

a, Met1 orthotopic primary tumor growth kinetics, FVB mice, represented in Fig. 1b (n=10). **b**, Schematic of sequential subcutaneous experimental model (left) and growth kinetics (right) of Met1 secondary tumors (2.5 x 10⁵/mouse; implanted at day 14) in mice with PBS control or Met1 primary tumor (2.5 x 10⁵/mouse; n=5 animals/cohort). **c**, Numbers of pulmonary macrometastases following tail vein injection of MT2 or MT3 cells (7.5x10⁵cells/mouse; n=3). Macrometastases >100 microns were quantified on microscope tissue sections from 4 lung lobes per mouse. **d**, Met1 orthotopic tumor growth kinetics, Nude mice, represented in Fig. 1f (n=5). **e**, Schematic of experimental model (left), and number of pulmonary macrometastases following tail vein injection of 2.5x10⁵ hMICs into Nude mice with either Matrigel (n = 10) or HMLER primary tumors (n=9; original injection of 5.0x10⁵ cells/mouse) (right). Macrometastases (>100 microns) or micrometastases (>5 cells or <5 cells) were quantified from microscopic whole lung tissue sections. **f**, Schematic of experimental model (applies to g and h). **g**, Growth kinetics of HMLER primary tumors, Nude mice, described in Figure 1h (n=10). **h**, MIC-231 tumor growth kinetics, Nude mice, opposite Matrigel control (n=12) or HMLER primary tumors (n=5). Representative of 2 experiments. **i**, Images: representative immunofluorescent images of 231-MIC tumors grown opposite Matrigel control or an HMLER primary tumor (represented in Supplementary Fig. 1h) stained with Ki67 (red), hMIT to identify human mitochondria (green), DAPI (nuclei, blue); Scale bars=100 µm. Graph: Quantification of Ki67+hMit+ cells as a percentage of the total number of hMit+ tumor cells/microscopic field (n=9 images; 3 tumors/cohort). Source data for **a**, **b**, **c**, **d**, **e**, **g**, **h**, **i** in Supplementary Table 1. 2-way ANOVA, followed by Sidak's multiple comparison test (**b**, **g**, **h**); 1-sided Welch's t test (**e**); 2-sided Welch's t test (**c**, **i**).



a, In vitro immunocytochemical flourescence showing E-cadherin (ECAD, red) and DAPI (nuclei, blue) in Met1 parental cell line (mMIC) and Met1-derived clones, MT2 and MT3 (mMIC-MT3). b, Images: Immunofluorescence showing ZEB1 and ECAD expression in cultured hMICs prior to xenotransplantation. Western blot: mesenchymal marker Vimentin (VIM) and epithelial marker ECAD protein in polyclonal HMLER cells and derivative hMIC and HMLER2 cells. GADPH shown as internal control. Positive controls: Ctrl E (epithelial-MCF7Ras); Ctrl M (mesenchymal CD44^{hi} HMLER cells). c, Merged immunofluorescent images of mMIC-MT3 tumors (described in Fig. 1d) stained for basal cytokeratin 14 (CK14, red), luminal CK8 (green) or PyMT antigen (expressed by tumor cells only-green). Arrows - CK14+ tumor cells. d, Images: hMIC tumors (from Fig 1i) stained with CK14 (red), VIM (green) and DAPI (blue); Graph: quantification of indicated

stains on hMIC tumors grown opposite Matrigel (n=4) or primary tumor (n=5). **e**, Schematic: modeling early stages of hMIC colonization. Graph: hMIC tumor growth kinetics opposite Matrigel control or HMLER primary tumor (n=4/group); differences not statistically significant. **f**, **g**, Immunofluorescent images (**f**) and quantification (**g**) of hMIC tumors stained for ki67 (red), LgT antigen (tumor cells, green), and DAPI (nuclei, blue) as a percentage of total LgT+ cells. Control, n=10 images, 4 tumors; HMLER cohort, n=9 images, 4 tumors. **h**, **i**, Immunofluorescent images (**h**) and quantification (**i**) of staining hMIC tumors for cleaved caspase3 (CASP3, red), human-specific mitochondria (hMIT, green), and DAPI (nuclei, blue) grown in mice with Matrigel control (n=6 images, 4 tumors) or HMLER primary tumors (n=5 images, 4 tumors). **j**, Expression of ZEB1 (ZEB1-GFP construct) or HRAS (HRAS-tomato construct) analyzed by FACS (1.0x10⁵ cells) in Control hMIC or ZEB1^{hi} hMIC (from Fig. 2n-p). All scale bars=100 µm. Source data for **d**, **e**, **g**, **i** in Supplementary Table 1 and d on Supplementary Figure 9. 2-way ANOVA (**e**); 2-sided Welch's t test (**d**, **i**); 2-sided Mann-Whitney test (**g**).



Innate Inflammatory Cells are Necessary for MIC Colonization

a, Experimental schematic for tissues used for RNA-seg analysis (Fig. 3a-c and Supplementary Fig. 3b-e). b, Met1 primary tumor mass in FVB mice (n=5). c. d. RNA-seg analysis on lungs from mice with PBS control (n=4) or a Met1 primary tumor (n=4). Heatmap (c): top 50 differentially expressed genes (by adjusted p-value, DESeg2). Blue=low, green=mean, and yellow=high relative expression levels. PBS control lungs (yellow), Met1 primary tumor-bearing lungs (purple). Volcano plot (d): DESeq2 comparison Single gene with Padj<0.05 and absolute log2(FoldChange)>1 (green). e, Experimental schematic and flow cytometric quantification of immune cell populations in lungs of indicated FVB mice at 28-day end point (see Fig. 1a). f, Ratio of genes expressed by pro-metastatic immunosuppressive neutrophils from K14cre;Cdh1F/F;Trp53F/F (KEP) mice to control neutrophils from wild type littermates (KEP:Normal)¹³ extrapolated onto our signatures from control (blue) primary tumor-bearing lungs (red). Higher ratios indicate higher pro-metastatic KEP signature. Box plot is median, 25th and 75th percentiles; whiskers extend to minimum and maximum values. g, Experimental design to identify optimal anti-Ly6G dose for neutrophil depletion. h, Primary tumor mass in Control anti-IgG2a (n=3 mice/cohort) and anti-Ly6G (n=4 mice/cohort). i, Flow cytometric gating strategy for neutrophils (CD45+CD11b+Gr1+Ly6Clo) and monocytes (CD45+CD11b+Gr1+Ly6Chi), i-I, Flow cytometric analysis of blood at 14d (j), 20d (k), and lungs 20d (l) in experiment described in (g). Control anti-IgG2a n=3 mice/cohort; anti-_y6G n=4 mice/cohort. m, Schematic modeling neutrophil depletion experiment (n-r). n, Primary tumor mass represented in Fig. 3i (control IgG2a n=4 mice/cohort; anti-Ly6G n=8 mice/cohort). o, Immunofluorescent images of Met1 lung metastasis. Scale bars= 200 um. **p**, Metastases at higher magnification (indicated in circles in (**o**) analyzed by ImageJ to measure shortest-length diameter). **q**, Single channels of ECAD and PyMT staining measured by ImageJ analysis (Fig. 3k, I). r, End point flow cytometric analysis of neutrophils and monocytes in lungs of mice treated with control IgG2a (n=4 mice/cohort) or anti-Ly6G (n=8 mice/cohort). Source data for b, e, h, j, k, l, n, r in Supplementary Table 1. DESeq2's Wald test two-sided (c), 2-sided Welch's t-test (f); 2-sided Welch's t test (n); 2-way ANOVA followed by Sidak's multiple comparison test (f, h, j, k, l, o).



Innate Inflammatory Response is sufficient for MIC colonization

a, Some of the predominant cytokines expressed by monocytes, neutrophils or by both. **b**, ELISA to detect cumulative IL-1 β in the conditioned media of Met1 cell line and its derived clones after 3 days *in vitro* (n=5/group). **c**, Met1 parental cells and the MT2 and MT3 subclones stained as indicated (upper panel). Scale bars=100 µm. Western blot detecting phospho-NFkB p65 (activated form of NF-kB p65) or total NF-kB p65 (NFkB p65) in Met1, MT2 and MT3 treated *in vitro* with indicated doses of IL-1 β at indicated time points (lower panel). **d**, ELISA to detect cumulative IL-1 β in the conditioned media of HMLER and hMIC cell lines over 3 consecutive days of *in vitro* culture (n=4/group). **e**, Experimental schematic and flow cytometric quantification of immune cell populations in digested hMIC tumors from indicated cohorts in Nude mice at the 28-day experimental end point (see Fig. 2i) (n=3 in Matrigel control and 4 in HMLER cohort). Source data for **b**, **d**, **e** in Supplementary Table 1. 2-sided Welch's t test (**b**, **e**); Two-way ANOVA, Sidak's multiple comparisons test (**d**).



a, qRT-PCR to determine *IL-1R1* mRNA levels in hMIC expressing shRNA against IL-1R1 (shA-IL-1R1-MIC and shB-IL-1R1-MIC) compared to hMIC expressing a scrambled shRNA (sh-CtI-MIC). B-actin (ACTB) served as the internal control (n=3, average technical triplicates).
b, Proliferation analysis (CyQuant assay) comparing growth of MIC-control cells to those expressing shRNA against IL-1R1 (shA-IL-1R1-MIC and shB-IL-1R1-MIC) (shA-IL-1R1-MIC and shB-IL-1R1 (shA-IL-1R1-MIC and shB-IL-1R1) and shB-IL-1R1 (shA-IL-1R1-MIC).

4-week experimental end point (n=8/cohort, except sh-Ctl-MIC n=7). **d**, Met1 tumorspheres generated in 3 independent experiments, treated with IL-1β (10 ng/mL), Anakinra (500 ng/ml) or IL-1β + Anakinra combination (n=3 replicates, 28 technical replicates). **e**, Western blot detecting phospho-NFkB p65, total NFkB p65, or ECAD in Met1 cells treated with 10ng/ml of IL-1β and increasing doses of ANAKINRA (IL-1Ra) for 48h. B-actin (ACTB) was used as a loading control. **f**, Flow cytometric analysis of monocytes (CD11b⁺Ly6C⁺Ly6G^{lo}) presented as % CD11b+ cells in blood at 10 days, prior to the injection of contralateral tumors (Matrigel n=11 (combined from Groups 1 and 3); HMLER n=7). **g**, Final mass (mg) of hMIC tumors from indicated cohorts (differences not statistically significant, Control n=7, HMLER n=6 mice/group). Representative of 1 experiment. Source data from **a**, **b**, **c**, **d**, **f**, **g** in Supplementary Table 1. 2-way ANOVA and Sidak's multiple comparisons test (**a**, **b**); 1-way ANOVA (**c**, **g**); 2-sided Student's t tests (**d**); 2-sided Mann-Whitney test (**f**).





Inhibition of IL-1R1 at Primary Tumor Site Enables MIC Colonization

a, KEGG IL-17 signaling pathway (mmu04657). The log2 fold change values comparing primary tumor to control lungs. Red, higher expression in primary tumors; green, higher expression in normal lungs (n=3 for Met1 primary tumors, and n=4 control lungs). **b**, Inflammatory cytokine array analysis of conditioned media from HMLER and hMIC cells after 3 days in culture (n=2 biological replicates, 3 technical replicates). Results are fold change (Log2) HMLER/MIC. **c**, Mouse inflammatory cytokine array results from plasma of mice bearing Matrigel control, HMLER, or HMLER+IL-1Ra tumors after 2 weeks in vivo (n=2, plasma pooled from 3 individual animals per sample). **d**, hMIC tumor mass (4 weeks) grown opposite Matrigel control (n=8), HMLER primary tumor (n=7), or HMLER+IL-1Ra antagonist (IL-1Ra) (n=8). Representative of 1 experiment. **e**, Graph: HMLER primary tumor mass embedded in control Matrigel (n=5) or Matrigel with 100ng/ml IL-1Ra (n=6). Incidence (%) marked on graphs. **f**, Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stains from HMLER and HMLER+IL1Ra tumors (Figure 7c-g), low and high magnification. **g**, F4/80 staining and ImageJ analysis to quantify area covered by F4/80+ staining in Figure 7c. Boxes indicate area shown in Figure 7e. **h**, Immunohistochemistry showing macrophage infiltration (F4/80 stain) in hMIC tumors grown opposite Matrigel control, HMLER, or HMLER + IL-1Ra primary tumors. **i**, **j**, Photomicrographs of hMIC tumors grown opposite Matrigel control, HMLER, or HMLER + IL-1Ra primary tumors. **i**, **j**, Cale bars=100 µm. Source data for **b**, **c**, **d**, **e** in Supplementary Table 1. DESeq2's Wald test two-sided (**a**); 2-sided Mann-Whitney test (**d**); 2-sided Welch's t test (**e**).



Analysis of IL1 pathway components as predictors of disease outcome in clinical breast cancer specimens

a, Kaplan-Meier analysis using distant metastasis-free survival (DMFS) as end point with 10-year censoring based on stratification of *IL1B* gene expression (log2; low, grey line, n=740; high, red line, n=639) in tumor tissue from 1,379 breast cancer patients. Logrank p value is shown. Analysis performed using the GOBO database (http://co.bmc.lu.se/gobo/gsa.pl).







Suppl. Fig. 4c, MT3 P-P65



Suppl. Fig. 5e, Total-P65





Suppl. Fig. 4c, MT3 Total-P65



Suppl. Fig. 5e, CDH1





Suppl. Fig. 4c, MT2 P-P65 Suppl. Fig. 4c, MT2 Total-P65

Suppl. Fig. 5e, P-P65



Suppl. Fig. 5e, ACTB



Western blot scanned films

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