Rational design of next-generation filovirus vaccines through glycoprotein stabilization, nanoparticle display, and glycan modification

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ABSTRACT (200 WORD LIMIT)

Filoviruses pose a significant threat to human health due to frequent outbreaks and high mortality. Although two vector-based vaccines are available for Ebola virus, a broadly protective filovirus vaccine remains elusive. Here, we evaluate a general strategy for stabilizing glycoprotein (GP) structures from Ebola, Sudan, and Bundibugyo orthoebolaviruses and Ravn orthomarburgvirus. A 3.2 Å crystal structure provides atomic-level details of the redesigned Ebola virus GP, while cryo-electron microscopy reveals how a pan-orthoebolavirus neutralizing antibody targets a conserved site on the stabilized Sudan virus GP (3.13 Å resolution), along with a low-resolution model of antibody-bound Ravn virus GP. A self-assembling protein nanoparticle (SApNP), I3-01v9, is redesigned at the N terminus to enable optimal surface display of filovirus GP trimers. Following detailed in vitro characterization, we examine the lymph node dynamics of Sudan virus GP and GP-presenting SApNPs in mice. Compared with the soluble trimer, SApNPs exhibit ~112-fold longer retention in lymph node follicles, up to 28-fold greater presentation on follicular dendritic cell dendrites, and up to 3-fold stronger germinal center reactions. Functional antibody responses induced by filovirus GP trimers and SApNPs bearing wild-type and modified glycans are assessed in mice. This study provides a foundation for next-generation filovirus vaccine development.

ONE-SENTENCE SUMMARY

Filovirus glycoproteins and nanoparticles were rationally designed and characterized in vitro and in vivo to aid filovirus vaccine development.

INTRODUCTION

The first documented case of human filovirus infection occurred in 1967 in Marburg and Frankfurt, Germany, when laboratory workers were infected with Marburg virus (MARV) by non-human primates (NHPs) imported from Africa (*1*). The largest filovirus outbreak on record was caused by Ebola virus (EBOV), first identified in 1976 in Zaire, Central Africa (*2, 3*). The 2013–2016 EBOV epidemic resulted in approximately 28,600 cases and 11,325 deaths (*4*). Both MARV and EBOV cause viral hemorrhagic fever (VHF) in humans, with case fatality rates of up to 90% (*5, 6*). Filoviruses are classified into nine genera, of which *Orthoebolavirus* and *Orthomarburgvirus* are the most clinically relevant *(7-9)*. *Orthoebolavirus* includes pathogenic species such as EBOV, Bundibugyo virus (BDBV), and Sudan virus (SUDV), as well as other species that are either non-pathogenic or rarely infect humans. *Orthomarburgvirus* comprises a single species containing two members: MARV and Ravn virus (RAVV). The single-stranded, negative-sense RNA genome of filoviruses encodes structural proteins, including nucleoprotein, virion proteins, glycoprotein (GP), and RNA polymerase. As a class I viral fusion protein (*10-13*), GP functions as a trimer of heterodimers, mediating host cell attachment, membrane fusion, and viral entry (*14*). GP is recognized by the host immune system during natural infection (*15-17*) and represents the primary target for the development of prophylactic vaccines and antibody therapeutics (*18-21*).

Substantial progress has been made in filovirus research (*22*). First, our understanding of filovirus pathogenesis and infection mechanisms has advanced considerably (*23-25*). Niemann-Pick C1 (NPC1) was identified as the endosomal receptor for filovirus entry, indicating that NPC1 inhibitors may have antiviral potential (*26-28*). Second, neutralizing antibodies (NAbs) have been established as effective therapeutics for treating filovirus infections (*29-32*). Compared to the monoclonal antibody (mAb) cocktail ZMapp (*33*), which initially showed promise (*34*), REGN-

EB3 (a three-mAb cocktail (*35*)) and mAb114 (*36*) demonstrated superior efficacy against EBOV in a randomized controlled trial (*37*). The 2013–2016 EBOV outbreak led to sustained efforts to identify anti-filovirus antibodies (*38*). Panels of mAbs were isolated from human survivors and immunized animals, revealing multiple sites of vulnerability on GP (*16, 17, 36, 39-54*). At the peak of this effort, the Viral Hemorrhagic Fever Immunotherapeutic Consortium analyzed 171 mAbs targeting diverse epitopes on GP, including the base, glycan cap, fusion loop, GP1/core, GP1/head, GP1/2 interface, heptad repeat 2 (HR2), and mucin-like domain (MLD) (*55*). Third, X-ray crystallography and cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) have determined atomic structures of filovirus GP bound to NPC1 (*28*), small-molecule ligands (*56-58*), and mAbs (*16, 39, 40, 42, 43, 47, 49-52, 59, 60*). Notably, negative-stain EM (nsEM) remains an effective tool for validating GP conformation and mapping mAb epitopes (*17, 41, 46-48, 53-55*). These structural insights have advanced our understanding of filovirus neutralization and supported the development of antibody therapeutics and vaccines (*18, 61, 62*). Fourth, two viral vector-based EBOV vaccines have been approved for human use. ERVEBO (*63*) is a single-dose vaccine based on recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus (rVSV) expressing EBOV GP, whereas Zabdeno/Mvabea (*64*) delivers two doses – an Adenovirus 26 (Ad26) vector encoding EBOV GP followed by a modified Vaccinia Ankara (MVA) vector expressing multiple filovirus GPs. Additional EBOV vaccines using DNA (*65*) and viral vectors (*66-71*) have been tested in humans. Recent efforts have expanded to mRNA, protein subunit, and nanoparticle (NP) platforms (*72-75*).

Despite this progress, critical innovations are still needed to advance next-generation filovirus vaccines (*76*). Although correlates of protection remain undefined (*77*), in-depth B cell analysis revealed diverse yet convergent polyclonal NAb responses in a Phase 1 trial of the rVSV-ZEBOV vaccine (*78*). A follow-up study elucidated how NAbs from multiple individuals used the

same germline genes to target the receptor-binding site (RBS) on GP (*79*), reinforcing the central

role of GP as the primary vaccine antigen. Over the past decade, antibody-guided, structure-based

antigen design has transformed vaccine development for important targets such as HIV-1 (*80-83*)

and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) (*84*). Rational design strategies have been applied to stabilize

the HIV-1 envelope (Env) (*85-87*), the RSV fusion (F) protein (*88-91*), and, more recently, the

SARS-CoV-2 spike (*92, 93*) in their prefusion conformations. Many of these constructs have

progressed from preclinical testing to human trials (*94, 95*), with multiple COVID-19 vaccines

(*96, 97*) and three RSV vaccines now approved for human use (*98*). By contrast, only two studies

have reported rationally stabilized filovirus GP designs, both with limited in vivo evaluation (*99,*

100). Most recently, Xu et al. proposed an immunofocusing approach by engineering additional

N-linked glycans onto GP (*74*). Notably, nearly all current filovirus vaccine candidates (*101*) rely

on wild-type GP, which contains a highly variable MLD that shields conserved NAb epitopes and

facilitates immune evasion (*102, 103*). A mucin-deleted GP (GPΔmuc) could, in principle, elicit

NAbs more effectively than wild-type GP, but it has yet to be evaluated in humans. In addition to

antigen format, the choice of delivery platform may also influence vaccine-induced immunity.

Although viral vectors remain prominent, as reflected in the licensure of two EBOV vaccines,

mRNA platforms represent a compelling alternative given their success during the COVID-19

pandemic (*104, 105*). In the realm of protein-based vaccines, NPs have emerged as a promising

platform due to their virus-like size, multivalent surface display, and ability to elicit strong and

durable NAb responses (*106-111*). Although two EBOV GP-presenting NP vaccines have recently

been reported (*74, 100*), neither has been evaluated in animal challenge models. Finally, glycan

modification may be a key strategy for optimizing filovirus vaccine antigens. Glycan trimming has

improved NAb responses in vaccine candidates targeting influenza hemagglutinin (HA), SARS-

CoV-2 spike, and HIV-1 Env (*112-115*). Whether this approach applies to filovirus GP, which is

covered with up to 17 surface glycans per protomer, remains to be determined.

In our previous study, we stabilized EBOV GP with mutations in the $HR1_C$ bend and HR2

stalk and displayed one of two lead designs, termed GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2, on self-assembling protein

nanoparticles (SApNPs) as EBOV vaccine candidates (*100*). Here, we first extended the GPΔmuc-

WL^{2}P^2 and WL^{2}P^4 construct designs from EBOV to SUDV and BDBV and determined a crystal

structure of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 at 3.2 Å resolution. We also obtained a 3.13 Å cryo-EM

reconstruction of SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 bound to the CA45 Fab (*47*). The nearly identical

backbones of SUDV and EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 demonstrate a broadly applicable strategy for

stabilizing orthoebolavirus GPs. We next displayed EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4

trimers on SApNPs derived from E2p and I3-01v9, the latter of which was computationally

redesigned at the N terminus. A similar design approach was applied to RAVV GP, resulting in a

promising trimer construct termed GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT. We then examined the lymph node delivery

and immunological responses of SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer and SApNPs at the tissue, cellular,

and subcellular levels in a mouse model. Compared to soluble trimers, 60-meric SApNPs exhibited

prolonged retention and sustained presentation on follicular dendritic cell (FDC) dendrites, along

with more robust and durable germinal center (GC) reactions in lymph node follicles. Finally, we

immunized mice with a panel of filovirus GP vaccines to assess antibody responses. While the

EBOV and SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer and SApNP vaccines elicited serum neutralization

limited to orthoebolaviruses, the RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT trimer induced detectable cross-genus

NAb responses. Both multivalent display and glycan modification influenced the immunogenicity

of GP-based filovirus vaccines. Although no universal glycan modification strategy may apply to

all viral GPs, enriching the GP glycan shield with oligomannose-type glycans improved filovirus

vaccine-induced NAb responses in mice. Together, these findings provide a foundation for

developing broadly effective vaccines to combat future filovirus outbreaks.

RESULTS

A universal design strategy for orthoebolavirus GP stabilization

GPs within the *Orthoebolavirus* genus share a high degree of sequence and structural similarity

(*59, 116*). These viral GPs consist of conserved functional domains, including GP1, MLD, internal

fusion loop (IFL), and GP2, which contains heptad repeat 1 (HR1), heptad repeat 2 (HR2), and the

transmembrane domain (TMD). Previously, we stabilized EBOV GPΔmuc by introducing a T577P

(P^2) or L579P (P^4) mutation in the $HR1_C$ bend, a W615L mutation in the neck region of the HR2

stalk, and a C-terminal extension in HR2 (D632–D637) (*100*) (**Fig. 1a**). A foldon trimerization

motif was appended to the C terminus of HR2. These modifications enhanced the structural and

thermal stability of EBOV GPΔmuc trimers compared with wild-type GP.

Here, we applied the same design principles to SUDV and BDBV GPs and characterized

two constructs, GPΔmuc-WL^2P^2 and GPΔmuc-WL^2P^4, across all three orthoebolaviruses (**Fig.**

S1a). Following our previous protocol (*100*), all six GPΔmuc constructs were transiently expressed

in HEK293F cells and purified using two methods. In addition to immobilized nickel affinity

chromatography, pan-orthoebolavirus NAbs ADI-15878 (*117*) and CA45 (*118*), expressed in

immunoglobulin G (IgG) form in ExpiCHO cells, were used to prepare immunoaffinity

chromatography (IAC) columns. The IAC method was established in our prior study, where

mAb100 and mAb114 (*36*) columns were used to purify EBOV GP trimers and SApNPs (*100*).

The IAC- or nickel-purified orthoebolavirus GP samples were then characterized by size-exclusion

chromatography (SEC) on a Superdex 200 column following ADI-15878 (**Fig. 1b**) and CA45 (**Fig.**

S1b) purification. All SEC profiles displayed an aggregation peak around 8.0 ml and a consistent

trimer peak at ~11.0 ml, with minimal evidence of dimer or monomer species. Compared to IAC,

nickel purification resulted in higher aggregation for EBOV and SUDV GPs (**Fig. S1b**). Of the

two broadly neutralizing antibodies (bNAbs) tested, ADI-15878 captured orthoebolavirus GPs

more efficiently than CA45, as indicated by stronger ultraviolet absorbance at 280 nm (UV$_{280}$) in

the elution fractions (**Fig. 1b** and **S1b**). These results support the use of ADI-15878 as a universal

affinity ligand for tag-free purification of orthoebolavirus GP immunogens. Blue native

polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (BN-PAGE) confirmed that SEC fractions eluting at ~11 ml

corresponded to GPΔmuc trimers, with bands consistent with theoretical molecular weights (**Fig.**

1c). Thermostability was assessed by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC). For EBOV, the

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 trimer showed two melting temperatures at 60.9 °C (T$_{m1}$) and 67.7 °C (T$_{m2}$),

whereas GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 had a single, broadened melting peak at 64.4 °C (**Fig. 1d**), consistent

with our previous findings (*100*). In contrast, all four SUDV and BDBV GPΔmuc trimers

generated similar DSC curves with a single denaturing state and tightly clustered T$_m$ values (62.9–

63.6 °C). Among the three orthoebolaviruses, SUDV GPΔmuc exhibited the highest onset

temperatures (T$_{onset}$, 54.8 °C and 56.0 °C), followed by EBOV and BDBV GP constructs (50.1–

54.2 °C). Based on these biochemical and biophysical profiles, GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 was selected as

the lead design candidate for pan-orthoebolavirus GP stabilization.

The HIV-1 Env spike employs a glycan shield as a primary defense mechanism to evade

host NAb responses (*113*). Similarly, orthoebolavirus GPs contain a glycan cap that shields the

receptor binding site (RBS) (*100*), along with a heavily glycosylated MLD, which is removed in

GPΔmuc constructs. These glycans play a critical role in both immune evasion and modulating

antibody interactions with GP. To generate site-specific glycosylation profiles, the purified EBOV,

SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 proteins were digested with trypsin, chymotrypsin, and α-

lytic protease to produce glycopeptides, each containing a single N-linked glycan site. Site-specific composition and occupancy were analyzed by liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS), as previously described (*113*). All glycosylation sites on the three orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 proteins predominantly carried complex-type glycans, except at positions N563 and N257, where mixed glycan forms were detected. At N563, ~30% of glycans were oligomannose-type for EBOV, compared to ~60% for both SUDV and BDBV. At N257, ~15% oligomannose-type glycans were observed for EBOV (**Fig. 1e** and **Fig. S1c**). Due to technical limitations, glycan compositions could not be assessed accurately at all sites.

Negative-stain EM (nsEM) was used to characterize orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 structures, either alone or bound to bNAb ADI-15878 (**Fig. S1d**). For EBOV and BDBV, crystal structures of wild-type GPΔmuc in complex with ADI-15878 (Protein Data Bank [PDB] IDs: 7JPH (*100*), 6EA7, and 6EA5 (*116*)) were fitted into three-dimensional (3D) EM reconstructions. For SUDV, the GPΔmuc and ADI-15878 structures from two separate complexes (PDB IDs: 3S88 (*59*) and 6DZM (*117*)) were fitted individually (**Fig. 1f** and **Figs. S1e-g**). Overall, the low-resolution nsEM models of three orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers displayed a three-lobed chalice shape consistent with the native-like structure, although the HR2 stalk was unresolved. The ADI-15878-bound nsEM models were highly similar across all three species, revealing an epitope that spans two GP protomers and overlaps the conserved regions of the IFL and HR1 in GP2 (*48, 117*).

The antigenicity of six stabilized orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers was assessed using four pan-orthoebolavirus bNAbs – CA45 (*47*), ADI-15878, ADI-15946 (*119*), and BDBV-289 (*52*) – alongside MR78, a MARV-specific NAb (*40*). In enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISA), the proline mutation in HR1c (P^2 or P^4) had no effect on antibody binding (**Fig. 1g** and **Fig. S1h**). Among the four bNAbs, ADI-15946 and BDBV-289 showed the lowest binding affinity for SUDV

GPΔmuc trimers, 2.5- to 6-fold weaker than those for EBOV and BDBV GPΔmuc trimers, as

indicated by the half-maximal effective concentration (EC_{50}) values. The NHP-derived bNAb

CA45 exhibited 1.5- to 2.5-fold stronger binding to EBOV GPΔmuc than to its SUDV and BDBV

counterparts. As expected, the negative control MR78 showed no detectable binding to any of the

GPΔmuc trimers from the *Orthoebolavirus* genus. These findings were confirmed by biolayer

interferometry (BLI) (**Fig. 1h** and **Fig. S1i**). Among the six orthoebolavirus antigens tested, CA45

bound most strongly to EBOV GPΔmuc, whereas ADI-15946 and BDBV-289 interacted least

favorably with SUDV GPΔmuc. Consistent with ELISA, BLI revealed negligible or no binding

between orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers and MARV-specific NAb MR78.

Structural characterization of rationally designed orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers

Previously, we determined the crystal structure of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 (*100*). Here, we sought

to obtain atomic details for the more stable EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4. To this end, EBOV GPΔmuc-

WL^{2}P^4 was transiently expressed in HEK293S cells and purified by IAC (mAb100) and SEC, as

previously described (*100*) (**Fig. S2a**). Crystallization under conditions similar to those used for

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 resulted in comparable packing in the P321 space group (**Table S1**). The final

structure was resolved at 3.2 Å. Each asymmetric unit contained one GP protomer, with the glycan

cap atop GP1 and the belt-forming IFL of GP2 clearly visible in the electron density (**Fig. 2a**).

Three GP1-GP2 heterodimers assembled into a chalice-shaped trimer in the crystal lattice, with

the GP2 subunits forming a base that cradles the outward-facing GP1 lobes (**Fig. S2b**). Four N-

linked glycans (N228, N257, N563, and N618) were identified in the structure. The most complete

carbohydrate chain was observed at N563 (with $Man_4GlcNAc_2$ density), part of the ADI-15878

epitope in HR1a (*116*), whereas only a single *N*-acetylglucosamine (GlcNAc) was visible at the

other three sites. The backbone of GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 closely resembled that of GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2,

with a global Cα root-mean-square deviation (RMSD) of 0.48 Å across 243 aligned Cα atoms and

a local Cα-RMSD of 0.68 Å for the HR1c bend following protomer superposition (**Fig. 2a** and

Fig. S2c). In GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4, the amine group of the K95 side chain formed hydrogen bonds with

the backbone carbonyls of L573 and T576 (~3.0 Å) – interactions absent in GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2.

These interprotomer hydrogen bonds at the trimer center likely contributed to the enhanced

thermostability of GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4. Similar interactions were observed in the EBOV GPΔmuc-

WL^2 structure (PDB ID: 7JPI), where K95 formed hydrogen bonds with L573 and T576 at 2.7 and

2.9 Å, respectively. This structural analysis is consistent with the DSC data, in which EBOV

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 exhibited a single denaturation transition with a T_m of 64.4°C (*100*).

Cryo-EM plays an important role in understanding how viral GPs interact with antibodies

(*120-122*). Several cryo-EM models have been reported for EBOV and BDBV GPs (*43, 52, 117*),

but only two crystal structures (*59, 123*) and no cryo-EM models are currently available for SUDV

GP. Here, we determined a cryo-EM structure of SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 in complex with the

CA45 Fab. SUDV GP was transiently expressed in HEK293F cells and purified using an ADI-

15878 IAC column, prior to complexation with CA45 Fab and SEC on a Superose 6 16/600 GL

column (**Fig. S2d**). The complex fraction at ~72 ml was imaged on a Krios G4 transmission

electron microscope (TEM), with data processed in CryoSPARC (*124*) (**Fig. S2e**). A resolution of

3.13 Å with an EMRinger score of 2.60 (*125*) was obtained for the final reconstruction, in which

the SUDV GPΔmuc-WL2P4 trimer flanked by three CA45 Fabs was well resolved in the density

map (**Fig. 2b**). Three regions – GP1 (A187-L218), GP2 (E522-N525), and C-terminal stalk (P612-

N637) – were excluded from the final model due to limited local resolution (**Fig. S2f**). The glycan

cap and GP2 stalk became partially visible when the density threshold was lowered beyond 4.0 Å

(**Fig. S2e**). Crystal structures of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 (PDB ID: 7JPH) (*100*) and CA45 variable

domains (PDB ID: 6EAY) (*118*) were used as starting models for EM fitting, followed by manual

refinement. The final SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 model, lacking the glycan cap and GP2 stalk, was

superimposed onto the EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 crystal structure, yielding a Cα-RMSD of 0.66 Å

for 154 matching Cα atoms (**Fig. S2g**, left). The three HR1$_C$ bends of SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4

were also superimposed onto those of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 from this study and BDBV

GPΔmuc (PDB ID: 7KFE) (*52*), with Cα-RMSDs of 0.34 and 0.53 Å for the 24 aligned Cα atoms,

respectively (**Fig. 2c**, right). Compared with the crystal structure of the EBOV GPΔmuc/CA45

complex (PDB ID: 6EAY) (*118*), cryo-EM revealed a highly similar antibody epitope in the SUDV

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4/CA45 complex, with a Cα-RMSD of 0.69 Å for 147 aligned Cα atoms after

superposition of a single GP/CA45 component from each complex (**Fig. S2g**, right). Specifically,

the CA45-GP2 interface was stabilized by a backbone hydrogen bond between CA45 HC-Y32 and

GP2-E545 (~3.0 Å), a side chain hydrogen bond between the CA45 HC-Y33 carboxyl group and

the GP2-H516 imidazole ring (~3.4 Å), and additional hydrogen bonds involving the CA45 LC-

Y49 and LC-N53 side chains with the GP2-N550 backbone (~3.3 Å and ~3.8 Å, respectively), as

well as the CA45 LC-S56 backbone with the GP2-N514 side chain (~2.9 Å) (**Fig. 2c**). Although

interpretation of these interactions may be limited by the cryo-EM resolution, similar contacts were

observed in the 3.7 Å-resolution crystal structure of the EBOV GPΔmuc/CA45 complex (PDB ID:

6EAY) (**Fig. S2h**) (*118*), including those between CA45 HC-Y32 and GP2-E545 (~3.2 Å), CA45

HC-D101 and GP2-H549 (~3.9 Å), and the same CA45 LC-GP2 residue pairs with nearly identical

distances. Snapshots of the cryo-EM density at the GP-CA45 interface were inspected fragment

by fragment for anisotropy, demonstrating that the modeled side chain contacts are supported by

well-defined density (**Fig. S2i and S2j**). Furthermore, we compared our SUDV GPΔmuc-

WL^{2}P^4/CA45 complex with previously reported cryo-EM models of EBOV GPΔmuc bound to

ADI-15878 (PDB ID: 6DZL and EMD-8935 (*117*)) (**Fig. S2k**), rEBOV-515 and rEBOV-442

(PDB ID: 7M8L and EMD-23719 (*126*)) (**Fig. S2l**), and rEBOV-520 and rEBOV-548 (PDB ID:

6PCI and EMD-20301 (*50*)) (**Fig. S2m**), demonstrating comparable model quality.

Rational design and characterization of orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-presenting nanoparticles

In our previous EBOV study, a 10GS linker was used to connect GPΔmuc to the N-termini of I3-

01v9, which formed a triangle of 55.0 Å (*100*). This SApNP exhibited variability in yield, purity,

and stability, suggesting that further optimization might be necessary (*100*). In a more recent study,

we redesigned the I3-01v9 SApNP to display monomeric antigens (*127*). The resulting I3-01v9a

scaffold featured a smaller triangle of 43.9 Å between the N-termini (**Fig. 3a**, left). Here, using I3-

01v9a as a template, we aimed to improve the design of an I3-01v9 scaffold optimized for surface

display of filovirus GP trimers, which contain a narrow stalk. After removing the first 4 amino

acids (aa) of I3-01v9a, we fused a 9-aa helix to the truncated I3-01v9a *N*-terminal helix via a 4-aa

turn. The resulting model was computationally optimized – first in structure and then in sequence

– to generate two I3-01v9 variants, termed I3-01v9b and I3-01v9c (**Fig. S3a**), in which the N-

termini form a triangle of 12.9 Å (**Fig. 3a**, right). The trimeric forms of I3-01v9b/c, termed I3-

01v9b/c-T, were generated by interrupting the particle-forming interface based on the structure of

the aldolase (PDB ID: 1VLW), from which I3-01 was derived. Two "scaffolded" EBOV GP

constructs, termed GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-I3-01v9b-T and GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-I3-01v9c-T, were designed

to test whether the I3-01v9b/c N-termini could accommodate the GP2 stalk (**Fig. S3b**). Both

constructs were transiently expressed in HEK293S cells, purified using a mAb100 column, and

analyzed by SEC (**Fig. S3c**). The trimer fractions were validated by BN-PAGE (**Fig. S3d**) prior to

nsEM analysis, which yielded two-dimensional (2D) classes consistent with native-like GPΔmuc-

WL^{2}P^4 trimers anchored to I3-01v9b/c-T (**Figs. S3e** and **S3f**). The GP2 stalk, although not visible

by EM, was likely well-formed, as the GPΔmuc trimer displayed the classic chalice shape (**Fig.**

3b and **Fig. S3g**). Computational modeling suggested that EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-I3-01v9b

would form a particle with a diameter of 49.1 nm, measured at GP1-T269 (**Fig. 3c**).

Six SApNP constructs – displaying EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers

on the E2p and I3-01v9b scaffolds (**Fig. S3h**) – were transiently expressed in ExpiCHO cells and

purified by IAC using an ADI-15878 column, followed by SEC on a Superose 6 increase 10/300

GL SEC column. All constructs exhibited a peak at ~8.7 ml, corresponding to assembled protein

particles (**Fig. 3d**). For EBOV and BDBV, higher yields were observed for the E2p SApNPs,

whereas for SUDV, 3-01v9b produced a more prominent particle peak in the SEC profile. The

structural integrity of these SApNPs was validated by nsEM (**Fig. 3e**). Most micrographs showed

well-formed protein particles displaying arrays of GP trimers on the outer surface. Particle size

distributions were analyzed in solution by dynamic light scattering (DLS) (**Fig. 3f**). For EBOV

SApNPs, E2p and I3-01v9b exhibited sizes of 55.7 nm and 84.0 nm, respectively (**Fig. 3f**). The

unusually large DLS size for I3-01v9b may reflect SApNP aggregation, although this form was

rarely observed by EM. For SUDV and BDBV SApNPs, particle sizes ranged from 61.1 to 71.9

nm and from 51.3 to 53.8 nm, respectively. This variation may be attributed to the intrinsic

structural flexibility of the glycan cap that likely affects the hydrodynamic radius measured by

DLS. Site-specific glycosylation profiles were generated for SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs

(**Fig. 3g** and **Fig. S3i**). An increase in oligomannose-type glycans was observed on SApNPs

compared to soluble trimers. At site N563, both the soluble GPΔmuc trimer and SApNPs presented

predominantly oligomannose-type glycans (**Fig. 3g**).

The antigenicity of orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-presenting SApNPs was assessed

against the same antibody panel. In ELISA, SApNPs exhibited broadly similar antibody-binding

patterns to the corresponding soluble trimers (**Fig. 3h** and **Fig. S3j**). For example, SUDV SApNPs

bound less favorably to ADI-15946 and BDBV-289 than EBOV and BDBV SApNPs, with 5.0- to

16.8-fold higher EC_{50} values. Between the two NP scaffolds, E2p outperformed I3-01v9b, showing

1.4- to 1.9-fold lower EC_{50} values for both bNAbs. A similar trend was observed in SUDV SApNP

binding to CA45, with a 2.5-fold difference in EC_{50} between the two NP platforms. Interestingly,

the opposite pattern was seen for EBOV and BDBV SApNPs, where I3-01v9b bound more tightly

than E2p. BLI revealed a somewhat different antigenic profile (**Fig. 3i** and **Fig. S3k**). Most notably,

SUDV and BDBV SApNPs exhibited stronger binding signals to ADI-15878 and ADI-15946 than

EBOV SApNPs, whereas SUDV SApNPs showed the weakest binding to BDBV-289 among the

three orthoebolaviruses. For each GP antigen, binding signals to individual bNAbs were generally

similar between E2p and I3-01v9b, except in the cases of SUDV SApNPs with CA45 and BDBV

SApNPs with CA45 and BDBV-289, where scaffold-dependent differences were apparent.

In this study, we displayed the stabilized GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer on two SApNP scaffolds,

E2p and the newly designed I3-01v9b, for three representative orthoebolaviruses. SEC, nsEM, and

DLS were used to assess particle properties, which were largely comparable to those of our

previously reported HIV-1 Env trimer-presenting SApNPs (*113*). However, site-specific glycan

analysis and antigenic profiling revealed distinct features unique to the SApNP platform, including

an increased proportion of oligomannose-type glycans.

In vitro effect of glycan modification on orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers and SApNPs

Previously, we investigated the effect of glycan modification on rationally designed HIV-1 Env

trimer and SApNP vaccines (*113*). Supplementing ExpiCHO cultures with kifunensine (Kif) – a

class I α-mannosidase inhibitor that blocks ER glycan processing and leads to accumulation of

high mannose – did not affect NAb responses. In contrast, glycan trimming with endoglycosidase

H (Endo H) significantly enhanced NAb elicitation, as reflected by a higher vaccine responder rate

(*113*). The benefit of glycan trimming has also been reported for influenza HA and SARS-CoV-2

spike vaccines (*112, 114*). These findings highlight the importance of examining how glycan

modification may affect filovirus vaccines in vivo. However, the glycan-modified filovirus GP

immunogens first needed to be generated and characterized in vitro.

Here, we adopted a similar strategy (*113*) to produce orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers

carrying either oligomannose-only glycans or a single layer of mono-*N*-acetylglucosamine (mono-

GlcNAc) glycans. EBOV and SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 were transiently expressed in HEK293F

cells in the presence of Kif, which yielded oligomannose-only glycans, and were purified using an

ADI-15878 column followed by SEC. The SEC profiles showed a trimer peak at ~10.7 ml, similar

to wild-type trimers (**Fig. 4a**). SEC-purified, Kif-treated GPΔmuc (e.g., 1 mg) was then treated

with Endo H (termed Kif/Endo H) to reduce the glycan shield to mono-GlcNAc stumps, with the

enzyme subsequently removed by SEC. The resulting profiles showed a trimer peak at ~11.1 ml

and an Endo H peak at ~13.9 ml (**Fig. 4a**). Sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS)-PAGE and BN-PAGE

confirmed that Kif/Endo H-treated GPΔmuc had a lower molecular weight than both wild-type

and Kif-treated GPΔmuc (**Fig. S4a**). DSC revealed a differential effect of glycan modification on

GPΔmuc thermostability (**Fig. 4b**). The Kif-treated EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer exhibited two

denaturation states, with T_{m1} at 58.2 ºC and T_{m2} at 64.3 ºC. Endo H treatment further reduced T_{m1}

and T_{m2} by 5.2 ºC and 2.6 ºC, respectively. In contrast, the Kif-treated SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4

trimer remained thermostable, displaying the same T_m (63.6 ºC) as the wild-type trimer, with T_{onset}

measured at 54.7 ºC. Endo H treatment slightly reduced the T_m to 62.6 ºC and lowered the T_{onset} to

48.9 ºC. Antigenicity was assessed using the same antibody panel. In the ELISA (**Fig. 4c and Fig.**

S4b), Endo H treatment enhanced trimer binding to CA45, ADI-15878, and ADI-15946, which

recognize a quaternary epitope near the trimer base with few glycan contacts, but reduced binding

to BDBV-289, which targets the glycan cap and relies on glycans at N238 and N268. However,

the EC_{50} differences were small (1.5- to 1.9-fold) and not specific to either orthoebolavirus. In the

BLI analysis, glycan-modified trimers generated slightly higher binding signals than wild-type

trimers (**Fig. 4d** and **Fig. S4c**). Overall, glycan modification had only a modest impact on the

biochemical, biophysical, and antigenic properties of stabilized orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers,

except for thermostability in the EBOV constructs.

We next characterized glycan-modified GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-presenting SApNPs. For SUDV,

both E2p and I3-01v9 SApNPs were included in this analysis, whereas for EBOV, only the E2p

scaffold was tested due to the low yield of I3-01v9b SApNPs. Notably, an N655D mutation was

introduced to eliminate an N-glycan site at the base of the SUDV GP2 stalk that may interfere with

SApNP assembly. This design variant, termed SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD, will be used hereafter

(**Fig. S4d**). EBOV and SUDV SApNPs were transiently expressed in ExpiCHO cells with Kif and

purified by IAC (ADI-15878) followed by SEC. SEC-purified, Kif-treated SApNP was trimmed

with Endo H and further purified by SEC. The resulting SEC profiles showed a main peak at ~8.5-

9.0 ml corresponding to SApNPs, and following Endo H treatment, an additional peak at ~16.8 ml

corresponding to the enzyme (**Fig. 4e**). The structural integrity of glycan-modified EBOV and

SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs was validated by nsEM (**Fig. 4e**). SDS-PAGE confirmed that

Kif/Endo H-treated SApNPs had a lower molecular weight than Kif-treated SApNPs (**Fig. S4e**).

Because of the low yield of EBOV SApNPs, only SUDV SApNPs were subjected to glycan

profiling and antigenic characterization. Site-specific glycan profiles confirmed that all complex

glycans in SUDV GPΔmuc were replaced by oligomannose-type glycans in the Kif-treated

material (**Fig. 4f** and **Fig. S4f**). As expected, the N655 glycan was absent in the N655D mutant

construct. In the ELISA (**Fig. 4g** and **Fig. S4g**), the antigenic profiles of SApNPs appeared to be largely consistent with those of the trimers, though a greater difference in EC_{50} values between Kif and Kif/Endo H-treated samples (1.0- to 7.9-fold) was observed for CA45, ADI-15878, and ADI-15946. In the BLI analysis, all pan-orthoebolavirus bNAbs showed increased binding signals to Kif/Endo H-treated SApNPs, which displayed only a single layer of mono-GlcNAc stumps on the GPΔmuc trimer (**Fig. 4h** and **Fig. S4h**). In summary, these results suggest that glycan trimming enhances antibody access to conserved GP epitopes on the SApNP surface.

Rational design of a prefusion-stabilized RAVV GPΔmuc trimer

RAVV is one of the two known members of the *Orthomarburgvirus* genus in the filovirus family (*40, 49*). Similar to orthoebolavirus GPs, RAVV GP contains GP1 with a heavily glycosylated MLD and GP2 (**Fig. 5a**). Here, we applied a similar strategy to stabilize the prefusion RAVV GP trimer, using a mucin-deleted construct (ΔN257-T425), termed GPΔmuc. Additional mutations – T578P (P^2) or E580P (P^4) in the HR1c bend, and E631F/Q632V at the C terminus (termed CT) – were also evaluated. The five RAVV GP constructs tested were: (1) GPΔTM (truncation at residue 637), (2) GPΔmuc, (3) GPΔmuc-P^2, (4) GPΔmuc-P^4, and (5) GPΔmuc-P^2CT, each containing a C-terminal foldon motif and His_6 tag (**Fig. S5a**). All constructs were expressed in ExpiCHO cells and purified using a nickel column followed by SEC. Both GPΔTM and GPΔmuc yielded low expression levels with multiple GP species, including aggregates (~9-10 ml), trimers (~10.5 ml), dimers (~13.6 ml), and monomers (~14.7 ml) (**Fig. 5b**). The P^2 mutation substantially improved the SEC profiles of GPΔmuc constructs, producing a predominant trimer peak at ~10.5 ml, along with visible dimer and monomer peaks. In contrast, the P^4 mutation resulted in significant aggregation, indicated by a peak at ~8.6 ml (**Fig. S5b**). The GPΔmuc-P^2CT construct demonstrated an optimal SEC profile, comparable in yield to GPΔmuc-P^2 but with reduced dimer and monomer

content. When MARV NAbs MR78 and MR191 (*49*) were used in IAC purification, they failed to

capture GPΔmuc-P^2 and GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT (**Fig. S5c**). Nevertheless, distinct trimer bands were

observed by SDS-PAGE after nickel/SEC purification (**Fig. 5c** and **Fig. S5d**). In DSC, GPΔmuc-

P^2 exhibited two melting transitions at 51.0 ºC and 60.0 ºC, while GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT displayed three

transitions at 54.5 ºC, 58.3 ºC, and 66.6 ºC (**Fig. 5d**). Although CT appeared to enhance trimer

thermostability, this double mutation introduced an additional unfolding intermediate.

The lead design, RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT, was complexed with MR78 for nsEM analysis

(**Fig. 5e** and **Fig. S5e**). We hypothesized that if the nsEM model, despite its low resolution,

matched the crystal structure (PDB ID: 5UQY) (*40*), it would validate our design and confirm

presentation of a conserved NAb epitope. Indeed, 2D class averages revealed well-formed RAVV

GPΔmuc/MR78 complexes, with the crystal structure fitting well into the nsEM density map (**Fig.**

5e, left). Notably, our model also aligned closely with a previously reported nsEM reconstruction

of the same complex (*42*) (**Fig. 5e**, right). Site-specific glycan analysis revealed distinct patterns

relative to orthoebolavirus GPs (**Fig. 5f** and **Fig. S5f**). Specifically, N-glycan sites N94, N171,

N219, and N564 carried primarily oligomannose-type glycans. In contrast, sites N190, N202, and

N487 presented either oligomannose- or complex-type glycans, while N475 and N619 were mostly

occupied by complex-type glycans. In ELISA (**Fig. 5g** and **Fig. S5g**), RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2 and

GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT trimers bound to MR78 and MR191 with similar EC$_{50}$ values, consistent with the

BLI data (**Fig. 5h** and **Fig. S5h**). RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT was subsequently displayed on E2p and

I3-01v9b SApNPs and analyzed by nsEM following ExpiCHO expression and IAC purification

(**Fig. S5i**). However, well-formed protein particles were not observed in the micrographs. Taken

together, these findings support the use of RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT as a native-like, prefusion-

stabilized GP construct for orthomarburgvirus vaccine development, although further optimization

is needed for multivalent display on SApNPs.

Distribution and retention of SUDV GPΔmuc trimers and SApNPs in lymph nodes

In our previous studies, we observed a positive correlation between the thermostability of a viral

antigen (i.e., T_m) displayed on E2p or I3-01v9 SApNPs and the retention time of the resulting

SApNP vaccine antigens in lymph node follicles (*113, 127, 128*). Given the comparable T_m values

(~63-66 °C) of SUDV GPΔmuc and HIV-1 Env trimers, we anticipated that SUDV GPΔmuc-

presenting SApNPs would exhibit similar in vivo behavior. Following our previously established

protocol (*113, 127, 128*), we immunized mice with SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer and SApNPs

(including both E2p and I3-01v9b) to investigate their interaction with cellular components in

lymph nodes and analyze vaccine-induced immunological responses.

To induce a robust humoral response, vaccine antigens must be transported through the

lymphatic system, accumulate in lymph node follicles, and effectively engage B cell receptors

(BCRs) to stimulate B cell activation (*129-132*). We first examined the distribution of E2p and I3-

01v9b SApNPs in lymph nodes. SApNPs were administered intradermally to mice via footpads (4

footpads, 10 μg/footpad). The brachial and popliteal sentinel lymph nodes were isolated from both

sides of the body of the mouse 12 h after a single-dose injection for immunohistological studies.

Four NAbs – ADI-15878 (*116*), ADI-15946 (*119*), CA45 (*118*), and mAb100 (*133*) – were used

to stain lymph node sections for antigen detection (**Fig. S6a**). Overall, the immunostaining images

from CA45 exhibited the best signal-to-noise ratio. Based on these data, CA45 was selected to

study the distribution and trafficking of SUDV GPΔmuc vaccines in lymph nodes. Consistent with

our previous studies of SARS-CoV-2 spike (*128*), HIV-1 Env (*113*), and influenza M2ex3 (*127*)

SApNPs, SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs accumulated in the centers of

lymph node follicles (**Figs. 6a** and **6b**, images on the left; schematics on the right).

We next assessed the trafficking and retention patterns of SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer

and SApNPs in lymph node follicles over a period of 8 weeks following a single-dose injection (4

footpads, 10 μg/footpad) (**Fig. 6c**). Histological images showed that all SUDV immunogens were

transported into lymph nodes and accumulated in the subcapsular sinus within 2 h (**Fig. 6c**). While

the soluble trimer was transported into lymph node follicles within 2 h and completely cleared by

48 h, both E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs appeared in follicles at 2 h, reached peak accumulation at

48 h, and were retained in follicles over the entire 8-week period (**Fig. 6c**). Next, the CA45-stained

area was quantified in a time-dependent manner, revealing a ~112-fold longer retention for E2p

and I3-01v9b SApNPs compared with the soluble trimer (**Figs. 6c** and **6d**). The area under the

curve (AUC) indicated that the exposure of SUDV GPΔmuc presented on the SApNP surface was

14-28 times higher than the same antigen in soluble trimer form (**Fig. 6e**). At 48 h, the two large

SApNPs displaying 20 GPΔmuc trimers also showed 19-33 times greater accumulation compared

with the soluble GPΔmuc trimer (**Fig. 6f**). These findings are consistent with our previous studies

(*113, 127, 128*), in which individual antigens were cleared from follicles within 48 h, whereas

large antigen-presenting SApNPs exhibited prolonged follicular retention lasting 2-8 weeks.

Notably, the retention time of SUDV GPΔmuc SApNPs fell within the same range as HIV-1 Env

and influenza M2ex3 SApNPs, all of which had T_m values of 62-66°C. Together, these data support

the conclusion that stabilized antigens with high thermostability ($T_m > 62$°C) result in prolonged

SApNP retention in lymph node follicles for at least 8 weeks.

FDCs are resident stromal cells that form a network structure in lymph node follicles and

play an essential role in antigen retention and presentation to stimulate B cell responses (*129-131,*

134). FDC networks retain soluble antigens, immune complexes, viruses, and bacteria on their

surfaces and dendrites to initiate and maintain GC responses (*135-137*). Our previous studies

demonstrated that FDC networks are the primary follicular components responsible for retaining

SARS-CoV-2 spike, HIV-1 Env, and influenza M2ex3 SApNPs (*113, 127, 128*). To test whether

this was also true for SUDV GPΔmuc SApNPs, we isolated sentinel lymph nodes at the peak of

antigen accumulation (48 h), as well as a series of timepoints (2 h to 8 weeks) after intradermal

injection (**Fig. 6g** and **Figs. S6b-g**). Lymph node sections were stained with the NAb CA45 (white)

(*118*) for SUDV GPΔmuc, anti-CD21 antibodies (green) for FDCs, and anti-CD169 antibodies

(red) for subcapsular sinus macrophages. To confirm the identity of FDC networks, co-staining

was performed using the more specific FDC marker, anti-FDC-M1. Immunofluorescence imaging

showed that SApNPs colocalized with FDC networks labeled by both CD21 and FDC-M1 at 48 h

post-injection (**Fig. 6g** and **Fig. S6h**), supporting the conclusion that FDC networks mediate the

accumulation and retention of SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting SApNP vaccines.

Interaction of SUDV GPΔmuc SApNPs with FDCs and phagocytic cells in lymph nodes

FDC networks form a reservoir in lymph node follicles for antigen sequestration, alignment, and

presentation to effectively crosslink BCRs, activate naive B cells, and stimulate GC reactions (*129-*

131, 138). Our previous TEM analysis showed that FDC networks retained SARS-CoV-2 spike

and HIV-1 Env SApNPs on their surfaces and dendrites through interactions with complement

protein 3 (C3) and complement receptor 2 (CR2) (*113, 128*). Here, we visualized the interface

between FDC dendrites and B cells to understand how FDC networks present SUDV GPΔmuc

SApNPs adjuvanted with aluminum phosphate (AP) to engage B cells. To this end, we injected

adjuvanted E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs into the mouse hind footpads (2 footpads, 50 μg/footpad).

Fresh popliteal sentinel lymph nodes were isolated 2, 12, and 48 h after a single injection. The

lymph node tissues were sectioned and processed for TEM analysis. TEM images revealed the

expected, characteristic morphology of long FDC dendrites interacting with B cells in lymph node

follicles (**Figs. 7a-c**). Intact SApNPs (round-shaped granules, yellow arrows) were aligned on FDC

dendrites and B cell surfaces at all timepoints, and AP particles did not appear to colocalize with

SApNPs (**Figs. 7a-c** and **Fig. S7a-f**). These findings demonstrate FDC networks collect and

present vaccine antigens (i.e., SUDV GPΔmuc SApNPs) and use their long dendrites to maximize

interactions between antigens and BCRs. At the later timepoints (12 and 48 h), SUDV GPΔmuc

SApNPs were also found within endolysosomes of B cells (**Figs. S7c** and **e**).

Phagocytic cell populations, such as macrophages and dendritic cells, take up and process

vaccine antigens to facilitate adaptive immune responses (*132, 139, 140*). These innate immune

cells, located in the subcapsular sinus and medullary sinus of lymph nodes, can capture vaccine

antigens, transport them to migrating B cells, and eventually deposit them on FDCs through a

complement-dependent transport mechanism (*130, 131, 141-145*). In this study, we assessed the

interaction between phagocytic cells and AP-adjuvanted SApNPs. SUDV GPΔmuc SApNPs, both

E2p and I3-01v9b, were found either on the surface or within endolysosomes of phagocytic cells

(**Figs. 7d** and **e** and **Figs. S7g-l**), consistent with our previous findings for SARS-CoV-2 spike and

HIV-1 Env SApNPs (*113, 128*). AP particles tended to aggregate in the extracellular matrix (ECM)

2 h after injection (**Fig. 7f** and **Fig. S7m**). Both I3-01v9b SApNPs and AP particles were also

observed inside endolysosomes of phagocytic cells at all timepoints (**Fig. 7g** and **Figs. S7n-p**).

Overall, E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs exhibited similar patterns of interaction with FDC networks,

B cells, and phagocytic cells. FDC networks retained SApNPs on their dendrites and presented

native antigens to B cells in lymph node follicles. A substantial amount of SApNPs was also

processed inside endolysosomes of phagocytic cells in the presence of AP adjuvant.

Assessment of GC reactions induced by SUDV GPΔmuc trimers and SApNPs in lymph nodes

In lymph node follicles, GCs are the sites where B cell somatic hypermutation, selection, affinity maturation, and class switching occur (*135, 146, 147*). GC reactions lead to the formation of immune memory and the development of NAb responses following vaccination (*129, 132*). As the essential components supporting GC initiation and maintenance, FDC networks and T follicular helper (T_{fh}) cells present vaccine antigens and stimulate B cells, respectively (*148-150*). Here, we hypothesized that SUDV GPΔmuc SApNPs, due to prolonged retention by FDC networks, would induce more robust and long-lived GC reactions in lymph node follicles compared with the soluble trimers. We first characterized GC reactions induced by I3-01v9b SApNPs after a single-dose injection (4 footpads, 10 μg/footpad). As previously described (*113, 127, 128*), vaccine-induced GC B cells (GL7$^+$, red) and T_{fh} cells (CD4$^+$ Bcl6$^+$, co-labeled with cyan and red) in lymph nodes were assessed by immunohistological analysis. Robust GCs were formed and attached to FDC networks (CD21$^+$, green), with well-organized dark zone (DZ) and light zone (LZ) compartments in B cell follicles (B220+, blue) (**Fig. 8a**, left). T_{fh} cells were observed in the LZ of GCs, sustaining B cell affinity maturation (**Fig. 8a**, right). We then applied this immunohistological assessment to the SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNPs (E2p and I3-01v9b) at 2, 5, and 8 weeks after a single-dose injection (**Fig. 8b** and **Figs. S8a-c**), and at 2 and 5 weeks after the boost (**Fig. 8c** and **Figs. S8d** and **e**). GC reactions were quantified using two metrics: GC/FDC ratio (the frequency of GCs associated with FDC networks) and size of GCs (area occupied in follicles) as previously described (*113, 127, 128*). All three SUDV GPΔmuc immunogens induced robust GCs, with the I3-01v9b SApNP group showing the largest GCs at 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccination (**Fig. 8b** and **Fig. S8a**). While the GC/FDC ratio decreased significantly over 8 weeks following a single trimer dose, both SApNPs supported long-lived GCs with high GC/FDC ratios (e.g., > 50%) lasting for 8 weeks

(**Fig. 8b**). GC sizes declined over time in both trimer and SApNP groups (**Figs. 8b** and **d**). After

boosting, all vaccine groups showed restored GC formation, and the GC/FDC ratio in the GPΔmuc

trimer group remained comparable (all > 75%) to those in the two SApNP groups (**Fig. 8c**). Overall,

the two SApNPs generated larger GCs than the soluble trimer, 1.3 to 2.5 times larger after the

prime (**Figs. 8b** and **d**) and 1.4 to 1.8 times larger after the boost (**Figs. 8c** and **e**).

Next, we assessed GC reactions using flow cytometry. We intradermally immunized mice

with three vaccines, and sentinel lymph nodes were isolated at 2, 5, and 8 weeks after a single-

dose injection (**Fig. 8f** and **Fig. S9**) and 2 and 5 weeks after the boost (**Fig. 8g**) (four footpads, 10

μg/injection). Fresh lymph node tissues were disaggregated into a single-cell suspensions and

stained with an antibody cocktail. GC reactions were quantified based on the percentage and

number of GC B and T_{fh} cells (**Fig. S9**). The I3-01v9b SApNP group yielded the highest percentage

and number of GC B cells at 2 weeks post-prime (**Fig. 8f**), consistent with the immunohistological

findings. Among all vaccine groups, GC B cells declined over time, whereas T_{fh} cell levels

remained stable over the 8-week period. A boost enhanced both the frequency and number of GC

B and T_{fh} cells (**Fig. 8g**). Notably, GC B and T_{fh} cells induced by I3-01v9b SApNP persisted at

relatively high levels over 8 weeks post-boost. Compared with the soluble trimer, the E2p and I3-

01v9b SApNPs elicited 1.8/2.4-3.3 times more GC B cells, and 1.5-1.8/2.4-3.2 times more T_{fh}

cells, at 8 weeks after the single-dose/boost injection, respectively (**Figs. 8f** and **g**). In summary,

the two SUDV GPΔmuc SApNPs generated more robust and long-lived GC reactions than the

soluble GPΔmuc trimer, leading to more potent and durable humoral immune responses.

Antibody responses induced by rationally designed filovirus GPΔmuc vaccines in mice

We assessed the immunogenicity of rationally designed filovirus GPΔmuc constructs, including

trimers and SApNPs (E2p and I3-01v9b), in mice (**Fig. 9a**). The filovirus antigen (10 μg) was

adjuvanted with aluminum hydroxide (AH) and a Toll-like receptor 9 (TLR9) agonist, CpG ODN

1826. Mice were immunized intraperitoneally at weeks 0, 3, 9, and 15 with 6-week intervals

between the second and third doses and between the third and fourth doses. Serum was collected

two weeks after each dose for serological analysis. EBOV vaccine-induced binding antibody (bAb)

responses were measured by ELISA using an EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) antigen (**Fig. 9b** and

Figs. S10a, **b**). The use of 1TD0, rather than foldon, as the trimerization motif in the coating

antigen enabled the detection of GPΔmuc-specific bAb responses. Overall, the EBOV GPΔmuc

E2p SApNP elicited the highest bAb titers at all four timepoints, with EC$_{50}$ values 8.2- and 5.3-

fold higher than those of the soluble trimer at weeks 2 and 5, respectively. All vaccine groups

reached plateau EC$_{50}$ titers by week 11, after three immunizations. The EBOV GPΔmuc I3-01v9b

SApNP achieved an EC$_{50}$ titer of 182,253 at week 11, identical to its E2p counterpart and 2.5-fold

higher than that elicited by the soluble trimer. Week-17 sera (after four doses) were tested against

a SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) antigen (**Fig. 9c** and **Fig. S10c**). The EBOV GPΔmuc E2p

SApNP again elicited the highest EC$_{50}$ titer (32,585), 3.5-fold higher than that of the soluble trimer.

Cross-reactive bAb responses were also evaluated against a RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT(1TD0) antigen

(**Fig. 9d** and **Fig. S10d**). Both E2p and I3-01v9b SApNP groups showed significantly higher serum

binding signals, indicated by absorbance at 450 nm (A450), compared with the soluble trimer

group. NAb responses were evaluated using a filovirus pseudoparticle (pp) neutralization assay

(*36*), with 50% inhibitory dilution (ID$_{50}$) values calculated for comparison. Week-2 sera served as

negative controls for longitudinal analysis. None of the EBOV GPΔmuc vaccines elicited NAb

responses at week 2, but ID$_{50}$ titers were detected at weeks 5, 11, and 17, increasing steadily against

EBOV-Makona pseudovirus (**Fig. 9e** and **Figs. S10e** and **f**). Consistent with the bAb results,

EBOV GPΔmuc E2p SApNP produced the highest NAb titers at all timepoints, although no

statistical significance was observed across groups. Week-17 sera were also evaluated against the

SUDV-Gulu pseudovirus (**Fig. 9f** and **Fig. S10g**). The EBOV GPΔmuc E2p SApNP yielded the

highest ID_{50} titer (761) among all groups. Notably, the EBOV GPΔmuc trimer group elicited the

highest ID_{50} titer (2,759) at week 17 against a BDBV-Uganda pseudovirus, 4.5- and 4.9-fold higher

than those elicited by the E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs, respectively (**Fig. 9g** and **Fig. S10h**). Thus,

while soluble trimers can achieve high NAb titers, they may require more doses than SApNPs.

We assessed SUDV vaccine-induced serum bAb responses by ELISA against a SUDV

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) antigen (**Fig. 9h** and **Figs. S10i**, **j**). Consistent with the bAb responses

elicited by EBOV vaccines, SUDV GPΔmuc E2p SApNP generated the highest EC_{50} titers of 871,

82,910, and 307,187 at weeks 2, 5 and 11, respectively, 12.4-, 4.5-, and 5.7-fold higher than those

induced by the soluble trimer. EC_{50} titers in both E2p and I3-01v9 SApNP groups plateaued after

three doses by week 11, whereas the soluble trimer group reached a peak of 102,959 after four

doses at week 17, which remained slightly lower than the titers induced by SApNPs. These results

correlated well with the GC reactions generated by SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNPs (**Fig. 8**).

Week-17 sera were then evaluated against an EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) antigen (**Fig. 9i** and

Fig. S10k). The SUDV GPΔmuc E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs elicited EC_{50} titers of 27,290 and

25,446, respectively, which were 2.6- and 2.4-fold higher than that of the soluble GPΔmuc trimer.

Cross-reactive bAb responses were further tested using week-17 sera against a RAVV GPΔmuc-

P^{2}CT(1TD0) antigen (**Fig. 9j** and **Fig. S10l**). Both E2p and I3-01v9b SApNP groups exhibited

significantly higher serum binding signals (A_{450}) compared with the soluble trimer group. Next,

we evaluated SUDV GPΔmuc vaccine-induced autologous NAb responses using a SUDV-Gulu

pseudovirus assay. Week-2 sera were used as a negative control for the longitudinal analysis. At

this timepoint, none of the vaccines elicited detectable NAb responses, except for one mouse in

the E2p group. ID_{50} titers became detectable at week 5, plateaued at week 11 (after three doses),

and remained stable through week 17 (**Fig. 9k** and **Figs. S10m**, **n**). Overall, the SUDV GPΔmuc

trimer and SApNP vaccines generated comparable ID_{50} titers (1,329-4,628) at each timepoint after

two doses. Finally, week-17 sera were assessed for cross-neutralizing activity against EBOV-

Makona (**Fig. 9l** and **Fig. S10o**) and BDBV-Uganda (**Fig. 9m** and **Fig. S10p**) pseudoviruses. No

statistically significant differences in cross-NAb responses were observed between the SUDV

trimer and SApNP groups, as measured by ID_{50} titers.

Lastly, we assessed RAVV GPΔmuc trimer-induced serum bAb responses in ELISA using

a RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT(1TD0) antigen (**Fig. 9n** and **Fig. S10q**). Similar to EBOV and SUDV

GPΔmuc trimers, RAVV GPΔmuc trimer generated a strong bAb response after two doses, with

the peak EC_{50} titer of 36,2215 at week 5. Cross-reactive bAb responses were evaluated using week-

17 sera against two orthoebolavirus antigens: EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) (**Fig. 9o** and **Fig.**

S10r) and SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) (**Fig. 9p** and **Fig. S10s**). Low bAb titers, indicated by

A_{450} values, were observed for SUDV GPΔmuc in most mice. Vaccine-induced NAb responses

were evaluated against pseudotyped MARV-Angola and orthoebolaviruses using purified IgG and

week-17 sera, respectively (**Fig. 9q** and **Figs. S10t**, **u**). Notably, IgG purification was required to

eliminate nonspecific serum background in the MARV pseudovirus assay (**Fig. S10t**, left), and

neutralization potency was measured by the 50% inhibitory concentration (IC_{50}). The RAVV

GPΔmuc trimer group yielded IC_{50} values of 30.9-148.4 μg/ml, with a geometric mean of 70.2

μg/ml, when IgG was tested against MARV-Angola (**Fig.9q**, left). RAVV GPΔmuc trimer-induced

sera were then assessed against EBOV-Makona, SUDV-Gulu, and BDBV-Uganda pseudoviruses

(**Fig. 9q**, right). Interestingly, cross-genus neutralization activity was demonstrated by detectable

ID_{50} titers, although confirmation by IgG-based assays will be needed.

Antibody responses induced by glycan-modified filovirus GPΔmuc vaccines in mice

We characterized the immunogenicity of filovirus GPΔmuc vaccines bearing oligomannose-rich (Kif) and trimmed (Kif/Endo H) glycans in mice (**Fig. 10a**). The same immunization protocol used in our previous vaccine studies (*100, 113, 151, 152*) was applied here, which differed from the longer-interval (6-week) regimen used for wild-type GPΔmuc vaccines (**Fig. 9a**). Mice were immunized intraperitoneally at weeks 0, 3, 6, and 9, with 3-week intervals between doses. Each injection contained 10 μg of glycan-modified antigen formulated with 100 μl of CpG/AH adjuvant, resulting in a final volume of 200 μl. Serum was collected two weeks after each vaccination to enable longitudinal comparison of bAb and NAb responses.

We first measured serum bAb responses induced by glycan-modified EBOV GPΔmuc trimers by ELISA using an EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) antigen (**Fig. 10b** and **Figs. S11a, b**). Among the three groups, the glycan-trimmed trimer elicited the lowest EC$_{50}$ titers at all timepoints, while the Kif-treated trimer generated the highest EC$_{50}$ titers, 212 and 42,360 at weeks 2 and 5, respectively. In terms of EC$_{50}$ titers, the Kif-treated group was 2.2- and 6.2-fold higher at week 2, and 1.2- and 2.1-fold higher at week 5, compared with the wild-type and glycan-trimmed groups, respectively. All trimer groups reached peak EC$_{50}$ titers after three doses. Following a similar trend, the Kif-treated EBOV GPΔmuc E2p SApNP group showed the highest bAb titers at all three timepoints (**Fig. 10c** and **Figs. S11**, **b**). Responses appeared to plateau at week 5, with the Kif-treated E2p SApNP yielding an EC$_{50}$ titer of 300,502, 1.5- and 3.2-fold higher than its wild-type and glycan-trimmed counterparts, respectively. Wild-type and Kif-treated EBOV GPΔmuc I3-01v9 SApNPs induced comparable bAb responses, both reaching peak EC$_{50}$ titers after three doses (**Fig. 10d** and **Figs. S11a, b**). We next evaluated NAb responses induced by glycan-modified EBOV GPΔmuc vaccines against EBOV-Makona. Overall, the Kif-treated vaccines were the most

immunogenic, while the glycan-trimmed vaccines elicited the lowest NAb titers at all three

timepoints (**Fig. 10e-g** and **Figs. S11c, d**). Specifically, the Kif-treated EBOV GPΔmuc trimer

yielded an ID_{50} titer of 449 at week 5, 1.5- and 1.9-fold higher than its wild-type and glycan-

trimmed counterparts, respectively (**Fig. 10e**). The Kif-treated EBOV GPΔmuc E2p SApNP

elicited an ID_{50} titer of 1,459 at week 5, 2.3- and 4.1-fold higher than those of the wild-type and

glycan-trimmed groups, respectively (**Fig. 10f**). A similar pattern was observed in the I3-01v9b

SApNP groups (**Fig. 10g**). These results demonstrated the beneficial effect of an oligomannose-

rich glycan shield on bAb and NAb responses induced by EBOV GPΔmuc vaccines, in marked

contrast to the glycan effects observed in our recent HIV-1 Env vaccine study (*113*).

We then used a SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) antigen in ELISA to assess serum bAb

responses induced by glycan-modified SUDV GPΔmuc trimers (**Fig. 10h** and **Figs. S11e, f**). At

all three timepoints, the Kif-treated SUDV GPΔmuc trimer elicited the highest bAb titers, whereas

the glycan-trimmed trimer elicited the lowest, consistent with results observed for EBOV.

Regardless of glycan modification, all vaccine groups reached peak EC_{50} titers after three doses.

The Kif-treated SUDV GPΔmuc trimer yielded EC_{50} titers of 425 and 150,326 at weeks 2 and 5,

respectively. In terms of EC_{50} titers, this trimer achieved 6.1- and 13.3-fold increases at week 2,

and 8.2- and 27.6-fold increases at week 5, compared with the wild-type and glycan-trimmed

counterparts, respectively. Similarly, for both SUDV GPΔmuc E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs, the

Kif-treated groups showed the highest bAb responses at weeks 2 and 5 (**Figs. 10i, j** and **Figs. S11e,**

f). For both SApNPs, Kif treatment led to plateaued EC_{50} titers after two doses (week 5), whereas

the wild-type and glycan-trimmed groups required three doses to reach their EC_{50} titers at week 8.

The Kif-treated SUDV GPΔmuc E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs elicited EC_{50} titers of 329,358 and

271,692 at week 5, respectively, 2.1- and 6.9-fold higher than their wild-type counterparts and 2.3-

and 5.7-fold higher than their glycan-trimmed counterparts, respectively. We then evaluated NAb

responses induced by glycan-modified SUDV GPΔmuc vaccines against SUDV-Gulu. All three

SUDV GPΔmuc trimer groups reached peak ID_{50} titers after three doses (**Fig. 10k** and **Figs. S11g,**

h). The Kif-treated SUDV GPΔmuc trimer group showed the highest ID_{50} titer of 3,652 at week 5,

2.7- and 2.2-fold higher than those of the wild-type and glycan-trimmed groups, respectively (**Fig.**

10k). While all three E2p SApNPs exhibited comparable ID_{50} titers (**Fig. 10l**), the Kif-treated I3-

01v9 SApNP elicited the highest ID_{50} titer of 4,041 at week 8, 2.9- and 3.2-fold higher than its

wild-type and glycan-trimmed counterparts, respectively (**Fig. 10m**). Therefore, oligomannose

enrichment conferred a similar advantage to SUDV as to EBOV vaccines (**Figs. 10e–g**).

We assessed serum bAb responses induced by the wild-type and glycan-trimmed RAVV

GPΔmuc trimers by ELISA using a wild-type RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2CT(1TD0) antigen (**Fig. 10n** and

Figs. S11i, **j**). The wild-type group reached a peak EC_{50} titer of 362,215 after two doses, whereas

the glycan-trimmed group required three doses to plateau at 446,121. Overall, no significant

differences were observed between the two groups at any timepoint. We also compared NAb

responses by testing purified IgG against pseudotyped MARV-Angola and orthoebolaviruses (**Fig.**

10o and **Fig. S10k**). Against MARV-Angola, both groups yielded similar IC_{50} values, ranging

from 25.9 to 191.6 μg/ml. Cross-orthoebolavirus neutralization was evaluated using mouse IgG

against EBOV-Makona, SUDV-Gulu, and BDBV-Uganda. The wild-type trimer induced stronger

cross-genus activity than its glycan-trimmed counterpart, although the longer dosing interval may

have contributed to this difference. Neither group showed nonspecific IgG neutralization against

lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus pseudoparticles (LCMV-pps), included as a negative control.

These findings were largely consistent with serum neutralization data (**Fig. 9q**).

Sex-dependent antibody responses induced by stabilized SUDV GPΔmuc trimers

We studied the impact of sex on NAb responses induced by wild-type and Kif-treated SUDV

GPΔmuc trimers. Briefly, mice were injected at weeks 0, 3, 6, and 9 via intradermal injection into

four footpads, with 3-week intervals between doses (**Fig. S12a**). Each administered dose consisted

of 80 μl of antigen/AH adjuvant mix containing 10 μg of trimer antigen and 40 μl of adjuvant.

Serum samples collected at week 11, after four injections, were assessed against SUDV Gulu

pseudovirus. For the wild-type SUDV GPΔmuc trimer, a significant sex-specific difference was

observed: the ID_{50} titer in female mice (607) was 2.3-fold higher than in male mice (**Fig. S12b**).

For the Kif-treated SUDV GPΔmuc trimer, female mice developed a slightly higher ID_{50} titer (593)

than males, although the difference was not statistically significant (**Fig. S12c**). In both vaccine

groups, female mice mounted greater NAb responses than males. This result is consistent with our

previous study on RSV F trimer vaccines (*153*) and with broader consensus that females tend to

generate stronger humoral immune responses than males following vaccination (*154, 155*).

Our detailed analysis of vaccine-induced antibody responses underscores the critical role

of multivalent display and glycan modification in enhancing filovirus vaccine immunogenicity.

Overall, Kif-treated GPΔmuc SApNPs elicited the strongest bAb and NAb responses. However,

due to differences in immunization protocols (e.g., dosing intervals), additional in vivo studies are

needed to confirm these results. Another key observation is the induction of cross-orthoebolavirus

NAbs by the RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2CT trimer, detected at both serum and IgG levels (**Fig. 9q**, right;

Fig. 10o). This finding suggests that this GP possesses intrinsic immunogenic potential, warranting

further validation in animal models, and could be incorporated into a pan-filovirus vaccine. Finally,

sex is an important variable in evaluating filovirus vaccine responses.

DISCUSSION

Filoviruses are a major cause of lethal VHF in humans and NHPs (*5, 6*). The viral GP mediates

host cell entry by facilitating attachment and membrane fusion (*14*). Structural studies of filovirus

GPs bound to NAbs from human survivors have shown that GP harbors neutralizing epitopes and

is the primary target for vaccine development (*18-21*). Two vector-based EBOV vaccines, rVSV-

ZEBOV (ERVEBO) (*63*) and a two-dose regimen (Zabdeno + Mvabea) (*64*), were approved by

the U.S. FDA and the European Commission in 2019 and 2020, respectively. However, no licensed

vaccines are available to prevent VHF caused by other filoviruses. Over the past decade, structure-

based rational design has emerged as a powerful approach to accelerate vaccine development (*84,*

85, 87, 88). Like other class I viral fusion proteins, filovirus GP is metastable (*99, 100*), and

vaccines expressing wild-type GP may not elicit optimal immune responses. Two recent studies

identified molecular features contributing to GP metastability and stabilized the GPΔmuc trimer

in a native-like prefusion conformation (*99, 100*). While native-like GP trimers have remained the

focus of filovirus vaccine design, engineered protein NPs have emerged as a promising platform

to enhance antigen presentation and immunogenicity (*74, 100*). In parallel, glycan trimming has

been shown to improve NAb responses to vaccines targeting influenza, HIV-1, and SARS-CoV-2

(*112-114*), suggesting a broadly applicable strategy for viral GP-based immunogens. However, the

combined effects of GP stabilization, NP display, and glycan modification have not been evaluated

systematically across diverse filoviruses in the context of rational vaccine design.

We previously reported that the HR2 stalk and HR1c bend in GP2 contribute to EBOV GP

metastability, and that a W615L mutation combined with a C-terminal extension (targeting HR2),

along with a proline substitution at T577 or L579 (targeting HR1c), yielded a stable GPΔmuc

trimer with high yield and homogeneity in mammalian cells (*100*). In this study, we extended this

rational GP design strategy to SUDV and BDBV of the *Orthoebolavirus* genus and to RAVV of

the *Orthomarburgvirus* genus to support vaccine development against future filovirus outbreaks –

a priority of the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) (*76,*

156, 157). Although the same GP2 elements (HR1c and HR2 stalk) appear to drive metastability

across both filovirus genera, the stabilization strategies differ. For EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV,

comparative analysis of GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 and -WL^{2}P^4 constructs revealed that the P^4 mutation

conferred a more favorable thermostability profile, while trimer yield, purity, and antigenicity

remained comparable between P^2 and P^4. The crystal structure of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 revealed

a stabilizing interprotomer hydrogen bond (R130-A575), while the cryo-EM structure of SUDV

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 resolved atomic details of the GP-CA45 interface, together confirming GPΔmuc-

WL^{2}P^4 as a broadly applicable design for stabilizing orthoebolavirus GP in a native-like prefusion

conformation. In contrast, for RAVV, the P^2 (T578P) construct yielded substantially more trimer

than the P^4 (E580P) variant. A double mutation at the base of the HR2 stalk (E631F/Q632V)

further improved trimer stability, resulting in the GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT design. Notably, the W615L

mutation used to stabilize orthoebolavirus GPs was originally derived from MARV (*100*), whereas

the E631F/Q632V mutation used here to stabilize RAVV GP was introduced from EBOV. This

reciprocal exchange suggests that filoviruses may have evolved distinct mechanisms for regulating

GP metastability, via a widened neck in orthoebolaviruses or a charged tail in orthomarburgviruses,

within the HR2 stalk. These findings suggest that triggers of metastability may also reside in the

stalk regions of other class I viral fusion proteins, such as RSV F and SARS-CoV-2 spike.

We previously focused our design efforts on the NP interior, incorporating an inner shell

of locking domains (LDs) and a core of helper T-cell epitopes (*100*). The resulting multilayered

E2p and I3-01v9 SApNPs were used to present antigens from EBOV, SARS-CoV-2, HIV-1, and

influenza (*100, 113, 127, 151, 158*). We also observed that EBOV GP and RSV F (*100, 153*), both

containing a C-terminal coiled-coil stalk, dissociated into monomers in the absence of a C-terminal

trimerization motif. This suggests that SApNPs with small, rigid anchoring sites may be better

suited for displaying trimeric antigens with extended stalks. Compared with E2p, which features a

compact triangular anchoring site (~9 Å) on the NP surface (*159*), I3-01v9 presents a wider spacing

of 50.5 Å between N-termini (*160*), which may destabilize filovirus GPs when displayed on the

NP surface. To address this, we redesigned I3-01v9 using a previously developed I3-01v9a variant

(*127*) as a template. An N-terminal helix was modeled and packed against the protein core in silico,

yielding I3-01v9b and I3-01v9c. When the I3-01v9b/c-T variants were used as scaffolds to present

EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4, the resulting constructs showed native-like GP trimer structures by EM.

Notably, while all three orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers were successfully displayed on

E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs, a similar attempt with RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT resulted in low yield

and aggregation. It is plausible that specific regions within RAVV GP may interact with the NP

backbone and cause misfolding. Nonetheless, our findings suggest that I3-01v9b/c can be used to

display filovirus GPs, as well as other class I viral GPs such as RSV F and SARS-CoV-2 spike,

with improved trimer stability. Glycan modification adds another dimension to rational vaccine

design (*113*), but its biochemical, biophysical, structural, and antigenic effects must be carefully

assessed. Although glycan-trimmed GPΔmuc trimers exhibited lower thermostability (T$_m$) than

both wild-type and Kif-treated forms, glycan trimming enhanced NAb epitope recognition in both

trimer and SApNP formats, consistent with our previous HIV-1 study (*113*).

In recent studies, we established a vaccine strategy that integrates detailed mechanistic

analysis to characterize the in vivo behavior of immunogens and provide insights into vaccine-

induced NAb responses (*113, 127, 128*). In the analysis of SUDV GPΔmuc vaccines, multivalent

display on SApNPs enhanced GP interactions with FDC networks, B cells, and phagocytic cells

in lymph nodes. The size and intrinsic thermostability of SApNPs contributed to prolonged vaccine

retention and sustained antigen presentation in lymph node follicles (over 8 weeks), resulting in

more robust and durable GC reactions compared with the soluble GPΔmuc trimer. Nearly identical

trafficking and retention patterns were observed for SApNPs presenting SUDV GPΔmuc, HIV-1

Env (*113*), and influenza M2e×3 (*127*), despite their distinct glycan profiles. These results support

our previous conclusion that glycans are not a major determinant of follicular localization for NP

vaccines in lymph nodes (*113*). Collectively, these findings suggest that NP size and antigen

thermostability are key factors influencing the lymph node behavior of protein NPs (*113, 127,*

128). Mouse immunization studies further elucidated antibody responses to diverse filovirus

vaccines. Overall, longitudinal analysis revealed that NAb responses closely tracked with bAb

responses. Among wild-type vaccines, E2p SApNPs presenting EBOV and SUDV GPΔmuc

elicited the highest EC_{50} and ID_{50} titers at most timepoints, consistent with the strong GC reactions

observed in lymph nodes. The two glycan modification strategies, however, yielded unexpected

results. Glycan-trimmed trimers and SApNPs consistently elicited the lowest EC_{50} and ID_{50} titers,

while oligomannose-rich immunogens – produced in the presence of kifunensine (Kif) – induced

the strongest bAb and NAb responses at most timepoints. This pattern contrasts with findings from

the previous studies of influenza HA, SARS-CoV-2 spike, and HIV-1 Env vaccines, where glycan

trimming enhanced the breadth and potency of NAb responses (*112-115*). Although the reasons

for these differences remain unclear, our results suggest that there may not be a single glycan

modification strategy applicable to all viral GP vaccines.

Our future research will follow several directions. First, antibodies induced by GPΔmuc

trimers and SApNPs, with or without glycan modification, will be isolated for structural epitope

mapping. This will help determine how SApNP display enhances NAb function, as demonstrated

for SARS-CoV-2 (*128*), how cross-NAbs recognize diverse GPs, and how glycan modification

influences epitope targeting. Such analyses may explain why improved epitope exposure following

glycan trimming did not translate into stronger NAb responses in vivo. Second, alternative glycan

modification strategies will be explored. While it is unclear whether oligomannose enrichment

improves NAb elicitation for other viral GPs, various approaches that alter glycan profiles can be

tested using filovirus vaccine constructs. Non-mammalian systems, such as fungal (*161, 162*) and

insect (*163*) cell lines, may provide simpler oligomannose-type glycans and reduce the need for

chemical modification. Third, pan-filovirus vaccine strategies merit further investigation. EBOV

and SUDV GPΔmuc SApNPs elicited cross-orthoebolavirus NAbs, and combining these with an

optimized SApNP presenting RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT trimers may, in principle, induce a cross-

genus, pan-filovirus bNAb response. Finally, filovirus challenge studies in mice and guinea pigs

will be essential to evaluate protection and support advancement to NHP models.

METHODS

Construct design, expression, and purification of filovirus GP immunogens

For orthoebolaviruses, the amino acid sequences of EBOV GP (Mayinga strain, GenBank

Accession: NP_066246) with a T42A substitution, SUDV GP (Gulu strain, GenBank Accession:

AAU43887), and BDBV GP (R4386L strain, GenBank Accession: AYI50307) were used to

design GPΔmuc trimers (**Fig. S1a**) and SApNPs (**Fig. S3h**). Notably, an N637D mutation was

later introduced to the SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 construct to eliminate a potential N-linked

glycosylation site at N637 due to the enzymatic site "AS" between the GP and SApNP backbone.

For orthomarburgviruses, the amino acid sequence of RAVV GP (Ravn-87 strain, GenBank

Accession: ABE27071) was used to design GPΔTM and various GPΔmuc trimers (**Fig. S5a**).

Rationally designed EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc trimers were transiently

expressed in HEK293F cells as previously described (*100*). Briefly, HEK293F cells were thawed

and suspended in FreeStyle 293 Expression Medium (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA) and

placed in a shaker incubator at 37°C, 135 rotations per minute (rpm), with 8% CO_2. When the cells

reached a density of 2.0×10^6/ml, they were diluted to a concentration of 1.0×10^6/ml in 1 L of

FreeStyle 293 Expression Medium for transfection using a polyethyleneimine (PEI) (Polysciences)

transfection protocol. In brief, 900 µg of plasmid DNA in 25 ml of Opti-MEM transfection medium

(Life Technologies) was mixed with 5 ml of PEI-MAX (1.0 mg/ml) in 25 ml of Opti-MEM and

incubated for 30 min at room temperature. Cells were then transfected with the DNA–PEI-MAX

mixture and incubated in a shaker incubator at 37°C, 135 rpm, with 8% CO_2. Kifunensine (10

mg/L, Tocris Bioscience) was added at the time of transfection to inhibit α-mannosidase I and

promote oligomannose-type glycosylation. Five days later, the supernatants containing the target

protein were harvested, clarified by centrifugation at $1,126 \times g$ for 22 min, and filtered through a

0.45 µm membrane (Thermo Scientific). Orthoebolavirus GP was purified with an ADI-15878

IAC column, except for EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 used in X-ray crystallography and EBOV

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-I3-01v9b/c-T used in nsEM, which were purified with an mAb100 IAC column.

Orthoebolavirus GPs were eluted three times with 5 ml of 0.2 M glycine (pH 2.2), neutralized with

0.5 ml of 2 M Tris base (pH 9.0), and buffer-exchanged into phosphate-buffered saline (PBS; pH

7.2). IAC-purified orthoebolavirus GPs were further purified by SEC using a Superdex 200

Increase 10/300 GL column (Cytiva).

RAVV GPΔmuc trimers and all orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs were

produced in ExpiCHO cells (Thermo Fisher). Briefly, ExpiCHO cells were thawed and incubated

in ExpiCHO Expression Medium (Thermo Fisher) in a shaker incubator at 37°C, 135 rpm, with

8% CO_2. When cell density reached 10×10^6/ml, ExpiCHO Expression Medium was added to

adjust the cell density to 6×10^6/ml for transfection. ExpiFectamine CHO–plasmid DNA

complexes were prepared for 100-ml transfections according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Kifunensine (10 mg/L) was added at the time of ExpiCHO transfection to inhibit α-mannosidase

I. For these constructs, 100 µg of plasmid and 320 µl of ExpiFectamine CHO reagent were mixed

in 7.7 ml of cold OptiPRO™ medium (Thermo Fisher). Following the first feed on day 1, cells

were cultured in a shaker incubator at 33°C, 115 rpm, with 8% CO_2 using the Max Titer protocol,

with an additional feed on day 5 (Thermo Fisher). Culture supernatants were harvested 13–14 days

post-transfection, clarified by centrifugation at 3724 × g for 25 min, and filtered through a 0.45 µm

membrane (Thermo Fisher). RAVV GPΔmuc trimers were purified using Ni Sepharose excel resin

(Nickel, Cytiva), eluted twice with 15 ml of 0.5 M imidazole, and buffer-exchanged into Tris-

buffered saline (TBS; pH 7.2). Orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs were purified using

an ADI-15878 IAC column, eluted three times with 5 ml of 0.2 M glycine (pH 2.2), neutralized

with 0.5 ml of 2 M Tris base (pH 9.0), and buffer-exchanged into PBS (pH 7.2). Final polishing

was performed by SEC using a Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 GL column (Cytiva) for nickel-

purified RAVV GPΔmuc trimers and a Superose 6 Increase 10/300 GL column (Cytiva) for IAC-

purified orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs. Selected SEC fractions were pooled,

aliquoted, and stored in liquid nitrogen or at -80 ⁰C until use.

Expression and purification of neutralizing antibodies (NAbs)

Antibodies in the IgG form were transiently expressed in ExpiCHO cells (Thermo Fisher). At 12–

14 days post-transfection, cells were centrifuged at 3,724 × g for 25 min, and the supernatants were

filtered through a 0.45-µm membrane (Millipore). IgGs were purified using protein A affinity resin

(Cytiva) and eluted with 0.3 M citric acid (pH 3.0). The eluate was immediately titrated to neutral

pH (7.0) by adding 2 M Tris base (pH 9.0). IgGs were then concentrated and buffer-exchanged

into PBS using Amicon 10 kDa filters (Millipore). Concentrations were determined by UV_{280}

absorption using theoretical extinction coefficients.

Glycan trimming by Endo H treatment and enzyme removal

The protocol for Endo H treatment and removal was described in our previous study (*113*). Briefly,

surface glycans of filovirus GPΔmuc trimers and SApNPs were trimmed using endoglycosidase H

(Endo Hf), a fusion of Endo H and MBP (NEB, catalog no. P0703L). In each reaction, 1 mg of

antigen was mixed with 200 μl of 10× GlycoBuffer 3, 250 μl of Endo Hf, and H_2O (if necessary)

to a final volume of 2 ml. The mixture was incubated at room temperature (25°C) for 5 h to allow

enzymatic processing of the GP glycans. After incubation, the reaction mixtures were purified by

SEC using a Superdex 200 Increase 10/300 GL column (for trimers) or a Superose 6 Increase

10/300 GL column (for SApNPs) to remove the MBP-tagged enzyme. Notably, glycan trimming

by Endo H requires expression of filovirus GPΔmuc immunogens in the presence of kifunensine.

In our previous study (*113*), amylose resin (NEB, catalog no. E8021S) was used to remove residual

Endo Hf from SEC-purified HIV-1 Env trimers and SApNPs. In the present study, this additional

step of Endo Hf removal was omitted to preserve vaccine antigens for animal studies. SEC-purified

fractions were pooled, aliquoted, and stored in liquid nitrogen or at -80 ⁰C until use.

SDS-PAGE and BN-PAGE

Filovirus GPΔmuc trimers and SApNPs were analyzed by sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide

gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) and blue native-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (BN-PAGE).

Proteins were mixed with loading dye and loaded onto a 10% Tris-Glycine Gel (Bio-Rad) or a 4-

12% Bis-Tris NativePAGE gel (Life Technologies). For SDS-PAGE under reducing conditions,

proteins were mixed with 6× Laemmli SDS sample buffer (Thermo Scientific) and boiled for 5 min

at 100 °C. SDS-PAGE gels were run at 250 V for 25 min using SDS running buffer (Bio-Rad) and

stained with InstantBlue (Abcam). For BN-PAGE, proteins were mixed with 4× native dye and

loaded onto a BN-PAGE gel. The gel was run at 150 V for 2–2.5 h with NativePAGE running

buffer (Life Technologies), following the manufacturer's instructions. BN-PAGE gels were

stained with Coomassie Brilliant Blue R-250 (Bio-Rad) and destained using a solution of 6%

ethanol and 3% glacial acetic acid.

Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC)

The melting temperature (T_m) and other thermal parameters of filovirus GPΔmuc trimers purified

by an IAC or nickel column followed by SEC were measured using a MicroCal PEAQ-DSC Man

instrument (Malvern). Briefly, purified proteins in PBS buffer were diluted to 0.5-5 μM. Melting

was assessed at a scan rate of 60 °C/h from 20 °C to 100 °C. Data processing, including buffer

correction, normalization, and baseline subtraction, was conducted using MicroCal PEAQ-DSC

software. Gaussian fitting was carried out using GraphPad Prism version 10.3.1.

Site-specific glycan analysis

To generate site-specific glycan profiles, 100 μg aliquots of each antigen were denatured for 1 h

in 50 mM Tris/HCl (pH 8.0) containing 6 M urea and 5 mM dithiothreitol (DTT). The denatured

antigens were reduced and alkylated by adding 20 mM iodoacetamide (IAA) and incubating for 1

h in the dark, followed by 1h of incubation with 20 mM DTT to eliminate residual IAA. Alkylated

samples were buffer-exchanged into 50 mM Tris/HCl (pH 8.0) using Vivaspin columns (10 kDa

cutoff). Three aliquots were then digested separately overnight with trypsin (Mass Spectrometry

Grade, Promega), chymotrypsin (Mass Spectrometry Grade, Promega), or alpha lytic protease

(Sigma Aldrich) at a ratio of 1:30 (w/w). The next day, peptides were dried and extracted using an

Oasis HLB μElution Plate (Waters).

Peptides were dried again, resuspended in 0.1% formic acid, and analyzed by nanoLC-

electrospray ionization MS using an Ultimate 3000 HPLC (Thermo Fisher Scientific) system

coupled to an Orbitrap Eclipse mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Stepped higher-

energy collisional dissociation (HCD) fragmentation was applied. Peptides were separated using

an EasySpray PepMap RSLC C18 column (75 µm × 75 cm). A trapping column (PepMap 100 C18

3µM 75µM × 2cm) was used in line with liquid chromatography (LC) prior to separation with the

analytical column. The LC conditions were as follows: 280-minute linear gradient consisting of 4-

32% acetonitrile in 0.1% formic acid over 260 minutes followed by 20 minutes of alternating 76%

acetonitrile in 0.1% formic acid and 4% ACN in 0.1% formic acid, used to ensure all the sample

had eluted from the column. The flow rate was set to 300 nl/min. The spray voltage was set to 2.7

kV and the temperature of the heated capillary was set to 40 °C. The ion transfer tube temperature

was set to 275 °C. The scan range was 375−1500 m/z. The stepped HCD collision energies were

set to 15%, 25%, and 45% and the MS2 for each energy was combined. Precursor and fragment

detection were performed using an Orbitrap at a resolution of MS^1 = 120,000 and MS^2 = 30,000.

The AGC target for MS1 was set to standard and injection time set to auto which involves the

system setting the two parameters to maximize sensitivity while maintaining cycle time. Full LC

and MS methodology can be extracted from the appropriate Raw file using XCalibur FreeStyle

software or upon request.

Glycopeptide fragmentation data were extracted from the raw file using Byos 4.6 (Protein

Metrics). The glycopeptide fragmentation data were evaluated manually for each glycopeptide;

the peptide was scored as true-positive when the correct b and y fragment ions were observed

along with oxonium ions corresponding to the glycan identified. The MS data was searched using

the Protein Metrics 38 insect N-glycan library. The relative amounts of each glycan at each site as

well as the unoccupied proportion were determined by comparing the extracted chromatographic

areas for different glycotypes with an identical peptide sequence. All charge states for a single

glycopeptide were summed. The precursor mass tolerance was set at 4 ppm and 10 ppm for

fragments. A 1% false discovery rate (FDR) was applied. The relative amounts of each glycan at

each site as well as the unoccupied proportion were determined by comparing the extracted ion

chromatographic areas for different glycopeptides with an identical peptide sequence. Glycans

were categorized according to the composition detected.

HexNAc(2)Hex(9−3) was classified as M9 to M3. Any of these structures containing a

fucose were categorized as fucosylated mannose (FM). Complex-type glycans were classified

according to the number of HexNAc subunits and the presence or absence of fucose. Core glycans

refer to truncated structures smaller than M3. As this fragmentation method does not provide

linkage information, compositional isomers are grouped.

Biolayer interferometry

Antigenic profiles of filovirus GPΔmuc trimers and SApNPs were measured on an Octet RED96

(FortéBio, Pall Life Sciences) against a panel of antibodies, including five pan-orthoebolavirus

NAbs and two MARV NAbs, all in the IgG form. All assays were performed with agitation set to

1000 rpm in FortéBio 1× kinetic buffer. The final volume for all solutions was 200 μl per well.

Experiments were conducted at 30 °C in solid black 96-well plates (Greiner Bio-One). For all

antigens, 5 μg/ml antibody in 1× kinetic buffer was loaded onto the surface of anti-human IgG

Quantitation (AHQ) Biosensors for 300 s. Next, a 2-fold concentration gradient of antigen, starting

at 500 nM for trimers and 10 nM for SApNPs, was used in a 6-point dilution series. A 60-s

biosensor baseline step was applied before measuring association of antigen in solution with

antibody-loaded biosensors for 200 s. Dissociation of the interaction was monitored for 300 s. The

correction of baseline drift was performed by subtracting the mean value of shifts recorded for a

sensor loaded with antibody but not incubated with antigen, and for a sensor without antibody but

incubated with antigen. Octet data were processed using FortéBio's data acquisition software

(version 8.1). Peak response signals at the highest antigen concentration were summarized in a

matrix and color-coded for comparison across constructs. Experimental data for each antigen-

antibody pair were fitted to a 1:1 binding model, and the three best-fitting datasets were grouped

to calculate K_{on} and K_D values. Antibody-antigen binding curves were plotted using GraphPad

Prism version 10.3.1.

Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)

Costar 96-well, high-binding, flat-bottom, half-area plates (Corning) were coated with 50 µl of

PBS containing 0.1 µg of the appropriate filovirus GPΔmuc trimer or SApNP antigen. Plates were

incubated overnight at 4 °C and then washed five times with PBST wash buffer (PBS containing

and 0.05% (v/v) Tween 20). Each well was then blocked for 1 h at room temperature with 150 µl

of blocking buffer consisting of 4% (w/v) blotting-grade blocker (Bio-Rad) in PBS. Plates were

washed again five times with PBST wash buffer. To evaluate antibody binding to the coating

antigens, antibodies were diluted in blocking buffer to a maximum concentration of 10 µg/ml,

followed by a 10-fold dilution series. For each antibody dilution, a total volume of 50 µl was added

to the appropriate wells. For serum sample analysis, mouse sera were diluted 1:40 in blocking

buffer and subjected to a 10-fold dilution series. For each sample dilution, 50 µl of each dilution

was added to the wells. Plates were incubated for 1 h at room temperature and then washed five

times with PBST wash buffer. For secondary antibody binding, a 1:5000 dilution of goat anti-

human IgG antibody (Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories) or, for mouse sample analysis, a

1:3000 dilution of horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG antibody

(Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories) was prepared in PBST wash buffer. Then, 50 µl of the

diluted secondary antibody was added to each well. Plates were incubated for 1 h at room

temperature and then washed six times with PBST wash buffer. Finally, wells were developed

with 50 µl of 3,3',5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine (Life Sciences) for 3-5 min before the reaction was

stopped with 50 µl of 2 N sulfuric acid. Plates were immediately read on a BioTek Synergy plate

reader at a wavelength of 450 nm. EC_{50} values were calculated from full curves using GraphPad

Prism version 10.3.1. For samples with OD_{450} values below 0.5, EC_{50} values were set to 10 µg/ml

in **Figs. 1g**, **3h**, **4c**, and **4h** to facilitate EC_{50} plotting and comparison.

Protein crystallization and data collection

EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 was transiently expressed in HEK293S cells using the same protocol as

for HEK293F cells, followed by IAC and SEC purification. The mAb100/SEC-purified EBOV

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer protein at 9.3 mg/ml was subjected to crystallization by sitting-drop vapor

diffusion using an automated CrystalMation robotic system (Rigaku) at 20 °C at The Scripps

Research Institute (*164*). The reservoir solution consisted of 12% PEG-6000 (*v/v*) and 0.1 M

sodium citrate-citric acid (pH 4.51). Diffraction-quality crystals were obtained after 2 weeks of

incubation at 20°C. Crystals were cryoprotected in well solution containing 25% (*v/v*) ethylene

glycol, mounted on a nylon loop, and flash-cooled in liquid nitrogen. Diffraction data were

collected at beamline 12-1 of the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource (SSRL) and

processed with HKL-2000 (*165*). The data were indexed in space group P321.

Structure determination and refinement

The crystal structure of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 was determined by molecular replacement using

Phaser-MR in Phenix (version 1.19.2-4158), with the coordinates of the previously reported EBOV

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 structure (PDB ID: 7JPH) (*100*) as the search model. Polypeptide chains were

manually adjusted into electron density using Coot (*166*), refined with *phenix.refine* (*167*), and

validated using the wwPDB Validation System (*168*). Carbohydrates were further validated using

Privateer in CCP4i (*169*), both before and after refinement. Final data processing and refinement

statistics are described in **Table S1**. All images for crystal structures shown in the figures were

generated using PyMOL version 2.3.4. Notably, due to weak electron density, structural models

were not built for residues K633-D637 in the GP2 stalk region of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4, nor for

the C-terminal foldon trimerization motif. These omissions result in apparent gaps in crystal

packing when visualizing the GP structure within the electron density map.

Negative-stain electron microscopy (nsEM)

The nsEM analysis of filovirus GPΔmuc trimers, their antibody-bound complexes, and GPΔmuc-

presenting SApNPs, was performed by the Core Microscopy Facility at The Scripps Research

Institute. Briefly, samples were prepared at concentrations of 0.008 and 0.01 mg/ml, respectively.

Carbon-coated copper grids (400 mesh) were glow-discharged, and 8 µl of each sample was

adsorbed for 2 min. Excess samples were removed, and grids were negatively stained with 2%

uranyl formate for 2 min. Excess stain was wicked away, and the grids were allowed to air-dry.

Trimer samples were analyzed at 120 kV with a Talos L120C transmission electron microscope

(Thermo Fisher), and images were acquired using a CETA 16 M CMOS camera under 73,000×

magnification at a resolution of 1.93 Å/pixel and a defocus range of 0.5-2 µm. For SApNP samples,

the images were collected under 52,000× magnification. The resulting pixel size at the specimen

plane was 2.05 Å, and the defocus was set to −1.50 µm. Computational analysis of the images was

performed using the high-performance computing core facility at The Scripps Research Institute.

nsEM images were converted to MRC format using EMAN2 (*170*) and further processed with

CryoSPARC version 4.3.0 (*124*). Micrographs were contrast-transfer function (CTF)-corrected by

patch CTF estimation. Particles were selected using a blob/template picker and later extracted with

a box size of 130 pixels for 2D classification, with 50 and 230 Å used as the minimum and

maximum particle sizes for blob picking. 3D models were generated by *ab initio* reconstruction

and optimized using heterogeneous and homogeneous refinement procedures. All nsEM and fitted

structure images were generated using UCSF Chimera (*171*) and ChimeraX (*172-174*).

Cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) for SUDV GP-CA45 complexes

The SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 construct was expressed in HEK293F cells and purified using an

ADI-15878 column. The eluate was mixed with CA45 Fab at a 1:1.5 molar ratio. The mixture was

further purified using a Superose 6 Increase 10/300 GL column, and complex fractions were

pooled. Cryo-EM grid preparation and data collection were performed at the UC San Diego Cryo-

EM Facility. Vitrification was carried out using a Vitrobot Mark IV (FEI) equilibrated to 4 ºC and

100% humidity. Quantifoil Cu 1.2/1.3 300 grids were plasma cleaned using a Solarus II (Gatan)

with a mixture of Ar/O$_2$ for 10 s. Following plasma cleaning, the grid was blotted on one side with

3.5 µl of the SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4/CA45 Fab complex at a concentration of 0.55 mg/ml for 4 s,

and frozen in liquid ethane. The frozen grids were stored in liquid nitrogen until imaging. Cryo-

EM data were collected on a Titan Krios G4 (Thermo Fisher) operated at 200 keV, equipped with

a Falcon 4 camera and a Selectris-X energy filter (Thermo Fisher). Automated data collection was

performed using Smart EPU software (Thermo Fisher). Images were acquired under 130,000×

magnification, corresponding to a pixel size of 0.89 Å, with a defocus range of -1 to -2.5 µm. All

datasets were processed using CryoSPARC version 3.3. Movie frames were aligned using Patch

Motion Correction, and CTF estimation was performed with Patch CTF Estimation (**Fig. S2d**).

Initial particle picking was done with Blob Picker with the particle size set to 100-350 Å, and

particles were extracted using a box size of 360 pixels. After 2D classification, selected particle

classes were used as input for Template Picking and re-extracted with a box size of 360 pixels.

After multiple rounds of 2D classification, 249,139 particles were selected for 3D reconstruction.

Three starting reference models were generated using Ab-Initio Reconstruction and used for

Heterogeneous Refinement. Particles in the largest cluster (163,924 particles) were refined using

Homogeneous Refinement with a focusing mask and C3 symmetry. The refined model was further

subjected to 3D Classification, resulting in 10 models. The class associated with the most complete

model (41,233 particles) was subjected to another round of Ab-Initio Reconstruction. This

intermediate model was further optimized using Non-uniform Refinement and Local Refinement,

both using 163,924 particles and a focusing mask. The final GSFSC resolution was 3.13 Å, and

the final structural model was built using the crystal structures of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 (PDB

ID: 7JPH) (*100*) and EBOV GPΔmuc-bound CA45 Fab (PDB ID: 6EAY) (*118*) as templates. The

structures were fitted into the density map using ChimeraX (*172-174*), followed by real-space

refinement in Phenix (*167*), manual model correction in Coot (*166*), and a final round of real-space

refinement in Phenix (*167*). Statistics for the cryo-EM reconstruction and model refinement are

provided in **Table S2**. The coordinates and 3D density map have been deposited in Protein Data

Bank (PDB) and Electron Microscopy Data Bank (EMDB), respectively.

Rational design of trimer-presenting I3-01v9b/c SApNP scaffolds

We previously redesigned the I3-01v9 scaffold for optimal display of monomeric antigens (*127*).

In the resulting I3-01v9a SApNP, the *N*-terminal helix was extended such that its first residue was

positioned just above the NP surface. Here, we further redesigned I3-01v9a to optimize NP display

of trimeric antigens with a long coiled-coil stalk (**Fig. S3**). First, the 11-aa *N*-terminal helix in I3-

01v9a was truncated to 7 aa. Then, a 13-aa helix-turn fragment (9-aa helix + 4-aa turn, all alanine)

was fused to this truncated N-terminus. The newly added 9-residue helix was designed to pack

within the groove formed by two helices in the I3-01 core. This 9-residue helix was derived from

the structure of a human transcription factor (PDB ID: 6G6L). To accommodate this new helix,

four mutations were introduced into the I3-01 core helices to remove steric clashes. The helix-turn

backbone was first relaxed using iterative modular optimization (IMO) (*175*), followed by

structural sampling with the CONCOORD program (*176*) to generate 1,000 slightly perturbed

backbone conformations. An ensemble-based protein design protocol (*87, 152*) was then used to

identify the optimal amino acid sequence for the 9-residue N-terminal helix based on Cα and Cβ-

based RAPDF (*177*) scoring functions. The 4-residue turn was fixed as "GSGS" during design.

The final I3-01v9b design was selected by combining the results from both scoring functions. A

second design, I3-01v9c, was derived by mutating the turn sequence from "GSGS" to "GPPS" to

increase rigidity. The I3-01v9b structural model was further relaxed using IMO with a minimum

backbone perturbation angle. The distance between the N-termini of the I3-01v9b/c trimer model

(I3-01v9b/c-T) was 43.9 Å. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-I3-01v9b/c-T constructs (**Fig. S3b**) were

designed, transiently expressed in HEK293F cells, and structurally validated by nsEM.

Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS)

Particle size distributions of orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs were measured using a

Zetasizer Ultra instrument (Malvern). Briefly, ADI-15878/SEC-purified SApNPs produced from

ExpiCHO cells were diluted to 0.2 mg/ml in 1× PBS, and 30 µl of each sample was added to a

quartz batch cuvette (Malvern, catalog no. ZEN2112). Measurements were performed at 25 °C in

backscatter mode. Data processing was carried out using the Zetasizer particle size analyzer with

the Ultra instrument software. The resulting particle size distributions were plotted using GraphPad

Prism version 10.3.1.

Mouse immunization and sample collection

Mouse immunization protocols were adapted from our previous studies (*113, 127, 128*). All animal experiments were conducted in accordance with the guidelines of the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) and approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of The Scripps Research Institute. Female and male BALB/c mice, aged 6–8 weeks, were purchased from The Jackson Laboratory and housed in ventilated cages in environmentally controlled rooms at 20°C with 50% humidity, under a 12 h/12 h light-dark cycle. For mechanistic studies of vaccine transport and immune responses in lymph nodes, mice were intradermally inoculated via four footpads using a 29-gauge insulin needle under 3% isoflurane anesthesia with oxygen. The injection dose was 80 μl of antigen and AP adjuvant mix, containing 40 μg of vaccine antigen per mouse or 10 μg per footpad. In the first immunogenicity study, mice were injected via the intraperitoneal (i.p.) route at weeks 0, 3, 9, and 15. A 6-week interval was maintained between the second and third, and the third and fourth doses. In the second immunogenicity study, our standard 4-dose screening regimen (*113, 127, 128, 158*) was used, with mice injected at weeks 0, 3, 6, and 9 at 3-week intervals. Each injection consisted of 200 μl of antigen/adjuvant mix containing 10 μg of vaccine antigen and 100 μl of adjuvant, including 40 μg/50 μl of CpG (oligonucleotide 1826, a TLR9 agonist from InvivoGen) adsorbed onto 50 μl of AH (InvivoGen). In the sex-dependent antibody response study, mice were injected intradermally via the footpads at weeks 0, 3, 6, and 9, with 3-week intervals between doses. Each mouse received 80 μl of an antigen/AH adjuvant mixture containing 10 μg of immunogen and 40 μl of adjuvant. Blood samples were collected 2 weeks after each injection through the retro-orbital sinus using heparinized capillary tubes. Samples were centrifuged at 12,000 rpm for 10 min to separate serum (top layer) and the rest of the whole blood layer. Upon heat inactivation at 56°C for 30 min, serum was centrifuged again at 12000 rpm for 10 min to remove precipitates. For the

last timepoint, the rest of the whole blood layer was diluted with an equal volume of PBS and then

overlaid on 4.5 ml of Ficoll in a 15 ml SepMate tube (STEMCELL Technologies) and centrifuged

at 1,200 rpm for 10 min at 20 °C to separate peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs). Cells

were washed once in PBS and then resuspended in 1 ml of ACK red blood cell lysis buffer (Lonza).

After washing with PBS, PBMCs were resuspended in 1 ml of freezing media (10% dimethyl

sulfoxide [DMSO]/90% fetal calf serum [FCS]). Two weeks after the last bleed, spleens were

harvested and ground against a 70-μm cell strainer (BD Falcon) to release splenocytes into a cell

suspension. Splenocytes were centrifuged, washed in PBS, treated with 5 ml of ACK lysing buffer

(Lonza), and frozen with 3 ml of freezing media (10% DMSO/90% FCS). Serum samples from

week 11 in the second study were purified using a CaptureSelect™ IgG-Fc (Multispecies) Affinity

Matrix (Thermo Scientific) following the manufacturer's instructions. Purified IgG from

individual mice was analyzed in filovirus-pp assays to assess vaccine-induced NAb responses.

Histology, immunostaining, and imaging for lymph node tissues

To study vaccine distribution, trafficking, retention, cellular interaction, and GC reactions in

sentinel lymph nodes, SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNPs (E2p and I3-01v9b) adjuvanted with

AP were intradermally injected into four footpads of mice. A similar protocol was described in our

previous studies (*113, 127, 128*). Briefly, each injection consisted of 80 μl of antigen/adjuvant mix

containing 40 μg of filovirus antigen (10 μg/footpad; 40 μg/mouse). Mice were euthanized at time

points ranging from 2 h to 8 weeks after a single-dose injection. Fresh sentinel lymph nodes were

collected and embedded in frozen section compound (VWR International, catalog no. 95057-838).

Sample molds were immersed in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C before shipping to The Centre

for Phenogenomics (Toronto, Canada). Lymph node tissues were sectioned at 8 μm thickness using

a cryostat (Cryostar NX70). Primary antibodies were applied to lymph node sections and incubated

overnight at 4°C. After washing with TBS containing 0.1% Tween-20 (TBST), biotin- or

fluorophore-conjugated secondary antibodies were added, and sections were incubated at 25 °C

for 1 h. Lymph node sections were stained with NAbs ADI-15878 (*116*), ADI-15946 (*119*), CA45

(*118*), or mAb100 (*133*) (1:100), followed by biotinylated goat anti-human secondary antibody

(Abcam, catalog no. ab7152, 1:300), streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase (HRP) reagent

(Vectastain Elite ABC-HRP Kit, Vector, catalog no. PK-6100), and ImmPACT diaminobenzidine

(DAB; Vector, catalog no. SK-4105).

To study the interaction between SUDV GPΔmuc immunogens with lymph node cell

populations, FDCs were labeled using anti-CD21 primary antibody (Abcam, catalog no. ab75985,

1:1800), followed by anti-rabbit secondary antibody conjugated with Alexa Fluor 555 (Thermo

Fisher, catalog no. A21428, 1:200). FDCs were also co-stained using anti-FDC-M1 primary

antibody (BD Biosciences, catalog no. 551320, 1:20), followed by anti-rat secondary antibody

conjugated with Alexa Fluor 488 (Abcam, catalog no. ab150165, 1:200). Subcapsular sinus

macrophages were labeled with anti-sialoadhesin (CD169) antibody (Abcam, catalog no. ab53443,

1:600), followed by anti-rat secondary antibody conjugated with Alexa Fluor 488 (Abcam, catalog

no. ab150165, 1:200). B cells were labeled with anti-B220 antibody (eBioscience, catalog no. 14-

0452-82, 1:100), followed by anti-rat secondary antibody conjugated with Alexa Fluor 647

(Thermo Fisher, catalog no. A21247, 1:200). GC responses were assessed by immunohistology.

GC B cells were stained with FITC-conjugated rat anti-GL7 antibody (BioLegend, catalog no.

144604, 1:250). T_{fh} cells were stained with anti-CD4 antibody (BioLegend, catalog no. 100402,

1:100), followed by anti-rat secondary antibody conjugated with Alexa Fluor 488 (Abcam, catalog

no. ab150165, 1:1000). GC cells were stained with Bcl6 antibody (Abcam, catalog no. ab220092,

1:300), followed by anti-rabbit secondary antibody conjugated with Alexa Fluor 555 (Thermo

Fisher, catalog no. A21428, 1:1000). Nuclei were stained with 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole

(DAPI; Sigma-Aldrich, catalog no. D9542, 100 ng/ml).

Stained lymph node tissues were scanned using an Olympus VS-120 slide scanner

equipped with a Hamamatsu ORCA-R2 C10600 digital camera or an Akoya Vectra Polaris

imaging system with a 20×/0.45NA objective. The transport of SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNP

immunogens, as well as the GCs they induced in lymph nodes, were quantified from bright-field

and fluorescent images using ImageJ software (*178*).

Electron microscopy analysis of protein nanoparticles in lymph node tissues

To assess interactions between SUDV GPΔmuc immunogens and stromal and immune cells in

lymph nodes, TEM analysis was performed by the Core Microscopy Facility at The Scripps

Research Institute (TSRI). The protocol for lymph node isolation, processing, and analysis

followed our previous studies (*113, 128*). To visualize AP-adjuvanted SUDV GPΔmuc SApNPs

(E2p and I3-01v9b) interacting with FDCs and phagocytic cells, mice were injected with 200 μl

of antigen/adjuvant mix containing 100 μg of SUDV immunogen and 100 μl of AP adjuvant,

administered into two hind footpads (50 μg/footpad). Fresh popliteal lymph nodes were collected

at 2, 12, and 48 h after a single-dose injection. Lymph node tissues were bisected and immersed

in oxygenated fixative containing 2.5% glutaraldehyde and 4% paraformaldehyde in 0.1 M sodium

cacodylate buffer (pH 7.4) overnight at 4°C. Lymph node samples were then fixed and stained

with 0.5% uranyl acetate overnight at 4°C, infiltrated with LX-112 (Ladd) epoxy resin, and

polymerized at 60 °C. Ultrathin tissue sections (70 nm) were cut and mounted on copper grids for

imaging. TEM was performed at 80 kV using a Talos L120C transmission electron microscope

(Thermo Fisher), and images were acquired with a CETA 16M CMOS camera for further analysis.

Lymph node disaggregation, cell staining, and flow cytometry

To assess vaccine-induced humoral immune responses, the frequency and number of GC B cells

(GL7$^+$B220$^+$) and T$_{fh}$ cells (CD3$^+$CD4$^+$CXCR5$^+$PD-1$^+$) were measured by flow cytometry to

quantify GC reactions (**Fig. S9**). The protocol for lymph node tissue collection, processing, and

analysis followed our previous studies (*113, 127, 128*). Briefly, mice were administered with 80

µl of antigen/adjuvant mix containing 40 µg of vaccine immunogen (10 µg/injection, 40 µg/mouse)

into four footpads. Mice were euthanized at 2, 5, and 8 weeks after a single-dose injection, or at 2

and 5 weeks after the boost. Fresh sentinel lymph nodes were isolated and immediately processed

by mechanical disaggregation. Lymph node tissues were then incubated in enzyme digestion

solution at 37 °C for 30 min on a rotator, with the resulting cells filtered through a 70 µm cell

strainer to obtain a single-cell suspension. Anti-CD16/32 antibody (BioLegend, catalog no.

101302, 1:50) was added to the cell samples to block the nonspecific binding of Fc receptors and

the samples were kept on ice for 30 min. Next, cells were transferred to 96-well V-shaped-bottom

microplates with a cocktail of antibodies and stains, including: Zombie NIR live/dead stain

(BioLegend, catalog no. 423106, 1:100), Brilliant Violet 510 anti-mouse/human CD45R/B220

antibody (BioLegend, catalog no. 103247, 1:300), FITC anti-mouse CD3 antibody (BioLegend,

catalog no. 100204, 1:300), Alexa Fluor 700 anti-mouse CD4 antibody (BioLegend, catalog no.

100536, 1:300), PE anti-mouse/human GL7 antibody (BioLegend, catalog no. 144608, 1:500),

Brilliant Violet 605 anti-mouse CD95 (Fas) antibody (BioLegend, catalog no. 152612, 1:500),

Brilliant Violet 421 anti-mouse CD185 (CXCR5) antibody (BioLegend, catalog no. 145511,

1:500), and PE/Cyanine7 anti-mouse CD279 (PD-1) antibody (BioLegend, catalog no. 135216,

1:500). Cells were incubated with the antibody cocktail on ice for 30 min and centrifuged at 400

× *g* for 10 min. They were then fixed with 1.6% paraformaldehyde (Thermo Fisher Scientific,

catalog no. 28906) in Hank's Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS) on ice for 30 min, centrifuged again

at 400 × g for 10 min, resuspended in HBSS blocking solution at 4 °C. Sample acquisition was

performed on a 5-laser AZE5 flow cytometer (Yeti, Bio-Rad) with Everest software at the Core

Facility of The Scripps Research Institute. Data analysis was conducted with FlowJo version 10.

Pseudovirus production and neutralization assays

A filovirus-pseudoparticle (pp) neutralization assay (*100*) was performed to assess the neutralizing

activity of vaccine-induced mouse sera and purified mouse IgG. Filovirus-pps were generated by

co-transfecting HEK293T cells with the envelope-deficient HIV-1 pNL4-3.lucR⁻E⁻ plasmid (NIH

AIDS Reagent Program: https://www.aidsreagent.org/) and an expression plasmid encoding the

GP gene from EBOV Makona (GenBank accession no. KJ660346), SUDV Gulu (GenBank

accession no. AY729654), BDBV Uganda (GenBank accession no. KR063673), or MARV

Angola (GenBank accession no. DQ447653) at a 4:1 ratio using the Lipofectamine 3000

transfection protocol (Thermo Fisher). After 72 h, pseudoviruses were harvested from the

supernatant by centrifugation at 3,724 × g for 10 min, aliquoted, and stored at -80°C until use. For

pseudovirus neutralization assays, mouse sera (starting dilution 1:100) or purified IgG (starting at

300 μg/ml) were serially diluted 3-fold and incubated with pseudoviruses at 37°C for 1 h in white

solid-bottom 96-half-well plates (Corning). Then, 0.8×10^4 Huh-7 cells were added to each well,

and the plates were incubated at 37°C for 60-72 h. After incubation, the supernatant was removed,

and cells were lysed. Luciferase reporter gene expression was quantified by adding Bright-Glo

Luciferase substrate (Promega) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Luciferase activity

(in relative light units, RLU) was measured on a BioTek microplate reader using Gen 5 software.

Values from experimental wells were compared to virus-only wells, with background

luminescence from a series of uninfected wells subtracted from both. Dose-response neutralization

curves were fit by nonlinear regression (0-100% constraints) in GraphPad Prism version 10.3.1,

from which IC_{50} and ID_{50} were calculated. The same protocols were used to produce and assay

pseudoparticles displaying the envelope glycoprotein of lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus

(LCMV-pps) as a negative control for IgG neutralization.

Statistical analysis

Data were collected from $n = 8$ mice per group in the immunization studies and $n = 3\text{-}5$ mice per

group in the mechanistic study. All ELISA and pseudovirus neutralization assays were performed

in duplicate. Different vaccine constructs and adjuvant-formulated filovirus vaccine antigens were

compared using one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA), followed by Tukey's multiple

comparison *post hoc* test. Two-tailed unpaired *t*-tests were used to compare two independent

vaccine groups. Statistical significance is indicated in the figures as follows: ns (not significant),

*$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$, and ****$p < 0.0001$. Graphs were generated and statistical

analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism version 10.3.1.

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 Figure Legends

 Fig. 1. Rational design and in vitro characterization of orthoebolavirus GP trimers. (**a**)

 Schematic of GP construct design, including MLD deletion (Δmuc, residues G314–N463), a P^2

 (T577P) or P^4 (L579P) mutation in the HR1c bend, a W615L mutation at the neck of the HR2 stalk,

 and a C-terminal extension (D632–D637). IFL: internal fusion loop. (**b**) Schematic of an

 orthoebolavirus GP trimer bound to NAb ADI-15878 (left), and SEC profiles of six GPΔmuc

 constructs expressed in 500 ml HEK293F cultures and purified using an ADI-15878 IAC column

 (right). Aggregation (A) and trimer (T) peaks are indicated. (**c**) BN-PAGE analysis of six ADI-

 15878/SEC-purified GPΔmuc trimers, showing bands consistent with trimer size and molecular

 weight. (**d**) DSC thermograms of six ADI-15878/SEC-purified GPΔmuc trimers. Experimental

 data (black dots) and Gaussian fits (red lines) are shown, with key parameters labeled: melting

 temperature(s) (T_m, or T_{m1} and T_{m2}), onset temperature (T_{onset}), and peak half-width ($\Delta T_{1/2}$). (**e**)

 Site-specific glycan profiles of ADI-15878/SEC-purified EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc-

 WL^2P^4 trimers. Glycan compositions are grouped into four types, including complex (pink), hybrid

 (pink striped), oligomannose (green), and unoccupied (gray). "N.D.": not determined; "N.P.": not

 present. (**f**) nsEM-derived 3D reconstructions of EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc-WL^2P^4

 trimers and their complexes with NAb ADI-15878. Crystal structures of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^2P^2

 (PDB ID: 7JPH) and ADI-15878 (PDB ID: 6DZN) were used in the density fitting, with GP1, GP2,

 and Fab shown in cyan, green, and pink, respectively. (**g**) ELISA-derived EC_{50} (µg/ml) values for

 the six orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers binding to four pan-orthoebolavirus NAbs and the MARV

 NAb, MR78. If absorbance at 450 nm was <0.5 at the starting concentration (10 µg/ml), the antigen

 was considered a non-binder with the EC_{50} value set to 10 µg/ml. (**h**) BLI profiles for the same six

 GPΔmuc trimers binding to the same NAbs. Sensorgrams were collected using a six-point, 2-fold

antigen dilution (starting at 600 nM) from an Octet RED96 instrument and are shown in **Fig. S1i**.

Peak responses at the highest concentration are summarized in a matrix, color-coded from green

(weak binding) to red (strong binding).

Fig. 2. Structural characterization of an unliganded EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer and a

SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer bound to NAb CA45. (a) Left: crystal structure of the stabilized

EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer determined at 3.2 Å resolution, with GP1 in cyan, glycan cap in

gray, IFL in pink, and GP2 in gold. Structural details could not be resolved for residues R200-

P209, K294-I301, and T634-D637 (C terminus). Right: comparative analysis of the HR1c bend

and its local structure for EBOV GPΔmuc constructs bearing WL^2 (PDB ID: 7JPI), WL^{2}P^2 (PDB

ID: 7JPH), and WL^{2}P^4 mutations. Side chains are shown for residues forming cross-protomer

interactions (L95, R130, L573, and T576). A 3.3 Å cutoff was used to define donor-acceptor

distances for hydrogen bonds. **(b)** Cryo-EM 3D reconstruction of the SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4

trimer bound to CA45 Fab at 3.13 Å resolution, with GP1 in orange, GP2 in green, CA45 heavy

chain in blue, and light chain in pink. The glycan cap and HR2 stalk were not resolved and became

partially visible at lower density thresholds beyond 4.0 Å (see **Fig. S2e**). **(c)** Ribbon representation

of the cryo-EM-derived SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4/CA45 complex using the color scheme. Atomic

details of the glycan cap and HR2 stalk could not be resolved due to limited local resolution. Left:

atomic details of hydrogen bonds between GP and the CA45 heavy chain (top) and light chain

(bottom). Right: superposition of the HR1c bend in SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 with that of BDBV

GPΔmuc (top, cryo-EM) and EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 (bottom, crystal structure).

Fig. 3. Rational design and in vitro characterization of orthoebolavirus GP-presenting

SApNPs. (a) SApNP optimization for surface display of trimeric antigens with a narrow stalk.

Twenty I3-01v9a trimers assemble into an SApNP (left), with the N-termini forming a triangle of

43.9 Å (middle). Using computational design, a helical extension was added to the I3-01v9a N-

terminus to pack against the protein core, reducing the triangle to 12.9 Å and yielding I3-01v9b/c

(right). (**b**) nsEM analysis of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-I3-01v9b-T, in which I3-01v9b-T is a

trimeric version of I3-01v9b with mutations that interrupt particle assembly. Top: representative

2D class averages; Bottom: side and top views of the 3D reconstruction with fitted EBOV

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 and aldolase (PDB: 1VLW) structures. (**c**) Schematic of EBOV GPΔmuc-

WL2P4-presenting I3-01v9b/c SApNP. The predicted particle diameter is 49.1 nm, measured at

GP1 residue T269. (**d**) SEC profiles of six orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-presenting SApNPs

expressed in ExpiCHO cells and purified using an ADI-15878 IAC column. Peaks corresponding

to full NPs, partially assembled NPs (pNP), and trimers (T) are indicated. (**e**) Representative nsEM

images of the six SEC-purified SApNPs. Scale bar: 50 nm. (**f**) Particle size distributions of the six

SEC-purified SApNPs measured by DLS. Three independent measurements are shown for each

construct, with hydrodynamic diameters (D$_h$) labeled. (**g**) Site-specific glycan profile of SUDV

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-presenting E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs. Glycan types are colored as in **Fig. 1e**.

(**h**) ELISA-derived EC$_{50}$ (µg/ml) values for six orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-presenting

SApNPs binding to five NAbs. Absorbance <0.5 at 10 µg/ml was used as a non-binding cutoff, as

in **Fig. 1g**. (**i**) BLI profiles for the same six SApNPs binding to the same five NAbs. Sensorgrams

were obtained using the same protocol as in **Fig. 1h** (see **Fig. S3k**). Peak responses at the highest

concentration are summarized in a matrix as in **Fig. 1h**.

Fig. 4. Glycan modification of EBOV and SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers and SApNPs. (a)

SEC profiles of EBOV and SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 constructs expressed in 500 ml HEK293F

cultures and purified using an ADI-15878 IAC column. For each construct, two types of glycan

modifications were performed: kifunensine (Kif) treatment and Kif plus Endo H (Kif/Endo H)

treatment. HEK293F expression in the presence of Kif enriches oligomannose-type glycans, and subsequent Endo H treatment yields GlcNAc stumps. The SEC peak at 14.7 ml corresponds to Endo H. (**b**) DSC thermograms of ADI-15878/SEC-purified EBOV and SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers after glycan modification. Experimental data and Gaussian fits are shown as black dots and red lines, respectively. Melting temperatures (T_m or T_{m1}/T_{m2}), onset temperature (T_{onset}), and peak half-width ($\Delta T_{1/2}$) are labeled. (**c**) ELISA-derived EC$_{50}$ (μg/ml) values of glycan-modified EBOV and SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers binding to five NAbs. Absorbance <0.5 at 10 μg/ml was used as a non-binding cutoff, as in **Fig. 1f**. (**d**) BLI profiles of the same glycan-modified trimers binding to five NAbs. Sensorgrams were obtained using the same protocol as in **Fig. 1h** (see **Fig. S4c**) Peak responses at the highest concentration are summarized in a matrix, as in **Fig. 1h**. (**e**) SEC profiles (top) and nsEM images (bottom) of glycan-modified EBOV and SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-presenting SApNPs. Glycan modification was performed as in panel (a). EBOV GPΔmuc I3-01v9bs are not shown due to low yield. Scale bar: 50 nm. (**f**) Site-specific glycan profiles of SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-presenting E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs before and after Kif treatment, with glycan types colored as in **Fig. 1e**. (**g**) ELISA-derived EC$_{50}$ (μg/ml) values for glycan-modified SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-presenting E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs binding to five NAbs. Absorbance <0.5 at 10 μg/ml was used as a non-binding cutoff, as in **Fig. 1g**. (**h**) BLI profiles of the same glycan-modified SApNPs binding to five NAbs. Sensorgrams were obtained using the same protocol as in **Fig. 1h** (see **Fig. S4h**). Peak responses are summarized in a matrix, as in **Fig. 1h**.

Fig. 5. Rational design and in vitro characterization of orthomarburgvirus GP trimers. (a) Schematic of GP construct design based on the RAVV backbone, including MLD deletion (Δmuc, residues T256–T424), a P^2 (T578P) or P^4 (E580P) mutation in the HR1c bend, and a C-terminal double mutation (E631F/Q632V). (**b**) SEC profiles of four RAVV GP constructs expressed in 16

ml ExpiCHO cultures and purified using a nickel column. Aggregation (A), trimer (T), and subunit

(S) peaks are indicated. (**c**) BN-PAGE analysis of RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT trimer fractions purified

by SEC. (**d**) DSC thermograms of nickel/SEC-purified RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2 and GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT

trimers. Experimental data (black dots) and Gaussian fits (red lines) are shown, with melting

temperatures (T$_{m1}$, T$_{m2}$, and T$_{m3}$) labeled. (**e**) nsEM analysis of RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT/MR78 Fab

complex. Left: crystal structure (PDB ID: 5UQY) of RAVV GPΔmuc/MR78 Fab complex fitted

into the nsEM density. Right: nsEM density map of RAVV GPΔmuc/MR78 Fab complex (EMDB:

6233, orange surface) overlaid with the nsEM map obtained in this study. (**f**) Site-specific glycan

profile of RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT trimer. Glycan types are colored as in **Fig. 1e**. (**g**) ELISA-derived

EC$_{50}$ (μg/ml) values for RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2 and GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT trimers binding to MARV NAbs

MR78 and MR191. Absorbance <0.5 at 10 μg/ml was used as a non-binding cutoff, as in **Fig. 1f**.

(**h**) BLI profiles of RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2 and GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT trimers binding to MARV NAbs MR78

and MR191. Sensorgrams were obtained using the same protocol as in **Fig. 1h** (see **Fig. S5h**).

Peak responses are summarized in a matrix, as in **Fig. 1h**.

Fig. 6. Retention of SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs in lymph node follicles. (a, b) Left:

distribution of (**a**) E2p and (**b**) I3-01v9b SApNPs displaying SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers in

lymph nodes 12 h after a single-dose injection (10 μg/injection, 40 μg/mouse). NAb CA45 was

used to stain the sentinel lymph node sections. Right: schematic of SUDV SApNP accumulation

in lymph node follicles. (**c**) Trafficking and retention of the SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNPs

in lymph node follicles 2 h to 8 weeks after a single-dose injection. Scale bar: 50 μm. (**d**) Time-

dependent curve and (**e**) area under the curve (AUC) of CA45-stained areas in immunohistological

images of SUDV vaccine retention in lymph node follicles over 8 weeks. (**f**) Quantification of

SUDV vaccine accumulation in lymph node follicles 48 h after a single-dose injection. Data were

collected from > 10 lymph node follicles (n = 3-5 mice/group). (**g**) Interaction of the SUDV

GPΔmuc trimer and SApNPs with FDC networks in lymph node follicles 48 h after a single-dose

injection. Both E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs colocalized with FDC networks. Immunofluorescent

images are pseudo-color-coded (CD21$^+$, green; CD169$^+$, red; CA45, white). Scale bars: 500 (whole

lymph node) and 100 μm (enlarged follicle). Data are presented as mean ± SEM in (d), and mean

± SD in (e, f). Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's

multiple comparison *post hoc* test. **p < 0.01, ****p < 0.0001.

Fig. 7. Interaction of SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs with FDCs and phagocytic cells in

lymph nodes. (a-c) TEM images of (**a**) E2p and (**b, c**) I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrows)

displaying SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers aligned on FDC dendrites in lymph node follicles at (**a,**

b) 12 h and (**c**) 48 h after a single-dose injection. Each mouse received 200 μl of antigen/aluminum

phosphate (AP) adjuvant mix (100 μg SApNP + 100 μl adjuvant), administered into both hind

footpads (2 footpads, 50 μg/footpad). Fresh popliteal lymph nodes were collected. No AP adjuvant

was observed on FDC dendrites. (**d, e**) TEM images of (**d**) E2p and (**e**) I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow

arrows) displaying SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers on the surface and within endolysosomes of

phagocytic cells at 12 h post-injection. (**f**) TEM images showing AP adjuvant (green arrows)

aggregated in the extracellular matrix (ECM) at 2 h post-injection. (**g**) TEM images of Sudan

GPΔmuc-presenting I3-01v9b SApNPs and AP adjuvant localized inside endolysosomes of

phagocytic cells at 48 h post-injection.

Fig. 8. Induction of germinal center reactions by SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs in

lymph nodes. (**a**) Top: representative immunofluorescent images of germinal centers (GCs)

induced by the SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting SApNP vaccine 2 weeks after a single-dose injection

(10 μg/injection, 40 μg/mouse). Each dose consisted of 80 μl of antigen/aluminum phosphate (AP)

adjuvant mix. Bottom: robust GC formation with well-organized light zone (LZ) and dark zone

(DZ) compartments in lymph node follicles. GC B cells (GL7[+], red) attached to FDCs (CD21[+],

green) and T_{fh} cells located in the LZ. Scale bars: 500 μm (whole lymph node), 100 μm (enlarged

follicle). (**b**, **c**) Assessment of GC responses from immunofluorescent images at 2, 5, and 8 weeks

after a single-dose injection, or 2 and 5 weeks after a boost administered 3 weeks post-prime (n =

5 mice/group). The GC/FDC ratio and GC size were measured and plotted. (**d**, **e**) Representative

GC immunofluorescent images from lymph nodes collected at week 8 after single-dose or prime-

boost immunization with SUDV GPΔmuc vaccines. Scale bar: 50 μm. (**f, g**) Quantification of GCs

by flow cytometry after single-dose or prime-boost regimens (n = 5 mice/group). Frequency and

number of GC B cells and T_{fh} cells were characterized and plotted. Data are shown as mean ± SD.

Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple

comparison *post hoc* test at each timepoint. ns (not significant), *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p <

0.001, ****p < 0.0001.

Fig. 9. **Antibody responses to rationally designed filovirus vaccines in mice.** (a) Schematic of

the mouse immunization regimen for in vivo evaluation of EBOV, SUDV, and RAVV GPΔmuc

vaccines (n = 8 mice/group). Each dose consisted of 200 μl of antigen/AH + CpG adjuvant mix

containing 10 μg of immunogen and 100 μl of adjuvant. Mice were immunized at weeks 0, 3, 9,

and 15 via the intraperitoneal (i.p.) route, with 6-week intervals between the second and third, and

third and fourth doses. (**b-d**) EBOV vaccine-induced binding antibody (bAb) responses against (**b**)

EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0), (**c**) SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0), and (**d**) RAVV GPΔmuc-

P^{2}CT(1TD0). (**e-g**) EBOV vaccine-induced NAb responses against (**e**) EBOV Makona, (**f**) SUDV

Gulu, and (**g**) BDBV Uganda pseudoviruses. (**h-j**) SUDV vaccine-induced bAb responses against

(**h**) SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0), (**i**) EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0), and (**j**) RAVV GPΔmuc-

P^{2}CT(1TD0). (**k-m**) SUDV vaccine-induced NAb responses against (**k**) SUDV Gulu, (**l**) EBOV

Makona, and (**m**) BDBV Uganda pseudoviruses. (**n-p**) RAVV vaccine-induced bAb responses

against (**n**) RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT(1TD0), (**o**) EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0), and (**p**) SUDV

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0). (**q**) RAVV vaccine-induced NAb responses against MARV Angola

pseudovirus (using purified IgG) and pseudotyped orthoebolaviruses (using serum). EC$_{50}$ titers

were derived from serum ELISA against coating antigens, and ID$_{50}$/IC$_{50}$ titers were determined

from pseudovirus neutralization assays. Geometric means are labeled on the plots. ID$_{50}$/IC$_{50}$ values

were calculated using a % neutralization range of 0.0–100.0%. Color coding indicates ID$_{50}$

magnitude (green to red: low to high neutralization). Data are presented as the mean ± SD.

Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey's multiple

comparison *post hoc* test at each timepoint. ns (not significant), *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p <$

0.001, and ****$p < 0.0001$. The schematic in (a) was created with BioRender.com.

Fig. 10. Effect of glycan modification on antibody responses elicited by filovirus vaccines.

Schematic of the mouse immunization regimen for in vivo evaluation of glycan-modified EBOV,

SUDV, and RAVV vaccines (*n* = 8 mice/group). Each dose consisted of 200 μl of antigen/AH +

CpG adjuvant mix containing 10 μg of glycan-modified immunogen and 100 μl of adjuvant. Mice

were immunized at weeks 0, 3, 6, and 9 via the intraperitoneal (i.p.) route, with 3-week intervals

between doses. Vaccine immunogenicity was compared across three conditions: wild-type, Kif-

treated (oligomannose-enriched), and Kif/Endo H-treated (a monolayer of GlcNAc stumps). (**b-d**)

Glycan-modified EBOV vaccine-induced bAb responses against EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0).

(**e-g**) Glycan-modified EBOV vaccine-induced NAb responses against EBOV Makona

pseudovirus. (**h-j**) Glycan-modified SUDV vaccine-induced bAb responses against SUDV

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0). (**k-m**) Glycan-modified SUDV vaccine-induced NAb responses against

Gulu pseudovirus. (**n**) Glycan-trimmed RAVV vaccine-induced bAb responses against RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT(1TD0). (**o**) Glycan-trimmed RAVV vaccine-induced NAb responses against MARV Angola and pseudotyped orthoebolaviruses using purified IgG. EC_{50} titers were derived from serum ELISA against coating antigens, and ID_{50}/IC_{50} titers were determined from the pseudovirus neutralization assays. Geometric means are labeled on the plots. ID_{50}/IC_{50} values were calculated using a % neutralization range of 0.0–100.0%. Color coding indicates IC50 magnitude (green to red: low to high neutralization). Data for wild-type EBOV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNPs, SUDV GPΔmuc trimer, and RAVV GPΔmuc trimer from the long-interval immunization study were included for comparison. Boost timepoints (W11 and W17) were labeled but were excluded from statistical analysis. Data are presented as the mean ± SD. Statistical analysis was performed using one-way ANOVA, followed by Tukey's multiple comparison *post hoc* test at each timepoint. Two-tailed unpaired t-tests were used to compare geometric means between two groups. ns (not significant), *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$, and ****$p < 0.0001$. The schematic in (a) was created with BioRender.com.

Figure 1

Figure 2

Figure 3

Figure 4

a

Orthomarburgvirus GP

Orthomarburgvirus GPΔmuc-PˣCT-foldon-His₆

P^2 (T578P) or P^4 (E580P)

CT (E631F/Q632V)

b

RAVV GPΔTM (16 ml ExpiCHO, nickel)

RAVV GPΔmuc (25 ml ExpiCHO, nickel)

RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2 (16 ml ExpiCHO, nickel)

RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2CT (16 ml ExpiCHO, nickel)

c

RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2CT

d

RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2

RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2CT

T_{m1} = 51.0
T_{m2} = 60.0

T_{m1} = 54.5
T_{m2} = 58.2
T_{m3} = 66.61

e

RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2CT/MR78 Fab (PDB ID: 5UQY)

RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2CT/MR78 Fab (EMDB: 6233)

f

RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2CT

Unoccupied Complex Hybrid
Oligomannose N.D.

g

✱ RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2
△ RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2CT

h

	MR78	MR191
RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2	0.58	0.52
RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2CT	0.58	0.50

Figure 6

Figure 7

a E2p SApNPs aligned on FDC dendrites at 12 hours

E2p SApNPs (yellow arrow)

B cell

B cell

FDC dendrites

b I3-01v9b SApNPs aligned on FDC dendrites at 12 hours

I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow)

B cell

FDC dendrites

B cell

c I3-01v9b SApNPs aligned on FDC dendrites at 48 hours

I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow)

B cell

FDC dendrites

d E2p SApNPs with phagocytic cells at 12 hours

E2p SApNPs (yellow arrow)

e I3-01v9b SApNPs with phagocytic cells at 12 hours

I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow)

f Aluminum phosphate in the extracellular matrix at 2 hours

Aluminum phosphate (green arrow)

g I3-01v9b SApNPs and aluminum phosphate with phagocytic cells at 48 hours

Aluminum phosphate (green arrow)

I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow)

Figure 9

a Immunization
Immunogen: EBOV GPΔmuc, SUDV GPΔmuc, or RAVV GPΔmuc (10 μg)
Adjuvant: aluminum hydroxide & CpG
Total volume: 200 μl
Route: intraperitoneal injection
Mouse sera → (1) Antigen binding (2) Pseudovirus neutralization

b EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine-induced binding antibody responses

e EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine-induced neutralizing antibody responses

h SUDV GPΔmuc vaccine-induced binding antibody responses

k SUDV GPΔmuc vaccine-induced neutralizing antibody responses

n RAVV GPΔmuc vaccine-induced binding antibody responses

o RAVV GPΔmuc vaccine-induced neutralizing antibody responses

Virus strains	RAVV GPΔmuc	IC50 (μg/mL)							
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8
MARV-Angola	Wild-type (w17)	56.2	81.4	93.3	104.4	30.9	40.3	148.4	71.8
	Kif/Endo H (w11)	25.9	38.6	70.6	65.6	33.7	76.7	>300	191.6
EBOV-Makona	Wild-type (w17)	>300	>300	177.4	>300	203.5	177.2	>300	199.2
	Kif/Endo H (w11)	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	239.9	>300	>300
SUDV-Gulu	Wild-type (w17)	194.1	183.4	119.8	>300	124.8	206.0	>300	260.6
	Kif/Endo H (w11)	272.0	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300
BDBV-Uganda	Wild-type (w17)	189.6	184.7	127.6	>300	92.0	120.2	>300	>300
	Kif/Endo H (w11)	>300	>300	>300	295.2	>300	217.7	>300	>300
LCMV	Wild-type (w17)	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300
	Kif/Endo H (w11)	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300

a

>EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P²-foldon-[His₆]
MGVTGILQLPRDRFKRTSFFLWVIILFQRTFS IPLGVIHNSALQVSDVDKLVCRDKLSSTNQLRSVGLNLEGNGVATDVPSATKRWGFRSGVPPKVVNYEAGEWAENC
YNLEIKKPDGSECLPAAPDGIRGFPRCRYVHKVSGTGPCAGDFAFHKEGAFFLYDRLASTVIYRGTTFAEGVVAFLILPQAKKDFFSSHPLREPVNATEDPSSGYYST
TIRYQATGFGTNETEYLFEVDNLTYVQLESRFTPQFLLQLNETIYTSGKRSNTTGKLIWKVNPEIDTTIGEWAFWETKKNLTRKIRSEELSFTVVSTHHQDTGEESAS
SGKLGLITNTIAGVAGLITGGRRTRREAIVNAQPKCNPNLHYWTTQDEGAAIGLAWIPYFGPAAEGIYIEGLMHNQDGLICGLRQLANETTQALQLFLRA**TP**ELRTFS
ILNRKAIDFLLQRWGGTCHILGPDCCIEPHD**L**TKNITDKIDQIIHDFVD**KTLPD**ASGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVLLSTFL[GSHHHHHH]

>EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-foldon-[His₆]
MGVTGILQLPRDRFKRTSFFLWVIILFQRTFS IPLGVIHNSALQVSDVDKLVCRDKLSSTNQLRSVGLNLEGNGVATDVPSATKRWGFRSGVPPKVVNYEAGEWAENC
YNLEIKKPDGSECLPAAPDGIRGFPRCRYVHKVSGTGPCAGDFAFHKEGAFFLYDRLASTVIYRGTTFAEGVVAFLILPQAKKDFFSSHPLREPVNATEDPSSGYYST
TIRYQATGFGTNETEYLFEVDNLTYVQLESRFTPQFLLQLNETIYTSGKRSNTTGKLIWKVNPEIDTTIGEWAFWETKKNLTRKIRSEELSFTVVSTHHQDTGEESAS
SGKLGLITNTIAGVAGLITGGRRTRREAIVNAQPKCNPNLHYWTTQDEGAAIGLAWIPYFGPAAEGIYIEGLMHNQDGLICGLRQLANETTQALQLFLRA**TTEP**RTFS
ILNRKAIDFLLQRWGGTCHILGPDCCIEPHD**L**TKNITDKIDQIIHDFVD**KTLPD**ASGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVLLSTFL[GSHHHHHH]

>SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P²-foldon-[His₆]
MGILPSPGMPALLSLVSLLSVLLMGCVAEMPLGVVTNSTLEVTEIDQLVCKDHLASTDQLKSVGLNLEGSGVSTDIPSATKRWGFRSGVPPKVVSYEAGEWAENCYNL
EIKKPDGSECLPPPPDGVRGFPRCRYVHKAQGTGPCPGDYAFHKDGAFFLYDRLASTVIYRGVNFAEGVIAFLILAKPKETFLQSPPIREAVNYTENTSSYYATSYLE
YEIENFGAQHSTTLFKIDNNTFVRLDRPHTPQFLFQLNDTIHLHQQLSNTTGRLIWTLDANINADIGEWAFWENKKNLSEQLRGEELSFEALSLNETEDDDAASSSTS
NGLITSTVTGILGSLGLRKRSRRQTNTKATGKCNPNLHYWTAQEQHNAAGIAWIPYFGPGAEGIYTEGLMHNQNALVCGLRQLANETTQALQLFLRA**TP**ELRTYTILN
RKAIDFLLRRWGGTCRILGPDCCIEPHD**L**TKNITDKINQIIHDFID**NPLPN**ASGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVLLSTFL[GSHHHHHH]

>SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-foldon-[His₆]
MGILPSPGMPALLSLVSLLSVLLMGCVAEMPLGVVTNSTLEVTEIDQLVCKDHLASTDQLKSVGLNLEGSGVSTDIPSATKRWGFRSGVPPKVVSYEAGEWAENCYNL
EIKKPDGSECLPPPPDGVRGFPRCRYVHKAQGTGPCPGDYAFHKDGAFFLYDRLASTVIYRGVNFAEGVIAFLILAKPKETFLQSPPIREAVNYTENTSSYYATSYLE
YEIENFGAQHSTTLFKIDNNTFVRLDRPHTPQFLFQLNDTIHLHQQLSNTTGRLIWTLDANINADIGEWAFWENKKNLSEQLRGEELSFEALSLNETEDDDAASSSTS
NGLITSTVTGILGSLGLRKRSRRQTNTKATGKCNPNLHYWTAQEQHNAAGIAWIPYFGPGAEGIYTEGLMHNQNALVCGLRQLANETTQALQLFLRA**TTEP**RTYTILN
RKAIDFLLRRWGGTCRILGPDCCIEPHD**L**TKNITDKINQIIHDFID**NPLPN**ASGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVLLSTFL[GSHHHHHH]

>BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL²P²-foldon-[His₆]
MGILPSPGMPALLSLVSLLSVLLMGCVAEIPLGVVHNNTLQVSDIDKLVCRDKLSSTSQLKSVGLNLEGNGVATDVPTATKRWGFRAGVPPKVVNYEAGEWAENCYNL
DIKKADGSECLPEAPEGVRGFPRCRYVHKVSGTGPCPEGYAFHKEGAFFLYDRLASTIIYRSTTFSEGVVAFLILPETKKDFFQSPPLHEPANMTTDPSSYYHTVTLN
YVADNFGTNMTNFLFQVDHLTYVQLEPRFTPQFLVQLNETIYTNGRRSNTTGTLIWKVNPTVDTGVGEWAFWENKKNFTKTLSSEELSVIFVPRAQDPGSNDISESTE
PGPLTNTTRGAANLLTGSRRTRREITLRTQAKCNPNLHYWTTQDEGAAIGLAWIPYFGPAAEGIYTEGIMHNQNGLICGLRQLANETTQALQLFLRA**TP**ELRTFSILN
RKAIDFLLQRWGGTCHILGPDCCIEPHD**L**TKNITDKIDQIIHDFID**KPLPD**ASGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVLLSTFL[GSHHHHHH]

>BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-foldon-[His₆]
MGILPSPGMPALLSLVSLLSVLLMGCVAEIPLGVVHNNTLQVSDIDKLVCRDKLSSTSQLKSVGLNLEGNGVATDVPTATKRWGFRAGVPPKVVNYEAGEWAENCYNL
DIKKADGSECLPEAPEGVRGFPRCRYVHKVSGTGPCPEGYAFHKEGAFFLYDRLASTIIYRSTTFSEGVVAFLILPETKKDFFQSPPLHEPANMTTDPSSYYHTVTLN
YVADNFGTNMTNFLFQVDHLTYVQLEPRFTPQFLVQLNETIYTNGRRSNTTGTLIWKVNPTVDTGVGEWAFWENKKNFTKTLSSEELSVIFVPRAQDPGSNDISESTE
PGPLTNTTRGAANLLTGSRRTRREITLRTQAKCNPNLHYWTTQDEGAAIGLAWIPYFGPAAEGIYTEGIMHNQNGLICGLRQLANETTQALQLFLRA**TTEP**RTFSILN
RKAIDFLLQRWGGTCHILGPDCCIEPHD**L**TKNITDKIDQIIHDFID**KPLPD**ASGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVLLSTFL[GSHHHHHH]

b **SEC profile of 6 orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc constructs expressed in HEK293F cells and purified by nickel and IAC columns**

c

EBOV Mayinga
GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴

SUDV Gulu
GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴

BDBV R4386L
GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴

GP1

GP2

Oligomannose   Hybrid   Complex   Unoccupied   Core

d   Flowchart of image processing and model building protocol

e   **Selected 2D classifications for 3D modeling of EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc**

GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer/ADI-15878 Fab complex

GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer

f   **Selected 2D classifications for 3D modeling of SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc**

GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer/ADI-15878 Fab complex

GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer

g   **Selected 2D classifications for 3D modeling of BDBV R3486L GPΔmuc**

GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer/ADI-15878 Fab complex

GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer

h **ELISA analysis of 6 rationally designed orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers binding to 5 filovirus NAbs**

EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 · EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 · SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 · SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 · BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 · BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4

Legend: CA45, ADI-15878, ADI-15946, BDBV-238, MR78

EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.01520	0.00023	0.00727	0.00072	0.00669	0.00017	0.01109	0.00029	N.D.	N.D.

EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.015639	0.000587	0.009683	0.001136	0.007233	0.000747	0.009632	0.00102	N.D.	N.D.

SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0338	2.83E-05	0.004959	7.07E-06	0.039574	0.002213	0.030734	0.000834	N.D.	N.D.

SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.032764	0.001209	0.005461	0.000156	0.031179	0.002638	0.028805	0.000792	N.D.	N.D.

BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.026339	0.001499	0.005969	0.000224	0.007626	0.000158	0.005773	3.39E-05	N.D.	N.D.

BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.031360	0.000170	0.007866	0.000318	0.008934	0.000208	0.005026	0.000132	N.D.	N.D.

i **BLI analysis of 6 rationally designed orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers binding to 5 filovirus NAbs**

Rows: CA45, ADI-15878, ADI-15946, BDBV-289, MR78

Columns: EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 · EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 · SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 · SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 · BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 · BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4

Concentrations: 600 nM, 300 nM, 150 nM, 75 nM, 37.5 nM, 18.7 nM

K_D values for 6 rationally designed orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers binding to 5 filovirus NAbs (nM) [a]					
	CA45	ADI-15878	ADI-15946	BDBV-289	MR78
EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2	2.62	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	— [b]
EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	— [b]
SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	7.22	<1.0E-3	— [b]
SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	4.89	<1.0E-3	— [b]
BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	— [b]
BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	— [b]

[a] K_D values were derived from biolayer interferometry (BLI) using the binding equations describing a 1:1 interaction.
[b] "—" indicates cases where the peak signal value at the highest ebolavirus antigen concentration is 0.2 or lower.

Fig. S1. Construct design and in vitro characterization of orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers. (**a**) Amino acid sequences of EBOV Mayinga , SUDV Gulu, and BDBV R3486L GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^x-foldon-[His$_6$] constructs containing either the P^2 or P^4 mutation. Signal peptide, GP, restriction site (AS), foldon, linker (GS), and His$_6$ tag are highlighted in yellow, grey, green, orange, pink, and teal, respectively. The WL^{2}P^x mutations are shown in red. Note: Foldon is a C-terminal trimerization motif used in all orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc constructs and therefore will not be included in the construct names (except here in the sequence definition) to avoid redundancy. The GS linker and His$_6$ tag are enclosed in [ ] to indicate that they are included only in a subset of constructs used for evaluating nickel-based purification. (**b**) SEC profiles of EBOV Mayinga, SUDV Gulu, and BDBV R3486L GPΔmuc proteins produced in 165 ml HEK293F cultures and purified using either a nickel affinity column or a CA45 immunoaffinity column. (**c**) Compositional site-specific glycan analysis of three orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers. The graphs summarize quantitative mass spectrometric analysis of the glycan population present at individual N-linked glycosylation sites simplified into categories of glycans. The oligomannose-type glycan series (M9 to M5; Man$_9$GlcNAc$_2$ to Man$_5$GlcNAc$_2$) is colored green, afucosylated and fucosylated hybrid-type glycans (hybrid and F hybrid) are dashed pink, and complex glycans are grouped according to the number of antennae and presence of core fucosylation and are colored pink. Unoccupancy of an N-linked glycan site is represented in gray. Glycan sites that could not be determined are denoted as "N.D.". (**d**) Flowchart illustrating image processing, 2D classification, and 3D reconstruction of negative stain EM (nsEM) data for EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc trimers and their complexes with ADI-15878 Fab, using CryoSPARC. (**e**)-(**f**) Representative 2D classification images of EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers and their complexes with ADI-15878 Fab. (**g**) ELISA analysis of EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc trimers binding to 5 filovirus NAbs in IgG form. Briefly, each well was coated with 0.1 μg of the appropriate antigen, and IgG was diluted in a 10-fold dilution series from a starting concentration of 10 μg/ml for all tested antibodies. Error bars represent the difference between duplicate measurements at each concentration for each sample. (**h**) BLI analysis of EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc trimers binding to 5 filovirus NAbs in IgG form. Sensorgrams were obtained from an Octet RED96 instrument using AHC biosensors. A two-fold concentration gradient of antigen, starting at 600 nM, was used in a dilution series of six. K_D values derived from a 1:1 fitting model are summarized in a table.

a

EBOV Mayinga
GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4
(2L 293S, mAb100)

F40-F49 for
crystallization

b

Top View

N228 N563   Protomer 3
                N257
N257
N228
N563
N563   α4   N228
N228   N563
N257
Protomer 2
Protomer 1

Side View

Protomer 1   Protomer 2
        Protomer 3
Receptor
Binding Site
(RBD)
N618   N618
    N618

c

Glycan cap

β2   β3
β1

GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2
GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4

Foldon

α2   HR1$_C$
α3

α2   HR1$_C$
α3

GPΔmuc-WL^2 GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2

I626

K633

D637   K633

d

SUDV Gulu
GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4
in complex with CA45 Fab
(2L 293S, ADI-15878)

Complex with
CA45 Fab

CA45 Fab

e

Input movies

1,824 movies

Motion correction

1,824 exposures

CTF Estimation

1,824 exposures

CTF fit resolution
< 5.0 A

Auto-picking

100 < particles diameter (Å) < 250
1,084,479 particles

Template picking

particles diameter: 250 Å
842,223 particles

2D classification

27 templates

Selected 2D classification

Particles extract

Box size (pix): 280
838,376 particles

Inspect particles

600 < Local power < 1000
838,376 particles

Inspect particles

1000 < Local power < 2200
NCC score > 0.2
793,634 particles

Particles extract

Box size (pix): 300
674,617 particles

2D classification

Selected 2D classification

249,139 particles

Ab-initio reconstruction

Model 1   Model 2   Model 3

3D classification

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Homo-refinement

Symmetry: C3

163,924
particles

Hetero-refinement

Model 3

Focusing Mask

Model 1   Model 2   Model 3

9,952
particles

75,263
particles

163,924
particles

f

SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ in complex with CA45 Fab

A187-L218

Stalk
P612-N637

E522-N525

g

EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴

Cα-RMSD: 0.71 Å

EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc in complex with CA45 Fab (PDB ID: 6EAY)

Cα-RMSD: 0.69 Å

h

Crystal structure of EBOV GPΔmuc in complex with CA45 Fab (PDB ID: 6EAY)

HCDR3
H549
3.9 Å
GP2
D101
3.2 Å
Y32
HCDR1
E545

Heavy chain variable domain of CA45 Fab

Y49 3.4 Å N550
GP2
N53
LCDR2

Light chain variable domain of CA45 Fab

Hydrogen bond
Salt-bridge

i

Interface between SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ and CA45

j

Local resolution at the interface between SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ and CA45

GSFSC
Local resolution
(Å)

Not calc.
3.5

2.5

k

EBOV GPΔmuc in complex with ADI-15878

PDB ID: 6DZL (EMDB-8935)

**Interface between EBOV GPΔmuc and
ADI-15878**

l

EBOV GPΔmuc in complex with rEBOV-515 and rEBOV-442

Interface between EBOV GPΔmuc and rEBOV-515

rEBOV-442

GP1

rEBOV-515

GP2

PDB ID: 7M8L (EMDB-23719)

m

EBOV GPΔmuc in complex with rEBOV-520 and rEBOV-548

Interface between EBOV GPΔmuc and rEBOV-520

rEBOV-548

GP1

rEBOV-520

GP2

PDB ID: 6PCI (EMDB-20301)

Fig. S2. Structural characterization of ligand-free EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 and CA45 Fab-bound SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers. (**a**) SEC profile of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer expressed in 2L HEK293S cells and BN-PAGE of ADI-15878/SEC-purified EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer. Fractions F40 to F49 were used for crystallization screening. The SEC profile was generated from a HiLoad Superdex 200 16/600 PG column (Cytiva). (**b**) Ribbon representation of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer structure (Left: top view; Right: side view). The structure is colored as follows: glycan cap (gray), RBS (cyan), GP2 (yellow), and IFL (pink). *N*-linked glycans at N228, N257, N563, and N618 are shown as color-coded (by atom type) sticks. (**c**) Structural comparison of GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 and previously reported GPΔmuc-WL^2 and GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 trimers. The ribbon models of three GPΔmuc trimers containing WL^{2}P^4, WL^2, and WL^{2}P^2 mutations are shown in cyan, gold, and orange, respectively. Regions that are critical to the GP structure and exhibit appreciable differences in structure are superposed and shown as enlarged insects. (**d**) SEC profile of ADI-15878/SEC-purified SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer expressed in 2L HEK293S cells and complexed with ADI-15878 Fab. The SEC profile was generated from a Superose 6 10/300 increase column. (**e**) Schematic representation of image processing, 2D classification, and 3D reconstruction of cryo-EM data obtained for SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer in complex with ADI-15878 Fab using CryoSPARC. (**f**) Regions not modeled in the GP–CA45 complex structure due to limited density resolution. (**g**) Left: cryo-EM structure of SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 superposed with the crystal structure of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 for comparison at the monomer level. The Cα root mean square deviation (Cα-RMSD) is 0.66 Å for 154 matching Cα atoms. Right: cryo-EM structure of SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 in complex with ADI-15878 Fab superposed with the previously reported crystal structure of EBOV GPΔmuc in complex with CA45 Fab (PDB ID: 6EAY). Cα-RMSD is 0.63 Å for 149 matching Cα atoms. (**h**) Structural details of the GP-CA45 interface as illustrated in the crystal structure of EBOV GPΔmuc in complex with CA45 Fab (PDB ID: 6EAY). Hydrogen bonds are shown as red dashed lines, and the salt bridge is indicated with a black dashed line. Distances are labeled. (**i**) Snapshots of the GP-CA45 interface from different views with the density map shown. Interacting residues are displayed in ribbon representation. (**j**) Local resolution map overlaid with the built model at the GP-CA45 interface. (**k**) Published cryo-EM structure of EBOV GPΔmuc in complex with ADI-15878 (PDB ID: 6DZL; EMDB-8935), highlighting structural details at the interface. (**l**) Published cryo-EM structure of EBOV GPΔmuc in complex with rEBOV-515 and rEBOV-442 (PDB ID: 7M8L; EMDB-23719), with interface details shown. (**m**) Published cryo-EM structure of EBOV GPΔmuc in complex with rEBOV-520 and rEBOV-548 (PDB ID: 6PCI; EMDB-20301), highlighting interface details.

a

Truncated I3-01v9a

Helix-turn (13-aa) extension

7-aa helix

Manual design

Point mutation

Q96V
K99L
E92A
S95T
T124N

r = 3.0 Å

Iterative modular optimization (IMO)

CONCOORD perturbation (1000 structures)

Ensemble design

Cα-based RAPDF potential

	G	A	V	L	I	S	T	C	P	F	Y	W	H	D	N	E	Q	M	K	R
1	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	39	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	18	19	5	9	2
3	0	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	55	6	1	9	6
4	1	20	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	47	17	1	5	3
5	0	35	1	16	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	6	6	17	2
6	0	39	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	12	9	1	25	8
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9	0	1	6	22	31	4	7	0	0	5	1	0	1	2	6	0	2	4	8	1

Cβ-based RAPDF potential

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9	0	0	3	19	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	3	13	15

I3-01v9c

PP

>I3-01v9b
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EKIRGCTE

r = 3.1 Å

Iterative modular optimization (IMO)

12.9Å

I3-01v9b or I3-01v9c trimer

I3-01v9b or I3-01v9c NP

b

>EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9b-T

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>EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9c-T

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c

EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ on

I3-01v9b-T
(500 ml 293S, mAb100)

I3-01v9c-T
(500 ml 293S, mAb100)

d

EBOV Mayinga
GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-
I3-01v9b-T

EBOV Mayinga
GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-
I3-01v9c-T

e **2D classes of EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9b-T**

Selected 2D classification for modeling

f **2D classes of EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9c-T**

Selected 2D classification for modeling

g

EBOV Mayinga
GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9b-T

EBOV Mayinga
GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9c-T

h

>EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-E2p-LD4-PADRE

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>EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE

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>SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-E2p-LD4-PADRE

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>SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE

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>BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-E2p-LD4-PADRE
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j **ELISA analysis of 6 rationally designed ebolavirus GPΔmuc SApNPs binding to 5 filovirus NAbs**

	EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴E2p-LD4-PADRE								
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.02593	0.00030	0.03197	0.00696	0.00879	0.00075	0.03550	0.00212	N.D.	N.D.

	EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE								
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.022141	0.000587	0.014095	0.000148	0.009384	0.000164	0.025555	0.00123	N.D.	N.D.

	SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴E2p-LD4-PADRE								
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.02819	0.00070	0.02407	0.00284	0.04811	0.00204	0.14057	0.00849	N.D.	N.D.

	SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE								
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0699	0.0024	0.0204	0.0024	0.0910	0.0007	0.2017	0.0139	N.D.	N.D.

	BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴E2p-LD4-PADRE								
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0307	0.0035	0.0123	0.0002	0.0087	0.0004	0.0159	0.0002	N.D.	N.D.

	BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE								
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0191	0.0014	0.0093	0.0005	0.0095	0.0005	0.0120	0.0003	N.D.	N.D.

к **BLI analysis of 6 rationally designed orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc SApNPs binding to 5 filovirus NAbs**

K_D values for 6 redesigned Filo-virus GP NP binding to 5 representative antibodies (nM) [a]					
	CA45	ADI-15878	ADI-15946	BDBV-289	MR78
EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-E2p-LD4-PADRE	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—— [b]
EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—— [b]
SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-E2p-LD4-PADRE	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—— [b]
SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—— [b]
BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-E2p-LD4-PADRE	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—— [b]
BDBV R4386L GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—— [b]

[a] K_D values were derived from biolayer interferometry (BLI) using the binding equations describing a 1:1 interaction.
[b] "——" indicates cases where the peak signal value at the highest orthoebolavirus antigen concentration is 0.2 or lower.

Fig. S3. Rational design of I3-01v9b/c and in vitro characterization of orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs. (**a**) Schematic representation of computational design of I3-01v9b/c. Top left: structural model of I3-01v9a with the 11-aa N-terminal helix truncated to 7 aa; Top middle left: a 13-aa helix-turn fragment (9-aa helix + 4-aa turn, all alanine) was fused to the 7-aa N-terminal helix of the truncated I3-01v9a in such a way the new 9-aa N-terminal helix from the fused fragment would pack within the groove of two helices that are part of the I3-01 core; Top middle right: four mutations, E92A, S95T, Q96V, and K99L, were introduced to the I3-01 core helices to remove their steric clashes with the new N-terminal helix; Top right: iterative modular optimization (IMO) of the helix-turn backbone, with a radius of 3.0 Å measured for the first amino acid at the N-terminus; Middle right: 1000 slightly perturbed backbone conformations generated by CONCOORD, a torsion-space sampling program; Middle middle: results from an ensemble-based protein design program used to predict the optimal sequence for the 9-aa N-terminal helix within the fragment using $C\alpha$ and $C\beta$-based RAPDF potentials. The 4-aa turn was set to "GSGS"; Middle left: sequence of I3-01v9b designed by combining data from both RAPDF potentials, with the difference between I3-01v9b and I3-01v9c (the "PP" mutation) labeled on the sequence; Bottom left: further backbone relaxation using IMO with a minimum perturbation angle; Bottom right: a structural model of the trimeric I3-01v9b/c, termed I3-01v9b/c-T, in which the N-termini form a triangle of 12.9 Å, and a structural model of fully assembled I3-01v9b/c NP. (**b**) Amino acids sequences of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL2P4-I3-01v9b/c-T, which are EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 anchored to the trimeric I3-01v9b/c-T scaffolds. Signal peptide, GP, restriction site (AS), and I3-01v9b/c-T are highlighted in yellow, grey, green and pink, respectively. The double proline mutation in the N-terminus of I3-01v9c-T that differs from I3-01v9b-T is highlighted in red. (**c**) SEC profiles of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL2P4-I3-01v9b/c-T expressed in 500 ml HEK293S cells and purified using an ADI-15878 column. (**d**) BN-PAGE of ADI-15878/SEC-purified EBOV GPΔmuc-WL2P4-I3-01v9b/c-T. (**e**) and (**f**) Representative 2D classification images of ADI-15878/SEC-purified EBOV GPΔmuc-WL2P4-I3-01v9b/c-T trimers. (**g**) 3D reconstructions of ADI-15878/SEC-purified EBOV GPΔmuc-WL2P4-I3-01v9b/c-T trimers. Crystal structures of EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^2 (PDB ID:7JPH) and the bacterial enzyme from which I3-01 was derived (PDB ID:1VLW) were fitted into the model and shown in orange and blue, respectively. (**h**) Amino acids sequences of EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-E2P-LD4-PADRE and -I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE SApNP constructs. LD stands for locking domain (LD), which is fused to the C-terminus of the NP backbone and forms an inner layer to stabilize the NP shell from the inside. PADRE is a helper T-cell epitope and forms a hydrophobic core at the center of the assembled NP to further stabilize the NP structure and to induce a strong T-help response upon vaccination. (**i**) Compositional site-specific glycan analysis of SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-E2P-LD4-PADRE and I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE SApNPs, as in **Fig. S1c**. (**j**) ELISA analysis of EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-E2P-LD4-PADRE and I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE SApNPs binding to 5 filovirus NAbs, as in **Fig. S1h**. (**k**) BLI analysis of EBOV, SUDV, and BDBV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-E2P-LD4-PADRE and I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE SApNPs binding to 5 filovirus NAbs. A two-fold concentration gradient of antigen, starting at 12 nM, was used in a dilution series of six. K_D values derived from a 1:1 fitting model are summarized in a table.

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b ELISA analysis of Kif-treated and glycan-trimmed EBOV and SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers binding to 5 filovirus NAbs

EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 (Kif-treated)									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.1110	0.0252	0.0058	0.0006	0.0057	0.0003	0.0133	0.0004	N.D.	N.D.

EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 (Kif/Endo H)									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0624	0.0093	0.0047	0.0001	0.0055	0.0006	0.0261	0.0021	N.D.	N.D.

SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 (Kif-treated)									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0973	0.0354	0.0054	0.0003	0.0111	0.0003	0.0325	0.0013	N.D.	N.D.

SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 (Kif/Endo H)									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-289		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0347	0.0012	0.0039	0.0002	0.0086	0.0002	0.0518	0.0010	N.D.	N.D.

c BLI analysis of Kif-treated and glycan-trimmed EBOV and SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers binding to 5 filovirus NAbs

K_D values for 4 glycan-modified orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers binding to 5 filovirus NAbs (nM)[a]

	CA45	ADI-15878	ADI-15946	BDBV-289	MR78
EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL[2]P[4] (Kif-treated)	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—[b]
EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL[2]P[4] (Kif/Endo H)	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—[b]
SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL[2]P[4] (Kif-treated)	<1.0E-3	2.99E-2	2.03	<1.0E-3	—[b]
SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL[2]P[4] (Kif/Endo H)	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	9.52E-1	<1.0E-3	—[b]

[a] K_D values were derived from bio-layer interferometry (BLI) using the binding equations describing a 1:1 interaction.
[b] "—" indicates cases where the peak signal value at the highest orthoebolavirus antigen concentration is 0.2 or lower.

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>SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL[2]P[4]-PD-E2p-LD4-PADRE
MGILPSPGMPALLSLVSLLSVLLMGCVAEMPLGVVTNSTLEVTEIDQLVCKDHLASTDQLKSVGLNLEGSGVSTDIPSATKRWGFRSGVPPKVVSYEAGEWAENCYNLEIKKP
DGSECLPPPPDGVRGFPRCRYVHKAQTGPCPGDYAFHKDGAFFLYDRLASTVIYRGVNFAEGVIAFLILAKPKETFLQSPPIREAVNYTENTSSYYATSYLEYEIENFGAQH
STTLFKIDNNTFVRLDRPHTPQFLFQLNDTIHLHQQLSNTTGRLIWTLDANINADIGEWAFWENKKNLSEQLRGEELSFEALSLNETEDDDAASSSTSNGLITSTVTGILGSL
GLRKRSRRQTNTKATGKCNPNLHYWTAQEQHNAAGIAWIPYFGPGAEGIYTEGLMHNQNALVCGLRQLANETTQALQLFLRATTEPRTYTILNRKAIDFLLRRWGGTCRILGP
DCCIEPHDLTKNITDKINQIIHDFIDNPLPDASGAAAKPATTEGEFPETREKMSGIRRAIAKAMVHSKHTAPHVTLMDEADVT
KLVAHRKKFKAIAAEKGIKLTFLPYVVKALVSALREYPVLNTAIDDETEEIIQKHYYNIGIAADTDRGLLVPVIKHADRKPIFALAQEINELAEKARDGKLTPGEMKGASCTI
TNIGSAGGQWFTPVINHPEVAILGIGRIAEKPIVRDGEIVAAPMLALSLSFDHRMIDGATAQKALNHIKRLLSDPELLLMGGGGSFSEEQKKALDLAFYFDRRLTPEWRRYLS
QRLGLNEEQIERWFRRKEQQIGWSHPQFEKGSAKFVAAWTLKAAA

>SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL[2]P[4]-PD-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE
MGILPSPGMPALLSLVSLLSVLLMGCVAEMPLGVVTNSTLEVTEIDQLVCKDHLASTDQLKSVGLNLEGSGVSTDIPSATKRWGFRSGVPPKVVSYEAGEWAENCYNLEIKKP
DGSECLPPPPDGVRGFPRCRYVHKAQTGPCPGDYAFHKDGAFFLYDRLASTVIYRGVNFAEGVIAFLILAKPKETFLQSPPIREAVNYTENTSSYYATSYLEYEIENFGAQH
STTLFKIDNNTFVRLDRPHTPQFLFQLNDTIHLHQQLSNTTGRLIWTLDANINADIGEWAFWENKKNLSEQLRGEELSFEALSLNETEDDDAASSSTSNGLITSTVTGILGSL
GLRKRSRRQTNTKATGKCNPNLHYWTAQEQHNAAGIAWIPYFGPGAEGIYTEGLMHNQNALVCGLRQLANETTQALQLFLRATTEPRTYTILNRKAIDFLLRRWGGTCRILGP
DCCIEPHDLTKNITDKINQIIHDFIDNPLPDASGAEKMIKEIGSGSEELQKKMEELFKKHKIVAVLRANSVEEAKEKALAVFEGGVHLIEITFTVPDADTVIKELSFLKEKGA
IIGAGTVTSVEQCRKAVESGAEFIVSPHLDAEITVFCLEKGVFYMPGVMTPTELVKAMKLGHNILKLFPGEVVGPQFVKAMKGPFPNVKFVPTGGVNLDNVCEWFKAGVLAVG
VGSALVKGTPDEVREKAKAFVEKIRGCTEGGGGSSPAVDIGDRLDELEKALEALSAEDGHDDVGQRLESLLRRWNSRRADGSAKFVAAWTLKAAA

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f   Site-specific glycan profiles of wild-type and Kif-treated SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD-presenting SApNPs

Oligomannose   Hybrid   Complex   Unoccupied   Core

g

SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD-E2p-LD4-PADRE   SUDV Gulu GPDmuc-WL²P⁴-PD-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE

SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL2P4-PD-E2p-LD4-PADRE (Kif-treated)									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-829		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0168	0.0014	0.0277	0.0049	0.0283	0.0021	0.0462	0.0006	N.D.	N.D.

SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL2P4-PD-E2p-LD4-PADRE (Kif/Endo H)									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-829		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0226	0.0048	0.0308	0.002	0.0312	0.0043	0.1550	0.0179	N.D.	N.D.

SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL2P4-PD-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE (Kif-treated)									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-829		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0348	0.0024	0.0254	0.0163	0.0708	0.0049	0.0718	0.0181	N.D.	N.D.

SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL2P4-PD-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE (Kif/Endo H)									
CA45		ADI-15878		ADI-15946		BDBV-829		MR78	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0155	0.0023	0.0039	0.0004	0.0174	0.0011	0.0726	0.0083	N.D.	N.D.

h

SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD-E2p-LD4-PADRE   SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE

K_D values for 4 glycan-modified SUDVGPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD-presenting SApNPs binding to 5 filovirus NAbs (nM) [a]

	CA45	ADI-15878	ADI-15946	BDBV-289	MR78
SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD-E2p-LD4-PADRE (Kif-treated)	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—— [b]
SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD-E2p-LD4-PADRE (Kif/Endo H)	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—— [b]
SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE (Kif-treated)	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—— [b]
SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD-I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE (Kif/Endo H)	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	<1.0E-3	—— [b]

[a] K_D values were derived from biolayer interferometry (BLI) using the binding equations describing a 1:1 interaction.
[b] "——" indicates cases where the peak signal value at the highest SUDV antigen concentration is 0.2 or lower.

Fig. S4. In vitro characterization for glycan-modified orthoebolavirus GPΔmuc trimers and SApNPs. (**a**) SDS-PAGE and BN-PAGE of glycan-modified EBOV Mayinga and SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers. They were either expressed in the presence of kifunensine (Kif-treated) to obtain oligomannose-only glycans or further trimmed using endo H (Kif/Endo H) to obtain a mono-layer of GlcNAc stumps. (**b**) ELISA analysis of glycan-modified EBOV Mayinga and SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers binding to 5 filovirus NAbs in the IgG form, as in **Fig S1h.** (**c**) BLI analysis of glycan-modified EBOV Mayinga and SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimers binding to 5 filovirus NAbs in the IgG form, as in **Fig S1i**. (**d**) Construct sequences for "multilayered" E2p (E2p-LD4-PADRE) and I3-01v9b (I3-0v9b-LD7-PADRE) SApNPs presenting 20 copies of a SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD trimer, which contains a mutation (N637D) at the C-terminus to remove a potential glycosylation site between GP and NP. (**e**) SDS-PAGE of 3 glycan-modified SApNPs corresponding to EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 on the E2p-LD4-PADRE scaffold and SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD on the E2p-LD4-PADRE and I3-01v9b-LD7-PADRE scaffolds. (**f**) Compositional site-specific glycan analysis of SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD-presenting E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs, as in **Fig. S1c**. (**g**) ELISA analysis of glycan-modified SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL2P4-PD-presenting E2P and I3-01v9b SApNPs binding to 5 filovirus NAbs in the IgG form, as in **Fig S1h**. (**h**) BLI analysis of glycan-modified SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD-presenting E2P and I3-01v9b SApNPs binding to 5 filovirus NAbs in the IgG form, as in **Fig S3k**.

a

>RAVV GPΔTM-foldon-His₆

MGVTGILQLPRDRFKRTSFFLWVIILFQRTFSIKTLPVLEIASNSQPQDVDSVCSGTLQKTEDVHLMGFTLSGQKVADSPLEASKRWAFRTGVPPKNVEYTEGEEAKTCYNIS
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NGTDPTTQPATLLNNTNTTPTYNTLKYNLSTPSPPTRNITNNDTQRELAESEQTNAQLNTTLDPTENPTTGQDTNSTTNIIMTTSDITSKHPTNSSPDSSPTT**RPPI**YFRKKR
SIFWKEGDIFPFLDGLINTEIDFDPIPNTETIFDESPSFNTSTNEEQHTPPNISLTFSYFPDKNGDTAYSGENENDCDAELRIWSVQEDDLAAGLSWIPFFGPGIEGLYTAGL
IKNQNNLVCRLRRLANQTAKSLELLLRVTTEERTFSLINRHAIDFLLTRWGGTCKVLGPDCCIGIEDLSKNISEQIDKIRKDEQKEETGASGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVL
LSTFLGSHHHHHH

>RAVV GPΔmuc-foldon-His₆

MGVTGILQLPRDRFKRTSFFLWVIILFQRTFSIKTLPVLEIASNSQPQDVDSVCSGTLQKTEDVHLMGFTLSGQKVADSPLEASKRWAFRTGVPPKNVEYTEGEEAKTCYNIS
VTDPSGKSLLLDPPSNIRDYPKCKTVHHIQGQNPHAQGIALHLWGAFFLYDRVASTTMYRGKVFTEGNIAAMIVNKTVHRMIFSRQGQGYRHMNLTSTNKYWTSSNETQRNDT
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FSYFPDKNGDTAYSGENENDCDAELRIWSVQEDDLAAGLSWIPFFGPGIEGLYTAGLIKNQNNLVCRLRRLANQTAKSLELLLRVTTEERTFSLINRHAIDFLLTRWGGTCKV
LGPDCCIGIEDLSKNISEQIDKIRKDEQKEETGASGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVLLSTFLGSHHHHHH

>RAVV GPΔmuc-P²-foldon-His₆

MGVTGILQLPRDRFKRTSFFLWVIILFQRTFSIKTLPVLEIASNSQPQDVDSVCSGTLQKTEDVHLMGFTLSGQKVADSPLEASKRWAFRTGVPPKNVEYTEGEEAKTCYNIS
VTDPSGKSLLLDPPSNIRDYPKCKTVHHIQGQNPHAQGIALHLWGAFFLYDRVASTTMYRGKVFTEGNIAAMIVNKTVHRMIFSRQGQGYRHMNLTSTNKYWTSSNETQRNDT
GCFGILQEYNSTNNQTCPPSLKPPSLPTVTPSIHSTNTQINTAK**SGTRPP**IYFRKKRSIFWKEGDIFPFLDGLINTEIDFDPIPNTETIFDESPSFNTSTNEEQHTPPNISLT
FSYFPDKNGDTAYSGENENDCDAELRIWSVQEDDLAAGLSWIPFFGPGIEGLYTAGLIKNQNNLVCRLRRLANQTAKSLELLLRV**T**PEERTFSLINRHAIDFLLTRWGGTCKV
LGPDCCIGIEDLSKNISEQIDKIRKDEQKEETGASGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVLLSTFLGSHHHHHH

>RAVV GPΔmuc-P⁴-foldon-His₆

MGVTGILQLPRDRFKRTSFFLWVIILFQRTFSIKTLPVLEIASNSQPQDVDSVCSGTLQKTEDVHLMGFTLSGQKVADSPLEASKRWAFRTGVPPKNVEYTEGEEAKTCYNIS
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GCFGILQEYNSTNNQTCPPSLKPPSLPTVTPSIHSTNTQINTAK**SGTRPP**IYFRKKRSIFWKEGDIFPFLDGLINTEIDFDPIPNTETIFDESPSFNTSTNEEQHTPPNISLT
FSYFPDKNGDTAYSGENENDCDAELRIWSVQEDDLAAGLSWIPFFGPGIEGLYTAGLIKNQNNLVCRLRRLANQTAKSLELLLRVTTE**P**RTFSLINRHAIDFLLTRWGGTCKV
LGPDCCIGIEDLSKNISEQIDKIRKDEQKEETGASGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVLLSTFLGSHHHHHH

>RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT-foldon-His₆

MGVTGILQLPRDRFKRTSFFLWVIILFQRTFSIKTLPVLEIASNSQPQDVDSVCSGTLQKTEDVHLMGFTLSGQKVADSPLEASKRWAFRTGVPPKNVEYTEGEEAKTCYNIS
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FSYFPDKNGDTAYSGENENDCDAELRIWSVQEDDLAAGLSWIPFFGPGIEGLYTAGLIKNQNNLVCRLRRLANQTAKSLELLLRV**T**PEERTFSLINRHAIDFLLTRWGGTCKV
LGPDCCIGIEDLSKNISEQIDKIRKD**FV**KEETGASGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVLLSTFLGSHHHHHH

b

RAVV GPΔmuc-P⁴ (16 ml ExpiCHO) nickel

c

RAVV GPΔmuc-P² (16 ml ExpiCHO) MR78

RAVV GPΔmuc-P² (16 ml ExpiCHO) MR191

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT (16 ml ExpiCHO) MR78

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT (16 ml ExpiCHO) MR191

d

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²

F9 F10 F11 F12 F13

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT

F8 F9 F10 F11 F12 F13

669
440
232
140

e **2D classes of RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT / MR78 Fab complex**

Selected 2D classifications for 3D modeling

f

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RAVV GPΔmuc-P²			
MR78		MR191	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0191	0.0007	0.0166	0.0007

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT			
MR78		MR191	
EC50	STD	EC50	STD
0.0196	0.0015	0.0230	0.0046

h

K_D values for two RAVV GPΔmuc trimers binding to 2 marburgvirus NAbs in the IgG form (nM) [a]

	MR78	MR191
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²	6.61E-1	1.55E+1
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT	8.06	1.30E+1

[a] K_D values were derived from bio-layer interferometry (BLI) using the binding equations describing a 1:1 interaction.
[b] "—" indicates cases where the peak signal value at the highest RSV-F concentration is 0.2 or lower.

i

Fig. S5. Construct design and in vitro characterization of RAVV GP trimers. (**a**) Constructs sequences of RAVV GP designs. Signal peptide, mucin-like domain (MLD), HR1c, restriction site (AS), foldon, linker (GS), and His$_6$-tag are highlighted in yellow, gray, cyan, green, orange, light pink, and light sea green, respectively. The proline mutation on HR1c and CT are shown in red. Notably, the foldon motif, GS linker, and His$_6$ tag are present in all RAVV GP trimers tested in this study and will not be included in the construct names to avoid redundancy. (**b**) SEC profile of nickel-purified RAVV GPΔmuc-P^4 expressed in 16 ml ExpiCHO cells. (**c**) SECs profile of NAb MR78/MR191-purified RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2 and GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT each expressed in 16 ml ExpiCHO cells. (**d**) BN-PAGE of the trimer fractions from the SEC analysis of nickel-purified RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2 and GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT. (**e**) Representative 2D classification images of the RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT trimer in complex with MR78 Fab. (**f**) Compositional site-specific glycan analysis for RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT trimer, as in **Fig. S1c**. (**g**) ELISA analysis of RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2 and GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT trimers binding to NAbs MR78 and MR191 in the IgG form. Briefly, each well was coated with 0.1 μg of the appropriate antigen and IgG antibodies were diluted in a 10-fold dilution series from a starting concentration of 10 μg/ml for all antibodies. Error bars represent the difference between duplicate measurements at each concentration for each sample. (**h**) BLI analysis of RAVV GPΔmuc-P^2 and GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT trimers binding to NAbs MR78 and MR191 in the IgG form, as in **Fig. S1i**. (i) nsEM analysis of RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT E2p and I3-01v9b constructs following ExpiCHO expression and MR78- or MR191-based IAC purification. Scale bar is labeled in yellow on the EM micrographs. No discernible protein NPs are shown in any of the EM micrographs.

a

ADI-15878 ADI-15946 CA45 Mab100

b Single-dose - 2 hours

GPΔmuc trimer E2p SApNP I3-01v9b SApNP CD169/CD21 Trimer (anti-trimer CA45)

c Single-dose - 12 hours

GPΔmuc trimer E2p SApNP I3-01v9b SApNP CD169/CD21 Trimer (anti-trimer CA45)

d Single-dose - 1 week

GPΔmuc trimer E2p SApNP I3-01v9b SApNP CD169/CD21 Trimer (anti-trimer CA45)

Fig. S6. Immunohistological images of SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNPs in lymph nodes. (**a**) Immunostaining images of lymph node tissues from mice injected with SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs, stained using antibodies ADI-15878, ADI-15946, CA45, and mAb100. (**b–g**) Colocalization of SUDV GPΔmuc trimer, E2p SApNP, and I3-01v9b SApNP with FDC networks in lymph node follicles at various time points following a single-dose injection (10 µg per injection, 40 µg total per mouse): (**b**) 2 hours, (**c**) 12 hours, (**d**) 1 week, (**e**) 2 weeks, (**f**) 5 weeks, and (**g**) 8 weeks. Immunofluorescent images are pseudo-color-coded as follows: CD21⁺ (green), CD169⁺ (red), and CA45 (white). (**h**) Colocalization of SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting I3-01v9b SApNPs (labeled by CA45, white) with FDC networks labeled by CD21⁺ (green) and FDC-M1⁺ (red) at 48 hours post-injection. Scale bars: 500 µm (entire lymph node) and 100 µm (enlarged follicle image).

Fig. S7

a   E2p SApNPs (yellow arrow) are aligned on FDC dendrites
    at 2 hours after injection

b   E2p SApNPs (yellow arrow) are aligned on FDC dendrites
    at 12 hours after injection

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c   E2p SApNPs (yellow arrow) are aligned on FDC dendrites
    or taken up by B cells at 48 hours after injection

d   I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow) are aligned on FDC dendrites or
    inside endolysosomes of FDC dendrites at 2 hours after injection

e   I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow) are aligned on FDC
      dendrites or taken up by B cells at 12 hours after injection

f   I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow) are aligned on FDC dendrites
      at 48 hours after injection

g   E2p SApNPs (yellow arrow) are associated with
phagocytic cells at 2 hours after injection

h   E2p SApNPs (yellow arrow) are associated with phagocytic cells
at 12 hours after injection

i E2p SApNPs (yellow arrow) are associated with
   phagocytic cells at 48 hours after injection

j I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow) are associated with phagocytic
   cells at 2 hours after injection

k   I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow) are associated with
    phagocytic cells at 12 hours after injection

l   I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow) are associated with phagocytic
    cells at 48 hours after injection

m Aluminum phosphate (green arrow) tends to aggregate in the ECM at 2 hours after injection

n I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow) and aluminum phosphate (green arrow) with phagocytic cells at 2 hours after injection

Fig. S7

o I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow) and aluminum phosphate
   (green arrow) with phagocytic cells at 12 hours after injection

p I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow) and aluminum phosphate
   (green arrow) with phagocytic cells at 48 hours after injection

Fig. S7. TEM analysis of SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs interacting with FDCs and phagocytic cells in lymph nodes. TEM images show the distribution and cellular interactions of SUDV GPΔmuc-presenting SApNPs following a single-dose injection (2 footpads, 50 μg/footpad). (**a–c**) E2p SApNPs aligned along FDC dendrites at 2 hours, 12 hours, and 48 hours post-injection, respectively. (**d–f**) I3-01v9b SApNPs aligned on FDC dendrites at the same time points. Aluminum phosphate (AP) adjuvant particles are not observed in association with SApNPs on FDC dendrites. (**g–i**) E2p SApNPs located on the surface or within endolysosomes of phagocytic cells at 2 hours, 12 hours, and 48 hours post-injection, respectively. (**j–l**) I3-01v9b SApNPs associated with phagocytic cells at the same time points. (**m**) AP adjuvant particles aggregating in the extracellular matrix 2 hours after injection. (**n–p**) I3-01v9b SApNPs formulated with AP observed within phagocytic cells at 2 hours, 12 hours, and 48 hours post-injection. TEM imaging was performed on two popliteal lymph nodes per SApNP construct. E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs are indicated by yellow arrows; AP adjuvant particles are indicated by green arrows.

a

Single-dose - 2 w

Trimer

E2p
SApNP

I3-01v9b
SApNP

b

Single-dose - 5 w

Trimer

E2p
SApNP

I3-01v9b
SApNP

Fig. S8

c Single-dose - 8 w

Trimer

E2p
SApNP

I3-01v9b
SApNP

d Prime-boost - 3 w + 2 w

Trimer

E2p
SApNP

I3-01v9b
SApNP

Fig. S8. Immunohistological analysis of SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNP vaccine-induced germinal centers (GCs). Immunohistological images of GCs at (**a**) 2, (**b**) 5, and (**c**) 8 weeks following a single-dose injection of GPΔmuc trimer or GPΔmuc-presenting E2p and I3-01v9b SApNPs (10 μg per injection; total of 40 μg per mouse). GC images at (**d**) 2 and (**e**) 5 weeks after a booster dose, administered 3 weeks after the initial immunization (n = 5 mice/group). Immunofluorescent images are pseudo-color coded (GL7[+], red; CD21[+], green; B220, blue). Scale bars = 500 μm for each lymph node image.

a

Fig. S9. Flow cytometry analysis of germinal centers (GCs) induced by SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNPs vaccines. Gating strategy for identifying GC B cells and T follicular helper (Tfh) cells by flow cytometry (n = 5 mice per group).

a Sera of individual mice immunized with EBOV vaccines binding to EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer

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Legend: M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8

Rows: EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer; EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP; EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP

b Mouse serum ELISA EC$_{50}$ titers

Week 2

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 2)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	111.7	136.3	51.3	227.2	103.0	200.2	12.6	173.3	97.3
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	985.3	706.4	970.8	1772.0	271.5	336.1	3145.0	486.4	799.6
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	30.1	101.8	43.0	37.9	172.4	80.7	91.5	115.6	72.1

Week 5

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 5)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	52545	41735	104914	48787	27947	18271	26144	21434	36588.3
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	199849	120954	303168	237335	74446	156667	282413	368341	195227.1
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	58458	93275	140476	104463	128829	148277	70114	63709	95341.8

Week 11

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 11)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	26545	524033	69054	94400	39464	69865	68351	51944	73880.6
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	267135	163352	223491	606328	32762	143908	182928	233182	181721.7
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	703967	60730	178784	354031	97482	91294	82827	610293	182253.3

Week 17

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 17)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-FOLD	59703	59841	42414	92526	80033	44111	36894	36448	53444.3
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	78072	31500	66659	79702	33830	63116	75359	105584	62128.2
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	40965	18206	43559	42711	22529	65820	41237	74760	39837.1

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w2)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	**	0.0067
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.9871
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	**	0.0047

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	****	<0.0001
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.1769
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	**	0.0034

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w11)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.5058
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.2942
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.9135

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.6171
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.4761
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.1078

c **Week-7 sera of individual mice immunized with EBOV vaccines binding to SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer**

Mouse serum ELISA EC$_{50}$ titers

	Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 17)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
Week 17	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	20545	9375	21603	8039	22891	7014	3805	2676	9273.3
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	29973	12206	17018	52874	22735	68558	33997	72867	32585.3
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	15023	7900	26186	17813	11241	97786	11184	15787	17943.0

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.0641
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.4678
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.4656

d **Week-17 sera of individual mice immunized with EBOV vaccines binding to RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT(1TD0) trimer**

Mouse serum ELISA EC$_{50}$ titers

	Antigen	Absorbance (450 nm) (week 17)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
Week 17	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.0	2.5	0.5	1.8	0.7	1.1
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	1.9	2.1	1.3	2.2	1.2	2.5	1.4	2.3	1.8
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.5	1.8	2.0

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	*	0.0449
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	*	0.0111
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.7982

e **Sera of individual mice immunized with EBOV vaccines neutralizing an EBOV Makona strain**

Week 2	Week 5	Week 11	Week 17	
M1 ◯ red
M2 ☐ orange
M3 △ yellow
M4 ▽ green
M5 ◇ magenta
M6 ◯ teal
M7 ☐ light blue
M8 △ blue

EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer

EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP

EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP

f **Mouse serum neutralizing ID$_{50}$ titers**

Week 2	Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 2)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	N/A
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	N/A
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	N/A

Week 5	Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 5)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	805.4	559.3	149.3	588.2	174.1	145.1	203.2	360.5	304.1
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	636.9	358.8	2178.0	1002.0	555.2	322.9	299.4	1167.0	648.4
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	267.9	390.2	313.1	575.8	378.9	413.4	258.7	296.7	350.3

Week 11	Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 11)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	2117.0	560.6	254.8	521.5	188.7	430.2	369.3	377.3	453.2
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	494.5	392.0	734.2	747.4	275.3	643.8	365.2	759.9	518.6
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	1006.0	434.9	454.1	766.3	289.4	237.7	327.0	928.5	487.3

Week 17	Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 17)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	2106.0	1038.0	2482.0	641.1	505.0	437.0	3537.0	2352.0	1260.8
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	1000.0	2501.0	2393.0	1580.0	329.2	2587.0	875.5	1415.0	1333.1
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	513.1	205.2	2961.0	592.6	2154.0	693.4	1272.0	994.0	876.7

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.0919
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.9982
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.0824

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w11)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.9676
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.9724
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.9998

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.9938
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.618
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.6831

g **Week-17 sera of individual mice immunized with EBOV vaccines neutralizing a SUDV Gulu strain**

Mouse serum neutralizing ID$_{50}$ titers

	Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 17)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
Week 17	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	1530.0	407.3	2200.0	113.8	341.2	323.2	1236.0	726.5	593.8
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	956.0	759.0	403.8	2580.0	489.0	1564.0	301.3	647.6	761.3
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	512.3	265.2	1198.0	608.8	1006.0	765.2	662.5	1824.0	742.3

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.9497
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	>0.9999
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.9453

h **Week-17 sera of individual mice immunized with EBOV vaccines neutralizing a BDBV Uganda strain**

Mouse serum neutralizing ID$_{50}$ titers

	Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 17)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
Week 17	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	1344.0	7809.0	5137.0	3217.0	1631.0	411.3	3729.0	7747.0	2759.4
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	149.6	394.3	1109.0	1525.0	115.1	1174.0	261.1	5895.0	616.1
	EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	<100	<100	1332.0	356.1	1397.0	240.1	352.0	<100	561.9

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	*	0.0469
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	**	0.0076
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.6882

i **Sera of individual mice immunized with SUDV vaccines binding to SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer**

j **Mouse serum ELISA EC$_{50}$ titers**

Week 2

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 2)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	69.8	20.2	50.0	149.7	116.9	122.4	68.1	55.0	69.8
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	1058.0	1223.0	1977.0	1062.0	1419.0	2123.0	2262.0	17.9	871.0
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	550.3	700.2	876.2	893.5	373.7	741.1	903.2	940.0	718.4

Week 5

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 5)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	16436	19941	7907	60277	25656	19754	9992	15619	18259.2
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	177305	230404	159220	79353	157784	47895	82714	6921	82910.4
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	42731	93470	42715	31125	87023	36180	35115	8482	38650.3

Week 11

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 11)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	51852	34819	59219	58035	92570	20182	108658	56856	53935.6
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	427238	688825	479499	349324	289258	121660	264183	173015	307186.5
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	12804	573418	373590	88061	1405850	379235	21591	471753	183962.3

Week 17

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 17)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	132375	104284	117314	112501	78562	31328	174100	161747	102958.9
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	150503	150658	156743	142867	124345	229353	218325	86164	151148.0
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	108351	204158	120591	200895	248727	170555	157838	144221	163771.7

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w2)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	****	<0.0001
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	*	0.0169
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	*	0.0207

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	**	0.0016
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.5472
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	*	0.0187

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w11)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.1259
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.0502
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.885

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.1724
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.0653
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.8627

k **Week-17 sera of individual mice immunized with SUDV vaccines binding to EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer**

Mouse serum ELISA EC$_{50}$ titers

	Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 17)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
Week 17	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	22131	6105	19939	4814	4809	6529	22832	16822	10574.9
	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	74857	17696	20913	30182	25142	26898	49408	11012	27290.2
	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	12210	55319	13273	35138	19190	57302	38054	13336	25446.4

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.0832
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.1177
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.9817

l **Week-17 sera of individual mice immunized with SUDV vaccines binding to RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT(1TD0) trimer**

Mouse serum ELISA EC$_{50}$ titers

	Antigen	Absorbance (450 nm) (week 17)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
Week 17	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.9	0.7
	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	0.9	1.1	2.0	1.1	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.0	1.4
	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	2.0	2.4	0.5	1.9	2.4	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.7

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	*	0.0149
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	***	0.0005
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.338

m Sera of individual mice immunized with SUDV vaccines neutralizing a SUDV Gulu strain

n Mouse serum neutralizing ID$_{50}$ titers

Week 2

Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 2)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	N/A
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	<100	<100	<100	<100	331.1	<100	<100	<100	N/A
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	<100	<100	107.2	<100	<100	<100	<100	<100	N/A

Week 5

Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 5)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	420	3076	156.6	2417	1377	1896	5149	1477	1328.6
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	5677	1634	1754	2420	5081	4212	1332	355.5	2114.1
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	1582	2485	4102	2862	1119	843.6	2506	584.4	1681.2

Week 11

Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 11)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	13810	4694	2805	3670	2858	2497	14410	3069	4628.4
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	2835	3130	5528	3311	3940	4935	2323	3352	3538.7
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	889.3	10154	1391	2424	6257	808.9	1524	7608	2549.8

Week 17

Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 17)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	1389	3550	2017	1006	1354	931.1	6329	2409	1929.8
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	2035	928.9	1546	1147	2291	2536	1215	1753	1593.1
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	1853	2507	1746	4395	1648	7166	1695	2160	2503.1

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.5769
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.9998
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.5879

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w11)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.4294
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.4956
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.9925

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.6592
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.7862
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.2916

o **Week-17 sera of individual mice immunized with SUDV vaccines neutralizing an EBOV Makona strain**

Mouse serum neutralizing ID$_{50}$ titers

	Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 17)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
Week 17	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	1073	1510	3312	230.5	2932	1345	1075	2621	1387.6
	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	4144	1304	687.5	217	758.8	964.7	297	2453	899.9
	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	1214	1567	467.4	296.9	336.4	271	990.7	2370	698.3

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.7312
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.2983
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.7257

p **Week-17 sera of individual mice immunized with SUDV vaccines neutralizing a BDBV Uganda strain**

Mouse serum neutralizing ID$_{50}$ titers

	Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 17)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
Week 17	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer	126.7	26.1	1237.0	165.3	985.6	518.9	543.9	613.3	322.0
	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	1504.0	174.5	356.0	156.5	1298.0	151.8	35.5	1393.0	330.6
	SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	580.4	9.7	69.0	1085.0	656.4	<100	<100	1280.0	185.5

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w17)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP	ns	0.913
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.9893
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP	ns	0.8492

q Sera of individual mice immunized with RAVV vaccines binding to RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT(1TD0) trimer

Mouse serum ELISA EC$_{50}$ titers

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-w2	718.9	721.9	432.3	1030.0	946.3	262.3	481.5	958.5	635.1
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-w5	202735	1544554	746406	628189	447117	44771	446178	225949	362215.2
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-w11	139135	218951	208199	104125	998580	786127	408247	853062	340466.6
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-w17	140811	110900	164905	119990	336478	344895	127509	141835	168457.1

r Week-17 sera of individual mice immunized with RAVV vaccines binding to EBOV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴(1TD0) trimer

Mouse serum ELISA EC$_{50}$ titers

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 17)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer	177.5	537.5	197.8	459.9	1477.0	1430.0	182.7	422.8	440.4

s Week-17 sera of individual mice immunized with RAVV vaccines binding to SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴(1TD0) trimer

Mouse serum ELISA EC$_{50}$ titers

Antigen	Absorbance (450 nm) (week 17)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer	1.6	1.9	1.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.1

t Week-17 IgG samples of individual mice immunized with RAVV vaccines neutralizing a MARV Angola strain

Week 17 mouse IgG neutralization

Virus strains	IC$_{50}$ (µg/mL) (week 17)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
MARV-Angola	56.2	81.4	93.3	104.4	30.9	40.3	148.4	71.8	70.2

u Week-17 sera of individual mice immunized with RAVV vaccines neutralizing three orthoebolavirus strains

Fig. S10. Immunogenicity of EBOV, SUDV, and RAVV GPΔmuc vaccines in mice. (**a**) ELISA curves of mouse sera from EBOV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNP vaccine groups (n = 8 mice/group) binding to the coating antigen EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer (**b**) (Top) Summary of geometric mean EC$_{50}$ titers measured for Ebola GPΔmuc vaccine groups against EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer. Color coding indicates EC$_{50}$ levels (green to red: low to high binding). (Bottom) Summary of statistical analysis performed for each timepoint. Note: EC$_{50}$ values at week 2 were derived by setting the minimum/maximum OD$_{450}$ values to 0.0/2.8. (**c**) ELISA curves of mouse sera from EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 after four immunizations binding to SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer. Summary of geometric mean EC$_{50}$ titers and statistical analysis. (**d**) ELISA curves of mouse sera from Ebola GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 after four immunizations binding to RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT(1TD0) trimer. Summary of absorbance at 450 nm (A450) values was included. (**e**) Neutralization curves of mouse sera from EBOV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNP vaccine groups against EBOV Makona pseudovirus. (**f**) (Top) Summary of geometric mean ID$_{50}$ titers measured for EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine groups against EBOV Makona pseudovirus. Color coding: white (no neutralization), green to red (low to high neutralization). Note: ID$_{50}$ values were calculated using %neutralization constraints of 0.0 (min) and 100.0 (max). (Bottom) Summary of statistical analysis as in (**b**). (**g**) Neutralization curves of mouse sera from EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 against SUDV Gulu pseudovirus. Summary of geometric means of ID$_{50}$ values and statistical analysis. (**h**) Neutralization curves of mouse sera from EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 against BDBV Uganda pseudovirus. Summary of geometric mean ID$_{50}$ values and statistical analysis. (**i**) ELISA curves of mouse sera from SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNP vaccine groups binding to SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer. (**j**) (Top) Summary of geometric means of EC$_{50}$ titers measured for SUDV GPΔmuc vaccine groups against SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer. (Bottom) Summary of statistical analysis as in (**b**). Note: EC$_{50}$ values at week 2 were derived by setting the minimum/maximum OD$_{450}$ values to 0.0/2.9. (**k**) ELISA curves of mouse sera from SUDV GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 after four immunizations binding to EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer. Summary of geometric mean EC$_{50}$ titers and statistical analysis. (**l**) ELISA curves of mouse sera from SUDV GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 after four immunizations binding to RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT(1TD0) trimer. Summary of A450 values was included. (**m**) Neutralization curves of mouse sera from SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNP vaccine groups against SUDV Gulu pseudovirus. (**n**) (Top) Summary of geometric means of ID$_{50}$ titers measured for EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine groups against EBOV Makona pseudovirus. (Bottom) Summary of statistical analysis as in (**b**). (**o**) Neutralization curves of mouse sera from EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 against EBOV Makona pseudovirus. Summary of geometric mean ID$_{50}$ values and statistical analysis. (**p**) Neutralization curves of mouse sera from EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 against BDBV Uganda pseudovirus. Summary of geometric means of ID$_{50}$ values and statistical analysis. (**q**) (Top) ELISA curves of mouse sera from RAVV GPΔmuc trimer vaccine groups binding to RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT(1TD0) trimer. (Bottom) Summary of geometric mean EC$_{50}$ values. Note: EC$_{50}$ values at week 2 were derived by setting the minimum/maximum OD$_{450}$ values to 0.0/2.9. (**r**) ELISA curves of mouse sera from RAVV GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 after four immunizations binding to EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer. Summary of geometric mean EC$_{50}$ titers. (**s**) ELISA curves of mouse sera from RAVV GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 after four immunizations binding to SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer. Summary of A450 values was included. (**t**) Neutralization curves of purified IgG from RAVV GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 against MARV Angola pseudovirus. Summary of IC$_{50}$ values. Left panel: sera from three naive mice showed nonspecific background in MARV Angola pseudovirus assays, suggesting that IgG purification is required to eliminate the nonspecific serum reactivity. (**u**) Neutralization curves of mouse sera from RAVV GPΔmuc vaccine groups at week 17 against orthoebolavirus strains. Error bars represent the difference between duplicate measurements at each concentration for each sample. EC$_{50}$, ID$_{50}$, and IC$_{50}$ values were calculated using GraphPad Prism version 10.3.1. Data were analyzed using one-way ANOVA, followed by Tukey's multiple comparison post hoc test for each timepoint. For significance, ns (not significant), *$p < 0.05$, **$p < 0.01$, ***$p < 0.001$, and ****$p < 0.0001$.

a   **Sera of individual mice immunized with glycan-modified EBOV vaccines binding to EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer**

b   Mouse serum ELISA EC$_{50}$ titers

Week 2

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 2)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type	111.7	136.3	51.3	227.2	103.0	200.2	12.6	173.3	97.3
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated	283.7	255.1	119.5	248.0	423.8	133.4	239.1	141.3	212.1
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	43.1	13.4	28.4	56.2	46.5	14.1	106.9	26.8	33.8
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Wild-type	985.3	706.4	970.8	1772.0	271.5	336.1	3145.0	486.4	799.6
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	2721.0	813.3	815.7	1046.0	678.3	2584.0	482.5	1166.0	1080.8
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	126.0	84.5	104.9	95.8	122.8	69.1	50.0	51.4	83.4
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type	30.1	101.8	43.0	37.9	172.4	80.7	91.5	115.6	72.1
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	51.8	97.6	80.2	41.8	201.5	0.9	62.9	95.3	45.5

Week 5

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 5)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type	52545	41735	104914	48787	27947	18271	26144	21434	36588
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated	38706	25086	21695	47634	99875	36855	27014	103907	42360
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	35186	18238	8909	13634	13630	41752	29227	22113	20285
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Wild-type	199849	120954	303168	237335	74446	156667	282413	368341	195227
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	241215	224657	335618	192147	216173	258075	406613	838779	300502
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	141920	136153	48617	265817	117352	88543	56725	42434	94286
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type	58458	93275	140476	104463	128829	148277	70114	63709	95342
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	180905	34224	63566	102618	42941	8255	57374	74974	52927

Week 11 or 8

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 11 or 8)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type (w11)	26545	524033	69054	94400	39464	69865	68351	51944	73881
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated (w8)	93214	195305	183599	116631	50918	193472	114590	89398	118674
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H (w8)	31571	25030	7454	16954	21834	59045	72580	13927	24508
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Wild-type (w11)	267135	163352	223491	606328	32762	143908	182928	233182	181722
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif-treated (w8)	153387	211525	149619	126857	158759	131151	152440	176520	155680
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H (w8)	50455	81205	73372	89472	32112	55202	99817	102711	68571
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type (w11)	703967	60730	178784	354031	97482	91294	82827	610293	182253
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated (w8)	146649	66233	62594	129059	58475	142777	61089	366113	104890

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w2)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated	*	0.0276
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.0775
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	***	0.0001

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated	ns	0.8381
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.2962
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.1137

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w2)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	ns	0.8496
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	*	0.0371
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif-treated vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	*	0.0112

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	ns	0.2278
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.3186
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif-treated vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	*	0.0119

Unpaired t test (w2)	Statistics	P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	ns	0.8507

Unpaired t test (w5)	Statistics	P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	ns	0.1978

c Sera of individual mice immunized with EBOV vaccines neutralizing an EBOV Makona strain

d Mouse serum neutralizing ID$_{50}$ titers

Week 5

Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 5)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type	805.4	559.3	149.3	588.2	174.1	145.1	203.2	360.5	304.1
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated	685.5	234.7	577.4	443.0	708.5	285.4	407.7	489.1	449.3
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	383.7	299.7	227.6	199.9	271.6	298.0	132.4	145.5	231.2
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Wild-type	636.9	358.8	2178.0	1002.0	555.2	322.9	299.4	1167.0	648.4
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	1414.0	1867.0	1249.0	1961.0	1107.0	963.3	2480.0	1201.0	1459.0
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	263.2	376.3	232.9	513.0	559.4	273.6	353.0	430.4	358.9
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type	881.2	850.8	555.5	452.4	550.2	340.8	548.8	865.0	599.9
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	267.9	390.2	313.1	575.8	378.9	413.4	258.7	296.7	350.3

Week 11 or 8

Antigen	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 11 or 8)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type (w11)	2117.0	560.6	254.4	521.5	188.7	430.2	369.3	377.3	453.2
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated (w8)	370.3	204.5	1305	1425	578	911.8	569.1	448.8	609.1
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H (w8)	192.8	287.4	217.4	178.6	171.6	351.1	636.2	175.4	248.3
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Wild-type (w11)	494.5	392.0	734.2	747.4	275.3	643.8	365.2	759.9	518.6
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif-treated (w8)	1031	562.3	594.7	902.2	273	393.9	416.3	408.9	524.1
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H (w8)	179.2	499.6	538.7	486.6	301.2	292.4	649.2	772.1	423.6
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type (w11)	1006.0	434.9	454.1	766.3	289.4	237.7	327.0	928.5	487.3
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated (w8)	562.9	429.3	326.9	281.2	376.1	1462	459.4	603.8	491.2

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated	ns	0.489
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.3549
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	*	0.0453

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNPr-Kif-treated	*	0.02
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.1792
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNPr-Kif-treated vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	***	0.0003

Unpaired t test (w5)	Statistics	P Value
EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type vs. EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	**	0.0055

e **Sera of individual mice immunized with wild-type/glycan-modified SUDV vaccines binding to SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer**

Week 2 | **Week 5** | **Week 8** | **Week 11**

SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP (Kif/Endo H)

Legend: M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8

f **Mouse serum ELISA EC$_{50}$ titers**

Week 2

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 2)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Wild-type	69.8	20.2	50.0	149.7	116.9	122.4	68.1	55.0	69.8
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif-treated	714.8	192.9	605.3	591.0	412.8	343.0	419.8	362.8	425.0
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif/Endo H	23.3	24.5	44.7	15.7	72.2	19.6	50.5	36.9	31.8
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type	527.1	474.8	583.8	1483.0	2336.0	1545.0	475.4	1316.0	914.5
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	2482.0	5568.0	2483.0	4798.0	4273.0	4408.0	3878.0	4312.0	3884.6
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	271.0	99.3	330.9	99.8	124.0	375.7	234.7	410.6	211.4
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type	469.6	479.9	387.3	115.2	890.0	616.4	586.8	503.1	448.2
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	1206.0	1067.0	961.1	1644.0	1098.0	1237.0	1839.0	2248.0	1355.8
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H	49.8	73.8	77.8	80.5	20.8	N/A	38.4	65.2	53.1

Week 5

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 5)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Wild-type	16436	19941	7907	60277	25656	19754	9992	15619	18259.2
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif-treated	187796	83838	82374	256237	143796	100245	199748	272537	150326.2
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif/Endo H	337	8926	3406	6542	16601	6364	8124	13307	5439.3
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type	194403	254967	120302	189915	195340	209194	72385	116111	158028.4
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	328808	203797	637646	429942	440079	160965	596309	178438	329358.5
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	174902	82685	108551	129398	143808	261848	79238	345641	146267.1
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type	32933	27405	30608	50359	17406	34313	79188	83439	39124.1
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	213630	375263	331165	484567	123702	233165	246351	324809	271692.3
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H	45679	26310	57270	55138	87196	N/A	138210	12630	47889.1

Week 11 or 8

Antigen	EC$_{50}$ titers (week 11 or 8)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Wild-type (w11)	51852	34819	59219	58035	92570	20182	108658	56856	53935.6
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif-treated (w8)	302797	144377	177306	198140	88084	235081	164275	185242	177101.1
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif/Endo H (w8)	50453	172980	18107	59100	58943	44125	87452	156514	65346.1
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type (w8)	299781	269350	317854	207812	165230	208403	120522	131427	203221.8
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated (w8)	192720	218683	292392	372944	179861	130425	179178	274004	219008.7
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H (w8)	180099	336638	152272	156367	145160	325977	149103	N/A	193576.0
JDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type (w8)	219021	293708	296644	131589	450528	1270551	122274	162786	270436.4
JDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated (w8)	166508	138485	135652	171299	143035	129149	754862	196507	186573.4
IDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H (w8)	71039	1261224	728092	170130	156138	N/A	198137	45999	206095.4

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w2)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif-treated	****	<0.0001
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.6485
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimerKif-treated vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif/Endo H	****	<0.0001

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif-treated	****	<0.0001
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.8066
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimerKif-treated vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴ trimer-Kif/Endo H	****	<0.0001

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w2)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	****	<0.0001
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.0778
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	****	<0.0001

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	*	0.0103
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.9984
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	**	0.0091

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w2)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	****	<0.0001
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H	*	0.0224
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H	****	<0.0001

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	****	<0.0001
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.903
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL²P⁴-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H	****	<0.0001

g Sera of individual mice immunized with wild-type/glycan-modified SUDV vaccines neutralizing a SUDV Gulu strain

h Mouse serum neutralizing ID$_{50}$ titers

Week 5

Antigen	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	Geometric Mean
				ID$_{50}$ titers (week 5)					
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type	420	3076	156.6	2417	1377	1896	5149	1477	1328.6
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated	1986	2709	8760	10520	1522	736.6	4016	14183	3652.3
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	243.4	6460	1691	3127	3197.0	463.3	1201.0	3265.0	1623.6
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type	3142	7835	3520	6205	3431	5382	3249	3187	4231.6
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	2877	873.4	2512	2311	7871	2706	2473	2186	2530.2
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	2075	721.3	713.9	1791	1742	2481	6384	3462	1917.5
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type	662.4	592.3	758.7	2268	682.9	642.8	4778	1402	1089.5
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	4252	3819	4262	2863	5193	1734	651.4	2141	2657.6
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H	1023	1000	2652	1043	1287	N/A	3262	2177	1591.5

Week 11 or 8

Antigen	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	Geometric Mean
				ID$_{50}$ titers (week 11 or 8)					
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type (w11)	13810	4694	2805	3670	2858	2497	14410	3069	4628.4
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated (w8)	6582	5258	16937	5674	3316	2649	5681	13235	6204.7
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H (w8)	1035	6006	2560	2543	2847	1139	3639	3835	2557.7
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type (w8)	1224	4430	6202	11133	2887	4953	1083	6855	3757.6
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated (w8)	4414	880.9	2466	7047	10493	4060	2235	6092	3751.0
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H (w8)	2234	555.2	1224	2211	3512	1040	1615	N/A	1531.9
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type (w8)	739.1	911.5	343.7	1130	2675	9196	2305	1040	1407.8
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated (w8)	3830	5923	6805	3469	12386	1653	2090	3103	4041.0
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H (w8)	810.8	1367	1095	777.2	1388	N/A	2057	1791	1252.0

Statistical analysis

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif-treated	ns	0.0934
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.9563
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimerKif-treated vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4 trimer-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.1577

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	ns	0.2678
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.0973
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.8296

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w8)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated	ns	0.9947
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.1006
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif-treated vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD E2p SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.1201

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w5)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	ns	0.0604
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.9009
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.1599

One-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (w8)	Statistics	Adjusted P Value
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated	ns	0.1544
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Wild-type vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.7712
SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif-treated vs. SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4-PD I3-01v9b SApNP-Kif/Endo H	*	0.0468

i **Sera of individual mice immunized with glycan-modified RAVV vaccines binding to RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT(1TD0) trimer**

j **Mouse serum ELISA EC₅₀ titers**

Week 2	Antigen	EC₅₀ titers (week 2)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
	RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Wild-type	718.9	721.9	432.3	1030.0	946.3	262.3	481.5	958.5	635.1
	RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Kif/Endo H	1088.0	842.6	372.8	326.6	773.6	1455.0	1260.0	571.6	740.6

Week 5	Antigen	EC₅₀ titers (week 5)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
	RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Wild-type	202735	1544554	746406	628189	447117	44771	446178	225949	362215.2
	RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Kif/Endo H	208318	261241	222068	150370	267446	198233	450054	211636	234603.9

Week 11 or 8	Antigen	EC₅₀ titers (week 11 or 8)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
	RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Wild-type (w11)	139135	218951	208199	104125	998580	786127	408247	853062	340466.6
	RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Kif/Endo H (w8)	770620	683058	388118	292655	294767	621323	524297	273292	446120.6

Week 17 or 11	Antigen	EC₅₀ titers (week 17 or 11)								Geometric Mean
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
	RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Wild-type (w17)	140811	110900	164905	119990	336478	344895	127509	141835	168457
	RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Kif/Endo H (w11)	125144	295308	212027	173036	313400	398840	295603	237268	242316

Statistical analysis

Unpaired t test (w2)	Statistics	P Value
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Wild-type vs. RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.4307

Unpaired t test (w5)	Statistics	P Value
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Wild-type vs. RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT trimer-Kif/Endo H	ns	0.1079

k **Purified IgG of individual mice immunized with RAVV vaccines neutralizing a MARV Angola strain**

Fig. S11. Immunogenicity of glycan-modified EBOV, SUDV, and RAVV GPΔmuc vaccines in mice. (**a**) ELISA curves of mouse sera from glycan-modified EBOV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNP vaccine groups (n = 8 mice/group) binding to EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer. (**b**) (Top) Summary of geometric mean EC$_{50}$ titers measured for glycan-modified EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine groups against EBOV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer. Color coding indicates EC$_{50}$ levels (green to red: low to high binding). (Bottom) Summary of statistical analysis performed for each timepoint. Note: EC$_{50}$ values at week 2 were derived by setting the minimum/maximum OD$_{450}$ values to 0.0/2.8. (**c**) Neutralization curves of mouse sera from glycan-modified EBOV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNP vaccine groups against EBOV Makona pseudovirus. (**d**) (Top) Summary of geometric means of ID$_{50}$ titers measured for EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine groups against EBOV Makona pseudovirus. Color coding: white (no neutralization), green to red (low to high neutralization). Note: ID$_{50}$ values were calculated using %neutralization constraints of 0.0 (min) and 100.0 (max). (Bottom) Summary of statistical analysis. (**e**) ELISA curves of mouse sera from glycan-modified SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNP vaccine groups binding to SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer. (**f**) (Top) Summary of geometric mean EC$_{50}$ titers measured for glycan-modified SUDV GPΔmuc vaccine groups against SUDV GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4(1TD0) trimer. (Bottom) Summary of statistical analysis. Note: EC$_{50}$ values at week 2 were derived by setting the minimum/maximum OD$_{450}$ values to 0.0/2.9. (**g**) Neutralization curves of mouse sera from glycan-modified SUDV GPΔmuc trimer and SApNP vaccine groups against SUDV Gulu pseudovirus. (**h**) (Top) Summary of geometric means of ID$_{50}$ titers measured for SUDV GPΔmuc vaccine groups against SUDV Gulu pseudovirus. (Bottom) Summary of statistical analysis. (**i**) ELISA curves of mouse sera from glycan modified RAVV GPΔmuc trimer vaccine groups binding to RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT(1TD0) trimer. (**j**) (Top) Summary of geometric mean EC$_{50}$ titers measured for glycan-modified RAVV GPΔmuc vaccine groups against RAVV GPΔmuc-P^{2}CT(1TD0) trimer. (Bottom) Summary of statistical analysis. Note: EC$_{50}$ values at week 2 were derived by setting the minimum/maximum OD$_{450}$ values to 0.0/2.9. (**k**) Neutralization curves of purified mouse IgG from glycan-modified RAVV GPΔmuc vaccine groups after four immunizations at week 17 or week 11 against MARV Angola or orthoebolavirus strains. Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV) was included as a negative control to confirm the cross-NAb responses measured using purified IgG. Error bars represent the difference between duplicate measurements at each concentration for each sample. EC$_{50}$ and ID$_{50}$ values were calculated using GraphPad Prism version 10.3.1. Data were analyzed using one-way ANOVA, followed by Tukey's multiple comparison post hoc test for each timepoint. Two-tailed unpaired t-tests were used to compare the geometric means between two independent groups. Statistical significance was defined as follows: ns (not significant), *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001, and ****p < 0.0001.

a

b Week-11 sera of female and male mice immunized with wild-type SUDV vaccines neutralizing a SUDV Gulu strain

Sex	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 11)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
Female	690.2	454.8	307.7	1796	1007	660.1	449	355.5	606.9
Male	267.7	233.5	649.3	335.9	371.4	188.1	<100	314.3	263.9

Unpaired t test (w11)	Statistics	P Value
female vs. male	*	0.043

c Week-11 sera of female and male mice immunized with glycan-modified SUDV vaccines neutralizing a SUDV Gulu strain

Sex	ID$_{50}$ titers (week 11)								Geometric Mean
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	
Female	417.3	885.7	374.1	1953	468	769.3	726	217.8	593.4
Male	297.6	485.6	340.5	283.6	954.3	880.1	185.9	190.2	377.7

Unpaired t test (w11)	Statistics	P Value
female vs. male	ns	0.2337

Fig. S12. Influence of sex on immunogenicity of SUDV GPΔmuc-induced neutralizing antibody responses in mice.
(**a**) Schematic illustration of the mouse immunization regimen for SUDV GPΔmuc trimer vaccines (n = 8 mice per group). Each mouse received 80 µl of a vaccine antigen/aluminum hydroxide (AH) adjuvant mix containing 10 µg of SUDV antigen and 40 µl of AH. Mice were immunized via the intradermal route through four footpad injections at weeks 0, 3, 6, and 9, with 3-week intervals between doses. (**b**) Neutralization curves of female and male mouse sera from the wild-type SUDV GPΔmuc trimer group at week 11 (after four immunizations), tested against SUDV Gulu pseudovirus. (**c**) Neutralization curves of female and male mouse sera from the glycan-modified SUDV GPΔmuc trimer group under the same conditions. Comparison of NAb responses (by ID$_{50}$ titers) between female and male mice is shown, along with a summary of geometric mean ID$_{50}$ values for each group against SUDV Gulu pseudovirus. Error bars represent the difference between duplicate measurements at each concentration for each sample. ID$_{50}$ values were calculated using GraphPad Prism version 10.3.1. Two-tailed unpaired t-tests were used to compare the geometric means between two independent groups. Statistical significance was defined as follows: ns (not significant), *p < 0.05.

Table S1. Data collection and refinement statistics for EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4.

Data Collection	EBOV Mayinga GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4
Beamline	SSRL 12-1
Wavelength (Å)	0.97946
Resolution (Å)[a]	40.6 - 3.20 (3.29 - 3.20)
Space group	P321
Unit cell (Å)	114.47,114.47,133.38
(°)	90 90 120
Total reflections	189,316 (12,886)
Unique reflections	17,104 (815)
Multiplicity	11.1 (9.6)
Completeness (%)	99.8 (98.2)
Mean (I)/ σ_I	22.2 (1.2)
R_{merge} (%)	6.1 (>100)
R_{meas}[c] (%)	12.3 (>100)
R_{pim}[d] (%)	3.7 (69.3)
CC$_{1/2}$[e] (%)	99.8 (30.3)
Refinement	
Refinement resolution (Å)[a]	40.6 - 3.20 (3.29 - 3.20)
# reflections in refinement (work/free)	17,082 (1,323)
R_{work} (%)	21.5 (36.1)
R_{free} (%)	22.2 (33.0)
# Protein atoms	3,119
# Carbohydrate atoms	128
# Waters	0
# Protein residues	398
Bond r.m.s. deviation (Å)	0.013
Angle r.m.s. deviation (º)	1.60
Wilson B (Å^2)	114
Average B protein (Å^2)	119
carbohydrate (Å^2)	156
Ramachandran favored, allowed, outliers (%)	96.1, 3.9, 0.0, 0.0
Clashscore[f]	8.2
PDB ID	9N8E

[a]Numbers in parentheses are for highest resolution shell

[b]R_{merge} = $\Sigma_{hkl} \Sigma_{i=1,n}|I_i(hkl) - <I(hkl)>| / \Sigma_{hkl} \Sigma_{i=1,n} I_i(hkl)$

[c]R_{meas} = $\Sigma_{hkl} \sqrt{(n/n-1)} \Sigma_{i=1,n}|I_i(hkl) - <I(hkl)>| / \Sigma_{hkl} \Sigma_{i=1,n} I_i(hkl)$

[d]R_{pim} = $\Sigma_{hkl} \sqrt{(1/n-1)} \Sigma_{i=1,n}|I_i(hkl) - <I(hkl)>| / \Sigma_{hkl} \Sigma_{i=1,n} I_i(hkl)$

[e]CC$_{1/2}$ = Pearson correlation coefficient between two random half datasets

[f]Number of unfavorable all-atom steric overlaps ≥ 0.4 Å per 1000 atoms

Table S2. Cryo-EM data collection information, model building, and refinement statistics.

Data collection information	SUDV Gulu GPΔmuc-WL^{2}P^4/CA45 Fab
Microscope	Titan Krios G4
Voltage (keV)	200
Detector	Falcon 4 camera with a Selectris-X energy filter
Recording mode	Counting
Magnification	130,000 x
Movie micrograph pixel size	0.89
Total dose (e$^-$/Å^2)	50
Under focus range (μm)	-1.0 to -2.0 um
Number of movie micrographs	1,824
Model building and refinement statistics	
Map Resolution (Å)	3.13
Residues	
Amino-acids	1473
Carbohydrates	9
RMSD Bonds (Å)	0.003
RMSD Angles (º)	0.746
Ramachandran	
Outliers (%)	0.00
Allowed (%)	7.2
Favored (%)	92.8
Rotamer outliers	1.67
Clash score	8.98
MolProbity score	2.10
PDB ID	9N8F
EMDB ID	EMD-49127

Figure 2

Figure 3

Figure 4

Figure 5

a

Orthomarburgvirus GP

Orthomarburgvirus GPΔmuc-PˣCT-foldon-His₆

P² (T578P) or P⁴ (E580P)

CT (E631F/Q632V)

b

RAVV GPΔTM (16 ml ExpiCHO, nickel)

RAVV GPΔmuc (25 ml ExpiCHO, nickel)

RAVV GPΔmuc-P² (16 ml ExpiCHO, nickel)

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT (16 ml ExpiCHO, nickel)

c

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT

d

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²

T_{m1} = 51.0
T_{m2} = 60.0

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT

T_{m1} = 54.5
T_{m2} = 58.2
T_{m3} = 66.61

e

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT/MR78 Fab (PDB ID: 5UQY)

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT/MR78 Fab (EMDB: 6233)

f

RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT

Unoccupied   Complex   Hybrid   Oligomannose   N.D.

g

* RAVV GPΔmuc-P²
△ RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT

h

	MR78	MR191
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²	0.58	0.52
RAVV GPΔmuc-P²CT	0.58	0.50

Figure 6

a E2p SApNP

Subcapsular sinus · Follicle

Paracortex

Medullary cord

500 μm

Follicle

Vaccine accumulation

100 μm

b I3-01v9b SApNP

Subcapsular sinus · Follicle

Paracortex

Medullary cord

500 μm

Follicle

Vaccine accumulation

100 μm

c

| | 2 hours | 12 hours | 48 hours | 1 week | 2 weeks | 5 weeks | 8 weeks |

Trimer

E2p SApNP

I3-01v9b SApNP

d **Time-dependent curve**

Anti-trimer Ab stained area (μm²)

Sudan GP immunogens
● Trimer
■ E2p SApNP
▲ I3-01v9b SApNP

Time (h)

e **Area under the curve (AUC)**

Area under the curve (AUC)

14x

28x

Trimer E2p SApNP I3-01v9b SApNP

f **Single dose - 48 hours**

Anti-trimer Ab stained area (μm²)

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Trimer E2p SApNP I3-01v9b SApNP

g **Single-dose - 48 hours**

Trimer | E2p SApNP | I3-01v9b SApNP | CD169/CD21 | Trimer (anti-trimer CA45)

Figure 7

a E2p SApNPs aligned on FDC dendrites at 12 hours

E2p SApNPs (yellow arrow)

B cell
B cell
FDC dendrites

b I3-01v9b SApNPs aligned on FDC dendrites at 12 hours

I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow)

B cell
FDC dendrites
B cell

c I3-01v9b SApNPs aligned on FDC dendrites at 48 hours

I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow)

B cell
FDC dendrites

d E2p SApNPs with phagocytic cells at 12 hours

E2p SApNPs (yellow arrow)

e I3-01v9b SApNPs with phagocytic cells at 12 hours

I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow)

f Aluminum phosphate in the extracellular matrix at 2 hours

Aluminum phosphate (green arrow)

g I3-01v9b SApNPs and aluminum phosphate with phagocytic cells at 48 hours

Aluminum phosphate (green arrow)

I3-01v9b SApNPs (yellow arrow)

Figure 8

Figure 10

a — Immunization schedule with mouse, injections at W0, W3, W6, W9; blood draws at W2, W5, W8, W11 (N=8).

Immunization
- **Immunogen:** EBOV GPΔmuc, SUDV GPΔmuc, or RAVV GPΔmuc (10 µg)
- **Adjuvant:** aluminum hydroxide & CpG
- **Total volume:** 200 µl
- **Route:** intraperitoneal injection

Mouse sera → (1) Antigen binding / (2) Pseudovirus neutralization

b EBOV GPΔmuc vaccine-induced binding antibody responses

o RAVV GPΔmuc vaccine-induced neutralizing antibody responses

Virus strains	RAVV GPΔmuc	IC50 (µg/mL)							
		M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8
MARV-Angola	Wild-type (w17)	56.2	81.4	93.3	104.4	30.9	40.3	148.4	71.8
	Kif/Endo H (w11)	25.9	38.6	70.6	65.6	33.7	76.7	>300	191.6
EBOV-Makona	Wild-type (w17)	>300	>300	177.4	>300	203.5	177.2	>300	199.2
	Kif/Endo H (w11)	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	239.9	>300	>300
SUDV-Gulu	Wild-type (w17)	194.1	183.4	119.8	>300	124.8	206.0	>300	260.6
	Kif/Endo H (w11)	272.0	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300
BDBV-Uganda	Wild-type (w17)	189.6	184.7	127.6	>300	92.0	120.2	>300	>300
	Kif/Endo H (w11)	>300	>300	>300	295.2	>300	217.7	>300	>300
LCMV	Wild-type (w17)	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300
	Kif/Endo H (w11)	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300	>300