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TZM-bl assays to evaluate the neutralization activity of macaque antibodies included 2 or 3 technical replicates. This is stated on the methods section under the subheading “ In vitro neutralization assays”.

Measurements of the half-life of Ab1485\_macaque \_LS in FcRn -/- hFcRn mice were performed twice.

The experiment in which rhesus macaques were treated with Ab1485\_macaque\_LS and subsequently challenged with SHIV AD8 was performed once.

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We are including a new data table summarizing the sequence information of all the antibodies reported on the manuscript.

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Coordinates and corresponding 3D EM reconstructions for the Ab1485-BG505-8ANC195 trimer complex will be made available after deposition in the PDB and EMDB, respectively, under accession numbers PDB: XXXX and EMD: YYYYY.