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Software and code

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Data collection Leica LAS-X and FACS Diva software version 8.0, was used for confocal image and flow cytometry data collection.

Data analysis Software used in this study are details in methods and include Cell Ranger 3.1.0 pipeline (ref 65), R package Seurat v.4.2.2 (2022-10-31 for normalization, scaling, integration, multi-modal reference mapping, Louvain clustering, dimensionality reduction, differential expression analysis, and visualization (ref 66), DoubletFinder (ref 67), EnhancedVolcano (version 1.16.0), Azimuth app reference mapping tool (ref 68), Connectome toolkit (version 1.0.1)(ref 31), MATLAB version 2021b, Autotube – Github (ref 69), OxyGEN by Fluigent Smart Microfluidics™, Leica LAS-X, ImageJ (<http://imagej.nih.gov/ij/>), GraphPad PRISM v9.2, FACS Diva software version 8.0, FlowJo v10

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Single-cell RNA-Seq data presented in this study can be accessed via NCBI GEO (GSE237911, private token: yxupquwcntqzbut for review, data will be made publicly

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Reporting on sex and gender	Sex and gender are important as all humans are impacted by lung diseases with differences in lung disease states. This study integrated male primary human lung fibroblasts (Lonza), endothelial cells (10-donor pooled umbilical vein endothelial cells, male and female donors but exact breakdown not detailed, Lonza) and male lung epithelial cell lines (H441 and A549 cells). While this limits generalization, we anticipate models developed with female cells will yield similar results but this will require future study to confirm.
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Population characteristics	NA
Recruitment	NA
Ethics oversight	NA

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Sample size was determined in all cases to be a minimum of 3 independent biological replicates. For all lung on a chip experiments a minimum of 4 to 6 independent biological replicates for each condition were utilized and sample sized determined based on higher biological variability of this platform.
Data exclusions	No data was excluded.
Replication	All attempts at replicates were successful. Note: only lung on a chip devices with fully formed and perfusable microvessels were used at days 7-10 for experiments.
Randomization	Randomization was not applicable as all platforms were inherently designed to have minimal variation in baseline characteristics.
Blinding	Blinding was performed where any possibility of subjective judgement was required for quantification. This is only notable for leukocyte lung on a chip image analysis that was not automated by software. This was done by image acquisition with an alphanumeric experiment key, quantification, and then unblinding for data analysis.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	This information is provided within a detailed table in supplementary methods
Validation	All antibodies were used by the manufacturer and validated for use by manufacturer.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	A549 and H441 epithelial cells were from ATCC.
Authentication	All cell lines were purchased directly from ATCC and used within first 5-10 passages.
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines were confirmed negative by mycoplasma by commercial source (Lonza and ATCC) and further tested if used beyond passage 5.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	None.

Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals	This study utilized wildt-type specific pathogen free C57BL/6 female mice all at 6-8 weeks of age and bred at the University of Calgary.
Wild animals	This study did not involve wild animals.
Reporting on sex	Animal studies on mice only apply to female mice used in this study due to availability. As with most animal models of pneumonia, there is a sex difference with male mice being more susceptible than female mice (eg Kadioglu et al JID, 2011) which is why we utilized a higher (10^8 CFU/mouse) dose in females than is typically used in male (10^6 - 7 CFU/mouse) to ensure our results represent early stages of a severe bacterial pneumonia.
Field-collected samples	This study did not involve samples collected from the field.
Ethics oversight	Animal studies were approved by the Animal Care Committee (Animal Protocol: AC22 0042).

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Flow Cytometry

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Methodology

Sample preparation

Sample preparation is outlined in detail on lines 624-636 and in supplementary.

Instrument

BD FACSAria III (cell culture experiments) and BD FACSCanto (supplementary animal experiments) were used.

Software

Data collection was done using FACS Diva software version 8.0. Analysis was performed using FlowJo v10.

Cell population abundance

No sorting was performed. Cellular abundance was indicated where appropriate in graphs (eg Figure 1, S11, S13).

Gating strategy

Gating strategy is outlined in methods and demonstrated in Figures 1 and S10.

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