

Supplementary methods

Mass Spectrometry sample preparation

Cell pellets ($1-2 \times 10^6$) were lysed in 50 μ l of 4% (w/v) SDS, 100 mM DTT, 100 mM Tris.HCl pH 7.5 supplemented with HALT protease and phosphatase inhibitor cocktail (Thermo Scientific). 20 μ g of protein was processed into tryptic peptides by the Filter Aided Sample Preparation method¹. Peptides were desalted and concentrated with Empore-C18 StageTips and eluted with 0.5% (v/v) acetic acid, 80% (v/v) acetonitrile². Sample volume was reduced by SpeedVac and supplemented with 2% (w/v) acetonitrile, 0.1% (w/v) Tri-Fluoro-Acetic acid to a final volume of 5 μ l. 3 μ l of each sample was analysed.

Mass spectrometry data acquisition

Tryptic peptides were separated by nanoscale C18 reverse chromatography coupled on line to an Orbitrap Fusion Tribrid mass spectrometer (Thermo Scientific) via a nanoelectrospray ion source (Nanospray Flex Ion Source, Thermo Scientific). Peptides were loaded on a 20 cm 75–360 μ m inner-outer diameter fused silica emitter (New Objective) packed in-house with ReproSil-Pur C18-AQ, 1.9 μ m resin (Dr Maisch GmbH). The column was installed on a Dionex Ultimate3000 RSLC nanoSystem (Thermo Scientific) with a MicroTee union formatted for 360- μ m outer diameter columns (IDEX) and a liquid junction. The spray voltage was set to 2.15 kV. Buffer A was composed of 0.5% (w/v) acetic acid and buffer B of 0.5% (w/v) acetic acid, 80% (w/v) acetonitrile. Peptides were loaded for 17 min at 300 nl/min at 5% (v/v) buffer B, equilibrated for 5 minutes at 5% buffer B (17-22 min) and eluted by increasing (v/v) buffer B from 5-15% (v/v) (22-87 min) and 15-38% (v/v) (87-147 min), followed by a 10-minute wash to 90% (v/v) buffer B and a 5 min regeneration to 5% (v/v). Survey scans of peptide precursors from 300 to 1600 m/z were performed at 120K resolution (at 200 m/z) with a $4E5 \times$ ion count target. Tandem mass spectrometry was performed by isolation with the quadrupole with isolation window 1.6, HCD fragmentation with normalized collision energy of 30, and rapid scan mass spectrometry analysis in the ion trap. The MS2 ion count target was set to $10E4$ and the max injection time was 35 ms. Only those precursors with

charge state 2–7 were sampled for MS2. The dynamic exclusion duration was set to 30 s with a 10 ppm tolerance around the selected precursor and its isotopes. Monoisotopic precursor selection was turned on. The instrument was run in top speed mode with 3 s cycles. All data were acquired with Xcalibur 4.1 software.

RNA sequencing sample preparation, trimming, alignment and differential expression analysis

For the neutrophils from blood, RNA was extracted from TRIzol preparations of granulocytes as per manufacturer's instructions. RNA was used to generate RNA libraries using the Kapa Stranded RNA-seq kit. Paired-end sequencing (100 base-pair (bp)) was performed on Illumina HiSeq 2000 instruments using TruSeq reagents (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA). Reads from each RNA-seq library were initially subjected to a quality control step, where, based on duplication rates and gene coverage, outliers were identified and discarded from further analysis. Paired-end reads of the were trimmed for both PCR and sequencing adapters using Trim Galore!. Trimmed reads were aligned to the Ensembl v70 human transcriptome using Bowtie³. MMSEQ 1.0.8a with default parameters was used to quantify gene expression^{4,5}. Differential expression was determined using MMDIFF using a two model comparison.

For the CD34⁺ HSC-derived neutrophils and accompanying healthy blood PMNs, RNA was purified using the QIAamp RNA Blood Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany). cDNA was synthesized with SuperScript[™] VILO[™] cDNA Synthesis Kit (Thermofisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA) in an Ampliseq plate from the Ion AmpliSeq[™] Kit for Chef DL8 (Thermofisher Scientific). The Ion AmpliSeq[™] Transcriptome Human Gene Expression Panel, Chef Ready Kit (Thermofisher Scientific) was used to produce amplicons from 50,000 RefSeq genes. Library preparation was done on the Ion Chef system (Thermofisher Scientific) and the libraries were sequenced on the Genestudio S5 (Thermofisher Scientific). Differential expression analysis was performed using DESeq2⁶, applying a significance threshold of a Benjamini-Hochberg multiple testing corrected p-value of <0.05 and log₂ fold change of >1.

Plasma proteomics

Samples were prepared as previously described with the following modifications⁷. Major serum proteins were removed using Top 12 Abundant Protein Depletion Spin columns (Pierce Biotechnology) and the eluate concentrated and buffer exchanged using Amicon Ultra-0.5 Centrifugal Filter Devices (Merck-Millipore). Depleted serum (normalized to 40 µg of protein per sample) was alkylated, reduced and denatured in ammonium bicarbonate (25mM) plus DTT (5mM; GE Healthcare), IAA (50 mM; Sigma Aldrich) and 1% (w/v) sodium deoxycholate. Sequencing-grade trypsin (Promega) was added for an overnight incubation at 37°C. The samples were concentrated using a MiVac vacuum centrifuge Genevac™ (Thermo Fisher Scientific). For data independent acquisition (DIA)/SWATH-MS 100 variable precursor windows optimised for human plasma samples were employed. An Eksigent ekspert nanoLC 400 autosampler and an Eksigent ekspert nanoLC 425 pump (AB Sciex Ltd) coupled to a SCIEX Triple TOF 6600 mass spectrometer with a DuoSpray Ion Source (AB Sciex Ltd) liquid chromatography system was employed. Samples were reconstituted in a buffer containing 5 % (v/v) ACN, 0.1 % (v/v) FA, 100 fmol/µL of PepCalMix (MS Synthetic Peptide Calibration Kit, AB Sciex Ltd) and 10 x iRT (index retention time) standards (Biognosys AG). After reconstitution, 10 µL of sample (containing 8µg of total protein) was injected for chromatographic separation on YMC-Triart C18 column (12nm, 150 x 0.3 mm) coupled to a YMC-Triart C18 pre-column (12nm, 5 x 0.5 mm). Reversed phase chromatography was performed at 30°C with a flow rate of 5 µL/min over a 120-minute gradient. Mobile phase A contained 100 % LC/MS water with 0.1 % (v/v) FA while mobile phase B contained 100 % ACN with 0.1 % (v/v) FA. Samples were run as duplicate injections and blanks were run between each sample. For SWATH-MS analysis samples were eluted with an analytical gradient (3 - 40 % ACN, 0.1 % FA) and a mass spectrometry method with a total duty cycle of 2.8 s comprising a TOF MS1 scan that was acquired over the mass range (m/z) 400 to 1250 followed by 100 SWATH-MS scans (m/z 100-1500) with variable m/z isolation widths, collision energy and collision energy spread. The spray voltage was set at 5500 V. Mass spectrometry-compatible K562 human protein extract (Promega) was reconstituted as detailed for the samples and run as technical control throughout the experiments to ensure chromatography and mass spectrometry were consistent throughout the sample runs. Mass spectrometry data files were searched using openSWATH (Version: 2.0.0). Peptide matches

were scored using pyProphet (version 0.18.3) and the search results aligned using the feature alignment script from MSproteomics tools. Throughout the analysis the random seed was set to 500. Resultant data was transformed and normalized using the Bioconductor (release 3.5) packages SWATH2Stats and MSstats. SWATH-MS runs with a transition level FDR of greater than 0.3 were excluded from the analysis. Missing values were imputed using the Multivariate Imputation by Chained Equations (MICE) package (version 2.3, seed value 500). Mann-Whitney tests were performed to determine statistical significance between conditions.

Cytospin and staining

0.5×10^5 cells were cytospun (Shandon CytoSpin II Cyto centrifuge) onto 76 x 26 mm glass microscope slides. The slides were air-dried followed by Giemsa May-Grünwald staining. The slides were incubated for 5 minutes in May-Grünwald, rinsed with deionized water and subsequently stained with Giemsa solution for 30 minutes. After staining, the slides were analysed with Zeiss Scope.A1 microscope.

ROS production

NADPH-oxidase activity was assessed as the release of hydrogen peroxide, determined by the Amplex Red method (Molecular Probes) by neutrophils stimulated with: zymosan (1 mg/ml), serum-treated zymosan (STZ, 1 mg/ml), phorbol-12-myristate-13-acetate (PMA, 100 ng/ml), platelet-activating factor (PAF, 1 μ M) followed by formyl-Met-Leu-Phe (fMLF, 1 μ M), in the presence of Amplex Red (0.5 μ M) and horseradish peroxidase (1 U/ml). Fluorescence was measured at 30-second intervals for 20 minutes with the infinityPRO2000 plate reader (Tecan, Mannedorf, Switzerland). Maximal slope of H₂O₂ release was assessed over a 2-minute interval.

Protease activity

Protease release after degranulation was measured by degradation of fluorescent DQ-green BSA (bovine serum albumin) (Life Technologies). Granulocytes at a concentration of 2×10^6 /ml were resuspended in HEPES buffer and incubated with DQ-BSA and 1 μ M PAF or 5 μ g/ml cytochalasin B for 5 min at 37°C. Then, the cells were stimulated with 1 μ M fMLF or 100 ng/ml PMA (all stimuli were purchased from

Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA). Also, an unstimulated control value and a 100% content value with Triton X-100 (1% w/v) were determined. The the fluorescence was monitored at 120-second intervals for 1 hour by Infinite 200 PRO plate reader (Tecan, Emission 535 nm).

Cell sorting

Neutrophil progenitors from the CD34⁺ HSC cultures were separated by FACS sorting based on FSC/SSC and the expression of cell surface markers CD15 (FITC-labeled, clone MMA, BD Biosciences), CD11b (APC-labeled, clone D12, BD Biosciences) and CD16 (PE-labeled, clone 3G8, BD Biosciences) on day 10 or day 17 of the cell culture. FACS sorting was performed using BD FACS Aria III (BD biosciences).

Antibodies and flow cytometry

Platelet activation was measured in whole blood assays using flow cytometry. Platelets were left unstimulated or stimulated with increasing doses of ADP (0.075, 0.5 and 1 μ M). Whole blood was incubated with fibrinogen conjugated to FITC (Agilent Dako Ltd, Ely, UK) and a monoclonal PE-anti P-selectin antibody (Bristol Institute for Transfusion Science). Platelet activation was measured using a Beckman Coulter FC500 flow cytometer. Percent positive activation of unstimulated platelet were calculated using thresholds generated with a PE isotype control (Bristol Institute for Transfusion Science) or a negative EDTA fibrinogen binding control. Bank of Controls included 57 healthy individuals recruited for platelet function studies by the NIHR-BioResource, were used as a second control group.

The following directly conjugated antibodies were used for cell surface expression of neutrophils derived from blood of healthy donors and GPS patients: PE-labeled anti-CD62L (L-selectin, BD Biosciences), FITC-labeled anti-CD16 (BD Biosciences) and FITC-labeled anti-CD64 (Bio-Rad Laboratories). Flow cytometry data were acquired using Canto II flow cytometer (BD Biosciences) and analyzed using FlowJo software (Tree Star, USA).

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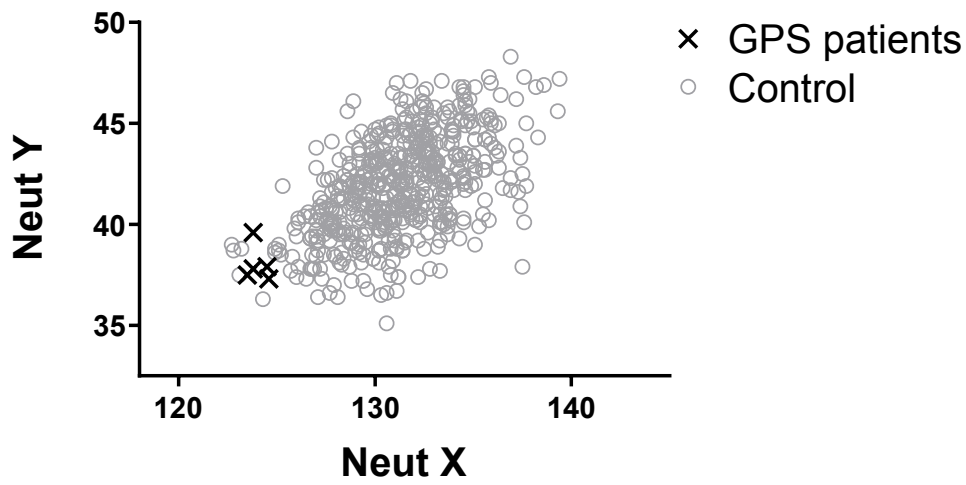
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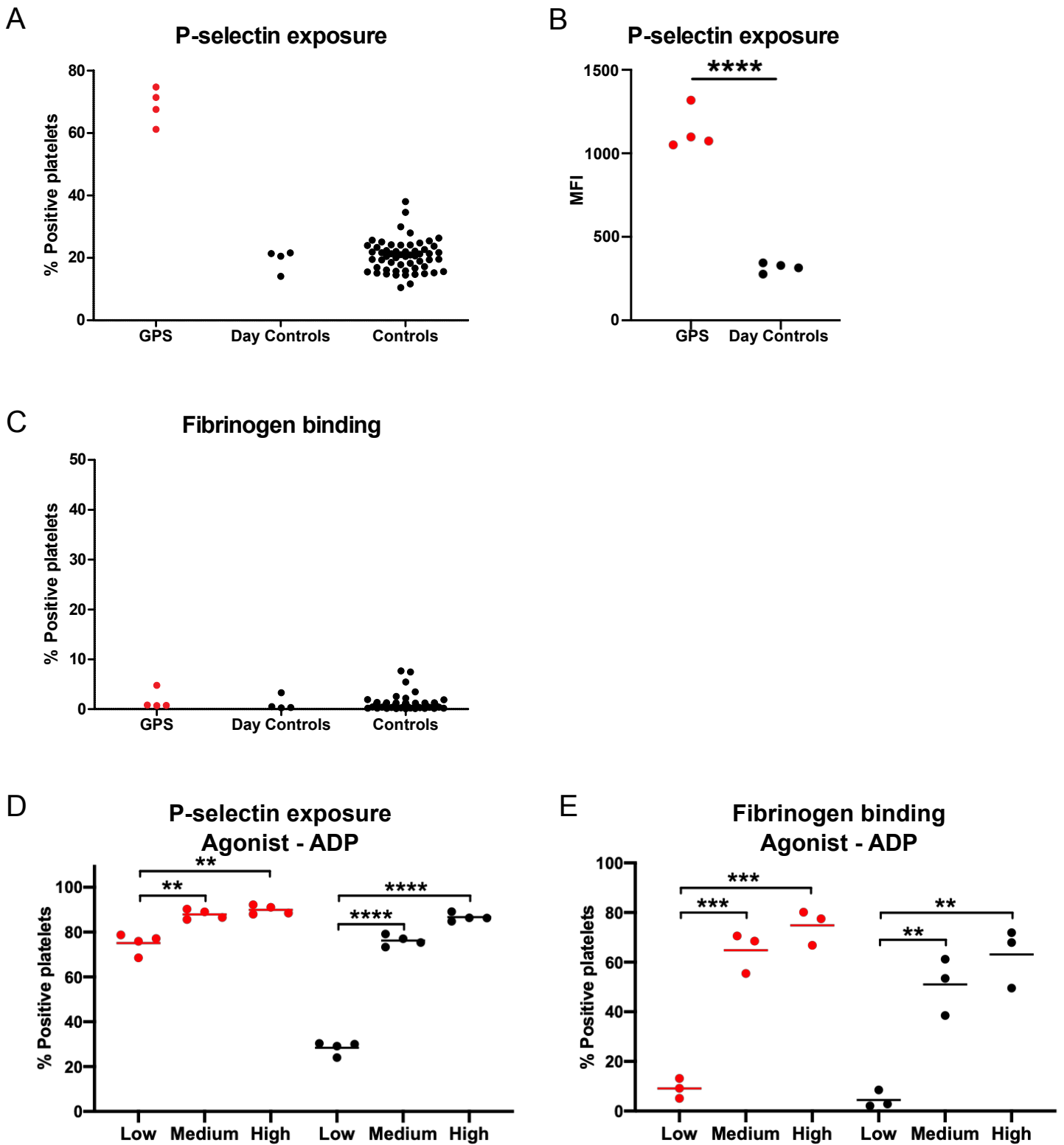
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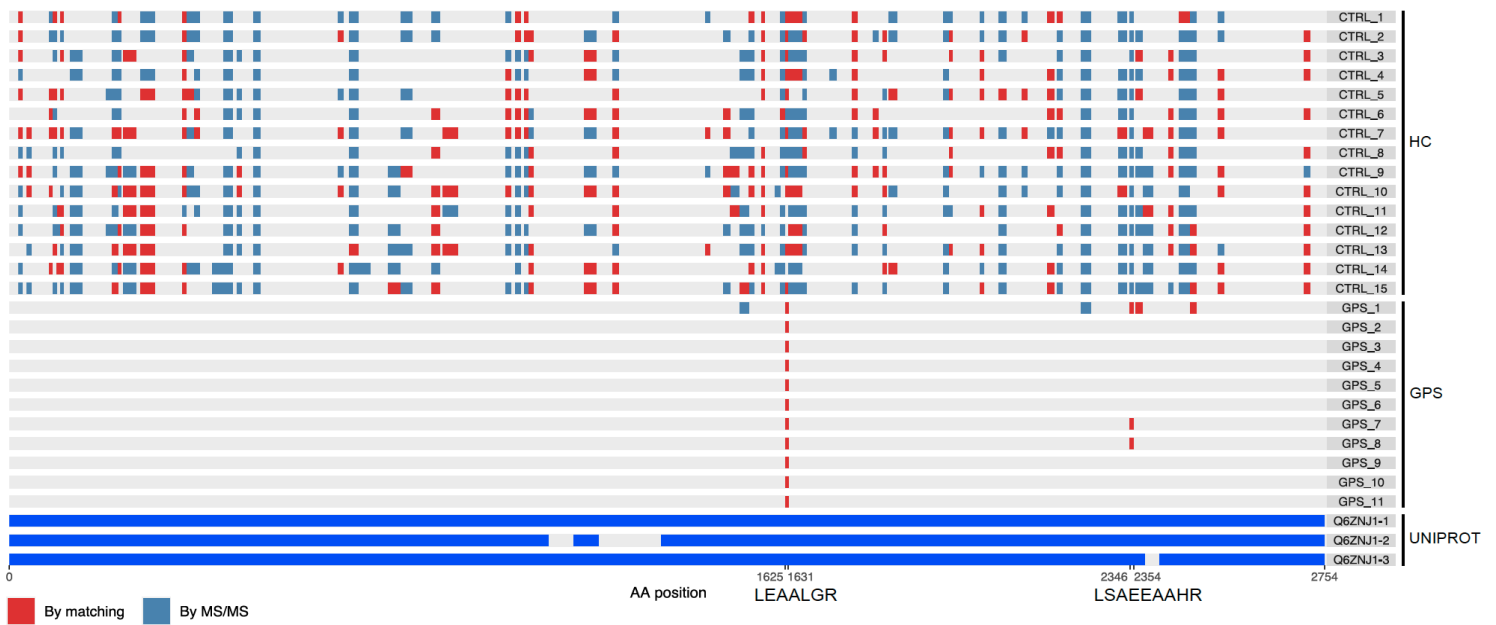
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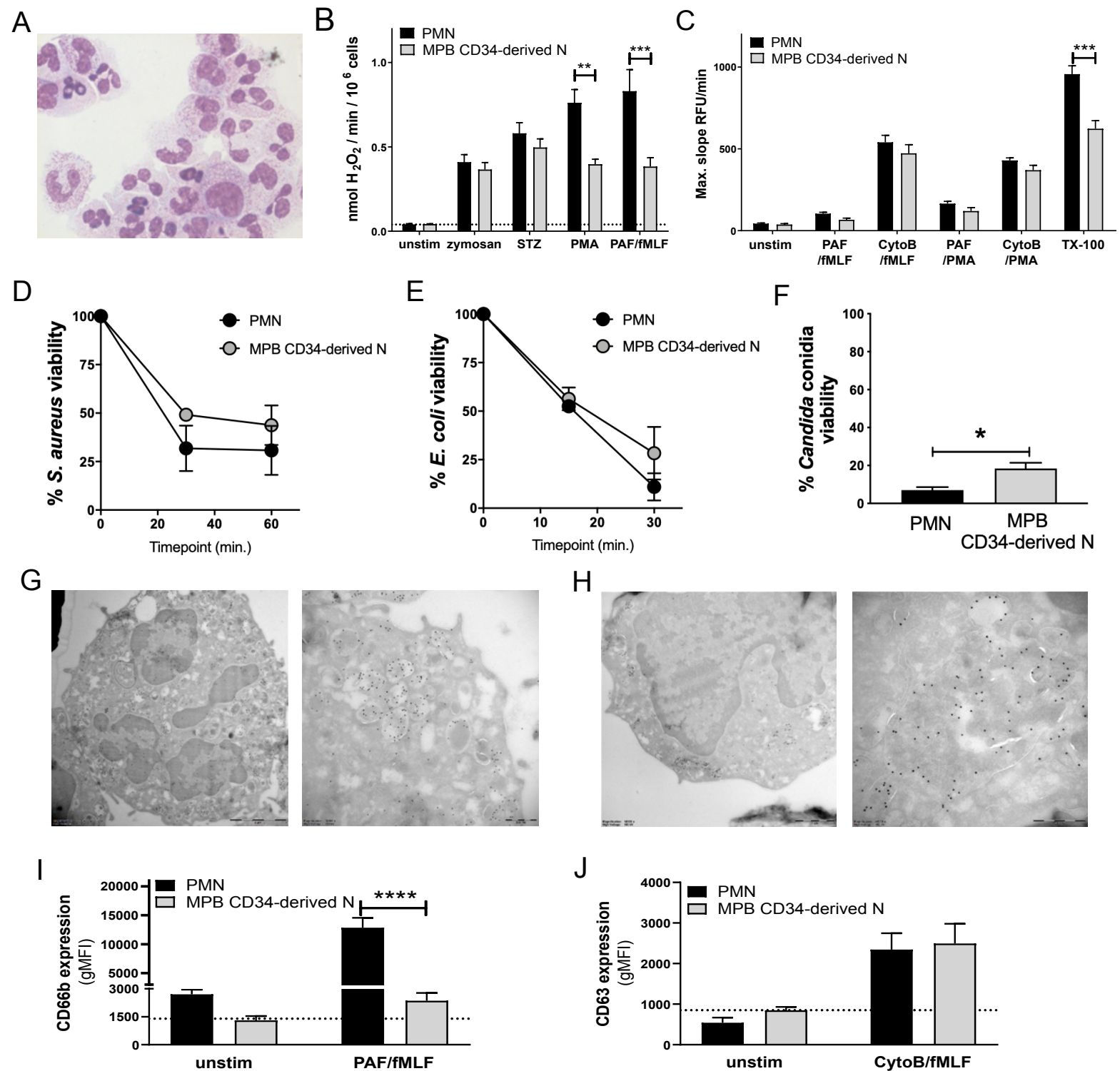
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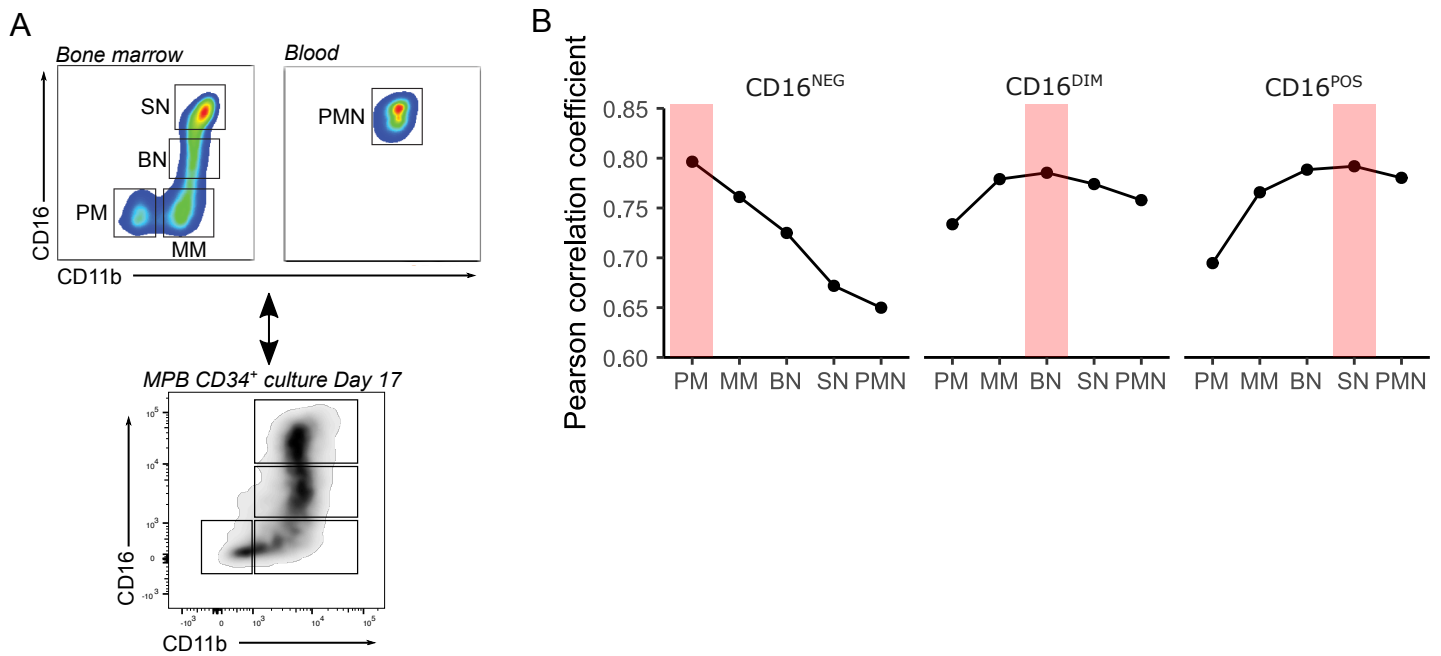
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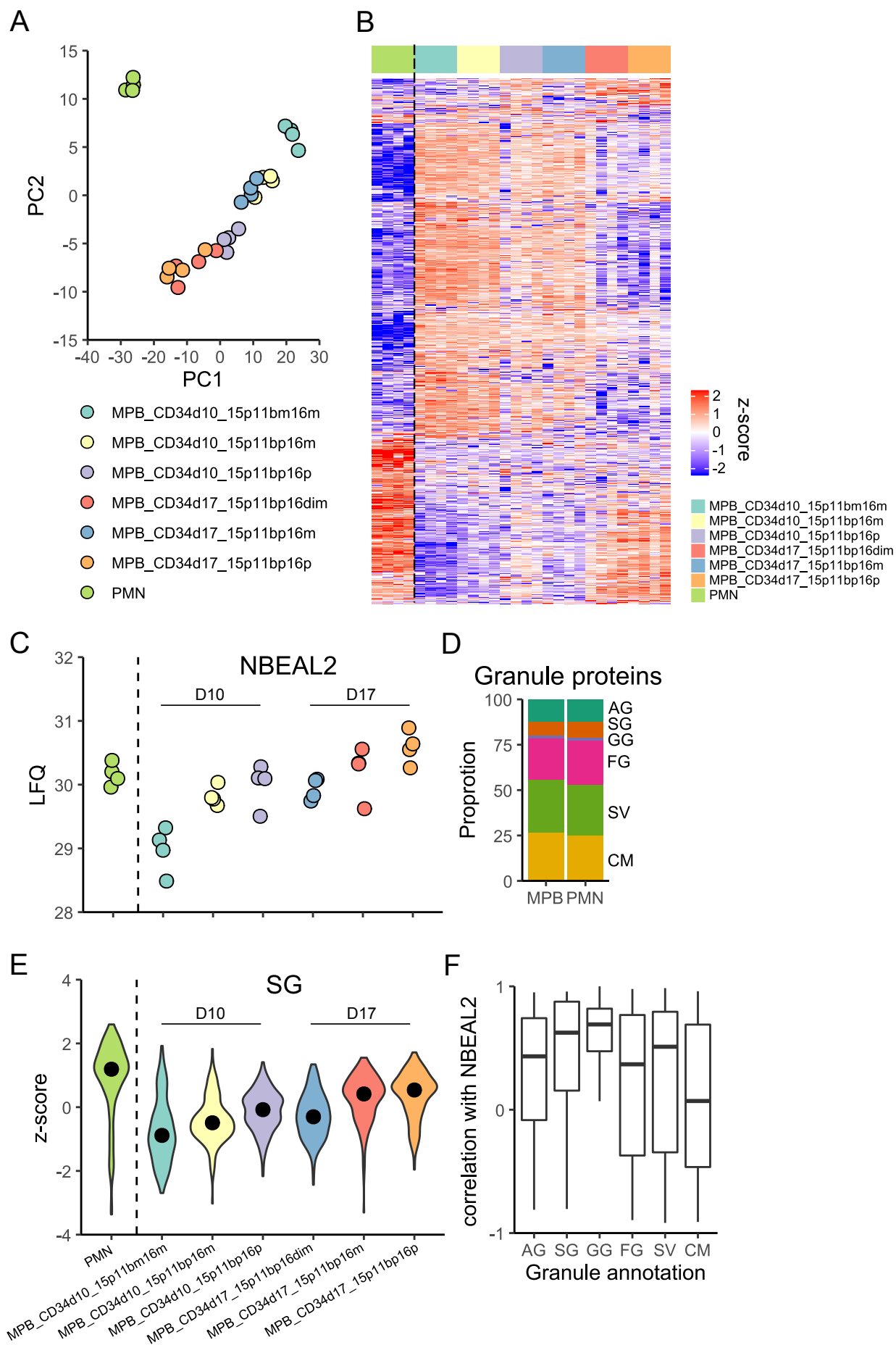
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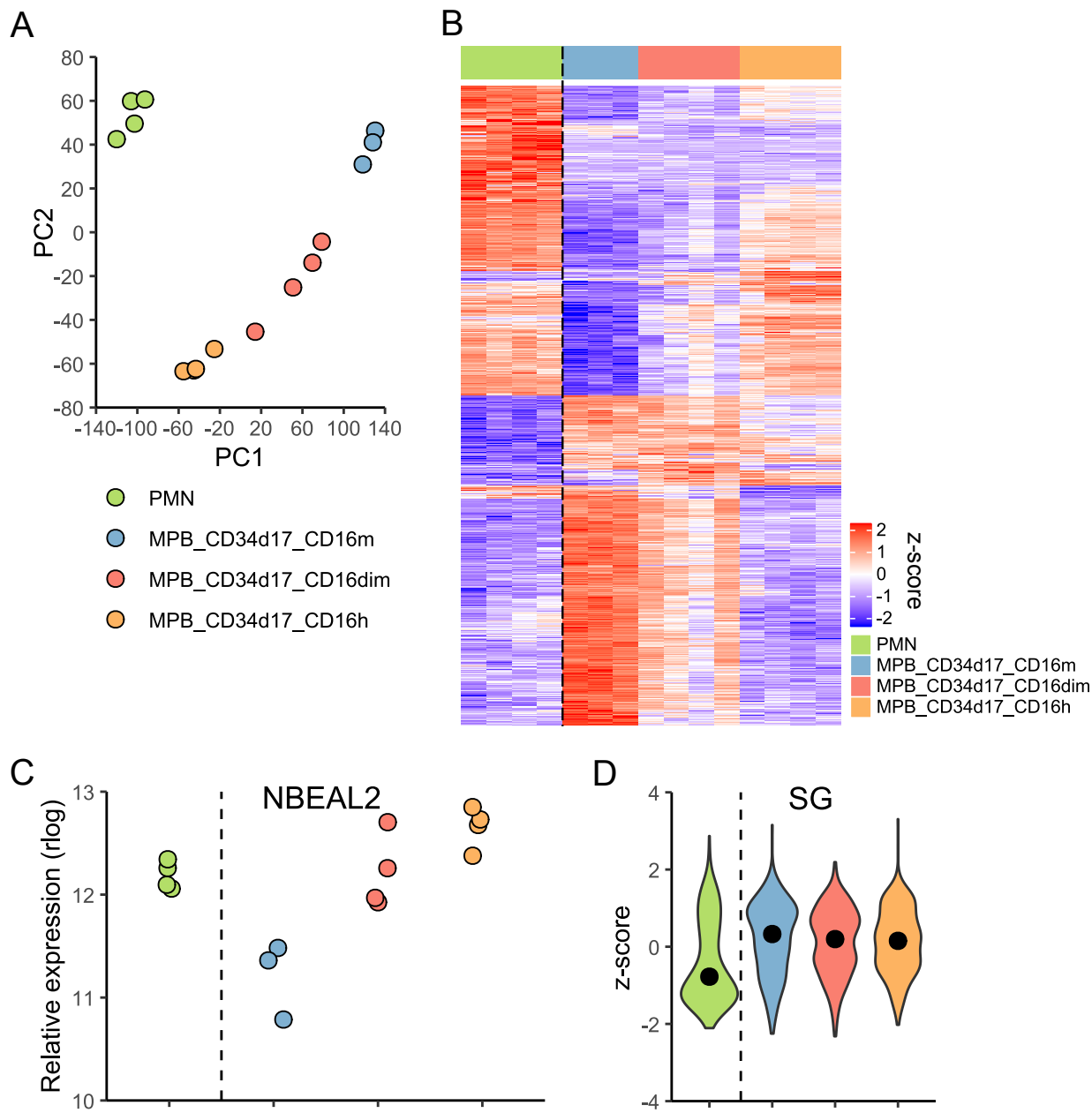
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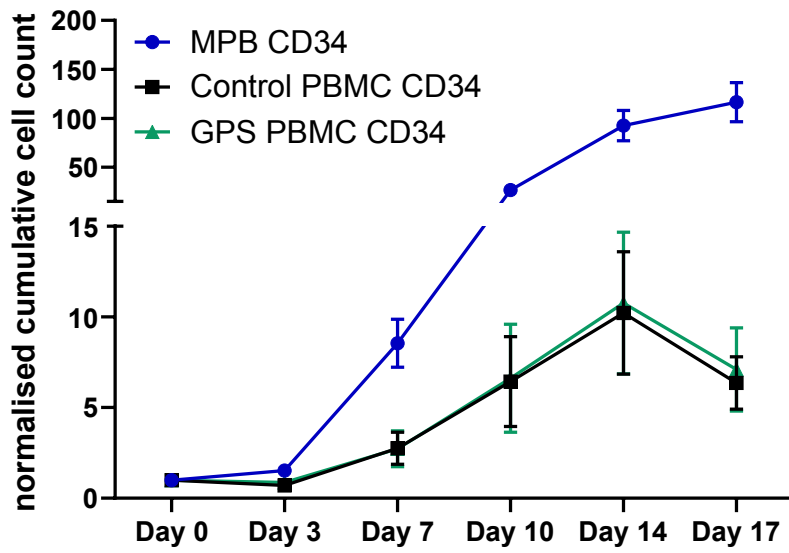
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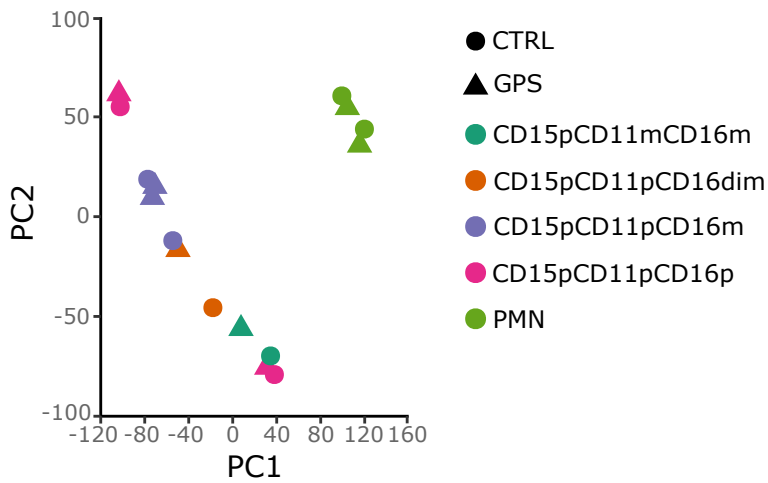
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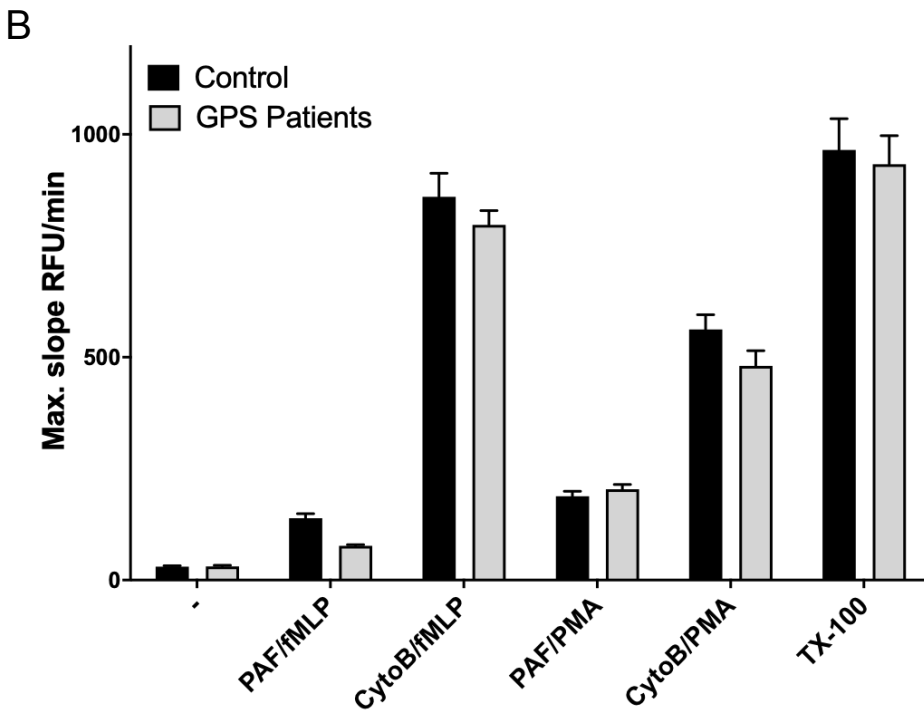
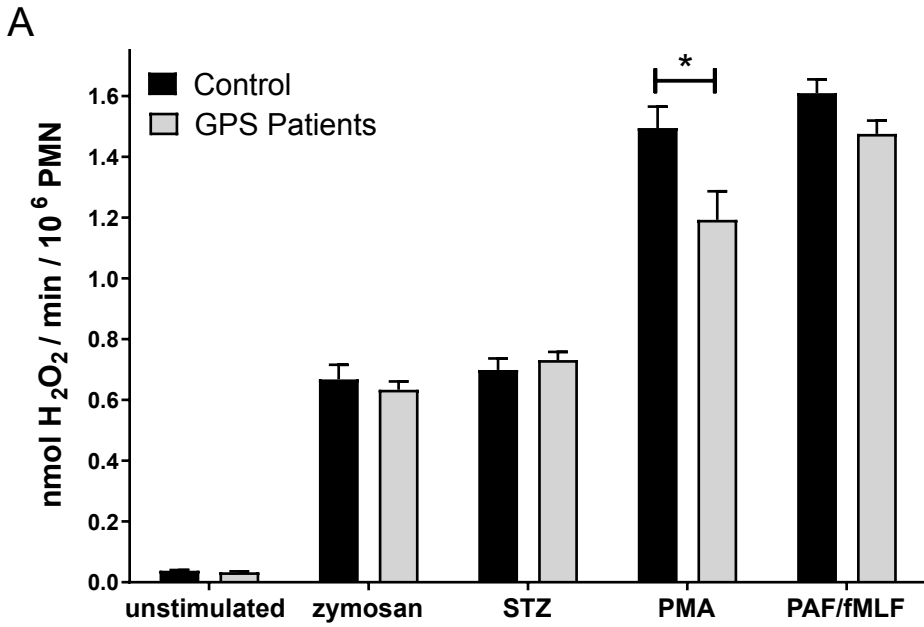
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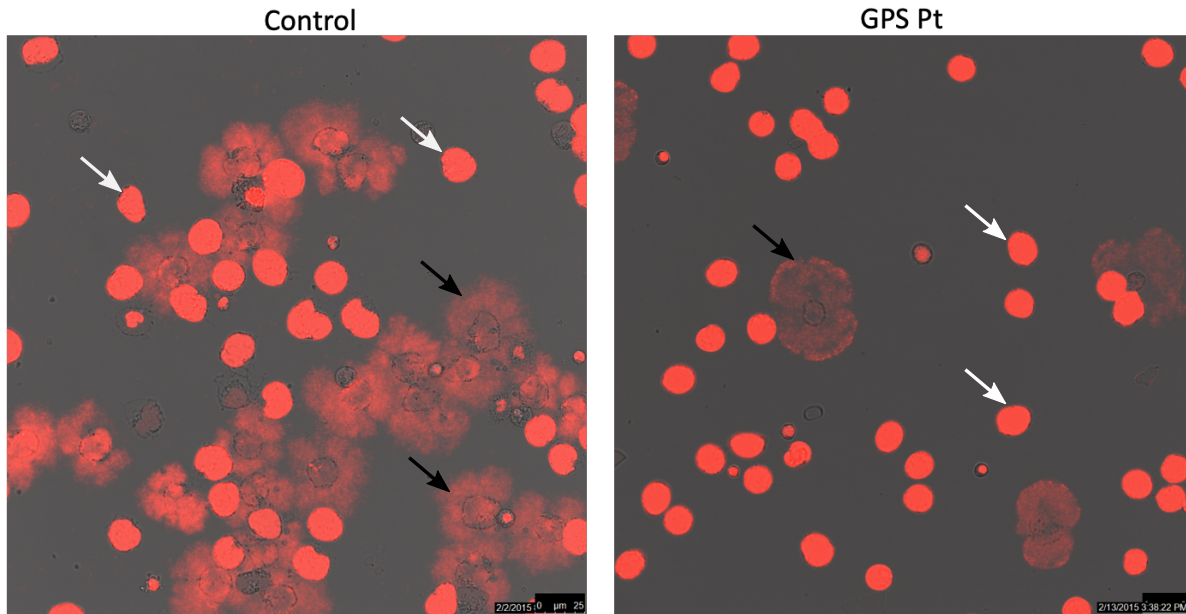
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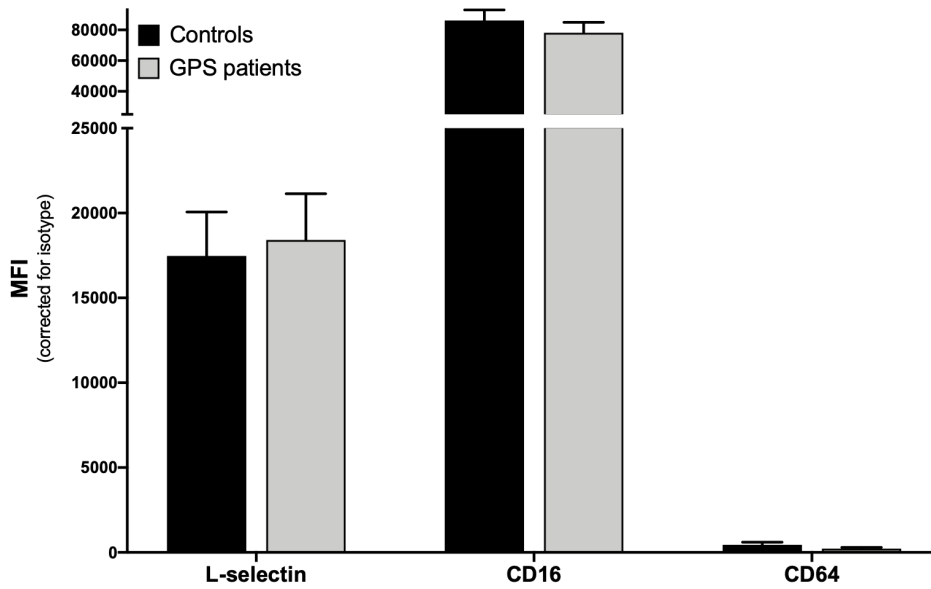
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Supplemental Figure 11. Live cell imaging of PMA induced NETosis. Neutrophils of healthy donors (left) or GPS patients (right) were stained with Quant-iT PicoGreen[®] dsDNA kit (in red), stimulated with PMA and imaged for 4 hours. Shown are representative images of Supplemental Movie 1 (left) and Supplemental Movie 2 (right) after approximately 3,5 hours. Both the control and GPS neutrophils show chromatin swelling and cell rounding (white arrows), but the cell membrane of the majority of the GPS neutrophils do not rupture in the final stage of NET release. Black arrows indicate rupture of cell membrane.



Supplemental Figure 12. Neutrophils of GPS patients show normal expression of L-selectin, CD16 and CD64. Flow cytometric analysis of L-selectin (CD62L), CD16 and CD64 surface expression of neutrophils from GPS patients (grey bars, n=5-9) and control individuals (black bars, n=8). Results are means \pm SEM.