Supplementary Information

"Visible blue light inactivates SARS-CoV-2 variants and inhibits Delta replication in differentiated human airway epithelia"

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Supplementary Figure legends.

Supplementary Figure 1. Basal media formulation does not impact SARS-CoV-2 Beta inactivation by 425 nm light. SARS-CoV-2 Beta was propagated in basal media composed of (A) MEM and (B) DMEM with different serum supplementation. Cell-free suspensions of SARS-CoV-2 variant Beta (n = 4) were illuminated with 425 nm light and enumerated via plaque assay. Data presented are mean viral titers (PFU/mL) +/- SD (n = 4). Statistical significance was determined via Mann-Whitney ranked sum test and is indicated by * (p<0.05).

Supplementary Figure 2. 425 nm light inhibits cell-free SARS-CoV-2 cell entry in an ACE-2-dependent manner. Vero E6 cells were inoculated with cell-free suspensions of SARS-CoV-2 Beta following illumination with 0 J/cm², 15 J/cm², and 90 J/cm² of 425 nm light. At 3 hpi and 24 hpi, total RNA was extracted from inoculated cultures for qRT-PCR analysis of N2 and RPP (n = 4). Data presented are mean Ct +/- SD (n = 4) for the (A) N2 probe at 3 hpi and (B) 24 hpi and (C) normalized N1 expression relative to RNase P and the RNase P probe at (D) 3 hpi and (E) 24 hpi. Statistical significance was determined via the Mann-Whitney ranked sum test and is indicated by * (p<0.05) and ** (p<0.01).

Supplementary Figure 3. SARS-CoV-2 WA1 replication in different tracheobronchial tissue models and susceptibility to 425 nm blue light. Tracheobronchial epithelial models (AIR-100, TBE-14 and DD065Q, n = 4-6) were infected with SARS-CoV-2 WA1 (MOIs 1, 0.5 and 0.2, respectively). Cultures with productive infection were illuminated once daily with 0 J/cm², 16 J/cm², and 32 J/cm² of 425 nm light starting at 3 hpi. Apical rinses were collected at 24 hpi, 48 hpi, and 72 hpi and enumerated via plaque assay. Data presented are mean viral titers (PFU/mL) at each timepoint +/- SD for AIR-100 (A), TBE-14 (B), and DD065Q (C) tissues. Statistical significance was determined via the Mann-Whitney ranked sum test and is indicated by * ($p \le 0.05$) and ** ($p \le 0.01$).