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## **Supplemental information**

### Stringent and complex sequence constraints

#### of an IGHV1-69 broadly neutralizing

#### antibody to influenza HA stem

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**Figure S1. Correlation between biological replicates of binding and expression sorts of CR9114 light chain variant library, Related to Figure 1. (A)** Correlation of binding scores between two independent biological replicates is shown. **(B)** Correlation of expression scores between two independent biological replicates is shown. The datapoint corresponding to CR9114 WT light chain is labeled as "WT". Cyan: light chain variants from known IGHV1-69 antibodies to influenza virus. Blue: light chain variants from IGHV1-69 antibodies to non-influenza antigens. Red: negative control variants with premature stop codons. The Pearson correlation coefficient (R) is indicated.





Figure S2. Sensorgrams for binding of CR9114 gHC mutants to mini-HA and SI06 HA, Related to Figure 2 and Table 1. Binding kinetics of different Fabs against (A) mini-HA and (B)

Sl06 were measured by biolayer interferometry (BLI). Y-axis represents the response. Blue lines represent the response curve and red lines represent the best fit model (1:1 binding model or 2:1 heterogeneous ligand model, see STAR Methods). Binding kinetics were measured for two to three Fab concentrations (33 nM, 100 nM and 300 nM). Dissociation constant ( $K_D$ ) and the goodness of model fitting ( $R^2$ ) are indicated. N.B. indicates no binding.



**Figure S3. Impact of CDR L3 length and somatic hypermutation (SHM) on HA stem binding activity of CR9114, Related to Figure 2. (A)** Expression scores of light chain variants in different IGLV families with and without V<sub>L</sub> 91<sub>F/Y/W</sub>/96<sub>non-F/Y/W</sub> are compared. Red: with V<sub>L</sub> 91<sub>F/Y/W</sub>/96<sub>non-F/Y/W</sub>; Blue: without V<sub>L</sub> 91<sub>F/Y/W</sub>/96<sub>non-F/Y/W</sub>. P-values were computed by two-tailed Student's t-test. **(B-C)** Binding **(B)** and expression **(C)** scores of light chain variants with different CDR L3 lengths are compared. Cyan: light chain variants from known IGHV1-69 antibodies to influenza virus. Blue:

light chain variants from IGHV1-69 antibodies to non-influenza antigens. (D-F) Correlation between binding score and the number  $V_{L}$  SHM is shown for light chain variants in different light chain families, namely IGLV1 (D), IGLV2 (E), and IGLV3 (F). The Pearson correlation coefficient (R) is indicated. P-values were computed by Pearson correlation test.



# Figure S4. Reproducibility and analysis of Tite-Seq for CDR H3 variants, Related to Figure 3. (A) Correlation of expression scores between two independent biological replicates is shown.

(B) Correlation of apparent dissociation constant ( $K_D$ ) values between two independent biological replicates is shown. (C) Example titration curves inferred from Tite-Seq data. (D) Distributions of expression scores for CDR H3 variants from different types of antibodies. Greenish yellow: CR9114 single amino acid mutants; purple: nonsense variants with stop codons; red: CDR H3 variants from IGHV1-69 HA stem antibodies; orange: CDR H3 variants from IGHV1-69 non-HA stem influenza antibodies; grey: CDR H3 variants from IGHV1-69 non-influenza antibodies; pink: WT. (E) Binding kinetics of a CDR H3 variant from an IGHV1-69 non-influenza antibody (Genbank ID: MN283038.1) and CR9114 (positive control) to mini-HA were measured by BLI. Y-axis represents the response. Blue lines represent the response curve and red lines represent a 1:1 binding model. Binding kinetics were measured for at least two Fab concentrations. N.B. indicates no binding. Dissociation constant ( $K_D$ ) and the goodness of model fitting ( $R^2$ ) are indicated.



**Figure S5.** Additional characterizations of IGHV1-69 HA stem antibodies, Related to Figure **4.** (A) Nucleotide and amino acid sequences of light chain V-J junction are shown for different IGHV1-69 HA stem antibodies. V<sub>L</sub> residues 91 and 96 are indicated in red. Blue: V-region; purple: J-region; black: N-region. (B) CDR L3 sequences among different IGLJ families. V<sub>L</sub> residue 96 is indicated in red. (C-D) Side chains of V<sub>L</sub> W91 and A96 at the heavy-light chain interfaces of (C) CR6261 and (D) F10 are shown as sticks representation. Heavy chain is in light blue surface representation. Light chain is colored in pink. (E) π-π stacking interaction between V<sub>H</sub> S100a-G100b peptide bond

and  $V_L$  W91 of F10 is shown. PDB 3GBN [S1] and PDB 3FKU [S2] are used for CR6261 and F10, respectively.  $V_H$  and  $V_L$  indicate variable regions of antibody heavy and light chains, respectively.

| Primer Name                              | Sequence (5' to 3')                                     |
|--|---|
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-Lightchain-lib-VF    | GGACAACCAAAGGCTGCTCCTTC                                 |
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-LightChain-lib-VR    | GGCCGGCTGGGCCGCTGCTAAAACTGA                             |
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-LightChain-lib-IF    | TTTCAATATTTTCTGTTATTGCTTCAGTTTTAGCAGCGGCCCAGCCGGCC      |
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-LightChain-lib-IR    | TCAGAGGATGGAGGGAACAAGGTGACAGAAGGAGCAGCCTTTGGTTGTCC      |
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-LightChain-recover-F | CAGTTTTAGCAGCGGCCCAGCCG                                 |
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-LightChain-recover-R | ACAGAAGGAGCAGCCTTTGGTTG                                 |
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-CDRH3-VF             | GGCCAAGGGACCACGGTCACCGTCTCCTCAGCTTC                     |
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-CDRH3-VR             | GTAATACACGGCCGTGTCCTCAGATCTCAGGCTGC                     |
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-CDRH3-lib-F          | CACAGCCTACATGGAGCTGAGCAGCCTGAGATCTGAGGACACGGCCGTGTATTAC |
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-CDRH3-lib-R          | AAAACGGAAGGTCCCTTAGTAGAAGCTGAGGAGACGGTGACCGTGGTCCCTTGGC |
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-CDRH3-recover-F      | ATCTGAGGACACGGCCGTGTATTAC                               |
| V <sub>H</sub> 1-69-CDRH3-recover-R      | AGACGGTGACCGTGGTCCCTTGGCC                               |

Table S4. List of primers used in this study, Related to STAR Methods.

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