## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



**Supplementary Figure 1**. *In vitro* **neutralization of GM-CSF by single or multiple antibodies**. (a) Rank of neutralizing activity (IC90 values) of 140 different combinations of GM-CSF mAbs. (b) A selection of the most potent neutralizing combinations is shown and compared to therapeutic anti-GM-CSF antibodies (MOR103 and Namilumab) and to autoantibodies purified from PAP sera.



**Supplementary Figure 2. A sandwich ELISA to detect GM-CSF in the presence of specific antibodies.** A fixed amount of GM-CSF was added to mouse serum together with three monoclonal antibodies (GCA21, GCA7, GCB59) added separately or in combination. The quantification of GM-CSF was performed by a sandwich ELISA using an antibody specific for site II for capture and site I for detection. Serial dilutions of serum in neutral (left) or alkaline buffer (right) were added and GM-CSF concentration was determined with reference to a GM-CSF standard. The dotted line represents the concentration of GM-CSF measured in the absence of antibodies.



**Supplementary Figure 3. Binding of immune complexes to TZM-bl cells expressing different FcyRs.** (a) Expression of FcyRs on TZM-bl cells transfected with FcyRI, FcyRIIa/b and FcyRIIIa, as detected by antibodies to CD64, CD32 and CD16, respectively. Untransfected TZM-bl cells were used as negative control. (b) Shown is also the binding of GM-CSF immune complexes containing one or three antibodies to TZM-bl cells expressing FcyRI or FcyRIIIa or to untransfected TZM-bl cells.

## **Supplementary Table 1** Features of 5 PAP patients

| ID   | Code | Gender | Birth year | Diagnosis year | Therapy | Follow up (years) | DSS | Serum GM-CSF abs (µg ml <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|------|------|--------|------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|-----|---|
| PA93 | GCA  | Μ      | 1943       | 2010           | -       | 2                 | 3   | 804.5                                   |
| PA26 | GCB  | F      | 1966       | 2005           | -       | 7                 | 3   | 454.9                                   |
| PA40 | GCC  | F      | 1954       | 2005           | WLL     | 7                 | 1   | 100.6                                   |
| PA96 | GCD  | Μ      | 1980       | 2010           | -       | 2                 | 1   | 741.2                                   |
| PA65 | GCE  | F      | 1959       | 2005           | WLL     | 7                 | 1   | 46.0                                    |

WLL = whole lung lavage; DSS = Disease Severity Score calculated at the time of sample collection; abs = antibodies

| Supplementary Table 2                |   |
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| Somatic mutations in the V segment ( | critically contribute to the specificity of GM-CSF autoantibodies |

| mAb    | Version        | EC50 (ng ml <sup>-1</sup> ) | Ka (M s <sup>-1</sup> ) | Kd (s⁻¹) | KD (M)  |
|--------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---------|
| GCA21  | WT             | 33.3                        | 1.3E+06                 | 5.5E-04  | 5.7E-10 |
|        | VK UCA         | 77.3                        | 3.1E+06                 | 2.6E-02  | 1.1E-08 |
|        | VH UCA         | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
|        | UCA            | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
|        | UCA - HCDR3 WT | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
| GCA7   | WT             | 52.4                        | 1.8E+05                 | 3.1E-05  | 2.3E-10 |
|        | VK UCA         | 64.8                        | 4.9E+04                 | 1.7E-05  | 3.5E-10 |
|        | VH UCA         | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
|        | UCA            | 7724                        | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
|        | UCA - HCDR3 WT | 354.2                       | 3.4E+04                 | 2.1E-03  | 6.3E-08 |
| GCB59  | WT             | 428.7                       | 1.0E+06                 | 1.7E-03  | 1.8E-09 |
|        | VL UCA         | 24039                       | 1.3E+06                 | 1.0E-02  | 8.4E-09 |
|        | VH UCA         | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
|        | UCA            | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
|        | UCA - HCDR3 WT | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
| GCB9   | WT             | 322                         | 3.1E+05                 | 7.5E-04  | 2.5E-09 |
|        | VK UCA         | 258.3                       | 4.8E+05                 | 2.8E-03  | 6.2E-09 |
|        | VH UCA         | 956                         | 4.2E+05                 | 3.9E-03  | 1.5E-08 |
|        | UCA            | 6765                        | 1.7E+05                 | 1.2E-02  | 8.2E-08 |
|        | UCA - HCDR3 WT | 3664                        | 5.9E+04                 | 8.5E-03  | 1.5E-07 |
| GCA43  | WT             | 258                         | 2.5E+05                 | 1.5E-04  | 6.2E-10 |
|        | VK UCA         | 286.7                       | 3.0E+05                 | 1.7E-04  | 6.5E-10 |
|        | VH UCA         | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
|        | UCA            | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
|        | UCA - HCDR3 WT | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
| GCB6   | WT             | 31.1                        | 5.2E+05                 | 4.4E-04  | 1.0E-09 |
|        | VK UCA         | 35.1                        | 6.5E+05                 | 1.0E-02  | 1.9E-08 |
|        | VH UCA         | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
|        | UCA            | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
|        | UCA - HCDR3 WT | nc                          | nc                      | nc       | nc      |
| GCE536 | WT             | 54.3                        | 5.8E+05                 | 1.4E-04  | 2.5E-10 |
|        | VK UCA         | 37.5                        | 7.3E+05                 | 9.5E-04  | 1.3E-09 |
|        | VH UCA         | 56.3                        | 4.7E+04                 | 5.4E-05  | 1.1E-09 |
|        | UCA            | 19773                       | 2.4E+03                 | 8.7E-05  | 9.0E-08 |
|        | UCA - HCDR3 WT | 13.7                        | 5.5E+05                 | 6.0E-03  | 1.0E-08 |

Binding of WT, UCA, UCA-HCDR3 WT and shuffled variants VK/VL UCA and VH UCA to GM-CSF as measured by ELISA and SPR. nc = not calculable