

1    **Genome-first detection of emerging resistance to novel therapeutic agents for SARS-CoV-2**

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28 **Summary**

29 Some COVID-19 patients are unable to clear their infection or are at risk of severe disease,  
30 requiring treatment with neutralising monoclonal antibodies (nmAb) and/or antivirals. The  
31 rapid roll-out of novel therapeutics means there is limited understanding of the likely  
32 genetic barrier to drug resistance. Unprecedented genomic surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 in  
33 the UK has enabled a genome-first approach to the detection of emerging drug resistance.  
34 Here we report the accrual of mutations in Delta and Omicron cases treated with  
35 casirivimab+imdevimab and sotrovimab respectively. Mutations occur within the epitopes  
36 of the respective nmAbs. For casirivimab+imdevimab these are present on contiguous raw  
37 reads, simultaneously affecting both components. Using surface plasmon resonance and  
38 pseudoviral neutralisation assays we demonstrate these mutations reduce or completely  
39 abrogate antibody affinity and neutralising activity, suggesting they are driven by immune  
40 evasion. In addition, we show that some mutations also reduce the neutralising activity of  
41 vaccine-induced serum.

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43 **Introduction**

44 Cases of SARS-CoV-2 infection were first reported in late-December 2019 in Wuhan (Zhou et al.,  
45 2020b), and the virus rapidly caused a global pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). As  
46 of June 2022, over half a billion cases have been reported, with more than 6 million deaths  
47 (<https://covid19.who.int/>). Being a positive-strand RNA virus, although its polymerase has some  
48 proofreading ability, SARS-CoV-2 has evolved rapidly with thousands of mutations identified already  
49 (Obermeyer et al., 2022). Certain mutations can confer fitness advantages by increasing

50 transmissibility or enabling evasion of humoral responses induced by natural infection or  
51 vaccination.

52 Since the outbreak started several variants of concern (VoC)  
53 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/variant-classifications.html>) have emerged  
54 as dominant strains either globally (Dejnirattisai et al., 2022; Liu et al., 2021; Supasa et al., 2021) or  
55 regionally (Dejnirattisai et al., 2021b; Zhou et al., 2021). These variants contain multiple mutations  
56 mainly found in the gene encoding the viral Spike (S), the major surface glycoprotein crucial for viral  
57 infection. The receptor-binding domain (RBD) of the Spike, which initiates viral entry into the host  
58 cell by interacting with the host ACE2 receptor, is the major target for potent neutralising antibodies  
59 (nmAbs). nmAbs target the RBD in two different ways: most bind to a region on or in close proximity  
60 to the ACE2 binding surface of the RBD, whereby they prevent interaction of S with ACE2 and hence  
61 block infection (Dejnirattisai et al., 2021a; Yuan et al., 2020a), others bind to non-ACE2 blocking sites  
62 on the RBD, and these nmAbs may function to destabilize the trimeric S (Huo et al., 2020; Yuan et al.,  
63 2020b; Zhou et al., 2020a).

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65 Drug treatment can drive the evolution of pathogens, leading to rapid selection of advantageous  
66 mutations and emergence of resistant strains (Feder et al., 2021). This process can result in failure of  
67 treatment; and the spread of resistance may cause new waves of infections. nMabs are usually  
68 prescribed in vulnerable populations where infections persist due to host immunosuppression,  
69 further increasing the likelihood of emergence of resistance.  
70 ([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1039516/S1430\\_NERVTAG\\_Antiviral\\_drug\\_resistance\\_and\\_use\\_of\\_Direct\\_Acting\\_Antiviral\\_Drugs.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1039516/S1430_NERVTAG_Antiviral_drug_resistance_and_use_of_Direct_Acting_Antiviral_Drugs.pdf)). There are potentially two ways to avoid mutational escape. Firstly, a cocktail of therapeutics  
73 may be developed to simultaneously bind different sites on the target, meaning that to escape, the

74 pathogen will need to evolve two or more mutations, dramatically reducing the chances of escape.  
75 Drug cocktails are used to prevent the generation of escape mutations by a number of pathogens  
76 such as HIV (Arts and Hazuda, 2012) and TB (Diallo et al., 2021). REGEN-COV is a cocktail of two fully  
77 human non-competing nmAbs, casirivimab (REGN10933) and imdevimab (REGN10987), both of  
78 which target the ACE2-binding interface of SARS-CoV-2 RBD and function to block RBD/ACE2  
79 interaction (Hansen et al., 2020). *In vitro* experiments demonstrated that the cocktail could  
80 neutralise mutants selected (Al-Obaidi et al., 2022)  
81 ([https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapies/anti-sars-cov-2-antibody-](https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapies/anti-sars-cov-2-antibody-products/anti-sars-cov-2-monoclonal-antibodies/)  
82 [products/anti-sars-cov-2-monoclonal-antibodies/](https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapies/anti-sars-cov-2-monoclonal-antibodies/)) using single components (Baum et al., 2020; Liu et  
83 al., 2021). A previous report also suggested that treatment with REGEN-COV would not lead to the  
84 emergence of escape mutants in both preclinical and human studies (Copin et al., 2021).

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86 A second therapeutic strategy to prevent the accrual of escape mutations would be to develop  
87 therapeutics to target a conserved epitope that is mutationally constrained, i.e. a mutation of such  
88 an epitope would come at a high fitness cost to the pathogen, abrogating any selection advantage.  
89 Sotrovimab (VIR-7831 / S309) binds in the region of the N-linked glycan at position 343 of the SARS-  
90 CoV-2 RBD; though not interfering with ACE2 binding, it is able to effectively neutralise the virus  
91 (Pinto et al., 2020). As this epitope is well conserved among human and animal isolates of clade 1, 2  
92 and 3 Sarbecoviruses (including SARS-CoV-1), sotrovimab (developed from a mAb isolated from a  
93 SARS-CoV-1 infected case) was considered to be a broad neutraliser and perhaps able to resist  
94 mutational escape even as a monotherapy. It shows an approximately 6-fold reduction in  
95 neutralisation of the Omicron variant (Dejnirattisai et al., 2022).

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97 Unprecedented genomic surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 in the UK has enabled a genomic approach to  
98 the detection of emerging drug resistance. Here, we report the detection of viral mutations that are  
99 associated with drug resistance in patients treated with REGEN-COV (for infection with Delta variant)  
100 and sotrovimab (for infection with Omicron variants). We evaluated the binding behaviour of these  
101 mutants using surface plasmon resonance (SPR), and examined their impact on the neutralising  
102 activity of therapeutic antibodies using pseudoviral assays. Strikingly, the Delta variant was found to  
103 acquire mutations at two distinct sites targeted by casirivimab and imdevimab respectively, resulting  
104 in severe impairment of neutralising activity of the cocktail. In addition, the Omicron BA.1 variant  
105 was found to gain single mutations at multiples sites which completely abolished the binding and  
106 neutralisation activity of sotrovimab. Finally, the neutralisation titre of vaccine sera against these  
107 escape mutants was significantly reduced compared to the originating strain (i.e. Delta or BA.1  
108 variants).

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## 110 **Results**

### 111 *Study population*

112 The present analysis includes all patients who had received treatment in the UK, for whom at least  
113 one sample had been collected by 12 April 2022 and for whom a viral genetic sequence was  
114 available. Our analysis comprised 21,312 patient sequences sampled before treatment. In the main  
115 analysis, sequences were considered post-treatment if patients were sampled at least 10 days after  
116 the day of treatment: 1,653 patients treated with one of casirivimab+imdevimab, molnupiravir,  
117 pimrimatrelvir plus ritonavir (Paxlovid), remdesivir or sotrovimab.

### 118 *Post-treatment mutation analysis*

119 We compared amino acid frequencies between pre- and post-treatment sequences. stratifying  
120 analyses by treatment, variant (Delta, BA.1 or BA.2), and gene. Nine amino acid residues displayed a  
121 significant ( $p<0.001$ ) frequency change in post-treatment sequences compared to pre-treatment  
122 sequences, suggesting possible evidence of selection. All treatment-emergent substitutions were in  
123 the Spike RBD region: E406D/Q, G446S/V, Y453F and L455F/S in patients infected with Delta and  
124 treated with casirivimab+imdevimab; P337R/S and E340A/D/K/V, K356T and R493Q in patients  
125 infected with BA.1 and treated with sotrovimab; and E340K in patients infected with BA.2 and  
126 treated with sotrovimab (Figure 1). For molnupiravir, remdesivir and paxlovid, no significant  
127 ( $p<0.001$ ) mutations were observed in the available data.

128 Restricting the calculation to the three groups with identified associations: patients infected with  
129 Delta and treated with casirivimab+imdevimab and patients infected with BA.1 or BA.2 and treated  
130 with sotrovimab (Table 1), a total of 86/959 (8.97%) post-treatment ( $\geq 1$  day) patients had at least  
131 one of the identified mutations, compared to 16/7,788 (0.20%) pre-treatment patients (Table 2;  
132  $p<10^{-16}$ ). Eleven post-treatment patients had  $>1$  mutation: three patients infected with Delta treated  
133 with casirivimab+imdevimab had a combination of G446V and L455F, one had G446S and L455 and  
134 one had G446V and Y453F. We examined the raw reads and confirmed that for all of these patients,  
135 both mutations were present on most contiguous raw reads. Among BA.1 patients treated with  
136 sotrovimab, four had a combination of E340A and R493Q, one had E340D and R493Q and one had  
137 K356T and R493Q.

138 To determine sensitivity, the analysis was repeated with a different threshold for post-treatment  
139 sequences: at least one or five days after treatment. While datasets were much larger when a  
140 shorter interval was considered, the strength of the signal became stronger as the interval was  
141 lengthened, lending support to the validity of our findings (Figure S1).

142 *Frequency of mutations in UK genomic database*

143 For each mutation identified, we ascertained its frequency in the UK genomic database from  
144 September 2022 onwards. The frequency of the mutations listed previously within the UK genomic  
145 data set for mutations associated with casirivimab and imdevimab in Delta sequences (n=752,585)  
146 were: 6 E406D; 7 E406Q; 163 G446S; 1,946 G446V, 12 Y453F; 179 L455F; 1 L455S. The frequency of  
147 mutations post-sotrovimab treatment with the BA.1 variant (n=702,940) was: 11 P337R; 32 P337S;  
148 39 E340A; 82 E340D; 52 E340K; 5 E340V; 57 K356T; 1214 R493Q. The frequency of mutations post-  
149 sotrovimab treatment with the BA.2 variant (n=407,161) was: 10 E340K . As above, a total of 86/959  
150 (8.97%) post-treatment ( $\geq 1$  day) patients had at least one of the identified mutations; in contrast,  
151 the frequency of any mutation in the variants of interest in the genomic surveillance dataset was  
152 3,653/1,862,686 (0.20% identical to the frequency in the pre-treatment dataset;  $p < 10^{-16}$ ).

153 Overall, these data demonstrate a significant enrichment of mutations in the post-treatment  
154 sequences compared to the pre-treatment group and compared to the genomic database as a  
155 whole, strongly implicating them as mutations selected for escape from nmAb therapy.

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157 *Mapping of mutations to the Spike*

158 **Figure 2** shows the positions of the mutations found to be of high significance. All mutations occur in  
159 the RBD of the SARS-CoV-2 Spike.

160 In **Figure 2A** the mutations associated with sotrovimab treatment are mapped to the structure of the  
161 Omicron BA.1 RBD and sotrovimab complex (PDB: 7TLY) (McCallum et al., 2022a). Note that RBD  
162 residues 337, 340 and 356 cluster tightly forming an interaction hotspot with the antibody heavy  
163 chain CDR3 in particular (**Figure 2B**). W105 and F106 of the CDR3 form a key 4-layer hydrophobic  
164 sandwich with residues 337 and 356 of the RBD (W105:P337:F106:K356), whilst E340 pins down the  
165 CDR3 loop by a remarkable set of interactions with the amide nitrogens of residues 104-106, which

166 are arranged rather as an open helix capped with exquisite specificity by E340. This suggests that the  
167 observed mutations P337R/S; E340A/D/K/V; K356T will all disrupt this binding hotspot. In contrast  
168 Q493R is distal to the epitope, on the edge of the ACE2 footprint (**Figure 2A**), so there is no obvious  
169 reason for this mutation to affect antibody binding.

170 The mutations associated with casirivimab and imdevimab treatments are shown in **Figure 2C**,  
171 mapped to the structure of the Delta RBD containing the L452R mutation (PDB:70RB) (Liu et al.,  
172 2021), where the binding of casirivimab and imdevimab is inferred from the reported structure of  
173 the complex with early pandemic RBD (PDB:6XDG, the RMSD in C $\alpha$  positions between early  
174 pandemic and Omicron BA.1 RBDs is 1.16 Å and we are confident that this inference is secure). The  
175 mutations observed fall into two areas on the surface of the RBD. Positions 406, 453 and 455 are  
176 clustered together at the back of the neck region (Dejnirattisai et al., 2021) lying under the CDR1 of  
177 the casirivimab heavy chain and forming a nest of interactions (**Figure 2D**). These mutations would  
178 be expected to affect binding of this antibody. In contrast G446 rests tightly against N57 and Y59 of  
179 the light chain CDR2 of imdevimab (**Figure 2E**) and any change to a larger side chain such as the  
180 G446S/V mutations observed, would be expected to abrogate binding.

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182 *Experimental measurement of escape by mutants identified from patients treated with RGEN-COV*

183 We constructed a panel of pseudotyped lentiviruses (Di Genova et al., 2020) expressing the Spike  
184 from the identified escape mutants (**Figure 3**). Pseudoviral neutralisation assays showed that activity  
185 of imdevimab against the Delta+G446V mutant was completely knocked out, whilst casirivimab  
186 showed >10-fold reductions in the neutralization titre of Delta+Y453F (16-fold), Delta+L455F (17-  
187 fold) and Delta+L455S (155-fold), compared to the wild-type Delta variant (**Figure 3A,C**)

188 As casirivimab remained fully active against the Delta+G446V mutant, and imdevimab was still able  
189 to potently neutralize the Delta+Y453F and Delta+L455F/S mutants, the combination of casirivimab  
190 and imdevimab retained neutralization potency against all these single mutants. However, the  
191 combined mutations of Delta+G446V+Y453F and Delta+G446V+L455F not only led to complete  
192 knock-out of the neutralising activity of imdevimab, but also severe knock-down of casirivimab  
193 activity. As a result, the neutralisation titre of casirivimab+imdevimab was reduced 1097-fold against  
194 Delta+G446V+Y453F and 318-fold against the Delta+G446V+L455F. This is consistent with the finding  
195 of these pairs of mutations occurring together on single Delta RBD sequences described above.

196 To confirm that the observed effects on neutralization were directly attributable to the change in  
197 RBD/nmAb interaction, we measured the affinity of nmAbs and RBD mutants by surface plasmon  
198 resonance (SPR) (Figure S2,S3, Table 3A). This analysis also showed that the G446V mutation almost  
199 abolished the binding of imdevimab, and in the meantime caused a modest reduction (1.8-fold) in  
200 the binding affinity of casirivimab (Table 3A). The L455S, E406D and E406Q single mutations mainly  
201 affect casirivimab. SPR analysis showed a 369-fold, 20-fold and 38-fold decrease in the affinity of  
202 casirivimab for Delta+L455S, Delta+E406D and Delta+E406Q respectively. The neutralisation titre of  
203 casirivimab was reduced 65-fold, 2-fold and 12-fold against these three mutants respectively (Figure  
204 3C, Table 3A). However, since imdevimab was unaffected, the casirivimab+imdevimab combination  
205 retained potent neutralising activity against these mutants.

206 Interestingly, an additive effect on reducing casirivimab binding was seen for the combination of  
207 mutations resulting in an overall 347-fold and decrease in affinity for G446V+Y453F and 192-fold  
208 decrease for G446V+L455F. As expected, binding of imdevimab to Delta+G446V+Y453F and  
209 Delta+G446V+L455F was almost completely impaired. Overall, the acquisition of double mutations  
210 has rendered substantial loss in sensitivity to the REGEN-COV regime.

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212 *Experimental measurement of escape by mutants identified from patients treated with sotrovimab*

213 BA.1 mutations P337R/S and E340A/D/K/V, led to complete knock out of neutralisation by  
214 sotrovimab (**Figure 3B,D**). Although the BA.1+R493Q (reversion to Wuhan wild type) was also  
215 identified as a post-treatment emergent mutation, no obvious effect on the neutralising activity of  
216 sotrovimab was observed. The RBDs of BA.1+P337R/S and BA.1+E340A/D/K/V were successfully  
217 expressed to allow examination of their binding with sotrovimab (**Figure S3**). The affinity of  
218 sotrovimab was reduced by 1951-fold to 20241-fold compared to the wild-type BA.1 RBD, explaining  
219 why these mutants were resistant to sotrovimab neutralization (**Table 3D**).

220 *Neutralization of escape mutants by vaccine serum*

221 Neutralization assays were performed using serum obtained 28 days following a third dose of Pfizer-  
222 BioNtech vaccine BNT162b2 (Cele et al., 2021) (**Figure 4**). Following 3 doses of BNT162B a 1.9-fold  
223 and 1.5-fold decrease was observed for Delta+G446V+Y453F and Delta+G446V+L455F respectively,  
224 compared to wild-type Delta ( $p<0.0001$ ); whilst a 2-fold, 1.2-fold and 3.8-fold reduction was seen for  
225 BA.1+P337S, BA.1+E340K and BA.1+K356T respectively compared to wild-type BA.1 ( $p<0.0001$ ,  
226  $p=0.0082$  and  $p<0.0001$ ).

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## 228 **Discussion**

229 Individuals infected with the currently dominant SARS-CoV-2 Omicron variant have been shown to  
230 have a lower likelihood of severe disease and hospitalisation compared with previous variants.  
231 However, a large number of people still suffer from severe disease (Wolter et al., 2022) and this  
232 proportion could be higher in populations with lower levels of infection- or vaccine-induced  
233 immunity.

234 Although the current mortality rates are much lower than in 2020  
235 (<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/articles/coronaviruscovid19latestinsights/deaths>), as of June 2022 over 300 people died from  
236 COVID-19 every week within the UK (<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/deaths>). Individuals  
237 who are unable to mount an adequate immune response from vaccination or for whom vaccination  
238 is not recommended are at particular risk. It is this vulnerable population, who tend to suffer from  
239 chronic COVID-19 infections, who are targeted to receive nmAb therapies either therapeutically or  
240 prophylactically. In the UK, the highest-risk clinical subgroups who are immunosuppressed are  
241 eligible for these therapies (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-risk-patients-eligible-for-covid-19-treatments-independent-advisory-group-report/defining-the-highest-risk-clinical-subgroups-upon-community-infection-with-sars-cov-2-when-considering-the-use-of-neutralising-monoclonal-antibodies>).  
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246 While commercial anti-SARS-CoV-2 therapeutic mAbs have been shown to be effective treatments  
247 for COVID-19 (Gupta et al., 2021; Weinreich et al., 2021), various studies have reported severe  
248 reductions or complete knock-out of their neutralising activities against Omicron variants  
249 (Dejnirattisai et al., 2022; McCallum et al., 2022b; Nutalai et al., 2022). As sotrovimab was shown to  
250 be unable to effectively neutralise Omicron BA.2, in April 2022 the FDA announced that sotrovimab  
251 was no longer authorized to treat COVID-19 as BA.2 became the dominant variant  
252 (<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-sotrovimab-emergency-use-authorization>). However, in the UK, sotrovimab remains in clinical use.  
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254 In a recent study the Delta variant was reported to develop P337L/T and E340K/A/V resistance  
255 mutations in patients treated with sotrovimab (Rockett et al., 2022). Here we report the  
256 identification of BA.1 escape mutations in patients who received sotrovimab treatment. In addition  
257 to mutations occurring at the P337 and E340 residues, we also identify a novel K356T mutation.  
258 These mutations abolish the binding and hence neutralising activity of sotrovimab. Q493R is also

259 found, a reversion to the sequence found in early pandemic viruses and in BA.4/5. This mutation is  
260 distal to sotrovimab footprint, has no effect on antibody binding but has been reported to increase  
261 the affinity for ACE2 (Wang et al., 2022), suggesting improved receptor binding rather than escape  
262 from antibody binding may be the driver for selection. These observations suggest that  
263 monotherapy is likely to be impacted by emerging variants and induce treatment-emergent  
264 resistance, even if the drug targets an epitope that is well conserved among Sarbecoviruses.

265 In contrast to the single agent sotrovimab, the REGEN-COV regime, containing a combination of two  
266 nmAbs that target non-overlapping epitopes, would be expected to be more resistant to mutational  
267 escape. Indeed, previous studies have shown that REGEN-COV was able to effectively prevent  
268 emergence of escape mutants not only *in vitro*, but also in *in vivo* animal and human studies (Baum  
269 et al., 2020; Copin et al., 2021). However, in this detailed study, we observe that treatment with the  
270 dual agent REGEN-COV led, in some individuals, to the Delta variant acquiring pairs of mutations that  
271 simultaneously impair the binding of both components of REGEN-COV, leading to up to 1000-fold  
272 reduction in neutralization titres. All the mutations we identified had been predicted in a mapping  
273 exercise where the impact of every potential mutation in the spike protein was tested. The study  
274 revealed that pseudoviruses with an E406W mutation were able to escape from both REGEN-COV  
275 compounds (Starr et al., 2021). This mutation did not occur in our small dataset. Two nucleotide  
276 changes are required for this change in amino acid; however, single nucleotide changes at the site  
277 were identified and found to be significant.

278 It is uncertain how the virus was able to gain the combined resistance mutations during therapy,  
279 however, accelerated viral evolution has been documented in immunocompromised patients who  
280 could suffer from persistent SARS-CoV-2 infections for many months, with mutations found  
281 predominantly in the RBD and other regions of the Spike (Choi et al., 2020). One possibility is that  
282 viruses harbouring mutations resistant to one component of REGEN-COV might have already  
283 emerged in such patients prior to the cocktail treatment, and the medication then drove selection of

284 a second mutation, leading to an overall impairment of the therapy, perhaps accelerated by viral  
285 recombination. If accelerated virus evolution has facilitated escape via a bystander effect (for  
286 instance mutations driven by modulation of receptor binding) this might be an additional argument  
287 for attempting to find neutralising antibodies that bind in more conserved regions, although we find  
288 that increased receptor affinity is selected in some BA.1 infected patients treated with sotrovimab,  
289 which binds a conserved. However, viruses bearing single escape mutations were identified in  
290 patients under the REGEN-COV treatment. In effective combination therapy, these mutants would  
291 be neutralised by one of the components. This raises the question of whether the concentration of  
292 the mAbs might be unable to reach the desired level *in vivo*, for example due to limited or  
293 differential bioavailability in certain parts of the body, creating a favourable environment for viruses  
294 to develop resistance.

295 The simplest way to mitigate escape is probably to use a more complex cocktail of non-competing  
296 mAbs, indeed it has been shown that such a combination was able to retain antiviral potency  
297 through up to eleven consecutive serial passages (Copin et al., 2021). Combining mAbs with  
298 antivirals is another option, or devising clinical approaches based on patient profile together with  
299 using the correct dose for bioavailability. It could also be important to perform genotyping for  
300 variants prior to administration of mAb therapy, particularly in chronically infected  
301 immunocompromised cases (Greninger et al., 2022). However, patients prescribed treatment for  
302 COVID-19 infections are usually started on therapy the same day, and so the turnaround time  
303 between sampling and sequence analysis would have to be substantially shortened for clinical use.

304 Finally, it's concerning that the neutralisation titre of vaccine serum was reduced against escape  
305 mutants evolved from both treatment regimes in two different virus variants. This is not altogether  
306 surprising, as the nmAbs chosen for therapeutic use target important neutralising epitopes on the  
307 SARS-CoV-2 RBD. Whether nmAb therapy can drive the generation of novel highly transmissible  
308 variants is not clear; our study using *in vitro* neutralization gives no indication how fit these variants

309 would be in the general population. It also seems unlikely that mAb-driven escape in the extremely  
310 small number of patients given therapy will markedly accelerate generation of novel variants  
311 compared to what is happening in the pandemic at large, with millions of infections occurring every  
312 day, in an increasingly naturally exposed or vaccinated population, where the selection pressure for  
313 antibody escape is already extreme. However, the repeated and perhaps inconsistent use of nmAb  
314 therapy in chronically infected individuals, who have been documented to harbour virus for months  
315 and in some cases more than a year, should be closely monitored. The analysis of post-treatment  
316 sequence datasets and potential transmission of post-treatment emergent mutations is performed  
317 regularly by the UK Health Security Agency and published online  
318 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-therapeutic-agents-technical-briefings>).

319 In summary, we demonstrate here mutational changes in viruses isolated from patients treated with  
320 nmAbs. The mutational profiles of patients treated with sotrovimab or REGEN-COV are strikingly  
321 different and the mutations map to the binding sites for the mAb on Delta or BA.1 RBD. The  
322 corresponding mutations impair the binding of nmAbs to Spike RBD, resulting in reduced  
323 neutralization titre. Strikingly, for REGEN-COV, viruses evolve pairs of mutations to escape both  
324 components of the antibody cocktail.

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## 326 **Limitations of the study**

327 These studies used *in vitro* neutralization assays and may underestimate the neutralization potential  
328 of mAb *in vivo*, where the effects of antibody dependent cell mediated cytotoxicity and complement  
329 may increase activity. In addition, using *in vitro* systems we are unable to determine whether the  
330 escape mutations selected by nmAb therapy would be fit to compete with natural viral variants in  
331 natural infections. We did not look at deep sequence data to look at changes in frequencies of minor  
332 variants over time, our sequences are consensus reads. Our single amino acid approach may miss

333 compensatory mutations that do not come out as significant in a large-scale analysis but may be  
334 important within patients who have already developed one treatment-emergent substitution. This  
335 study did not examine T cells which contribute to the host defence and are less impacted by  
336 mutations.

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379 **Figure legends**

380 **Figure 1. P-values for differences in spike amino acid frequencies between pre- and post-**  
381 **treatment sequences.** (A) patients infected with Delta and treated with casirivimab/imdevimab, (B)  
382 patients infected with BA.2 and treated with sotrovimab, and (C) patients infected with BA.2 and  
383 treated with sotrovimab. Amino acid frequencies were compared between pre-and post-treatment  
384 samples (at least 10 days after treatment) at each site in the spike sequence alignment. P-values for  
385 each site were calculated using a Fisher's test, and p-values were log-transformed and inversed for  
386 visualisation so that sites with diverging values appear higher up on the figure. Only sites with some  
387 variability (>1 amino acid) are shown. The horizontal lines indicate p-value thresholds of  $p<0.001$ ,  
388  $p<0.0001$  etc. Residues with diverging frequencies ( $p<0.001$ ) are highlighted in red, with the  
389 observed amino acid change indicated in text. Residues known to interact with each drug are  
390 indicated in blue and purple at the top of the figure. The numbers differ slightly from those in **Table**  
391 **1** because not all gene regions were sufficiently high quality for downstream sequence analysis. See  
392 also **Figure S1**.

393 **Figure 2. Structural modelling of mutations mapped to the Spike RBD.** (A) Model of the Omicron  
394 RBD (PDB: 7TLY) docked with S309 (sotrovimab). Omicron RBD is shown as a grey surface from an  
395 approximate front view, S309 as cartoon ribbons with heavy and light chains coloured separately.  
396 Mutation sites mapped to the RBD surface are coloured magenta and labelled. (B) Close-up view of  
397 the interface between the P337, E340, K356 patch of residues with the S309 heavy chain. Potential  
398 hydrogen bonds and hydrophobic interactions are shown as green dashed lines. (C) Model of the

399 Delta RBD docked with REGEN-COV nmAbs casirivimab and imdevimab shown from approximate  
400 front (left) and back (right) views. Delta RBD is shown as a grey surface and mutation sites E406,  
401 G446, Y453 and L455 are coloured magenta and labelled. (D) Close-up view of the interface between  
402 E406, Y453 and L455 with casirivimab. (E) Close-up view of the interface between G446 with  
403 imdevimab. Potential hydrogen bonds and hydrophobic interactions are shown as green dashed  
404 lines.

405 **Figure 3. Neutralization escape caused by RBD mutations** (A) Pseudoviral neutralization curves of  
406 the indicated Delta variants with REGEN-COV nmAbs. Comparison is made with Omi-12 A VH1-58  
407 mAb which is not sensitive to the mutations found following REGEN-COV treatment. (B) Pseudovirus  
408 neutralization curves for BA.1 sotrovimab mutants. (C, D) Neutralization IC50 titres for  
409 neutralizations shown in A, B.

410 **Figure 4. Pseudoviral neutralization IC50 titres of third dose Pfizer BioNTech vaccine serum** IC50  
411 titres for Delta REGEN-COV induced mutations and BA.1 sotrovimab induced mutations are  
412 compared with titres for ancestral strain Victoria, Delta and BA.1. Geometric mean titres are shown  
413 above each column. The Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test was used for the analysis and two-  
414 tailed P values were calculated.

415 **Table 1. Data set sizes.**

416 **Table 2. Frequency of each mutation.**

417 **Table 3. A, B** Summary of binding affinity between RBDs and therapeutic mAbs (A)  
418 casirivimab+imdevimab, (B) sotrovimab). The fold reduction in affinity between RBD mutants and  
419 wild-type RBD is calculated. The number labelled with a star indicates a fold increase in affinity. See  
420 also **Figures S2 and 3**.

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422 **Figure S1. P-values for differences in spike amino acid frequencies between pre- and post-**  
423 **treatment sequences.** The indicated cut off dates, following the nmAb treatment were used for the  
424 acquisition of the post treatment sample.

425 **Figure S2. Surface plasmon resonance (SPR) analysis of interaction between Delta and BA.1 RBD**  
426 **mutants and therapeutic mAbs.** (A-D; F-G; I, L, N, P) Sensorgrams showing the binding of wild-type  
427 Delta RBD and Delta RBD mutants to casirivimab/imdevimab, with affinity and kinetic parameters  
428 shown. (E, J, K, M, O) 1:1 binding equilibrium analysis of binding of Delta RBD mutants to  
429 casirivimab/imdevimab, with affinity values shown. (H) Binding of Delta RBD+G446V to imdevimab is  
430 severely reduced compared to that of wild-type Delta RBD, so that the binding could not be  
431 accurately determined, as shown by a single-injection of 1  $\mu$ M RBD over sample flow cells containing  
432 imdevimab.

433 Related to **Figure S3 and Table 3.**

434 **Figure S3. Surface plasmon resonance (SPR) analysis of interaction between Delta and BA.1 RBD**  
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436 mutants to casirivimab, with affinity values shown. (B, D) Binding of Delta RBD+G446V+Y453F and  
437 Delta RBD+G446V+L455F to imdevimab is severely reduced compared to that of wild-type Delta  
438 RBD, so that the binding could not be accurately determined, as shown by a single-injection of 1  $\mu$ M  
439 RBD over sample flow cells containing imdevimab. (E) Sensorgram showing the binding of wild-type  
440 BA.1 RBD to sotrovimab, with affinity and kinetic parameters shown (published in Dejnirattisai et al.,  
441 2022). (F-K) 1:1 binding equilibrium analysis of binding of BA.1 RBD mutants to sotrovimab, with  
442 affinity values shown. Related to **Figure S2 and Table 3.**

443 **Table S1 Combinations of SARS-CoV-2 variants, gene sequences and treatments examined for**  
444 **resistance mutations.**

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446 **STAR Methods**

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448 Resource availability

449 Lead Contact

450 Resources, reagents and further information requirement should be forwarded to and will be  
451 responded to by the Lead Contact, David Stuart (david.stuart@strubi.ox.ac.uk)

452 Materials Availability

453 Reagents generated in this study are available from the Lead Contact with a completed Materials  
454 Transfer Agreement.

455 Study population

456 In April 2020, the UK established a national program of SARS-CoV-2 genomic surveillance through  
457 which viruses from a random sample of population positives in the community and hospital have  
458 been routinely sequenced (consortiumcontact@cogconsortium.uk, 2020). In addition, a protocol  
459 was introduced to enhance sequencing coverage of those receiving treatment in hospitals and  
460 within the community (including pre-treatment and follow-up sampling). Patients on treatment  
461 were linked to their genetic sequences through their COG-IDs. The present analysis includes all  
462 patients who have received treatment in the UK, for whom at least one sample had been collected  
463 by 12 April 2022 and for whom a viral genetic sequence was available.

464 At this date, the five therapeutic interventions deployed across the population included  
465 casirivimab/imdevimab, sotrovimab, molnupiravir, remdesivir and paxlovid (nirmatrelvir plus

466 ritonavir). For each patient, data available include: date of sample, therapeutic intervention/  
467 treatment and date of treatment.

468 Surveillance of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) testing and vaccination is undertaken under  
469 Regulation 3 of the Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 to collect  
470 confidential patient information ([www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2002/1438/regulation/3/made](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2002/1438/regulation/3/made). opens  
471 in new tab) under Sections 3(i) (a) to (c), 3(i)(d) (i) and (ii), and 3. The genomic surveillance study  
472 protocol (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-genomic-surveillance-of-patients-who-are-treated-with-neutralising-monoclonal-antibody-or-immunosuppressed>) was subject to an  
473 internal review by the UKHSA England Research Ethics and Governance Group and was found to be  
474 fully compliant with all regulatory requirements. Given that no regulatory issues were identified, and  
475 that ethics review is not a requirement for this type of work, it was decided that a full ethics review  
476 would not be necessary.

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479 Sequence datasets

480 The pipeline used to collect and process raw SARS-CoV-2 sequence data and sample-associated  
481 metadata across the UK genomic surveillance network has been previously described (Nicholls et al.,  
482 2021). The ARCTIC protocol was employed to amplify SARS-CoV-2 samples (Lambisia et al., 2022).  
483 Sequencing platforms included Illumina and Oxford Nanopore Technologies. Sequences were aligned  
484 to the reference SARS-CoV-2 genome (NCBI NC\_045512.2). COVID lineages were assigned using  
485 Pango (O'Toole et al., 2022).

486

487 Analysis of pre- and post-treatment sequences

488 All sequences from patients known to have undergone treatment were downloaded from CLIMB.  
489 Genome alignments were split into gene regions (spike, NSP5, NSP7, NSP8, NSP9, NSP10, NSP12 and  
490 NSP14) and translated to amino acids for analysis. Analyses were conducted for each treatment on  
491 the proteins they are theorised to interact with. Analyses were split by variant (Delta, Omicron BA.1  
492 and Omicron BA.2), with Delta sublineages (B.1617.2 and all AY lineages) all classified as Delta. As  
493 such, each analysis was conducted independently on every treatment, variant and gene region  
494 combination of interest (**Table S1**).

495 Pre-treatment sequences are those obtained from patients with a sequenced sample within one  
496 week prior to treatment initiation (including the day of treatment initiation). The analysis was  
497 repeated with a range of cut-offs for defining post-treatment sequences, including post-treatment  
498 sequences only if they were sampled at least 1,5,10, or 14 days after treatment. Our main analysis  
499 uses the 10-day cut-off, and 1,5 and 14 days are presented as a sensitivity analysis. For each analysis,  
500 we split the dataset into pre-and post-treatment sequences. At each site in the alignment, the amino  
501 acid frequency was calculated in pre- vs post-treatment sequences, and Fisher's exact test was used  
502 to determine whether this probability distribution diverged from the null expectation. In this way,  
503 sites that display unexpected differences in amino acid frequencies were identified, and the specific  
504 amino acid changes highlighted. Analyses were conducted at the patient-level rather than at the  
505 sequence level, so that if a patient had multiple pre- or post-treatment sequences a single sequence  
506 was retained, with sequences diverging from the wild-type favoured.

507

508 Analysis of UK genomic database

509 All Delta (n=763,511) , BA.1 (n=742,992) and BA.2 (n=XX) sequences from September 2021 onwards  
510 were downloaded from CLIMB, translated to amino acids and split into proteins using an in-house

511 script. For each amino acid site identified in our analysis, amino acid frequencies were tabulated and  
512 calculated as proportions of the total number of sequences with a readable amino acid.

513

514 Structural modelling/Mapping of drug interaction sites

515 Structural models of RBD-nmAbs complexes were generated by superposition of PDB:7ORB (RBD  
516 with L452R) and Omicron RBD (PDB:7TLY) with complexes of RBD-casirivimab/imdevimab  
517 (PDB:6XDG) and RBD-sotrovimab (PDB:7BEP) respectively, using program SHP (Stuart et al., 1979) to  
518 align the RBD domains. Models of PDB:7ORB RBD docked with casirivimab/imdevimab and Omicron  
519 RBD docked with sotrovimab were extracted and analysed at drug interaction sites using Coot  
520 (Casanal et al., 2020). Molecular graphics images were generated using UCSF ChimeraX (Pettersen et  
521 al., 2021).

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523 Sera from Pfizer vaccinees

524 Pfizer vaccine serum was obtained from volunteers who had received three doses of the BNT162b2  
525 vaccine (Pfizer/BioNTech). Vaccinees were Health Care Workers, based at Oxford University  
526 Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, not known to have prior infection with SARS-CoV-2 and were  
527 enrolled in the OPTIC Study as part of the Oxford Translational Gastrointestinal Unit GI Biobank  
528 Study 16/YH/0247 [research ethics committee (REC) at Yorkshire & The Humber – Sheffield] which  
529 has been amended for this purpose on 8 June 2020. The study was conducted according to the  
530 principles of the Declaration of Helsinki (2008) and the International Conference on Harmonization  
531 (ICH) Good Clinical Practice (GCP) guidelines. Written informed consent was obtained for all  
532 participants enrolled in the study. Participants were sampled approximately 28 days (median 31,  
533 range 28-56), after receiving a third “booster” dose of Pfizer/BioNTech BNT162b2 mRNA Vaccine, 30

534 micrograms, administered intramuscularly after dilution (0.3 mL each), 17-28 days apart for dose 1  
535 and 2, then approximately 9 months apart (range 253-300) for dose 2 and 3. The mean age of  
536 vaccinees was 42 years (range 30-59), 10 male and 9 female.

537

538 Plasmid construction and pseudotyped lentiviral particles production

539 Pseudotyped lentivirus expressing SARS-CoV-2 S proteins for ancestral strains (Victoria, Delta and  
540 BA.1) were constructed as described before (Nie et al., 2020; Liu et al., 2021, Nutalai et al., 2022)  
541 with some modifications. A similar strategy was applied for all variant constructs. Delta and BA.1  
542 were used as the template and the constructs were cloned by PCR amplification of vector and  
543 inserts, followed by Gibson assembly. To generate the insert fragments, the overlapping primers for  
544 all individual variants were used separately to amplify, together with two primers of pcDNA3.1  
545 vector (pcDNA3.1\_BamHI\_F and pcDNA3.1\_Tag\_S\_EcoRI\_R). The pcDNA3.1 vector was also  
546 amplified using pcDNA3.1\_Tag\_S\_EcoRI\_F and pcDNA3.1\_BamHI\_R primers. The primer pairs used in  
547 this study are shown in supplementary (Table S1). All constructs were verified by Sanger sequencing  
548 after plasmid isolation using QIAGEN Miniprep kit (QIAGEN). The resulting S gene-carrying pcDNA3.1  
549 was used for generating pseudoviral particles together with the lentiviral packaging vector and  
550 transfer vector encoding luciferase reporter.

551

552 Pseudoviral neutralization assay

553 The details of pseudoviral neutralization test were described previously (Liu et al., 2022; Nie et al.,  
554 2020) with some modifications. Briefly, four-fold serial dilution of each mAb was incubated with  
555 pseudoviral particles at 37 °C, 5% CO<sub>2</sub> for 1 h. The stable HEK293T/17 cells expressing human ACE2  
556 were then added to the mixture at 1.5 x 10<sup>4</sup> cells/well. At 48 h post transduction, culture

557 supernatants were removed and 50 µL of 1:2 Bright-Glo™ Luciferase assay system (Promega, USA)  
558 in 1x PBS was added into each well. The reaction was incubated at room temperature for 5 min and  
559 the firefly luciferase activity was measured using CLARIOstar (BMG Labtech, Ortenberg, Germany).  
560 The percentage of neutralization was calculated relative to the control. Probit analysis was used to  
561 estimate the value of dilution that inhibits half of the maximum pseudotyped lentivirus infection  
562 (PVNT50). To determine the neutralizing activity of vaccine sera, 3-fold serial dilutions of samples  
563 were incubated with pseudoviral particles for 1 hr and the same strategy as mAb was applied. The  
564 primer sequences used to generate pseudoviruses are listed in **Table S2**.

565

566 Cloning of RBDs

567 To generate the His-tagged construct of RBDs, site-directed PCR mutagenesis was performed using  
568 the Delta or BA.1 pseudovirus plasmid construct as the template, or pseudovirus plasmid construct  
569 containing the desired RBD mutant was used as the template for amplification of the RBD gene  
570 fragment.

571 The template, primers and expression vectors used for cloning of each RBD are shown in **Table S3**  
572 and the primer sequences are shown in **Table S4**.

573 Cloning was performed using the ClonExpress II One Step Cloning Kit (Vazyme). The Constructs were  
574 verified by Sanger sequencing after plasmid isolation using QIAGEN Miniprep kit (QIAGEN).

575

576 Production of RBDs

577 Plasmids encoding RBDs were transfected into Expi293F™ Cells (ThermoFisher) by PEI, cultured in  
578 FreeStyle™ 293 Expression Medium (ThermoFisher) at 30 °C with 8% CO<sub>2</sub> for 3 days. The conditioned

579 medium was diluted 1:2 into binding buffer (50 mM sodium phosphate, 500 mM sodium chloride,  
580 pH 8.0). RBDs were purified with a 5 mL HisTrap nickel column (GE Healthcare) through His-tag  
581 binding, followed by a Superdex 75 10/300 GL gel filtration column (GE Healthcare) in 10 mM HEPES  
582 and 150 mM sodium chloride.

583

584 Surface Plasmon Resonance

585 The surface plasmon resonance experiments were performed using a Biacore T200 (GE Healthcare).  
586 All assays were performed with a running buffer of HBS-EP (Cytiva) at 25°C. A Protein A sensor chip  
587 (Cytiva) was used. The mAb as indicated was immobilised onto the sample flow cell of the sensor  
588 chip. The reference flow cell was left blank.

589 To determine the binding kinetics, RBD was injected over the two flow cells at a range of five  
590 concentrations prepared by serial two-fold dilutions, at a flow rate of 30 µl·min<sup>-1</sup> using a single-  
591 cycle kinetics programme. Running buffer was also injected using the same programme for  
592 background subtraction. All data were fitted to a 1:1 binding model using Biacore T200 Evaluation  
593 Software 3.1. To determine the binding affinity (where kinetics were difficult to determine), RBD was  
594 injected over the two flow cells at a range of concentrations prepared by serial two-fold dilutions, at  
595 a flow rate of 30 µl·min<sup>-1</sup>. Running buffer was also injected using the same programme for  
596 background subtraction. All KD data were fitted to a 1:1 binding model using Biacore T200  
597 Evaluation Software 3.1; the figures were plotted with GraphPad Prism 9.

598 To compare the binding profiles between Delta RBD+G446V / Delta RBD+G446V+Y453F / Delta  
599 RBD+G446V+L455F and Delta RBD WT for imdevimab, a single injection of RBD was performed over  
600 the two flow cells at 1 µM, at a flow rate of 30 µl·min<sup>-1</sup>. Running buffer was also injected using the

601 same programme for background subtraction. The sensorgrams were plotted using Prism9  
602 (GraphPad).

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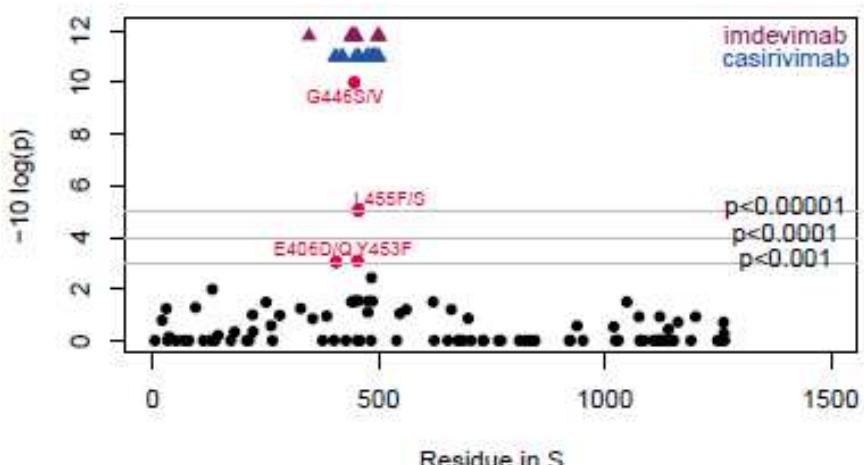
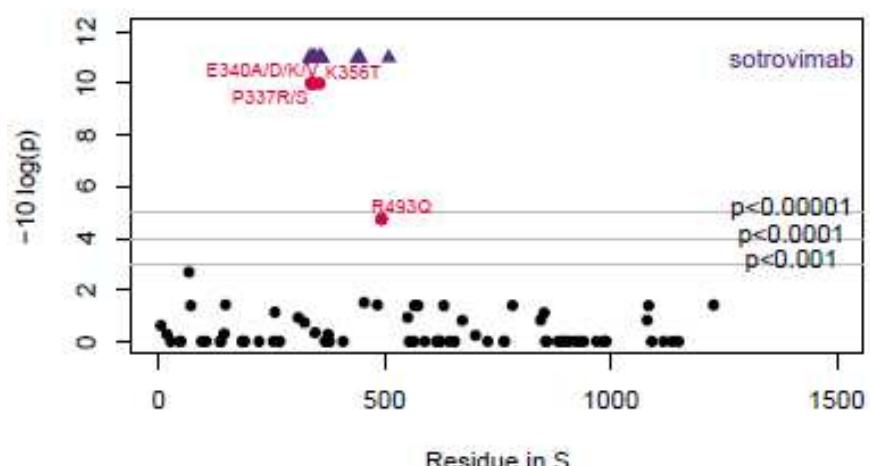
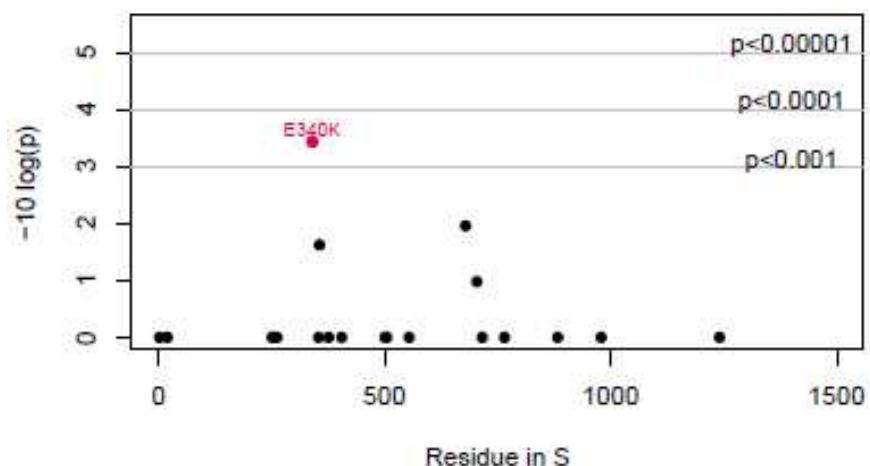
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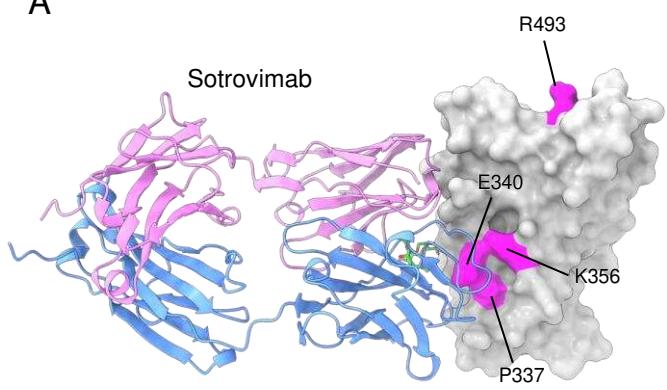
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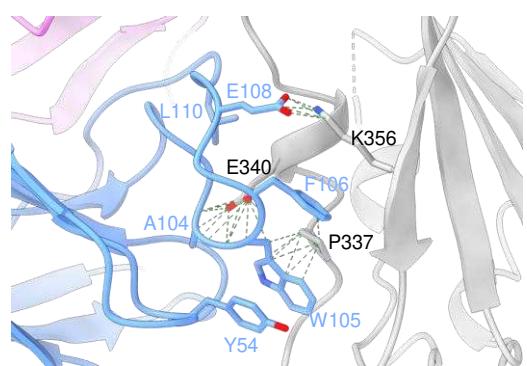
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**A****Delta variant, treated with casirivimab and imdevimab****B****BA.1 variant, treated with Sotrovimab****C****BA.2 variant, treated with Sotrovimab****Figure 1**

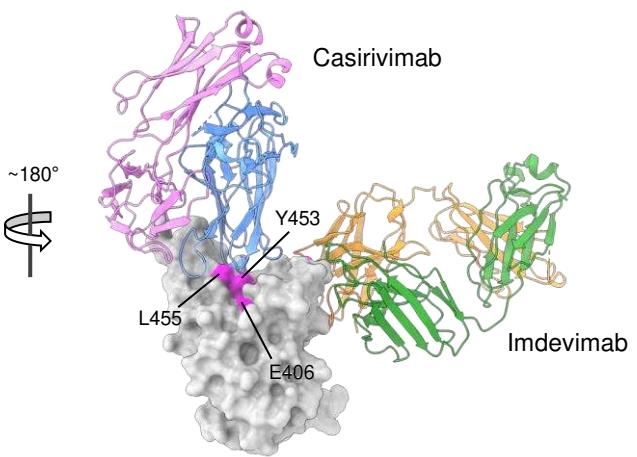
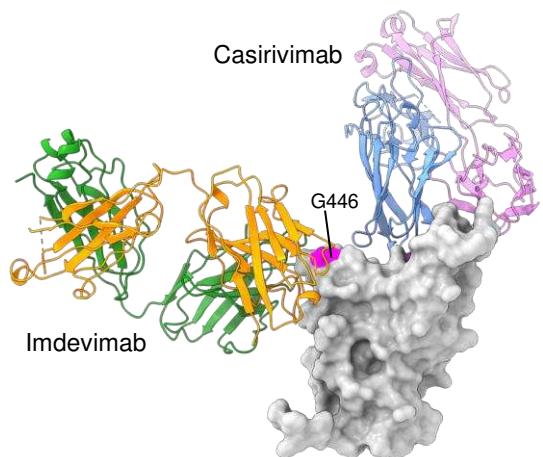
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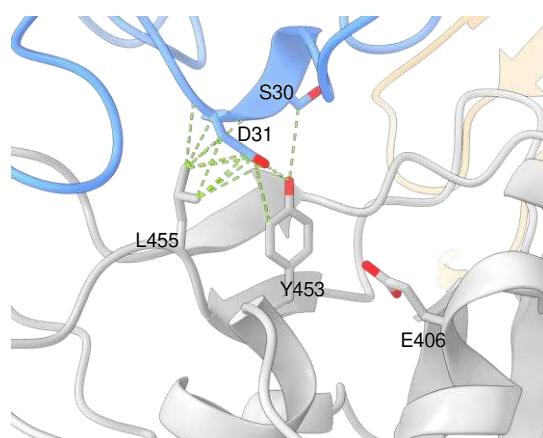
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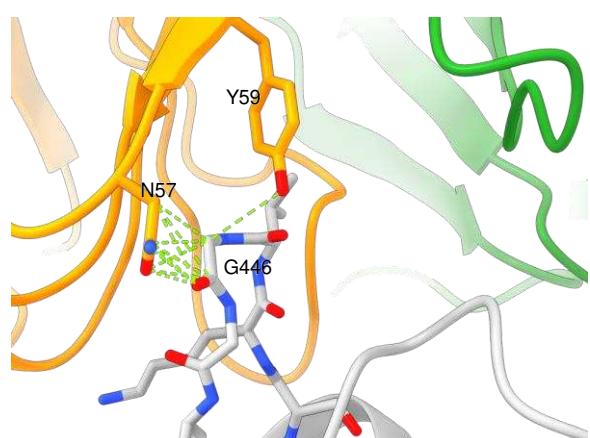
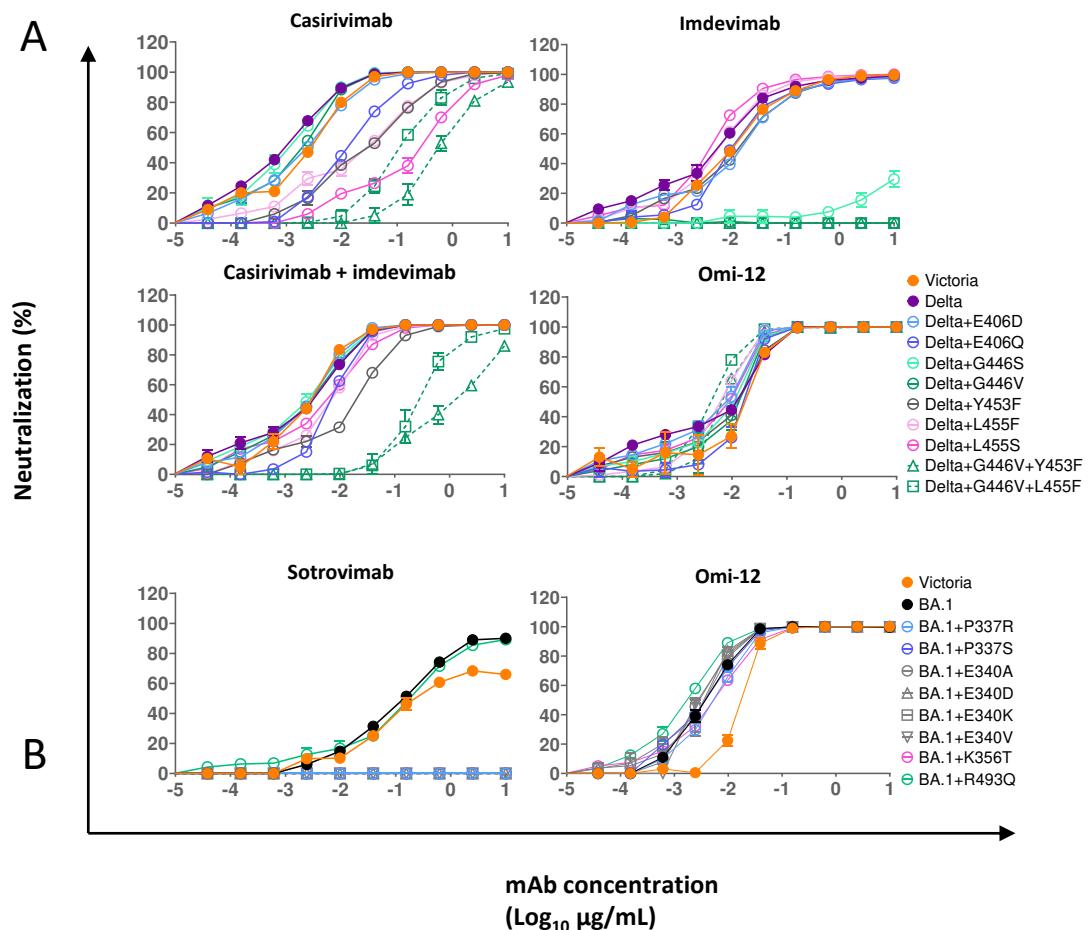


Figure 2

A



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| Pseudovirus       | IC50 (Log10 µg/ml) |               |                         |               |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
|                   | Commercial mAbs    |               |                         |               |
|                   | Casirivimab        | Imdevimab     | Casirivimab + Imdevimab | Omi-12        |
| Victoria          | 0.002 ± 0.000      | 0.012 ± 0.000 | 0.002 ± 0.000           | 0.009 ± 0.005 |
| Delta             | 0.001 ± 0.000      | 0.004 ± 0.001 | 0.001 ± 0.000           | 0.004 ± 0.001 |
| Delta+E406D       | 0.002 ± 0.000      | 0.011 ± 0.001 | 0.002 ± 0.000           | 0.003 ± 0.001 |
| Delta+E406Q       | 0.014 ± 0.001      | 0.015 ± 0.002 | 0.006 ± 0.000           | 0.012 ± 0.003 |
| Delta+G446S       | 0.001 ± 0.000      | >10           | 0.002 ± 0.000           | 0.005 ± 0.001 |
| Delta+G446V       | 0.001 ± 0.000      | >10           | 0.002 ± 0.000           | 0.007 ± 0.003 |
| Delta+Y453F       | 0.016 ± 0.002      | 0.012 ± 0.000 | 0.011 ± 0.000           | 0.006 ± 0.001 |
| Delta+L455F       | 0.017 ± 0.003      | 0.005 ± 0.000 | 0.005 ± 0.000           | 0.005 ± 0.001 |
| Delta+L455S       | 0.155 ± 0.023      | 0.004 ± 0.000 | 0.003 ± 0.000           | 0.004 ± 0.001 |
| Delta+G446V+Y453F | 0.626 ± 0.007      | >10           | 1.097 ± 0.192           | 0.007 ± 0.001 |
| Delta+G446V+L455F | 0.129 ± 0.008      | >10           | 0.318 ± 0.081           | 0.004 ± 0.000 |



D

|            | Sotrovimab    | Omi-12        |
|------------|---------------|---------------|
| Victoria   | 0.079 ± 0.027 | 0.016 ± 0.002 |
| BA.1       | 0.113 ± 0.006 | 0.004 ± 0.000 |
| BA.1+P337R | >10           | 0.002 ± 0.000 |
| BA.1+P337S | >10           | 0.005 ± 0.001 |
| BA.1+E340A | >10           | 0.003 ± 0.000 |
| BA.1+E340D | >10           | 0.003 ± 0.000 |
| BA.1+E340K | >10           | 0.003 ± 0.001 |
| BA.1+E340V | >10           | 0.003 ± 0.001 |
| BA.1+K356T | >10           | 0.004 ± 0.000 |
| BA.1+R493Q | 0.185 ± 0.000 | 0.004 ± 0.001 |

Figure 3

# BNT162b2 V3+28D

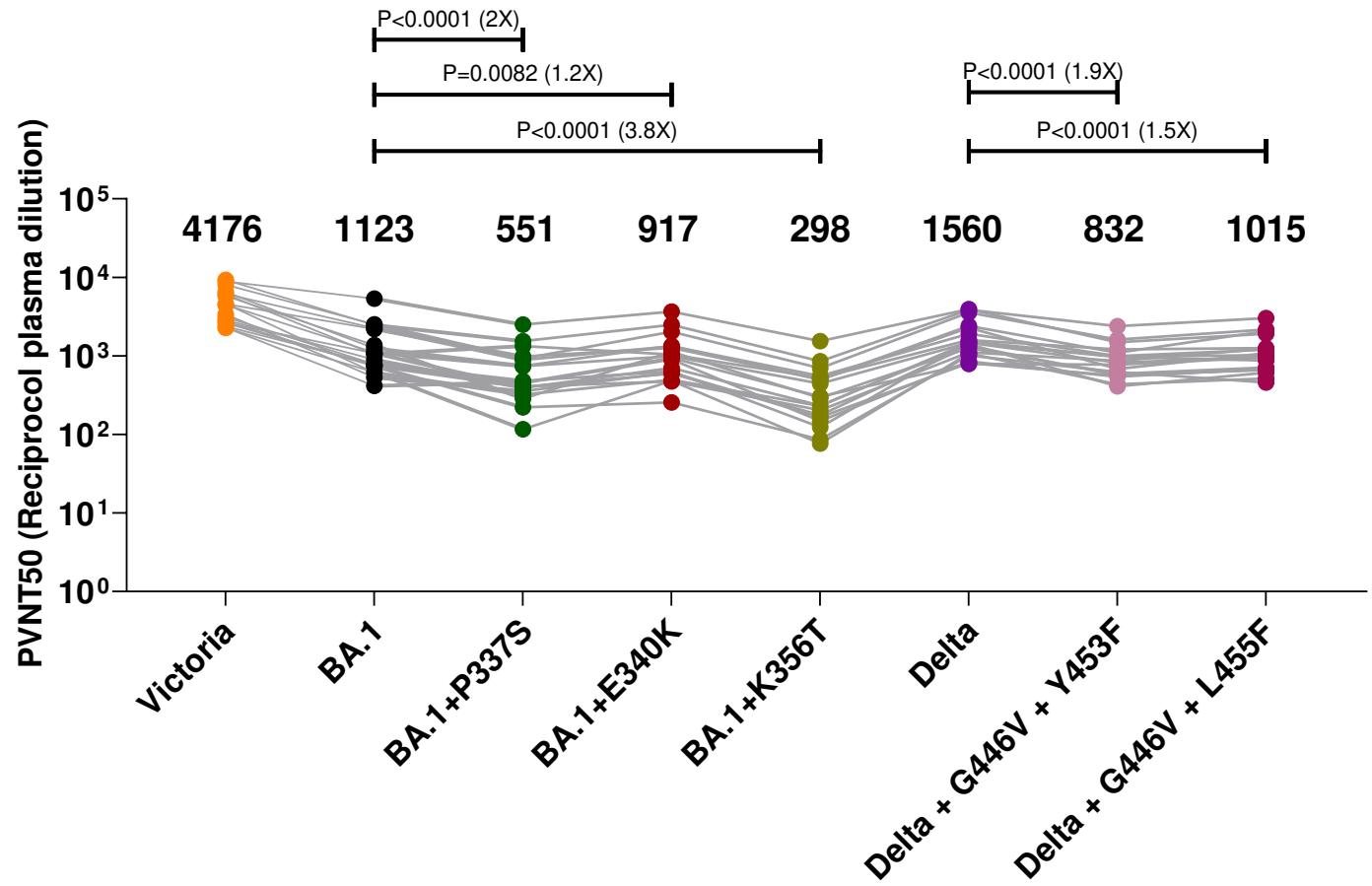


Figure 4

| Treatment                 | Variant | Number of patients (pre-treatment) | Number of patients ( $\geq$ 1 day post-treatment) | Number of patients ( $\geq$ 5 day post-treatment) | Number of patients ( $\geq$ 10 day post-treatment) | Number of patients ( $\geq$ 14 day post-treatment) |
|---------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Casirivimab and imdevimab | BA.1    | 137                                | 85  | 73  | 64   | 58   |
| Casirivimab and imdevimab | BA.2    | 0                                  | 11  | 12  | 12   | 12   |
| Casirivimab and imdevimab | delta   | 1557                               | 227   | 123   | 67   | 50   |
| Molnupiravir              | BA.1    | 1411                               | 150   | 104   | 67   | 41   |
| Molnupiravir              | BA.2    | 228                                | 17  | 11  | 8  | 5  |
| Molnupiravir              | delta   | 24                                 | 7   | 6   | 4  | 1  |
| Paxlovid                  | BA.1    | 276                                | 18  | 8   | 6  | 2  |
| Paxlovid                  | BA.2    | 598                                | 40  | 15  | 10   | 5  |
| Paxlovid                  | delta   | 0                                  | 1   | 1   | 1  | 1  |
| Remdesivir                | BA.1    | 872                                | 397   | 305   | 258  | 227  |
| Remdesivir                | BA.2    | 187                                | 92  | 76  | 65   | 65   |
| Remdesivir                | delta   | 3054                               | 703   | 334   | 201  | 133  |
| Sotrovimab                | BA.1    | 3221                               | 380   | 240   | 148  | 114  |
| Sotrovimab                | BA.2    | 1338                               | 112   | 50  | 25   | 18   |
| Sotrovimab                | delta   | 24                                 | 5   | 5   | 2  | 2  |

**Table 1: Dataset sizes**

**Note that some patients received multiple courses of treatment and thus may be counted more than once in the table.**

| Variant | treatment                 | gene  | mutation    | frequency in pre-treatment patients | Frequency in treated patients | p value |
|---------|---------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Delta   | Casirivimab and imdevimab | spike | E406D/Q     | 0 (0%)                              | 1 (1.2%)                      | p<10-3  |
| Delta   | Casirivimab and imdevimab | spike | G446S/V     | 2 (0.1%)                            | 8 (9.8%)                      | p<10-16 |
| Delta   | Casirivimab and imdevimab | spike | Y453F       | 0 (0%)                              | 2 (2.4%)                      | p<10-3  |
| Delta   | Casirivimab and imdevimab | spike | L455F/S     | 2 (0.1%)                            | 4 (4.9%)                      | p<10-5  |
| BA.1    | sotrovimab                | spike | P337R/S     | 0 (0%)                              | 12 (5.7%)                     | p<10-17 |
| BA.1    | sotrovimab                | spike | E340A/D/K/V | 4 (0.1%)                            | 31 (14.7%)                    | p<10-18 |
| BA.1    | sotrovimab                | spike | K356T       | 0 (0%)                              | 5 (2.4%)                      | p<10-19 |
| BA.1    | sotrovimab                | spike | R493Q       | 1 (0.03%)                           | 4 (1.9%)                      | p<10-4  |
| BA.2    | sotrovimab                | spike | E340K       | 1 (0.05%)                           | 2 (8%)                        | p<10-4  |

**Table 2: Frequency of each mutation**

## SPR analysis of RBD/nmAb interaction KD and fold change

**A**

| RBD                   | Casirivimab         |                | Imdevimab           |                |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                       | K <sub>D</sub> (nM) | Fold reduction | K <sub>D</sub> (nM) | Fold reduction |
| Delta RBD WT          | 0.36                | -              | 9.4                 | -              |
| Delta RBD+E406D       | 7.1                 | 20             | 15                  | 1.6            |
| Delta RBD+E406Q       | 14                  | 38             | 8.9                 | 1.1*           |
| Delta RBD+G446S       | 0.56                | 1.6            | 734                 | 78             |
| Delta RBD+G446V       | 0.64                | 1.8            | Very weak binding   |                |
| Delta RBD+Y453F       | 67                  | 186            | 9.8                 | 1.0            |
| Delta RBD+L455F       | 44                  | 122            | 11                  | 1.2            |
| Delta RBD+L455S       | 133                 | 369            | 9.1                 | 1.0            |
| Delta RBD+G446V+Y453F | 125                 | 347            | Very weak binding   |                |
| Delta RBD+G446V+L455F | 69                  | 192            | Very weak binding   |                |

**B**

| RBD            | Sotrovimab          |                |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                | K <sub>D</sub> (nM) | Fold reduction |
| BA.1 RBD WT    | 0.17                | -              |
| BA.1 RBD+P337R | 753                 | 4428           |
| BA.1 RBD+P337S | 332                 | 1951           |
| BA.1 RBD+E340A | 3415                | 20088          |
| BA.1 RBD+E340D | 764                 | 4494           |
| BA.1 RBD+E340K | 3441                | 20241          |
| BA.1 RBD+E340V | 345                 | 2027           |

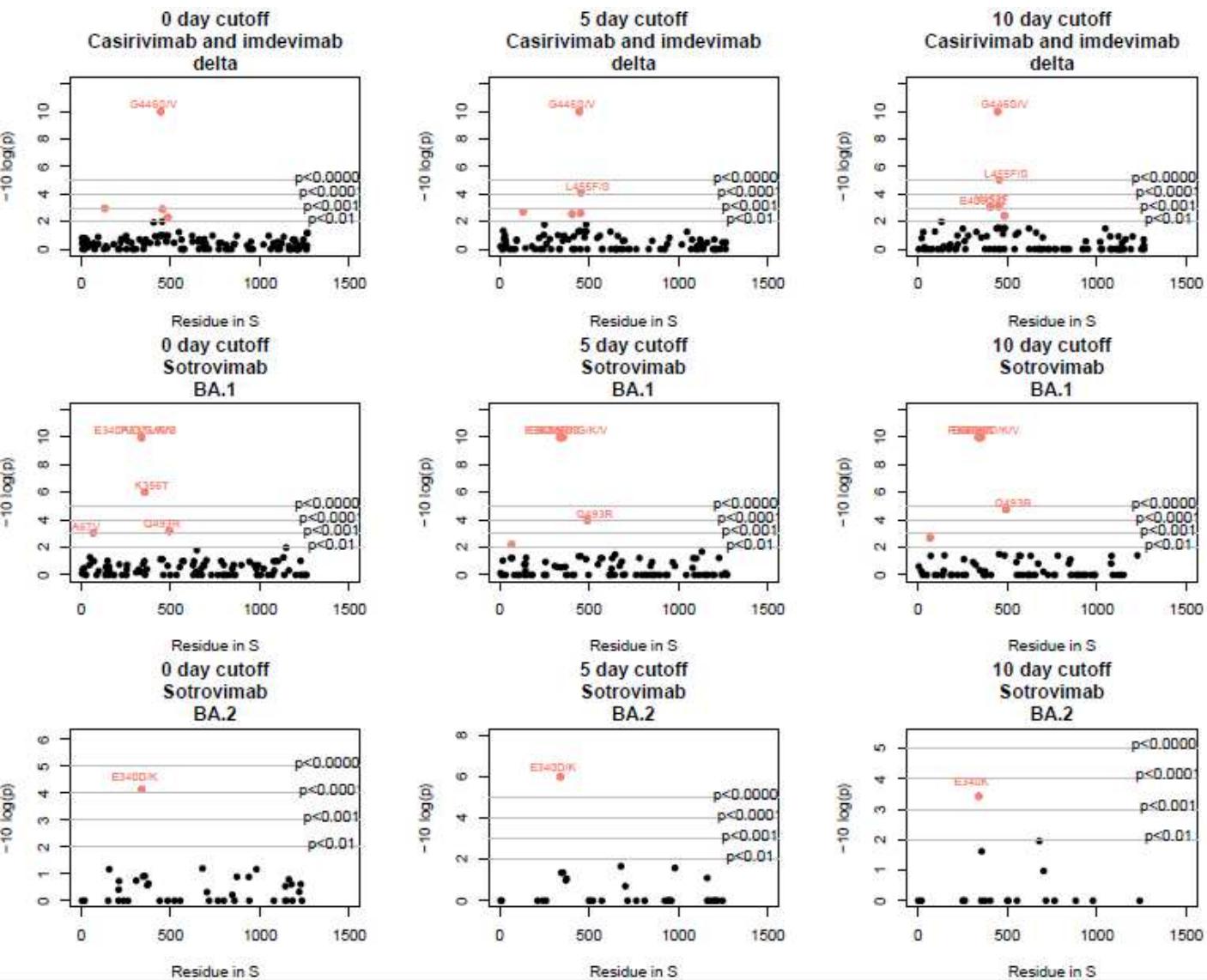


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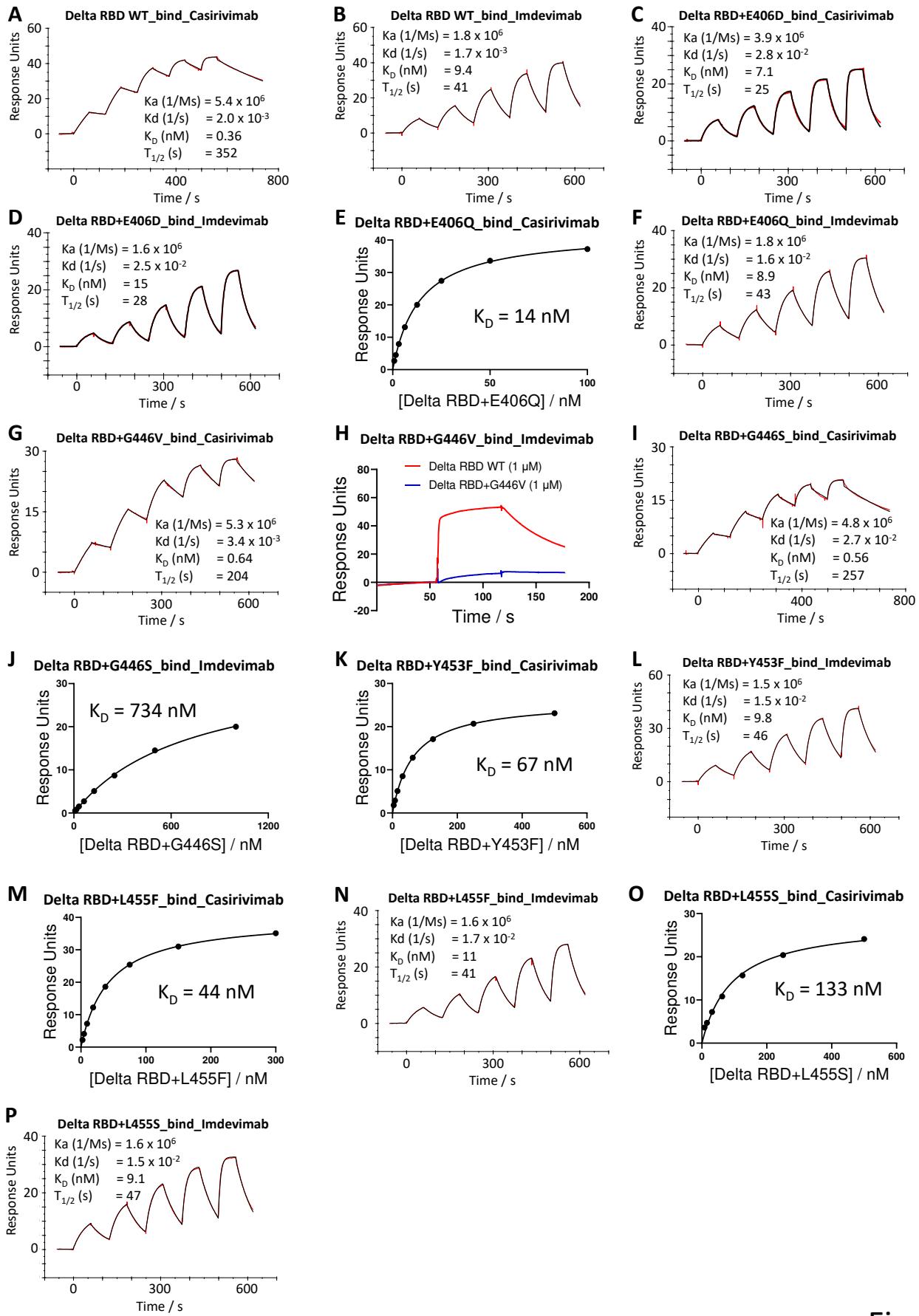


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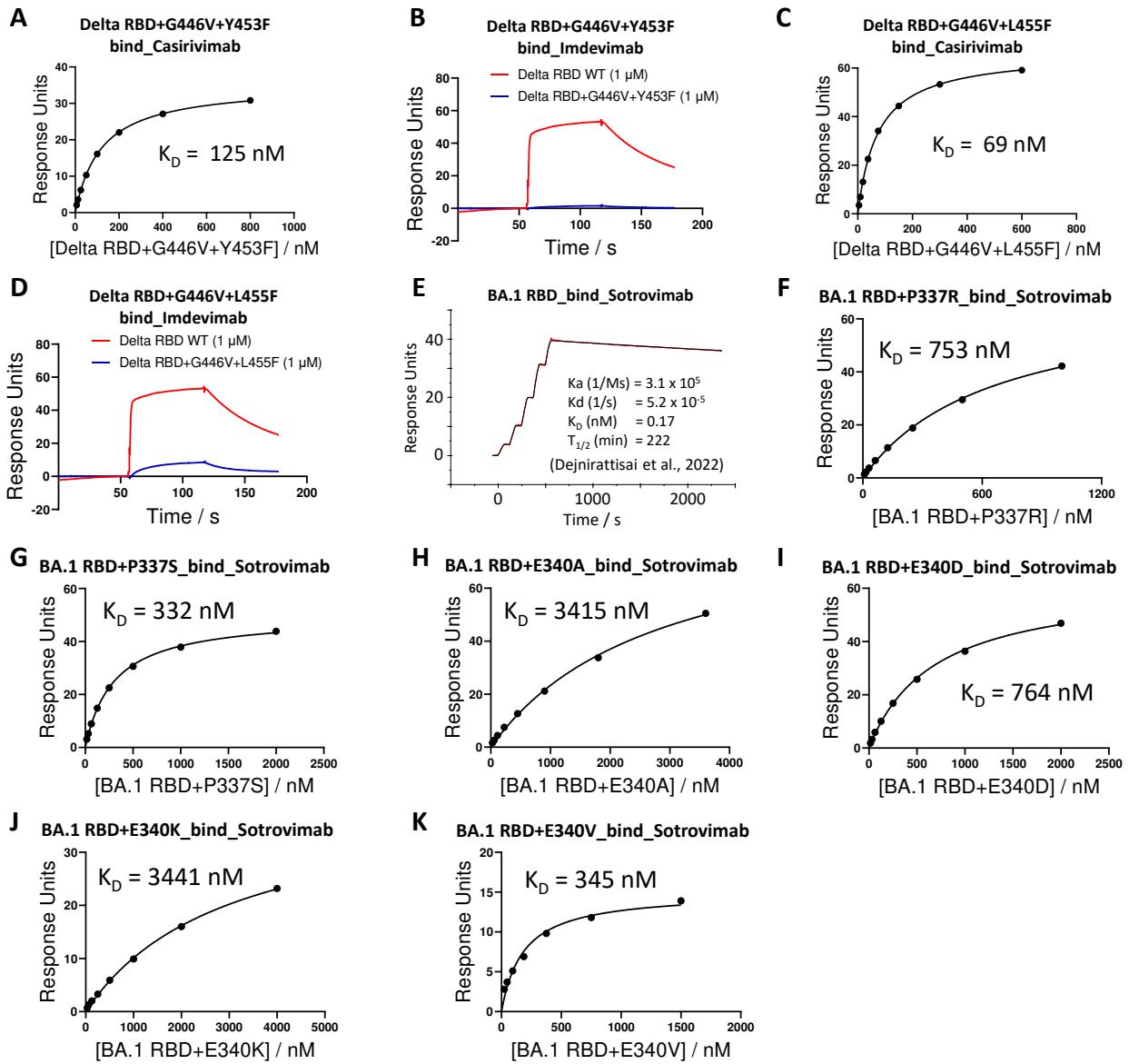


Figure S3

| Treatment                    | Genes                          | Variants          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Sotrovimab                   | Spike                          | Delta, BA.1, BA.2 |
| Casirivimab and<br>imdevimab | Spike                          | Delta, BA.1, BA.2 |
| Remdesivir                   | NSP7, NSP8, NSP9, NSP10, NSP12 | Delta, BA.1, BA.2 |
| Molnupiravir                 | NSP7, NSP8, NSP9, NSP10, NSP12 | Delta, BA.1, BA.2 |
| Paxlovid                     | NSP5                           | Delta, BA.1, BA.2 |