

Figure S1. Induction of MERS-CoV-RBD specific IgG subtypes in sera of immunized mice: C57BL/6 mice were immunized i.m. with MERS-RBD-Fd with or without alum and rASP-1 alone or together using different combinations and/or formulations (Table 1 and X-axis legend). Sera samples were collected 7 days post- 2^{nd} immunization and assayed with MERS-CoV S1 as the target antigen for RBD-specific (A) IgG, (B) IgG1 and (C) IgG2c antibodies. (D) IgG1/G2c ratio. The data is from two independent experiments with 3 to 5 mice per group (for IgG) and a subset of 5 mice per group from one experiment for IgG1 and IgG2c. The data represent endpoint serum dilutions that remain positively detectable: mean and standard error. "+" indicates the presence and "-" indicates the absence of the protein or adjuvants in the formulation. Statistics was performed using one-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparison. p < 0.05: *, p < 0.01: ***, p < 0.001: ***, p < 0.0001: ****. ND: not

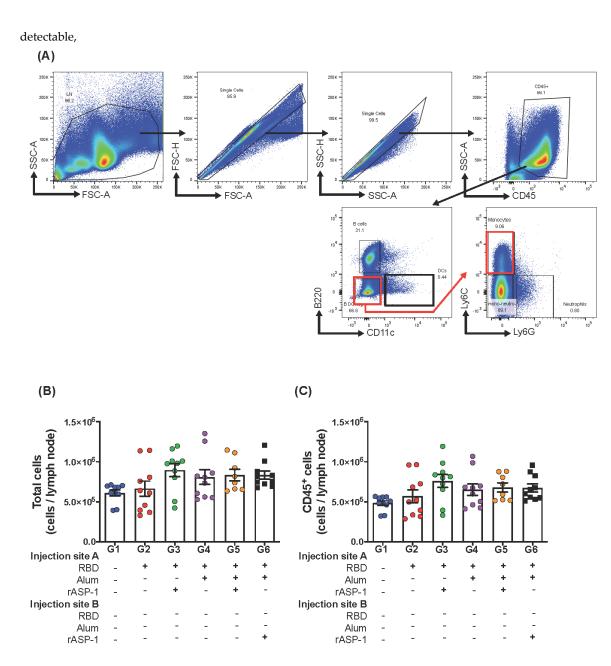


Figure S2: Representative flow cytometry plot determining the gating strategy of the immune cells recruited to the draining lymph nodes (LNs) of immunized mice: C57BL/6 mice were immunized i.m. with MERS-RBD-Fd with or without alum and rASP-1 alone or together using different combinations and/or formulations (Table 1 and X-axis legend). (A) Representative gating strategy of the immune cells recruited to the LNs. The draining lymph nodes were harvested 7 days post-2nd immunization and (B) the total number of cells and (C) CD45⁺ immune cells were analyzed per LN. The experiment was done once, and the data presented are from left and right draining LNs of 5 mice per group: mean and standard error. "+" indicates the presence and "-" indicates the absence of the protein or adjuvants in the formulation. Statistics was performed using one-way ANOVA

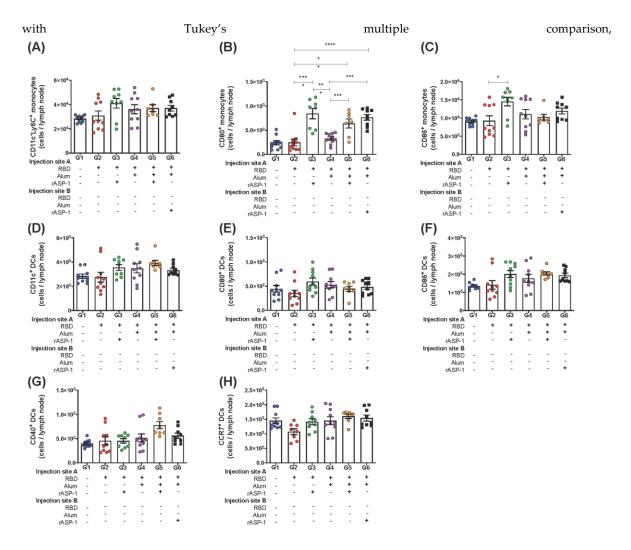


Figure S3: Number of monocyte and DC subsets recruited into the lymph nodes (LNs) of immunized mice: C57BL/6 mice were immunized i.m. with MERS-RBD-Fd with or without alum and rASP-1 alone or together using different combinations and/or formulations (Table 1 and X-axis legend). The draining lymph nodes were harvested 7 days post-2nd immunization and the number of (A) monocytes (CD45+CD11c-Ly6C+), (B) CD80+ monocytes, (C) CD86+ monocytes, (D) DCs (CD45+CD11c+), (E) CD80+ DCs, (F) CD86+ DCs, (G) CD40+ DCs, and (H) CCR7+ migratory DCs were analyzed per LN. The experiment was done once, and the data presented is from left and right draining LNs of 5 mice per group: mean and standard error. "+" indicates the presence and "-" indicates the absence of the protein or adjuvants in the formulation. Statistics was performed using one-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparison

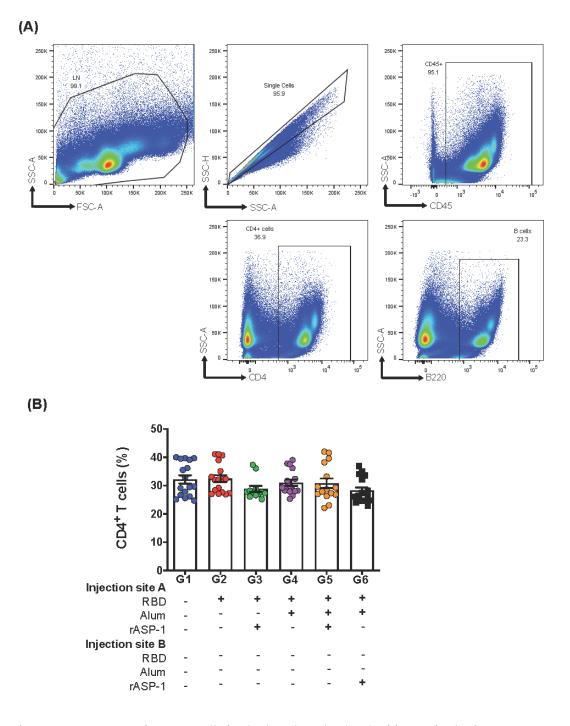


Figure S4. Frequency of CD4⁺ **T cells in the lymph nodes (LNs) of immunized mice:** C57BL/6 mice were immunized i.m. with MERS-RBD-Fd with or without alum and rASP-1 alone or together using different combinations and/or formulations (Table 1 and X-axis legend). The draining LNs were harvested 7 days post-2nd immunization. **(A)** Representative flow cytometry plot determining the gating strategy of CD4⁺T cells and B220⁺ B cells per LN. **(B)** The frequency of CD4⁺T cells per LN were analyzed. "+" indicates the presence and "–" indicates the absence of the protein or adjuvants in the formulation. Statistics was performed using one-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparison.