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*Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.*

### Software and code

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Data collection

The following software was used for metabolome and imaging MS measurements;

- Nexera LC system operating software (Shimadzu Co., Kyoto, Japan).
- High-performance bench-top quadrupole Orbitrap mass spectrometer operating software (Q Exactive focus, Thermo Fisher Scientific, MA, USA).
- Xcalibur 4.2.47 software (Thermo Fisher Scientific, MA, USA).
- MALDI-TOF MS operating software (timsTOF flex, Bruker Daltonics, Bremen, Germany).

Data analysis

The following software was used for metabolome and imaging MS data analysis;

- Trace Finder software (v 3.1, Thermo Fisher Scientific)
  - Scils Lab software (Bruker Daltonics)
- Graph-pad Prism 9.5.1 was used for data presentation and statistical analysis.

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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
- A description of any restrictions on data availability
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The authors declare that the data generated or analyzed in this study are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

## Research involving human participants, their data, or biological material

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Reporting on sex and gender	Sex information was collected for SARS-CoV-2 infected patients but not for uninfected participants (Table 1). No subgroup analyses on sex were performed due to small sample size.
Reporting on race, ethnicity, or other socially relevant groupings	Information about the individuals enrolled in this study is shown in Table 1: age range, sex, disease state, and diagnosis and treatment.
Population characteristics	The demographic and clinical characteristics of the participants are shown in Table 1.
Recruitment	In this study, residual serum samples for biochemical and immunologic tests were collected from patients with suspected SARS-CoV-2 infection who underwent RT-PCR testing of nasopharyngeal swabs or saliva samples at Keio University Hospital or Osaka Metropolitan University Hospital from March 2020 to January 2021.
Ethics oversight	Sample collection and utilization were conducted under the approval of the Ethics Committee of the Keio University School of Medicine (approval numbers 20200059 and 20200063) and the Ethics Committee of Osaka Metropolitan University Graduate School of Medicine (approval number 2020-003).

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

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## Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Sample size calculations were not performed. The number of human samples was determined based on availability, and the number of animals was determined based on the number of animals used in previously published work. Each experiment was replicated for subsequent statistical analysis.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from the results obtained in this study.
Replication	As indicated in the figures, figure legends and methods, each animal experiment was performed with at least 3 biological replicates. Each human clinical trial was performed with at least 3 biological replicates. All replication attempts yielded similar results and were reliably reproduced.
Randomization	All samples and animals were randomly allocated into experimental groups.
Blinding	No blinded testing was performed because the same investigator set up the experiments, collected the samples, and analyzed the data. However, the samples and data were collected under identical conditions.

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## Methods

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## Antibodies

Antibodies used

- Monoclonal antibodies specific to human IL-28B/IFN- $\lambda$ 3 included in Human IL-28B/IFN-lambda 3 Quantikine ELISA Kit (R&D Systems, catalog #D28B00)
- Primary antibodies for immunostaining; Prosurfactant Protein C Antibody (Novus, CO, US, catalog #H00006440-M01, clone 4A10) and CXCL10 Polyclonal Antibody (Bioss, MA, US, catalog #BS-1502R)
- Secondary antibodies for immunostaining; Alexa Fluor 647 (anti-Armenian hamster, IgG, Jackson Immuno Research, PA, US) and Alexa Fluor 488 (anti-Rabbit, IgG, abcam Cambridge, UK)

Validation

All antibodies and kits came from commercial vendors, and were validated by the manufacturers on their websites.

Primary antibodies

- Prosurfactant Protein C Antibody; Data sheet; <https://www.novusbio.com/PDFs/H00006440-M01.pdf>
- CXCL10 Polyclonal Antibody; Data sheet; <https://www.biossantibodies.com/datasheets/bs-1502R>

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Laboratory animals

Mouse (BALB/cCrSlc and C57BL/6 NCrSlc for SARS-CoV-2 infection model, and C57BL/6J for Influenza virus infection model).

Wild animals

This study did not use wild animals.

Reporting on sex

Female mice were used for all experiments in this study.

Field-collected samples

This study did not include samples from field-collected samples.

Ethics oversight

All experiments were conducted in accordance with protocols approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of the Keio University and Osaka University.

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