NOVEL HA BINDING AGENTS

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 13/830,367, filed on March 14, 2013, and also claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 61/645,554, filed on May 10, 2012, and U.S. Application Serial No. 61/716,447, filed on October 19, 2012. The disclosures of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

FIELD OF INVENTION

This disclosure relates to novel binding agents, e.g., peptide agents, e.g., antibody molecules, e.g., antibodies, and antigen-binding fragments thereof, that bind hemagglutinin protein of influenza viruses, and in embodiments neutralize the virus, and methods of their use.

BACKGROUND

Influenza is an infectious disease caused by RNA viruses of the family Orthomyxoviridae (the influenza viruses). Influenza viruses are classified based on core protein into three genera A, B and C that are further divided into subtypes determined by the viral envelope glycoproteins haemagglutinin (HA) and neuraminidase (NA). Influenza A viruses infect a range of mammalian and avian species, whereas type B and C infections are largely restricted to humans. Only types A and B cause human disease of any concern.

High mutation rates and frequent genetic reassortments of the influenza viruses contribute to great variability of the HA and NA antigens. Minor point mutations causing small changes ("antigenic drift") occur relatively often. Antigenic drift enables the virus to evade immune recognition, resulting in repeated influenza outbreaks during interpandemic years. Major changes in the HA antigen ("antigenic shift") are caused by reassortment of genetic material from different influenza A subtypes. Antigenic shifts resulting in new pandemic strains are rare events, occurring through reassortment between animal and human subtypes, for example in co-infected pigs.

Influenza A spreads around the world in seasonal epidemics, resulting in the deaths of between 250,000 and 500,000 people every year, and up to millions in some pandemic years.

On average 41,400 people died each year in the United States between 1979 and 2001 from influenza.

SUMMARY

The disclosure is based, at least in part, on the discovery of human anti-HA antibodies comprising functional and structural properties disclosed herein, e.g., antibodies that bind a conserved region or epitope on influenza virus and uses thereof.

Accordingly, the disclosure features binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, or preparations, or isolated preparations thereof, that bind hemagglutinin (HA) from influenza viruses. In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, is broad spectrum, and binds more than one HA, e.g., an HA from one or both of Group 1 or Group 2 strains of influenza A viruses and/or one or more strains of influenza B viruses. Therefore, in some embodiments, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure can treat or prevent infection by a Group 1 influenza virus and a Group 2 influenza virus. In other embodiments, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure can treat or prevent infection by an influenza A virus and an influenza B virus. The binding agents, e.g, antibody molecules, share sufficient structural similarity with antibodies or variable regions disclosed herein such that they possess functional attributes of the antibodies disclosed herein. In embodiments the structural similarity can be in terms of three dimensional structure or linear amino acid sequence or both.

In an aspect, the disclosure features an isolated antibody molecule comprising: (a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising: a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68); a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69); and a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and (b) a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-D-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:145); a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

In another aspect, the disclosure features the use of the antibody molecule featured in the disclosure for the manufacture of a medicament for preventing or treating an influenza virus infection in a human subject.

In one embodiment, the disclosure features an anti-hemagglutinin (anti-HA) binding agent, e.g., a specific binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, or preparation, or isolated preparation thereof, comprising one or more or all of the following properties:

(a) it fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004;

(b) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by the method described in (a);

(c) it prevents infection by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 1, and by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 2;

(d) it inhibits fusogenic activity of the targeted HA;

(e) it treats or prevents infection by a Group 1 virus, such as where the virus is an H1, H5, or H9 virus; and it treats or prevents infection by a Group 2 virus, such as where the virus is an H3 or H7 virus;

(f) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A strains H1N1 and H3N2;

(g) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H1N1 and H3N2 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or 1 mg/kg;

(h) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A H5N1 strains;

(i) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H5N1 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or 1 mg/kg;

(j) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza A virus is less than 10 μg/mL;

(k) it treats or prevents infection by an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010;

(l) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, when administered at 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or 1 mg/kg;

(m) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, virus is less than 10 μg/mL;

(n) it prevents or minimizes secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject;

(o) it is effective for preventing or minimizing secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or 1 mg/kg;

(p) it binds an epitope which comprises or consists of the hemagglutinin trimer interface; and

(q) it binds an epitope other than that bound by a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., as determined by structural analysis, e.g., by X-ray crystallography or NMR spectroscopy;

(r) in an embodiment it binds to an epitope, e.g., it has an epitope that overlaps with or is the same as, of an antibody disclosed herein, e.g., as determined by mutational analysis or crystal structure analysis

In one embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, has one or more of the following characteristics: the anti-HA antibody molecule prevents infection by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 1, and by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 2; the concentration of the anti-HA antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza A virus is less than 10 μg/mL; or the anti-HA antibody molecule binds an epitope that comprises or consists of the hemagglutinin trimer interface.

In one embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure treats or prevents infection by a Group 1 virus, such as where the virus is an H1, H2, H5, H6, H8, H9, H12, H11, H13, H16, or H17 virus; and treats or prevents infection by a Group 2 virus, such as where the virus is an H3, H4, H7, H10 or H15 virus.

In one embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure prevents infection by at least 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 influenza subtypes of Group 1, and by at least 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 influenza subtypes of Group 2.

In one embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure treats or prevents infection by one or more of H1N1, H2N2,

H5N1, and H9N2, and also treats or prevents infection by one or more of H3N2 and H7N7.

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, binds, and in embodiments, neutralizes:

at least one strain from the Group 1 H1, e.g., H1 a or H1b, cluster and at least one strain from the Group 2 H3 or H7 cluster.

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, binds, and in embodiments, neutralizes:

at least one strain from the Group 1 H1, e.g., H1 a or H1b, cluster and at least one influenza B strain, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010.

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, binds, and in embodiments, neutralizes:

at least one strain from the Group 2 H3 or H7 cluster and at least one influenza B strain, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010.

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, binds, and in embodiments, neutralizes:

at least one strain from the Group 1 H1, e.g., H1 a or H1b, cluster, at least one strain from the Group 2 H3 or H7 cluster, and at least one influenza B strain, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010.

In one embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure treats or prevents infection by one or more of influenza B viruses, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010.

In one embodiment, the anti-HA antibody molecule is not an anti-HA antibody molecule previously described in the art. For example, the anti-HA antibody molecule is other than one or more or all of Ab 67-11 (U.S. Provisional Application No. 61/645,453), FI6 (FI6, as used herein, refers to any specifically disclosed FI6

sequence in U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813, US published application No. 2011/0274702, WO2013/011347 or Corti et al., Science 333:850-856, 2011, published online July 28, 2011; FIGs. 12A to 12C), FI28 (U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813), C179 (Okuno et al., J. Virol. 67:2552-1558, 1993), F10 (Sui et al., Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol. 16:265, 2009), CR9114 (Dreyfus et al., Science. 2012; 337(6100):1343-1348; published online August 9, 2012), or CR6261 (Ekiert et al., Science 324:246-251, 2009; published online February 26, 2009).

In one embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, neutralizes infection with H1N1 and H3N2 in vitro. In another embodiment, binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, neutralizes infection with H1N1 and H3N2 in vivo.

In one embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, neutralizes infection with H5N1 in vitro. In another embodiment, binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, neutralizes infection with H5N1 in vivo.

In one embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, neutralizes infection with an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, in vitro. In another embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule neutralizes infection with an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, in vivo.

In another embodiment, the concentration of the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, required for 50% neutralization of influenza A virus is 10 μg/mL or less, such as 9 μg/mL or less, 8 μg/mL or less, 7 μg/mL or less, 6 μg/mL or less, or 5 μg/mL or less.

In another embodiment, the concentration of the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, required for 60% neutralization of influenza A virus, 50% neutralization of influenza A virus, or 40% neutralization of influenza A virus is 10 μg/mL or less, such as 9 μg/mL or less, 8 μg/mL or less, 7 μg/mL or less, 6 μg/mL or less, or 5 μg/mL or less.

In yet another embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H1N1 and H3N2, such as when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6.0 mg/kg, 5.0 mg/kg, 4.0 mg/kg, 3.0 mg/kg, 2.0 mg/kg, 1.0 mg/kg or less.

In still another embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an the anti-HA antibody molecule, is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H5N1, such as when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6.0 mg/kg, 5.0 mg/kg, 4.0 mg/kg, 3.0 mg/kg, 2.0 mg/kg, 1.0 mg/kg or less.

In another embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, is effective for the treatment or prevention of a Group 1 virus, where the Group 1 virus is H1, H5, or H9, and in another embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, is effective for the treatment or prevention of a Group 2 virus, where the Group 2 virus is H3 or H7.

In another embodiment, the concentration of the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, required for 50% neutralization of influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, is 10 μg/mL or less, such as 9 μg/mL or less, 8 μg/mL or less, 7 μg/mL or less, 6 μg/mL or less, or 5 μg/mL or less.

In another embodiment, the concentration of the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, required for 60% neutralization of influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, 50% neutralization of influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, or 40% neutralization of influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, is 10 μg/mL or less, such as 9 μg/mL or less, 8 μg/mL or less, 7 μg/mL or less, 6 μg/mL or less, or 5 μg/mL or less.

In another embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody molecule, is a full length tetrameric antibody, a single chain antibody (scFv), a $F(ab')_2$ fragment, a Fab fragment, or an Fd fragment. In another embodiment, the heavy chain of the antibody molecule is a γ1 heavy chain, and in yet another embodiment, the light chain of the antibody molecule is a κ light chain or a λ light chain. In yet another

embodiment, the anti-HA antibody molecule featured in the disclosure is an IgG1 antibody.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

a) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, and D291;

b) it includes H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) it does not include one, two or all of, H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, and R329;

d) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

e) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, and V323; or

f) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56,and E57.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: b; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: d; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c, d, e, and f.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

a) H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, or D291;

b) H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, or V323; or

d) H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56, or E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

c) H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, or R329; or

d) H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, or D46.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

aa) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) it includes H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) it does not include one or both of H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329;

dd) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

ee) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324 are bound by both Ab 044 and FI6; or

ff) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: bb; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: dd; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc, dd, ee, and ff.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

aa) H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324 ; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

cc) H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329 ; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has one, two, three or all of the following properties:

a and aa;

b and bb;

c and cc;

d and dd.

In an embodiment the molecule has properties c, cc, d, and dd.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., a specific binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising at least, or more than, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 87, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with a heavy chain variable region from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.2, Fig 13 or Fig.17; and

a light chain variable region comprising at least, or more than, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 87, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with light chain variable region from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.3, Fig. 14 or Fig 17.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises a heavy chain variable region 25 (SEQ ID NO:25), or a structurally or functionally related variable heavy chain region as described herein.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises a light chain variable region 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), 155 (SEQ ID NO:155), or 45 (SEQ ID NO:45), or a structurally or functionally related variable light chain region as described herein.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises:

a heavy chain variable region 25 (SEQ ID NO:25), or a structurally or functionally related variable heavy chain region as described herein; and

a light chain variable region 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), 155 (SEQ ID NO:155), or 45 (SEQ ID NO:45), or a structurally or functionally related variable light chain region as described herein.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising one, two, or all of CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3, from heavy chain variable region 25 (SEQ ID NO:25), or a structurally or functionally related variable heavy chain region as described herein.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises a light chain variable region comprising one, two, or all of CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3, from light chain variable region 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), 155 (SEQ ID NO:155), or 45 (SEQ ID NO:45), or a structurally or functionally related sequence as described herein.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises:

a heavy chain variable region comprising one, two, or all of CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3, from heavy chain variable region 25 (SEQ ID NO:25), or a structurally or functionally related variable heavy chain region as described herein; and

a light chain variable region comprising one, two, or all of CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3, from light chain variable region 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), 155 (SEQ ID NO:155), or 45 (SEQ ID NO:45), or a structurally or functionally related variable light chain region as described herein.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises a heavy chain variable region from Fig 2 or Fig 13 or a structurally or functionally related variable heavy chain region as described herein.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises a light chain variable region from Fig 3 or Fig 14 or a structurally or functionally related variable light chain region as described herein.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises one, two, or all of, a CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 from a heavy chain variable region from Fig 2 or Fig 13, or a structurally or functionally related sequences as described herein.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises one, two, or all of, a CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 from a light chain variable region from Fig 3 or Fig 14, or a structurally or functionally related sequences as described herein.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises one, two or all of, HC CDR1, HC CDR2, and HC CDR3 and one, two or all of, LC CDR1, LC CDR2, and LC CDR3 from an antibody disclosed in Table 3, or a structurally or functionally related sequences as described herein.

In another embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises the light chain LC45 (SEQ ID NO: 45). In yet another embodiment, the antibody comprises the light chain LC45, and the heavy chain HC25 (SEQ ID NO: 25) or 24 (SEQ ID NO: 24). In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises the light chain Ab032(SEQ ID NO: 45) and the heavy chain 25 (SEQ ID NO: 25). In yet another embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises light chain LC52(SEQ ID NO: 52) and heavy chain HC25 (SEQ ID NO: 25).

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

a) one or more framework regions (FRs) from heavy chain disclosed herein. E.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or FR sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from a heavy chain disclosed herein; and

b) one or more framework regions (FRs) from light chain disclosed herein. E.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or FR

sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from light chain disclosed herein.

In one embodiment, an anti-HA antibody molecule featured in the disclosure, or preparation, or isolated preparation thereof, comprises

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable domain comprising a sequence at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 87, 90, 95, 97, 98, or 99, e.g., 90%, homologous, to a heavy chain consensus sequence provided herein, e.g., the heavy chain consensus sequence provided in Fig. 2 or Fig 13, e.g., the heavy chain consensus sequence provided in Fig. 2, SEQ ID NO:161; and

(b) a light chain immunoglobulin variable domain comprising a sequence at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 87, 90, 95, 97, 98, or 99, e.g., 95%, homologous, to a light chain consensus sequence provided herein, e.g., the light chain consensus sequence provided in Fig. 3 or Fig 14, e.g., the light chain consensus sequence provided in Fig. 3, SEQ ID NO:62.

For example, in one embodiment, the anti-HA antibody molecule featured in the disclosure comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable domain comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:161, or a sequence at least 87% identical to SEQ ID NO:161; and

(b) a light chain immunoglobulin variable domain comprising the sequence SEQ ID NO:62, or a sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:62.

In another embodiment the antibody molecule comprises:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable domain comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:161, or a sequence at least 87% identical to SEQ ID NO:161; and

(b) a light chain immunoglobulin variable domain comprising the sequence SEQ ID NO:62, or a sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO:62, wherein said antibody molecule:

(i) fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza virus (e.g., an

influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010); and

(ii) produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, such as when tested by the method described in (i).

In an embodiment, the disclosure features an antibody molecule comprising one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO:161, or a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:161 by not more than 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 or 16 , e.g., by no more than 2, 3, 4, or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids; and

(b) a light chain immunoglobulin variable domain comprising the sequence SEQ ID NO:62, or a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:62 that differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids.

In one embodiment, the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 or 16 amino acid differences, e.g., conservative amino acid differences, in the heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region are in the FR regions of the heavy chain immunoglobulin variable domain. In another embodiment, the 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acid differences, e.g., conservative amino acid differences, in the light chain immunoglobulin variable domain are in the FR regions of the light chain immunoglobulin variable domain. In one embodiment, the amino acid differences in the heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region, or in the light chain immunoglobulin variable region, are conservative amino acid changes.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, binds to an epitope, e.g., it has an epitope that overlaps with or is the same as, of an antibody disclosed herein, e.g., as determined by mutational analysis or crystal structure analysis.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

a) one or more framework regions (FRs) from heavy chain consensus sequence disclosed herein. e.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from heavy chain consensus sequence disclosed herein; and

b) one or more framework regions (FRs) from light chain consensus sequence disclosed herein. e.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from light chain consensus disclosed herein.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, specifically binds the HA antigen.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, or preparation, or isolated preparation thereof, comprising a structural or functional property of Ab 044.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule competes with a reference antibody molecule, e.g., an antibody molecule described herein, for binding to a substrate, e.g., an HA. The reference antibody molecule can be:

a) an antibody molecule comprising:

i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G

(SEQ ID NO:69); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising:

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-D-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:145);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

b) an antibody molecule comprises one or both of: (i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 25; and (ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:52; or

c) Ab 044.

The HA can be from a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Competition between the antibody molecule and a reference antibody molecule can be determined by evaluating the ability of one of the antibody molecules or the reference antibody molecule to decrease binding of the other to a substrate, e.g., HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated by methods in the art. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated, e.g., by one or more of:

a) BIAcore analysis;

b) ELISA assay; and

c) flow cytometry.

The antibody molecule can compete with the reference antibody such that binding of the reference antibody is decreased by 50% or more.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule binds to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, which the reference antibody molecule binds. In an embodiment the antibody molecule does not bind to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, which the reference antibody molecule binds.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule binds to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, on HA, as does a reference antibody molecule, e.g. an antibody molecule disclosed herein. The reference antibody molecule can be:

a) an antibody molecule comprising:

i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising:

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-D-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:145);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

b) an antibody molecule comprises one or both of: (i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 25; and (ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:52; or

c) Ab 044.

The HA can be HA1 or HA5, e.g., from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004Binding to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, can be shown by one or more of:

a) mutational analysis, e.g., binding to HA, or binding affinity for HA, is decreased or abolished if a residue is mutated;

b) analysis, e.g., comparison, of the crystal structure of the antibody molecule and HA and the crystal structure of a reference antibody and HA, e.g., to determine the touch points of each;

c) competition of the two antibodies for binding to HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, from, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004; and

d) (c) and one or both of (a) and (b).

Competition between the antibody molecule and a reference antibody molecule can be determined by evaluating the ability of one of the antibody molecule or the reference antibody molecule to decrease binding of the other to a substrate, e.g., HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, from, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004.

Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated by methods in the art. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated, e.g., by one or more of:

a) BIAcore analysis;

b) ELISA assay; or

c) flow cytometry.

The antibody molecule can compete with the reference antibody such that binding of the reference antibody is decreased by 50% or more.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 25;

and a light chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 52.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 25;

and a light chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 52,

wherein, each HC CDR differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., 1 or 2, e.g., conservative amino acids, from the corresponding CDR of SEQ ID NO: 25 and each LC CDR differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., 1 or 2, e.g., conservative amino acids, from the corresponding CDR of SEQ ID NO: 52.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 25;

and a light chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 52,

wherein the antibody molecule comprises 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or all of:

(i) a HC CDR1 comprising: S at the 1st position and A at the 3rd position in HC CDR1;

(ii) a HC CDR2 comprising one or both, e.g., one of: V at the 2nd position; or N at the 7th position and Q at the 16th position in HC CDR2;

(iii) a HC CDR3 comprising: R at the 3rd position (and optionally, L at the 3rd position);

(iv) a LC CDR1 comprising one or both of, e.g., one of: I at the 3rd position; or D at the 6th position in LC CDR1;

(v) a LC CDR2 comprising one, two, or three of, e.g., one of: G at the 2nd position; Y at the 4th position; or L at the 5th position in LC CDR2;

(vi) a LC CDR3 comprising: S at the 9th position in LC CDR3;

In an embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:25 (or a sequence that differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:52 (or a sequence that differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In an embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence:

Q-S-I-T-F-D-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:145) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a) LC CDR1-3, that collectively, differ from the AB 044 LC CDR1-3 by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids; and

b) HC CDR1-3, that collectively, differ from the AB 044 HC CDR1-3 by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids.

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 25; and (b) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:52.

In an embodiment, the binding agent is an antibody molecule comprising one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, or 3, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, there from, optionally provided that at least 1 or 2 of the highlighted residue are not changed, e.g., both S and A are not changed);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that at least 1, 2, or 3 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., V or both N and Q or all three of V, N, and Q are not changed);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that R is not changed); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence:

Q-S-I-T-F-D-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:145) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that at least 1or 2 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., I or D is not changed);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided thatat least 1, 2 or 3 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., 1, 2 or all of G, Y, and L are not changed);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that at least 1 or both of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., S is not changed).

In an embodiment a CDR of the light or heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR, (i.e., while other residues in that CDR might be changed, the highlighted residue or combination of residues, are not changed). E.g., in an embodiment, V or both N and Q, for heavy chain CDR2 are not changed.

In an embodiment a CDR of the light and a CDR of the heavy chain each includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of two CDRs in the antibody molecule includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR. In embodiments both are in the light chain. In embodiments both are in the heavy chain.

In an embodiment each of the three CDRs in the heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of the three CDRs in the light chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of the six CDRs in the heavy and light chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In one embodiment, the binding agent is an antibody molecule that comprises one or more or all of the following properties:

(a) both S and A in HC CDR1 are unchanged;

(b) V or both N and Q or all three of V, N, and Q in HC CDR2 are unchanged;

(c) **R** in HC CDR3 is unchanged;

(d) One or both of **I** and **D** in LC CDR1 are unchanged.

(e) 1, 2 or 3 of **G**, **Y**, and **L** in LC CDR2 are unchanged; OR

(f) **S** in LC CDR3 is unchanged.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or all 6 properties selected from (a) to (f).

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises a heavy chain having a one or more properties selected from (a), (b), and (c) and a light chain having one or more properties selected from (d), (e), and (f).

In one embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising:

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-D-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:145);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

In some embodiments, the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of the following properties: (i) it fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an

H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010); and (ii) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, such as Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, such as when tested by the method described in (i).

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

a) one or more framework regions (FRs) from SEQ ID NO: 25 e.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from SEQ ID NO: 25; and

b) one or more framework regions (FRs) from SEQ ID NO: 52. E.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from SEQ ID NO: 52.

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment that further comprises one or more or all of:

an FR1 comprising the sequence Q-V-Q-L-L-E-T-G-G-G-L-V-K-P-G-Q-S-L-K-L-S-C-A-A-S-G-F-T-F-***T*** (SEQ ID NO:74) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***T*** is not changed);

an FR2 comprising the sequence W-V-R-Q-P-P-G-K-G-L-E-***W***-V-A (SEQ ID NO:75) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***W*** is not changed, or that if changed, is other than R);

an FR3 comprising the sequence R-F-T-***I***-S-***R***-D-N-S-K-N-T-***L***-Y-L-Q-M-N-S-L-R-A-E-D-T-A-V-Y-Y-C-A-K (SEQ ID NO:76) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that one, two or three of ***I***, ***R***, or ***L*** is not changed, or that if ***I*** is changed it is other than G, if ***R*** is changed it is other than P. or if ***L*** is changed it is other than A); and

an FR4 comprising the sequence W-G-Q-G-T-T-L-T-V-S-S (SEQ ID NO:77) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom) or W-G-Q-G-T-T-V-T-V-S-S(SEQ ID NO:171) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

(b) a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising one or more or all of:

an FR1 comprising the sequence D-I-Q-M-T-Q-S-P-S-S-L-S-A-S-V-G-D-R-V-T-I-T-C-***R***-S-S (SEQ ID NO:78) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***R*** is not changed);

an FR2 comprising the sequence W-Y-Q-Q-K-P-G-K-A-P-K-L-L-I-Y (SEQ ID NO:79) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

an FR3 comprising the sequence G-V-P-S-R-F-S-G-S-G-S-G-T-D-F-T-L-T-I-S-S-L-Q-P-E-D-F-A-T-Y-Y-***C*** (SEQ ID NO:80) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***C*** is not changed, or if changed, is other than P); and

an FR4 comprising the sequence F-G-Q-G-T-K-V-E-I-K (SEQ ID NO:81) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In an embodiment a FR of the light or heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR, (i.e., while other residues in that FR might be changed, the highlighted residue or combination of residues, are not changed). E.g., in an embodiment, one, two or three of ***I***, ***R***, or ***L*** for heavy chain FR3 is not changed.

In an embodiment a FR of the light and a FR of the heavy chain each includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR.

In an embodiment each of two FRs in the antibody molecule includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR. In embodiments both are in the light chain. In embodiments both are in the heavy chain.

In an embodiment each of FR2 and FR3 in the heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR.

In an embodiment each of FR1 and FR2 in the heavy and light chain includes one of the h ighlighted residues for that FR.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in heavy chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in light chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in both heavy and light chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In an embodiment, sequence of FR1 of the heavy chain variable region segment is Q-V-Q-L-L-E-T-G-G-G-L-V-K-P-G-Q-S-L-K-L-S-C-A-A-S-G-F-T-F-T (SEQ ID NO:74).

In an embodiment, sequence of FR1 of the heavy chain variable region segment is E-V-Q-L-L-E-S-G-G-G-L-V-K-P-G-Q-S-L-K-L-S-C-A-A-S-G-F-T-F-T (SEQ ID NO:173).

In another embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or more or all of the following properties: (a) it fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010); (b) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g.,

Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by the method described in (a); (c) it binds with high affinity to a hemagglutinin (HA) of at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 1 and at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 2; (d) it treats or prevents infection by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 1, and by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 2; (e) it inhibits fusogenic activity of the targeted HA; (f) it treats or prevents infection by a Group 1 virus, wherein the virus is an H1, H5, or H9 virus; and treats or prevents infection by a Group 2 virus, wherein the virus is an H3 or H7 virus; (g) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A strains H1N1 and H3N2; (h) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H1N1 and H3N2 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (i) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A strains H5N1; (j) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H5N1 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (k) it binds with high affinity to a hemagglutinin (HA) of an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010; (l) it treats or prevents infection by an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010; (m) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (n) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza A virus is less than 10 μg/mL; (o) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, is less than 10 μg/mL; (p) it prevents or minimizes secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject; (q) it is effective for preventing or minimizing secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (r) it binds an epitope which comprises or consists of the hemagglutinin trimer interface; and (s) it binds an epitope other than that bound by a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by a method disclosed herein, e.g., by competition in an ELISA assay.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, specifically binds the HA antigen.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

a) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, and D291;

b) it includes H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) it does not include one, two or all of, H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, and R329;

d) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

e) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, and V323; or

f) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56,and E57.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: b; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: d; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c, d, e, and f.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

a) H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, or D291;

b) H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, or V323; or

d) H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56, or E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

c) H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, or R329; or

d) H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, or D46.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

aa) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) it includes H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) it does not include one or both of H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329;

dd) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

ee) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324 are bound by both Ab 044 and FI6; or

ff) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: bb; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: dd; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc, dd, ee, and ff.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

aa) H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324 ; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

cc) H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329 ; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has one, two, three or all of the following properties:

a and aa;

b and bb;

c and cc;

d and dd.

In an embodiment the molecule has properties c, cc, d, and dd.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, or preparation, or isolated preparation thereof, comprising a structural or functional property of Ab 069.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule competes with a reference antibody molecule, e.g., an antibody molecule described herein, for binding to a substrate, e.g., an HA. The reference antibody molecule can be:

a) an antibody molecule comprising:

i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G
(SEQ ID NO:69); and
a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising:
a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-E-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:172);;
a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and
a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

b) an antibody molecule comprises one or both of: (i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 25; and (ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:155; or

c) Ab 069.

The HA can be HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Competition between the antibody molecule and a reference antibody molecule can be determined by evaluating the ability of one of the antibody molecule or the reference antibody molecule to decrease binding of the other to a substrate, e.g., HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated by methods in the art. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated, e.g., by one or more of:

a) BIAcore analysis;

b) ELISA assay;

c) flow cytometry.

The antibody molecule can compete with the reference antibody such that binding of the reference antibody is decreased by 50% or more. In an embodiment

the antibody molecule binds to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, which the reference antibody molecule binds. In an embodiment the antibody molecule does not bind to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, which the reference antibody molecule binds.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule binds to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, on HA, as does a reference antibody molecule, e.g. an antibody molecule disclosed herein. The reference antibody molecule can be:

a) an antibody molecule comprising:

i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G

(SEQ ID NO:69); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising:

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-E-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:172);;

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

b) an antibody molecule comprises one or both of: (i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 25; and (ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:155; or

c) Ab 069.

The HA can be HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Binding to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, can be shown by one or more of:

a) mutational analysis, e.g., binding or lack thereof to mutant HA, e.g., if a residue is mutated;

b) analysis, e.g., comparison, of the crystal structure of the antibody molecule and HA and the crystal structure of a reference antibody and HA, e.g., to determine the touch points of each;

c) competition of the two antibodies for binding to HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, from, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004; or

d) (c) and one or both of (a) and (b);

Competition between the antibody molecule and a reference antibody molecule can be determined by evaluating the ability of one of the antibody molecule or the reference antibody molecule to decrease binding of the other to a substrate, e.g., HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated by methods in the art. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated, e.g., by one or more of:

a) BIAcore analysis;

b) ELISA assay;

c) flow cytometry. The antibody molecule can compete with the reference antibody such that binding of the reference antibody is decreased by 50% or more.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 25;

and a light chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 155.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 25;

and a light chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 155,

wherein each HC CDR differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., 1 or 2, e.g., conservative amino acids, from the corresponding CDR of SEQ ID NO: 25 and each LC CDR differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., 1 or 2, e.g., conservative amino acids, from the corresponding CDR of SEQ ID NO: 155.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 25;

and a light chain variable region comprising at least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 155,

wherein the antibody molecule comprises 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or all of:

(i) a HC CDR1 comprising: S at the 1st position and A at the 3rd position in HC CDR1;

(ii) a HC CDR2 comprising one or both, e.g., one of: V at the 2nd position; or N at the 7^{th} position and Q at the 16^{th} position in HC CDR2;

(iii) a HC CDR3 comprising: R at the 3rd position (and optionally, L at the 3^{rd} position);

(iv) a LC CDR1 comprising one or both of, e.g., one of: ; I at the 3rd position; or E at the 6th position in LC CDR1;

(v) a LC CDR2 comprising one, two or three of, e.g., one of: G at the 2nd position; Y at the 4^{th} position; or L at the 5^{th} position in LC CDR2;

(vi) a LC CDR3 comprising: S at the 9^{th} position in LC CDR3;

In an embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:25 (or a sequence that differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:155 (or a sequence that differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 25; and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:155.

In an embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence:

Q-S-I-T-F-E-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO: 172) or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a) LC CDR1-3, that collectively, differ from the AB 069 LC CDR1-3 by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids; and

b) HC CDR1-3, that collectively, differ from the AB 069 HC CDR1-3 by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids.

In an embodiment, the binding agent is an antibody molecule comprising one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, or 3, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that at least 1 or 2 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., both S and A are not changed);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom , optionally provided that at least 1, 2, or 3 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., V or both N and Q or all three of V, N, and Q are not changed);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom optionally provided that, R is not changed); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence:

Q-S-I-T-F-E-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO: 172) or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that at least 1 or 2 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., I or E is not changed);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided thatat least 1, 2, or 3 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., 1, 2 or all of G, Y, and L are not changed);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that, at least one or both of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., S is not changed).

In an embodiment a CDR of the light or heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR, (i.e., while other residues in that CDR might be changed, the highlighted residue or combination of residues, are not changed).

In an embodiment a CDR of the light and a CDR of the heavy chain each includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of two CDRs in the antibody molecule includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR. In embodiments both are in the light chain. In embodiments both are in the heavy chain.

In an embodiment each of the three CDRs in the heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of the three CDRs in the light chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of the six CDRs in the heavy and light chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In one embodiment, the binding agent is an antibody molecule that comprises one or more or all of the following properties:

(a) both S and A in HC CDR1 are unchanged.

(b) V or both N and Q or all three of V, N, and Q in HC CDR2 are unchanged.

(c) R in HC CDR3 is unchanged.

(d) one or both of I and E in LC CDR1 are unchanged.

(e) 1, 2 or 3 of G, Y, and L in LC CDR2 are unchanged;

(f) S in LC CDR3 is unchanged.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or all 6 properties selected from (a) to (f).

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises a heavy chain having a one or more properties selected from (a), (b), and (c) and a light chain having one or more properties selected from (d), (e), and (f).

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising:

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-E-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:172);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

In some embodiments, the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of the following properties: (i) it fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010); and (ii) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, such as Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, such as when tested by the method described in (i).

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

a) one or more framework regions (FRs) from SEQ ID NO: 25. E.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from SEQ ID NO: 25; and

b) one or more framework regions (FRs) from SEQ ID NO: 155. E.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from SEQ ID NO: 155.

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment that further comprises one or more or all of:

an FR1 comprising the sequence Q-V-Q-L-L-E-T-G-G-G-L-V-K-P-G-Q-S-L-K-L-S-C-A-A-S-G-F-T-F-***T*** (SEQ ID NO:74) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***T*** is not changed);

an FR2 comprising the sequence W-V-R-Q-P-P-G-K-G-L-E-***W***-V-A (SEQ ID NO:75) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***W*** is not changed, or that if changed, is other than R);

an FR3 comprising the sequence R-F-T-***I***-S-***R***-D-N-S-K-N-T-***L***-Y-L-Q-M-N-S-L-R-A-E-D-T-A-V-Y-Y-C-A-K (SEQ ID NO:76) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that one, two or three of ***I***, ***R***, or ***L*** is not changed, or that if ***I*** is changed it is other than G, if ***R*** is changed it is other than P. or if ***L*** is changed it is other than A);and

(b) the light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprises one or more or all of

an FR1 comprising the sequence D-I-Q-M-T-Q-S-P-S-S-L-S-A-S-V-G-D-R-V-T-I-T-C-***R***-S-S (SEQ ID NO:78) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***R*** is not changed);

an FR2 comprising the sequence W-Y-Q-Q-K-P-G-K-A-P-K-L-L-I-Y (SEQ ID NO:79) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

an FR3 comprising the sequence G-V-P-S-R-F-S-G-S-G-S-G-T-D-F-T-L-T-I-S-S-L-Q-P-E-D-F-A-T-Y-Y-***C*** (SEQ ID NO:80) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***C*** is not changed, or if changed, is other than P); and

an FR4 comprising the sequence F-G-Q-G-T-K-V-E-I-K (SEQ ID NO:81) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In an embodiment a FR of the light or heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR, (i.e., while other residues in that FR might be changed, the highlighted residue or combination of residues, are not changed). E.g., in an embodiment, one, two or three of ***I***, ***R***, or ***L*** for heavy chain FR3 is not changed.

In an embodiment a FR of the light and a FR of the heavy chain each includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR.

In an embodiment each of two FRs in the antibody molecule includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR. In embodiments both are in the light chain. In embodiments both are in the heavy chain.

In an embodiment each of FR2 and FR3 in the heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR.

In an embodiment each of FR1 and FR2 in the heavy and light chain includes one of the h ighlighted residues for that FR.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in heavy chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in light chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in both heavy and light chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In another embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or more or all of the following properties: (a) it fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010);(b) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g.,

Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by the method described in (a); (c) it binds with high affinity to a hemagglutinin (HA) of at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 1 and at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 2; (d) it treats or prevents infection by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 1, and by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 2; (e) it inhibits fusogenic activity of the targeted HA; (f) it treats or prevents infection by a Group 1 virus, wherein the virus is an H1, H5, or H9 virus; and treats or prevents infection by a Group 2 virus, wherein the virus is an H3 or H7 virus; (g) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A strains H1N1 and H3N2; (h) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H1N1 and H3N2 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (i) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A strains H5N1; (j) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H5N1 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (k) it binds with high affinity to a hemagglutinin (HA) of an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010; (l) it treats or prevents infection by an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010; (m) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (n) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza A virus is less than 10 μg/mL; (o) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, is less than 10 μg/mL; (p) it prevents or minimizes secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject; (q) it is effective for preventing or minimizing secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (r) it binds an epitope which comprises or consists of the hemagglutinin trimer interface; and (s) it binds an epitope other than that bound by a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by a method disclosed herein, e.g., by competition in an ELISA assay.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, specifically binds the HA antigen.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

a) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, and D291;

b) it includes H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) it does not include one, two or all of, H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, and R329;

d) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

e) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, and V323; or

f) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56,and E57.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: b; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: d; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c, d, e, and f.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

a) H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, or D291;

b) H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, or V323; or

d) H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56, or E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

c) H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, or R329; or

d) H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, or D46.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

aa) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) it includes H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) it does not include one or both of H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329;

dd) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

ee) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324 are bound by both Ab 044 and FI6; or

ff) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: bb; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: dd; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc, dd, ee, and ff.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

aa) H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

cc) H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329 ; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has one, two, three or all of the following properties:

a and aa;

b and bb;

c and cc;

d and dd.

In an embodiment the molecule has properties c, cc, d, and dd.

In an embodiment the molecule has properties c, cc, d, and dd.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, or preparation, or isolated preparation thereof, comprising a structural or functional property of Ab 032.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule competes with a reference antibody molecule, e.g., an antibody molecule described herein, for binding to a substrate, e.g., an HA. The reference antibody molecule can be:

a) an antibody molecule comprising:

i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G

(SEQ ID NO:69); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising:

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO: 71);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

b) an antibody molecule comprises one or both of: (i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 25; and (ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:45; or

c) Ab 032.

The HA can be HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Competition between the antibody molecule and a reference antibody molecule can be determined by evaluating the ability of one of the antibody molecule or the reference antibody molecule to decrease binding of the other to a substrate, e.g., HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated by methods in the art. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated, e.g., by one or more of:

a) BIAcore analysis;

b) ELISA assay; and

c) flow cytometry.

The antibody molecule can compete with the reference antibody such that binding of the reference antibody is decreased by 50% or more.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule binds to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, which the reference antibody molecule binds. In an embodiment the

antibody molecule does not bind to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, which the reference antibody molecule binds.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule binds to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, on HA, as does a reference antibody molecule, e.g. an antibody molecule disclosed herein. The reference antibody molecule can be:

a) an antibody molecule comprising:

i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising:

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO: 71);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

b) an antibody molecule comprises one or both of: (i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 25; and (ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:45; or

c) Ab 32.

The HA can be HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Binding to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, can be shown by one or more of:

a) mutational analysis, e.g., binding to HA, or binding affinity for HA, is decreased or abolished if a residue is mutated;

b) analysis, e.g., comparison, of the crystal structure of the antibody molecule and HA and the crystal structure of a reference antibody and HA, e.g., to determine the touch points of each;

c) competition of the two antibodies for binding to HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, from, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004; and

d) (c) and one or both of (a) and (b);

Competition between the antibody molecule and a reference antibody molecule can be determined by evaluating the ability of one of the antibody molecule or the reference antibody molecule to decrease binding of the other to a substrate, e.g., HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, from, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated by methods in the art. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated, e.g., by one or more of:

a) BIAcore analysis;

b) ELISA assay; and

c) flow cytometry.

The antibody molecule can compete with the reference antibody such that binding of the reference antibody is decreased by 50% or more.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 25;

and a light chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 45.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 25;

and a light chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 45,

wherein each HC CDR differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., 1 or 2, e.g., conservative amino acids, from the corresponding CDR of SEQ ID NO: 25 and each LC CDR differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., 1 or 2, e.g., conservative amino acids, from the corresponding CDR of SEQ ID NO: 45.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 25;

and a light chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 45,

wherein the antibody molecule comprises 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or all of:

(i) a HC CDR1 comprising: S at the 1st position and A at the 3rd position in HC CDR1;

(ii) a HC CDR2 comprising one or both, e.g., one of: V at the 2nd position; or N at the 7th position and Q at the 16th position in HC CDR2;

(iii) a HC CDR3 comprising: R at the 3rd position (and optionally, L at the 3rd position);

(iv) a LC CDR1 comprising: ; I at the 3rd position;;

(v) a LC CDR2 comprising one, two, or three of, e.g., one of: G at the 2nd position; Y at the 4th position; or L at the 5th position in LC CDR2;

(vi) a LC CDR3 comprising: S at the 9th position in LC CDR3;

In an embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:25 (or a sequence that differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:155 (or a sequence that differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 25; and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:155.

In an embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence:

Q-S-I-T-F N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:71) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a) LC CDR1-3, that collectively, differ from the AB 032 LC CDR1-3 by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids; and

b) HC CDR1-3, that collectively, differ from the AB 032 HC CDR1-3 by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids.

In an embodiment, the binding agent is an antibody molecule comprising one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, or 3, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that at least 1 or 2 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., both S and A are not changed);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, provided that, e,g., at least 1, 2, or 3 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., V or both N and Q or all three of V, N, and Q are not changed);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that R is not changed); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence: Q-S-I-T-F-N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO: 71) or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2

amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided thatat least 1 or 2 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., I is not changed);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that at least 1, 2, or 3 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., 1, 2 or all of G, Y, and L are not changed);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that at least one or both of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., S is not changed).

In an embodiment a CDR of the light or heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR, (i.e., while other residues in that CDR might be changed, the highlighted residue or combination of residues, are not changed).

In an embodiment a CDR of the light and a CDR of the heavy chain each includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of two CDRs in the antibody molecule includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR. In embodiments both are in the light chain. In embodiments both are in the heavy chain.

In an embodiment each of the three CDRs in the heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of the three CDRs in the light chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of the six CDRs in the heavy and light chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In one embodiment, the binding agent is an antibody molecule that comprises one or more or all of the following properties:

(a) both S and A in HC CDR1 are unchanged.

(b) V or both N and Q or all three of V, N, and Q in HC CDR2 are unchanged.

(c) R in HC CDR3 is unchanged.

(d) I in LC CDR1 is unchanged.

(e) 1, 2 or 3 of G, Y, and L in LC CDR2 are unchanged;

(f) S in LC CDR3 is unchanged.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or all 6 properties selected from (a) to (f).

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises a heavy chain having a one or more properties selected from (a), (b), and (c) and a light chain having one or more properties selected from (d), (e), and (f).

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising:

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO: 71);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

In some embodiments, the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of the following properties: (i) it fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010); and (ii) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, such as Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, such as when tested by the method described in (i).

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

a) one or more framework regions (FRs) from SEQ ID NO: 25. E.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from SEQ ID NO: 25; and

b) one or more framework regions (FRs) from SEQ ID NO: 45. E.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from SEQ ID NO: 45.

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment that further comprises one or more or all of:

an FR1 comprising the sequence Q-V-Q-L-L-E-T-G-G-G-L-V-K-P-G-Q-S-L-K-L-S-C-A-A-S-G-F-T-F-T (SEQ ID NO:74) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that T is not changed);

an FR2 comprising the sequence W-V-R-Q-P-P-G-K-G-L-E-W-V-A (SEQ ID NO:75) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino

acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***W*** is not changed, or that if changed, is other than R);

an FR3 comprising the sequence R-F-T-***I***-S-***R***-D-N-S-K-N-T-***L***-Y-L-Q-M-N-S-L-R-A-E-D-T-A-V-Y-Y-C-A-K (SEQ ID NO:76) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that one, two or three of ***I***, ***R***, or ***L*** is not changed, or that if ***I*** is changed it is other than G, if ***R*** is changed it is other than P. or if ***L*** is changed it is other than A); and

an FR4 comprising the sequence W-G-Q-G-T-T-L-T-V-S-S (SEQ ID NO:77) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom)or W-G-Q-G-T-T-V-T-V-S-S (SEQ ID NO:171) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

(b) the light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprises one or more or all of

an FR1 comprising the sequence D-I-Q-M-T-Q-S-P-S-S-L-S-A-S-V-G-D-R-V-T-I-T-C-***R***-S-S (SEQ ID NO:78) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***R*** is not changed);

an FR2 comprising the sequence W-Y-Q-Q-K-P-G-K-A-P-K-L-L-I-Y (SEQ ID NO:79) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

an FR3 comprising the sequence G-V-P-S-R-F-S-G-S-G-S-G-T-D-F-T-L-T-I-S-S-L-Q-P-E-D-F-A-T-Y-Y-***C*** (SEQ ID NO:80) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***C*** is not changed, or if changed, is other than P); and

an FR4 comprising the sequence F-G-Q-G-T-K-V-E-I-K (SEQ ID NO:81) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In an embodiment a FR of the light or heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR, (i.e., while other residues in that FR might be changed, the highlighted residue or combination of residues, are not changed). E.g., in an embodiment, one, two or three of ***I***, ***R***, or ***L*** for heavy chain FR3 is not changed.

In an embodiment a FR of the light and a FR of the heavy chain each includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR.

In an embodiment each of two FRs in the antibody molecule includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR. In embodiments both are in the light chain. In embodiments both are in the heavy chain.

In an embodiment each of FR2 and FR3 in the heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR.

In an embodiment each of FR1 and FR2 in the heavy and light chain includes one of the h ighlighted residues for that FR.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in heavy chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in light chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in both heavy and light chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In another embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or more or all of the following properties: (a) it fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010);(b) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g.,

Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by the method described in (a); (c) it binds with high affinity to a hemagglutinin (HA) of at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 1 and at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 2; (d) it treats or prevents infection by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 1, and by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 2; (e) it inhibits fusogenic activity of the targeted HA; (f) it treats or prevents infection by a Group 1 virus, wherein the virus is an H1, H5, or H9 virus; and treats or prevents infection by a Group 2 virus, wherein the virus is an H3 or H7 virus; (g) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A strains H1N1 and H3N2; (h) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H1N1 and H3N2 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (i) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A strains H5N1; (j) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H5N1 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (k) it binds with high affinity to a hemagglutinin (HA) of an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010; (l) it treats or prevents infection by an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010; (m) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (n) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza A virus is less than 10 μg/mL; (o) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, is less than 10 μg/mL; (p) it prevents or minimizes secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject; (q) it is effective for preventing or minimizing secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg or 1 mg/kg; (r) it binds an epitope which comprises or consists of the hemagglutinin trimer interface; and (s) it binds an epitope other than that bound by a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by a method disclosed herein, e.g., by competition in an ELISA assay.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, specifically binds the HA antigen.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

a) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, and D291;

b) it includes H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) it does not include one, two or all of, H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, and R329;

d) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

e) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, and V323; or

f) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56,and E57.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: b; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: d; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c, d, e, and f.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

a) H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, or D291;

b) H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, or V323; or

d) H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56, or E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

c) H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, or R329; or

d) H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, or D46.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

aa) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) it includes H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) it does not include one or both of H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329;

dd) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

ee) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324 are bound by both Ab 044 and FI6; or

ff) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: bb; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: dd; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc, dd, ee, and ff.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

aa) H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

cc) H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has one, two, three or all of the following properties:

a and aa;

b and bb;

c and cc;

d and dd.

In an embodiment the molecule has properties c, cc, d, and dd.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, or preparation, or isolated preparation thereof, comprising a structural or functional property of Ab 031.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule competes with a reference antibody molecule, e.g., an antibody molecule described herein, for binding to a substrate, e.g., an HA. The reference antibody molecule can be:

a) an antibody molecule comprising:

i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G

(SEQ ID NO:69); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising:

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:71);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

b) an antibody molecule comprises one or both of: (i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 24; and (ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:45; or

c) Ab 031.

The HA can be HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Competition between the antibody molecule and a reference antibody molecule can be determined by evaluating the ability of one of the antibody molecule or the reference antibody molecule to decrease binding of the other to a substrate, e.g., HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated by methods in the art. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated, e.g., by one or more of:

a) BIAcore analysis;

b) ELISA assay; and

c) flow cytometry.

The antibody molecule can compete with the reference antibody such that binding of the reference antibody is decreased by 50% or more.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule binds to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, which the reference antibody molecule binds.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule does not bind to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, which the reference antibody molecule binds.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule binds to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, on HA, as does a reference antibody molecule, e.g. an antibody molecule disclosed herein. The reference antibody molecule can be:

a) an antibody molecule comprising:

i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising:

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:71);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

b) an antibody molecule comprises one or both of: (i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 24; and (ii) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:45; or

c) Ab 031.

The HA can be HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Binding to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, can be shown by one or more of:

a) mutational analysis, e.g., binding to HA, or binding affinity for HA, is decreased or abolished if a residue is mutated;

b) analysis, e.g., comparison, of the crystal structure of the antibody molecule and HA and the crystal structure of a reference antibody and HA, e.g., to determine the touch points of each;

c) competition of the two antibodies for binding to HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, from, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004;

d) (c) and one or both of (a) and (b).

Competition between the antibody molecule and a reference antibody molecule can be determined by evaluating the ability of one of the antibody molecule or the reference antibody molecule to decrease binding of the other to a substrate, e.g., HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, from, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated by methods in the art. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated, e.g., by one or more of:

a) BIAcore analysis;

b) ELISA assay; and

c) flow cytometry.

The antibody molecule can compete with the reference antibody such that binding of the reference antibody is decreased by 50% or more.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 24;

and a light chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 45.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 24;

and a light chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 45,

wherein, optionally, each HC CDR differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., 1 or 2, e.g., conservative amino acids, from the corresponding CDR of SEQ ID NO: 24 and each LC CDR differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., 1 or 2, e.g., conservative amino acids, from the corresponding CDR of SEQ ID NO: 45.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 25;

and a light chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with SEQ ID NO: 45,

wherein the antibody molecule comprises 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or all of:

(i) a HC CDR1 comprising: S at the 1st position and A at the 3rd position in HC CDR1;

(ii) a HC CDR2 comprising one or both, e.g., one of: V at the 2nd position; or N at the 7^{th} position and Q at the 16^{th} position in HC CDR2;

(iii) a HC CDR3 comprising: R at the 3rd position (and optionally, L at the 3^{rd} position);

(iv) a LC CDR1 comprising: ; I at the 3rd position;;

(v) a LC CDR2 comprising one, two, or three of, e.g., one of: G at the 2nd position; Y at the 4^{th} position; or L at the 5^{th} position in LC CDR2;

(vi) a LC CDR3 comprising: S at the 9^{th} position in LC CDR3;

In an embodiment, the binding agent comprises an antibody molecule comprising:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:24(or a sequence that differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:45 (or a sequence that differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO: 24; and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:45.

In an embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:71) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO: 72) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a) LC CDR1-3, that collectively, differ from the AB 031 LC CDR1-3 by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids; and

b) HC CDR1-3, that collectively, differ from the AB 031 HC CDR1-3 by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10, e.g., 1, 2, 3, or 4, amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids.

In an embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, or 3, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided thatat least 1 or 2 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., both S and A are not changed);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom , provided that, e,g., at least 1, 2, or 3 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., V or both N and Q or all three of V, N, and Q are not changed);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom optionally provided that, e.g., R is not changed); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO: 71) or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided thatat least 1 or 2 of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., I is not changed);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that at least 1, 2, or 3 of

the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., 1, 2 or all of G, Y, and L are not changed);

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that at least one or both of the highlighted residues are not changed, e.g., S is not changed).

In an embodiment a CDR of the light or heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR, (i.e., while other residues in that CDR might be changed, the highlighted residue or combination of residues, are not changed).

In an embodiment a CDR of the light and a CDR of the heavy chain each includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of two CDRs in the antibody molecule includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR. In embodiments both are in the light chain. In embodiments both are in the heavy chain.

In an embodiment each of the three CDRs in the heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of the three CDRs in the light chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In an embodiment each of the six CDRs in the heavy and light chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that CDR.

In one embodiment, the binding agent is an antibody molecule that comprises one or more or all of the following properties:

(a) both S and A in HC CDR1 are unchanged.

(b) V or both N and Q or all three of V, N, and Q in HC CDR2 are unchanged.

(c) R in HC CDR3 is unchanged.

(d) I in LC CDR1 is unchanged.

(e) 1, 2 or 3 of G, Y, and L in LC CDR2 are unchanged;

(f) S in LC CDR3 is unchanged.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or all 6 properties selected from (a) to (f).

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises a heavy chain having a one or more properties selected from (a), (b), and (c) and a light chain having one or more properties selected from (d), (e), and (f).

In the embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:71);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

In some embodiments, the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of the following properties: (i) it fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by

the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010); and (ii) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by the method described in (i).

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

a) one or more framework regions (FRs) from SEQ ID NO: 24. E.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from SEQ ID NO: 24; and

b) one or more framework regions (FRs) from SEQ ID NO: 45. E.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from SEQ ID NO: 45.

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment that further comprises one or more or all of:

an FR1 comprising the sequence E-V-Q-L-L-E-S-G-G-G-L-V-K-P-G-Q-S-L-K-L-S-C-A-A-S-G-F-T-F-***T*** (SEQ ID NO:82) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***T*** is not changed);

an FR2 comprising the sequence W-V-R-Q-P-P-G-K-G-L-E-***W***-V-A (SEQ ID NO:75) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***W*** is not changed, or that if changed, is other than R);

an FR3 comprising the sequence R-F-T-***I***-S-***R***-D-N-S-K-N-T-***L***-Y-L-Q-M-N-S-L-R-A-E-D-T-A-V-Y-Y-C-A-K (SEQ ID NO:76) (or a sequence that differs by no

more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that one, two or three of ***I***, ***R***, or ***L*** is not changed, or that if ***I*** is changed it is other than G, if ***R*** is changed it is other than P. or if ***L*** is changed it is other than A); and

an FR4 comprising the sequence W-G-Q-G-T-T-L-T-V-S-S (SEQ ID NO:77) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom)or W-G-Q-G-T-T-V-T-V-S-S (SEQ ID NO:171) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and

(a) a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment further comprises one or more or all of:

an FR1 comprising the sequence D-I-Q-M-T-Q-S-P-S-S-L-S-A-S-V-G-D-R-V-T-I-T-C-***R***-S-S (SEQ ID NO:78) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, , optionally provided that ***R*** is not changed);

an FR2 comprising the sequence W-Y-Q-Q-K-P-G-K-A-P-K-L-L-I-Y (SEQ ID NO:79) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom);

an FR3 comprising the sequence G-V-P-S-R-F-S-G-S-G-S-G-T-D-F-T-L-T-I-S-S-L-Q-P-E-D-F-A-T-Y-Y-***C*** (SEQ ID NO:80) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom, optionally provided that ***C*** is not changed, or if changed, is other than P); and

an FR4 comprising the sequence F-G-Q-G-T-K-V-E-I-K (SEQ ID NO:81) (or a sequence that differs by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom).

In an embodiment a FR of the light or heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR, (i.e., while other residues in that FR might be changed, the highlighted residue or combination of residues, are not changed). E.g., in an embodiment, one, two or three of ***I***, ***R***, or ***L*** for heavy chain FR3 is not changed.

In an embodiment a FR of the light and a FR of the heavy chain each includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR.

In an embodiment each of two FRs in the antibody molecule includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR. In embodiments both are in the light chain. In embodiments both are in the heavy chain.

In an embodiment each of FR2 and FR3 in the heavy chain includes one of the highlighted residues, or one of the highlighted combinations of residues, for that FR.

In an embodiment each of FR1 and FR2 in the heavy and light chain includes one of the h ighlighted residues for that FR.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in heavy chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in light chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In an embodiment all of the highlighted residues in both heavy and light chain FR1-4 are unchanged.

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises:

(a) the heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprises one or more or all of

an FR1 comprising the sequence E-V-Q-L-L-E-S-G-G-G-L-V-K-P-G-Q-S-L-K-L-S-C-A-A-S-G-F-T-F-T (SEQ ID NO:82);

an FR2 comprising the sequence W-V-R-Q-P-P-G-K-G-L-E-W-V-A (SEQ ID NO:75);

an FR3 comprising the sequence R-F-T-I-S-R-D-N-S-K-N-T-L-Y-L-Q-M-N-S-L-R-A-E-D-T-A-V-Y-Y-C-A-K (SEQ ID NO:76); and

an FR4 comprising the sequence W-G-Q-G-T-T-L-T-V-S-S (SEQ ID NO:77) or W-G-Q-G-T-T-V-T-V-S-S (SEQ ID NO:171); and

(b) the light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising one or more or all of

an FR1 comprising the sequence D-I-Q-M-T-Q-S-P-S-S-L-S-A-S-V-G-D-R-V-T-I-T-C-*R*-S-S (SEQ ID NO:78);

an FR2 comprising the sequence W-Y-Q-Q-K-P-G-K-A-P-K-L-L-I-Y (SEQ ID NO:79);

an FR3 comprising the sequence G-V-P-S-R-F-S-G-S-G-S-G-T-D-F-T-L-T-I-S-S-L-Q-P-E-D-F-A-T-Y-Y-C (SEQ ID NO:80); and

an FR4 comprising the sequence F-G-Q-G-T-K-V-E-I-K (SEQ ID NO:81).

In another embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of the following properties: (a) it fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010); (b) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by the method described in (a); (c) it binds with high affinity to a hemagglutinin (HA) of at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 1 and at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 2; (d) it treats or prevents infection by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 1, and by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 2; (e) it inhibits fusogenic activity of the targeted HA; (f) it treats or prevents infection by a Group 1 virus, wherein the virus is an H1, H5, or H9 virus; and treats or prevents infection by a Group 2 virus, wherein the virus is an H3 or H7 virus; (g) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A strains H1N1 and H3N2; (h) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H1N1 and H3N2 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or 1 mg/kg; (i) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A strains H5N1; (j) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H5N1 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or

1 mg/kg; (k) it binds with high affinity to a hemagglutinin (HA) of an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010; (l) it treats or prevents infection by an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010; (m) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or 1 mg/kg; (n) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza A virus is less than 10 μg/mL; (o) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, is less than 10 μg/mL; (p) it prevents or minimizes secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject; (q) it is effective for preventing or minimizing secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or 1 mg/kg; (r) it binds an epitope which comprises or consists of the hemagglutinin trimer interface; and (s) it binds an epitope other than that bound by a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by a method disclosed herein, e.g., by competition in an ELISA assay.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features an antibody molecule comprising: (a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:24 (or a sequence that differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom); and (b) a light chain variable region segment comprising SEQ ID NO:45 (or a sequence that differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids, therefrom). In some embodiments, the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of the following properties: (i) it fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza a virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004; and (ii) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a

reference anti-HA antibody molecule, such as Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, such as when tested by the method described in (i).

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, specifically binds the HA antigen.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

a) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, and D291;

b) it includes H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) it does not include one, two or all of, H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, and R329;

d) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

e) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, and V323; or

f) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56,and E57.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: b; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: d; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c, d, e, and f.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

a) H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, or D291;

b) H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, or V323; or

d) H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56, or E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

c) H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, or R329; or

d) H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, or D46.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

aa) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) it includes H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) it does not include one or both of H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329;

dd) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

ee) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324 are bound by both Ab 044 and FI6; or

ff) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: bb; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: dd; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc, dd, ee, and ff.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

aa) H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324 ; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

cc) H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has one, two, three or all of the following properties:

a and aa;

b and bb;

c and cc;

d and dd.

In an embodiment the molecule has properties c, cc, d, and dd.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, or preparation, or isolated preparation thereof, comprising a structural or functional property of one or both a heavy chain variable region and a light chain variable region disclosed herein.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule competes with a reference antibody molecule, e.g., an antibody molecule described herein, for binding to a substrate, e.g., an HA. The reference antibody molecule can be:

a) an antibody molecule comprising the heavy and light CDRs from :

a heavy chain variable region from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.2, Fig 13, or Fig. 17; and

a light chain variable region from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.3, Fig 14, or Fig 17.

b) an antibody molecule that comprises: (i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.2, Fig 13, or Fig. 17; and (ii) a light chain variable region segment from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.3, Fig 14, or Fig 17; or

c) an antibody disclosed herein.

The HA can be HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Competition between the antibody molecule and a reference antibody molecule can be determined by evaluating the ability of one of the antibody molecule or the reference antibody molecule to decrease binding of the other to a substrate, e.g., HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated by methods in the art. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated, e.g., by one or more of:

a) BIAcore analysis;

b) ELISA assay; and

c) flow cytometry. The antibody molecule can compete with the reference antibody such that binding of the reference antibody is decreased by 50% or more. In an embodiment the antibody molecule binds to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, which the reference antibody molecule binds. In an embodiment the antibody molecule does not bind to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, which the reference antibody molecule binds.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule binds to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, on HA, as does a reference antibody molecule, e.g. an antibody molecule disclosed herein. The reference antibody molecule can be:

a) an antibody molecule comprising the heavy and light CDRs from :

a heavy chain variable region from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.2, Fig 13, or Fig. 17; and

a light chain variable region from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.3, Fig 14, or Fig 17.

b) an antibody molecule that comprises: (i) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.2, Fig 13, or Fig. 17; and (ii) a light chain variable region segment from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.3, Fig 14, or Fig 17; or

c) an antibody disclosed herein.

The HA can be HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Binding to the same epitope, or a portion thereof, can be shown by one or more of:

a) mutational analysis, e.g., binding to HA, or binding affinity for HA, is decreased or abolished if a residue is mutated;

b) analysis, e.g., comparison, of the crystal structure of the antibody molecule and HA and the crystal structure of a reference antibody and HA, e.g., to determine the touch points of each;

c) competition of the two antibodies for binding to HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, e.g. from an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004; and

d) (c) and one or both of (a) and (b);

Competition between the antibody molecule and a reference antibody molecule can be determined by evaluating the ability of one of the antibody molecule or the reference antibody molecule to decrease binding of the other to a substrate, e.g., HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, from, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated by methods in the art. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated, e.g., by one or more of:

a) BIAcore analysis;

b) ELISA assay; and

c) flow cytometry. The antibody molecule can compete with the reference antibody such that binding of the reference antibody is decreased by 50% or more.

d) competition of the two antibodies for binding to HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, from, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004; and

e) (c) and one or both of (a) and (b).

Competition between the antibody molecule and a reference antibody molecule can be determined by evaluating the ability of one of the antibody molecule or the reference antibody molecule to decrease binding of the other to a substrate, e.g., HA, e.g., HA1 or HA5, from, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. Reduction of the ability to bind can be evaluated by methods in the art.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with a reference heavy chain from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.2, Fig 13 or Fig.17; and

a light chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with reference light chain from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.3, Fig. 14 or Fig 17,

wherein, optionally, each HC CDR differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., 1 or 2, e.g., conservative amino acids, from the corresponding HC CDR from its reference heavy chain and each LC CDR differs by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 amino acids, e.g., 1 or 2, e.g., conservative amino acids, from the corresponding CDR in its reference light chain.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises: a heavy chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with a heavy chain from Table 3 and a light chain variable region

comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with the corresponding light chain from Table 3.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises: a heavy chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with a heavy chain from Table 4A and a light chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with the corresponding light chain from Table 4A.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises: a heavy chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with a heavy chain from Table 4B and a light chain variable region comprising least 60, 70, 80, 85, 90, 95, 98 or 99 percent homology with the corresponding light chain from Table 4B.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

a heavy chain variable region from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.2, Fig 13, or Fig. 17; and

a light chain variable region from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.3, Fig 14, or Fig 17.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises:

a heavy chain variable region from Table 3 and the corresponding light chain from Table 3;

a heavy chain from Table 4A and the corresponding light chain from Table 4A; or

a heavy chain from Table 4B and the corresponding light chain from Table 4B.

In an embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising a CDR1, a CDR2 and a CDR3 from a heavy chain sequence of Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, FIG. 2, FIG. 13, or FIG. 17 (or CDRs that, individually or collectively, differ therefrom by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids)); and

(b) a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising a CDR1, a CDR2 and a CDR3 from a light chain sequence of Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, FIG. 3, FIG. 14, or FIG. 17 (or CDRs that, individually or collectively, differ therefrom by no more than, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, e.g., 1 or 2 amino acids, e.g., conservative amino acids).

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

CDRs from a heavy chain of Table 3 and the light chain CDRs from the corresponding light chain from Table 3.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

CDRs from a heavy chain of Table 4A and the light chain CDRs from the corresponding light chain from Table 4A.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or both of:

CDRs from a heavy chain of Table 4B and the light chain CDRs from the corresponding light chain from Table 4B.

In some embodiments, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, comprises one or more or all of the following properties: (i) it fails to produce any escape mutants as determined by the failure of a viral titer to recover following at least 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, or 5 rounds of serial infections in cell culture with a mixture of the antibody molecule and an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or

A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010); (ii) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by the method described in (i); and (iii) it is other than Ab 67-11 and FI6.

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising a CDR1, a CDR2; and a CDR3 from a heavy chain sequence of FIG. 2, FIG. 13, or FIG. 17; and

(b) a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising a CDR1, a CDR2 and a CDR3 from a light chain sequence of FIG. 3, FIG. 14, or FIG. 17.

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule comprises:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment from FIG. 2 or FIG. 17; and

(b) a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment from FIG. 3 or FIG. 17.

In one embodiment, the heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region further comprises an Isoleucine-Aspartate (Ile-Asp) dipeptide at the N-terminus. In another embodiment, the light chain immunoglobulin variable region further comprises an Ile-Asp dipeptide at the N-terminus. In yet another embodiment, both the heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region and the light chain immunoglobulin variable region or an antibody featured in the disclosure further comprises an Ile-Asp dipeptide at the N-terminus. In other embodiment the Ile-Asp dipeptide is absent from one or both the heavy and light chain.

In one embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, further comprises one or more or all of the following: (a) it treats or prevents infection by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 1, and by at least 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 influenza subtypes of Group 2; (b) it inhibits fusogenic activity of the targeted HA; (c) it treats or prevents infection by a Group 1 virus, wherein the virus is an H1, H5,

or H9 virus; and treats or prevents infection by a Group 2 virus, wherein the virus is an H3 or H7 virus; (d) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A strains H1N1 and H3N2; (e) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H1N1 and H3N2 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or 1 mg/kg; (f) it treats or prevents infection by influenza A strains H5N1; (g) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with H5N1 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or 1 mg/kg; (h) it binds with high affinity to a hemagglutinin (HA) of an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010; (i) it treats or prevents infection by an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010; (j) it is effective for prevention or treatment of infection, e.g., in humans or mice, with an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010 when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or 1 mg/kg; (k) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza A virus is less than 10 μg/mL; (l) the concentration of antibody molecule required for 50% neutralization of influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010, is less than 10 μg/mL; (m) it prevents or minimizes secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject; (n) it is effective for preventing or minimizing secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or effects thereof on a subject when administered at 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6 mg/kg, 5 mg/kg, 4 mg/kg, 3 mg/kg, 2 mg/kg, or 1 mg/kg; (o) it binds an epitope which comprises or consists of the hemagglutinin trimer interface; and (p) it binds an epitope other than that bound by a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by a method disclosed herein, e.g., by competition in an ELISA assay.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule comprises one or both of:

a) one or more framework regions (FRs) from heavy chain disclosed herein. E.g., the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from heavy chain disclosed herein; and

b) one or more framework regions (FRs) from light chain disclosed herein. E.g.,

the antibody molecule comprises one or more or all of FR1, FR2, FR3, or FR4, or sequences that differ individually, or collectively, by no more than 1, 2, 3, 4, of 5 amino acid residues, e.g., conservative residues, from light chain disclosed herein.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, specifically binds the HA antigen.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

a) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, and D291;

b) it includes H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) it does not include one, two or all of, H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, and R329;

d) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

e) it includes one, two, or all of, H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, and V323; or

f) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56,and E57.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: b; and c or d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: c; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: d; and a or b.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c and d.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: a, b, c, d, e, and f.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

a) H3 HA1 residues N38, I278, or D291;

b) H3 HA2 residue N12;

c) H3 HA1 residues T318, R321, or V323; or

d) H3 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56, or E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H3 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

c) H3 HA1 residues Q327, T328, or R329; or

d) H3 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, or D46.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule binds an epitope that has one, two, three, four, five, or all of, the following properties a-f:

aa) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) it includes H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) it does not include one or both of H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329;

dd) it does not include one, two, three, four, or all of, H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

ee) it includes one, two, or all of, H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324 are bound by both Ab 044 and FI6; or

ff) it includes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, or all of, H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: bb; and cc or dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: cc; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: dd; and aa or bb.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc and dd.

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has properties: aa, bb, cc, dd, ee, and ff.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by at least 2, 5,10, or 100 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

aa) H1 HA1 residues H31, N279, and S292;

bb) H1 HA2 residue G12;

cc) H1 HA1 residues T319, R322, and I324; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57.

In an embodiment, the antibody molecule has a K_D for H1 of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, wherein said K_D is increased by no more than 2, or 5 fold, by a mutation or mutations in any of:

cc) H1 HA1 residues Q328 and S329; or

dd) H1 HA2 residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46;

In an embodiment the antibody molecule has one, two, three or all of the following properties:

a and aa;

b and bb;

c and cc;

d and dd.

In an embodiment the molecule has properties c, cc, d, and dd.

In one embodiment, the disclosure features an anti-hemagglutinin (anti-HA) binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, or preparation, or isolated preparation thereof, comprising:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising one or more or all of a

CDR1 comprising the sequence G-F-T-F-[S/T]-[S/T]-Y-[A/G]-M-H (SEQ ID NO:1), or a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:1 by no more than 1 or 2 residues;

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-[I/V/L]-S-[Y/F]-D-G-[S/N]-[Y/N]-[K/R]-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:2) or a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:2 by no more than 1 or 2 residues; and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-[S/T]-[R/K/Q]-L-R-[S/T]-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-[Q/S]-G-[Y/L/V]-[F/L]-[N/D]-[P/Y] (SEQ ID NO:3), or a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:3 by no more than 1 or 2 residues; and

(b) a light chain variable region segment comprising one or more or all of a CDR1 comprising the sequence [K/R]-S-S-Q-[S/T]-[V/L/I]-[T/S]-[Y/F/W]-[N/S/D]-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:4) or a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:4 by no more than 1 or 2 residues, or comprising the sequence [K/R]-S-S-Q-[S/T]-

[V/L/I]-[T/S]-[Y/F/W]-[N/S/D/Q/R/E]-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:170) or a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:170 by no more than 1 or 2 residues or [K/R]-S-S-Q-[S/T]-[V/L/I]-[T/S]-[Y/F/W]-[N/S/D/E]-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:4) or a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:170 by no more than 1 or 2 residues;

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-[A/G]-S-[T/A/Y/H/K/D]-[R/L]-E-[S/T] (SEQ ID NO:5) or a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:5 by no more than 1 or 2 residues;

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-[Y/H]-Y-R-T-P-P-[T/S] (SEQ ID NO:6) or a sequence that differs from SEQ ID NO:6 by no more than 1 or 2 residues;

optionally, provided that,

if the light chain variable region segment comprises: a CDR 1 comprising the sequence K-S-S-Q-S-V-T-Y-N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:83); a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-A-S-T-R-E-S (SEQ ID NO:84); and a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-Y-Y-R-T-P-P-T (SEQ ID NO:85);

then the heavy chain variable region segment comprises one or more of the following: (a) CDRs other than the following: a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-G-M-H (SEQ ID NO:86); a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-I-S-Y-D-G-S-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:87); or a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-E-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:88); or (b) FRs other than the following: an FR1 other than E-V-Q-L-L-E-S-G-G-G-L-V-K-P-G-Q-S-L-K-L-S-C-A-A-S-G-F-T-F-T (SEQ ID NO:82); an FR2 other than W-V-R-Q-P-P-G-K-G-L-E-W-V-A (SEQ ID NO:75); an FR3 other than R-F-T-I-S-R-D-N-S-K-N-T-L-Y-L-Q-M-N-S-L-R-A-E-D-T-A-V-Y-Y-C-A-K (SEQ ID NO:76); or an FR4 other than W-G-A-G-T-T-L-T-V-S-S (SEQ ID NO:89); (c) a CDR1 where the amino residue at position 5 of SEQ ID NO:1 is an S, the amino acid residue at position 6 of SEQ ID NO:1 is a T, or the amino acid residue at position 8 of SEQ ID NO:1 is an A; (d) a CDR2 wherein the amino residue at position 2 of SEQ ID NO:2 is a V or an L, the amino acid at position 4 is an F, the amino acid at position 7 is an N, the amino acid at position 8 is a Y, or the amino acid at position 9 is a R; (e) a CDR3 wherein the amino residue at position 2 of SEQ ID NO:3 is a T, the amino acid residue at position 3 of SEQ ID NO:3 is an R, a K, or a Q, the amino acid residue at position 6 of SEQ ID NO:3 is a T, the amino acid residue at position 15 of SEQ ID NO:3 is an S, the

amino acid residue at position 17 of SEQ ID NO:3 is an L, or a V, the amino acid residue at position 18 of SEQ ID NO:3 is an L, the amino acid residue at position 19 of SEQ ID NO:3 is a D, or the amino acid residue at position 20 of SEQ ID NO:3 is a Y; (f) an FR1 wherein the amino residue at position 11 of SEQ ID NO:7 is a Q, or the amino acid residue at position 7 of SEQ ID NO:7 is a T; (g) an FR4 wherein the amino residue at position 3 of SEQ ID NO:10 is a Q, the amino acid residue at position 5 of SEQ ID NO:10 is an A; the amino acid residue at position 6 of SEQ ID NO:10 is an M, or the amino acid residue at position 7 of SEQ ID NO:10 is a V; or (h) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by a method disclosed herein, and also provided that, if the heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprises: a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-G-M-H (SEQ ID NO:86); a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-I-S-Y-D-G-S-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:87); and a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-E-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:88), then the light chain variable region segment comprises one of more of the following: (a) CDRs other than the following: CDR1 KSSQSVTYNYKNYLA (SEQ ID NO:83); CDR2 WASTRES (SEQ ID NO:84); or CDR3 QQYYRTPPT (SEQ ID NO:85); (b) FRs other than the following: FR1 comprising the sequence EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINC (SEQ ID NO:90); FR2 comprising the sequence WYQQKPGQPPKLLIY (SEQ ID NO:91); FR3 comprising the sequence GVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAEDVAVYYC (SEQ ID NO:92); or

FR4 comprising the sequence FGGGTKLDIK (SEQ ID NO:93); (c) a CDR1 wherein the amino residue at position 1 of SEQ ID NO:4 is an R, the amino residue at position 5 of SEQ ID NO:4 is a T, the amino residue at position 6 of SEQ ID NO:4 is an L or an I, the amino residue at position 7 of SEQ ID NO:4 is an S, the amino residue at position 8 of SEQ ID NO:4 is an F or a W, or the amino residue at position 9 of SEQ ID NO:4 is an S or a D; (d) a CDR2 wherein the amino residue at position 2 of SEQ ID NO:5 is a G, the amino residue at position 4 of SEQ ID NO:5 is an A, a Y, an H, a K, or a D, the amino residue at position 5 of SEQ ID NO:5 is an L, the amino residue at position 7 of SEQ ID NO:5 is a T; (e) a CDR3 wherein the amino residue at position 3 of SEQ ID NO:6 is an H; the amino acid residue at position 9 of

SEQ ID NO:6 is an S; (f) an FR1 wherein the amino residue at position 1 of SEQ ID NO:11 is a D; the amino residue at position 3 of SEQ ID NO:11 is a Q, the amino residue at position 9 of SEQ ID NO:11 is an S, the amino residue at position 10 of SEQ ID NO:11 is a T, the amino residue at position 11 of SEQ ID NO:11 is a V, the amino residue at position 12 of SEQ ID NO:11 is an S, the amino residue at position 13 of SEQ ID NO:11 is an A, the amino residue at position 14 of SEQ ID NO:11 is a T, the amino residue at position 15 of SEQ ID NO:11 is a V or an R, the amino residue at position 17 of SEQ ID NO:11 is a D, the amino residue at position 20 of SEQ ID NO:11 is an S, the amino residue at position 22 of SEQ ID NO:11 is a T, a Q, a D, or an R; (g) an FR2 wherein the amino residue at position 8 of SEQ ID NO:12 is a K; or the amino residue at position 9 of SEQ ID NO: 12 is an A; (h) an FR3 wherein the amino residue at position 4 of SEQ ID NO: 13 is an E or an S; the amino residue at position 24 of SEQ ID NO: 13 is a P, the amino residue at position 27 of SEQ ID NO: 13 is an F, a K, or a D, the amino residue at position 29 of SEQ ID NO: 13 is a T; (i) an FR4 wherein the amino residue at position 3 of SEQ ID NO:14 is a Q, a T, an S, or an N, the amino residue at position 7 of SEQ ID NO:14 is a V, or the amino residue at position 8 of SEQ ID NO:14 is an E; or (j) it produces fewer escape mutants than does a reference anti-HA antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, F10, CR9114, or CR6261, e.g., when tested by a method disclosed herein; and further provided that if the light chain variable region segment comprises: a CDR 1 comprising the sequence K-S-S-Q-S-V-T-F-N-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:146); a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-A-S-A-R-E-S (SEQ ID NO:147); and a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-T (SEQ ID NO:148); then the heavy chain variable region segment comprises one or more of the following: CDRs other than the CDR's described at FIG. 12B; or FRs other than the FRs described at FIG. 12C.

In one embodiment, the heavy chain CDR sequences, collectively, differ from the recited sequences by no more than 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 amino acid residues; and the light chain CDR sequences, collectively, differ from the recited sequences by no more than 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 amino acid residues.

In one embodiment, the disclosure features an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that encodes a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment featured in the disclosure.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features an isolated nucleic acid molecule that comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment featured in the disclosure.

In yet another embodiment, the disclosure features an isolated nucleic acid molecule that comprises a nucleotide sequence that encodes a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment featured in the disclosure and a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment featured in the disclosure.

In yet another embodiment, the disclosure features a recombinant vector, such as an expression vector, that comprises a nucleic acid molecule that comprises a nucleotide sequence that encodes a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment or nucleotide sequence that encodes a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment featured in the disclosure.

In one embodiment, the disclosure features a recombinant vector, such as an expression vector, that comprises a nucleotide sequence that encodes a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment and a nucleotide sequence that encodes a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment featured in the disclosure.

In one embodiment, the nucleic acid molecules in the recombinant vector include a nucleotide sequence encoding (a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising the amino acid sequence of: S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68) in CDR1; V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69) in CDR2; and D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70) in CDR3; and (b) a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising the amino acid sequence of: Q-S-I-T-F-D-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:145) in CDR1;

W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72) in CDR2; and Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73) in CDR3.

In one embodiment, the disclosure features a cell containing a recombinant vector featured in the disclosure, such as a recombinant vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region, or a recombinant vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a light chain immunoglobulin variable region. In one embodiment, the cell contains a recombinant vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region, and a recombinant vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a light chain immunoglobulin variable region. In yet another embodiment, the cell contains a recombinant vector comprising a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region, and a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a light chain immunoglobulin variable region.

In one embodiment, the disclosure features a method of making an antibody molecule featured in the disclosure, such as by providing a host cell comprising a nucleic acid sequence expressing a heavy chain segment and a nucleic acid sequence expressing a light chain segment, and expressing the nucleic acids in the host cell.

In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence expressing the heavy chain segment and the nucleic acid sequence expressing the light chain segment are on the same recombinant expression vector. In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence expressing the heavy chain segment and the nucleic acid sequence expressing the light chain segment are on separate recombinant expression vectors.

In one aspect, the disclosure features a pharmaceutical composition containing an antibody molecule featured in the disclosure, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features a method of treating or preventing infection with an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or

A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010), in a subject, e.g., a human subject, that comprises:

administering a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure to a subject, e.g., human subject, in need thereof.

In one embodiment, the influenza A virus is an H1, H5, H9, H3 or H7 strain, such as an H1N1 strain, an H3N2 strain, or an H5N1 strain of influenza A virus.

In an embodiment the administration results in, or correlates with, one or more of a reduction in the incidence or severity of a symptom or manifestation of an influenza infection, or the delay or onset of a symptom or manifestation of an influenza infection.

In an embodiment the administration results in, or correlates with, one or more of a reduction in the incidence or severity of a symptom or manifestation of a secondary infection, or the delay or onset of a symptom or manifestation of a secondary infection.

In embodiments the subject, e.g., a human subject, has been administered, or the method comprises, administering, or recommending the administration of, a second or additional therapy.

In embodiments the antibody molecule is administered in combination with a second or additional agent or therapy.

In embodiments the second or additional therapy comprises administration of a vaccine or an anti-viral therapy, e.g., an anti-NA or an anti-M2 therapy.

In an embodiment the second or additional therapy comprises a administration of a vaccine, e.g., a vaccine described herein or a mixture (a.k.a. a cocktail) of

influenza peptides to stimulate the patient's immune system to prevent infection with particular strains of influenza A.

In an embodiment the second or additional agent comprises administering an anti-viral agent, a pain reliever, an anti-inflammatory, an antibiotic, a steroidal agent, a second therapeutic antibody molecule (e.g., an anti-HA antibody), an adjuvant, a protease or glycosidase (e.g., sialidase).

In an embodiment the second or additional agent comprises, acyclovir, ribavirin, amantadine, remantidine, a neuraminidase inhibitor (e.g., zanamivir (Relenza®), oseltamivir (Tamiflu®), laninamivir, peramivir), or rimantadine.

In an embodiment the second or additional agent comprises a second antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11 (U.S. Provisional application number 61/645,453, FI6 (U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813), FI28 (U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813), C179 (Okuno et al., J. Virol. 67:2552-8, 1993), F10 (Sui et al., Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol. 16:265, 2009), CR9114 (Dreyfus et al., Science 337:1343, 2012), or CR6261 (see, e.g., Ekiert et al., Science 324:246, 2009). Thus, Ab 044 can be used in combination of any of those antibodies.

In an embodiment the second or additional agent comprises a second or additional binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, e.g., an anti-HA antibody, e.g., an disclosed herein. E.g., two or more of Ab 044, Ab 069, Ab 032, and Ab 031 can be administered. E.g., Ab 044 can be administered in combination with Ab 069 or Ab 032

In the case of combinations, two agents can be administered as part of the same dosage unit or administered separately. Other exemplary agents useful for treating the symptoms associated with influenza infection are acetaminophen, ibuprofen, aspirin, and naproxen.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, is administered to a human subject suffering from or susceptible to an influenza infection.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, is administered prior to known exposure to influenza, or to particular influenza substypes or strains.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, is administered prior to manifestation of effects or symptoms of influenza infection, or to one or more particular effects manifestation of effects or symptoms of influenza infection.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, is administered after known exposure to influenza, or to particular influenza substypes or strains.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, is administered after manifestation of effects or symptoms of influenza infection, or after observation of one or more particular effects manifestation of effects or symptoms of influenza infection.

In an embodiment the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, is administered in response to, or to treat or prevent, a manifestation of an effect or a symptom of influenza infection, e.g., inflammation, fever, nausea, weight loss, loss of appetite, rapid breathing, increase heart rate, high blood pressure, body aches, muscle pain, eye pain, fatigue, malaise, dry cough, runny nose, and/or sore throat.

In an embodiment, the method further comprises, testing the human subject for the influenza virus, e.g., with a method disclosed herein. In embodiments, the administration is responsive to a positive test for influenza.

In yet another embodiment, the disclosure features a method of treating a subject, e.g., a human subject, infected with an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005

or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010) by administering a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure. For example, the influenza A virus is an H1, H5, H9, H3 or H7 strain, such as an H1N1 strain, an H3N2 strain, or an H5N1 strain of influenza A virus.

In one embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., an anti-HA antibody, described herein is administered instead of a vaccine for prevention of influenza. In another embodiment, the binding agent, e.g., anti-HA antibody molecule, is administered in combination with (simultaneously or sequentially with) a vaccine for prevention of the flu.

In yet another embodiment, the disclosure features a method of detecting influenza (e.g., influenza A or influenza B) virions in a biological sample, such as by contacting the sample with a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure, and then detecting the binding of the antibody molecule to the sample. In one embodiment, the method of detecting the influenza virus (e.g., influenza A or influenza B virus) is performed in vitro.

In one embodiment, the disclosure features a method of (a) providing a sample from a patient; (b) contacting the sample with a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure, and (c) determining whether the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure binds a polypeptide in the sample, where if the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, binds a polypeptide in the sample, then the patient is determined to be infected with an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010). In one embodiment, the patient is determined to be infected with an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010), and the patient is further administered a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, disclosed

herein, e.g., the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, with which the test was performed.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features, a method of inducing immunity to one or more influenza strains, or preventing, delaying or reducing infection with an influenza strain, or symptom thereof, in a vertebrate, e.g., a human. The method comprises administering to the vertebrate, e.g., a human, a broad range vaccine, or broad range immunogen, described herein.

In an embodiment the broad range vaccine, or broad range immunogen, induces an immune response against, or confers protection against, one or more influenza strains.

In an embodiment the broad range vaccine, or broad range immunogen, induces an immune response against, or confers protection against, two influenza strains.

In an embodiment the broad range vaccine, or broad range immunogen, induces an immune response against, or confers protection against, two Group 1 influenza strains.

In an embodiment the broad range vaccine induces, or broad range immunogen, an immune response against, or confers protection against, at least one Group 1 strain, and a second strain from Group 1, Group2 or an influenza B strain.

In one embodiment, the influenza A virus is an H1, H5, H9, H3 or H7 strain, such as an H1N1 strain, an H3N2 strain, or an H5N1 strain of influenza A virus.

In an embodiment the administration results in, or correlates with, one or more of : a reduction in the chance of an infection, a reduction in the incidence or severity of a symptom or manifestation of an influenza infection, or the delay or onset of a symptom or manifestation of an influenza infection.

In an embodiment the administration results in, or correlates with, one or more of: a reduction in the incidence or severity of a symptom or manifestation of a secondary infection, or the delay or onset of a symptom or manifestation of a secondary infection.

In embodiments the subject, e.g., a human subject, has been administered, or the method comprises, administering, or recommending the administration of, a second or additional therapy.

In embodiments the broad range vaccine is administered in combination with a second or additional agent or therapy.

In embodiments the second or additional agent comprises administration of another vaccine or another anti-viral therapy, e.g., an anti-NA or an anti-M2 therapy.

In an embodiment the second or additional agent comprises administration of a vaccine comprising a mixture (a.k.a. a cocktail) of influenza peptides to stimulate the patient's immune system to prevent infection with particular strains of influenza A.

In an embodiment the second or additional agent comprises administering an anti-viral agent, a pain reliever, an anti-inflammatory, an antibiotic, a steroidal agent, a second therapeutic antibody molecule (e.g., an anti-HA antibody), an adjuvant, a protease or glycosidase (e.g., sialidase).

In an embodiment the second or additional agent comprises, acyclovir, ribavirin, amantadine, remantidine, a neuraminidase inhibitor (e.g., zanamivir (Relenza®), oseltamivir (Tamiflu®), laninamivir, peramivir), or rimantadine.

In an embodiment the second or additional agent comprises an antibody molecule, e.g., Ab 67-11 (U.S. Provisional application number 61/645,453, FI6 (U.S.

Published Application No. 2010/0080813), FI28 (U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813), C179 (Okuno et al., J. Virol. 67:2552-8, 1993), F10 (Sui et al., Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol. 16:265, 2009), CR9114 (Dreyfus et al., Science 337:1343, 2012), or CR6261 (see, e.g., Ekiert et al., Science 324:246, 2009).

In an embodiment the second or additional agent comprises an antibody molecule disclosed herein, e.g., an antibody molecule selected from Ab-044, Ab 069, Ab 032, and Ab 031 antibody molecules.

In the case of combinations, two agents can be administered as part of the same dosage unit or administered separately.

Other exemplary second or additional agents useful for treating the symptoms associated with influenza infection are acetaminophen, ibuprofen, aspirin, and naproxen.

In an embodiment the broad range vaccine, or broad range immunogen, is administered to a human subject suffering from or susceptible to an influenza infection.

In an embodiment the broad range vaccine, or broad range immunogen, is administered prior to known exposure to influenza, or to particular influenza substypes or strains.

In an embodiment the broad range vaccine, or broad range immunogen, is administered prior to manifestation of effects or symptoms of influenza infection, or to one or more particular effects manifestation of effects or symptoms of influenza infection.

In an embodiment the broad range vaccine, or broad range immunogen, is administered after known exposure to influenza, or to particular influenza substypes or strains.

In an embodiment the broad range vaccine is administered after manifestation of effects or symptoms of influenza infection, or after observation of one or more particular effects manifestation of effects or symptoms of influenza infection.

In an embodiment the broad range vaccine, or broad range immunogen, is administered in response to, or to treat or prevent, a manifestation of an effect or a symptom of influenza infection, e.g., inflammation, fever, nausea, weight loss, loss of appetite, rapid breathing, increase heart rate, high blood pressure, body aches, muscle pain, eye pain, fatigue, malaise, dry cough, runny nose, and/or sore throat.

In an embodiment, the method further comprises, testing the human subject for the influenza virus, e.g., with a method disclosed herein. In embodiments, the administration is responsive to a positive test for influenza.

In yet another embodiment, the disclosure features a method of treating a subject, e.g., a human subject, infected with an influenza virus (e.g., an influenza A virus, e.g., a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, or an influenza B virus, e.g., B/Wisconsin/1/2010) by administering a broad range vaccine featured in the disclosure. For example, the influenza A virus is an H1, H5, H9, H3 or H7 strain, such as an H1N1 strain, an H3N2 strain, or an H5N1 strain of influenza A virus.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features, a method of reducing the severity of influenza in a population. The method includes administering a broad range vaccine, or broad range immunogen, to sufficient individuals in the population to prevent or decrease the chance of influenza virus transmission to another individual in the population.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features, a kit comprising one or more containers having disposed therein a broad range immunogen, a nucleic acid encoding the broad range epitope, or a broad range vaccine described herein. In an embodiment the kit includes a container having adjuvant disposed therein. In an embodiment the kit comprises a delivery device, e.g., an injection device or inhaler. In an embodiment the broad range epitope described herein, or a nucleic acid encoding the broad range epitope or broad reange vaccine, is disposed in a delivery device.

In an embodiment the kit comprises a delivery device, e.g., an injection device or inhaler. In an embodiment the vaccine is disposed in a delivery device.

In another aspect, the disclosure features a kit comprising the antibody molecule featured in the disclosure; and a pharmaceutically acceptable delivery vehicle or buffer, a delivery device, or both.

In another embodiment, the disclosure features, a composition, e.g., a vaccine, comprising a broad range epitope described herein, packaged in a hermetically sealed container such as an ampoule. In an embodiment, the composition a liquid. In an embodiment, the composition is liquid a dry sterilized lyophilized powder or water free concentrate.

Unless otherwise defined, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs. Although methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein can be used in the practice or testing of the invention, suitable methods and materials are described below. All publications, patent applications, patents, and other references mentioned herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety. In case of conflict, the present specification, including definitions, will control. In addition, the materials, methods, and examples are illustrative only and not intended to be limiting.

The details of one or more embodiments featured in the disclosure are set forth in the accompanying drawings and the description below. Other features, objects, and advantages featured in the disclosure will be apparent from the description and drawings, and from the claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is the heavy and light chain amino acid sequences (SEQ ID NOs:94 and 95, respectively) of the anti-HA antibody A18. The constant domain sequence is indicated by italics. The CDRs are indicated by underlining.

FIG. 2 is the variable heavy chain domain sequence of exemplary anti-HA antibodies. The SEQ ID NOs. for sequences shown are as follows: VH15 is SEQ ID NO: 15; VH16 is SEQ ID NO: 16; VH17 is SEQ ID NO: 17; VH18 is SEQ ID NO: 18; VH19 is SEQ ID NO: 19; VH21 is SEQ ID NO: 21; VH22 is SEQ ID NO: 22; VH20 is SEQ ID NO: 20; VH23 is SEQ ID NO: 23; VH24 is SEQ ID NO: 24; VH25 is SEQ ID NO: 25; VH26 is SEQ ID NO: 26; VH27 is SEQ ID NO: 27; and VH161 is SEQ ID NO: 161.

FIG. 3 is the variable light chain domain sequence of exemplary anti-HA antibodies. The SEQ ID NOs. for sequences shown are as follows: VL28 is SEQ ID NO: 28; VL29 is SEQ ID NO: 29; VL30 is SEQ ID NO: 30; VL35 is SEQ ID NO: 35; VL31 is SEQ ID NO: 31; VL32 is SEQ ID NO: 32; VL33 is SEQ ID NO: 33; VL34-ID is SEQ ID NO: 34; VL36 is SEQ ID NO: 36; VL45 is SEQ ID NO: 45; VL46 is SEQ ID NO: 46; VL37 is SEQ ID NO: 37; VL38 is SEQ ID NO: 38; VL39 is SEQ ID NO: 39; VL40 is SEQ ID NO: 40; VL41 is SEQ ID NO: 41; VL42 is SEQ ID NO: 42; VL43 is SEQ ID NO: 43; VL44 is SEQ ID NO: 44; VL47 is SEQ ID NO: 47; VL48 is SEQ ID NO: 48; VL49 is SEQ ID NO: 49; VL50 is SEQ ID NO: 50; VL51 is SEQ ID NO: 51; VL52 is SEQ ID NO: 52; VL53 is SEQ ID NO: 53; VL54 is SEQ ID NO: 54; VL55 is SEQ ID NO: 55; VL56 is SEQ ID NO: 56; VL57 is SEQ ID NO: 57; VL58 is SEQ ID NO: 58; VL59 is SEQ ID NO: 59; VL60 is SEQ ID NO: 60; VL61 is SEQ ID NO: 61; VL153 is SEQ ID NO: 153; VL154 is SEQ ID NO: 154; VL155 is SEQ ID NO: 155; VL156 is SEQ ID NO: 156; and VL62 is SEQ ID NO: 62.

FIG. 4 is a graph depicting neutralization of the H3N2 strain X-31 by A18 antibodies. In contrast, strain X-31 was not neutralized by AB1 antibodies.

FIG. 5 is a graph of ELISA results depicting stronger binding of A18 to H3 Brisbane/07, and much weaker binding to H3 Wyoming/03.

FIG. 6 is a graph of ELISA results depicting binding of A18 to H3 Bris07 HA, H3N2 Bris07 virus, and weak binding to the negative control, BSA (bovine serum albumin).

FIGs. 7A and 7B are graphs depicting the ability of the A18 antibody to protect infected mice from weight loss. The mice were infected either with H1N1 (FIG. 7A) or with H3N2 (FIG. 7B) influenza strains.

FIGs. 8A and 8B are graphs depicting percent survival of mice infected with H1N1 (FIG. 8A) or H3N2 (FIG. 8B), and treated 48 hours later with either Ab 028, Ab 031, or Ab 032 antibodies.

FIGs. 9A, 9B and 9C are graphs depicting percent survival of mice infected with H1N1 (A/Puerto Rico/8/34) (FIG. 9A), H3N2 (A/Victoria/03/75) (FIG. 9B) or H1N1 (A/California/04/09) (FIG. 9C). Mice were treated with various dosages of Ab 032 antibody.

FIGs. 10A to 10D are graphs of ELISA results depicting the broad specificity of antibodies Ab 014 and Ab 028. Both antibodies are shown to bind to influenza subtypes from Group 1 (subtypes H1, H5, and H9) and from Group 2 (subtypes H3 and H7).

FIG. 11 is a graph depicting the inability of the influenza strain PR8 (H1N1) to overcome neutralization by AB1 after 5 rounds (R5) of propagation in the presence of AB1. On the other hand, PR8 does develop resistance to the control neutralizing antibody C179 seen by titer recovery after 4 round of selection in the presence of C179.

FIG. 12 shows the amino acid sequences of the heavy chain variable regions of FI6 (SEQ ID NO: 175), FI370 (SEQ ID NO: 176), FI6 variant 1 (SEQ ID NO: 177), FI6 variant 3 (SEQ ID NO: 178), FI6/370 (SEQ ID NO: 179) and the amino acid sequence of kappa light chain variable region of FI6 (SEQ ID NO: 180).

FIG. 13 is the variable heavy chain domain sequence of exemplary anti-HA antibodies as shown in FIG. 2 and including an N-terminal ID dipeptide. The SEQ ID NOs. for sequences shown are as follows: VH15-ID is SEQ ID NO: 96; VH16-ID is SEQ ID NO: 97; VH17-ID is SEQ ID NO: 98; VH18-ID is SEQ ID NO: 99; VH19-ID is SEQ ID NO: 100; VH21-ID is SEQ ID NO: 101; VH22-ID is SEQ ID NO: 102; VH20-ID is SEQ ID NO: 103; VH23-ID is SEQ ID NO: 104; VH24-ID is SEQ ID NO: 105; VH25-ID is SEQ ID NO: 106; VH26-ID is SEQ ID NO: 107; VH27-ID is SEQ ID NO: 108; and VH161-ID is SEQ ID NO: 109.

FIG. 14 is the variable light chain domain sequence of exemplary anti-HA antibodies as shown in FIG. 3 and including an N-terminal ID dipeptide. The SEQ ID NOs. for sequences shown are as follows: VL28-ID is SEQ ID NO: 110; VL29-ID is SEQ ID NO: 111; VL30-ID is SEQ ID NO: 112; VL35-ID is SEQ ID NO: 113; VL31-ID is SEQ ID NO: 114; VL32-ID is SEQ ID NO: 115; VL33-ID is SEQ ID NO: 116; VL34-ID is SEQ ID NO: 117; VL36-ID is SEQ ID NO: 118; VL45-ID is SEQ ID NO: 119; VL46-ID is SEQ ID NO: 120; VL37-ID is SEQ ID NO: 121; VL38-ID is SEQ ID NO: 122; VL39-ID is SEQ ID NO: 123; VL40-ID is SEQ ID NO: 124; VL41-ID is SEQ ID NO: 125; VL42-ID is SEQ ID NO: 126; VL43-ID is SEQ ID NO: 127; VL44-ID is SEQ ID NO: 128; VL47-ID is SEQ ID NO: 129; VL48-ID is SEQ ID NO: 130; VL49-ID is SEQ ID NO: 131; VL50-ID is SEQ ID NO: 132; VL51-ID is SEQ ID NO: 133; VL52-ID is SEQ ID NO: 134; VL53-ID is SEQ ID NO: 135; VL54-ID is SEQ ID NO: 136; VL55-ID is SEQ ID NO: 137; VL56-ID is SEQ ID NO: 138; VL57-ID is SEQ ID NO: 139; VL58-ID is SEQ ID NO: 140; VL59-ID is SEQ ID NO: 141; VL60-ID is SEQ ID NO: 142; VL61-ID is SEQ ID NO: 143; VL153-ID is SEQ ID NO: 157; VL154-ID is SEQ ID NO: 158; VL155-ID is SEQ ID NO: 159; VL156-ID is SEQ ID NO: 160; and VL62-ID is SEQ ID NO: 144.

FIG. 15 is a graph depicting the number of syncytia observed after treatment of HA infected HEK293 cells with Ab 032 antibody. "Pre" and "Post" indicates treatment of the cells with antibody before induction of fusion conditions by low pH (5.0), or after induction by low pH.

FIG. 16 is a graph depicting percent survival of mice infected with H1N1 and subsequently infected with the bacteria S. pneumococcus. Mice were treated with antibiotic or anti-HA antibody.

FIG. 17 shows the variable light and heavy chain sequences of additional exemplary anti-HA antibodies. The SEQ ID NOs. for sequences shown are as follows: VL165 is SEQ ID NO: 165; VL166 is SEQ ID NO: 166; VL167 is SEQ ID NO: 167; VL168 is SEQ ID NO: 168; VL169 is SEQ ID NO: 169; VH164 is SEQ ID NO: 164; VH162 is SEQ ID NO: 162; VH163 is SEQ ID NO: 163.

FIG. 18 is a graph depicting the number of syncytia observed after treatment of HA infected HEK293 cells with Ab 044 antibody. Left bar = pH 5.0; right bar = pH 7.0.

FIG. 19A shows the weight changes of mice after challenge with H1N1 strain PR8 and administration of vehicle, ribavirin, Ab 044 prophylaxis at 10 mg/kg, Ab 044 prophylaxis at 2.5 mg/kg, or Ab 044 prophylaxis at 0.6 mg/kg.

FIG. 19B shows the weight change of mice after challenge with H1N1 strain PR8 and administration of Ab 044 therapy two days post infection at 10 mg/kg, 2.5 mg/kg, or 0.6 mg/kg; or Ab 044 therapy three days post infection at 20 mg/kg.

FIG. 20A shows the weight changes of mice after challenge with H3N2 strain Victoria and administration of vehicle, ribavirin, or AB 044 prophylaxis at 10 mg/kg.

FIG. 20B shows the weight changes of mice after challenge with H3N2 and administration of Ab 044 therapy two days post infection at 10 mg/kg, 2.5 mg/kg, or 0.6 mg/kg; or Ab 044 therapy three days post infection at 20 mg/kg.

FIG. 21A shows lung viral load in mice four days after viral challenge with H1N1, as measured by plaque assay. Infected mice were treated with vehicle, ribavirin, Ab 044 prophylaxis at 10 mg/kg, Ab 044 prophylaxis at 2.5 mg/kg, Ab 044 prophylaxis at 0.6 mg/kg, Ab 044 therapy at 10 mg/kg, Ab 044 therapy at 2.5 mg/kg, Ab 044 therapy at 0.6 mg/kg, or Ab 044 therapy at 72 h.

FIG. 21B shows lung viral load in mice four days after viral challenge with H3N2. Infected mice were treated with vehicle, ribavirin, Ab 044 prophylaxis at 10 mg/kg, Ab 044 therapy at 10 mg/kg, Ab 044 therapy at 2.5 mg/kg, Ab 044 therapy at 0.6 mg/kg, or Ab 044 therapy at 72 h. Asterisk, $p<0.05$.

FIG. 22A shows the survival curves of mice after H1N1 challenge and administration of vehicle, ribavirin, Ab 044 prophylaxis at 10 mg/kg, 2.5 mg/kg, or 0.6 mg/kg.

FIG. 22B shows the survival curves of mice after H1N1 challenge and administration of vehicle, Ab 044 therapy at 48 h at 10 mg/kg, at 2.5 mg/kg, at 0.6 mg/kg, or Ab 044 therapy at 72 h at 20 mg/kg.

FIG. 23A shows the survival curves of mice after H3N2 challenge and administration of vehicle, ribavirin, or Ab 044 prophylaxis at 10 mg/kg .

FIG. 23B shows the survival curves of mice after H3N2 challenge and administration of vehicle, Ab 044 therapy at 48 h post infection at 10 mg/kg , at 2.5 mg/kg, at 0.6 mg/kg, or Ab 044 therapy at 72 h post infection at 20 mg/kg.

FIG. 24 depicts the effects of prophylactic and therapeutic administration of Ab 044 on the weight of BALB/c mice infected with influenza A/Vietnam/1203/2004 H5N1 virus.

FIG. 25 depicts the effects of prophylactic and therapeutic administration of Ab 044 on survival of BALB/c mice infected with influenza A/Vietnam/1203/2004 H5N1 virus.

FIG. 26 is a three dimensional representation of H3 HA with the amino acids residues that are predicted to be part of Ab044 epitope but not part of FI6's epitope highlighted. That is, the highlighted amino acids are unique to Ab044's epitope.

FIG. 27 is a three dimensional representation of H3 HA with the amino acid residues that are part of FI6's epitope but not predicted to be part of Ab044's epitope highlighted.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The disclosure is based, at least in part, on the design and synthesis of antibody molecules that can bind an epitope that is conserved across multiple hemagglutinin subtypes of influenza viruses (e.g., influenza A and influenza B viruses). For example, the antibody molecules described herein are useful as broad spectrum therapy against disease caused by at least one influenza A strain belonging to Group 1 and one influenza A strain belonging to Group 2 to neutralize infectivity of viruses belonging to both Group 1 and Group 2 (at least one subtype of each).

The antibody molecules were designed by a rational structure-based approach to target a region on the virus that is not fully accessible to the human immune system and, therefore, not amenable to antibody selection through more classical screening approaches. This rational-based approach to the design and development of broad-spectrum antibody molecules allows for the development of more efficacious vaccines for pandemic and seasonal influenza. This approach also allows for the advance preparation of pandemic vaccines so that they are ready to be employed against specific virus subtypes (e.g., avian virus subtypes) that may mutate to become human-adapted and

highly transmissible. Vaccines (e.g., seasonal vaccines) that utilize the antibody molecules described herein can generate a more potent immune response without the use of adjuvants and provide broad protection against viral strain variation.

Definitions

As used herein, the term "antibody molecule" refers to a polypeptide that comprises sufficient sequence from an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region and/or sufficient sequence from an immunoglobulin light chain variable region, to provide antigen specific binding. It comprises full length antibodies as well as fragments thereof, e.g., Fab fragments, that support antigen binding. Typically an antibody molecule will comprise heavy chain CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 and light chain CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 sequence. Antibody molecules include human, humanized, CDR-grafted antibodies and antigen binding fragments thereof. In embodiments an antibody molecule comprises a protein that comprises at least one immunoglobulin variable region segment, e.g., an amino acid sequence that provides an immunoglobulin variable domain or immunoglobulin variable domain sequence.

The VH or VL chain of the antibody molecule can further include all or part of a heavy or light chain constant region, to thereby form a heavy or light immunoglobulin chain, respectively. In one embodiment, the antibody molecule is a tetramer of two heavy immunoglobulin chains and two light immunoglobulin chains.

An antibody molecule can comprise one or both of a heavy (or light) chain immunoglobulin variable region segment. As used herein, the term "heavy (or light) chain immunoglobulin variable region segment," refers to an entire heavy (or light) chain immunoglobulin variable region, or a fragment thereof, that is capable of binding antigen. The ability of a heavy or light chain segment to bind antigen is measured with the segment paired with a light or heavy chain, respectively. In some embodiment, a heavy or light chain segment that is less than a full length variable region will, when paired with the appropriate chain, bind with an affinity that is at least 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, or 95% of what is seen when the full length chain is paired with a light chain or heavy chain, respectively.

An immunoglobulin variable region segment may differ from a reference or consensus sequence. As used herein, to "differ," means that a residue in the reference

sequence or consensus sequence is replaced with either a different residue or an absent or inserted residue.

An antibody molecule can comprise a heavy (H) chain variable region (abbreviated herein as VH), and a light (L) chain variable region (abbreviated herein as VL). In another example, an antibody comprises two heavy (H) chain variable regions and two light (L) chain variable regions or antibody binding fragments thereof. The light chains of the immunoglobulin may be of types kappa or lambda. In one embodiment, the antibody molecule is glycosylated. An antibody molecule can be functional for antibody dependent cytotoxicity and/or complement-mediated cytotoxicity, or may be non-functional for one or both of these activities. An antibody molecule can be an intact antibody or an antigen-binding fragment thereof.

Antibody molecules include "antigen-binding fragments" of a full length antibody, e.g., one or more fragments of a full-length antibody that retain the ability to specifically bind to an HA target of interest. Examples of binding fragments encompassed within the term "antigen-binding fragment" of a full length antibody include (i) a Fab fragment, a monovalent fragment consisting of the VL, VH, CL and CH1 domains; (ii) a F(ab') or $F(ab')_2$ fragment, a bivalent fragment including two Fab fragments linked by a disulfide bridge at the hinge region; (iii) an Fd fragment consisting of the VH and CH1 domains; (iv) an Fv fragment consisting of the VL and VH domains of a single arm of an antibody, (v) a dAb fragment (Ward et al., (1989) Nature 341:544-546), which consists of a VH domain; and (vi) an isolated complementarity determining region (CDR) that retains functionality. Furthermore, although the two domains of the Fv fragment, VL and VH, are coded for by separate genes, they can be joined, using recombinant methods, by a synthetic linker that enables them to be made as a single protein chain in which the VL and VH regions pair to form monovalent molecules known as single chain Fv (scFv). See e.g., Bird et al. (1988) Science 242:423-426; and Huston et al. (1988) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 85:5879-5883. Antibody molecules include diabodies.

As used herein, an antibody refers to a polypeptide, e.g., a tetrameric or single chain polypeptide, comprising the structural and functional characteristics, particularly the antigen binding characteristics, of an immunoglobulin. Typically, a

human antibody comprises two identical light chains and two identical heavy chains. Each chain comprises a variable region.

The variable heavy (VH) and variable light (VL) regions can be further subdivided into regions of hypervariability, termed "complementarity determining regions" ("CDR"), interspersed with regions that are more conserved, termed "framework regions" (FR). Human antibodies have three VH CDRs and three VL CDRs, separated by framework regions FR1-FR4. The extent of the FRs and CDRs has been precisely defined (see, Kabat, E.A., et al. (1991) Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, Fifth Edition, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NIH Publication No. 91-3242; and Chothia, C. et al. (1987) J. Mol. Biol. 196:901-917). Kabat definitions are used herein. Each VH and VL is typically composed of three CDRs and four FRs, arranged from amino-terminus to carboxyl-terminus in the following order: FR1, CDR1, FR2, CDR2, FR3, CDR3, FR4.

The heavy and light immunoglobulin chains can be connected by disulfide bonds. The heavy chain constant region typically comprises three constant domains, CH1, CH2 and CH3. The light chain constant region typically comprises a CL domain. The variable region of the heavy and light chains contains a binding domain that interacts with an antigen. The constant regions of the antibodies typically mediate the binding of the antibody to host tissues or factors, including various cells of the immune system (e.g., effector cells) and the first component (Clq) of the classical complement system.

The term "immunoglobulin" comprises various broad classes of polypeptides that can be distinguished biochemically. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that heavy chains are classified as gamma, mu, alpha, delta, or epsilon (γ, μ, α, δ, ε) with some subclasses among them (e.g., γ1- γ4). It is the nature of this chain that determines the "class" of the antibody as IgG, IgM, IgA IgD, or IgE, respectively. The immunoglobulin subclasses (isotypes) e.g., IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, IgG4, IgA1, etc. are well characterized and are known to confer functional specialization. Modified versions of each of these classes and isotypes are readily discernable to the skilled artisan in view of the instant disclosure and, accordingly, are within the scope of the

instant disclosure. All immunoglobulin classes are clearly within the scope of the present disclosure. Light chains are classified as either kappa or lambda (κ, λ). Each heavy chain class may be bound with either a kappa or lambda light chain.

Suitable antibodies include, but are not limited to, monoclonal, monospecific, polyclonal, polyspecific, human antibodies, primatized antibodies, chimeric antibodies, bi-specific antibodies, humanized antibodies, conjugated antibodies (i.e., antibodies conjugated or fused to other proteins, radiolabels, cytotoxins), Small Modular ImmunoPharmaceuticals ("SMIPs™"), single chain antibodies, cameloid antibodies, and antibody fragments.

In embodiments, an antibody is a humanized antibody. A humanized antibody refers to an immunoglobulin comprising a human framework region and one or more CDR's from a non-human, e.g., mouse or rat, immunoglobulin. The immunoglobulin providing the CDR's is often referred to as the "donor" and the human immunoglobulin providing the framework often called the "acceptor," though in embodiments, no source or no process limitation is implied. Typically a humanized antibody comprises a humanized light chain and a humanized heavy chain immunoglobulin.

An "immunoglobulin domain" refers to a domain from the variable or constant domain of immunoglobulin molecules. Immunoglobulin domains typically contain two β-sheets formed of about seven β-strands, and a conserved disulphide bond (see, e.g., A. F. Williams and A. N. Barclay (1988) Ann. Rev. Immunol. 6:381-405).

As used herein, an "immunoglobulin variable domain sequence" refers to an amino acid sequence that can form the structure of an immunoglobulin variable domain. For example, the sequence may include all or part of the amino acid sequence of a naturally-occurring variable domain. For example, the sequence may omit one, two or more N- or C-terminal amino acids, internal amino acids, may include one or more insertions or additional terminal amino acids, or may include other alterations. In one embodiment, a polypeptide that comprises an immunoglobulin variable domain sequence can associate with another immunoglobulin variable domain sequence to form a target binding structure (or "antigen binding site"), e.g., a structure that interacts with the target antigen.

As used herein, the term antibodies comprises intact monoclonal antibodies, polyclonal antibodies, single domain antibodies (e.g., shark single domain antibodies (e.g., IgNAR or fragments thereof)), multispecific antibodies (e.g., bi-specific antibodies) formed from at least two intact antibodies, and antibody fragments so long as they exhibit the desired biological activity. Antibodies for use herein may be of any type (e.g., IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, IgM).

The antibody or antibody molecule can be derived from a mammal, e.g., a rodent, e.g., a mouse or rat, horse, pig, or goat. In embodiments, an antibody or antibody molecule is produced using a recombinant cell. In some embodiments an antibody or antibody molecule is a chimeric antibody, for example, from mouse, rat, horse, pig, or other species, bearing human constant and/or variable regions domains.

A binding agent, as used herein, is an agent that bind, e.g., specifically binds, a target antigen, e.g., HA. Binding agents of the invention share sufficient structural relationship with anti-HA antibody molecules disclosed herein to support specific binding to HA, and in embodiments, other functional properties of an anti-HA antibody molecule disclosed herein. In embodiments a binding agent will exhibit a binding affinity at of at least 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 , 60, 70, 80, or 90 % of an antibody molecule disclosed herein, e.g., an antibody molecule with which it shares, significant structural homology, e.g., CDR sequences. Binding agents can be naturally occurring, e.g., as are some antibodies, or synthetic. In an embodiment a binding agents is a polypeptide, e.g., an antibody molecule, e.g., an antibody. While some binding agents are antibody molecules, other molecules, e.g., other polypeptides, can also function as binding agents. Polypeptide binding agents can be monomeric or multimeric, e.g., dimeric, trimeric, or tetrameric and can be stabilized by intra- or interchain bonds, e.g., disulfide bonds. They can contain natural or non-naturally occurring amino acid residues. In embodiments, binding agents are antibody molecules, or other polypeptides, that present one or more CDRs of antibody molecules disclosed herein or that otherwise mimic the structure of an antibody molecule disclosed herein. Binding agents can also comprise aptomers, nucleic acids or other molecular entities. A binding agent can be developed in a variety of ways, e.g., by innumization, by rational design, screening of random structures, or a combination of those or other approaches. Typically a binding agent will act by

making contact with substantially the same epitope as an antibody molecule disclosed herein, e.g., an antibody molecule with which it shares, significant structural homology, e.g., CDR sequences. A binding agent can interact with amino acids, saccharides, or combinations thereof. Polypeptides other than antibodies can be used as a scaffold to present sequence, e.g., one or more, or a complete set of heavy chain and/or light chain CDRs, disclosed herein. Exemplary scaffolds include adnectin, zinc finger DNA-binding proteins. protein A, lipoclins, ankryin consensus repeat domain, thioredoxin, anticalins, centyrin, avimer domains, ubiquitin, peptidomimetics, stapled peptides, cystine-knot miniproteins, and IgNARs. In some embodiments, a binding agent is or comprises a nucleic acid, e.g., DNA, RNA or mixtures thereof. In embodiments a binding agent, e.g., a nucleic acid, shows secondary, tertiary, or quaternary structure. In some embodiments a binding agent, e.g., a nucleic acid, forms a structure that mimics the structure of an antibody molecule disclosed herein.

A broad spectrum binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, as used herein, binds, a plurality of different HA molecules, and optionally neutralizes viruses comprising the different HA molecules. In an embodiment it binds a first HA and binds a second HA from influenza A Group 1, and optionally neutralizes viruses comprising the first or second HA molecules. In an embodiments it binds a first HA from an influenza A Group 1 virus, and binds a second HA from an influenza A Group 2 virus, and optionally neutralizes viruses comprising the different HA molecules. In an embodiment it binds a first HA from an influenza A Group 1 or 2 virus and binds a HA from an influenza B virus, and optionally neutralizes viruses comprising the different HA molecules. In an embodiments it binds, and in embodiments neutralizes, at least two different clades or clusters of virus, e.g., from different Groups. In embodiments it binds, and in embodiments neutralizes, all or substantially all strains of Group 1 an/or Group 2 disclosed herein. In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, binds, and in embodiments, neutralizes: at least one strain from the Group 1 H1, e.g., H1a or H1b, cluster and at least one strain from the Group 2 H3 or H7 cluster. In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, binds, and in embodiments, neutralizes: at least one strain from the Group 1 H1, e.g., H1a or H1b, cluster and at least one influenza B strain. In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, binds, and in

embodiments, neutralizes: at least one strain from the Group 2 H3 or H7 cluster and at least one influenza B strain. In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, binds, and in embodiments, neutralizes: at least one strain from the Group 1 H1, e.g., H1a or H1b, cluster, at least one strain from the Group 2 H3 or H7 cluster, and at least one influenza B strain. In some embodiments, binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, binds, and optionally neutralizes or mediate infection of particular hosts, e.g., avian, camel, canine, cat, civet, equine, human, mouse, swine, tiger, or other mammal or bird.

The term "combination therapy", as used herein, refers to administration of a plurality of agents, e.g., wherein at least one binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, disclosed herein is administered to a subject, e.g., a human subject. The introduction of the agents into the subject can be at different times. In embodiments the agents are administered in overlapping regimens, or such that the subject is simultaneously exposed to both agents, or such that the response of the subject is better than would be seen with either agent administered alone.

As used herein, an "escape mutant" is a mutated influenza strain that is resistant to neutralization by an anti-HA antibody molecule described herein. In embodiments an escape mutant is resistant to neutralization with a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, but its parent strain is neutralized by the binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule.

As used herein, "pandemic influenza" refers to a new viral strain that arises due to human adaptation of an influenza strain by mutation or by emergence of a strain by reassortment of different strains of influenza A. The resulting pandemic strain is significantly different from previous strains and most people will have little or no pre-existing immunity. Symptoms and complications may be more severe and more frequent than those typical of seasonal influenza. Examples of past pandemic flu viruses include, e.g., the 2009 H1N1 'swine flu,' the 1957-58 H2N2 'Asian flu' and the 1968 H3N2 influenza strains.

The terms "purified" and "isolated" as used herein in the context of an antibody molecule, e.g., a antibody, a immunogen, or generally a polypeptide, obtained from a natural source, refers to a molecule which is substantially free of contaminating materials from the natural source, e.g., cellular materials from the natural source, e.g., cell debris, membranes, organelles, the bulk of the nucleic acids, or proteins, present in cells. Thus, a polypeptide, e.g., an antibody molecule, that is isolated includes preparations of a

polypeptide having less than about 30%, 20%, 10%, 5%, 2%, or 1% (by dry weight) of cellular materials and/or contaminating materials. The terms "purified" and "isolated" when used in the context of a chemically synthesized species, e.g., an antibody molecule, or immunogen, refers to the species which is substantially free of chemical precursors or other chemicals which are involved in the syntheses of the molecule.

A preparation of binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, as used herein, comprises a plurality of molecules of a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, described herein. In embodiments that binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, makes up at least 60, 70, 80, 90, 95, 98, 99, 99.5 or 99.9 %, of the preparation, or of the active ingredients of the preparation, by weight or number. In embodiments that binding agent is an antibody molecule which makes up at least 60, 70, 80, 90, 95, 98, 99, 99.5 or 99.9 %, of the preparation, or of the active ingredients, or polypeptide ingredients, or antibody molecules, of the preparation, by weight or number. In embodiments the binding agent is an antibody molecule and the preparation contains no more than 30, 20, 10, 5, 2, 1, or 0.5%, by weight or number, of a contaminant, e.g., a reactant, solvent, precursor or other species, from the source, or used in the preparation, of the antibody molecule, e.g., a species from a cell, reaction mixture, or other system used to produce the antibody molecule.

As used herein, the term "prevent infection" means that a subject (e.g., a human) is less likely to be infected by influenza if the subject receives the antibody prior to (e.g., 1 day, 2 days, 1 week, 2 weeks, 3 weeks, or 1 month of more) before being exposed to influenza.

As used herein, "seasonal influenza" is a strain that is identical or closely related to strains that have been circulating in the human population in recent years and therefore most people are at least partially immune to it. Such a strain is not likely to cause severe disease. Symptoms can include fever, cough, runny nose, and muscle pain, and in rare cases, death can result from complications, such as pneumonia. Outbreaks follow predictable seasonal patterns, annually, and usually in fall and winter and in temperate climates. Infection due to seasonal influenza is commonly referred to as the flu.

As used herein, specific binding, means that a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, binds its antigen with a K_D of equal to or less than 10^{-5}. In embodiments, the

antibody binds it's antigen with a K_D of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, 10^{-7}, 10^{-8}, 10^{-9}, 10^{-10}, 10^{-11}, or 10^{-12}.

As used herein, the term "therapeutically effective amount" refers to an amount of a therapeutic agent, e.g., a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, which results in a positive outcome for the subject. In embodiments, it can be statistically correlated with therapeutic effect or benefit, e.g., the lessening or prevention of a manifestation of an effect or a symptom, when administered to a population of subjects. In embodiments it is an amount that also provides a preselected, or reasonable, benefit/risk ratio. In embodiments it is an amount effective to reduce the incidence and/or severity of and/or to delay onset of one or more features, symptoms, or characteristics of a disease, disorder, or condition. A therapeutically effective amount is can be administered in a dosing regimen that may comprise one or multiple unit doses.

As used herein, the term "treat infection" means that a subject (e.g., a human) who has been infected with an influenza and experiences symptoms of the influenza (e.g., the flu), will in embodiments, suffer less severe symptoms and/or will recover faster when the antibody molecule is administered than if the antibody is never administered. In embodiments, when an infection is treated, an assay to detect virus in the subject will detect less virus after effective treatment for the infection. For example, a diagnostic assay using an antibody molecule, such as an antibody molecule described herein, will detect less or no virus in a biological sample of a patient after administration of an antibody molecule for the effective treatment of the viral infection. Other assays, such as PCR (e.g., qPCR) can also be used to monitor treatment in a patient, to detect the presence, e.g., decreased presence (or absence) after treatment of viral infection in the patient. Treatment can, e.g., partially or completely alleviate, ameliorate, relive, inhibit, reduce the severity of, and/or reduces incidence and optionally, delay onset of, one or more manifestations of the effects or symptoms, features, and/or causes of a particular disease, disorder, and/or condition (e.g., influenza. In embodiments treatment is of a subject who does not exhibit signs of the relevant disease, disorder and/or condition and/or of a subject who exhibits only early signs of the disease, disorder, and/or condition. In embodiments treatment is of a subject who exhibits one or more established signs of the relevant disease, disorder and/or condition. In embodiments, treatment is of a

subject diagnosed as suffering from influenza.

Calculations of "homology" or "sequence identity" or "identity" between two sequences (the terms are used interchangeably herein) can be performed as follows. The sequences are aligned for optimal comparison purposes (e.g., gaps can be introduced in one or both of a first and a second amino acid or nucleic acid sequence for optimal alignment and non-homologous sequences can be disregarded for comparison purposes). The optimal alignment is determined as the best score using the GAP program in the GCG software package with a Blossum 62 scoring matrix with a gap penalty of 12, a gap extend penalty of 4, and a frameshift gap penalty of 5. The amino acid residues or nucleotides at corresponding amino acid positions or nucleotide positions are then compared. When a position in the first sequence is occupied by the same amino acid residue or nucleotide as the corresponding position in the second sequence, then the molecules are identical at that position (as used herein amino acid or nucleic acid "identity" is equivalent to amino acid or nucleic acid "homology"). The percent identity between the two sequences is a function of the number of identical positions shared by the sequences.

Hemagglutinin (HA) Polypeptides and Influenza

Influenza viruses are negative sense, single-stranded, segmented RNA envelope viruses. Two glycoproteins, a hemagglutinin (HA) polypeptide and a neuraminidase (NA) polypeptide, are displayed on the outer surface of the viral envelope. There are several Influenza A subtypes, labeled according to an H number (for the type of hemagglutinin) and an N number (for the type of neuraminidase). There are 17 different H antigens (H1 to H17) and nine different N antigens (N1 to N9). Influenza strains are identified by a nomenclature based on the number of the strain's HA polypeptide and NA polypeptide subtypes, for example, H1N1, H1N2, H1N3, H1N4, H1N5, and the like.

HA is the major viral surface glycoprotein that mediates binding and entry of the virus into host cells and is a primary target of neutralizing antibody responses. HA is a trimer of three identical monomers. Each monomer is synthesized as a precursor, HA_0, that is proteolytically processed into two disulfide-bonded polypeptide chains, HA_1 and HA_2. The ectodomain of this protein has (i) a globular head domain possessing receptor binding activity and major antigenic determinants, (ii) a hinge region, and (iii) a stem region where a sequence critical for fusion, the fusion peptide, is located. The viral

replication cycle is initiated when the virion attaches via its surface hemagglutinin proteins to sialylated glycan receptors on the host cell and enters the cell by endocytosis. The acidic environment in the endosome induces conformational changes in HA that expose the fusion peptide hidden within the stem region of the trimer. The exposed fusion peptide mediates the fusion of the viral and target cell membranes resulting in the release of the viral ribonucleoprotein into the cell cytoplasm.

Influenza A hemagglutinin subtypes have been divided into two main groups and four smaller clades, and these are further divided into clusters. Group 1 influenza A strains are divided into 3 clades: (i) H8, H9 and H12 ("the H9 cluster"); (ii) H1, H2, H5, H6 and H17 ("the H1a cluster"); and (iii) H11, H13 and H16 ("the H1b cluster"). Group 2 strains are divided into 2 clades: (i) H3, H4 and H14 ("the H3 cluster"); and (ii) H7, H10 and H15 ("the H7 cluster"). The H1b and the H1a clusters are classified together as the H1 cluster. The different HA subtypes do not necessarily share strong amino acid sequence identity, but their overall 3D structures are similar.

Of the 17 HA polypeptide subtypes, only 3 (H1, H2 and H3) have adapted for human infection. These subtypes have in common an ability to bind alpha 2,6 sialylated glycans. In contrast, their avian counterparts preferentially bind to alpha 2,3 sialylated glycans. HA polypeptides that have adapted to infect humans (e.g., of HA polypeptides from the pandemic H1N1 (1918) and H3N2 (1967-68) influenza subtypes) have been characterized by an ability to preferentially bind to α2,6 sialylated glycans in comparison with their avian progenitors that preferentially bind to α2,3 sialylated glycans (see, e.g., Skehel & Wiley, Annu Rev Biochem, 69:531, 2000; Rogers, & Paulson, Virology, 127:361, 1983; Rogers et al., Nature, 304:76, 1983; Sauter et al., Biochemistry, 31:9609, 1992

Further, HA polypeptides that mediate infection of humans preferentially bind to umbrella topology glycans over cone topology glycans (see, e.g., U.S. 2011/0201547). Without wishing to be bound by any particular theory, it has been proposed that the ability to infect human hosts correlates less with binding to glycans of a particular linkage, and more with binding to glycans of a particular topology, even though cone-topology glycans may be α2,6 sialylated glycans. In has been demonstrated that HA polypeptides that mediate infection of humans bind to umbrella topology glycans, often showing preference for umbrella topology glycans over cone topology glycans (See, for

example, USSN 12/348,266 filed January 2, 2009, USSN 12/301,126, filed November 17, 2008, USSN 61/018,783, filed January 3, 2008, USSN 11/969,040, filed January 3, 2008, USSN 11/893,171, filed August 14, 2007, USSN 60/837,868, filed on August 14, 2006, USSN 60/837,869, filed on August 14, and to PCT application PCT/US07/18160, filed August 14, 2007.

Mature HA polypeptides include three domains, (i) a globular domain (a.k.a., the head domain) consists mainly of the HA1 peptide and contains the receptor (sialylated glycoproteins)-binding region, (ii) a stalk domain (HA1 and HA2) where the membrane fusion peptide resides, and (iii) a transmembrane domain (HA2) that anchors hemagglutinin to the viral envelope. A set of amino acids in the interface of the HA1 and HA2 peptides is highly conserved across all influenza subtypes. The HA1/HA2 membrane proximal region (MPER), including a canonical alpha-helix, is also highly conserved across influenza subtypes.

HA polypeptides interact with the surface of cells by binding to a glycoprotein receptor, known as the HA receptor. Binding of an HA polypeptide to an HA receptor is predominantly mediated by N-linked glycans on the HA receptors. HA polypeptides on the surface of flu virus particles recognize sialylated glycans that are associated with HA receptors on the surface of the cellular host. Following replication of viral proteins and genome by the cellular machinery, new viral particles bud from the host to infect neighboring cells.

Currently, vaccines are administered to subjects, e.g., humans, to prevent the flu, e.g., to prevent infection or to minimize the effects of an infection with influenza virus. Traditional vaccines contain a cocktail of antigens from various strains of influenza and are administered to humans to prevent the human from getting infected with the virus. HA is the main target of influenza A-neutralizing antibodies, and HA undergoes continuous evolution driven by the selective pressure of the antibody response, which is primarily directed against the membrane-distal receptor-binding subdomain of the HA polypeptide. The subject, however, is protected only from strains that are identical to, or closely related to, the strains from which the antigens in the cocktail were derived. The human is still most vulnerable to infection by other strains of the flu that were not

included in the cocktail. One of the advantages of the antibodies provided herein is their ability to bind an epitope of HA that is conserved across multiple strains of influenza A, and in embodiments influenza B. Thus, administration of an anti-HA antibody described herein will be more effective to protect an individual from infection from a broader spectrum of influenza (e.g., influenza A and, in embodiments, influenza B) and conditions associate thereof (e.g., secondary infections, e.g., secondary bacterial infections). Further, the antibodies are effective in treating a subject after infection has occurred.

Anti-HA Antibody Molecules

Binding agents, and in particular, the antibody molecules described herein, can bind to influenza A viruses from both Group 1 and Group 2, and in embodiments also bind influenza B viruses. For example, the antibody molecules described herein can bind to an HA polypeptide on at least 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or 11 strains from Group 1, and can also bind to an HA polypeptide on at least 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 strains from Group 2. In another example, the antibody molecules described herein can bind to an HA polypeptide on an influenza strain from at least 1, 2 or 3 clades from Group 1, and can also bind to an HA polypeptide on an influenza strain from one or both clades of Group 2. The antibody molecules described herein inhibit cell entry and thus targeting an early step in the infection process.

The binding agents, and in particular, the antibody molecules featured in the disclosure, can be effective to treat or prevent infection by seasonal or pandemic influenza strains. The binding agents, and in particular the antibody molecules described herein, can be characterized by their ability to prevent or treat a Group 1 or a Group 2 strain of influenza A viruses or, in embodiments, a strain of influenza B viruses. The binding agents, and in particular the antibody molecules featured in the disclosure, are effective to prevent or treat infection by one or more strains of Group 1, one or more strains of Group 2, and also one or more strains of influenza B viruses.

The binding agents, and in particular the antibody molecules can be effective to treat the infection when administered the same day as the subject is exposed, or when

administered, e.g., 1 day, 2 days, 3 days, 4 days or later after infection, or upon a first symptom experienced by the patient.

Strains

The antibody molecules described herein are effective to treat one or more influenza strains of Group 1, one or more influenza strains of Group 2, and also one or more influenza B strains, and specific isolates within these strains. Certain antibody molecules may be more effective for treatment of certain isolates than other isolates. Exemplary influenza strains and isolates are described in the below Table 1.

Table 1. Exemplary influenza strains and Isolates

Type	Group	HA type	Isolate
A	1	H1N1	A/PR/8/34 (aka PR-8) A/Solomon Islands/03/06 A/Solomon Islands/20/1999 A/California/07/2009 A/New Caledonia/20/99 A/Bangkok/10/83 A/Yamagata/120/86 A/Osaka/930/88 A/Suita/1/89 A/California/04/2009
A	1	H2N2	A/Okuda/57 A/Adachi/2/57 A/Kumamoto/1/65 A/Kaizuka/2/65 A/Izumi/5/65 A/Chicken/PA/2004
A	1	H5N1	A/Vietnam/1203/04 A/Duck/Singapore/3/97 A/Duck/MN/1525/81
A	1	H9N2	A/Hong Kong/1073/2004 A/Swine/Hong Kong/9/98 A/Guinea fowl/HK/WF10/99
A	1	H16N3	A/black headed gull/Mongolia/1756/2006
A	2	H3N2	X-31 A/Victoria/3/75 A/Wyoming/03/2003 A/Wisconsin/67/2005 A/Brisbane/10/2007 A/California/7/2004 A/New York/55/2004

Type	Group	HA type	Isolate
			A/Moscow/10/1999 A/Aichi/2/68 A/Beijing/32/92/X-117 A/Fukuoka/C29/85 A/Sichuan/2/87 A/Ibaraki/1/90 A/Suita/1/90 A/Perth/16/2009 A/Uruguay/716/2007 A/Fujian/411/2003 A/Panama/2007/99 A/Shangdong/09/93
A	2	H7N7	A/Netherlands/219/2003
B			B/Wisconsin/1/2010

Affinity can also be in reference to a particular isolate of a given Group 1 or Group 2 strain for influenza A viruses or a strain for influenza B viruses. Exemplary isolates are as provided in the above Table 1.

Mechanisms of Inhibition

While not being limited by a specific mechanism, HA specific antibodies can inhibit infection by numerous methods, such as by blocking viral attachment to sialic acid residues on surface proteins on host cells, by interfering with the structural transition of HA that triggers fusion activity in the endosome, or by simultaneously inhibiting attachment and virus-cell fusion.

In embodiments, antibody molecules featured herein bind an epitope at the HA trimer interface. Structural changes at the trimer interface are important for fusion of the viral membrane and the endocytic membrane, and the antibody molecules described herein interfere with this critical step of infection. Assays to measure fusogenic activity of HA are known in the art. For example, one fusion assay measures syncytia formation, which occurs in cell-cell fusion events. Cells that express and display an influenza viral strain HA can be used in the assay. Membrane-anchored hemagglutinin in these cells is induced to convert to the fusion conformation by a brief (e.g., 3 minute) exposure to low pH (e.g., pH 5). A 2-3-hour incubation period follows to allow the cells to recover and fuse to form syncytia. A nuclear stain can be used to aid in the visualization of these fusion products, and their count is used as a gauge of fusion activity. A candidate anti-

HA antibody can be added either before or after the low pH treatment to determine at which stage of the fusion process the antibody interferes.

Another type of fusion assay monitors content mixing. To measure content mixing, host cells (e.g., erythrocytes) are loaded with a dye (e.g., Lucifer yellow) to determine whether the contents of HA-bound host cells could be delivered to HA-expressing cells after exposure to fusion-inducing conditions (e.g., low pH, such as pH less than 6 or pH less than 5). If the dye fails to mix with the contents of the host cells, then the conclusion can be made that fusion is inhibited. See, e.g., Kemble et al., J. Virol. 66:4940-4950, 1992.

In another example, a fusion assay is performed by monitoring lipid mixing. The lipid mixing assay can be performed by labeling host cells (e.g., erythrocytes) with a fluorescent dye (e.g., R18 (octadecylrhodamine)) or dye pairs (e.g., CPT-PC/DABS-PC) (for fluorescence resonance energy transfer), exposing the host cells and HA-expressing cells to fusion-inducing conditions, and assaying for fluorescence dequenching (FDQ). Lipid mixing leads to dilution of the label into the viral envelope and a consequent dequenching. A lag in dequenching or the absence of dequenching is indicative of membrane fusion inhibition. See, e.g., Kemble et al., J. Virol. 66:4940-4950, 1992; and Carr et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 94:14306-14313, 1997.

Escape Mutants

In embodiments, influenza strains will rarely if ever produce escape mutants when contacted with the featured antibody molecules.

Escape mutants can be identified by methods known in the art. For example, an antibody featured in the disclosure will not produce an escape mutant when the cells are infected with the virus under prolonged or repeated exposure to anti-HA antibodies featured in the disclosure.

One exemplary method includes infection of cells (e.g. MDCK cells) with a fixed amount of influenza A viral particles in the presence of the antibody at a concentration known to attenuate infection rates by 50%. Viral progeny collected after each passaging is used to infect a fresh cell culture in the presence of the same or greater concentration of the antibody. After multiple cycles of infection, e.g., after 15 cycles, 12 cycles, 11 cycles, 10 cycles, 9 cycles, 8 cycles, 7 cycles, 6 cycles, or 5 cycles, of infection under

these conditions, the HA nucleotide sequence extracted from 20 viral plaque picks is evaluated for enrichment for mutations that renders the viral isolate resistant to neutralization by the antibody (an escape mutant). If no mutants with reduced sensitivity to the antibody are detected after the multiple rounds of selection, e.g., after 11 rounds, 10 rounds, or 9 rounds of selection, the antibody is determined to be resistant to escape mutations (see, e.g., Throsby et al. (2008) PLoS One, volume 3, e3942).

In another example, an assay that measures minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) of the neutralizing antibody can be used to identify escape mutants. The MIC of an antibody molecule is the lowest concentration of an antibody molecule that can be mixed with virus to prevent infection of cell culture with influenza. If escape mutants arise within a viral population, then the MIC of a particular antibody will be observed to increase with increased rounds of propagation under the antibody selective pressure, as the proportion of the viral particles that carry the resistance mutation within the population increased. Influenza escape mutants rarely if ever evolve in response to an anti-HA antibody molecule described herein, and therefore the MIC will stay the same over time.

Another assay suitable for monitoring for the development of escape mutants is a Cytopathic Effect (CPE) assay. A CPE assay monitors the ability of an antibody to neutralize (i.e., prevent infection by) an influenza strain. A CPE assay provides the minimal concentration of antibody required in cell culture to neutralize the virus. If escape mutants arise, than the CPE of a particular antibody will increase over time, as the antibody becomes less effective at neutralizing the virus. Viral strains rarely if ever produce escape mutants in response to an anti-HA antibody molecule described herein, and therefore the CPE will stay essentially the same over time.

Quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) can also be used to monitor for the development of escape mutants. qPCR is useful to monitor the ability of an antibody to neutralize (i.e., prevent infection by) an influenza strain. If an antibody effectively neutralizes a virus, then qPCR performed on cell culture samples will not detect presence of viral genomic nucleic acid. If escape mutants arise, than over time, qPCR will amplify more and more viral genomic nucleic acid. Escape mutants rarely if ever develop in response to an anti-HA antibody molecule described herein, and therefore qPCR will rarely if ever detect viral genomic nucleic acid, even after the passage of time.

Binding and Affinity

In embodiments, the binding agents, particularly antibody molecules, featured herein bind to two or more of the following:

at least one HA polypeptide from a Group 1 influenza strain (e.g., an H1, H2, H5, H6, H8, H9 H12, H11, H13, H16 or H17 polypeptide);

at least one HA polypeptide from a Group 2 influenza strain (e.g., an H3, H4, H14, H7, H10, or H15 polypeptide); and

at least one HA polypeptide from a influenza B strain.

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, will have a K_D for an HA from a Group 1 influenza strain (e.g., an H1, H2, H5, H6, H8, H9 H12, H11, H13, H16 or H17 polypeptide) of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, 10^{-7}, 10^{-8}, 10^{-9}, 10^{-10}, 10^{-11}, or 10^{-12}.

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, will have a K_D for an HA from a Group 2 influenza strain (e.g., an H3, H4, H14, H7, H10, or H15 polypeptide) of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, 10^{-7}, 10^{-8}, 10^{-9}, 10^{-10}, 10^{-11}, or 10^{-12}.

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, will have a K_D for an influenza B HA of equal to or less than 10^{-6}, 10^{-7}, 10^{-8}, 10^{-9}, 10^{-10}, 10^{-11}, or 10^{-12}.

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, will have:

a) a first K_D (representing an affinity for an HA from a Group 1 influenza strain,e.g., an H1, H2, H5, H6, H8, H9 H12, H11, H13, H16 or H17 polypeptide); and

b) a second K_D (representing an affinity for an HA from a Group 2 influenza strain, e.g., an H3, H4, H14, H7, H10, or H15 polypeptide),

wherein the first and second K_D are one or both of:

both equal to or less than 10^{-8}; and

within 10 or 100 fold of each other;

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, will have

a) a first K_D (representing an affinity for an H1, e.g., the H1 from an an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004); and

b) a second K_D (representing an affinity for an H3 polypeptide, e.g., the H3 from an H3N2 strain, e.g., A/Brisbane/59/2007),

wherein the first and second K_D are one or both of:

both equal to or less than 10^{-8}; and

within 10 or 100 fold of each other;

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, will have

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b) a second K_D (representing an affinity for an H3 polypeptide, e.g., the H3 from an H3N2 strain, e.g., A/Brisbane/59/2007),

wherein the first and second K_D are one or both of:

both equal to or less than 10^{-8}; and

within 10 or 100 fold of each other.

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, will have:

a) a first K_D (representing an affinity for an HA from a Group 1 influenza strain, e.g., an H1, H2, H5, H6, H8, H9 H12, H11, H13, H16 or H17 polypeptide and/or an affinity for an HA from a Group 2 influenza strain, e.g., an H3, H4, H14, H7, H10, or H15 polypeptide); and

b) a second K_D (representing an affinity for an influenza B HA, e.g., from B/Wisconsin/1/2010);

wherein the first and second K_D are one or both of:

both equal to or less than 10^{-8}; and

within 10 or 100 fold of each other.

In an embodiment, a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, will have:

a) a first K_D (representing an affinity for an HA from a Group 1 influenza strain, e.g., an an H1, e.g., the H1 from an an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, and/or an affinity for an HA from a Group 2 influenza strain, e.g., an H3 polypeptide, from an H3N2 strain, e.g., from A/Brisbane/59/2007); and

b) a second K_D (an affinity for an influenza B HA);

wherein the first and second K_D are: one or both of:

both equal to or less than 10^{-8}; and

within 10 or 100 fold of each other.

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule binds to at least one HA polypeptide from a Group 1 influenza strain with a higher affinity than a reference anti-HA antibody, and to at least one HA polypeptide from a Group 2 influenza strain with a higher affinity than a reference anti-HA antibody. In another embodiment, the antibody molecule binds to at least one HA polypeptide from an influenza A strain with a higher affinity than a reference anti-HA antibody, and to at least one HA polypeptide from an influenza B strain with a higher affinity than a reference anti-HA antibody. Exemplary reference HA antibodies include Ab 67-11 (U.S. Provisional application number 61/645,453, filed on the same date as the present application), FI6 (FI6, as used herein, refers to any specifically disclosed FI6 sequence in U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813, US published application No. 2011/0274702, WO2013/011347 or Corti et al., Science 333:850-856, 2011, published online July 28, 2011; FIGs. 12A to 12C), FI28 (U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813), and C179 (Okuno et al., J. Virol. 67:2552-1558, 1993), F10 (Sui et al., Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol. 16:265, 2009), CR9114 (Dreyfus et al., Science. 2012; 337(6100):1343-1348; published online August 9, 2012), and CR6261 (Ekiert et al., Science 324:246-251, 2009; published online February 26, 2009).

Affinity, or relative affinity or aviditiy, can be measured by methods known in the art, such as by ELISA assay (Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay), Surface Plasmon Resonance (SPR, e.g., by a Biacore™ Assay), or KinExA® assay (Sapidyne, Inc.). Relative binding affinity is expressed herein according to ELISA assay. As used herein,

an anti-HA antibody that binds with "high affinity" to a Group 1 HA, to a Group 2 HA, and to a influenza B HA, can bind a Group 1 HA with a Kd less than or equal to 200 pM, e.g., less than or equal to 100 pM, as measured by ELISA, can bind a Group 2 HA with a Kd less than or equal to 200 pM, e.g., less than or equal to 100 pM, as measured by ELISA, and can bind an influenza B HA with a Kd less than or equal to 200 pM, e.g., less than or equal to 100 pM, as measured by ELISA.

Exemplary Anti-HA Antibody Molecules

Provided herein are antibodies that have one or more CDR sequences and one or more framework (FR) sequences as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Heavy and Light Chain CDR and FR Sequences for Anti-HA Antibodies.

CDR/FR Region	Amino Acid Sequence	SEQ ID NO:
HC CDR1	[S/T]Y[A/G]MH	1
HC CDR2	V[I/V/L]S[Y/F]DG[S/N][Y/N][K/R]YYADSVQG	2
HC CDR3	D[S/T][R/K/Q]LR[S/T]LLYFEWLS[Q/S]G[Y/L/V][F/L][N/D][P/Y]	3
LC CDR1	Q[S/T][V/L/I][T/S][Y/F/W][N/S/D]YKNYLA	4
LC CDR1	Q[S/T][V/L/I][T/S][Y/F/W][N/S/D/Q/R/E]YKNYLA	170
LC CDR2	W[A/G]S[T/A/Y/H/K/D][R/L]E[S/T]	5
LC CDR3	QQ[Y/H]YRTPP[T/S]	6
HC FR1	[E/Q]VQLLE[S/T]GGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTF[S/T]	7
HC FR2	WVRQPPGKGLEWVA	8
HC FR3	RFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCAK	9
HC FR4	WG[A/Q]G[T/A][T/M][L/V]TVSS	10
LC FR1	[E/D]I[V/Q]MTQSP[D/S][S/T][L/V][A/S][V/A][S/T][L/V/R]G[E/D]R[A/V][T/S]I[N/T/Q/D/R/]C[K/R]SS	11
LC FR2	WYQQKPG[Q/K][P/A]PKLLIY	12
LC FR3	GVP[D/E/S]RFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQ[A/P]ED[V/F/K/D]A[V/T]YYC	13
LC FR4	FG[G/Q/T/S/N]GTK[L/V][D/E]IK	14

In one embodiment, the anti-HA antibody comprises a heavy chain and/or a light chain as defined in Table 3 below. The amino acid sequences of the variable heavy and light chains of Table 3 are provided in FIGs. 2, 3, respectively, or in FIG. 17.

Table 3. Heavy and Light Chain Amino Acid Sequence Designations for Anti-HA Antibodies

	Antibody	HC	SEQ ID NO:	LC	SEQ ID NO:
1.	Ab A18	15	15	28	28
2.	Ab 014	16	16	29	29
3.	Ab 028	16	16	30	30
4.	Ab 001	17	17	31	31
5.	Ab 002	18	18	31	31
6.	Ab 003	19	19	31	31
7.	Ab 009	17	17	32	32
8.	Ab 010	18	18	32	32
9.	Ab 011	19	19	32	32
10.	Ab 017	17	17	33	33
11.	Ab B18	18	18	33	33
12.	Ab 019	19	19	33	33
13.	Ab 025	17	17	34	34
14.	Ab 026	18	18	34	34
15.	Ab 027	19	19	34	34
16.	Ab 086	20	20	34	34
17.	Ab 154	21	21	29	29
18.	Ab 155	21	21	30	30
19.	Ab 157	22	22	29	29
20.	Ab 159	22	22	35	35
21.	Ab 160	17	17	36	36
22.	Ab 186	17	17	37	37
23.	Ab 187	17	17	38	38
24.	Ab 188	17	17	39	39
25.	Ab 189	17	17	40	40
26.	Ab 190	17	17	41	41
27.	Ab 191	17	17	42	42
28.	Ab 192	17	17	43	43
29.	Ab 193	17	17	44	44
30.	Ab 194	19	19	37	37
31.	Ab 195	19	19	38	38
32.	Ab 196	19	19	39	39
33.	Ab 197	19	19	40	40
34.	Ab 198	19	19	41	41
35.	Ab 199	19	19	42	42
36.	Ab 200	19	19	43	43
37.	Ab 202	17	17	45	45
38.	Ab 203	18	18	45	45
39.	Ab 204	19	19	45	45
40.	Ab 210	23	23	45	45
41.	Ab 211	17	17	46	46
42.	Ab 212	18	18	46	46
43.	Ab 213	19	19	46	46
44.	Ab 219	23	23	46	46
45.	Ab A001	24	24	47	47
46.	Ab A002	24	24	48	48
47.	Ab A003	24	24	49	49
48.	Ab 004	25	25	47	47
49.	Ab 005	25	25	48	48

50.	Ab 006	25	25	49	49
51.	Ab 007	26	26	47	47
52.	Ab 008	26	26	48	48
53.	Ab A009	26	26	49	49
54.	Ab A010	24	24	50	50
55.	Ab A011	24	24	51	51
56.	Ab 012	25	25	50	50
57.	Ab 013	25	25	51	51
58.	Ab A14	26	26	50	50
59.	Ab 015	26	26	51	51
60.	Ab 016	27	27	47	47
61.	Ab A017	27	27	48	48
62.	Ab C18	27	27	49	49
63.	Ab A019	27	27	50	50
64.	Ab 031	24	24	45	45
65.	Ab 032	25	25	45	45
66.	Ab 033	26	26	45	45
67.	Ab 034	27	27	45	45
68.	Ab 037	24	24	46	46
69.	Ab 038	25	25	46	46
70.	Ab 039	26	26	46	46
71.	Ab 040	27	27	46	46
72.	Ab 043	25	25	60	60
73.	Ab 044	25	25	52	52
74.	Ab 045	25	25	57	57
75.	Ab 046	25	25	59	59
76.	Ab 047	25	25	55	55
77.	Ab 048	25	25	58	58
78.	Ab 049	25	25	54	54
79.	Ab 050	25	25	56	56
80.	Ab 051	25	25	53	53
81.	Ab 052	25	25	61	61
82.	Ab 067	25	25	153	153
83.	Ab 068	25	25	154	154
84.	Ab 069	25	25	155	155
85.	Ab 070	25	25	156	156
86.	Ab 071	162	162	52	52
87.	Ab 072	163	163	52	52
88.	Ab 073	25	25	165	165
89.	Ab 074	25	25	166	166
90.	Ab 075	25	25	167	167
91.	Ab 076	25	25	168	168
92.	Ab 077	25	25	169	169
93.	Ab 078	164	164	52	52
94.	Ab 079	164	164	155	155
95.	Ab 080	164	164	166	166
96.	Ab 081	164	164	169	169

In one embodiment, the anti-HA antibody comprises a heavy chain as defined in Table 4A below, and/or a light chain as defined in Table 4A below.

Table 4A. Heavy and Light Chain Amino Acid Sequence Designations

HC	SEQ ID NO:	LC	SEQ ID NO:
15	15	28	28
16	16	29	29
17	17	30	30
18	18	35	35
19	19	31	31
21	21	32	32
22	22	33	33
20	20	34	34
23	23	36	36
24	24	45	45
25	25	46	46
26	26	37	37
27	27	38	38
Hc consensus (HC161)	161	39	39
162	162	40	40
163	163	41	41
164	164	42	42
		43	43
		44	44
		47	47
		48	48
		49	49
		50	50
		51	51
		52	52
		53	53
		54	54
		55	55
		56	56
		57	57
		58	58
		59	59
		60	60
		61	61
		153	153
		154	154
		155	155
		156	156
		LC consensus (LC62)	62
		165	165
		166	166
		167	167
		168	168
		169	169

In one embodiment, an antibody featured in the disclosure comprises a heavy chain sequence as defined in Table 4A and a light chain sequence as defined in Table 4A.

In one embodiment, an antibody featured in the disclosure comprises a heavy chain sequence as defined herein, e.g., in Table 4A, where a dipeptide is fused to the N-terminus. Typically, the dipeptide is isoleucine-aspartic acid (Ile-Asp). In another embodiment, an antibody featured in the disclosure comprises a light chain sequence as defined herein, e.g., in Table 4A, where a dipeptide is fused to the N-terminus. Typically, the dipeptide is Ile-Asp. In yet another embodiment, an antibody featured in the disclosure comprises a heavy chain comprising an N-terminal Ile-Asp dipeptide and a light chain comprising an Ile-Asp dipeptide. In the propeptide sequence of the heavy chain or light chain polypeptide, the Ile-Asp dipeptide occurs between the signal sequence and FR1. Heavy chain and light chain variable sequences comprising an Ile-Asp dipeptide at the N-terminus are identified in Table 4B.

Table 4B. Heavy and Light Chain Amino Acid Sequence Designations, where the Sequence Includes an N-terminal Ile-Asp Dipeptide

HC	SEQ ID NO:	LC	SEQ ID NO:
15-ID	96	28-ID	110
16-ID	97	29-ID	111
17-ID	98	30-ID	112
18-ID	99	35-ID	113
19-ID	100	31-ID	114
21-ID	101	32-ID	115
22-ID	102	33-ID	116
20-ID	103	34-ID	117
23-ID	104	36-ID	118
24-ID	105	45-ID	119
25-ID	106	46-ID	120
26-ID	107	37-ID	121
27-ID	108	38-ID	122
Hc consensus ID (161-ID)	109	39-ID	123
		40-ID	124
		41-ID	125
		42-ID	126
		43-ID	127
		44-ID	128
		47-ID	129
		48-ID	130
		49-ID	131
		50-ID	132

		51-ID	133
		52-ID	134
		53-ID	135
		54-ID	136
		55-ID	137
		56-ID	138
		57-ID	139
		58-ID	140
		59-ID	141
		60-ID	142
		61ID	143
		153-ID	157
		154-ID	158
		155-ID	159
		156-ID	160
		LC consensus ID (62-ID)	144

In another embodiment, an antibody featured in the disclosure is other than an antibody known in the art. For example, the antibody is not Ab 67-11 (U.S. Provisional application number 61/645,453) FI6 (FI6, as used herein, refers to any specifically disclosed FI6 sequence in U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813, US published application No. 2011/0274702, WO2013/011347 or Corti et al., Science 333:850-856, 2011, published online July 28, 2011; FIGs. 12A to 12C) FI28 (U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813), C179 (Okuno et al., J. Virol. 67:2552, 1993), F10 (Sui et al., Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol. 16:265, 2009), CR9114 (Dreyfus et al., Science 337:1343, 2012), or CR6261 (Ekiert et al., Science 324:246, 2009).

In one embodiment, an antibody featured in the disclosure is other than Ab 67-11 (U.S. Provisional application number 61/645,453, filed on the same date as the present application).

Variants

In an embodiment, an antibody molecule, e.g., an antibody featured in the disclosure has a variable heavy chain immunoglobulin domain that is at least 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% homologous, or at least 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical, to a heavy chain disclosed herein, e.g., from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.2, Fig 13 or Fig.17, e.g. consensus sequence of SEQ ID NO:161, and has a variable light chain immunoglobulin domain that is at least 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% homologous, or at least 85%, 87%,

88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical, to a light chain disclosed herein, e.g., from Table 3, Table 4A, Table 4B, Fig.3, Fig. 14 or Fig 17, e.g., the consensus sequence of SEQ ID NO:62. The consensus sequences were determined through the analysis of biochemical and biophysical properties of several hundred computationally designed VH/VL combinations. The consensus sequences represent the amino acid sequences in which each amino acid is the one that occurs most frequently at that site when multiple sequences comprising desirable biochemical and biophysical data are aligned.

An exemplary anti-HA binding antibody has one or more CDRs, e.g., all three HC CDRs and/or all three LC CDRs of a particular antibody disclosed herein, or CDRs that are, in sum, at least 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% homologous, or at least 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical, to such an antibody.

In one embodiment, the H1 and H2 hypervariable loops have the same canonical structure as those of an antibody described herein. In one embodiment, the L1 and L2 hypervariable loops have the same canonical structure as those of an antibody described herein.

In one embodiment, the amino acid sequence of the HC and/or LC variable domain sequence is at least 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% homologous, or at least 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical, to the amino acid sequence of the HC and/or LC variable domain of an antibody described herein. The amino acid sequence of the HC and/or LC variable domain sequence can differ by at least one amino acid, but no more than ten, eight, six, five, four, three, or two amino acids from the corresponding sequence of an antibody described herein. For example, the differences may be primarily or entirely in the framework regions.

In certain embodiments, the amino acid differences are conservative amino acid differences (e.g., conservative amino acid substitutions). A "conservative" amino acid substitution is one in which the amino acid residue is replaced with an amino acid residue comprising a similar side chain. Families of amino acid residues comprising similar side chains have been defined in the art. These families include, e.g., amino acids with basic side chains (e.g., lysine, arginine, histidine), acidic side chains (e.g., aspartic acid, glutamic acid),

uncharged polar side chains (e.g., glycine, asparagine, glutamine, serine, threonine, tyrosine, cysteine), nonpolar side chains (e.g., alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, proline, phenylalanine, methionine, tryptophan), beta-branched side chains (e.g., threonine, valine, isoleucine) and aromatic side chains (e.g., tyrosine, phenylalanine, tryptophan, histidine).

The amino acid sequences of the HC and LC variable domain sequences can be encoded by a nucleic acid sequence that hybridizes under high stringency conditions to a nucleic acid sequence described herein or one that encodes a variable domain or an amino acid sequence described herein. In one embodiment, the amino acid sequences of one or more framework regions (e.g., FR1, FR2, FR3, and/or FR4) of the HC and/or LC variable domain are at least 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% homologous, or at least 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical, to corresponding framework regions of the HC and LC variable domains of an antibody described herein. In one embodiment, one or more heavy or light chain framework regions (e.g., HC FR1, FR2, and FR3) are at least 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% homologous, or at least 85%, 87%, 88%, 89%, 90%, 92%, 94%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical, to the sequence of corresponding framework regions from a human germline antibody.

Validation of Epitopes

In one embodiment, the antibodies featured in the disclosure are useful for validating a vaccine based on a particular epitope. For example, an epitope that is the target of an antibody featured in the disclosure can be assessed by computation methods to identify a peptide framework suitable for supporting the epitope conformation, such as to stabilize an epitope that is transient or minimally accessible in nature. Computational abstraction of the epitope and framework properties allows automated screening of databases to identify candidate acceptor peptide scaffolds. The acceptor scaffold can have a particular tertiary structure that includes, for example, one or more of a beta sheet, a beta sandwich, a loop, or an alpha or beta helix. The candidate epitope-scaffold antigens can be assayed in vitro, such as to identify binding properties with an antibody featured in the disclosure, e.g., binding affinity or structure analysis of the epitope-scaffold/antibody complex, or in vitro neutralization. The ability of the epitope-scaffold to generate an immune response (e.g., to generate antibodies) can be tested by

administering the epitope-scaffold to an animal (e.g., in a mammal, such as a rat, a mouse, a guinea pig, or a rabbit), and then testing sera for the presence of anti-epitope-scaffold antibodies, e.g., by ELISA assay. The ability of the epitope-scaffold to elicit protection against infection by an influenza A Group 1 or Group 2 strain, or by both types of influenza strains, or an influenza B strain, can be assessed in vivo, such as in an animal (e.g., in a mammal). Thus, an antibody featured in the disclosure can provide validation that the epitope is functionally important and that targeting the epitope will provide protection from infection with a Group 1 or Group 2 influenza strain, or both types of strains, or an influenza B strain.

Production of Antibody Molecules

The nucleic acids (e.g., the genes) encoding an antibody molecule generated by a method described herein can be sequenced, and all or part of the nucleic acids can be cloned into a vector that expresses all or part of the nucleic acids. For example, the nucleic acids can include a fragment of the gene encoding the antibody, such as a single chain antibody (scFv), a $F(ab')_2$ fragment, a Fab fragment, or an Fd fragment.

The disclosure also provides host cells comprising the nucleic acids encoding an antibody or fragment thereof as described herein. The host cells can be, for example, prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells, e.g., mammalian cells, or yeast cells, e.g., Pichia (see, e.g., Powers et al. (2001) J. Immunol. Methods 251:123-35), Hanseula, or Saccharomyces.

Antibody molecules, particularly full length antibody molecules, e.g., IgGs, can be produced in mammalian cells. Exemplary mammalian host cells for recombinant expression include Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells (including $dhfr^-$ CHO cells, described in Urlaub and Chasin (1980) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 77:4216-4220, used with a DHFR selectable marker, e.g., as described in Kaufman and Sharp (1982) Mol. Biol. 159:601-621), lymphocytic cell lines, e.g., NS0 myeloma cells and SP2 cells, COS cells, K562, and a cell from a transgenic animal, e.g., a transgenic mammal. For example, the cell is a mammary epithelial cell.

In addition to the nucleic acid sequence encoding the immunoglobulin domain, the recombinant expression vectors may carry additional nucleic acid

sequences, such as sequences that regulate replication of the vector in host cells (e.g., origins of replication) and selectable marker genes. The selectable marker gene facilitates selection of host cells into which the vector has been introduced (see e.g., U.S. Patent Nos. 4,399,216; 4,634,665; and 5,179,017). Exemplary selectable marker genes include the dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) gene (for use in dhfr$^-$ host cells with methotrexate selection/amplification) and the neo gene (for G418 selection).

In an exemplary system for recombinant expression of an antibody molecule (e.g., a full length antibody or an antigen-binding portion thereof), a recombinant expression vector encoding both the antibody heavy chain and the antibody light chain is introduced into dhfr- CHO cells by calcium phosphate-mediated transfection. Within the recombinant expression vector, the antibody heavy and light chain genes are each operatively linked to enhancer/promoter regulatory elements (e.g., derived from SV40, CMV, adenovirus and the like, such as a CMV enhancer/AdMLP promoter regulatory element or an SV40 enhancer/AdMLP promoter regulatory element) to drive high levels of transcription of the genes. The recombinant expression vector also carries a DHFR gene, which allows for selection of CHO cells that have been transfected with the vector using methotrexate selection/amplification. The selected transformant host cells are cultured to allow for expression of the antibody heavy and light chains and intact antibody molecule is recovered from the culture medium. Standard molecular biology techniques are used to prepare the recombinant expression vector, to transfect the host cells, to select for transformants, to culture the host cells, and to recover the antibody from the culture medium. For example, some antibodies can be isolated by affinity chromatography with a Protein A or Protein G. For example, purified antibodies can be concentrated to about 100 mg/mL to about 200 mg/mL using protein concentration techniques that are known in the art.

Antibody molecules can also be produced by a transgenic animal. For example, U.S. Patent No. 5,849,992 describes a method for expressing an antibody molecule in the mammary gland of a transgenic mammal. A transgene is constructed that includes a milk-specific promoter and nucleic acid sequences encoding the antibody molecule of interest, e.g., an antibody described herein, and a signal sequence for secretion. The milk produced by females of such transgenic mammals

includes, secreted therein, the antibody of interest, e.g., an antibody described herein. The antibody molecule can be purified from the milk, or for some applications, used directly.

Antibody molecules can also be expressed in vivo, following administration of a vector containing nucleic acids encoding the antibody heavy chain and the antibody light chain. Vector mediated gene-transfer is then used to engineer secretion of the anti-HA antibody into circulation. For example, an anti-HA antibody heavy chain and an anti-HA antibody light chain as described herein are cloned into an adeno-associated virus (AAV)-based vector, and each of the anti-HA antibody heavy chain and the anti-HA antibody light chain are under control of a promoter, such as a cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter. Administration of the vector to a subject, such as to a patient, e.g., a human patient, such as by intramuscular injection, results in expression of an anti-HA antibody, and secretion into the circulation.

Modifications of Binding Agents

Binding, agents, e.g., antibody molecules can be modified to have numerous properties, e.g., to have altered, e.g., extended half life, to be associated with, e.g., covalently bound to detectable moieties, e.g., labels, to be associated with, e.g., covalently bound to toxins, or to have other properties, e.g., altered immune fucntions.

Antibody molecules may include modifications, e.g., modifications that alter Fc function, e.g., to decrease or remove interaction with an Fc receptor or with C1q, or both. In one example, the human IgG1 constant region can be mutated at one or more residues.

For some antibody molecules that include an Fc domain, the antibody production system may be designed to synthesize antibody molecules in which the Fc region is glycosylated. The Fc domain can be produced in a mammalian expression system that appropriately glycosylates the residue corresponding to asparagine 297. The Fc domain can also include other eukaryotic post-translational modifications.

Other suitable Fc domain modifications include those described in WO2004/029207. For example, the Fc domain can be an XmAb® Fc (Xencor,

Monrovia, CA). The Fc domain, or a fragment thereof, can have a substitution in an Fcγ Receptor (FcγR) binding region, such as the domains and fragments described in WO05/063815. In some embodiments, the Fc domain, or a fragment thereof, has a substitution in a neonatal Fc Receptor (FcRn) binding region, such as the domains and fragments described in WO05047327. In other embodiments, the Fc domain is a single chain, or fragment thereof, or modified version thereof, such as those described in WO2008143954. Other suitable Fc modifications are known and described in the art.

Antibody molecules can be modified, e.g., with a moiety that improves its stabilization and/or retention in circulation, e.g., in blood, serum, lymph, bronchoalveolar lavage, or other tissues, e.g., by at least 1.5, 2, 5, 10, or 50 fold.

For example, an antibody molecule generated by a method described herein can be associated with a polymer, e.g., a substantially non-antigenic polymer, such as a polyalkylene oxide or a polyethylene oxide. Suitable polymers will vary substantially by weight. Polymers comprising molecular number average weights ranging from about 200 to about 35,000 daltons (or about 1,000 to about 15,000, and 2,000 to about 12,500) can be used.

For example, an antibody molecule generated by a method described herein can be conjugated to a water soluble polymer, e.g., a hydrophilic polyvinyl polymer, e.g. polyvinylalcohol or polyvinylpyrrolidone. A non-limiting list of such polymers include polyalkylene oxide homopolymers such as polyethylene glycol (PEG) or polypropylene glycols, polyoxyethylenated polyols, copolymers thereof and block copolymers thereof, provided that the water solubility of the block copolymers is maintained. Additional useful polymers include polyoxyalkylenes such as polyoxyethylene, polyoxypropylene, and block copolymers of polyoxyethylene and polyoxypropylene (Pluronics); polymethacrylates; carbomers; branched or unbranched polysaccharides that comprise the saccharide monomers D-mannose, D- and L-galactose, fucose, fructose, D-xylose, L-arabinose, D-glucuronic acid, sialic acid, D-galacturonic acid, D-mannuronic acid (e.g. polymannuronic acid, or alginic acid), D-glucosamine, D-galactosamine, D-glucose and neuraminic acid including homopolysaccharides and heteropolysaccharides such as lactose, amylopectin, starch,

hydroxyethyl starch, amylose, dextrane sulfate, dextran, dextrins, glycogen, or the polysaccharide subunit of acid mucopolysaccharides, e.g. hyaluronic acid; polymers of sugar alcohols such as polysorbitol and polymannitol; heparin or heparan.

Binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, as disclosed herein, can by conjugated to another entity or moiety (e.g., to a cytotoxic or cytostatic moiety, a label or detectable moiety, or a therapeutic moiety). Exemplary moieties include: a cytotoxic or cytostatic agent, e.g., a therapeutic agent, a drug, a compound emitting radiation, molecules of plant, fungal, or bacterial origin, or a biological protein (e.g., a protein toxin) or particle (e.g., a recombinant viral particle, e.g., via a viral coat protein), a detectable agent; a pharmaceutical agent, and/or a protein or peptide that can mediate association of the antibody or antibody portion with another molecule (such as a streptavidin core region or a polyhistidine tag). A binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, as disclosed herein, can be functionally linked by any suitable method (e.g., chemical coupling, genetic fusion, covalent binding, noncovalent association or otherwise) to one or more other molecular entities.

Binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, disclosed herein can be conjugated with a detectable moiety, e.g., a label or imaging agent. Such moieties can include enzymes (e.g., horseradish peroxidase, beta-galactosidase, luciferase, alkaline phosphatase, acetylcholinesterase, glucose oxidase and the like), radiolabels (e.g., ^{3}H, ^{14}C, ^{15}N, ^{35}S, ^{90}Y, ^{99}Tc, ^{111}In, ^{125}I,^{131}I and the like), haptens, fluorescent labels (e.g., FITC, rhodamine, lanthanide phosphors, fluorescein, fluorescein isothiocyanate, rhodamine, 5-dimethylamine-1-napthalenesulfonyl chloride, phycoerythrin and the like), phosphorescent molecules, chemiluminescent molecules, chromophores, luminescent molecules, photoaffinity molecules, colored particles or affinity ligands, such as biotin, predetermined polypeptide epitopes recognized by a secondary reporter (e.g., leucine zipper pair sequences, or binding sites for secondary antibodies, metal binding domains, epitope tags). In some embodiments, a moiety, e.g., a detectable moiety, e.g., a label, is attached by spacer arms of various lengths to reduce potential steric hindrance.

In embodiments a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, disclosed herein, is derivatized with a detectable enzyme and is detected by adding additional reagents that the enzyme uses to produce a detectable reaction product. For example, when the

detectable agent horseradish peroxidase is present, the addition of hydrogen peroxide and diaminobenzidine leads to a colored reaction product, which is detectable. A binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, disclosed herein, ay also be derivatized with a prosthetic group (e.g., streptavidin/biotin and avidin/biotin). For example, an antibody may be derivatized with biotin, and detected through indirect measurement of avidin or streptavidin binding.

In embodiments the moiety comprises paramagnetic ions and NMR-detectable substances, among others. For example, in some embodiments, a paramagnetic ion is one or more of chromium (III), manganese (II), iron (III), iron (II), cobalt (II), nickel (II), copper (II),neodymium (III), samarium (III), ytterbium (III), gadolinium (III), vanadium (II), terbium (III), dysprosium (III), holmium (III), erbium (III), lanthanum (III), gold (III), lead (II), and/or bismuth (III).

Binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, as disclosed herein, can be modified to be associated with, e.g., conjugated to, a therapeutic agent, e.g., an agent comprising anti-viral activity, anti-inflammatory activity, or cytotoxic activity, etc. In some embodiments, therapeutic agents can treat symptoms or causes of influenza infection (e.g., for example, anti-viral, pain-relief, antiinflammatory, immunomodulatory, sleep-inducing activities, etc).

Treatment Methods and Administration

The binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, featured in the disclosure, can be used to treat a subject, e.g., a subject, e.g., a human subject, infected with, or at risk for becoming infected with, an influenza virus.

Any human is candidate to receive an antibody molecule featured in the disclosure for treatment or prevention of an infection by an influenza virus. Humans at high risk of infection, such as immunocompromised individuals, and humans who are at high risk of exposure to influenza virus are particularly suited to receive treatment with the antibody molecule. Immunocompromised individuals include the elderly (65 years and older) and children (e.g., 6 months to 18 years old), and people with chronic medical conditions. People at high risk of exposure include heath care workers, teachers and emergency responders (e.g., firefighters, policemen).

The antibody molecules described herein can also be used to prevent or reduce (e.g., minimize) secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection) or a risk of comprising secondary infection associated with influenza, or any effects (e.g., symptoms or complications) thereof on a subject. Opportunistic secondary bacterial infections (e.g., secondary bacterial pneumonia, e.g., primarily with Streptococcus pneumonia) contribute significantly to the overall morbidity and mortality associated with seasonal and pandemic influenza infections. The antibody molecules described herein can be used to prevent or reduce (e.g., minimize) the complications from secondary, opportunistic infections (e.g., bacterial infections) in a subject.

An antibody molecule can be administered to a subject, e.g., a human subject, by a variety of methods. For many applications, the route of administration is one of: intravenous injection or infusion, subcutaneous injection, or intramuscular injection. An antibody molecule can be administered as a fixed dose, or in a mg/kg dose. The antibody molecule can be administered intravenously (IV) or subcutaneously (SC). For example, the antibody molecule can be administered at a fixed unit dose of between about 50-600 mg IV, e.g., every 4 weeks, or between about 50-100 mg SC (e.g., 75 mg), e.g., at least once a week (e.g., twice a week). In one embodiment, the antibody molecule is administered IV at a fixed unit dose of 50 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, 120 mg, 130 mg, 140 mg, 150 mg, 160 mg, 180 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg, 400 mg, 500 mg, or 600 mg or more. Administration of the IV dose can be once or twice or three times or more per week, or once every two, three, four, or five weeks, or less frequently.

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule is administered SC at a fixed unit dose of 50 mg, 60 mg, 70 mg, 75 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, or 120 mg or more. Administration of the SC dose can be once or twice or three times or more per week, or once every two, three, four, or five weeks, or less frequently.

An anti-HA antibody featured in the disclosure can also be administered by inhalation, such as by intranasal or by oral inhalation, such as at a fixed unit dose of 50 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, 120 mg, 130 mg, 140 mg, 150 mg, 160 mg, 180 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg, 400 mg, 500 mg, or 600 mg or more.

In one embodiment, an anti-HA antibody is administered to a subject via vector-mediated gene transfer, such as through the delivery of a vector encoding the heavy chain and the light chain of an anti-HA antibody, and the antibody is expressed from the heavy chain and light chain genes in the body. For example, nucleic acids encoding a heavy chain and a light chain can be cloned in a AAV vector, such as a self-complementary AAV vector, the scAAV vector administered to a human by injection, such as by IM injection, and the antibody is expressed and secreted into the circulation of the human.

An antibody molecule can also be administered in a bolus at a dose of between about 1 and 50 mg/kg, e.g., between about 1 and 10 mg/kg, between about 1 and 25 mg/kg or about 25 and 50 mg/kg, e.g., about 50 mg/kg, 25 mg/kg, 10 mg/kg, 6.0 mg/kg, 5.0 mg/kg, 4.0 mg/kg, 3.0 mg/kg, 2.0 mg/kg, 1.0 mg/kg, or less. Modified dose ranges include a dose that is less than about 3000 mg/subject, about 1500 mg/subject, about 1000 mg/subject, about 600 mg/subject, about 500 mg/subject, about 400 mg/subject, about 300 mg/subject, about 250 mg/subject, about 200 mg/subject, or about 150 mg/subject, typically for administration every fourth week or once a month. The antibody molecule can be administered, for example, every three to five weeks, e.g., every fourth week, or monthly.

Dosing can be adjusted according to a patient's rate of clearance of a prior administration of the antibody. For example, a patient may not be administered a second or follow-on dose before the level of antibodies in the patient's system has dropped below a pre-determined level. In one embodiment, a sample from a patient (e.g., plasma, serum, blood, urine, or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)) is assayed for the presence of antibodies, and if the level of antibodies is above a pre-determined level, the patient will not be administered a second or follow-on dose. If the level of antibodies in the patient's system is below a pre-determined level, then the patient is administered a second or follow-on dose. A patient whose antibody levels are determined to be too high (above the pre-determined level) can be tested again after one or two or three days, or a week, and if the level of antibody in the patient samples has dropped below the pre-determined level, the patient may be administered a second or follow-on dose of antibody.

In certain embodiments, the antibody may be prepared with a carrier that will protect the drug against rapid release, such as a controlled release formulation, including implants, and microencapsulated delivery systems. Biodegradable, biocompatible polymers can be used, such as ethylene vinyl acetate, polyanhydrides, polyglycolic acid, collagen, polyorthoesters, and polylactic acid. Many methods for the preparation of such formulations are patented or generally known. See, e.g., Controlled Drug Delivery (Drugs and the Pharmaceutical Sciences), Second Edition, J. Robinson and V. H. L. Lee, eds., Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York, 1987.

Pharmaceutical compositions can be administered with a medical device. For example, pharmaceutical compositions can be administered with a needleless hypodermic injection device, such as the devices disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,399,163; 5,383,851; 5,312,335; 5,064,413; 4,941,880; 4,790,824; or 4,596,556. Examples of well-known implants and modules are discussed in, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 4,487,603, which discloses an implantable micro-infusion pump for dispensing medication at a controlled rate; U.S. Patent No. 4,486,194, which discloses a therapeutic device for administering medicaments through the skin; U.S. Patent No. 4,447,233, which discloses a medication infusion pump for delivering medication at a precise infusion rate; U.S. Patent No. 4,447,224, which discloses a variable flow implantable infusion apparatus for continuous drug delivery; U.S. Patent No. 4,439,196, which discloses an osmotic drug delivery system comprising multi-chamber compartments; and U.S. Patent No. 4,475,196, which discloses an osmotic drug delivery system. Of course, many other such implants, delivery systems, and modules are also known.

In embodiments the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, is administered buccally, orally, or by nasal delivery, e.g., as a liquid, spray, or aerosol, e.g., by topical application, e.g., by a liquid or drops, or by inhalation.

An antibody molecule described herein can be administered with one or more additional therapeutic agents, e.g., a second drug, for treatment of a viral infection, or a symptom of the infection. The antibody molecule and the one or more second or additional agents can be formulated together, in the same formulation, or they can be in separate formulations, and administered to a patient simultaneously or sequentially, in either order.

Dosage regimens are adjusted to provide the desired response, such as a therapeutic response or a combinatorial therapeutic effect. Generally, any combination of doses (either separate or co-formulated) of an antibody molecule and a second or additional agent can be used in order to provide a subject with both agents in bioavailable quantities.

Dosage unit form or "fixed dose" as used herein refers to physically discrete units suited as unitary dosages for the subjects to be treated; each unit contains a predetermined quantity of active compound calculated to produce the desired therapeutic effect in association with the required pharmaceutical carrier and optionally in association with another agent.

A pharmaceutical composition may include a "therapeutically effective amount" of an agent described herein. In embodiments where the antibody molecule is administered in combination with a second or additional agent, such effective amounts can be determined based on the combinatorial effect of the administered first and second or additional agent. A therapeutically effective amount of an agent may also vary according to factors such as the disease state, age, sex, and weight of the individual, and the ability of the compound to elicit a desired response in the individual, such as amelioration of at least one infection parameter, or amelioration of at least one symptom of the infection, such as chills, fever, sore throat, muscle pain, headache, coughing, weakness, fatigue and general discomfort. A therapeutically effective amount is also one in which any toxic or detrimental effects of the composition are outweighed by the therapeutically beneficial effects.

In an embodiment, administration of a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, provided, e.g., as a pharmaceutical preparation, is by one of the following routes: oral, intravenous, intramuscular, intra-arterial, subcutaneous, intraventricular, transdermal, interdermal, rectal, intravaginal, intraperitoneal, topical (as by liquids, powders, ointments, creams, sprays, or drops), mucosal, nasal, buccal, enteral, sublingual; intratracheal instillation, bronchial instillation, and/or inhalation; and/or as an oral spray, nasal spray, and/or aerosol.

Combination Treatments and Exemplary Second or Additional Agents

Binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, provided e.g., as pharmaceutical compositions, can be administered either alone or in combination with one or more other therapy, e.g., the administration of a second or additional therapeutic agent.

In embodiments the combination can result in a lower dose of the antibody molecule or of the other therapy being needed, which, in embodiments can reduce side effects. In embodiments the combination can result in enhanced delivery or efficacy of one or both agents. The agents or therapies can be administered at the same time (e.g., as a single formulation that is administered to a patient or as two separate formulations administered concurrently) or sequentially in any order.

Such second or additional agents include vaccines, anti-viral agents, and/or additional antibodies. In typical embodiments the second or additional agent is not co-formulated with the binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, though in others it is.

In embodiments the binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, and the second or additional agent are administered such that one or more of the following is achieved: therapeutic levels, or therapeutic effects, of one overlap the other; detectable levels of both are present at the same time; or the therapeutic effect is greater than what would be seen in the absence of either the binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, or the second or additional agent. In embodiments each agent will be administered at a dose and on a time schedule determined for that agent.

The second or additional agent can be, for example, for treatment or prevention of influenza. For example, the binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, e.g., therapeutic antibodies, provided herein can be administered in combination with a vaccine, e.g., a vaccine described herein or a mixture (a.k.a. a cocktail) of influenza peptides to stimulate the patient's immune system to prevent infection with particular strains of influenza A. In other examples, the second or additional agent is an anti-viral agent (e.g., an anti-NA or anti-M2 agent), a pain reliever, an anti-inflammatory, an antibiotic, a steroidal agent, a second therapeutic antibody molecule (e.g., an anti-HA antibody), an adjuvant, a protease or glycosidase (e.g., sialidase), etc.

Exemplary anti-viral agents include, e.g., vaccines, neuraminidase inhibitors or nucleoside analogs. Exemplary anti-viral agents can include, e.g., zidovudine, gangcyclovir, vidarabine, idoxuridine, trifluridine, foscarnet, acyclovir, ribavirin, amantadine, remantidine, saquinavir, indinavir, ritonavir, alpha-interferons and other interferons, a neuraminidase inhibitor (e.g., zanamivir (Relenza®), oseltamivir (Tamiflu®), laninamivir, peramivir), rimantadine. Exemplary second antibody molecules include, for exampleAb 67-11 (U.S. Provisional application number 61/645,453, FI6 (U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813), FI28 (U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813), C179 (Okuno et al., J. Virol. 67:2552-8, 1993), F10 (Sui et al., Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol. 16:265, 2009), CR9114 (Dreyfus et al., Science 337:1343, 2012), or CR6261 (see, e.g., Ekiert et al., Science 324:246, 2009). Thus, Ab 044 can be used in combination of any of those antibodies. In other embodiments, two or more binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules disclosed herein, can be administered in combination, e.g., Ab 044 can be administered in combination with Ab 032. In the case of combinations, two agents can be administered as part of the same dosage unit or administered separately. Other exemplary agents useful for treating the symptoms associated with influenza infection are acetaminophen, ibuprofen, aspirin, and naproxen.

In one embodiment, the antibody molecule and the second or additional agent are provided as a co-formulation, and the co-formulation is administered to the subject. It is further possible, e.g., at least 24 hours before or after administering the co-formulation, to administer separately one dose of the antibody formulation and then one dose of a formulation containing a second or additional agent. In another implementation, the antibody molecule and the second or additional agent are provided as separate formulations, and the step of administering includes sequentially administering the antibody molecule and the second or additional agent. The sequential administrations can be provided on the same day (e.g., within one hour of one another or at least 3, 6, or 12 hours apart) or on different days.

In embodiments the antibody molecule and the second or additional agent are each administered as a plurality of doses separated in time. The antibody molecule and the second or additional agent are generally each administered according to a regimen. The regimen for one or both may have a regular periodicity. The regimen

for the antibody molecule can have a different periodicity from the regimen for the second or additional agent, e.g., one can be administered more frequently than the other. In one implementation, one of the antibody molecule and the second or additional agent is administered once weekly and the other once monthly. In another implementation, one of the antibody molecule and the second or additional agent is administered continuously, e.g., over a period of more than 30 minutes but less than 1, 2, 4, or 12 hours, and the other is administered as a bolus. In embodiments sequential administrations are administered. The time between administration of the one agent and another agent can be minutes, hours, days, or weeks. The use of an antibody molecule described herein can also be used to reduce the dosage of another therapy, e.g., to reduce the side-effects associated with another agent that is being administered. Accordingly, a combination can include administering a second or additional agent at a dosage at least 10, 20, 30, or 50% lower than would be used in the absence of the antibody molecule.The antibody molecule and the second or additional agent can be administered by any appropriate method, e.g., subcutaneously, intramuscularly, or intravenously.

In some embodiments, each of the antibody molecule and the second or additional agent is administered at the same dose as each is prescribed for monotherapy. In other embodiments, the antibody molecule is administered at a dosage that is equal to or less than an amount required for efficacy if administered alone. Likewise, the second or additional agent can be administered at a dosage that is equal to or less than an amount required for efficacy if administered alone.

In some cases, the formulations described herein, e.g., formulations containing an antibody molecule featured in the disclosure, include one or more second or additional agents, or are administered in combination with a formulation containing one or more second or additional agents.

In an embodiment a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, provided, e.g., as a pharmaceutical preparation, is administered by inhalation or aerosol delivery of a plurality of particles, e.g., particles comprising a mean particle size of 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, or 13 microns.

Pharmaceutical compositions

The binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, featured in the disclosure can be formulated as pharmaceutical compositions, such as for the treatment or prevention of influenza.

Typically, a pharmaceutical composition includes a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. As used herein, "pharmaceutically acceptable carrier" includes any and all solvents, dispersion media, coatings, antibacterial and antifungal agents, isotonic and absorption delaying agents, and the like that are physiologically compatible.

A "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" refers to a salt that retains the desired biological activity of the parent compound and does not impart any undesired toxicological effects (see e.g., Berge, S.M., et al. (1977) J. Pharm. Sci. 66:1-19). Examples of such salts include acid addition salts and base addition salts. Acid addition salts include those derived from nontoxic inorganic acids, such as hydrochloric, nitric, phosphoric, sulfuric, hydrobromic, hydroiodic, and the like, as well as from nontoxic organic acids such as aliphatic mono- and dicarboxylic acids, phenyl-substituted alkanoic acids, hydroxy alkanoic acids, aromatic acids, aliphatic and aromatic sulfonic acids and the like. Base addition salts include those derived from alkaline earth metals, such as sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium and the like, as well as from nontoxic organic amines, such as N,N'-dibenzylethylenediamine, N-methylglucamine, chloroprocaine, choline, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, procaine and the like.

The compositions comprising antibody molecules can be formulated according to methods known in the art. Pharmaceutical formulation is a well-established art, and is further described in Gennaro (ed.), Remington: The Science and Practice of Pharmacy, 20th ed., Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins (2000) (ISBN: 0683306472); Ansel et al., Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms and Drug Delivery Systems, 7th Ed., Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Publishers (1999) (ISBN: 0683305727); and Kibbe (ed.), Handbook of Pharmaceutical Excipients American Pharmaceutical Association, 3rd ed. (2000) (ISBN: 091733096X).

Pharmaceutical compositions may be in a variety of forms. These include, for example, liquid, semi-solid and solid dosage forms, such as liquid solutions (e.g., injectable and infusible solutions), dispersions or suspensions, tablets, pills, powders, liposomes and suppositories. The form can depend on the intended mode of administration and therapeutic application. Typically, compositions for the agents described herein are in the form of injectable or infusible solutions.

Such compositions can be administered by a parenteral mode (e.g., intravenous, subcutaneous, intraperitoneal, or intramuscular injection). The phrases "parenteral administration" and "administered parenterally" as used herein mean modes of administration other than enteral and topical administration, usually by injection, and include, without limitation, intravenous, intramuscular (IM), intraarterial, intrathecal, intracapsular, intraorbital, intracardiac, intradermal, intraperitoneal, transtracheal, subcutaneous, subcuticular, intraarticular, subcapsular, subarachnoid, intraspinal, epidural and by intrasternal injection or by infusion.

Pharmaceutical compositions may be provided in a sterile injectible form (e.g., a form that is suitable for subcutaneous injection or intravenous infusion). In some embodiments, pharmaceutical compositions are provided in a liquid dosage form that is suitable for injection or topical application. In some embodiments, pharmaceutical compositions are provided as in dry form, e.g., as powders (e.g. lyophilized and/or sterilized preparations). The Pharmaceutical composition can be provided under conditions that enhance stability, e.g., under nitrogen or under vacuum. Dry material can be reconstituted with an aqueous diluent (e.g., water, buffer, salt solution, etc.) prior to injection.

In one embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition containing an anti-HA antibody is administered intranasally. In another embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition containing an anti-HA antibody is administered by inhalation, such as by oral or by nasal inhalation.

In embodiments the pharmaceutical composition is suitable for buccal, oral or nasal delivery, e.g., as a liquid, spray, or aerosol, e.g., by topical application, e.g., by a liquid or drops, or by inhalation). In embodiments a pharmaceutical preparation comprises a plurality of particles, suitable, e.g., for inhaled or aerosol delivery. In

embodiments the mean particle size of 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, or 13 microns. In embodiments a pharmaceutical preparation is formulated as a dry powder, suitable, e.g., for inhaled or aerosol delivery. In embodiments a pharmaceutical preparation is formulated as a wet powder, through inclusion of a wetting agent, e.g., water, saline, or other liquid of physiological pH. In embodiments a pharmaceutical preparation is provided as drops, suitable, e.g., for delivery to the nasal or buccal cavity.

In embodiments the pharmaceutical composition is disposed in a delivery device, e.g., a syringe, a dropper or dropper bottle, an inhaler, or a metered dose device, e.g., an inhaler.

In one embodiment, a pharmaceutical composition contains a vector, such as an adenovirus-associated virus (AAV)-based vector, that encodes a heavy chain of an anti-HA antibody molecule, and a light chain of an anti-HA antibody molecule featured in the disclosure. The composition containing the vector can be administered to a subject, such as a patient, such as by injection, e.g., IM injection. Genes encoding the anti-HA antibody under control of, for example, cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoters, are expressed in the body, and the recombinant anti-HA antibody molecule is introduced into the circulation. See, e.g., Balazs et al., Nature 30:481:81-84, 2011.

Pharmaceutical compositions typically should be sterile and stable under the conditions of manufacture and storage. A pharmaceutical composition can also be tested to insure it meets regulatory and industry standards for administration.

The composition can be formulated as a solution, microemulsion, dispersion, liposome, or other ordered structure suitable to high drug concentration. Sterile injectable solutions can be prepared by incorporating an agent described herein in the required amount in an appropriate solvent with one or a combination of ingredients enumerated above, as required, followed by filtered sterilization. Generally, dispersions are prepared by incorporating an agent described herein into a sterile vehicle that contains a basic dispersion medium and the required other ingredients from those enumerated above. In the case of sterile powders for the preparation of sterile injectable solutions, typical methods of preparation are vacuum drying and freeze-drying that yields a powder of an agent described herein plus any additional desired ingredient from a previously sterile-filtered solution thereof. The proper

fluidity of a solution can be maintained, for example, by the use of a coating such as lecithin, by the maintenance of the required particle size in the case of dispersion and by the use of surfactants. Prolonged absorption of injectable compositions can be brought about by including in the composition an agent that delays absorption, for example, monostearate salts and gelatin.

A pharmaceutical composition may be provided, prepared, packaged, and/or sold in bulk, as a single unit dose, and/or as a plurality of single unit doses. Typically a bulk preparation will contain at least 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, or 100 unit doses. A unit dose is typically the amount introduced into the patient in a single administration. In embodiments only a portion of a unit dose is introduced. In embodiments a small mulitiple, e.g., as much as 1.5, 2, 3, 5, or 10 timies a unit dose is administered. .The amount of the active ingredient is generally equal to a dose which would be administered to a subject and/or a convenient fraction of such a dose such as, for example, one-half or one-third of such a dose.

Immnunogens and Vacccines

Antibodies of the invention have elucidated epitopes that are useful for inducing immunity to, and in embodiments, provide protection from, one or more, e.g., at least two, influenza strains. These epitopes are referred to herein as "broad range immunogens." In an embodiment the broad range immunogen induces immunity, and in embodiments, confers protection against at least one Group 1 strain, and a second strain selected from a Group 1 strain, a Group2 strain, and an influenza B strain. A broad range immunogen, as the term is used herein, comprises a polypeptide having sufficient sequence and three dimensional structure of an HA, e.g., a HA from a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004, to allow binding of an antibody of the invention, e.g., one of Ab 044, Ab 069, Ab 032 and Ab 031, to the broad range immunogen. In embodiments the broad range immunogen comprises the epitope of an antibody described herein e.g., one of Ab 044, Ab 069, Ab 032, and Ab 031. In embodiments, a broad range immunogen does not bind one or more of Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, or CR6261. In an embodiment Ab 044 binds the broad range

immuongen with at least 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 95, or 99% of the affinity with which it binds a native HA, e.g., a HA from a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. In an embodiment CR6261 binds the broad range immunogen with less than 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, or 10% of the affinity with which it binds binds a native HA, e.g., a HA from a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. In an embodiment the broad range immunogen differs from wildtype by at least 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 30, or 40 residues. In an embodiment the broad range immunogen binds to one or more of Ab 67-11, FI6, FI28, C179, or CR6261 with less than 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, or 10% of the affinity with which it binds binds a native HA, e.g., a HA from a Group 1 strain, e.g., an H1N1 strain, e.g., A/South Carolina/1/1918, A/Puerto Rico/08/1934, or A/California/04/2009, or an H5N1 strain, e.g., A/Indonesia/5/2005 or A/Vietnam/1203/2004. In an embodiment the broad range immunogen binds to Ab 044 with an affinity that is at least 10, 30, 50, 100, or 200% greater than its affinity for CR626. In an embodiment the epitope of one of Ab 044, Ab 069, Ab 032, and Ab 031, e.g, Ab 044, is the immunodominant epitople on the broad range immunogen.

As used herein, the term "broad range vaccine" refers to a preparation comprising a broad range immunogen, or a nucleic acid endoding a broad range immunogen, that can induce formation of antibodies or immunity against the broad range immunogen or an organism, e.g., an influenza virus. The broad range immunogen can include dead or weakened virus or antigenic determinants from the organism, e.g., an influenza virus. Typically the broad range vaccine will include one or more additional components, e.g., carriers, adjuvants and the like.

In an embodiment a broad range vaccine comprises two broad range immunogens, or nucleic acid encoding two broad range immunogens.

A broad range immunogen disclosed here, and vaccines including a broad range immunogen or a nucleic acid encoding a broad range immunogen (broad range vaccines), can be used to elicit an immune response, in a subject, e.g., a human subject, against one or more influenza viruses described herein. In embodiments the

broad range vaccine confers protection against one or more of the influenza viruses described herein, e.g., it decreases the chance of developing an infection or the symptom of an infection, or moderates the severity of an infection. Broad range vaccines of the invention can comprise an HA polypeptide comprising a broad range immunogen, a nucleic acid encoding a HA polypeptide comprising a broad range immunogen, a particle, e.g., a VLP, liposome, nanoparticle, or microparticle, comprising a broad range immunogen or an nucleic acid that encodes a broad range immunogen. Vaccines can comprise live or inactivated, e.g., replication deficient, viruses. Influenza, as well as other viruses can be used in broad range vaccines.

As used herein, the term "immunogen" or "antigenic formulation" or "antigenic composition" refers to a preparation which, when administered to a vertebrate, e.g., a mammal, e.g., a human, can induce an immune response.

Vaccine Formulation

A broad range immunogen, e.g., a polypeptide, or VLP, liposome, nanoparticle, or microparticle comprising a broad range immunogen, can be formulated into compositions that further comprise a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient. A nucleic acid that encodes a broad range immunogen can be formulated into a composition that further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient. A carrier or excipient is a pharmaceutical agent that does not itself induce the production of an immune response harmful to the animal receiving the composition and which may be administered as a vaccine component without causing undue toxicity. As used herein, the term "pharmaceutically acceptable vaccine component" includes components, e.g., a carrier, that have been approved by a regulatory agency of the Federal or a state government or listed in the U.S. Pharmacopia, European Pharmacopia, or other generally recognized pharmacopia for use in mammals, e.g., in humans. Non-limiting examples of pharmaceutically acceptable carriers are saline, buffered saline, dextrose, water, glycerol, sterile isotonic aqueous buffer, mannitol, lactose, starch, magnesium stearate, sodium saccharine, cellulose, magnesium carbonate, and combinations thereof. In one embodiment, the formulation can be used for administration of the vaccine to humans. In some embodiments, the formulation is sterile, free from particulate matter, and/or non-pyrogenic. The vaccine may also include one or more of: a wetting agent, an

emulsifying agent, and a buffering agent. The vaccine can be in solid form, e.g., a lyophilized powder, liquid solution, suspension, emulsion, tablet, pill, capsule, sustained release formulation, or powder.

In some embodiments, broad range vaccines may include one or more adjuvants. Adjuvants are agents that enhance immune responses, and their use is known in the art (see, e.g., "Vaccine Design: The Subunit and Adjuvant Approach", Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Volume 6, Eds. Powell and Newman, Plenum Press, New York and London, 1995). Non-limiting examples of adjuvants are complete Freund's adjuvant (CFA), incomplete Freund's adjuvant (IFA), squalene, squalane, aluminum hydroxide, aluminum salts, calcium salts, and saponin fractions derived from the bark of the South American tree Quillaja Saponaria Molina (e.g., QS21). In some embodiments the adjuvant may be an emulsion comprising oil and water. The oil phase may comprise squalene, squalane, and/or a surfactant. The surfactant may be a non-ionic surfactant, e.g., a mono- or di-Ci2-C24-fatty acid ester of sorbitan or mannide.

Synthetic variants of molecules recognized by Toll-Like Receptors (TLRs) may also be used as adjuvants. TLRs help the body to distinguish between self and non-self molecules by recognizing molecular patterns associated with pathogens. Molecules recognized by TLRs include double-stranded RNA, lipopolysaccharides, single-stranded RNA with viral-specific or bacterial-specific modifications, and DNA with viral-specific or bacterial-specific modifications. Synthetic molecules that mimic the properties of these naturally-occurring molecules recognized by TLRs help to trigger an immune response and therefore can be used as adjuvants. Non-limiting examples of such synthetic molecules include polyriboinosinic:polyribocytidylic aci (poly (I:C)), double-stranded nucleic acids with at least one locked nucleic acid nucleoside, attenuated lipid A derivatives (ALDs) (e.g., monophosphoryl lipid A and 3-deacyl monophosphoryl lipid A), and imiquimod.

Vaccines may be formulated with or administered in combination with the administration of immune stimulators. Immune stimulators are molecules that increase the response of the immune system. Non-limiting examples of immune stimulators are cytokines, lymphokines, and chemokines that have immunostimulatory, immunopotentiating, and pro-inflammatory activities, such as

interleukins (e.g., IL-I, IL-2, IL-3, IL-4, IL-12, IL-13), growth factors (e.g., granulocyte-macrophage (GM)-colony stimulating factor (CSF)); and other immunostimulatory molecules, such as macrophage inflammatory factor, Flt3 ligand, B7.1; B7.2, etc. Immune stimulators may be administered in the same formulation as the VLPs or may be administered separately. Immune stimulators may be administered as proteins or as nucleic acids from which the immunostimulatory protein can be expressed.

Administration

Generally, broad range vaccines will be administered in an effective amount or quantity sufficient to stimulate an immune response against one or more strains of influenza. Vaccine dosage can be adjusted within this range based on clinical factors, e.g., age, physical condition, body weight, sex, diet, and time of administration.

Methods of administering a broad range immunogen or broad range vaccine include enteral and parenteral administration. They can also be provided by epidural or mucosal administration (e.g., intranasal and oral or pulmonary routes or by suppositories). They can be provided by inhalation or direct contact with the buccal or nasal cavities. In embodiments a broad range immunogen or broad range vaccine is administered intramuscularly, intravenously, subcutaneously, transdermally, or intradermally. The compositions may be administered by any convenient route, for example by infusion or bolus injection, by absorption through epithelial or mucocutaneous linings (e.g., oral mucous, colon, conjunctiva, nasopharynx, oropharynx, vagina, urethra, urinary bladder and intestinal mucosa, etc.) and by any convenient means, for example, by injection using a needle and syringe or a needle-less injection device, by drops, via an aerosol comprising large particles, or by spray into the upper respiratory tract. A broad range immunogen or vaccine may be administered together with other biologically active agents, for example, immunogenic agents, for example, antivirals and/or antibiotics.

In some embodiments a broad range immunogen or broad range vaccine is administered so as to target mucosal tissues in order to elicit an immune response at the site of immunization. For example, mucosal tissues can be targeted for immunization by using oral administration of compositions which contain adjuvants with particular mucosal targeting properties. Examples of mucosal tissues that can be

targeted include, but are not limited to, gut-associated lymphoid tissue (GALT), nasopharyngeal lymphoid tissue (NALT), and bronchial-associated lymphoid tissue (BALT).

A broad range immunogen or broad range vaccine may be administered on a dosage schedule, for example, by sequential administrations to subject. In some embodiments a first dose of the composition is followed after a period of time by a second dose. The period of time between the first and second doses may be anywhere from two weeks to one year, for example, about 1 , about 2, about 3, about 4, about 5 to about 6 months. In some embodiments the second dose of the composition is followed by a third dose administered a period of time after the first dose. The period of time between the first and third doses may be anywhere from about three months to about two years or more, for example, about 4, about 5, or about 6 months, or about 7 months to about one year. In some embodiments the second, third, or higher dose is administered when the levels of specific immunoglobulins in the serum, urine, and/or mucosal secretions of the subject drop below a threshold. In one embodiment the period of time between the first and second doses is about one month and the period of time between the first and third doses is about six months. In another embodiment the period of time between the first and second doses is about six months. In some embodiments, for example, when the subject is a neonate or infant, doses can be administered throughout childhood. Other factors that put the subject at increased risk of infection, for example, subjects who are health care workers, day care workers, family members of young children, the elderly, and/or individuals with compromised cardiopulmonary function, may influence the dosage schedule, for example, may require the subject to have more doses or more frequent doses. When multiple doses are required, the doses may be administered by the same or different routes.

One skilled in the art can readily determine the dosage of the broad range immunogen or broad range vaccine. For example, the dosage may be determined by identifying doses that elicit a protective or therapeutic immune response, for example, by measuring the level of specific immunoglobulins in the serum or measuring the inhibitory ratio of antibodies in samples of serum, urine, or mucosal secretions from a subject. Dosages can be determined from studies in

animals, for example, in guinea pigs, hamsters, ferrets, chinchillas, mice, or rats. An animal need not be a natural host to a particular infectious agent to serve as a subject in studies of the disease caused by said infection agent. Dosages can also be determined from clinical studies in humans, which are routine in the art. The skilled artisan will understand that the route of administration will affect the dosage. Dosages can also be calculated from dose-response curves obtained from in vitro studies or studies using animal models.

A broad range immunogen or vaccine can be administered a subject that does not have a disease caused by influenza virus infection or has not been and is not currently infected with an influenza virus infection, e.g., a broad range immunogen or vaccine can be administered to a subject at risk for infection. A broad range immunogen or vaccine can be administered to a subject infected with a first influenza strain, e.g., to protect against infection with a second strain. In embodiments the broad range immunogen or vaccine is protective against the first strain. In embodiments the broad range immunogen or vaccine is not protective against the first strain.

In embodiments the subject is an adult, an adult over 50 years of age, a person less than 18 years of age, a person less than 2 years of age, or a person less than 6 months of age.

In an embodiment the subject is at risk for a disorder of the lung, e.g., cystic fibrosis, emphysema, asthma, or bacterial infections, or cardiovascular disease. In an embodiment the subject is immune-compromised. In an embodiment the subject is a health care provider, e.g., a physician, nurse, or aid. In an embodiment the subject works at or regularly visits, or lives in a hospital, nursing home, assisted care facility, clinic, or doctor's office.

Broad range immunogens and broad range vaccines can be administered either alone or in combination with one or more other therapy or agent, e.g., the administration of a second or additional agent, e.g., to prevent or delay or minimize one or more symptoms or effects of an influenza infection.

In embodiments the combination can result in a lower dose of the broad range vaccine or of the other therapy being needed, which, in embodiments can reduce side

effects. In embodiments the combination can result in enhanced delivery or efficacy of one or both agents. The agents or therapies can be administered at the same time (e.g., as a single formulation that is administered to a patient or as two separate formulations administered concurrently) or sequentially in any order.

Such second or additional agents include other vaccines, anti-viral agents, and/or antibodies. In typical embodiments the second or additional agent is not co-formulated with the binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, though in others it is.

In embodiments the broad range vaccine and the second or additional agent are administered such that one or more of the following is achieved: therapeutic levels, or therapeutic effects, of one overlap the other; detectable levels of both are present at the same time; or the therapeutic effect is greater than what would be seen in the absence of either the broad range vaccine, or the second or additional agent. In embodiments each agent will be administered at a dose and on a time schedule determined for that agent.

The second or additional agent can be, for example, for treatment or prevention of influenza. For example, a broad range vaccine provided herein can be administered in combination with another vaccine, e.g., a mixture (a.k.a. a cocktail) of influenza peptides to stimulate the patient's immune system to prevent infection with particular strains of influenza A. In other examples, the second or additional agent is an anti-viral agent (e.g., an anti-NA or anti-M2 agent), a pain reliever, an anti-inflammatory, an antibiotic, a steroidal agent, a second therapeutic antibody molecule (e.g., an anti-HA antibody), an adjuvant, a protease or glycosidase (e.g., sialidase), etc.

Exemplary anti-viral agents include, e.g., vaccines, neuraminidase inhibitors or nucleoside analogs. Exemplary anti-viral agents can include, e.g., zidovudine, gangcyclovir, vidarabine, idoxuridine, trifluridine, foscarnet, acyclovir, ribavirin, amantadine, remantidine, saquinavir, indinavir, ritonavir, alpha-interferons and other interferons, a neuraminidase inhibitor (e.g., zanamivir (Relenza®), oseltamivir (Tamiflu®), laninamivir, peramivir), rimantadine. Exemplary antibody molecules include, for example, Ab 67-11 (U.S. Provisional application number 61/645,453, FI6 (U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813), FI28 (U.S. Published Application No. 2010/0080813), C179 (Okuno et al., J. Virol. 67:2552-8, 1993), F10 (Sui et al.,

Nat. Struct. Mol. Biol. 16:265, 2009), CR9114 (Dreyfus et al., Science 337:1343, 2012), or CR6261 (see, e.g., Ekiert et al., Science 324:246, 2009). Other exemplary antibodies include those described herein, e.g., Ab 044, Ab 069, Ab 032, or Ab 031. In the case of combinations, two agents can be administered as part of the same dosage unit or administered separately. Other exemplary agents useful for treating the symptoms associated with influenza infection are acetaminophen, ibuprofen, aspirin, and naproxen.

In an embodiment the broad range vaccine and the second or additional agent are provided as separate formulations, and the step of administering includes sequentially administering the broad range vaccine and the second or additional agent. The sequential administrations can be provided on the same day (e.g., within one hour of one another or at least 3, 6, or 12 hours apart) or on different days.

In embodiments the broad range vaccine and the second or additional agent are each administered as a plurality of doses separated in time. The broad range vaccine and the second or additional agent are generally each administered according to a regimen. The regimen for one or both may have a regular periodicity. The regimen for the broad range vaccine can have a different periodicity from the regimen for the second or additional agent, e.g., one can be administered more frequently than the other. In one implementation, one of the broad range vaccine and the second or additional agent is administered once weekly and the other once monthly. In another implementation, one of the broad range vaccine and the second or additional agent is administered continuously, e.g., over a period of more than 30 minutes but less than 1, 2, 4, or 12 hours, and the other is administered as a bolus. In embodiments sequential administrations are administered. The time between administration of the one agent and another agent can be minutes, hours, days, or weeks. The use of a broad range vaccine described herein can also be used to reduce the dosage of another therapy, e.g., to reduce the side-effects associated with another agent that is being administered. Accordingly, a combination can include administering a second or additional agent at a dosage at least 10, 20, 30, or 50% lower than would be used in the absence of the broad range vaccine. The broad range vaccine and the second or additional agent can be administered by any appropriate method, e.g., subcutaneously, intramuscularly, or intravenously.

In some embodiments, each of the broad range vaccine and the second or additional agent is administered at the same dose as each is prescribed for monotherapy. In other embodiments, the broad range vaccine is administered at a dosage that is equal to or less than an amount required for efficacy if administered alone. Likewise, the second or additional agent can be administered at a dosage that is equal to or less than an amount required for efficacy if administered alone.

In some cases, the formulations described herein, e.g., formulations containing an broad range vaccine featured in the disclosure, include one or more second or second or additional agents, e.g., a second or additional agent, or are administered in combination with a formulation containing one or more second or additional agents.

In an embodiment, administration of a broad range vaccine is by one of the following routes: oral, intravenous, intramuscular, intra-arterial, subcutaneous, intraventricular, transdermal, interdermal, rectal, intravaginal, intraperitoneal, topical (as by liquids, powders, ointments, creams, sprays, or drops), mucosal, nasal, buccal, enteral, sublingual; intratracheal instillation, bronchial instillation, and/or inhalation; and/or as an oral spray, nasal spray, and/or aerosol.

In an embodiment a broad range vaccine is administered by inhalation or aerosol delivery of a plurality of particles, e.g., particles comprising a mean particle size of 4, 5,6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, or 13 microns.

Vaccines of the invention can be combined with the secondary agents and treatments discussed in the context of treatment with antibodies of the invention elsewhere herein.

Virus-Like Particles

A broad range immunogen can be provided in a virus-like particle (VLP). A VLP is a structure that shares some component and structural similarity to a virus but generally is not infectious. VLPs typically lack a viral genome and therefore cannot reproduce. VLPs can be produced by cloning and co-expressing one or more viral proteins, typically including an antigenic protein of interest, in a cell, and recovering from the cells VLPs that include the antigenic protein of interest. This is described in more detail below.

Cloning

Methods of molecular cloning are known in the art (see, e.g., Berger and Kimmel, Guide to Molecular Cloning Techniques, Methods in Enzymology, Vol. 152 Academic Press, Inc., San Diego, Calif., and Sambrook et al, Molecular Cloning—A Laboratory Manual (3rd Ed.), Vol. 1-3, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., 2000). Methods of molecular cloning include techniques for polypeptide engineering and mutagenesis, which allow for the deletion, insertion, substitution, and other alterations of amino acids within a polypeptide. Methods of molecular cloning also include techniques for isolation and manipulation of nucleic acids that encode polypeptides or that increase, decrease, regulate, or otherwise alter the expression of polypeptides. Methods of molecular cloning further comprise vectors that facilitate the genetic manipulation and expression of polypeptides and nucleic acids.

A vector is a vehicle through which a nucleic acid can be reproduced or transmitted between cells or living organisms. A vector may be, but is not limited to, a plasmid, virus, bacteriophage, provirus, phagemid, transposon, or artificial chromosome. A vector may replicate autonomously or via the machinery of a host cell or organism. A vector may comprise DNA and/or RNA, which may exist in an isolated form or in a complex with other components, e.g., proteins. Molecular cloning methods may be used to insert exogenous nucleic acids into vectors to create constructs for the expression of nucleic acids and/or polypetpides, e.g., influenza HA.

Expression

Methods of expressing exogenous nucleic acids and/or polypeptides are known in the art (see, e.g., Sambrook). Typically, exogenous expression entails introducing an expression construct, created using the methods described above, into a host cell or organism and allowing the biochemical machinery of the host cell to produce one or more of the foreign nucleic acids and/or polypeptides. The host cell may be, but is not limited to, a prokaryotic cell, e.g., a bacterium, or a eukaryotic cell, e.g., a fungal, plant, avian, amphibian, nematode, insect, or mammalian, e.g., a mouse, hamster, monkey, or human, cell. Examples of insect cells include Sf9, SfZl, High Five cells, and Drosophila S2 cells. Examples of fungi (including yeast) host cells are S. cerevisiae, Kluyveromyces lactis, species of Candida albicans, Candida glabrata, Aspergillus nidulans, Schizosaccharomyces pombe, Pichia pastoris, and Yarrowia

lipolytica. Examples of mammalian cells include COS cells, baby hamster kidney cells, mouse L cells, LNCaP cells, Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells, human embryonic kidney (HEK) cells, African green monkey cells, CVI cells, HeLa cells, MDCK cells, Vero, and Hep-2 cells. An example of an amphibian cell is an oocyte from Xenopus laevis. Examples of prokaryotic cells include E. coli, B. subtilis, and mycobacteria. The host cell may be part of a multicellular organism or may be grown *in vitro*, e.g., in a culture of a tissue, organ, a mixed population of cells, or a clonal population of cells. The expression construct may be introduced into the host cell by, e.g., transfection, transduction, transformation, electroporation, microinjection, lipofection, or infection.

VLPs can be produced by culturing host cells into which one or more constructs that enable the expression of exogenous polypeptides have been introduced. The exogenous proteins may be polypeptides identical to or derived from the polypeptides of the influenza virus, e.g., M1, HA, or NA, fragments of M1, HA, or NA, or variants of M1, HA, or NA. The expression construct may contain one or more additional elements, e.g., a marker, e.g., a selectable marker, or an origin of replication. Methods to grow cells for production of VLPs include, but are not limited to, batch, batch-fed, continuous and perfusion cell culture techniques. Methods and reagents may be used to increase efficiency of VLP production. For example, a leader sequence, e.g., a signal sequence, may be added to one or more exogenous polypeptides, e.g., M1, HA, and/or NA, to facilitate transport of the exogenous polypeptide(s) within the host cell.

Isolation and Purification of VLPs

VLPs can be isolated and purified using methods known in the art, such as density gradient centrifugation, filtration, ion exchange chromatography, and gel filtration chromatography. Using the methods described above, VLPs are produced by host cells and secreted into the culture medium. A typical stepwise procedure for isolating and purifying VLPs from the culture medium involves (1) ultrafiltration of the culture medium to concentrate VLPs, (2) diafiltration of VLPs to remove components of the culture medium, (3) centrifugation of VLPs on a sucrose density gradient to remove cellular debris and particulate matter, and (4) anion exchange chromatography of VLPs to remove nucleic acids.

Vesicles

A broad range immunogen may be incorporated into, or packaged in, a vesicle. Typically, vesicles have an aqueous compartment enclosed by one or more bilayers comprising amphipathic molecules (e.g., fatty acids, lipids, steroids, etc.). A broad range immunogen may be contained within the aqueous core of the vesicle or may be localized to the amphipathic bilayer.

In some embodiments the amphipathic molecules of the vesicle are nonionic, e.g., a nonionic surfactant. For example, the nonionic amphipathic molecule may be a glyercol-based, ester-linked surfactant. Such glycerol esters may comprise one of two higher aliphatic acyl groups, e.g., an acyl group containing at least ten carbon atoms in each acyl moiety. Surfactants based on such glycerol esters may comprise more than one glycerol unit, e.g., 2, 3,4, or 5 glycerol units. Glycerol monoesters may be used, e.g., those containing a C12-C20 alkanoyl or alkenoyl moiety, for example caproyl, lauroyl, myristoyl, palmitoyl, oleyl or stearoyl. An exemplary ester linked surfactant based on glycerol is 1-monopalmitoyl glycerol.

The nonionic amphipathic molecule of the vesicle bilayer may also be an ether- linked surfactant. For example, ether-linked surfactants based on glycerol or a glycol having a lower aliphatic glycol of up to 4 carbon atoms, such as ethylene glycol, may be used. Surfactants based on such glycols may comprise more than one glycol unit, e.g., 2, 3, 4, or 5 glycol units (e.g., diglycolcetyl ether and/or polyoxyethylene-3-lauryl ether). Glycol or glycerol monoethers may be used, including those containing a C12-C20 alkanyl or alkenyl moiety, for example capryl, lauryl, myristyl, cetyl, oleyl or stearyl. For examples of ethylene oxide condensation products that can be used as amphipathic molecules, see PCT Publication No. WO88/06882 (e.g., polyoxyethylene higher aliphatic ether and amine surfactants). Non-limiting examples of ether-linked surfactants are 1-monocetyl glycerol ether and diglycolcetyl ether.

In some embodiments the vesicle comprising a nonionic surfactant may also comprise an ionic amphipathic molecule. For example, an ionic amphiphile may cause the vesicles become negatively charged, which may help stabilize the vesicles and promote dispersion. Ionic amphipathic molecules that can be incorporated into vesicles include, but are not limited to, higher alkanoic and alkenoic

acids (e.g., palmitic acid, oleic acid) and other compounds containing acidic groups, for example, phosphates, (e.g., dialkyl phosphates, e.g., dicetylphosphate, or phosphatidic acid or phosphatidyl serine) and sulphate monoesters (e.g., higher alkyl sulphates, e.g., cetylsulphate). The ionic amphiphile may be present at between 1% and 30%, between 2% and 20%, or between 5% and 15% the amount, by weight, of nonionic surfactant.

In some embodiments the vesicle may further comprise a high-molecular weight hydrophobic molecule capable of forming a bilayer, for example, a steroid, for example, cholesterol. The presence of the steroid may facilitate formation of the bilayer, for example, by conferring physical properties on the bilayer. The steroid may be present at between 20% and 120%, between 25% and 90%, or between 35% and 75% amount, by weight, of nonionic surfactant

In some embodiments, the vesicle may be a bilosome (see, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 5,876,721). As used herein, "bilosomes" are vesicles that comprise non-ionic surfactants and transport enhancing molecules which facilitate the transport of lipid-like molecules across mucosal membranes.

Methods for preparing vesicles comprising nonionic surfactants are known in the art. The skilled artisan will understand that such methods may be used to prepare vesicles comprising a broad range immunogen.

Viral Vectors

A broad range immunogen can be provided in an influenza virus. In an embodiment the broad range immunogen is incorporated in an HA polypeptide, e.g., an HA polypeptide that differs from wildtype. In embodiments the HA polypeptide that comprises the broad range immunogen is other than a wild type sequence, e.g., an engineered sequence. It can be incorporated into a virion by supplying the polypeptide in trans during production of the virion or the genome of the virus can be engineered to produce it. In either case, viral particles comprising the broad range immunogen are produced. In an embodiment the virus is engineered to have an attenuated phenotype, e.g., the virus can have no, or only very low levels of, replication in human cells. In embodiments the virus is inactivated. Inactivation methods include contact with denaturants, e.g., formalin, heat, or detergent. A broad

range immunogen can be provided in a non-influenza virus, e.g., the non-influenza virus vector can be a Newcastle disease virus, a vaccinia virus, an adenovirus, adeno-associated virus (AAV), retrovirus, or lentivirus.

Kits

In one embodiment, the broad range immunogen or vaccine is packaged in a kit. In some embodiments, the kit comprises two containers, one of which contains the broad range immunogen and the other of which contains an adjuvant. In some embodiments the kit comprises two containers, one of which contains broad range immunogen as a lyophilized powder and the other of which contains a liquid for resuspending the broad range immunogen. The kit may contain a notice as required by governmental agency regulating the manufacture, use, and sale of pharmaceuticals or biological products, the notice indicating that the composition has been approved for manufacture, use, and/or sale for administration to humans.

The vaccine may be supplied in a hermetically-sealed container. The vaccine may be provided as a liquid or as a lyophilized powder that can be reconstituted by the addition, e.g., of water or saline, to a concentration suitable for administration to a subject.

Epitope

HAs exist in nature as homotrimers of proteolytically processed mature subunits. Each subunit of the trimer is synthesized as a precursor. A precursor molecule is proteolytically processed into two disulfide bonded polypeptide chains to form a mature HA polypeptide. The mature HA polypeptide includes two domains: (1) a core HA-1 domain that extends from the base of the molecule through the fibrous stem to the membrane distal head region that contains the glycan receptor binding domain, returning to fibrous region ending in the cleavage site, and (2) HA-2 domain that includes the stem region and the transmembrane domain of HA. HA-1 includes a glycan binding site. The glycan binding site may be responsible for mediating binding of HA to the HA-receptor. The HA-2 domain acts to present the HA-1 domain. The HA trimer can be stabilized by polar and non-polar interactions between the three long HA alpha-helices of the stem of HA monomers.

HA sequences from all influenza subtypes share a set of amino acids in the interface of the HA-1 and HA-2 domains that are well conserved. The HA-1/HA-2 interface membrane proximal epitope region (MPER) that includes the canonical α-helix and residues in its vicinity are also conserved across a broad spectrum of subtypes. (Ekiert *et al., Science*,. 324(5924):246, 2009; Sui *et al., Nat Struct Mol Biol*. 16(3):265, 2009).

Ab 044 has high affinity for HA's from Group 1 and Group 2. It binds a conformational epitope that is broadly conserved across a plurality of influenza strains. Numerous amino acid residues distributed along the linear sequences of HA from different strains/subtypes contribute the Ab 044 conformational epitope. The interaction of Ab044 with H3 was analyzed by docking studies and residues bound by (or not bound by) Ab044 were identified.

The Fv of Ab 044 was docked against HA of group I and II strains using ZDOCK. The structure of the HA antigen was modeled using the SWISS MODEL homology modeling server keeping the solved crystal structure of H1N1 as the template. ZDOCK uses shape complementarity along with desolvation and electrostatic energy terms ('ZRANK') to rank docked poses. To ensure the docked poses do not deviate significantly from the native complex, mapped epitope and paratope residues by alanine scanning are forced to be included in the binding interface.

For comparison studies, amino acids that bind (or do not bind) FI6 were taken from published US patent application US 2011/0274702 A1, Neutralizing Anti-Influenza A Virus Antibodies and Uses Thereof, filed July 18, 2011.

ZDOCK is a Fast Fourier Transform based protein docking program. It was developed by Zhiping Weng at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. In ZDOCK, two PDB files are input and the output is the predicted structure of their complex. The program searches all possible binding modes in the translational and rotational space between the two proteins and evaluates each by an energy scoring function. The protein's structure is converted to a digital signal and a Fast Fourier Transform technique used to reduce computational time. ZDOCK is discussed in Pierce BG, Hourai Y, Weng Z. (2011) Accelerating Protein Docking in ZDOCK Using an Advanced 3D Convolution Library. PLoS One 6(9): e24657, Pierce

B, Tong W, Weng Z. (2005) M-ZDOCK: A Grid-based Approach for C_n Symmetric Multimer Docking. Bioinformatics 21(8): 1472-1476; Mintseris J, Pierce B, Wiehe K, Anderson R, Chen R, Weng Z. (2007) Integrating Statistical Pair Potentials into Protein Complex Prediction. Proteins 69(3): 511-520; and Chen R, Li L, Weng Z. (2003) ZDOCK: An Initial-stage Protein Docking Algorithm. Proteins 52(1): 80-7.

SWISS-MODEL is a fully automated protein structure homology-modeling server. It is accessible via the ExPASy web server, or from the program DeepView (Swiss Pdb-Viewer). Swiss-Model is discussed in Arnold K., Bordoli L., Kopp J., and Schwede T. (2006). The SWISS-MODEL Workspace: A web-based environment for protein structure homology modelling. Bioinformatics, 22,195-201; Kiefer F, Arnold K, Künzli M, Bordoli L, Schwede T (2009). The SWISS-MODEL Repository and associated resources. Nucleic Acids Research. 37, D387-D392; and Peitsch, M. C. (1995) Protein modeling by E-mail Bio/Technology 13: 658-660.

H3 residues that bind Ab 044 and H3 residues that bind FI6 are discussed below.

H3 HA1

The amino acid sequence of H3 HA1 is provided below, as SEQ ID NO: 173. Residues N38, I278, and D291 shown in dashed boxes, are bound by Ab 044 but not by FI6; Residues Q327, T328, and R329 shown in dotted boxes, are bound by FI6 but not by Ab 044; residues T318, R321, and V323 shown in solid boxes, are bound by both Ab 044 and FI6.

QDLPGNDNST ATLCLGHHAV PNGTLVKTIT DDQIEVTNAT ELVQSSSTGK
ICNNPHRILD GIDCTLIDAL LGDPHCDVFQ NETWDLFVER SKAFSNCYPY DVPDYASLRS
LVASSGTLEF ITEGFTWTGV TQNGGSNACK RGPGSGFFSR LNWLTKSGST YPVLNVTMPN
NDNFDKLYIW GIHHPSTNQE QTSLYVQASG RVTVSTRRSQ QTIIPNIGSR PWVRGLSSRI
SIYWTIVKPG DVLVINSNGN LIAPRGYFKM RTGKSSIMRS DAPIDTCISE CITPNGSIPN
DKPFQNVNKI TYGACPKYVK QNTLKLATGM RNVPEKQTR (SEQ ID NO:173)

H3 HA2

The amino acid sequence of H3 HA21 is provided below, as SEQ ID NO: 174 Residue N12 shown in a dash box, is bound by Ab 044 but not by FI6; Residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46 shown in dotted boxes, are bound by FI6 but not by Ab 044;

residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, L38, K39, T41, Q42, A43, I45, I48, N49, L52, N53, I56,and E57, shown in solid boxes, are bound by both Ab 044 and FI6.

GLFGAIAGFI ENGWEGMIDG WYGFRHQNSE GTGQAADLKS TQAAIDQING
KLNRVIEKTN EKFHQIEKEF SEVEGRIQDL EKYVEDTKID LWSYNAELLV ALENQHTIDL
TDSEMNKLFE KTRRQLRENA EEMGNGCFKI YHKCDNACIE SIRNGTYDHD VYRDEALNNR
FQIKG (SEQ ID NO:174)

H1 residues that bind Ab 044 and H1 residues that bind FI6 are discussed below.

H1 HA1

The amino acid sequence of H1 HA1 is provided below, as SEQ ID NO: 181. Residues H31, N279, and S292 shown in dashed boxes, are bound by Ab 044 but not by FI6. Residues Q328 and S329 shown in dotted boxes, are bound by FI6 but not by Ab 044. Residues T319, R322, and I324 shown in solid boxes, are bound by both Ab 044 and FI6.

TNADTI CIGYHANNST DTVDTVLEKN VTVTHSVNLL
EDSHNGKLCK LKGIAPLQLG KCNIAGWLLG NPECDLLLTA SSWSYIVETS
NSENGTCYPG DFIDYEELRE QLSSVSSFEK FEIFPKTSSW PNHETTKGVT
AACSYAGASS FYRNLLWLTK KGSSYPKLSK SYVNNKGKEV LVLWGVHHPP
TGTDQQSLYQ NADAYVSVGS SKYNRRFTPE IAARPKVRDQ AGRMNYYWTL
LEPGDTITFE ATGNLIAPWY AFALNRGSGS GIITSDAPVH DCNTKCQTPH
GAINSSLPFQ NIHPVTIGEC PKYVRSTKLR MATGLRNIPS IQS
(SEQ ID NO:181)

H1 HA2

The amino acid sequence of H1 HA2 is provided below, as SEQ ID NO: 182. Residues G12 shown in a dashed box, is bound by Ab 044 but not by FI6. Residues G1, L2, F3, G4, and D46 shown in dotted boxes, are bound by FI6 but not by Ab 044. Residues A7, E11, I18, D19, G20, W21, Q38, K39, T41, Q42, N43, I45, I48, T49, V52, N53, I56, and E57 shown in solid boxes, are bound by both Ab 044 and FI6.

GLFGAIAGF IEGGWTGMID GWYGYHHQNE QGSGYAADQK STQNAIDGIT
NKVNSVIEKM NTQFTAVGKE FNNLERRIEN LNKKVDDGFL DIWTYNAELL
VLLENERTLD FHDSNVRNLY EKVKSQLKNN AKEIGNGCFE FYHKCDDACM
ESVRNGTYDY PKYSEESKLN REEIDGVKLE SMGVYQILAI YSTVASSLVL
LVSLGAISFW MCSNGSLQCR ICI (SEQ ID NO:182)

Fig. 26 is a three dimensional representation of H3 HA with the amino acids residues that are predicted to be part of Ab044 epitope but not part of FI6's

epitope highlighted. That is, the highlighted amino acids are unique to Ab044's epitope.

Fig. 27 is a three dimensional representation of H3 HA with the amino acid residues that are part of FI6's epitope but not predicted to be part of Ab044's epitope highlighted. indicated.

Diagnostic Methods

The binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, provided herein are useful for identifying the presence of influenza in a biological sample, e.g., a patient sample, such as a fluid sample, e.g., a blood, serum, saliva, mucous, or urine sample, or a tissue sample, such as a biopsy.

In one embodiment, a patient sample is contacted with a binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, featured in the disclosure, and binding is detected. Binding can be detected with a number of formats and means of detection, e.g., with an antigen capture assay, such as an ELISA assay or Western blot, or an immunohistochemistry assay. In embodiments the binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, is provided, e.g., coupled to an insoluble matrix, e.g., a bead or other substrate, and a detection molecule used to detect binding of HA.

Binding of binding agent, e.g, antibody molecule, to HA, can be detected with a reagent comprising a detectable moiety, e.g., a reagent, e.g., an antibody, which binds the binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule. In embodiments the binding agent, e.g, antibody molecule, has a detectable moiety. Suitable detectable moieties include enzymes (e.g., horseradish peroxidase, beta-galactosidase, luciferase, alkaline phosphatase, acetylcholinesterase, glucose oxidase and the like), radiolabels (e.g., ^{3}H, ^{14}C, ^{15}N, ^{35}S, ^{90}Y, ^{99}Tc, ^{111}In, ^{125}I, ^{131}I), haptens, fluorescent labels (e.g., FITC, rhodamine, lanthanide phosphors, fluorescein, fluorescein isothiocyanate, rhodamine, 5-dimethylamine-1-napthalenesulfonyl chloride, phycoerythrin and the like), phosphorescent molecules, chemiluminescent molecules, chromophores, luminescent molecules, photoaffinity molecules, colored particles or affinity ligands, such as biotin, predetermined polypeptide epitopes recognized by a secondary reporter (e.g., leucine

zipper pair sequences, or binding sites for secondary antibodies, metal binding domains, epitope tags). In some embodiments, labels are attached by spacer arms of various lengths to reduce potential steric hindrance.

In embodiments, a human is tested for presence of influenza virus be a method described herein, and if the test is positive, a binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, e.g., an antibody, provided herein, is administered.

The binding agents, e.g., antibody molecules, e.g., an antibody, provided herein can be used for cytology assays, such as to identify an HA in a cell. The assay can be a colorimetric assay. A biological sample from a normal (non-infected) individual is used as a control. The diagnostic assay can be performed in vitro.

The diagnostic assay can also be performed to determine infection of cells in culture, e.g., of mammalian cells in culture. The antibody molecules can be used in in vitro assays.

Because the antibody molecules featured herein bind a broad spectrum of HA subtypes, the diagnostic assays featured in the disclosure can detect the presence of influenza virus in patients infected with a variety of distinct strains of influenza. A patient sample can be further tested with subtype specific antibodies, or other assays (e.g., RFLP (Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism), PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction), RT-PCR (Reverse Transcription coupled to Polymerase Chain Reaction), Northern blot, Southern blot or DNA sequencing) to further determine the particular strain of virus.

In one embodiment, a patient determined to be infected with influenza A can be further administered an antibody molecule featured in the disclosure, to treat the infection.

Also provided are solid substrates, e.g., beads, dipsticks, arrays, and the like, on which is disposed a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule.

Kits

A binding agent, e.g., an antibody molecule, disclosed herein, e.g., generated by the methods described herein, can be provided in a kit. The kit can inlcuide one or more other compoentents, e.g., containers, buffers or other diluents, deleviery devices, and the like.

In one embodiment, the kit includes materials for administering an antibody molecule to a subject, such as for treatment or prevention of infection by influenza viruses. For example, the kit can include one or more or all of: (a) a container that contains a composition that includes an antibody molecule, optionally (b) a container that contains a composition that includes a second therapeutic agent, and optionally (c) informational material.

In another embodiment, the kit includes materials for using an antibody molecule in a diagnostic assay, such as for detection of HA in a biological sample. For example, the kit can include one or more or all of: (a) a container that contains a composition that includes an antibody molecule, optionally (b) a container that contains a reagents, e.g., labeled with a detectable moiety, to detect the antibody, e.g., for use in an ELISA or immunohistochemistry assay, and optionally (c) informational material. In other embodiments, the kit comprises a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule, comprising a detectable moiety.

In an embodiment, the kit comprises a solid substrate, e.g., bead, dipstick, array, and the like, on which is disposed a binding agent, e.g., antibody molecule.

The informational material can be descriptive, instructional, marketing or other material that relates to the methods described herein and/or the use of the agents for therapeutic benefit, or for a diagnostic assay.

The informational material of the kits is not limited in its form. In one embodiment, the informational material can include information about production of the antibody, concentration, date of expiration, batch or production site information, and so forth. In one embodiment, the informational material relates to methods of administering the antibody, e.g., in a suitable dose, dosage form, or mode of administration (e.g., a dose, dosage form, or mode of administration described herein), to treat a subject who has an infection, e.g., viral infection or secondary infection (e.g., secondary bacterial infection).

In another embodiment, the informational material relates to methods for using the antibody molecule for a diagnostic assay, e.g., to detect the presence of influenza viruses in a biological sample.

The information can be provided in a variety of formats, including printed text, computer readable material, video recording, or audio recording, or information that provides a link or address to substantive material.

In addition to the agent, the composition in the kit can include other ingredients, such as a solvent or buffer, a stabilizer, or a preservative. The agent can be provided in any form, e.g., a liquid, dried or lyophilized form, and substantially pure and/or sterile. When the agents are provided in a liquid solution, the liquid solution typically is an aqueous solution. When the agents are provided as a dried form, reconstitution generally is by the addition of a suitable solvent. The solvent, e.g., sterile water or buffer, can optionally be provided in the kit.

The kit can include one or more containers for the composition or compositions containing the agents. In some embodiments, the kit contains separate containers, dividers or compartments for the composition and informational material. For example, the composition can be contained in a bottle, vial, or syringe, and the informational material can be contained in a plastic sleeve or packet. In other embodiments, the separate elements of the kit are contained within a single, undivided container. For example, the composition is contained in a bottle, vial or syringe that has attached thereto the informational material in the form of a label. In some embodiments, the kit includes a plurality (e.g., a pack) of individual containers, each containing one or more unit dosage forms (e.g., a dosage form described herein) of the agents. The containers can include a combination unit dosage, e.g., a unit that includes both the antibody molecule and the second or additional agent, such as in a desired ratio. For example, the kit can include a plurality of syringes, ampoules, foil packets, blister packs, or medical devices each containing, for example, a single combination unit dose. The containers of the kits can be air tight, waterproof (e.g., impermeable to changes in moisture or evaporation), and/or light-tight.

The kit optionally includes a device suitable for administering the composition, e.g., a syringe or device for delivering particles or aerosols, e.g.,an inhaler, a spray device, or a dropper or other suitable delivery device. The device can be provided pre-loaded with one or both of the agents or can be empty but suitable for loading.

The invention is further illustrated by the following examples, which should not be construed as further limiting.

Table 4C Nucleic acid and amino acid sequences

SEQ ID NO.	Lab no.	Source	Comment	Sequence
1	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of HC CDR1	[S/T]Y[A/G]MH
2	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of HC CDR2	V[I/V/L]S[Y/F]DG[S/N][Y/N][K/R]YYADSVQG
3	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of HC CDR3	D[S/T][R/K/Q]LR[S/T]LLYFEWLS[Q/S]G[Y/L/V][F/L][N/D][P/Y]
4	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of LC CDR1	Q[S/T][V/L/I][T/S][Y/F/W][N/S/D]YKNYLA
170	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of LC CDR1	Q[S/T][V/L/I][T/S][Y/F/W][N/S/D/Q/R/E]YKNYLA
5	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of LC CDR2	W[A/G]S[T/A/Y/H/K/D][R/L]E[S/T]
6	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of LC CDR3	QQ[Y/H]YRTPP[T/S]
7	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of HC FR1	[E/Q]VQLLE[S/T]GGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTF[S/T]
8	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of HC FR2	WVRQPPGKGLEWVA
9	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of HC FR3	RFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCAK
10	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of HC FR4	WG[A/Q]G[T/A][T/M][L/V]TVSS
11	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of LC FR1	[E/D]I[V/Q]MTQSP[D/S][S/T][L/V][A/S][V/A][S/T][L/V/R]G[E/D]R[A/V][T/S]I[N/T/Q/D/R/]C[K/R]SS
12	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of LC FR2	WYQQKPG[Q/K][P/A]PKLLIY
13	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of LC FR3	GVP[D/E/S]RFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQ[A/P]ED[V/F/K/D]A[V/T]YYC
14	n.a.	Table 2	Consensus AA sequence of LC FR4	FG[G/Q/T/S/N]GTK[L/V][D/E]IK
15	15 VH15	Table 3, Table 4A, Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Ab A18; entire HC domain is in Fig. 1; ID version is in Fig. 13; NT sequence is in Example 1	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVISYDGSYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGAGTTLTVSS
28	28 VL28	Table 3, Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab A18; entire LC domain is in Fig. 1; ID version is in Fig. 14; NT sequence is in Example 1	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQSVTYNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAEDVAVYYCQQYYRTPPTFGGGTKLDIK
16	16 VH16	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 014, 028; ID version is in Fig. 13; NT sequence is in Example 1	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFSSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGSNKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCAKDTKLRSLLYFEWLSSGLLDYWGQGAMVTVSS
29	29 VL29	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 014, 154, 157; ID version is in Fig. 14; NT sequence is in Example 1	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQSVTFSYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAEDVAVYYCQQYYRTPPTFGGGTKLDIK
30	30 VL30	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 028, 155; ID version is in Fig. 14; NT sequence is in Example 1	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQSVTFDYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAEDVAVYYCQQYYRTPPTFGGGTKLDIK
17	17 VH17	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 001, 009, 017, 025, 160, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 202, 211; ID version is in Fig. 13;	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGAGTTLTVSS
31	31 VL31	Table 3 Table 4A	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 001, 002, 003; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAEDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGGGTKLDIK

		Fig. 3		
18	18 VH18	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 002, 010, B18, 026, 203, 212; ID version is in Fig. 13;	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVLSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGAGTTLTVSS
19	19 VH19	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 003, 011, 019, 027, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 204, 213; ID version is in Fig. 13;	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTTYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVLSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGAGTTLTVSS
32	32 VL32	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 009, 010, 011; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGGGTKLDIK
33	33 VL33	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 017, B18, 019; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYFASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGGGTKLDIK
34	34 VL34	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 025, 026, 027, 086; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYFASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGGGTKLDIK
20	20 VH20	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Ab 086; ID version is in Fig. 13;	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTTYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSFDGNNRYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSQLRSLLYFEWLSSGVLDYWGQGAMVTVSS
21	21 VH21	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 154,155; ID version is in Fig. 13;	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFSSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNNKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSKLRSLLYFEWLSSGLLDYWGQGAMVTVSS
22	22 VH22	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 157, 159; ID version is in Fig. 13;	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTTYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNNKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSKLRSLLYFEWLSSGLLDYWGQGAMVTVSS
35	35 VL35	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 159; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQSVTWSYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQYYRIPPTFGGGTKLDIK
36	36 VL36	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 160; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMSQSPDTLAVTLGERASINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKVLIYWASARETGVPERFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLEIK
37	37 VL37	Table 3 Table 4A	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 186, 194; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGTGTKLDIK
38	38 VL38	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 187, 195; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGSGTKLDIK
39	39 VL39	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 188, 196; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
40	40 VL40	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 189, 197; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGNGTKLDIK
41	41 VL41	Table 3 Table 4A	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 190, 198; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGTGTKLDIK

		Fig. 3		
42	42 VL42	Table 3 Table 4A	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 191, 199; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGSGTKLDIK
43	43 VL43	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 192, 200; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
44	44 VL44	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 193; ID version is in Fig. 14;	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGNGTKLDIK
45	45 VL45	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 202, 203, 204, 210, 031, 032, 033, 034; ID version is in Fig. 14; NT sequence is in Example 1	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
46	46 VL46	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 211, 212, 213, 219, 037, 038, 039, 040; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLGWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
23	23 VH23	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 210, 219 ; ID version is in Fig. 13;	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSKLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGAGTTLTVSS
24	24 VH24	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs A001, A002, A003, A010, A011, 031, 037; ID version is in Fig. 13; NT sequence is in Example 1	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGQGTTLTVSS
47	47 VL47	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs A001, 004, 007, 016; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIVMTQSPDTLAVTLGERATIQCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTITSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
48	48 VL48	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 002, 005, 008, A017; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIVMTQSPDTVAVTVGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
25	25 VH25	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 004, 005, 006, 012, 013, 032, 038, 043, 044, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 051, 052, 067, 068, 069, 070, 073, 074, 075, 076, 077; ID version is in Fig. 13; NT sequence is in Example 1	QVQLLETGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGQGTTLTVSS
49	49 VL49	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs A003, 006, A009, C18; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIVMTQSPDTVAVTLGERATIDCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
26	26 VH26	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 007, 008, A009, A14, 015, 033, 039; ID version is in Fig. 13;	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSQLRTLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGQGTTLTVSS
50	50 VL50	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs A010 012, A14, A019; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIVMTQSPDTLAVTVGERATIRCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
51	51 VL51	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab A011, 013, 015; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIVMTQSPDTLAVSRGERATIDCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED EAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK

27	27 VH27	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 016, A017, C18, A019, 034, 040; ID version is in Fig. 13;	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRTLLYFEWLSQGYFDPWGQGTTLTVSS
60	60 VL60	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 043; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQYYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
52	52 VL52	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 044, 071, 072, 078; ID version is in Fig. 14; NT sequence is in Example 1	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFDYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
57	57 VL57	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 045; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED VATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
59	59 VL59	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 046; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED DATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
55	55 VL55	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 047; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSKLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
58	58 VL58	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 048; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED KATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
54	54 VL54	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 049; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSHLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
56	56 VL56	Table 3 Table 4A	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 050; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSDLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
53	53 VL53	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 051; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSTLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
61	61 VL61	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 052; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSTRESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
153	153 VL153	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 067; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFQYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
154	154 VL154	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 068; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFRYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
155	155 VL155	Table 3 Table 4A	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 069, 079; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFEYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
156	156 VL156	Table 3 Table 4A	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 070; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFDYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSTRESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK

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162	162 VL162	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 17	AA sequence of HC VR of Ab 071	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFSFSTYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADTVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGQGTTLTVSS
163	163 VL163	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 17	AA sequence of HC VR of Ab 072	EVQLLESGGGLRKPGQSLKLSCAASGFSFSTYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGQGTTLTVSS
165	165 VL165	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 17	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 073	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITWNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRIPPSFGQGTKVEIK
166	166 VL166	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 17	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 074, 080	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITWDYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRIPPSFGQGTKVEIK
167	167 VL167	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 17	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 075	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITWQYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
168	168 VL168	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 17	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 076	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITWRYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
169	169 VL169	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 17	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 077, 081	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITWEYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
164	164 VL164	Table 3 Table 4A Fig. 17	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 078, 079, 080, 081	QVQLLETGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGQGTTVTVSS
161	HC161	Table 4A Fig. 2	AA sequence of HC VR consensus; ID version is in Fig. 13;	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFSSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGSNKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSKLRSLLYFEWLSSGLLDYWGQGAMVTVSS
62	LC62	Table 4A Fig. 3	AA sequence of LC VR consensus; ID version is in Fig. 14;	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPED FATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
96	15-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Ab A18; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVISYDGSYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGAGTTLTVSS
110	28-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab A18; non-ID version is in Fig. 3	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQSVTYNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQYYRTPPTFGGGTKLDIK
97	16-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 014, 028; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFSSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGSNKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDTKLRSLLYFEWLSSGLLDYWGQGAMVTVSS
111	29-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 014, 154, 157; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQSVTFSYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQYYRTPPTFGGGTKLDIK
98	17-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Ab 001, 009, 017, 025, 160, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 202, 211; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGAGTTLTVSS
112	30-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 028, 155; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQSVTFDYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQYYRTPPTFGGGTKLDIK
99	18-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 002, 010, B18, 026, 203, 212; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVLSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGAGTTLTVSS

113	35-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 159; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQSVTWSYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQYYRTPPTFGGGTKLDIK
100	19-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 003, 011, 019, 027, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 204, 213; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTTYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVLSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGAGTTLTVSS
114	31-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 001, 002, 003; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGGGTKLDIK
101	21-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 154,155; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFSSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNNKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSKLRSLLYFEWLSSGLLDYWGQGAMVTVSS
115	32-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 009, 010, 011; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGGGTKLDIK
102	22-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 157, 159; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTTYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNNKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSKLRSLLYFEWLSSGLLDYWGQGAMVTVSS
116	33-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 017, B18, 019; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYFASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGGGTKLDIK
103	20-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Ab 086; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTTYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSFDGNNRYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSQLRSLLYFEWLSSGVLDYWGQGAMVTVSS
117	34-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 025, 026, 027, 086; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYFASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGGGTKLDIK
104	23-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 210, 219; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSKLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGAGTTLTVSS
118	36-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 160; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMSQSPDTLAVTLGERASINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKVLIYWASARETGVPERFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLEIK
105	24-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs A001, A002, A003, A010, A011, 031, 037; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGQGTTLTVSS
119	45-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 202, 203, 204, 210, 031, 032, 033, 034 ; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
106	25-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 004, 005, 006, 012, 013, 032, 038, 043, 044, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 051, 052, 067, 068, 069, 070, 073, 074, 075, 076, 077; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDQVQLLETGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGQGTTLTVSS
120	46-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 211, 212, 213, 219, 037, 038, 039, 040; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLGWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
107	26-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 007, 008, A009, A14, 015, 033, 039; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSQLRTLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGQGTTLTVSS
121	37-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 186, 194; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGTGTKLDIK
108	27-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR of Abs 016, A017, C18, A019, 034, 040; non-ID version is in Fig.	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYAMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGNYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRTLLYFEWLSQGYFDPWGQGTTLTVSS

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122	38-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 187, 195; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGSGTKLDIK
109	161-ID	Table 4B Fig. 13	AA sequence of HC VR consensus ID; non-ID version is in Fig. 2;	IDEVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFSSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVVSYDGSNKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMN SLRAEDTAVYYCAKDSKLRSLLYFEWLSSGLLDYWGQGAMVTVSS
123	39-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 188, 196; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
124	40-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 189, 197; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGNGTKLDIK
125	41-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 190, 198; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGTGTKLDIK
126	42-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 191, 199; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGSGTKLDIK
127	43-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 192, 200; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
128	44-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 193; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDEIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQTLSFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGNGTKLDIK
129	47-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs A001, 004, 007, 016	IDDIVMTQSPDILAVTLGERATIQCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTITSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
130	48-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 002, 005, 008, A017; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIVMTQSPDTVAVTVGERATINCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
131	49-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs A003, 006, A009, C18; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIVMTQSPDTVAVTLGERATIDCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
132	50-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs A010 012, A14, A019; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIVMTQSPDTLAVTVGERATIRCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDVAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
133	51-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab A011, 013, 015; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIVMTQSPDTLAVSRGERATIDCKSSQTVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQA EDEAVYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKLDIK
134	52-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 044, 071, 072, 078; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFDYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
135	53-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 051; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSTLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
136	54-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 049; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSHLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
137	55-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 047; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSKLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
138	56-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 050; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSDLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
139	57-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 045; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDVATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
140	58-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 048; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDKATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
141	59-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 046; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDDATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK

142	60-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 043; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQYYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
143	61-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 052; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSTRESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
157	153-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 067; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFQYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
158	154-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 068; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFRYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
159	155-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Abs 069, 079; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFEYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
160	156-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR of Ab 070; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFDYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSTRESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
144	62-ID	Table 4B Fig. 14	AA sequence of LC VR consensus ID; non-ID version is in Fig. 3;	IDDIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSSQSITFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGKAPKLLIYWGSYLESGVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQP EDFATYYCQQHYRTPPSFGQGTKVEIK
63	VH16	Example 1	NT sequence of HC VR of Abs 014, 028	GAGGTACAGCTCCTCGAATCGGGAGGGGGACTGGTCAAACCCGGTCAATCGCTCAAACTCTCGTGTGCAGCGTCAGGTTTTACGTT CAGCTCATATGGGATGCACTGGGTCCGCCAGCCTCCGGGAAAGGGACTGGAGTGGGTGGCAGTCGTGTCGTATGACGGGAGCAATA AGTACTACGCCGATTCAGTGCAAGGTCGGTTTACCATTTCGAGGGATAACAGCAAGAACACGCTCTACTTGCAGATGAACTCACTT AGAGCGGAAGATACGGCTGTGTACTATTGCGCCAAAGACACAAAGCTGCGATCCCTGTTGTACTTCGAATGGTTGTCCTCGGGCTT GCTTGACTATTGGGGGCAGGGCGCCATGGTCACAGTATCCAGCGCGTCGACTAAGGGGCCC
64	VL29	Example 1	NT sequence of LC VR of Abs 014, 154, 157	GAGATCGTGATGACGCAGAGCCCCGATAGCCTCGCTGTCTCATTGGGGGAACGGGCCACGATTAACTGCAAATCCTCACAGTCGGT GACTTTCAGCTATAAGAATTACCTGGCATGGTATCAGCAGAAGCCGGGTCAACCCCCAAAACTGTTGATCTACTGGGCCTCCACAC GCGAGTCGGGAGTCCCGGACCGATTTCGGGTTCAGGGTCCGGCACTGACTTTACCCTCACAATTTCATCGCTTCAAGCGGAGGAT GTAGCAGTGTACTATTGTCAGCAGTATTACAGAACACCTCCCACCTTCGGAGGGGGAACGAAACTTGACATCAAGGGATCC
65	VL30	Example 1	NT sequence of LC VR of Abs 028, 155	NT: GAGATCGTGATGACGCAGAGCCCCGATAGCCTCGCTGTCTCATTGGGGGAACGGGCCACGATTAACTGCAAATCCTCACAGTCGGT GACTTTCGACTATAAGAATTACCTGGCATGGTATCAGCAGAAGCCGGGTCAACCCCCAAAACTGTTGATCTACTGGGCCTCCACAC GCGAGTCGGGAGTCCCGGACCGATTTTCGGGTTCAGGGTCCGGCACTGACTTTACCCTCACAATTTCATCGCTTCAAGCGGAGGAT GTAGCAGTGTACTATTGTCAGCAGTATTACAGAACACCTCCCACCTTCGGAGGGGGAACGAAACTTGACATCAAGGGATCC
66	VH15	Example 1	NT sequence of HC VR of Ab A18	GAAGTGCAACTCCTCGAGTCAGGAGGAGGTTTGGTGAAACCGGGTCAGTCCTTGAAACTGAGCTGTGCAGCAAGCGGGTTCACGTT TACGTCGTACGGCATGCACTGGGTACGGCAGCCTCCCGGGAAGGGACTTGAATGGGTCGCCGTCATCTCATACGACGGGTCGTACA AATACTATGCGGATAGCGTGCAAGGTCGCTTCACAATTTCCCGGGACAATTCGAAGAATACACTGTATCTTCAGATGAACTCGCTC AGGGCTGAGGACACGGCGGTCTATTACTGCGCGAAGGATTCGCGACTCAGATCCCTTTTGTACTTTGAGTGGCTGTCGCAGGGGTA TTTCAACCCATGGGGAGCCGGAACCACTTTGACCGTATCAAGCGCGTCAACAAAGGGGCCC
67	VL28	Example 1	NT sequence of LC VR of Ab A18	GAAATTGTAATGACGCAGAGCCCTGATAGCCTTGCCGTGTCCCTGGGTGAGAGGGCGACAATCAATTGTAAGTCATCACAGTCGGT CACGTACAACTACAAGAACTACCTGGCGTGGTATCAACAGAAACCCGGGCAGCCGCCCAAATTGCTCATCTATTGGGCTTCGACAC GGGAGTCGGGTGTGCCAGACCGCTTCTCCGGGTCAGGATCGGGAACTGACTTCACGTTGACTATTTCGTCCCTCCAGGCAGAAGAT GTAGCCGTCTACTATTGCCAACAGTATTACAGAACGCCGCCTACATTTGGAGGCGGGACCAAACTTGACATCAAGGGATCCGTGGC CGCCCCCAGCGTCTTCATCTTCCCGCCCAGCGACGAGCAGCTGAAGTCGGGCACGGCCAGCGTGGTGTGCCTCCTGAACAACTTCT ACCCCCGCGAGGCGAAGGTCCAGTGGAAGGTGGACAACGCCCTGCAGAGCGGGAACAGCCAGGAGAGCGTGACCGAGCAGGACTCG AAGGACAGCACCTACAGCCTCAGCAGCACCCTGACGCTGAGCAAGGCCGACTACGAGAAGCACAAGGTCTACGCCTGCGAGGTGAC CCACCAGGGGCTCTCGAGCCCCGTGACCAAGAGCTTCAACCGGGGCGAGTG
149	VL52	Example 1	NT sequence of LC VR of Abs 044, 071, 072, 078	GACATTCAGATGACTCAGTCGCCTTCGTCATTGTCCGCCTCCGTGGGTGATAGGGTCACGATCACGTGCCGGAGCAGCCAGTCCAT CACCTTCAATTACAAAAACTATTTGGCATGGTATCAACAGAAACCCGGAAAGGCGCCGAAGCTCCTGATCTACTGGGGTTCATATC TTGAGTCGGGGGTGCCGTCGAGATTTTCGGGCAGCGGATCAGGGACGGATTTCACGCTGACCATTTCGTCACTCCAGCCCGAGGAC

				TTTGCGACATATTACTGTCAACAGCACTACAGGACACCCCCATCTTTCGGACAGGGGACTAAAGTAGAAATCAAGGGATCCGTGGC CGCCCCCAGCGTCTTCATCTTCCCGCCCAGCGACGAGCAGCTGAAGTCGGGCACGGCCAGCGTGGTGTGCCTCCTGAACAACTTCT ACCCCCGCGAGGCGAAGGTCCAGTGGAAGGTGGACAACGCCCTGCAGAGCGGGAACAGCCAGGAGAGCGTGACCGAGCAGGACTCG AAGGACAGCACCTACAGCCTCAGCAGCACCCTGACGCTGAGCAAGGCCGACTACGAGAAGCACAAGGTCTACGCCTGCGAGGTGAC CCACCAGGGGCTCTCGAGCCCCGTGACCAAGAGCTTCAACCGGGGCGAGTGCTGA
150	VL45	Example 1	NT sequence of LC VR of Abs 202, 203, 204, 210, 031, 032, 033, 034	GACATTCAGATGACTCAGTCGCCTTCGTCATTGTCCGCCTCCGTGGGTGATAGGGTCACGATCACGTGCCGGAGCAGCCAGTCCAT CACCTTCAATTACAAAAACTATTTGGCATGGTATCAACAGAAACCCGGAAAGGCGCCGAAGCTCCTGATCTACTGGGGTTCATATC TTGAGTCGGGGGTGCCGTCGAGATTTTCGGGCAGCGGATCAGGGACGGATTTCACGCTGACCATTTCGTCACTCCAGCCCGAGGAC TTTGCGACATATTACTGTCAACAGCACTACAGGACACCCCCATCTTTCGGACAGGGGACTAAAGTAGAAATCAAGGGATCCGTGGC CGCCCCCAGCGTCTTCATCTTCCCGCCCAGCGACGAGCAGCTGAAGTCGGGCACGGCCAGCGTGGTGTGCCTCCTGAACAACTTCT ACCCCCGCGAGGCGAAGGTCCAGTGGAAGGTGGACAACGCCCTGCAGAGCGGGAACAGCCAGGAGAGCGTGACCGAGCAGGACTCG AAGGACAGCACCTACAGCCTCAGCAGCACCCTGACGCTGAGCAAGGCCGACTACGAGAAGCACAAGGTCTACGCCTGCGAGGTGAC CCACCAGGGGCTCTCGAGCCCCGTGACCAAGAGCTTCAACCGGGGCGAGTGCTGAGAATTC
151	VH25	Example 1	NT sequence of HC VR of Abs 004, 005, 006, 012, 013, 032, 038, 043, 044, 045, 046, 047, 048, 049, 050, 051, 052, 067, 068, 069, 070, 073, 074, 075, 076, 077	CAGGTACAATTGCTTGAGACAGGTGGAGGACTCGTGAAGCCAGGTCAGTCATTGAAACTGAGCTGTGCCGCATCCGGGTTCACATT CACTTCCTACGCGATGCACTGGGTCCGCCAGCCTCCCGGAAAGGGACTTGAGTGGGTCGCTGTGGTATCGTATGATGGGAATTACA AATACTATGCAGACTCCGTGCAAGGCCGGTTTACGATTAGCAGGGACAACTCGAAGAATACCCTTTACCTCCAAATGAACTCGCTC CGAGCGGAGGACACGGCGGTGTATTACTGCGCGAAGGATTCACGGTTGAGATCGCTGCTCTATTTTGAATGGTTGTCACAGGGGTA CTTCAACCCGTGGGGTCAGGGAACAACACTGACCGTCAGCTCAGCCTCGACTAAAGGGCCCAGCGTGTTCCCGCTGGCCCCCAGCA GCAAGAGCACCAGCGGCGGGACCGCCGCCCTGGGCTGCCTCGTCAAGGACTACTTCCCCGAGCCCGTGACCGTGTCGTGGAACAGC GGCGCGCTGACGAGCGGGGTCCACACCTTCCCGGCCGTGCTGCAGAGCAGCGGCCTCTACTCGCTGAGCAGCGTGGTCACCGTGCC CAGCAGCAGCCTGGGGACCCAGACGTACATCTGCAACGTGAACCACAAGCCCTCGAACACCAAGGTCGACAAGAAGGTGGAGCCCC CGAAGAGCTGCGACAAAACTCACACATGCCCACCGTGCCCAGGTACTGAACTCCTGGGGGGACCGTCAGTCTTCCTCTTCCCCCCA AAACCCAAGGACACCCTCATGATCTCCCGGACCCCTGAGGTCACATGCGTGGTGGTGGACGTGAGCCACGAAGACCCTGAGGTCAA GTTCAACTGGTACGTGGACGGCGTGGAGGTGCATAATGCCAAGACAAAGCCGCGGGAGGAGCAGTACAACAGCACGTACCGTGTGG TCAGCGTCCTCACCGTCCTGCACCAGGACTGGCTGAATGGCAAGGAGTACAAGTGCAAGGTCTCCAACAAAGCCCTCCCAGCCCCC ATCGAGAAAACCATCTCCAAAGCCAAAGGTGAGCCCCGAGAACCACAGGTGTACACCCTGCCCCCATCCCGGGATGAGCTGACCAA GAACCAGGTCAGCCTGACCTGCCTGGTCAAAGGCTTCTATCCCAGCGACATCGCCGTGGAGTGGGAGAGCAATGGGCAGCCGGAGA ACAACTACAAGACCACGCCTCCCGTGCTGGACTCCGACGGCTCCTTCTTCCTCTACAGCAAGCTCACCGTGGACAAGAGCAGGTGG CAGCAGGGGAACGTCTTCTCATGCTCCGTGATGCATGAGGCTCTGCACAACCACTACACGCAGAAGAGCCTCTCCCTGTCTCCGGG TAAATGA
152	VH24	Example 1	NT sequence of HC VR of Abs A001, A002, A003, A010, A011, 031, 037	GAAGTACAATTGCTTGAGTCGGGTGGAGGACTCGTGAAGCCAGGTCAGTCATTGAAACTGAGCTGTGCCGCATCCGGGTTCACATT CACTTCCTACGCGATGCACTGGGTCCGCCAGCCTCCCGGAAAGGGACTTGAGTGGGTCGCTGTGGTATCGTATGATGGGAATTACA AATACTATGCAGACTCCGTGCAAGGCCGGTTTACGATTAGCAGGGACAACTCGAAGAATACCCTTTACCTCCAAATGAACTCGCTC CGAGCGGAGGACACGGCGGTGTATTACTGCGCGAAGGATTCACGGTTGAGATCGCTGCTCTATTTTGAATGGTTGTCACAGGGGTA CTTCAACCCGTGGGGTCAGGGAACAACACTGACCGTCAGCTCAGCCTCGACTAAAGGGCCCAGCGTGTTCCCGCTGGCCCCCAGCA GCAAGAGCACCAGCGGCGGGACCGCCGCCCTGGGCTGCCTCGTCAAGGACTACTTCCCCGAGCCCGTGACCGTGTCGTGGAACAGC GGCGCGCTGACGAGCGGGGTCCACACCTTCCCGGCCGTGCTGCAGAGCAGCGGCCTCTACTCGCTGAGCAGCGTGGTCACCGTGCC CAGCAGCAGCCTGGGGACCCAGACGTACATCTGCAACGTGAACCACAAGCCCTCGAACACCAAGGTCGACAAGAAGGTGGAGCCCC CGAAGAGCTGCGACGGTACCCACACATGCCCACCGTGCCCAGGTACTGAACTCCTGGGGGGACCGTCAGTCTTCCTCTTCCCCCCA AAACCCAAGGACACCCTCATGATCTCCCGGACCCCTGAGGTCACATGCGTGGTGGTGGACGTGAGCCACGAAGACCCTGAGGTCAA GTTCAACTGGTACGTGGACGGCGTGGAGGTGCATAATGCCAAGACAAAGCCGCGGGAGGAGCAGTACAACAGCACGTACCGTGTGG TCAGCGTCCTCACCGTCCTGCACCAGGACTGGCTGAATGGCAAGGAGTACAAGTGCAAGGTCTCCAACAAAGCCCTCCCAGCCCCC ATCGAGAAAACCATCTCCAAAGCCAAAGGTGAGCCCCGAGAACCACAGGTGTACACCCTGCCCCCATCCCGGGATGAGCTGACCAA GAACCAGGTCAGCCTGACCTGCCTGGTCAAAGGCTTCTATCCCAGCGACATCGCCGTGGAGTGGGAGAGCAATGGGCAGCCGGAGA ACAACTACAAGACCACGCCTCCCGTGCTGGACTCCGACGGCTCCTTCTTCCTCTACAGCAAGCTCACCGTGGACAAGAGCAGGTGG

				CAGCAGGGGAACGTCTTCTCATGCTCCGTGATGCATGAGGCTCTGCACAACCACTACACGCAGAAGAGCCTCTCCCTGTCTCCGGG TAAATGA
94	15	Fig. 1	AA sequence of HC of Ab A18	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFTSYGMHWVRQPPGKGLEWVAVISYDGSYKYYADSVQGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNPWGAGTTLTVSSASTKGPSVFPLAPSSKSTSGGTAALGCLVKDYFPEPVTVSWNS GALTSGVHTFPAVLQSSGLYSLSSVVTVPSSSLGTQTYICNVNHKPSNTKVDKKVEPPKSCDKTHTCPPCPGTELLGGPSVFLFPP KPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSHEDPEVKFNWYVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQYNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKALPAP IEKTISKAKGEPREPQVYTLPPSRDELTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTTPPVLDSDGSFFLYSKLTVDKSRW QQGNVFSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK
95	28	Fig. 1	AA sequence of LC of Ab A18	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINCKSSQSVTYNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKLLIYWASTRESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQYYRTPPTFGGGTKLDIKGSVAAPSVFIFPPSDEQLKSGTASVVCLLNNFYPREAKVQWKVDNALQSGNSQESVTEQDS KDSTYSLSSTLTLSKADYEKHKVYACEVTHQGLSSPVTKSFNRGE
145	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC CDR1 of Ab 044	QSITFDYKNYLA
146	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC CDR1 of FI6 VK	KSSQSVTFNYKNYLA
147	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC CDR2 of FI6 VK	WASARES
148	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC CDR3 of FI6 VK	QQHYRTPPT
68	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC CDR1 of Abs 044, 069, 032, 031	SYAMH
69	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC CDR2 of Abs 044, 069, 032, 031	VVSYDGNYKYYADSVQG
70	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC CDR3 of Abs 044, 069, 032, 031	DSRLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNP
71	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC CDR1 of Abs 032, 031	QSITFNYKNYLA
72	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC CDR2 of Abs 044, 069, 032, 031	WGSYLES
73	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC CDR3 of Abs 044, 069, 032, 031	QQHYRTPPS
74	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC FR1 of Ab 069	QVQLLETGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFT
75	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC FR2 of Ab 069	WVRQPPGKGLEWVA
76	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC FR3 of Ab 069	RFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAVYYCAK
77	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC FR4 of Ab 069	WGQGTTLTVSS
78	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC FR1 of Ab 069	DIQMTQSPSSLSASVGDRVTITCRSS
79	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC FR2 of Ab 069	WYQQKPGKAPKLLIY
80	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC FR3 of Ab 069	GVPSRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQPEDFATYYC
81	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC FR4 of Ab 069	FGQGTKVEIK
82	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC FR1 of Ab 031	EVQLLESGGGLVKPGQSLKLSCAASGFTFT
83	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC CDR1 of Ab A18 et al.	KSSQSVTYNYKNYLA
84	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC CDR2 of Ab A18 et al.	WASTRES
85	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC CDR3 of Ab A18 et al.	QQYYRTPPT
86	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC CDR1 of Ab A18 et al.	SYGMH
87	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC CDR2 of Ab A18 et al.	VISYDGSYKYYADSVQG
88	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of an HC CDR3	DSELRSLLYFEWLSQGYFNP
89	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC FR4 of Ab A18 et al.	WGAGTTLTVSS
90	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC FR1 of Ab A18 et al.	EIVMTQSPDSLAVSLGERATINC

91	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC FR2 of Ab A18 et al.	WYQQKPGQPPKLLIY
92	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC FR3 of Ab A18 et al.	GVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAEDVAVYYC
93	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC FR4 of Ab A18 et al.	FGGGTKLDIK
171	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of HC FR4 of Ab 078 et al	WGQGTTVTVSS
172	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of LC CDR1 of Ab 069	QSITFEYKNYLA
173	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of H3 HA1	QDLPGNDNSTATLCLGHHAVPNGTLVKTITDDQIEVTNATELVQSSSTGKICNNPHRILDGIDCTLIDALLGDPHCDVFQNETWDL FVERSKAFSNCYPYDVPDYASLRSLVASSGTLEFITEGFTWTGVTQNGGSNACKRGPGSGFFSRLNWLTKSGSTYPVLNVTMPNND NFDKLYIWGIHHPSTNQEQTSLYVQASGRVTVSTRRSQQTIIPNIGSRPWVRGLSSRISIYWTIVKPGDVLVINSNGNLIAPRGYF KMRTGKSSIMRSDAPIDTCISECITPNGSIPNDKPFQNVNKITYGACPKYVKQNTLKLATGMRNVPEKQTR
174	n.a.	see text	AA sequence of H3 HA2	GLFGAIAGFIENGWEGMIDGWYGFRHQNSEGTGQAADLKSTQAAIDQINGKLNRVIEKTNEKFHQIEKEFSEVEGRIQDLEKYVED TKIDLWSYNAELLVALENQHTIDLTDSEMNKLFEKTRRQLRENAEEMGNGCFKIYHKCDNACIESIRNGTYDHDVYRDEALNNRFQ IKG
175	n.a.	Fig. 12	AA sequence of HC VR of FI6	QVQLVQSGGGVVQPGRSLRLSCVASGFTFSTYAMHWVRQAPGRGLEWVAVISYDGNYKYYADSVKGRFSISRDNSNNTLHLEMNTL RTEDTALYYCAKDSQLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFDPWGQGTLVTVTS
176	n.a.	Fig. 12	AA sequence of HC VR of FI370	QVQLVQSGGGVVPPGRSLRLSCAASGFTFSTYGMHWVRQAPGKGLEWVAVISYDGNYKYYADSVRGRFTISRDNSKNTLNLDMNSL RTEDTALYYCAKDSQLRSLLYFDWLSQGYFDHWGQGTLVTVSS
177	n.a.	Fig. 12	AA sequence of HC VR of FI6 variant 1	QVQLVESGGGVVQPGRSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYGMHWVRQAPGKGLEWVAVISYDGSNKYYADSVKGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSQLRSLLYFDWLSQGYFDYWGQGTLVTVSS
178	n.a.	Fig. 12	AA sequence of HC VR of FI6 variant 3	QVQLVESGGGVVQPGRSLRLSCAASGFTFSTYAMHWVRQAPGKGLEWVAVISYDANYKYYADSVKGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSL RAEDTAVYYCAKDSQLRSLLYFEWLSQGYFDYWGQGTLVTVSS
179	n.a.	Fig. 12	AA sequence of HC VR of FI6/370	QVQLVQSGGGVVQPGRSLRLSCAASGFTFSTYGMHWVRQAPGKGLEWVAVISYDGNYKYYADSVKGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLEMNSL RTEDTALYYCAKDSQLRSLLYFDWLSQGYFDHWGQGTLVTVSS
180	n.a.	Fig. 12	AA sequence of kappa LC VR of FI6	DIQMTSQPDSLAVSLGARATINCKSSQSVTFNYKNYLAWYQQKPGQPPKVLIYWASARESGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLTISSLQAED VAVYYCQQHYRTPPTFGQGTKVEIK
181		See text	AA sequence of H1 HA1	TNADTICIGYHANNSTDTVDTVLEKNVTVTHSVNLLEDSHNGKLCKLKGIAPLQLGKCNIAGWLLGNPECDLLLTASSWSYIVETS NSENGTCYPGDFIDYEELREQLSSVSSFEKFEIFPKTSSWPNHETTKGVTAACSYAGASSFYRNLLWLTKKGSSYPKLSKSYVNNK GKEVLVLWGVHHPPTGTDQQSLYQNADAYVSVGSSKYNRRFTPEIAARPKVRDQAGRMNYYWTLLEPGDTITFEATGNLIAPWYAF ALNRGSGSGIITSDAPVHDCNTKCQTPHGAINSSLPFQNIHPVTIGECPKYVRSTKLRMATGLRNIPSIQS
182		See text	AA sequence of H1 HA2	GLFGAIAGFIEGGWTGMIDGWYGYHHQNEQGSGYAADQKSTQNAIDGITNKVNSVIEKMNTQFTAVGKEFNNLERRIENLNKKVDDG FLDIWTYNAELLVLLENERTLDFHDSNVRNLYEKVKSQLKNNAKEIGNGCFEFYHKCDDACMESVRNGTYDYPKYSEESKLNREEI DGVKLESMGVYQILAIYSTVASSLVLLVSLGAISFWMCSNGSLQCRICI

EXAMPLES

Example 1. Designing of Anti-HA Antibodies

Human antibodies (IgG) targeting viral hemagglutinin (HA) were computationally designed. HA mediates viral binding to host cell surface receptor, and cell membrane fusion to the viral envelope, resulting in viral entry. The antibody molecules described herein were designed to block HA's fusogenic activity.

All antibody constructs were based on human IgG1 structure (γ1 heavy chain and κ light chain). Point mutations in the V_H (variable heavy domain) and V_L (variable light domain) were computationally designed. These mutations are located within or outside the CDRs (Complementarity Determining Regions). The mutations were designed, e.g., to modify antigen binding properties (e.g., for stronger or weaker binding affinity), or to stabilize structure, or to improve expression properties, etc.

The heavy and light chain sequences of one antibody, called A18 is provided in FIG. 1.

The heavy and light chain pairings for exemplary computationally designed antibodies are shown in Table 3, above in Detailed Description.

DNA sequences for the variable heavy chain and variable light chain for each of antibodies Ab A18, Ab 031, Ab 032, Ab 044, Ab 014 and Ab 028 are provided below.

VH16:

GAGGTACAGCTCCTCGAATCGGGAGGGGGACTGGTCAAACCCGGTCAATCGCTCAAA
CTCTCGTGTGCAGCGTCAGGTTTTACGTTCAGCTCATATGGGATGCACTGGGTCCGC
CAGCCTCCGGGAAAGGGACTGGAGTGGGTGGCAGTCGTGTCGTATGACGGGAGCAAT
AAGTACTACGCCGATTCAGTGCAAGGTCGGTTTACCATTTCGAGGGATAACAGCAAG
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TCTCCGGGTAAATGA (SEQ ID NO:152)

Each of the above sequences can be modified to include an ATCGAT nucleotide sequence at the 5' end, which will encode a variable heavy chain or light chain polypeptide comprising Ile-Asp at the amino terminus.

Example 2. Binding of Anti-HA Antibodies to Hemagglutinins from a Variety of Influenza Viruses as Measured by ELISA

The antibodies were tested for binding to hemagglutinins (HAs) from different influenza strains by ELISA assay. The antibodies were also assayed for BSA binding to test for non-specific binding. There is not necessarily a direct correlation between the binding affinity and the level of effectiveness in in vivo studies.

Binding affinity of antibodies was measured by ELISA. To perform the ELISA, a 96-well flat bottom NUNC Maxisorp plates (Cat#439454), was coated with

the indicated hemagglutinins (HAs) diluted to 2 μg/mL in 1x PBS, 100 μL per well. The plate was sealed with a plate cover, and allowed to incubate overnight at 4 °C static. The plates were then washed three times with 1x PBS + 0.05% Tween-20 (PBST). The HA-coated plates were blocked with 200 μL of 5% Blotto (Santa Cruz Biotechnology Cat#sc-2325) in 1x PBS and incubated at room temperature for 1 hour. Subsequently, the plates were washed three times with PBST. Once washed, the antibodies (described in the disclosure) were diluted to the desired starting concentration in PBST and loaded on the plate with serial dilution. No sample was added to the last well in the set to get the antigen blank reading. The plates were incubated at room temperature for 2 hours, static, and then washed three times with PBST, and tapped to dry. Anti-human HRP-conjugated antibody was diluted in PBST, and 100 μL of HRP-antibody was loaded per well to all wells. After incubation for 1 hour at room temperature, the plates were washed three times with PBST. TMB solution (KPL, Gaithersburg, MD, Cat#50-76-00) was prepared prior to use and allowed to warm to room temperature. The TMB solution was then added to the plate and developed until max OD is between 2 and 3 absorbance units at 650 nm as read on a 96-well plate reader (SpectraMax M2e or similar), or 4 minutes, upon attainment of desired OD, quench the reaction with 1N H_2SO_4 and OD at 450 nm on same plate reader was read on the plate. The OD was plotted as a function of concentration and the relative Kd was calculated using a four-parametric fit.

Antibody Ab 018. Antibody Ab 018 was found to have picomolar binding affinity to Group 1 strains (H1 (A/Solomon Islands/3/2006), H5 (A/Vietnam/1203/2004) and H9 (A/Hong Kong/1073/99)), and at least one Group 2 strain (H7 (A/Netherlands/219/2003) but not at least one strain of H3 (A/Wyoming/03/2003)) when measured by ELISA. See Table 5.

Table 5. Antibody Binding Assays

Antibody	ELISA Kd (pM)					
	H1	H3 Bris 07	H3 Wy03	H5	H7	H9
Ab 018	144	459	VLB	68	845	67

VLB = "Very Low Binding"

Ab 018 also bound with high affinity to H3 from A/Brisbane/10/2007. The binding affinity was comparable to H7 HA. Extending the dose range revealed low affinity binding of A18 to A/Wyoming/03/2003 (FIG. 5).

Ab 018 also bound with high affinity to both HA_0 and intact virus (FIG. 6). The epitope that Ab 018 binds is therefore present on both cleaved and uncleaved HA.

Antibodies Ab 004, Ab 005, Ab 031, Ab 032, Ab 037, and Ab 038. Binding affinities for select antibodies (Ab 004, Ab 005, Ab 031, Ab 032, Ab 037, and Ab 038), as determined by ELISA, are shown in Table 6 below.

Table 6. Antibody Binding Assays

Antibody	ELISA Kd (pM)								Expression Rate (mg/L)
	H1	H3 (Wyo3)	H3 (Bri07)	H3 (NY04)	H3 (Wis05)	H5	H7	H9	
Ab 004	<80	272	<80	66	713	60	73	60	5.8
Ab 005	<80	311	52	65	1093	38	64	35	4.0
Ab 031	<25	331	68	59	253	<25	91	<25	7.4
Ab 032	<25	262	<25	94	208	<25	106	79	23.7
Ab 037	75	512	87	140	313	59	114	75	15.1
Ab 038	64	515	<25	102	199	87	119	<25	12.0

Antibodies Ab 014 and Ab 028. Antibodies Ab 014 and Ab 028 were found to have broad specificity, as measured by ELISA assay (see FIGs. 10A to 10D).

Antibody Ab 044. Antibody Ab 044 was found to have less than 500 pM binding affinity (Kd) to hemagglutinins (HAs) from a variety of influenza strains of different groups, clades, and subtypes, including Group 1 strains ("the H1a cluster" (H1 (A/Solomon Islands/20/1999, A/Puerto Rico/8/34), H2 (A/chicken/PA/2004), H5 (A/Vietnam/1203/2004)); "the H9 cluster" (H9 (A/Hong Kong/1073/1999, A/Guinea fowl/HK/WF10/99)); "the H1b cluster" (H16 (A/black headed gull/Mongolia/1756/2006))) and Group 2 strains ("the H3 cluster" (H3 (A/Brisbane/10/2007, A/New York/55/2004, A/Wyoming/3/2003, A/Wisconsin/67/2005, A/Moscow/10/1999, A/Perth/16/2006, A/Uruguay/716/2007)); "the H7 cluster" (H7 (A/Netherlands/219/2003))), when measured by ELISA.

Antibody Ab 044 was also found to have less than 500 pM binding affinity (Kd) to an HA from influenza B (B/Wisconsin/1/2010) as measured by ELISA.

Example 3. Binding of Anti-HA Antibody Ab 032 to Hemagglutinins from Various Influenza Strains as Measured by Surface Plasmon Resonance (SPR)

The GE Biacore™ Biotin CAPture Kit (Amersham Biosciences, Pittsburgh, PA) has been successfully used to measure the on-rate (k_{on}) and off-rate (k_{off}), from which the dissociation constant ($K_D = k_{off}/k_{on}$) was obtained between two partners. Specifically, the interaction of Ab 032 against sub-stoichiometrically biotinylated and immobilized H3 (A/Brisbane/10/07), H7 (A/Netherlands/219/03), H1 (A/California/07/09), and H5 (A/Vietnam/1203/2004) hemagglutinins from Protein Sciences (Meriden, CT) were assessed using surface-plasmon resonance on a Biacore® 3000 (Amersham Biosciences, Pittsburgh, PA). The kit contains a chip whose surface is covalently modified with single-stranded DNA. The kit also contains complementary DNA modified with streptavidin, which is captured by the surface through hybridization. Biotinylated hemagglutinin targets that have been passaged through two Zeba Spin Desalting Columns and Devices 7k MWCO (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Rockford, IL) to remove unincorporated biotin were applied at the desired RU level (~100 RU of different hemagglutinin ligands on flow cells 2, 3, or 4). The biotinylated target ligand was immobilized by the strong, non-covalent biotin-streptavidin interaction, and modification of target lysines with an activated NHS ester of biotin (#21338 EZ-Link Sulfo-NHS-LC-LC-Biotin from Thermo Fisher Scientific, Rockford, IL) was performed sub-stoichiometrically with respect to the hemagglutinin ~72 kDa monomer to aid in uniform ligand presentation. The kinetic parameters were based on global fitting of 4 or more curves generated by sequential 30 µL/min injections of Ab 032 antibody analyte of increasing concentration (500 sec of on-rate data to fit) and accumulation of the decay data when the injection was stopped (1200 sec of off-rate data to fit), using double reference subtraction and a 1:1 binding with mass transfer model with a docked chip that was normalized with 40% glycerol prior to the experiment. Running buffer and diluent for Ab 032 was 1 x PBS (Gibco®, Life Technologies Corporation, Grand Island, NY) in

3 mM EDTA (pH 8.5) and 0.005% Surfactant P-20 (GE # BR-1000-54, Amersham Biosciences, Pittsburgh, PA). The BIAevaluation software (version 4.1.1) was used in the 'Kinetics Simultaneous ka/kd…' module in which the refractive index was set to 0, the Rmax was fit locally, and the 1:1 binding with mass transfer was employed. The data were 'double reference subtracted' before processing, in which the signal from the reference flow cell (containing the streptavidin surface but no hemagglutinin) was subtracted from the hemagglutinin-containing flow cell of interest; from the curves within this set were then subtracted the curve from the running buffer injection (no antibody). The surface was regenerated by DNA denaturation with an injection of 0.25M NaOH and 6 M guanidine-HCl prior to the next cycle of applying fresh DNA-streptavidin and biotinylated hemagglutinin target for the next Ab 032 concentration injection. Three blank injection full run cycles were performed followed by low to high concentrations of Ab 032 analyte, and the third blank injection was used for double reference subtracting using flow cell 1, which contained hybridized DNA-streptavidin conjugate, but without being charged with biotinylated material.

Binding of Ab 032 antibody analyte was measured against sub-stoichiometrically biotinylated and immobilized hemagglutinin H7 Netherlands target. Two-fold serial dilutions of Ab 032 from 8 nM to 0.5 nM were used against 85 RU H7 deposited.

In a separate experiment, binding of Ab 032 antibody analyte was measured against sub-stoichiometrically biotinylated and immobilized hemagglutinin H1 California 07 target. Two-fold serial dilutions of Ab 032 from 8 nM to 0.5 nM were used against 111 RU H1 deposited.

The results are shown in Table 7 below.

Table 7. Binding Affinity of Ab 032 as Measured by SPR

Antibody : Target	k_{on} ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$)	k_{on} (error)	k_{off} (s^{-1})	k_{off} (error)	K_D (pM)	K_D (error)	Chi^2 (error)
Ab 032:H3 (A/Brisbane/10/07)	1.61×10^6	1.24%	3.76×10^{-4}	0.56%	234	1.36%	0.4
Ab 032:H7 (A/Netherlands/219/03)	1.13×10^6	0.34%	1.61×10^{-4}	0.52%	145	0.62%	0.5
Ab 032:H1	1.55×10^6	0.24%	2.45×10^{-5}	2.28%	16	2.29%	0.8

(A/California/07/09)							
Ab 032:H5 (A/Vietnam/1203/2004)	9.88×10^{5}	0.23%	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.4

The off-rate (k_{off}) for Ab 032 interacting with H5 Vietnam was so slow, that it fell outside of the range of Biacore measurement specifications ($<5x10^{-6}$ s^{-1}), and is therefore designated as not available (NA) in Table 7. Since the dissociation constant (K_D) is determined by the off-rate divided by the on-rate, it also bears the NA designation.

Example 4. In Vitro Antiviral Activity of Anti-HA Antibodies

MIC assay, CPE assay, and qRT-PCR.

The antibodies were tested to determine minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC). Despite the results of the ELISA assay (shown in Example 2) indicating that A18 does not bind a strain of H3 (A/Wyoming/03/2003), A18 neutralized strains of both H1N1 (PR8) and a different strain of H3N2 (X-31) in vitro in a MIC assay. MIC of A18 with PR8 was about 26 μg/mL, and MIC of A18 with X-31 was about 421 μg/mL.

The antibodies described in Table 6 also neutralized H1N1 and H3N2 viruses in vitro. See below in Table 8.

Table 8. Results of MIC Assays

Antibody	MIC (μg/mL)	
	H1N1 (PR8)	H3N2 (X-31)
Ab 004	12	6
Ab 005	10	10
Ab 031	1	20
Ab 032	3	2
Ab 037	4	8
Ab 038	2	4

In a cytopathic effect (CPE) assay, A18 at 10 μg/mL and 50 μg/mL demonstrated near complete inhibition of X-31 infection while the AB1 anti-HA control antibody at 10 μg/mL and 50 μg/mL showed little or no inhibition of X-31 infection (FIG. 4). AB1 binds the stem region of the HA trimer.

A qPCR assay quantification of X-31 viral RNA further indicated that the IC_{50} of A18 is likely significantly lower than 10 μg/mL.

RT-PCR experiments revealed that A18 could neutralize multiple H3N2 strains, including Vic75 (IC_{50}= 2 μg/mL), X-31 (IC_{50}= 0.4 μg/mL) and Bris07 (IC_{50}= ~7 μg/mL).

Visual and Neutral Red Assays.

External validation of in vitro neutralization potential of Ab 032 was confirmed by visual and neutral red assays.

Briefly, the antibodies were prepared in MEM solution with 50 μg/mL gentamicin. Starting at 500 μg/mL as the highest concentration, half-log dilutions were prepared and added to 5 wells each on a 96-well plate with MDCK cells in confluency. Three wells of each dilution were infected with a low titer of virus, and two wells remained uninfected as toxicity controls. Plates were incubated 3-6 days until virus control wells reached maximum cytopathic effect (CPE). Plates were either evaluated by visual scoring of CPE or stained with neutral red dye for approximately 2 hours, then supernatant dye was removed from the wells and the incorporated dye was extracted in 50:50 Sorensen citrate buffer/ethanol, then the optical density (O.D.) was read on a spectrophotometer. O.D. were then converted to percent of cell controls and normalized to the virus control, then the concentration of test compound required to inhibit CPE by 50% (EC50) was calculated by regression analysis. The concentration of compound that would cause 50% CPE in the absence of virus was similarly calculated (CC50). The selectivity index (SI) is the CC50 divided by EC50.

The results are shown below in Table 9.

Table 9. Results of Visual and Neutral Red assays for Ab 032

Virus	Visual			Neutral Red		
	EC_{50}	CC_{50}	SI	EC_{50}	CC_{50}	SI*
H1N1 Ca04	<0.059	>180	>3100	0.2	>180	>900
H1N1 SI	<0.059	>180	>3100	0.08	>180	>2200
H3N2 Bris07	<0.059	>180	>3100	0.076	>180	>2400
H3N2 Fujian03	<0.059	>180	>3100	2.2	>180	>82
H3N2 Pan99	19	>180	>9.5	38	>180	>4.9

H3N2 Shangdong93	0.35	>180	>510	1.5	>180	>120
H3N2 Vic75	1.1	>180	>160	1.3	>180	>140
H3N2 Wyo03	5.3	>180	>34	>180	>180	0
H5N1 Duck81	<0.059	>180	>3100	<0.059	>180	>3100

[a]SI is selectivity index (CC50:EC50)

The in vitro antiviral effect of Ab 044 was also examined by the assay described above. The results are shown in Table 10. In vitro, Ab 044 demonstrated dose-dependent viral inhibition in vitro with an EC_{50} in the range of 0.3 – 6.8 ug/ml against all Group 1 and Group 2 virus strains tested.

Table 10. Results of Neutral Red Assay for Ab 044.

Virus		Inoc.[a]	Ab 044 (μg/mL)		
			EC_{50}[b]	CC_{50}[c]	SI[d]
H1N1	California 04/2009	300	5.1	>500	>98
H1N1	Solomon Islands	160	1.2	>500	>420
H3N2	Brisbane/10/2007	40	0.3	>500	>1700
H3N2	Fujian/411/2003	65	0.3	>500	>1800
H3N2	Panama/2007/99[e]	13	11	>500	>45
H3N2	Shangdong/09/93	100	0.6	>500	>890
H3N2	Victoria/3/75[e]	12	4.9	>500	>100
H3N2	Wyoming/03/2003	10	6.8	>500	>74
H5N1	Duck/MN/1525/81	160	1.5	>500	>330

[a]Inoculum, 50% cell culture infectious dose (CCID50) of virus per well
[b]CC_{50} = 50% toxic concentration of compound without virus added (μg/mL)
[c]EC_{50} = 50% effective antiviral concentration (μg/mL)
[d]SI = CC50/EC50
[e]Mouse-adapted strain

Example 5. In Vitro Drug Resistance Assay

The emergence of drug resistance was evaluated after continuous exposure of the H1N1 influenza strain PR8 to anti-influenza HA-targeting antibodies described herein. In brief, PR8 was pre-incubated with an antibody at the IC_{50} for 40 minutes prior to infecting confluent MDCK cells in a 96 well plate format. Infection occurred for 1 h, at which time antibody and virus containing media was removed and replaced with virus-free media containing the antibody at the IC_{50}. After 48 hours incubation at 37°C, 5% CO_2, the supernatant was removed and viral titer was quantified by real time PCR using primers specific for the virus M protein. Once titered, viral

supernatants were diluted and used to re-infect MDCK cells at the same PFU/mL following pre-incubation with drug at the IC_{50}. As each round of re-infection continues under drug pressure, there is an increased likelihood of selecting for resistant populations. C179 was evaluated as a control agent since it is a known anti-influenza agent that targets the stem region of HA (Okuna et al., J Virol 1993).

An example using two control anti-HA stem antibodies, AB1 and C179 (Takara), is shown in FIG. 11. Concentration of both antibodies was maintained at 1μg/mL (starting IC50 levels for both). After 5 rounds of passaging in the presence of C179, but not in the presence of AB1, PR8 viral titers recovered, suggesting that under given conditions PR8 is resistant to escape from AB1 inhibition but not from that of C179.

Both AB1 and C179 inhibited PR8 propagation in MDCK cells, however this inhibition was lost over five rounds of passaging with C179 treatment while it was retained during AB1 treatment. Drug passaged PR8 was plaque purified to isolate ten plaques which were sequenced for HA to confirm that AB1 was not generating minority resistant populations.

These results indicated that treatment of cells with AB1 prevented production of escape mutants for at least five rounds of infectivity.

Example 6. Inhibitions of H5-Mediated Cell Fusion by Anti-HA Antibodies

Ab 032 and Ab 044 were evaluated for their abilities to block cell-cell fusion. Briefly, the assay utilizes HEK293 cells that stably express and display H5 (Viet04). The membrane-anchored hemagglutinin can be induced to convert to its fusion conformation by a brief (3 minute) exposure to low pH (5.0). A 3-hour incubation period follows to allow the cells to recover and fuse to form syncytia. A nuclear stain is used to aid in the visualization of these fusion products, and their count is used as a gauge of fusion activity. The test antibody is added either before or after the low pH treatment to determine with which stage of the fusion process it interferes.

Ab 032 or Ab 044 was added at the indicated levels to 96-well plate cultures of HEK293 cells displaying surface H5 (Viet04) either 1 hour before or immediately after induction of HA into its fusion conformation by a 3 minute low pH (5.0) or

neutral pH (7.0; control). After the 3-minute induction to stimulate cell fusion, the buffer was replaced with full culture medium (pH 7.4), and the cells were allowed to recover and fuse during a 2-3-hour incubation period. Cell cultures were treated with Ab 032 at either 0, 10 or 100 μg/mL or with Ab 044 at 0, 0.2, 0.78, 3.13, 12.5, or 50 μg/mL, either before or after fusion induction by low pH or treatment with control buffer at neutral pH. The cells were then fixed and their nuclei stained with Hema-3. The degree of cell fusion was measured by the number of syncytia observed under the microscope lens (20X) per field (FIG. 15).

As shown in FIG. 15, Ab 032 is effective in inhibiting cell fusion only when added to the cell culture before the activation of HA by low pH.

As shown in FIG. 18, syncytia formation between HA-expressing cells was inhibited with pre-treatment of Ab 044 in a dose responsive manner. The result indicated that Ab 044 was able to block HA-mediated fusion if present prior to exposure to low pH buffer, presumably by binding to HA and preventing its conversion to the active/fusogenic conformation. Ab044 does not inhibit agglutination of tRBC by H1N1 virus.

Example 7. Prophylactic and Therapeutic Effect of Anti-HA Antibodies in a Murine Co-Infection Model

Therapeutic administration of Ab 032 and Ab 028 rescued mice challenged with H1N1 and H3N2.

To test the effect of anti-HA antibodies in vivo, a mouse model of co-infection was used (McCullers, "Effect of Antiviral Treatment on the Outcome of Secondary Bacterial Pneumonia after Influenza" Jour. Infect. Dis. 190:519-526, 2004). Briefly, on day zero, mice were anaesthetized under isoflurane and challenged intranasally with influenza H1N1 at 100 PFU/head in a volume of 50 μL PBS. On day 7 after viral infection, mice were anesthetized under isoflurane and challenged intranasally with Streptococcus pneumoniae at a dose of 200 CFU/head in a volume of 50 μL PBS. Animals were administered drug by intraperitoneal (IP) treatment in a 200 μL volume on the days as indicated in Table 11. Because the anaesthesia regimen may contribute to the disease state, all mice were anaesthetized at both infection steps. Lungs were harvested on day four post-viral infection for the determination of viral

load and on day eleven post-viral infection for the determination of bacterial load. Lungs were stored at -80°C until such time as all samples could be analyzed for viral and microbial loads respectively. Weight and body score of the animals were recorded daily. Animals were euthanized upon loss of considerable weight (>20%) in conjunction with physical indicators of illness such as piloerection.

A schematic of the experimental design is provided in Table 11 below. The negative control group was co-infected but received no agent other than PBS. Ribavirin, a known inhibitor of H1N1, was used as the positive control for antiviral activity. Azithromycin, a known inhibitor of Streptococcus pneumoniae, was used as the positive control for antibacterial activity. Ab 032 was administered as prophylaxis in a single dose 24 h prior to infection at 10 mg/kg or as therapy in a single dose 48 h after infection at 10 mg/kg. Ab 028 at 10 mg/kg was administered as therapy in a single dose 48 h post infection.

Table 11. Experimental Design for Murine Co-Infection Model

Day	Negative control	Ab 032 (mg/kg)	Ab 032 (mg/kg)	Ribavarin (mg/kg)	Azithromycin (mg/kg)	Ab 028 (mg/kg)
-1	-	10	-	-	-	-
0 (H1N1 Challenge)	-	-	-	75	-	-
1	-	-	-	75	-	-
2	-	-	10	75	-	10
3	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 (Lung Harvest)	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 (Strep Challenge)	-	-	-	-	10	-
8	-	-	-	-	5	-
9	-	-	-	-	5	-
10	-	-	-	-	5	-
11 (Lung Harvest)	-	-	-	-	5	-
12	-	-	-	-	5	-
13	-	-	-	-	5	-
14	-	-	-	-	5	-

Survival curves were generated to describe the experimental outcome. Ribavirin treatment failed to rescue animals from death while Ab 028 therapy resulted in 100% survival (FIG. 16). Ab 032 either as prophylaxis or as therapy at 10 mg/kg protected 80% of mice from death due to secondary pneumococcal infection, despite comprising no direct antibacterial inhibitory activity (FIGs. 9A, 9B and 9C).

Taken together, Ab 028 and Ab 032 can not only impact viral-induced damage but also prevent complications from secondary, opportunistic bacterial infections, such as from Streptococcus pneumonia.

Example 8. Prophylactic and Therapeutic Efficacy of Anti-HA Antibodies AB1 and A18 in H1N1 and H3N2 Mouse Models

The prophylactic and therapeutic efficacy of anti-HA antibodies AB1 and A18 was investigated in the H1N1 and H3N2 mouse models in essentially the same way as described in Example 10.

The results are shown in FIGS. 7A-7B. AB1 and A18 were efficacious at 10 mg/kg against H1N1 (PR8) when administered to mice 48 h post infection (FIG. 7A).

A18 was also efficacious at 10 mg/kg against H3N2 (Vic75) when administered to mice as prophylaxis or 48 h post infection (FIG. 7B).

Example 9. Prophylactic and Therapeutic Efficacy of Anti-HA Antibodies Ab 028, Ab 031, and Ab 032 in H1N1 and H3N2 Mouse Models

The prophylactic and therapeutic efficacy of anti-HA antibodies Ab 028, Ab 031, and Ab 032 was investigated in the H1N1 and H3N2 mouse models in essentially the same way as described in Example 10.

The results are shown in FIGS. 8A-8B. FIG. 8A indicates the survival time of H1N1-infected mice that were administered HA-antibody therapy 48 hours after infection. FIG. 8B indicates survival time of H3N2-infected mice administered HA-antibody therapy 48 hours after infection.

Example 10. Prophylactic and Therapeutic efficacy of Anti-HA Antibody Ab 044 in H1N1 and H3N2 Mouse Models

In vivo experiments were performed to investigate the potential of agent Ab 044 as both therapy and prophylaxis in the H1N1 and H3N2 lethal mouse models. A dose response design was utilized to discriminate the minimum amounts of drug required for therapeutic efficacy. Ab 044 is sometimes referred to herein as G044, G44, or Ab044,

Briefly, both the H1N1 and H3N2 mouse models were lethal with a challenge dose of PR8 at 100 PFU/head and of Victoria at 10,000 PFU/head. Mice were anaesthetized under isoflurane and challenged IN with 50 ul viral suspension. Animals were administered agent IP in a volume of 200 ul, (a) as prophylaxis one day prior to infection, (b) as therapy two days post infection, or (c) as therapy three days post infection. Weight and appearance of the animals were recorded daily. Animals were euthanized upon loss of considerable weight (>20%) in conjunction with high body score indicating illness. Lungs were harvested from some animals on day four post infection for the determination of viral load by plaque assay. In addition, lungs on day eight were submitted for histological examination. The study was completed as follows (Table 12).

Table 12. Experimental Design

Influenza Strain	Agent	Dose (mg/kg)	Time of Administration
H1N1 PR8	PBS (Vehicle)	-	48 h post infection
H1N1 PR8	Ribavirin (+)	75	3 days treatment
H1N1 PR8	Ab 044	10	24 h prior to infection
H1N1 PR8	Ab 044	2.5	24 h prior to infection
H1N1 PR8	Ab 044	0.6	24 h prior to infection
H1N1 PR8	Ab 044	10	48 h post infection
H1N1 PR8	Ab 044	2.5	48 h post infection
H1N1 PR8	Ab 044	0.6	48 h post infection
H1N1 PR8	Ab 044	20	72 h post infection
H3N2 Victoria	PBS (Vehicle)	-	48 h post infection
H3N2 Victoria	Ribavirin (+)	75	3 days treatment
H3N2 Victoria	Ab 044	10	24 h prior to infection
H3N2 Victoria	Ab 044	10	48 h post infection
H3N2 Victoria	Ab 044	2.5	48 h post infection
H3N2 Victoria	Ab 044	0.6	48 h post infection
H3N2 Victoria	Ab 044	20	72 h post infection

Summary of Results

In lethal influenza challenge models against H1N1 (A/Puerto Rico/08/1934; Group 1 virus) or H3N2 (A/Victoria/03/1975; Group 2 virus), a single injection of Ab 044 at 10 mg/kg (48 hours post infection) or 20 mg/kg (72 hours post infection) leads to 100% survival of mice (n=5 per arm) if administered therapeutically. Survival is correlated with secondary metrics, including drop in viral titer and reduction in viral-induced weight loss and body score.

In lethal influenza challenge models against H1N1 (A/Puerto Rico/08/1934) or H3N2 (A/Victoria/03/1975), a single injection of Ab 044 at up to 10 mg/kg (24 hours pre infection leads to 100% protection of mice (n=5 per arm) if administered prophylactically. Survival is correlated with secondary metrics, including drop in viral titer and reduction in viral-induced weight loss and body score.

The detailed experimental results are presented below.

H1N1 Results

Visual cues. Animals were monitored for signs of illness (ruffled fur, hunching) daily. The visual score reflects the average of the group; here, lines without point markers reflect the average of recovering survivor(s).

Mice that were challenged with H1N1 appeared sick three days post infection and were euthanized on day seven, as expected. Mice that were challenged with H1N1 and treated with ribavirin exhibited negligible sign of illness and recovered fully. Mice that were treated with Ab 044 one day prior to challenge at 2.5 mg/kg or 10 mg/kg exhibited no sign of illness. Mice that were treated with Ab 044 one day prior to challenge at 0.6 mg/kg exhibited signs of illness; 60% recovered.

Agent Ab 044 was administered in a dose response manner two days post infection. Animals that received 10 mg/kg exhibited little sign of illness while animals that received 2.5 mg/kg or 0. 6 mg/kg became quite ill with some deaths counted in both groups. Agent Ab 044 was also administered at 20 mg/kg three days post infection; those animals benefited from therapy, with a clear difference between treated and untreated animals on day six, and full recovery by day seven.

Animals were also monitored for weight loss. The weight change reflects the average of the group; here, lines without point markers reflect the average of recovering survivor(s).

Mice that were challenged with H1N1 lost > 20% weight by day seven and were euthanized, as expected. Mice that were challenged but treated with ribavirin at 75 mg/kg once per day for three days exhibited < 10% weight loss and recovered. Mice that were treated with Ab 044 one day prior to challenge at 2.5 mg/kg or 10 mg/kg exhibited no weight loss or gained weight over time. Mice that were treated with Ab 044 prophylaxis at 0.6 mg/kg lost a substantial amount of weight, with three of five animals losing ≥ 16% body weight; two of five animals were euthanized (FIG. 19A).

Ab 044 therapy was administered in a dose response manner. Animals that received 10 mg/kg exhibited 10% weight loss and recovered. Animals that received 2.5 mg/kg lost substantial weight with four of five animals losing > 16% body weight; three animals were euthanized. All but one animal that received 0.6 mg/kg lost >20% body weight and were euthanized (FIG. 19B).

In summary, Ab 044 prophylaxis one day prior to challenge prevented death from H1N1 infection when administered at ≥ 2.5 mg/kg. Ab 044 therapy two days post infection rescued mice from death when administered at 10 mg/kg while Ab 044 therapy three days post infection at 20 mg/kg was fully efficacious.

Viral load. The lung viral loads four days after H1N1 infection were assessed in a single plaque assay (Table 13). The reductions in lung viral load were more substantial than expected in three groups: ribavirin, Ab 044 prophylaxis at 10 mg/kg, and Ab 044 prophylaxis at 2.5 mg/kg. The viral loads in the samples were confirmed by a repeat plaque assay then again by qPCR (data not shown) and thus reported here.

Table 13. Lung Viral Load in Mice Four Days after Challenge with H1N1 PR8

Treatment Group	Dose (mg/kg)	Lung Viral Load H1N1 (PFU/ml)	Log Reduction from Untreated
Untreated	-	6.03	-
Ribavirin	75	4.38	1.65

Ab 044 prophylaxis	10	4.45	1.58
Ab 044 prophylaxis	2.5	4.08	1.95
Ab 044 prophylaxis	0.6	5.38	0.65
Ab 044 therapy at 48 h	10	5.34	0.69
Ab 044 therapy at 48 h	2.5	5.49	0.54
Ab 044 therapy at 48 h	0.6	5.74	0.29
Ab 044 therapy at 72 h	20	5.29	0.74

Comparisons were made between treatment groups to assess the significance of the reductions in lung viral load. Significance ($p<0.05$) was determined Mann Whitney U test. The lung viral load in all treatment arms was significantly different from that in the untreated group, with the exception of the Ab 044 therapy at 0.6 mg/kg at 48 h which was no different from untreated.

H3N2 Results

Visual cues. Animals were monitored for signs of illness (piloerection, hunching) daily.

Mice that were challenged with H3N2 appeared sick three days post infection and were euthanized on day seven, as expected. Mice that were challenged with H3N2 and treated with ribavirin exhibited no sign of illness and recovered fully, as expected. Mice that were treated with Ab 044 one day prior to challenge at 10 mg/kg exhibited no sign of illness.

Agent Ab 044 was administered in a dose response manner two days post infection. Animals that received therapy at $\geq$ 2.5 mg/kg exhibited negligible illness and recovered fully. Mice that received therapy 0.6 mg/kg were indistinguishable from mice in the untreated group, with severe illness and euthanasia required by day seven. Agent Ab 044 was also administered at 20 mg/kg three days post infection; those animals benefited from therapy, with a clear difference between treated and untreated animals on day four, and full recovery by day six.

Animals were also monitored for weight loss (FIGs. 20A-20B).

All mice that were challenged with H3N2 lost > 10% weight by day five and were euthanized with > 20% weight loss on day seven. Mice that were challenged but treated with ribavirin at 75 mg/kg once per day for three days exhibited < 10% weight loss and recovered. Mice that were treated with Ab 044 one day prior to challenge at 10 mg/kg gained weight over time (FIG. 20A).

Ab 044 therapy was administered in a dose response manner. Animals that received 10 mg/kg exhibited ≤ 10% weight loss and recovered. Animals that received 2.5 mg/kg lost > 10% weight but recovered. Animals that received 0.6 mg/kg lost > 20% body weight and were euthanized (FIG. 20B).

Viral load. The lung viral loads four days after H3N2 infection were assessed in a single plaque assay (Table 15).

Table 15. Lung Viral Load in Mice Four Days after Challenge with H3N2

Treatment Group	Dose (mg/kg)	Lung Viral Load H3N2 (PFU/ml)	Log Reduction from Untreated
Untreated	-	6.48	-
Ribavirin	75	5.66	0.82
Ab 044 prophylaxis	10	5.42	1.06
Ab 044 therapy at 48 h	10	5.46	1.02
Ab 044 therapy at 48 h	2.5	5.99	0.49
Ab 044 therapy at 48 h	0.6	6.44	0.04
Ab 044 therapy at 72 h	20	5.64	0.84

Comparisons were made between treatment groups to assess the significance of the reductions in lung viral load. Significance ($p<0.05$) was determined Mann Whitney U test. The lung viral load in all treatment arms was significantly different from that in the untreated group, with two exceptions. The lung viral loads after Ab 044 therapy at 48 h at 2.5 mg/kg or 0.6 mg/kg were no different from untreated.

Correlation between in vitro and in vivo activities.

Agent Ab 044 exhibited reproducible in vitro activity against H1N1 PR8 and H3N2 X31 (Table 17).

Table 17. In vitro activity of Agent Ab 044 as Measured by CPE

Assay #	NB Ref	Agent	Lot #	H1N1 PR8	H3N2 X31
27	56-33	Ab 044	202165	13	13
27	56-33	Ab 044	202175	12	12
27	56-33	Ab 044	202176	18	9
27	56-33	Ab 044	202177	14	14
28	56-56	Ab 044	202188	8	14

In vitro activity has translated into in vivo activity in both models. The lung viral load on day four provided a snapshot of the infection state (FIGs. 21A-21B) and demonstrated a significant ($p<0.05$) reduction in viral load attributable to various treatment strategies with Ab 044.

A second snapshot of the infection was taken when lungs were harvested for histological examination on day eight (Tables 14 and 16). Administration of Ab 044 at 10 mg/kg as prophylaxis one day prior to challenge substantially decreased the severity of necrosis and inflammation attributable to H1N1 infection. Therapeutic administration of Ab 044 at 10 mg/kg two days after infection had no clear effect on the disruption of fine lung structure attributable to H1N1 or H3N2 infections. The expectation was that both Ab 044 prophylaxis and therapy would visibly reduce the inflammation and necrosis associated with influenza infection. Instead, there appears to be a timing component, such that delivery of Ab 044 in advance of the infection alters the cytokine cascade with its recruitment of white cells and resulting inflammation and necrosis while delivery of Ab 044 after infection minimally impacts the outcome.

Survival curves generated for the H1N1 model. Ab 044 prophylaxis resulted in 100% survival despite lethal challenge when administered at ≥ 2.5 mg/kg one day prior to infection (FIG. 22A). 100% survival of lethally infected animals was observed with Ab 044 therapy two days post infection at 10 mg/kg or Ab 044 therapy three days post infection at 20 mg/kg (FIG. 22B).

Survival curves generated for the H3N2 model. Ab 044 prophylaxis at 10 mg/kg resulted in 100% survival (FIG. 23A). 100% survival of lethally infected animals was observed with Ab 044 therapy two days post infection at ≥ 2.5 mg/kg or Ab 044 therapy three days post infection at 20 mg/kg (FIG. 23B).

In summary, Ab 044 was efficacious in both the H1N1 and H3N2 mouse models (Table 18). Administration of Ab 044 prophylaxis at 2.5 mg/kg or higher resulted in 100% survival in the H1N1 model, a dose that would likely also achieve 100% survival in the H3N2 model. Administration of Ab 044 therapy at 48 h post infection at 10 mg/kg against the H1N1 infection and at ≥ 2.5 mg/kg against the H3N2 infection achieved 100% survival. Administration of Ab 044 therapy at 20 mg/kg three days post infection rescued 100% of H1N1- and H3N2-infected animals.

Table 18. In vivo Efficacy of Agent Ab 044 in Lethal Mouse Models

Agent	Administration	Dose (mg/kg)	Survival (%)	
			H1N1 (PR8)	H3N2 (Vic75)
Untreated	-	0	0	0
Ribavirin	Days 0, 1, 2	75	100	100
Ab 044	24 h prior to infection	10	100	100
		2.5	100	nd
		0.6	60	nd
Ab 044	48 h post infection	10	100	100
		2.5	40	100
		0.6	20	0
Ab 044	72 h post infection	20	100	100

Example 11. Prophylactic and Therapeutic Efficacy of Anti-HA Antibody Ab 044 in a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza A Virus Mouse Model

Ab 044 was tested to determine its efficacy in a highly pathogenic avian influenza A H5N1 mouse model.

The objective of this study was to evaluate both prophylactic and therapeutic dosing regimens of Ab 044 for efficacy. The parameters/endpoints to be assessed

included: weight loss (assessed every day for 21), virus lung titer reduction at day 4 post virus exposure, and mortality.

Materials and Methods

Animals: Female 17-20 g BALB/c mice were obtained from Charles River Laboratories (Wilmington, MA) for this study. They were maintained on Wayne Lab Blox and tap water ad libitum. They were quarantined for 24 h prior to use.

Viruses: Influenza A/Vietnam/1203/2004 (H5N1) virus was obtained from Dr. Jackie Katz of Centers for disease control. Mice exposed to lethal dose of the virus (5 MLD50, 5 PFU/mouse) generally die from days 8-13.

Experimental design: Groups of mice were intraperitoneally (i.p.) administered Ab 044 one time (qd) 24 h before virus exposure with doses of Ab 044 at 20, 10, or 5 mg/kg. Five of those mice were sacrificed on day 4 to determine the extent of observable gross lung pathology, the extent of lung edema in the form of increased lung weights, and to determine virus lung titers. The remaining mice were observed for mortality or for adverse events until day 21 following virus exposure. Thirteen mice were treated with 20 mg/kg Ab 044 24 h after virus exposure and 13 mice were treated with 20 mg/kg Ab 044 48 h after virus exposure with 4 mice from each group being sacrificed on day 4 post virus exposure as described of above, the remaining kept for observation of death or adverse events until day 21 following exposure to virus. An additional 7 mice received oseltamivir at 30 mg/kg/d, twice a day for five days (bid X 5) beginning at time 0; being observed for mortality or adverse events until day 21 after virus exposure. Twenty mice were also treated with PSS 48 h after virus exposure, and 5 of these were sacrificed for lung titers on day 4. These mice represented the placebo controls. Mice were weighed every day up to day 21, or until death, beginning just prior to virus exposure.

Lung virus titer determination: Each mouse lung was homogenized in MEM solution and assayed in triplicate for infectious virus in MDCK cells. Samples from each test group were titered in triplicate.

Statistical analysis: Normality of the animal weights was assessed by D'Agostino & Pearson omnibus normality test. Upon finding that the weight data fit a Gaussian distribution, statistical inferences were made by two way analysis of

variance followed by pairwise comparisons using Bonferroni's post-tests to compare each treatment group to the placebo treatment. Survival analysis was done using the Kaplan-Meier graphing method and a Logrank test. That analysis revealed significant differences among the treatment groups. Therefore, pairwise comparisons of survivor curves (PSS vs. any treatment) were analyzed by the Gehan-Breslow-Wilcoxon test to determine which treatment group differed significantly from the placebo group, and the relative significance was adjusted to a Bonferroni-corrected significance threshold for the number of treatment comparisons done.

Hazard ratios (HR), which compare how rapidly groups of treated mice are dying relative to untreated control groups of mice, were determined by the Mantel-Haenszel tests as part of the survival analysis program used above (GraphPad Prism® for MAC v5). The Kruskal-Wallis test, followed by Dunn's posttest for evaluating significant pairwise comparisons, was used to detect significant differences in mean day of death between treatment groups and the placebo-treated mice. Differences in the ratios of live mice/total mice for treatment groups were analyzed using contingency table analysis, and pairwise comparisons to the placebo-treated group were made by Fisher's exact tests.

Virus lung titers from each treatment group were compared to untreated controls using the analysis of variance on log-transformed values assuming equal variance and normal distribution. When significance at $P<0.05$ was achieved by ANOVA analysis of all treatments, individual treatment values were then compared to the PSS control using Newman-Keuls pair-wise comparison tests.

Summary of Results

In a lethal influenza challenge model against H5N1 (A/Vietnam/1203/2004; Group 1 virus), a single injection of Ab 044 at 10-20 mg/kg (24 hours pre- infection) or 20 mg/kg (up to 72 hours post infection) leads to 100% survival of mice (n=5 per arm) if administered therapeutically. Survival is correlated with secondary metrics, including drop in viral titer and reduction in viral-induced weight loss and body score. In this same experiment, 30 mg/kg of oseltamivir, administered twice daily for 5 days, resulted in only 60% survival.

Mice treated with Ab 044 at 10 mg/kg were observed for 14 days. Ab 044-treated mice did not lose weight or show any visible signs of stress. Histological analysis was performed on lungs harvested on day 8, where tissues were scored on the basis of observed necrosis or signs of inflammation. Neither necrosis nor inflammation was observed in the tissues of mice treated with Ab 044.

The detailed experimental results are presented below.

Results

The weight data shown in FIG. 24 suggest that the compound was well tolerated even in infected mice, since mice treated with Ab 044 did not lose significant amounts of weight compared to the starting weights of these treated mice. In addition, the Ab 044-treated, infected mice were significantly protected against weight loss due to virus infection at all concentrations of Ab 044 used from days 7 to 12 post virus exposure regardless of the dosing regimen used (FIG. 24, Table 19; $P<0.01$-$P<0.001$). The only exception to this generalization was the group of mice that was treated with Ab044 at 5 mg/kg/d (qd X 1, beg. -24 h) on day 12 post virus exposure. Especially notable about the lack of weight loss was the fact that mice treated with the 20 mg/kg doses did not lose weight at all and most mice even had gained weight compared to their starting weight by the end of the experiment. This correlated very well with the fact that mice receiving Ab 044 at 20 mg/kg post virus exposure all survived the infection (FIG. 25). In fact, significant numbers (90-100%) of mice survived the infection in each treatment group receiving Ab 044 regardless of dose and treatment regimen used ($P<0.0001$).

Table 19. Table of Significant Weight Differences Illustrated in FIG. 24.

	Level of Significance							
Treatment vs. PSS	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
Ab 044 (20 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, -24 h)	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001
Ab 044 (10 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, -24 h)	P<0.01	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.01	P<0.001	P<0.001
Ab 044 (5 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, -24 h)	P<0.01	P<0.01	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	NS[a]	P<0.001	P<0.001
Ab 044 (20 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, +24 h)	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001
Ab 044 (20 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, +48 h)	P<0.01	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001	P<0.001
Oseltamivir (30 mg/kg/d, bid X 5, 0 h)	P<0.01	P<0.001	NS	NS	P<0.05	NS	P<0.01	P<0.001

[a] Not Significant (P>0.05).

Although only 60% of mice treated with oseltamivir survived the infection, this survival rate was significantly different from the infected untreated group of mice ($P = 0.0055$). In the past, when H5N1-infected mice have been treated with oseltamivir at 30 mg/kg/d for eight days instead of the five days as was done in the current study, 90-100% of mice treated for the longer period of time survived the virus infection with little or no weight loss. The weight loss in past studies was significantly less than for untreated, infected mice, unlike the weight loss detected at days 9, 10, and 12 post virus exposure in the current study (FIG. 24, Table 19).

Interestingly, it was during the time period of days 9-12 post virus exposure that mice in the oseltamivir-treated group of mice succumbed to the virus infection in the current study (FIG. 25).

Not only did treatment of mice with Ab 044 significantly protect mice against death as measured by total survivors (Table 20, Live/Total column, $P \leq 0.0019$), but the treatments also profoundly affected the kinetics of death; mice treated with Ab 044 were 11-38 times less likely to die as rapidly from virus infection, if at all, than untreated, infected mice (Table 20, hazards ratios). In addition, for most Ab 044 treatment regimens the one mouse that did succumb to infection in each group did so one to two days later compared to mice that died in the placebo (PSS) group (Table 20, see mean day of death).

Table 20. Effects of Ab 044 on Various Mortality Parameters Measured for BALB/c Mice Infected with a Lethal Dose of Influenza A/Vietnam/1203/2004 H5N1 Virus

Animals: Female 17-20 g BALB/c Mice
Virus: Ia/Vietnam/1203/2004 (H5N1) 1 LD90
Virus route: i.n.
Duration of Experiment: 21 days
Treatment Schedule: Variable
Treatments:
Ab 044
Oseltamivir
Treatment route: i.p.

Treatment	Live/Total	Mean Day of Death ± SD[a]	Median Survival (days)[b]	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)[c]
PSS	0/15	11.3 ± 1.8	11.5	-
Ab 044 (20 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, -24 h)	9/10**	10.0 ± 0.0	Undefined	10.9 (3.9-32.3)
Ab 044 (10 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, -24 h)	9/10**	12.0 ± 0.0	Undefined	14.2 (4.7-42.6)
Ab 044 (5 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, -24 h)	9/10**	13.0 ± 0.0	Undefined	15.74 (5.3-46.7)
Ab 044 (20 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, +24 h)	9/9††	>21***	Undefined	38.0 (12.2-116.6)
Ab 044 (20 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, +48 h)	9/9††	>21***	Undefined	38.0 (12.2-116.6)
Oseltamivir (30 mg/kg/d, bid X 5, 0 h)	4/7*	11.3 ± 0.6	Undefined	4.8 (1.6-14.3)

[a] The average time to death among animals succumbing to the infection.
[b] The time at which fractional survival equals 50%. (i.e., the calculated time at which half the subjects have died and half are still alive.)
[c] Hazard ratios are calculated relative to the placebo.
Live/Total: * P = 0.02, ** P = 0.0019 vs. Placebo, †† P = 0.0014 vs. Placebo. Mean Day of Death: *** P<0.001 vs. Placebo.

No gross lung pathology or edema was detected at day 4 post virus exposure, because these infection related phenomena are usually observed at day 8 or later after virus exposure in the H5N1 mouse model. However, the virus lung titers were significantly for reduced in mice treated doses of Ab 044 at 10 mg/kg or greater regardless of when Ab 044 was administered (Table 21, $P<0.05$, $P<0.01$). The virus lung titers from mice treated with 5 mg/kg of Ab 044 were lower, but statistically similar to the virus lung titers detected in the lungs of mice from the placebo group.

Thus, reduction of virus lung titers early in the infection by Ab 044 treatment at 24 h post virus exposure likely reduced the amount of antigen produced that was capable of inducing a pathogenic hyperinflammatory response characteristic of H5N1 pulmonary infections in mice (Otte et al., Am J Pathol 179:230-239 (2011)). However, the virus titer data from the treatment beginning at 48 h post virus exposure seemingly could contradict that hypothesis, since day 4 titers for that group of mice were near the levels of the placebo-treated mice. It may be that treatment at 48 h kept the titers sufficiently low for the next 24 h to avoid a hyper-inflammatory response to the original insult. It is also possible that the compound did not have sufficient time to exert its antiviral effect between 48 hrs and the 4-day virus titer assay, but it had sufficient activity by day 9 when deaths began to protect the mice from death.

Table 21. Effects of Ab 044 on Lung Virus Titer Measured for BALB/c Mice Infected with a Lethal Dose of Influenza A/Vietnam/1203/2004 H5N1 Virus

Animals: Female 17-20 g BALB/c Mice	Treatment Schedule: Variable
Virus: Ia/Vietnam/1203/2004 (H5N1) 1 LD90	Treatments:
Virus route: i.n.	Ab044 Oseltamivir
Duration of Experiment: 21 days	Treatment route: i.p.

Treatment	Lung Virus Titers ± SD
PSS	5.67 ± 0.49
Ab 044 (20 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, -24 h)	3.54 ± 0.91**
Ab 044 (10 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, -24 h)	3.01 ± 1.05**
Ab 044 (5 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, -24 h)	4.40 ± 0.62
Ab 044 (20 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, +24 h)	3.98 ± 0.98*
Ab 044 (20 mg/kg/d, qd X 1, +48 h)	5.24 ± 0.88

* P<0.05, ** P<0.01 vs. Placebo.

In conclusion, at doses of 2.5 and 10 mg/kg, Ab 044 gives 100% protection from lethal challenge of H1N1 and H3N2, respectively. Furthermore, when the monoclonal antibody was administered up to 72 hours after infection, it was completely effective in treating the infection with 100% survival for both H1N1 and H3N2 virus subtypes. Ab 044, regardless of the dose or dosing regimen used (prophylactic or therapeutic), was extremely efficacious in protecting BALB/c mice against death due to an extremely lethal infection with a highly pathogenic avian influenza A H5N1 virus. Moreover, the same Ab 044 treatment regimens were extremely effective in preventing weight loss due to virus infection and in significantly reducing day 4 virus lung titers.

Example 12. Competition Assays for Antibody Epitope Mapping

Competition ELISA is used to test whether a monoclonal antibody (mAb1) alters the ability of another antibody (e.g., mAb2, or test antibody) to bind the target. To perform the assay, a 96-well flat bottom NUNC Maxisorp plates (Cat#439454) is coated with the desired hemagglutinin (HA) diluted to 2 μg/mL in 1x PBS, 100 μL per well. The plate is sealed with a plate cover, and allowed to incubate overnight at 4 °C static. The plates are then washed thrice with 1x PBS + 0.05% Tween-20 (PBST). The HA-coated plates are blocked with 200 μL of 5% Blotto (Santa Cruz Biotechnology Cat#sc-2325) in 1x PBS and incubated at room temperature for 1 hour. Subsequently, the plates are washed thrice with PBST. One hundred microliters of mAb1 is then added to the wells at saturation concentration (determined previously) and incubated for 2 hours at room temperature. Post-incubation, the plates are washed to remove unbound mAb1 and the test antibody (mAb2) is diluted to the desired starting concentration in PBST and loaded on the plate. The plates are incubated at room temperature for 2 hours, static and then washed thrice with PBST, and tapped to dry. Appropriate HRP-conjugated antibody at desired concentration is diluted in PBST, and 100 μL of HRP-antibody is loaded per well to all wells. After incubation for 1 hour at room temperature, the plates are washed thrice with PBST. TMB solution (KPL Cat#50-76-00) is prepared prior to use and allowed to warm to room temperature. The TMB solution in then added to the plate and developed until max OD is between 2 and 3 absorbance units at 650 nm as read on a 96-well plate reader

(SpectraMax M2e or similar). Upon attainment of desired OD, the reaction quenched with 1N H_2SO_4 and the OD at 450 nm is read. The OD is plotted as a function of concentration and the Kd is calculated using a four-parametric fit. The existence of an overlapping epitope between mAb1 and mAb2 will be indicated by a significant drop in binding of mAb2 to HA in the presence of mAb1 relative to that observed in its (mAb1) absence in control wells.

Example 13: Making and Testing of Candidate Antibodies

Recombinant expression of antibody:

For recombinant expression of an IgG1, the V_H and V_L regions of the antibody can be either isolated from B-cells, hybridomas or synthesized and sub-cloned into plasmids containing $C_{H1\text{-}H2\text{-}H3}$ and C_L respectively. Recombinant expression of antibody can be carried out in mammalian cells such as HEK 293-F FreeStyle suspension cells (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) cultured in 293-F FreeStyle Expression Medium (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) maintained at 37 °C, 80% humidity and 8% CO_2. Cells (with > 95% viability) are transfected with Poly-ethylene-imine Max (PEI-MAX, PolySciences) with equivalent amounts of HC and LC containing plasmids. Seven days post-infection, the cells are harvested by spinning the cells at 4000 rpm for 15 min at 4 °C and filtered through a 0.45 μm filter system (Nalgene) and supplemented with 1:1000 diluted protease inhibitor cocktail (Calbiochem).

The antibody is purified from the supernatant using a Protein A resin (Pierce) filled column on a AKTA Purifier FPLC system. The antibody is eluted with a 100 mM Glycine-HCl buffer (pH 2.5) buffer and pH neutralized by the addition of 10% 1M Tris-base 2.5 M NaCl (pH 8.5). The purified sample is then buffer exchanged into 1x PBS (pH 7.4) and concentrated by ultrafiltration/diafiltration (UF/DF) using a 30 KDa MWCO spin filter (Millipore). Purified antibody is quantified using NanoDrop spectrophotometer.

ELISA binding assays

Recombinant hemagglutinin is diluted to 2 μg/mL in PBS and 100 μl is used to coat 96-well microtiter plates (Immuno™ Maxisorp, Nunc). The plates are incubated at 4°C overnight. The plates are subsequently washed thrice with 1x PBS +

0.05% Tween-20 (PBST) and then blocked with 200 µL of 5 % Blotto (Santa Cruz Biotechnology) in 1x PBS for 1 hr. The plates are then thrice washed with PBST and antibody serially diluted in PBST is added and incubated for 2 hrs at room temperature. The wells are subsequently washed with PBST and the bound IgG1 is detected using 100 µl of 1:1000 HRP-conjugated anti-hIgG1. After 1 hr incubation, the plates are washed and the reaction was developed using TMB solution (KPL) and stopped by addition of 1N H_2SO_4. The absorbance at 450 nm is measured using d TMB on a SpectraMax M2e plate reader.

Microneutralisation assays

In vitro neutralization assay is performed using the protocol described by *Sidwell and Huffman* to test the ability of the antibody to inhibit infectivity of influenza virus in MDCK cells. Briefly, the antibody is prepared in half-log dilutions starting with 500 µg/mL in MEM solution with 50 µg/mL of gentamicin. Each dilution is added to 5 wells of a 96-well plate with confluent cells. Three wells of each dilution is infected with a low titer of virus, and two wells remain uninfected as toxicity controls. Ribavirin is included as a control. Plates are incubated 3-6 days until virus control wells reached maximum cytopathic effect (CPE). Plates are then stained with neutral red dye for approximately 2 hours, then supernatant dye is removed from the wells and the incorporated dye is extracted in 50:50 Sorensen citrate buffer/ethanol, and the optical density is read on a spectrophotometer. Optical densities are converted to percent of cell controls and normalized to the virus control, and the concentration of test compound required to inhibit CPE by 50% (EC_{50}) is calculated by regression analysis. The concentration of compound that would cause 50% CPE in the absence of virus was similarly calculated (CC_{50}). The selective index (SI) is the CC_{50} divided by EC_{50}.

Incorporation by Reference

All publications, patents, and patent applications mentioned herein are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety as if each individual publication, patent or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated by

reference. In case of conflict, the present application, including any definitions herein, will control.

Equivalents

Those skilled in the art will recognize, or be able to ascertain using no more than routine experimentation, many equivalents to the specific embodiments of the invention described herein. Such equivalents are intended to be encompassed by the following claims

We Claim:

1. An isolated antibody molecule comprising:

(a) a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising:

a CDR1 comprising the sequence S-Y-A-M-H (SEQ ID NO:68);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence V-V-S-Y-D-G-N-Y-K-Y-Y-A-D-S-V-Q-G (SEQ ID NO:69); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence D-S-R-L-R-S-L-L-Y-F-E-W-L-S-Q-G-Y-F-N-P (SEQ ID NO:70); and

(b) a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment comprising

a CDR1 comprising the sequence Q-S-I-T-F-D-Y-K-N-Y-L-A (SEQ ID NO:145);

a CDR2 comprising the sequence W-G-S-Y-L-E-S (SEQ ID NO:72); and

a CDR3 comprising the sequence Q-Q-H-Y-R-T-P-P-S (SEQ ID NO:73).

2. The isolated antibody molecule of claim 1, comprising a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment that comprises SEQ ID NO: 25.

3. The isolated antibody molecule of claim 1 or 2, comprising a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment that comprises SEQ ID NO: 52.

4. The isolated antibody molecule of any of claims 1-3, comprising a heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segment that comprises SEQ ID NO: 25 and a light chain immunoglobulin variable region segment that comprises SEQ ID NO: 52.

5. The isolated antibody molecule of any of claims 1-4, comprising a tetramer of two heavy chain immunoglobulin variable region segments, each comprising SEQ ID NO: 25 and two light chain immunoglobulin variable region segments, each comprising SEQ ID NO: 52.

6. The isolated antibody molecule of any of claims 1-5, wherein said antibody molecule comprises a full length antibody.

7. The isolated antibody molecule of any of claims 1-6, wherein said antibody molecule comprises a humanized antibody molecule.

8. The isolated antibody molecule of any of claims 1-7, wherein said antibody molecule comprises two heavy chain immunoglobulin variable regions and two light chain immunoglobulin variable regions.

9. The isolated antibody molecule of any of claims 1-8, wherein said antibody molecule is an IgG antibody.

10. The isolated antibody molecule of any of claims 1-4, wherein said antibody molecule is a single chain antibody (scFv), a $F(ab')_2$ fragment, a Fab fragment, or an Fd fragment.

11. Use of the antibody molecule of any of claims 1-10 for the manufacture of a medicament for preventing or treating an influenza virus infection in a human subject.

12. The use of claim 11, wherein the human subject is at high risk of exposure to influenza virus.

13. The use of claim 11 or 12, wherein the human subject is immunocompromised, 65 years or older, 6 months to 18 years old, or has a chronic medical condition.

14. The use of any of claims 11-13, wherein the subject has or is at risk of having a secondary bacterial infection.

15. The use of any of claims 11-14, for use in combination with a second agent.

16. The use of claim 15, wherein the second agent is selected from the group consisting of a vaccine, an anti-viral agent, a pain reliever, an anti-inflammatory agent, an

antibiotic, a steroidal agent, a second antibody molecule, an adjuvant, a protease, a glycosidase, and a neuraminidase inhibitor.

17. The use of claim 15, wherein the second agent is selected from the group consisting of acyclovir, ribavirin, amantadine, rimantadine, zanamivir, oseltamivir, laninamivir, and peramivir.

18. The use of any of claims 11-17, wherein the influenza virus is an influenza A virus.

19. The use of claim 18, wherein the influenza A virus is a Group 1 strain.

20. The use of claim 18, wherein the influenza A virus is a Group 2 strain.

21. The use of claim 18, wherein the influenza A virus is selected from the group consisting of H1, H3, H5, H7, and H9 strains.

22. The use of claim 18 or 21, wherein the influenza A virus is an H1N1, H3N2, or H5N1 strain.

23. The use of any of claims 11-22, wherein the antibody molecule is administered at a dose of between 1 mg/kg and 50 mg/kg.

24. The use of any of claims 11-23, wherein the antibody molecule is administered at a dose of between 25 mg/kg and 50 mg/kg.

25. The use of any of claims 11-24, wherein the antibody molecule is administered prior to known exposure to the influenza virus infection.

26. The use of any of claims 11-24, wherein the antibody molecule is administered prior to manifestation of an effect or a symptom of the influenza virus infection.

27. The use of any of claims 11-24, wherein the antibody molecule is administered after known exposure to the influenza virus infection.

28. The use of any of claims 11-24, wherein the antibody molecule is administered after manifestation of an effect or a symptom of the influenza virus infection.

29. The use of any of claims 11-28, wherein the human subject is tested for the influenza virus.

30. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody molecule of any of claims 1-10 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

31. A kit comprising the antibody molecule of any of claims 1-10; and a pharmaceutically acceptable delivery vehicle or buffer, a delivery device, or both.