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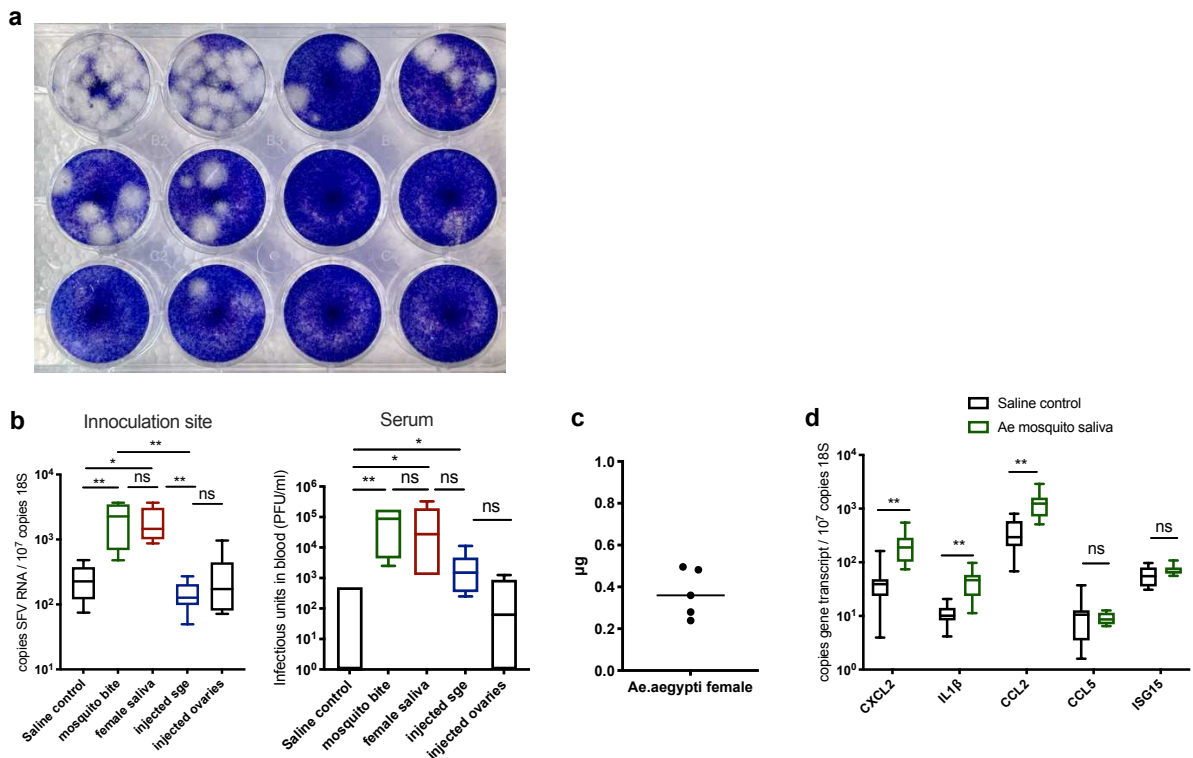
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Supplementary data

Supplementary Figure 1:



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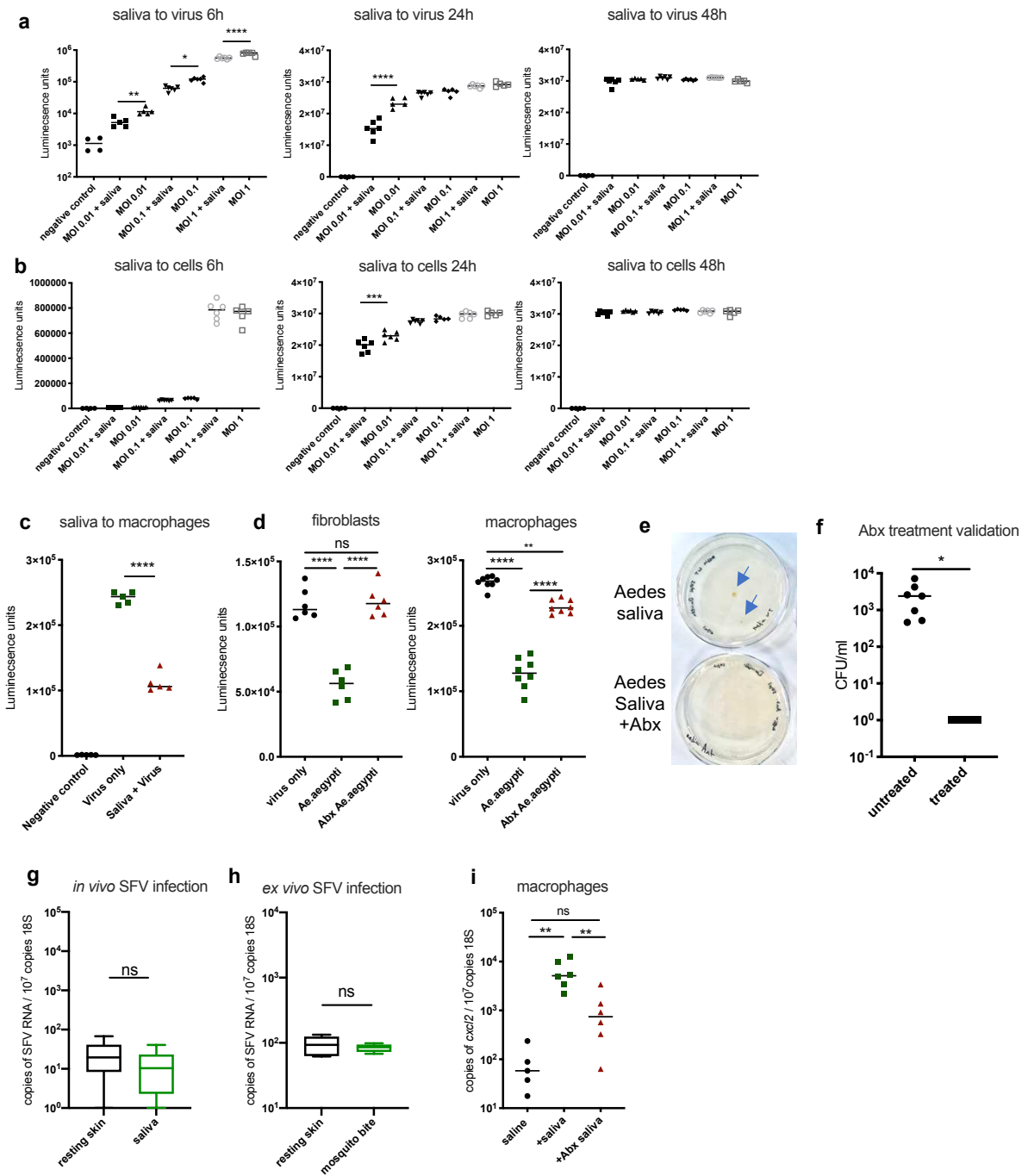
(a) Representative SFV plaque assay. Plaques formed in serially diluted samples were quantified by counting.

(b) Mouse skin was inoculated with 10^4 PFU of SFV4 alone or alongside $1.86\mu\text{g}$ saliva, 5 denatured salivary glands or ovaries, or exposed to up to 5 bites from *Ae.aegypti*.

(c) Saliva acquired from 5 mosquitoes were pooled and protein content was quantified via nanodrop. Each dot represents the average protein concentration per mosquito.

(d) Mouse skin was injected with either saline control or $1.86\mu\text{g}$ saliva of *Ae.aegypti*. Copy number of host transcripts in the skin was determined by qPCR at 6 hours ($n=6$)

Supplementary Figure 2:



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(a,b) Primary cultures of dermal fibroblasts (primary target of SFV in skin) were infected with Gluc-expressing SFV at MOIs of 0.01, 0.1 and 1, with or without prior incubation with 2 mosquitoes worth of saliva (0.74 μ g protein) and luciferase activity of tissue culture supernatant assayed at 6, 24 and 48 hpi.

(a) Saliva was added to virus (in PBSA) for 20 minutes prior to infection of cells (n=6).

(b) Cells were pre-treated with saliva for 1h in tissue culture media, washed and then infected with SFV (n=6).

(c-d) Primary cultures of macrophages and dermal fibroblasts (both principal targets of SFV *in vivo*) were infected with Gluc-expressing SFV at an MOI of 0.1 and luciferase activity of tissue culture supernatant assayed at 6 hpi. Cells were exposed to virus with or without 0.67 µg of saliva protein per well. Cells were treated with saliva for 1 hour prior to infection at room temperature.

(c) Cells were exposed to virus with or without saliva (n=5).

(d) Cells infected with SFV alone or with saliva from untreated or antibiotic (Abx) treated *Ae.aegypti* mosquitoes (n=8 and n=6).

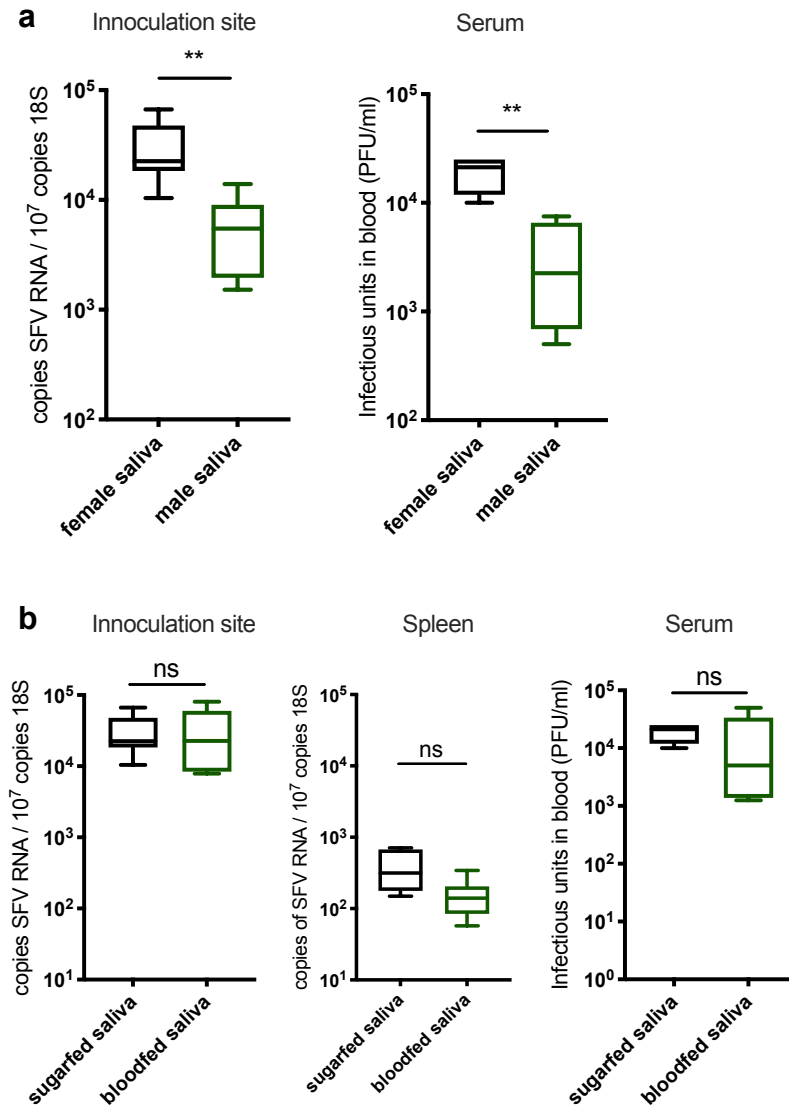
(e,f) Efficacy validation of antibiotic (Abx) treatment from pupae stage onwards (pen/strep at 200 U per ml, gentamycin at 200 µg/ml, and tetracycline at 100 µg/mL). Mosquitoes at 2 weeks post emergence were dipped in ethanol to remove external microbiota, and saliva obtained as usual (e); or mosquitos dried and whole-body extract plated on agar plates (f) in 10-fold dilutions. CFU/ml was calculated at 24h post plating. Arrows identifying representative colonies for.

(g) Mice were culled and skin immediately infected with 10⁵ PFU SFV4 alone or with 1.86 µg of mosquito saliva. After 15 minutes, to allow for infection of skin-resident cells, skin was dissected and placed in explant culture for 24h. Viral RNA and host 18S were quantified by qPCR (n=8).

(h) Mouse skin was bitten by *Aedes* mosquitoes and inflammation allowed to develop for 16 hours, then skin biopsies of this site infected *ex vivo* with 10⁵ PFU SFV and viral RNA and host 18S were quantified by qPCR (n=6).

(i) Macrophages treated with saliva from untreated or Abx-treated *Ae.aegypti* mosquitoes. Expression of *cxcl2* transcripts were measured by qPCR at 6h post treatment (n=6).

Supplementary Figure 3:



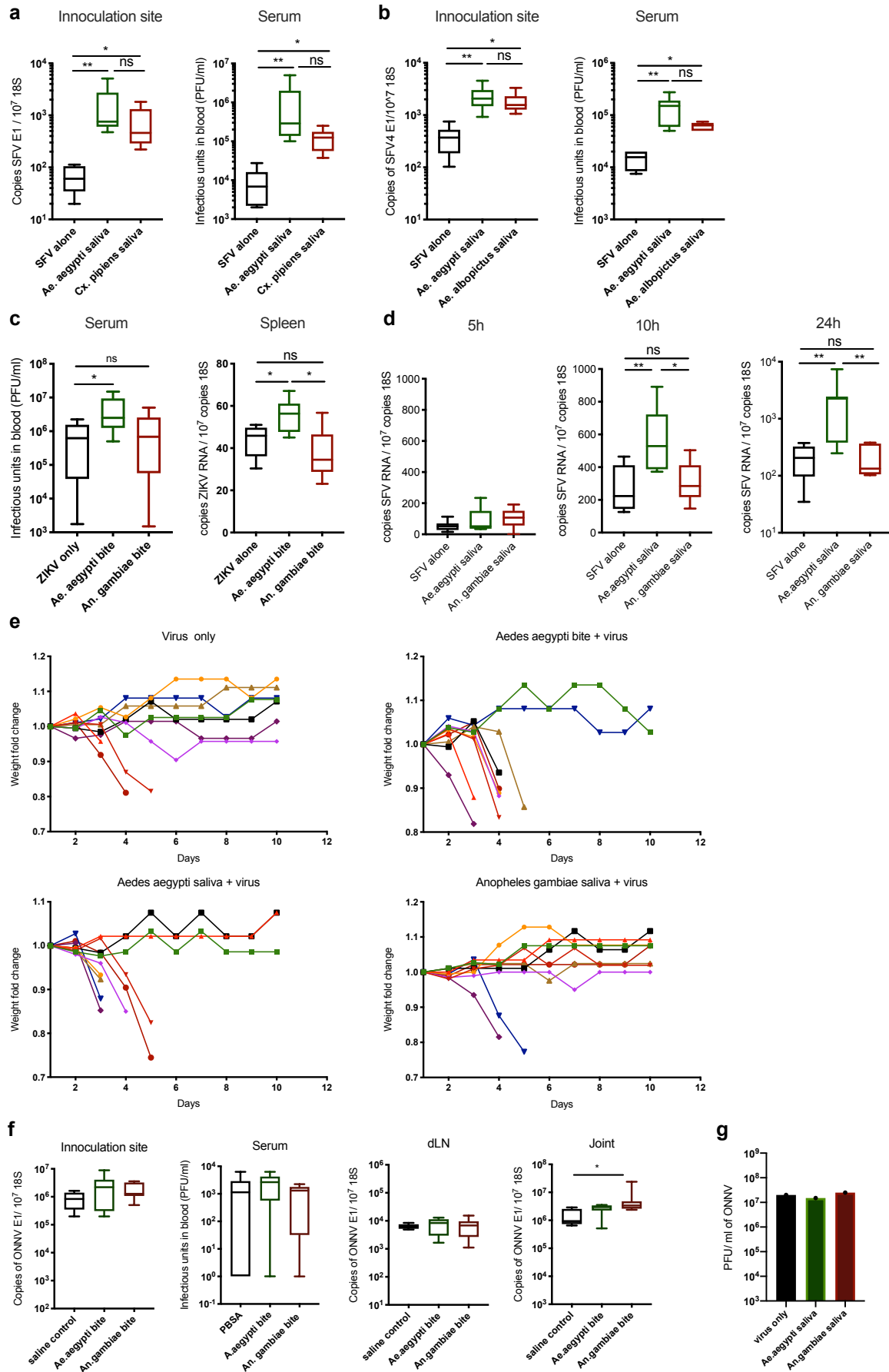
Supplementary Figure 3

(a,b) Mouse skin was inoculated with 10⁴ PFU of SFV4 alone or with *Ae.aegypti* saliva in the upper skin of the left foot. Viral RNA and host 18S were quantified from skin and spleen by qPCR and viral titres of serum by plaque assays at 24hpi.

(a) 1 μ l male or female *Ae.aegypti* saliva in PBSA, derived from mosquitoes reared in the same cage. Because male saliva contained less total protein, protein content was normalised by diluting female saliva with PBSA prior to injection (n=6).

(b) Saliva from bloodfed or exclusively sugared female *Ae.aegypti* mosquitoes. (n=6)

Supplementary Figure 4:



Supplementary Figure 4

(a-e) Mouse skin was inoculated with 10^4 PFU of SFV4 alone or with mosquito saliva from either *Ae.aegypti*, *Ae.albopictus*, *Cu.pipiens* or *An.gambiae* (normalised to protein concentration at $1.86\mu\text{g}$ / inoculation) . SFV RNA and host 18S and serum viral titres were quantified at 24 hpi.

(c) Mouse skin was exposed to up to 3 bites of either *Ae.aegypti* or *An.gambiae* mosquitoes.

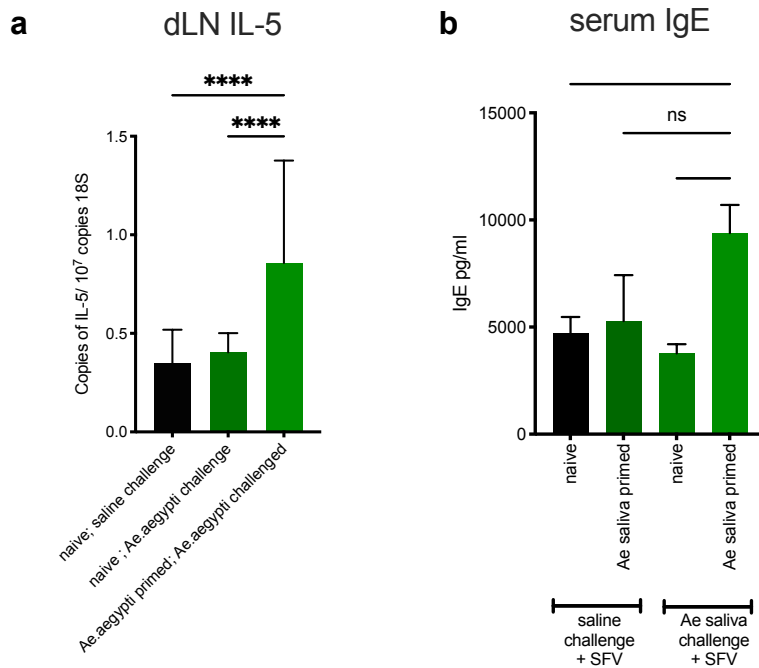
(d) SFV RNA and host 18S and serum viral titres were quantified at 5, 10 and 24 hpi.

(e) Weights of mice from survival experiment (Fig 4B). Mice were weighed once daily.

(f) Mouse skin was infected with 2×10^5 PFU ONNV alone or alongside $1.86\mu\text{g}$ saliva or following up to 3 bites of either *Ae.aegypti* or *An.gambiae* in the upper skin of the left foot. ONNV RNA and host 18S from tissues were quantified by qPCR and serum viral titres were quantified via plaque assays at 48 hpi.

(g) 2 mosquitoes worth of saliva from either *Ae.aegypti* or *An.gambiae*, or *saline control*, were mixed with multiple tenfold dilution of ONNV, and incubated at 37°C for 60 minutes. The resulting titre was defined by plaque assay on BHK cells. Shown here is a representative ONNV dilution, in this case for 1×10^7 PFU/ml dilution.

Supplementary Figure 5:



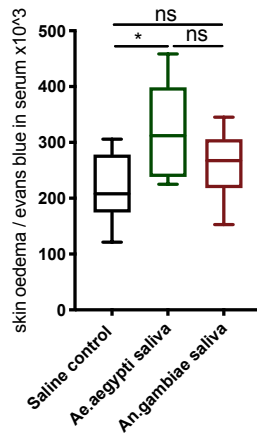
Supplementary Figure 5

(a,b) Balb/c mice skin was inoculated with 10,000 PFU of SFV alone or with *Ae. aegypti* saliva. Mice were either naive to saliva or primed to saliva by injections of mosquito saliva weekly for 4 consecutive weeks. (A) Draining popliteal lymph node IL-5 transcript expression at 2 hpi were quantified by qPCR (n>6).

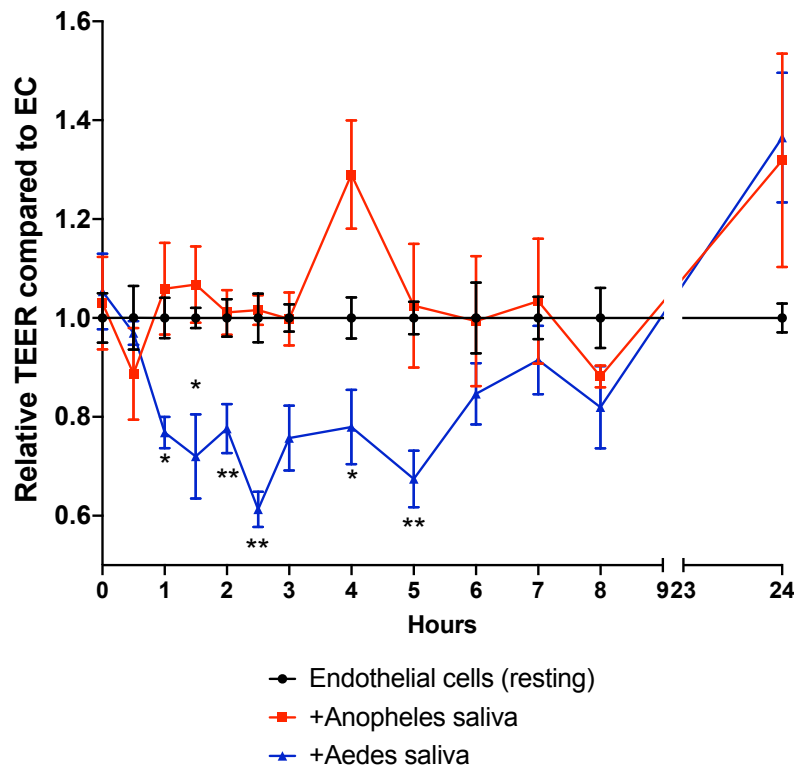
(b) Serum total IgE was quantified at 2 hpi by ELISA (n>6).

Supplementary Figure 6:

(a)



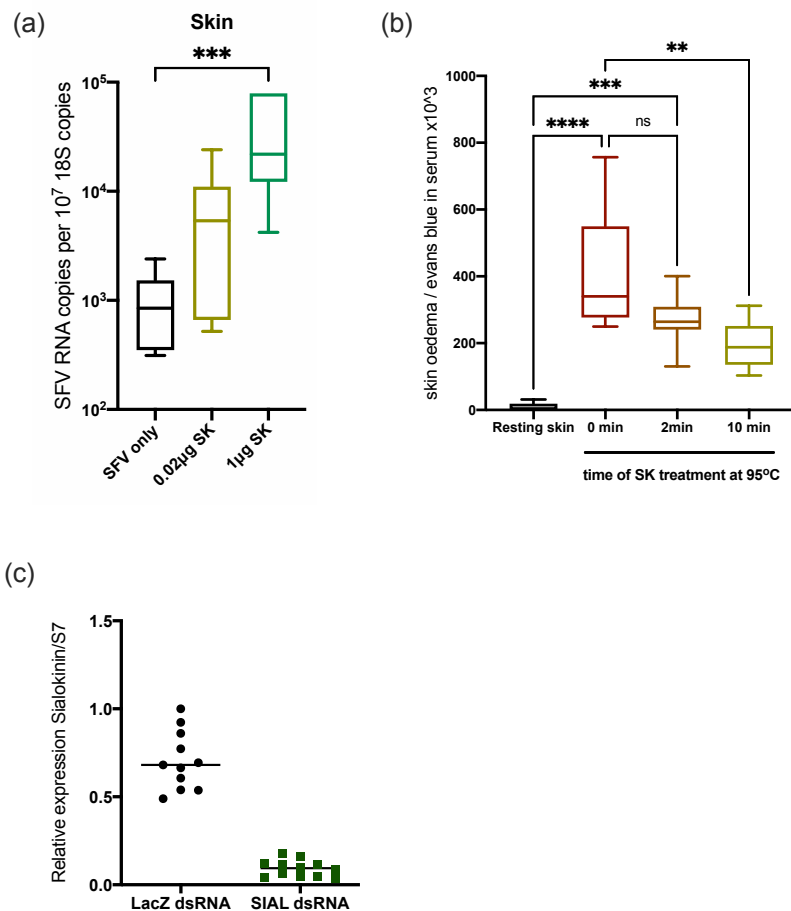
(b)



Supplementary Figure 6

(a) Mice administered i.p. with Evans blue, were injected with 1.86 μ g of mosquito saliva in the skin of naïve or sensitised mice of either *Ae.aegypti* or *An.gambiae*. Extent of oedema assessed by quantification of Evan's blue dye leakage into skin at 6h post saliva via colorimetric assay (n=6).
 (b) Human primary endothelial cell monolayers were treated with either control saline, *Ae.aegypti* or *An.gambiae* and electrical resistance across the monolayer assessed longitudinally. Here, showing the full data set from Figure 5f over a longer time period.

Supplementary Figure 7:



Supplementary Figure 7

(a) Mouse skin was inoculated with 10^4 PFU of SFV4 alone or with sialokinin (total mass used stated) in the upper skin of the left foot. Viral RNA and host 18S were quantified from skin by qPCR at 24hpi. *** Kruskal Wallis-test with Dunn's post-test, p-value=0.0008)

(b) Sialokinin peptide was subject to heat denaturation for either 0, 2 or 10 minutes at 95°C and 1µg assessed for its ability to induce oedema *in vivo*. Control and heat-treated sialokinin was injected into the skin of mice that had previously received an injection of Evans blue dye (200 µl at 1% w/v s.c. at a distal site, one hour prior to sialokinin administration). 'Resting' mice that had received Evans blue, but no sialokinin, were used as a control. Mice were culled at 30 minutes post sialokinin injection and concentration of Evans blue in skin determined and normalised to levels in the blood. One way ANOVA with Šidák's multiple comparisons test, ns=not significant. ****p<0.0001, ***p<0.001, **p<0.01.

(c) Knockdown efficiency of sialokinin expression in females *Ae. aegypti*. Expression levels of sialokinin in females previously injected with dsRNA targeting lacZ or sialokinin. Data were analysed using the comparative cycle threshold method using S7 ribosomal protein gene as a standard gene for normalisation. One of the dsLacZ samples was set to RQ=1 and all other samples expressed relatively to this sample. Median plus interquartile range shown. The expression of sialokinin was efficiently knocked down (87% median reduction) in dsSialokinin-injected females compared to dsLacZ-ones (Mann-Whitney test, p value <0.0001, n = 11 and 12 pools of 5 females for dsLacZ and dsSialokinin respectively).

Supplementary Appendix

Primers used in this study

Gene Name	Orientation	Sequence	NCBI Reference
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	Reverse	taaccagacaaatcgctccac	
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	Reverse	acatctaagggcacacagacc	
CCL5	Forward	ctgctgcttgctacctct	NM_013653
	Reverse	acacacttggcggttcctt	
CCL5 Standard	Forward	ccctcacatcatcctcact	NM_013653
	Reverse	tcagaatcaagaaaccctctatcc	
CXCL10	Forward	tgccacgatgaaaaagaatg	NM_021274
	Reverse	aggggagtgatggagagagg	
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IFN- α	Forward	aggacaggaaggattttgga	NM_010504
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