

Highly potent pan-sarbecovirus neutralizing antibodies induced by serial cross-clade immunization

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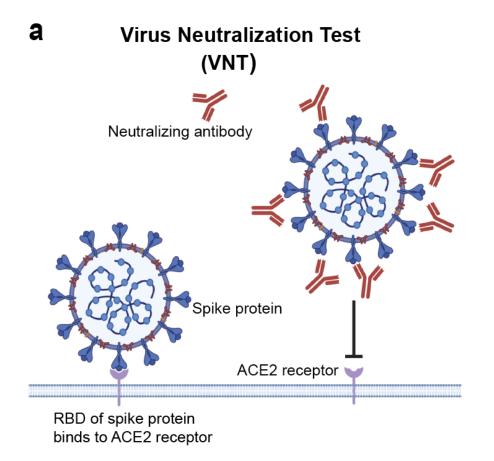


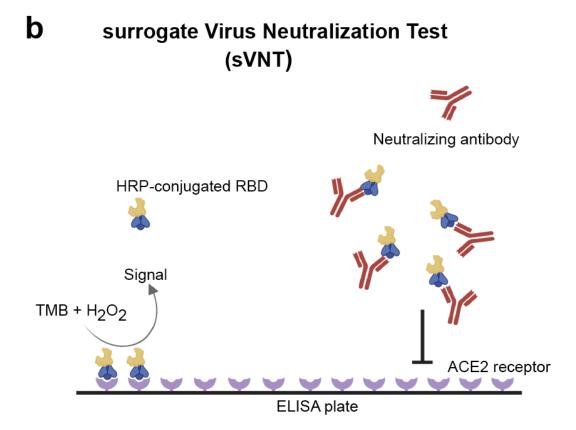
Outline

- The assay platform: multiplex surrogate virus neutralization test (sVNT)
- The cohort: SARS survivors in Singapore who received the BNT162b2 vaccine
- The finding: strong pan-sarbecovirus NAbs against all ACE2-binding sarbecoviruses tested
- The mechanism: synergy of multiple neutralizing epitopes vs immunodominant cross-clade neutralizing epitopes
- The implication: serial cross-clade immunization is a promising/powerful approach to induce pan-sarbecovirus NAbs



The principle of sVNT

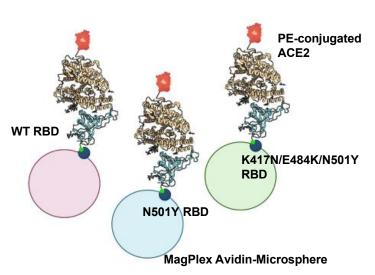


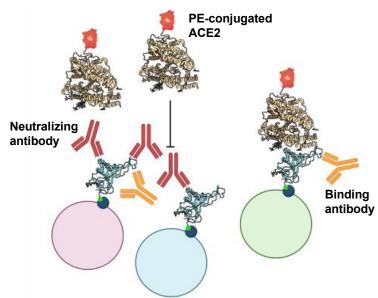


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Multiplex sVNT



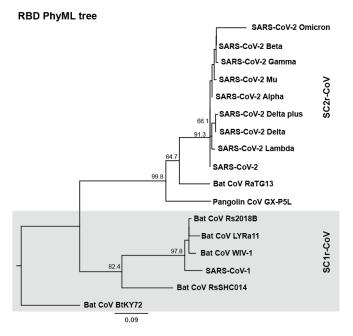




- Reversing the liquid-solid phase configuration: RBD on beads and PE-ACE2 in liquid
- Use of biotinylated RBD to achieve uniform coating in a multiplex system
- Presence of equimolar RBDs creates "in-tube competition"

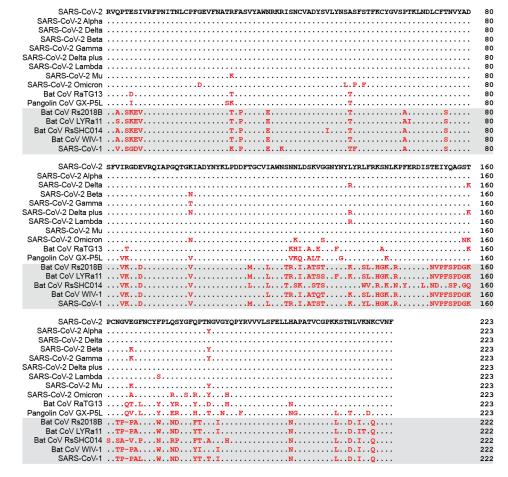


ACE2-binding sarbecovirus RBDs (16 plex sVNT)





RBD alignment



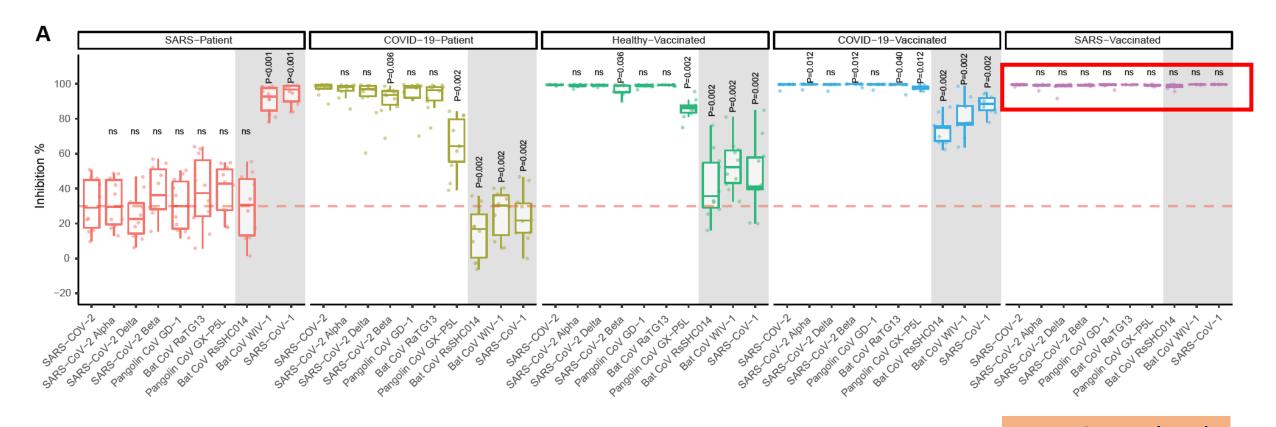


The cohort

- N = 8
- Recovered from SARS-CoV-1 in 2003
- Some still have good NAbs against SARS-CoV-1, but no cross-NAbs against SARS-CoV-2
- Received 1 or 2 doses of BNT162b2 mRNA vaccine
- Blood samples were taken 21-62 days after the first dose vaccination



NAbs against 10 sarbecovirues

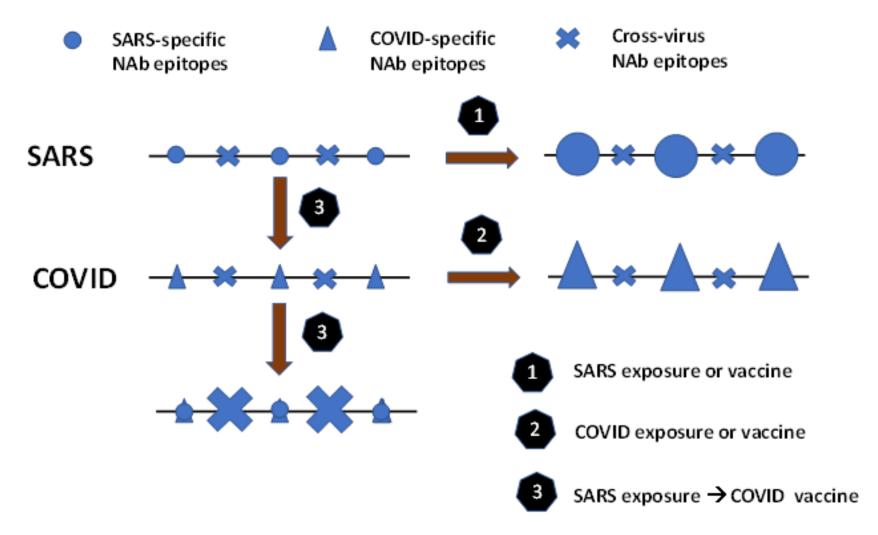


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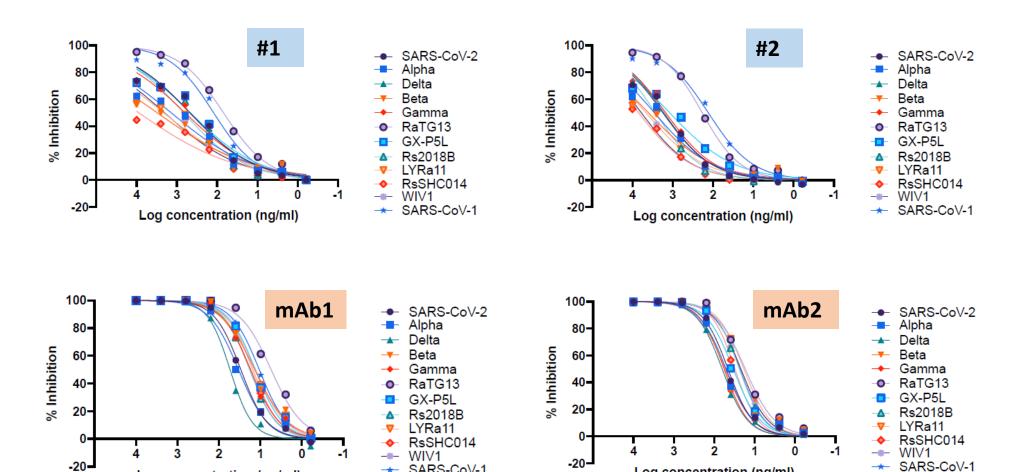


Proposed mechanism





Comparison of pan-sarbecovirus NAbs (mAb)



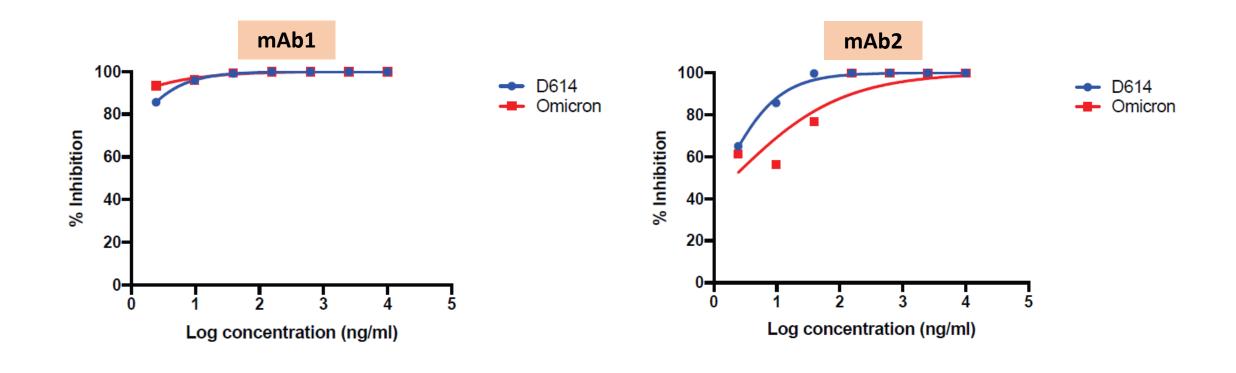
→ SARS-CoV-1

Log concentration (ng/ml)

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Highly potent against Omicron

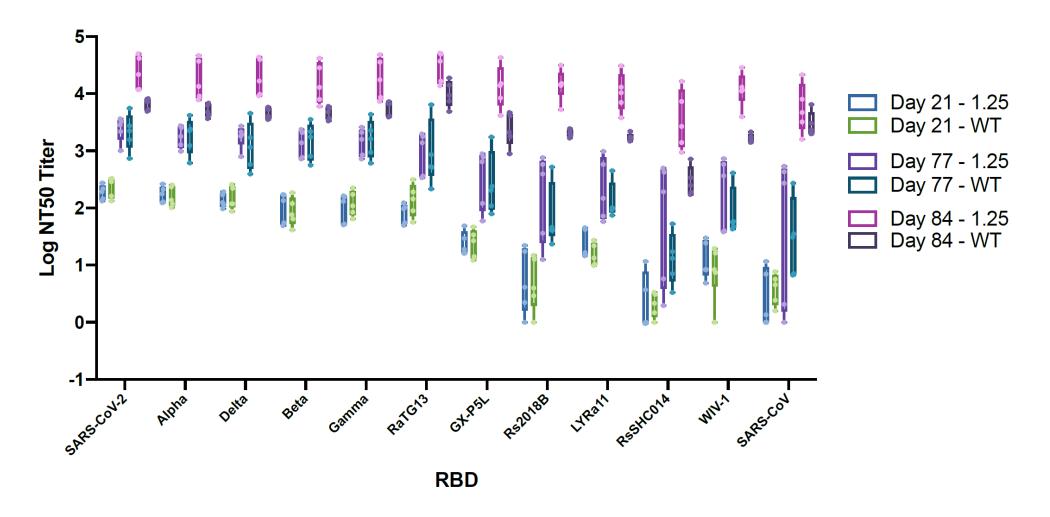




A pan-sarbecovirus booster vaccine candidate

- Designed a "consensus" Spike protein from all known Clade-1 SARS-like CoVs (mainly from bats)
- Produced in-house trimeric Spike with PP mutations
- Immunized mice with approved human vaccines in Singapore (BNT162b2, mRNA-1273, CoronaVac) using pre-determined doses by the vaccine producers
- Boosted with two versions of Spile proteins (in experimental adjuvant):
 C1.25 = the consensus; WT = the human SARS-CoV-1 Spike
- All groups produced pan-sarbecovirus NAbs







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