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In brief

Shiakolas et al. demonstrate that crossreactive coronavirus antibodies induced by natural infection display a spectrum of epitope specificities across the spike protein and exhibit *in vitro* and *in vivo* antiviral functions.

Highlights

- Applied LIBRA-seq to PBMCs from a recovered SARS-CoV donor
- Identified six cross-reactive CoV mAbs that target distinct domains on SARS-CoV-2 spike
- Characterized mAbs with effector functions in SARS-CoV-2
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SUMMARY

The continual emergence of novel coronaviruses (CoV), such as severe acute respiratory syndrome-(SARS)-CoV-2, highlights the critical need for broadly reactive therapeutics and vaccines against this family of viruses. From a recovered SARS-CoV donor sample, we identify and characterize a panel of six monoclonal antibodies that cross-react with CoV spike (S) proteins from the highly pathogenic SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2, and demonstrate a spectrum of reactivity against other CoVs. Epitope mapping reveals that these antibodies recognize multiple epitopes on SARS-CoV-2 S, including the receptor-binding domain, the N-terminal domain, and the S2 subunit. Functional characterization demonstrates that the antibodies mediate phagocytosis—and in some cases trogocytosis—but not neutralization in vitro. When tested in vivo in murine models, two of the antibodies demonstrate a reduction in hemorrhagic pathology in the lungs. The identification of cross-reactive epitopes recognized by functional antibodies expands the repertoire of targets for pan-coronavirus vaccine design strategies.

INTRODUCTION

The emergence of a novel coronavirus severe acute respiratory syndrome-coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2), the causative agent of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), has resulted in a worldwide pandemic, threatening the lives of billions and imposing an immense burden on healthcare systems and the global economy. SARS-CoV-2, the seventh coronavirus known to infect humans, is a member of the Betacoronavirus genus, which includes

the highly pathogenic SARS-CoV and Middle Eastern respiratory syndrome (MERS)-CoV, as well as endemic variants HCoV-OC43 and HCoV-HKU1.1 Recent coronavirus outbreaks and the threat of future emerging zoonotic strains highlight the need for broadly applicable coronavirus therapeutic interventions and vaccine design approaches.²

Coronaviruses use the homotrimeric spike (S) protein to engage with cell-surface receptors and enter host cells. S consists of two functional subunits: S1 and S2. S1 facilitates the



attachment to target cells and is composed of the N-terminal domain (NTD) and the receptor-binding domain (RBD), whereas S2, which encodes the fusion peptide and heptad repeats, promotes viral fusion.^{3,4} To facilitate cell entry, human coronaviruses use different host factors; however, SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 both use the cell-surface receptor angiotensinconverting enzyme 2 (ACE2).⁵ In addition, SARS-CoV-2 S shares 76% amino acid identity with SARS-CoV S.¹ Furthermore, S serves as a dominant antibody target and is a focus of countermeasure development for the treatment and prevention of COVID-19 infection.^{6,7} S proteins from the Betacoronavirus genus share multiple regions of structural homology and thus could serve as targets for a cross-reactive antibody response.⁸ Identifying cross-reactive antibody epitopes can inform rational design strategies for vaccines and therapies that target multiple highly pathogenic coronaviruses.

Numerous potent neutralizing antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 have been discovered, including multiple candidates currently in clinical trials or approved for emergency use for the prophylactic and acute treatment of COVID-19.^{9–16} Investigation of SARS-CoV-2/SARS-CoV cross-reactive antibodies has focused primarily on the RBD epitope, which has resulted in the identification of a number of SARS-CoV-2/SARS-CoV cross-reactive antibody candidates.^{12,17,18} However, the diversity of epitopes and functions beyond virus neutralization have not been extensively explored for cross-reactive antibodies.^{19–21} Evidence of Fc effector function contributing to protection *in vivo* against SARS-CoV²² and SARS-CoV-2²³ suggests that the role of antibodies beyond neutralization may be a crucial component of protection and an important consideration in vaccine design strategies for coronaviruses.^{20,24–26}

In this study, we investigated antibody cross-reactivity across the *Betacoronavirus* genus at monoclonal resolution. To do this, we applied LIBRA-seq (linking B cell receptor to antigen specificity through sequencing)²⁷ to a recovered SARS-CoV donor sample from >10 years after infection. We identified and characterized SARS-CoV-2/SARS-CoV cross-reactive human antibodies that target multiple, distinct structural domains of S, mediate phagocytosis and trogocytosis, and mitigate pathological burden *in vivo*. A better understanding of the genetic features, epitope specificities, and functional characteristics of cross-reactive coronavirus antibodies may translate into strategies for current vaccine design efforts and additional measures to counteract potential future pandemic strains.

RESULTS

LIBRA-seq characterization of a SARS-CoV recovered donor

To identify cross-reactive antibodies to multiple coronavirus antigens, LIBRA-seq was applied to a peripheral blood mononuclear cell (PBMC) sample from a donor infected with SARS-CoV >10 years before sample collection. The antigen screening library consisted of eight oligo-tagged recombinant soluble antigens: six coronavirus trimer antigens (SARS-CoV-2 S, SARS-CoV S, MERS-CoV S, MERS-CoV S1 [with foldon domain], HCoV-OC43 S, and HCoV-HKU1 S) and two HIV trimer antigens from strains ZM197 and CZA97 as negative controls (Figure 1A). After the antigen screening library was mixed with donor PBMCs, antigen-positive B cells were enriched by fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) and processed for singlecell sequencing (Figure S1A). After bioinformatic processing, we recovered 2,625 cells with paired heavy-/light-chain sequences and antigen reactivity information (Figure S1B), and from these cells, there were 2,368 unique VDJ (variability, diversity, and joining) sequences. Overall, LIBRA-seq enabled rapid screening of PBMCs from a patient sample, with recovery of paired heavy-/light-chain sequences and antigen reactivity for thousands of B cells at the single-cell level.

Identification of SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV crossreactive antibodies

With a goal of identifying antibodies that were cross-reactive to multiple coronavirus S proteins, we prioritized lead candidates based on their sequence features and LIBRA-seq scores (Figure S1C). We selected 15 antibody candidates that exhibited diverse sequence features and used a number of different variable genes for expression and characterization (Figures 1B and S1D). These antibodies displayed a broad range of percent identity to germline (83%-98%) and a variety of CDRH3 and CDRL3 lengths (6-24 and 5-13 amino acids, respectively) (Figure S1D). By ELISA, SARS-CoV-2 S and SARS-CoV S binding was confirmed for 6/15 of the tested antibodies (46472-1, 46472-2, 46472-3, 46472-4, 46472-6, and 46472-12), indicating that LIBRA-seq could successfully identify SARS-CoV-2 reactive B cells, but also suggesting potential differences in antigen-binding detection for primary B cells with a sequencing readout versus recombinant immunoglobulin G (IgG) by ELISA (Figures 1C, 1D, and S1E). Furthermore, antibodies 46472-6 and 46472-12 bound to S proteins from endemic HCoV-OC43 and HCoV-HKU1, albeit generally at lower levels (Figures 1C, 1D, and S1E). Although the six monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) showed reactivity by ELISA to the MERS-CoV antigen probe used in the LIBRA-seq screening library, antibody binding to other independent preparations of this protein was inconsistent, so MERS-CoV S reactivity could not be confirmed definitively (Figures S1F and S1G). Overall, the application of the LIBRAseq technology enabled the identification of a panel of crossreactive antibodies that recognize the S antigen from multiple coronaviruses.

Cross-reactive CoV antibodies target diverse epitopes on S

To elucidate the epitopes targeted by the cross-reactive antibodies, we performed binding assays to various structural domains of S as well as binding-competition experiments. We assessed antibody binding to the S1 and S2 subdomains of SARS-CoV-2. Antibodies 46472-1, 46472-2, 46472-3, and 46472-4 bound to the S2 domain, whereas 46472-6 and 46472-12 recognized the S1 domain but targeted different epitopes, the NTD and RBD, respectively (Figures 2A–2C, S2A, and S2B). Although 46472-12 bound to the RBD, it did not compete with ACE2 for binding to SARS-CoV-2 S and showed partial competition with RBD-directed antibody CR3022 (Figures S2C and S2D). To determine whether the antibodies targeted overlapping or distinct epitopes, we performed

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Figure 1. Identification of coronavirus cross-reactive antibodies from SARS-CoV recovered PBMC sample using LIBRA-seq (A) Schematic of DNA-barcoded antigens used to probe a SARS-CoV donor PBMC sample.

(B) LIBRA-seq scores for SARS-CoV (x axis) and SARS-CoV-2 (y axis) for all IgG+ B cells recovered from sequencing are shown as circles; 15 lead antibody

candidates are highlighted in purple. (C) Antibodies were tested for binding to CoV antigens by ELISA. HIV-specific antibody VRC01 was used as a negative control. Anti-SARS-CoV mouse antibody 240CD was also used. ELISAs were performed in technical duplicates with at least 2 biological duplicates. Data are represented as means ± SEMs.

(D) ELISA binding data are displayed as a heatmap of the AUC values calculated from data in (C), with an area under the curve (AUC) of 0 as white, and maximum AUC as purple.

See also Figure S1.

competition ELISA experiments and found that the S2-directed antibodies 46472-1, 46472-2, and 46472-4 competed for binding to S (Figure 2D). This pattern was observed for both SARS-CoV-2 and SARS-CoV S. Of note, this competition group did not include S2-directed antibody 46472-3, revealing the identification of multiple cross-reactive epitope targets on S2 (Figure 2D). Furthermore, antibody binding was not affected by two glycan knockout mutants (N165A or N709A) or mannose





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Figure 3. Functional activity of cross-reactive coronavirus antibodies

(A) Cross-reactive coronavirus antibodies were tested for antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis activity (ADCP) against SARS-CoV-2 S, compared to positive control CR3022 and negative control palivizumab, an anti-RSV antibody. AUC of the phagocytosis score is shown, calculated from data in Figure S3C. Data are represented as means ± SDs. (B) 46472-4 and 46472-12 were tested for ADCP activity against SARS-CoV S, compared to CR3022 and anti-RSV palivizumab. AUC of the phagocytosis score is shown, calculated from data in Figure S3D. Data are represented as means ± SDs.

(C) Cross-reactive coronavirus antibodies were tested for antibody-dependent cellular trogocytosis (ADCT) activity against SARS-CoV-2 S displayed on transfected cells, compared to positive control CR3022 and anti-RSV palivizumab. AUC of the trogocytosis score is shown, calculated from data in Figure S3E. Data are represented as means ± SDs. (D) Cross-reactive coronavirus antibodies were tested for antibody-dependent complement deposition (ADCD) activity against SARS-CoV-2 S, compared to positive control CR3022 and anti-RSV palivizumab. AUC of the C3b deposition score is shown, calculated from data in Figure S3F. Data are represented as means ± SDs. See also Figure S3.

competition (Figures S2E and S2F). Lastly, we measured antibody autoreactivity and found that with the exception of 46472-6 binding to Jo-1, none of the antibodies showed autoreactivity against the tested antigens (Figure 2E). These data suggest that the identified cross-reactive antibodies are coronavirus specific and target multiple, diverse epitopes on the S protein (Figure 2F).

Functional characterization of cross-reactive CoV antibodies

Next, we characterized our cross-reactive antibody panel for functional activity. Although none of the antibodies neutralized SARS-CoV or SARS-CoV-2 (Figures S3A and S3B), all of the antibodies showed antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis (ADCP) *in vitro* for SARS-CoV-2 S (Figures 3A and S3C). In particular, the RBD-reactive antibody 46472-12 showed greater

ADCP activity compared to the other cross-reactive antibodies and the SARS-CoV/SARS-CoV-2 cross-reactive RBD antibody control, CR3022²⁸ (Figures 3A and S3C). Furthermore, we tested and confirmed ADCP activity against SARS-CoV for two antibodies that mediated the highest phagocytotic activity against SARS-CoV-2, 46472-4, and 46472-12, illustrating that these antibodies have cross-coronavirus phagocytic ability (Figures 3B and S3D). We next tested the antibodies in a trogocytosis assay²⁹ and found that four antibodies in our panel (46472-1, 46472-2, 46472-3, and 46472-4) mediated trogocytosis (Figures 3C and S3E). This warrants further investigation as this is the first description of trogocytosis performed by SARS-CoV-2-specific antibodies. Lastly, there was no antibody-dependent complement deposition (ADCD) (Figures 3D and S3F). These results revealed different profiles of Fc effector functionality within the panel of cross-reactive antibodies.



(A) For cross-reactive coronavirus antibodies, ELISA data against the antigens are displayed as a heatmap of the AUC values calculated from the data in Figure S2A.

(F) Cross-reactive coronavirus antibodies target a variety of epitopes on the SARS-CoV-2 S protein, including the RBD, NTD, and S2 domains, highlighted on the structure (PDB: 6VSB).

See also Figure S2.

⁽B) For SARS-CoV-2 S1-reactive antibodies, ELISA data against the RBD and NTD are displayed as a heatmap of the AUC values calculated from the data in Figure S2B. For (A) and (B), an AUC of 0 is displayed as white and maximum AUC as purple. ELISA data are representative of at least 2 independent experiments. Anti-HIV antibody VRC01 and anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antibody are shown as a negative control, and anti-SARS-CoV antibody 240CD is shown as a positive control.

⁽C) Surface plasmon resonance binding of 46472-12 Fab to SARS-CoV-2 RBD. Calculated binding constants are shown to the right of the graph.

⁽D) Cross-reactive antibodies were used in a competition ELISA to determine whether the binding of one antibody affected the binding of another. Competitor antibodies were added at 10 μg/mL, and then detected antibodies were added at 0.1 μg/mL. The percent reduction in binding compared to binding without a competitor is shown. An anti-HIV antibody was used as a negative control. ELISAs were performed in technical duplicates with at least 2 biological duplicates.
(E) Antibodies were tested for autoreactivity against a variety of antigens in the Luminex AtheNA assay. AU stands for Athena units. Anti-HIV antibody 4E10 was used as a positive control.





Figure 4. In vivo effects of cross-reactive antibodies

(A) Timeline of the prophylactic antibody experiment in SARS-CoV-2 mouse adapted (MA) in vivo infection model.

(B and C) For each antibody treatment group for the experiment using (B) 1 × 10³ PFU or (C) 1 × 10⁴ PFU of SARS-CoV-2 MA, shown are daily body weight progression, and terminal qRT-PCR quantification of lung viral titer and lung hemorrhage scores of gross pathology. For viral titer values and the lung hemorrhage scores, an ordinary one-way ANOVA test with multiple comparisons was performed; **p < 0.01 and ***p < 0.001. (D) For the experiment with 1 × 10⁴ PFU of SARS-CoV-2 MA, percent survival for each antibody group is shown. See also Figure S4.

Since non-neutralizing SARS-CoV-2 antibodies with Fc effector function activity have not been extensively characterized in vivo, these results prompted us to test antibodies 46472-4 and 46472-12 for prophylaxis in a murine infection model using a mouse-adapted virus strain (SARS-CoV-2 MA)^{30,31} at a non-lethat dose of 1×10^3 plaque-forming units (PFU) (Figure 4A). Although there were no differences in survival and viral load between experimental and control groups, the lung hemorrhage scores (see Method details) for 46472-4 and 46472-12 were similar to antigen-specific control CR3022, and all three groups were significantly lower than the scores for isotype control DENV-2D22 (p < 0.01, ordinary one-way ANOVA with multiple comparisons) (Figures 4B and S4A). To evaluate the in vivo effect of these antibodies in a more stringent challenge model in 12-month-old female BALB/c mice, we increased the viral dose from 1 \times 10³ to 1 \times 10⁴ PFU. In this experiment, mice that received antibody 46472-12 exhibited the best survival rate (4/5 at day 4), compared to the other treatment groups that included CR3022 as an antigen-specific control and DENV-2D22 as a negative control, although statistical significance was not achieved (Figures 4C, 4D, and S4B). There were no significant differences in viral load between groups; however, the surviving animals from the 46472-4 and 46472-12 groups showed significantly lower hemorrhagic pathology scores in harvested mouse lungs compared to the negative control treatment group (p < 0.001, ordinary one-way ANOVA with multiple comparisons) (Figure 4C). Animals treated with the antigen-specific control, CR3022, had significantly higher hemorrhage scores than animals treated with 46472-4 and 46472-12 (p < 0.001, ordinary one-way ANOVA with multiple comparisons), although the statistical analysis may be limited by the small numbers of surviving animals for some of the groups (Figure 4C). While definitive evidence for protection is limited, the data from the in vivo experiments suggest that these cross-reactive antibodies could contribute to counteracting coronavirus infection in prophylaxis.

DISCUSSION

Here, we described a set of cross-reactive *Betacoronavirus* antibodies isolated from a recovered SARS-CoV donor. The antibodies targeted diverse epitopes on S, including the S2 subdomain as well as the RBD and NTD on S1, and demonstrated Fc effector function *in vitro*. In addition, two of these antibodies were tested *in vivo* and displayed a reduction in lung hemorrhage score, while the effects on viral load were not definitive.

Given the similar effect of 46472-4 and 46472-12 on severe disease in the mouse model, their phagocytotic ability along with the inability to mediate neutralization suggests that the former may be a mechanism through which they function, and additional studies are under way to further assess this hypothesis. Phagocytosis has been shown to be associated with protection in a SARS-CoV-2 DNA vaccination in non-human primates³² as well as survival in natural infection,³³ and as such could be an important mechanism for protection by antibodies.²⁰ The role of trogocytosis in COVID-19 is unknown, as are the targets that may be important for this function. 46472-4 was able to mediate this membrane nibbling in contrast to 46472-12, suggesting that this function in addition to complement activity was not respon-



sible for the in vivo effect on severe disease mediated by these antibodies. Although the precise in vivo effects of these antibodies have not been elucidated, the identification of multiple, cross-reactive antibodies highlights a potential role for Fc effector function activity, specifically phagocytosis, in coronavirus infection. Evidence of protection associated with Fc effector function in SARS-CoV,²² SARS-CoV-2,^{23,24,34} and other infectious diseases, including influenza, Ebola, and HIV, motivates further investigation into its contribution to the treatment of COVID-19.^{35–38} Furthermore, the importance of Fc effector functionality of potently neutralizing candidate clinical SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in a therapeutic setting rather than prophylaxis highlights the potential benefit for investigation into non-neutralizing antibodies with phagocytic activity and their administration after infection onset.³⁹ Elucidation of the functional roles of crossreactive but non-neutralizing antibodies could have implications for understanding the factors involved in the protection or enhancement of disease.

Given the ongoing SARS-CoV-2 pandemic and the potential for future zoonotic coronavirus pathogens to emerge, coronavirus vaccine and therapeutic development is of paramount importance.⁴⁰⁻⁴³ Antibodies that can cross-react with multiple coronavirus strains are primary targets as potential broadly reactive therapies. Such antibodies can further reveal cross-reactive epitopes that could serve as templates for the development of broadly protective vaccines. Understanding the spectrum of cross-reactive epitopes targeted by human antibodies, as well as the functional role that such antibodies have within coronavirus infection, are therefore a vital element of medical countermeasure development.

Limitations of the study

The present study focuses on the characterization of cross-reactive coronavirus antibodies, mostly in the context of SARS-CoV-2. Further characterization of this panel of antibodies against circulating endemic coronavirus strains would enhance the clinical relevance to less severe coronavirus-associated respiratory infections.

The present study used a dosing regimen in a prophylactic setting, and given the emerging evidence of survival benefit with effector function in antibodies provided after infection onset,³⁹ antibody administration in a therapeutic setting may provide further insight into *in vivo* properties. Furthermore, additional effector function characterization such as ADCC and ADNP would strengthen the profile of this panel of non-neutralizing antibodies, considering their role in both human³³ and mouse SARS-CoV-2 infection studies.

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KEY RESOURCES TABLE

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
APC-Cy7 mouse anti-human CD14	BD	Cat#561709; RRID: RRID:AB_10893806
FITC anti-human CD3 (OKT3)	Tonbo Biosciences	Cat#35-0037; RRD: RRID:AB_2621662
PE-Cy5 mouse anti-human IgG	BD	Cat#551497; RRD: RRID: AB_394220
BV711 mouse anti-human CD19	BD	Cat#563036; RRID: AB_2737968
FITC mouse anti-human IgG	BD	Cat#555786; RRID: AB_396121
Anti-HIV-1 gp120 monoclonal (VRC01)	NIH AIDS Reagent Program	Cat#12033; RRID: AB_2491019
CR3022	Yuan et al. ²⁸	N/A
Monoclonal anti-SARS-CoV 240CD	BEI Resources	NR-616
Goat anti-human IgG (Fc specific) peroxidase	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#A0170; RRID: AB_257868
DENV-2D22	James Crowe Jr.	N/A
Anti-VEGF	Baca et al. ⁴⁴	Avastin (Bevacizumab)
Monoclonal anti-SARS-CoV/SARS-CoV-2 46472-1	This paper	GenBank: MZ126644, MZ126659
Monoclonal anti-SARS-CoV/SARS-CoV-2 46472-2	This paper	GenBank: MZ126645, MZ126660
Monoclonal anti-SARS-CoV/SARS-CoV-2 46472-3	This paper	GenBank: MZ126646, MZ126661
Monoclonal anti-SARS-CoV/SARS-CoV-2 46472-4	This paper	GenBank: MZ126647, MZ126662
Monoclonal anti-SARS-CoV/SARS-CoV-2 46472-6	This paper	GenBank: MZ126649, MZ126664
Monoclonal anti-SARS-CoV/SARS-CoV-2 46472-12	This paper	GenBank: MZ126655, MZ126670
Monoclonal 46472-5	This paper	GenBank: MZ126648, MZ126663
Monoclonal 46472-7	This paper	GenBank: MZ126650, MZ126665
Monoclonal 46472-8	This paper	GenBank: MZ126651, MZ126666
Monoclonal 46472-9	This paper	GenBank: MZ126652, MZ126667
Monoclonal 46472-10	This paper	GenBank: MZ126653, MZ126668
Monoclonal 46472-11	This paper	GenBank: MZ126654, MZ126669
Monoclonal 46472-13	This paper	GenBank: MZ126656, MZ126671
Monoclonal 46472-14	This paper	GenBank: MZ126657, MZ126672
Monoclonal 46472-15	This paper	GenBank: MZ126658, MZ126673
Goat IgG anti-guinea pig complement C3, polyclonal antibody, FITC	MP Biomedicals	Cat# 11499934
Palivizumab	MedImmmune	N/A
Goat anti-human IgG antibody (peroxidase)	Jackson ImmunoResearch	Cat#109-035-088; RRID:AB_2337584
Avi Tag antibody, mAb, mouse	GenScript	Cat#A01738-100
Monoclonal anti-influenza 3602-1707	Setliff et al. ²⁷	N/A
Monoclonal anti-MERS-CoV S1	Sino Biological	Cat#40069-MM23; RRID: AB_2860454
Monoclonal anti-MERS-CoV S2	Sino Biological	Cat#40070-MM11; RRID: AB_2860457
S230	Walls et al. ⁴⁵	N/A
1F8	Tang et al. ⁴⁶	N/A
COV2-2196	Zost et al. ¹¹	N/A
Bacterial and virus strains		
SARS-CoV-2 strain 2019 n-CoV/USA_WA1/2020	N. Thornburg	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
SARS-CoV-2 (full length, Seattle Washington isolate)	Ralph Baric	N/A
SARS-CoV (full length, Urbani isolate)	Ralph Baric	N/A
SARS-CoV-2 MA10	Ralph Baric	Dinnon et al. ³⁰

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REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Biological samples		
PBMC from donor	Barney Graham	N/A
Low-tox guinea pig complement	Cedarlane	Cat #CL4051
Chemicals, peptides, and recombinant proteins		
CZA97.SOSIP.664 gp140 trimer	Ivelin Georgiev	N/A
ZM197.SOSIP.664 gp140 trimer	Ivelin Georgiev	N/A
SARS-CoV-2 S (S-2P)	PMID: 32075877	N/A
SARS-CoV-2 S (Hexapro)	PMID: 32703906	N/A
SARS-CoV S (S-2P)	PMID: 28807998	N/A
MERS-CoV S (S-2P)	PMID: 28807998	N/A
HCoV-OC43 S (S-2P)	McLellan Lab	N/A
HCoV-HKU1 S (S-2P)	PMID: 28807998	N/A
SARS-CoV-2 S1	Sino Biological	Cat#40591-V08H
SARS-CoV-2 S1 D614G	Sino Biological	Cat#40591-V08H3
SARS-CoV-2 S2	Sino Biological	Cat#40590-V08B
SARS-CoV-2 RBD	Sino Biological	Cat#40592-VNAH
SARS-CoV RBD	Sino Biological	Cat #40150-V08B2
SARS-CoV-2 NTD	Sino Biological	Cat#40591-V49H
ACE2	Sigma Aldrich	SAE0064-5UG
SARS-CoV-2 S HexaPro N165A	This paper	N/A
SARS-CoV-2 S HexaPro N709A	This paper	N/A
SARS-CoV-2 RBD-SD1	PMID: 32075877	N/A
MERS-CoV S1 Fd	PMID: 28807998	N/A
Streptavidin HRP	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#ENN100
Streptavidin R-phycoerythrin (SA-PE)	Invitrogen	Cat#S866
Carboxyfluorescein diacetate N-succinimidyl ester (CFSE)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#21888
Protein A resin	GenScript	Cat# L00210
Polyethyleniminine linear MW 25000	Polysciences	Cat#23966-1
Ghost dye red 780	Tonbo biosciences	Cat#13-0865
Live/Dead fixable aqua dead cell stain kit	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#L34957
Critical commercial assays		
FluoSpheres neutrAvidin-labeled microspheres, 1.0 μm, yellow-green fluorescent	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#F8776
FluoSpheres NeutrAvidin-labeled microspheres, 1.0 μm, red fluorescent	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#F8775
Biacore X100 Sensorchip NTA	GE Healthcare	Cat# BR1004
EZ link Sulfo-NHS-LC-biotin	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#21327
BirA-500: Bir A biotin-protein ligase standard reaction kit	Avidity	Cat# BirA500
Solulink protein-oligonucleotide conjugation kit	TriLink Biotechnologies	Cat# S-9011
B cell single cell V(D)J solution	10X Genomics	N/A
AtheNA Multi-Lyte® ANA-II plus test kit	Zeus Scientific, Inc	Cat # A21101
Deposited data		
46472 heavy chain sequences	This paper	GenBank: MZ126644- MZ126658
46472 light chain sequences	This paper	GenBank: MZ126659- MZ126673
Raw next-generation sequencing data	This paper	SRA: PRJNA727275

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REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Experimental models: cell lines		
Human THP-1 cells	AIDS Reagent Program	Cat#9942
Human: Freestyle 293F cells	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat#A14528
Human: Expi293F cells	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat#A14527
ExpiCHO cells	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#A29127
Vero E6 USAMRID	N/A	N/A
HEK293T cells	Dr. George Shaw	N/A
Experimental models: organisms/strains		
BALB/cAnHsd mice	Envigo	Stock number 047
Oligonucleotides		
Oligonucleotides for protein DNA-barcoding	Setliff et al. ²⁷	N/A
Software and algorithms		
Cell Ranger	10X Genomics	https://support.10xgenomics.com/single- cell-gene-expression/software/downloads/latest
HighV-Quest	Alamyar et al. ⁴⁷	http://www.imgt.org/IMGTindex/IMGTHighV- QUEST.php
ChangeO	Gupta et al. ⁴⁸	https://changeo.readthedocs.io/en/stable/
Geneious 11.1.5	https://www.geneious.com	N/A
PyMOL	The PyMOL Molecular Graphics System, Version 2.3.5 Schrödinger, LLC	N/A
Flowjo v10	TreeStar	https://www.flowjo.com/
GraphPad Prism 8.0.0	https://www.graphpad.com	N/A
Biacore X100 Evaluation Software	GE Healthcare	V2.0.1
AtheNA Software	N/A	N/A
MUSCLE	Madeira et al.49	N/A
BLOSUM-62	Henikoff et al. ⁵⁰	N/A
Other		
Galanthus nivalis lectin	Vector Laboratories	Cat # AL-1243-5
1-Step Ultra TMB-ELISA substrate solution	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat#34029
Costar high binding microplates	Corning	Cat#9018
D-(+)-Mannose	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# M6020

RESOURCE AVAILABILITY

Lead contact

Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to the Lead Contact, Ivelin Georgiev (Ivelin. Georgiev@Vanderbilt.edu).

Materials availability

All unique/stable reagents generated in this study are available from the Lead Contact with a completed Materials Transfer Agreement. Please direct resource and reagent requests to the Lead Contact specified above, Ivelin Georgiev.

Data and code availability

Sequences for antibodies identified and characterized in this study have been deposited to GenBank under GenBank accession numbers MZ126644-MZ126658 (heavy chain) and MZ126659-MZ126673 (light chain). Raw sequencing data used in this study are available on the Sequence Read Archive under BioProject accession number PRJNA727275. Custom scripts used to analyze data in this manuscript are available upon request to the corresponding author.



EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS

Human subjects

The donor had prior SARS-CoV infection during the 2004 outbreak in Hong Kong, and the PBMC sample was collected over 10 years post infection (20 million PBMCs). Additional information about the donor is not available.

Cell lines

A variety of cell lines were utilized for various assays in this study.

Expi293F mammalian cells (ThermoFisher) were maintained in FreeStyle F17 expression medium supplemented at final concentrations of 0.1% Pluronic Acid F-68 and 20% 4mM L-Glutamine. These cells were cultured at 37°C with 8% CO₂ saturation and shaking.

FreeStyle293F cells were grown while shaking at 37 C in 8% CO2 and 80% humidity. Freestyle293F cells are derived from female human embryonic kidney epithelial cells.

THP-1 cells obtained from the AIDS Reagent Program (Division of AIDS, NIAID, NIH contributed by Dr. Li Wu and Vineet N. Kewal-Ramani) were used for both the ADCP and ADCT assays. Cells were cultured at 37°C, 5% CO2 in RPMI containing 10% heatinactivated fetal bovine serum (GIBCO, Gaithersburg, MD), 1% Penicillin Streptomycin (GIBCO, Gaithersburg, MD) and 2-mercaptoethanol to a final concentration of 0.05 mM. These cells were not allowed to exceed 4 × 105 cells/ml to prevent differentiation and are from a male donor.

HEK293T cells were obtained from Dr George Shaw and were used for the ADCT assay. These adherent cell lines were cultured at 37°C, 5% CO2, in DMEM containing 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (GIBCO BRL Life Technologies) and supplemented with 50 μg/ml gentamicin (Sigma). Cells were disrupted at confluence with 0.25% trypsin in 1 mM EDTA (Sigma) every 48–72 hours. HEK293F suspension cells were cultured in 293Freestyle media (GIBCO BRL Life Technologies) and grown in a shaking incubator at 37°C, 5% CO2, 70% humidity at 125rpm. Cells were diluted twice a week to between 0.2 and 0.5 million cells/ml. Both HEK293 derived cell lines are from female donors.

Murine model

12-month old female BALB/c mice (BALB/cAnHsd; Envigo, stock number 047) were used in a murine infection model for SARS-CoV-2 with a mouse adapted strain.

Eleven to twelve-month old female BALB/c mice (BALB/c AnNHsd, Envigo, stock# 047) were used for mouse-adapted SARS-CoV-2 (SARS-CoV-2 MA10) *in vivo* protection experiments as described previously.³¹ All mouse studies were performed at the University of North Carolina (Animal Welfare Assurance #A3410-01) using protocols (19-168) approved by the UNC Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and were performed in a BSL3 facility at UNC.

METHOD DETAILS

Antigen purification

A variety of recombinant soluble protein antigens were used in the LIBRA-seq experiment and other experimental assays.

Plasmids encoding residues 1–1208 of the SARS-CoV-2 spike with a mutated S1/S2 cleavage site, proline substitutions at positions 986 and 987, and a C-terminal T4-fibritin trimerization motif, an 8x HisTag, and a TwinStrepTag (SARS-CoV-2 S-2P); residues 1-1190 of the SARS-CoV spike with proline substitutions at positions 968 and 969, and a C-terminal T4-fibritin trimerization motif, an 8x HisTag, and a TwinStrepTag (SARS-CoV S-2P); residues 1-1291 of the MERS-CoV spike with a mutated S1/S2 cleavage site, proline substitutions at positions 1060 and 1061, and a C-terminal T4-fibritin trimerization motif, an AviTag, an 8x HisTag, and a TwinStrepTag (MERS-CoV S-2P Avi); residues 1-751 of the MERS-CoV spike with a C-terminal T4-fibritin trimerization motif, 8x HisTag, and a TwinStrepTag (MERS-CoV S1); residues 1-1277 of the HCoV-HKU1 spike with a mutated S1/S2 cleavage site, proline substitutions at positions 1067 and 1068, and a C-terminal T4-fibritin trimerization motif, an 8x HisTag, and a TwinStrepTag (HCoV-HKU1 S-2P); residues 1-1278 of the HCoV-OC43 spike with proline substitutions at positions 1070 and 1071, and a C-terminal T4-fibritin trimerization motif, an 8x HisTag, and a TwinStrepTag (HCoV-OC43 S-2P); or residues 319–591 of SARS-CoV-2 S with a C-terminal monomeric human IgG Fc-tag and an 8x HisTag (SARS-CoV-2 RBD-SD1) were transiently transfected into FreeStyle293F cells (Thermo Fisher) using polyethylenimine. The coronavirus trimer spike antigens were in a prefusion-stabilized (S-2P) conformation that better represents neutralization-sensitive epitopes in comparison to their wild-type forms⁵¹. Two hours post-transfection, cells were treated with kifunensine to ensure uniform glycosylation. Transfected supernatants were harvested after 6 days of expression. SARS-CoV-2 RBD-SD1 was purified using Protein A resin (Pierce), SARS-CoV-2 S-2P, SARS-CoV S-2P, MERS-CoV S-2P Avi, MERS-CoV S1, HCoV-HKU1 S-2P and HCoV-OC43 S-2P were purified using StrepTactin resin (IBA). Affinity-purified SARS-CoV-2 RBD-SD1 was further purified over a Superdex75 column (GE Life Sciences). MERS-CoV S1 was purified over a Superdex200 Increase column (GE Life Sciences). SARS-CoV-2 S-2P, SARS-CoV S-2P, MERS-CoV S-2P Avi, HCoV-HKU1 S-2P and HCoV-OC43 S-2P were purified over a Superose6 Increase column (GE Life Sciences).

For the HIV-1 gp140 SOSIP variant from strain ZM197 (clade C) and CZA97 (clade C), recombinant, soluble antigens contained an AviTag and were expressed in Expi293F cells using polyethylenimine transfection reagent and cultured. FreeStyle F17 expression



medium supplemented with pluronic acid and glutamine was used. The cells were cultured at 37°C with 8% CO₂ saturation and shaking. After 5-7 days, cultures were centrifuged and supernatant was filtered and run over an affinity column of agarose bound *Galanthus nivalis* lectin. The column was washed with PBS and antigens were eluted with 30 mL of 1M methyl-a-D-mannopyranoside. Protein elutions were buffer exchanged into PBS, concentrated, and run on a Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 GL Sizing column on the AKTA FPLC system. Fractions corresponding to correctly folded protein were collected, analyzed by SDS-PAGE and antigen nicity was characterized by ELISA using known monoclonal antibodies specific to each antigen. Avi-tagged antigens were biotinylated using BirA biotin ligase (Avidity LLC). Non-Avi-tagged antigens were biotinylated using the EZ-Link Sulfo-NHS-Biotin kits using a 50:1 biotin to protein molar ratio.

For binding studies, SARS-CoV-2 HexaPro S, SARS-CoV S, SARS-CoV-2 RBD, SARS-CoV RBD, and MERS-CoV RBD constructs were expressed in the transient expression system previously mentioned. S proteins were purified using StrepTrap HP columns and RBD constructs were purified over protein A resin, respectively. Each resulting protein was further purified to homogeneity by size-exclusion chromatography on a Superose 6 10/300 GL column.

SARS-CoV-2 S1, SARS-CoV-2 S1 D614G, SARS-CoV-2 S2, and SARS-CoV-2 NTD truncated proteins were purchased from the commercial vendor, Sino Biological.

DNA-barcoding of antigens

We used oligos that possess 15 bp antigen barcode, a sequence capable of annealing to the template switch oligo that is part of the 10X bead-delivered oligos, and contain truncated TruSeq small RNA read 1 sequences in the following structure: 5'-CCT TGGCACCCGAGAATTCCANNNNNNNNNNNNCCCATATAAGA*A*A-3', where Ns represent the antigen barcode. We used the following antigen barcodes: GCTCCTTTACACGTA (SARS-CoV-2 S), TGACCTTCCTCTCCT (SARS-CoV S), ACAATTTGTCTGCGA (MERS-CoV S), TCCTTTCCTGATAGG (MERS-CoV S1), CAGGTCCCTTATTTC (HCoV-HKU1 S), TAACTCAGGGCCTAT (HCoV-OC43 S), CAGCCCACTGCAATA (CZA97), and ATCGTCGAGAGCTAG (ZM197). Oligos were ordered from IDT with a 5' amino modification and HPLC purified.

For each antigen, a unique DNA barcode was directly conjugated to the antigen itself. In particular, 5'amino-oligonucleotides were conjugated directly to each antigen using the Solulink Protein-Oligonucleotide Conjugation Kit (TriLink cat no. S-9011) according to manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, the oligo and protein were desalted, and then the amino-oligo was modified with the 4FB cross-linker, and the biotinylated antigen protein was modified with S-HyNic. Then, the 4FB-oligo and the HyNic-antigen were mixed together. This causes a stable bond to form between the protein and the oligonucleotide. The concentration of the antigen-oligo conjugates was determined by a BCA assay, and the HyNic molar substitution ratio of the antigen-oligo conjugates was analyzed using the NanoDrop according to the Solulink protocol guidelines. AKTA FPLC was used to remove excess oligonucleotide from the protein-tein-oligo conjugates, which were also verified using SDS-PAGE with a silver stain. Antigen-oligo conjugates were also used in flow cytometry titration experiments.

Antigen specific B cell sorting

Cells were stained and mixed with DNA-barcoded antigens and other antibodies, and then sorted using fluorescence activated cell sorting (FACS). First, cells were counted and viability was assessed using Trypan Blue. Then, cells were washed three times with DPBS supplemented with 0.1% bovine serum albumin (BSA). Cells were resuspended in DPBS-BSA and stained with cell markers including viability dye (Ghost Red 780), CD14-APC-Cy7, CD3-FITC, CD19-BV711, and IgG-PE-Cy5. Additionally, antigen-oligo conjugates were added to the stain. After staining in the dark for 30 minutes at room temperature, cells were washed three times with DPBS-BSA at 300 g for five minutes. Cells were then incubated for 15 minutes at room temperature with Streptavidin-PE to label cells with bound antigen. Cells were washed three times with DPBS-BSA, resuspended in DPBS, and sorted by FACS. Antigen positive cells were bulk sorted and delivered to the Vanderbilt Technologies for Advanced Genomics (VANTAGE) sequencing core at an appropriate target concentration for 10X Genomics library preparation and subsequent sequencing. FACS data were analyzed using FlowJo.

Sample and library preparation, and sequencing

Single-cell suspensions were loaded onto the Chromium Controller microfluidics device (10X Genomics) and processed using the B cell Single Cell V(D)J solution according to manufacturer's suggestions for a target capture of 10,000 B cells per 1/8 10X cassette, with minor modifications in order to intercept, amplify and purify the antigen barcode libraries as previously described.²⁷

Sequence processing and bioinformatic analysis

We utilized and modified our previously described pipeline to use paired-end FASTQ files of oligo libraries as input, process and annotate reads for cell barcode, UMI, and antigen barcode, and generate a cell barcode - antigen barcode UMI count matrix.²⁷ BCR contigs were processed using Cell Ranger (10X Genomics) using GRCh38 as reference. Antigen barcode libraries were also processed using Cell Ranger (10X Genomics). The overlapping cell barcodes between the two libraries were used as the basis of the subsequent analysis. We removed cell barcodes that had only non-functional heavy chain sequences as well as cells with multiple functional heavy chain sequences and/or multiple functional light chain sequences, reasoning that these may be multiplets. Additionally, we aligned the BCR contigs (filtered_contigs.fasta file output by Cell Ranger, 10X Genomics) to IMGT reference genes using



HighV-Quest.⁴⁷ The output of HighV-Quest was parsed using ChangeO⁴⁸ and merged with an antigen barcode UMI count matrix. Finally, we determined the LIBRA-seq score for each antigen in the library for every cell as previously described.²⁷

Antibody expression and purification

For each antibody, variable genes were inserted into custom plasmids encoding the constant region for the IgG1 heavy chain as well as respective lambda and kappa light chains (pTwist CMV BetaGlobin WPRE Neo vector, Twist Bioscience). Antibodies were expressed in Expi293F mammalian cells (ThermoFisher) by co-transfecting heavy chain and light chain expressing plasmids using polyethylenimine transfection reagent and cultured for 5-7 days. Cells were maintained in FreeStyle F17 expression medium supplemented at final concentrations of 0.1% Pluronic Acid F-68 and 20% 4mM L-Glutamine. These cells were cultured at 37°C with 8% CO₂ saturation and shaking. After transfection and 5-7 days of culture, cell cultures were centrifuged and supernatant was 0.45 µm filtered with Nalgene Rapid Flow Disposable Filter Units with PES membrane. Filtered supernatant was run over a column containing Protein A agarose resin equilibrated with PBS. The column was washed with PBS, and then antibodies were eluted with 100 mM Glycine HCI at 2.7 pH directly into a 1:10 volume of 1M Tris-HCI pH 8.0. Eluted antibodies were buffer exchanged into PBS 3 times using Amicon Ultra centrifugal filter units and concentrated. Antibodies were analyzed by SDS-PAGE. Additionally, antibodies 46472-1, 46472-2, 46472-4, 46472-6 and 46472-12 were assessed by size exclusion chromatography on a Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 GL Sizing column with the AKTA FPLC system.

High-throughput antibody expression

For high-throughput production of recombinant antibodies, approaches were used that are designated as microscale. For antibody expression, microscale transfection were performed (~1cml per antibody) of CHO cell cultures using the GIBCO ExpiCHO Expression System and a protocol for deep 96-well blocks (Thermo Fisher Scientific). In brief, synthesized antibody-encoding DNA (~2c μ g per transfection) was added to OptiPro serum free medium (OptiPro SFM), incubated with ExpiFectamine CHO Reagent and added to 800c μ l of ExpiCHO cell cultures into 96-deep-well blocks using a ViaFlo 384 liquid handler (Integra Biosciences). The plates were incubated on an orbital shaker at 1,000crpm with an orbital diameter of 3cmm at 37c°C in 8% CO₂. The next day after transfection, ExpiFectamine CHO Enhancer and ExpiCHO Feed reagents (Thermo Fisher Scientific) were added to the cells, followed by 4cd incubation for a total of 5cd at 37c°C in 8% CO₂. Culture supernatants were collected after centrifuging the blocks at 450g for 5cmin and were stored at 4°C until use. For high-throughput microscale antibody purification, fritted deep-well plates were used containing 25c μ l of settled protein G resin (GE Healthcare Life Sciences) per well. Clarified culture supernatants were incubated with protein G resin for mAb capturing, washed with PBS using a 96-well plate manifold base (QIAGEN) connected to the vacuum and eluted into 96-well PCR plates using 86c μ l of 0.1cM glycine-HCL buffer pHc2.7. After neutralization with 14c μ l of 1cM Tris-HCl pHc8.0, purified mAbs were buffer-exchanged into PBS using Zeba Spin Desalting Plates (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and stored at 4°C until use.

ELISA

To assess antibody binding, soluble protein was plated at 2 μ g/ml overnight at 4°C. The next day, plates were washed three times with PBS supplemented with 0.05% Tween-20 (PBS-T) and coated with 5% milk powder in PBS-T. Plates were incubated for one hour at room temperature and then washed three times with PBS-T. Primary antibodies were diluted in 1% milk in PBS-T, starting at 10 μ g/ml with a serial 1:5 dilution and then added to the plate. The plates were incubated at room temperature for one hour and then washed three times in PBS-T. The secondary antibody, goat anti-human IgG conjugated to peroxidase, was added at 1:10,000 dilution in 1% milk in PBS-T to the plates, which were incubated for one hour at room temperature. Goat anti-mouse secondary was used for SARS-CoV specific control antibody 240CD (BEI Resources). Plates were washed three times with PBS-T and then developed by adding TMB substrate to each well. The plates were incubated at room temperature for ten minutes, and then 1N sulfuric acid was added to stop the reaction. Plates were read at 450 nm.

Data are represented as mean \pm SEM for one ELISA experiment. ELISAs were repeated 2 or more times. The area under the curve (AUC) was calculated using GraphPad Prism 8.0.0. For antibody 240CD, the following reagent was obtained through BEI Resources, NIAID, NIH: Monoclonal Anti-SARS-CoV S Protein (Similar to 240C), NR-616.

Competition ELISA

Competition ELISAs were performed as described above, with some modifications. After coating with antigen and blocking, $25 \ \mu$ L of non-biotinylated competitor antibody was added to each well at 10 µg/ml and incubated at 37° C for 10 minutes. Then, without washing, $75 \ \mu$ L biotinylated antibody (final concentration of 0.1 µg/ml) was added and incubated at 37° C for 1 hour. After washing three times with PBS-T, streptavidin-HRP was added at 1:10,000 dilution in 1% milk in PBS-T and incubated for 1 hour at room temperature. Plates were washed and substrate and sulfuric acid were added as described above. ELISAs were repeated at least 2 times. Data is shown as the % decrease in binding.

Autoreactivity

Monoclonal antibody reactivity to nine autoantigens (SSA/Ro, SS-B/La, Sm, ribonucleoprotein (RNP), Scl 70, Jo-1, dsDNA, centromere B, and histone) was measured using the AtheNA Multi-Lyte® ANA-II Plus test kit (Zeus scientific, Inc, #A21101). Antibodies were incubated with AtheNA beads for 30min at concentrations of 50, 25, 12.5 and 6.25 µg/mL. Beads were washed, incubated

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with secondary and read on the Luminex platform as specified in the kit protocol. Data were analyzed using AtheNA software. Positive (+) specimens received a score > 120, and negative (-) specimens received a score < 100. Samples between 100-120 were considered indeterminate.

Mannose competition

Mannose competition ELISAs were performed as described above with minor modifications. After antigen coating and washing, nonspecific binding was blocked by incubation with 5% FBS diluted in PBS for 1 hour at RT. Primary antibodies were diluted in 5% FBS-PBST \pm 1M D-(+)-Mannose starting at 10 µg/ml with a serial 1:5 dilution and then added to the plate for 1 hour at RT. After washing, antibody binding was detected with goat anti-human IgG conjugated to peroxidase and added at 1:10,000 dilution in 5% FBS in PBS-T to the plates. After 1 hour incubation, plates were washed and substrate and sulfuric acid were added as described above. Data shown is representative of three replicates.

Epitope mapping visualization

SARS-CoV-2 Spike (PDB-6VSB) was visualized using PyMOL software. Antibody epitopes were visualized on the SARS-CoV-2 spike using a structure of the pre-fusion stabilized SARS-CoV-2 S-2P construct⁵ modeled in the molecular graphics software PyMOL (The PyMOL Molecular Graphics System, Version 2.3.5 Schrödinger, LLC).

RTCA neutralization assay

To assess for neutralizing activity against SARS-CoV-2 strain 2019 n-CoV/USA_WA1/2020 (obtained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a gift from N. Thornburg), we used the high-throughput RTCA assay and xCelligence RTCA HT Analyzer (ACEA Biosciences) that has been described previously.¹¹ After obtaining a background reading of a 384-well E-plate, 6,000 Vero-furin cells⁵² were seeded per well. Sensograms were visualized using RTCA HT software version 1.0.1 (ACEA Biosciences). One day later, equal volumes of virus were added to antibody samples and incubated for 1ch at 37°C in 5% cCO₂. mAbs were tested in triplicate with a single (1:20) dilution. Virus-mAb mixtures were then added to Vero-furin cells in 384-well E-plates. Controls were included that had Vero-furin cells with virus only (no mAb) and media only (no virus or mAb). E-plates were read every 8–12 h for 72 h to monitor virus neutralization. At 32 h after virus-mAb mixtures were added to the E-plates, cell index values of antibody samples were compared to those of virus only and media only to determine presence of neutralization.

Nano-luciferase neutralization assay

A full-length SARS-CoV-2 virus based on the Seattle Washington isolate and a full-length SARS-CoV virus based on the Urbani isolate were designed to express luciferase and was recovered via reverse genetics and described previously.^{53,54} Viruses were titered in Vero E6 USAMRID cells to obtain a relative light units (RLU) signal of at least 10X the cell only control background. Vero E6 USAMRID cells were plated at 20,000 cells per well the day prior in clear bottom black walled 96-well plates (Corning 3904). Neutralizing antibody serum samples were tested at a starting dilution of 1:40 and were serially diluted 4-fold up to eight dilution spots. Antibody-virus complexes were incubated at 37C with 5% CO2 for 1 hour. Following incubation, growth media was removed and virus-antibody dilution complexes were added to the cells in duplicate. Virus-only controls and cell-only controls were included in each neutralization assay plate. Following infection, plates were incubated at 37C with 5% CO2 for 48 hours. After the 48 hour incubation, cells were lysed and luciferase activity was measured via Nano-Glo Luciferase Assay System (Promega) according to the manufacturer specifications. SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 neutralization titers were defined as the sample dilution at which a 50% reduction in RLU was observed relative to the average of the virus control wells.

SPR

His-tagged SARS-CoV-2 RBD-SD1 was immobilized to a NiNTA sensorchip to a level of \sim 150 RUs using a Biacore X100. Serial dilutions of purified Fab 46472-12 were evaluated for binding, ranging in concentration from 1 to 0.25 μ M. The resulting data were fit to a 1:1 binding model using Biacore Evaluation Software.

Fc effector function assays

Antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis (ADCP)

Antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis (ADCP) was performed using biotinylated SARS-CoV-2 or SARS-CoV S coated fluorescent neutravidin beads as previously described.⁵⁵ Briefly, beads were incubated for two hours with antibodies at a starting concentration of 50 µg/ml and titrated five fold. CR3022 was used as a positive control while Palivizumab was used as a negative control. Antibodies and beads were incubated with THP-1 cells overnight, fixed and interrogated on the FACSAria II. Phagocytosis score was calculated as the percentage of THP-1 cells that engulfed fluorescent beads multiplied by the geometric mean fluorescence intensity of the population in the FITC channel less the no antibody control.

Antibody-dependent cellular trogocytosis (ADCT)

ADCT was performed as described in and modified from a previously described study.²⁹ HEK293T cells transfected with a SARS-CoV-2 spike pcDNA vector were surface biotinylated with EZ-Link Sulfo-NHS-LC-Biotin as recommended by the manufacturer. Fifty-thousand cells per well were incubated with antibody for 30 minutes starting at 25 µg/ml and titrated 5 fold. CR3022 was



used as a positive control with Palivizumab as a negative. Following a RPMI media wash, these were then incubated with carboxyfluorescein succinimidyl ester (CFSE) stained THP-1 cells (5 X104 cells per well) for 1 hour and washed with 15mM EDTA/PBS followed by PBS. Cells were then stained for biotin using Streptavidin-PE and read on a FACSAria II. Trogocytosis score was determined as the proportion of CFSE positive THP-1 cells also positive for streptavidin-PE less the no antibody control.

Antibody-dependent complement deposition (ADCD)

Antibody-dependent complement deposition was performed as previously described.⁵⁶ Briefly biotinylated SARS-Cov-2 S protein was coated 1:1 onto fluorescent neutravidin beads for 2 hours at 37 degrees. These beads were incubated with 100ug/ml of antibody for 1 hour and incubated with guinea pig complement diluted 1 in 50 with gelatin/veronal buffer for 15 minutes at 37 degrees. Beads were washed at 2000 g twice in PBS and stained with anti-guinea pig C3b-FITC, fixed and interrogated on a FACSAria II. Complement deposition score was calculated as the percentage of C3b-FITC positive beads multiplied by the geometric mean fluorescent intensity of FITC in this population less the no antibody or heat inactivated controls.

Antibody prophylaxis - murine model of infection

For evaluating the prophylactic efficacy of mAbs, 12-month old female BALB/c mice (BALB/cAnHsd; Envigo, stock number 047) were treated with 200 µg mAb intraperitoneally (i.p.) 12 hours prior to virus inoculation. The next day, mice were administered intranasally with 1x10³ PFU or 1x10⁴ PFU of SARS-CoV-2 MA10, respectively. Mice were monitored daily for weight loss, morbidity, and mortality, and after four days, mice were sacrificed and lung tissue was harvested for viral titer as measured by plaque assays. One lung lobe was taken for pathological analysis and the other lobe was processed for qPCR and viral load determination as previously described.³¹ For viral plaque assays, the caudal lobe of the right lung was homogenized in PBS, and the tissue homogenate was then serial-diluted onto confluent monolayers of Vero E6 cells, followed by agarose overlay. Plagues were visualized with overlay of Neutral Red dye on day 2 post infection. Gross pulmonary hemorrhage was observed at time of tissue harvest and scored on a scale of 0 (no hemorrhage in any lobe, normal pink healthy lung) to 4 (complete hemorrhage in all lobes of the lung, completely dark red lung).

For viral titer and hemorrhage score comparisons, an ordinary one-way ANOVA test with multiple comparisons was performed using Prism software, GraphPad Prism version 8.0.

ACE2 binding inhibition assay

Wells of 384-well microtiter plates were coated with purified recombinant SARS-CoV-2 S-2P ectoprotein at 4°C overnight. Plates were blocked with 2% non-fat dry milk and 2% normal goat serum in DPBS-T for 1 hr. Purified mAbs were diluted two-fold in blocking buffer starting from 10 µg/mL in triplicate, added to the wells (20 µL/well), and incubated at ambient temperature. Recombinant human ACE2 with a C-terminal FLAG tag protein was added to wells at 2 µg/mL in a 5 µL/well volume (final 0.4 µg/mL concentration of ACE2) without washing of antibody and then incubated for 40 min at ambient temperature. Plates were washed, and bound ACE2 was detected using HRP-conjugated anti-FLAG antibody and TMB substrate. ACE2 binding without antibody served as a control. Experiment was done in biological replicate and technical triplicates, shown is representative of one replicate with positive control mAb COV2-2196.11

Identification of residue-level mutants

Potential cross-reactive epitopes were identified based on sequence and structural homology. Reference sequences for each Coronavirus S were obtained either from NCBI for SARS-CoV-2 (YP_009724390.1) and MERS-CoV (YP_009047204.1) or from Uniprot for SARS-CoV (P59594) of the spikes was then obtained using MUSCLE⁴⁹ and the amino acid similarity to SARS-CoV-2 at each residue position was calculated using the BLOSUM-62 scoring matrix.⁵⁰ These scores were then used to color each residue position on the SARS-CoV-2 S structure (PDB ID: 6VSB) in PyMOL (Schrodinger, version 2.3.5) in order to visualize surface patches and linear epitopes with structural homology. These conserved regions were then visualized on the other human coronavirus spike structures by retrieving them from the Protein Databank (SARS-CoV: 5X5B, MERS-CoV: 5W9I) and aligning them to the SARS-CoV-2 S structure. Finally, the residue N165 was part of a conserved surface patches and was mutated to alanine and tested for binding with antibodies. The N709A mutant tested was previously described in Acharya et al., BioRxiv (2020).

QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

ELISA error bars (standard error of the mean) were calculated using GraphPad Prism version 8.0.0. ANOVA analysis (ordinary one way ANOVA with multiple comparisons) was performed on viral load titers and hemorrhage scores from animal experiments using GraphPad Prism version 8.0.0. Details of the statistical analyses can be found in the main text and figure captions.