1 **Cryo-EM structures of inhibitory antibodies complexed with Arginase 1 provide** 2 **insight into mechanism of action.**

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25 **SI Figure 1. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry Assay results.** The calculated stoichiometry 26 n=0.637 is consistent with 2:3 ratio of [hArg1]:[mAb].

 SI Figure 2. SECMAL results of hArg1 with mAb1 in two ratios. These results verify that the best fit for the hArg1:mAb1 ratio is 2:3.

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Sample	mAb1	mAb2	mAb4	mAb3	mAb5
Microscope	Krios/EF	Krios/EF	Krios/EF	Krios/EF	Krios/EF
Camera	K ₂				
Pixel size (\hat{A}/pix)	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04	1.04
Dose $(e^{-}/\text{\AA})$	45.46	44.32	44.47	44.47	45.44
#images	1172	778	1166	1046	2048
Defocus range (μm)	-1.0 to -1.8	-1.2 to -2.0	-1.0 to -2.0	-1.0 to -2.0	-1.0 to -2.0
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79 **SI Table 1: summary of cryo-EM data collection**

SI Figure 3. a) Representative micrograph of the hArg:mAb1 dataset. Micrographs from all datasets have a similar aspect. The bar represents 50 nm. **b)** 2D classes, selected after the 2D classification step for every dataset. These are representative of the particles used to generate the different reconstructions. Every class is comprised of 1,500 to 5,000 particles.

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 SI Figure 6. Graphs showing the competitive inhibition profile of mAb1 and mAb2 against human Arg1 and mAb5 against mouse Arg1.

 SI Figure 7. Dose response curves as determined by LCMS (mAb1 and mAb2) and TOGA (ThioOrnithine Generation Assay) (mAb5).

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 SI Table 2. Surface area, hydrogen bonds, and salt bridges between antibodies and hArg1.

antibody	Arg1 monomer	Antibody	Surface area (\AA^2)	# Hydrogen	salt bridges
		chain		bonds	
mAb1-mAb3	MonA	HC	372		
	MonB	LC	366		
	MonB	HC	654		
mAb4	MonA	HC	604		
	MonA	LC	370	2	
	MonB	LC	531		5
	MonB	HC	45		
mAb ₅	MonA	HC	634	8	5
	MonA	LC	274	3	

175 SA calcs done with PISA¹¹

192 **SI Table 3: Epitope interactions of mAb1, mAb2, and mAb3 with hArg1 paratope.** 193

219 **SI Table 4: Interactions between mAb4 epitope with hArg1 paratope.** 220

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243 **SI Table 5: Interactions between mAb5 epitope and hArg1 paratope.** 244

245 All interactions shown here are within 4 $\rm \AA$

SI Table 6. SPR data for mAb3 and mAb4 affinities for monomeric and trimeric hArg1

Supplementary note 1: Comparison of complex sizes and shapes

 When considering the overall shape and size of the complexes (**SI Figure 8a**), it is clear 299 that some of these differences are due to the varying backbone characteristics as described
300 above. However, the epitope of the antibody is responsible for determining how and where the above. However, the epitope of the antibody is responsible for determining how and where the antibody binds to the hArg1 trimer which also plays a role in the antibody orientation and therefore the overall complex shape. In mAbs1-3 the epitope is at the very tip of the antibody (**SI Figure 8b**) with the HC accounting for the majority of the interactions with hArg1, resulting in the Fab binding almost perpendicular to the hArg1 trimer. Considering that cryoEM, ITC, and SEC-MALS data confirm the presence of the 2:3 complexes, the conformation of the mAbs binding to both 306 the top and bottom halves of these complexes results in the antibodies taking on an almost $T-$
307 shape appearance in which the angle of the backbone is ~150° degrees. This results in an shape appearance in which the angle of the backbone is \sim 150 \degree degrees. This results in an elongated complex approximately 230 Å in length. In contrast, mAb4 has mostly LC interactions 309 with the hArg1 trimer and binds in such a way that the Fab is splayed slightly outwards resulting in a shorter (\sim 195 Å long) complex with a visibly smaller angle in the mAb backbone and a more in a shorter (\sim 195 Å long) complex with a visibly smaller angle in the mAb backbone and a more rounded appearance. Lastly, mAb5 is unique among the five antibodies in that no second trimer is seen in electron density maps. The antibody interacts with hArg1 mainly through its HC, and with no specific orientation needed fr the mAbs to also bind a second trimer, the backbone angle and overall length of the complex is difficult to compare. The length of the top half of the complex 315 can be measured at \sim 110-115 Å including the hArg1 trimer, and the complex seems to take on an even rounder appearance as compared to mAbs1-4.

residues in both the top and bottom monomer Bs (green) of hArg1. The length of mAb4 is also measured similarly between top and bottom Arg222 C-alphas and is shorter than mAbs1-3 at 195 Å. The mAb5 complex shows two separate measurements: one from the Arg222 C-alpha of one monomer to the terminal Cys214 residue of the LC (110 Å) and the other from the Arg222 C-alpha of the monomer to the terminal Asp224 residue of the HC (115 Å). **b)** The binding of one Fab and one hArg1 trimer are depicted in cartoon form and illustrate how antibodies bind to the hArg1 trimer and result in the overall shape difference of the large complexes.

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Supplementary note 2: Ability of mAb1 to form a 2:2 complex

 The immunoglobulin backbones differ between antibodies characterized here and seem 329 to play a role in the formation of different structure classes identified microscopically. For instance,
330 while mAbs1-3) all share identical epitope:paratope interactions, only mAb1 exhibited a 2:2 while mAbs1-3) all share identical epitope:paratope interactions, only mAb1 exhibited a 2:2 complex. In 2002¹² a fully intact human IgG including the hinge region confirmed that IgG hinges 332 resemble "loose tethers," allowing the Fabs to rotate freely while still retaining a covalent link
333 between the Fab and Fc domains. This flexible linkage, along with the specific antibody: antigen between the Fab and Fc domains. This flexible linkage, along with the specific antibody: antigen interactions, leads to the variance in Fab positioning and reach between the complexes.

 In our study, the extended length of mAbs1-3 are approximately the same resulting in antibodies which share similar torsional rotations from the top trimer to the bottom. While mAb1 is built on a mouse IgG2a backbone, mAb2 is built on a mouse IgG1 backbone, which have been 338 shown to be less flexible than the mouse $IqG2a$ backbone hinge regions¹³. This enhanced flexibility in the IgG2a hinge region may be responsible for allowing the 2:2 complex to form with mAb1 but not mAb2. A possible scenario is that the 2:2 complex is formed first, followed by an opening up of first two mAb1s to permit a third mAb1 to bind to one hArg1 trimer and then eventually to the second hArg1 trimer. With a shorter and more rigid IgG1 backbone for mAb2, this extreme movement of the hinge is restricted and therefore only 2:3 complexes are seen. While it's difficult to compare the murine backbones of mAb1 and mAb2 directly to the human IgG4 backbone of mAb3, anisotropy decay studies showed that the mean time for decay of murine IgG2a was shorter than that of human IgG4, hinting at a more flexible murine IgG2a.¹³ Therefore, although not directly assessed in this study, it suggests that the human IgG4 hinge region is more rigid than murine IgG2a, allowing only the 2:3 complexes to form. Further evidence supporting the hypothesis that the rigidity of the backbones prohibits the formation of the 2:2 complex is found in the lack of these complexes in all mAbs on the human IgG4 and mouse IgG1 backbones in this study.

Supplementary note 3: Antibody binding affinities to trimeric hArg1 and monomeric hArg1

 Four of our five antibodies have interactions spanning across the hArg1 monomeric interfaces when hArg1 is present in the natural, trimeric form. SPR assays revealed the reduction or loss of binding potencies of the mAbs when hArg1 was forced into a monomeric state. The affinity matured mAb3 has numerous interactions with two monomers and we therefore hypothesized that mAb3 would have drastically reduced binding potency when hArg1 is monomerized. Indeed, while the binding of mAb3 to trimeric hArg1 was quite potent, measurable binding between mAb3 and monomeric hArg1 was completely lost (**SI Table 6**). When considering the surface area between 362 hArg1 and mAb3, one monomer shares 372 \AA^2 and 1 salt bridge with mAb3; the other monomer 363 shares 1020 Å² of surface area but no salt bridges (SI Table 2). The nearly 75% reduction in shared surface area or interactions resulted in loss of all measurable mAb interaction.

 MAb4 also binds across two monomers so a similar loss in potency was expected. However, the affinity of mAb4 for hArg1 differed only by ~36 fold when hArg1 was monomerized. Upon monomerization, mAb4 may have the ability to maintain binding to two separate hArg1 368 monomers. Within one hArg1 monomer, mAb4 shares 974 A^2 of surface area and two salt bridges. 369 With the other monomer, mAb4 shares only 576 A^2 but has five salt bridges with hArg1. Despite having about 1.5-fold less surface area overlap in one of these mAb4:hArg1 pairs, the addition of several salt bridges may be enough to maintain binding. Therefore, although clearly losing potency upon monomerization, this ability to bind to two separate monomers of hArg1 may explain the conserved potency not seen with mAb3, though we do not have structural data to support this.

 SI Figure 9: Distance (Å) over 100 ns of molecular dynamics simulations between hArg1's Arg21 (guanidino C atom CZ) and mAb5's Asp30 (carboxylate C atom CG).

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