A history of helminth exposure protects against pneumovirus infection in an IL-4Rα-independent manner FARAH

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Conclusions



- We demonstrate that prior **N. brasiliensis** (Nb) infection protects \bullet against **PVM-induced pneumonia**.
- Protection is associated with reduced viral burden in the lung. \bullet
- Although type 2 activated mouse eosinophils are demonstrated to protect against PVM infection; eosinophil transfer from Nb infected mice failed to provide a protective effect against PVM-induced pneumonia.
- **IL-4Rα KO mice** exhibit **poor eosinophil** recruitment and weak type 2 lacksquareimmunity and are **protected from PVM-induced pneumonia**.
- These data demonstrate that **IL-4Rα signalling and eosinophil recruitment are dispensable** for the *N. brasiliensis*-induced protection against PVM-induced lung disease.