



Painting a Landscape: Defining nuanced epitope communities targeted by antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 spike protein

CoVIC: Coronavirus Immunotherapeutics Consortium

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Novel 2019 coronavirus genome

SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus



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10th January 2020

Sequenced and annotated by Edward C. Holmes, University of Sydney on behalf of the consortium led by Professor Yong-Zhen Zhang, Fudan University, Shanghai

The Shanghai Public Health Clinical Center & School of Public Health, in collaboration with the Central Hospital of Wuhan, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, the Wuhan Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institute for Communicable Disease Control and Prevention, Chinese Center for Disease Control, and the University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia is releasing a coronavirus genome from a case of a respiratory disease from the Wuhan outbreak. The sequence has also been deposited on GenBank ([accession MN908947](#) 33.4k) and will be released as soon as possible.

Update: [This genome is now available on GenBank and an updated version has been posted](#) 33.4k.

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Please feel free to download, share, use, and analyze this data¹. We ask that you communicate with us if you wish to publish results that use these data in a journal. If you have any other questions –then please also contact us directly.

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¹ We know that “data” is plural but we were in a hurry.

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Are they best in combination?

How to make them affordable?

More potent, more durable: more people

Global access?

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this idea came from.....

ATTENTION!
EBOLA!



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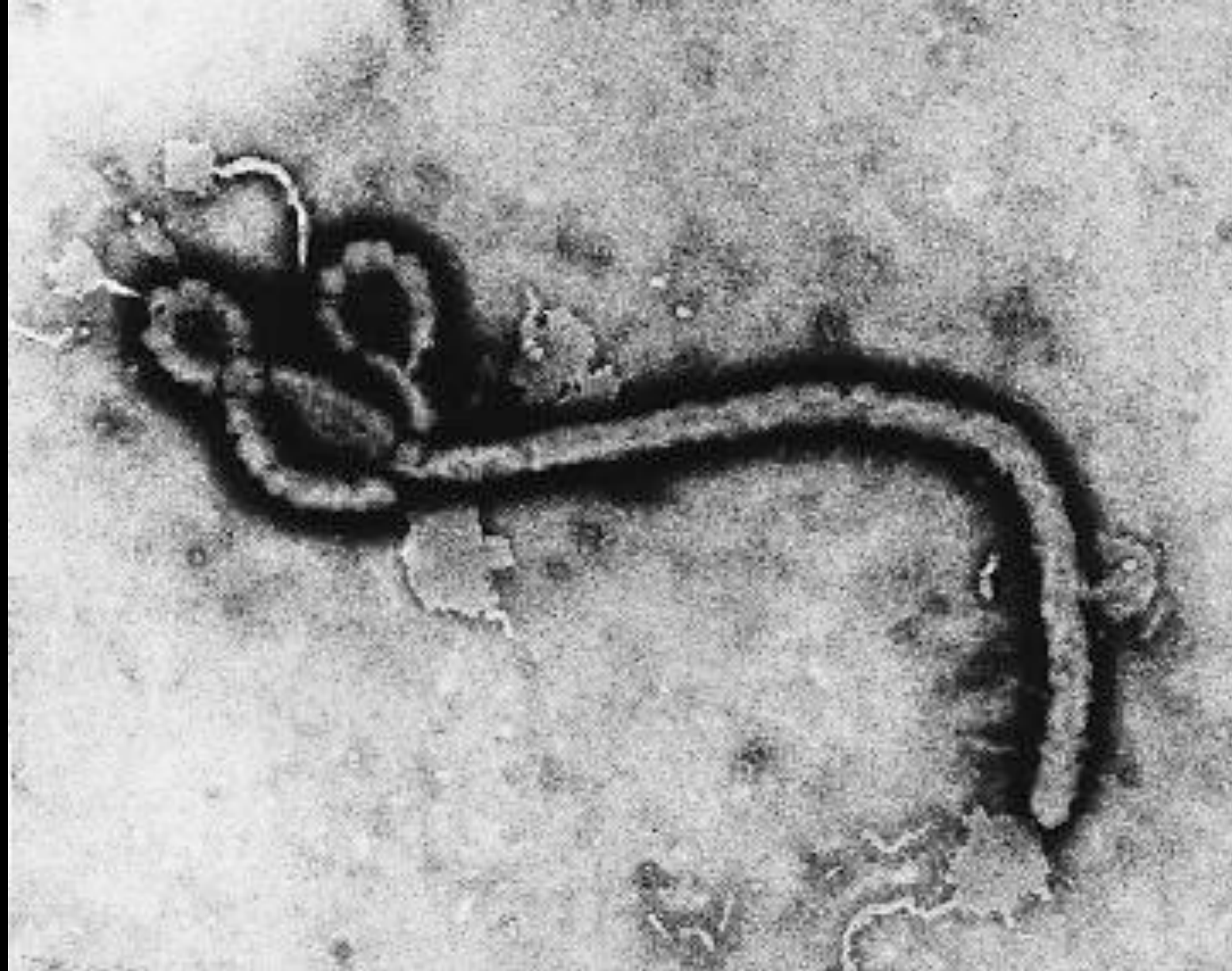


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Ebola virus



**When we started:
No vaccine
No drugs
No treatments**

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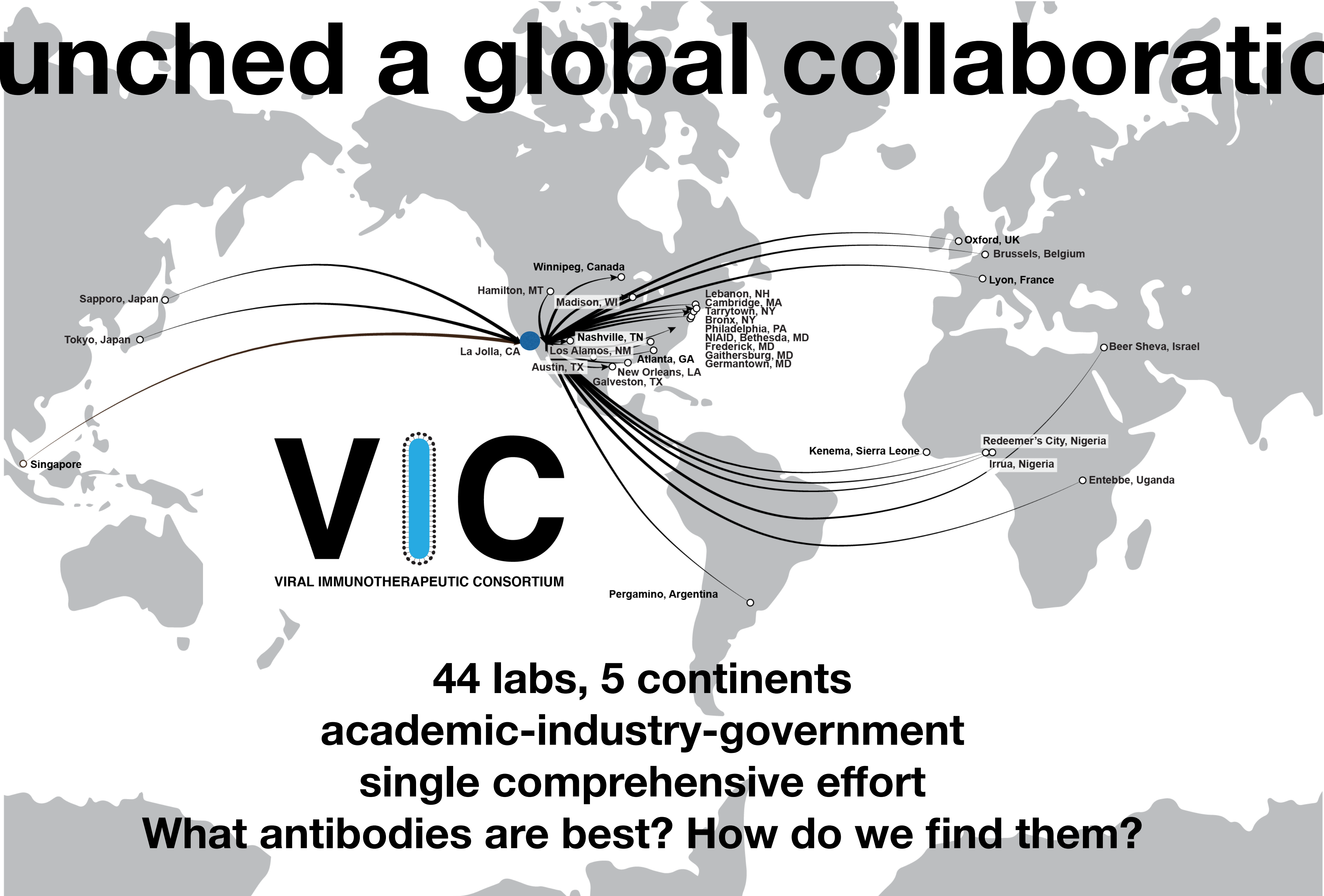
Need to work faster.

Need to work together.

Launched a global collaboration

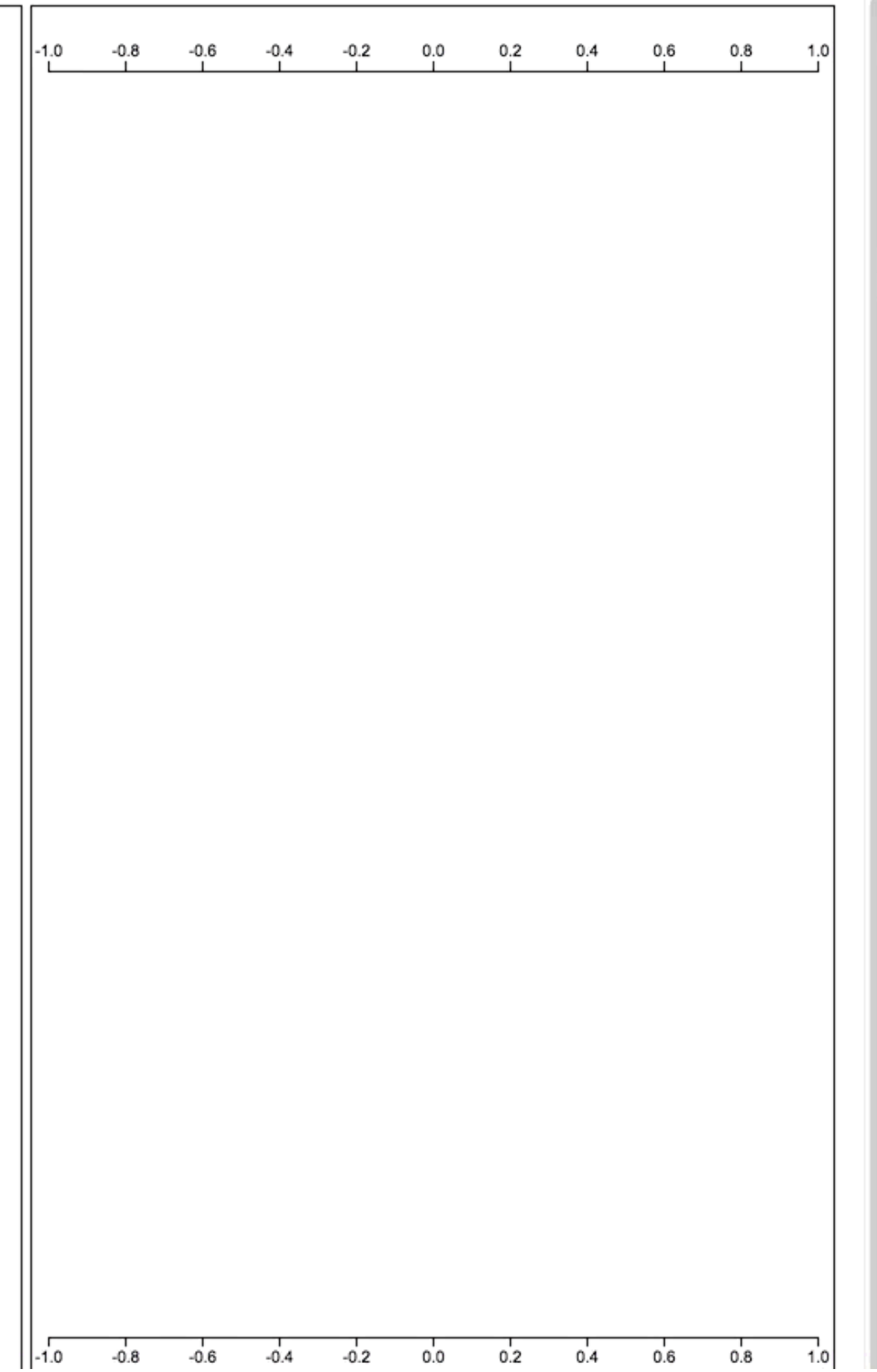
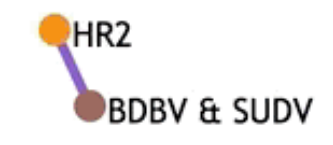
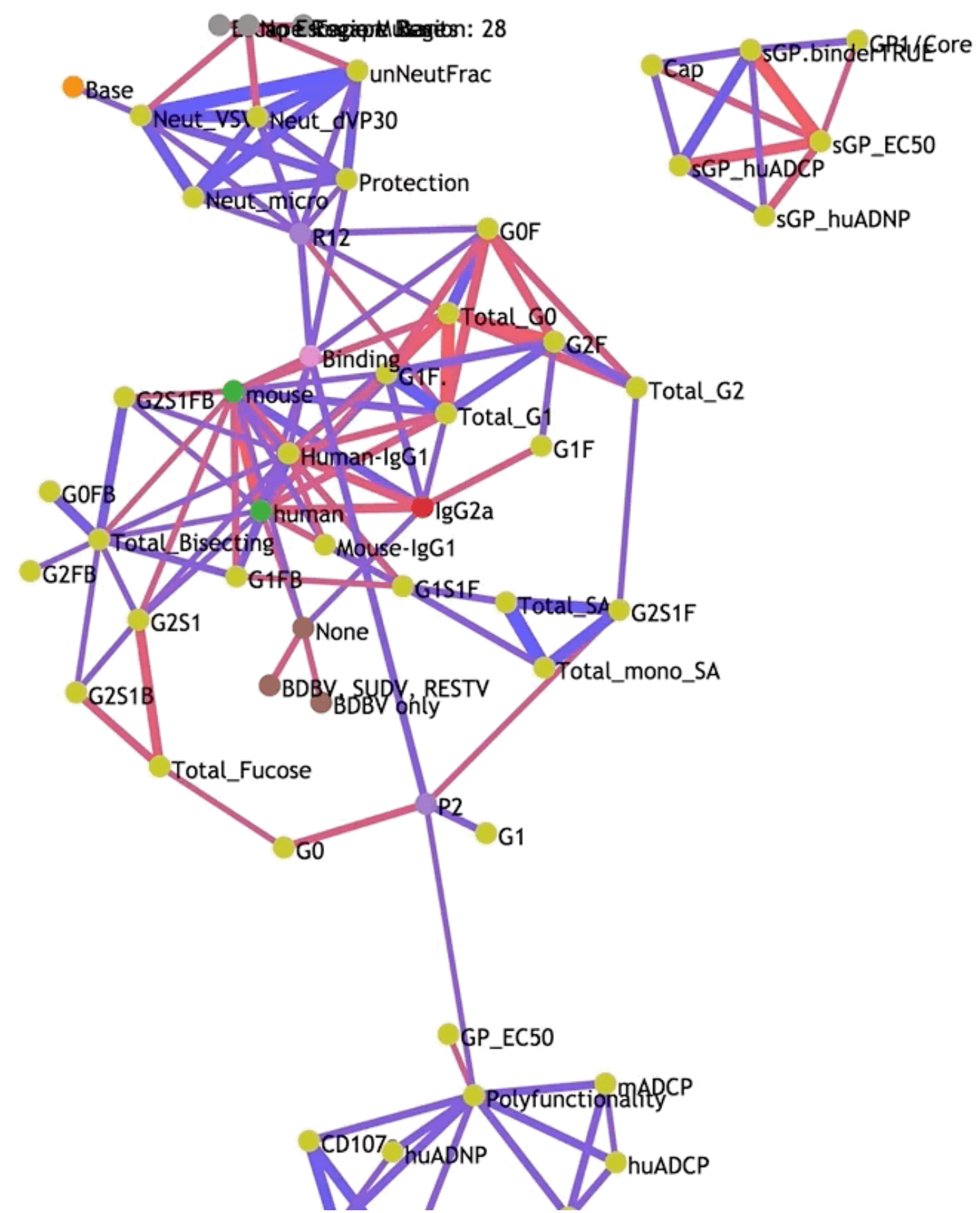


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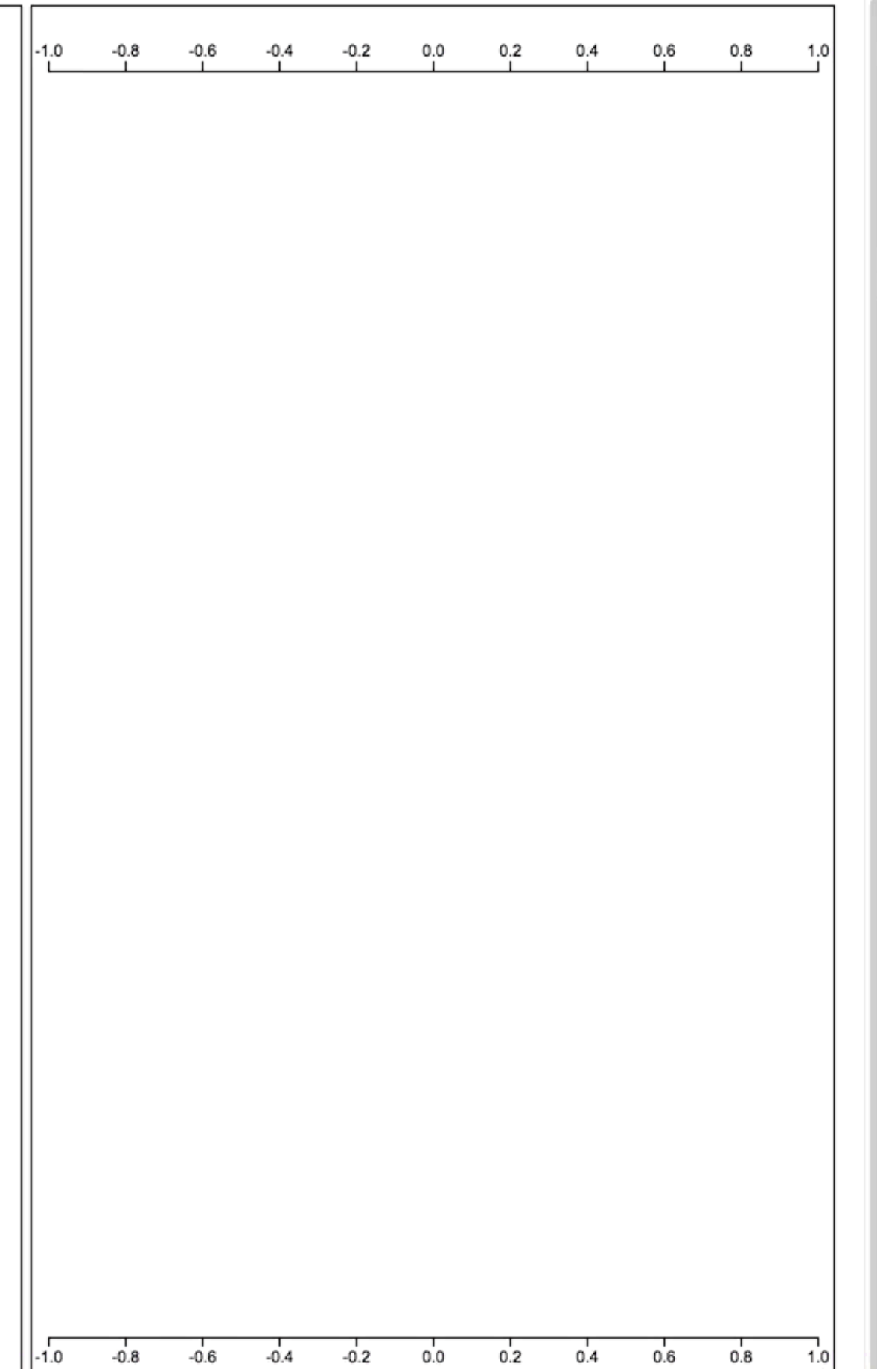
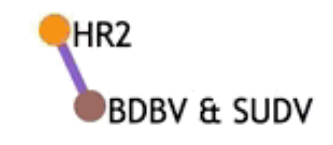
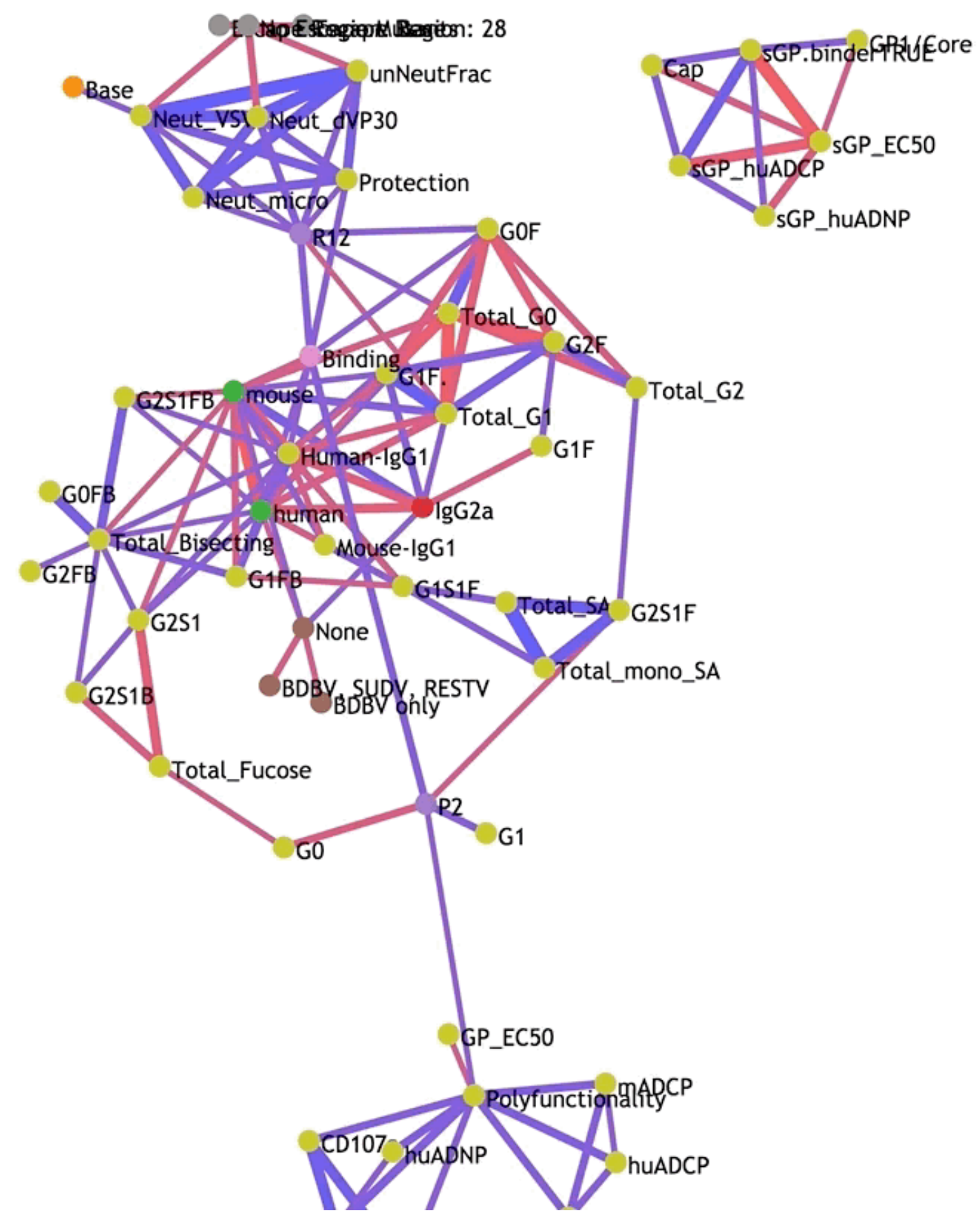
44 labs, 5 continents
academic-industry-government
single comprehensive effort

What antibodies are best? How do we find them?



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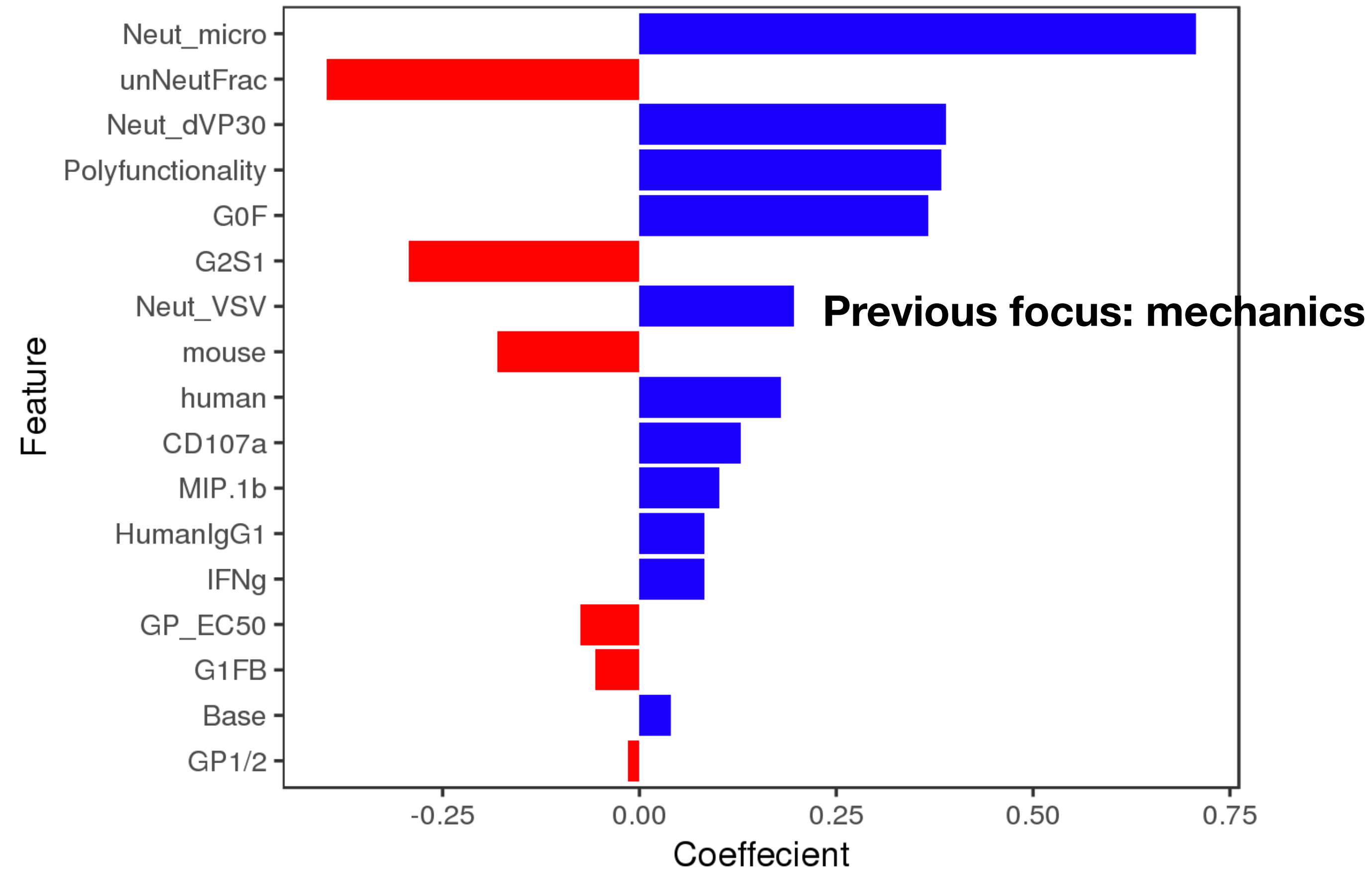




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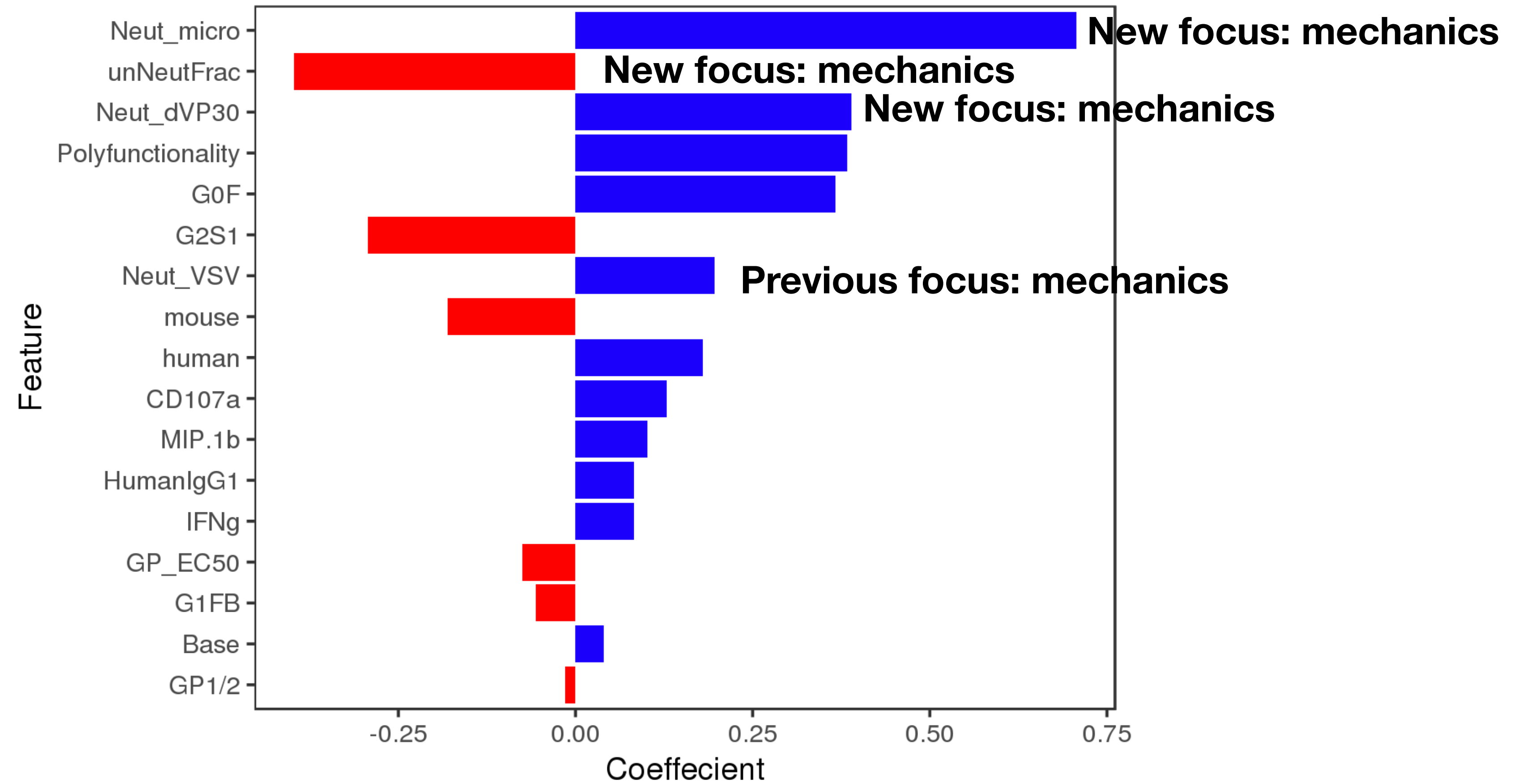
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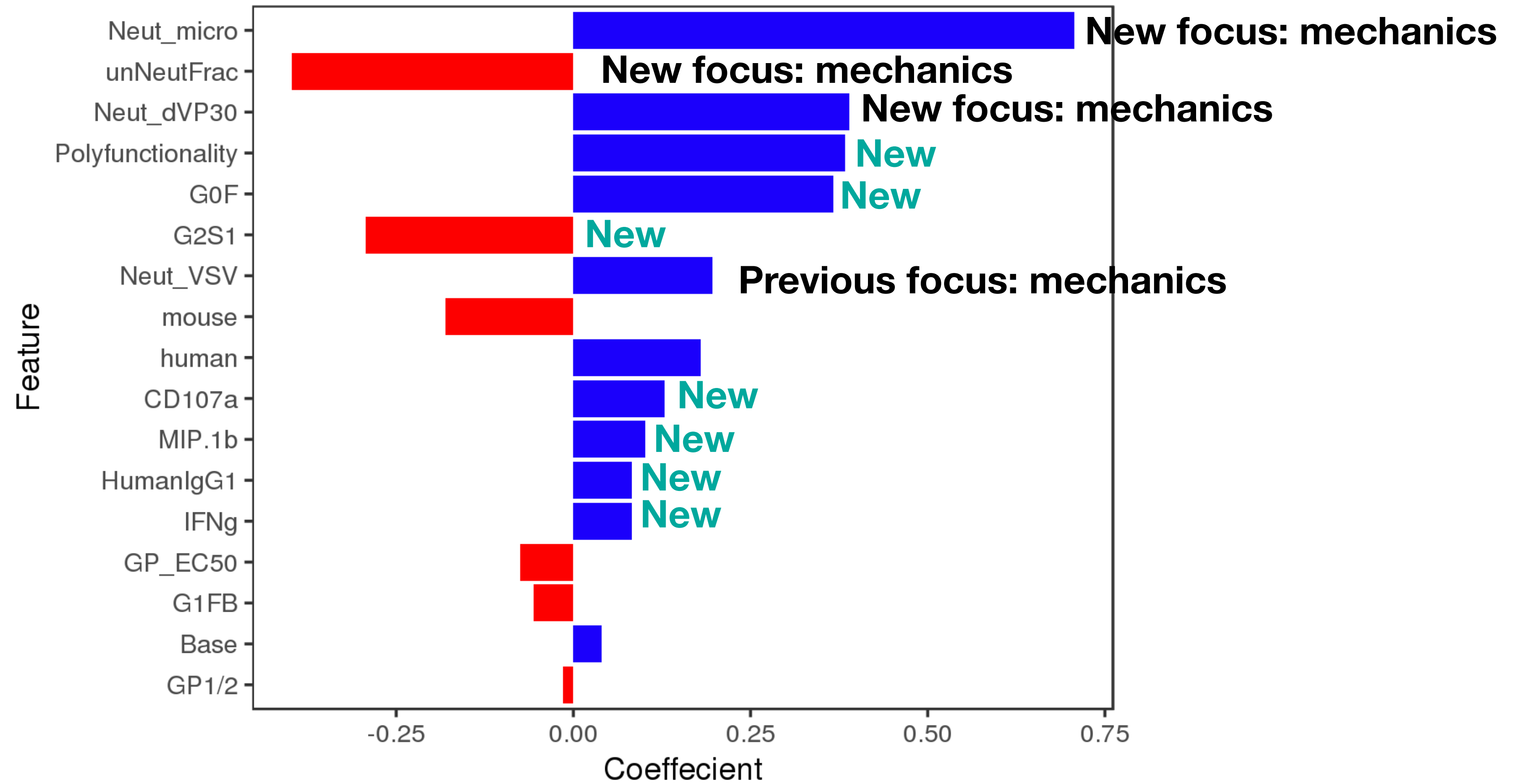
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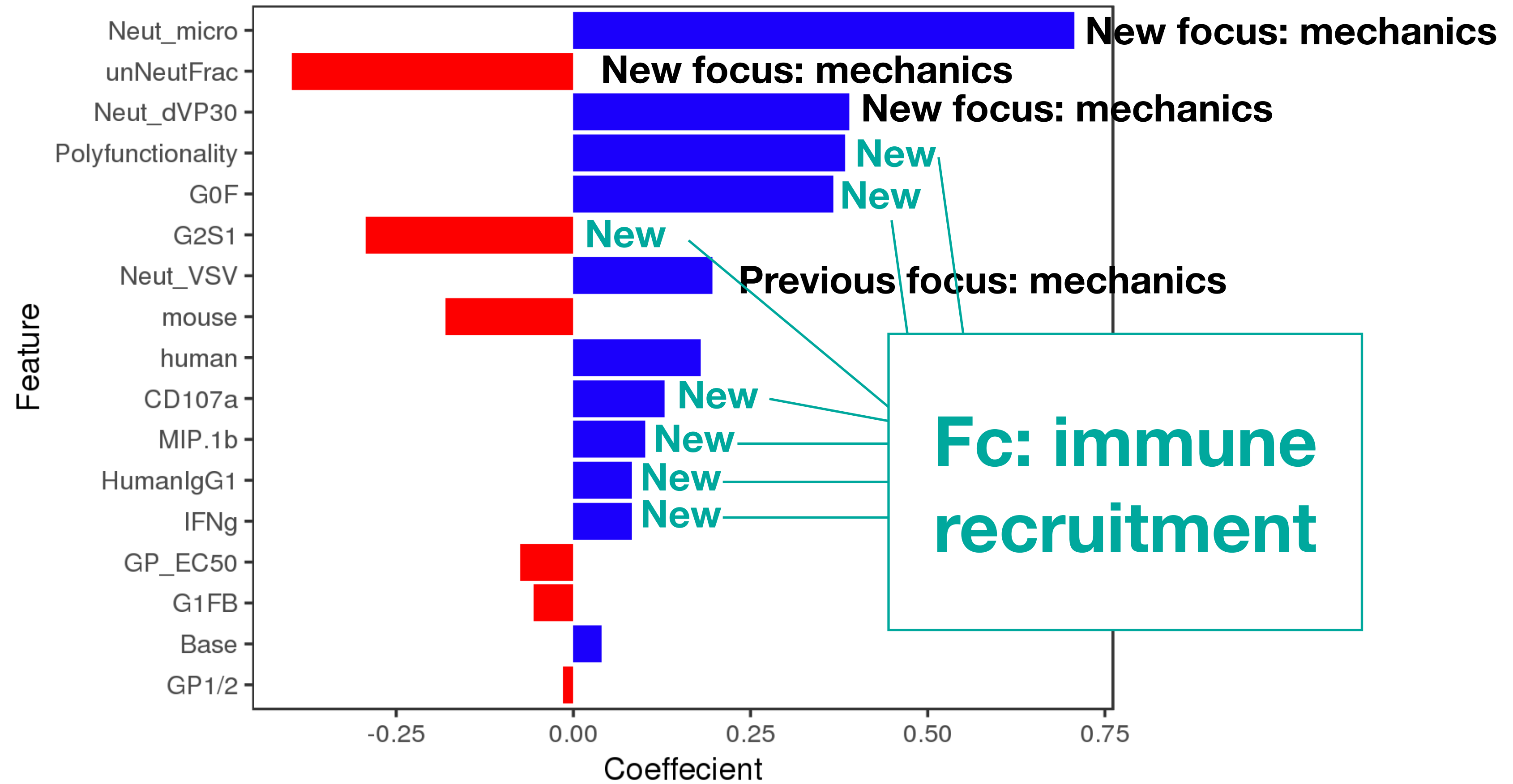
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The New York Times

A Cure for Ebola? Two New Treatments Prove Highly Effective in Congo

The therapies saved roughly 90 percent of the patients who were newly infected, a turning point in the decades-long fight against the virus.



August 2019

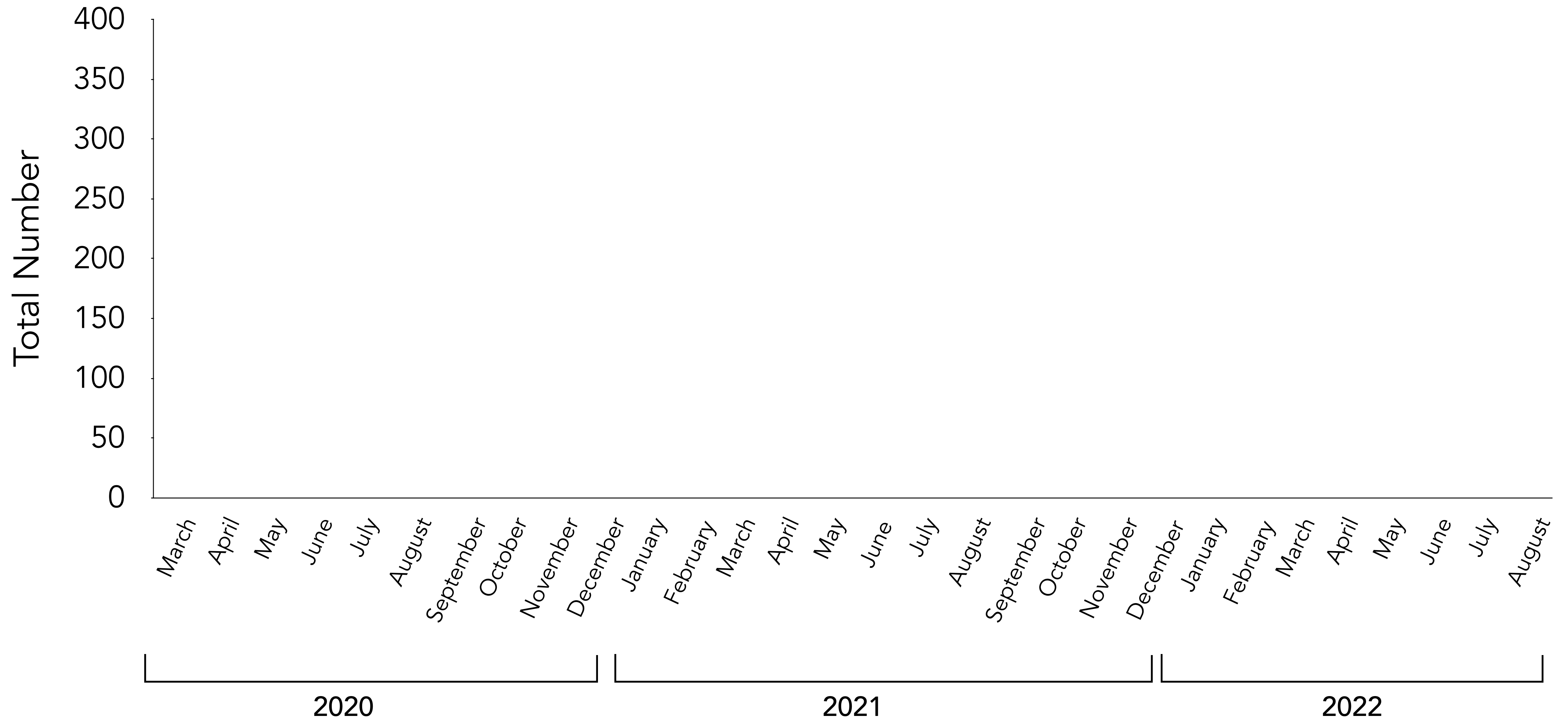
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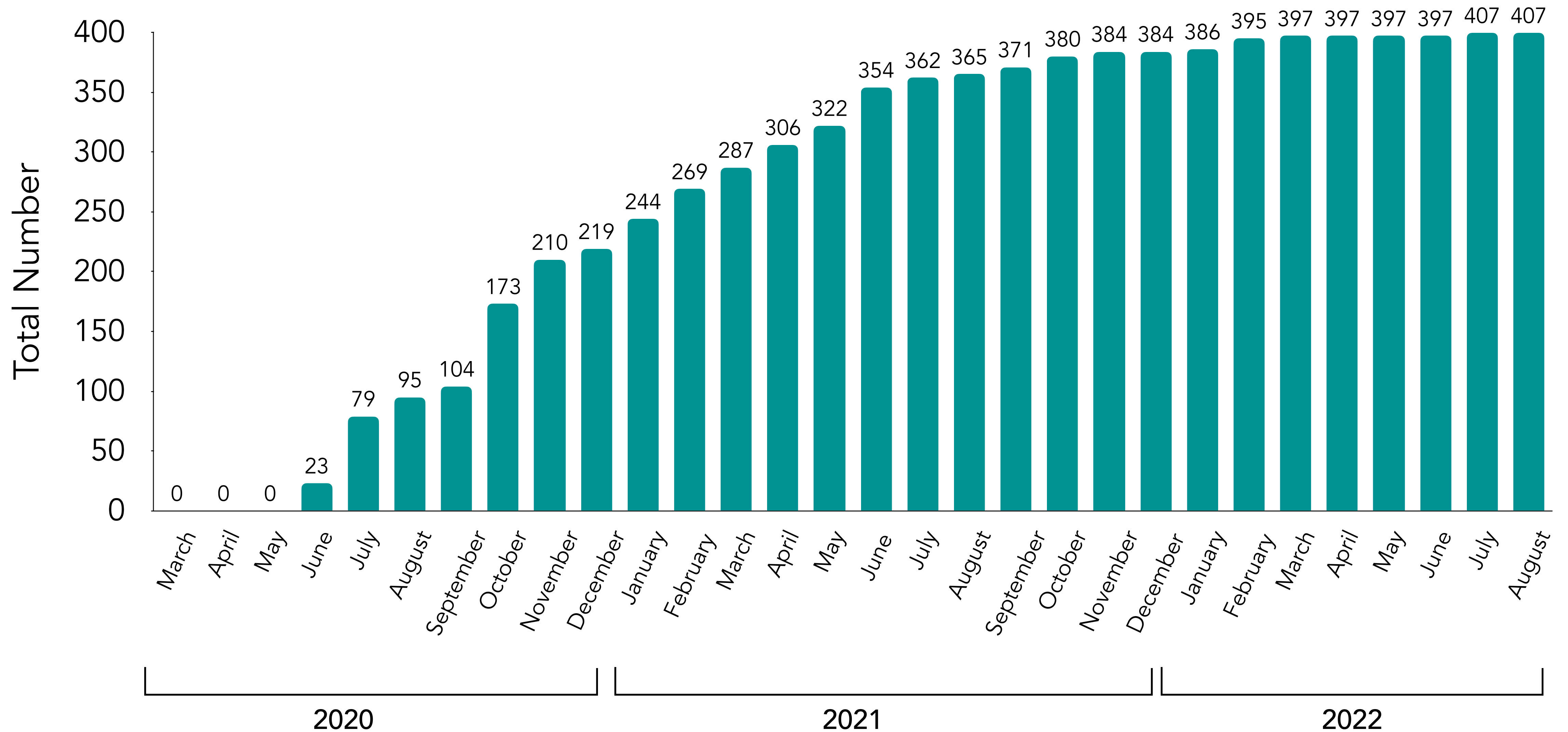
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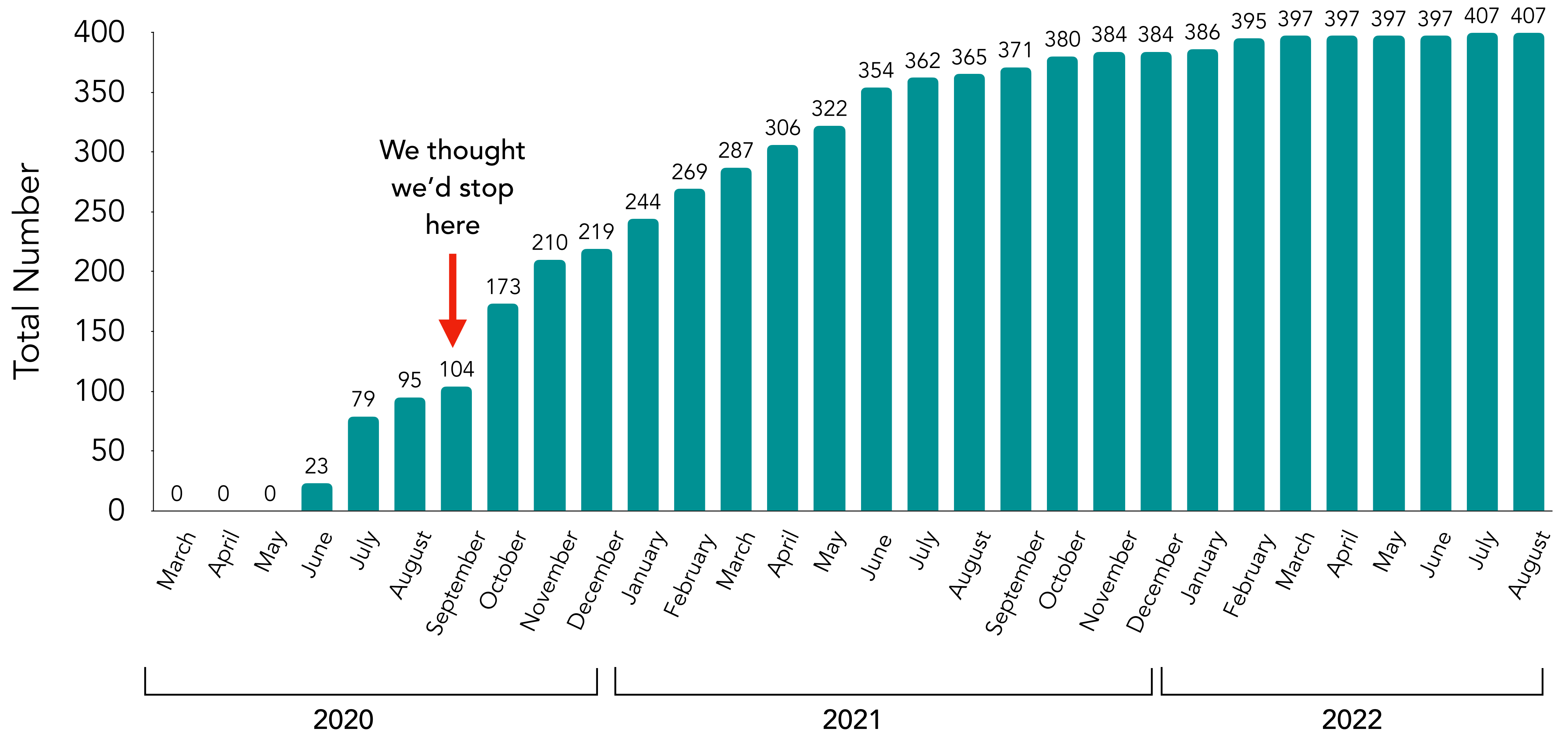
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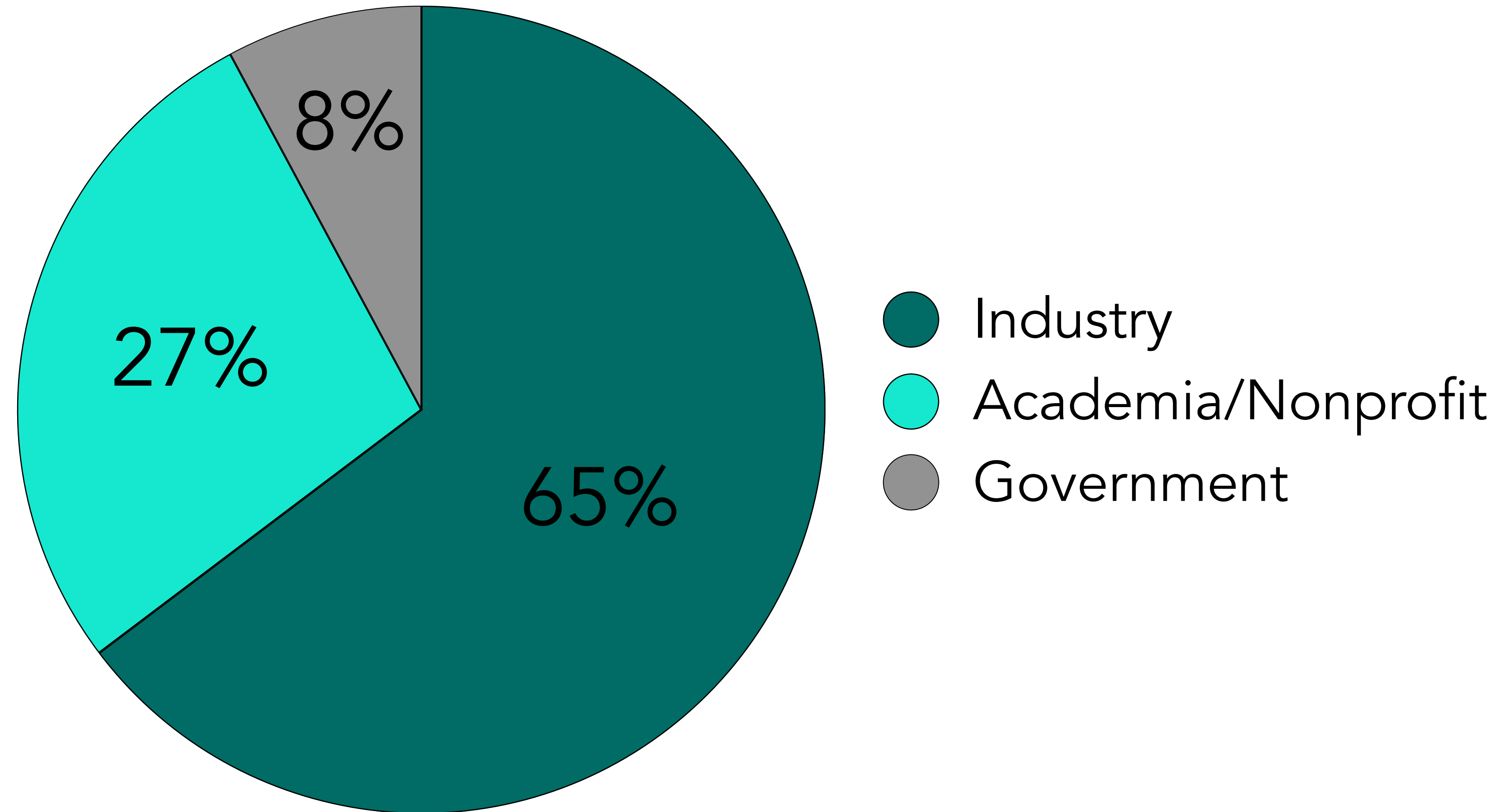


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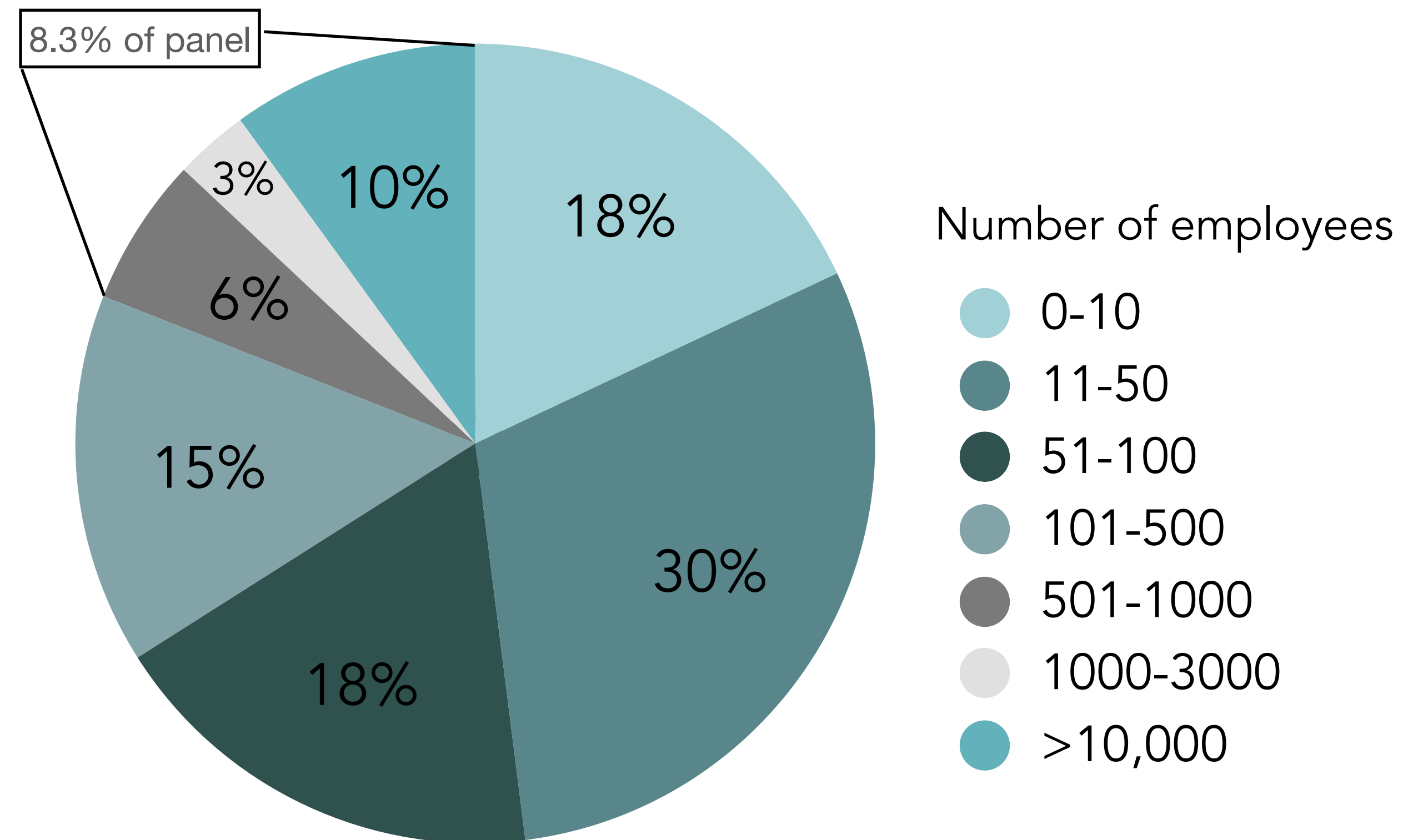


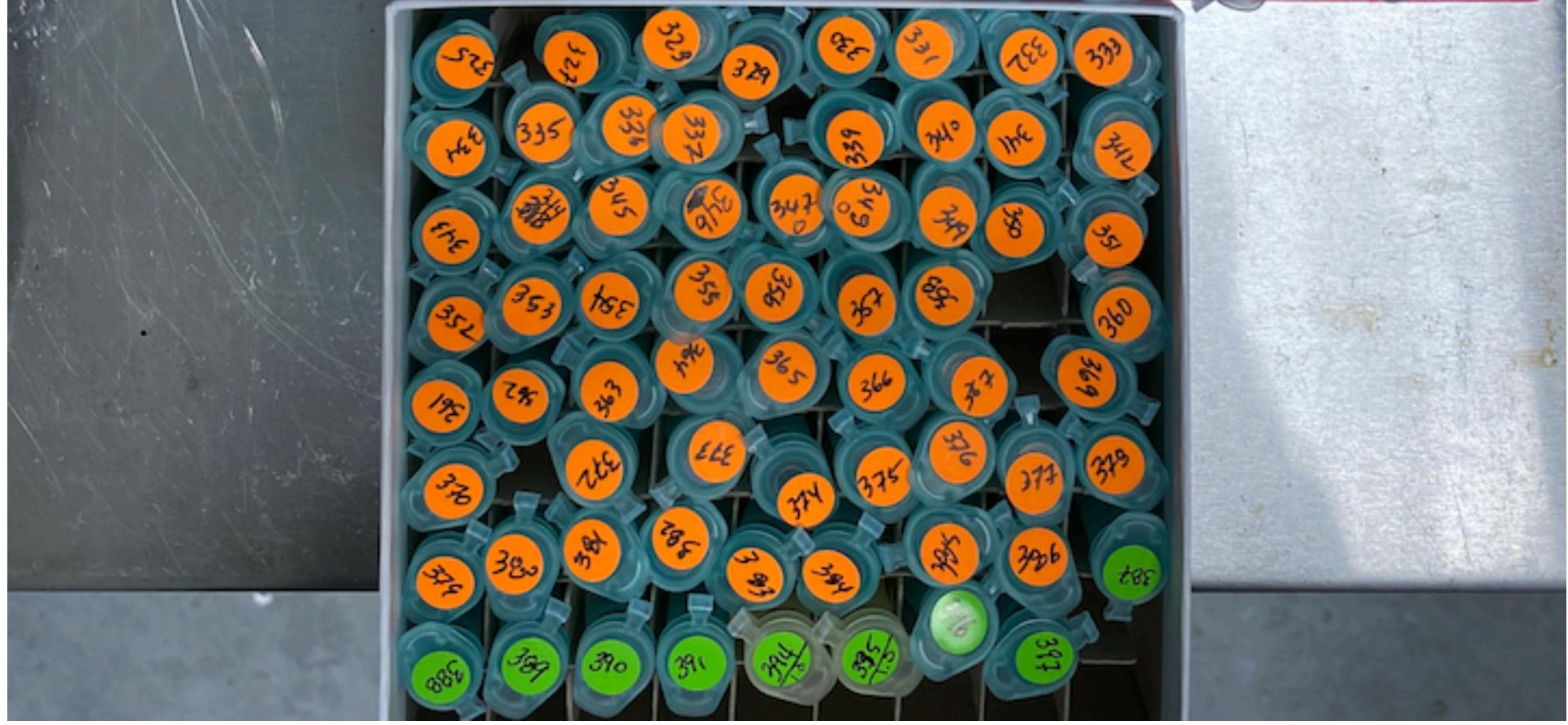
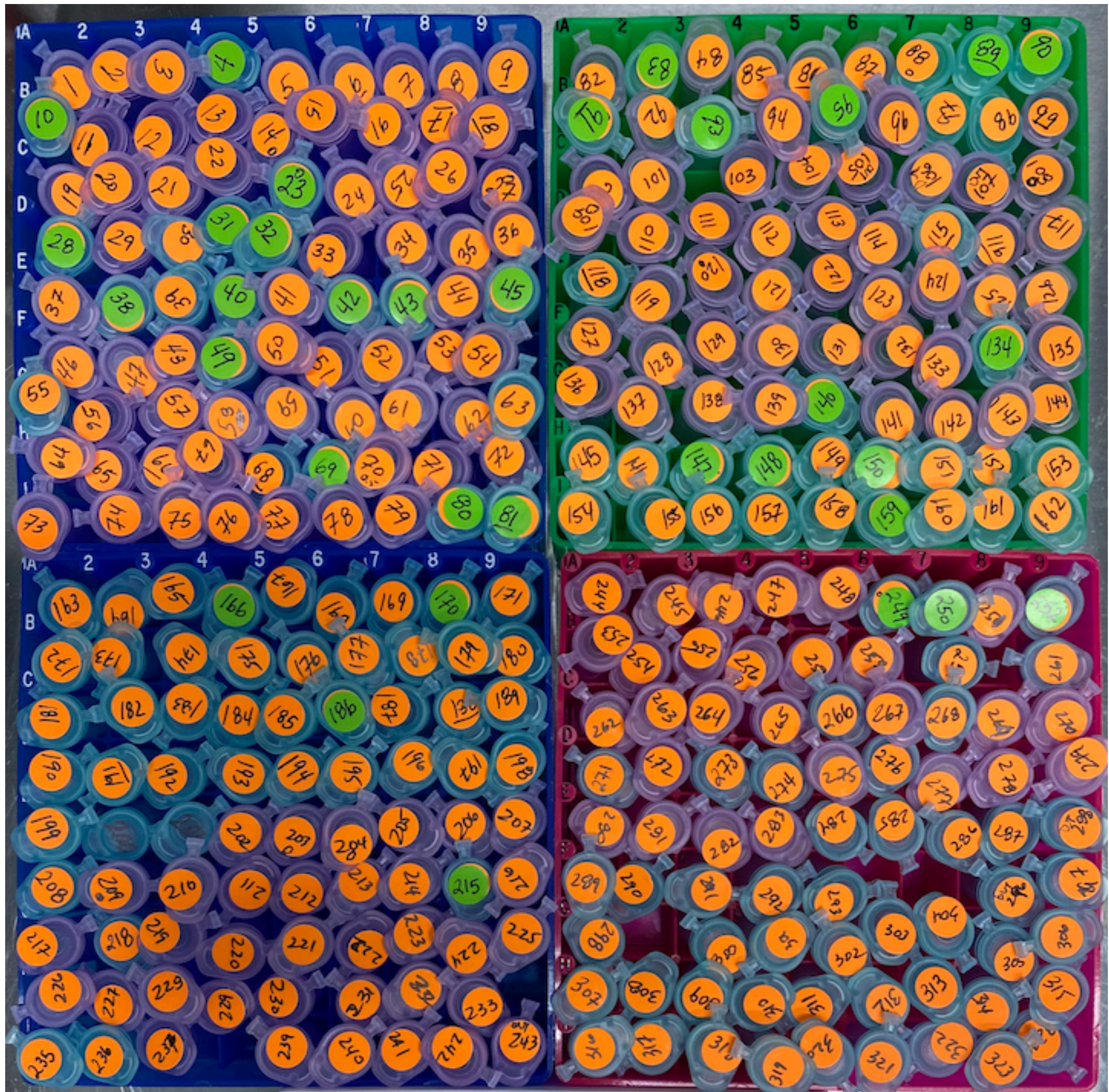
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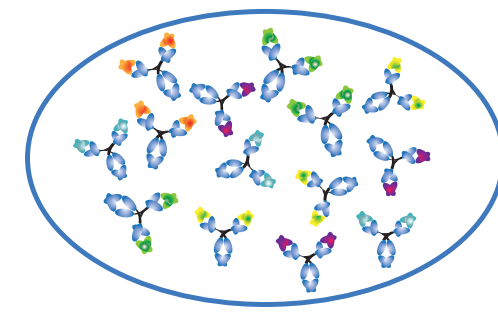


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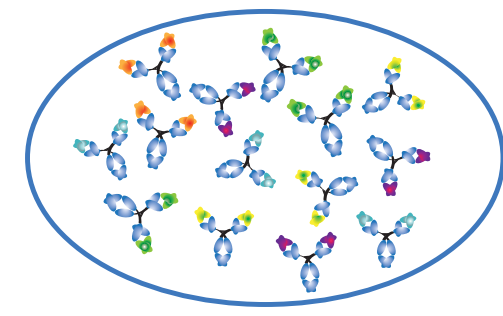


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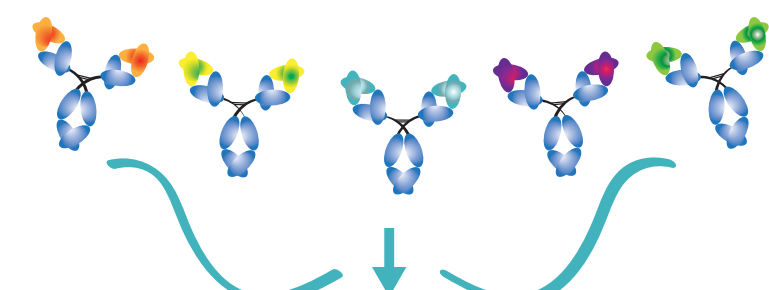
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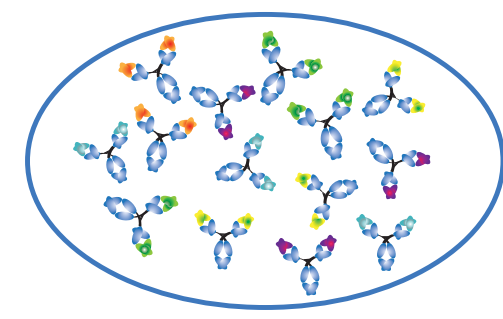
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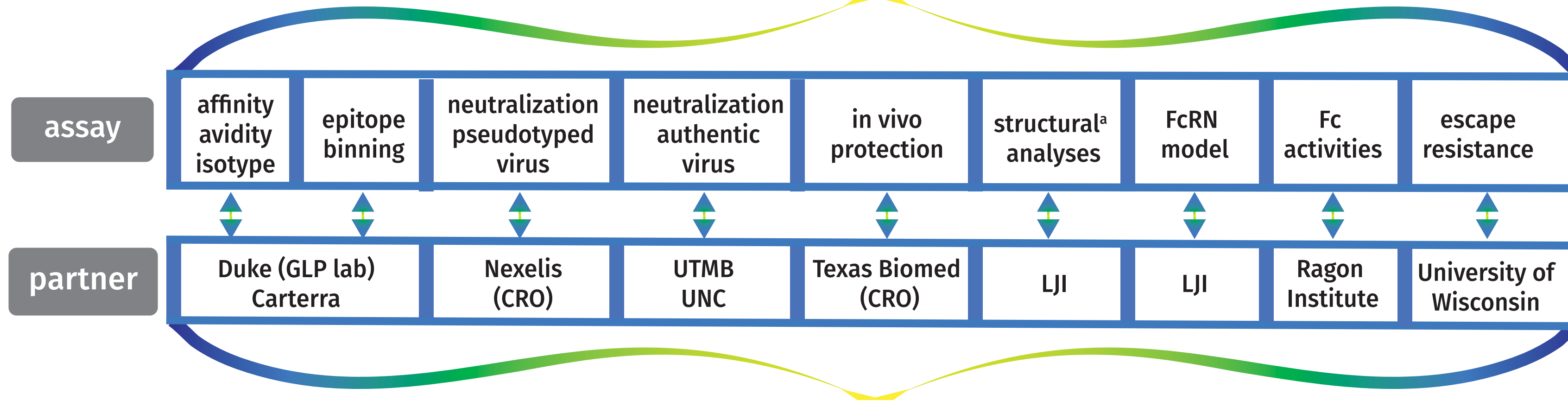
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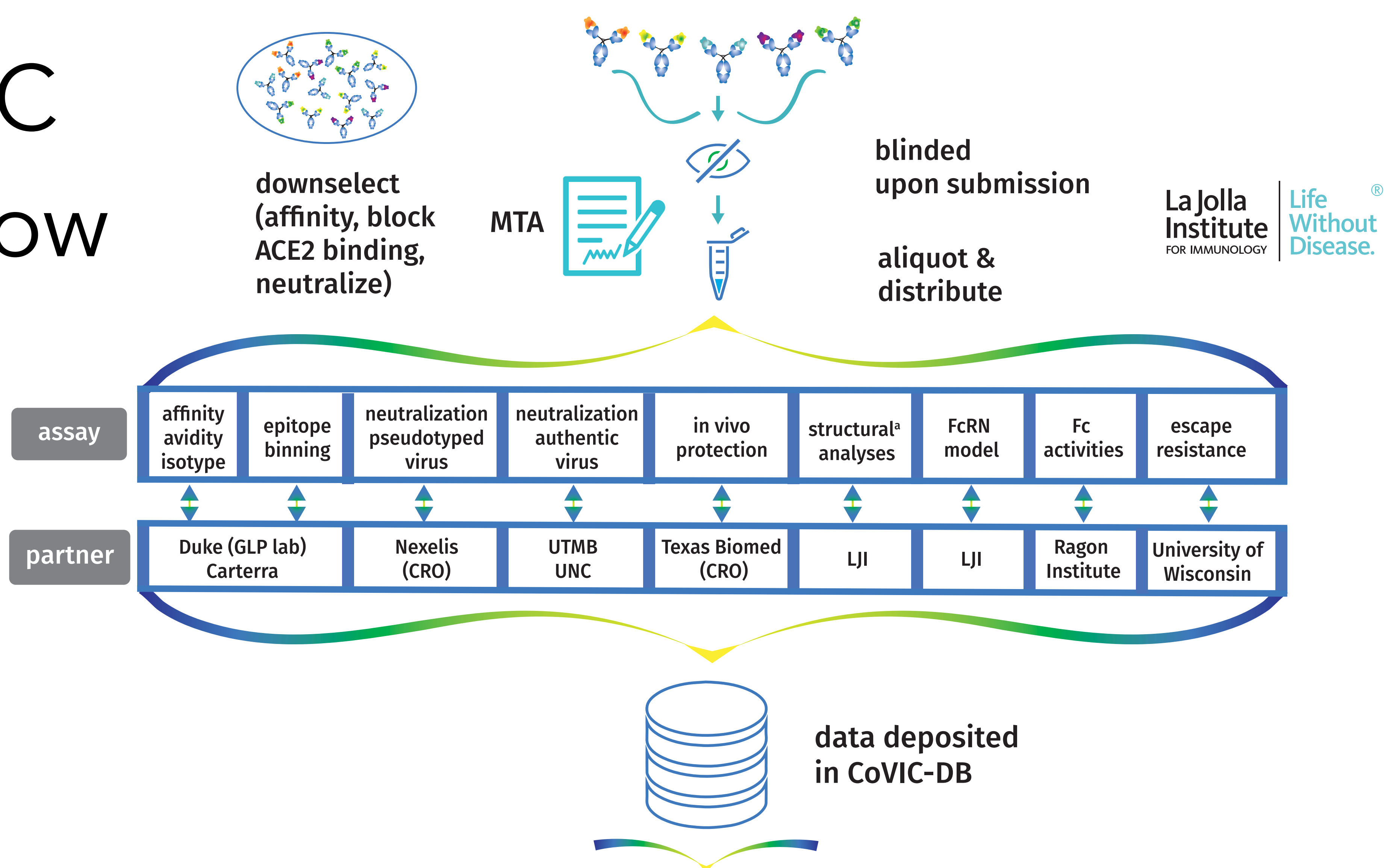


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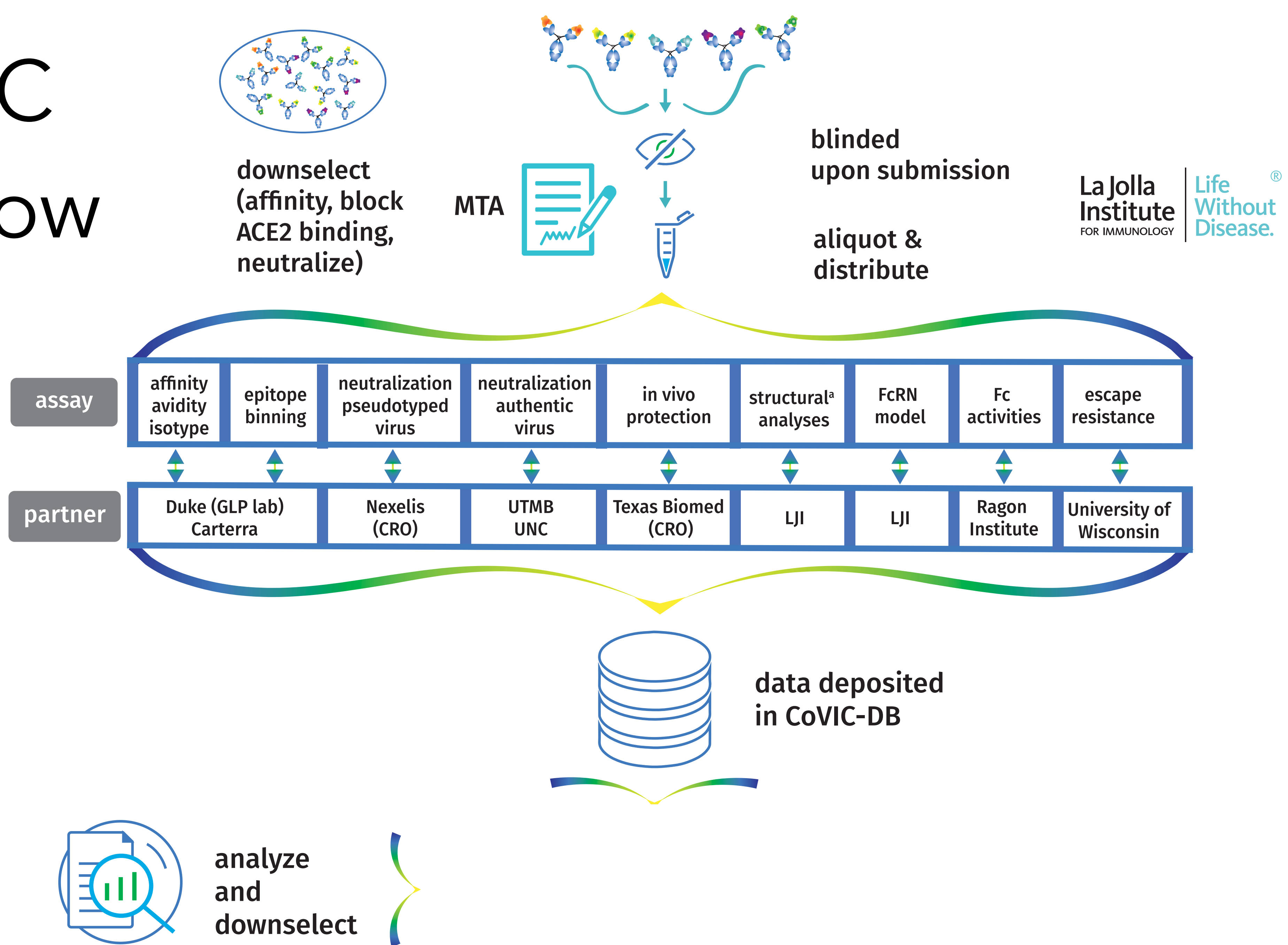
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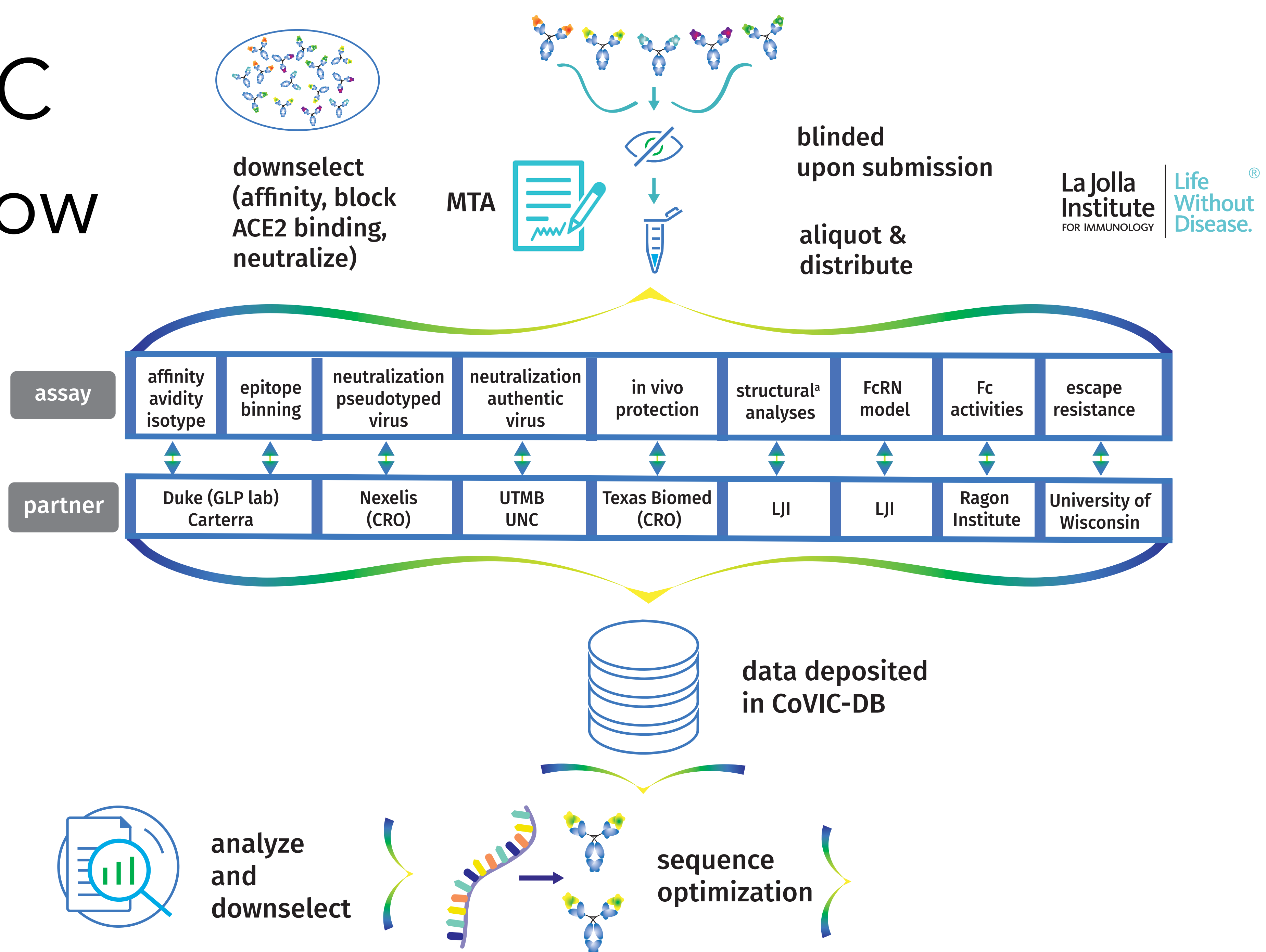
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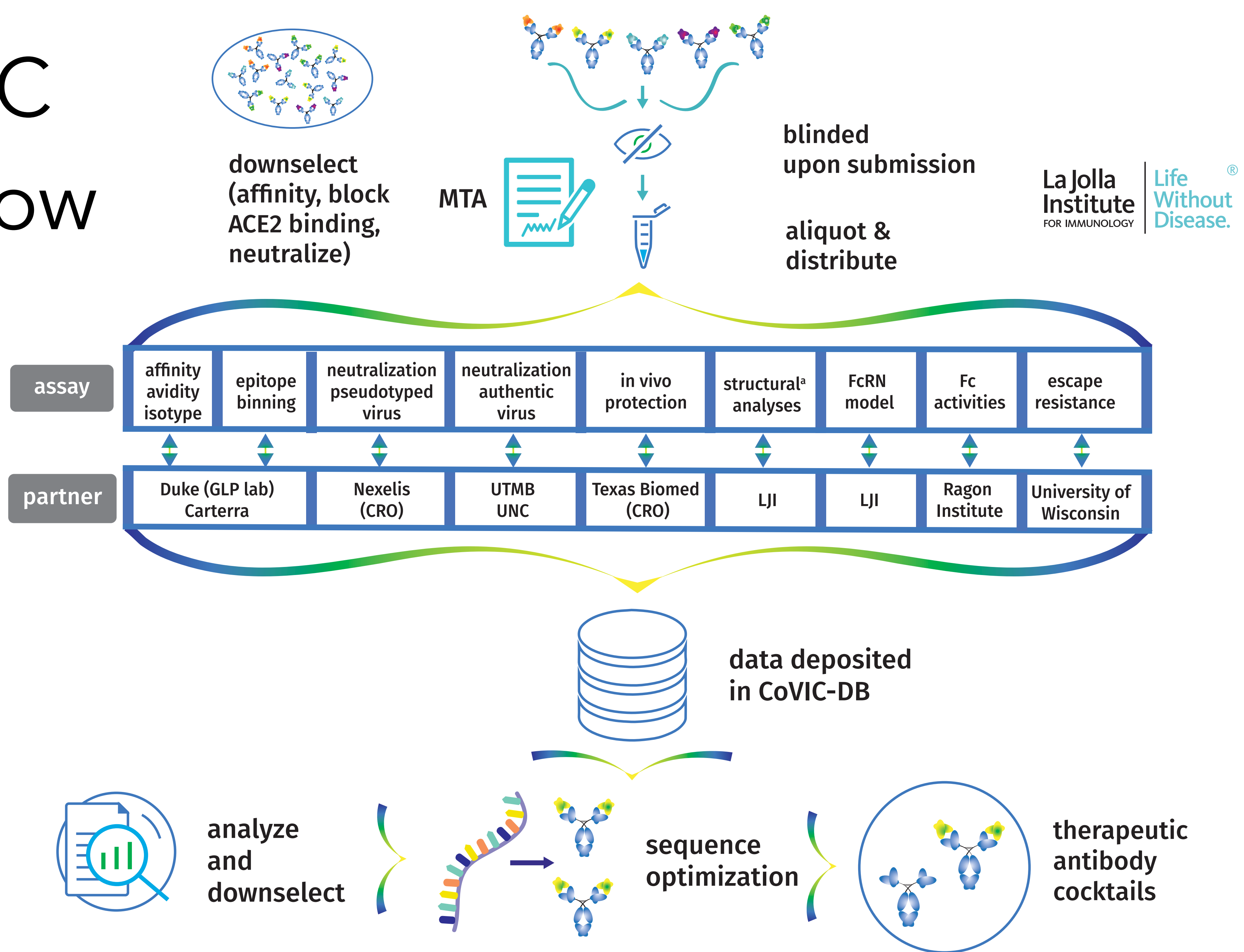
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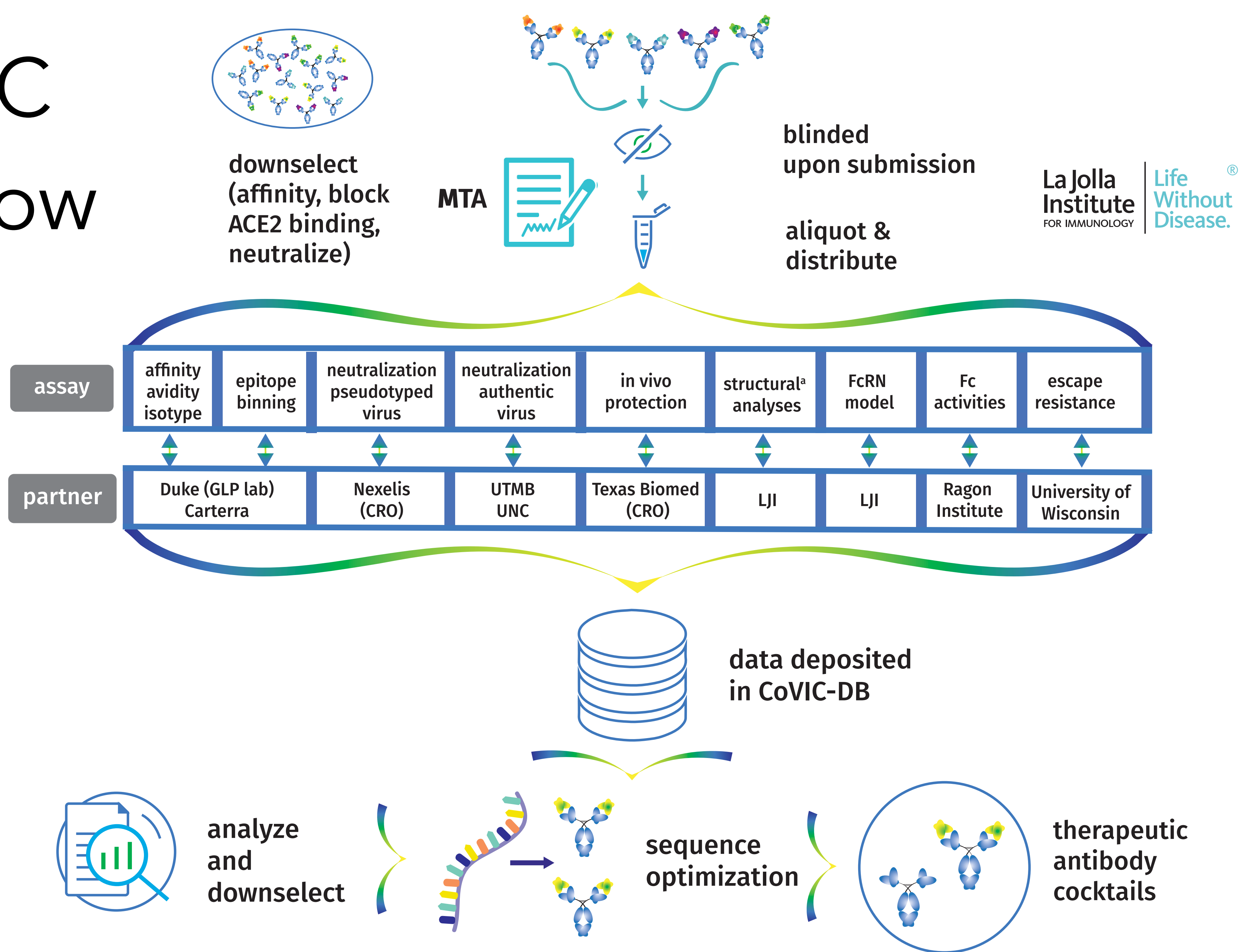
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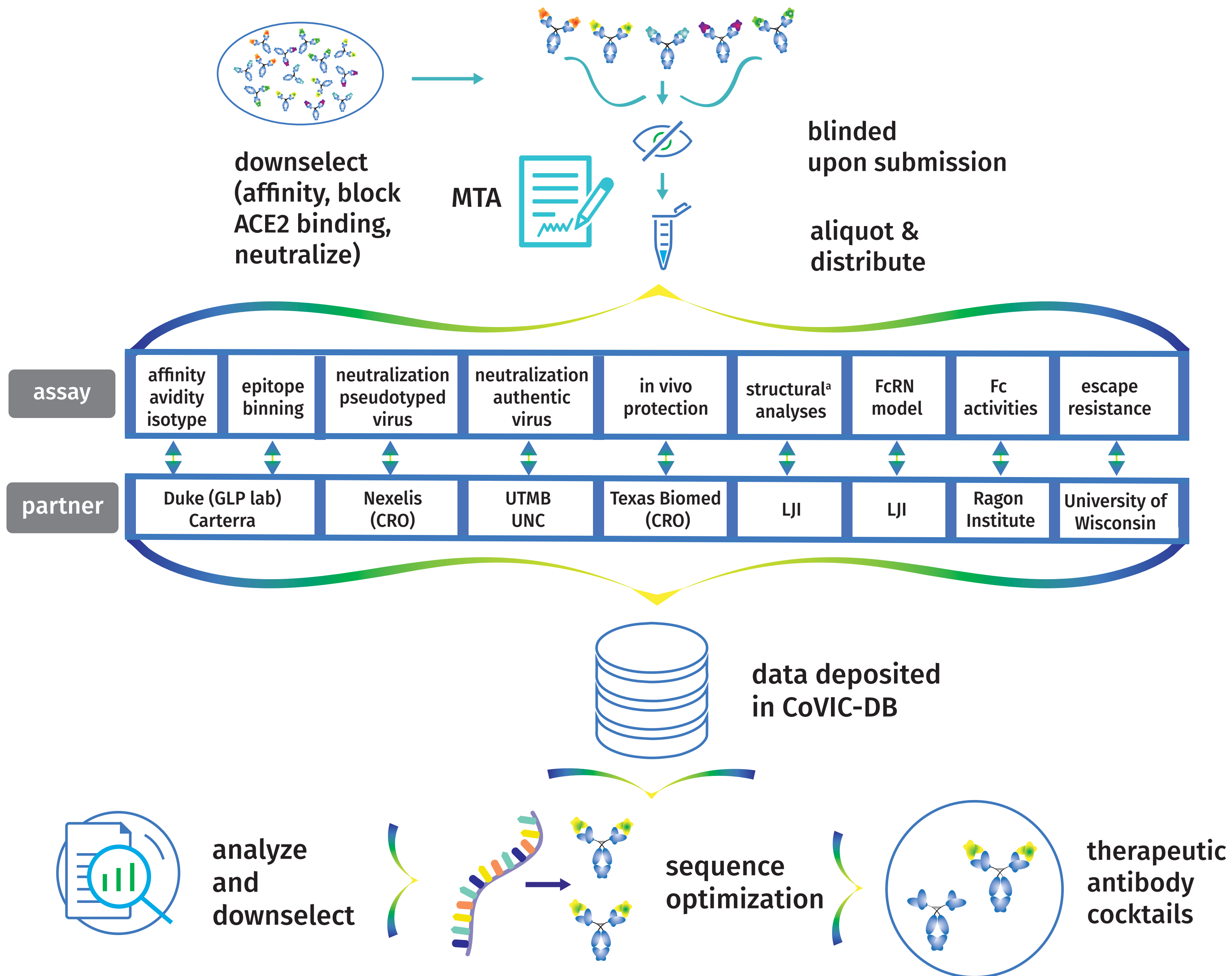


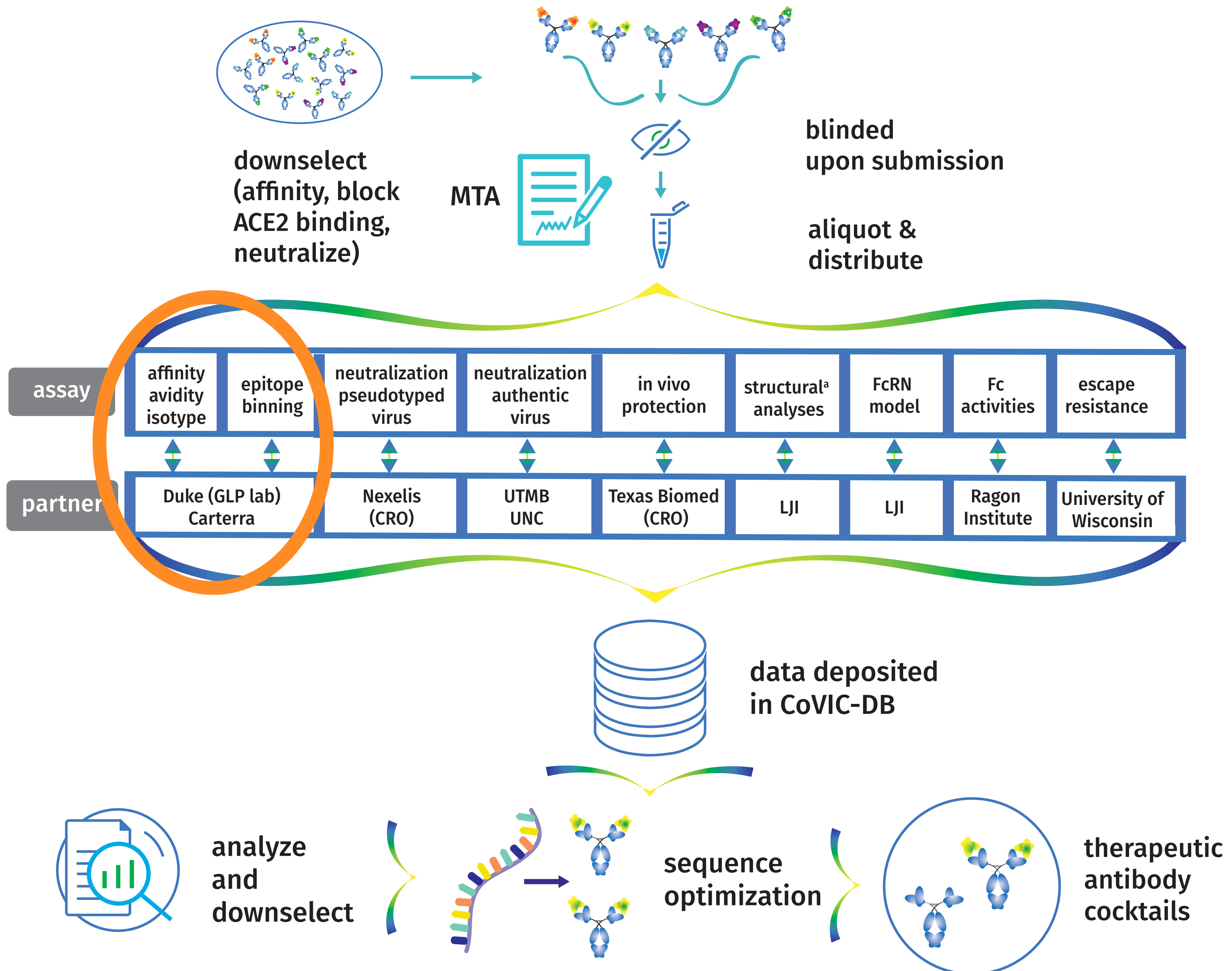
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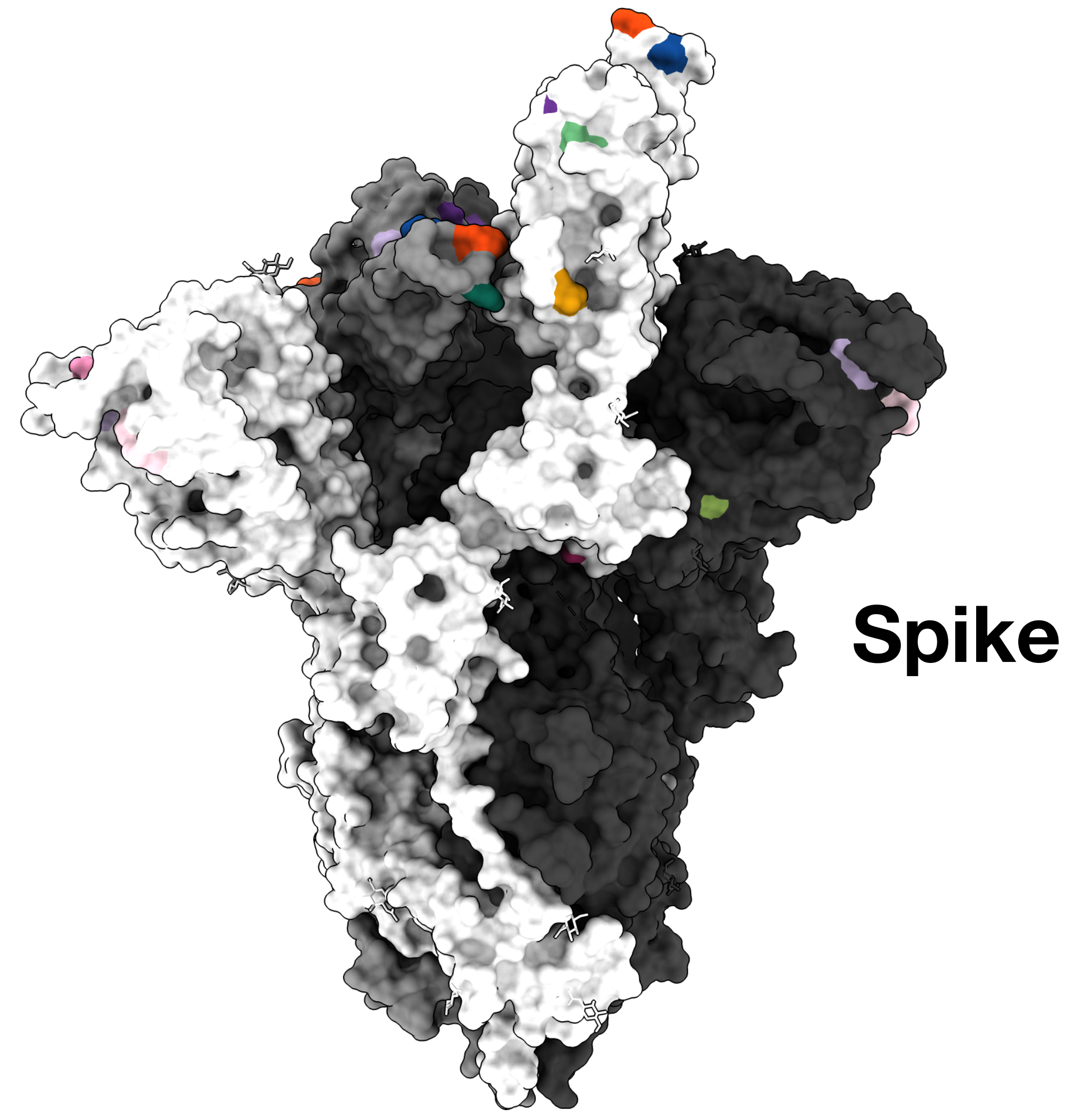
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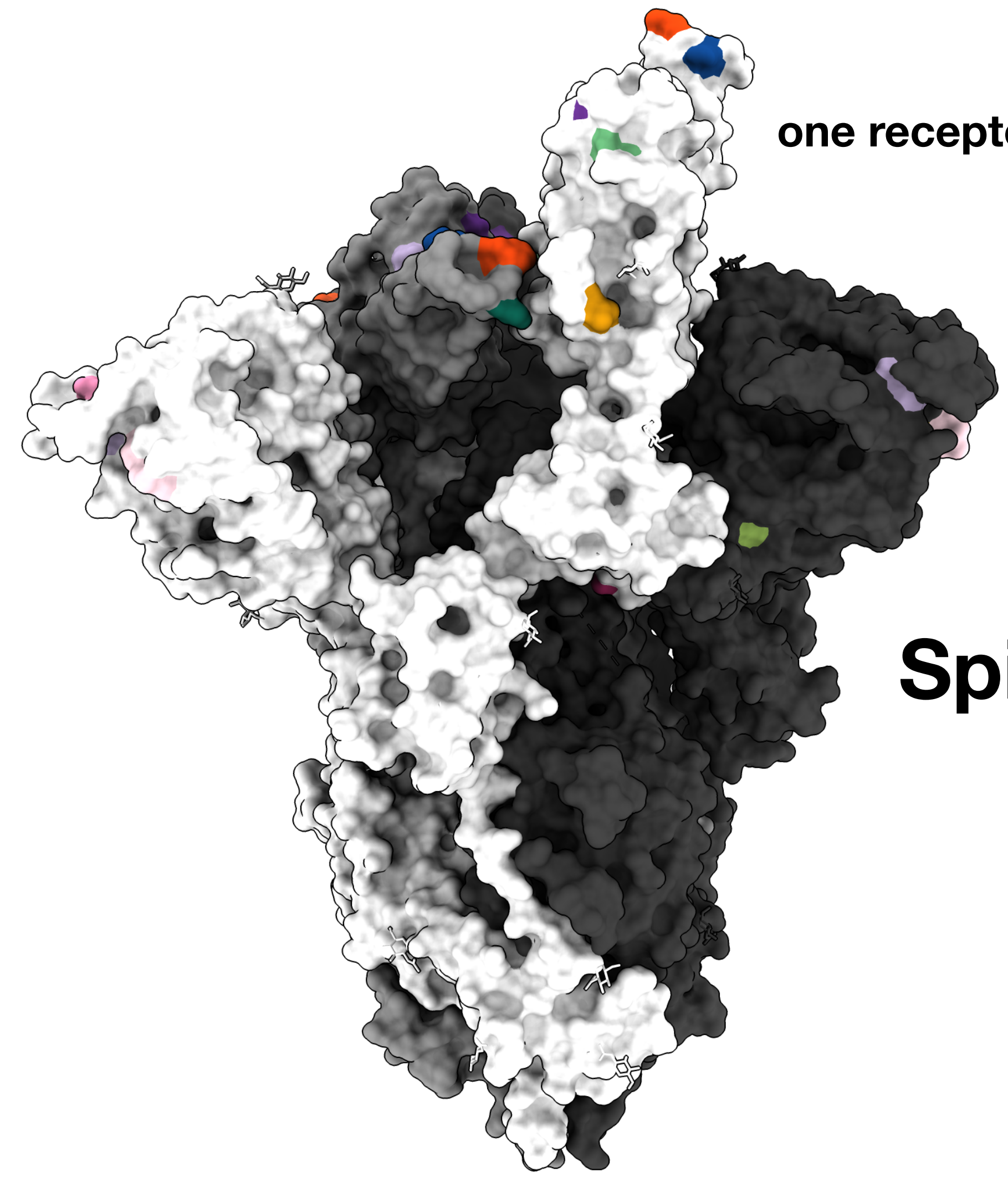
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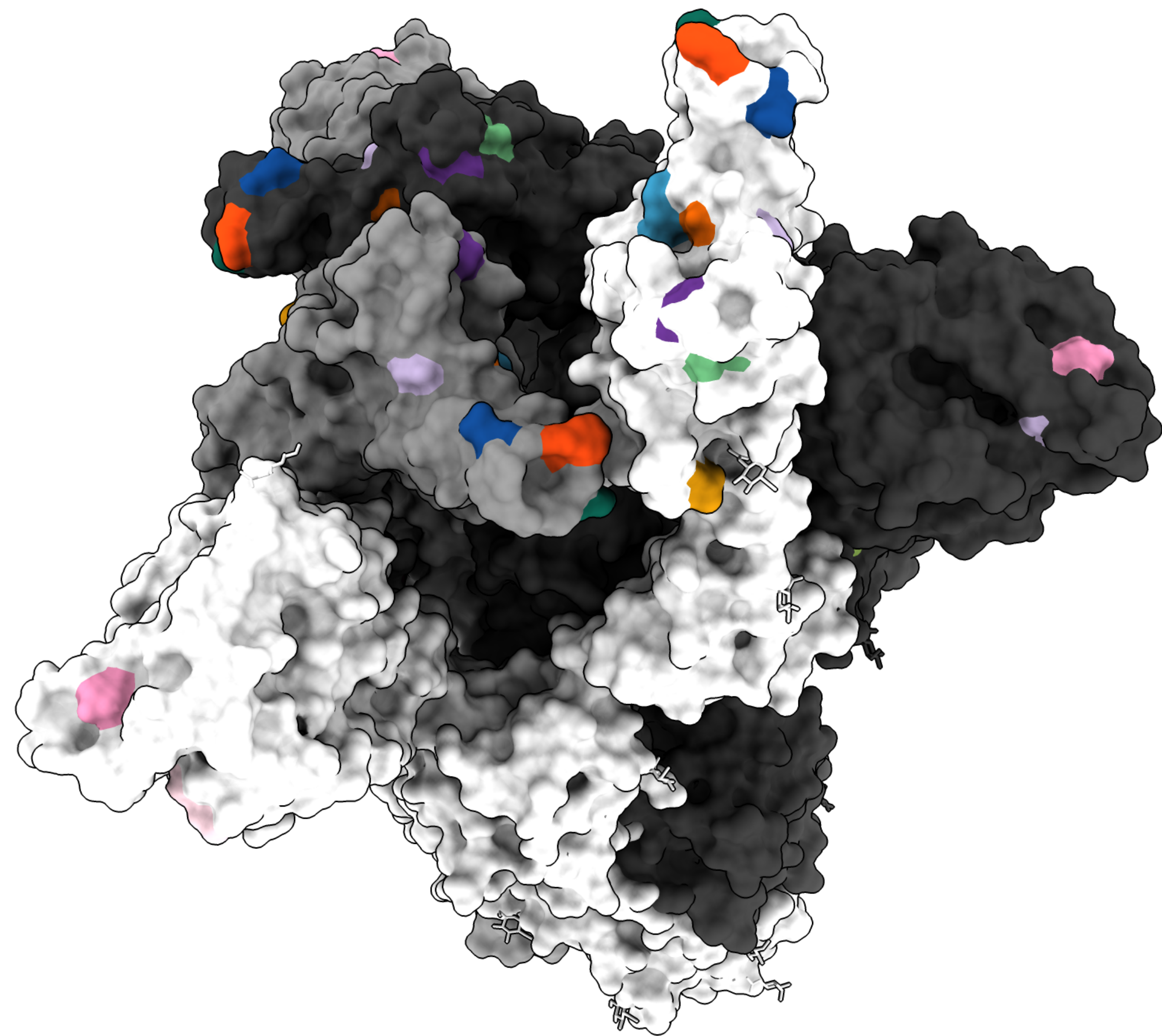
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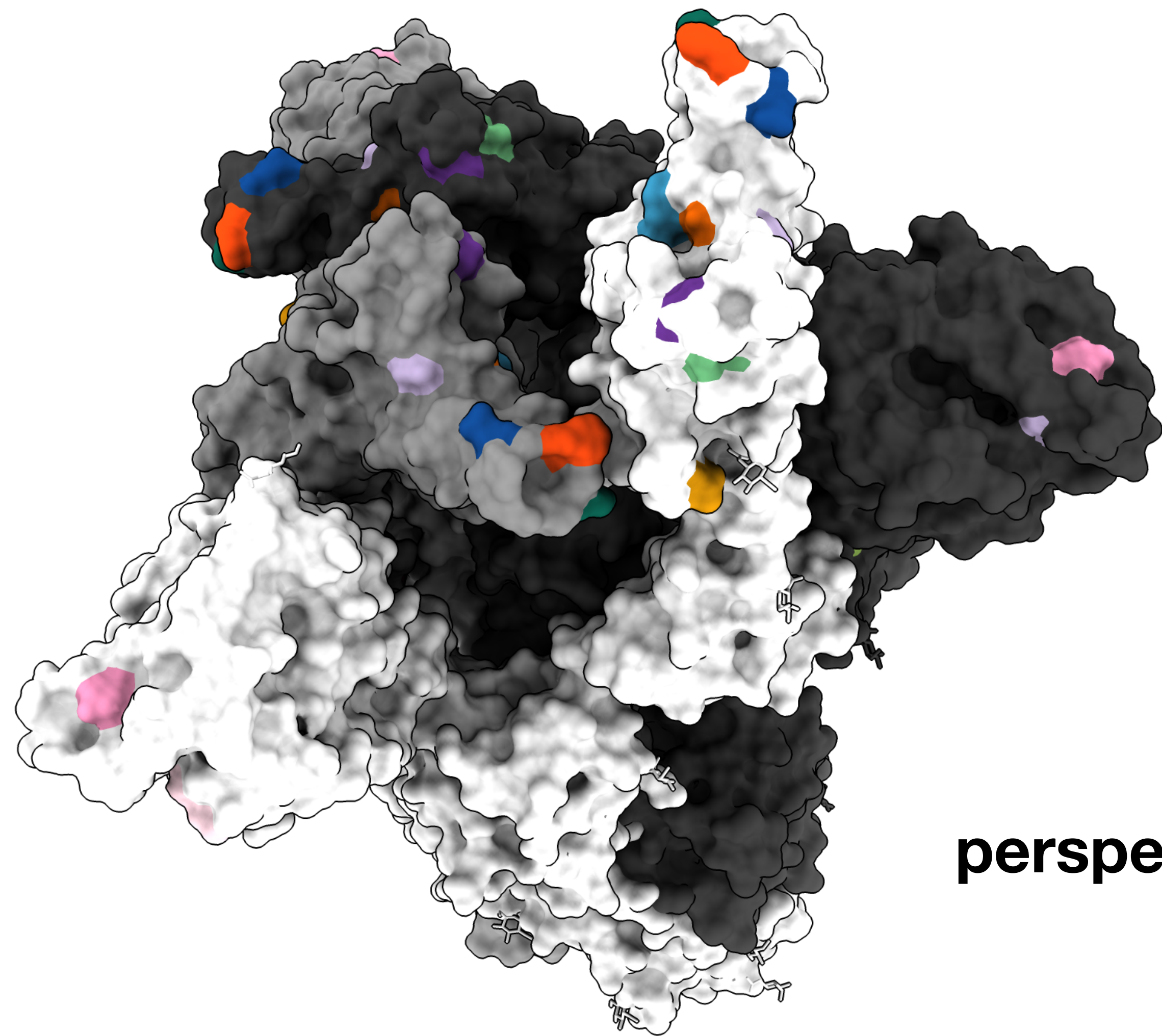


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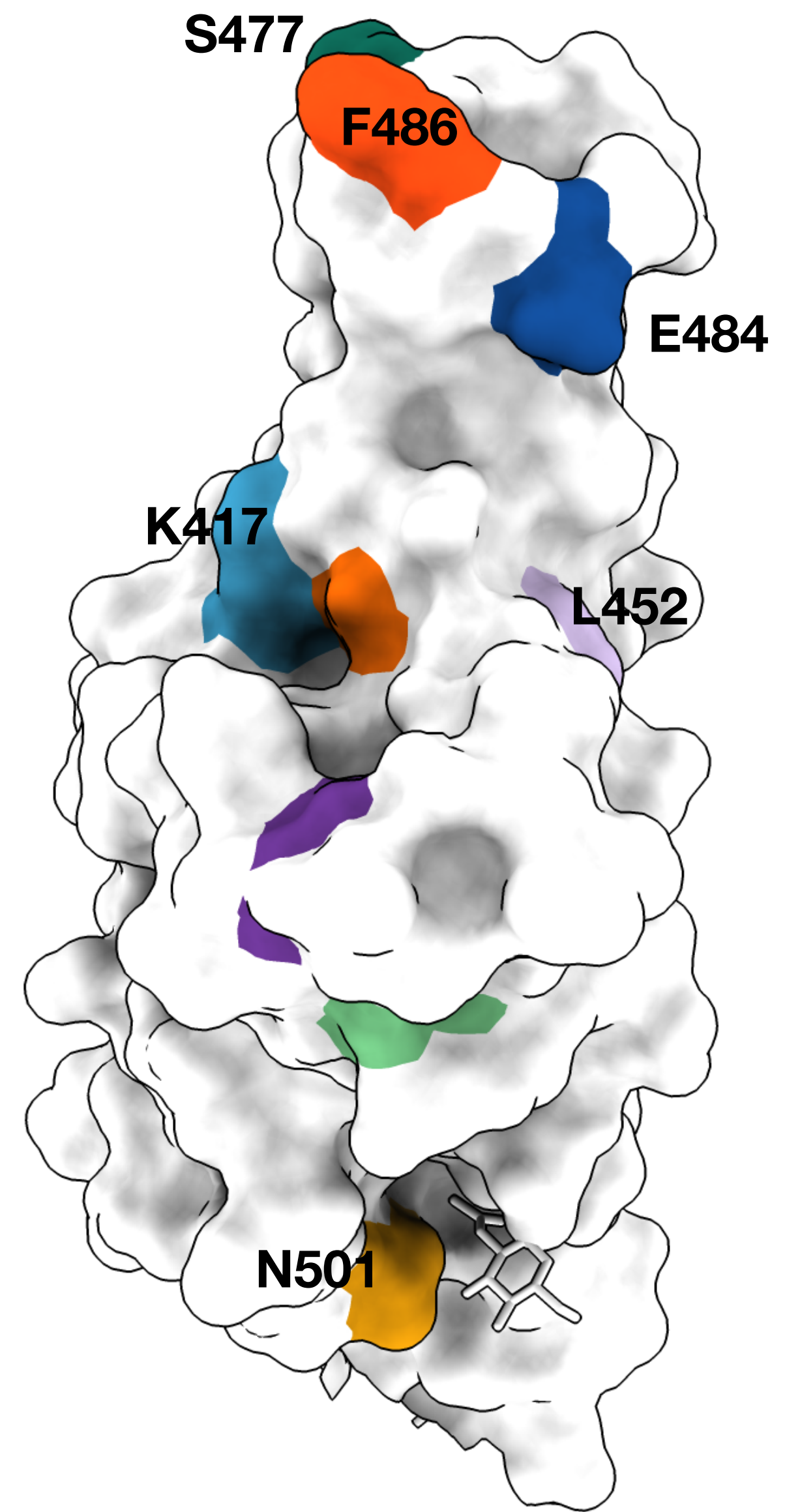
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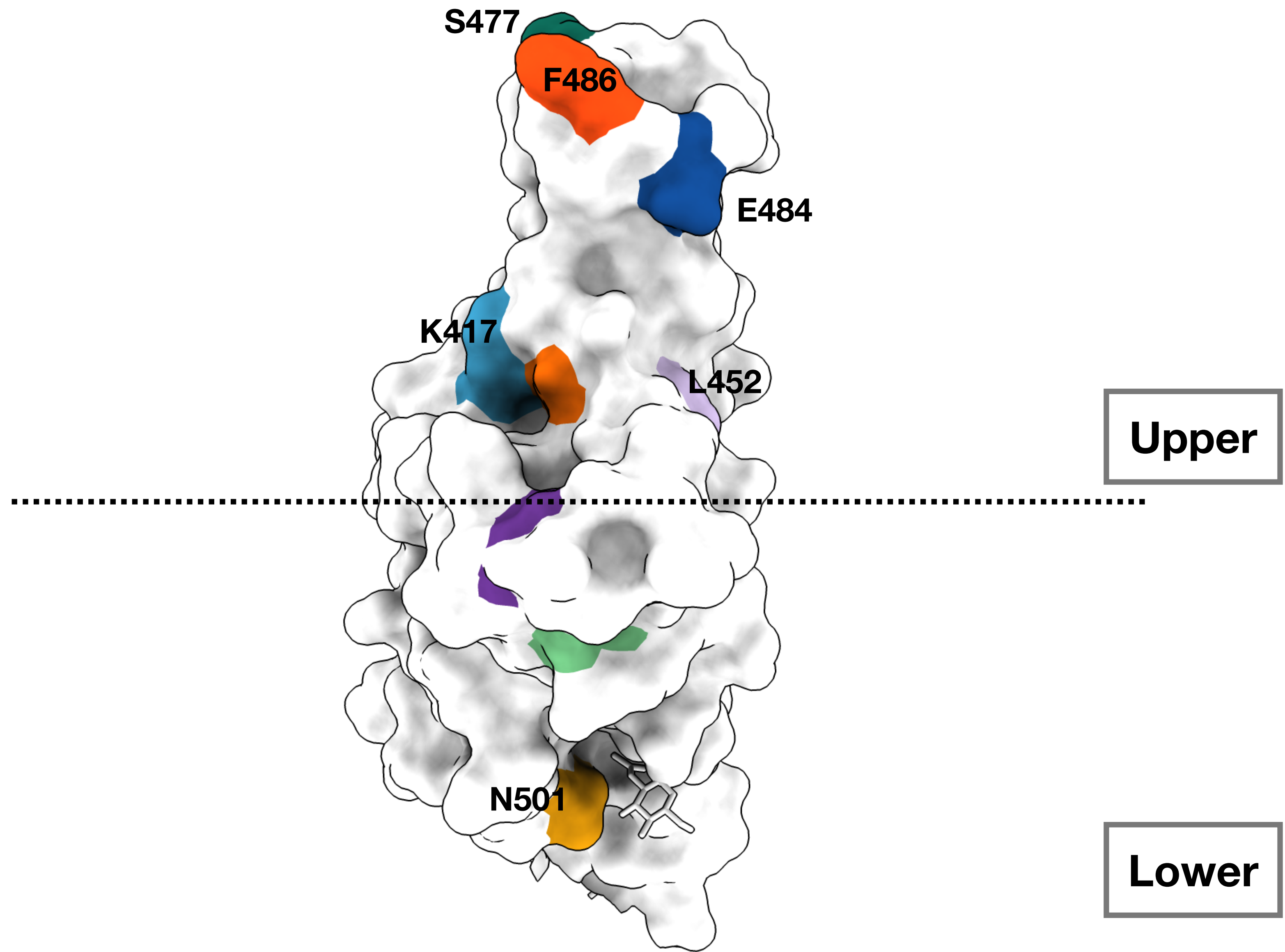
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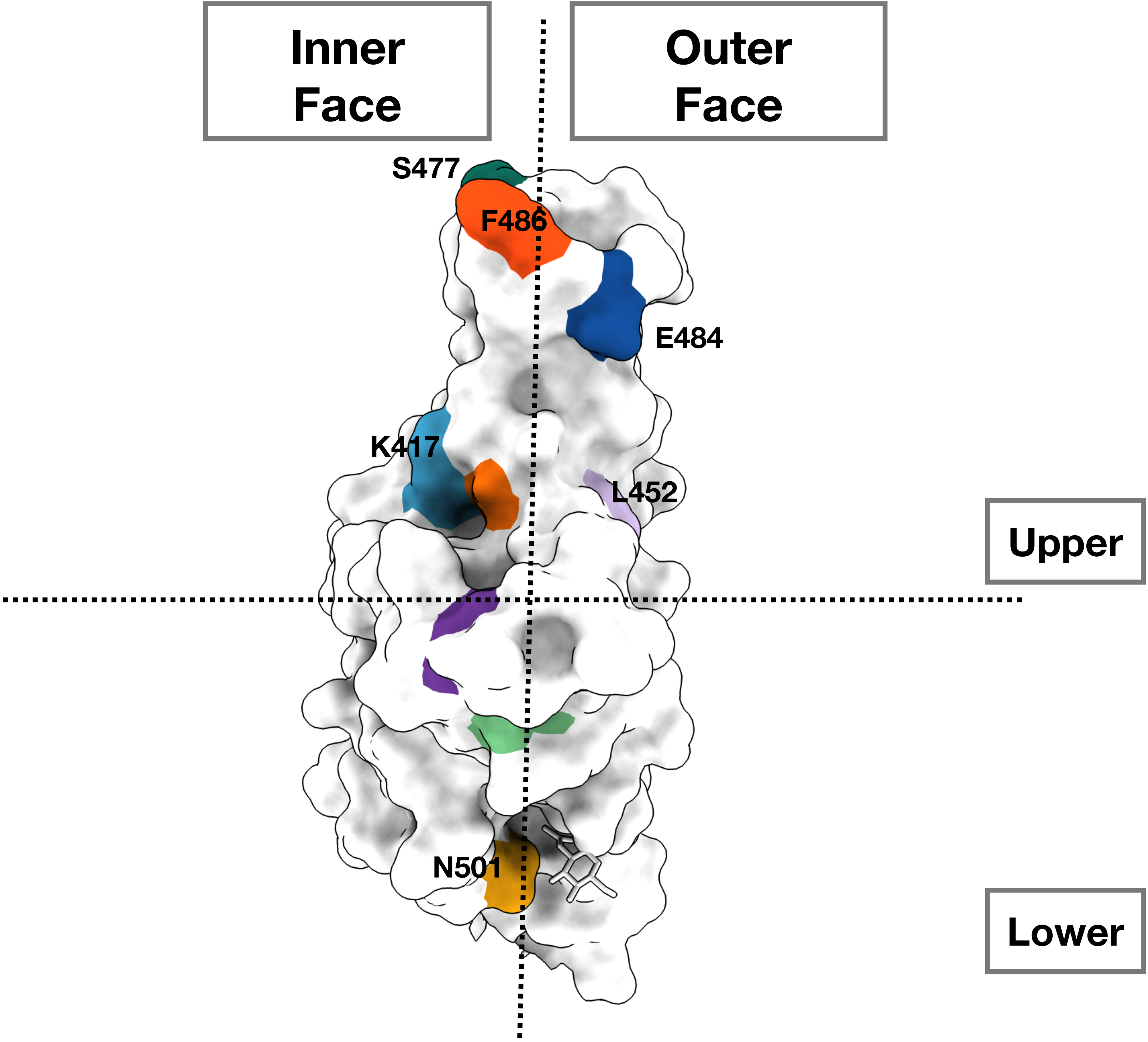
**View is from
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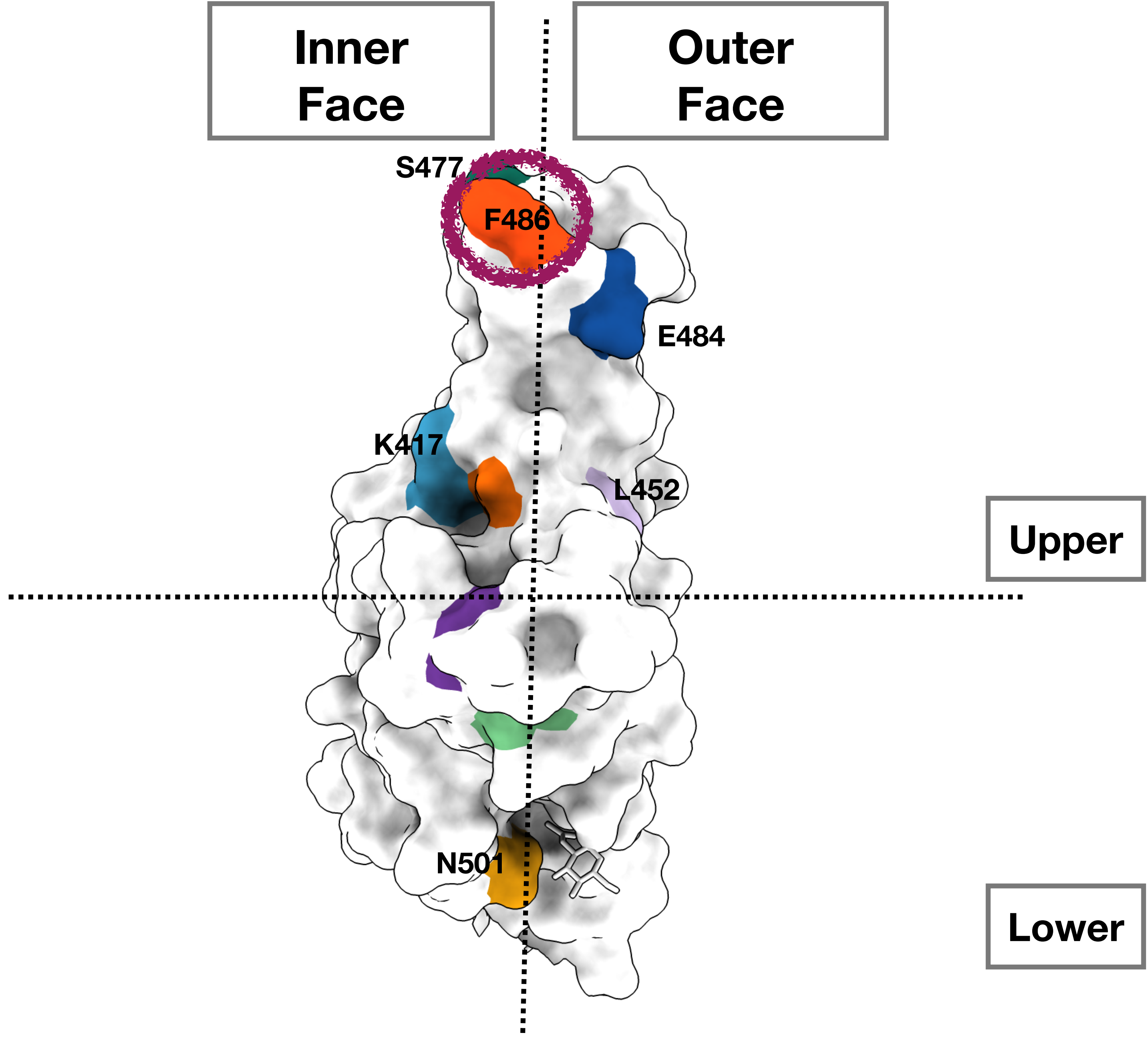
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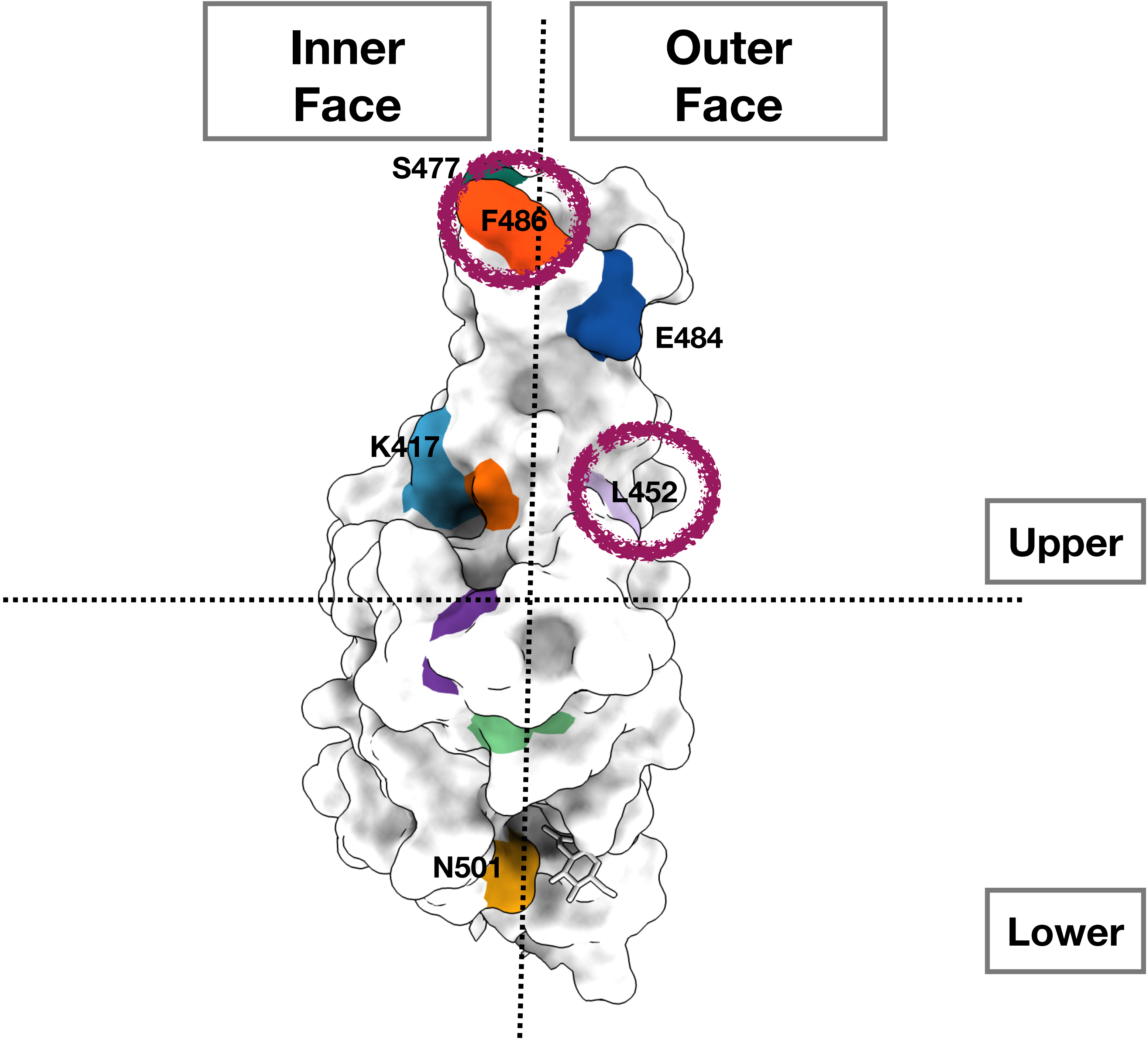
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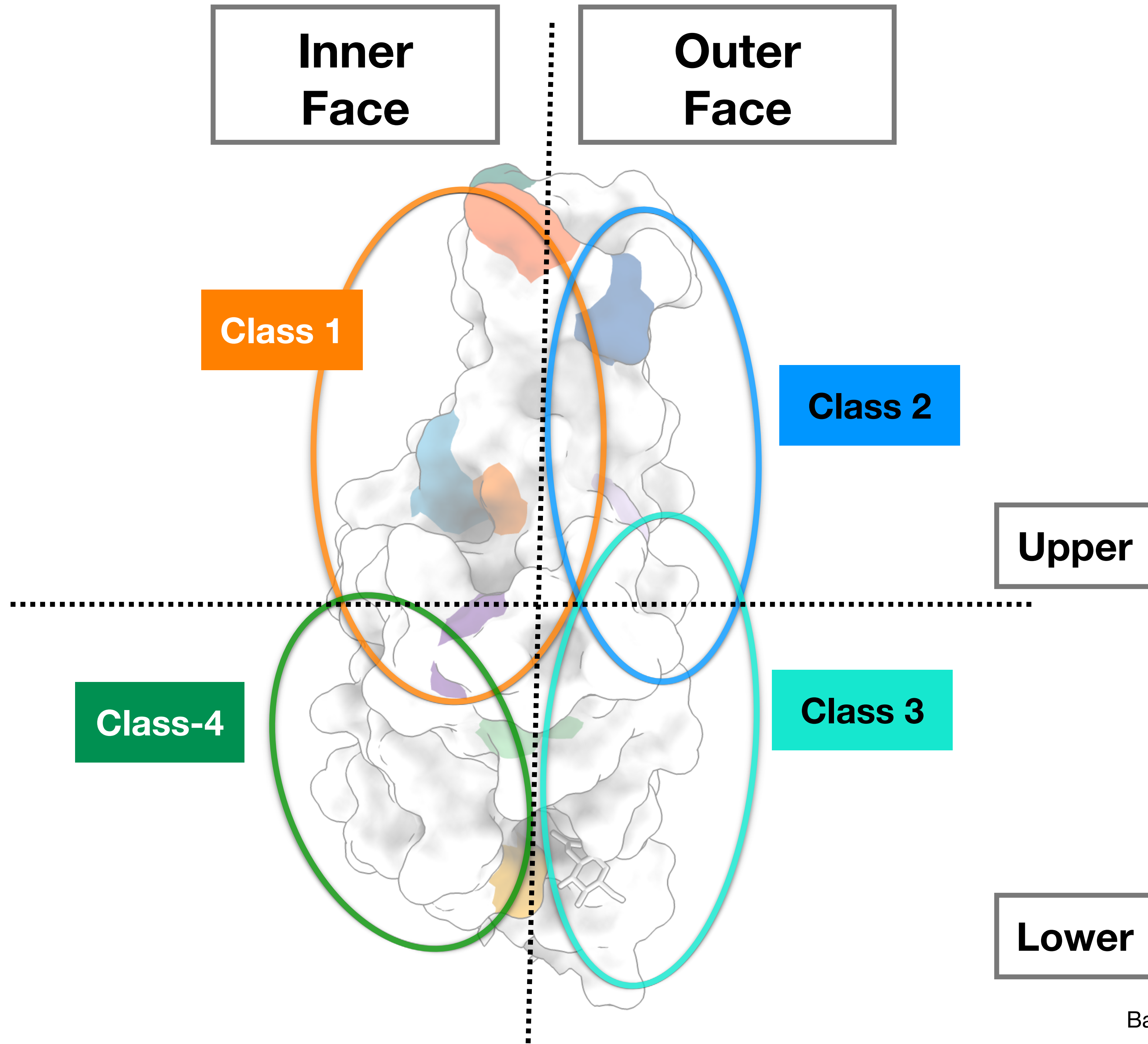
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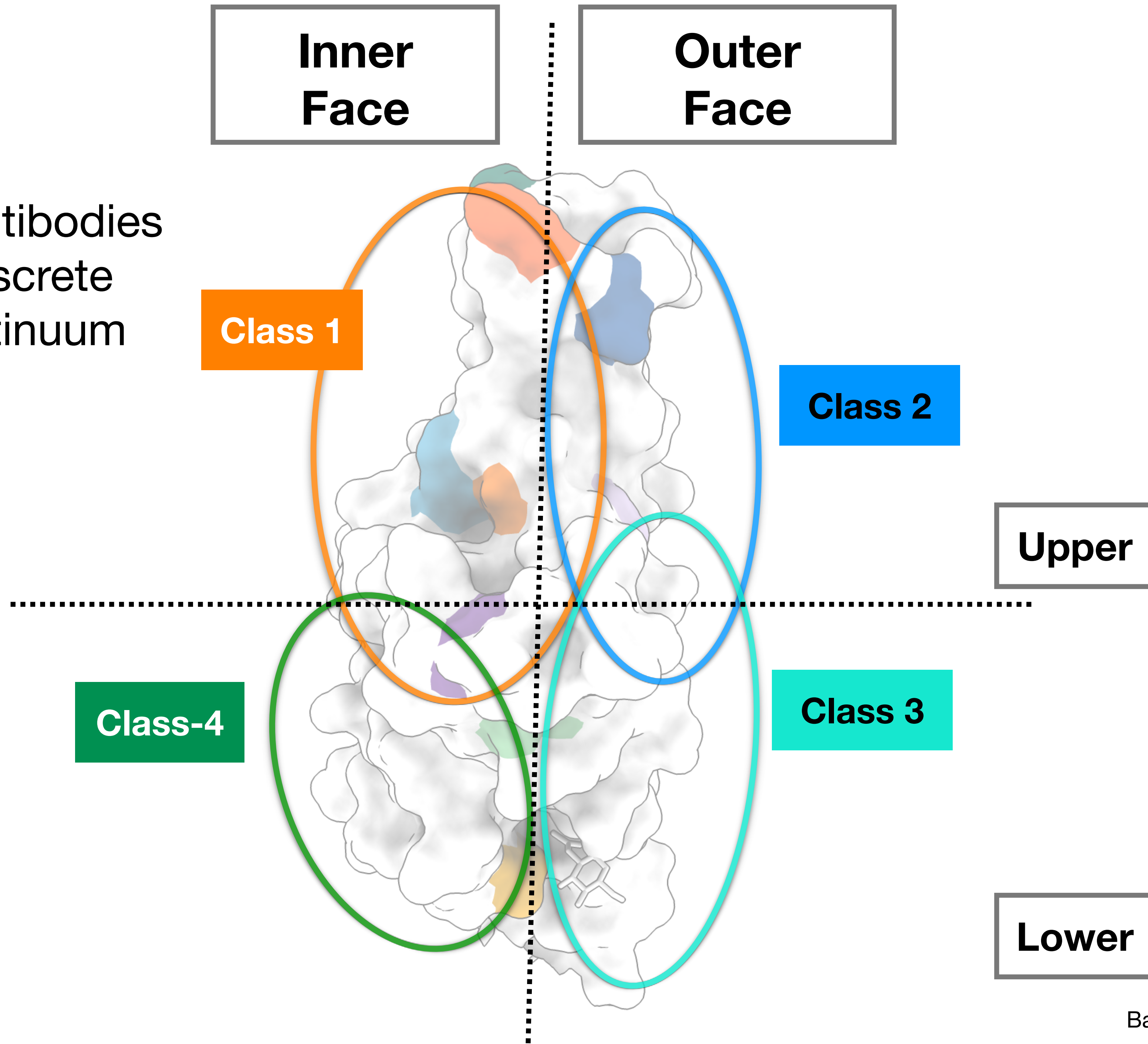


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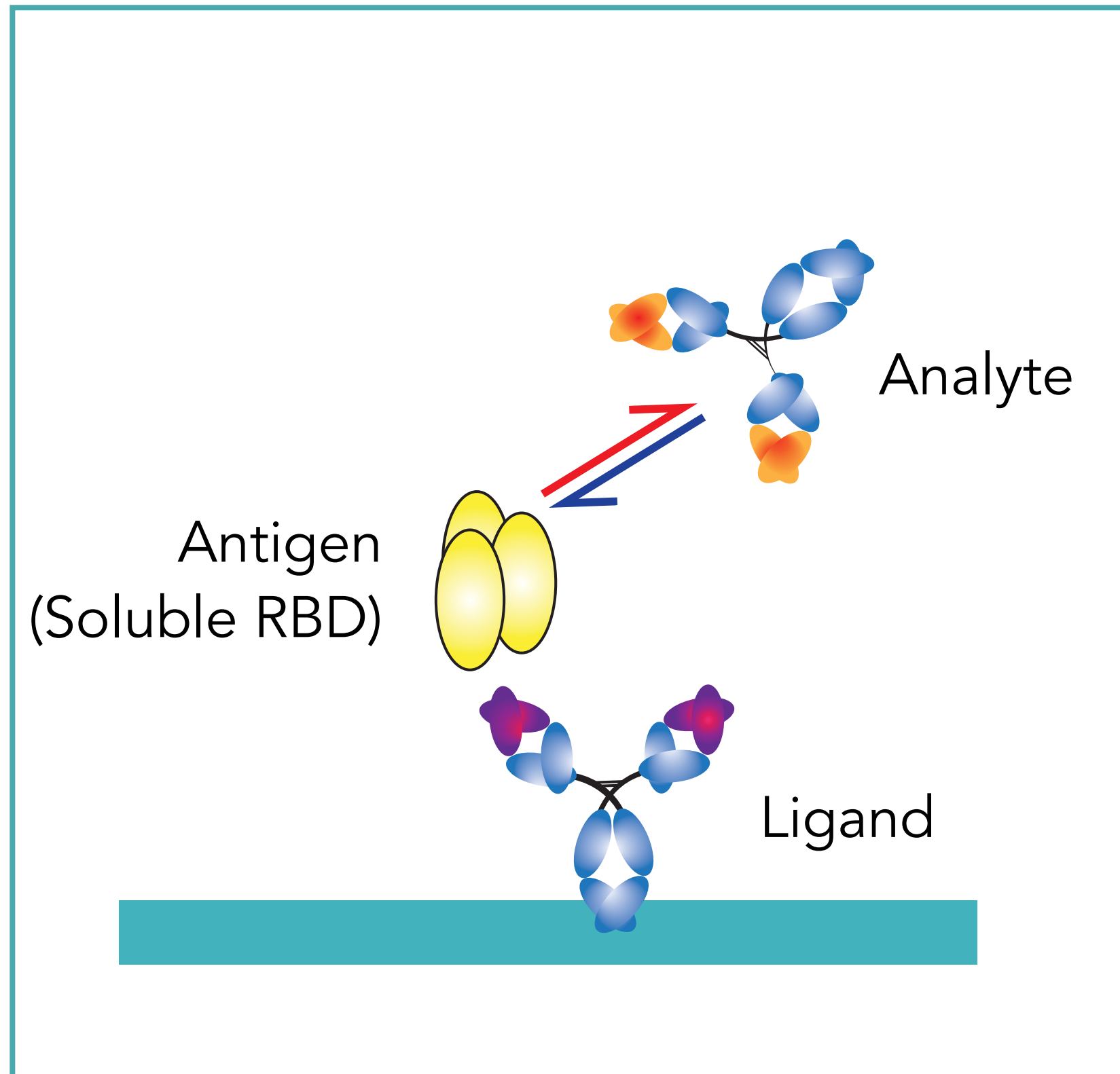
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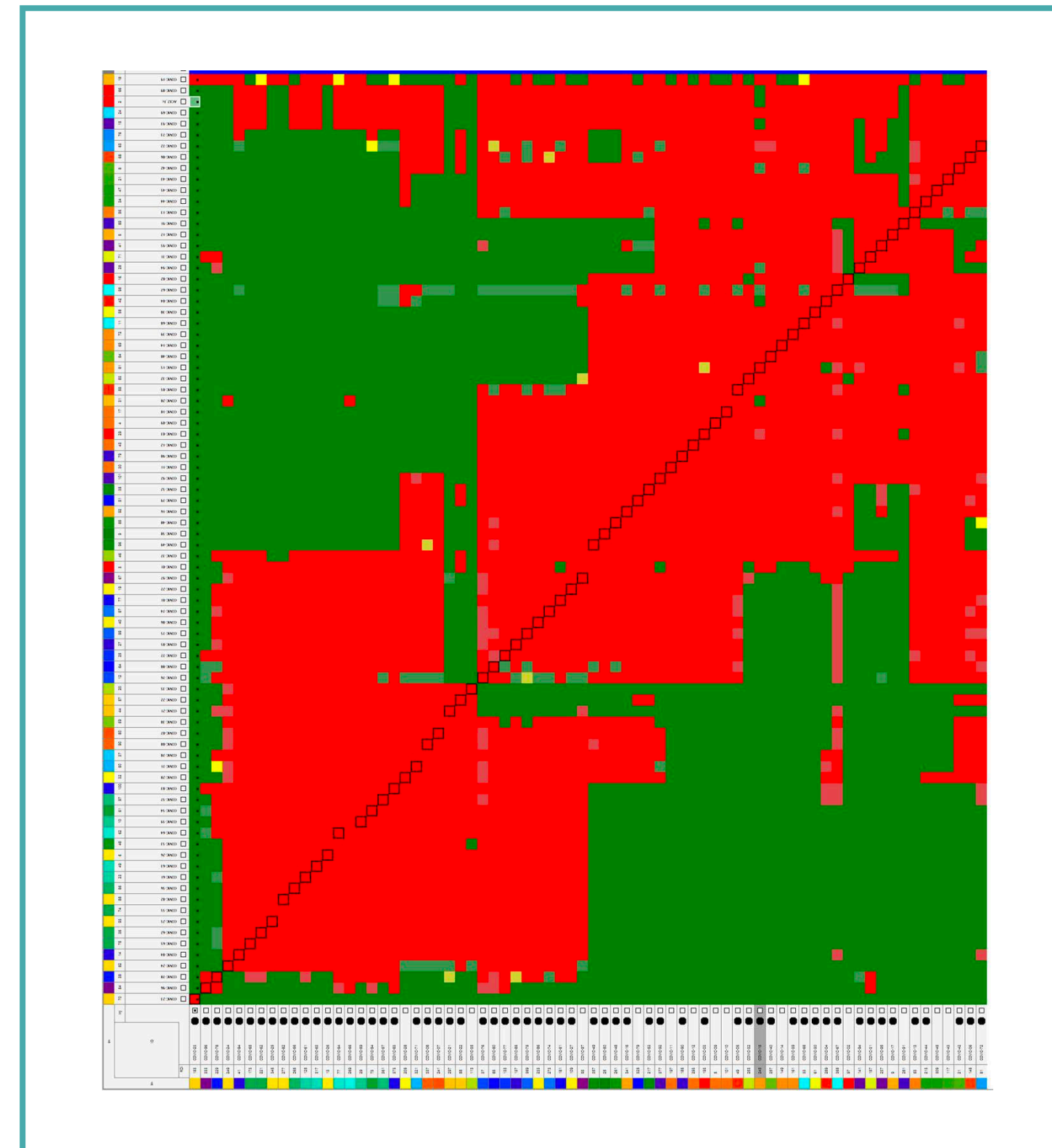
Quintillion possible antibodies
Epitopes are not discrete
Landscape is a continuum



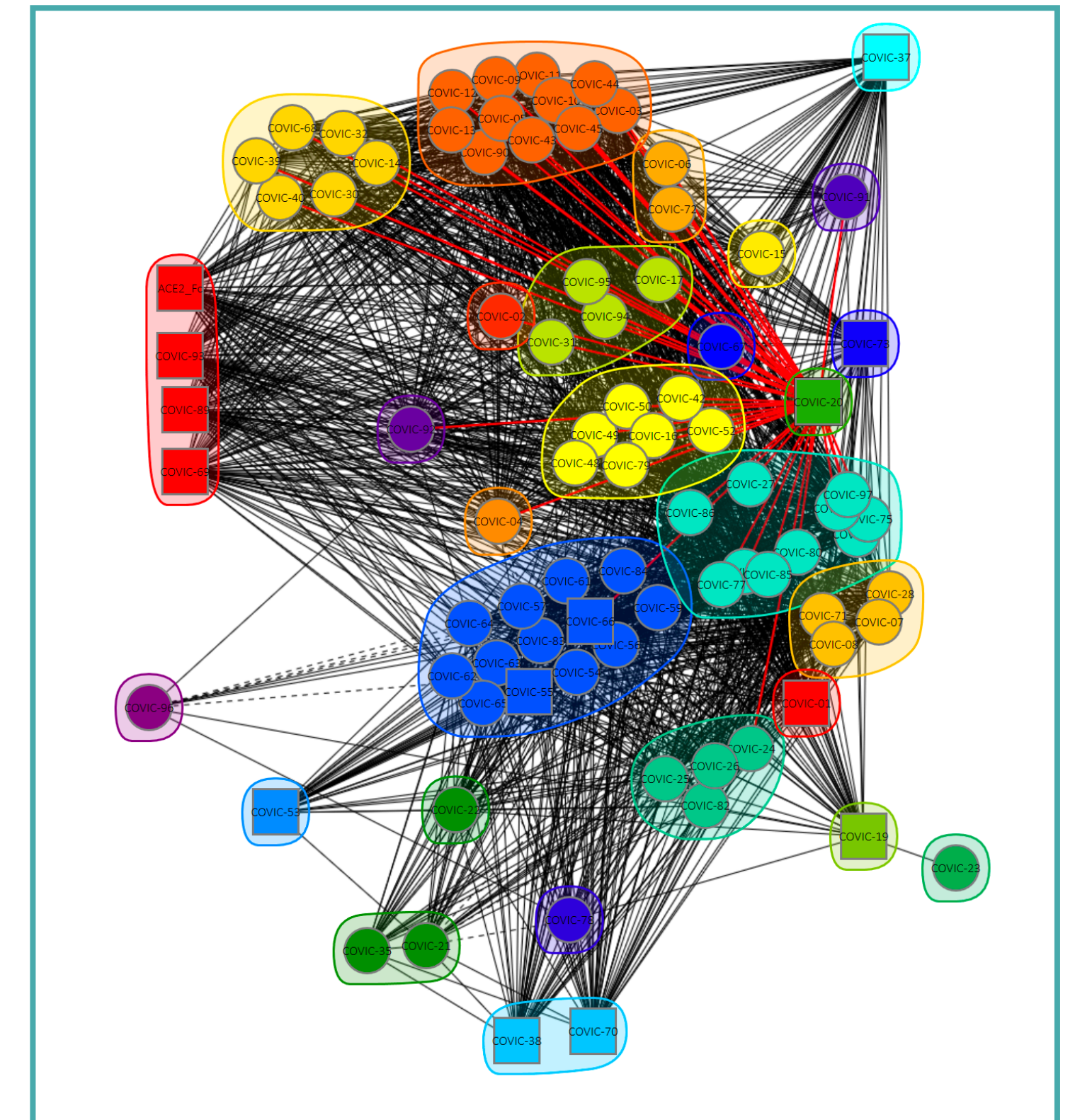
Epitope binning



Antibodies arrayed on chip and a second set of antibodies is flowed across the chip



Interaction matrix of antibodies in ligand (rows) vs. analyte (columns) format
Red: blocking pairs; Green: sandwiching pairs; black outline (self)

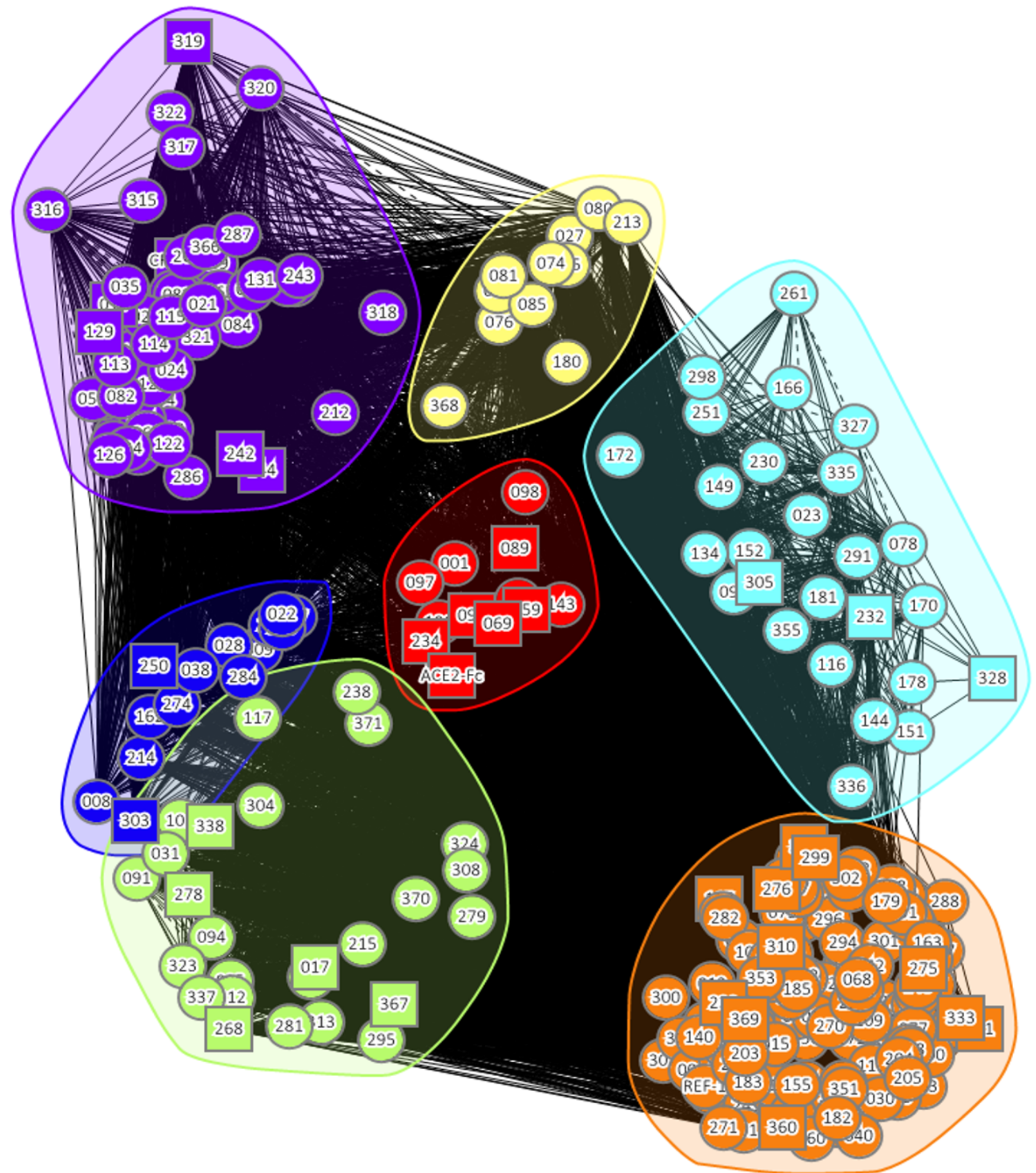


Network plot; epitope bins are colored and correspond to heat map plot



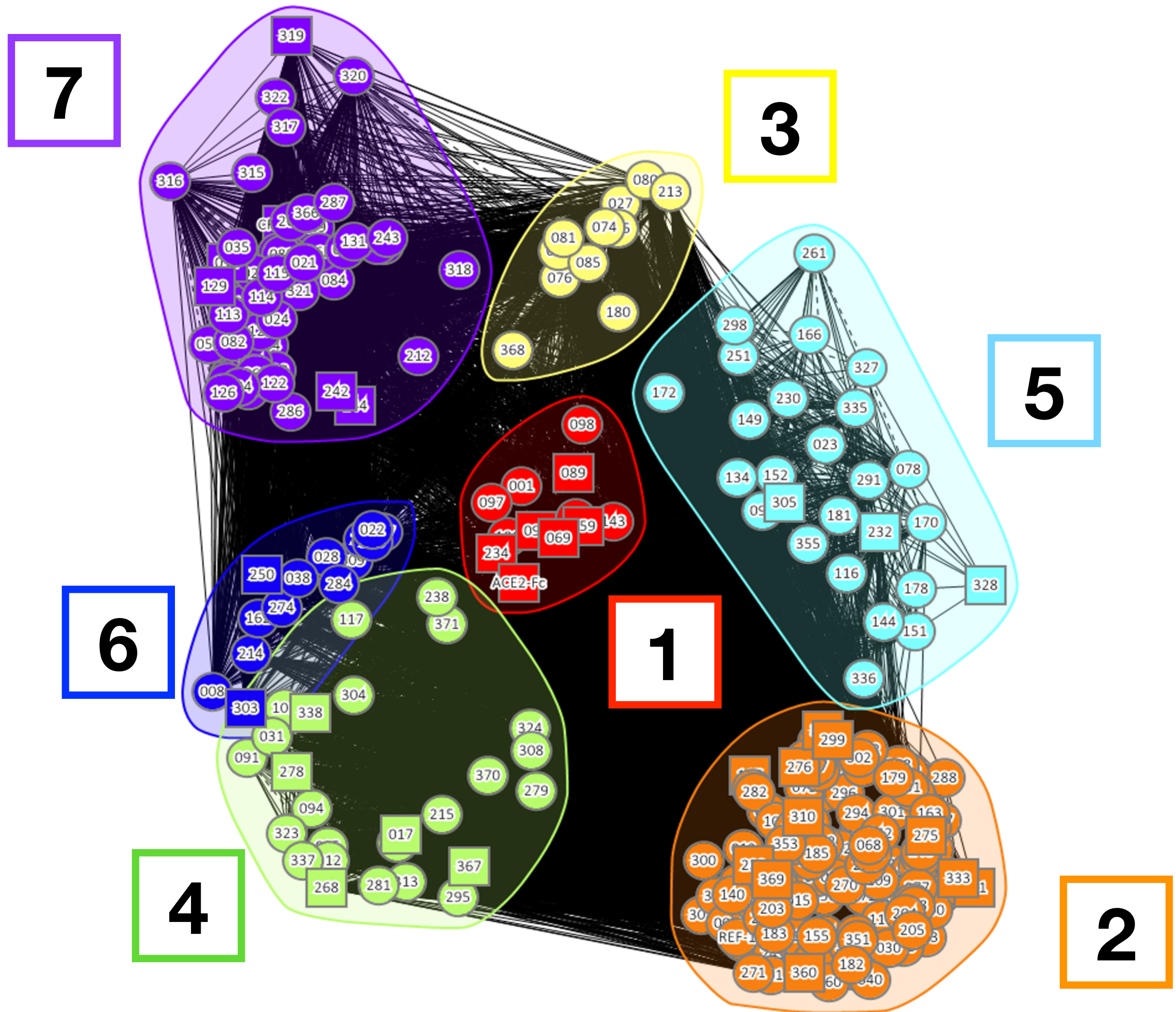
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~370 mAbs analyzed in HTP SPR (Carterra LSA)

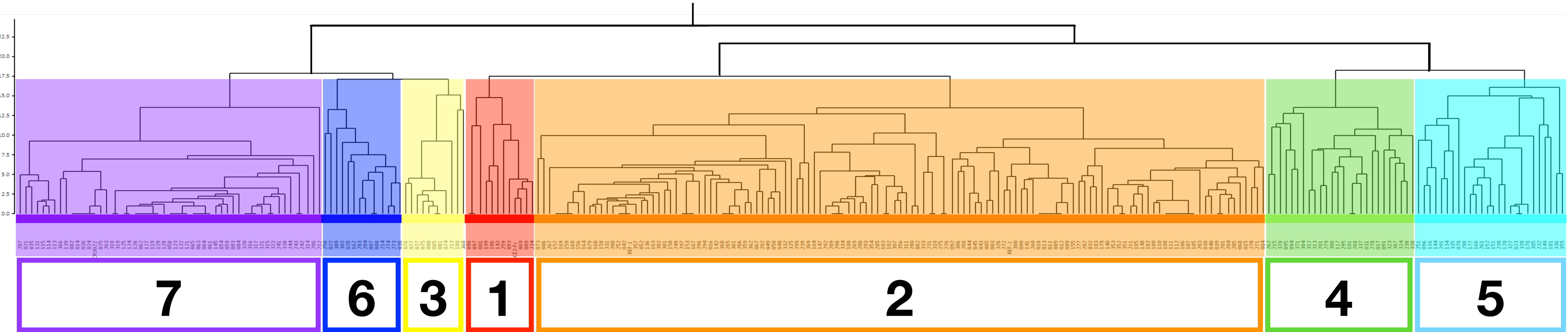


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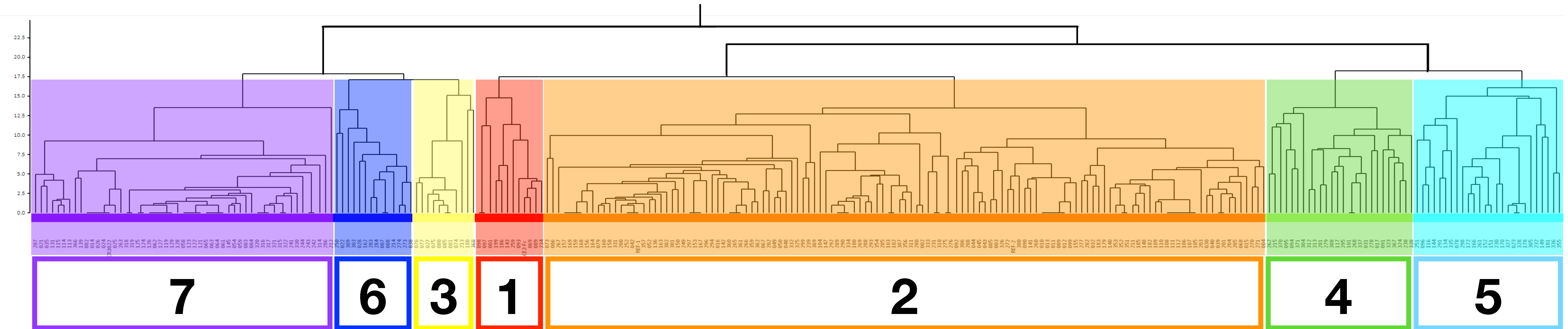
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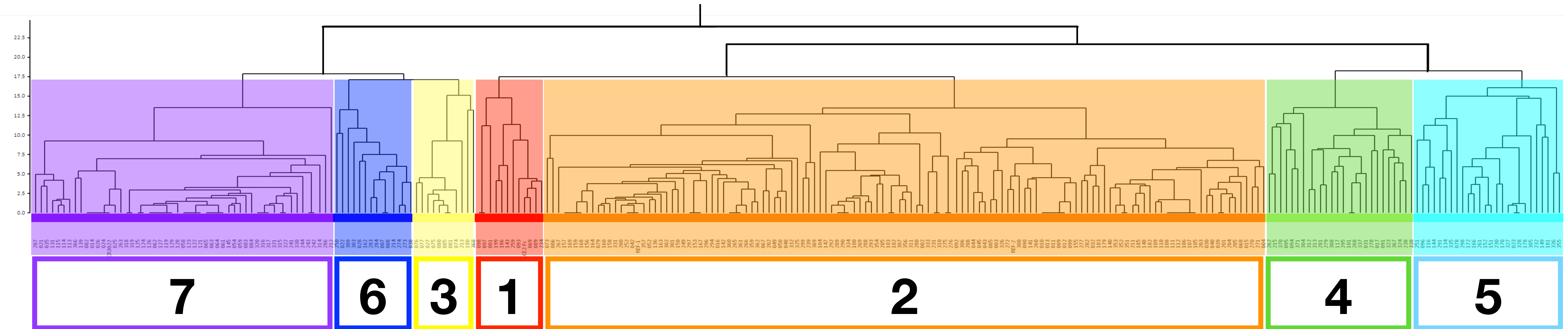


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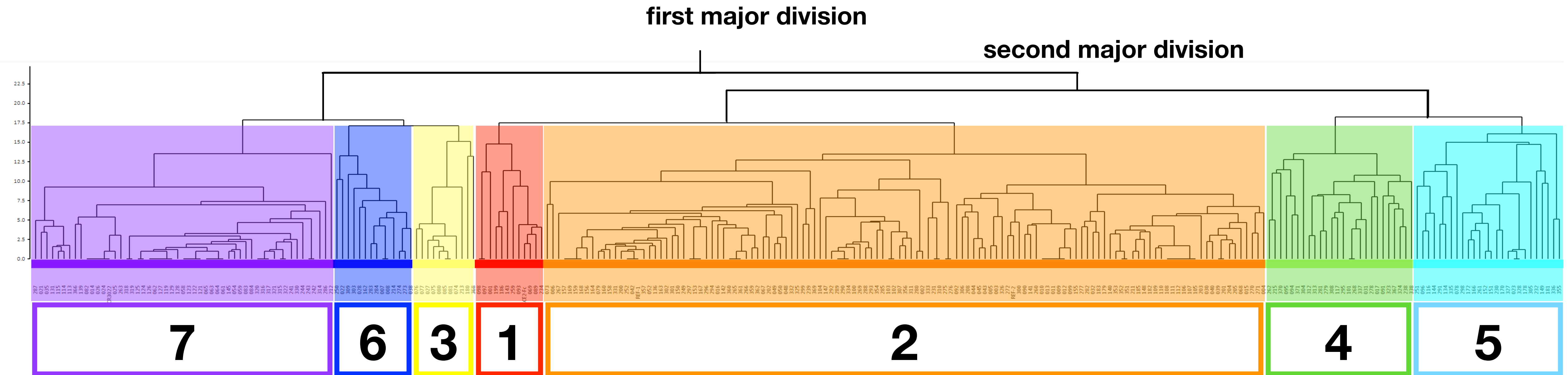
first major division



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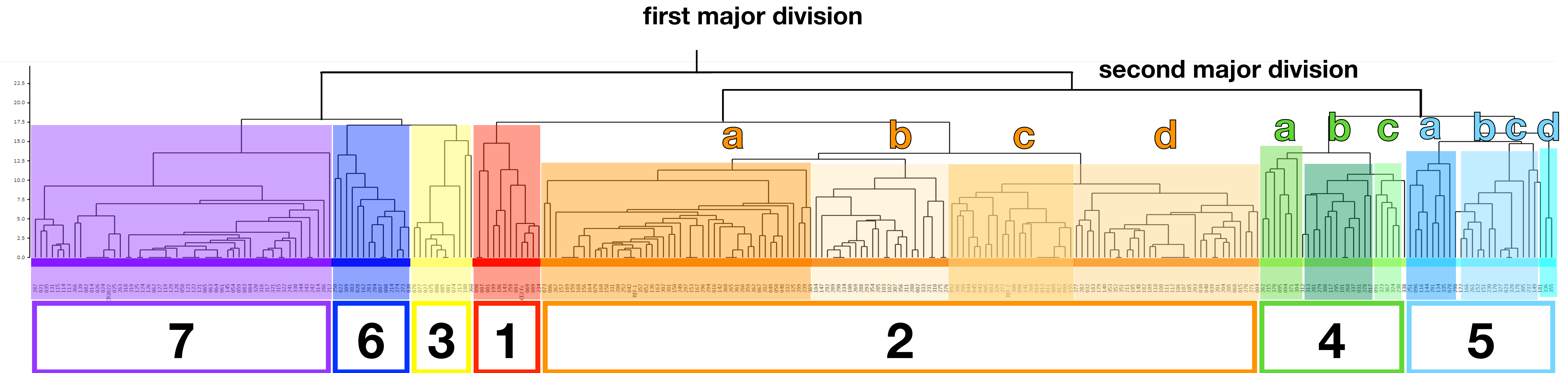
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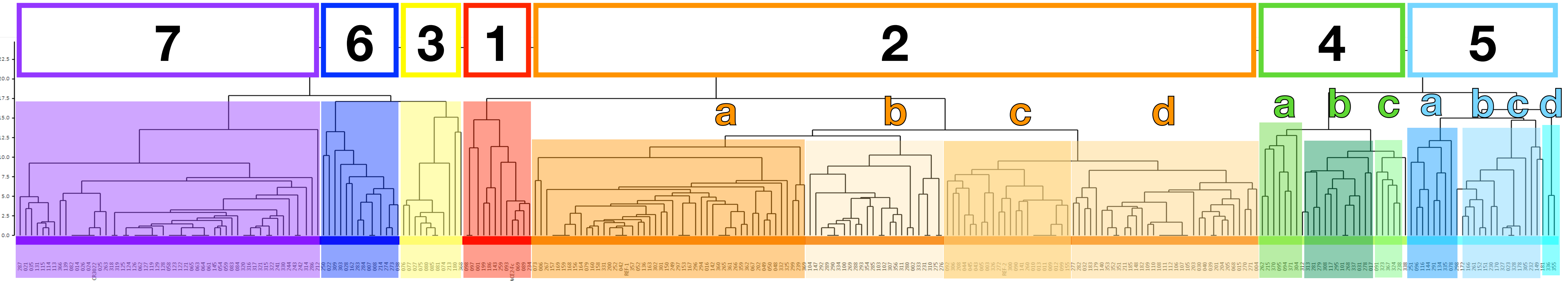
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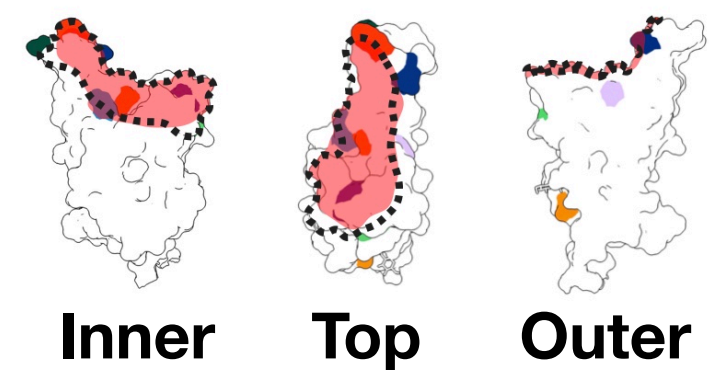


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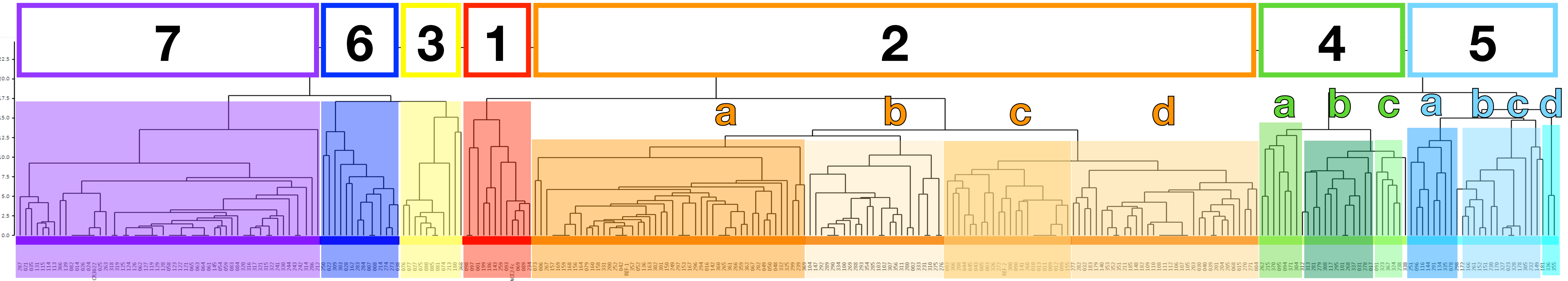


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RBD-7

RBD-3

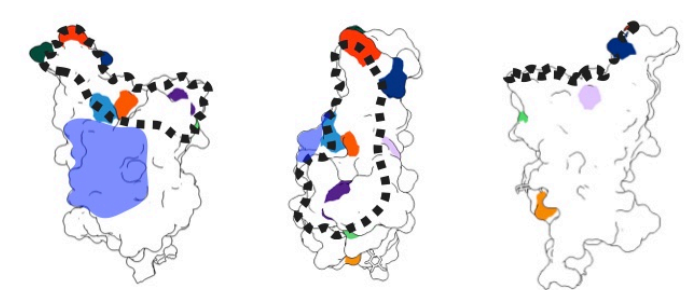
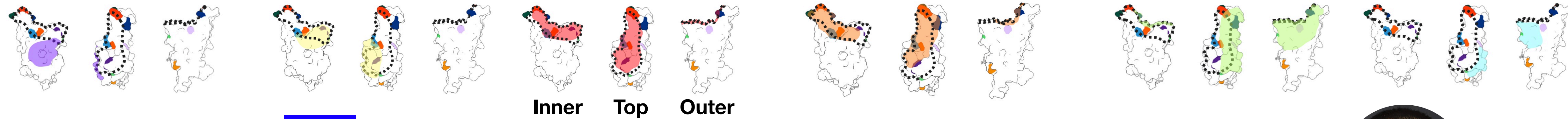
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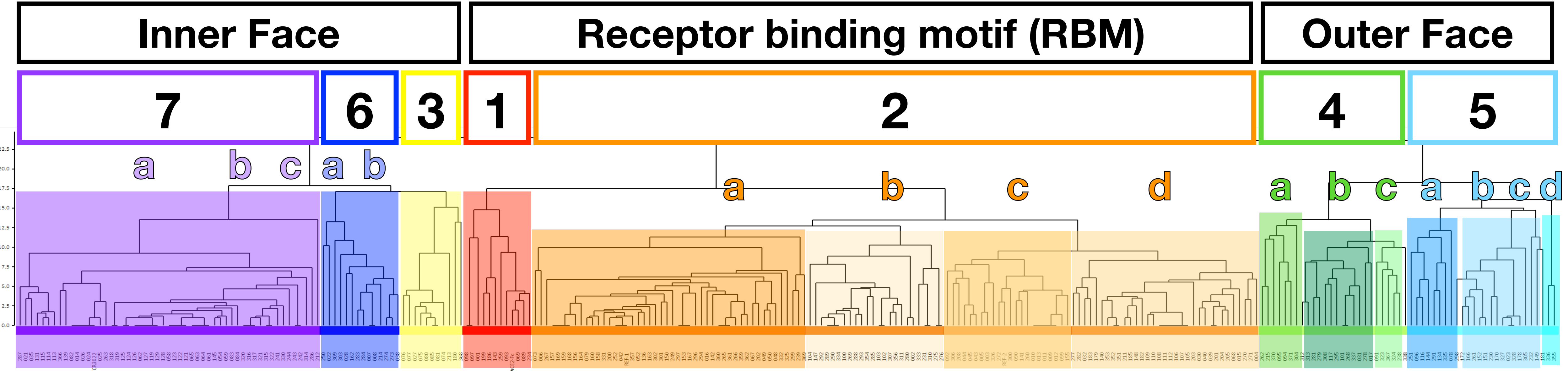
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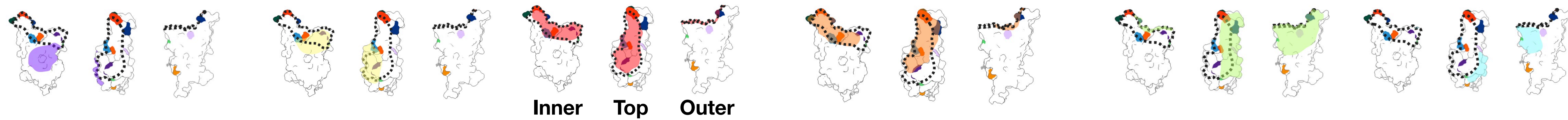
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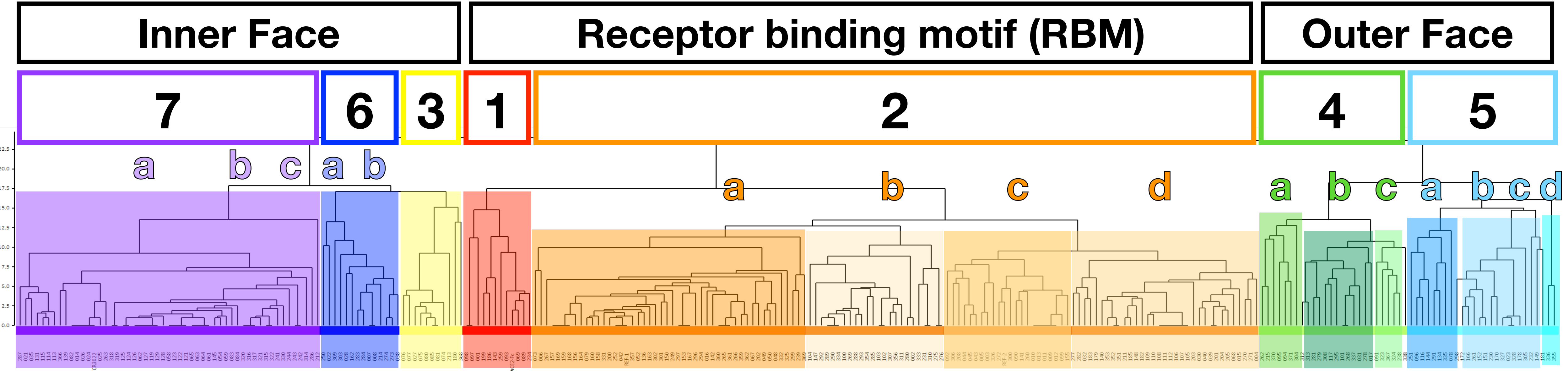
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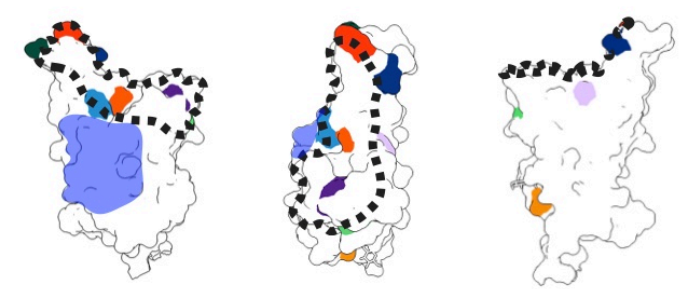
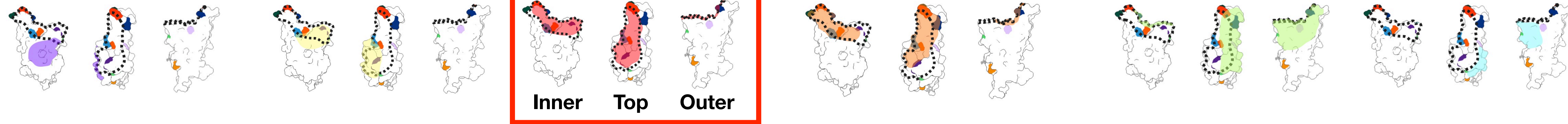
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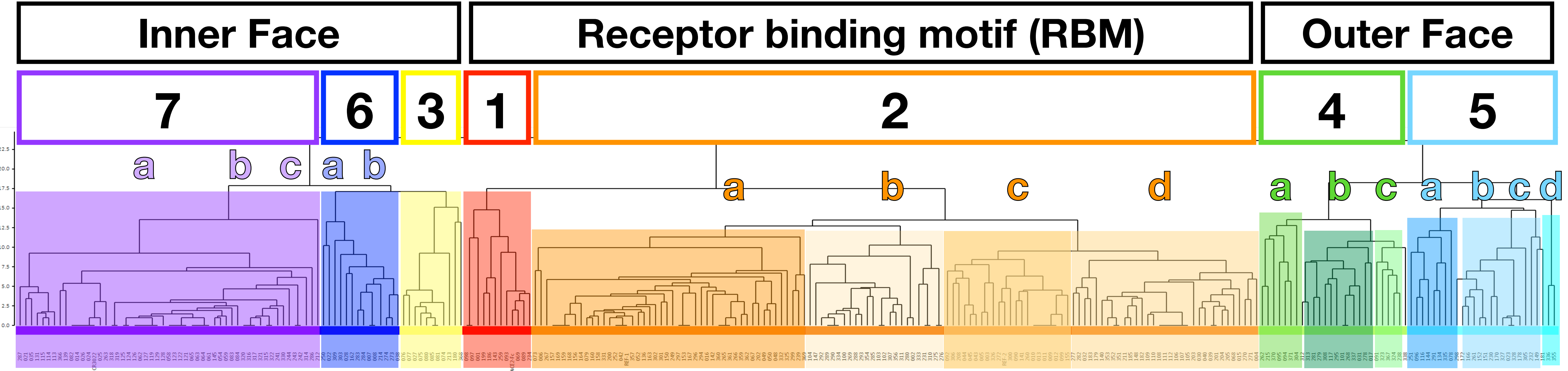
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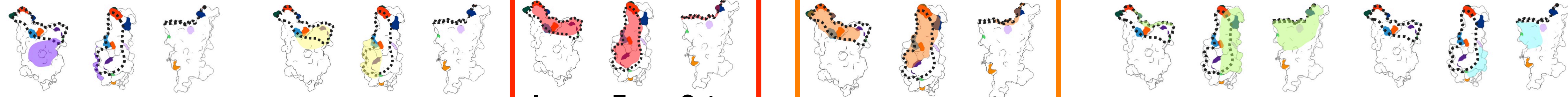
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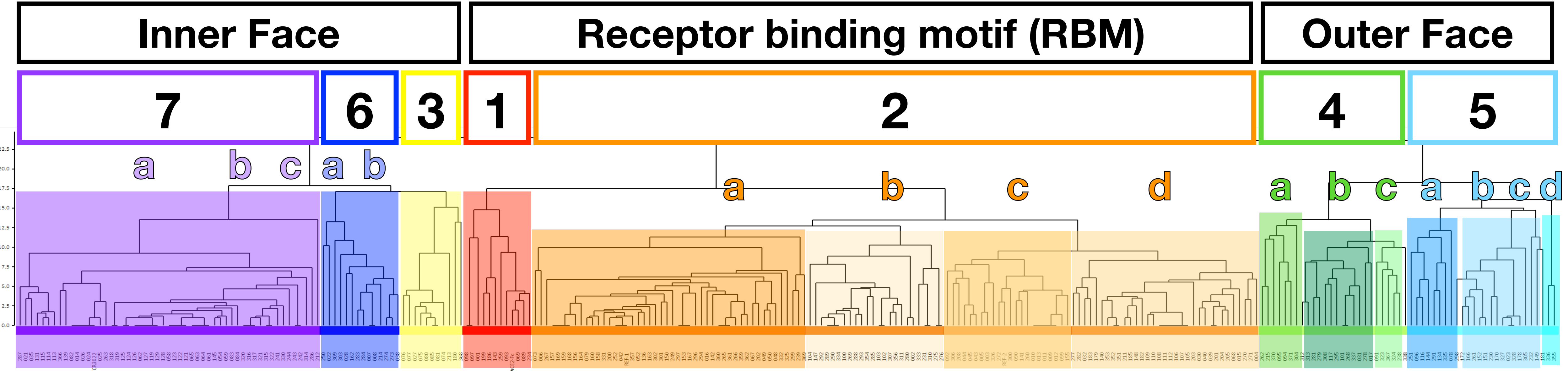
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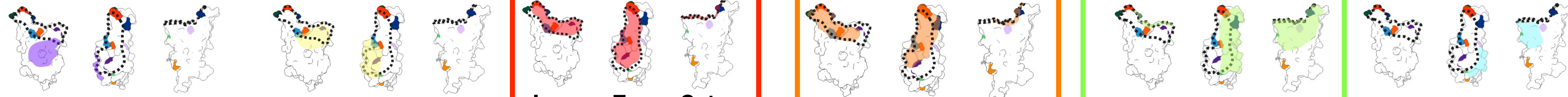
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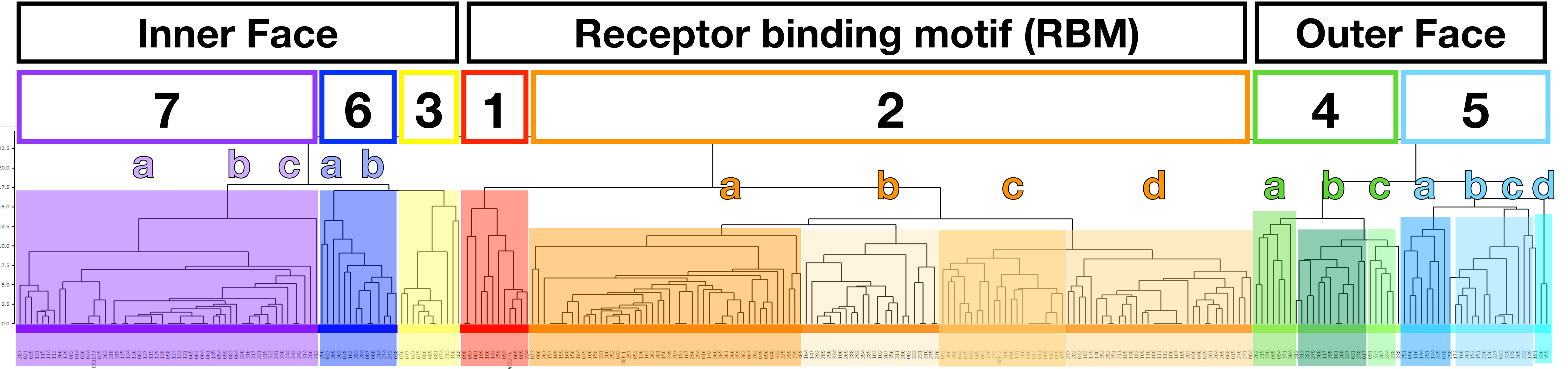
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RBD-6



7 core RBD-directed communities



RBD-7

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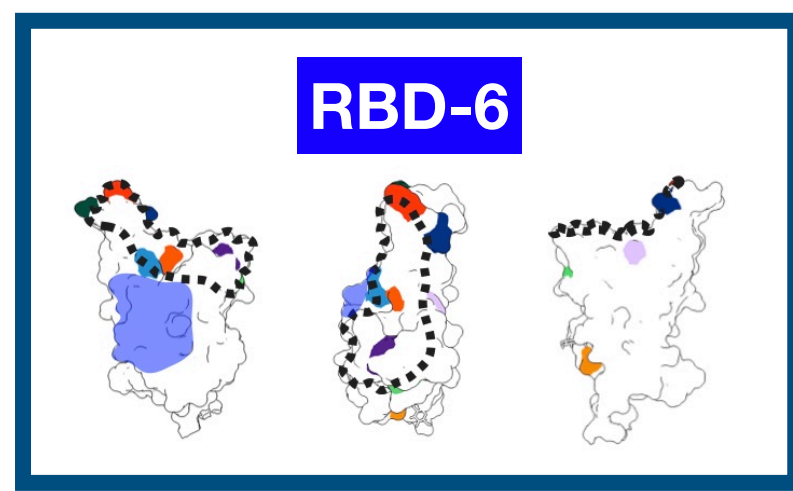
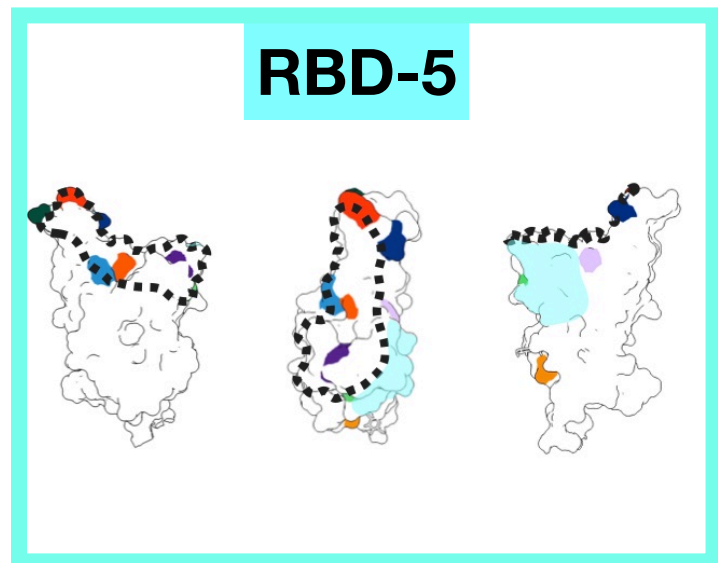
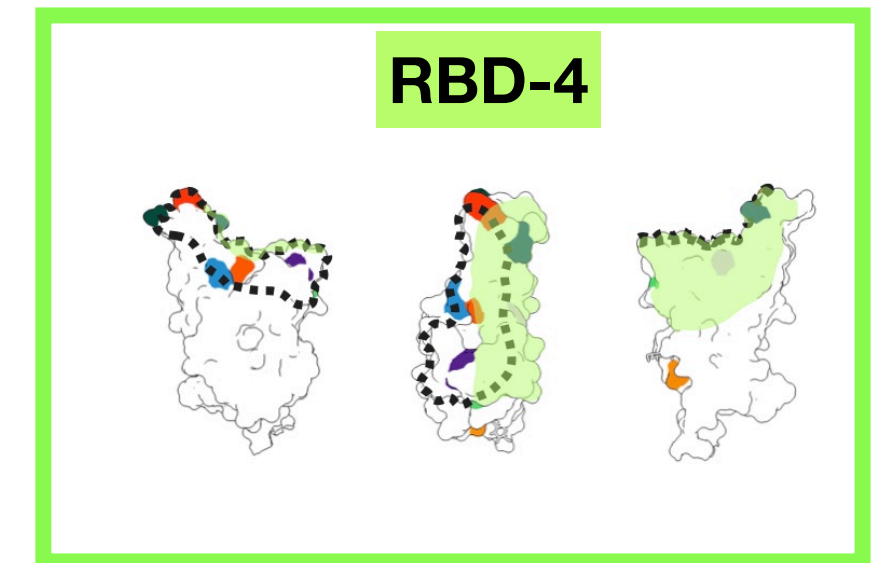
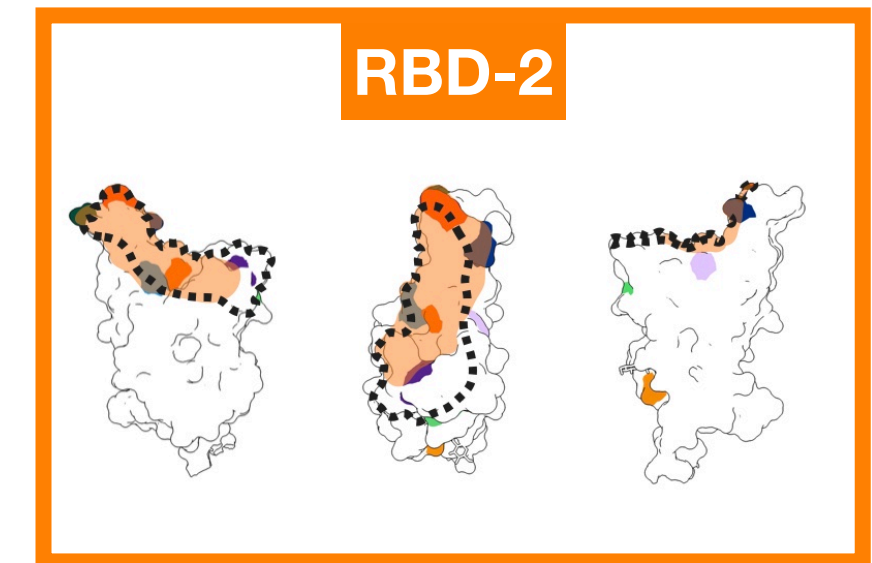
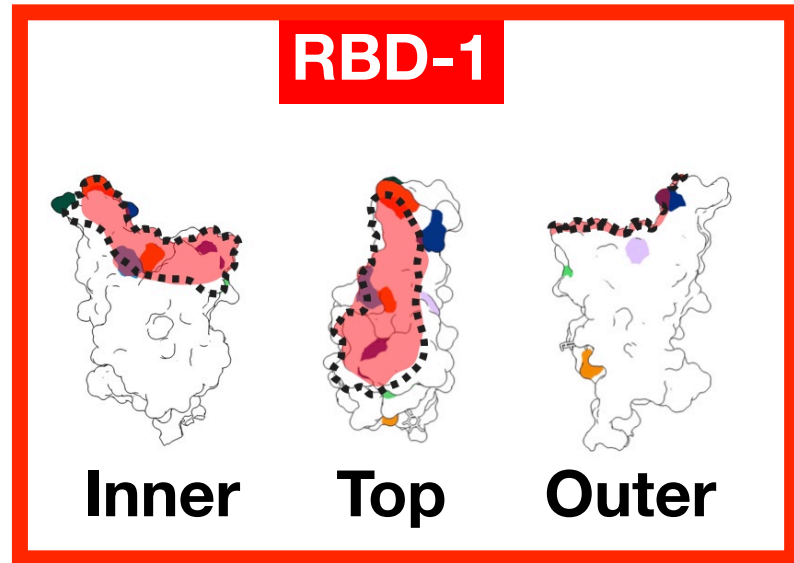
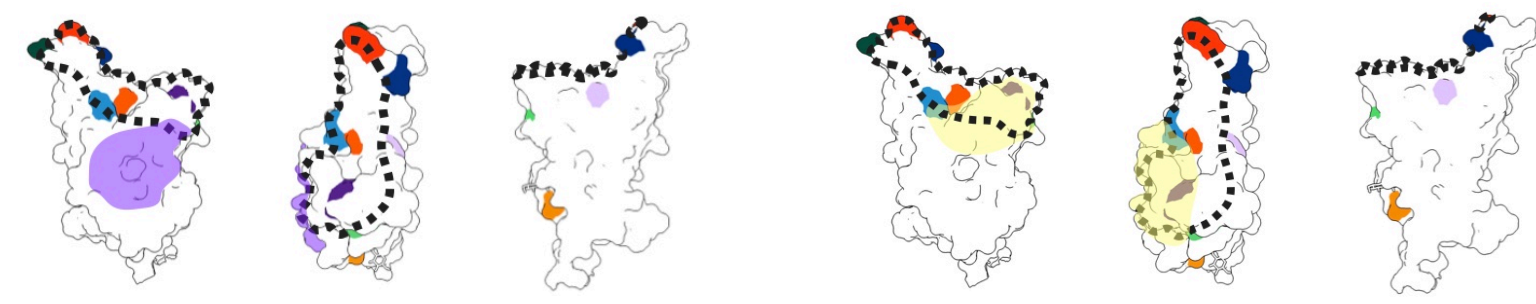
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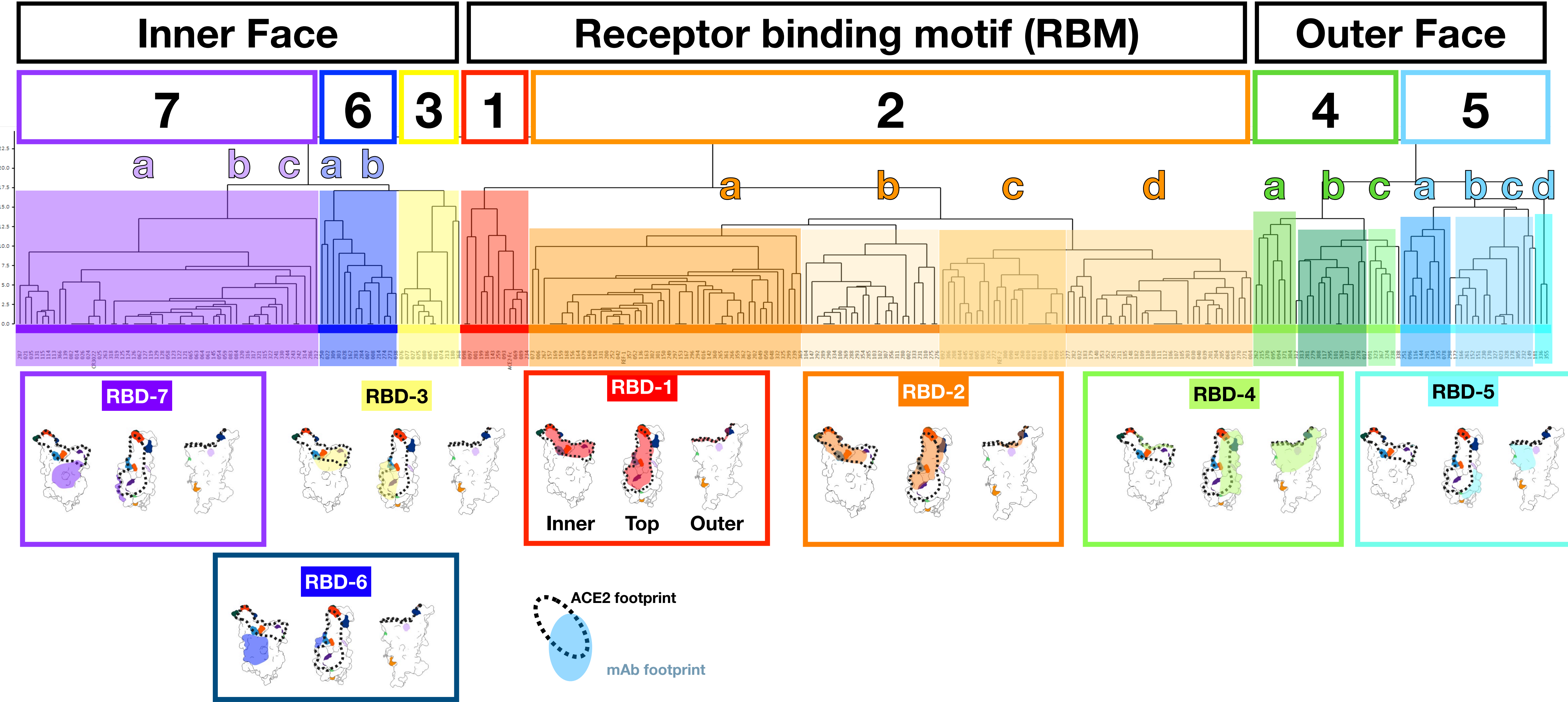
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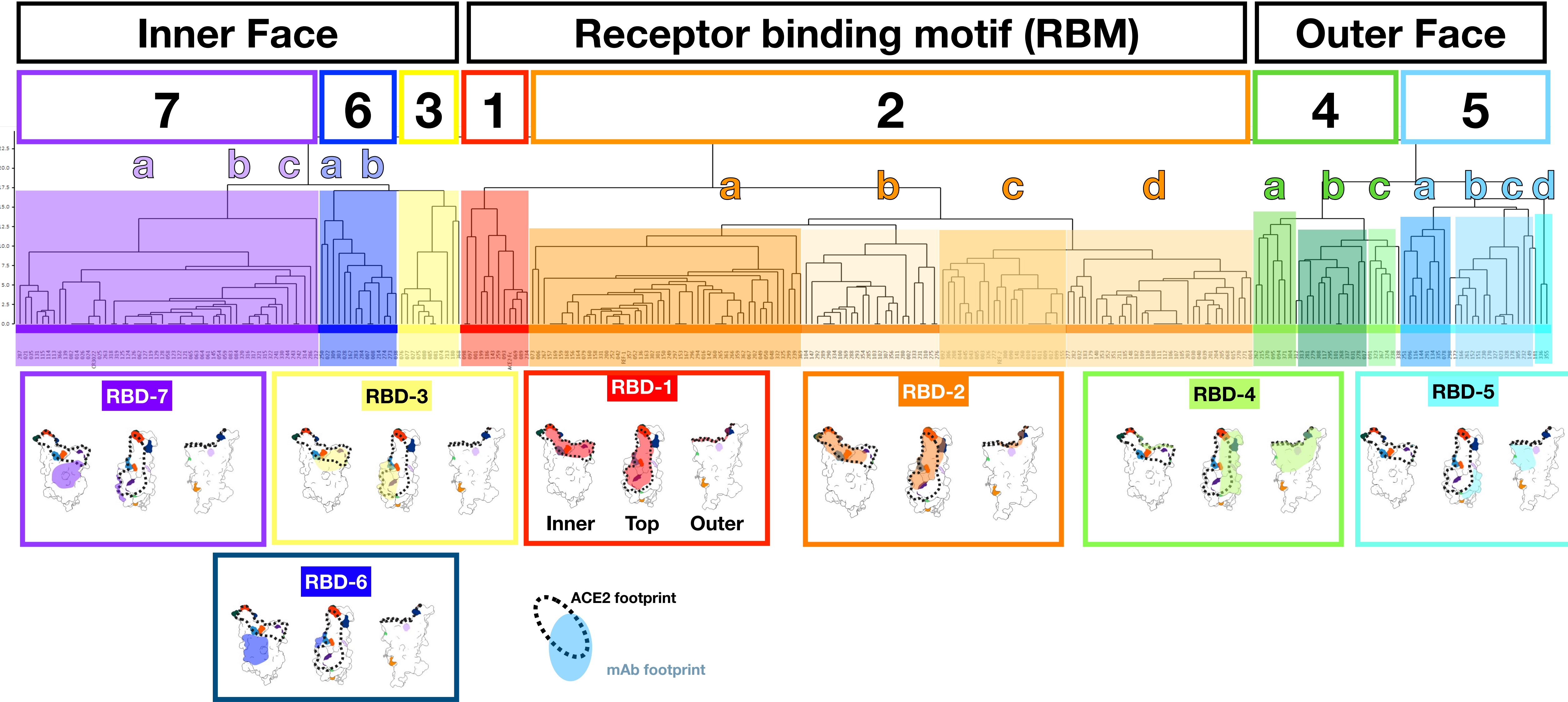
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7 core RBD-directed communities



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IgG binding behavior by community

Community	CoVIC NO.	Antibody version used for NS-EM	EMD Access NO.	EM-map Side view	EM-map Top view	Typical populations (EM 2D classes)	
RBD-1	CoVIC-69	Soluble human ACE2					
	CoVIC-186	IgG					
	CoVIC-259	IgG					
RBD-2a	CoVIC-249	IgG					
	CoVIC-252	IgG					
	CoVIC-49	IgG					
	CoVIC-73	scFv					
RBD-2c	CoVIC-43	IgG					
	CoVIC-10	IgG					
	CoVIC-90	IgG					

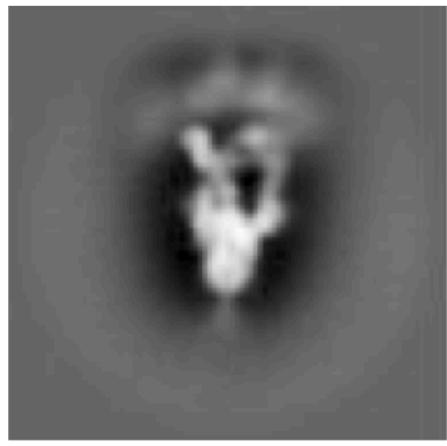
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RBD-2d	CoVIC-140	IgG					
	CoVIC-148	IgG					
RBD-2b	CoVIC-2	Fab					
	CoVIC-147	IgG					
RBD-3	CoVIC-80	IgG					
	CoVIC-81	Fab					
RBD-4a	CoVIC-94	VHH-Fc					
	CoVIC-31	IgG	N/A	N/A	N/A		
RBD-4b	CoVIC-91	IgG					

Community	CoVIC NO.	Antibody version used for NS-EM	EMD Access NO.	EM-map Side view	EM-map Top view	Typical populations (EM 2D classes)		
RBD-5a	CoVIC-134	IgG						
RBD-5b	CoVIC-96	IgG						
RBD-5c	CoVIC-166	IgG	N/A	N/A	N/A			
RBD-6a	CoVIC-250	IgG						
RBD-6b	CoVIC-38	IgG						
RBD-7a	CoVIC-63	scFv						
	CoVIC-83	IgG	N/A	N/A	N/A			
RBD-7b	CR3022	PDB: 7LOP (PMID: 34016740)						
RBD-7c	CoVIC-21	Fab						

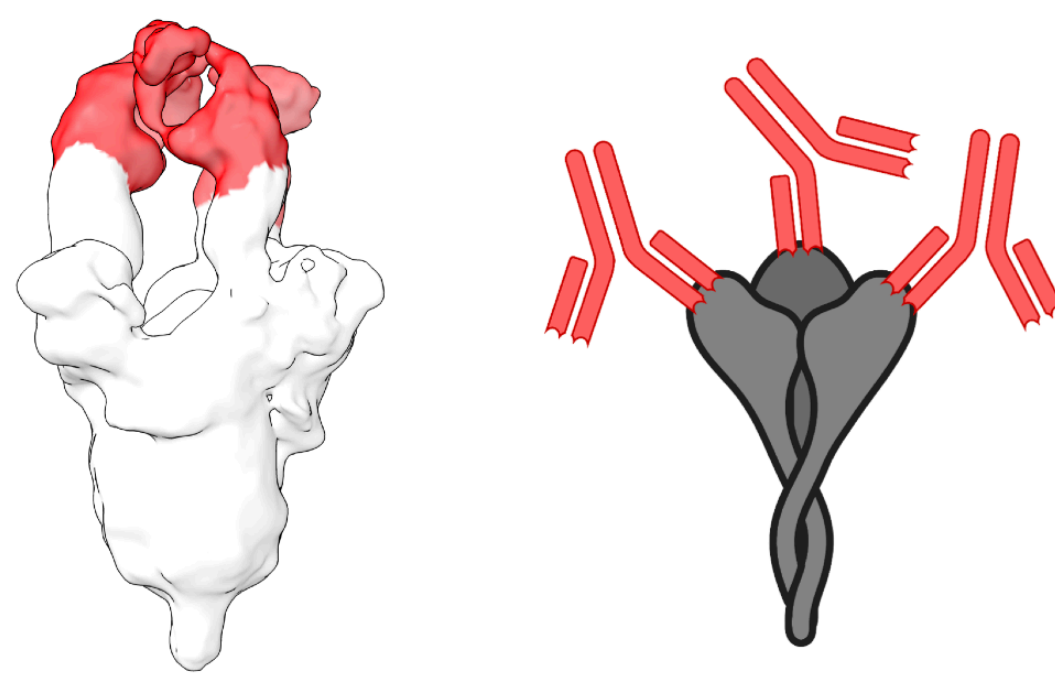


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RBD-1
(CoVIC-259)

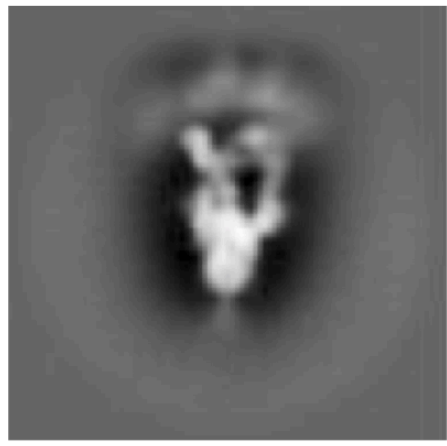


Fully occupied Spike

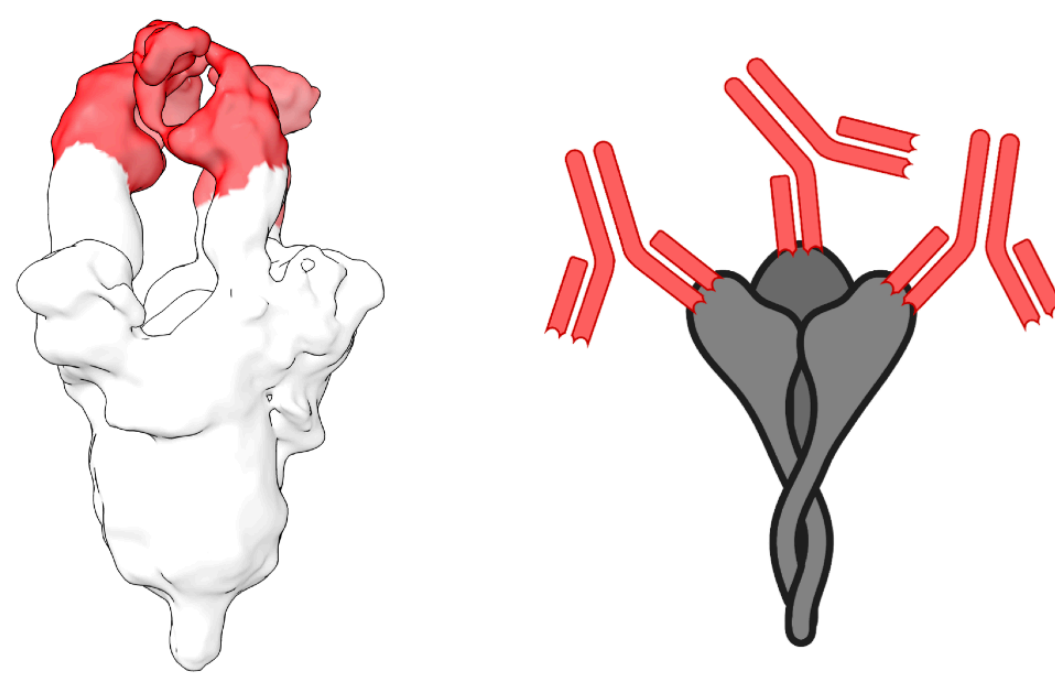


IgG binding behavior by community

**RBD-1
(CoVIC-259)**



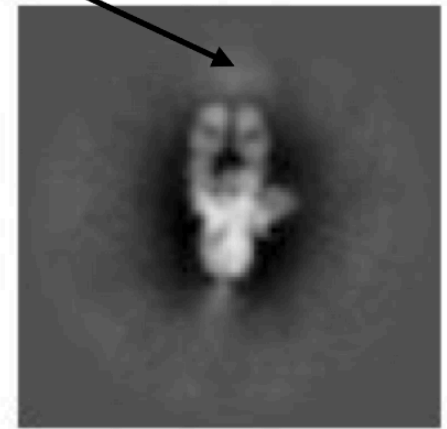
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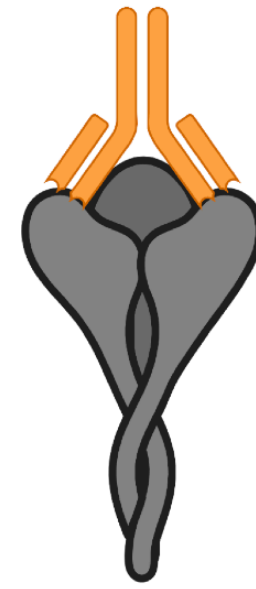
IgG binding behavior by community

Bivalent, intra-spike binding

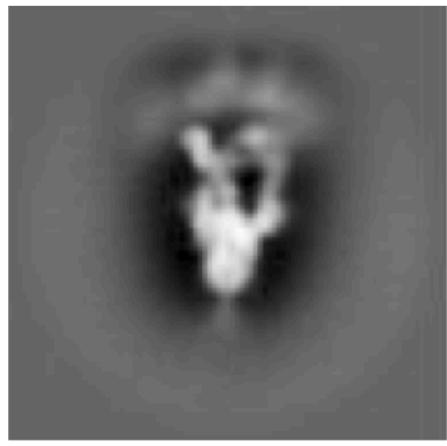
Fc



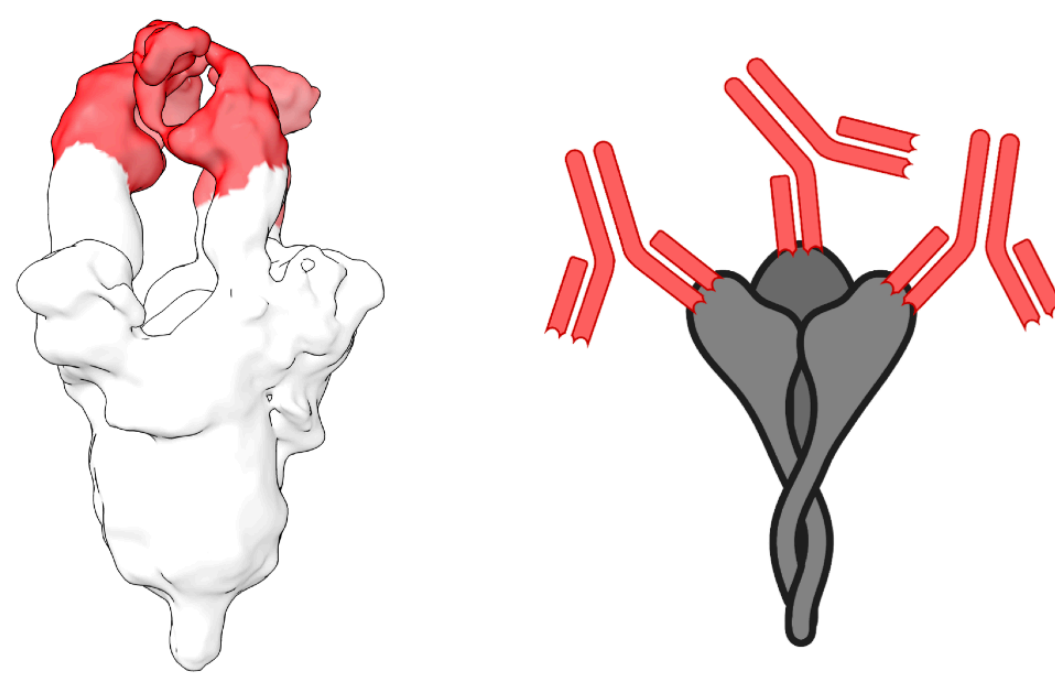
**RBD-2
(CoVIC-252)**



**RBD-1
(CoVIC-259)**



Fully occupied Spike

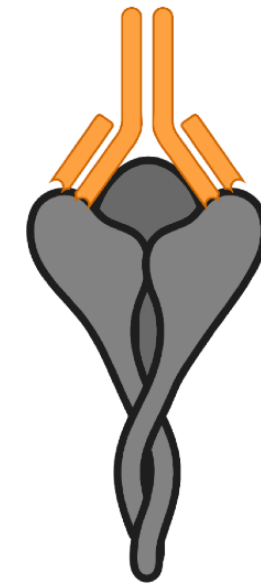
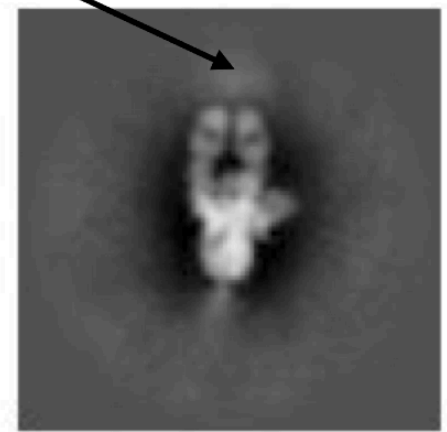


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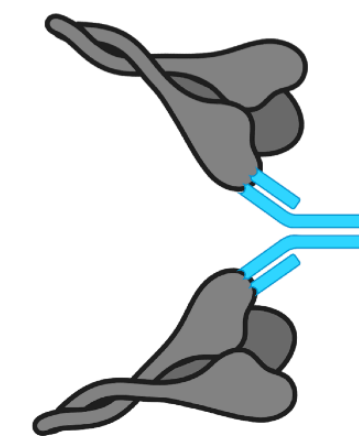
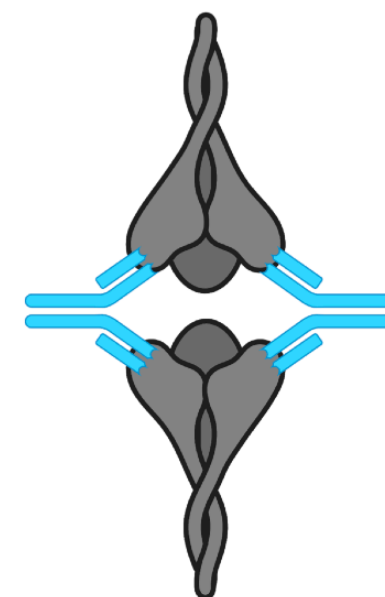
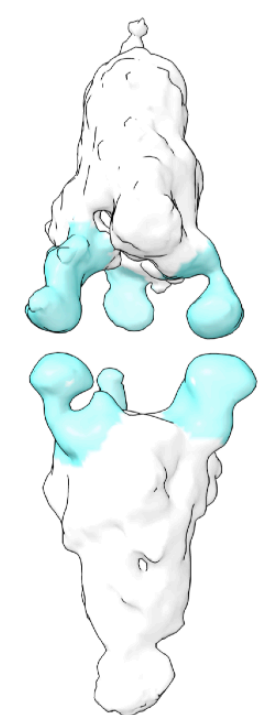
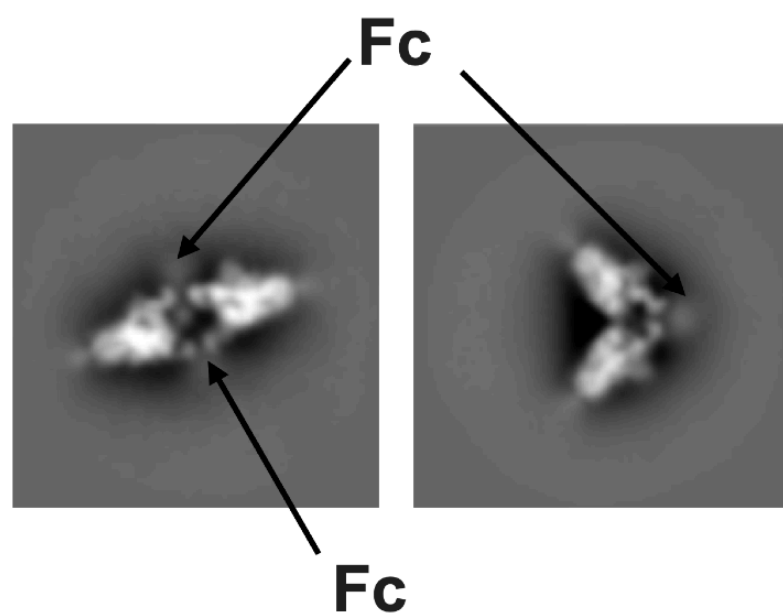
**RBD-2
(CoVIC-252)**

Fc

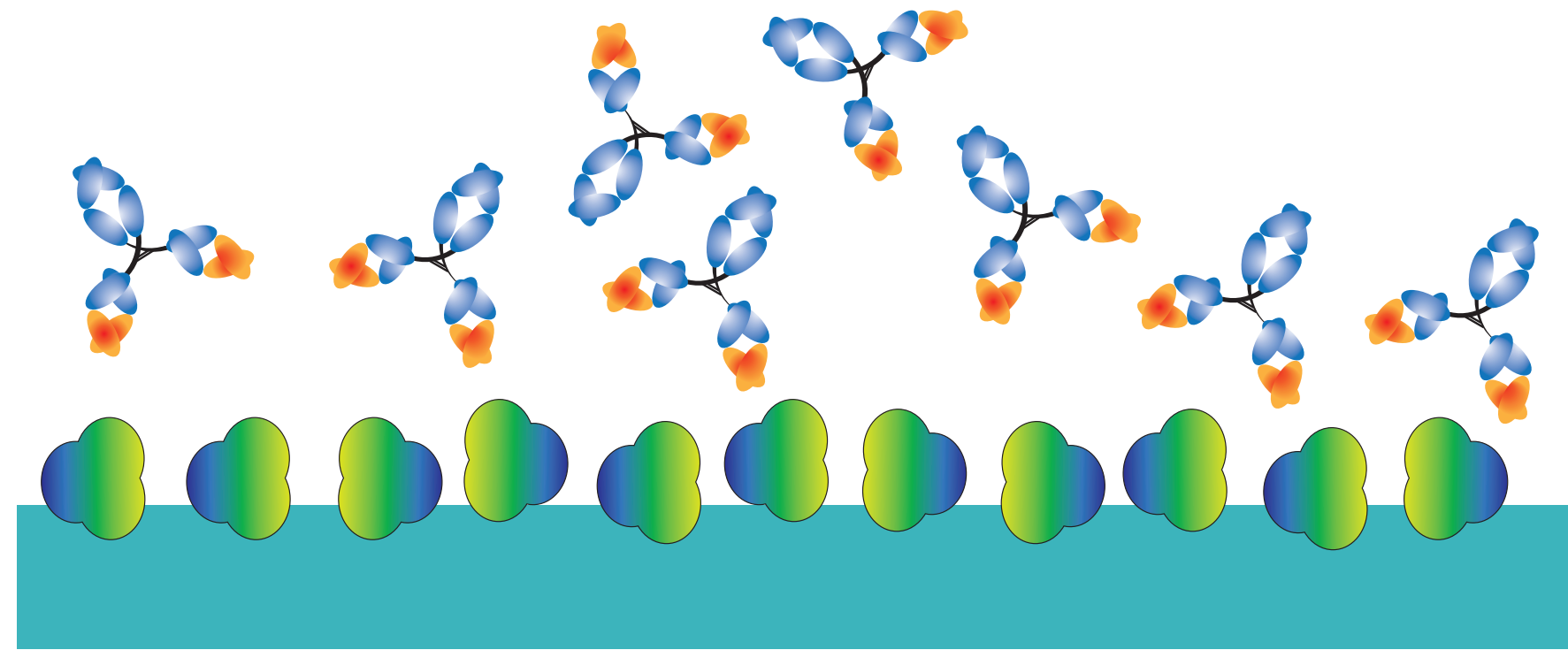


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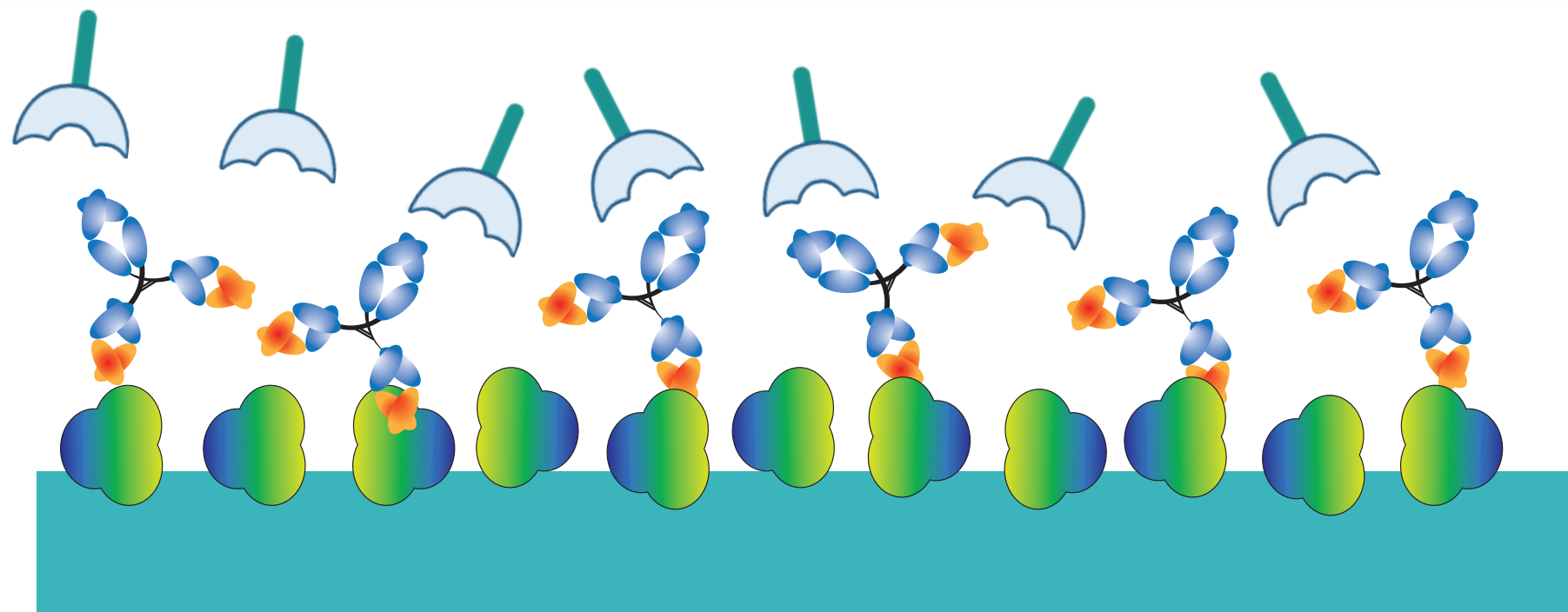
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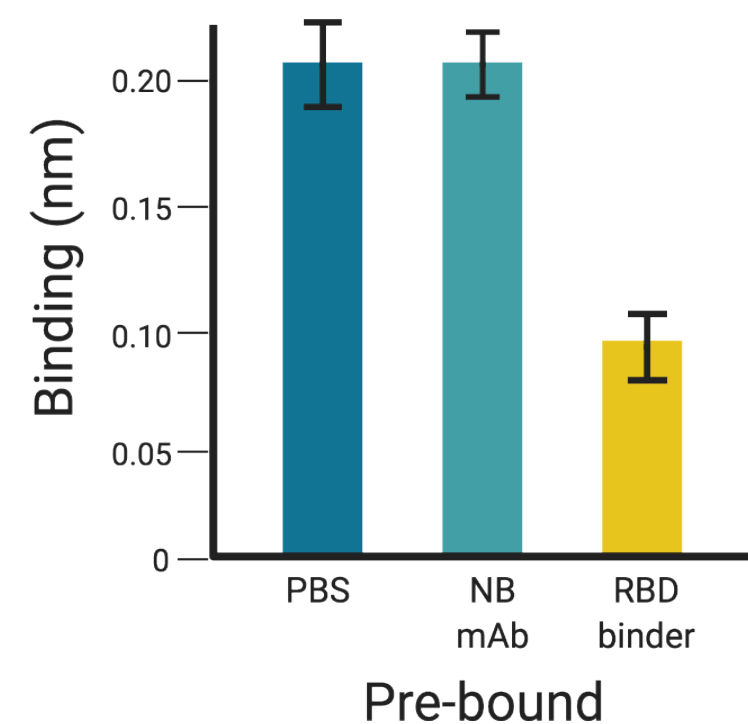
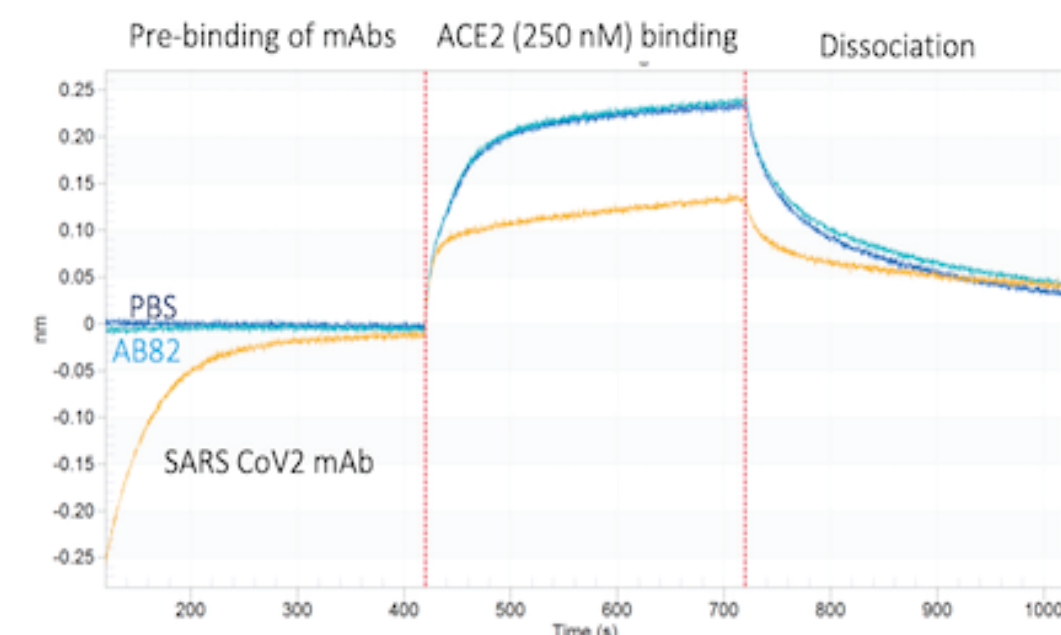
Antibody inhibition of Spike-ACE-2 interaction



RBD immobilized on BLI biosensors is dipped into wells containing saturating amount of antibody (20 μ g/mL)

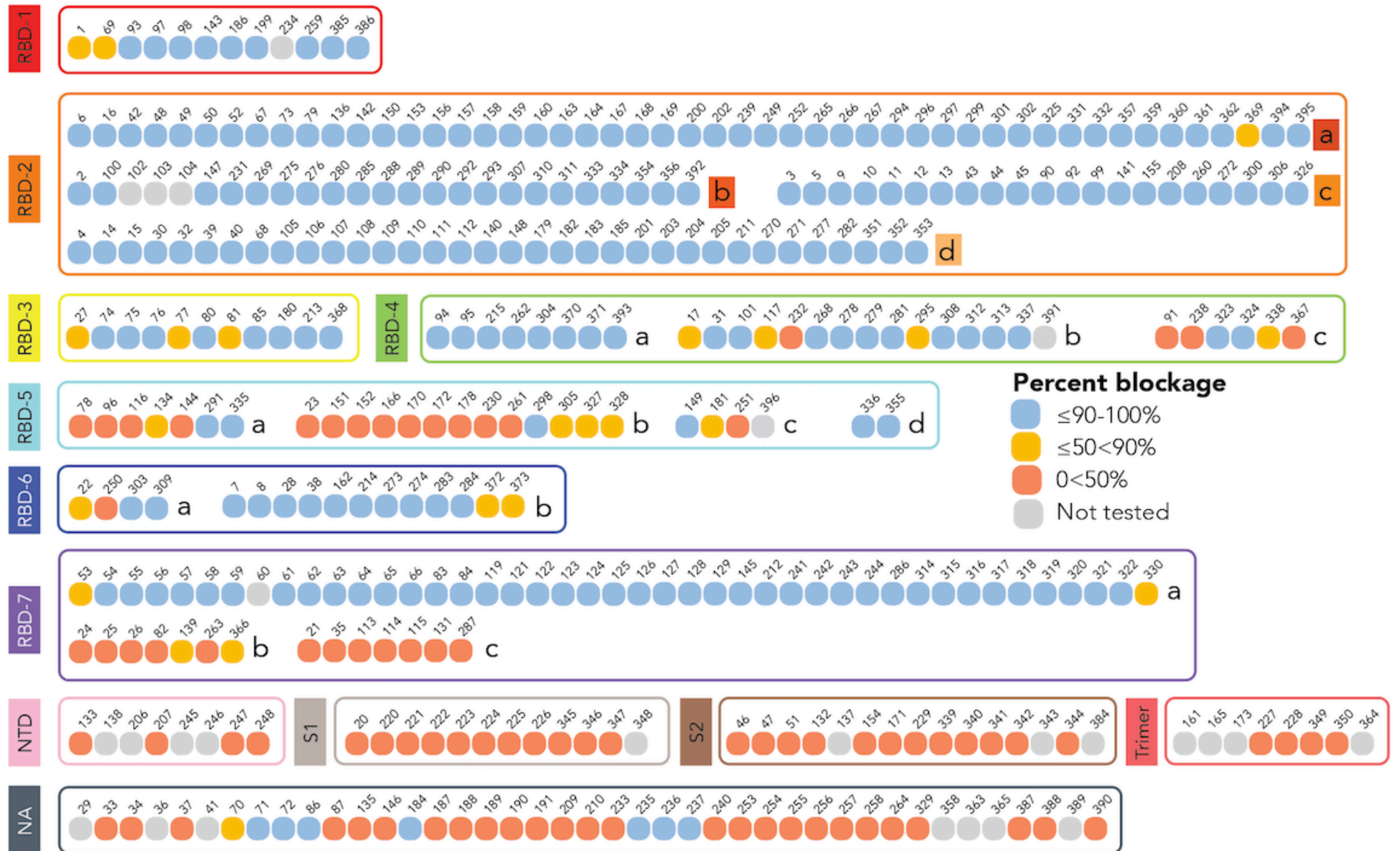


Antibody-bound RBD sensors are dipped into soluble ACE2 (250nM) for 300 s and dissociation is followed for 300 s

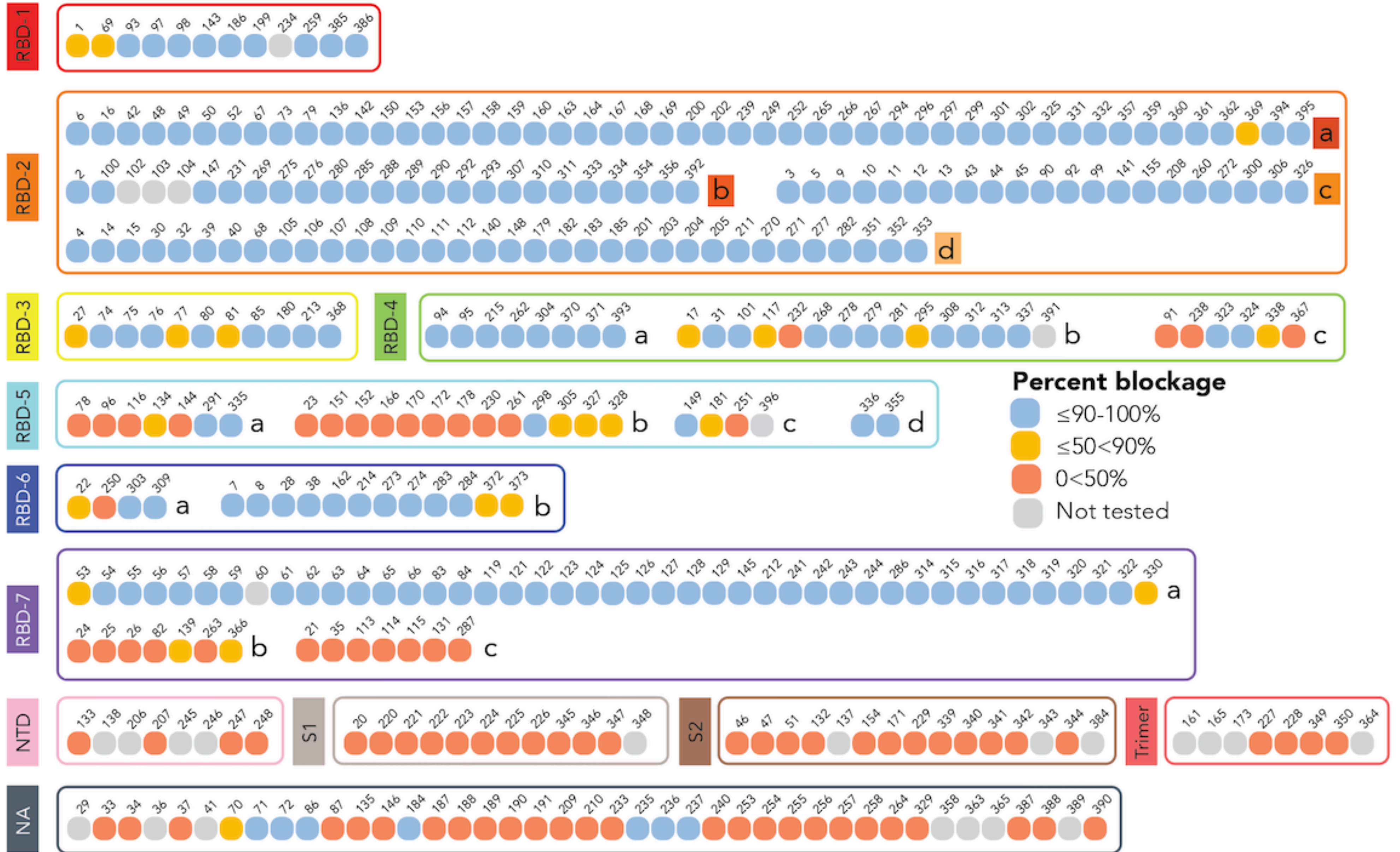


The percentage inhibition is determined relative to buffer only and non-RBD-binding control mAb

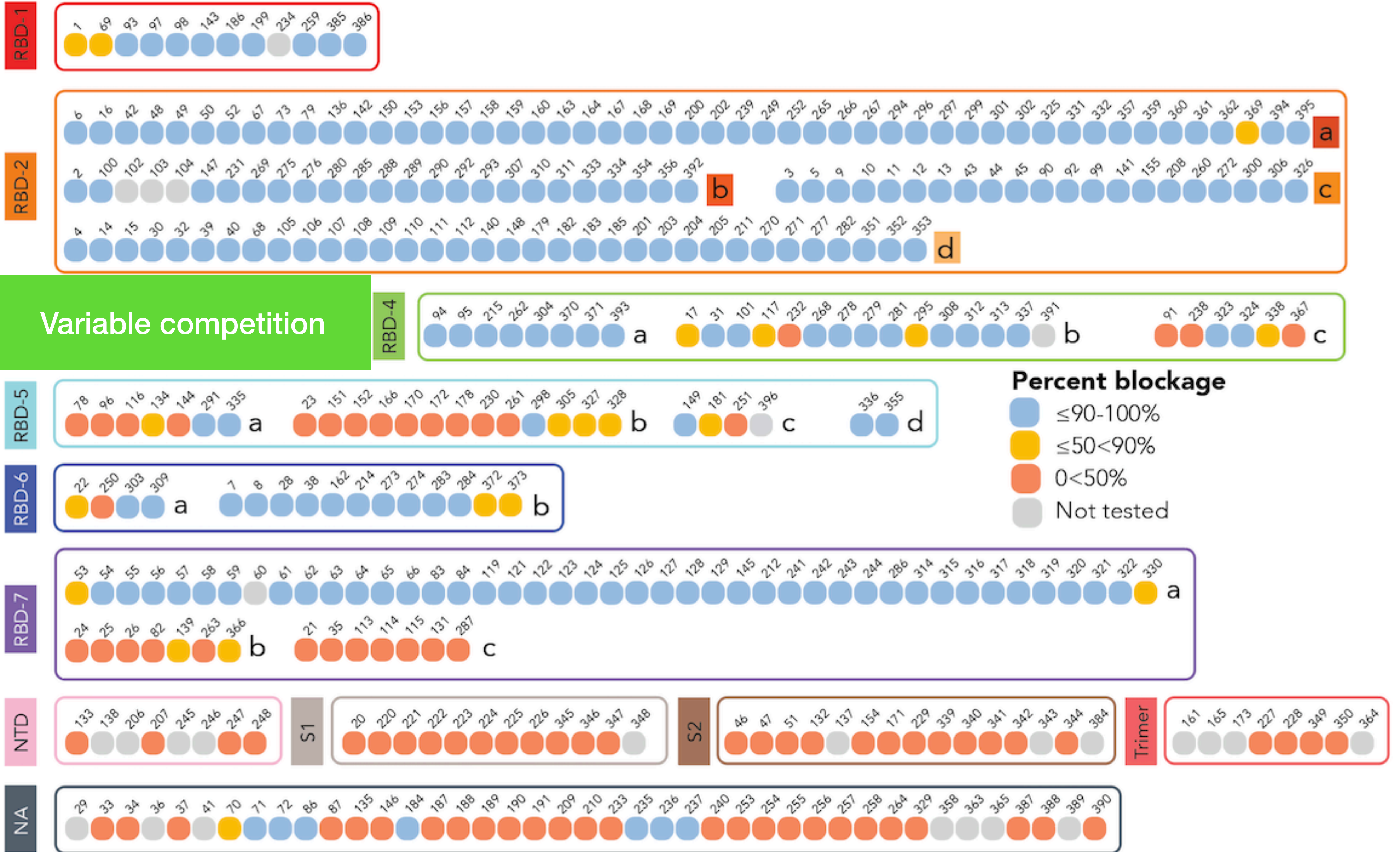




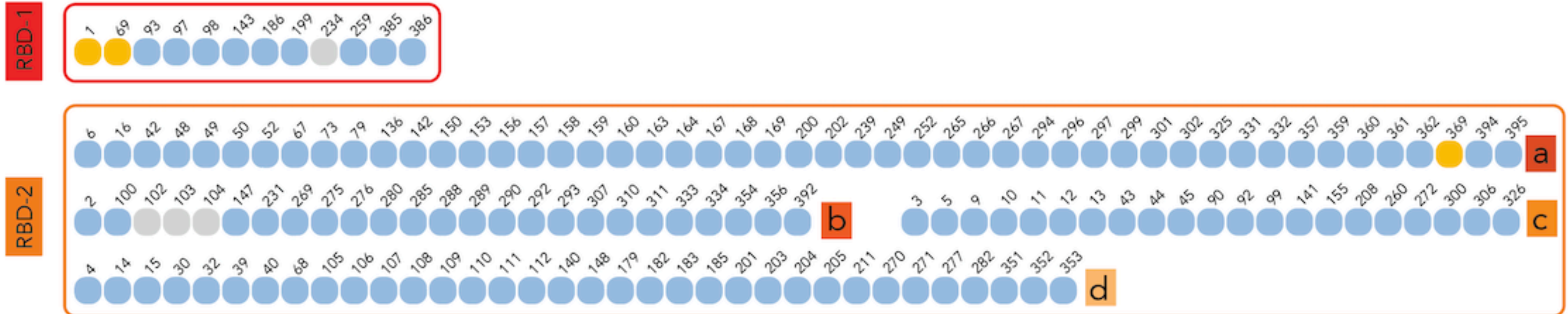
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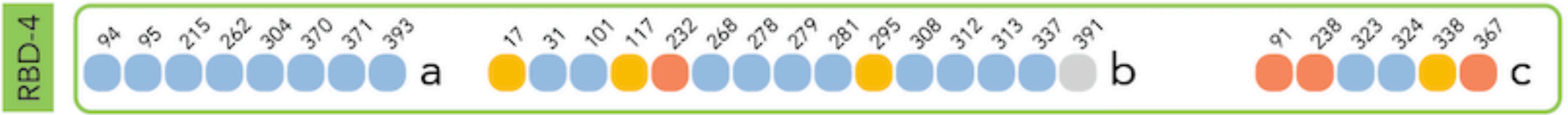
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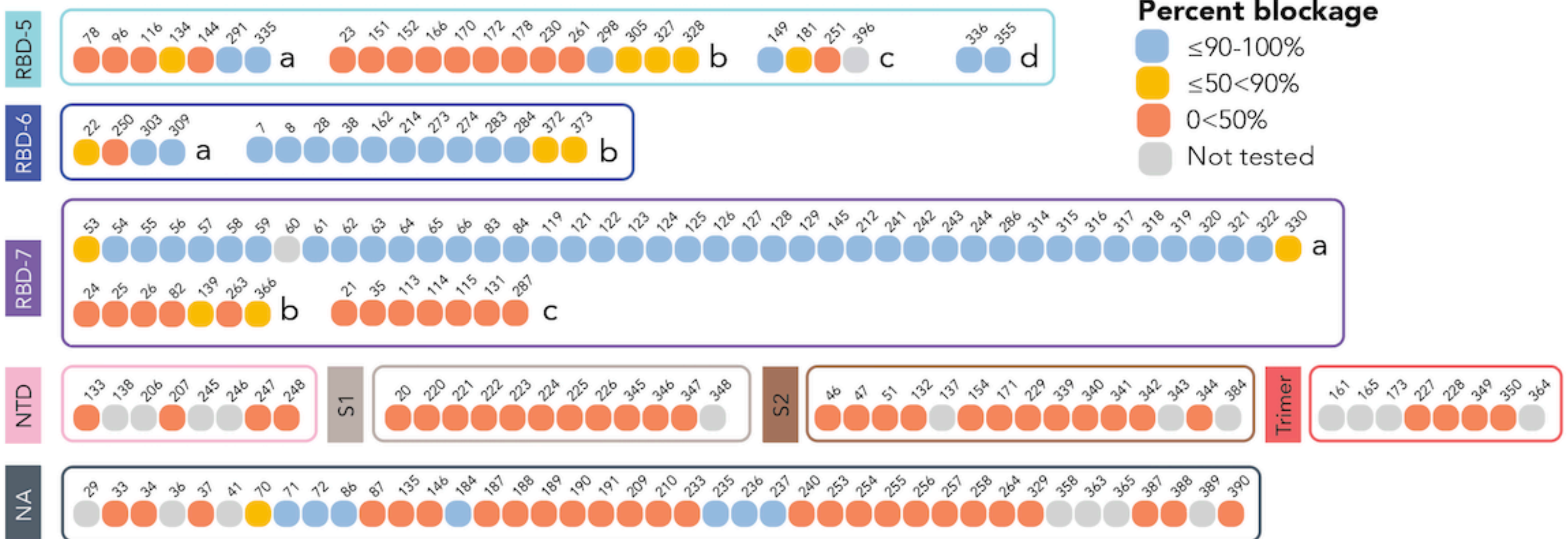
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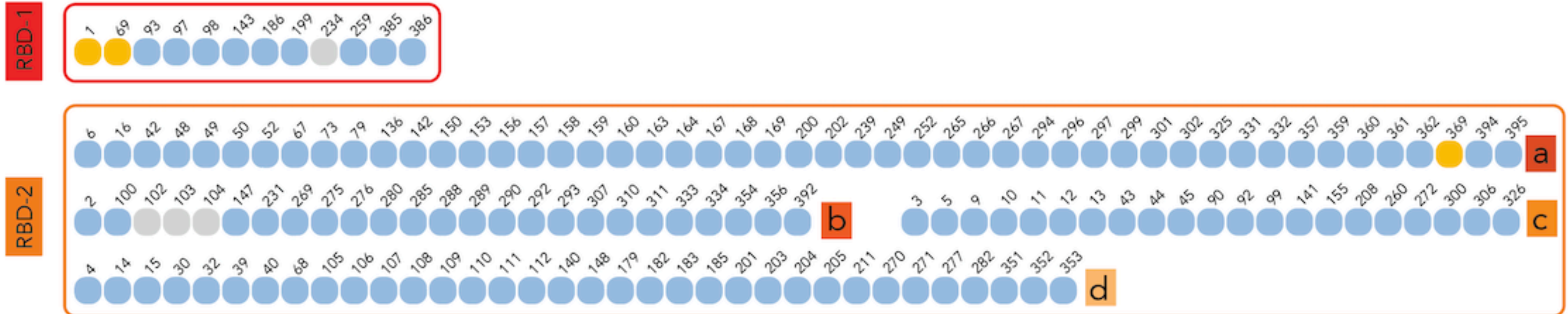
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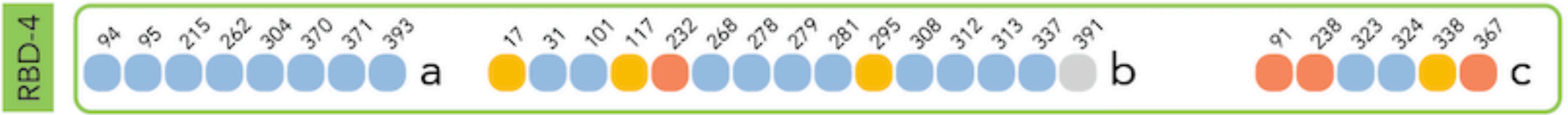
Percent blockage

- ≤90-100%
- ≤50<90%
- 0<50%
- Not tested

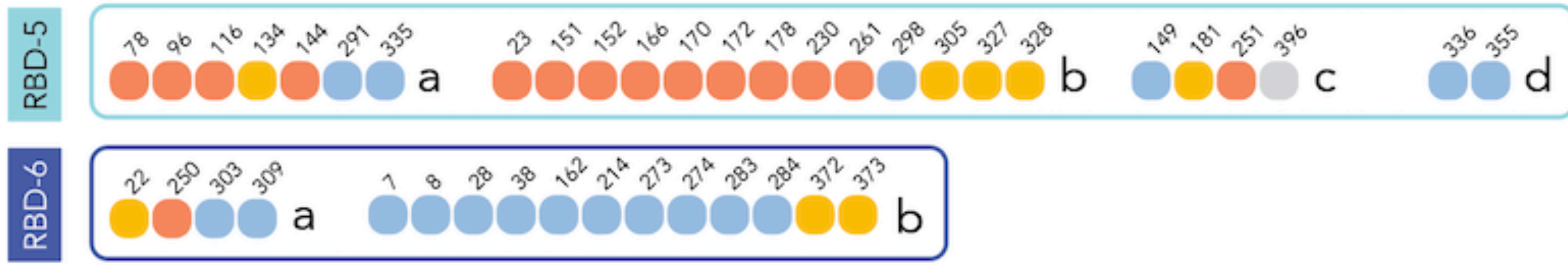
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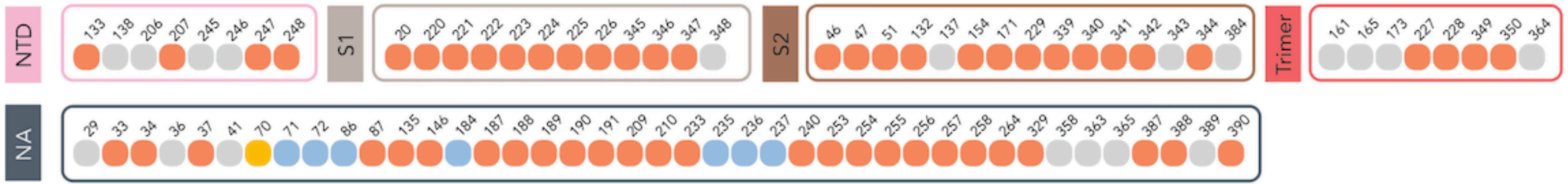
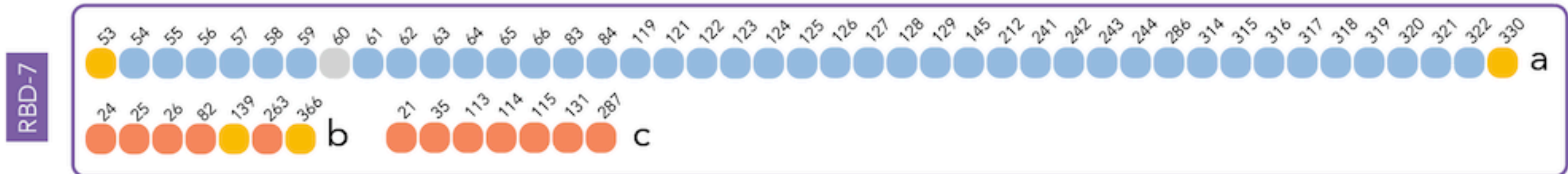
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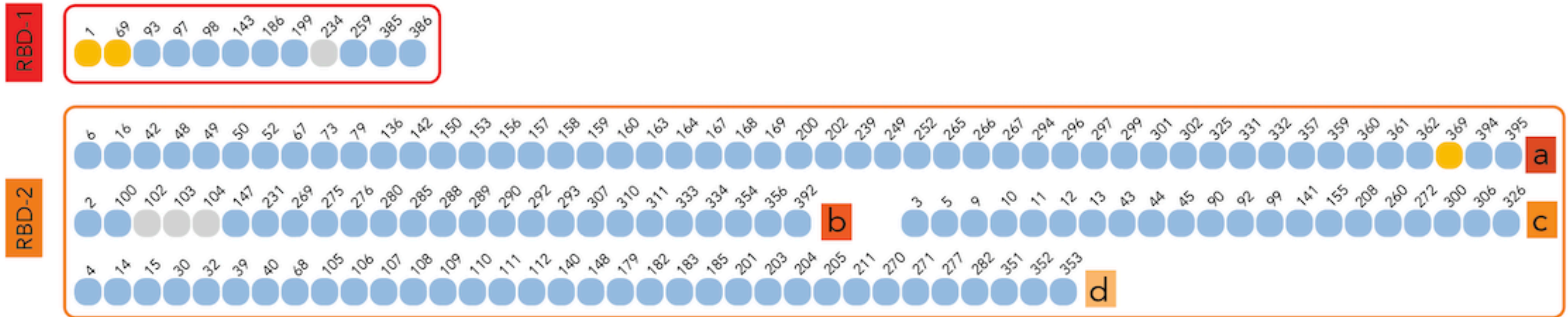
Percent blockage

- Blue circle: $\leq 90-100\%$
- Yellow circle: $\leq 50 < 90\%$
- Red circle: $0 < 50\%$
- Grey circle: Not tested

Variable competition



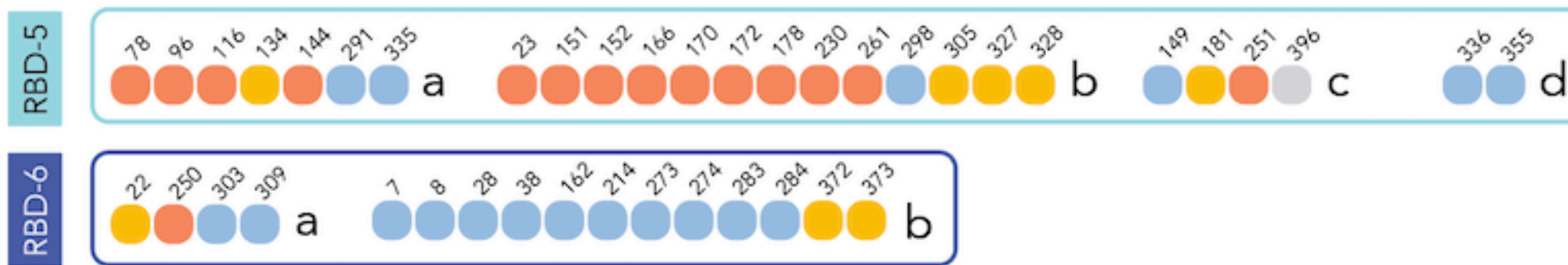
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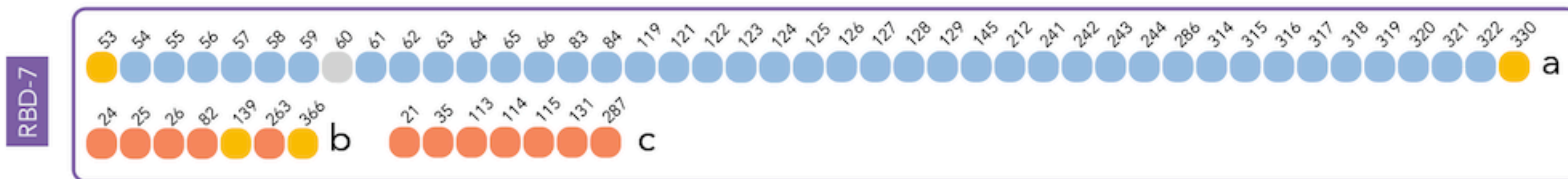
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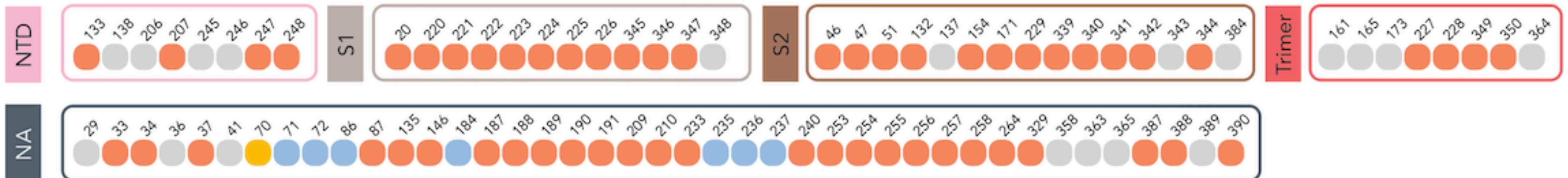
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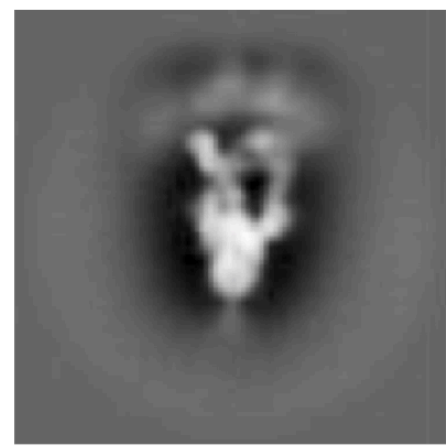
Variable competition



Non-RBD Binders



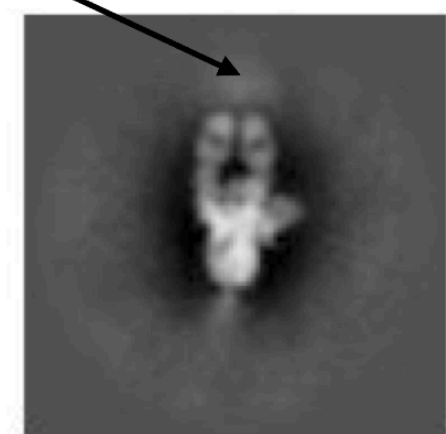
**RBD-1
(CoVIC-259)**



Fully occupied Spike

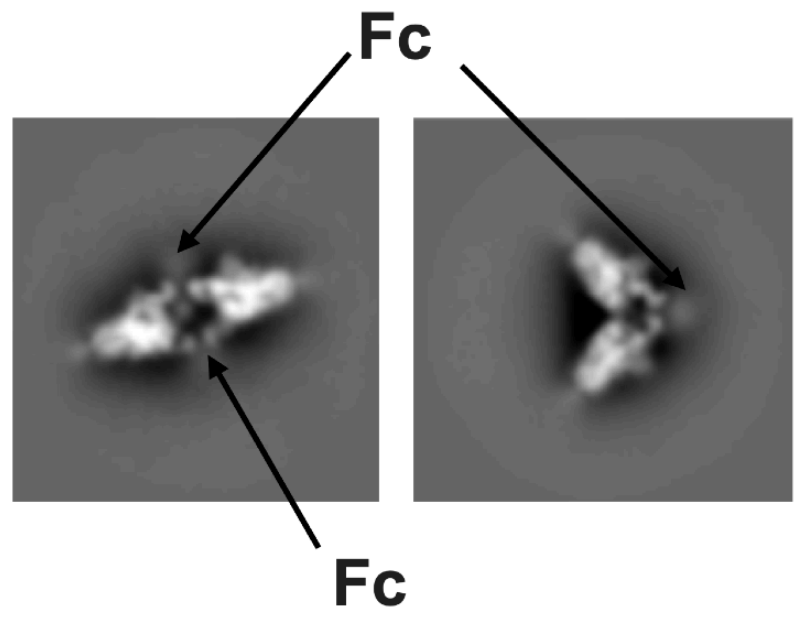
Bivalent, intra-spike binding

Fc

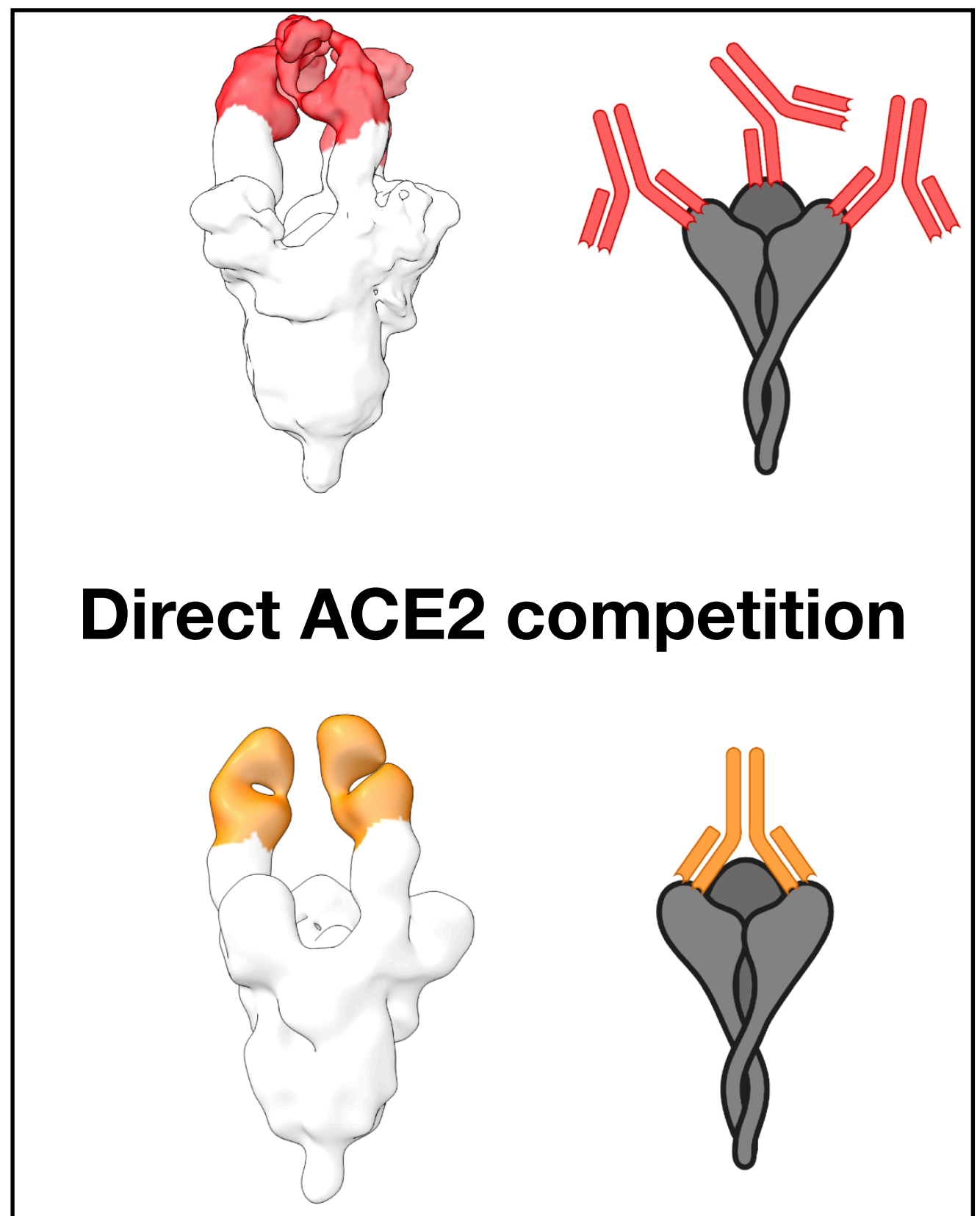


**RBD-2
(CoVIC-252)**

**RBD-5
(CoVIC-96)**

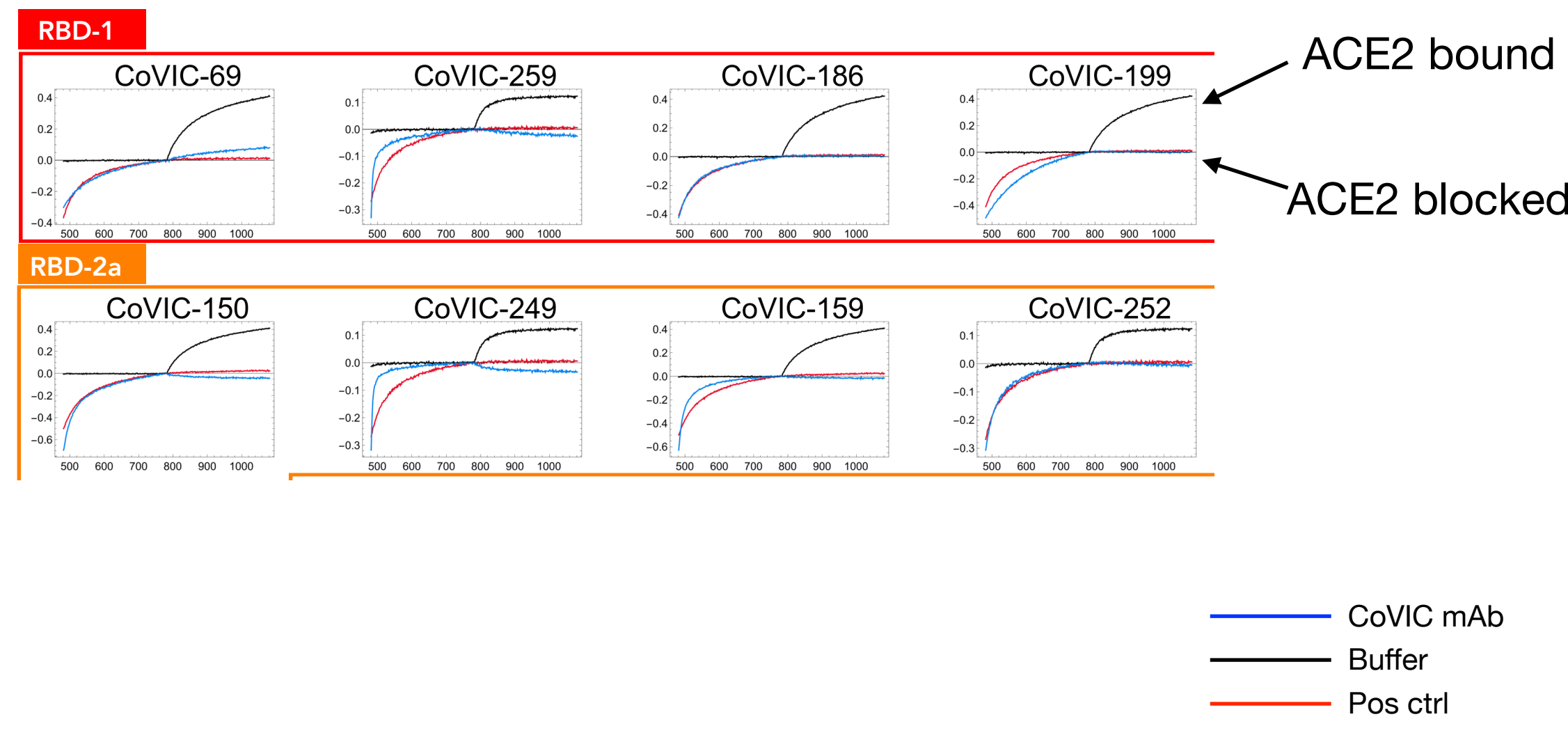


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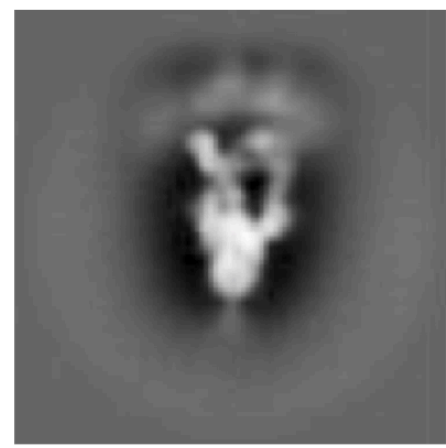
Direct ACE2 competition

IgG binding behavior by community



— CoVIC mAb
— Buffer
— Pos ctrl

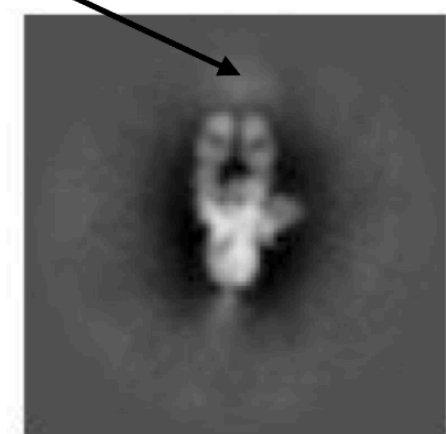
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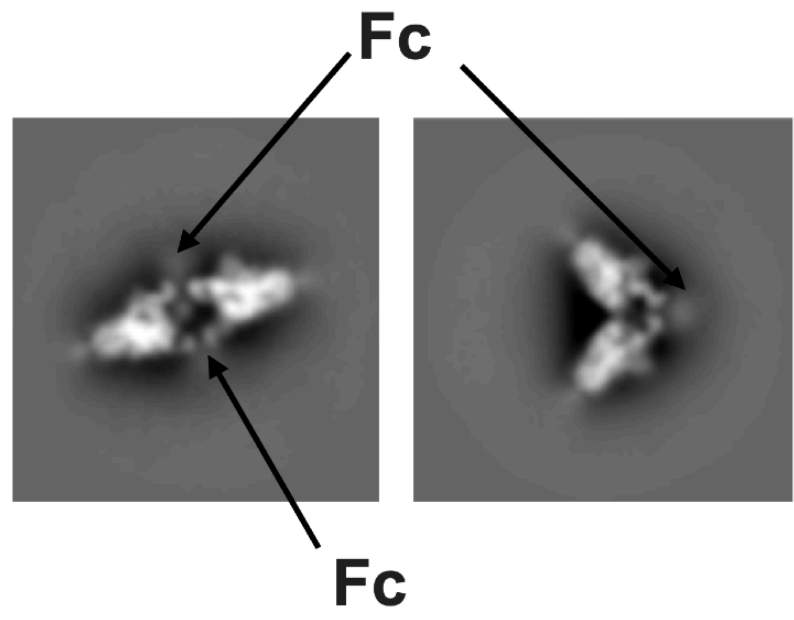
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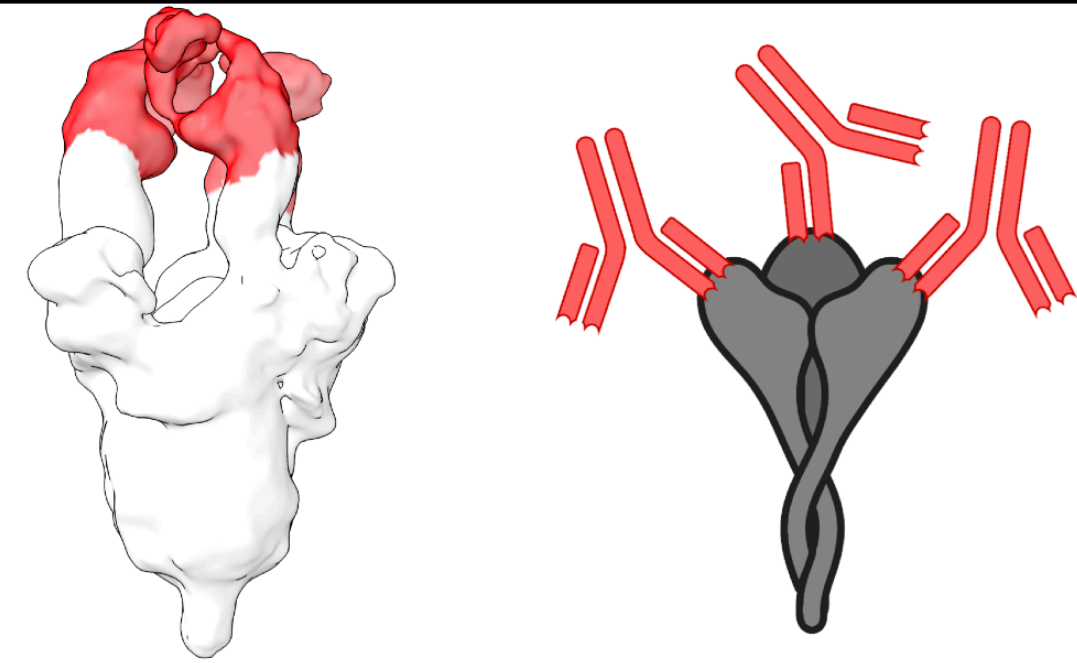


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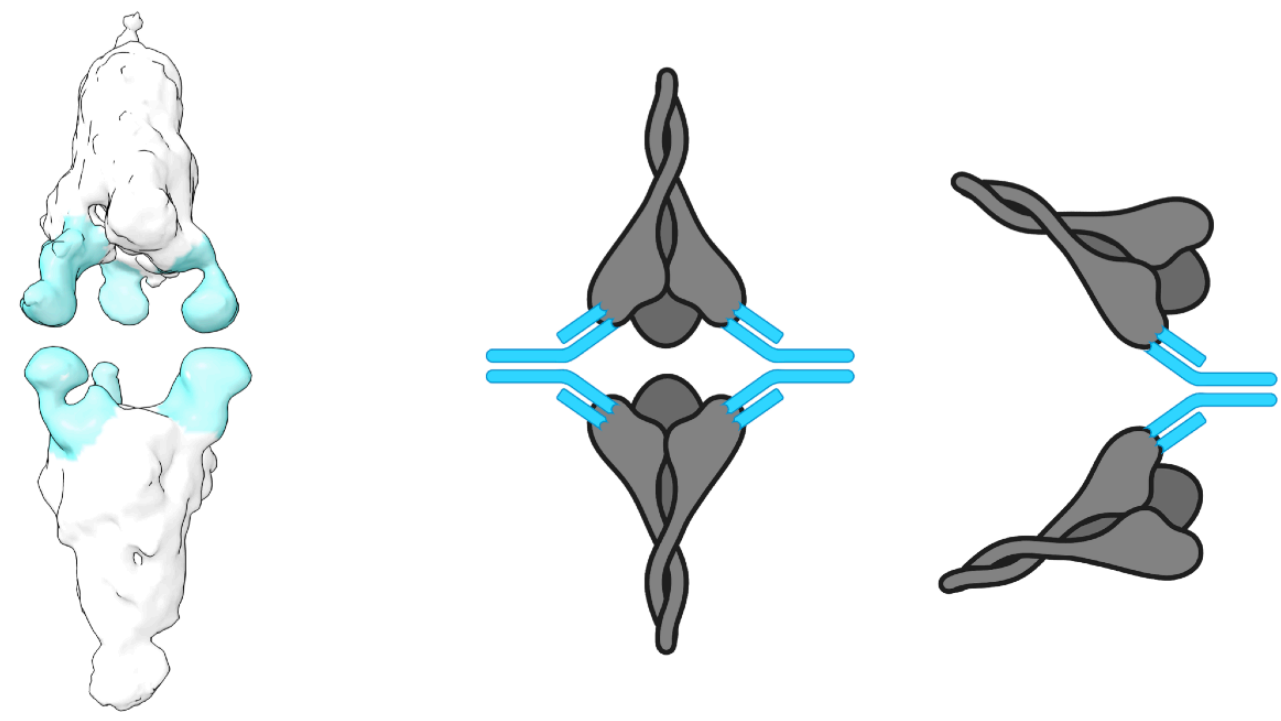
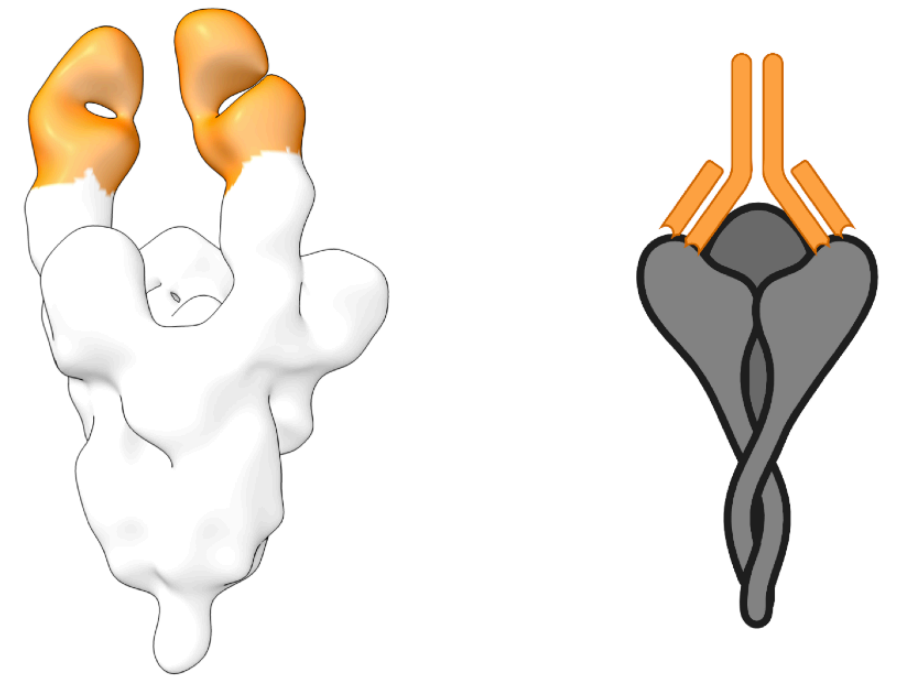
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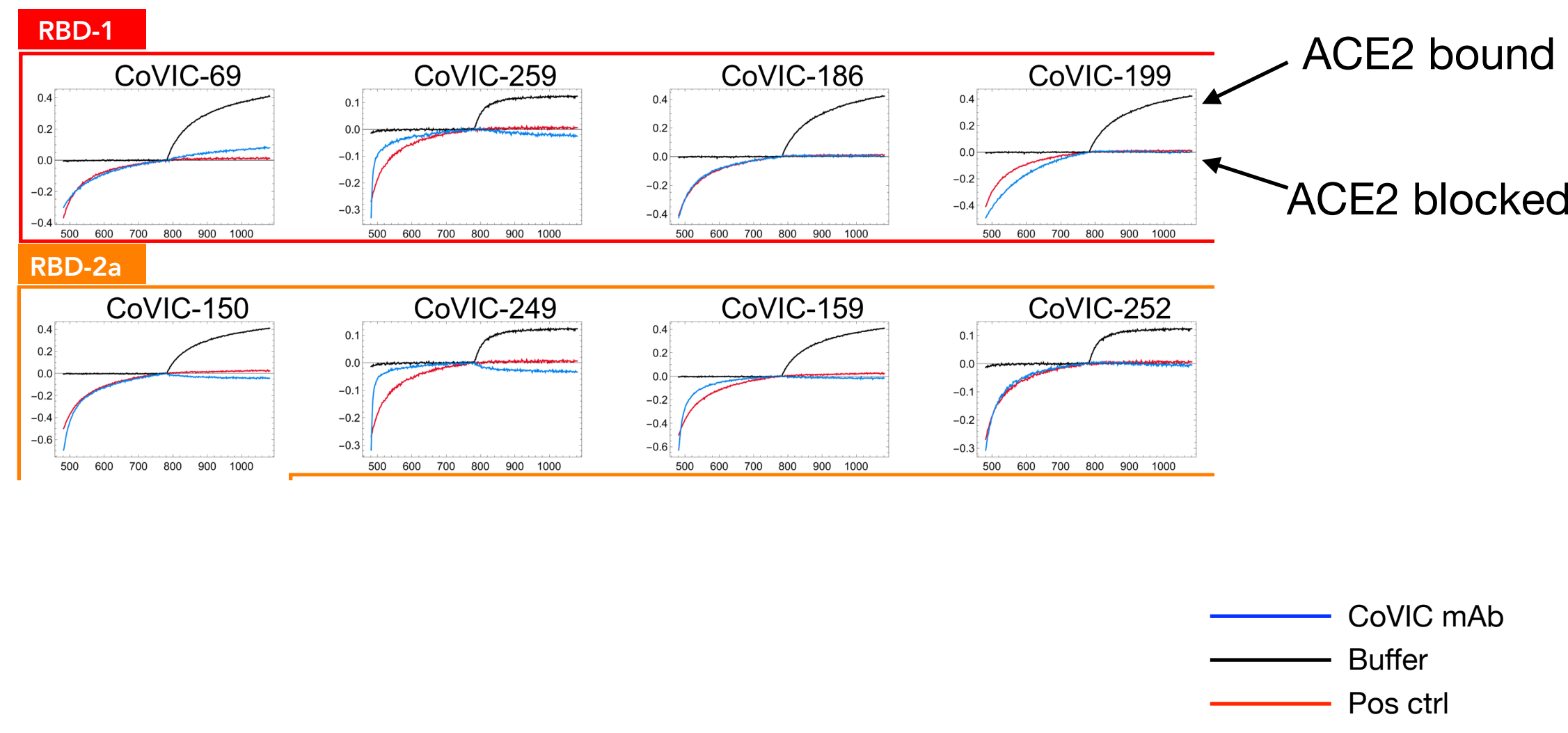
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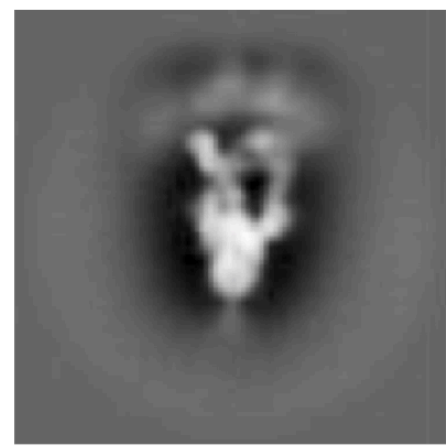


IgG binding behavior by community



neutralization, protection

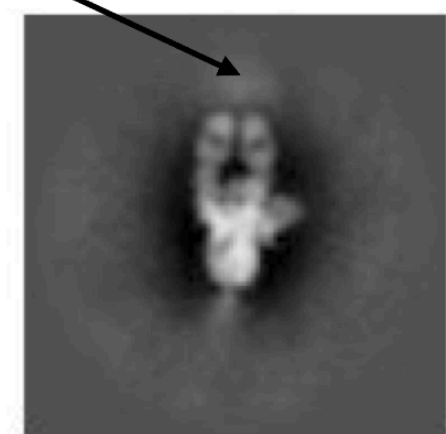
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Fully occupied Spike

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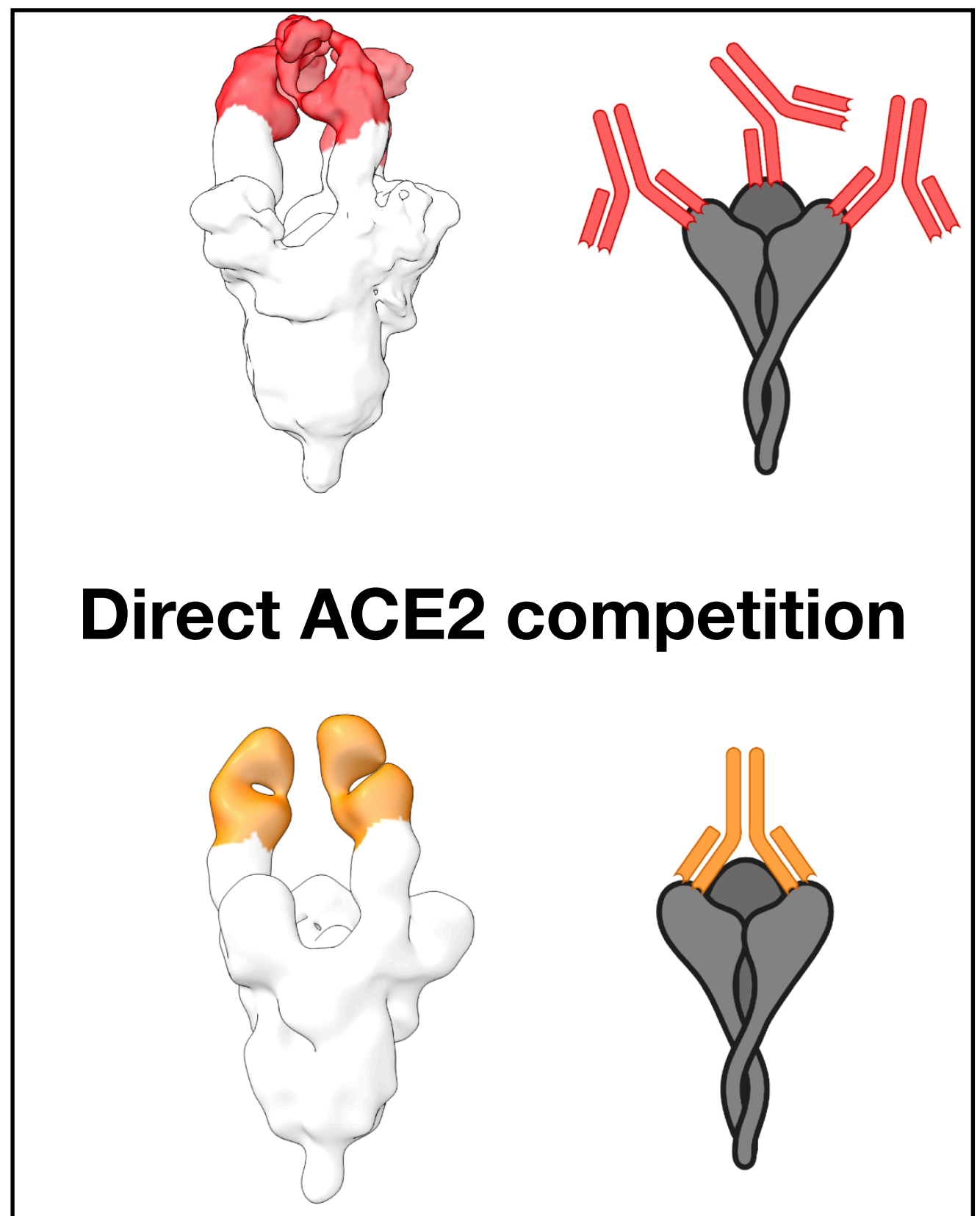
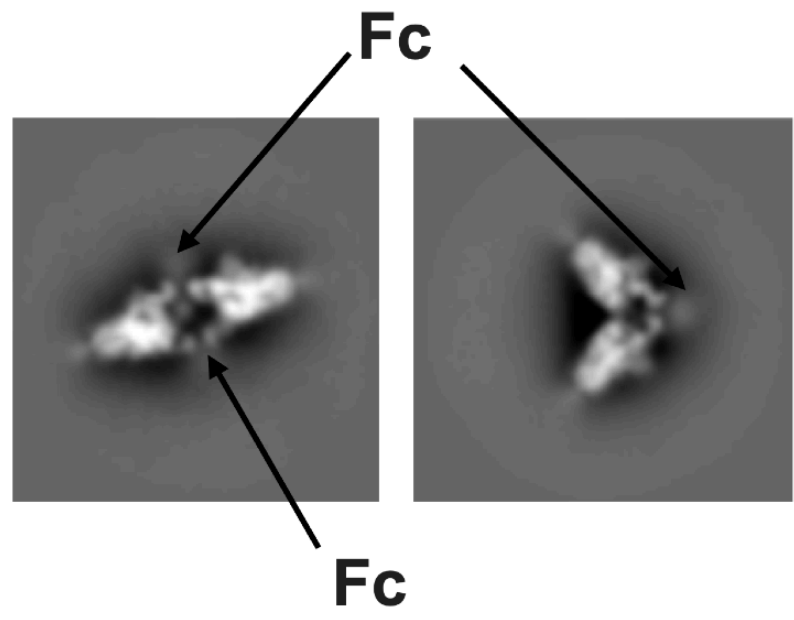
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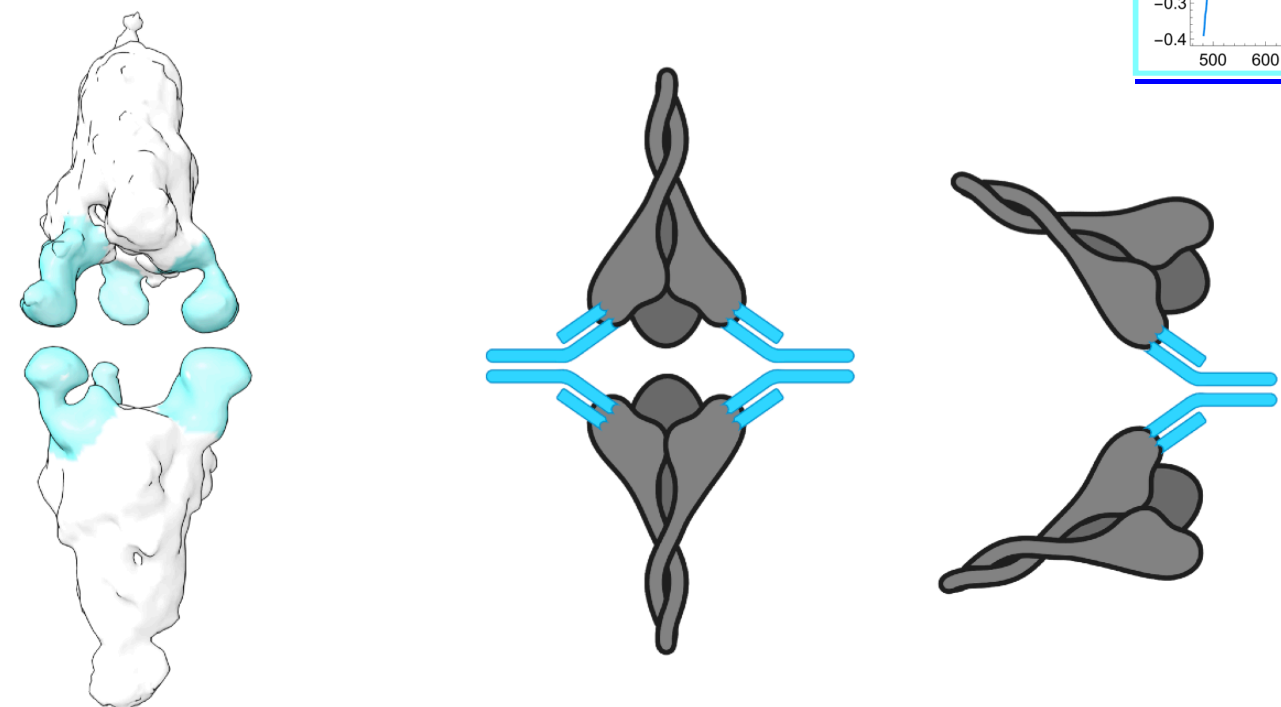
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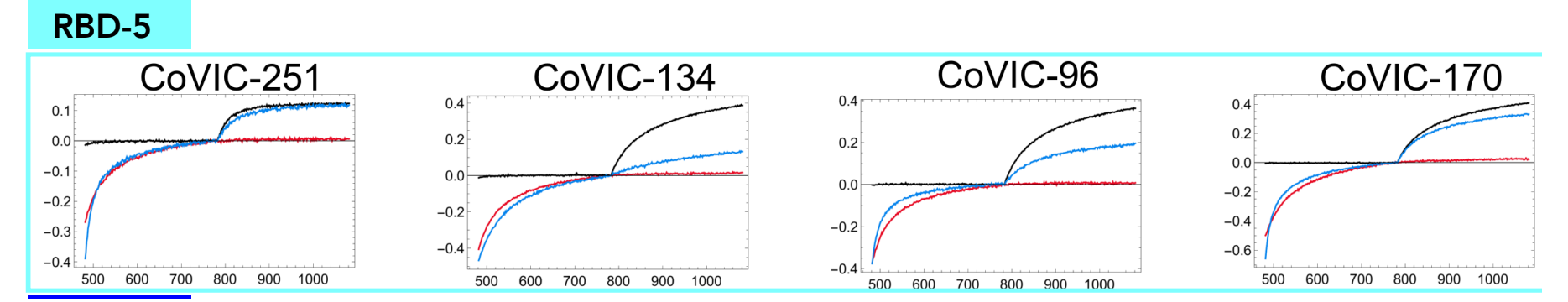
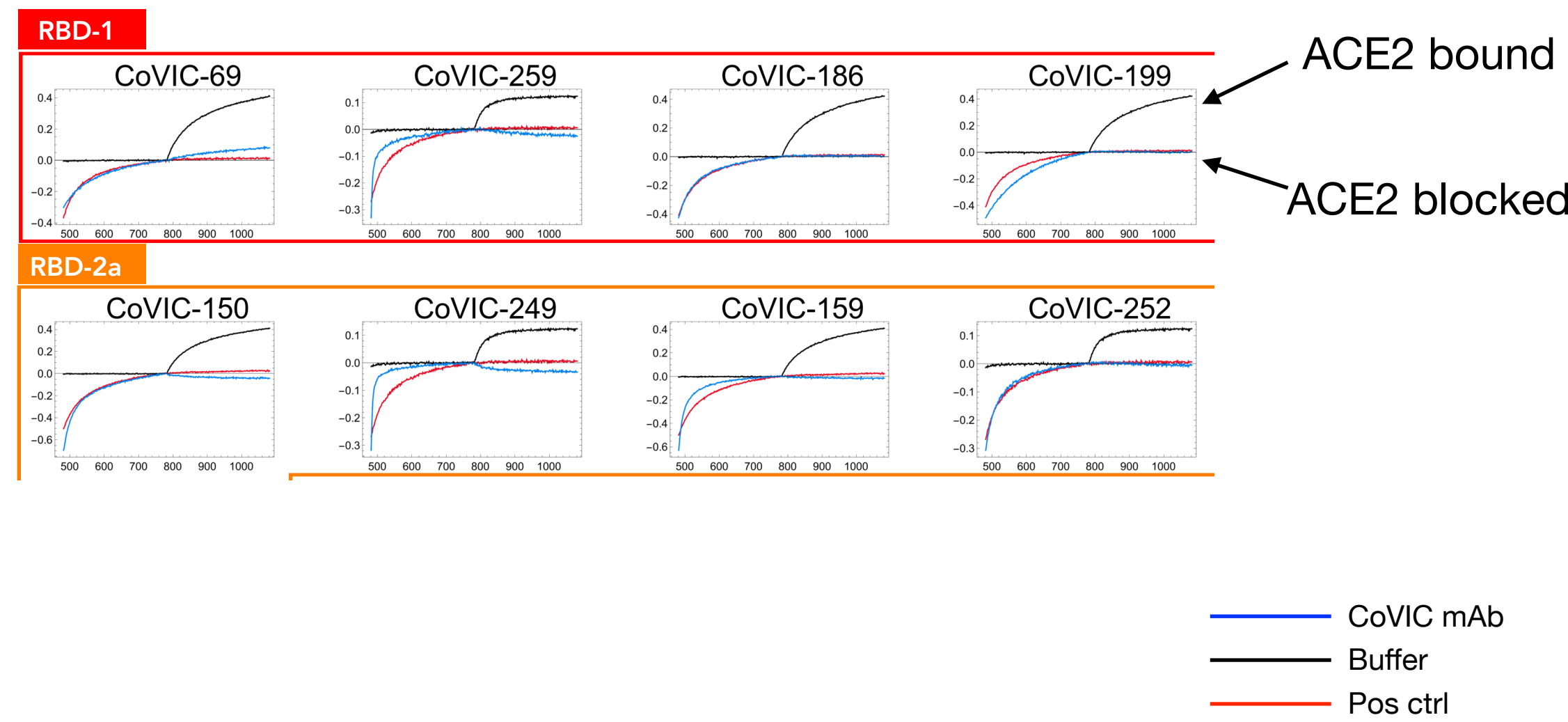
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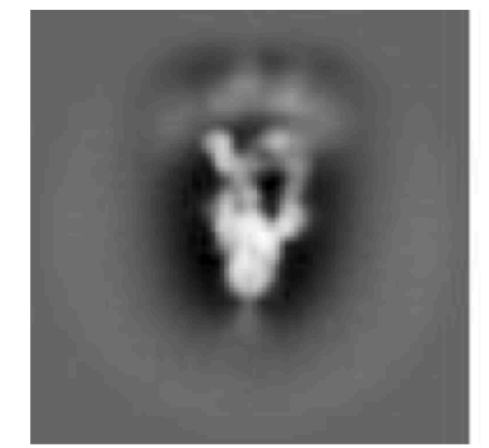
Variable ACE2 competition



IgG binding behavior by community



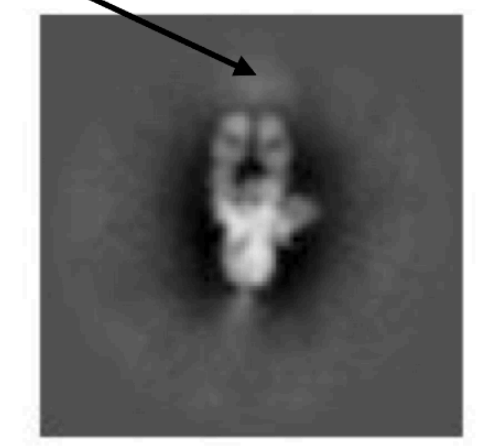
RBD-1
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Fully occupied Spike

Bivalent, intra-spike binding

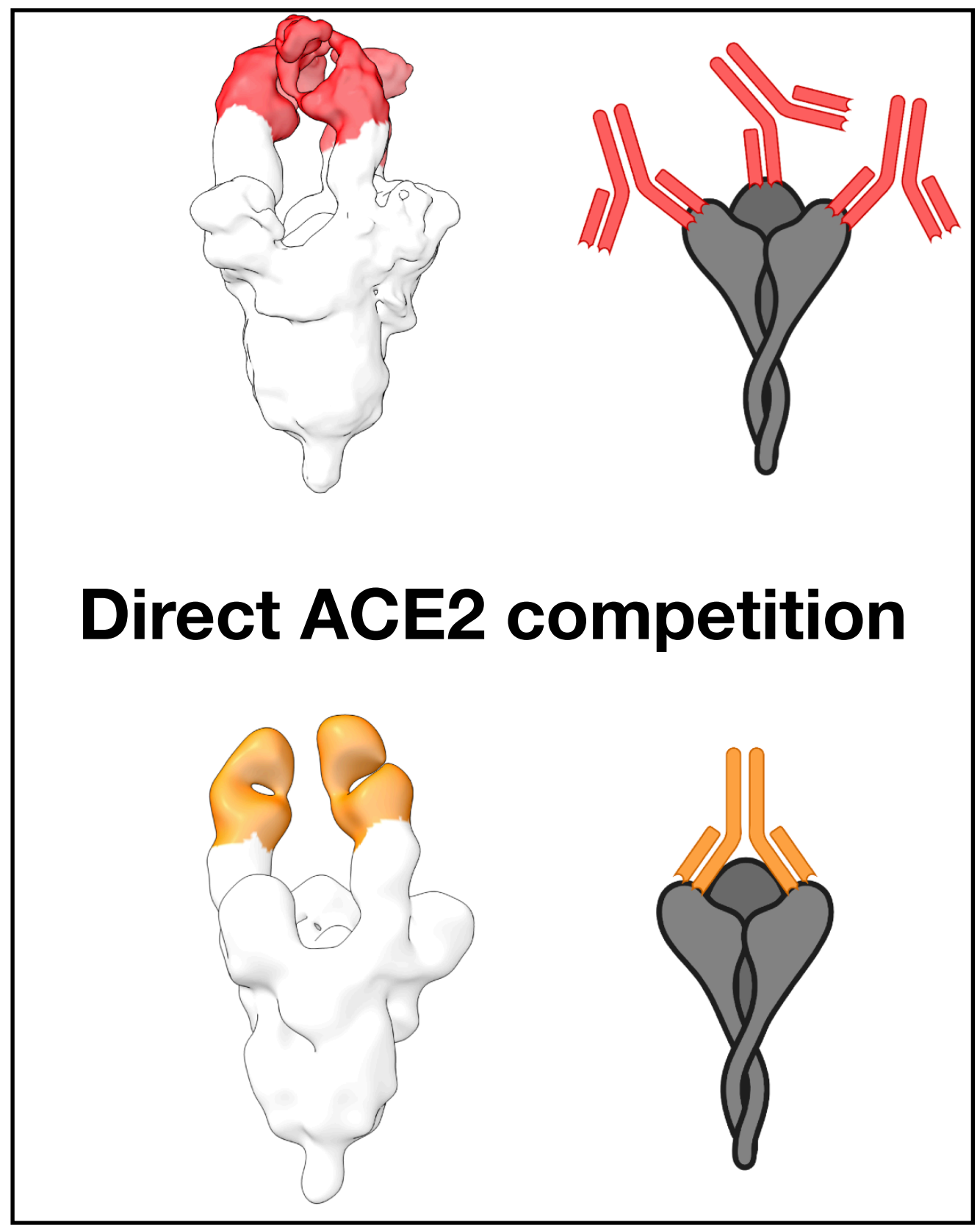
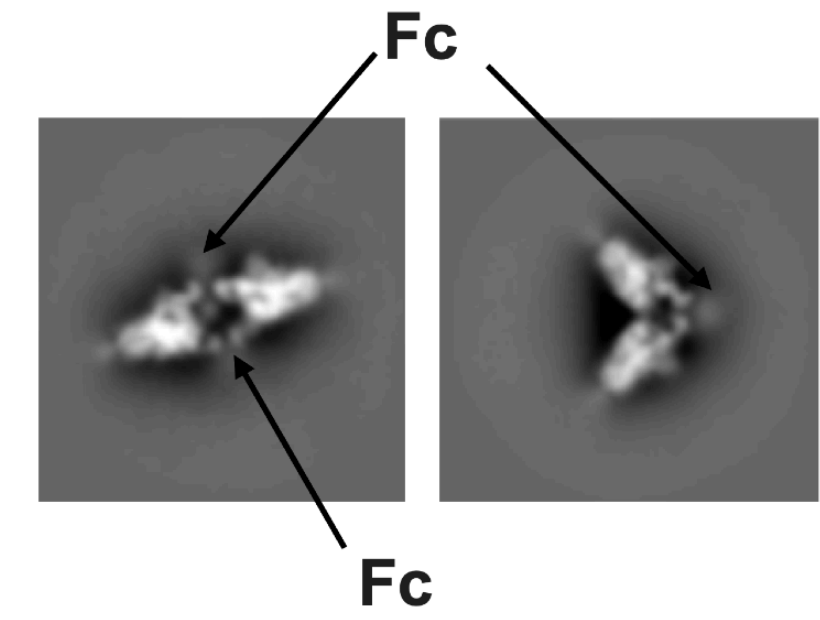
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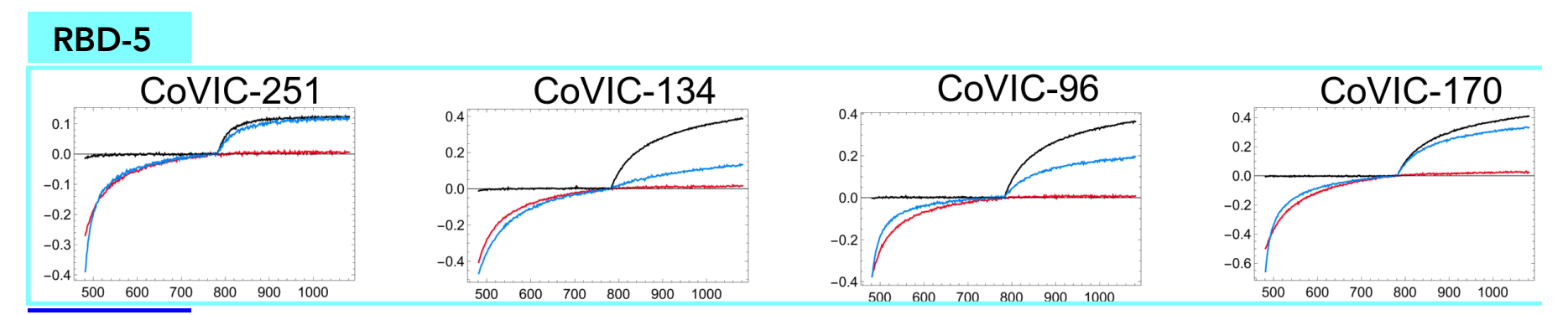
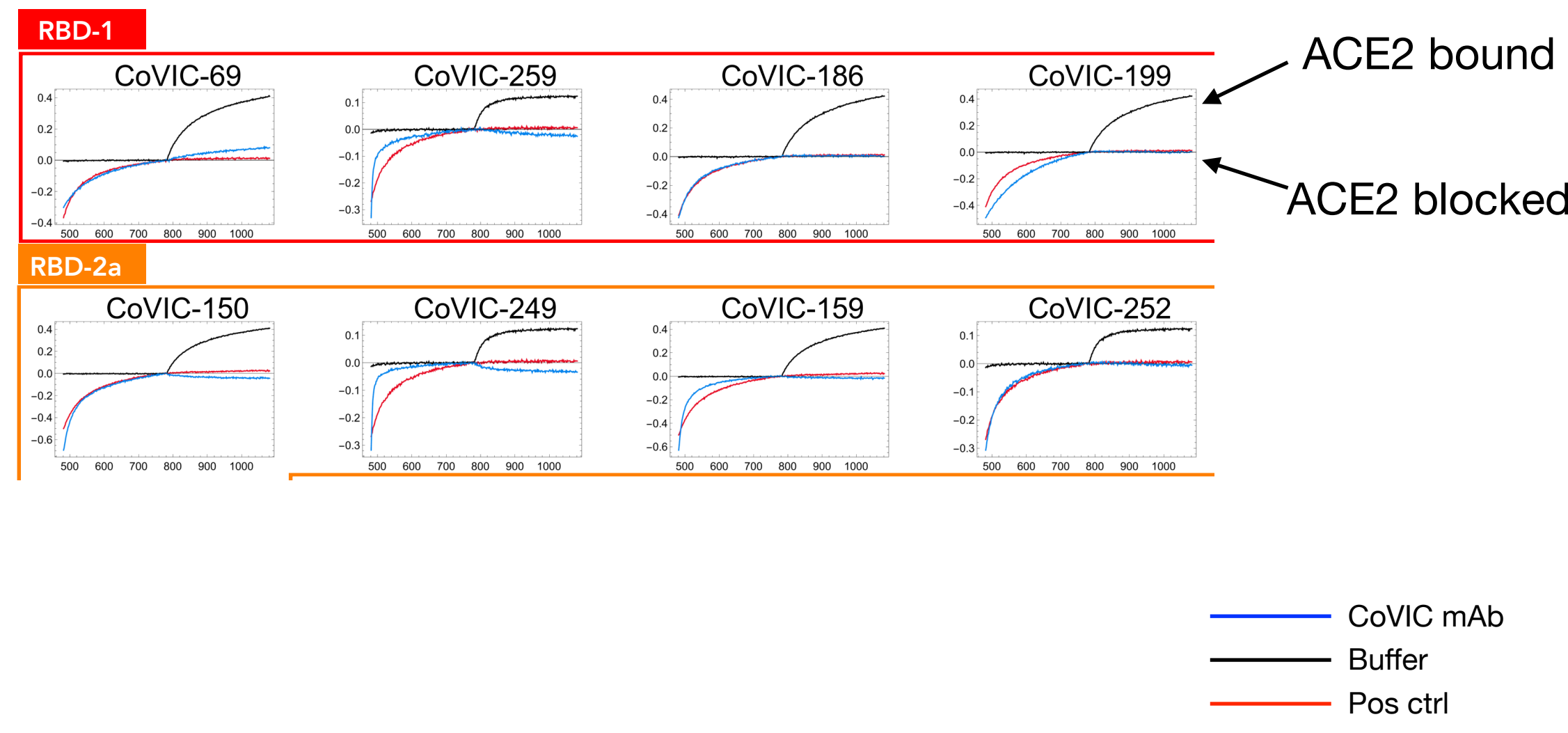
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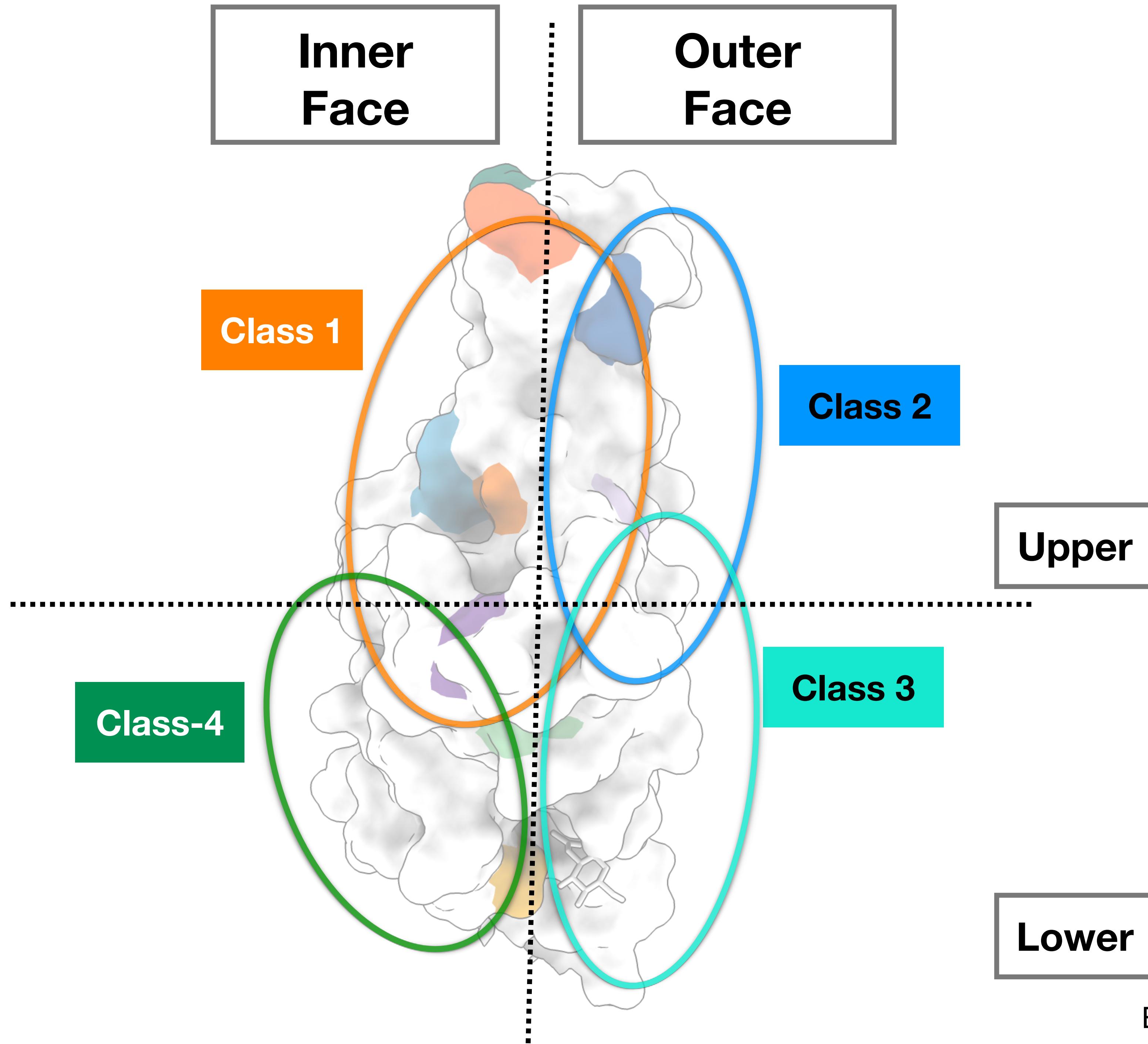
Variable ACE2 competition

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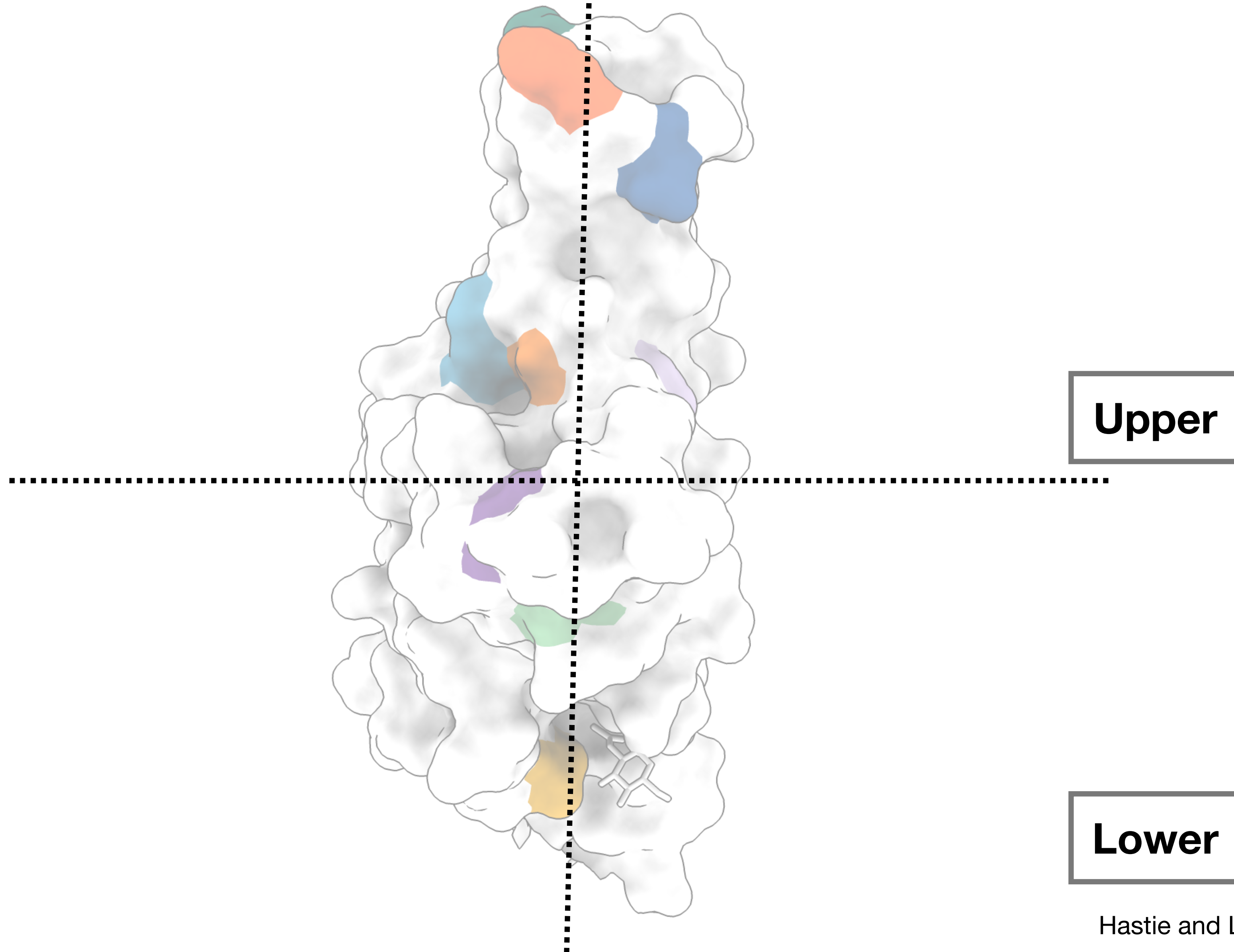
neutralization, protection

Possible ACE2 steric hindrance through cross-linking on virion surface



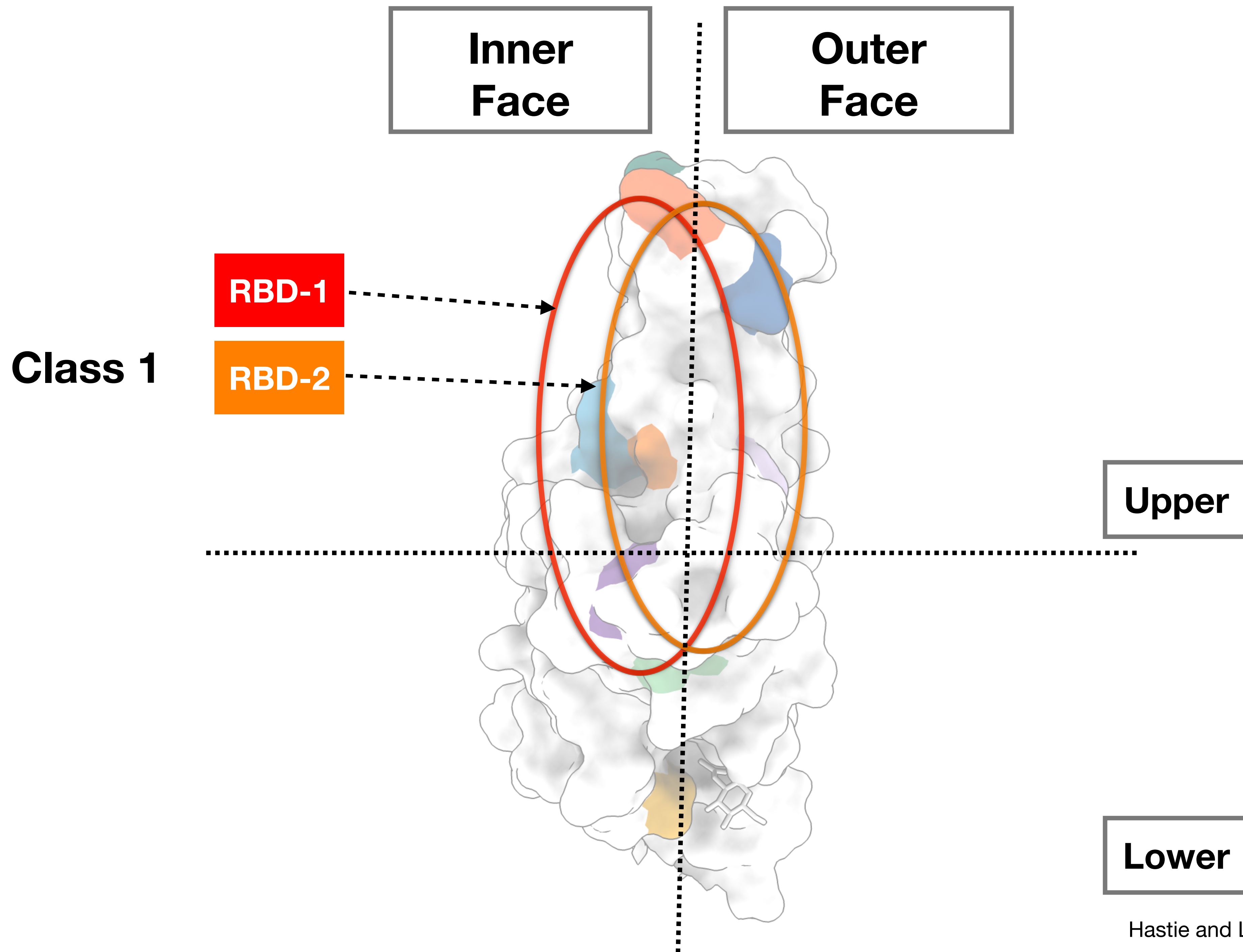
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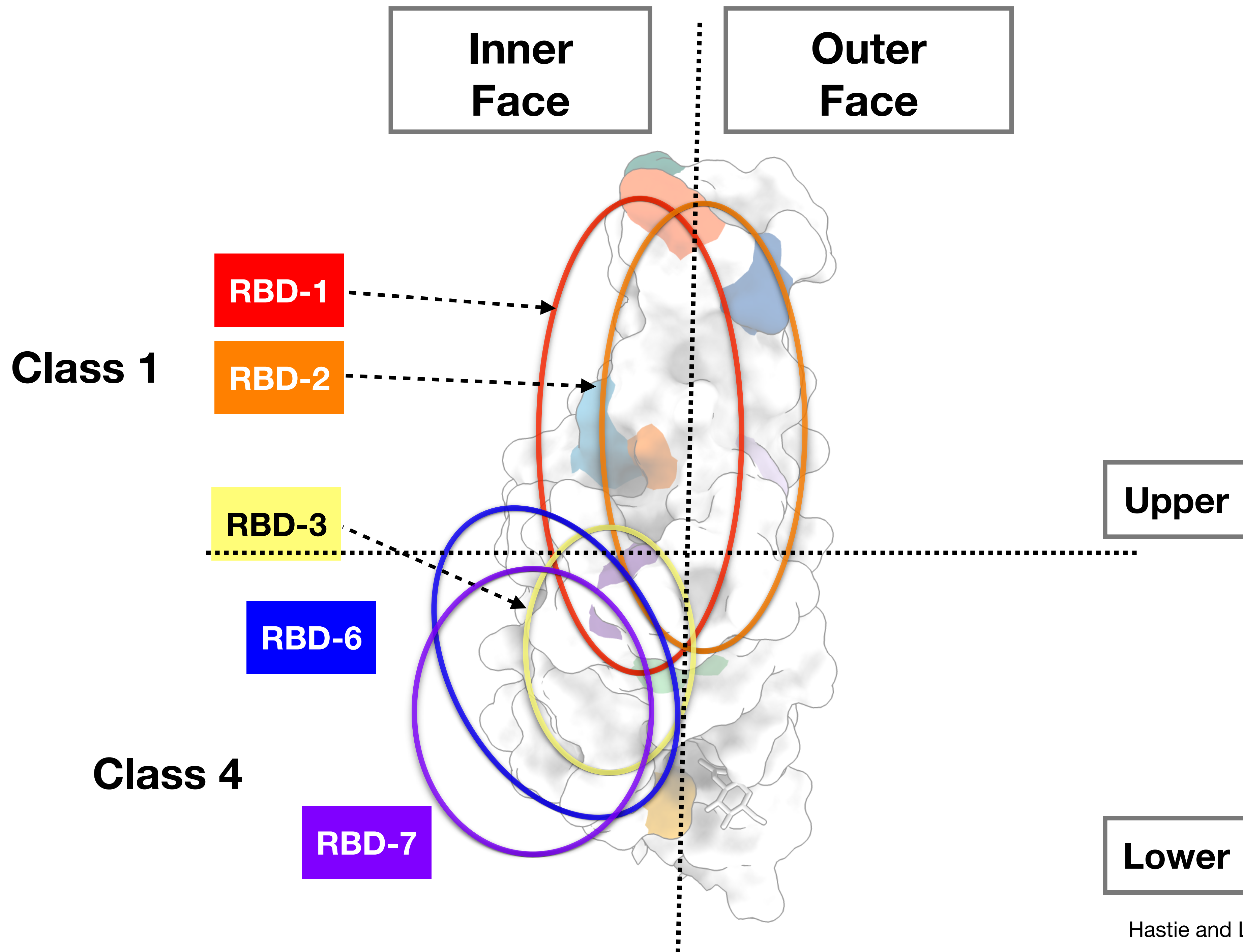
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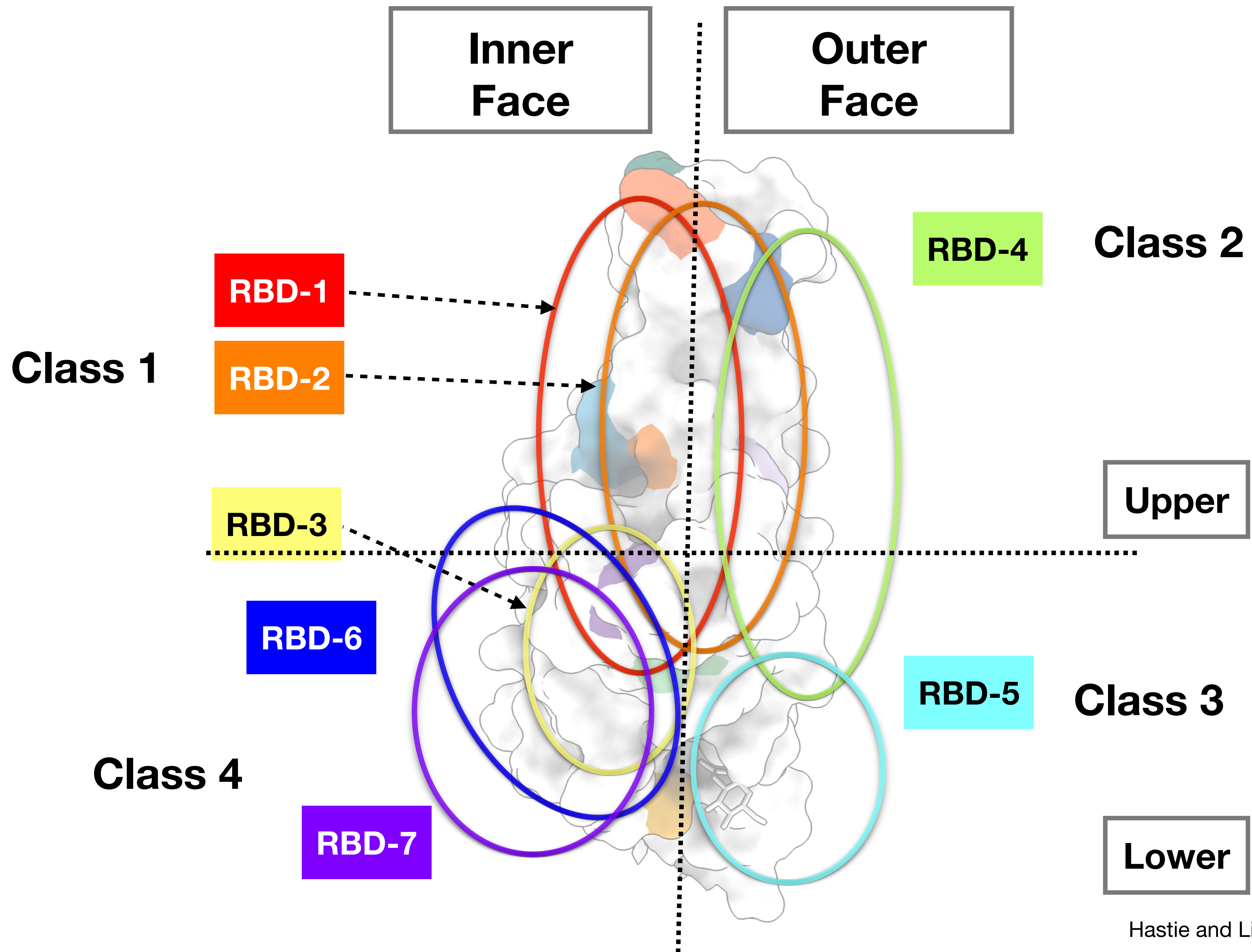


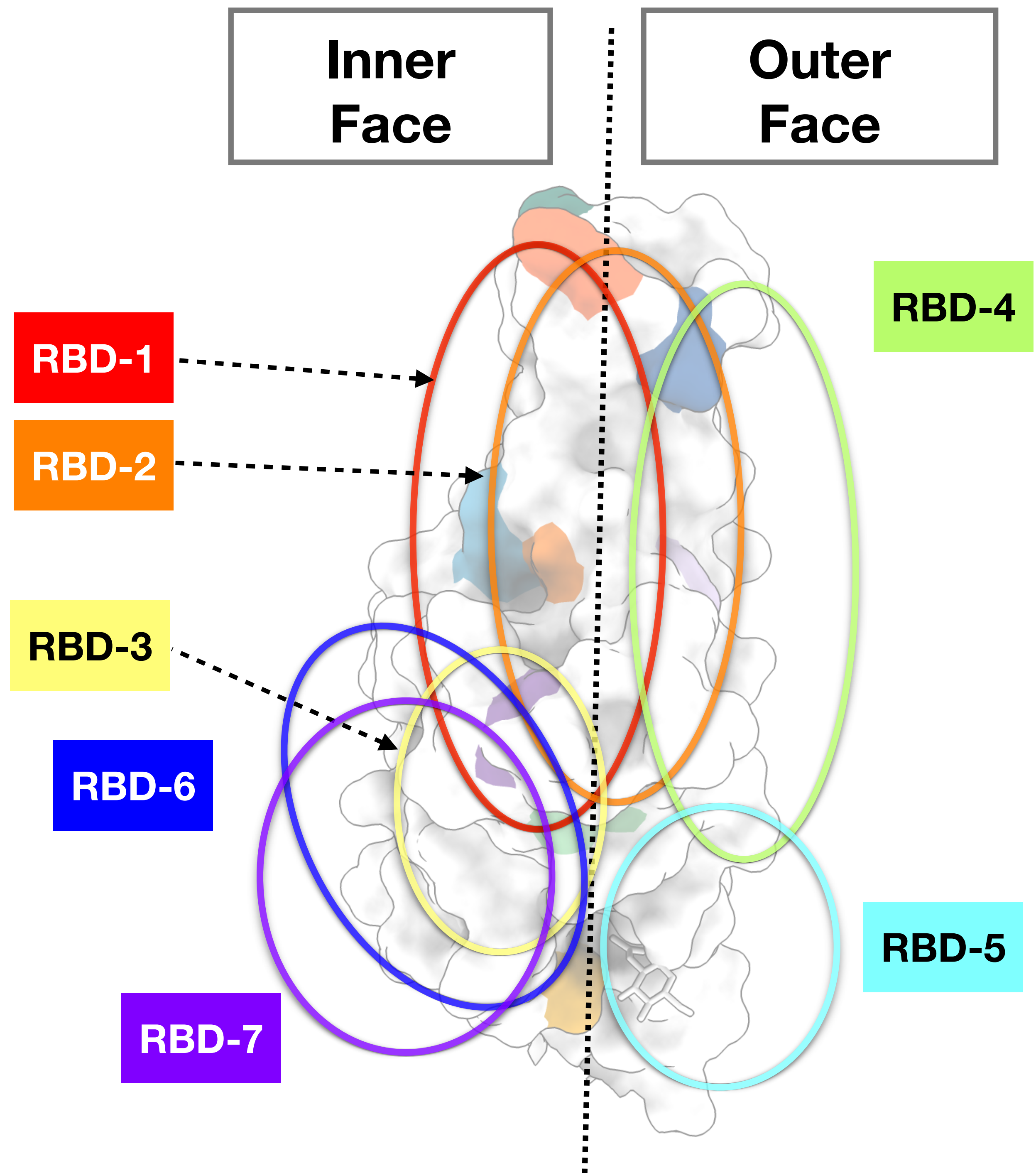
Upper

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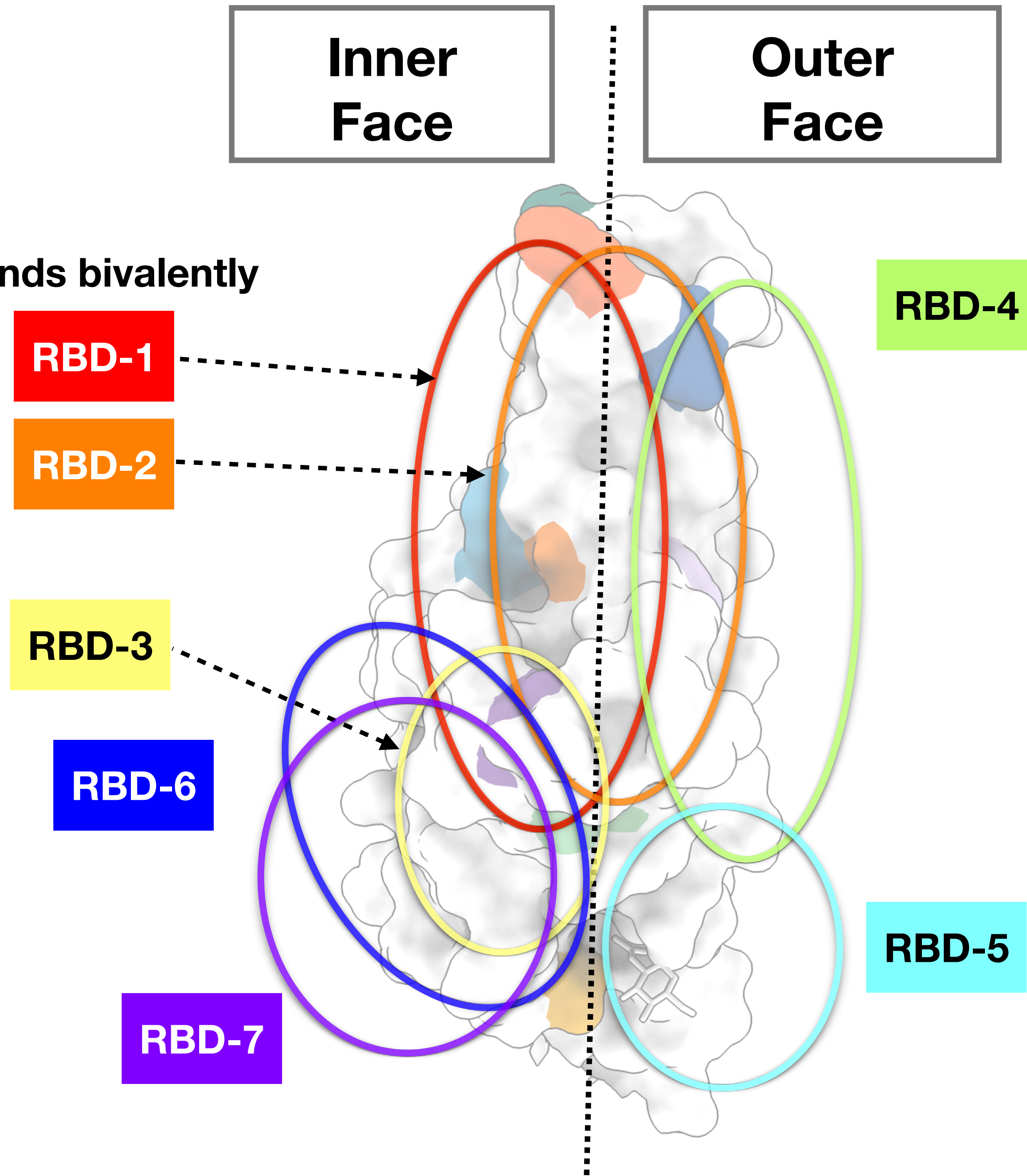




RBD-1, RBD-2

ACE2 blocking

RBD-2 IgG often binds bivalently



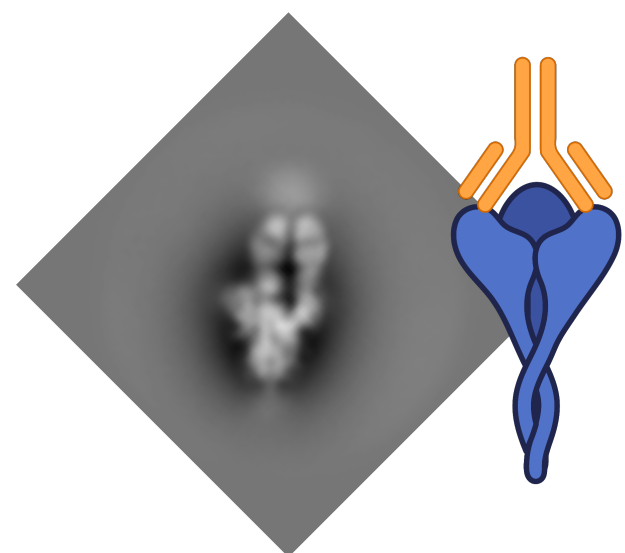
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RBD-1

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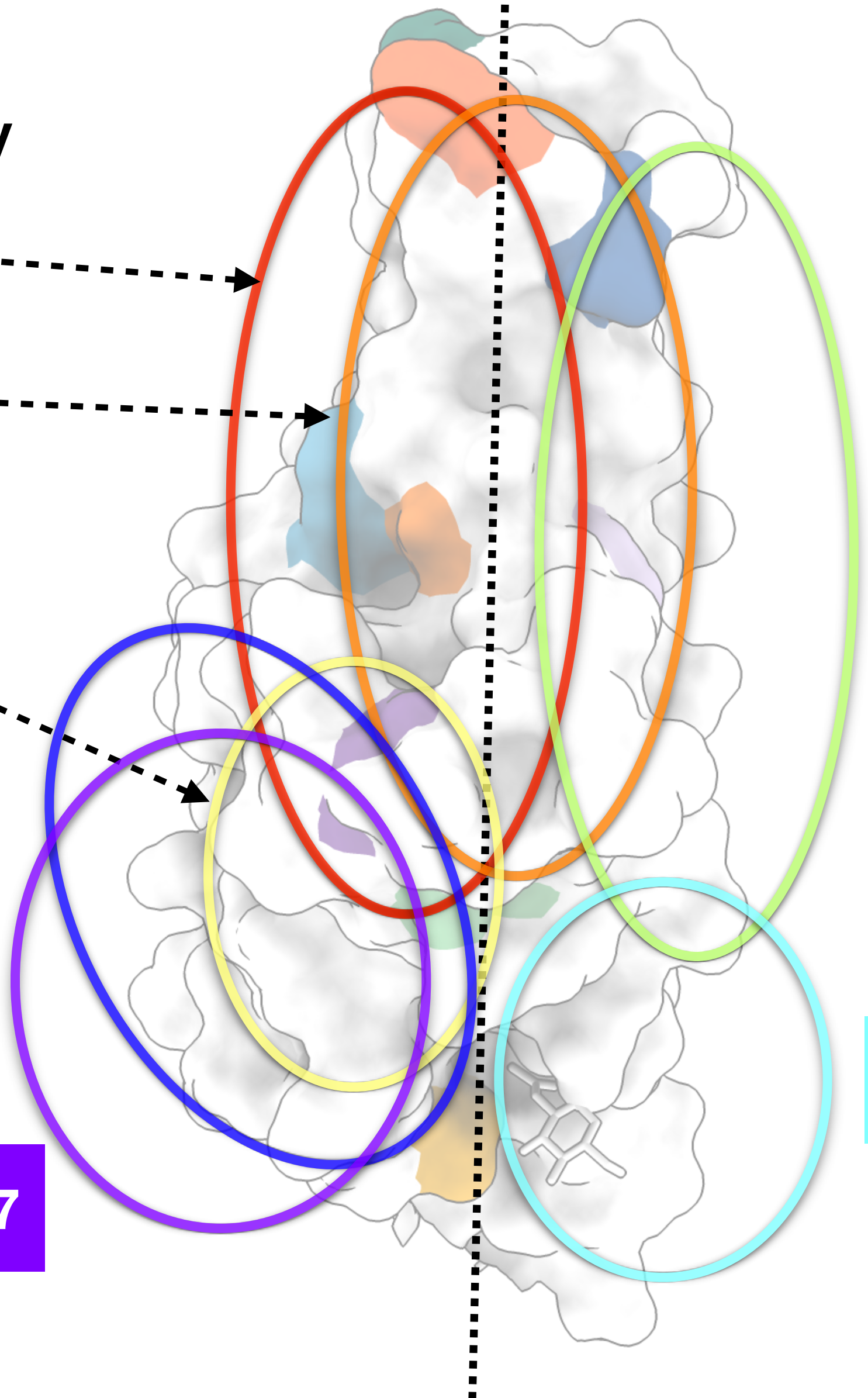
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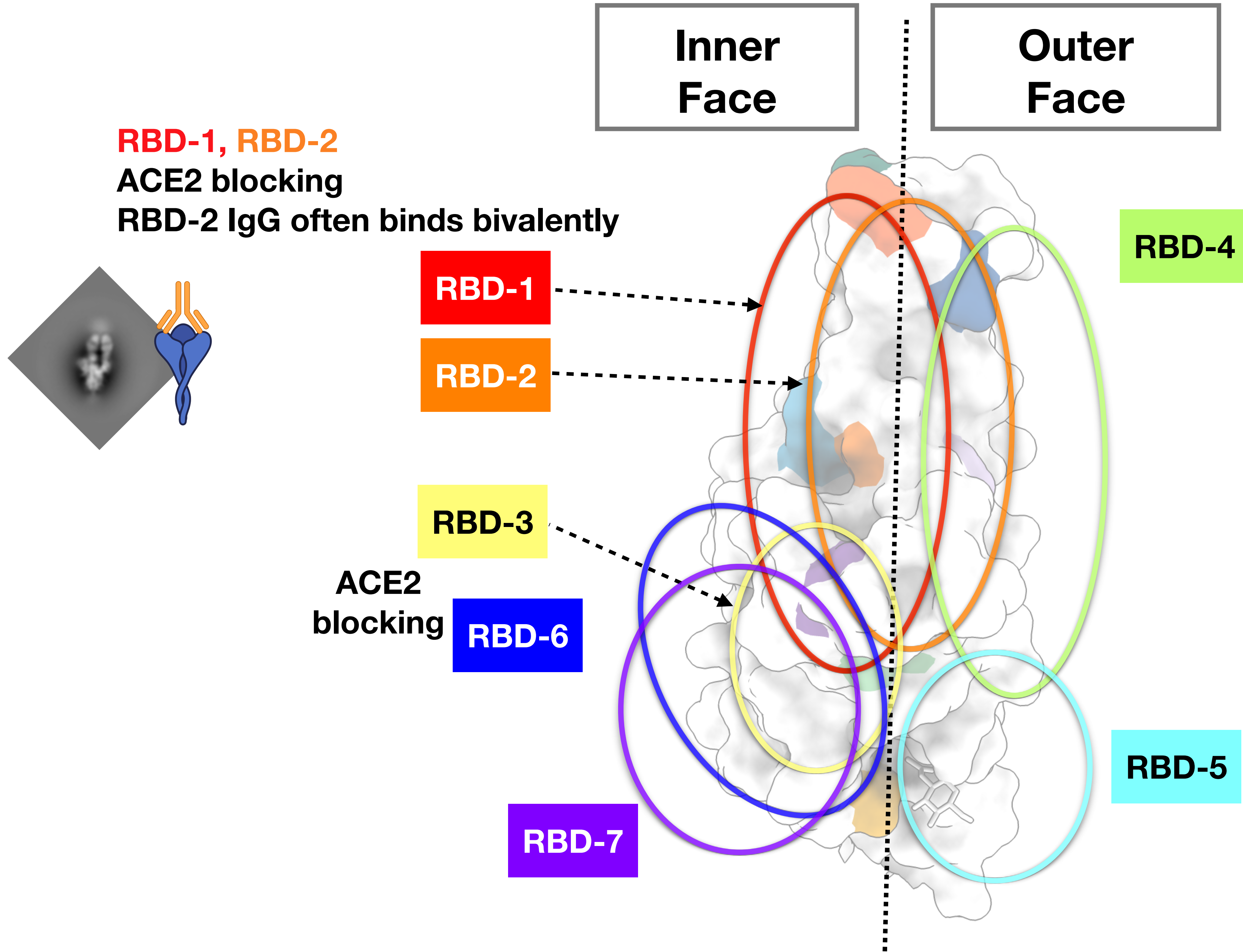
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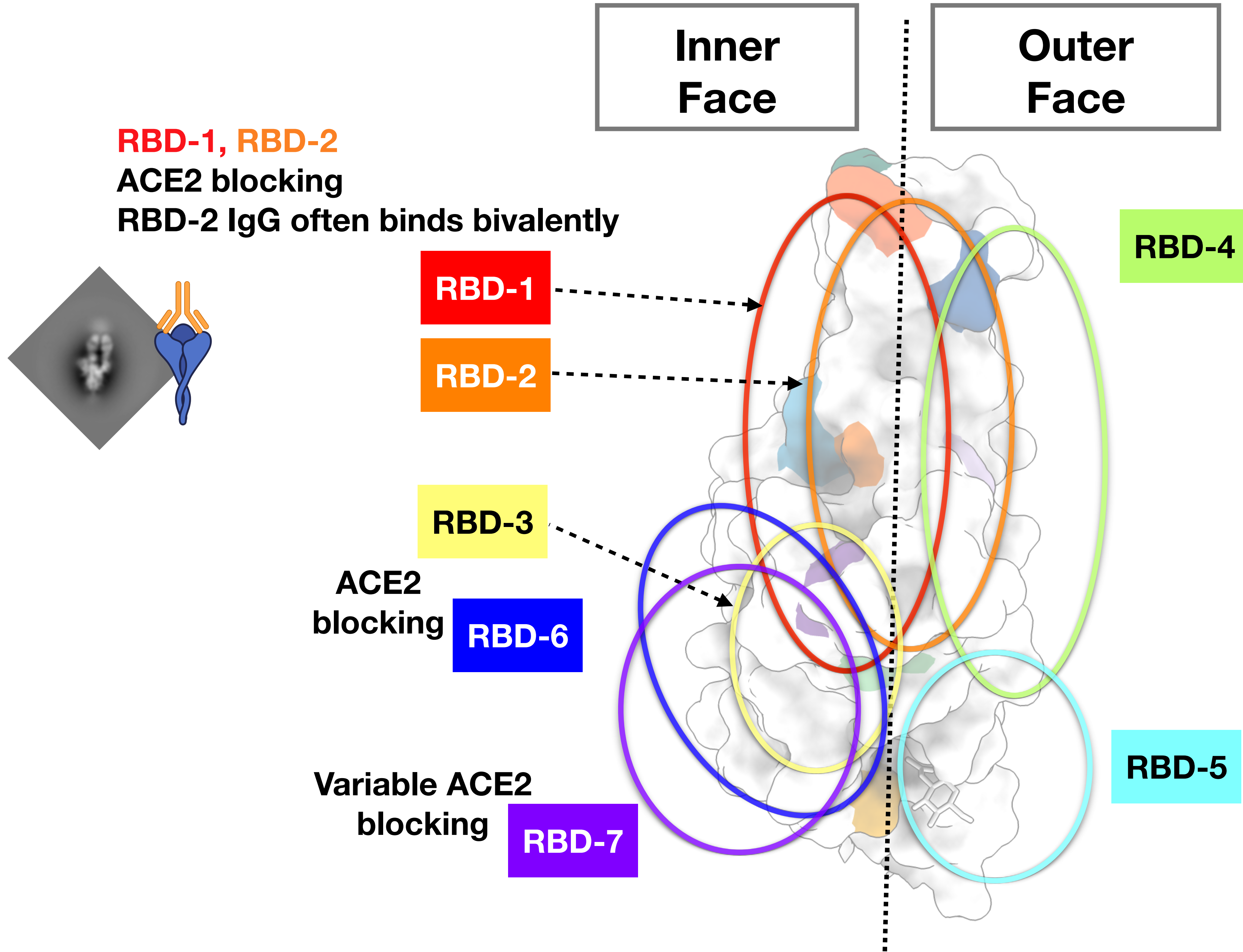
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RBD-4

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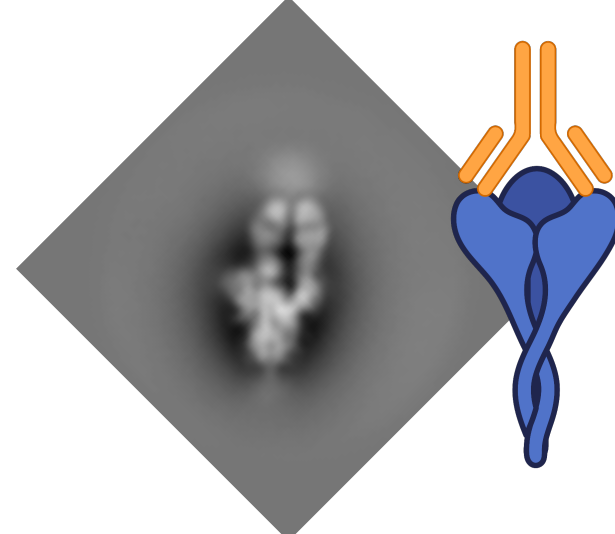
Inner Face

Outer Face

RBD-1, RBD-2

ACE2 blocking

RBD-2 IgG often binds bivalently



Require up-RBD

RBD-1

RBD-2

RBD-3

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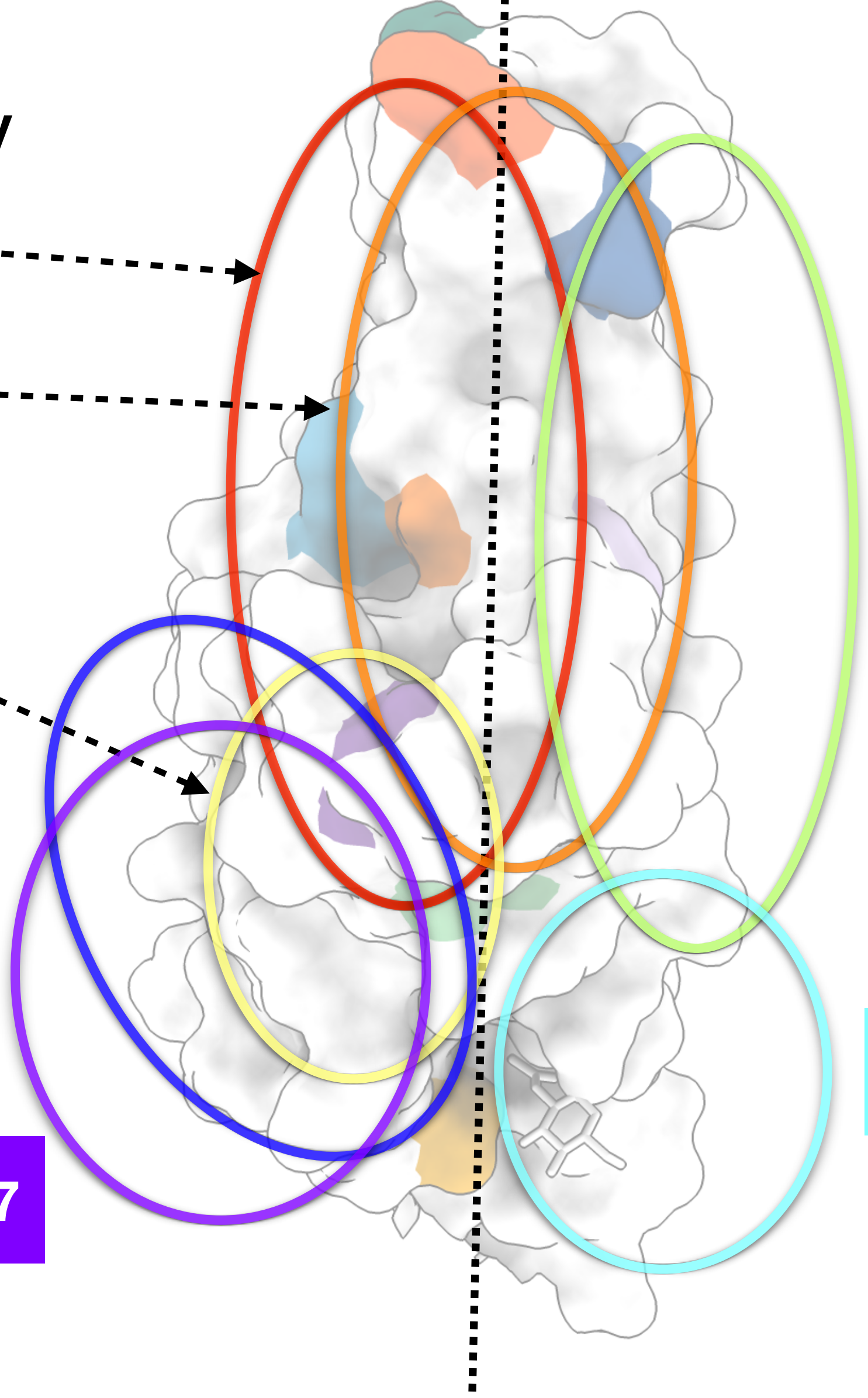
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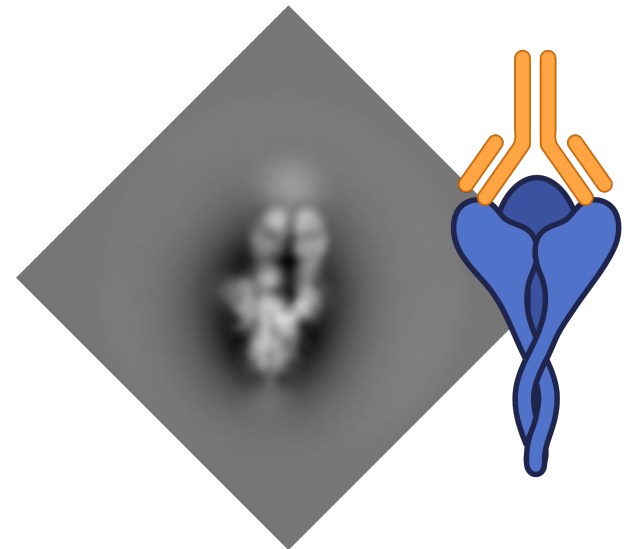
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RBD-5



Inner Face | **Outer Face**

RBD-1, RBD-2
ACE2 blocking
RBD-2 IgG often binds bivalently



Require up-RBD

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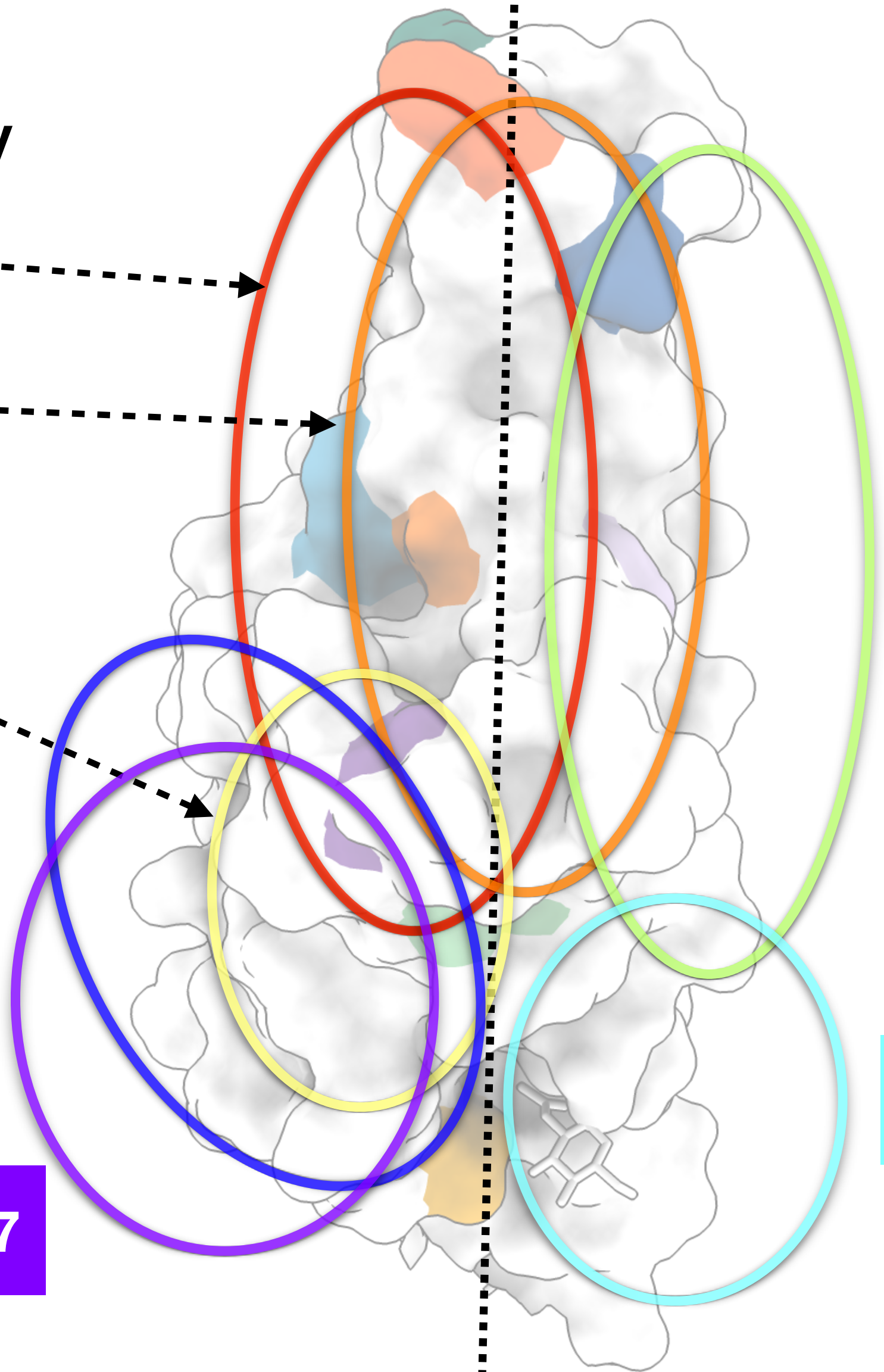
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Variable ACE2 blocking



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RBD-3

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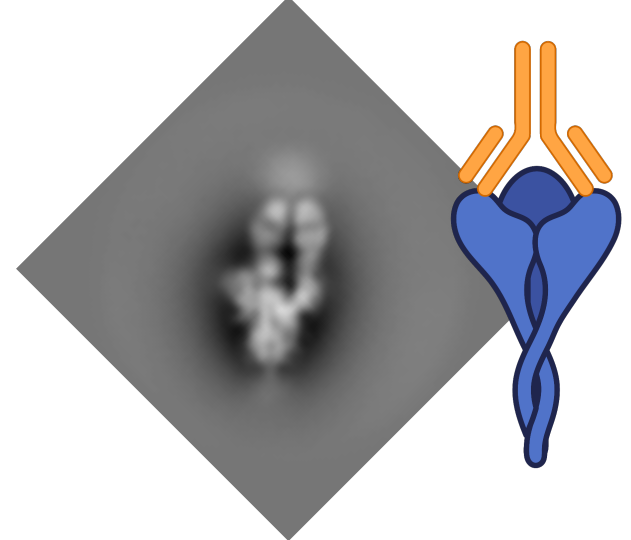
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RBD-5

ACE2 blocking

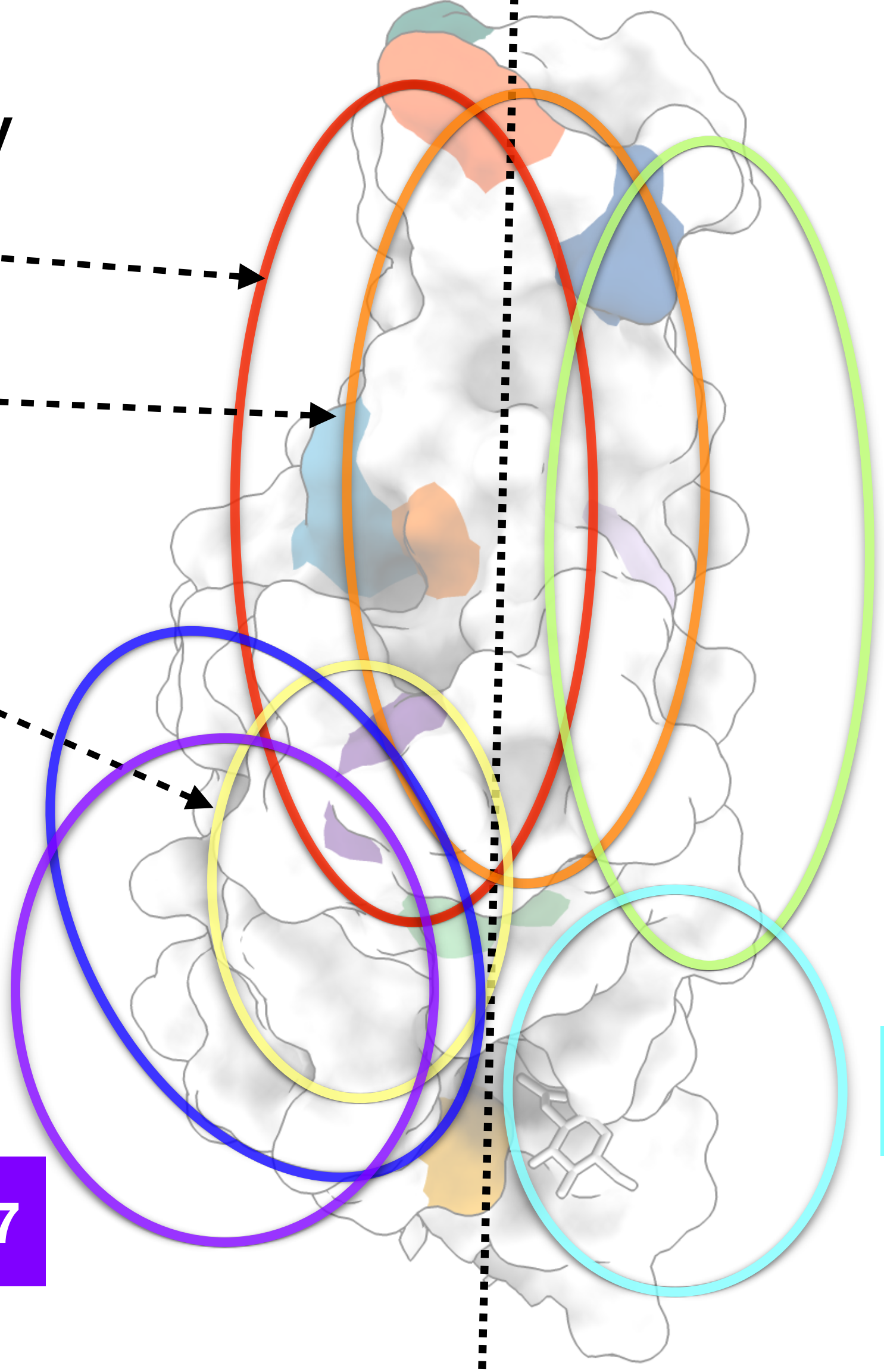
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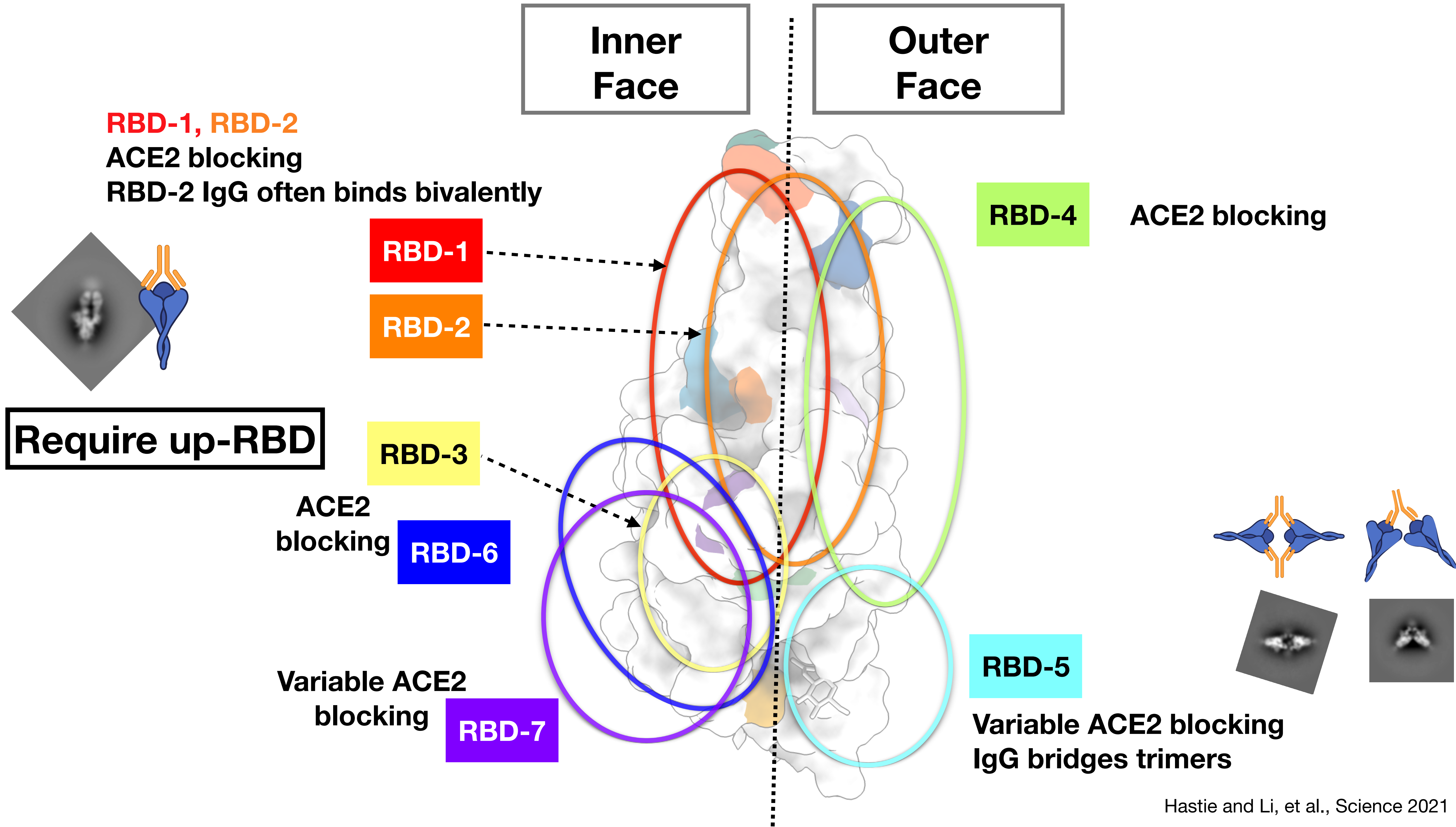


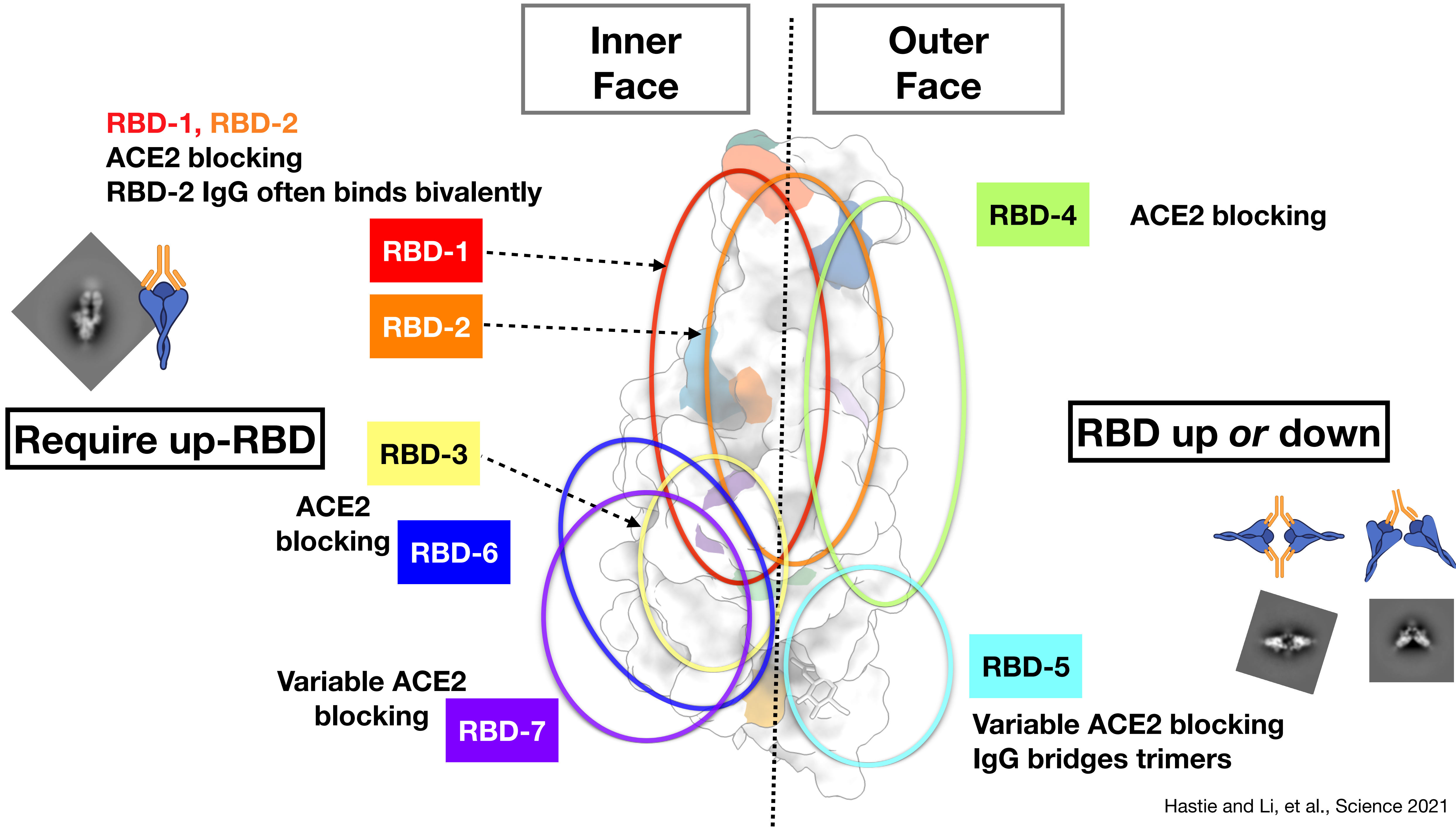
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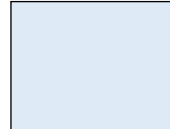
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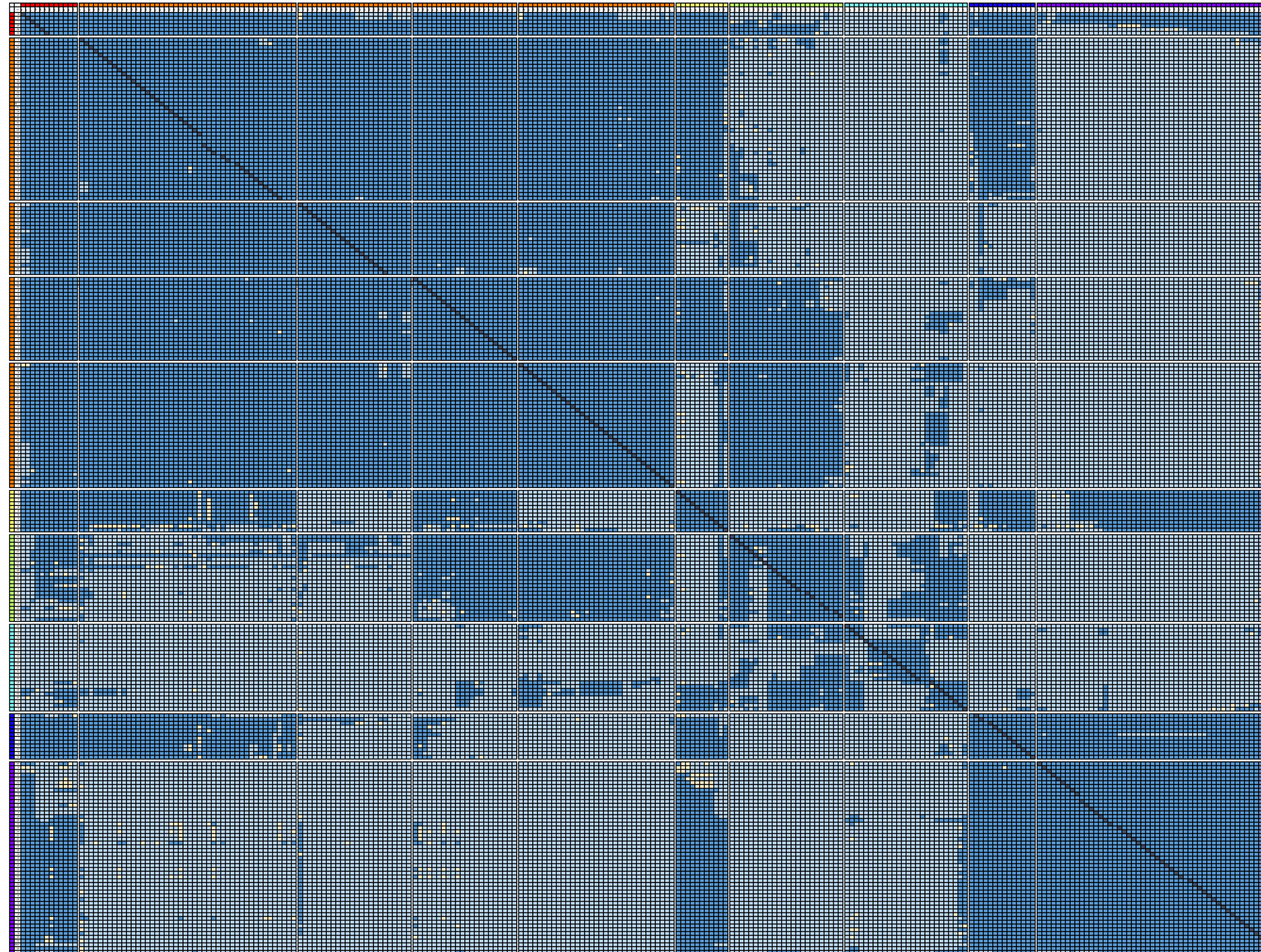


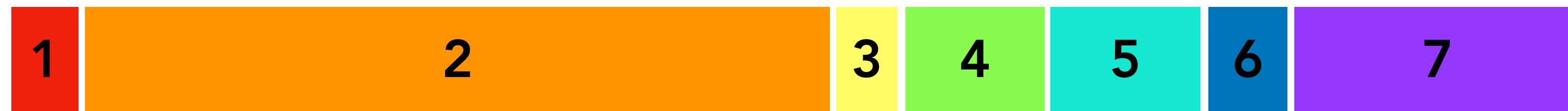





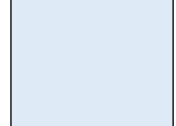
Competition grid across ~370 CoVIC mAbs

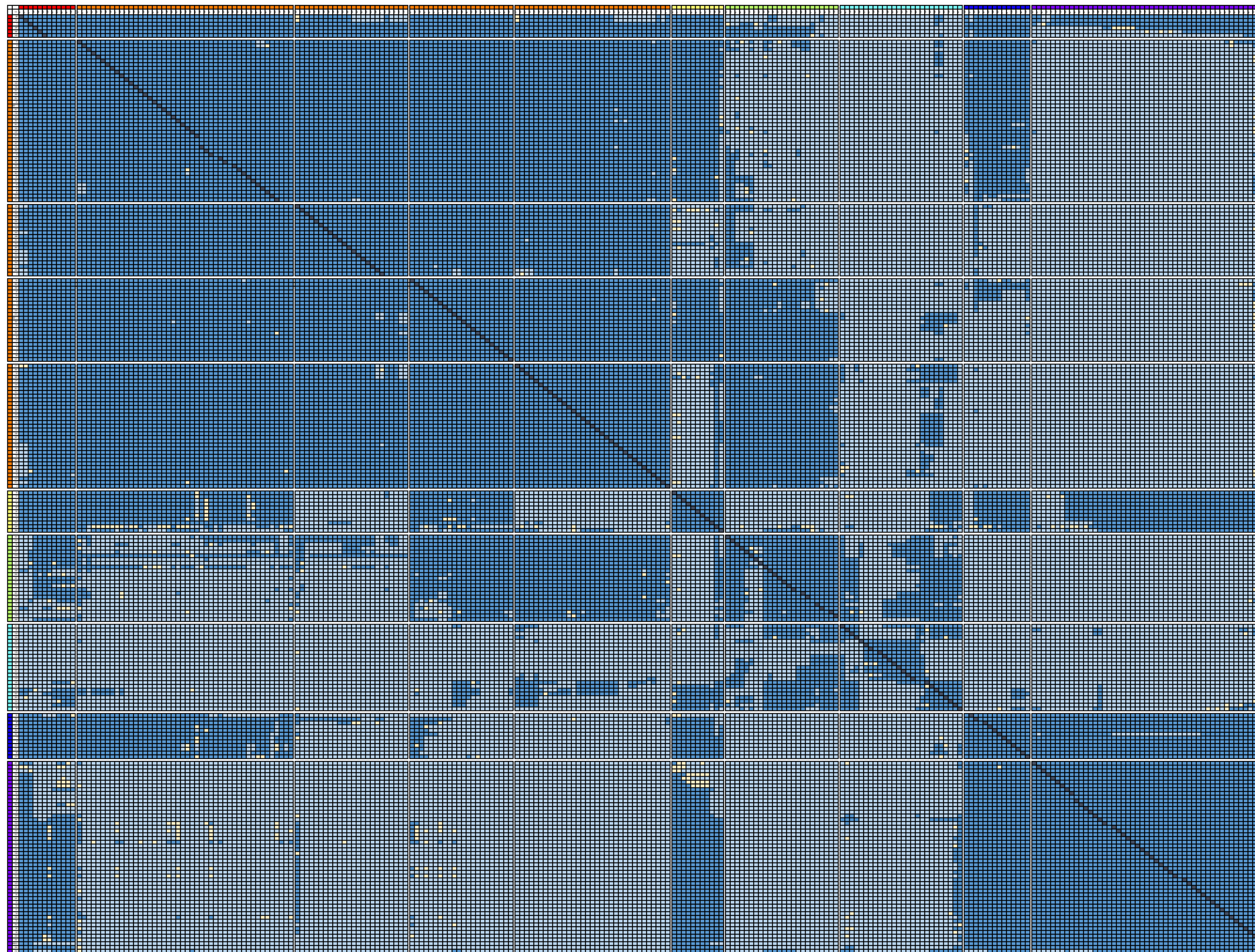
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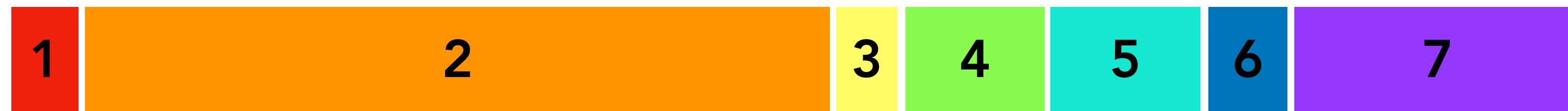



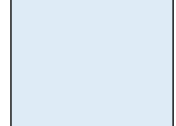


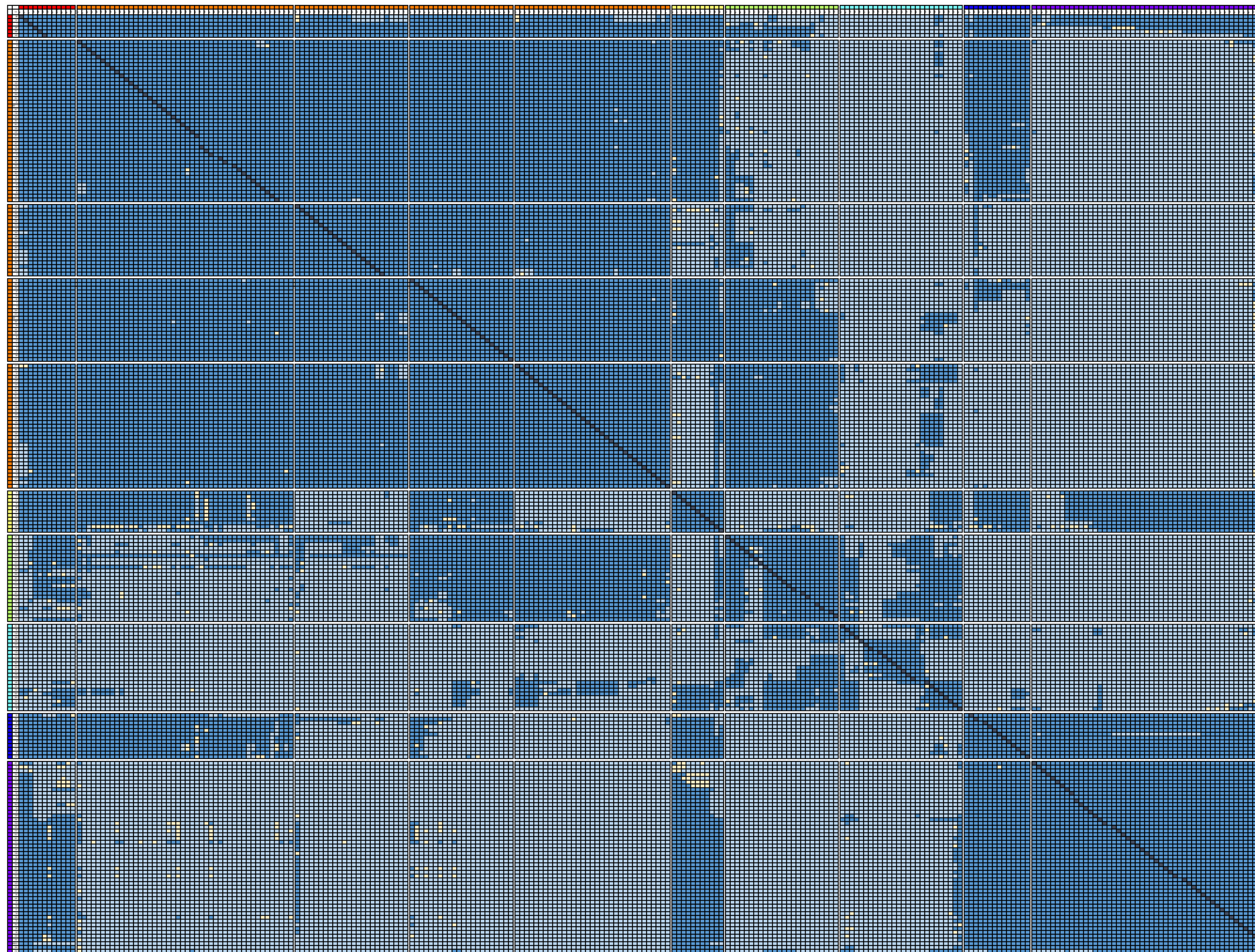
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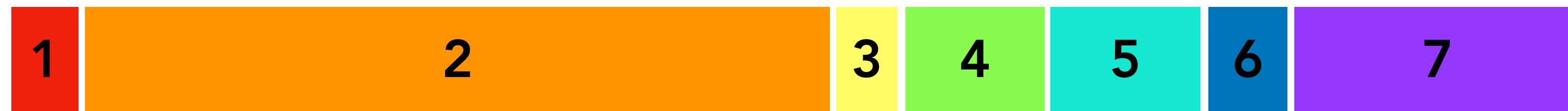
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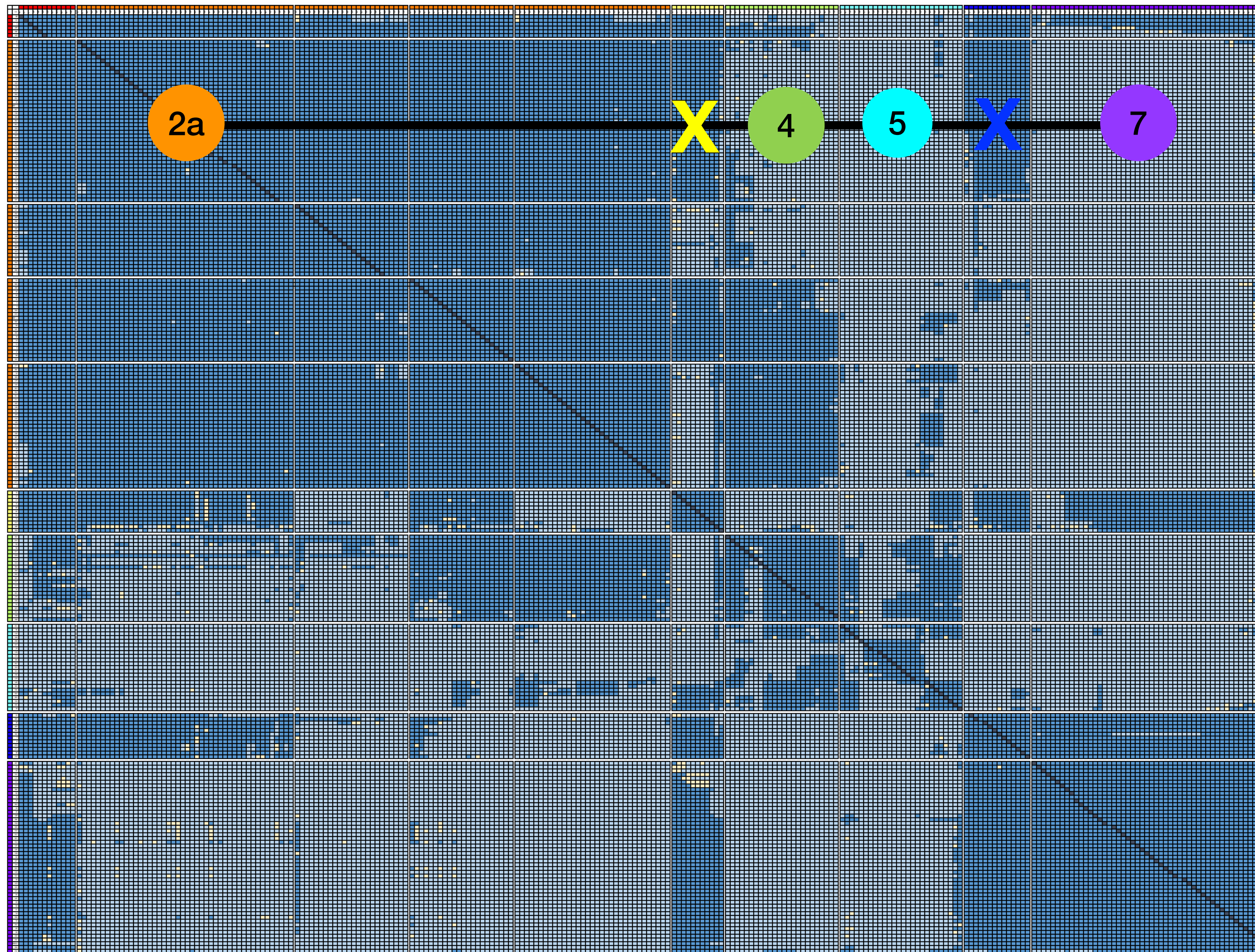
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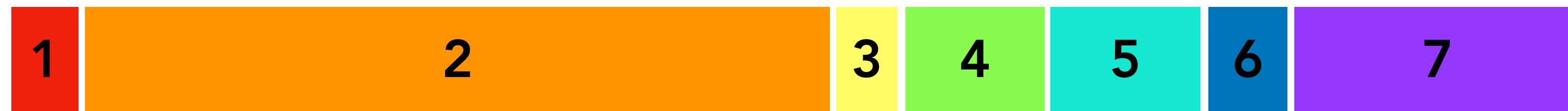




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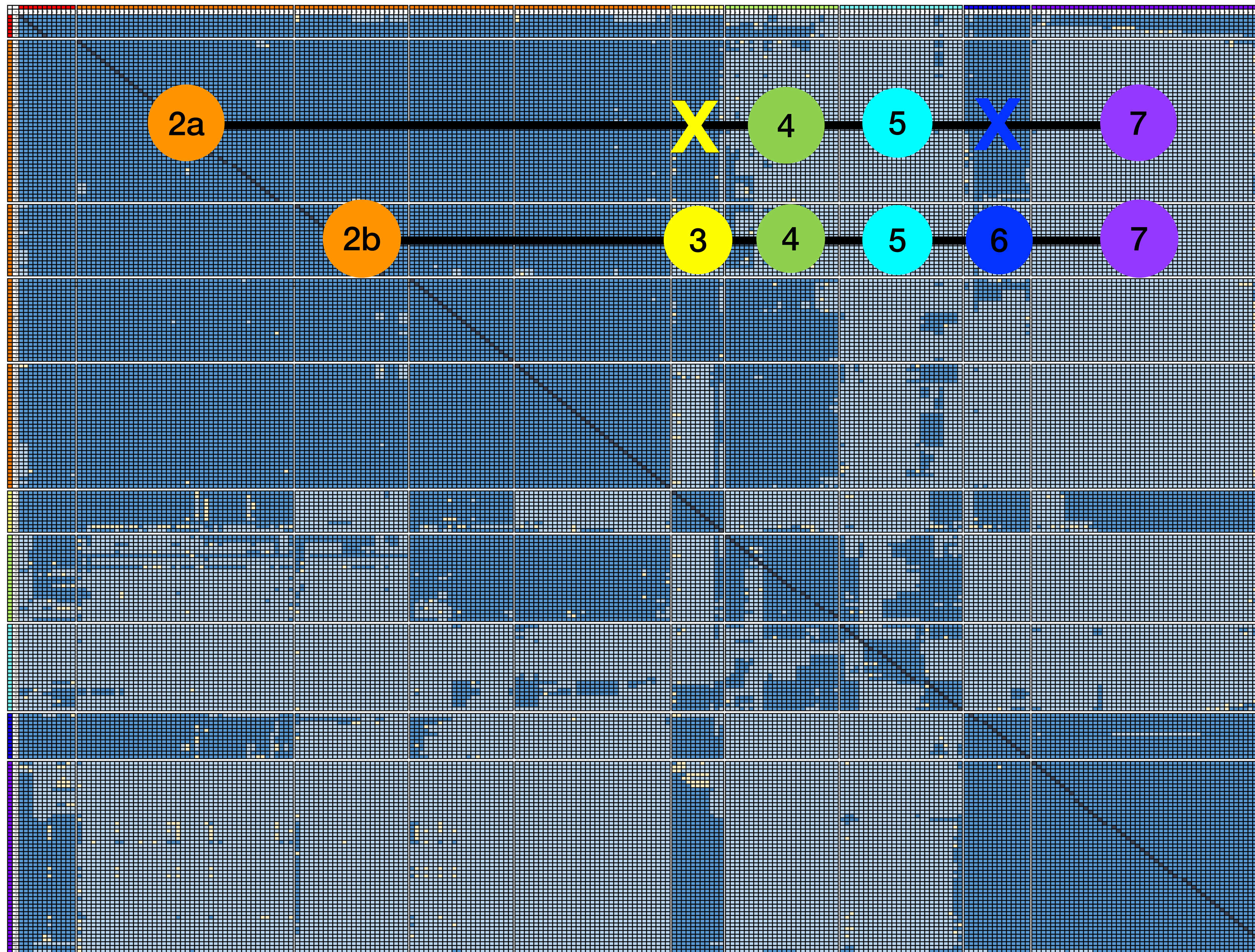
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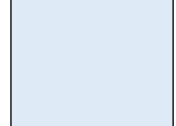
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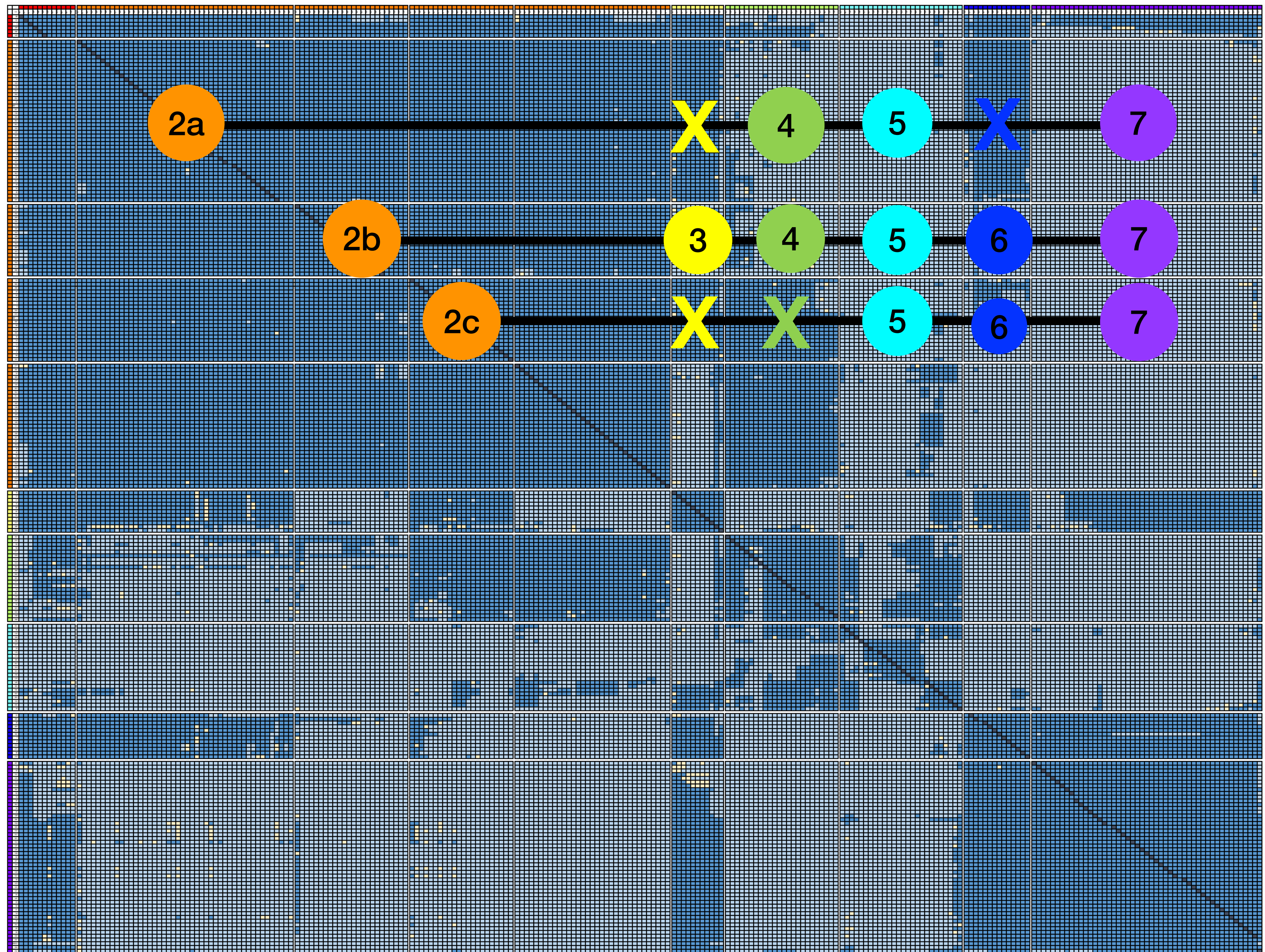
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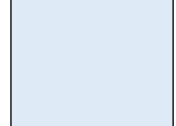
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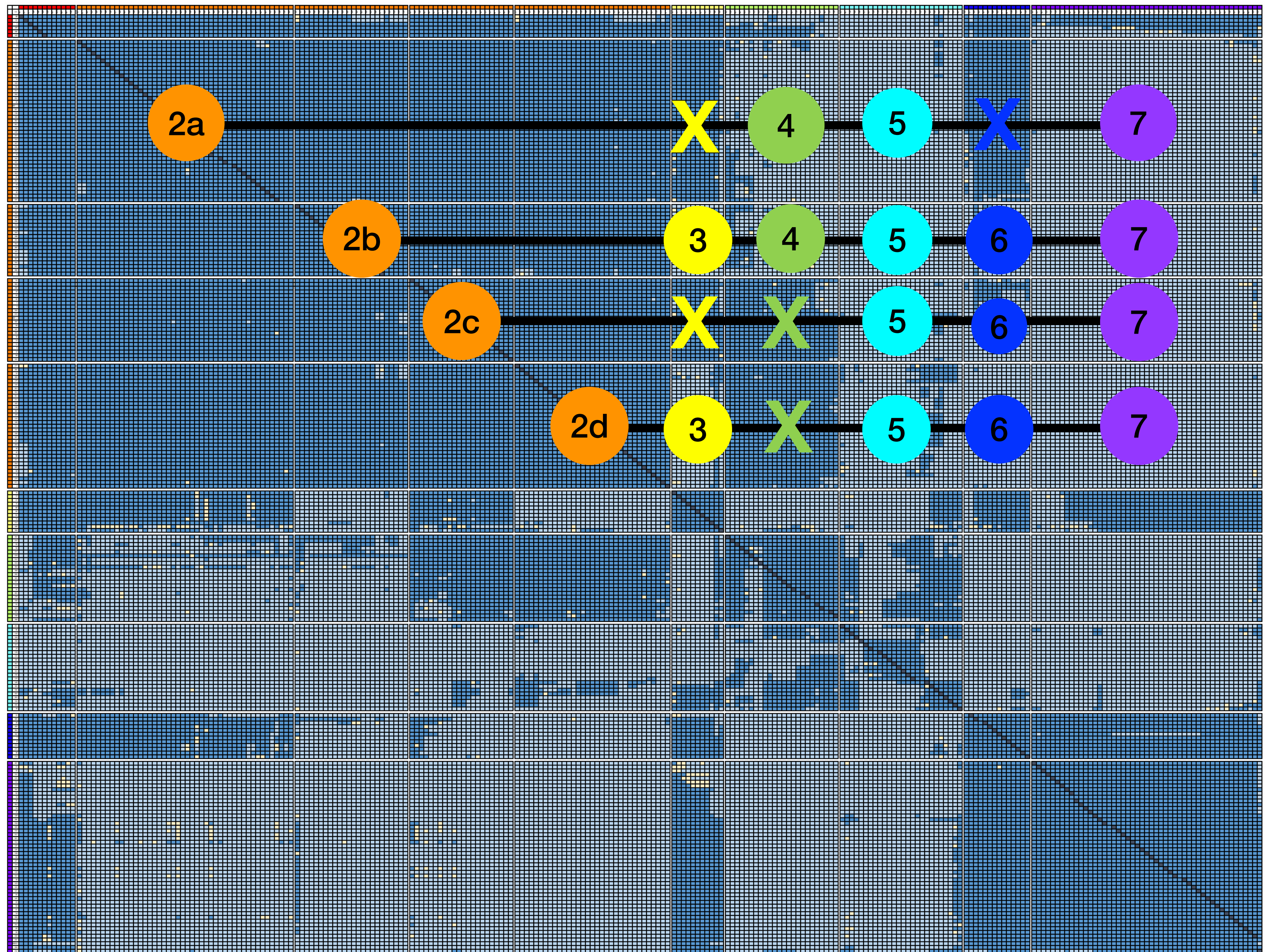
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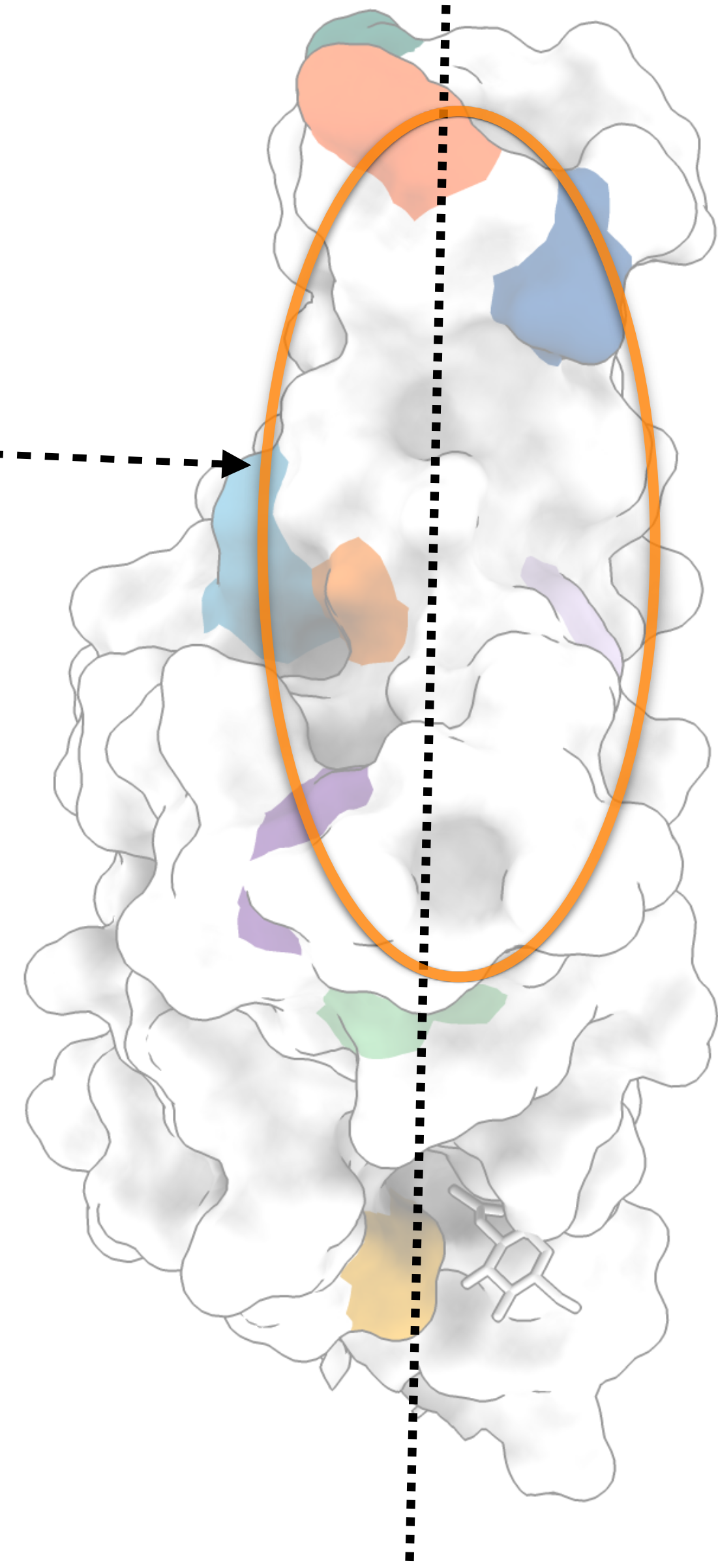


**Top/Inner
Face**

Outer Face

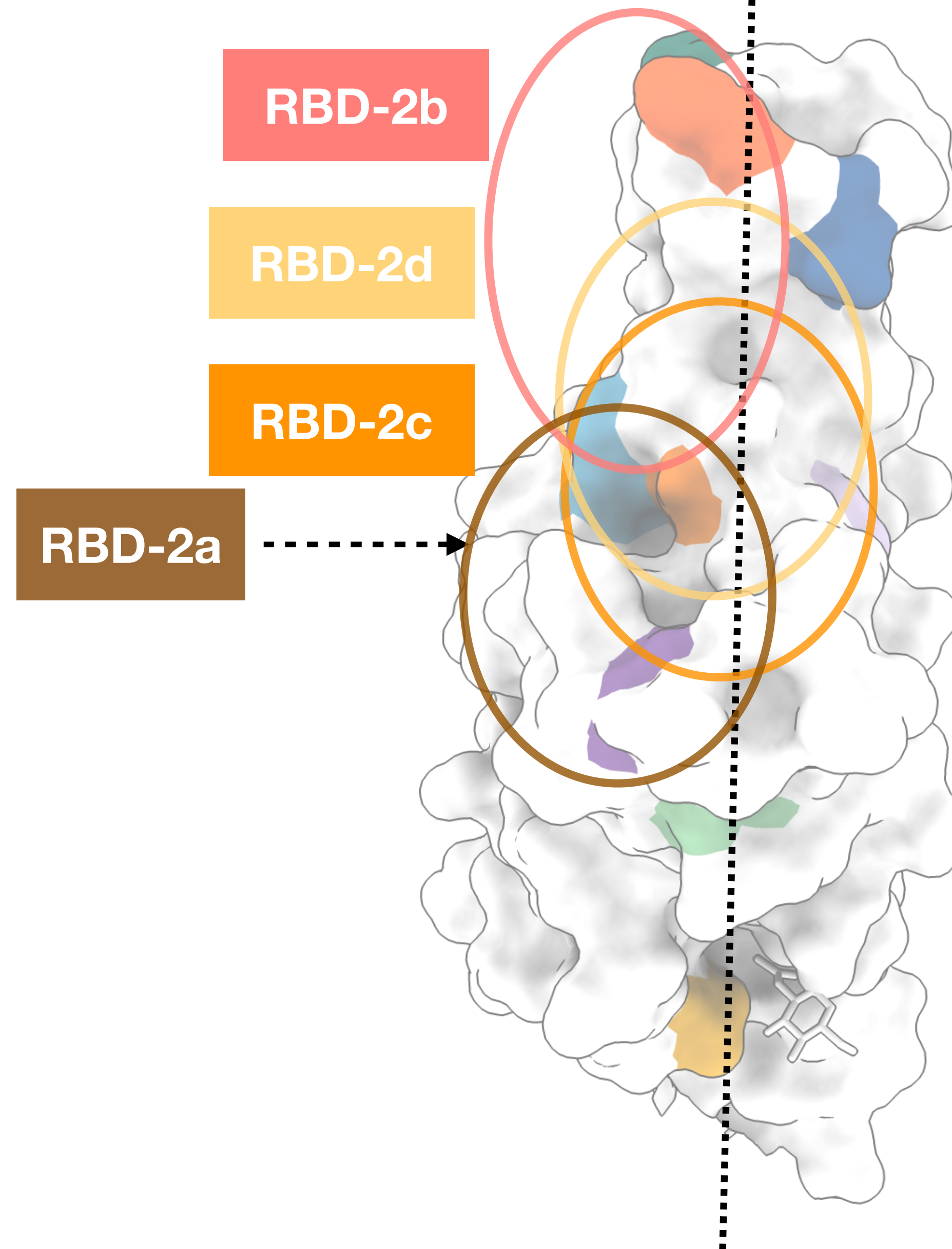
Class 1

RBD-2



**Top/Inner
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Outer Face



RBD-2b

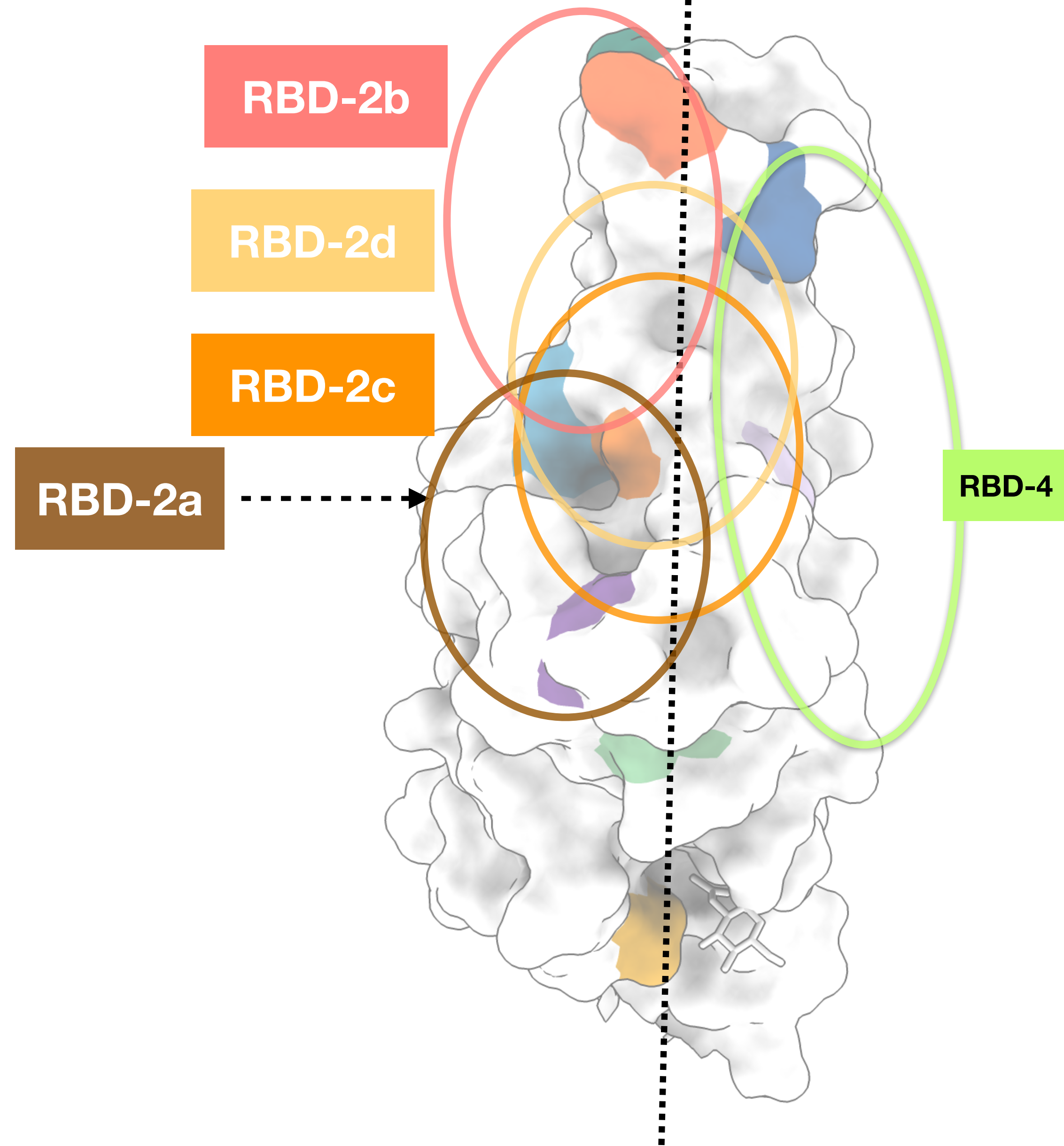
RBD-2d

RBD-2c

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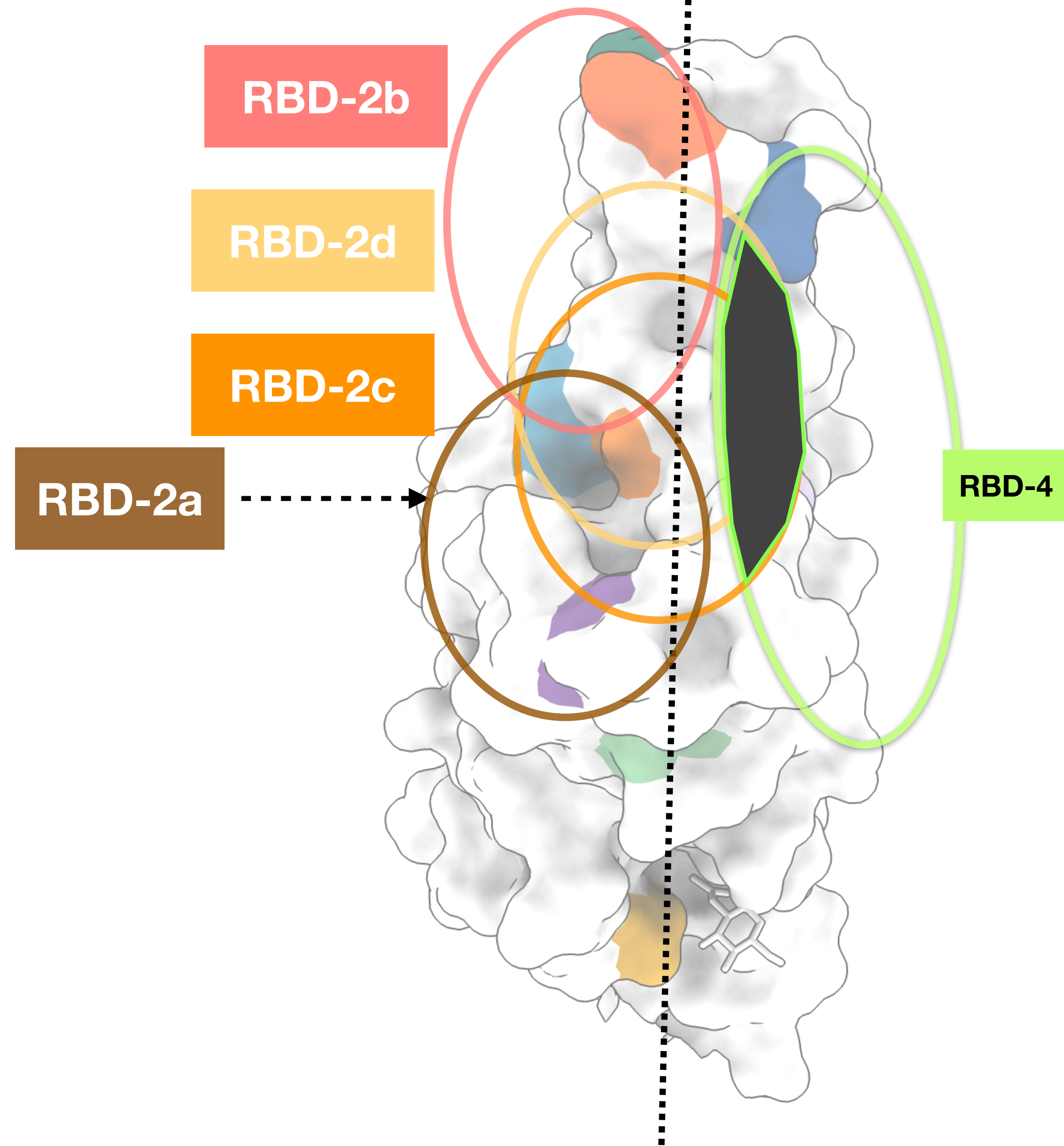
**Top/Inner
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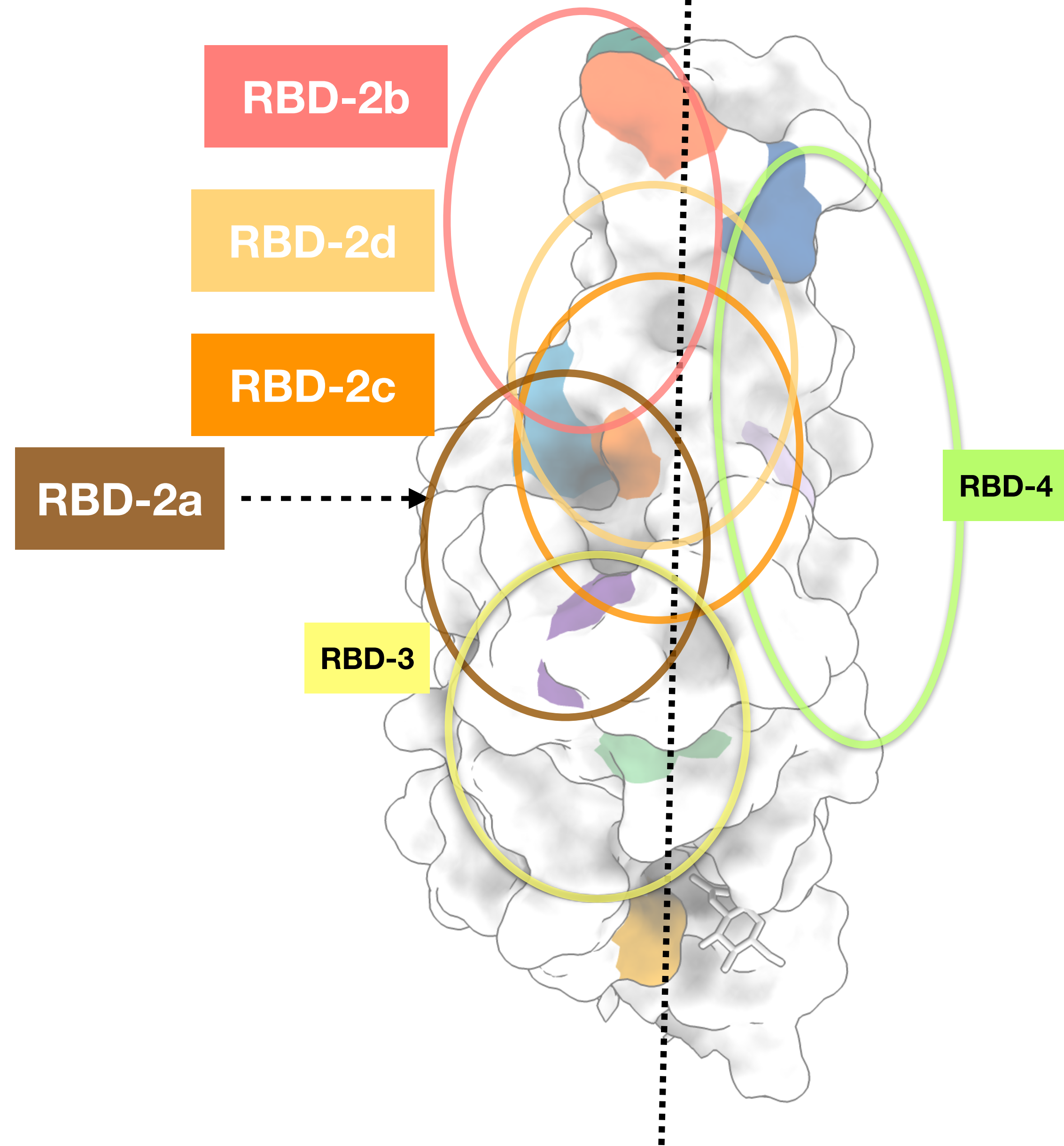
**Top/Inner
Face**

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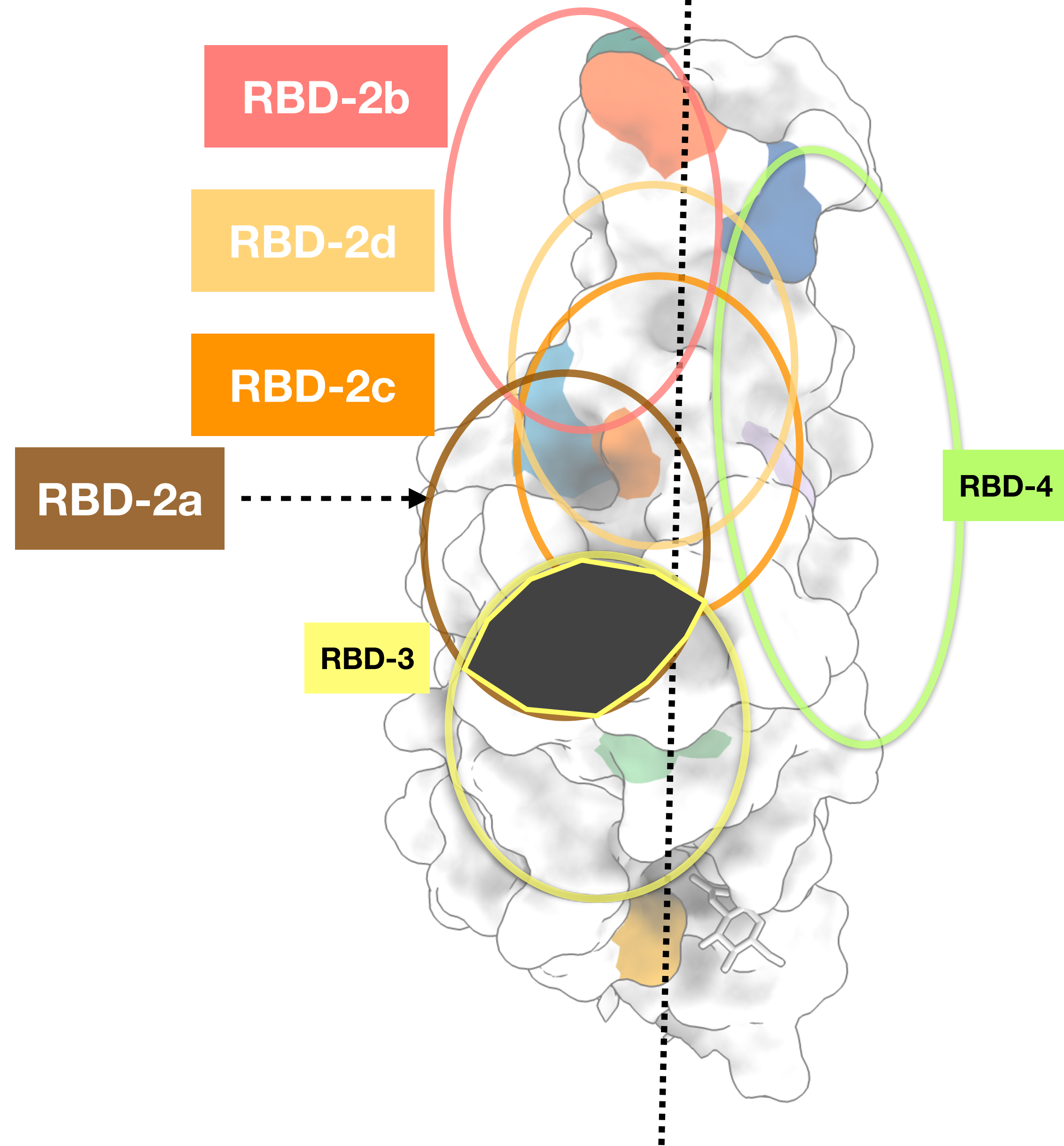
**Top/Inner
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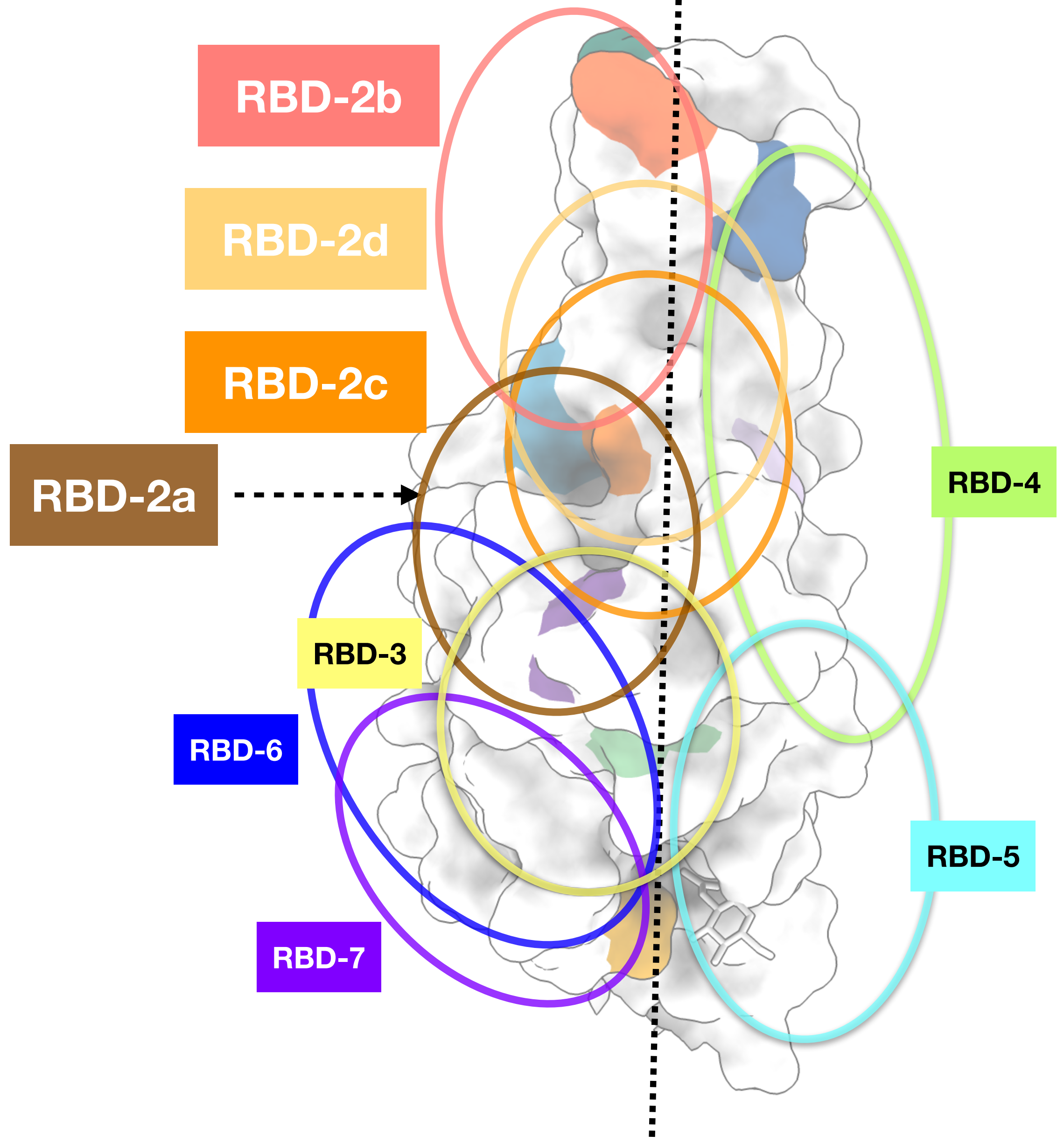
**Top/Inner
Face**

Outer Face



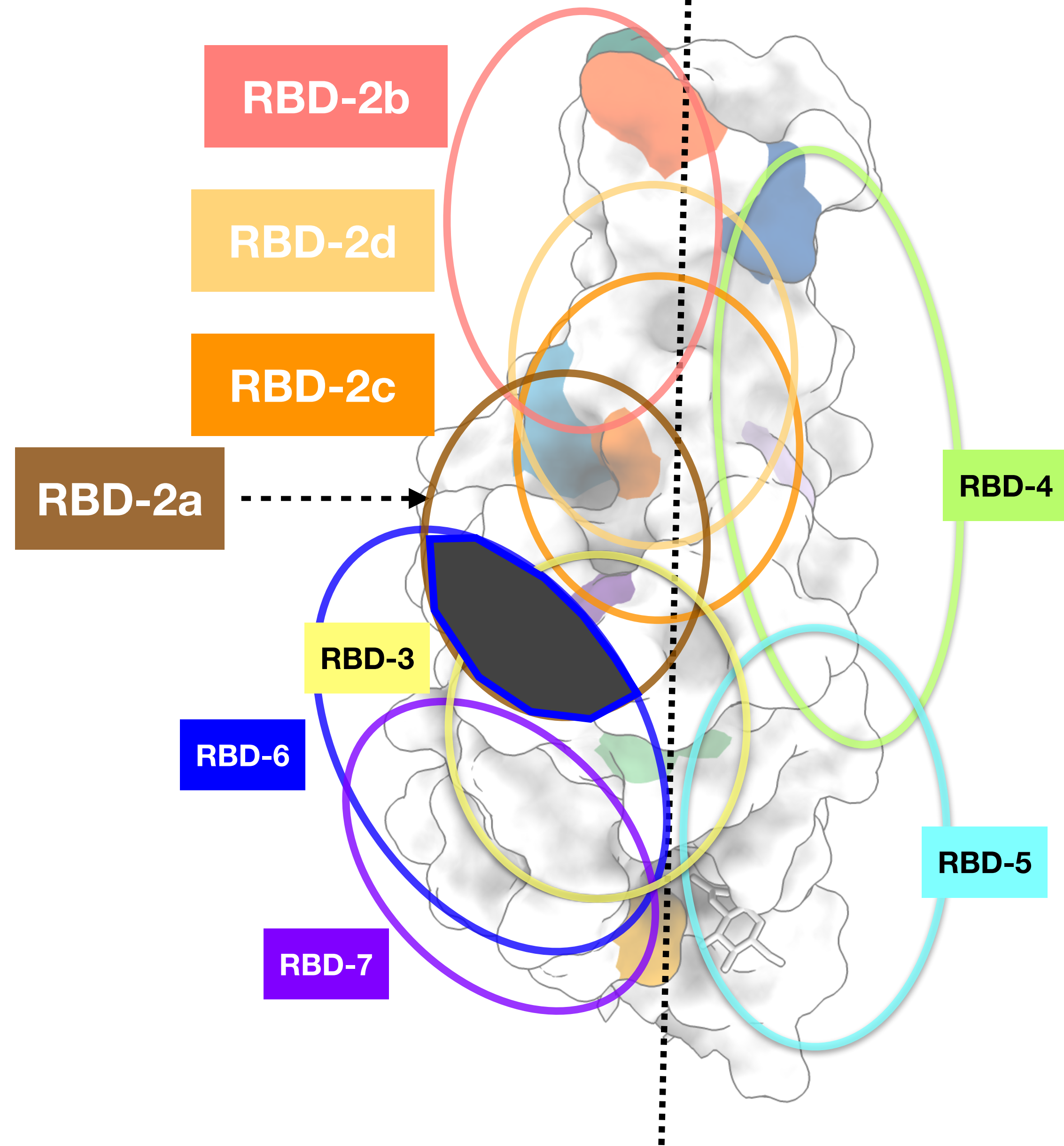
**Top/Inner
Face**

Outer Face



**Top/Inner
Face**

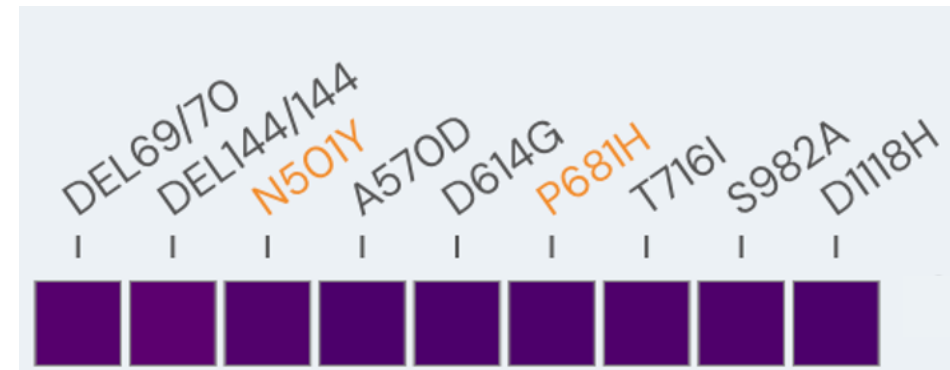
Outer Face



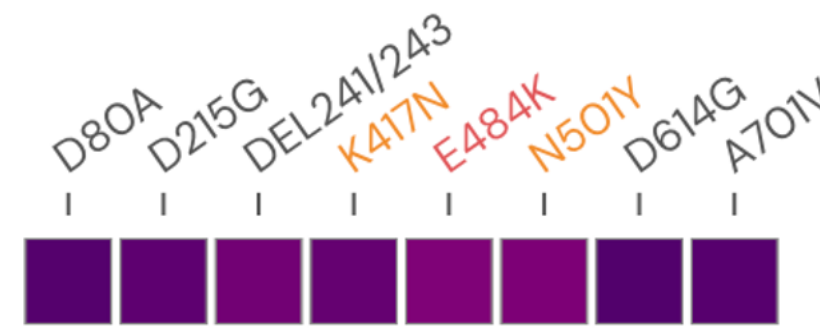
A microscopic image of cells, possibly lymphocytes, with several blue dots scattered across the field, likely representing viral particles or specific cellular components. The text is overlaid in the center.

October 2020: Variants Of Concern

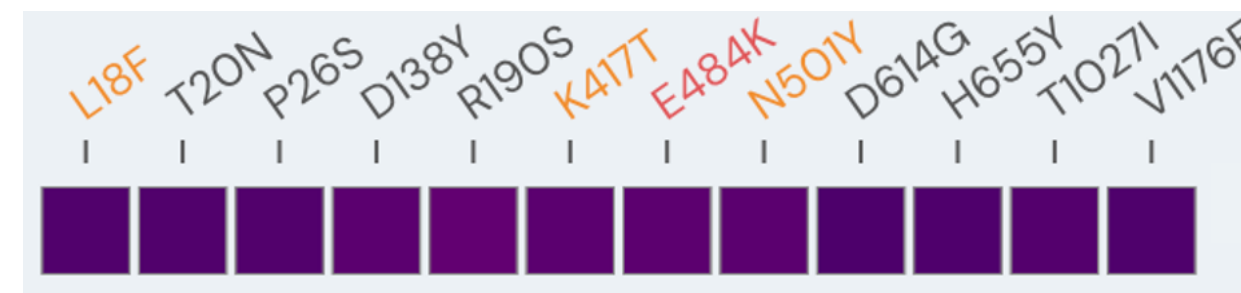
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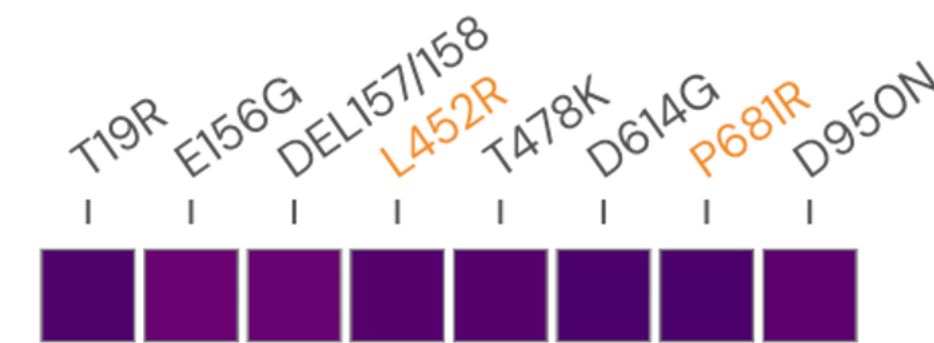
December 2020 : Beta



January 2021 : Gamma



May 2021 : Delta

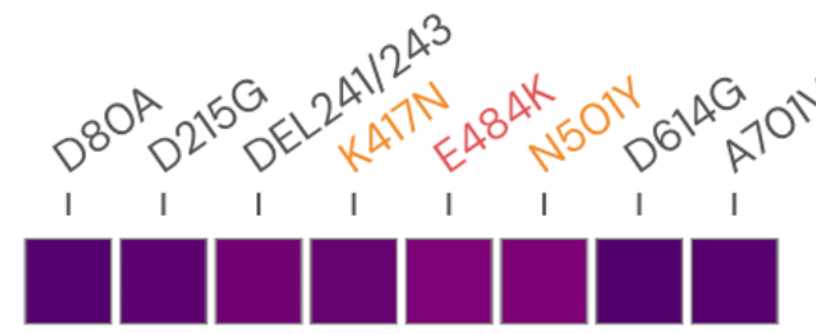


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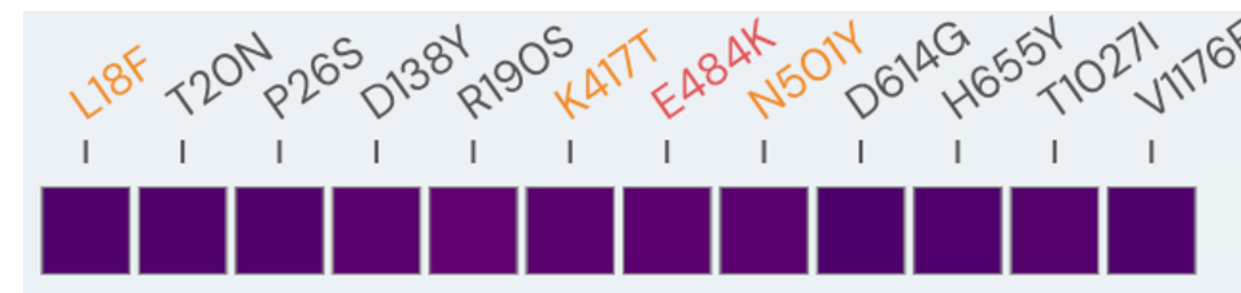


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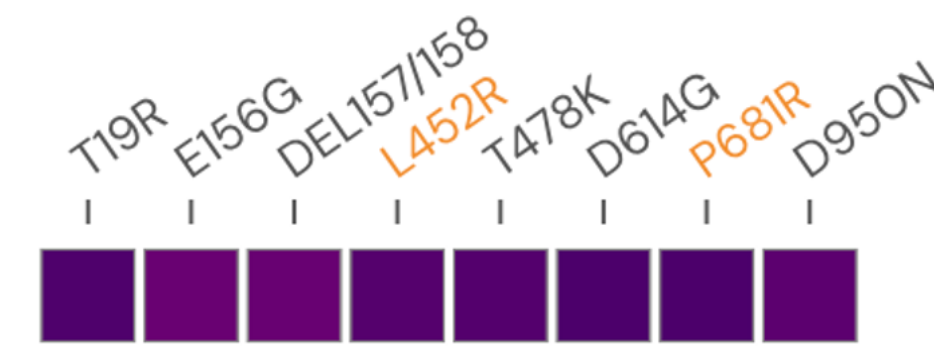
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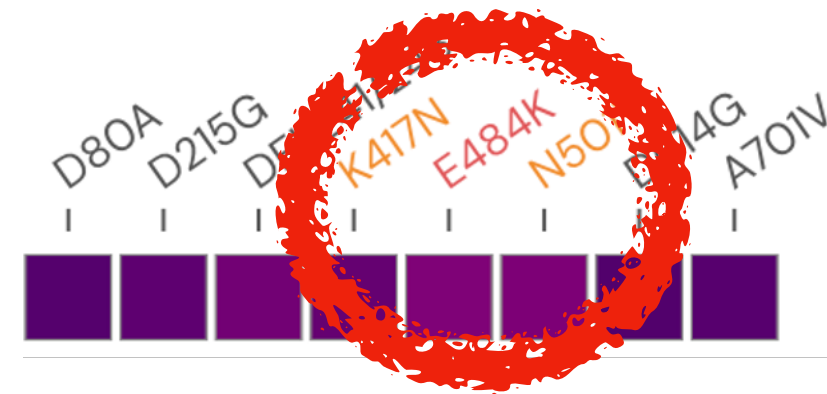


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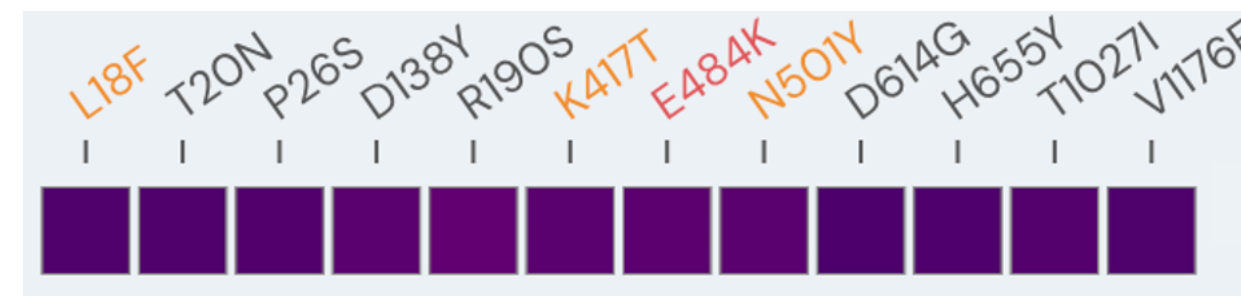
N501Y

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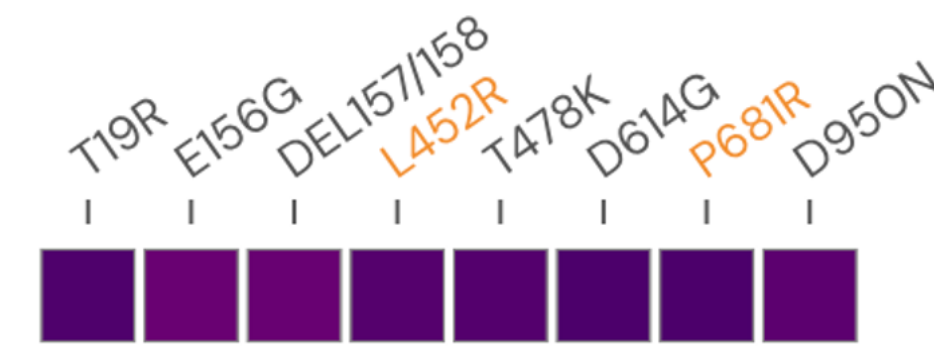


K417N, E484K, N501Y

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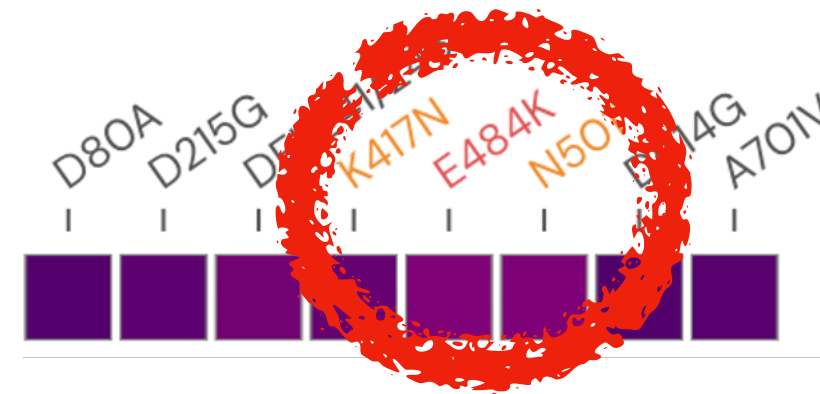


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N501Y

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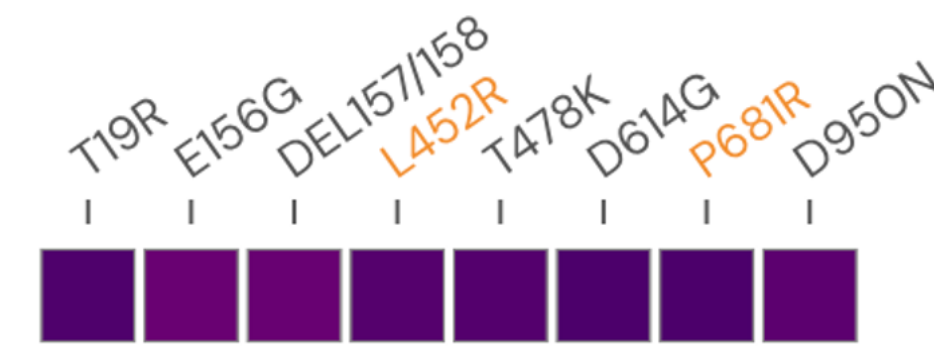
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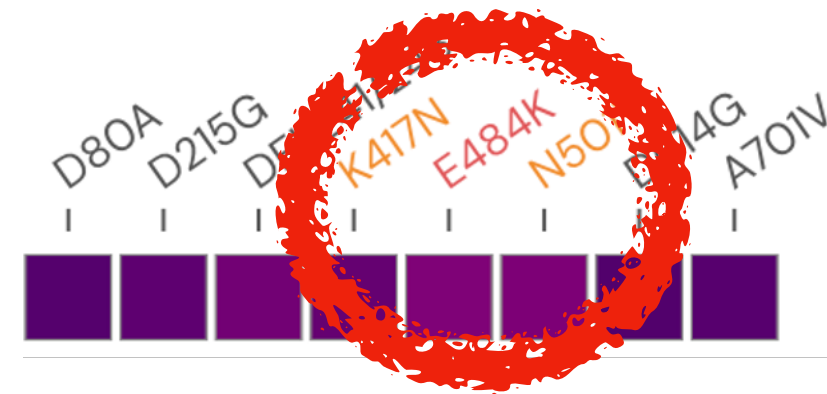


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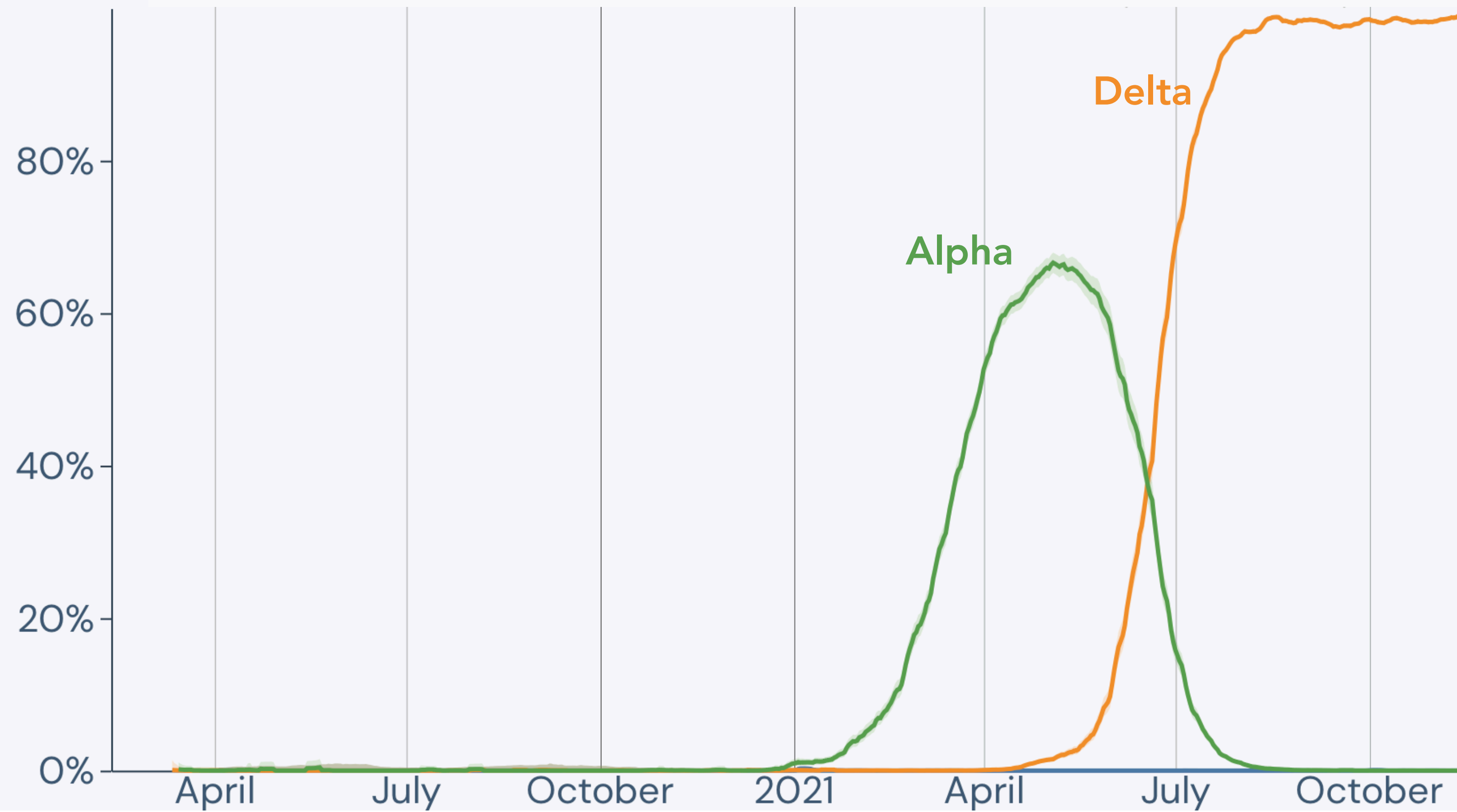
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L452R

Mutation and case prevalence over time in United States

— 7 day rolling average of percent sequences with mutation(s)
■ 95% confidence interval ▨ missing recent data



October 2020: Variants Of Concern

Which CoVIC mAbs are resistant to VOC?

What epitope group are they in?

What combinations good for cocktails?

Select 40 representative mAbs to map resistance

RESEARCH

CORONAVIRUS

Defining variant-resistant epitopes targeted by SARS-CoV-2 antibodies: A global consortium study

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Antibody-based therapeutics and vaccines are essential to combat COVID-19 morbidity and mortality after severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infection. Multiple mutations in SARS-CoV-2 that could impair antibody defenses propagated in human-to-human transmission and spillover or spillback events between humans and animals. To develop prevention and therapeutic strategies, we formed an international consortium to map the epitope landscape on the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, defining and structurally illustrating seven receptor binding domain (RBD)-directed antibody communities with distinct footprints and competition profiles. Pseudovirion-based neutralization assays reveal spike mutations, individually and clustered together in variants, that affect antibody function among the communities. Key classes of RBD-targeted antibodies maintain neutralization activity against these emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants. These results provide a framework for selecting antibody treatment cocktails and understanding how viral variants might affect antibody therapeutic efficacy.



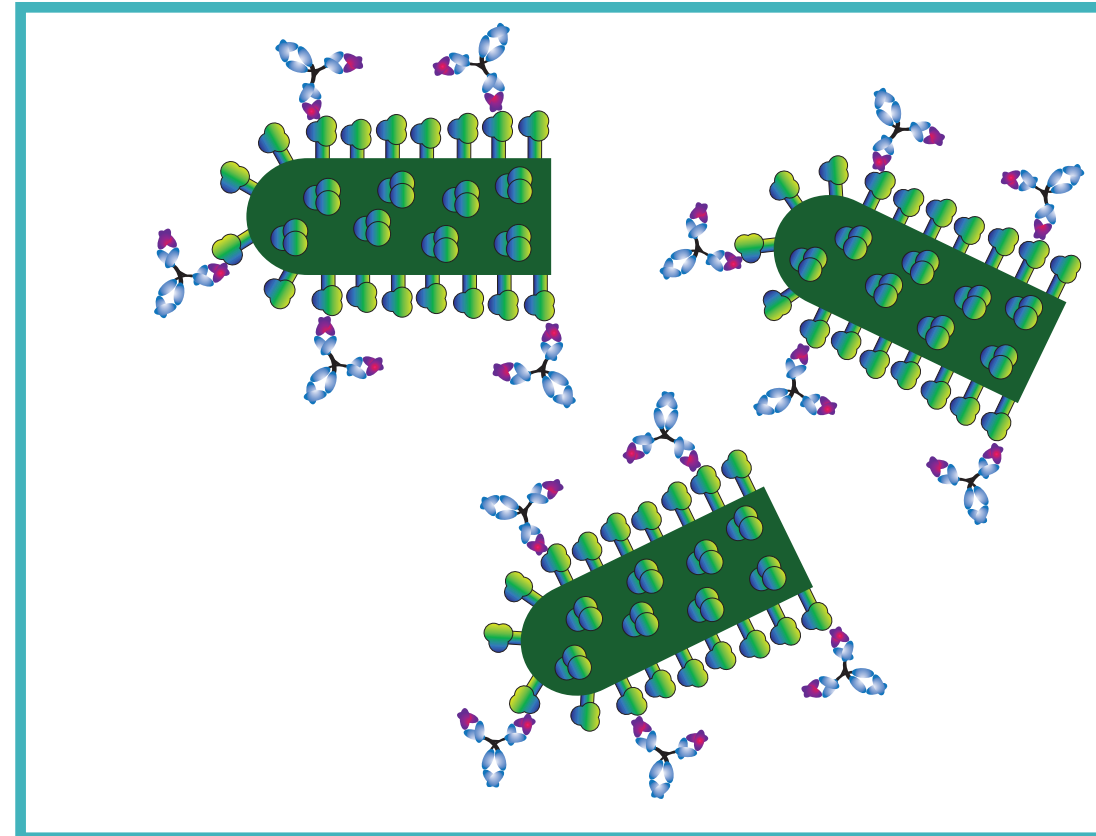
Pseudovirus neutralization

SARS-CoV-2 Spike source: Wuhan Hu-1 strain or VOC

Base pseudovirus: VSV Δ G

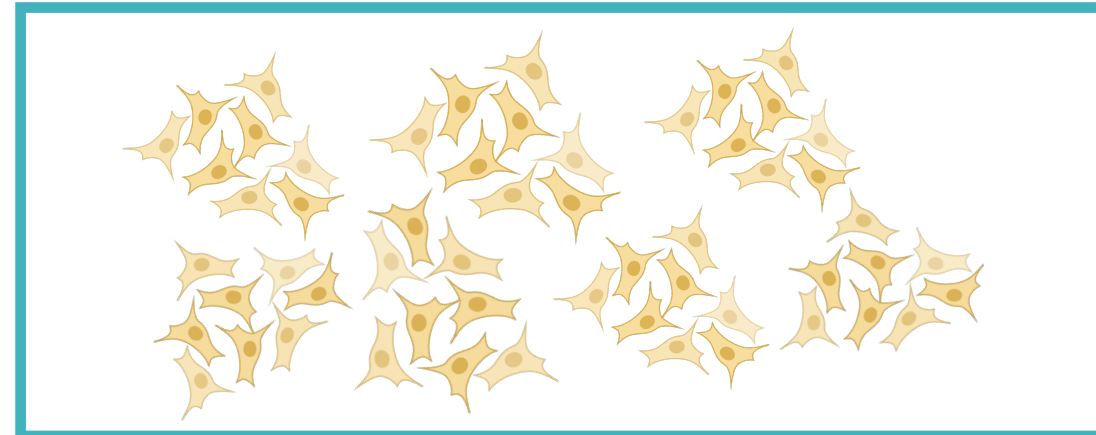
Pseudovirus transduction: HEK293K cells transfected with SARS-CoV-2 Δ CT (C-term 19 aa deleted)

Pseudovirus: VSV Δ G-Spike Δ CT



Pre-incubate pseudovirus with CoVIC mAbs at indicated concentration for 1 hr at 37 °C

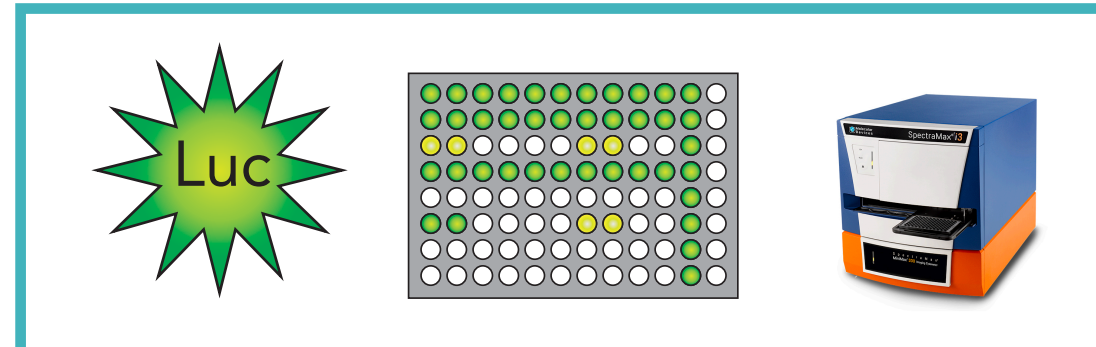
Target cells: Vero



Incubate antibody-pseudovirus complexes with target cells

Reporter: GFP

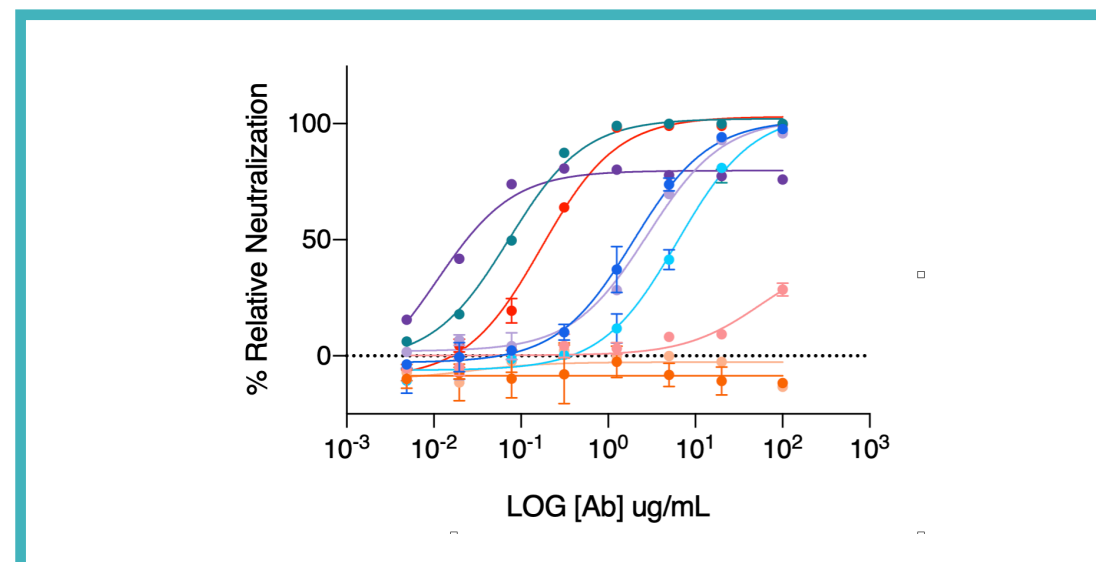
Plate reader: CX5 CellInsight



Stain cells, autoenumeration of infected cells

Calculation method: 4-PL curves

Software: Prism



Generate neutralization curves from average of triplicate measurements; calculate IC₅₀, IC₈₀



Select 40 representative mAbs to map resistance

RBM

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CoVIC-069
CoVIC-259
CoVIC-186

Alpha	Orange	Green	Blue
Beta	Orange	Light Green	Light Green
Gamma	Orange	Light Green	Light Green
Delta	Orange	Blue	Blue
Epsilon	Blue	Orange	Blue

2a

CoVIC-150
CoVIC-249
CoVIC-159
CoVIC-252
CoVIC-042
CoVIC-049
CoVIC-073

Alpha	Blue	Blue	Light Green	Blue	Blue	Blue
Beta	Blue	Light Green	Light Green	Blue	Light Green	Light Green
Gamma	Blue	Light Green	Light Green	Blue	Light Green	Light Green
Delta	Orange	Blue	Orange	Blue	Blue	Orange
Epsilon	Orange	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue

2b-d

CoVIC-045
CoVIC-043
CoVIC-010
CoVIC-090
CoVIC-040
CoVIC-148
CoVIC-004
CoVIC-140
CoVIC-032
CoVIC-147
CoVIC-002

Alpha	Blue	Blue	Blue	Light Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Light Green	Blue	Blue
Beta	Light Green	Light Green	Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Orange
Gamma	Light Green	Light Green	Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Orange
Delta	Blue	Blue	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Light Green	Orange	Light Green
Epsilon	Blue	Blue	Light Green	Blue	Blue	Blue	Green	Blue	Blue	Blue

Fold-change from G614

- Orange: >3 higher
- Blue: no change
- Light Blue: <10 lower
- Light Green: <50 lower
- Green: >50 lower
- Light Green: no activity

Better
↓
Worse

Outer Face

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CoVIC-215
CoVIC-094
CoVIC-037
CoVIC-268
CoVIC-097

Alpha	Blue	Blue	Light Blue	Blue	Blue
Beta	Light Green	Orange	Light Green	Blue	Light Green
Gamma	Light Green	Orange	Light Green	Blue	Light Blue
Delta	Light Green	Light Green	Blue	Blue	Light Green
Epsilon	Light Green	Light Green	Blue	Blue	Light Green

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CoVIC-251
CoVIC-134
CoVIC-096
CoVIC-170
CoVIC-166

Alpha	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Beta	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Gamma	Blue	Blue	Blue	Orange	Blue
Delta	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue
Epsilon	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue

Inner Face

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CoVIC-074
CoVIC-080
CoVIC-087

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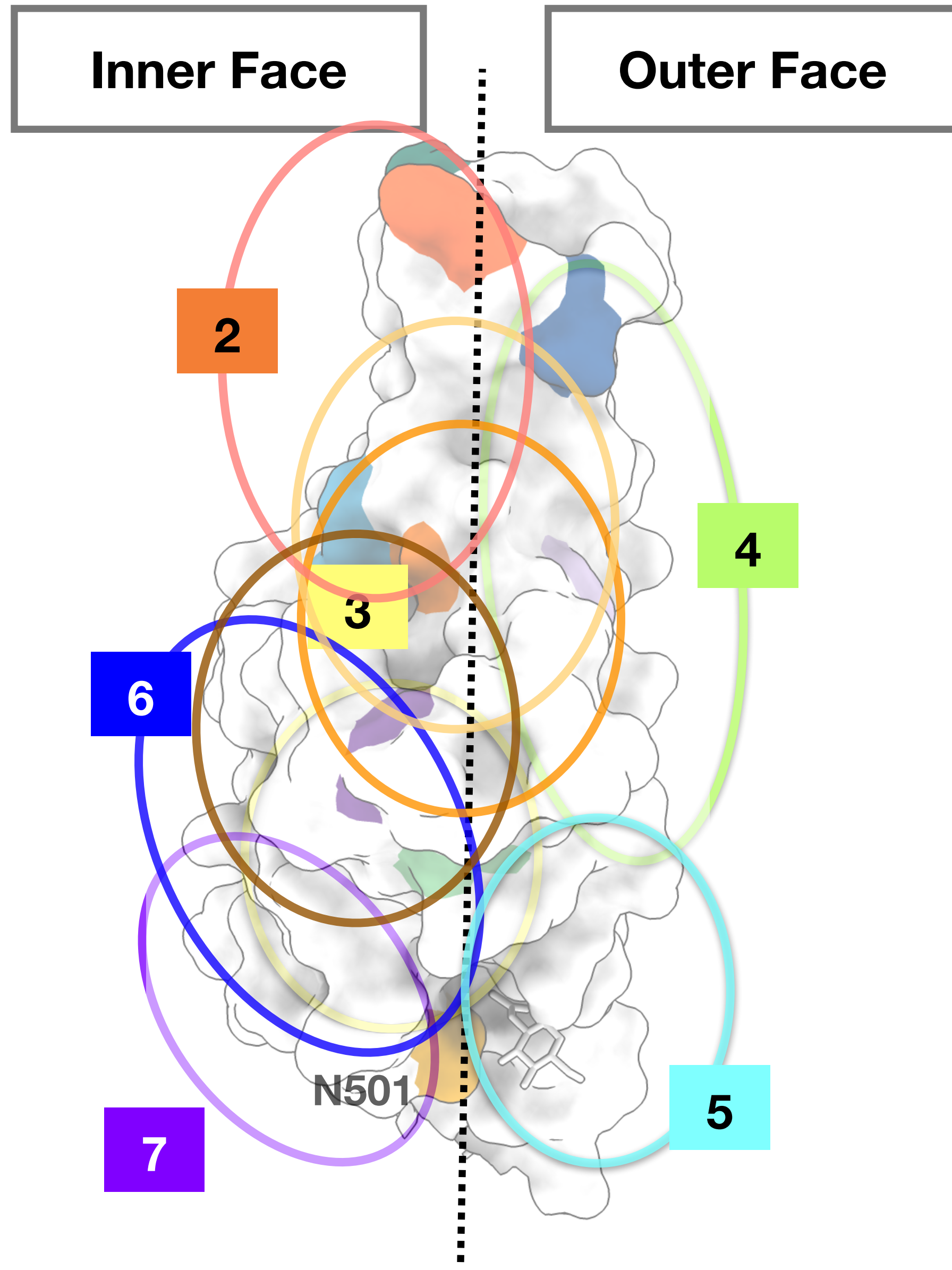
CoVIC-250
CoVIC-028
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Gamma	Blue	Blue	Blue
Delta	Blue	Blue	Orange
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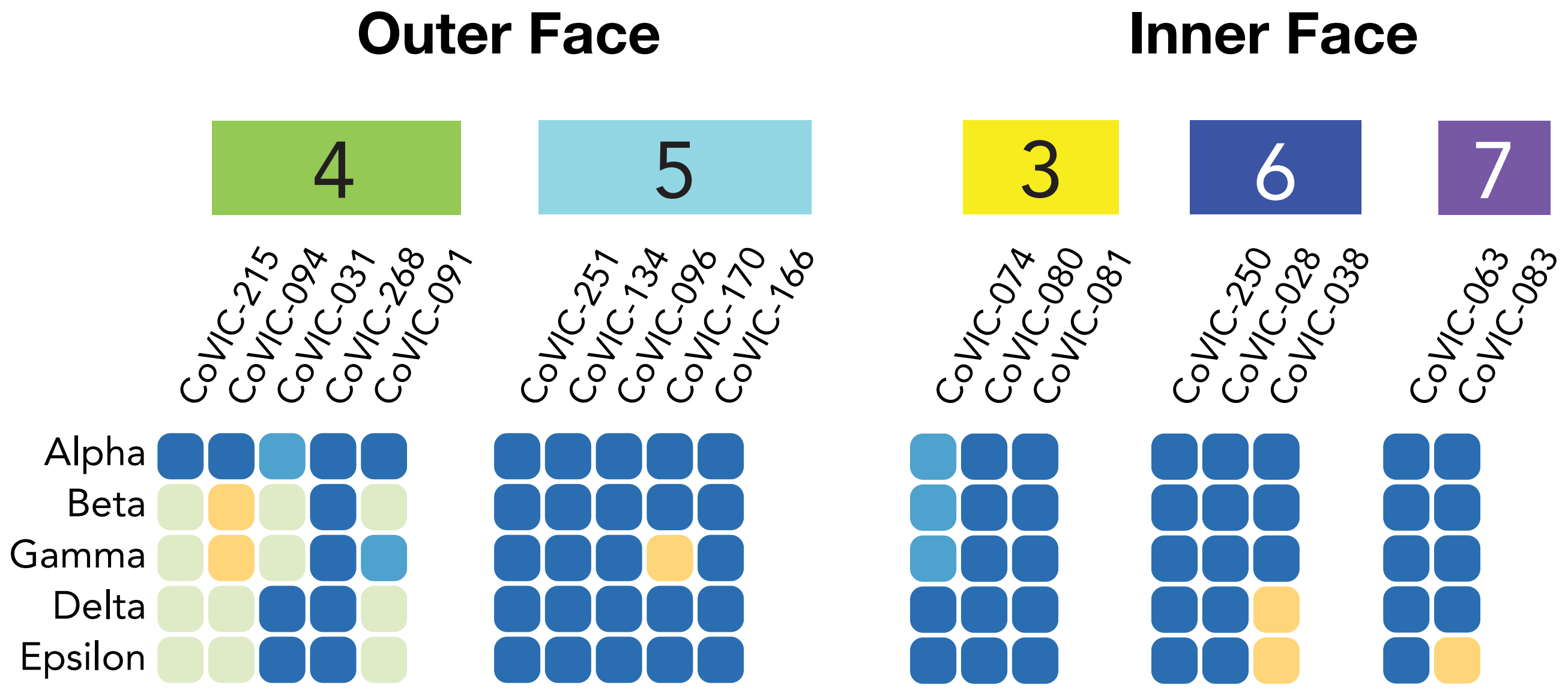
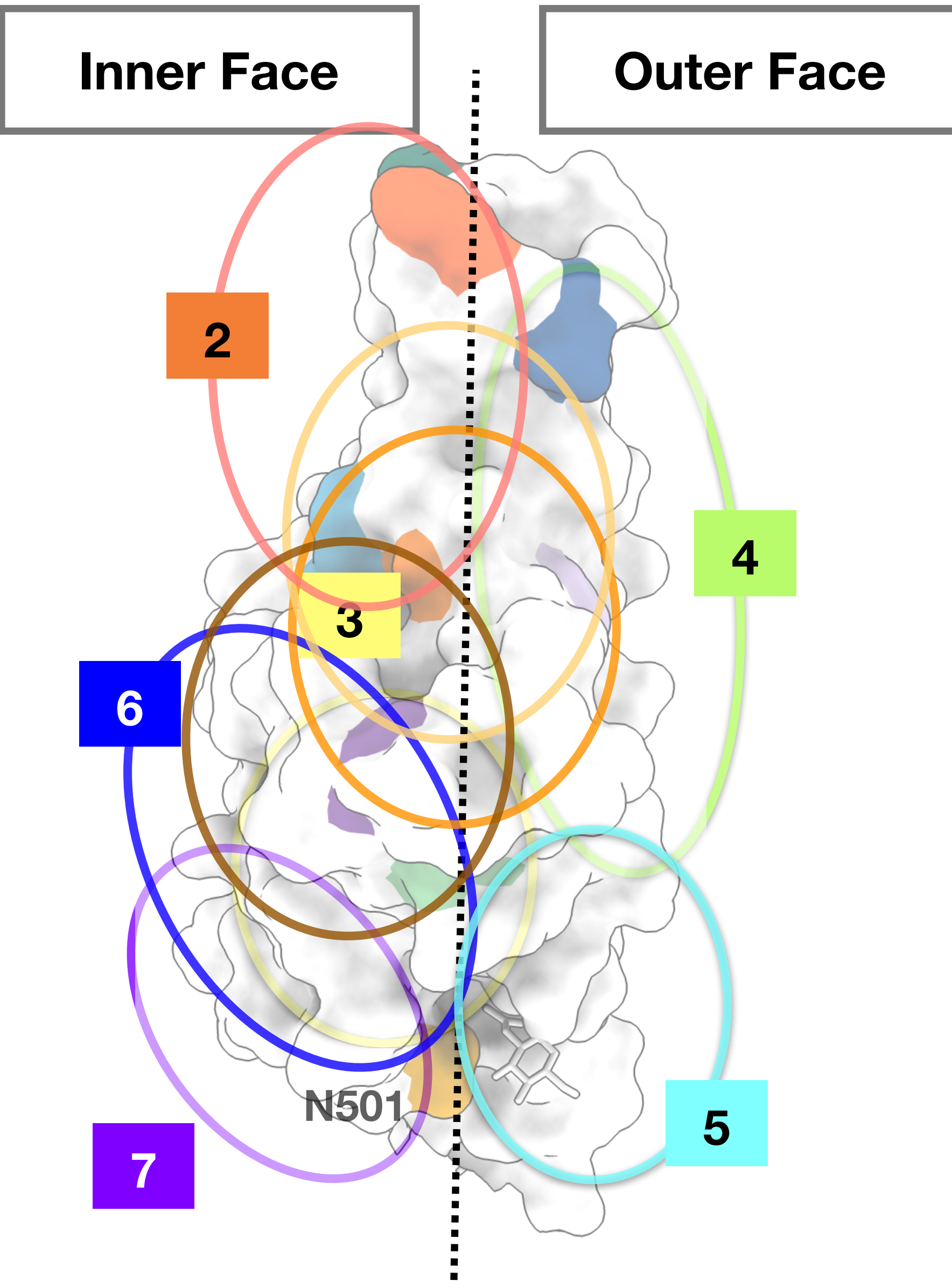
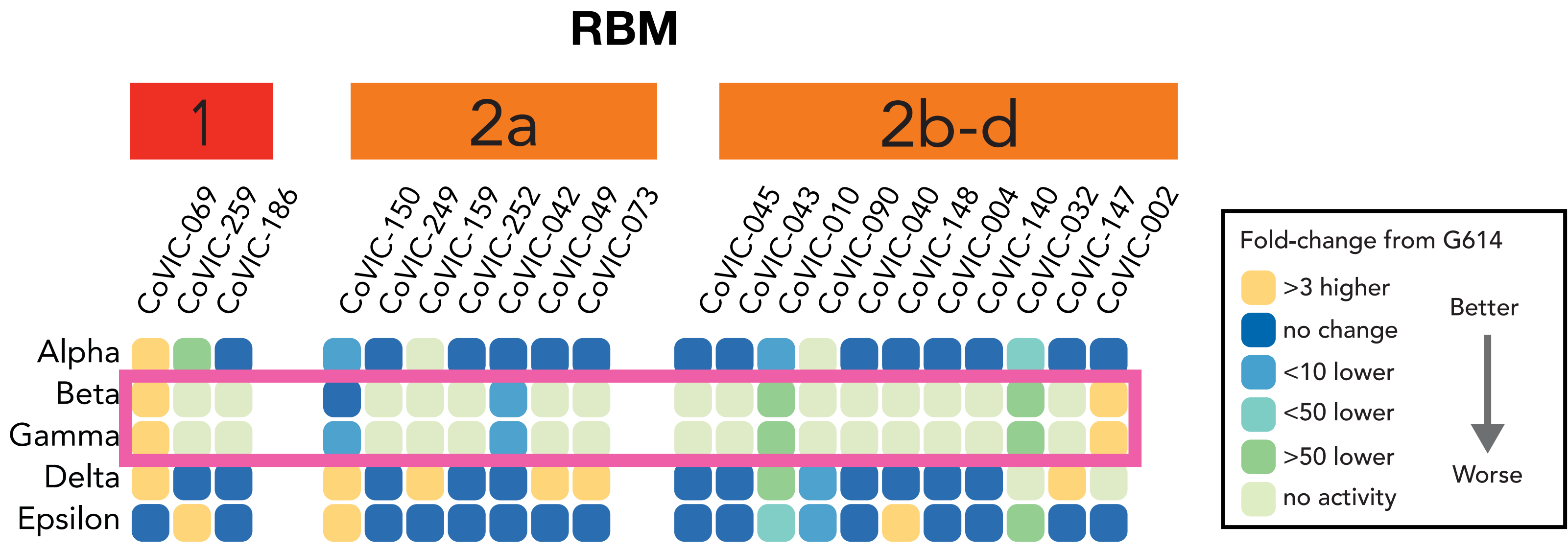
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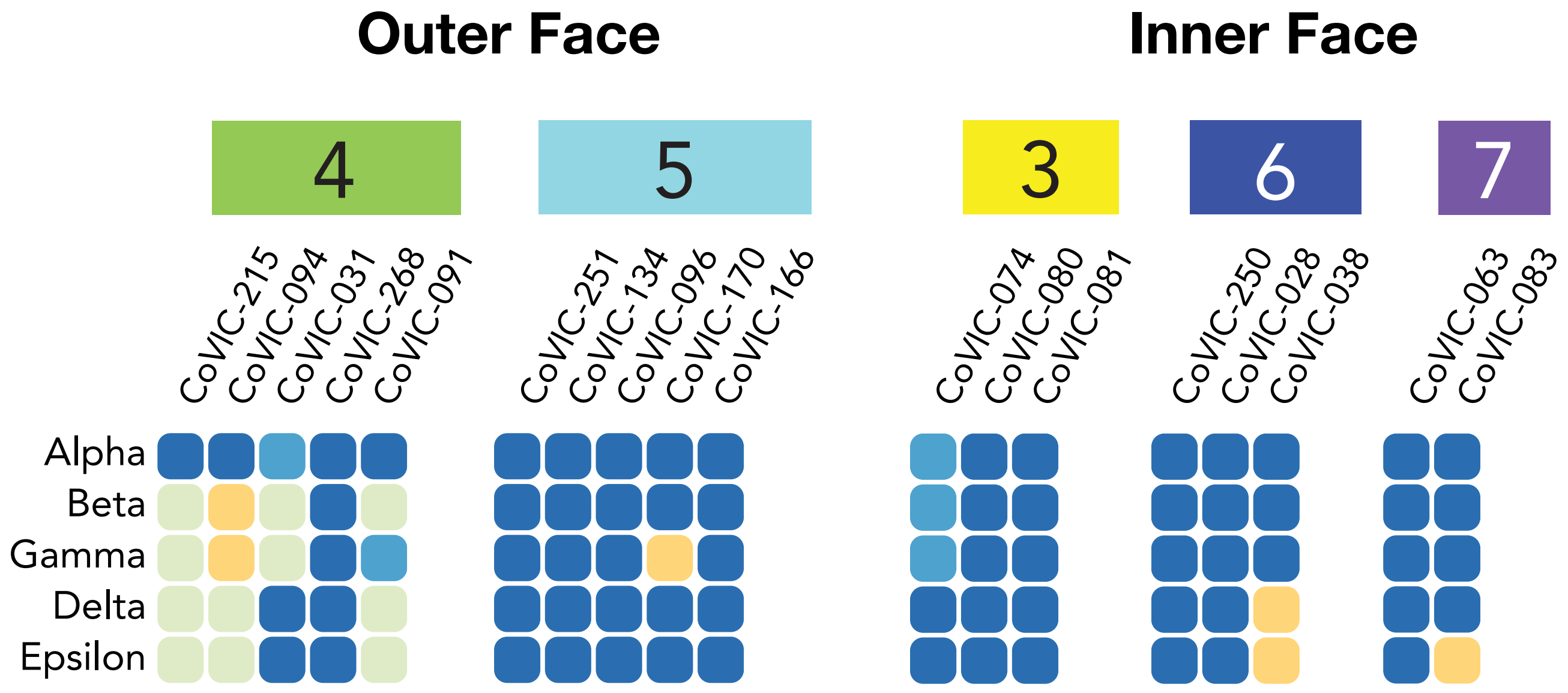
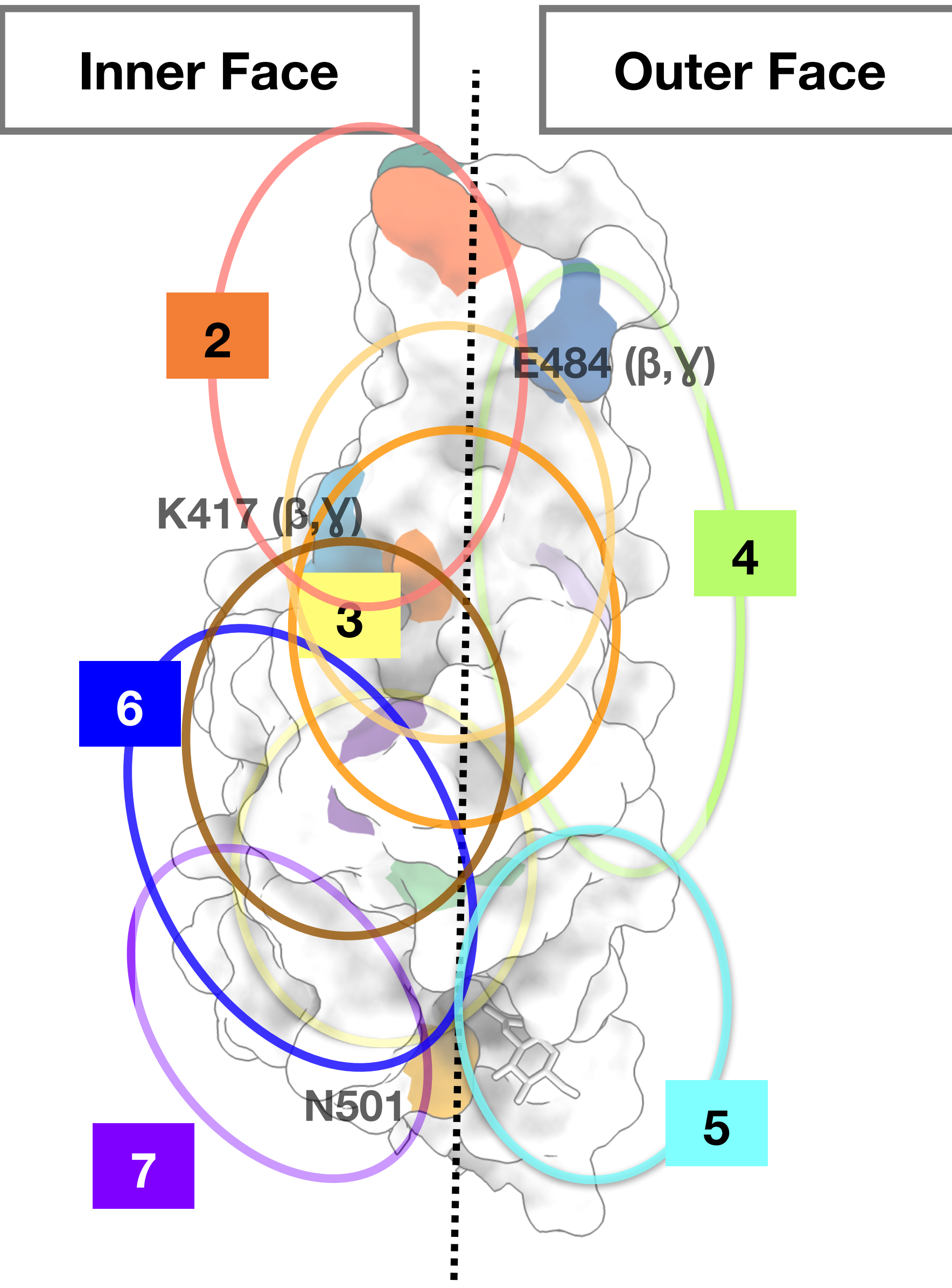
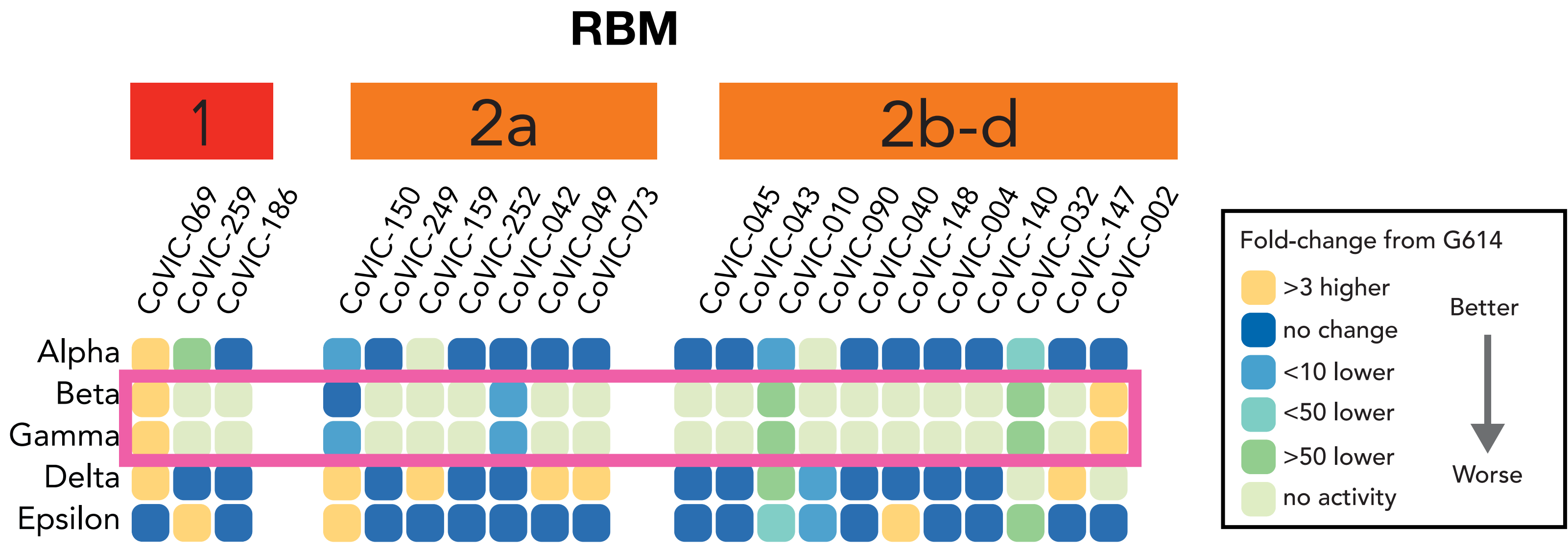
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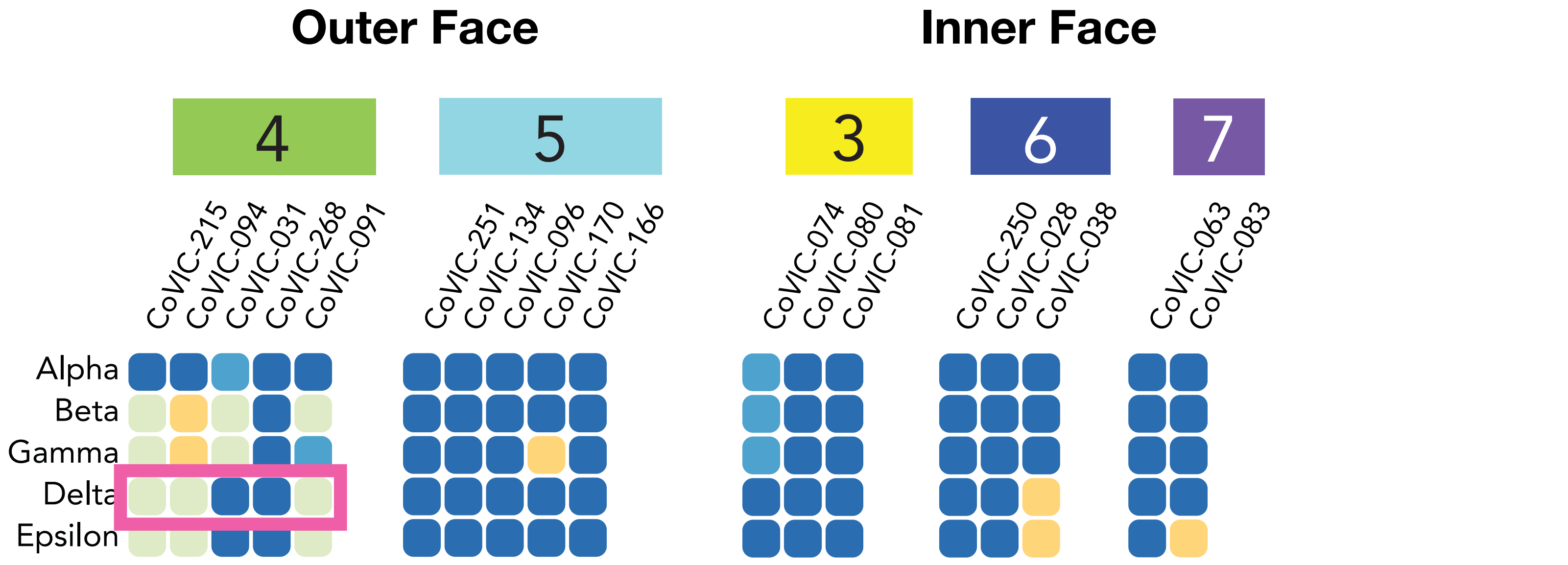
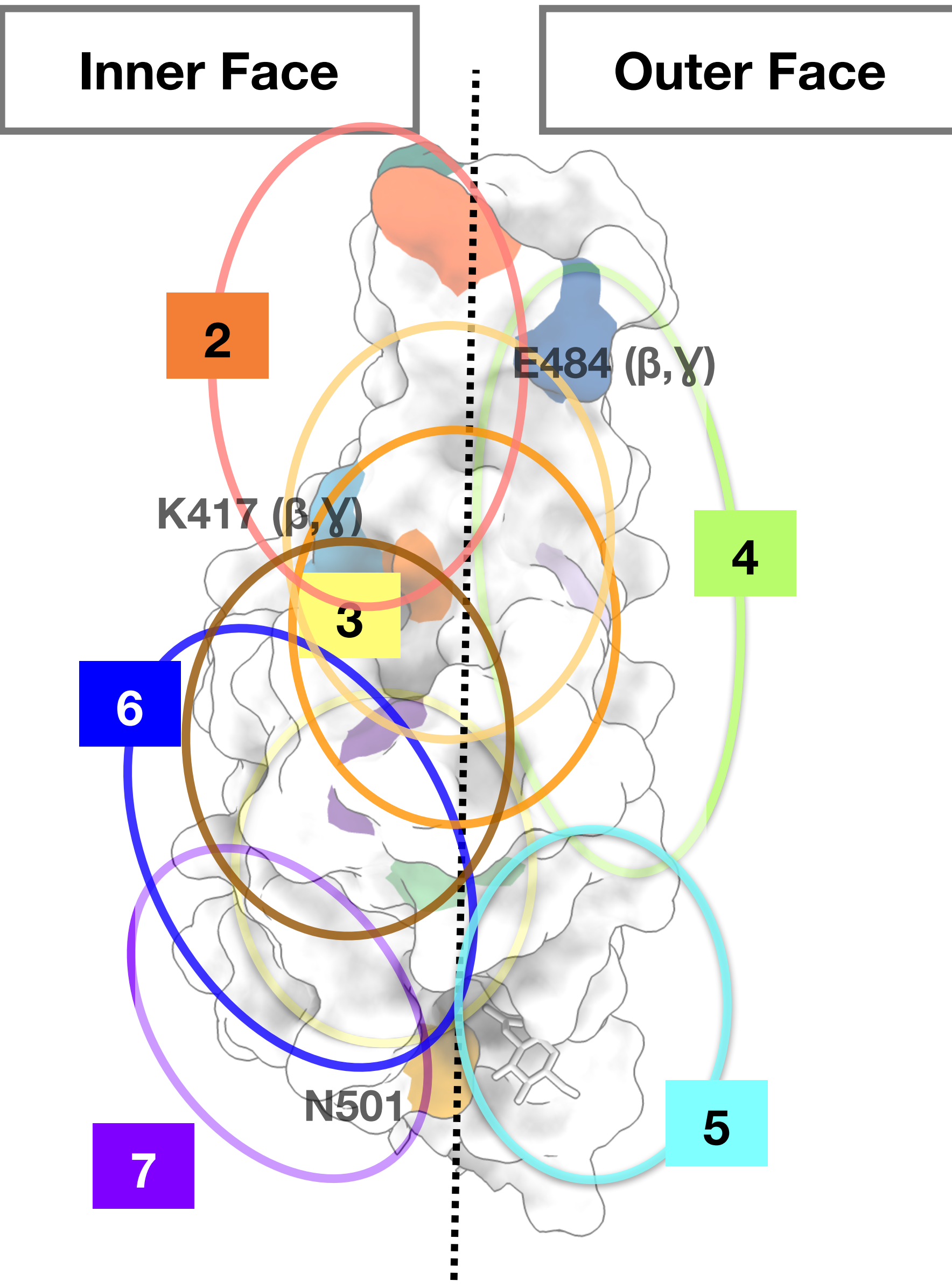
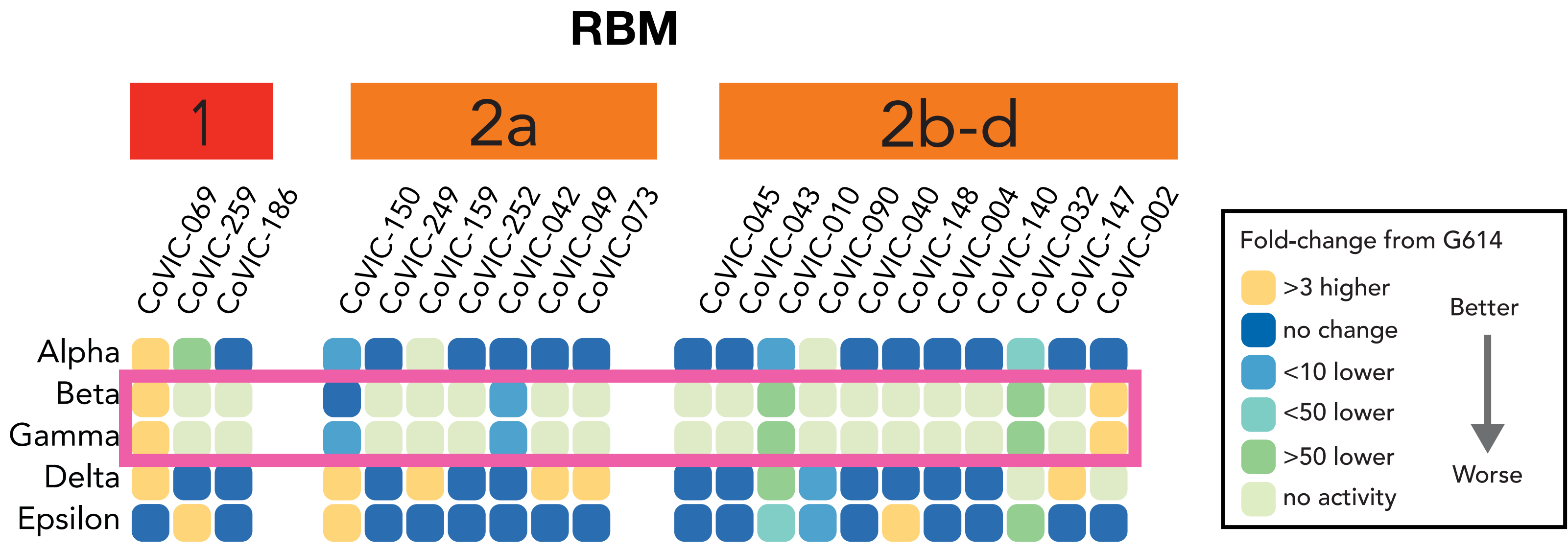
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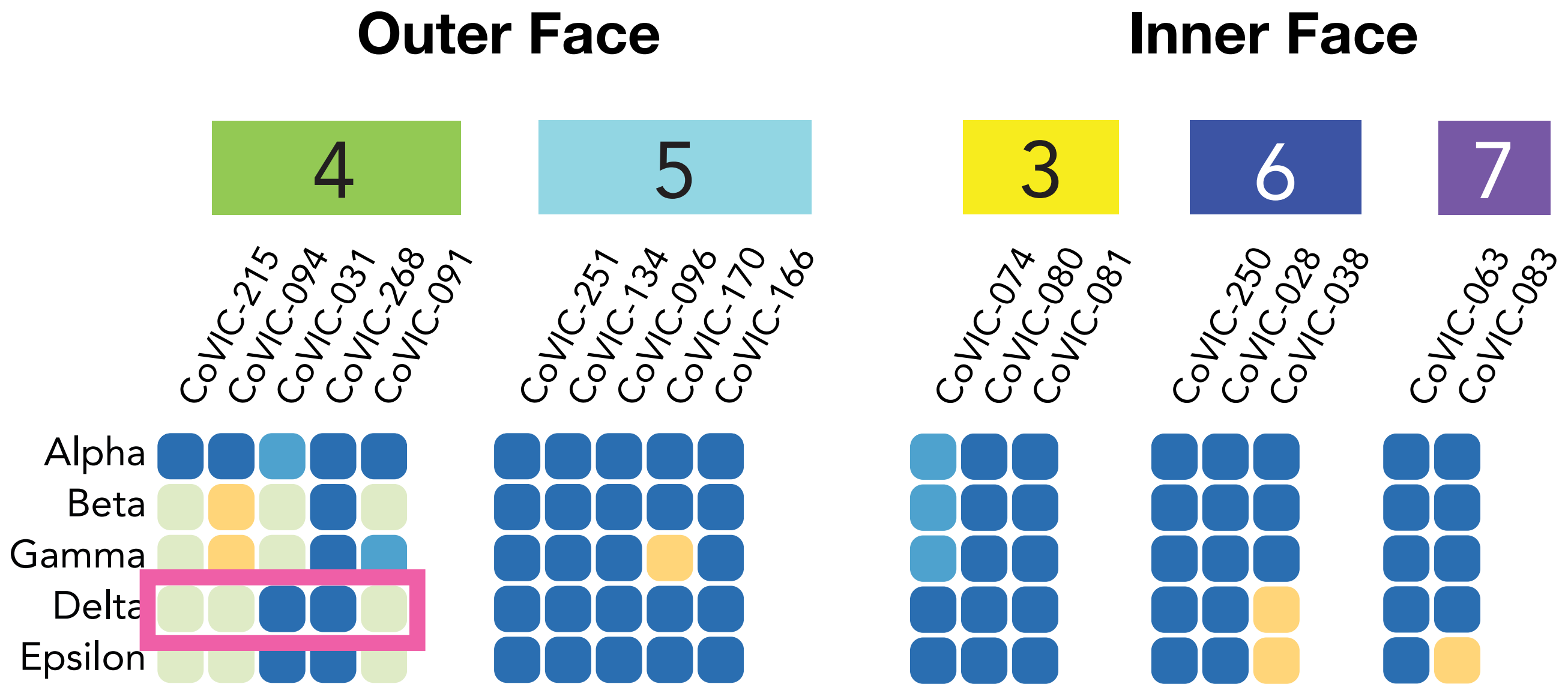
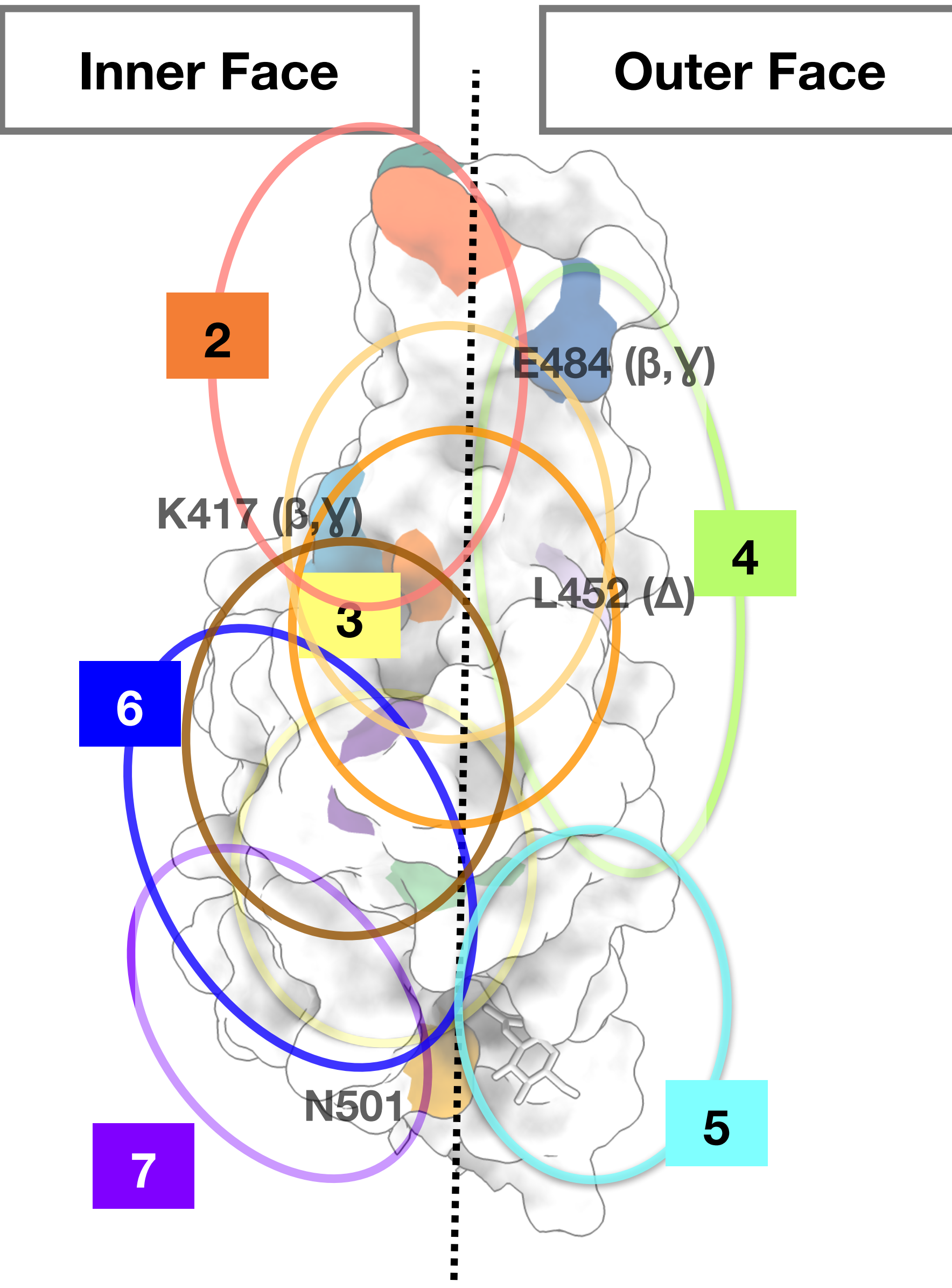
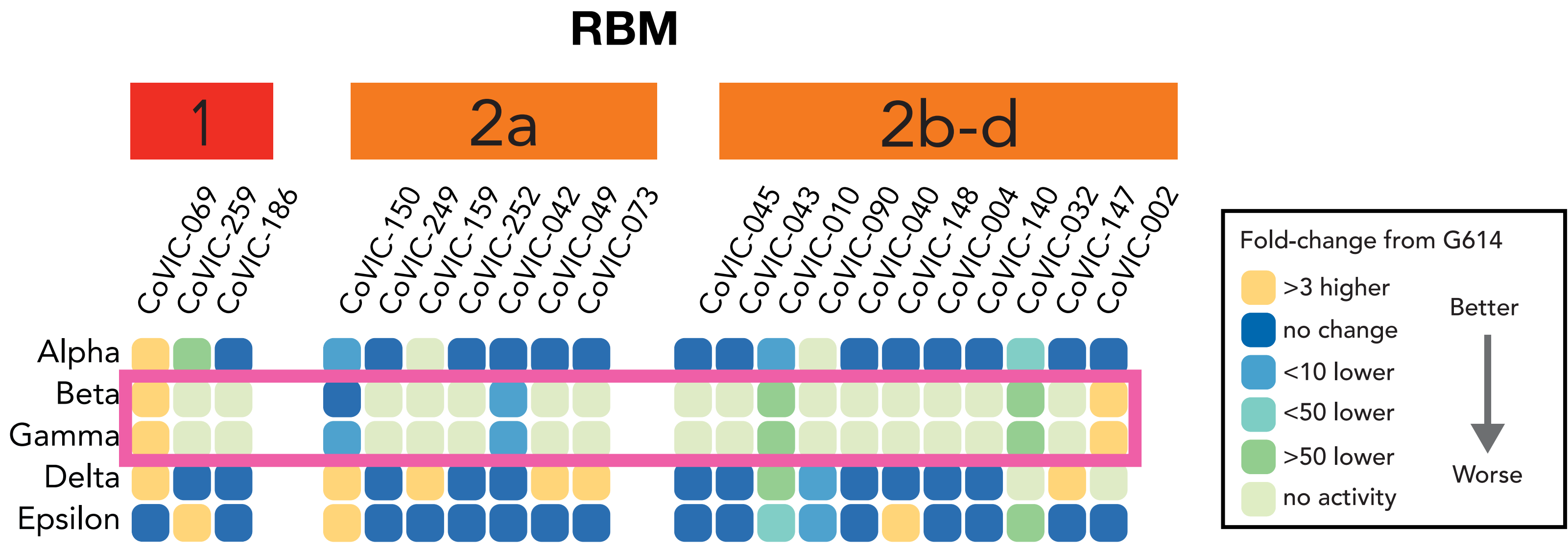
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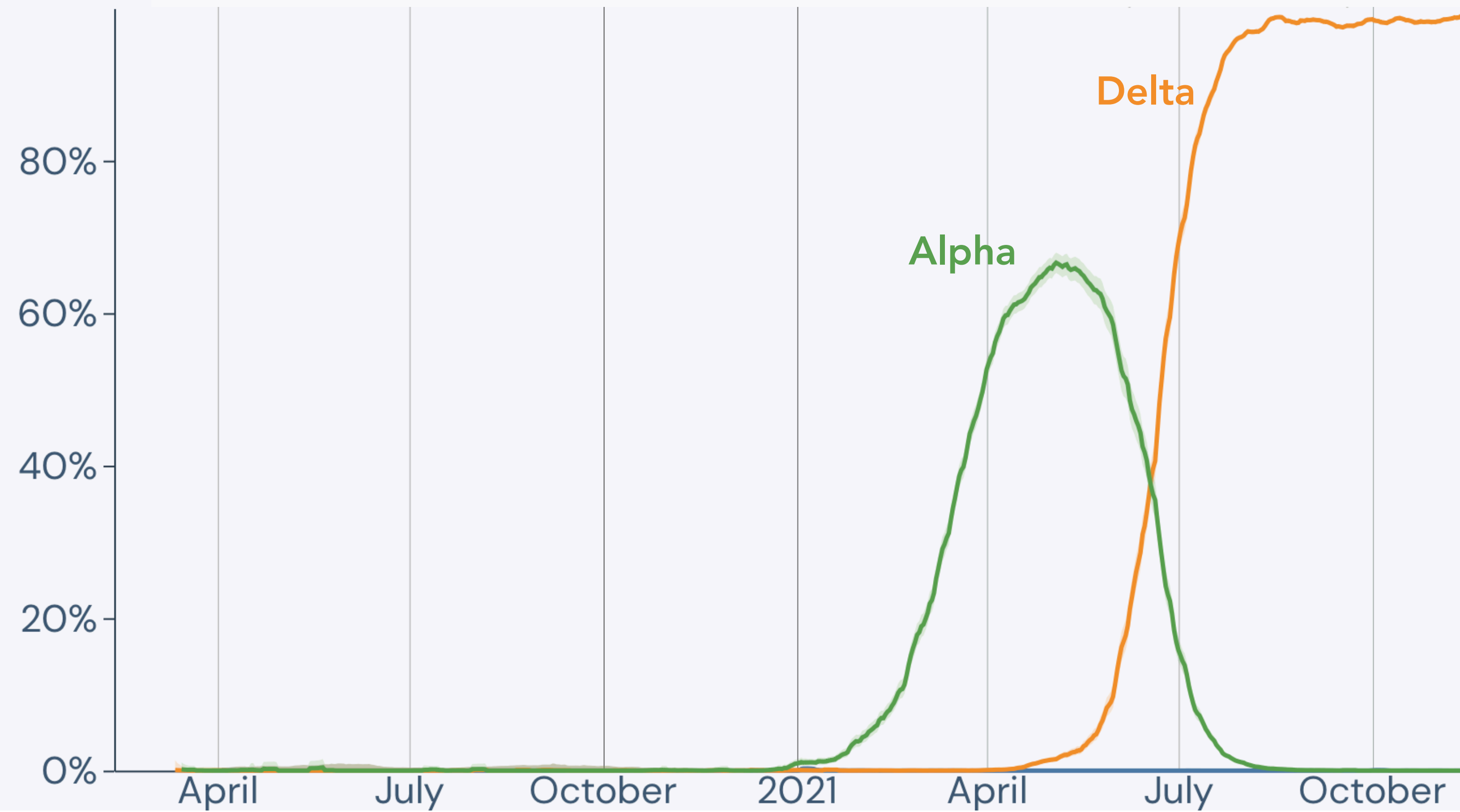


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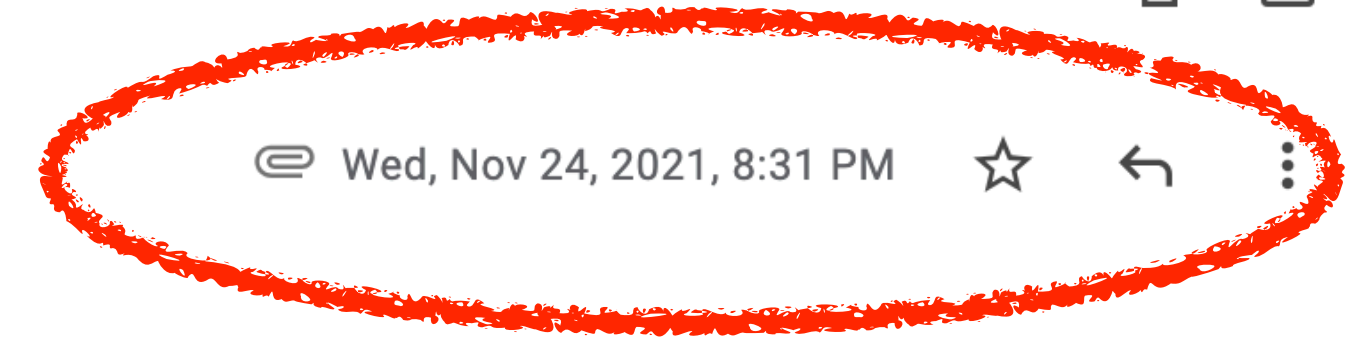
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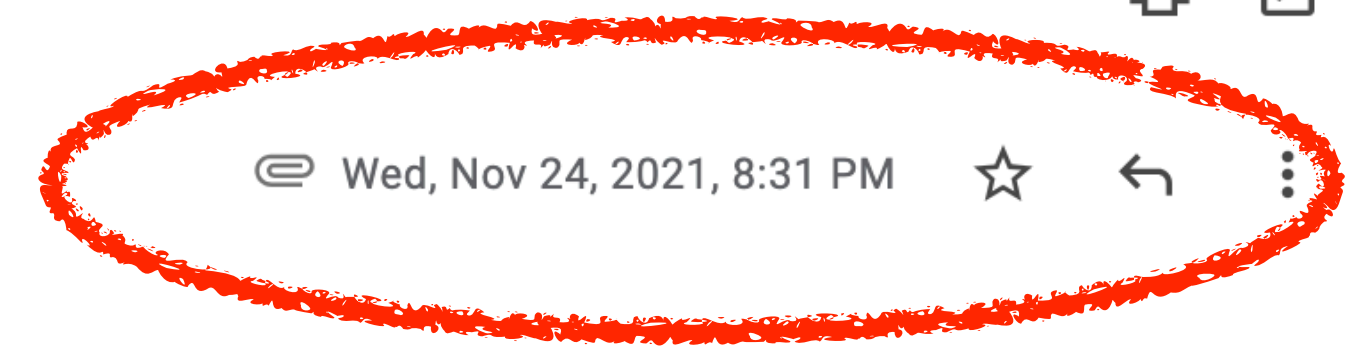
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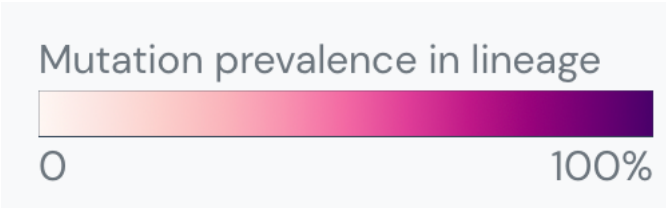


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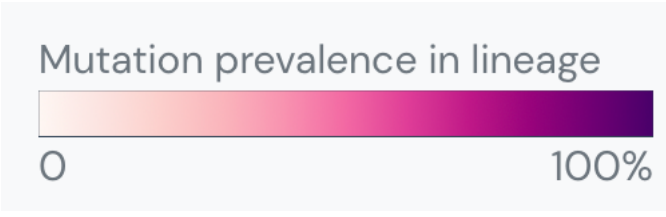


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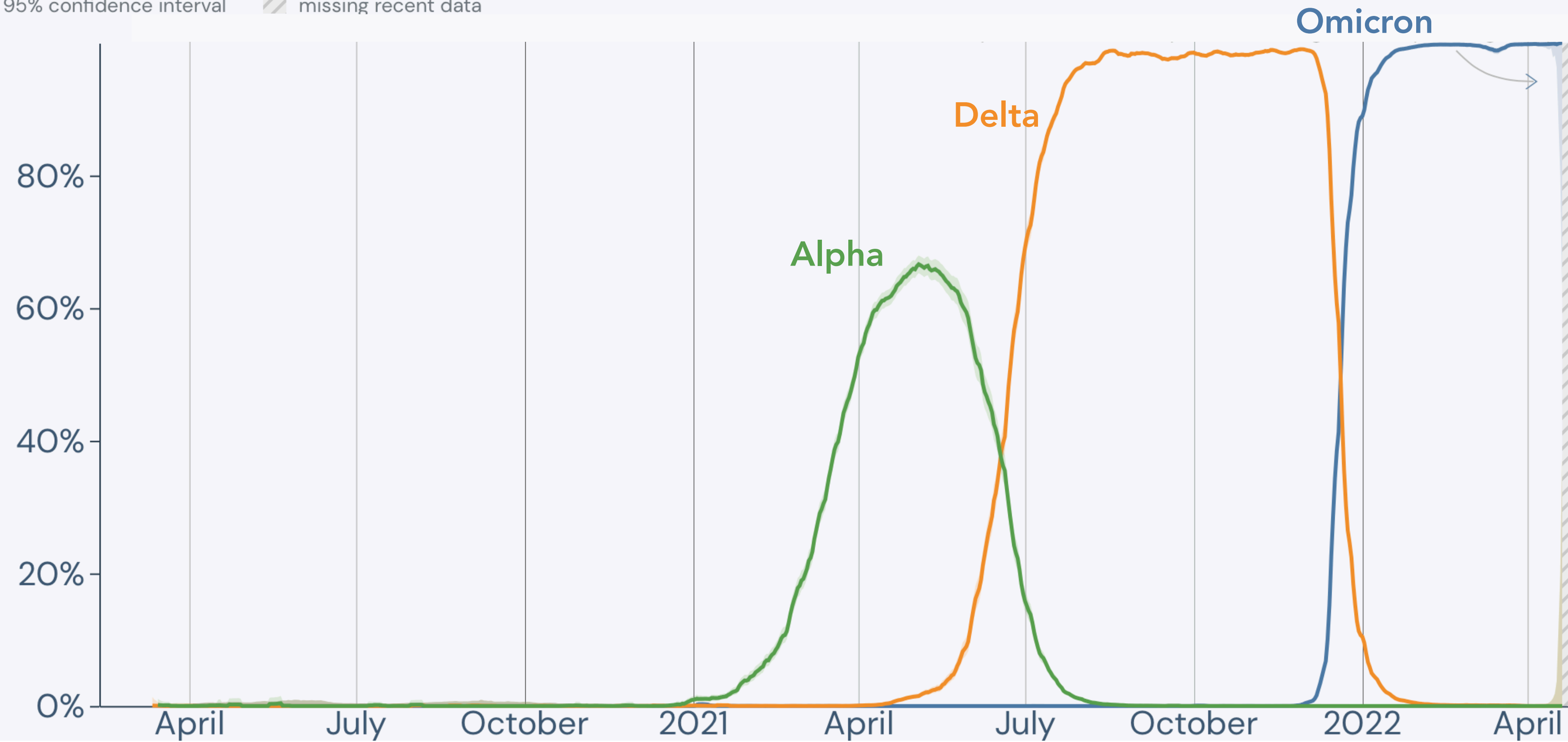
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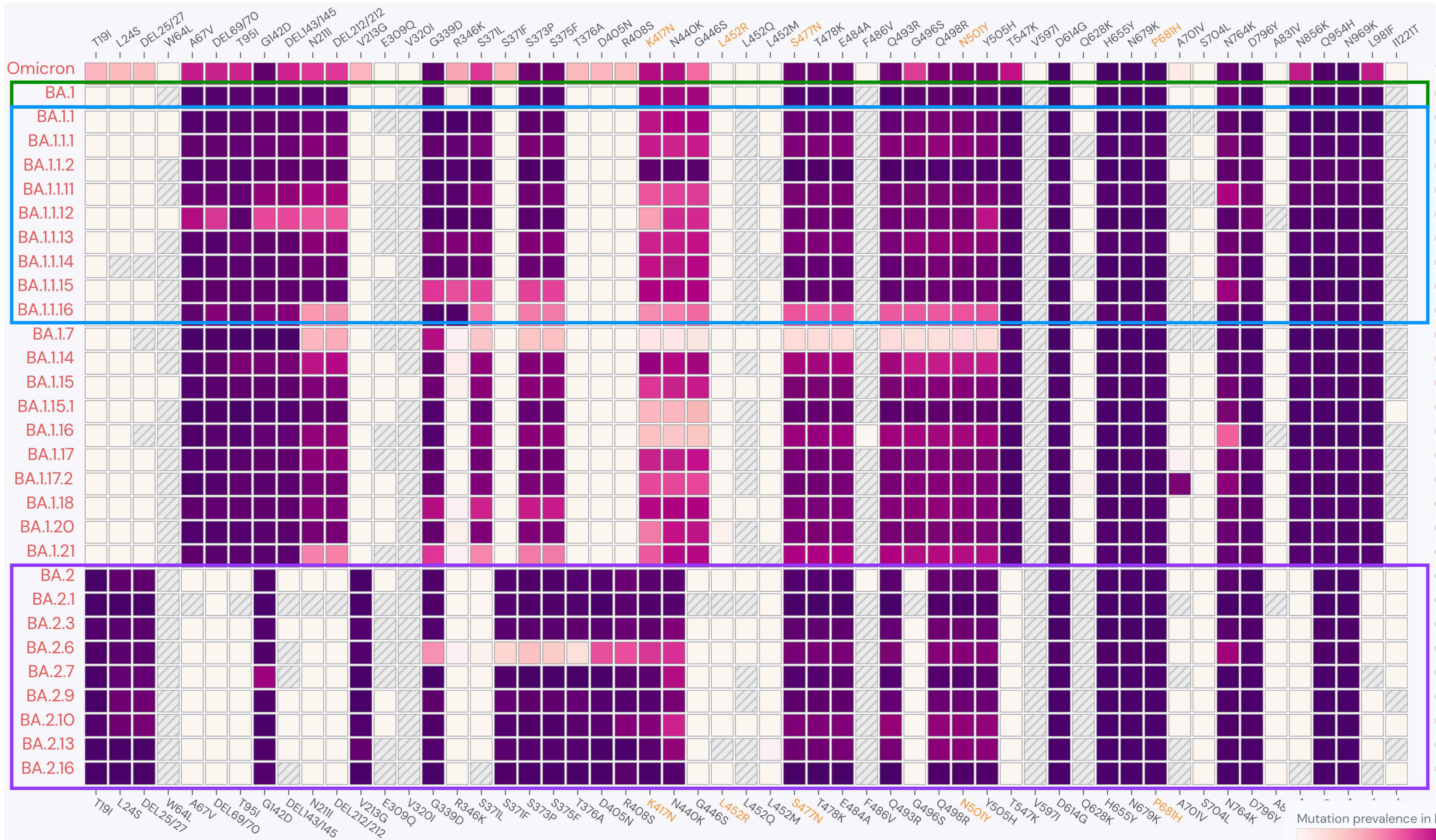


34 mutations - 15 in the receptor binding domain alone

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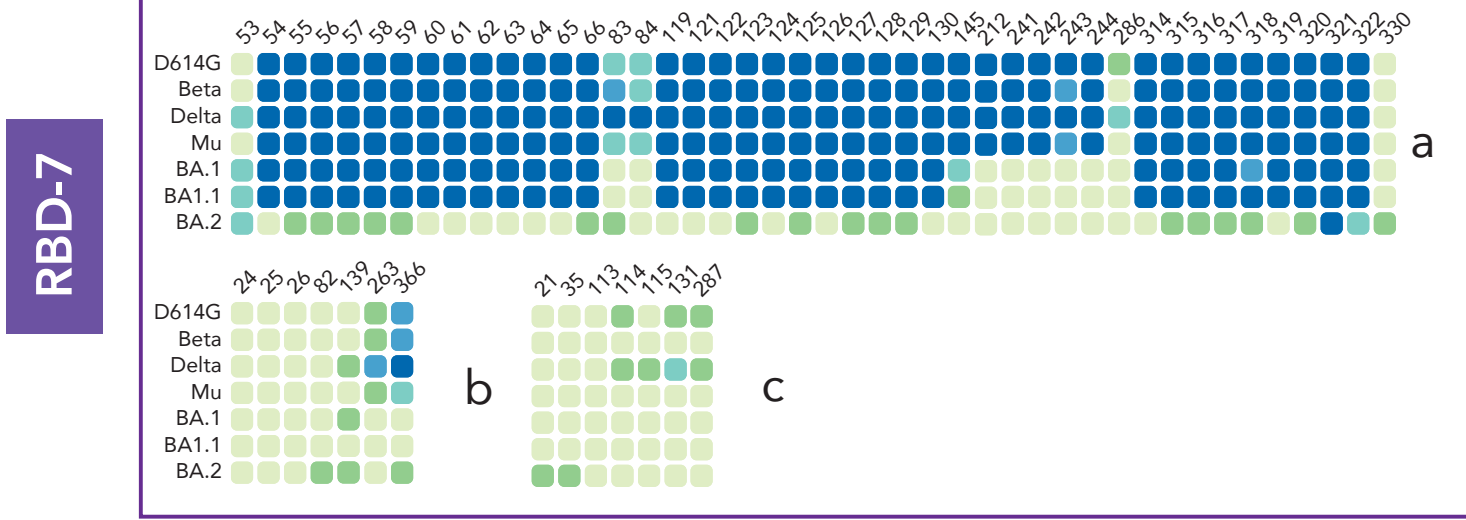
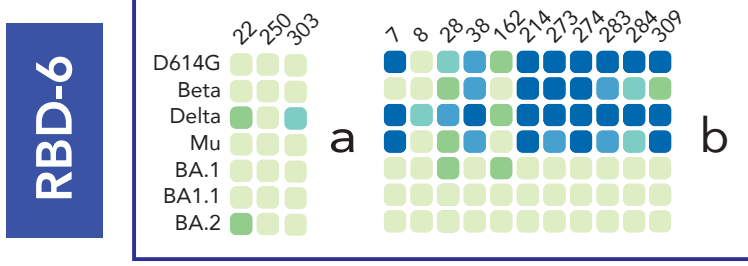
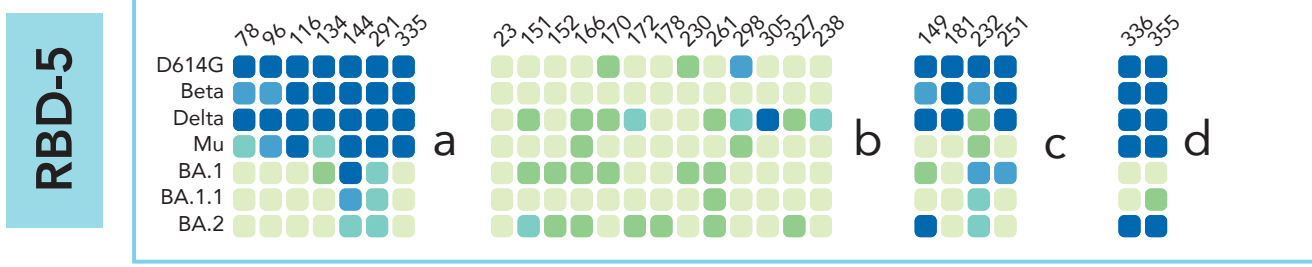
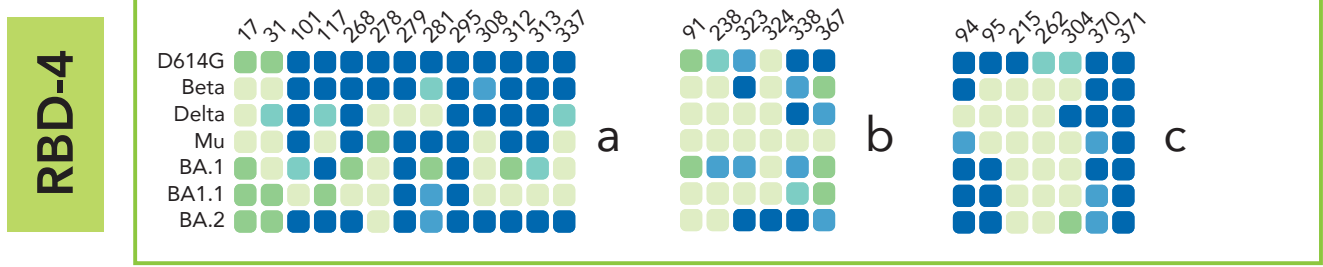
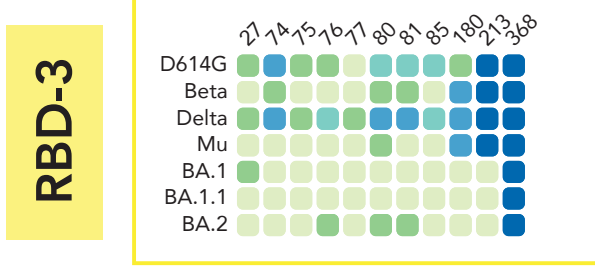
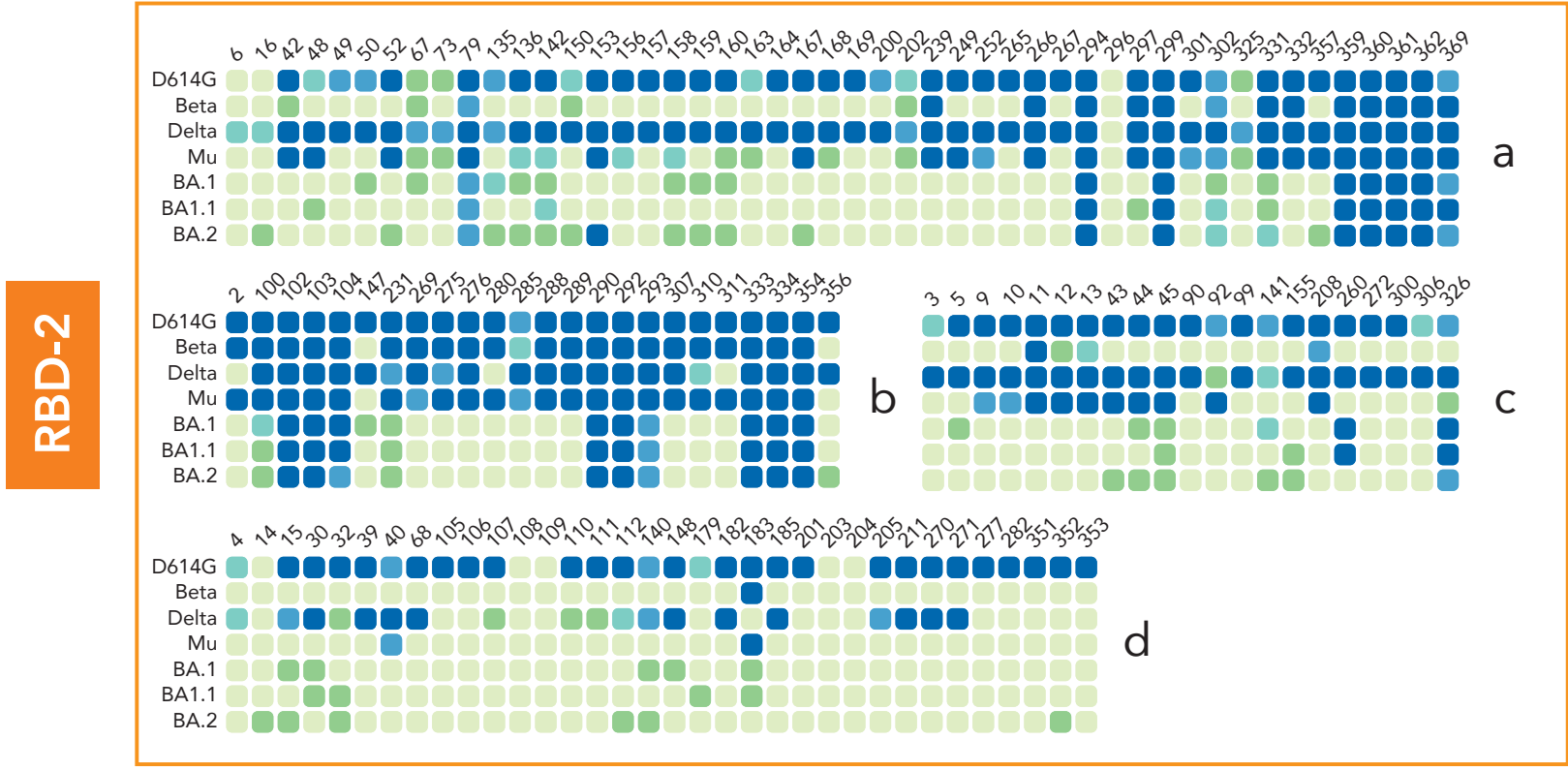
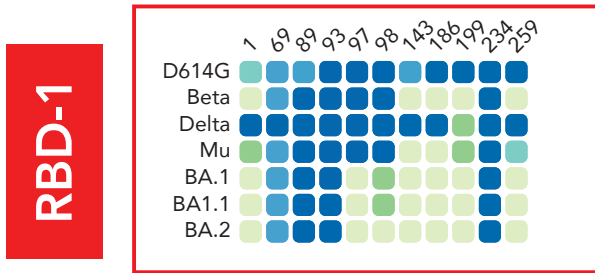


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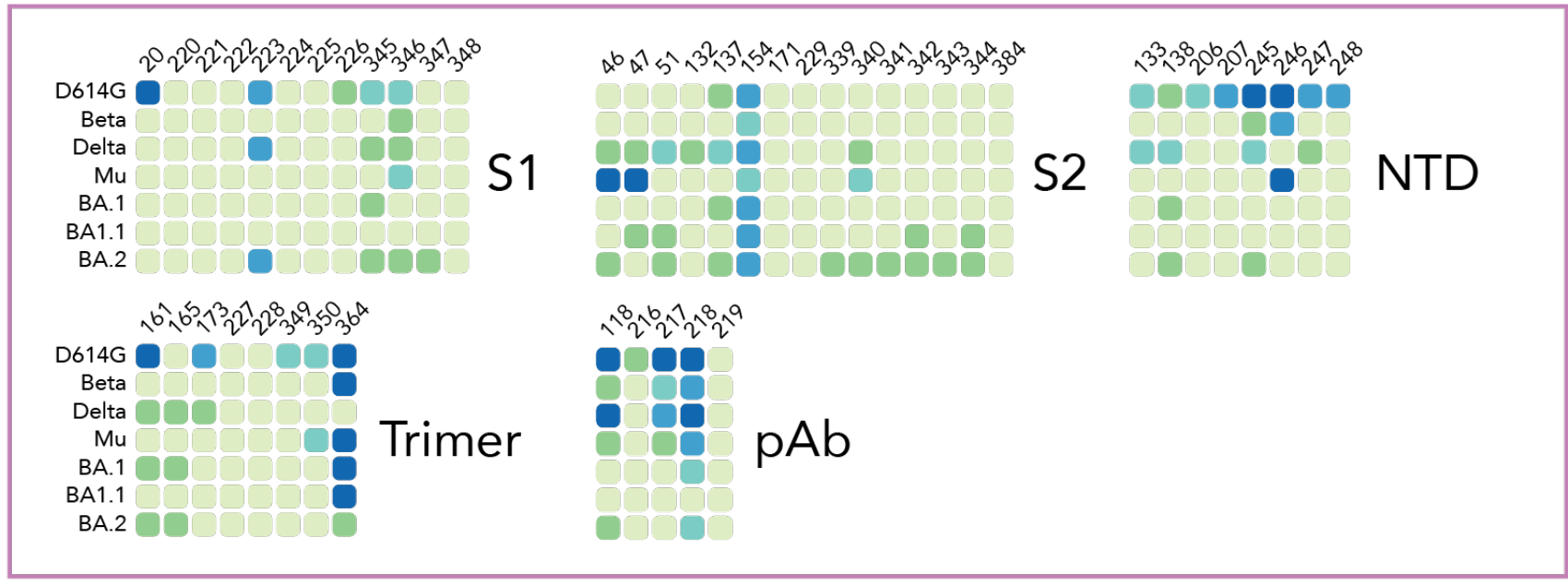


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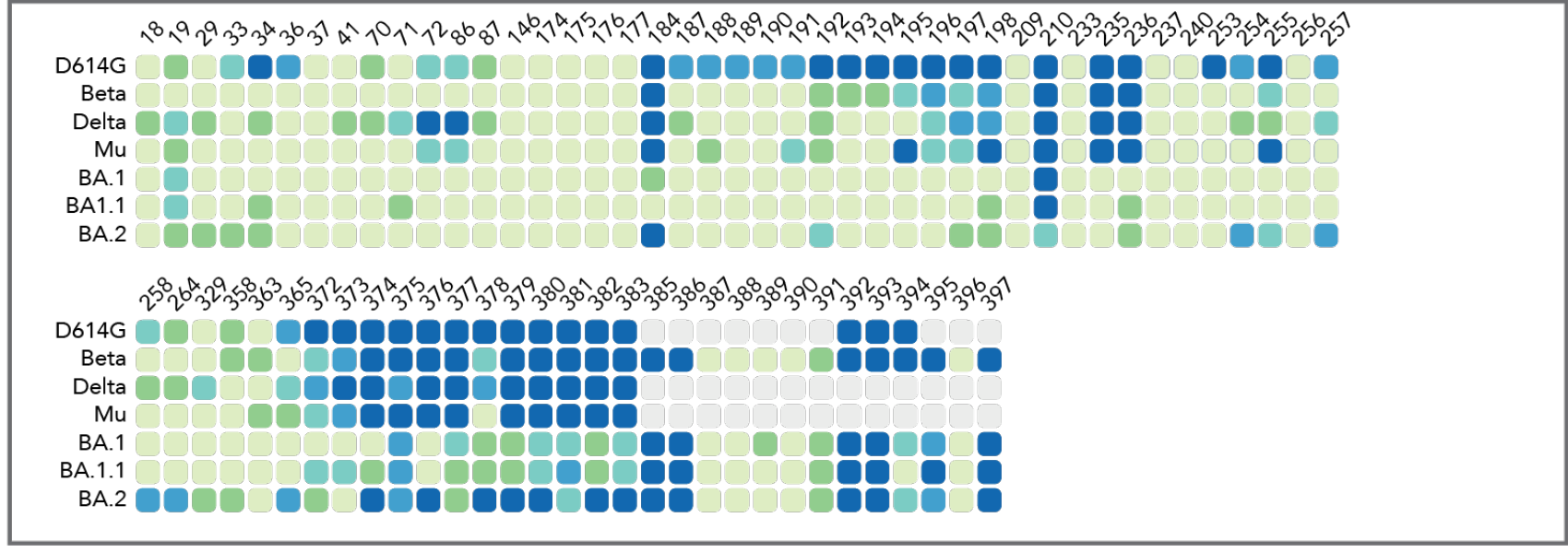
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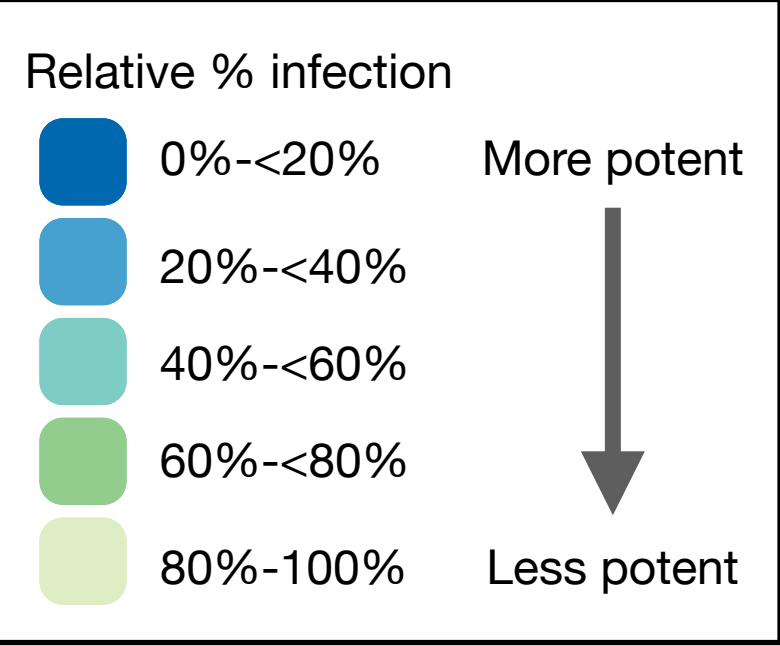
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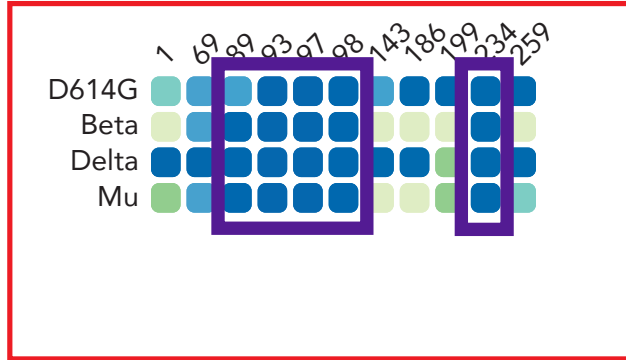
397 mAbs, 7 viruses



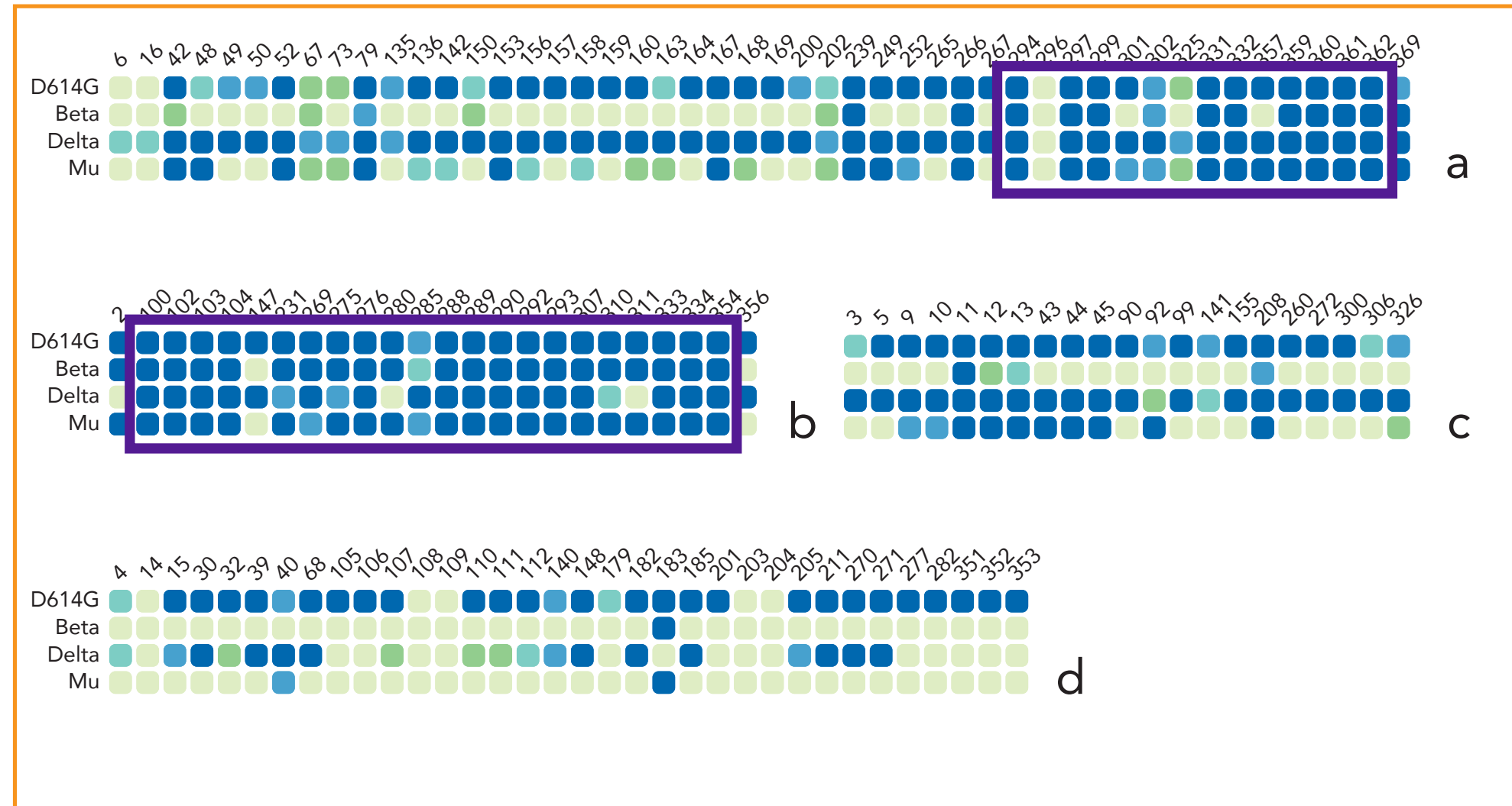
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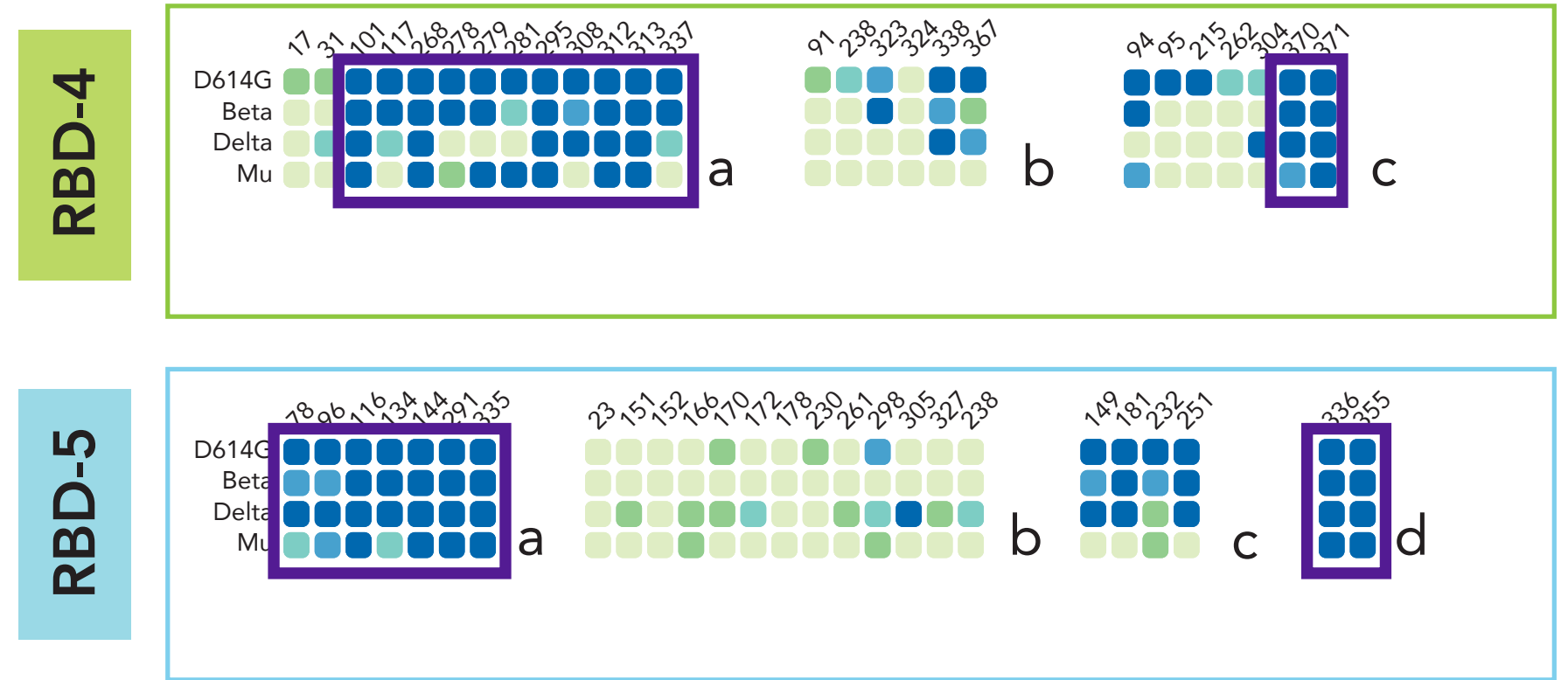
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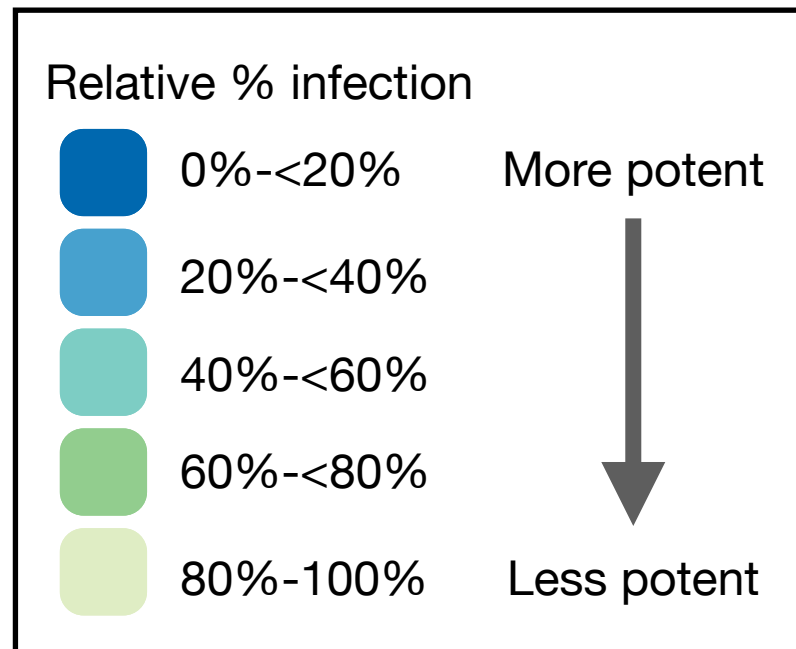
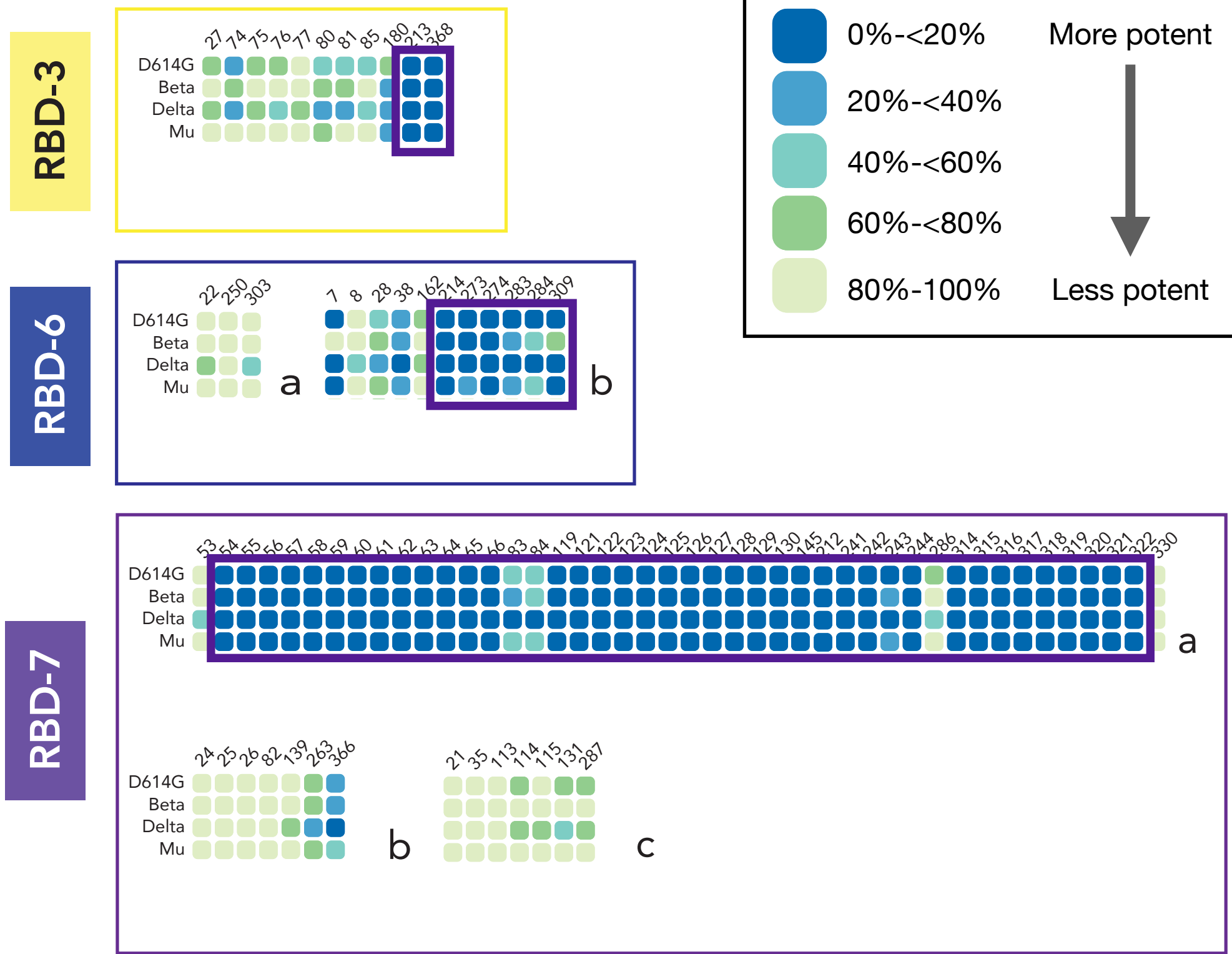
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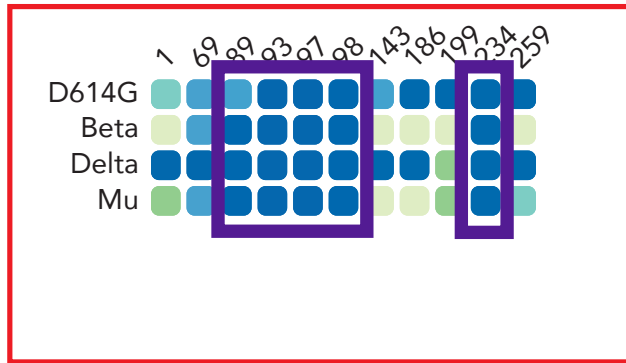
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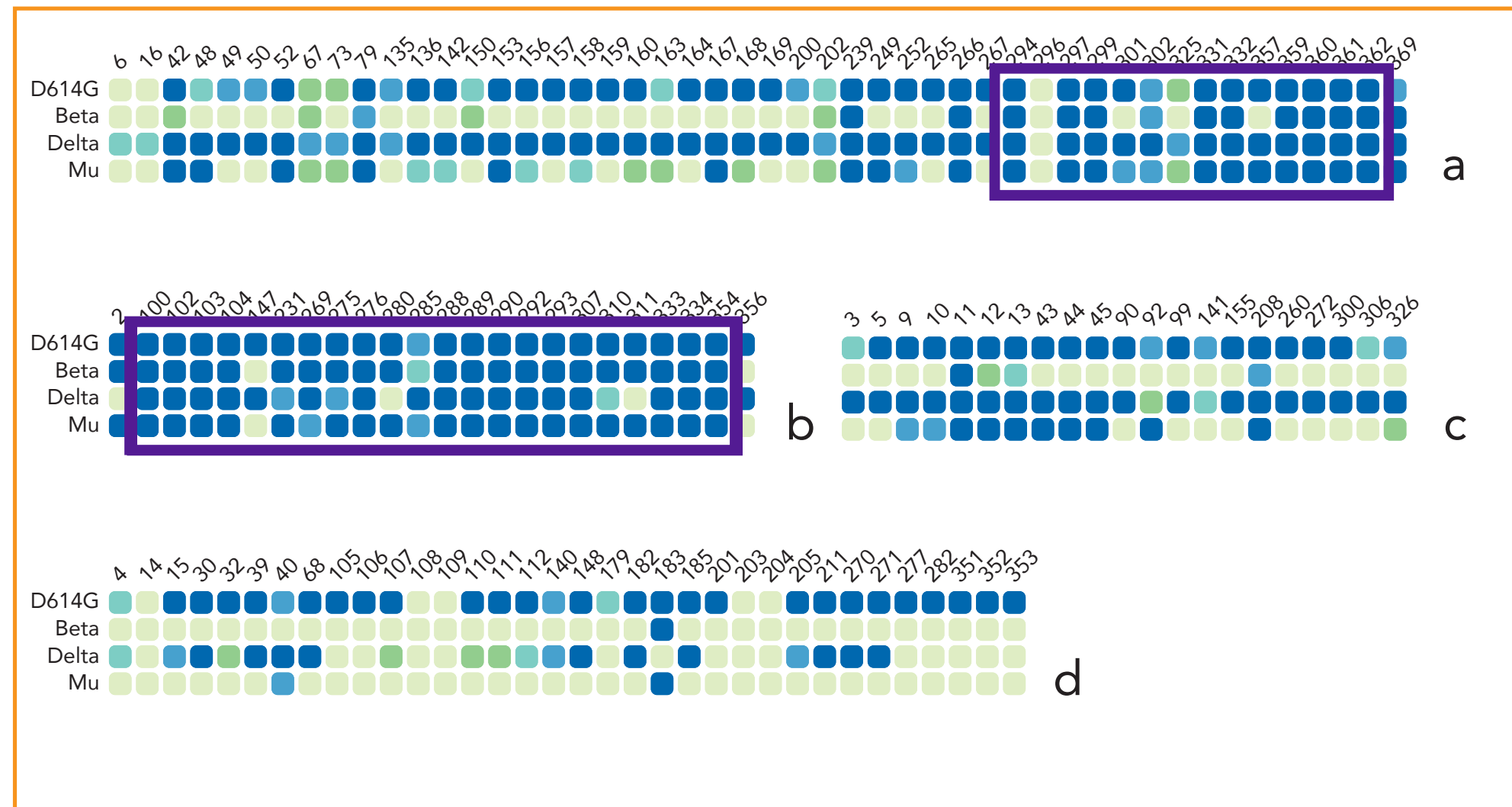
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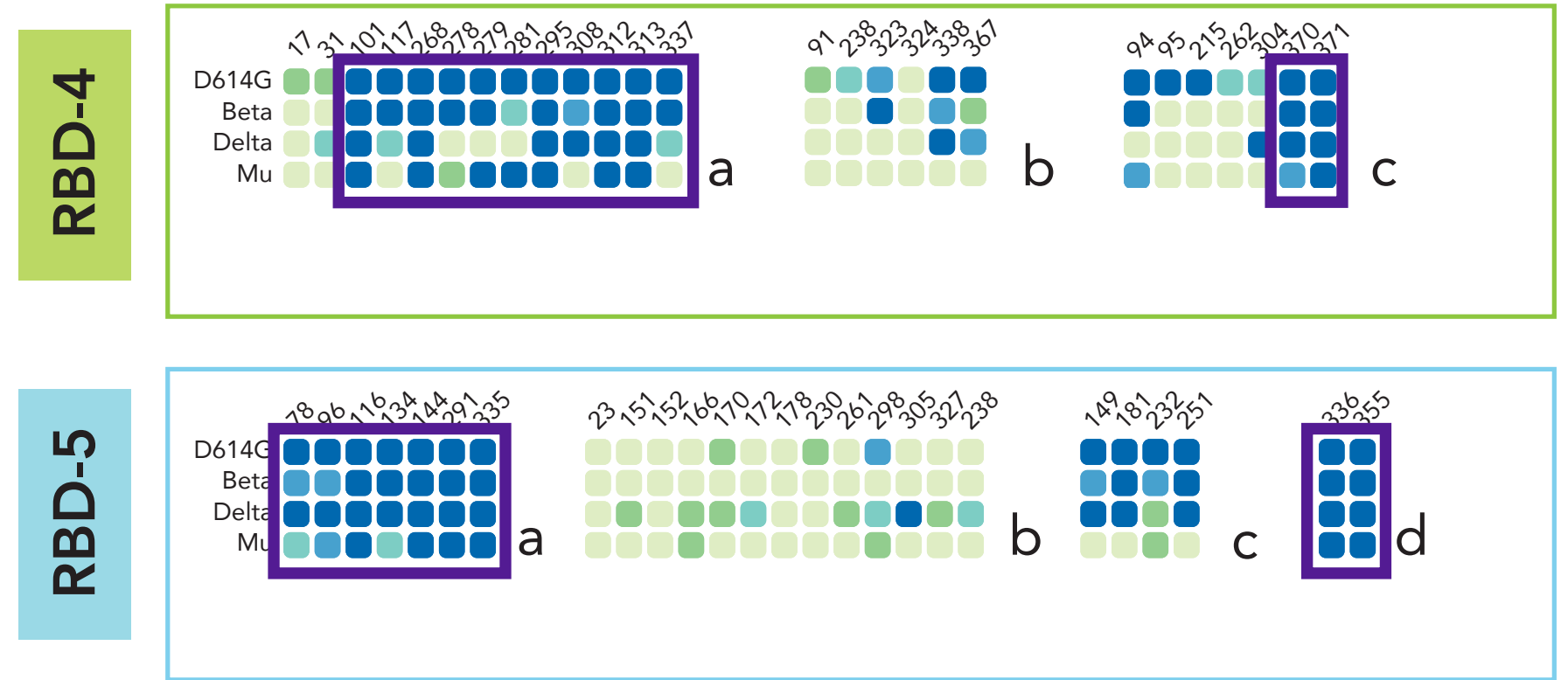
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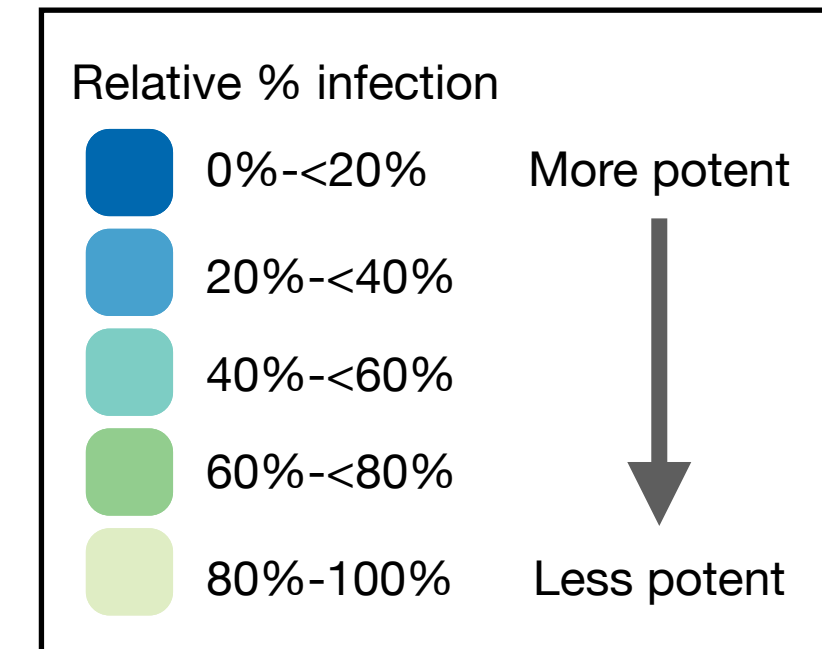
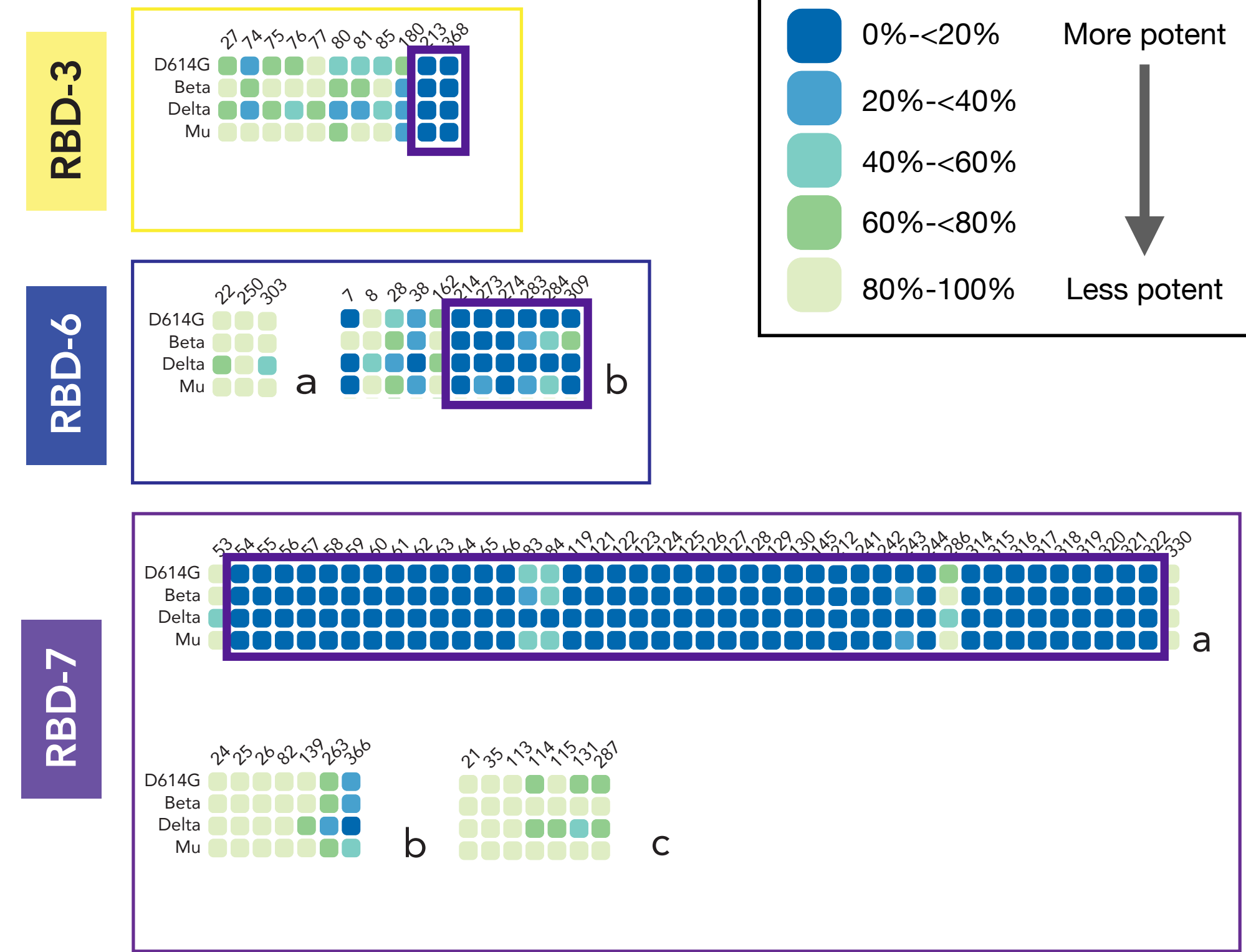
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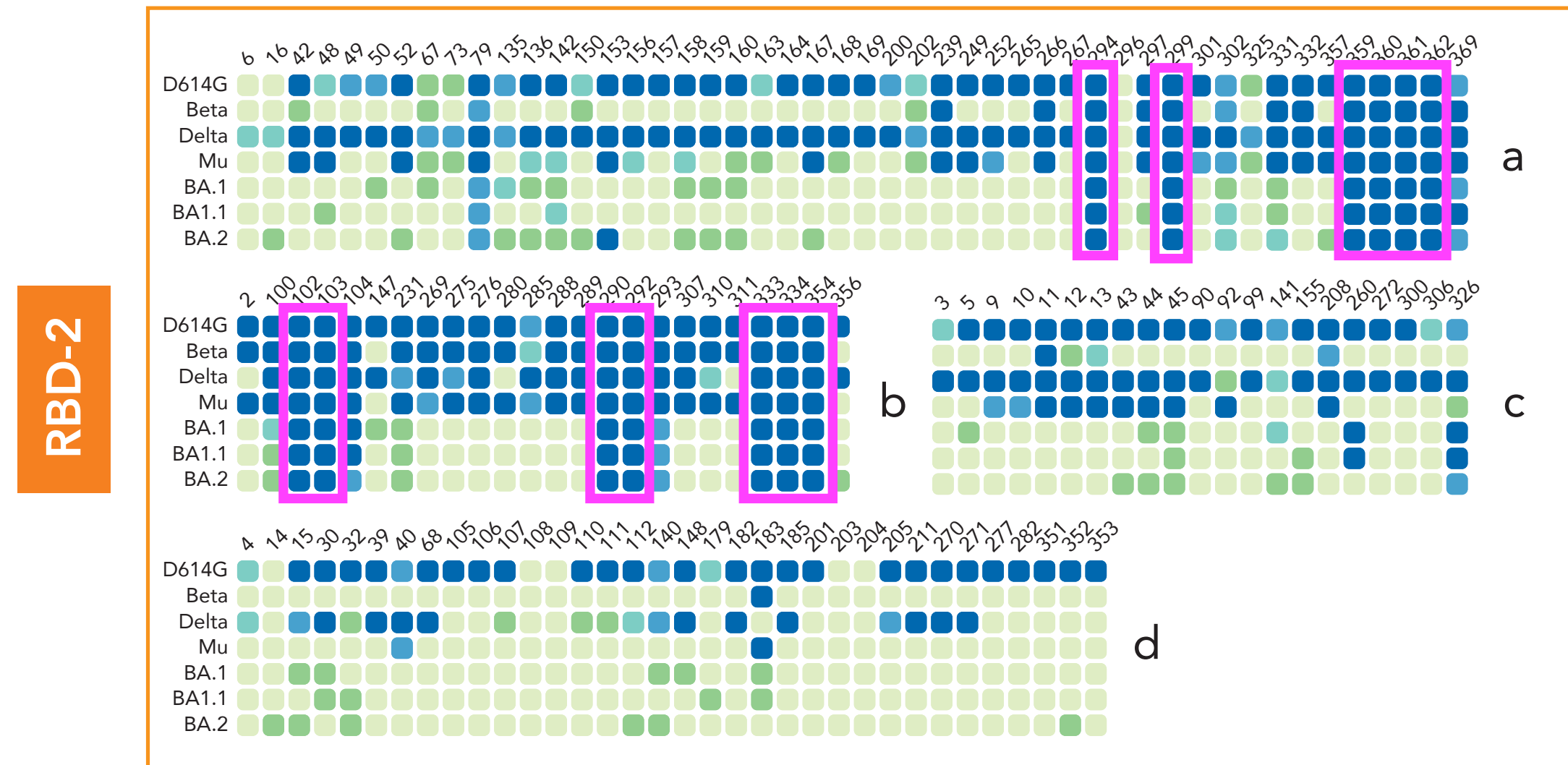
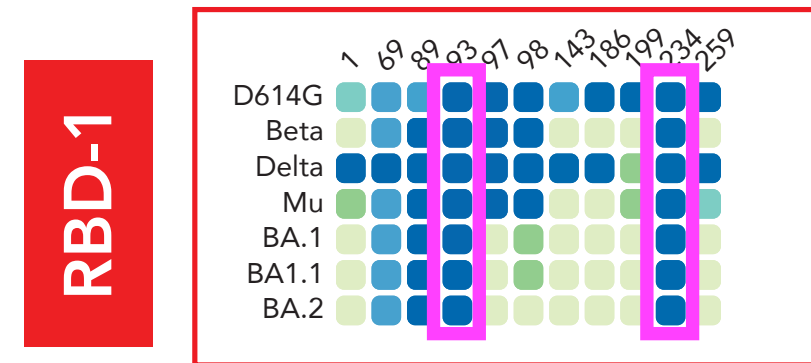


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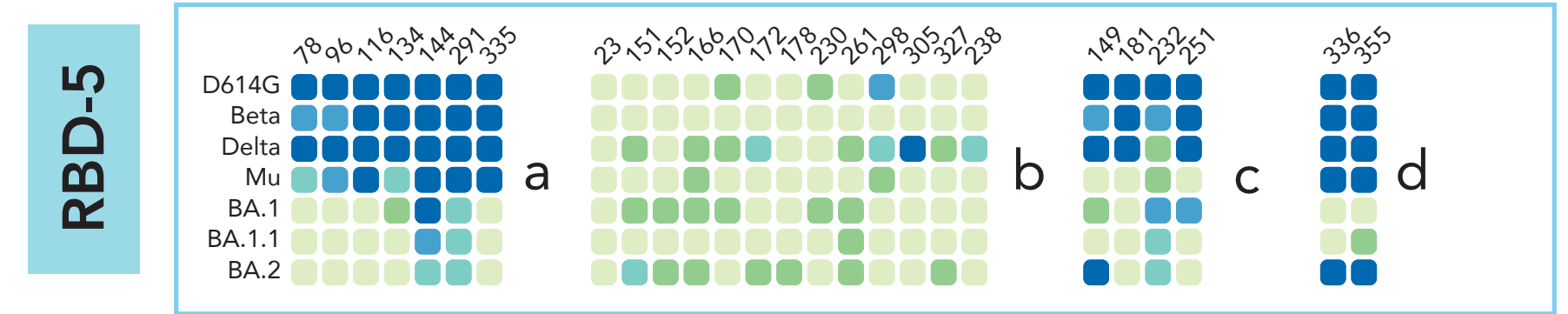
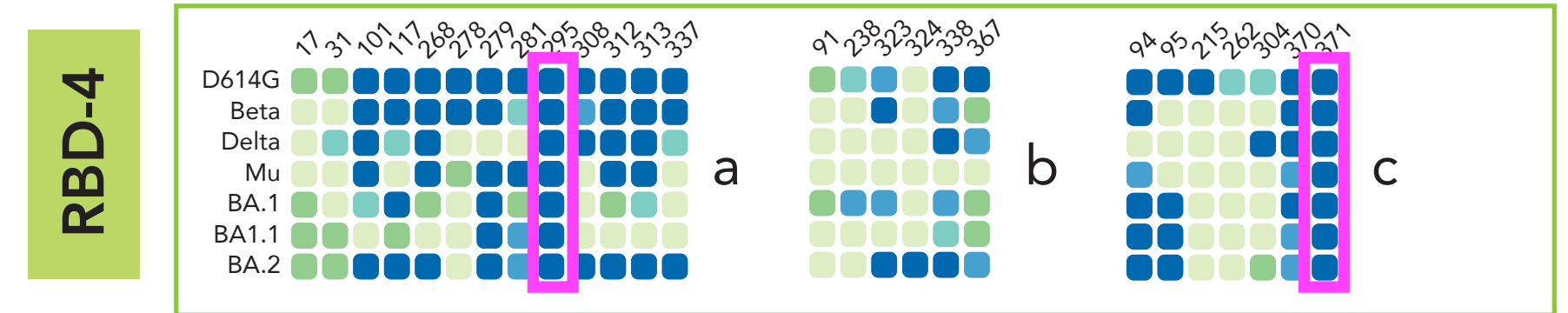


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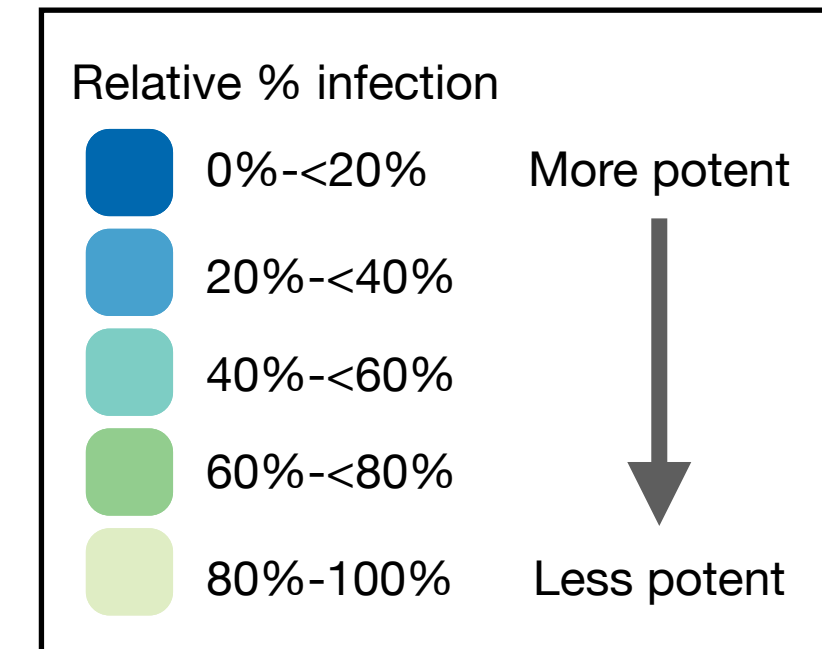
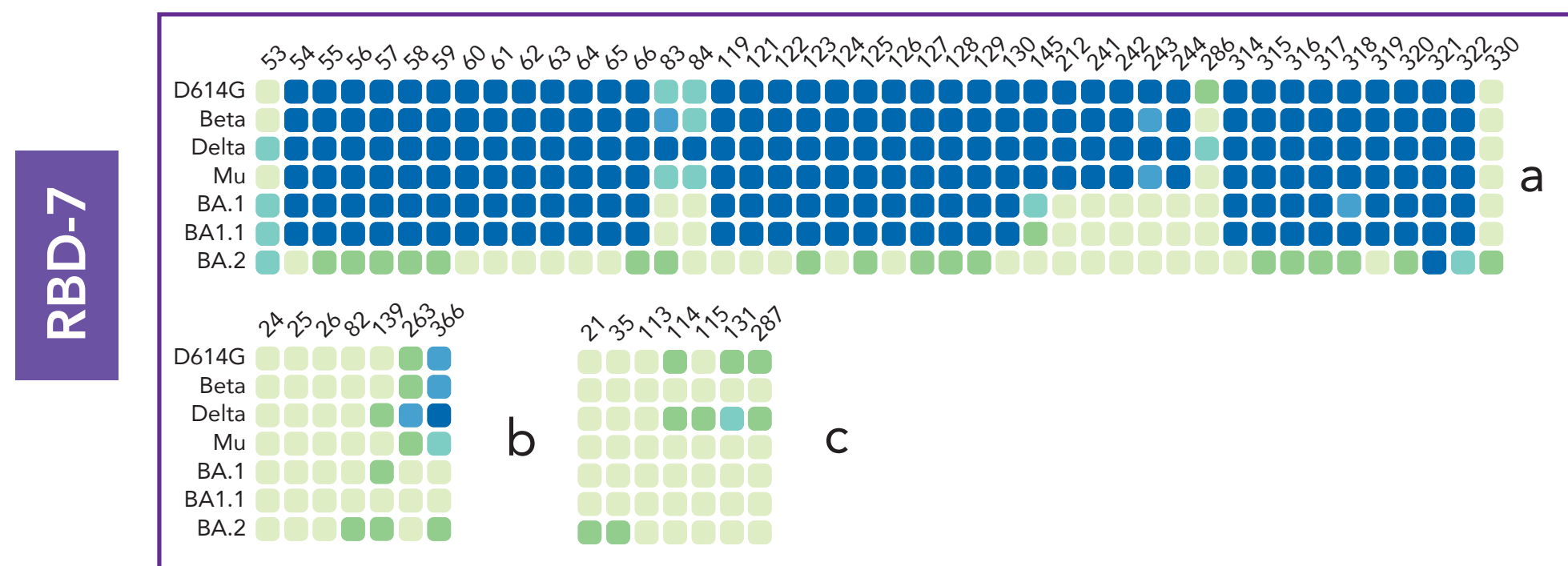
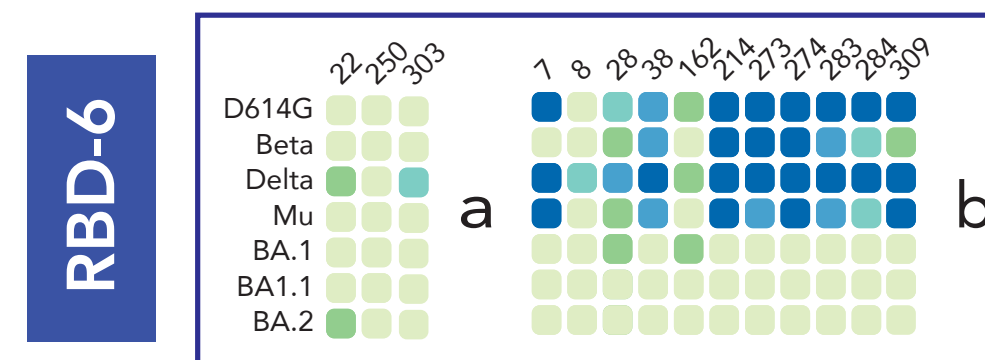
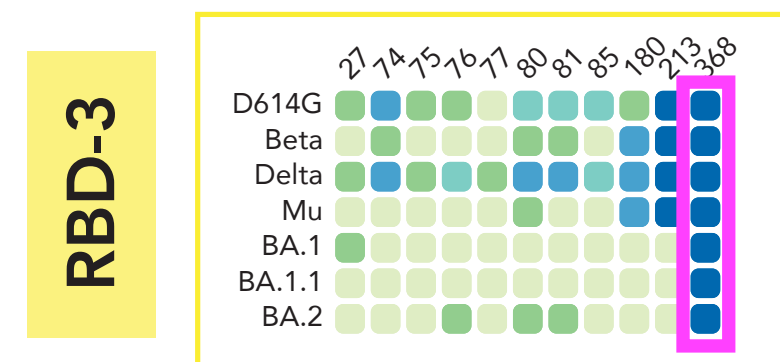
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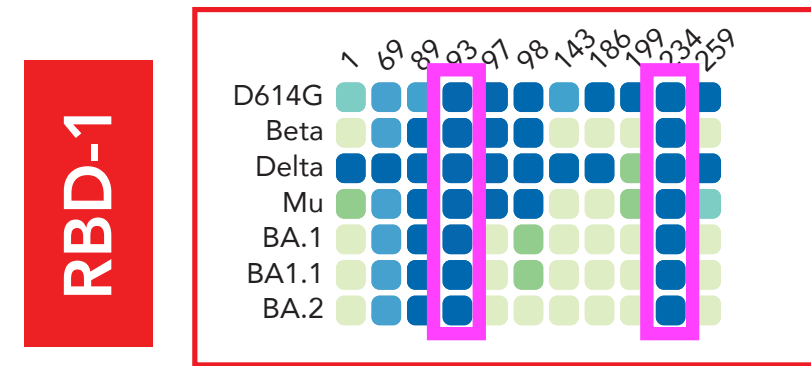


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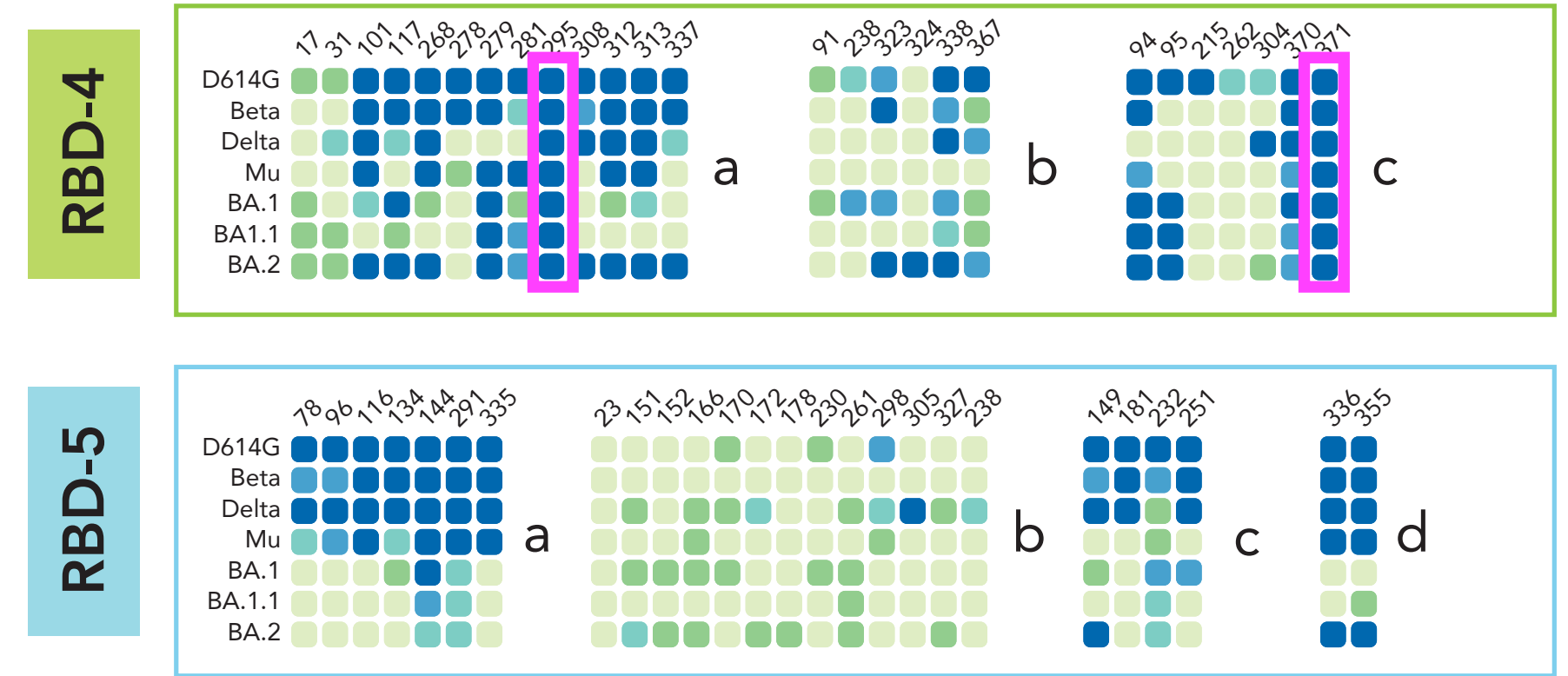
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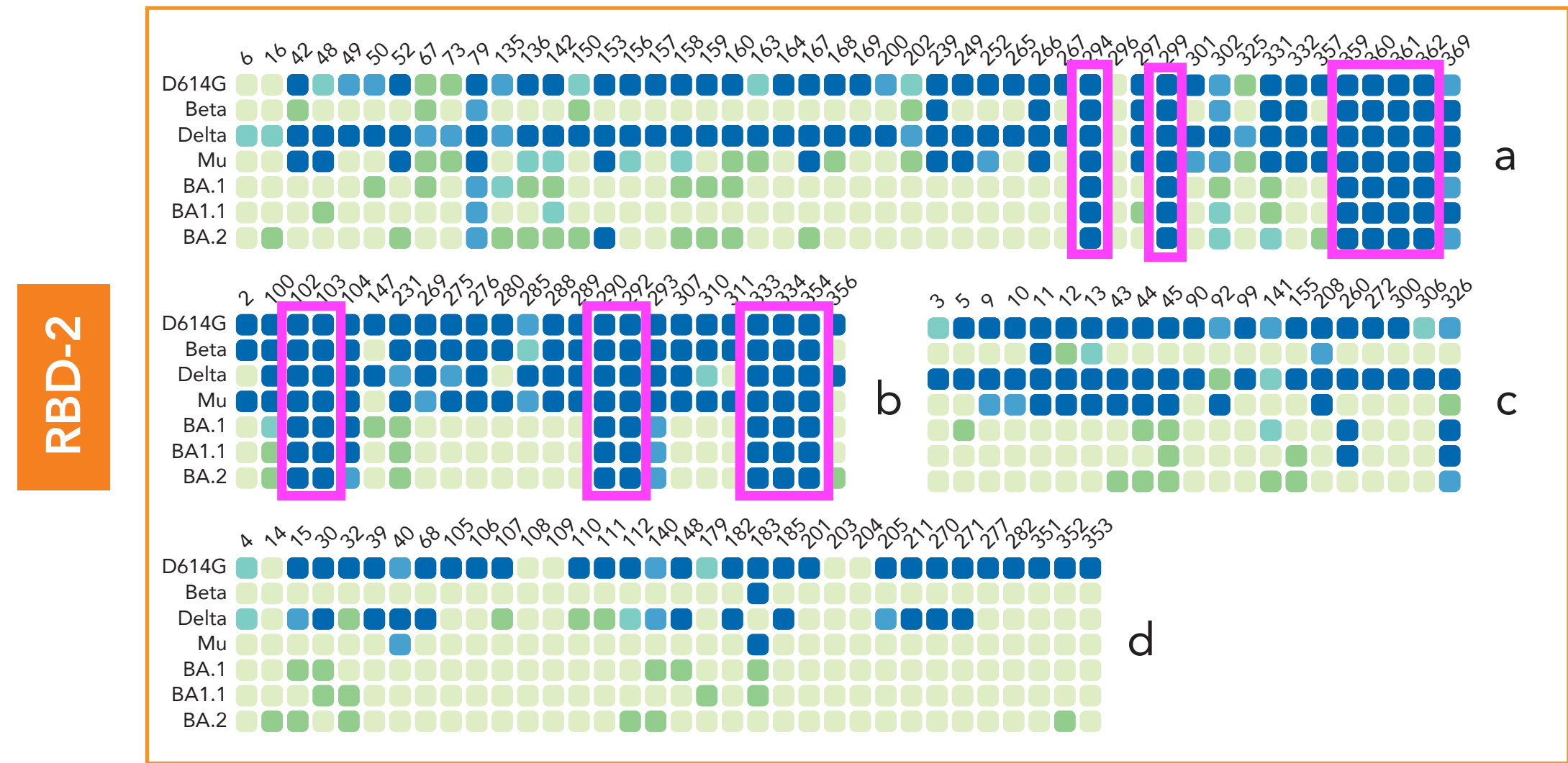
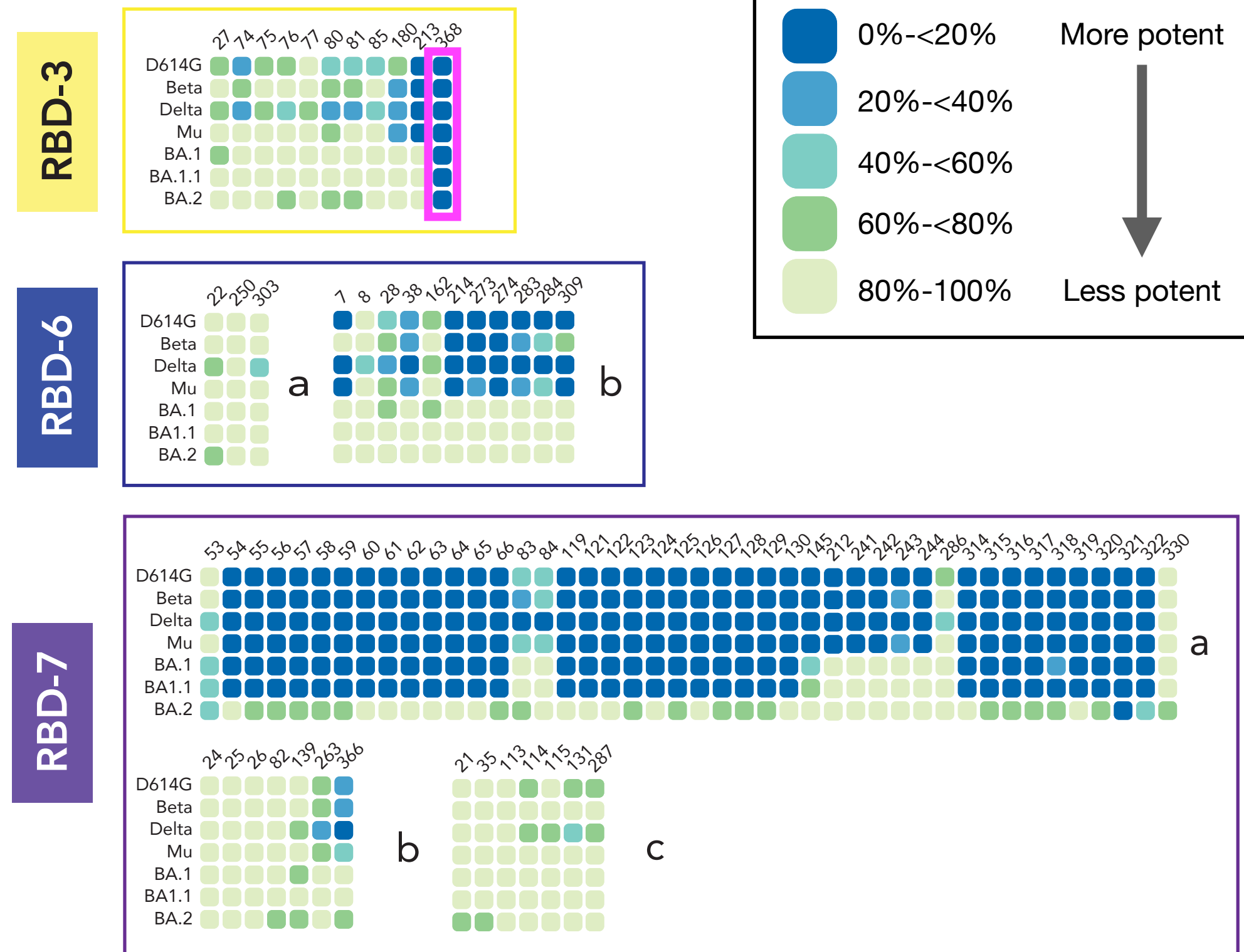
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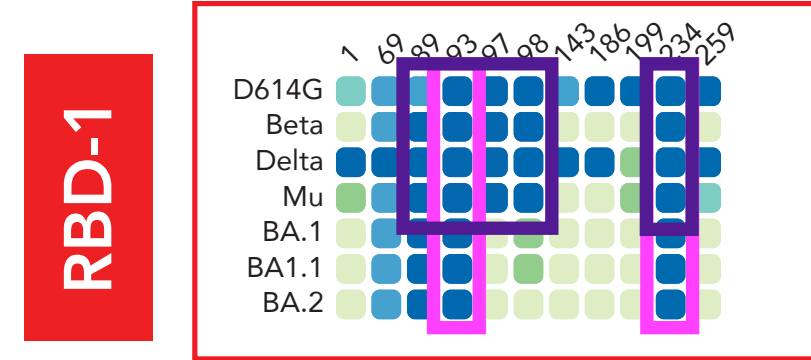


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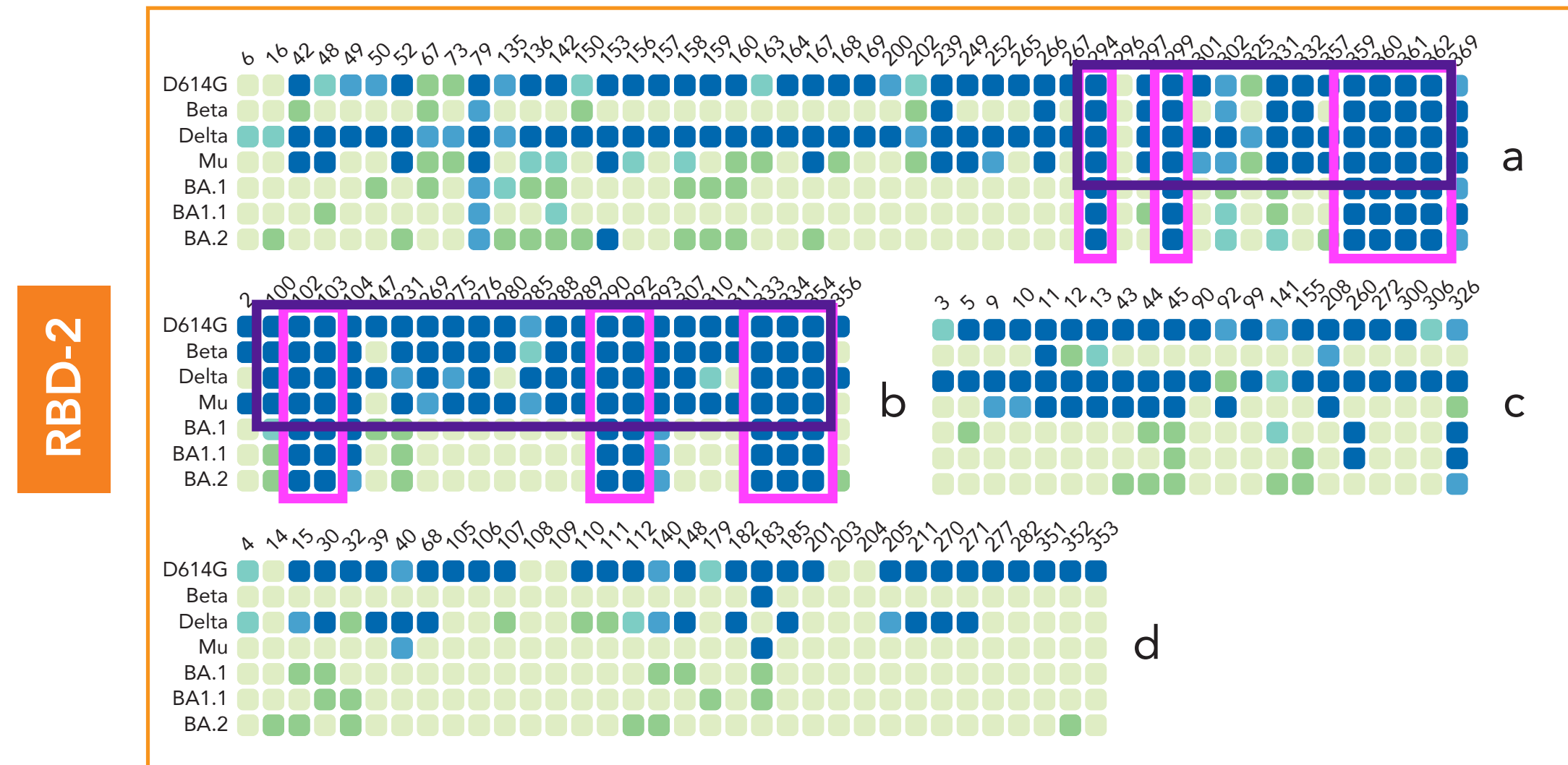


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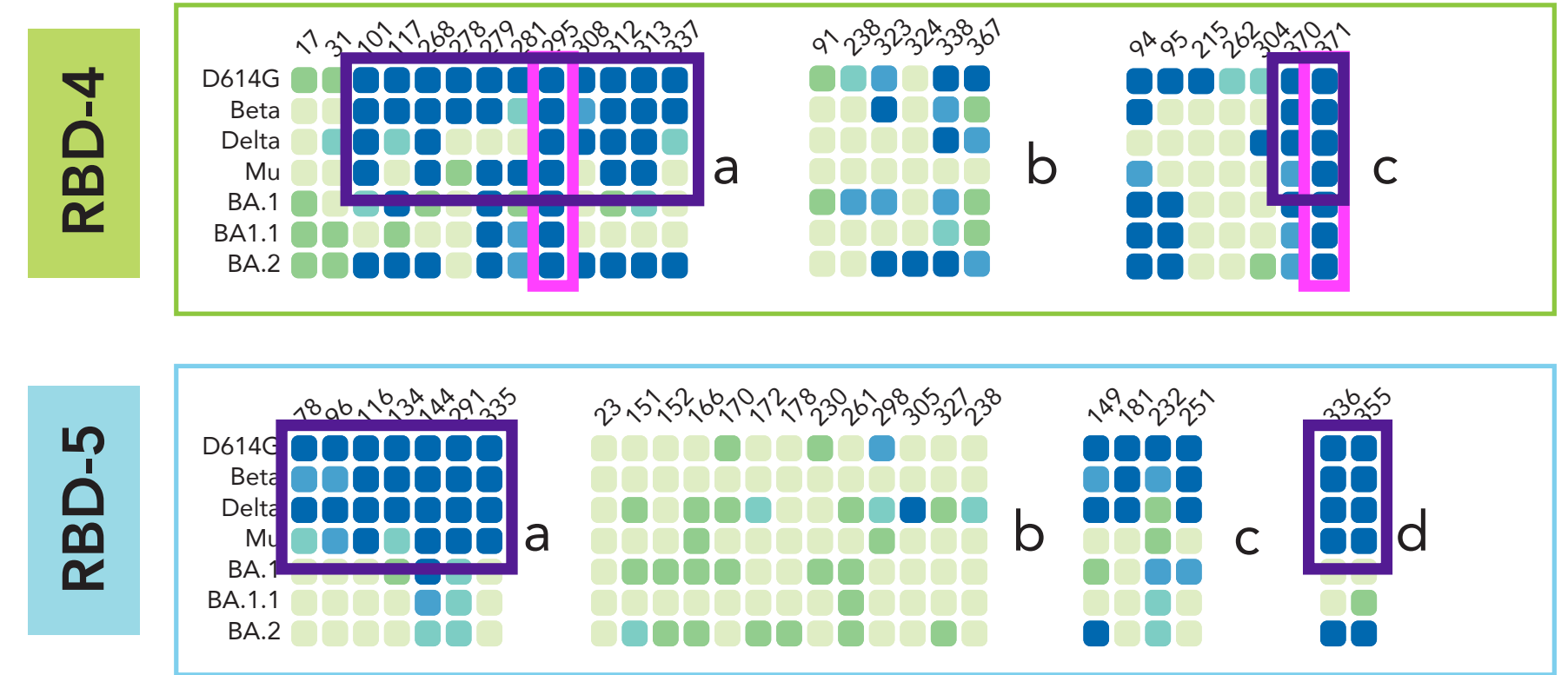
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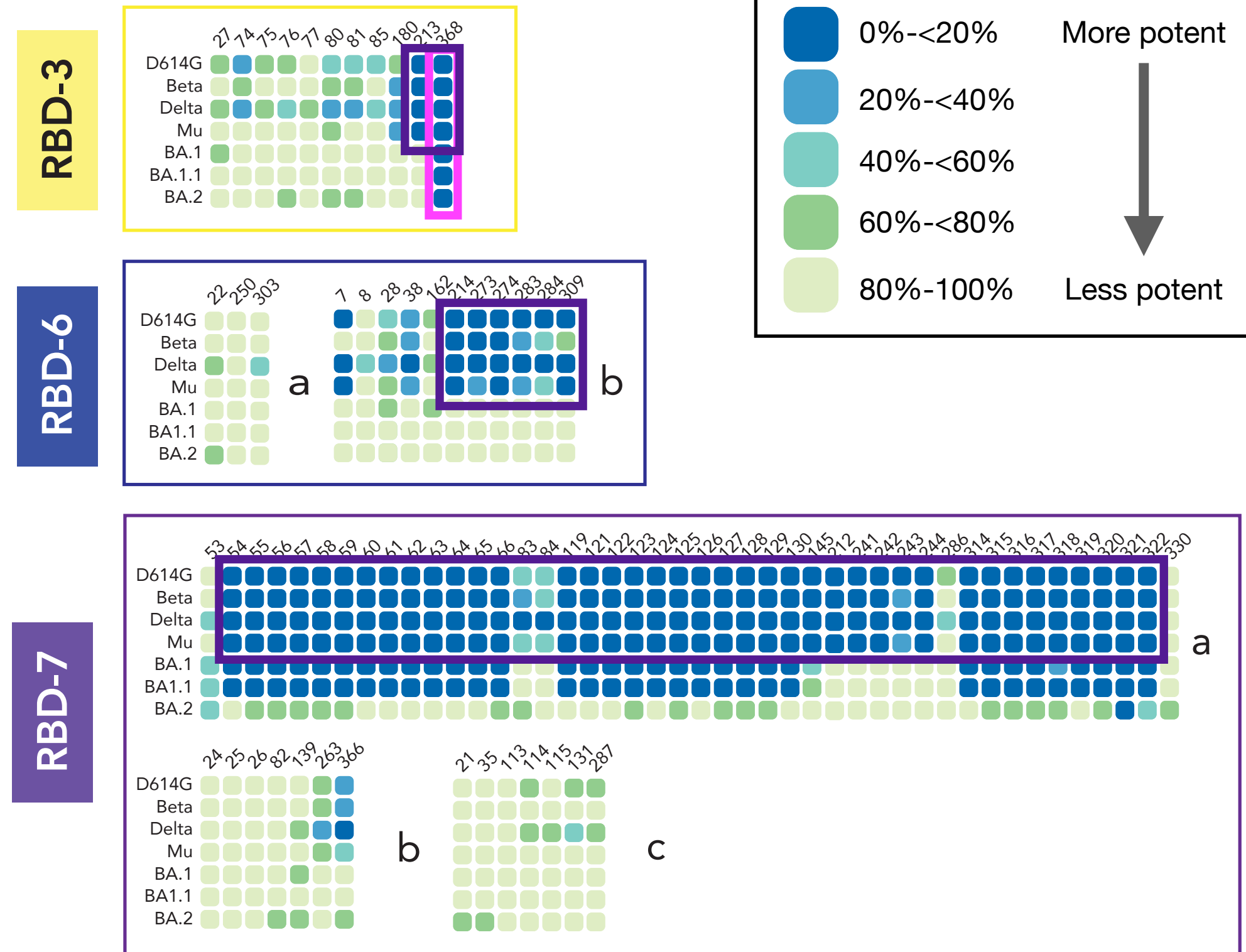
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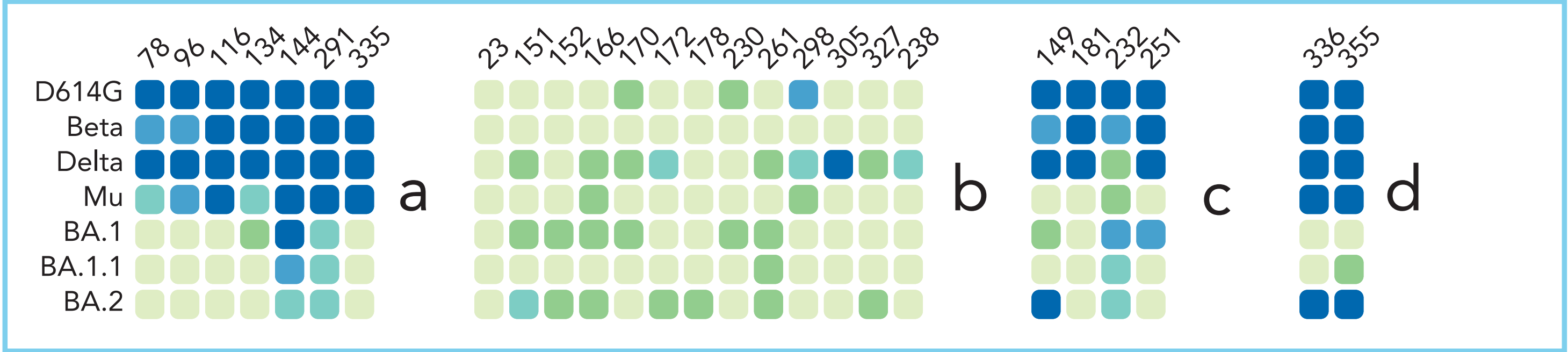
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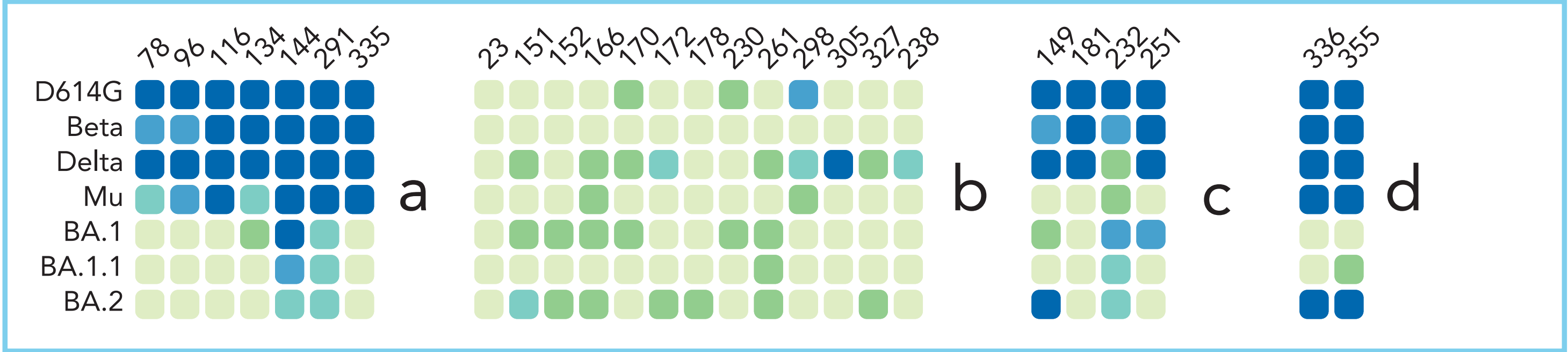
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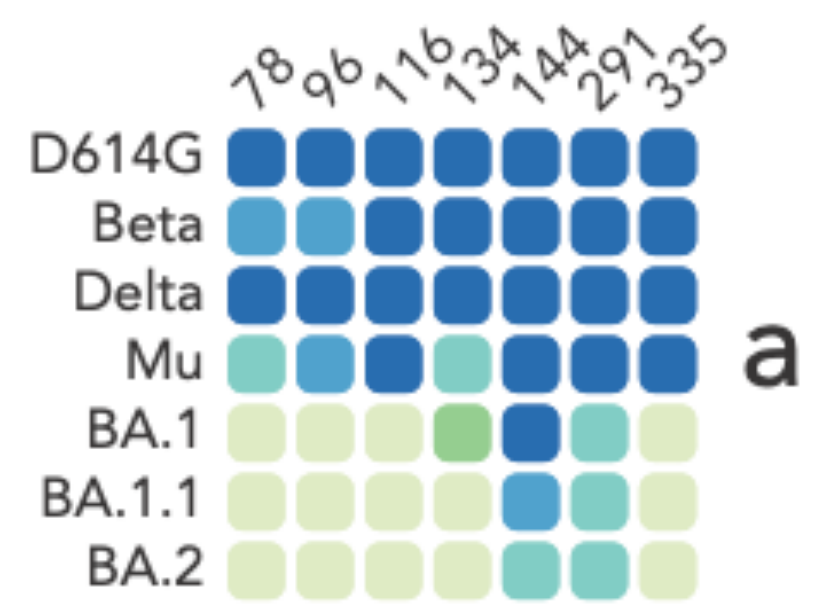


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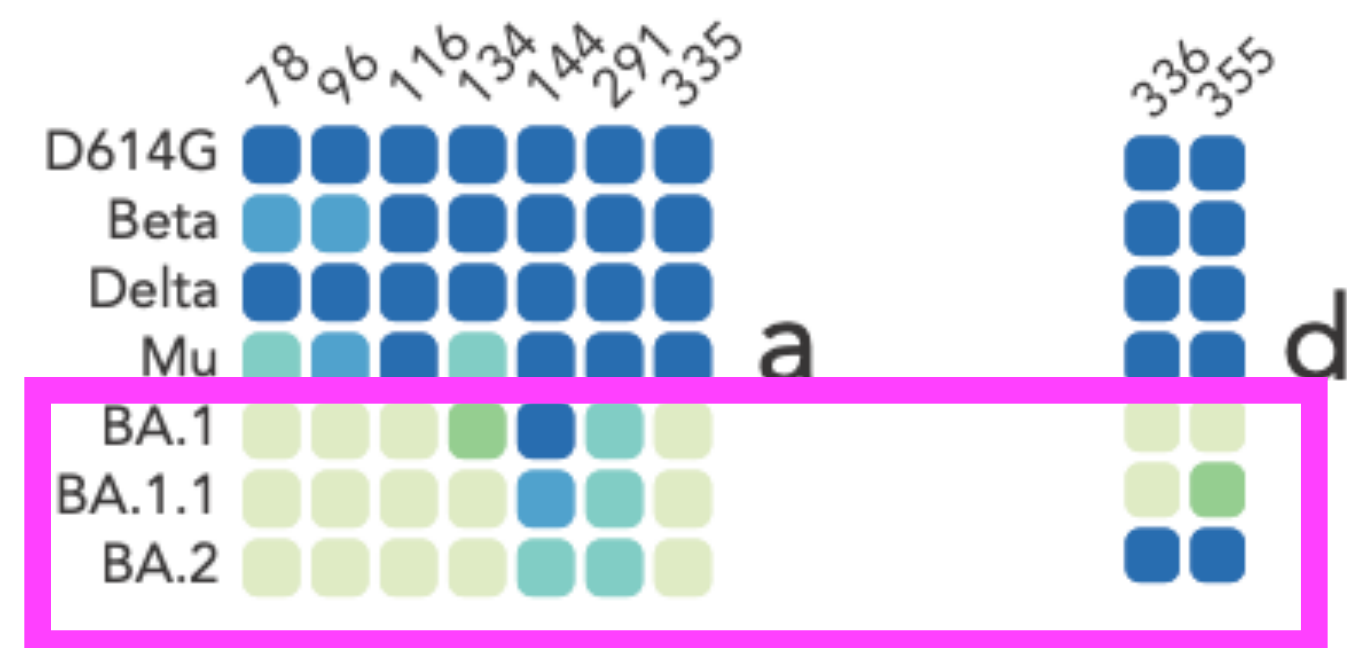


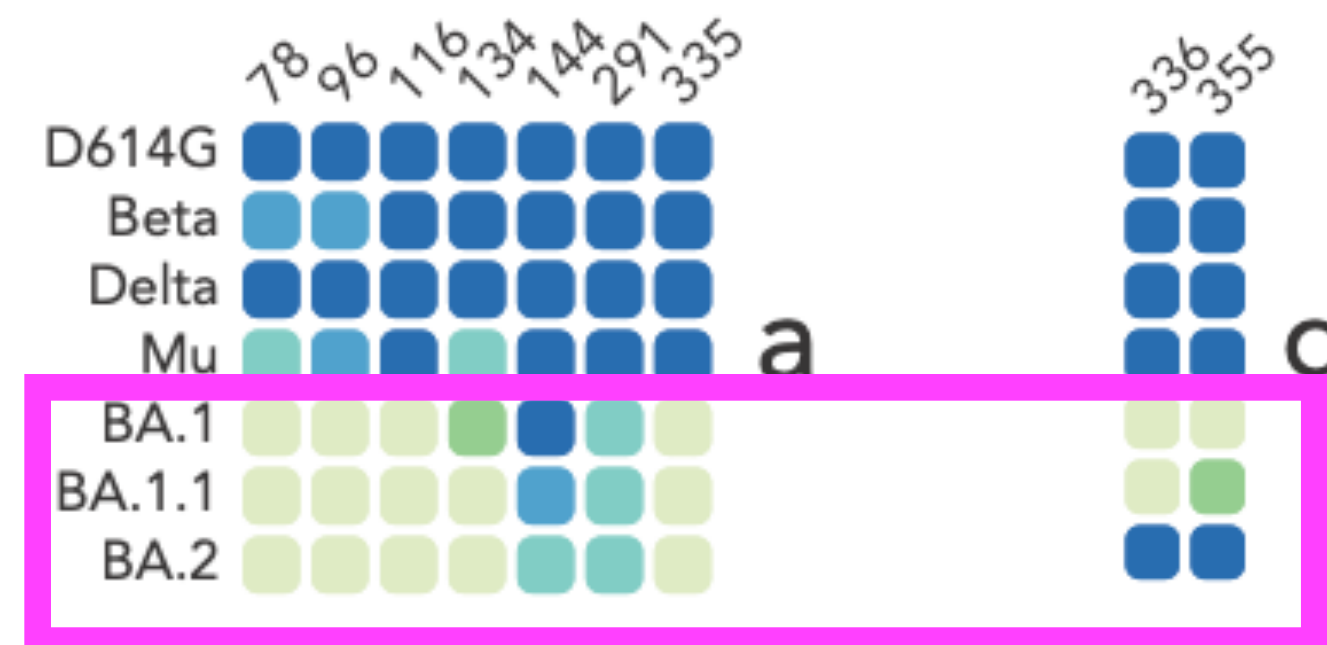


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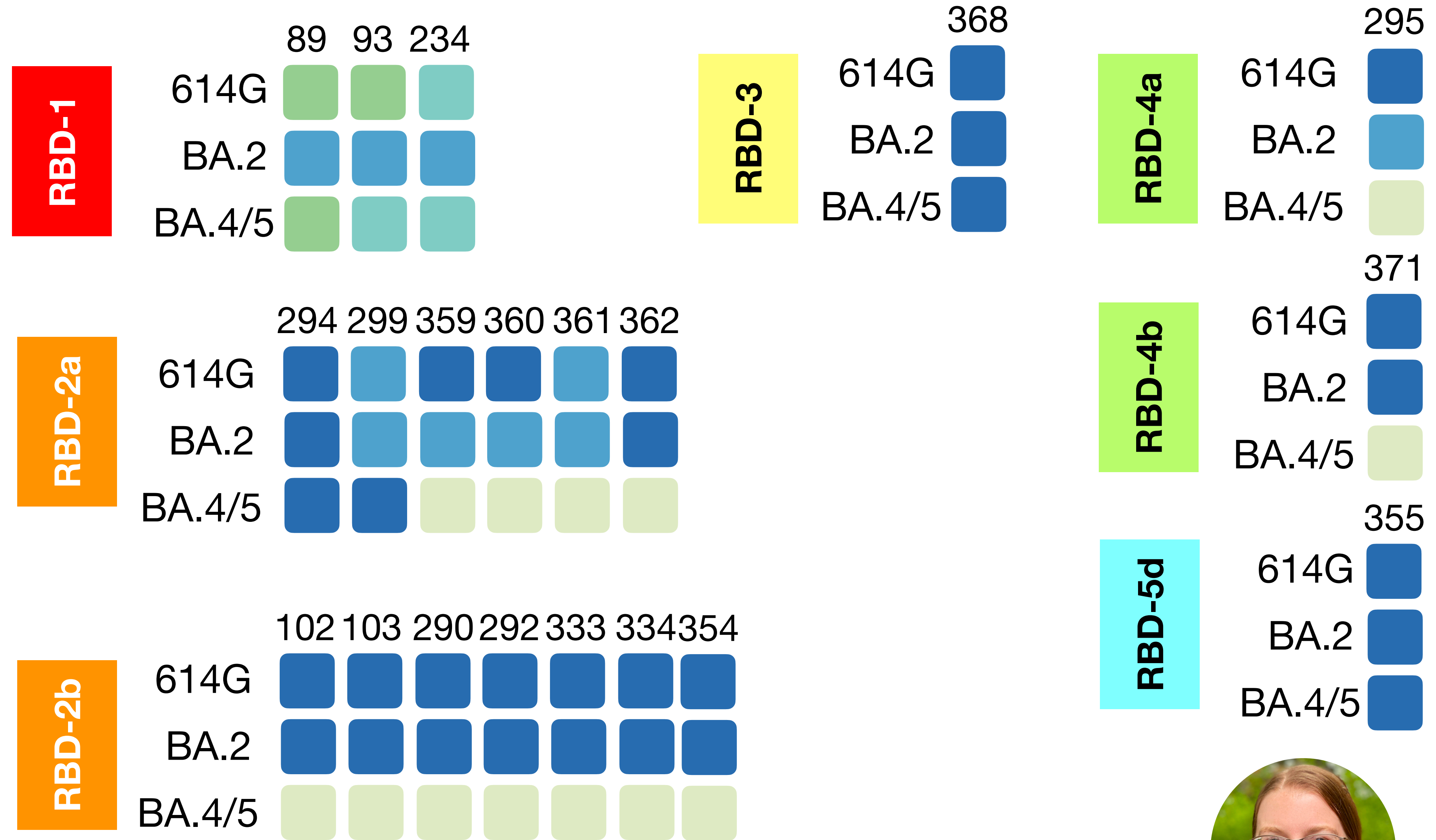


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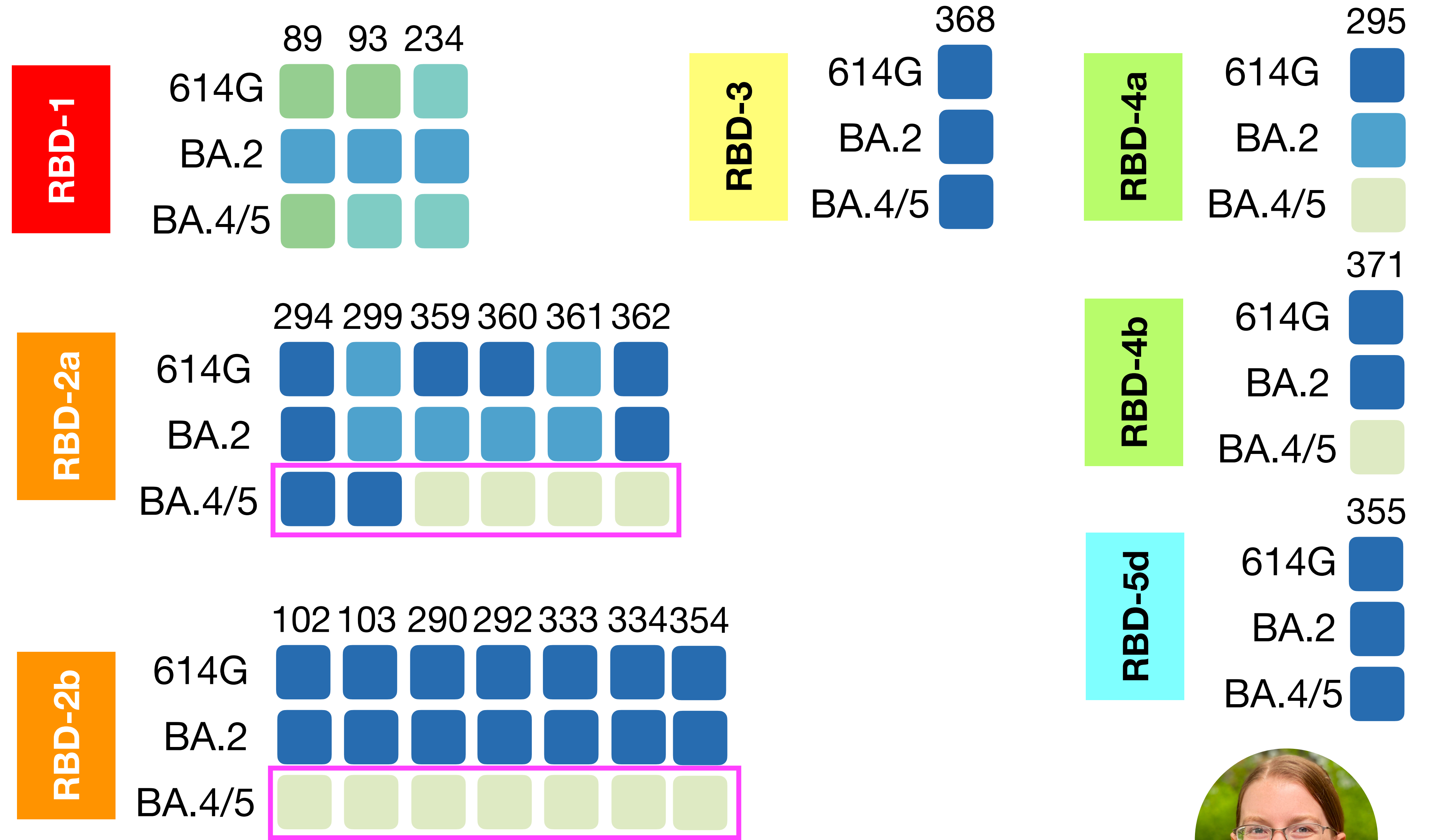


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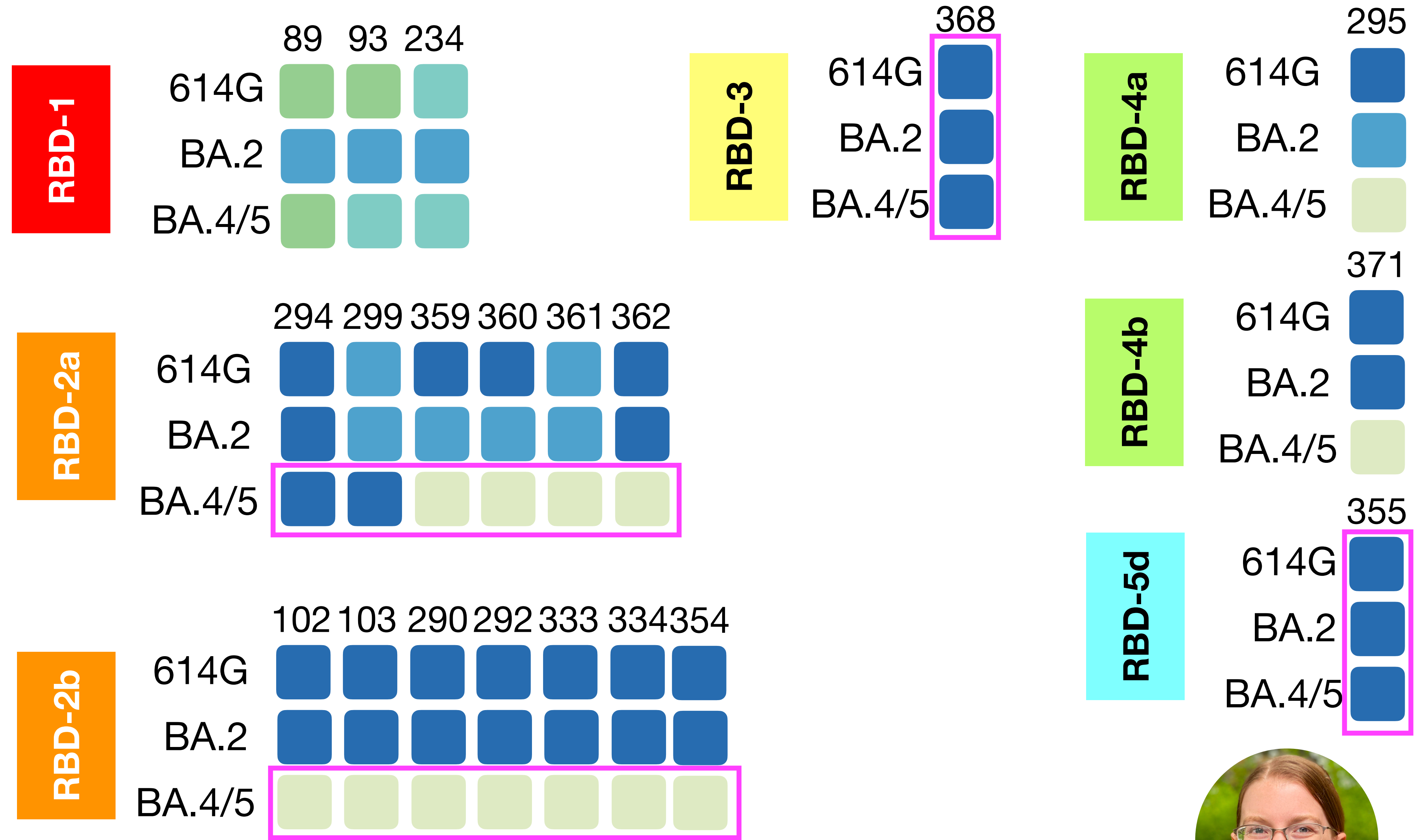


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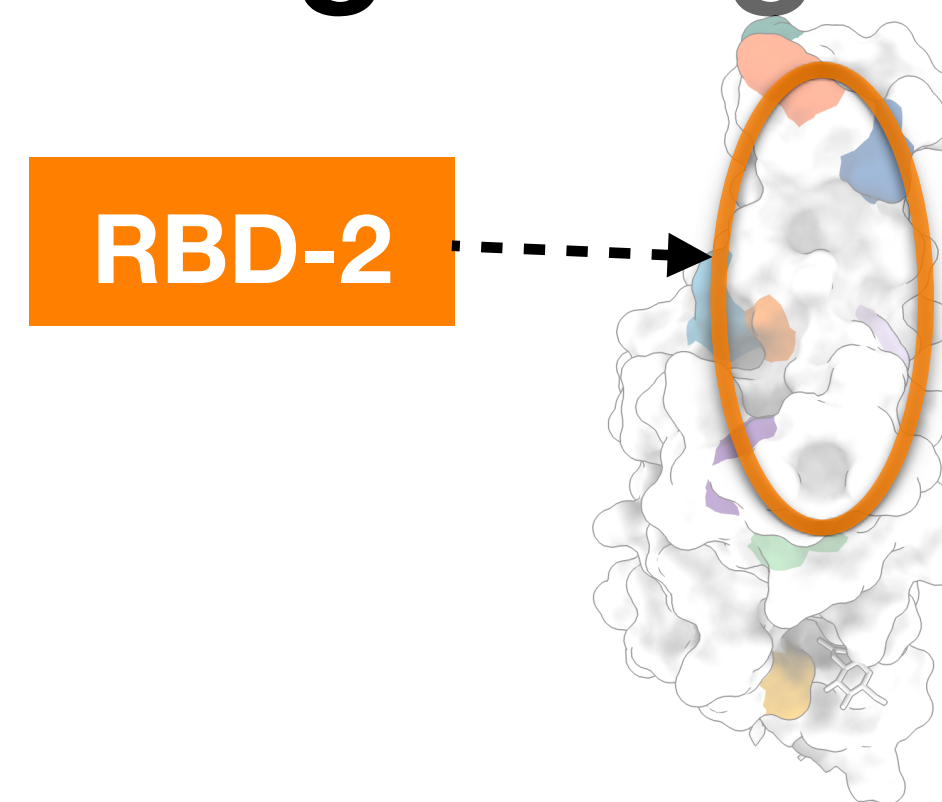
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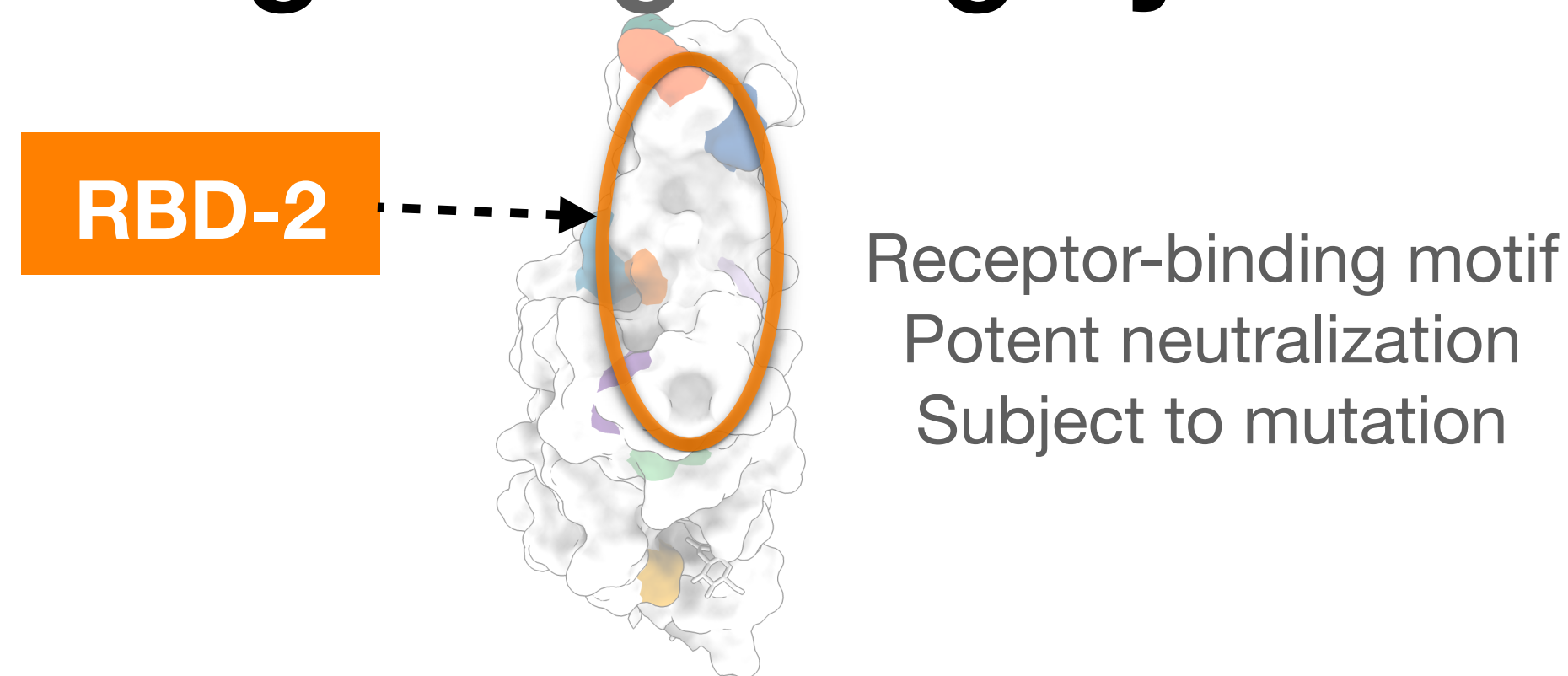
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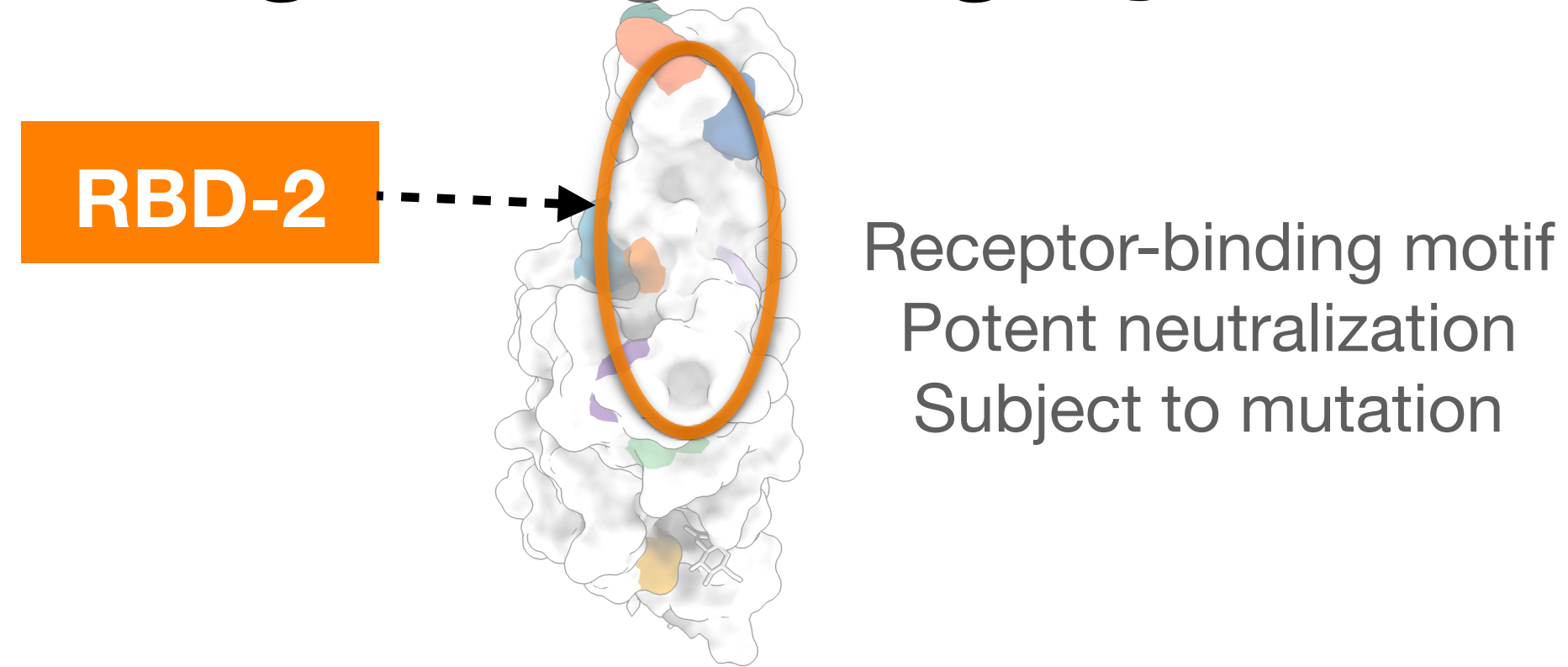
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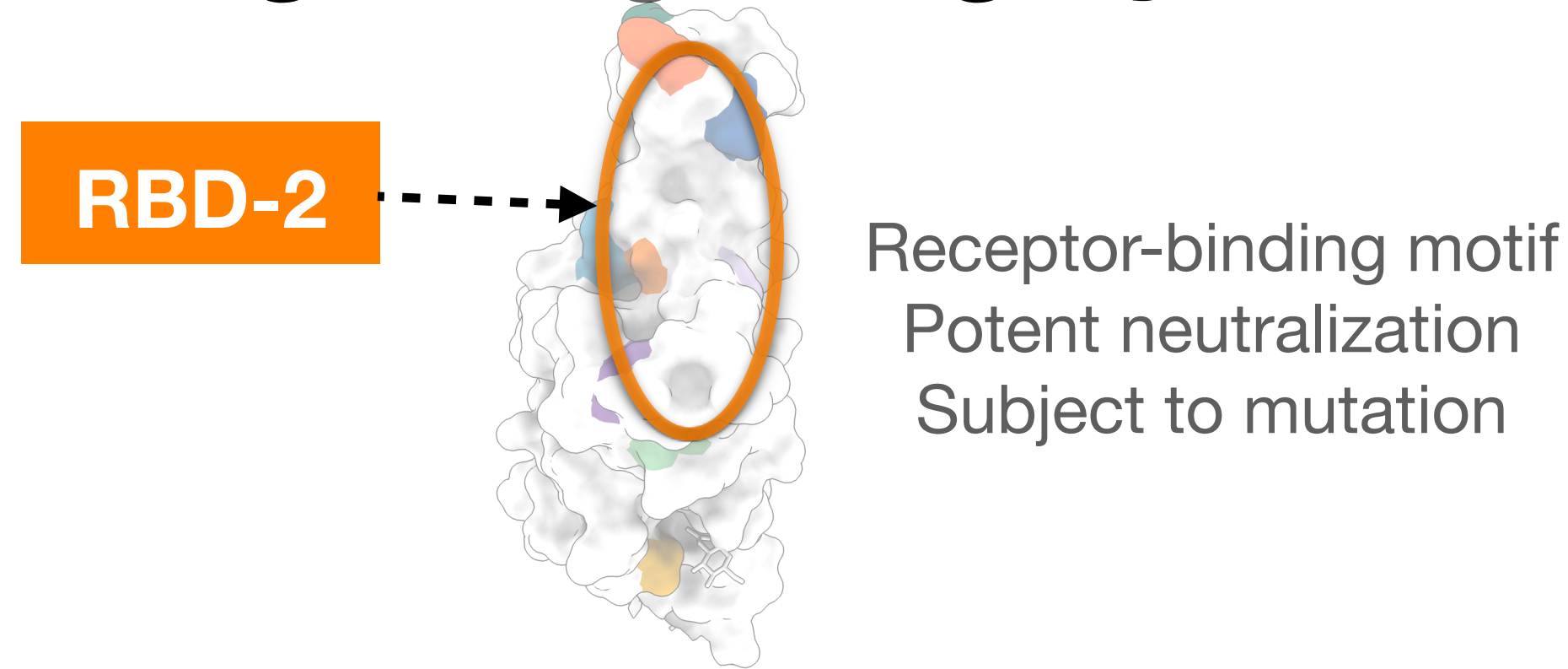
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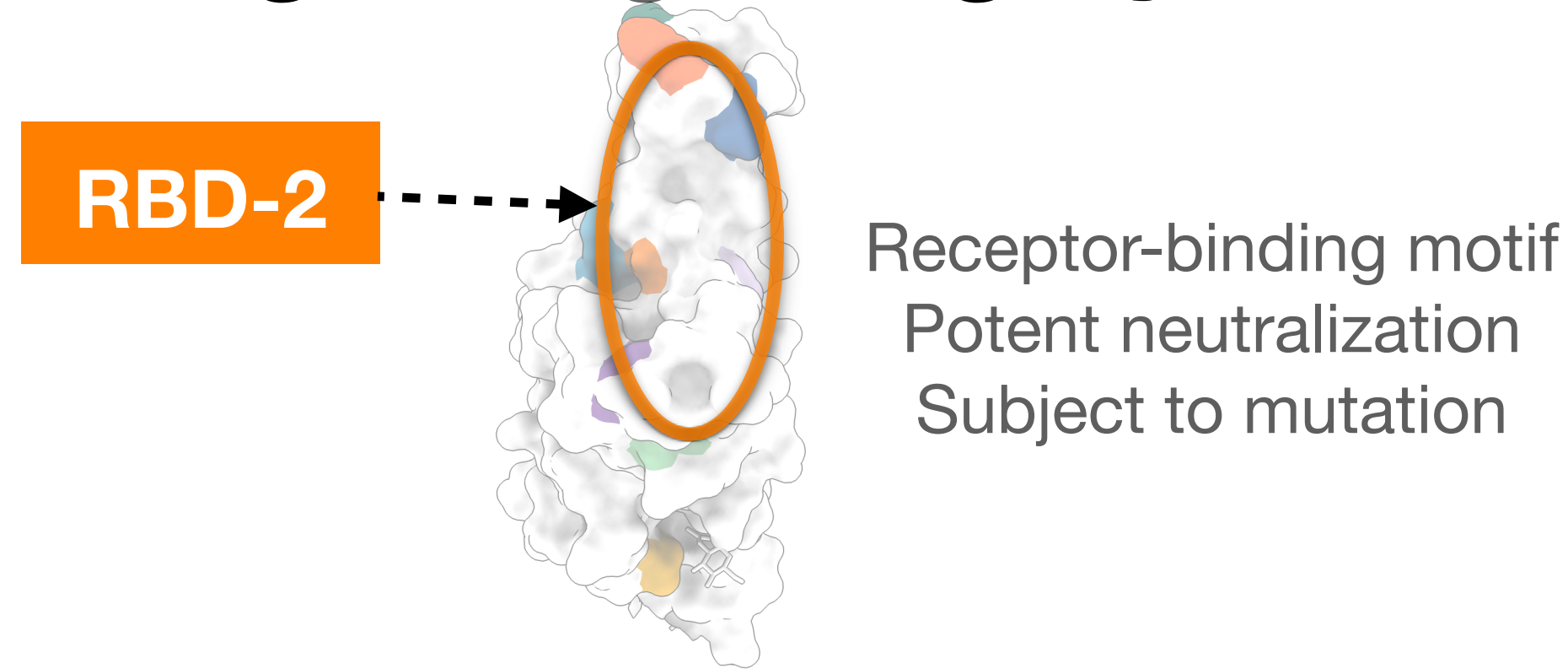


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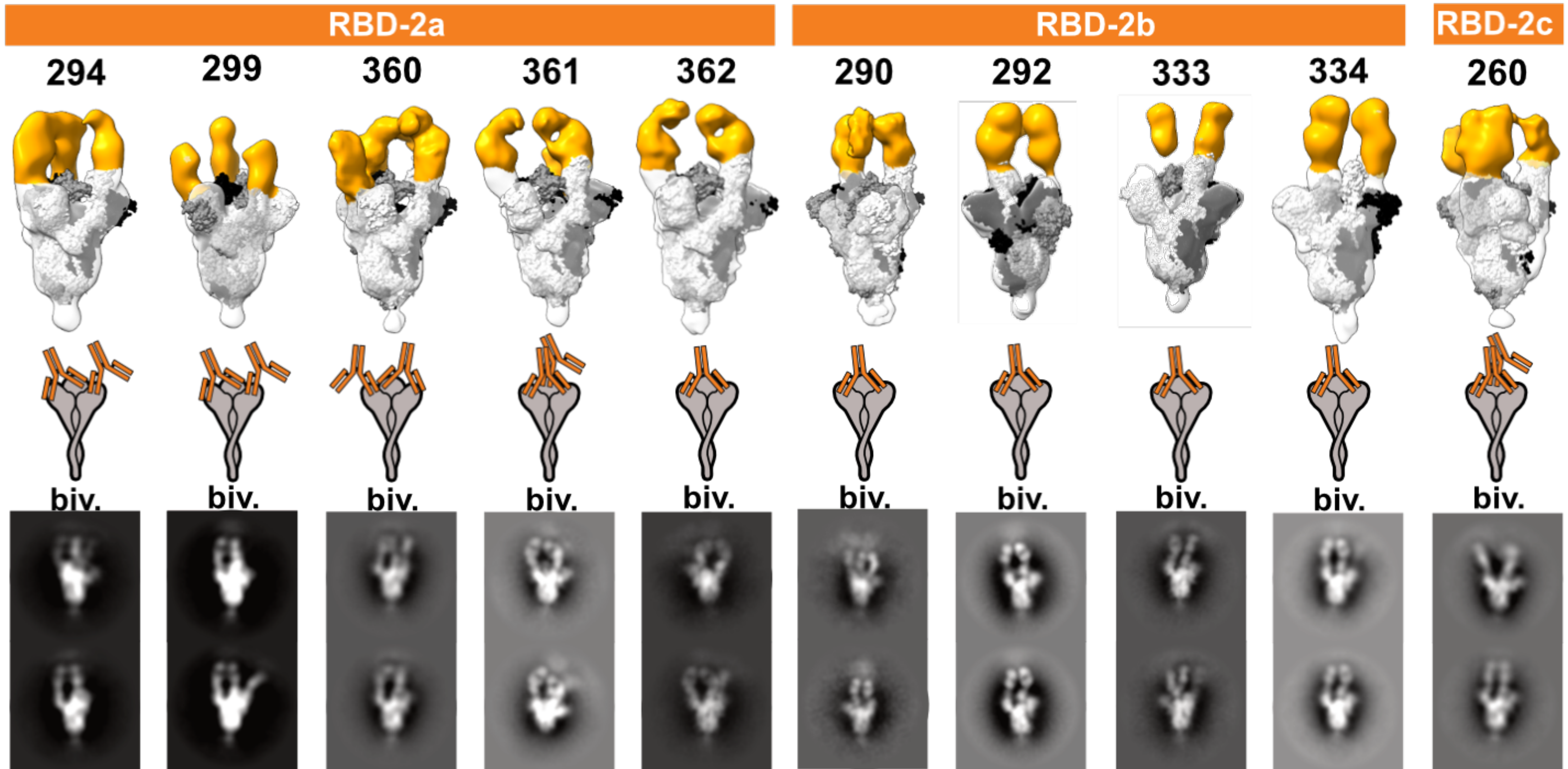
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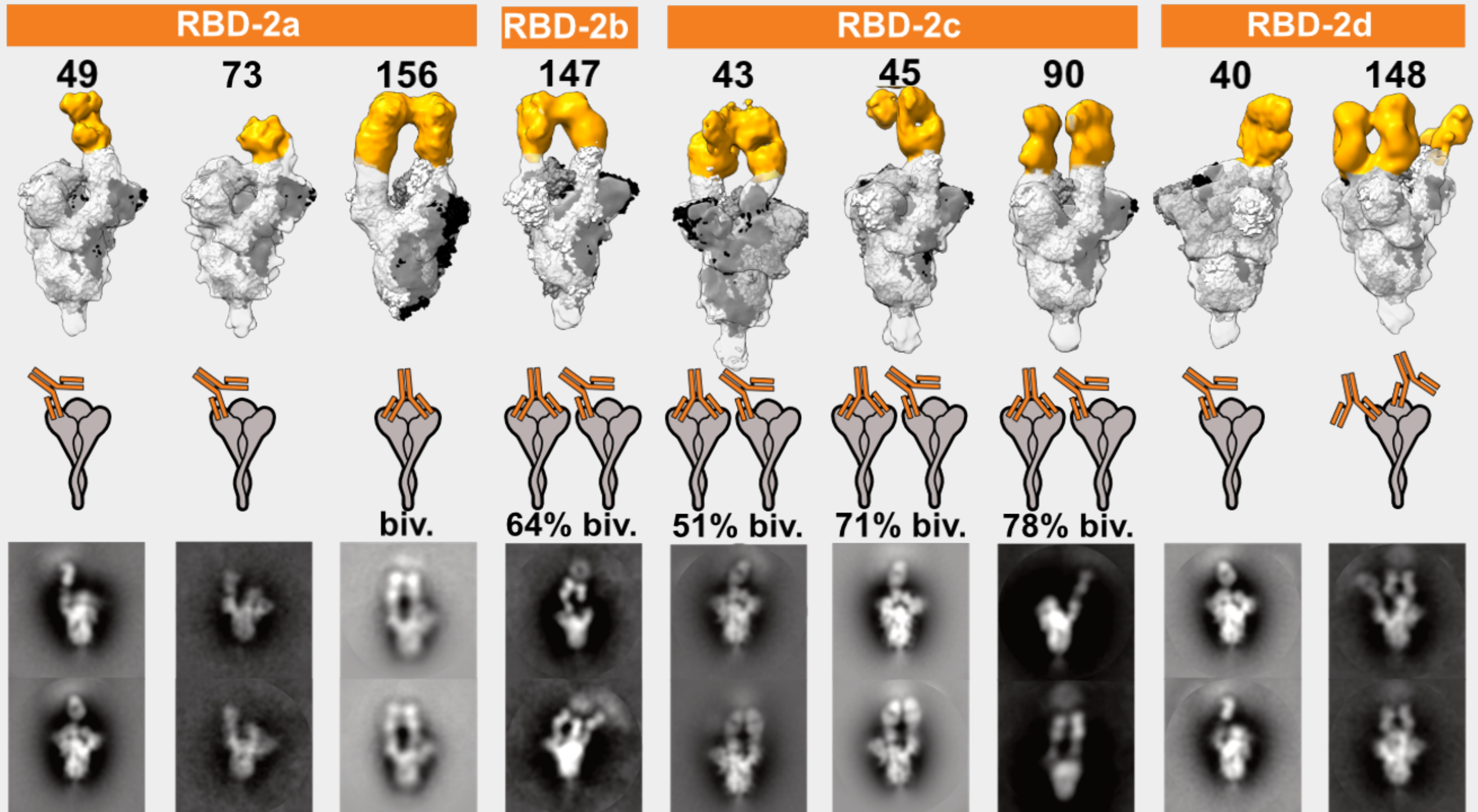
Look at the IgG-spike complexes by electron microscopy

These RBD-2 antibodies can neutralize Omicron



These RBD-2 antibodies can NOT neutralize Omicron

Omicron Non-neutralizing



Neutralize Omicron



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One Bivalent



biv.



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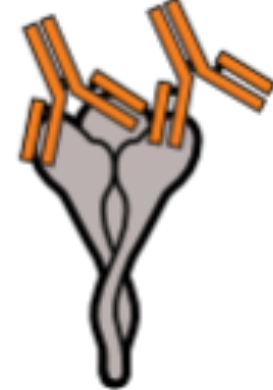
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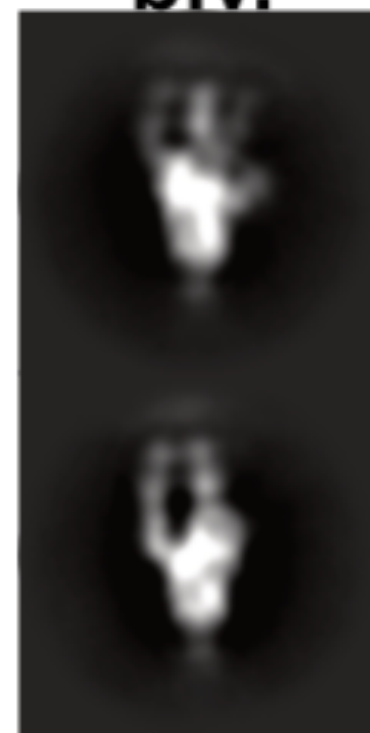
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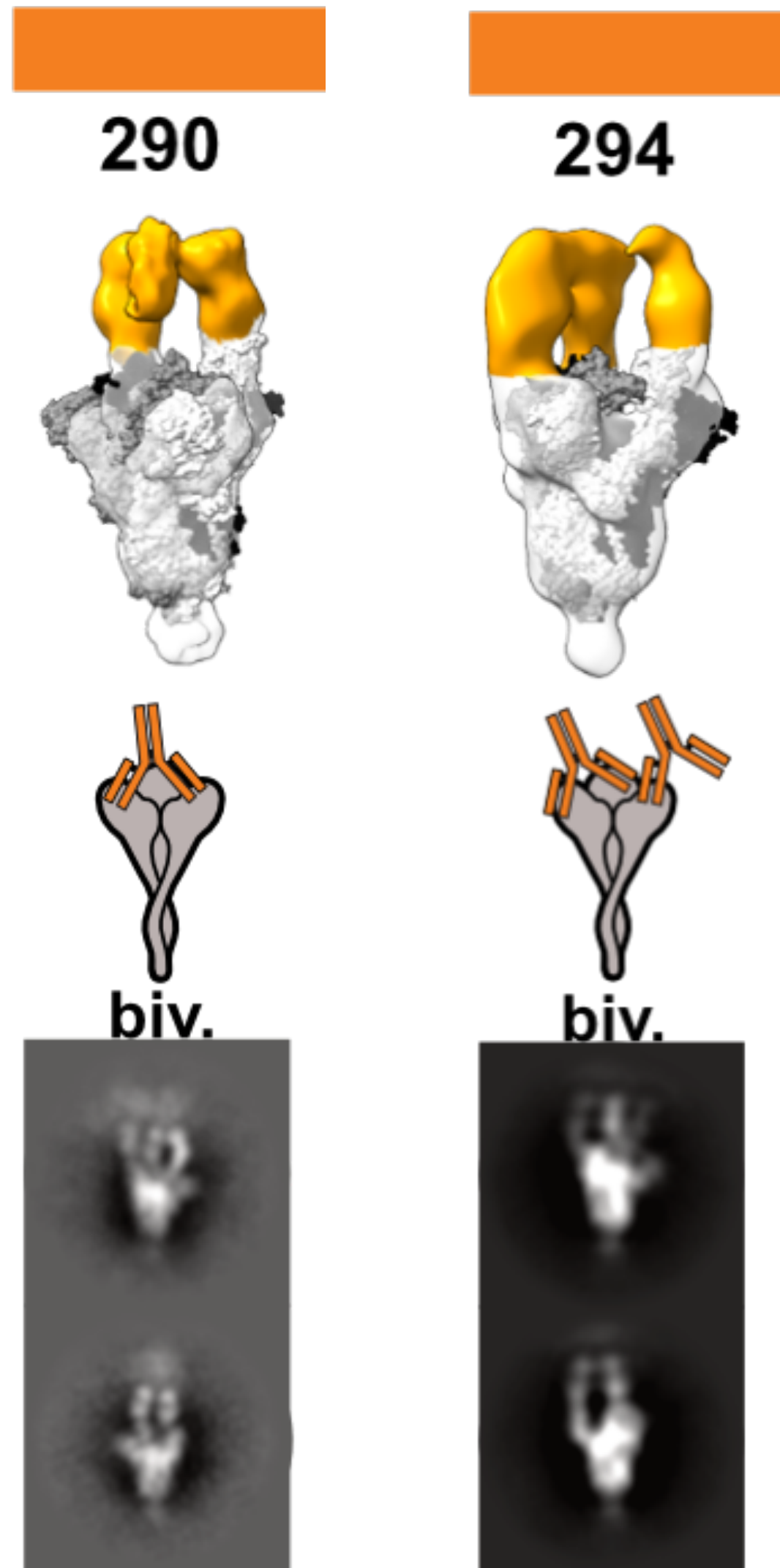
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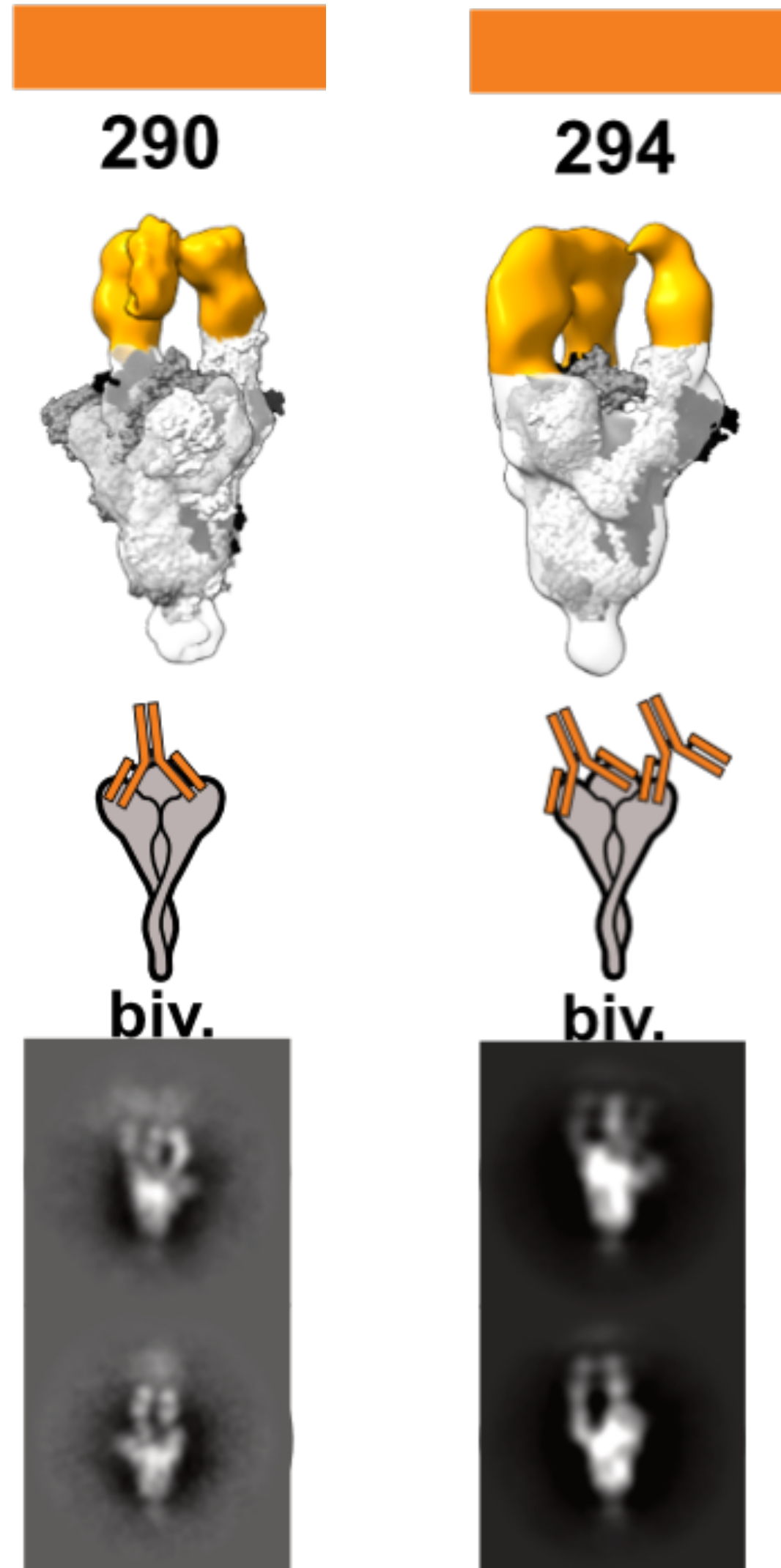


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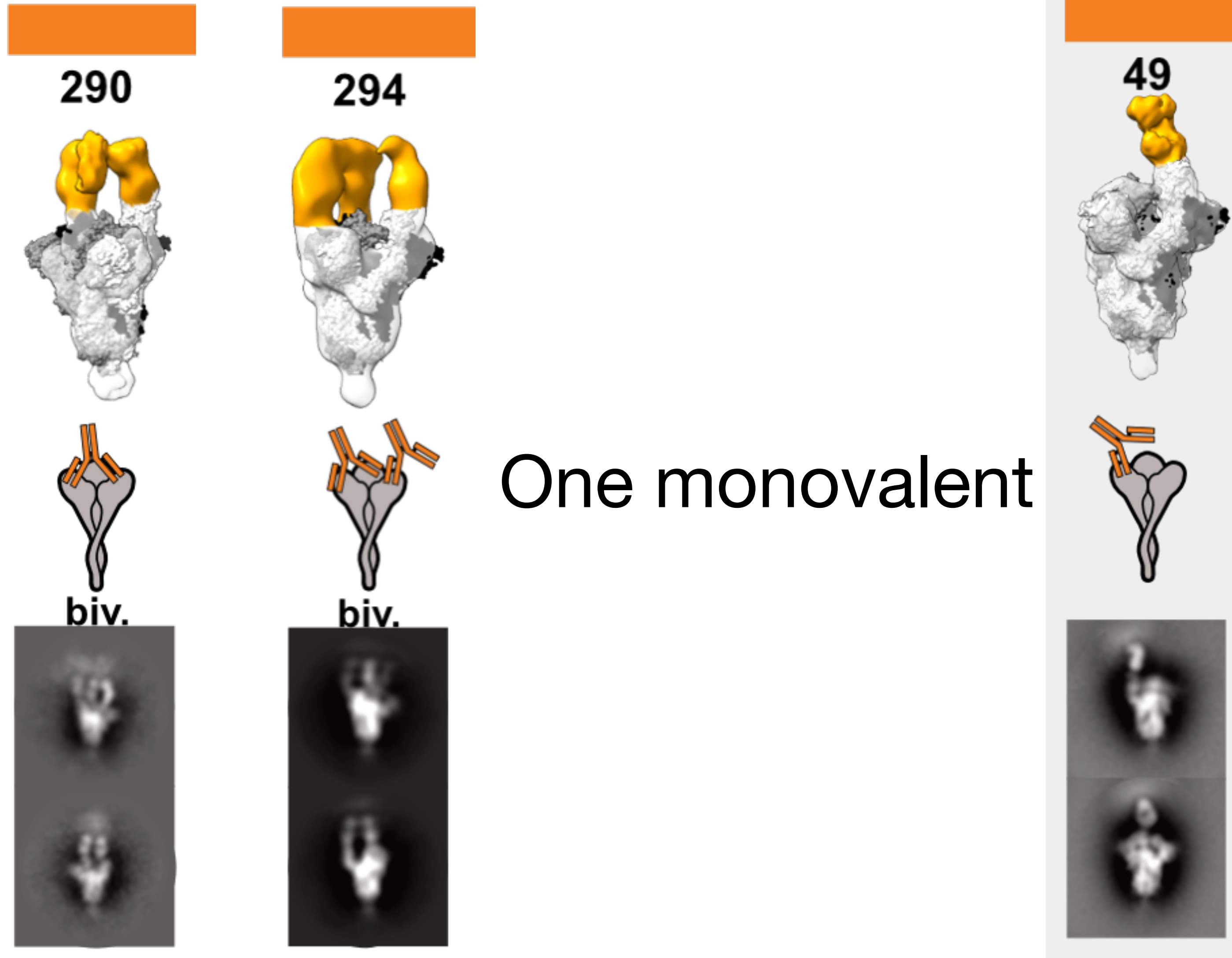
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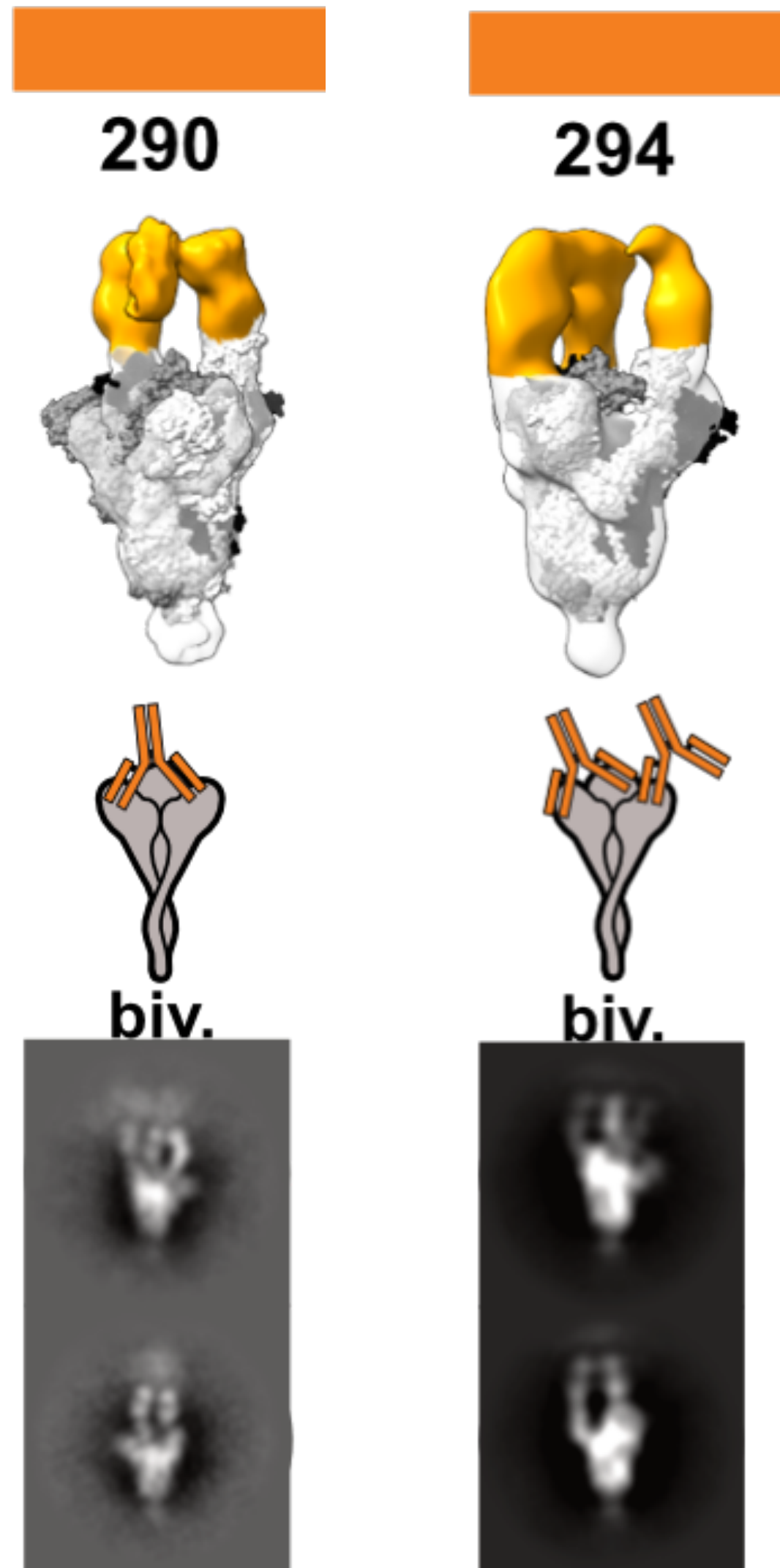
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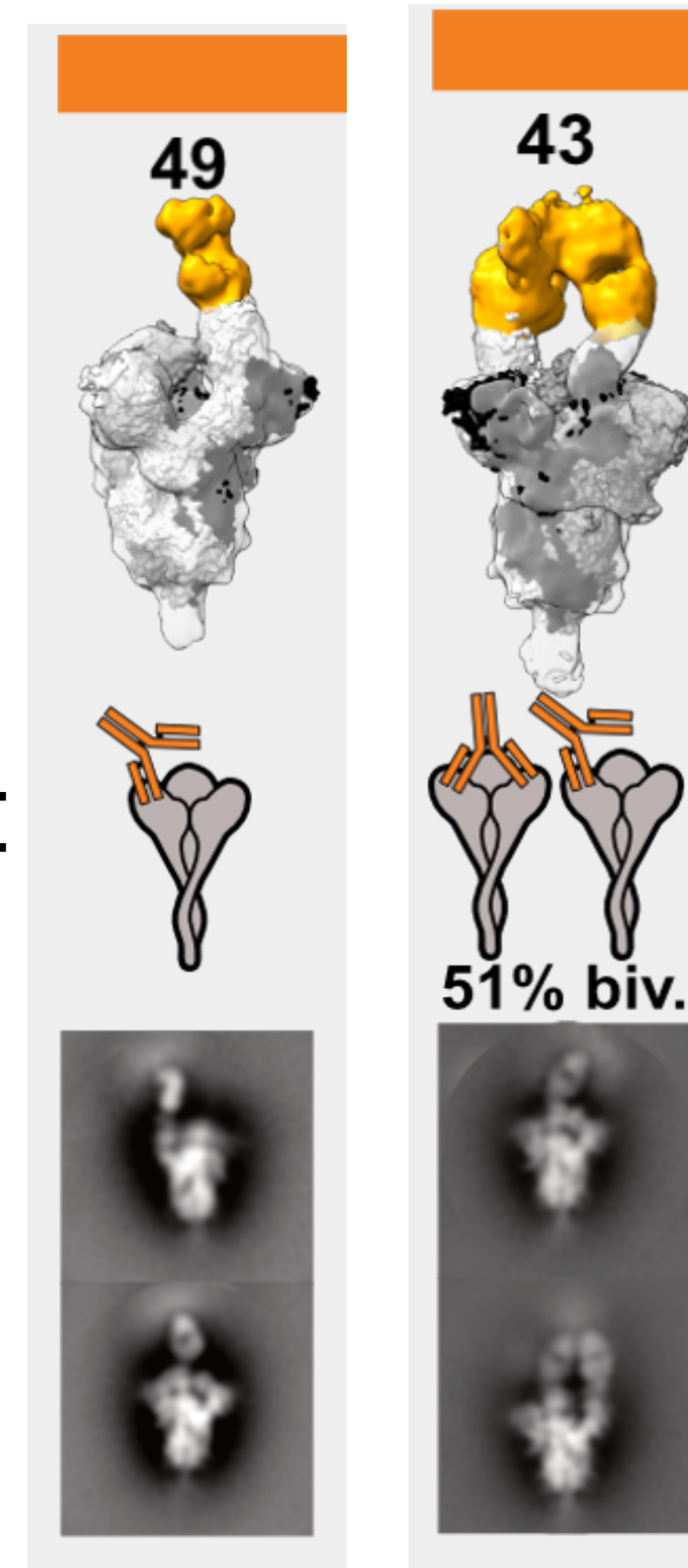


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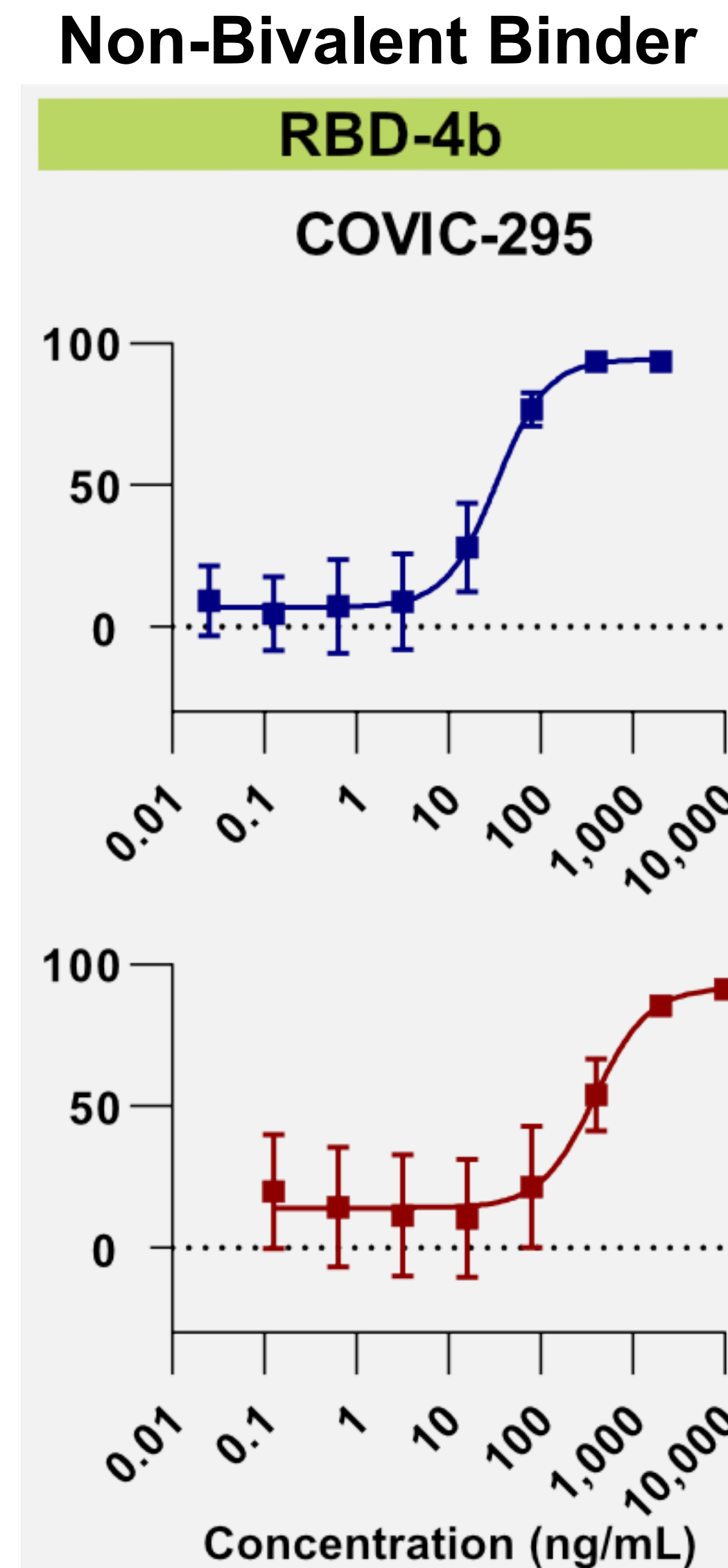
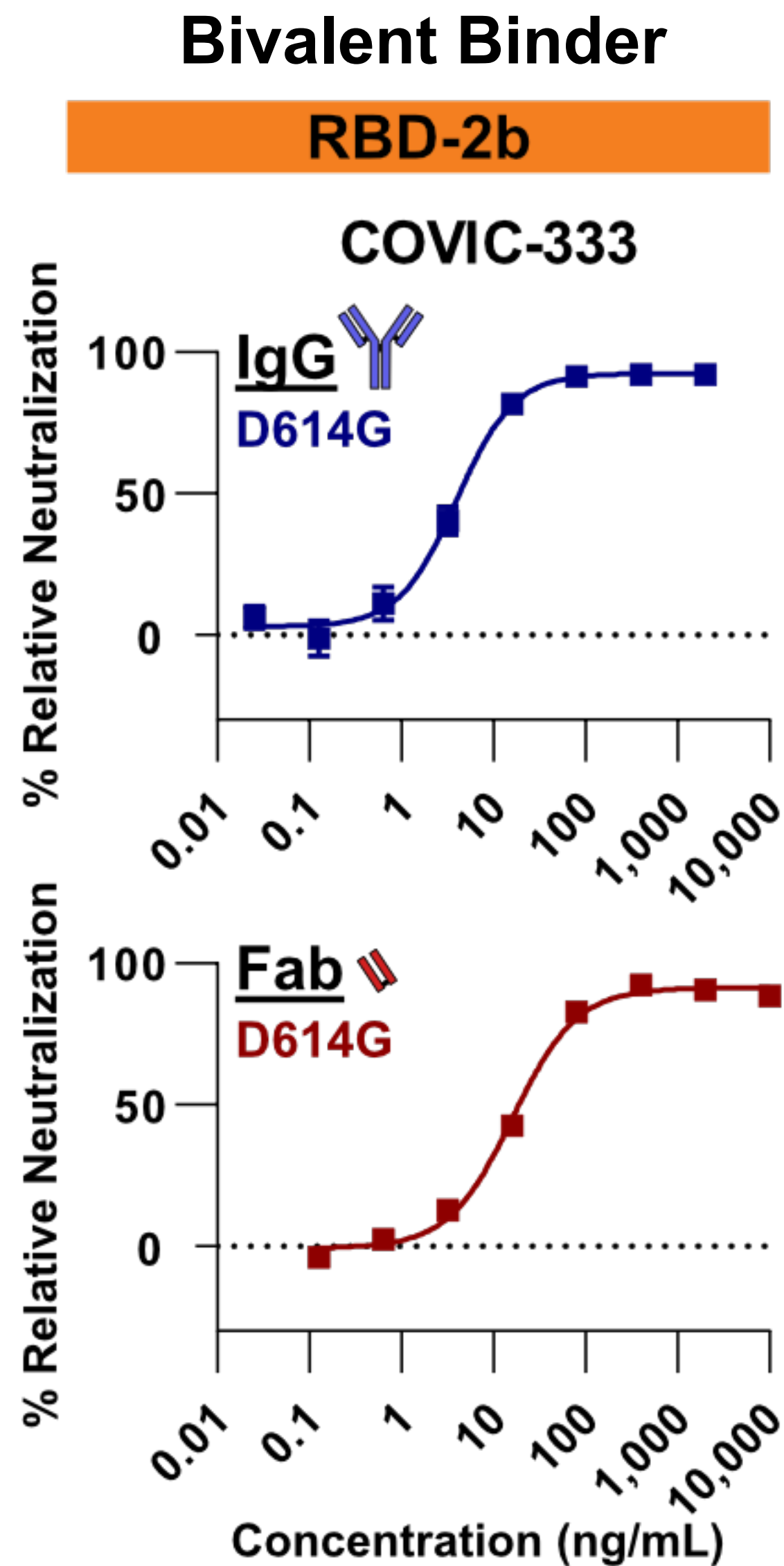


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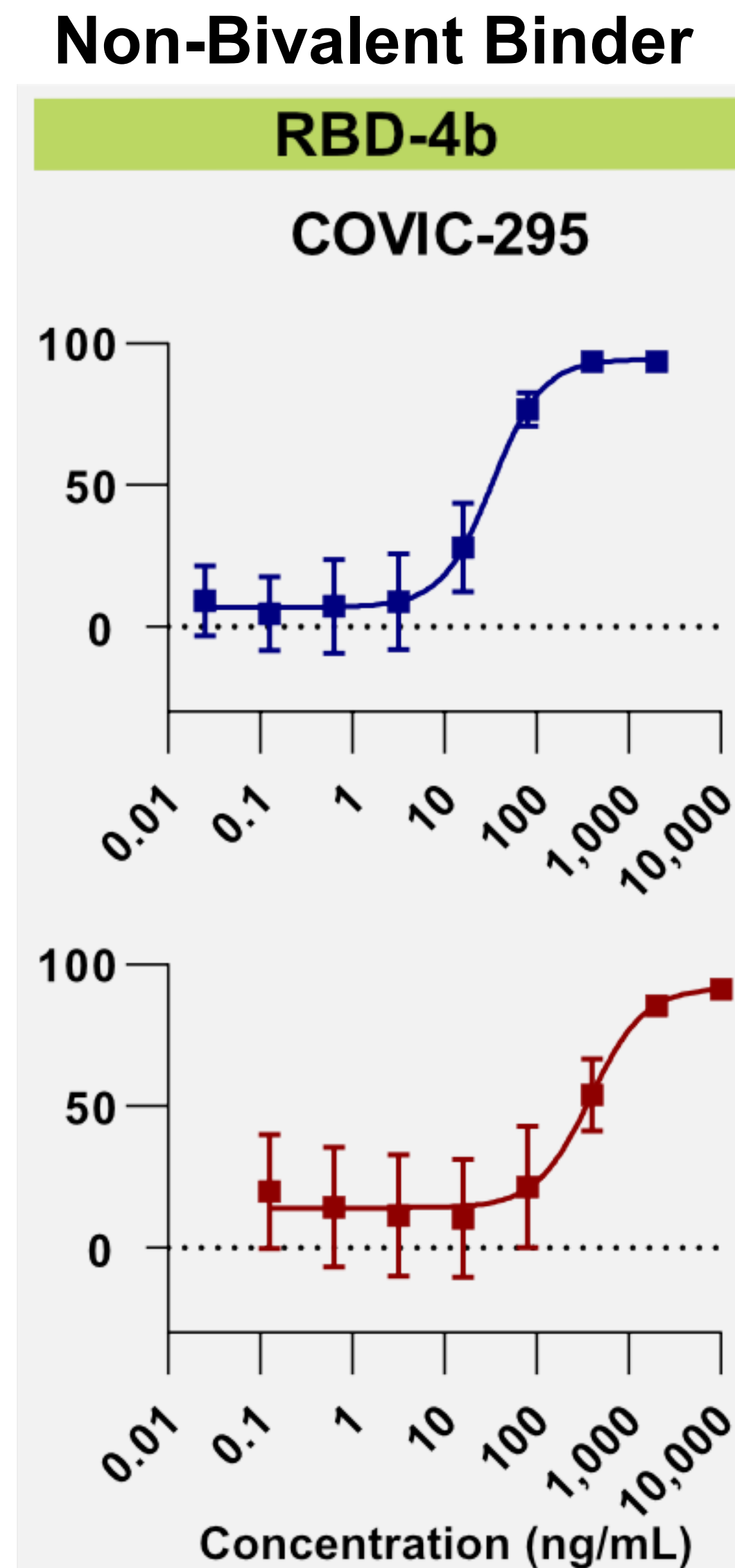
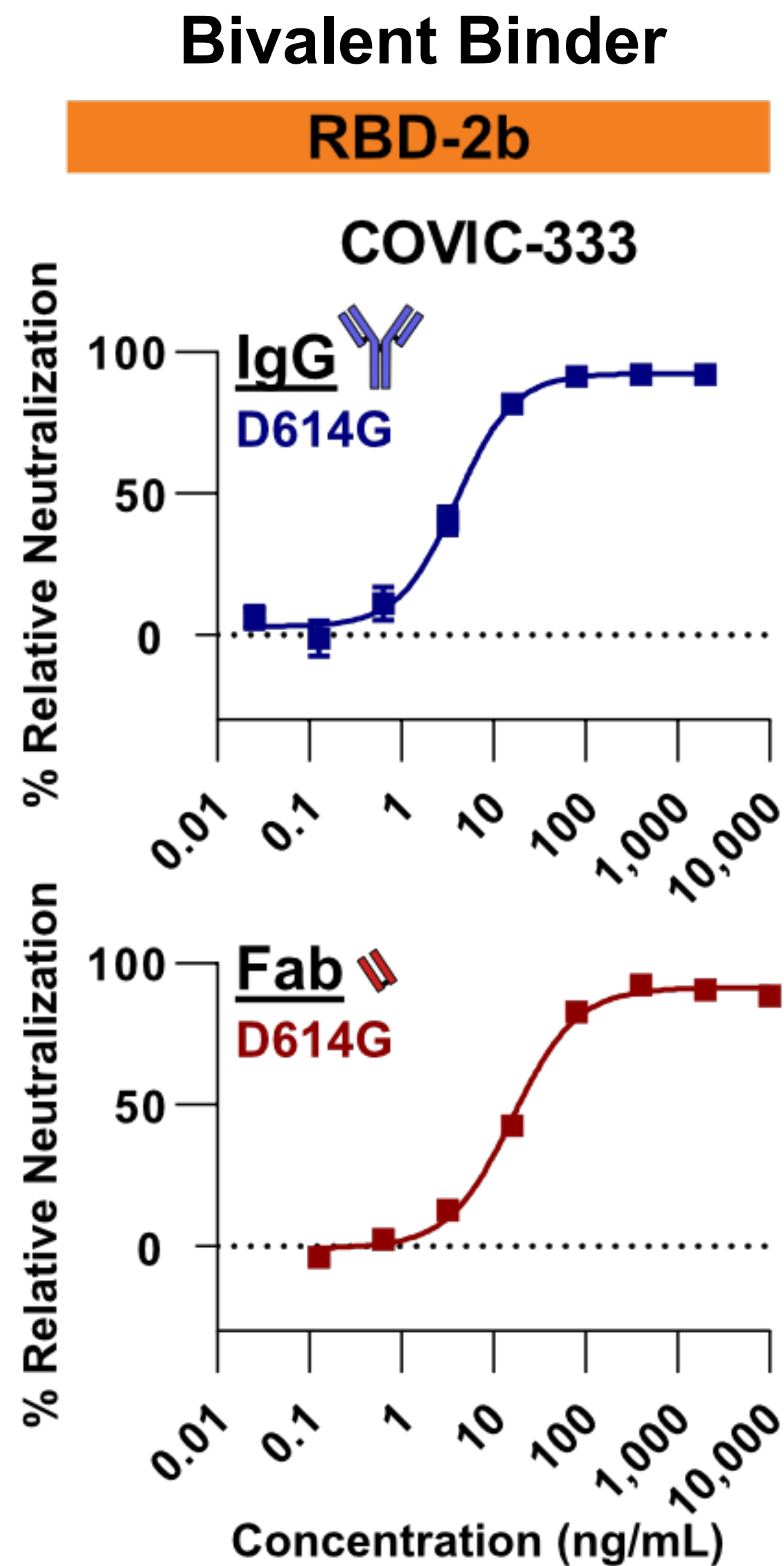


Half bivalent
Half monovalent

Bivalent binders use avidity to compensate for lower affinity

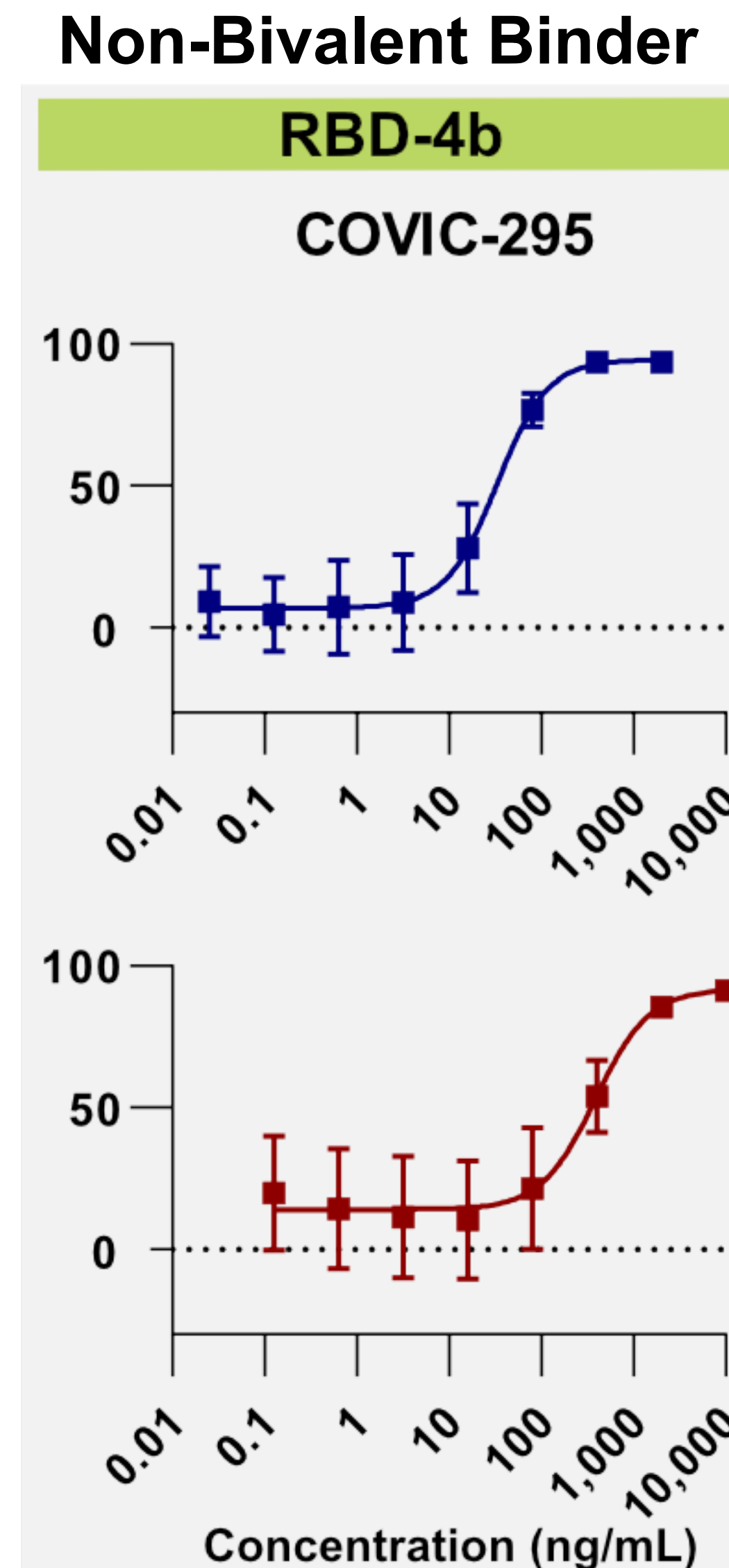
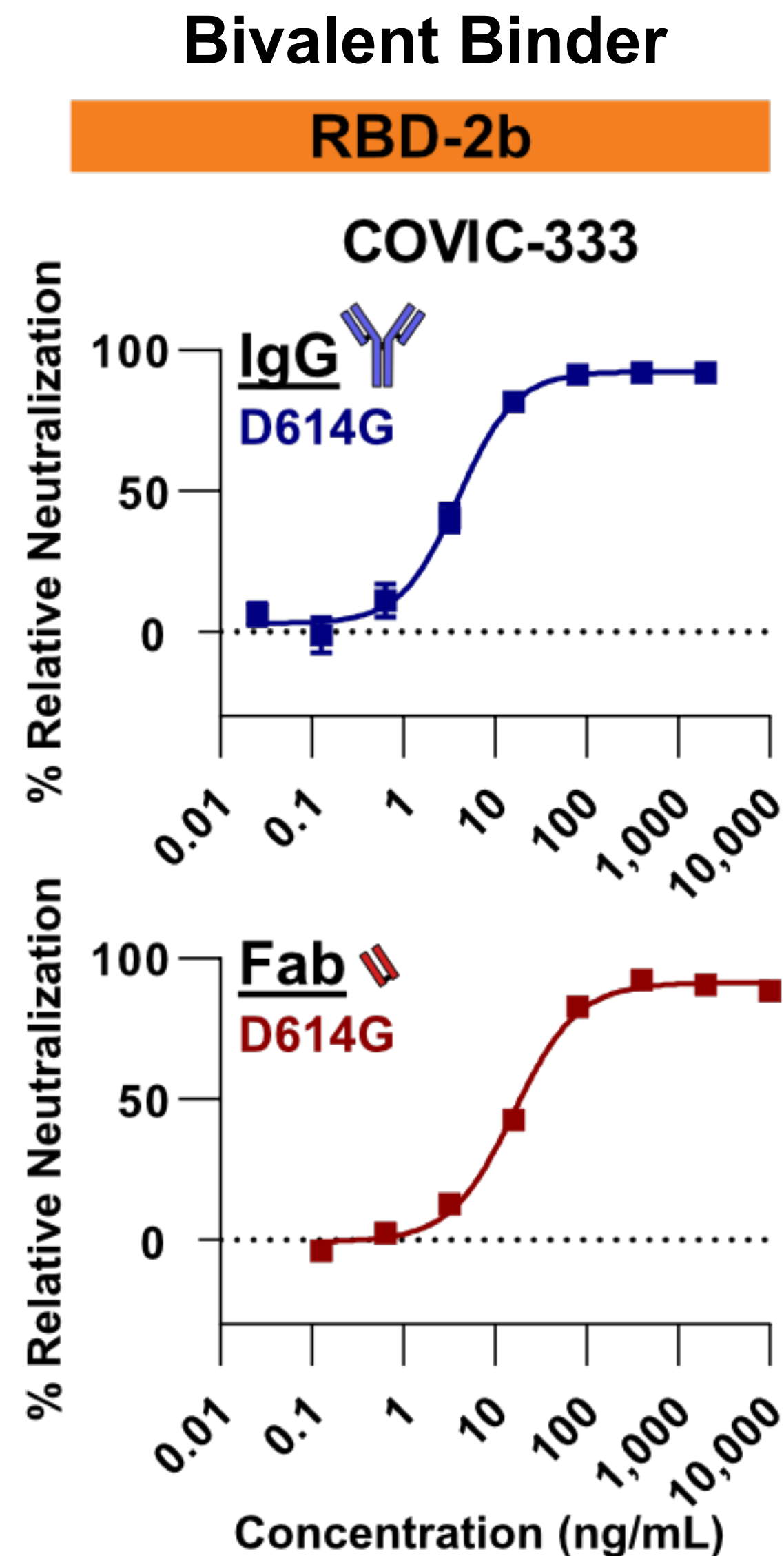


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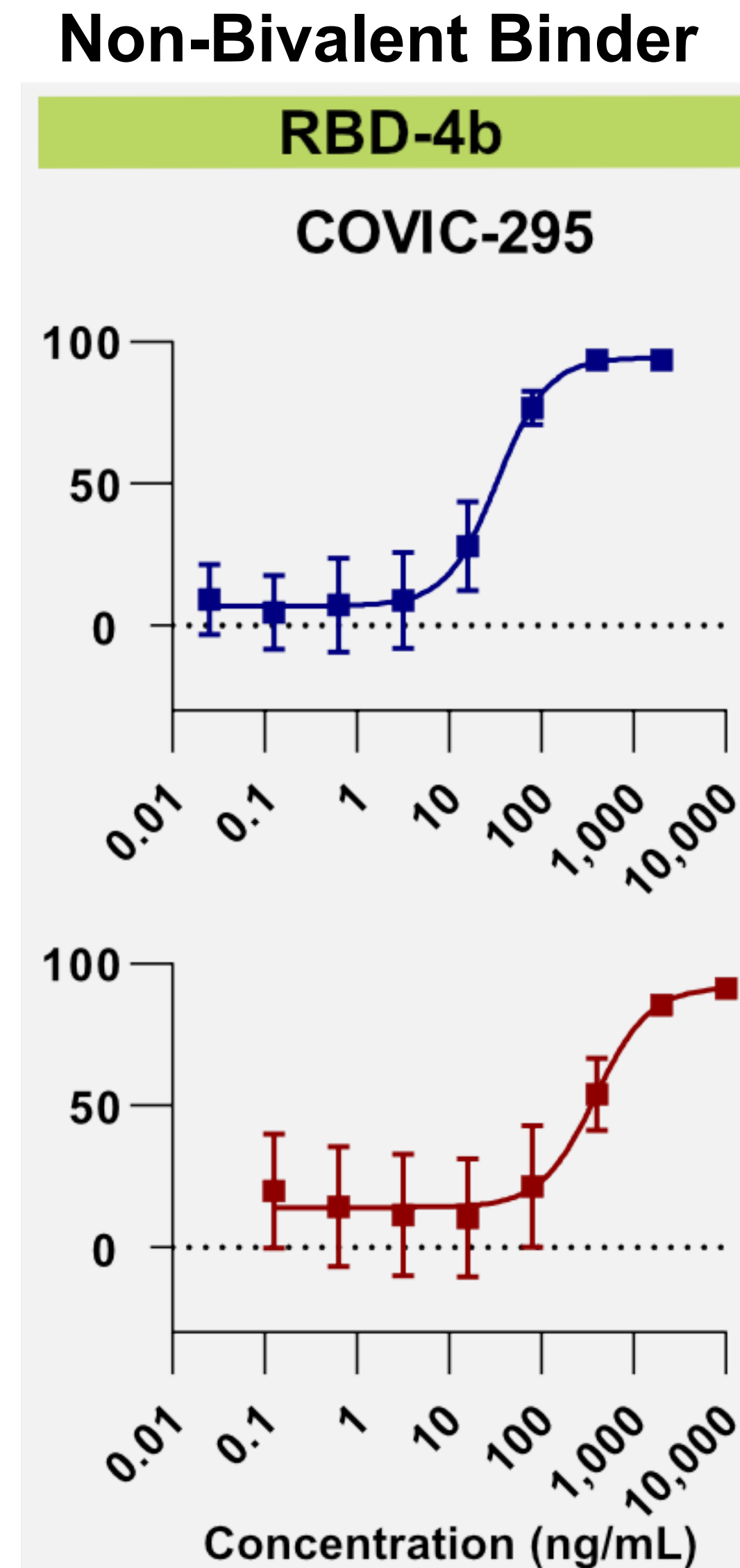
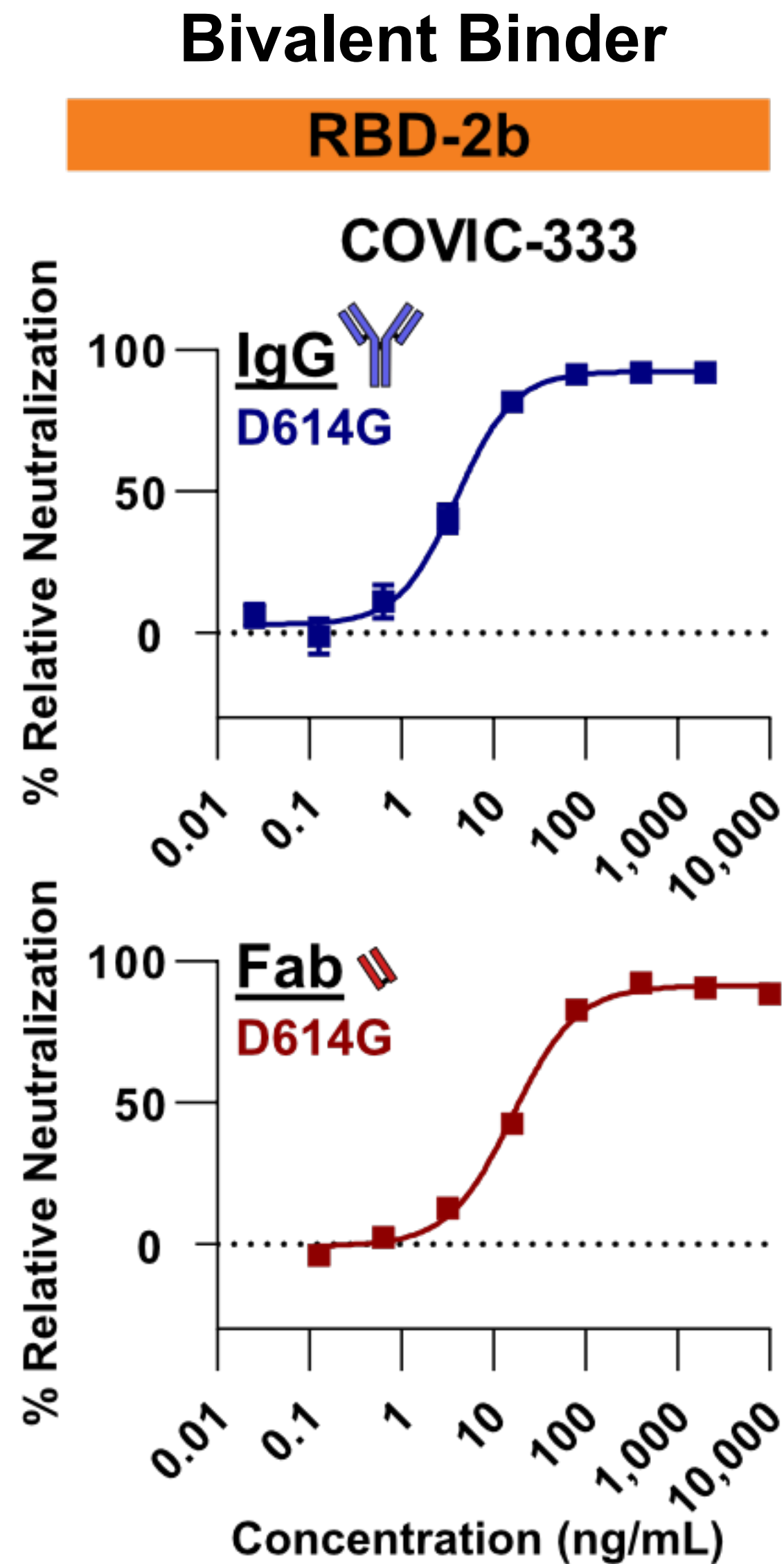
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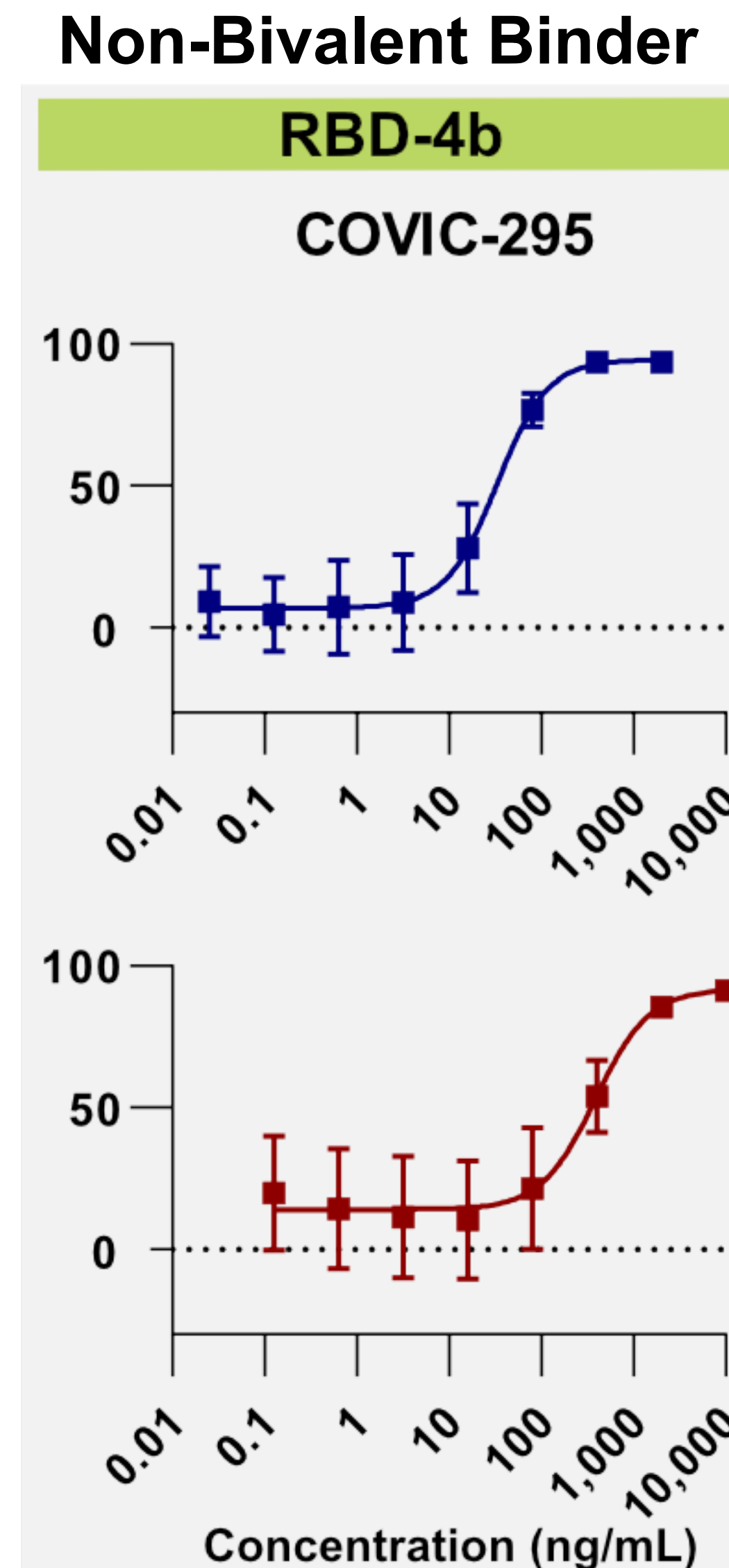
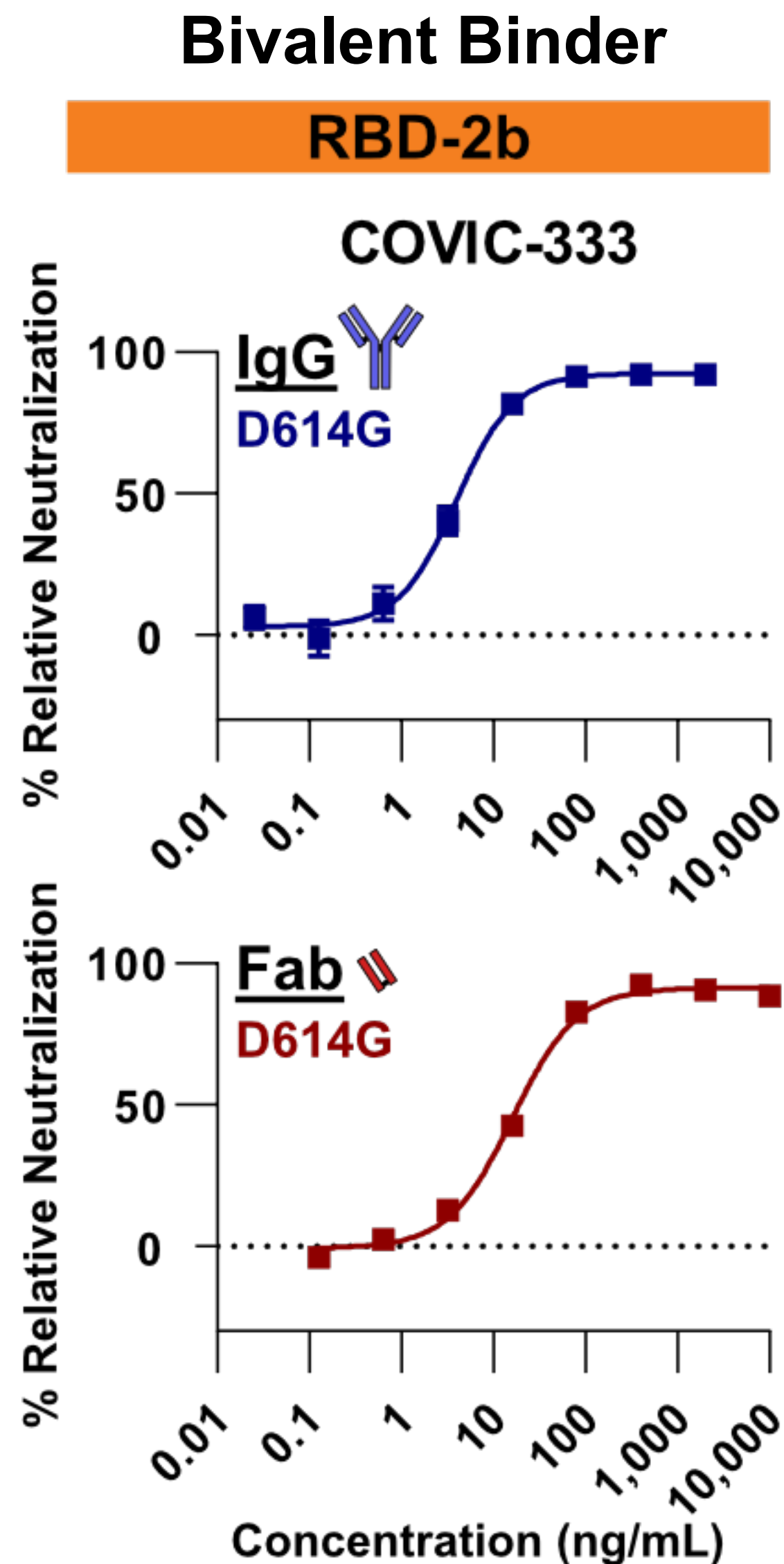
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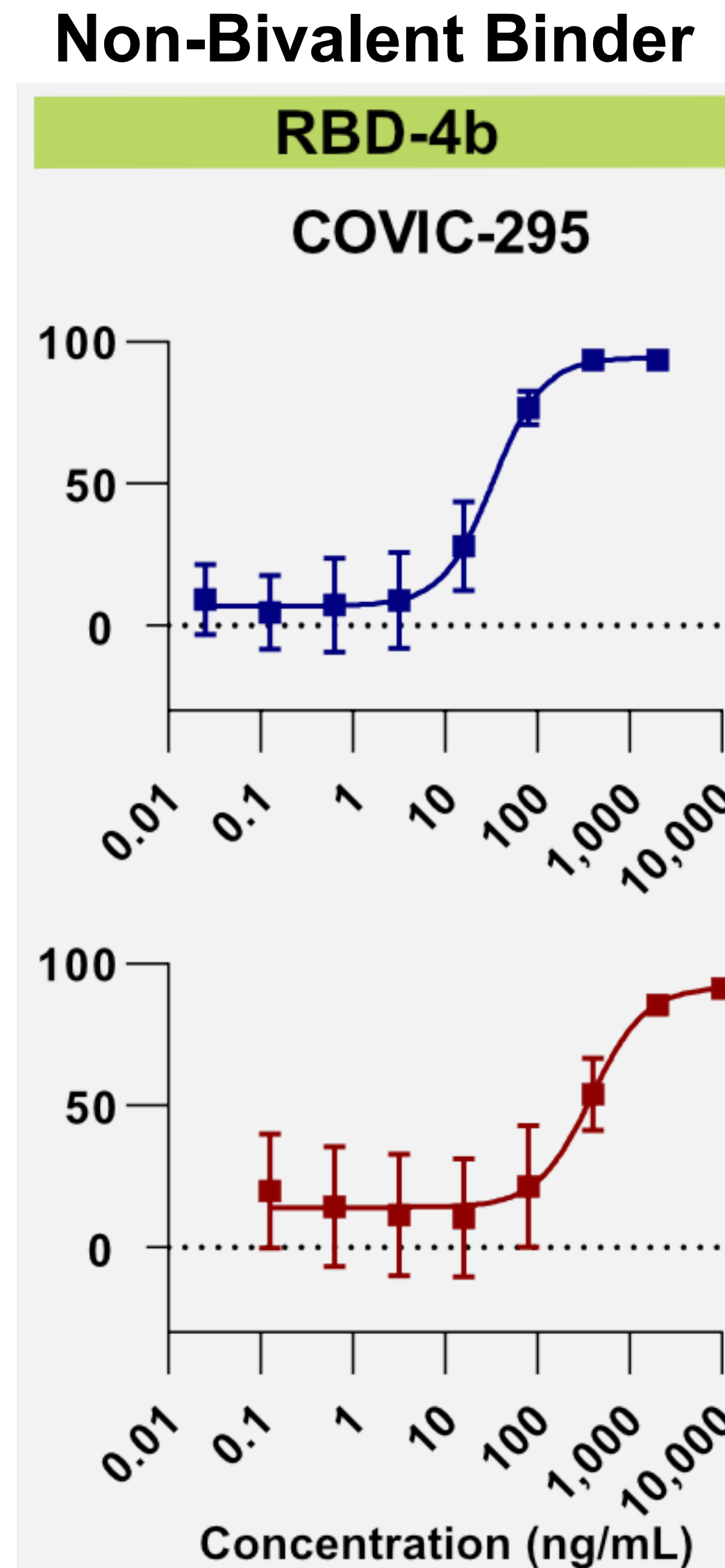
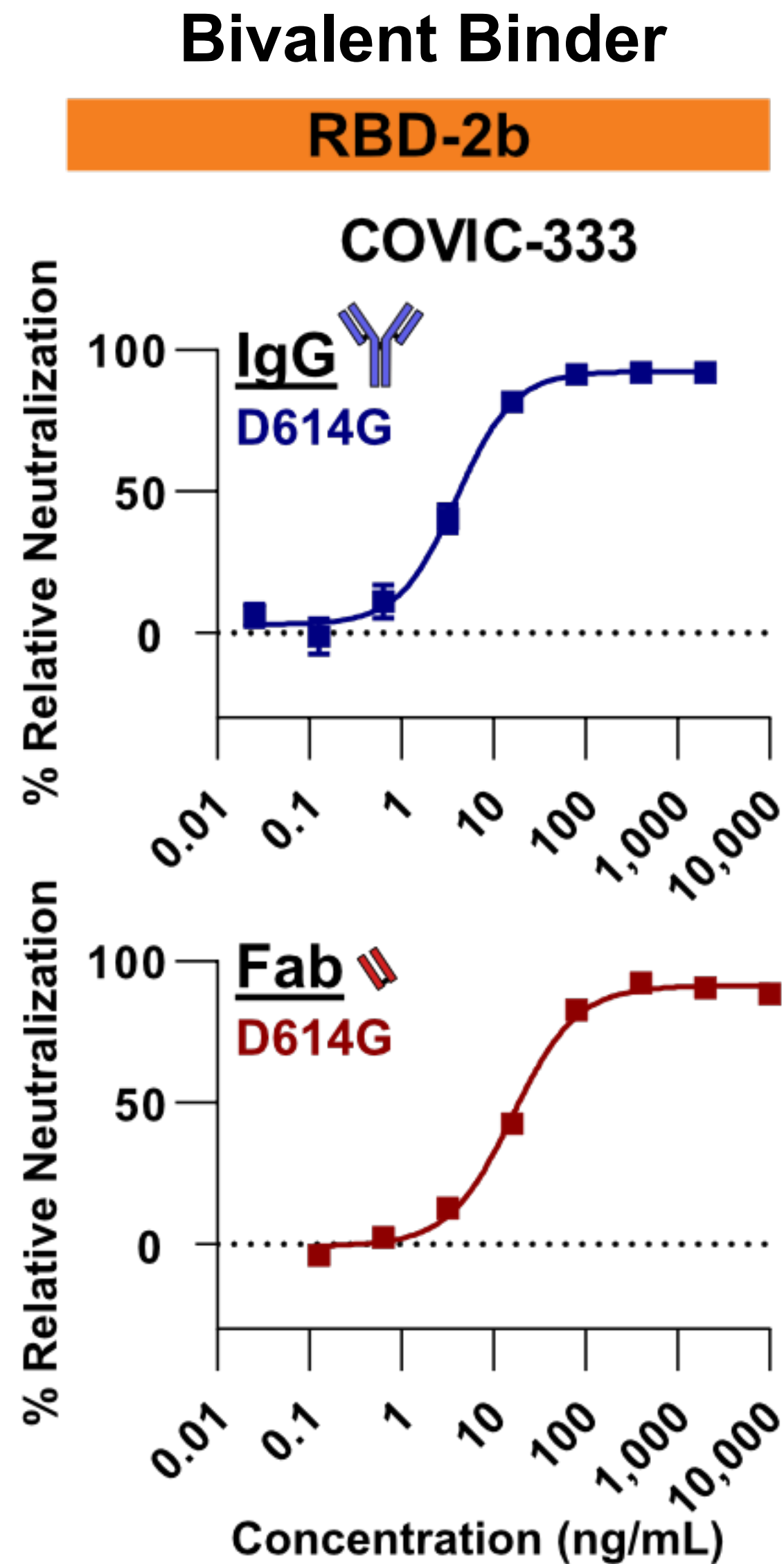
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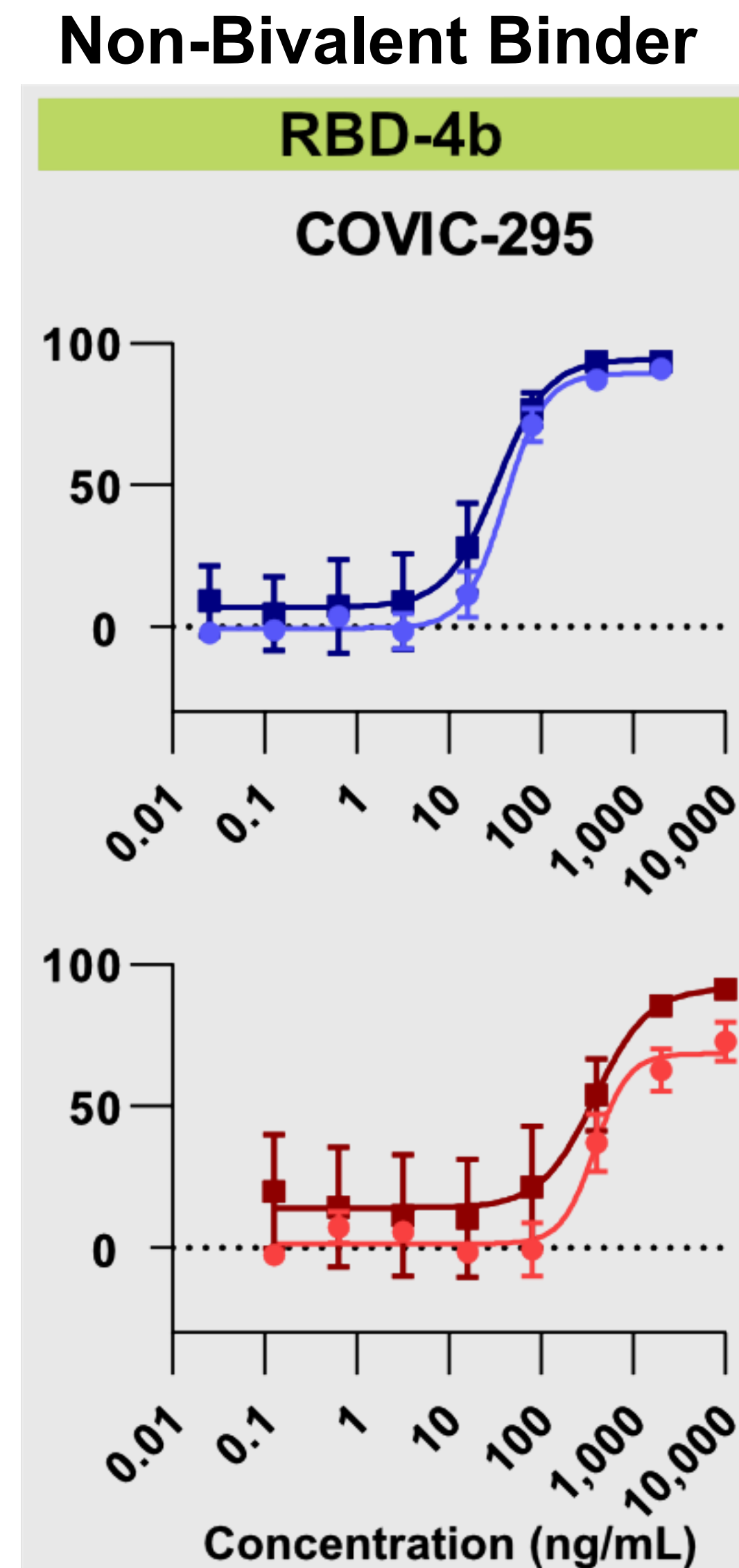
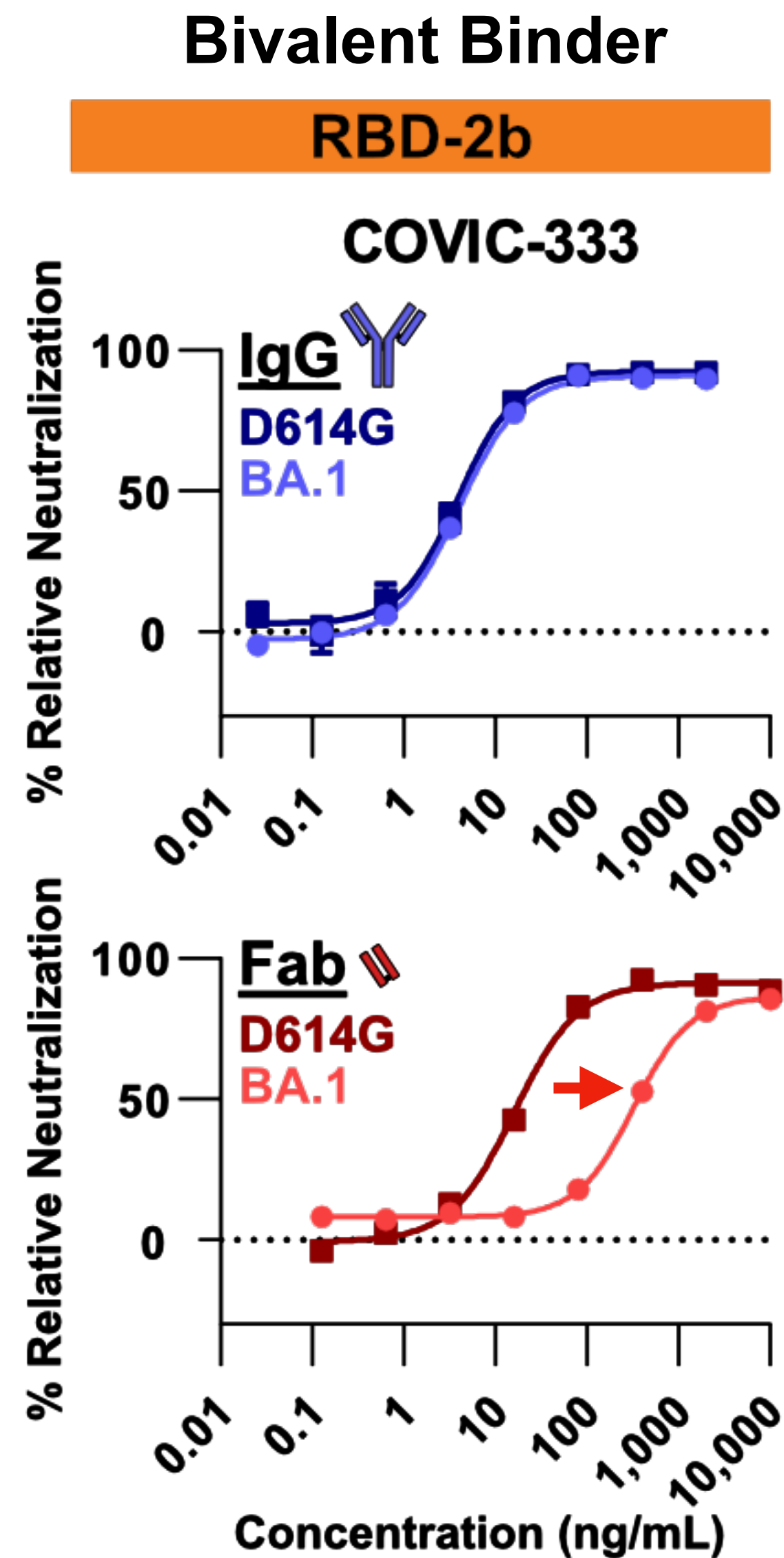
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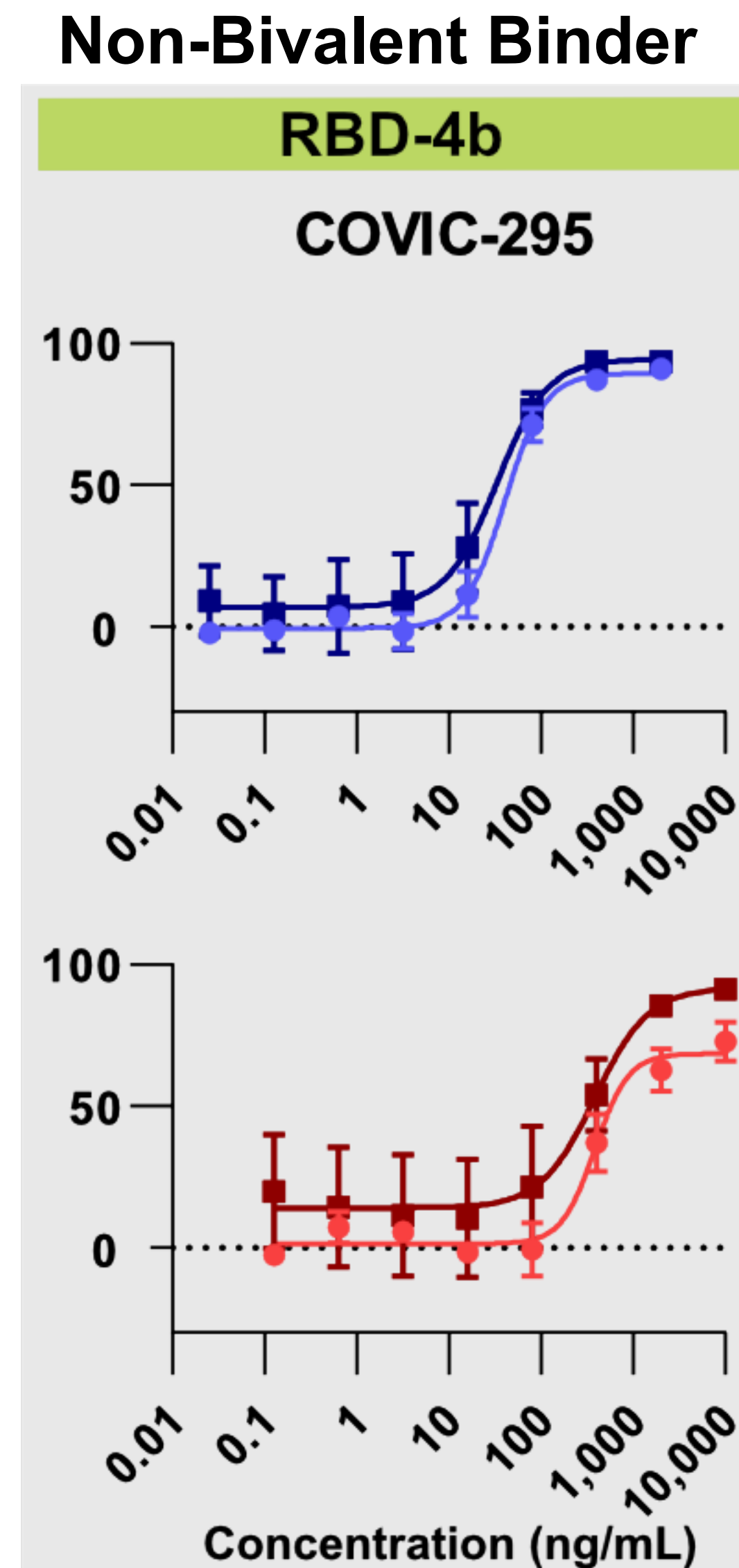
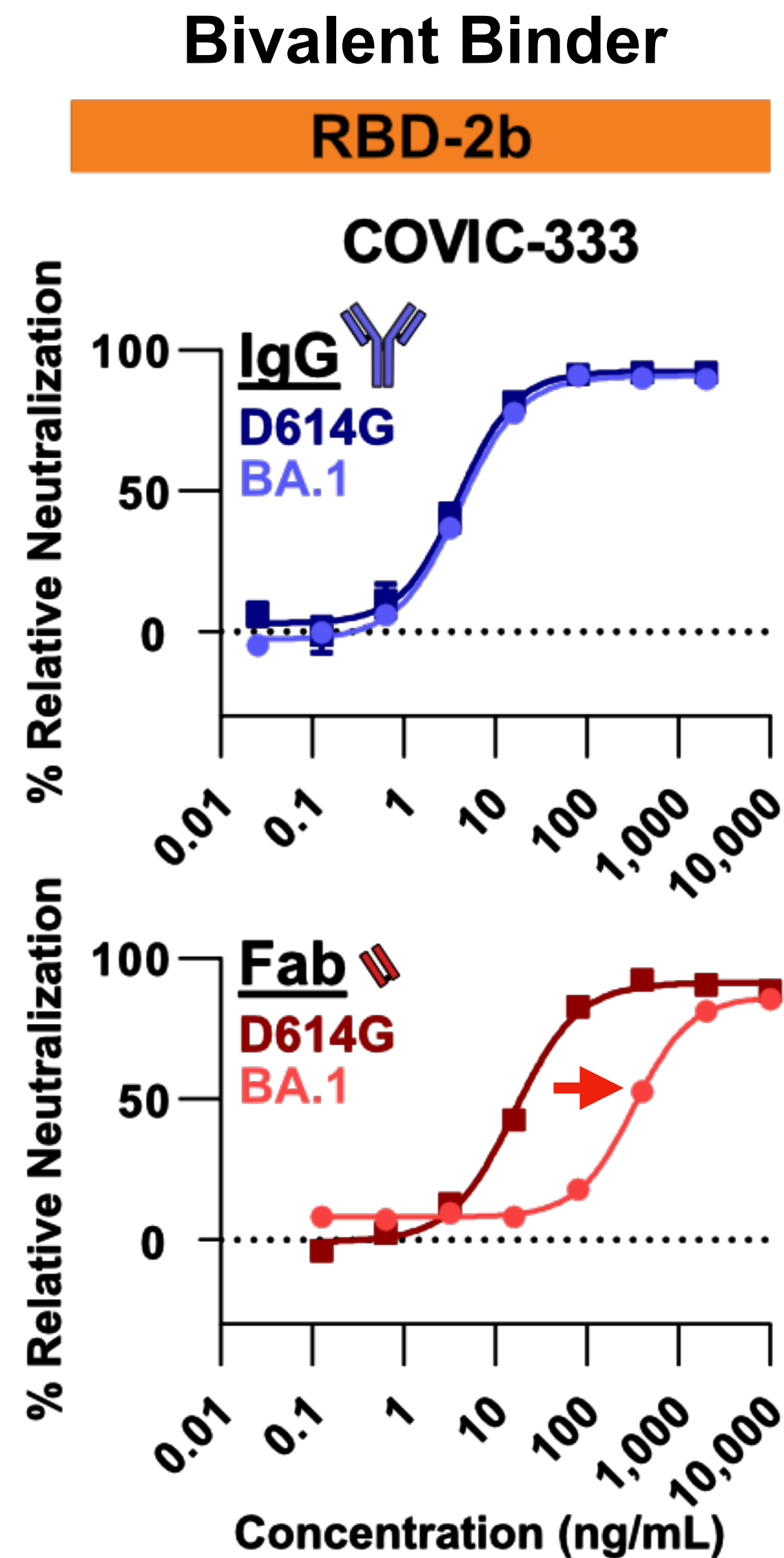


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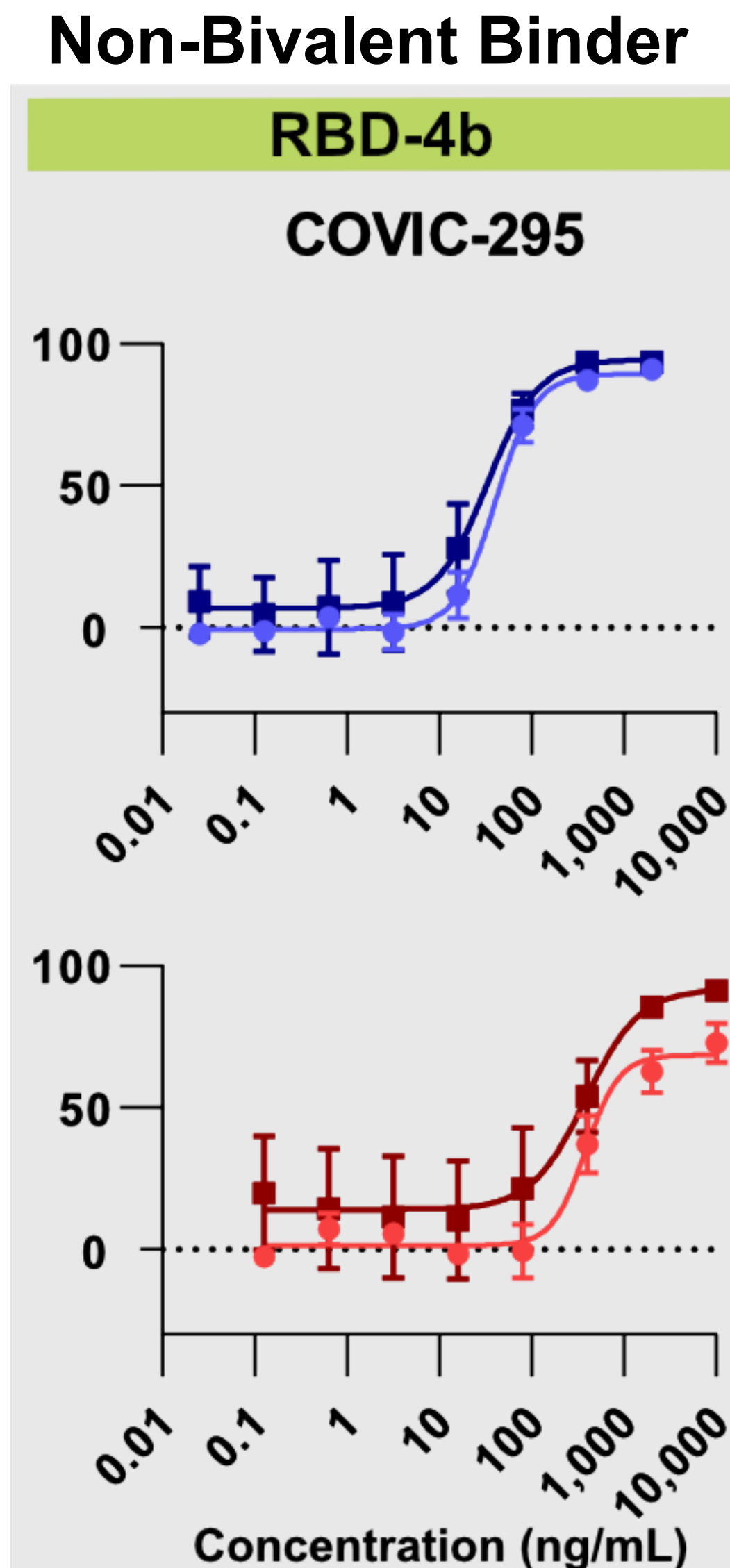
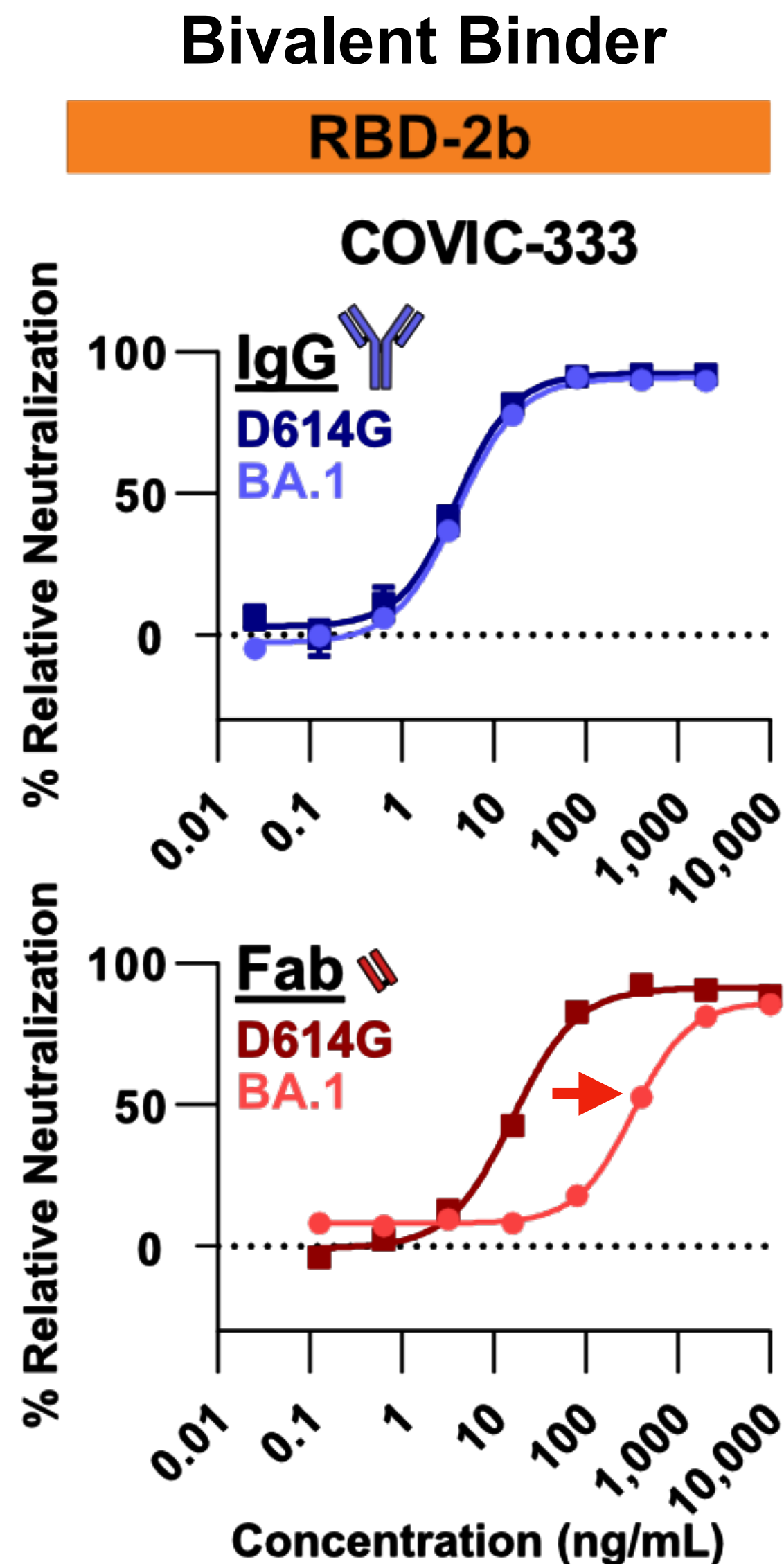
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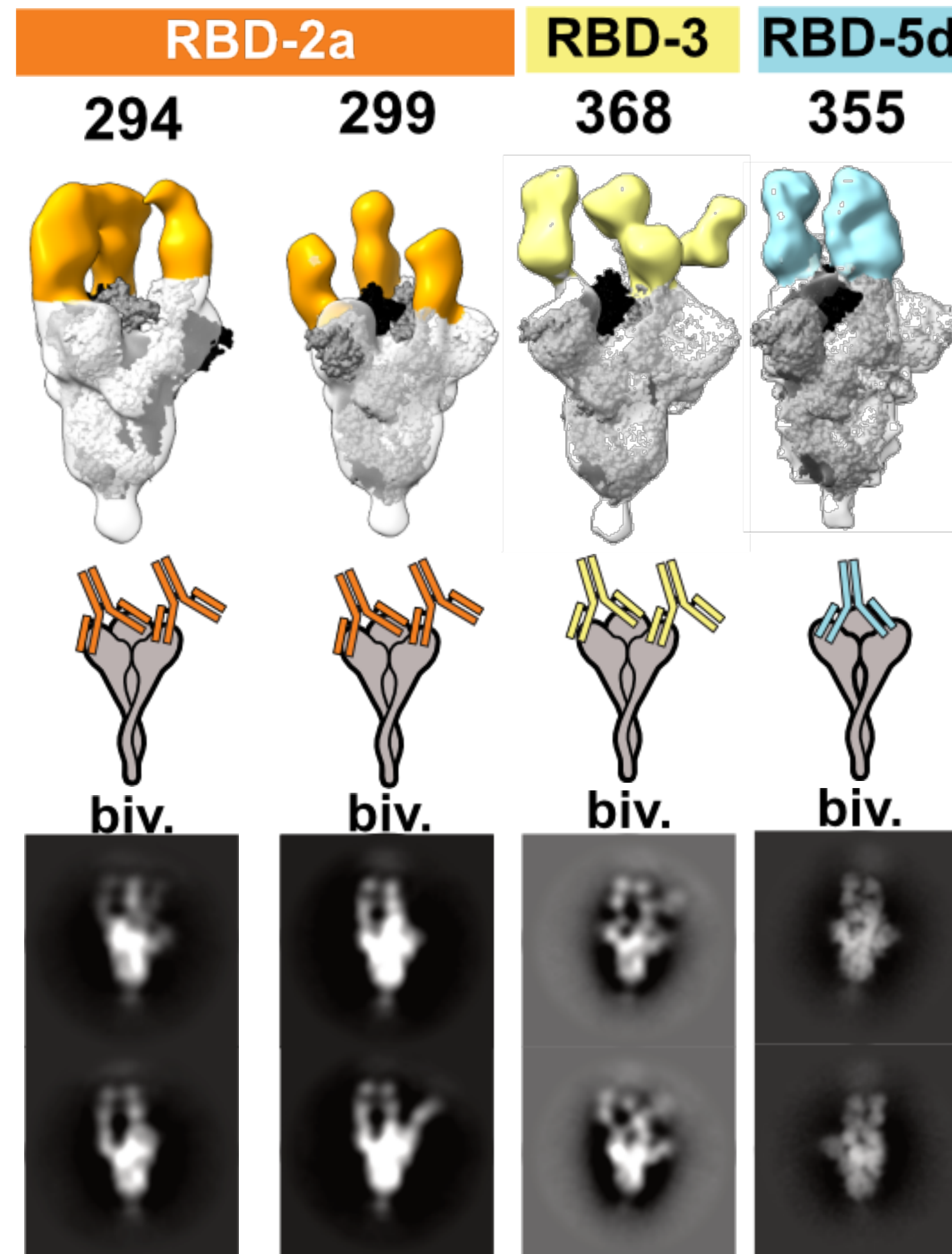
Fab from bivalent IgG struggles to neutralize, even though its IgG does just fine



With BA.1:
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BA.4/5 survivors:

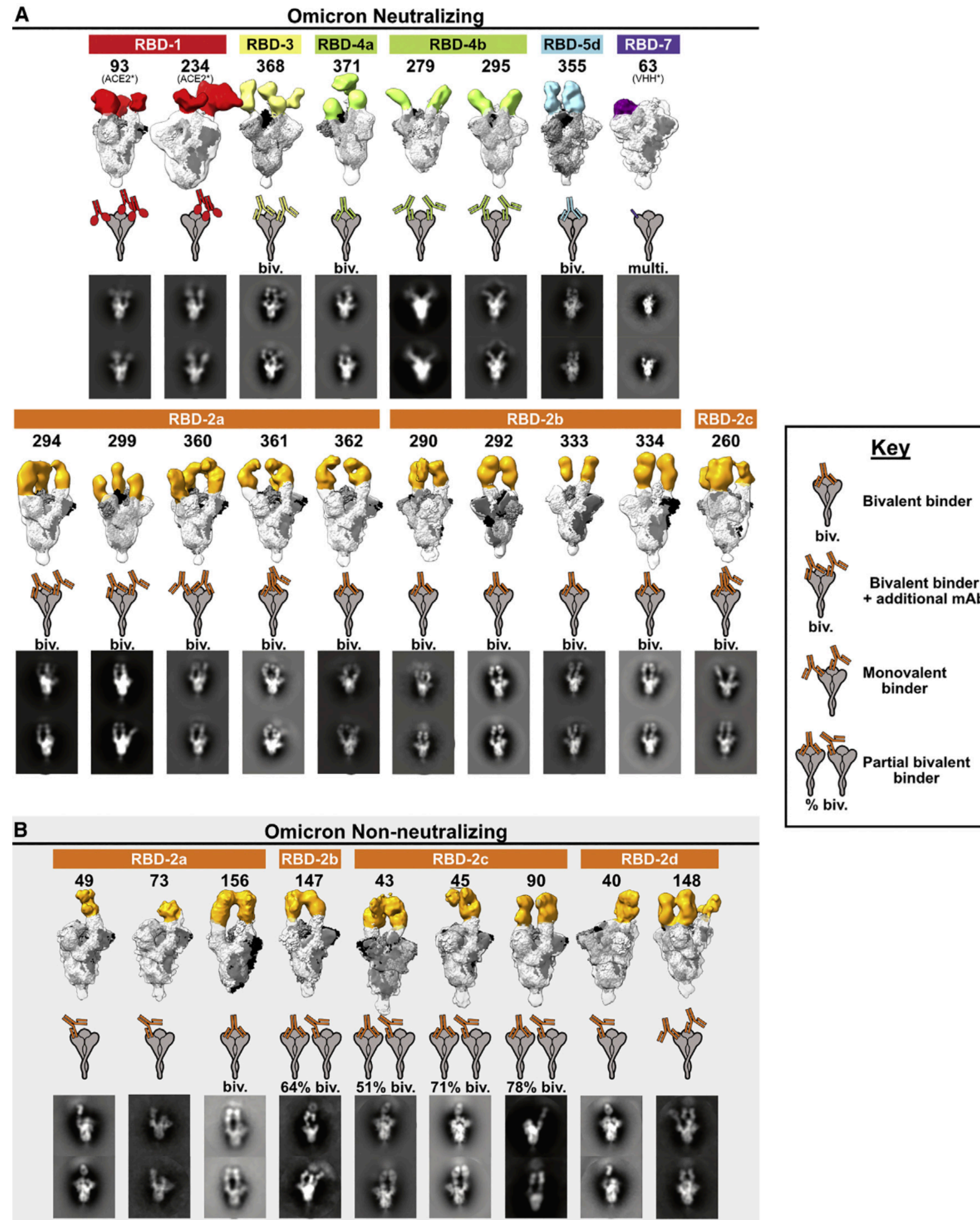
IgG that
bind bivalently



LESSONS LEARNED: Bivalent binding maintained neutralization vs. Omicron

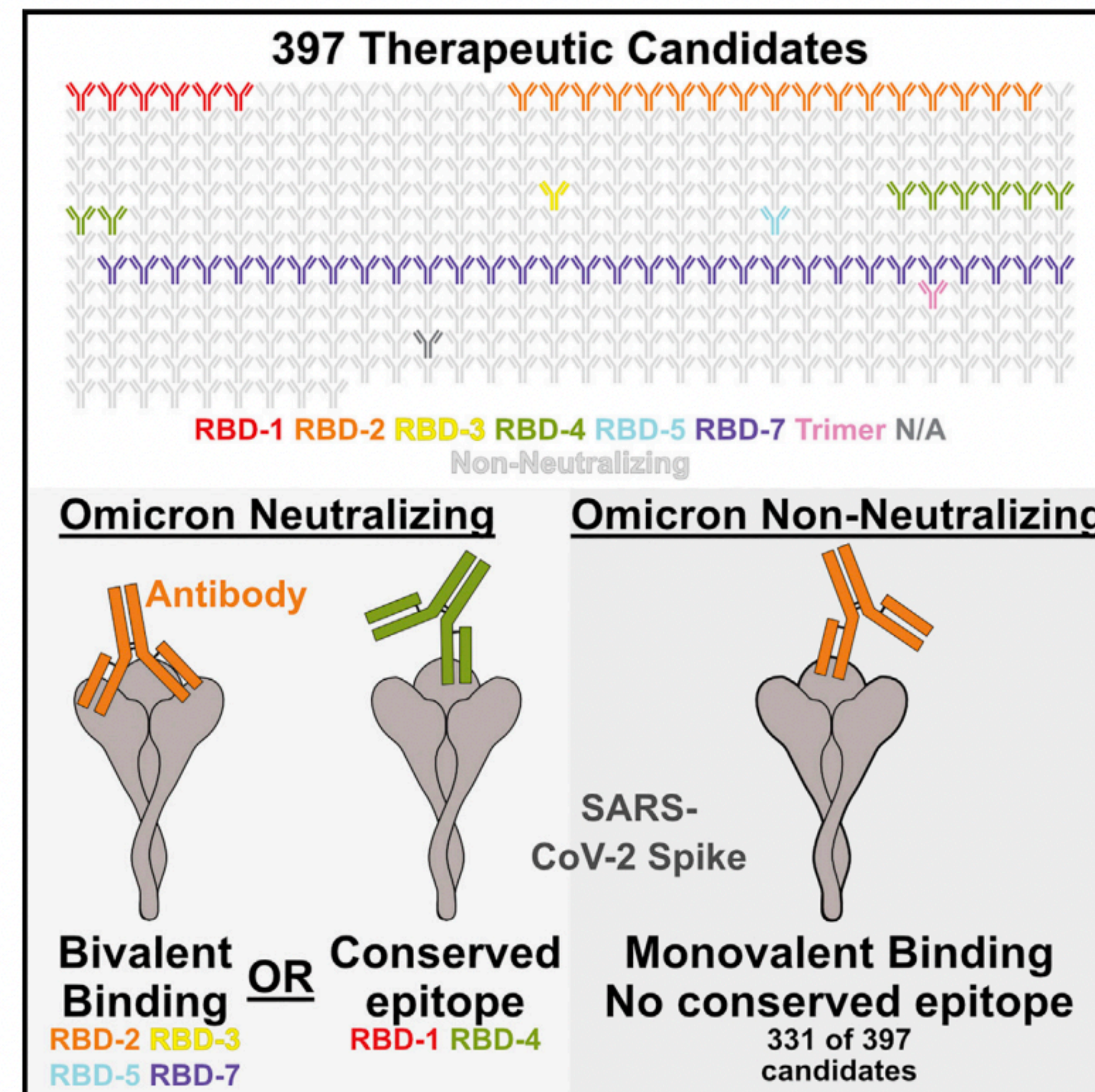
Classical approach with
Fab only
would NOT have been
revealed this binding
mechanism

Considerations for
different constructs,
e.g., bispecifics



Bivalent intra-spike binding provides durability against emergent Omicron lineages: Results from a global consortium

Graphical abstract



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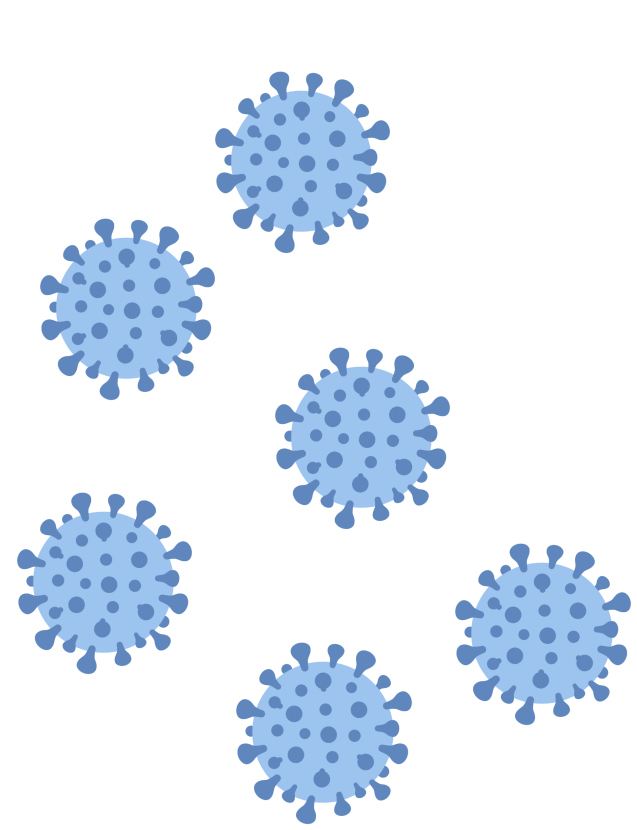
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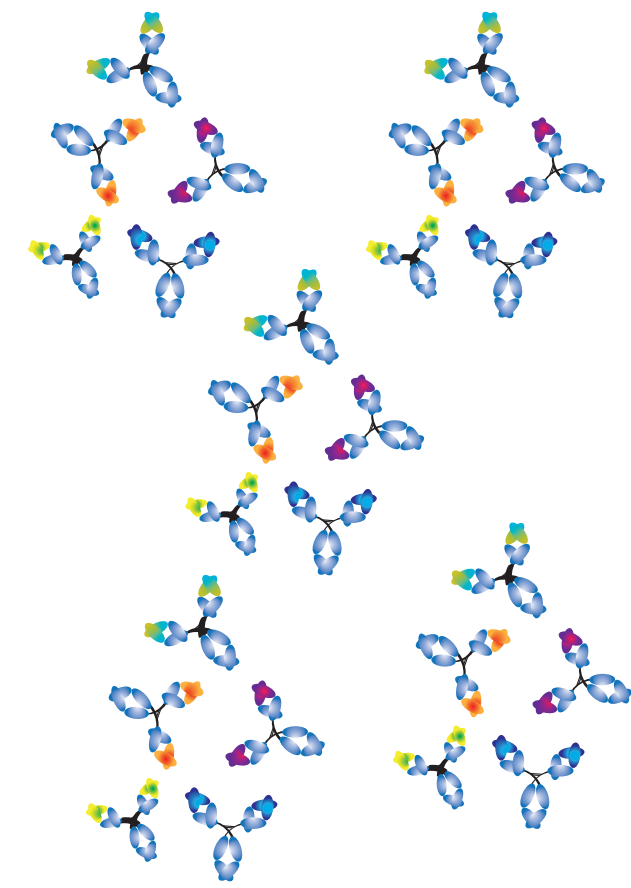
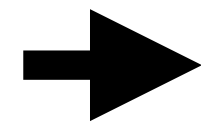
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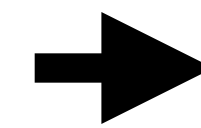
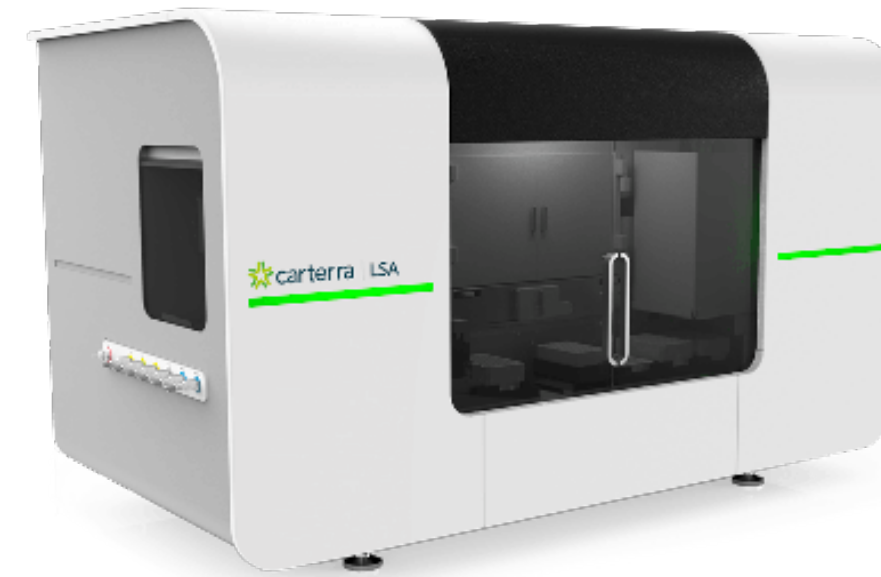
CoVIC guidance for the future...



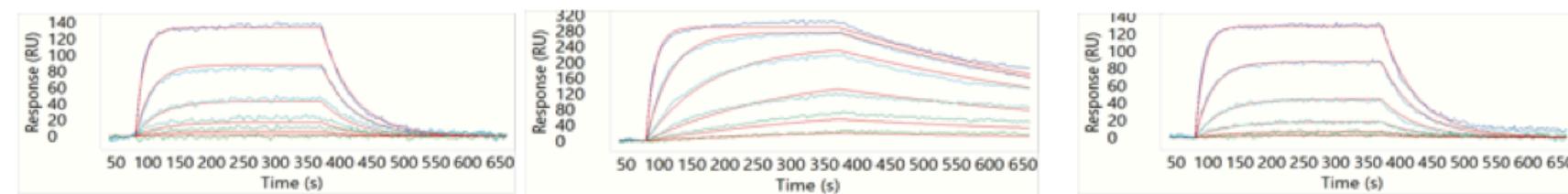
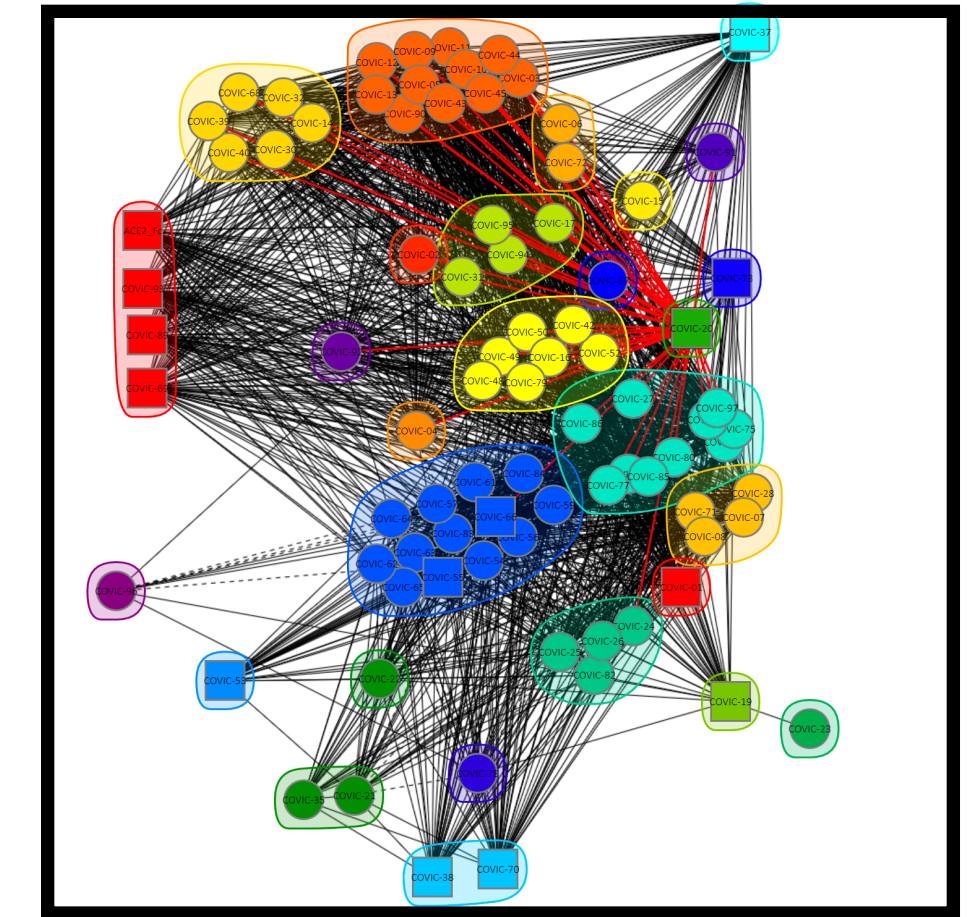
Next pandemic



Isolate antibodies

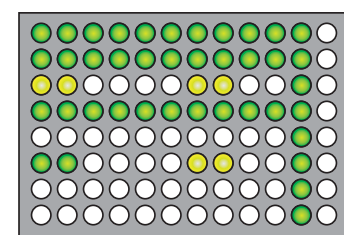
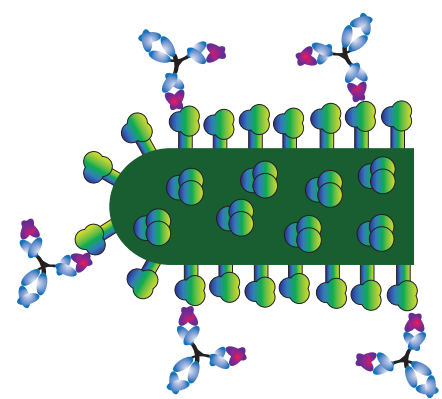


Bin them



Affinity

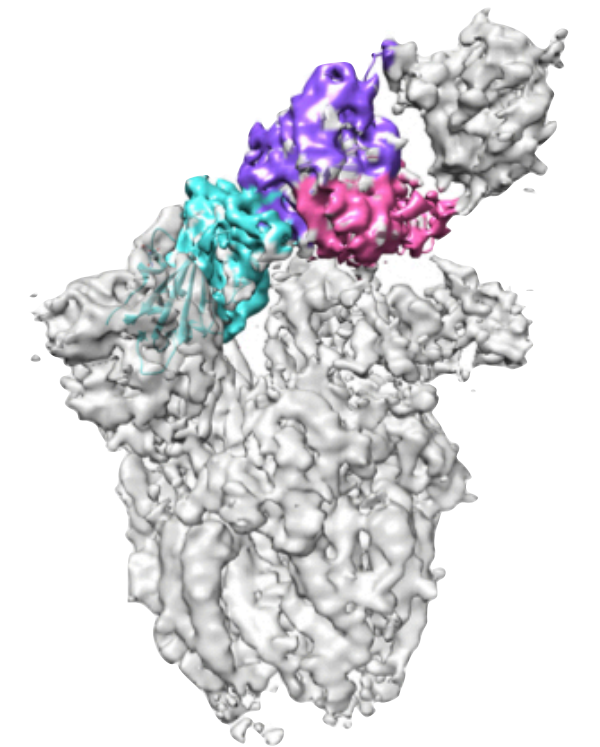
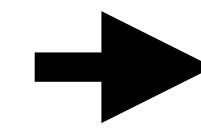
or



Neut

(Pseudo- or authentic OK for SARS-CoV-2)

Measure



For each bin, choose representative for in vivo and structure



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