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Supplementary Data

Supplementary materials and methods

Normalization of the adenylate kinase (AK)-based cytotoxicity assay

For each of the five experimental repetitions, the value of the luminescence signal was normalized using the mean of the positive control (Cultures treated with 1% Triton X-100 for 24 h; considered as 100% cytotoxicity) and negative control (PBS-treated or untreated cultures; considered as 0% cytotoxicity):

Formula S1

$$\text{Cytotoxicity (\%)} = \frac{AK_{Tissue} - AK_{Neg\ CTRL}}{AK_{Pos\ CTRL} - AK_{Neg\ CTRL}} \times 100, \text{ where}$$

$$AK_{Pos\ CTRL} = \sum_{i=1}^{nbPhase} \frac{AK_{TX-100}}{nbPhase}$$
$$AK_{Neg\ CTRL} = \sum_{i=1}^{nbPhase} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{nbCTRL^i} AK_{i,j}}{nbCTRL^i}$$

AK_{Tissue} = relative luminescence unit of a given sample
 $nbPhase$ = number of experimental phase

Neg = negative

Pos = positive

$CTRL$ = control

The averages of the normalized relative luminescence unit were reported.

Normalization of the cytochrome P450 activity assay

For each of the five experimental repetitions, the CYP1A1/1B1 activity levels were reported relative to the luminescence signals of the mean of triplicate positive controls (tissue inserts treated with 30 nM TCDD for 48 h were considered 100% activity induction) and negative controls (luciferin-CEE (substrate only)-treated cultures considered as 0% activity):

Formula S2

$$\text{Normalized CYP activity (\%)} = \frac{CYP_{Tissue} - CYP_{Neg\ CTRL}}{CYP_{Pos\ CTRL} - CYP_{Neg\ CTRL}} \times 100, \text{ where}$$

$$CYP_{Neg\ CTRL} = \sum_{i=1}^{nbPhase} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{nbCTRL^i} CYP_{i,j}}{nbCTRL^i}$$
$$CYP_{Pos\ CTRL} = \sum_{i=1}^{nbPhase} \frac{CYP_{TCDD}}{nbPhase}$$

CYP_{Tissue} = relative luminescence unit of a given tissue culture sample
 $nbPhase$ = number of experimental phase

Neg = negative

Pos = positive

$CTRL$ = control

Normalization of the FFT power to calculate the power of the detected signal of cilia beating

The FFT power was normalized to the ambient noise using the following formula:

Formula S3

$$\frac{T\ Magnitude - \text{Lowest FFT Magnitude}^2}{\text{Lowest FFT Magnitude}}$$

FFT = Fast Fourier Transformation



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Supplementary figures

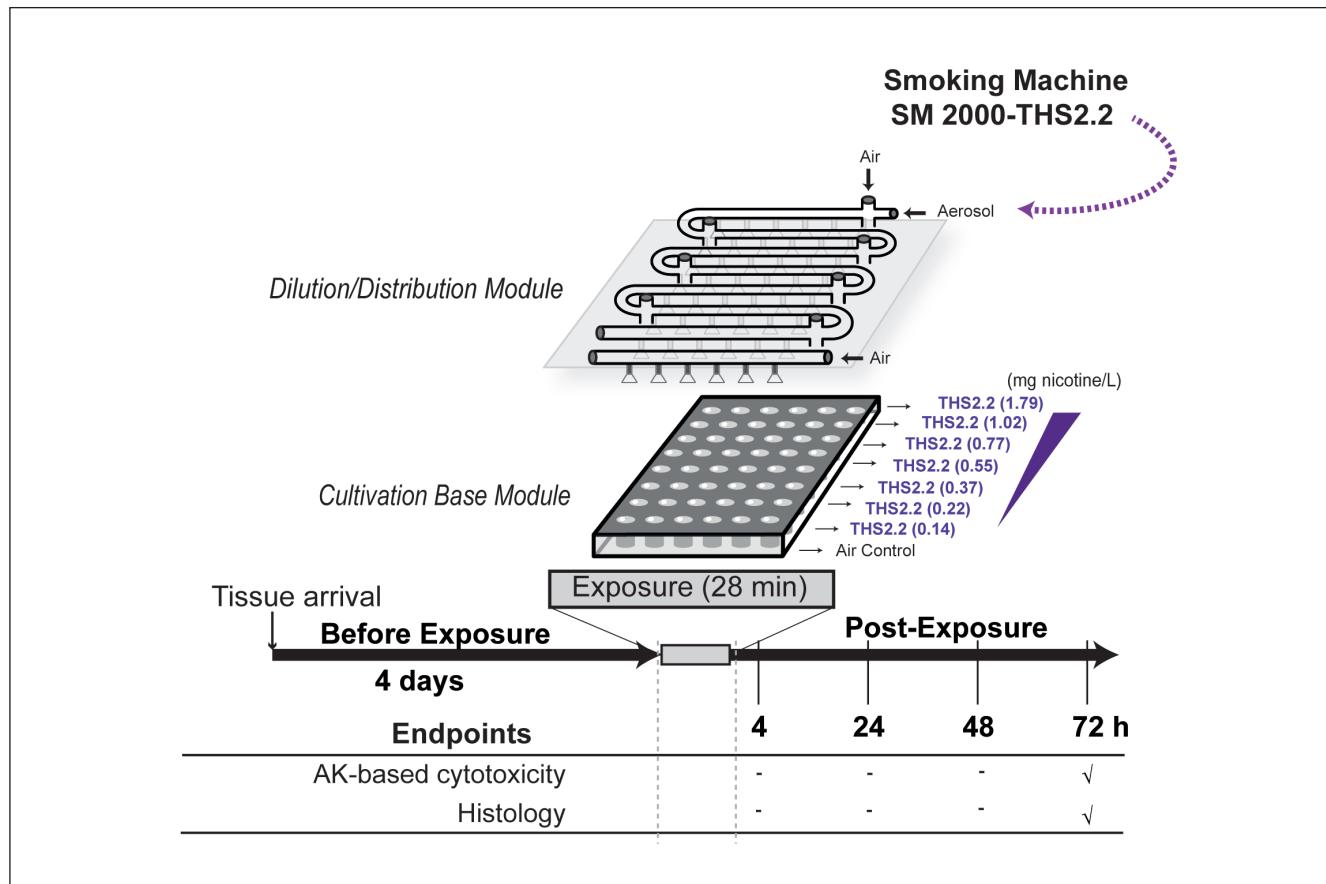


Fig. S1: Exposure run and endpoint schematic for the dose range assessment of THS2.2 aerosol

Tissue cultures were exposed to THS2.2 aerosols at the apical side using the Vitrocell® 24/48 exposure system connected to the smoking machine (SM) 2000-THS2.2. The system has a Dilution/Distribution Module where dilutions of THS2.2 aerosol were applied to reach the target nicotine concentrations in the THS2.2 aerosol. The numbers in parentheses indicate the concentration of nicotine in the THS2.2 aerosol (mg/l). For each group, cytotoxicity and histological analyses were measured at 72 h post-exposure.

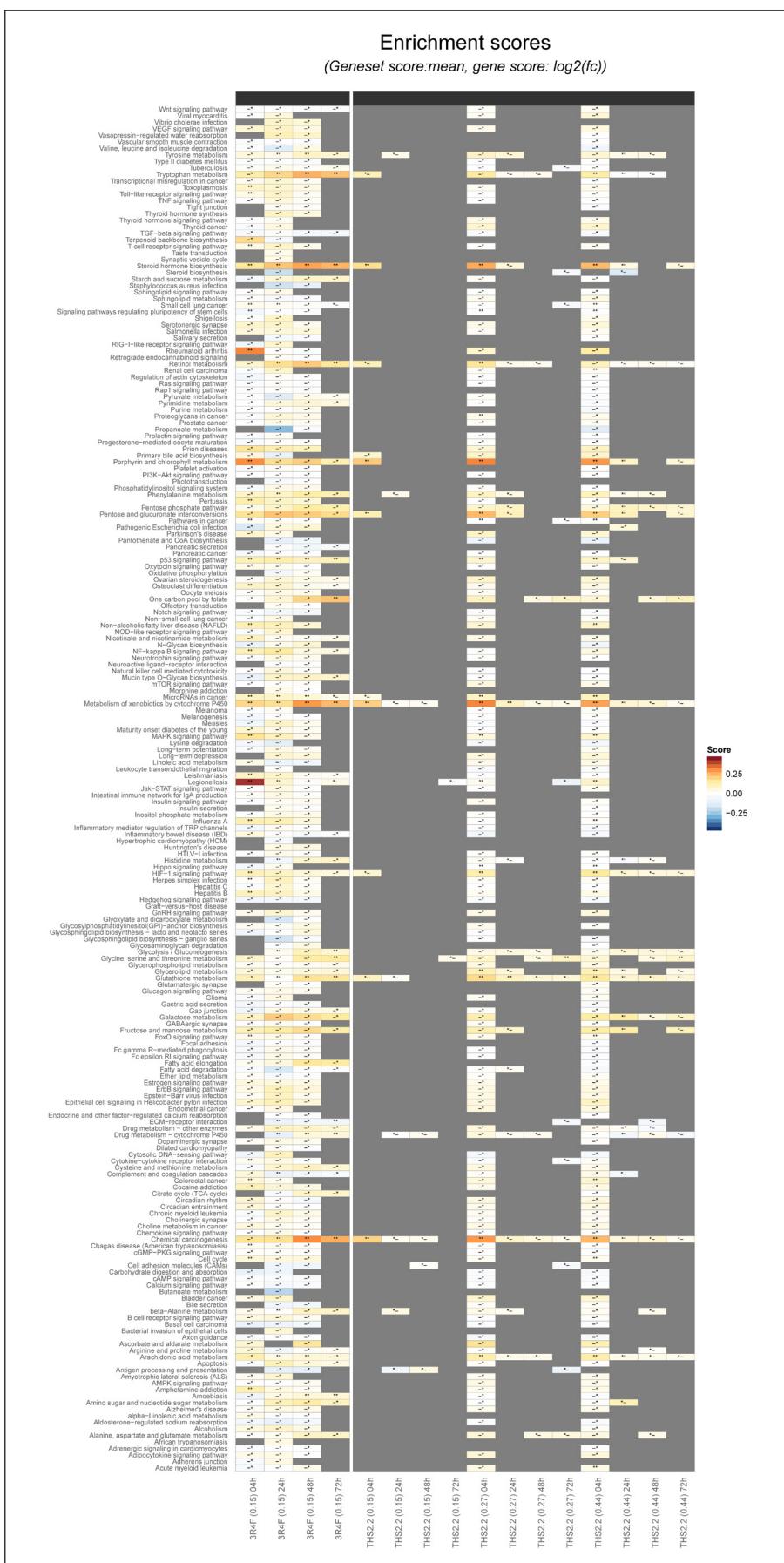


Fig. S2: Gene-set analysis showing various biological pathways enriched in the datasets

A heatmap showing all KEGG pathways that were significantly enriched in the dataset. The color gradient represents the mean of the gene score ($\log_2(\text{fold-change})$). Two categories of significance are shown: first and second characters indicate Q1 and Q2, respectively.

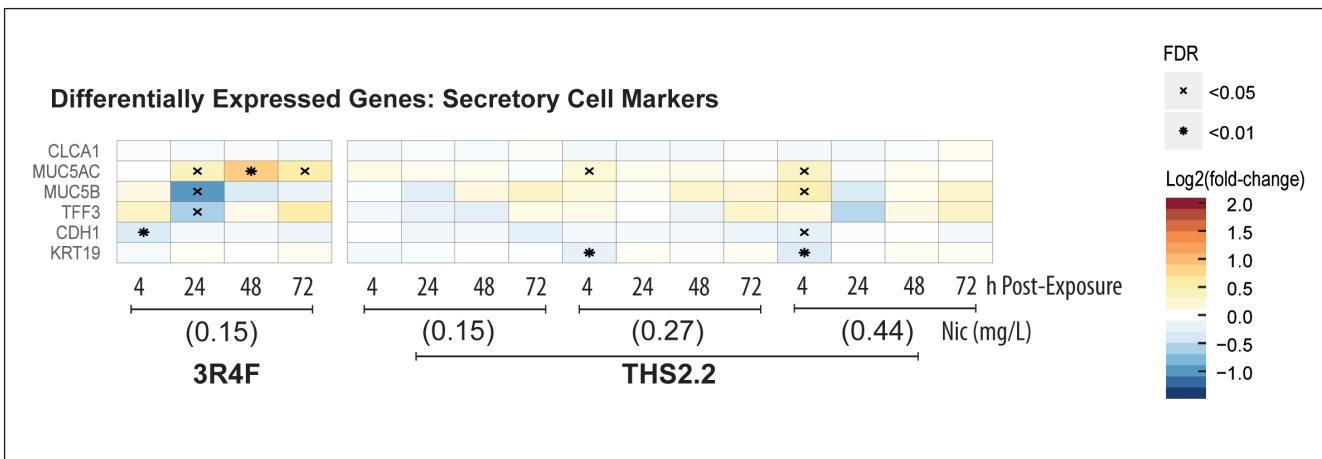


Fig. S3: Impact of exposures on cellular markers of secretory cells

The heatmap represents the levels of gene expression changes (\log_2 of the fold-changes) that were significantly impacted by exposure when compared with their respective air controls. The list of genes was compiled based on previously reported findings in: (Hupin et al., 2014; Noruddin et al., 2007; Brezillon et al., 1995; LeSimple et al., 2007; Raiford et al., 2011; Schrage et al., 1998; Jiao et al., 2015). The gene names are listed on the left side of the heatmap.

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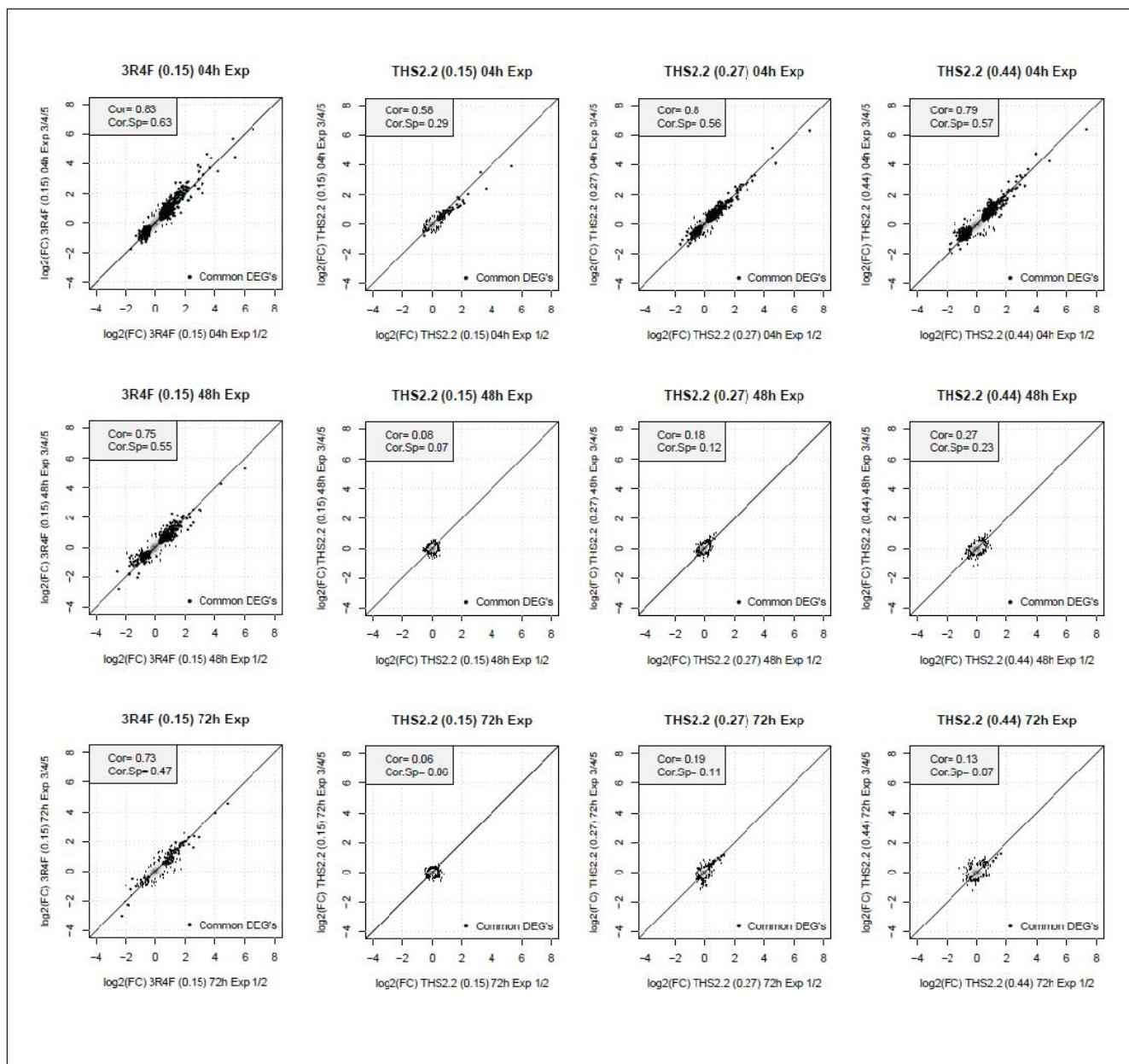


Fig. S4: Correlation plots of gene fold-changes generated from the microarray analysis

Each dot represents a gene. The fold-change of a given gene from the combined experiments 1 and 2 (x-axis) was compared with the fold-change of the same gene from the combined experiment 3, 4, and 5 (y-axis).

Abbreviations: Corr, correlation; Sp, Spearman correlation; DEG, differentially expressed gene.

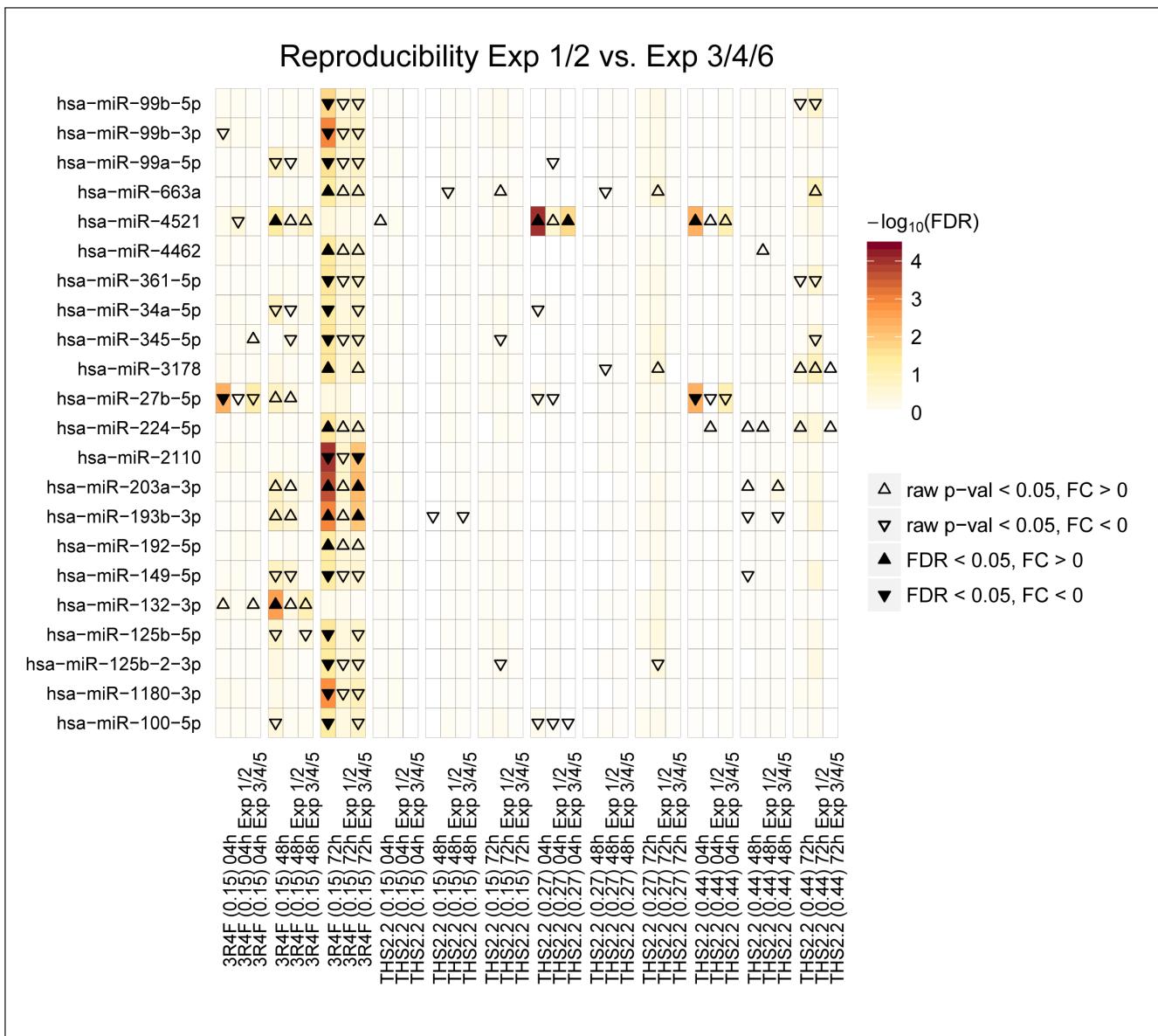
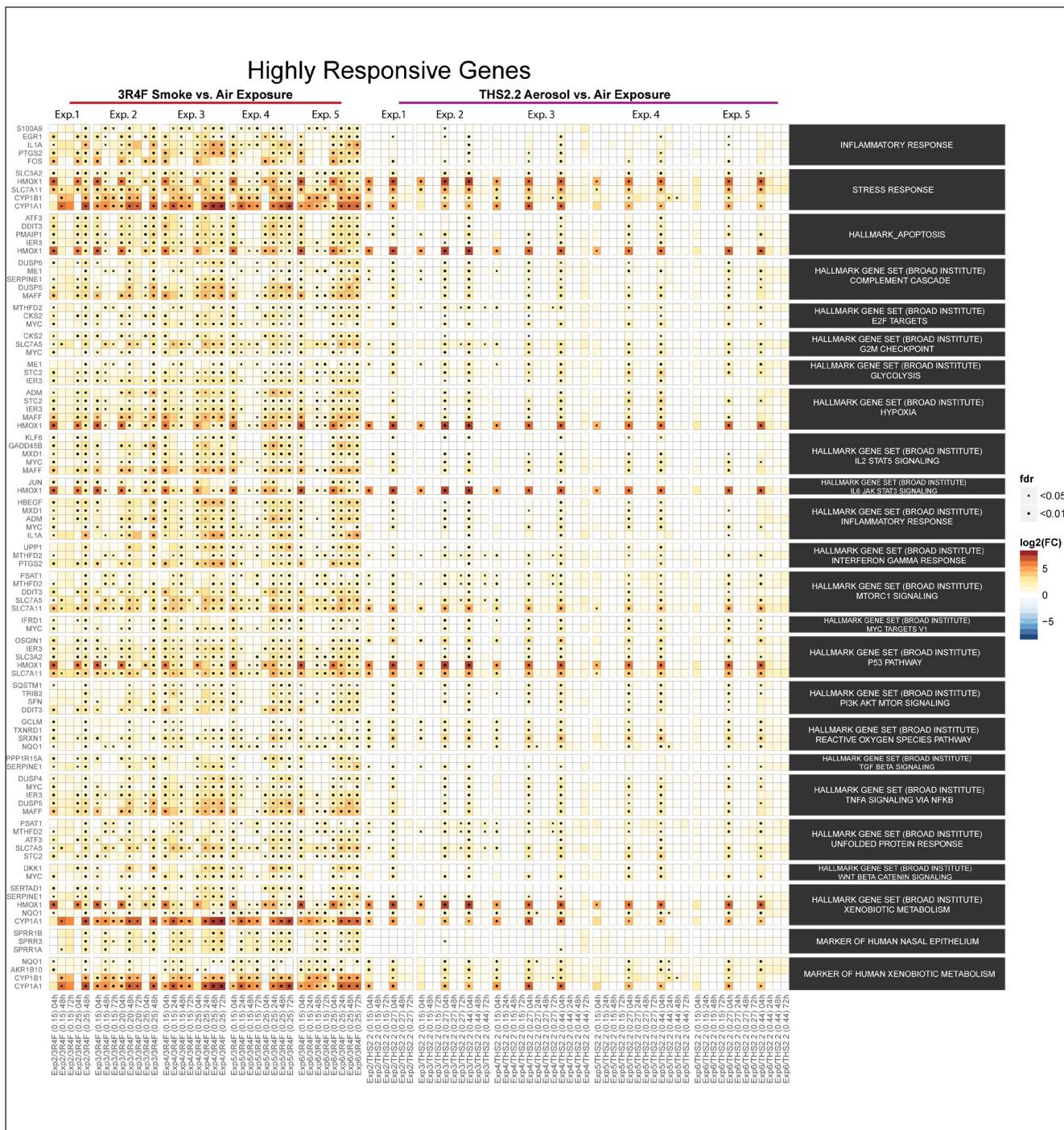


Fig. S5: Comparability of miRNA fold-changes generated across the experimental repetitions

The miRNAs are listed on the left side of the heatmap. Each exposure condition (and post-exposure time-point) comprised three columns: first, combined data from experimental repetition 1/2/3/4/5; second, combined data from experimental repetition 1/2; and combined data from experimental 3/4/5. The color gradation indicates the level of the differentially expressed miRNA ($-\log_{10}(\text{FDR})$). The Δ and ∇ signs indicate increased and decreased expression levels, respectively.

Abbreviations: Exp, experiment; FC, fold-change; FDR, false discovery rate; hsa, homo sapiens.





Tab. S1: Sample number

Collection Time	Group	Total sample number per endpoint						Total sample number per endpoint							
		AK-based cytotoxicity	CYP1A1/1B1 activity	Secretion of Mediators	Histology/immunostaining	Ciliary beating frequency	mRNA and miRNA profiles	AK-based cytotoxicity	CYP1A1/1B1 activity	Secretion of Mediators	Histology/immunostaining	Ciliary beating frequency	mRNA and miRNA profiles		
Before	3R4F (Air)	-	-	-	-	9	-	48 h PE	3R4F (Air)	15	15	15	15	9	14
	3R4F (0.15)	-	-	-	-	9	-		3R4F (0.15)	15	15	15	14	9	15
	3R4F (0.25)	-	-	-	-	9	-		3R4F (0.25)	15	15	15	-	9	-
	THS2.2 (Air)	-	-	-	-	9	-		THS2.2 (Air)	15	15	15	15	9	14
	THS2.2 (0.15)	-	-	-	-	9	-		THS2.2 (0.15)	15	15	15	15	9	14
	THS2.2 (0.27)	-	-	-	-	9	-		THS2.2 (0.27)	15	15	15	15	9	15
	THS2.2 (0.44)	-	-	-	-	9	-		THS2.2 (0.44)	12	12	12	12	9	12
0h PE	3R4F (Air)	-	-	-	-	9	-	72 h PE	3R4F (Air)	15	6	9	15	-	14
	3R4F (0.15)	-	-	-	-	9	-		3R4F (0.15)	15	6	9	15	-	15
	3R4F (0.25)	-	-	-	-	9	-		3R4F (0.25)	15	6	9	-	-	-
	THS2.2 (Air)	-	-	-	-	9	-		THS2.2 (Air)	15	6	9	15	-	14
	THS2.2 (0.15)	-	-	-	-	9	-		THS2.2 (0.15)	15	6	9	15	-	15
	THS2.2 (0.27)	-	-	-	-	9	-		THS2.2 (0.27)	15	6	9	15	-	15
	THS2.2 (0.44)	-	-	-	-	9	-		THS2.2 (0.44)	12	3	9	12	-	12
4 h PE	3R4F (Air)	15	-	-	-	-	14	72 h PE – Dose Range Assessment	THS2.2 (Air)	3	-	-	3	-	-
	3R4F (0.15)	15	-	-	-	-	15		THS2.2 (0.14)	3	-	-	2	-	-
	3R4F (0.25)	15	-	-	-	-	-		THS2.2 (0.22)	3	-	-	3	-	-
	THS2.2 (Air)	15	-	-	-	-	15		THS2.2 (0.37)	3	-	-	3	-	-
	THS2.2 (0.15)	15	-	-	-	-	15		THS2.2 (0.55)	3	-	-	3	-	-
	THS2.2 (0.27)	15	-	-	-	-	15		THS2.2 (0.77)	3	-	-	3	-	-
	THS2.2 (0.44)	12	-	-	-	-	12		THS2.2 (1.02)	3	-	-	3	-	-
24 h PE	3R4F (Air)	9	6	9	-	9	9		THS2.2 (1.79)	3	-	-	3	-	-
	3R4F (0.15)	9	6	9	-	9	9								
	3R4F (0.25)	9	6	9	-	9	-								
	THS2.2 (Air)	9	6	9	-	9	9								
	THS2.2 (0.15)	9	6	9	-	9	9								
	THS2.2 (0.27)	9	6	9	-	9	9								
	THS2.2 (0.44)	9	3	9	-	9	9								

Abbreviations: AK, adenylate kinase; CYP, cytochrome P450; PE, post-exposure; THS, tobacco heating system

**Tab. S2: List of network models considered in the study**

Number	Abbreviated network family name	Network name
1	CFA	Apoptosis
2	CFA	Autophagy
3	CFA	Necroptosis
4	CFA	Response To DNA Damage
5	CFA	Senescence
6	CPR	Calcium
7	CPR	Cell Cycle
8	CPR	Cell Interaction
9	CPR	Clock
10	CPR	Epigenetics
11	CPR	Growth Factor
12	CPR	Hedgehog
13	CPR	Hox
14	CPR	Jak Stat
15	CPR	Mapk
16	CPR	Mtor
17	CPR	Notch
18	CPR	Nuclear Receptors
19	CPR	PGE2
20	CPR	Wnt
21	CST	Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress
22	CST	Hypoxic Stress
23	CST	NFE2L2 Signaling
24	CST	Osmotic Stress
25	CST	Oxidative Stress
26	CST	Xenobiotic Metabolism Response
27	IPN	Epithelial Innate Immune Activation
28	IPN	Epithelial Mucus Hypersecretion
29	IPN	Tissue Damage

Abbreviations: CFA, Cell Fate; CST, Cell Stress; CPR, Cell Proliferation; IPN, Inflammatory Process Networks; Jak Stat, janus kinase/signal transducers and activators of transcription; Mapk, mitogen-activated protein kinases; Mtor, mechanistic target of rapamycin; NFE2L2, nuclear factor, erythroid 2-like 2; PGE2, prostaglandin E2. The collection of causal biological networks used in the study(s) was the human network suite CBN v1.3 (Boué et al., 2015).

**Tab. S3: Potential target mRNA per miRNA cluster**

Cluster a	Cluster b	Cluster c	Cluster d	Cluster a	Cluster b	Cluster c	Cluster d
MLF2	CENPQ	SEMA7A	DDX5	SDC1		PREX1	SYNM
KDELR1	TNRC6B	NEK11	H2AFV	RFC2		CUX1	CAPS2
SCRIB	RALGDS	SMPD2	EFEMP1	TRIP6		FOXXN2	WDR35
INPPL1	PBXIP1	KDM2A	SRSF6	ESPL1		ARHGAP30	TNC
NPDC1	ZNF652	SYMPK	VPS13C	KIF1C		ZNF44	RBM5
SBNO2	ZNF789	GDAP2	MYCN	RAP1GAP2		KIAA0753	CYSTM1
HYOU1		KIF9	TMF1	ARPC2		KIAA0040	DSTN
HMGA1		BAG3	HNMT	TNPO3		JUNB	DNAJA4
CCDC71L		JUN	ANKH	LRRC41		IQCB1	STXBP4
MARK4		PARK7	NET1	NAT10		GTF2E2	B2M
SLC25A3		ERCC3	SEPW1	BIRC5			SMAD4
DLGAP4		HSPA1A	RUVBL1	GAPDH			EYA4
METRNL		FNIP2	CCP110	YWHAE			NEDD4L
CAP1		DNAJA1	SH3BP5	TKT			SLC7A2
TROVE2		WWTR1	SUN1	TRIM28			DDX6
NFE2L2		ARHGEF4	ENAH	OPTC			ARRDC3
PVRL4		CCP110	RMI1	RER1			LIFR
OSTF1		DUSP22	ATP1A1	CNN2			SPARC
TMBIM1		ST3GAL1	MYLK	WDR41			PCNXL4
PROM2		PLD4	PSIP1	EXT1			ABI3BP
EFHD2		SEMA4D	LEF1	NOP9			PPAP2B
PDP1		ARHGAP21	SNRK	SESN2			NBEA
EPRS		E2F3	EPDR1	TTC39A			C12orf75
ESYT1		MAP1B	EFHD1	ATXN2L			ID4
MARCKSL1		SBNO1	CEP128	INO80D			
SHMT2		ZNF281	FOXP2	AP2B1			
SBF1		RC3H1	FZD6	RARS			
PPP4C		UBAP2	AZIN1	PABPC4			
GPI		PER2	CD164	TIAM1			
MAN2A1		YPEL5	SH3RF3	BICD2			
SSR2		MARCH6	PECR	MRPL10			

**Tab. S4: Enrichment analysis of the miRNA target genes using EnrichR**

KEGG pathway	Cluster	Number of overlap genes in the pathway	Genes	EnrichR's combined score	KEGG pathway class
Aminoacyl trna biosynthesis	a	2/38	RARS;EPRS	3.2081542	Translation
Arginine and proline metabolism	a	2/34	RARS;EPRS	3.1812275	Amino acid metabolism
Glycolysis and gluconeogenesis	a	2/63	GPI;GAPDH	2.687253	Carbohydrate metabolism
Cell cycle	a	2/104	YWHAE;ESPL1	2.1183877	Cell growth and death
Glycan structures biosynthesis 1*	a	2/106	EXT1;MAN2A1	2.0471369	Glycan biosynthesis and metabolism
Pancreatic cancer	b	1/73	RALGDS	7.7656622	(Excluded because of disease specific)
Colorectal cancer	b	1/84	RALGDS	7.4848943	(Excluded because of disease specific)
Axon guidance	c	2/126	SEMA7A;SEMA4D	1.8327301	Development
Glycosphingolipid biosynthesis globoseries	c	1/14	ST3GAL1	1.6650896	Glycan biosynthesis and metabolism
Circadian rhythm	c	1/11	PER2	1.6189169	Environmental adaptation
Glycosphingolipid biosynthesis gangloseries	c	1/16	ST3GAL1	1.5454733	Glycan biosynthesis and metabolism
Keratan sulfate biosynthesis	c	1/16	ST3GAL1	1.3647478	Glycan biosynthesis and metabolism
Basal transcription factors	c	1/33	GTF2E2	1.1850813	Transcription
Sphingolipid metabolism	c	1/36	SMPD2	1.1546578	Lipid metabolism
Adherens junction	d	2/75	SMAD4;LEF1	3.8679593	Cellular community
Focal adhesion	d	2/192	TNC;MYLK	2.6127561	Cellular community
Ether lipid metabolism	d	1/30	PPAP2B	1.7928805	Lipid metabolism
Histidine metabolism	d	1/40	HNMT	1.7270358	Amino acid metabolism
Sphingolipid metabolism	d	1/36	PPAP2B	1.5076568	Lipid metabolism
Glycerolipid metabolism	d	1/55	PPAP2B	1.3500408	Lipid metabolism
Glycerophospholipid metabolism	d	1/62	PPAP2B	1.2795226	Lipid metabolism
Ecm receptor interaction	d	1/87	TNC	1.1061538	Signaling molecules and interaction
Polyunsaturated fatty acid biosynthesis	d	1/13	PECR	1.0066938	Lipid metabolism

* "Glycan structures-biosynthesis 1" is merged to KEGG Pathway 00510 "N-Glycan biosynthesis"
(see http://www.genome.jp/kegg/docs/upd_map.html)