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- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d , Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated

Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

Policy information about [availability of computer code](#)

Data collection

All download was performed in R statistical environment (v2, v3, v4). Following packages were used: GEOquery_2.56.0, ArrayExpress_1.48.0 etc. GEO2R R script sourced from NCBI GEO [source: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/info/geo2r.html>] was used for download and analyses of GEO datasets and a script from vignette of ArrayExpress R package was used for download and analyses of ArrayExpress datasets. These scripts were used to download and normalize the data.

Data analysis

All analysis including transcriptomics (normalization and score analysis) was performed in R statistical environment (v2, v3, v4). Following packages were used: GEOquery_2.56.0, ArrayExpress_1.48.0, Biobase_2.50.0, limma_3.46.0, preprocessCore_1.52.1, stringr_1.4.0, geepack_1.3-1, corrplot_0.84, DESeq_1.39.0, reshape_0.8.8, downloader_0.4, affxparser_1.60.0, RCurl_1.98-1.2, BiocGenerics_0.36.1, survival_3.1-12, lmtree_0.9-38, and others

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- A description of any restrictions on data availability
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The phenotype and processed gene expression data generated are available in Figshare database for COVID-19 cohort (https://figshare.com/projects/Ahuja_Lab_COVID-19_dataset/158732) and HIV dataset (https://figshare.com/projects/Ahuja_Lab_HIV_dataset/158681).

Individual level raw data files of the VA COVID-19 cohort cannot be shared publicly due to data protection and confidentiality requirements. South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS) at San Antonio, Texas is the data holder for the COVID-19 data used in this study. Data can be made available to approved researchers for analysis after securing relevant permissions via review by the Institutional Review Board for use of the data collected under this protocol. Inquiries regarding data availability should be directed to the corresponding author. Accession links to all data generated or analyzed during this study are included in Supplementary Data 13a. Source data are provided with this paper. All other patient/individual-level raw data (including HIV dataset from early infection cohort) underlying this article cannot be shared publicly due to data protection and confidentiality requirements. The data holders and contacts for inquiries to data access are in listed in Supplementary Data 13c for the following cohorts: SardiNIA, HIV– UCSD, Schistosomiasis in Kenyan children, renal transplant recipients (RTR), female sex workers (FSWs) from The Kenya Majengo Observational Cohort Study cohort (MOCS), Early infection cohort (EIC), primary infection cohort (PIC), SIV– and SIV+ Sooty mangabeys, SIV– Rhesus macaques, and Collaborative Cross (CC)-RIX mice.

Database and sources of publicly available gene expression datasets analyzed in this study are provided in Supplementary Data 13a, for the following cohorts:

SLE dataset from GEO (GSE49454 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE49454>),
 HIV/TB Meta analysis with Finnish DILGOM cohort from GEO and Array Express (GSE29429 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE29429>);
 GSE19439 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE19439>;
 GSE19442 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE19442>;
 GSE19444 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE19444>;
 E-TABM-1036 - <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biostudies/arrayexpress/studies/E-TABM-1036>),
 San Antonio Family Heart Study from Array Express (E-TABM-305 - <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biostudies/arrayexpress/studies/E-TABM-305>),
 FHS Offspring cohort from dbGaP (phs000007.v30.p11- https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/gap/cgi-bin/study.cgi?study_id=phs000007.v30.p11);
 phs000363.v17.p11 - https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/gap/cgi-bin/study.cgi?study_id=phs000363.v17.p11),
 Sepsis Meta analysis cohorts from ArrayExpress (E-MATB-4421 - <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biostudies/arrayexpress/studies/E-MTAB-4421>);
 E-MATB-4451 - <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biostudies/arrayexpress/studies/E-MTAB-4451>;
 E-MATB-5273 - <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biostudies/arrayexpress/studies/E-MTAB-5273>;
 E-MATB-5274 - <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biostudies/arrayexpress/studies/E-MTAB-5274>),
 Sepsis dataset from ArrayExpress (E-MATB-1548 - <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/biostudies/arrayexpress/studies/E-MTAB-1548>),
 Vitality 90+ Study cohort from GEO (GSE65218 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE65218>);
 GSE65219 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE65219>),
 HIV-1 Infection dataset from GEO (GSE16363 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE16363>),
 Influenza and other acute respiratory viral infections dataset from GEO (GSE68310 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE68310>),
 Influenza A H1N1 and H3N2 virus infection dataset from GEO (GSE52428 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE52428>),
 symptomatic respiratory viral infection from GEO (GSE17156 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE17156>),
 Burn injury dataset from GEO (GSE182616 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE182616>),
 Sepsis cohort from GEO (GSE185263 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE185263>),
 Severe influenza dataset from GEO (GSE111368 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE111368>),
 Influenza-infected pre-Collaborative Cross (CC) lines dataset from GEO (GSE30506 - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE30506>).

Aggregate data presented for these cohorts in the current study are provided in the source data file.

Immunophenotyping data from SardiNIA cohort used in Fig. 10 are derived and sourced from Orrù et al. (doi: 10.1016/j.cell.2013.08.041) and are shared with us by the co-authors. Data from renal transplant recipients (RTR) are derived and sourced from Bottomley et al. (doi: 10.1681/ASN.2015030250) and are shared with us by the co-author.

The sources of the data for literature survey (Fig. 5c) are summarized in Supplementary Table 2.

Human research participants

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Reporting on sex and gender

Sex was self-reported. No data on gender were collected. Cohort characteristics are described in Methods and Supplementary Information.

The reported findings apply to both sexes.

Yes, sex and gender were considered in study design.

The sex and/or gender was determined based on self-reporting.

The source data are provided as Source Data file.

The overall numbers from multiple cohorts shown in sample size below and details are provided in the Supplementary Information and Supplementary Data 2.

Sex based analysis was performed and reported where data was collected and available.

Population characteristics

All covariate (age, sex, and others as appropriate) are described in detail in the Cohort description in Methods and Supplementary Information and Supplementary Data files.

Recruitment

COVID-19 cohort: This is an ongoing, prospective observational cohort study of patients testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 evaluated at the Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center, South Texas Veterans Health Care System (STVHCS), San Antonio, Texas. In the current study, patients seen from March 20, 2020 through November 15, 2020. were used. Patients were followed during hospitalization and/or a minimum of 30 days from inclusion.

All other cohorts are from collaborators and are from previously published works.

Ethics oversight

All studies were approved by the Institutional Review Boards at the University of Texas Health San Antonio (Protocol# HSC20100396HR) and institutions participating in this study. Approved institutional review board protocol numbers for human studies from cohort contributors are as follows:

SardiNIA cohort : Ethical Committee ASL 1 Sassari (PROT# 2171/CE)

HIV- UCSD cohort: UCSD IRB Administration (IRB# 172092, Version 16 in KIRB)

Kenyan children with Schistosomiasis: Kenya Medical Research Institute National Ethical Review Committee; Institutional Review Board for Human Studies at University Hospitals of Cleveland Case Medical Center

RTR cohort: Oxford University Hospitals Research & Development (Reference# HH/AA/OD/10308); West of Scotland Research Ethics Service (REC reference# 12/WS/0288)

FSW cohort: Kenyatta National Hospital - University of Nairobi ERC (Ref# KNH/ERC/R/10; Protocol# P211/09/2006)

PIC: USCD IRB Administration (IRB# 191088, Version 16 in KIRB)

EIC: USUHS IRB (FWA 00001628; DoD Assurance P60001; Protocol# 357499 (IDCRP-000-05))

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size

No priori sample size calculation was performed as this is an epidemiological-mechanistic study and these were secondary analyses. The study involves varied cohorts with 48,936 human samples, 279 non-human primates and 378 mice samples in total. All samples from the cohort were used, unless specifically stated in the statistical section of the specific analysis. Furthermore, given the wide range of cohorts (including several large datasets like SardiNIA [n=3,896]; Framingham Heart Study [n=2,308]), conditions (Aging, HIV, COVID-19, sepsis, influenza etc.), and model systems (humans, non-human primates, and mice) where IHGs were examined under, we believe that the sample size are large enough and sufficient for the results to be highly reproducible in the dataset tested. All data presented are reproducible using the appropriate datasets and criteria used.

Data exclusions

No data were excluded from the analyses that were designed to test the hypothesis following cohort specific inclusion/exclusion criteria, unless specifically stated in the statistical section of the figure panel.

Replication

This study examines metrics of immunological resilience in a wide-range of contexts, including acute/chronic infections, autoimmunity, aging, cancers, and vaccines. An extensive Methods section has been added that includes a Statistics & Reproducibility section. This section provides general information on the study design and how statistical analyses were conducted and detailed in the statistics per panel section in the Supplementary Information. In addition, each figure is linked with a source document for reproducibility. Furthermore, given the wide range of cohorts and conditions that IHGs were examined under, we believe these results to be highly reproducible. All data presented are reproducible using the appropriate datasets and criteria used.

Randomization

All samples were grouped according to predefined criteria and covariates were adjusted as appropriate. This was not an interventional study, or primary analyses, therefore no pre-hoc randomization was used.

Blinding

This was not an interventional study, therefore no blinding was used.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	All data using antibodies are from previously published work by Orru et al., (doi: 10.1016/j.cell.2013.08.041) and reanalyzed based on groupings in the present study.
Validation	Not applicable, as we used derived data from previously published work by Orru et al., (doi: 10.1016/j.cell.2013.08.041) and are shared with us by the co-authors

Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals	Sooty mangabeys; rhesus macaques; and CC-RIX mice
Wild animals	N/A
Reporting on sex	Data from both sexes are provided where applicable.
Field-collected samples	N/A
Ethics oversight	All animal studies were approved by institutions participating in this study and the protocol numbers for animal studies from cohort contributors are as follows: Sooty mangabeys - EMORY University: IACUC (Protocol ID: PROTO201700044) Rhesus macaques - Internal Review Board, Kunming Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (Approval# SYDW-2012091001) CC-RIX mice - UNC-Chapel Hill IACUC (IACUC ID# 15-175.0)

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Flow Cytometry

Plots

Confirm that:

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Methodology

Sample preparation	All flow cytometry data are from previously published works by Orru et al., (doi: 10.1016/j.cell.2013.08.041) and are shared with us by the co-authors
Instrument	<i>Identify the instrument used for data collection, specifying make and model number.</i>

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Describe the software used to collect and analyze the flow cytometry data. For custom code that has been deposited into a community repository, provide accession details.

Cell population abundance

Describe the abundance of the relevant cell populations within post-sort fractions, providing details on the purity of the samples and how it was determined.

Gating strategy

Describe the gating strategy used for all relevant experiments, specifying the preliminary FSC/SSC gates of the starting cell population, indicating where boundaries between "positive" and "negative" staining cell populations are defined.

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