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Software and code

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Data collection

LightCycler 480 software (Roche, version 1.5.1.62), Leica application suite X version 3.7.1.21655 for DMI8, FLUOstar® Omega (BMG Labtech)

Data analysis

GraphPad Prism (v7), ImageJ (v1.8.0_112), Adobe Photoshop (version 21.2.3), base R(3.6.3), STAR aligner (v2.5.2), limma 3.42.2, tidyverse 1.3.0, trimmomatic 0.36, sabre 1.000, Subread v1.5.2, EdgeR v3.32.1, MADE4 v1.64.0, ComplexHeatmap v2.6.2, ggplot2 v3.3.5, ggrepel v0.9.1, Seurat v4.2.1, Monocle3 v1.3.1, dplyr v1.0.10, EdgeR v3.40.0, sva package v3.46

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Raw and processed next generation sequencing datasets were deposited at the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) repository with the following accession number: GSE185471

Human research participants

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Reporting on sex and gender	This study utilised placental tissues obtained from pregnant women, so participants were females only, and sex and gender analysis does not apply to this study.
Population characteristics	Nothing to add here
Recruitment	Women undergoing elective termination of pregnancy were recruited, with exclusion criteria of known fetal abnormalities or participants <18 years of age. All participants provided informed written consent on placental tissue donation, and there is no self-selection bias or other biases that may affect the result.
Ethics oversight	Ethics approval for the use of first trimester human placental tissues for research was obtained from the Human Ethics Committee at Monash Health, Melbourne, Australia (RES-19-0000-399A).

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	We did not involve statistical methods to pre-determine the sample size, this was determined based on previous experience (Liu et al., Nature 2020) and other similar studies (Karvas et al., Cell Stem Cell 2022; Ruan et al., Cell Reports Medicine 2022). We generated data using 2 iTSC cell lines in multiple runs of differentiation and infection (Representative graphs from 2 independent experiments showing n=3 separate infection replicates).
Data exclusions	No data were excluded.
Replication	Each experiment was repeated independently at least twice successfully, with each experiment containing a minimum of 3 separate infection replicates.
Randomization	Experiments were not randomized. Randomization of samples were not necessary to our study as we needed to determine virus vs control in most cases and our sample sizes were typically low.
Blinding	The investigators were not blinded during data collection and analysis, as neither human/animal studies or specific grouping were involved in this manuscript

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Methods

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ChIP-seq
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow cytometry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used

For Immunostaining:

Antibody, Company, Catalogue Number, Lot Number, Dilution:

Mouse anti-GATA2 IgG2a clone 2D11, Sigma-Aldrich Cat# WH0002624M1 Lot G2151-2D11, 1:100
 Negative Control Rabbit Immunoglobulin Fraction, X0903, Dako, 1:10000
 Mouse IgG1 Culture supernatant, X0931, Agilent Technologies, 1:10000
 Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG Antibody (H+L), Biotinylated, BA-1000, Vector Laboratories, 1:1000
 Horse Anti-Mouse IgG Antibody (H+L), Biotinylated, BA-2000, Vector Laboratories, 1:1000
 Mouse anti-HCG IgG1 clone 5H4-E2, abcam, ab9582 Lot GR3285169-1, 1:200
 Mouse anti-dsRNA IgG2a clone rJ2, Merck, MABE1134 Lot 3543801, 1:200
 Rabbit anti-ACE2 IgG, abcam, ab15348 Lot GR3333640-15, 1:200
 Mouse anti-GATA3 IgG1 clone 1A12-1D9, Invitrogen, MA1-028, 1:100
 anti-HLA G IgG1 clone MEM-G/1, abcam, ab7759 Lot GR3262011-5, 1:50
 Rabbit anti-SDC1 IgG, Cell Signaling Technology, Cat# 12922 Lot 1, 1:400
 Rabbit anti-anti-DAB2 IgG, ab76253, abcam, 1:100
 Rabbit anti-MMP2 IgG, Cell Signaling Technology, Cat# 40994, 1:100
 Mouse anti-SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid IgG, MyBioSource, MBS154642, 1:300
 Goat anti-human IgG H&L (HRP), abcam, ab6858, 1:5000
 Goat anti-mouse IgG1 Alexa Fluor 488, Invitrogen, Thermo Fisher Scientific, A21121 Lot 1964382, 1:400
 Goat anti-rabbit IgG Alexa Fluor 555, Invitrogen, Thermo Fisher Scientific, A21428 Lot 1786491, 1:400
 Goat anti-mouse IgG2a Alexa Fluor 555, Invitrogen, Thermo Fisher Scientific, A21137 Lot 1899521, 1:400
 Donkey anti-rabbit IgG Alexa Fluor 647, Invitrogen, Thermo Fisher Scientific, A31573 Lot 1903516, 1:400
 Donkey anti-mouse IgG Alexa Fluor 555, Invitrogen, Thermo Fisher Scientific, A31570, Lot 1850121, 1:400

For Western Blot:

Mouse Anti-GAPDH IgG1 clone 6C5, Merck, MAB374 Lot 3018865, 1:5000
 Goat anti-Mouse IgG 680LT, LI-COR, 926-68020 Lot C20531-05, 1:50000
 Goat anti-Rabbit IgG 800CW, LI-COR, 925-32211 Lot C80925-01, 1:50000

Validation

Antibodies obtained from the commercial source were validated by the suppliers, detailed validation analysis relevant literatures are provided on the company website for the products used in this study. Some antibodies were validated in a previously published study as indicated in methods or relevant literature was cited.

GATA2 (WH0002624M1) <https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/product/sigma/wh0002624m1>
 Negative Control Rabbit Immunoglobulin Fraction (X0903) https://www.agilent.com/cs/library/packageinsert/public/SSX0903RUO_01.pdf
 Mouse IgG1 Culture supernatant (X0931) <https://www.agilent.com/cs/library/packageinsert/public/102432002.PDF>
 Anti-Rabbit IgG Antibody (H+L), Biotinylated (BA-1000) <https://vectorlabs.com/products/antibodies/biotinylated-goat-anti-rabbit-igg>
 Anti-Mouse IgG Antibody (H+L), Biotinylated (BA-2000) <https://vectorlabs.com/products/antibodies/biotinylated-horse-anti-mouse-igg>
 HCG (ab9582) <https://www.abcam.com/hcg-beta-antibody-5h4-e2-ab9582.html>
 dsRNA (MABE1134) https://www.merckmillipore.com/AU/en/product/Anti-dsRNA-Antibody-clone-rJ2,MM_NF-MABE1134-25UL
 ACE2 (ab15348) <https://www.abcam.com/ace2-antibody-ab15348.html>
 GATA3 (MA1-028) <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/GATA3-Antibody-clone-1A12-1D9-Monoclonal/MA1-028>
 HLA G (ab7759) <https://www.abcam.com/hla-g-antibody-mem-g1-ab7759.html>
 SDC1 (Cat# 12922) <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/syndecan-1-d4y7h-rabbit-mab/12922>
 MMP2 (Cat# 40994) <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/mmp-2-d4m2n-rabbit-mab/40994>
 SARS-CoV-2 Nucleocapsid (MBS154642) <https://www.mybiosource.com/monoclonal-covid-19-antibody/covid-19-nucleocapsid-np-coronavirus/154642>
 Goat anti-Human IgG H&L (HRP) <https://www.abcam.com/products/secondary-antibodies/goat-human-igg-hl-hrp-ab6858.html>
 Goat anti-mouse IgG1 Alexa Fluor 488 (A21121) <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Goat-anti-Mouse-IgG1-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-21121>
 Goat anti-rabbit IgG Alexa Fluor 555 (A21428) <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Goat-anti-Rabbit-IgG-H-L-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-21428>
 Goat anti-mouse IgG2a Alexa Fluor 555 (A21137) <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Goat-anti-Mouse-IgG2a-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-21137>
 Donkey anti-rabbit IgG Alexa Fluor 647 (A31573) <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Donkey-anti-Rabbit-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody-Polyclonal/A-31573>
 Donkey anti-mouse IgG Alexa Fluor 555 (A31570) <https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Donkey-anti-Mouse-IgG-H-L-Highly-Cross-Adsorbed-Secondary-Antibody->

Polyclonal/A-31570

GAPDH (MAB374) https://www.merckmillipore.com/AU/en/product/Anti-Glyceraldehyde-3-Phosphate-Dehydrogenase-Antibody-clone-6C5,MM_NF-MAB374

Goat anti-mouse IgG 680LT (926-68020) <https://www.licor.com/bio/reagents/irdye-680lt-goat-anti-mouse-igg-secondary-antibody>
Goat anti-rabbit IgG 800CW (925-32211) <https://www.licor.com/bio/reagents/irdye-800cw-goat-anti-rabbit-igg-secondary-antibody>

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Human iTSC lines were previously generated as described in Liu et al., Nature 2020. (https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-020-2734-6). iTSCs were generated using human fibroblasts sourced from ThermoFisher (Catalogue number, C-013-5C and lot#1528526 for 55F and lot#1569390 for 32F. Vero cells (Cat no. CCL-81) and Calu-3 cells (Cat no. HTB-55) were purchased from ATCC. Vero E6-TMPRSS2 (Cat no. JCRB1819) were purchased from CellBank Australia. Expi293 cells (Cat no. 14527) were purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific. Ishikawa cells were sourced from Sigma-Aldrich (Catalogue number, 99040201, lot #14B013). FT008 primary cell lines were derived from the tissue consented by patients. However, as agreed in the initial ethics to receive the cells, the sex of the donor was not disclosed. However, we have analyzed sequencing data and found their genotype to be male.
Authentication	The human fibroblasts, Vero cells, Calu-3 cells, Vero E6-TMPRSS2, Expi293 and Ishikawa cells have been authenticated by the manufacturer's company via assays such as cellular morphology, STR profiling, mycoplasma testing, sterility testing or growth profile as stated in the certificate of analysis. The iTSCs and FT008 have been also authenticated in-house by immunostaining, qPCR, RNA-seq.
Mycoplasma contamination	Furthermore, all cell lines were regularly tested and were mycoplasma negative.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in this study.