Chimeric spike mRNA vaccines protect against Sarbecovirus challenge in mice

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Abstract

The emergence of SARS-CoV in 2003 and SARS-CoV-2 in 2019 highlights the need to develop universal vaccination strategies against the broader *Sarbecovirus* subgenus. Using chimeric spike designs, we demonstrate protection against challenge from SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351, bat CoV (Bt-CoV) RsSHC014, and a heterologous Bt-CoV WIV-1 in vulnerable aged mice. Chimeric spike mRNAs induced high levels of broadly protective neutralizing antibodies against high-risk Sarbecoviruses. In contrast, SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccination not only showed a marked reduction in neutralizing titers against heterologous Sarbecoviruses, but SARS-CoV and WIV-1 challenge in mice resulted in breakthrough infection. Chimeric spike mRNA vaccines efficiently neutralized D614G, UK B.1.1.7., mink cluster five, and the South African B.1.351 variant of concern. Thus, multiplexed-chimeric spikes can prevent SARS-like zoonotic coronavirus infections with pandemic potential.

Introduction

A novel severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) emerged in 2003 and caused more than 8,000 infections and ~800 deaths worldwide (*1*). Less than a decade later, the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) coronavirus emerged in Saudi Arabia in 2012 (*2*), with multiple outbreaks that have resulted in at least ~2,600 cases and 900 deaths (*3*). In December 2019, another novel human SARS-like virus from the genus *Betacoronavirus* and subgenus *Sarbecovirus* emerged in Wuhan China, designated SARS-CoV-2, causing the COVID-19 pandemic (*4, 5*).

Bats are known reservoirs of SARS-like coronaviruses (CoVs) and harbor high-risk "pre-emergent" SARS-like variant strains, such as WIV-1-CoV and RsSHC014-CoV, which are able

to use human ACE2 receptors for entry, replicate efficiently in primary airway epithelial cells,

and in mice, and may escape existing countermeasures (*6-12*) Given the high pandemic potential

of zoonotic and epidemic Sarbecoviruses (*12*), the development of countermeasures, such as

broadly effective vaccines, antibodies and drugs is a global health priority (*13-16*).

Sarbecovirus spike proteins have immunogenic domains: the receptor binding domain

(RBD), the N-terminal domain (NTD), and the subunit 2 (S2) (*17-20*). RBD, NTD, and S2 are a

target for neutralizing antibodies elicited in the context of natural SARS-CoV-2 and MERS-CoV

infections (*17, 20-24*). In fact, passive immunization with SARS-CoV-2 NTD-specific antibodies

protect naïve mice from challenge, demonstrating that the NTD is a target of protective

immunity (*18, 24, 25*). However, it remains unclear if vaccine-elicited neutralizing antibodies

can protect against *in vivo* challenge with heterologous epidemic and bat coronaviruses. Here, we

generated nucleoside-modified mRNA-lipid nanoparticle (LNP) vaccines expressing chimeric

spikes containing admixtures of RBD and NTD domains from zoonotic, epidemic, and pandemic

CoVs and examined their efficacy against homologous and heterologous Sarbecovirus challenge

in aged mice.

Results

Design and expression of chimeric spike constructs to cover pandemic and zoonotic SARS-

related coronaviruses

Sarbecoviruses exhibit considerable genetic diversity (Fig. 1A) and SARS-like bat CoVs

(Bt-CoVs) are recognized threats to human health (*8, 12*). Harnessing the modular structure of

CoV spikes (*26*), we designed chimeric spikes by admixture of divergent clade I-III Sarbecovirus

NTD, RBD, and S2 domains into "bivalent" and "trivalent" vaccine immunogens that have the

potential to elicit broad protective antibody responses against distant strains (e.g., *Sarbecovirus*).

The approach is designed to maximize immune breadth in monovalent and multiplexed

formulations. We designed four sets of chimeric spike constructs that contained admixtures of

the RBD and/or NTD, and S2 neutralizing domains from various Sarbecoviruses. Chimera 1

included the NTD from clade II Bt-CoV Hong Kong University 3-1 (HKU3-1), the clade I

SARS-CoV RBD, and the clade III SARS-CoV-2 S2 (Fig. 1B). Chimera 2 included SARS-CoV-

2 RBD and SARS-CoV NTD and S2 domains (*16*). Chimera 3 included the SARS-CoV RBD,

and SARS-CoV-2 NTD and S2, while chimera 4 included the RsSHC014 RBD, and SARS-CoV-

2 NTD and S2. We also generated a monovalent SARS-CoV-2 spike furin knock out (KO)

vaccine, partially phenocopying the Moderna and Pfizer mRNA vaccines in human use, and a

negative control norovirus GII capsid vaccine (Fig. 1B, 1C). We generated these chimeric spikes

and control spikes as lipid nanoparticle-encapsulated, nucleoside-modified mRNA vaccines with

LNP adjuvants (mRNA-LNP) as described previously (*27*). This mRNA LNP stimulate robust T

follicular helper cell activity, germinal center B cell responses, and durable long-lived plasma

cells and memory B cell responses (*20, 28*). We verified their chimeric spike expression in HEK

cells (Fig. S1B). To confirm that scrambled coronavirus spikes are biologically functional, we

also designed and recovered several high titer recombinant live viruses of RsSHC014/SARS-

CoV-2 S1, NTD, RBD and S2 domain chimeras that included deletions in non-essential,

accessory ORF7&8 and that encoded nanoluciferase (Fig. S1C).

Immunogenicity of mRNAs expressing chimeric spike constructs against coronaviruses

We next sought to determine if simultaneous immunization with mRNA-LNP expressing

the chimeric spikes of diverse Sarbecoviruses was a feasible strategy to elicit broad binding and

neutralizing antibodies. We immunized aged mice with the chimeric spikes formulated to induce

type-specific and/or cross-reactive responses against multiple divergent clade I-III

Sarbecoviruses, a SARS-CoV-2 furin KO spike, and a GII.4 norovirus capsid negative control.

Group 1 was primed and boosted with chimeric spikes 1, 2, 3, and 4 (Fig. S1A). Group 2 was

primed with chimeric spikes 1 and 2 and boosted with chimeric spikes 3 and 4 (Fig. S1A). Group

3 was primed and boosted with chimeric spike 4 (Fig. S1A). Group 4 was primed and boosted

with the monovalent SARS-CoV-2 furin knockout spike (Fig. S1A). Finally, group 5 was primed

and boosted with a norovirus capsid GII.4 Sydney 2011 strain (Fig. S1A). We then examined the

binding antibody responses by ELISA against a diverse panel of CoV spike proteins that

included epidemic, pandemic, and zoonotic coronaviruses.

Mice in groups 1 and 2 generated the highest magnitude responses to SARS-CoV

Toronto Canada isolate (Tor2), RsSHC014, and HKU3-1 spike compared to group 4 (Fig 2A,

2G, and 2H). While mice in group 2 generated lower magnitude binding responses to both

SARS-CoV-2 RBD (Fig. 2C) and SARS-CoV-2 NTD (Fig 2D), mice in group 1 generated

similar magnitude binding antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 D614G compared to mice immunized

with the SARS-CoV-2 furin KO spike mRNA-LNP (Fig 2B). Mice in groups 1 and 2 generated

similar magnitude binding antibody responses against SARS-CoV-2 D614G, Pangolin GXP4L,

and RaTG13 spikes (Fig. 2B, 2E, and 2F) compared to mice from group 4. Mice in group 1 and

group 4 elicited high magnitude levels of hACE2 blocking responses, as compared to groups 2

and 3 (Fig. 2J). As binding antibody responses post boost mirrored the trend of the post prime

responses, it is likely that the second dose is boosting immunity to the vaccine antigens in the

prime (Fig. 2). Finally, we did not observe cross-binding antibodies against common-cold CoV

spike antigens from HCoV-HKU1, HCoV-NL63, and HCoV-229E in most of the vaccine groups

(Fig. S2A-2D), but we did observe low binding levels against more distant group 2C MERS-

CoV (Fig. 2I) and other Betacoronaviruses like group 2A HCoV-OC43 in vaccine groups 1 and 2

(Fig. S2B). These results suggest that chimeric spike mRNA vaccines elicit broader and higher

magnitude binding responses against pandemic and bat SARS-like viruses compared to

monovalent SARS-CoV-2 spike mRNA-LNP vaccines.

Neutralizing antibody responses against live Sarbecoviruses and variants of concern

We then examined the neutralizing antibody responses against SARS-CoV, Bt-CoV

RsSHC014, Bt-CoV WIV-1, and SARS-CoV-2 and variants of concern using live viruses as

previously described (Fig 3A-3D) (29). Group 4 SARS-CoV-2 S mRNA vaccinated animals

mounted a robust response against SARS-CoV-2, however responses against SARS-CoV,

RsSHC014, and WIV-1 were 18-, >500- or 116-fold more resistant, respectively (Fig 3A-3D and

Fig. S3G-H). In contrast, aged mice in group 2 showed a 42- and 2-fold increase in neutralizing

titer against SARS-CoV and WIV1, and less than 1-fold decrease against RsSHC014 relative to

SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing titers (Fig 3A-3D and Fig. S3C-D). Mice in group 3 elicited 3- and 7-

fold higher neutralizing titers against SARS-CoV and RsSHC014 yet showed a 3-fold reduction

in WIV-1 neutralizing titers relative to SARS-CoV-2 (Fig 3A-3D and Fig. S3E-F). Finally, mice

in group 1 generated the most balanced and highest neutralizing titers that were 13- and 1.2-fold

higher against SARS-CoV and WIV-1 and less than 1-fold lower against RsSHC014 relative to

the SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing titers (Fig 3A-3D and Fig. S3A-B). The serum of mice from

groups 1 and 4 neutralized the dominant D614G variant with similar potency as the wild type

D614 non-predominant variant, and both groups had similar neutralizing antibody responses

against the U.K. B.1.1.7 and the mink cluster 5 variants as compared to the D614G variant (Fig.

3E 3F). Despite the significant but small reduction in neutralizing activity against the B.1.351

variant of concern (VOC), we did not observe a complete ablation in neutralizing activity in

either group. Mice from groups 1 and 2 elicited lower binding and neutralizing responses to

SARS-CoV-2 compared to group 4 perhaps reflecting a lower amount of mRNA vaccine

incorporated into multiplexed formulations, whereas the monomorphic vaccines may drive a

more focused B cell responses to SARS-CoV-2 whereas chimeric spike antigens lead to more

breadth against distant Sarbecoviruses. Thus, both monovalent SARS-CoV-2 vaccines and

multiplexed chimeric spikes elicit neutralizing antibodies against newly emerged SARS-CoV-2

variants and multiplexed chimeric spike vaccines outperform the monovalent SARS-CoV-2

vaccines in terms of breadth of potency against multiclade Sarbecoviruses.

In vivo **protection against heterologous Sarbecovirus challenge**

165   To assess the ability of the mRNA-LNP vaccines to mediate protection against previously

epidemic SARS-CoV, pandemic SARS-CoV-2, and Bt-CoVs, we challenged the different groups

and observed the mice for signs of clinical disease. Mice from group 1 or group 2 were

completely protected from weight loss, lower, and upper airway virus replication as measured by

infectious virus plaque assays following 2003 SARS-CoV mouse-adapted (MA15) challenge

(Fig. 4A, 4B and 4C). Similarly, these two vaccine groups were also protected against SARS-

CoV-2 mouse-adapted (MA10) challenge. In contrast, group 3 showed some protection against

SARS-CoV MA15 induced weight loss, but not against viral replication in the lung or nasal

turbinates. Group 3 was fully protected against SARS-CoV-2 MA10 challenge. In contrast,

group 5 vaccinated mice developed severe disease including mortality in both SARS-CoV MA15

and SARS-CoV-2 MA10 infections (Fig. S5B, S5C). Monovalent SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccines

were highly efficacious against SARS-CoV-2 MA10 challenge but failed to protect against

SARS-CoV MA15-induced weight loss, and replication in the lower and upper respiratory tract

(Fig. 4A, 4B, and 4C), suggesting that SARS-CoV-2 mRNA-LNP vaccines are not likely to

protect against future SARS-CoV emergence events. Mice from groups 1-4 were completely

protected from weight loss and lower airway SARS-CoV-2 MA10 replication (Fig. 4D, 4E, and

4F). Using both a Bt-CoV RsSHC014 full-length virus and a more virulent RsSHC014-MA15

chimera in mice, we also demonstrated protection in groups 1-3 against RsSHC014 replication in

the lung and nasal turbinates (Fig. S4) but not in mice that received the SARS-CoV-2 mRNA

vaccine. Group 5 control mice challenged with RsSHC014-MA15 developed disease including

mortality (Fig. S5D). Group 3 mice, which received a SARS-CoV-2 NTD/RsSHC014 RBD/S2,

was fully protected against both SARS-CoV-2 and RsSHC014 challenge whereas group 4 was

not, demonstrating that a single NTD and RBD chimeric spike can protect against more than one

virus compared to a monomorphic spike.

We then performed a heterologous challenge experiment with the bat pre-emergent WIV-

1-CoV (*9*). Consistent with the protection observed against SARS-CoV, mice from groups 1 and

2 were fully protected against heterologous WIV-1 challenge whereas mice that received the

SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine breakthrough replication in the lung (Fig. 5G, 5H, and 5I). We

also challenged with a virulent form of SARS-CoV-2 VOC B.1.351, which contains deletions in

the NTD and mutations in the RBD, and observed full protection in vaccine groups 1, 2, and 4

compared to controls, whereas breakthrough replication was observed in group 3, further

underlining the importance of the NTD in vaccine-mediated protection (Fig. 5J, 5K, and 5L) and

its inclusion in universal vaccination strategies. Moreover, the SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine

protected against SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351 challenge in aged mice despite a reduction in the

neutralizing activity against this VOC.

Lung pathology and cytokines in mRNA-LNP vaccinated mice challenged with epidemic

and pandemic coronaviruses

Lung discoloration is the gross manifestation of various processes of acute lung damage,

including congestion, edema, hyperemia, inflammation, and protein exudation. We used this

macroscopic scoring scheme to visually score mouse lungs at the time of harvest. To quantify the

pathological features of acute lung injury (ALI) in mice, we used a tool from the American

Thoracic Society (ATS - Matute-Bello lung pathology score). With a complementary histological

quantitation tool, we similarly scored lung tissue sections for diffuse alveolar damage (DAD),

the pathological hallmark of ALI (cellular sloughing, necrosis, hyaline membranes, etc.) (*30, 31*)

and found these data were consistent with those from the lung discoloration scores. We observed

significant lung pathology by both the Matute-Bello and DAD scoring tools in groups 4 and 5

vaccinated animals, consistent with the weight loss and lung titer after heterologous SARS-CoV

MA15 challenge. In contrast, multiplexed chimeric spike vaccine formulations in groups 1 and 2

provided complete protection from lung pathology after SARS-CoV MA15 challenge (Fig. 5A

and 5B). Mice immunized with the SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine that showed breakthrough

infection with SARS-CoV MA15 developed similar lung inflammation as control vaccinated

animals, potentially suggesting that future outbreaks of SARS-CoV may cause disease even in

individuals vaccinated with SARS-CoV-2. As eosinophilic infiltrates have been observed in

vaccinated, 2003 SARS-CoV challenged mice previously (*32*), we analyzed lung tissues in

protected vs. infected animals with SARS-CoV MA15 for eosinophilic infiltrates by

immunohistochemistry (Fig. S6). Groups 1 and 2 contained rare, scattered eosinophils in the

interstitium. Group 3 showed bronchus-associated lymphoid tissue. In contrast, group 4 and

group 5 contained frequent perivascular cuffs with prevalent eosinophils. In contrast to the

heterologous SARS-CoV MA15 challenge, all groups challenged with SARS-CoV-2 MA10

were protected against lung pathology compared to the norovirus capsid-immunized control

group, supporting the hypothesis that the SARS-CoV-2 NTD present in the chimeric spike from

group 3 is sufficient for protection (Fig 5C and 5D).

We measured lung proinflammatory cytokines and chemokines in the different

vaccination groups. Groups 1 and 2 had baseline levels of macrophage activating cytokines and

chemokines including, IL-6, CCL2, IL-1α, G-SCF, and CCL4, compared to group 5 following

SARS-CoV MA15 challenge (Fig. S7A). In contrast, group 3 and group 4 showed high and

indistinguishable levels of IL-6, CCL2, IL-1α, G-SCF, and CCL4 compared to group 5 mice

following SARS-CoV MA15 challenge. Following SARS-CoV-2 MA10 challenge, group 4 and

group 1 showed the lowest levels of IL-6, and G-SCF relative to group 5 controls (Fig. S7B), and

we only observed significant reductions in CCL2, IL-1α, CCL4 lung levels in groups 3 and 4

compared to the group 5 control despite full protection from both weight loss and lower airway

viral replication.

Discussion

The Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech SARS-CoV-2 mRNA-LNP vaccines are safe and

efficacious against SARS-CoV-2 infections in large Phase 3 efficacy human clinical trials (*33-*

35), but there is a growing concern that VOCs like South African B1.351, which is 5-6 fold more

resistant to vaccine-elicited polyclonal neutralizing antibodies (*36*). We sought to replicate this

platform to establish the breadth of existing SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccines, but also to formulate

chimeric vaccines that specifically target distant Sarbecovirus strains. A caveat of including

multiple chimeric spikes in a single shot is the potential formation of heterotrimers not present in

the intended vaccine formulation. While it remains unknown if our chimeric mRNA-LNP

vaccines generate heterotrimers *in vivo*, the observation that NTD and RBD chimeric spikes can

protect against more than one virus is important. Chimera 4, which contains the RsSHC014 RBD

and SARS-CoV-2 NTD and S2, elicited binding and neutralizing antibodies and mice were fully

protected from Bt-CoV RsSHC014 and SARS-CoV-2 challenge, whereas SARS-CoV-2 full

length did not fully protect against RsSHC014, suggesting that CoV spikes vaccines can be

designed to maximize their display of protective epitopes. The lack of protection against WIV-1,

SARS-CoV, and only partial protection against RsSHC014 challenge in SARS-CoV-2

immunized mice underlines the need for the development of universal vaccination strategies that

can achieve broader coverage against pre-emergent bat SARS-CoV-like and SARS-CoV-2-like

viruses. While other strategies exist, including multiplexing mosaic Sarbecovirus RBDs (*37*),

RBDs on nanoparticles (*38*), chimeric spike mRNA-LNP vaccination can achieve broad

protection using existing manufacturing technologies, and are portable to other high-risk

emerging coronaviruses like group 2C MERS-CoV-related strains.

As previously reported with RNA recombinant viruses, our chimeric spike live viruses

containing SARS-CoV-2 antigenic domains reaffirm the known interchangeability and

functional plasticity of CoV spike glycoprotein structural motifs (*26, 39, 40*). Our demonstration

of cross-protection against multiple Sarbecovirus strains in mice, coupled with the absence of

immune pathology, lends support to the notion that universal vaccines against group 2B CoVs is

likely achievable. Moving forward, it will be important to determine if other combinations of

chimeric mRNA-LNP vaccines from other SARS-like viruses are protective, elicit broad T cell

responses, prevent the rapid emergence of escape viruses, and elicit protective responses in non-

human primate models of Sarbecovirus pathogenesis.

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study. **Data and materials availability:** The amino acid sequences of the chimeric spike

constructs are included in table S1.

Figures

Figure 1. Genetic design of chimeric Sarbecovirus spike vaccines. (**A**) Genetic diversity of

pandemic and bat zoonotic coronaviruses. SARS-CoV is shown in light blue, RsSHC014 is

shown in purple, and SARS-CoV-2 is shown in red. (**B**) Spike chimera 1 includes the NTD from

HKU3-1, the RBD from SARS-CoV, and the rest of the spike from SARS-CoV-2. Spike chimera

2 includes the RBD from SARS-CoV-2 and the NTD and S2 from SARS-CoV. Spike chimera 3

includes the RBD from SARS-CoV and the NTD and S2 SARS-CoV-2. Spike chimera 4

includes the RBD from RsSHC014 and the rest of the spike from SARS-CoV-2. SARS-CoV-2

furin KO spike vaccine and is the norovirus capsid vaccine. (**C**) Table summary of chimeric

spike constructs.

Figure 2. Human pathogenic coronavirus spike binding and hACE2-blocking responses in

chimeric and monovalent SARS-CoV-2 spike-vaccinated mice. Serum antibody ELISA

binding responses were measured in the five different vaccination groups. Pre-immunization,

post prime, and post-boost binding responses were evaluated against Sarbecoviruses, MERS-

CoV, and common-cold CoV antigens including: (**A**) SARS-CoV Toronto Canada (Tor2) S2P,

(**B**) SARS-CoV-2 S2P D614G, (**C**) SARS-CoV-2 RBD, (**D**) SARS-CoV-2 NTD, (**E**) Pangolin

GXP4L spike, (**F**) RaTG13 spike, (**G**) RsSHC014 S2P spike, (**H**) HKU3-1 spike, (**I**) MERS-

CoV spike, (**J**) hACE2 blocking responses against SARS-CoV-2 spike in the distinct

immunization groups. Blue squares represent mice from group 1, orange triangles represent mice

from group 2, green triangles represent mice from group 3, red rhombuses represent mice from

group 4, and upside-down triangle represent mice from group 5. Statistical significance for the

binding and blocking responses is reported from a Kruskal-Wallis test after Dunnett's multiple

comparison correction. *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001, and ****p < 0.0001.

Figure 3. Live Sarbecovirus neutralizing antibody responses in vaccinated mice.

Neutralizing antibody responses in mice from the five different vaccination groups were

measured using nanoluciferase-expressing recombinant viruses. (**A**) SARS-CoV neutralizing

antibody responses from baseline and post boost in the distinct vaccine groups. (**B**) SARS-CoV-2

neutralizing antibody responses from baseline and post boost. (**C**) RsSHC014 neutralizing

antibody responses from baseline and post boost. (**D**) WIV-1 neutralizing antibody responses

from baseline and post boost. (**E**) The neutralization activity in groups 1 and 4 against SARS-

CoV-2 D614G, South African B.1.351, U.K. B.1.1.7, and mink variants (**F**) Neutralization

comparison of SARS-CoV-2 D614G vs. South African B.1.351, vs. U.K. B1.1.7, and mink

variants. Statistical significance for the live-virus neutralizing antibody responses is reported

from a Kruskal-Wallis test after Dunnett's multiple comparison correction. *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01,

***p < 0.001, and ****p < 0.0001.

Figure 4. *In vivo* protection against Sarbecovirus challenge after mRNA-LNP vaccination.

(**A**) Percent starting weight from the different vaccine groups of mice challenged with SARS-

CoV MA15. (**B**) SARS-CoV MA15 lung viral titers in mice from the distinct vaccine groups.

(**C**) SARS-CoV MA15 nasal turbinate titers. (**D**) Percent starting weight from the different

vaccine groups of mice challenged with SARS-CoV-2 MA10. (**E**) SARS-CoV-2 MA10 lung

viral titers in mice from the distinct vaccine groups. (**F**) SARS-CoV-2 MA10 nasal turbinate

titers. (**G**) Percent starting weight from the different vaccine groups of mice challenged with

WIV-1. (**H**) WIV-1 lung viral titers in mice from the distinct vaccine groups. (**I**) WIV-1 nasal

turbinate titers. (**J**) Percent starting weight from the different vaccine groups of mice challenged

with SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351. (**K**) SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351 lung viral titers in mice from the distinct

vaccine groups. (**L**) SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351 nasal turbinate titers. Figure legend at the bottom

right depicts the vaccines utilized in the different groups. Statistical significance for weight loss

is reported from a two-way ANOVA after Dunnett's multiple comparison correction. For lung

and nasal turbinate titers, statistical significance is reported from a one-way ANOVA after

Tukey's multiple comparison correction. $^*p < 0.05$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{***}p < 0.001$, and $^{****}p < 0.0001$.

Figure 5. Lung pathology in vaccinated mice after SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 challenge.

(**A**) Hematoxylin and eosin 4 days post infection lung analysis of SARS-CoV MA15 challenged

mice from the different groups: group 1: chimeras 1-4 prime and boost, group 2: chimeras 1-2

prime and 3-4, group 3: chimera 4 prime and boost, SARS-CoV-2 furin KO prime and boost, and

norovirus capsid prime and boost. (**B**) Lung pathology quantitation in SARS-CoV MA15

challenged mice from the different groups. Macroscopic lung discoloration score, microscopic

acute lung injury (ALI) score, and diffuse alveolar damage (DAD) in day 4 post infection lung

tissues are shown. (**C**) Hematoxylin and eosin 4 days post infection lung analysis of SARS-CoV-

2 MA10 challenged mice from the different groups. (**D**) Lung pathology measurements in

SARS-CoV-2 MA10 challenged mice from the different groups. Macroscopic lung discoloration

score, microscopic acute lung injury (ALI) score, and diffuse alveolar damage (DAD) in day 4

post infection lung tissues are shown. Statistical significance is reported from a one-way

ANOVA after Dunnet's multiple comparison correction. $^*p < 0.05$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{***}p < 0.001$, and

$^{****}p < 0.0001$.

Supplementary materials.

Materials and Methods

Chimeric spike vaccine design and formulation

Chimeric spike vaccines were designed with RBD and NTD swaps to increase coverage

of epidemic (SARS-CoV), pandemic (SARS-CoV-2), and high-risk pre-emergent bat CoVs (bat

SARS-like HKU3-1, and bat SARS-like RsSHC014). Chimeric and monovalent spike mRNA-

LNP vaccines were designed based on SARS-CoV-2 spike (S) protein sequence (Wuhan-Hu-1,

GenBank: MN908947.3), SARS-CoV (urbani GenBank: AY278741), bat SARS-like CoV

HKU3-1 (GenBank: DQ022305), and Bat SARS-like RsSHC014 (GenBank: KC881005).

Coding sequences of full-length SARS-CoV-2 furin knockout (RRAR furin cleavage site

abolished between amino acids 682-685), the four chimeric spikes, and the norovirus capsid

negative control were codon-optimized, synthesized and cloned into the mRNA production

plasmid mRNAs were encapsulated with LNP (*41*). Briefly, mRNAs were transcribed to contain

101 nucleotide-long poly(A) tails. mRNAs were modified with m1Ψ-5′-triphosphate (TriLink

#N-1081) instead of UTP and the *in vitro* transcribed mRNAs capped using the trinucleotide

cap1 analog, CleanCap (TriLink #N-7413). mRNA was purified by cellulose (Sigma-Aldrich #

11363-250G) purification. All mRNAs were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis and were

stored at -20°C. Cellulose-purified m1Ψ-containing RNAs were encapsulated in proprietary

LNPs containing adjuvant (Acuitas) using a self-assembly process as previously described

wherein an ethanolic lipid mixture of ionizable cationic lipid, phosphatidylcholine, cholesterol

and polyethylene glycol-lipid was rapidly mixed with an aqueous solution containing mRNA at

acidic pH. The RNA-loaded particles were characterized and subsequently stored at -80°C at a

concentration of 1 mg/ml. The mean hydrodynamic diameter of these mRNA-LNP was ~80 nm

with a polydispersity index of 0.02-0.06 and an encapsulation efficiency of ~95%.

Animals, immunizations, and challenge viruses

Eleven-month-old female BALB/c mice were purchased from Envigo (#047) and were

used for all experiments. The study was carried out in accordance with the recommendations for

care and use of animals by the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), National

Institutes of Health and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of

University of North Carolina (UNC permit no. A-3410-01). mRNA-LNP vaccines were kept

frozen until right before the vaccination. Mice were immunized with a total 1μg in the prime and

boost. Briefly, chimeric vaccines were mixed at 1:1 ratio for a total of 1μg when more than one

chimeric spike was used or 1μg of a single spike diluted in sterile 1XPBS in a 50μl volume and

were given 25μl intramuscularly in each hind leg. Prime and boost immunizations were given

three weeks apart. Three weeks post boost, mice were bled, sera was collected for analysis, and

mice were moved into the BSL3 facility for challenge experiments. Animals were housed in

groups of five and fed standard chow diets. Virus inoculations were performed under anesthesia

and all efforts were made to minimize animal suffering. All mice were anesthetized and infected

intranasally with 1×10^4 PFU/ml of SARS-CoV MA15, 1×10^4 PFU/ml of SARS-CoV-2 MA10,

1×10^4 PFU/ml RsSHC014, 1×10^4 PFU/ml RsSHC014-MA15, 1×10^5 PFU/ml WIV-1, and $1 \times$

10^4 PFU/ml SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351-MA10 which have been described previously (*8, 42, 43*).

Mice were weighted daily and monitored for signs of clinical disease. Each challenge virus

challenge experiment encompassed 50 mice with 10 mice per vaccine group to obtain statistical

power. Mouse vaccinations and challenge experiments were independently repeated twice to

ensure reproducibility.

Measurement of mouse CoV spike binding antibodies by ELISA

Mouse serum samples from pre-immunization (pre-prime), 2 weeks post prime (pre-

boost), and 3 weeks post boost were tested. A binding ELISA panel that included SARS-CoV

spike Protein DeltaTM, SARS-CoV-2 (2019-nCoV) spike Protein (S1+S2 ECD, His tag),

MERS-CoV, Coronavirus spike S1+S2 (Baculovirus-Insect Cells, His), HKU1 (isolate N5) spike

Protein (S1+S2 ECD, His Tag), OC43 spike Protein (S1+S2 ECD, His Tag), 229E spike Protein

(S1+S2 ECD, His tag) Human coronavirus (HCoV-NL63) spike Protein (S1+S2 ECD, His Tag),

Pangolin CoV_GXP4L_spikeEcto2P_3C8HtS2/293F, bat CoV

RsSHC014_spikeEcto2P_3C8HtS2/293F, RaTG13_spikeEcto2P_3C8HtS2/293F, and bat CoV

HKU3-1 spike were tested. Indirect binding ELISAs were conducted in 384 well ELISA plates

(Costar #3700) coated with 2μg/ml antigen in 0.1M sodium bicarbonate overnight at 4°C,

washed and blocked with assay diluent (1XPBS containing 4% (w/v) whey protein/ 15% Normal

Goat Serum/ 0.5% Tween-20/ 0.05% Sodium Azide). Serum samples were incubated for 60

minutes in three-fold serial dilutions beginning at 1:30 followed by washing with PBS/0.1%

Tween-20. HRP conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG secondary antibody (SouthernBiotech 1030-05)

was diluted to 1:10,000 in assay diluent without azide, incubated at for 1 hour at room

temperature, washed and detected with 20μl SureBlue Reserve (KPL 53-00-03) for 15 minutes.

Reactions were stopped via the addition of 20μl HCL stop solution. Plates were read at 450nm.

Area under the curve (AUC) measurements were determined from binding of serial dilutions.

ACE2 blocking ELISAs.

Plates were coated with 2μg/ml recombinant ACE2 protein, then washed and blocked with 3% BSA in PBS. While assay plates blocked, and sera was diluted 1:25 in 1%BSA/0.05% Tween-20. Then SARS-CoV-2 spike protein was mixed with equal volumes of each sample at a final spike concentration equal to the EC_{50} at which it binds to ACE2. The mixture was allowed to incubate at room temperature for 1 hour. Blocked assay plates were washed, and the serum-spike mixture was added to the assay plates for a period of 1 hour at room temperature. Plates were washed and Strep-Tactin HRP, (IBA GmbH, Cat# 2-1502-001) was added at a dilution of 1:5000 followed by TMB substrate. The extent to which antibodies were able to block the binding of spike protein to ACE2 was determined by comparing the OD of antibody samples at 450nm to the OD of samples containing spike protein only with no antibody. The following formula was used to calculate percent blocking (100-(OD sample/OD of spike only) *100).

Measurement of neutralizing antibodies against live viruses

Full-length SARS-CoV-2 Seattle, SARS-CoV-2 D614G, SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351, SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7, SARS-CoV-2 mink, SARS-CoV, WIV-1, and RsSHC014 viruses were designed to express nanoluciferase (nLuc) and were recovered via reverse genetics as described previously (*29*). Virus titers were measured in Vero E6 USAMRIID cells, as defined by plaque forming units (PFU) per ml, in a 6-well plate format in quadruplicate biological replicates for accuracy. For the 96-well neutralization assay, Vero E6 USAMRID cells were plated at 20,000 cells per well the day prior in clear bottom black walled plates. Cells were inspected to ensure confluency on the day of assay. Serum samples were tested at a starting dilution of 1:20 and were serially diluted 3-fold up to nine dilution spots. Serially diluted serum samples were mixed in equal

volume with diluted virus. Antibody-virus and virus only mixtures were then incubated at 37°C

with 5% CO_2 for one hour. Following incubation, serially diluted sera and virus only controls

were added in duplicate to the cells at 75 PFU at 37°C with 5% CO_2. After 24 hours, cells were

lysed, and luciferase activity was measured via Nano-Glo Luciferase Assay System (Promega)

according to the manufacturer specifications. Luminescence was measured by a Spectramax M3

plate reader (Molecular Devices, San Jose, CA). Virus 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.

Eosinophilic lung infiltrates staining

To detect eosinophils, chromogenic immunohistochemistry (IHC) was performed on paraffin-

embedded lung tissues that were sectioned at 4 microns. Lung tissues from vaccine groups 1-5

were analyzed for lung eosinophilic infiltration. N=8-10 lung tissues per group were analyzed.

This IHC was carried out using the Leica Bond III Autostainer system. Slides were dewaxed in

Bond Dewax solution (AR9222) and hydrated in Bond Wash solution (AR9590). Heat induced

antigen retrieval was performed for 20 min at 100°C in Bond-Epitope Retrieval solution 2, pH-

9.0 (AR9640). After pretreatment, slides were incubated with an Eosinophil Peroxidase antibody

(PA5-62200, Invitrogen) at 1:1,000 for 1h followed with Novolink Polymer (RE7260-K)

secondary. Antibody detection with 3,3'-diaminobenzidine (DAB) was performed using the

Bond Intense R detection system (DS9263). Stained slides were dehydrated and coverslipped

with Cytoseal 60 (8310-4, Thermo Fisher Scientific). Two positive controls (one with high and

another with low eosinophil reactivity) and a negative control (no primary antibody) were

included in all staining runs.

Lung pathology scoring

Acute lung injury was quantified via two separate lung pathology scoring scales: Matute-

Bello and Diffuse Alveolar Damage (DAD) scoring systems. Analyses and scoring were

performed by a board vertified veterinary pathologist who was blinded to the treatment groups as

described previously (*30*). Lung pathology slides were read and scored at 600X total

magnification.

The lung injury scoring system used is from the American Thoracic Society (Matute-

Bello) in order to help quantitate histological features of ALI observed in mouse models to relate

this injury to human settings. In a blinded manner, three random fields of lung tissue were

chosen and scored for the following: (A) neutrophils in the alveolar space (none = 0, 1–5 cells =

1, > 5 cells = 2), (B) neutrophils in the interstitial septa (none = 0, 1–5 cells = 1, > 5 cells = 2),

(C) hyaline membranes (none = 0, one membrane = 1, > 1 membrane = 2), (D) Proteinaceous

debris in air spaces (none = 0, one instance = 1, > 1 instance = 2), (E) alveolar septal thickening

(< 2x mock thickness = 0, 2–4x mock thickness = 1, > 4x mock thickness = 2). To obtain a lung

injury score per field, A–E scores were put into the following formula score = [(20x A) + (14 x

B) + (7 x C) + (7 x D) + (2 x E)]/100. This formula contains multipliers that assign varying

levels of importance for each phenotype of the disease state. The scores for the three fields per

mouse were averaged to obtain a final score ranging from 0 to and including 1.

The second histology scoring scale to quantify acute lung injury was adopted from a lung

pathology scoring system from lung RSV infection in mice (*31*). This lung histology scoring

scale measures diffuse alveolar damage (DAD). Similar to the implementation of the ATS

histology scoring scale, three random fields of lung tissue were scored for the following in a

blinded manner: 1= absence of cellular sloughing and necrosis, 2=Uncommon solitary cell

sloughing and necrosis (1–2 foci/field), 3=multifocal (3+foci) cellular sloughing and necrosis

with uncommon septal wall hyalinization, or 4=multifocal (>75% of field) cellular sloughing

and necrosis with common and/or prominent hyaline membranes. The scores for the three fields

per mouse were averaged to get a final DAD score per mouse. The microscope images were

generated using an Olympus Bx43 light microscope and CellSense Entry v3.1 software.

Measurement of lung cytokines

Lung tissue was homogenized, spun down at 13,000g, and supernatant was used to

measure lung cytokines using Mouse Cytokine 23-plex Assay (BioRad). Briefly, 50μl of lung

homogenate supernatant was added to each well and the protocol was followed according to the

manufacturer specifications. Plates were read using a MAGPIX multiplex reader (Luminex

Corporation).

Biocontainment and biosafety

Studies were approved by the UNC Institutional Biosafety Committee approved by

animal and experimental protocols in the Baric laboratory. All work described here was

performed with approved standard operating procedures for SARS-CoV-2 in a biosafety level 3

(BSL-3) facility conforming to requirements recommended in the Microbiological and

Biomedical Laboratories, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, the U.S. Public

Health Service, and the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the National

Institutes of Health (NIH).

Statistics

All statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism 9. Statistical tests used in

each figure are denoted in the corresponding figure legend.

Figure S1. Chimeric and wild type spike Sarbecovirus constructs.

(**A**) Mouse vaccination strategy using mRNA-LNPs: group 1 received chimeric spike 1, 2, 3, and

4 as the prime and boost, group 2 received chimeric spike 1, 2 as the prime and chimeric spikes 3

and 4 as the boost, group 3 received chimeric spike 4 as the prime and boost, group 4 received

SARS-CoV-2 furin KO prime and boost, and group 5 received a norovirus capsid prime and

boost. Different vaccine groups were separately challenged with 1) SARS-CoV MA15, 2)

SARS-CoV-2 MA10, 3) RsSHC014 full-length virus, 4) RsSHC014-MA15, 5) WIV-1, and 6)

SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351 MA10. (**B**) Protein expression of chimeric spikes, SARS-CoV-2 furin

KO, and norovirus mRNA vaccines. The extra band between 100-150 kDa corresponds to S1.

GAPDH was used as the loading control. (**C**) Nanoluciferase expression of RsSHC014/SARS-

CoV-2 chimeric spike live viruses.

Figure S2. Human common-cold CoV ELISA binding responses in chimeric and

monovalent SARS-CoV-2 spike mRNA-LNP-vaccinated mice. Pre-immunization, post prime,

and post boost binding to (**A**) HCoV-HKU1 spike, (**B**) HCoV-OC43 spike, (**C**) HCoV-229E

spike, and (**D**) HCoV-NL63 spike. Statistical significance for the binding and blocking responses

is reported from a Kruskal-Wallis test after Dunnett's multiple comparison correction. *p <

0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001, and ****p < 0.0001.

Figure S3. Comparison of neutralizing antibody activity of CoV mRNA-LNP vaccines

against Sarbecoviruses. (**A**) Group 1 neutralizing antibody responses against SARS-CoV-2,

SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-1 and (**B**) fold-change of SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-

1 neutralizing antibodies relative to SARS-CoV-2. (**C**) Group 2 neutralizing antibody responses

against SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-1 and (**D**) fold-change of SARS-CoV,

RsSHC014, and WIV-1 neutralizing antibodies relative to SARS-CoV-2. (**E**) Group 3

neutralizing antibody responses against SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-1 and

(**F**) fold-change of SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-1 neutralizing antibodies relative to

SARS-CoV-2. (**G**) Group 4 neutralizing antibody responses against SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV,

RsSHC014, and WIV-1 and (**H**) fold-change of SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-1

neutralizing antibodies relative to SARS-CoV-2.

Figure S4. *In vivo* protection against Bt-CoV challenge by chimeric spikes mRNA-vaccines.

(**A**) Percent starting weight from the different vaccine groups of mice challenged with full-length

RsSHC014. (**B**) RsSHC014 lung viral titers in mice from the distinct vaccine groups. (**C**)

RsSHC014 nasal turbinate titers in mice from the different immunization groups. (**D**) Percent

starting weight from the different vaccine groups of mice challenged with RsSHC014-MA15.

(**E**) RsSHC014-MA15 lung viral titers in mice from the distinct vaccine groups. (**F**) RsSHC014-

MA15 nasal turbinate titers in mice from the different immunization groups. Statistical

significance is reported from a one-way ANOVA after Tukey's multiple comparison correction.

$^*p < 0.05$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{***}p < 0.001$, and $^{****}p < 0.0001$.

Figure S5. Survival analysis of immunized mice challenged with Sarbecoviruses. (**A**)

Survival analysis at day 4 post infection from immunized mice infected with SARS-CoV MA15,

(**B**) SARS-CoV-2 MA10, (**C**) Survival analysis at day 7 post infection from immunized mice

infected with SARS-CoV-2 MA10, and (**D**) RsSHC014-MA15. Statistical significance is

reported from a Mantel-Cox test.

Figure S6. Detection of eosinophilic infiltrates in SARS-CoV MA15 challenged mice.

(**A**) Group 1: rare scattered individual eosinophils in the interstitium with some small

perivascular cuffs that lack eosinophils. (**B**) Group 2: Bronchiolar cuffs of leukocytes with rare

eosinophils. (**C**) Group 3: Hyperplastic bronchus-associated lymphoid tissue (BALT) with rare

eosinophils. (**D**) Group 4: frequent perivascular cuffs that contain eosinophils. (**E**) Group 5:

frequent eosinophils in perivascular cuffs.

Figure S7. Lung cytokine analysis in Sarbecovirus-challenged mice. CCL2, IL-1α, G-SCF,

and CCL4 in (**A**) SARS-CoV-infected mice and in (**B**) SARS-CoV-2-infected mice. Statistical

significance for the binding and blocking responses is reported from a Kruskal-Wallis test after

Dunnett's multiple comparison correction. *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001, and ****p < 0.0001.

Table S1: Amino acid sequences of chimeric spikes.

Figure 1

A

B

Spike chimera 1
HKU3-1 NTD/SARS-CoV RBD/SARS-CoV-2 S2

Spike chimera 2
SARS-CoV-2 RBD/SARS-CoV S1 and S2

Spike chimera 3
SARS-CoV RBD/SARS-CoV-2 S1 and S2

Spike chimera 4
RsSHC014 RBD/SARS-CoV-2 S1 and S2

SARS-CoV-2 wild type furin knockout

Norovirus capsid

C   Chimeric spike mRNA-LNP immunogens

Chimera	RBD	NTD	S2
1	SARS-CoV	HKU3-1	SARS-CoV-2
2	SARS-CoV-2	SARS-CoV	SARS-CoV
3	SARS-CoV	SARS-CoV-2	SARS-CoV-2
4	RsSHC014	SARS-CoV-2	SARS-CoV-2

Figure 2

A SARS-CoV Toronto S2P spike ectodomain

B SARS-CoV-2 S2P D614G spike

C SARS-CoV-2 RBD

D SARS-CoV-2 NTD

E Pangolin GXP4L spike ectodomain

F RaTG13 spike ectodomain

G RsSHC014 S2P spike ectodomain

H HKU3-1 spike ectodomain

I MERS-CoV spike ectodomain

J hACE2 blocking of SARS-CoV-2 spike

mRNA vaccine group

Group 1: chimeras 1-4 prime/boost
Group 2: chimeras 1-2 prime and 3-4 boost
Group 3: chimera 4 prime/boost
Group 4: SARS-CoV-2 spike furin KO prime/boost
Group 5: Norovirus capsid prime/boost

Figure 3

Figure 4

A SARS-CoV challenge

B Lung Virus Titer 4dpi SARS-CoV

C Nasal Turbinate Titer 4dpi SARS-CoV

D SARS-CoV-2 challenge

E Virus Lung Titer 4dpi SARS-CoV-2

F Nasal Turbinate Titer 4dpi SARS-CoV-2

G WIV-1 challenge

H Virus Lung Titer 2dpi WIV-1

I Nasal Turbinate Titer 2dpi WIV-1

J SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351 challenge

K Virus Lung Titer 4dpi SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351

L Nasal Turbinate Titer 4dpi SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351

mRNA vaccine group

Group 1: chimeras 1-4 prime/boost
Group 2: chimeras 1-2 prime and 3-4 boost
Group 3: chimera 4 prime/boost
Group 4: SARS-CoV-2 spike furin KO prime/boost
Group 5: Norovirus capsid prime/boost

Figure 5

SARS-CoV challenge

SARS-CoV-2 challenge

mRNA vaccine group
- Group 1: chimeras 1-4 prime/boost
- Group 2: chimeras 1-2 prime and 3-4 boost
- Group 3: chimera 4 prime/boost
- Group 4: SARS-CoV-2 spike furin KO prime/boost
- Group 5: Norovirus capsid prime/boost

Figure S1

A

Immunization strategy and challenge viruses in the different vaccine groups.

Vaccination group	Day 0 prime	Day 21 boost	Day 55 post prime challenge viruses
Group 1	Chimera 1, 2, 3, 4	Chimera 1, 2, 3, 4	1) SARS-CoV MA15, 2) SARS-CoV-2 MA10 3) RsSHC014, 4) RsSHC014-MA15 5) WIV-1, 6) SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351-MA10
Group 2	Chimera 1, 2	Chimera 3, 4	1) SARS-CoV MA15, 2) SARS-CoV-2 MA10 3) RsSHC014, 4) RsSHC014-MA15 5) WIV-1, 6) SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351-MA10
Group 3	Chimera 4	Chimera 4	1) SARS-CoV MA15, 2) SARS-CoV-2 MA10 3) RsSHC014, 4) RsSHC014-MA15 5) WIV-1, 6) SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351-MA10
Group 4	SARS-CoV-2 furin knockout	SARS-CoV-2 furin knockout	1) SARS-CoV MA15, 2) SARS-CoV-2 MA10 3) RsSHC014, 4) RsSHC014-MA15 5) WIV-1, 6) SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351-MA10
Group 5	Norovirus capsid	Norovirus capsid	1) SARS-CoV MA15, 2) SARS-CoV-2 MA10 3) RsSHC014, 4) RsSHC014-MA15 5) WIV-1, 6) SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351-MA10

B

C

Figure S2

Figure S3

A Chimeras 1-4 prime and boost

B Chimeras 1-4 prime and boost

C Chimeras 1-2 prime and 3-4 boost

D Chimeras 1-2 prime and 3-4 boost

E Chimera 4 prime and boost

F Chimera 4 prime and boost

G SARS-CoV-2 furin KO prime and boost

H SARS-CoV-2 furin KO prime and boost

Figure S4

A RsSHC014 challenge

B Virus Lung Titer 4dpi RsSHC014

C Nasal Turbinate Titer 4dpi RsSHC014

D RsSHC014-MA15 challenge

E Virus Lung Titer 4dpi RsSHC014-MA15

F Nasal Turbinate Titer 4dpi RsSHC014-MA15

mRNA vaccine group

- Group 1: chimeras 1-4 prime/boost
- Group 2: chimeras 1-2 prime and 3-4 boost
- Group 3: chimera 4 prime/boost
- Group 4: SARS-CoV-2 spike furin KO prime/boost
- Group 5: Norovirus capsid prime/boost

Figure S5

A   Survival SARS-CoV MA15 challenge

B   Survival SARS-CoV-2 MA10 challenge

C   Survival SARS-CoV-2 MA10 challenge

D   Survival RsSHC014-MA15 challenge

mRNA vaccine group

- Group 1: chimeras 1-4 prime/boost
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- Group 4: SARS-CoV-2 spike furin KO prime/boost
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Figure S6

SARS-CoV challenge

A Group 1
B Group 2
C Group 3
D Group 4
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Figure S7

SARS-CoV

A IL-6   CCL2   IL-1α   G-SCF   CCL4

SARS-CoV-2

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Table S1: Amino acid sequences of chimeric spikes

Chimera 1:

MFVFLVLLPLVSSQCGIISRKPQPKMAQVSSSRRGVYYNDDIFRSDVLHLTQDYFLPFDSNLTQYFSLNVDSDRYTYFD
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Chimera 2:

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Chimera 3:

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Chimera 4:

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