Fig. S6. The immunogenicity and protective efficacy of I-P-R-F in rhesus macagues. Male and female rhesus macagues (n=8) were equally divided into four groups with a sex ratio of 1:1 and were immunized i.m. with a high dose (50 µg) or a low dose (10 µg) of I-P-R-F with or without alum as an adjuvant and boost with the same dose at a 14-day interval. The sera were collected every week and analysed for I-P-R-F immunogenicity and vaccine-induced neutralizing antibodies. (a) RBD-specific IgG titers in the high-dose group were determined by ELISA at indicated time points. (b) The dynamic IgG titers in sera from the low-dose vaccinated group were determined. (c-d) The kinetics of neutralization antibody titers in serum from I-P-R-F immunized animals were determined by SARS-CoV-2 pseudovirus and authentic virus neutralization assays. (e) Neutralization of SARA-CoV-2 pseudovirus by the anti-sera from I-P-R-F immunized rhesus macagues before the virus challenge. (f) Viral load in anal swabs of rhesus macaques challenged with live SARS-CoV-2. (g) Viral load in the lungs. For each group of vaccinated macagues, 84 specimens from fourteen lung lobes were collected on day 7 post infection and subjected to determine the viral loads in the lungs. High dose/A: immunization with high dose with adjuvant, High dose/A-: immunization with high dose without adjuvant, Low dose/A: immunization with low does with adjuvant, Low dose/A: immunization with low does without adjuvant. The dashed line indicates the limit of detection. Data are shown as mean ± SEM. P-values in (d) were analyzed with the unpaired t-test. P-values were calculated by one-way ANOVA with multiple comparisons tests in (e). ns (not significant), *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P< 0.001, ****P < 0.0001.

