

Supplementary Materials:

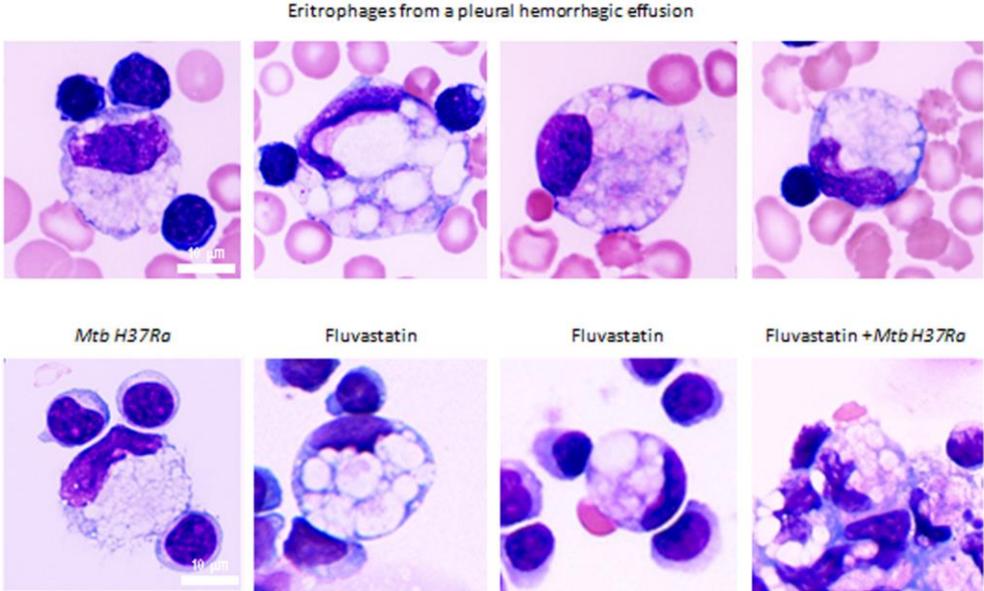


Figure S1. Analogies between erythrophages and *in vitro*-induced vacuolated macrophages. Microphotographs show the similarity between erythrophages from a sample of a pleural hemorrhagic effusion (upper row) and vacuolated macrophages induced in PBMC by the exposition to *Mtb H37Ra*, by fluvastatin treatment, or by the combination of both (low row). Note that all of them show a similar highly vacuolated cytoplasm, have displaced nuclei, and bind lymphocytes and monocytes. Moreover, like erythrophages, *in vitro*-induced vacuolated macrophages also capture erythrocytes.

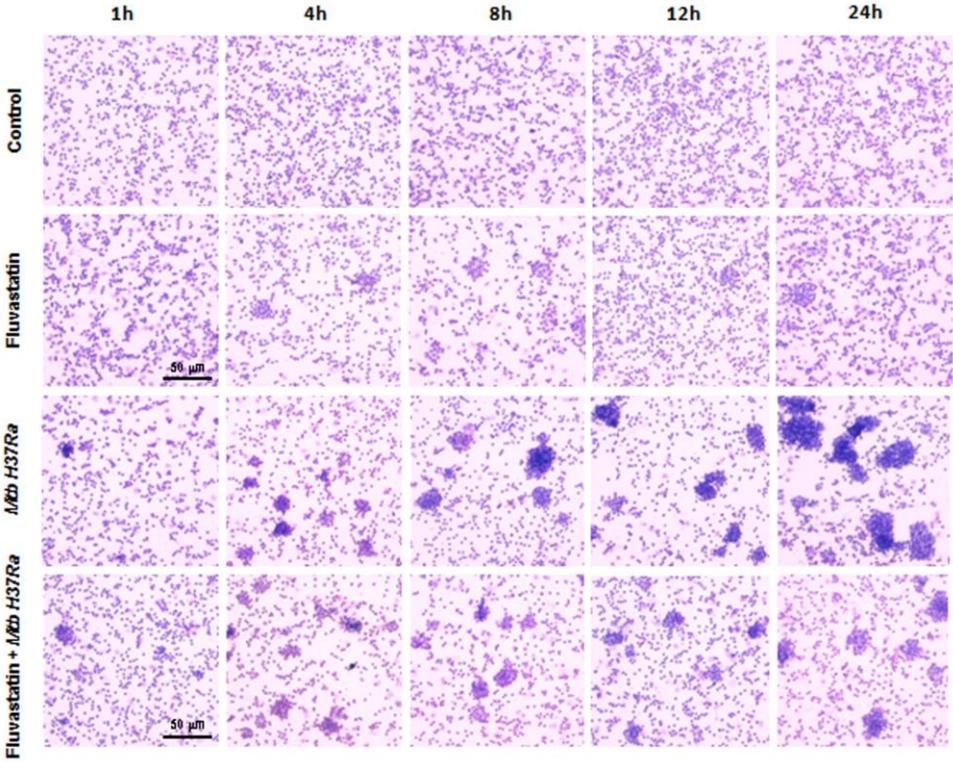


Figure S2. Evolution of cell cultures. Microphotographs show the evolution of the different cultures during the period of immune stimulation. Fluvastatin-treated PBMC show small cellular aggregates not observed in control conditions. After a few hours of exposition to *Mtb H37Ra*, PBMC show compact structures that grow over time and coalesce. Fluvastatin+ *Mtb H37Ra* treated cultures show numerous small and not compact aggregates.