

1 **Type-3 Secretion System–induced pyroptosis protects *Pseudomonas* against cell-
2 autonomous immunity**

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28 **Abstract (139 words)**

29 Inflammasome-induced pyroptosis comprises a key cell-autonomous immune process
30 against intracellular bacteria, namely the generation of dying cell structures. These so-
31 called pore-induced intracellular traps (PITs) entrap and weaken intracellular microbes.
32 However, the immune importance of pyroptosis against extracellular pathogens remains
33 unclear. Here, we report that Type-3 secretion system (T3SS)-expressing *Pseudomonas*
34 *aeruginosa* (*P. aeruginosa*) escaped PIT immunity by inducing a NLRC4 inflammasome-
35 dependent macrophage pyroptosis response in the extracellular environment. To the
36 contrary, phagocytosis of *Salmonella* Typhimurium promoted NLRC4-dependent PIT
37 formation and the subsequent bacterial caging. Remarkably, T3SS-deficient
38 *Pseudomonas* were efficiently sequestered within PIT-dependent caging, which favored
39 exposure to neutrophils. Conversely, both NLRC4 and caspase-11 deficient mice
40 presented increased susceptibility to T3SS-deficient *P. aeruginosa* challenge, but not to
41 T3SS-expressing *P. aeruginosa*. Overall, our results uncovered that *P. aeruginosa* uses its
42 T3SS to overcome inflammasome-triggered pyroptosis, which is primarily effective against
43 intracellular invaders.

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55 **Importance (119 words)**

56 Although innate immune components confer host protection against infections, the
57 opportunistic bacterial pathogen *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (*P. aeruginosa*) exploits the
58 inflammatory reaction to thrive. Specifically the NLRC4 inflammasome, a crucial immune
59 complex, triggers an Interleukin (IL)-1 β and -18 deleterious host response to *P.*
60 *aeruginosa*. Here, we provide evidence that, in addition to IL-1 cytokines, *P. aeruginosa*
61 also exploits the NLRC4 inflammasome-induced pro-inflammatory cell death, namely
62 pyroptosis, to avoid efficient uptake and killing by macrophages. Therefore, our study
63 reveals that pyroptosis-driven immune effectiveness mainly depends on *P. aeruginosa*
64 localization. This paves the way toward our comprehension of the mechanistic
65 requirements for pyroptosis effectiveness upon microbial infections and may initiate
66 targeted approaches in order to ameliorate the innate immune functions to infections.

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83 **Introduction**

84 Inflammasomes are pro-inflammatory cytosolic complexes whose activation leads
85 to auto-processing of the protease caspase-1. Caspase-1 activation triggers the cleavage
86 and release of the pro-inflammatory cytokines, interleukin (IL)-1 β and IL-18 (1), as well as
87 a pro-inflammatory form of cell death, called pyroptosis. Cleavage and activation of the
88 pore forming effector gasdermin D (GSDMD) by caspase-1 or -11 can induce pyroptosis
89 (2, 3). Several sensors contribute to inflammasome formation, including AIM2-like
90 receptors (AIM2), PYRIN, and a subset of NOD-like receptors (NLRs), namely
91 NLRP1/NLRP1B, NLRP3, NLRP6, NLRP7 and NLRC4, and the caspase-11-induced non-
92 canonical inflammasome pathway (1).

93 Activation of the NLRC4 inflammasome follows an original path as it requires
94 additional helper NLRs – the neuronal apoptosis inhibitory proteins (NAIPs) – that, upon
95 ligand recognition, form hetero-oligomeric complexes with NLRC4 and promote its
96 activation (4–10). Both NAIP5 and NAIP6 directly recognize cytosolic flagellin while NAIP-
97 1 and -2 detect the type-3 secretion system (T3SS) apparatus needle and rod subunits,
98 respectively (1, 6). Importantly, resulting IL-1 β and IL-18 cytokine secretion mediates
99 intracellular bacterial clearance by inducing, respectively, phagocyte recruitment and the
100 production of the microbicidal cytokine interferon (IFN)- γ (1, 6). A recently discovered and
101 understudied cell-autonomous immune process known as pyroptosis promotes
102 intracellular bacteria entrapment and weakening in pore-induced intracellular trap
103 structures (PITs) (11–13), which facilitates subsequent bacterial elimination through
104 efferocytosis (13–16). However, host-adapted bacteria can inhibit PITs formation, which
105 enables bacterial proliferation (14).

106 While NLRC4 activation confers protection to various pathogens, including
107 *Salmonella Typhimurium*, *Burkholderia pseudomallei* and *Legionella pneumophila* (1, 6), it

108 also drives host susceptibility to the opportunist bacteria *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (*P.*
109 *aeruginosa*) (17, 18). In particular, *P. aeruginosa* T3SS and flagellin components induce
110 NLRC4-mediated IL-1 β and IL-18 secretion, which inhibits protection mediated by both
111 Th17 cells and anti-microbial peptides produced by airway epithelial cells (17, 18). This
112 apparent paradox underlies complex host-microbe interactions, as NLRC4 confers
113 protection against other pathogens that express T3SS and flagellin. Here, we examined
114 the underlying host-microbe mechanisms through which NLRC4 specifically drives
115 susceptibility to *P. aeruginosa*. We used *Salmonella enterica* serovar Typhimurium
116 (SL1344) and PAO1, a *P. aeruginosa* strain, that expresses a functional T3SS (T3SS $^+$) in
117 parallel with an isogenic mutant of this strain, inactivated in the T3SS transcriptional
118 regulator *exsA*, unable to express a functional T3SS apparatus (T3SS $^-$).

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120 **Results**

121 **Bacterial localization induces differential pyroptosis-dependent cell-autonomous 122 response in macrophages.**

123 To decipher the molecular mechanisms underlying NLRC4-mediated sensing of the
124 bacterial pathogen *P. aeruginosa*, we infected bone marrow-derived macrophages
125 (BMDMs) from wild-type (WT) and *Nlrc4* $^{-/-}$ mice with either T3SS-expressing (T3SS $^+$) *P.*
126 *aeruginosa* and *S. Typhimurium* strains (19) and we measured the capacity of both strains
127 to trigger NLRC4 inflammasome-dependent pyroptotic cell death and IL-1 β release. In
128 agreement with previous published reports, these data indicate that both bacteria triggered
129 cell-death in a T3SS and NLRC4-dependent manner within 3 hours of infection (MOI 15)
130 (**Fig. 1A, Fig. S1A**).

131 While *S. Typhimurium* and *P. aeruginosa* have a different niche tropism (intracellular for
132 *Salmonella* and extracellular for *Pseudomonas*), we hypothesized that the NLRC4
133 response might lead to different bacterial fate in macrophages. Consequently, CFU assays

134 after 1 hour of infection (MOI 15) found more intracellular *S. Typhimurium* than *P.*
135 *aeruginosa* in WT BMDMs (**Fig. 1B**). Strikingly, such differences in intracellular numbers of
136 *P. aeruginosa* was partially lost in *Nlrc4*^{-/-} macrophages and independent from *P.*
137 *aeruginosa* T3SS-injected exoenzymes STY (**Fig. 1B, Fig. S1B**), suggesting that the
138 NLRC4 inflammasome response contributed to *P. aeruginosa* avoiding macrophage
139 uptake. Whereas *Salmonella* could efficiently establish an intracellular replicative niche in
140 *Nlrc4*^{-/-} BMDMs, intracellular *P. aeruginosa* failed to do so after 24 hours of infection (**Fig.**
141 **1C**), which suggests that *P. aeruginosa* exploits NLRC4-dependent response to avoid
142 macrophage intracellular-autonomous immunity. Phagocytosis is the main process by
143 which macrophages engulf bacteria. Hence, inhibiting phagocytosis by cytochalasin D
144 reduced NLRC4-dependent cell death and IL-1 β release upon infection with *S.*
145 *Typhimurium* but not with *P. aeruginosa* (**Fig. 1D**). Remarkably, T3SS⁺-induced
146 phagocytosis-independent activation of the NLRC4 inflammasome was specific to only *P.*
147 *aeruginosa*, as other T3SS-expressing bacteria triggered NLRC4 inflammasome
148 responses in a phagocytosis-dependent manner (**Fig. S1C**). To rule out that actin
149 polymerization might directly control NLRC4 activation, we electroporated purified flagellin
150 in WT and *Nlrc4*^{-/-} BMDMs in presence or absence of cytochalasin D. Cell death evaluation
151 showed that cytochalasin D did not modify cytosolic flagellin-induced NLRC4
152 inflammasome response (**Fig. S1D**). Thus, these results identified the unique capability of
153 T3SS-expressing *P. aeruginosa* to promote NLRC4-inflammasome activation in a
154 phagocytosis-independent manner.

155 “Pore-induced Intracellular Traps” (PITs) entrap intracellular *S. Typhimurium* (11–13). As
156 *P. aeruginosa* induced phagocytosis-independent activation of the NLRC4 inflammasome,
157 we reasoned that such process might be a virulence strategy to escape bacterial caging
158 into PITs. Therefore, we infected primary WT BMDMs with both *P. aeruginosa* and *S.*
159 *Typhimurium* strains (MOI 3) for 1h to induce PIT formation and evaluated the number of
160 bacteria associated with pyroptotic structures (e.g. ASC⁺ cells). Strikingly, our results

161 found higher amount of *Salmonella* associated within PIT structures than *P. aeruginosa*,
162 showing that *P. aeruginosa*-activated NLRC4 inflammasome allowed escape from PIT-
163 driven intracellular trapping (**Fig. 1E, F**).

164 Then, we aimed to determine whether pyroptosis have a differential *in vivo*
165 regulatory function after *P. aeruginosa* and *S. Typhimurium* exposure. Using a peritoneal
166 mouse model of infection (3×10^6 CFUs, 6h) with either strains, we evaluated the
167 contribution of pyroptosis on the early clearance of each bacterial strain in WT or in
168 *gasderminD*^{-/-} (*gsdmD*^{-/-}) mice, which are deficient at inducing pyroptosis. Therefore, mice
169 lacking *gsdmD* showed an early (6h) susceptibility to STm challenge whereas they
170 presented improved resistance to *P. aeruginosa* infection (**Fig. S1F**). Overall, these results
171 demonstrated that *P. aeruginosa* exploited the NLRC4 inflammasome to escape
172 pyroptosis-mediated capture and sequestration, a process that was reversed in absence
173 of *Nlrc4*.

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175 ***Pseudomonas* triggers T3SS-independent NLRC4 and Caspase11 inflammasome
176 activation in macrophages.**

177 Our results showed that both *S. Typhimurium* and *P. aeruginosa*-induced differential PIT-
178 dependent bacterial trapping. Yet, we wanted to rule out that the observed phenotype
179 could be driven by intrinsic properties of each bacterial strain, such as flagellin and T3SS
180 immunogenicity and/or expression levels.

181 Therefore, we relied on a surprising observation where we found that infection of
182 macrophages with a T3SS-deficient strain of *P. aeruginosa* still triggered early (3 hours)
183 residual NLRC4 response and, late (4-10 hours) caspase11 non-canonical inflammasome
184 pathway (**Fig. 2A; Figs. S2A, B**). Even though high doses (MOI 25, 50 or 100) of T3SS-*P.*
185 *aeruginosa* were necessary to induce reduced levels of NLRC4 activation, residual
186 inflammasome response was both still NLRC4- and -flagellin dependent, as T3SS-*fliC*
187 strains failed to elicit measurable IL-1 β release as well as caspase-1 and gasdermin-D

188 (GSDMD) processing (**Figs. 2A, B; Fig. S2C**). Furthermore, we noted that flagellin
189 complementation in both T3SS⁺ and T3SS⁻ strains restored NLRC4-driven cell death and
190 IL-1 β release (**Figs. S2D, E**). However, only live T3SS-deficient *P. aeruginosa* induced
191 NLRC4-dependent IL-1 β release as it was not detected using heat-killed (HK) and PFA-
192 killed bacteria (20) (**Fig. S2F**). To exclude that genetic inactivation of *exsA* allowed
193 residual T3SS expression, we tested *P. aeruginosa* lacking *PscC*, a key T3SS structural
194 component (21). Importantly, *pscC* and *exsA*-deficient bacteria triggered comparable
195 levels of NLRC4-dependent cell death and IL-1 β release (**Fig. S2G**). These results
196 indicate that activation of the NLRC4 inflammasome was not caused by residual T3SS
197 expression.

198 In the host, cytosolic NAIP proteins bind flagellin or T3SS components and initiate
199 NLRC4 oligomerization (6). To confirm direct involvement of flagellin in NLRC4 activation,
200 we infected macrophages lacking either *Naip5* (*Naip5*^{-/-}), the main flagellin sensor, or the
201 5 different *Naips* (*Naip*^{A1-6}), with either T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ strain. Both *Naip5*^{-/-} and *Naip*^{A1-6}
202 BMDMs failed to undergo pyroptosis and release IL-1 β when infected with either strain
203 (**Fig. 2C**). Based on these results, we conclude that flagellin directly triggered the NLRC4
204 inflammasome response during T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* infection.

205 Altogether, these findings reveal, in addition to the Caspase-11 non canonical
206 inflammasome, an unrecognized and unexpected capacity of *P. aeruginosa* to alternatively
207 activate the NAIP5/NLRC4 inflammasome in a T3SS-independent yet flagellin-dependent
208 manner. These findings further suggest that flagellin can reach the host cell cytosol
209 independently of bacterial secretion systems.

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211 **T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa*-containing damaged phagosomes associate to sequential
212 activation of NLRC4 inflammasome and Caspase-11.**

213 While our results indicated that flagellin and LPS reach the host cytosol in absence
214 of a functional T3SS, the underlying mechanism still remained unknown. We hypothesized

215 that a key candidate involves direct entry of *P. aeruginosa* into the intracellular
216 compartment. Therefore we evaluated whether T3SS-independent activation of both
217 NAIP5/NLRC4 and Caspase-11 inflammasomes required *P. aeruginosa* phagocytosis.
218 Consequently, infection of macrophages with T3SS- *P. aeruginosa* showed that
219 phagocytosis inhibition abrogated cell death, IL-1 β release and Caspase-1 processing
220 (**Fig. 3A-C**). Hence, these results show that, in absence of a functional T3SS, *P.*
221 *aeruginosa* induces inflammasome response in a phagocytosis-dependent manner. As
222 phagocytosis of T3SS-deficient *P. aeruginosa* is a prerequisite for inflammasome
223 response, we hypothesized that NAIP5/NLRC4 and Caspase11 responses required that
224 both flagellin and LPS reached the cytosol by leaking from *P. aeruginosa*-containing
225 phagosomes. To visualize phagosomal membrane alterations, we probed for galectin-3
226 (GAL3), a lectin that binds galactosides on permeabilized host cell endovesicles (22). If *P.*
227 *aeruginosa*-containing phagosomes were compromised, we expected GAL3 recruitment
228 around bacteria. To avoid unwanted GAL3 recruitment to permeabilized phagosomes from
229 pyroptosis and not *P. aeruginosa* specifically, we infected immortalized *Casp1^{-/-}/11^{-/-}*
230 macrophages with two T3SS mutants (e.g. T3SS- and T3SS-/fliC) for 3 hours. Confocal
231 microscopy revealed that GAL3 did target a small proportion (~ 6-10%) of intracellular
232 T3SS- and T3SS-/fliC bacteria (**Fig. 3D**). We then reasoned that cells with active
233 inflammasomes, *i.e.* containing ASC specks, should also contain at least one GAL3-
234 positive bacterium. Using macrophages expressing an active inflammasome (ASC
235 specks $^+$), we quantified the percentage of cells that had at least one GAL3- positive *P.*
236 *aeruginosa*. We consistently found that approximatively 45% of *iCasp-1^{-/-}/11^{-/-}*
237 macrophages presenting an ASC speck were also positive for GAL3-stained T3SS- *P.*
238 *aeruginosa* (**Figs. 3D, E**), but we did not detect any specks using T3SS-/fliC strain (**Fig.**
239 **3E**). *Casp1^{-/-}/11^{-/-}* deficient BMDMs can form a NLRC4 inflammasome that recruit
240 caspase-8 that also triggers cell death. To verify that in *Casp1^{-/-}/11^{-/-}* iBMDMs, GAL3
241 recruitment to intracellular bacteria did not require caspase-8, we removed *Nlrc4* in GAL3-

242 mcherry expressing *Casp1^{-/-}/11^{-/-}* iBMDMs (**Fig. S3A**) and quantified GAL3 recruitment to
243 T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa*. We did not detect any defect for bacteria targeted by GAL3-
244 mcherry in the *Nlrc4^{+/+}/Casp1^{-/-}/11^{-/-}* iBMDMs, hence confirming that T3SS- *P.*
245 *aeruginosa* is targeted by GAL3 independently of the NLRC4-dependent pathway (**Fig.**
246 **S3B**). Overall, these results show that T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* trigger NLRC4 inflammasome
247 from altered phagosomes.

248 Given that T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* were exposed to the cytosol, we speculated that
249 phagosome alterations could also expose *P. aeruginosa* LPS to the host cell cytosol,
250 which might promote caspase11 recruitment and activation. Thurston et al. showed that
251 caspase11 was recruited to cytosolic *Salmonella* in infected epithelial cells (25). So, we
252 sought to determine whether caspase11 associated with compromised *P. aeruginosa*-
253 containing phagosomes. Microscopy observations of galectin-3+ (GAL3+) bacteria in IFN γ -
254 primed *Nlrc4^{+/+}* iBMDMs showed recruitment of both GAL3 and active caspase on T3SS⁻
255 *P. aeruginosa* after 3 hours of infection, which was not observed in *Nlrc4^{+/+}/Casp11^{-/-}*
256 CRISPR-Cas9 iBMDMs (**Fig. 3F**). These results confirm that bacteria accessible to the cell
257 cytosol directly recruited caspase-11.

258 Altogether, these results indicate that both NLRC4 and Caspase11 directly detected
259 intracellular T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* flagellin and LPS from compromised phagosomes.

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261 **Pyroptosis-induced PITs is efficient only against T3SS-deficient *Pseudomonas*.**

262 As we previously showed that T3SS-expressing *P. aeruginosa* and *S. Typhimurium*
263 triggered differential PIT responses in macrophages, we evaluated whether pyroptosis-
264 induced PITs also promoted restriction of intracellular *P. aeruginosa*. Primary WT BMDMs
265 were infected with T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ for 3 h to induce PIT formation. Time-lapse microscopy
266 revealed that cells with compromised plasma membranes (e.g. positive for the DNA
267 impermeant binding probe TO-PRO-3) contained a high number of intracellular T3SS⁻ *P.*
268 *aeruginosa*, while few T3SS⁺ *P. aeruginosa* were associated with dead cells (**Movie 1** that

269 **refers to T3SS⁺ PAO1-infected cells, Movie 2 that refers to T3SS⁻PAO1-infected**
270 **cells**). In addition, confocal microscopy experiments showed that PITs (i.e. ASC⁺ cells)
271 were enriched specifically with T3SS⁻ bacteria (**Fig. 4A, B**). Based on these results, we
272 conclude that T3SS-expressing *P. aeruginosa* hijacked PIT-mediated intracellular bacterial
273 entrapment and weakening, a process reversed in the absence of T3SS expression.

274 The capability of PITs to entrap mostly T3SS-deficient bacteria suggested that
275 these structures might also have a direct or an indirect microbicidal function against these
276 strains, as suggested by *S. Typhimurium* infection (13, 15). We then infected primary WT
277 BMDMs with either T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* for 3h and monitored the microbicidal
278 potential of PITs. PITs-associated or –unbound bacteria were harvested and exposed to
279 purified neutrophils or PBS for 1h30. We quantified CFUs, which showed that PITs-
280 associated bacteria specifically were more susceptible to neutrophil killing than the PITs-
281 unbound fraction (**Fig. 4C**). Since phagocytosis of both T3SS⁺ and T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa*
282 was comparable in *Nlrc4* deficient BMDMs (**Fig. 4D**), we hypothesized that pyroptosis
283 induction in these cells would weaken both bacteria to the same extent. We infected *Nlrc4*
284 ^{-/-} BMDMs with both T3SS⁺ and T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* strains and subjected them to ATP
285 stimulation to ensure similar NLRP3 inflammasome-dependent pyroptosis induction in both
286 conditions. Intracellular bacteria were harvested, counted and exposed to a secondary
287 stress signal (i.e. H₂O₂). Both intracellular *P. aeruginosa* strains showed the same
288 increased susceptibility to H₂O₂ (**Fig. 4E**), thus demonstrating that PIT-driven intracellular
289 trapping was only efficient against T3SS-deficient *P. aeruginosa*. Finally, we performed a
290 peritoneal mouse model of infection (3x10⁶ CFUs, 4h) with GFP-expressing T3SS⁺ or
291 T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa*, and evaluated bacteria-containing dead macrophages efferocytosis
292 by neutrophils (13). Strikingly, recruited neutrophils (Ly6G⁺) having efferocytosed
293 bacteria-containing macrophages (Ly6G⁺/F4/80⁺/GFP⁺) was more efficient against T3SS-
294 *P. aeruginosa* than to T3SS⁺ bacteria (**Fig. 4E; Fig. S4A**). Overall, these results

295 demonstrated that *P. aeruginosa* used its T3SS to escape PIT-mediated capture and
296 sequestration. This process was reversed in absence of T3SS-expression or of *Nlrc4*.

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298 **Both NLRC4 and Caspase-11 specifically protect against acute infection with T3SS-
299 deficient *P. aeruginosa*.**

300 To evaluate the *in vivo* relevance of our findings, we infected WT and *Nlrc4*^{-/-} mice
301 with either T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa*. Because T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* is highly
302 susceptible to immune defenses (23), we infected mice with a higher dose of this strain.
303 When infected for 18h with T3SS⁺ *P. aeruginosa*, *Nlrc4*^{-/-} mice presented lowered
304 bacterial loads in the bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF) than their WT counterparts (**Fig.**
305 **5A**), consistent with a prior report (18). Remarkably, *Nlrc4*^{-/-} mice infected with the T3SS-
306 strain showed an increased BALF bacterial loads compared to WT controls after 18h of
307 infection (**Fig. 5A**). The use of T3SS⁺/*fliC* *P. aeruginosa* did not show any involvement of
308 NLRC4 on bacterial loads in BALFs, confirming that flagellin was the principal component
309 that mediates *in vivo* NLRC4 response to T3SS-deficient *P. aeruginosa* (**Fig. S5A**).

310 While strongly reduced, the residual IL-1 β levels found in BALFs of mice infected
311 with the T3SS-deficient *P. aeruginosa* strain remained partially dependent on the NLRC4
312 inflammasome (**Fig. 5B**), whereas infection with T3SS⁺/*fliC* bacteria showed no NLRC4-
313 dependent IL-1 β release (**Fig. S5B**). Since we previously showed that caspase-11 could
314 also detect intracellular *P. aeruginosa*, we speculated about the potential immune
315 importance of this pathway *in vivo*. Although *Casp11* deficient mice did not show
316 significant involvement of caspase-11 at controlling the T3SS⁺ strain, T3SS⁻ and T3SS-
317 /*fliC* bacterial infection induced a higher susceptibility in these mice than their WT
318 counterparts (**Figs. 5C, D; Figs. S5C, SD**). This result verified that both NLRC4 and
319 caspase-11 play paired protective roles only against T3SS-deficient *P. aeruginosa*.

320 After airway infection, *P. aeruginosa* will encounter alveolar macrophages as the
321 first phagocytic cells. So, we evaluated the importance of alveolar macrophages on

322 inflammasome-triggered differential host responses to *P. aeruginosa*. Mice infected with
323 T3SS⁺ and T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* showed that alveolar phagocyte depletion (**Fig. 5E**)
324 increased alveolar loads of T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* (**Fig. S5E**) and strongly impaired IL-1 β
325 release in the alveoli (**Fig. 5F**). These results demonstrated that alveolar macrophages
326 controlled inflammasome-mediated immune responses to *P. aeruginosa* in mice.

327 Overall, these results demonstrate that T3SS-expressing *P. aeruginosa* exploited
328 the NLRC4-dependent response to their own advantage, but T3SS deficiency uncovered
329 host protective NLRC4- and caspase-11 responses.

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331 **Discussion**

332 Although the NAIP-NLRC4 inflammasome primarily controls intracellularly adapted
333 bacteria *Salmonella* or *Legionella* spp, several studies indicate the critical function of the
334 T3SS-flagellin complex in mediating NLRC4-dependent host susceptibility to *P.*
335 *aeruginosa* infection is still discussed (17, 18, 24)(25). Regarding *P. aeruginosa* infection,
336 the deleterious functions of both IL-1 β and IL-18 on immune control of T3SS-expressing *P.*
337 *aeruginosa* infection is well documented (18, 26), yet the role of pyroptosis in this process
338 remains unclear.

339 Here, we provide evidence that NLRC4-dependent pyroptosis of macrophages drive
340 differential outcomes of T3SS-expressing *P. aeruginosa* and *S. Typhimurium*. Whereas *S.*
341 *Typhimurium* remains entrapped into PITs, as previously demonstrated (13, 16), *P.*
342 *aeruginosa*-induced extracellular activation of the NLRC4 inflammasome allows bacterial
343 escape from macrophage and pyroptosis-driven cell-autonomous immunity. To our
344 knowledge, such response is unique to *P. aeruginosa*, as other T3SS-expressing bacteria
345 also required uptake to activate the NLRC4 inflammasome. A recent study found that *P.*
346 *aeruginosa* T3SS triggered a Caspase-3/-7 deleterious host response in an ASC-
347 dependent manner (27). Therefore, it is tempting to speculate that a similar mechanism

348 underlying T3SS-expressing *P. aeruginosa*-induced cell apoptosis could also mediate
349 bacterial escape from host immune responses.

350 In addition, we uncovered that a T3SS-deficient strain of *P. aeruginosa* also
351 triggered residual, but of immune importance, NAIP5/NLRC4 inflammasome, in a T3SS-
352 independent manner, which is in agreement with findings of Faure et al., where lethal
353 challenge of T3SS-deficient *P. aeruginosa* still induce a NLRC4-dependent response in
354 mice. In addition, T3SS-expressing *P. aeruginosa* triggered inflammasome assembly
355 through a process that did not heavily utilize phagocytosis (28–30). We do not believe that
356 the presence of a genetically encoded phagosomal permeabilization system in *P.*
357 *aeruginosa* is likely, as only a minority (~6-10%) of bacteria were accessible to cytosolic
358 galectin-3. Another explanation could involve phagosome maturation-induced *P.*
359 *aeruginosa* local production of outer-membrane vesicles (OMVs), which could expose
360 bacterial ligands to host cell cytosol sensors (31–34). Conversely, *Nlrc4* deficiency or long-
361 term infection of macrophages promoted a switch in the NLRC4 response to a LPS-
362 induced caspase-11 non-canonical inflammasome path. Although previous results from
363 others and our group indicated that OMVs from *P. aeruginosa* induced non-canonical
364 inflammasome pathway in a phagocytosis-independent, yet endocytosis-dependent
365 manner, our results here demonstrated that T3SS-deficient *P. aeruginosa*-triggered
366 caspase-11 non-canonical inflammasome responses required bacterial uptake (31–34).
367 Future investigations will be critical to determine the specific roles of OMVs and
368 intracellular *P. aeruginosa* for nucleation of the non-canonical inflammasome route.
369 Immunodeficiency, burn-, nosocomial- and ventilator-associated injuries render patients
370 susceptible to chronic *P. aeruginosa* infection, in which most strains are deficient for T3SS
371 and/or flagellin expression (35, 36). A recent report suggested that T3SS- *P. aeruginosa*
372 promoted the non-canonical inflammasome pathway in an IFN- and GBP-dependent
373 manner (37). Consistent with these data, we also showed that caspase-11 protected mice
374 from acute infection with lethal doses of T3SS-deficient *P. aeruginosa*.

375 The *in vivo* function of NLRC4 to *P. aeruginosa* infection remains unresolved as it
376 can be either protective or deleterious to the host in mouse models (24, 38). Our mouse
377 model of acute infection revealed a deleterious role of NLRC4 on host defenses during
378 exposure to T3SS-expressing *P. aeruginosa* (17, 18). Importantly, we demonstrated that
379 *P. aeruginosa* T3SS deficiency induced both NLRC4- and caspase-11-driven host
380 protection during infection. Attree's group analyzed isolated naturally T3SS deficient
381 clinical isolates from patients (39). Some strains expressed flagellin and were motile (40).
382 These findings warrant investigating whether these bacteria also induce a NLRC4
383 dependent response.

384 Overall, our study uncovered that T3SS-expressing *P. aeruginosa* remained
385 extracellular by triggering cell pyroptosis, a process that enabled bacteria to overwhelm
386 macrophage PITs-induced host immunity. We further demonstrated that phagocytosis of
387 *P. aeruginosa* that lacked T3SS expression triggered host protective pyroptosis in a T3SS-
388 dependent manner through both NLRC4 and caspase-11 inflammasomes. In summary, we
389 propose that bacterial localization drives the effectiveness of the inflammasome response
390 during bacterial infection (**Graphical abstract**). Future studies will determine if this is a
391 conserved response among bacterial pathogens.

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400 **Methods**

401 All reagents and biological samples used in this study are listed in the **table S1**

402 **Mice**

403 *Casp11*^{-/-}, *Casp1*^{-/-}/*Casp11*^{-/-}, *Nlrc4*^{-/-}, *Nlrp3*^{-/-} and *Gsdmd*^{-/-} mice have been
404 previously described (41–43). Mice were bred in the animal facilities of the University of
405 Basel (Basel, Switzerland) or at the IPBS institute (Toulouse, France). Bones from *Naip5*^{-/-}
406 and *Naip*^{Δ1-6} mice were a kind gift from R. E Vance (UC Berkeley, USA) (43). Janvier and
407 Charles Rivers companies provided WT mice.

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409 **Animal infections**

410 6-8 age and sex-matched animals (8–10 weeks old) per group were infected
411 intranasally with 5x10⁶ (PAO1 T3SS⁺) or 1.5x10⁷ (PAO1 T3SS⁻ or T3SS⁻/fliC) CFUs of
412 mid-late exponential phase *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in 40μl PBS. Animals were
413 sacrificed 18h after infection and bronchoalveolar fluids (BALFs) were collected in PBS.
414 When specified, cellular contents (flow cytometry), bacterial loads (serial dilutions and
415 CFU plating) and cytokine levels (ELISA) were evaluated. No randomization or blinding
416 were done.

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418 **Clodronate-induced alveolar phagocyte depletion**

419 C57BL/6 mice received intranasal instillation of 40μL of either clodronate or PBS
420 loaded liposomes to deplete alveolar macrophages (18). 48 h later, mice were intranasally
421 infected with either 5x10⁶ (PAO1 T3SS⁺) or 1.5x10⁷ (PAO1 T3SS⁻) CFUs of mid-late
422 exponential phase *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (OD of 1.0-1.6) in 40μl PBS. 18 h after
423 infection, BALFs were collected and bacterial loads (serial dilutions and CFU plating),
424 cytokine levels (ELISA) and immune cell contents were evaluated. Briefly, cells were
425 pelleted (1000 rpm, 5 minutes) and alveolar macrophages were subsequently stained with

426 a cocktail of fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies detailed in the material section. Cells
427 were then fixed in 4% PFA before fluorescence associated cell sorting (FACS) analysis
428 using a LSRII instrument (BD Biosciences). Data analysis and processing were performed
429 using FlowJo.10 software. The plot FSC-A vs FSC-H was used to discriminate doublets
430 from single cells. Alveolar macrophages were defined as CD11c⁺/F480⁺ in Ly6C⁻/Ly6G⁻
431 /CD19⁻/TCR β ⁻ population.

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433 **Genetic invalidation of *Nlrc4* and *Caspase11* genes in *iCasp1^{-/-}/Casp11^{-/-}* and *iNlrc4^{-/-}* immortalized BMDMs**

435 *Nlrc4* was knocked-out using the crispr/cas9 system in *iCasp1^{-/-}/Casp11^{-/-}* macrophages
436 and *Casp11* was knocked-out from *iNlrc4^{-/-}* macrophages. Single guide RNAs (sgRNA)
437 specifically targeting *Nlrc4* exon3 (Forward: 5'CACCGTTACTGTGAGCCCTGGAGC3'
438 reverse: 5'AAACGCTCCAAGGGCTCACAGTAA-C3') and *Caspase-11* exon 2 forward
439 (5'CACCGCTTAAGGTGTTGGAACAGCT3') reverse
440 (5'AAACAGCTGTTCCAACACCTTAAGC3') were designed using Benchling tool
441 (Benchling.com), and oligonucleotides were synthesized by Sigma-Aldrich. The gene-
442 specific crispr guide RNA oligonucleotides were hybridized and cloned in Lenti-gRNA-
443 Puromycin vector using BsmBI restriction sites (lentiGuide-Puro, Addgene 52963, from
444 Feng Zhang lab). These constructs were transfected (using lipofectamine 2000) into
445 HEK293T cells together with the lentiviral packaging vector p8.91 (from Didier Trono lab,
446 EPFL, Switzerland) and a envelop VSVg-encoding vector (pMD.2G, Addgene 12259, from
447 Didier Trono lab) for 48 h. Then, viral supernatants were harvested, filtered on 0.45 μ m
448 filter. Cas9-expressing recipient-cells either *iCasp1^{-/-}/Casp11^{-/-}* or *iNlrc4^{-/-}* (1,000,000
449 cells/well in 6-well plates) were generated by lentiviral transduction with Cas9-expressing
450 lentiviral vector (lentiCas9-Blast, Addgene 52962, from Feng Zhang lab) and then infected
451 with the lenti-Guide viral particles in presence of 8 μ g/ml polybrene and centrifugated for 2
452 h at 2900 rpm at 32°C. 48 h later, medium was replaced and Puromycin selection

453 (10 μ g/mL) was applied to select positive clones for two weeks. Puromycin-resistant cells
454 were sorted at the single cell level by FACS (Aria cell sorter). Individual clones were
455 subjected to western blotting to confirm the absence of either *Nlrc4* or *Caspase-11* gene
456 products. To ensure clonal reproducibility, at least 2 positive clones were compared for
457 inflammasome response.

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459 **Cloning and cell transduction**

460 Galectin-3-morange construct was a kind gift from J. Enninga (Institut Pasteur,
461 Paris, France). Galectin-3-morange coding sequence was sub-cloned into the pMSCV2.2
462 plasmid by first excising EGFP at the EcoRI sites followed by insertion using NotI/Xhol
463 sites. Immortalized WT, *Nlrc4*^{-/-}, *Casp1*^{-/-}/*Casp11*^{-/-} or *Nlrc4*^{-/-}/*Casp11*^{-/-} BMDMs were
464 then transduced with retroviral particles, positive cells for morange fluorescence were
465 FACS to allow clonal selection.

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467 **Cell culture and infections.**

468 Bone-marrow derived macrophages (BMDMs) were differentiated in DMEM
469 (Invitrogen) with 10% v/v FCS (Thermo Fisher Scientific), 10% MCSF (L929 cell
470 supernatant), 10 mM HEPES (Invitrogen), and nonessential amino acids (Invitrogen).
471 BMDMs were seeded in 6-, 24-, or 96-well-plates at a density of 1.25 \times 10⁶, 2.5 \times 10⁵, or
472 5 \times 10⁴ per well. When required BMDMs were pre-stimulated overnight with 100ng/mL of
473 PAM3CSK4 (InvivoGen). For infections with *Pseudomonas* strains, bacteria were grown
474 overnight in Luria Broth (LB) at 37 °C with aeration. Bacterial cultures were diluted 1/50
475 and grew until mid-late exponential phase (OD of 1.0-1.6) and added to the macrophages
476 at multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 25, 50 and 100, in serum and antibiotic-free medium
477 (OPTIMEM), or as otherwise indicated. Then, to ensure homogenous infections, plates
478 were centrifuged for 1 minute, 800 rpm. 1 h after infection, extracellular bacteria were
479 killed by adding gentamicin (100 μ g/ml, Invitrogen). When specified, paraformaldehyde

480 (PFA)-killed (PFA 4%, 20 minutes) or heat-killed (95°C, 15 minutes) of *P. aeruginosa*
481 strains were used to infect BMDMs at MOI of 50. When required, *Shigella flexneri* (M90T),
482 *Chromobacter violaceum* or various *Salmonella* strains (SL1344) were grown in LB in the
483 presence or absence of antibiotics (specified in the resource table) at 37°C with constant
484 agitation overnight. To ensure proper T3SS and flagellin expression, bacteria were sub-
485 cultured the next day in LB media for 3 h until reaching an OD of 0,6-1.

486 When required, Flagellin was electroporated with Neon™ Transfection System
487 (ThermoFischer) according manufacturer's protocol. Briefly, 5 x 10⁵ cells were
488 resuspended in Buffer R and 0.5 ug/ml Flagellin was electroporated in 10 µl tips using 2
489 pulses of 1720V and 10 width. Cells were then plated in 24 well-plates.

490 Transfection of cells with Fagellin (Invivogen, 0, 5µg/mL/2,5x10⁵ cells) or LPS (O111:B4,
491 E. coli, 1µg/2,5x10⁵ cells Invivogen) was achieved using FuGeneHD (Promega)
492 transfection reagent in Opti-MEM culture medium (44).

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494 **Bone marrow Neutrophil isolation**

495 Neutrophils were isolated from bone-marrow cells of WT mice by positive selection using
496 Anti-Ly6G MicroBeads UltraPure isolation kit (Miltenyi-Biotec, Anti-Ly6G MicroBeads
497 UltraPure mouse) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Characterization of the
498 purified population by Fluorescence Associated Cell Sorting showed an enrichment of
499 more than 98% of Ly6G^{high} cells.

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501 **Cytokine and pyroptosis measurement**

502 IL-1β (eBioscience) was measured by ELISA. Cell-death was assayed using LDH
503 Cytotoxicity Detection Kit (Takara). To normalize for spontaneous lysis, the percentage of
504 LDH release was calculated as follows: (LDH infected – LDH uninfected)/(LDH total lysis –
505 LDH uninfected)*100.

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507 **Western blotting**

508 Cell and supernatant protein lysates were prepared as previously described. Antibodies
509 used were mouse anti-mouse caspase-1 antibody (Casper, Addipogen), goat anti-mouse
510 IL-1 β antibody (AF-401-NA; R&D Systems), anti- β -actin antibody (A1978; Sigma), anti-
511 GAPDH (GTX100118; GeneTex), anti gasdermin-D (Abcam, ab209845), anti-caspase-11
512 (Novus, NB120-10454), anti-NLRC4 (Abcam, ab201792) and anti-NLRP3 (AdipoGen, AG-
513 20B-0014). After incubation with primary antibody the membrane was washed 3 times with
514 TTBS, and then Immunoreactive bands were detected by incubation for 2 h with the
515 appropriate secondary antibodies conjugated with horseradish peroxidase (Diagomics).
516 Proteins of interest were visualized using ECL substrate (Biorad) and images were
517 acquired using ChemiDoc Imaging System (Biorad). Working dilutions of the antibodies
518 are listed in **table 1**.

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520 **Intracellular CFU experiments**

521 2.5×10^5 BMDMs were infected with various PAO1 strains at indicated MOIs for
522 various times. For CFU assays after 24 hours stimulation, gentamicin protection assay
523 was performed using gentamicin at 50 μ g/mL after 2 hours infections of macrophages.
524 Supernatants were removed, and cells washed 5 times with PBS. Cells were then lysed in
525 triton x-100 (Sigma), 0.1% and plated at 37°C overnight for CFUs numeration on LB-agar.

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527 **Microscopy**

528 2.5×10^5 BMDMs were seeded on glass coverslips and infected as described above.
529 When desired, wells were washed three times with PBS and fixed with 4% PFA for 10
530 minutes at 37°C. Excess of PFA was removed by PBS washes and quenching using 0,1M
531 Glycine for 10 min at room temperature. Permeabilization and primary antibody staining
532 were performed O/N at 4°C using Saponin 0.1%/BSA 3% solution. Stainings were
533 performed using Hoescht (DNA labeling), rabbit anti-ASC (SCBT, 1/500), chicken anti-

534 *P.aeruginosa* LPS (1/500, Agrisera) or anti-CD45-2-APC (1/250, Biolegends). Coverslips
535 were washed with Saponin/BSA solution and incubated with the appropriate secondary
536 antibodies (1/500, Diagomics). Cells were then washed 3 times with PBS and mounted on
537 glass slides using Vectashield (Vectalabs). Coverslips were imaged using confocal Zeiss
538 LSM 710 (Image Core facility, Biozentrum, Basel and CPTP, Toulouse) or an
539 Olympus/Andor CSU-X1 Spinning disk microscope (Image core Facility, IPBS, Toulouse)
540 using a 63x objective. Unless specified, for each experiment, 5-10 fields (~50-250 cells)
541 were manually counted using Image J software.

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543 **Time-lapse microscopy**

544 5×10^5 iBMDMs Gal3-morange expressing cells were seeded in a 35 mm microdish
545 (Ibidi). 1 hour before infection, cells were pre-stained with 0.1 μ M CSFE (Biolegend) and
546 infected with T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* with a MOI of 25 or 50. 1 μ M of membrane
547 impermeant fluorescent DNA binding probe TO-PRO[®]-3 (ThermoFisher) was also added
548 to the culture medium. Live cell imaging was performed using an Olympus/Andor CSU-X1
549 spinning disk microscope with a picture frequency of 5 minutes for 3-4 hours and videos
550 were reconstructed using Image J software.

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552 **PIT experiments**

553 We have set up a modified form of a published protocol (13). Unless otherwise
554 specified, WT BMDMs were infected using an MOI of 50 PAO1 T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ for 3 h.
555 Intracellular bacteria-associated to PITs were visualized and manually quantified by
556 microscopy (Olympus/Andor CSU-X1 spinning disk or inverted confocal microscope Zeiss
557 LSM 710, ~50 cells counted, 5-10 fields). For bacterial colony forming units snumber
558 enumeration, cells were lysed in Triton X-100, 0.1% and plated on Luria Broth agar.

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561 **Bacterial response to a secondary stress signal**

562 A modified version of published protocol was used (13). WT BMDMs were infected
563 for 2 h with PAO1 T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ using MOI of 50. Then, both extracellular and PIT-
564 associated bacteria were harvested. As intracellular bacteria recovery required cell lysis
565 with TritonX-100 0.1%, extracellular bacteria were also incubated with TritonX-100 0.1%
566 for 2 minutes. When specified, bacteria from cells and supernatants were added to 1mL
567 LB supplemented with 50µM Hydrogen Peroxide (H₂O₂) or PBS for 45 minutes, at 37°C
568 and then plated on LB agar plates.

569 For neutrophil killing assays, WT BMDMs (2.5x10⁵ cells) were infected for 2 h with
570 PAO1 T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ using MOI of 50. Both supernatant- and bacteria-containing PITs
571 were exposed to neutrophils (1x10⁶ cells) for 1.5 h. Then, cells were treated with Triton X-
572 100 0.1% for 2 minutes, and CFU counts were enumerated on LB agar plates.

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574 **ImageStreamX experiments**

575 WT mice (n=3 for each bacterial strain) were infected intraperitoneally with 3x10⁶ CFUs in
576 PBS (100µL/mouse) of either T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ GFP-expressing bacteria. 4 hours later,
577 peritoneal lavages were collected in 2.5mL of PBS. Neutrophils were stained prior to
578 fixation with anti-Ly6G (APC-Vio770, Miltenyi-Biotec Clone: REA526 | Dilution: 1:50).
579 Then, cells were fixed and permeabilized with BD Fixation/Permeabilisation Kit according
580 to the manufacturer's instructions, and macrophages were labeled with anti-F4/80 (BV421)
581 (Biolegend Clone: BM8 | Dilution: 1:100). Data were acquired on ImageStreamX^{MKII}
582 (Amnis) device (CPTP Imaging and Cytometry core facility) and analyzed using IDEAS
583 software v2.6 (Amnis). The gating strategy used to evaluate efferocytosis of bacteria-
584 containing macrophages by Neutrophils was performed as follows: (i) gate was set on cells
585 in focus and (ii) sub-gated on single cells. Then, we gated both on (iii) Ly6G⁺ Neutrophils
586 and on (iv) F4/80⁺ macrophages within Ly6G⁺ population. (v) To distinguish efferocytosis
587 of intact from fragmented macrophages, we created a mask based on the Surface Area of

588 F4/80+ signal. This was applied to Ly6G+/F4/80+ gate. (vi) The percentage of GFP+
589 bacteria within the Ly6G+/F4/80+ population was visualized and quantified.

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591 **Bacterial KO generation and complementation**

592 The knockout vector pEXG2 was constructed and used based on the protocol
593 described by Rietsch et al. (45) with the following modifications. Briefly, 700-bp sequences
594 of the flanking regions of the selected gene were amplified by PCR with Q5 high fidelity
595 polymerase (New England Biolabs). Then, the flanking regions were gel purified and
596 inserted into pEXG2 plasmid by Gibson assembly (46). The assembled plasmid was
597 directly transformed into competent SM10λpir using Mix&Go competent cells (Zymo
598 Research Corporation) and plated on selective LB plates containing 50 µg/mL kanamycin
599 and 15 µg/mL gentamicin. The resulting clones were sequenced, and mating was allowed
600 for 4 h with PAO1 strain at 37°C. The mated strains were selected for single cross over on
601 plates containing 15 µg/mL gentamicin and 20 µg/mL Irgasan (removal of *E.coli* SM10
602 strains). The next day, some clones were grown in LB for 4 hours and streaked on 5%
603 sucrose LB plates overnight at 30°C. *P. aeruginosa* clones were then checked by PCR for
604 mutations. For flagellin complementation experiments, JBOC plasmid (homemade) was
605 used to re-express flagellin gene (*fliC*) under its endogenous promoter in *fliC* deficient
606 PAO1 strains. Briefly, PAO1 *fliC* and its promoter were PCR-amplified, purified and
607 integrated in JBOC plasmid. SM10 *E.coli* were transformed with *fliC* plasmid and allowed
608 to conjugate with PAO1 mutant strains as described above. Positive PAO1 strains were
609 selected on Gentamicin-Irgasan plates and checked by subsequent PCRs. All primers
610 were designed with Snapgene software (GSL Biotech LLC).

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612 **Statistical analysis**

613 Statistical data analysis was performed using Prism 5.0a (GraphPad Software,
614 Inc.). For comparison of two groups (cell death, cytokine secretion, CFU and microscopy-

615 based counts), we used two-tailed t-test. Bonferroni correction was applied for multiple
616 comparisons to two-way ANOVA statistical analysis. Data are reported as mean with
617 standard deviation (s.d). For animal experiments Mann-Whitney tests were performed. P
618 values are given in figures, NS means non-significant, unless otherwise specified.
619 Significance is specified as *, ** or *** for P-values <0.05, <0.01 or <0.001 respectively.

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621 **Data and software**

622 Fiji and Image J software was used for time-lapse and microscopy images
623 processing and analysis. Snapgene software (GSL Biotech LLC) was used to design all
624 primers. Cytometry data analysis and processing were performed using FlowJo.10
625 software. ImageStreamX data were analyzed using IDEAS software v2.6 (Amnis).
626 Benchling online software was used to design Crispr guides.

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628 **Ethics Statement**

629 All animal experiments were approved (License 2535, Kantonales Veterinäramt Basel-
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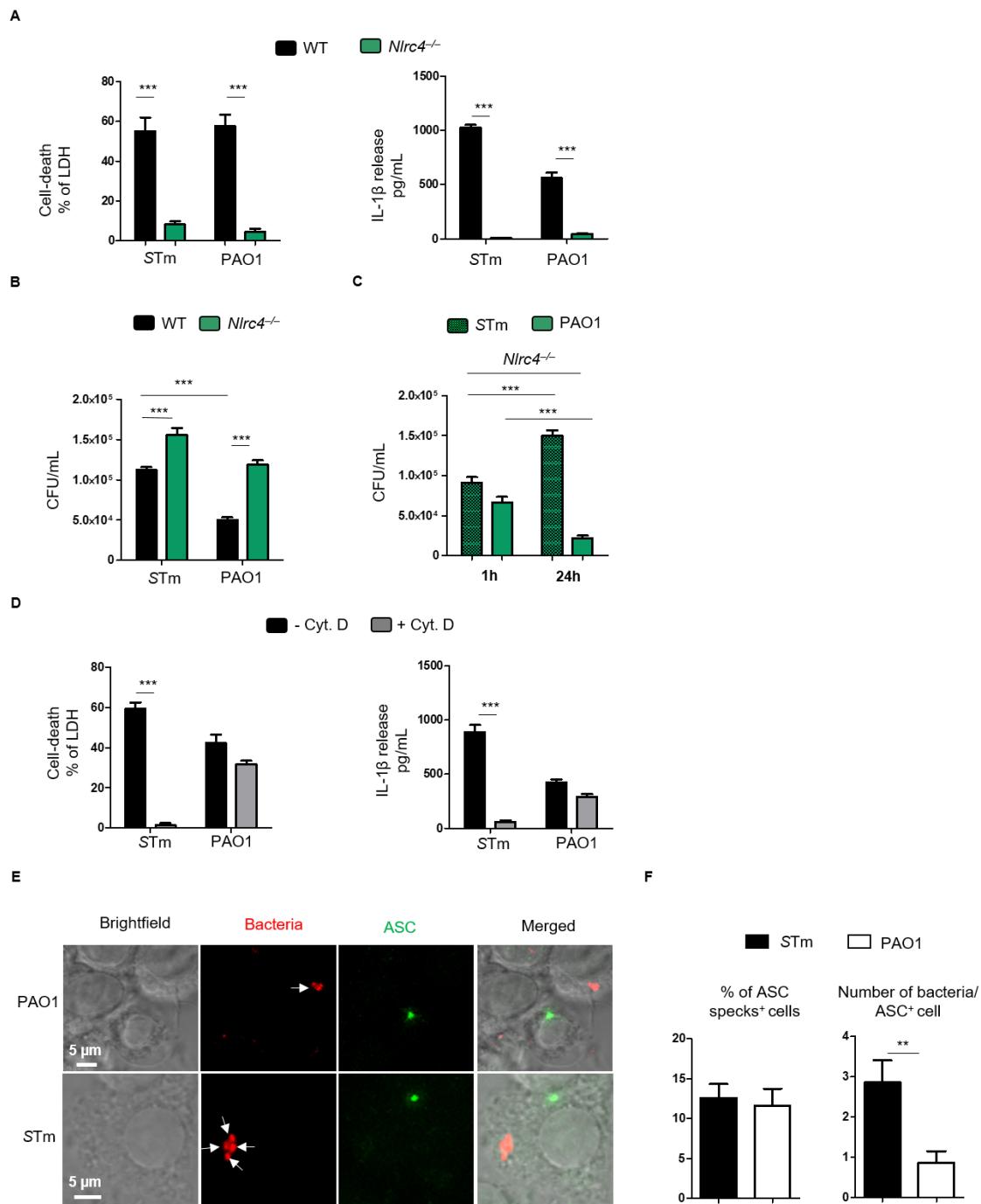
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829 **Figures & legends**

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832 **Fig. 1: Efficient pyroptosis-induced PIT response in macrophages depends on**
833 **bacterial localization.**

834 BMDMs were primed with 100 ng/mL of the TLR2 ligand Pam₃CSK₄ for 16 h to induce pro-
835 IL-1 β expression and then infected with *S. Typhimurium* and *P. aeruginosa* for various
836 times.

837 (A) Measurement of LDH and IL-1 β release in WT and *Nlrc4*^{-/-} BMDMs infected for 3 h
838 with PAO1 and *S. Typhimurium* at an MOI of 15.

839 (B) Phagocytosis scoring of WT or *Nlrc4*^{-/-} BMDMs infected for 1 hour with PAO1 and *S.*
840 *Typhimurium* at an MOI of 15.

841 (C) CFU evaluation of *Nlrc4*^{-/-} BMDMs infected for various time (1-24h) with PAO1 and *S.*
842 *Typhimurium* at an MOI of 15.

843 (D) Cell death (LDH) and IL-1 β release evaluation in WT BMDMs, pre-incubated or not
844 with cytochalasin D (0.2 μ g/mL) for 30 minutes, and then infected with either *P. aeruginosa*,
845 *S. Typhimurium* (MOI 15).

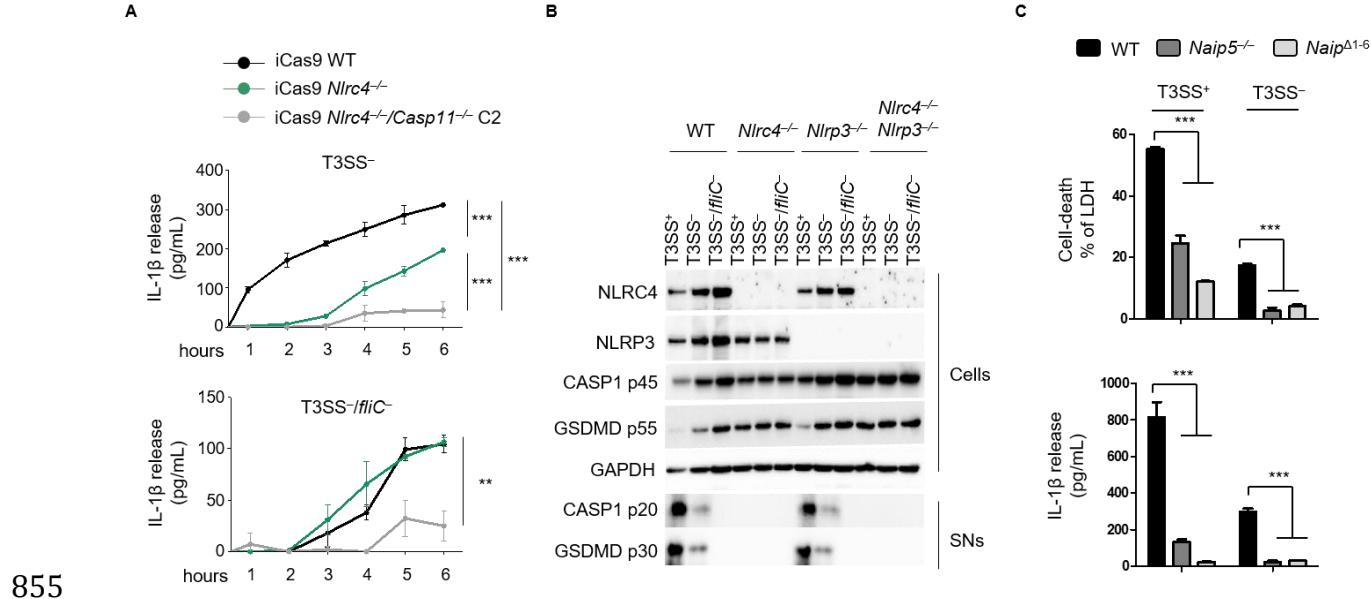
846 (E, F) Microscopy illustrations and quantifications of PIT (ASC $^{+}$ cells)-associated *P.*
847 *aeruginosa* and *S. Typhimurium* in WT BMDMs infected for 1H with an MOI 3.

848 Graphs show mean and s.d of quadruplicate wells (A and D) from three independent
849 experiments pooled together. CFUs scoring are representative of one experiment
850 performed 5 times.

851 Regarding microscopy quantification (E, F), 10 fields containing approximately 200 cells
852 were quantified using the Image J software.

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856 Fig. 2: T3SS-⁺ *P. aeruginosa* activate both NLRC4 and Caspase11 inflammasomes.

857 PAM3CSK4-primed (100 ng/mL) BMDMs were infected for various times with bacterial
858 strains PAO1 T3SS⁺, T3SS⁻ or T3SS⁻/fliC at an MOI of 25, unless otherwise stated.

859 **(A)** Kinetics of IL-1 β released by immortalized WT, *Nlrc4*^{-/-} or *Nlrc4*^{-/-}/*Casp11*^{-/-} BMDMs
860 infected with PAO1 T3SS⁻ or T3SS⁻/*fliC*.

861 **(B)** Western blot examination of processed caspase-1 (p20) and gasdermin-D (p30) in
862 supernatants and pro-caspase-1 (p45), pro-gasdermin-D (p55), NLRP3, NLRC4 and
863 GAPDH in cell lysates of WT, *Nlrc4*^{-/-}, *Nlrp3*^{-/-} and *Nlrc4*^{-/-}/*Nlrp3*^{-/-} BMDMs infected for 3
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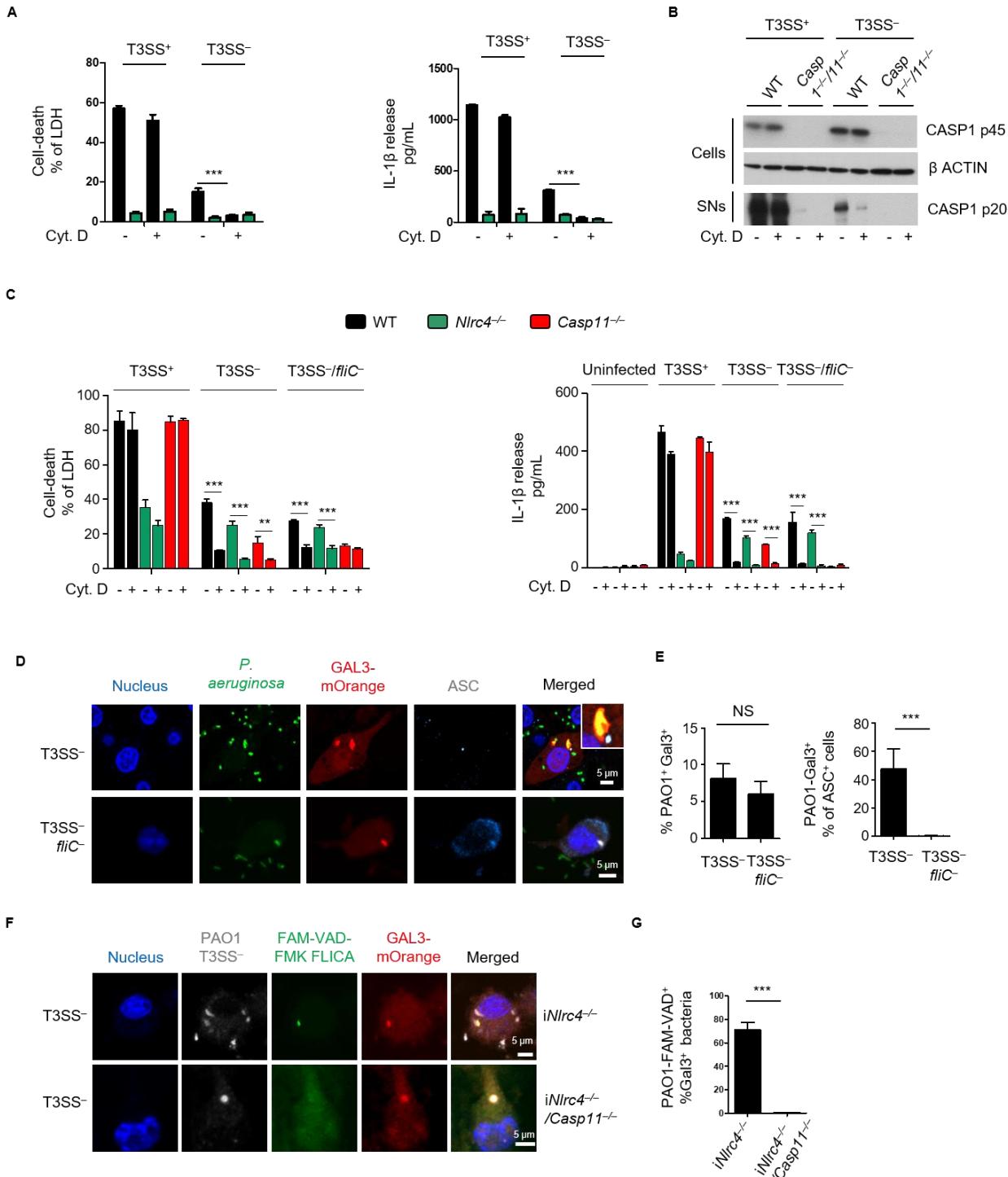
865 **(C)** Measurement of LDH and IL-1 β release from WT, *Naip5*^{-/-} or *Naip*^{Δ1-6} BMDMs infected
866 for 3 h with PAO1 T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻.

867 Graphs show mean and s.d of quadruplicate wells (**A, C**) pooled from three independent
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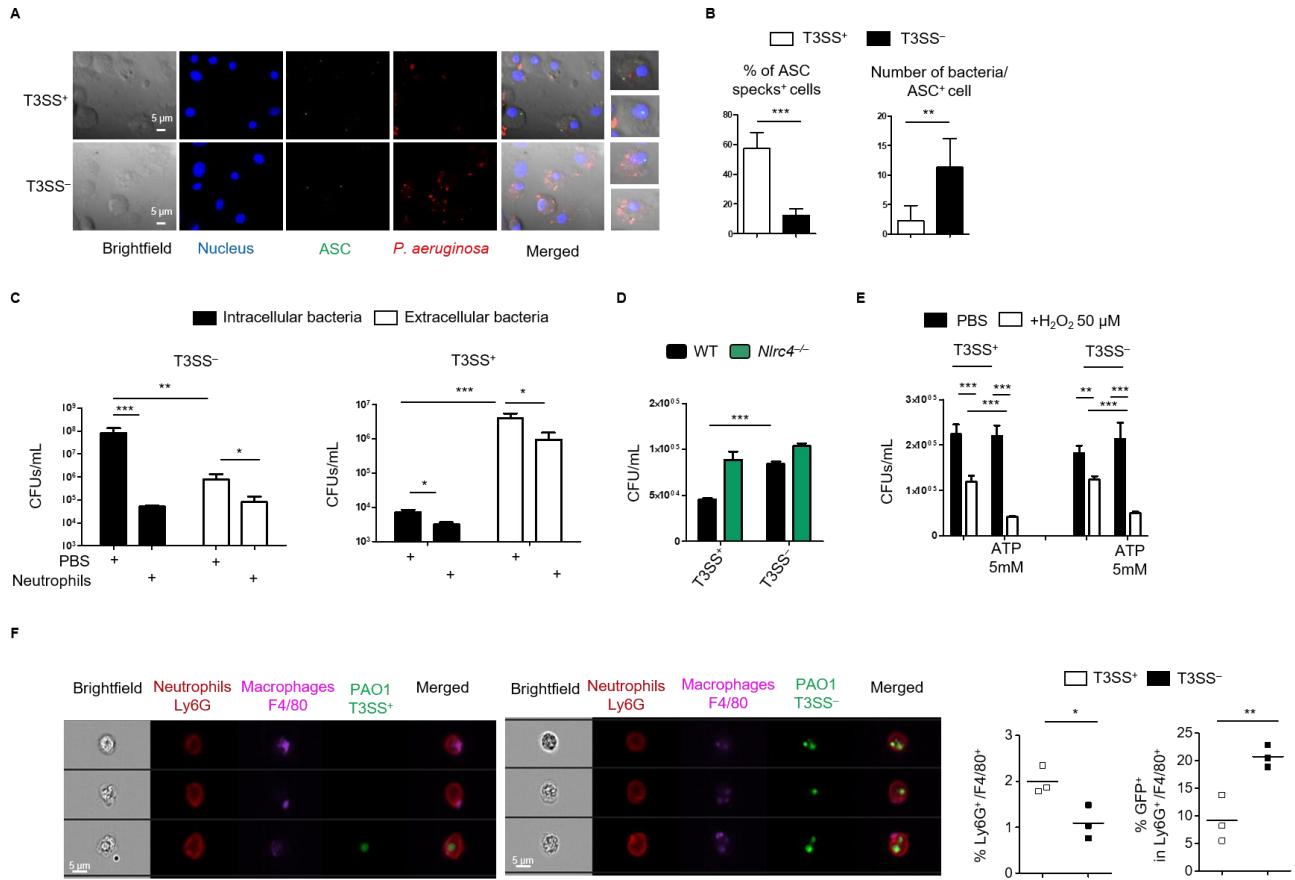


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875 **Fig. 3: T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* associate to damaged phagosomes to promote**
 876 **inflammasome response.**

877 PAM3CSK4-primed BMDMs were infected with various *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* strains
 878 at an MOI of 25, unless specified.

879 **(A)** LDH and IL-1 β released by WT and *Nlrc4* $^{-/-}$ BMDMs, pre-incubated or not with
880 cytochalasin D (0.2 μ g/mL) for 30 minutes, and then infected for 3 h with PAO1 T3SS $^{+}$ or
881 T3SS $^{-}$.
882 **(B)** Western blot analysis of cleaved CASP1 (p20) in cell supernatants and of pro-CASP1
883 and β -actin in cell extracts of WT and *Casp1* $^{-/-}/11^{-/-}$ BMDMs infected for 3 h with T3SS $^{+}$ or
884 T3SS $^{-}$ PAO1.
885 **(C)** LDH and IL-1 β release in WT, *Nlrc4* $^{-/-}$ or *Casp1* $11^{-/-}$ BMDMs, pre-incubated or not with
886 cytochalasin D (0.2 μ g/mL) for 30 minutes, and then infected for 10 h with PAO1 T3SS $^{+}$,
887 **(D, E)** Fluorescence microscopy observations and quantifications of galectin-3 targeted
888 PAO1 T3SS $^{-}$ or T3SS/*fliC* (MOI 25, 3 hours infection) in *Casp-1* $^{-/-}/11^{-/-}$ immortalized
889 BMDMs transduced with galectin-3-morange.
890 **(F, G)** Observations and quantifications of FAM-VAD-FMK FLICA probe recruitment on
891 GAL-3-mOrange $^{+}$ *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (T3SS $^{-}$) in IFNy-primed immortalized (i)
892 *iNlrc4* $^{-/-}$ /GAL3-morange and *iNlrc4* $^{-/-}/Casp11^{-/-}$ /GAL3-mOrange BMDMs 3 h after
893 infection. Caspase-11 is in green, galectin-3 in red, bacteria in grey and nuclei in blue.
894 Graphs show mean and s.d. **(A, C)** represent pooled data from at least three independent
895 experiments performed in quadruplicate. **(B)** is representative of one experiment performed
896 in duplicate. **(D, F)** Microscopy quantification of 10 fields containing approximately 200
897 cells performed using the Image J software.
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900 **Fig. 4: Pyroptosis-induced *P. aeruginosa* entrapment and elimination is mostly**
 901 **efficient against T3SS-deficient bacteria.**

902 Unprimed BMDMs were infected with various *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* strains at an MOI
 903 of 25, unless otherwise specified.

904 **(A,B)** Microscopy illustrations and quantifications of PIT (ASC⁺ cells)-associated *P.*
 905 *aeruginosa* T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ in WT BMDMs infected for 3h.

906 **(C)** Bacterial weakness induced by pyroptosis evaluated by LB agar plating of intracellular
 907 and extracellular PAO1 T3SS⁺ and T3SS⁻ from WT infected BMDMs after PBS or
 908 neutrophil exposure (1 h 30).

909 **(D)** CFU scoring of WT or *Nlrc4*^{-/-} BMDMs infected for 1 hour with PAO1 T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻
 910 at an MOI of 25.

911 **(E)** Bacterial weakness induced by pyroptosis (ATP, 5 mM, 2 h) evaluated by LB agar
 912 plating of intracellular *P. aeruginosa* T3SS⁺ and T3SS⁻ (MOI 25, 1h) from *Nlrc4*^{-/-} infected
 913 BMDMs after PBS or H₂O₂ exposure (50 μM).

914 **(F)** ImagestreamX quantification of the % of (i) Neutrophils (Ly6G⁺)/macrophage (F4/80⁺)
915 and, (ii) Neutrophils (Ly6G⁺)/macrophages (F4/80⁺)/bacteria (GFP⁺) in the peritoneal cavity
916 of WT mice infected for 4 h with 3.10^6 CFUs of T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa*. Single dots
917 are representative of each individual mouse infected with either strain of *P. aeruginosa*.
918 Images represent the acquisition of more than 100 000 total events. Upper image panel
919 and lower image panel show representatives images from the Neutrophils
920 (Ly6G⁺)/macrophages (F4/80⁺) gate obtained from mice infected with T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ *P.*
921 *aeruginosa* respectively. Here, three independent experiments were conducted.
922 All data **(A-F)** are expressed as mean and s.d. Data are representative of three
923 independent experiments.

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925 **Movie 1** shows T3SS⁺ PAO1 mcherry entrapment into dead cells and refers to **Fig. 4**.
926 **Movie 2** shows T3SS⁻ PAO1 mcherry entrapment into dead cells and refers to **Fig. 4**.

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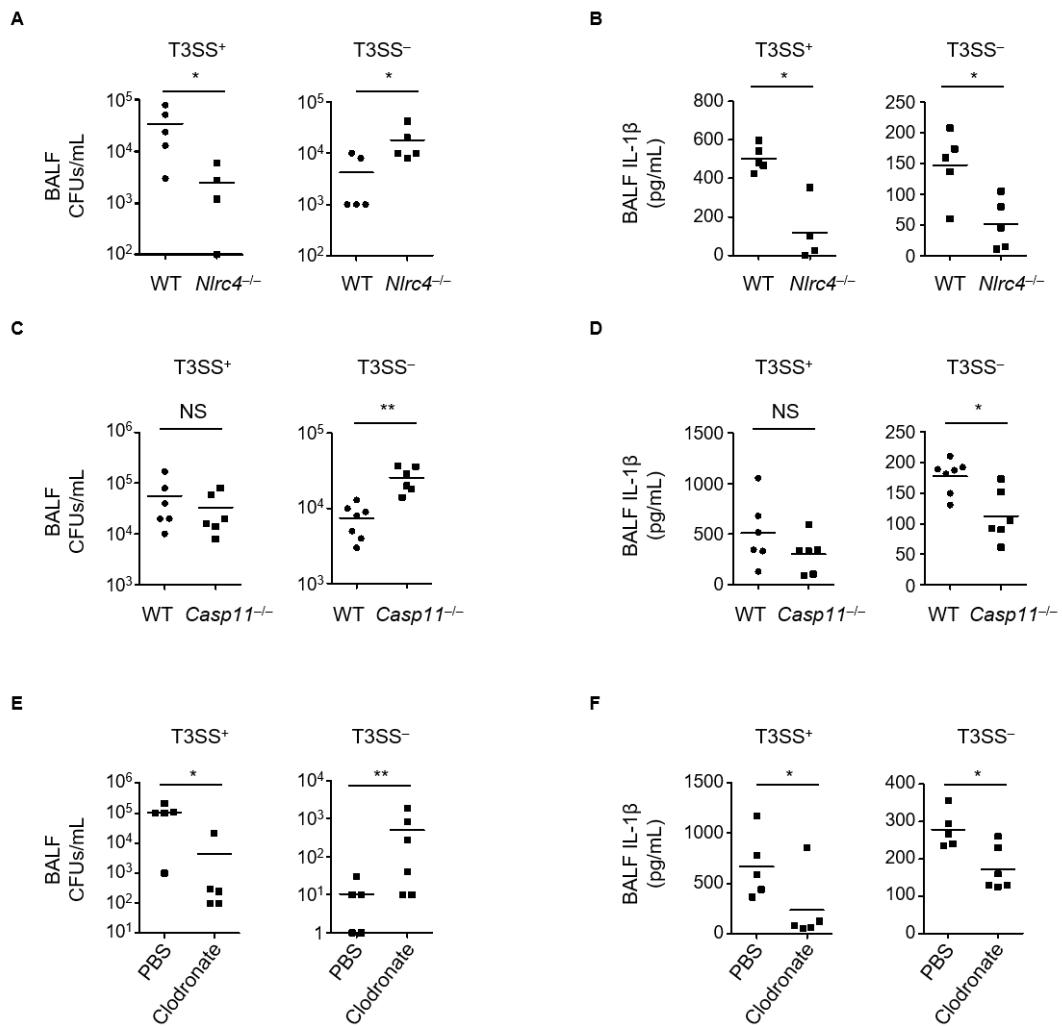
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935 **Fig. 5: Both NLRC4 and Caspase-11 only protect against acute infection with T3SS-
936 deficient *P. aeruginosa*.**

937 **(A, C)** BALF PAO1 CFU scoring after 18 h of WT, *Nlrc4*^{-/-} **(A)** or *Casp11*^{-/-} **(C)** mice
938 infected with either T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa* strains at 5×10^6 (T3SS⁺) and 1.5×10^7
939 (T3SS⁻) CFUs respectively.

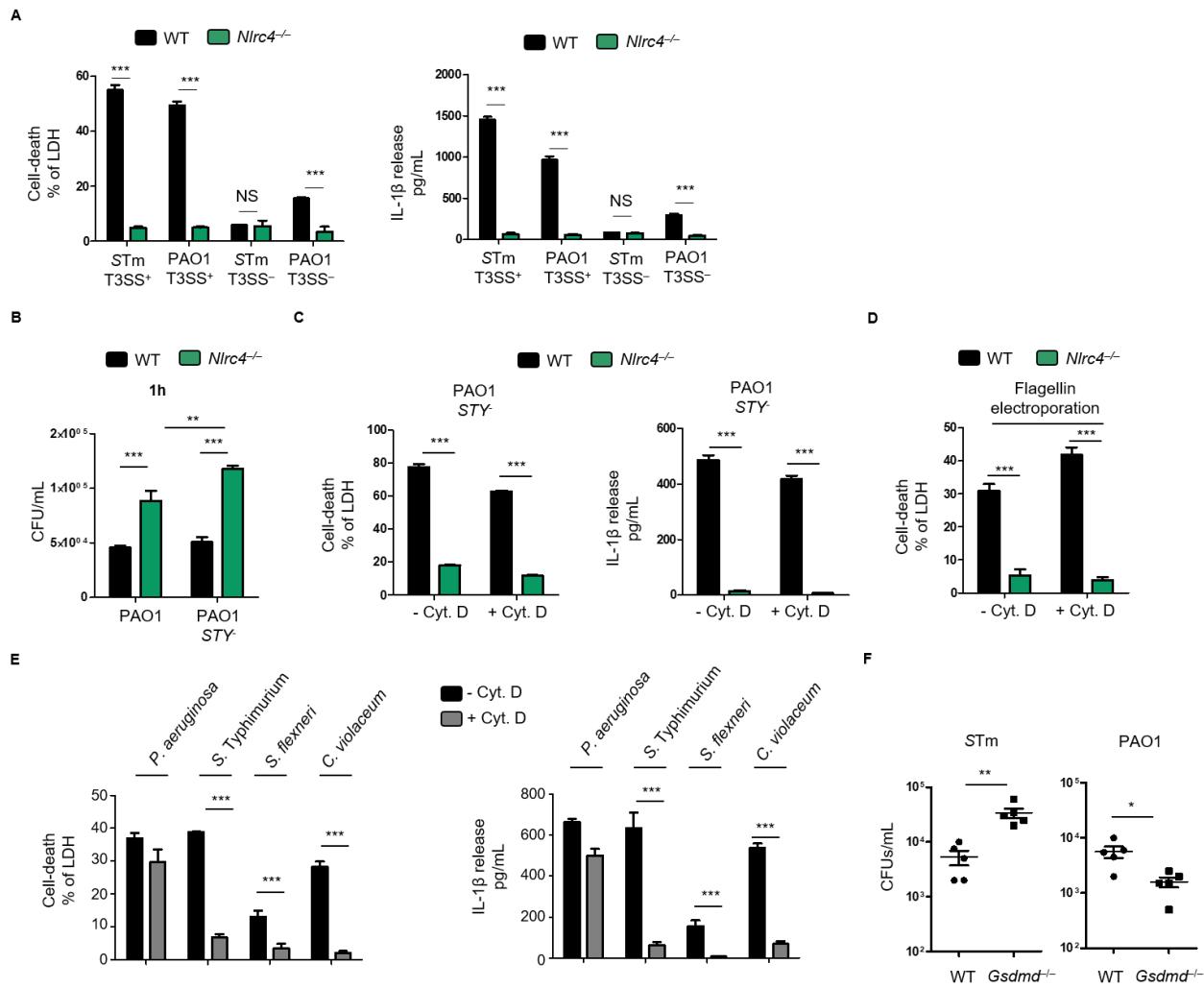
940 **(B, D)** BALF IL-1 β release assay in mice infected as described in **(A, C)**.

941 **(E, F)** Role of alveolar macrophages on the immune response to PAO1. **(E)** PAO1 CFUs
942 scoring in BALFs after 18 h of infection with either the T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ *P. aeruginosa*
943 strains in control or clodronate treated mice as in **(A, C)**. **(F)** IL-1 β release in BALFs of
944 control or clodronate treated mice infected with either the PAO1 T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ strains as
945 in **(B, D)**.

946 All data are representative results of 2 **(C-F)** and 3 **(A, B)** independent experiments.

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Supplementary information



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949 **Figure S1: *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* T3SS promotes phagocytosis-independent** 950 **activation of the NLRC4 inflammasome.**

951 BMDMs were primed with 100 ng/mL of the TLR2 ligand Pam₃CSK₄ for 16 h to induce pro-
952 IL-1 β expression and then infected for 3 hours (h) with various bacteria (MOI 15) or
953 inflammasome inducers.

954 **(A)** Measurement of cell death (LDH release) from WT and Nlrc4^{-/-} BMDMs after 3 h of
955 infection with either T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ PAO1 or STm.

956 **(B)** CFU scoring in WT and Nlrc4^{-/-} BMDMs infected for 1h with either PAO1 or STY-
957 deficient *P. aeruginosa*.

958 (C) LDH and IL-1 β release quantifications of WT and *Nlrc4*^{-/-} BMDMs infected for 3 h with
959 either PAO1 or STY-deficient *P. aeruginosa* in presence or not of Cytochalasin D (0,2
960 μ g/mL).

961 (D) LDH release quantifications of WT and *Nlrc4*^{-/-} BMDMs, pretreated or not with
962 Cytochalasin D (0,2 μ g/mL), electropororated (NeonTM Transfection System) with 0.5
963 ug/ml and then plated for 1 h.

964 (E) LDH and IL-1 β released by WT BMDMs, pre-incubated or not with cytochalasin D
965 (0.2 μ g/mL) for 30 minutes, and then infected with either *P. aeruginosa*, *S. Typhimurium*, *S.*
966 *flexneri* or *C. violaceum*.

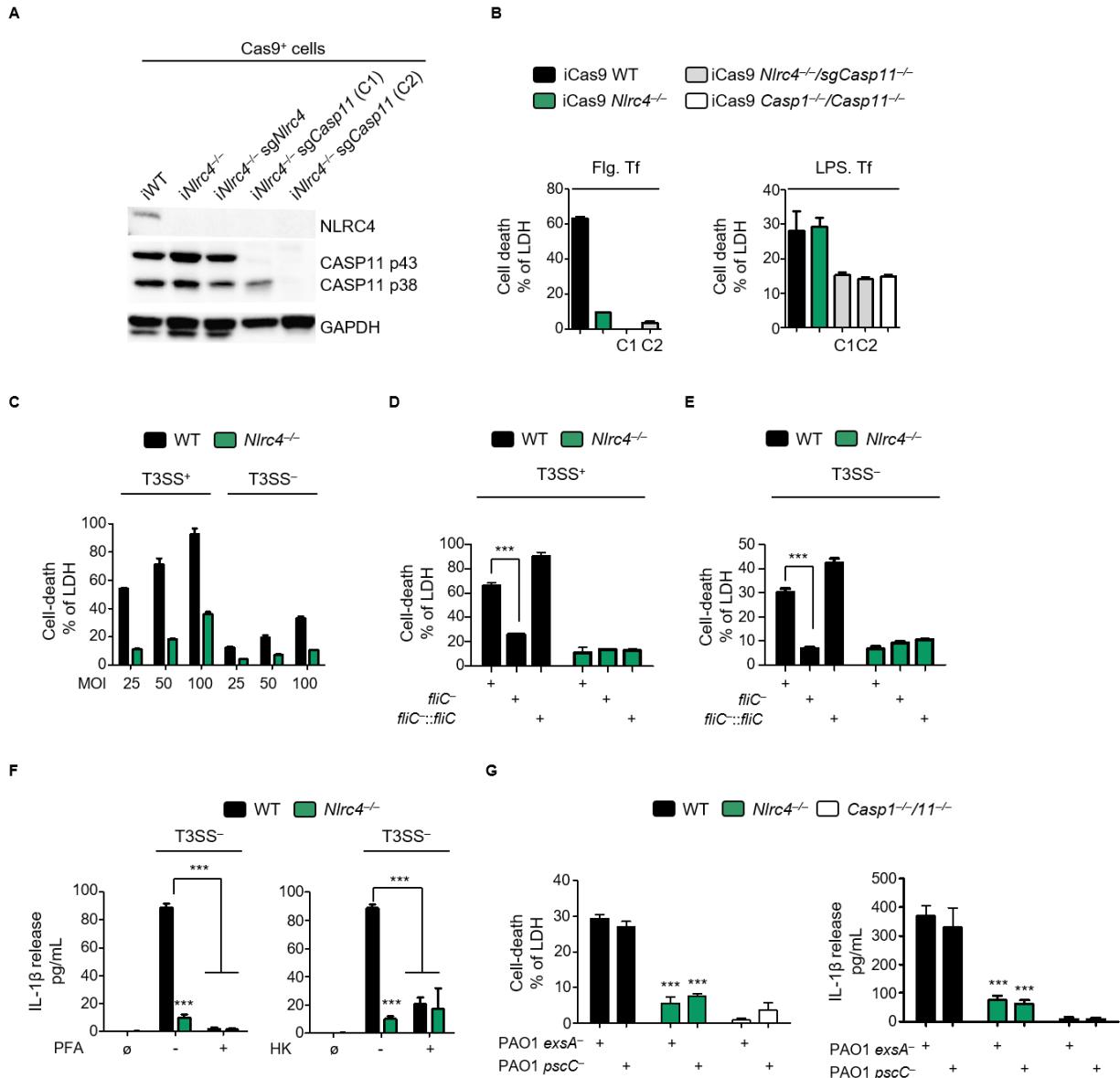
967 (F) CFU scoring in the peritoneal cavity of WT and *GsdmD*^{-/-} mice infected for 6 h with
968 3.10⁶ CFUs of *P. aeruginosa* and *S. Typhimurium*.

969 All graphs (A-E) show mean and s.d of quadruplicate wells from three pooled experiments.

970 (F) represents one experiment from three independent experiments.

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974 **Figure S2: *P. aeruginosa* triggers T3SS-independent activation of both NLRC4 and**

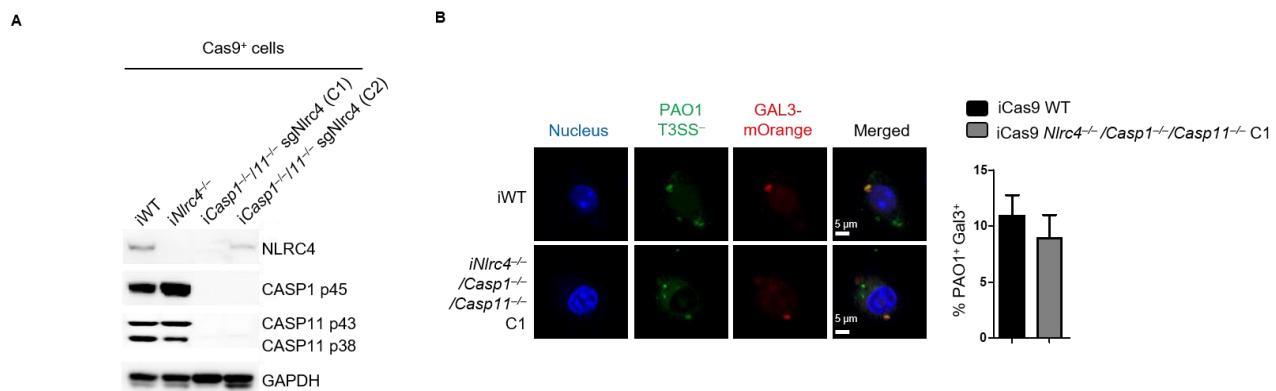
975 Caspase11 inflammasomes.

976 **(A, B)** Biochemical **(A)** and functional **(B)** characterization of two iCas9*Nlrc4*^{-/-}/sgCasp11^{-/-} CRISPR KO clones. **(B)**, LDH release measurement of CRISPR clones (A) transfected with either 0,5 μ g/mL of Flagellin (2 hours) or 5 μ g/mL of LPS (10 hours).

977 **(C)** Cell death evaluation (LDH) in WT and *Nlrc4*^{-/-} BMDMs infected with various MOIs of PAO1 T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ for 3 h.

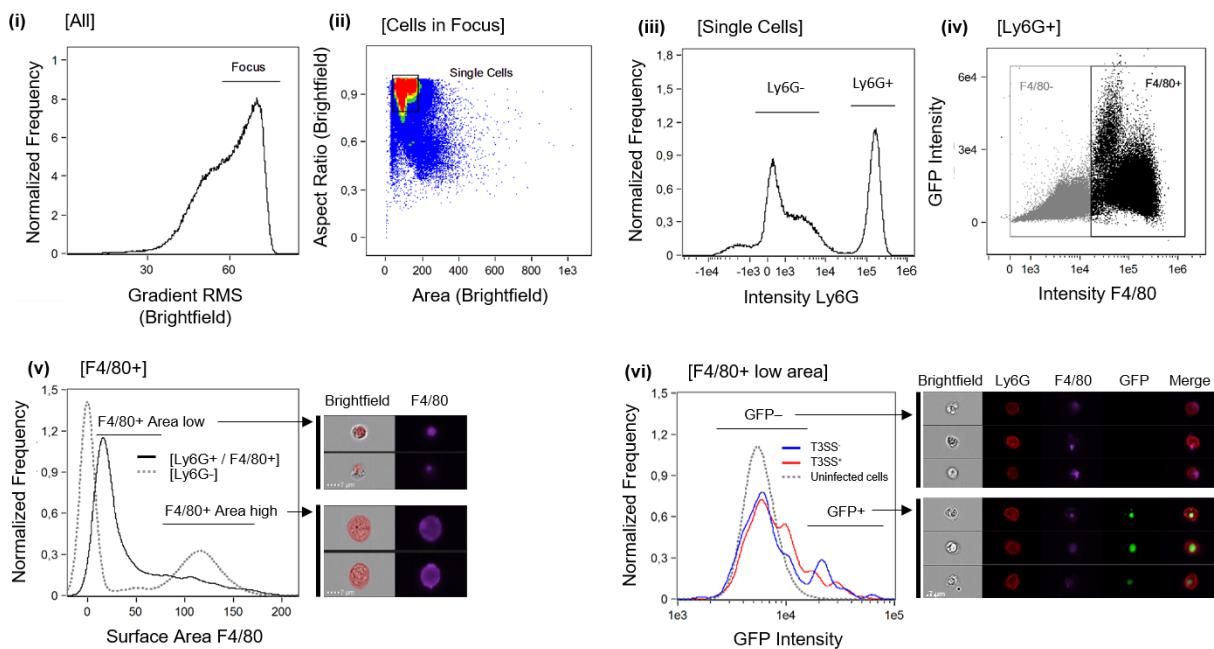
978 **(D, E)** LDH measurement in WT and *Nlrc4*^{-/-} BMDMs infected by PAO1 T3SS⁺, T3SS⁻ or T3SS⁺/*fliC*, complemented or not for flagellin expression (*fliC*::*fliC*) for 3h with an MOI of 50.

984 **(F)** Measurement of IL-1 β release from WT and *Nlrc4* $^{-/-}$ BMDMs after 3 h of infection with
985 live, PFA-killed or heat killed (HK) T3SS deficient-PAO1 at an MOI of 50.
986 **(G)** Measurement of LDH and IL-1 β release from WT, *Nlrc4* $^{-/-}$ and *Casp1* $^{-/-}/11^{-/-}$ BMDMs
987 after 3 h of infection with T3SS deficient-PAO1 *exsA* $^{-}$ or -PAO1 *pscC* at an MOI of 50.
988 Graphs show mean and s.d of quadruplicate wells pooled from three independent
989 experiments.
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992 **Figure S3: T3SS- *P. aeruginosa* associate to altered phagosomes.**
993 **(A)** Biochemical characterization of two iCas9*Nlrc4* $^{-/-}$ /sg*Casp11* $^{-/-}$ CRISPR KO clones.
994 **(B)** Fluorescence microscopy observations and quantifications of galectin-3 targeted
995 PAO1 T3SS $^{-}$ (MOI 25, 3 h of infection) in iWT and iCasp1 $^{-/-}/11^{-/-}$ /sg*Nlrc4* $^{-/-}$ BMDMs
996 transduced with galectin-3-morange.
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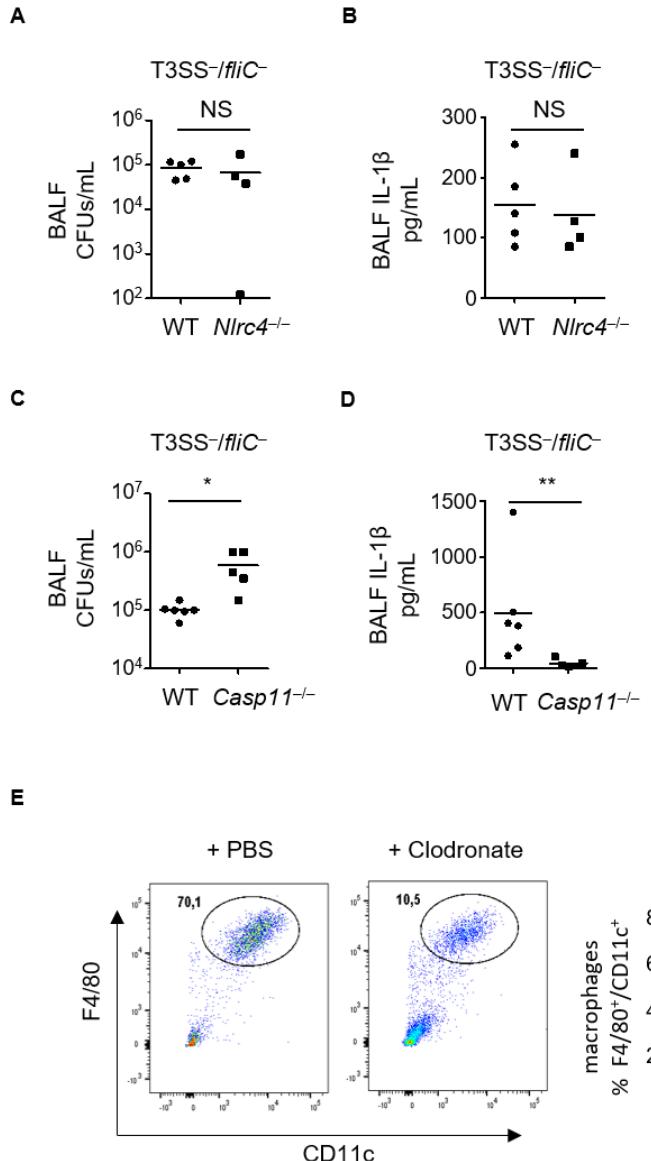
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1003 **Figure S4: ImagestreamX gating strategy used.**

1004 **(A)** ImagestreamX gating strategy used to visualize and quantify neutrophil-mediated
1005 efferocytosis of bacteria-containing macrophages.

1006 (i) A gate was set on cells in focus [Cells in Focus], then (ii) single cells [Single Cells] were
1007 gated. (iii) First, gate was put on Ly6G⁺ Neutrophils [Ly6G⁺] and then we selected (iv)
1008 F4/80⁺ macrophages [F4/80⁺] within Ly6G⁺ population. (v) A mask based on the surface
1009 Area of F4/80⁺ signal was applied to Ly6G⁺/F4/80⁺ gate to discriminate efferocytosis of
1010 intact macrophages from fragmented macrophages. As a control, dotted gray line shows
1011 surface area of F4/80⁺ signal in the [Ly6G⁻] gate. Then, (vi) we gated on [F4/80⁺ low Area]
1012 and measured the intensity of the GFP signal. Red and Blue lines show the intensity of
1013 GFP signal measured in mice challenged with either *P. aeruginosa* T3SS⁺ or T3SS⁻ strains
1014 respectively. Finally, GFP⁺ bacteria percentage within the gate (vi) was visualized. Upper
1015 image panel and lower image panel show representative images from the Neutrophils
1016 (Ly6G⁺)/macrophages (F4/80⁺) gate obtained in GFP⁻ gate or GFP⁺ gate respectively.

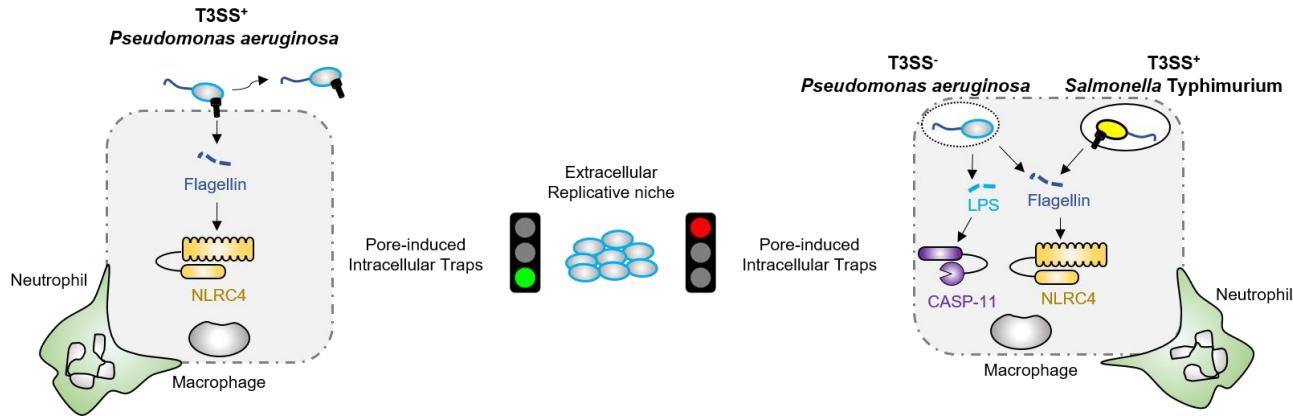
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1019 **Figure S5: NLRC4 and Caspase-11 only protect mice against T3SS-deficient *P.***
1020 ***aeruginosa*.**

1021 **(A-D)** PAO1 CFUs scoring and IL-1 β levels in BALFs from WT, *Nlrc4*^{-/-} **(A, B)** or *Casp11*^{-/-}
1022 **(C, D)** mice after 18 h of infection with T3SS-*fliC* *P. aeruginosa* strain with 1.5×10^7 CFUs.

1023 **(E)** FACS representation and quantification of depleted alveolar macrophages (F4/F80⁺,
1024 CD11c⁺) in control (PBS) and clodronate instilled mice.



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1026 **Graphical abstract.**

1027 Macrophages infected with T3SS-expressing *P. aeruginosa* die in a NLRC4-dependent
1028 manner, which allows bacterial escape from PIT-mediated cell-autonomous immunity and
1029 neutrophil efferocytosis. However, T3SS-deficient *P. aeruginosa* is detected by both
1030 NLRC4 and caspase-11 inflammasomes, which promotes bacterial trapping and
1031 subsequent efferocytosis of *P. aeruginosa*-containing-PITs by neutrophils.

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1045 **Table S1:** All products, software and biological samples used in the current study,
1046 including their references and concentrations, are listed in table 1.

Reagent	Provider	Reference
Antibodies		
Mouse anti-mouse caspase-1 1/4000 WB	Adipogen	AG20B-0042
Rabbit anti-IL-18 1/2500 WB	Biovision	5180R-100
Goat anti-mouse IL-1 β 1/1000 WB	R&D	AF-401-NA
Rabbit anti-mouse Gasdemin D 1/1000 WB	Abcam	ab209845
Rat anti-mouse Caspase-11 (17D9) 1/1000 WB	Novus	NB120-10454
Rabbit anti-mouse Nlrc4 1/1000 WB	Abcam	ab201792
Mouse anti-mouse NLRP3 1/1000 WB	AdipoGen	AG-20B-0014
Mouse anti- β -actin 1/10000 WB	Sigma	A1978
Rabbit anti-GAPDH 1/10000 WB	GeneTex	GTX100118
Rabbit anti-ASC 1/1000 IF	SantaCruz	Sc-22514-R
Chicken anti- <i>Pseudomonas</i> LPS 1/5000 IF	Agrisera	IMS01-133-332
Anti-CD45-2-APC IF	Biolegends	109818
Anti-CD19-PE-Cf594 0.2 μ g/mL FACS	Biolegends	115554
Anti-TCR β -APC-Cy7 0.2 μ g/mL FACS	Biolegends	109220
Anti-F4/80-BV421 50 μ g/mL FACS	Biolegends	123132
Anti-CD11b-PE-Cy7 0.2 μ g/mL FACS	Biolegends	101216
Anti-CD11c-A488 0.5 μ g/mL FACS	Biolegends	117311
Anti-Ly6C-PercpC5 0.2 μ g/mL FACS	Biolegends	128012
Anti-MHCII-PE 0.2 μ g/mL FACS	Biolegends	107608
Anti-CD86-BV510 50 μ g/mL FACS	Biolegends	105039
Anti-Ly6G-A647 0.5 μ g/mL FACS	Biolegends	127610
Brilliant Violet 421 TM anti-mouse F4/80 Antibody	Biolegends	123131

anti-LY6G (APC-Vio770)	Miltenyi-Biotech	130-107-916
Sec antibodies		
Goat anti-Rat IgG (H&L) DyLight 488 IF 1/20 1/2000 IF	Diagomics	GtxRt-003- D488NHSX
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Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H&L) DyLight 488 1/500 IF	Diagomics	GtxRb-003- D488NHSX
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Goat anti-Chicken IgG (H&L) DyLight 405 1/500 IF	Diagomics	GtxCk-003- D405NHSX
Goat anti-Rabbit IgG (H&L) DyLight 633 1/500 IF	Diagomics	GtxRb-003- D633NHSX
Goat anti-Rat IgG H&L) DyLight 633 1/500 IF	Diagomics	GtxRt-003- D633NHSX
Hoescht	Sigma	H6024
Rabbit anti-Goat IgG (H&L) HRP Conjugate 1/3000	Diagomics	RbxGt-003- DHRPX

Rabbit anti-Mouse IgG (H&L) HRP Conjugate 1/3000	Diagomics	RbxMu-003- DHRPX
Goat-anti-mouse IgG (H+L) HRP conjugate 1/3000	Diagomics	R-05071-500
Goat-anti-rabbit IgG (H+L) HRP conjugate 1/3000	Diagomics	R-05072-500
Goat-anti-rat IgG (H+L) HRP conjugate 1/3000	Diagomics	R-05075-500
CSFE	Biolegend	423801
TO-PRO®-3 Iodide (1/10000)	Thermo Fischer Scientific	T3605
Bacterial and Virus Strains		
PAO1	(47)	
PAO1 Δ exsA (referred as T3SS $^-$)	This study	N.A
PAO1 Δ pscC	This study	N.A
PAO1 Δ exsA, Δ fliC	This study	N.A
PAO1 Δ fliC (fliC)	This study	N.A
PAO1 Δ fliC::fliC	This study	N.A
PAO1 Δ exsA, Δ fliC::fliC	This study	N.A
PAO1 mCherry	This study	N.A
PAO1 Δ exsA mCherry (referred as T3SS $^-$)	This study	N.A
PAO1 GFP	This study	N.A
PAO1 Δ exsA GFP (referred as T3SS $^-$)	This study	N.A
STm SL1344 (<i>orgA/ssaV</i>), Tet ^R /Km ^R (grown in LB supplemented with 10 μ g/ml Tet and 50 μ g/ml Kan)	(41, 42, 48)	N.A

STm SL1344 <i>orgA</i> ⁻ <i>fliG/B</i> <i>fliC</i> , Tet ^R /Cm ^R /Km ^R (grown in LB supplemented with 10µg/ml Tet, 25µg/ml Cm and 50µg/ml Kan)	(41, 42, 48)	N.A
<i>E. coli</i> Stbl4	Thermo Fisher	N.A
<i>E. coli</i> Sm10	Conjugative strains (Kanamycin) Km ^R	N.A
Biological Samples		
Chemicals, Peptides, and Recombinant Proteins		
FCS	Fisher Scientific	16010-159
MCSF	L929 cell supernatant	NA
HEPES	Fisher Scientific	SH30237.01
Non-essential amino acids	Invitrogen	
PAM3CSK4	Invivogen	tlrl-pms
LPS-EB ULTRAPURE	Invivogen	tlrl-3pelps
ATP (NLRP3 inflammasome inducer)	invivogen	tlrl-atp
Gentamycin	Invitrogen	15710-049
Kanamycin	Sigma	60615-5G

Irgasan	Sigma	72779-25G
LS Columns	Miltenyi Biotec	130-042-401
Anti-Ly-6G MicroBeads UltraPure mouse	Miltenyi Biotec	30-120-337
BD Fixation/Permeabilisation Kit	BD	554714
WB reagents		
ECL Clarity Max Substrate	BioRad	1705060
ECL Clarity Max Substrate	BioRad	1705062
Western Blot Strip Buffer	Diagomics	R-03722-D50
Tris base	euromedex	200923-A
SDS ultra-pure (4x)	Euromedex	1012
Acrylamide / Bisacrylamide 37.5/1 30%	Euromedex	EU0088-B
Temed	Sigma	T9281-25ML
Ammonium persulfate	Sigma	248614-100g
Page Ruler 10-180 kDa	Fisher Scientific	15744052
Vectashield	Vectalabs	H-1000

Triton X-100	Euromedex	2000
Hydrogen Peroxide	Sigma	21763-500ml
DMEM	Fisher Scientific	41965-039
LB	Fisher Scientific	BP1426-2
LB Agar	INVITROGEN	22700025
Cytochalasin D (0.2µg/mL)	Sigma	C8273-1Mg
Roche protease inhibitor cocktail	Sigma	0000000116974 98001
Saponin	Bio Basic canada	SB4521
BSA	Sigma	A9647-100G
Sucrose	Sigma	S7903
Clodronate Liposomes	Liposoma	283539
Critical Commercial Assays		
IL-1 β ELISA kit	ebiosciences	12354003
LDH Cytotoxicity Detection Kit	Takara	MK401
FAM-VAD-FMK FLICA Poly Caspase Assay	BioRad	ICT091
Neutrophil Isolation Columns	MACS Miltenyi Biotech	130-097-658
Experimental Models: Cell Lines		
<i>Naip5</i> ^{-/-} BMDMs	R.E.Vance	N.A

<i>Naip1-6</i> ^{-/-} BMDMs	R.E.Vance	N.A
C57BL/6 J primary BMDMs	Janvier	N.A
C57BL/6 N primary BMDMs	Charles River	N.A
Immortalized Casp-1 ^{-/-} /-11 ^{-/-} BMDMs	This study	N.A
Immortalized <i>GBP</i> ^{Chr3-/-} BMDMs	This study	N.A
Immortalized iCas9 <i>Nlrc4</i> ^{-/-}	This study	N.A
Immortalized iCas9 Casp-1 ^{-/-} /-11 ^{-/-}	This study	N.A
Immortalized iCas9 Casp-1 ^{-/-} /-11 ^{-/-} /sg <i>Nlrc4</i> ^{-/-}	This study	N.A
Immortalized iCas9 <i>Nlrc4</i> ^{-/-} /sgCasp-11 ^{-/-}	This study	N.A
Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains		
C57BL/6 J mice	Janvier	N.A
C57BL/6 N mice	Charles River	N.A
<i>Nlrc4</i> ^{-/-} and Casp11 ^{-/-} mice	V.M Dixit (Genentech)	N.A
<i>Nlrp3</i> ^{-/-} mice	P. Broz (Univ. of Lausanne)	N.A
Casp-1 ^{-/-} /-11 ^{-/-} mice	R. Flavell	N.A
<i>Nlrc4</i> ^{-/-} mice	F. Sutterwala	N.A
Oligonucleotides		
exsA Rup Fw	SIGMA: ttccacacattatacga gccggaagcataaat gtaaagcaagcttGC TGGCGTTGCTG CTCGG	N.A

exsA Rup Rv	SIGMA: TACCGGGCTTT CAAAAAACGAT TATAAGAACCC CAACACTTCCC G	N.A
exsA Rdown Fw	SIGMA: AGTGTGGGGT TCTTATAATCGT TTTTGAAAGC CCGGTAGC	N.A
exsA Rdown Rv	SIGMA: ggaaattaattaagg accgaattcgagctcg agcccgggatccC GTCTCCAGCTT GCCG	N.A
exsA Rup check	SIGMA: TCGCCGACGGT GACGGCAC	N.A
exsA Rdown check	SIGMA: GAGCAGCGTCG CCATGCCCC	N.A

<i>fliC</i> Rup Fw	SIGMA: ttccacacattatacga gccggaagcataaat gtaaagcaagcttAC GCTATCCCGCC TACCT	N.A
<i>fliC</i> Rup Rv	SIGMA: GTGAGTGACCG TTCCCGGGCGG TGATTCCTCC AAAGGACCTAT TTCG	N.A
<i>fliC</i> Rdown Fw	SIGMA: GTCCTTGGAG GAAATCACCGC CCGGGAACGGT CAC	N.A
<i>fliC</i> Rdown Rv	SIGMA: ggaaattaattaaggt accgaattcgagctcg agcccgggatccC GCGCTGATCGC ACTCT	N.A
<i>fliC</i> Rup check	SIGMA: ATTCTGCCCGG ATGCCTTGC	N.A

<i>fliC</i> Rdown check	SIGMA: CTTCGTTGGAA GACTTGGCGG	N.A
<i>pscC</i> Rup fw	SIGMA: ttccacacattatacga gccggaagcataaat gtaaagcaagcttCG GCTTCGGCACT GGCGA	N.A
<i>pscC</i> Rup Rv	SIGMA: CCATGCTAATT CCCGCGCTCCA GCAGGCGGCG CATCAG	N.A
<i>pscC</i> Rdown fw	SIGMA: CCCTGATGCGC CGCCTGCTGGA GCGCGGGAATT AGCATGGCC	N.A
<i>pscC</i> Rdown Rv	SIGMA: ggaaattaattaagg accgaattcgagctcg agcccgggatccG ATGAAATCCAC GCCCTGGC	N.A
<i>pscC</i> Rup check	SIGMA: AGGAACTGGCC AGGGTCGC	N.A

<i>pscC</i> Rdown check	SIGMA: CCCAGCCAGGC TTGTCCG	N.A
JBOC FliC Fw	SIGMA: agccattcTCAGTG AAGCATCAAGA CTAACAAATCct acgggcgcgcatctcg agg	N.A
JBOC FliC rv	SIGMA: GAAAATCTTCT CTCATCCGCCA AAACAGCCAAG CTAATTCTtagcgc agcaggctcag	N.A
Gal-3 up	Sigma: GATCCTCGAGG CCGCCACCATG GTGAGCA	N.A
Gal-3 down	Sigma: GATCGCGGCC GCTTATATCAT GGTATATGAAG CACTG	N.A

<i>Actin</i>	Sigma Fw 5'- agccatgtacgttagcc atcc-3' Rv 5'- ctctcagctgtggtggt gaa-3'	N.A
Recombinant DNA		
pMSCV-Galectin-3-mOrange	This study	
JBOC- <i>fliC</i> plasmid	This study	Addgene deposit number 74611
pMSCV2.2	R.E. Vance	
LentiGuide-Puro	Feng Zhang lab	addgen ref 52963
pMD.2G	Didier Trono lab	addgene ref 12259
p8.91	Didier Trono lab	N.A.
LentiCas9-Blast	Feng Zhang lab	addgen ref 52962
<i>Nlrc4</i> targetting primer Forward:	Sigma-Aldrich 5'CACCG- TTACTGTGAGC CCTTGGAGC3'	

<i>Nlrc4</i> targetting primer reverse:	Sigma-Aldrich 5'AAAC- GCTCCAAGGGC TCACAGTAA-C3'	
<i>Caspase 11</i> targetting primer forward	Sigma-Aldrich 5'CACCG- CTTAAGGTGTT GGAACAGCT3'	
<i>Caspase 11</i> targetting primer reverse	Sigma-Aldrich 5'AAAC- AGCTGTTCAA CACCTTAAG-C3'	
Software and Algorithms		
Graph Pad Prism 5.0		N.A
Image J		N.A
Snapgene	GSL Biotech LLC, Chicago, U.S.A	N.A
FlowJO	FlowJo LLC	N.A
<i>Fiji (Image J)</i>		N.A
<i>Benchling Software</i>		N.A
IDEAS software v2.6	Amnis	

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