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## **Legionella-infected macrophages engage the alveolar epithelium to metabolically reprogram myeloid cells and promote antibacterial inflammation**

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## **Summary**

Alveolar macrophages are among the first immune cells that respond to inhaled pathogens. However, numerous pathogens block macrophage-intrinsic immune responses, making it unclear how robust antimicrobial responses are generated. The intracellular bacterium Legionella pneumophila inhibits host translation, thereby impairing cytokine production by infected macrophages. Nevertheless, Legionellainfected macrophages induce an IL-1-dependent inflammatory cytokine response by recruited monocytes and other cells that controls infection. How IL-1 directs these cells to produce inflammatory cytokines is unknown. Here, we show that collaboration with the alveolar epithelium is critical for controlling infection. IL-1 induces the alveolar epithelium to produce granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF). Intriguingly, GM-CSF signaling amplifies inflammatory cytokine production in recruited monocytes by enhancing TLR-induced glycolysis. Our findings reveal that alveolar macrophages engage alveolar epithelial signals to metabolically reprogram monocytes for antibacterial inflammation.

## **eTOC Blurb**

Xin et al. show that the alveolar epithelium enables communication between infected alveolar macrophages and recruited myeloid cells during pulmonary bacterial infection. Mechanistically, IL-1 released by infected macrophages induces the alveolar epithelium to produce GM-CSF.

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GM-CSF in turn metabolically reprograms monocytes, amplifying inflammatory responses and promoting host defense.

#### **Graphical Abstract**



#### **Keywords**

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#### **Introduction**

The lung is one of the largest mucosal surfaces in the body, with the alveolar compartment representing the majority of the epithelial surface within the lung. Alveolar macrophages are the primary immune cells present in the alveoli and are key cellular sensors of pathogens. Antimicrobial immunity by alveolar macrophages is thought to be initiated upon sensing of pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) by pattern recognition receptors (PRRs). Subsequently, there is recruitment of bystander myeloid cells, such as monocytes (MCs) and neutrophils, which amplify inflammatory responses important for controlling infection (Chaplin, 2010; Iwasaki and Medzhitov, 2015). However, only one alveolar macrophage patrols every three alveoli (Bhattacharya and Westphalen, 2016; Westphalen et al., 2014), and it is unclear how a limited number of macrophages can defend such a vast surface area. In addition, numerous pathogens disarm alveolar macrophages by deploying virulence factors that impair cell-intrinsic PRR signaling. Thus, how a robust antimicrobial response is generated against respiratory pathogens remains a fundamental question.

To define how antimicrobial immunity is generated in response to pathogens that interfere with immune signaling, we utilized *Legionella pneumophila*, which causes the severe

pneumonia Legionnaires' disease (Fraser et al., 1977; McDade et al., 1977). Legionella infects and replicates within alveolar macrophages (Copenhaver et al., 2014). To do so, Legionella employs a bacterial type IV secretion system (T4SS) to translocate effector proteins into the host cell (Isberg et al., 2009; Nagai and Kubori, 2011; Sherwood and Roy, 2016). These effectors manipulate numerous host processes to promote bacterial replication within macrophages (Isberg et al., 2009; Qiu and Luo, 2017; Sherwood and Roy, 2016). A subset of these effectors potently inhibit host translation (Barry et al., 2013; Belyi et al., 2008; De Leon et al., 2017; Fontana et al., 2011; Moss et al., 2019; Shen et al., 2009). As a result, infected macrophages are incapable of making cytokines, such as TNF and IL-12 (Copenhaver et al., 2015), which are required to control infection (Brieland et al., 1998; Skerrett et al., 1997). However, infected cells still translate IL-1α and IL-1β and undergo inflammasome-dependent cytokine release (Asrat et al., 2014; Barry et al., 2017; Copenhaver et al., 2015). Critically, IL-1R signaling instructs bystander recruited myeloid cells to produce inflammatory cytokines and control of infection (Copenhaver et al., 2015). These findings indicate that IL-1 released initially by *Legionella*-infected macrophages drives the production of critical cytokines by bystander cells, allowing for immune bypass of the bacterial block in host translation to enable control of infection.

IL-1R signaling is important for control of Legionella and many other microbial infections, but how IL-1 instructs bystander cytokine responses is poorly understood. IL-1R is expressed by both hematopoietic and non-hematopoietic cells (Cunningham et al., 1992; Dinarello, 1998; Ueda et al., 2009). Whether cell-intrinsic IL-1R signaling instructs myeloid cells to produce cytokines *in vivo* is unknown. Here, we report that IL-1R signaling on alveolar type II epithelial cells (AECII), rather than immune cells, was critical in driving cytokine production by Ly6Chi MCs and CD11b<sup>+</sup> dendritic cells (DCs) and control of Legionella infection. Mechanistically, IL-1 was necessary to instruct AECII to make the cytokine GM-CSF, which in turn promoted production of inflammatory cytokines by Ly6Chi MCs and CD11b<sup>+</sup> DCs recruited to the lung. Intriguingly, GM-CSF metabolically reprogrammed MCs to undergo heightened aerobic glycolysis, which was required for robust cytokine expression. This study provides new insight into the role of the alveolar epithelium as a central signal relay between infected alveolar macrophages and recruited MCs via an IL-1/GM-CSF circuit, which metabolically reprograms MCs to promote antibacterial inflammation and host defense.

## **Results**

## **Non-hematopoietic IL-1R signaling instructs Ly6Chi MCs and CD11b+ DCs to produce inflammatory cytokines and control of infection**

IL-1R is expressed by both hematopoietic and stromal cells in the lung, raising the question of which cell types respond to IL-1 to enable inflammatory responses during Legionella infection. We generated bone marrow (BM) chimeras in which IL-1R expression was confined to the stromal compartment by providing  $IIIr1^{-/-}$  BM to lethally irradiated WT mice ( $IIIr1^{-/-}$   $\rightarrow$  WT) or the hematopoietic compartment by providing WT BM to lethally irradiated  $IIIrI^{-/-}$  mice (WT $\rightarrow$ II1r1<sup>-/-</sup>), along with control chimeras (WT $\rightarrow$ WT or  $IIIr1^{-/-}$  →  $IIIr1^{-/-}$ ). Following hematopoietic reconstitution (Figure S1A), we intranasally

infected the chimeras with a sublethal dose of Legionella. As flagellin delivered by the T4SS into the host cell cytosol induces rapid cell death due to NAIP5 inflammasome activation, we used flagellin-deficient  $(IaA)$  Legionella for our studies.  $IaA$  Legionella evade NAIP5 detection and replicate in C57BL/6J macrophages and mice (Molofsky et al., 2006; Ren et al., 2006; Zamboni et al., 2006), but still induce NLRP3 and caspase-11 inflammasome activation and IL-1 family cytokine secretion (Case et al., 2013; Casson et al., 2013). Following infection, we assessed cytokine production in the bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) at 24 hours post-infection (hpi). Mice lacking stromal IL-1R expression had a significant defect in TNF, IL-12, and IL-6 production compared to WT→WT or  $IIIt1^{-/-}$  WT mice (Figure 1A). Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> MCs and MC-derived DCs are major producers of inflammatory cytokines such as TNF and IL12 during Legionella infection (Brown et al., 2016; Casson et al., 2017). We observed that both the frequency and total number of TNF- or IL-12-producing Ly6Chi MCs and conventional DCs (cDCs) in the lung were significantly reduced in  $WT \rightarrow \frac{1}{1}T^{-1}$  mice (Figure 1B and Figure S1B), although total numbers of Ly6Chi MCs and cDCs in the different chimeras were equivalent (Figure S1C). Indeed, the observed cytokine defect in  $WT \rightarrow ll1r1^{-/-}$  mice was indistinguishable from  $IIIr1^{-/-} \rightarrow IIIr1^{-/-}$  mice. These data indicate that stromal IL-1R signaling was required for MCs and cDCs to produce inflammatory cytokines during infection.

In contrast, both stromal and hematopoietic IL-1R signaling was necessary for CXCL1 production and neutrophil recruitment, although loss of stromal IL-1R signaling had a greater impact (Figure 1C and 1D). At 24 hpi, bacterial loads were equivalent in all chimeras (Figure S1D), indicating that decreased cytokine production in mice lacking stromal IL-1R signaling was not due to elevated levels of bacteria inhibiting protein synthesis. Critically, loss of stromal IL-1R expression was associated with failure to control bacterial burden later during infection, as  $WT \rightarrow ll/I^{-/-}$  and  $ll/I^{-/-} \rightarrow ll/I^{-/-}$  mice had significantly higher bacterial loads compared to WT $\rightarrow$ WT and  $IIIr1^{-/-} \rightarrow$ WT mice at 72 hpi (Figure 1E). Collectively, these data indicate that IL-1R signaling within stromal cells, but not hematopoietic cells, is required for MCs- and cDCs-derived inflammatory cytokine production and control of infection.

## **IL-1R on alveolar type II epithelial cells is essential for inflammatory cytokine production and antibacterial defense**

Within the alveoli, alveolar type II epithelial cells (AECII) are a major stromal cell type that constitute 60% of alveolar epithelial cells (Crapo et al., 1982) and express IL-1R (Blau et al., 1994; Thorley et al., 2007). To test whether IL-1R expression on AECII is required for inflammatory cytokine production and control of bacterial infection, we generated mice lacking IL-1R on AECII by crossing  $IIIr1^{f1/f1}$  mice with mice expressing tamoxifen (TXF)-inducible  $\text{CreER}^{\text{T2}}$  under the control of the AECII-specific surfactant protein C promoter ( $Spec\text{-}creER^{T2}$ ) (Rock et al., 2011). Following infection, TXF-treated  $IIIr1<sup>f1/f1</sup>$ ; Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup> mice exhibited significantly lower TNF, IL-12, and IL-6 production (Figure 2A). These mice also had a log increase in lung bacterial loads compared to  $\mathit{III1f^{f1/ff}}$ mice, whereas in the absence of TXF treatment,  $IIIt1^{f1/f1}$ ; Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup> and  $IIIt1^{f1/f1}$  mice had similar bacterial loads (Figure 2B). TXF treatment resulted in ~80% deletion of the *II1r1* locus in AECII from *II1r1<sup>f1/f1</sup>*; *Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup>* mice compared to *II1r1<sup>f1/f1</sup>* mice (Figure

2C). Further, to test whether IL-1R expression on AECII alone can mediate inflammatory cytokine responses and control of infection, we limited IL-1R expression largely to AECII by crossing *Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup>* mice with  $IIItI^{r/r}$  mice. In these mice, the  $IIItI$  gene is disrupted by a loxP-flanked interfering sequence that prevents transcription or translation of  $IIIr1$ prior to Cre recombinase exposure and contains an IRES-tdTomato reporter to track II1r1 mRNA expression (Liu et al., 2015). Strikingly, TXF-treated *II1r1<sup>r/r</sup>;Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup>* mice exhibited significant restoration of TNF, IL-12, and IL-6 production and decreased bacterial loads compared to  $IIItI<sup>*tr/f*</sup>$  mice (Figure 2D and 2E). Approximately 60% of AECII were tdTomato-positive; by contrast, a small percentage of other stromal lung cells, including alveolar type I epithelial cells (AECI) and bronchial alveolar stem cells (BASC), were tdTomato-positive, indicating that IL-1R expression was predominantly restored in AECII (Figure 2F), whereas AECII from TXF-treated  $IIIrI^{r/r}$  mice did not express tdTomato. Altogether, these results indicate that IL-1R signaling in AECII is indispensable for driving inflammatory cytokine responses and bacterial clearance.

#### **IL-1R signaling in AECII drives production of GM-CSF**

We hypothesized that IL-1R signaling in AECII induces production of a soluble mediator that licenses recruited myeloid cells to produce inflammatory cytokines. We therefore analyzed the BAL of WT and  $IIIr1^{-/-}$  mice at 24 hpi using a Luminex assay to identify soluble factors that required IL-1R signaling for their induction. Many cytokines were reduced in the BAL of  $IIIr1^{-/-}$  mice compared to WT mice (Figure S2A). Interestingly, GM-CSF production was also reduced in the BAL of  $\text{III11}^{-/-}$  mice. GM-CSF was initially described as a hematopoietic growth factor and is often used to promote DC differentiation from mouse hematopoietic progenitors in vitro (Inaba et al., 1992). However, at steady state in mice, GM-CSF is mostly dispensable for the development of myeloid cells, except for a slight reduction in some DC populations and the absence of alveolar macrophages (Bogunovic et al., 2009; Dranoff et al., 1994; Greter et al., 2012; Guilliams et al., 2013; Shibata et al., 2001; Stanley et al., 1994). Intriguingly, GM-CSF can be robustly induced and acts as a cytokine that elicits myeloid cell responses in various inflammatory settings (Anzai et al., 2017; Becher et al., 2016; Croxford et al., 2015; Tugues et al., 2018). Furthermore, GM-CSF is required for host defense against several lung pathogens, such as Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Aspergillus fumigatus, Blastomyces dermatitidis, and influenza virus (Hernandez-Santos et al., 2018; Huang et al., 2011; Kasahara et al., 2016; Rothchild et al., 2014). In these settings, it is thought that GM-CSF enhances the killing activity of alveolar macrophages and neutrophils; however, precisely how GM-CSF mediates host defense is poorly understood. We therefore considered the possibility that GM-CSF may synergize with other inflammatory signals to enhance anti-bacterial cytokine responses. Following Legionella infection, GM-CSF was robustly induced in the lungs by 24 hours, and declined to background levels by 72 hours (Figure 3A). Critically, GM-CSF levels were nearly undetectable in  $II1a^{-/-}$ ,  $IIIb^{-/-}$ , or  $IIIr1^{-/-}$  mice at 24 hpi (Figure 3B), indicating that IL-1R signaling is required for GM-CSF production during infection.

GM-CSF is produced by a variety of cell types, including lymphocytes, macrophages, fibroblasts, and endothelial cells, in response to immune stimuli (Cousins et al., 1994; Nimer and Uchida, 1995; Ponomarev et al., 2007; Sonderegger et al., 2008). Under steady state

conditions, GM-CSF is produced by lung epithelial cells (Guilliams et al., 2013; Huffman et al., 1996; Schneider et al., 2014). To determine whether a hematopoietic or stromal cell type produced GM-CSF during *Legionella* infection, we generated BM chimeras in which GM-CSF expression was confined to stromal cells ( $Cst2 \rightarrow WT$ ), or to hematopoietic cells  $(WT \rightarrow Cst2^{-/-})$ , and control chimeras (WT $\rightarrow$ WT and  $Cst2^{-/-} \rightarrow Cst2^{-/-}$ ).  $Cst2^{-/-} \rightarrow WT$ mice produced GM-CSF at levels similar to WT→WT mice following infection, whereas GM-CSF was undetectable in mice lacking stromal GM-CSF (Figure 3C). Moreover, following infection, Csf2 transcript levels were the highest in AECII relative to other lung cell types (Figure 3D), and the frequency and total number of GM-CSF-producing AECII significantly increased, whereas AECI were unchanged (Figure 3E). These data indicate that AECII are the primary source of GM-CSF early during infection.

We next asked whether GM-CSF production requires IL-1R signaling in AECII. Critically,  $WT \rightarrow \text{II1r1}^{-/-}$  BM chimeras lacking stromal IL-1R expression or  $\text{III1r1}^{\text{f1/f1}}$ ; Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup> mice lacking IL-1R in AECII had a significant defect in GM-CSF production compared to WT $\rightarrow$ WT chimeras or *II1r1<sup>fl/fI</sup>* mice, respectively, following infection (Figure 3F and 3G). Consistently, GM-CSF production was restored in  $IIIrI<sup>r/r</sup>$ ; Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup> mice expressing IL-1R mainly on AECII compared to  $II/\tau/\tau'$  mice lacking IL-1R signaling (Figure 3H). Furthermore, recombinant IL-1 (rIL-1α/β) induced GM-CSF in purified WT AECII but not in *II1r1<sup>-/-</sup>* AECII during *in vitro Legionella* infection (Figure 3I). These results indicate that GM-CSF is predominantly produced by AECII in response to IL-1 during Legionella infection.

## **GM-CSF is critical for local inflammatory cytokine production by MCs and bacterial clearance**

We hypothesized that AECII production of GM-CSF is critical for recruited immune cells to produce inflammatory cytokines important for bacterial clearance. In support of this model,  $Cst2^{-/-}$  mice had significant defects in producing IL-1 $\beta$  and TNF at 24 hpi and TNF, IL-12, and IFNγ at 48 hpi (Figure 4A), and a log increase in bacterial loads at 72 hpi compared to WT mice (Figure 4B). To address the possibility that these effects could be due to a lack of alveolar macrophages in  $Cst2^{-/-}$  mice due to the critical role for GM-CSF in alveolar macrophage development, we acutely blocked GM-CSF with neutralizing antibodies, as this treatment leaves the alveolar macrophage compartment intact (Figure S3A). Notably, GM-CSF blockade led to significantly decreased IL-1β levels at 24 hour post-infection and TNF, IL-12, and IFNγ levels at 48 hour post-infection (Figure 4C), and a log increase in bacterial loads at 72 hpi compared to isotype control-treated mice (Figure 4D). The frequency and total number of IL-1β- or IL-1α-producing MCs were significantly reduced as well (Figure 4E and Figure S3B). Importantly, these effects of GM-CSF deficiency were independent of its growth factor properties, as numbers of neutrophils, MCs, and DCs in the lungs of anti-GM-CSF-treated mice were largely unaffected (Figure S3C). Collectively, these data demonstrate that GM-CSF is required for cytokine responses and bacterial clearance.

We next asked whether GM-CSF enhances cytokine production by MCs distally within the systemic circulation (peripheral blood MCs) or locally within the lung. We injected mice intravenously with anti-CD45-PE antibodies to label all circulating immune cells, followed

by staining of all lung cells with antiCD45-Alexa Fluor 488 antibodies to distinguish MCs circulating within or adhered to the pulmonary vasculature (vascular MCs) from MCs that entered the lung interstitium (interstitial MCs). The numbers of interstitial and vascular MCs within the lungs of infected mice were significantly increased compared to naïve mice (Figure 4F). Antibody-mediated blockade of GM-CSF in infected mice significantly decreased the frequency and total number of IL-1-producing interstitial and vascular MCs within the lung compared to isotype control-treated mice (Figure 4G and Figure S3D). In contrast, there were substantially lower numbers of IL-1-producing peripheral blood MCs compared to lung MCs, with no difference in the numbers of IL-1-producing peripheral blood MCs in anti-GM-CSF- or isotype control-treated mice (Figure 4G and Figure S3D). These data indicate that GM-CSF has a potent local effect by licensing MCs within the lung environment to produce inflammatory cytokines during infection.

We next sought to determine whether GM-CSF controls *Legionella* infection by inducing inflammatory cytokines or by promoting other antimicrobial effector functions. As GM-CSF blockade led to a defect in IL-12 production (Figure 4C), and IL-12 is critical for control of Legionella (Brieland et al., 1998), we tested the hypothesis that IL-12 was a downstream mediator of GM-CSF-dependent bacterial clearance. Administering recombinant IL-12 p70 to anti-GM-CSF-treated mice significantly reduced bacterial loads down to levels similar to those in isotype control-treated mice (Figure 4H). Although GM-CSF treatment of macrophages can inhibit intracellular *M. tuberculosis* replication (Rothchild et al., 2014), we observed no significant difference in *Legionella* replication within WT and  $Cst2^{-/-}$ BM-derived macrophages (BMDMs), or BMDMs treated with rGM-CSF (Figure S3E). GM-CSF can promote reactive oxygen species (ROS) production in neutrophils during A. fumigatus infection (Kasahara et al., 2016), but we did not observe decreased neutrophil ROS production in the lungs of anti-GM-CSF-treated mice compared to isotype controltreated mice during Legionella infection (Figure S3F). Collectively, these data indicate that AECII-derived GM-CSF mediates bacterial clearance primarily by promoting production of inflammatory cytokines such as IL-12 by immune cells.

## **Myeloid cell-intrinsic GM-CSF receptor signaling controls inflammatory cytokine production**

 $GM-CSF$  could instruct  $Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> MCs$  and  $CD11b<sup>+</sup> DCs$  to produce inflammatory cytokines directly, or through yet another intermediary signal. We next asked whether myeloid cell-intrinsic GM-CSF signaling was required for cytokine production. We generated BM chimeric mice in which GM-CSF receptor expression was absent from hematopoietic cells  $(Cst2rb^{-/-}$  WT), or mixed BM chimeras in which lethally irradiated WT mice were reconstituted with a 1:1 mixture of congenically marked WT and  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$  BM (Figure S4A). Notably, consistent with our previous findings with GM-CSF deficiency, there were significantly decreased IL-1α, IL-1β, TNF, IL-12, IL-6, and IFNγ levels in the BAL of  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$  WT mice compared to WT→WT or mixed BM chimeras following *Legionella* infection (Figure 5A). Moreover, the frequency and total number of IL-1-producing MCs and cDCs were significantly reduced in  $Cst2rb^{-/-} \rightarrow WT$  mice compared to WT $\rightarrow$ WT mice (Figure 5B and S4B), although there was no difference in total MC numbers and only a slight reduction in cDCs (Figure S4C).  $Cst2rb^{-/-} \rightarrow WT$  mice also exhibited a log increase

in bacterial loads compared to WT→WT mice (Figure 5C), indicating a crucial role for hematopoietic GM-CSF receptor signaling in inflammatory cytokine production and control of infection.

Critically, in mixed BM chimeras, the presence of WT cells was unable to rescue cytokine production by  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$  cells, as the frequency of IL-1-producing  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$  MCs and cDCs was significantly reduced relative to WT cells within the same mouse (Figure 5D and S4D). Moreover, *Il1a, Il1b, Tnf, Il6*, and *Il12a* transcript levels were significantly reduced in  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$  Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> MCs and Ly6C<sup>+</sup> inflammatory DCs (iDCs), compared to WT cells within the same mouse (Figure 5E and Figure S4E). Collectively, these data indicate that  $Ly6C<sup>hi</sup>$ MCs- and iDCs-intrinsic GM-CSF receptor signaling is critical for inflammatory cytokine gene expression following infection.

#### **GM-CSF enhances inflammatory cytokine expression in a JAK2/STAT5-dependent manner**

We next sought to understand how GM-CSF receptor signaling regulates cytokine production. Consistent with our in vivo observations, addition of rGM-CSF to isolated MCs infected with Legionella ex vivo increased IL-1α, IL-1β, TNF, and IL-12 protein and mRNA levels compared to PBS vehicle control (Figure 6A and 6B). We next investigated whether GM-CSF-mediated enhancement of cytokine responses in MCs was specific to infection with virulent *Legionella* expressing a T4SS. To do so, avirulent *dotA Legionella* lacking a functional T4SS (Berger and Isberg, 1993; Roy et al., 1998; Vogel et al., 1998) or E. coli-derived LPS was used. Addition of rGM-CSF to  $dotA$  Legionella-infected or E. coli LPS-treated MCs led to increased II1a, II1b, Tnf, and II12a mRNA levels and TNF and IL-12 protein levels compared to PBS (Figure S5A), suggesting that GM-CSF enhances cytokine production in response to PAMPs as well. MCs infected with *dotA Legionella* failed to secrete IL-1 $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$  regardless of rGM-CSF or PBS treatment (Figure S5B), indicating that IL-1 cytokine secretion by MCs is T4SS-dependent.

GM-CSF receptor signaling leads to JAK2 activation and subsequent phosphorylation of the transcription factor STAT5 (Mui et al., 1995; Quelle et al., 1994). We observed that treatment with the JAK2 inhibitor NVP-BSK805 and the STAT5 inhibitor Pimozide reduced II1a, II1b, Tnf, and II12a transcript levels in MCs in a dose-dependent manner following rGM-CSF treatment and Legionella infection (Figure 6C and 6D). These data indicate that GM-CSF-dependent JAK2/STAT5 signaling plays an important role in inducing inflammatory cytokine expression during infection.

## **GM-CSF-enhanced glycolytic activity is required for inflammatory cytokine production by MCs**

TLR activation results in increased glycolytic capacity of myeloid cells, and aerobic glycolysis is required for TLR-dependent expression of inflammatory genes (Everts et al., 2014; Krawczyk et al., 2010; Langston et al., 2017; Mills et al., 2016; Rodriguez-Prados et al., 2010; Tannahill et al., 2013). Intriguingly, GM-CSF enhances LPS-induced glycolysis in BMDMs (Na et al., 2016). We thus hypothesized that GM-CSF promotes glycolytic reprogramming of MCs, and that this enhanced glycolysis contributes to inflammatory gene expression during Legionella infection.

We first asked whether GM-CSF causes metabolic alterations in MCs by measuring glycolysis and mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation through analysis of the extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) and oxygen consumption rate (OCR), respectively. Legionella infection or LPS treatment of purified MCs ex vivo led to increased glycolysis and glycolytic capacity over uninfected MCs (Figure 7A and 7B). Addition of rGM-CSF led to even greater increases in glycolytic activity compared to MCs incubated with Legionella or LPS alone (Figure 7A and 7B). In contrast, rGM-CSF treatment did not alter mitochondrial respiration in response to Legionella or LPS (Figure S6A and S6B). Furthermore, the rGM-CSF-mediated increase in glycolysis was blocked by pharmacological inhibition of JAK2 or STAT5 (Figure S6C and S6D). These data indicate that the GM-CSF/JAK2/STAT5 axis promotes glycolytic reprogramming of MCs.

We next sought to understand how GM-CSF enhances glycolytic activity in MCs. We examined whether GM-CSF induces expression of glycolysis-related genes. Indeed, we found that addition of rGM-CSF to uninfected, Legionella-infected, or LPS-treated MCs robustly increased the transcript and protein levels of key rate-limiting glycolytic genes, specifically the glucose transporter  $Glut1$ , hexokinase  $Hk2$ , and phosphofructokinase  $Pfkp$ , but not of other glycolysis-related genes, compared to MCs treated with PBS (Figure 7C-E). Addition of rGM-CSF to LPS- or *Legionella*-treated MCs also increased pro-IL-1 $\beta$  protein levels (Figure 7E). Moreover, GM-CSF-mediated upregulation of Glut1, Hk2, and Pfkp was blocked by pharmacological inhibition of JAK2 or STAT5 (Figure S6E). We next investigated whether GM-CSF signaling promotes expression of glycolysis-related genes in *vivo* by examining WT and  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$  MCs from mixed BM chimeras.  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$  MCs had a significant defect in the expression of *Glut1*, Hk2, Pfkp (Figure 7F), as well as *Gapdh* and Eno1 (Figure S6F), but not of other glycolysis-related genes, relative to WT MCs from the same mouse during Legionella infection. These data suggest that GM-CSF reprograms MCs for increased glycolysis by upregulating *Glut1*, Hk2, and *Pfkp* expression.

We next tested whether GM-CSF-mediated glycolytic reprogramming of MCs promotes inflammatory cytokine production during *Legionella* infection. Treatment of MCs with 2-Deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG), a synthetic glucose analog often used to block glycolysis (Wick et al., 1957), significantly suppressed rGM-CSF-dependent induction of  $II/b$ , Tnf, and II12a (Figure 7G). However, 2-DG also impairs oxidative phosphorylation (Wang et al., 2018). To address whether glycolysis is specifically required for GM-CSF-dependent inflammatory gene expression, we employed media containing galactose as a sole carbon source, which must be metabolized by the Leloir pathway before entering glycolysis, resulting in a substantial reduction in glycolytic flux that effectively inhibits glycolysis (Bustamente et al., 1977; Chang et al., 2013; Weinberg et al., 2010). Incubation of MCs in galactose-only media suppressed the GM-CSF-mediated increase in glycolysis and did not alter mitochondrial respiration, compared to MCs in glucose-only media (Figure S7A and S7B). Moreover, LPS- or Legionella-treated MCs incubated in galactose-only media had a substantial defect in pro-IL-1β, TNF, and IL-12 production following rGM-CSF treatment compared to MCs in glucose-only media (Figure 7H and 7I). These data indicate that GM-CSF-induced glycolysis is critical for cytokine production by MCs in response to infection, as shown in the model (Figure 7J). Collectively, these results indicate that GM-CSF-dependent glycolysis and transcriptional regulation are integrated to promote

inflammatory cytokine production in MCs, thus promoting successful control of pulmonary infection.

## **Discussion**

Within the lung, alveolar macrophages serve not only as initial sentinels of infection, but also as potential reservoirs for replication by many pulmonary pathogens. DAMPs such as IL-1, that are released from infected alveolar macrophages, have an important role as a contingency system that promotes inflammation in response to pathogens that block PRR signaling (Copenhaver et al., 2015; Pang et al., 2013). How IL-1 promotes inflammatory cytokine responses within the lung is not fully understood. Here, we show that the initially infected macrophages are insufficient on their own to direct a subsequent robust inflammatory response by recruited myeloid cells such as MCs and DCs, as IL-1 released by infected macrophages does not directly license these myeloid cells to produce inflammatory cytokines. Rather, we find that the alveolar epithelium is critical for amplifying immune responses by serving as a key signaling relay between infected alveolar macrophages and recruited myeloid cells. We found that IL-1 instructs alveolar epithelial cells to produce GM-CSF, which metabolically reprograms MCs to undergo increased glycolysis in order to support inflammatory cytokine production. GM-CSF enforces additional production of IL-1α and IL-1β by MCs, indicating that GM-CSF and IL-1 participate in a feedforward loop. Furthermore, GM-CSF is required for maximal TNF and IL-12 production and subsequent IFN $\gamma$  production. TNF and IL-12 are produced primarily by uninfected bystander MCs and DCs, and MC-derived IL-12 directs IFNγ production by NK and T cells (Brown et al., 2016; Casson et al., 2017). These cytokines are required for control of Legionella infection (Brieland et al., 1998; Heath et al., 1996; Liu and Shin, 2019; Skerrett et al., 1997). Thus, our findings indicate that an IL-1/GM-CSF circuit is critical for amplifying inflammatory cytokine responses by bystander MCs and DCs that instruct NK and T cells to produce IFNγ, thus enabling successful control of Legionella.

Our findings define a three-way cell circuit initiated by release of DAMPs from infected macrophages that is relayed by the lung epithelium to license myeloid cells for maximal cytokine production. Why such an elaborate three-way communication network is necessary for amplifying cytokine responses against Legionella is unclear. The lung contains a surprisingly low number of alveolar macrophages, with approximately one alveolar macrophage for every three alveoli (Bhattacharya and Westphalen, 2016; Westphalen et al., 2014), indicating that a signal amplification system is needed to generate robust inflammatory responses. AECII, which comprise 60% of alveolar epithelial cells, provide a perfectly poised system to amplify the initial alarm sounded by infected macrophages in the lung. We propose that this crosstalk between the alveolar epithelium and myeloid cells allows for the robust amplification of inflammatory responses. Although such a circuit would amplify lung inflammation in the context of any microbial or foreign insult that triggers inflammasome activation and IL-1 cytokine release, it would be particularly effective in the context of immunoevasive pathogens such as *Legionella*, which interferes with host translation.

We found that GM-CSF reprogrammed MCs to undergo increased aerobic glycolysis, which was required for maximal cytokine production. Although GM-CSF was sufficient to drive glycolysis, it was not sufficient on its own to elicit cytokine production by purified MCs ex vivo. Instead, bacterial infection or LPS stimulation was required, suggesting that PRR sensing of PAMPs is also needed. PRRs, such as TLRs, lead to NF-κB signaling and inflammatory gene expression (Kawai and Akira, 2007). TLR-dependent TBK1 signaling also drives glycolytic reprogramming of myeloid cells that is critical for inflammatory gene expression, in part through stabilizing hypoxia-inducible factor-1α, to transcriptionally regulate Il1b expression, and by supporting de novo synthesis of fatty acids to allow for ER and Golgi expansion and accommodate increased protein production (Everts et al., 2014; Krawczyk et al., 2010; Mills et al., 2016; Rodriguez-Prados et al., 2010; Tannahill et al., 2013). Interestingly, we found that GM-CSF induced glycolysis and significant upregulation of the key glycolytic enzymes GLUT1, HK2, and PFKP in a JAK2/STAT5 dependent manner. In contrast, while *Legionella* or LPS alone increased glycolysis in MCs, it was not JAK2/STAT5-dependent. Thus, GM-CSF and PRR signaling likely work through distinct mechanisms to promote maximal glycolytic reprogramming of MCs. Further studies are needed to determine how GM-CSF, PRR signaling, and metabolic reprogramming collaborate for maximal inflammatory gene expression.

We found that AECII are the major producers of GM-CSF in response to IL-1 early during infection. Bronchial epithelial cells also produce GM-CSF in response to IL-1 during allergic airway responses (Willart et al., 2012). It would be of interest to determine whether in addition to IL-1, other cytokines or DAMPs also induce GM-CSF production by the lung epithelium during bacterial infection. Whether other tissues use similar mechanisms to regulate stromal GM-CSF production is unknown. In the steady-state gut,  $ROR\gamma t^+$  innate lymphoid cells (ILCs) are the major source of GM-CSF in response to IL-1β released by macrophages upon sensing the microbiota (Mortha et al., 2014). Colonic epithelial cells produce GM-CSF in response to DSS-induced injury to promote repair of the colonic mucosa (Egea et al., 2013), and in response to invasive bacteria *in vitro* (Jung et al., 1995). Epithelial cells at other barrier tissue sites could also serve as an important source of GM-CSF by sensing IL-1 or other inflammatory mediators released in response to invasive pathogens.

It is becoming increasingly appreciated that the alveolar epithelium regulates essential immune functions during infection, such as the production of chemokines that recruit immune cells to the lung (Hernandez-Santos et al., 2018; LeibundGut-Landmann et al., 2011; Thorley et al., 2007). Our findings indicate that the alveolar epithelium also directly modifies the function of recruited MCs by reprogramming their metabolism and licensing them to produce inflammatory cytokines important for anti-bacterial defense. Understanding other signals sensed by the lung epithelium to enhance myeloid cell function may provide insight into how to modulate local inflammatory responses within the lung for the purposes of treating pulmonary infection.

## **STAR**★**Methods**

#### **RESOURCE AVAILABILITY**

**Lead Contact—**Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Sunny Shin (sunshin@pennmedicine.upenn.edu).

**Materials Availability—**This study did not generate new unique reagents.

**Data and Code Availability—This study did not generate new datasets or code.** 

#### **EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS**

**Mice—***II1a<sup>-/-</sup>* and *II1b<sup>-/-</sup>* (Horai et al., 1998), *II1r1<sup>-/-</sup>* (Glaccum et al., 1997), *Csf2<sup>-/-</sup>* (Dranoff et al., 1994),  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$  (Robb et al., 1995),  $II1r1^{fl/fl}$ , Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup> and  $III1r1^{r/r}$ , SpccreER<sup>T2</sup> (generated by crossing  $II1r1^{f1/f1}$  (Robson et al., 2016) or  $III1r1^{r/r}$  (Liu et al., 2015) and  $Spec\text{-}creER^{T2}$  (Rock et al., 2011) mice in our facility) were bred and housed under specific-pathogen free conditions at the University of Pennsylvania. Wild-type C57BL/6J or B6.SJL controls or littermate controls were either purchased from Jackson Laboratories or bred in house. Mice were used at 8–10 weeks of age, gender-matched, and littermates of the same sex were randomly assigned to experimental groups. All animal studies were performed in compliance with the federal regulations set forth in the Animal Welfare Act (AWA), the recommendations in the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals of the National Institutes of Health, and the guidelines of the University of Pennsylvania Institutional Animal Use and Care Committee. All protocols used in this study were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at the University of Pennsylvania (protocol #804928).

**Cell lines and primary cell cultures—**For generating bone marrow-derived macrophages, bone marrow cells from gender- and age-matched wild-type C57BL/6J mice and  $Cst2^{-/-}$  mice were differentiated in RPMI supplemented with 20% FBS, 30% L929 cell supernatant, and 1% penicillin/streptomycin solution (P/S) at 37°C in a 5% CO2 incubator for 7 days. Macrophages were replated in RPMI with 10% FBS and 15% L929 cell supernatant without P/S. Primary murine monocytes were isolated from C57BL/6J bone marrow using the Monocyte Isolation Kit according to the manufacturer's instructions. Monocytes were replated in RPMI with 10% FBS without P/S. For experiments involving media containing glucose or galactose, monocytes were replated in RPMI with 10% FBS for 4 hours, and then the media was replaced with RPMI supplemented with 10% dialyzed FBS lacking glucose prior to infection and stimulation.

To isolate primary murine AECII, the lungs of gender- and age-matched WT C57BL/6J mice and  $IIIt1^{-/-}$  mice (6–8 weeks) were perfused via the right ventricle with 5 ml PBS, lavaged with 1 ml PBS three times, inflated with a 1.5 ml mixture of 1 ml low melting agarose (3% w/v) and 500 μl 4U/ml dispase, and incubated for 1 h at room temperature (RT). The lung lobes were gently grinded on 100 μm mesh soaked in DMEM, and then filtered through 40 μm mesh. The cell suspension was centrifuged at 300 g for 10 min. The

cell pellet was resuspended in FACS buffer containing 5% FBS. AECII were then purified by fluorescence-activated cell sorting (see Experimental Details). AECII cells were plated into a Matrigel pre-coated TC plate and cultured with DMEM supplemented with charcoalstripped 5% FBS, 10 ng/ml keratinocyte growth factor (KGF), 10 μM Rock inhibitor, and 1% P/S at 37°C in a 5% CO2 incubator for the first 2 days, and then replaced with the same media but without Rock inhibitor for the next 4 to 5 days.

**Bacterial cultures**—*Legionella pneumophila* JR32-derived flagellin-deficient flaA mutant (Ren et al., 2006; Sadosky et al., 1993) and Lp02-derived (thymidine auxotroph) dotA and *flaA* mutants (Berger and Isberg, 1993; Ren et al., 2006) were cultured on charcoal yeast extract (CYE) agar plates for 48 h at  $37^{\circ}$ C prior to infection. JR32 *flaA* strain was used for all *in vivo* infection and for measuring intracellular bacterial replication within BMDMs. Lp02  $\frac{f}{A}$  strain was used for all other in vitro experiments, with the exception of experiments in Figure S5 where Lp02 dotA strain was used.

#### **METHOD DETAILS**

**Generation of bone marrow chimeric mice—**Wild-type B6.SJL mice (CD45.1 background) or knockout (KO) mice  $(IIIr1^{-/-}, Cst2^{-/-},$  and  $Cst2rb^{-/-},$  CD45.2 background) received a lethal dose of irradiation (1096 Rads). 6 hours later, mice were injected retroorbitally with freshly isolated WT, KO or mixed (1:1 ratio) bone marrow cells  $(5\times10^6 \text{ cells})$ per mouse). All chimeras were provided antibiotic-containing water (40 mg trimethoprim and 200 mg sulfamethoxazole per 500 ml drinking water) for four weeks after irradiation and subsequently provided acidified water without antibiotics for a total of at least 8–12 weeks of reconstitution. The reconstitution of hematopoietic cells (proportion of donor  $CD45<sup>+</sup>$  cells among total  $CD45<sup>+</sup>$  cells) in the lung was analyzed by flow cytometry.

**Infection of mice and lung harvest—**Mice were anesthetized by intraperitoneal injection of ketamine (100 mg/kg) and xylazine (10 mg/kg) solution and then infected intranasally with *Legionella pneumophila* JR32  $\,$  *flaA* strain (10<sup>6</sup> CFU per mouse). At the indicated time points, the bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) fluid was harvested with 1 ml cold PBS. The lung lobes were excised and digested with dissociation solution (20 U/ml DNase I, 240 U/ml Collagenase IV, and 5% FBS in PBS) at 37°C for 30 min. Mechanical dissociation of the lung tissue was performed using the Miltenyi GentleMACS™ Dissociator. The lung homogenates were incubated with red blood cell lysis buffer on ice for 5 min and then quenched with cold PBS. The cell pellet was resuspended with FACS buffer to generate a single cell suspension and then filtered through nylon mesh prior to flow cytometric analysis. To measure bacterial CFUs within the lung, lung lobes were excised and placed into in 5 ml sterile water, homogenized using the Miltenyi GentleMACS™ Dissociator, and cell lysates were then plated onto CYE agar plates. Bacterial loads were determined by calculating the number of bacterial colony forming units (CFU) per gram of lung (CFU/g).

**Administration of tamoxifen—**Tamoxifen (TXF) was a 40 mg/ml stock solution in corn oil. Four consecutive doses of TXF (0.2 mg/g body weight as a single daily dose) were intraperitoneally (IP) injected into  $IIIr1^{f1/f1}$ ; Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup> or  $IIIr1^{r/r}$ ; Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup> mice and

its littermate controls at 8 weeks of age to induce recombination. Il1r1 deletion or restore efficiency in these mice were analyzed at least 4 days after the final injection of TXF.

**Neutralization of GM-CSF in vivo—**C57BL/6J mice were IP injected with 250 μg of anti-GM-CSF antibodies or 250 μg of isotype control antibodies 16 hours prior to infection, followed by a second injection when mice were infected. For experiments in which bacterial loads in the lungs at 72 hpi were measured, mice were also IP injected at days 1 and 2 post-infection with 125 μg of anti-GM-CSF or isotype antibodies.

**Cytokine production assays—**For in vivo experiments, the first 1 ml of BAL was used for cytokine measurements. For in vitro experiments, tissue culture plates containing cells were centrifuged 5 min at 300 g, and then supernatants were collected for analysis. Most cytokines were measured using commercial mouse ELISA kits (see Key Resources Table). IL-12 was measured by ELISA using purified anti-mouse IL-12 p40/70 antibody and biotin rat anti-mouse IL-12 p40/70 antibody. The Luminex assay was performed using the MILLIPLEX™ Mouse Cytokine/Chemokine Magnetic Bead Panel with technical assistance from the Human Immunology Core at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.

**Flow cytometry—**To analyze cell populations in the BAL and lung, cell suspensions were treated with fluorescent Zombie Yellow™ dye (live/dead stain) for 15 min at RT. Anti-CD16/CD32 antibody was used to block Fc receptors. Fluorescently conjugated antibodies, including anti-CD45, anti-CD45.1, anti-CD45.2, antiLy6G, anti-Ly6C, anti-Siglec F, anti-CD11c, anti-CD11b, anti-MHC II, anti-CD31, anti-EpCAM, anti-T1a, anti-Sca-1, and anti-CD49f, were used for surface staining. To distinguish MCs distally within the systemic circulation (peripheral blood MCs) or locally within the lung, including those within or adhered to the pulmonary vasculature (vascular MCs) and those that entered the lung interstitium (interstitial MCs), L.p.-infected or naïve WT mice were intravenously (IV) injected with PE-labeled anti-CD45 antibodies three minutes prior to harvesting of lung tissue to label all circulating MCs, followed by staining of all lung cells with anti-CD45- Alexa Fluor (AF) 488 antibodies. For intracellular cytokine staining, cell suspensions were incubated with Brefeldin A (0.1%) and monensin (0.066%) solution for 4 hours at 37°C prior to all staining, treated with BD Cytofix/Cytoperm™ buffer for 20 min at  $4^{\circ}$ C, and stained with antibodies specific for TNF $\alpha$ , IL-12, IL-1 $\alpha$ , or IL-1 $\beta$  in perm/wash buffer for 30 min at 4°C, or stained with biotinylated anti-GM-CSF antibody, followed by incubation with APC-labeled streptavidin. Isotype antibodies were used as negative controls. For reactive oxygen species (ROS) measurements, cell suspensions were incubated with CellROX<sup>™</sup> Deep Red reagent at a final concentration of 5  $\mu$ M at for 30 min at 37°C, then immediately analyzed on the BD LSR II flow cytometer. Data were analyzed with FlowJo software v10.3.

**Fluorescence-activated cell sorting of lung cell subsets—**Single cell lung suspensions were incubated with Zombie Yellow™ dye, anti-CD16/CD32 antibody, and fluorescently-labeled antibodies (see Key Resources Table). Nonhematopoietic cell subsets were identified as follows: alveolar type II epithelial cell

(AECII, CD45−CD31−EpCAM+CD49flowT1a−), alveolar type I epithelial cell (AECI, CD45−CD31−EpCAM+CD49flowT1a+), endothelial cell (EnC, CD45CD31+EpCAM−), bronchial alveolar stem cell (BASC, CD45−CD31−EpCAMhiCD49fhiSca-1+). Hematopoietic cell subsets were identified as follows: neutrophil (NΦ, CD45+Ly6G+CD11b+), alveolar macrophage (AMΦ, CD45+SiglecF+CD11c+CD11b−), monocyte (MC, CD45+Ly6G−SiglecF−CD11cCD11b+Ly6Chigh), conventional dendritic cell (cDC, CD45+Ly6G−SiglecF−MHCIIhiCD11chi), NK cell (CD45+CD3−NK1.1+), NKT cell (CD45<sup>+</sup>CD3<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>),  $\alpha\beta T$  cell (CD45<sup>+</sup>CD3<sup>+</sup>TCRβ<sup>+</sup>), and  $\gamma\delta T$  cell (CD45<sup>+</sup>CD3<sup>+</sup>TCR $\gamma$ / δ <sup>+</sup>). Individual cell types were isolated using a BD FACSAria™ Cell Sorter.

**RNA isolation and quantitative RT-PCR—**Total RNA was isolated using RNeasy Mini Kit. cDNA was generated using SuperScript II Reverse Transcriptase. Primers (see Supplemental Table S1) were synthesized by Integrated DNA Technologies, Inc. (Coralville, IA). Quantitative RT-PCR was performed using SsoFast™ EvaGreen® Supermix with Low ROX on a CFX96™ Real-Time PCR Detection System (Bio-Rad). RT-PCR amplification efficiency and specificity for each primer pair were determined by performing analysis of standard curves and melt curves. mRNA expression of each gene relative to Gapdh or Hprt was calculated using the formula  $2<sup>-</sup>$  Ct.

**Immunoblot analysis—**Cells were lysed in 1x SDS-PAGE loading buffer supplemented with 1x Halt™ Protease and Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktail. Protein samples were separated by SDS-PAGE and then transferred to PVDF membranes. Primary antibodies specific for pro-IL-1β (1:1000), GLUT1 (1:1000), HK2 (1:1000), PFKP (1:1000) and β-actin (1:1000) were used. Anti-rabbit or mouse HRP-linked IgG antibody was used as a secondary antibody (1:2000). Detection was performed using SuperSignal™ Substrates.

**Glycolysis and oxidative phosphorylation analysis—**Primary mouse bone marrow monocytes were obtained as described above and seeded into Seahorse XF96 cell culture microplates  $(10^5 \text{ cells per well})$  containing RPMI media with 10% FBS. Four hours later, the cells were infected with or without  $Lp02$  *flaA* strain (MOI=5), or stimulated with LPS (from E. coli, 10 ng/ml), followed by treatment with rGM-CSF or PBS. After 12 hours of stimulation, the media was replaced with fresh Seahorse XF base media supplemented with 2 mM L-glutamine for the glycolysis test, or additionally supplemented with 10 mM glucose and 1 mM pyruvate for the oxidative phosphorylation test, and pH was adjusted to 7.4. Plates were incubated without  $CO<sub>2</sub>$  for 45 min in a 37 $^{\circ}$ C incubator and then loaded into the Seahorse XFe96 analyzer. The Seahorse XF Glycolysis Stress Test Kit and Cell Mito Stress Test Kit were used to measure the extracellular acidification rate (ECAR, mpH/min) and oxygen consumption rate (OCR, pmol/min), respectively. Glucose (10 mM), Oligomycin (1  $\mu$ M) and 2-DG (50 mM) for ECAR measurements, and Oligomycin (1  $\mu$ M), FCCP (1  $\mu$ M) and Rot/AA (0.5 μM) for OCR measurements were injected at the indicated time points. ECAR and OCR were calculated using Wave software v2.4.

#### **QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

All statistical analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism software v7.0 and v8.0. Data are shown as bar graph or dot plots (mean  $\pm$  SD) or violin plots (median). Statistical

significance was determined by performing t tests for two unpaired groups, Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test for paired two groups, one-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test for three or more groups, or two-way ANOVA with Sidak's multiple comparisons test for experiments that have two factors with multiple comparisons as indicated in each figure legend. P values less than 0.05 were considered to be statistically significant. Information on number of biological and technical replicates can be found in the figure legends when appropriate.

### **Supplementary Material**

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## **Highlights**

- **•** The alveolar epithelium serves as a central signal relay in antibacterial defense
- **•** The alveolar epithelium produces GM-CSF in response to IL-1 during infection
- **•** Cell-intrinsic GM-CSF signaling amplifies cytokine production by Ly6Chi MCs
- **•** Enhanced glycolysis mediates GM-CSF-dependent inflammatory gene expression

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#### **Figure 1. IL-1R signaling in nonhematopoietic cells orchestrates inflammation and antibacterial defense**

(A) TNF, IL-6, and IL-12 levels in the bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL) of the indicated BM chimeras at 24 hours post-infection (hpi)

(B) Representative flow cytometric plots showing intracellular staining for TNF and IL-12 in Ly6Chi MCs from the lungs at 24 hpi. Frequency and total number of TNF- and IL-12producing MCs are shown.

(C and D) CXCL1 levels (C) and total number of neutrophils (D) in the BAL at 24 hpi. (E) Legionella (L.p.) CFUs in the lungs of chimeras at 72 hpi.

Data shown are the pooled results of two independent experiments with 3–4 mice per group in each experiment. NS, not significant; \*\*p < 0.01; and \*\*\*p < 0.001 (one-way ANOVA with Turkey's multiple comparisons test). Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SD. See also Figure S1.

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(A and B) TNF, IL-12 and IL-6 levels in the BAL of tamoxifen (TXF)-injected  $IIIr1^{fl/H}$ ; SpccreER<sup>T2</sup> and  $IIIr1^{f1/f1}$  mice at 24 hpi (A). L.p. CFUs in the lungs of mice  $\pm$  TXF injection at 72 hpi (B).

(C) Representative flow cytometric plot showing the brief gating strategy for AECII (CD49flow EpCAM+T1a−). Graph shows Il1r1 deletion efficiency in AECII from  $II1r1^{f1/f1}$ , Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup> mice relative to  $III1r1^{f1/f1}$  mice following TXF injection.

(D and E) TNF, IL-12 and IL-6 levels in the BAL at 24 hpi (D) and L.p. CFUs in the lungs at 72 hpi (E) of TXF-injected  $IIIrI^{r/r}$ ; Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup> and  $IIIrI^{r/r}$  mice.

(F) Representative flow cytometric plots showing tdTomato fluorescence as a tracer of  $IIIt1$ expression in AECII from TXF-injected  $II1r1^{r/r}$ ; Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup> and  $III1r1^{r/r}$  mice at 24 hpi.

Graph depicts frequency of IL-1R-expressing AECII, alveolar type I epithelial cells (AECI), bronchial alveolar stem cells (BASC), and lung endothelial cells (EnC). See a more detailed gating strategy in Figure S2B.

Data shown are the pooled results of three independent experiments with 3–4 mice per group in each experiment. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SD. NS, not significant; \*\*p < 0.01; and \*\*\*p < 0.001 (unpaired t test).

See also Figure S2.



#### **Figure 3. IL-1R signaling instructs AECII to produce GM-CSF during pulmonary** *Legionella*  **infection**

(A-C) GM-CSF levels in the BAL of C57BL/6J mice at 24, 48, and 72 hpi (A), WT,  $II1a^{-/-}$ ,  $IIIb^{-/-}$  and  $IIIr^{-/-}$  mice at 24 hpi (B), and WT: Csf2 BM chimeras at 24 hpi (C). (D) Csf2 transcript levels in the indicated cell types isolated from the lungs of naïve and L.p.-infected C57BL/6J mice at 24 hpi.

(E) Representative flow cytometric plots showing intracellular staining for GM-CSF in AECII and AECI from the lungs of naïve and L.p.-infected C57BL/6J mice at 24 hpi. Frequency and total number of GM-CSF-producing AECII and AECI.

(F-H) GM-CSF levels in the BAL of WT:*IIlr1<sup>-/-</sup>* BM chimeras (F), *IIlr1<sup>fI/f1</sup>; Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup>* and  $IIIr1^{f1/f1}$  mice (G), and  $IIIr1^{r/r}$ ; Spc-creER<sup>T2</sup> and  $IIIr1^{r/r}$  mice (H) at 24 hpi. (I) GM-CSF levels in the supernatants of primary WT or  $IIIr1^{-/-}$  AECII treated with 10 ng/ml each of recombinant IL-1α and IL-1β (rIL-1α/β) or PBS (vehicle control) and infected with  $L.p.$  (MOI=5) at 12 hpi.

Data shown are the pooled results of three (A, B, G, and H) or two (C-F) independent experiments with 3–4 mice per condition in each experiment. Data shown in I are the pooled results of two independent experiments with 3 mice and triplicate wells per condition in each experiment. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SD. NS, not significant; \*p<0.05; \*\*p<0.01; and \*\*\*p<0.001 (one-way ANOVA with Turkey's multiple comparisons test for A-C and F; unpaired t test for D, E and G-I). See also Figure S2.

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#### **Figure 4. GM-CSF is required for local cytokine production by MCs within the lung and bacterial clearance**

(A-D) IL-1 $\beta$ , TNF, IL-12, and IFN $\gamma$  levels in the BAL at 24 and 48 hpi and L.p. CFUs in the lungs at 72 hpi of WT and  $Cst2^{-/-}$  mice (A and B) or anti-GM-CSF and isotype control antibodies (Ab)-treated mice (C and D).

(E) Representative flow cytometric plots showing intracellular staining for IL-1β in Ly6Chi MCs from the lungs of anti-GM-CSF or isotype Ab-treated mice infected with L.p. at 24 hpi. Frequency and total number of IL-1β-producing MCs are shown.

(F) Representative flow cytometric plots showing the percentages of interstitial MCs (AF488-CD45+, PE-CD45−) and vascular MCs (AF488-CD45+, PE-CD45+) in the lungs of L.p.-infected and naïve mice at 24 hpi. The total number of interstitial and vascular MCs in the lungs were quantified at 24 hpi.

(G) Percentage and total number of IL-1β-producing MCs from the interstitial or vascular lung compartments or the peripheral blood of infected mice administered anti-GM-CSF or isotype Ab at 24 hpi.

(H) L.p. CFUs in the lungs at 72 hpi of C57BL/6J mice intraperitoneally injected with anti-GM-CSF or isotype Ab (see Experimental Details) or a third group injected with anti-GM-CSF Ab provided 500 ng recombinant IL-12 p70 (rIL-12) intranasally (IN) at the time of infection and at day 2 post-infection.

Data shown are the pooled results of two (A-C and F-H) or three (D and E) independent experiments with 3–4 mice per condition for each experiment. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SD for dot plots or median for violin plots. NS, not significant; \*p<0.05; \*\*p < 0.01; and \*\*\*p < 0.001 (unpaired t test for AG; one-way ANOVA with Turkey's multiple comparisons test for H).

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**Figure 5. Monocyte-intrinsic GM-CSF receptor signaling is required for inflammatory cytokine production following infection**

(A) IL-1α, IL-1β, TNF, IL-12 and IL-6 levels in the BAL at 24 hpi and IFNγ at 48 hpi of the BM chimeras.

(B) Representative flow cytometric plots showing intracellular staining for IL-1 $\alpha$  and IL-1 $\beta$ in Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> MCs from the lungs of chimeric WT→WT and  $Csf2rb^{-/}$  →WT mice at 24 hpi. Graphs depict the frequency and total numbers of IL-1α- and IL-1β-producing Ly6Chi MCs at 24 hpi.

(C) *L.p.* CFUs in the lungs of chimeric WT→WT and  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$ →WT mice at 72 hpi.

(D) Representative flow cytometric plots and graphs depicting the frequency of IL-1 $\alpha^+$  or IL-1β<sup>+</sup> WT or *Csf2rb<sup>-/-</sup>* MCs from the lungs of 50% WT/50% *Csf2rb<sup>-/-</sup>*→WT mixed BM chimeras at 24 hpi. Each line represents the paired values of WT and  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$  cells from a given mouse.

(E) II1a, II1b, Tnf, II6, II12a, II12b, and Nox2 transcript levels in Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> MCs isolated from the lungs of 50% WT/50%  $Cst2rb^{-/-} \rightarrow WT$  mixed BM chimeras at 24 hpi, as quantified by qRT-PCR. Each line represents the paired values of WT and  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$  cells from a given mouse.

Data shown are the pooled results of two (A-C, and E) or three (D) independent experiments with 3 chimeric mice in each experiment. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SD (A-C). NS, not significant; \*p < 0.05; \*\*\*p < 0.01; and \*\*\*p < 0.001 (one-way ANOVA with Turkey's multiple comparisons test for A; unpaired t test for B and C; Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test for D and E).

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**Figure 6. GM-CSF-dependent JAK2/STAT5 signaling is required for inflammatory cytokine expression**

(A) Isolated WT MCs were uninfected or infected with  $L.p$ . (MOI=5) and given 10 ng/mL rGM-CSF or PBS. IL-1α, IL-1β, TNF, and IL-12 levels in the supernatants of MCs at 12 hpi are shown.

(B) Il1a, Il1b, Tnf, and Il12a transcript levels in L.p.-infected MCs supplemented with 10 ng/mL rGM-CSF or PBS at 12 hpi.

(C and D) Il1a, Il1b, Tnf, and Il12a transcript levels in MCs infected with L.p. (MOI=5), supplemented with 10 ng/mL rGM-CSF or PBS, and treated with JAK2 inhibitor NVP-

BSK805 (250, 500, 1000, or 2000 nM) (C), STAT5 inhibitor Pimozide (1, 2, 2.5, or 5 μM) (D), or DMSO vehicle control, at 12 hpi. Data shown are the pooled results of three (A and B) or two (C and D) independent experiments. Data are represented as mean ± SD. NS, not significant; \*p < 0.05; \*\*p < 0.01; and \*\*\*p < 0.001 (unpaired t test for A and B; two-way ANOVA with Sidak's multiple comparisons test for C and D). See also Figure S5.



#### **Figure 7. GM-CSF metabolically reprograms monocytes to undergo increased aerobic glycolysis, which supports cytokine production**

(A and B) Seahorse analysis of real-time extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) (A), and statistical analysis of glycolysis and glycolytic capacity (B) of uninfected, L.p.-infected (MOI=5), or LPS-treated (10 ng/ml) MCs incubated with rGM-CSF (10 ng/ml) or PBS for 12 h before and after sequential treatment with glucose (10 mM), oligomycin (Oligo) (1  $\mu$ M), and 2-DG (50 mM).

(C and D) Heatmap depicting the fold-change in transcript levels of genes encoding glucose transporters and glycolytic enzymes in LPS- or L.p.-treated MCs incubated with rGM-CSF

(+) or PBS (−) for 10 h, relative to uninfected cells with PBS alone. Graphical model depicts an abbreviated version of the glycolytic pathway showing upregulated GLUT1, HK2 and PFKP expression following rGM-CSF treatment (C). Fold change of *Glut1*, *Hk2* and *Pfkp* transcript levels was quantified (D).

(E) Immunoblot analysis of GLUT1, HK2, PFKP, pro-IL-1β, and β-actin in the lysates of LPS or L.p.treated MCs incubated with rGM-CSF (+) or PBS (−) at 10 and 20 hpi.

(F) Glut1, Hk2 and Pfkp transcript levels in WT and  $Csf2rb^{-/-} Ly6C<sup>hi</sup> MCs$  from the lungs of 50% WT/50%  $Cst2rb^{-/-} \rightarrow WT$  mixed BM chimeras at 24 hpi. Each line represents the paired values of WT and  $Cst2rb^{-/-}$  MCs from a given mouse.

(G)  $IIIb$ , Tnf, and  $III2a$  transcript levels in LPS- or  $L.p$ . treated MCs treated with 10 mM 2-DG or vehicle control in the presence of rGM-CSF or PBS at 6 hpi.

(H) Immunoblot analysis of pro-IL-1β and β-actin in the lysates of WT MCs incubated in media containing glucose (10 mM) or galactose (10 mM) that were then uninfected, infected with L.p. (MOI=5), or treated with LPS (10 ng/ml) in the presence of rGM-CSF or PBS for 10 hours.

(I) TNF and IL-12 levels in the supernatants of WT MCs incubated in media containing glucose or galactose, infected with L.p., and treated with rGM-CSF or PBS at 10 hpi. (J) Graphical model depicting that GM-CSF/JAK2/STAT5 signaling upregulates Glut1,

Hk2 and Pfkp expression and promotes aerobic glycolysis, which is critical for maximal inflammatory cytokine expression.

Data shown are the pooled results of three (A, B, G and I) or two (C and D) independent experiments with triplicate wells per condition in each experiment. Data shown in F are the pooled results of two independent experiments with 3 mice per experiment. Data shown in E and H are representative of two independent experiments. Data are represented as mean  $\pm$ SD. NS, not significant;  $*_p$  < 0.05;  $**_p$  < 0.01; and  $**_p$  < 0.001 (unpaired t test for B and D; Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test for F; one-way ANOVA with Turkey's multiple comparisons test for G; two-way ANOVA with Sidak's multiple comparisons test for I). See also Figure S6 and S7.

## KEY RESOURCES TABLE







