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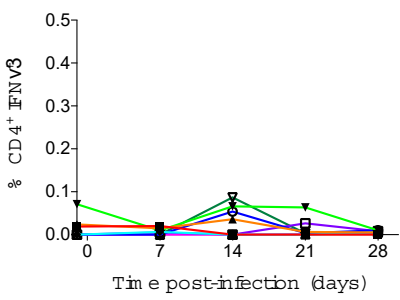
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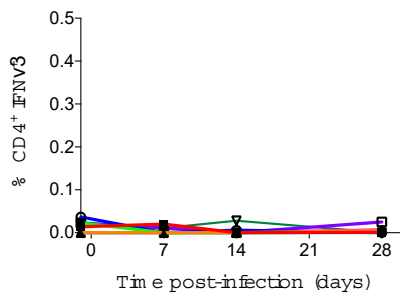
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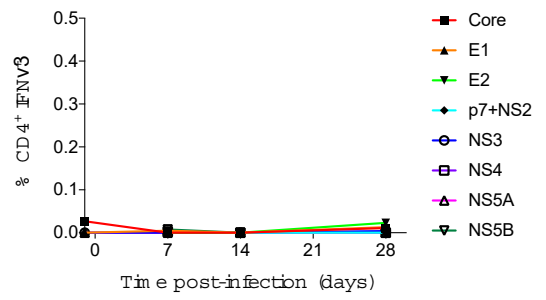
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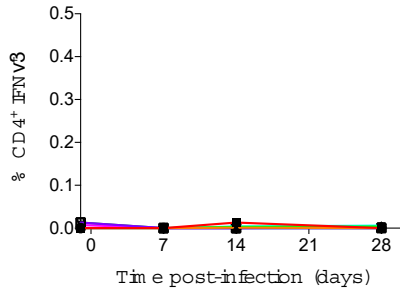
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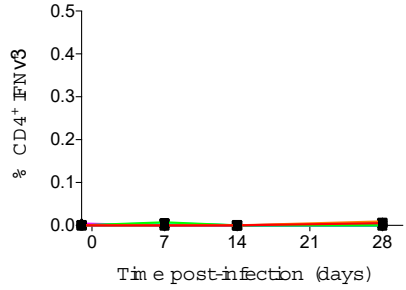
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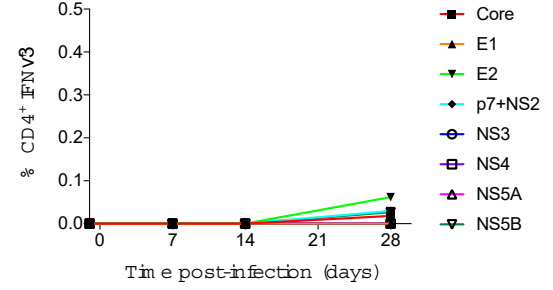
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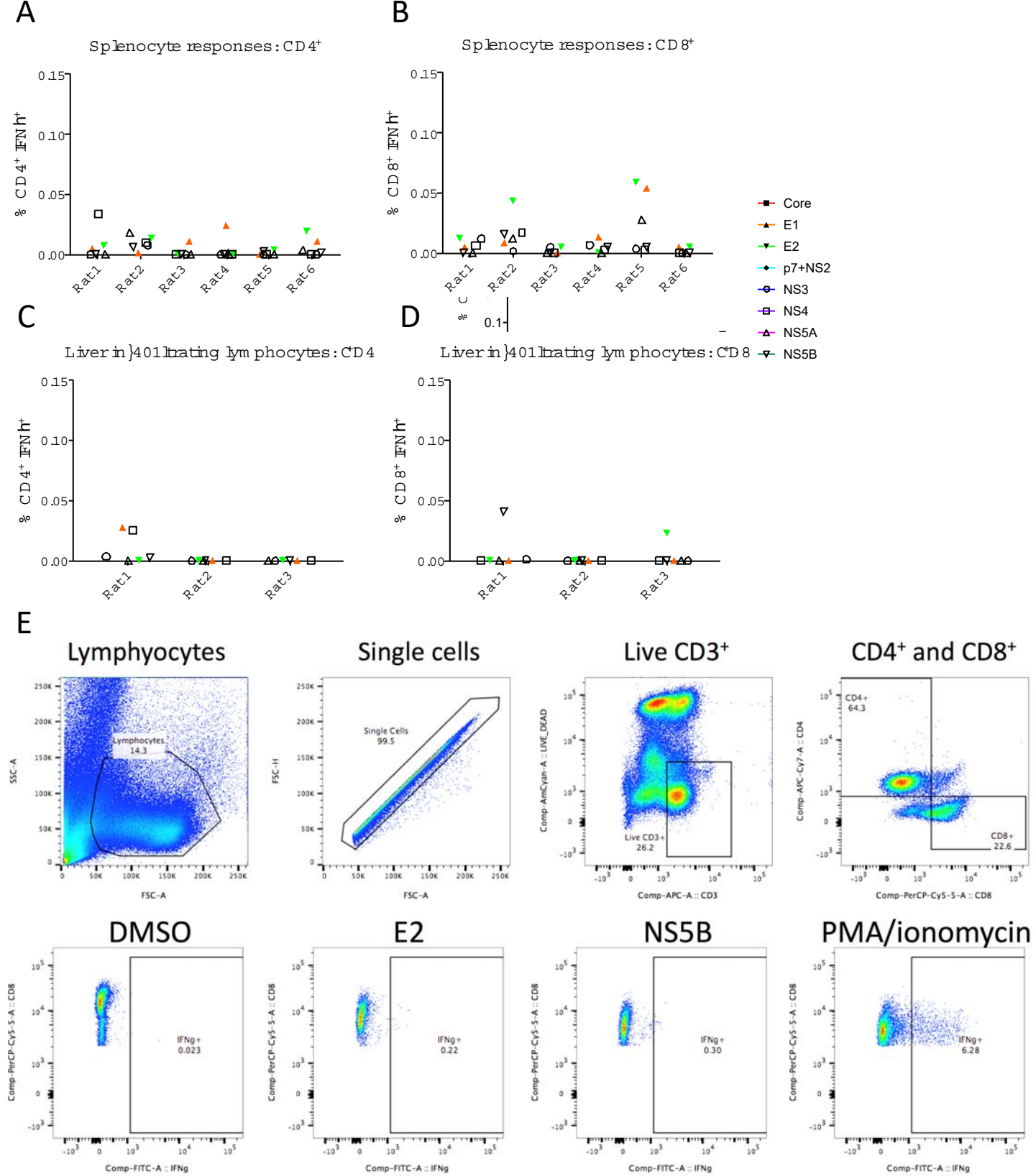
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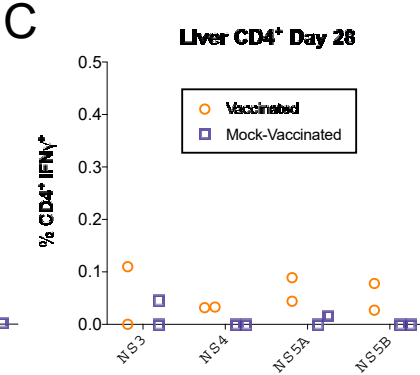
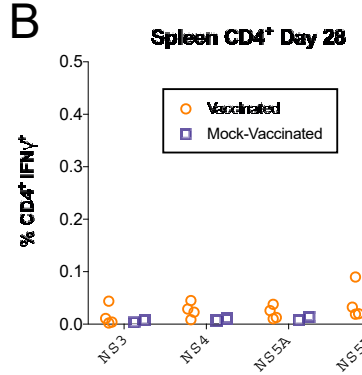
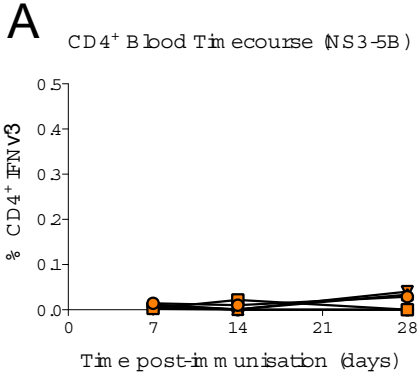


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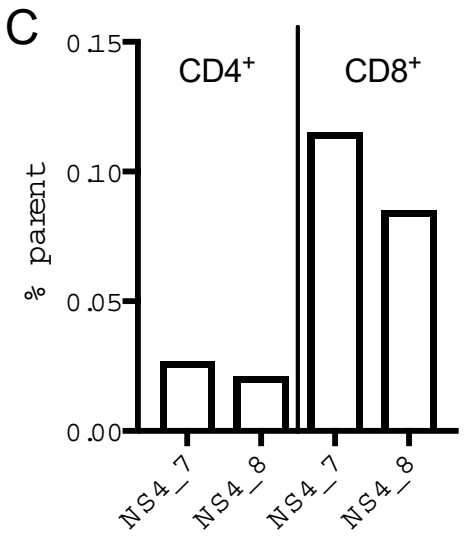
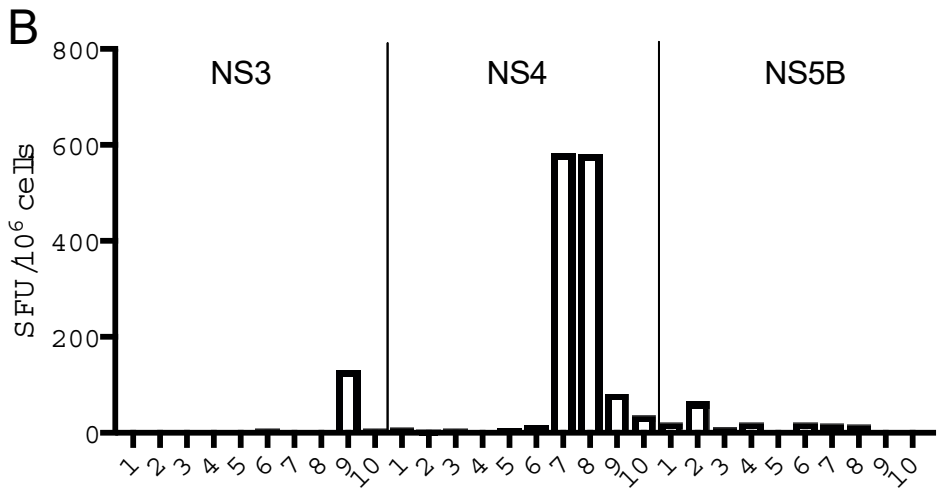
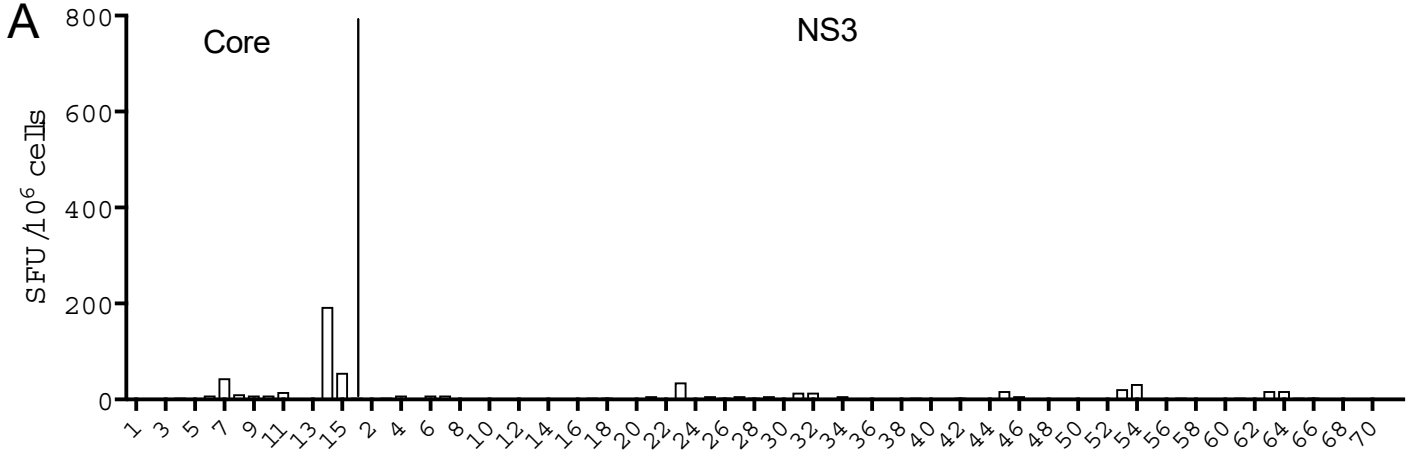


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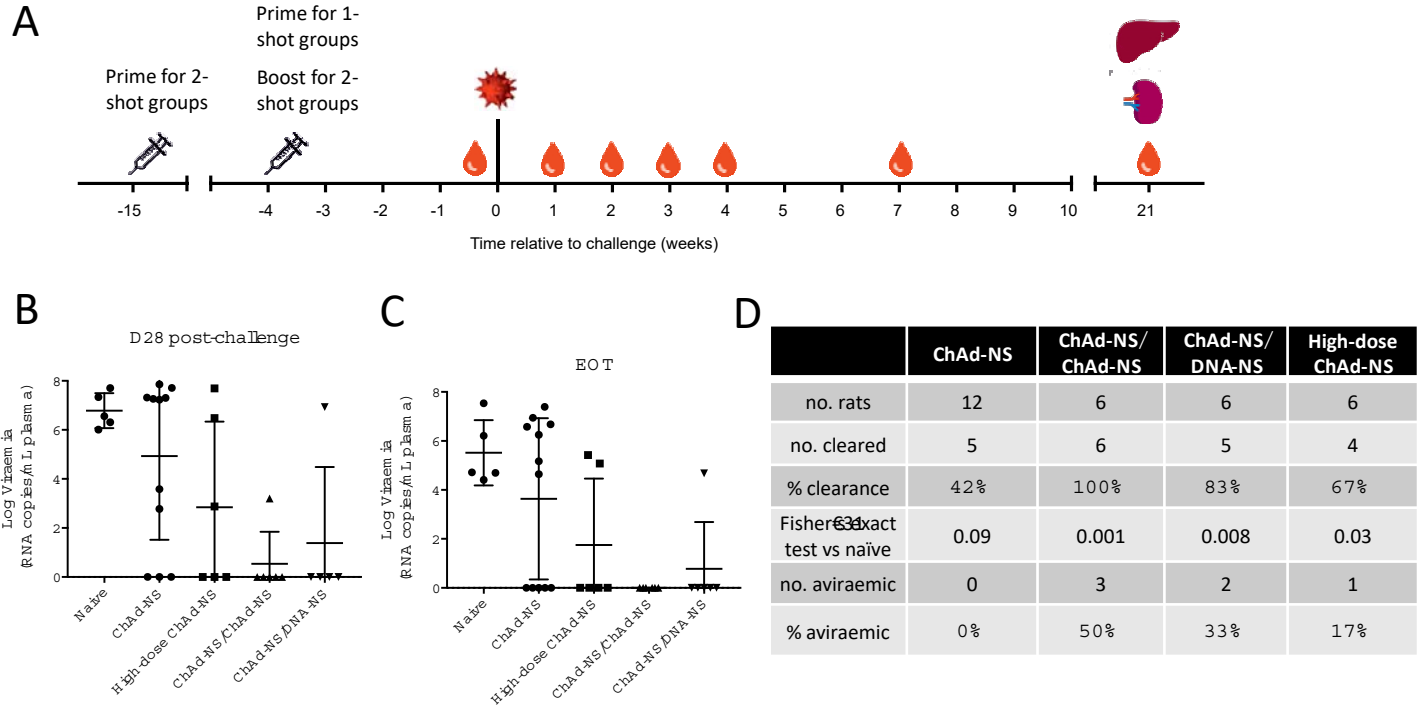
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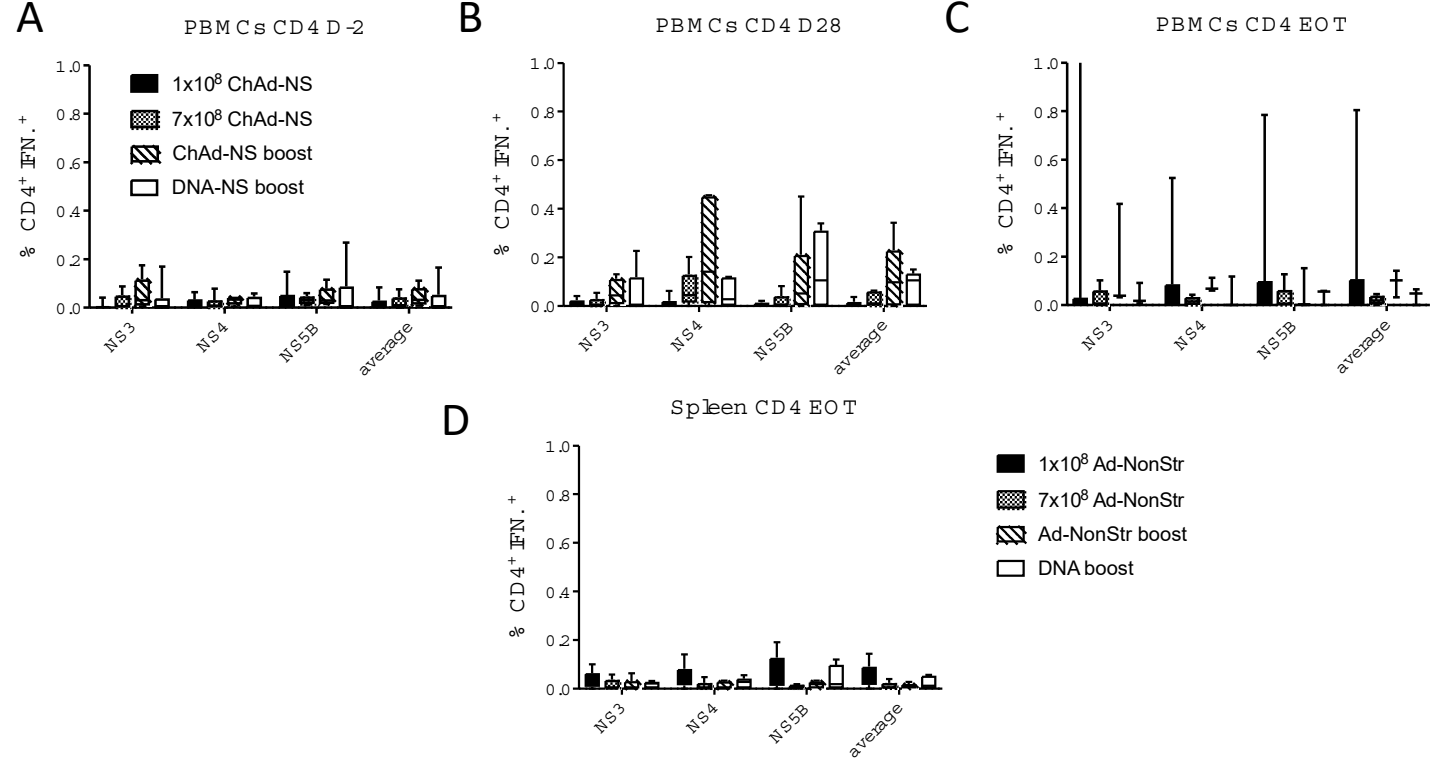


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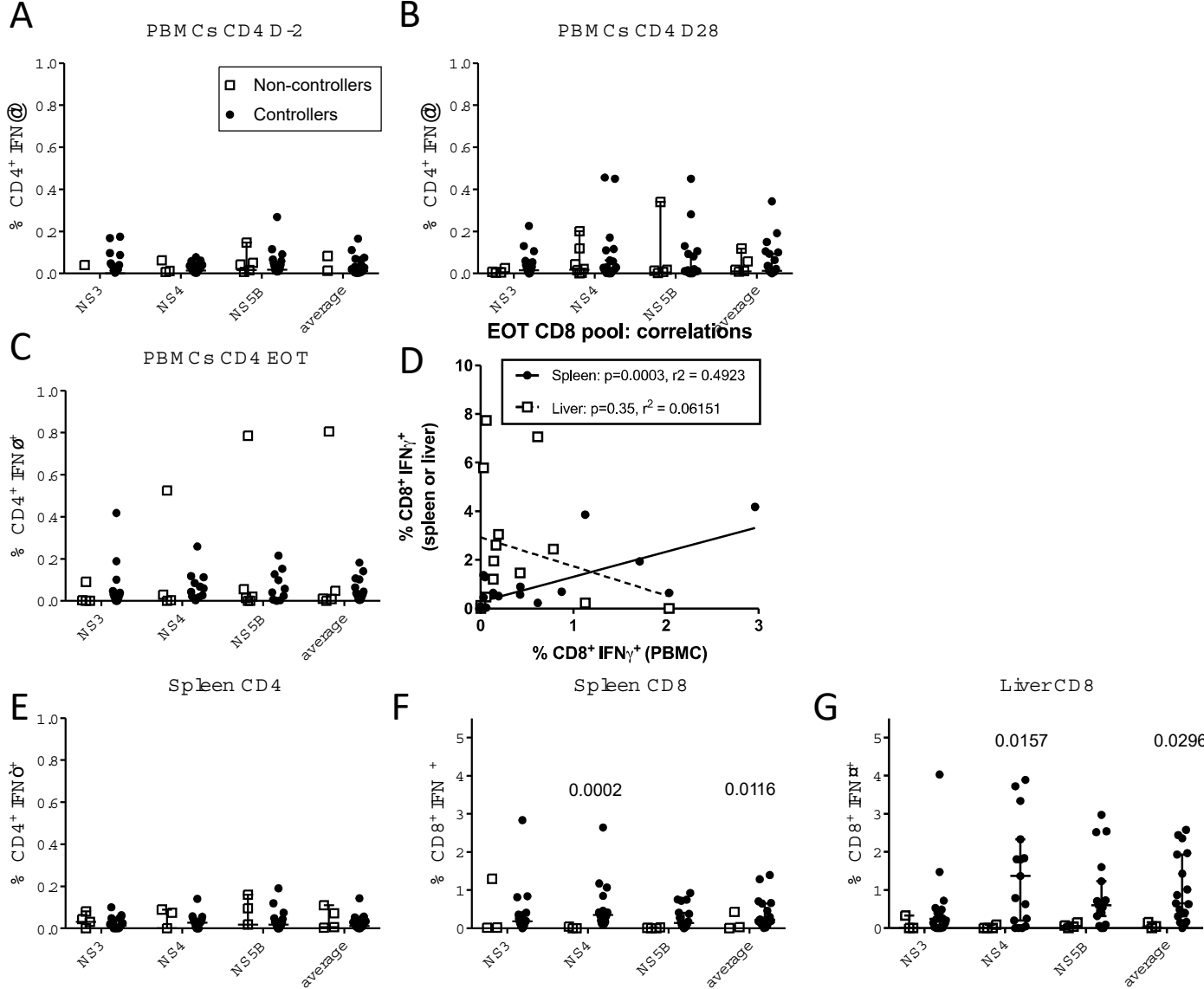


Supplemental Figure 5: Schema and summary of protective efficacy of ChAd-NS vaccination on strategies against challenge with RHV

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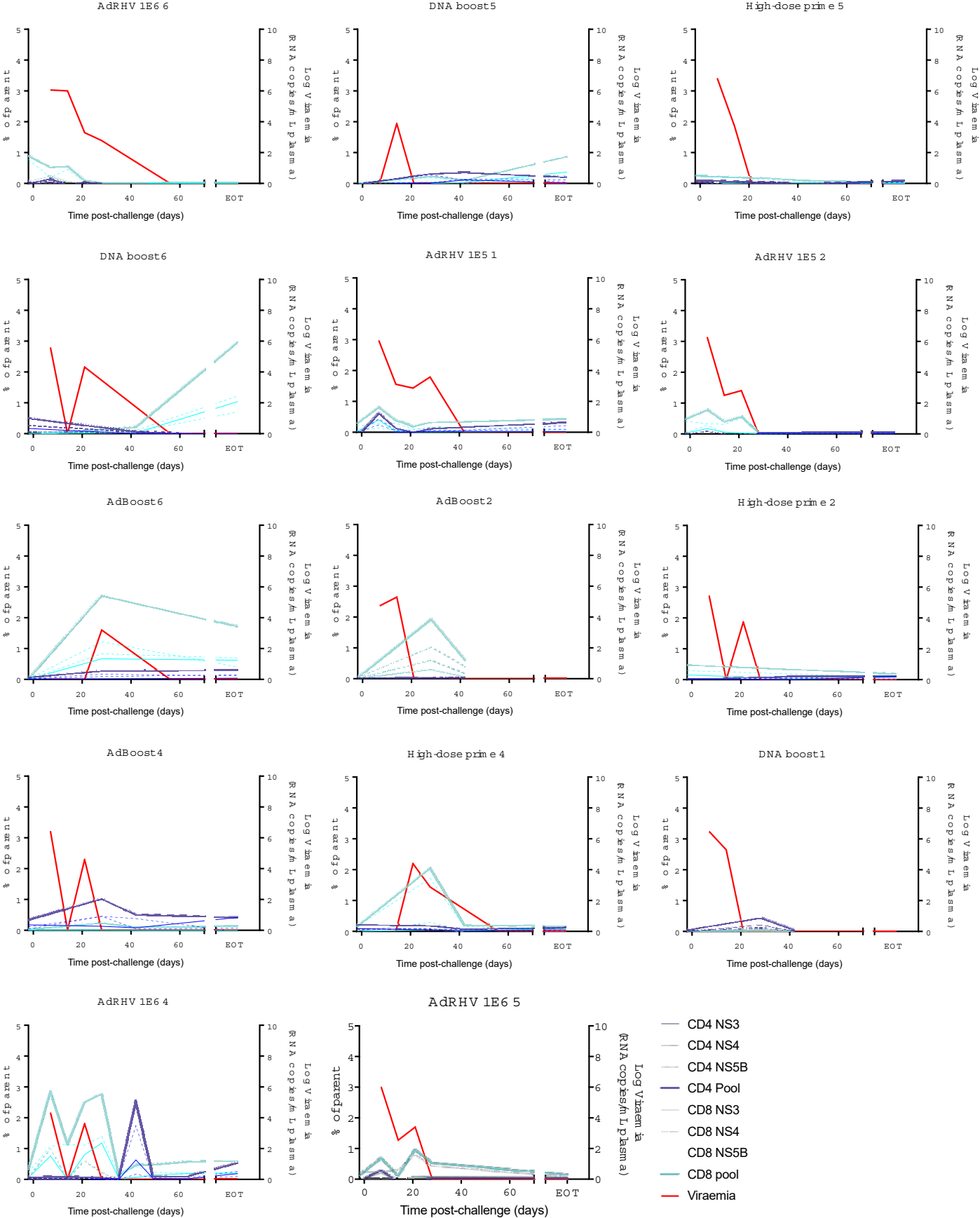


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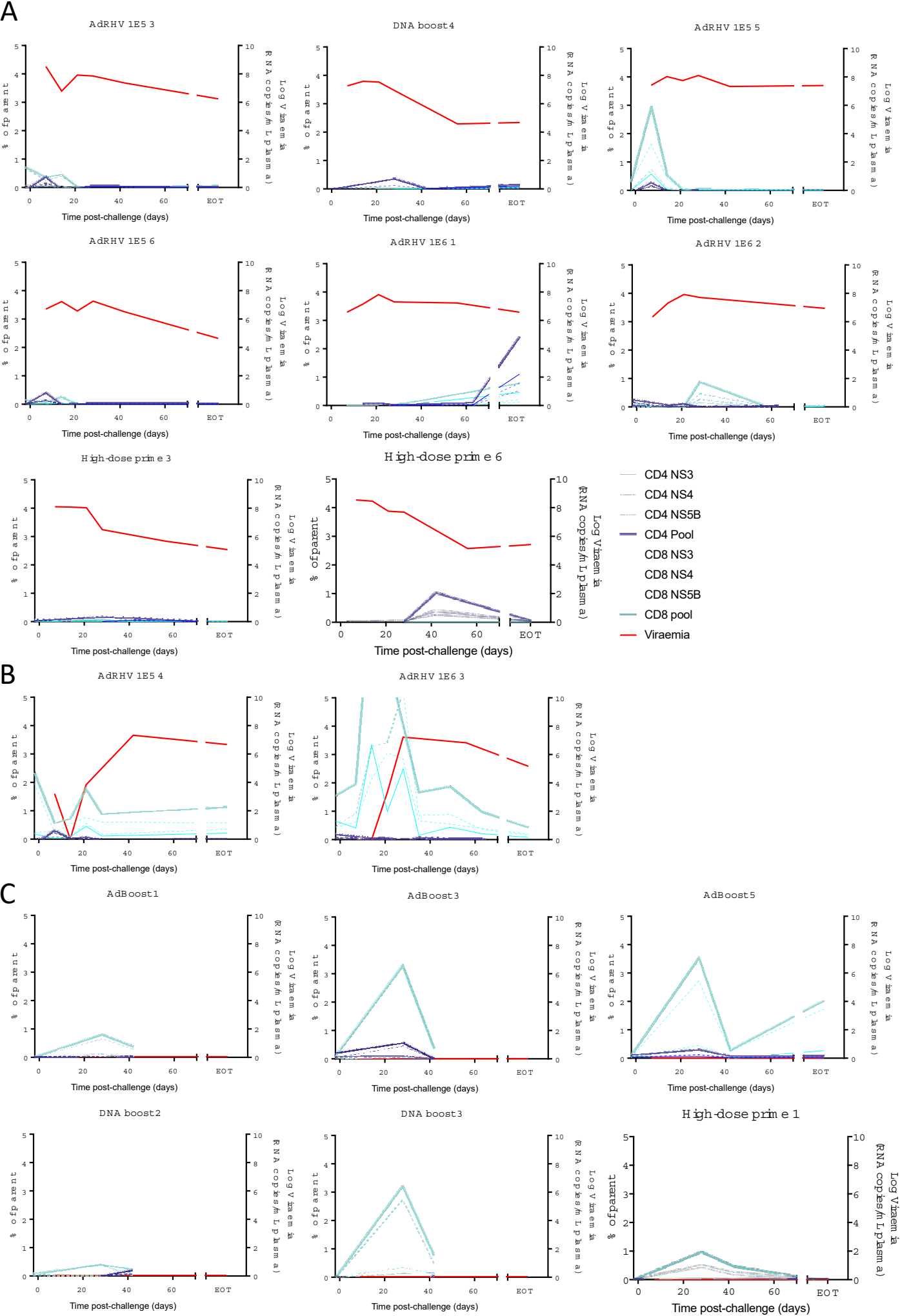
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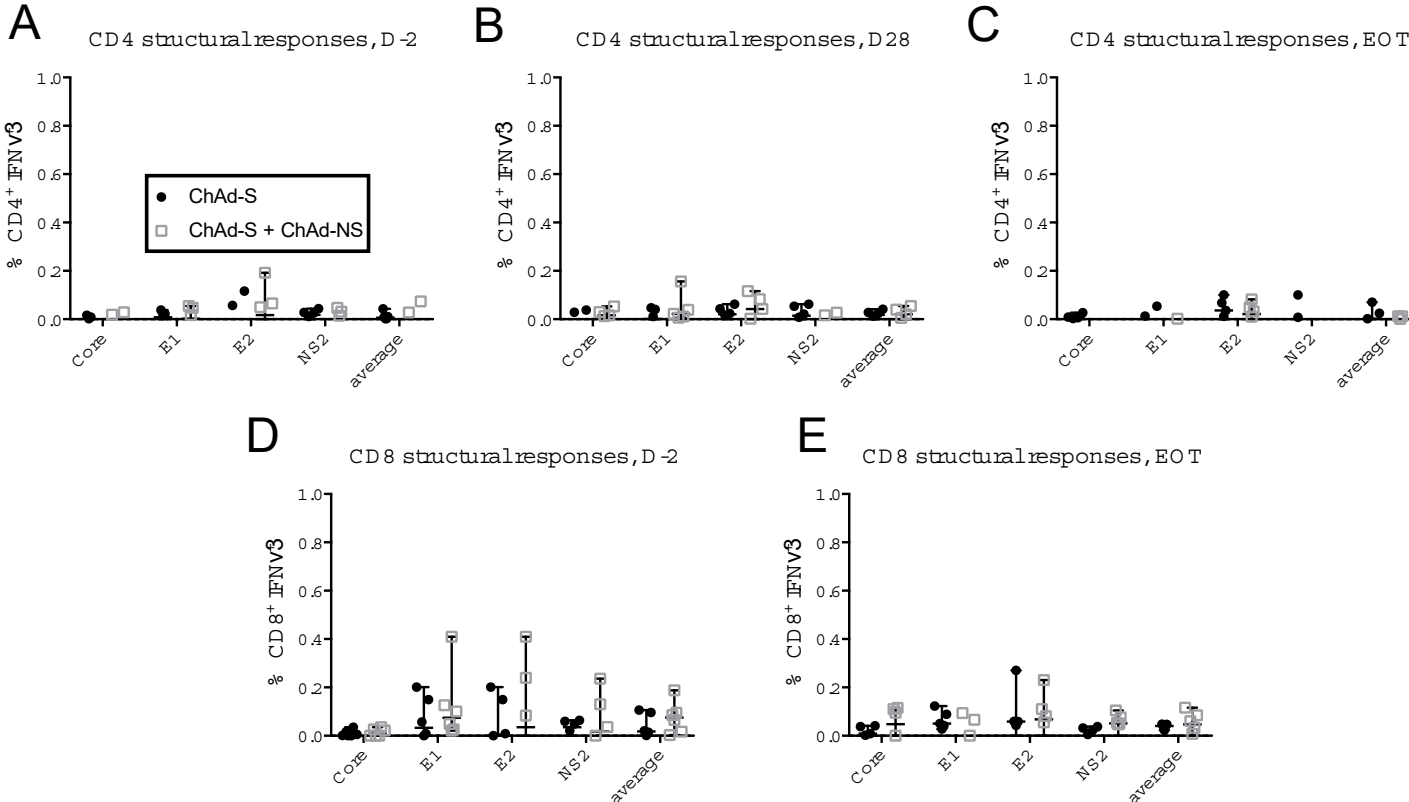
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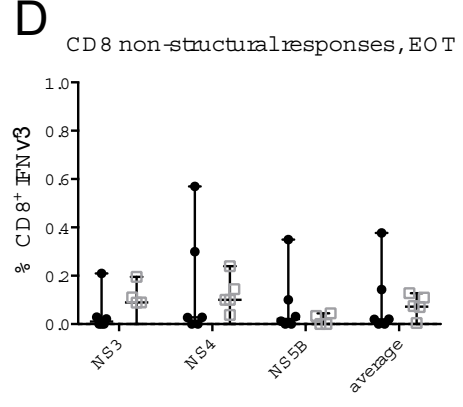
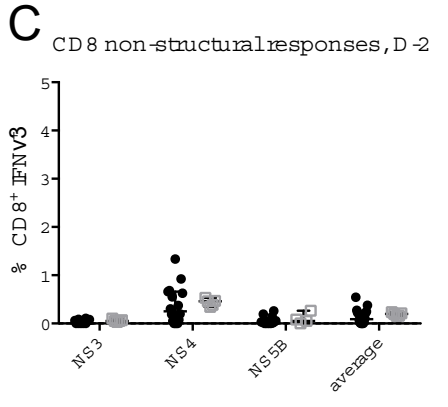
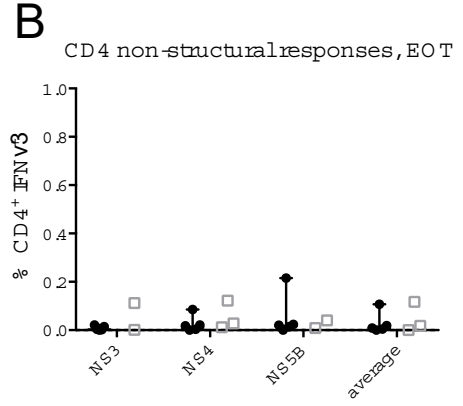
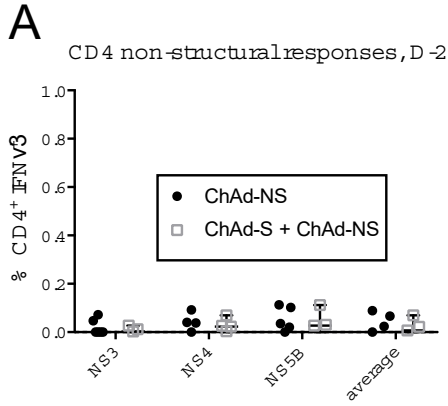
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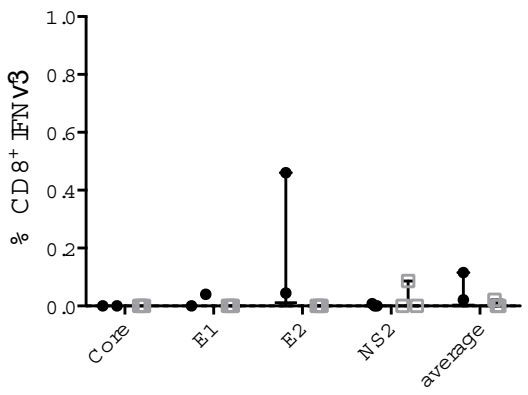


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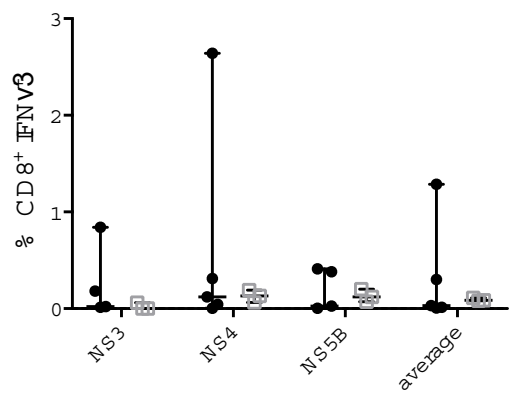


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A CD8 structural responses, spleen EOT



B CD8 non-structural responses, spleen EOT



Supplemental Figure 12: Spleen cellular immune responses against ChAdS alone and in combination with ChAdNS

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Supplemental Tables**Supplemental Table 1: Sequences of immunodominant CD8⁺ peptides from ELISpot screen**

| RHV protein | Peptide no. | Sequence |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Core | 14 | GTLGWTADLLHHVPL |
| NS3 | 9 | TPAEVATHLSFYHNQ |
| NS4B | 7 & 8 | AANLGAMVGHAFITY |

8 **Supplemental Table 2: Mutations in putative T-cell epitopes in two naive and one**
 9 **vaccinated rat demonstrating breakthrough infection**

| Naïve ¹ | Naïve | Vaccinated | WT ² | Mutant | aa position |
|--------------------|-------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| x | | | K <u>K</u> NQTKSVL | K <u>K</u> NQKKSVL | 109 |
| x | | x | S <u>A</u> FGTVAR <u>F</u> | S <u>A</u> FGTVAR <u>L</u> | 291 |
| | | x | S <u>H</u> YITLAA <u>I</u> | S <u>H</u> YITLAA <u>V</u> | 425 |
| x | x | x | A <u>A</u> VAAPV <u>S</u> M | A <u>A</u> VAAPV <u>T</u> K | 454 |
| x | x | x | V <u>A</u> NGVNTSR | V <u>A</u> KGVNTSR | 496 |
| | | x | A <u>S</u> QWARLP <u>G</u> | A <u>L</u> QWARLP <u>G</u> | 630 |
| | | x | R <u>A</u> VIIYIVCL | R <u>A</u> AIYIVCL | 745 |
| x | x | x | P <u>V</u> YARLGK <u>T</u> | P <u>V</u> YARLGK <u>S</u> | 959 |
| | | x | E <u>V</u> ATHLSFY | E <u>A</u> ATHLSFY | 1482* |
| | | x | M <u>V</u> GHAFLTY | M <u>A</u> GHVLLTY | 1780* |
| x | x | x | P <u>A</u> FLWDEVE | P <u>V</u> FLWDEVE | 2249 |
| x | x | x | P <u>V</u> RQPK <u>P</u> KP | P <u>V</u> RQPK <u>S</u> KP | 2351 |
| | | x | N <u>N</u> YKIPVA <u>K</u> | N <u>N</u> YKIPVA <u>R</u> | 2861 |
| | | x | L <u>R</u> YKRAAR | L <u>R</u> HYKRAAR | 2902 |

10 ¹ 'x' marks mutations present in RHV isolated from that rat

11 ² Residues in red denote mutation sites

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Supplemental Table 3: Antibodies used in flow cytometry

| | Marker/Fluorochrome | Dilution | Source |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| | CD3-APC | 1:125 | ebioscience |
| Surface staining | CD8-PerCP eFluor710 | 1:200 | Invitrogen |
| cocktail | Live/Dead, Fixable Aqua dead cell stain | 1:150 | Life Technologies |
| Intracellular staining | CD4-APC Cy7 | 1:25 | BD Pharmingen |
| cocktail | IFN γ -FITC | 1:10 | Biolegend |

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