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Software and code

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Data collection Negative stain EM and Cryo-EM data collection was performed using the Legion software package; All movie micrographs were aligned and dose-weighted using MotionCor2 and CTF parameters were estimated with GCTF. Single-particle processing was carried out using CryoSparc2.

Data analysis All single-particle data processing steps were performed with either CryoSparc2 (CryoEM) or Relion/3.0 (nsEM). Model building was performed using SWISS-MODEL, SAbPred, COOT, and Rosetta.

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Antibody sequences are available on Genbank (ON526845-ON526868). Cryo-EM and nsEM structures and refined atomic models have been deposited to the Electron Microscopy Data Bank under accession codes EMD-25621, EMD-25676, EMD-25623, EMD-25624, EMD-25625, EMD-25626, EMD-25627, EMD-25628, EMD-25629, EMD-25630, EMD-25631, and EMD-25632, and the Protein Data Bank under accession codes 7T2P and 7T4G.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	The challenge study consisted of three groups of rhesus macaques with 6 animals per group. Based on our experience with SIV in rhesus macaques, this sample size provides power to determine differences in protective efficacy of antibody administered group compared with the control group.
Data exclusions	One animal was excluded in the survival analysis. This animal was mistakenly detected as having detectable viral load after fourth challenge and was therefore not subjected to additional challenges. However, its viral load was undetectable since then, and the viral load repeat for the infection timepoint was negative.
Replication	Virologic and serological measures were performed in duplicate. Technical replicates were minimally different.
Randomization	The animals were balanced for age and gender and otherwise randomized into allocation groups.
Blinding	The viral load measurement and serological measure were performed blinded.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	APC-Cy7 mouse anti-human CD3 (clone SP34-2; BD Biosciences; Cat#557757); APC-Cy7 mouse anti-human CD4 (clone OKT4; Biolegend; Cat#317418); APC-Cy7 mouse anti-human CD8 (clone RPA-T8; BD Biosciences; Cat#557760); APC-Cy7 mouse anti-human CD14 (clone M5E2; BD Biosciences; Cat#561384); PerCP/Cy5.5 mouse anti-human CD20 (clone 2H7; Biolegend; Cat#302326); BV421 mouse anti-human IgG (clone G18-145; BD Biosciences; Cat#562581); PE mouse anti-human IgM (clone MHM-88; Biolegend; Cat#314508); Goat anti monkey IgG (H+L) (BioRad; Cat#AAI42); Alkaline phosphatase-conjugated goat anti-human IgG Fcy antibody (Jackson ImmunoResearch; Cat#109-055-190); 6x His tag monoclonal antibody (Invitrogen; Cat#MA1-21315); CD4-IgG2 (Progenics; Cat#PRO542); Mouse anti-rhodopsin (C9) monoclonal antibody (EMD Millipore, Cat#6B9575); 6x His tag monoclonal antibody (Invitrogen, Cat#MA1-21315); Goat anti-human IgG-HRP antibody (SouthernBiotech, Cat#2045-05)
Validation	All mAbs used according to manufacturer's instructions and/or previously published methods.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	TZM-bl cells (NIH AIDS Reagent Program); HEK293T cells (ATCC); FreeStyle HEK293 cells (ThermoFisher); Expi293F cells (ThermoFisher); Irradiated 3T3msCD40L cells (NIH); HEK293S cells (ATCC)
Authentication	Commercially purchased

Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines were tested negative for mycoplasma contamination.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in the study.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	18 Indian-origin rhesus macaques (<i>Macaca mulatta</i>) between 2- to 6-year-old were used (11 males and 7 females) in the antibody-mediated protection study.
Wild animals	No wild animals were used in the study.
Field-collected samples	No field collected samples were used in the study.
Ethics oversight	All procedures were previously approved by the University of Wisconsin Graduate School Animal Care and Use Committee (animal welfare assurance number 16-00239 [A3368-01]; protocol number G005248).

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

Flow Cytometry

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Methodology

Sample preparation	Cryopreserved rhesus peripheral blood mononuclear cells were thawed, washed, and stained for FACS sorting
Instrument	BD FACSMelody or BD FACSFusion was used for cell sorting
Software	Flow cytometric data was analyzed using FlowJo (v10.7.1), index-sort was analyzed using Prism 9.0
Cell population abundance	A total of 8470 antigen-specific memory B cells were single-cell sorted and expanded in vitro
Gating strategy	After gating for lymphocyte (FSC-A/SSC-A) singlets (FSC-H/FSC-W, SSC-H/SSC-W), CD3-CD4-CD8-CD14-CD20+IgM-IgG+ antigen-specific memory B cells were single-cell sorted

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