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Supplemental information

Synergistic effect of non-neutralizing antibodies

and interferon- γ for cross-protection against influenza

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Figure S1. Hemagglutination inhibition (HI) titers, Related to Figure 1. Mice were immunized with SV alone, SV plus alum, SV plus CpG–ODN, or SV plus CpG/alum subcutaneously. Mice administered PBS subcutaneously were considered control mice. Levels of HI titer in the plasma samples of immunized mice were determined. The dashed line shows the detection threshold for a positive response. In the right graph, the plasma samples obtained from PR8-immunized mice were used as a positive control (PC). *n* = 5 per group. Data are means ± SD. N.D.: not detected. ####*P* <0.0001 vs. SV alone group; ***P* <0.01 as indicated by Tukey's test.



Figure S2. Gating strategy for identifying IFN- γ -producing cells, Related to Figure 1. Splenocytes obtained from SV plus CpG/alumimmunized mice were incubated in the presence of SV with protein transport inhibitor cocktail for 24 h in vitro and the intracellular levels of IFN- γ in live cells were evaluated by flow cytometry. Representative flow cytometry plots from data presented in Figure 1E are shown.



Figure S3. Serum transfer, Related to Figure 3. A mixture of 6×10^2 TCID₅₀ PR8 and 2-fold diluted serum obtained from PBS-treated control mice, SV plus alum-, SV plus CpG–ODN-, or SV plus CpG/alum-immunized mice was administered to naïve mice intranasally. We monitored (A) percentages of initial body weights and (B) survival for the next 15 days. (A, B) *n* = 5 per group. (A) Data are means ± SD. (B) ***P* <0.01 between SV plus CpG–ODN group vs. SV plus CpG/alum group as indicated by comparing Kaplan-Meier curves using the log-rank test.



Figure S4. Isolation of mlgG2, Related to Figure 3. Total mlgG and mlgG2 were purified from the serum of SV plus CpG/alum-immunized mice. Levels of SV-specific mlgG1, mlgG2b, and mlgG2c in 5 ng of purified mlgG were evaluated by ELISA. n = 5 per group. Data are means \pm SD.



Figure S5. IFN- γ -producing cells in the lung, Related to Figure 4. After treatment with PBS or immunization with SV plus CpG/alum, mice were challenged with 1.2 \times 10³ TCID₅₀ PR8. Four days after the challenge, the mice were treated with Brefeldin A intraperitoneally followed by harvesting of the lung. Single cell suspensions samples were prepared and intracellular IFN- γ was analyzed in live CD45⁺ cells by flow cytometry. Representative flow cytometry plots are shown.



Figure S6. Requirement of IFN- γ **for cross-protection, Related to Figure 4.** A mixture of $1.2 \times 10 \text{ TCID}_{50}$ PR8 and 2-fold diluted serum obtained from SV plus alum-immunized mice was administered to naïve mice intranasally. These mice were treated with recombinant IFN- γ , and we monitored **(A)** percentages of initial body weights and **(B)** survival for the next 15 days. **(A, B)** *n* = 5 per group. **(A)** Data are means \pm SD. **(B)** ***P* <0.01 as indicated by comparing Kaplan-Meier curves using the logrank test.



Figure S7. Expression change in Fc γ Rs on alveolar macrophages after virus infection, Related to Figure 5. On day 5 after naïve mice were challenged with 1.2 × 10³ TCID₅₀ PR8 or treated with PBS intranasally, the expression of Fc γ RI, Fc γ RIIb, Fc γ RIII, and Fc γ RIV on alveolar macrophages was determined by flow cytometry.

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Figure S8. Fc γ RIIb expression on alveolar macrophages, Related to Figure 5. After immunization with SV plus CpG/alum, anti-IFN- γ antibody or isotype antibody was injected before PR8 challenge. Five days after PR8 challenge, the expression of Fc γ Rs on alveolar macrophages were determined by flow cytometry. (A) Gating strategy for alveolar macrophages is shown. We defined alveolar macrophages in BALF as 7-AAD⁻ CD45⁺ CD11c⁺ Siglec-F⁺ cells. (B) Representative histogram of Fc γ RIIb staining on alveolar macrophages from data presented in Figure 5C is shown.

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Figure S9. Expression change in Fc γ RIIb on alveolar macrophages after IFN- γ treatment, Related to Figure 5. Naïve mice were challenged with 1.2×10^3 TCID₅₀ PR8 and recombinant IFN- γ was administered intranasally on 4 day after the virus challenge. On day 5 after the challenge, the expression of Fc γ RIIb on alveolar macrophages was determined by flow cytometry. (A) Representative histogram of Fc γ RIIb staining on alveolar macrophages from data presented in Figure S9B and (B) Fc γ RIIb expression mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) is shown. (B) n = 5 per group. Data are means \pm SD. ***P <0.001 as indicated by Student's *t*-test.