

1 **Structure of hepatitis C virus envelope glycoprotein E2 antigenic site 412-423 in complex with**
2 **antibody AP33**

3 **Running title:** Structure of HCV E2 antigenic site 412-423

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21 **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

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23 **Supplemental materials and methods.**

24 **Antibody production**

25 The V_H and V_L domains of antibody AP33 were fused with human C_H1-3 and C_L as a murine-human
26 chimeric antibody using the pIgG1 vector for high-level protein expression (10). This chimeric antibody
27 is referred as MAb huAP33 here to distinguish it from the original mouse MAb discovered by Patel and
28 co-workers (16). The chimeric antibody bound E1E2, and the binding could be inhibited using linear
29 peptides encoding the proposed antigenic site (Fig. S1). The MAb also neutralized HCV as expected (Fig.
30 S1). To prepare the Fab fragment for crystallization studies, C_H2-3 domains in the expression vector were
31 deleted and soluble Fab was produced by transient transfection of 293F cells with the recombinant DNA.
32 The Fab was purified by affinity chromatography using a rabbit anti-human Fab antibody column
33 followed by passage through a monoS 10/100 GL cation exchange column (GE Healthcare). The primary
34 peak was then further purified using size exclusion chromatography with a Superdex 200 (GE Healthcare)
35 column.

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37 **Complex formation and crystallization using iterative micro-batch seeding**

38 The AP33 Fab was concentrated to 8-12 mg/mL using an Amicon centrifugal ultrafiltration unit
39 (Millipore) with a 10 kDa molecular weight cutoff. The concentrated Fab and the R12 peptide encoding
40 the antigenic site (9) were incubated at a 1:10 molar ratio overnight at 4°C in 150 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris-
41 HCl pH 7.2 to form the complex. Samples were screened for crystallization using the 384 conditions of
42 the JCSG Core Suite (Qiagen) at both 277 and 293 K using the JCSG robotic Crystalmation system
43 (Rigaku). Crystallization was performed using the nanodroplet vapor diffusion method (17) with standard
44 JCSG crystallization protocols (11). Sitting drops composed of 200 nl of protein sample were mixed with
45 200 nl of crystallization reagent in a sitting drop format and were equilibrated against a 50 µl reservoir of
46 crystallization reagent. After approximately 3 days at 20°C, thin bundles of needle-shaped crystals formed
47 in 17% (w/v) PEG 4000, 8.5% (v/v) 2-propanol, 15% (v/v) glycerol and 0.085 M Sodium HEPES, pH 7.5
48 (JCSG Core Suite 2, well B11). These initial crystals were too small for diffraction studies and were
49 crushed in a Seed Bead tube (Hampton Research) for use in micro-batch seeding (5, 8). The crystals were
50 placed into the Seed Bead tube containing 50 µl of mother liquor and then vortexed for 3 x 30 s, keeping
51 the tube on ice between manipulations. Micro-batch seeding was carried out using sitting drops composed
52 of 150 nl of protein, 100 nl of crystallization reagent and 50 nl of seed stock as implemented by an Oryx 8

53 robot (Douglas Instruments) and plates were incubated at 16°C. The crystallization reagent used in this
54 first round of seeding consisted of a custom optimization screen centered on the initial crystallization hit
55 with varying PEG4000 (5–27%, w/v) and 2-propanol (0.5–14.5%, v/v) concentration. Custom screens
56 were formulated by an Alchemist robotic system (Rigaku). The first round of micro-batch seeding
57 resulted in thin plate crystals that were unsuitable for diffraction studies. These plates were submitted to a
58 further round of micro-batch seeding and improved hexagonal plates of diffraction quality were finally
59 achieved in the same condition.

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61 **Data collection**

62 The optimized, hexagonal crystals diffracted to 2.5Å at beamline 11-1 of the Stanford Synchrotron
63 Radiation Lightsource (SSRL). Data were collected at 100 K to a completeness of 91% with an overall
64 R_{sym} of 10% (23% in the high resolution shell) (Table S1). Data were indexed, processed and scaled with
65 HKL-2000 (15) in the monoclinic space group $P2_1$ with unit cell parameters $a = 44.9\text{\AA}$, $b = 191.8\text{\AA}$, $c =$
66 59.4\AA , $\beta = 111.1^\circ$.

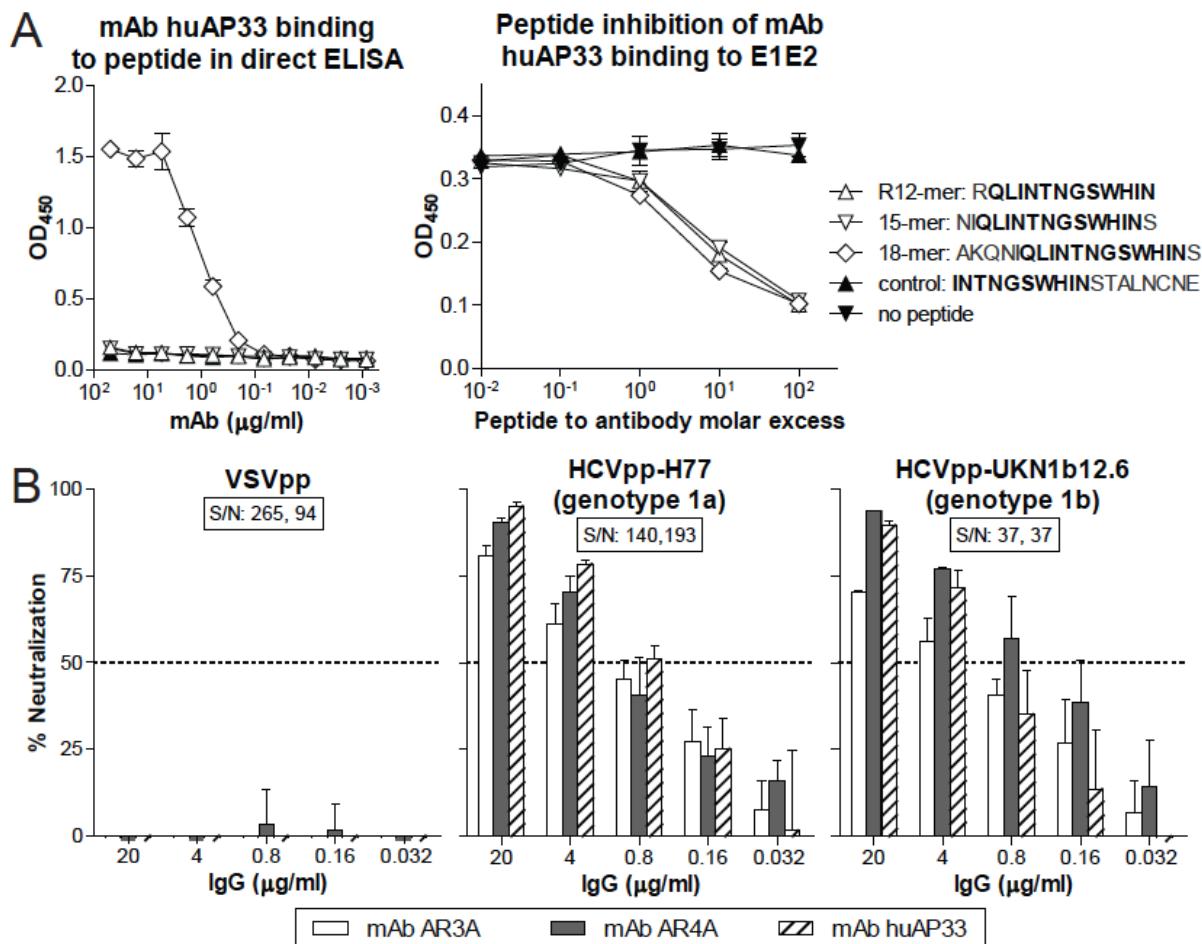
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68 **Structure Refinement**

69 The structure was determined by the molecular replacement method using Phaser (13) with the HCV1
70 Fab structure (PDB ID: 4DGV) as an initial model. Model building was carried out using Coot-0.6.2 (6)
71 and refinement was implemented with Phenix (1). Final R_{cryst} and R_{free} values are 17.8 % and 21.9 %,
72 respectively. Buried molecular surface areas were analyzed with MS (4) using a 1.7 Å probe radius and
73 standard van der Waals radii, and van der Waals contacts and hydrogen bonds were evaluated with
74 CONTACSYM (18, 19) and HBPLUS (14). Surface potential and electrostatics were calculated using
75 APBS (2) and all structural visualizations were generated with PyMOL (The PyMOL Molecular Graphics
76 System, Version 1.2r3pre, Schrödinger, LLC.). For the Fab, the residues were renumbered according to
77 the Kabat scheme (12).

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82 **FIG. S1.** Biological activities of recombinant mouse-human chimeric antibody AP33 (MAb huAP33).
83 (A) Peptide candidates for crystallography. The binding of MAb huAP33 to three candidate peptides
84 (R12-mer, 15-mer and 18-mer) was first evaluated by direct ELISA (left panel). The MAb only binds the
85 18-mer when the peptides were coated directly onto microwells. However, in solution, all 3 peptides
86 blocked antibody binding to E1E2 at similar levels (right panel). The epitope sequence is in bold and the
87 control peptide with truncated epitope sequence did not block MAb binding. The soluble R12-mer was
88 used in crystallization experiments. (B) Neutralization of HCV by MAb huAP33. The chimeric MAb
89 neutralized HCV pseudotype virus particles (HCVpp) displaying the genotype 1a or 1b E1E2, but not the
90 control envelope glycoprotein G from vesicular stomatitis virus (VSVpp). The mAbs AR3A and AR4A
91 are control neutralizing mAbs to E2 and the E1E2 complex, respectively (7).

93 **Table S1.** Data Collection and Refinement
 94 Statistics for Fab AP33

Data collection	AP33 Fab
Beamline	SSRL11-1
Wavelength (Å)	0.98000
Space group	P2 ₁
Unit cell parameters	a = 44.9 b = 191.8 c = 59.4 Å β = 111.1°
Resolution (Å)	47.97-2.50 (2.54-2.50) ^a
Observations	188,654
Unique reflections	29,450 (966) ^a
Redundancy	6.4 (4.4) ^a
Completeness (%)	91.3 (61.3) ^a
<I>/σ_I	16.0 (5.7) ^a
R _{sym} ^b	0.10 (0.23) ^{a, b}
Refinement statistics	
Resolution (Å)	47.97-2.50 (2.58-2.50)
Reflections (work)	27,907 (1718)
Reflections (test)	1,502 (89)
R _{cryst} (%) ^c	17.8 ^c (23.3)
R _{free} (%) ^d	22.0 ^d (32.0)
Average B-value (Å ²)	34.1
Wilson B-value (Å ²)	32.5
RMSD from ideal geometry	
Bond length (Å)	0.003
Bond angles (°)	0.79
Ramachandran statistics (%) ^e	
Favored	97.3
Outliers	0.7
PDB ID	4G6A

95 ^a Numbers in parentheses refer to the highest
 96 resolution shell.

97 ^bR_{sym} = Σ_{hkl}Σ_i | I_{hkl,i} - <I_{hkl}> | / Σ_{hkl}Σ_iI_{hkl,i}, where
 98 I_{hkl,i} is the scaled intensity of the ith measurement
 99 of reflection h, k, l, <I_{hkl}> is the average intensity
 100 for that reflection, and n is the redundancy (20).

101 ^cR_{cryst} = Σ_{hkl} | F_o - F_c | / Σ_{hkl} | F_o | × 100

102 ^dR_{free} was calculated as for R_{cryst}, but on a test set
 103 comprising 5% of the data excluded from
 104 refinement.

105 ^e These values were calculated using Molprobity
 106 (3).

Table S2. Van der Waals interactions between E2 peptide and AP33 Fab 1^a

Fab Residue	Atom ^b	Peptide Residue	Atom ^b	Distance (Å)
TYR ^{H33}	C δ 2	TRP420	C η 2	3.9
TYR ^{H33}	C ϵ 1	ASN415	C β	3.8
TYR ^{H33}	C ϵ 2	TRP420	C η 2	3.6
TYR ^{H33}	C ϵ 2	TRP420	C ζ 3	3.8
TYR ^{H33}	C ζ	ASN415	N	3.7
TYR ^{H33}	C ζ	ASN415	C β	3.8
TYR ^{H33}	C ζ	TRP420	C η 2	4.1
TYR ^{H33}	O η	ILE414	C α	3.5
TYR ^{H33}	O η	ILE414	C	3.6
TYR ^{H33}	O η	ASN415	C α	3.6
TYR ^{H33}	O η	ASN415	C β	3.7
TYR ^{H33}	O η	ILE414	C β	3.8
TYR ^{H50}	C ϵ 1	ASN415	O δ 1	3.5
TYR ^{H50}	C ζ	ASN415	O δ 1	3.3
TYR ^{H50}	O η	ASN415	O δ 1	2.3
TYR ^{H50}	O η	ASN415	C γ	3.3
TYR ^{H50}	O η	ASN415	O	3.5
TYR ^{H50}	O η	ASN415	C β	3.7
TYR ^{H50}	O η	ASN415	C	3.8
TYR ^{H58}	C δ 2	ASN417	C	3.7
TYR ^{H58}	C δ 2	GLY418	N	3.8
TYR ^{H58}	C δ 2	ASN417	C α	3.9
TYR ^{H58}	C ϵ 1	GLY418	C α	3.9
TYR ^{H58}	C ϵ 2	ASN417	O	3.6
TYR ^{H58}	C ϵ 2	ASN417	C	3.6
TYR ^{H58}	C ϵ 2	GLY418	N	3.8
TYR ^{H58}	C ϵ 2	GLY418	C α	3.9
TYR ^{H58}	C ζ	GLY418	C α	3.7
TYR ^{H58}	O η	GLY418	C α	4.0
ILE ^{H95}	C γ 2	TRP420	C ζ 2	4.2
ILE ^{H95}	C γ 2	TRP420	C η 2	4.2
TYR ^{H100}	C δ 1	TRP420	C ζ 3	3.4
TYR ^{H100}	C δ 1	TRP420	C ϵ 3	3.7
TYR ^{H100}	C δ 1	TRP420	C η 2	3.8
TYR ^{H100}	C ϵ 1	LEU413	C β	3.5
TYR ^{H100}	C ϵ 1	TRP420	C ζ 3	3.6
TYR ^{H100}	C ϵ 1	LEU413	O	3.7
TYR ^{H100}	C ϵ 1	TRP420	C ϵ 3	3.8
TYR ^{H100}	C ϵ 1	LEU413	C α	4.1
TYR ^{H100}	C ϵ 1	LEU413	C δ 1	4.1
TYR ^{H100}	C ζ	LEU413	N	3.8
TYR ^{H100}	C ζ	LEU413	C β	3.8
TYR ^{H100}	C ζ	LEU413	C δ 1	4.1
TYR ^{H100}	O η	GLN412	C	3.5
TYR ^{H100}	O η	GLN412	C α	3.5

TYR ^{H100}	O η	LEU413	C β	3.6
TYR ^{H100}	O η	LEU413	C α	3.7
TYR ^{H100}	O η	LEU413	C γ	3.9
TYR ^{L28}	C β	LEU413	C $\delta 2$	4.3
TYR ^{L28}	C γ	LEU413	C $\delta 2$	4.0
TYR ^{L28}	C $\delta 1$	ILE422	C $\gamma 2$	3.8
TYR ^{L28}	C $\delta 2$	LEU413	C $\delta 2$	4.2
TYR ^{L28}	C $\epsilon 1$	ILE422	C $\gamma 2$	3.8
TYR ^{L28}	C $\epsilon 1$	ILE422	C $\gamma 1$	3.8
TYR ^{L28}	C $\epsilon 1$	ILE422	N	3.9
TYR ^{L28}	C $\epsilon 1$	ILE422	C $\delta 1$	4.1
TYR ^{L28}	C $\epsilon 2$	HIS421	C α	3.5
TYR ^{L28}	C $\epsilon 2$	TRP420	O	3.5
TYR ^{L28}	C $\epsilon 2$	HIS421	C β	3.8
TYR ^{L28}	C ζ	HIS421	C α	3.6
TYR ^{L28}	C ζ	HIS421	C β	3.7
TYR ^{L28}	C ζ	ILE422	N	3.8
TYR ^{L28}	O η	HIS421	C β	3.1
TYR ^{L28}	O η	HIS421	C α	3.6
PHE ^{L32}	C $\delta 1$	TRP420	C $\delta 1$	4.2
PHE ^{L32}	C $\epsilon 1$	TRP420	C $\delta 1$	4.0
PHE ^{L32}	C $\epsilon 1$	TRP420	C γ	4.0
PHE ^{L32}	C $\epsilon 1$	LEU413	C $\delta 1$	4.2
PHE ^{L32}	C ζ	LEU413	C $\delta 1$	3.6
PHE ^{L32}	C ζ	TRP420	C β	3.8
PHE ^{L32}	C ζ	TRP420	C γ	4.1
ASN ^{L91}	O	TRP420	C $\delta 1$	3.1
ASN ^{L92}	C α	GLY418	O	3.3
ASN ^{L92}	C	GLY418	O	3.3
ASN ^{L92}	O	GLY418	O	3.5
ASN ^{L92}	O	SER419	O γ	3.6
ASN ^{L92}	O	SER419	C α	3.7
ASN ^{L92}	O $\delta 1$	TRP420	C $\delta 1$	3.4
ASN ^{L92}	O $\delta 1$	TRP420	C β	3.5
ASN ^{L92}	O $\delta 1$	TRP420	C α	3.8
TRP ^{L96}	C $\epsilon 2$	GLY418	O	3.8
TRP ^{L96}	N $\epsilon 1$	GLY418	C α	3.6
TRP ^{L96}	N $\epsilon 1$	GLY418	C	3.7
TRP ^{L96}	C $\zeta 2$	ASN415	N $\delta 2$	3.7
TRP ^{L96}	C $\zeta 2$	GLY418	O	3.9

^a Interactions determined by CONTACSYM (18, 19). Numbering for the peptide follows the HCV E2 numbering scheme. Fab numbering follows the Kabat numbering scheme (12). The capitalized letter in front of the residue designates heavy chain (H) and light chain (L).

^b Atom involved in interaction.

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Table S3. Van der Waals interactions between E2 peptide and AP33 Fab 2^a

Fab Residue	Atom ^b	Peptide Residue	Atom ^b	Distance
TYR ^{H33}	C δ 2	TRP420	C η 2	4.1
TYR ^{H33}	C ϵ 1	ASN415	C β	4.0
TYR ^{H33}	C ϵ 2	TRP420	C η 2	3.7
TYR ^{H33}	C ϵ 2	TRP420	C ζ 3	3.8
TYR ^{H33}	C ζ	ASN415	N	3.7
TYR ^{H33}	C ζ	TRP420	C ζ 3	4.0
TYR ^{H33}	O η	ILE414	C α	3.2
TYR ^{H33}	O η	ILE414	C β	3.4
TYR ^{H33}	O η	ILE414	C	3.6
TYR ^{H33}	O η	TRP420	C ζ 3	3.9
TYR ^{H33}	O η	ILE414	C γ 2	4.0
TYR ^{H50}	C ϵ 1	ASN415	O δ 1	3.7
TYR ^{H5}	C ζ	ASN415	O δ 1	3.7
TYR ^{H5}	O η	ASN415	O	3.5
TYR ^{H5}	O η	ASN415	C γ	3.6
TYR ^{H5}	O η	ASN415	C β	3.6
TYR ^{H5}	O η	ASN415	C	3.7
TYR ^{H53}	O η	ILE414	C γ 2	3.4
TYR ^{H53}	O η	ILE414	C β	3.9
TYR ^{H58}	C γ	GLY418	N	3.8
TYR ^{H58}	C δ 1	GLY418	C α	4.1
TYR ^{H58}	C δ 2	ASN417	C	3.5
TYR ^{H58}	C δ 2	GLY418	N	3.6
TYR ^{H58}	C δ 2	ASN417	O	3.7
TYR ^{H58}	C δ 2	ASN417	C α	3.8
TYR ^{H58}	C δ 2	GLY418	C α	4.2
TYR ^{H58}	C ϵ 1	GLY418	C α	3.9
TYR ^{H58}	C ϵ 2	ASN417	O	3.5
TYR ^{H58}	C ϵ 2	ASN417	C	3.6
TYR ^{H58}	C ϵ 2	GLY418	N	3.8
TYR ^{H58}	C ϵ 2	GLY418	C α	3.9
TYR ^{H58}	C ζ	GLY418	C α	3.8
ILE ^{H95}	C γ 2	TRP420	C ζ 2	4.3
THR ^{H97}	C γ 2	LEU413	O	3.8
TYR ^{H100}	C δ 1	TRP420	C ζ 3	3.6
TYR ^{H100}	C δ 1	TRP420	C η 2	3.6
TYR ^{H100}	C δ 1	TRP420	C ϵ 3	3.8
TYR ^{H100}	C δ 1	TRP420	C ζ 2	3.9
TYR ^{H100}	C δ 1	TRP420	C δ 2	4.0
TYR ^{H100}	C δ 1	TRP420	C ϵ 2	4.1
TYR ^{H100}	C ϵ 1	TRP420	C ζ 3	3.7
TYR ^{H100}	C ϵ 1	LEU413	C β	3.7
TYR ^{H100}	C ϵ 1	TRP420	C ϵ 3	3.9
TYR ^{H100}	C ϵ 1	TRP420	C η 2	4.2
TYR ^{H100}	C ζ	LEU413	C β	4.0

TYR ^{H100}	O η	GLN412	C β	3.6
TYR ^{H100}	O η	LEU413	C β	3.6
TYR ^{H100}	O η	LEU413	C α	3.9
TYR ^{H100}	O η	LEU413	C γ	3.9
TYR ^{H100}	C δ 1	ILE422	C γ 1	4.1
TYR ^{L28}	C δ 1	ILE422	C δ 1	4.1
TYR ^{L28}	C δ 2	TRP420	O	3.7
TYR ^{L28}	C ϵ 1	ILE422	C γ 1	3.8
TYR ^{L28}	C ϵ 1	ILE422	C δ 1	3.8
TYR ^{L28}	C ϵ 2	TRP420	O	3.3
TYR ^{L28}	C ϵ 2	HIS421	C α A	4.0
ASN ^{L30}	N δ 2	LEU413	C δ 1	3.7
PHE ^{L32}	C δ 1	TRP420	C δ 1	3.6
PHE ^{L32}	C δ 1	TRP420	N ϵ 1	3.8
PHE ^{L32}	C ϵ 1	TRP420	C δ 1	3.4
PHE ^{L32}	C ϵ 1	TRP420	C γ	3.7
PHE ^{L32}	C ϵ 1	TRP420	N ϵ 1	3.8
PHE ^{L32}	C ϵ 1	TRP420	C β	4.2
PHE ^{L32}	C ζ	TRP420	C δ 1	3.8
PHE ^{L32}	C ζ	TRP420	C β	3.9
PHE ^{L32}	C ζ	TRP420	C γ	3.9
PHE ^{L32}	C ζ	LEU413	C δ 1	4.1
ASN ^{L91}	O	TRP420	C δ 1	3.3
ASN ^{L91}	O	GLY418	O	3.5
ASN ^{L92}	C α	GLY418	O	3.5
ASN ^{L92}	C α	TRP420	C δ 1	4.2
ASN ^{L92}	C	GLY418	O	3.4
ASN ^{L92}	O	SER419	C α	3.7
ASN ^{L92}	C β	TRP420	C δ 1	4.2
ASN ^{L92}	O δ 1	TRP420	C δ 1	3.3
ASN ^{L92}	O δ 1	TRP420	C β	3.5
TRP ^{L96}	C ϵ 2	GLY418	O	3.7
TRP ^{L96}	C ϵ 2	GLY418	C α	4.0
TRP ^{L96}	N ϵ 1	GLY418	C α	3.3
TRP ^{L96}	N ϵ 1	GLY418	C	3.6
TRP ^{L96}	C ζ 2	ASN415	N δ 2	3.7
TRP ^{L96}	C ζ 2	GLY418	O	3.7
TRP ^{L96}	C ζ 2	ASN415	O δ 1	3.9
TRP ^{L96}	C ζ 2	ASN415	C γ	4.0
TRP ^{L96}	C ζ 2	GLY418	C α	4.0

^a Interactions determined by CONTACSYM (18, 19). Numbering for the peptide follows the HCV E2 numbering scheme. Fab numbering follows the Kabat numbering scheme(12). The capitalized letter in front of the residue designates heavy chain (H) and light chain (L).

^b Atom involved in interaction.

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123 Numbering for the peptide follows the HCV E2 numbering
124 scheme. Fab numbering follows the Kabat numbering
125 scheme(12). The capitalized letter in front of the residue
126 designates heavy chain (H) and light chain (L).

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131 **Table S4.** Hydrogen bond interactions between the E2 peptide and AP33 Fab^a

Fab 1					Fab2				
Peptide Residue	Atom Type^b	Fab Residue	Atom Type^b	Distance (Å)	Peptide Residue	Atom Type^b	Fab Residue	Atom Type^b	Distance (Å)
LEU413	N	TYR ^{H100}	O η	2.8	LEU413	N	TYR ^{H100}	O η	3.2
ASN415	O δ 1	TYR ^{H50}	O η	2.3	ASN415	O δ 1	TYR ^{H50}	O η	2.8
ASN415	N	TYR ^{H33}	O η	2.7	ASN415	N	TYR ^{H33}	O η	3.0
TRP420	N ε 1	ASN ^{L91}	O	2.8	TRP420	N ε 1	ASN ^{L91}	O	2.9
TRP420	N	ASN ^{L92}	O δ 1	3.1	TRP420	N	ASN ^{L92}	O δ 1	3.2
GLY418	O	TRP ^{L96}	N ε 1	3.0	GLY418	O	TRP ^{L96}	N ε 1	3.0

132 ^a Hydrogen bonds determined by HBPLUS (14). Numbering for the peptide follows the E2 numbering
133 scheme and numbering for the Fab follows the Kabat scheme (12). The capitalized letter in front of the
134 residue designates heavy chain (H) and light chain (L).135 ^b Atom involved in interaction.

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