Supplementary Information

Directed evolution of and structural insights into antibody-mediated disruption of a stable receptor-ligand complex

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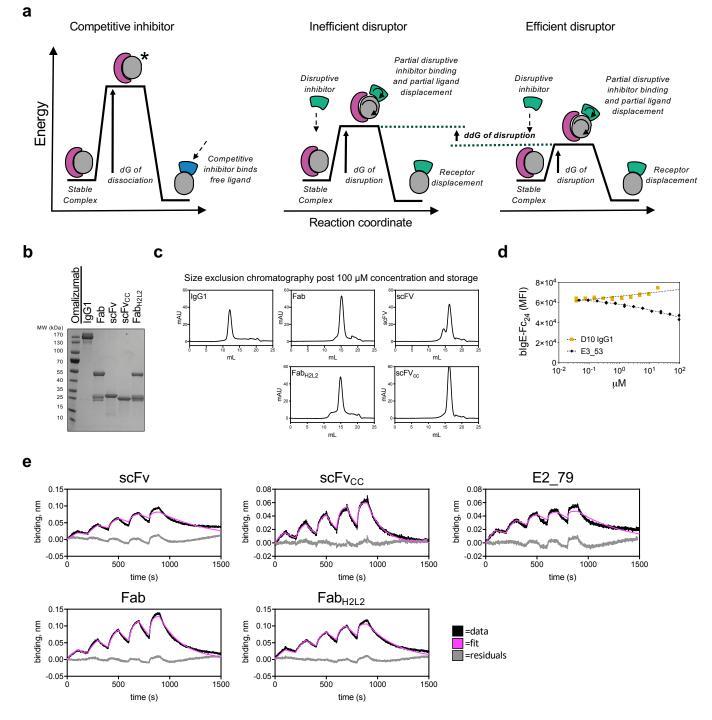
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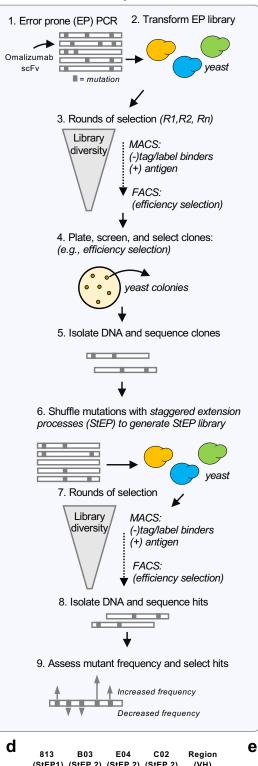
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Supplementary Figure 1. Schematic of inhibition vs. disruption and the analysis of soluble recombinant omalizumab variants. a (left) Schematic free energy diagram of a competitive inhibitor, which requires the dissociation of a stable ligand receptor complex prior to binding. (right) Energy diagram of facilitated dissociation by an inefficient disruptor and an efficient disruptor. Here dG of disruption represents the free energy barrier imposed on a disruptive inhibitor by the steric overlap with the receptor and ddG reflects the difference in this energy barrier between two disruptors of different efficiencies. b Non-reducing SDS-PAGE gel of size exclusion chromatography (SEC) purified species, note partial dissociation of Fab species lacking hinge disulfide into VH/VL despite monomer peak by SEC. c Size exclusion chromatography (Superdex S200 10/300 GL) from all variants after concentration to 100 μ M for disruption assays. d Disruption curves showing loss of bIgE-Fc₂₋₄ bound to FccRIα-Ova coated polystyrene beads after 30-minute treatment with indicated controls. Curve fits (dotted line) from replicate assays. e Biotinylated full length recombinant IgE was immobilized on streptavidin (SA) tips and single cycle kinetic analysis (SCK) binding experiments were conducted on the Octet Red 96, exported, and fit in BiaEvaluation 3.0. Each SCK experiment contained five 100 s association cycles, four 100 s dissociation cycles, and a final 600 s dissociation cycle and each experiment was conducted with two-fold serial dilutions from 50 nM to 1.56 nM, binding data was reference subtracted to parallel blank tips exposed to same serial analyte dilutions. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

Generic library workflow

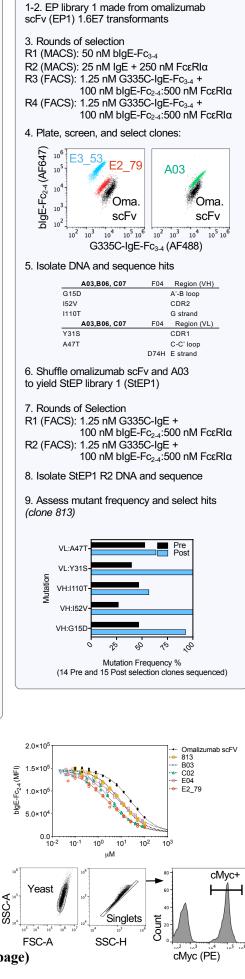


4	813 _(StEP1)	B03 (StEP 2)	E04 (StEP 2)	C02 (StEP 2)	Region (VH)
		E6A			A strand
	G15D	G15D	G15D	G15D	A'-B loop
				S28N*	CDR1
				A41T	C-C' loop
	152V	I52V	152V	152V	CDR2
				D74G	D-E loop
				R98K	CDR3
				S100N	CDR3
		H101N	H101N	H101N	CDR3
					Region
	813	B03	E04	C02	(VL)
				Q27K	CDR1
	Y31S	Y31S	Y31S	Y31S	CDR1
				K46R	C-C' loop

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b

EP1 and StEP1 libraries



EP2 and StEP2 libraries

1-2. EP library 2 made from clone 813 (EP2) 4.0E8 transformants

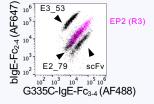
3. Rounds of selection

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- R1 (MACS): 25 nM blgE-Fc2-4 + 600 nM FcERIa
- R2 (MACS): 5 nM blgE-Fc₂₋₄ + 600 nM FccRI α R3 (FACS): 1.25 nM G335C-IgE-Fc₃₋₄+

100 nM blgE-Fc2-4:500 nM FcERIa -No further improvement made in additional rounds (e.g., R4,R5) return to R3

4. Homogenous library, clones similar.

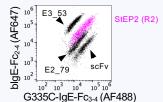


5. Isolate R3 library DNA, 20 R3 clones sequenced showing little convergence

6. Shuffle 20 R3 clones to yield StEP library 2 (StEP2)

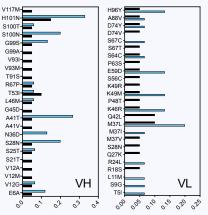
7. Rounds of Selection

R1 (MACS): 1 nM blgE-Fc₂₋₄ + 10 nM FccRIa R2 (MACS): 1 nM blgE-Fc2-4 + 10 nM FcεRlα -No further improvement made in additional FACS rounds (e.g., R3,R4) return to R2

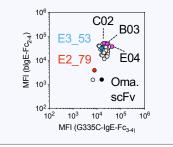


8. Isolate StEP2 R2 DNA and sequence hits

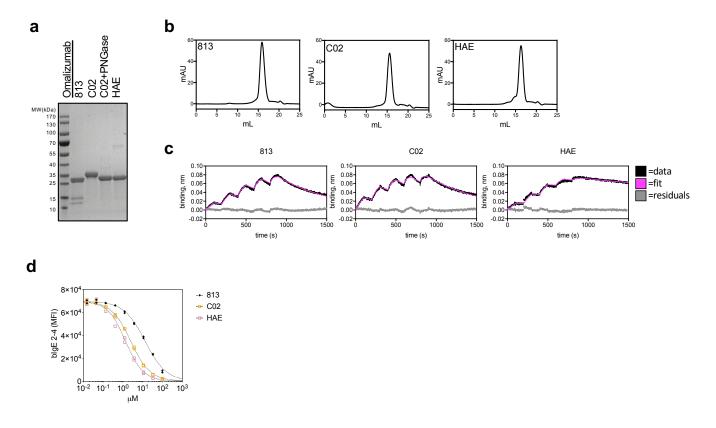
9. Assess mutant frequency relative to EP2 R3



10. Plate and screen StEP2 R2, correlate with sequences, select hits (B03, E04, C02)

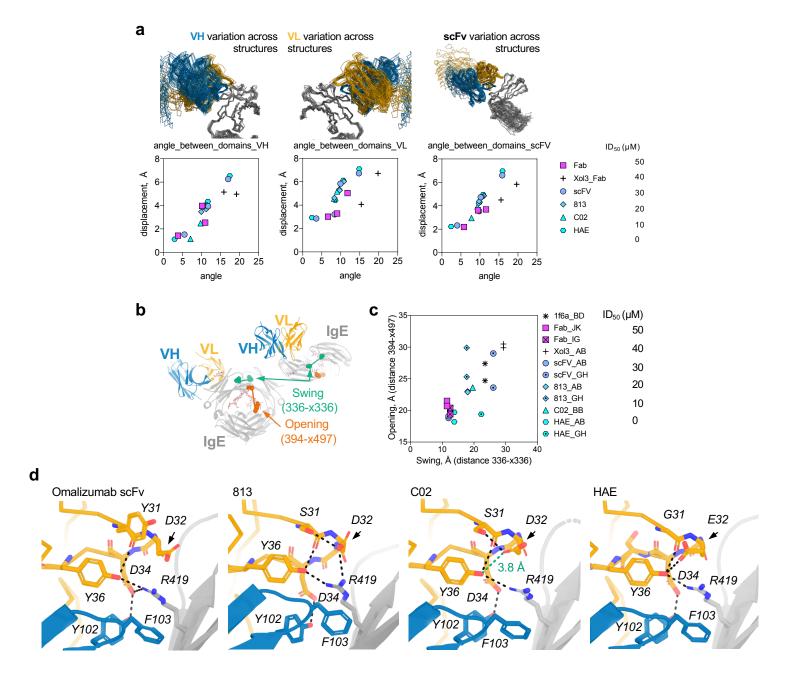


Supplementary Figure 2. Directed evolution of omalizumab variants. a Schematic of library construction, selection, and sequencing with steps 1-9 numbered. **b** Overview of error-prone-1 (EP1) and staggered-extension-process-1 (StEP1) library construction, selection, and sequencing. (**b4**) Clones from R4 of EP1 library and controls stained with the disruption efficiency stain [G335C-IgE-Fc₃₋₄ (1.25 nM) and bIgE-Fc₂₋₄:FccRIα-Ova (100 nM: 500 nM)](left). One of the R4 hits (clone A03) is depicted compared to omalizumab scFv(right). (**b5**) VH and VL mutations of selected clones from (**b4**) relative to omalizumab scFv. (**b9**) Pre and post selection StEP1library mutation frequencies. **c** Overview of error-prone-2 (EP2) and staggered-extension-process-2 (StEP2) library construction, selection, and sequencing. (**c4**) R3 of EP2 and controls stained with disruption efficiency stain [G335C-IgE-Fc₃₋₄ (1.25 nM) and bIgE-Fc₂₋₄:FccRIα-Ova (100 nM: 500 nM)]. (**c7**) R2 of StEP2 library stained as in (C4). (**c9**) Relative mutation frequencies from EP2 (R2) and StEP2 (R2) clones. (**c10**) MFI (for clarity) of clones from R2 of the StEP2 library plotted versus controls, with selected hits highlighted (magenta). **d** VH and VL mutations of clones selected in (B and C) **e** Disruption curves showing loss of bIgE-Fc2-4 bound to FccRIα-Ova coated polystyrene beads after 30-minute treatment with anti-IgE. Curve fits (dotted line). **f** Gating scheme for yeast flow cytometry plots.

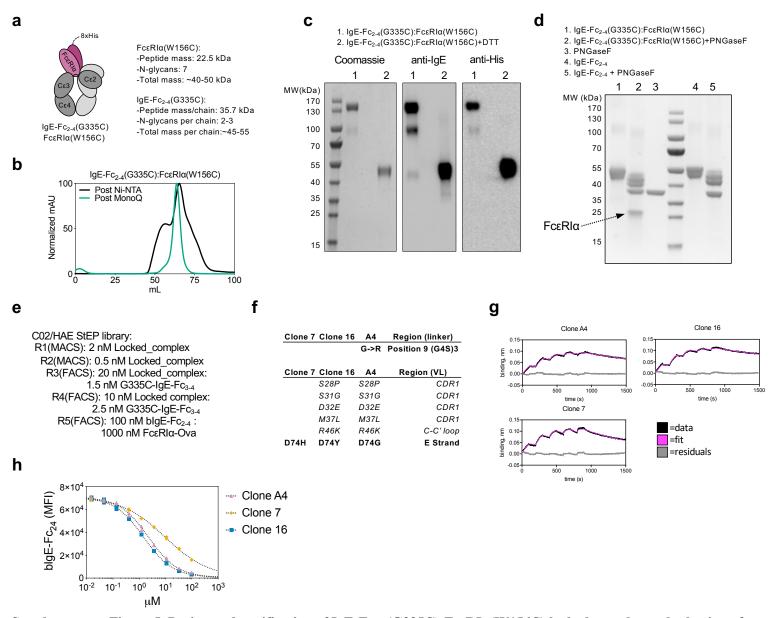


Supplementary Figure 3. Expression and validation of omalizumab library hits and HAE.

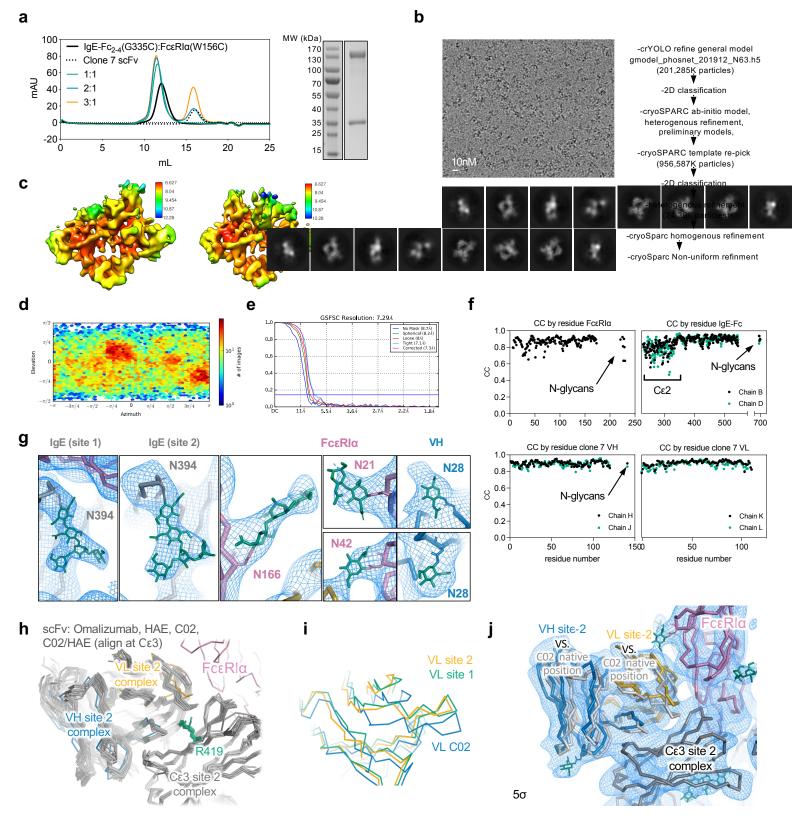
a Non-reducing SDS-PAGE gel of scFv variants. **b** Size exclusion chromatography (Superdex S200 10/300 GL or HiLoad 16/600 when noted) for all variants after concentration to 100 μ M for disruption assays. **c** Biotinylated full length recombinant IgE was immobilized on SA-tips and single cycle kinetic analysis (SCK) binding experiments were conducted on the Octet Red 96, exported, and fit in BiaEvaluation 3.0. Each SCK experiment contained five 100s association cycles, four 100s dissociation cycles, and a final 600s dissociation cycle. Experiments were conducted with two-fold serial dilutions from 50 nM to 1.56 nM, and binding data was reference subtracted to parallel blank tips exposed to same serial analyte dilutions. **d** Disruption curves showing loss of bIgE-Fc₂₋₄ bound to FccRI α -Ova coated polystyrene beads after 30-minute treatment with omalizumab variants. Curve fits (dotted line) from replicate assays. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



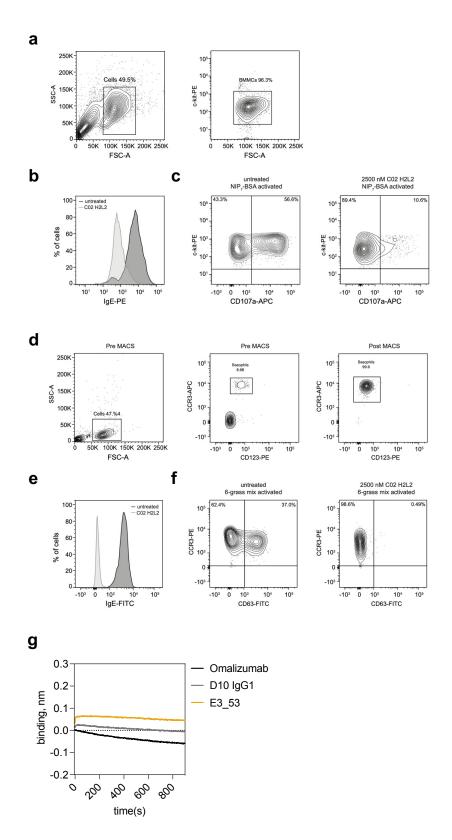
Supplementary Figure 4. Conformational rearrangements in high affinity disruptive omalizumab variant structures. a Ribbon diagram of all omalizumab:IgE pairs aligned at Cɛ3 highlighting relative positions of VH, VL, or scFvs across structures, with the relative displacement of domains measured as compared to omalizumab:Fab complex (5HYS) chains H (VH), L (VL), or H+L (ScFv) using *angle_between_domains* from Pymol ScrIpt Collection. The resulting angles and displacements were plotted and color-mapped by the mean ID_{50} of each variant in bead-based disruption assays. **b** Schematic of measured "swing," and "opening," distances on scFv:IgE-Fc₃₋₄ structures. **c** The swing and opening distances of the IgE-Fc in antibody and receptor cocomplexes was plotted and color mapped by the disruptive potency of each antibody when possible, with chain pairs indicated. **d** Details of hydrogen bonding network around the R419 binding pocket across omalizumab scFv and scFv variants. A shared Y31D/G mutation enables repositioning of residue D/E 32 in all variants and facilitates the formation of intrachain polar bonds to adjacent residues within neighboring CDR1 loop. Black dashes represent predicted polar bonds, and green dashes represent a potential polar bond falling beyond the 3.5 Å cutoff. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 5. Design and purification of IgE-Fc₂₋₄(G335C):Fc ϵ RIa(W156C) locked complex and selection of high affinity anti-locked complex variants. a Cartoon schematic of locked-complex with 8xHis tagged-Fc ϵ RIa(W156C) and un-tagged IgE-Fc₂₋₄ (G335C). Calculated peptide mass, number of known N-linked glycans, and total masses of human proteins. b SEC traces of products post Ni-NTA purification (black) and post MonoQ anion exchange (green). c Non-reducing and reducing SDS-PAGE (left), anti-IgE western blot (middle), and anti-His western blot (right) of locked complex. d Denaturing PNGaseF de-glycosylation of reduced locked complex or IgE-Fc₂₋₄. e Schematic of selection rounds conducted on C02/HAE StEP library. f Mutations in clones selected from the C02/HAE StEP library relative to C02 sequence. Mutations from shuffled HAE light chain are shown in italics, sporadic mutations are shown in bold. g Biotinylated IgE was immobilized on SA-tips and single cycle kinetic analysis (SCK) binding experiments were conducted on the Octet Red 96, exported, and fit in BiaEvaluation 3.0. Each SCK experiment contained five 100s association cycles, four 100s dissociation cycles, and a final 600s dissociation cycle. Experiments were conducted with two-fold serial dilutions from 50 nM to 1.56 nM, binding data was reference to blank tips exposed to analyte dilutions. h Disruption curves showing loss of bIgE-Fc₂₋₄ bound to Fc ϵ RI α -Ova coated polystyrene beads after 30-minute treatment with indicated variants. Curve fits (dotted line) from two replicate assays. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 6. Disruption-intermediate structural determination and analysis. a Clone 7 incubated with lockedcomplex in 0:1, 1:0, 1:1, 2:1, and 3:1 molar ratios and subject to SEC on Superdex S200 10/300 GL column. SDS-PAGE electrophoresis of ~10-12 mL peak from 2:1 complexes. **b** Representative micrograph 592 micrograph dataset, 2D averages from finally selected particles, and overview of data processing. **c** Local resolution estimates. **d** Angular distribution of particle projections from cryoSPARC. **e** Gold-standard FSC (cryoSPARC) with blue line at 0.143 FSC cut-off. **f** CC by residue for all chains in complex. **g** N-linked glycans (green) on IgE (grey), FccRIa (magenta), and VH (blue) with glycosylation site labeled. Map contoured at 5 σ . **h** All copies of the scFv:IgE interface in this publication were aligned to the site-1 proximal Cc3 domain of the disruption-intermediate model to assess the relative degree of VH and VL displacement from free-IgE structures. **i** The relative positions of the VL domain from both scFvs in the disruption-intermediate structure is displaced as compared the C02:IgE-Fc₃₋₄ complex. **j** Cryo-EM density map contoured at 5 σ and displacement of the clone 7 binding pose (blue: VH, yellow:VL) from the orientation observed in C02:IgE-Fc₃₋₄ complex (grey).



Supplementary Figure 7. Gating strategies for BMMC and basophil assays and controls for BLI disruption studies: a Flow cytometry analysis and gating strategy of BMMC. **b** Example flow plot of surface IgE removal from untreated and treated BMMC cultures. **c** Example flow plot of BMMC activation analysis (%CD107a+) in treated and untreated BMMC challenged with antigen. The same activation gating strategy was applied to anaphylactogenicity assays in which BMMC were treated with antibodies alone without antigen challenge (e.g., Fig. 7b). **d** Flow cytometry gating strategy and analysis of magnetically activated cell sorting (MACS) enrichment of primary human basophils. **e** Example flow plot of surface IgE removal from untreated and treated basophil cultures. **f** Example flow plot of basophil activation analysis (%CD63+) in treated and untreated basophils challenged with antigen. The same activation gating strategy was applied to anaphylactogenicity assays in which basophils were treated with antibodies alone without antigen challenge (e.g., Fig. 7c). **g** BLI studies of control non-competitive DARPin (E3_53), an off-target IgG1 antibody (D10 IgG1), and omalizumab binding to and/or disrupting immobilized IgE:FccRIα complexes.

	KD (M)	ka(M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	kd(s ⁻¹)	Rmax (nm)	Chi ² (nm ²)
Omalizumab Fab	4.96E-09	9.13E+05	4.53E-03	0.142	2.26E-05
Omalizumab scFv	2.02E-09	9.44E+05	1.91E-03	0.0852	3.36E-05
Omalizumab scFvcc	5.75E-09	1.21E+06	6.95E-03	0.0665	5.35E-06
Omalizumab FabH2L2	2.88E-09	1.14E+06	3.27E-03	0.112	2.01E-05
E2_79	1.18E-09	1.79E+06	2.12E-03	0.0482	1.41E-05

Supplementary Table 1: Tabulated kinetic data for IgE binding studies, Figure S1e

Supplementary Table 2: Tabulated curve fitting data for bead-based IgE disruption studies, Figure 1f,i and S1d

	ID50 (µM)	95% CI	\mathbf{R}^2	ID50/KD	95% CI
Omalizumab IgG	56.87	38.35-84.35	0.9227	*	*
Omalizumab Fab	47.15	34-63.53	0.9909	9506	6855-12808
Omalizumab scFv	21.02	15.92-25.91	0.9774	10406	7881-12827
E2_79	2.134	1.606-2.587	0.9774	1808	1361-2192
E3_53	1745	1085-2924	0.9763	*	*
D10 IgG (control)	interrupted			*	*
Omalizumab scFvcc	39.26	29.67-49.54	0.9855	6828	5160-8616
Omalizumab FabH2L2	24.68	18.71-30.55	0.9922	8569	6496-10608

*Affinities not measured in this manuscript.

Supplementary Table 3: Tabulated kinetic data for IgE binding studies, Figure S3c

	KD (M)	$k_a(M^{-1}s^{-1})$	ka(s ⁻¹)	Rmax (nm)	Chi ² (nm ²)
813	1.86E-09	7.97E+05	1.48E-03	0.079	3.47E-06
C02	9.50E-10	1.55E+06	1.48E-03	0.0774	4.44E-06
HAE	1.66E-10	1.52E+06	2.53E-04	0.0731	5.16E-06

Supplementary Table 4: Tabulated curve fitting data for bead-based IgE disruption studies, Figure S3d

	ID50 (µM)	95% CI	\mathbf{R}^2	ID50/KD	95% CI
813	13.24	10.16-16.03	0.9912	7118	5462-8618
C02	2.483	1.925-2.959	0.9978	2614	2026-3115
HAE	1.361	1.068-1.609	0.9873	8199	6433-9693

Supplementary Table 5: Data collection and refinement statistics crystallography (molecular replacement)

	omalizumab scFv:IgE-Fc ₃₋₄ (7SHY)	clone 813 scFv:IgE-Fc ₃₋₄ (7SI0)	clone C02 scFv:IgE-Fc ₃₋₄ (7SHU)	clone HAE scFv:IgE-Fc ₃₋₄ (7SHZ)
Data collection				
Space group	C 1 2 1	P 21 21 21	C 2 2 2 1	I 1 2 1
Cell dimensions				
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	157.5 179.09 91.52	98.958 132.005 177.434	90.07 176.12 142.76	93.34 187.34 148.834
α, β, γ (°)	90 111.664 90	90 90 90	90 90 90	90 103.131 90
Resolution (Å)				
	39.93 - 3.0 (3.107 - 3.0)	39.59 - 3.0 (3.107 - 3.0)	49.19 - 2.75 (2.848 - 2.75)	47.35 - 3.0 (3.107 - 3.0)
R _{sym}	0.2864 (2.275)	0.145 (1.128)	0.09913 (1.423)	0.07024 (0.7036)
$CC_{1/2}$	0.989 (0.117)	0.996 (0.671)	0.999 (0.676)	0.998 (0.844)
I/sI	4.95 (0.14)	11.40 (1.61)	19.21 (1.83)	13.62 (1.94)
Completeness (%)	97.76 (98.20)	99.56 (99.87)	99.85 (99.73)	98.00 (99.00)
Redundancy	6.6 (6.8)	6.8 (7.1)	8.3 (8.4)	3.4 (3.6)
Refinement				
Resolution (Å)				
No. reflections	39.93 - 3.0 (3.107 - 3.0) 46044 (4594)	39.59 - 3.0 (3.107 - 3.0) 47037 (4623)	49.18 - 2.75 (2.848 - 2.75) 29853 (2925)	47.35 - 3.0 (3.07 - 3.0) 48862 (4858)
R _{work} / R _{free} %				
	16.95 (36.40)/ 22.79 (45.85)	21.73 (33.84)/26.56 (37.77)	22.73 (32.13)/28.10 (33.99)	18.61 (39.48)/23.55 (40.73)
No. atoms				
Protein	13786	13773	6427	13741
Ligand/ion	343	258	115	320
Water	6	12	13	27
B-factors				
Protein	98.23	64.76	98.54	111.48
Ligand/ion	139.12	82.74	125.1	157.66
Water	67.97	37.06	67.4	82.43
R.m.s. deviations				
Bond lengths (Å)	0.011	0.006	0.003	0.007
Bond angles (°)	1.44	0.73	0.57	0.94

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Data collected from a single crystal at 100°K.

*Values in parentheses are for highest-resolution shell

Supplementary Table 6: Tabulated kinetic data for locked-complex binding studies, Figure 5g *Limit hit fitting kd1, unable to calculate KD1

_		K _{D1} (M)	$k_{a1}(M^{-1}s^{-1})$	k _{d1} (s ⁻¹)	k _{D2} (M)	$k_{a2}(M^{-1}s^{-1})$	k _{d2} (s ⁻¹)
	C02	5.69E-08	9.58E+03	5.45E	E-04 1.13E-07	1.08E+0	5 1.22E-02
	HAE	2.86E-09	9.63E+03	2.76E	E-05 2.58E-08	1.10E+0	5 2.83E-03
	Clone A4	*	6.23E+03	0.	00* 7.56E-08	2.95E+0	4 2.24E-03
	Clone 7	*	1.34E+04	0.	00* 2.26E-08	1.25E+0	5 2.82E-03
_	Clone 16	6.35E-10	9.26E+03	5.88E	E-06 1.51E-08	1.38E+0	5 2.09E-03

Supplementary Table 7: Tabulated curve fitting data for bead-based IgE disruption studies, Figure S5i

	ID ₅₀ (µM)	95% CI	R ²	ID50/KD	95% CI
Clone A4	2.544	1.935-3.053	0.996	6748	5133-8098
Clone 7	11.33	8.031-14.52	0.9968	19501	13823-24991
Clone 16	1.657	1.26-1.989	0.9976	5380	4091-6458

Supplementary Table 8: Tabulated kinetic data for IgE binding studies, Figure S5h

	KD (M)	$k_a(M^{-1}s^{-1})$	k _d (s ⁻¹)	Rmax (nm)	Chi ² (nm ²)
Clone A4	3.77E-10	1.50E+06	5.65E-04	0.0941	5.14E-06
Clone 7	5.81E-10	1.79E+06	1.04E-03	0.11	6.59E-06
Clone 16	3.08E-10	1.45E+06	4.48E-04	0.11	8.84E-06

Supplementary Table 9: Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics

Data collection and processing	Clone 7 ₂ :FccRIa:IgE-Fc2-4 (7SHT)
Magnification	29.00
Voltage (kV)	30
Electron exposure $(e - / Å^2)$	4
Defocus range (µm)	-1.22.
Pixel size (Å)	0.852
Symmetry imposed	0.032 C
Final particle images (no.)	24,39
Map resolution (Å)	7.2
FSC threshold= 1.43	
Map resolution range (Å)	12.28-6.62
Refinement	
	1f6a (IgE C ε 3, C ε 4 and Fc ε RI α), 4j4
Initial model used (PDB code)	(Cɛ2), C02:IgE complex, this study, (clor
	7 scFV
Model resolution (Å)	8.
FSC threshold=0.5	0.
Model composition	
Non-hydrogen atoms	1007
Protein residues	125
Ligands	2
<i>B</i> factors (Å ²)	
Protein	255.0
Ligand	375.0
R.m.s. deviations	
Bond lengths (Å)	0.00
Bond angles (°)	1.25
Validation	
MolProbity score	2.3
Clashscore	19.1
Poor rotamers (%)	0.6
Ramachandran plot	
Favored (%)	90.4
Allowed (%)	9.2
Disallowed (%)	0.2

Structure	Rotation relative to IgE-Fc Cc2 dimer (10OV) (°)	Displacement relative to IgE-Fc Cɛ2 dimer (10OV) (Å)	Notes
10OV	-	-	IgE-Fc
5MOL	1.17	0.72	IgE-Fc
2WQR	1.97	0.73	IgE-Fc
2Y7Q	3.53	1.28	IgE-Fc:FcεRIα complex
5LGK	24.58	4.85	IgE-Fc:CD23 complex
5G64	55.08	28.73	IgE-Fc:omalizumab complex
7SHT clone_7:IgE:FcERI	69.41	35.49	IgE-Fc:clone7:FcεRIα complex
4J4P	123.92	51.72	IgE-Fc:aɛFab complex
6EYO	130.06	47.14	8D6:IgE-Fc complex

Supplementary Table 10: Conformational rearrangements and displacements of Cc2 domains*

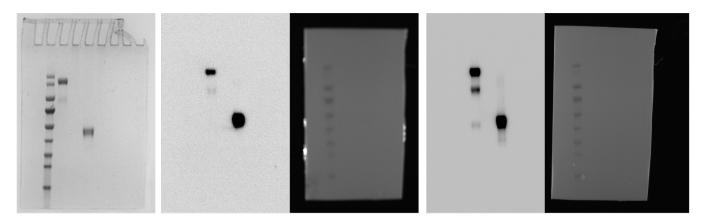
*Calculated following alignment to Cɛ2 proximal Cɛ3 domain and quantified using angle between domain script from PSICO to compare Cɛ2 dimer displacements

Supplementary Table 11: Tabulated curve fitting data for DARPin disruptive inhibitors in bead-based disruption assay, adapted from "Structure-guided design of ultrapotent disruptive IgE inhibitors to rapidly terminate acute allergic reactions." *J. Allergy Clin. Immunol.* 148, (2021). Included for comparison to antibody variants presented in bead-based disruption assays in table S2, S4, and S7.

	ID50 (µM)*	95% CI	\mathbf{R}^2	
E2_79	2.010)	1.763-2.293	0.9931
E3_53	3615	5	2.206-undefined	0.7808
E2_79+E3_53	0.872	2	0.767 - 0.990	0.9963
bi53_79	0.08	6	0.074 - 0.010	0.9941
biE07_79	0.01	5	0.012 - 0.018	0.9955
tri11_53_79	0.300)	0.245 - 0.374	0.9825
tri11_E07_79	0.079)	0.067 - 0.093	0.9896
KiH_E07_79	0.012	2	0.011 - 0.014	0.9974

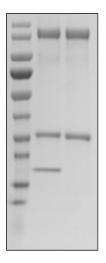
*Fit values derived from Figures 1H and 3B from Structure-guided design of ultrapotent disruptive IgE inhibitors to rapidly terminate acute allergic reactions. J. Allergy Clin. Immunol. 148, (2021).

Supplemental gel and blot source data: Uncropped blots for cropped figures S5c and S6a



For Supplementary Figure 5c. Gels and blots: Coomassie, anti-IgE and associated brightfield image for ladder, anti-His and associated brightfield image.

Lane 1: MW marker Lane 2 Complex of IgE-Fc2-4(G335C):FccRIa(W156C) Lane 3 Complex of IgE-Fc2-4(G335C):FccRIa(W156C), reduced



For Supplementary Figure 6a. Gel.

Lane 1: MW marker

Lane 2: Complex of IgE-Fc2-4(G335C):FccRIa(W156C), clone 7 scFv, E07 anti-IgE DARPin (not used in publication) Lane 3: complex of IgE-Fc2-4(G335C):FccRIa(W156C), clone 7 scFv