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Intestinal epithelial NAIP/NLRC4 restricts systemic dissemination of the adapted pathogen *Salmonella Typhimurium* due to site-specific bacterial PAMP expression**JournalArticle (Originalarbeit in einer wissenschaftlichen Zeitschrift)**

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Inflammasomes can prevent systemic dissemination of enteropathogenic bacteria. As adapted pathogens including *Salmonella Typhimurium* (*S. Tm*) have evolved evasion strategies, it has remained unclear when and where inflammasomes restrict their dissemination. Bacterial population dynamics establish that the NAIP/NLRC4 inflammasome specifically restricts *S. Tm* migration from the gut to draining lymph nodes. This is solely attributable to NAIP/NLRC4 within intestinal epithelial cells (IECs), while *S. Tm* evades restriction by phagocyte NAIP/NLRC4. NLRP3 and Caspase-11 also fail to restrict *S. Tm* mucosa traversal, migration to lymph nodes, and systemic pathogen growth. The ability of IECs (not phagocytes) to mount a NAIP/NLRC4 defense in vivo is explained by particularly high NAIP/NLRC4 expression in IECs and the necessity for epithelium-invading *S. Tm* to express the NAIP1-6 ligands-flagella and type-III-secretion-system-1. Imaging reveals both ligands to be promptly downregulated following IEC-traversal. These results highlight the importance of intestinal epithelial NAIP/NLRC4 in blocking bacterial dissemination in vivo, and explain why this constitutes a uniquely evasion-proof defense against the adapted enteropathogen *S. Tm*.

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