

1 **Chimeric spike mRNA vaccines protect against Sarbecovirus challenge in mice**

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34 zoonotic, and pandemic SARS-like viruses

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37 **Abstract**

38 The emergence of SARS-CoV in 2003 and SARS-CoV-2 in 2019 highlights the need to
39 develop universal vaccination strategies against the broader *Sarbecovirus* subgenus. Using
40 chimeric spike designs, we demonstrate protection against challenge from SARS-CoV, SARS-
41 CoV-2, SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351, bat CoV (Bt-CoV) RsSHC014, and a heterologous Bt-CoV WIV-
42 1 in vulnerable aged mice. Chimeric spike mRNAs induced high levels of broadly protective
43 neutralizing antibodies against high-risk Sarbecoviruses. In contrast, SARS-CoV-2 mRNA
44 vaccination not only showed a marked reduction in neutralizing titers against heterologous
45 Sarbecoviruses, but SARS-CoV and WIV-1 challenge in mice resulted in breakthrough infection.
46 Chimeric spike mRNA vaccines efficiently neutralized D614G, UK B.1.1.7., mink cluster five,
47 and the South African B.1.351 variant of concern. Thus, multiplexed-chimeric spikes can prevent
48 SARS-like zoonotic coronavirus infections with pandemic potential.

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50 **Introduction**

51 A novel severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) emerged in 2003
52 and caused more than 8,000 infections and ~800 deaths worldwide (1). Less than a decade later,
53 the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) coronavirus emerged in Saudi Arabia in
54 2012 (2), with multiple outbreaks that have resulted in at least ~2,600 cases and 900 deaths (3).
55 In December 2019, another novel human SARS-like virus from the genus *Betacoronavirus* and
56 subgenus *Sarbecovirus* emerged in Wuhan China, designated SARS-CoV-2, causing the
57 COVID-19 pandemic (4, 5).

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

60 to use human ACE2 receptors for entry, replicate efficiently in primary airway epithelial cells,
61 and in mice, and may escape existing countermeasures (6-12) Given the high pandemic potential
62 of zoonotic and epidemic Sarbecoviruses (12), the development of countermeasures, such as
63 broadly effective vaccines, antibodies and drugs is a global health priority (13-16).

64 Sarbecovirus spike proteins have immunogenic domains: the receptor binding domain
65 (RBD), the N-terminal domain (NTD), and the subunit 2 (S2) (17-20). RBD, NTD, and S2 are a
66 target for neutralizing antibodies elicited in the context of natural SARS-CoV-2 and MERS-CoV
67 infections (17, 20-24). In fact, passive immunization with SARS-CoV-2 NTD-specific antibodies
68 protect naïve mice from challenge, demonstrating that the NTD is a target of protective
69 immunity (18, 24, 25). However, it remains unclear if vaccine-elicited neutralizing antibodies
70 can protect against *in vivo* challenge with heterologous epidemic and bat coronaviruses. Here, we
71 generated nucleoside-modified mRNA-lipid nanoparticle (LNP) vaccines expressing chimeric
72 spikes containing admixtures of RBD and NTD domains from zoonotic, epidemic, and pandemic
73 CoVs and examined their efficacy against homologous and heterologous Sarbecovirus challenge
74 in aged mice.

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76 **Results**

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78 **Design and expression of chimeric spike constructs to cover pandemic and zoonotic SARS- 79 related coronaviruses**

80 Sarbecoviruses exhibit considerable genetic diversity (Fig. 1A) and SARS-like bat CoVs
81 (Bt-CoVs) are recognized threats to human health (8, 12). Harnessing the modular structure of
82 CoV spikes (26), we designed chimeric spikes by admixture of divergent clade I-III Sarbecovirus

83 NTD, RBD, and S2 domains into “bivalent” and “trivalent” vaccine immunogens that have the
84 potential to elicit broad protective antibody responses against distant strains (e.g., *Sarbecovirus*).
85 The approach is designed to maximize immune breadth in monovalent and multiplexed
86 formulations. We designed four sets of chimeric spike constructs that contained admixtures of
87 the RBD and/or NTD, and S2 neutralizing domains from various Sarbecoviruses. Chimera 1
88 included the NTD from clade II Bt-CoV Hong Kong University 3-1 (HKU3-1), the clade I
89 SARS-CoV RBD, and the clade III SARS-CoV-2 S2 (Fig. 1B). Chimera 2 included SARS-CoV-
90 2 RBD and SARS-CoV NTD and S2 domains (16). Chimera 3 included the SARS-CoV RBD,
91 and SARS-CoV-2 NTD and S2, while chimera 4 included the RsSHC014 RBD, and SARS-CoV-
92 2 NTD and S2. We also generated a monovalent SARS-CoV-2 spike furin knock out (KO)
93 vaccine, partially phenocopying the Moderna and Pfizer mRNA vaccines in human use, and a
94 negative control norovirus GII capsid vaccine (Fig. 1B, 1C). We generated these chimeric spikes
95 and control spikes as lipid nanoparticle-encapsulated, nucleoside-modified mRNA vaccines with
96 LNP adjuvants (mRNA-LNP) as described previously (27). This mRNA LNP stimulate robust T
97 follicular helper cell activity, germinal center B cell responses, and durable long-lived plasma
98 cells and memory B cell responses (20, 28). We verified their chimeric spike expression in HEK
99 cells (Fig. S1B). To confirm that scrambled coronavirus spikes are biologically functional, we
100 also designed and recovered several high titer recombinant live viruses of RsSHC014/SARS-
101 CoV-2 S1, NTD, RBD and S2 domain chimeras that included deletions in non-essential,
102 accessory ORF7&8 and that encoded nanoluciferase (Fig. S1C).

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104 **Immunogenicity of mRNAs expressing chimeric spike constructs against coronaviruses**

105 We next sought to determine if simultaneous immunization with mRNA-LNP expressing
106 the chimeric spikes of diverse Sarbecoviruses was a feasible strategy to elicit broad binding and
107 neutralizing antibodies. We immunized aged mice with the chimeric spikes formulated to induce
108 type-specific and/or cross-reactive responses against multiple divergent clade I-III
109 Sarbecoviruses, a SARS-CoV-2 furin KO spike, and a GII.4 norovirus capsid negative control.
110 Group 1 was primed and boosted with chimeric spikes 1, 2, 3, and 4 (Fig. S1A). Group 2 was
111 primed with chimeric spikes 1 and 2 and boosted with chimeric spikes 3 and 4 (Fig. S1A). Group
112 3 was primed and boosted with chimeric spike 4 (Fig. S1A). Group 4 was primed and boosted
113 with the monovalent SARS-CoV-2 furin knockout spike (Fig. S1A). Finally, group 5 was primed
114 and boosted with a norovirus capsid GII.4 Sydney 2011 strain (Fig. S1A). We then examined the
115 binding antibody responses by ELISA against a diverse panel of CoV spike proteins that
116 included epidemic, pandemic, and zoonotic coronaviruses.

117 Mice in groups 1 and 2 generated the highest magnitude responses to SARS-CoV
118 Toronto Canada isolate (Tor2), RsSHC014, and HKU3-1 spike compared to group 4 (Fig 2A,
119 2G, and 2H). While mice in group 2 generated lower magnitude binding responses to both
120 SARS-CoV-2 RBD (Fig. 2C) and SARS-CoV-2 NTD (Fig 2D), mice in group 1 generated
121 similar magnitude binding antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 D614G compared to mice immunized
122 with the SARS-CoV-2 furin KO spike mRNA-LNP (Fig 2B). Mice in groups 1 and 2 generated
123 similar magnitude binding antibody responses against SARS-CoV-2 D614G, Pangolin GXP4L,
124 and RaTG13 spikes (Fig. 2B, 2E, and 2F) compared to mice from group 4. Mice in group 1 and
125 group 4 elicited high magnitude levels of hACE2 blocking responses, as compared to groups 2
126 and 3 (Fig. 2J). As binding antibody responses post boost mirrored the trend of the post prime
127 responses, it is likely that the second dose is boosting immunity to the vaccine antigens in the

128 prime (Fig. 2). Finally, we did not observe cross-binding antibodies against common-cold CoV
129 spike antigens from HCoV-HKU1, HCoV-NL63, and HCoV-229E in most of the vaccine groups
130 (Fig. S2A-2D), but we did observe low binding levels against more distant group 2C MERS-
131 CoV (Fig. 2I) and other Betacoronaviruses like group 2A HCoV-OC43 in vaccine groups 1 and 2
132 (Fig. S2B). These results suggest that chimeric spike mRNA vaccines elicit broader and higher
133 magnitude binding responses against pandemic and bat SARS-like viruses compared to
134 monovalent SARS-CoV-2 spike mRNA-LNP vaccines.

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136 **Neutralizing antibody responses against live Sarbecoviruses and variants of concern**

137 We then examined the neutralizing antibody responses against SARS-CoV, Bt-CoV
138 RsSHC014, Bt-CoV WIV-1, and SARS-CoV-2 and variants of concern using live viruses as
139 previously described (Fig 3A-3D) (29). Group 4 SARS-CoV-2 S mRNA vaccinated animals
140 mounted a robust response against SARS-CoV-2, however responses against SARS-CoV,
141 RsSHC014, and WIV-1 were 18-, >500- or 116-fold more resistant, respectively (Fig 3A-3D and
142 Fig. S3G-H). In contrast, aged mice in group 2 showed a 42- and 2-fold increase in neutralizing
143 titer against SARS-CoV and WIV1, and less than 1-fold decrease against RsSHC014 relative to
144 SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing titers (Fig 3A-3D and Fig. S3C-D). Mice in group 3 elicited 3- and 7-
145 fold higher neutralizing titers against SARS-CoV and RsSHC014 yet showed a 3-fold reduction
146 in WIV-1 neutralizing titers relative to SARS-CoV-2 (Fig 3A-3D and Fig. S3E-F). Finally, mice
147 in group 1 generated the most balanced and highest neutralizing titers that were 13- and 1.2-fold
148 higher against SARS-CoV and WIV-1 and less than 1-fold lower against RsSHC014 relative to
149 the SARS-CoV-2 neutralizing titers (Fig 3A-3D and Fig. S3A-B). The serum of mice from
150 groups 1 and 4 neutralized the dominant D614G variant with similar potency as the wild type

151 D614 non-predominant variant, and both groups had similar neutralizing antibody responses
152 against the U.K. B.1.1.7 and the mink cluster 5 variants as compared to the D614G variant (Fig.
153 3E 3F). Despite the significant but small reduction in neutralizing activity against the B.1.351
154 variant of concern (VOC), we did not observe a complete ablation in neutralizing activity in
155 either group. Mice from groups 1 and 2 elicited lower binding and neutralizing responses to
156 SARS-CoV-2 compared to group 4 perhaps reflecting a lower amount of mRNA vaccine
157 incorporated into multiplexed formulations, whereas the monomorphic vaccines may drive a
158 more focused B cell responses to SARS-CoV-2 whereas chimeric spike antigens lead to more
159 breadth against distant Sarbecoviruses. Thus, both monovalent SARS-CoV-2 vaccines and
160 multiplexed chimeric spikes elicit neutralizing antibodies against newly emerged SARS-CoV-2
161 variants and multiplexed chimeric spike vaccines outperform the monovalent SARS-CoV-2
162 vaccines in terms of breadth of potency against multiclade Sarbecoviruses.

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164 ***In vivo* protection against heterologous Sarbecovirus challenge**

165 To assess the ability of the mRNA-LNP vaccines to mediate protection against previously
166 epidemic SARS-CoV, pandemic SARS-CoV-2, and Bt-CoVs, we challenged the different groups
167 and observed the mice for signs of clinical disease. Mice from group 1 or group 2 were
168 completely protected from weight loss, lower, and upper airway virus replication as measured by
169 infectious virus plaque assays following 2003 SARS-CoV mouse-adapted (MA15) challenge
170 (Fig. 4A, 4B and 4C). Similarly, these two vaccine groups were also protected against SARS-
171 CoV-2 mouse-adapted (MA10) challenge. In contrast, group 3 showed some protection against
172 SARS-CoV MA15 induced weight loss, but not against viral replication in the lung or nasal
173 turbinates. Group 3 was fully protected against SARS-CoV-2 MA10 challenge. In contrast,

174 group 5 vaccinated mice developed severe disease including mortality in both SARS-CoV MA15
175 and SARS-CoV-2 MA10 infections (Fig. S5B, S5C). Monovalent SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccines
176 were highly efficacious against SARS-CoV-2 MA10 challenge but failed to protect against
177 SARS-CoV MA15-induced weight loss, and replication in the lower and upper respiratory tract
178 (Fig. 4A, 4B, and 4C), suggesting that SARS-CoV-2 mRNA-LNP vaccines are not likely to
179 protect against future SARS-CoV emergence events. Mice from groups 1-4 were completely
180 protected from weight loss and lower airway SARS-CoV-2 MA10 replication (Fig. 4D, 4E, and
181 4F). Using both a Bt-CoV RsSHC014 full-length virus and a more virulent RsSHC014-MA15
182 chimera in mice, we also demonstrated protection in groups 1-3 against RsSHC014 replication in
183 the lung and nasal turbinates (Fig. S4) but not in mice that received the SARS-CoV-2 mRNA
184 vaccine. Group 5 control mice challenged with RsSHC014-MA15 developed disease including
185 mortality (Fig. S5D). Group 3 mice, which received a SARS-CoV-2 NTD/RsSHC014 RBD/S2,
186 was fully protected against both SARS-CoV-2 and RsSHC014 challenge whereas group 4 was
187 not, demonstrating that a single NTD and RBD chimeric spike can protect against more than one
188 virus compared to a monomorphic spike.

189 We then performed a heterologous challenge experiment with the bat pre-emergent WIV-
190 1-CoV (9). Consistent with the protection observed against SARS-CoV, mice from groups 1 and
191 2 were fully protected against heterologous WIV-1 challenge whereas mice that received the
192 SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine breakthrough replication in the lung (Fig. 5G, 5H, and 5I). We
193 also challenged with a virulent form of SARS-CoV-2 VOC B.1.351, which contains deletions in
194 the NTD and mutations in the RBD, and observed full protection in vaccine groups 1, 2, and 4
195 compared to controls, whereas breakthrough replication was observed in group 3, further
196 underlining the importance of the NTD in vaccine-mediated protection (Fig. 5J, 5K, and 5L) and

197 its inclusion in universal vaccination strategies. Moreover, the SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine
198 protected against SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351 challenge in aged mice despite a reduction in the
199 neutralizing activity against this VOC.

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201 **Lung pathology and cytokines in mRNA-LNP vaccinated mice challenged with epidemic**
202 **and pandemic coronaviruses**

203 Lung discoloration is the gross manifestation of various processes of acute lung damage,
204 including congestion, edema, hyperemia, inflammation, and protein exudation. We used this
205 macroscopic scoring scheme to visually score mouse lungs at the time of harvest. To quantify the
206 pathological features of acute lung injury (ALI) in mice, we used a tool from the American
207 Thoracic Society (ATS - Matute-Bello lung pathology score). With a complementary histological
208 quantitation tool, we similarly scored lung tissue sections for diffuse alveolar damage (DAD),
209 the pathological hallmark of ALI (cellular sloughing, necrosis, hyaline membranes, etc.) (30, 31)
210 and found these data were consistent with those from the lung discoloration scores. We observed
211 significant lung pathology by both the Matute-Bello and DAD scoring tools in groups 4 and 5
212 vaccinated animals, consistent with the weight loss and lung titer after heterologous SARS-CoV
213 MA15 challenge. In contrast, multiplexed chimeric spike vaccine formulations in groups 1 and 2
214 provided complete protection from lung pathology after SARS-CoV MA15 challenge (Fig. 5A
215 and 5B). Mice immunized with the SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine that showed breakthrough
216 infection with SARS-CoV MA15 developed similar lung inflammation as control vaccinated
217 animals, potentially suggesting that future outbreaks of SARS-CoV may cause disease even in
218 individuals vaccinated with SARS-CoV-2. As eosinophilic infiltrates have been observed in
219 vaccinated, 2003 SARS-CoV challenged mice previously (32), we analyzed lung tissues in

220 protected vs. infected animals with SARS-CoV MA15 for eosinophilic infiltrates by
221 immunohistochemistry (Fig. S6). Groups 1 and 2 contained rare, scattered eosinophils in the
222 interstitium. Group 3 showed bronchus-associated lymphoid tissue. In contrast, group 4 and
223 group 5 contained frequent perivascular cuffs with prevalent eosinophils. In contrast to the
224 heterologous SARS-CoV MA15 challenge, all groups challenged with SARS-CoV-2 MA10
225 were protected against lung pathology compared to the norovirus capsid-immunized control
226 group, supporting the hypothesis that the SARS-CoV-2 NTD present in the chimeric spike from
227 group 3 is sufficient for protection (Fig 5C and 5D).

228 We measured lung proinflammatory cytokines and chemokines in the different
229 vaccination groups. Groups 1 and 2 had baseline levels of macrophage activating cytokines and
230 chemokines including, IL-6, CCL2, IL-1 α , G-SCF, and CCL4, compared to group 5 following
231 SARS-CoV MA15 challenge (Fig. S7A). In contrast, group 3 and group 4 showed high and
232 indistinguishable levels of IL-6, CCL2, IL-1 α , G-SCF, and CCL4 compared to group 5 mice
233 following SARS-CoV MA15 challenge. Following SARS-CoV-2 MA10 challenge, group 4 and
234 group 1 showed the lowest levels of IL-6, and G-SCF relative to group 5 controls (Fig. S7B), and
235 we only observed significant reductions in CCL2, IL-1 α , CCL4 lung levels in groups 3 and 4
236 compared to the group 5 control despite full protection from both weight loss and lower airway
237 viral replication.

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239 **Discussion**

240 The Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech SARS-CoV-2 mRNA-LNP vaccines are safe and
241 efficacious against SARS-CoV-2 infections in large Phase 3 efficacy human clinical trials (33-
242 35), but there is a growing concern that VOCs like South African B.1.351, which is 5-6 fold more

243 resistant to vaccine-elicited polyclonal neutralizing antibodies (36). We sought to replicate this
244 platform to establish the breadth of existing SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccines, but also to formulate
245 chimeric vaccines that specifically target distant Sarbecovirus strains. A caveat of including
246 multiple chimeric spikes in a single shot is the potential formation of heterotrimers not present in
247 the intended vaccine formulation. While it remains unknown if our chimeric mRNA-LNP
248 vaccines generate heterotrimers *in vivo*, the observation that NTD and RBD chimeric spikes can
249 protect against more than one virus is important. Chimera 4, which contains the RsSHC014 RBD
250 and SARS-CoV-2 NTD and S2, elicited binding and neutralizing antibodies and mice were fully
251 protected from Bt-CoV RsSHC014 and SARS-CoV-2 challenge, whereas SARS-CoV-2 full
252 length did not fully protect against RsSHC014, suggesting that CoV spikes vaccines can be
253 designed to maximize their display of protective epitopes. The lack of protection against WIV-1,
254 SARS-CoV, and only partial protection against RsSHC014 challenge in SARS-CoV-2
255 immunized mice underlines the need for the development of universal vaccination strategies that
256 can achieve broader coverage against pre-emergent bat SARS-CoV-like and SARS-CoV-2-like
257 viruses. While other strategies exist, including multiplexing mosaic Sarbecovirus RBDs (37),
258 RBDs on nanoparticles (38), chimeric spike mRNA-LNP vaccination can achieve broad
259 protection using existing manufacturing technologies, and are portable to other high-risk
260 emerging coronaviruses like group 2C MERS-CoV-related strains.

261 As previously reported with RNA recombinant viruses, our chimeric spike live viruses
262 containing SARS-CoV-2 antigenic domains reaffirm the known interchangeability and
263 functional plasticity of CoV spike glycoprotein structural motifs (26, 39, 40). Our demonstration
264 of cross-protection against multiple Sarbecovirus strains in mice, coupled with the absence of
265 immune pathology, lends support to the notion that universal vaccines against group 2B CoVs is

266 likely achievable. Moving forward, it will be important to determine if other combinations of
267 chimeric mRNA-LNP vaccines from other SARS-like viruses are protective, elicit broad T cell
268 responses, prevent the rapid emergence of escape viruses, and elicit protective responses in non-
269 human primate models of Sarbecovirus pathogenesis.

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430 October 27th, 2020) for the chimeric vaccine constructs and their applications described in this
431 study. **Data and materials availability:** The amino acid sequences of the chimeric spike
432 constructs are included in table S1.

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451 **Figures**

452 **Figure 1. Genetic design of chimeric Sarbecovirus spike vaccines.** (A) Genetic diversity of
453 pandemic and bat zoonotic coronaviruses. SARS-CoV is shown in light blue, RsSHC014 is
454 shown in purple, and SARS-CoV-2 is shown in red. (B) Spike chimera 1 includes the NTD from
455 HKU3-1, the RBD from SARS-CoV, and the rest of the spike from SARS-CoV-2. Spike chimera
456 2 includes the RBD from SARS-CoV-2 and the NTD and S2 from SARS-CoV. Spike chimera 3
457 includes the RBD from SARS-CoV and the NTD and S2 SARS-CoV-2. Spike chimera 4
458 includes the RBD from RsSHC014 and the rest of the spike from SARS-CoV-2. SARS-CoV-2
459 furin KO spike vaccine and is the norovirus capsid vaccine. (C) Table summary of chimeric
460 spike constructs.

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462 **Figure 2. Human pathogenic coronavirus spike binding and hACE2-blocking responses in**
463 **chimeric and monovalent SARS-CoV-2 spike-vaccinated mice.** Serum antibody ELISA
464 binding responses were measured in the five different vaccination groups. Pre-immunization,
465 post prime, and post-boost binding responses were evaluated against Sarbecoviruses, MERS-
466 CoV, and common-cold CoV antigens including: (A) SARS-CoV Toronto Canada (Tor2) S2P,
467 (B) SARS-CoV-2 S2P D614G, (C) SARS-CoV-2 RBD, (D) SARS-CoV-2 NTD, (E) Pangolin
468 GXP4L spike, (F) RaTG13 spike, (G) RsSHC014 S2P spike, (H) HKU3-1 spike, (I) MERS-
469 CoV spike, (J) hACE2 blocking responses against SARS-CoV-2 spike in the distinct
470 immunization groups. Blue squares represent mice from group 1, orange triangles represent mice
471 from group 2, green triangles represent mice from group 3, red rhombuses represent mice from
472 group 4, and upside-down triangle represent mice from group 5. Statistical significance for the

473 binding and blocking responses is reported from a Kruskal-Wallis test after Dunnett's multiple
474 comparison correction. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, and **** $p < 0.0001$.

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

477 Neutralizing antibody responses in mice from the five different vaccination groups were
478 measured using nanoluciferase-expressing recombinant viruses. (A) SARS-CoV neutralizing
479 antibody responses from baseline and post boost in the distinct vaccine groups. (B) SARS-CoV-2
480 neutralizing antibody responses from baseline and post boost. (C) RsSHC014 neutralizing
481 antibody responses from baseline and post boost. (D) WIV-1 neutralizing antibody responses
482 from baseline and post boost. (E) The neutralization activity in groups 1 and 4 against SARS-
483 CoV-2 D614G, South African B.1.351, U.K. B.1.1.7, and mink variants (F) Neutralization
484 comparison of SARS-CoV-2 D614G vs. South African B.1.351, vs. U.K. B1.1.7, and mink
485 variants. Statistical significance for the live-virus neutralizing antibody responses is reported
486 from a Kruskal-Wallis test after Dunnett's multiple comparison correction. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$,
487 *** $p < 0.001$, and **** $p < 0.0001$.

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

490 (A) Percent starting weight from the different vaccine groups of mice challenged with SARS-
491 CoV MA15. (B) SARS-CoV MA15 lung viral titers in mice from the distinct vaccine groups.
492 (C) SARS-CoV MA15 nasal turbinate titers. (D) Percent starting weight from the different
493 vaccine groups of mice challenged with SARS-CoV-2 MA10. (E) SARS-CoV-2 MA10 lung
494 viral titers in mice from the distinct vaccine groups. (F) SARS-CoV-2 MA10 nasal turbinate
495 titers. (G) Percent starting weight from the different vaccine groups of mice challenged with

496 WIV-1. **(H)** WIV-1 lung viral titers in mice from the distinct vaccine groups. **(I)** WIV-1 nasal
497 turbinate titers. **(J)** Percent starting weight from the different vaccine groups of mice challenged
498 with SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351. **(K)** SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351 lung viral titers in mice from the distinct
499 vaccine groups. **(L)** SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351 nasal turbinate titers. Figure legend at the bottom
500 right depicts the vaccines utilized in the different groups. Statistical significance for weight loss
501 is reported from a two-way ANOVA after Dunnett's multiple comparison correction. For lung
502 and nasal turbinate titers, statistical significance is reported from a one-way ANOVA after
503 Tukey's multiple comparison correction. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, and **** $p < 0.0001$.

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

506 **(A)** Hematoxylin and eosin 4 days post infection lung analysis of SARS-CoV MA15 challenged
507 mice from the different groups: group 1: chimeras 1-4 prime and boost, group 2: chimeras 1-2
508 prime and 3-4, group 3: chimera 4 prime and boost, SARS-CoV-2 furin KO prime and boost, and
509 norovirus capsid prime and boost. **(B)** Lung pathology quantitation in SARS-CoV MA15
510 challenged mice from the different groups. Macroscopic lung discoloration score, microscopic
511 acute lung injury (ALI) score, and diffuse alveolar damage (DAD) in day 4 post infection lung
512 tissues are shown. **(C)** Hematoxylin and eosin 4 days post infection lung analysis of SARS-CoV-
513 2 MA10 challenged mice from the different groups. **(D)** Lung pathology measurements in
514 SARS-CoV-2 MA10 challenged mice from the different groups. Macroscopic lung discoloration
515 score, microscopic acute lung injury (ALI) score, and diffuse alveolar damage (DAD) in day 4
516 post infection lung tissues are shown. Statistical significance is reported from a one-way
517 ANOVA after Dunnett's multiple comparison correction. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, and
518 **** $p < 0.0001$.

519 **Supplementary materials.**

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521 **Materials and Methods**

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523 **Chimeric spike vaccine design and formulation**

524 Chimeric spike vaccines were designed with RBD and NTD swaps to increase coverage
525 of epidemic (SARS-CoV), pandemic (SARS-CoV-2), and high-risk pre-emergent bat CoVs (bat
526 SARS-like HKU3-1, and bat SARS-like RsSHC014). Chimeric and monovalent spike mRNA-
527 LNP vaccines were designed based on SARS-CoV-2 spike (S) protein sequence (Wuhan-Hu-1,
528 GenBank: MN908947.3), SARS-CoV (urbani GenBank: AY278741), bat SARS-like CoV
529 HKU3-1 (GenBank: DQ022305), and Bat SARS-like RsSHC014 (GenBank: KC881005).
530 Coding sequences of full-length SARS-CoV-2 furin knockout (RRAR furin cleavage site
531 abolished between amino acids 682-685), the four chimeric spikes, and the norovirus capsid
532 negative control were codon-optimized, synthesized and cloned into the mRNA production
533 plasmid mRNAs were encapsulated with LNP (41). Briefly, mRNAs were transcribed to contain
534 101 nucleotide-long poly(A) tails. mRNAs were modified with m¹Ψ-5'-triphosphate (TriLink
535 #N-1081) instead of UTP and the *in vitro* transcribed mRNAs capped using the trinucleotide
536 cap1 analog, CleanCap (TriLink #N-7413). mRNA was purified by cellulose (Sigma-Aldrich #
537 11363-250G) purification. All mRNAs were analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis and were
538 stored at -20°C. Cellulose-purified m¹Ψ-containing RNAs were encapsulated in proprietary
539 LNPs containing adjuvant (Acuitas) using a self-assembly process as previously described
540 wherein an ethanolic lipid mixture of ionizable cationic lipid, phosphatidylcholine, cholesterol
541 and polyethylene glycol-lipid was rapidly mixed with an aqueous solution containing mRNA at

542 acidic pH. The RNA-loaded particles were characterized and subsequently stored at -80°C at a
543 concentration of 1 mg/ml. The mean hydrodynamic diameter of these mRNA-LNP was ~ 80 nm
544 with a polydispersity index of 0.02-0.06 and an encapsulation efficiency of $\sim 95\%$.

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546 **Animals, immunizations, and challenge viruses**

547 Eleven-month-old female BALB/c mice were purchased from Envigo (#047) and were
548 used for all experiments. The study was carried out in accordance with the recommendations for
549 care and use of animals by the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW), National
550 Institutes of Health and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of
551 University of North Carolina (UNC permit no. A-3410-01). mRNA-LNP vaccines were kept
552 frozen until right before the vaccination. Mice were immunized with a total $1\mu\text{g}$ in the prime and
553 boost. Briefly, chimeric vaccines were mixed at 1:1 ratio for a total of $1\mu\text{g}$ when more than one
554 chimeric spike was used or $1\mu\text{g}$ of a single spike diluted in sterile 1XPBS in a $50\mu\text{l}$ volume and
555 were given $25\mu\text{l}$ intramuscularly in each hind leg. Prime and boost immunizations were given
556 three weeks apart. Three weeks post boost, mice were bled, sera was collected for analysis, and
557 mice were moved into the BSL3 facility for challenge experiments. Animals were housed in
558 groups of five and fed standard chow diets. Virus inoculations were performed under anesthesia
559 and all efforts were made to minimize animal suffering. All mice were anesthetized and infected
560 intranasally with 1×10^4 PFU/ml of SARS-CoV MA15, 1×10^4 PFU/ml of SARS-CoV-2 MA10,
561 1×10^4 PFU/ml RsSHC014, 1×10^4 PFU/ml RsSHC014-MA15, 1×10^5 PFU/ml WIV-1, and $1 \times$
562 10^4 PFU/ml SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351-MA10 which have been described previously (8, 42, 43).
563 Mice were weighted daily and monitored for signs of clinical disease. Each challenge virus
564 challenge experiment encompassed 50 mice with 10 mice per vaccine group to obtain statistical

565 power. Mouse vaccinations and challenge experiments were independently repeated twice to
566 ensure reproducibility.

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568 **Measurement of mouse CoV spike binding antibodies by ELISA**

569 Mouse serum samples from pre-immunization (pre-prime), 2 weeks post prime (pre-
570 boost), and 3 weeks post boost were tested. A binding ELISA panel that included SARS-CoV
571 spike Protein DeltaTM, SARS-CoV-2 (2019-nCoV) spike Protein (S1+S2 ECD, His tag),
572 MERS-CoV, Coronavirus spike S1+S2 (Baculovirus-Insect Cells, His), HKU1 (isolate N5) spike
573 Protein (S1+S2 ECD, His Tag), OC43 spike Protein (S1+S2 ECD, His Tag), 229E spike Protein
574 (S1+S2 ECD, His tag) Human coronavirus (HCoV-NL63) spike Protein (S1+S2 ECD, His Tag),
575 Pangolin CoV_GXP4L_spikeEcto2P_3C8HtS2/293F, bat CoV
576 RsSHC014_spikeEcto2P_3C8HtS2/293F, RaTG13_spikeEcto2P_3C8HtS2/293F, and bat CoV
577 HKU3-1 spike were tested. Indirect binding ELISAs were conducted in 384 well ELISA plates
578 (Costar #3700) coated with 2µg/ml antigen in 0.1M sodium bicarbonate overnight at 4°C,
579 washed and blocked with assay diluent (1XPBS containing 4% (w/v) whey protein/ 15% Normal
580 Goat Serum/ 0.5% Tween-20/ 0.05% Sodium Azide). Serum samples were incubated for 60
581 minutes in three-fold serial dilutions beginning at 1:30 followed by washing with PBS/0.1%
582 Tween-20. HRP conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG secondary antibody (SouthernBiotech 1030-05)
583 was diluted to 1:10,000 in assay diluent without azide, incubated at for 1 hour at room
584 temperature, washed and detected with 20µl SureBlue Reserve (KPL 53-00-03) for 15 minutes.
585 Reactions were stopped via the addition of 20µl HCL stop solution. Plates were read at 450nm.
586 Area under the curve (AUC) measurements were determined from binding of serial dilutions.
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588 **ACE2 blocking ELISAs.**

589 Plates were coated with 2 μ g/ml recombinant ACE2 protein, then washed and blocked
590 with 3% BSA in PBS. While assay plates blocked, and sera was diluted 1:25 in 1% BSA/0.05%
591 Tween-20. Then SARS-CoV-2 spike protein was mixed with equal volumes of each sample at a
592 final spike concentration equal to the EC₅₀ at which it binds to ACE2. The mixture was allowed
593 to incubate at room temperature for 1 hour. Blocked assay plates were washed, and the serum-
594 spike mixture was added to the assay plates for a period of 1 hour at room temperature. Plates
595 were washed and Strep-Tactin HRP, (IBA GmbH, Cat# 2-1502-001) was added at a dilution of
596 1:5000 followed by TMB substrate. The extent to which antibodies were able to block the
597 binding of spike protein to ACE2 was determined by comparing the OD of antibody samples at
598 450nm to the OD of samples containing spike protein only with no antibody. The following
599 formula was used to calculate percent blocking $(100 - (\text{OD sample} / \text{OD of spike only}) * 100)$.

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601 **Measurement of neutralizing antibodies against live viruses**

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

611 volume with diluted virus. Antibody-virus and virus only mixtures were then incubated at 37°C
612 with 5% CO₂ for one hour. Following incubation, serially diluted sera and virus only controls
613 were added in duplicate to the cells at 75 PFU at 37°C with 5% CO₂. After 24 hours, cells were
614 lysed, and luciferase activity was measured via Nano-Glo Luciferase Assay System (Promega)
615 according to the manufacturer specifications. Luminescence was measured by a Spectramax M3
616 plate reader (Molecular Devices, San Jose, CA). Virus neutralization titers were defined as the
617 sample dilution at which a 50% reduction in RLU was observed relative to the average of the
618 virus control wells.

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620 **Eosinophilic lung infiltrates staining**

621 To detect eosinophils, chromogenic immunohistochemistry (IHC) was performed on paraffin-
622 embedded lung tissues that were sectioned at 4 microns. Lung tissues from vaccine groups 1-5
623 were analyzed for lung eosinophilic infiltration. N=8-10 lung tissues per group were analyzed.
624 This IHC was carried out using the Leica Bond III Autostainer system. Slides were dewaxed in
625 Bond Dewax solution (AR9222) and hydrated in Bond Wash solution (AR9590). Heat induced
626 antigen retrieval was performed for 20 min at 100°C in Bond-Epitope Retrieval solution 2, pH-
627 9.0 (AR9640). After pretreatment, slides were incubated with an Eosinophil Peroxidase antibody
628 (PA5-62200, Invitrogen) at 1:1,000 for 1h followed with Novolink Polymer (RE7260-K)
629 secondary. Antibody detection with 3,3'-diaminobenzidine (DAB) was performed using the
630 Bond Intense R detection system (DS9263). Stained slides were dehydrated and coverslipped
631 with Cytoseal 60 (8310-4, Thermo Fisher Scientific). Two positive controls (one with high and
632 another with low eosinophil reactivity) and a negative control (no primary antibody) were
633 included in all staining runs.

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635 **Lung pathology scoring**

636 Acute lung injury was quantified via two separate lung pathology scoring scales: Matute-
637 Bello and Diffuse Alveolar Damage (DAD) scoring systems. Analyses and scoring were
638 performed by a board verified veterinary pathologist who was blinded to the treatment groups as
639 described previously (30). Lung pathology slides were read and scored at 600X total
640 magnification.

641 The lung injury scoring system used is from the American Thoracic Society (Matute-
642 Bello) in order to help quantitate histological features of ALI observed in mouse models to relate
643 this injury to human settings. In a blinded manner, three random fields of lung tissue were
644 chosen and scored for the following: (A) neutrophils in the alveolar space (none = 0, 1–5 cells =
645 1, > 5 cells = 2), (B) neutrophils in the interstitial septa (none = 0, 1–5 cells = 1, > 5 cells = 2),
646 (C) hyaline membranes (none = 0, one membrane = 1, > 1 membrane = 2), (D) Proteinaceous
647 debris in air spaces (none = 0, one instance = 1, > 1 instance = 2), (E) alveolar septal thickening
648 (< 2x mock thickness = 0, 2–4x mock thickness = 1, > 4x mock thickness = 2). To obtain a lung
649 injury score per field, A–E scores were put into the following formula $\text{score} = [(20 \times A) + (14 \times$
650 $B) + (7 \times C) + (7 \times D) + (2 \times E)]/100$. This formula contains multipliers that assign varying
651 levels of importance for each phenotype of the disease state. The scores for the three fields per
652 mouse were averaged to obtain a final score ranging from 0 to and including 1.

653 The second histology scoring scale to quantify acute lung injury was adopted from a lung
654 pathology scoring system from lung RSV infection in mice (31). This lung histology scoring
655 scale measures diffuse alveolar damage (DAD). Similar to the implementation of the ATS
656 histology scoring scale, three random fields of lung tissue were scored for the following in a

657 blinded manner: 1= absence of cellular sloughing and necrosis, 2=Uncommon solitary cell
658 sloughing and necrosis (1–2 foci/field), 3=multifocal (3+foci) cellular sloughing and necrosis
659 with uncommon septal wall hyalinization, or 4=multifocal (>75% of field) cellular sloughing
660 and necrosis with common and/or prominent hyaline membranes. The scores for the three fields
661 per mouse were averaged to get a final DAD score per mouse. The microscope images were
662 generated using an Olympus Bx43 light microscope and CellSense Entry v3.1 software.

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664 **Measurement of lung cytokines**

665 Lung tissue was homogenized, spun down at 13,000g, and supernatant was used to
666 measure lung cytokines using Mouse Cytokine 23-plex Assay (BioRad). Briefly, 50µl of lung
667 homogenate supernatant was added to each well and the protocol was followed according to the
668 manufacturer specifications. Plates were read using a MAGPIX multiplex reader (Luminex
669 Corporation).

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671 **Biocontainment and biosafety**

672 Studies were approved by the UNC Institutional Biosafety Committee approved by
673 animal and experimental protocols in the Baric laboratory. All work described here was
674 performed with approved standard operating procedures for SARS-CoV-2 in a biosafety level 3
675 (BSL-3) facility conforming to requirements recommended in the Microbiological and
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677 Health Service, and the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the National
678 Institutes of Health (NIH).

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680 **Statistics**

681 All statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism 9. Statistical tests used in
682 each figure are denoted in the corresponding figure legend.

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703 **Figure S1. Chimeric and wild type spike Sarbecovirus constructs.**

704 (A) Mouse vaccination strategy using mRNA-LNPs: group 1 received chimeric spike 1, 2, 3, and
705 4 as the prime and boost, group 2 received chimeric spike 1, 2 as the prime and chimeric spikes 3
706 and 4 as the boost, group 3 received chimeric spike 4 as the prime and boost, group 4 received
707 SARS-CoV-2 furin KO prime and boost, and group 5 received a norovirus capsid prime and
708 boost. Different vaccine groups were separately challenged with 1) SARS-CoV MA15, 2)
709 SARS-CoV-2 MA10, 3) RsSHC014 full-length virus, 4) RsSHC014-MA15, 5) WIV-1, and 6)
710 SARS-CoV-2 B.1.351 MA10. (B) Protein expression of chimeric spikes, SARS-CoV-2 furin
711 KO, and norovirus mRNA vaccines. The extra band between 100-150 kDa corresponds to S1.
712 GAPDH was used as the loading control. (C) Nanoluciferase expression of RsSHC014/SARS-
713 CoV-2 chimeric spike live viruses.

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

716 **monovalent SARS-CoV-2 spike mRNA-LNP-vaccinated mice.** Pre-immunization, post prime,
717 and post boost binding to (A) HCoV-HKU1 spike, (B) HCoV-OC43 spike, (C) HCoV-229E
718 spike, and (D) HCoV-NL63 spike. Statistical significance for the binding and blocking responses
719 is reported from a Kruskal-Wallis test after Dunnett's multiple comparison correction. * $p <$
720 0.05 , ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, and **** $p < 0.0001$.

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

723 **against Sarbecoviruses.** (A) Group 1 neutralizing antibody responses against SARS-CoV-2,
724 SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-1 and (B) fold-change of SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-
725 1 neutralizing antibodies relative to SARS-CoV-2. (C) Group 2 neutralizing antibody responses

726 against SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-1 and **(D)** fold-change of SARS-CoV,
727 RsSHC014, and WIV-1 neutralizing antibodies relative to SARS-CoV-2. **(E)** Group 3
728 neutralizing antibody responses against SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-1 and
729 **(F)** fold-change of SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-1 neutralizing antibodies relative to
730 SARS-CoV-2. **(G)** Group 4 neutralizing antibody responses against SARS-CoV-2, SARS-CoV,
731 RsSHC014, and WIV-1 and **(H)** fold-change of SARS-CoV, RsSHC014, and WIV-1
732 neutralizing antibodies relative to SARS-CoV-2.

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

735 **(A)** Percent starting weight from the different vaccine groups of mice challenged with full-length
736 RsSHC014. **(B)** RsSHC014 lung viral titers in mice from the distinct vaccine groups. **(C)**
737 RsSHC014 nasal turbinate titers in mice from the different immunization groups. **(D)** Percent
738 starting weight from the different vaccine groups of mice challenged with RsSHC014-MA15.
739 **(E)** RsSHC014-MA15 lung viral titers in mice from the distinct vaccine groups. **(F)** RsSHC014-
740 MA15 nasal turbinate titers in mice from the different immunization groups. Statistical
741 significance is reported from a one-way ANOVA after Tukey's multiple comparison correction.
742 * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, and **** $p < 0.0001$.

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

745 Survival analysis at day 4 post infection from immunized mice infected with SARS-CoV MA15,
746 **(B)** SARS-CoV-2 MA10, **(C)** Survival analysis at day 7 post infection from immunized mice
747 infected with SARS-CoV-2 MA10, and **(D)** RsSHC014-MA15. Statistical significance is
748 reported from a Mantel-Cox test.

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

751 (A) Group 1: rare scattered individual eosinophils in the interstitium with some small
752 perivascular cuffs that lack eosinophils. (B) Group 2: Bronchiolar cuffs of leukocytes with rare
753 eosinophils. (C) Group 3: Hyperplastic bronchus-associated lymphoid tissue (BALT) with rare
754 eosinophils. (D) Group 4: frequent perivascular cuffs that contain eosinophils. (E) Group 5:
755 frequent eosinophils in perivascular cuffs.

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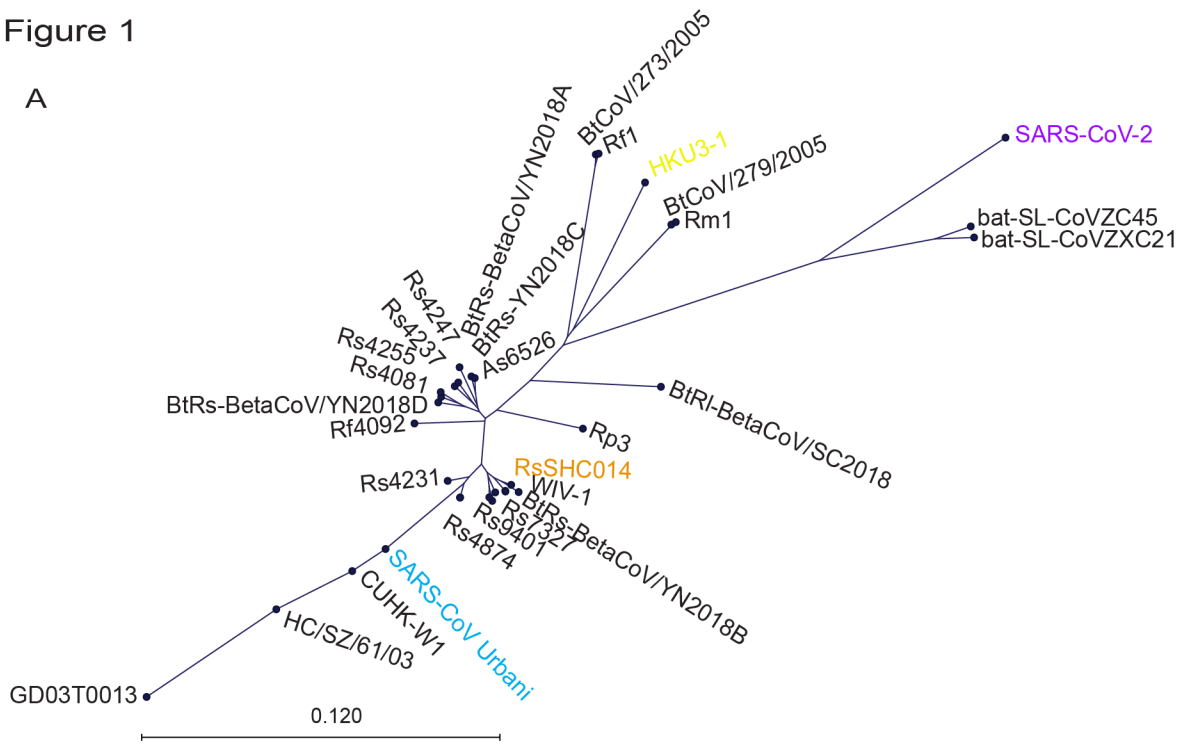
757 **Figure S7. Lung cytokine analysis in Sarbecovirus-challenged mice.** CCL2, IL-1 α , G-SCF,
758 and CCL4 in (A) SARS-CoV-infected mice and in (B) SARS-CoV-2-infected mice. Statistical
759 significance for the binding and blocking responses is reported from a Kruskal-Wallis test after
760 Dunnett's multiple comparison correction. *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001, and ****p < 0.0001.

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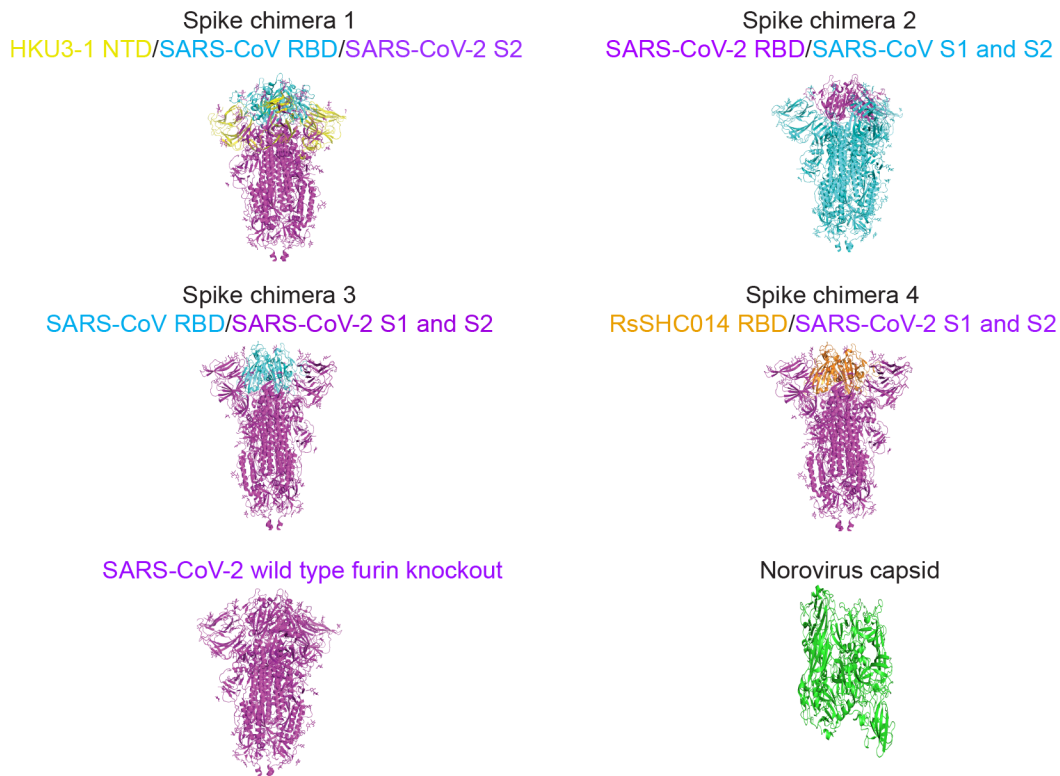
762 **Table S1: Amino acid sequences of chimeric spikes.**

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Figure 1



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C Chimeric spike mRNA-LNP immunogens

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

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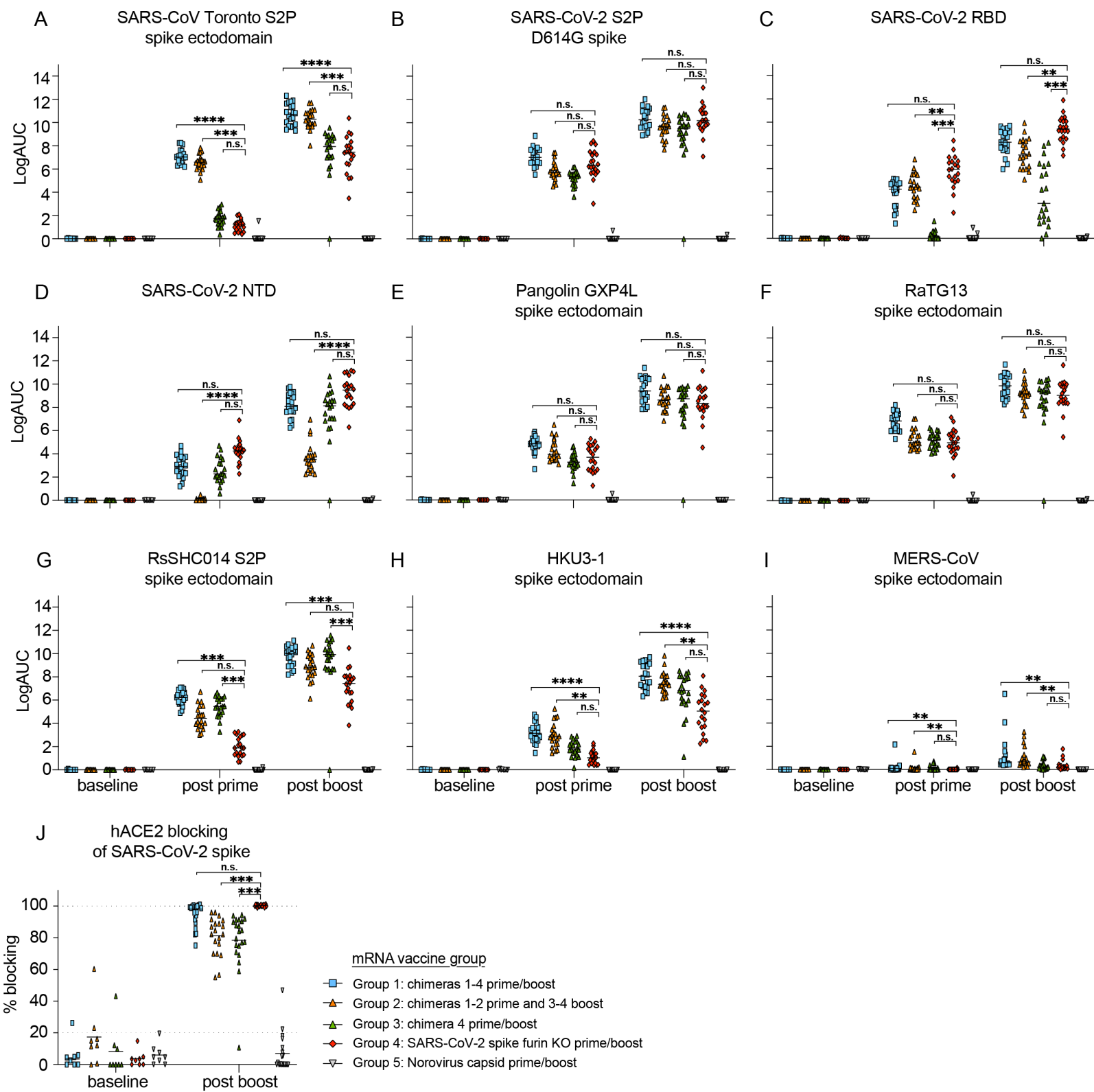


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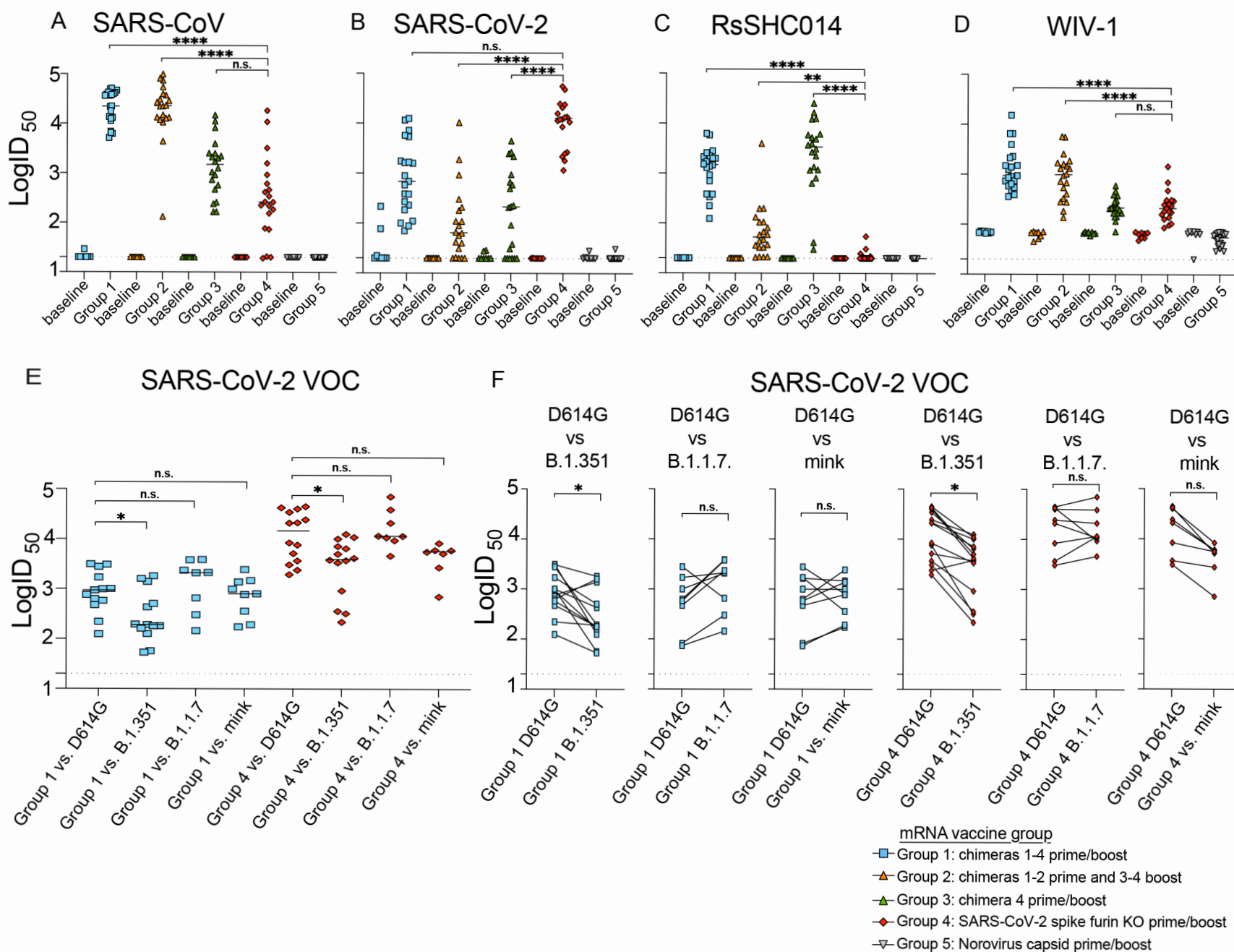


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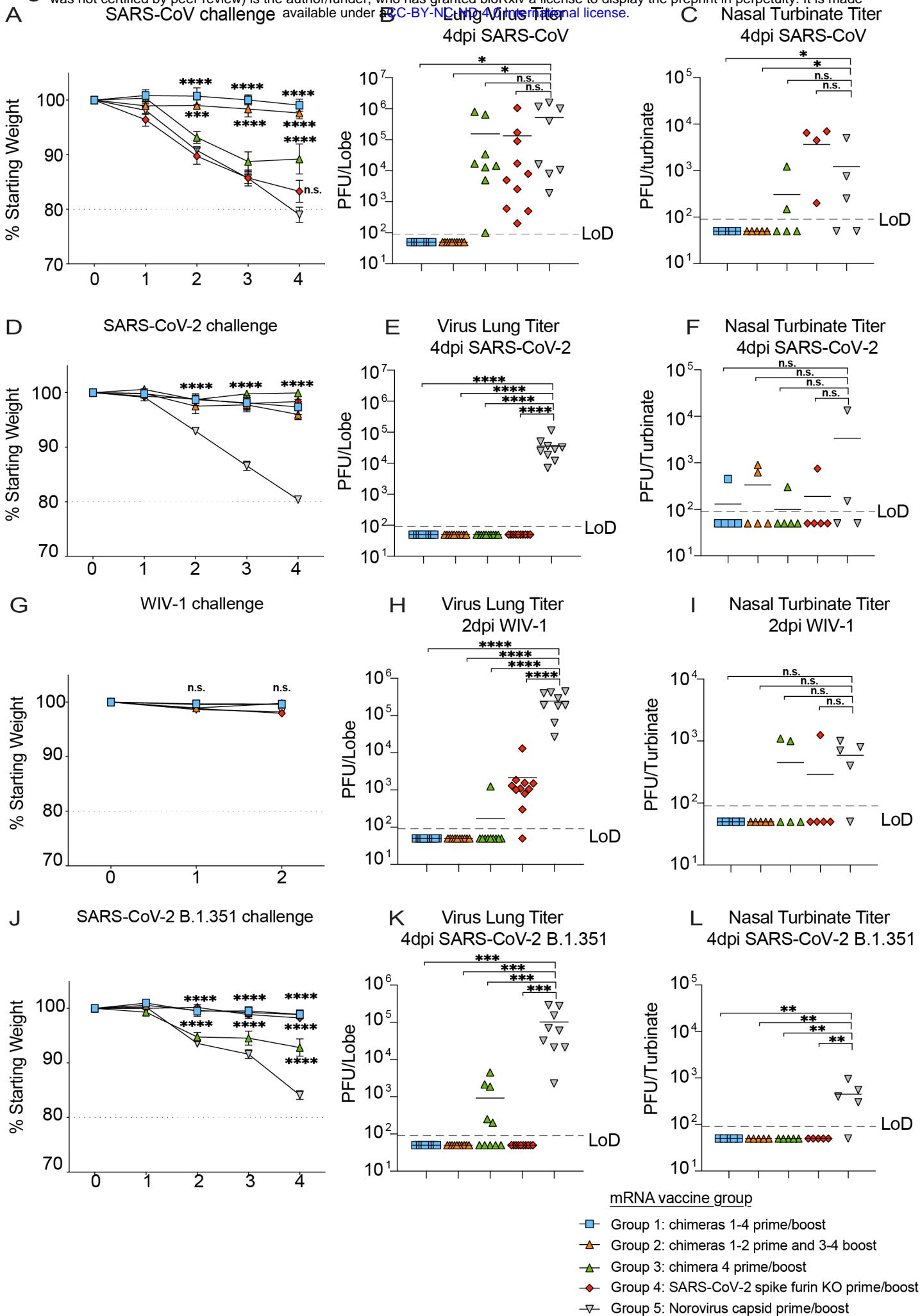
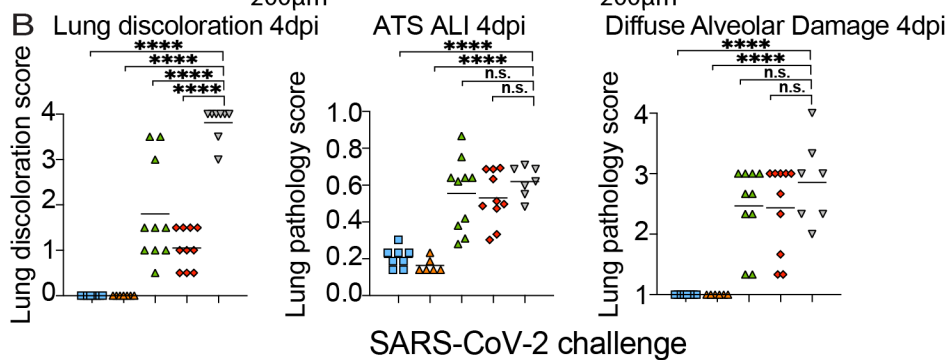
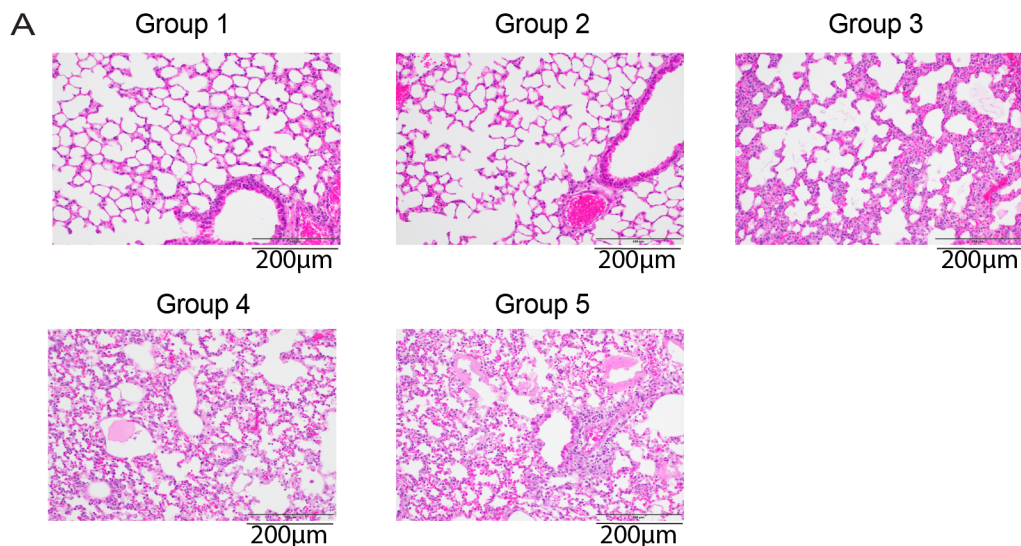


Figure 5

SARS-CoV challenge



SARS-CoV-2 challenge

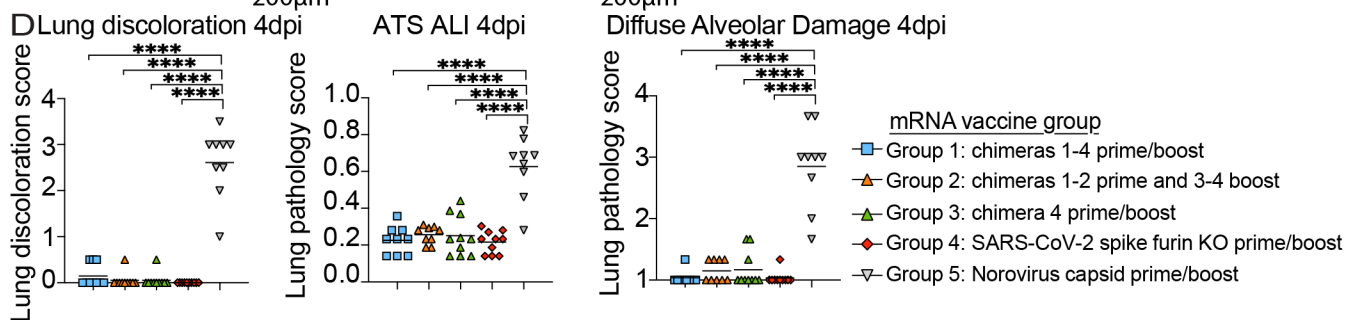
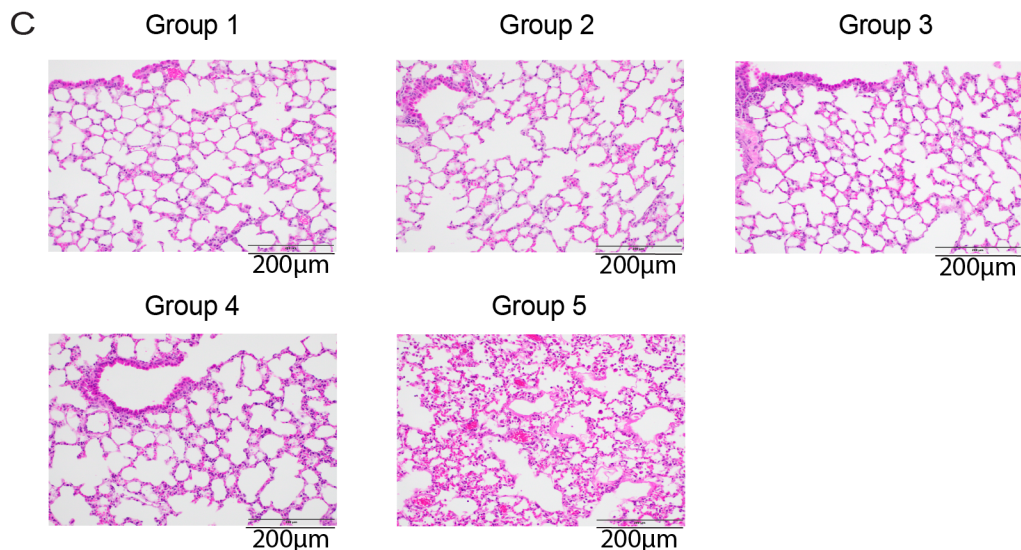


Figure S1

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Immunization strategy and challenge viruses in the different vaccine groups.

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

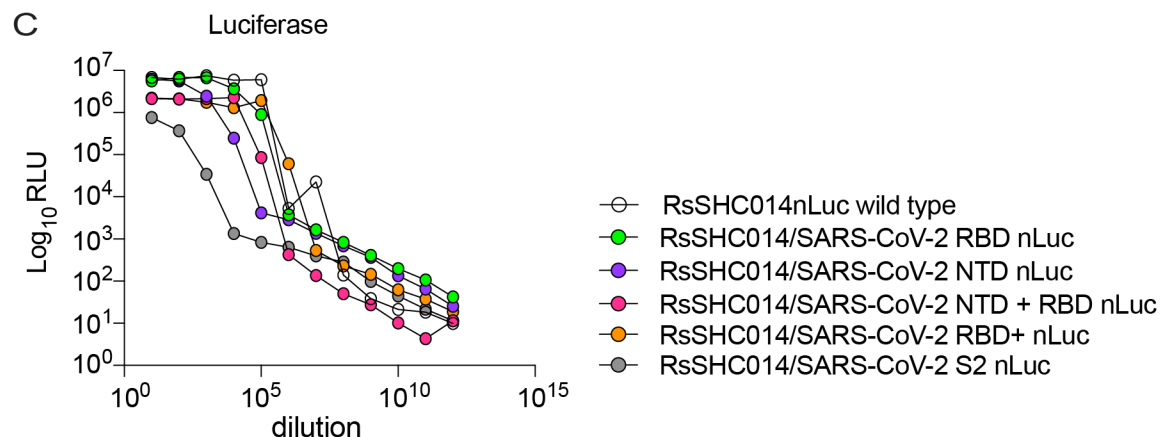
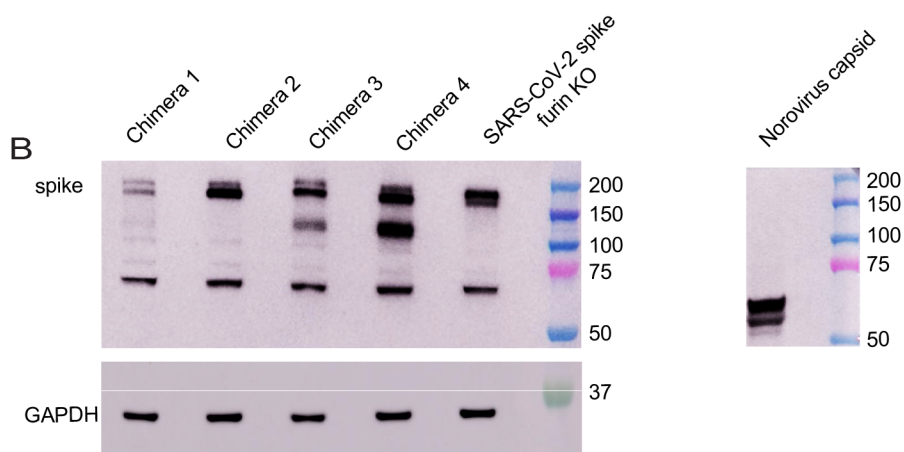


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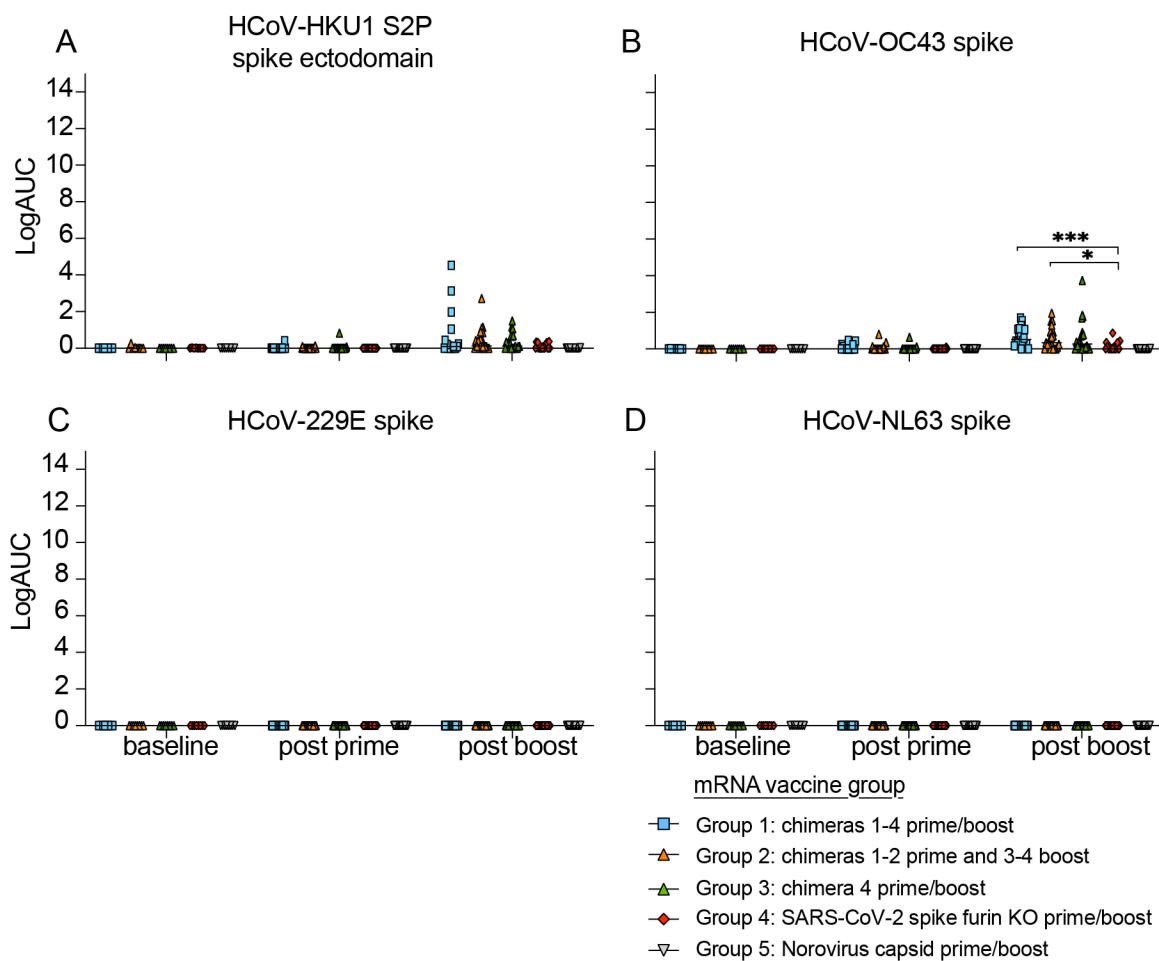


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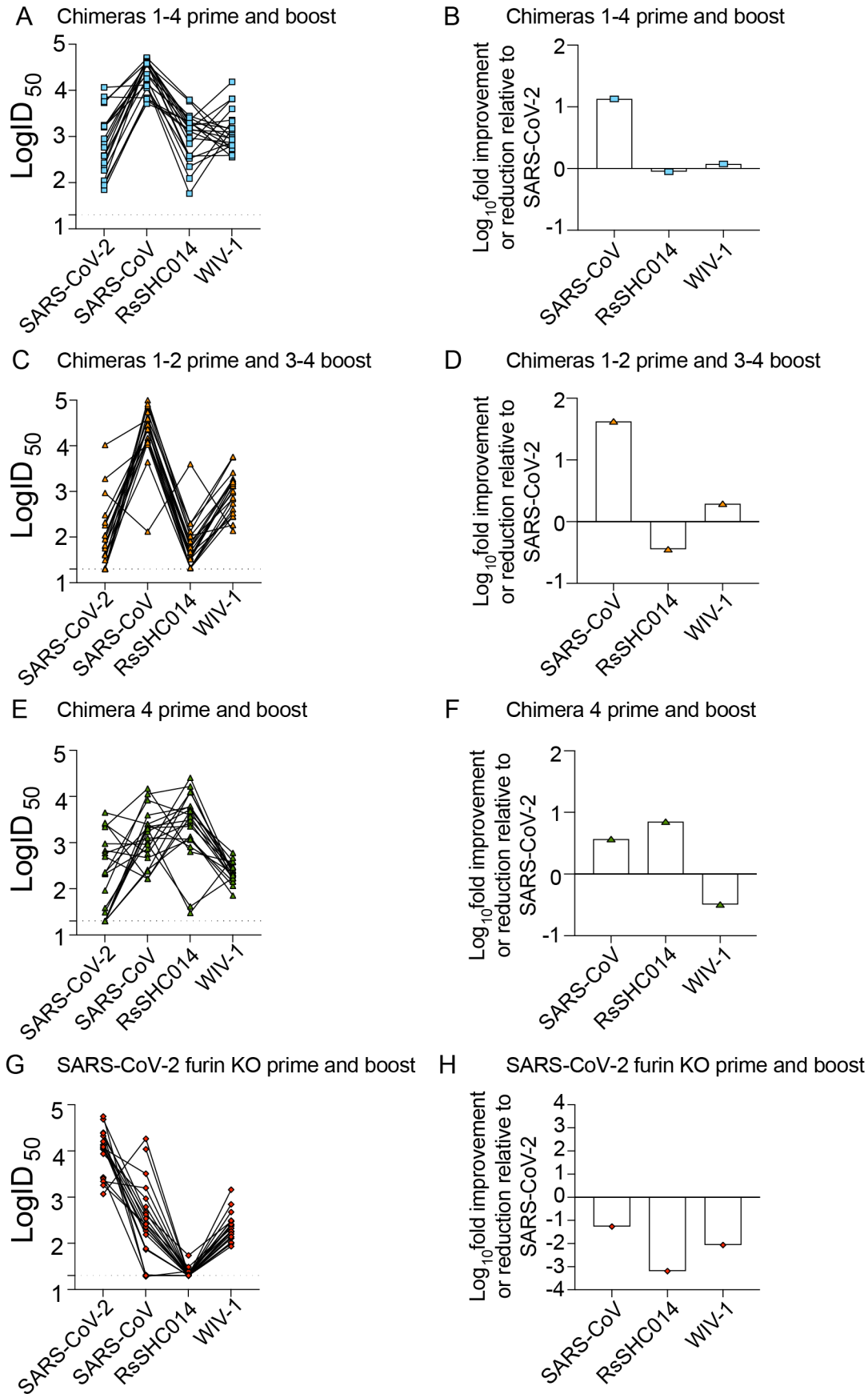


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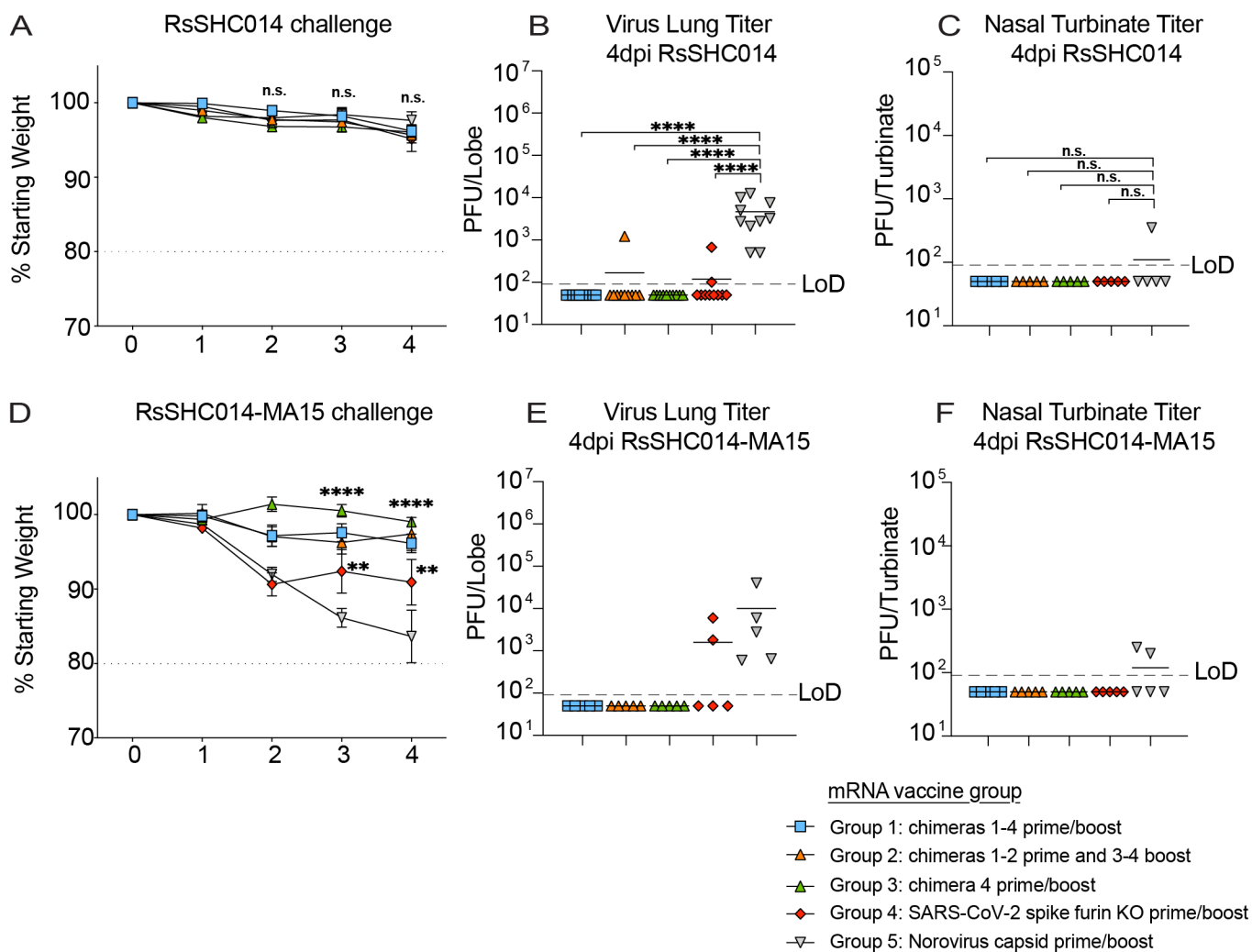


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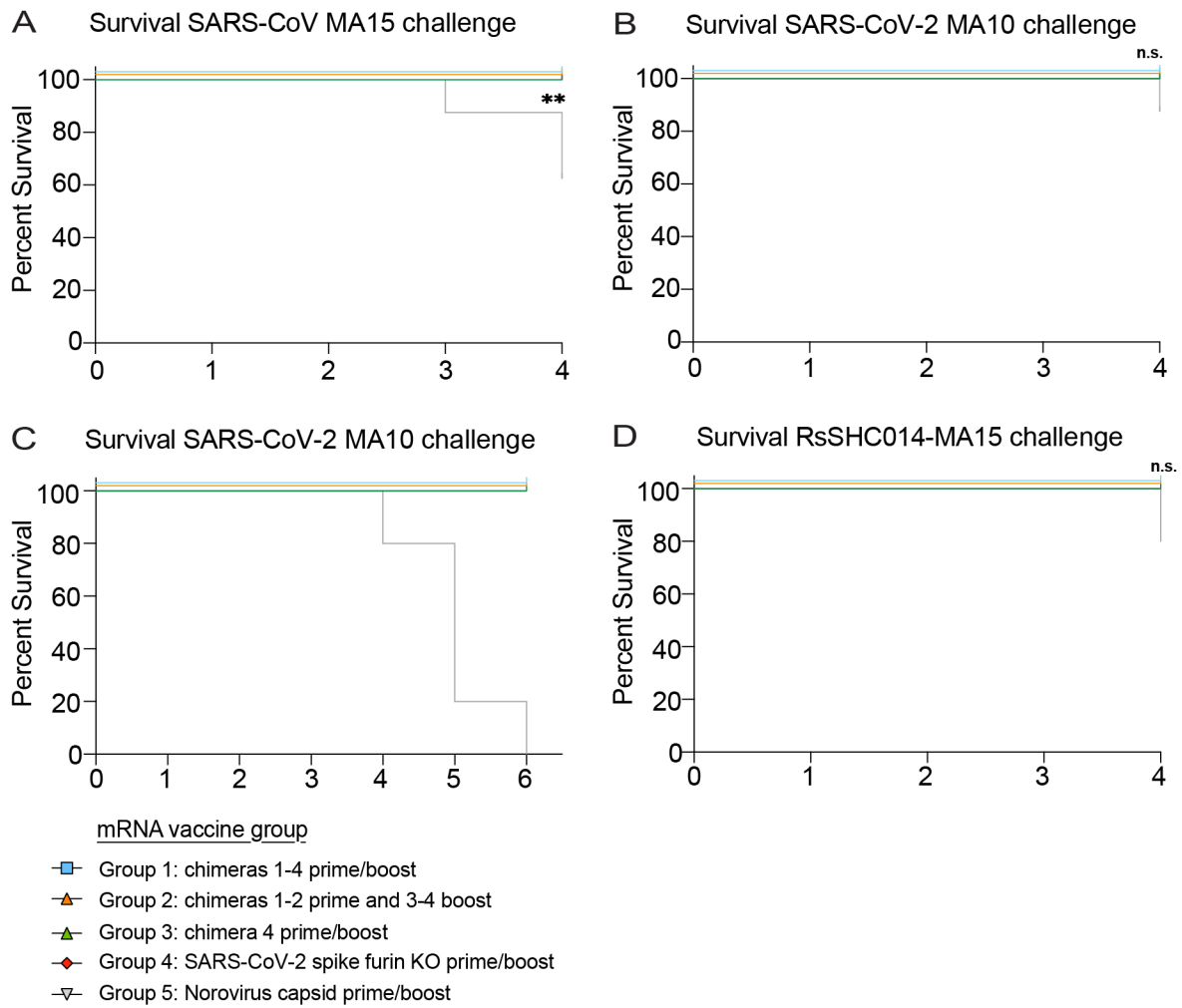
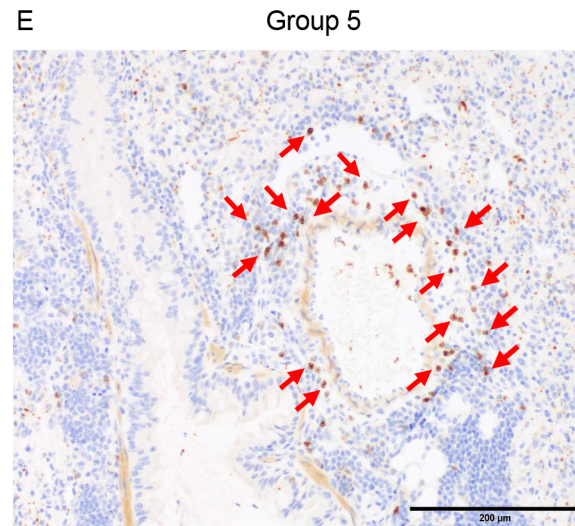
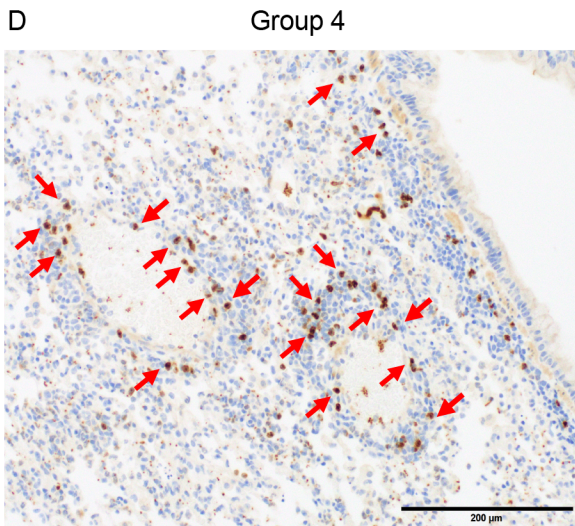
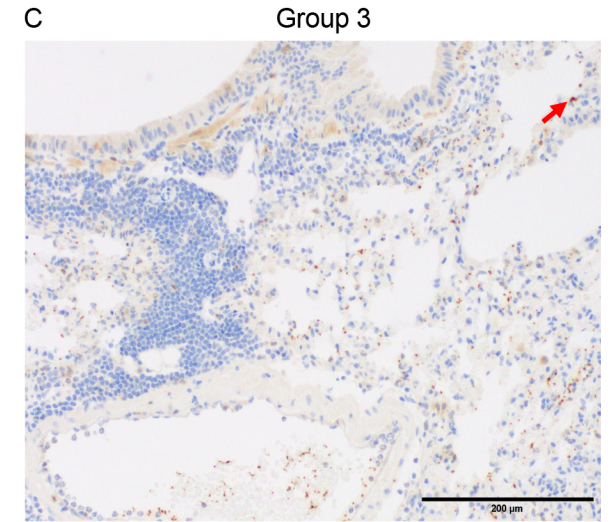
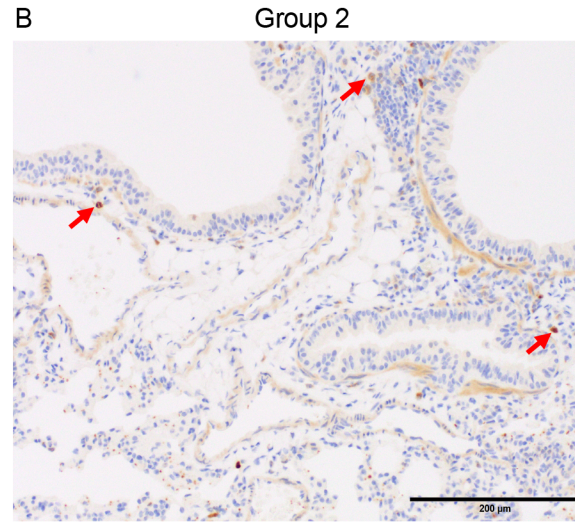
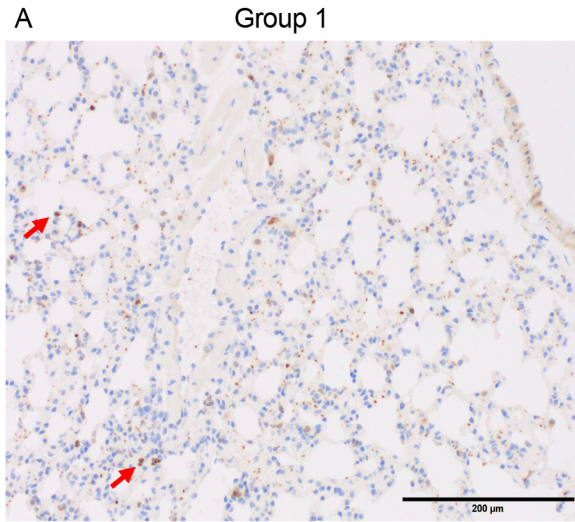


Figure S6

SARS-CoV challenge



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

Figure S7

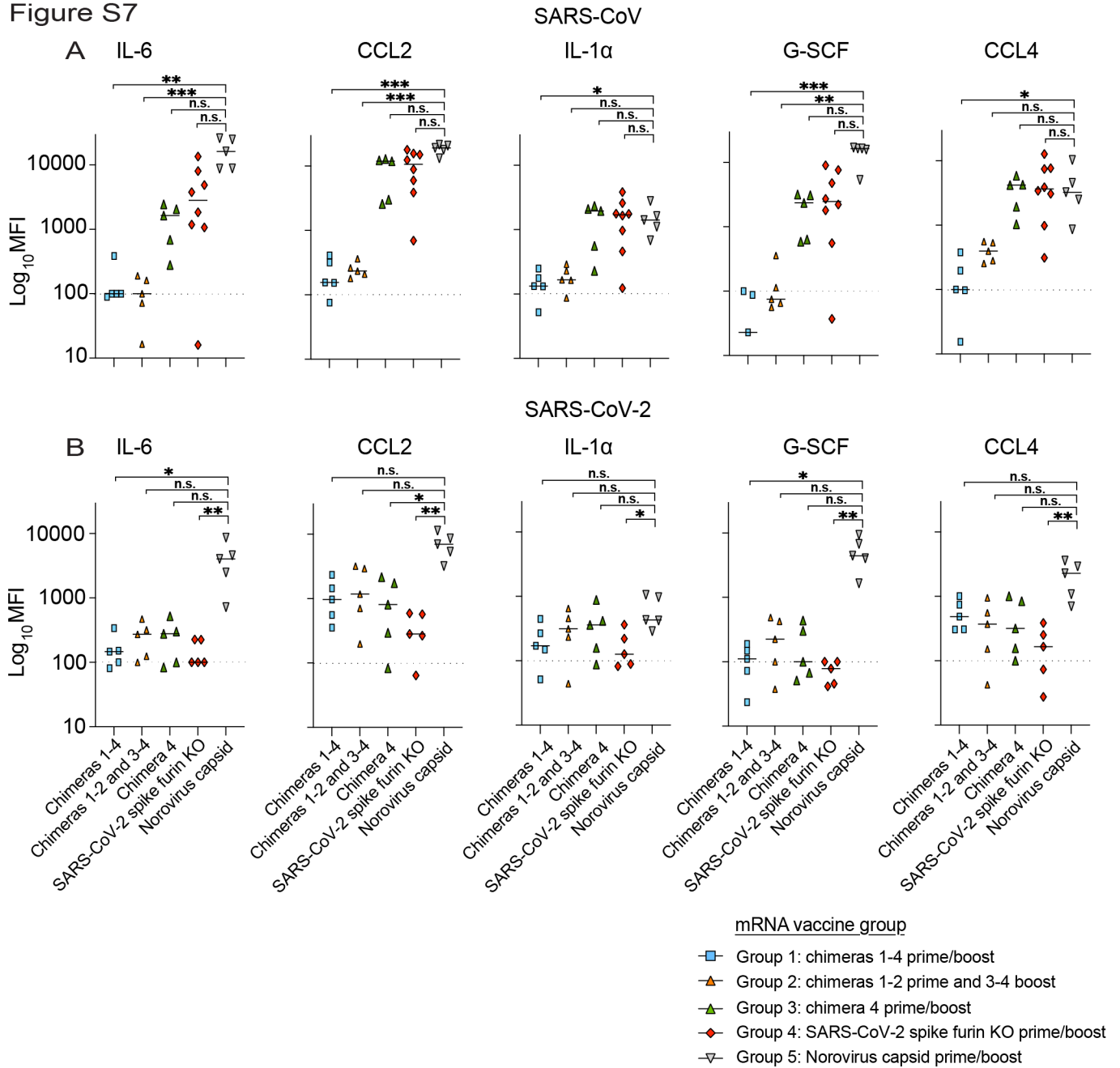


Table S1: Amino acid sequences of chimeric spikes

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