



Shigella promotes major alteration of gut epithelial physiology and tissue invasion by shutting off host intracellular transport

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Intracellular trafficking pathways in eukaryotic cells are essential to maintain organelle identity and structure, and to regulate cell communication with its environment. *Shigella flexneri* invades and subverts the human colonic epithelium by the injection of virulence factors through a type 3 secretion system (T3SS). In this work, we report the multiple effects of two *S. flexneri* effectors, IpaJ and VirA, which target small GTPases of the Arf and Rab families, consequently inhibiting several intracellular trafficking pathways. IpaJ and VirA induce large-scale impairment of host protein secretion and block the recycling of surface receptors. Moreover, these two effectors decrease clathrin-dependent and -independent endocytosis. Therefore, *S. flexneri* infection induces a global blockage of host cell intracellular transport, affecting the exchange between cells and their external environment. The combined action of these effectors disorganizes the epithelial cell polarity, disturbs epithelial barrier integrity, promotes multiple invasion events, and enhances the pathogen capacity to penetrate into the colonic tissue in vivo.

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Eukaryotic cells contain a complex array of intracellular membrane-bound compartments, which mediate cell communication with their environment by the bidirectional transport of proteins and lipids between the intracellular and extracellular spaces. This occurs via two main mechanisms: the secretory and the endocytic trafficking pathways. The efficient intracellular transport of molecules is regulated by GTPases of the Arf, Rab, Rho, and dynamin families and is critical to maintain organelle identity and structure. Additionally, the coordination of intracellular trafficking with other pathways regulates vital processes including cell polarity, immunity, signaling, and development, as well as tissue and organ functions (1–3).

Shigella spp. are Gram-negative intracellular bacteria causing bacillary dysentery or shigellosis (4). *Shigella* invades the colonic epithelium by using a type 3 secretion system that enables the injection of more than 20 virulence factors, the so-called effectors, into the cell (5, 6). These effectors then target multiple cellular functions to promote nonphagocytic uptake, followed by intracellular bacterial replication, cell-to-cell spreading, and subsequently leading to destruction of the colonic epithelium (7, 8). While the enzymatic functions for most effectors have been described and analyzed in cell culture, the mechanisms by which they cooperate with one another to promote infection remains largely unknown. *Shigella flexneri* induces Golgi apparatus fragmentation and reorganization of the endocytic compartment, leading to a block in secretion and receptor recycling (9). Among the arsenal of injected effectors, two have been specifically implicated in targeting host cell small GTPases essential for

Golgi-mediated secretory transport, namely, IpaJ and VirA. IpaJ is a cysteine protease catalyzing the cleavage of myristoylated glycine residues primarily from ADP ribosylation factor (Arf) and Arf-like (Arl) proteins (10, 11). As a consequence, it was shown that IpaJ inhibits STING-mediated activation of the IFN pathway by blocking STING translocation from the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) to ER–Golgi intermediate compartment (ERGIC) (12). Conversely, VirA was reported to impair host cell secretory transport, in addition to inhibiting autophagy (13, 14), by acting as a Rab-GTP activating protein (GAP) with preferential targeting of Rab1, as shown in vitro (13). Although the catalytic activities of these two effectors have been well described, it remains to be elucidated if both act in synergy or independently, and which changes they induce in the intestinal tissue during *S. flexneri* infection.

Significance

Shigella flexneri is an enteroinvasive prokaryote that induces human bacillary dysentery. The delivery of around 30 bacterial effectors inside colonic epithelial cells allows the pathogen to invade, replicate, and move into adjacent cells, hence subverting cellular and immune functions of its host. Intracellular trafficking pathways in eukaryotic cells are essential to regulate cell communication with their environment. Our work shows that two effectors of *Shigella flexneri* block three main trafficking pathways of its host cell: secretion, recycling, and endocytosis, thereby freezing the exchange through the plasma membrane. As a consequence, *Shigella flexneri* disorganizes the epithelial cell polarity, disturbs epithelial barrier integrity, and enhances the pathogen capacity to penetrate into the colonic tissue in vivo.

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In eukaryotes, Arf and Rab protein families work together to regulate intracellular trafficking pathways. However, the exact mechanisms of coordination of action are not yet fully understood. Given that these small GTPases are targeted by both IpaJ and VirA, it raises the question whether these effectors further affect other trafficking pathways in addition to the known secretory transport.

Here, we demonstrate that these two effectors independently block global host cell secretion and concurrently operate to impair receptor recycling. Moreover, we report that IpaJ and VirA decrease receptor-mediated endocytosis. Our results illustrate how *S. flexneri* “freezes” the invaded host cell by globally interfering on multiple intracellular transport systems, thereby affecting the exchange of molecules between cells and their environment and consequently cell and tissue functions.

Results

***S. flexneri* Effectors IpaJ and VirA Globally Impair Conventional Secretion.** Both IpaJ and VirA *S. flexneri* effectors have been shown to affect Golgi-mediated transport in host cells (10, 13), raising the question as to whether these effectors operate in synergy or independently. To address this, we first quantified the secretion level of the cytokine TNF α upon infection with wild-type (WT) *S. flexneri*, or the mutant strains *ipaJ*, *virA*, or *virAipaJ*. We used the retention using selective hooks (RUSH) system (15) to follow the synchronized trafficking of the reporter TNF α -SBP-GFP from the ER to the plasma membrane of epithelial cells (Fig. 1A). Infection with WT *S. flexneri* blocked 75% of the anterograde trafficking of TNF α -SBP-GFP compared with uninfected cells (UI), in line with previous reports on other cargoes (9, 13). Similar results were obtained when cells were infected with either *ipaJ* or *virA* *S. flexneri* single mutants. However, in cells infected by the *virAipaJ* double mutant, TNF α -SBP-GFP transport levels were similar to the uninfected condition (Fig. 1A). This differential effect of trafficking during infection by WT, *ipaJ*, *virA*, and *virAipaJ* was not due to impairment in bacterial invasion by the mutant strains (SI Appendix, Fig. S1A). Complementation of the double mutant with either pVirA-myc or pIpaJ-myc was sufficient to restore, at least partially, the secretion inhibitory phenotype obtained with WT bacteria. As expected, complementation with the mutated versions of these effectors in their catalytic sites, pVirA-R188K/Q280A-myc or pIpaJ-C64A-myc (10, 13), did not affect the normal trafficking of TNF α -SBP-GFP (Fig. 1A). Altogether, these results show that each effector, IpaJ and VirA, is sufficient to block anterograde transport of the cargo via their catalytic activities and hence acts largely independently.

To determine in which subcellular compartment TNF α -SBP-GFP was retained upon *S. flexneri* infection, we utilized immunostaining of various subcellular compartments after 1 h of synchronized trafficking and quantified the percentage of colocalization using a statistical object-based method (Fig. 1B). In uninfected and *virAipaJ*-infected cells, TNF α -SBP-GFP was mostly at plasma membrane (Fig. 1A), but the minor intracellular pool was mostly colocalized with *trans*-Golgi network (TGN) labeled with TGN46 (28–21%, respectively) and with *cis*-Golgi remnants (GM130-positive compartment, 14–20%) (Fig. 1B). By contrast, in WT-infected cells TNF α -SBP-GFP was mostly intracellular (Fig. 1A) and colocalized with GM130 (54%), Sec24B (29%), a marker of ER exit sites (ERES), and with TGN46 (24%). This reveals that *S. flexneri* WT infection blocked the Golgi-mediated transport at different stages, mainly at ERES and at *cis*-Golgi. Interestingly, infection with *virA* or *ipaJ* mutants resulted in a phenotype similar to the WT strain except that, in absence of IpaJ, TNF α -SBP-GFP was strongly colocalized with Sec24 (60%, Fig. 1B). These data suggest that the retention in the Sec24B-positive compartment was due to the action of IpaJ. We could not observe colocalization of TNF α -SBP-GFP with ERGIC53, a marker of the ERGIC, in any of the conditions tested (Fig. 1B). Taken together, our data show that IpaJ and VirA block the anterograde

trafficking at multiple stages, confirming their independent action in blocking host cell secretion.

To investigate the global effects of *S. flexneri* infection on the secretory transport in a polarized cell system, we used the stable isotope labeling with amino acids in cell culture (SILAC) technology coupled to liquid chromatography–tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) (16). Polarized Caco-2/TC7 cells labeled with “medium” amino acids were uninfected, and cells labeled with “heavy” amino acids were infected with either WT *S. flexneri* or the mutant *virAipaJ*. After 5 h of infection, the SILAC-labeled secretome-containing supernatants from the apical and basal side were collected and treated for mass spectrometry analysis to determine the relative abundance of peptides between infected and uninfected samples (SI Appendix, Fig. S1B). Fold change-based gene ontology (GO) enrichment analysis showed that apical and basal secretome proteins were more than four-times enriched in extracellular proteins in comparison with the human theoretical proteome, hence revealing the good quality of our analysis. We quantified 148 proteins in the apical and 136 in the basal supernatants that were differentially secreted in WT *S. flexneri*-infected cells compared with UI cells, from which 125 (84%) and 79 (58%) proteins, respectively, were less secreted (Fig. 1C and SI Appendix, Table S1). This secretion impairment was independent of global changes in the proteome of infected cells (SI Appendix, Fig. S1C). In addition, tight junctions and cell viability were not affected during the secretome collection (SI Appendix, Fig. S1D–F). Among the differentially secreted proteins, 116 (92.8%) of the apical and 64 (81%) of the basal proteins contained predicted cleavable signal peptides indicating targets of the conventional secretory pathway (Fig. 1D). In contrast, analysis of the same proteins from the *virAipaJ*-infected samples revealed only a marginal impairment on the secretion of signal-peptide-containing proteins; indeed, the mean fold change was less striking than for the WT-infected secretomes (Fig. 1D and SI Appendix, Table S1). Taken together, these results indicate that *S. flexneri* infection affects the conventional secretory pathway in a global manner, and that this is mediated by the action of both IpaJ and VirA effectors.

Among the proteins less secreted by WT-infected cells, the most represented class were hydrolytic enzymes, like proteases (cathepsin D, carboxypeptidase M) and enzyme regulators. However, we also found cell receptors (LDLR, HGFR), lipid transporters (apolipoproteins), proteins related to cell adhesion and extracellular matrix (ECM) (laminins), and immunomodulators (IL6ST) (SI Appendix, Table S1). The secretion inhibition of this wide array of proteins may have severe consequences on cell polarity and intestinal tissue organization and functions.

***S. flexneri* Effectors IpaJ and VirA both Block the Host Cell Recycling Pathway.** As IpaJ and VirA effectors are targeting small GTPases from the Arf and Rab families, which are important for normal endosomal functioning (1, 3), we further investigated whether they were also implicated in the previously described reorganization of the endosomal compartment and impairment of transferrin (Tf) receptor (TfR) recycling (9). We loaded Hep2 cells with fluorescent Tf coupled to Alexa Fluor 647 (Tf-AF647), before infection with WT, *virA*, *ipaJ*, or *virAipaJ* strains (Fig. 2A). In line with what was previously reported (9), after 1 h of infection with WT *S. flexneri*, we observed an extensive formation of membrane tubules labeled with Tf-AF647, which resembled the phenotype induced by the drug brefeldin A (BFA) (SI Appendix, Fig. S2A) (17). A comparable, tubular phenotype was observed when cells were infected with the *virA* mutant strain. In contrast, in cells infected with either the *ipaJ* or *virAipaJ* mutant, Tf-AF647 was located in punctate vesicles throughout the cytoplasm, resembling the uninfected control (Fig. 2A). These findings demonstrate that IpaJ is involved in endosomal compartment tubulation. As shown in the case of BFA-treated cells (17, 18) (SI Appendix, Fig. S2B), the formation of endosomal tubules is not necessarily linked to a striking recycling impairment. We therefore assessed TfR recycling kinetics by pulse-chase experiments. Here, cells were loaded with Tf-AF647, uninfected or infected for 1 h with the

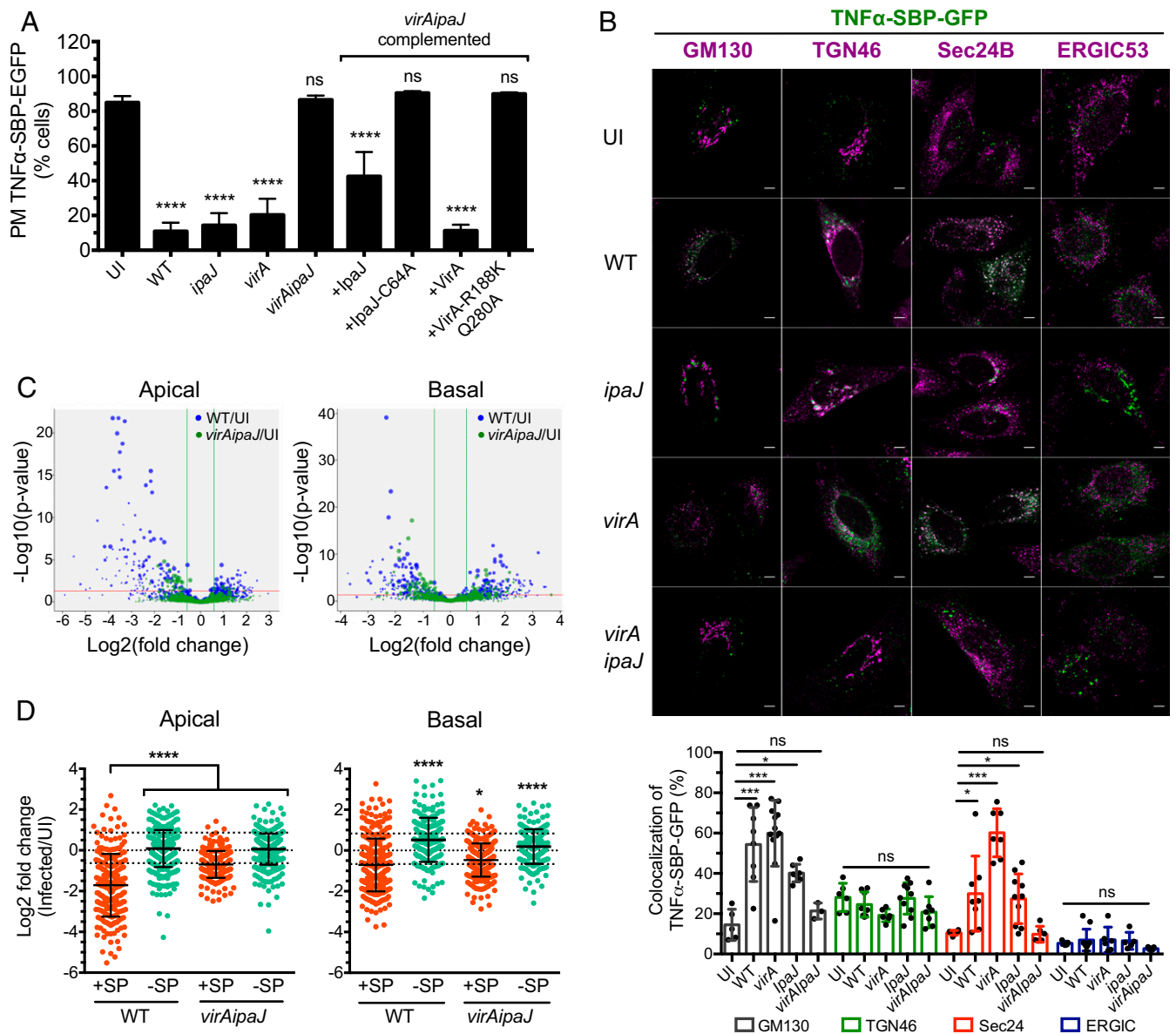


Fig. 1. *S. flexneri* effectors IpaJ and VirA have a global effect on conventional secretion. (A) IpaJ and VirA effectors block the anterograde transport of the cytokine TNF α . HeLa cells stably expressing the RUSH cargo TNF α -SBP-GFP and the molecular hook streptavidin-KDEL were uninfected (UI) or infected for 1 h with WT-dsRed or the dsRed-expressing mutants *ipaJ*, *virA*, *virAipaJ*, or with *virAipaJ* complemented with *pIpaJ*-myc, *pIpaJ*-C64-myc, *pVirA*-myc, or *pVirA*-R188K/Q280A-myc. Cells were then incubated with biotin for 1 h, fixed, and surface-stained for TNF α -SBP-GFP with anti-GFP DyLight 680-conjugated antibody. The arrival of TNF α -SBP-GFP to the plasma membrane (PM) was monitored by FC. Mean \pm SD. $n = 3$. **** $P < 0.0001$; ns, nonsignificant (one-way ANOVA, Dunnett's post hoc test, compared with UI). (B) TNF α -SBP-GFP is retained in different subcellular compartments upon *S. flexneri* infection. HeLa cells stably expressing the RUSH cargo TNF α -SBP-GFP and the molecular hook streptavidin-KDEL were uninfected (UI) or infected for 1 h and incubated with biotin for 1 additional hour. Cells were fixed, permeabilized, and stained with various subcellular markers: anti-GM130 (*cis*-Golgi), anti-ERGIC53 (ERGIC), anti-Sec24B (ERES), and anti-TGN46 (*trans*-Golgi network). (Scale bar: 5 μ m.) Levels of colocalization between TNF α -SBP-GFP and the different subcellular markers were quantified by SODA plugin in ICY software. Mean \pm SD. $5 < n < 12$ cells. * $P < 0.05$; *** $P < 0.001$ (one-way ANOVA, Dunnett's post hoc test). (C and D) *S. flexneri* blocks globally the host conventional secretion. Caco-2/TC7 cells were labeled with SILAC amino acids, grown in Transwell filters, and infected with WT *S. flexneri* or the mutant *virAipaJ*. After 4.5 h, the apical and basal media were collected and analyzed by mass spectrometry to determine the relative abundance of secreted proteins in the infected, in comparison with UI, samples. (C) Volcano plots displaying log₂ fold changes of secreted proteins from WT or *virAipaJ*-infected cells in comparison with UI conditions in apical and basal media. (D) Dot plots representing log₂ of infected/UI ratio for proteins with (red) and without (green) signal peptide (SP). Mean \pm SD. 217 > n > 394 proteins for apical secretome; 194 > n > 281 proteins for basal secretome. * $P < 0.05$, **** $P < 0.0001$ [one-way ANOVA, Dunnett's post hoc test, each condition compared with apical or basal secreted proteins containing signal peptide (+SP)].

GFP-expressing WT or mutant *S. flexneri* strains, and then chased with the unlabeled holo-Tf for different time points before analysis by flow cytometry (FC) (Fig. 2B and SI Appendix, Fig. S2D). We observed a notable reduction of Tf-AF647 recycling in WT-infected cells, whereby 50% of the internalized Tf-AF647 recycled back to the plasma membrane in 17 min, compared with only 9 min for

uninfected cells. In addition to the observed time delay induced by the WT strain, Tf recycling was also blocked, as indicated by 29% retention of Tf-AF647 at the 60-min kinetic end-point. When cells were infected with the *ipaJ* or *virA* mutant, an intermediate phenotype was observed while the *virAipaJ* double mutant had normal levels of Tf recycling similarly to uninfected conditions (Fig. 2B and

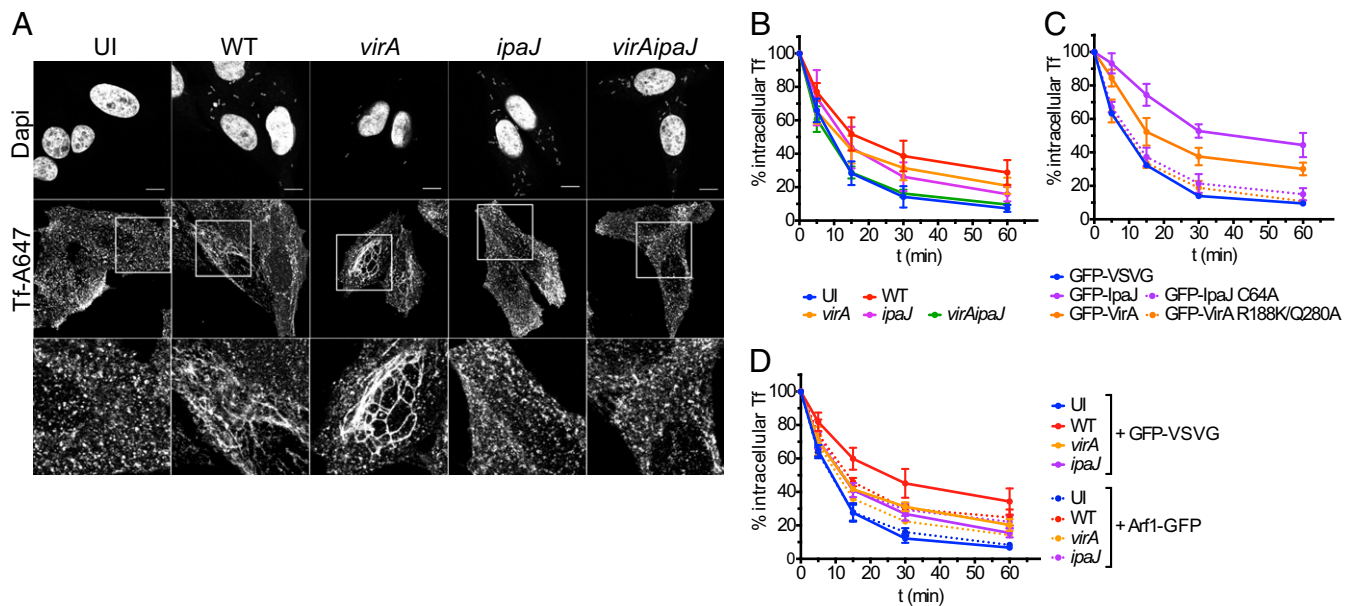


Fig. 2. Both *S. flexneri* IpaJ and VirA affect TfR recycling. (A) IpaJ induces endosomal tubulation. Hep2 cells loaded with Tf-AF647 were uninfected (UI) or infected for 1 h with WT, *virA*, *ipaJ*, or *virAipaJ* strains, fixed, and stained with DAPI (nuclei and bacteria). (Scale bar: 10 μ m.) (B–D) Tf recycling kinetics monitored by FC. Hep2 cells nontransfected or transfected with the indicated plasmids were loaded with Tf-AF647 and were left UI or infected for 1 h with the indicated *S. flexneri* strains. Cells were then chased with unlabeled holo-Tf, and the loss of intracellular Tf-AF647 fluorescence was monitored over time. (B) IpaJ and VirA block Tf recycling. Cells were UI or infected with WT, *virA*, *ipaJ*, or *virAipaJ* strains followed by Tf recycling kinetic. (C) Tf recycling is inhibited by IpaJ and VirA catalytic activities. Cells were transfected with GFP-VSVG (control), GFP-VirA, GFP-IpaJ, or their mutated versions GFP-VirA-R188K/Q280A and GFP-IpaJ-C64A. Tf recycling kinetic was performed 24 h posttransfection. (D) Arf1-GFP overexpression partially recovers Tf recycling. Cells were transfected either with GFP-VSVG (control) or Arf1-GFP, loaded with Tf-AF647, UI or infected with WT, *virA* or *ipaJ* strains followed by Tf recycling. Means \pm SD from at least three independent experiments are shown (statistical tests in *SI Appendix*, Fig. S2 D–F).

SI Appendix, Fig. S2D). These results demonstrate that a combined action of these two effectors is required to efficiently block receptor recycling in the host cell. Furthermore, we confirmed that the inhibitory effect of IpaJ and VirA on receptor recycling is due to their catalytic activities. While their ectopic expression in Hep2 cells dramatically decreased the Tf recycling rate (Fig. 2C and *SI Appendix*, Fig. S2E), control levels of Tf recycling were obtained when the VirA-R188K/Q280A or IpaJ-C64A mutated versions were expressed (Fig. 2C and *SI Appendix*, Fig. S2E). To gain further insights into the mechanisms at play, we overexpressed one of the targets of IpaJ, the small GTPase Arf1 fused to GFP, before infection with dsRed-expressing bacterial strains (Fig. 2D and *SI Appendix*, Fig. S2F). In uninfected cells, the Tf recycling rate remained unchanged despite overexpression of either Arf1-GFP or GFP-VSVG, which served as a transfection control (Fig. 2D and *SI Appendix*, Fig. S2C–F). Interestingly, the rate of Tf recycling was faster in cells infected by the IpaJ-expressing strains, WT and *virA*, and overexpressing Arf1-GFP (Fig. 2D and *SI Appendix*, Fig. S2F). In contrast, in *ipaJ*-infected cells, the recycling kinetics remained unchanged by Arf1 overexpression. These results strongly suggest that IpaJ slows down Tf recycling by targeting Arf1. Overall, we demonstrate that the two *S. flexneri* effectors, IpaJ and VirA, present catalytic activities that together strongly inhibit two major trafficking pathways, secretion and recycling, that are implicated in the delivery of molecules to the cellular surface.

***S. flexneri* Infection Affects Different Host Endocytic Pathways.** Next, we investigated whether *S. flexneri* directly blocked the endocytic pathways. In the first instance, we aimed to test *S. flexneri* infection on clathrin-dependent endocytosis (CDE). To do this, we performed Tf uptake experiments using Tf, a bona fide cargo of CDE (19). Hep2 cells were either left uninfected or were infected for 90 min with GFP-WT *S. flexneri*, before incubation with Tf-AF647 at 37 $^{\circ}$ C for different time points, and followed by FC analysis. In WT-infected cells, we observed a 54% reduction in the endocytosis rate, as well as a significant inhibition of the total Tf

uptake at the 30 min end-point (Fig. 3A and B), which was independent of the surface expression of TfR (*SI Appendix*, Fig. S3A). This defect on Tf uptake was also observed in WT-infected polarized Caco-2/TC7 cells, after basolateral incubation with fluorescent Tf (*SI Appendix*, Fig. S3C and D). To test whether other endocytic pathways were affected by *S. flexneri* infection, we assayed for IL-2 receptor (IL-2R) uptake, a well-described marker of a clathrin-independent endocytosis (CIE) pathway (20). Hep2 β cells, stably expressing the IL-2R β chain, were left uninfected or infected with WT *S. flexneri* strain for 90 min and then incubated with an anti-IL-2R β chain antibody coupled to Cy3 for 15 min, fixed, and analyzed by fluorescent microscopy (21) (Fig. 3C). We observed a dramatic reduction in IL-2R β uptake in WT-infected cells after 15 min of endocytosis compared with uninfected cells (Fig. 3D). These results indicate that WT *S. flexneri* reduces both clathrin-dependent and -independent endocytosis pathways.

As IpaJ and VirA effectors target key players in regulating intracellular transport, we asked whether they had an impact on this inhibition of endocytosis. Thus, we infected cells with *S. flexneri* WT, *virA*, *ipaJ*, and *virAipaJ* strains and performed Tf-AF647 uptake kinetics. We observed a partial recovery of Tf uptake when infecting cells with the three mutant strains (Fig. 3B), indicating that both IpaJ and VirA decrease endocytosis. This IpaJ/VirA-dependent Tf endocytosis inhibition is stronger than BFA, which does not induce significant changes in contrast to uninfected conditions (Fig. 3B), as previously reported (17, 22). In addition, we confirmed that the inhibitory effect of IpaJ and VirA on endocytosis was due to their catalytic activities, as their ectopic expression in Hep2 cells considerably decreased Tf uptake but not when their catalytic-inactive forms were expressed (Fig. 3E). To determine whether other effectors were involved in the Tf uptake impairment, we next tested a panel of *S. flexneri* mutants lacking effectors with different cellular targets (Fig. 3B and *SI Appendix*, Fig. S3B). Interestingly, we also found a partial recovery of Tf uptake in cells infected with the *ipaA*

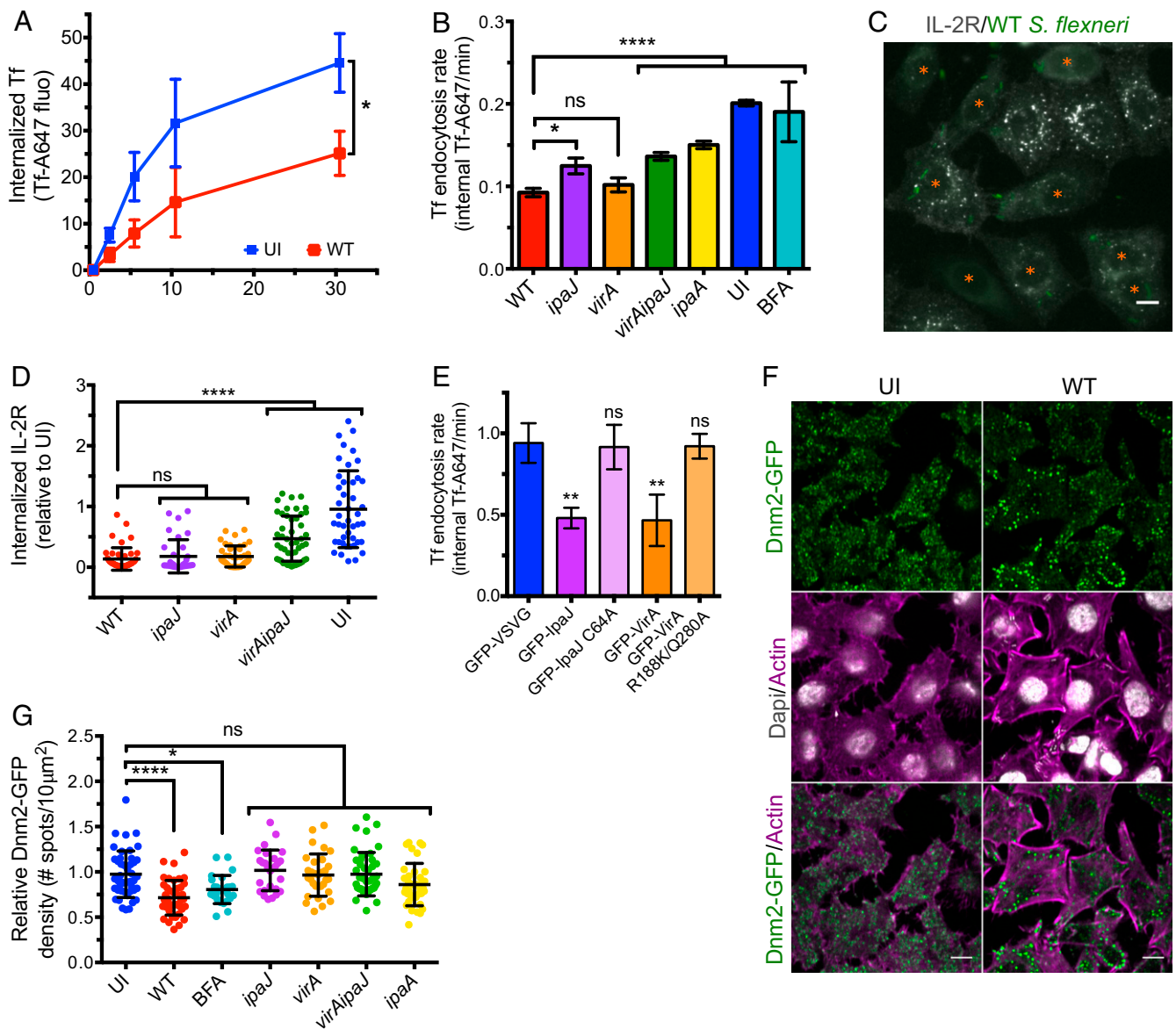


Fig. 3. *S. flexneri* affects clathrin-dependent and -independent endocytosis. (A) Tf uptake is decreased upon WT infection. Hep2 cells were left uninfected (UI) or infected with the WT strain for 30 min, and then incubated for different time points with Tf-AF647 at 37 °C. After an acidic wash, the total internal Tf-AF647 fluorescence was quantified by FC. Mean \pm SD. $n = 4$. * $P < 0.05$ (unpaired two-tailed Welch's t test performed on area under the curve). (B) Different *S. flexneri* effectors decrease the Tf endocytosis rate. Hep2 cells were left UI or infected with GFP-expressing WT or mutant strains for 90 min, before monitoring by FC the Tf-AF647 uptake over time. Mean \pm SD. $n \geq 3$. (C and D) IL-2R endocytosis is decreased upon WT *S. flexneri* infection. (C) UI or WT-infected Hep2 β cells were incubated with an anti-IL-2R β -Cy3 antibody for 15 min at 37 °C, fixed, and subjected to fluorescent microscopy. (Scale bar: 10 μ m.) (D) Quantification of IL-2R endocytosis. Cells either UI or infected by WT, *ipaJ*, *virA*, and *virAipaJ* *S. flexneri* strains for 90 min were incubated with an anti-IL-2R β -Cy3 antibody for 30 min at 37 °C, fixed, subjected to confocal fluorescence microscopy, and analyzed by quantifying the fluorescence intensity of IL-2R-positive vesicles per cell. Mean \pm SD. $35 < n < 48$ cells. (E) Tf endocytosis is inhibited by IpaJ and VirA catalytic activities. Cells were transfected with GFP-VSVG (control), GFP-VirA, GFP-IpaJ, or their mutated versions GFP-VirA-R188K/Q280A and GFP-IpaJ-C64A. Tf endocytosis kinetic was performed 24 h posttransfection. Mean \pm SD. $n = 3$. (F and G) *S. flexneri* decreases Dnm2-GFP density at plasma membrane. Hep2 β Dnm2-GFP cells were UI, treated with BFA for 30 min, or infected with WT or mutant strains for 90 min. Cells were fixed and labeled with rabbit anti-LPS followed by anti-rabbit-A405 and phalloidin-A647 before confocal (F) or TIRF (G) imaging. (Scale bar: 10 μ m.) (G) Quantification of Dnm2-GFP density (number of Dnm2-GFP spots/area) at plasma membrane from TIRF microscopy images. Mean \pm SD. $27 < n < 45$ cells pooled from two independent experiments. (B, D, E, and G) ns, nonsignificant; * $P < 0.05$; ** $P < 0.01$; **** $P < 0.0001$ (one-way ANOVA, Dunnett's post hoc test).

mutant, which lacks the vinculin-binding protein IpaA (Fig. 3B) (23). Again, the differences in Tf uptake rate between mutant strains and WT could not be explained by differences of TfR surface expression (SI Appendix, Fig. S3A). Overall, these results demonstrate that three *S. flexneri* effectors, IpaJ, VirA, and IpaA, inhibit endocytosis in the host cell.

To gain more insight into the mechanisms by which *S. flexneri* affects CDE and CIE, we looked at dynamin 2 (Dnm2), an en-

zyme implicated in both pathways and involved in the pinching off of vesicles from the plasma membrane (24). To this end, we left uninfected or infected Hep2 β Dnm2-GFP genome-edited cells (25) with WT *S. flexneri* and analyzed the Dnm2-GFP distribution at plasma membrane by total internal reflection fluorescence (TIRF) microscopy (Fig. 3F and G). Upon WT infection, we observed a 27% reduction of Dnm2-GFP at the plasma membrane (Fig. 3F), which was quantified by image analysis (Fig. 3G). This

analyzed the relative depth penetration of WT and *virAipaJ* strains from the epithelial surface within the colonic tissue (Fig. 4 C and D and *SI Appendix*, Fig. S4B). We observed and quantified a 40% decrease in the penetration depth of the *virAipaJ* mutant in contrast to the WT strain. This difference cannot be explained by a spreading defect in the *virAipaJ* mutant, as the plaques formed on a cell monolayer by the *virAipaJ* mutant after 48 h of infection are only 3% smaller than the ones formed by the WT strain (*SI Appendix*, Fig. S4C). Overall, these results indicate that IpaJ and VirA, by the induction of a general trafficking impairment, are critical for intestinal epithelial invasion *in vivo*.

Discussion

In this study, we showed how two *S. flexneri* effectors, IpaJ and VirA, are necessary and sufficient to block several key intracellular trafficking pathways in invaded cells, inducing a “frozen” state in which cells are no longer able to exchange molecules with their environment. These results were observed *in vitro* both in nonpolarized and polarized cells. Moreover, we were able to show *in vivo* the impact of some of the functions of these effectors on the efficient intestinal invasion by the bacteria.

Our work confirmed, in the context of cellular *S. flexneri* infection, the secretion blockage described when overexpressing either of the effectors, IpaJ or VirA (10, 13). This is not trivial as EspG, for instance, the enterohemorrhagic and enteropathogenic *Escherichia coli* (EHEC/EPEC) homolog of *Shigella* VirA, does not affect the secretory transport during EHEC infection (29), but only during ectopic overexpression. This suggests that Rab1 is not targeted *in vivo* by EHEC EspG and illustrates how the overexpression of certain virulence factors might induce phenotypes that are not observed during natural infection. However, the fact that VirA blocks the secretory transport in *S. flexneri*-infected cells strongly suggests that Rab1 is a VirA substrate but does not exclude the possibility that other Rabs might be targeted by this effector. In line with this, we demonstrated that VirA, in combination with IpaJ, impairs the normal recycling of cell receptors. VirA, in contrast to EPEC/EHEC EspG, was shown *in vitro* to have a broader range of specificity toward Rab GTPases (13). This strongly suggests that endosomal Rabs, such as Rab11, Rab35, or Rab22 (30), are targeted and inactivated by VirA, explaining part of the recycling impairment. Interestingly, it was reported that EspG reduces surface receptor levels and receptor recycling in EHEC-infected cells (29), and this is due to the modulation of an Arf6:Rab35 signaling axis (31). Moreover, EspG was shown to interact with Arf GTPases and PAK (13, 32). However, unlike in EHEC infection, a scaffolding role of VirA modulating Rab-Arf signaling has not been described so far for *S. flexneri*. On the other hand, our results show that IpaJ and VirA work in concert to induce an additive defect in receptor recycling. Although IpaJ activity slows down Tf recycling by targeting Arf1, this might also happen via the inactivation of other Arf family members (11, 33). Altogether, our work reveals that, in the case of *S. flexneri* infection, both IpaJ and VirA are necessary to induce strong recycling inhibition by acting on Arf GTPases and possibly on Rab GTPases.

The targeting of the endosomal compartments by these two effectors has consequences not only restricted to the surface receptor recycling, but also to an endocytosis blockage. How IpaJ and VirA reduce Tf uptake, as well as dynamin 2 and clathrin recruitment to endocytic sites at the plasma membrane, remains a key question. One hypothesis is that the concerted action of these two effectors on the secretory and recycling pathways will induce downstream alterations on the endocytic route, as the intracellular trafficking routes are intimately interlinked. Indeed, these two *S. flexneri* effectors target two families of proteins that are key regulators of many intracellular trafficking events, possibly explaining the endocytosis impairment as an indirect consequence of their activities on small GTPases. One possibility suggested by our results is that impairment of exocytosis pathways by IpaJ and VirA blocks the recruitment of dynamin 2 to the plasma membrane. Interestingly, this inhibition is also observed upon BFA treatment,

which targets only Arf proteins. However, the effect of BFA being less strong than *Shigella* infection might explain why this drug does not significantly decrease Tf endocytosis and further suggests that the combined action of IpaJ and VirA on Arf and Rab proteins is needed to strongly affect endocytosis. Moreover, it was also reported that dynamin 2 is recruited to the budding sites of recycling endosomes, as well as to the TGN (34, 35), possibly explaining the decreased dynamin 2 recruitment upon *S. flexneri* infection. The bacterium might also affect endocytosis by targeting actin, an important factor for dynamin 2 recruitment (36, 37), since it possesses several effectors modulating actin polymerization, such as IpaC, IcsA, and IpaA (38). In agreement with this, our results demonstrated that IpaA, a vinculin-binding protein involved in actin reorganization, partially inhibits endocytosis. Moreover, the plasma membrane tension, which is regulated by actin polymerization, was shown to affect endocytosis dynamics in polarized cells (39). Thus, by targeting actin dynamic regulators, *S. flexneri* might modulate the plasma membrane tension, thereby inhibiting the endocytosis rate of the host cell.

Finally, the global secretion inhibition determined by our proteomic approach revealed a list of less secreted proteins that participate in cell polarity establishment and differentiation (40), and their modulation by *S. flexneri* might perturb the integrity of the intestinal barrier. Candidates among such proteins are those regulating cell adhesion, ECM composition, and lipid transport. In addition, the impairment in the secretion of immunomodulators might affect the host immune response. Moreover, our *in vitro* data show that IpaJ and VirA subvert the epithelial polarity and promote multiple invasion events, and we have preliminary data suggesting that they might regulate intercellular junctions' stability. These results are in total agreement with our *in vivo* data showing that IpaJ and VirA induce a deeper *S. flexneri* penetration into the colonic tissue.

Overall, our work shows how *S. flexneri* IpaJ and VirA effectors coordinate and modulate the host cell intracellular trafficking, leading to the subversion of the infected cells and tissue that will result in more efficient bacterial invasion.

Materials and Methods

Bacterial Strains. *Shigella flexneri* 5a strain M90T, harboring a streptomycin resistance mutation (41), was used as the WT strain. All of the mutants from this study were generated from the WT strain. All of the mutant strains used in this study were part of a *S. flexneri* mutant collection (42), except the following: *ipgD* (43), *virAipaJ*, *ospE1E2*, and *ospC1C2C3*. Tetracycline resistance cassette was removed from *virA* strain to avoid reduction in IcsA protein levels by FLP-FRT recombination using the pCP20 plasmid. Frozen bacterial stocks were streaked onto trypticase soy agar (TSA) plates containing 0.1% (wt/vol) Congo red (CR) and grown at 37 °C overnight. Plates were kept at 4 °C for up to 2 wk.

Cell Lines. Hep2 cells (HeLa derivative) and its derivatives expressing the β -chain of IL-2R, Hep2 β , were grown in DMEM (1 g/L) (Gibco) supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated FCS (HI-FCS) (Eurobio) at 5% CO₂ at 37 °C (44), in the presence of 1 mg/mL G418 (Sigma) for Hep2 β cells. CRISPR-Cas9 genome edited Hep2 β Dnm2-GFP and Hep2 β CLC-GFP cells (25), and the RUSH stable HeLa cell line expressing the ER molecular hook streptavidin-KDEL and the cargo SBP-EGFP-TNF α (45) were described previously. Hep2 and HeLa cells are nonpolarized cells and were always cultured to 70% confluence before infection experiments. Caco-2/TC7 cells (a clone of Caco-2 cells, human colorectal adenocarcinoma origin) were grown in DMEM (1 g/L) supplemented with 20% HI-FCS, GlutaMAX, and nonessential amino acids (Gibco). For complete polarization and differentiation of Caco-2/TC7 cells, 2×10^5 cells/cm² cells were seeded into 12-well or 6-well Transwell inserts (pore size, 0.4 μ m; Corning) and cultured for 18–21 d at 10% CO₂ at 37 °C; fresh media was added triweekly, except for plaque assay experiments, where cells were cultured on plastic six-well plates. Transepithelial electrical resistance was measured using a Millicell-ERS volt-ohm meter (Millipore). Dextran permeability was assessed by adding 70-kDa FITC-dextran (200 μ g/mL) (Sigma) in Ringer's buffer to the apical compartment of Transwell inserts (uninfected or infected in Ringer's solution: 155 mM NaCl, 3 mM KCl, 3 mM NaH₂PO₄, 5 mM Hepes 10 mM glucose, pH 7.0, with 2 mM CaCl₂, 1 mM MgCl₂) after a 15-min preincubation in Ringer's buffer or in calcium-free Ringer's (containing 10 mM glucose). Fluorescence pass-through to the basal compartment medium was measured with an Infinite M200 Pro

multimode plate reader (TECAN). Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) was quantified with the CytoTox 96 Non-Radioactive Cytotoxicity Assay (Promega).

Plasmids. Bacteria transformed with plasmids coding for the *Escherichia coli* AfaE adhesin (46), or GFP (pFPV 25.1) (47), dsRed (48), or mCherry fluorescent proteins, were used as indicated. pTRIO-mCherry plasmid was generated by inserting mCherry CDS in XmaI-NheI sites of pTRIO plasmid, which is the basic backbone of the pTSAR plasmids series (49). The CDS of *ipaJ* was cloned through EcoRI-BamHI into pSU2.1tt plasmid (49), giving the pSU2.1tt-*ipaJ*-Myc plasmid. The catalytic site variant was generated by PCR-based mutagenesis introducing the C64A mutation into *ipaJ* (plasmid pSU2.1tt-*ipaJ*-C64A-Myc). *ipaJ* and *virAipaJ* mutant strains were complemented with pSU2.1tt-*ipaJ*-Myc or pSU2.1tt-*ipaJ*-C64A-Myc plasmids. pSU2.1tt-*VirA*-Myc or pSU2.1tt-*VirA*-RQ-Myc plasmids (14) were used to complement *virAipaJ* or *virA* strains. For the ectopic expression of GFP-*VirA*, GFP-*ipaJ* and their mutated variants in mammalian cells, the CDS of *ipaJ* and *virA* were cloned through HindIII-KpnI into pEGFP-C1 plasmid.

Antibodies and Reagents. The following primary antibodies were used: rabbit anti-*S. flexneri* 5a M90T LPS (1:300), mouse anti-GM130 (1:200) (BD; 610823), rabbit anti-GM130 (1:100) (Abcam; ab52649), mouse anti-GFP DyLight 680 (1:1,000) (Rockland; 600-144-215), mouse anti-ERGIC53 (1:100) (Sigma; SAB4200585), rabbit anti-*Sec24b* (1:100) (D7D65) (Cell Signaling Technology; 12042), sheep anti-TGN46 (1:100) (Bio-Rad; AHP500GT), purified mouse mAb OKT9 (anti-TfR) (1:100), goat anti-dynamin-2 (1:500) (Santa Cruz; sc-6400), rabbit anti-clathrin LCA (H-55) (1:500) (Santa Cruz; sc-28276), rabbit anti-GFP (1:1,000) (Rockland; 600-401-215), rabbit anti-actin (1:5,000) (Sigma; A2066), and chicken anti-GFP (1:1,000) (Abcam; ab13970). All of the secondary antibodies were from Molecular Probes and used at 1:500 dilution; FITC-dextran 70 (Sigma; 46945); DAPI (1 μ g/mL) (Sigma); Phalloidin-AF647 (1:100) (A22287; Molecular Probes); BFA (Sigma; B7651) was used at 1 μ g/mL.

Bacterial Infections of Cultured Cells. Hep2 and Hep2 β cells were plated the day before the experiment onto 12-mm coverslips at a density of 0.4×10^5 cells/cm² for immunofluorescence, or on glass-bottom dishes (MatTek) for TIRF microscopy experiments, and at a density of 0.4×10^5 cells/cm² on six-well plates for FC or Western blot experiments. Bacterial cultures were prepared by picking a single colony from each strain from TSA-CR plates and grown in 8 mL trypticase soy broth (TSB) supplemented with the appropriate antibiotics (ampicillin, 100 μ g/mL; chloramphenicol, 10 μ g/mL) in a shaking incubator overnight at 30 °C. Bacteria were subcultured in fresh 8 mL of TSB at 37 °C until OD₆₀₀ 0.8–1.0, pelleted, washed in PBS, and coated with poly-L-lysine (molecular weight, 70,000–100,000; Sigma) 10 μ g/mL in PBS for 10 min, washed twice with PBS, and resuspended in the infection medium (DMEM supplemented with 20 mM Hepes) to the adequate multiplicity of infection (MOI). Coated bacteria were added to the cells and allowed to adhere for 15 min at room temperature (RT), and then incubated at 37 °C in a CO₂ incubator or in a water bath when short time of infection or short kinetics was performed. For infections of Caco-2/TC7 cells grown in Transwell filters, AfaE-expressing strains were cultured as described, pelleted, washed with PBS, and resuspended in infection medium to the adequate MOI. Apical and basal chambers were washed twice with warm DMEM–Hepes, and bacteria were added to the apical chamber at a MOI of 75, incubated for 15 min at RT, and switched to a 37 °C CO₂ incubator. After 30 min, the medium was aspirated and replaced for fresh DMEM–Hepes supplemented with gentamicin at 50 μ g/mL and incubated for the indicated additional time.

For plaque assays, Caco-2/TC7 cell monolayers were cultured on plastic six-well plates for 3 wk, infected at a MOI of 5 for 2 h, and washed, followed by the addition of a 0.5% agarose overlay containing 50 μ g/mL gentamicin in culture medium. Forty-eight hours later, cells were fixed with ethanol and stained with Giemsa R solution. Plaque sizes were quantified using Fiji (ImageJ) software.

RUSH Assay to Assess Anterograde Trafficking. RUSH stable HeLa cell line expressing the ER molecular hook streptavidin-KDEL and the cargo SBP-EGFP-TNF α (45) were uninfected or infected with the indicated *S. flexneri* strain expressing mCherry fluorescent protein. After 15 min at RT and 45 min at 37 °C, the medium was replaced by medium containing 40 μ M biotin (Sigma) to initiate the cargo transport from the ER and incubated at 37 °C for an additional 60 min. Cells were washed with ice-cold PBS, fixed in PFA (4%)–PBS for 20 min on ice, and stained for 1 h at RT with an anti-GFP DyLight 680 antibody (Rockland) to detect the surface-arrived SBP-EGFP-TNF α . After harvesting, surface anti-GFP DyLight 680 fluorescence was measured by FC (MoFlo Astrios EQ, Beckman) in the infected population of cells (mCherry positive). Results are the mean expressed as the percentage of total (uninfected or infected) cells expressing the RUSH cargo at their surface. Alternatively, cells grown on coverslips were infected as before, and subsequent immunofluorescences were performed as indicated in the figures.

SILAC Labeling, Infections, Sample Collection, and Preparation. Human Caco-2/TC7 cells were cultured for six passages in SILAC DMEM flex media deficient for L-arginine and L-lysine (Gibco) with 20% heat inactivated dialyzed FBS (dFBS) (Thermo Fisher), 1 g/L glucose (Sigma), GlutaMAX 1 \times , nonessential amino acids, 10 U/mL penicillin/streptomycin (all from Gibco) supplemented with either ¹³C₆, ¹⁵N₄ L-arginine-HCl and ¹³C₆, ¹⁵N₂ L-lysine-2HCl (Heavy media) or with ¹³C₆ L-arginine-HCl and 4,4,5,5-D₄ L-lysine-2HCl (Medium media) (arginine at 84 mg/mL and lysine at 146 mg/mL; Thermo Fisher Scientific). The stable isotope labeling was confirmed by LC-MS/MS after protein in-gel separation and digestion of blue bands. Labeled cells were seeded on six-well Transwell inserts and cultured for 21 d in Heavy or Medium SILAC medium changing the medium three times per week.

For secretome collection, 24 h before infections, cells were washed with DMEM for SILAC with 20 mM Hepes, and medium was replaced with either Medium or Heavy SILAC media but containing 2% dFBS. Cells were uninfected or infected with AfaE-expressing WT or *virAipaJ* strains. To that end, apical and basal chambers of Transwell inserts were washed three times with DMEM for SILAC/Hepes, Medium SILAC medium was added to uninfected cells, and bacteria were added in the apical chamber at an MOI of 75 in Heavy SILAC medium without FBS or antibiotics. After 15 min at RT and 30 min at 37 °C, cells were washed three times with DMEM for SILAC/Hepes, 1.5 mL of FBS-free Medium or Heavy SILAC media with 50 μ g/mL gentamicin were added at either apical or basal Transwell chambers, and cells were further incubated at 37 °C for 4.5 h. Apical and basal secretomes were collected (total volume: 3.6 mL/condition), UI and infected samples mixed in a 1:1 ratio, centrifuged (200 \times g, 5 min), filtered with 0.22- μ m syringe filters (Minisart; Sartorius Stedim Biotech S.A.), and snap-frozen in liquid N₂. For proteome analysis, cells were lysed in RIPA buffer containing protease inhibition mixture, and samples were mixed at a protein stoichiometry ratio of UI:infected 1:1. Samples were kept at –80 °C until use. Before trypsin digestion, uninfected and infected secretomes mixing at a 1:1 ratio was done according to cell number in Transwells from which the secretome was prepared (total volume, 3.6 mL), and then concentrated to 500 μ L on Amicon Ultra-15, 10,000 molecular weight cutoff centrifugation filter units (Millipore). For the filter-aided sample preparation protocol, a total of 60 mg of urea and 16 μ L of M DTT were added to 500 μ L of concentrated secretome; the solution was mixed on a Nanosep (10 kDa, Pall) device and was incubated at 57 °C for 15 min. The mixture was spun down and was washed two times with 500 μ L of 2 M urea in 0.1 Tris/HCl, pH 8.5. A total of 100 μ L of 0.05 M iodoacetamide was added and was incubated for 30 min at RT in the dark. Two washes with 25 mM ammonium bicarbonate were performed, and the secretome was digested with 5 μ g of trypsin/LysC (Promega) for 4 h at 37 °C. The digested peptides were collected by centrifugation, and the filtrate was dried in a vacuum concentrator at room temperature and was redissolved in solvent A (2% acetonitrile, 0.1% formic acid). Peptides were then subjected to LC/MS analysis. For proteome analysis, mixed proteins lysates were separated on 10% SDS/PAGE (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and were digested in-gel with trypsin/LysC (Promega) as described in standard protocols. Extracted peptides were dried in a vacuum concentrator at RT and were redissolved in solvent A (2% MeCN, 0.1% HCO₂H) before LC/MS analysis.

LC-MS/MS Analysis. For the analysis of cell lysates, peptides were separated by reverse-phase chromatography by using an UltiMate 3000 RSLCnano system coupled to an Orbitrap Fusion mass spectrometer (Q-OT-qIT; Thermo Fisher Scientific). Samples were loaded on a nanoViper C18 μ -precolumn (75 μ m \times 2 cm; Acclaim PepMap; Thermo Scientific) at 5 μ L/min of solvent A. After a desalting of 8 min, the precolumn was switched on the C18 column (75 μ m \times 50 cm; 3 μ m, 100 Å; Acclaim PepMap; Thermo Scientific) equilibrated in solvent A. Bound peptides were eluted using a 168-min four-step linear gradient [from 5 to 6% (vol/vol) in 1 min, 6 to 9% in 18 min, 9 to 30% in 132 min, and 30 to 40% in 9 min] of solvent B (100% MeCN, 0.085% HCO₂H) at 60 °C and a 300 nL/min flow rate.

For the analysis of secretome samples, peptides were loaded on a C18 μ -precolumn (Thermo Scientific) at 20 μ L/min in solvent A. After a desalting step for 3 min, the precolumn was switched on the C18 column (Thermo Scientific) equilibrated in solvent A, and peptides were eluted with a 215-min two-step linear gradient of solvent B [from 5 to 20% (vol/vol) in 147 min and 20 to 40% in 65 min].

We acquired Survey MS scans at a resolution set to a value of 120,000, with a mass range of *m/z* 400–1,500 and a 4×10^5 ion count target. Tandem MS was performed by isolation at 1.6 Th with the quadrupole, HCD fragmentation with normalized collision energy of 28, and rapid-scan MS analysis in the ion trap. The MS² ion count target was set to 1×10^4 , and only those precursors with charge state from two to seven were sampled for MS² acquisition. The instrument was run in top speed mode with 3-s cycles.

LC-MS/MS Data Processing and Protein Identification. Data were acquired using the Xcalibur software (version 3.0), and the resulting spectra were interrogated by Sequest HT through Thermo Scientific Proteome Discoverer (version 2.1) with the SwissProt human database (012016). The mass tolerances in MS and MS/MS were set to 10 ppm and 0.6 Da, respectively. We set carbamidomethyl cysteine, oxidation of methionine, N-terminal acetylation, heavy $^{13}\text{C}_6^{15}\text{N}_2$ -lysine (Lys8) and $^{13}\text{C}_6^{15}\text{N}_4$ -arginine (Arg10), medium $^2\text{H}_4$ -lysine (Lys4) and $^{13}\text{C}_6$ -arginine (Arg6) as variable modifications. We set specificity of trypsin digestion and allowed two missed cleavage sites.

The resulting files were further processed by using myProMS (version 3.5) (50). The Sequest HT target and decoy search result were validated at 1% false-discovery rate with Percolator. For SILAC-based protein quantification, peptides extracted ion chromatograms (XICs) were retrieved from Thermo Scientific Proteome Discoverer or computed with MassChroQ, version 1.2.1 (51). Global MAD normalization or not was applied on the total signal to correct the XICs for each biological replicate. Protein ratios were computed as the geometrical mean of related peptides. To estimate ratio significance, a *t* test was performed with the R package limma (52) and the false-discovery rate has been controlled thanks to the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure (53) with a threshold set to 0.05.

The mass spectrometry proteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE (54) partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD012291.

Bioinformatics Analysis. myProMS (version 3.5) (50) was used to analyze SILAC results. Proteins from infected secretomes were considered as differentially secreted from uninfected secretomes when showing a fold change above or less than 2, $P < 0.05$ and at least three detected peptides. Fold change-based GO enrichment analysis was performed as in ref. 55. SignalP 4.0 (56) was used to determine which proteins contained a signal peptide (predicted or confirmed). SecretomeP 2.0 (57) was used to detect nonconventional secretion; proteins above a cutoff of 0.5 were considered as secreted proteins. GO terms (58) were extracted from PANTHER (59) and UniprotKB.

Tf Recycling and Endocytosis. For Tf recycling experiments, Hep2 cells cultured in six-well plates were incubated at RT with DMEM-Hepes (UI) or the indicated bacterial strains expressing GFP or dsRed proteins at an MOI of 100. After 15 min of infection, human Tf coupled to Alexa Fluor 647 (Tf-AF647) (Invitrogen) was added at 0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ in DMEM-Hepes-0.1% BSA at 37 °C. After 30 min of incubation to allow Tf-AF647 endocytosis, surface Tf-AF647 was removed by treating cells with ice-cold sodium acetate (20 mM pH 3.0) for 3 min at 4 °C before neutralization with DMEM-Hepes (pH 10). Cells were incubated back at 37 °C in DMEM-Hepes-0.1% BSA supplemented with 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ human nonfluorescent holo-transferrin to perform a time course. Cells were scraped gently and transferred into ice-cold PBS for FC analysis.

For Tf endocytosis, Hep2 cells were uninfected or infected with GFP-expressing relevant strains as previously described. After 60 min of infection at an MOI of 10, cells were washed twice with warm DMEM-Hepes and incubated for an additional 30 min in the same medium containing 0.1% BSA and gentamicin (50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) to kill extracellular bacteria. Tf uptake time course was performed by incubating cells in a water bath at 37 °C with DMEM-Hepes-0.1% BSA in the presence of 0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ Tf-AF647 for different time points, followed by an acid stripping of remaining membrane-associated Tf-AF647.

To measure surface TfR levels, UI or infected cells were incubated at 4 °C in the presence of Tf-AF647 for 30 min. Cells were acid washed or untreated, and the total surface Tf-AF647 fluorescence was quantified by FC.

Where indicated, cells were transfected with the relevant plasmids the day before the Tf recycling or endocytosis experiments by electroporation (10 μg of DNA/ 4.5×10^6 cells) or using Lipofectamine 3000 (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

The geometrical mean fluorescence of intracellular Tf-AF647 was measured in gated living cells (using DAPI or Live/Dead Fixable Violet Cell Stain Kit; L34955; Molecular Probes) by FC in a BD FACSCanto II Flow Cytometer (BD Biosciences) or an Attune NxT Flow Cytometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Tf recycling results were expressed as the percentage of the remaining intracellular Tf-AF647 at each time point with respect to time 0 of recycling. Tf recycling rate was determined from the slope of $\ln 2$ data during the first 30 min of kinetics. Tf endocytosis results were expressed as Tf endocytosis rate, calculated as the internal Tf-AF647 fluorescence over time, during the first 10 min of kinetics.

IL-2R β Endocytosis. Hep2 β cells seeded on 12-mm coverslips were uninfected or infected with GFP-expressing bacteria. After 90 min of infection, a time course of IL-2R β endocytosis was performed by incubating cells with an anti-IL-2R β antibody (mouse Ab 561) conjugated to Cy3 (1:1,000) (44) at 37 °C for different time points. Cells were fixed, permeabilized, and stained with HCS CellMask Blue Stain (Molecular Probes) and phalloidin-AF647 or Tf-AF647.

Imaging was performed by TIRF microscopy. IL-2R β endocytosis was quantified with ICY software as described in ref. 21.

Animals, Infections, and Sample Preparation. Guinea pigs were infected according to previously described protocols (27, 28). Female specific-pathogen-free Hartley guinea pigs (120–250 g) were purchased from Charles River Laboratories, maintained in animal care facilities of Institut Pasteur, and provided with food and water ad libitum. Animal experiments were carried out under approval by the "Use Committee of Institut Pasteur and by the French Ministry of Agriculture no. 2013-0113." Briefly, animals were anesthetized intraperitoneally using a mixture of ketamine (100 mg/kg; Merial) and xylazine hydrochloride (10 mg/kg; Bayer) before intrarectal inoculation of *S. flexneri* strains at 5×10^{10} cfu per 200 μL . Animals were killed at 4 and 8 h post-challenge. The distal 10 cm of colon was harvested and fixed overnight in 4% (vol/vol) PFA in PBS, and incubated in PBS-glycine (100 mM) for 30 min to quench the PFA. Tissues were then immersed successively in 15% and 30% (wt/vol) sucrose at 4 °C overnight. Tissues were cut and embedded in Tissue-Tek OCT compound (Sakura) using a flash-freeze protocol and frozen at -80 °C.

Immunofluorescence. Hep2 and Hep2 β cells were fixed in PFA (4%) sucrose (4%) in PBS for 20 min and quenched with NH_4Cl (50 mM) for 10 min. Permeabilization, blocking, incubations, and washes were done with PBS BSA (0.1%) saponin (0.05%). Polarized Caco-2/TC7 cells were washed, fixed, and quenched preparing solutions in PBS with Ca^{2+} and Mg^{2+} (Gibco). Permeabilization was done in PBS Ca^{2+} Mg^{2+} gelatin (0.2%), saponin (0.075%) for 1 h at RT, primary antibodies incubated for 90 min at RT or overnight at 4 °C, secondary antibodies for 1 h at RT, together with DAPI (1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) and phalloidin coupled to Alexa Fluor (Molecular Probes) if indicated.

For tissue sections, immunofluorescence samples were prepared as follows: 10- μm -thick transversal colon sections were permeabilized in PBS 0.5% Triton X-100 for 30 min, blocked in PBS 1% BSA for 30 min at RT, and incubated overnight at 4 °C with the indicated primary antibodies, together with phalloidin Alexa Fluor 647 (1:100) diluted in PBS, 0.1% Triton X-100, and 1% BSA. Sections were then washed with PBS and stained for 1–2 h at RT with Alexa Fluor 568 goat anti-mouse or anti-rabbit (A11031 and A11036; Molecular Probes), followed by incubation with DAPI (1 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) for 10 min at RT. Samples were washed with PBS before mounting.

ProLong Gold Antifade (Molecular Probes) was used as mounting medium.

Image Acquisition. The following equipment was used for image acquisition: a LSM700 inverted laser-scanning confocal microscope (Zeiss), with a 40 \times /1.4 oil immersion or a 63 \times /1.4 oil immersion objective (Zeiss); an Axio Observer.Z1 microscope (Zeiss) equipped with a swept field confocal Opterra system (Bruker) and an Evolve 512 Delta EMCCD camera (Photometrics), using a 63 \times PlanAPO-CHROMAT oil immersion/1.4 N.A. objective (Zeiss); a slide scanner Axio Scan.Z1 (Zeiss), using a 40 \times dry objective; and an inverted confocal microscope LSM 780 Elyra PS.1 (Zeiss), using an alpha Plan Apo 100 \times /1.46 N.A. oil objective (Zeiss) (TIRF imaging).

Image Analysis and Quantification. Microscopy images were processed and quantified with Fiji (ImageJ) (60), ICY software (61) (<http://icy.bioimageanalysis.org>), or Zen (Zeiss). Colocalization quantification was performed on confocal images using the Statistical Object Distance Analysis (SODA) plugin in ICY software described in ref. 62. IL-2R β endocytosis was quantified with ICY software using "HK-Means" and "Active Contours" plugins to automatically detect cell boundaries and "Spot Detector" plugin to measure the number of the IL-2R β spots within the detected cells. The total intensity of IL-2R β spots was normalized to the mean value of the uninfected conditions. Quantification of Dnm2 or CLC density at plasma membrane from TIRF images was performed using ICY Spot Detector plugin to quantify the number of spots per cell area. Quantification of Tf-A647 uptake by Caco-2/TC7 cells was performed with Fiji, by quantifying the total fluorescence per cell from 10 slices of 0.8 μm from a z-stack. Tissue images were acquired with 40 \times objectives, and subsequent stitching was performed using Zen software to build the mosaic images. Quantification of bacteria depth penetration into the intestinal mucosa was done from images illustrated in *SI Appendix, Fig. S4C* with Fiji, by measuring the maximum bacterial distance of penetration from the epithelium surface, with respect to the total mucosal thickness.

Data Presentation and Statistical Analysis. Prism 6.0 (GraphPad Software) was used to perform statistical analysis. Results are represented as mean \pm SD, except as otherwise indicated. The following statistical tests were used: Welch's *t* test performed as unpaired two-tailed analysis; one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett's or Tukey's post hoc multiple-comparison tests; Mann-Whitney;

and Kruskal–Wallis followed by Dunn's post hoc test. $P < 0.05$ was considered significant for all analyses.

Fiji and Zen (Zeiss) were used to process microscopy images. Inkscape software (<https://inkscape.org/>) was used for assembling figures.

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