

# Review of: "Effects of the SARS-CoV-2 Spike protein on in vitro aggregation of alpha synuclein- probable molecular interactions and clinical implications"

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I cannot comment on the docking experiments except to say that other authors as well as the present investigators have identified potential interacting segments. I would suggest that the in vitro interaction experiments be performed at higher concentrations of the S protein to determine if there is a concentration effect. It is interesting that other authors have not seen elimination of the lag period when they incubated S with AS. It might also be worthwhile to study the amyloidogenicity of the S protein itself under various conditions of incubation and salt concentration since others have suggested such a relationship. If S "seeds" AS aggregation it may have intrinsic amyloidogenicity. Appended are 3 refs that should be examined and cited in your presentation.

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