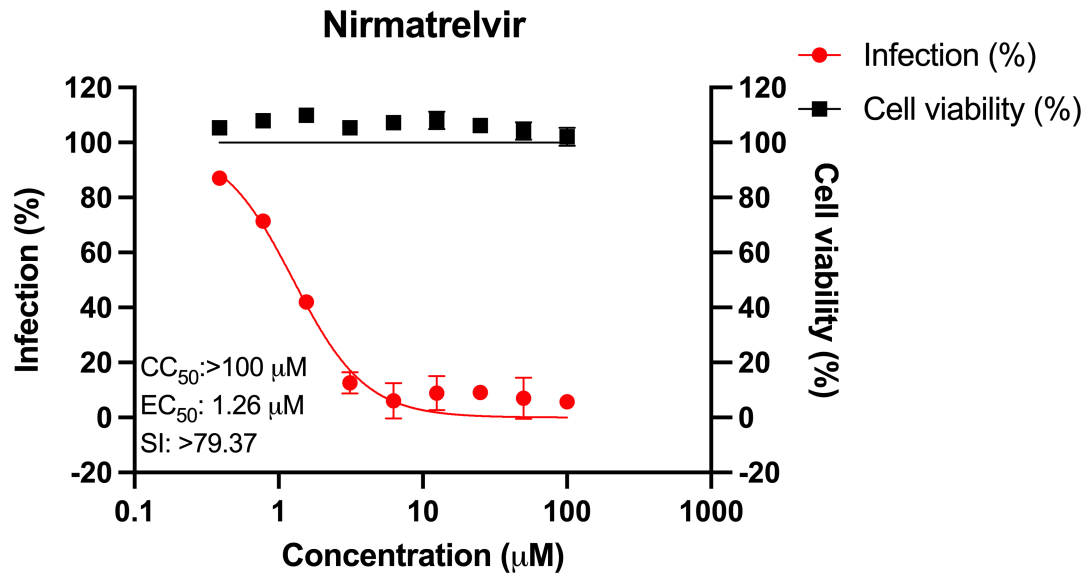




Additional file 2. The antiviral activity of nirmatrelvir against the WT Wuhan SARS-CoV-2. The Vero E6 monolayer cells were incubated with various concentration of the compound and the SARS-COV-2 virus (25 TCID₅₀) for 72 hours at 37°C in a 5% CO₂ incubator. The viral-induced CPE level was measured by the Viral ToxGlo assay kit (Promega, USA). The luminescent signals were normalized to the percentage of infection values. The plotted data are the mean value of infection percentage $\pm$ standard error of mean (SEM) from 3 independent tests.