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- A full description of the statistical parameters including central tendency (e.g. means) or other basic estimates (e.g. regression coefficient) AND variation (e.g. standard deviation) or associated estimates of uncertainty (e.g. confidence intervals)
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Give P values as exact values whenever suitable.
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- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d , Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated

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Software and code

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Data collection

RNA sequencing:
 NextSeq 1000/2000 Control Software (NCS) v1.2.0.36376 for the Illumina NextSeq 1000/2000 instrument
 Illumina HiSeq 3000: HiSeq Control Software 2.0.2, RTA 2.4.11 / Recipe Fragment 2.0.0.2
 bcl2fastq v2.20 software for conversion of .bcl files into fastq files
 DRAGEN v3.8.4 software for sequencing and conversion of .bcl files into fastq files

STAR (version v2.7.10a) for transcriptome alignment of paired end reads (scRNA-seq) to the GENCODE human genome release 33.

cellranger-7.1.0 was used with the GENCODE human genome release 33 human reference genome to align 10X samples.

Microscopy:

FV10-ASW Ver.4.2a was used for confocal imaging with the Olympus FV 1000

Leica Application Suite (LAS) X 3.5.7.23225 was used for confocal imaging with the Leica TCS SP8 X

Data analysis

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Human research participants

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Reporting on sex and gender

Sex and gender were not disaggregated in the present study. Since the presented data is on cell identity it is expected to apply regardless of sex. The single-cell RNA-sequencing data contained 61 female and 41 male donors. The engraftment data contained only female patients.

Population characteristics

Limited information was available of the anonymized patients. The age range was between the 23rd gestational week and 79 years. The tissue from control patients were at least 2 cm from the pathological focus and radiologically and histologically normal. The glioblastoma samples were IDH-wildtype CNS grade 4 tumors in line with the WHO classification of CNS tumors.

Recruitment

The patient samples were prospectively recruited in accordance with the conditions outlined in the study protocol. Tissues that showed histological signs of pathology were excluded.

Ethics oversight

The study protocol was approved by the Ethics committee of the University of Freiburg Medical Center and local ethics committees (National Research Ethics Service in the United Kingdom and local committees associated with the National Institutes of Health bio banks).

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	The samples were acquired prospectively. No calculation of the sample size was performed. The sample size is in line with previous peer-reviewed studies (e.g. Movahedi et al, Nat Neurosci 2021; Friebel et al, Cell 2021; Klemm et al Cell 2021; Sankowski et al, Nat Neurosci 2019)
Data exclusions	To ensure robust data and minimize technical artifacts cells with unusual gene expression profiles were excluded. For single-cell and single-nucleus RNA-sequencing, cells with less than 500 and more than 4,000 detected genes and more than 20 percent mitochondrial transcripts were excluded. The presented CITE-Seq data only contains cells with more than 50 counts per cell. For Cel-Seq2 data, cells with less than 200 and more than 4,000 detected genes and more than 20 percent mitochondrial transcripts were excluded. Furthermore, clusters with biologically uninformative low-quality cells were excluded after evaluation. The exclusion criterion were in line with previously applied strategies for Cel-Seq2 data. For Fixed RNA-profiling samples, cells with less than 50 and more than 1,000 detected genes were excluded. ISS data only contains cells with 5 or more counts per cell.
Replication	We have utilized 2 independent single-cell protocols and, where possible, included more than 3 patients per analyzed compartment. Additionally, the samples were validated at protein levels using CITE-Seq, mass cytometry and immunohistochemistry. The described findings were consistent across the methods and were comparable to published mouse datasets including Zeisel et al, Science 2015, van Hove et al, Nat Neurosci 2019; Jordão et al, Science 2019; Sankowski et al, EMBO J 2021.
Randomization	Randomization was not performed as the study does not include an intervention. Samples were collected prospectively and stratified according to the radiological and histological appearance as normal or pathological.
Blinding	Microscopic analyses were conducted by blinded experimenters. scRNA-Seq and mass spectrometry data were analyzed by algorithms in an unsupervised manner. Due to the unsupervised manner of the analysis, blinding is not expected to affect the results.

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Antibodies

Antibodies used

Iba1 Rabbit (Rb) 1:500 Cat# 019-19741; Lot# CAF6806; Fujifilm Wako Pure Chemical Corporation, Osaka, Japan
 Iba1 Guinea pig (Gp) 1:500 Cat# 234004; Lot# 1-1; Synaptic Systems Gesellschaft für neurobiologische Forschung, Entwicklung und Produktion mbH; Göttingen, Germany
 Iba1 Rabbit 1:1,000 Cat # ab178846; Lot# GR207976-28; Abcam PLC, Cambridge, United Kingdom
 CD206 Mouse (Ms) 1:500 Cat# H00004360-M02, Lot# Abnova; Taipei City, Taiwan
 CD1c Mouse 1:100 Cat# ab156708; Lot# GR222523-49; Abcam PLC, Cambridge, United Kingdom
 CD163 Rabbit 1:1,000 Cat# HPA04604-100UL; Lot# A107257; Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH; Munich, Germany
 S100A6 Rabbit 1:500 Cat# HPA007575-100UL; Lot# A80292; Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH; Munich, Germany
 SIGLEC1 Rabbit 1:200 Cat# HPA053457-100UL; Lot# A114014; Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH; Munich, Germany
 Collagen IV Goat (Gt) 1:100 Cat# AB769; Lot# 3296140; Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH; Munich, Germany
 GLUT5 (SLC2A5) Rabbit 1:250 Cat# HPA005449-100UL; Lot# A08479; Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH; Munich, Germany
 TMEM119 Rabbit 1:200 Cat # ab185333, Lot# GR3225698-1, Abcam PLC, Cambridge, United Kingdom
 P2RY12 Rabbit 1:1,500 Cat # HPA014518-100ul, Lot# D118480; Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH; Munich, Germany

Secondary antibodies
 Alexa Fluor 488 (490/525) Donkey anti Goat 1:500 Cat# A11055; Lot# 2059218; Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.; Waltham, USA
 Alexa Fluor 568 (578/603) Donkey anti Rabbit 1:500 Cat# A10042; Lot# 2044343; Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.; Waltham, USA
 Alexa Fluor 647 (650/665) Donkey anti Mouse 1:500 Cat# A31571; Lot# 2045337; Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.; Waltham, USA
 Alexa Fluor 647 (650/665) Donkey anti Guinea pig 1:500 Cat# 706-605-148; Lot# 143565; Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories Inc.; West Grove, USA
 DAPI (351/461) 1:10,000 Cat# 6335.2; Lot# 408275274; Carl Roth GmbH +Co. KG; Karlsruhe, Germany

FACS Antibodies

CD3 Mouse 1:100, clone SP34-2, Cat# 551916; Lot# B208643; BD Bioscience; Heidelberg, Germany;
 CD11b Rabbit 1:800, clone M1/70, Cat# 101237; Lot# B245639; eBioscience Inc.; San Diego, USA
 CD19 Mouse 1:100, clone SJ25C1, Cat# 363003; Lot# B275700; BioLegend; San Diego, USA
 CD20 Mouse 1:400, clone 2H7, Cat# 302311; Lot# B257731; BioLegend; San Diego, USA
 CD45 Mouse 1:100, clone HI30, Cat# 555485; Lot# 8012762; BD Bioscience; Heidelberg, Germany;
 CD206 Mouse 1:400, clone 15-2, Cat# 321119; Lot# B278564; BioLegend; San Diego, USA
 DAPI - 1:1,000 Cat# 6335.2; Lot# 408275274; Carl Roth GmbH +Co. KG; Karlsruhe, Germany
 Human TruStain FcX - 1:200 Cat# 422302; Lot# B270787; BioLegend; San Diego, USA
 NeuN (RBFOX3) Mouse 1:100, clone 1B7, Cat# NBP1-92693AF647; Lot# D109332; Novus Biological; Centennial, USA
 Olig2 Mouse 1:100, clone 211F1.1, Cat# MABN50A4; Lot# GR3416724-2; Merck; Darmstadt, Germany

Validation

Immunohistochemistry antibodies were validated using positive and negative control stainings following the manufacturer's instructions. The antibodies were validated at different dilutions and pretreatments by experienced staff at the histology lab of the department. FACS antibodies were validated according to the manufacturer's instructions using all relevant isotype controls and fluorescence minus one controls.

Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation

Samples were carefully homogenized using a potter in Hanks' Balanced Salt Solution (HBSS) containing 0.54% Glucose and 15mM 4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid (HEPES) buffer. Enzymatic digestion was performed with 0.5 ml Accumax with shaking (800 rpm) at room temperature for 30 minutes. Afterwards, the suspension was filtered through a 70µm cell strainer and centrifuged at 375G for 5 minutes at 4 degrees. Then cells were either cryopreserved in fetal bovine serum:dimethylsulfoxide (9:1), or directly washed with FACS buffer consisting of Dulbecco's Phosphate Buffered Saline (DPBS) with 2 Vol.-% inactivated FCS and 1 mmol Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA). FC block was achieved using Human TruStain FcX in FACS-Buffer (1:200) for 20 minutes. For the 10X single-cell RNA-Seq protocol, cells were stained with anti-CD45 only. Samples analyzed with CITE-Seq were additionally incubated for 30 min with the dissolved antibody cocktail. mCEL-Seq2 samples were incubated with the antibody mastermix (CD3, CD11b, CD19, CD20, CD45, CD206) diluted in FACS-Buffer for 20 minutes. Afterwards the are washed with FACS-buffer and stained for viability with DAPI at a dilution of 1:1000 in FACS-Buffer. For the mCEL-Seq2 protocol, DAPI-Lin-CD45+CD206+ cells were sorted. For the 10X protocol, all CD45+ cells were sorted. For 10X single-cell protocols, DAPI-CD45 cells were sorted.

Single-nucleus suspensions were prepared using the Frankenstein community protocol (<https://www.protocols.io/view/frankenstein-protocol-for-nuclei-isolation-from-f-5jyl8nx98l2w/v2> accessed on July 1st 2022).

Single-nucleus suspension preparation from FFPE tissue:
 Nuclei were extracted from FFPE tissues using the demonstrated protocol supplied by the manufacturer (10X Genomics, CG000632, Rev A).

Instrument

Beckman Coulter MoFlo Astrios, 14 color (Lasers: 405 nm, 488 nm, 561 nm, 640 nm)
 Becton Dickinson FACSAria III, 17 color (Lasers: 375/405 nm, 488 nm, 561 nm, 633 nm)

Software

FlowJo vX.0.7

Cell population abundance

Representative abundances of the analyzed DAPI-CD45+ and DAPI-Lin-CD45+CD206+ cells and of the DAPI+NeuN-OLIG2-nuclei are provided in Extended Data Figure 1

Gating strategy

For the mCEL-Seq2 protocol, DAPI-Lin-CD45+CD206+ cells were sorted. For the 10X protocol, all DAPI-CD45+ cells were sorted. For single-nucleus mRNA sequencing DAPI+NeuN-Olig2- nuclei were sorted.

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