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**Supplementary Data**

**Recombinant human interferon-α1b inhibits SARS-CoV-2 better than interferon-α2b *in vitro***

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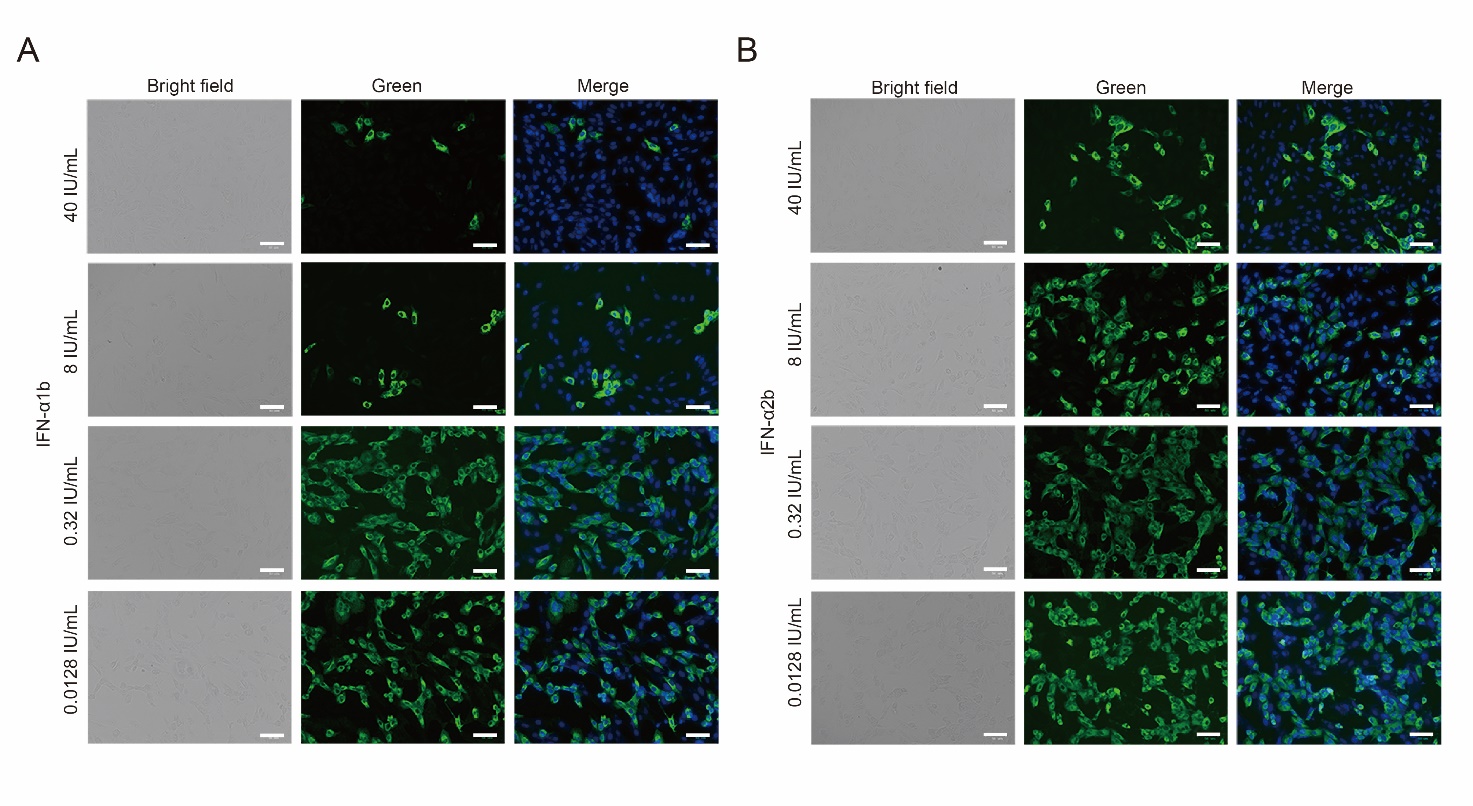
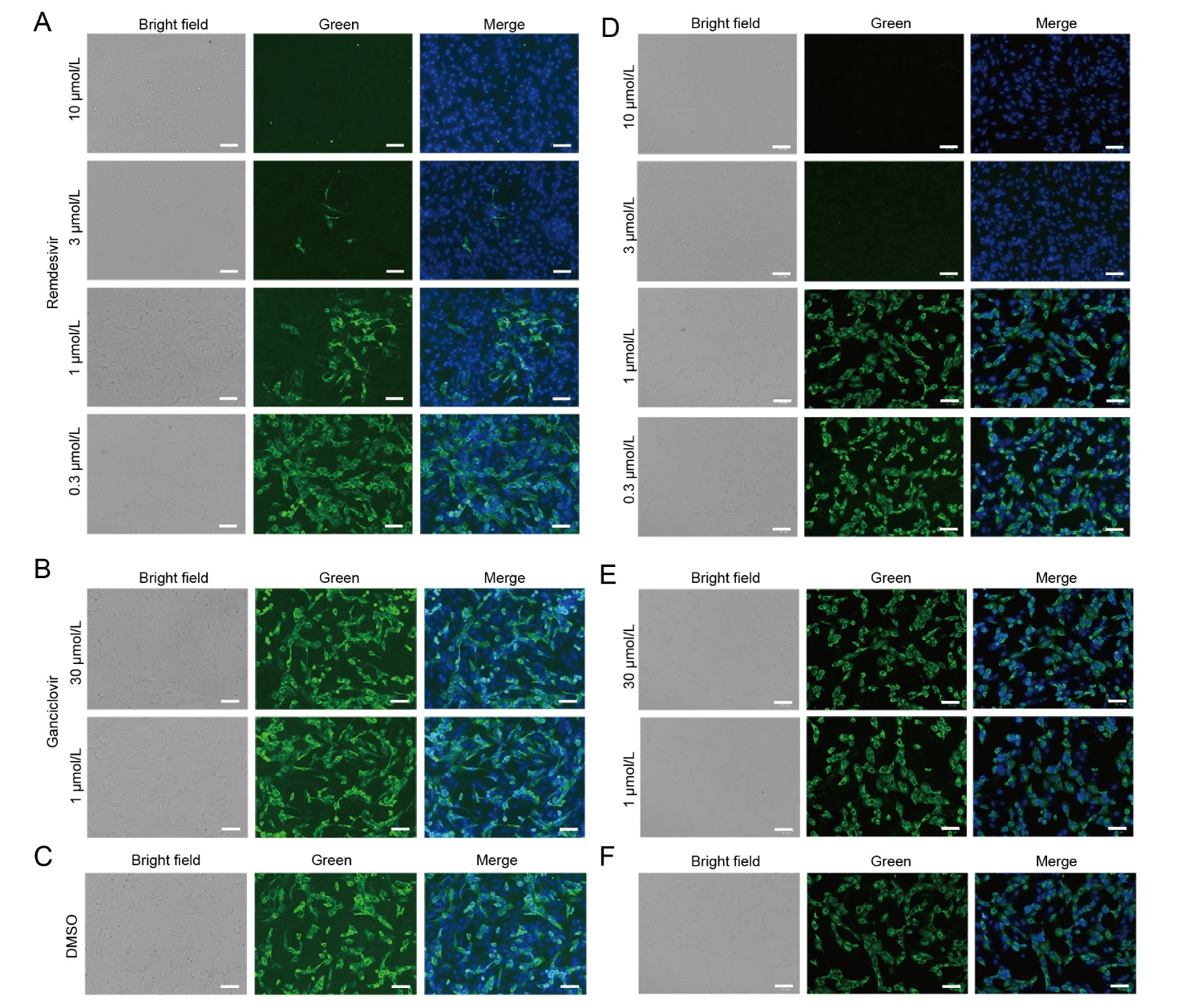


Fig. S1. Immunofluorescence microscopy of Calu-3 cells infected with SARS-CoV-2 on treatment with rHuIFN-α1b (**A**) and rHuIFN-α2b (**B**). Cells were fixed in 80% precooled acetone for 30 min. Then, anti-SARS-CoV-2 Spike RBD rabbit monoclonal antibody was used as the primary antibody, and Alexa Fluor488®-conjugated goat anti-rabbit IgG as the secondary antibody. Nuclei were stained with DAPI. The stained cells were observed by fluorescence microscopy. The scale bar represents 50 μm.



**Fig. S2.** Immunofluorescence microscopy of Vero (**A-C**) and Calu-3 (**D-F**) cells infected with SARS-CoV-2 on treatment with remdesivir, ganciclovir and DMSO.