

Supplementary Materials for
Orally efficacious lead of the AVG inhibitor series targeting a dynamic interface in the respiratory syncytial virus polymerase

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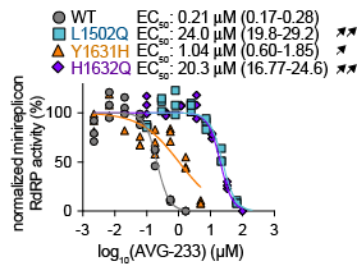


Fig. S1. Dose-response inhibition of RSV minireplicon in presence of resistance mutation candidates. Values are normalized for vehicle-treated reactions; symbols represent individual biological repeats (n=3), determined in nine technical repeats each. EC₅₀ values and 95% confidence intervals are derived from 4-parameter variable slope regression models (solid line). Single or double black arrows visualize moderate (EC₅₀ fold change <10) or robust (EC₅₀ fold change >10) resistance, respectively.

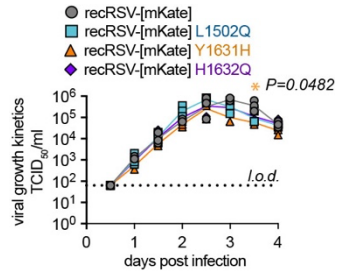


Fig. S2. Multi-step growth curves of recRSV-fireSMASH harboring individual resistance mutations L1502Q, Y1631H, or H1632Q. Symbols represent independent biological repeats and lines connect medians. 2-way ANOVA with Dunnett's post-hoc test.

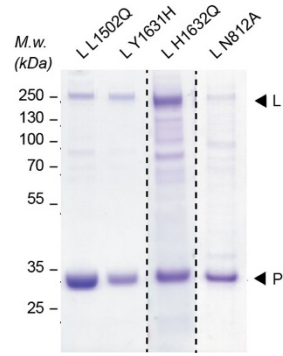


Fig. S3. Purified recombinant RSV RdRP (P-L) with resistance mutations or mutation N812A eliminating polymerase activity (59). Coomassie blue staining after SDS-PAGE fractionation; material representing L and P polypeptides is highlighted.

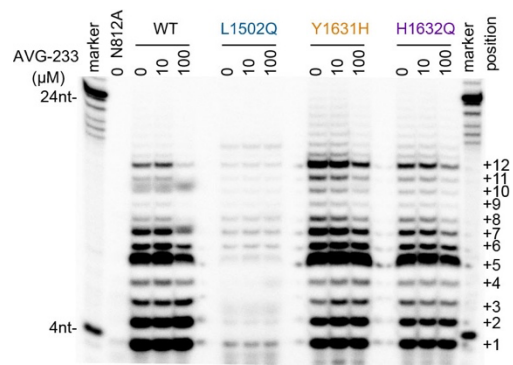


Fig. S4. Representative autoradiogram of primer extension assay from Fig. 1I.

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template: 5' p----->
+ ³²P G+A+U+C ACGAGAAAAAAGUGUAAAAACUA

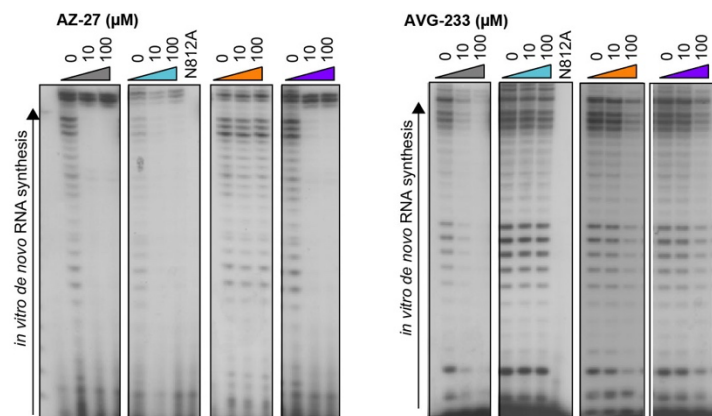


Fig. S5. Side-by-side comparison of AVG-233 and AZ-27 in *de novo* RNA synthesis assay using L preparations harboring distinct resistance mutations. Color-coding of L preparations as in Fig. 1D-E.

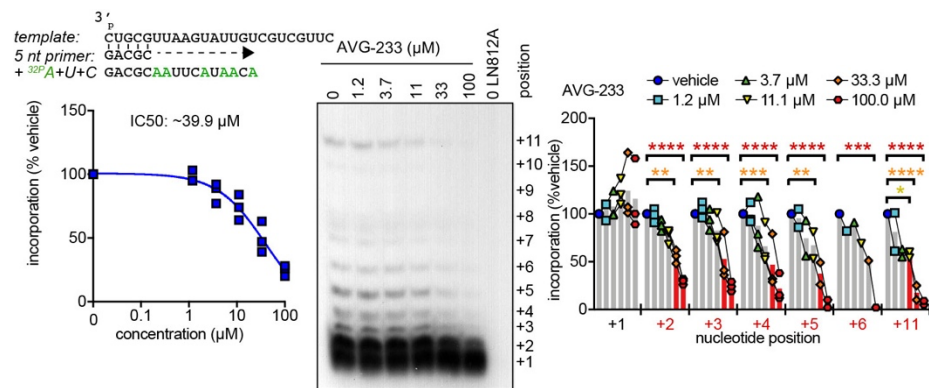


Fig. S6. *In vitro* RdRP assay. The assay was performed as in Fig. 1I, using the alternative primer/template pair shown.

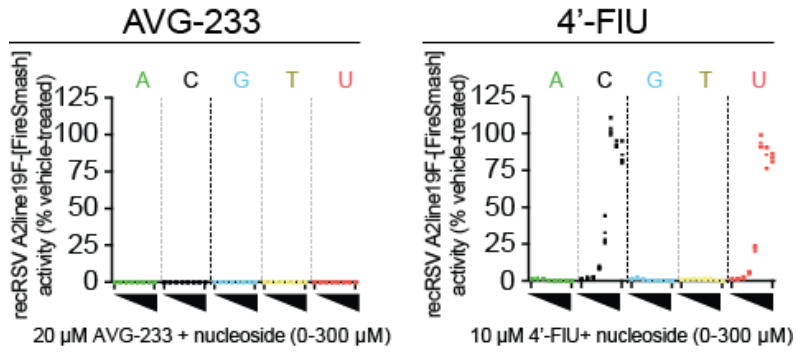


Fig. S7. Effect of endogenous nucleotides on AVG-233 RdRP inhibition. recRSV-fireSMASH-infected cells were treated with 20 μ M of AVG-233 (left) or 10 μ M of 4'-FIU (right) and serial dilutions of exogenous nucleosides were added to the extracellular media. Viral replication was determined by reporter activity and normalized for replication in the presence of vehicle (DMSO) volume equivalents instead of AVG-233 or 4'-FIU. Symbols represent independent repeats (N=3).

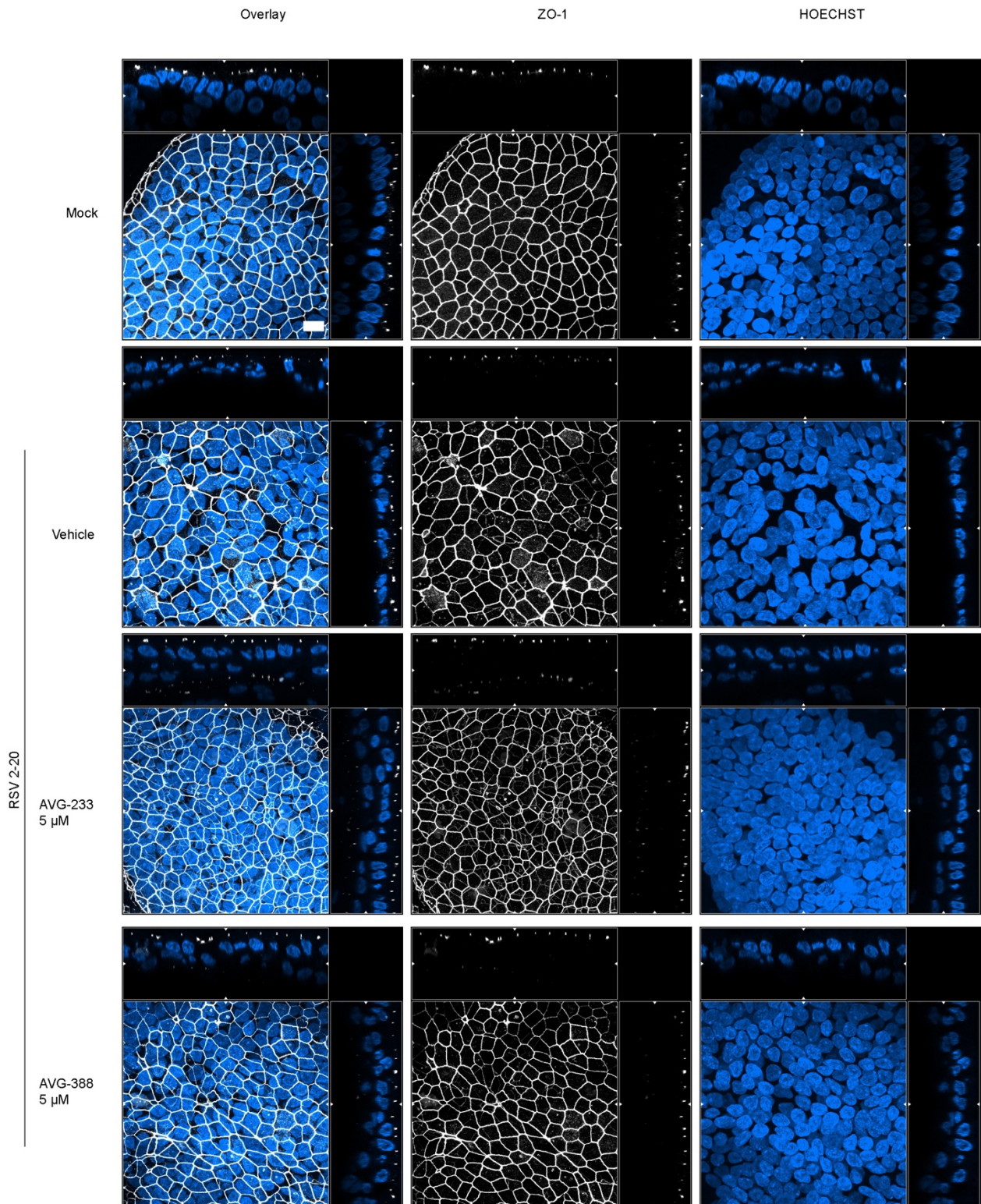


Fig. S8. Immunostaining of 3D-HAE. Tight junctions were detected with anti-ZO-1 antibody (white). Cells were mock-infected or infected with recRSV-fireSMASH and treated with vehicle (0.1% DMSO) or AVG-233 or AVG-388 at 5 μM. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 35443 (blue). Cultures were fixed and stained 3 days post-infection; scale bar 20 μm.

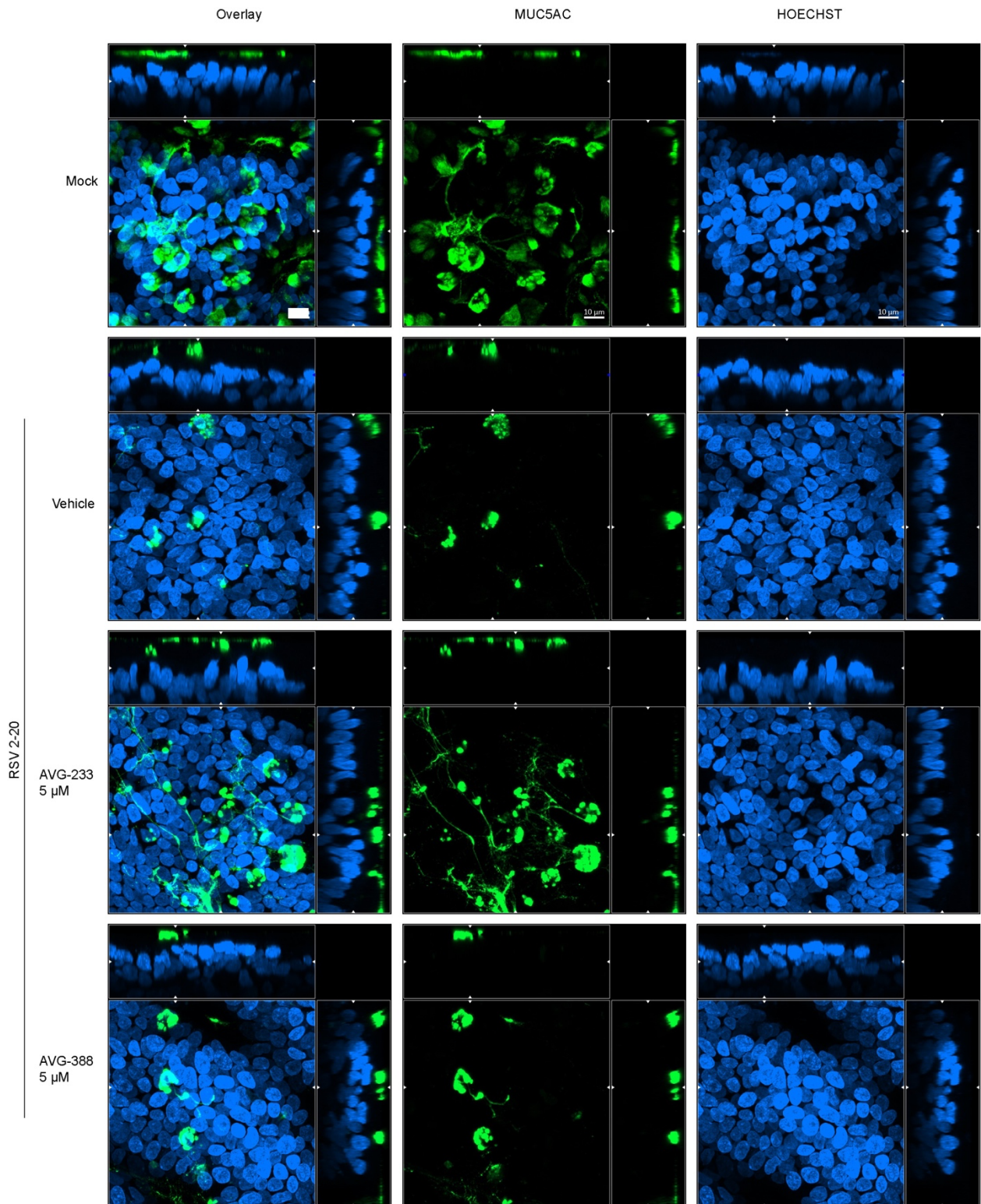


Fig. S9. Immunolabelling of 3D-HAE. Goblet cells were detected with anti-MUC5AC antibody (green). Cells were mock-infected or infected with recRSV-fireSMASH and treated with vehicle (0.1% DMSO) or AVG-233 or AVG-388 at 5 μM. Nuclei staining with Hoechst 35443 (blue). Cultures were fixed and stained 3 days post-infection; scale bar 20 μm.

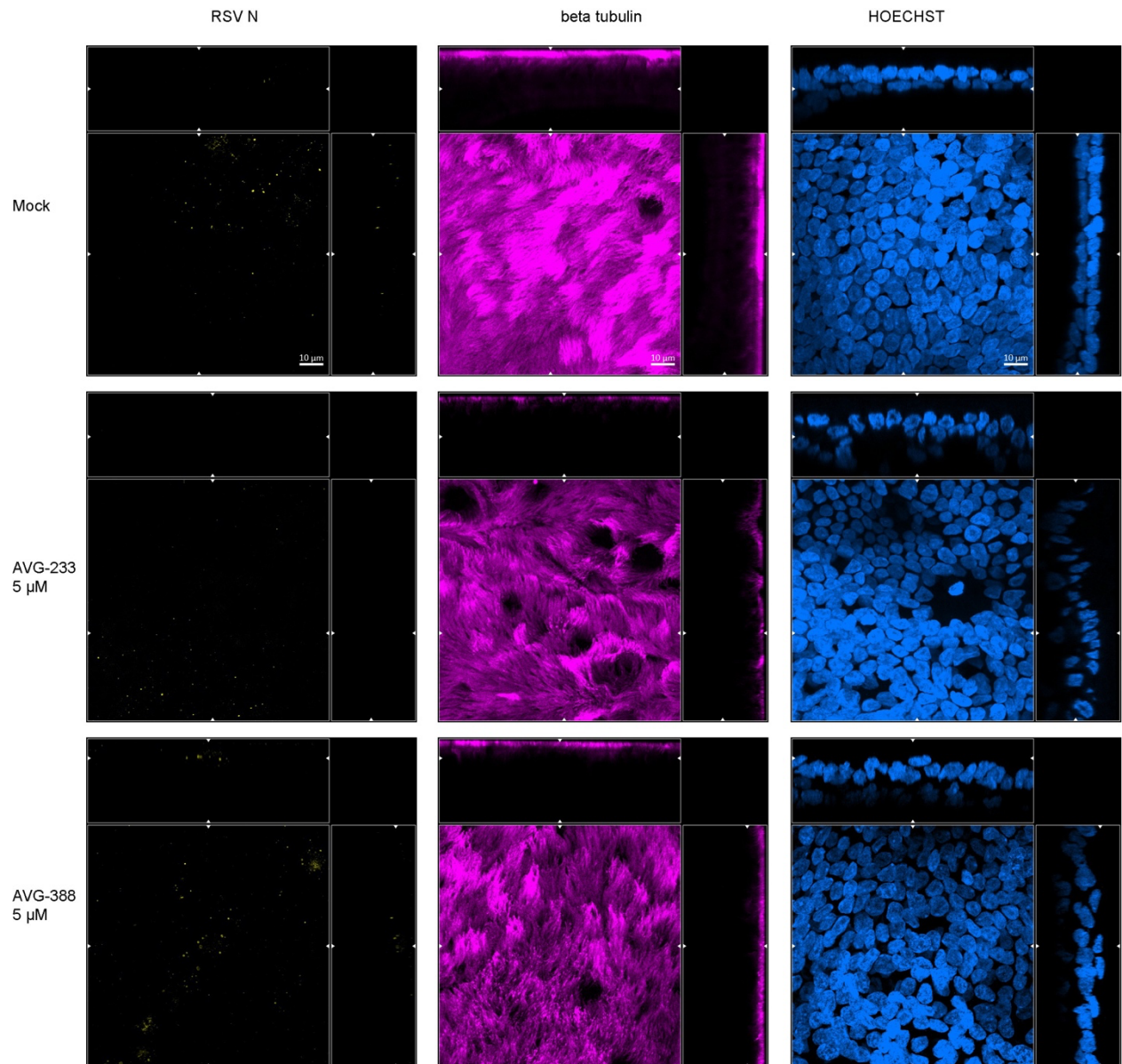


Fig. S10. Immunolabelling of 3D-HAE. Ciliated cells were detected with anti-beta-tubulin antibody (pink) and RSV-induced cytoplasmic inclusion bodies were detected with anti-RSV N (yellow). Cells were mock-infected or infected with recRSV-fireSMASh and treated with vehicle (0.1% DMSO) or AVG-233 or AVG-388 at 5 µM. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 35443 (blue). Cultures were fixed and stained 3 days post-infection; scale bar 20 µm.

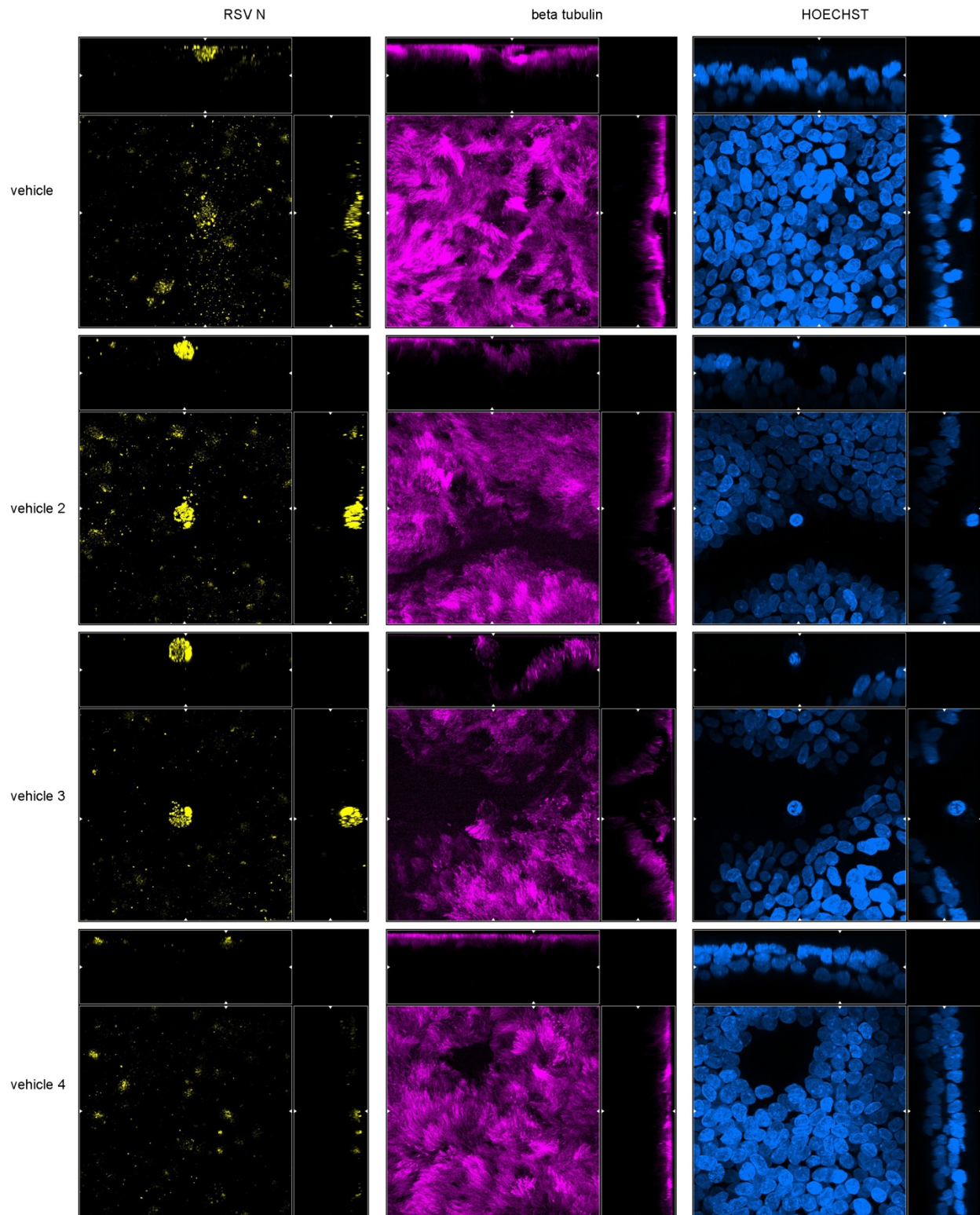


Fig. S11. Immunolabelling of 3D-HAE. Ciliated cells were detected with anti-beta-tubulin antibody (pink) and RSV-induced cytoplasmic inclusion bodies with anti-RSV N (yellow). Cells were mock-infected or infected with recRSV-fireSMASH and treated with vehicle (0.1% DMSO) or AVG-233 or AVG-388 at 5 μ M. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 35443 (blue). Cultures were fixed and stained 3 days post-infection; scale bar 20 μ m.

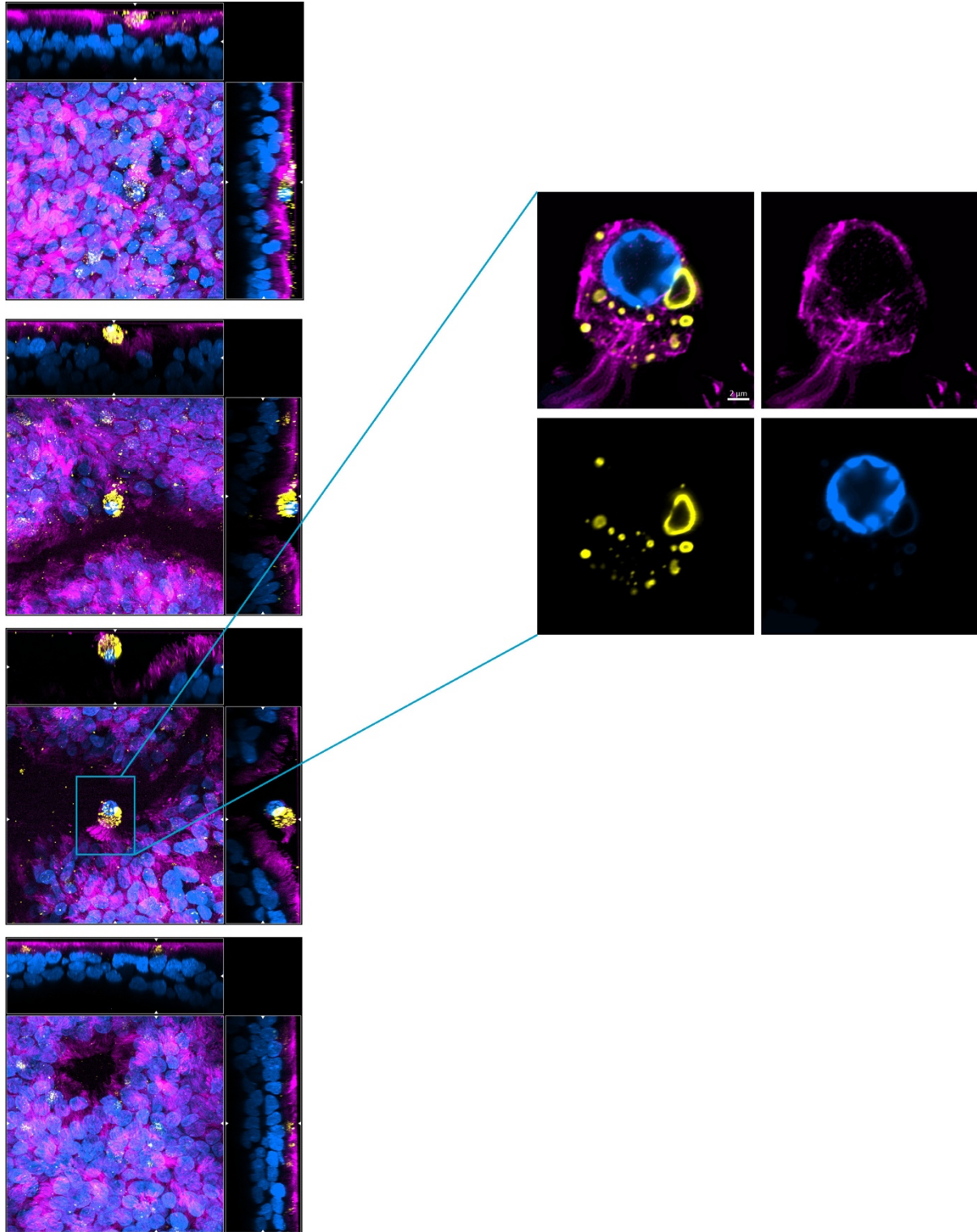


Fig. S12. Immunolabelling of 3D-HAE. Ciliated cells were detected with anti-beta-tubulin antibody (pink) and RSV-induced cytoplasmic inclusion bodies were detected with anti-RSV N (yellow). Cells were mock-infected or infected with recRSV-fireSMASH and treated with vehicle (0.1% DMSO) or AVG-233 or AVG-388 at 5 μ M. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 35443 (blue). Cultures were fixed and stained 3 days post-infection; scale bar 20 μ m.

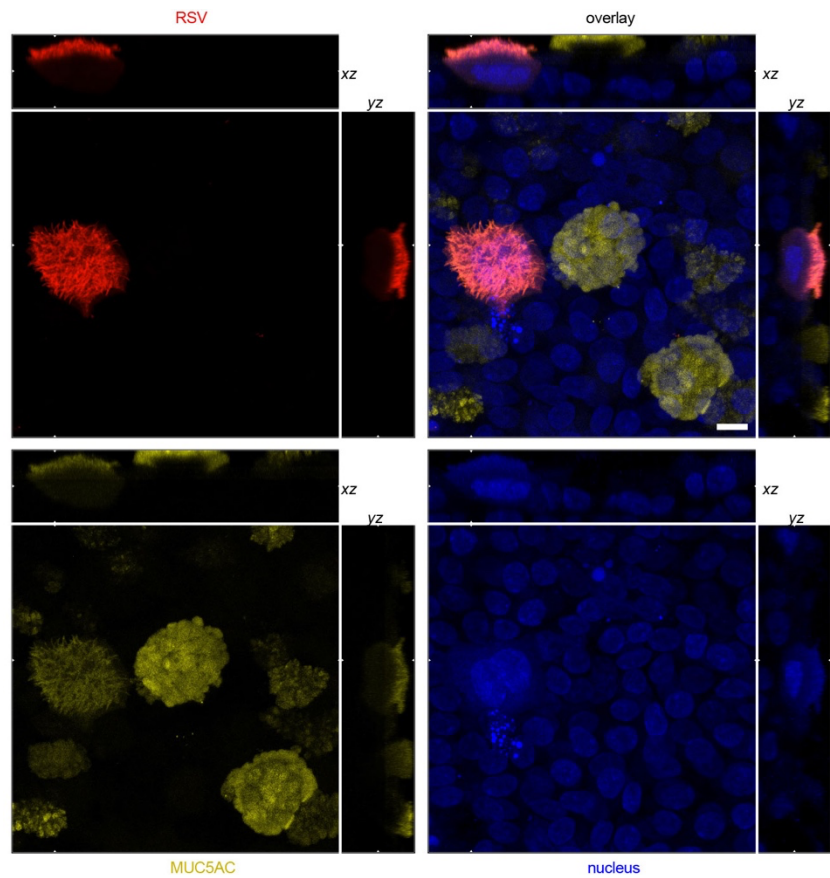


Fig. S13. Ciliated cells from 3D-HAE infected with recRSV-fireSMASH. RSV-infected cells were detected with a polyclonal anti-RSV antibody (red), mucus producing goblet cells were detected with specific anti-Muc5AC antibody (yellow), and nuclei were stained with DAPI (blue). Cultures were fixed and stained 10 days post-infection; scale bar 10 μ m.

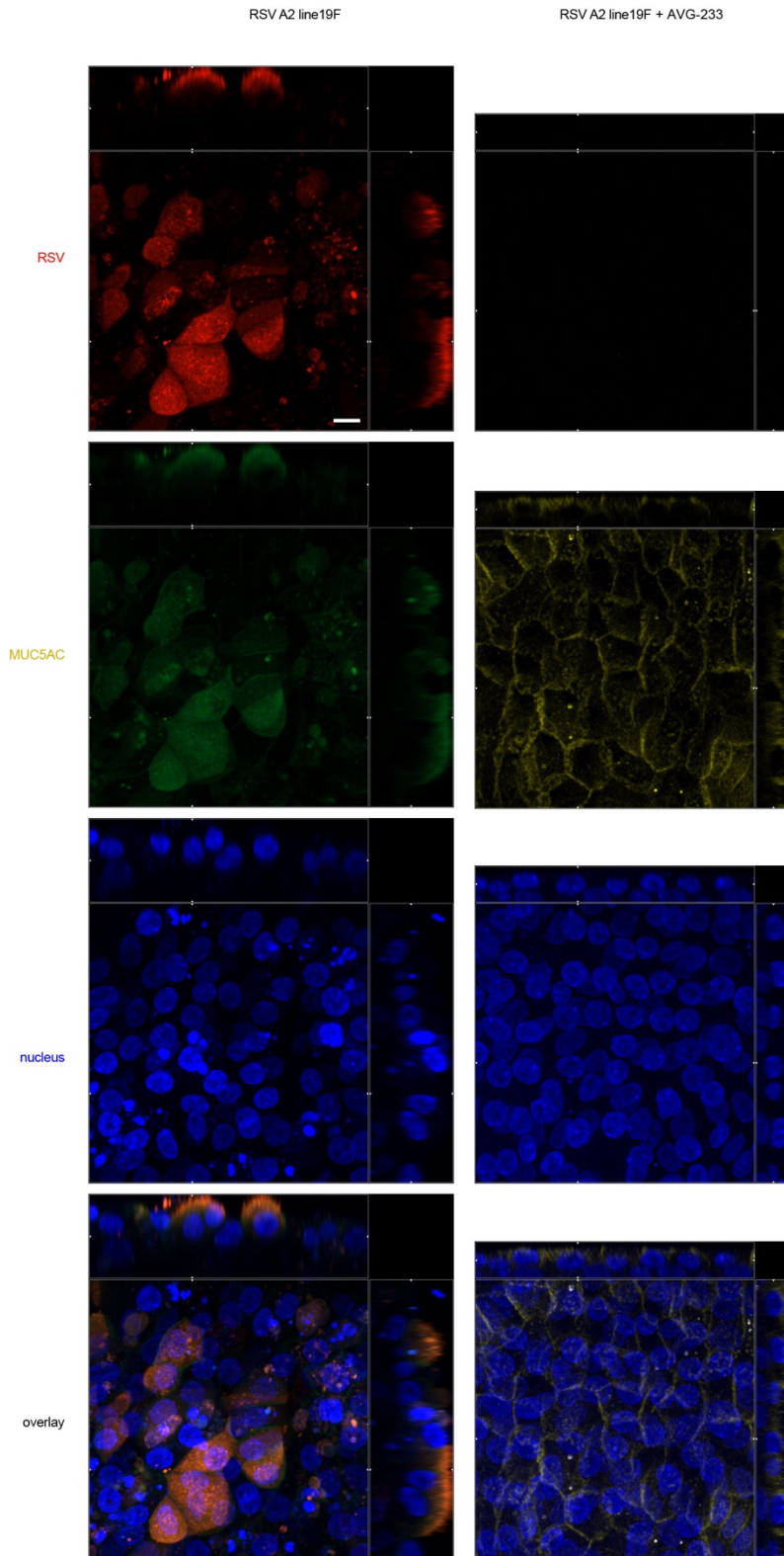


Fig. S14. Treatment with AVG-233 of 3D-HAEs infected with recRSV-fireSMASH. Adherens junction immunostaining is colored in yellow (anti-E-Cadherin), recRSV-fireSMASH infected cells immunostaining is colored in red (anti-RSV) and nucleus staining is colored in blue (DAPI); scale bar: 20 μ m.

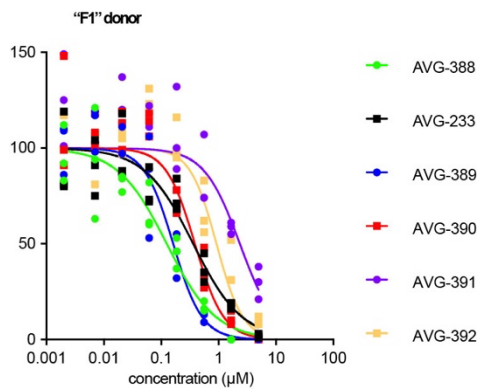
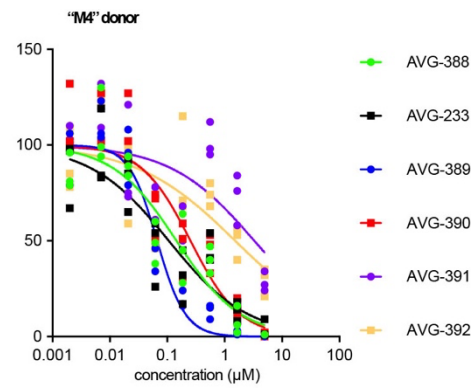


Fig. S15. Dose-response inhibition of recRSV-fireSMASh by analogs of AVG-233 in undifferentiated primary human airway epithelial cells. Top: “M4” donor, Bottom: “F1” donor. Values are normalized for vehicle-treated reactions; symbols represent individual biological repeats (n=3). EC₅₀ values and 95% confidence intervals (shown in Table S1) are derived from 4-parameter variable slope regression models (solid line).

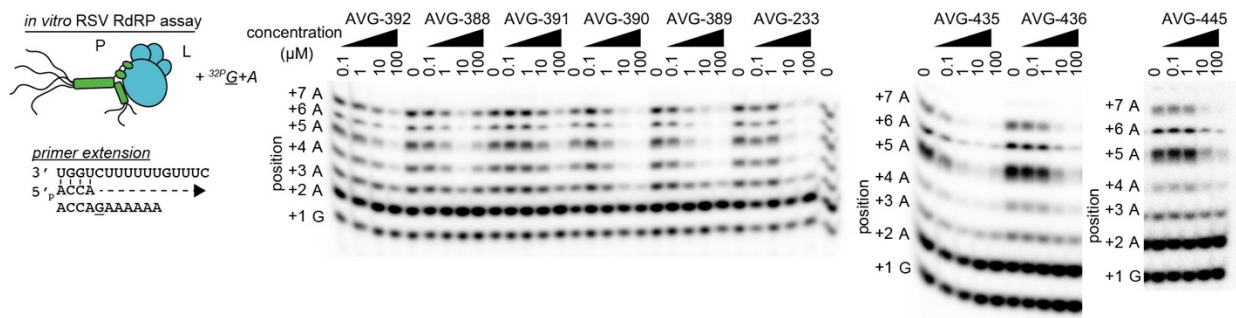


Fig. S16. Dose-response inhibition of *in vitro* RdRP primer extension by analogs of AVG-233. Representative autoradiograms (n=3).

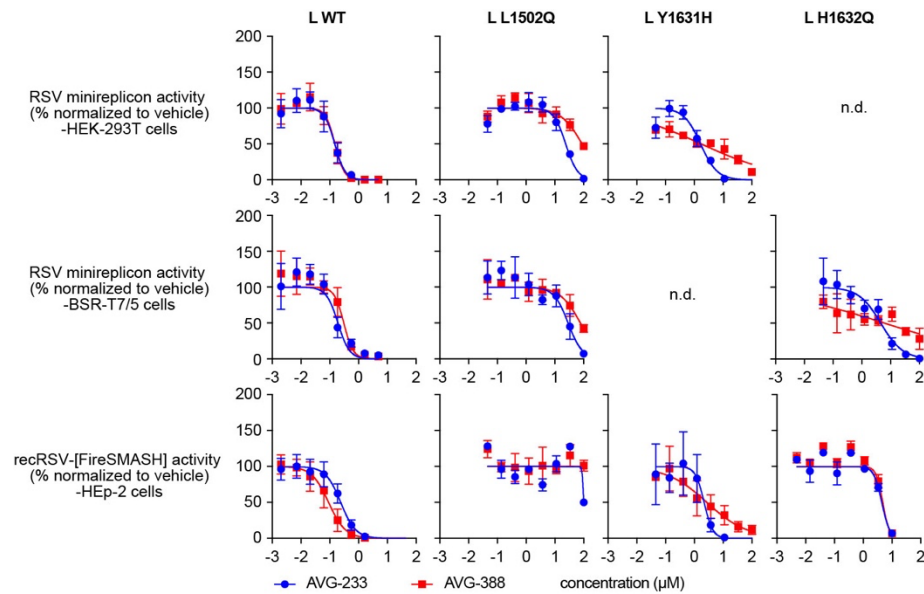


Fig. S17. Side-by-side comparison of AVG-233 and AVG-388 dose-response inhibition of either RSV minireplicon (top) and recRSV-fireSMASH (bottom). Minireplicon assays were performed either in HEK-293T cells or BSR-T7/5 cells. Values are normalized for vehicle-treated reactions; symbols represent individual biological repeats (n=3). EC₅₀ values and 95% confidence intervals are derived from 4-parameter variable slope regression models (solid line).

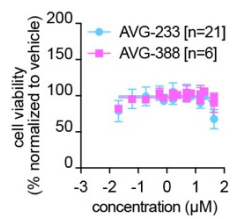


Fig. S18. Comparison of AVG-233 and AVG-388 cytotoxicity. Dose-response assays; Symbols represent means of individual biological repeats \pm SD.

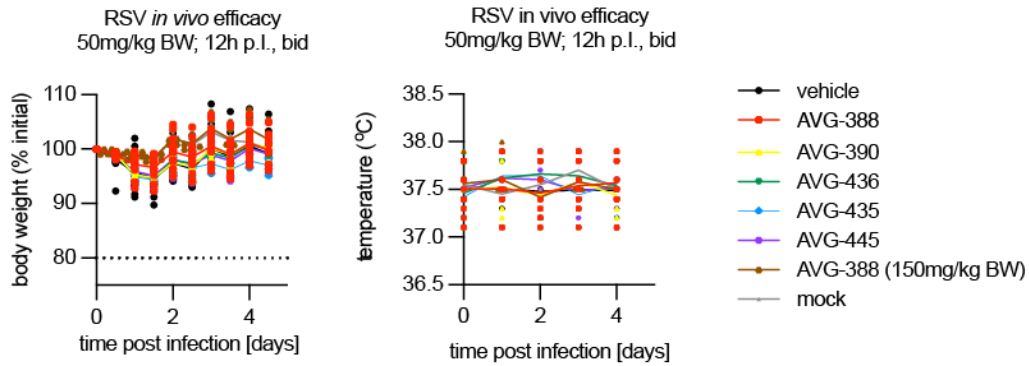
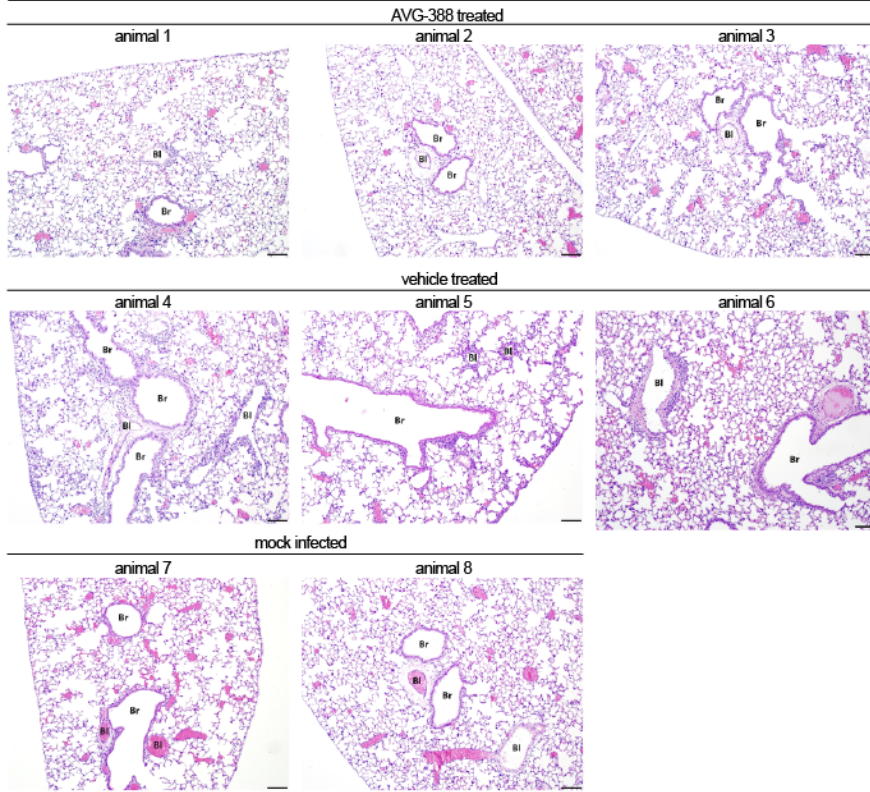


Fig. S19. Mouse bodyweight and temperature. Clinical signs of animals from the efficacy studies shown in Fig. 5 F-I. Animals were treated orally with 50 mg/kg b.i.d. or 150 mg/kg b.i.d. (AVG-388 high dose only), and body weight and temperature determined. Symbols represent individual biological repeats (individual animals), lines connect group means.

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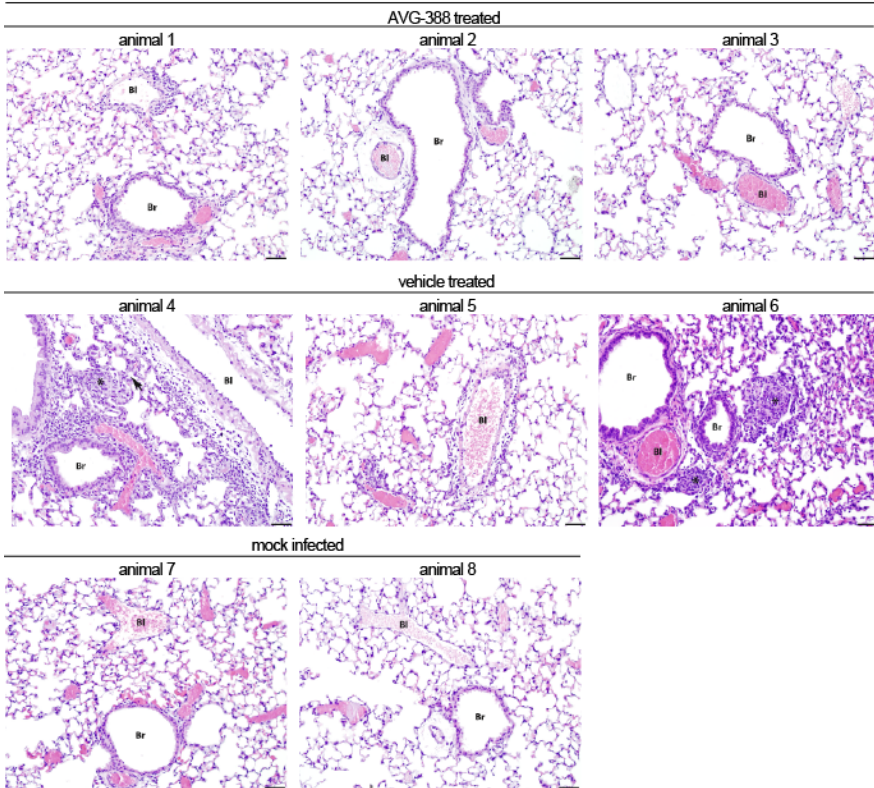


Fig. S20. Lung histopathology. Photomicrographs of lung sections extracted 4.5 days after infection of animals and subjected to H&E staining, shown at 10× (top; scale bar 100 μm) and 20× (bottom; scale bar 50 μm) magnification. n=3 per treatment group; mock-infected animals (mock; n=2) received buffered saline instead of virus inoculum. Bl, blood vessel; Br, bronchiole; arrow, interstitial pneumonia; asterisks, alveolitis.

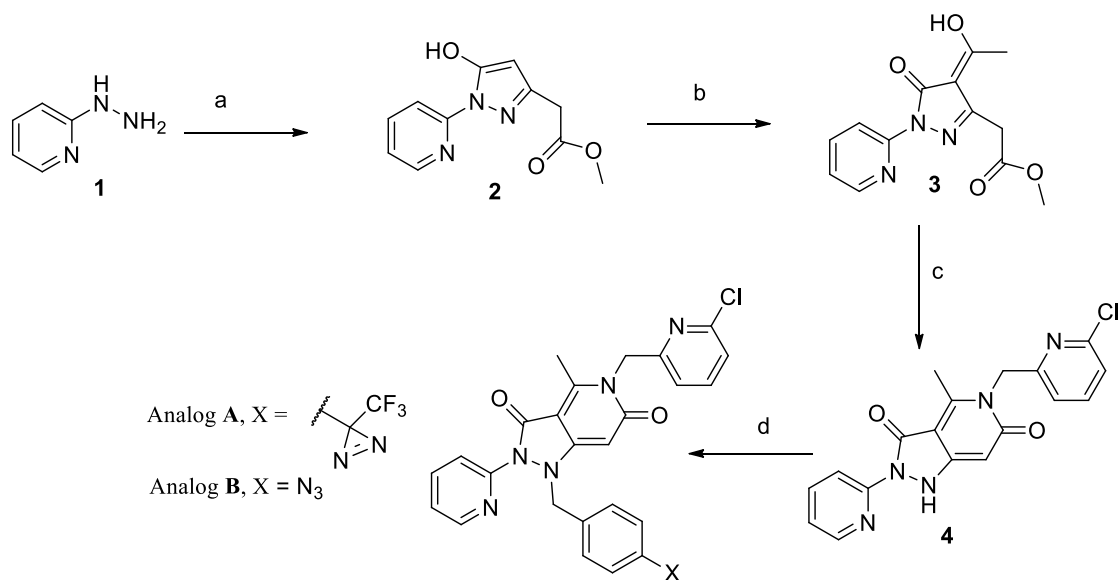


Fig. S21. Schematic of the chemical synthesis strategy of the AVG scaffold. Reagents and conditions to generate analogs **A** and **B** from compound **1** with intermediates **2**, **3**, and **4** were (a) Dimethyl 1,3-acetonedicarboxylate, toluene, reflux, 12 hours, 90%; (b) MeC(OEt)₃, AcOH, CH₃CN, 70°C, 12 hours; (c) (6-Chloropyridin-2-yl)methanamine dihydrochloride, DIPEA, CH₃CN, 2 hours, DBU, 2-4 hours, 35%; and (d) substituted benzyl halide, DIPEA, 50°C, 2-3 hours, 40-50%.

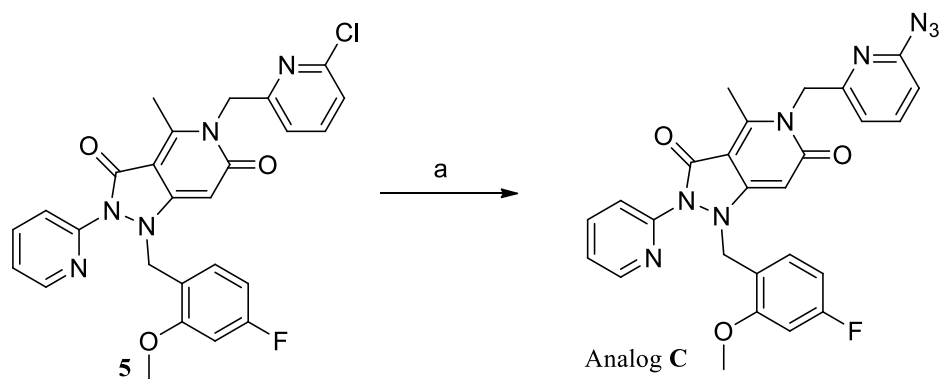


Fig. S22. Schematic of the chemical synthesis strategy of AVG analog C. Reagents and conditions to generate analog **C** from compound **5** (prepared as shown in Fig. S21) were (a) NaN₃, NH₄Cl, DMF, 48 hours, 110°C, 36%.

Table S1.

| Compound | Cell line or type | | | | | | | | | | | | <i>in vitro</i> RdRP | |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | HEp-2 | | | | "F1" HAE | | | | "M4" HAE | | | | IC ₅₀ (μ M) | 95% CI |
| | EC ₅₀ (μ M) | 95% CI | CC ₅₀ (μ M) | 95% CI | EC ₅₀ (μ M) | 95% CI | CC ₅₀ (μ M) | 95% CI | EC ₅₀ (μ M) | 95% CI | CC ₅₀ (μ M) | 95% CI | | |
| AVG-233 | 0.24 | 0.21 to 0.27 | >50 | >50 | 0.36 | 0.25 to 0.52 | >45 | >45 | 0.11 | 0.06 to 0.20 | >45 | >45 | 6.83 | 3.36 to 14.58 |
| AVG-388 | 0.05 | 0.05 to 0.06 | >10 | >10 | 0.13 | 0.09 to 0.18 | >10 | >10 | 0.15 | 0.09 to 0.25 | >10 | >10 | 1.25 | 0.15 to 21568 |
| AVG-389 | 0.09 | 0.09 to 0.10 | >5 | >5 | 0.16 | 0.12 to 0.2149 | >45 | >45 | 0.07 | 0.05 to 0.10 | >45 | >45 | 1.88 | 0.60 to 6.60 |
| AVG-390 | 0.11 | 0.10 to 0.13 | >45 | >45 | 0.39 | 0.27 to 0.56 | >45 | >45 | 0.25 | 0.12 to 0.57 | >45 | >45 | 4.62 | 1.69 to 14.10 |
| AVG-391 | 0.96 | 0.79 to 1.18 | >45 | >45 | 2.35 | 1.29 to 5.01 | >45 | >45 | 3.30 | 1.21 to 35.02 | >45 | >45 | 17.39 | 15.89 to 19.04 |
| AVG-392 | 0.81 | 0.71 to 0.93 | >45 | >45 | 0.92 | 0.64 to 1.33 | >45 | >45 | 1.53 | 0.54 to 8.83 | >45 | >45 | 23.11 | 15.30 to 35.74 |
| AVG-435 | 0.2 | 0.15 to 0.27 | >5 | >5 | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | 0.89 | 0.29 to 3.20 |
| AVG-436 | 0.08 | 0.07 to 0.11 | >5 | >5 | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | 4.63 | 2.12 to 10.65 |
| AVG-445 | 0.2 | 0.15 to 0.26 | >5 | >5 | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | nd | 5.53 | 1.28 to 37.21 |

Efficacy of AVG series *in vitro*. Dose response inhibition assays of recRSV-fireSMASH incubated with selected AVG-233 fluorine and chlorine analogs in a human cell line or primary human airway epithelium cells (CI, confidence interval; nd, not determined).

Table S2.

| Assay | Cell line | RSV L | AVG-233 EC ₅₀ | 95% CI | AVG-388 EC ₅₀ | 95% CI |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| minireplicon ^a | HEK-293T | WT | 0.15 | 0.11 to 0.19 | 0.15 | 0.12 to 0.19 |
| minireplicon ^a | HEK-293T | L1502Q | 24.04 | 18.46 to 30.95 | 89.45 | 61.84 to 161.4 |
| minireplicon ^a | BSR T7/5 | WT | 0.19 | 0.13 to 0.32 | 0.31 | (-) |
| minireplicon ^a | BSR T7/5 | L1502Q | 29.16 | 18.03 to 45.81 | 78.2 | 52.38 to 147.3 |
| minireplicon ^a | BSR T7/5 | H1632Q | 4.57 | 2.85 to 7.17 | 6.24 | 1.87 to 33.15 |
| recombinant ^b | HEp-2 | WT | 0.24 | 0.23 to 0.25 | 0.09 | 0.08 to 0.10 |
| recombinant ^b | HEp-2 | L1502Q | >100.0 | >100.0 | >100.0 | >100.0 |
| recombinant ^b | HEp-2 | Y1631H | 2.19 | (-) | 2.72 | 1.43 to 5.26 |
| recombinant ^b | HEp-2 | H1632Q | 4.42 | (-) | 4.81 | (-) |

Comparison of AVG-233 and AVG-388 resistance profiles. Minireplicon activity^a and recRSV-fireSMASH^b activity in the presence or absence of resistance mutations in RSV L (CI, confidence interval).

Table S3.

| compound | dose | Lung viral load reduction (log ₁₀ TCID ₅₀ /ml) relative to vehicle-treated | SD |
|----------|---------------|--|------|
| AVG-233 | 50 mg/kg bid | -0.44 | 0.38 |
| AVG-388 | 50 mg/kg bid | -1.3 | 0.25 |
| AVG-388 | 150 mg/kg bid | -1.9 | 0.23 |
| AVG-389 | nd | nd | nd |
| AVG-390 | 50 mg/kg bid | -0.5 | 0.26 |
| AVG-391 | nd | nd | nd |
| AVG-392 | nd | nd | nd |
| AVG-435 | 50 mg/kg bid | -0.44 | 0.36 |
| AVG-436 | 50 mg/kg bid | -0.89 | 0.14 |
| AVG-445 | 50 mg/kg bid | -1.1 | 0.16 |

Efficacy of AVG series *in vivo*. Lung viral load 4.5 days post-infection after therapeutic treatment (10 hours after infection).

Data S1. Source data file containing all quantitative raw data for main and supplementary figures.

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