

## **Supplementary Data**

Supplementary Data contains Supplementary Methods, Supplementary References, five Supplementary Figures and eight Supplementary Tables.

## **Supplementary Methods**

### **Cell culture**

Madin Darby canine kidney (MDCK) cell lines (ATCC; CCL-34) were routinely cultured in complete medium (DMEM-C), containing DMEM GlutaMAX™, supplemented with 10% FBS, penicillin (50 U/ml), streptomycin (50 µg/ml). Human alveolar adenocarcinoma (A549) cells (ATCC; CCL-185), wildtype Chinese hamster ovary (CHO-K1) cells and its ether lipid-deficient variant NRel-4 (both cell lines kindly provided by Raphael A. Zoeller (Boston University, USA) were cultured in Ham's F12 GlutaMAX™ complete medium (Ham's F12-C), supplemented with 10% FBS, penicillin (50 U/ml), streptomycin (50 µg/ml). The cells were incubated at 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, 37°C with 80-95% relative humidity. All culture medium reagents were purchased from Gibco®, Life Technologies Co. (San Diego, California, USA).

### **Virus purification**

Egg-grown influenza virus A/PR/8/34 H1N1 was kindly provided by Mike Kemenev (Department of Microbiology, National University of Singapore); egg-grown human influenza virus strain A/Aichi/2/68 H3N2 P0 and egg-grown mouse-adapted human influenza virus strain A/Aichi/2/68 H3N2 P10 were kindly provided by Vincent Chow (Department of Microbiology, NUS). Cells were grown to 80-100% confluency and infected with influenza virus (influenza virus A/PR/8/34 H1N1, influenza virus A/Aichi/2/68 H3N2 P0 or influenza

virus A/Aichi/2/68 H3N2 P10) in MDCK-infection medium (serum-free DMEM-C supplemented with TPCK trypsin (2 µg/ml; Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, USA)) or A549-infection medium (serum-free Ham's F12-C with TPCK trypsin (1 µg/ml)). The inoculum was exchanged after 1 hour with fresh serum-free complete medium. The supernatant was collected after 48 to 72 hours post-infection (hpi). The viruses were purified as previously described (42). The virus supernatant was clarified twice by centrifugation for ten minutes in a pre-chilled bench top centrifuge at 4000 rpm (4°C) (Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany). The clarified supernatant was subsequently layered over 20% sucrose cushions dissolved in 1× phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) and concentrated by ultracentrifugation at 112,600 ×g for 2 hours at 4°C . Virus pellets were dissolved in 1× PBS and carefully dislodged overnight at 4°C before layering the concentrated virus over 30% to 60% sucrose gradients (seven steps). The gradient was centrifuged at 112,600 ×g for 3 hours at 4°C and the banded virus (1.18 g/cm<sup>3</sup> to 1.19 g/cm<sup>3</sup>; interface between 40% and 45% sucrose) was carefully collected, combined and diluted with 1× PBS. Finally, purified influenza viruses were pelleted by centrifugation at 112,600 ×g for 2 hours at 4°C and the pellet was carefully dislodged in 1× PBS overnight at 4°C after aspirating the supernatant. Virus titres were determined by plaque assay as previously described (43). Virus purity was assessed by SDS-PAGE and coomassie blue staining, and initial SEM pictures were taken from negative-stained purified MDCK-grown influenza virus A/Aichi/2/68 H3N2 P10 virus particles (Figure S1B). For all experiments, viruses were not grown for more than three passages in any given cell line.

### **Lipid extraction**

Lipids were extracted using a modified Bligh and Dyer protocol (44). Only pre-chilled HPLC grade reagents were used. The cells were harvested at the respective timepoints by washing twice with ice-cold 1×PBS and then scraped in 500 µl ice-cold methanol and transferred into

fresh tubes. 250  $\mu$ l of chloroform was then added to the mixture to adjust the ratio of chloroform:methanol to 1:2. For purified influenza viruses, 150  $\mu$ l of virus preparations were split into 50  $\mu$ l aliquots for independent extraction, and chloroform:methanol (1:2, v/v) was added directly. The mixtures were incubated and extracted as previously described (20, 21). Samples were dried under vacuum using a miVac Duo Concentrator (Genevac Ltd, Suffolk, UK) and were stored at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  until further analysis by high performance liquid chromatograph-mass spectrometry (HPLC MS).

### **Internal standards for high performance liquid chromatography mass spectrometry (HPLC MS/MS) analyses**

Synthetic lipid standards were spiked to the lipid extracts post-extraction prior to HPLC MS analyses. Specifically, the following standards were included for PS (dimyristoyl-phosphatidylserine or DMPS; final concentration  $2\mu\text{g/ml}$ ), PE (dimyristoyl-phosphatidylethanolamine or DMPE; final concentration  $10\mu\text{g/ml}$ ), PI (dioctanoyl-phosphatidylinositol or C8PI; final concentration  $1\mu\text{g/ml}$ ), PC (dimyristoyl-phosphatidylcholine or DMPC; final concentration  $10\mu\text{g/ml}$ ), SM (lauroyl sphingomyelin or LSM; final concentration  $2\mu\text{g/ml}$ ), Cer (N-heptadecanoyl-D-erythro-sphingosine or C17Cer; final concentration  $1\mu\text{g/ml}$ ), HexCer (D-glucosyl- $\beta$ 1-1'-N-octanoyl-D-erythro-sphingosine or C8HexCer; final concentration  $1\mu\text{g/ml}$ ), TAG (d5-TAG 48:0 ( $5\mu\text{g/ml}$ )), cholesterol ester (d6-C18 cholesterol ester ( $10\mu\text{g/ml}$ )), DAG (4-methyl 16:0 diether DAG ( $3\mu\text{g/ml}$ )) and cholesterol (d6-cholesterol ( $5\mu\text{g/ml}$ )). Glycerophospho- and sphingolipid standards were purchased from Avanti Polar Lipids, Inc. (Alabama, USA). Internal standards for TAG, cholesterol ester and cholesterol were obtained from C/D/N Isotopes Inc. (Quebec, Canada).

## **Quantitative analysis of lipids by HPLC MS/MS**

For glycerophospho- and sphingolipid analyses, dried cellular and viral lipid extracts were reconstituted in 60 to 80  $\mu\text{l}$  of chloroform:methanol (1:1 v/v). The samples were spiked with internal standards and 15  $\mu\text{l}$  of the sample-standard mixture was injected using an Agilent 1200 Thermo Sampler (Agilent, California, USA). Lipid classes were separated by HPLC using a Luna 3- $\mu\text{m}$  silica column (Phenomenex Inc, California, USA) coupled to an Agilent 1200 HPLC system (Agilent, California, USA). Lipids were analysed by a targeted multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) of 159 unique transitions (Table S2) using a triple quadrupole instrument ABI 3200 QT (Applied Biosystems, California, USA) as previously described (20, 21). Using this HPLC separation method, 16 odd chain PC species were distinguished from ePC species by their different elution time. Note, that we cannot exclude methyl-branching of fatty acyls from odd chain fatty acyls using these methods. Furthermore, sphingosine (d18:1) and sphinganine (d18:0) containing SM species were also separated based on their elution time. For neutral lipid analyses, the sample-standard mixture (30  $\mu\text{l}$ ) was injected and neutral lipids (DAG and TAG species, cholesterol ester and cholesterol) were analysed by reverse phase HPLC/ESI/MS on an ABI 3200QT (Applied Biosystems, Foster City CA) instrument coupled to an Agilent 1200 HPLC system (Agilent, California, USA) as previously described (21, 45, 46). Eighty-four ions were monitored in the positive ion mode.

### **Analysis of MS raw data**

Signal intensities for each lipid species were extracted according to their retention time and imported into Microsoft Excel (Microsoft, Washington, USA). Concentrations of measured lipid species were calculated by normalisation to the representative spiked internal standards, with the exception of GM3 levels, which were normalised to the PI internal standard (C8PI). Lipid species were represented as a molar fraction of the total amount of measured lipid

species (20). Data were represented either as heatplots of ratios between two different conditions or by basic bar plots with standard deviations drawn in Microsoft Excel. Statistical significance was calculated using an unpaired student's t-test ( $p < 0.05$ ; two-tailed) except for the identification of significantly altered lipid species in A549 cells. To control for batch variations of independent mass spectrometry runs (the three independent experiments were independently analysed by mass spectrometry over an extended period of time), a block-design three-way (batch, infection, time point) ANOVA was performed and multiple tests were corrected for by a false discovery rate (FDR) procedure, using functions `aov` and `p.adjust`, respectively, in the R package "stats" (47). Only later time points (18hpi and 24hpi) were considered and FDR ( $q < 0.006$ ) represented a significant difference at 18 and/or 24hpi. Fold-changes of lipid species were correlated to virus titres at 12, 18 and 24hpi, and the cumulative distribution of calculated Pearson's correlation coefficients was plotted in Microsoft Excel.

### **Hierarchical clustering of lipid species**

The MRM data from eight independent experiments describing host response (virus-induced changes in A549 cells at 18hpi and 24hpi; three independent experiments; Table S2), viral lipids (the lipid profile of influenza virus A/PR/8/34 H1N1 compared to its A549 producer cell; 2 independent experiments; Table S3) and virulence (differences between influenza virus A/Aichi/2/68 H3N2 P0 and P10 strains; 3 independent experiments; Table S5) were considered for clustering of fold ratios (Table S8). Lipid species with missing values were excluded which resulted in a list of 146 lipid species (Table S6). Prior to hierarchical clustering, the data was rescaled to obtain 1 or -1 as the maximum change for each lipid species. Subsequently, lipids were clustered using Pearson correlation distances (uncentered) with average-linkage implemented in the open source clustering software Cluster 3.0 (48).

Since there are  $2^{N-1}$  (2145) ordering consistent with any tree of N (146) items (lipid species), a GORDER value consistent with the order of the input data was assigned. The input data was sorted according to lipid classes (PS, PI, GM3, aPE, ePE, aPC, ePC, SM, Cer, HexCer) followed by saturation and chain length and the assigned GORDER values increased for each lipid species based on its position in the list order (1 to 146). This ensured that the lipid order produced by clustering was as close as possible (without violating the structure of the dendrogram) to the original lipid order. The calculated dendrogram was visualised using the open source software Java TreeView (49) with the colours red (upregulation), blue (downregulation) and white (no change). Approximately unbiased p-values were estimated using multiscale bootstrap resampling (n=10,000) by the pvclust package implemented in R (47, 50). Patterns in 13 identified clusters were further analysed by plotting the average change for each lipid species and the average change for the whole clusters with standard deviations in Microsoft Excel. Correlations of 13 clusters with virus titre were plotted as medians depicted with  $Q_1$ ,  $Q_3$  and  $1.5 \times$  inter quartile range (IQR) using the boxplot function in R (47).

### **Knockdown of AGPS and Rab11a by siRNA**

Reverse transfection of siRNA constructs into A549 cells using Lipofectamine RNAiMAX (Invitrogen®, Life Technologies Co. (San Diego, California, USA) was performed according to the manufacturer's protocol. Three different concentrations (3 nM, 6 nM and 12 nM) were used and for each experiment, with two replicates of water and scrambled siRNA controls performed. Cells were collected after 48 hours post-transfection. Knockdown efficiency was assessed by reverse transcription quantitative polymerase chain reaction (RT-qPCR) and western blot. Antibodies against Rab11a (Abcam, Cambridge, UK) and AGPS (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, USA) were used in combination with anti-GAPDH and anti- $\alpha$ -tubulin

antibodies as loading controls. The degree of ether lipid depletion was measured by mass spectrometry as described above. For virus infection experiments, siRNA-transfected cells grown for 48 hours were infected with influenza virus A/PR/8/34 H1N1 (MOI <1). Cell lysates and virus supernatants were collected after an additional incubation for 18 hours and subjected to western blot and plaque assay. Significant differences were calculated by an unpaired student's t-test ( $p < 0.05$ ; two-tailed).

### Literature mining

ePC/aPC ratios of purified viruses were compared with their uninfected producer cells, calculating  $\Delta_{\text{Virus-Cell}} = \text{ePC/aPC}_{\text{Virus}} - \text{ePC/aPC}_{\text{Cell}}$ . Statistically significant differences between influenza viruses and other enveloped viruses (9, 20, 51-54) were calculated based on the  $\Delta_{\text{Virus-Cell}}$  values by an unpaired student's t-test ( $p < 0.05$ ; two-tailed). We reanalysed 458 previously described susceptibility factors to influenza virus infection (39). Twenty-three lipid-associated genes were manually annotated to KEGG pathways (55, 56) or by DAVID (57, 58). Significant enrichment was calculated by an uncorrected and Benjamini-corrected EASE score ( $p < 0.05$ ). (3-5, 22, 59-61), proteomics (6-8), metabolomics (15, 19) and cell biological data (11, 14, 62-65) (Table S7).

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## Supplementary Figure Legends

**Figure S1: Relative molar fraction [%] of lipid classes during influenza virus infection observed in three independent experiments (linked to Figure 1 in the main text).**

Influenza virus consistently impacts SPL, ePC and oPC lipid classes across three independent experiments. \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.005$  (unpaired student's t-test; two-tailed). Data are from three biological replicates per condition in each independent experiment.

**Figure S2: Absolute concentration [ $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ] of lipid classes during influenza virus infection observed in three independent experiments (linked to Figure 1 in the main text).**

Influenza virus consistently impacts SPL, ePC and oPC lipid classes across three independent experiments. \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.005$  (unpaired student's t-test; two-tailed). Data are from three biological replicates per condition in each independent experiment.

**Figure S3: Differences between the parent influenza A virus (P0; strain A/Aichi/2/1968 H3N2) and its more virulent mutant P10 strain (linked to Figure 2E in the main text).**

(A) Fold change in the numbers of significantly different lipid species ( $p < 0.05$ ; unpaired student's t-test; two-tailed). Data are from three independent experiments with two replicates ( $n=6$  per virus strain). (B) Absolute concentrations [ $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ] of ePC and aPC lipids in the two different virus strains. (\* $p < 0.01$ ; unpaired student's t-test; two-tailed). Data are from three independent experiments with two replicates ( $n=6$  per virus strain). (C) Scanning electron microscopy picture of purified MDCK-grown H3N2 P10 virus particles.

**Figure S4: D609 inhibits a sphingomyelin (SM) salvage pathway (linked to Figure 4A in the main text).** (A) Experimental setup to investigate impact of SM synthase (SMS)

inhibition by D609 on late stages of influenza virus replication. D609 was added 12 hours post-infection (hpi) and virus titre was assessed by plaque assay 18 hpi. For lipid analysis,

A549 cells were treated with 10  $\mu$ M D609 for 18 hours in serum free medium. **(B)** Effects of D609 on sphingolipid (SPL) and ether lipid metabolism. Cer, HexCer and ganglioside GM3 species accumulated while SM levels remained unchanged, indicating induction of *de novo* SPL biosynthesis (66). Ether-linked phosphatidylcholine (ePC) species, but not ester-linked phosphatidylcholine (aPC) or other major phospholipids, increased, reflecting a decreased PC-PLC and/or SMS activity since ePC species appeared to be a better substrate than aPC species (67). **(C)** Effects of D609 on *de novo* SPL biosynthesis and SM salvage (resynthesis) pathway. Higher sphinganine (d18:0) to sphingosine (d18:1) ratios were observed in D609 treated cells, further supporting stimulation of *de novo* SPL biosynthesis (68). Specificity towards inhibition of an SM salvage pathway (69, 70) rather than *de novo* SM biosynthesis was reflected by increased levels of sphinganine, but decreased levels of sphingosine containing SM. Data is from one experiment with two (Ctrl) and three (D609) biological replicates  $\pm$  standard deviations.

**Figure S5: ePC content in CHO-K1 cells is elevated but not changed in ether lipid deficient NRel-4 cells upon influenza infection (linked to Figure 4B in the main text).** **(A)** Fold-changes of the 90 altered lipid species identified in A549 cells in comparison to CHO-K1 and NRel-4 cells at 18 hours post-infection (hpi). **(B)** Comparison of lipid classes between H1N1- (light grey bars) and mock-infected (dark grey bars) CHO-K1 and NRel-4 cells. \* $p < 0.05$  (unpaired student's t-test; two-tailed). **(C)** Comparison of fold-change in the total contents of ePC and GM3, which were significantly altered in A549 cells at 18 hpi. Data in all panels are from one experiment with three replicates (CHO-K1 and NRel-4 cells) and from three experiments with three replicates (A549 cells) for each condition (H1N1 and mock-infected cells)  $\pm$  standard deviations.

**Figure S6: Efficient siRNA knockdown of AGPS (linked to Figure 4C in the main text).**

**(A)** RT-PCR results of AGPS gene expression upon siRNA knockdown. Data are from three independent experiments with three replicates each  $\pm$  standard deviations. **(B)** Lipid analysis of A549 cells after siRNA knockdown of AGPS. siRNA and scrambled siRNA control (-ve) cells were grown for 48 hours, and lipids were extracted and analysed as described below. Data are from two independent experiments with three replicates each  $\pm$  standard deviations. \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$  (unpaired student's t-test; two-tailed).

**Figure S7: Triacylglycerol (TAG) content in virus-infected cells (linked to the model in**

**Figure 4G in the main text).** TAG levels were measured from virus- (light grey bars) and mock-infected (dark grey bars) A549 cells as described below. Data are from two independent experiments with three replicates ( $n=6$  per condition)  $\pm$  standard deviations. \*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.0001$ , (unpaired student's t-test; two-tailed).

**Supplementary Table Legends:**

**Table S1:** Raw data of influenza virus growth in A549 cells used for Figure 1.

**Table S2:** Raw data of measured lipid species in influenza virus infected A549 cells at 12, 18 and 24 hours post-infection used for Figure 1.

**Table S3:** Raw data of measured lipid species in purified influenza virions compared with their A549 producer cells used for Figure 2.

**Table S4:** Overview of ether-linked phosphatidylcholine to ester-linked phosphatidylcholine (ePC/aPC) ratios in influenza and other enveloped viruses compared with their producer cells used for Figure 2.

**Table S5:** Raw data of measured lipid species from two influenza virus strains differing in their pathogenicity used for Figure 2.

**Table S6:** Complete hierarchical clustering results used for Figure 3.

**Table S7:** Complete list of genes, proteins and metabolites included in the model presented in Figure 4.

**Table S8:** Overview of experiments and replicates used for lipid analyses.

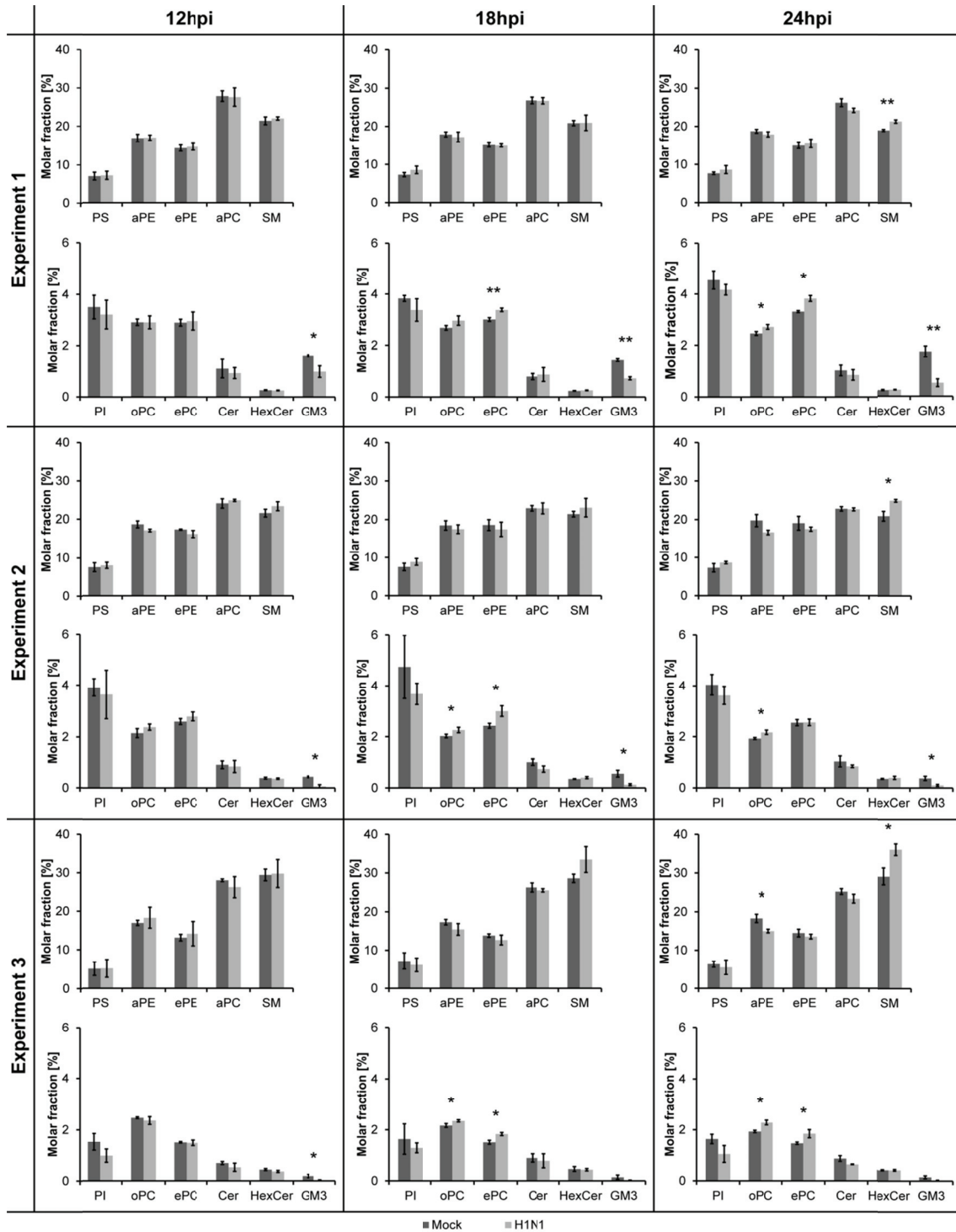


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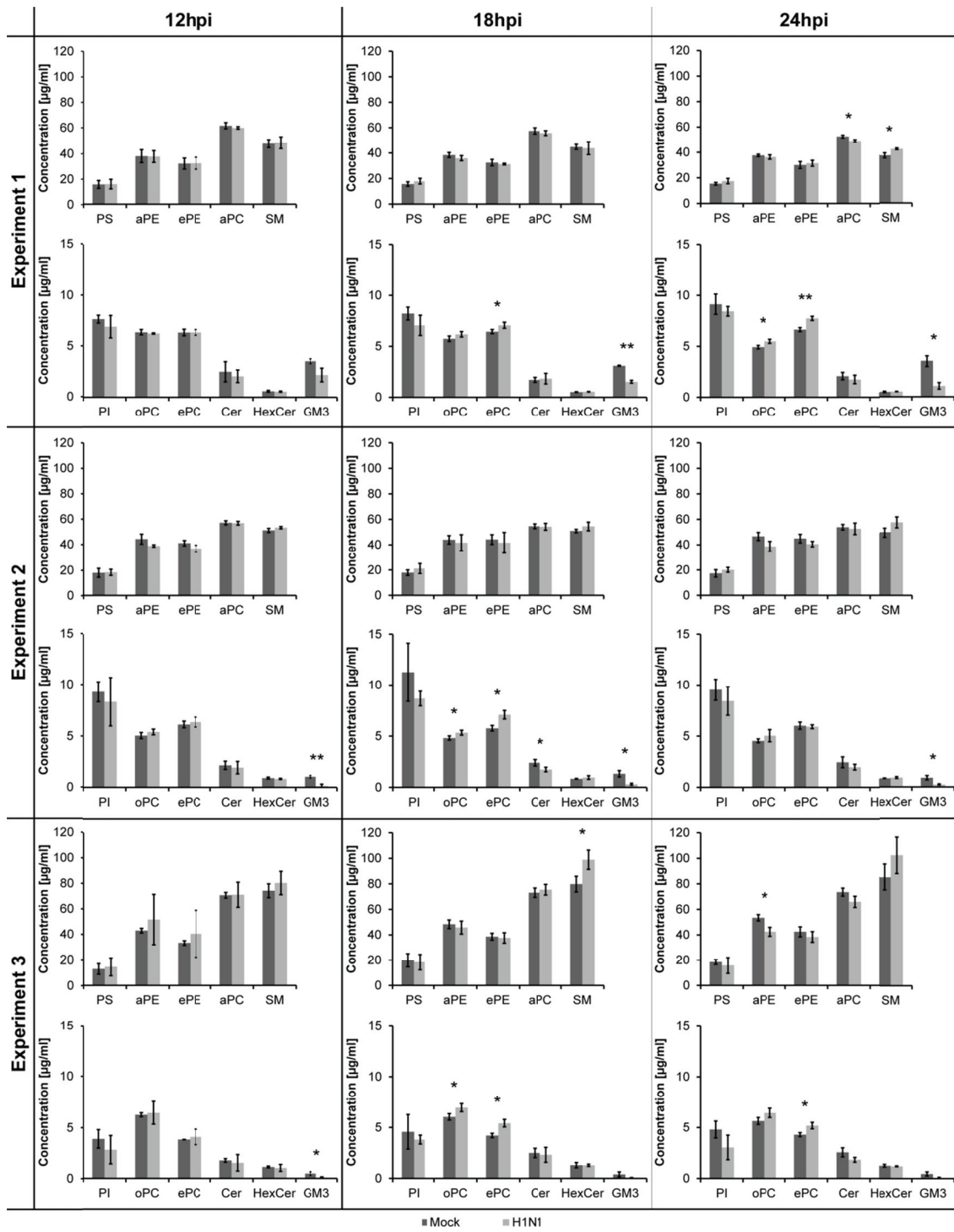
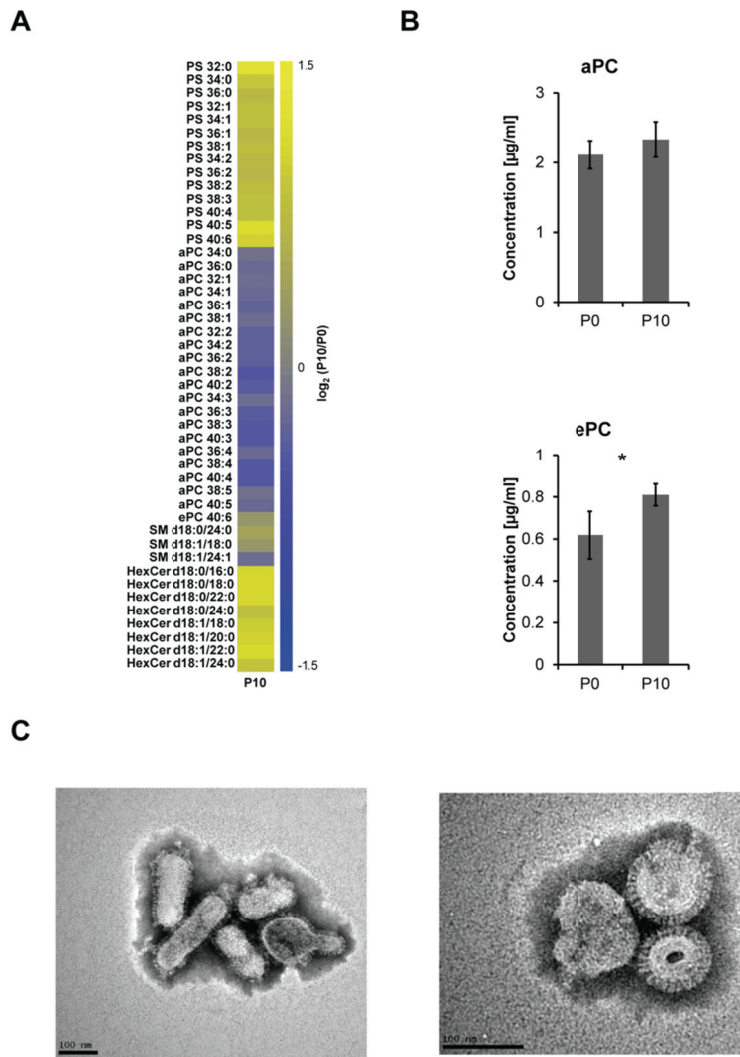
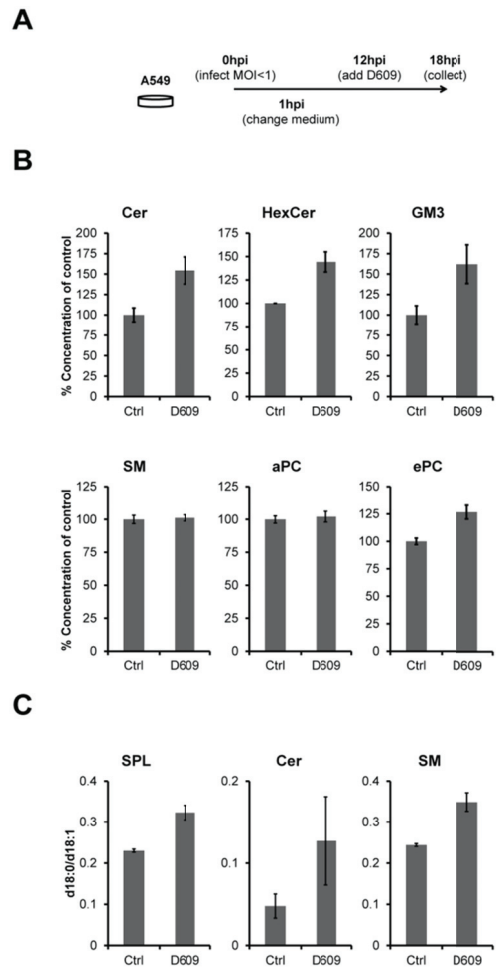


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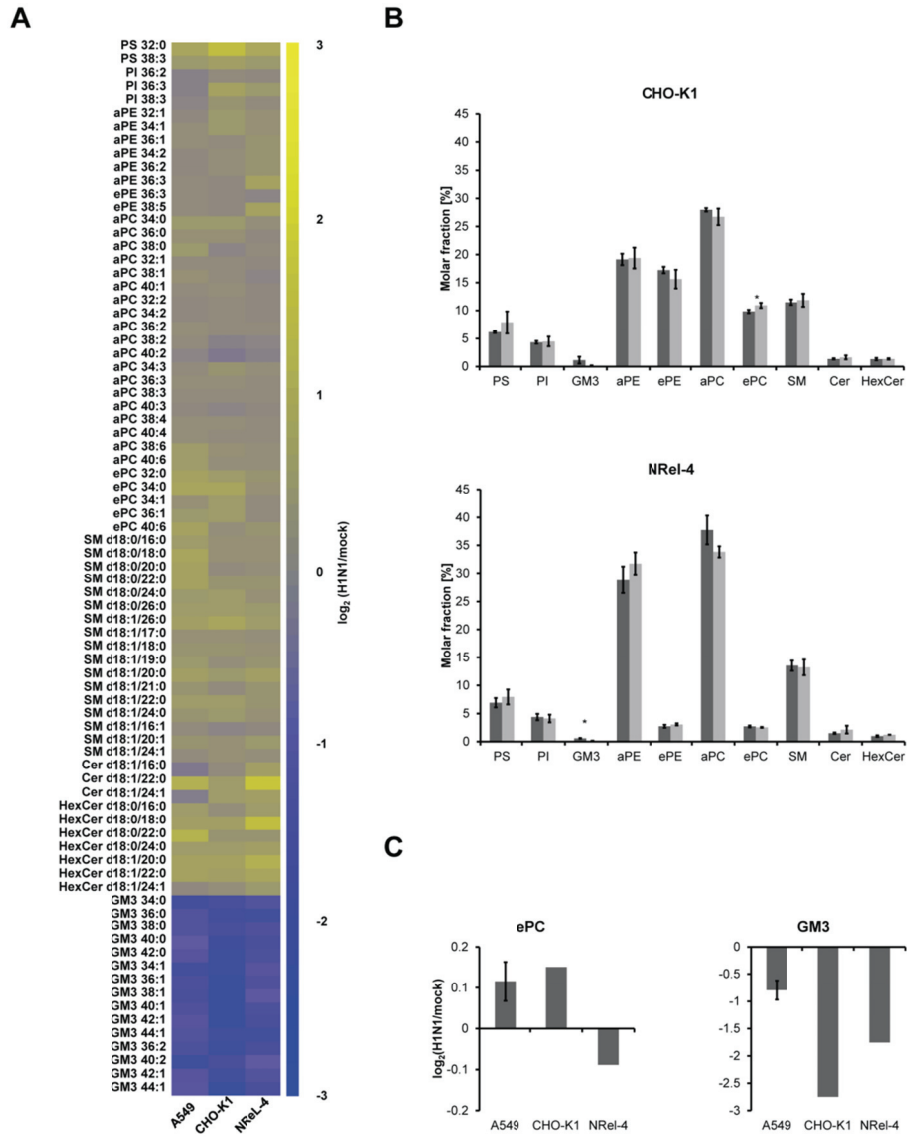
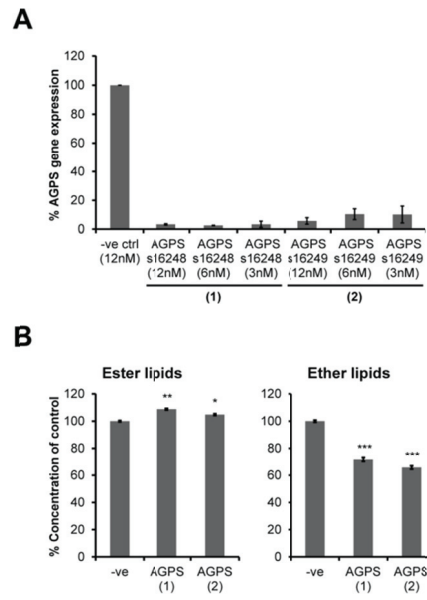
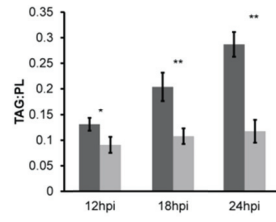


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**Figure S6**



**Figure S7**