCGACCTTACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCAC
oNF394	GGGCCGGATCCGAACTCAGAAGCGATAGCTTGCAATGTTGCGCGATTACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCAC
oNF395	GGGCCGGATCCGGGAGACAGTTCATTGTTTTGGAGCTTAACTGCGCTACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCAC
oNF396	GGGCCGGATCCTTCCGTGGCATTGCCTGCCTGAAGCCTGACGGTAGCACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCAC
oNF397	GGGCCGGATCCAGACTGTGCATCCGCAGACTGCAACATGGGCTCTCTACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCAC
oNF398	GGGCCGGATCCTACGCAGGCACCCACCGCTTGCAGCACAGTGTGTGGACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCAC
oNF399	GGGCCGGATCCCCCAGTTACGTTTTTCACTGGAGTGTAGCGACGTTACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCAC
oNF400	GGGCCGGATCCCGCGACATTCTCCAAGGACTGCAGCCTGGTAAACGTACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCAC
oNF401	GGGCCGGATCCTTGCCAAGCCTGAGAGCTTTGCAACTTGGGATAGAACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCAC
oNF402	GGGCCGGATCCAGTTACTTTGGTAGGAGCGCCCCCTTCAACGTGAACTTCCGG ACCCACTTTCAC
oNF439	GGGGTTTAAACATTGATTACGACTTTGTTTTCTTCTGTTATATGC
oNF440	GCATATAACAGAAAGAAACAAAGTCGTAATCAATGTTAAACCCC
oNF441	CTTAGTTCAGGCTAGCAATGTGCAGTTGCG
oNF442	CGCAACTGCACATTGCTAGCCTGAACTAAG
oNF443	GCCCCGTGCTGTGATTTGTACCAGCGAGG
oNF444	CCTCGCTGGTACAAATCACAGCACGGGGGC
oNF445	GGAACTTTTACGGCCTCTTTGTGGACCGGC
oNF446	GCCGGTCCACAAAGAGGCCGTAAGTTCC
oNF447	GAATTGCTGCAGAACGGAATGAACGGATGCACTATTC
oNF448	GAATAGTGCATCCGTTTATTCCGTTCTGCAGCAATTC
oNF449	CAGTTGCGGGCTATTGGCCACAGCATGCAAACTGCGTTCTAAACTCAGGGTAG ACACC
oNF450	GGTGTCTACCCTGAGTTTTAGAACGCAGTTTTGCATGCTGTGGCCAATAGCCCGC AACTG
oNF451	CCGAATTCGCCACCATGAGCGGCTTCAGAAAAATGGCTTTTCCCTCGGGCAAAGT GGAGGGGTGCATGGTGCAGGTGACCTGCGGAACTACTACATTGAACGGCCTTGCT CTCGATGATG
oNF455	GGTTCCGGAGGCGGAGGCTCCGGGGGCGGAGGCTCCGGAGGCGGTTCAAGACTG GACAAGAGCAAAG
oNF456	GGGCCGGATCCCATCTTTCTAAACCCGCTTTGGAGCCGGACTGTGGTACTTCCGG AGCCGCTTTCGCACTTTAG
oNF457	GGGCCGGATCCCCAATTATTGACAATCTTGCCGCCTTTCAGAGCGATACTTCCGG AGCCGCTTTCGCACTTTAG
oNF468	GACCGAATTCGCCACCATGTCCGGGACAGGCTGCGTGGTCATAGTGGGCAGGATC GTCTTGTCCGGCTCCGGCACTTCCGCGCCATC
oNF469	ACCGCTCCGGAGCCTCCGCCCCGGAGCCTCCGCCTCCGGAACCGAACTCCTGG TAGAGAACCTCCC
oNF471	GGGCCGGATCCGTGCTGAGAGCACTTCCATCTCATCGAACTCACTTCCGGACC CACTTTCAC
oNF475	GCCCCCTCAATGATGCATCGGTAATGCCAGC
oNF476	GCTCCTACCAAAAAGGTGTCCGCCCTGAAG

Supplementary Table 6. Synthetic DNA fragments used in this study.

Fragment name	Sequence
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Supplementary Table 7. P-Values, t-values and degrees of freedom for two-sided T-tests

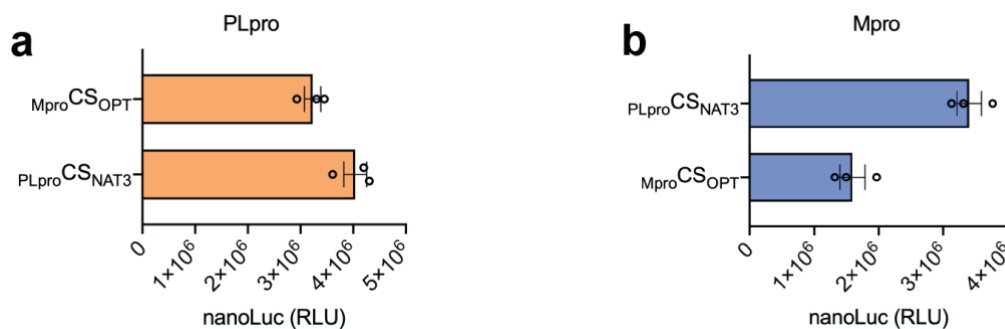
Figure	Compared groups	Fold change	P-Value	Welch-corrected t-values (t) and degrees of freedom (df)
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2a	0 μ M vs. 10 μ M GRL-0617	7.9	4.41 x 10 ⁻⁸	t=45.26, df=5.315
2a	0 μ M vs. 25 μ M GRL-0617	14	4.95 x 10 ⁻⁷	t=32.17, df=5.042
2a	0 μ M vs. 50 μ M GRL-0617	36	8.93 x 10 ⁻⁹	t=71.96, df=5.031
2a	0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GRL-0617	40	5.22 x 10 ⁻⁷	t=32.37, df=5.005
2d	2 h; 0 μ M vs. 50 μ M GRL-0617	2.1	0.0572	t=3.427, df=2.427
2d	4 h; 0 μ M vs. 50 μ M GRL-0617	4.3	0.0047	t=13.86, df=2.051
2d	6 h; 0 μ M vs. 50 μ M GRL-0617	9.7	0.0056	t=13.26, df=2.007

2d	8 h; 0 μ M vs. 50 μ M GRL-0617	12	0.0024	t=20.17, df=2.008
2d	10 h; 0 μ M vs. 50 μ M GRL-0617	13	0.0030	t=17.79, df=2.016
2e	hMSC-TERT; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GRL-0617	10	0.0014	t=18.42, df=2.320
2e	HEK293T; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GRL-0617	38	0.0033	t=17.36, df=2.003
2e	HT-1080; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GRL-0617	2.4	0.0289	t=5.293, df=2.153
2e	BHK-21; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GRL-0617	7.0	0.0009	t=16.54, df=2.686
2e	HeLa; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GRL-0617	5.0	0.0107	t=9.586, df=2.002
2e	HepG2; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GRL-0617	6.1	0.0170	t=7.373, df=2.038
2f	0 μ M vs. 2 μ M GRL-0617	8.2	0.0003	t=55.20, df=2.013
2f	0 μ M vs. 10 μ M GRL-0617	42	0.0009	t=33.24, df=2.000
2f	0 μ M vs. 25 μ M GRL-0617	120	0.0029	t=18.50, df=2.000
2f	0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GRL-0617	106	0.0023	t=20.67, df=2.000
3a	0 μ M vs. 1 μ M GC-376	1.4	0.0001	t=6.287, df=9.679
3a	0 μ M vs. 10 μ M GC-376	3.4	2.31×10^{-9}	t=34.42, df=7.317
3a	0 μ M vs. 50 μ M GC-376	7.2	4.20×10^{-8}	t=42.21, df=5.482
3a	0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GC-376	13	7.93×10^{-9}	t=63.50, df=5.287
3a	0 μ M vs. 200 μ M GC-376	19	1.79×10^{-8}	t=60.07, df=5.105
3b	VP16; 0 μ M vs. 200 μ M GC-376	9.6	0.0058	t=12.89, df=2.015
3b	VP64; 0 μ M vs. 200 μ M GC-376	15	0.0006	t=39.89, df=2.015
3b	VPR; 0 μ M vs. 200 μ M GC-376	4.7	0.0014	t=23.34, df=2.117
3c	2 h; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GC-376	1.6	0.0746	t=2.956, df=2.505
3c	4 h; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GC-376	2.5	0.0230	t=6.272, df=2.050
3c	6 h; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GC-376	4.3	0.0008	t=24.47, df=2.284
3c	8 h; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GC-376	5.4	0.0048	t=13.60, df=2.057
3c	10 h; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GC-376	7.2	0.0001	t=41.33, df=2.467
3d	Mpro (SARS-CoV); 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GC-376	10	0.0032	t=17.05, df=2.030
3d	Mpro (SARS-CoV); 0 μ M vs. 200 μ M GC-376	23	0.0024	t=20.08, df=2.007
3d	Mpro (MERS); 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GC-376	3.7	0.0028	t=14.28, df=2.276
3d	Mpro (MERS); 0 μ M vs. 200 μ M GC-376	7.4	7.29×10^{-5}	t=47.85, df=2.572
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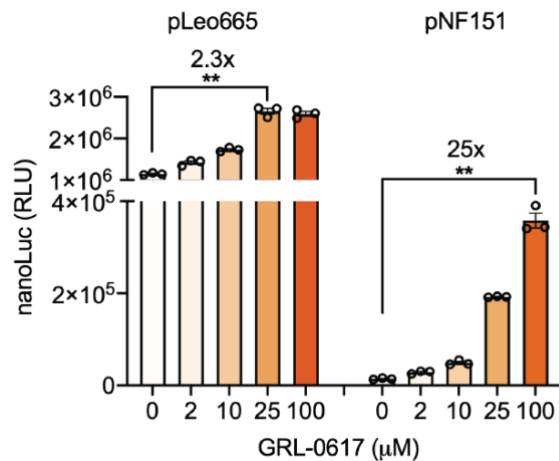
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4c	WT vs. G71S - CH	1.7	0.0024	t=8.558, df=3.283
4c	WT vs. R279C - FR	2.0	0.0028	t=10.34, df=2.750
4c	WT vs. V77A/K90R - EN	3.9	0.0089	t=9.863, df=2.081
4c	WT vs. P184L - EN	8.5	0.0131	t=8.597, df=2.009
5g	0 μ M vs. 2 μ M GC-376	1.4	0.0062	t=6.524, df=3.171
5g	0 μ M vs. 10 μ M GC-376	3.3	0.0006	t=40.89, df=2.001
5g	0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GC-376	31	3.16×10^{-5}	t=118.0, df=2.201
5g	0 μ M vs. 200 μ M GC-376	45	0.0005	t=45.60, df=2.013
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5h	SEAP; (- GC-376, - GRL-0617) vs. (+ GC-376, - GRL-0617)	1.0	0.9212	t=0.1055, df=3.856
5h	nanoLuc; (- GC-376, - GRL-0617) vs. (- GC-376, + GRL-0617)	1.0	0.5302	t=0.6910, df=3.732
5h	SEAP; (- GC-376, - GRL-0617) vs. (- GC-376, + GRL-0617)	15	0.0020	t=21.37, df=2.029
5h	nanoLuc; (- GC-376, - GRL-0617) vs. (+ GC-376, + GRL-0617)	14	0.0009	t=32.29, df=2.023
5h	SEAP; (- GC-376, - GRL-0617) vs. (+ GC-376, + GRL-0617)	20	0.0004	t=43.09, df=2.067
6b	Vehicle vs. GRL-0617	2.4	0.0375	t=2.599, df=6.559
6c	Vehicle vs. GC-376	1.9	0.0215	t=5.624, df=2.316
6d	9 h; vehicle vs. 1 mg GRL-0617	1.3	0.0292	t=2.566, df=9.486
6d	9 h; vehicle vs. 2.5 mg GRL-0617	1.8	0.0017	t=4.905, df=7.078
6d	9 h; 1 mg vs. 2.5 mg GRL-0617	1.4	0.0169	t=2.996, df=8.115
6d	12 h; vehicle vs. 1 mg GRL-0617	1.2	0.1431	t=1.596, df=9.493
6d	12 h; vehicle vs. 2.5 mg GRL-0617	1.4	0.0040	t=3.723, df=9.870
6d	24 h; vehicle vs. 1 mg GRL-0617	0.9	0.4134	t=0.8722, df=6.655
6d	24 h; vehicle vs. 2.5 mg GRL-0617	1.0	0.9888	t=0.01464, df=5.792
6e	vehicle vs. GRL-0617	16	0.0322	t=3.186, df=4.101

S2	pLeo665; 0 μ M vs. 25 μ M GRL-0617	2.3	0.0016	t=20.66, df=2.161
S2	pNF151; 0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GRL-0617	25	0.0021	t=21.25, df=2.015
S4	0 μ M vs. 1 μ M GRL-0617	1.1	0.1486	t=1.914, df=3.099
S4	0 μ M vs. 10 μ M GRL-0617	0.8	0.0625	t=2.922, df=2.959
S4	0 μ M vs. 25 μ M GRL-0617	0.72	0.0271	t=4.086, df=2.962
S4	0 μ M vs. 50 μ M GRL-0617	0.62	0.0212	t=6.133, df=2.158
S4	0 μ M vs. 100 μ M GRL-0617	0.54	0.0147	t=7.631, df=2.093
S8	nanoLuc; (- GC-376, - GRL-0617) vs. (+ GC-376, - GRL-0617)	4.5	0.0001	t=38.44, df=2.524
S8	SEAP; (- GC-376, - GRL-0617) vs. (+ GC-376, - GRL-0617)	1.1	0.7029	t=0.4169, df=3.241
S8	nanoLuc; (- GC-376, - GRL-0617) vs. (- GC-376, + GRL-0617)	1.0	0.7874	t=0.2944, df=3.043
S8	SEAP; (- GC-376, - GRL-0617) vs. (- GC-376, + GRL-0617)	8.5	0.0003	t=29.29, df=2.479
S8	nanoLuc; (- GC-376, - GRL-0617) vs. (+ GC-376, + GRL-0617)	4.4	0.0002	t=35.51, df=2.484
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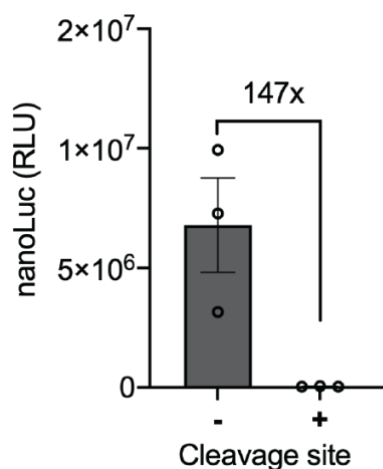
Supplementary Figures



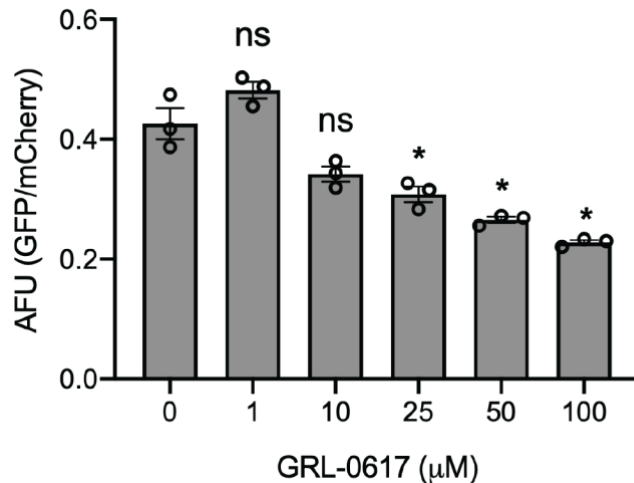
Supplementary Figure 1. *Cleavage efficiency in trans.* **a** Performance of the PLpro gene switch when PLpro is provided in trans in a separate plasmid. NanoLuc expression level from cells co-expressing PLpro and synTF containing either a cognate CS (TetR-PLproCS_{NAT3}-VP16) or a non-cognate CS (TetR-MproCS_{OPT}-VP16). **b** Performance of the Mpro gene switch when Mpro is provided in trans. NanoLuc expression level from cells co-expressing Mpro and synTF containing either a cognate CS (TetR-MproCS_{OPT}-VP16) or a non-cognate CS (TetR-PLproCS_{NAT3}-VP16). Data are shown as mean \pm SEM, with individual data points, n = 3 biological replicates. Source data for this figure is provided in a Source Data file.



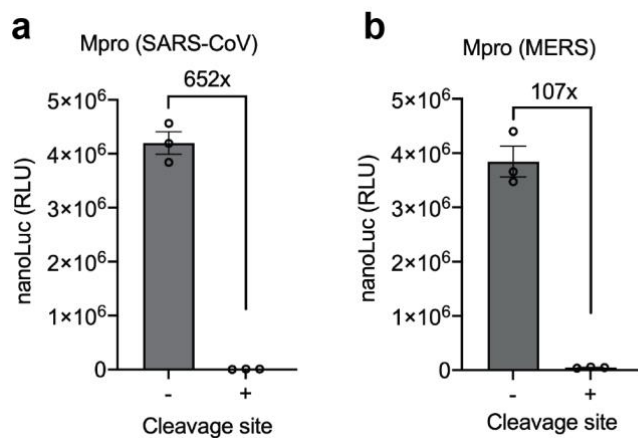
Supplementary Figure 2. Reporter optimization. Inducibility comparison between nanoLuc reporter without destabilizing 3'UTR (pLeo665) and reporter containing sTRSV destabilizing hammerhead in the 3'UTR (pNF151). Data are shown as mean \pm SEM, with individual data points, $n = 3$ biological replicates. Statistical significance was calculated by means of Welch's two-tailed t test, $**P < 0.01$; exact P values are provided in Supplementary Table 7. The numbers above the bars indicate fold difference in reporter expression level, calculated by dividing the mean expression level in the presence of inducer by the mean reporter expression level in the absence of inducer. Source data for this figure is provided in a Source Data file.



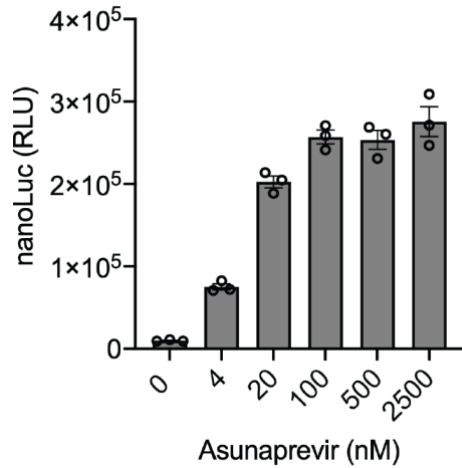
Supplementary Figure 3. Cleavage efficiency of SARS-CoV derived PLpro. Luminescence from secreted nanoLuc when HEK293T cells were transfected with PLpro(S1)-based TAGS bearing CS_{NAT3} from the SARS-CoV-2 polyprotein. A PLpro(S1)-TAGS without CS was used as a control. The number above the bars indicates fold difference in reporter expression level, calculated by dividing the mean expression level in the PLpro(S1)-TAGS without CS by the mean reporter expression level in the PLpro(S1)-TAGS with CS. Data are shown as mean \pm SEM, with individual data points, $n = 3$ biological replicates. Source data for this figure is provided in a Source Data file.



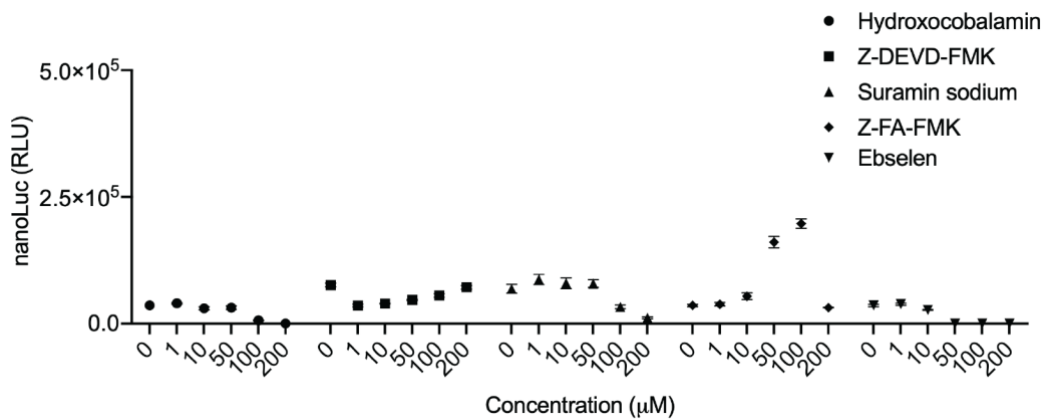
Supplementary Figure 4. Sensitivity and dose-response of FlipGFP-PLpro to PLpro inhibitor GRL-0617. Cells transfected with pNF124 and pNF256 were treated with various concentrations of GRL-0617 for 48 h before measuring the fluorescence intensity of GFP and mCherry. AFU was calculated by dividing the GFP signal intensity by the mCherry signal intensity. Data are shown as mean \pm SEM, with individual data points, $n = 3$ biological replicates. Statistical significance was calculated by means of Welch's two-tailed t test, * $P < 0.05$, ns, not significant; exact P values are provided in Supplementary Table 7. Source data for this figure is provided in a Source Data file.



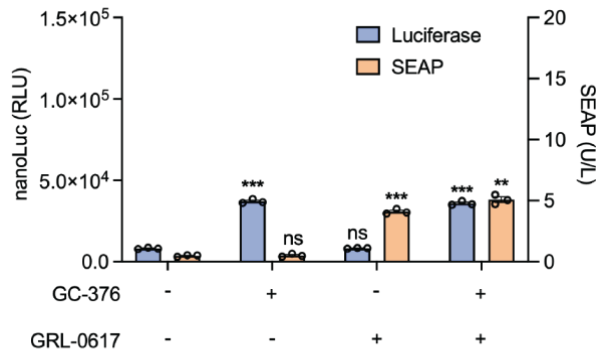
Supplementary Figure 5. Cleavage efficiency of SARS-CoV and MERS derived Mpro. Luminescence from secreted nanoLuc when HEK293T cells were transfected with **a** Mpro(S1) and **b** Mpro(M) based TAGS bearing CS_{OPT} from the SARS-CoV-2 polyprotein. **a** Mpro(S1) and **b** Mpro(M) TAGS without CS were used as controls. The numbers above the bars indicate fold difference in reporter expression level, calculated by dividing the mean expression level in the TAGS without CS by the mean reporter expression level in the TAGS with CS. Data are shown as mean \pm SEM, with individual data points, $n = 3$ biological replicates. Source data for this figure is provided in a Source Data file.



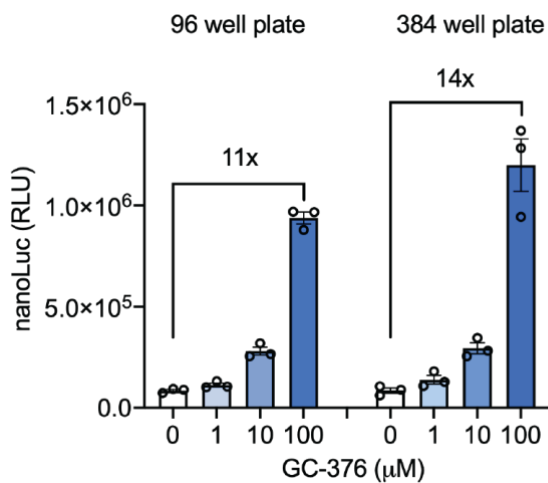
Supplementary Figure 6. *Inducibility and sensitivity of HCVp-TAGS.* HCVp-TAGS-transfected cells (pNF151 and pNF250) were treated with different concentrations of the HCVp inhibitor asunaprevir for 24 h before quantifying nanoLuc expression level. Data are shown as mean \pm SEM, with individual data points, $n = 3$ biological replicates. Source data for this figure is provided in a Source Data file.



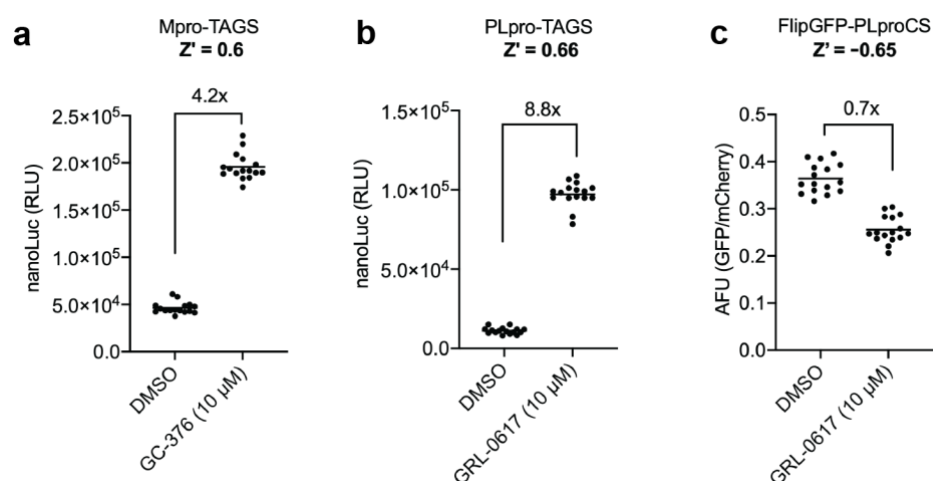
Supplementary Figure 7. *Scoring Mpro activity in the presence of various compounds previously reported to inhibit Mpro.* Mpro-TAGS-transfected HEK293T cells were treated with various concentrations of selected Mpro inhibitors for 24 h before quantifying nanoLuc expression level. Data are shown as mean \pm SEM, $n = 3$ biological replicates. Source data for this figure is provided in a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 8. *Multiplexing Mpro- and PLpro-based TAGS.* Mpro-TAGS controlling nanoLuc expression and PLpro-TAGS controlling SEAP expression were co-transfected into HEK293T cells, which were then treated with combinations of GC-376 and GRL-0617 at 10 μ M for 24 h before profiling reporter expression level. Data are shown as mean \pm SEM, with individual data points, n = 3 biological replicates. Statistical significance was calculated by means of Welch's two-tailed t test, **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001, ns, not significant; exact P values are provided in Supplementary Table 7. Source data for this figure is provided in a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 9. *Mpro-TAGS performance in different plate formats.* Mpro-TAGS-transfected HEK293T cells were seeded in either 96-well or 384-well plates before induction with different GC-376 concentrations for 24 h, after which nanoLuc expression level was quantified in the media. Data are shown as mean \pm SEM, with individual data points, n = 3 biological replicates. The numbers above the bars indicate fold difference in reporter expression level, calculated by dividing the mean expression level in the presence of inducer by the mean reporter expression level in the absence of inducer. Source data for this figure is provided in a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 10. *Z'* factor values for three different cell-based assays in 384-well plate format. **a** Mpro-TAGS **b** PLpro-TAGS and **c** FlipGFP-PLproCS transfected HEK293T cells were seeded in 384-well plates before treatment with GC-376 or GRL-0617 for **a**, **b** 24 h or **c** 48 h, after which nanoLuc intensity level in the medium or fluorescence intensity was quantified in the individual wells. Data are shown as individual data points, $n = 16$ biological replicates. *Z'* factor for each assay is indicated above each plot, together with the fold difference in reporter intensity level, calculated by dividing the mean intensity level in the presence of inhibitor by the mean reporter intensity level in the absence of inhibitor. Source data for this figure is provided in a Source Data file.

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