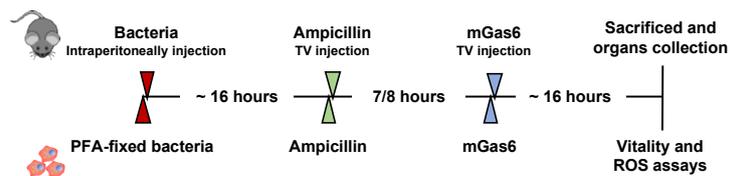


SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

TableS1. Primers sequence and TaqMan probes.

| Gene | Forward Primers | Reverse Primer |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| β -actin | 5' tgctgacggccaggatcat 3' | 5' atctccttctgcatcctgtcgg 3' |
| Interleukin-1 β | 5' gctgtcctgatgagagcatcc 3' | 5' catgagtcacagaggatgggctc 3' |
| Interleukin-6 | 5' gctggtgacaaccacggccttc 3' | 5' ttctgcaagtgcacatcgttgctc 3' |
| Interleukin-10 | 5' agccttatcggaaatgatccagt 3' | 5' ggccttgtagacaccttggt 3' |
| TGF- β | 5' ctcccgtggcttctagtgc 3' | 5' gccttagttggacaggatctg 3' |
| MerTK | 5' ctctggagtggaggcactg 3' | 5' atctccagtctgggggtg 3' |
| Axl | 5' gaactgccaggctcctactct 3' | 5' ggagttgacacaggtctgctca 3' |
| iNOS | 5' ccccgtactactccatcag 3' | 5' ccactgacacttcgcacaaa 3' |
| Gene | TaqMan probe | GeneBank |
| β -actin | Mm00607939_s1 | AK07935.1 |
| TNF α | Mm00443258_m1 | AK153319.1 |



FigureS1. Timeline of treatments. Upper layer timeline in vivo and lower layer timeline of treatments in vitro.

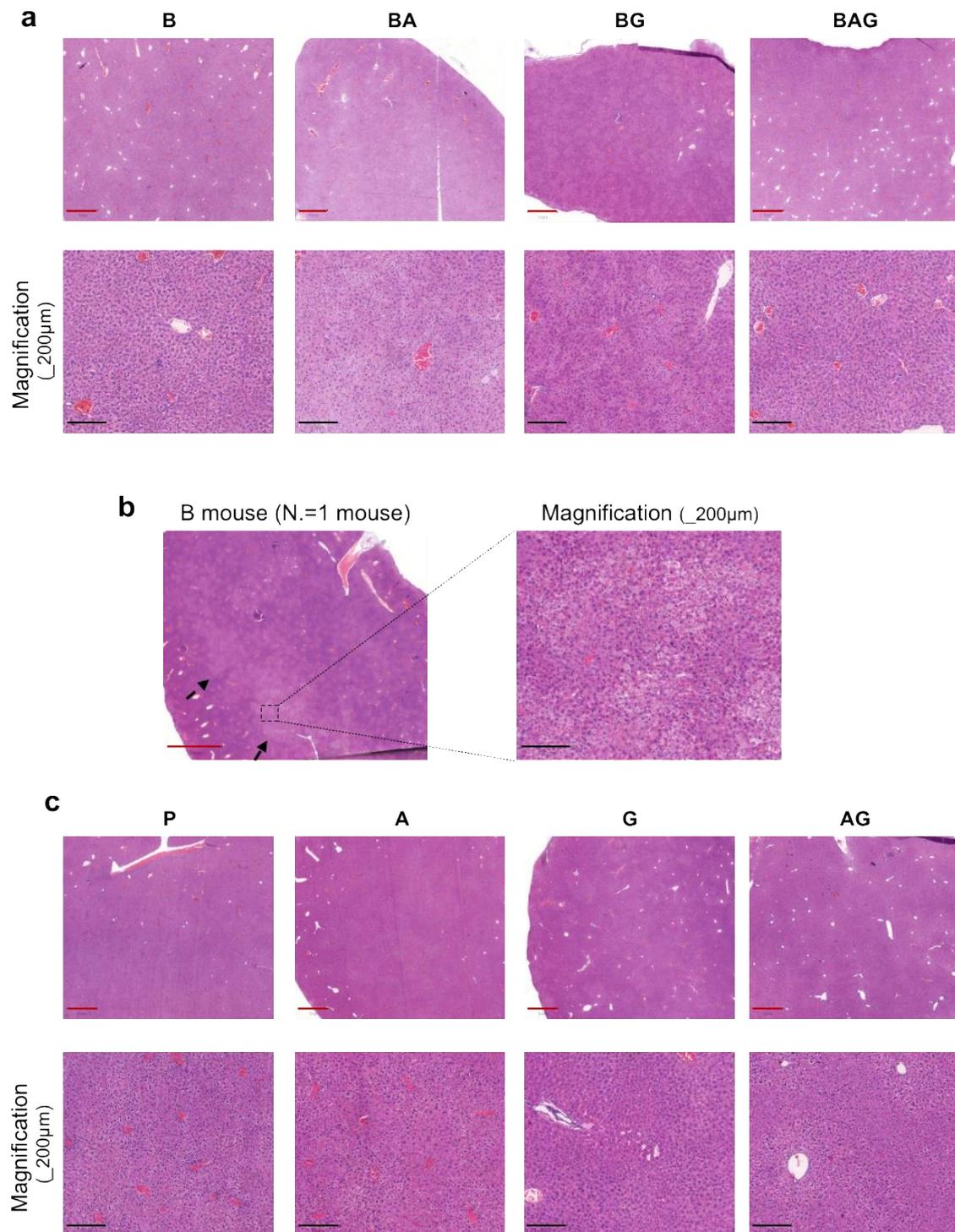


Figure S2. Liver histology with hematoxylin-eosin (H&E) staining. **a**) H&E liver staining of septic (B) and septic treated mice (BA, BG, BAG). Upper panels shown no magnified images (red lines = 1 mm), whereas in the lower panels are shown magnified areas (black bars = 200 µm). **b**) N.=1 (out of 4) septic mouse without treatment displayed ischemic area in liver (highlighted by black arrows in the left panels, red line = 2 mm, black line = 200 µm). **c**) H&E liver staining of control mice (P, A, G and AG) Upper panels shown no magnified images (red lines = 1 mm), whereas in the lower panels are shown magnified areas (black bars = 200 µm).

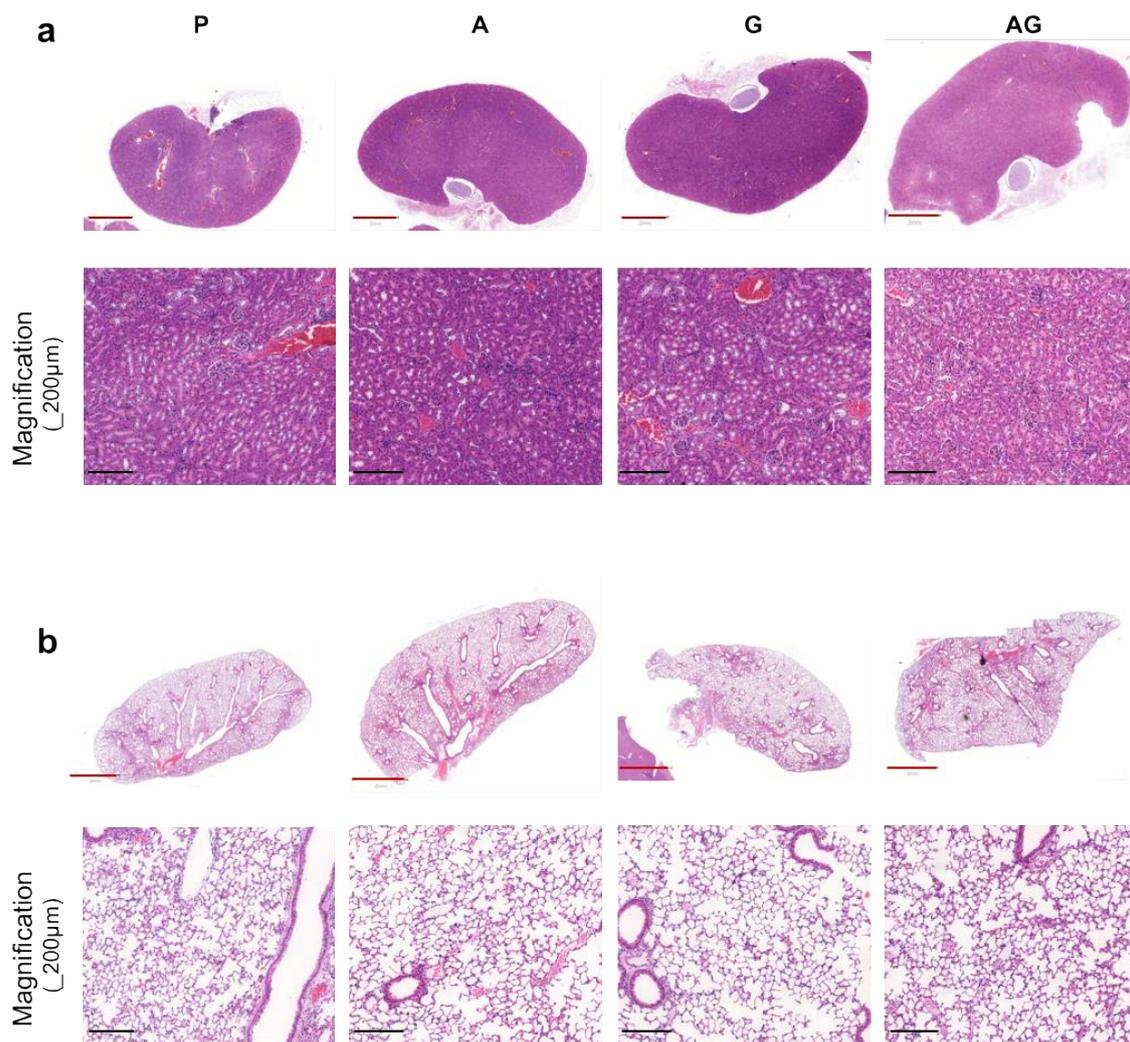


Figure S3. Kidney (a) and lung (b) histology with hematoxylin-eosin (H&E) staining for control mice (P, A, G and AG). In upper panels are present the whole organs, while in lower panels are shown magnification. Red lines = 2 mm, black lines = 200 μ m.

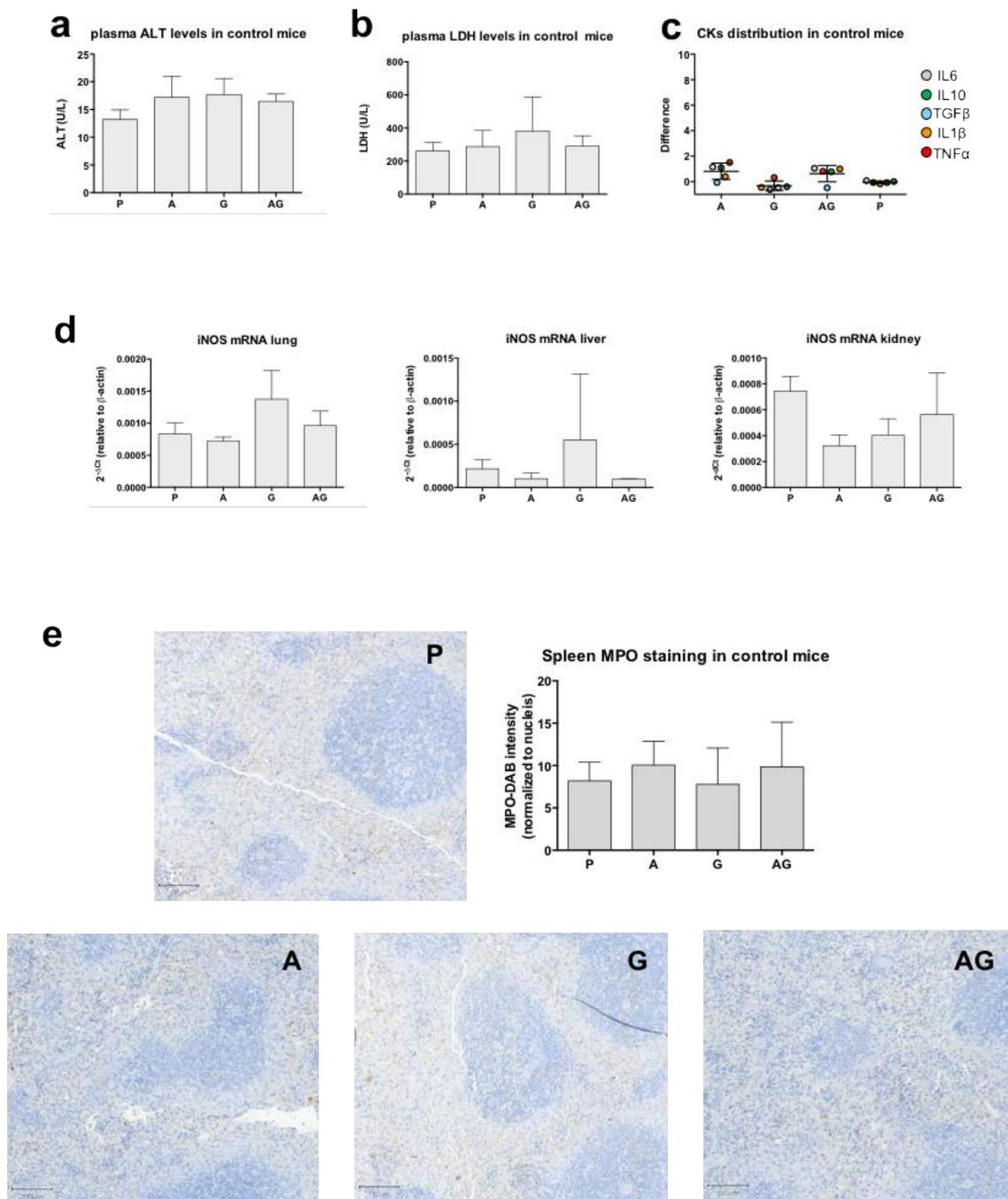


Figure S4. Organ function of control mice. Plasma alanine aminotransferase (ALT) (a) and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) (b) levels in control groups (P, A, G, AG). (c) Representation of the differences in the distribution of cytokines (CKs) among septic/septic-treated group control groups (A, G, AG and P). The pro- and anti-inflammatory cytokines analyzed were interleukin-1β (IL-1β) (orange dots), IL-6 (grey dots), IL-10 (green dots), TGF-β1 (blue dots) and TNF-α (red dots). Each dot includes the above mentioned CKs of liver, kidney and lung. (d) Inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) mRNA expression in the kidney, liver and lung from all control groups. (e) Representative images and quantification (as MPO intensity/number of nuclei) of myeloperoxidase staining (brown color) in spleen samples from control mice. For all analysis untreated healthy mice (P = PBS, N.=4), treated healthy mice (A = ampicillin, N.=4; G = Gas6, N.=4 and AG = ampicillin + Gas6, N.=4) were included. Values are represented as average ± SD.

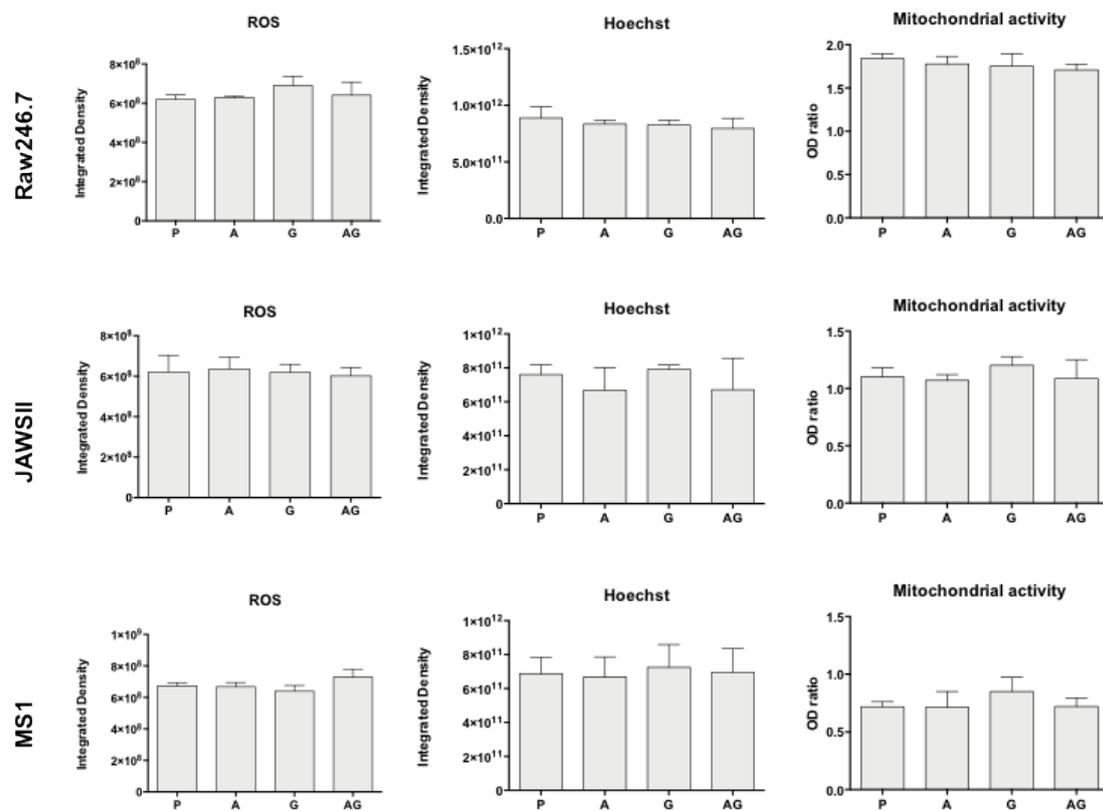


Figure S5. *In vitro* control treatments. Reactive oxygen species (ROS) production, cell viability and mitochondrial activity in Raw246.7, JAWSII and MS1 cells. For all analysis untreated healthy mice (P = PBS, N.=4), treated healthy mice (A = ampicillin, N.=4; G = Gas6, N.=4 and AG = ampicillin + Gas6, N.=4) were included. The histograms represent mean values \pm SD.

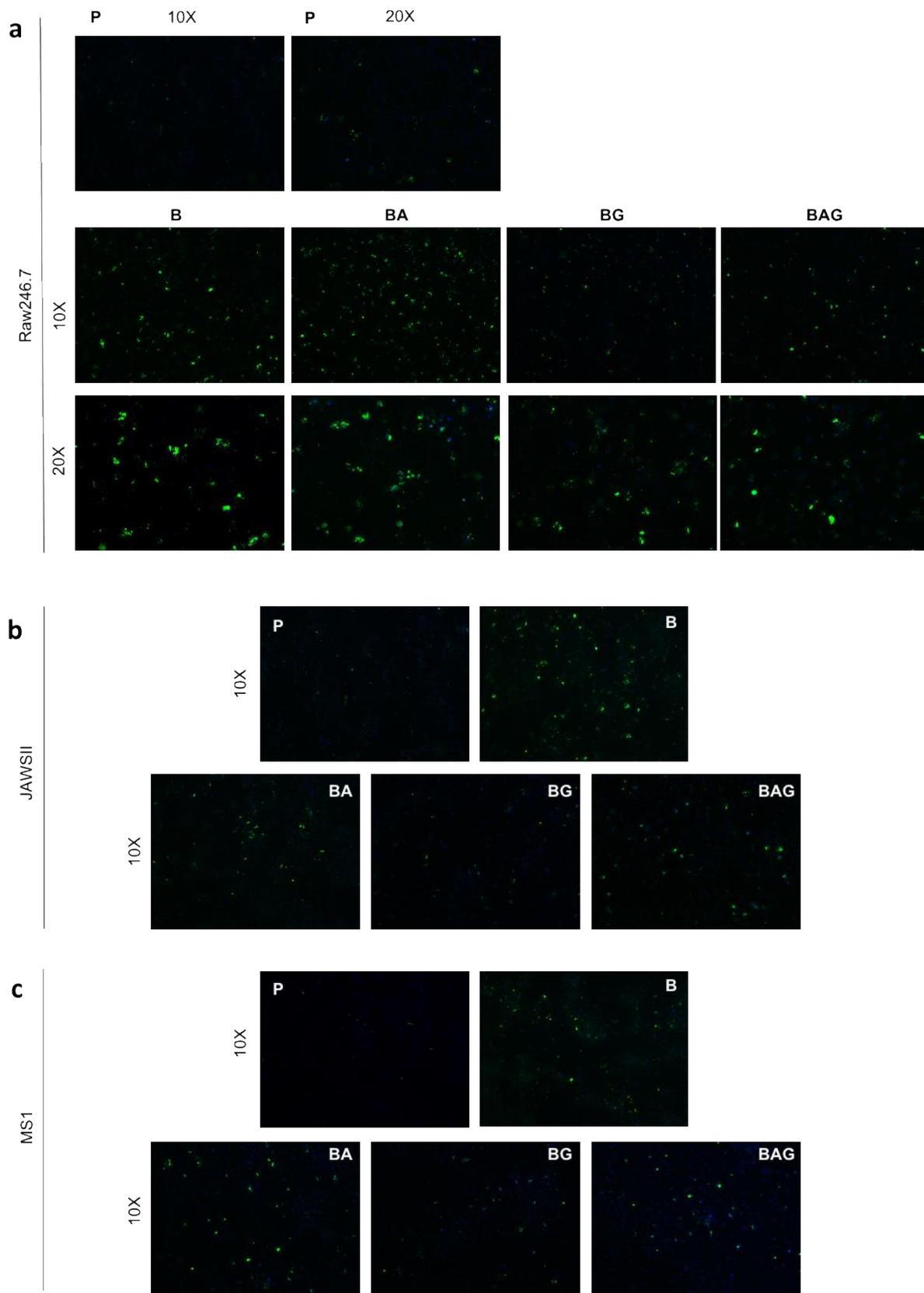


Figure S6. Representative fluorescent images of reactive oxygen species (ROS) investigated in Raw246.7 (a), JAWSII (b) and MS1 (c) cell lines treated as follow: P = PBS; B = PFAi-inactivated (PFAi) bacteria; BA = PFAi bacteria + ampicillin; BG = PFAi bacteria + Gas6; BAG = PFAi bacteria+ ampicillin + Gas6.

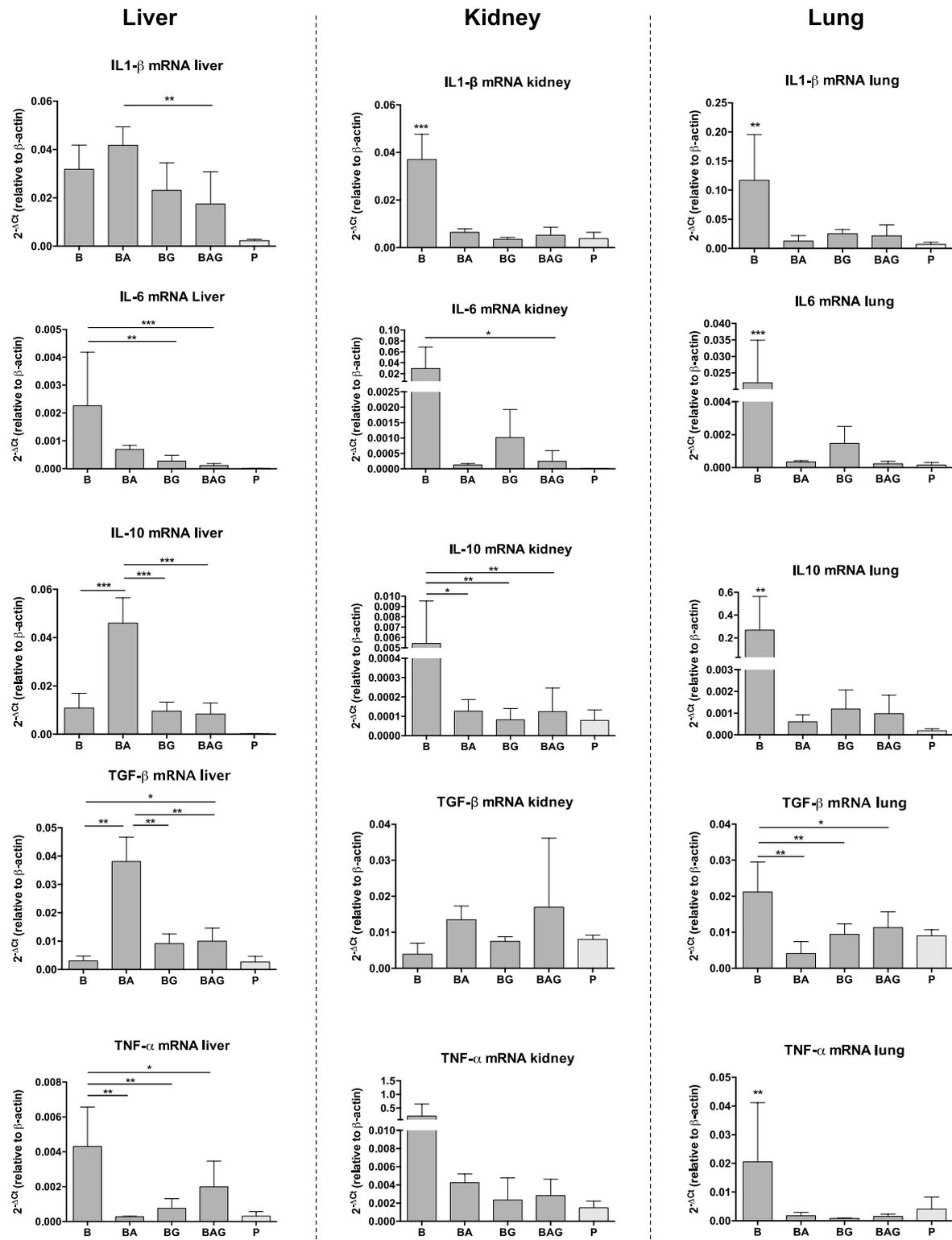


Figure S7. Relative expression (2^{-ΔCt}) of cytokines measured in liver, kidney and lung tissues. The pro- and anti-inflammatory cytokines analyzed were interleukin-1β (IL-1β), IL-6, IL-10, TGF-β1 and TNF-α. For all analysis septic mice (B = bacteria, septic mice N.=4), septic-treated mice (BA = bacteria + ampicillin, N.=4; BG = bacteria + Gas6, N.=4; BAG = bacteria + ampicillin + Gas6, N.=5) and control mice (P = PBS, N.=4) were included. Values are represented as average ± SD. * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.005.