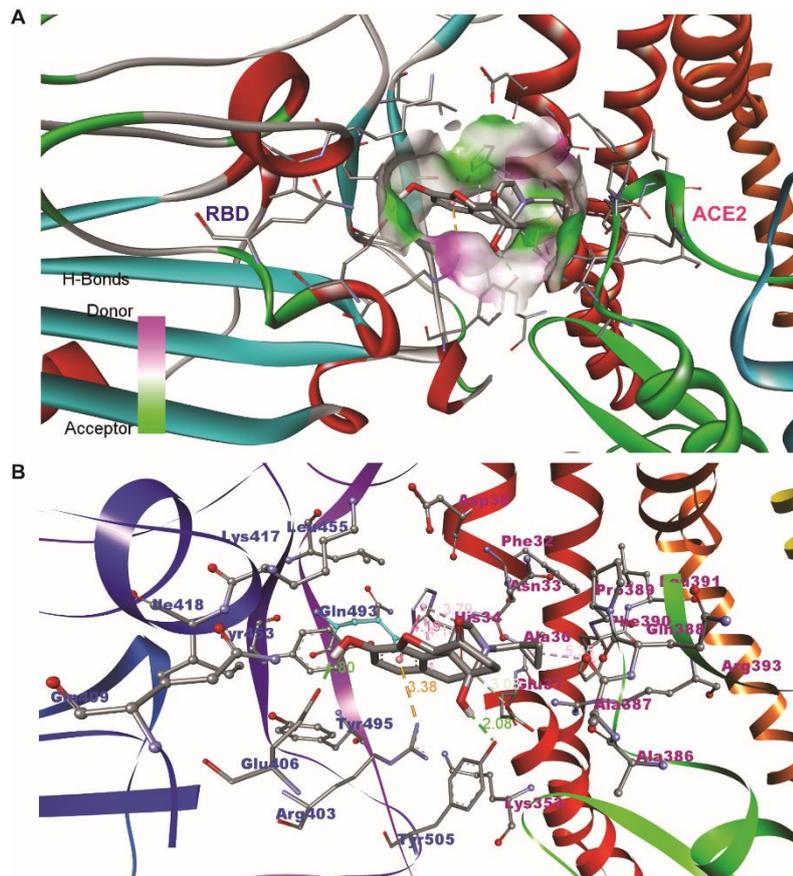
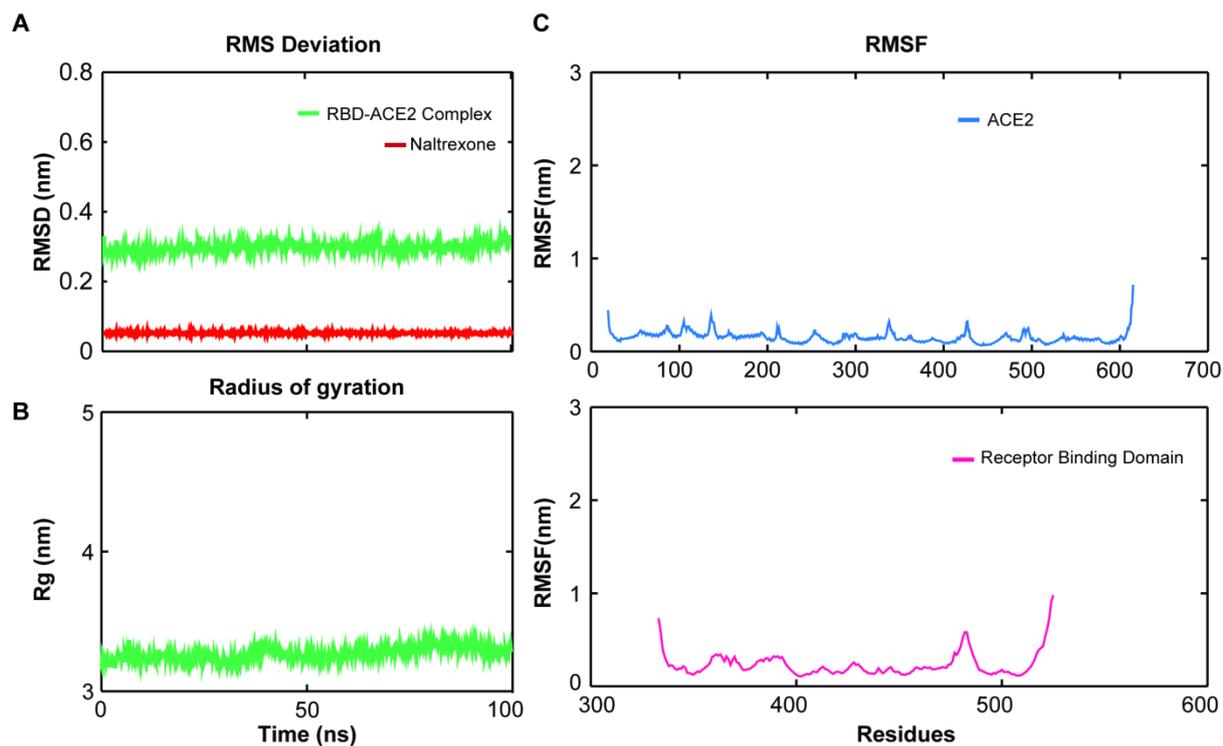


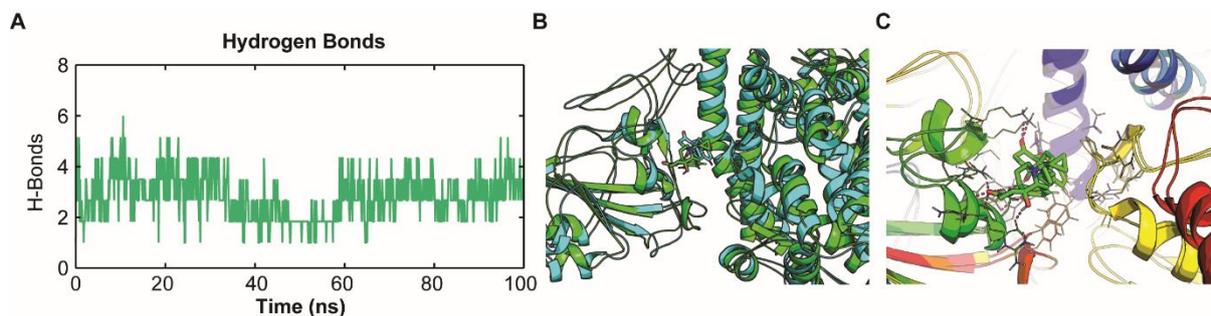
**Figure 1:** (A) LDN prevents LPS induced proinflammatory cytokines expression and release. Quantitative mRNA expression of indicated genes (*tnf- $\alpha$* , *il-6* and *Il1b*) in murine macrophage cells. (B) Quantitative mRNA expression of *il-1 $\beta$* , *tnf- $\alpha$*  and *il-6* in purified ATMs from all group mice. (C) ELISA of proinflammatory proteins (*IL-1 $\beta$* , *TNF- $\alpha$*  and *IL-6*) in serum from all experimental group mice. Values are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=3) from three independent sets of repeats (mean  $\pm$  SEM \*\*\*p<0.001, \*\*p<0.01 \*p<0.05.) (D) LDN acts as EKR1 inhibitor and improved insulin sensitivity in LPS treated macrophage cells. ERK1/2 (Immunoblot) in RAW cells treated with LPS (1ug/ml) in presence and absence of LDN.



**Figure 2.** The docked conformation of naltrexone at the binding interface of RBD-ACE2 complex obtained from AutoDock (A) and interface amino acid residues involved in non-bonded contacts are labelled (B). The residues labelled in blue represent RBD and in pink are ACE2.



**Figure 3.** Dynamics stability of RBD-ACE2-Naltrexone complex during 100 ns molecular dynamics simulation. **(A)** The root-mean square deviation (RMSD) of RBD-ACE2-Naltrexone complex during 100 ns MD in aqueous solution. **(B)** The compactness of the measured by the radius of gyration profile of complex with respect to time **(C)** The  $C\alpha$ -root mean squared fluctuation profile of the ACE2 and RBD during MD.



**Figure 4:** Inter-molecular hydrogen bond dynamics and structural superposition of the initial complex with the simulated RBD-ACE2-naltrexone complex during 100 ns MD. **(A)** Dynamics stability of RBD-ACE2-naltrexone complex with respect to inter-molecular hydrogen bonds along the 100 ns time scale. **(B)** Structural superimposed view of the starting complex used for MD (green) and the snapshot obtained from clustering analysis (cyan) of MD trajectory during the last 50 ns. **(C)** Inter-molecular contacts of the docked complex and MD simulated complex.