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The Peptide Array data generated in this study (raw and processed) have been deposited in the ArrayExpress Functional Genomics Data Collection under accession codes A-MTAB-692 [<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biostudies/arrayexpress/arrays/A-MTAB-692>] and A-MTAB-693 [<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biostudies/arrayexpress/arrays/>]

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Reporting on sex and gender

The manuscript does not report or use sex as a covariate. Information on sex of donors of blood/serum samples is reported.

Population characteristics

The experimental groups were cases (Chagas Disease, infected) and controls (healthy), and the additional covariate analyzed was the geographic origin of the subjects (country, region) used as a proxy to cover different human populations.

Recruitment

Recruitment has been made based on convenience sampling. No compensation was provided to participants.

Ethics oversight

The organizations that approved the study protocol are mentioned in the main text (Methods).

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size

Based on previous analyses performed at the lab (Carmona SJ 2015) we determined that a sample size of n=6 per population or group was sufficient for antigen and epitope discovery. Here, we exceeded this sample size (n=11-12 per group, total n=116; 71 positive; 45 negative-control).

Data exclusions

For the discovery screening, we excluded samples with low antibody titres in standard ELISA against *T. cruzi*. Exclusion criteria were pre-established.

Replication

All microarray assays were performed in duplicate (same biological sample, technical replicates). All replication assays were successful.

Randomization

Samples were allocated into experimental groups based on *T. cruzi* infection status and geographic origin. Randomization was not relevant.

Blinding

Investigators were not blinded to group allocation during data collection or analysis. Blinding of *T. cruzi* infection status was not relevant to this study, as there was no experimental treatment or hypothesis being tested. Serum samples were used 'as is' for antigen and epitope discovery and mapping. Blinding during data analysis was not relevant because reactivity of samples to known antigens reveals group allocation (infected vs healthy).

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	Alexa Fluor® 647-conjugated goat anti-human IgG secondary antibody (Jackson ImmunoResearch #109-605-098). Alexa Fluor® 488-conjugated goat anti-human IgG secondary antibody (Jackson ImmunoResearch #109-545-098).
Validation	Target: Human; Host: Goat; Antibody Format: Whole IgG; Specificity: IgG, Fcy fragment specific; Minimal Cross Reactivity: Bovine, Horse, Mouse Serum Proteins; Conjugate: Alexa Fluor® 647; Purification: Affinity-Purified Antibodies; Clonality: Polyclonal; RRID: AB_2337889. See https://www.jacksonimmuno.com/catalog/products/109-605-098 Target: Human; Host: Goat; Antibody Format: Whole IgG; Specificity: IgG, Fcy fragment specific; Minimal Cross Reactivity: Bovine, Horse, Mouse Serum Proteins; Conjugate: Alexa Fluor® 488; Purification: Affinity-Purified Antibodies; Clonality: Polyclonal; RRID: AB_2337840. See https://www.jacksonimmuno.com/catalog/products/109-545-098