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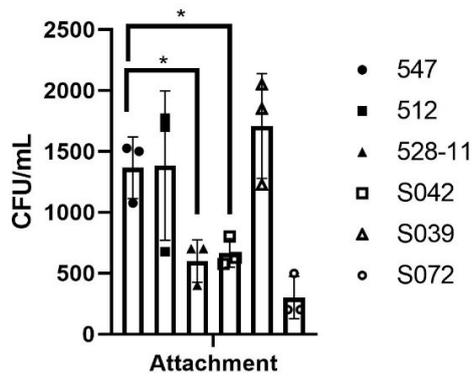


Figure S1. The attachment capacity varies between *S. aureus* strains and sequence types. *S. aureus* strains from smokers (S042, S039, S072) and non-smokers (547, 512, 528-11) were co-cultured with OKF6 cells for 3 hours (MOI 10^{-3}), attached bacteria was serially diluted and plated.

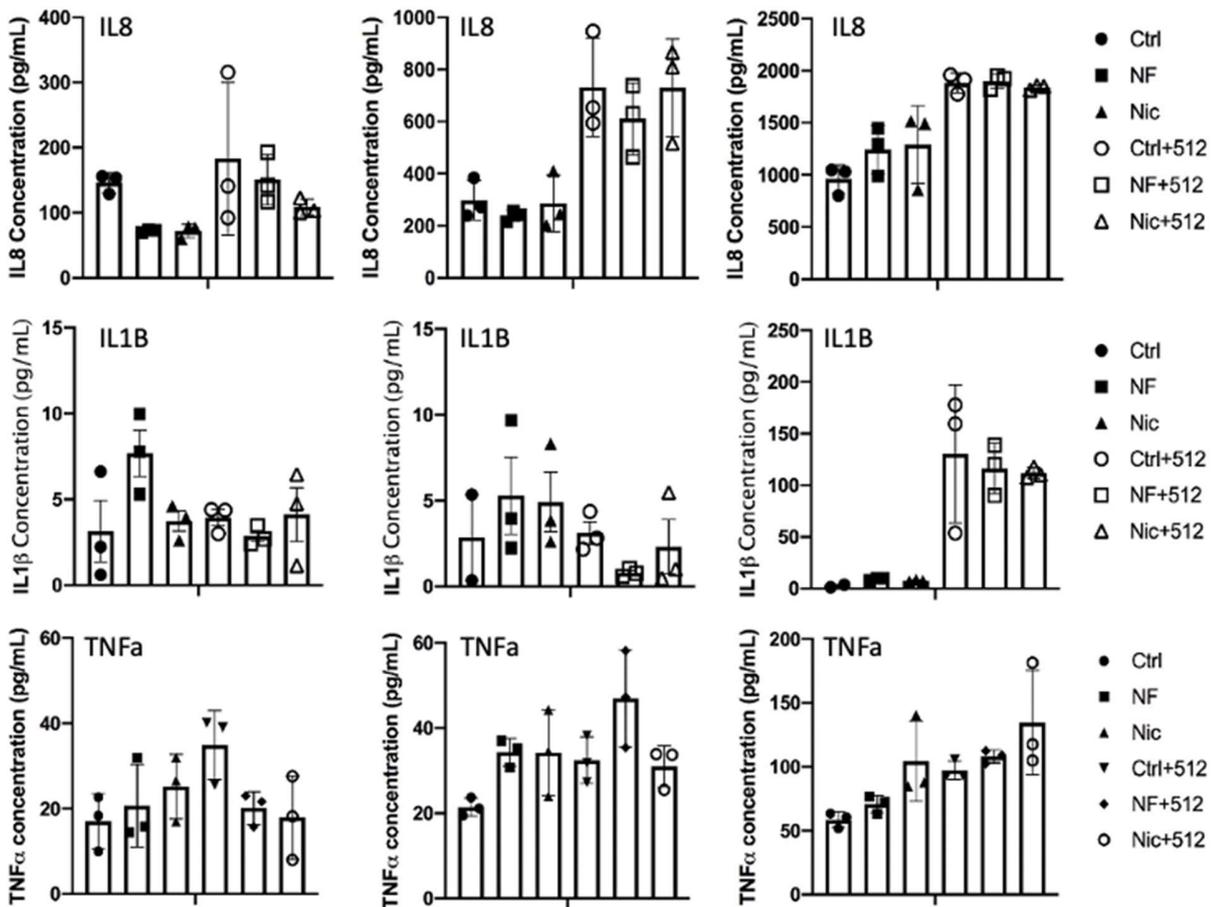


Figure S2. *S. aureus* does induce an epithelial inflammatory response when co-cultured (MOI 10^{-3}) with epithelial oral cells OKF6. The release of IL8, IL1 β and TNF α were measured by ELISA of conditioned media from OKF6 cells pre-exposed to E-cig aerosol 30 min (6 puffs 30 second interval), allowed to recover for 24 hours, followed by co-cultured with *S. aureus* 512

at MOI 10-3). Conditioned media was collected and analyzed at 3 hours (left panels), 7 hours (middle panels), and 24 hours (right panels).

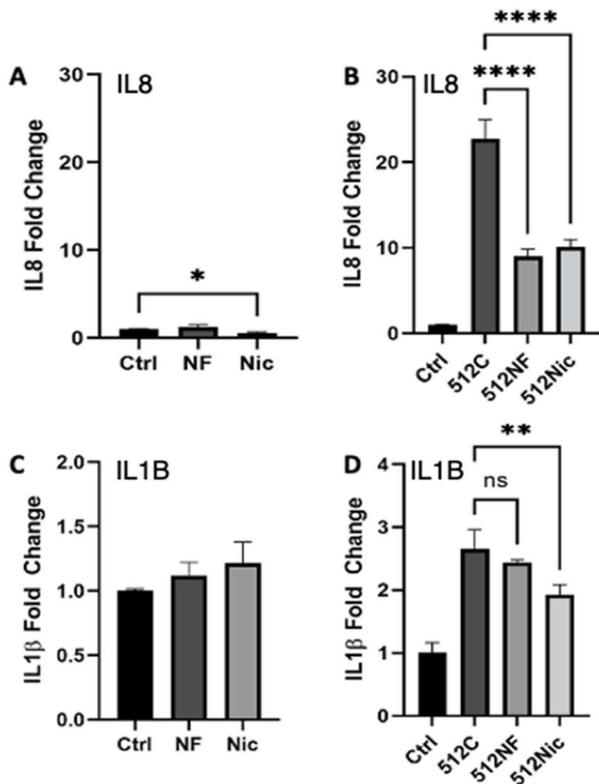


Figure S3. E-cig aerosol decreased the expression of proinflammatory cytokines IL8 and IL1 β . OKF6 cells were pre-exposed to e-cig aerosol and co-cultured with *S. aureus* 512 (MOI 10-2). Expression of the proinflammatory cytokines IL8 (A,B), and IL1 β (C,D) was measured by qRT-PCR. * P<0.0001.