Science Advances

Supplementary Materials for

Interactions with stromal cells promote a more oxidized cancer cell redox state in pancreatic tumors

Rupsa Datta, Sharanya Sivanand, Allison N. Lau*, Logan V. Florek, Anna M. Barbeau, Jeffrey Wyckoff, Melissa C. Skala*, Matthew G. Vander Heiden*

*Corresponding author. Email: allison.lau@pfizer.com (A.N.L.); mcskala@wisc.edu (M.C.S.); mvh@mit.edu (M.G.V.H.)

> Published 21 January 2022, *Sci. Adv.* **8**, eabg6383 (2022) DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.abg6383

This PDF file includes:

Figs. S1 to S7 Tables S1 to S3

Supplementary figure legends

Supplementary Figure 1. Schematic representation of transwell, organoid monoculture, and organoid co-culture systems. In the transwell system, PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids embedded in Matrigel are in the bottom chamber while cells grown in 2D culture are in the upper chamber (transwell insert). In organoid monoculture, PDAC cells alone are cultured as 3D organoids embedded in Matrigel. Where indicated, exogenous alanine or pyruvate is added to the culture medium. In organoid co-culture, PDAC cells are cultured as 3D organoids and mixed with either MEFs or PSCs and embedded in Matrigel.

Supplementary Figure 2. Growth assessment of organoids with exogenous metabolites or in co-culture with PSCs and MEFs (a) Heatmap of the difference in mean number of organoids for murine PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids in monoculture, co-culture with MEFs (+MEF), or co-culture with PSCs (+PSC), without (control) or with exogenous 1mM alanine (+Ala) or 1mM pyruvate (+Py) supplemented in the media. First row, [+Ala] – [control], represents the difference in mean organoid number between cultures when media contains 1mM exogenous alanine and media without alanine or pyruvate (control). Second row, [+Py] – [+Ala], represents the difference in mean organoid number between cultures with 1mM pyruvate and 1mM alanine. Third row [+Py] – [control] represents the difference in mean organoid number between cultures with 1mM pyruvate and 1mM alanine. Third row [+Py] – [control] represents the difference in mean organoid number between cultures with 1mM pyruvate and control. n=3 images were analyzed per condition. Corresponding data are also shown in Figure 1c-d. (b) Heatmap of the difference in mean number of organoids derived from murine PDAC cells in mono- and co-cultures grown without any exogenous metabolite (control), or with 1mM exogenous alanine (+Ala) or 1mM pyruvate (+Py). First row, [+MEF] – [mono], represents difference in organoid number between PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids in co-culture with

MEFs and monoculture. Second row [+PSC] – [+MEF], represents the difference in organoid number between co-culture with PSC and co-culture with MEF. Third row, [+PSC] - [mono], represents the difference in organoid number between co-culture with PSCs and monoculture. n=3 images were analyzed per condition. Corresponding data is also shown in Figure 1c-d. (c) Number of organoids (Num. Organoids) quantified from brightfield images of PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoid monoculture (mono-) grown in media without exogenous alanine or pyruvate (control), media supplemented with 1 mM alanine (+Ala) or 1 mM pyruvate (+Py). Also plotted are the number of PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids, co-cultured (co-) with MEFs (+MEF) or PSCs (+PSC) as indicated. 3 independent wells were assessed per condition and each point is the average organoid number measured per well. n=3 per condition. Error bars represent the standard deviation. Data presented here are a subset of the data shown in Figure 1c. (d) The area of PDAC organoids cultured as 3D organoids alone (monoculture), co-cultured with MEF cells (+MEF) or PSCs (+PSC) with media supplemented with and without 1 mM pyruvate and 1 mM alanine as indicated. Area of each organoid was quantified from brightfield images (n=3 images per condition). 3 independent wells were assessed per condition. Each data point is an organoid area. (e) The number of organoids (Num.Organoids) or (f) organoid area of PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids cultured alone without pyruvate (-Py), alone with 10mM exogenous pyruvate (+Py), cocultured with MEFs (+MEF), co-cultured with immortalized PSCs (+PSC4, +PCS5), or cocultured with primary PSCs (+primary PSC). The data is quantified from brightfield images of 4 dishes per condition (n=4 images analyzed per condition). Statistical significance of differences between multiple conditions for data presented in (a-f) were tested using one-way ANOVA with posthoc Tukey's test (*** p< 0.001; ** p< 0.01; * p< 0.05). Error bars for (e) represent the 95% confidence interval. (g and h) Proliferation of 2 different PSC lines (PSC5 in (g); PSC4 in (h)) in

either monoculture or co-culture with PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids. GFP fluorescence was measured daily for 7 days. Plotted data represent mean fluorescence from 5 independent wells +/- standard deviation. A.U- arbitrary units.

Supplementary Figure 3. Biochemical redox measurements of cells and optical imaging of PDAC organoids in mono-culture or in co-culture with PSCs (a) NADH/NAD⁺ measurements of indicated cancer cell lines (PDAC) or indicated PSCs under standard culture conditions with or without pyruvate. 3731 cell line was derived from the KPC model, while remaining PDAC lines were derived from the KP^{-/-}C model; Technical replicates depicted with mean+/- std. (b) Optical redox ratio of 2D monocultures and co-cultures of unlabeled murine PDAC cells (KP-/-C mouse model) and immortalized unlabeled PSC cells measured 24 hours after plating (2 independent cultures per condition were assessed). The optical redox ratio for all the conditions were calculated at single cell level (PDAC cells monoculture: n=227; PDAC cells co-culture: n=91; PSC cells monoculture: n=265; PSC cells co-culture: n=119). The quantified data were normalized to the optical redox ratio for PDAC cells in monoculture. Data shown are derived from data that are presented in Figure 2 a-d. (c) Top panel shows representative fluorescence intensity images of NAD(P)H fluorescence (white) of 2D monocultures of PDAC cells (KP-/-C mouse model) and immortalized PSCs (PSC) and 2D co-culture of YFP+ murine PDAC cells (KP-/-C mouse model, labeled PDAC) and unlabeled PSCs. Cells were imaged after co-culture for 48 hours, and YFP (red) allowed specification of the cancer cells in co-culture. Corresponding optical redox ratio images are also shown (bottom). (d) Quantification of the optical redox ratio of PDAC cells (n=436) and PSCs (n=293) in monoculture, and unlabeled PSCs in co-culture (co-) (n=380) as described in (b) from 2 independent cultures per conditions. The quantified data was normalized to the optical redox ratio for PDAC cells in monoculture. (e) Representative fluorescence intensity

images of NAD(P)H fluorescence (white) of 2D monoculture of unlabeled PDAC cells (KPC mouse model), monoculture of unlabeled PSCs, co-culture of PDAC cells and GFP+ PSCs (labeled PSC), and co-culture of tdTomato+ PDAC cells (labeled PDAC, KPC mouse model) and unlabeled PSCs (top), cultured for 48 hours. Two separate co-cultures were prepared with one labeled and one unlabeled cell type, and optical redox ratios were assessed in the unlabeled cell type to circumvent interference of fluorescent labels with FAD signal. GFP intensity is overlaid in green and tdTomato in red with NAD(P)H intensity image in white. The optical redox ratio is also shown for all images (bottom). (f) Quantification of optical redox ratio from panel (c). n=8 images for monocultures and n=18-19 images for co-cultures were acquired from 2 independent cultures per condition and normalized to the mean optical redox ratio measured for PDAC cells in monoculture. For co-cultures, the optical redox ratios of unlabeled cells were computed, i.e, unlabeled PDAC cells with labeled PSCs excluded, or unlabeled PSCs with labeled PDAC cells excluded. The optical redox ratio was obtained at a single cell level (PDAC cell monoculture: n=1194; PDAC cell co-culture: n=1307; PSC monoculture: n=642; PSC co-culture: n=874). The statistical significance of differences between conditions shown in (b), (d) and (f) were evaluated using ANOVA with posthoc Tukey's test (*** p < 0.001; ** p < 0.01; * p < 0.05).

Supplementary Figure 4. Optical redox measurements of organoids over time and correlation with media pyruvate to lactate ratio (a) Heatmap of the difference in means in number of organoids for PDAC cells cultured as organoids from day 1 through 4. Each row represents difference of organoid number between two culture conditions (i.e., either monoculture or co-culture with PSC, supplemented with and without 10mM pyruvate (Py) as indicated). n=4 images were analyzed per condition. Corresponding data are also shown in Figure 3b. (b) Heatmap of the difference in mean organoid number for co-culture and monoculture, supplemented with

and without 10mM pyruvate (Py) as indicated. Each row represents difference in organoid number between two culture days. n=4 images were analyzed per condition. Corresponding data are also shown in Figure 3b. The statistical significance for (a) and (b) was tested using one-way ANOVA with posthoc Tukey's test (*** p < 0.001; ** p < 0.01; * p < 0.05). (c) Heatmap of the difference in means of optical redox ratio between PDAC cells and PSCs [PDAC - PSC], supplemented with or without 10mM pyruvate (Py) and grown as monoculture (mono-) or co-culture (co-) 3D organoids. n=6 images were analyzed per condition. Corresponding data are also shown in Figure 3e. (d) Optical redox ratio differences between monoculture and co-culture of PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids, either supplemented with 10mM exogenous pyruvate or without pyruvate (Py) as indicated. Also plotted are differences in optical redox ratio between monoculture and coculture of PSCs grown in 3D culture, either supplemented with 10mM exogenous pyruvate or without pyruvate. n=6 images were analyzed per condition. The optical redox ratio differences are plotted for day 1 through 4. The error bars represent the standard error. The data for days 2, 3, and 4 have been compared to day 1 using t-test for each curve (*** p < 0.001; ** p < 0.01; * p < 0.05). The data is derived from the data shown in Figure 3e (e) Quantification of optical redox ratios that were computed for each cell segmented from the PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids in monoculture or co-culture with PSCs from day 1 through 4. Optical redox ratio was measured for the PDAC cells cultured in monoculture (mono-) or co-culture (co-) with the PSCs and PSCs grown in co-culture with the PDAC cells as 3D organoids. 2 dishes per culture condition were plated on each day from day 0 through day 3. All the n= 48 dishes were imaged on day 4 with at least n = 3 images per condition. Optical redox ratios for all the conditions have been normalized to PDAC cells in monoculture on day 1, grown without exogenous pyruvate. The statistical significance was tested using one-way ANOVA with posthoc Tukey's test (*** p< 0.001; ** p<

0.01). (f) Optical redox ratio (gray) and pyruvate to lactate ratio measured in media (yellow) for PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids in monoculture (left panel), in co-culture with PSCs (middle panel), and PSC cells in co-culture with PDAC cells grown as 3D organoids (right panel). The optical redox ratio and pyruvate to lactate ratio were measured in cultures supplemented with and without 10mM exogenous pyruvate (Py). The measurements were performed on day 3 and 4 of culture. For optical redox ratio, at least n = 3 images were analyzed per condition and is a subset of data shown in (Supplementary Figure 4e). Optical redox ratio is normalized to the PDAC cells without pyruvate on day 1. Mean pyruvate and lactate measured per day was used to assess pyruvate to lactate ratio. Error bars represent the standard deviation.

Supplementary Figure 5. Difference in metabolite levels measured by GC-MS in conditioned media from the indicated cells in culture compared to what is found in fresh culture media. Culture conditions evaluated include PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids (PDAC), PSCs cultured in 3D (PSC), or PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids in co-culture with PSCs (co-culture). Media was analyzed after 3 days of culture (left) or 4 days of culture (right) in DMEM-based media supplemented with or without (+/-) 10mM pyruvate as indicated. The score presented in the heatmap for each condition was generated by calculating the difference between each metabolite measured in conditioned media (observed) and that measured in fresh DMEM media alone (DMEM), normalized to the respective standard deviation of the metabolite levels measured for all conditions, i.e., respective metabolite row (σ_{row}). The raw data is provided in Supplementary Table 3.

Supplementary Figure 6. LbNox expression in either PDAC cancer cells or PSCs does not affect organoid growth (a) Western blot analysis of Flag-tagged LbNox expression in PDAC cells transfected with empty vector (EV) or a doxycycline-inducible Flag-tagged LbNox construct (LbNox) and exposed to the indicated concentration of doxycycline for 48 hours. Vinculin expression was also assessed as a loading control. (b) NADH/NAD⁺ ratio of PDAC cells exposed to 1 µg/mL doxycycline for 48 hours (c) Growth of PDAC organoids was assessed by measuring TdTomato fluorescence intensity (left) or counting organoid number (middle), with mean +/- std deviation shown. Organoids were exposed to doxycycline for at least 48 hours prior to analysis to induce LbNox expression and assessed 4 days after plating in media conditions without pyruvate. Western blot analysis of Flag-tagged PDAC organoids transfected with EV or a LbNox is also shown to confirm expression in these conditions (right). (d) NADH/NAD⁺ ratio of pancreatic stellate cells (PSCs) expressing empty vector (EV) or doxycycline-inducible Flag-tagged LbNox (LbNox) after culture with 1 µg/mL doxycycline for 48 hours prior to analysis (top); western blot analysis of Flag-tagged LbNox expression in PSCs that were transfected with EV or LbNox (below). (e) Tomato-labeled organoids were cultured either alone or with 1 µg/mL doxycycline pretreated PSCs expressing either EV or LbNox. Organoid growth after 4 days of culture in media without pyruvate as assessed by TdTomato fluorescence intensity (left) or by organoid number (right) with mean +/- std deviation shown.

Supplementary Figure 7. Cell segmentation results for PDAC cells in 2D and 3D organoids. Representative cell segmentation results for PDAC cells cultured as 2D monolayer (top) and PDAC cells cultured as 3D organoids (bottom). (Left to Right) Representative NAD(P)H intensity images, corresponding manually segmented cell nuclei, corresponding cell boundary identified using automated Voronoi-based propagation method expanding from nuclei, and corresponding cytoplasm mask created by subtracting nuclei from cell boundary. Single cell segmentation of 2D monolayer and 3D organoid fluorescence images were performed using a customized semiautomated Cellprofiler pipeline.

















Day	Cell type	Culture	Pyruvate	n = dishes	images per dish	n = number of cells	
1	PDAC cells	monoculture	-	3	2	172	
			+	3	2	197	
		co-culture	-	3	2	246	
			+	3	2	380	
	PSCs	monoculture	-	3	2	57	
			+	3	2	59	
		co-culture	-	3	2	48	
			+	3	2	71	
2	PDAC cells	monoculture	-	3	2	162	
			+	3	2	180	
		co-culture	-	3	2	443	
			+	3	2	352	
	PSCs	monoculture	-	3	2	63	
			+	3	2	158	
		co-culture	-	3	2	78	
			+	3	2	96	
3	PDAC cells	monoculture	-	3	2	262	
			+	3	2	228	
		co-culture	-	3	2	414	
			+	3	2	445	
	PSCs	monoculture	-	3	2	69	
			+	3	2	129	
		co-culture	-	3	2	102	
			+	3	2	94	
4	PDAC cells	monoculture	-	3	2	355	
			+	3	2	201	
		co-culture	-	3	2	347	
			+	3	2	258	
	PSCs	monoculture	-	3	2	38	
			+	3	2	104	
		co-culture	-	3	2	46	
			+	3	2	91	

Supplementary Table 1. Number of cells segmented for data shown in Figure (3e)

Day	Group	Pyruvate	n= number of cells
1	non-touching	-	31
		+	11
	touching	-	48
		+	71
3	non-touching	-	21
		+	11
	touching	-	102
		+	94
4	non-touching	-	15
		+	14
	touching	_	46
		+	91

Supplementary Table 2. Number of PSCs segmented for data shown in Figure (4e)

Supplementary Table 3. Total ion count of metabolites analyzed by GC-MS

4								ر	ы С			N.A	Day
co-culture	co-culture	PSC	PSC	PDAC	PDAC	co-culture	co-culture	PSC	PSC	PDAC	PDAC	DMEM	Culture
+	I	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	Pyruvate
26849767	37747945	26732729	37660057	24493446	29519435	19261828	25835047	29752079	30304785	28225777	25928704	15084455	Norvaline
134456602	67417515	154611673	27196813	130713448	23709566	102802040	12054600	131561645	8337679	132167936	14838184	553970	Pyruvate
231696029	387134121	97097792	131944631	80782497	106600392	32756850	54340725	36439368	44081307	39843890	57509896	740208	Lactate
14134446	11285638	8195615	3654676	2587837	2303452	2305871	1134918	3662781	1128474	1697383	1165272	85201	Alanine
17483311	28131560	18447596	28659296	14258607	20201055	13184338	17977933	17474396	21224874	16711350	16381055	9744334	Glycine
17650684	18736750	22498863	25577775	18278344	22170598	14899538	21486079	19626044	22463438	21129323	18836523	11728719	Serine
3433589	4563478	912289	1278930	1386351	2639685	734556	1555297	671759	910852	842567	1822534	531832	Glutamate
32341170	30460745	40435119	39367898	22690146	25816088	20035413	30063888	27908662	29088285	36310753	21182121	6541063	Glutamine
2198290	3020796	1418959	1324800	482876	556962	407791	502175	637725	673542	392329	449258	116544	Proline
26853318	37746154	26732318	37660561	24493425	29518534	19265338	25835703	29751580	30305816	28226069	25929205	15085282	Valine

4							ω						Day
co-culture	co-culture	PSC	PSC	PDAC	PDAC	co-culture	co-culture	PSC	PSC	PDAC	PDAC	DMEM	Culture
+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	Pyruvate
27185497	38650364	27790964	39204020	25620083	33086128	21223872	27882673	31517684	31265899	31350199	28065285	17451639	Leucine
38903167	55171686	39964515	56592459	37101841	43619997	31227564	42257402	42979630	46082955	44227611	38983917	24327708	Isoleusine
5204657	6471865	5909612	8193553	3884501	5238090	3331613	4858728	4822439	5961841	3545756	4373985	1742332	Threonine
7748631	8724924	7713833	8981939	7000963	7782327	4992181	7001965	7655114	7981287	7348326	7977883	3955188	Methonine
16508145	17314609	14072061	17021007	13204257	14915066	10542146	13370095	14379617	15233064	14087672	16296335	7915757	Phenylalan ine
3504563	1193473	1818130	369519	1775342	530172	984187	385378	1157178	343769	1182719	421359	38187	Cysteine
32313410	30472913	40424538	39520772	22635984	25787038	20027536	30068021	27964363	29239465	36501917	21161974	6541530	Lysine
3059359	3258198	3712538	3322879	3205926	3059186	2009568	3533054	2841764	2661475	4744240	3246141	1748833	Arginine
10349201	12304868	10655947	11154428	10387066	10038087	6540074	10381698	9222635	8654133	12003306	8140105	6635237	Tyrosine
16686617	11507648	22681252	19974571	14352934	6959363	10632281	9283795	15586769	14436643	10124840	5007524	3162149	Histidine