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Predicting spike protein NTD mutations of SARS-CoV-2 causing immune escape by molecular dynamics simulations

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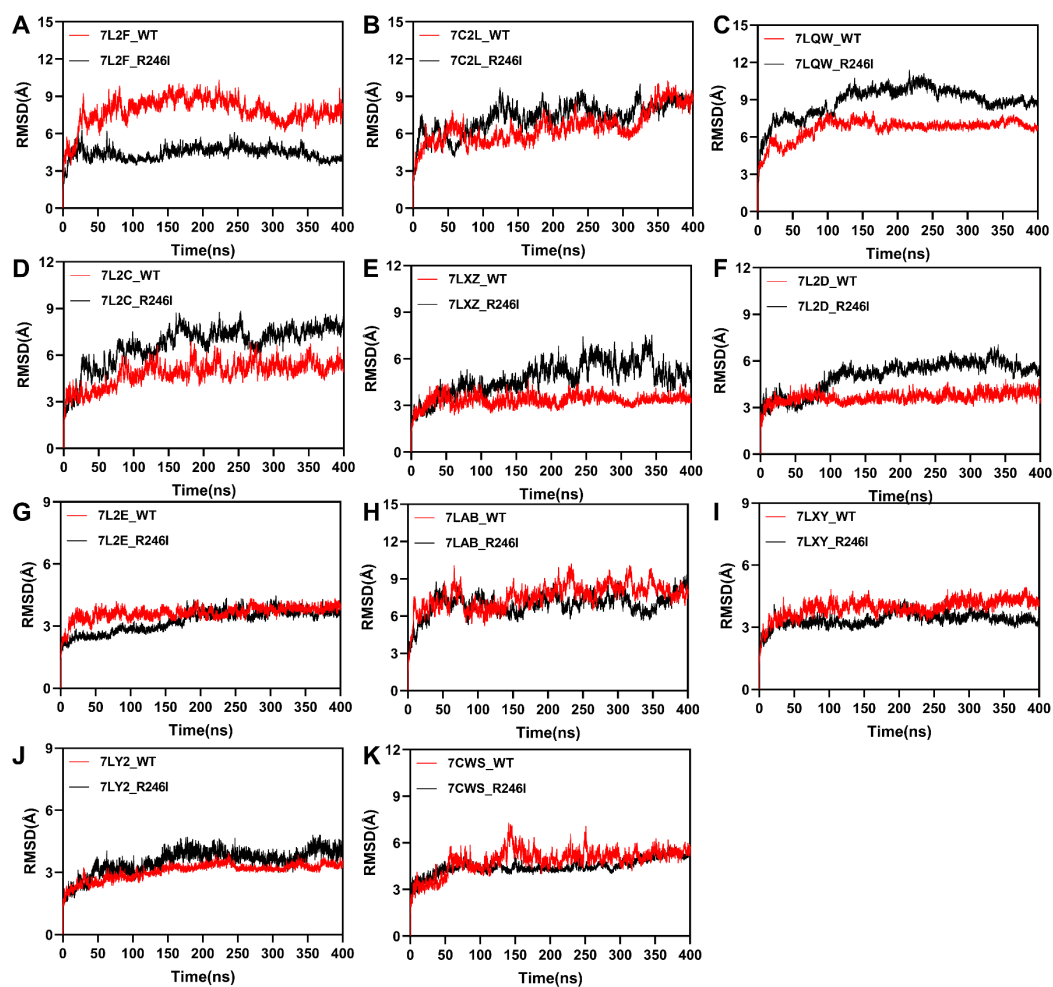


Figure S1. Time dependence of the heavy atom RMSD during 400 ns MD simulation for all systems. (A-K) RMSD for different systems including NTD_{WT} or NTD_{R246I} to antibodies 5-24 (PDB ID: 7L2F), 4A8 (PDB ID: 7C2L), 2-17 (PDB ID: 7LQW), 2-51 (PDB ID: 7L2C), S2L28 (PDB ID: 7LXZ), 1-87 (PDB ID: 7L2D), 4-18 (PDB ID: 7L2E), DH1052 (PDB ID: 7LAB), S2X333 (PDB ID: 7LXY), S2M28 (PDB ID: 7LY2) and FC05 (PDB ID: 7CWS).

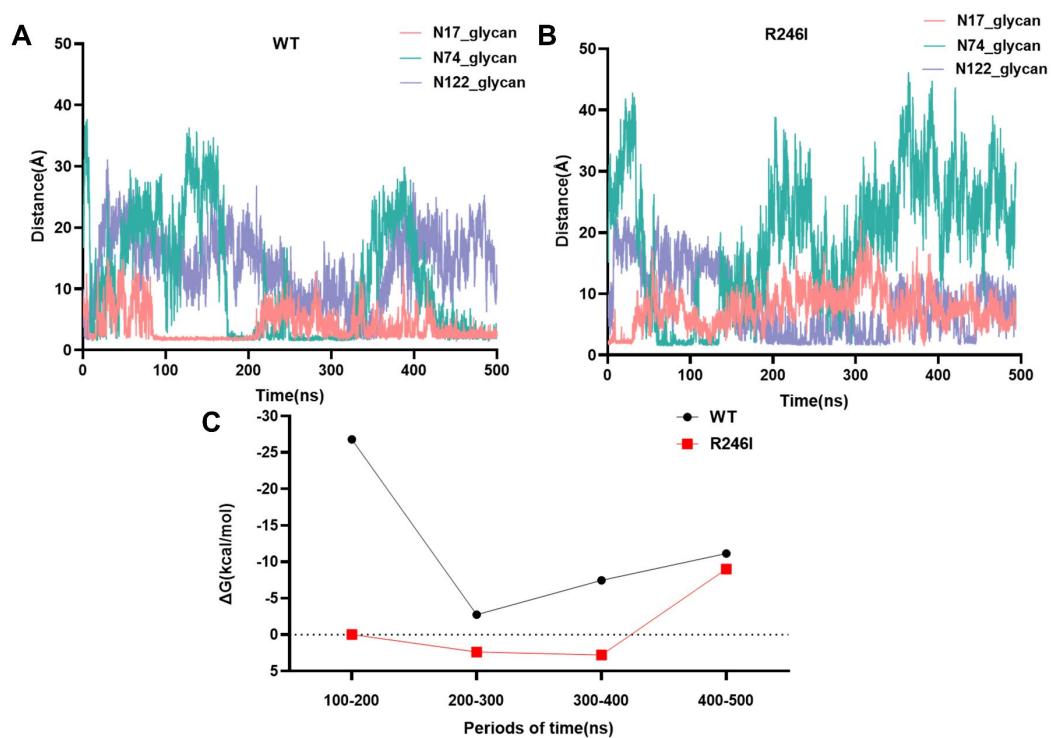


Figure S2. Glycans-antibody distance and the binding free energy contribution of glycans in NTD_{WT} or NTD_{R246I} system (PDB ID: 7L2F). (A-B) The minimum distances variation between N17, N74, N122 glycans of glyco-NTD_{WT} or glyco-NTD_{R246I} and antibody 5-24. (C) The binding free energy contribution of glycans calculated by MM/GBSA in different time periods.

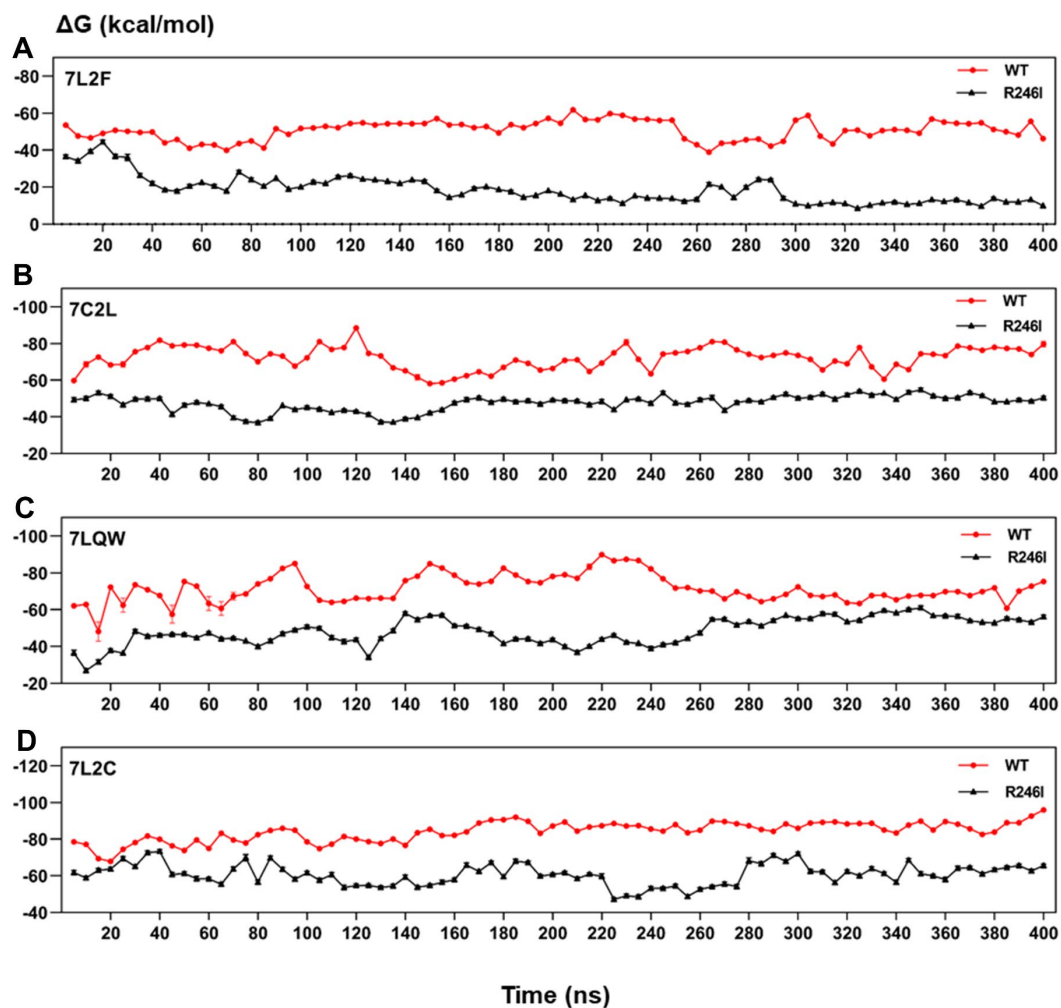


Figure S3. (A-D) The binding free energy change for NTD_{WT} or NTD_{R246I} to 4 mAbs, *viz* 5-24 (PDB ID: 7L2F), 4A8 (PDB ID: 7C2L), 2-17 (PDB ID: 7LQW), 2-51 (PDB ID: 7L2C). The binding free energy in WT is filled with red, and the binding free energy in R246I mutant is filled with black. Binding free energy calculations were executed every 5ns.

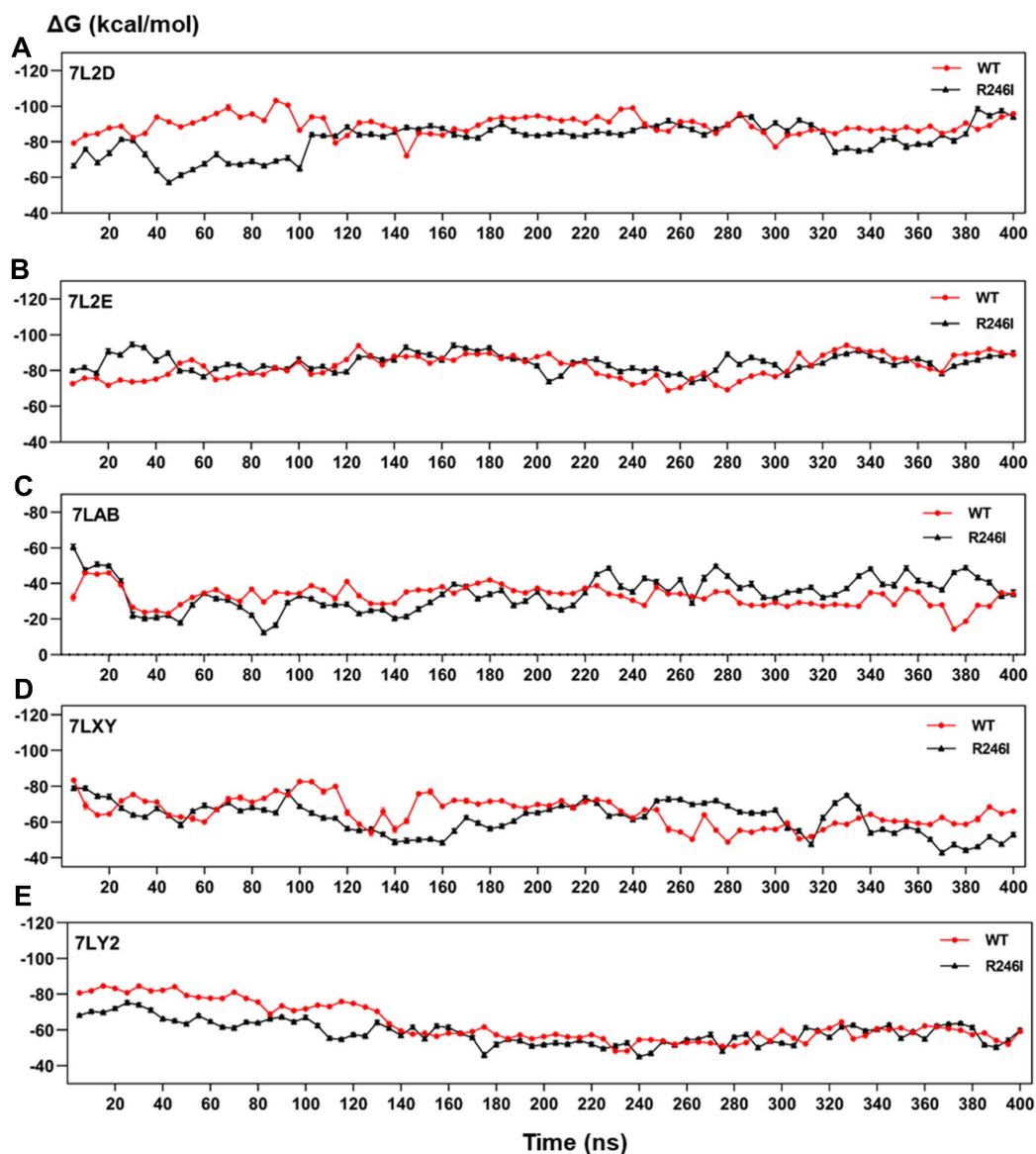


Figure S4. (A-E) The binding free energy change for NTD_{WT} or NTD_{R246I} to 5 mAbs, *viz* 1-87 (PDB ID: 7L2D), 4-18 (PDB ID: 7L2E), DH1052 (PDB ID: 7LAB), S2X333 (PDB ID: 7LXY) and S2M28 (PDB ID: 7LY2). The binding free energy in WT is filled with red, and the binding free energy in R246I mutant is filled with black. Binding free energy calculations were executed every 5ns.

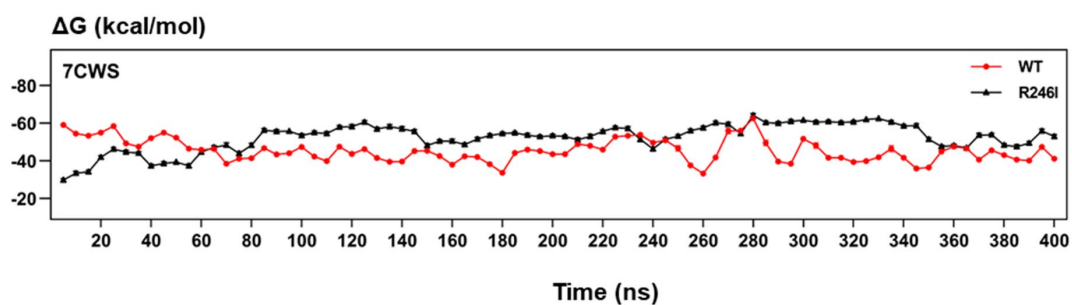


Figure S5. The binding free energy change for NTD_{WT} or NTD_{R246I} to FC05 (PDB ID: 7CWS). The binding free energy in WT is filled with red, and the binding free energy in R246I mutant is filled with black. Binding free energy calculations were executed every 5ns.

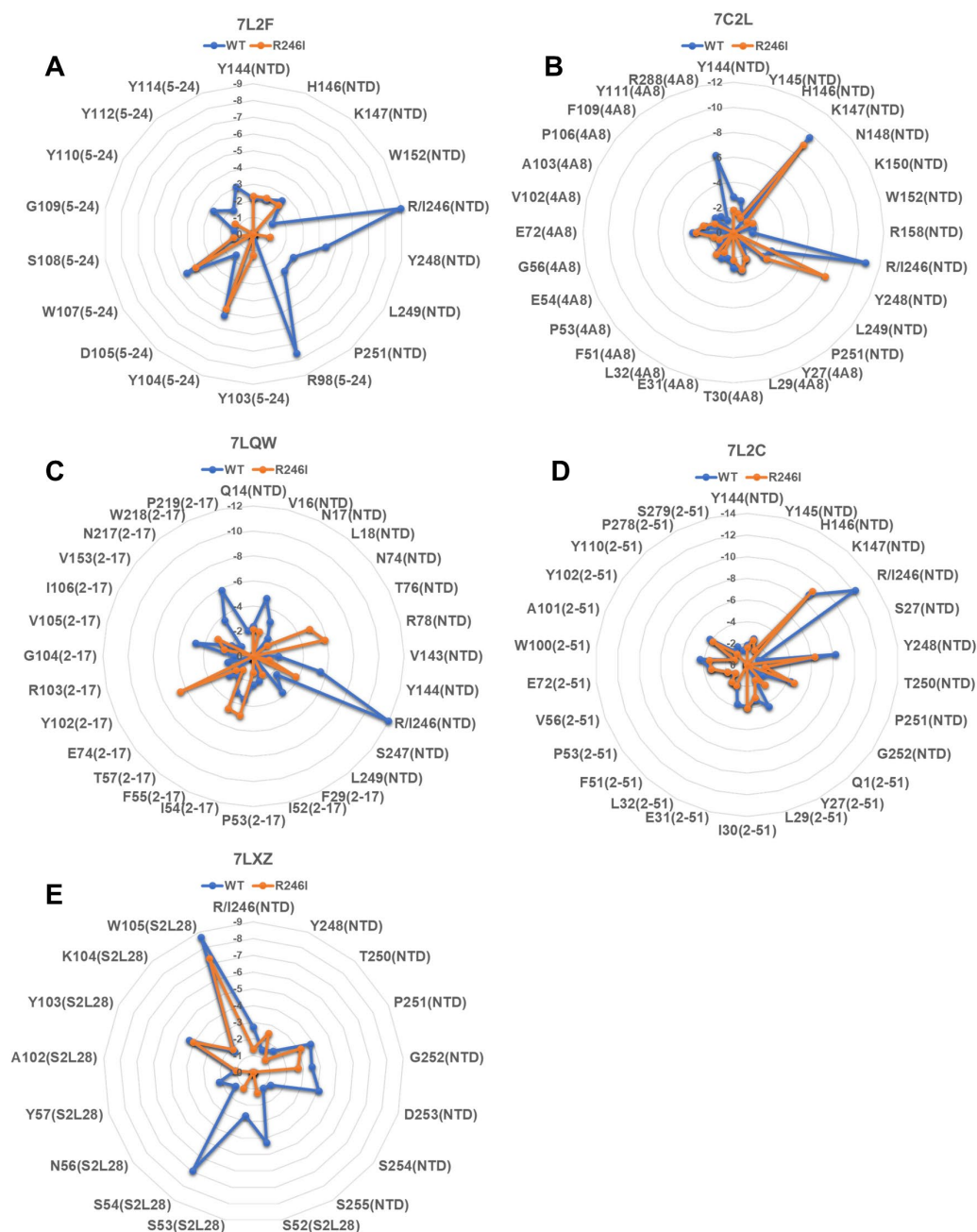


Figure S6. (A-E) The energy decomposition for per residue in 5 systems (kcal/mol). Residues whose energy contribution < -1.00 kcal/mol are shown here. The antibody names or NTD are in the parentheses.

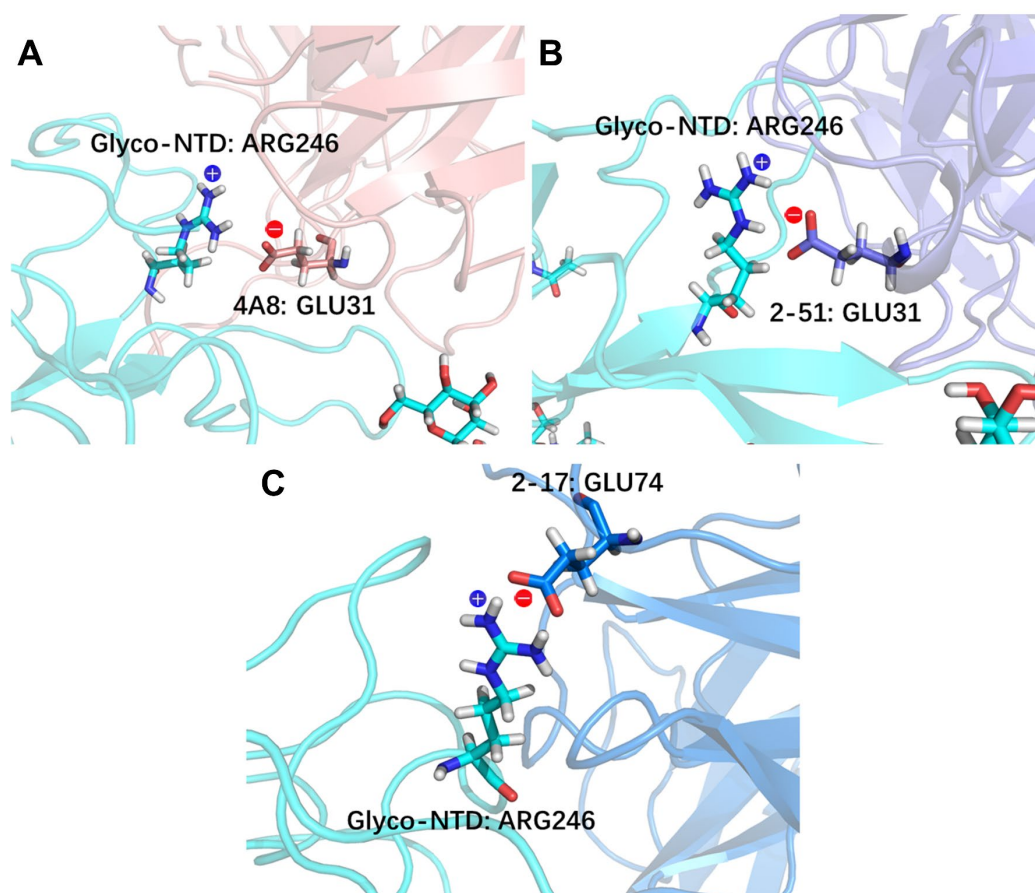


Figure S7. Three types of glycosylated NTD_{WT}-mAb binding modes. The blue circular icon represents positive charge and the red one is negative charge. (A) Interactions of R246 (cyan) belonging to NTD and E31 belonging to antibody 4A8 (salmon) (PDB ID: 7C2L). (B) Interactions of R246 (cyan) belonging to NTD and E31 belonging to antibody 2-51 (slate) (PDB ID: 7L2C). (C) Interactions of R246 (cyan) belonging to NTD and E74 belonging to antibody 2-17 (marine) (PDB ID: 7LQW).

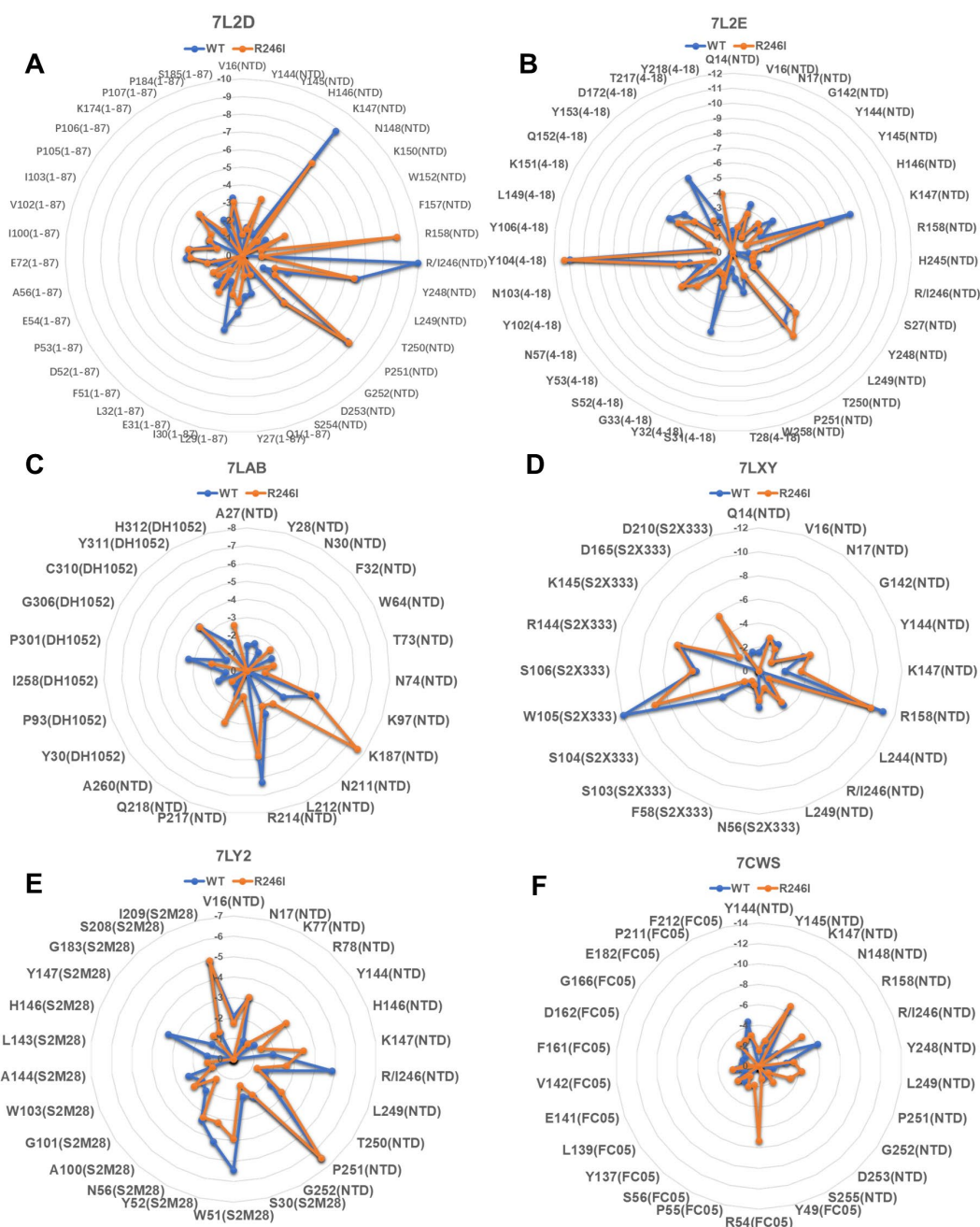


Figure S8. (A-F) The energy decomposition for per residue in 6 systems (kcal/mol). Residues whose energy contribution < -1.00 kcal/mol are shown here. The antibody names or NTD are in the parentheses.

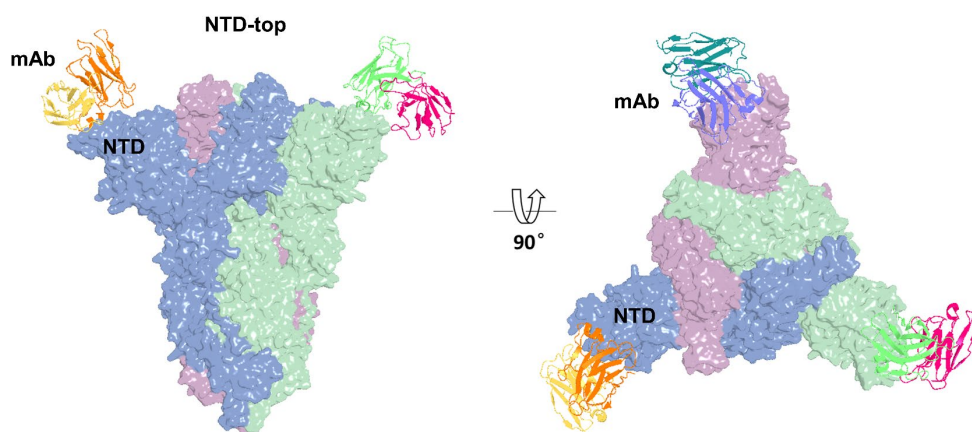


Figure S9. Structure-based mapping of mAbs binding to S protein trimer in NTD-top mode. Chains A, B and C of spike protein are depicted with surface, and mAbs are shown in cartoon representation.

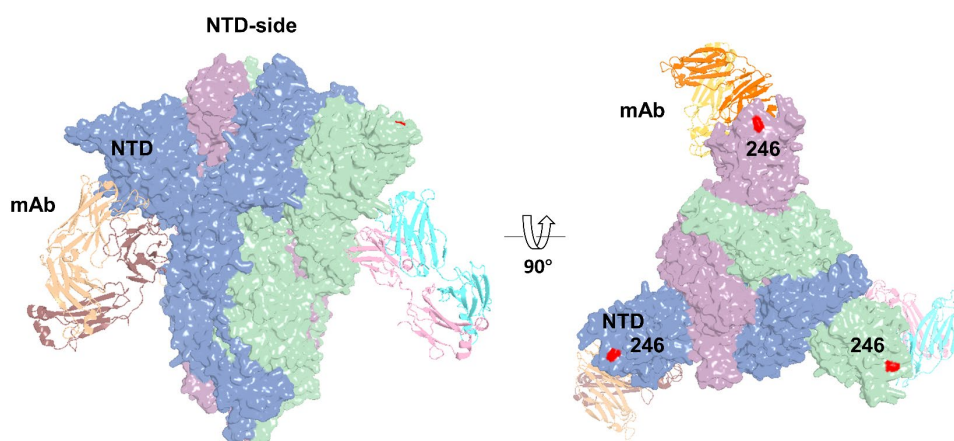


Figure S10. Structure-based mapping of mAbs binding to S protein trimer in NTD-side mode. Chains A, B and C of spike protein are depicted with surface, and mAbs are shown in cartoon representation. The positions of residue 246 on NTD is colored by red.

Table S1. The glycosylation of NTD according to experimental data^{1,2}

Residues	Type	Glycan
N17A	FA2	bDGlcNAc(1→2)aDMan(1→6)[bDGlcNAc(1→2)aDMan(1→3)]bDMan(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→4) [aLFuc(1→6)]bDGlcNAc(1→)N17
N61A	M5	aDMan(1→6)[aDMan(1→3)]aDMan(1→6)[aDMan(1→3)]bDMan(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→)N61
N74A	A3	bDGlcNAc(1→6)[bDGlcNAc(1→2)]aDMan(1→6)[bDGlcNAc(1→2)aDMan(1→3)]bDMan(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→)N74
N122A	M5	aDMan(1→6)[aDMan(1→3)]aDMan(1→6)[aDMan(1→3)]bDMan(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→)N122
N149A	FA2G2S1	aDNeu5Ac(2→6)bDGal(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→2)aDMan(1→6) [bDGal(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→2)aDMan(1→3)]bDMan(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→4) [aLFuc(1→6)]bDGlcNAc(1→)N149
N165A	FA2G2S2	xaDNeu5Ac(2→6)bDGal(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→2)aDMan(1→6) [aDNeu5Ac(2→6)bDGal(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→2)aDMan(1→3)]bDMan(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→4) [aLFuc(1→6)]bDGlcNAc(1→)N165
N234A	M8	aDMan(1→2)aDMan(1→6)[aDMan(1→3)]aDMan(1→6) [aDMan(1→2)aDMan(1→2)aDMan(1→3)]bDMan(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→)N234
N282A	FA3	bDGlcNAc(1→6)[bDGlcNAc(1→2)]aDMan(1→6) [bDGlcNAc(1→2)aDMan(1→3)]bDMan(1→4)bDGlcNAc(1→4)[aLFuc(1→6)]bDGlcNAc(1→)N282

Table S2. mAbs and crystal structures used in the present study

PDB ID	Antibody
7C2L	4A8 ³
7CWS	FC05 ⁴
7L2C	2-51 ⁵
7L2D	1-87 ⁵
7L2E	4-18 ⁵
7L2F	5-24 ⁵
7LAB	DH1052 ⁶
7LQW	2-17 ⁵
7LXY	S2X333 ⁷
7LXZ	S2L28 ⁷
7LY2	S2M28 ⁷

Table S3. The predicted mAb-NTD binding free energy of 11 complexes excluding glycans' contribution

PDB ID	Antibody	ΔG_{WT} (kcal/mol)	ΔG_{R246I} (kcal/mol)	$\Delta\Delta G^a$ (kcal/mol)	$\Delta\Delta G/\Delta G_{WT}$	R246(kcal/mol)	I246(kcal/mol)
7L2F	5-24	-52.12±0.18	-15.88±0.15	36.24	-69.53%	-8.93±2.39	-0.06±0.13
7C2L	4A8	-71.65±0.23	-47.84±0.17	23.81	-33.23%	-10.81±1.35	-0.61±0.28
7LQW	2-17	-72.40±0.22	-50.22±0.21	22.18	-30.64%	-11.92±2.03	-3.75±0.62
7L2C	2-51	-85.87±0.17	-59.57±0.20	26.30	-30.63%	-12.14±0.99	-0.69±0.22
7LXZ	S2L28	-49.05±0.13	-25.06±0.25	23.99	-48.91%	-2.73±0.58	-1.38±0.29
7L2D	1-87	-88.89±0.19	-85.61±0.21	3.28	-3.69%	-9.93±1.49	-1.09±0.33
7L2E	4-18	-83.66±0.23	-84.69±0.19	-1.03	1.23%	-0.85±0.59	-1.35±0.56
7LAB	DH1052	-31.53±0.23	-33.67±0.30	-2.14	6.79%	-0.04±0.02	-0.00±0.00
7LXY	S2X333	-63.62±0.26	-60.00±0.27	3.62	-5.69%	-3.48±3.63	-3.20±0.67
7LY2	S2M28	-58.34±0.20	-55.79±0.18	2.55	-4.37%	-4.83±1.54	-2.61±0.56
7CWS	FC05	-44.11±0.20	-55.34±0.17	-11.23	25.46%	-6.14±3.88	-0.57±0.26

a: $\Delta\Delta G = \Delta G_{R246I} - \Delta G_{WT}$

The ΔG was calculated based on 100-400 ns MD simulation trajectory. A total of 1500 snapshots evenly extracted from the 100-400 ns MD trajectory of each complex were used for MM/GBSA calculations.

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