## **Supplementary Information**

## Highly multiplexed profiling of single-cell effector functions reveals deep functional heterogeneity in response to pathogenic ligands

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## Device Design Parameters

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- Microarray chamber array area: 2cm x 3cm
- Each block has 426 microchambers and 13 Blocks total
- Total number of microchambers per chip: 5538
- Microchamber dimensions:
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The true signal from each channel can be calculated with formula (3) and (4) respectively:

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IL-3	Mouse IgG1 /653A10B1/Invitrogen/ AHC0832	Rat IgG1, κ /BVD8-3G11/Biolegend/500502
IL-4	Mouse IgG1, κ /8D4-8/Biolegend/ 500702	Rat IgG1, κ /MP4-25D2/Biolegend/ 500802
IL-5	Rat IgG2a, к/JES1-39D10/Biolegend/500902	Rat IgG2a, к /JES1-5A10/Biolegend/ 501006
IL-6	Rat IgG2a, к /MQ2-39C3/Biolegend/501204	Rat IgG1, κ /MQ2-13A5/Biolegend/ 501102
IL-7	Rat IgG2a, к /BVD10- 11C10/Biolegend/506604	Rat IgG1, к /BVD10-40F6/Biolegend/501302
IL-8	Mouse IgG1, κ /H8A5/Biolegend/511502	Mouse IgG1, κ /E8N1/Biolegend/ 511402
IL-10	Rat IgG2a, κ/JES3-12G8/Biolegend/ 501504	Rat IgG1, κ /JES3-9D7/Biolegend/ 501402
IL-12(p70)	Mouse IgG1/24945/RD/MAB611	Rat IgG1, κ /7B12/Biolegend/511002
IL-13	Mouse IgG1/32116/RD/MAB213	Rat IgG1, κ /JES10-5A2/Biolegend/ 501902
IL-15	Mouse IgG/RD duoset capture antibody/DY247	Mouse IgG1/AM00959PU- N/Acris/AM00959PU-N
IL-1RA	Mouse IgG1 /JK1RA-1/Biolegend/ 509902	Mouse IgG/RD duoset Capture antibody/DY280
MIF	Mouse IgG1 Kappa/2A10- 4D3/Abnova/H00004282-M01	Mouse IgG1 Kappa/2A10- 4D3/Abnova/H00004282-M01
IL-17A	Mouse IgG2a, κ /BL127/Biolegend/512603	Mouse IgG1, κ/BL23/Biolegend/512702
MCP-1	Mouse IgG1, κ /5D3-F7/Biolegend/502607	Armenian Hamster IgG /2H5/Biolegend/ 505902
Rantes	Mouse IgG2b kappa/VL1/Invitrogen/AHC1052	Mouse IgG1 /21418/RD/MAB678
TNF-a	Mouse IgG1, κ /Mab11/Biolegend /502902	Mouse IgG1, κ /MAb1/Biolegend/502802
TNF-b	Mouse IgG2A /5807/RD/MAB621	Mouse IgG1, κ /359-238-8/Biolegend/ 503002
IL-22	Rat IgG2a, kappalL22JOP/Ebioscience/16- 7222-85	Mouse IgG1 /142928/RD/MAB7821
MIP-1b	Mouse IgG1 kappa/A174E 18A7/Invitrogen/AHC6114	Mouse IgG2B /24006/RD/MAB271
SCF	Mouse IgG1 /J231/Peprotech/500-M44	Mouse IgG1/13302/RD/MAB655
M-CSF	Mouse IgG2b/AM09180PU- N/Acris/AM09180PU-N	Mouse IgG2A/ 21113/RD/MAB616
EGF	Mouse IgG1/AM09146PU- N/Acris/AM09146PU-N	Mouse IgG1 /10827/RD/MAB636
HGF	Mouse IgG1 /SBF5 C1.7/Novus/NB100-2696	Mouse IgG1 /24516/RD/MAB694
NGF-b	Mouse IgG1, κ /JKhNGF-1/biolegend/509602	Mouse IgG1, κ /JKmNGF-1/Biolegend/ 509702

PDGF	Rabbit IgG/ polyclonal/Acris/PP1061P2	Mouse IgG1 /108128/RD/MAB1739
VEGF	Mouse IgG1/A183C/Invitrogen/ AHG0114	Mouse IgG2B/26503/RD/MAB293
IL-2	Mouse IgG2A /5355/RD/MAB602	Goat IgG /RD duoset detection antibody/DY202
MIP-1a	Mouse IgG1/14D7 1G7/Invitrogen/AHC6034	Goat IgG /RD duoset detection antibody/DY270
TGF-a	Goat IgG /RD duoset capture antibody/DY239	Goat IgG /RD duoset detection antibody/ DY239
TGF-b	BD 559119	BD 559119
G-CSF	Mouse IgG1/3316/RD/MAB214	Goat IgG /polyclonal/RD/BAF214
IFN-g	Mouse IgG1, κ /MD-1/Biolegend/507502	Mouse IgG1, kappa/4S.B3/ebioscience/13- 7319-85
GMCSF	Rat IgG2a, κ /BVD2-23B6/Biolegend/502202	Rat IgG2a, к /BVD2- 21C11/Biolegend/502304
IL-9	Ebioscience Ready sets go	Ebioscience Ready sets go
IL-23	Ebioscience Ready sets go	Ebioscience Ready sets go
MMP-2	Mouse IgG/RD duoset capture antibody/DY902	Mouse IgG/RD duoset detection antibody/DY902
MMP-9	Mouse IgG1 /36020/RD/MAB936	Goat IgG /polyclonal/RD/BAF911
IL-27	Ebioscience Ready sets go	Ebioscience Ready sets go
IL-29	Ebioscience Ready sets go	Ebioscience Ready sets go
TSLP	Ebioscience Ready sets go	Ebioscience Ready sets go
BSA -488 conjugated	488 conjugated BSA	
BSA-532 conjugated	532 conjugated BSA	
BSA-635 conjugated	635 conjugated BSA	

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Protein	Full name	Function
IL-1a	Interleukin-1 alpha	Inflammation, as well as the promotion of fever and sepsis
IL-1b	Interleukin-1 beta	Cell proliferation, differentiation, and apoptosis.
IL-3	Interleukin 3	Improve the body's natural response to disease
IL-4	Interleukin 4	Key regulator in humoral and adaptive immunity
IL-5	Interleukin 5	Stimulates B cell growth and increases immunoglobulin secretion

IL-6	Interleukin 6	Both a pro-inflammatory cytokine and an anti-inflammatory myokine
IL-7	Interleukin 7	T cell maturation
IL-8	Interleukin 8	Chemotaxis
IL-10	Interleukin 10	Inhibit synthesis of pro-inflammatory cytokine
IL- 12(p70)	Interleukin 12 active heterodimer	Stimulate the growth and function of T cells
IL-13	Interleukin 13	Proliferation of natural killer cells
IL-15	Interleukin 15	Regulates T and natural killer (NK) cell activation and proliferation
IL-1RA	Interleukin-1 receptor antagonist	Modulates a variety of interleukin 1 related immune and inflammatory responses.
MIF	Macrophage migration inhibitory factor	Important regulator of innate immunity /Macrophage function
IL-17A	Interleukin 17A	Regulates the activities of NF-kappaB and mitogen-activated protein kinases
MCP-1	Monocyte chemotactic protein 1	Recruit monocytes, memory T cells, and dendritic cells to the sites of inflammation
Rantes	Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 5	Chemotaxis
TNF-a	Tumor necrosis factor alpha	Acute phase reaction
TNF-b	Tumor Necrosis Factor Beta	Acute phase reaction
IL-22	Interleukin 22	Potent mediators of cellular inflammatory responses
MIP-1b	Macrophage inflammatory protein-1β	Chemoattractant for a variety of immune cells
SCF	Stem Cell Factor	Hematopoiesis (formation of blood cells), spermatogenesis, and melanogenesis
M-CSF	Macrophage colony-stimulating factor	Proliferation, differentiation, and survival of monocytes, macrophages, and bone marrow progenitor cells.
EGF	Epidermal growth factor	Cell growth, proliferation, differentiation
HGF	Hepatocyte growth factor	Mitogenesis, cell motility, matrix invasion
NGF-b	Nerve growth factor	Important for the growth, maintenance, and survival of certain target neurons
PDGF	Platelet-derived growth factor	Cell proliferation, cell migration, angiogenesis
VEGF	Vascular endothelial growth factor	Vasculogenesis, angiogenesis
IL-2	Interleukin 2	Growth and function of T cells
MIP-1a	Macrophage inflammatory protein-1α	Recruitment and activation of polymorphonuclear leukocytes
TGF-a	Transforming growth factor alpha	Epithelial development, neural cell proliferation

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G-CSF	Granulocyte colony-stimulating factor	Stimulates the survival, proliferation, differentiation, and function of neutrophil precursors and mature neutrophils
IFN-g	Interferon gamma	Macrophage activation
GMCSF	Granulocyte-macrophage colony- stimulating factor	Granulocyte and monocyte production
IL-9	Interleukin 9	Regulator of a variety of hematopoietic cells
IL-23	Interleukin 23	Inflammatory response against infection
MMP-2	Matrix metalloproteinase-2	Endometrial menstrual breakdown, regulation of vascularization and the inflammatory response
MMP-9	Matrix metallopeptidase 9	Breakdown of extracellular matrix in normal physiological processes
IL-27	Interleukin 27	Regulating the activity of B- and T- lymphocytes
IL-29	Interleukin 29	Defenses against microbes
TSLP	Thymic stromal lymphopoietin	Maturation of T cell populations

**Table S3**: Statistic analysis of protein signal measured in U937-derived human macrophagecells (basal vs LPS stimulation).

Protein	Detectable above background*	Detectable regulation by LPS**
EGF	Not detected	
G-CSF	Low confidence	No difference
GMCSF	High confidence	Up-regulated
HGF	High confidence	Up-regulated
IFN-g	High confidence	No difference
IL-10	High confidence	Up-regulated
IL-12	Low confidence	No difference
IL-13	Low confidence	No difference
IL-15	Not detected	
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IL-3	High confidence	No difference
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IL-5	High confidence	No difference

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IL-7	Not detected	
IL-8	High confidence	Up-regulated
IL-9	High confidence	No difference
MCP-1	High confidence	No difference
MCSF	Not detected	
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\*Explanation of classifications:

High confidence: 3 out of 3 data sets of single cell intensities

Low confidence: 2 out of 3 data sets of single cell intensities

are statistically different to background intensities. Evaluation was done using bootstrapping and Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test with  $\alpha$  = 0.0012.

\*\*Up-regulated: Intensities of up-regulated cytokines are significantly higher in LPS treated single cells as compared to non-treated single cells. Evaluation was performed using bootstrapping and Wilcoxon-Mann-Whitney test with  $\alpha$  = 0.0012.