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Interferon gamma constrains type 2 lymphocyte niche boundaries during mixed inflammation

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SUMMARY

Allergic immunity is orchestrated by group 2 innate lymphoid cells (ILC2s) and type 2 helper T (Th2) cells prominently arrayed at epithelial- and microbial-rich barriers. However, ILC2s and Th2 cells are also present in fibroblast-rich niches within the adventitial layer of larger vessels and similar boundary structures in sterile deep tissues, and it remains unclear if they undergo dynamic repositioning during immune perturbations. Here we used thick-section quantitative imaging to show that allergic inflammation drives invasion of lung and liver non-adventitial parenchyma by ILC2s and Th2 cells. However, during concurrent type 1 and type 2 mixed inflammation, IFN γ from broadly distributed type 1 lymphocytes directly blocked both ILC2 parenchymal trafficking and subsequent cell survival. ILC2 and Th2 cell confinement to adventitia limited mortality by the type 1 pathogen *Listeria monocytogenes*. Our results suggest that the topography of tissue lymphocyte subsets is tightly regulated to promote appropriately timed and balanced immunity.

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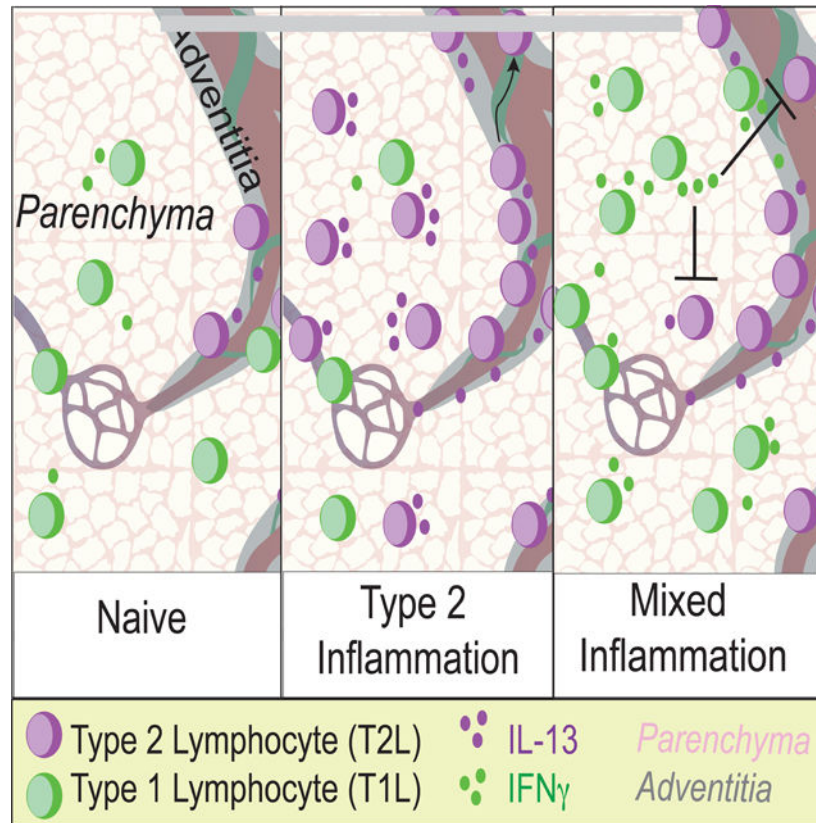
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Effector type 2 lymphocytes are involved in both physiologic and pathologic responses, yet their physical tissue-niches are poorly described. Here Cautivo and colleagues identify a secondary domain in tissue parenchyma for type 2 lymphocytes that is dominantly restricted by IFN γ -producing type 1 lymphocytes, a restriction necessary to mount a beneficial mixed type 1 - type 2 inflammatory response.

Graphical Abstract



INTRODUCTION

Type 2 allergic immunity limits excessive colonization by helminths and protozoa but can also drive asthma, atopic dermatitis, and allergy, with over 20% of the world's population suffering from allergic pathology (Lambrecht and Hammad, 2017). Recent work supports non-canonical contributions of type 2 immune cells and cytokines in tissue development, physiology, and remodeling (Allen and Sutherland, 2014; Cautivo and Molofsky, 2016; Gieseck et al., 2018; Lloyd and Snelgrove, 2018; Nguyen et al., 2020; Vainchtein et al., 2018). Type 2 immune responses are directed by the cytokines Interleukin (IL)-4, IL-5, IL-9 and IL-13, which are abundantly produced by both adaptive CD4⁺ type 2 helper T (Th2) cells and group 2 innate lymphoid cells (ILC2s) (Fort et al., 2001; Hurst et al., 2002; Moro et al., 2010; Neill et al., 2010; Price et al., 2010; Ruterbusch et al., 2020). ILC2s lack T cell receptors and respond directly to local stress signals associated with tissue perturbation and damage (Colonna, 2018; Dahlgren and Molofsky, 2018). However, in non-lymphoid

tissues ILC2s and Th2 cell subsets are transcriptionally similar, expressing both IL-5 and IL-13, responding directly to shared upstream tissue signals, and often displaying functional redundancy (Van Dyken et al., 2016; Endo et al., 2015; Hondowicz et al., 2016; Tibbitt et al., 2019).

As tissue lymphocytes, tissue ILC2 and Th2 cell function is tightly controlled by the integration of multiple local signals (Fan and Rudensky, 2016; Gasteiger et al., 2015), including the cytokines Interleukin-33 (IL-33) and thymic stromal lymphopoietin (TSLP) (Corren and Ziegler, 2019; Han et al., 2017a; Liew et al., 2016; Molofsky et al., 2015a). ILC2 and Th2 subsets, both marked by IL-5 expression, reside in adventitial regions of multiple deep tissues such as lung and liver that lack significant numbers of resident microbes (Dahlgren and Molofsky, 2019). Adventitial regions are the outermost, collagen-rich boundary layer of larger vessels, airways, and ducts, and are defined by adventitial fibroblasts, a stromal cell type that can produce both IL-33 and TSLP and function as a 'niche' cell for effector IL-5⁺ lymphocytes (*i.e.* ILC2s and Th2 cells), type-2-like regulatory T (Treg) cells, and other immune subsets (Buechler et al., 2021; Dahlgren and Molofsky, 2019; Dahlgren et al., 2019; Mahlaköiv et al., 2019; Puttur et al., 2019; Rana et al., 2019; Spallanzani et al., 2019). Allergic insults drive the expansion of IL-5⁺ lymphocytes and fibroblasts at adventitial niches but also leads to the accumulation of IL-5⁺ ILC2s and Th2 cells within non-adventitial 'parenchymal' sites (Dahlgren et al., 2019). This suggests the possibility of inflammation-driven de novo type 2 lymphocyte domains, but neither the signals that regulate lymphocyte accumulation at these areas nor the topographic significance is known (Cautivo et al., 2020; Dahlgren and Molofsky, 2019).

Many immune challenges that drive ILC2s and Th2 cells also engage other arms of lymphocytic immunity. The best studied is concurrent type 1 and type 2 mixed inflammation, where we and others previously identified IFN γ , the canonical type 1 cytokine, as a potent repressor of ILC2 activation, proliferation, and type 2 cytokine production (Duerr et al., 2016; Han et al., 2017b; Molofsky et al., 2015b; Moro et al., 2016; Stier et al., 2017). Reciprocal regulation of CD4⁺ Th1 and Th2 cells occurs both during T helper cell development in secondary lymphoid organs and in fully differentiated lymphocyte subsets in non-lymphoid tissues (Coyle et al., 1996; Gavett et al., 1995; Maggi et al., 1992; Marsland et al., 2004; Reinhold et al., 1993; Ruterbusch et al., 2020). However, the impact of topography on IFN γ -producing type 1 lymphocytes (T1Ls) restricting effector ILC2s and Th2 cells, particularly in non-lymphoid tissues, is not well described.

Here, we found that type 2 inflammation driven by helminth infection or IL-33 treatment promotes trafficking and accumulation of both ILC2s and IL-5⁺ Th2 cells in lung and liver parenchyma. IFN γ production by T1Ls that were distributed across both parenchymal and adventitial sites directly acted on ILC2s and IL-5⁺ Th2 cells, restricting their IL-13 production and parenchymal trafficking and survival. Using models of mixed type 1 - type 2 inflammation and infection, we found that IFN γ -mediated repression of IL-5⁺ ILC2 and Th2 cell parenchymal redistribution was required to limit morbidity and mortality associated with infection by the model type-1 immune-inducing bacteria, *Listeria monocytogenes*. Together, our work supports an emergent paradigm, whereby type 1 and type 2 lymphocyte

topographic cross-regulation at discrete tissue microdomains is a critical determinant of beneficial and pathologic organ inflammation and repair.

RESULTS:

ILC2s and IL-5⁺ Th2 cells transiently expand in lung and liver parenchyma during type 2 inflammation.

To determine the distribution of ILC2s and Th2 cells across tissue adventitial niches and parenchymal sites (Fig. 1A), we used IL-5 lineage tracker mice (Fig. S1A; *IL5^{tdtomato-Cre}; Rosa26^{sf-RFP-Ai14}*) (Dahlgren et al., 2019; Molofsky et al., 2013, 2015b; Nussbaum et al., 2013) and performed confocal imaging and histocytometry from thick sections of cleared tissue (Gerner et al., 2012; Li et al., 2017; Tang et al., 2013). The IL-5 fate mapper mice were both sensitive and specific, with virtually all tissue ILC2s and rare T cells marked in naïve mice, whereas myeloid or non-hematopoietic cells remained unlabeled (Fig. S1B) (Cameron et al., 2019; Dahlgren et al., 2019; Molofsky et al., 2013, 2015b; Nussbaum et al., 2013). After infection with the helminth *Nippostrongylus brasiliensis* (Nb), ILC2s and a subset of tissue CD4⁺ Th2 cells were IL-5 lineage marked (Fig. S1B–C). IL-5⁺ ILC2s and Th2 cells have shared properties and partially redundant functions (Van Dyken et al., 2016; Endo et al., 2015; Hondowicz et al., 2016; Tibbitt et al., 2019), and as such we collectively refer to them as effector IL-5⁺ type 2 lymphocytes (IL-5⁺ T2Ls or IL-5⁺ lymphocytes), noting that their regulation and impact may diverge in certain settings (Schuijs and Halim, 2016). In resting lungs, IL-5⁺ lymphocytes (predominantly ILC2s) resided in adventitial niches around larger vessels and airways (Fig. 1B, Video S1) (Dahlgren et al., 2019). However, after activation of type 2 immunity with exogenous IL-33, which dominantly drives ILC2s, or infection with Nb helminths, which drives mixed Th2 cells and ILC2s, IL-5⁺ lymphocytes accumulated in both adventitial niches and *de novo* parenchymal sites, with 40% of cells now residing in the parenchyma in proximity to alveoli (Fig. 1C–F, Video S2,3). In the liver and perigonadal adipose tissue (GAT), type 2 challenges also resulted in IL-5⁺ ILC2 (IL-33 treatment) or IL-5⁺ Th2 cell and ILC2 (Nb infection) expansion and appearance within parenchymal areas in proximity to hepatocytes (Fig. 1G–I, Video S4) or adipocytes (not shown). After Nb infection, IL-5⁺ Th2 cells accounted for a majority of IL-5⁺ lymphocytes (~70%); however, both ILC2s and IL-5⁺ Th2 cells had similar topographic distributions across adventitial niches and parenchymal sites (Fig. S1C–D) (Dahlgren et al., 2019). Parenchymal areas are enriched with microvasculature; however, after Nb infection or IL-33 treatment, only a minority of IL-5⁺ lymphocytes transiently resided in the microvasculature of lung, as revealed by anti-CD45 labeling (Anderson et al., 2014) (Fig S1E–F). Liver IL-5⁺ ILC2s and Th2 cells were variably vascular accessible after type 2 challenge (ivCD45⁺, not shown), and consistent with the porous nature of hepatic sinus microvasculature. Together, these data demonstrate that ILC2s and IL-5⁺ Th2 cells accumulate within bona fide parenchymal interstitial sites in response to innate and adaptive type 2 inflammatory stimulants.

Next, we examined the kinetics of IL-5⁺ type 2 lymphocyte parenchymal accumulation. As assessed by flow cytometry, IL-33 stimulated ILC2s remained elevated in the lungs, liver, and GAT, and only gradually declined over several months (Fig S1G–H, not shown).

However, lung and liver thick-section imaging revealed the preferential loss of parenchymal ILC2s over this time frame (Fig 1J–L, Fig S1I–J). To assess the tissue-intrinsic determinants underlying the adventitial or parenchymal localization of IL-5⁺ lymphocytes, we transferred sort-purified IL-5-RFP⁺ ILC2s into naive hosts and examined their accumulation and localization in lungs (Fig S1K). We found that adoptively transferred IL-5⁺ ILC2s required GPCR-mediated signaling sensitive to pertussis toxin to accumulate within lung tissue, but not to expand in vitro or localize inside of lung vasculature (Fig S1L–N). In lymphocyte-deficient (*Il7ra*^{-/-}) recipients, a majority of ILC2s resided in lung adventitial niches (~75%); in contrast, lymphocyte-replete littermates (*Il7ra*^{+/-}) had reduced total lung ILC2 accumulation with relatively increased parenchymal occupancy (Fig S1L–P, ~50%). These data suggest that ILC2s preferentially sustain long-term accumulation at adventitial niches. Parenchymal regions may represent secondary sites engaged during acute to sub-acute type 2 inflammation and/or during times of adventitial niche occupancy, possibly associated with type 2 immune perturbations (Dahlgren et al., 2019).

IFN γ -producing type 1 lymphocytes restrict ILC2 and Th2 cell parenchymal expansion during mixed inflammation.

Next, we compared the topographic distribution of IL-5⁺ ILC2s and Th2 cells with IFN γ ⁺ T1Ls. First, using the *Ifng*-YFP ‘Yeti’ reporter mouse (Fig 2A; *Ifng*^{YFP-Yeti/+}) (Reinhardt et al., 2015; Stetson et al., 2003), we found that *Ifng*-YFP⁺ T1Ls were diffusely distributed across adventitial and parenchymal domains in the liver, lung, and GAT (Fig 2B–E, Fig S2A, Video S5). *Ifng*-YFP⁺ cells included innate NKs and ILC1s as well as adaptive CD4⁺ T cells, CD8⁺ T cells, and CD4⁻ CD8⁻ CD3e⁺ unconventional T cells; tissue-resident (ivCD45⁻) T1Ls were predominantly comprised of T cells (CD3e⁺) and were distributed throughout tissue with some enrichment in adventitial regions (Fig S2B–F). Similar results were found using Tbet-zsGreen reporter mice (Zhu et al., 2012), labeling cells that express the Tbx21 transcription factor associated with competency for IFN γ production (Fig S2G–J). To drive type 1 immunity, we infected mice with *Listeria monocytogenes* (Lm), an intracellular bacteria that replicates in the liver and spleen and drives an IFN γ ⁺ T1L response that is required for bacterial clearance (Chávez-Arroyo and Portnoy, 2020; Radoshevich and Cossart, 2018). Lm infection promoted a trend towards increased parenchymal liver T1Ls (Fig 2D–E, Video S5) with multiple liver granuloma in parenchymal regions that were strongly T1L-enriched (Fig S2K, Video S5) (Kang et al., 2008).

Next, we asked how a mixed type 1 - type 2 inflammatory setting would impact IL-5⁺ ILC2 and Th2 cell localization. Heterozygous Yeti mice (*Ifng*^{YFP/+}) have one copy of a stabilized IFN γ transcript, leading to spontaneous low-level T1L activation (Reinhardt et al., 2015; Stetson et al., 2003) which is sufficient to partially restrict type 2 responses to Nb helminths, including the expansion of ILC2s and Th2 cells (Molofsky et al., 2015b). In Yeti⁺ strains, we found that Nb-driven IL-5⁺ lymphocyte parenchymal accumulation was profoundly restricted, with little impact on numbers of adventitial lymphocytes (Fig 2F–H, Video S6). Additionally, we used IL-5 lineage tracker mice pre-challenged with type 2 stimuli (Nb infection x2 or IL-33 treatment) and then infected with Lm to drive type 1 immunity. As in the mice with genetically enhanced IFN γ (Yeti⁺), we observed a similar

restriction of IL-5⁺ lymphocytes that was predominant in parenchymal domains (Fig 2I–J). Thus, activated IFN γ -producing T1Ls preferentially restrict the parenchymal accumulation of IL-5⁺ lymphocytes during concurrent or serial challenges with mixed type 2 - type 1 inflammation in the lung and liver.

IFN γ directly restricts activated IL-5⁺ ILC2s and Th2 cells.

We hypothesized that IFN γ ⁺ T1Ls restrict ILC2 and IL-5⁺ Th2 cell parenchymal accumulation and function directly via IFN γ signaling; however, IFN γ targets many cell types and acts in an autocrine manner to promote T1Ls and type 1 immunity (Castro et al., 2018; Schroder et al., 2004). To determine the direct impact of IFN γ signaling on IL-5⁺ lymphocytes, we generated mice with loss of IFN γ R1 (Lee et al., 2013) from all IL-5⁺ T2Ls (*Il5^{Cre/Cre}; Ifngr1^{flox/flox}*, i.e. *Il5^{Cre} Ifngr1*; Fig 3A, Fig S3A). Of note, the *Il5^{Cre}* ‘Red5’ allele disrupted the first exon of the *Il5* gene; as two copies of Cre led to optimal deletion of *Ifngr1* (not shown), these mice were IL-5-deficient as were their littermate controls. ILC2s and rare GAT IL-5⁺ Th2 cells expressed IL-5 in resting mice, resulting in both sensitive and specific loss of IFN γ R1 (Fig 3B–C, Fig S3B). We found that naive ‘IL-5⁺ T2L IFN γ -blind’ mice (*Il5^{Cre} Ifngr1*) had normal ILC2 numbers and *Il5*-tdTomato fluorescence in the lung (Fig S3C) with a modest IFN γ -mediated repression of ILC2s in the GAT of aged mice (Fig S3D). We conclude that ILC2s in naïve mice are minimally repressed by IFN γ , at least in the organs examined and conditions of our UCSF specific pathogen free mouse colony.

Next, we used models of mixed type 1 - type 2 inflammation to test the cell-intrinsic impact of IFN γ on activated ILC2s and IL-5⁺ Th2 cells. First, we used a reductionist approach, co-administering the cytokines IFN γ and IL-33. Exogenous IFN γ directly restricted IL-33 driven ILC2 expansion, activation (KLRG1 expression), IL-5 production, and proliferation (Ki-67⁺) in multiple tissues; this effect was abrogated in littermate ‘IL-5⁺ T2L IFN γ -blind’ mice (*Il5^{Cre} Ifngr1*, Fig 3D–J, not shown). We did not observe mouse morbidity or gross tissue pathology with the IL-33 +/- IFN γ doses given. We next used an infection-driven model, co-infecting mice with Nb and Lm (Fig 3K–O) (Molofsky et al., 2015b). Tissue Th2 cells accumulated aberrantly in both *Il5^{Cre} Ifngr1* and *CD4^{Cre} Ifngr1* mice, suggesting IFN γ also acts directly to restrict helminth-driven IL-5-expressing Th2 cells (Fig S3E–F). IFN γ repressed ILC2s independently of T cells, since mice with loss of IFN γ R1 in all T cells (*Cd4^{Cre}; Ifngr1^{flox/flox}*) or specifically in Tregs (*Foxp3^{Cre}; Ifngr1^{flox/flox}*) maintained IFN γ -mediated repression of ILC2s (Fig S3G). Thus, IFN γ induced during type 1 inflammation acts directly on effector IL-5⁺ ILC2s and Th2 cells to limit their IL-33- or helminth-driven expansion and activation.

In a third model, we challenged IL-5⁺ T2L IFN γ -blind mice carrying one Yeti allele (*Ifng^{YFP/+}; Il5^{Cre} Ifngr1*) with Nb and found similar results (Fig 3P–T, Fig S3I–J), as well as improved Nb intestinal worm clearance (Fig 3U) and consistent with our prior work (Molofsky et al., 2015b). On the other hand, IL-5⁺ T2L IFN γ -blind mice had mildly reduced IFN γ YFP⁺ T cells (Fig S3K–P). Although IL-5 can restrict lung IFN γ ⁺ NK cells (T1Ls) and tumor metastasis via activation of eosinophils (Schuijs et al., 2020), our use of IL-5 deficient mice suggested additional potential mechanisms of T2L to T1L feedback, which were not further examined here. Together, our findings showed that

IFN γ , whether administered exogenously, generated during infection, or genetically driven, directly repressed activation and accumulation of IL-5⁺ ILC2 and Th2 cells and impaired Nb clearance.

IFN γ directly limits IL-5⁺ lymphocyte accumulation at parenchymal domains.

We next hoped to dissociate effects of IFN γ attenuating ILC2 early activation and proliferation from potential impacts on ILC2 parenchymal accumulation. We found that IL-33 treatment drove ILC2 proliferation in the first two weeks post-challenge, a period that correlated with elevated blood ILC2s and detectable blood IL-13 (Fig 4A–C) and similar to Nb infection (Huang et al., 2018; Ricardo-Gonzalez et al., 2020). Although blood ILC2s fell dramatically by 2–3 weeks post challenge, they remained detectably elevated up to several months after IL-33 challenge (Fig 4D). Given these results, we asked whether delaying IFN γ induction could still impact the accumulation of tissue ILC2s. After treating with IL-33, we waited several weeks until early ILC2 proliferation and activation declined, and then administered IFN γ . IFN γ again limited ILC2 accumulation in multiple tissues (Fig S4A–D). Similarly, two weeks after IL-33-mediated ILC2 expansion, Lm infection drove induction of IFN γ that restricted liver ILC2 accumulation and tissue IL-13 production (Fig 4E–G, Fig S4E–F), with similar albeit reduced impacts on systemic ILC2s in the lung and GAT (Fig S4G–H). Lm infection also enhanced the accumulation of liver T1Ls, although their total numbers and IFN γ production was not altered in IL-5⁺ T2L IFN γ -blind mice (Fig S4I–L). In contrast, mice with IFN γ -blind T2Ls had decreased accumulation of liver neutrophils (PMN) 2 days post Lm, whereas liver monocytes and blood neutrophil pools were unchanged (Fig S4M–O). Thus, ILC2s were restricted by exogenous or bacterially driven IFN γ even weeks after the cessation of IL-33-induced ILC2 activation and proliferation, leading to impaired local accumulation of liver neutrophils after Lm infection.

Thus far, our data suggested that type 1 inflammation confines IL-5⁺ lymphocytes to adventitial niches, with IFN γ directly limiting IL-5⁺ lymphocytes both during acute and post-acute phases of type 2 inflammation. Combining these observations, we next tested if IFN γ could directly restrict ILC2 and IL-5⁺ Th2 cell accumulation at parenchymal regions. We found that Lm-driven IFN γ directly restricted IL-33 driven parenchymal ILC2s, even when induced several weeks after type 2 stimulation (Fig 4H). Next, we used two rounds of Nb infection to preferentially expand systemic IL-5⁺ Th2 cells (Fig 4I–K). We found that subsequent Lm infection also drove robust liver *Tbx21*^{sgreen+} T1L expansion, with more modest lung expansion of T1Ls (Fig S4P–W); liver Th2 cells and less prevalent ILC2s were fewer in number after Lm infection (Fig 4L), with particularly fewer IL-5⁺ T2Ls in liver parenchymal domains (Fig 4M–O) and near Lm-induced granulomas (Fig S4X). We found similar results in mice with genetic overexpression of IFN γ (*Ifng*^{YFP/+}, Fig 4P). Together, these data suggest that activated type 1 lymphocytes, present in parenchymal domains, limit IL-5⁺ ILC2 and Th2 cell parenchymal occupancy directly via IFN γ .

IFN γ restriction of ILC2s and IL-5⁺ Th2 cells limits the morbidity and mortality of *Listeria* infection during mixed inflammation.

Next we tested the functional consequences of IFN γ -blind ILC2s and IL-5⁺ Th2 cells during mixed inflammation. Without prior type 2 activation, mice with IFN γ -blind ILC2s did not display altered morbidity or mortality from *Lm* infection, consistent with low type 2 immune activation in naïve lab mice (Fig S3C–D). When ILC2s were first expanded by IL-33 and mice subsequently infected with *Lm*, control mice demonstrated mildly elevated bacterial counts in spleen and liver and increased mortality (Fig. 5A–C). However, mice with IFN γ -blind ILC2s had further increased liver and spleen bacterial counts, enlarged and necrotic liver granulomas, and increased overall mortality (Fig. 5D–F).

As IL-33 treatment drives an ILC2-dominant response, we also tested our Th2 cell skewed helminth model and assessed *Listeria*-associated morbidity and mortality (Fig 5G, Nbx2, followed by *Lm*). In the liver and spleen, IL-5⁺ T2L IFN γ -blind mice had increased necrotic granuloma formation, bacterial loads, weight loss, and mortality, resembling mice that had been activated with IL-33 (Fig. 5H–I, S5A–D). To test if IFN γ -blind ILC2s and IL-5⁺ Th2 cells promote *Lm* bacterial-driven mortality via production of IL-13, we concurrently blocked IL-13 and its obligate receptor IL4R α during *Lm* infection (Fig 5J). IL-13 blockade did not impact blood or liver ILC2 numbers, but did improve *Lm* clearance, weight loss, and overall survival (Fig 5K–L, Fig 5SE–I). Unlike IL-13, our data did not suggest a role for the cytokine IL-5, as heterozygous mice with preserved IL-5 and specific loss of IFN γ R1 on IL-5⁺ T2Ls (*Il5^{cre/+}; Ifngr1^{flox/flox}*) phenocopied IL-5 deficient mice (*Il5^{cre/cre}; Ifngr1^{flox/flox}*, Fig S5J–M). Together our results suggested dual functions for IFN γ signaling during type 1 - type 2 mixed inflammation: (1) activating protective type 1 immunity (Lee et al., 2013) and (2) suppressing ILC2s and IL-5⁺ Th2 cell parenchymal accumulation and production of maladaptive IL-13, a signal that can limit beneficial neutrophil recruitment to *Lm*-associated granulomas (Haak-Frendscho et al., 1992; Woytschak et al., 2016).

ILC2 transcriptome induced by IL-33 and repressed by IFN γ includes cellular trafficking and cell death related programs.

Having uncovered a cell-intrinsic role for IFN γ signaling in ILC2s, we used RNA sequencing to assess how IFN γ signaling may mechanistically restrict ILC2s in vivo. We treated *Il5cre Ifngr1* or littermate controls with IL-33 +/- IFN γ and two weeks later purified lung IL-5⁺ ILC2s for RNA sequencing (Fig 6A). We chose this delayed time point to examine how IFN γ might restrict not just early ILC2 activation, but also potential pathways associated with trafficking or survival at parenchymal sites. Principal component analysis demonstrated a shift in PC1 (68% variance) driven by IL-33 and directly repressed by IFN γ (Fig 6B). PC2 was driven in part by IFN γ -regulated genes that may have been impacted indirectly via IFN γ signaling in IL-5-negative populations (e.g., macrophages, fibroblasts), although we cannot exclude effects from incomplete *Il5Cre* activity (Fig S6I; Table S2). Analysis of differentially expressed genes (DEGs) revealed IL-33 induced genes (top; e.g. *Il13*, *Klrg1*, *Mki67*, *Id2*, *Il1r2*, *Il17rb*), or IL-33 repressed genes (bottom; e.g. *Cd44*, *Cd69*, *Areg*, *Nr4a1*, *Tnfaip3*, *Klf4*), with smaller subsets of IFN γ -induced (red; *Cxcr3*, *Ly6a*, *H2-Aa*) or repressed (blue) genes (Fig 6C; Table S1). Direct comparison across conditions highlighted the genes above with preservation of lung ILC2 lineage-defining

genes (*Gata3*, *Bcl11b*, *Il1rl1*, Fig 6D–E). Ingenuity Pathways Analysis (IPA, Fig 6F) found expected IL-33-driven pathways associated with ILC2 proliferation and cytokine production (Molofsky et al., 2015b; Moro et al., 2016) that were repressed by IFN γ in control (blue) but not cells from ILC2 IFN γ -blind mice (*Il5cre* *Ifngr1*, red). We also identified IFN γ -repressed pathways associated with cell survival, movement, and cellular interactions (Fig 6F–G). ILC2 tissue retention-associated genes were repressed by IL-33, including *Cd44* and *Cd69*, whereas multiple trafficking-associated genes were induced, including *S1pr1*, *S1pr4*, *Ccr1*, *Ccr3*, *Ccr4*, *Ccr7*, and several integrins (Fig. 6G). The sphingosine 1-phosphate receptors (S1PRs) were notable, as S1P signaling regulates ILC2 tissue-extrusion into blood during type 2 inflammation (Campbell et al., 2019; Dutton et al., 2019; Germain and Huang, 2019; Huang et al., 2018; Ricardo-Gonzalez et al., 2020). IFN γ also activated a number of cell death-related genes (Fig 6H, Fig S6H), some of which were previously identified in vitro (Moro et al., 2016), and suggesting IFN γ may also promote ILC2 death. ILC2s isolated from GAT displayed similar transcriptomics to lung ILC2s, although the magnitude of IFN γ -driven transcriptomic changes was greater (Fig S6A–H).

IFN γ and Lm infection promote ILC2 cell death.

To test the relevance of these IFN γ -regulated pathways in ILC2s, we first examined whether IFN γ could directly induce ILC2 death. In vitro we found that IFN γ impaired the proliferation and cytokine production of activated ILC2s (not shown), as described (Molofsky et al., 2015b; Moro et al., 2016). However, when cultured with low-level survival signals (IL-7 alone), IFN γ increased lung and liver ILC2 cell death, as measured by Annexin V positivity and live-dead cell dye (Fig 6I–J). In vivo, Lm infection also induced rapid liver ILC2 cell death (TUNEL⁺), preferentially acting on parenchymal ILC2s including those in proximity to Lm granulomas enriched in IFN γ ⁺ lymphocytes and TUNEL⁺ apoptotic cells (Fig 7A–D). In the lung, Lm infection also increased ILC2 cell death preferentially in parenchymal cells (Fig 7SA–D), although the magnitude of the impact was more modest and correlated with the less robust accumulation of lung T1Ls (Fig S5R–W). Together, we conclude that IFN γ can directly drive ILC2 cell death, with the degree of impact correlating with the accumulation of local T1Ls, and accounting for at least one mechanism by which ILC2 parenchymal occupancy is restricted during mixed inflammation.

S1P-mediated trafficking is required for optimal ILC2 parenchymal accumulation and Listeria-associated morbidity and mortality.

We next examined the functional impacts of ILC2 trafficking via Sphingosine-1-phosphate (S1P) (Campbell et al., 2019; Dutton et al., 2019; Germain and Huang, 2019; Huang et al., 2018; Ricardo-Gonzalez et al., 2020). We hypothesized that IL-5⁺ lymphocytes, including ILC2s and possibly pre-existing tissue Th2 cells, reach parenchymal niches via migratory pathways, as suggested by our RNA sequencing. To test this idea, we first administered FTY720 (Fingolimod, a S1P functional antagonist) concurrent with IL-33 treatment, allowed the drug to clear, and assessed the impact on lung and liver ILC2 numbers and localization two weeks later (Fig 7E). FTY720 efficiently blocked ILC2 tissue egress into blood, with variably reduced ILC2s in multiple tissues (Fig 7F). FTY720 was particularly efficient at restricting the accumulation of parenchymal-localized ILC2s in the liver (Fig 7G–I, Video

S7) and lung (Fig S7E–H). While adventitial ILC2 accumulation in the liver was mildly impaired (~1.8x), liver parenchymal ILC2s were profoundly restricted (~12x) (Fig 7I). These data suggest that robust IL-33 driven ILC2 expansion and parenchymal redistribution depends on S1P-dependent trafficking. To test the functional impact of this S1P-dependent ILC2 trafficking, we treated IL-5⁺ T2L IFN γ -blind mice with IL-33 \pm FTY720, waited two weeks to allow for drug clearance, and infected with Lm) As seen previously, IL-33 treated mice had increased Lm-induced necrosis within granulomas, elevated bacterial burdens in spleen and liver, and impaired overall survival; in contrast, FTY720 co-treatment improved Lm-morbidity and mortality (Fig 7J–L). FTY720 did not directly impair ILC2 expansion or activation, as treatment with FTY720 one week after initial ILC2 activation did not significantly alter liver and lung numbers or localization, with blood ILC2s only modestly impaired (Fig S7I–K). We found that IL-33 driven ILC2 blood occupancy could also be partially blocked by specific antagonists to either S1PR4 (robust effect) or S1PR1 (modest effect), two receptors expressed by trafficking ILC2s (Huang et al., 2018) and confirmed in our RNAseq data (Fig S7L–O). Our experimental setup does not address whether similar trafficking occurs for tissue-resident IL-5⁺ Th2 cells, although FTY720 will also restrict recently generated lymphoid Th2 cells from reaching parenchymal niches. Together, our results suggest that ILC2 topographic expansion from adventitial niches into parenchymal sites may be a conserved mechanism to increase tissue type 2 immune influence, with IFN γ ⁺ T1Ls dispersed across tissue domains and acting as a dominant and functionally critical brake to this niche expansion. IFN γ acted at multiple steps to restrict IL-5⁺ T2Ls to adventitial regions, including preferentially promoting parenchymal cell death and limiting S1P dependent cell trafficking.

DISCUSSION:

Inflammation impacts both tissue physiology and pathology, but the role of lymphocyte positioning on this critical balance has not been well defined. Our previous work describe effector IL-5⁺ lymphocyte niches within adventitial boundary regions in proximity to adventitial fibroblasts, a stromal cell subset that can both support and activate IL-5⁺ ILC2s and Th2 cells (Dahlgren and Molofsky, 2019; Dahlgren et al., 2019). Here, we showed that IL-5⁺ ILC2 and Th2 cells localized to de novo parenchymal domains after allergic inflammation, an event that required S1P-dependent trafficking and was critically and directly restricted by IFN γ and type 1 lymphocytes.

T1Ls produce IFN γ to restrain intracellular organisms and target cells with altered-self for elimination; in contrast, effector T2Ls produce IL-4, IL-5, and IL-13 to restrict extracellular helminths and protozoa (Colonna, 2018; Fan and Rudensky, 2016; Vivier et al., 2018). However, both infectious and sterile insults frequently engage type 1 and type 2 activation and crosstalk. First described for CD4⁺ T cells in lymphoid tissues, the presence of IFN γ reinforces Th1 cell differentiation while suppressing a Th2 cell fate (Maggi et al., 1992). However, cross-regulation of type 1 and type 2 immunity also occurs in non-lymphoid tissues; for example, infection with Influenza A virus or Mycobacterium, or exogenous dosing of IL-12, drives IFN γ ⁺ T1Ls that restrict lung type 2 lymphocytes and downstream allergic responses (Erb et al., 1998; Gavett et al., 1995; Marsland et al., 2004). IFN γ also ameliorates established atopic dermatitis (Chang and Stevens, 2002; Reinhold et al.,

1993) with skin NK cells and ILC2s acting to cross-regulate each other (Mack et al., 2020). ILC2s produce IL-5 to promote eosinophil accumulation and limit NK cell (T1L) function in models of lung cancer metastasis (Schuijs et al., 2020), suggesting reciprocal pathways also exist. Childhood allergic asthma is driven by ILC2s and Th2 cells but is also associated with severe respiratory viral infections that drive potent type 1 immunity (Lambrecht and Hammad, 2015, 2017; Martinez, 2009). This cross-regulation during mixed inflammatory states is also evident in metabolic derangements such as obesity, type 2 diabetes, and cardiovascular disease (Cautivo and Molofsky, 2016; Gisterå and Hansson, 2017; Wensveen et al., 2015), suggesting it may be broadly applicable to tissue health and disease. As cytokine signals commonly act on neighboring cells, the localization of T1Ls and T2Ls could be an important factor in determining healthy versus pathologic mixed inflammatory settings. Indeed, our data suggested liver parenchymal T2Ls produce IL-13 that represses local neutrophil accumulation at forming granulomas (Kang et al., 2008). It will be interesting to determine the upstream regulatory signals and cellular targets of parenchymal IL-5⁺ T2Ls.

After allergic inflammation, parenchymal domains were short- to mid-term type 2 niches, with at least a portion of IL-5⁺ T2Ls ultimately maintaining long-term residence in adventitial niches. Although we detected few IL-5⁺ lymphocytes in parenchyma of naïve mice, it is possible that parenchymal domains are occupied in animals exposed to broader environmental and infectious challenges. Indeed, recent work has defined how commensal bacterial signals organize myeloid and lymphoid topography in the liver (Gola et al., 2021). As such, parenchymal sites may represent ‘overflow’ niches in specific-pathogen free mice but physiologic sites of IL-5⁺ lymphocyte occupancy in wild mammals. In contrast to IL-5⁺ lymphocytes, IFN γ ⁺ T1Ls were broadly distributed in parenchymal sites and could produce elevated local concentrations of IFN γ to drive local ILC2 cell death. Additionally, adventitial niche fibroblasts or other cells may provide survival signals that allow adventitial ILC2s and Th2 cells to resist IFN γ -driven cell death, although the nature of these signals is unknown. In this scenario, adventitial regions may act as ‘safe zones’ to limit excessive and unnecessary parenchymal tissue damage by effector lymphocytes, a potential driver of tissue pathology. Future work will need to delineate how broadly this type 1 - type 2 spatial cross regulation impacts diverse mixed inflammatory challenges and whether specific T1L or T2L subsets may mediate unique inflammatory or reparative outcomes.

We envision at least two mechanisms by which IL-5⁺ T2Ls reached parenchymal sites: (1) activated ILC2s and Th2 cells directly move from tissue adventitial niches through interstitial spaces to parenchymal locations, or (2) tissue ILC2s and Th2 cells, or T2L-precursors (ILC2 precursors, naïve Th2 cells), move from circulation directly into tissue parenchyma. Arguing for contributions of the former, ILC2s have been originally described as tissue-resident lymphocytes that develop post-birth and proliferate in situ (Gasteiger et al., 2015; Moro et al., 2016). However, circulatory pools also contribute to tissue ILC2s, both at rest and particularly following type 2 inflammation (Gasteiger et al., 2015; Moro et al., 2016; Schneider et al., 2019). Circulatory ILC2s could originate from bone marrow ILC or ILC2 progenitors (Stier et al., 2018). However, after tissue allergic inflammation, tissue-resident ILC2s and T cells also reach the blood via retrograde trafficking, a pathway by which tissue-resident lymphocytes are activated by local inflammation to enter lymphatics

and ultimately spill into blood, potentially acting as a mechanism to systemically distribute type 2 cells and signals (Campbell et al., 2019; Dutton et al., 2019; Huang et al., 2018; Miller et al., 2020; Ricardo-Gonzalez et al., 2020)(Beura et al., 2018; Klicznik et al., 2019; Stolley et al., 2020). During early type 2 inflammation, we found that parenchymal ILC2 accumulation was blunted with S1P blockade (FTY720), a pathway strongly implicated in lymphocyte retrograde trafficking, and suggesting this may be a potential dominant route by which ILC2s, and possibly subsets of tissue resident Th2 cells, reach tissue parenchyma.

The relevant molecular targets downstream of IFN γ signaling in ILC2s or Th2 cells remain obscure, although IFN γ likely acts via STAT1 (Duerr et al., 2016; Moro et al., 2016; Stier et al., 2017) to interfere with aspect(s) of ILC2 activation, survival, and trafficking pathways. Our RNAseq data highlighted several candidate negative repressors of NF- κ B/MAP kinase pathways (e.g. *Socs1*, *Nr4a1/2/3*, *Tnfrsf3*). These targets could mediate some of the direct impacts of IFN γ , including repression of S1PR1 and S1PR4 upregulation and subsequent trafficking program in adventitial IL-5⁺ lymphocytes, as well as promoting cell death in parenchymal lymphocytes. Together, our work suggests that a better understanding of tissue lymphocyte trafficking and topographic crosstalk may lead to improved therapeutics that impact diverse physiologic and pathologic inflammatory states.

Limitations of Study:

Our work does not resolve the trafficking route and the tissue source by which ILC2s or Th2s reached parenchymal niches during type 2 challenges. Critical future questions include delineating the possible contribution of local or circulatory ILC2s and ILC progenitors to parenchymal and adventitial ILC2 pools (Ghaedi et al., 2020; Zeis et al., 2020) and precisely defining the regulation of ILC2s versus Th2 cell subsets. While our studies focused on ILC2s, we were able to verify similar findings in IL-5⁺ Th2 cells, at least regarding topographic positioning and counter-regulation by IFN γ . However, as ILC2s and Th2 cells have unique developmental trajectories, responsiveness to antigen, and functional contributions under certain conditions (Schuijs and Halim, 2016; Sonnenberg and Hepworth, 2019), their localization and function may also diverge in certain inflammatory settings or time frames.

STAR METHODS:

RESOURCE AVAILABILITY

Lead contact—Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Ari B. Molofsky (ari.molofsky@ucsf.edu).

Materials availability—This study did not generate new unique reagents.

Data and code availability—The accession number for the 3'Taq RNA-seq data reported in this paper is GSE190208. Accession code for ILC2s (Moro et al., 2016) can be found in the referenced study.

EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND DETAILS:

Mice—Cytokine reporter mice used in these studies include Red5 (*Il5-TdTomato-Cre*, Jackson 030926) for tracking IL-5-producing type 2 lymphocytes (Nussbaum et al., 2013). Yeti mice contain an IRES-eYFP cassette with a bovine growth hormone poly-A tail inserted into the 3' UTR (Stetson et al., 2003), leading to stabilization of the IFN γ transcript. Yeti mice used in these studies were heterozygous to avoid inflammatory toxicity observed in mice with homozygous Yeti alleles (Reinhardt et al., 2015). T-bet (*Tbx21*)-zsGreen transgenic mice are previously described (Zhu et al., 2012), a kind gift of Jinfang Zhu, Lab of Immune System Biology, NIH. Where indicated, thick section imaging was performed in Red5 homozygous mice, or Red5 heterozygous mice crossed with R26-CAG-RFP mice (Ai14 line) containing a flox-stop-flox sequence upstream of a CAG-RFP-WPRE-cassette in the constitutively expressed ROSA26 (R26) locus (Jackson 007914), serving as an IL-5 lineage- or fate-mapping reporter IL-5 lineage tracker mice (*Il5^{tdTomato-Cre}; Rosa26^{sf-RFP-Ai14}*) (Dahlgren et al., 2019). Where indicated, Red5 homozygous mice were crossed with conditional IFN γ receptor 1 gene targeted mice (*Ifngr1^{flox/flox}*) to selectively eliminate IFN γ signaling in IL-5 producing cells (Lee et al., 2013). Additional mice utilized include IFN γ R1 deficient (Jackson 003288), CD4-Cre (Jackson 022071) or Foxp3Cre-YFP (Jackson 016959) crossed to *Ifngr1^{flox/flox}*, IL7R α deficient (Jackson 002295) and PDGFR α -H2B-eGFP (Jackson 007669). All mice were bred and maintained in specific-pathogen-free conditions at the animal facilities of UCSF and were used in accordance with institutional guidelines and under approved study protocols. All mouse strains were backcrossed on C57BL/6 for at least 10 generations. If not otherwise stated, all experiments were performed with 10–12 weeks old mice and both male and females were included.

Tissue preparation for flow cytometry—Single cells suspensions were prepared from tissues including blood, lung, liver, gonadal adipose tissue (GAT), spleen and mesenteric lymph nodes (MLN). Mice were euthanized with CO₂. Immediately after, peripheral blood was collected through the posterior vena cava into heparin tubes, and mice were perfused by flushing the left ventricle with 10 mL 1X DPBS. For lung and liver, whole organs were excised, cut in small pieces with an automated tissue dissociator (GentleMacs; Miltenyi Biotec) and then digested in 1X Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS) with 0.2 mg/mL Liberase Tm (Roche, Cat# 5401127001), 25 μ g/mL DNase 1 (Roche, Cat# 10104159001), 0.5% bovine serum albumin (BSA, Sigma-Aldrich, Cat# A2153) for 30 min at 37°C on a shaker. Samples were subsequently processed on the GentleMacs using the “lung2” program, followed by filtration through 70 μ m filters, washed, and subjected to red blood cell lysis (1X Pharm-Lyse lysing solution; BD Biosciences) before final suspension in FACS buffer (1X DPBS, 3% FCS, 0.05% NaN₃). Liver samples were spun at 30 x g, 3min, 4C to remove hepatocytes then further separated using 40% Percoll-HBSS gradient (GE Healthcare #17–0891-01) and centrifugation (1400 x g, 20 min, room temperature, no brake). Perigonadal adipose tissue (GAT) was harvested, cut into small pieces, digested in 10mL of low-glucose DMEM containing 0.2 mg/mL Liberase Tm, 25 μ g/mL DNase, 0.2 M HEPES and 10 mg/mL BSA for 45 min at 37°C with gentle agitation, passed through 100 μ m filters and centrifuged at 1000 x g for 10min. Red blood cells were lysed using 1X Pharm-Lyse and the remaining cell pellet were resuspended in FACS buffer. Spleen

and MLN were prepared by mashing tissue through 70 μm filters without tissue digestion, followed by centrifugation and red cells lysis steps. Blood samples were centrifuged for 5 minutes at 1500 x g. The plasma was collected for further analysis while the remaining cell pack was resuspended in 1X Pharm-Lyse for 10–12 min at RT, followed by centrifugation and final suspension in FACS buffer. Cell counts were performed using a NucleoCounter (Chemometric). Samples were stained in 96-well V-bottom plates. Surface staining was performed at 4°C for 30 minutes in 50–100 μL staining volume. For experiment involving intra-cellular staining, cells were fixed and permeabilized using Foxp3 Transcription Factor Staining Buffer Set (eBioscience, cat# 00–5523-00). For cytokine production, 5×10^6 cells were plated in 96 well U-bottom plate and stimulated ex vivo with 1X Stimulation Cocktail (Tonbo Biosciences, cat# TNB-4975) in complete media (RPMI1640 supplemented with 1 mM nonessential amino acids, 2 mM glutamine, 1 mM sodium pyruvate, 100 U/mL penicillin/streptomycin and 50 μM β -mercaptoethanol) for 3 hours at 37C. For detection of vascular-associated lymphocytes, 3–5 min before euthanizing each mouse, 3 μg of anti-mouse fluorophore-conjugated CD45 antibody diluted in 200 μL of 1X DPBS were intravenously injected via the tail vein (Anderson et al., 2014). All samples were acquired on a BD LSRFortessa X-20 or a BD FACSAria II for cell sorting. Live lymphocytes were gated based on their forward and side scatter followed by Zombie NIR fixable (Biolegend) or DAPI exclusion. ILC2s were identified as lineage negative (CD11b⁻, CD11c⁻, CD3⁻, CD4⁻, CD8⁻, CD19⁻, NK1.1⁻), CD45⁺, Thy1.2⁺ (CD90.2), and Gata3^{hi}, IL1RL1⁺ (ST2), or KLRG1⁺, as indicated. Th2 cells were identified as CD45⁺ CD3e⁺ CD4⁺ Gata3^{hi} FoxP3⁻. In some cases, IL-5Cre-tdtomato; R26-RFP mice were used to identify ILC2 as Lineage⁻, CD90⁺ RFP⁺ and CD4⁺ Th2 cells as CD45⁺, CD3e⁺, CD4⁺ RFP⁺. Myeloid populations were identified as CD45⁺, CD3⁻, CD19⁻, CD11b⁺, CD11c⁻, MHCII⁻, SiglecF⁻, Ly6G⁺ (Neutrophils) and Ly6G⁻Ly6C⁺ (monocytes). Data were analyzed using FlowJo software (TreeStar, USA) and compiled using Prism (Graphpad Software).

Flow cytometry Antibodies—For cell sorting and flow cytometry analysis, cell suspension were prepared as described above, incubated with fixable viability dye and subsequently stained with following fluorophore-conjugated monoclonal antibodies: anti-CD45 (30-F11, BD Biosciences), anti-CD45.2 (104, Biolegend), anti-CD90.2 (thy1.2) (53–2.1, Biolegend), anti-CD3 (17A2, Biolegend), anti-CD4 (Biolegend, RM4–5), anti-CD8 (53–6.7, Biolegend), anti-CD11b (M1/70; Biolegend), anti-CD11c (N418, Biolegend), anti-Ly6C (HK1.4, Biolegend), anti-Ly6G (1A8, BD Biosciences), anti-Siglec-F (E50–2440, BD Bioscience), anti-mouse MHC Class II (I-A/I-E) (M5/114.15.2, eBioscience), anti-NK1.1 (PK136, Biolegend), anti-CD19 (6D5, Biolegend), anti-T1/ST2 (DJ8, MD Biosciences), anti-KLRG1 (2F1, Biolegend), anti-FoxP3 (FJK-16S, eBiosciences), anti-Ki-67 (16A8, Biolegend), anti-Gata3 (TWAJ, eBioscience), anti-IL13 (eBio13A, eBioscience), anti-IFNgR1 (XMG1.2, BD Bioscience).

Imaging Antibodies—Primary antibodies used include Living Colors anti-DsRed Rabbit Polyclonal Pan Antibody (1:500; TaKaRa), Chicken Polyclonal anti-GFP (1:300, Aves labs), Rat Monoclonal anti-mouse CD31 (1:100, clone MEC 13.3, BD Pharmingen), Rat Monoclonal anti-Endomucine (1:200, clone V.7C7.1, Abcam), Rat Monoclonal anti mouse CD4 (1:100, clone RM4–5, Biolegend), Goat anti mouse VEGFR3 (1:300, clone

Flt-4, R&D systems), Alexa Fluor 488 anti- α SMA monoclonal Antibody (1:200, clone 1A4, eBioscience), eFluor 660 anti-LYVE1 monoclonal Antibody (1:300, clone ALY7, eBioscience), Alexa Fluor 647 anti-CD4 (1:100, Clone RM4-5, Biolegend), APC anti-CD45 (1:100, clone 30-F11, Biolegend). As necessary the following secondary antibodies were used at 1:400 dilution: Alexa Fluor 555 donkey anti-rabbit IgG (H+L) cross-adsorbed (ThermoFisher Scientific) and Alexa Fluor 647 donkey anti-rat IgG (H+L) cross-adsorbed (Abcam). CFTM 488A donkey anti-chicken IgY (H+L), cross-adsorbed (Sigma-Aldrich)

3D Tissue Preparation and Imaging—Animals were euthanized with CO₂. Shortly thereafter, transcardial perfusion with pre-warmed 1X phosphate buffered saline with 0.2% heparin (1X DPBS/0.2% heparin) followed by 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) (Thermo Scientific, catalog # 28906) was performed. Lungs were inflated with 37°C 1.5% low-melting point agarose (Lonza). Tissues (liver, lung and gonadal adipose tissue) were harvested and post-fixed in fresh 4% PFA overnight at 4°C. After wash with 1X DPBS, coronal sections of 200–500 μ m sections were prepared using a vibratome (Leica VT1000S or Precisionary Compresstome VF-310-0Z). Samples were washed and incubated in permeabilization buffer (DPBS/0.2% Triton X-100/0.3M glycine) for 1 day at room temperature, then blocked in DPBS/0.2% TritonX-100/5% serum (from the same host species as the secondary antibody) at 4°C overnight. After, samples were washed in DPBS/0.2% Tween-20 once and incubated with primary antibodies diluted in DPBS/0.2% Tween-20/3% serum, room temperature until the next day. Next, samples were washed in DPBS/0.2% Tween-20 for 30 min, 3–4 times, then incubated with secondary antibodies diluted in DPBS/0.2% Tween-20/3% serum at room temperature for 6–8 h. Samples were washed in DPBS/0.2% Tween-20 for 1 day and then dehydrated in an ascending ethanol series (20, 30, 50, 70, 95, 100%), 10 min each step and then cleared by soaking in methyl salicylate. For T-bet-ZsGreen imaging, after secondary antibody staining step, samples were washed and incubated in RIMS (Refractive Index Matching Solution: 80% Histodenz in 1X PBS, 0.01% sodium azide, 0.1% Tween20) until transparent, then mounted in fresh RIMS solution and imaged.

For identification and localization of IL-5-tdTomato⁺ T2Ls to anatomical structures, lung tissues were stained with anti-tdTomato (1:500), anti-CD4 (1:100), anti-Lyve1 (1:200) and anti- α SMA (1:200) and in some cases, anti-CD31 (MEC13.3, 1:100, Biolegend) or anti-Endomucin. IFN γ -YFP⁺ Yeti tissue sections were stained with anti-GFP/YFP (1:300). All preparations were scanned using a Nikon A1R laser scanning confocal including 405, 488, 561, and 650 laser lines for excitation and imaging with 16X/0.8 or 25X1.1, NA Plan Apo long working distance water immersion objectives. Z steps were acquired every 2–6 μ m.

Image Analysis and quantification—z-stacks images were rendered in 3D dimensions and quantitatively analyzed using Bitplane Imaris v9.5 software package (Andor Technology PLC, Belfast, N. Ireland). Individual IL5⁺ and IFN γ ⁺ lymphocytes were annotated using the Imaris spots function based on the fluorescent reporter signal and using the Ortho slicer function to visualize size, morphology, and nuclear staining (DAPI). 3D reconstructions of alpha smooth muscle actin (α SMA)-labeled structures were performed using Imaris surface function and based on the morphological characteristics of orientation, location, and

SMA content to subdivide blood vessels types and airways (Dahlgren et al., 2019). Three dimensional distances between lymphocytes and SMA⁺ surfaces were calculated using the Imaris Distance Transform Matlab XTension and volumetric decile calculations were performed using a Matlab-based Imaris XTension. Adventitial lymphocytes were defined as spots localized <100µm from SMA⁺ smooth muscle surface and parenchymal lymphocytes as >100µm away from SMA⁺ surfaces.

Histology—Animals were euthanized by CO₂ and then perfused with 1X DPBS/0.2% heparin followed by 4% PFA. Tissues were harvested, post fixed overnight in 4% PFA/DPBS with rotation, then stored in 70% ethanol prior to processing. For liver histology, embedding, sectioning and Hematoxylin and Eosin (H&E) staining were performed at UCSF Core Facility.

Infections—For helminth infections, 500 third-stage (L3) larvae of *Nippostrongylus brasiliensis* (Nb) were injected subcutaneously at the base of the tail as previously described (Molofsky et al., 2015b). Mice were sacrificed at the indicated time points and tissues were harvested and analyzed. For infections using wild-type *Listeria monocytogenes* strain 10403s, mice were injected intravenously via the tail veins with 1×10⁴ colony-forming units (CFU) in 200 µL sterile 1X DPBS, or 2.5×10⁴ CFU in Yeti recipients. Livers and spleens from infected mice were removed at different time points after infection, and Listeria CFU were calculated by plating dilutions of tissue homogenates on brain heart infusion (BHI) plates.

Cytokine and antibody in vivo treatments—For cytokine injections, recombinant mouse Interleukin-33 (R&D systems, Cat# 3626-ML-010/CF) was given as 500ng in 200 µL DPBS i.p every other day for three doses. Recombinant mouse IFNγ (R&D systems, Cat# 485-MI-100/CF) doses were administrated as 10µg in 200 µL DPBS. For antibody injections, mice were injected i.v with 50µg neutralizing mAb against IL-13 (IgG1, clone 8H8, InvivoGen) and 50ug purified NA/LE mAb against IL-4Rα mAb against ILR4a (IgG2a, clone mIL4R-M1, BD Biosciences) or corresponding isotypes controls, for 4 consecutive days following the scheme presented in figure 5J.

Drug Preparation and Administration.—FTY720 (Fingolimod, Cayman Chemicals, Cambridge, UK) was freshly prepared by dissolving 10mg/mL in absolute ethanol and then diluted in corn oil (1:20 ratio, vehicle solution). Mice were injected intraperitoneally with 5 mg/kg FTY720 in 100 µl vehicle solution. W146 (TOCRIS, Cat. 3602 Batch N.2), a selective S1PR1 antagonist, was first dissolved in 2 mM NaOH at 5 mg/mL and finally diluted in sterile water to a final concentration of 2 mg/mL and given at 10 mg/kg body weight. CYM50358 hydroxichloride (TOCRIS, Cat. 4679), a selective antagonist of S1PR4, was dissolved in sterile water at x 50 mg/mL and given at 10 mg/kg.

Cytokine measurement in plasma by ELISA—To measure concentrations of circulating IL-13, plasma from resting and IL33-treated mice were collected at different time points and measured by ELISA using mouse IL-13 antibody pair kit that detect native and recombinant mouse IL-13 with 0.2 pg/mL sensitivity (Abcam, Cat. ab221432). Amounts of IFNγ in blood were analyzed 2 days after Lm infection using 0.2ug/mL anti-IFNγ

capture antibody (R4–6A2 Biolegend Cat. 505702) and 0.2ug/mL biotinylated anti-IFN γ detector antibody (XMG1.2 Biolegend Cat. 505804). Overall, plasma, positive controls, and recombinant standard proteins were diluted, added to ELISA plates (Corning, NY USA) pre-coated with capture antibody and incubated for 2 hours at RT or overnight at 4°C. Biotinylated detector antibody was then added and incubated at 37°C for 1 h followed by streptavidin-conjugated HRP (R&D Systems, MN USA) and visualized with slow kinetic-form TMB (Sigma Aldrich, MO USA). The reaction was stopped with 1N H₂SO₄ (Fisher Scientific, MA USA). Absorbance was measured at 450nm and corrected for absorbance at 540nm using a SpectraMax 5 spectrophotometer (Molecular Devices, CA USA). Measurements were performed in duplicate, and the results were averaged.

ILC2 cell sorting and 3' Tag RNASeq—Approximately 10,000–20,000 ILC2s from lungs and adipose tissue were sorted into 100–200 ul of lysis/binding buffer (Qiagen) using a BD FACSARIA II sorting system with a 100um nozzle size and 4 way-purity sort mode. ILC2s were sorted from IL-5^{Cre-tdtomato} Red5 mice as live (DAPI⁻), lineage-negative (CD3, CD4, CD8, CD11b, CD11c, CD19, NK1.1, Ter119) CD45⁺ Thy1.2⁺ tdtomato⁺. Total RNA was isolated using QIAGEN RNeasy Plus Micro Kit according to the manufacturer's instructions. RNA quality and quantitation were assessed on a Bioanalyzer. 3'-Tag RNAseq library preparation and sequencing was carried by the DNA Technologies and Expression Analysis Core at the UC Davis Genome Center, supported by NIH Shared Instrumentation Grant 1S10OD010786–01. Briefly, Gene expression profiling was carried out using a 3' Tag-RNA-Seq protocol. Barcoded sequencing libraries were prepared using the QuantSeq FWD kit (Lexogen, Vienna, Austria) for multiplexed sequencing according to the recommendations of the manufacturer (Lexogen). The fragment size distribution of the libraries was verified via micro-capillary gel electrophoresis on a Bioanalyzer 2100 (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA). The libraries were quantified by fluorometry on a Qubit fluorometer (LifeTechnologies, Carlsbad, CA), and pooled in equimolar ratios. Up to forty-eight libraries per lane were sequenced on a HiSeq 4000 sequencer (Illumina, San Diego, CA).

To read raw sequence data and set quality checks we used FastQC v0.72. FASTQ files were trimmed with Trimmomatic v0.38.1 to remove low quality reads and any adapter. The reads were mapped with HISAT2 v2.1.0 to the mouse genome (mm10 / GRCm38). After mapping, all BAM files were used as input for HTSeq-count v0.91 to calculate transcript coverage. DESeq2 (v2.11.40) was used to find differentially expressed transcripts between samples for each sequencing depth. Differentially expressed genes (DEG) were kept if the adjusted p value was equal or below 0.05 and if a log₂ fold-change of 1 or greater was observed. Data are deposited in the NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database (GSE190208). Volcano plots were build using EnhancedVolcano v1.8.0 and heatmaps (FDR 0.05) with GENE-E v3.0.215. In order to do pathway enrichment analysis, we use Ingenuity Pathways Analysis taking differential expressed genes with a FDR 0.05 as determined from the DESeq2 differential gene expression analysis above.

RNA preparation and qRT-PCR—Indicated populations were sorted into RLT Plus lysis buffer (Qiagen) and stored at –80 °C, then processed using Allprep DNA/RNA micro kit (Qiagen) per manufacturer's protocol. For qPCR analyses, RNA was reverse

transcribed using SuperScript III cDNA synthesis kit (ThermoFisher) and amplified using Power SYBR Green PCR master mix (ThermoFisher). Transcripts were normalized to Ppia (Cyclophilin A) expression and relative expression shown as 2^{- Ct}. Primer sequences: Ppia, 5' TGGAGAGCACCAAGACAGACA-3', 5' - TGCCGGAGTCGACAATGAT-3'; Il4, 5' - ACAGGAGAAGGGACGCCAT-3', 5' - GAAGCCCTACAGACGAGCTCA-3'; Il13, 5' GGAGCTGAGCAACATCACACA-3', 5' - GGTCTGTAGATGGCATTGCA-3'.

ILC2 adoptive transfers—In vivo expansion of ILC2s were performed in *Il5^{tdtomato-Cre/+}; Rosa26^{sf-RFP-Ai14}* mice with 3 injections of 500ng IL-33 as described before. Lung ILC2s were sorted as viable, lineage negative RFP⁺ cells and collected in complete media. In some cases, cells were washed in 1X DPBS before i.v. transfer the same day. For Pertussis toxin (PTX) treatment, cells were cultured for 24 h in complete media supplemented with hIL-2 and mIL-7, +/- 100mg/mL PTX (Millipore sigma) before DPBS wash and transfer. 50,000–200,000 (ex-vivo) or 500,000 (in vitro expanded) IL-5⁺ ILC2s were transferred into wild type, *Il7ra^{+/-}* controls or *Il7ra^{-/-}* recipients. Recipient mice were euthanized 3- or 14-days post transfer and lungs were prepared for flow cytometry or imaging as described in separate sections.

Cell death assays.—For in vitro cell culture, IL-5^{tdtomato}⁺ ILC2s were purified by FACS sorting as described before. After sorting, cells were seeded in 96-well U-bottom plates at a density of 3–5,000 cell/well in complete medium (RPMI1640 supplemented with 1 mM nonessential amino acids, 2 mM glutamine, 1 mM pyruvate, 100 U/mL penicillin/streptomycin and 50 μM β-mercaptoethanol) with 20 ng/mL rmIL-7 (R&D Systems Cat. 407-ML) and incubated at 37°C and 105% CO₂. To evaluate IFNγ mediated cell death, cells were either left untreated or treated with IFNγ (20 ng/mL). After 72h, cells were washed with 1X annexin binding buffer and resuspended in cold binding buffer containing APC-conjugated AnnexinV and 1 μM SYTOX® Green stain, incubated at 37°C for 15 minutes and then immediately analyzed by flow cytometry. Viable cells were defined as those negative for both SYTOX and Annexin V, while early apoptotic cells were Annexin V⁺SYTOX⁻. Double-positive cells were late apoptotic or necrotic.

TUNEL: For detection of in situ cell death, DNA fragmentation in *Il5^{tdtomato-Cre}; Rosa26^{sf-RFP-Ai14}* lymphocytes after listeria infection was detected by terminal dUTP nick-end labeling (TUNEL) method using DeadEnd Fluorometric TUNEL System (Promega, Madison, WI) according to the manufacturer's protocol and co-stained with antibodies as described (Cautivo et al., 2016). In brief, 7μm paraffin-embedded liver and lung sections were deparaffinized, rehydrated, washed and then permeabilized with 20μg/mL Proteinase K solution for 10 minutes. After, samples were treated with Equilibration buffer for 10 min and then incubated with TdT reaction mix for 60 minutes at 37°C in the dark. Samples were subsequently washed with DPBS, then blocked, stained with anti-tdTomato (1:300) overnight at 4°C, washed again and then incubated with Alexa Fluor 555 donkey anti-rabbit IgG for 1hr at room temperature. Finally, slides were mounted in ProLong Gold antifade reagent with DAPI (Molecular Probes Cat. P36935), covered and analyzed under a confocal microscope

QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

All data were analyzed by comparison of means using unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-tests, or for multiple comparisons ANOVA with Holm-Sidak post hoc test (Prism, GraphPad Software, La Jolla, CA), with ns = not significant, **p* 0.05, ***p* 0.01, ****p* 0.001. Figures display means ± standard deviation (SD) unless otherwise noted. When possible, results from independent experiments were pooled. All data points reflect individual biological mouse replicates (flow analysis) or individual tissue slices analyzed (confocal imaging). For imaging experiments, all analysis was performed at least three mice from at least two independent experiments, with two or more fields analyzed per mouse.

Supplementary Material

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 3D imaging defines IL-5⁺ ILC2 and Th2 cell secondary niches in tissue parenchyma.
- IFN γ directly restricts IL-5⁺ lymphocyte dispersion and parenchymal accumulation.
- IFN γ acts by restricting parenchymal IL-5⁺ cell trafficking and promoting cell death.
- Restricting parenchymal IL-5⁺ lymphocytes limits *Listeria*-associated mortality.

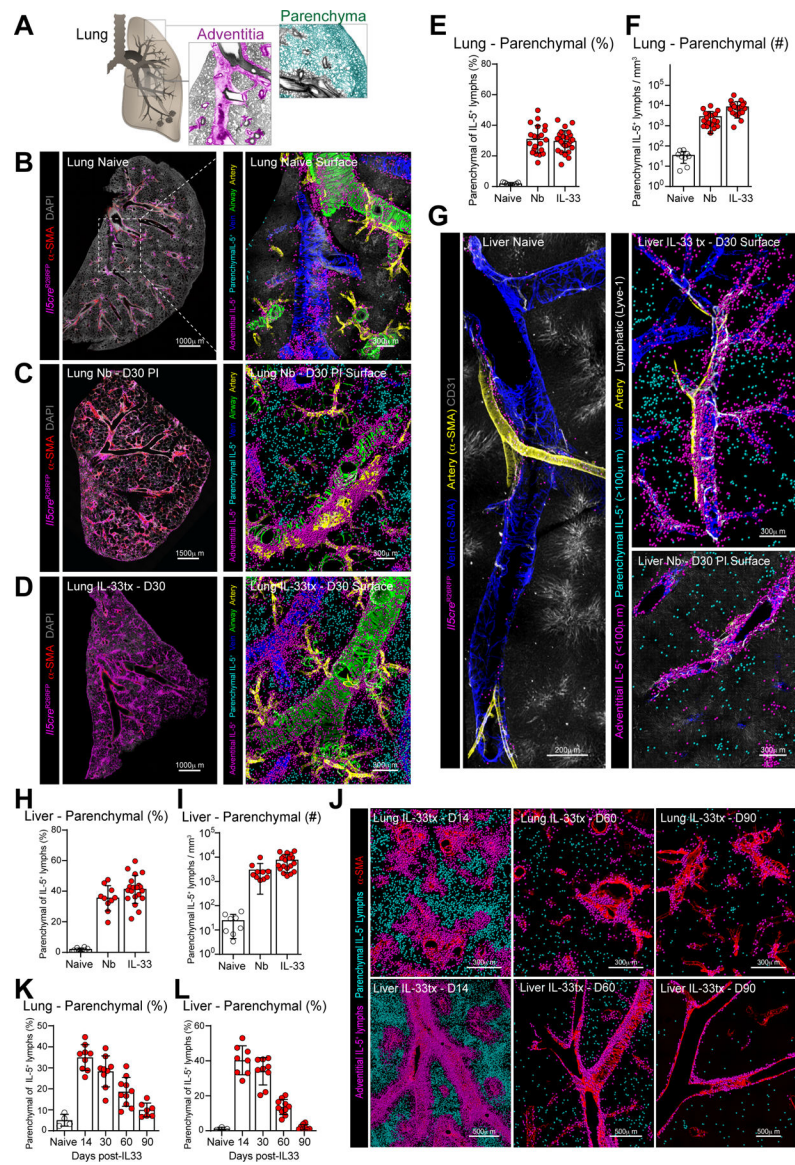


Figure 1: IL-5⁺ type 2 lymphocytes expand in lung and liver parenchyma during type 2 inflammation.

(A) Schematics of lung topography highlighting adventitial (pink) and parenchymal (teal) domains.

(B-D) Confocal imaging of lung thick-sections (left) or surface-rendered three-dimensional reconstruction (right) from IL-5⁺ T2L lineage tracker naïve mice, *Nippostrongylus brasiliensis* infected (Nb) at day 30 (D30) post-infection (PI), or IL-33 treated at D30 post treatment, as indicated. 3 independent experiments, total N=5–6 mice/group.

(E-F, H-I) Quantitative analysis of lung and liver thick-section confocal images as percent parenchymal IL-5⁺ T2Ls of total IL-5⁺ T2Ls (**E and H**) or parenchymal IL-5⁺ T2L numbers per tissue volume (**F and I**). Pooled from 3 independent experiments, total N=5–6 mice/group.

(G) Confocal imaging of liver thick-sections at resting, D30 PI with Nb and D30 post IL-33 treatment showing surface-rendered reconstruction, as described in **B-D**.

(J-L) Confocal imaging of lung and liver sections at indicated days post IL-33 treatment showing surface-rendered 3D reconstruction, as described in **B-D** and quantitative imaging analysis (**K-L**) of parenchymal IL-5⁺ T2L accumulation as a percent of total IL-5⁺ T2L. Images and quantification from 2 independent experiments, total N=4–5 mice per time point. See also Figure S1.

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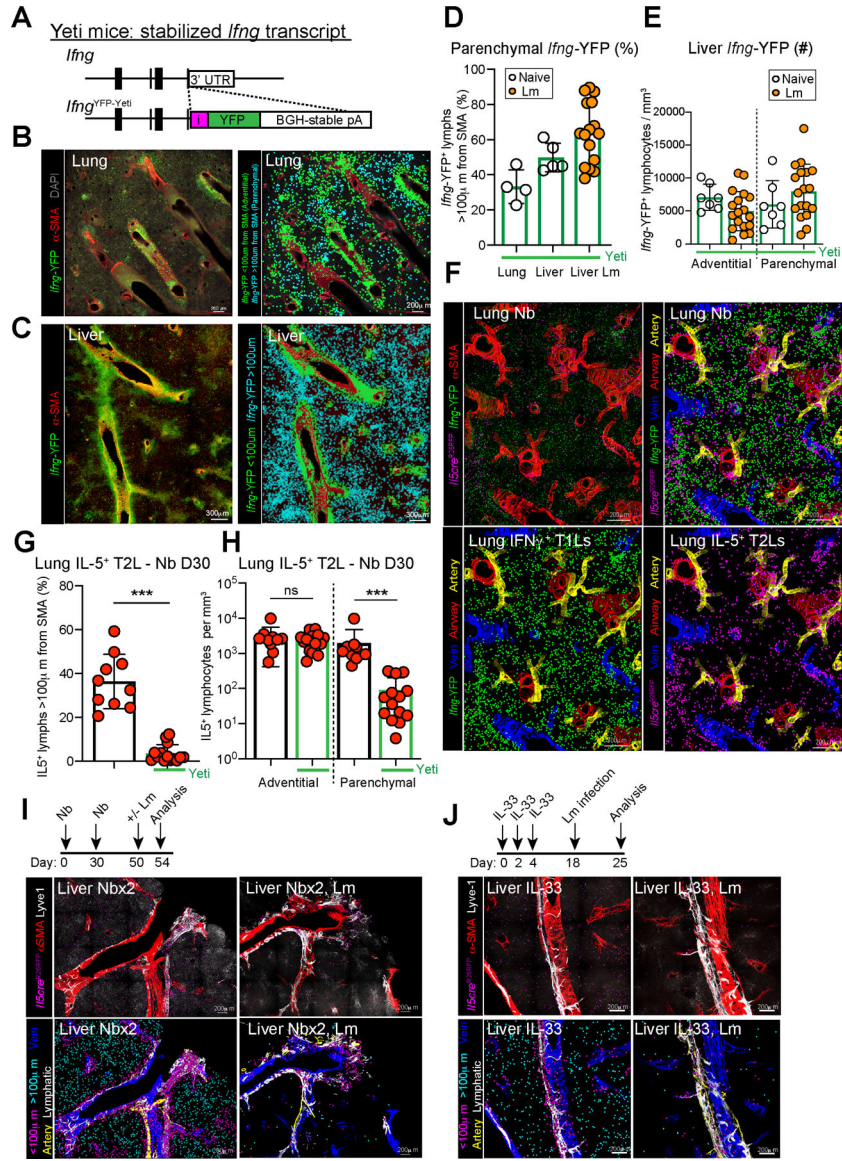


Figure 2: IFN γ -producing type 1 lymphocytes restrict IL-5⁺ type 2 lymphocyte parenchymal expansion during mixed inflammatory challenges
(A) Schematic of the *Ifng*^{YFP} Yeti reporter mouse.
(B and C) Confocal thick-section images from lung and liver of *Ifng*^{YFP/+} mice with all *Ifng*^{YFP}⁺ cells (left, green) or with surfaces rendered (right) on adventitial cells (IFN γ ⁺, green, <100 μ m from SMA) and parenchymal cells (IFN γ ⁺, teal, >100 μ m from SMA). Images are representative of N=8 mice.
(D and E) Quantitative imaging analysis of (D) lung and liver sections as percent parenchymal IFN γ ⁺ T1Ls of total T1Ls or (E) total IFN γ ⁺ T1Ls per volume from liver of *Ifng*^{YFP/+} mice at rest (open white dots) and D7 post *Listeria monocytogenes* (Lm) infection (orange dots). Pooled from 2 independent experiments, total N=4 mice.
(F) Confocal imaging and surfacing analysis of lung thick-sections of T1L-Yeti/T2L-lineage tracker mice infected with Nb and imaged at D30 PI. 2 independent experiments, total N=7 mice/group.

(G and H) Quantitative imaging analysis of lung as (G) percent parenchymal IL-5⁺ T2Ls and (H) IL-5⁺ T2Ls per volume in thick lung sections from T1L-Yeti/T2L-lineage tracker mice (bars outlined in green), or littermate T2L-lineage tracker only mice (bars outlined in black) at D30 post Nb infection. Pooled from 2 independent experiments, total N=7 mice/group.

(I and J) Confocal imaging of liver thick sections from IL-5 reporter mice (after the indicated challenges, showing native images and rendered surfaces of adventitial and parenchymal IL-5^{tdtomato+} T2Ls. 2 independent experiments, total N=6 mice/group. Bar graphs indicate mean (\pm SD), unpaired Student's t test. **See also** Figure S2.

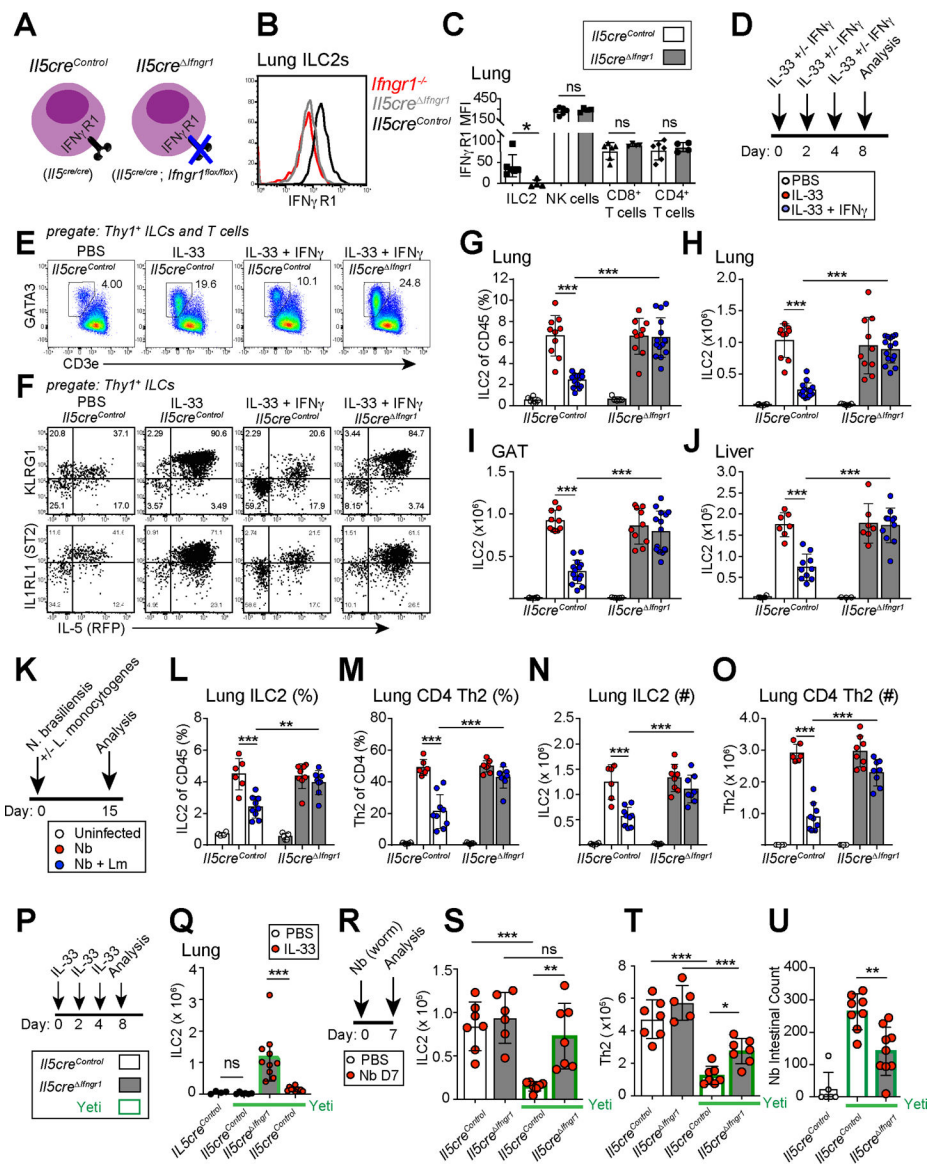


Figure 3: IFN γ directly restricts activated IL-5⁺ type 2 lymphocytes.

(A) Schematic of IL-5⁺ T2L IFN γ -blind conditional mouse strain (*I15cre* *Ifngr1*) or littermate controls.

(B and C) Flow histograms and mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) of IFN γ R1 expression on resting lung ILC2s and other lung lymphocytes in control (white bars) and IL-5⁺ T2L IFN γ -blind (grey bars) mice. 2 independent experiments, total N=6 mice/ group.

(D) Schematic showing IL33 +/- IFN γ administration schedule, relevant to E-J.

(E and F) Flow cytometry of ILC2s or total ILCs expression of KLRG1, IL1RL1 (ST2), or IL-5RFP in lungs at D8. 3 independent experiments, N 7 mouse/group.

(G-J) Flow cytometry of ILC2 as (G) percent or (H) total number in lungs (I), gonadal adipose tissue (GAT), and (J) liver from the indicated mice treated with PBS (white dots), IL-33 in the absence (red dots) or presence (blue dots) of IFN γ . Pooled from 3 independent experiments, N 7 mouse/group.

(K) Schematic showing co-infection with *Nippostrongylus brasiliensis* followed by inoculation with *Listeria monocytogenes*, relevant to **L-O**.

(L-O) Flow cytometry showing percent and numbers of ILC2 and Th2 cells at D15 PI. Pooled from 3 independent experiments, N 6 mouse/group.

(P and Q) Schematic of IL-33 treatment and flow analysis of ILC2s in lungs on D8 post PBS control (white dots) or IL-33 treatment (red dots) from the indicated strains, with mice on an *Ifng*^{YFP/+} Yeti background (bars outlined in green). Pooled from 2 independent experiments, N 8 mouse/group.

(R-T) Schematic of Nb helminth infection with flow analysis of ILC2s and Th2 cells on D7 PI from the indicated mouse strains. Pooled from 2 independent experiments, N 6 mouse/group.

(U) Intestinal Nb larvae at D7 PI. Pooled from 2 independent experiments, N 6 mouse/group.

Bar graphs indicate mean (\pm SD), Two-Way ANOVA with Sidak post-test. **See also** Figure S3

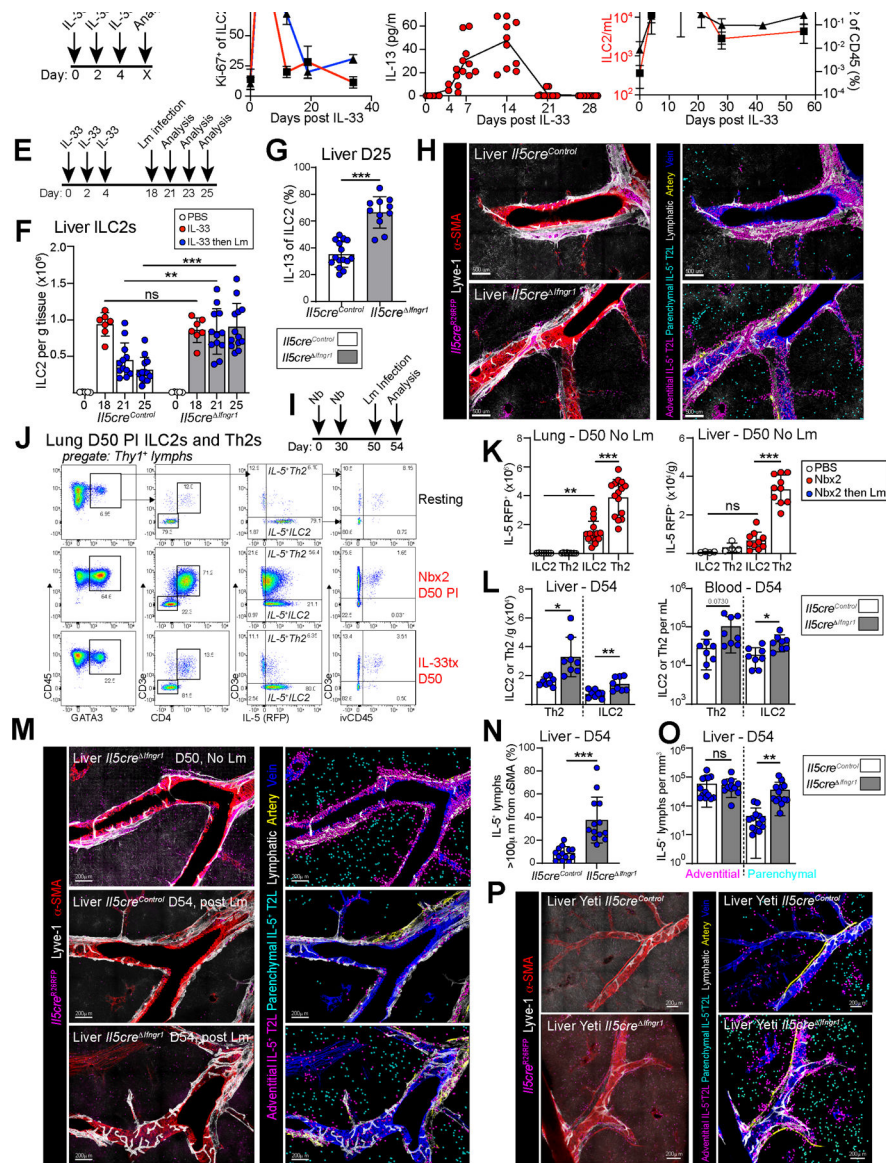


Figure 4: IFN γ directly limits IL-5⁺ type 2 lymphocyte accumulation at parenchymal domains.

(A) Schematic of IL-33 treatment, relevant to B-D.

(B) Flow cytometry showing percent of Ki-67⁺ ILC2. Pooled from 3 independent experiments, N = 8 mice per time point

(C) Plasma IL-13 at the indicated time points. Pooled from 3 independent experiments, N = 6 mice per time point.

(D) Flow cytometry showing blood ILC2s per mL (red) or percentages (black). Pooled from 3 independent experiments with N = 8 mice per time point.

(E) Schematic of IL-33 treatment followed by infection with Lm on D18 post IL-33 treatment, relevant to F-H.

(F and G) Flow cytometry quantitation of (F) liver ILC2s and (G) percent IL-13⁺ of ILC2s elicited upon in vitro restimulation on D25. Red dots indicate IL-33 treatment only and

blue dots indicate mice with IL-33 treatment, then Lm infection. Pooled from 3 independent experiments, with N = 7 mice per group.

(H) Confocal thick-section imaging, surface rendered and distance analysis for liver IL-5RFP⁺ T2Ls at D23 post initial IL-33 treatment, (D5 Lm PI).

(I) Schematic of Nb s.c. infections, followed by Lm i.v. infection. Relevant to J-O.

(J) Flow cytometry plots comparing IL-5⁺ ILC2 and IL-5⁺ Th2 cells after Nb infections or IL-33 treatment in IL-5⁺ T2L lineage tracker mice. 2 independent experiments, total N=6 mice/group.

(K) Flow cytometry of IL-5⁺ ILC2 and IL-5⁺ Th2 cell numbers at D50 post Nbx2 (no Lm infected mice). Pooled from 3 independent experiments, N = 8 mice/group.

(L) Flow cytometry quantitation of liver and blood ILC2s in T2L IFN γ -blind mice (grey bars) and controls, 4 days post Lm infection (D54).

(M-O) Confocal images of liver thick sections **(M)** and **(N and O)** quantitation of IL-5⁺ lymphocyte localization. Pooled from 2 independent experiments, total N=5–6 mice/group.

(P) Confocal imaging with distance analysis in livers from *Ifng*^{YFP/+}; *IL5cre* *Itng1* mice and controls at D8 post IL-33 treatment. 2 independent experiments, total N = 4.

Bar graphs indicate mean (\pm SD), Two-Way ANOVA with Sidak post-test for F and unpaired t test for G, K, L, N, O. **See also** Figure S4

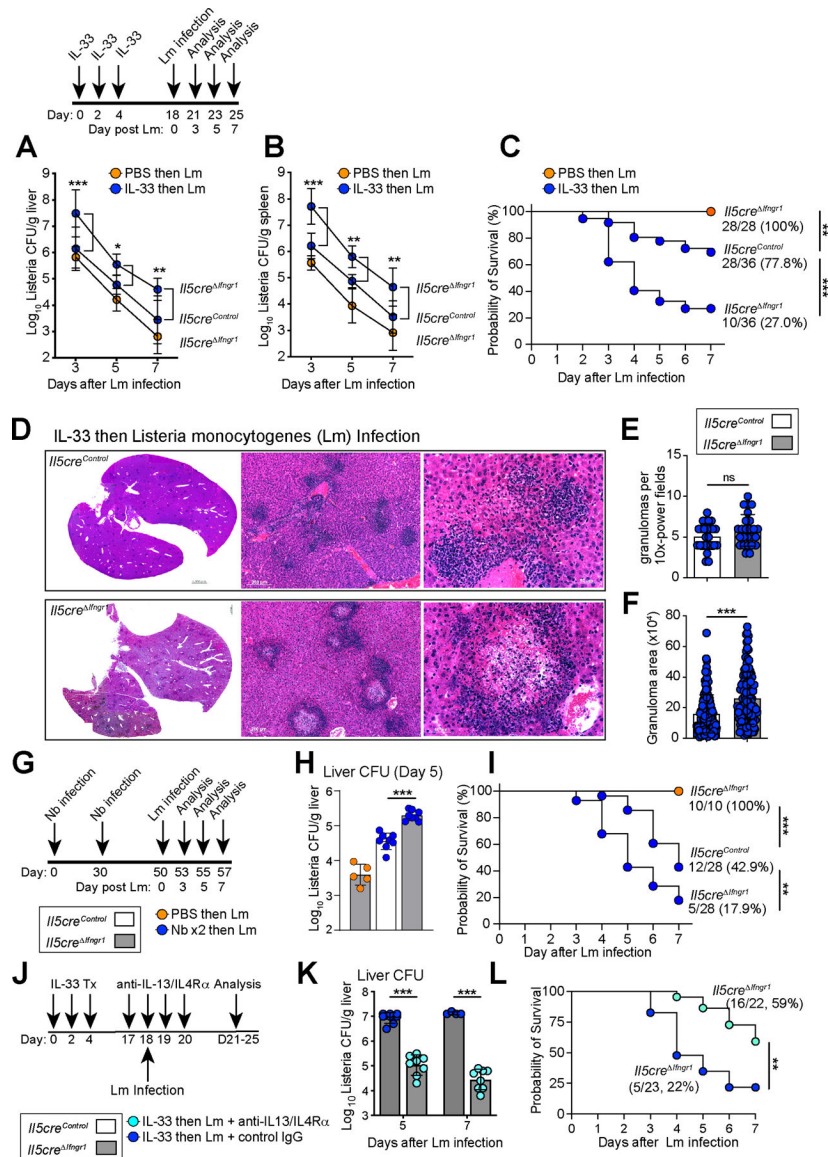


Figure 5: IFN γ directly acts on IL-5⁺ type 2 lymphocytes to restrict morbidity and mortality of Listeria infection during mixed inflammation.

(A-B) Schematic of IL-33 treatment then infection with Lm (relevant to A-F) and colony forming units (CFUs) from (A) liver and (B) spleen. Pooled from 3 independent experiments, N = 8 mice.

(C) Survival curves after Lm infection. Pooled from 3 independent experiments with N=28 mice for *Il5cre^{ΔIfng1}*; PBS tx, N=36 for *Il5cre^{ΔIfng1}*; IL-33 tx and, N=36 for *Il5cre^{Control}*; IL-33 tx.

(D) H&E staining of 7μm paraffin liver sections at D7 post Lm. 3 independent experiments, N=6 mice/group.

(E and F) Granuloma numbers and size in 10X magnification fields. Pooled from 3 independent experiments, total N=6 mice/group.

(G-I) Schematic of Nb infections, followed by Lm infection. Analysis of (H) liver CFUs at D5 PI and (I) Survival curves. Orange dots indicate mice infected with Lm, blue dots

indicate mice infected with 2 rounds of Nb, then Lm infection. Pooled from 3 independent experiments, total N = 10/group.

(J-L) Schematic of the treatment regimen with neutralizing antibodies (teal dots) i.v injected into *Il5cre Ifngr1* mice pre-treated with IL-33, then infected with Lm. **(K)** liver CFUs at D5 and D7 PI and **(L)** Survival curves (N=22 mice with neutralizing Abs, N=23 mice with isotypes Abs). Pooled from 2 independent experiments.

Bar graphs indicate mean (\pm SD), two-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett test for A, B.

Kaplan-Meier survival curves are compared using the log-rank (Mantel-Cox) analysis, for C, I, L. Students t test for E, F, H and K. **See also** Figure S5

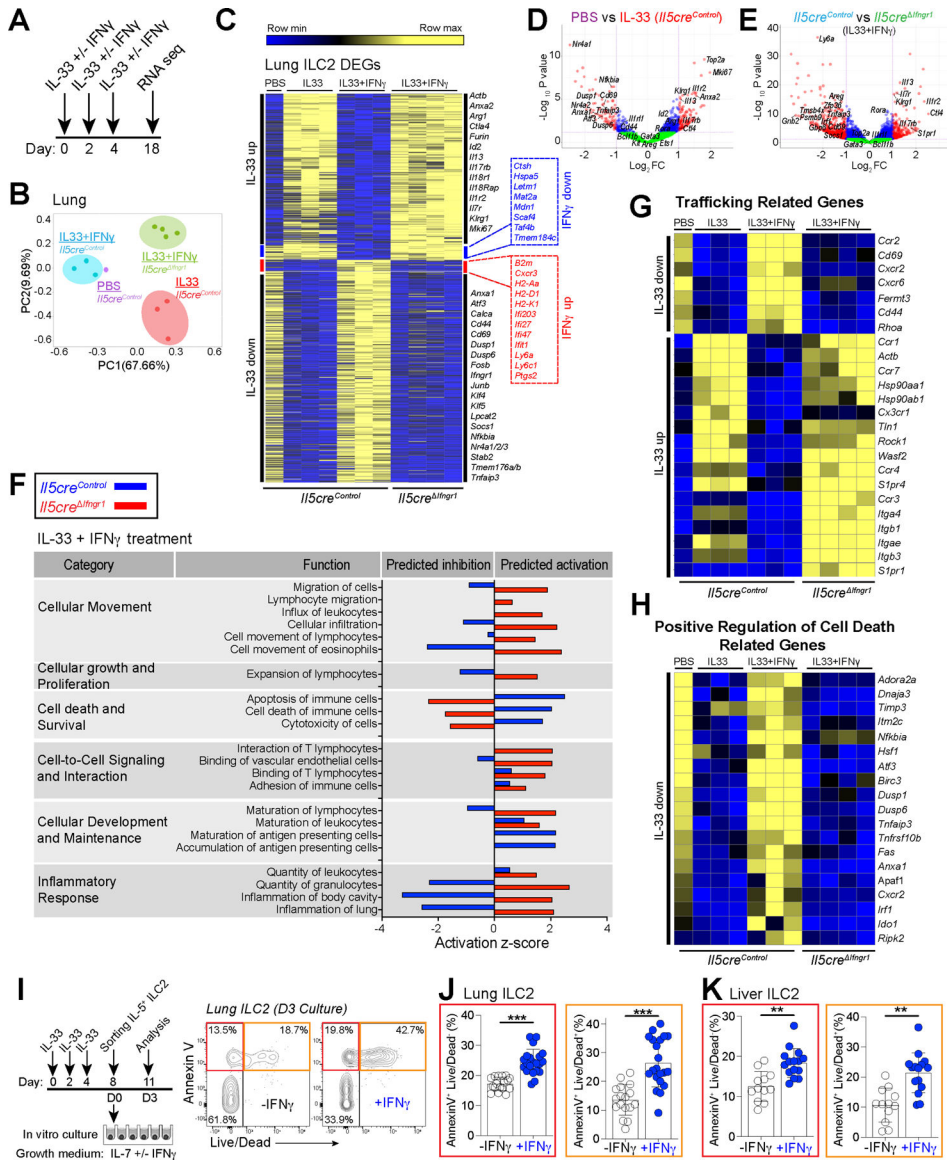


Figure 6: ILC2 lung transcriptome induced by IL-33 and repressed by IFN γ includes programs for cellular trafficking and regulation of cell death.

(A) Schematic of mouse treatment regimen and flow sorting of IL-5RFP⁺ ILC2s.
 (B) Principal component analysis (PCA) plots.
 (C) Heat map of differentially expressed genes (DEGs) in lung ILC2s highlighting genes for IL-33 induced (top), IFN γ -repressed (blue), IFN γ -activated (red), and IL-33 repressed (bottom)
 (D and E) Volcano plots comparing (D) *Ils5*^{control} mice treated with PBS or IL-33 or (E) *Ils5cre*^{Control} or *Ils5cre*^{Ifngr1} mice both treated with IL-33 + IFN γ , with signature genes highlighted in red regions and borderline significance in blue.
 (F) Pathway analysis (IPA) of mice treated with IL33 + IFN γ comparing *Ils5cre*^{Control} versus *Ils5cre*^{Ifngr1} mice.
 (G-H) Heatmaps of differentially expressed trafficking-related and cell-death related genes highlighted after IPA analysis.

(I-K) Schematic of in vivo ILC2 expansion and in vitro cell culture conditions to evaluate IFN γ -mediated cell death. Percentages of annexin V versus live/dead cell subsets. 3 independent experiments.

Bar graphs indicate mean (\pm SD), unpaired Student's t-test with welch's correction. **See also** Figure S6.

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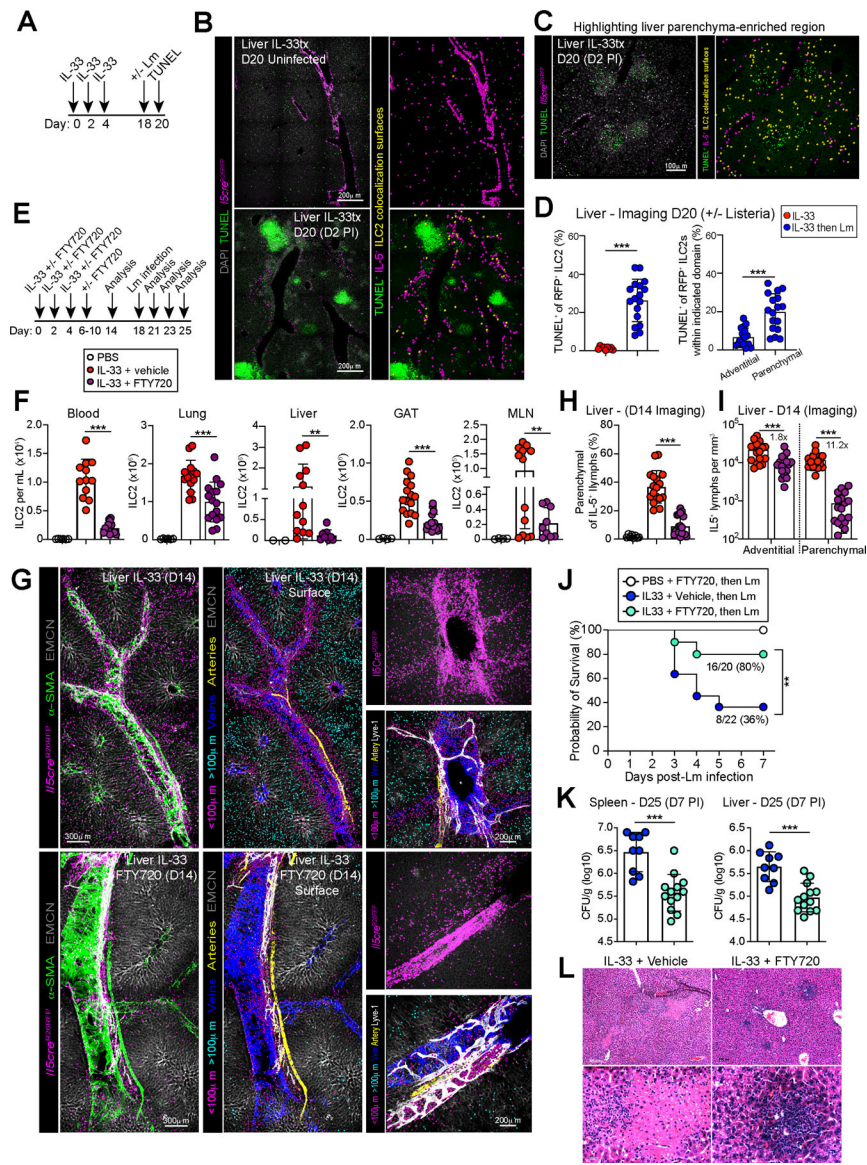


Figure 7: S1P-mediated trafficking and IL-5⁺ lymphocyte cell death impact parenchymal accumulation and Listeria associated morbidity and mortality.

(A) Schematic of mouse treatment regimen for TUNEL cell death assay after Lm infection.

(B) Paraffin-embedded sections of livers from Lm infected IL-5 lineage tracker mice (D2 PI) assessed by TUNEL staining and surfacing analysis for TUNEL and IL-5 colocalization (yellow spots) at adventitial and (C) parenchymal domains with (D) imaging quantification. 3 independent experiments, N=7 mice/group.

(E) Schematic of mouse treatment with IL-33 ± FTY720 ± infection with or without Lm on D18. Relevant to F-L

(F) Flow cytometry of ILC2s in multiple tissues on D14. Pooled data from 3 independent experiments, total N 12 mouse/group.

(G) Confocal thick-section imaging, surfaces rendered and distance analysis for adventitial and parenchymal IL-5⁺ T2Ls in livers at D14. 3 independent experiments, total N 6 mouse/group.

(H and I) Imaging quantification as percent parenchymal IL-5⁺ T2Ls of total IL-5⁺ T2Ls or parenchymal IL-5⁺ T2L numbers per tissue volume. 3 independent experiments, total N = 6 mouse/group.

(J) Survival curves after Lm infection. Data pooled from 3 independent experiments, N=20 or n=22 mice for *Il5cre* *Ifng1* treated with or without FTY720, respectively.

(K) Lm CFUs on day 25 (D7 PI) from spleen and liver of *Il5cre* *IFN γ R1* mice pre-treated with IL-33 with (teal dots) or without FTY720 (blue dots). Data pooled from three independent experiments, total N = 8 mice/ group.

(L) H&E staining of paraffin liver sections at D7 post Lm infection. 3 independent experiments, total N=6 mice/group.

Bar graphs indicate mean (\pm SD). Unpaired t test with Welch's correction for F, H, I, K. Kaplan-Meier survival curves are compared using the log-rank (Mantel-Cox) analysis. **See also** Figure S7.

KEY RESOURCES TABLE

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
Anti-mouse CD45 BUV395 (clone 30-F11)	BD Biosciences	Cat#565967; RRID: AB_2739420
Anti-mouse CD45 APC (clone 30-F11)	Biolegend	Cat#103112; RRID: AB_312977
Anti-mouse CD45.2 AF647 (clone 104)	Biolegend	Cat#109817; RRID: AB_492871
Anti-mouse CD90.2 BV605 (Thy1.2) (clone 53-2.1)	Biolegend	Cat#140318; RRID: AB_2650924
Anti-mouse CD3 PerCP Cy5.5 (clone 17A2)	Biolegend	Cat#100218; RRID: AB_1595492
Anti-mouse CD3 AF488 (clone 17A2)	Biolegend	Cat#100210; RRID: AB_389301
Anti-mouse CD3e APC (clone 17A2)	Biolegend	Cat#100236; RRID: AB_2561456
Anti-mouse CD4 BV711 (clone RM4-5)	Biolegend	Cat#100557; RRID: AB_2562607
Anti-mouse CD8 BV786 (clone 53-6.7)	Biolegend	Cat#100750; RRID: AB_2562610
Anti-mouse CD11b BV650 (clone M1/70)	Biolegend	Cat#101259; RRID: AB_2566568
Anti-mouse CD11b Pacific Blue (clone M1/70)	Biolegend	Cat#101224 RRID: AB_755986
Anti-mouse CD11b FITC (clone M1/70)	Biolegend	Cat#101206; RRID: AB_312789)
Anti-mouse CD11c Pacific Blue (clone N418)	Biolegend	Cat#117321; RRID: AB_755987
Anti-mouse CD11c PE-Cy7 (clone N418)	Biolegend	Cat#117318; RRID: AB_493568
Anti-mouse Ly6C BV605 (clone HK1.4)	Biolegend	Cat#128035; RRID:AB_2562352
Anti-mouse Ly6G PerCP Cy5.5 (clone 1A8)	BD Biosciences	Cat#560602; RRID:AB_1727563
Anti-mouse Siglec-F PE (clone E50-2440)	BD Biosciences	Cat#552126; RRID: AB_394341
Anti-mouse Siglec-F BV786 (clone E50-2440)	BD Biosciences	Cat#740956 RRID: AB_2740581
Anti-mouse mouse MHC Class II (I-A/I-E) FITC (clone M5/114.15.2)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#11-5321-85; RRID: AB_465233
Anti-mouse NK1.1 Pacific Blue (clone PK136)	Biolegend	Cat#108722; RRID: AB_2132712
Anti-mouse NK1.1 PE-Cy7 (clone PK136)	Biolegend	Cat#108714; RRID: AB_389364
Anti-mouse NK1.1 BV650 (clone PK136)	Biolegend	Cat#108736; RRID: AB_2563159
Anti-mouse CD19 Pacific Blue (clone 6D5)	Biolegend	Cat#115523; RRID: AB_439718
Anti-mouse T1/ST2 PE (clone DJ8)	MD Biosciences	Cat#101001PE
Anti-mouse KLRG1 PE-Cy7 (clone 2F1)	Biolegend	Cat#138416; RRID: AB_2561736
Anti-mouse FoxP3 PE-Cy7 (clone FJK-16S)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#25-5773-82; RRID: AB_891552
Anti-mouse FoxP3 AF488 (clone FJK-16S)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#53-5773-82; RRID: AB_763537
Anti-mouse Ki-67 FITC (clone 16A8)	Biolegend	Cat#652410; RRID: AB_2562141
Anti-mouse Ki-67 PE (clone 16A8)	Biolegend	Cat#652404; RRID: AB_2561525
Anti-mouse Gata3 eF660 (clone TWAJ)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#50-9966-42; RRID: AB_10596663
Anti-mouse Gata3 PE (clone TWAJ)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#12-9966-41; RRID: AB_1963601
Anti-mouse IL13 PE (clone eBio13A)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#12-7133-82; RRID: AB_763559
Anti-mIL-13-IG antibody (clone 8H8)	InvivoGen	Cat#mabg-mil13; RRID:AB_2722583

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Purified Rat Anti-Mouse CD124 (clone mL4R-M1)	BD Biosciences	Cat#551853; RRID:AB_394274
Living Colors anti-DsRed Rabbit Polyclonal Pan Antibody	TaKaRa	Cat#632496
Chicken Polyclonal anti-GFP	Aves Labs	Cat#GFP-1020
Rat Monoclonal anti-mouse CD31 (clone MEC 13.3)	BD Pharmigen	Cat#550274; RRID:AB_393571
Rat Monoclonal anti mouse CD4 (clone RM4-5)	Biolegend	Cat#100506; RRID:AB_312709
Goat anti mouse VEGFR3 (clone Flt-4)	R&D Systems	Cat#AF743
Alexa Fluor 488 anti-aSMA monoclonal Antibody (clone 1A4)	eBioscience	Cat#53-9760-82; RRID:AB_2574461
eFluor 660 anti-LYVE1 monoclonal Antibody (clone ALY7)	eBioscience	Cat#53-0443-82; RRID:AB_1633415
Alexa Fluor 647 anti-CD4 (clone RM4-5)	Biolegend	Cat#100530; RRID:AB_389325
Alexa Fluor 555 donkey anti-rabbit IgG (H+L) cross-adsorbed	Invitrogen	Cat#A31572
Alexa Fluor 647 donkey anti-rat IgG (H+L)	Abcam	Cat#ab150155
Rat Monoclonal anti-Endomucin (clone V.7C7.1)	Abcam	Cat#ab106100
Anti-Chicken IgY (H+L), highly cross-adsorbed, CF™ 488A antibody	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# SAB4600031
FITC Rat Anti-Mouse IFN- γ (clone XMG1.2)	BD Pharmigen	Cat#562019; RRID:AB_395375
Purified anti-mouse CD3 Antibody (clone 17A2)	Biolegend	Cat#100202; RRID:AB_312659
Purified anti-mouse IFN- γ Antibody (clone R4-6A2)	Biolegend	Cat#505702; RRID:AB_315390
Biotin anti-mouse IFN- γ Antibody (clone XMG1.2)	Biolegend	Cat#505804; RRID:AB_315398
anti-mouse TER-119/Erythroid Cells Pacific Blue (clone TER-119)	Biolegend	Cat#116232; RRID:AB_2251160
Bacterial and Virus Strains		
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> strain 10403s	<i>L. monocytogenes</i> is maintained and grown in Ari Molofsky lab.	
Chemicals, Peptides, and Recombinant Proteins		
Recombinant mouse Interleukin-33	R&D systems	Cat#3626-ML-010/CF
Recombinant mouse IFN γ	R&D systems	Cat#485-MI-100/CF
FTY720	Cayman Chemicals	Cat#10006292
W146	TOCRIS	Cat#3602 Batch N.2
CYM50358 hydroxichloride	TOCRIS	Cat#4679
1X Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution (1X HBSS), with calcium, with magnesium, no phenol red	Gibco	Cat#14025092
1X Dulbecco's phosphate-buffered saline (1X DPBS), no calcium, no magnesium	Gibco	Cat#14190144
RPMI 1640 Medium	Gibco	Cat#11875093
MEM Non-Essential Amino Acids Solution (100X)	Gibco	Cat#11140050
GlutaMAX™ Supplement (100X)	Thermo Scientific	Cat#35050038
Sodium Pyruvate (100 mM)	Gibco	Cat#11360070
Penicillin-Streptomycin (10,000 U/mL)	Gibco	Cat#15140122
2-Mercaptoethanol (50 mM)	Gibco	Cat#31350010
Pierce™ 16% Formaldehyde (w/v), Methanol-free	Thermo Scientific Pierce	Cat#28906
SeaPlaque™ Agarose	Lonza	Cat#50101

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Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)	Sigma-Aldrich	A9418
HEPES (1 M)	Gibco	Cat#15630080
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Catalog number:		
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DNase I grade II, from bovine pancreas	Roche	Cat#10104159001
Methyl salicylate ReagentPlus®, 99% (GC)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#M6752
BD Difco™ Brain Heart Infusion Agar	BD Biosciences	Cat#241830
Brain Heart Infusion Broth	Millipore	Cat#53286
Corn Oil	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat#C8267
BD Pharm Lyse™ lysing solution (10X)	BD Biosciences	Cat#555899
Percoll	GE Healthcare	Cat#GE17-0891-01
Recombinant Mouse IL-7 Protein	R&D systems	Cat#407-ML-200/CF
Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS)	Atlanta Biologicals	Cat#S11150
Critical Commercial Assays		
DeadEnd Fluorometric TUNEL System	Promega	Cat#G3250
Dead Cell Apoptosis Kit with Annexin V Alexa Fluor™ 488 & Propidium Iodide (PI)	Invitrogen	Cat#V13241
Allprep DNA/RNA micro kit	Qiagen	Cat#80284
Zombie NIR™ Fixable Viability Kit	Biolegend	Cat#423105
CountBright™ Absolute Counting Beads	Invitrogen	Cat#C36950
eBioscience™ Foxp3 / Transcription Factor Staining Buffer Set	Invitrogen	Cat#00-5523-00
Cell Stimulation Cocktail (500X)	Tonbo Biosciences	Cat#TNB-4975
Mouse IL-13 Matched Antibody Pair Kit	Abcam	Cat#ab221432
Power SYBR Green Master Mix	Applied Biosystems	Cat#4367659
SuperScript™ III First-Strand Synthesis System	Invitrogen	Cat#18080051
Deposited Data		
3' Tag-RNA-Seq on sorted ILC2s. Raw and analyzed data	This paper	GSE190208
RNA-Seq data on wild type sorted ILC2 post treated in vitro with IL33 or IL33+IFN γ	Moro et al., 2016	GSE73272
Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains		
Mouse: B6(C)- <i>Il5^{tm1.1(cre)lky}/J</i> (Red5)	Nussbaum et al., 2013	RRID: IMSR_JAX:030926
Mouse: B6.129S4- <i>Ifng^{tm3.1Lky}/J</i> (YFP-Enhanced Transcript for IFN- γ or Yeti)	Stetson et al., 2003	Richard Locksley Lab
Mouse: Tbet (Tbx21)-zsGreen	Zhu et al., 2012	Jinfang Zhu Lab
Mouse: B6.Cg- <i>Gt(ROSA)26Sor^{tm14(CAG-tdTomato)Hze}/J</i> (Ai14)	Madisen et al., 2010	RRID: IMSR_JAX:007914
Mouse: B6(C)- <i>Ifngr^{flm1.1Rds}/J</i> (<i>Ifngr1^{fllox/fllox}</i>)	Lee et al., 2013	RRID: IMSR_JAX:025394
Mouse: B6.129S7- <i>Ifngr^{flm1Agt}/J</i> (IFNgR1 deficient)	Huang et al., 1993	RRID: IMSR_JAX:003288
Mouse: B6.Cg-Tg(Cd4-cre)1Cwi/BfluJ (CD4-Cre)	Lee et al., 2001	RRID: IMSR_JAX:022071

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Mouse: B6.129(Cg)- <i>Foxp3^{tm4(YFP/cre)Ayr/J}</i> (Foxp3Cre-YFP)	Rubtsov et al., 2008	RRID: IMSR_JAX:016959
Mouse: B6.129S7- <i>Il7^{tm1/mx/J}</i> (IL7Ra deficient)	Peschon et al., 1994	RRID: IMSR_JAX:002295
Mouse: B6.129S4- <i>Pdgfra^{tm1(EGFP)Sor/J}</i> (PDGFRa-H2B-eGFP)	Hamilton et al., 2003	RRID: IMSR_JAX:007669
Oligonucleotides		
Primer: <i>Il4</i> Forward: 5'-ACAGGAGAAGGGACGCCAT-3'	Elim biopharmaceuticals	N/A
Primer: <i>Il4</i> Reverse: 5'-GAAGCCCTACAGACGAGCTCA-3'	Elim biopharmaceuticals	N/A
Primer: <i>Il13</i> Forward: 5'-GGAGCTGAGCAACATCACACA-3'	Elim biopharmaceuticals	N/A
Primer: <i>Il13</i> Reverse: 5'-GGTCCTGTAGATGGCATTGCA-3'	Elim biopharmaceuticals	n/a
Software and Algorithms		
GraphPad Prism (v9.1.2)	GraphPad Software https://www.graphpad.com	
FlowJo (v10.7.2)	https://www.flowjo.com	Tree Star, USA
Bitplane Imaris (v9.5)	https://imaris.oxinst.com	Andor Technology PLC, Belfast, N. Ireland
FastQC (v0.72)		
Trimmomatic (v0.38.1)		
HISAT2 (v2.1.0)		
HTSeq-count (v0.9)		
DESeq2 (v2.11.40)		
EnhancedVolcano (v1.8.0)		
Ingenuity Pathways Analysis	Qiagen	
Fiji	https://imagej.net/software/fiji/	
Other		
<i>Nippostrongylus brasiliensis</i>	Third-stage larvae (L3) of <i>N. brasiliensis</i> were produced and maintained in Richard Locksley lab.	