

Supplemental Methods:

Analyses of whole blood RNA:

Whole blood was collected from all patients into PaxGene tubes at pre-treatment (week 0), after 6 and 14 weeks of treatment in TNF-IR and at 0 and 14 weeks in DMARD-IR. RNA was extracted, processed and hybridized to Affymetrix microarrays using the globin-signal reduction protocol as described (1,2). The RNA was profiled using the same high-throughput Affymetrix chip HTHGU133plusPM platform. RNA profiles from each of the two trials were normalized and QC'ed separately using the GCRMA method implemented in BioConductor. This cross-trial normalization was only employed for the comparison of IFN signatures between RA and SLE and the correlation between IFN status and lymphopenia. Samples with high variation in normalized un-scaled standard error and relative log error were removed. We also excluded from further analysis samples with high RNA degradation rates (>4). Transcriptional profiles from a total of 759 samples from 389 patients (DMARD-IR) and 325 samples from 110 patients (TNF-IR) passed control. Gene expression signatures for IFN and Type II IFN were created based on the genes listed in supplementary figure 1. Scores were the geometric means of the microarray signals after normalization. To compare expression values across the RA and SLE studies, the individual values for β -actin expression were subtracted from the normalized gene score. Baseline transcriptional profiling datasets are deposited at GEO, GSE45291.

RNAs from all TNF-IR patients and the 0, 70 and 200 mg q2w cohorts from DMARD-IR were analyzed at weeks 0 and 14 by qPCR using the Fluidigm® analyzer. SLE patient samples were not analyzed by qPCR. A total of 659 RNA samples passed quality control including 17 controls, 436 DMARD-IR (207 data pairs week 0-14) and 207 TNF-IR (94 data pairs weeks 0-14). Primer sets for the Fluidigm® analyses are listed below. Cycle thresholds were averaged from quadruplicate analyses and normalized to UBC and YWHAZ. The values were then normalized to the mean of the values from 17 control subjects. The 3-gene qPCR IFN score was the average of ISG15, Ly6E and OAS1 values and the range of each of the individual values was roughly similar indicating approximately equal weighting.

IFN Reporter Assay

An assay similar to one previously published was employed (3). Confluent layers of A549 or WISH cells were cultured in 96 well plates in test serum at a 1:5 dilution for 24 hours. The cells were lysed in a detergent solution and the lysate was assayed for Mx1 content using a conventional ELISA with a pair of Mx1 specific antibodies (developed at Biogen Idec). ED_{50} for IFN α 4, IFN β and IFN γ was 1, 15 and 400 IU/ml respectively using the A549 cells and 5, 9 and 9 IU/ml with WISH cells. The A549 based assay had a lower limit of quantitation of about 0.3-1.0 IU/ml or about 1.5-5 pg/ml and has been validated for detection of IFN β (Avonex®) in human serum. This level of sensitivity is similar to assays based on MHC class I expression or better than typical antiviral or anti-proliferative readouts (3). Reference human α and ω interferons were obtained from PBL Interferon Source and IFN- β was from Biogen Idec.

Statistics

Analyses were performed using Prism software (GraphPad). Unless specified otherwise, two-tailed Mann-Whitney tests were used to determine significance and either p values are noted or indicated as * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001, **** p < 0.0001. Correlations were assessed with the Spearman rank analysis. In the DMARD-IR trial, there were 391 patients with 365 (93%) completing. The TNF-IR trial was terminated early due to the lack of efficacy in DMARD-IR. In that study, 114 patients were dosed of which 81 completed. An additional 15 patients completed at least 2 months weeks of dosing and, in those cases, the last observation was carried forward for all lymphocytosis, qPCR, CRP, ESR and SJC analyses. In the DMARD-IR study, qPCR data from one patient each from the placebo and 70 mg q2w groups was excluded as the baseline IFN signature score was greater than +5. These patients were also identified by a ROUT outlier analysis for non-parametric data (Q = 0.1%) and these were the only two RA patients with such high baseline scores in both trials.

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Primer sets for quantitative PCR used in this paper. Five probe sets had some failed reactions: CLIC3 (94% successful), KIR2DL1 (74%), KIR2DS1 (99%), LILRA4 (89%) and UBD (92%), n =301 patients.

Gene	Common Name	Target	Forward	Reverse	Probe
Cd1e	CD1E	DC	GGAAGACACGCCTAAACCAACT	GTTTAAGAAGATGCAGACAAGGATTTT	6FAM-TGGTGACATTTGCTTTAC
Cd8b	CD8 beta	CD8 T Cells	CGCAGGACAGCATCACCAT	TCCAGCAGACCCCTGCATAC	6FAM-TGTTGGTTTGCACCTTT
Clec4c	BDCA2	pDC	AAAGAACCACACCCCGAAAGT	GGTGGGTGCAGAAGCTCTTG	6FAM-ACATCTTTGGAGAAAGTGAT
Clic3	CLIC3	NK	CCAGCGTCTCTCCAGAAAG	CGTTTTCCACGCCAAGACA	6FAM-CCTCGATCGCAGCGTG
Defa3	Defensin A3	Imm Neutrophil	AGCCCCGGAGCAGATGG	TGCAAGGGAAACAACCACTTC	6FAM-AGCGGACATCCC
G1p2	ISG15	IFN ISG	TGGCGGGCAACGAATT	GGGTGATCTGCGCTTCA	6FAM-TGAGCAGCTCCATGTC
Gapdh	GAPDH	Housekeeping	ACCACCAAGCCAGCAA	GGGACTCCCCAGCAGTA	6FAM-AGCACAAAGAGGAAAGAGA
Ifi27	IFI27	IFN ISG	CAGTGCCATGGGCTTCACT	ACATCATCTTGGCTGCTATGGA	6FAM-CGGGAATCGCCTCGT
Itgae	Integrin alphaE	Integrin alphaE	AACAGCTCCATGCTGCTAGAT	GACCCAGCATCCTTTGCATT	6FAM-ATCCTGAAGGAAAAAG
Itgb7	Integrin Beta 7	Integrin Beta 7	CAGCATGGACAGGTGAGGATT	AGAGTGAATTGGAGCCCAAGA	6FAM-CCATTCTGTGGCATCC
Kir2dl1	KIR2DL1	NK	GTTTTCCCTCCTTCAAATAAACATG	TTAGGCAAGAAAAGAGTCCCATTAC	6FAM-CTGCCCTCATGGTTT
Kir2ds1	KIR2DS1	NK	TCCCGGAGCTCTATGACAT	GCAGGGAGCCTACGTTTATG	6FAM-TACCATCTATCCAGGGAAG
Kir3dl1	KIR3DL1	NK	AAAGTTGTCTCTGCCATGA	GGGCTGTTGTCTCCAGAAAG	6FAM-CACCACAGTCAGGCC
Klrd1	KLRD1	NK	CCGGTGCAACTGTACTTCATTT	GATGCCGACTTTCGTTCCA	6FAM-CAGTGAACAGAAAAAC
Klrf1	KLRF1	NK	AAAGGGACCAGCTAAAGAAAAACG	TGCTGAGGTTTCAGAGAAAAAT	6FAM-TGTGCTGCCATTAAG
Lilra4	ILT7	pDC	CCCCCTCTTGTGCAGAAG	AAGGTGACCTCTGTGTGTCAGT	6FAM-AAAGTGAACATCGGGTCC
Ly6e	LY6E	Monocytes, IFN ISG	TCCAGAAGGCGTCAATGTT	CGCACTGAAATGCACAGAAA	6FAM-TGGCTCCATGGGC
Ms4a1	CD20	B Cells	ATGAAAGGCCCTATTGCTATGC	CAGTGAAGACATCCTCTGAAGAG	6FAM-TCTGGTCCAAAAACC
Oas1	OAS1	IFN ISG	CACAGCCAGGATTTCCG	TTGTCCAGTAGATGCAGAGTTGCT	6FAM-CITGGAATTAGTCATAAACTAC
Rsad2	RSAD2	IFN ISG	GTTGACATGGAGGCAAGTCTT	CAGCCTCATGTGGCCAGAT	6FAM-CATTGCTTTGTTCCGCTAT
Siglec1	SIGLEC1	Monocytes IFN ISG	CAAGGGAGACTGGGAAATGTAGTTT	ATTCCTCAACAATGTCAAAGTCTCA	6FAM-AGGACATTTGGAATTTGGA
Slamf7	SLAMF7	Monocytes, Act Mac, DC	TGTGCATGGCCCAAGGA	TGCAGCAAGATGCATAAATGA	6FAM-AGGACCTCCAGCCAGG
Sparc	SPARC	Monocytes	ACCGATTCAACCACTCACTTT	CAGCCAGGAAGGCCAAAA	6FAM-CTTTCTACATCTCACTCTTG
Tnfrsf10c	TRAIL-R3	Neutrophils	AAAGTTCGTCTGCTCATCGT	GCAGTGGTGGCAGAGTAAGCT	6FAM-CGGTCTGCTGCCAG
Tra@	TCR alpha	αβ T Cells	CTGACCCTGCCGTGATCCA	TCGGTGAATAGGCAGACAGACTT	6FAM-CTGAGAGACTCTAAATCCAGT
Trad	TCR delta	γδ T Cells	CCGAGAAGGTGAACATGATGTC	CAGTCTTTGCAACAGCATTCG	6FAM-TCACAGTCTGTGGGC
Ubc	Ubiquitin C	Housekeeping	CACCTGGTCTGCGCTTGA	AGTGAATGAAATTTGTTGAAACC	6FAM-TGCTAAGTTTCCCCTTTTA
Ubd	Ubiquitin D	Inflammation	TGCCGTAATCTGCCATCATC	CCAGATTGTGACTTGCATGGA	6FAM-TCCCCTCTCCAGTCTC
Ywhaz	Monoxygenase	Housekeeping	TGAAAAAGGCCCGCATGAT	TGGGATGCAAGCAAAGGAA	6FAM-TTTCTGGCTCCACTCAG

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Supplemental Table 1:

Demographics of the Patients in the RA Studies and the SLE Registry

Clinical Characteristics of RA Study Patients								
Variable	TNF-IR*		DMARD-IR					
	Placebo	200 mg eow	Placebo	5 mg eow	70 mg eow	200 mg eow	70 mg monthly	200 mg monthly
n	38	76	79	78	78	78	39	39
age years, mean (range)	54.3 (30-74)	53.6 (24-74)	52.3 (23-72)	50.3 (19-77)	49.9 (25-75)	49.9 (27-71)	51.9 (23-73)	48.1 (25-72)
% white	82	83	94	86	85	86	92	85
% female	82	80	86	86	86	85	87	90
Disease Duration years	9.3 (7.7)	12.9 (10.5)	7.2 (8.3)	7.8 (7.1)	7.3 (6.2)	8.3 (7.7)	8.4 (6.2)	6.3 (6.2)
SJC28	11.5 (6.2)	11.6 (6.5)	11.5 (6.1)	12.8 (5.0)	12.9 (5.6)	11.5 (4.9)	12.9 (5.0)	13.5 (5.7)
TJC28	14.6 (7.0)	15.2 (8.0)	17.5 (7.1)	17.3 (4.9)	20.0 (5.6)	14.6 (6.2)	17.8 (6.8)	17.4 (6.2)
CRP mg/liter	1.85 (1.6)	1.7 (2.2)	1.9 (2.7)	2.3 (2.2)	1.8 (2.2)	1.9 (2.2)	1.7 (1.4)	1.9 (1.9)
ESR mm/hr	42.0 (23.9)	45.1 (26.3)	48.9 (25.4)	58.3 (31.2)	55.5 (27.0)	48.8 (23.4)	51.6 (26.5)	49.3 (29.7)
DAS28 ESR	6.4 (1.1)	6.4(1.1)	6.7 (0.8)	6.8 (0.9)	6.9 (0.7)	6.6 (0.7)	6.8 (0.8)	6.7 (0.9)
HAQ-DI	1.5 (0.7)	1.6 (0.6)	1.6 (0.5)	1.6 (0.5)	1.5 (0.6)	1.7 (0.6)	1.6 (0.6)	1.6 (0.7)
Rf % Positive	63	61	78	77	82	81	74	87
Anti-CCP % Positive	66	66	80	79	79	81	79	82

*This study was terminated slightly early due to lack of efficacy in the DMARD-IR study. Of the 114 patients enrolled, 81 completed the full 14 weeks of dosing. Unless noted, mean and SD

Clinical Characteristics of SLE Study Patients	
Variable	
n	292
age, mean (s)	46 (11.9)
% Female	91.1
Ethnic Origin	
African-Am	33.90%
Caucasian	58.90%
Other	7.20%
SLEDAI \geq 2	29%
Anti-DNA \geq 1i	22%
C3 > 79	11%
C4 < 12	10%
Proteinuria >	11%

Supplemental Table 2

Measurement of IFN signatures

a). Genes used to form the Interferon transcriptional signature scores. The 8 gene IFN signature was a subset of the genes defined by Waddell et al (1) and exhibited internal correlation within these datasets. The 2 gene GBP1/2 signature was described by Rose et al (2). Asterisk indicates two or more separate primers.

Interferon 15 Gene Affymetrix	Interferon 3 gene qPCR	Interferon-gamma 8 gene Affymetrix	Interferon- gamma 2 gene Affymetrix
BATF2	ISG15	ASPH	GBP1*
DDX58	OAS1	CEBPA	GBP2
HERC5	Ly6E	CIITA	
IFI6		CLEC10A	
IFI44L		FCGR1A	
IFIT3		IL6R	
IFI44		LIMK2	
ISG15		SLC1A5	
LIPA			
MX1			
OAS1			
OAS3			
RSAD2 *			
TIMM10			
UBE2L6			

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Supplemental Table 3:

Incidence of adverse Events by Preferred Term for the combined Placebo-Controlled Studies		
Variable	Placebo	Baminercept
number of subjects dosed	117 (100)	388 (100)
Events	67 (57)	234 (60)
Rheumatoid Arthritis	21 (18)	35 (9)
Headache	8 (7)	27 (7)
URTI	2 (2)	23 (6)
Nausea	7 (6)	19 (5)
Cough	5 (4)	18 (5)
Pyrexia	0 (0)	17 (4)
Influenza	2 (2)	16 (4)
Myalgia	3 (3)	14 (4)
Nasopharyngitis	3 (3)	14 (4)
Diarrhoea	6 (5)	13 (3)
Injection Site Eryhema	0 (0)	12 (3)
Injection Site Pain	4 (3)	12 (3)
Dizziness	4 (3)	10 (3)
RTI	2 (2)	10 (3)
Chills	2 (2)	9 (2)
Hypertension	4 (3)	9 (2)
Fatigue	3 (3)	8 (2)
Bronchitis	1 (<1)	7 (2)
Injection Site Puritis	1 (<1)	7 (2)
Migrane	2 (2)	7 (2)
ALT Increased	1 (<1)	6 (2)
AST Increased	0 (0)	6 (2)
Asthenia	1 (<1)	6 (2)
Dyspepsia	1 (<1)	6 (2)
Vomiting	0 (0)	6 (2)
Arthralgia	1 (<1)	5 (1)
Increased Body Temperature	1 (<1)	5 (1)
Leukocytosis	0 (0)	5 (1)
Abdominal Pain Upper	1 (<1)	4 (1)
Back Pain	0 (0)	4 (1)
Gastritis	1 (<1)	4 (1)
Injection Site Haematoma	1 (<1)	4 (1)
Injection Site Rash	0 (0)	4 (1)
Insomnia	1 (<1)	4 (1)
Oedema Perripheral	0 (0)	4 (1)
Rash	2 (2)	4 (1)
Rhinitis	0 (0)	4 (1)
UTI	5 (4)	4 (1)

Numbers in parentheses are percentages.

A subject was counted only once within each preferred term

Supplemental Table 4:

Lack of an appreciable effect of baminercept treatment on ACR scores as assessed at 14 weeks.

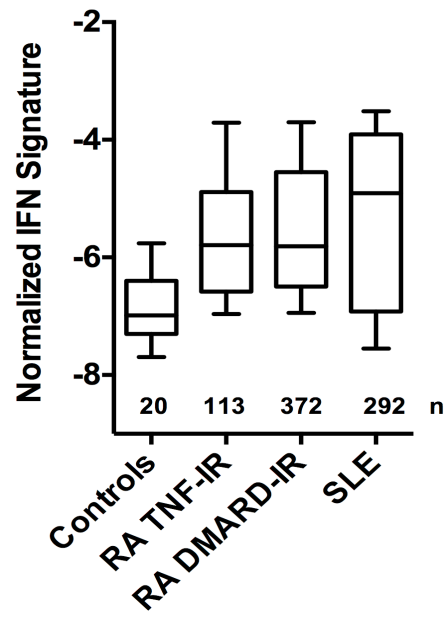
Table 3: Clinical ACR Responses at 14 Weeks						
	DMARD- IR			TNF-IR		
	ACR 20	ACR50	ACR70	ACR 20	ACR 50	ACR 70
Placebo	32	11	4	13	5	3
5 mg q2w	36	14	4			
70 mg q2w	40	14	8			
200 mg q2w	32	12	6	14	11	1
70 mg monthly	36	8	3			
200 mg monthly	38	18	10			

In TNF-IR, numbers included all 114 patients who started dosing and missing data were handled using non-responder imputation methodology. Of these 114 subjects, 81 (71%) completed the entire treatment period with the majority of the discontinuations due to early trial termination. None of the effects of baminercept treatment on ACR scores reached significance, Cochran-Mantel-Haenszet Test.

Supplemental Figure 1

Comparison of IFN signatures in RA and SLE

a). Comparison of the baseline numerical 15-gene microarray IFN score in normal, DMARD-IR, TNF-IR and SLE patients.

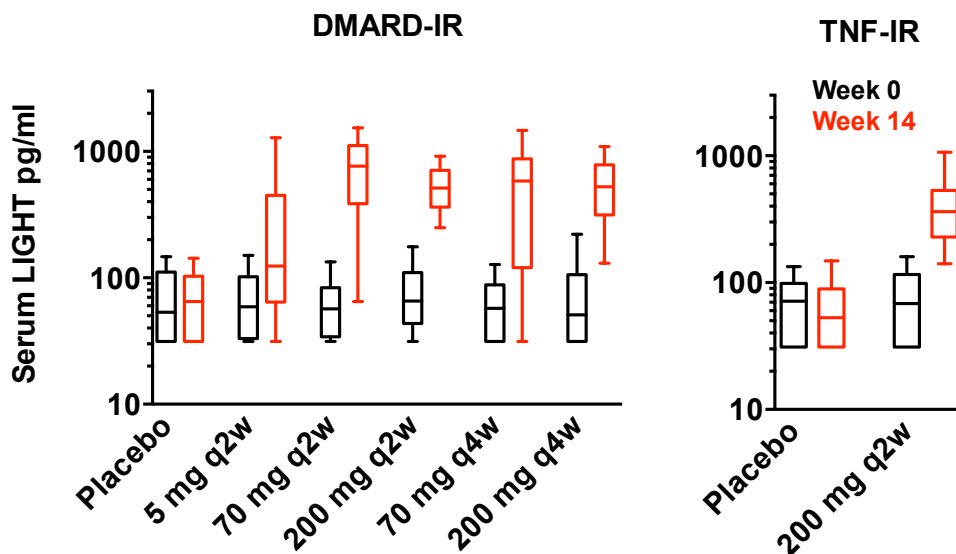


Supplemental Figure 2:

Elevation of serum LIGHT levels in RA patients following baminercept treatment

All baminercept doses greater than 5 mg q2w led to a similar elevation of serum LIGHT (Tnfsf14) levels. LIGHT levels were similarly elevated at 6 weeks of treatment (not shown). Prior pilot work had shown that LIGHT levels were elevated about 1.5 fold in most RA patients with a mean of 140 pg/ml in rough agreement with prior published data for arthritis patients (1-2). In our DMARD-IR and TNF-IR studies, the mean values at baseline were slightly lower. Serum levels were determined using a commercial ELISA kit (R&D Systems) where the lower limit of quantitation was 16-30 pg/ml. The assay is complicated by two factors, first, the presence of baminercept partially interferes with LIGHT detection such that the actual values could be as much as 20-30 fold higher. Second, the natural soluble decoy receptor, DcR3, which has been observed in blood from RA patients (3), completely blocks the ability of the ELISA to detect LIGHT (tested using recombinant DcR3-Fc fusion protein, although the bivalent DcR3-Fc may not reflect the presumably monovalent natural form). Baminercept has a much higher affinity for LIGHT and can displace DcR3-Fc from LIGHT thus rendering it detectable by the ELISA. Therefore, the elevation in LIGHT levels could result from both complexation with the baminercept Fc fusion protein and extension of the serum half-life as well as displacement from potential DcR3-LIGHT complexes in circulation at baseline. Box and whiskers show 10-90% range.

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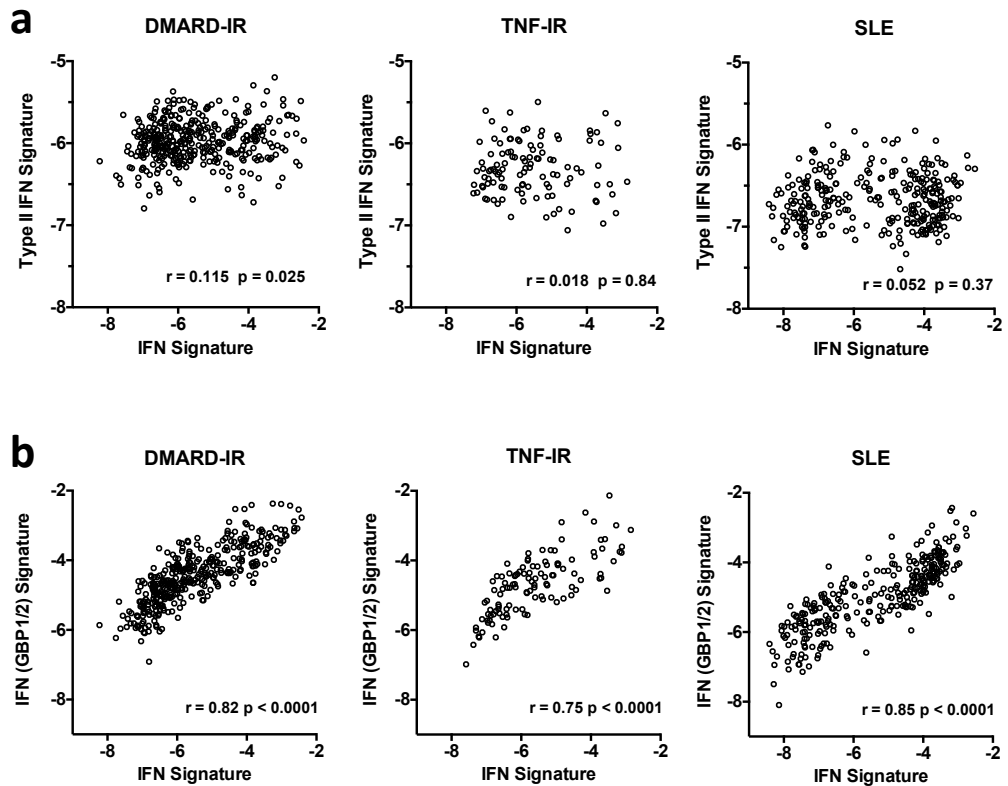


Supplemental Figure 3:

Characteristics of the IFN signatures observed in this study.

a). Lack of correlation between the 15 Gene conventional IFN and the 8 gene type II IFN signatures in RA and SLE patients (Spearman rank r). It is not clear if the differences in absolute type II IFN signatures between diseases are due to technical normalization issues.

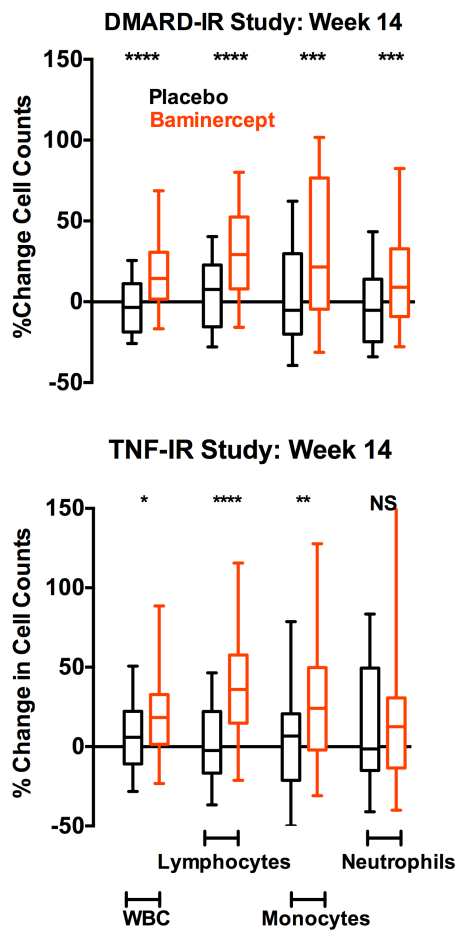
b). Good correlation between the 15 Gene conventional IFN and a 2 gene (GBP1/2) IFN signature in RA and SLE patients.



Supplemental Figure 4:

Characteristics of baminercept induced lymphocytosis in RA patients

Percent change at week 14 in total white blood cells (WBC), lymphocyte and monocyte numbers increased with baminercept treatment, while neutrophil, basophil and eosinophil counts were relatively unchanged or shifted significantly in only the DMARD-IR study. In the DMARD-IR study, patients treated with 70 or 200 mg q2w were pooled to form the “Bam” group.

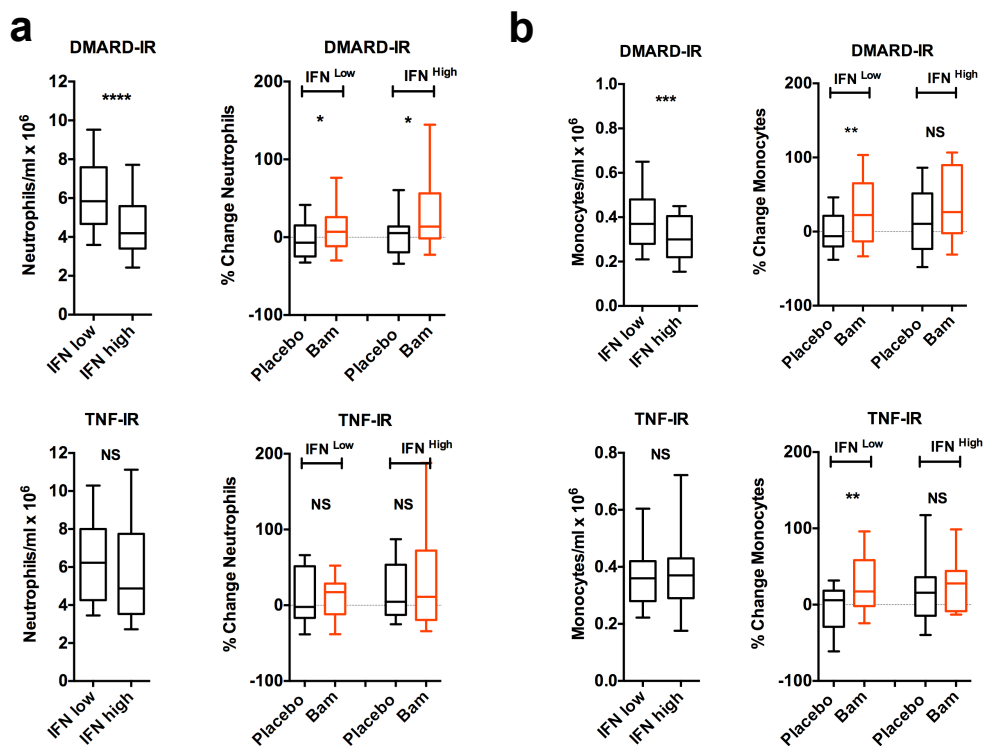


Supplemental Figure 5:

Relationship between IFN signature and baminercept treatment on blood neutrophil and monocyte counts

(a). Some decrease in neutrophil counts in IFN signature high patients only in the DMARD-IR study. Baminercept treatment did not appreciably alter the neutrophil counts. Significance was determined with the Mann-Whitney test. In the DMARD-IR study, data from patients treated with 70 or 200 mg q2w were pooled to form the “Bam” group.

(b). Monocyte cell counts were slightly lower in IFN signature high patients in the DMARD-IR group. Baminercept treatment elevated monocyte numbers patients with both high and low IFN signatures.

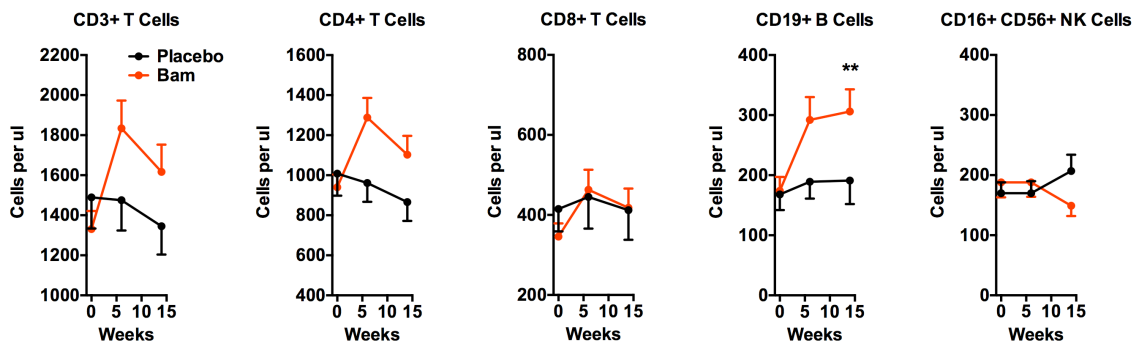


Supplemental Figure 6:

FACS analysis of the effects of baminercept treatment on peripheral blood lymphocyte subsets

FACS analysis was performed on a subset of the patients. Data are consistent with increased numbers of circulating T and B cells with the CD4+ T cells contributing more than the CD8+ T cells. CD16+, CD56+ NK cells decreased slightly in both studies in agreement with the qPCR analysis. Starting with whole blood, RBCs were lysed and the cells stained for the conventional markers. FACS counting beads were used to obtain absolute cell counts. Data are plotted as means and SEM of the absolute cell numbers and significance was determined with the Mann-Whitney test. FACS analyses were done at 2 central centers.

Given the limited nature of the data, we combined all of the patients treated with high dose baminercept (70 or 200 q2w cohorts) from both studies. Data included 20 placebo, 8 70 mg q2w and 16 200 mg q2w patients (DMARD-IR) and 7 placebo and 15 200 mg q2w patients (TNF-IR). Not all patients had FACS analyses from all three time points, among the 27 placebo treated patients, 66-68 out of 81 possible analyses (depending on the marker cocktail) and from the 39 baminercept treated patients 94-95 out of 117 possible analyses were complete.



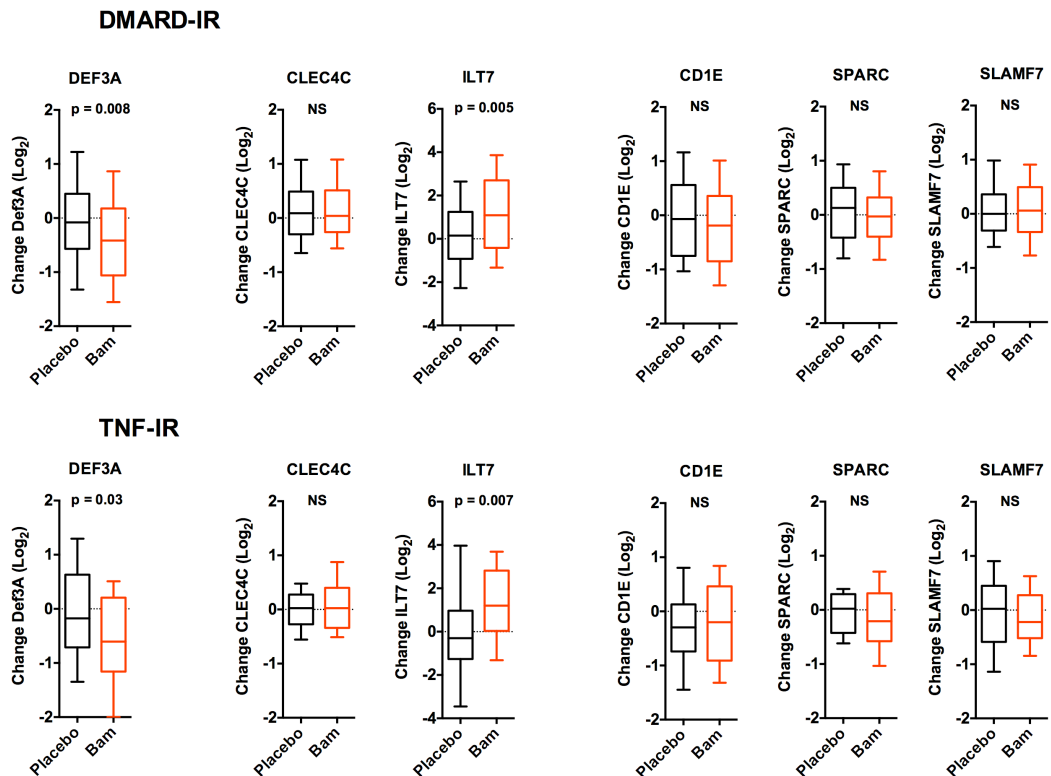
Supplemental Figure 7:

qPCR analysis on whole blood RNA of the effects of baminercept treatment on gene markers of myeloid subsets.

Expression of genes specific for myeloid subsets as defined by Abbas et al and Bennett et al or the Immunological Genome database: immature neutrophils, Defensin A3; plasmacytoid DC, CLEC4C (BDCA2) and LILRA4 (ILT7) and Dendritic cells, CD1E: monocytes and DC, SPARC and activated monocytes SLAMF7. Baminercept treatment in the DMARD-IR study included only the 70 and 200 mg q2w cohorts. Levels of Defensin A3 RNA decreased which may have been an artificial consequence of baminercept induced lymphocytosis. Likewise, ILT7 (pDC) increased with treatment potentially consistent with the general baminercept induced lymphocytosis (change in ILT7 correlated with the change in lymphocyte counts, Spearman $r = 0.34$). The lack of a parallel change in CLEC4C is not understood. Significance was determined with a Mann-Whitney test.

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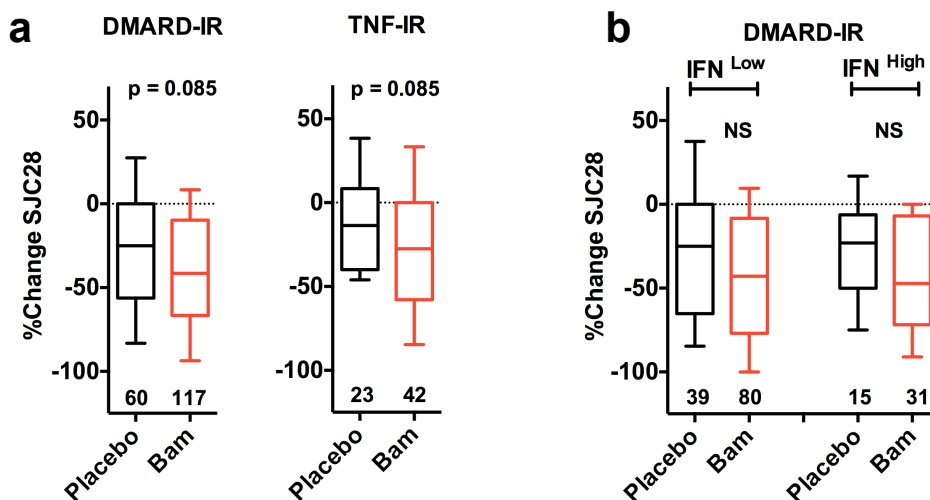


Supplemental Figure 8:

Effects of baminercept treatment on the Swollen Joint Count 28 (SJC28) scores in the DMARD-IR and TNF-IR studies.

(a) Baminercept treatment resulted in a trend towards reduced SJC28 numbers in the both studies. Statistical significance was determined with a two-tailed Mann-Whitney Test. In the DMARD-IR study, patients treated with 70 or 200 mg q2w were pooled. Patients were excluded if the baseline SJC28 was less than 8 (study inclusion criterion was 8 or more SJC using the 66 joint score). The number of patients in each group is indicated.

(b) Effects of baminercept treatment with either low or high baseline IFN signatures. IFN status was defined as a qPCR IFN score or less than (low) or greater (high) than 1.0. Data were pooled from the 70 and 200 mg q2w cohorts with the same baseline SJC28 greater than 7 requirement as above. The number of patients in this analysis were IFN low placebo 40, baminercept 82 and IFN high placebo 16, baminercept 32. The corresponding TNF-IR study was underpowered for this particular analysis.

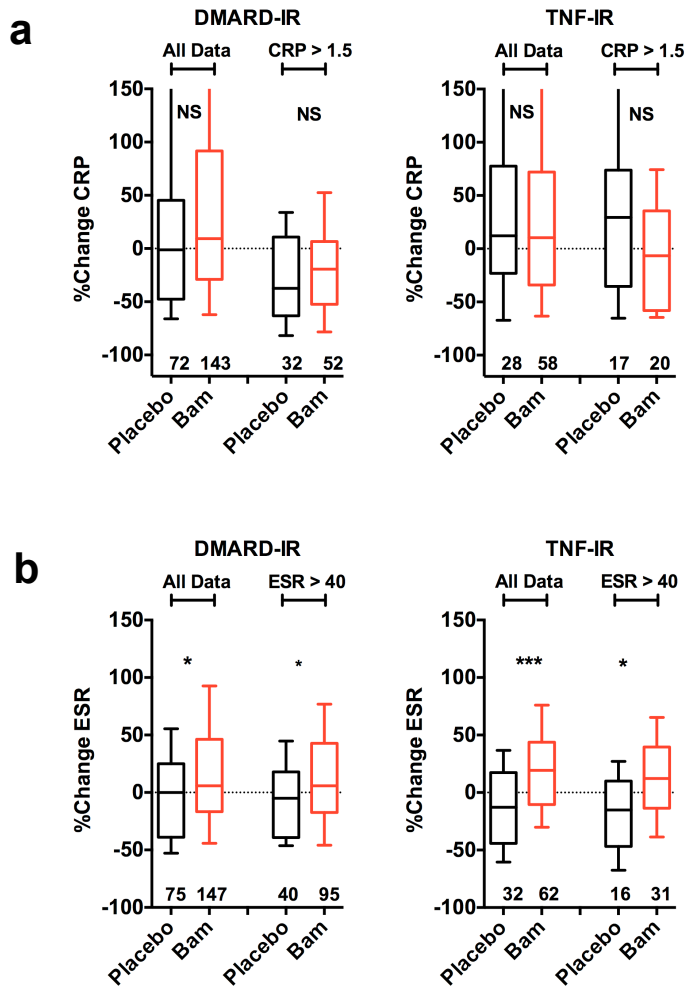


Supplemental Figure 9:

Little effect of baminercept treatment on CRP levels and Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rates (ESR) in the DMARD-IR and TNF-IR studies.

(a) Changes in CRP values following 14 weeks of baminercept treatment. Statistical significance was determined with a Mann-Whitney test. In the DMARD-IR study, patients treated with 70 or 200 mg q2w were pooled and patients with baseline cRP values below 0.1 mg/L were excluded. Given the disruptive effects on percent change of low baseline values, the data were also analyzed for the impact of baminercept on patients with starting values of CRP greater than 1.5 mg/dl. The number of patients in each group is indicated.

(b) Changes in ESR values following 14 weeks of baminercept treatment as assessed as above. High ESR values were greater than 40 mm/hr.



Supplemental Figure 10:

The IFN signature status in RA patients does not correlate with clinical or serological parameters.

The baseline 3 gene qPCR score is plotted vs the baseline clinical parameters of CRP, ESR, SJC28, DAS28 ESR, rheumatoid factor (Rf) titer and anti-CCP status for the patients in the DMARD-IR study (placebo, 70 and 200 mg q2w) and all patients from the TNF-IR study. Results did not change with individual analysis of each study. In this analysis of the DMARD-IR and TNF-IR patients, 80% and 65% (respectively) were CCP antibody positive.

