

INTEGRAL MEMBRANE PROTEIN DISPLAY ON POXVIRUS EXTRACELLULAR ENVELOPED VIRIONS

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BACKGROUND

[0002] Antibodies of defined specificity are being employed in an increasing number of diverse therapeutic applications. A number of methods have been used to obtain useful antibodies for human therapeutic use. These include chimeric and humanized antibodies, and fully human antibodies selected from libraries, *e.g.*, phage display libraries, or from transgenic animals. Immunoglobulin libraries constructed in bacteriophage can derive from antibody producing cells of naïve or specifically immunized individuals and could, in principle, include new and diverse pairings of human immunoglobulin heavy and light chains. Although this strategy does not suffer from an intrinsic repertoire limitation, it requires that complementarity determining regions (CDRs) of the expressed immunoglobulin fragment be synthesized and fold properly in bacterial cells. Many antigen binding regions, however, are difficult to assemble correctly as a fusion protein in bacterial cells. In addition, the protein will not undergo normal eukaryotic post-translational modifications. As a result, this

method imposes a different selective filter on the antibody specificities that can be obtained. Alternatively, fully human antibodies can be isolated from libraries in eukaryotic systems, *e.g.*, yeast display, retroviral display, or expression in DNA viruses such as poxviruses. See, *e.g.*, U.S. Patent No. 7,858,559, and U.S. Patent Appl. Publication No. 2013-028892, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.

[0003] Many important targets for therapeutic antibodies are integral membrane proteins (IMPs), *e.g.*, multi-pass membrane proteins (GPCRs, Ion Channels, etc.) that are difficult to express and purify in a conformationally-intact state. The absence of properly folded target proteins in an isolated state makes the identification and selection of antibodies to these targets challenging. While certain IMPs can be expressed on the surface of cells, *e.g.*, mammalian cells, whole cells are problematic for use in antibody discovery because they are complex antigen mixtures, target expression can be low, and because certain display packages used to construct antibody libraries (*e.g.*, vaccinia virus antibody libraries) can bind to whole cells non-specifically. There remains a need for new methods to express and display target IMPs of interest in their native conformation at a sufficient concentration and with minimal competition from other cell proteins to allow for identification and selection of therapeutic antibodies and antibody-like molecules from display libraries and from animal-based systems.

SUMMARY

[0004] This disclosure provides compositions and methods for expressing and displaying isolated integral membrane proteins (IMPs) or fragments thereof in a native conformation for use in the screening, selecting, and identifying of antibodies or antibody-like molecules that bind to a target IMP of interest.

[0005] In certain embodiments, the disclosure provides an isolated polynucleotide that includes: a first nucleic acid fragment that encodes an integral membrane protein (IMP) or fragment thereof, where the IMP or fragment thereof includes at least one extra-membrane region, at least one transmembrane domain and at least one intra-membrane region, and where a portion of the first nucleic acid

fragment encoding at least one intra-membrane region is situated at the 5' or 3' end of the first nucleic acid fragment; and a second nucleic acid fragment that encodes a fowlpox virus FPV108 protein or functional fragment thereof or a rabbit pox virus RBXV041 protein or functional fragment thereof, where the second nucleic acid fragment is fused in frame to a portion of the first nucleic acid fragment that encodes an intra-membrane region of the IMP. According to these embodiments, a poxvirus infected cell containing the polynucleotide can express an IMP-FPV108 or IMP-RBXV041 fusion protein as part of the outer envelope membrane of an extracellular enveloped virion (EEV). In certain aspects the IMP is a multi-pass membrane protein comprising at least two, at least three, at least four, at least five, at least six or at least seven transmembrane domains. In certain aspects the IMP is a multi-pass membrane protein listed in Table 1.

[0006] In certain aspects the multi-pass IMP can have an odd number of transmembrane domains, the 5' end of the first nucleic acid fragment can encode an extra-membrane region, and the 3' end of the first nucleic acid fragment can encode an intra-membrane region fused to the 5' end of the second nucleic acid fragment. In certain aspects the first nucleic acid fragment of this type can encode, *e.g.*, a G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR). In certain aspects the GPCR can be the human frizzled-4 protein (FZD4), or a fragment thereof, and the polynucleotide can encode a polypeptide that includes amino acids 20 to 892 of SEQ ID NO: 2. In certain aspects the polypeptide can further include a signal peptide, *e.g.*, amino acids 1 to 19 of SEQ ID NO: 2. In certain aspects the GPCR can be a CXC chemokine receptor, *e.g.*, CXCR4, or a fragment thereof, and the polynucleotide can encode a polypeptide that includes the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 3.

[0007] In certain aspects the multi-pass IMP can have an even number of transmembrane domains, and both the 5' and 3' ends of the first nucleic acid fragment can encode intra-membrane regions. In certain aspects, the second nucleic acid fragment can be fused to 3' end of the first nucleic acid fragment. In certain aspects the IMP can be, *e.g.*, human CD20 protein, or CD39 or a fragment thereof.

[0008] In certain aspects, the first and second nucleic acid fragments of a polynucleotide provided herein can be directly fused. In certain aspects the

polynucleotide as provided herein can include a third nucleic acid fragment encoding a heterologous peptide, *e.g.*, a linker sequence, an amino acid tag or label, or a peptide or polypeptide sequence that facilitates purification, such as a histidine tag. In certain aspects a polynucleotide as provided here can be operably associated with a poxvirus promoter, *e.g.*, a p7.5, a T7, or H5 promoter.

[0009] The disclosure further provides an FPV108 or RBXV041 fusion protein encoded by a polynucleotide as provided herein. The disclosure further provides a poxvirus genome, *e.g.*, a fowlpox virus genome or rabbit pox virus genome, that includes a polynucleotide as provided herein. The disclosure further provides a recombinant fowlpox virus EEV that includes a poxvirus genome as provided herein and a recombinant rabbit pox virus EEV that includes a poxvirus genome as provided herein.

[0010] The disclosure further provides a method of producing a recombinant pox virus EEV, such as a fowlpox virus EEV as provided herein where the method includes infecting a host cell permissive for fowlpox virus infectivity with a fowlpox virus comprising a poxvirus genome as provided herein, and recovering EEV released from the host cell. Similarly, the disclosure provides a method of producing a recombinant rabbit pox virus EEV as provided herein where the method includes infecting a host cell permissive for rabbit pox virus infectivity with a rabbit pox virus comprising a poxvirus genome as provided herein, and recovering EEV released from the host cell.

[0011] The disclosure further provides a method to display an integral membrane protein (IMP) or fragment thereof in a native conformation where the method includes infecting host cells permissive for poxvirus infectivity with a recombinant poxvirus that expresses an IMP or fragment thereof as a fusion protein with poxvirus EEV-specific protein or membrane-associated fragment thereof, where EEV produced by the infected host cell comprise the IMP fusion protein as part of the EEV outer envelope membrane and recovering EEV released from the host cell. In certain aspects the IMP or fragment thereof displays on the surface of the EEV in a native conformation. In certain aspects the EEV-specific protein can be the fowlpox

virus FPV018 protein or the rabbit pox virus RBXV041 protein, any membrane-associated fragment thereof, or any combination thereof.

[00012] In certain aspects the EEV-specific protein is F13L (SEQ ID NO: 1) or a functional fragment thereof. In certain aspects the EEV-specific protein is FPV108 (SEQ ID NO: 2) or RBXV041 (SEQ ID NO:3). In certain aspects the IMP is a multi-pass membrane protein that includes at least two, at least three, at least four, at least five, at least six or at least seven transmembrane domains. In certain aspects the IMP can be a G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR), e.g., human FZD4 or CXCR4 as described above, that includes seven transmembrane domains, and the F13L, FPV108, or RBXV041 protein can be fused to the C-terminus of the IMP. In certain aspects the IMP or fragment thereof can have an even number of transmembrane domains, e.g., human CD20 or CD39 as described above, where both the N-terminus and the C-terminus of the IMP or fragment thereof are intra-membrane, and the membrane-associated EEV-specific protein, e.g., FPV108 or RBXV041 can be fused to the N-terminus or the C-terminus of the IMP.

[00013] In certain aspects the membrane-associated EEV specific protein fragment can include or consist of the stalk, transmembrane, and intra-membrane domains of the vaccinia virus A56R protein, e.g., amino acids 108 to 314 of SEQ ID NO: 5.

[00014] A fusion protein as provided, when expressed by a recombinant poxvirus, e.g., a vaccinia virus, fowlpox virus, or rabbit pox virus can appear on the surface of the poxvirus extracellular enveloped virion (EEV) in a native conformation. A recombinant poxvirus EEV comprising the fusion protein is also provided. The disclosure further provides a recombinant poxvirus EEV that includes a heterologous IMP or fragment thereof fused to a poxvirus EEV-specific protein or membrane-associated fragment thereof, where the fusion protein is situated in the EEV outer envelope membrane, and where the IMP or fragment thereof displays on the surface of the EEV in its native conformation. In certain aspects the recombinant poxvirus EEV is a fowlpox virus or rabbit pox virus EEV.

[00015] The disclosure also provides a method to select antibodies that bind to a multi-pass membrane protein (IMP) comprising: (a) providing a first and second

recombinant poxvirus EEV as described herein, wherein the first and second recombinant poxvirus EEV are each generated in a different recombinant poxvirus; (b) immunizing a mammal with the first recombinant poxvirus; (c) contacting a display library that comprises display packages displaying a plurality of antigen binding domains with the second recombinant poxvirus such that the display packages displaying antigen binding domains that specifically bind to the IMP expressed on the EEV can bind thereto, wherein said display library is generated from B cells isolated from the immunized mammal; (d) removing unbound display packages; and (e) recovering display packages that display an antigen binding domain specific for the IMP expressed on the second recombinant EEV.

[00016] **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS/FIGURES**

[00017] **FIGURE 1A-D:** Diagrammatic depiction of integral membrane proteins (IMPs) or fragment thereof fused to fowlpox virus extracellular enveloped virion (EEV)-specific proteins or fragments thereof. The parallel horizontal lines are a diagram of the EEV outer membrane. "6xHis" is disclosed as SEQ ID NO: 15.

[00018] **FIG. 1A** diagrams the extracellular domain (ECD) of an IMP fused to a fragment of the vaccinia A56R protein that includes the transmembrane domain and the intra-membrane domain. **FIG. 1B** diagrams the topology of a typical G protein-coupled receptor fused to the the fowlpox virus EEV-specific protein FPV108. The FPV108 as well as the RBXV041 protein are associated with the inner side of the EEV outer membrane. **FIG. 1C** diagrams the topology of an IMP with an even number of transmembrane domains, *e.g.*, CD20, fused to FPV108. **FIG. 1D** diagrams the topology of an ion channel fused to the fowlpox virus EEV-specific protein FPV108.

[00019] **FIGURE 2:** Diagrammatic depiction of a fowlpox vector used herein.

[00020] **FIGURE 3:** Depiction of the rabbit pox coding regions.

[00021] **FIGURE 4:** Alignment of VVF13L, FPV108, and RBXV041 sequences (SEQ ID NOS 16 and 1-3, respectively, in order of appearance).

[00022] **FIGURE 5:** Percent identity between VVF13L, FPV108, and RBXV041.

[00023] **FIGURE 6:** Pulldown of various viruses: VV/FZD4-F13L, MVA/FZD4-F13L, FPV/FZD4-F13L and FPV/FZD4-FPV108 using an anti-FZD4 antibody coupled to ProG beads followed by plaque assay to titer. Data shows % of each virus pulled down with anti-FZD4 antibody after subtracting the amount pulled down with a control antibody.

[00024] **FIGURE 7:** Pulldown of various viruses: VV/CD20-F13, FPV/CD20-FPV108 and FPV/CD20 (no tag) as well as FPV generated by pseudotyping by infecting QT35/CD20-FPV108 expressing cells with wild type FPV. Pull down was carried out using an anti-CD20 antibody coupled to ProG beads followed by plaque assay to titer. Data shows % of each virus pulled down with anti-CD20 antibody after subtracting the amount pulled down with a control antibody.

[00025] **FIGURE 8:** Pulldown of various viruses: VV/CD39-F13, FPV/CD39-F13L and FPV/CD39-FPV108. Pull down was carried out using an anti-CD39 antibody coupled to ProG beads followed by plaque assay to titer. Data shows % of each virus pulled down with anti-CD39 antibody after subtracting the amount pulled down with a control antibody

[00026] **FIGURE 9:** Pulldown of various viruses: VV/Sema-A56R, MVA/Sema-A56R, as well as FPV generated by pseudotyping by infecting QT35/CD20-FPV108 expressing cells with wild type FPV or transfecting QT35 cells with transfer plasmid expressing Sema-A56R and infecting with wild type FPV. Pull down was carried out using an anti-Sema antibody coupled to ProG beads followed by plaque assay to titer. Data shows % of each virus pulled down with anti-Sema antibody after subtracting the amount pulled down with a control antibody

[00027] **FIGURE 10A -C:** Flow cytometry histograms showing expression of CD20 following infection with FPV-CD20-FPV108 (10A), MVA-CD20-F13L (10B) and Control MVA (T7 strain 10C). Open histograms show staining with anti-CD20 and closed histograms show staining with control IgG.

[00028] **FIGURE 11A-C:** Flow cytometry histograms showing expression of CD39 following infection with FPV-CD39-FPV108 (11A), MVA-CD39-F13L (11B) and Control MVA (T7 strain 11C). Open histograms show staining with anti-CD39 and closed histograms show staining with control IgG.

[00029] **FIGURE 12A-C:** Flow cytometry histograms showing expression of CD20-FPV108 (12A), FZD4-FPV108 (12B) and Sema-A56R (12C) on stably transfected QT35 cells used for pseudotyping

[00030] **FIGURE 13:** Bar graph showing anti-CD20serum antibody binding on CD20-expressing Wil2S cells after initial immunization in BALB/c mice and following a booster dose of an MVA /CD20 EEV or FPV/CD20-FPV108 EEV.

[00031] **FIGURE 14:** Table of five anti-CD20 antibodies selected from B cells of mice immunized with a MVA/CD20EEV and panning on FPV/CD20-FPV108. Table shows binding to CD20-expressing Wil2S cells and absence of binding to CD20 negative cells.

[00032] **FIGURE 15:** Table of five anti-CD20 antibodies selected using the *in vitro* selection protocol described herein with a MVA/CD20-F13L and FPV/CD20-FPV108 EEV showing binding to CD20-expressing Wil2S cells.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[00033] This disclosure provides methods and compositions for expressing and displaying integral membrane proteins (IMPs), *e.g.*, multi-pass (IMPs), in a conformationally intact or native state on the surface of extracellular enveloped virion particles (EEV) of poxviruses, *e.g.*, vaccinia virus, fowlpox virus or rabbit pox virus, as a fusion with a polypeptide segment of an EEV-specific membrane-associated protein, *e.g.*, F13L, FPV108 or RPXV041.

Definitions

[00034] The term "a" or "an" entity refers to one or more of that entity; for example, "a binding molecule," is understood to represent one or more binding molecules. As such, the terms "a" (or "an"), "one or more," and "at least one" can be used interchangeably herein.

[00035] Furthermore, "and/or" where used herein is to be taken as specific disclosure of each of the two specified features or components with or without the other. Thus, the term and/or" as used in a phrase such as "A and/or B" herein is intended to include "A and B," "A or B," "A" (alone), and "B" (alone). Likewise, the

term "and/or" as used in a phrase such as "A, B, and/or C" is intended to encompass each of the following embodiments: A, B, and C; A, B, or C; A or C; A or B; B or C; A and C; A and B; B and C; A (alone); B (alone); and C (alone).

[00036] Unless defined otherwise, technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this disclosure is related. For example, the Concise Dictionary of Biomedicine and Molecular Biology, Juo, Pei-Show, 2nd ed., 2002, CRC Press; The Dictionary of Cell and Molecular Biology, 3rd ed., 1999, Academic Press; and the Oxford Dictionary Of Biochemistry And Molecular Biology, Revised, 2000, Oxford University Press, provide one of skill with a general dictionary of many of the terms used in this disclosure.

[00037] Units, prefixes, and symbols are denoted in their Système International de Unites (SI) accepted form. Numeric ranges are inclusive of the numbers defining the range. Unless otherwise indicated, amino acid sequences are written left to right in amino to carboxy orientation. The headings provided herein are not limitations of the various aspects or aspects of the disclosure, which can be had by reference to the specification as a whole. Accordingly, the terms defined immediately below are more fully defined by reference to the specification in its entirety.

[00038] As used herein, the term "non-naturally occurring" substance, composition, entity, and/or any combination of substances, compositions, or entities, or any grammatical variants thereof, is a conditional term that explicitly excludes, but only excludes, those forms of the substance, composition, entity, and/or any combination of substances, compositions, or entities that are well-understood by persons of ordinary skill in the art as being "naturally-occurring," or that are, or might be at any time, determined or interpreted by a judge or an administrative or judicial body to be, "naturally-occurring."

[00039] As used herein, the term "polypeptide" is intended to encompass a singular "polypeptide" as well as plural "polypeptides," and refers to a molecule composed of monomers (amino acids) linearly linked by amide bonds (also known as peptide bonds). The term "polypeptide" refers to any chain or chains of two or more amino acids, and does not refer to a specific length of the product. Thus, peptides,

dipeptides, tripeptides, oligopeptides, "protein," "amino acid chain," or any other term used to refer to a chain or chains of two or more amino acids are included within the definition of "polypeptide," and the term "polypeptide" can be used instead of, or interchangeably with any of these terms. The term "polypeptide" is also intended to refer to the products of post-expression modifications of the polypeptide, including without limitation glycosylation, acetylation, phosphorylation, amidation, and derivatization by known protecting/blocking groups, proteolytic cleavage, or modification by non-naturally occurring amino acids. A polypeptide can be derived from a biological source or produced by recombinant technology, but is not necessarily translated from a designated nucleic acid sequence. It can be generated in any manner, including by chemical synthesis.

[00040] A polypeptide as disclosed herein can be of a size of about 3 or more, 5 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 25 or more, 50 or more, 75 or more, 100 or more, 200 or more, 500 or more, 1,000 or more, or 2,000 or more amino acids. Polypeptides can have a defined three-dimensional structure, although they do not necessarily have such structure. Polypeptides with a defined three-dimensional structure are referred to as folded, and polypeptides that do not possess a defined three-dimensional structure, but rather can adopt a large number of different conformations, and are referred to as unfolded. As used herein, the term glycoprotein refers to a protein coupled to at least one carbohydrate moiety that is attached to the protein via an oxygen-containing or a nitrogen-containing side chain of an amino acid, *e.g.*, a serine or an asparagine.

[00041] By an "isolated" polypeptide or a fragment, variant, or derivative thereof is intended a polypeptide that is not in its natural milieu. No particular level of purification is required. For example, an isolated polypeptide can be removed from its native or natural environment. Recombinantly produced polypeptides and proteins expressed in host cells are considered isolated as disclosed herein, as are native or recombinant polypeptides that have been separated, fractionated, or partially or substantially purified by any suitable technique.

[00042] As used herein, the term "non-naturally occurring" polypeptide, or any grammatical variants thereof, is a conditional term that explicitly excludes, but only excludes, those forms of the polypeptide that are well-understood by persons of

ordinary skill in the art as being “naturally-occurring,” or that are, or might be at any time, determined or interpreted by a judge or an administrative or judicial body to be, “naturally-occurring.”

[00043] Other polypeptides disclosed herein are fragments, derivatives, analogs, or variants of the foregoing polypeptides, and any combination thereof. The terms "fragment," "variant," "derivative" and "analog" as disclosed herein include any polypeptides that retain at least some of the properties of the corresponding native antibody or polypeptide, for example, specifically binding to an antigen. Fragments of polypeptides include, for example, proteolytic fragments, as well as deletion fragments, in addition to specific antibody fragments discussed elsewhere herein. Variants of, *e.g.*, a polypeptide include fragments as described above, and also polypeptides with altered amino acid sequences due to amino acid substitutions, deletions, or insertions. In certain aspects, variants can be non-naturally occurring. Non-naturally occurring variants can be produced using art-known mutagenesis techniques. Variant polypeptides can comprise conservative or non-conservative amino acid substitutions, deletions or additions. Derivatives are polypeptides that have been altered so as to exhibit additional features not found on the original polypeptide. Examples include fusion proteins. Variant polypeptides can also be referred to herein as "polypeptide analogs." As used herein a "derivative" of a polypeptide can also refer to a subject polypeptide having one or more amino acids chemically derivatized by reaction of a functional side group. Also included as "derivatives" are those peptides that contain one or more derivatives of the twenty standard amino acids. For example, 4-hydroxyproline can be substituted for proline; 5-hydroxylysine can be substituted for lysine; 3-methylhistidine can be substituted for histidine; homoserine can be substituted for serine; and ornithine can be substituted for lysine.

[00044] A "conservative amino acid substitution" is one in which one amino acid is replaced with another amino acid having a similar side chain. Families of amino acids having similar side chains have been defined in the art, including basic side chains (*e.g.*, lysine, arginine, histidine), acidic side chains (*e.g.*, aspartic acid, glutamic acid), uncharged polar side chains (*e.g.*, asparagine, glutamine, serine, threonine, tyrosine, cysteine), nonpolar side chains (*e.g.*, glycine, 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). For example, substitution of a phenylalanine for a tyrosine is a conservative substitution. In certain embodiments, conservative substitutions in the sequences of the polypeptides and antibodies of the present disclosure do not abrogate the binding of the polypeptide or antibody containing the amino acid sequence, to the antigen to which the binding molecule binds. Methods of identifying nucleotide and amino acid conservative substitutions that do not eliminate antigen binding are well-known in the art (see, *e.g.*, Brummell *et al.*, *Biochem.* 32:1180-1 187 (1993); Kobayashi *et al.*, *Protein Eng.* 12(10):879-884 (1999); and Burks *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 94:412-417 (1997)).

[00045] As used herein the term “integral membrane protein” or “IMP” refers to a protein or polypeptide that is attached to a biological membrane. One example of an IMP is a transmembrane protein, which spans the lipid bilayer of the biological membrane one or more times. Single-pass membrane proteins cross the membrane only once, while multi-pass membrane proteins weave in and out, crossing several times. Type I single-pass proteins are positioned with their amino terminus on the outer side of the membrane or “extra-membrane” and their carboxyl-terminus on the interior side of the membrane, or “intra-membrane.” Type II single-pass proteins have their amino-terminus on the intra-membrane side. Multi-pass transmembrane proteins pass through the membrane two or more times and can have a variety of different topologies. Those proteins with an even number of transmembrane domains will have both their amino terminus and carboxy terminus on the same side of the membrane. One example of such a protein is CD20, which is expressed on B cells. Another example of an IMP with an even number of transmembrane domains is CD39, which phosphohydrolyzes ATP, and less efficiently ADP, in a Ca^{2+} - and Mg^{2+} -dependent fashion, to yield AMP. CD39 has two transmembrane domains. Those proteins with an odd number of transmembrane domains will have their amino-and carboxy termini on opposite sides of the membrane. Examples include G-protein coupled receptors, which typically have 7 transmembrane domains, with the amino terminus on the extra-membrane side and the carboxy terminus on the intra-membrane side. Certain IMPs

do not have transmembrane domains and are instead anchored to the membrane, *e.g.*, via a lipid such as glycosylphosphatidylinositol or palmitoyl group. IMPs have myriad biological functions including, but not limited to transporters, linkers, channels, receptors, enzymes, energy transduction or cell adhesion.

[00046] The term "polynucleotide" is intended to encompass a singular nucleic acid as well as plural nucleic acids, and refers to an isolated nucleic acid molecule or construct, *e.g.*, messenger RNA (mRNA), cDNA, or plasmid DNA (pDNA). A polynucleotide can comprise a conventional phosphodiester bond or a non-conventional bond (*e.g.*, an amide bond, such as found in peptide nucleic acids (PNA)). The terms "nucleic acid" or "nucleic acid sequence" refer to any one or more nucleic acid segments, *e.g.*, DNA or RNA fragments, present in a polynucleotide.

[00047] By an "isolated" nucleic acid or polynucleotide is intended any form of the nucleic acid or polynucleotide that is separated from its native environment. For example, gel-purified polynucleotide, or a recombinant polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide contained in a vector would be considered to be "isolated." Also, a polynucleotide segment, *e.g.*, a PCR product, that has been engineered to have restriction sites for cloning is considered to be "isolated." Further examples of an isolated polynucleotide include recombinant polynucleotides maintained in heterologous host cells or purified (partially or substantially) polynucleotides in a non-native solution such as a buffer or saline. Isolated RNA molecules include *in vivo* or *in vitro* RNA transcripts of polynucleotides, where the transcript is not one that would be found in nature. Isolated polynucleotides or nucleic acids further include such molecules produced synthetically. In addition, polynucleotide or a nucleic acid can be or can include a regulatory element such as a promoter, ribosome binding site, or a transcription terminator.

[00048] As used herein, a "non-naturally occurring" polynucleotide, or any grammatical variants thereof, is a conditional definition that explicitly excludes, but only excludes, those forms of the polynucleotide that are well-understood by persons of ordinary skill in the art as being "naturally-occurring," or that are, or that might be at any time, determined or interpreted by a judge or an administrative or judicial body to be, "naturally-occurring."

[00049] As used herein, a "coding region" is a portion of nucleic acid that consists of codons translated into amino acids. Although a "stop codon" (TAG, TGA, or TAA) is not translated into an amino acid, it can be considered to be part of a coding region, but any flanking sequences, for example promoters, ribosome binding sites, transcriptional terminators, introns, and the like, are not part of a coding region. Two or more coding regions can be present in a single polynucleotide construct, *e.g.*, on a single vector, or in separate polynucleotide constructs, *e.g.*, on separate (different) vectors. Furthermore, any vector can contain a single coding region, or can comprise two or more coding regions, *e.g.*, a single vector can separately encode an immunoglobulin heavy chain variable region and an immunoglobulin light chain variable region. In addition, a vector, polynucleotide, or nucleic acid can include heterologous coding regions, either fused or unfused to another coding region. Heterologous coding regions include without limitation, those encoding specialized elements or motifs, such as a secretory signal peptide or a heterologous functional domain.

[00050] In certain embodiments, the polynucleotide or nucleic acid is DNA. In the case of DNA, a polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid that encodes a polypeptide normally can include a promoter and/or other transcription or translation control elements operably associated with one or more coding regions. An operable association is when a coding region for a gene product, *e.g.*, a polypeptide, is associated with one or more regulatory sequences in such a way as to place expression of the gene product under the influence or control of the regulatory sequence(s). Two DNA fragments (such as a polypeptide coding region and a promoter associated therewith) are "operably associated" if induction of promoter function results in the transcription of mRNA encoding the desired gene product and if the nature of the linkage between the two DNA fragments does not interfere with the ability of the expression regulatory sequences to direct the expression of the gene product or interfere with the ability of the DNA template to be transcribed. Thus, a promoter region would be operably associated with a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide if the promoter was capable of effecting transcription of that nucleic acid. The promoter can be a cell-specific promoter that directs substantial transcription of the DNA in

predetermined cells. Other transcription control elements, besides a promoter, for example enhancers, operators, repressors, and transcription termination signals, can be operably associated with the polynucleotide to direct cell-specific transcription.

[00051] A variety of transcription control regions are known to those skilled in the art. These include, without limitation, transcription control regions that function in vertebrate cells, such as, but not limited to, promoter and enhancer segments from cytomegaloviruses (the immediate early promoter, in conjunction with intron-A), simian virus 40 (the early promoter), and retroviruses (such as Rous sarcoma virus). Other transcription control regions include those derived from vertebrate genes such as actin, heat shock protein, bovine growth hormone and rabbit β -globin, as well as other sequences capable of controlling gene expression in eukaryotic cells. Additional suitable transcription control regions include tissue-specific promoters and enhancers as well as lymphokine-inducible promoters (*e.g.*, promoters inducible by interferons or interleukins).

[00052] Poxvirus promoters (*e.g.* p7.5 or H5) or the bacteriophage T7 promoter can also be used as transcription control regions. When employing a T7 promoter, an inducible vaccinia expression system can be utilized. The vaccinia expression system can include, but is not limited, to a first recombinant vaccinia virus that encodes the entire bacteriophage T7 gene 1 coding region for T7 RNA polymerase, and a second recombinant vaccinia virus that encodes a gene of interest flanked by a T7 promoter and termination regulatory elements. Dual infection of eukaryotic cells with both recombinant vaccinia viruses results in synthesis of the T7 RNA polymerase and expression of the gene of interest controlled by the T7 promoter.

[00053] Similarly, a variety of translation control elements are known to those of ordinary skill in the art. These include, but are not limited to ribosome binding sites, translation initiation and termination codons, and elements derived from picornaviruses (particularly an internal ribosome entry site, or IRES, also referred to as a CITE sequence).

[00054] In other embodiments, a polynucleotide can be RNA, for example, in the form of messenger RNA (mRNA), transfer RNA, or ribosomal RNA.

[00055] Polynucleotide and nucleic acid coding regions can be associated with additional coding regions that encode secretory or signal peptides, which direct the secretion of a polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide as disclosed herein. According to the signal hypothesis, proteins secreted by mammalian cells have a signal peptide or secretory leader sequence that is cleaved from the mature protein once export of the growing protein chain across the rough endoplasmic reticulum has been initiated. Those of ordinary skill in the art are aware that polypeptides secreted by vertebrate cells can have a signal peptide fused to the N-terminus of the polypeptide, which is cleaved from the complete or "full length" polypeptide to produce a secreted or "mature" form of the polypeptide. In certain embodiments, the native signal peptide, *e.g.*, an immunoglobulin heavy chain or light chain signal peptide is used, or a functional derivative of that sequence that retains the ability to direct the secretion of the polypeptide that is operably associated with it. Alternatively, a heterologous mammalian signal peptide, or a functional derivative thereof, can be used. For example, the wild-type leader sequence can be substituted with the leader sequence of human tissue plasminogen activator (TPA) or mouse β -glucuronidase.

[00056] As used herein, a "library" is a representative genus of polynucleotides, *e.g.*, a group of polynucleotides related through, for example, their origin from a single animal species, tissue type, organ, or cell type, where the library collectively comprises at least two different species within a given genus of polynucleotides. A library of polynucleotides can include, *e.g.*, at least two, at least 5, at least 10, 100, 10^3 , 10^4 , 10^5 , 10^6 , 10^7 , 10^8 , or 10^9 different species within a given genus of polynucleotides. In certain aspects, a library of polynucleotides as provided herein can encode a plurality of polypeptides that contains a polypeptide of interest. In certain aspects, a library of polynucleotides as provided herein can encode a plurality of immunoglobulin subunit polypeptides, *e.g.*, heavy chain subunit polypeptides or light chain subunit polypeptides. In this context, a "library" as provided herein comprises polynucleotides of a common genus, the genus being polynucleotides encoding immunoglobulin subunit polypeptides of a certain type and class *e.g.*, a library might encode a human μ , γ -1, γ -2, γ -3, γ -4, α -1, α -2, ϵ , or δ heavy chain, or a human κ or λ light chain. Although each member of any one library constructed according to the methods

provided herein can encode the same heavy or light chain constant region and/or a membrane anchoring domain, the library can collectively comprise at least two, at least 5, or at least 10, 100, 10^3 , 10^4 , 10^5 , 10^6 , 10^7 , 10^8 , or 10^9 different variable region associated with the common constant region.

[00057] In other embodiments, the library can contain a plurality of immunoglobulin single-chain fragments that comprise a variable region, such as a light chain variable region or a heavy chain variable region, and/or both a light chain variable region and a heavy chain variable region, *e.g.*, an ScFv fragment.

[00058] As used herein, a “display library” is a library of polynucleotides each carried in a “display package” that expresses the polypeptide encoded by the library polynucleotide on its surface. An antibody display library, for example, can include a plurality of display packages, each displaying an antigen binding domain of an antibody on its surface. When the display library is permitted to interact with an antigen of interest, *e.g.*, immobilized on a solid surface, those display packages that bind the antigen can be isolated from the rest of the library and recovered. The polynucleotide encoding the antigen binding domain displayed on the surface of the display package can then be isolated. Display libraries include, without limitation, phage display libraries in bacteria or libraries in eukaryotic systems, *e.g.*, yeast display, retroviral display, or expression in DNA viruses such as poxviruses. See, *e.g.*, U.S. Patent No. 7,858,559, and U.S. Patent No. 8,637,031, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties. In certain aspects, an antibody display library can be prepared in a poxvirus, *e.g.*, vaccinia virus vector, fowlpox virus (FPV) vector or rabbit pox virus (RBXV) vector, as fusion proteins with an EEV-specific protein, such that the “display packages” are EEV particles. See U.S. Patent No. 8,637,031.

[00059] Such display libraries can be screened against the IMP fusion proteins displayed on the surface of fowlpox or rabbit pox EEV as provided herein.

[00060] By “recipient cell” or “host cell” or “cell” is meant a cell or population of cells in which a recombinant protein can be expressed, a virus can be propagated, or polynucleotide libraries as provided herein can be constructed and/or propagated. A host cell as provided herein is typically a eukaryotic cell or cell line, *e.g.*, a vertebrate, mammalian, rodent, mouse, primate, or human cell or cell line. By “a

population of host cells” is meant a group of cultured cells in which a “library” as provided herein can be constructed, propagated, and/or expressed. Any host cell which is permissive for vaccinia virus, FPV or rabbit pox virus infectivity, as appropriate, is suitable for the methods provided by this disclosure. Host cells for use in the methods provided herein can be adherent, *e.g.*, host cells that grow attached to a solid substrate, or, alternatively, the host cells can be in suspension.

[00061] Host cells as provided herein can comprise a constitutive secretory pathway, where proteins, *e.g.*, proteins of interest expressed by the cell or by a library, are secreted from the interior of the cell either to be expressed on a cell or viral membrane surface or to be fully secreted as soluble polypeptides. In certain aspects, proteins of interest expressed on or in a biological membrane, *e.g.*, an IMP, are expressed on the surface of an enveloped virus produced by the host cell, *e.g.*, an extracellular enveloped vaccinia, fowlpox or rabbit virus, or EEV. IMPs can follow the same pathway as fully secreted forms or proteins, passing through to the ER lumen, except that they can be retained in the ER membrane by the presence of one or more stop-transfer signals, or “transmembrane domains.” Transmembrane domains are hydrophobic stretches of about 20 amino acids that adopt an alpha-helical conformation as they transverse the membrane. Membrane embedded proteins are anchored in the phospholipid bilayer of the plasma membrane. Transmembrane forms of polypeptides of interest, *e.g.*, membrane-anchored immunoglobulin heavy chain polypeptides typically utilize amino terminal signal peptides as do fully secreted forms.

[00062] Signal peptides, transmembrane domains, and cytosolic or “intra-membrane” domains are known for a wide variety of membrane bound and/or fully secreted proteins.

[00063] Suitable transmembrane domains can include but are not limited to the TM domain of the vaccinia virus EEV-specific protein A56R, or the FPV EEV-specific proteins or the EEV-specific FPV transmembrane proteins FPV108, FPV109, or FPV198, or rabbit pox virus transmembrane proteins RPXV041. In certain aspects the EEV specific protein can be anchored to the inner surface of the viral envelope, *e.g.*, FPV108, or RBXV041, or VV F13L, the latter of which is anchored to the inner

surface of the viral envelope via a palmitoyl group, discussed in more detail elsewhere herein.

[00064] As used herein, the term “binding molecule” refers in its broadest sense to a molecule that specifically binds to a receptor, *e.g.*, an epitope or an antigenic determinant. As described further herein, a binding molecule can comprise one or more “antigen binding domains” described herein. A non-limiting example of a binding molecule is an antibody or fragment thereof that retains antigen-specific binding.

[00065] The terms “binding domain” and “antigen binding domain” are used interchangeably herein and refer to a region of a binding molecule that is necessary and sufficient to specifically bind to an epitope. For example, an “Fv,” *e.g.*, a variable heavy chain and variable light chain of an antibody, either as two separate polypeptide subunits or as a single chain, is considered to be a “binding domain.”

[00066] Other antigen binding domains include, without limitation, the variable heavy chain (VHH) of an antibody derived from a camelid species, or six immunoglobulin complementarity determining regions (CDRs) expressed in a fibronectin scaffold.

[00067] The terms “antibody” and “immunoglobulin” can be used interchangeably herein. An antibody (or a fragment, variant, or derivative thereof as disclosed herein) includes at least the variable region of a heavy chain (*e.g.*, for camelid species) or at least the variable regions of a heavy chain and a light chain. Basic immunoglobulin structures in vertebrate systems are relatively well understood. *See, e.g.*, Harlow *et al.*, *Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual*, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1988). Unless otherwise stated, the term “antibody” encompasses anything ranging from a small antigen binding fragment of an antibody to a full sized antibody, *e.g.*, an IgG antibody that includes two complete heavy chains and two complete light chains.

[00068] 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.*, $\gamma 1$ - $\gamma 4$ or $\alpha 1$ - $\alpha 2$). It is the nature

of this chain that determines the "class" of the antibody as IgG, IgM, IgA, IgG, or IgE, respectively. The immunoglobulin subclasses (isotypes) *e.g.*, IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃, IgG₄, IgA₁, IgA₂, etc. are well characterized and are known to confer functional specialization.

[00069] Light chains are classified as either kappa or lambda (κ , λ). Each heavy chain class can be bound with either a kappa or lambda light chain. In general, the light and heavy chains are covalently bonded to each other, and the "tail" portions of the two heavy chains are bonded to each other by covalent disulfide linkages or non-covalent linkages when the immunoglobulins are generated either by hybridomas, B cells or genetically engineered host cells. In the heavy chain, the amino acid sequences run from an N-terminus at the forked ends of the Y configuration to the C-terminus at the bottom of each chain. The basic structure of certain antibodies, *e.g.*, IgG antibodies, includes two heavy chain subunits and two light chain subunits covalently connected via disulfide bonds to form a "Y" structure, also referred to herein as an "H2L2" structure.

[00070] The term "epitope" includes any molecular determinant capable of specific binding to an antibody. In certain aspects, an epitope can include chemically active surface groupings of molecules such as amino acids, sugar side chains, phosphoryl, or sulfonyl, and, in certain aspects, can have three dimensional structural characteristics, and or specific charge characteristics. An epitope is a region of a target that is bound by an antibody.

[00071] The term "target" is used in the broadest sense to include substances that can be bound by a binding molecule. A target can be, *e.g.*, a polypeptide, a nucleic acid, a carbohydrate, a lipid, or other molecule. Moreover, a "target" can, for example, be a cell, an organ, or an organism that comprises an epitope bound that can be bound by a binding molecule.

[00072] Both the light and heavy chains are divided into regions of structural and functional homology. The terms "constant" and "variable" are used functionally. In this regard, it will be appreciated that the variable regions (which can be called "variable domains" interchangeably herein) of both the variable light (VL) and variable heavy (VH) chain portions determine antigen recognition and specificity.

Conversely, the constant domains of the light chain (CL) and the heavy chain (*e.g.*, CH1, CH2 or CH3) confer biological properties such as secretion, transplacental mobility, Fc receptor binding, complement binding, and the like. By convention the numbering of the constant region domains increases as they become more distal from the antigen binding site or amino-terminus of the antibody. The N-terminal portion is a variable region and at the C-terminal portion is a constant region; the CH3 (or CH4 in the case of IgM) and CL domains are at the carboxy-terminus of the heavy and light chain, respectively.

[00073] The six "complementarity determining regions" or "CDRs" present in an antibody antigen binding domain are short, non-contiguous sequences of amino acids that are specifically positioned to form the antigen binding domain as the antibody assumes its three dimensional configuration in an aqueous environment. The remainder of the amino acids in the antigen binding domain, referred to as "framework" regions, show less inter-molecular variability. The framework regions largely adopt a β -sheet conformation and the CDRs form loops that connect, and in some cases form part of, the β -sheet structure. Thus, framework regions act to form a scaffold that provides for positioning the CDRs in correct orientation by inter-chain, non-covalent interactions. The antigen binding domain formed by the positioned CDRs defines a surface complementary to the epitope on the immunoreactive antigen. This complementary surface promotes the non-covalent binding of the antibody to its cognate epitope. The amino acids that make up the CDRs and the framework regions, respectively, can be readily identified for any given heavy or light chain variable region by one of ordinary skill in the art, since they have been defined in various different ways (*see*, "Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest," Kabat, E., *et al.*, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, (1983); and Chothia and Lesk, *J. Mol. Biol.*, 196:901-917 (1987), which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties).

[00074] In the case where there are two or more definitions of a term that is used and/or accepted within the art, the definition of the term as used herein is intended to include all such meanings unless explicitly stated to the contrary. A specific example is the use of the term "complementarity determining region" ("CDR") to

describe the non-contiguous antigen combining sites found within the variable region of both heavy and light chain polypeptides. These particular regions have been described, for example, by Kabat *et al.*, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, "Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest" (1983) and by Chothia *et al.*, *J. Mol. Biol.* 196:901-917 (1987), which are incorporated herein by reference. Immunoglobulin variable domains can also be analyzed, *e.g.*, using the IMGT information system ([www://imgt.cines.fr/](http://imgt.cines.fr/)) (IMGT®/V-Quest) to identify variable region segments, including CDRs. (See, *e.g.*, Brochet *et al.*, *Nucl. Acids Res.*, 36:W503-508, 2008).

[00075] Kabat *et al.* also defined a numbering system for variable domain sequences that is applicable to any antibody. One of ordinary skill in the art can unambiguously assign this system of "Kabat numbering" to any variable domain sequence, without reliance on any experimental data beyond the sequence itself. As used herein, "Kabat numbering" refers to the numbering system set forth by Kabat *et al.*, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, "Sequence of Proteins of Immunological Interest" (1983). Unless use of the Kabat numbering system is explicitly noted, however, consecutive numbering is used for all amino acid sequences in this disclosure.

[00076] Binding molecules, *e.g.*, antibodies or antigen binding fragments, variants, or derivatives thereof include, but are not limited to, polyclonal, monoclonal, human, humanized, or chimeric antibodies, single chain antibodies, epitope-binding fragments, *e.g.*, Fab, Fab' and F(ab')₂, Fd, Fvs, single-chain Fvs (scFv), single-chain antibodies, disulfide-linked Fvs (sdFv), single domain antibodies such as camelid VHH antibodies, fragments comprising either a VL or VH domain, fragments produced by a Fab expression library. ScFv molecules are known in the art and are described, *e.g.*, in US patent 5,892,019. Immunoglobulin or antibody molecules encompassed by this disclosure can be of any type (*e.g.*, IgG, IgE, IgM, IgD, IgA, and IgY), class (*e.g.*, IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, IgG4, IgA1 and IgA2) or subclass of immunoglobulin molecule. Also contemplated are immunoglobulin new antigen receptor (IgNAR) isotypes that are bivalent and comprise a single chain that includes an IgNAR variable domain (VNAR). (See, Walsh *et al.*, *Virology* 411:132-141, 2011).

[00077] By "specifically binds," it is generally meant that a binding molecule, *e.g.*, an antibody or fragment, variant, or derivative thereof binds to an epitope via its antigen binding domain, and that the binding entails some complementarity between the antigen binding domain and the epitope. According to this definition, a binding molecule is said to "specifically bind" to an epitope when it binds to that epitope, via its antigen binding domain more readily than it would bind to a random, unrelated epitope. The term "specificity" is used herein to qualify the relative affinity by which a certain binding molecule binds to a certain epitope. For example, binding molecule "A" can be deemed to have a higher specificity for a given epitope than binding molecule "B," or binding molecule "A" can be said to bind to epitope "C" with a higher specificity than it has for related epitope "D."

[00078] As used herein, the term "affinity" refers to a measure of the strength of the binding of an individual epitope with one or more antigen binding domains, *e.g.*, of an immunoglobulin molecule. *See, e.g.*, Harlow *et al.*, *Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual*, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1988) at pages 27-28. As used herein, the term "avidity" refers to the overall stability of the complex between a population of antigen binding domains and an antigen. *See, e.g.*, Harlow at pages 29-34. Avidity is related to both the affinity of individual antigen binding domains in the population with specific epitopes, and also the valencies of the immunoglobulins and the antigen. For example, the interaction between a bivalent monoclonal antibody and an antigen with a highly repeating epitope structure, such as a polymer, would be one of high avidity. An interaction between a bivalent monoclonal antibody with a receptor present at a high density on a cell surface would also be of high avidity.

[00079] As used herein, the term "heavy chain subunit" or "heavy chain domain" includes amino acid sequences derived from an immunoglobulin heavy chain, a binding molecule, *e.g.*, an antibody comprising a heavy chain subunit can include at least one of: a VH domain, a CH1 domain, a hinge (*e.g.*, upper, middle, and/or lower hinge region) domain, a CH2 domain, a CH3 domain, a CH4 domain, or a variant or fragment thereof.

[00080] As used herein, the term "light chain subunit" or "light chain domain" includes amino acid sequences derived from an immunoglobulin light chain. The light chain subunit includes at least one of a VL or CL (*e.g.*, C κ or C λ) domain.

[00081] Binding molecules, *e.g.*, antibodies or antigen binding fragments, variants, or derivatives thereof can be described or specified in terms of the epitope(s) or portion(s) of an antigen that they recognize or specifically bind. The portion of a target antigen that specifically interacts with the antigen binding domain of an antibody is an "epitope," or an "antigenic determinant." A target antigen can comprise a single epitope or at least two epitopes, and can include any number of epitopes, depending on the size, conformation, and type of antigen.

[00082] As used herein, the terms "linked," "fused" or "fusion" or other grammatical equivalents can be used interchangeably. These terms refer to the joining together of two more elements or components, by whatever means including chemical conjugation or recombinant means. An "in-frame fusion" refers to the joining of two or more polynucleotide open reading frames (ORFs) to form a continuous longer ORF, in a manner that maintains the translational reading frame of the original ORFs. Thus, a recombinant fusion protein is a single protein containing two or more segments that correspond to polypeptides encoded by the original ORFs (which segments are not normally so joined in nature). Although the reading frame is thus made continuous throughout the fused segments, the segments can be physically or spatially separated by, for example, in-frame linker sequence. For example, polynucleotides encoding an IMP and a vaccinia virus EEV-specific protein can be fused, in-frame, but be separated by a polynucleotide encoding a linker or spacer, as long as the "fused" open reading frames are co-translated as part of a continuous polypeptide.

[00083] As used herein, the term "hemagglutinin tag" or "HA tag" is a protein derived from a human influenza hemagglutinin surface glycoprotein (HA) corresponding to amino acids 98-106. The HA tag is extensively used as a general epitope tag in expression vectors. Recombinant proteins can be engineered to express the HA tag, which does not appear to interfere with the bioactivity or the biodistribution of the recombinant protein. This tag facilitates the detection, isolation, and purification of the protein of interest.

[00084] In the context of polypeptides, a "linear sequence" or a "sequence" is an order of amino acids in a polypeptide from the amino or N-terminus to the carboxyl or C-terminus, in which amino acids that neighbor each other in the sequence are contiguous in the primary structure of the polypeptide.

[00085] A portion of a polypeptide that is "amino-terminal" or "N-terminal" to another portion of a polypeptide is that portion that comes earlier in the sequential polypeptide chain. Similarly, a portion of a polypeptide that is "carboxy-terminal" or "C-terminal" to another portion of a polypeptide is that portion that comes later in the sequential polypeptide chain.

[00086] The term "expression" as used herein refers to a process by which a gene produces a biochemical, for example, a polypeptide. The process includes any manifestation of the functional presence of the gene within the cell including, without limitation, gene knockdown as well as both transient expression and stable expression. It includes without limitation transcription of the gene into messenger RNA (mRNA), and the translation of such mRNA into polypeptide(s). If the final desired product is a biochemical, expression includes the creation of that biochemical and any precursors. Expression of a gene produces a "gene product." As used herein, a gene product can be either a nucleic acid, *e.g.*, a messenger RNA produced by transcription of a gene, or a polypeptide that is translated from a transcript. Gene products described herein further include nucleic acids with post transcriptional modifications, *e.g.*, polyadenylation, or polypeptides with post translational modifications, *e.g.*, methylation, glycosylation, the addition of lipids, association with other protein subunits, proteolytic cleavage, and the like.

[00087] The term "eukaryote" or "eukaryotic organism" is intended to encompass all organisms in the animal, plant, and protist kingdoms, including protozoa, fungi, yeasts, green algae, single celled plants, multi celled plants, and all animals, both vertebrates and invertebrates. The term does not encompass bacteria or viruses. A "eukaryotic cell" is intended to encompass a singular "eukaryotic cell" as well as plural "eukaryotic cells," and comprises cells derived from a eukaryote.

[00088] The term “vertebrate” is intended to encompass a singular “vertebrate” as well as plural “vertebrates,” and comprises mammals and birds, as well as fish, reptiles, and amphibians.

[00089] The term “mammal” is intended to encompass a singular “mammal” and plural “mammals,” and includes, but is not limited to humans; primates such as apes, monkeys, orangutans, and chimpanzees; canids such as dogs and wolves; felids such as cats, lions, and tigers; equids such as horses, donkeys, and zebras, food animals such as cows, pigs, and sheep; ungulates such as deer and giraffes; rodents such as mice, rats, hamsters and guinea pigs; and bears. In certain aspects, the mammal is a human subject.

[00090] The terms “tissue culture” or “cell culture” or “culture” or “culturing” refer to the maintenance or growth of plant or animal tissue or cells in vitro under conditions that allow preservation of cell architecture, preservation of cell function, further differentiation, or all three. “Primary tissue cells” are those taken directly from tissue, *i.e.*, a population of cells of the same kind performing the same function in an organism. Treating such tissue cells with the proteolytic enzyme trypsin, for example, dissociates them into individual primary tissue cells that grow or maintain cell architecture when seeded onto culture plates. Cell cultures arising from multiplication of primary cells in tissue culture are called “secondary cell cultures.” Most secondary cells divide a finite number of times and then die. A few secondary cells, however, can pass through this “crisis period,” after which they are able to multiply indefinitely to form a continuous “cell line.” The liquid medium in which cells are cultured is referred to herein as “culture medium” or “culture media.” Culture medium into which desired molecules, *e.g.*, viruses or proteins, *e.g.*, immunoglobulin molecules, have been secreted during culture of the cells therein can be referred to as “conditioned medium.”

[00091] As used herein, the term “identify” refers to methods in which a desired molecule, *e.g.*, a polynucleotide encoding a protein of interest with a desired characteristics or function, is differentiated from a plurality or library of such molecules. Identification methods include “selection” and “screening” or “panning.” As used herein, “selection” methods are those in which the desired molecules can be

directly separated from the library, *e.g.*, via drug resistance. As used herein, “screening” or “panning” methods are those in which pools comprising the desired molecules are subjected to an assay in which the desired molecule can be detected. Aliquots of the pools in which the molecule is detected are then divided into successively smaller pools which are likewise assayed, until a pool which is highly enriched from the desired molecule is achieved.

Poxviruses, *e.g.*, vaccinia, fowlpox or rabbit pox virus EEV vectors

[00092] IMP fusion proteins as provided herein are produced in poxvirus vectors, *e.g.*, vaccinia, fowl pox or rabbit pox virus vectors. The term “poxvirus” includes any member of the family Poxviridae. See, for example, B. Moss in: Virology, 2d Edition, B. N. Fields, D. M. Knipe *et al.*, Eds., Raven Press, p. 2080 (1990). The genus of orthopoxvirus includes, *e.g.*, vaccinia virus, variola virus (the virus that causes smallpox), and raccoon poxvirus. Vaccinia virus is the prototype orthopoxvirus. Fowlpox virus (FPV) belongs to the genus Avipoxvirus (APV), subfamily Chordopoxvirinae, of the family Poxviridae. The genus Avipoxvirus (APV) consists of a cluster of poxviruses that infect fowl, turkey, pigeon and many wild birds. Rabbit pox virus belongs to the genus Leporipoxvirus, which infects rabbits, hares, and squirrels. Rabbitpox virus is antigenically related to vaccinia virus. The first commercially available virus vector vaccine was a fowlpox virus, which, like vaccinia virus, is well-characterized as a vector for the expression of heterologous proteins.

[00093] Poxvirus vectors, in particular vaccinia, FPV or rabbit pox virus vectors, are used to express IMP fusion proteins as provided herein. In certain aspects, the location of a gene encoding an IMP fusion protein can be in a region of the pox virus vector that is non-essential for growth and replication of the virus so that infectious viruses are produced. The FPV genome has been sequenced and each of the open reading frames have been identified by a number. The most widely used locus for insertion of foreign genes into the FPV genome is between FPV 086 and 087, which represent the junction of the FPV left arm (FPV 084, 085, and 086) and right arm (FPV 087 and 088), respectively. The FPV vector map is shown in Figure 2.

[00094] In the case of rabbit pox virus, the complete coding region has been sequenced. See Figure 3. The predicted genes are numbered and shown as straight arrows; regions containing fragments of genes present in other OPVs are shown with staggered arrows to represent frame changes and have been given roman numerals. Open arrowheads indicate that an ORF is split over two lines of the diagram. The scale is shown in kb; thickened lines represent the ITRs of the genome: *, Stop codon. (Journal of General Virology, 86 (Pt 11):2969-77 · December 2005)

[00095] Although a variety of non-essential regions of the vaccinia virus genome have been characterized, the most widely used locus for insertion of foreign genes is the thymidine kinase locus, located in the HindIII J fragment in the genome.

[00096] In certain FPV vectors, the sequence between 086 and 087 has been engineered to contain one or two unique restriction enzyme sites, allowing for convenient use of the trimolecular recombination method recombinant virus production, as described elsewhere herein. In certain vaccinia virus vectors, the tk locus has been engineered to contain one or two unique restriction enzyme sites, allowing for convenient use of the trimolecular recombination method recombinant virus production, as described elsewhere herein.

[00097] Polynucleotides encoding IMP fusion proteins as provided herein can be inserted into pox virus vectors, such as vaccinia, FPV, and rabbit pox virus vectors, under operable association with a transcriptional control region which functions in the cytoplasm of a poxvirus-infected cell.

[00098] Poxvirus transcriptional control regions comprise a promoter and a transcription termination signal. Gene expression in poxviruses is temporally regulated, and promoters for early, intermediate, and late genes possess varying structures. Certain poxvirus genes are expressed constitutively, and promoters for these “early-late” genes bear hybrid structures. Synthetic early-late promoters have also been developed. Suitable poxvirus promoters for expressing IMP fusion proteins as provided herein include, but are not limited to late promoters such as the 7.5-kD promoter, the MIL promoter, the 37-kD promoter, the 11-kD promoter, the 11L promoter, the 12L promoter, the 13L promoter, the 15L promoter, the 17L promoter, the 28-kD promoter, the H1L promoter, the H3L promoter, the H5L promoter, the H6L

promoter, the H8L promoter, the D11L promoter, the D12L promoter, the D13L promoter, the A1L promoter, the A2L promoter, the A3L promoter, and the P4b promoter. See, *e.g.*, Moss, B., "Poxviridae and their Replication" IN Virology, 2d Edition, B. N. Fields, D. M. Knipe *et al.*, Eds., Raven Press, p. 2090 (1990).

[00099] Suitable poxvirus vectors include wild-type vaccinia virus, *e.g.*, strain Western Reserve or WR, or attenuated vaccinia virus, *e.g.*, modified vaccinia Ankara (MVA) (Mayr, A. *et al.*, Infection 3:6-14 (1975)), wild-type fowlpox virus, and wild-type rabbit pox virus and attenuated or modified versions thereof.

[000100] During its replication cycle, a poxvirus, *e.g.*, vaccinia virus, FPV or rabbit pox virus, produces four infectious forms which differ in their membrane structure: intracellular mature virion (IMV), the intracellular enveloped virion (IEV), the cell-associated enveloped virion (CEV) and the extracellular enveloped virion (EEV). The prevailing view is that the IMV have a single lipoprotein membrane, while the CEV and EEV are both surrounded by two membrane layers and the IEV has three envelopes. EEV is shed from the plasma membrane of the host cell and the EEV membrane is derived from the trans-Golgi.

[000101] After infection, the virus loses its membrane(s) and the DNA/protein core is transported along microtubules into the cell. The proteins encoded by early vaccinia mRNAs, fowlpox mRNAs, and rabbit pox mRNAs ("early" is defined as pre-DNA replication) lead to uncoating of the viral core and subsequent DNA replication. This replication occurs in what are termed "viral factories" which are located essentially on top of the ER. Within the viral factory, immature virions (IV) assemble and are processed to form IMV (Intracellular Mature Virus). IMVs contain a membrane that is derived from the ER. The majority of IMVs are released from the cell by cell lysis. Some IMVs are transported on microtubules to sites of wrapping by membranes of the trans-Golgi network or early endosomes. The wrapping of the IMV particles by a double membrane creates a form of vaccinia called IEVs (Intracellular Enveloped Virus). The IEVs are then transported to the cell surface on microtubules. The outer IEV membrane fuses with the plasma membrane to expose a CEV (Cell Associated Enveloped Virus) at the cell surface. Actin polymerization from the host cell can drive the CEV to infect neighboring cells, or the virus can be released as an

EEV. See, e.g., Kim L. Roberts and Geoffrey L. Smith. Trends in Microbiology 16(10):472-479 (2008); Geoffrey L. Smith, *et al.*, Journal of General Virology 83:2915-2931 (2002).

[000102] At least six virus-encoded proteins have been reported as components of the EEV envelope membrane of vaccinia virus. Of these, four proteins (A33R, A34R, A56R, and B5R) are glycoproteins, one (A36R) is a nonglycosylated transmembrane protein, and one (F13L) is a palmitoylated peripheral membrane protein. See, e.g., Lorenzo *et al.*, Journal of Virology 74(22):10535 (2000). During infection, these proteins localize to the Golgi complex, where they are incorporated into infectious virus that is then transported and released into the extracellular medium.

[000103] FPV contains three genes that encode proteins associated with EEVs (Moss B. Poxviridae: the viruses and their replication. In: Fields B N, Knipe D M, Howley P M, *et al.*, editors. Fields virology. Philadelphia, Pa: Lippincott-Raven; 1996. pp. 2637-2671; Ogawa R, Calvert J G, Yanagida N, Nazerian K. Insertional inactivation of a fowlpox virus homologue of the vaccinia virus F12L gene inhibits the release of enveloped virions. J Gen Virol. 1993;74: 55-64.). EEV specific proteins FPV108, FPV109, and FPV198 are similar to Vaccinia virus F13L, F12L, and A34R, respectively (Calvert J G, Ogawa R, Yanagida N, Nazerian K., Identification and functional analysis of the fowlpox virus homolog of the vaccinia virus p37K major envelope antigen gene. Virology. 1992;191: 783-792). Missing from FPV are obvious homologues of vaccinia virus EEV genes B5R, A33R, A36R, and A56R. However, as discussed below, vaccinia A56R functions in recombinant fowlpox virus.

[000104] As provided herein, IMP fusion proteins are directed to and expressed on the EEV membrane as a fusion protein with an EEV-specific protein, e.g., vaccinia virus F13L or A56R, FPV108 (the FPV homolog of F13L), FPV109, and FPV198, rabbit pox virus RBXV041 (the rabbit pox virus homolog of F13L). The F13L (SEQ ID NO: 1), FPV108 (SEQ ID NO: 2), and RBPV041 (SEQ ID NO: 3) proteins are associated with the interior surface of the outermost EEV membrane of vaccinia virus, FPV, or rabbit pox virus, respectively. The amino acid sequence of each of these proteins and their alignment with one another is shown in Figure 4. The percent identity between these three EEV proteins is shown in Figure 5.

[000105] The amino acid sequence of the F13L protein from vaccinia virus strain WR is presented as SEQ ID NO: 1. The two palmitoylated cysteine residues (amino acids 85 and 86 of SEQ ID NO: 1) are underlined. Since F13L does not cross the membrane, it does not have a transmembrane domain or signal peptide.

>F13L (SEQ ID NO: 1)

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MWPFASVPAGAKCRLVETLPENMDFRSDHLTTFECFNEIIT
LAKKYIYIASFCCNPLSTTRGALIFDKLKEASEKGIKIIVLLD
ERGKRNLGELQSHCPDINFITVNIDKKNVGLLLGCFWVSD
DERCYVGNASFTGGSIIHTIKTLGVYSDYPPLATDLRRRFDTF
KAFNSAKNSWLNLCSAACCLPVSTAYHIKNPIGGVFFTDSP
EHLGYSRDLDTDVVIDKLKSAKTSIDIEHLAIVPTTRVDGN
SYYWPDYNSIIEAAINRGVKIRLLVGNWDKNDVYSMATAR
SLDALCVQNDLSVKVFTIQNNTKLLIVDDEYVHITSANFDG
THYQNHGFVSFNSIDKQLVSEAKKIFERDWVSSHSLKI
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[000106] The A56R protein is the vaccinia virus hemagglutinin, and is a standard type I integral membrane protein comprising an amino-terminal extracellular (“extra-membrane”) domain, a single transmembrane domain, and a cytoplasmic (“intra-membrane”) domain. A56R comprises an N-terminal signal peptide of about 33 amino acids, an Ig-like domain extending from about amino acid 34 to about amino acid 103, a stalk region extending from about amino acid 121 to about amino acid 275, a transmembrane domain extending from about amino acid 276 to about amino acid 303, and an cytoplasmic (“inter-membrane”) domain extending from about amino acid 304 to amino acid 314. See DeHaven *et al.*, *J. Gen Virol.* 92:1971-1980 (2011). A56R is presented as SEQ ID NO: 5.

>A56R (SEQ ID NO: 5)

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MTRLPILLLLISLVYATPFPQTSKKIGDDATLSCNRNNTNDY
VVMSAWYKEPNSIILLAAKSDVLYFDNYTKDKISYDSPYDD
LVTTITIKSLTARDAGTYVCAFFMTSTTNDTDKVDYEEYST
ELIVNTDSESTIDIILSGSTHSPETSSKKPDYIDNSNCSSVFEIA
TPEPITDNVEDHTDVTYTSDSINTVSASSGESTTDETPEPIT
DKEDHTVTDTVSYTTVSTSSGIVTTKSTTDDADLYDTYNDN
DTPPPTTVGGSTTSISNYKTKDFVEIFGITALIILSAVAIFCITY
YIYNKRSRKYKTENKV
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[000107] The FPV108 protein is an F13L homolog. EEV membrane proteins are involved with EEV formation, release, and infectivity. The sequence of FPV108 is shown below:

>FPV108 (SEQ ID NO: 2)

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MGNIFKPIPKADYQIVETVPQSLTAINSTNLSTYECFKRLIDLAKKEIYI
ATFCCNLSTNPEGTDILNRLIDVSSKVSUYILVDESSPHKDYEEKSSH
SYIKVDIGVLNNEVGNLLGNFWVVDKLFYIGSASLMGNALTTIKNMGI
YSENNSLAMDLYFRSLDYKHSKKKCLFFTRMATKYHFFKNHNGIFFSDS
PEHMOVGRKRTFDLDCVIHYIDAAKSTIDLAIVSLLPTKRTKDSIVYWPII
KDALIRAVLERGVKLRVLLGFWKTDVISKASIKSLNELGVDHIDISTKV
FRFPVNSKVDDINNSKMMIIDGRYAHVMTANLDGSHFNHHAFFVSFNCMDQ
QFTKKIAEVF ERDWISPYAK EIDMSQI

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[000108] IMP fusion proteins as provided herein can be expressed in any suitable vaccinia, fowlpox virus, or rabbit pox virus. In certain embodiments, the DNA encoding an EEV fusion protein can be inserted into a region of the vaccinia, FPV or rabbit pox virus genome which is non-essential for growth and replication of the vector so that infectious viruses are produced. Although a variety of non-essential regions of the vaccinia and fowlpox virus genomes have been characterized, the most widely used locus for insertion of foreign genes is the thymidine kinase locus, located in the HindIII J fragment in the vaccinia virus genome and in the non-coding region between FPV 086 and 087 for fowlpox virus. IMP fusion proteins as provided herein can be inserted into vaccinia, rabbit pox or FPV vectors under operable association with a transcriptional control region which functions in the cytoplasm of a poxvirus-infected cell.

[000109] Suitable promoters for use in the methods described herein include, without limitation, the early/late 7.5-kD promoter, or the early/late H5 promoter (or variants thereof). Suitable FPV promoters include those disclosed in WO1989003879, for example, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Tri-Molecular Recombination Method

[000110] Tri-molecular recombination, as disclosed in Zauderer, PCT Publication No. WO 00/028016 and in US Patent No. 7,858,559, is a high efficiency,

high titer-producing method for expressing proteins of interest and or producing libraries in vaccinia virus. The tri-molecular recombination method allows the generation of recombinant viruses at efficiencies of at least 90%, and titers at least at least 2 orders of magnitude higher than those obtained by direct ligation.

[000111] In certain aspects, IMP fusion proteins for expression in vaccinia, FPV or rabbit pox virus and display on EEV as described herein can be constructed in poxvirus vectors, *e.g.*, vaccinia virus vectors, fowlpox virus vectors or rabbit pox virus vectors, by tri-molecular recombination.

[000112] In certain embodiments, a transfer plasmid for IMP fusion proteins for expression in EEV is provided, which comprises polynucleotide flanking regions in the vaccinia virus Tk gene, the vaccinia virus H5 promoter, and NcoI and BsiWI restriction sites for inserting coding regions for desired fusion proteins. In certain embodiments, a transfer plasmid for IMP fusion proteins for expression in EEV is provided, which comprises polynucleotide flanking regions in the sequence between locus 086 and 087 of the fowlpox virus genome, the vaccinia virus H5 promoter, and XhoI and NcoI restriction sites for inserting coding regions for desired fusion proteins, and the H5 promoter.

Integral Membrane Proteins

[000113] The disclosure provides a method for expressing integral membrane proteins (IMPs) in a conformationally intact state that approaches the native conformation of the protein as it would appear in a cell in which the protein is naturally expressed. According to the disclosure, IMPs are expressed as fusion proteins with poxvirus proteins that are expressed on poxvirus, *e.g.*, vaccinia, FPV or rabbit pox virus EEVs. IMP fusion proteins as provided herein, when expressed and displayed on the surface of EEVs, are useful as target antigens for screening libraries of binding molecules, *e.g.*, antibody display libraries.

[000114] Any IMP can be constructed as a fusion protein according to the methods provided herein. In certain aspects the IMP is a target for immunotherapy. In certain aspects the IMP is a multi-pass IMP such as CD20, CD39, an ion channel protein or a G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR). Suitable multi-pass human IMPs for

use in the construction of IMP fusion proteins as provided herein include, without limitation, the proteins listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Exemplary Human Multi-Pass Integral Membrane Proteins

Protein Name	ENTREZ_gene_ID	ENTREZ gene symbol	# predicted TM domains
Poliovirus receptor-related protein 3	25945	PVRL3	2
Prominin-1	8842	PROM1	5
FL cytokine receptor	2322	FLT3	2
Scavenger receptor cysteine-rich type 1 protein M130	9332	CD163	2
C-X-C chemokine receptor type 1	3577	CXCR1	6
C-X-C chemokine receptor type 3	2833	CXCR3	7
C-X-C chemokine receptor type 5	643	CXCR5	7
C-C chemokine receptor type 4	1233	CCR4	7
C-C chemokine receptor type 7	1236	CCR7	7
B-lymphocyte antigen CD20	931	MS4A1	4
Major prion protein	5621	PRNP	2
Plexin-C1	10154	PLXNC1	2
Multidrug resistance protein 1	5243	ABCB1	12
Putative G-protein coupled receptor 44	11251	GPR44	7
EGF-like module-containing mucin-like hormone receptor-like 2	30817	EMR2	7
Frizzled-4	8322	FZD4	9
Leukocyte surface antigen CD47	961	CD47	5
CD63 antigen	967	CD63	4
Choline transporter-like protein 1	23446	SLC44A1	9
CD97 antigen	976	CD97	7
Multidrug resistance-associated protein 1	4363	ABCC1	16
CAS1 domain-containing protein 1	64921	CASD1	14
Solute carrier family 12 member 6	9990	SLC12A6	14
Sodium/hydrogen exchanger 1	6548	SLC9A1	13
Solute carrier family 12 member 9	56996	SLC12A9	13
Solute carrier family 2, facilitated glucose transporter member 1	6513	SLC2A1	12
Sodium- and chloride-dependent taurine transporter	6533	SLC6A6	12
Solute carrier organic anion transporter family member 4A1	28231	SLCO4A1	12
Solute carrier family 23 member 2	9962	SLC23A2	12
Solute carrier organic anion transporter family member 3A1	28232	SLCO3A1	12
Prestin	375611	SLC26A5	11

Protein Name	ENTREZ_gene_ID	ENTREZ gene symbol	# predicted TM domains
Equilibrative nucleoside transporter 2	3177	SLC29A2	11
Equilibrative nucleoside transporter 1	2030	SLC29A1	11
Sodium-coupled neutral amino acid transporter 1	81539	SLC38A1	11
Sodium bicarbonate cotransporter 3	9497	SLC4A7	11
Urea transporter 1	6563	SLC14A1	10
Transmembrane and coiled-coil domain-containing protein 3	55002	TMCO3	10
Signal peptide peptidase-like 2A	84888	SPPL2A	9
Transmembrane 9 superfamily member 3	56889	TM9SF3	9
Anoctamin-9	338440	ANO9	8
Sodium/potassium-transporting ATPase subunit alpha-1	476	ATP1A1	8
Sodium/potassium-transporting ATPase subunit alpha-3	478	ATP1A3	8
Anoctamin-6	196527	ANO6	8
V-type proton ATPase 116 kDa subunit a isoform 2	23545	ATP6V0A2	8
Putative P2Y purinoceptor 10	27334	P2RY10	7
G-protein coupled receptor 39	2863	GPR39	7
Sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor 2	9294	S1PR2	7
Latrophilin-2	23266	LPHN2	7
Beta-2 adrenergic receptor	154	ADRB2	7
Alpha-2C adrenergic receptor	152	ADRA2C	7
Thromboxane A2 receptor	6915	TBXA2R	7
Platelet-activating factor receptor	5724	PTAFR	7
Proteinase-activated receptor 1	2149	F2R	7
Neuropeptide Y receptor type 1	4886	NPY1R	7
Type-1 angiotensin II receptor	185	AGTR1	7
Neurotensin receptor type 1	4923	NTSR1	7
Cannabinoid receptor 2	1269	CNR2	7
Prostaglandin E2 receptor EP2 subtype	5732	PTGER2	7
Calcitonin gene-related peptide type 1 receptor	10203	CALCRL	7
Protein GPR107	57720	GPR107	7
G-protein coupled receptor 126	57211	GPR126	7
P2Y purinoceptor 8	286530	P2RY8	7
Probable G-protein coupled receptor 125	166647	GPR125	7
Transmembrane protein 87A	25963	TMEM87A	7
Mas-related G-protein coupled receptor member F	116535	MRGPRF	7
Transmembrane protein 87B	84910	TMEM87B	7

Protein Name	ENTREZ_gene_ID	ENTREZ gene symbol	# predicted TM domains
Proteinase-activated receptor 4	9002	F2RL3	7
Smoothened homolog	6608	SMO	7
EGF-like module-containing mucin-like hormone receptor-like 3	84658	EMR3	7
Neuromedin-U receptor 1	10316	NMUR1	7
EGF, latrophilin and seven transmembrane domain-containing protein 1	64123	ELTD1	7
Transmembrane protein 8A	58986	TMEM8A	7
Cadherin EGF LAG seven-pass G-type receptor 2	1952	CELSR2	7
Cadherin EGF LAG seven-pass G-type receptor 1	9620	CELSR1	7
Cadherin EGF LAG seven-pass G-type receptor 3	1951	CELSR3	7
Cysteinyl leukotriene receptor 1	10800	CYSLTR1	7
G-protein coupled receptor 56	9289	GPR56	7
Lipid phosphate phosphohydrolase 1	8611	PPAP2A	6
Potassium voltage-gated channel subfamily A member 3	3738	KCNA3	6
Zinc transporter ZIP6	25800	SLC39A6	6
Zinc transporter ZIP14	23516	SLC39A14	6
P2Y purinoceptor 11	5032	P2RY11	6
Zinc transporter ZIP10	57181	SLC39A10	6
Cytochrome b-245 heavy chain	1536	CYBB	5
Prominin-2	150696	PROM2	5
Protein tweety homolog 2	94015	TTYH2	5
Protein tweety homolog 3	80727	TTYH3	5
Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor subunit beta-3	2562	GABRB3	4
Glutamate receptor, ionotropic kainate 3	2899	GRIK3	4
Neuronal membrane glycoprotein M6-b	2824	GPM6B	4
Metal transporter CNNM4	26504	CNNM4	4
Metal transporter CNNM3	26505	CNNM3	3
Discoidin, CUB and LCCL domain-containing protein 2	131566	DCBLD2	3
Transmembrane protein 131-like	23240	KIAA0922	2
Leucine-rich repeat transmembrane protein FLRT2	23768	FLRT2	2
Attractin	8455	ATRN	2
Receptor-type tyrosine-protein phosphatase gamma	5793	PTPRG	2
Interferon alpha/beta receptor 2	3455	IFNAR2	2
Ephrin type-A receptor 5	2044	EPHA5	2

Protein Name	ENTREZ_gene_ID	ENTREZ gene symbol	# predicted TM domains
Tyrosine-protein kinase transmembrane receptor ROR1	4919	ROR1	2
Tomoregulin-1	8577	TMEFF1	2
P2X purinoceptor 7	5027	P2RX7	2
TM2 domain-containing protein 3	80213	TM2D3	2
TM2 domain-containing protein 1	83941	TM2D1	2
G-protein coupled receptor 64	10149	GPR64	8
Psychosine receptor	8477	GPR65	6
Large neutral amino acids transporter small subunit 1	8140	SLC7A5	12
Sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor 3	1903	S1PR3	7
Solute carrier organic anion transporter family member 2A1	6578	SLCO2A1	12
Type-2 angiotensin II receptor	186	AGTR2	7
UPF0513 transmembrane protein	79583	UNQ870/PRO1886	2
Lipid phosphate phosphohydrolase 3	8613	PPAP2B	5
Blood vessel epicardial substance	11149	BVES	3
Sodium/potassium/calcium exchanger 6	80024	SLC24A6	13
5-hydroxytryptamine receptor 2B	3357	HTR2B	7
Mucolipin-1	57192	MCOLN1	6
Cadherin-8	1006	CDH8	2
Adenosine receptor A1	134	ADORA1	7
Probable G-protein coupled receptor 110	266977	GPR110	7
Chemokine receptor-like 1	1240	CMKLR1	7
Proton-coupled folate transporter	113235	SLC46A1	11
Sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor 4	8698	S1PR4	7
Protein FAM171A2	284069	FAM171A2	2
Alpha-2A adrenergic receptor	150	ADRA2A	7
C-X-C chemokine receptor type 7	57007	CXCR7	7
Apelin receptor	187	APLNR	7
Probable G-protein coupled receptor 116	221395	GPR116	7
Metalloreductase STEAP4	79689	STEAP4	6
Solute carrier organic anion transporter family member 4C1	353189	SLCO4C1	12
ATP-binding cassette sub-family A member 8	10351	ABCA8	14
Vasoactive intestinal polypeptide receptor 1	7433	VIPR1	7
SID1 transmembrane family member 2	51092	SIDT2	11
Equilibrative nucleoside transporter 4	222962	SLC29A4	10
Succinate receptor 1	56670	SUCNR1	7
Metal transporter CNNM2	54805	CNNM2	4

Protein Name	ENTREZ_gene_ID	ENTREZ gene symbol	# predicted TM domains
Probable palmitoyltransferase ZDHHC5	25921	ZDHHC5	4
Solute carrier family 22 member 16	85413	SLC22A16	12
Leukotriene B4 receptor 1	1241	LTB4R	7
Pannexin-1	24145	PANX1	4
Sodium-dependent glucose transporter 1	91749	NAGLT1	11
Sodium/calcium exchanger 1	6546	SLC8A1	10
Neuronal acetylcholine receptor subunit alpha-3	1136	CHRNA3	4
Retinoic acid-induced protein 3	9052	GPRC5A	7
Lysophosphatidic acid receptor 5	57121	LPAR5	7
Probable G-protein coupled receptor 132	29933	GPR132	7
Sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor 5	53637	S1PR5	7
Endothelin-1 receptor	1909	EDNRA	7
Probable G-protein coupled receptor 124	25960	GPR124	7
Solute carrier family 12 member 7	10723	SLC12A7	12
Thyrotropin receptor	7253	TSHR	7
Transient receptor potential cation channel subfamily V member 2	51393	TRPV2	6
Glutamate receptor delta-1 subunit	2894	GRID1	4
Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor subunit alpha-2	2555	GABRA2	4
Sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor 1	1901	S1PR1	7
Prostaglandin E2 receptor EP3 subtype	5733	PTGER3	7
Probable G-protein coupled receptor 174	84636	GPR174	7
Glutamate receptor 2	2891	GRIA2	3
Amiloride-sensitive sodium channel subunit delta	6339	SCNN1D	2
5-hydroxytryptamine receptor 1D	3352	HTR1D	7
Goliath homolog	55819	RNF130	2
ATP-binding cassette sub-family A member 7	10347	ABCA7	11
Prostacyclin receptor	5739	PTGIR	7
Probable G-protein coupled receptor 176	11245	GPR176	7
Thyrotropin-releasing hormone receptor	7201	TRHR	7
Claudin-12	9069	CLDN12	4
Protein FAM38A	9780	FAM38A	29
Niemann-Pick C1 protein	4864	NPC1	13
Synaptic vesicle glycoprotein 2A	9900	SV2A	12
Signal peptide peptidase-like 2B	56928	SPPL2B	9
Rhomboid family member 2	79651	RHBDF2	7
Immunoglobulin superfamily member 1	3547	IGSF1	4

Protein Name	ENTREZ_gene_ID	ENTREZ gene symbol	# predicted TM domains
Dolichyl-diphosphooligosaccharide--protein glycosyltransferase subunit 2	6185	RPN2	3
Transmembrane emp24 domain-containing protein 9	54732	TMED9	2
Steryl-sulfatase	412	STS	2
Transmembrane 9 superfamily member 1	10548	TM9SF1	9
Melanoma inhibitory activity protein 3	375056	MIA3	2
Arylsulfatase F	416	ARSF	2
Solute carrier family 2, facilitated glucose transporter member 4	6517	SLC2A4	12
Anoctamin-5	203859	ANO5	8
Nicalin	56926	NCLN	2

[000115] In certain aspects, the multi-pass IMP is a G protein- coupled receptor (GPCR), *e.g.*, FZD4, CXCR4, leucine rich repeat containing G protein-coupled receptor 5 or leucine rich repeat containing G protein-coupled receptor 4. In certain aspects the multi-pass IMP is CD20; purinergic receptor P2X 2; frizzled class receptor 7, or C-X-C motif chemokine receptor 4.

[000116] In other aspects, the multi-pass IMP is CD39. In certain aspects, the multi-pass IMP is an ion channel protein such as any of the chloride channels, which comprise a superfamily of channels that consists of approximately 13 members including ClCs, CLICs, Bestrophins and CFTRs; potassium channels; voltage-gated potassium channels *e.g.*, Kvs, Kirs, etc.; calcium-activated potassium channels, *e.g.*, BKCa or MaxiK, SK, etc.; inward-rectifier potassium channels; two-pore-domain potassium channels (leak channels); sodium channels; voltage-gated sodium channels (NaVs); epithelial sodium channels (ENaCs); calcium channels (CaVs); proton channels; voltage-gated proton channels; non-selective cation channels; transient receptor potential channels; endoplasmic reticulum channels: RyR, SERCA, ORAi; mitochondrial channels: mPTP, KATP, BK, IK, CLIC5, Kv7.4 at the inner membrane and VDAC and CLIC4 as outer membrane channels; transient receptor potential channels; sodium voltage-gated channel alpha subunit 5; sodium voltage-gated channel alpha subunit 9; sodium voltage-gated channel alpha subunit 10; potassium voltage-gated channel subfamily A member 1; potassium voltage-gated channel subfamily A member 2; hyperpolarization activated cyclic nucleotide gated potassium

channel 1; hyperpolarization activated cyclic nucleotide gated potassium and sodium channel 2; hyperpolarization activated cyclic nucleotide gated potassium channel 3; hyperpolarization activated cyclic nucleotide gated potassium channel 4; potassium voltage-gated channel subfamily H member 1; parathyroid hormone 1 receptor;

Polynucleotides encoding IMP fusion proteins for expression on poxvirus EEV

[000117] This disclosure provides an isolated polynucleotide for expression of an integral membrane protein or fragment thereof in a conformationally-intact form in the context of a biological membrane, as a fusion with a protein or fragment thereof specific for vaccinia virus EEV. By “conformationally intact” is meant that the protein appears, or is displayed, in a native or close to native conformation in the context of a biological lipid bilayer membrane, much as the protein would appear in its native state.

[000118] In one aspect, the disclosure provides an isolated polynucleotide that includes a first nucleic acid fragment that encodes an integral membrane protein (IMP) or fragment thereof, *e.g.*, a multi-pass IMP, where the IMP or fragment thereof comprises at least one extra-membrane region, at least one transmembrane domain and at least one intra-membrane region, and where a portion of the first nucleic acid fragment encoding at least one intra-membrane region is situated at the 5' or 3' end of the first nucleic acid fragment; and a second nucleic acid fragment that encodes a vaccinia virus F13L protein (SEQ ID NO: 1) or functional fragment thereof, FPV108 (SEQ ID NO: 2) or functional fragment thereof, or RPXV041 (SEQ ID NO: 3) or functional fragment thereof, where the second nucleic acid fragment is fused in frame to a portion of the first nucleic acid fragment that encodes an intra-membrane region of the IMP. The first nucleic acid fragment and the second nucleic acid fragment can, in some instances, be separated by a nucleic acid encoding a linker or other spacer. The polynucleotide can further include a poxvirus promoter operably associated with the first and second nucleic acid fragments, allowing expression of the polynucleotide in the cytoplasm of a poxvirus-infected cell. According to this aspect, a poxvirus-infected cell that contains the polynucleotide can express an IMP-F13L fusion protein, an IMP-FPV108 fusion protein, or IMP-RPXV041 fusion protein, respectively, as part of the outer envelope membrane of an extracellular enveloped virion (EEV), such as a

vaccinia virus EEV, a fowlpox virus EEV, or a rabbit pox virus EEV. Schematic diagrams showing expression of an IMP as a fusion with FPV108 are shown in **FIG. 1B**, **FIG. 1C** and **FIG. 1D**.

[000119] In certain aspects, the IMP or fragment thereof can be a multi-pass membrane protein comprising at least two, at least three, at least four, at least five, at least six, at least seven, at least eight, at least nine, at least ten, at least eleven, at least twelve, or even more transmembrane (TM) domains, such as ion channel proteins and those proteins listed in Table 1.

[000120] Where the IMP has an odd number of TM domains, one end of the IMP, either the N-terminus or the C-terminus, will be naturally situated on the extra-membrane side of the biological membrane and the other end of the IMP will be situated on the intra-membrane side of the IMP. Since the F13L protein, FPV108 protein, and RPXV041 proteins are wholly internal to the outer membrane of poxvirus EEVs, the end of the IMP, the N-terminus or the C-terminus that is situated internal to the membrane can be fused to F13L, FPV108, or RPXV041, for example. Thus for an IMP such as a typical 7-TM domain GPCR in which the N-terminus of the protein is extra-membrane and the C-terminus is intra-membrane, the N-terminus of F13L, FPV108, or RPXV041 can be fused to the C-terminus of the GPCR as shown in **FIG. 1B** for these EEV-specific proteins, for example. Accordingly, a polynucleotide as above is provided where the first nucleic acid fragment encodes an IMP with an odd number of transmembrane domains, where the 5' end of the first nucleic acid fragment encodes the extra-membrane region, and the 3' end of the first nucleic acid fragment encodes the intra-membrane region of the IMP, the latter being fused to the 5' end of the nucleic acid fragment encoding F13L, or the FPV homolog FPV108 or RPXV041 or a fragment thereof.

[000121] In an exemplary polynucleotide of this type, the first polynucleotide can encode the human frizzled-4 protein (FZD4), or a fragment thereof, a target for immunotherapy of certain human cancers, fused to the N-terminus of F13L, FPV108 or RPXV041. Accordingly, a polynucleotide which encodes an FZD4-FPV108 fusion protein is provided. An exemplary polynucleotide according to this aspect encodes the mature fusion protein, amino acids 20 to 892 of SEQ ID NO: 4, as shown below. The

polynucleotide can further encode a signal peptide, *e.g.*, the signal peptide of FZD4, amino acids 1 to 19 of SEQ ID NO: 4.

>FZD (FL) – FPV108 (SEQ ID NO: 4)

MGWSCIIILFLVATATGAHSFGDEEERRCDPIRISMCQNLYGYNVTKMPNLVG
 HELQTDALQLTTFTPLIQYGCSSQLQFFLCSVYVPMCTEKINIPGCGGMCLS
 VKRRCEPVLKEFGFAWPESLNCSEKFPQNDHNHMCMEGPGDEEVPLPHKTPI
 QPGEECHSVGTNSDQYIWVKRSLNCLVKCGYDAGLYSRSAKEFTDIWMAVWA
 SLCFISTAFTVLTLFLIDSSRFSYPERPIIFLSMCYNIYSIAYIVRLTVGRERISCFE
 EAAEPVLIQEGLKNTGCAIIFLLMYFFGMASSIWWVILTLTWFLAAGLKWGHE
 AIEMHSSYFHIAAWAIPAVKTIVILMRLVDADEL TGLCYVGNQNLDA LTGFVV
 APLFTYL VIGTLFIAAGLVALFKIRSNLQKDGTCTDKLERLMVKIGVFSVLYTV
 PATCVIACYFYEISNWALFRYSADDSNMAVEMLKIFMSLLVGITSGMWIWSAK
 TLHTWQKCSNRLVNSGKVKREKRGNGWVKPGKGSSETVVVHHHHHHHGGGGSG
SLGGSSGMGNIFKPIPKADYQIVETVPQSLTAINSTNLSTYECFKRLIDLAKKEIYIATFCCN
LSTNPEGTDILNRLIDVSSKVSUYILVDESSPHKDYEKIKSSHISYIKVDIGVLNNE SVGNLLG
NFWVVDKLHFIYIGSASLMGNALTITKNMGIYSENNSLAMDLYFRSLDYKIISKKKCLFFTR
MATKYHFFKNHNGIFFSDSPEH MVGRKRTFDLDCVIHYIDAAKSTIDLAIVSLLPTKRTKD
SIVYWPIIKDALIRAVLERGVKLRVLLGFWKKT DVISKASIKSLNELGVDHIDISTKVFRFPV
NSKVDDINNSKMMIIDGRYAHVMTANLDGSHFNHHA FVSFNCMDQQFTKKIAEVFERD
WISPYAKEIDMSQI.

Underline = his tag and linker

Bold = FZD4

Italics = FPV108

Large font = Signal Sequence

[000122] In another exemplary polynucleotide of this type, the first polynucleotide can encode A CXC chemokine receptor, or a fragment thereof, fused to the N-terminus of FPV108. CXC chemokine receptors are likewise targets for immunotherapy of certain human cancers. An exemplary CXC chemokine receptor is CXCR4, or a fragment thereof. Accordingly, a polynucleotide which encodes a CXC

chemokine receptor-FP108 fusion protein, *e.g.*, a CXCR4-FPV108 fusion protein is provided. An exemplary polynucleotide according to this aspect encodes SEQ ID NO: 9, as shown below.

>CXCR4 - FPV108 (SEQ ID NO: 9)

MEGISIYTS**DNYTEEM****SGDYDSMKEPC****FREE****NANFNKIFLPTIYSII****FLT****GIVGNGLVILVMG**
YQKKLR**SMTDKYRLHLSVADLLFVITLPFWAVDAVANWYFGNFLCKAVHVIYTVNLYSSVLILA**
FISLDRYLAIVHATNSQRP**RKLLAEKV****VYVGVWIPALLLTIPDFIFANVSEADDRYICDRFYPN**
DLWVVVFQFQHIMVGLILPGIVILSCYCI**II****SKLSHSGHGHQKRKALKTTVILILAFFACWLPYY**
IGISIDSFILLEIIKQ**GCEFENTVHKWISITEALAFFHCCLNPILYAFLGAKFKTSAQHALTSV**
SRGSSLKILSKGKR**GHHSSVSTESESSSFHSS****VHHHHHHHGGGGSGSLMSKGEELFTGVVPIILVE**
LDGDVNGHKFSVSGEGEGDATYGKLTTLKFICTTGKLPVPWPTLVTTLTYGVQCFSRYPDHMKRH
DFFKSAMPEGYVOERTISFKDDGNYKTRAEVKFEEGDTLVNRIELKGIDFKEDGNILGHKLEYNY
NSHNVYITADKQKNGIKANFKTRHNIEDGGVOLADHYQONTPIGDGPVLLPDNHYLSTQSALSK
DPNEKRDHMLLEFVTAAGITHGMDEYKGGSSGMGNIFKPIPKADYQIVETVPQSLTAINSTN
LSTYECFKRLIDLAKKEIYIATFCCNLSTNPEGTDILNRLIDVSSKVSVYILVDESSPHKDYEK
IKSSHISYIKVDIGVLNNESVGNLLGNFWVVDKLHFIGSASLMGNALTTIKNMGIYSENNSLA
MDLYFRSLDYKIISKKKCLFFTRMATKYHFFKNHNGIFFSDSPEHMVGRKRTFDLDCVIHYIDA
AKSTIDLAIVSLLPTKRTKDSIVYWPIIKDALIRAVLERGVKLRVLLGFWKKTDVISKASIKSL
NELGVDHIDISTKVFRFPVNSKVDDINNSKMMIIDGRYAHVMTANLDGSHFNHHAFVSFNCMDQ
QFTKKIAEVFERDWISPYAKEIDMSQI.

Underline = his tag and linker

Bold = CXCR4

Italics = FPV108

Dotted underline = GFP

[000123] As will be evident to a person of ordinary skill in the art, a multi-pass membrane protein having an even number of transmembrane domains will be inserted into a biological membrane such that its N-terminus and its C-terminus are on the same side of the membrane, either on the extra-membrane side of the membrane, or on the intra-membrane side of the membrane. Since the F13L, FPV108, and RPXV041 proteins are situated entirely on the intra-membrane side of poxvirus EEVs, formation of an IMP-F13L, IMP-FPV108, or RPXV041 fusion protein properly embedded in the membrane would need at least one of the N-terminus or the C-terminus of the IMP or fragment thereof to be internal to the membrane. Where the IMP has an even number of TM domains and both are situated internally, the poxvirus EEV-specific protein,

e.g., F13L, FPV108, or RPXV041 can be fused either to the N-terminus of the IMP or to the C-terminus of the IMP. If the full-length IMP is situated such that both the N- and C-terminus are extra-membrane, a fragment of the IMP having an odd number of TM domains can be fused to the poxvirus EEV-specific protein.

[000124] Accordingly, the disclosure provides a polynucleotide as described above that encodes an IMP with an even number of transmembrane domains, where both the 5' and 3' ends of the first nucleic acid fragment encode intra-membrane regions. In certain aspects the 3' end of the nucleic acid fragment encoding the poxvirus EEV-specific protein, e.g., F13L, FPV108, or RPXV041, can be fused to the 5' end of the nucleic acid fragment encoding the IMP, in certain aspects the 5' end of the nucleic acid fragment encoding the poxvirus EEV-specific protein can be fused to the 3' end of the nucleic acid fragment encoding the IMP.

[000125] An exemplary IMP of this type is human CD20, a 4-TM domain IMP expressed on human B cells, which is a target for immunotherapy of B cell leukemias, lymphomas, and myelomas. A diagram of a CD20--FPV108 fusion protein in which the C-terminus of CD20 is fused to the N-terminus of FPV108 is shown in **FIG. 1C**. Accordingly, a polynucleotide which encodes a CD20-FPV108 fusion protein is provided. An exemplary polynucleotide according to this aspect encodes SEQ ID NO: 10, as shown below.

>CD20-FPV108 (Seq ID NO:10)

**MATPRNSVNGTFPAEPMKGPIAMQSGPKPLFRRMSSLVGPTQSFFMRESKT
LGAVQIMNGLFHIALGGLLMIPAGIYAPICVTVWYPLWGGIMYIISGSLAA
TEKNSRKCLVKGKMIMNSLSLFAAISGMILSIMDILNIKISHFLKMESLNFIRA
HTPYINIYNCEPANPSEKNSPSTQYCYSIQSLFLGILSVMLIFAFFQELVIAGIV
ENEWKRTCSRPKSNIVLLSAEEKKEQTIEIKEEVVGLTETSSQPKNEEDIEIPI
QEEEEETETNFPEPPQDQESSPIENDSSPVHHHHHHGGGGSGSLGGSSGMGNI
FKPIPKADYQIVETVPQSLTAINSTNLSTYECFKRLIDLAKKEIYIATFCCNLSTNPEGTD
ILNRLIDVSSKVSYYILVDESSPHKDYEKIKSSHISYIKVDIGVLNNESVGNNLLGNFWVVD
KLHFIYIGSASLMGNALTTIKNMGIYSENNSLAMDLYFRSLDYKIISKKKCLFFTRMATKY
HFFKNHNGIFFSDSPEHMOVGRKRTFDLDCVIHYIDAAKSTIDLAIVSLLPTKRTKDSIVY**

*WPIIKDALIRAVLERGVKLRVLLGFWKKTDVISKASIKSLNELGVDHIDISTKVFRFPVN
SKVDDINNSKMMIIDGRYAHVMTANLDGSHFNHHAFFVSFNCMDQQFTKKIAEVFER
DWISPYAKEIDMSQL.*

Underline = his tag and linker

Bold = CD20

Italics = FPV108

Large font = change from native sequence to accommodate NcoI site

[000126] In another exemplary polynucleotide of this type, the first polynucleotide can encode CD39, a protein having two transmembrane domains, or a fragment thereof, fused to the N-terminus of FPV108. CD39 is a target which promotes an anti-tumor immune response immunotherapy of certain human cancers. Accordingly, a polynucleotide which encodes a CD39-FPV108 fusion protein is provided. An exemplary polynucleotide according to this aspect encodes SEQ ID NO: 11 shown below.

>CD39-FPV108 (SEQ ID NO: 11)

**MEDIKDSKVKRFC SKNILIILGFTSILAVIALIAVGLTQNKPLPENVKYGIVLDAG
SSTHTNLYIYKWPAEKENDTG VVQQL EECQVKGP GISKYAQKTDEIGAYLAECM
ELSTELIPTSKHHQTPVYLGATAGMRLLRMESEQSADEVLA AVSTSLKSYPFDF
QGAKIITGQEEGAYGWITINYLLGRFTQE QSWLSLISDSQKQETFGALDLGGAS
TQITFVPQNSTIESPENSLQFRLYGEDYTVYTHSFLCYGKDQALWQKLAKDIQV
SSGGVLKDPCFNPGYEKVVNVSELYGTPCTKRFEKKLPFDQFRIQGTGDYEQC
HQSILELFNNSHCPYSQCAFNGVFLPPLHGSGFAFSAFYFVMDFFKKVAKNSVIS
QEKMT EITKNFCSKSWEETKTSYPSVKEKYLSEYCFSGAYILSLLQGYNFTDSS
WEQIHFMGKIKDSNAGWTLGYMLNLTNMIPAEQPLSPPLPHSTYIGLMVLFSL
LLVAVAITGLFIYSKPSYFWKEAV VHHHHHHHGGGGSGSLGGSSGMGNIFKPIPKA
DYQIVETVPQSLTAINSTNLSTYECFKRLIDLAKKEIYIATFCCNLSTNPEGTDILNRLI
DVSSKVS VYILVDESSPHKDY EKI KSSHISYIKVDIGVLNNE SVGNLLGNFWVVDKL
HFYIGSASLMGNALTTIKNMGIYSENNSLAMDLYFRSLDYKIISKKKCLFFTRMATK
YHFFKNHNGIFFSDSPEH MVGRKRTFDLDCVIHYIDAAKSTIDLAIVSLLPTKRTKDS**

IVYWPIIKDALIRAVLERGVKLRVLLGFWKKT DVISKASIKSLNELGVDHIDISTKVF
RFPVNSKVDDINNSKMMIIDGRYAHVMTANLDGSHFNHHA FVSFNCMDQQFTKKI
AEVFERDWISPYAKEIDMSQL.

Underline =his tag and linker

Bold = CD39

Italics = FPV108

[000127] The disclosure also provides a polynucleotide as described above that encodes an IMP with a single transmembrane domain, where the 5' end of the first nucleic acid fragment encodes an intra-membrane region. In certain aspects the 3' end of the nucleic acid fragment encoding the poxvirus EEV-specific protein, e.g., F13L, FPV108, or RPXV041, can be fused to the 5' end of the nucleic acid fragment encoding the IMP, in certain aspects the 5' end of the nucleic acid fragment encoding the poxvirus EEV-specific protein can be fused to the 3' end of the nucleic acid fragment encoding the IMP.

[000128] An exemplary IMP of this type is a human semaphorin, SEMA, a single TM domain IMP, which is a target for immunotherapy of various cancers, inflammatory disorders, and neurodegenerative disorders and diseases. A diagram of a SEMA-A56R fusion protein, e.g., semaphoring 4D (SEMA4D), in which the C-terminus of SEMA4D is fused to the N-terminus of VV A56R is shown in FIG. 1A. Accordingly, a polynucleotide which encodes a SEMA-A56R fusion protein is provided. An exemplary polynucleotide according to this aspect encodes SEQ ID NO: 6, as shown below.

>SEMA-A56R (SEQ ID NO: 6)

MGWSCILFLVATATGAHSFAPIPRITWEHREVLVQFHEPDIYNYSALLLSEDKDT
LYIGAREAVFAVNALNISEKQHEVYWKVSEDKKAKCAEKGKSKQTECLNYIRV
LQPLSATSLYVCGTNAFQPACDHLNLTSFKFLGKNEDGKGRCFPDPAHSYTSV
MVDGELYSGTSYNFLGSEPIISRNSSHSPLRTEYAIPWLNPSFVFADVIRKSPDS
PDGEDDRVYFFFTEVSVEYEFVFRVLIPRIARVCKGDQGGLRTLQKKWTSFLK
ARLICSRPDSGLVFNVL RDVFVLRSPGLKVPVFYALFTPQLNNVGLSAVCAYNL
STAEVFSHGKYMQSTTVEQSHTKWVRYNGPVPKPRPGACIDSEARAANYTSS

LNL**PK****TL****QF****VD****HL****MD****DS****VT****PI****DN****RP****RI****KK****DV****NY****TQ****IV****VD****RT****QAL****DG****TV****Y**
DVM**FV****ST****DR****GA****LH****KA****IS****LE****HA****VH****II****ET****QL****FQ****DF****EP****VQ****TLL****SS****KK****GN****RF****VY****AG**
SNS**GV****VQ****AP****LA****FC****KG****HG****TC****ED****CV****LA****RP****YCA****W****SP****PT****AT****CV****AL****HQ****TES****PS****RGLI**
QEM**SG****DA****SV****CP****DK****SK****GS****YR****QH****FF****KH****GG****TA****EL****KCS****QK****SN****LA****RV****FW****KF****QNG****VLK**
AES**PK****YGL****MGR****KN****LL****IF****NL****SE****GD****SG****VY****QCL****SE****ER****VKN****KT****VF****QV****VA****KH****V****LEV****K**
VVP**KP****VV****AP****TL****SV****VQ****TE****GS****RI****AT****KV****L****V****AS****TQ****GS****SP****PT****PA****VQ****AT****SS****GA****IT****L****PP****KPA**
PT**GT****SCE****PK****IV****INT****V****PQ****LH****SE****KT****MY****LK****SS****DT****ST****TN****DT****DK****VD****YEE****Y****STEL****IV****NT****DSE**
ST**DI****IL****SG****ST****HSP****ET****SS****KK****PD****YID****NS****NC****SS****VFE****IA****TPE****IT****DN****VE****DH****T****D****T****V****T****Y****T****S****D****S****I****N****T**
VS**AS****SG****ES****TT****DE****TPE****IT****DK****ED****H****T****V****T****D****T****V****S****Y****TT****V****ST****SS****G****I****V****T****T****K****ST****DD****A****D****L****Y****D****T****Y****N****D**
ND**T****V****P****P****T****T****V****G****G****S****T****S****I****S****N****Y****K****T****K****D****F****VE****I****F****G****I****T****A****I****L****S****A****V****A****I****F****C****I****T****Y****I****N****K****R****S****R****K****Y****K****T****E****N**
KV.

Underline = A56R tag

Bold = SEMA4D

Italics = signal sequence

[000129] In polynucleotides as provided above, the first and second nucleic acid fragments can be directly fused, or alternatively they can be separated by a nucleic acid fragment encoding a linker or spacer or other polypeptide fragment. In certain aspects, a polynucleotide as provided above can further include a third nucleic acid fragment that encodes a heterologous peptide polypeptide, either between the first and second nucleic acid fragments, or on either side. The heterologous peptide can be, for example, a linker sequence, an amino acid tag or label, or a peptide or polypeptide sequence that facilitates purification. In certain aspects the heterologous peptide is a 6-histidine tag (SEQ ID NO: 15) fused, *e.g.*, to the C-terminus of the fusion protein.

[000130] In certain aspects, a polynucleotide as provided herein is operably associated with a poxvirus promoter. Suitable promoters are described elsewhere herein. In certain aspects the promoter is a poxvirus p7.5 promoter or a poxvirus H5 promoter. Alternatively, fowlpox virus promoters including those disclosed in WO 198900379, which is incorporated herein by reference, can be used.

[000131] A polynucleotide as provided herein can be or can be part of, a poxvirus genome, where the poxvirus genome, upon introduction into a suitable permissive host

cell, can produce infectious EEV that display the IMP-F13L, -FPV108, or -RPXV041 fusion protein on their surface. In certain aspects the poxvirus genome is a vaccinia virus genome, *e.g.*, a vaccinia virus WR genome or an MVA genome. In other aspects the poxvirus genome is a fowlpox virus or rabbit pox virus genome. A poxvirus genome comprising a polynucleotide as described can be produced by standard molecular biological and virology techniques, for example by using tri-molecular recombination as described herein. A poxvirus genome as provided herein can be introduced into permissive cells as part of a recombinant poxvirus, or as naked DNA accompanied by suitable helper viruses, *e.g.*, fowlpox virus. The disclosure further provides a recombinant poxvirus, *e.g.*, a recombinant vaccinia virus, fowlpox virus, or rabbit pox virus comprising the provided poxvirus genome.

IMP-EEV fusion proteins, recombinant poxvirus EEVs, and methods of making

[000132] This disclosure further provides an IMP-EEV-specific fusion protein such as those encoded by the polynucleotides described above. Moreover, the IMP-EEV -specific fusion protein can be expressed on the surface of a recombinant poxvirus EEV, *e.g.*, a recombinant vaccinia virus EEV, recombinant fowlpox virus or recombinant rabbit pox virus. A recombinant poxvirus EEV, *e.g.*, a recombinant vaccinia virus EEV, fowlpox virus EEV or rabbit pox virus EEV, comprising the provided fusion protein is provided by the disclosure. For example, a vaccinia virus EEV can express an IMP fusion protein comprising an IMP fusion with a fowlpox virus EEV specific protein such as FPV108 or a rabbit pox virus EEV-specific protein such as RBXV041. Similarly, a recombinant fowlpox virus EEV can express on its surface an IMP-EEV-specific fusion protein comprising an IMP fused to a fowlpox virus, vaccinia virus or rabbit pox virus EEV-specific protein.

[000133] A recombinant poxvirus EEV can be produced by a method that includes infecting a host cell permissive for vaccinia virus, fowlpox virus or rabbit pox virus infectivity with an appropriate pox virus comprising a poxvirus genome as provided above, and recovering EEV released from the infected host cell. Accordingly, an IMP-pox virus EEV-specific fusion protein encoded by a polynucleotide as described above, is provided.

[000134] Moreover the disclosure provides fusion proteins comprising an IMP or fragment thereof, which can be a multi-pass IMP, and single pass IMP, or even just the extracellular domain (ECD) of the IMP, fused to a poxvirus protein, *e.g.*, a vaccinia virus protein, specific for EEV, such as F13L, A56R, or a fowlpox virus protein, specific for EEV, such as FPV108, FPV109, or FPV148, or a rabbit pox virus protein specific for EEV, such as RBXV041, an “IMP-EEV fusion protein.” Exemplary ECD fusion proteins are described below. An IMP-EEV fusion protein as provided herein can display the IMP, *e.g.*, a multi-pass IMP, single-pass IMP or ECD of an IMP, in a conformationally intact form on the surface of poxvirus EEV. For use in screening antibody display libraries for antigen binding domains that specifically bind to a target IMP, display of IMPs on the surface of poxvirus EEV offers many advantages over displaying IMPs on the surface of recombinant cells, *e.g.*, CHO cells, as is typical. For example the IMP can be expressed at higher density on EEV than on cells. Moreover, pox virus EEV express only about six or fewer different poxvirus proteins on their surface (*e.g.*, vaccinia virus F13L, A56R, B5R, 33R, A34R, and A36R; fowlpox virus FPV108, FPV109 and FPV148) as opposed to hundreds that might be expressed on the surface of cells. Finally, inactivated EEV expressing IMP-F13L, IMP-FPV108, or RBXV041 fusion proteins as provided herein can be attached to solid supports, offering convenience in library screening.

[000135] Accordingly, this disclosure provides a method to display an integral membrane protein (IMP) or fragment thereof in a native conformation for use, *e.g.*, in screening antibody display libraries for antigen binding domains specific for the IMP. The method includes: infecting host cells permissive for poxvirus infectivity with a recombinant poxvirus that expresses the IMP or fragment thereof as a fusion protein with poxvirus EEV-specific protein or membrane-associated fragment thereof, where EEV produced by the infected host cell comprise the IMP as part of the EEV outer envelope membrane; and recovering EEV released from the host cell. IMP. In certain aspects, the EEV-specific protein or fragment thereof can be the vaccinia virus, A56R protein, F13L protein, any membrane-associated fragment thereof, or any combination thereof, or FPV 108, FPV109, or FPV148 or RBXV041 protein, any membrane-associated fragment thereof, or any combination thereof.

[000136] In certain aspects, the EEV-specific protein is F13L (SEQ ID NO: 1) or a functional fragment thereof, or FPV108 (SEQ ID NO: 2) or a functional fragment thereof, or RBXV041 (SEQ ID NO: 3) or a functional fragment thereof and the fusion protein can be one expressed by a polynucleotide as provided above, *e.g.*, where the IMP is a multi-pass membrane protein comprising at least two, at least three, at least four, at least five, at least six or at least seven transmembrane domains.

[000137] In certain aspects, the membrane-associated EEV specific protein fragment includes the stalk, transmembrane, and intra-membrane domains of the vaccinia virus A56R protein, a fragment comprising, consisting of, or consisting essentially of amino acids 108 to 314 of SEQ ID NO: 5. One of several exemplary fusion partners includes the ECD of human FZD4, shown in bold in SEQ ID NO: 12 below. According to this exemplary aspect the disclosure provides a method to display a conformationally intact fragment of human FZD4 on the surface of a poxvirus EEV comprising infecting host cells permissive for poxvirus infectivity with a recombinant poxvirus encoding a fusion protein comprising amino acids 20 to 370 of SEQ ID NO: 12. In certain aspects the fusion protein can further comprise a signal peptide, *e.g.*, amino acids 1 to 19 of SEQ ID NO: 12.

>FZD-ECD-A56R (Seq ID NO: 12)
 MGWSCIILFLVATATGAHS**FGDEEERRCDPIRISMCQNLGYNVT**
KMPNLVGHELQTDALQLTFTPLIQYGCSSQLQFFLCVYVPM
CTEKINIPIGPCGGMCLSVKRRCEPVLKEFGFAWPESLNCSEFP
PQNDHNHMCMEGPGDEEVPLPHKTPIQPGEE*TSTNDTDKVDYE*
EYSTEIVNTDSESTIDIILSGSTHSPETSSKKPDYIDNSNCSS
VFEIATPEPITDNVEDHTDVTYTSDSINTVSASSGESTTDETP
EPITDKEDHTVTDVSYTTVSTSSGIVTTKSTDDADLYDTYND
NDTVPPTTVGGSTTSISNYKTKDFVEIFGITALIILSAVAIFCI
TYIYNKRSRKYKTENKV.

Single Underline - leader peptide (amino acids 1-19)

Bold - human FZD4 extracellular domain (amino acids 20-163)

Italics - A56R stalk, transmembrane, and intra-membrane (amino acids 164 to 370)

[000138] Another exemplary fusion partner includes the ECD of human ErbB2 (Her2), shown in bold in SEQ ID NO: 7 below. According to this exemplary aspect

the disclosure provides a method to display a conformationally intact fragment of human Her2 on the surface of a poxvirus EEV comprising infecting host cells permissive for poxvirus infectivity with a recombinant poxvirus encoding a fusion protein comprising amino acids 20 to 855 of SEQ ID NO: 7. In certain aspects the fusion protein can further comprise a signal peptide, *e.g.*, amino acids 1 to 19 of SEQ ID NO: 7.

>Her2-A56R (SEQ ID NO: 7)

MGWSCIIILFLVATATGAHS**STQVCTGTDMKLRLPASPETHLDM**
RHLYQGCQVVQGNLELTYP**TNASLSFLQDIQEVQGYVLI****AHNQ**
VRQVPLQRLRIVRGTQLFEDNYALAVLDNGDPLNNTTPVTGASP
GGIRELQRLSLTEILKGGVLIQRNPQLCYQDTILWKDIFHKNNQ
LALTLLIDTNRSRACHPCSPMCKGSRGWGESSEDCQSLTRTV**CAG**
GCARCKGPLPTDCCHEQCAAGCTGPKHSDCLACLHFNHSGICEL
HCPALVTYNTDTFESMPNPEGRTYTFGASCVTACPYNYLSTDVGS
CTLVCPLHNQEVTAEDGTQRCCKSKPCARVCYGLGMEHLREVR
AVTSANIQEFAGCKKIFGSLAFLPESFDGDPASNTAPLQPEQLQ
VFETLEEITGYLYISAWPDSLPLSVFQNLQVIRGRILHNGAYS
LTLQGLGISWLGLRSLRELGSGGLALIHNNTHLCFVHTVPWDQLF
RNP HQALLHTANRPEDECVGEGLACHQLCARGHCWGP**GPTQCVN**
CSQFLRGQECVEECRVLQGLPREYVNARHCLPCHPECQ**PQNGSV**
TCFGPEADQCVACAHYKDPPFCVARCP**SGVKPDLSYMPIWKFPD**
EEGACQPCPINCTHSCVDLDDKGCPAEQRASP*TSTTNDTDKVDY*
*EEYSTE**LIVNTDSESTIDIILSGSTHSPETSSKKPDYIDNSNCS*
*SVFEIATPEPITDNVEDHTDTVTYTS**SDSINTVSASSGESTTDET*
PEPITDKEDHTVTDTVSYTTVSTSSGIVTTKSTDDADLYDTYN
DNDTVPPPTTVGGSTTSISNYKTKDFVEIFGITALIILSAVAIFC
ITYYIYNKRSRKYKTENKV.

Single Underline - leader peptide (amino acids 1-19)

Bold - human ERBB2 (HER2) extracellular domain (amino acids 20-648)

Italics - A56R stalk, transmembrane, and intra-membrane (amino acids 649 to 855)

[000139] Another exemplary fusion partner includes the ECD of human CD100 (Semaphorin 4D), shown in bold in SEQ ID NO: 8 below. According to this exemplary aspect the disclosure provides a method to display a conformationally intact fragment of human CD100 on the surface of a poxvirus EEV comprising infecting host cells permissive for poxvirus infectivity with a recombinant poxvirus encoding a fusion

protein comprising amino acids 20 to 935 of SEQ ID NO: 8. In certain aspects the fusion protein can further comprise a signal peptide, *e.g.*, amino acids 1 to 19 of SEQ ID NO: 8.

>CD100-A56R (SEQ ID NO: 8)

MGWSCIILFLVATATGAHSFAPIPRITWEHREVHLVQFHE
PDIYNYSALLLSEDKDTLYIGAREAVFAVNALNISEKQHE
VYWKVSEDKKAKCAEKGKSKQTECLNYIRVLQPLSATS
LYVCGTNAFQPACDHLNLTSEKFLGKNEDGKGRCFPDP
AHSYTSVMVDGELYSGTSYNFLGSEPIHSRNSSHSPLRTE
YAIPWLNESFVFADVIRKSPDSPDGEDDRVYFFTEVS
EYEFVFRVLIPRIARVCKGDQGGRLTLQKKWTSFLKAR
LICSRPDGSLVFENVLRDVFVLRSPGLKVPVFYALFTPQLN
NVGLSAVCAYNLSTAEVFSHGKYMQSTTVEQSHTKWV
RYNGPVPKPRPGACIDSEARAANYTSSLNLPDKTLQFVK
DHPLMDDSVTPIDNRPRLIKDVDNYTQIVVDRTQALDGT
VYDVMFVSTDRLGALHKAISLEHAVHIIETQLFQDFEPV
QTLLSSKKGNRFVYAGSNSGVVQAPLAFCKGHGTCD
CYLARDPYCAWSPPTATCVALHQTESPSRGLIQEMSGD
ASVCPDKSKGSYRQHFFKHGGTAEKCSQKSNLARVFW
KFQNGVLKAESPKYGLMGRKNLLIFNLSEGDGSGVYQCL
SEERVKNKTVFQVVAKHVLEVKVVPKPVVAPTLSVVQT
EGSRIATKVLVASTQGSSPPTPAVQATSSGAITLPPKPAP
TGTSCEPKIVINTVPQLHSEKTMYLKSSDTSTNDTDKVDY
EEYSTEIVNTDSESTIDIILSGSTHSPETSSKKPDYIDNSNCSSVF
EIATPEPITDNVEDHTDTVTYTSDSINTVSASSGESTTDETPEPIT
DKEDHTVTDTVSYTTVSTSSGIVTTKSTDDADLYDTYNDNDTV
PPTTVGGSTTSISNYKTKDFVEIFGITALIILSAVAIFCITYIYNKR
SRKYKTENKV.

Single Underline – leader peptide (amino acids 1-19)

Bold – human CD100 extracellular domain (amino acids 20-728)

Italics – A56R stalk, transmembrane, and intra-membrane (amino acids 729 to 935)

[000140] The disclosure further provides a fusion protein comprising: amino acids 20 to 892 of SEQ ID NO: 4; SEQ ID NO: 9; SEQ ID NO: 4; amino acids 20 to 370 of SEQ ID NO: 12;; amino acids 20 to 935 of SEQ ID NO: 8; any combination thereof, any fragment thereof, or any variant thereof, where the fusion protein, when expressed by a recombinant fowlpox virus, appears on the surface of the fowlpox virus extracellular enveloped virion (EEV) in a native conformation.

[000141] A recombinant poxvirus EEV, such as a recombinant fowlpox virus or recombinant rabbit pox virus comprising any EEV fusion protein as provided herein is also provided.

Method of selecting antibodies

[000142] This disclosure further provides a method to select binding molecules, *e.g.*, antibodies, antigen-binding antibody fragments, or antibody like binding molecules that bind to a multi-pass membrane protein interest. The method comprises generating a first and second recombinant poxvirus EEV using a recombinant poxvirus genome as described herein, wherein the first and second recombinant poxvirus EEV are each generated in a different poxvirus, *e.g.*, vaccinia virus and fowlpox virus polypeptides that encode the same IMP on a fusion protein. Each of the resulting recombinant poxvirus EEVs expresses the IMP in native form on its surface. The first recombinant poxvirus EEV is used to immunize a mammal, *e.g.*, a mouse. A display library that displays a plurality of antigen binding domains is then generated from B cells isolated from the immunized mammal and contacted with the second recombinant poxvirus EEV which is attached to a solid support so that display packages that specifically bind to the IMP expressed on the second recombinant poxvirus EEV can bind thereto. Any unbound display packages are then removed and display packages that display an antigen binding domain specific for the IMP expressed on the second recombinant EEV are recovered. Because vaccinia virus and fowlpox virus are antigenically distinct, any antibodies that recognize and bind to the virus rather than the IMP are thus eliminated.

[000143] Any display library generated from B cells isolated from the immunized mammal that comprise a plurality of binding domains, *e.g.*, antibodies, antibody-like molecules or other binding molecules is suitable for this method. For example, the display library can be a phage display library, a yeast display library or a library constructed in a vaccinia virus vector or a fowlpox virus vector as described elsewhere herein.

[000144] In certain aspects, the second recombinant EEV can be inactivated prior to attachment to the solid support. For example, the EEV can be inactivated by

incubation with Psoralen (Trioxsalen, 4'-aminomethyl-, hydrochloride) in the presence of UV irradiation.

[000145] Any suitable solid support can be used. As used herein, a “solid support” is any support capable of binding an EEV, which can be in any of various forms, as is known in the art. Well-known supports include tissue culture plastic, glass, polystyrene, polypropylene, polyethylene, dextran, nylon, amylases, natural and modified celluloses, polyacrylamides, gabbros, and magnetite. The nature of the carrier can be either soluble to some extent or insoluble for the purposes of this disclosure. The support material can have virtually any structural configuration as long as the coupled EEV is capable of binding to a displayed binding molecule such as an antibody. Thus, the support configuration can be spherical, as in a bead, or cylindrical, as in the inside surface of a test tube, or the external surface of a rod. Alternatively, the surface can be flat such as a sheet, test strip, etc. Typical supports include beads, *e.g.*, magnetic polystyrene beads such as DYNABEADS® that can be pulled out of suspension by a magnet. The support configuration can include a tube, bead, microbead, well, plate, tissue culture plate, petri plate, microplate, microtiter plate, flask, stick, strip, vial, paddle, etc., etc. A solid support can be magnetic or non-magnetic. Those skilled in the art will know many other suitable carriers for binding EEV as provided herein, or will be able to readily ascertain the same. In certain aspects, EEV as provided herein can be attached to the solid support via reaction with, *e.g.*, tosyl groups, epoxy groups, carboxylic acid groups, or amino groups attached to the surface. For example, EEV can be attached to the surface of tosyl-activated magnetic beads, *e.g.*, MYONE™ tosylactivated beads. Alternatively, the EEV can be biotinylated and attached to a streptavidin solid surface, *e.g.*, streptavidin coated magnetic beads.

[000146] In another aspect, the disclosure provides an animal-based system for selecting binding molecules, *e.g.*, antibodies, antigen-binding antibody fragments, or antibody like binding molecules that bind to a multi-pass membrane protein of interest. The method comprises immunizing a mammal, *e.g.*, a mouse with a recombinant poxvirus EEV as described herein that expresses the IMP of interest in native form on its surface. Immunization can be by any route, *e.g.*, intraperitoneal injection. The

immunized mammal can be administered one or more booster dosages of the recombinant poxvirus EEV to enhance production of antibodies to the IMP. An optional first booster dose can be administered within five to fourteen days following the first immunization dose, such as at five days, six days, seven days, eight days, nine days, ten days, eleven days, thirteen days or fourteen days or more following administration of the first immunization dose. An optional second booster dose can be administered within one week to two weeks following the first booster dose. The immunized animal can be bled at various times after the first immunization or post-boost to test for the presence of anti-IMP antigen binding molecules, for example by flow cytometry on cells expressing the antigen of interest. Anti-IMP antigen-binding molecules are isolated from immunized animal serum as described herein above.

[000147] This disclosure employs, unless otherwise indicated, conventional techniques of cell biology, cell culture, molecular biology, transgenic biology, microbiology, recombinant DNA, and immunology, which are within the skill of the art. Such techniques are explained fully in the literature. (See, for example, Sambrook *et al.*, ed. (1989) *Molecular Cloning A Laboratory Manual* (2nd ed.; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press); Sambrook *et al.*, ed. (1992) *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, (Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory, NY); D. N. Glover ed., (1985) *DNA Cloning*, Volumes I and II; Gait, ed. (1984) *Oligonucleotide Synthesis*; Mullis *et al.* U.S. Pat. No. 4,683,195; Hames and Higgins, eds. (1984) *Nucleic Acid Hybridization*; Hames and Higgins, eds. (1984) *Transcription And Translation*; Freshney (1987) *Culture Of Animal Cells* (Alan R. Liss, Inc.); Immobilized Cells And Enzymes (IRL Press) (1986); Perbal (1984) *A Practical Guide To Molecular Cloning*; the treatise, *Methods In Enzymology* (Academic Press, Inc., N.Y.); Miller and Calos eds. (1987) *Gene Transfer Vectors For Mammalian Cells*, (Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory); Wu *et al.*, eds., *Methods In Enzymology*, Vols. 154 and 155; Mayer and Walker, eds. (1987) *Immunochemical Methods In Cell And Molecular Biology* (Academic Press, London); Weir and Blackwell, eds., (1986) *Handbook Of Experimental Immunology*, Volumes I-IV; *Manipulating the Mouse Embryo*, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., (1986); and in Ausubel *et*

al. (1989) *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology* (John Wiley and Sons, Baltimore, Md.).

[000148] General principles of antibody engineering are set forth in Borrebaeck, ed. (1995) *Antibody Engineering* (2nd ed.; Oxford Univ. Press). General principles of protein engineering are set forth in Rickwood *et al.*, eds. (1995) *Protein Engineering, A Practical Approach* (IRL Press at Oxford Univ. Press, Oxford, Eng.). General principles of antibodies and antibody-hapten binding are set forth in: Nisonoff (1984) *Molecular Immunology* (2nd ed.; Sinauer Associates, Sunderland, Mass.); and Steward (1984) *Antibodies, Their Structure and Function* (Chapman and Hall, New York, N.Y.). Additionally, standard methods in immunology known in the art and not specifically described can be followed as in *Current Protocols in Immunology*, John Wiley & Sons, New York; Stites *et al.*, eds. (1994) *Basic and Clinical Immunology* (8th ed; Appleton & Lange, Norwalk, Conn.) and Mishell and Shiigi (eds) (1980) *Selected Methods in Cellular Immunology* (W.H. Freeman and Co., NY).

[000149] Standard reference works setting forth general principles of immunology include *Current Protocols in Immunology*, John Wiley & Sons, New York; Klein (1982) J., *Immunology: The Science of Self-Nonself Discrimination* (John Wiley & Sons, NY); Kennett *et al.*, eds. (1980) *Monoclonal Antibodies, Hybridoma: A New Dimension in Biological Analyses* (Plenum Press, NY); Campbell (1984) "Monoclonal Antibody Technology" in *Laboratory Techniques in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*, ed. Burden *et al.*, (Elsevier, Amsterdam); Goldsby *et al.*, eds. (2000) *Kuby Immunology* (4th ed.; H. Freeman & Co.); Roitt *et al.* (2001) *Immunology* (6th ed.; London: Mosby); Abbas *et al.* (2005) *Cellular and Molecular Immunology* (5th ed.; Elsevier Health Sciences Division); Kontermann and Dubel (2001) *Antibody Engineering* (Springer Verlag); Sambrook and Russell (2001) *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual* (Cold Spring Harbor Press); Lewin (2003) *Genes VIII* (Prentice Hall, 2003); Harlow and Lane (1988) *Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual* (Cold Spring Harbor Press); Dieffenbach and Dveksler (2003) *PCR Primer* (Cold Spring Harbor Press).

[000150] All of the references cited above, as well as all references cited herein, are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties. The following examples are offered by way of illustration and not by way of limitation.

Examples **Example 1: Fusion Protein Construction**

[000151] IMPs were incorporated into poxvirus EEVs using the EEV-specific proteins F13L, A56R, and FPV108, by the following methods. Generally, the extracellular domains of HER2, CD100 (semaphorin 4D), and FZD4 were incorporated as fusions with the single-pass EEV-specific membrane protein A56R as diagrammed in **FIG. 1A**. The mature FZD4-ECD-A56R fusion protein comprises amino acids 20 to 370 of SEQ ID NO: 12, the mature HER2-ECD-A56R fusion protein comprises amino acids 20 to 855 of SEQ ID NO: 7, and the mature CD100-ECD-A56R fusion protein comprises amino acids 20 to 935 SEQ ID NO: 8. **FIG. 1B** and **FIG. 1C** show diagrammatically how the multi-pass proteins such as GPCRs, CD39 and CD20 can be incorporated into EEVs as multi-pass membrane proteins as a fusion with the EEV membrane-associated protein F13L, FPV108, or RBXV041.

[000152] IMPs were incorporated into fowlpox virus EEVs using the EEV-specific protein FPV108 or VV A56R by the following methods. QT35 cells in 6-well plate were infected with FPV at MOI 1.5 for 2 hours and then transfected with the FPV transfer vector H5-FPV-CD100-A56R-Iresneo, H5-FPV-CD20-FPV108-IresNeo or H5-FPV-muCD39-FPV108-IresNeo. After 48 hours, virus was harvested and titered. The bulk virus was used to infect QT35 cells in 6-well plate overnight than the cells were stained with antigen specific antibody and sorted. Virus was extracted from the sorted cells by freeze/thaw and amplified for 3-4 days in QT35 cells and titered for a 2nd or 3rd sort. After 2 or 3 rounds of sorting, the sorted virus was amplified and plated for plaque picking. Amplified plaques were PCR checked with vector specific and gene specific primers. Clones with mixed inserts were picked and further plaqued out for additional rounds until only the correct inserts remained.

[000153] FPV was also generated by Pseudotyping using Stable Cell line. QT35 cells were transfected using lipofectamine with a mammalian expression vector encoding either Sema-A56 or CD20-FPV108. Both vectors also have G418 resistance. After drug selection, cells were sorted for surface expression of Sema4D or CD20 and expanded. Antigen expressing cells were seeded into 6 well plates or T175 flasks and infected with FPV. After 48 hours the EEV in the supernatant was harvested and the FPV was tested for antigen incorporation using pulldown assay.

[000154] Antigen incorporation into FPV was also done by infection/transfection. Infection/transfection: QT35 cells in 6 well plates were infected at moi = 1 with FPV. Two hours later the cells were washed and then transfected using lipofectamine with a vaccinia transfer plasmid where expression of Sema ECD-A56 is controlled by the vaccinia H5 promoter. Two days following transfection the EEV was harvested from the cell supernatant and tested in a pulldown assay using anti-SEMA4D mab conjugated to ProG beads.

[000155] FZD4, CD20 and CD39 were incorporated into fowlpox EEVs and/or vaccinia virus EEVs as multi-pass membrane fusions with FPV108 and/or F13L and Sema-ECD was incorporated into fowlpox EEV and vaccinia virus and MVA EEVs as single-pass membrane fusions with A56R.

[000156] Protein G Dynabeads (ThermoFisher) were mixed by vortexing and the needed volume (25 μ l per sample) was dispensed into 1 ml Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) in a 1.2 ml screw cap tube. The tubes were placed on the Dynal magnet (ThermoFisher) and the beads were allowed to pellet. The supernatant was removed, and the beads were washed once in 1 ml of PBS. The beads were then resuspended in 0.5 ml of PBS with anti-antigen antibodies (5 μ g of antibody per 25 μ l of beads) and mixed. The beads were allowed to rotate at room temperature for one hour to couple the antibody to the magnetic bead. The beads were then washed using the Dynal magnet twice with 1 ml of PBS and then resuspended in 25 μ l of PBS per 25 μ l of initial bead volume. EEV samples were either used neat (supernatant) or diluted to approximately 2×10^6 pfu/ml in EMEM + 10% FBS. The antibody-coupled beads were then rotated at room temperature for an hour to facilitate antibody capture of the

antigen expressing virus. Positive and negative control combinations were included where possible. The beads were then washed five times with 1 ml of EMEM + 10% FBS, and the supernatant from each wash was pooled together as the unbound fraction. The bound fraction (beads + virus) were resuspended in 1 ml of EMEM + 10% FBS. Both the bound and unbound fractions were titered by serial dilution in media and then an aliquot was overlaid in duplicate on monolayers of cells (BHK for MVA, QT35 for FPV, BSC-1 for VV) and allowed to infect for 3-4 days. The cells were then stained with 0.1% Crystal Violet in 20% ethanol and plaques were counted. The titer of the unbound solution was multiplied by its volume (6 ml) and the bound percentage was calculated as a function of the total virus. The negative control bound percentage was subtracted from this value to give the specific antigen bound percentage.

Pulldown data for the various constructs is shown in FIG. 6 (FZD-F13L and QT35-FZD4-FPV108); FIG.7 (CD20-F13L, CD20-FPV108 and QT35-CD20-FPV108); FIG.8 (CD39-GFP-F13L; CD39-F13L; CD39-FPV108); and FIG. 9 (Sema-ECD-A56R and QT-Sema-A56R), demonstrating that the construct is incorporated into the virus membrane and the IMP is expressed on the envelope surface.

Preparation of FPV108 Fusion Proteins (CD20, CD39, FZD4).

[000157] F13L Fusion Proteins (FZD4-F13L, CD20-F13L, and CXCR4-F13L) were generated as described in U.S. Patent No. 10,577,427, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

Preparation of FPV108 Fusion Proteins (CD20 and CD39)

[000158] Genes or gene fragments were inserted in-frame into FPV using standard homologous recombination methods. The gene or gene fragment of interest, e.g., CD20 or CD39 was inserted between FPV genes 086 and 087 at a Nco/Xho I site and was tagged with FPV108. The CD20 gene was modified at the 5' end to accommodate an NCO I restriction site. Modification of the CD39 gene was not required. The Nco/Xho I sites are flanked by homologous recombination sites comprising the FPV left arm (FPV 084, 085, and 086) and FPV right arm (FPV 087 and 088), as well as an Internal Ribosome Entry Site (IRES) element and neomycin resistance gene (NEO) to allow co-expression of the gene of interest or fragment

thereof and the FPV108 gene genes under control of the same promoter and allows for clone selection (NEO resistance). The vector map for FPV is shown in FIG. 2. The resulting CD20-FPV108 and CD39-FPV108 fusion proteins are shown above (SEQ ID NO: 10 and SEQ ID NO: 11, respectively).

Example 2: Expression of CD20-FPV108 and CD39-FPV108 Fusion Protein on EEV

[000159] QT35 cells were infected with either IMV encoding the CD20-FPV fusion protein (SEQ ID NO: 10) or the CD39-FPV108 fusion protein (SEQ ID NO: 11) or Control fowlpox virus at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 1 virus per cell for two days after which the supernatant containing EEV was harvested and debris removed by low speed centrifugation. Protein G DYNABEADS® (110 µL) were pulled down with a magnet and 1 mL of PBS + 20 µg of purified anti-CD20 antibody or anti-CD39 antibody as appropriate was added to the beads. The solution was incubated at room temperature with gentle rotation for 30-60 minutes to allow the antibody to couple to the Protein G beads. Ten µg of purified mIgG1 isotype control was added to the solution to ensure complete blocking, and the solution was incubated at room temperature with gentle rotation for 10-30 additional minutes. Beads were pulled down with the magnet, washed once with 1 mL of PBS and resuspended in 110 µL of PBS.

[000160] Fifty µL of Anti-CD20-Protein G DYNABEADS® or Anti-CD39-Protein G DYNABEADS® was added to 1 mL of CD20-F13L or control fowlpox EEV supernatant and was incubated at room temperature with gentle rotation for 1 hour. Beads were pelleted using the magnet and unbound supernatant removed. The beads were then washed five times with 1 mL of Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM) media supplemented with 10% FBS and 1 mM HEPES (10% DMEM). All washes were pooled with the unbound supernatant ("Unbound"). The beads ("Bound") were then resuspended in 1 mL of 10% DMEM. "Unbound" and "Bound" were titrated on QT35 cells and overlaid with growth medium containing methylcellulose. Plaques were allowed to form for two days and then the cells were fixed and stained with 0.1% Crystal Violet solution. Plaques were counted to determine the number of plaque forming units (pfu) in the "Unbound" and "Bound" from which the % of EEV bound

to the beads could be calculated. The % EEV bound to the anti-CD20 and anti-CD39 coated beads was significantly higher for CD20-FPV108 and CD39-FPV108 EEV fusion proteins than it is for the fowlpox virus control indicating that CD20 and CD39 are being expressed on the EEV membrane surface.

Example 3: Antigen incorporation into Fowlpox Virus

[000161] **Infection/transfection:** QT35 cells were infected at a moi of 1 with FPV expressing the following antigen constructs: CD20-FPV108 (SEQ ID NO: 10, CD39-FPX108 (SEQ ID NO: 11), and FZD4-FPV108 (SEQ ID NO: 4). After two hours the cells were washed and then transfected using lipofectamine with a vaccinia transfer plasmid in which expression of Sema ECD-A56 is controlled by the vaccinia H5 promoter. Two days following transfection the EEV were harvested from the cell supernatant and tested in a pulldown assay using anti-SEMA-4D mab conjugated to ProG beads.

[000162] **Pull down assay and titer of EEVs expressing antigens:** Protein G Dynabeads (ThermoFisher) were mixed by vortexing and 25 μ l per sample was dispensed into 1 ml Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) in a 1.2 ml screw cap tube. The tubes were placed on a Dynal magnet (ThermoFisher) and the beads were left to pellet for 2 min. The supernatant was removed, and the beads were washed once in 1 ml of PBS. The beads were then resuspended in 0.5 ml of PBS with anti-antigen antibodies (5 μ g of antibody per 25 μ l of beads) and mixed. The beads were allowed to rotate at room temperature for one hour to couple the antibody to the magnetic bead. The beads were then washed twice using a Dynal magnet with 1 ml of PBS and then resuspended in 25 μ l of PBS per 25 μ l of initial bead volume. EEV samples were either used neat (supernatant) or diluted to approximately 2×10^6 pfu/ml in M199 + 10% FBS. The antibody-coupled beads were added to EEV samples and rotated at room temperature for an hour to facilitate antibody capture of the antigen expressing virus. Positive and negative control combinations were included where possible. The beads were then washed five times with 1 ml of M199 + 10% FBS, and the supernatant from each wash was pooled together as the unbound fraction. The bound fraction (beads + virus) was resuspended in 1 ml of M199 + 10% FBS. Both the bound and unbound fractions

were titrated by serial dilution in media and then an aliquot was dispensed in duplicate on monolayers of cells (QT35 for FPV) and allowed to infect for 1-2 hours. The cells were overlaid with growth media containing 0.5% methyl cellulose and incubated for 3-4 days at 37°C, 7%CO₂. The viral plaques were counted by staining cells with 0.1% Crystal Violet in 20% ethanol. The titer of the unbound solution was multiplied by its volume (6 ml) and the bound percentage was calculated as a function of the total virus. The % bound for the negative control was subtracted from the % bound of the sample to give the specific antigen bound percentage.

[000163] **Generation of QT35 stable transfectants for pseudotype virus production:** QT35 cells were seeded into 6 well plates and allowed to grow until they were ~80 % confluent. Cells were transfected using Lipofectamine 2000 reagent as per the manufacturer's instructions, one well per mammalian expression vector construct. Empty vector and No Vector were included as controls. The following day, the cells were harvested and dispensed into a T175 flask with QT35 medium containing G418 for drug selection (QT35 medium: M199 medium, 10% FBS, 5% Tryptose-Phosphate Broth, 1 mM HEPES, 2mM L-Glutamine, 0.08 mg/ml G418). Media containing drug was changed every 2-3 days to maintain selection pressure. When the No Vector cells had died off, the transfectants were stained using anti-antigen antibodies for Fluorescence Activated Cell Sorting (FACS) on a BD FACS Aria sorter. Cells with high antigen expression were collected, cultured and post-sort enrichment was determined by flow cytometry. A second sort was performed to further enrich for high antigen expression.

[000164] Incorporation of antigen into the virus membrane or QT35 cell membrane using the constructs described above is shown in Figures 6-12. The histograms shown in Figures 10 and 11 show incorporation of the constructs into the **cell membrane** based on infection (fig 10 & 11) or the QT35 transfection for pseudotype (Fig 12). The pull down bar graphs in Figures 6-9 show the incorporation into the EEV membrane.

[000165] **Pseudotyping using a stable cell line:** QT35 cells were transfected using lipofectamine with mammalian expression vector either Sema-A56, FZD4-FPV108, or CD20-FPV108. All vectors also have G418 resistance (conferred by the

Neo gene). After drug selection, cells were sorted for surface expression of Sema-4D, FZD4, or CD20 and expanded. Antigen expressing cells were seeded into well plates or T175 flasks and infected with FPV at a moi of 1. After 48 hours the EEV in the supernatant was harvested and FPV was tested for antigen incorporation using a pulldown assay as described above

[000166] **Generation of FPV recombinants:** QT35 were infected with FPV at a MOI of 1.5 for two hours and then transfected with the FPV transfer vector H5-HPV-CD-A56R-IresNeo, H5-FPV-CD20-FPV108-IresNeo or H5-FPV-muCD39-FPV108-IresNeo. After 48 hours, virus was harvested and titered.

[000167] The bulk virus was used to infect QT35 cells overnight. The cells were stained with antigen-specific antibody and sorted. FPV was extracted from the sorted cells by freeze/thaw and amplified for 3 to 4 days in QT35 cells and titered for a second or third sorting. After 2 or 3 rounds of sorting, the sorted virus was amplified and plated for plaque picking. Amplified plaques were checked by PCR using vector-specific and gene-specific primers. Clones with mixed inserts were selected and further plated for additional rounds until only the correct inserts remained.

[000168] **Flow cytometry to analyze cell surface expression of QT35 stable transfectants for pseudotype virus generation:** QT35 stable cell lines were harvested using Accutase, counted, pelleted, and resuspended at 2 million cells per mL in FACS Buffer (1x PBS, 1% BSA and 2 mM EDTA). Fifty microliters (100,000 cells) was dispensed into each well of a 96 well V-bottom plate. Fifty microliters of anti-antigen antibody was added to each well to give a final concentration of 5 ug/ml of antibody in FACS buffer. The antibody and cells were incubated on ice for one hour. Cells were pelleted and then resuspended in FACS Buffer containing anti-Human-Fc-APC antibody (Biolegend) and incubated on ice for 30 minutes. Cells were pelleted again, washed with FACS Buffer and fixed with 0.5% paraformaldehyde in FACS Buffer before running on the BD FACS Canto II with propidium iodide for live/dead discrimination. APC histograms were plotted from the PI negative (live) cell population. The results are shown in Figures 10-12, discussed below.

[000169] **Flow cytometry to analyze cell surface expression of FPV recombinants as compared to MVA:** QT35 cells were seeded overnight in 6 well tissue culture plates and the following day were infected with either FPV or MVA constructs (IMV) at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of one virus per cell. The virus was allowed to infect overnight at 37C, 7% CO₂. The next morning, cells were harvested using Accutase, pelleted, and washed with 5 ml of FACS Buffer (1x PBS, 1% BSA and 2 mM EDTA). Each well of cells was then resuspended in 200 µl of FACS Buffer and 50 µl was dispensed into each well of a 96 well V-bottom plate. Fifty microliters of anti-antigen antibody were added to each well to give a final concentration of 5 ug/ml of antibody in FACS buffer. The antibody and cells were incubated on ice for one hour. Cells were pelleted and then resuspended in FACS Buffer containing anti-Human-Fc-APC antibody (Biolegend) and incubated on ice for 30 minutes. Cells were pelleted again, washed with FACS Buffer and fixed with 0.5% paraformaldehyde in FACS Buffer before running on the BD FACS Canto II with propidium iodide for live/dead discrimination. APC histograms were plotted from the PI negative (live) cell population.

[000170] Figures 10 and 11 demonstrate that expression of the IMP (CD20 and CD39) in fowlpox using a CD20-FPV108 and FPV-H5-muCD39-FPV108 construct, respectively) is similar to that of the control (MVA-T7-CD20-G-F and MVA-HA-56-muCD39-F, respectively in MVA). Figure 12 shows expression of CD20, FZD4, and SEMA4D, respectively on the cell surface of QT35 cells transfected with a CD20-FPV108 (Figure 12A), FZD4-FPV108 (Figure 12B) and SEMA4D-A56R (Figure 12C) construct.

Example 4:

Example 4: Alternate immunization and panning with vaccinia virus and FPV to eliminate anti-virus antibody responses to immunization

[000171] Immunization with either a recombinant vaccinia or fowlpox virus strain generates very potent antibody responses to the recombinant antigen. Animals are immunized with recombinant poxvirus, e.g., recombinant vaccinia or fowlpox

virus, and a display library is generated from the B cells isolated from the immunized animals. The display library generated from the immunized animals is then “panned” or “screened” on antigen displayed on a distinct recombinant pox virus, e.g., fowlpox or vaccinia virus/MVA, as appropriate. This facilitates selection against the antigen of interest by eliminating anti-vector antibodies. Using this approach, up to one billion antibody combinations have been screened *in vitro* and have been cloned, and sequenced. Including immunization time, screening and verification, the entire process is completed in about 2 months.

Immunization

[000172] Female BALB/c mice (Jackson; 8 weeks old) were bled before immunization to provide baseline titer. At 9 weeks old (Day 0), mice were immunized with 10^7 pfu of EEV intraperitoneally, using a minimum of 3 mice per group. Mice were bled on Day 21 post immunization and boosted with a second dose of EEV as on Day 0. Mice were bled at various time points post boost, and all serum was isolated by centrifugation at 13,000 rpm for 3 minutes using BD Microtainer SST tubes to pellet the red blood cells. The serum was removed and frozen in a fresh tube with each mouse remaining separate. In some instances, mice were boosted a second time with EEV to increase response.

[000173] To analyze the serum for the presence of mouse anti-CD20 antibodies, each serum sample was serially diluted in FACS Buffer (1x PBS, 1% BSA and 2mM EDTA) and tested for mouse anti-antigen binding by flow cytometry on cells expressing the antigen of interest followed by anti-Mouse-APC secondary detection reagent. The GMFI for each sample was divided by the GMFI for anti-Mouse-APC alone to calculate the fold over background. Values for mice in the same group and day were averaged and plotted along with the standard deviation. As shown in Figure 13, the mice mount a response after administration of the first dose, which is enhanced after the second immunization dose.

[000174] As shown in Figure 13 immunization with either MVA/CD20 or FPV/CD20 resulted in serum antibody titers that demonstrated binding to CD20+ Wil2S cells.

Generation of phage display library from immunized mice B cells

[000175] Bone marrow and spleen were harvested from immunized mice and stored in RNAlater™ (ThermoFisher cat# AM7020). RNA was extracted using RNeasy kit (Qiagen), DNase- treated and quantified by nanodrop. cDNA was prepared using standard protocols followed by RNAase treatment. For cDNA synthesis, the cDNA was primed using primers specific to the constant domain of mouse gamma constant 1 and constant 2 gene. This selected for antibodies in activated B cells. Heavy chain variable regions were PCR amplified using standard methods and utilizing a mix of mouse VH gene and JH gene primer containing BssHII and BstEII restriction sites. The PCR product was gel purified. V-genes were bulk cloned into a phagemid pool (pAD) at the BssHII/ BstEII sites (pAD phagemid backbone in the pool containing 21 human germline variable light chains fused to human constant regions separated by a Ribosome Binding site (RBS)) using NxGen T4 DNA Ligase, Lucigen 3024-1. Ligation reactions were transformed via electroporation into TG1 Electrocompetent cells, Lucigen #60502-2, with 1 hr outgrowth and expanded culture at 37° C for 5 hours with shaking in 2YXT buffer with glucose and ampicillin. Phagemid library was harvested by centrifugation at 4° C, 6200 rpm for 15 minutes. Pellets were re-suspended in freezing media (containing 2XYT, glycerol, glucose and Amp). Bacteria were plated to titer the library and a subset of phagemid were mini-prepped and sequenced for library quality control.

[000176] To generate phage, the library was grown to log phase in 2XYT/Ampicillin/glucose.

and then infected with hyperphage for 1 hour at 37 °C, after which the cells were pelleted by centrifugation and resuspended in 2XYT/Amp/Kanamycin and grown with shaking at 30° overnight. The following day the phage were harvested by PEG precipitation and resuspended in 1ml PBS.

[000177] For library panning, Tosylactivated MyOne DYNABEADS® (100 µL) were pulled down with a magnet and washed with 1 mL of PBS, two times. The beads were pulled down with the magnet, the PBS removed and the 3×10^8 pfu of FPV/CD20-FPV108 or control FPV were each added to 50 µl of beads. The beads and

antigen-EEV were allowed to rotate at 37 °C for 18-20 hours. The beads were pelleted and the supernatant was removed. The beads were blocked with 1 mL of 1X PBS, 10% FBS and 0.5% BSA at 37 °C for 2 hours. The beads were pelleted and washed with 1 mL 1X PBS before being resuspended in 100 µL of 1X PBS for CD20 and 150µl for the control FPV. The phage library (1ml, approximately 10^{11} pfu) generated from the CD20 immunized mice was blocked with 2% milk and 10% FBS for 30 minutes. The phage library was added to 50µl beads couple with control FPV for 30 min to deplete background and any anti-FPV binding. The beads were pulled down with a magnet and unbound phage was transfer to a fresh tube with a fresh 50 µl of beads coated with control FPV. The phage were allowed to bind for 30 minutes; unbound phage was removed as above and bound to control FPV/beads for a third time for 30 minutes. Unbound phage was then transferred to a fresh tube and the CD20 FPV/bead was added. Phage were bound for 1 hour at RT with rotation. Unbound phage were removed by 10 X 1ml washes in PBS/10%FBS and bound phage used to infect log phase TG1 cells in 2XYT/glucose for 1 hour at 37° with shaking. After the 1 hour, hyperphage and ampicillin were added and the cells were grown with shaking at 37° for 1 hour. After an hour the cells were pelleted by centrifugation and resuspended in 2XYT/Amp/Kanamycin and grown with shaking at 30° overnight to produce phage. The next day the phage were harvested by PEG precipitation and resuspended in 1ml PBS. The phage were then subjected to two additional rounds of panning as described above. After the third round of panning the Tg1 cells were infected for 1 hour and then grown overnight at 30° in 2XYT/Amp/Glucose to expand the plasmid.

[000178] The following day, the TG1 cells with the Rd 3 panned phagemid were centrifuged to pellet and then plasmid DNA was extracted (Qiagen HiSpeed Maxiprep kit, cat# 12662). Expression cassette containing the linked heavy and light chains (variable light/ constant light- RBS element- Variable Heavy) was subcloned as a pool into mammalian expression dual gene vector pEFDGV (Kan) using BsrG1 and NheI restriction sites and standard ligation and transformation protocols (pEFDGV contains the heavy constant to complete the antibody cassette upon cloning) The library was plated on 4 standard 150 mm LB AGAR plates containing 50 mg/mL Kanamycin (LB-Kan50) and incubated overnight at 37° C. A control 'vector only'

plate was included. Colonies were counted and background was determined. Approximately 5000 colonies were harvested from the plates (10 ML LB/Glycerol per plate was applied to each plate and colonies were gently lifted from the agar surface using a sterile cell scraper) and plasmid DNA was extracted using Qiagen plasmid DNA kit. This pool was subsequently digested with SalI/ BssHI to remove the RBS element and replace it with an IRES element for mammalian co-expression. Transformations were plated on 100mm LB-Kan50 plates at various densities to ensure good colony separation and incubated overnight at 37° C. 94 colonies were picked into a 96 well deep well growth plate containing 1.6 mL/ well LB/Kan50 and grown for 22 hrs at 37° C. A spot plate was arrayed to allow for future propagation of each individual clone in the future. Plasmid DNA was isolated in this format using the Qiagen turbo 96 kit. DNA concentration was measured by nanodrop and averaged to assign a single plate concentration and the DNA was handed off for transfection.

[000179] DNA was sequenced at Genewiz using two primers – Ef1F forward primer (5'-TGGAATTTGCCCTTTTGTAG-3') (SEQ ID NO: 13) for the light chain variable region and cGS reverse primer (5' AAGTAGTCCTTGACCAGGCAGCC-3') (SEQ ID NO: 14) for the heavy chain variable region.

[000180] For transfection, CHO-S cells were seeded at 50,000 cells per well in a 96 well plate the day before transfection in 125 µl DMEM-10% FBS. The following day 75 µl of a mixture of Lipofectamine 2000 (1.65 µl each well) and Optimem was added to 0.8 ug of DNA and incubated at room temperature for 20 minutes. DMEM-10% FBS was aspirated from the plate containing the cells. This mixture of Lipofectamine, Optimem, and DNA was then added to the CHO cells, along with 150 µl of Optimem. Plates were incubated at 37° Celsius for 3 days. After 3 days plates were spun for 5-7 minutes at 1200xg, and the supernatants were harvested. Supernatants were then tested for anti-CD20 antibodies by flow cytometry with binding to Wil2S (CD20+) and absence of binding to CHO (CD20 negative). Figure

14 shows binding of 5 unique anti-CD20 antibodies selected using the protocol described above. Numerous additional binders were identified.

Alternate panning with vaccinia virus and FPV to eliminate anti-virus antibody responses

[000181] FPV and vaccinia virus expressing antigens were used for *in vitro* panning. A phage display library was made from synthetic V gene sequences in a phagemid vector using standard methods. The library contained approximately 10^{10} unique V gene combinations and the library had a titer of approximately 10^{12} pfu/ml. The availability of antigen recombinants in two antigenically distinct background strains facilitates selection of antibodies against the desired antigen because anti-vector antibodies are easily removed by alternating virus for different rounds.

[000182] Tosylactivated MyOne DYNABEADS® (100 μ L) were pulled down with a magnet and washed with 1 mL of PBS, two times. The beads were pulled down with the magnet, the PBS removed and the 3×10^8 pfu of FPV/CD20-FPV108 or control FPV were each added to 50 μ l of beads. The beads and antigen-EEV were allowed to rotate at 37 °C for 18-20 hours. The beads were pelleted and the supernatant was removed. The beads were blocked with 1 mL of 1X PBS, 10% FBS and 0.5% BSA at 37 °C for 2 hours. The beads were pelleted and washed with 1 mL 1X PBS before being resuspended in 100 μ L of 1X PBS for CD20 and 150 μ l for control FPV. The phage library (1ml, approximately 10^{12} pfu) was blocked with 2% milk and 10% FBS for 30 minutes. The phage library was added to 50 μ l beads couple with wt FPV for 30 min to deplete background and any anti-FPV binding. The beads were pulled down with a magnet and unbound phage was transfer to a fresh tube with a fresh 50 μ l of beads coated with control FPV. The phage were allowed to bind for 30 minutes; unbound phage were removed as above and bound to control FPV/beads for third time for 30 minutes. Unbound phage were then transferred to a fresh tube and the CD20 FPV/bead was added. Phage were bound for 1 hour at RT with rotation. Unbound phage were removed by 10 X 1ml washes in PBS/10%FBS and bound phage used to infect log phase TG1 cells in 2XYT/glucose for 1 hour at 37° with shaking. After the 1 hour, hyperphage and ampicillin were added and the cells were grown with shaking at 37° for 1 hour, and then pelleted by centrifugation, resuspended in

2XYT/Amp/Kanamycin and grown with shaking at 30° overnight. The next day the phage were harvested by PEG precipitation and resuspended in 1ml PBS. The phage were then subjected to three additional rounds of panning as described above. For the second round of panning, MVA/CD20 and control MVA were used as panning antigens. For the third round FPV/CD20 and control FPV were used, and for the 4th round, MVA/CD20 and control MVA were used. After the fourth round of panning the Tg1 cells were infected for 1 hour with the bound phage and then grown overnight at 30° in 2XYT/Amp/Glucose to expand the plasmid.

[000183] The following day, the TG1 cells with the Rd 3 panned phagemid were centrifuged to pellet and then plasmid DNA was extracted (Qiagen HiSpeed Maxiprep kit, cat# 12662). Expression cassette containing the linked heavy and light chains (variable light/ constant light- RBS element- Variable Heavy) was subcloned as a pool into mammalian expression dual gene vector pEFDGV (Kan) using BsrG1 and NheI restriction sites and standard ligation and transformation protocols (pEFDGV contains the heavy constant to complete the antibody cassette upon cloning) The library was plated on 4 standard 150 mm LB AGAR plates containing 50 mg/mL Kanamycin (LB-Kan50) and incubated overnight at 37°C. A control vector only plate was included. Colonies were counted and background determined. Approximately 5000 colonies were harvested from the plates (10 ML LB/Glycerol per plate was applied to each plate and colonies were gently lifted from the agar surface using a sterile cell scraper) and plasmid DNA was extracted using Qiagen plasmid DNA kit. This pool was subsequently digested with SalI/ BssHI to remove the RBS element and replace it with an IRES element for mammalian co-expression. Transformations were plated on 100mm LB-Kan50 plates at various densities to ensure good colony separation and incubated overnight at 37° C. 94 colonies were picked into a 96 well deep well growth plate containing 1.6 mL/ well LB/Kan50 and grown for 22 hrs at 37° C. A spot plate was arrayed to allow for future propagation of each individual clone in the future. Plasmid DNA was isolated in this format using the Qiagen turbo 96 kit. DNA concentration was measured by nanodrop and averaged to assign a single plate concentration and the DNA was handed off for transfection.

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