

**Supplementary Fig. S1 a** QC analysis of scRNA-seq data. Numbers of genes, numbers of mRNA molecules (counts) in each sample. **b** UMAP distribution of samples from the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of sequencing overlaid on top of data from the 1<sup>st</sup> batch showing consistent changes before and after vaccination. **c, d, e** UMAP representation of all cells after batch effect correction eliminated changes before and after vaccination (**d**), but clearly demonstrated cell-type specific expression of marker genes (**e**).



Supplementary Fig. S2 Cell type specific content changes before and after vaccination, in relate to changes in mild and severe COVID-19 patients and healthy individuals.

Supplementary Fig. S3



**Supplementary Fig. S3 a** Averaged expression of genes negatively contributing to MVS scores on UMAP plot and box plots demonstrating down-regulation of this gene set after vaccination. **b** Averaged expression of genes positively contributing to MVS scores on UMAP plot and box plots demonstrating up-regulation of this gene set after vaccination. **c** Average expression of cytotoxicity signature genes on UMAP plot and box plots depicting expression changes of this gene set amongst 11 major immune cell types before and after vaccination.



**Supplementary Fig. S4 a** Schematic overview of experiment. **b** Expression of 7 genes related to type I IFN responses in cultured PBMCs from healthy volunteers before and 28 days after vaccination, with or without RBD pretreatment. (\*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, n = 3) **c** Pearson's Correlation Coefficient between neutralizing antibody titers and inflammatory responses measured by averaged gene expression of genes associated with TNF $\alpha$  Signaling via NF- $\kappa$ B and with Interferon- $\alpha$  (type I interferon) responses.



**Supplementary Fig. S5 a** Differentially expressed genes before and after vaccination in B cells based on scRNA-seq data after pseudo-bulk aggregation. **b** Volcano plot of B-cell specific differentially expressed genes (DEGs) before and after vaccination. **c** Gene Ontology analysis of B-cell specific DEGs.