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Data analysis

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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
- A list of figures that have associated raw data
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All data generated or analyzed during this study are included in this article (and its supplementary files). The detailed study design of the phase I clinical trial was published previously. The full trial protocol can be accessed by submitting an enquiry to Merck & Co. via the website: <http://engagezone.msd.com/doc/ProcedureAccessClinicalTrialData.pdf>.

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## Life sciences study design

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Sample size	It is a sub-study of a previous phase I clinical trial (NCT01986010, registered on November 18th, 2013). The trial was a 2-part, single-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, dose-escalating study, conducted at 9 clinical sites in the United States. In this sub-study, to characterize the vaccine-induced monoclonal antibodies, we selected, at random, six vaccinated participants from: the 30U intramuscular injection group (n = 3, seronegative, without adjuvant, enrolled in Virginia Commonwealth University), the 30U intradermal injection group (n = 3, seronegative, without adjuvant, enrolled in University of Texas Medical Branch), and the two placebo controls of the intradermal injection group (n = 2, without adjuvant, enrolled in University of Texas Medical Branch)
Data exclusions	No data was excluded
Replication	Three replications in each group for the antibody characterization of this study.
Randomization	The subjects were randomly picked from the indicated groups.
Blinding	The investigators were not blinded in the data collection in this study

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### Methods

n/a	Involvement in the study
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ChIP-seq
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow cytometry
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## Antibodies

Antibodies used	All antibodies are generated in house.
Validation	viral neutralization assay and viral antigen binding assay

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Both ARPE-19 and MRC-5 are purchased from ATCC
Authentication	None of the cell lines uses were authenticated
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines are negative for mycoplasma contamination
Commonly misidentified lines (See <a href="#">ICLAC</a> register)	n/a

## Palaeontology and Archaeology

Specimen provenance	<i>Provide provenance information for specimens and describe permits that were obtained for the work (including the name of the issuing authority, the date of issue, and any identifying information).</i>
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## Human research participants

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Population characteristics	The informations were listed in supplementary Table 1. Age range 20s-40s; include both male and female, are HCMV seronegative at the time of enrollment of this study.
Recruitment	The subjects in this study are recruited by two separate clinical sites, and are HCMV seronegative subjects. Healthy subjects eligible for inclusion in this sub-study were over 18 years of age with bodyweight more than 50 kg and body mass index 19 - 32 kg/m <sup>2</sup> .
Ethics oversight	Western Institutional Review Board, Inc.; Institutional Review Board of UTMB

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## Clinical data

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Clinical trial registration	NCT01986010, registered on November 18th, 2013
Study protocol	The full trial protocol can be accessed by submitting an enquiry to Merck & Co. via the website: <a href="http://engagezone.msd.com/doc/ProcedureAccessClinicalTrialData.pdf">http://engagezone.msd.com/doc/ProcedureAccessClinicalTrialData.pdf</a> .
Data collection	We selected, at random, six vaccinated participants from: the 30U intramuscular injection group (n = 3, seronegative, without adjuvant, enrolled in Virginia Commonwealth University), the 30U intradermal injection group (n = 3, seronegative, without adjuvant, enrolled in University of Texas Medical Branch), and the two placebo controls of the intradermal injection group (n = 2, without adjuvant, enrolled in University of Texas Medical Branch). Human memory B cells were isolated from these subjects, the cells culture and screening of HCMV specific antibodies were performed. We characterized the antibodies for the binding the neutralizing to HCMV.
Outcomes	Primary outcome: The serum neutralization titer of the subject after vaccination. Secondary outcome: The binding specificity the neutralizing activity of vaccine induced monoclonal antibodies from the subjects

## Dual use research of concern

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### Hazards

Could the accidental, deliberate or reckless misuse of agents or technologies generated in the work, or the application of information presented in the manuscript, pose a threat to:

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## ChIP-seq

### Data deposition

- Confirm that both raw and final processed data have been deposited in a public database such as [GEO](#).
- Confirm that you have deposited or provided access to graph files (e.g. BED files) for the called peaks.

#### Data access links

May remain private before publication.

For "Initial submission" or "Revised version" documents, provide reviewer access links. For your "Final submission" document, provide a link to the deposited data.

#### Files in database submission

Provide a list of all files available in the database submission.

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### Methodology

#### Replicates

Describe the experimental replicates, specifying number, type and replicate agreement.

#### Sequencing depth

Describe the sequencing depth for each experiment, providing the total number of reads, uniquely mapped reads, length of reads and whether they were paired- or single-end.

#### Antibodies

Describe the antibodies used for the ChIP-seq experiments; as applicable, provide supplier name, catalog number, clone name, and lot number.

#### Peak calling parameters

Specify the command line program and parameters used for read mapping and peak calling, including the ChIP, control and index files used.

#### Data quality

Describe the methods used to ensure data quality in full detail, including how many peaks are at FDR 5% and above 5-fold enrichment.

#### Software

Describe the software used to collect and analyze the ChIP-seq data. For custom code that has been deposited into a community repository, provide accession details.

## Flow Cytometry

### Plots

Confirm that:

- The axis labels state the marker and fluorochrome used (e.g. CD4-FITC).
- The axis scales are clearly visible. Include numbers along axes only for bottom left plot of group (a 'group' is an analysis of identical markers).
- All plots are contour plots with outliers or pseudocolor plots.
- A numerical value for number of cells or percentage (with statistics) is provided.

### Methodology

Sample preparation

*Describe the sample preparation, detailing the biological source of the cells and any tissue processing steps used.*

Instrument

*Identify the instrument used for data collection, specifying make and model number.*

Software

*Describe the software used to collect and analyze the flow cytometry data. For custom code that has been deposited into a community repository, provide accession details.*

Cell population abundance

*Describe the abundance of the relevant cell populations within post-sort fractions, providing details on the purity of the samples and how it was determined.*

Gating strategy

*Describe the gating strategy used for all relevant experiments, specifying the preliminary FSC/SSC gates of the starting cell population, indicating where boundaries between "positive" and "negative" staining cell populations are defined.*

- Tick this box to confirm that a figure exemplifying the gating strategy is provided in the Supplementary Information.

## Magnetic resonance imaging

### Experimental design

Design type

*Indicate task or resting state; event-related or block design.*

Design specifications

*Specify the number of blocks, trials or experimental units per session and/or subject, and specify the length of each trial or block (if trials are blocked) and interval between trials.*

Behavioral performance measures

*State number and/or type of variables recorded (e.g. correct button press, response time) and what statistics were used to establish that the subjects were performing the task as expected (e.g. mean, range, and/or standard deviation across subjects).*

### Acquisition

Imaging type(s)

*Specify: functional, structural, diffusion, perfusion.*

Field strength

*Specify in Tesla*

Sequence & imaging parameters

*Specify the pulse sequence type (gradient echo, spin echo, etc.), imaging type (EPI, spiral, etc.), field of view, matrix size, slice thickness, orientation and TE/TR/flip angle.*

Area of acquisition

*State whether a whole brain scan was used OR define the area of acquisition, describing how the region was determined.*

Diffusion MRI

Used

Not used

### Preprocessing

Preprocessing software

*Provide detail on software version and revision number and on specific parameters (model/functions, brain extraction, segmentation, smoothing kernel size, etc.).*

Normalization

*If data were normalized/standardized, describe the approach(es): specify linear or non-linear and define image types used for transformation OR indicate that data were not normalized and explain rationale for lack of normalization.*

Normalization template

*Describe the template used for normalization/transformation, specifying subject space or group standardized space (e.g. original Talairach, MNI305, ICBM152) OR indicate that the data were not normalized.*

Noise and artifact removal

*Describe your procedure(s) for artifact and structured noise removal, specifying motion parameters, tissue signals and physiological signals (heart rate, respiration).*

Volume censoring

Define your software and/or method and criteria for volume censoring, and state the extent of such censoring.

## Statistical modeling & inference

Model type and settings

Specify type (mass univariate, multivariate, RSA, predictive, etc.) and describe essential details of the model at the first and second levels (e.g. fixed, random or mixed effects; drift or auto-correlation).

Effect(s) tested

Define precise effect in terms of the task or stimulus conditions instead of psychological concepts and indicate whether ANOVA or factorial designs were used.

Specify type of analysis:  Whole brain  ROI-based  BothStatistic type for inference  
(See [Eklund et al. 2016](#))

Specify voxel-wise or cluster-wise and report all relevant parameters for cluster-wise methods.

Correction

Describe the type of correction and how it is obtained for multiple comparisons (e.g. FWE, FDR, permutation or Monte Carlo).

## Models & analysis

n/a | Involved in the study

  Functional and/or effective connectivity  Graph analysis  Multivariate modeling or predictive analysis

Functional and/or effective connectivity

Report the measures of dependence used and the model details (e.g. Pearson correlation, partial correlation, mutual information).

Graph analysis

Report the dependent variable and connectivity measure, specifying weighted graph or binarized graph, subject- or group-level, and the global and/or node summaries used (e.g. clustering coefficient, efficiency, etc.).

Multivariate modeling and predictive analysis

Specify independent variables, features extraction and dimension reduction, model, training and evaluation metrics.