

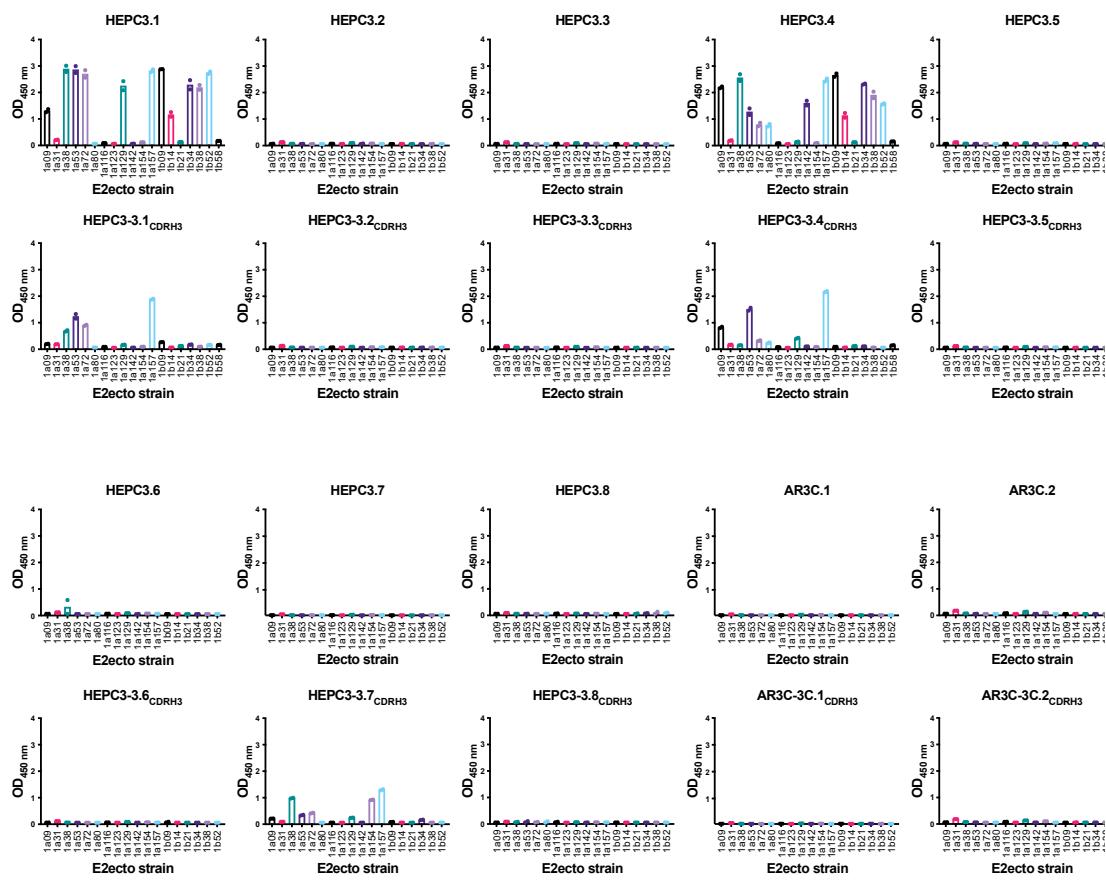
Supplementary information:

**Computational identification of HCV neutralizing antibodies
with a common HCDR3 disulfide bond motif in the antibody
repertoires of infected individuals**

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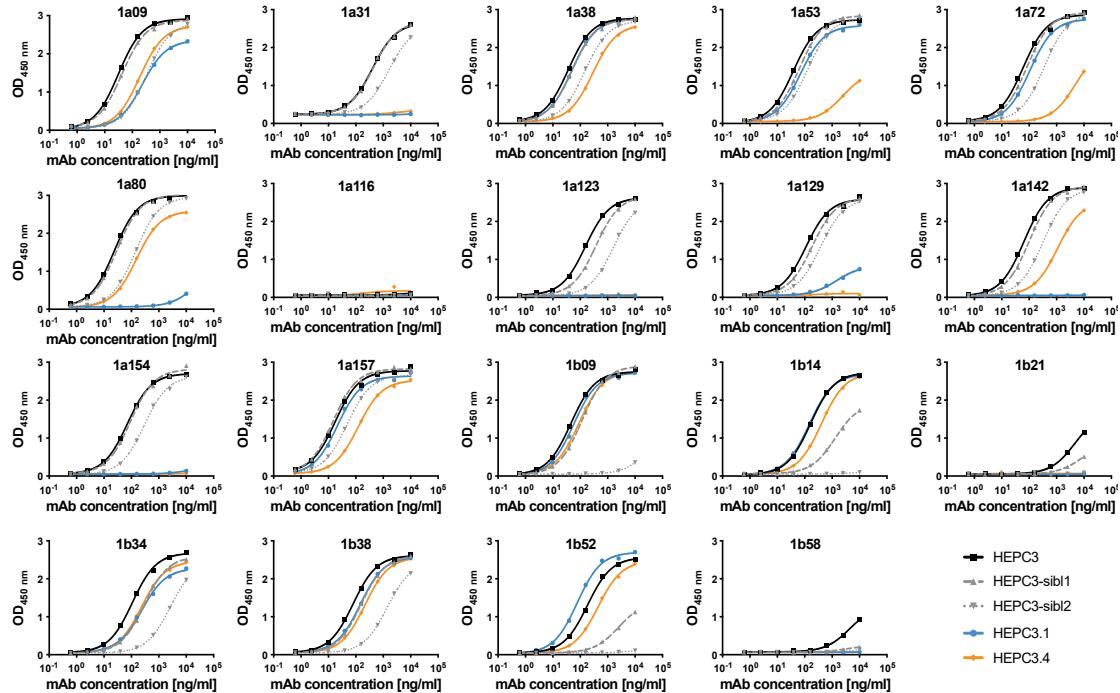
	HEPC3	HEPC74	AR3A	AR3C	AR3X
HC11	32% ARDGVRYCGGGRCYNWFDP AMEVPGFCRGGSCSGYMDV	35% ARDLLKYCGGNCHSLLVDP AMEVPGFCRGGSC-SGYMDV	40% VRPETPRYCSGGFCYGEFDN -AMEVPGFCRGGSCSGYMDV	40% VRSVTPRYCGGGFCYGEFDY AMEV-PGFCRGGSCSGYMDV	52% ARENKFRYCRGGSCYSGAFDM AME-VPGFCRGGSC-SGYMDV
AR3X	52% AR-DGVRYCGGGRCYNWFDP ARENKFRYCRGGSCYSGAFDM	43% AR-DLLKYCGGGNCHSLLVDP ARENKFRYCRGGSCYSGAFDM	52% VRPETPRYCSGGFCY-GEFDN ARENKFRYCRGGSCYSGAFDM	52% VRSVTPRYCGGGFCY-GEFDY ARENKFRYCRGGSCYSGAFDM	
AR3C	55% AR-DGVRYCGGGRCYNWFDP VRSVTPRYCGGGFCYGEFDY	49% ARDLL-KYCGGGNCHSLLVDP VRSVTPRYCGGGFCYGEF-DY	80% VRPETPRYCSGGFCYGEFDN VRSVTPRYCGGGFCYGEFDY		
AR3A	58% AR-DGVRYCGGGRCYNWFDP VRPETPRYCSGGFCYGEFDN	35% ARDLL-KYCGGGNCHSLLVDP VRPETPRYCSGGFCYGEF-DN			
HEPC74	55% ARDGVRYCGGGRCYNWF-DP ARDLLKYCGGNCHSLLVDP				

Supplementary Figure 1. The pairwise similarity of HCDR3 loop sequences between six chosen E2 front layer-specific bNAbs. Each cell shows an alignment of the amino acid sequences of the two corresponding HCDR3 loops (IMGT definition). Identical amino acids are colored blue. The percentage of identity is calculated as a ratio of the number of identical amino acids between the two sequences and the length of the longest loop in the pair. The only pair of Abs that fulfills the traditionally used 75-80% identity cutoff for HCDR3 loops in sibling search is highlighted with green.



Supplementary Figure 2. Binding of HEPC3- and AR3C-like Abs to a panel of genotype 1

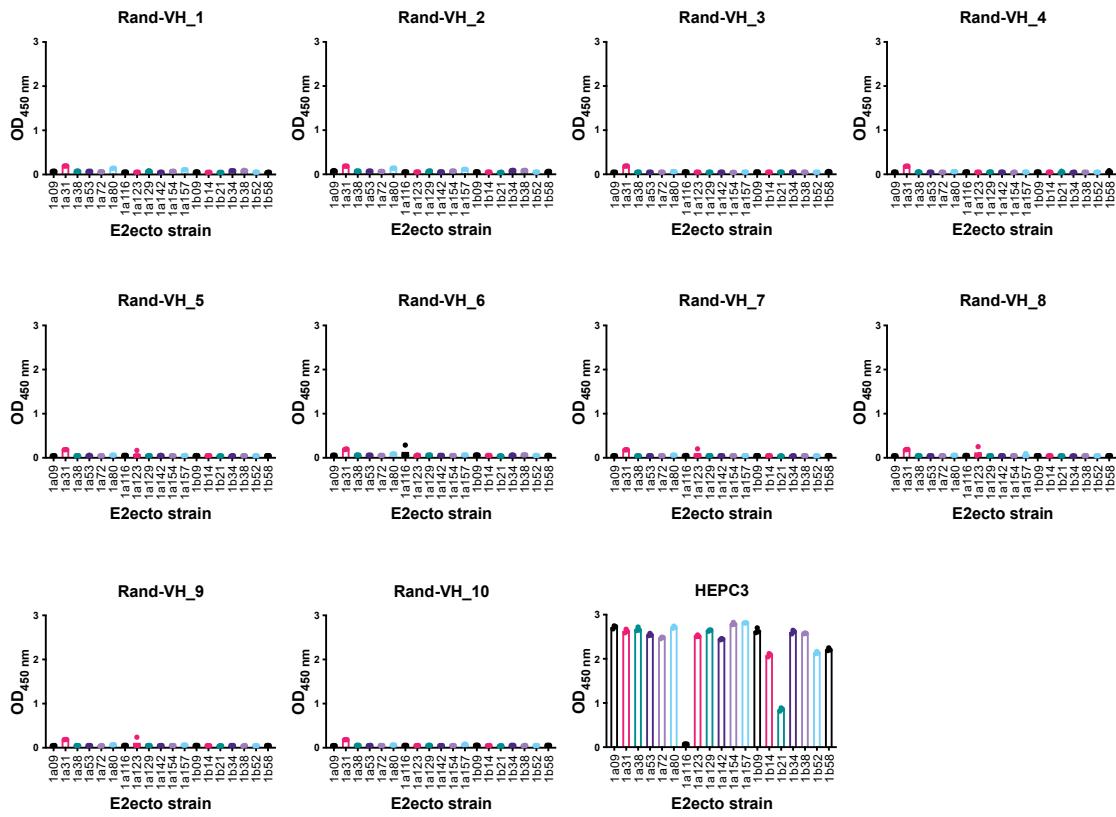
E2 glycoproteins. Data are presented as means of technical duplicates, and individual data points are indicated. Source data are provided in the Source Data file.



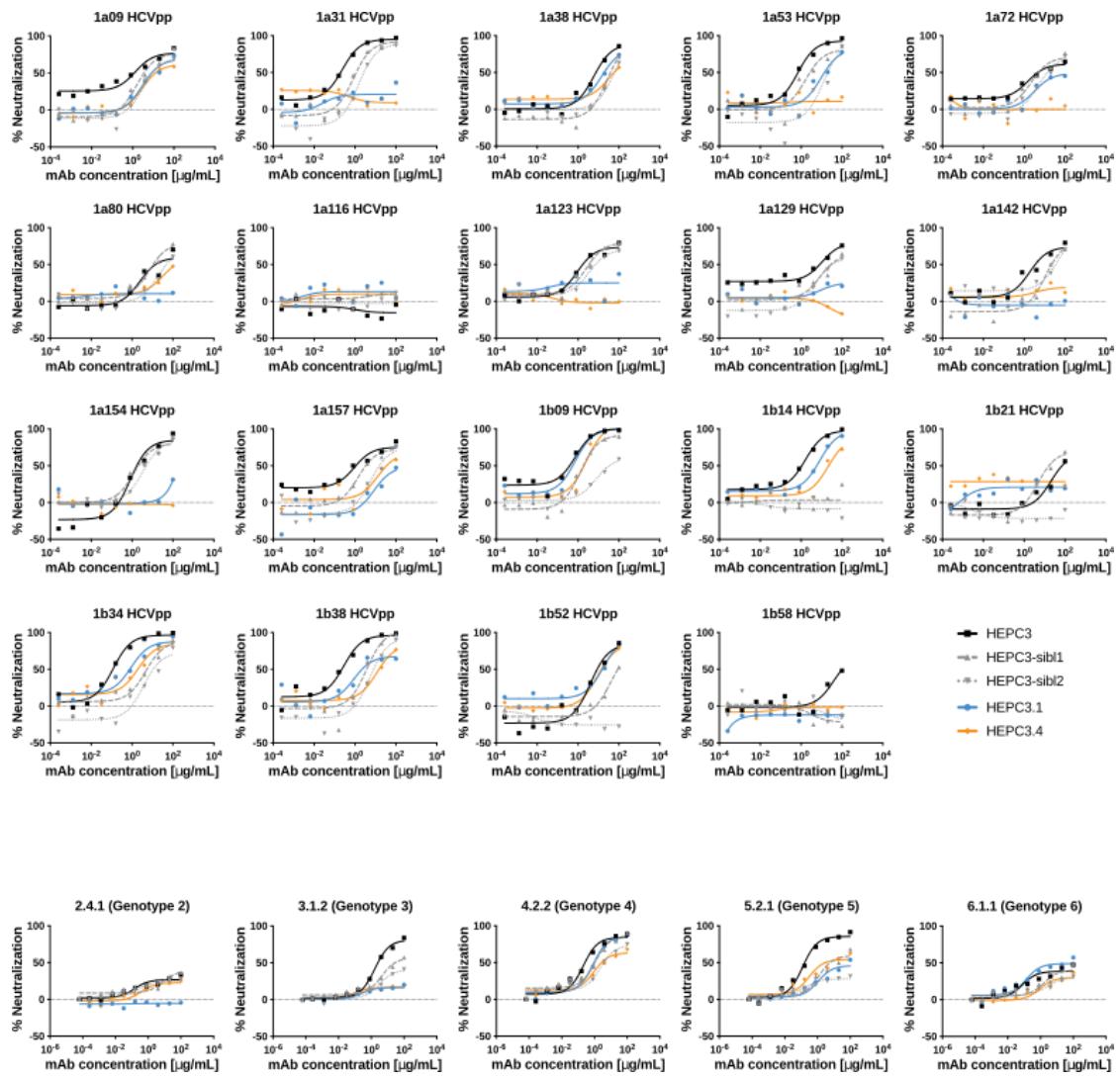
Supplementary Figure 3. Binding of HEPC3.1, HEPC3.4, HEPC3-sibl1, and HEPC3-sibl2 Abs to a panel of 19 genotype 1 E2 glycoproteins. Values shown are means of technical duplicates. One experiment representative of two independent experiments is shown. Source data are provided in the Source Data file.

	HCDR1	HCDR2	HCDR3
HEPC3	QVQLVQSGAE VKKPGSVKV SCKASGGTLN SVEITWVRQA PGQQLEWGGG ITPIFET-TY AQKFQGRVTI TADESTSTTY MELSSLRPED TAVVYCARDE V-RYCGGGRC Y--NWFDPMG QGTLTVSS		
Rand-VH_1	.....FS ..A.S.....	I..G.AN.....	A.....S..EI P-G-S..S..SAA.....
Rand-VH_2	.....FS ..A.S.....	I..G.AN.....	A.....S..H EWG..S..S..-N.....
Rand-VH_3	.....FS ..A.S.....	I..G.AN.....	A.....S..GT L--..S..S..ST.....
Rand-VH_4	.....FS ..T.S.....	R..L.GAN.....	K.....S..Y..L-G..S..S..HN.....
Rand-VH_5	.....FS ..A.S.....	I..G.AN.....	A.....S..AL L--..S..S..H.....
Rand-VH_6	.....FS T.A.S.....	I.V.R.TN.....	AF ..MN..S.....S L-E..S..S.G. --Q..L..P.....
Rand-VH_7	WA.....FS ..A.S.....	I..G.AN.....	A.....S..L G-GL.S..S..-SGWM.V. ...T.....
Rand-VH_8	EA.....Y..FT ..A.S.....	I..G.AN.....	A.....S..QN S--..S..S..S-D.....
Rand-VH_9	...A.....FS ..A.S.....	I..G.AN.....	R..SD..G..VP R--..S..S..H-SG..Y.....
Rand-VH_10	WA.....FS ..A.S.....	I..G.AN.....	A.....S..GS P--..S..S..SA.-..D.....

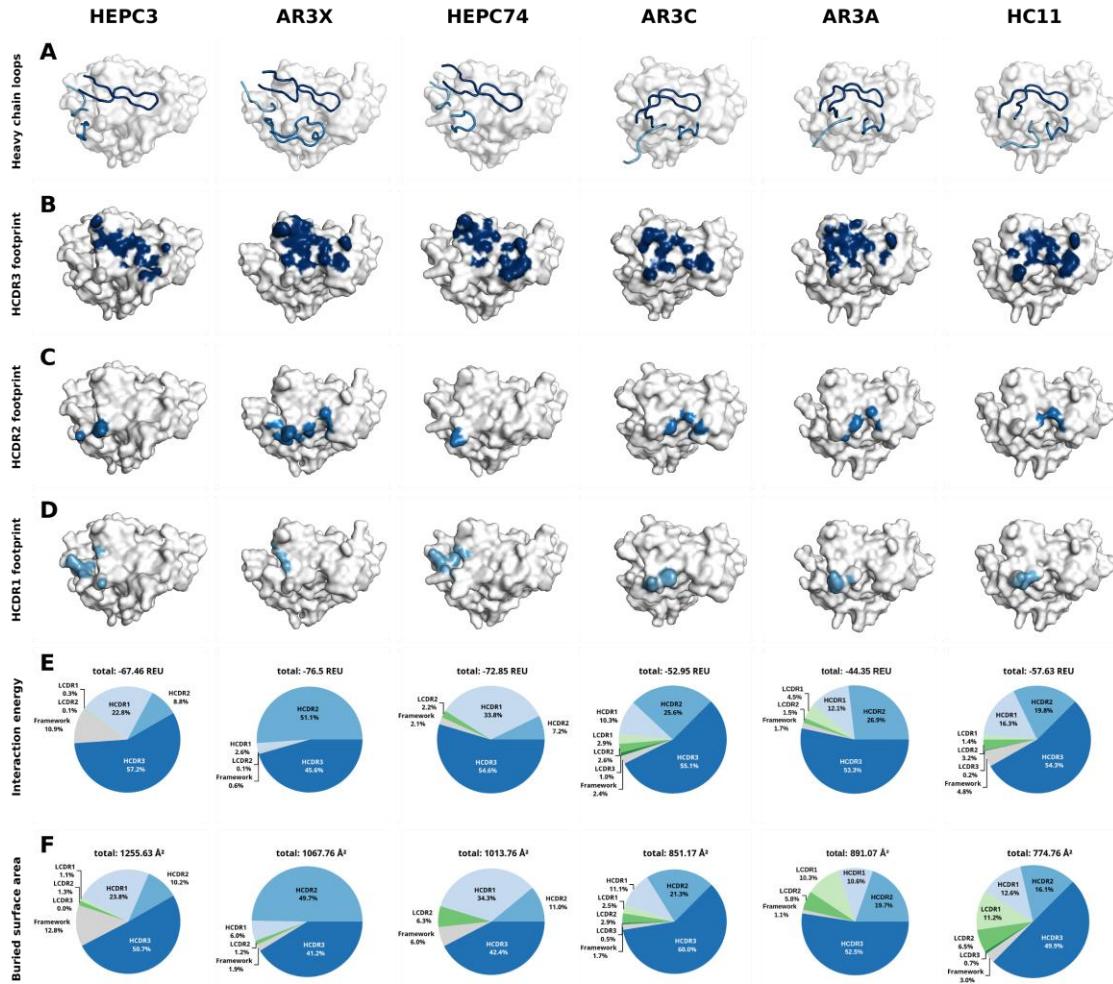
Supplementary Figure 4. Alignment of the amino acid sequences of the heavy chain variable regions of bNAb HEPC3 with ten Abs containing C-X-G-G-X-C HCDR3 motif randomly selected from the Ab repertoire of patients who spontaneously cleared HCV infection.



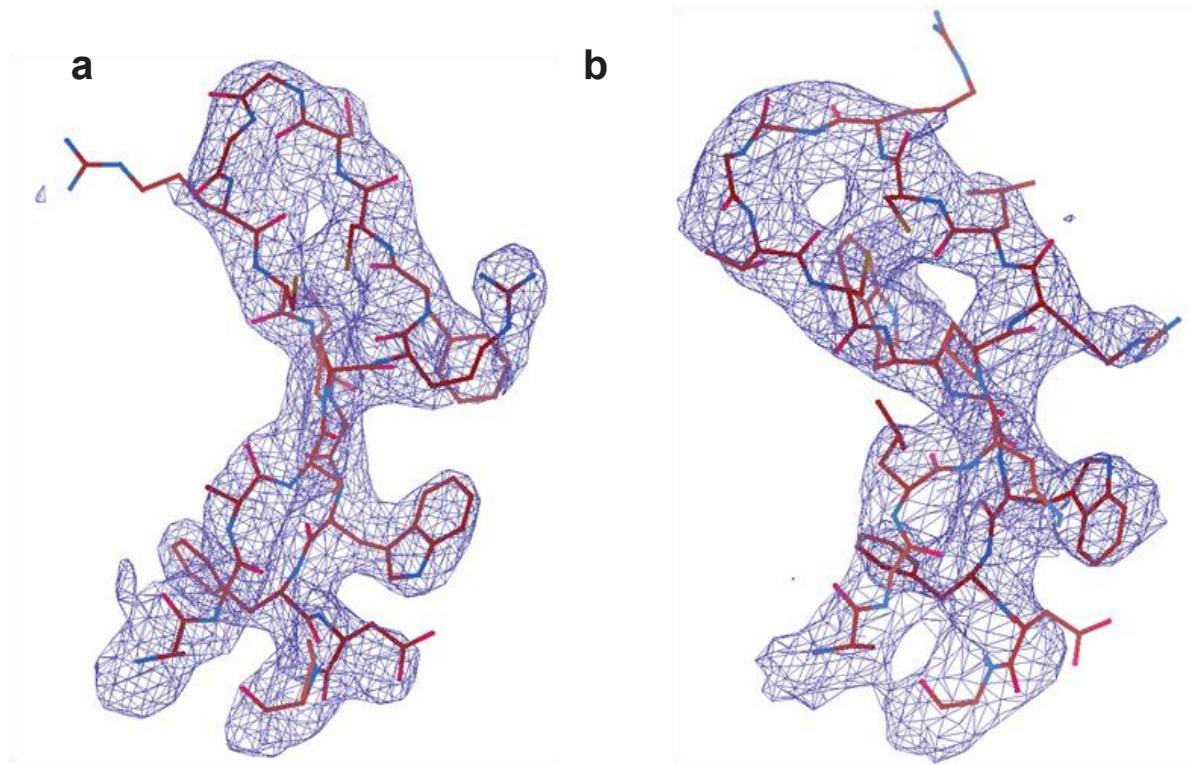
Supplementary Figure 5. Binding of Abs containing C-X-G-G-X-C HCDR3 motif randomly selected from the Ab repertoire of patients who spontaneously cleared HCV infection to a panel of genotype 1 E2 glycoproteins. Data are presented as means of technical triplicates, and individual data points are indicated. Source data are provided in the Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 6. Neutralization activities of HEPC3.1, HEPC3.4, HEPC3-sibl1, and HEPC3-sibl2 Abs against a panel of genotype 1-6 HCVpp. Values shown are means of technical duplicates. Source data are provided in the Source Data file.



Supplementary Figure 7. Summary of the Ab-antigen interactions of the straight (HEPC3, AR3X, HEPC74) and bent (AR3C, AR3A, HC11) HEPC bNAbs. **(A)** Positions of the HCDR1, HCDR2, and HCDR3 loops of the Abs in the Ab-antigen complexes. The glycoprotein E2 is shown as a surface. The HCDR1, HCDR2, and HCDR3 loops are shown as light blue, blue, and dark blue cartoons, respectively. **(B-D)** Footprints of the HCDR1 (**D**), HCDR2 (**C**), and HCDR3 (**B**) loops. The glycoprotein E2 is shown as a surface. The antigen atoms located within 4 Å from any corresponding HCDR atom are colored. **(E-F)** Pie charts demonstrating relative contribution of different Ab parts (HCDR1, HCDR2, HCDR3, LCDR1, LCDR2, LCDR3, and framework) to antigen binding. **(E)** Decomposition of the Ab-antigen interaction energy calculated in Rosetta. **(F)** Relative contribution of different Ab parts to buried surface area. PDB IDs of the used structures: HEPC3: 6MEI, AR3X: 6URH, HEPC74: 6MEH, AR3C: 4MWE, AR3A: 6BKB, HC11: 6WO4.



Supplementary Figure 8. Close-up views of CDRH3 density maps for HEPC3.1 (a) and HEPC3.4 Fabs (b). Blue mesh represents the 2Fo-Fc density map generated in Coot by masking 2Fo-Fc map outside the CDRH3 region. The resulting masked maps were contoured at $0.37 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$ (HEPC3.1) and $0.42 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$ (HEPC3.4).

Supplementary Table 1. Primer sequence information

Step	Primer Name	Primer Sequence
Reverse transcription	Human IgH RT primer with UMI	TTGGCACCCGAGAATTCACTGHHHHACAHHHHACAHHH HNCTTACCTGAGGAGACGGTGACC
	5' HEPC74-FR1	CGTTCAGAGTTCTACAGTCCGACGATCGTCCTCGGTAAAGGT CTCCTGCACG
	5' HEPC3-FR1	CGTTCAGAGTTCTACAGTCCGACGATCGTCCTCGGTGAAGGT CTCCTGCAAG
Multiplex PCR	3' Adapter step-out primer	ACTGGAGTTCCCTGGCACCCGAGAATTCCACTG
Library preparation	5' Illumina Adapter Extension Primer	AATGATAACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACACGTTAGAGTTCTA CAGTCCGACGATC
	3' Illumina Adapter Extension Primer w/ Sample Index	CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGATXXXXXGTGACTGGAGTT CCTTGGCACCCG

Supplementary Table 2. Donor C117 timepoint information

Timepoint ID	Timepoint Date	# PBMCs Used
U1	11/18/2004	1×10^7
U2	2/10/2005	1×10^7
U3	5/12/2005	1×10^7
U4	11/2/2005	1×10^7

Supplementary Table 3. Primer sequence information

Step	Primer Name	Primer Sequence
One-step RT-PCR	VH1-FWD-Primer	GGCCTCAGTGAAGGTCTCCTGCAAG
	JH-RT-REV-Primer	CTTACCTGAGGAGACGGTGACC

Supplementary Table 4. Summary of results of antibody gene repertoire sequencing

Run ID	Total reads	Unique productive reads	Unique clonotypes	Unique HCDR3s
47	8,558,961	2,933,659	825,905	631,114
126	20,665	9,575	9,158	4,106
127	22,326	5,585	5,311	3,709

Supplementary Table 5. Top HEPC3-like sequences and their ranks. The names of the tested sequences are specified in parentheses.

Total score-based P3SM		Interface score-based P3SM	
ARDSLRYCSGGSCYRGMDV (HEPC3.7)	-42.97	ATLHPRLCRGGTCWGWFDP (HEPC3.4)	-52.41
ARDSLGYCSGGSCYRGMDV	-40.56	ARDRVRYCSGGSCYSAFDY	-52.26
ARDSLGYCSGGSCYRGMVV	-39.92	AGALPRFCSGGRCSGWFDP (HEPC3.1)	-51.81
ARDRVRYCSGGSCYSAFDY	-39.92	ASRRRRYCSGGSCPLSDDI	-51.73
ARDRTEDCSGGSCYSALDY	-39.29	HEPC3	-50.79
ARSLARYCSGGSCYDGMDV (HEPC3.2)	-39.26	ATIEWGYCSGGSCYRPHDY (HEPC3.8)	-50.53
ARWERDYZSGGSCYYGMDV	-39.04	ARVQQRYCSGGSCPHAFDI	-50.53
ARDGLGYCSGGSCYSGLDY	-38.89	AALMDRYCSGGSCYDAFDI	-50.26
ARYLPRYCSGGSCYNYFDY (HEPC3.5)	-38.23	ARVPERRYCSGGSCHSGFDFY	-49.67
AAALEALYCSGGSCYSNFDY	-38.22	ARDPVRYSGGSCPYYFDY (HEPC3.6)	-49.66
ARWERDYZSGGSCYGGMDV	-37.98	AIDRAAYCSGGSCLLGMDV	-49.56
ARVQLGYCSGGSCYYGMDV	-37.9	ARDSLRYCSGGSCYRGMDV (HEPC3.7)	-49.56
ARTYPGYCSGGSCYNGMDV	-37.39	ARYLPRYCSGGSCYNYFDY (HEPC3.5)	-49.37
ATDFLGYCSGGSCYPYSDY	-37.35	ARSLARYCSGGSCYDGMDV (HEPC3.2)	-49.33
HEPC3	-37.1	ARDRAAYCSGGSCLLGMDV	-49.32
ARAKTTYCSGGSCYPYFDY	-36.92	ARVQQRSYCSGGSCPDAFDI	-49.29
ARDSLGYCSGGSCSYGMDV	-36.91	ARERMGYCSGGSCLTYFDY	-49.14
ARDLPHRCGGSCYGYFDL	-36.68	ASDRGTYCSGGDCYGGFDL (HEPC3.3)	-49.11
ARWGRDYCSGGSCYGGMDV	-36.66	ARTYPGYCSGGSCYNGMDV	-49.09
ARDEVGYCGGGSCYNWLAP	-36.64	ATGFLGYCSGGSCPQPFDY	-49.03
ATGSLGGCSGGSCYGTMDV	-36.51	ASSPLGYCSGGSCFDAFDI	-48.96

Supplementary Table 6. Top AR3C-like sequences and their ranks. The names of the tested sequences are specified in parentheses.

Total score-based P3SM		Interface score-based P3SM	
ARSQISNYCSGGSCYSASDY	-36.41	ARVPTPRYCSGGSCHNAFDI	-37.56
AR3C	-36.1	ARAGYPGYCSGGSCFNWFDP(AR3C.1)	-37.12
AKNQHPGYCSGGSCYSSFDY (AR3C.2)	-35.47	ARVRYINNCGGSCYYYFDY	-36.93
ARVAVMGYCSGGSCYSGFDY	-34.11	AREGYDYDCGGSCHNWFDP	-36.54
ARDGDIGYCSGGSCYSGLDY	-34.04	AKNQHPGYCSGGSCYSSFDY	-36.53
ARDASPGYCSGGSCYSTLDY	-33.91	AR3C	-36.37
ARDRDTSYCSGGSCSYFDY	-33.51	ARVRRMRDCGGGSCYSWFDP	-36.23
ARDVSPGYCSGGSCYSTLDY	-33.42	AREGYDYDCGGSCHNWSDP	-36.12
AREGTGGYCSGGSCYSGMDV	-33.34	ARGPQTRYCSGGSCADAFDI	-36.07
ARDVSPGYCSGGSCYSTLYY	-32.62	AERYFGRYCSGGSCYSPFDY	-35.9

Supplementary Table 7. Data collection and refinement statistics for HEPC3.1 and HEPC3.4 Fabs structures.

	HEPC3.1	HEPC3.4
Data collection		
Wavelength (Å)	0.98	0.98
Resolution range (Å)	45.87 - 2.79 (2.89 - 2.79)*	79.70 - 3.30 (3.42 - 3.30)
Space group	I2 ₁ 3	R32
Cell, Å (a, b, c)	171.61, 171.61, 171.61	263.79, 263.79, 207.09
Angles (α, β, γ)	90, 90, 90	90, 90, 120
Total reflections	348,624 (27,662)	386,153 (37,296)
Unique reflections	21,030 (2,032)	41,569 (4,124)
Multiplicity	16.6 (13.6)	9.3 (9.0)
Completeness (%)	97.2 (76.6)	99.9 (99.9)
I/σI	8.93 (0.33)	10.09 (0.87)
Wilson B-factor (Å ²)	95.23	133.7
R _{merge}	0.22 (10.2)	0.14 (2.86)
R _{pim}	0.05 (2.78)	0.05 (1.01)
CC _{1/2}	1.00 (0.22)	1.00 (0.48)
Refinement statistics		
R _{work}	21.16	21.46
R _{free}	24.39	26.04
Number of atoms	3,254	9,368
Protein	3,254	9,368
Ligands		
Solvent		
Protein residues	433	1,239
R.m.s deviations		
Bond lengths (Å)	0.005	0.02
Bond angles (°)	1.06	1.58
Clashscore	8.4	18.48
Average B-factor	94.69	187.85

*Numbers in parentheses correspond to the highest resolution shell