**Supplementary File 2 – Summary of epitope selection and positive (IFN-γ) ELISPOT assay responses in subjects who developed chronic infection.**

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| **Subject ID** | **Disease Outcome** | **Genotype** | **No. of potential Epitopes** | **No. of selected Epitopes** | **No. of positive IFN-γ ELISPOT** | **No. of epitopes underwent escape** | **Epitope a** |
| 300023 | Chronic | 1a | 2213 | 45 | 8 | 2 | (K/N)SKRTPMGF |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | RAEA(Q/H)LHAW |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | CINGVCWTV |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | VLSDFKTWL |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | AEVIAPAVQT |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FAWYLKGKW |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | AELIEANLLW |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | WLGNIIMFA |
| 300240 | Chronic | 3a | 1188 | 70 | 3 | 2 | RAQA(P/L)PPSW |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | RLGPVQNE(V/I) |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | VLSDFKTWL |
| 300256 | Chronic | 1a | 3307 | 98 | 6 | 3 | (H/D)YPYRLWHY |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | GP(RL/KM)GVRAT |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | HP(N/S)IEEVAL |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | YGKAIPLEVI |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | HAVGIFRAA |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ALGVNAVAYY |
| HOKD0485FX | Chronic | 1b | 734 | 82 | 4 | 2 | HS(KK/RR)KCDEL |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | HPVTKYI(M/T)\* |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | STNPKPQR(Q/K) |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | VTLTHPVTKY |
| THDS1086MX | Chronic | 1a | 2115 | 99 | 4 | 2 | KLVAMG(L/I)NAV |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | TLSPYYKR(Y/H)I |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ARMVMMTHF |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | VRMVMMTHF |
| THGS0684MX | Chronic | 1a | 1388 | 100 | 5 | 3 | TSILGIGT(A/V) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | SILGIGT(A/V)L |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | AWETAR(H/Y)TPV |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | KLVAMGINAV |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | ARMVMMTHF |
| **Total** |  |  | 10945 | 494 | 30 | 14 |  |
| \* - Epitope not used due to length criteria being 9-10mer, a - Epitopes with ≥ 25 SFU / million cells in IFN-γ ELISPOT assay |