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| Sample size | We performed power analysis with the R package pwr2 and considered sample size of similar experiments we performed in previous studies to predetermine sample size. |
| Data exclusions | No data were excluded from analyses |
| Replication | Data comes from a minimum of three independent experiments unless otherwise stated. All attempts at replication were successful |
| Randomization | Samples were randomly assigned to treatment and control groups |
| Blinding | Images were analyzed when the experimenter was blinded to the treatment condition and species (for human-mouse comparisons) when possible with the following exceptions: in the ROS survive experiments and the NFκB p65 staining experiment, cell morphologies from humans and mice are distinct and therefore blinding of the species of the cells was not possible. The experimenter was not blinded during image collection, because images of control and treated cells were always taken at the same time using the same microscope with identical settings such as exposure time and gain. |

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Antibodies

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| Antibodies used | Antibodies against human nuclei protein (Chemicon, MAB1281, 1:500), human GFAP (Sternberger, SMI21, 1:500), NFκB p65 (Cell Signaling Technology; 8242, 1:200), CD45 (BD550539, 1:600), CD90 (BD550402, 1:600), HepaCAM (R&D Systems, MAB4108, 1:600) |
| Validation | <p>The antibody against human nuclei protein has been validated by the manufacturer (https://www.emdmillipore.com/US/en/product/Anti-Nuclei-Antibody-clone-235-1,MM_NF-MAB1281) and a previous study (https://www.cell.com/cell-stem-cell/fulltext/S1934-5909(12)00707-2?_returnURL=https%3A%2F%2Flinkinghub.elsevier.com%2Fretrieve%2Fpii%2FS1934590912007072%3Fshowall%3Dtrue).</p> <p>The antibody against human GFAP has been validated by the manufacturer (https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/search-results/anti-gfap-antibody-11057) and a previous study (https://www.cell.com/cell-stem-cell/fulltext/S1934-5909(12)00707-2?_returnURL=https%3A%2F%2Flinkinghub.elsevier.com%2Fretrieve%2Fpii%2FS1934590912007072%3Fshowall%3Dtrue).</p> <p>Antibodies against CD45, CD90, and HepaCAM have been validated in our previous study (supplementary information, ref 24).</p> |

Animals and other organisms

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| Laboratory animals | We used male and female C57BL6 mice at postnatal day 1-3, and male and female Rag2-knockout mice at neonatal and adult stages |
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| Wild animals | This study did not involve wild animals |
| Field-collected samples | This study did not involve the samples collected from field. |
| Ethics oversight | All animal experimental procedures were approved by the Chancellor's Animal Research Committee at the University of California, Los Angeles and conducted in compliance with national and state laws and policies. |

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Human research participants

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| Population characteristics | Gestation week 17-20. Both females and males. Samples from patients with genetic disorders such as Down's Syndrome were excluded from the study when known |
| Recruitment | Women undergoing elective pregnancy termination during gestation week 17-20 were recruited in the clinic with informed consent after the decision for elective pregnancy termination was made. No self selection bias that would affect the results of the study was noted. |
| Ethics oversight | UCLA Office of the Human Research Protection Program |

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