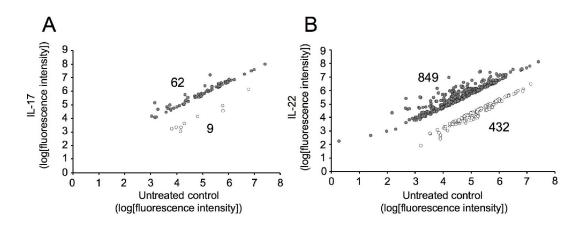
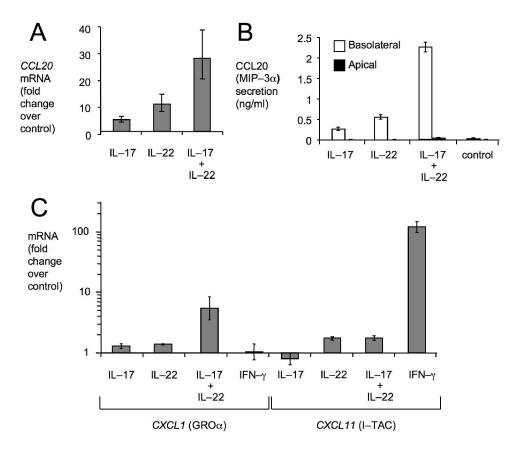
SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE LEGENDS

Supplementary Figure 1: Gene expression profiling of the response to IL-17 (**A**) or IL-22 (**B**) stimulation of T84 cells. (**A** and **B**) Fold changes in fluorescence intensity for genes significantly (P < 0.05) up regulated (gray circles) or down-regulated (open circles) 2 fold or more after stimulation with IL-17 (**A**) or IL-22 (**B**) compared to mock treated cells.

Supplementary Figure 2: Cytokine expression induced in polarized intestinal model epithelia upon stimulation with IL-17 and/or IL-22. Gene expression profiling indicated that CCL20 was induced after stimulation of T84 cells with IL-17 (6.6 fold) or IL-22 (7.7 fold). These data were confirmed in polarized T84 cells by detecting LCN2 transcription by quantitative by real-time PCR analysis (A) and apical (closed bars) or basolateral (open bars) secretion of CCL20 (MIP- 3α) by ELISA (**B**). Importantly, simultaneous stimulation of T84 cells with both IL-22 and IL-17 resulted in a marked increase in CCL20 transcription and basolateral CCL20 secretion. These results suggested that IL-22 and IL-17 synergized in eliciting unidirectional basolateral secretion of CCL20 by polarized T84 cells. (C) Detection of CXCL1 and CXCL11 expression in polarized T84 cells by quantitative real-time PCR. Expression of CXCL1 (encoding GROa) was examined, since this chemokines has previously been shown to be expressed by epithelial cells in bovine ligated ileal loops during S. Typhimurium infection. CXCL11 encodes an IFN-inducible T cell alpha chemoattractant known as I-TAC, which was included as a control for the specificity of cytokine induction. All data (A-C) represent means ± standard deviation from at least three different experiments.





Rebuttal letter:

Reviewer #1: The authors have satisfied my previous concerns. On re-reading, I did notice one significant misstatement of fact on page 3 of the introduction: "Neutropenia is an important risk factor for bacteremia with non-typhoidal Salmonella serotypes (Cordonnier et al., 2005)." Cordonnier et al. in fact reported Salmonella bacteremia in just 1 out of 513 neutropenic patients. This is not evidence for an important role of neutrophils in systemic salmonellosis- in fact, it is quite the opposite.

RESPONSE: We apologize for the poor choice of citation. We have inserted a more appropriate reference to replace Cordonnier et al., 2005.

I also noticed a number of minor typographical errors throughout the paper, and suggest more careful proof-reading. For example:

P. 9 - "did not impair bacterial growth rich media" should be "did not impair bacterial growth in rich medium"

RESPONSE: The mistake has been corrected.

P. 12 - "to eliminate animal-to-animal" should be "to eliminate animal-to-animal variation"

RESPONSE: The mistake has been corrected.

P. 13 - "above experiments" should be "the above experiments"

RESPONSE: The mistake has been corrected.

P. 15- "acted in concert" should be "act in concert"

RESPONSE: The mistake has been corrected.

Species names are not italicized in references.

RESPONSE: The mistake has been corrected.

Fig. 7B- "deficient" is misspelled.

RESPONSE: The mistake has been corrected.