

49 **ABSTRACT**

50 Pro-inflammatory macrophage activation is a hallmark example of how mitochondria serve
51 as signaling organelles. Upon classical macrophage activation, oxidative phosphorylation sharply
52 decreases and mitochondria are repurposed to accumulate signals that amplify effector function.
53 However, evidence is conflicting as to whether this collapse in respiration is essential or largely
54 dispensable. Here we systematically examine this question and show that reduced oxidative
55 phosphorylation is not required for pro-inflammatory macrophage activation. Only stimuli that
56 engage both MyD88- and TRIF-linked pathways decrease mitochondrial respiration, and different
57 pro-inflammatory stimuli have varying effects on other bioenergetic parameters. Additionally,
58 pharmacologic and genetic models of electron transport chain inhibition show no direct link
59 between respiration and pro-inflammatory activation. Studies in mouse and human macrophages
60 also reveal accumulation of the signaling metabolites succinate and itaconate can occur
61 independently of characteristic breaks in the TCA cycle. Finally, *in vivo* activation of peritoneal
62 macrophages further demonstrates that a pro-inflammatory response can be elicited without
63 reductions to oxidative phosphorylation. Taken together, the results suggest the conventional
64 model of mitochondrial reprogramming upon macrophage activation is incomplete.

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83 INTRODUCTION

84 Metabolic alterations are tightly linked to macrophage function and fate¹⁻⁴. Classical, pro-
85 inflammatory activation triggered by exposure to lipopolysaccharide (LPS) causes a dramatic shift
86 in macrophage energy metabolism: ATP production is shifted almost entirely to glycolysis, the
87 TCA cycle is dramatically rewired, and oxidative phosphorylation is almost entirely inhibited^{2,5,6}.

88 It is generally accepted that this respiratory inhibition and a shift to ‘aerobic glycolysis’ –
89 largely due to excessive nitric oxide production⁷⁻⁹ – is an essential feature of pro-inflammatory
90 activation¹⁰⁻¹². Mitochondria are thought to be repurposed away from oxidative phosphorylation
91 to generate metabolites and other mitochondrial signals that enhance macrophage function¹³⁻¹⁶.
92 Genetic loss-of-function studies also point to a specific role for oxidative phosphorylation and
93 respiratory chain function: myeloid-specific loss of a subunit of respiratory complex I reportedly
94 enhances the pro-inflammatory phenotype whereas no phenotypic changes were observed upon
95 myeloid-specific ablation of the mitochondrial pyruvate carrier^{17,18}.

96 Other reports, however, have demonstrated preserved or even enhanced pro-
97 inflammatory macrophage function under conditions where oxidative phosphorylation remains
98 functional^{7,9,19,20}. Additionally, as has been previously suggested, physiologically relevant
99 mitochondrial signals such as redox changes, metabolite accumulation, or superoxide production
100 from reverse electron transport (RET) do not require mitochondrial damage or dysfunction^{21,22}. It
101 therefore remains unclear to what extent this hallmark collapse in mitochondrial ATP production
102 is a requisite, causal driver of macrophage effector function or simply an associated
103 epiphenomenon.

104 Here we use pharmacologic, genetic, human, and *in vivo* models to systematically detail
105 that this well-established reduction in oxidative phosphorylation is unexpectedly dispensable for
106 the induction of the macrophage pro-inflammatory response. We show that (i) not all pro-
107 inflammatory stimuli decrease mitochondrial respiration, (ii) the signaling metabolites itaconate
108 and succinate can accumulate in mouse and human macrophages without characteristic ‘breaks’
109 in the TCA cycle, (iii) pharmacologic and genetic inhibition of the respiratory chain does not
110 amplify the pro-inflammatory response, (iv) respiratory inhibition does not temporally align with
111 the induction of the pro-inflammatory response, and (v) mouse peritoneal macrophages activated
112 via sterile inflammation retain normal oxidative phosphorylation.

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117 RESULTS

118 Not all pro-inflammatory stimuli elicit uniform bioenergetic responses

119 A frequently studied means to classically activate pro-inflammatory macrophages is use
120 of lipopolysaccharide (LPS), an outer membrane component of Gram-negative bacteria. LPS is a
121 Toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4) agonist. When offered at high concentrations, it can activate both the
122 myeloid differentiation primary response protein 88 (MyD88) and TIR-domain-containing adaptor-
123 inducing interferon- β (TRIF) adaptor proteins (Fig. 1A & S1A)²³. Treatment of mouse bone
124 marrow-derived macrophages (BMDMs) with 50 ng/mL LPS for 24 hr. resulted in decreased
125 mitochondrial respiration, as is well established (Figs. 1B&C)^{7,8,14,24}. Since TLR4 is upstream of
126 MyD88 and TRIF, we sought to determine which signaling arm is responsible for the decrease in
127 respiration. We therefore exposed BMDMs to Pam3CSK4 (Pam3; a TLR2 agonist which
128 specifically activates MyD88) as well as polyinosinic-polycytidylic acid (Poly I:C; a TLR3 agonist
129 which specifically activates TRIF) (Fig. 1D)^{23,25}. Treatment with either Pam3 or Poly I:C for 24 hr.
130 was sufficient to elicit the expression of characteristic pro-inflammatory genes and the secretion
131 of inflammatory cytokines (Figs. S1B-D). However, neither Pam3 nor Poly I:C exposure caused
132 the profound respiratory inhibition observed with LPS (Figs. 1E&F).

133 We therefore hypothesized that a stimulus that engaged both MyD88 and TRIF was
134 required to elicit this phenotype. Indeed, co-treatment with both Pam3 and Poly I:C was sufficient
135 to substantially decrease mitochondrial respiration after 24 hr. (Figs. 1E&F). This relationship was
136 also reproduced with Poly I:C and imiquimod (IMQ), a TLR7 agonist that engages MyD88 (Figs.
137 S1E&F). The MyD88-linked agonists Pam3 and IMQ slightly decreased maximal respiration,
138 though this was not nearly to same extent as when used in combination with Poly I:C (Figs. 1F,
139 S1E). Furthermore, treatment with heat-killed *Staphylococcus aureus* (HKSA) – a physiologically
140 relevant TLR2 agonist – yielded a similar phenotype. No decrease was observed in ATP-linked
141 respiration and only a minimal defect was observed in maximal respiration (Fig. S1G).

142 We subsequently used other approaches including measurements of mitochondrial
143 morphology, mitochondrial membrane potential, and NADH fluorescence lifetime imaging²⁶ to
144 determine whether this cooperativity between Pam3 and Poly I:C extended to other aspects of
145 mitochondrial function. Similarly to respiration, neither ligand alone appreciably altered
146 mitochondrial morphology after 24 hr. but co-treatment decreased the aspect ratio, suggesting
147 increased fragmentation (Figs. 1G, S1H). Unexpectedly, we did not observe the same
148 cooperativity with measurements of either mitochondrial membrane potential or NADH
149 fluorescence lifetime imaging. 24 hr. treatment with Pam3 resulted in increased membrane
150 potential relative to vehicle controls, whereas Poly I:C and the combination of both ligands did not

151 cause a significant change (Figs. 1H&I). Mitochondrial membrane potential was measured as the
152 average tetramethylrhodamine, ethyl ester (TMRE) intensity in area positive for MitoTracker
153 Green (MTG) staining. Additionally, fluorescence lifetime imaging (FLIM)^{27,28} of total cellular
154 NADH revealed a heterogeneous response in macrophages treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or both
155 ligands (Figs. 1J&K), with the most pronounced difference being a shorter lifetime in Pam3-treated
156 macrophages relative to vehicle controls. The FLIM indicates the redox status and/or size of the
157 macrophage pyridine nucleotide pool is subject to signal-specific remodeling during pro-
158 inflammatory activation^{27,28}. Collectively, the results in Fig. 1 show the bioenergetic response
159 during classical macrophage activation is not uniform, and engagement of both the MyD88 and
160 TRIF adaptor proteins is required to alter mitochondrial respiration and morphology.

161 Having used pharmacology to determine that engagement of both MyD88 and TRIF is
162 required to decrease mitochondrial respiration, we sought to validate this with genetic proof-of-
163 concept using BMDMs isolated from mice lacking either MyD88 or TRIF. If both adaptor proteins
164 are required, then loss of either protein would rescue respiration in response to relevant stimuli.
165 Indeed, the loss of either protein was sufficient to increase ATP-linked and maximal respiration in
166 macrophages polarized for 24 hr. with stimuli that engage both MyD88 and TRIF: Pam3 with Poly
167 I:C (Figs. 2A&B, S2A), 50 ng/mL LPS (Fig. 2C), and IMQ with Poly I:C (Figs. S2B&C).

168 We then sought to better understand which signaling program downstream of TRIF is
169 required to lower oxidative phosphorylation, hypothesizing that this was an interferon-linked
170 response²³. Indeed, treatment of BMDMs with IFN- γ in combination with Pam3, 10 ng/mL LPS, or
171 HKSA for 24 hours collapsed mitochondrial respiration (Figs. 2D-F; S2D). No significant change
172 in respiration was observed when treating macrophages with both Poly I:C and IFN- γ (Fig. 2D),
173 and the effect of IFN- γ and 10 ng/mL LPS was lost in *Myd88*^{-/-} BMDMs (Fig. S2E), further
174 highlighting the requirement of MyD88. Additionally, macrophages isolated from mice lacking the
175 Type I interferon receptor (IFNAR) had restored respiration upon co-treatment with Pam3 and
176 IFN- β but not Pam3 and IFN- γ , a Type II interferon that bypasses IFNAR (Figs. 2G&H). Altogether,
177 genetic data further show that reduced mitochondrial respiration is not a characteristic feature of
178 all pro-inflammatory stimuli, but rather only those that engage both MyD88- and IFN-linked
179 signaling.

180 Increased glycolysis is another bioenergetic hallmark of pro-inflammatory macrophage
181 activation^{6,29-32}. To better understand which signaling pathways were required to increase
182 glycolysis, we treated BMDMs with Pam3, 10 ng/mL LPS, Poly I:C, or IFN- γ for 24 hr. Only stimuli
183 upstream of MyD88 (Pam3 and 10 ng/mL LPS) substantially increased intracellular lactate
184 abundance and rates of lactate efflux by 3-4-fold (Fig. S3A&B). This effect was lost in BMDMs

185 lacking MyD88, establishing the requirement of MyD88-linked signaling for the profound increase
186 in glycolysis (Fig. S3C). The results further reinforce the lack of a universal bioenergetic
187 phenotype that characterizes all pro-inflammatory stimuli.

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189 *Accumulation of pro-inflammatory metabolites is not linked to changes in mitochondrial respiration*

190 Having established that not all pro-inflammatory stimuli collapse oxidative
191 phosphorylation, we next aimed to define precisely which features of the pro-inflammatory
192 response correlated with reduced oxygen consumption. We first applied this approach to study
193 the accumulation of the TCA cycle-linked metabolites succinate and itaconate (Fig. 3A),
194 hypothesizing that engagement of both MyD88 and TRIF would result in their enhanced
195 accumulation relative to activating either pathway in isolation. During LPS \pm IFN- γ activation,
196 distinct 'breaks' occur in the TCA cycle, slowing activity of isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH) and
197 succinate dehydrogenase (SDH)^{5,15,33}. It is generally accepted that this enzyme inhibition slows
198 oxidative phosphorylation and facilitates the accumulation of metabolites itaconate and succinate,
199 both of which can impact cell signaling, post-translational modifications, and the antimicrobial
200 response^{6,16,34,35}.

201 Although neither Pam3 nor Poly I:C inhibit oxidative phosphorylation, steady-state levels
202 of intracellular itaconate and succinate still accumulated substantially after 24 hr. treatment and
203 at levels comparable with co-treatment (Fig. 3B). This pattern was reproduced with other pairs of
204 MyD88- and IFN-linked ligands, such as 10 ng/mL LPS with IFN- γ (Fig. 3C) or IMQ with Poly I:C
205 or (Fig. S4A).

206 Next, we studied BMDMs harvested from *Irg1*^{-/-} mice to further understand the extent to
207 which accumulation of succinate and itaconate is linked with the collapse in respiration from LPS
208 \pm IFN- γ . Siphoning carbon out of the TCA cycle to generate itaconate and the subsequent
209 inhibition of SDH is thought to contribute to the restricted oxidative phosphorylation observed
210 upon classical macrophage activation^{14,15}. However, the loss of *Irg1* and the inability to
211 accumulate itaconate and succinate had no effect on the respiratory inhibition observed in
212 response to 24 hr. treatment with either LPS and IFN- γ (Figs. 3D-F) or Pam3 and Poly I:C. (Figs.
213 S4B&C). Additionally, as has been previously reported²⁰, human monocyte-derived macrophages
214 (HMDMs) do not exhibit respiratory inhibition in response to stimulation with LPS (Fig. 3G).
215 However, HMDMs readily accumulate itaconate and succinate (Fig. 3H). Altogether, the data
216 show that macrophages do not need to repurpose mitochondria away from oxidative
217 phosphorylation to directly support the generation of pro-inflammatory metabolites.

218 Since pro-inflammatory macrophages can accumulate signaling metabolites while
219 maintaining oxidative phosphorylation, we sought to better understand the pathways by which this
220 occurs. After 24 hr., citrate abundance sharply increased only upon co-treatment with Pam3 and
221 Poly I:C and not with either ligand alone (Fig. 4A), confirming a ‘break’ in the TCA cycle and NO-
222 mediated inhibition of IDH and aconitase activity only with joint activation of MyD88 and TRIF
223 signaling⁷. To better examine individual enzymes and pathways, we measured oxygen
224 consumption in plasma membrane-permeabilized BMDMs to directly offer mitochondria specific
225 respiratory substrates (Fig. S5A). BMDMs were treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or both ligands, and
226 offered various substrate pairs in order to better understand enzymatic capacity in response to
227 these stimuli. We observed the same pattern regardless of whether permeabilized cells were
228 offered pyruvate with malate, glutamate with malate, succinate with rotenone, or citrate: only co-
229 treatment with Pam3 and Poly I:C reduced oxygen consumption rates (Fig. 4B). The results,
230 particularly with citrate-driven respiration, further indicate both a MyD88 and IFN signal are
231 required for respiratory inhibition and reduced IDH activity. As treatment with Pam3 or Poly I:C
232 alone can accumulate the SDH inhibitor itaconate (Fig. 3B), it was unexpected that succinate-
233 driven respiration was unchanged. However, a time-course revealed this is likely due to
234 exogenously added succinate outcompeting endogenous itaconate (Figs. S5B&C), which is well-
235 established as a non-covalent, weak inhibitor of SDH³³. Altogether, these results suggest that
236 Pam3 or Poly I:C alone do not elicit ‘breaks’ in the TCA cycle after 24 hr., and engaging both
237 MyD88- and TRIF-linked pathways is required.

238 We then hypothesized that Pam3- or Poly I:C-treated BMDMs accumulate signaling
239 metabolites not by slowing metabolite consumption but rather by increasing synthesis. To test this
240 hypothesis, we conducted stable isotope tracing in BMDMs offered ¹³C₆-glucose and ¹³C₅-
241 glutamine to better understand TCA cycle metabolism in response to these stimuli. BMDMs were
242 pretreated with TLR ligands for 18 hr., after which time cells were washed and given new medium
243 containing ¹³C₆-glucose or ¹³C₅-glutamine for 6 hr. Tracing with isotopically labeled glucose or
244 glutamine resulted in distinct labeling patterns, with glucose enriching the M+2 isotopologues of
245 TCA cycle metabolites and glutamine enriching the M+5 or M+4 isotopologues (Fig. 4C). BMDMs
246 treated with Pam3 showed increased enrichment from glucose into several TCA cycle
247 metabolites, while this was predictably decreased in BMDMs co-treated with both Pam3 and Poly
248 I:C in a manner consistent with reduced IDH activity (Fig. 4D, full isotopologue distributions from
249 both ¹³C₆-glucose and ¹³C₆-glutamine can be found in Supplementary Table 1). Overall, in contrast
250 to the co-treated BMDMs, macrophages treated with either Pam3 or Poly I:C for 24 hr. maintain

251 relative TCA cycle flux and accumulate signaling metabolites with a different balance between
252 metabolite synthesis and consumption.

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254 *Respiratory inhibition does not enhance pro-inflammatory macrophage activation*

255 After determining that accumulation of itaconate and succinate is independent of
256 decreased oxidative phosphorylation, we next asked what other features of the macrophage pro-
257 inflammatory response might be driven by respiratory inhibition. Indeed, a priming effect from IFN-
258 γ on LPS-induced *Nos2* gene expression and nitric oxide (NO) production has been appreciated
259 for decades^{36,37}. We therefore hypothesized that combinations of MyD88- and IFN-linked ligands
260 could amplify pro-inflammatory gene expression. As expected, Pam3 and Poly I:C synergistically
261 increased the expression of many pro-inflammatory genes (Fig. 5A, S6A) after 24 hr., as did IMQ
262 with Poly I:C (Figs. S6B), and 10 ng/mL LPS with IFN- γ (Figs. S6C). Co-treatment with Pam3 and
263 Poly I:C also increased IL-1 β and IL-12 release as well as NO production (Fig. 5B). These co-
264 treatments also decreased mitochondrial respiration (Fig 1), establishing an association between
265 enhanced pro-inflammatory gene expression and decreased mitochondrial respiration after 24 hr.

266 To determine if this relationship was causative, we analyzed respiration and pro-
267 inflammatory markers in BMDMs isolated from mice lacking inducible nitric oxide synthase (*Nos2*,
268 iNOS). NO production via *Nos2* is the dominant mechanism by which oxidative phosphorylation
269 decreases in macrophages^{7-9,38,39}. As predicted, respiratory inhibition from co-treatment with
270 Pam3 and Poly I:C was almost entirely rescued upon loss of iNOS (Figs. 5C, S7A&B). However,
271 in line with previous reports, expression of many pro-inflammatory genes and release of cytokines
272 was not significantly reduced (Figs. 5D&E, Fig. S7C)^{7,9}. Thus, preventing the NO-mediated
273 inhibition of the mitochondrial respiratory chain and TCA cycle does not affect pro-inflammatory
274 gene expression.

275 To further understand whether reduced respiratory chain activity directly enhances
276 classical macrophage activation, we measured whether inhibition of oxidative phosphorylation
277 could enhance gene expression (Fig. 5F). When used in conjunction with a MyD88- or TRIF-
278 linked TLR agonist for 24 hr., inhibition of complex I (with piericidin A), complex III (with antimycin
279 A), the adenine nucleotide translocase (with carboxyatractyloside), or complex V (with oligomycin)
280 did not enhance pro-inflammatory gene expression or cytokine release above that of Pam3, Poly
281 I:C, or 10 ng/mL LPS alone (Figs. 5G-I, S8A-C). Additionally, the mitochondrial effector
282 compounds had no effect on phagocytosis in combination with Pam3, and some even induced a
283 moderate defect in Poly I:C-driven phagocytosis (Fig. 5J). Importantly, the inhibitors were used at
284 the lowest concentration that elicited a maximal effect on respiration, and none of the compounds

285 decreased cell counts (Figs. S8D-F). Finally, we CRISPR-edited immortalized primary
286 macrophages to lack *Ndufs4*, a subunit of mitochondrial complex I. Despite a profound reduction
287 in NADH oxidation that manifested in reduced ATP-linked and maximal respiration in
288 macrophages (Figs. 5K-M), we observed no change in Pam3-linked pro-inflammatory gene
289 expression in *Ndufs4*-depleted macrophages (Fig. 5N). Together, these results indicate that the
290 relationship between pro-inflammatory gene expression and mitochondrial respiration is largely
291 associative rather than causative.

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293 *The induction of the pro-inflammatory response does not temporally align with respiratory*
294 *inhibition*

295 Although we observed no causal relationship between respiratory inhibition and
296 macrophage activation at 24 hr., this did not obviate a role for oxidative phosphorylation at an
297 earlier timepoint and during the induction of the pro-inflammatory response. Upon TLR agonism,
298 expression of many genes associated with pro-inflammatory activation peaks within minutes or
299 hours, and recedes soon after to taper inflammation⁴⁰⁻⁴². We found that across eleven different
300 pro-inflammatory genes, expression increased sharply soon after treatment with 50 ng/mL LPS,
301 peaking within 3-6 hr. (Figs. 6A, S9A). However, much of our understanding regarding the role of
302 oxidative phosphorylation in the pro-inflammatory response is based on data in response to LPS
303 treatment \pm IFN- γ for 24 hr. or longer^{5,7,8,14,15,43}. We therefore sought to understand whether
304 mitochondrial energetics were altered within a timeframe commensurate with the peak expression
305 of canonical pro-inflammatory genes.

306 We measured rates of oxygen consumption at time-points between 1 and 12 hr. after
307 treatment with 50 ng/mL LPS, and observed no significant defect in maximal respiration until 6 hr.
308 and later (Fig. 6B). These initial findings suggest that even at an earlier timepoints, reduced
309 oxidative phosphorylation does not regulate induction of pro-inflammatory gene expression given
310 the lack of temporal alignment. As nitric oxide mediates the inhibition of mitochondrial respiration,
311 we also measured nitrite levels (a stable product of nitric oxide degradation) at each timepoint
312 (Fig. 6C). Indeed, respiratory inhibition was more closely aligned with the timeframe of nitrite
313 accumulation rather than gene expression.

314 Having established that decreased mitochondrial respiration does not align temporally with
315 the induction of pro-inflammatory gene expression, we measured other features of mitochondrial
316 function during an early timeframe. Specifically, we determined whether co-treatment with Pam3
317 and Poly I:C displays the same profound mitochondrial alterations at 4 hr. (when gene expression
318 is closer to its peak) as at 24 hr. However, we observed no alterations to mitochondrial respiration

319 with either ligand alone or in combination after 4 hr. (Figs. 6D&E). We also observed no change
320 in membrane potential for all groups relative to vehicle controls (Figs. 6F&G). We did, however,
321 observe an increase in NADH fluorescence lifetime for all treatment groups relative to control,
322 suggesting that the NADH pool size or redox status can be altered during macrophage activation
323 while maintaining rates of oxidative phosphorylation (Figs. 6H&I).

324 We then measured whether steady-state metabolite levels could be increased after only
325 4 hr. treatment and prior to reductions in oxygen consumption. Indeed, itaconate and succinate
326 levels increased at this relatively early time point for each treatment group, further suggesting that
327 metabolite accumulation is independent of respiratory inhibition (Fig. 6J). We also observed no
328 defects in permeabilized cell respirometry after 4 hr. treatment (Fig. 6K). Furthermore, unlike the
329 24 hr. timepoint (Fig. 4D), BMDMs co-treated with Pam3 and Poly I:C did not have decreased
330 incorporation of $^{13}\text{C}_6$ -glucose into either α -ketoglutarate or fumarate, the two metabolites
331 immediately downstream of the canonical 'breaks' in the TCA cycle (Fig. 6L).

332 Lastly, we treated examined whether pharmacologic inhibition of oxidative
333 phosphorylation could increase gene expression stimulated by 4 hr. treatment of Pam3, Poly I:C,
334 or LPS. Consistent with other data, we observed no enhancement in pro-inflammatory gene
335 expression (Figs. 6M&N, S9B-D). In total, our data suggest reductions in mitochondrial respiration
336 are not essential for the induction of the macrophage pro-inflammatory gene expression.

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338 *Peritoneal macrophages can be activated in vivo without decreasing mitochondrial respiration*

339 Finally, we assessed the effect of *in vivo* macrophage activation on mitochondrial
340 energetics. Macrophages were intraperitoneally activated with Pam3 or LPS for 24 hours and
341 assessed *ex vivo* 3 hr. after harvest (Figs. 7A; S10). Both treatments increased serum IL-6 as
342 well as IL-6 and IL-12 in the lavage fluid (Figs. 7B, S10A) and LPS treatment resulted in increased
343 pro-inflammatory gene expression (Fig. 7C), indicating macrophage activation. In *ex vivo*
344 peritoneal macrophages, lactate efflux and intracellular lactate accumulation increased upon
345 activation, again linking glycolysis with classical macrophage activation (Figs. 7D&E, S10C&D).
346 Simultaneously, however, oxygen consumption rates were unchanged (Figs. 7E&F, S10E&F),
347 further separating mitochondrial energetics from the induction of a pro-inflammatory response.
348 Additionally, *ex vivo* peritoneal macrophages increased intracellular accumulation of itaconate
349 and succinate but not citrate or α -ketoglutarate, showing again that pro-inflammatory metabolites
350 can accumulate without conventional 'breaks' in the TCA cycle (Figs. 7G, S10E). To validate the
351 model system, we activated peritoneal macrophages for 24 hr. *in vitro* and observed respiratory
352 inhibition in response to LPS but not Pam3, showing that peritoneal macrophages behave

353 similarly to BMDMs *in vitro* (Fig. S10F). Altogether, our work provides several independent lines
354 of evidence that reductions in oxidative phosphorylation are not essential for the macrophage pro-
355 inflammatory response.

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357 **DISCUSSION**

358 Macrophage activation is often stratified as classical (Type I) pro-inflammatory activation
359 or alternative (Type II) anti-inflammatory activation⁴⁴, and *in vitro* studies of these activation states
360 have shown these opposing functions are associated with equally polarized metabolic
361 phenotypes². However, as it is increasingly appreciated that macrophage polarization exists
362 across a broad spectrum of activation states⁴⁵, the metabolic phenotypes accompanying effector
363 function also conceivably reside on a broad, flexible continuum^{43,46,47}.

364 This work aligns with previous reports showing TLR agonism induces signal-specific
365 metabolic reprogramming⁴⁸. While both MyD88- and TRIF-dependent signaling pathways are
366 required to alter mitochondrial respiration, the data suggest upregulation of glycolysis is largely
367 driven by MyD88-dependent signaling. Additionally, our data indicate macrophages can
368 accumulate succinate and itaconate without collapsing oxidative phosphorylation and ‘breaking’
369 the TCA cycle, but rather by rerouting TCA cycle metabolism to support both oxidative
370 phosphorylation and synthesis of signaling metabolites. Interestingly, 24 hr. treatment with either
371 Pam3 or Poly I:C resulted in different TCA cycle enrichment patterns from glucose or glutamine
372 despite similar rates of oxidative phosphorylation, suggesting signal-specific regulation of
373 intermediary metabolism.

374 The inability to amplify pro-inflammatory gene expression with respiratory chain inhibitors
375 or CRISPR-mediated loss of the *Ndufs4* subunit of complex I contrasts results obtained with
376 myeloid-specific loss of *Ndufs4*¹⁷. As such, further work is required to understand the temporal
377 and developmental consequences of respiratory chain dysfunction. The work also highlights the
378 importance of considering the duration, concentration, and specific stimuli used to elicit an *in vitro*
379 pro-inflammatory response. Many of the hallmark mitochondrial alterations only occur under
380 conditions of high nitric oxide production triggered by a combined MyD88 and IFN response. We
381 and others have shown that human monocyte-derived macrophages that accumulate much
382 smaller concentrations of nitric oxide do not display this characteristic mitochondrial
383 repurposing⁴⁹. Thus, some mitochondrial alterations observed in LPS-activated macrophages
384 may be passive consequences of *in vitro* nitric oxide production and nitrite accumulation rather
385 than requisite signals that drive macrophage function.

386 Of course, the results do not discount a role for other aspects of mitochondrial function in
387 pro-inflammatory macrophage activation. For example, the increase in membrane potential
388 observed with 24 hr. Pam3 treatment aligns with previous studies demonstrating that increasing
389 mitochondrial membrane potential can enhance IL-1 β production via RET-driven superoxide
390 production¹⁴. Furthermore, even after only 4 hr. exposure to Pam3 or Poly I:C, macrophages
391 exhibited a longer NADH fluorescence lifetime. This suggests redox changes could occur early in
392 the pro-inflammatory response independently from alterations in oxidation phosphorylation or the
393 mitochondrial membrane potential. As such, the work suggests that the generation of relevant
394 mitochondrial signals – such as TCA cycle-linked metabolites and redox triggers – is entirely
395 compatible with healthy oxidative phosphorylation and physiologically relevant bioenergetic
396 parameters. Understanding precisely what these signals are will be essential to continue
397 developing novel macrophage-targeted therapeutics⁵⁰.

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427 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

428 **Figure 1: Differential effects on mitochondrial function from various pro-inflammatory**
429 **stimuli after 24 hr. A)** A graphical schematic of the initial adapter proteins downstream of TLR4
430 engagement by lipopolysaccharide (LPS). TLR4, Toll-like receptor 4; MyD88, myeloid
431 differentiation primary response protein; MAL (also known as TIRAP), MyD88-adapter like; TRIF,
432 TIR-domain-containing adapter-inducing interferon- β ; TRAM, TRIF-related adapter molecule. **B)**
433 Representative oxygen consumption trace with control BMDMs (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with 50
434 ng/mL LPS for 24 hr. Where not visible, error bars are obscured by the symbol. O, oligomycin; F,
435 carbonyl cyanide-p-trifluoromethoxyphenylhydrazine (FCCP); R/A, rotenone/antimycin A (n = 1
436 biological replicate with 5 technical replicates). **C)** ATP-Linked and maximal respiration rates for
437 control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with 50 ng/mL LPS for 24 hr. (n = 6). **D)** A graphical schematic
438 of the initial adapter proteins downstream of either TLR2 or TLR3 engagement by pathogen
439 associated molecular patterns. TLR2, Toll-like receptor 2; TLR3, Toll-like receptor 3. **E)** The
440 oxygen consumption rates from a representative experiment with control BMDMs (Ctl) and
441 BMDMs activated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. Where not visible, error bars
442 are obscured by the symbol. O, oligomycin; F, carbonyl cyanide-p-
443 trifluoromethoxyphenylhydrazine (FCCP); R/A, rotenone/antimycin A (n = 1 biological with 5
444 technical replicates). **F)** ATP-Linked and maximal respiration rates for control (Ctl) and BMDMs
445 treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. (n = 6). **G)** Mitochondrial aspect ratio
446 quantified using FIJI image analysis software for control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3,
447 Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. (images taken from n = 7-10 cells from three independent
448 cell preparations). **H)** Representative images of control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly
449 I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. Nuclei are stained with Hoechst, mitochondria are stained with
450 MTG and membrane potential as determined by TMRE. **I)** Bulk membrane potential as measured
451 by Tetramethylrhodamine, ethyl ester (TMRE) fluorescence per mitochondrial area detected by
452 MitoTracker Green (MTG) for control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 +
453 Poly I:C for 24 hr. Data is shown relative to control (n = 4). **J)** Representative images of control

454 (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. analyzed via
455 fluorescence lifetime imaging (FLIM). **K**) Mean endogenous NADH lifetime (τ_{mean}) for whole cell
456 measured in picoseconds (ps) for control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3
457 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. Data is from one biological replicate with each data point representing one
458 cell (n = 50-80). All data are mean \pm SEM with statistical analysis conducted on data from
459 biological replicates, each of which included multiple technical replicates, unless otherwise
460 indicated. Statistical analysis for **(C)** was performed as an unpaired, two-tailed, t-test. Statistical
461 analysis for **(F-I)** was performed as an ordinary one-way, ANOVA followed by Tukey's *post hoc*
462 multiple comparisons test.

463

464 **Figure 2: Both MyD88- and IFN-linked signaling are required to decreasing oxidative**

465 **phosphorylation. A**) Representative oxygen consumption trace with wildtype (WT) or MyD88-

466 null (*Myd88*^{-/-}) control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. Where not visible,

467 error bars are obscured by the symbol. O, oligomycin; F, carbonyl cyanide-p-

468 trifluoromethoxyphenylhydrazine (FCCP); R/A, rotenone/antimycin A (n = 1 biological replicate

469 with 5 technical replicates). **B&C**) ATP-linked and maximal respiration rates for wildtype (WT),

470 MyD88-null (*Myd88*^{-/-}), and TRIF-null (*Trif*^{-/-}) control (Ctl) and BMDMs activated with Pam3 + Poly

471 I:C (n = 5) **(B)** or 50 ng/mL LPS for 24 hr. (n = 3) **(C)**. **D**) ATP-linked and maximal respiration rates

472 for control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with IFN- γ , Pam3 + IFN- γ , or Poly I:C + IFN- γ (n = 4). **E&F**)

473 Representative oxygen consumption rates, where not visible, error bars are obscured by the

474 symbol. O, oligomycin; F, FCCP; R/A, rotenone/antimycin A (n = 1 biological with 5 technical

475 replicates) **(E)** and ATP-linked and maximal respiration for control BMDMs (Ctl) and BMDMs

476 activated with 10 ng/mL LPS, 20 ng/mL IFN γ , or LPS + IFN γ for 24 hr. (n=4) **(F)**.

477 **G&H**) ATP-linked and maximal respiration of WT and IFNAR-null (*Ifnar*^{-/-}) control (Ctl) and BMDMs

478 activated with Pam3 + IFN β (n = 4) **(G)** or Pam3 + IFN- γ (n = 4) **(H)**. All data are mean \pm SEM

479 with statistical analysis conducted on data from biological replicates, each of which included

480 multiple technical replicates, unless otherwise indicated. Statistical analysis for **(B)**, **(C)**, **(G)**, and

481 **(H)** was performed as an ordinary two-way, ANOVA followed by Sidák's *post hoc* multiple

482 comparisons test. Statistical analysis for **(D)** and **(F)** was performed as an ordinary one-way,

483 ANOVA followed by Tukey's *post hoc* multiple comparisons test.

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485 **Figure 3: Accumulation of succinate and itaconate is independent of alterations to**

486 **oxidative phosphorylation. A**) A schematic depicting itaconate and succinate in the context of

487 the tricarboxylic acid cycle (TCA cycle). IRG1, cis-aconitase decarboxylase 1; SDH, succinate

488 dehydrogenase. **B**) Intracellular abundances of itaconate and succinate from control (Ctl) and
489 BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. (n = 7). **C**) Intracellular
490 abundances of itaconate and succinate from control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with 10 ng/mL LPS,
491 20 ng/mL IFN- γ , or LPS + IFN- γ for 24 hr. (n = 6). **D**) Intracellular abundances of itaconate and
492 succinate in wildtype (WT) or IRG1-null (*Irg1*^{-/-}) control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with LPS + IFN-
493 γ for 24 hr. (n = 6). **E&F**) Representative oxygen consumption rates, where not visible, error bars
494 are obscured by the symbol, O, oligomycin; F, FCCP; R/A, rotenone/antimycin A (n = 1 biological
495 with 5 technical replicates) and **(E)** ATP-linked and maximal respiration for WT or *Irg1*^{-/-} control
496 (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with LPS + IFN- γ for 24 hr. (n = 4) **(F)**. **G**) ATP-linked and maximal
497 respiration rates for control (Ctl) and HMDMs treated with 50 ng/mL LPS for 24 hr. (n = 5). **H**)
498 Intracellular abundances of itaconate and succinate from control (Ctl) and HMDMs treated with
499 50 ng/mL LPS for 24 hr. (n = 2). All data are mean \pm SEM with statistical analysis conducted on
500 data from biological replicates, each of which included multiple technical replicates, unless
501 otherwise indicated. Statistical analysis for **(B)** and **(C)** was performed as an ordinary one-way,
502 ANOVA followed by Tukey's *post hoc* multiple comparisons test. Statistical analysis for **(D)** and
503 **(F)** was performed as an ordinary two-way, ANOVA followed by Sidák's *post hoc* multiple
504 comparisons test. Statistical analysis for **(G)** was performed as an unpaired, two-tailed t-test.

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506 **Figure 4: Neither Pam3 nor Poly I:C induce characteristic breaks in the TCA cycle. A)**

507 Intracellular abundance of citrate from control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or
508 Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. (n = 7). **B**) State 3 respiration from permeabilized control (Ctl) and
509 BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. Permeabilized BMDMs were
510 offered pyruvate/malate, citrate, glutamate/malate, or succinate/rotenone as substrates (n = 4).

511 **C**) A graphical schematic depicting the labeling patterns of TCA cycle metabolites from ¹³C₆
512 Glucose (black circles) and ¹³C₅ Glutamine (grey circles). CS, citrate synthase; Aco., aconitase;
513 IDH, isocitrate dehydrogenase; α -KGDH, alpha-ketoglutarate dehydrogenase; SCS, succinyl CoA
514 synthetase; SDH, succinate dehydrogenase; FH, fumarate hydratase; MDH, malate
515 dehydrogenase; AST, aspartate transaminase. **D&E**) Percent enrichment of denoted

516 isotopologues from either ¹³C₆ Glucose or ¹³C₅ Glutamine from control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated
517 with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. BMDMs were treated in unlabeled media for
518 16 hr. then changed to tracing media with stimuli for 6 hr. (n = 4). All data are mean \pm SEM with
519 statistical analysis conducted on data from biological replicates, each of which included multiple
520 technical replicates, unless otherwise indicated. Statistical analysis for **(A)** and **(B)** was performed
521 as an ordinary one-way, ANOVA followed by Tukey's *post hoc* multiple comparisons test.

522 Statistical analysis for **(D)** and **(E)** was performed as an ordinary two-way, ANOVA followed by
523 Tukey's *post hoc* multiple comparisons test.

524

525 **Figure 5: Respiratory inhibition does not enhance pro-inflammatory macrophage**

526 **activation. A)** Pro-inflammatory gene expression in control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3,

527 Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. relative to control (Ctl) (n = 3-7). **B)** Levels of nitric oxide

528 (n = 3; not detected represented as zero), IL-1 β (n = 3; not detected represented as zero), and

529 IL-12/IL-23 (p40) (n = 4, values below the standard curve represented as zero) in medium

530 collected from control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24

531 hr. **C)** ATP-linked respiration rate for wildtype (WT) or iNOS-null (*Nos2*^{-/-}) control (Ctl) and BMDMs

532 treated with Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. (n = 4). **D&E)** Pro-inflammatory gene expression (n = 6)

533 **(D)** and secreted cytokine levels of IL-12 β from WT and *Nos2*^{-/-} control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated

534 with Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. (n = 4; values below the standard curve represented as zero) **(E).**

535 **F)** Schematic of mitochondrial respiratory chain with action of inhibitors used in G-J. CAT,

536 carboxyatractyloside. **G&H)** Pro-inflammatory gene expression for control (Ctl) and BMDMs

537 treated with Pam3 (n = 3-4) **(G)** or Poly I:C in combination with mitochondrial effector compounds

538 (100 nM piericidin, 30 nM antimycin A, 10 nM oligomycin, 10 nM oligomycin + 3 μ M Bam15, 30

539 μ M CAT) for 24 hr. relative to control (Ctl) (n = 4) **(H).** **I)** Cytokine levels from medium of control

540 (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3 in combination with mitochondrial effector compounds for 24

541 hr. (n = 5; values below the standard curve represented as zero). **J)** Phagocytosis of control (Ctl)

542 and BMDMs treated with Pam3 or Poly I:C in combination with mitochondrial effector compounds

543 for 24 hr. (n = 3). **K)** Representative oxygen consumption rates for Rosa and NDUFS4 knockdown

544 B16 immortalized macrophage, O, oligomycin; F, FCCP; R/A, rotenone/antimycin A (n = 1

545 biological with 5 technical replicates) Where not visible, error bars are obscured by the symbol.

546 **L&M)** State 3 respiration from B16 provided either NADH or succinate and **(L)** ATP-linked and

547 maximal respiration for control (*Rosa*) and *Ndufs4* knockdown B16 (n = 4) **(M).** **N)** Pro-

548 inflammatory gene expression in CRISPR edited B16 macrophages treated with Pam3 for 24 hr.

549 relative to control (Ctl) (n = 4). All data are mean \pm SEM with statistical analysis conducted on

550 data from biological replicates, each of which included multiple technical replicates, unless

551 otherwise indicated. Statistical analysis for **(A)**, **(B)**, and **(G-J)** was performed as an ordinary one-

552 way, ANOVA followed by Tukey's *post hoc* multiple comparisons test. Statistical analysis for **(C)**,

553 **(L)**, and **(N)** was performed as an ordinary two-way, ANOVA followed by Sidák's *post hoc* multiple

554 comparisons test. Statistical analysis for **(D-E)** was performed as an ordinary two-way, ANOVA

555 followed by Tukey's *post hoc* multiple comparisons test. Statistical analysis for **(M)** was performed
556 as an unpaired, two-tailed t-test.

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558 **Figure 6: The induction of the pro-inflammatory response does not temporally align with**

559 **respiratory inhibition. A)** Pro-inflammatory gene expression in control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated

560 with 50 ng/mL LPS across multiple timepoints relative to control (Ctl) (n = 3-4). **B)** Maximal

561 respiration rate for control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with 50 ng/mL LPS across multiple timepoints

562 (n = 3-4). **C)** Levels of nitric oxide in medium from control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with 50 ng/mL

563 LPS across multiple timepoints (n = 3-4; not detected represented as zero). **D)** The oxygen

564 consumption rates from a representative experiment with control BMDMs (Ctl) and BMDMs

565 activated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 4 hr. Where not visible, error bars are

566 obscured by the symbol. O, oligomycin; F, carbonyl cyanide-p-trifluoromethoxyphenylhydrazone

567 (FCCP); R/A, rotenone/antimycin A (n = 1 biological with 5 technical replicates). **E)** ATP-Linked

568 and maximal respiration rates for control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3

569 + P for 4 hr. (n = 4). **F)** Representative images of control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3,

570 Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 4 hr. Nuclei are stained with Hoechst, mitochondria are stained

571 with MTG and membrane potential as determined by TMRE. **G)** Bulk membrane potential as

572 measured by Tetramethylrhodamine, ethyl ester (TMRE) fluorescence per mitochondrial area

573 detected by MitoTracker Green (MTG) for control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C,

574 or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 4 hr. Data is shown relative to control (n = 4). **H)** Representative images

575 of control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 24 hr. analyzed

576 via fluorescence lifetime imaging (FLIM). **I)** Mean endogenous NADH lifetime (τ_{mean}) for whole

577 cell measured in picoseconds (ps) from control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or

578 Pam3 + Poly I:C for 4 hr. Data is from one biological replicate with each data point representing

579 one cell (n = 87-135). **J)** Intracellular abundances of itaconate and succinate from control (Ctl)

580 and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for 4 hr. (n = 4). **K)** State 3 respiration

581 from permeabilized control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for

582 4 hr. Permeabilized BMDMs were offered pyruvate/malate, citrate, glutamate/malate, or

583 succinate/rotenone as substrates (n = 4). **L)** Percent enrichment of denoted isotopologues from

584 $^{13}\text{C}_6$ Glucose from control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with Pam3, Poly I:C, or Pam3 + Poly I:C for

585 4 hr. (n = 4). **M&N)** Pro-inflammatory gene expression for control (Ctl) and BMDMs treated with

586 Pam3 (n = 3) **(M)** or Poly I:C in combination with mitochondrial effector compounds (100 nM

587 piericidin, 30 nM antimycin A, 10 nM oligomycin, 10 nM oligomycin + 3 μM Bam15, 30 μM CAT)

588 for 4 hr. relative to control (Ctl) (n = 3) **(N)**. All data are mean \pm SEM with statistical analysis

589 conducted on data from biological replicates, each of which included multiple technical replicates,
590 unless otherwise indicated. Statistical analysis for **(A)** and **(C-D)** was performed as a paired, two-
591 tailed t-test. Statistical analysis for **(F)**, **(H)**, and **(J-N)** was performed as an ordinary one-way,
592 ANOVA followed by Tukey's *post hoc* multiple comparisons test.

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594 **Figure 7: Peritoneal macrophages activated *in vivo* preserve oxidative phosphorylation**
595 **and accumulate pro-inflammatory metabolites. A)** A schematic depicting the experimental
596 design for peritoneal macrophages. **B&C)** Cytokine levels from serum (n = 5-6) **(B)** and lavage
597 fluid from mice intraperitoneally injected with PBS or LPS for 24 hr. (n = 4-6) **(C)**. **D)** Pro-
598 inflammatory gene expression from peritoneal macrophages isolated from mice intraperitoneally
599 injected with PBS or LPS for 24 hr. relative to control (Ctl) (n = 4-6). **E)** Lactate efflux rates for
600 peritoneal macrophages isolated from mice intraperitoneally injected with PBS or LPS for 24 hr.
601 (n = 4). **F)** Intracellular lactate abundance from peritoneal macrophages isolated from mice
602 intraperitoneally injected with PBS or LPS for 24 hr. (n = 5-6). **G)** Representative oxygen
603 consumption trace with peritoneal macrophages isolated from mice intraperitoneally injected with
604 PBS or LPS for 24 hr. Where not visible, error bars are obscured by the symbol. O, oligomycin;
605 F, carbonyl cyanide-p-trifluoromethoxyphenylhydrazone (FCCP); R/A, rotenone/antimycin A (n =
606 1 biological replicate with 5 technical replicates). **H)** ATP-Linked respiration rates for peritoneal
607 macrophages isolated from mice intraperitoneally injected with PBS or LPS for 24 hr. (n = 4). **I)**
608 Intracellular itaconate, succinate, citrate and α -ketoglutarate abundances from peritoneal
609 macrophages isolated from mice intraperitoneally injected with PBS or LPS for 24 hr. (n = 6). All
610 data are mean \pm SEM with statistical analysis conducted on data from biological replicates, each
611 of which included multiple technical replicates, unless otherwise indicated. Statistical analysis for
612 **(B-F)** and **(H-I)** was performed as an unpaired, two-tailed t-test.

613 614 **METHODS**

615 616 *Myd88^{-/-}, Trif^{-/-}, Ifnar^{-/-}, Irg1^{-/-}, and Nos2^{-/-} mice*

617 Animal housing and all the experimental procedures were authorized by the UCLA Animal
618 Research Committee. Mice were housed 4 per cage in a temperature (22°C-24°C) and humidity-
619 controlled colony room, maintained on a 12 hr. light/dark cycle (07:00 to 19:00 light on), with a
620 standard chow diet (LabDiet 5053) and water provided *ad libitum* with environmental enrichments.
621 General health of the animal was assessed weekly by UCLA DLAM veterinarians.

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623 The following strains were purchased from The Jackson Laboratory: C57BL/6J (strain # 000664);
624 B6.129P2(SJL)-Myd88^{<tm1.1Defr>}/J (strain # 009088); C57BL/6J-Ticam1^{<LPS2>}/J (strain #
625 005037); C57BL/6NJ-Acod1/J (strain # 029340); B6.129P2-Nos2^{<tm1Lau>}/J (strain # 002609).
626 Femurs and tibias from *Ifnar*^{-/-} mice were generously provided by Dr. Ting-Ting Wu.

627

628 Isolation of mouse bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDMs)

629 Bone marrow cells were isolated from femurs of male mice between the age of 8-12 weeks as
630 previously described⁵¹. Briefly, cells were treated with 3 mL RBC lysis buffer (Sigma-Aldrich) for
631 4 min to remove red blood cells, centrifuged at 400 g for 5 min, and resuspended in cell culture
632 medium described below. Cells were maintained at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO₂ incubator.
633 BMDMs were differentiated for 6 days prior to experimental treatments, and medium was changed
634 at day 4 of differentiation.

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636 For all experiments involving BMDMs, cells were cultured in high-glucose DMEM (Gibco 11965)
637 supplemented with 10% (v/v) heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS) unless otherwise
638 indicated, 2 mM L-glutamine, 100 units/mL penicillin, 100 µg/mL streptomycin, 500 µM sodium
639 pyruvate, and 5% or 10% v/v conditioned media containing macrophage colony stimulating factor
640 (M-CSF) produced by CMG cells to induce differentiation to BMDMs⁵².

641

642 Isolation of human PBMC-derived macrophages

643 Single donor human peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) were obtained from UCLA CFAR
644 Virology Core lab for monocytes isolation. Monocytes were subsequently prepared by standard
645 Ficoll isolation procedures and plastic adherence⁵³. For macrophage differentiation, 1x10⁷
646 monocytes were suspended in DMEM supplemented with 10% (v/v) FBS with 2 mM L-glutamine,
647 100 units/mL penicillin, 100 µg/mL streptomycin, 500 µM sodium pyruvate, and 50 ng/mL of
648 recombinant human M-CSF (Peprotech, 300-25) and cultured on non-tissue cultured treated Petri
649 Dishes (Fisher, FB0875712) for 6 days prior to assays. Medium was changed at day 4 of
650 differentiation.

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652 Isolation of mouse peritoneal macrophages

653 Mice were intraperitoneally injected with PBS, 200 µg LPS, or 200 µg Pam3 24 hr. prior to isolation
654 of peritoneal macrophages. Mice were euthanized with isoflurane followed by cervical dislocation
655 and abdominal skin was retracted to expose the intact peritoneal wall. 5 mL of ice-cold PBS with
656 2 mM EDTA and 2% FCS (Biochrom) was injected into the peritoneal cavity using a syringe with

657 a 20-G needle. Following gentle massages to the cavity, the fluid was then aspirated from the
658 peritoneal cavity using the same syringe and collected in a 15 mL tube. The procedure was
659 repeated twice to obtain a final volume of 10 mL. The cell suspension was centrifuged at 400g for
660 5 min. Cell pellets were resuspended in BMDM culture medium and plated in 12-well plates. Cells
661 were separated for 3 hr. at 37°C in a humidified 5% CO₂ incubator with peritoneal macrophages
662 adhering to the plate and other cells remaining in the supernatant. For peritoneal macrophages
663 isolated for *in vitro* studies, mice were intraperitoneally injected with 3 mL of sterile thioglycolate
664 broth for 72 hr. prior to isolation.

665

666 Stimulation of bone marrow-derived macrophages

667 On day 6 after harvest, BMDMs were plated at different densities per well for the respective
668 assays (see below). On day 8, macrophages were treated with 50 ng/mL LPS (or 10 ng/mL as
669 noted in the figure legend), 50 ng/mL Pam3CSK4, 1 µg/mL Poly I:C, 10 µM imiquimod, 20 ng/mL
670 IFN-γ, 20 ng/mL IFN-β, 100 nM CL307, 100 nM ODN1668 or simultaneously co-stimulated with a
671 combination of the above for 24 hr. with controls. For the 4 hr. treatments, on day 8, the media
672 was changed, and on day 9, macrophages were stimulated as noted in the figure legends.

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674 Mitochondrial effector compound treatment of BMDMs

675 For experiments involving respiratory chain inhibitors, BMDMs were vehicle-treated or treated
676 with 100 nM piericidin A (Piericidin) (Sigma), 30 nM antimycin A (Sigma), 10 nM oligomycin
677 (Sigma), 10 nM Oligomycin + 3 µM Bam15 (Sigma), or 30 µM carboxyatractyloside (CAT)
678 (Sigma) for 24 hours. All inhibitors were given as co-treatments simultaneously with 50 ng/mL
679 Pam3CSK4, 1 µg/mL Poly I:C, or 10 ng/mL LPS.

680

681 In vitro peritoneal macrophage stimulation

682 Freshly isolated thioglycolate-elicited peritoneal macrophages were seeded in Seahorse XF96
683 wells at a seeding density of 5 x 10⁴ cells/well in BMDM culture medium. The next day, cells were
684 treated with either 50 ng/mL LPS or 50 ng/mL Pam3, and respiration was assessed after 24 hr.

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686 Seahorse XF Analysis

687 All respirometry was conducted in a Seahorse XF96 or XFe96 Analyzer (Agilent). All experiments
688 were conducted at 37°C and at pH 7.4 (intact cells) or 7.2 (permeabilized cells). Respiration was
689 measured in medium containing 8 mM glucose, 2 mM glutamine, 2 mM pyruvate, and 5 mM
690 HEPES. Cells were plated at 5 x 10⁴ cells/well on day 6 and assayed on day 9 after treatments

691 as described in figure legends. Respiration was measured in response to oligomycin (1 μ M),
692 carbonyl cyanide-p-trifluoromethoxyphenylhydrazone (FCCP) (0.75 nM or 1.5 μ M), and rotenone
693 (0.2 μ M) with antimycin A (1 μ M).

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695 Intact Cells

696 Calculation of respiratory parameters were made according to standard protocols^{54,55}. Briefly,
697 ATP-linked respiration was calculated by subtracting the oxygen consumption rate insensitive to
698 rotenone and antimycin A from the measurements after injection of oligomycin. Maximal
699 respiration was calculated by subtracting the oxygen consumption rate insensitive to rotenone
700 and antimycin A from the maximum rate obtained after injection of FCCP. Lactate efflux rates
701 were calculated as previously described⁵⁶.

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703 For *ex vivo* peritoneal macrophages, cells were plated at 2.5×10^5 cells/well in Cell-TAK (Corning)
704 coated 96-well Seahorse XFe96 plates. Plates were spun at 500g for 4 min and respiratory
705 parameters were obtained as previously described.

706

707 Permeabilized Cells

708 Recombinant, mutant perfringolysin O (rPFO; commercially XF Plasma Membrane Permeabilizer
709 [XF PMP, Agilent Technologies]) was used to selectively permeabilize the plasma membrane of
710 BMDMs. Experiments were conducted as previously described^{57,58}. Immediately prior to assay,
711 cell media was replaced with MAS buffer (70 mM sucrose, 220 mM mannitol, 10 mM KH_2PO_4 ,
712 5 mM MgCl_2 , 2 mM HEPES, and 1 mM EGTA; pH 7.2) containing 3 nM rPFO, respiratory
713 substrates, and 4 mM ADP. The ADP-stimulated respiration rate (referred to as 'State 3'
714 respiration) was measured, and rates were subsequently measured in response to 0.2 μ M
715 rotenone with 1 μ M antimycin A. Substrate concentrations were as follows: Glutamate/Malate,
716 5 mM glutamate with 5 mM malate; Pyruvate/Malate, 5 mM pyruvate with 1 mM malate;
717 Succinate/Rotenone, 5 mM succinate with 2 μ M rotenone; Citrate, 5 mM citrate.

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719 When permeabilized cells were treated with alamethicin to form pores of 3-6 kDa in the
720 mitochondrial inner membrane ("double-permeabilized" cells) and complex I-mediated respiration
721 was directly assessed, 10 μ g/mL alamethicin was added at 37°C 15 minutes prior to
722 measurements⁵⁸. Double-permeabilized cells were offered 10 μ M cytochrome c in the
723 experimental medium and either 10 mM NADH or 10 mM succinate with 2 μ M rotenone to drive
724 respiration.

725

726 Mitochondrial Membrane Potential

727 Cells were plated in the inner 60 wells of black-walled, 96-well plates at 30,000 cells/well. Prior to
728 measurements of membrane potential, the medium was changed to high-glucose DMEM lacking
729 serum and antibiotic but supplemented with 10 nM TMRE, 200 nM MitoTracker Green (MTG),
730 and 1 µg/mL Hoechst. Cells were incubated in this medium for 1 hr. at 37°C. After incubation,
731 cells were washed two times with this incubation medium lacking dye. Images were acquired with
732 the 50 mm slit confocal mode and a 40x (1.2 NA) water lens in Z-stack mode of 0.5 mm slices
733 with a total of 6 slices. Analysis was performed in the MetaXpress software keeping the same
734 parameters for all the images acquired. Maximum Z-projections of MTG were used for
735 morphologic analysis and the sum of Z-projections of TMRE was used for quantification of
736 intensity. A TopHat filter was applied to the MTG images for better definition of structures and
737 equalization of fluorescence. The images were thresholded and transformed into a binary
738 segmentation. This segmented area was used to measure the average intensity of TMRE on
739 pixels positive for MTG.

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741 Imaging studies

742 Live cell imaging of BMDMs was conducted on a Zeiss LSM880 using a 63x Plan-Apochromat
743 oil-immersion lens and AiryScan super-resolution detector with a humidified 5% CO₂ chamber on
744 a temperature-controlled stage at 37°C. Cells were differentiated in glass-bottom confocal plates
745 (Greiner Bio-One). BMDMs were incubated with 15 nM TMRE for 1 hr. in their regular culture
746 medium. Image Analysis was conducted using FIJI (ImageJ, NIH). Image contrast and brightness
747 were not altered in any quantitative image analysis protocols. Brightness and contrast were
748 equivalently modified across measurement groups to allow proper representative visualization of
749 the effects revealed by unbiased quantitation.

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751 Metabolite Quantification

752 Experiments were performed as previously described⁵⁹. Briefly, BMDMs were plated at 1 x 10⁶
753 cells/well in 6-well plates and treated with macrophage stimuli as described above. Peritoneal
754 macrophages were extracted immediately following the 3 hr. incubation in 12-well plates.
755 Metabolite extraction was conducted with a Folch-like extraction with a 5:2:5 ratio of
756 methanol:water:chloroform. 6- or 12-well dishes were kept on ice and quickly washed with ice-
757 cold 0.9% (w/v) NaCl. Cells were then scraped in ice-cold methanol and water containing 5 µg/mL

758 norvaline (Sigma #N7502), an internal standard. Chloroform was then added and samples were
759 vortexed for 1 min and centrifuged at 10,000g for 5 min at 4°C.

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761 The polar fraction (top layer) was removed, and the samples were dried overnight using a
762 refrigerated CentriVap vacuum concentrator (LabConco). Metabolite standards (50 nmol to 23
763 pmol) were extracted alongside the cell samples to ensure the signal fell within the linear detection
764 range of the instrument. The dried polar metabolites were reconstituted in 20 µL of 2% (w/v)
765 methoxyamine in pyridine prior to a 45-min incubation at 37°C. Subsequently, 20 µL of MTBSTFA
766 with 1% tert-butyldimethylchlorosilane was added to samples, followed by an additional 45-min
767 incubation at 37°C. Samples were analyzed using Agilent MassHunter software. Samples were
768 analyzed using a DB-35 column (Agilent Technologies). Information regarding additional technical
769 specifications is available elsewhere^{60,61}.

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771 Stable isotope tracing

772 On day 6 cells were seeded 1 x 10⁶ cells/well in 6-well plates in BMDM culture medium. For 4 hr.
773 assays on day 8, medium was changed and on day 9, cells were treated for 4 hr. with ligands as
774 indicated in the figure legend in medium containing either 10 mM ¹³C₆ glucose (Cambridge Isotope
775 Laboratories) or 6 mM ¹³C₅ glutamine (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories). For 24 hr. assays on
776 day 8, cells were treated with ligands as indicated in the figure legend in culture medium. On day
777 9, 18 hours later, the medium was changed to culture medium with ligands and either 10 mM ¹³C₆
778 glucose (Cambridge Isotope Laboratories) or 6 mM ¹³C₅ glutamine (Cambridge Isotope
779 Laboratories) for 6 hr. For medium containing each stable isotope labeled metabolite, the other
780 respective metabolite was still present at the same concentration though unlabeled. After
781 incubation in medium containing a stable isotope labeled metabolite, metabolites were extracted
782 as described above. FluxFix software (<http://fluxfix.science>) was used to correct for the
783 abundance of natural heavy isotopes against an in-house reference set of unlabeled metabolite
784 standards⁶².

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786 Quantitative real-time RT-PCR (qPCR)

787 For BMDM experiments involving gene expression analysis, day 6 BMDMs were seeded 3 x 10⁵
788 cells/well in 12-well plates in BMDM culture medium. For 4 hr. treatments, on day 8, medium was
789 changed, and on day 9 BMDMs were treated with ligands as indicated in the figure legend in
790 culture medium supplemented with 5% (v/v) FBS. For 24 hr. treatments, BMDMs were treated on
791 day 8 with ligands as indicated in the figure legend in culture medium supplemented with 5% (v/v)

792 FBS. Peritoneal macrophages were lysed immediately following the 3 hr. incubation in 12-well
793 plates. Cells were collected in Qiagen RNeasy Cell Lysis Buffer and RNA was extracted according
794 to manufacturer's protocol (Qiagen). cDNA was synthesized using 1,000 ng RNA per reaction
795 with high-capacity cDNA reverse transcription kit (Applied Biosystems). KAPA SYBR Green
796 qPCR Master Mix (2X) Kit (Applied Biosystems) and an Applied Biosystems QuantStudio 5 were
797 used for quantitative RT-PCR using 0.5 μ mol/L primers. Fold change related to the control group
798 was calculated using $2^{\Delta\Delta CT}$ method with *36b4* as the reference gene.

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800 The primers were (forward and reverse, respectively) 5'- GCCCATCCTCTGTGACTCAT-3' and
801 5'- AGGCCACAGGTATTTTGTCTG-3' for *Il1b*; 5'- AGTTGCCTTCTTGGGACTGA-3' and 5'-
802 TCCACGATTTCCCAGAGAAC-3' for *Il6*; 5'-TGCCTATGTCTCAGCCTCTTC-3' and 5'-
803 GAGGCCATTTGGGAATTCT-3' for *Tnfa*; 5'- CACCTTGGAGTTCACCCAGT-3' and 5'-
804 ACCACTCGTACTTGGGATGC-3' for *Nos2*; 5'- ATCGTTTTGCTGGTGTCTCC-3' and 5'-
805 GGAGTCCAGTCCACCTCTACA-3' for *Il12b*; 5'- GCAACATGATGCTCAAGTCTG-3' and 5'-
806 TGCTCCTCCGAATGATACCA-3' for *Irg1*; 5'- GACCATAGGGGTCTTGACCAA-3' and 5'-
807 AGACTTGCTCTTTCTGAAAAGCC-3' for *Mx1*; 5'- GAGGCTCTTCAGAATGAGCAAA-3' and 5'-
808 CTCTGCGGTCAGTCTCTCT-3' for *Mx2*; 5'- CAGCTCCAAGAAAGGACGAAC-3' and 5'-
809 GGCAGTGTAATCTTCTGCAT-3' for *Ifnb1*; 5'- AACATCCAGAACAAGTGGCGG-3' and 5'-
810 GTCTGACGTCCCAGGGCA-3' for *Isg20*; 5'- GGCCGATACAAAGCAGGAGAA-3' and 5'-
811 GGAGTTCATGGCACAACGGA-3' for *Irf1*; 5'- TCCAGTTGATCCGCATAAGGT-3' and 5'-
812 CTTCCCTATTTTCCGTGGCTG-3' for *Irf7*; 5'- CAGGGAAAATGGAAGTGGTG-3' and 5'-
813 CAGAGAGGTTCTCCCGACTG-3' for *Ifi204*; 5'- CTGTGCCAGCTCAGAACACTG-3' and 5'-
814 TGATCAGCCCGAAGGAGAAG-3' for *36b4*.

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816 Griess Assay

817 Nitric oxide was measured from BMDM supernatant 24 hr. after effector treatments. Briefly nitrite,
818 a stable product of nitric oxide degradation, was measured by mixing 50 μ L of culture
819 supernatants with 50 μ L Griess Reagent (Sigma), incubating in the dark for 15 min at room
820 temperature, and measuring absorbance at 540 nm. Sodium nitrite was used as the standard
821 curve for calculation of picomole of nitrite.

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823 Cytokine measurements

824 Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs) were used to measure mouse IL-6 and IL-
825 12b/IL-23 (p40) in BMDM medium (supernatant collected after centrifugation), mouse serum, or

826 mouse lavage fluid according to manufacturer's instructions (BioLegend). IL-1 β levels in BMDM
827 cell-culture supernatant was studied by Luminex's xMAP® Immunoassay with the UCLA Immune
828 Assessment Core Facility. CXCL1 (KC), TNF- α , and IL-12p40 levels in BMDM cell-culture
829 supernatant was studied by BioLegend's LEGENDplex MU M1 Macrophage Panel (8-plex) with
830 V-bottom plate according to manufacturer's instructions.

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832 Cell counts and normalization

833 When normalizing respirometry experiments and metabolite quantification to cell number,
834 BMDMs were fixed immediately upon completion of the assay with 2% (w/v) formaldehyde for 20
835 min at room temperature and kept refrigerated between 1 and 14 days until assessment. The day
836 prior to cell counting, cells were stained with Hoechst 33342 (Thermo Fisher) at 10 ng/mL
837 overnight at room temperature. Cell counts were obtained using the Operetta High Content
838 Imaging System (Perkin Elmer).

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840 Statistical Analysis

841 All statistical parameters, including the number of biological replicates (n), can be found in the
842 figure legends. Each data point represents a biological replicate obtained from an individual
843 mouse/human sample and is comprised from the average of multiple technical replicates.
844 Statistical analyses were performed using Graph Pad Prism 10 software. Data are presented as
845 the mean \pm SEM. Individual pairwise comparisons were performed using two-tailed Student's t-
846 test. For experiments involving two or more factors, data were analyzed by one-way, repeated
847 measures ANOVA followed by Tukey's *post hoc* multiple comparisons tests. For other multiple
848 values comparisons, data were analyzed by ordinary two-way, ANOVA followed by Tukey's or
849 Sidák's *post hoc* multiple comparisons test when required. Data were assumed to follow a normal
850 distribution (no tests were performed). Values denoted as follows were considered significant: *p
851 < 0.05; **p < 0.002; ***p < 0.001.

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