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All images and data were generated and analyzed by the authors, and will be made available by the corresponding authors (N.P.K., and M.K.) upon reasonable request. Raw negative-stain EM images and complete set of 2D class averages are provided in Supplementary Item 2. Structural models and density maps are deposited in the Protein Data Bank and Electron Microscopy Data Bank under accession numbers PDB 7U2Q and EMD-26318 (N1-CA09-sNAp-155) and PDB 7U2T and EMD-26319 (N1-MI15-sNAp-174).

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## Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Sample size calculation has not been performed. For the experiments, sample sizes were determined based on our previous studies utilizing similar experimental techniques.
Data exclusions	No data have been excluded.
Replication	All analyses for negative-stain EM, antibody binding, biochemical and biophysical characterization have been performed at least twice. All attempts at replication were successful. Cryo-EM experiments have been performed once, this is standard in the structural field.
Randomization	No randomization have been performed. This is not relevant to the study.
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## Antibodies

Antibodies used

Antibody 1G01 used in the study was constructed by cloning antibody heavy and light chains into respective mammalian expression vectors. Recombinant 1G01 was produced in mammalian cells (Expi293 cells) by transient transfection of expression vectors and purified by protein A affinity chromatography. Sequences, specificity and function of the antibody was verified prior to use in the study. Antibody 1G01 (human); and CD6 (mouse, Kerafast, Catalog EFD001) were used in biolayer interferometry experiments with a starting concentration of 400 nM and 100 nM respectively. Anti-myc tag antibody (9E10) labelled with Alexa Fluor 488 (Abcam, Catalog ab202008) was used at 1:400 dilution in the FACS experiments.

## Validation

All the antibodies used in the study were tested for their reactivity and specificity by ELISA and BLI using a set of recombinant NAs, or virus neutralization assays prior to use in the study.  
 CD6 mAb was validated by vendor: <https://www.kerafast.com/item/1757/anti-influenza-a-h1n1-neuraminidase-na-cd6-antibody>  
 Anti-myc tag antibody labelled with Alexa Fluor 488 (9E10) was validated by vendor: <https://www.abcam.com/alexa-fluor-488-myc-tag-antibody-9e10-ab202008.html>

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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## Cell line source(s)

Expi293F cells (ThermoFisher, Catalog A14527); MDCK-SIAT1-PB1 cells (Creanga et al., Nat Commun. 2021). The parental MDCK-SIAT1 cells were purchased from Millipore Sigma (Catalog 05071502), HEK-293-PB1 (a gift from Dr. Jesse Bloom, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center)

## Authentication

Commercial cell lines were authenticated by manufacturers and no further authentications were performed by the authors; MDCK-SIAT-PB1 cells were not authenticated. All cells used in the studies were not extensively passaged.

## Mycoplasma contamination

Tested negative (monthly).

Commonly misidentified lines  
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No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in this study.

## Flow Cytometry

### Plots

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### Methodology

## Sample preparation

Expi293F cells were transfected with plasmids encoding NA constructs by using PEI-MAX 24 h prior to the experiments. Cells were washed and resuspended in 25 mM HEPES, 150 mM NaCl, 2.5% glycerol, 1% BSA, plus or minus 5 mM EDTA.

## Instrument

Attune NxT flow cytometer for data acquisition

## Software

FlowJo v10

## Cell population abundance

Percent positivity for subpopulation is indicated in each plot.

## Gating strategy

FSC-A and SSC-A gating to exclude cell debris; SSC-H and SSC-A gating to select singlet cells; ZombieViolet gating to exclude dead cells; and anti-myc (9E10)-AF488 gating to select myc-positive cells. Within this population, anti-NA (1G01 or CD6)-AF680 binding was assessed.

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