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Population characteristics	<input type="text" value="The samples were obtained from healthy participants aged 18-25 years old,"/>
Recruitment	<input type="text" value="National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), Vaccine Research Center (VRC) clinical trial at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, USA (ClinicalTrials.gov #NCT01132859)."/>
Ethics oversight	<input type="text" value="The study was reviewed and approved by the NIAID Institutional Review Board and the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) institutional review board (IRB). The study team followed human experimental guidelines for conducting clinical research from the US Department of Health and Human Services."/>

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	<p>Pacific Blue conjugated mouse anti-human CD66b (BioLegend #305112, clone G10F5) Fluorescein-conjugated goat anti-guinea pig complement C3 (MP Biomedicals, #0855385, polyclonal) PE-Cy5 conjugated mouse anti-human CD107a (BD Biosciences, #555802) PE-Cy7 conjugated mouse anti-human CD56 (BD Biosciences # 557747), APC-Cy7 conjugated mouse anti-human CD16 (BD Bioscience #557758), Pacific Blue conjugated mouse anti-human CD3 (BD Bioscience #558124), Fluorescein-conjugated mouse anti-human Interferon gamma (BD Bioscience #550078) PE conjugated mouse anti-human Macrophage Inflammatory Protein 1b (BD Bioscience 340449), Mouse Anti-Human IgG1-PE (Southern-Biotech, #9054-09, clone:HP6001) Mouse Anti-Human IgG2-PE (Southern-Biotech, #9060-09, clone:31-7-4) Mouse Anti-Human IgG3-PE (Southern-Biotech, #9210-09, clone:HP6050) Mouse Anti-Human IgG4-PE (Southern-Biotech, #9200-09, clone:HP6025) Mouse Anti-Human IgM-PE (Southern-Biotech, #9020-09, clone:SA-DA4) Mouse Anti-Human IgA1-PE (Southern-Biotech, #9130-09, clone: B3506B4) Mouse Anti-Human IgA2-PE (Southern-Biotech, #9140-09, clone: A9604D2)</p>
Validation	<p>All antibodies are well established and quality controlled by the manufacturer. Additional information and references can be obtained on the company websites.</p> <p>The use of antibodies 1-4 was previously validated: Brown EP, Licht AF, Dugast AS, Choi I, Bailey-Kellogg C, Alter G, et al. High-throughput, multiplexed IgG subclassing of antigen-specific antibodies from clinical samples. <i>J Immunol Methods</i>. 2012;386(1-2):117-23.</p> <p>Antibody 9 was described here: Fischinger, S., J. K. Fallon, A. R. Michell, T. Brage, T. J. Suscovich, H. Streeck, and G. Alter. 2019. 'A high-throughput, bead-based, antigen-specific assay to assess the ability of antibodies to induce complement activation', <i>J Immunol Methods</i>, 473: 112630.</p> <p>Antibody 10: Karsten, C. B., N. Mehta, S. A. Shin, T. J. Diefenbach, M. D. Slein, W. Karpinski, E. B. Irvine, T. Brage, T. J. Suscovich, and G. Alter. 2019. 'A versatile high-throughput assay to characterize antibody-mediated neutrophil phagocytosis', <i>J Immunol Methods</i>, 471: 46-56.</p>

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	THP-1 human acute monocytic human cell line was acquired from ATCC.
Authentication	None of the cell lines used were authenticated.
Mycoplasma contamination	Cell line tested negative for Mycoplasma
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified lines were used

Clinical data

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Clinical trial registration	NCT01132859
Study protocol	https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01132859
Data collection	The samples were collected under the Vaccine Research Center's (VRC), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health protocol VRC 900 (NCT01132859) in compliance with the NIH Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved protocol and procedures.
Outcomes	N/A

Flow Cytometry

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Methodology

Sample preparation	Neutrophils were isolated from ACD blood using StemCell EasySep™ Direct Human Neutrophil Isolation Kit. Natural Killer cells (NK) were isolated from buffy coats using StemCell RosetteSep™ Human NK Cell Enrichment Cocktail
Instrument	Stratedigm 1300EXi , IntelliCyt® iQue Screener PLUS
Software	CellCapture 4 Forecyt 9
Cell population abundance	Neutrophils were identified through CD66b expression. Purity of neutrophils collected with isolation kit is usually >98%. NK cells are identified by absence of CD3 expression and presence of CD16 and CD56 expression. Purity of NK cells collected with enrichment kit is usually >95%.
Gating strategy	All events were gated for granulocytes using FSC-H and SSC-H. ADCP: Bead+ cells were identified as positive on the FITC channel. ADNP: Neutrophils were selected for CD66b expression in the PB channel. ead+ cells were identified as positive on the FITC channel. ADCD: Beads were gated on using FSC-H and SSC-H. Complement deposition was measured on the FITC channel as gMFI. ADNKA: NK cells were identified through CD16 and CD56 expression as well as lack of CD3 expression. CD107a+ NK cells were identified by gating on the CD56+ cells on the PE-Cy5 channel. IFNg+ NK cells were identified by gating on the CD56+ cells on the FITC channel. The MIP1b+ cells were identified by gating on the CD56+ cells on the PE channel.

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