

Fig. S1: Poly(I:C) induces the release of TNF- α by epithelial cells and fractalkine (CX₃CL1) by endothelial cells. After 6 days in culture, mono- or co-cultures were apically stimulated with 5 μ g/ml Poly(I:C) for 24h and the release of TNF- α (A) or CX₃CL1 (fractalkine) (B) into the basolateral compartment analysed by ELISA. Mean \pm SEM; n=7-9 independent experiments; *: p \leq 0.05 compared to untreated control (Wilcoxon).

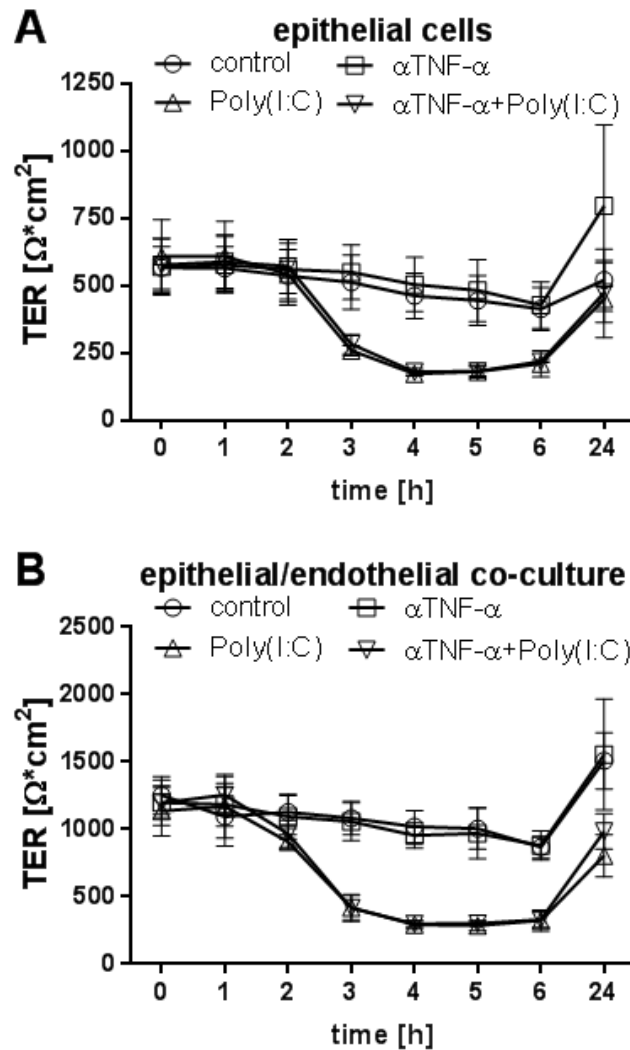


Fig. S2: Anti-TNF- α treatment does not change the physical barrier properties in epithelial mono- and co-cultures. After pre-treatment with anti-TNF- α for 1h cultures were apically stimulated with 5 μ g/ml Poly(I:C) and the transepithelial resistance (TER) measured over time. A: Epithelial monocultures; B: epithelial-endothelial co-cultures. Mean \pm SEM, n=3 independent experiments.