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(54) **IMMUNOGENIC COMPOSITION FOR MERS CORONAVIRUS INFECTION**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Described herein are immunogenic compositions for preventing infection with Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) wherein the immunogenic compositions comprise at least a portion of the MERS-CoV S protein and an immunopotentiator.

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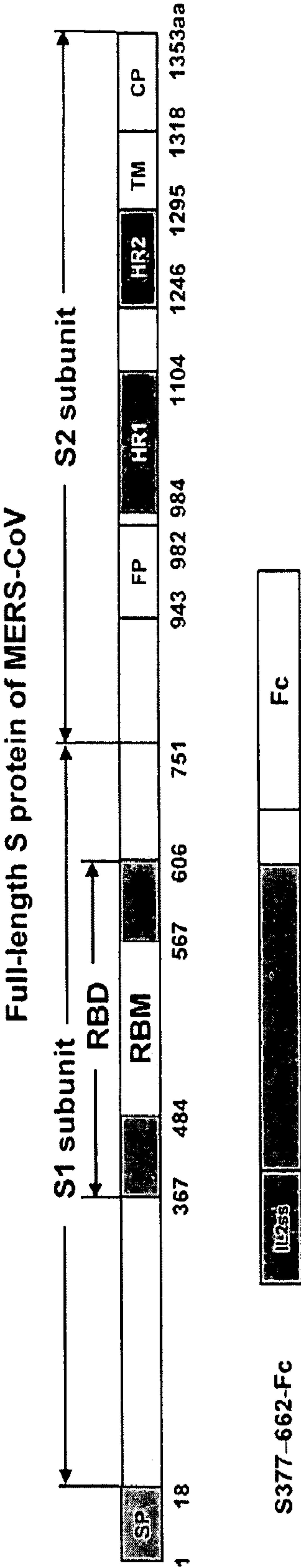


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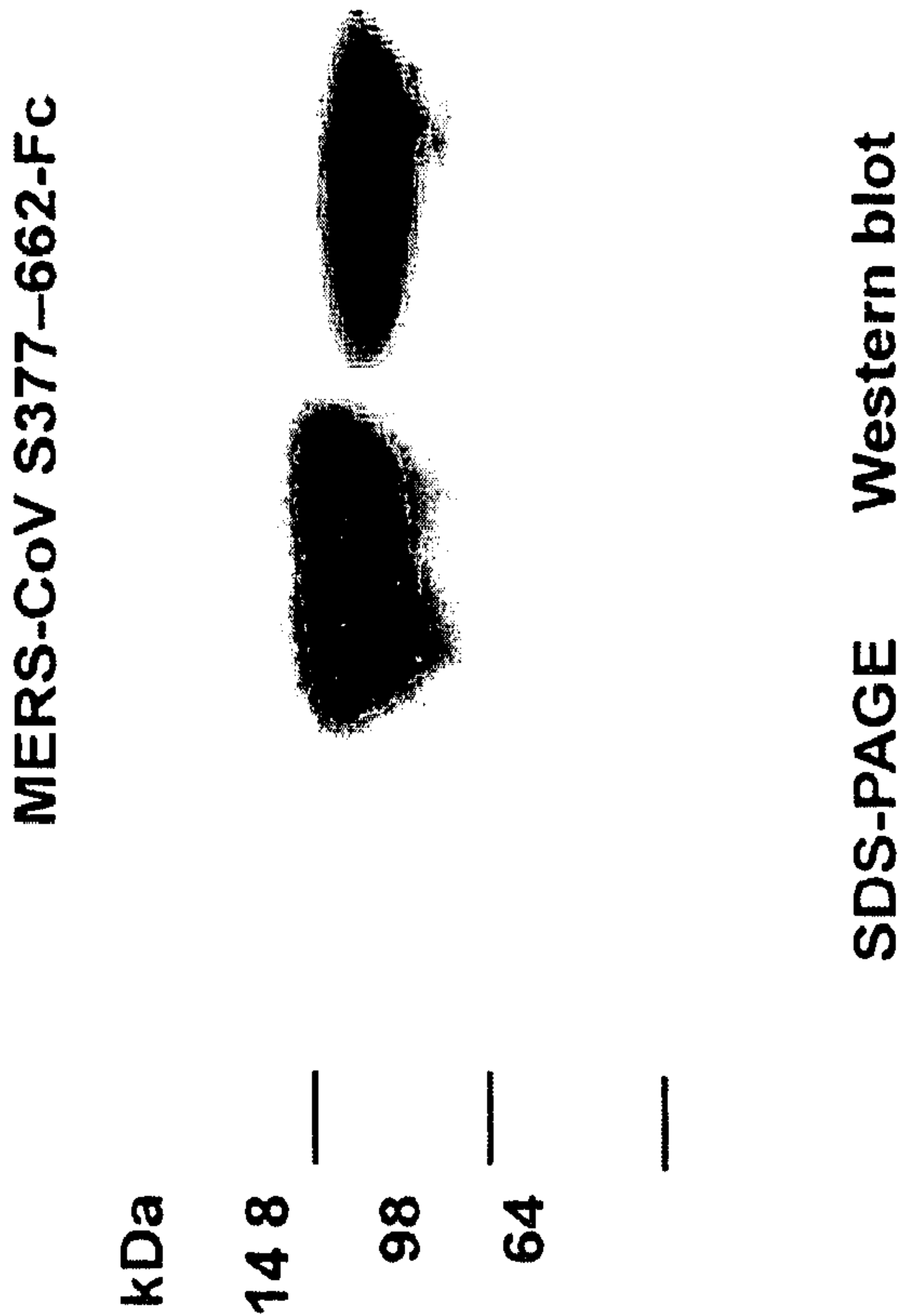


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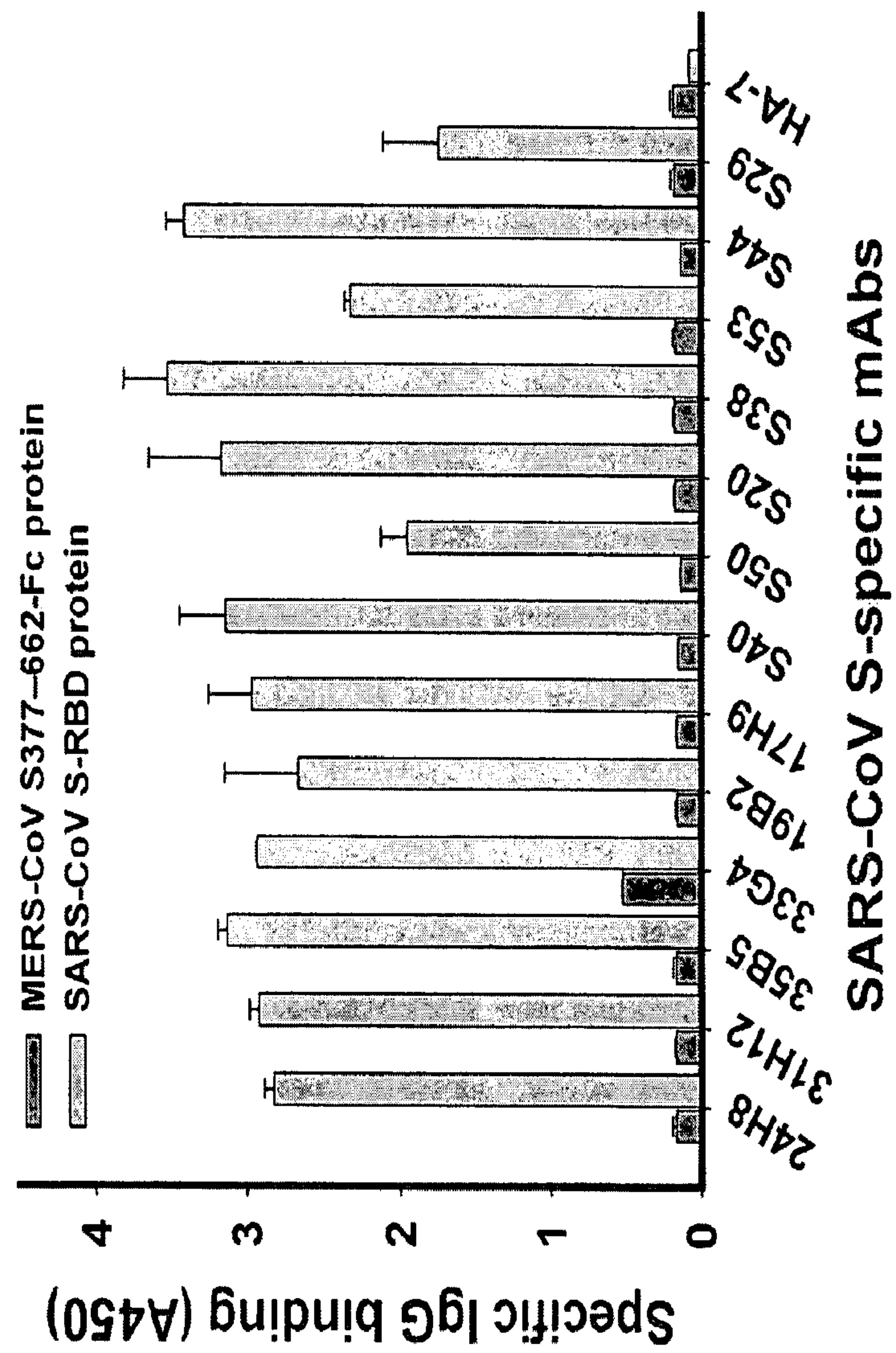


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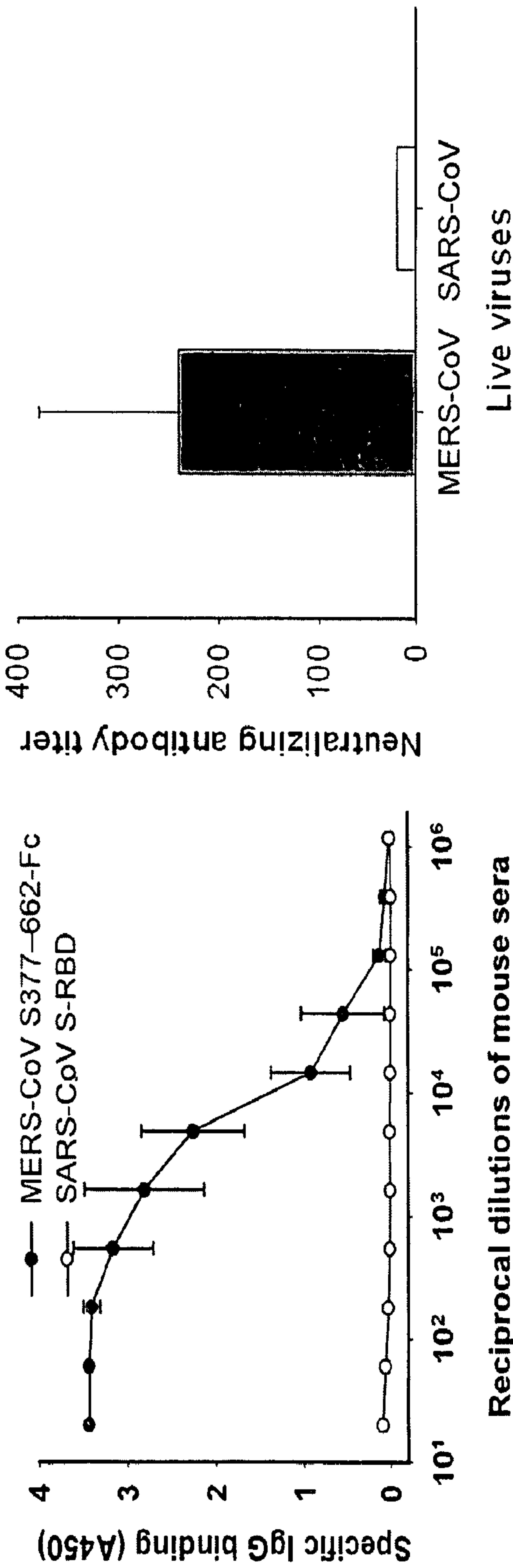


FIG. 4A

FIG. 4B

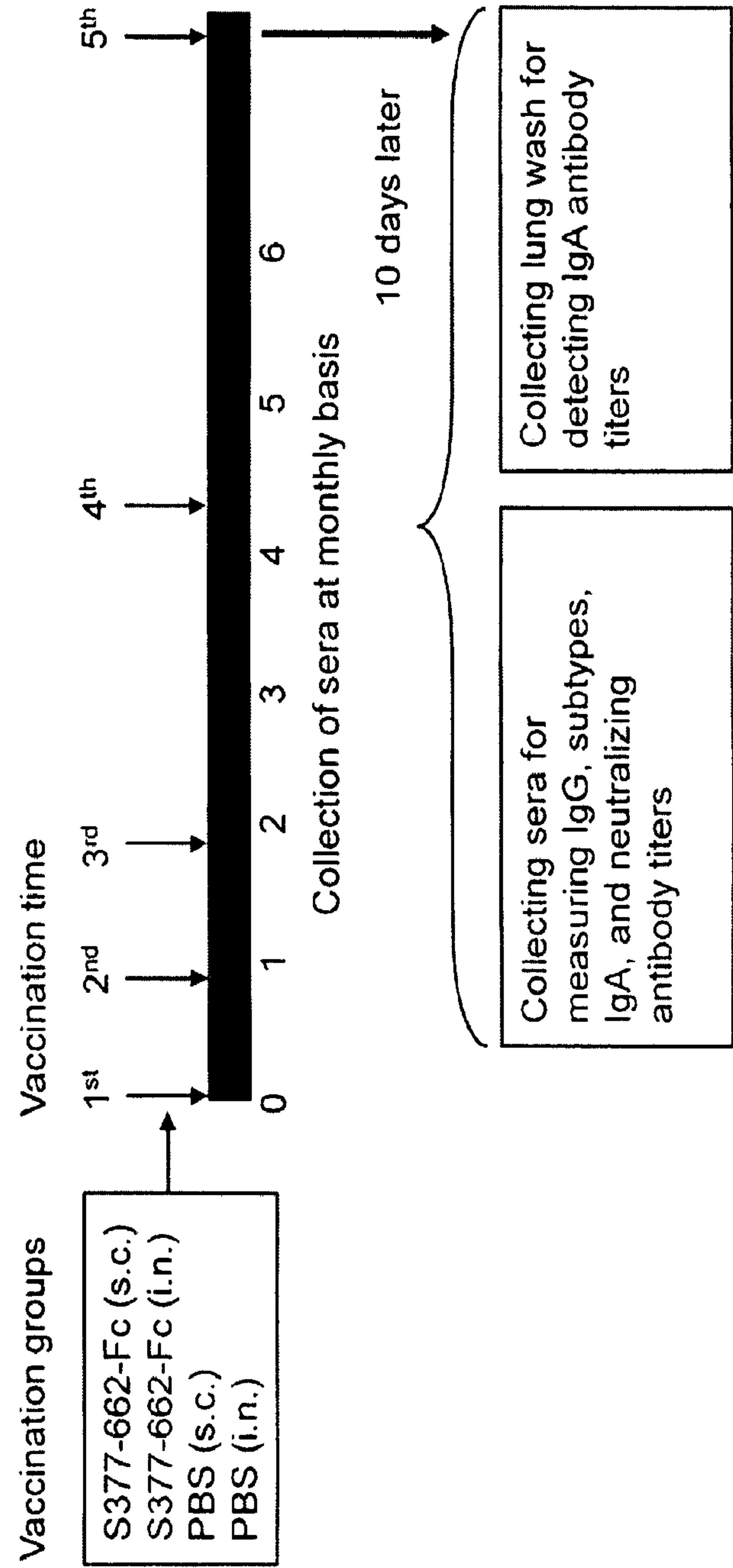


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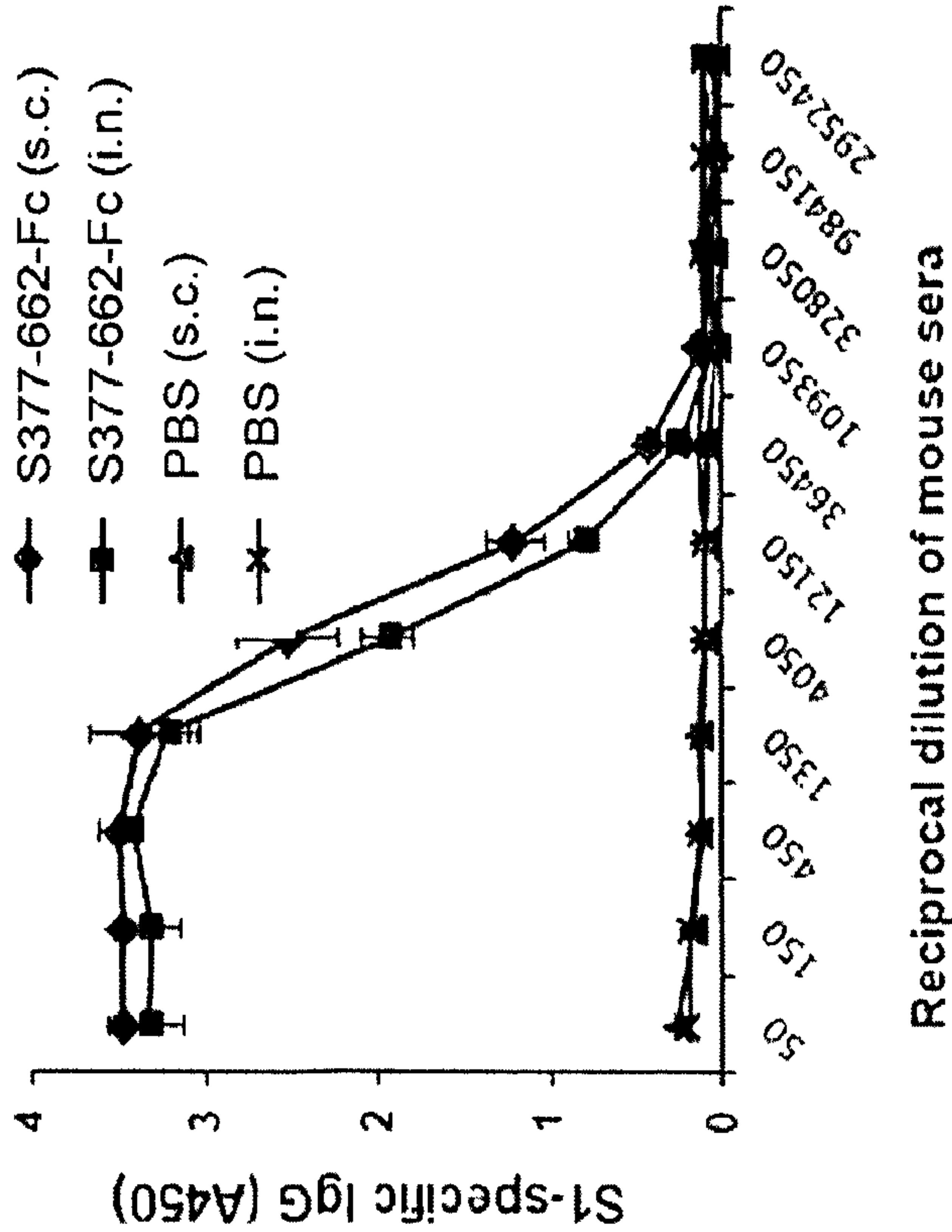


FIG. 6A

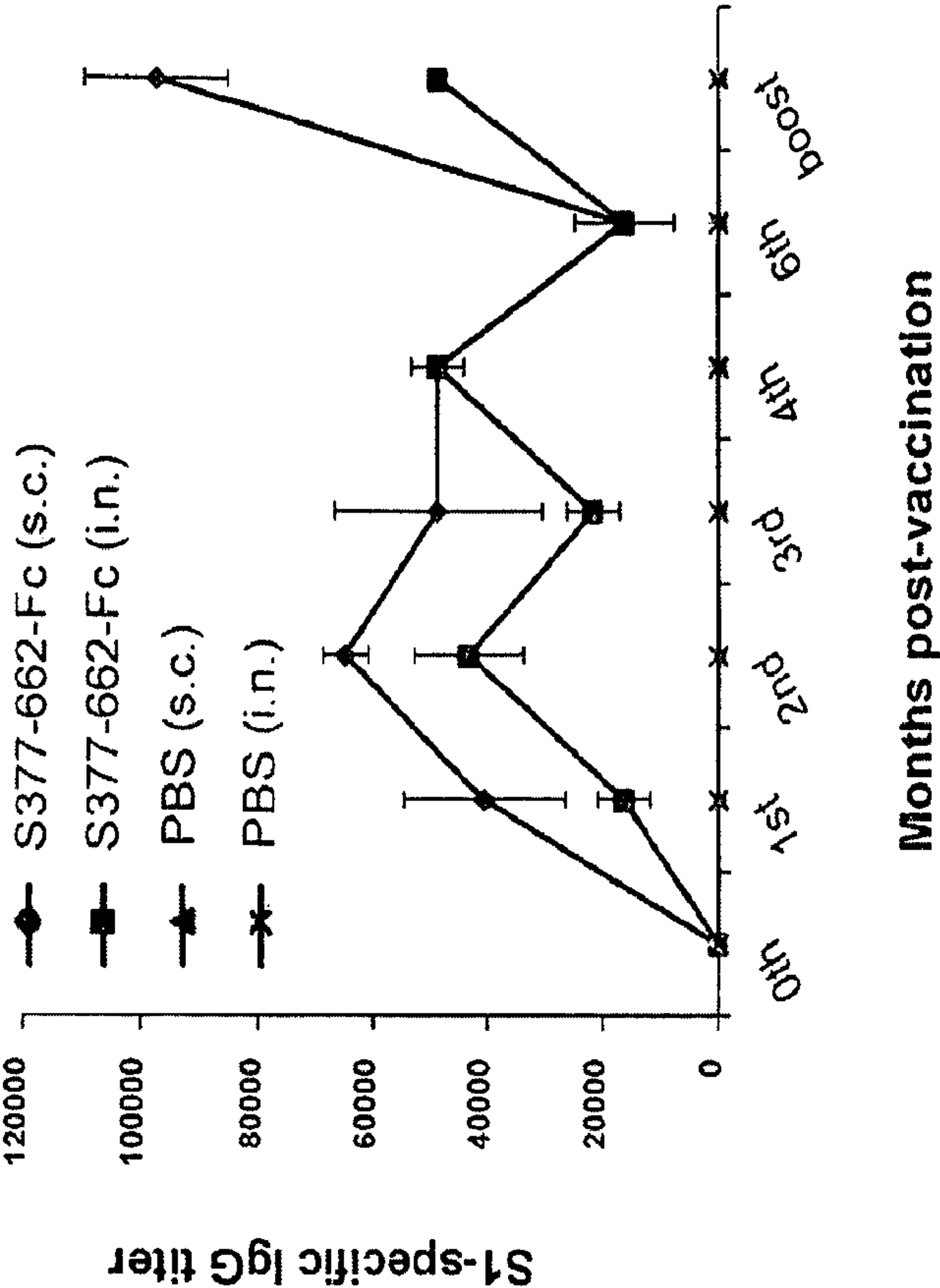


FIG. 6B

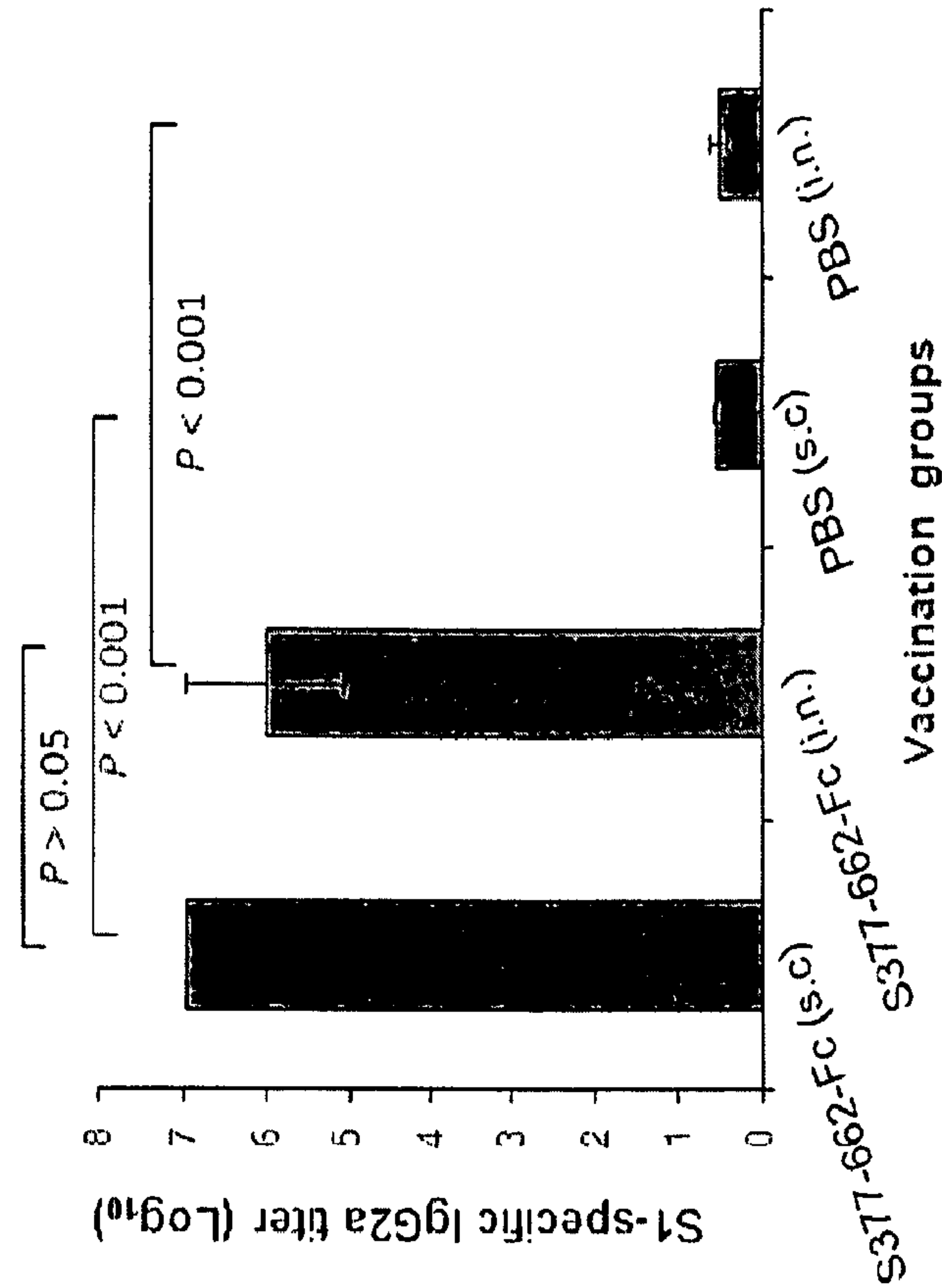


FIG. 7B

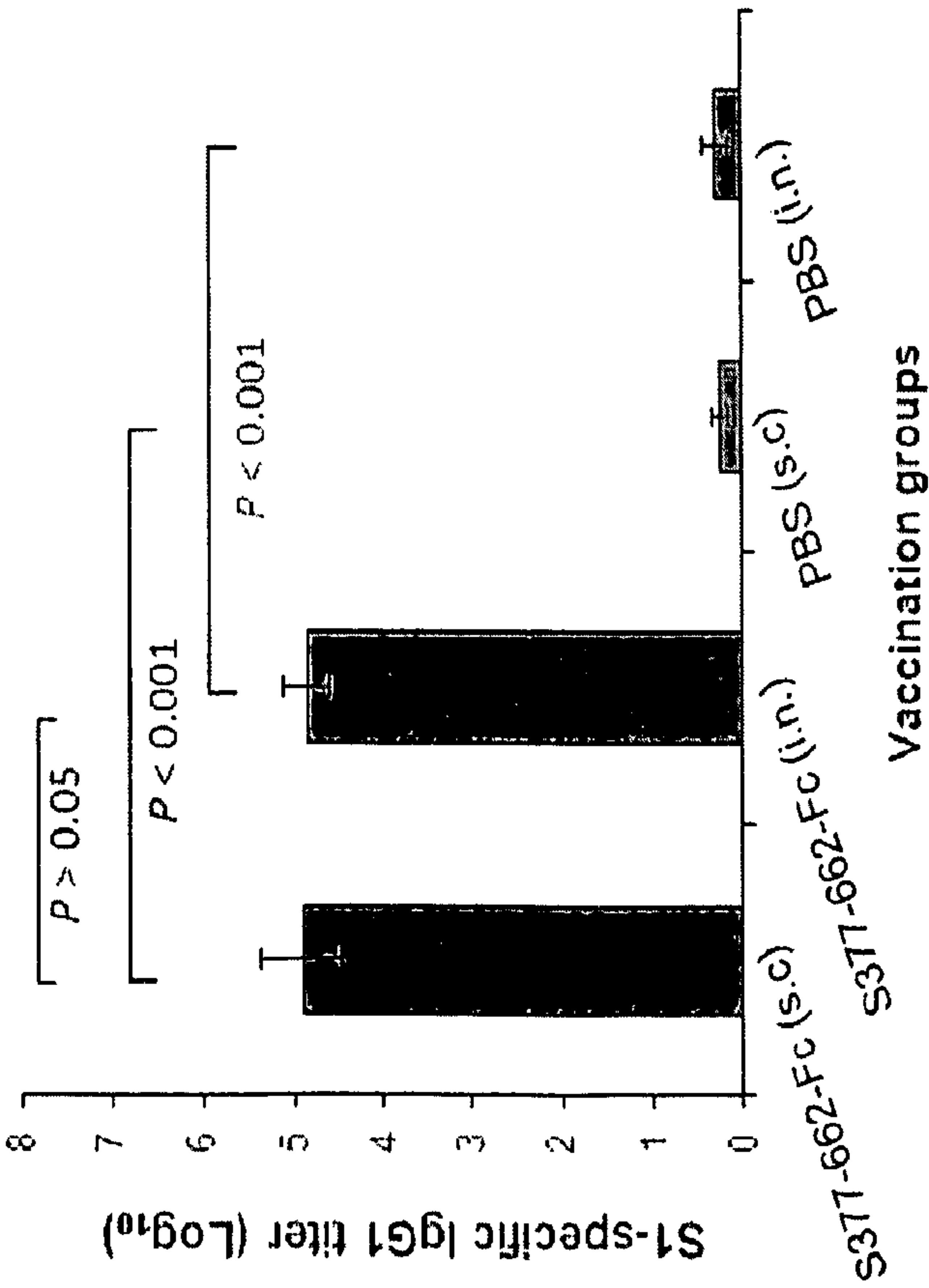


FIG. 7A

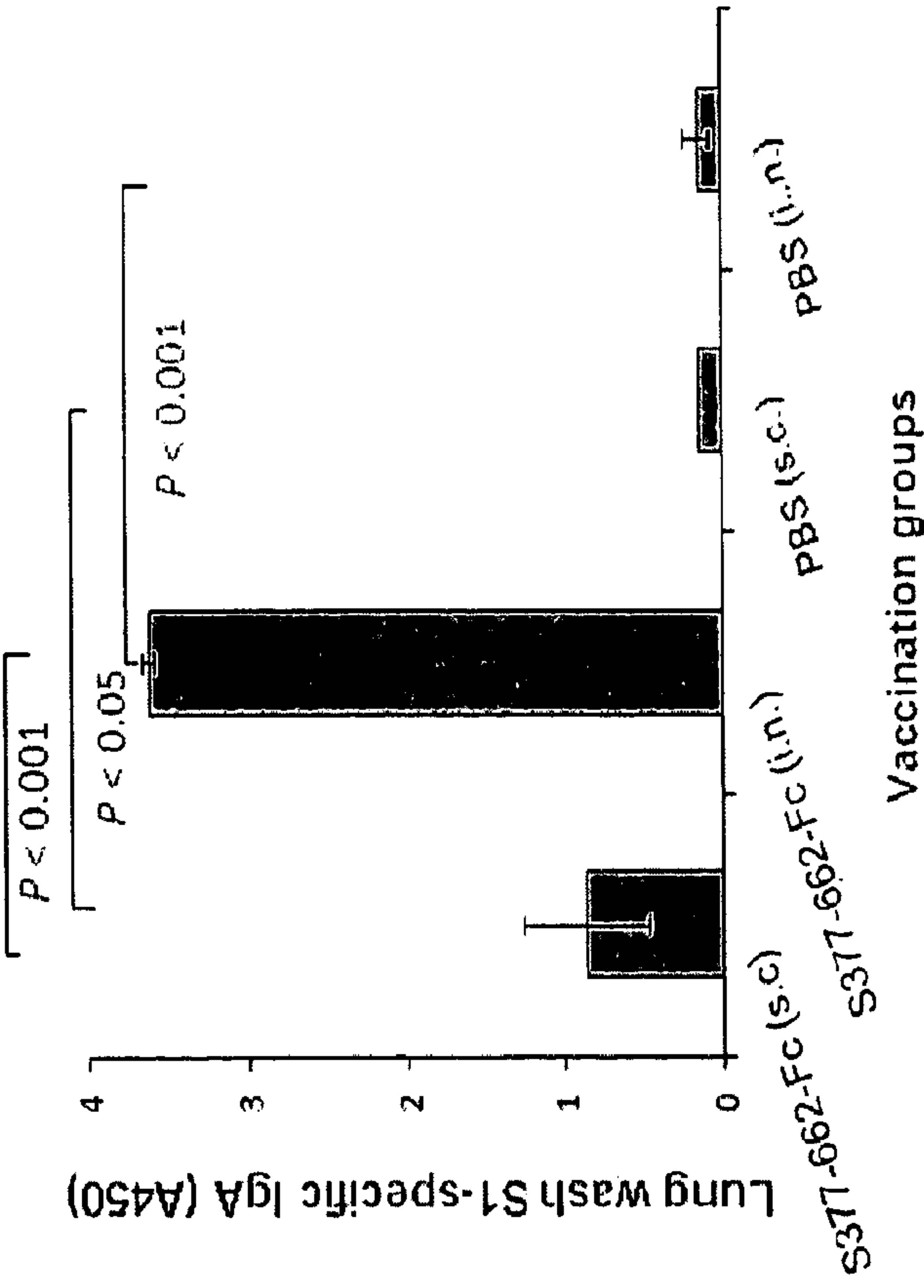


FIG. 8A

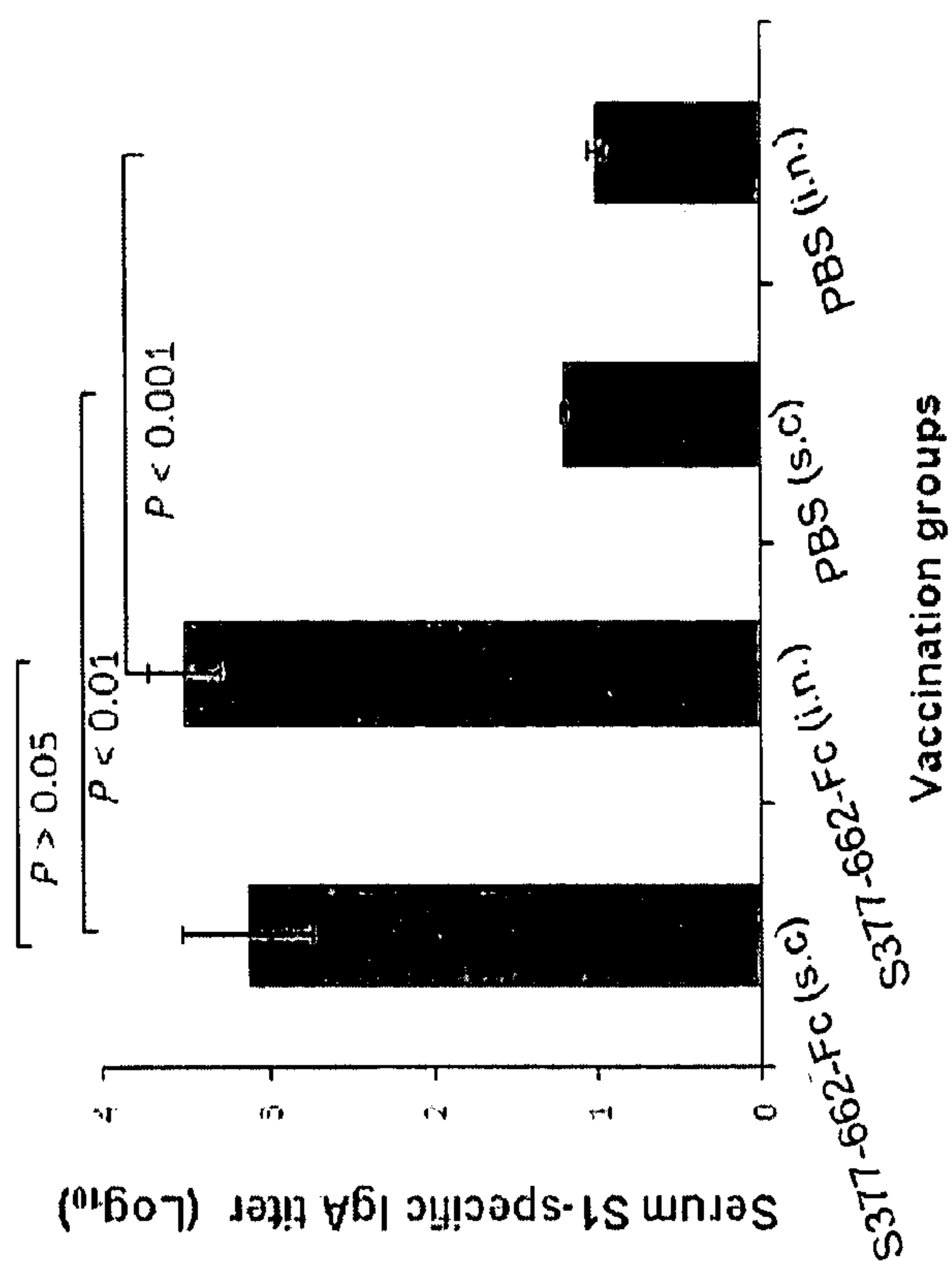


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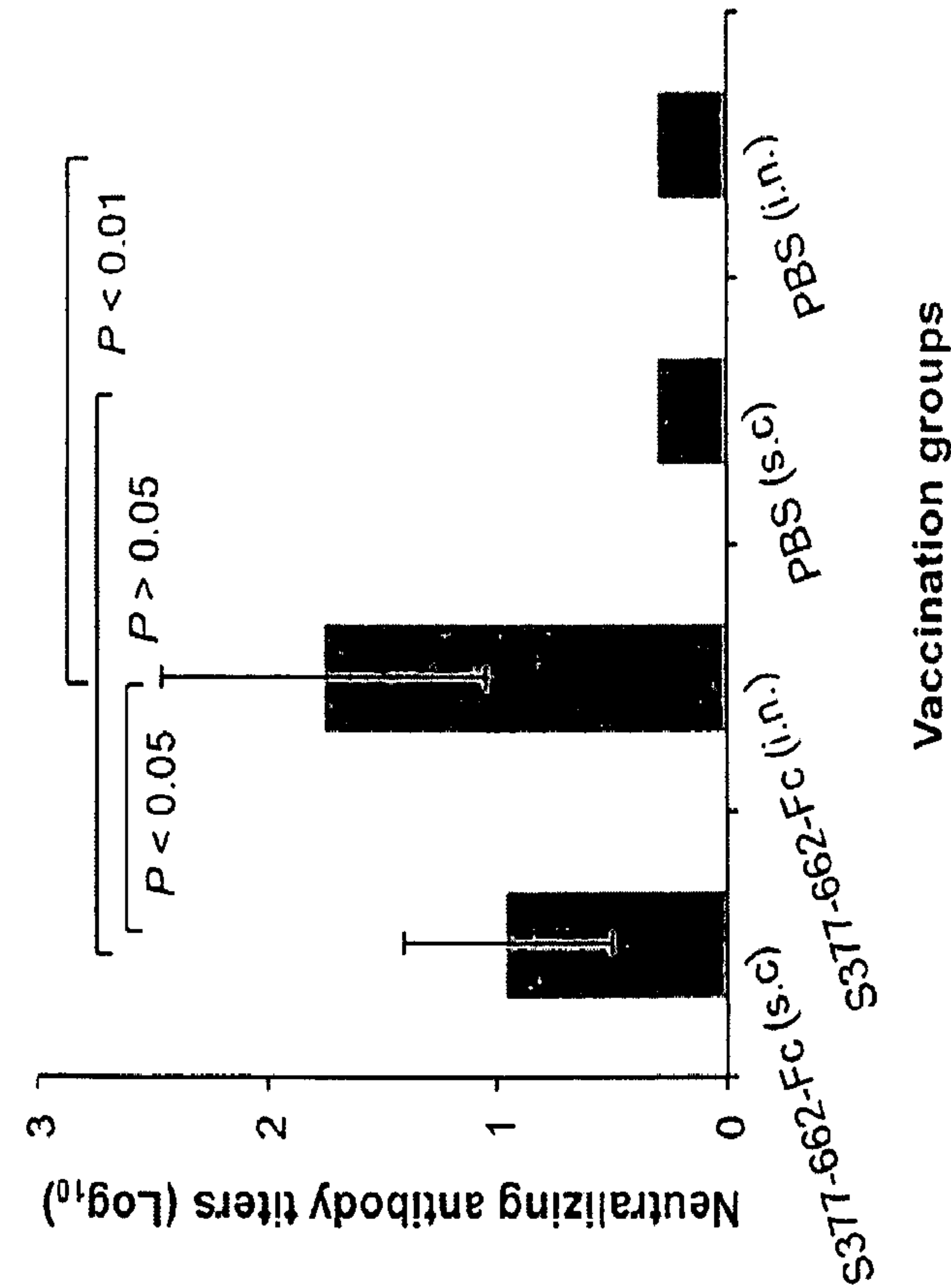


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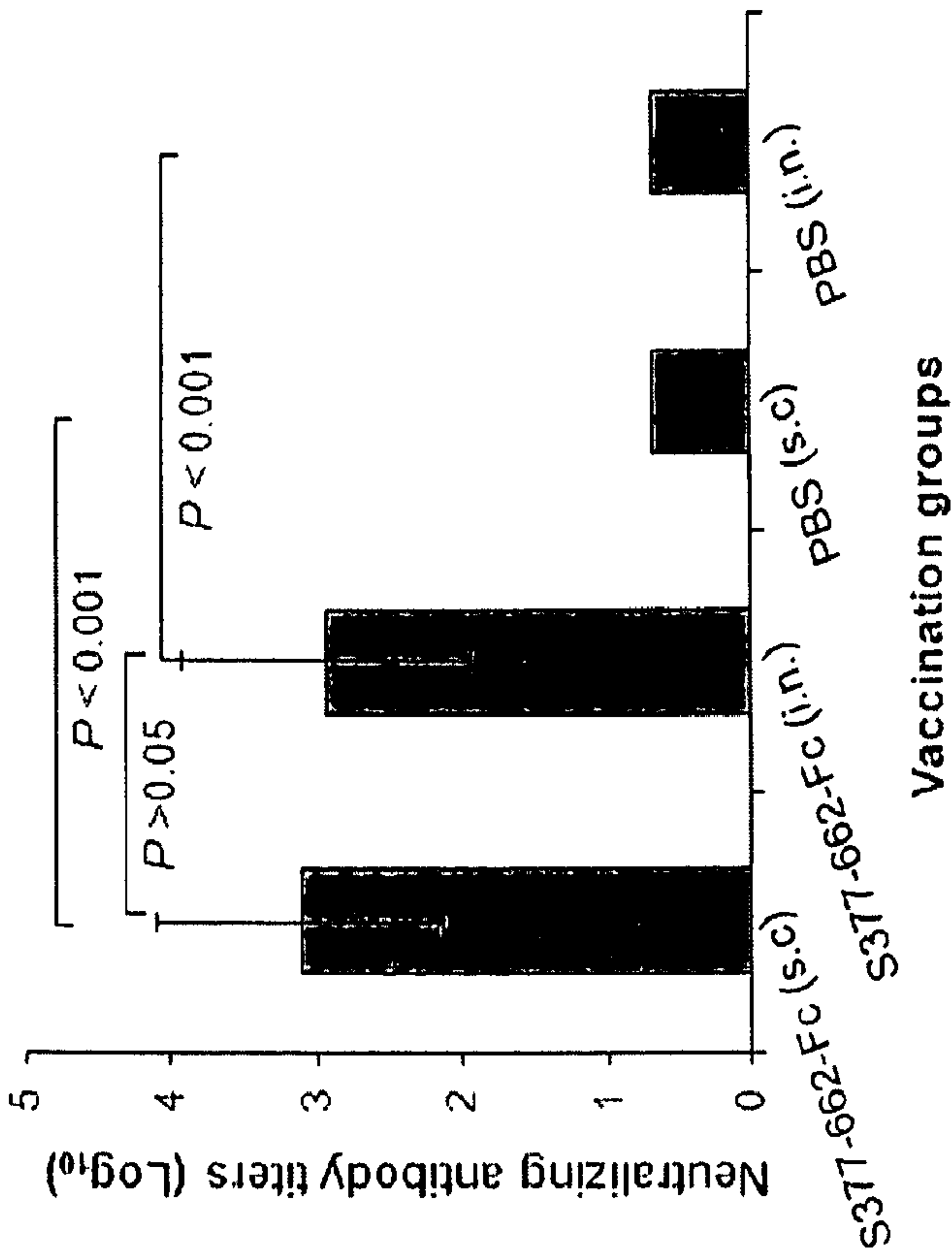


FIG. 9A

FIG. 10A

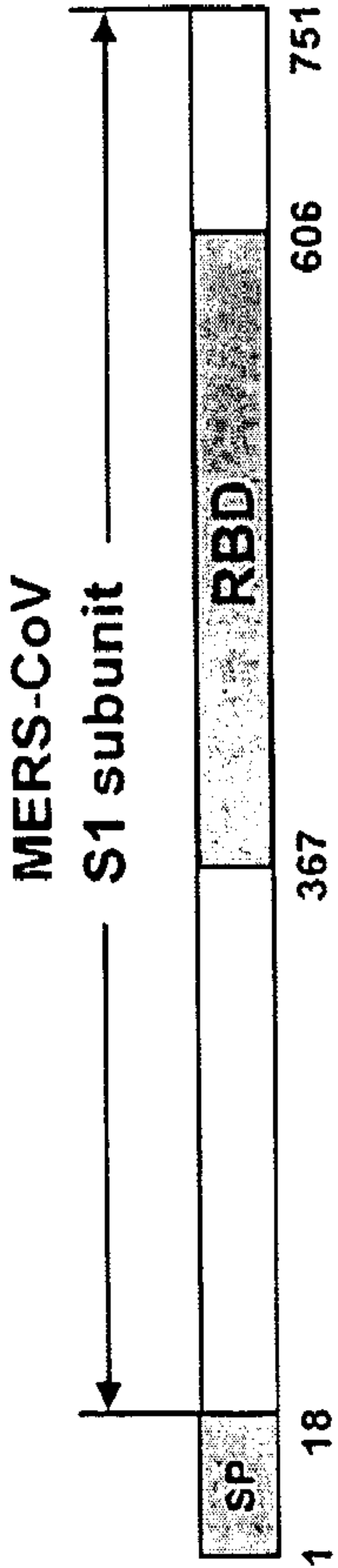
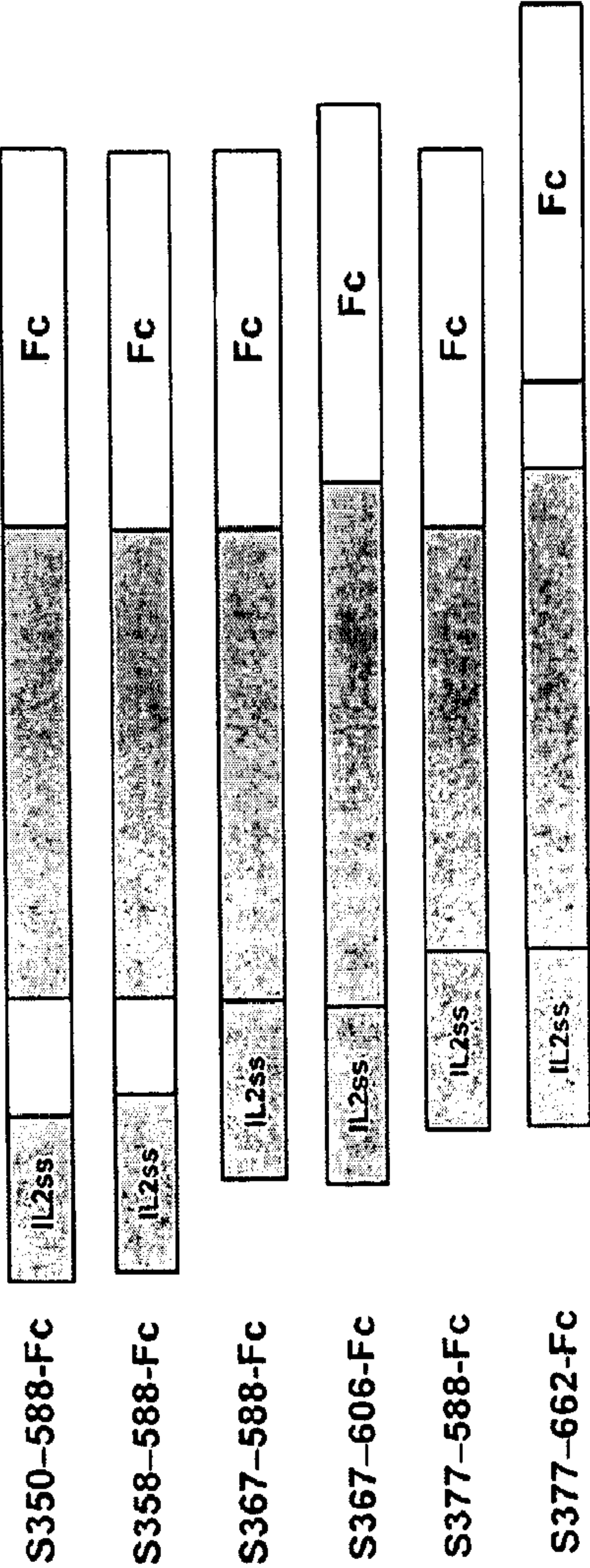
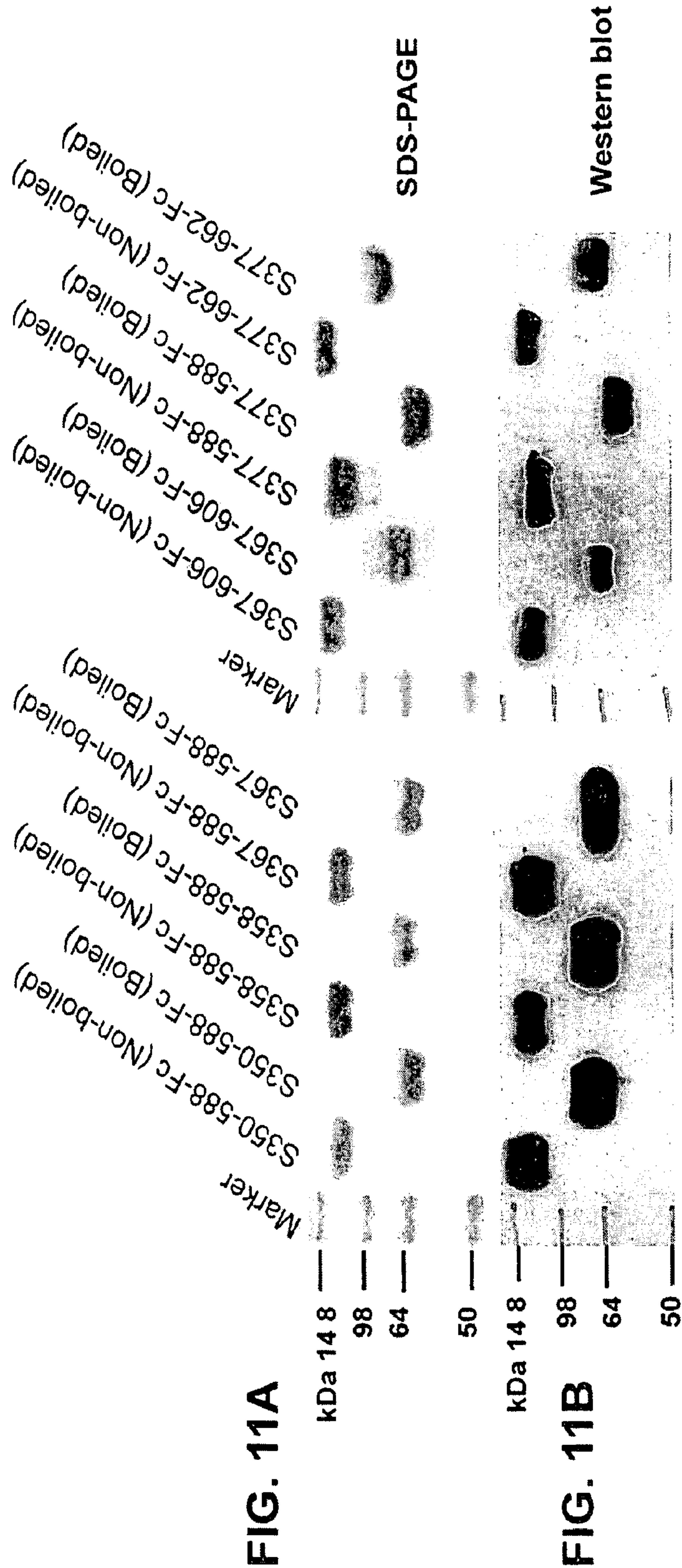
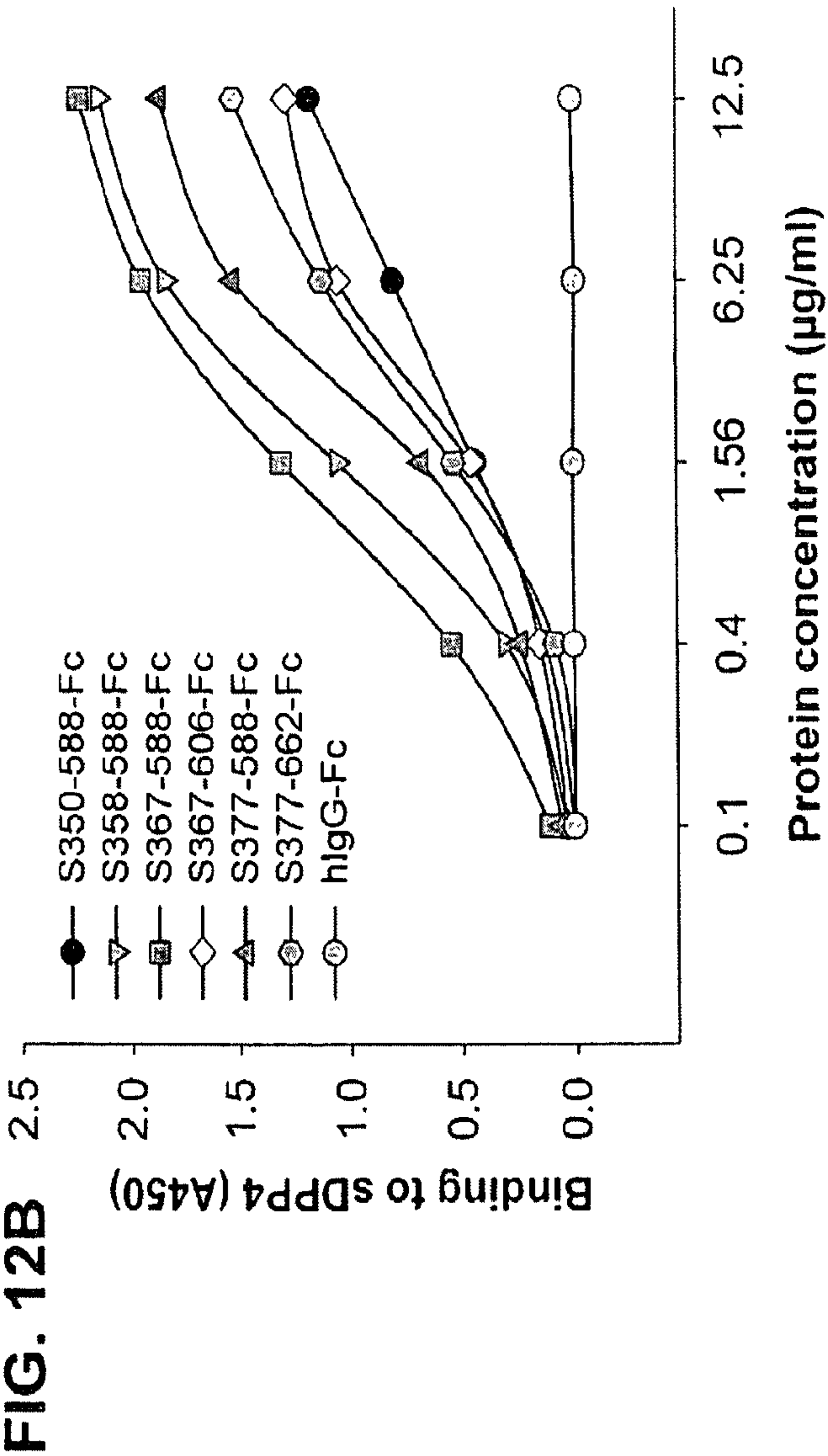
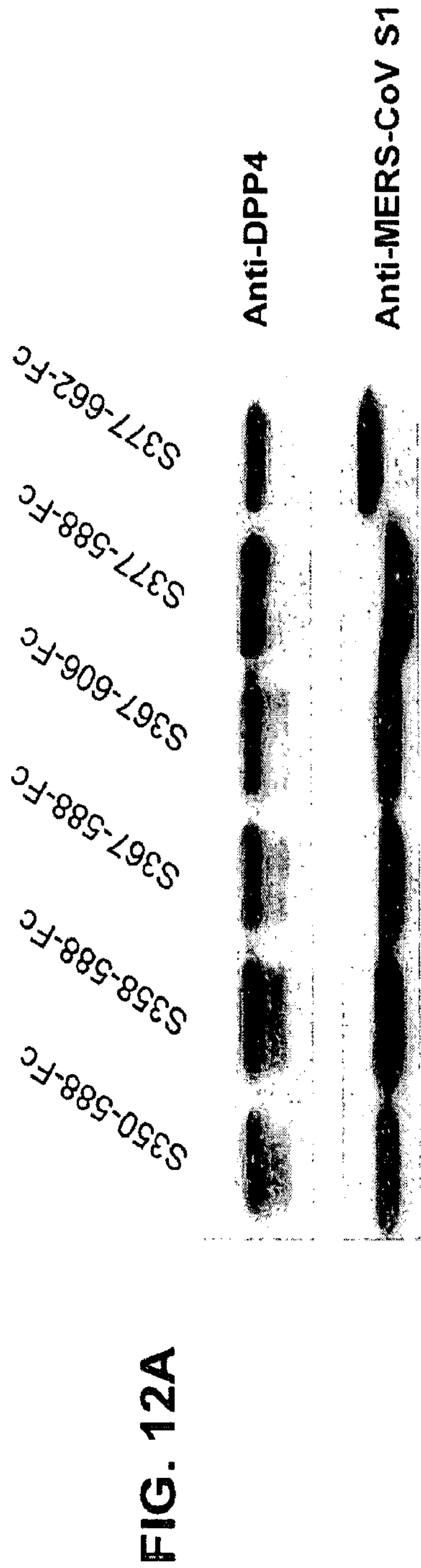


FIG. 10B







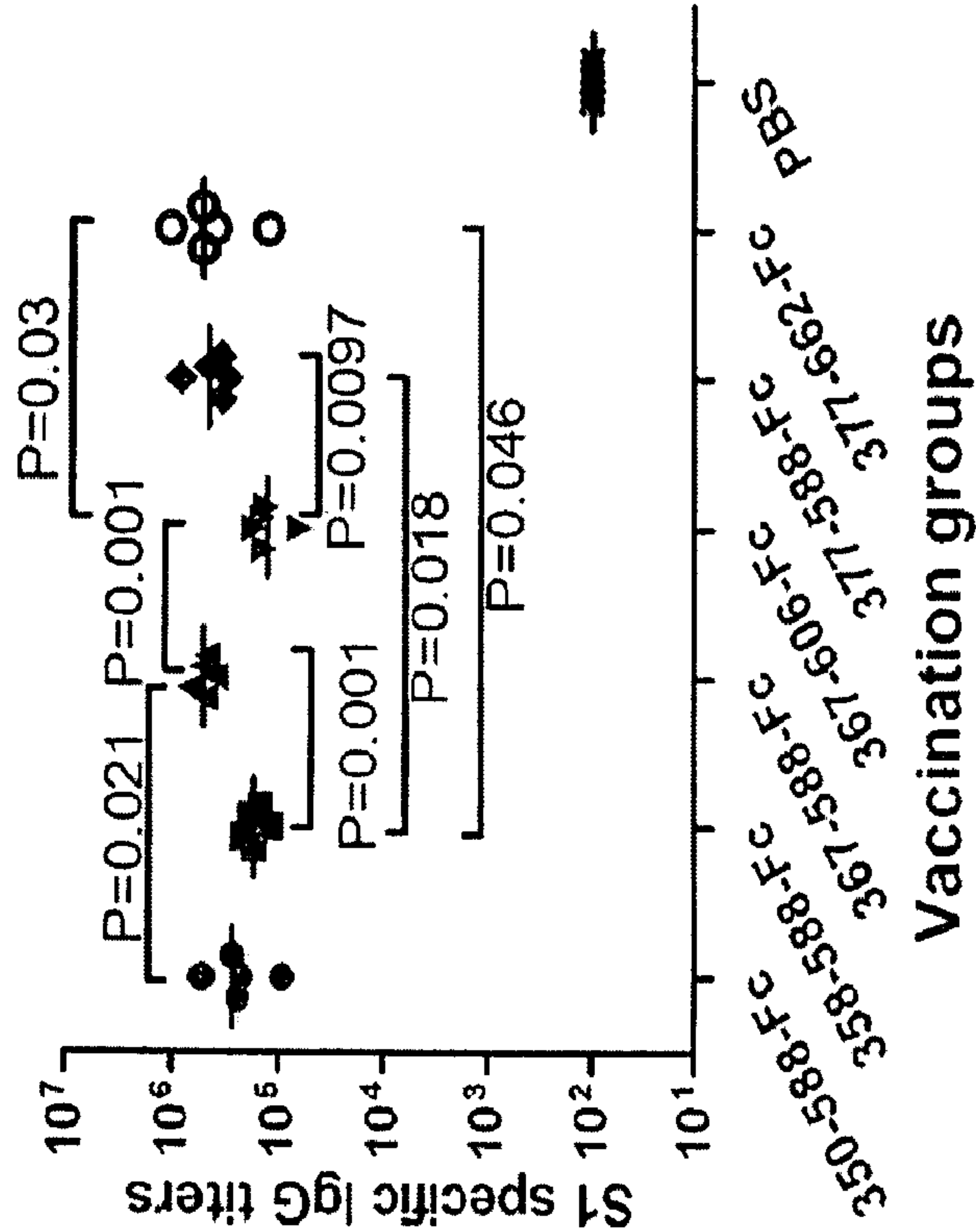


FIG. 13B

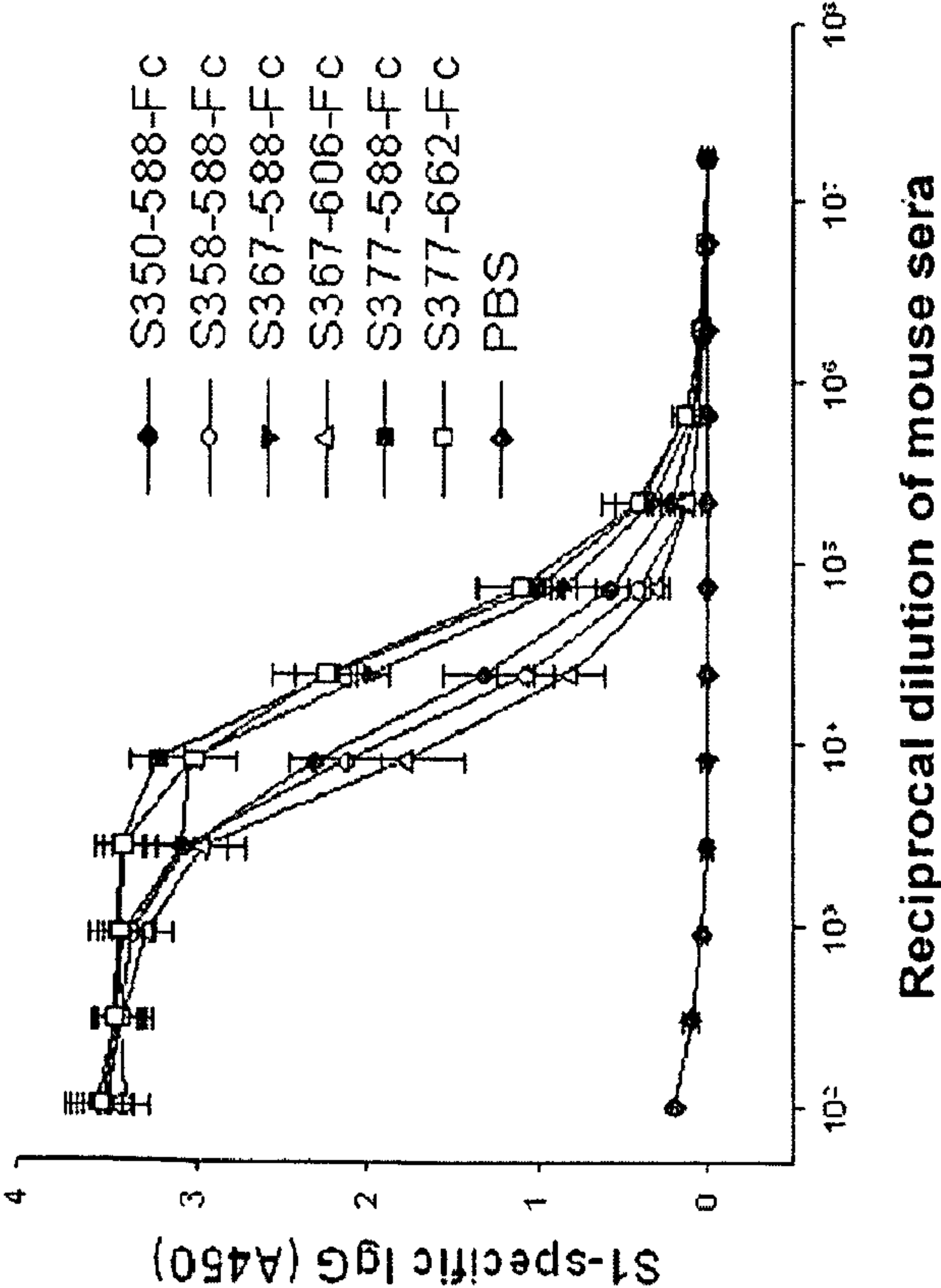


FIG. 13A

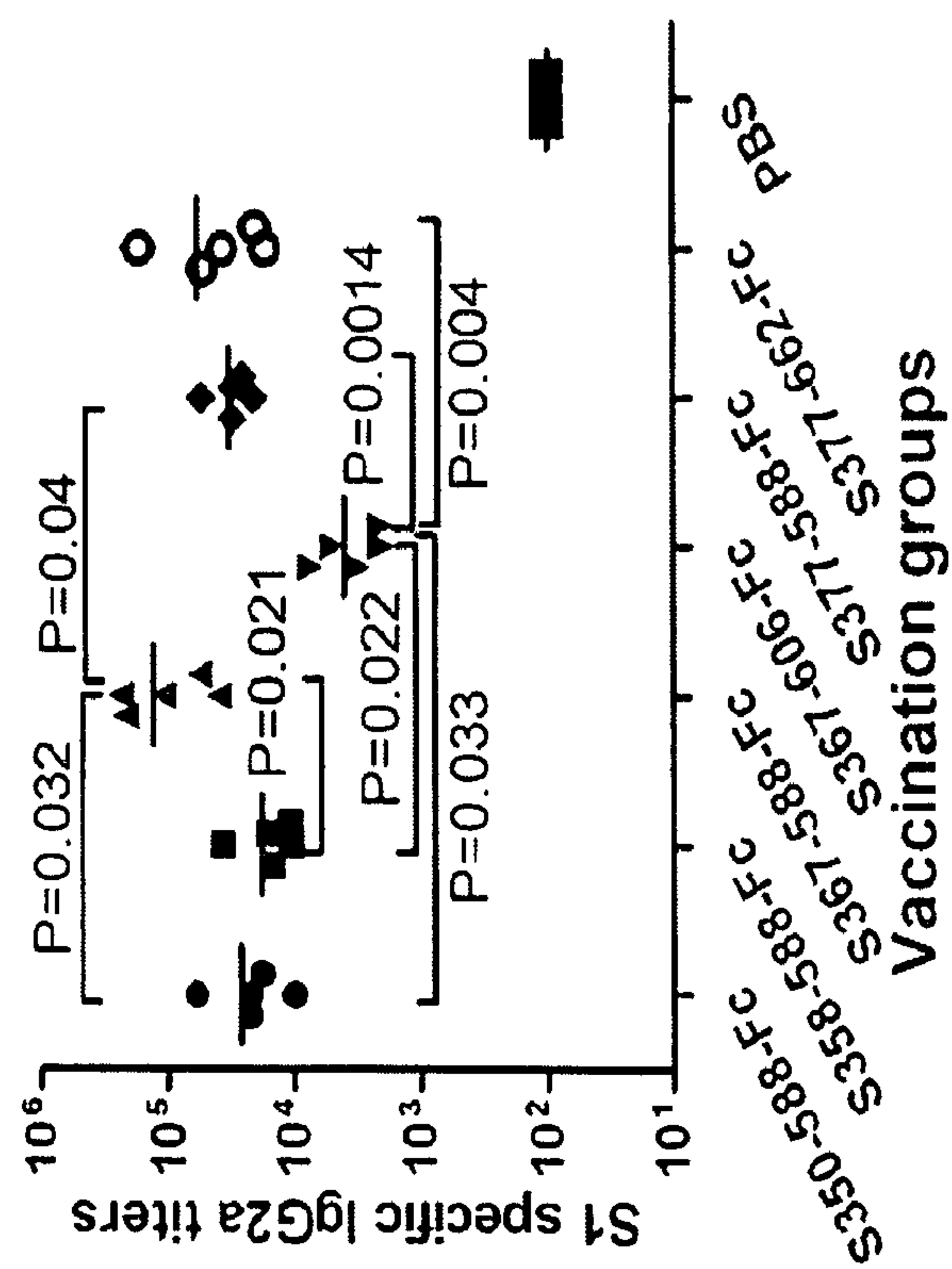


FIG. 14

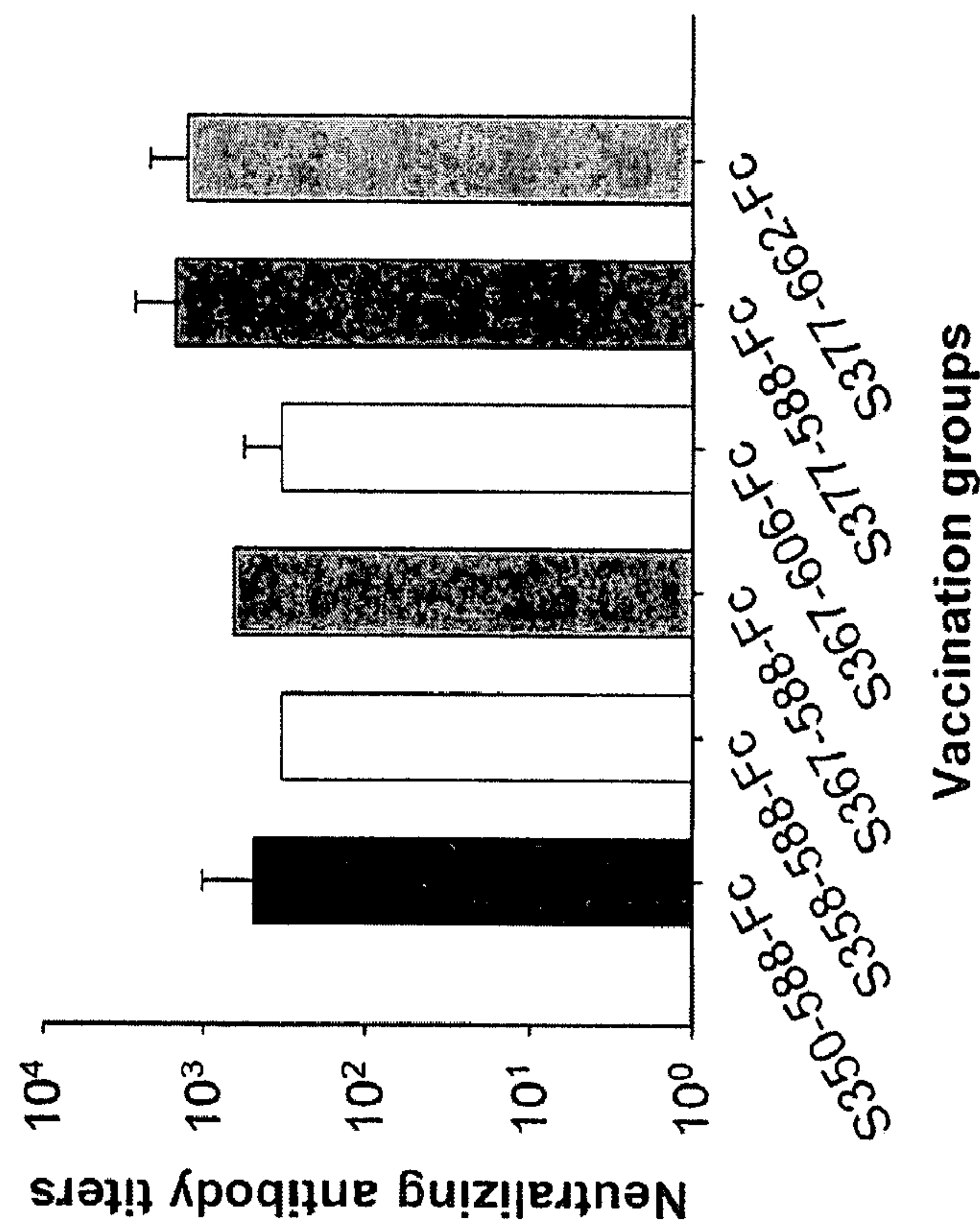


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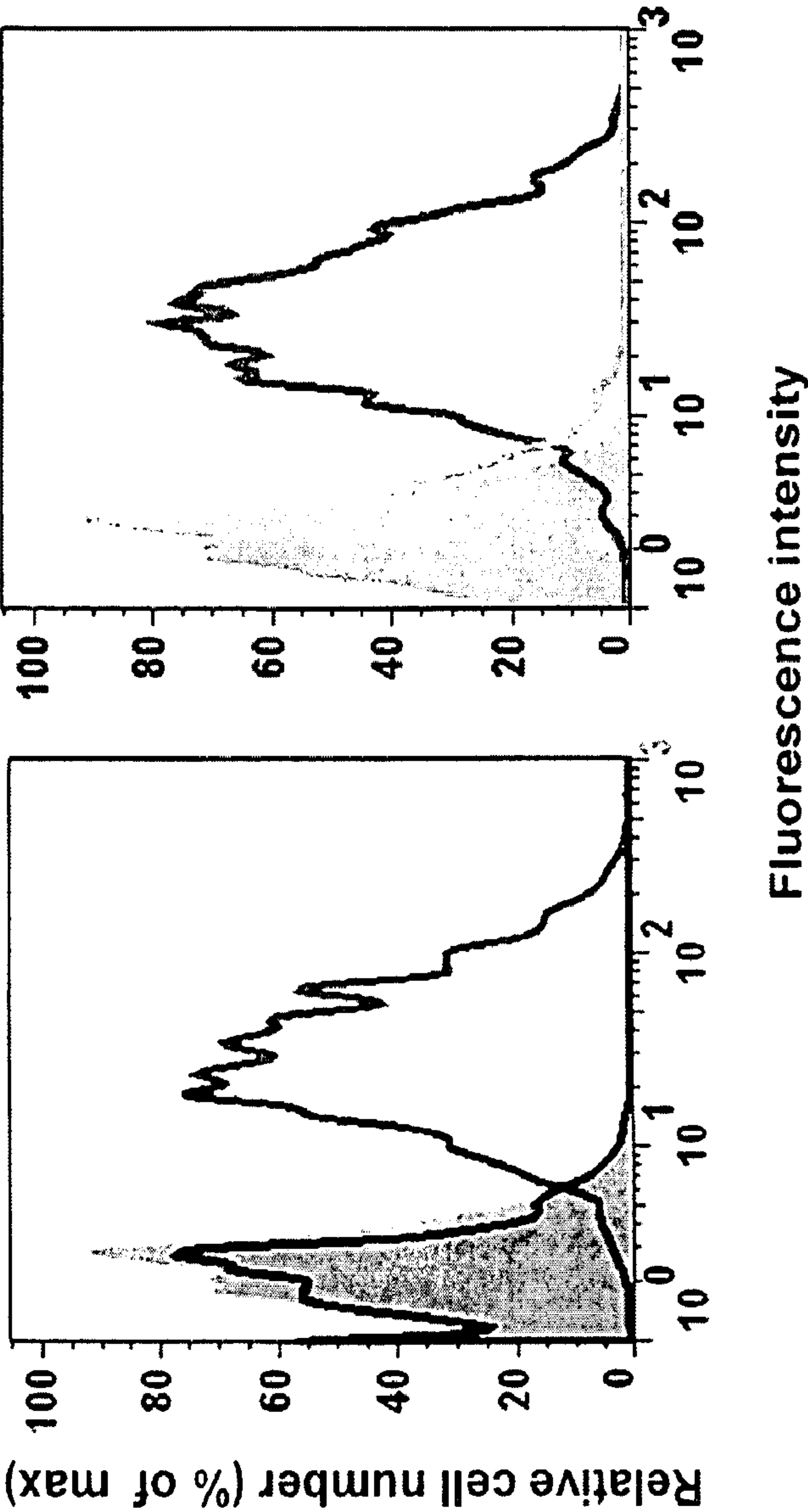


FIG. 16A

FIG. 16B

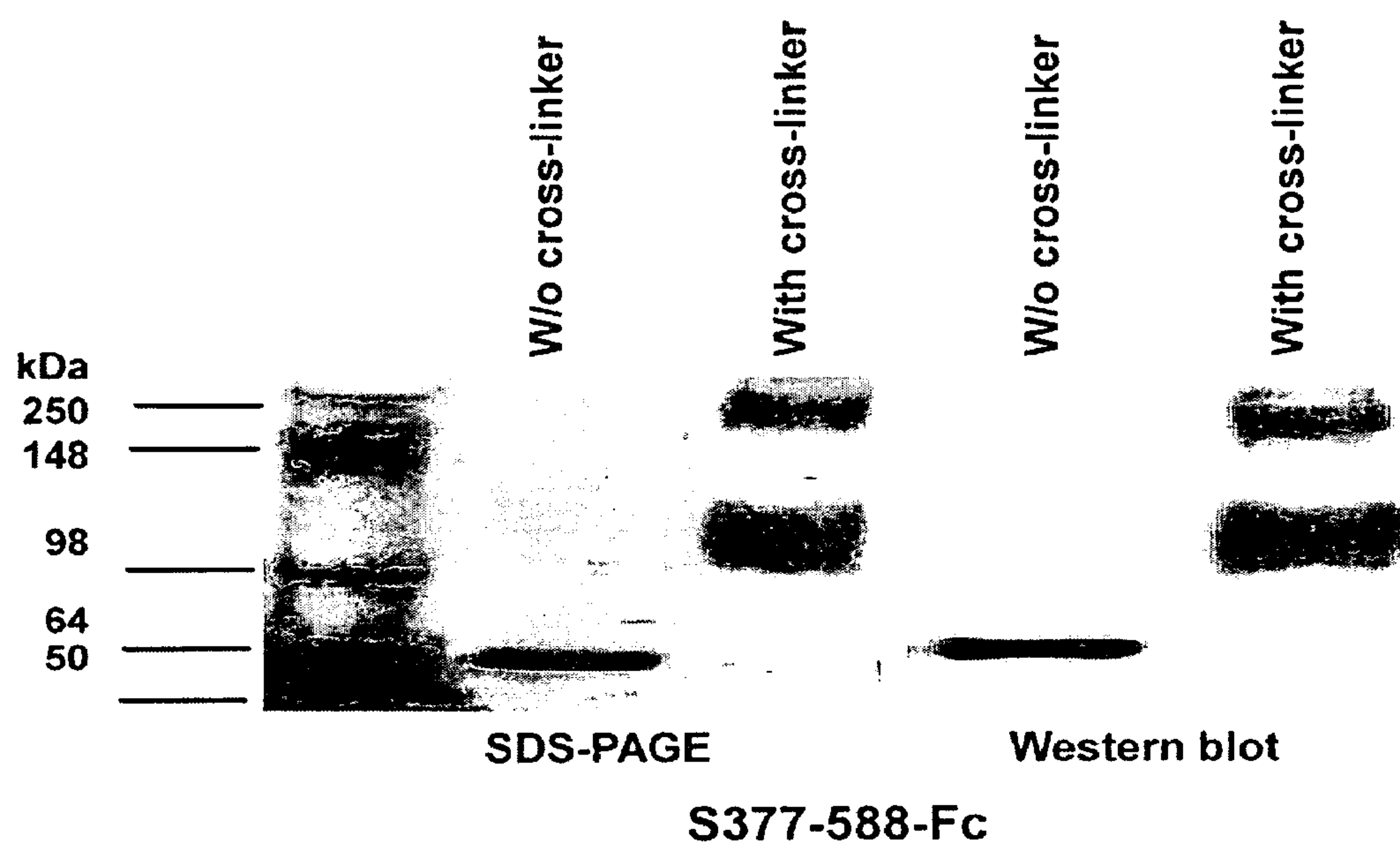


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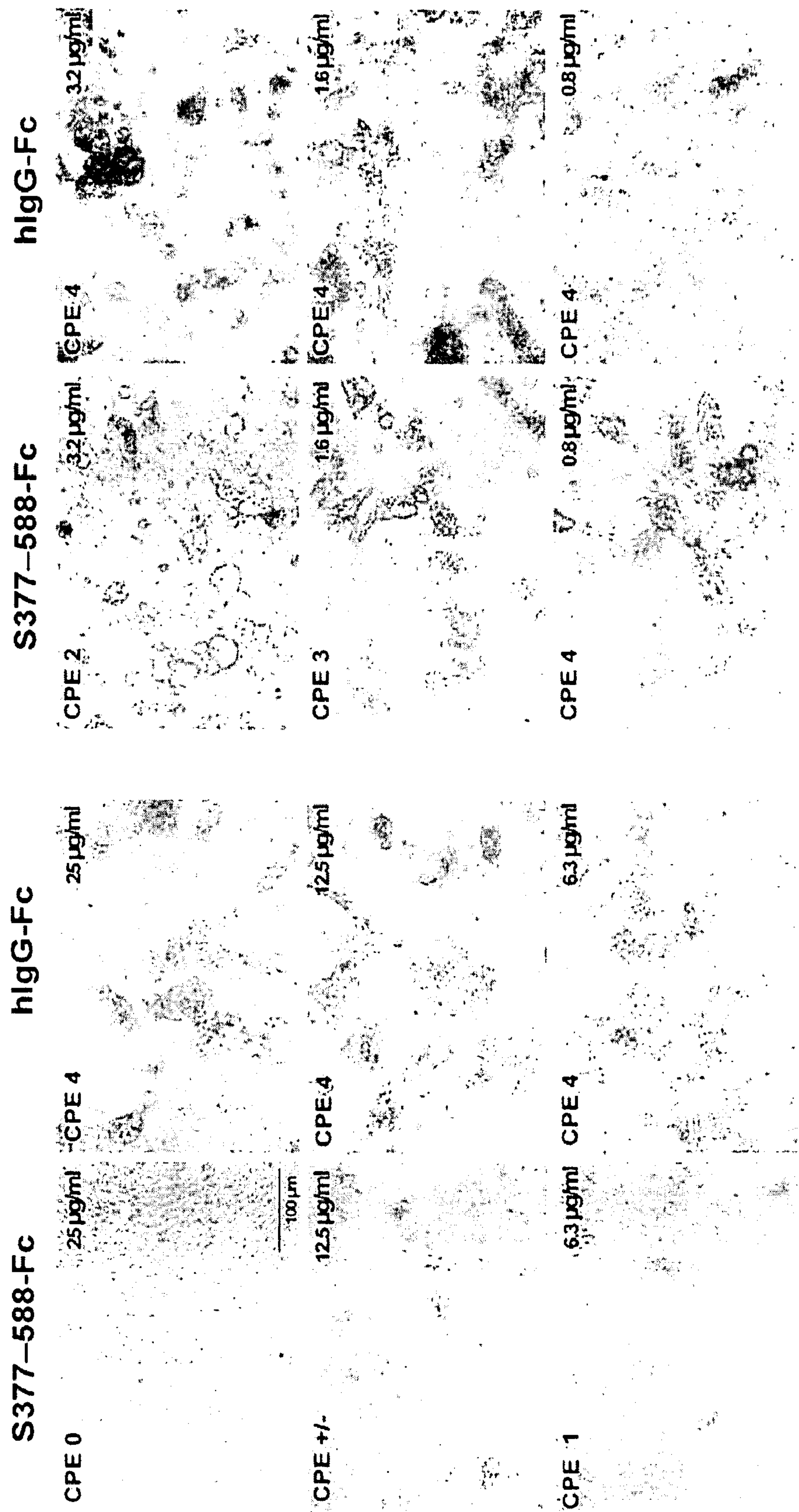


FIG. 18

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**IMMUNOGENIC COMPOSITION FOR MERS  
CORONAVIRUS INFECTION****CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED  
APPLICATIONS**

The present application is an application under section 371 of International patent application PCT/US2014/019402 filed Feb. 28, 2014, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to U.S. Provisional patent applications 61/771,561 filed Mar. 1, 2013 and 61/941,076 filed Feb. 18, 2014, the entire contents of all of which are incorporated by reference herein.

**GOVERNMENT SUPPORT STATEMENT**

This invention was made with government support under Grant Number A1109094 awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The Government has certain rights in the invention.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present disclosure relates to the field of immunogenic compositions for the prevention and treatment of infection with human MERS coronavirus.

**BACKGROUND**

Coronaviruses infect and cause disease in a wide variety of species, including bats, birds, cats, dogs, pigs, mice, horses, whales, and humans. Bats act as a natural reservoir for coronaviruses. Most infections caused by human coronaviruses are relatively mild. However, the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) caused by SARC-CoV in 2002-2003, and fatal infection in 2012 caused by a recently identified coronavirus, Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV, also known as hCoV-EMC or NCoV) demonstrated that coronaviruses are also able to cause severe, sometimes fatal disease in humans.

The recently identified coronavirus MERS-CoV has over 40% mortality rate among the infected individuals. This virus also demonstrates person-to-person transmission, posing a continuous threat to public health worldwide. Thus, development of vaccines and antiviral agents against this new virus are urgently needed.

**SUMMARY**

Disclosed herein are immunogenic compositions for the prevention or treatment of infection with a new coronavirus MERS-CoV (also known as hCoV-EMC or NCoV). The disclosed immunogenic compositions are proteins comprising: 1) at least a portion of the MERS-CoV genome, and 2) an immunopotentiator sequence. The sequences are contiguous and expressed as a single protein in a mammalian expression system, or the MERS-CoV portion and the immunopotentiator are chemically linked and stabilized. Optionally, a stabilization sequence and/or a linker sequence are disposed between the MERS-CoV sequence and the immunopotentiator.

Thus, provided herein is a protein comprising a Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) spike (S) protein sequence, or fragment thereof; and an immunopotentiator. In one embodiment, the MERS-CoV S protein sequence comprises an MERS-CoV S1 protein

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sequence, or a fragment thereof; a receptor-binding domain (RBD) sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof; a fusion peptide sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof; a heptad repeat sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof; a nucleocapsid sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof; or a membrane sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof. In another embodiment, the MERS-CoV S protein sequence comprises amino acids 377-588 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:3).

Also disclosed herein are immunogenic compositions comprising a protein, the protein comprising a MERS-CoV S protein sequence, or fragment thereof; and an immunopotentiator. In one embodiment, the MERS-CoV S protein sequence comprises an MERS-CoV S1 protein sequence, or a fragment thereof; a receptor-binding domain (RBD) sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof; a fusion peptide sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof; a heptad repeat sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof; a nucleocapsid sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof; or a membrane sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof. In another embodiment, the MERS-CoV S protein sequence comprises amino acids 377-588 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:3).

In another embodiment, the MERS-CoV S protein sequence is 85% identical to the MERS-CoV S protein sequence, the MERS-CoV S1 protein sequence, the RBD sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the fusion peptide sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the heptad repeat sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the nucleocapsid sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, or the membrane sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof.

In another embodiment, the MERS-CoV S protein sequence is 90% identical to the MERS-CoV S protein sequence, the MERS-CoV S1 protein sequence, the RBD sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the fusion peptide sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the heptad repeat sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the nucleocapsid sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, or the membrane sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof.

In yet another embodiment, the MERS-CoV S protein sequence is 95% identical to the MERS-CoV S protein sequence, the MERS-CoV S1 protein sequence, the RBD sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the fusion peptide sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the heptad repeat sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the nucleocapsid sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, or the membrane sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, or a fragment thereof.

In one embodiment, the immunopotentiator sequence is an Fc fragment of human IgG (Fc), a C3d protein, an *Onchocerca volvulus* ASP-1, a cholera toxin, a muramyl peptide, or a cytokine. In another embodiment, the immunopotentiator is Fc.

In another embodiment, the protein further comprises a stabilization sequence disposed between the MERS-CoV S protein sequence and the immunopotentiator sequence. In another embodiment, the stabilization sequence is a foldon (Fd) or GCN4.

In yet another embodiment, the protein further comprises a linker sequence disposed between the MERS-CoV S protein sequence and the immunopotentiator sequence, and the linker is (GGGGS)<sub>n</sub>, wherein n is an integer between 0 and 8. In another embodiment, n is 1.

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In another embodiment, the protein is produced in a mammalian expression system.

In another embodiment, the protein comprises the sequence of S377-588-Fc (SEQ ID NO:12).

In another embodiment, the immunogenic composition further comprises an adjuvant.

Also provided is a method of inducing a protective immune response against MERS-CoV comprising administering the immunogenic composition of claim 20 to a subject in need thereof; wherein the immunogenic composition induces a protective immune response against challenge with MERS-CoV in the host.

In another embodiment, the immunogenic composition further comprises an adjuvant.

In one embodiment, the administering step comprises a prime immunization and at least one boost immunization. In another embodiment, the boost immunizations are administered at least twice. In another embodiment, the boost immunizations are administered weekly, every other week, monthly, or every other month. In yet another embodiment, the boost immunizations are administered weekly, every 2 weeks, every 3 weeks, every 4 weeks, every 5 weeks, every 6 weeks, every 7 weeks, every 8 weeks, every 9 weeks, every 10 weeks, every 11 weeks, or every 12 weeks.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 depicts the schematic representation of spike (S) protein of Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) and the recombinant S377-662-Fc (human IgG Fc) protein. The MERS-CoV S protein includes the following functional domains in the S1 and S2: signal peptide (SP), receptor-binding domain (RBD), receptor-binding motif (RBM), fusion peptide (FP), heptad repeat 1 (HR1), heptad repeat 2 (HR2), transmembrane domain (TM), and cytoplasm domain (CP).

FIG. 2 depicts the SDS-PAGE and Western blot analysis of the expressed protein S377-662-Fc. The protein molecular weight marker (kDa) is indicated on the left. Antisera from mice immunized with S377-662-Fc were used for Western blot analysis.

FIG. 3 depicts the binding of a series of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) S protein-specific mAbs (1  $\mu$ g/ml) to MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc protein and SARS-CoV S-RBD protein. The HA-7 mAb specific for the hemagglutinin (HA1) of H5N1 virus was used as an unrelated mAb control. The data are presented as mean A450 $\pm$ standard deviation (SD) of duplicate wells.

FIG. 4A and FIG. 4B depict the antibody responses and neutralization induced by MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc protein. FIG. 4A depicts binding to MERS-CoV S377-662 and SARS-CoV S-RBD proteins by antibodies in mouse sera collected 10 days post-2<sup>nd</sup> immunization. The data are presented as mean A450 $\pm$ SD of five mice per group at various dilution points. FIG. 4B depicts neutralization of the MERS-CoV virus by the same antisera as in FIG. 4A. Neutralizing antibody titers were expressed as the reciprocal of the highest dilution of sera that completely inhibited virus-induced cytopathic effect (CPE) in at least 50% of the wells (NT<sub>50</sub>), and are presented as mean $\pm$ SD from five mice per group.

FIG. 5 depicts mouse immunization, sample collection, and immune response detection strategy. Four groups of mice were immunized subcutaneously (s.c.) or intranasally (i.n.) with MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc protein plus Montanide ISA51 (for s.c.) or poly(I:C) (for i.n.) adjuvant, or with PBS plus the corresponding adjuvant as their respective controls.

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Mouse sera and lung wash were collected as indicated and analyzed for humoral and mucosal immune responses and neutralization against MERS-CoV virus.

FIG. 6A and FIG. 6B depict the IgG antibody responses in sera of mice immunized (s.c. and i.n.) with MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc protein. FIG. 6A depicts binding of IgG to a MERS-CoV S1 protein containing residues 18-725 of MERS-CoV S1 with a His6 tag (S1-His). Sera from 10 days post-last immunization were used for the detection, and the data are presented as mean A450 $\pm$ SD of five mice per group at various dilution points. FIG. 6B depicts the long-term IgG antibody responses using sera collected at 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 months after the first immunization and 10 days post-last immunization. The data are presented as mean (IgG endpoint titers) $\pm$ SD of five mice per group.

FIG. 7A and FIG. 7B depict the IgG subtypes in sera of mice immunized (s.c. and i.n.) with MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc protein. Binding of IgG1 (FIG. 7A) and IgG2a (FIG. 7B) to MERS-CoV S1-His protein is shown. Sera from 10 days post-last immunization were used for the detection, and the data are presented as geometric mean titer (GMT, endpoint titers) $\pm$ SD of five mice per group. P<0.001 indicates significant difference.

FIG. 8A and FIG. 8B depict the IgA antibody responses in lung wash and sera of mice immunized (s.c. and i.n.) with MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc protein. Binding of IgA in lung wash (1:1,000) (FIG. 8A) or sera (FIG. 8B) to MERS-CoV S1-His protein is shown. Samples from 10 days post-last immunization were used for the detection, and the data are presented as mean A450 $\pm$ SD (lung wash) or mean (GMT endpoint titers) $\pm$ SD (sera) of five mice per group. P<0.05 indicates significant difference.

FIG. 9A and FIG. 9B depict the neutralizing antibody titer against MERS-CoV infection from samples of mice immunized (s.c. and i.n.) with MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc protein. Sera (FIG. 9A) and lung wash (1:1,000 dilution in PBS during collection) (FIG. 9B) were collected at 10 days post-last immunization and analyzed for neutralization of MERS-CoV infection in Vero E6 cells. Neutralizing antibody titers were expressed as the NT<sub>50</sub>, and are presented as GMT $\pm$ SD from five mice per group. P<0.05 indicates significant difference.

FIG. 10A and FIG. 10B depict a schematic representation of the S1 subunit of MERS-CoV (FIG. 10A) and recombinant proteins containing various fragments of the RBD domain of MERS-CoV S protein (FIG. 10B). Recombinant proteins S350-588-Fc, S358-588-Fc, S367-588-Fc, S367-606-Fc, and S377-588-Fc were constructed by inserting the corresponding RBD fragments into Fc of human IgG, and compared with S377-662-Fc.

FIG. 11A and FIG. 11B depict the SDS-PAGE (FIG. 11A) and Western blot (FIG. 11B) analysis of the expressed MERS CoV RBD-Fc proteins. The protein molecular weight marker (kDa) is indicated on the left. Antisera from mice immunized with MERS-CoV S1-His were used for Western blot analysis.

FIG. 12A and FIG. 12B depict the binding of the purified MERS-CoV RBD-Fc proteins to cellular receptor dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP4) in Huh-7 cells by co-immunoprecipitation followed by Western blot (FIG. 12A) and soluble DPP4 (sDPP4) by ELISA (FIG. 12B). Proteins were mixed with Huh-7 cell lysates in the presence of protein A sepharose beads, and detected by Western blot using anti-DPP4 antibodies (1  $\mu$ g/ml) or antisera from mice immunized with MERS-CoV S1-His (1:1,000), respectively.

FIG. 13A and FIG. 13B depict IgG antibody responses in sera of mice immunized s.c. with MERS-CoV RBD-Fc

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proteins. MERS-CoV S1-His protein (S1-His) was used to coat the ELISA plates. Sera from 10 days post-3<sup>rd</sup> immunization were used for the detection, and the data are presented as mean A450 (FIG. 13A) or mean endpoint titers (FIG. 13B)±SD of five mice per group. Sera of mice injected with PBS were included as the control. P values from different groups were indicated.

FIG. 14 depicts the IgG subtype antibody responses by ELISA in sera of mice immunized s.c. with MERS-CoV RBD-Fc proteins. MERS-CoV S1-His protein (S1-His) was used to coat the ELISA plates. Sera from 10 days post-3<sup>rd</sup> immunization were used for the detection, and the data are presented as mean endpoint titers±SD of five mice per group. Sera of mice injected with PBS were included as the control. P values from different groups were indicated.

FIG. 15 depicts the neutralizing antibody titer of antisera from mice immunized s.c. with MERS-CoV RBD-Fc proteins against MERS-CoV infection in Vero E6 cells. Sera from 10 days post-3<sup>rd</sup> immunization were used for the assay. Neutralizing antibody titers were expressed as the NT<sub>50</sub>, and are presented as mean±SD from five mice per group.

FIG. 16A and FIG. 16B depict the flow cytometry detection of inhibition of MERS-CoV RBD-Fc protein (S377-588-Fc) binding to Huh-7 cells expressing DPP4 receptor by antisera from mice immunized with S377-588-Fc protein. FIG. 16A depicts S377-588-Fc protein (black line, right) bound to Huh-7 cells (gray shade), while the control human IgG Fc protein (black line, left) did not exhibit binding activity. FIG. 16B depicts the inhibition of S377-588-Fc binding to Huh-7 cells (gray shade) by sera from mice immunized with S377-588-Fc (white line), but not by sera from the PBS control group (black line).

FIG. 17 depicts the conformational structure of MERS-CoV S377-588-Fc protein by cross-linker analysis. The protein was cross-linked with glutaraldehyde or left uncross-linked (w/o cross-linker), followed by Western blot detection using antisera (1:1,000) from mice immunized with MERS-CoV S1-His. The protein molecular weight marker (kDa) is indicated on the left.

FIG. 18 depicts the inhibition of MERS-CoV infection in Calu-3 cells by MERS-CoV S377-588-Fc protein. Human IgG Fc (hlgG-Fc) was used as the control. The CPE ranged from 0 (none), ±(<5%), 1 (5-10%), 2 (10-25%), 3 (25-50%), and 4 (>50%).

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Development of an effective and safe vaccine against a newly recognized coronavirus MERS-CoV (also known as hCoV-EMC or NCoV) is urgently needed for the prevention of current spread and future outbreaks. The present disclosure describes the development of a MERS-CoV immunogenic composition based on the spike (S) protein of MERS-CoV. This immunogenic composition induced strong immune responses and potent neutralizing antibodies in immunized animals.

As used herein the term “immunogen” refers to any substrate that elicits an immune response in a host. As used herein an “immunogenic composition” refers to an expressed protein or a recombinant vector, with or without an adjuvant, which expresses and/or secretes an immunogen in vivo and wherein the immunogen elicits an immune response in the host. The immunogenic compositions disclosed herein may or may not be immunoprotective or therapeutic. When the immunogenic compositions may prevent, ameliorate, palliate, or eliminate disease from the host then the immunogenic composition may also optionally be

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referred to as a vaccine. However, the term immunogenic composition is not intended to be limited to vaccines.

MERS-CoV is closely related to severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) coronavirus (SARS-CoV). Clinically similar to SARS, MERS-CoV infection leads to severe respiratory illness with renal failure. As the sixth coronavirus known to infect humans and the first human coronavirus in lineage C of betacoronavirus (the same lineage as Bat-CoV-HKU-4 and -HKU-5), MERS-CoV is closely related to SARS-CoV genetically (lineage B). Therefore, MERS-CoV has recently raised serious concerns of a potential pandemic and, as such, it poses a continuous threat to public health worldwide. Human dipeptidyl peptidase 4 (DPP4) has been identified as the MERS-CoV's receptor.

Like other coronaviruses, the MERS-CoV virion utilizes a large surface S glycoprotein for interaction with, and entry into, the target cell. The S glycoprotein consists of a globular S1 domain at the N-terminal region, followed by membrane-proximal S2 domain, a transmembrane domain, and an intracellular domain.

The receptor-binding domain (RBD) of SARS-CoV S protein contains a critical neutralizing domain (CND), which induces potent neutralizing antibodies and protection against SARS-CoV infection in animal models. By comparing and analyzing the S protein sequences of MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV, it was found that the S1 subunit encompassing residues 377-662 of MERS-CoV S protein exhibited a core structure very similar to that of SARS-CoV S protein, suggesting that this region of MERS-CoV S protein also serves as a neutralizing domain. Indeed, a recombinant protein containing residues 377-662 of MERS-CoV S fused to Fc (fragment, crystallizable) domain of human IgG (S377-662-Fc, FIG. 1) was expressed in a mammalian cell expression system (FIG. 2) and is able to induce neutralizing antibodies through both subcutaneous (s.c.) and intranasal (i.n.) routes of administration in an established mouse model of MERS-CoV (FIG. 9). Additionally, recombinant RBD protein fragments spanning residues 350-606 of MERS-CoV S protein were fused to the Fc domain of human IgG (e.g., S350-588-Fc, S358-588-Fc, S367-588-Fc, S377-588-Fc, S367-606-Fc), were expressed in the mammalian cell expression system (FIG. 11), and elicited neutralizing antibodies in immunized mice (FIG. 15). Particularly, a truncated RBD region containing residues 377-588 of MERS-CoV S protein fused to Fc of human IgG (S377-588-Fc) induced a potent neutralizing antibody response in immunized mice (FIG. 15). Antisera from mice immunized with this protein effectively blocked the RBD protein binding to MERS-CoV's receptor DPP4 (FIG. 16). Furthermore, the S377-588-Fc protein was able to form dimeric or tetrameric conformational structures (FIG. 17), and effectively inhibited MERS-CoV infection in DPP4-expressing Calu-3 cells (FIG. 18).

In one embodiment, the S protein sequence component of the instant immunogenic composition comprises a MERS-CoV S protein sequence, a MERS-CoV S1 protein sequence, a MERS-CoV S2 protein sequence, an RBD sequence of a MERS-CoV S protein, a fusion sequence of a MERS-CoV S protein, a heptad repeat sequence of a MERS-CoV S protein, a nucleocapsid sequence of a MERS-CoV S protein, a membrane sequence of a MERS-CoV S protein, or a portion of any of these sequences. In one embodiment, the S protein sequence comprises amino acids 377-662 (SEQ ID NO:2), 377-588 (SEQ ID NO:3), 350-588 (SEQ ID NO:4), 358-588 (SEQ ID NO:5), 367-588 (SEQ ID NO:6), or 367-606 (SEQ ID NO:7) of MERS-CoV S protein.

TABLE 1

| Amino acid sequences of MERS-CoV regions and immunopotentiators |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| SEQ ID NO. 1 [MERS-CoV S protein]:                              | MIHSVFLLMFLLTPTESYVDVGPDSVKSACIEVDIQQTFFDKTWPRPIDV<br>SKADGIIYPQGRTYSNITITYQGLFPYQGDHGDMYVYSAGHATGTTTPQKL<br>FVANYSQDVKQFANGFVVRIGAAANSTGTVIISPSTSATIRKIYPAFMLG<br>SSVGNFSDGKMGRFFNHTLVLLPDGCGTLLRAFYCILEPRSGNHCPAGNS<br>YTSFATYHTPATDCSDGNYNRNASLNSFKEYFNLRNCTFMYTYNITEDEI<br>LEWFGITQTAQGVHLFSSRYVDLYGGNMFQFATLPVYDTIKYYSIIPHSI<br>RSIQSDRKAWAAFYVYKLQPLTFLLDFSVDGYIRRAIDCGFNDSLQLHCS<br>YESFDVESGVYSVSSFEAKPSGSVVEQAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNFK<br>RLVFTNCNYNLTKLLSLFSVNDFTCSQISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYPL<br>SMKSDL SVSSAGPISQFNYKQSF SNPTCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSYI<br>NKCSRLLSDDRTEVPQLLVNANQYSPCVSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLEG<br>GGWLVASGSTVAMTEQLQMGFGITVQYGTDTNSVCPKLEFANDTKIASQL<br>GNCVEYSLYGVSGRGVFQNCTAVGVRQORFVYDAYQNLVGYYSDDGNYYC<br>LRACVSVPVSVIYDKETKTHATLFGSVACHEIISSTMSQYSRSTRSMLKRR<br>DSTYGPLQTPVGCVLGLVNSSLFVEDCKLPLGQSLCALPDTPSTLTPRSV<br>RSVPGEMRLASIAFNHPIQVDQLNSSYFKLSIPTNFSFGVTQEYIQTTHIQ<br>KVTVDCKQYVCNGFQKCEQLLREYGQFCSKINQALHGANLRQDDSVRNLF<br>ASVKSSQSSPIIPGFGGDFNLTLLEPVSISTGSRARSADIEDLLFDKVTI<br>ADPGYMQGYDDCMQQGPASARDLICAQYVAGYKVLPLMDVNMEAAYTSS<br>LLGSIAGVGWTAGLSSFAAIPFAQSIFYRLNGVGITQQVLSENQKLIANK<br>FNQALGAMQTGFTTTNEAFQKVQDAVNNNAQALSKLASELSNTFGAISAS<br>IGDIIQRLDVLEQDAQIDRLINGRLTTLNAFVAQQLVRSESAALSQALAK<br>DKVNECVKAQSKRSGFCGQGTHIVSFVNAPNGLYFMHVGYYPSNHI EVV<br>SAYGLCDAANPTNCIAPVNGYFIKTNNTRIVDEWYSYGSSFYAPEPITSL<br>NTKYVAPQVTTYQNI STNLPPPLLGNSTGIDFQDELDEFFKNVSTSI PNFG<br>SLTQINTTLLDLTYEMLSLQQVVKALNESYIDLKELGNYTYYNKWPWYIW<br>LGFIAGLVALALCVFFILCCTGCGTNCMGKCLKCNRCRDYEEYDLEPHKV<br>HVH |
| SEQ ID NO. 2 [aa377-662 of MERS-CoV S protein]:                 | QAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNFKRLVFTNCNYNLTKLLSLFSVNDFTCS<br>QISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYPLSMKSDL SVSSAGPISQFNYKQSF SNP<br>TCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSYINKCSRLLSDDRTEVPQLLVNANQYSPC<br>VSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLEGGGWLVASGSTVAMTEQLQMGFGITVQ<br>YGTDTNSVCPKLEFANDTKIASQLGNCVEYSLYGVSGRGVFQNCTAVGVR<br>QORFVYDAYQNLVGYYSDDGNYYCLRACVSVPVSVI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| SEQ ID NO. 3 [aa377-588 of MERS-CoV S protein]:                 | QAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNFKRLVFTNCNYNLTKLLSLFSVNDFTCS<br>QISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYPLSMKSDL SVSSAGPISQFNYKQSF SNP<br>TCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSYINKCSRLLSDDRTEVPQLLVNANQYSPC<br>VSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLEGGGWLVASGSTVAMTEQLQMGFGITVQ<br>YGTDTNSVCPKL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| SEQ ID NO. 4 [aa350-588 of MERS-CoV S protein]:                 | SYESFDVESGVYSVSSFEAKPSGSVVEQAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNF<br>KRLVFTNCNYNLTKLLSLFSVNDFTCSQISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYP<br>LSMKSDL SVSSAGPISQFNYKQSF SNPTCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSY<br>INKCSRLLSDDRTEVPQLLVNANQYSPCVSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLE<br>GGGWLVASGSTVAMTEQLQMGFGITVQYGTDTNSVCPKL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| SEQ ID NO. 5 [aa358-588 of MERS-CoV S protein]:                 | SGVYSVSSFEAKPSGSVVEQAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNFKRLVFTNC<br>NYNLTKLLSLFSVNDFTCSQISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYPLSMKSDL S<br>VSSAGPISQFNYKQSF SNPTCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSYINKCSRL L<br>SDDRTEVPQLLVNANQYSPCVSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLEGGGWLVAS<br>GSTVAMTEQLQMGFGITVQYGTDTNSVCPKL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| SEQ ID NO. 6 [aa367-588 of MERS-CoV S protein]:                 | EAKPSGSVVEQAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNFKRLVFTNCNYNLTKLLS<br>LFSVNDFTCSQISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYPLSMKSDL SVSSAGPISQ<br>FNYKQSF SNPTCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSYINKCSRLLSDDRTEVPQ<br>LVNANQYSPCVSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLEGGGWLVASGSTVAMTEQ<br>LQMGFGITVQYGTDTNSVCPKL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| SEQ ID NO. 7 [aa367-606 of MERS-CoV S protein]:                 | EAKPSGSVVEQAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNFKRLVFTNCNYNLTKLLS<br>LFSVNDFTCSQISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYPLSMKSDL SVSSAGPISQ<br>FNYKQSF SNPTCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSYINKCSRLLSDDRTEVPQ<br>LVNANQYSPCVSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLEGGGWLVASGSTVAMTEQ<br>LQMGFGITVQYGTDTNSVCPKLEFANDTKIASQLGNCVEY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| SEQ ID NO. 8 [S350-588-Fc]:                                     | SYESFDVESGVYSVSSFEAKPSGSVVEQAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNF<br>KRLVFTNCNYNLTKLLSLFSVNDFTCSQISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYP<br>LSMKSDL SVSSAGPISQFNYKQSF SNPTCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

TABLE 1-continued

| Amino acid sequences of MERS-CoV regions and immunopotentiators |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 5                                                               | INKCSRLLSDDRTEVPQLLVNANQYSPCVSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLE<br>GGGWLVASGSTVAMTEQLQMGFGITVQYGTDTNSVCPKLRSDKTHTCPPC<br>PAPELLGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSHEDPEVKFNWYV<br>DGVEVHNAKTKPREEQYNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKALP<br>APIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSREEMTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAV<br>EWESNGQPENNYKTTPPVLDSDGSFFLYSKLTVDKSRWQQGNV FSCSVMH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 10                                                              | EALHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                 | SEQ ID NO. 9 [S358-588-Fc]:<br>SGVYSVSSFEAKPSGSVVEQAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNFKRLVFTNC<br>NYNLTKLLSLFSVNDFTCSQISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYPLSMKSDL S<br>VSSAGPISQFNYKQSF SNPTCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSYINKCSRL L<br>SDDRTEVPQLLVNANQYSPCVSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLEGGGWLVAS<br>GSTVAMTEQLQMGFGITVQYGTDTNSVCPKLRSDKTHTCPPCPAPELLGG<br>PSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSHEDPEVKFNWYVDGVEVHNA<br>KTKPREEQYNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKALPAPIEKTIS<br>KAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSREEMTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQP<br>ENNYKTTPPVLDSDGSFFLYSKLTVDKSRWQQGNV FSCSVMHEALHNHYT<br>QKSLSLSPGK                                                                     |
| 20                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                 | SEQ ID NO. 10 [S367-588-Fc]:<br>EAKPSGSVVEQAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNFKRLVFTNCNYNLTKLLS<br>LFSVNDFTCSQISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYPLSMKSDL SVSSAGPISQ<br>FNYKQSF SNPTCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSYINKCSRLLSDDRTEVPQ<br>LVNANQYSPCVSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLEGGGWLVASGSTVAMTEQ<br>25 LQMGFGITVQYGTDTNSVCPKLRSDKTHTCPPCPAPELLGGPSVFLFPPK<br>PKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSHEDPEVKFNWYVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQY<br>NSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKALPAPIEKTISKAKGQPREP<br>QVYTLPPSREEMTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTTPP<br>VLDSDGSFFLYSKLTVDKSRWQQGNV FSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPG<br>K                                                                            |
| 30                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                 | SEQ ID NO. 11 [S367-606-Fc]:<br>EAKPSGSVVEQAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNFKRLVFTNCNYNLTKLLS<br>LFSVNDFTCSQISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYPLSMKSDL SVSSAGPISQ<br>FNYKQSF SNPTCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSYINKCSRLLSDDRTEVPQ<br>LVNANQYSPCVSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLEGGGWLVASGSTVAMTEQ<br>35 LQMGFGITVQYGTDTNSVCPKLEFANDTKIASQLGNCVEYRS DKTHTCPP<br>CPAPELLGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSHEDPEVKFN V<br>YVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQYNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKA<br>LPAPIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSREEMTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDI<br>AVEWESNGQPENNYKTTPPVLDSDGSFFLYSKLTVDKSRWQQGNV FSCSV<br>MHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK                                                        |
| 40                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                 | SEQ ID NO. 12 [S377-588-Fc]:<br>QAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNFKRLVFTNCNYNLTKLLSLFSVNDFTCS<br>QISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYPLSMKSDL SVSSAGPISQFNYKQSF SNP<br>TCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSYINKCSRLLSDDRTEVPQLLVNANQYSPC<br>VSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLEGGGWLVASGSTVAMTEQLQMGFGITVQ<br>YGTDTNSVCPKLRSDKTHTCPPCPAPELLGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRT<br>45 PEVTCVVVDVSHEDPEVKFNWYVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQYNSTYRVVSVL<br>TVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKALPAPIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSRE<br>EMTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTTPPVLDSDGSFFL<br>YSKLTVDKSRWQQGNV FSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK                                                                                         |
|                                                                 | SEQ ID NO. 13 [S377-662-Fc]:<br>QAEGVECDFSPLLSGTPPQVYNFKRLVFTNCNYNLTKLLSLFSVNDFTCS<br>50 QISPAAIASNCYSSLILDYFSYPLSMKSDL SVSSAGPISQFNYKQSF SNP<br>TCLILATVPHNLTTITKPLKYSYINKCSRLLSDDRTEVPQLLVNANQYSPC<br>VSIVPSTVWEDGDYYRKQLSPLEGGGWLVASGSTVAMTEQLQMGFGITVQ<br>YGTDTNSVCPKLEFANDTKIASQLGNCVEYSLYGVSGRGVFQNCTAVGVR<br>QORFVYDAYQNLVGYYSDDGNYYCLRACVSVPVSVIRSDKTHTCPPCPAP<br>ELLGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMI SRTPEVTCVVVDVSHEDPEVKFN VVYVDG<br>55 VEVHNAKTKPREEQYNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKALPAP<br>IEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSREEMTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAVEW<br>ESNGQPENNYKTTPPVLDSDGSFFLYSKLTVDKSRWQQGNV FSCSVMHEA<br>LHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK |
| 60                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                                                 | SEQ ID NO. 14 [Foldon (Fd)]:<br>GYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEVVVLLSTFL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                 | SEQ ID NO. 15 [human IgG Fc (hFc)]:<br>RSDKTHTCPPCPAPELLGGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSH<br>EDPEVKFNWYVDGVEVHNAKTKPREEQYNSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKE<br>YKCKVSNKALPAPIEKTISKAKGQPREPQVYTLPPSREEMTKNQVSLTCL<br>65 VKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTTPPVLDSDGSFFLYSKLTVDKSRWQ<br>QGNV FSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSPGK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

TABLE 1-continued

| Amino acid sequences of MERS-CoV regions and immunopotentiators |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| SEQ ID NO. 16 [mouse IgG Fc (mFc)]:                             | RSRGPPTIKPCPPCKCPAPNLLGGPSVFIFPPKIKDVLMISSLPIVTCVV<br>VDVSEDDPDVQISWVFNNEVHTAQQTQTHREDYNSTLRVVSALPIQHODW<br>MSGKEFKCKVNNKDLPAPIERTISKPKGSVRAPQVYVLPPEEEMTKKQV<br>TLTCMVTDFMPEDIYVEWTNNGKTELNYKNTEPVLDSDGSYFMYSKLRVE<br>KKNWVERNSYSCSVVHEGLHNHHTTKSFSRTPGK                                                                          |
| SEQ ID NO. 17 [rabbit IgG Fc (rFc)]:                            | RSSKPTCPPPELLGGPSVFIFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSQDDPE<br>VQFTWYINNEQVRTARPPLEQQFNSTIRVVSSTLPIAHQDWLRGKEFKCK<br>VHNKALPAPIEKTISKARGQPLEPKVYTMGPPREELSSRSVSLTCMINGF<br>YPSDISVEWEKNGKAEDNYKTTPAVLDSGYSFLYSKLSVPTSEWQRGDV<br>FTCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSISRSPGK                                                                                   |
| SEQ ID NO. 18<br>[Human C3d (aa residues 1002-1303 in C3)]:     | HLIVTPSGCGEQNMIGMTPTVIAVHYLDETEQWEKFGLEKROGALELIKK<br>GYTQQLAFRQPSAFAAFVKRAPSTWLTAYVVKVFSLAVNLIADISQVLC<br>GAVKWLILEKQKPDGVFQEDAPVIHQEMIGGLRNNEKDMALTAFLVLSL<br>QEAKDICEEQVNSLPGSITKAGDFLEANYMNLQRSYTVAIAGYALAQMG<br>LRKGPLLNKFLTTAKDKNRWEDPGKQLYNVEATSYALLALLQLKDFDFVPP<br>VVRWLNEQRYGGYGSTQATFMVVFQALAQYQKADPDHQLNLDVSLQLP<br>SR |
| SEQ ID NO. 19 [Cholera toxin b subunit<br>(aa residues 1-124)]: | MTPQNI TDLCAEYHNTQIHTLNDKIFSYTESLAGKREMAITFKNGATFQ<br>VEVPGSQHIDSQKKAIERMKDTRLRIAYLTEAKVEKLCVWNNKTPRAIAAI<br>SMAN                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

Optionally, a trimerization stabilization sequence is disposed between the MERS-CoV sequence and the immunopotentiator. In one embodiment, the stabilization sequence comprises a sequence that stabilizes the RGB protein sequence in a trimer or oligomer configuration. As used herein, the terms stabilization sequence, trimeric motif, and trimerization sequence are interchangeable and equivalent. Suitable stabilization sequences include, but are not limited to, a 27 amino acid region of the C-terminal domain of T4 fibrin (a foldon-like sequence) (GYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGEWVLLSTFL, SEQ ID NO. 14 or GSGYIPEAPRDGQAYVRKDGE WVLLSTFL, SEQ ID NO. 20), a GCN4 (MKQIEDKIEEILSKIYHIENEIARIKKLIGEV; SEQ ID NO. 21), an IQ (RMKQIEDKIEEIESKQKKIENEIARIKK; SEQ ID NO. 22), or an IZ (IKKEIEAIKKEQEAIIKKIEAIEK; SEQ ID NO. 23). Other suitable stabilization methods include, but are not limited to, 2,2-bipyridine-5-carboxylic acid (BPY), disulfide bonds and facile ligation.

In another embodiment, the immunopotentiator comprises a sequence to enhance the immunogenicity of the immunogenic composition. Suitable immunopotentiators include, but are not limited to, an Fc fragment of human IgG, a C3d (a complement fragment that promotes antibody formation binding to antigens enhancing their uptake by dendritic cells and B cells) (SEQ ID NO:18), an Ov ASP-1 (*Onchocerca volvulus* homologue of the activation associated secreted gene family) (see US 20060039921, which is incorporated by reference herein for all it discloses regarding ASP-1 adjuvants), a cholera toxin (SEQ ID NO:19), a muramyl peptide, and a cytokine.

In one embodiment, the immunopotentiator is an immunoglobulin Fc fragment. The immunoglobulin molecule consists of two light (L) chains and two heavy (H) chains held together by disulfide bonds such that the chains form a Y shape. The base of the Y (carboxyl terminus of the heavy chain) plays a role in modulating immune cell activity. This region is called the Fc region, and is composed of two heavy

chains that contribute two or three constant domains depending on the class of the antibody. By binding to specific proteins, the Fc region ensures that each antibody generates an appropriate immune response for a given antigen. The Fc region also binds to various cell receptors, such as Fc receptors, and other immune molecules, such as complement proteins. By doing this, it mediates different physiological effects including opsonization, cell lysis, and degranulation of mast cells, basophils, and eosinophils.

Exemplary subunit MERS-CoV immunogenic compositions are found in FIG. 1. In certain embodiments, the coronavirus and immunopotentiator portions of the fusion protein are linked through a flexible linker comprising (GGGGS)<sub>n</sub> (SEQ ID NO:24), wherein n is an integer between 0 and 8. In certain embodiments, n is 0, n is 1, n is 2, n is 3, n is 4, n is 5, n is 6, n is 7, or n is 8.

The disclosed MERS-CoV immunogenic compositions include conservative variants of the proteins. A conservative variant refers to a peptide or protein that has at least one amino acid substituted by another amino acid, or an amino acid analog, that has at least one property similar to that of the original amino acid from an exemplary reference peptide. Examples of properties include, without limitation, similar size, topography, charge, hydrophobicity, hydrophilicity, lipophilicity, covalent-bonding capacity, hydrogen-bonding capacity, a physicochemical property, of the like, or any combination thereof. A conservative substitution can be assessed by a variety of factors, such as, e.g., the physical properties of the amino acid being substituted (Table 1) or how the original amino acid would tolerate a substitution (Table 2). The selections of which amino acid can be substituted for another amino acid in a peptide disclosed herein are known to a person of ordinary skill in the art. A conservative variant can function in substantially the same manner as the exemplary reference peptide, and can be substituted for the exemplary reference peptide in any aspect of the present specification.

TABLE 1

| Amino Acid Properties |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Property              | Amino Acids         |
| Aliphatic             | G, A, I, L, M, P, V |
| Aromatic              | F, H, W, Y          |
| C-beta branched       | I, V, T             |
| Hydrophobic           | C, F, I, L, M, V, W |
| Small polar           | D, N, P             |
| Small non-polar       | A, C, G, S, T       |
| Large polar           | E, H, K, Q, R, W, Y |
| Large non-polar       | F, I, L, M, V       |
| Charged               | D, E, H, K, R       |
| Uncharged             | C, S, T             |
| Negative              | D, E                |
| Positive              | H, K, R             |
| Acidic                | D, E                |
| Basic                 | K, R                |
| Amide                 | N, Q                |

TABLE 2

| Amino Acid Substitutions |                      |                                       |                                          |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Amino Acid               | Favored Substitution | Neutral Substitutions                 | Disfavored substitution                  |
| A                        | G, S, T              | C, E, I, K, M, L, P, Q, R, V          | D, F, H, N, Y, W                         |
| C                        | F, S, Y, W           | A, H, I, M, L, T, V                   | D, E, G, K, N, P, Q, R                   |
| D                        | E, N                 | G, H, K, P, Q, R, S, T                | A, C, I, L,                              |
| E                        | D, K, Q              | A, H, N, P, R, S, T                   | C, F, G, I, L, M, V, W, Y                |
| F                        | M, L, W, Y           | C, I, V                               | A, D, E, G, H, K, N, P, Q, R, S, T       |
| G                        | A, S                 | D, K, N, P, Q, R                      | C, E, F, H, I, L, M, T, V, W, Y          |
| H                        | N, Y                 | C, D, E, K, Q, R, S, T, W             | A, F, G, I, L, M, P, V                   |
| I                        | V, L, M              | A, C, T, F, Y                         | D, E, G, H, K, N, P, Q, R, S, W          |
| K                        | Q, E, R              | A, D, G, H, M, N, P, S, T             | C, F, I, L, V, W, Y                      |
| L                        | F, I, M, V           | A, C, W, Y                            | D, E, G, H, K, N, P, Q, R, S, T          |
| M                        | F, I, L, V           | A, C, R, Q, K, T, W, Y                | D, E, G, H, N, P, S                      |
| N                        | D, H, S              | E, G, K, Q, R, T                      | A, C, F, I, L, M, P, V, W, Y             |
| P                        | -                    | A, D, E, G, K, Q, R, S, T             | C, F, H, I, L, M, N, V, W, Y             |
| Q                        | E, K, R              | A, D, G, H, M, N, P, S, T             | C, F, I, L, V, W, Y                      |
| R                        | K, Q                 | A, D, E, G, H, M, N, P, S, T          | C, F, I, L, V, W, Y                      |
| S                        | A, N, T              | C, D, E, G, H, K, P, Q, R, T          | F, I, L, M, V, W, Y                      |
| T                        | S                    | A, C, D, E, H, I, K, M, N, P, Q, R, V | F, G, L, W, Y                            |
| V                        | I, L, M              | A, C, F, T, Y                         | D, E, G, H, K, N, P, Q, R, S, W          |
| W                        | F, Y                 | H, L, M                               | A, C, D, E, G, I, K, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V |
| Y                        | F, H, W              | C, I, L, M, V                         | A, D, E, G, K, N, P, Q, R, S, T          |

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An MERS-CoV immunogenic composition can also comprise conservative variants to the disclosed proteins. In aspects of this embodiment, a conservative variant of an MERS-CoV immunogenic composition can be, for example, an amino acid sequence having at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 97%, at least 98%, or at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to the MERS-CoV immunogenic compositions disclosed herein. In other aspects of this embodiment, a conservative variant of an MERS-CoV immunogenic composition can be, for example, an amino acid sequence having at most 75%, at most 80%, at most 85%, at most 90%, at most 95%, at most 97%, at most 98%, or at most 99% amino acid sequence identity to the MERS-CoV immunogenic compositions disclosed herein.

In other embodiments, the MERS-CoV S protein sequence comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 97%, at least 98%, or at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to the MERS-CoV S amino acid sequences of any of SEQ ID NOs.1-7.

In still other embodiments, the immunopotentiator sequence comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, at least 95%, at least 97%, at least 98%, or at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to the immunopotentiator amino acid sequences of any of SEQ ID NOs. 9-11, 17 or 18.

In other aspects of this embodiment, a conservative variant of an MERS-CoV immunogenic composition, a MERS-CoV S protein amino acid sequence, or an immunopotentiator amino acid sequence can have, for example, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, or more conservative substitutions, to the amino acid sequence of the MERS-CoV immunogenic compositions, MERS-CoV S protein, or immunopotentiator disclosed herein. In other aspects of this

embodiment, a conservative variant of an MERS-CoV immunogenic composition, a MERS-CoV S protein amino acid sequence, or an immunopotentiator amino acid sequence can be, for example, an amino acid sequence having at least 1, at least 2, at least 3, at least 4, at least 5, at least 6, at least 7, at least 8, at least 9, at least 10, at least 11, at least 12, at least 13, at least 14, or at least 15 conservative substitutions to the amino acid sequence of the MERS-CoV immunogenic compositions, MERS-CoV S protein, or immunopotentiator disclosed herein. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, a conservative variant of an MERS-CoV immunogenic composition, a MERS-CoV S protein amino acid sequence, or an immunopotentiator amino acid sequence can be, for example, an amino acid sequence having at most 1, at most 2, at most 3, at most 4, at most 5, at most 6, at most 7, at most 8, at most 9, at most 10, at most 11, at most 12, at most 13, at most 14, or at most 15 conservative substitutions to the amino acid sequence of the MERS-CoV immunogenic compositions, MERS-CoV S protein, or immunopotentiator disclosed herein. In further aspects of this embodiment, a conservative variant of an MERS-CoV immunogenic composition, a MERS-CoV S protein amino acid sequence, or an immunopotentiator amino acid sequence can be, for example, an amino acid sequence having from 1 to 15, 2 to 15, 3 to 15, 4 to 15, 5 to 15, 6 to 15, 7 to 15, 1 to 12, 2 to 12, 3 to 12, 4 to 12, 5 to 12, 6 to 12, 7 to 12, 1 to 10, 2 to 10, 3 to 10, 4 to 10, 5 to 10, 6 to 10, 7 to 10, 1 to 8, 2 to 8, 3 to 8, 4 to 8, 5 to 8, 6 to 8, 1 to 6, 2 to 6, 3 to 6, 4 to 6, 1 to 4, 2 to 4, or 1 to 3 conservative substitutions to the amino acid sequence of the MERS-CoV immunogenic compositions, MERS-CoV S protein, or immunopotentiator disclosed herein.

Expression systems such as the following are suitable for use in expressing the disclosed fusion proteins: mammalian cell expression systems such as, but not limited to, the

pcDNA and GS Gene expression systems; insect cell expression systems such as, but not limited to, Bac-to-Bac, baculovirus, and DES expression systems; and *E. coli* expression systems including, but not limited to, pET, pSUMO, and GST expression systems.

Various advantages are associated with expression of proteins in mammalian cell expression systems. The mammalian cell expression system is a relatively mature eukaryotic system for expression of recombinant proteins. It is more likely to achieve a correctly folded soluble protein with proper glycosylation, making the expressed protein maintain its native conformation and keep sufficient bioactivity. This system can either transiently or stably express recombinant antigens, and promote signal synthesis. Recombinant proteins expressed in this way may maintain proper antigenicity and immunogenicity. However, both insect and bacterial expression systems provide inexpensive and efficient expression of proteins, which may be appropriate under certain conditions.

The purification systems used to purify the recombinant proteins are dependent on whether a tag is linked or fused with the coronavirus sequence. If the fusion proteins are fused with IgG Fc, Protein A, or Protein G, affinity chromatography is used for the purification. If the fusion proteins are fused with GST proteins, the GST columns will be used for the purification. If the fusion proteins link with 6×His tag at the N- or C-terminal, the expressed proteins are to be purified using His tag columns. If no tag is linked with the fusion protein, the expressed protein could be purified using fast protein liquid chromatography (FPLC), high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), or other chromatography.

In certain embodiments, the immunogenic compositions further comprise or are administered with an adjuvant. Adjuvants suitable for use in animals include, but are not limited to, Freund's complete or incomplete adjuvants, Sigma Adjuvant System (SAS), and Ribi adjuvants. Adjuvants suitable for use in humans include, but are not limited to, MF59 (an oil-in-water emulsion adjuvant); Montanide ISA 51 or 720 (a mineral oil-based or metabolizable oil-based adjuvant); aluminum hydroxide, -phosphate, or -oxide; HAVLOGEN® (an acrylic acid polymer-based adjuvant, Intervet Inc., Millsboro, Del.); polyacrylic acids; oil-in-water or water-in-oil emulsion based on, for example a mineral oil, such as BAYOL™ or MARCOL™ (Esso Imperial Oil Limited, Canada), or a vegetable oil such as vitamin E acetate; saponins; and *Onchocerca volvulus* activation-associated protein-1 (Ov ASP-1) (see US 20060039921, which is incorporated by reference herein for all it discloses regarding Ov ASP-1 adjuvants). However, components with adjuvant activity are widely known and, generally, any adjuvant may be utilized that does not adversely interfere with the efficacy or safety of the vaccine and/or immunogenic composition.

Vaccines and/or immunogenic compositions according to the various embodiments disclosed herein can be prepared and/or marketed in the form of a liquid, frozen suspension, or in a lyophilized form. Typically, vaccines and/or immunogenic compositions prepared according to the present disclosure contain a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent customarily used for such compositions. Carriers include, but are not limited to, stabilizers, preservatives, and buffers. Suitable stabilizers are, for example SPGA, Tween compositions (such as are available from A.G. Scientific, Inc., San Diego, Calif.), carbohydrates (such as sorbitol, mannitol, starch, sucrose, dextran, glutamate, or glucose), proteins (such as dried milk serum, albumin, or casein), or

degradation products thereof. Examples of suitable buffers include alkali metal phosphates. Suitable preservatives include thimerosal, merthiolate, and gentamicin. Diluents include water, aqueous buffer (such as buffered saline), alcohols, and polyols (such as glycerol).

Also disclosed herein are methods for inducing an immune response to a MERS-CoV using the disclosed proteins. Generally, the vaccine and/or immunogenic composition may be administered subcutaneously, intradermally, submucosally, intranasally, or intramuscularly in an effective amount to prevent infection from the MERS-CoV and/or treat an infection from the MERS-CoV. An effective amount to prevent infection is an amount of immunizing protein that will induce immunity in the immunized animals against challenge by a virulent virus such that infection is prevented or the severity is reduced. Immunity is defined herein as the induction of a significant higher level of protection in a subject after immunization compared to an unimmunized group. An effective amount to treat an infection is an amount of immunizing protein that induces an appropriate immune response against MERS-CoV such that severity of the infection is reduced.

Protective immune responses can include humoral immune responses and cellular immune responses. Protection against MERS-CoV is believed to be conferred through serum antibodies (humoral immune response) directed to the surface proteins, with mucosal IgA antibodies and cell-mediated immune responses also playing a role. Cellular immune responses are useful in protection against MERS-CoV virus infection with CD4+ and CD8+ T cell responses being particularly important. CD8+ immunity is of particular importance in killing virally infected cells.

Additionally, the disclosed proteins and/or immunogenic compositions can be administered using immunization schemes known by persons of ordinary skill in the art to induce protective immune responses. These include a single immunization or multiple immunizations in a prime-boost strategy. A boosting immunization can be administered at a time after the initial, prime, immunization that is days, weeks, months, or even years after the prime immunization. In certain embodiments, a boost immunization is administered 2 weeks, 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 4 months, 5 months, or 6 months or more after the initial prime immunization. Additional multiple boost immunizations can be administered such as weekly, every other week, monthly, every other month, every third month, or more. In other embodiments, the boost immunization is administered every 3 weeks, every 4 weeks, every 5 weeks, every 6 weeks, every 7 weeks, every 8 weeks, every 9 weeks, every 10 weeks, every 11 weeks, or every 12 weeks. In certain embodiments, boosting immunizations can continue until a protective anti-MERS-CoV antibody titer is seen in the subject's serum. In certain embodiments, a subject is given one boost immunization, two boost immunizations, three boost immunizations, or four or more boost immunizations, as needed to obtain a protective antibody titer. In other embodiments, the adjuvant in the initial prime immunization and the adjuvant in the boost immunizations are different.

Further, in various formulations of the proteins and/or immunogenic compositions, suitable excipients, stabilizers, and the like may be added as are known by persons of ordinary skill in the art.

The disclosed proteins, immunogenic compositions, and methods may be used to prevent MERS-CoV virus infection in a subject susceptible thereto such as, but not limited to, a human, a primate, a domesticated animal, an animal in the wild, or a bird.

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## EXAMPLES

## Example 1

## Materials and Methods

## Construction, Expression, and Purification of Recombinant Proteins.

The construction, expression, and purification of the recombinant protein fused with Fc (S350-588-Fc, S358-588-Fc, S367-588-Fc, S367-606-Fc, S377-588-Fc, and S377-662-Fc) were done as follows. Briefly, genes encoding residues 350-588, 358-588, 367-588, 367-606, 377-588, or 377-662 of MERS-CoV S protein were amplified by PCR using synthesized codon-optimized MERS-CoV S sequences (GenBank: AFS88936.1) as the template. These fragments were then digested by EcoRI and BglII restriction enzymes and inserted into the pFUSE-hlgG1-Fc2 expression vector (hereinafter named Fc). The sequence-confirmed recombinant plasmids were respectively transfected into 293T cells which had been seeded 24 hr before transfection, followed by replacing culture medium with serum-free DMEM 8-10 hr later, and collection of supernatant containing expressed protein 72 hr post-transfection. The recombinant S350-588-Fc, S358-588-Fc, S367-588-Fc, S367-606-Fc, S377-588-Fc, and S377-662-Fc proteins were then purified by Protein A affinity chromatography.

## SDS-PAGE and Western Blot.

The purified proteins were analyzed by SDS-PAGE and Western blot. Briefly, the proteins were either boiled at 95° C. for 5 min or not boiled, and separated by 10% Tris-Glycine gel. The proteins were then stained with Coomassie Blue or transferred to nitrocellulose membranes for Western blot analysis. After blocking with 5% non-fat milk in PBST overnight at 4° C., the blots were incubated for 1 hr at room temperature with MERS-CoV S1-specific polyclonal antibodies (1:1,000). After three washes, the blots were then incubated with horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG (1:5,000) for 1 hr at room temperature. Signals were visualized with ECL Western blot substrate reagents and Amersham Hyperfilm.

## Mouse Immunization and Sample Collection.

Mice were prime-immunized s.c. with 10 µg/mouse of recombinant S350-588-Fc, S358-588-Fc, S367-588-Fc, S367-606-Fc, S377-588-Fc, or S377-662-Fc protein formulated with Montanide ISA 51 adjuvant, or i.n. with 10 µg/mouse of recombinant S377-662-Fc formulated with poly(I:C) adjuvant. Both groups were boosted with 10 µg/mouse of the same immunogen and adjuvant at 3-week intervals. Sera were collected at 10 days post-last immunization to detect MERS-CoV S1-specific IgG antibodies and neutralizing antibodies.

## ELISA.

Collected mouse sera were analyzed for MERS-CoV or SARS-CoV S-specific antibody responses by ELISA. Briefly, 96-well ELISA plates were respectively precoated with recombinant proteins overnight at 4° C. and blocked with 2% non-fat milk for 2 hr at 37° C. Serially diluted mouse sera or monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) were added to the plates and incubated at 37° C. for 1 hr, followed by four washes. Bound antibodies were incubated with HRP-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG (1:2,000) for 1 hr at 37° C. The reaction was visualized by substrate 3,3',5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) and stopped by 1 N H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The absorbance at 450 nm (A<sub>450</sub>) was measured by ELISA plate reader.

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## Live Virus-Based Neutralization Assay.

Neutralizing antibody titers of mouse sera against infection by live MERS-CoV or SARS-CoV were further detected as described below. Briefly, serial 2-fold dilutions of mouse sera or mAbs were incubated with 100 TCID<sub>50</sub> (50% tissue culture infective dose) of MERS-CoV or SARS-CoV for 1 hr at 37° C. prior to addition to a monolayer of fetal rhesus monkey kidney (FRhK4) cells for SARS-CoV and Vero E6 cells for MERS-CoV in triplicate. Virus supernatant was removed and replaced with fresh medium after 1 hr of culture at 37° C. The cytopathic effect (CPE) in each well was observed daily and recorded on day 3 post-infection. The neutralizing titers of mouse antisera that completely prevented CPE in 50% of the wells (NT<sub>50</sub>) were calculated.

## Pseudovirus-Based Neutralization Assay.

An MERS-CoV pseudovirus neutralization assay was also established for detection of neutralizing activity induced by MERS-CoV RBD-Fc protein-immunized mouse sera against MERS-CoV infection. Briefly, a plasmid expressing codon-optimized MERS-CoV (hCoV-EMC, GenBank: AFS88936.1) genes was cotransfected with a plasmid encoding Env-defective, luciferase-expressing HIV-1 genome (pNL4-3.luc.RE) into 293T cells to collect pseudovirus in supernatants. Pseudovirus-containing supernatant was incubated with serially diluted mouse sera at 37° C. for 1 hr before adding to the target Huh-7 cells. Fresh medium was added 24 hr later, and the culture was continued for 72 hr. Cells were lysed by cell lysis buffer and transferred to 96-well luminometer plates. Luciferase substrate was added, and relative luciferase activity was determined by Ultra 384 luminometer. The neutralization of MERS-CoV S pseudovirus was presented as NT<sub>50</sub>.

## Results

MERS-CoV S protein was expressed and its reactivity was tested with a variety of SARS-CoV S protein-specific monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) including 24H8, 31H12, 35B5, 33G4, 19B2, 17H9, S40, S50, S20, S38, S53, S44, and S29 (He, et al., J. Immunol. 174:4908-15, 2005; He, et al., Vaccine 24:5498-508, 2006, which are incorporated by reference herein for all they disclose regarding SARS-CoV S protein-specific MAb). An antibody to the HA1 domain of influenza H5N1 virus, HA-7, was used as a control. Purified S377-662-Fc protein was expressed in soluble forms in the culture supernatant of transfected 293T cells, maintaining high expression with good purity (FIG. 2, left). This protein could be recognized by MERS-CoV S1-specific polyclonal antibodies, as detected by Western blot (FIG. 2, right). The expressed S377-662-Fc has a lower OD<sub>450</sub> value (most antibodies have an OD<sub>450</sub> value less 0.2) when tested by ELISA using S-specific SARS mAbs, with similar reactivity to the control HA-7 mAb (FIG. 3). These data suggest that S377-662-Fc is highly specific to the S protein of MERS-CoV, and that it maintains lower or no cross-reactivity with the majority of SARS-CoV S-specific mAbs.

Next, the ability of expressed MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc protein to induce antibody responses, particularly neutralizing antibodies, was tested, and the ability of S377-662-Fc to elicit cross-reactivity and cross-neutralizing activity with SARS-CoV was evaluated. Mice were immunized with MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc, and then mouse sera were collected for the detection. MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc induced IgG antibodies against the S protein of MERS-CoV after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of immunogenic composition, which was confirmed by coating of the ELISA plates with an MERS-CoV S-specific protein not fused to Fc (MERS-CoV S377-662) (FIG. 4A). The MERS-CoV S-specific antibodies have low or no reactivity with a recombinant RBD protein of SARS-

CoV used in development of a subunit SARS candidate vaccine (FIG. 4A). Nevertheless, the anti-MERS-CoV-S antibodies could neutralize live MERS-CoV infection in cell cultures *in vitro*, as detected by a MERS-CoV neutralization assay (FIG. 4B). However, the ability of the MERS-CoV S-specific antibodies to neutralize live SARS-CoV infection is very low (<1:40). The above data suggest that MERS-CoV has low to no cross-reactivity and cross-neutralizing activity with SARS-CoV.

The systemic and mucosal immune responses induced by MERS-CoV RBD-Fc protein were further evaluated by immunizing mice with S377-662-Fc protein via the *i.n.* and *s.c.* immunization routes, and then detecting MERS-CoV S-specific IgG and IgA antibodies in immunized mouse sera and lung wash (FIG. 5). Indeed, sera from mice immunized via both administration routes could bind specifically to MERS-CoV S1-His protein, with the *i.n.* pathway inducing strong systemic humoral IgG antibody response similar to that of *s.c.* immunization (FIG. 6A). In addition, like the *s.c.* route, *i.n.* immunization with S377-662-Fc was able to stimulate long-term humoral immune responses in immunized mice through multiple boost immunizations, capable of maintaining protection for at least 6 months during the detection period (FIG. 6B). Furthermore, MERS-CoV S1-specific IgG1 (Th2-associated) and IgG2a (Th1-associated) antibody responses induced by the *i.n.* pathway were similar to those by the *s.c.* immunization ( $P>0.05$ ), with a relatively higher level of IgG2a (Th1-associated) than IgG1 (Th2-associated) antibody against MERS-CoV S1 protein (FIG. 7), suggesting that MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc induced a slightly biased Th1-associated antibody response. Importantly, the *i.n.* immunization pathway induced similarly high level of IgA antibody to the *s.c.* route with equally strong neutralizing antibody responses against MERS-CoV in immunized mouse sera ( $P>0.05$ ) (FIGS. 8B and 9A), but with a significantly higher level of IgA antibody with neutralizing activity than the *s.c.* route in mouse lungs (FIGS. 8A and 9B), indicating the ability of MERS-CoV S377-662-Fc protein in the induction of strong local mucosal immune response.

Structural analysis of MERS-CoV RBD alone or complexed with its receptor DPP4 has identified residues 367-588 or 367-606 of MERS-CoV S1 subunit as the essential RBD (FIG. 10A). To identify the CND in the RBD of MERS-CoV that potentially induces the highest neutralizing antibody response, five additional recombinant proteins were constructed based on the structure-defined RBD of MERS-CoV (FIG. 10B), and these proteins were evaluated for their receptor-binding, antibody responses, and neutralization activity in immunized animals. As shown in FIG. 11A, all five RBD-Fc proteins, namely S350-588-Fc, S358-588-Fc, S367-588-Fc, S377-588-Fc, and S367-606-Fc, were expressed in a mammalian cell expression system at similar expression levels as S377-662-Fc. These proteins are capable of forming suitable conformational structures, having the molecular weight of non-boiled proteins 1-fold higher than that of the boiled proteins, and being recognized by MERS-CoV S1-specific antibodies (FIG. 11B), suggesting the high specificity of these proteins to MERS-CoV. In addition, all proteins bound well to the cellular-associated DPP4 receptor, with two clear bands (corresponding to the size of DPP4 or respective MERS-CoV RBD-Fc monomers) being detected in protein-Huh-7 cell co-immunoprecipitated samples, which reacted strongly with anti-DPP4 and anti-MERS-CoV 51 (FIG. 12A). The ability of these MERS-CoV RBD-Fc proteins in the binding to sDPP4 is notably different, with S367-588-Fc, S358-588-Fc, and S377-588-Fc

maintaining higher binding affinity than S377-662-Fc, S367-606-Fc, and S350-588-Fc. As expected, a control protein hlgG-Fc had no binding with sDPP4 (FIG. 12B). The comparison of the humoral immune response in immunized mice indicates that S367-588-Fc, S377-588-Fc, and S377-662-Fc were able to induce higher levels of IgG antibody than S350-588-Fc, S358-588-Fc, and S367-606-Fc (FIGS. 13A and 13B), while S367-588-Fc potentially induced the highest titer of IgG2a subtype specific to the 51 of MERS-CoV (FIG. 14). More importantly, S377-588-Fc elicited the highest neutralizing antibody response among the tested RBD-Fc proteins against MERS-CoV infection (FIG. 15).

The produced MERS pseudovirus was able to efficiently infect a variety of target cells, including DPP4-expressing Huh-7, FRhK-4, MDCK, Vero, Vero E6, HEP-G2, A549, and Caco-2. The infection of MERS pseudovirus in target Huh-7 cells was significantly inhibited by antisera from mice immunized with MERS-CoV RBD-Fc proteins, such as the S377-588-Fc protein.

The S377-588-Fc protein was further characterized and evaluated for the potential as a therapeutic agent against MERS-CoV infection. Antisera from S377-588-Fc immunized mice can effectively block MERS-CoV RBD binding the DPP4 receptor, while control sera from PBS-immunized mice did not show any signs of inhibiting binding of S377-588 to DPP4-expressing Huh-7 cells (FIG. 16). The cross-linker analysis of the conformation of the S377-588-Fc indicates that this protein was able to form dimeric or tetrameric conformational structures (FIG. 17, left), which was confirmed by MERS-CoV S1-specific antibodies (FIG. 17, right). Importantly, the S377-588-Fc protein showed high ability to effectively inhibit MERS-CoV replication in the highly permissive human bronchial epithelial Calu-3 cells that express MERS-CoV's receptor DPP4, with the concentration as low as ~3  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  inhibiting over 50% CPE formation caused by MERS-CoV infection (FIG. 18). These results suggest the use of S377-588-Fc as an important therapeutic agent against infections from MERS-CoV.

In conclusion, disclosed herein are recombinant proteins containing RBD fragments of MERS-CoV S1, a novel critical neutralizing domain of a new human coronavirus, MERS-CoV. These recombinant proteins, based on different fragments of RBD of MERS-CoV S protein linked to human IgG Fc, induced potent neutralizing antibodies against infection by MERS-CoV. Previous studies on S protein-based SARS vaccines have revealed that the mean neutralizing antibody titers as low as 1:284 could protect vaccinated animals against SARS-CoV challenge, suggesting that the expressed recombinant MERS-CoV RBD-Fc proteins have a great potential to be developed as a safe and effective vaccine and therapeutic agent against MERS-CoV infection.

The current study revealed low to no cross-reactivity and cross-neutralizing activity of MERS-CoV with SARS-CoV, suggesting that MERS-CoV has different mechanisms of infection, including using different receptors to infect cells.

Unless otherwise indicated, all numbers expressing quantities of ingredients, properties such as molecular weight, reaction conditions, and so forth used in the specification and claims are to be understood as being modified in all instances by the term "about." Accordingly, unless indicated to the contrary, the numerical parameters set forth in the specification and attached claims are approximations that may vary depending upon the desired properties sought to be obtained by the present invention. At the very least, and not as an attempt to limit the application of the doctrine of equivalents to the scope of the claims, each numerical parameter should at least be construed in light of the number

of reported significant digits and by applying ordinary rounding techniques. Notwithstanding that the numerical ranges and parameters setting forth the broad scope of the invention are approximations, the numerical values set forth in the specific examples are reported as precisely as possible. Any numerical value, however, inherently contains certain errors necessarily resulting from the standard deviation found in their respective testing measurements.

The terms “a,” “an,” “the” and similar referents used in the context of describing the invention (especially in the context of the following claims) are to be construed to cover both the singular and the plural, unless otherwise indicated herein or clearly contradicted by context. Recitation of ranges of values herein is merely intended to serve as a shorthand method of referring individually to each separate value falling within the range. Unless otherwise indicated herein, each individual value is incorporated into the specification as if it were individually recited herein. All methods described herein can be performed in any suitable order unless otherwise indicated herein or otherwise clearly contradicted by context. The use of any and all examples, or exemplary language (e.g., “such as”) provided herein is intended merely to better illuminate the invention and does not pose a limitation on the scope of the invention otherwise claimed. No language in the specification should be construed as indicating any non-claimed element essential to the practice of the invention.

Groupings of alternative elements or embodiments of the invention disclosed herein are not to be construed as limitations. Each group member may be referred to and claimed individually or in any combination with other members of the group or other elements found herein. It is anticipated that one or more members of a group may be included in, or deleted from, a group for reasons of convenience and/or patentability. When any such inclusion or deletion occurs, the specification is deemed to contain the group as modified thus fulfilling the written description of all Markush groups used in the appended claims.

Certain embodiments of this invention are described herein, including the best mode known to the inventors for carrying out the invention. Of course, variations on these described embodiments will become apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art upon reading the foregoing description. The inventor expects skilled artisans to employ such variations as appropriate, and the inventors intend for the invention to be practiced otherwise than specifically described herein. Accordingly, this invention includes all modifications and equivalents of the subject matter recited in the claims appended hereto as permitted by applicable law. Moreover, any combination of the above-described elements in all possible variations thereof is encompassed by the invention unless otherwise indicated herein or otherwise clearly contradicted by context.

Specific embodiments disclosed herein may be further limited in the claims using consisting of or consisting essentially of language. When used in the claims, whether as filed or added per amendment, the transition term “consisting of” excludes any element, step, or ingredient not specified in the claims. The transition term “consisting essentially of” limits the scope of a claim to the specified materials or steps and those that do not materially affect the basic and novel characteristic(s). Embodiments of the invention so claimed are inherently or expressly described and enabled herein.

Furthermore, numerous references have been made to patents and printed publications throughout this specification. Each of the above-cited references and printed publications are individually incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

In closing, it is to be understood that the embodiments of the invention disclosed herein are illustrative of the principles of the present invention. Other modifications that may be employed are within the scope of the invention. Thus, by way of example, but not of limitation, alternative configurations of the present invention may be utilized in accordance with the teachings herein. Accordingly, the present invention is not limited to that precisely as shown and described.

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| Lys                                          | Ser | Leu | Ser | Leu | Ser | Pro | Gly | Lys |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| Thr                                          | Thr | Ile | Thr | Lys | Pro | Leu | Lys | Tyr | Ser | Tyr | Ile | Asn | Lys | Cys | Ser |
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We claim:

1. A protein comprising:

a Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) spike (S) protein sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1), or fragment thereof wherein said fragment comprises amino acids 350-588 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:4), amino acids 358-588 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:5), amino acids 367-588 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:6), amino acids 377-588 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:3), or amino acids 367-606 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:7); and

an immunopotentiator protein sequence, wherein the immunopotentiator sequence comprises an amino acid sequence of an Fc fragment of human IgG (Fc), a C3d protein, an *Onchocerca volvulus* ASP-1, a cholera toxin, a muramyl peptide, or a cytokine.

2. The protein of claim 1, wherein said fragment of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence comprises an MERS-CoV S1 protein sequence, a receptor-binding domain (RBD) sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, a fusion peptide sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, a heptad repeat sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein, or a transmembrane domain sequence of an MERS-CoV S protein.

3. The protein of claim 2, the MERS-CoV S1 protein sequence, the RBD sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the fusion peptide sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the heptad repeat sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, or the transmembrane domain sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein.

4. The protein of claim 2, the MERS-CoV S1 protein sequence, the RBD sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the fusion peptide sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the heptad repeat sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, or the transmembrane domain sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein.

5. The protein of claim 2, wherein the MERS-CoV S1 protein sequence, the RBD sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the fusion peptide sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, the heptad repeat sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein, or the transmembrane domain sequence of the MERS-CoV S protein.

6. The protein of claim 1, wherein the MERS-CoV S protein sequence comprises amino acids 377-588 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:3).

7. The protein of claim 1, wherein the immunopotentiator sequence is a human Fc sequence.

8. The protein of claim 1, wherein the protein further comprises a stabilization sequence disposed between the MERS-CoV S protein sequence and the immunopotentiator sequence.

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9. The protein of claim 8, wherein the stabilization sequence is a foldon (Fd) or GCN4.

10. The protein of claim 1, wherein the protein further comprises a linker sequence disposed between the MERS-CoV S protein sequence and the immunopotentiator sequence, and the linker is 1 to 8 tandem copies of (GGGGS)<sub>n</sub> (SEQ ID NO:24).

11. The protein according to claim 10, wherein n is 1.

12. The protein of claim 1, wherein the protein comprises the sequence of S377-588-Fc (SEQ ID NO:12).

13. An immunogenic composition comprising a protein according to claim 1.

14. A method of inducing a protective immune response against MERS-CoV comprising:

administering the immunogenic composition of claim 13 to a subject in need thereof;

wherein the immunogenic composition induces a protective immune response against challenge with MERS-CoV in the host.

15. The method according to claim 14, wherein the immunogenic composition further comprises an adjuvant.

16. The method according to claim 14, wherein the administering step comprises a prime immunization and at least one boost immunization.

17. The method according to claim 16, wherein the boost immunizations are administered at least twice.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein the boost immunizations are administered weekly, every other week, monthly, or every other month.

19. The method according to claim 17, wherein the boost immunizations are administered weekly, every 2 weeks, every 3 weeks, every 4 weeks, every 5 weeks, every 6 weeks, every 7 weeks, every 8 weeks, every 9 weeks, every 10 weeks, every 11 weeks, or every 12 weeks.

20. The protein of claim 1, wherein said fragment of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence comprises amino acids 350-588 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:4).

21. The protein of claim 1, wherein said fragment of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence comprises amino acids 358-588 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:5).

22. The protein of claim 1, wherein said fragment of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence comprises amino acids 367-588 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:6).

23. The protein of claim 1, wherein said fragment of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence comprises amino acids 367-606 of the MERS-CoV S protein sequence (SEQ ID NO:7).

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