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Impact of IgA Constant Domain on HIV-1 Neutralizing Function of Monoclonal Antibody F425A1g8 §

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Abstract

With the majority of HIV infections resulting from mucosal transmission, induction of an effective mucosal immune response is thought to be pivotal in preventing transmission. HIV-specific IgA, but not IgG, has been detected in genital tract, seminal fluid, urethral swabs, urine and vaginal wash samples of HIV-negative sex workers and HIV-status discordant couples. Purified mucosal and plasma IgA from some individuals with highly exposed, persistently sero-negative (HEPS) can neutralize infection and present cross-clade neutralization activity though present at low levels. We generated a CD4i human monoclonal antibody (mAb) F425A1g8 and characterized the impact of its isotype variants on HIV neutralizing activity. The result showed that, in contrast to little neutralization by the F425A1g8 IgG1 in the absence of sCD4, the IgA1 variant of the antibody (Ab) displayed significant independent neutralization activity against a range of HIV clade B isolates in the absence of sCD4. The studies of the neutralizing function of IgA isotypes, and the functional relationship between different antigenic epitopes and IgA antibodies, may also suggest strategies for the intervention of virus transmission and spread within the mucosa of host, as well as serve to inform the design of vaccine strategies that may be more effective at preventing mucosal transmission. This research clearly suggests that IgA isotype because of its unique molecular structure may play an important role in HIV neutralization.

Introduction

HIV infection occurs most often through the mucosal route *via* hetero- or homosexual contact. As expected, adaptive immune system responds to HIV infection with production of HIV-specific antibodies (1); however, numerous studies have clearly demonstrated the general inability of the humoral immune system to develop functionally effective neutralizing antibodies during natural infection or vaccination (2–4). The immune system is confounded by the immunogenicity of the variable loops, which are exposed on the surface of the virus, and tend to elicit strain specific antibodies (5) as well the transient exposure of specific neutralizing epitopes upon virion binding or engagement with CD4. Therefore, a huge gap in HIV vaccine development has been the inability to generate an immunogen that can elicit effective neutralizing antibodies (6).

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Research has shown that not all people are equally susceptible to infection by HIV-1. Some individuals may remain HIV-1 sero-negative despite repeated viral exposure (7). In a study of these highly exposed, persistently HIV-1 sero-negative (HEPS) (8) subjects, HIV-specific IgA responses were detected in the genital tract of female sex workers from Thailand and Kenya (9, 10). HIV-specific IgA, but not IgG, was also present in seminal fluid, urethral swabs, urine and vaginal wash samples from HIV-1 HEPS heterosexual couples (11, 12). Purified mucosal and plasma IgA from HEPS individuals can neutralize HIV-1 infection (8, 13, 14). Although present at low levels, these IgA demonstrated cross-clade neutralizing activity and were able to inhibit HIV mucosal transcytosis (15, 16). However, with a number of conflicting reports in the literature (17–21), it remains unresolved as to which isotype may protect the mucosa from HIV infection (22). More recently, analysis of the immune correlates to the RV144 vaccine study suggests that Env specific IgA antibodies may mitigate the effects of potentially protective antibodies (23). Given that anti-HIV IgA antibodies are rare in infected individuals, it has been difficult to characterize how Ab isotype structure and antigenic specificity participate in viral neutralization, which is clearly of significant in the design of novel immunogens to elicit neutralizing antibodies.

In this paper we will report on the novel discovery that the IgA Isotype switch variant of the CD4i Ab, F425A1g8, displays significant neutralizing activity, whereas there is little neutralization by the parental hybrid or any of the IgG subclasses in the absence of sCD4.

Materials and Methods

Monoclonal antibodies, Virus and Cell Lines

The neutralizing Ab F425A1g8 was generated in our laboratory, as previously described (24), and was shown to bind to the CD4i site of gp120 (data not shown). The immunoglobulin expression vectors pLC-HuC κ , pHC-HuC γ 1 and pHC-HuCa.1 were obtained from Dr. Gary McLean. They contained the human immunoglobulin light chain and heavy chain γ 1, as well as α 1 constant regions respectively. The CHO-K1 cells were from American Type Culture Collection. The following reagents were obtained through the AIDS Research and Reference Reagent Program, Division of AIDS, NIAID, NIH: SF162 (R5) from Dr. Jay Levy; 89.6 (R5X4) from Dr. Ronald Collman; BaL (R5) from Dr. Suzanne Gartner, Dr. Mikulas Popovic and Dr. Robert Gallo; 93MW960 (clade C, R5) from Dr. Robert Bollinger and the UNAIDS Network for HIV; JR-FL (R5) from Dr. Irvin Chen; Isolate 67970 (CXCR4) was from Dr. David Montefiori. TZM-bl cells from Dr. John C. Kappes, Dr. Xiaoyun Wu and Transzyme, Inc.

Construction, production and purification of F425A1g8 variants

F425A1g8 VH and VL were PCR amplified respectively from F425A1g8 hybridoma cell line using the specific primers (Table I), which introduced restriction enzymes sites (5' Nhe I and 3' Hind III for VH; 5' Nhe I and 3' Not I for VL). The VH fragment was cloned into the expression vectors pHC-HuC γ 1 and pHC-huCa.1 individually. The VL was cloned into vector pLC-huC κ . Paired purified plasmids encoding the F425A1g8 light chain versus IgG1 heavy chain, and F425A1g8 light chain versus IgA1 heavy chain were co-transfected into CHO-K1 cells in equimolar amounts in 6-well-plates using lipofectamine LTX reagent (Invitrogen Life Technologies). Selection with G418 (800 μ g/ml) and puromycin (10 μ g/ml) were added after 24 hours. Cells were plated in 96 well plates with selection and wells were screened when dense using IgG and IgA capture ELISA. Positive wells were cloned by limiting dilution until a stable, producing cell line was isolated. Ab was purified from culture supernatant using protein G (IgG1) or SSL7 (IgA1) chromatography according to manufacturer's instructions (GE Healthcare and Invivogen, respectively).

SDS-PAGE

Purified F425A1g8 antibody variants were mixed with 2× sample loading buffer (0.12M Tris; 5% SDS; pH6.8) with or without DTT (40mM) and 1/10 volume of tracking dye to final concentration of 100µg/ml, boiled 3–5 minutes prior to resolving on a 4–20% gradient gel (Pierce Precise Gel) with 20ul of samples loaded per lane. The gel was stained using GelCode Blue (Pierce) and bands compared to the molecular weight standard (Cell Signaling Technology).

Immunoreactivity of recombinant F425A1g8 variants

Live cell ELISA assay was performed to determine the immunoreactivity of F425A1g8 variants to the CD4 binding site. SF2 infected cells (1×10^6) were incubated with Ab at 20, 10, 5, 2.5µg/ml for 30 minutes followed by washing and incubation with HRP-conjugated goat anti-human IgG or IgA (Southern Biotechnology Associates). The human monoclonal b12 IgG1 or IgA1, which were generated as described (25), were run at 20µg/ml as a standard to determine relative reactivity of the F425A1g8 variants with HIV. After washing, cells were re-suspended in 100µl TMB substrate and incubated for 10 minutes. Reaction was stopped by adding 100µl of 1M phosphoric acid and samples read on plate reader at 450nm.

Detection of binding affinity of recombinant F425A1g8 variants using BIAcore

Surface plasmon resonance (SPR) was used to compare the binding affinity of the F425A1g8 variants to gp120/CD4 complexes using a BIAcore 3000 instrument. FLSC gp120-CD4 complex was kindly provided by Dr. George Lewis (Institute of Human Virology, Baltimore, Maryland). Antibodies were immobilized onto the surface of sensor chip CM-5 (GE Lifesciences, BR100012) using amine coupling. The process involves activation of carboxymethyl groups on a dextran-coated chip by reaction with N-hydroxysuccinimide, followed by covalent bonding of the ligand to the chip surface via amide linkages and blockage of excess activated carboxyls with ethanolamine. Reference surfaces were prepared in the same manner, except that all carboxyls were blocked without added ligand. Purified FLSC gp120-CD4 complex was allowed to flow over the immobilized, ligand surface and the binding response of analyte to ligand was recorded. The maximum RU with each analyte indicates the level of interaction, and reflects comparative binding affinity.

Direct viral neutralization

The neutralization activity of F425A1g8 variants were determined *in vitro* using a TZM-bl assay with a panel of three isolates including an SF162, JR-FL, and 67970. Primary isolate virus was grown in PHA-stimulated peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) as previously described (26–28) and titered on TZM-bl cells (29) to determine TCID₅₀. Serial two-fold dilutions of F425A1g8 variants were incubated with virus stock diluted to 100TCID₅₀ for 1 hour, 37°C prior to the addition of TZM-bl cells (1×10^4 cell/well). Using β-galactosidase reagent from Promega, as an indicator of HIV replication, plates were incubated for 48 hours, 37°C, 5% CO₂ prior to the measurement of β-galactosidase activity. Percent neutralization was determined based on control wells of virus and media and IC₅₀ and IC₉₀ values calculated by regression analysis.

Antibody dependent cell-mediated viral inhibition (ADCVI)

ADCVI activity was measured using HIV grown in PHA stimulated PBMC as previously described (30). Neutrophils were obtained from peripheral blood of seronegative donors by Ficoll-Hypaque gradient centrifugation. Antibodies were titered in 96 well, round bottom plates in 50µl of media containing 20% heat-inactivated FBS. Target cells were PBMC productively infected with HIV-1 four days prior to use as previously described (31), and

1×10^5 infected cells were added per well in $50 \mu\text{l}$. Within 10 minutes of the combination of Ab and infected cells, neutrophils were added to the wells at 1×10^6 effector cells/well in $100 \mu\text{l}$ resulting in an E:T ratio of 10:1. After 4 hours, in order to measure the surviving infectious virus, PHA stimulated PBMC were added as indicator cells (1×10^5 /well). These indicator PBMC were incubated for seven days in the presence of IL-2 at which time the supernatant was quantitated for p24 by a p24-specific ELISA (32). IC_{50} values were determined by linear regression analysis and significance was ascertained by Student's t-test. Control wells included irrelevant Ab, no effectors, or no targets to determine background release of virus, maximal production of virus, and whether PMN alone were infected, respectively. Viral inhibition was calculated based on the p24 amount from an irrelevant Ab control. Experiments were repeated three to five times.

Results

The immunoreactivity of F425A1g8 IgG1 and IgA1 variants

Prior to using the antibody variants in any assays, the antibodies were subjected to SDS-PAGE analysis and were determined to be monomeric with no aggregation (supplement Figure 1). To determine the immunoreactivity of F425A1g8 variants with the CD4i epitope on HIV infected cells, a live cell ELISA assay was used. Since HRP conjugated secondary antibodies directly binding to the light chain may be competed by antigen, IgG or IgA isotype specific secondary antibodies had to be used. Therefore, b12 IgG1 and IgA1 were used to establish relative reactivity by comparing the absorbance (optical density) obtained with F425A1g8 variants with that obtained from the b12 controls. The results are expressed as a relative "b12 unit" ($\text{OD F425A1g8}/\text{OD b12}$). As shown in Figure 1, the reactivity of F425A1g8 IgG1 and IgA1 with HIV was retained. Interestingly, the IgG1 variant of F425A1g8 had more relative binding than that observed for the IgA1 variant.

The binding affinity of F425A1g8 IgG1 and IgA1 variants

To further determine binding affinity of the antibodies, we obtained a single chain polypeptide encoding HIV-1 BaL and the D1D2 domain of CD4 linked by a 20 amino-acid linker (termed FLSC for full-length single chain) and which presents as a natural gp120-CD4 configuration (33). We detected the binding affinity of F425A1g8 IgG1 and IgA1 variants with FLSC gp120-CD4 complex using BIAcore. Given the structure of the FLSC, the CD4 binding site is unavailable for b12 binding; therefore, b12 was used as a negative antibody control in these studies and gp120 monomer was used as a negative control for the antigen. It was determined that the binding affinities of F425A1g8 IgG1 and IgA1 with FLSC gp120-CD4 complex were very similar (Figure 2). The K_D of F425A1g8 IgG1 was 1.24×10^{-11} M and of F425A1g8 IgA1 was 2.64×10^{-12} M. Both F425A1g8 variants failed to bind to gp120 monomer (data not shown). Thus, it is clearly shown that the recombinant F425A1g8 IgG1 and IgA1 retain similar immunoreactivity with the CD4i epitope activity.

The neutralizing activity against HIV-1 by IgG1 and IgA1 variants of F425A1g8

Neutralization of HIV was tested using TZM-bl cells and three clade B primary isolate viruses (SF162, JR-F1, 67970) grown in PBMCs. Serial dilutions of Ab were tested and IC_{50} values for JR-F1, 67970 and IC_{90} for SF162 were determined by linear regression. In contrast to minimal neutralization by F425A1g8 IgG1 in the absence of sCD4, the IgA1 variant of the Ab displayed significant neutralization activity against a number of HIV clade B isolates in the absence of sCD4 as shown in Table II and Figure 3. Even though the F425A1g8 IgG1 neutralized the SF162 isolate, the IgA1 variant of F425A1g8 displayed significantly increased neutralization. This differential neutralization was confirmed in studies using tier 1 and reference panel virus ($n=7$ including BaL and SF162) grown in 293T cells (personal communication, Dr. Michael Seaman, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical

Center). Increased neutralization mediated by IgA1 occurs despite relatively decreased immunoreactivity of the IgA1 to SF2 infected cells as compared to the IgG1.

Functional activity of F425A1g8 switched variants in mediating ADCVI

We also investigated the impact of the switch constant domain between IgG1 and IgA1 of F425A1g8 on functional ability of ADCVI for HIV and HIV-infected cells. HIV-1-binding antibodies mediate ADCVI through an interaction with specific Fc receptors on effector cells, resulting in effector cell mediated destruction of infected cells with Ab-bound antigen (34). Therefore, ADCVI would be a useful assay to determine the ability of the isotype variants of specific antibodies to mediate effector cell destruction of or inhibit HIV replication in an infected target cell population *in vivo*. Polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMN) or neutrophils are the predominant (60–70%) type of white blood cell in the circulation and play a critical role in innate immunity against infections. PMN consistently express multiple receptors for IgG including FcγRIIa (CD32), FcγRIIIa (CD16) and FcγRIIIb. They also express FcγRI (CD64) following induction with G-CSF. In addition to Fc receptors for IgG, PMN also express Fc receptors for IgA (FcαR, CD89). Cross-linking Fcγ receptors as well as cross-linking of the IgA receptor on PMN by monoclonal antibodies have been shown to be critical to induce ADCC against tumor cells (35, 36). Therefore, although traditional ADCVI (or ADCC) assays are based on mononuclear cell populations, we propose to use neutrophils as effectors.

Since the binding of F425A1g8 was different with strains of virions, a total of five isolates, including clade B representing R5, R5X4, and X4 isolates and clade C isolate (R5), were tested in this variant of the neutralization assay. Ab-mediated destruction of HIV and HIV-infected cells is determined by testing the inhibition of subsequent HIV replication or p24 levels. The results of these assays are summarized in Table III as well as in Figure 4, as represented by JR-FI strain. The F425A1g8 IgA1 showed significant ADCVI activity for both clade B isolates, and a single clade C isolate. For two of four clade B isolates (SF162 and JR-FI, both R5), F425A1g8 IgG1 failed to mediate ADCVI activity whereas significant activity was observed for F425A1g8 A1 (Table III) with p values ranging from 0.0008-0.05 for multiple experiments. Two clade B strains, BaL (R5) and 89.6 (R5X4) failed to be inhibited by either isotype variant at the concentrations tested. Of importance, both isotype variants inhibited the clade C isolate, 93MW960. Interestingly, the IgG1 isotype had greater activity against the Clade C isolate than IgA1 (p value from 0.0012 to 0.0598). This variant in impact of isotype in ADCVI may result from affinity and/or binding specificity of the Fc fragment of IgG1 and IgA1 subclasses with Fc receptors on the surface of neutrophils. On the other hand, the antigen density and epitope orientation may result in differences in outcome. Since only one clade C strain was tested for ADCVI in this project, it would be valuable to explore the impact of IgA1 isotype on clade C. There was no viral inhibition in mock control wells, which contained Ab, target cells, or indicator cells without neutrophils. Viral replication was similar for control wells containing effector cells, target cells without Ab, and target cells alone (data not shown).

Discussion

We generated and characterized the isotype switch variants of the CD4i Ab, F425A1g8. The study on the property of recombinant IgG1 and IgA1 variants has shown that they were monomeric antibody molecules and remained similar high binding affinity with the CD4i epitope. The IgA1 variant of F425A1g8 displayed significant neutralization activity alone. In contrast, there was little neutralization by the parental hybrid or IgG1 subclass variant in the absence of sCD4. Combined with epidemiological data, these data suggest that HIV-specific IgA1 antibodies may play an important independent role in providing protective immunity against HIV infection in mucosal surfaces. However, the relationship of IgA

structure to functional neutralization of HIV, as well as why the functional IgA antibodies could not be induced in the most natural HIV infected population, remain to be fully resolved. Exploration of these questions may yield information that may guide vaccine design.

The entry of HIV-1 into target cells typically requires the sequential binding of the viral exterior envelope glycoprotein, gp120, to CD4 and a chemokine receptor. CD4-induced (CD4i) antibodies recognize the epitope of gp120 structures that are formed or exposed by CD4 binding, and can block virus binding to the chemokine receptor. However, CD4i neutralizing antibodies demonstrate large conformational requirements for binding in that the site is only exposed upon CD4/gp120 binding, which limits Ab access to the proximal chemokine site (37). The results of many studies have demonstrated that Fab or scFv of CD4i antibodies tend to be more effective at neutralization than the intact molecule, presumably due to greater access to the epitope (37, 38). The distinct structural properties of IgA provide this Ab isotype some unique functional capabilities. IgA1 molecules have a lengthy hinge region with a 13 amino-acid insertion. Crystal studies have shown that the structure of IgA1 resembles more of a “T” structure as compared to the “Y” structure of an IgG1 molecule (39). This flexible stretch property of IgA1 would seem likely to afford a greater reach between its two antigen-binding sites and potential to decrease steric hindrance (8), allowing improved access to the relatively hidden CD4i epitopes recognized by F425A1g8 compared to IgG1 isotypes. This may be particularly important in an effective neutralizing Ab response to HIV when increasing Ab flexibility could result in cooperative interactions on gp120/gp41 trimers. Increased flexibility of Ab molecules have been shown by our laboratory to increase Ab neutralization activity (26). It can be suggested that the IgA1 variant displayed higher ADCVI than IgG1 because there are more IgA receptors than IgG receptors on neutrophils. However, when comparing IgG1 and IgA1 variants of other human monoclonal anti-HIV antibodies, we generally do not observe a difference in ADCVI activity (data not shown). Regardless, IgG and IgA receptor density is the focus of additional studies.

A number of studies have reported that the IgA Ab may have more advantages than IgG antibodies for inhibiting tumor growth and infectious diseases via mediation of immune cell targeting (40). For example, IgA antibodies are far more effective than IgG anti-tumor antibodies in recruiting neutrophils for destruction of lymphoma and solid tumor targets (41–43). Specific secretory IgA Ab against *Streptococcus mutans* was effective in preventing re-colonization with Streptococci, whereas the parental IgG1 Ab was rapidly cleared (44). It has been hypothesized that the long hinge of IgA1 and the Fc α RI may provide for particularly efficient bridging between antigen on a target cell and Fc α RI on an effector cell (45). The increase in ADCVI activity observed with the IgA1 construct of F425A1g8 in our study supports this hypothesis. It may also be possible that failure of IgA to stimulate Fc γ RIIb, resulted in an “inhibitory” response contributing to more protective activity of IgA as compared to IgG (46). While IgA antibodies represent a new attractive candidate for immunotherapy of cancer and infectious diseases (47–54) it has been difficult to determine the importance of IgA to HIV neutralization in different immune compartments given the failure of HIV infected individuals to produce significant mucosal IgA. However, engineered HIV specific IgA antibodies are ideal to study the structural effects of IgA on neutralization activity and compartment specific function as neutralizing and arming antibodies. The data we published in here support the notion that the IgA1 variant of F425A1g8 CD4i Ab has substantial independent neutralization activity against HIV-1 compared to neutralization by the CD4i IgG. These results suggest that IgA isotype utilizing its unique molecular structure can play an important role in HIV neutralization and warrants further study.

Supplementary Material

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Abbreviations

Ab	antibody
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
mAb	monoclonal Ab

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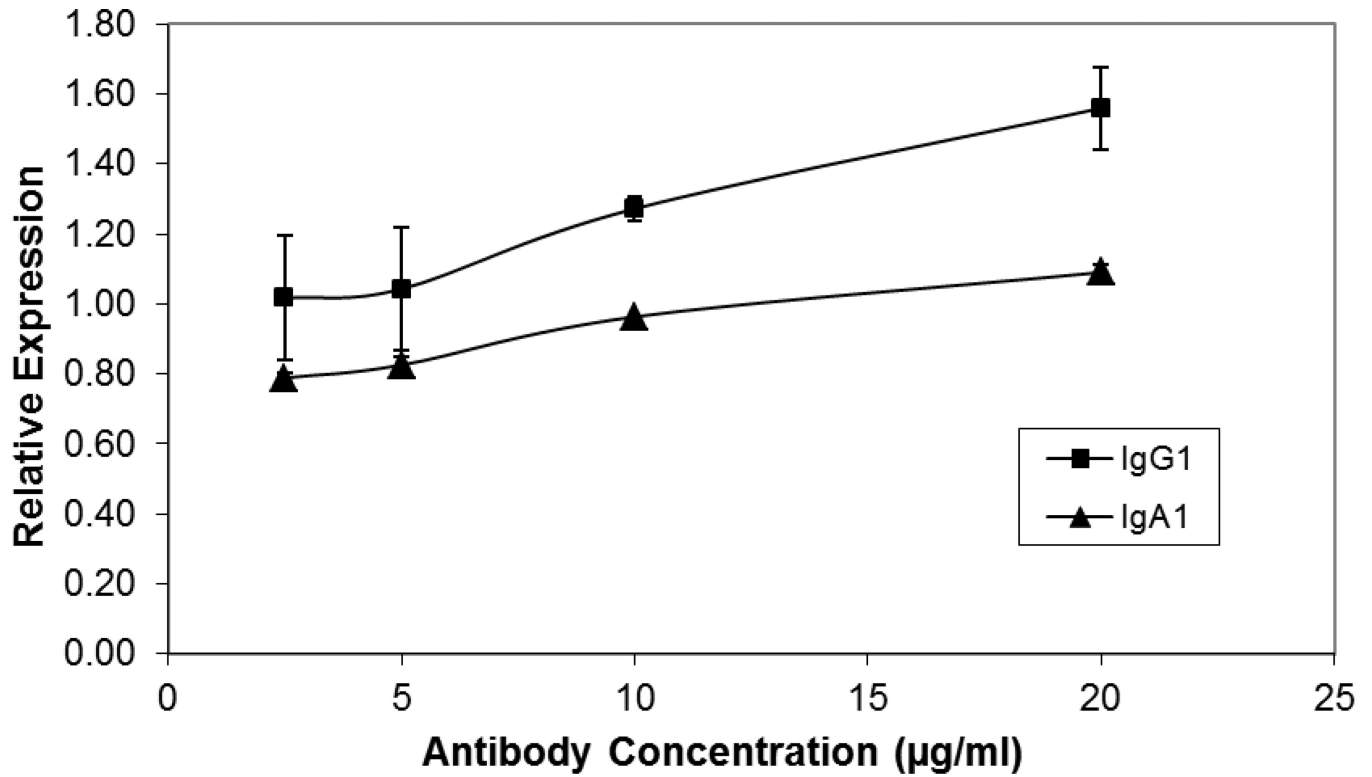
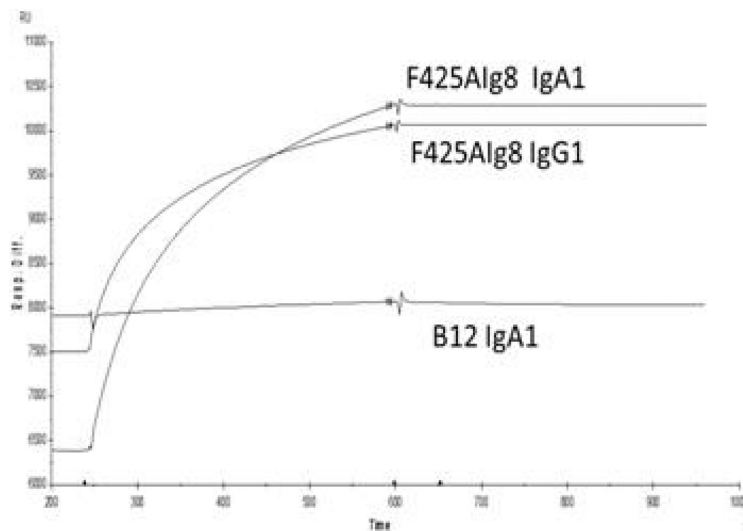


Figure 1. F425A1g8 IgG1 and IgA1 Variants immunoreactivity with HIV-infected cells
Immunoreactivity of F425A1g8 IgG1 and IgA1 variants with HIV-1. SF2-infected cells (1×10^6) were incubated with titered antibodies of F425A1g8 IgG1 (▲) and IgA1 (◆) which were detected using HRP-conjugated goat anti-human IgG or IgA. Bound antibody was visualized using TMB substrate and stopped by 100µl of 1M phosphoric acid. The OD was read on plate reader at 450nm. b12 IgG1 or IgA1 (20µg/ml) was a standard to determine relative reactivity of the F425A1g8 variants with HIV.



	F425A1g8 IgG1	F425A1g8 IgA1
$K_{on}(ms^{-1})$	1.00×10^3	1.33×10^5
$K_{off}(S^{-1})$	1.24×10^{-8}	3.51×10^{-7}
$K_D(M)$	1.24×10^{-11}	2.64×10^{-12}

Figure 2. Binding kinetics of recombinant F425A1g8 variants to gp120/CD4 complex using BIAcore

Binding affinity of the F425A1g8 variants to gp120/CD4 complexes as determined by BIAcore. Antibodies (10 μ g/ml, 20 μ l) were immobilized onto the surface of sensor chip CM-5 (GE Lifesciences, BR100012) using amine coupling. Purified FLSC gp120-CD4 complex (30 μ g/ml, 100 μ l) was allowed to flow over the immobilized-ligand surface and the binding response of analyte to ligand was recorded.

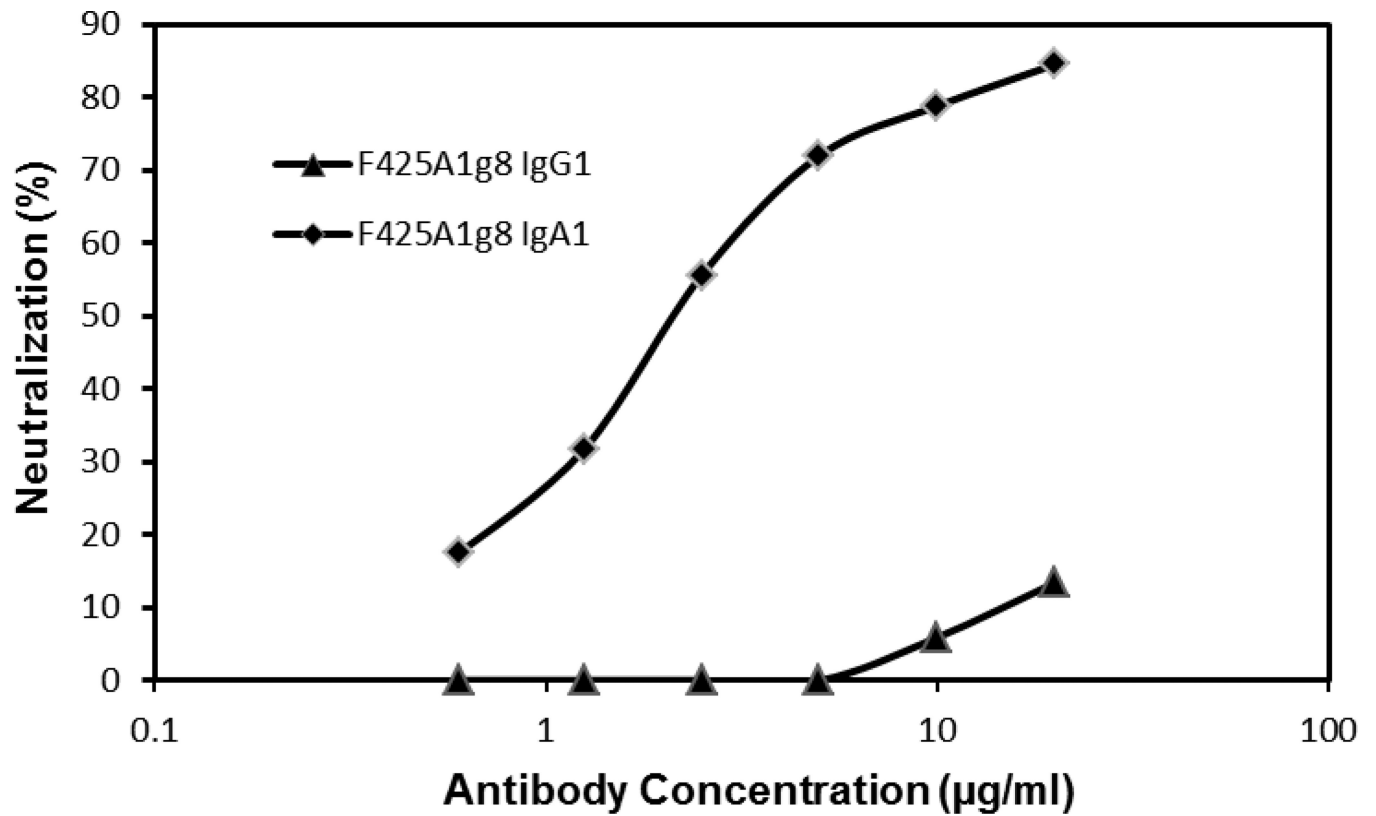


Figure 3. Neutralization of JR-FL by F425A1g8 IgG1 and IgA1 variants measured using TZM-bl cells
JR-FL (100TCID₅₀) was incubated with two-fold serial dilutions of F425A1g8 IgG1 (▲) and IgA1 (◆) variants for one hour prior to the addition of TZM-bl cells. HIV was measured as b-galactosidase activity after 48 hours. Percent neutralization was determined by the formula ((control – test)/control) × 100.

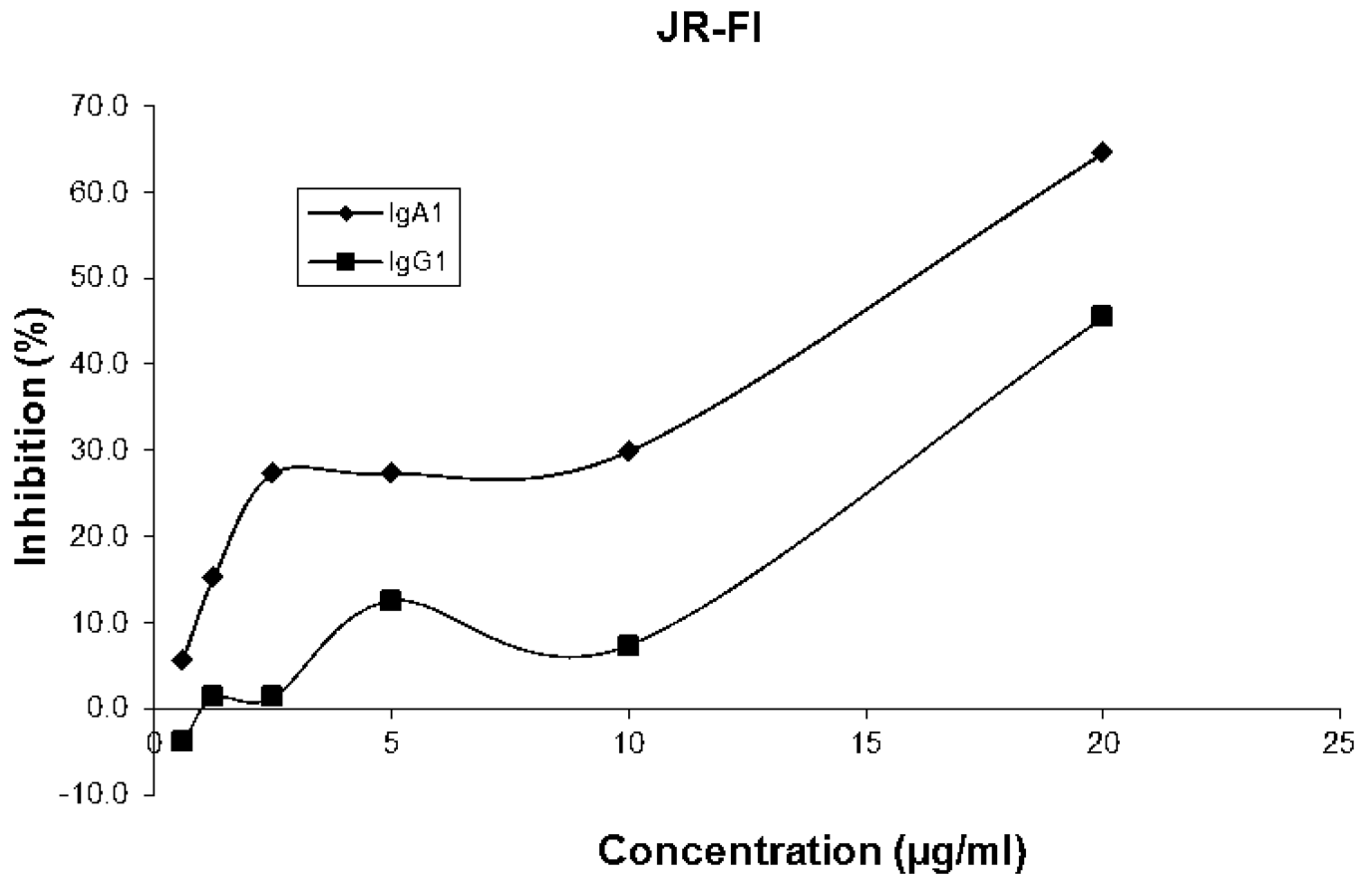


Figure 4. Inhibition of JR-FL by F425A1g8 IgG1 and IgA1 variants measured using ADCVI Antibody-dependent cell-mediated viral inhibition (ADCVI) mediated by F425A1g8 IgG1 (▲) and IgA1 (◆) antibodies and neutrophils. F425A1g8 variants were incubated with JR-FL infected PBMC just prior to adding neutrophils at an E:T ratio of 10:1. After 4 hours, PHA stimulated PBMC were added as indicator cells and p24 quantitated by ELISA after one week. Percent inhibition was determined by the formula: $[(p24 \text{ control} - p24 \text{ test}) / p24 \text{ control}] \times 100$.

Table I

Primers for amplifying variable domain of F425A1g8

F425-A1g8VH-5' (Nhe I)	CTAG CTAG CCGCCACCATGGAGCTTGG
F425-A1g8VH-3' (Hind III)	CCCTTGA AGCT TGCTGAAGAGACGGTG
F425-A1g8VL-5' (Nhe I)	CTAG CTAG CCGCCACCATGGACATGAGG
F425-A1g8VL-3' (Not I)	GACAGATGGT GCGGCCG CAGTTCGTTTGATATCC

(Restriction sites were in bold; VH: variable domain of heavy chain; VL: variable domain of light chain)

Table IINeutralization of HIV-1 by F425A1g8 IgG1 and IgA1 Isotypes^a

	JR-FL Clade B,R5 (IC₅₀)^b	67970 Clade B, X4 (IC₅₀)	SF162 Clade B,R5 (IC₉₀)^c
IgG1 ^d	>40	>40	2.3±1.4
IgA1 ^e	1.73±0.2	23.3±14.3	1.7±1.0

^aThe result were the mean of triplicate wells and were representative of at least three independent experiments.

^{b& c}IC₅₀: or IC₉₀: concentration (µg/ml) of antibody required for 50% or 90% inhibition of HIV, respectively.

^dF425A1g8 IgG1 variant expressed from CHO-K1 cells.

^eF425A1g8 IgA1 variant expressed from CHO-K1 cells.

Table III

ADCVI activity of HIV-1 by F425A1 g8 IgG1 and IgA1 variants

	IC ₅₀ (µg/ml) ^a			
	BaL Clade B, R5 (n ^b =6)	JR-FL Clade B, R5 (n=6)	93MW960 Clade C R5 (n=5)	SF162 Clade B, R5 (n=3)
IgG1	>40	>40	9.5±7.9	>40
IgA1	>40	16.6±5.1	18.3±13.4	>40
				89.6 Clade B, R5X4 (n=3)
				>40
				6.1±5.9

^aThe ADCVI activity was determined by IC₅₀ that represents concentration (µg/ml) of antibody required for 50% inhibition of HIV.

^bn: repeat times of ADCVI assay