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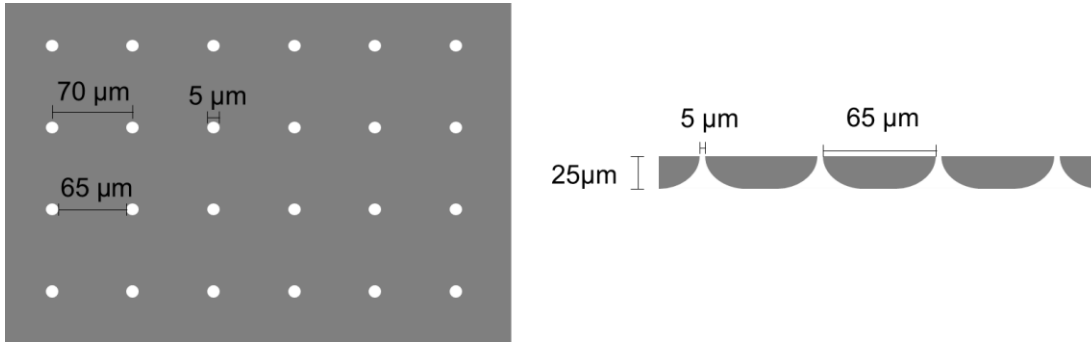


Figure S1. Schematic diagram of porous PDMS membrane used in alveolus chip. The diameter of the pore is 5 μm , and the center-to-center spacing between the two adjacent pores is 70 μm . The thickness of the membrane is 25 μm .

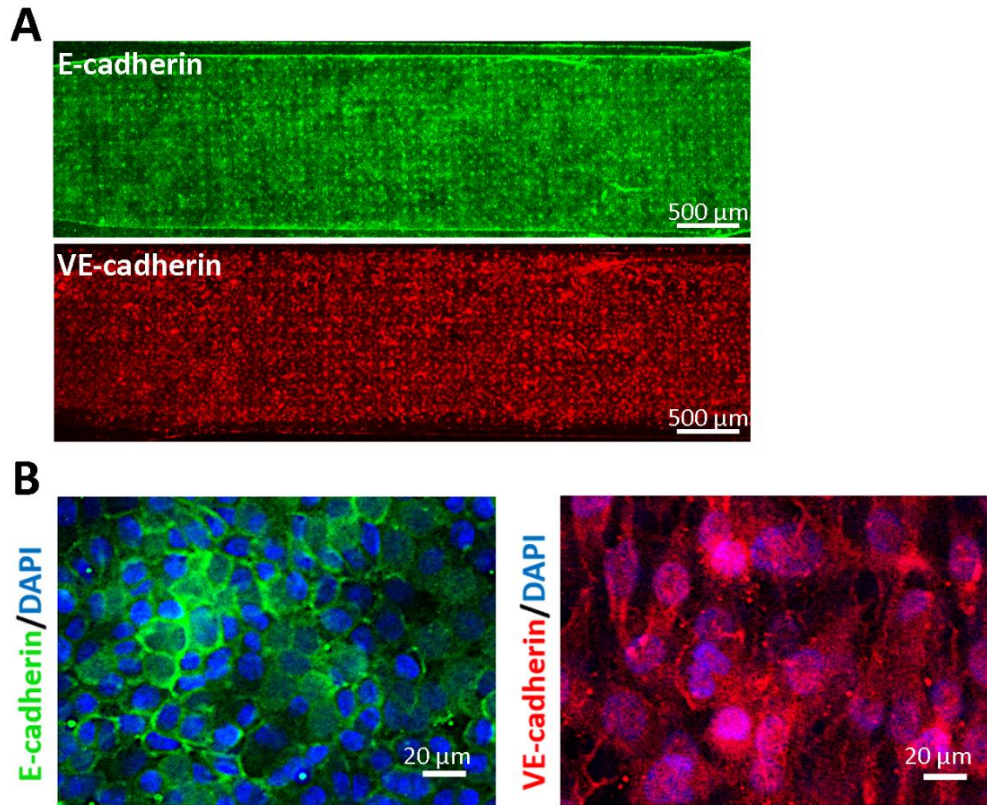


Figure S2. Characterization of the formed alveolar epithelium and pulmonary microvascular endothelium in the human alveolus chip by confocal immunofluorescent imaging. (A) The full scanning of epithelial layer (E-cadherin) and endothelial layer (VE-cadherin) in the parallel channel. (B) The formation of adherent junctions in alveolar layer (E-cadherin) and microvascular endothelium (VE-cadherin) on alveolus chip.

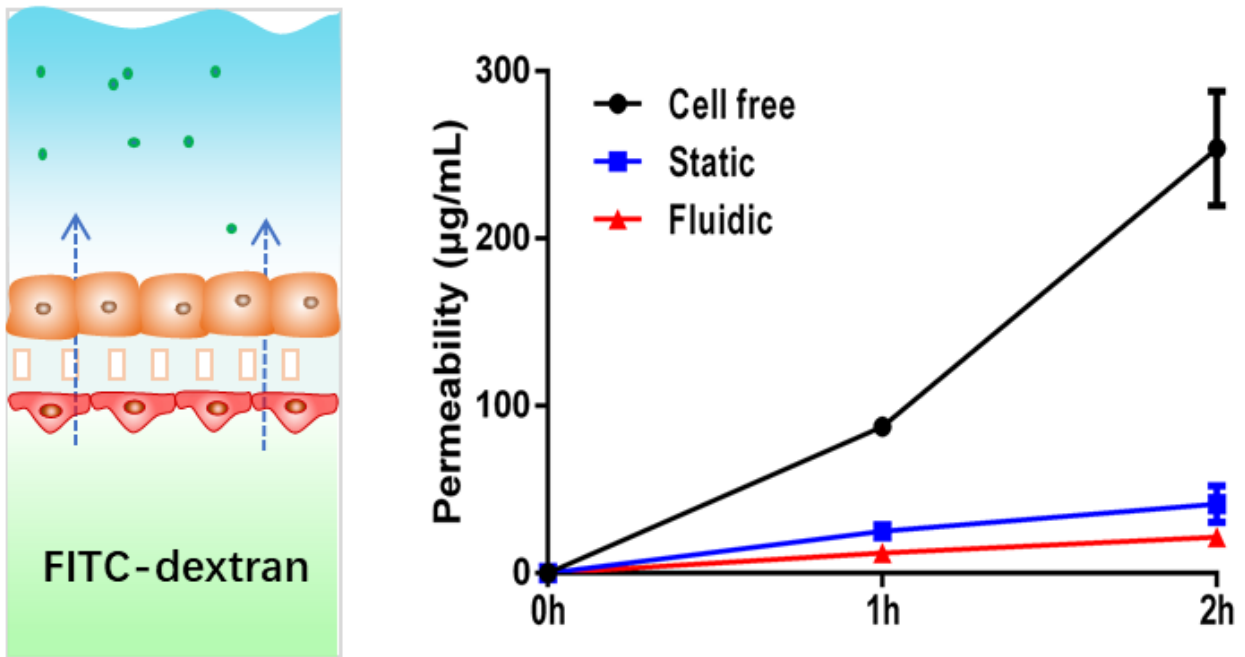


Figure S3. Permeability testing of the formed alveolar-capillary barrier within alveolus chip under different culture conditions. After cell loading for 3 days, the medium with FITC-dextran (40 kDa, 1 mg/mL) was infused into the vascular channel of device. Then, the media was collected from the alveolar channel at different time points (0, 1, 2 h) and the fluorescence intensity was measured to evaluate the permeability of the alveolar capillary barrier. Data were presented as mean \pm SD. N=2.

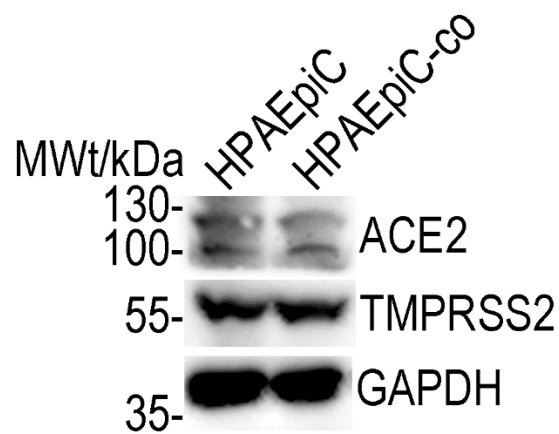


Figure S4. The expression levels of ACE2 and TMPRSS2 proteins in HPAEpiC cells were examined by western blot under mono-cultures or co-cultures with HULEC-5a cells in Transwell for 3 days.

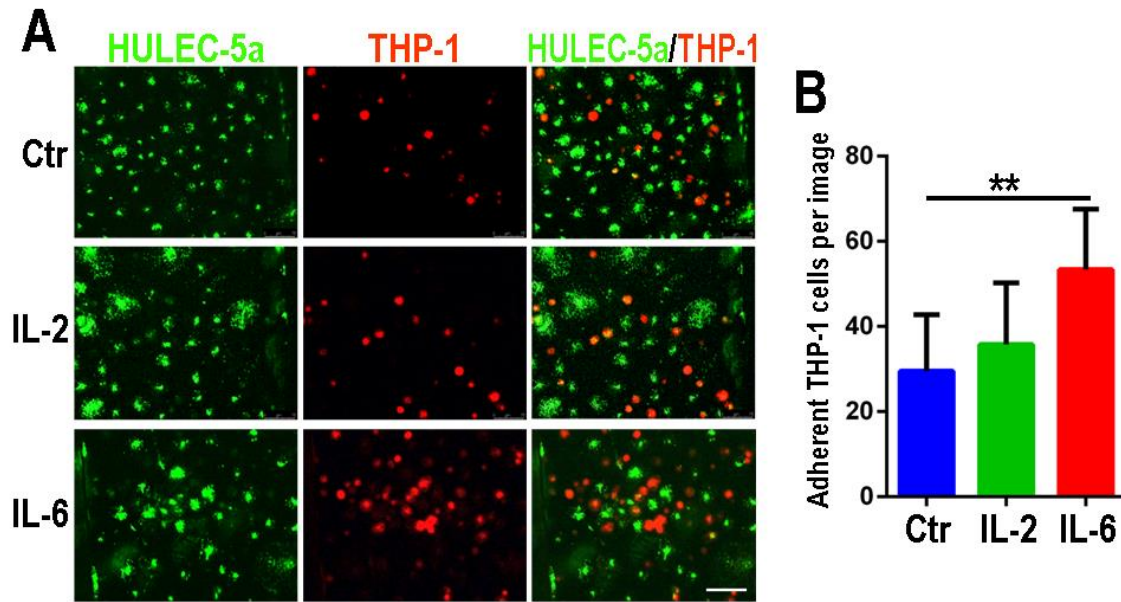


Figure S5. Confocal immunofluorescent images of THP-1 monocyte adhesion to HULEC-5a cells after exposure to IL-6 or IL-2 in the microfluidic chip. (A) The HULEC-5a cells were treated with 30 ng/mL IL-2 or 30 ng/mL IL-6 for two days. Then the THP-1 cells were introduced into the vascular channel of the chip. Before infusion into the vascular channel, THP-1 cells were activated with 10 ng/mL phorbol myristate acetate (PMA). Confocal immunofluorescent micrographs showed the adhesion of THP-1 cells (Red) on the surface of HULEC-5a cell layer (Green). Scale bars: 100 μ m. (B) Quantitative analysis of the number of adherent THP-1 cells per image in the control and groups treated with IL-2 and IL-6. Data were presented as mean \pm SD. Data were analyzed using one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-test (***: $p < 0.001$). Eight chips were quantified for each group.

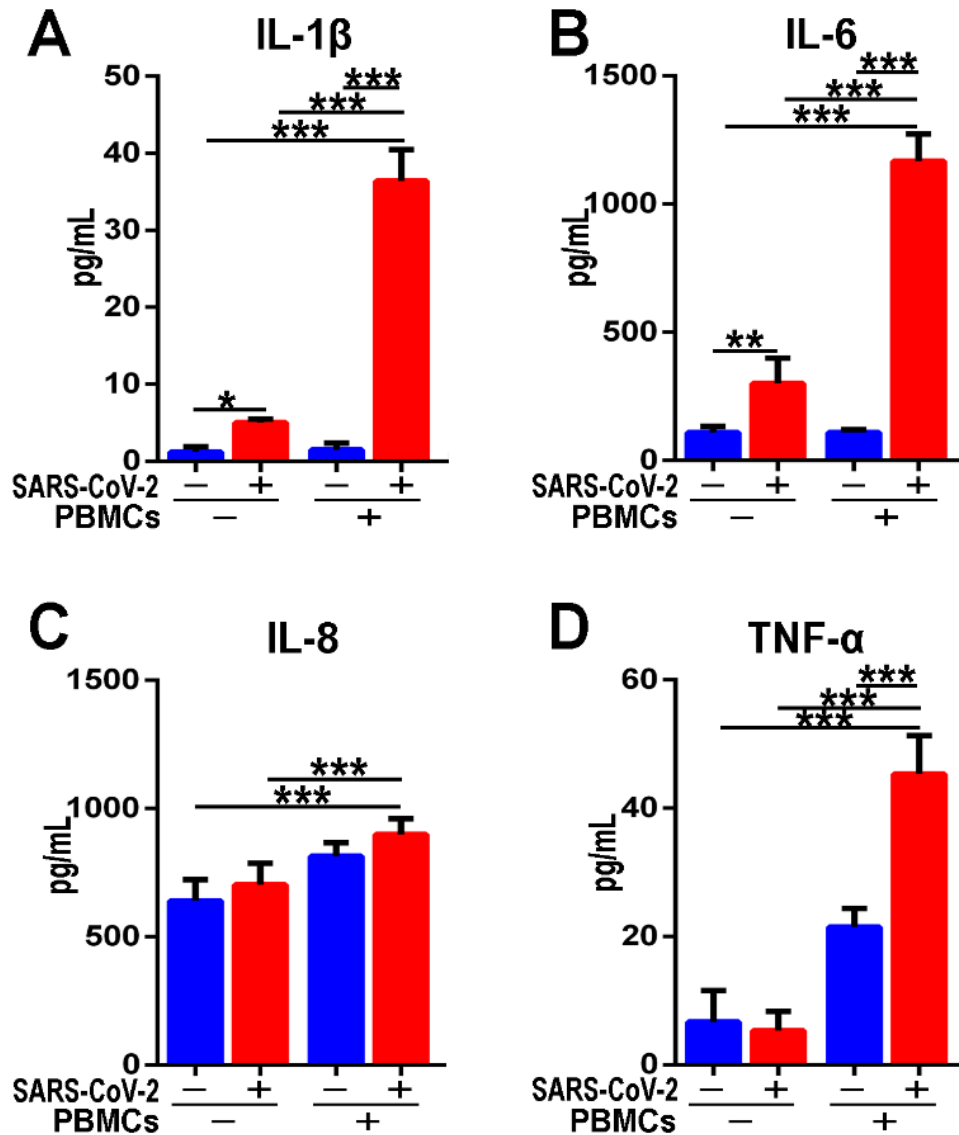


Figure S6. Examination of cytokines produced from epithelium effluence after SARS-CoV-2 infection in the presence or absence of PBMCs on the alveolar chip. Quantitative analysis of the secreted inflammatory cytokines (A) IL-1 β , (B) IL-6, (C) IL-8, and (D) TNF- α in media from the alveolar layer. Data were presented as mean \pm SD. Data were analyzed using a one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-test (***: $p < 0.001$). Six chips were quantified for each group.

Table S1. List of antibodies used for Western blot (WB) and immunofluorescence (IF).

Primary antibodies	Supplier	Cat #	Species	Purpose	Dilution
ACE2	Proteintech Group	21115-1-AP	rabbit	WB	1:1000
TMPRSS2	Proteintech Group	14437-1-AP	rabbit	WB	1:1000
GAPDH	CWBIO	CW0100	rabbit	WB	1:5000
Nucleoprotein (NP)	SinoBiological	40143-R019-100	rabbit	WB	1:1000
E-caherin	Proteintech Group	60335-1-Ig	mouse	IF	1:200
VE-cadherin	Proteintech Group	66804-1-Ig	mouse	IF	1:200
CD14	Abcam	Ab183322	rabbit	IF	1:200
Spike	Sino Biological	40150-R007	rabbit	IF	1:200

Secondary antibodies	Supplier	Cat #	Dilution
Anti-Rabbit IgG(H+L), F(ab') ₂ Fragment (Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate)	Cell Signaling	4412	1:1000
Anti-Rabbit IgG(H+L), F(ab') ₂ Fragment (Alexa Fluor® 594 Conjugate)	Cell Signaling	8889	1:1000
Anti-mouse IgG (H+L), F(ab') ₂ Fragment (Alexa Fluor® 594 Conjugate)	Cell Signaling	8890	1:1000
Anti-mouse IgG (H+L), F(ab') ₂ Fragment (Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate)	Cell Signaling	4408	1:1000