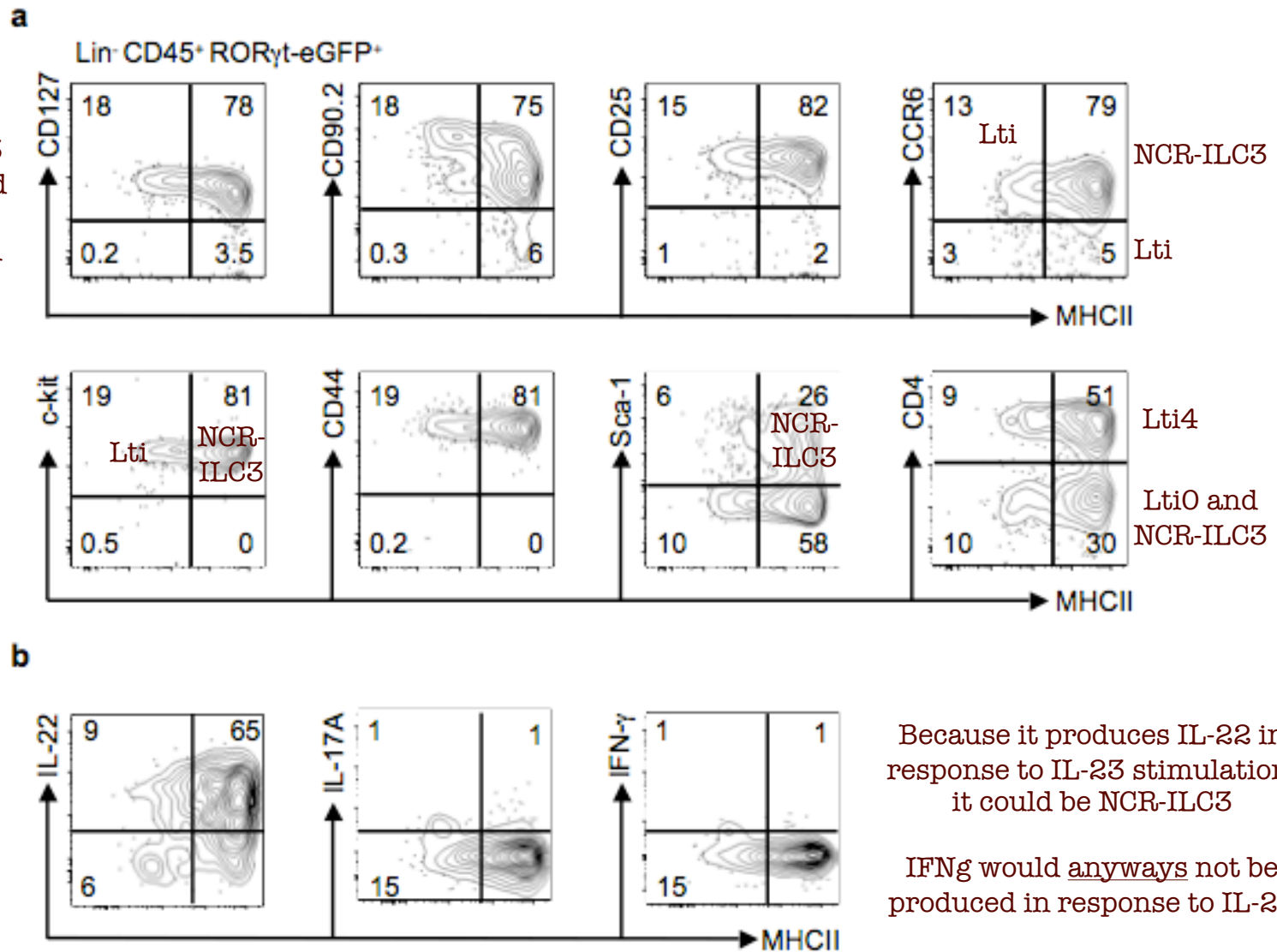


Per definition: all Group 3 ILCs should express CD127 and CD90!



# Role of Tissue Protection in Lethal Respiratory Viral-Bacterial Coinfection

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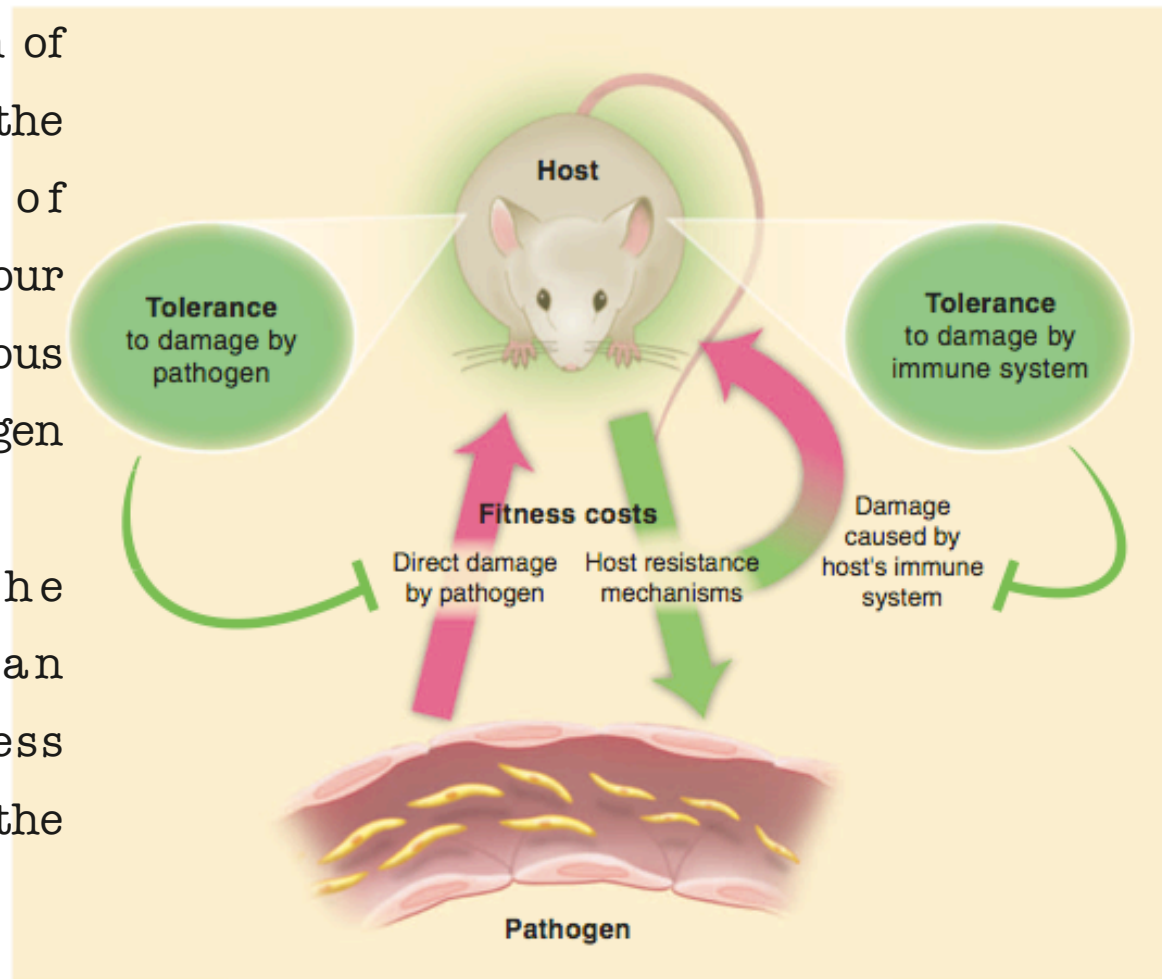
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Introduction of the notion of “disease tolerance” into the conceptual tool kit of immunology will expand our understanding of infectious diseases and host pathogen interactions.

Tolerance reduces the negative impact of an infection on host fitness without directly affecting the pathogen burden



Medzhitov, R., Schneider, D. S., & Soares, M. P. (2012). Disease tolerance as a defense strategy. *Science (New York, NY)*, 335(6071), 936–941. doi:10.1126/science.1214935

host defense = immune **resistance** + disease **tolerance**

infectious disease outcome =

pathogen virulence

+

immune resistance

+

**tissue protection/repair**

# **What is the contribution of disease tolerance to infectious disease outcome?**

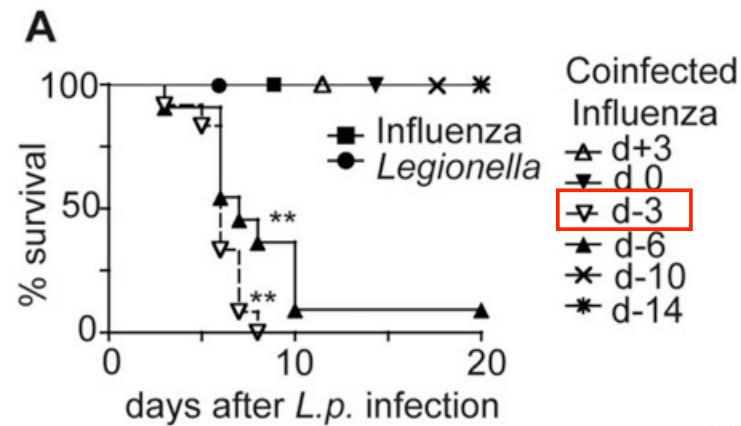
- Complications from secondary bacterial infections are a leading cause of morbidity and mortality associated with influenza virus infection

- Influenza virus can suppress the immune response to a bacterial infection  
Amanda M Jamieson, et al (2010). Influenza virus-induced glucocorticoids compromise innate host defense against a secondary bacterial infection. Cell host & microbe, 7(2), 103.)

- **Other causes??**

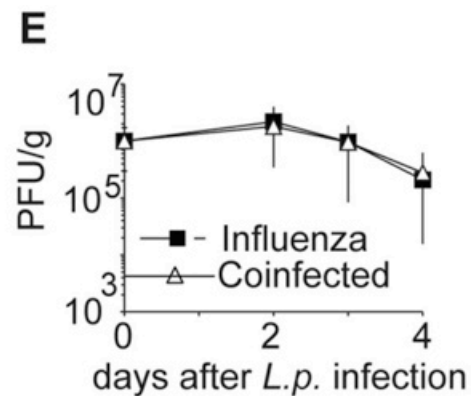
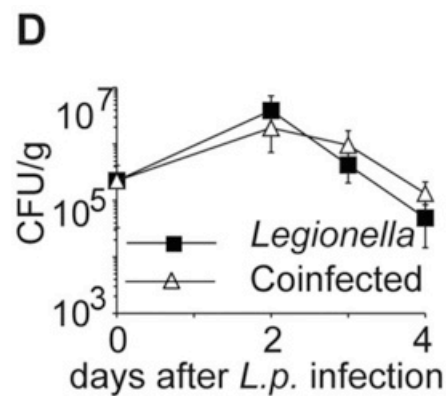
# Is mortality due to pathogen burden?

*L. pneumophila* strain lacking the *flaA* gene



Lung

day 0 = 1 h  
after infection



Lethal synergy is not  
due to impaired  
resistance to the  
pathogens

i.n 300 PFU  
influenza

$1 \times 10^6$   
*L. pneumophila*

100% death

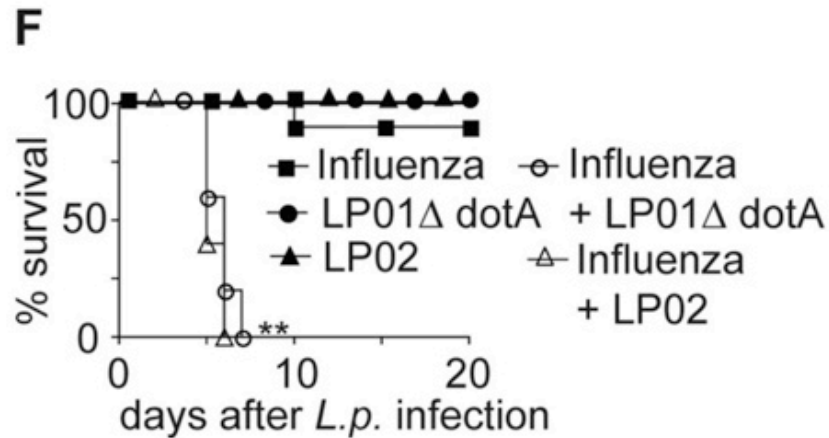
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days

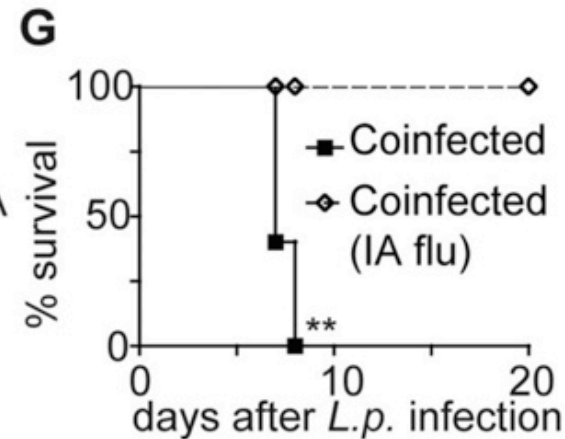
# Is mortality due to pathogen virulence?



*dotA* lacks the dot/Icm type IV secretion system

LP02: thymidine auxotroph

Even severely attenuated bacteria leads to mortality



IA flu = formalin inactivated

A productive viral infection is necessary to make the host sensitive to a secondary bacterial infection

i.n 300 PFU  
influenza

$1 \times 10^6$   
*L. pneumophila*

100% death

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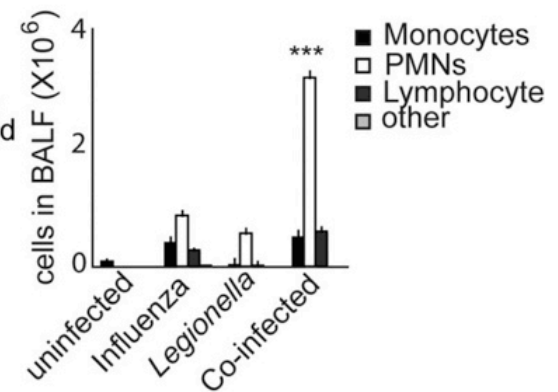
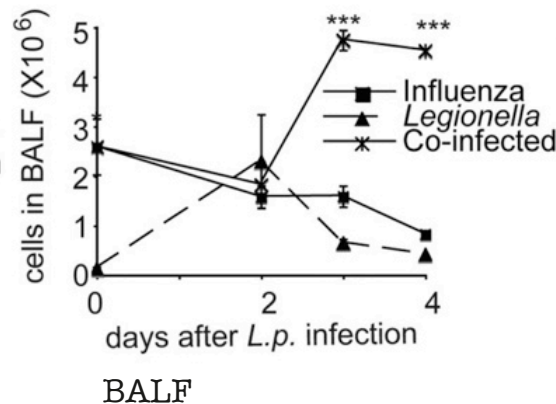
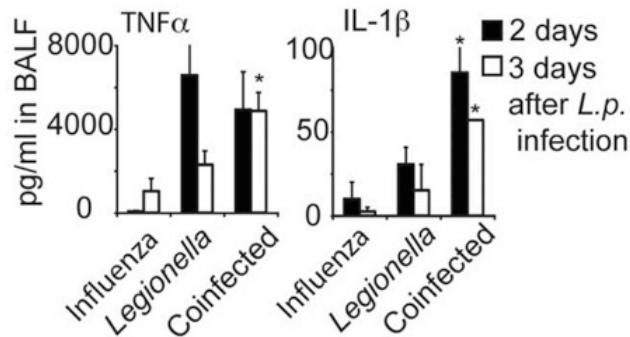
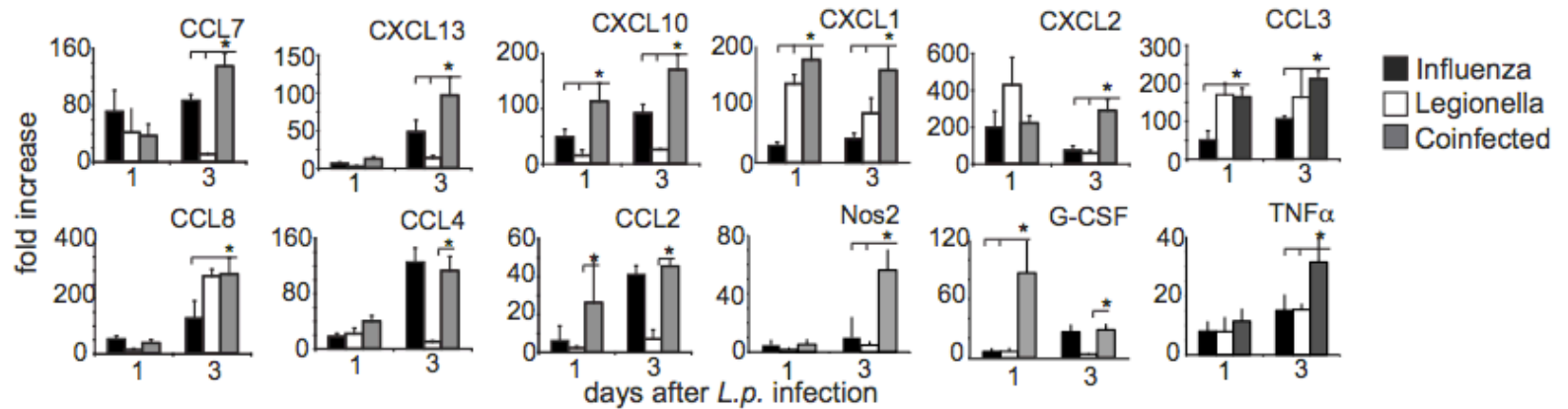
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# Is mortality due to excessive inflammatory responses?

Gene expression  
in lungs



Some inflammatory genes/proteins are expressed/produced at higher levels in coinfecting compared to single infected mice

i.n 300 PFU  
influenza

1x10<sup>6</sup>  
*L. pneumophila*

BALF  
Lung collection

100% death

-3

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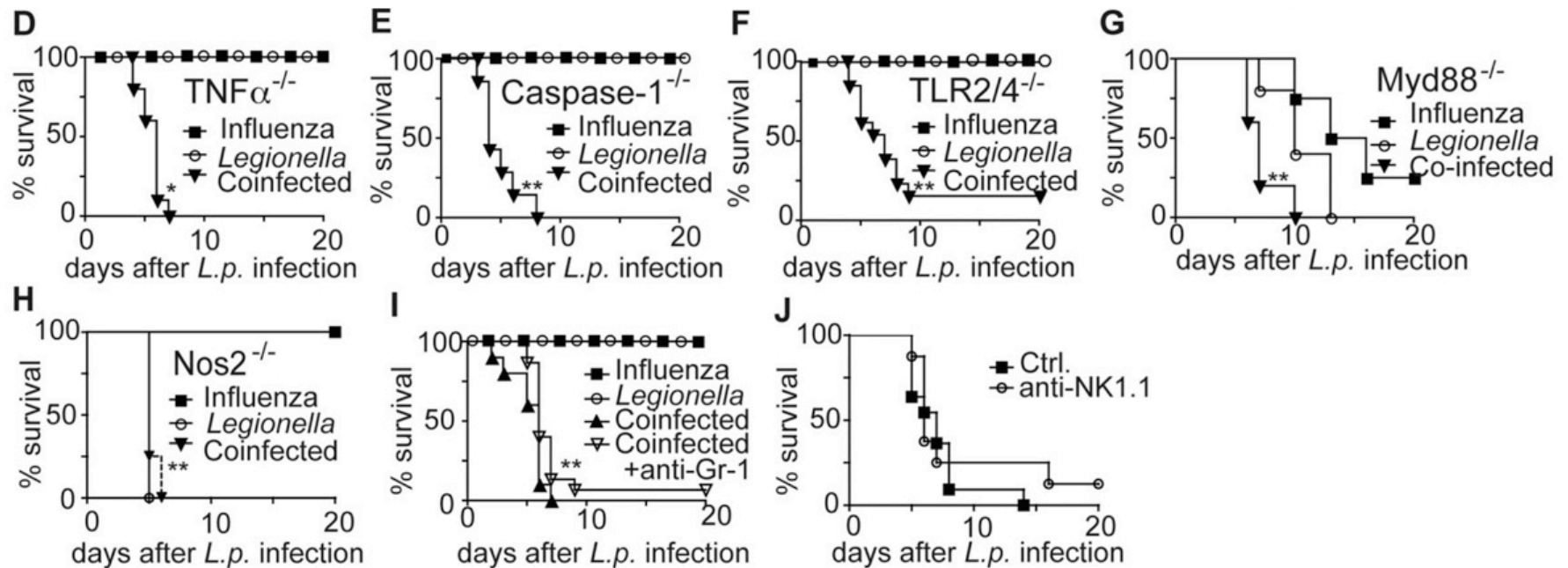
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days

# Are increased neutrophil infiltration and inflammatory mediators sufficient to lead to death?



Supp: also susceptible  $Rag2^{-/-}$  and  $IFN\alpha 1^{-/-}$

Lethal outcome is not solely due to excessive inflammatory response or immunopathology

i.n 300 PFU  
influenza

$1 \times 10^6$   
*L. pneumophila*

100% death

-3

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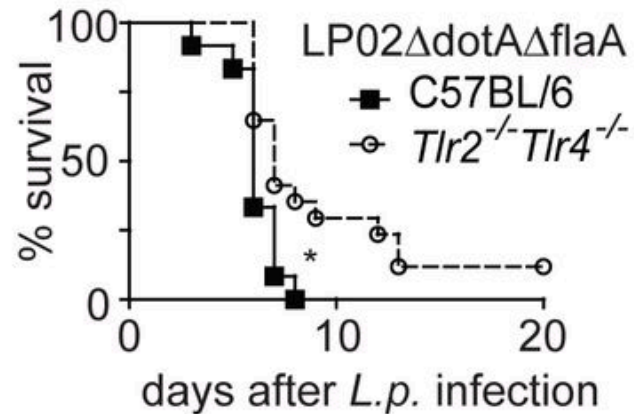
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# Combining host immunodeficiency and bacterial attenuation

Neither bacterial growth nor virulence, nor host immune responses were individually required to cause lethality

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LP02ΔdotAΔflaA : lacks flagellin and is unable to replicate and secrete effectors.

The only immune stimulators left are TLR2/4 agonists

Small increase in survival but most mice still succumbed from coinfection

i.n 300 PFU  
influenza

1x10<sup>6</sup>  
*L. pneumophila*

100% death

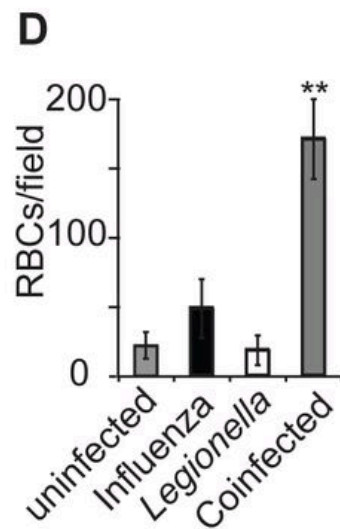
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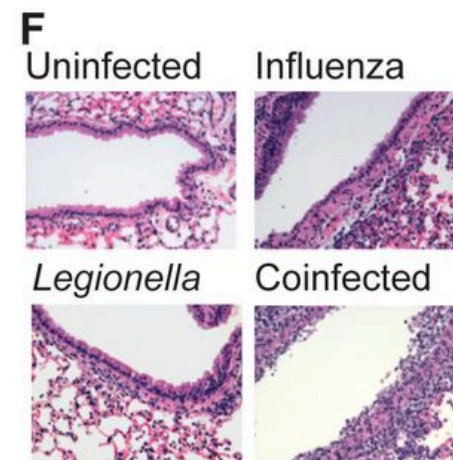
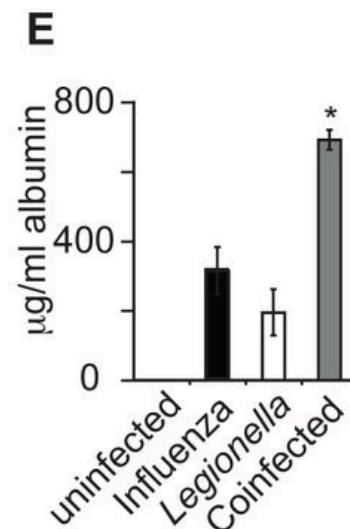
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days

# Is mortality due to failed tolerance to tissue damage?



BALF



Damage in lung epithelium-capillary barrier

i.n 300 PFU  
influenza

-3

$1 \times 10^6$   
*L. pneumophila*

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BALF and histology

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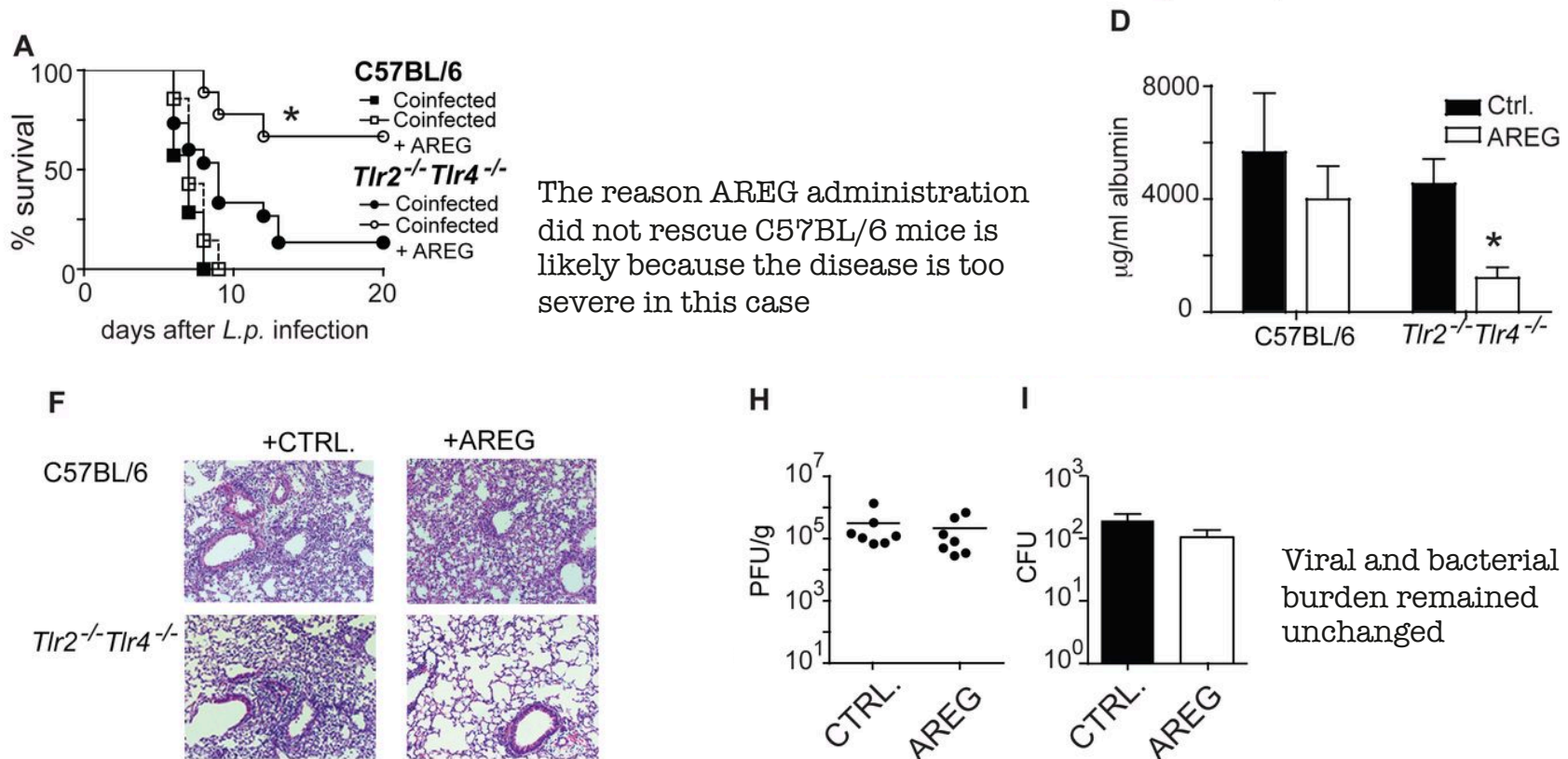
100% death

7

days

# Is mortality due to failed tolerance to tissue damage?

Amphiregulin is an epithelila growth factor family member. Contributes to tissue homeostasis in the lung during influenza infection.



i.n 300 PFU  
influenza

$1 \times 10^6$   
*L. pneumophila*

I.P. daily with 10 μg of AREG

100% death

-3

0

7

days

# Conclusions

- Lethal synergy of influenza virus and bacteria coinfection can result from loss of tolerance to infection-induced tissue damage
- Morbidity and mortality of coinfection can be independent of pathogen burden or excessive inflammatory response
- Promoting tissue repair can in principle rescue coinfecting animals from morbidity and mortality even without affecting pathogen burden
- **2 distinctive host defense strategies: resistance and tolerance**

# Inflammatory monocytes regulate pathologic responses to commensals during acute gastrointestinal infection

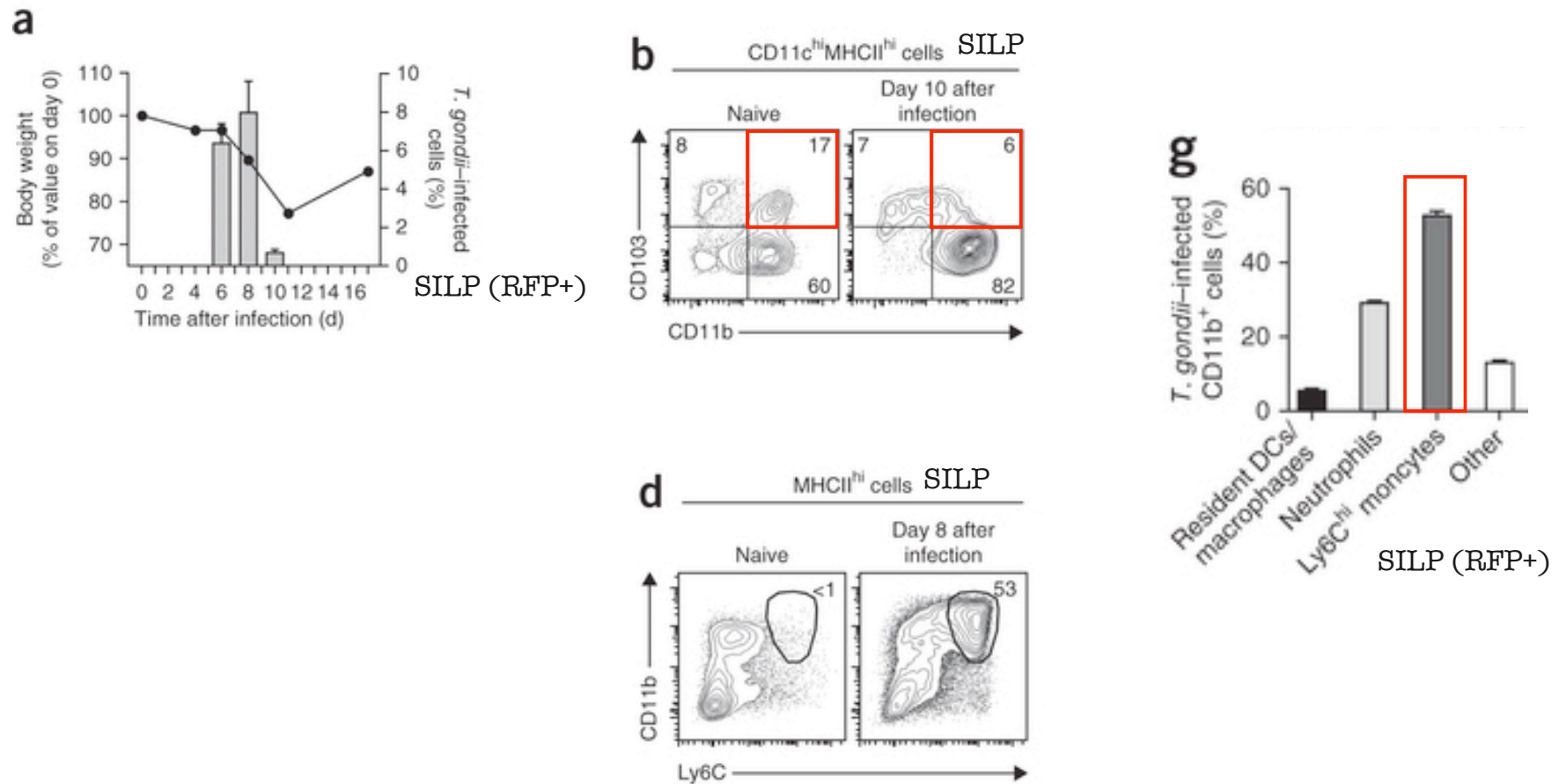
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- During acute intestinal inflammation Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> inflammatory monocytes and neutrophils infiltrate the intestine
- Neutrophils are involved in pathogen clearance but also collateral tissue damage (ROS, superoxides, proteases and cytokines)

**Are there regulatory mechanisms during acute intestinal inflammation that dampen the pathogenic potential of neutrophils?**



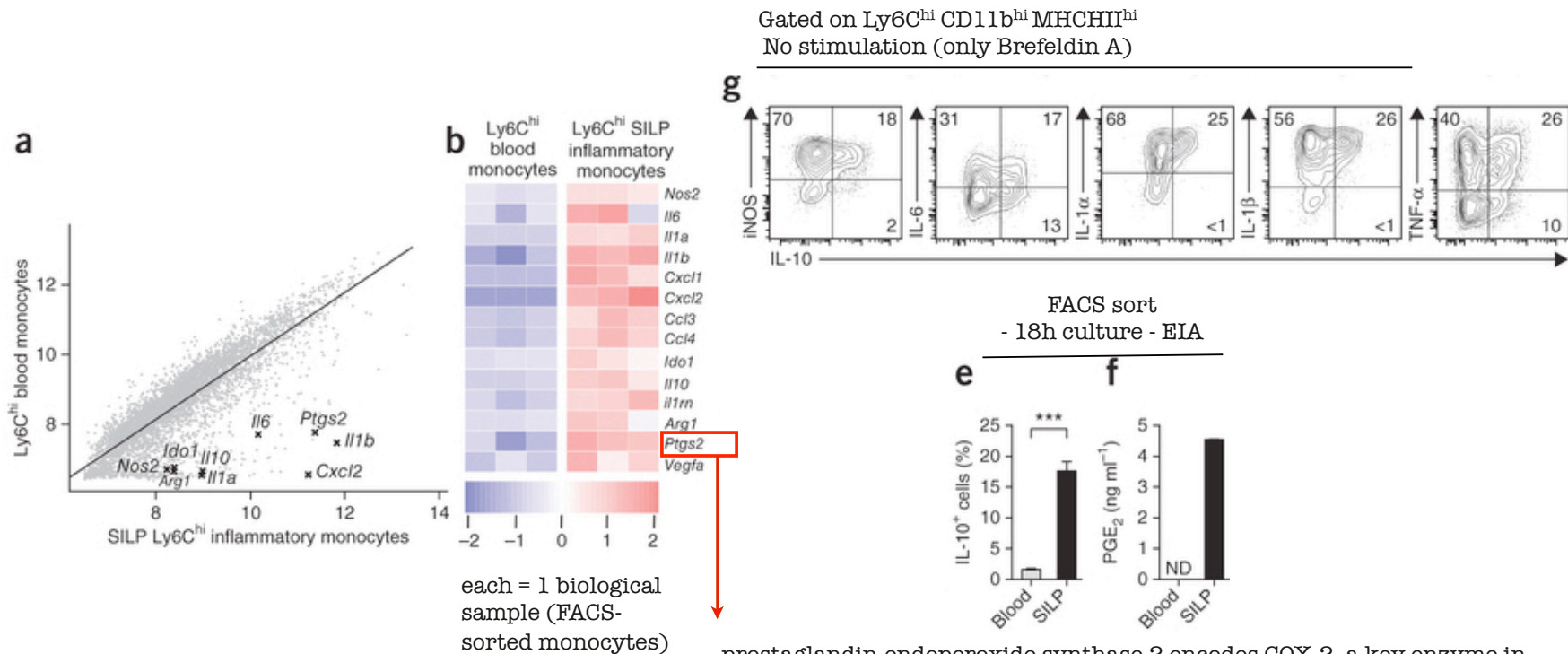
# Mucosal *T. gondii* infection



Following infection Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> monocytes proportions increase  
and are the main population infected with *T. gondii*

10 bradizoites RFP-expressing cysts (oral) - day 8-10 p.i

# Do blood-and SILP-derived $\text{Ly6C}^{\text{hi}}$ monocytes have different functional phenotypes?



prostaglandin-endoperoxide synthase 2 encodes COX-2, a key enzyme in prostaglandin synthesis.

PGE2 can be produced by all cell types of the body. Epithelia, fibroblasts, and infiltrating inflammatory cells representing are the major sources.

## **PGE2 can exert suppressive effects on innate cells**

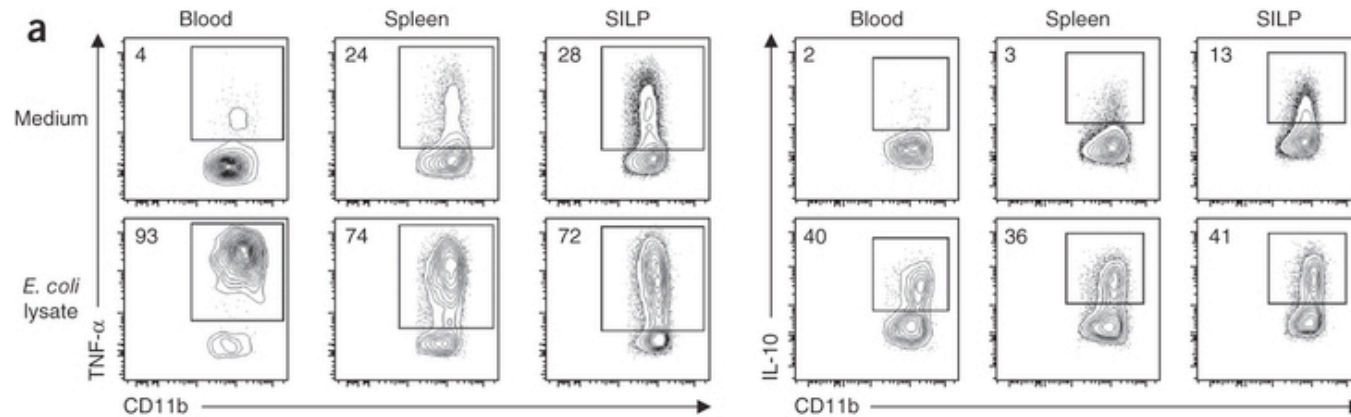
Kalinski, P. (2012). Regulation of immune responses by prostaglandin E2. The Journal of Immunology, 188(1), 21–28. doi:10.4049/jimmunol.1101029

Inflammatory monocytes in the small intestine  
can also adopt regulatory functions

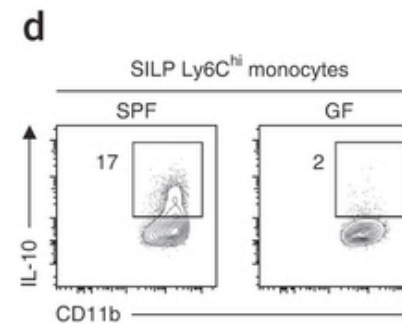
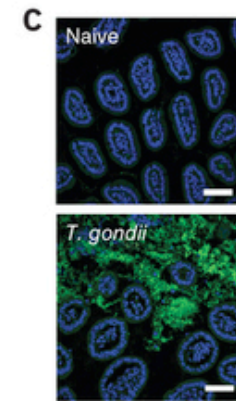
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# Can intestinal microbial products drive the regulatory phenotype of monocytes?

Gated on Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> CD11b<sup>hi</sup> MHCHIT<sup>hi</sup>  
Medium: no stimulation, only Brefeldin A



Ileum  
FISH with eubacterial 16S probe



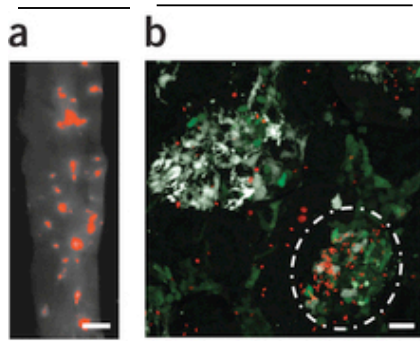
Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> monocytes acquire the ability to produce IL-10 and PGE<sub>2</sub> in response to commensal products

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## What cells types are being regulated by inflammatory monocytes?

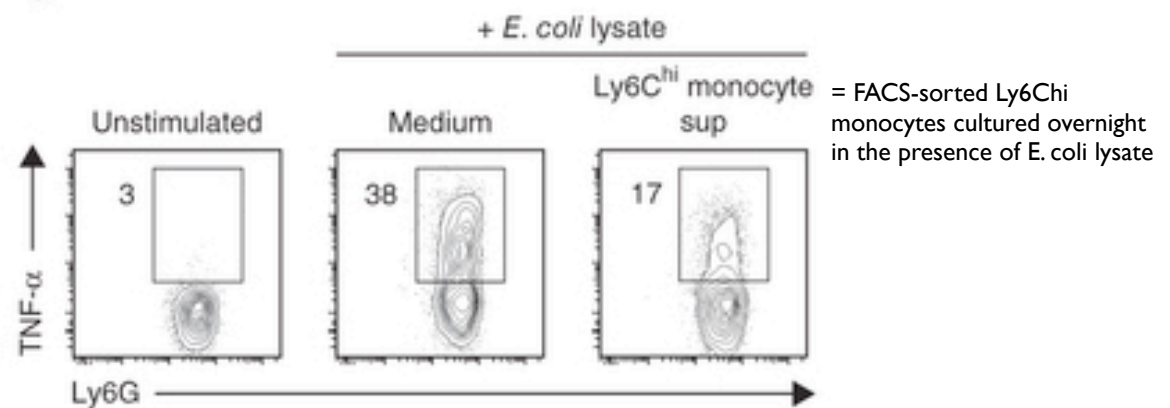
Jejunum  
Confocal microscopy  
CD11c - white;  
LysM - green  
CD11c<sup>YFP</sup> x LysM<sup>GFP</sup>

## Jejunum

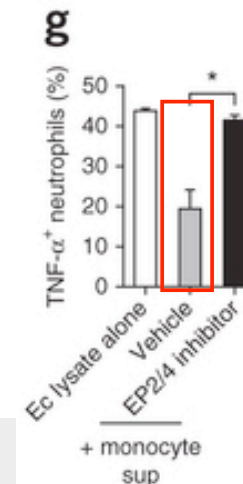
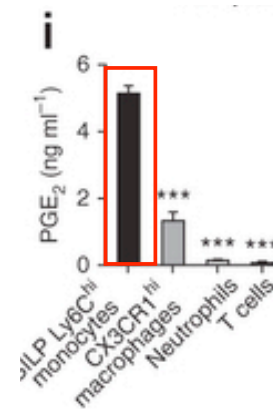


Lysozyme is expressed by monocytes and neutrophils

**d** FACS-sorted BM neutrophils (Ly6G<sup>+</sup> CD11b<sup>+</sup>)



= FACS-sorted Ly6Chi  
monocytes cultured overnight  
in the presence of E. coli lysate

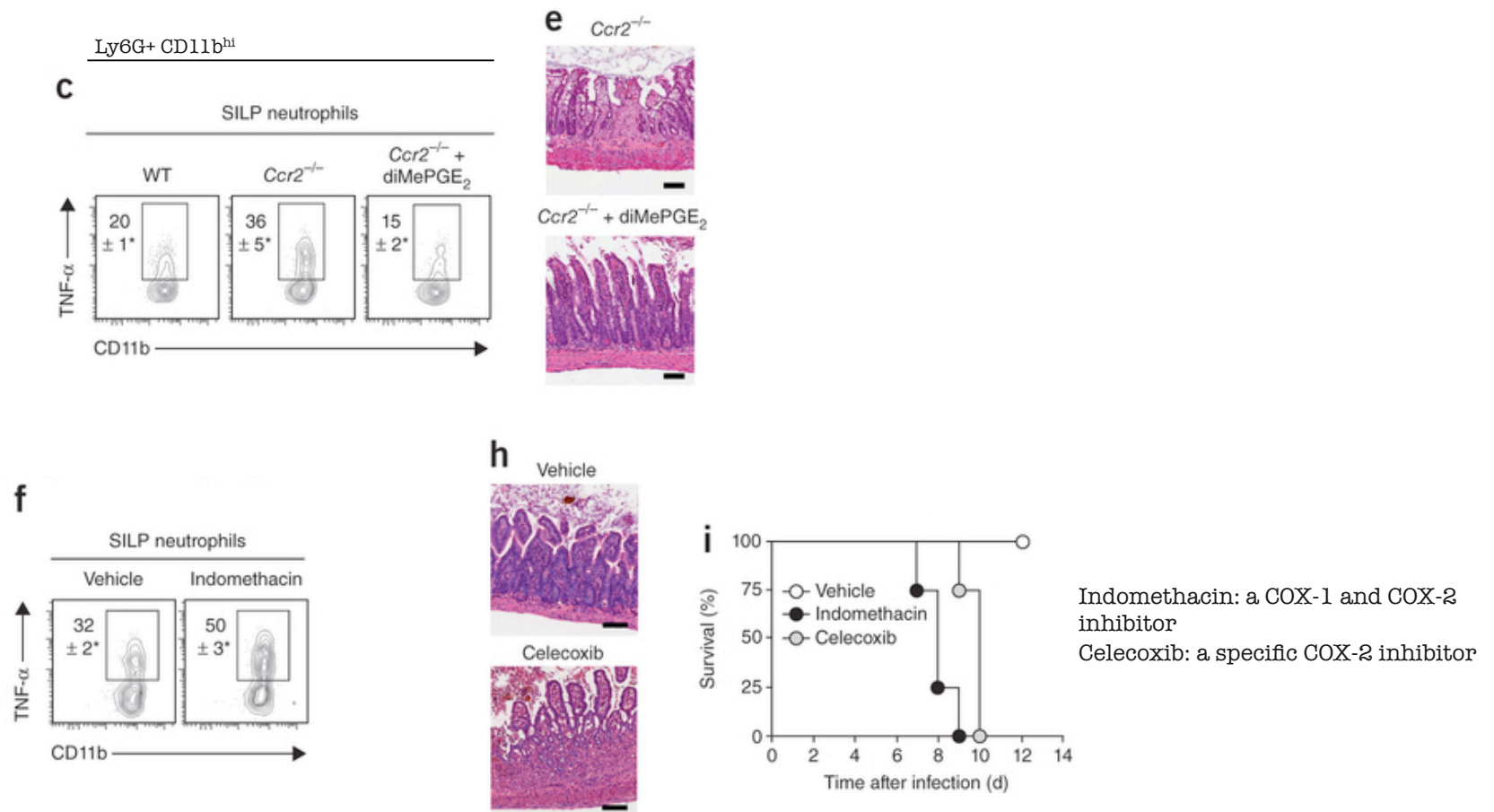


EP2 and EP4 are PGE2 receptors

in vitro, Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> monocytes regulate the inflammatory potential of neutrophils via PGE<sub>2</sub>

10 bradizoites cysts (oral) - day 8 p.i

# Are neutrophils modulated by monocyte-derived PGE<sub>2</sub> *in vivo*?



PEG<sub>2</sub>-derived from Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> can limit lethal neutrophil-mediated immunopathology

10 bradizoites cysts (oral) - starting at day 6: daily injection of PEG<sub>2</sub>, indomethacin or celecoxib - readout day 8 p.i

## Conclusions

- Commensals (?) trigger a regulatory program (**PGE<sub>2</sub>**, IL-10, arginase and IDO) in Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> inflammatory monocytes that limit neutrophilic pathogenic potential
- This dual phenotype (regulatory and inflammatory) endows monocytes to control parasite burden while limiting collateral damage to tissue