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Software and code

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Data collection BD FACSDiVa™ software was used to collect data from flow cytometry. Inveon Acquisition Workplace from SIEMENS was used to collect micro-CT images. Cell Ranger (version 3.1.0) and NoveSeq 6000 (Illumina) were used to collect raw human single-cell RNA sequencing data.

Data analysis Statistical analyses were performed with the GraphPad Prism 7.0 software (GraphPad). BD FACSDiVa Software and Flowjo Software were used to analyze the data from flow cytometry. Raw gene expression matrices generated per sample in scRNA seq using Cell Ranger (version 3.1.0) were combined in R (version 3.5.3) mapping to GRCh38, converted to a Seurat object using the Seurat R package (version 3.0.1). Further data analysis was performed using Seurat R package, Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) software, Gene Set Variation Analysis (GSVA) software, and CellPhoneDB. These software and code for scRNA seq are all open source, and the links have been provided in the nr-software-policy file. Quantitative analysis for immunohistochemistry assay and immunofluorescent multiplex was performed with Image-Pro Plus (Version 6.0) software or HALO™ Image Analysis Software.

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The scRNA-seq and RNA-seq data generated in this study have been deposited in the NCBI Sequence Read Archive (SRA) database under the accession code

PRJNA725073 [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA725073] and PRJNA769634 [https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/PRJNA769634]. The Croft et al. data used in this study are available in the GEO database under accession code GSE129087. All the source data and uncropped scans of blots supporting the findings of this study are provided with this paper as Source Data file. All codes have been deposited on Github (https://github.com/biolchen/TNF-and-Ferroptotic-Cell-Death).

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Data exclusions	No data exclusion
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Sampling strategy	Note the sampling procedure. Describe the statistical methods that were used to predetermine sample size OR if no sample-size calculation was performed, describe how sample sizes were chosen and provide a rationale for why these sample sizes are sufficient.
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Methods

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Antibodies used

anti-FAP α (Invitrogen, BMS168, dilution 1:100),
 anti-FAP α (Abcam, ab218164, dilution 1:100),
 anti-Mfap4 (Thermo, PA5-24865, dilution 1:100),
 anti-Sparcl1 (Santa Cruz, sc-514275, dilution 1:100),
 anti-F4/80 (Cell Signaling Technology, #70076, dilution 1:500),
 PerCP anti-CD3 (Biolegend, 317338, 5 μ l/test),
 APC/Cyanine7 CD31 (Biolegend, 303120, 5 μ l/test),
 APC anti-CD68 (Biolegend, 333810, 5 μ l/test),
 PE/Cyanine7 anti-CD19 (Biolegend, 302216, 5 μ l/test),
 PE Goat anti-mouse IgG (Biolegend, 405307, 5 μ l/test),
 PE anti-human CD14 (Biolegend, 367104, 5 μ l/test),
 FITC anti-human CD90 (Thy1) (Biolegend, 328107, 5 μ l/test),
 Dynabeads anti-CD19 (Invitrogen, 11143D, 50 μ l beads/2.5 x 10⁷ cells/ml);
 Dynabeads anti-CD2 (Invitrogen, 11159D, 50 μ l beads/2.5 x 10⁷ cells/ml);
 Dynabeads anti-CD14 (Invitrogen, 11149D, 50 μ l beads/2.5 x 10⁷ cells/ml),
 anti-SLC40A1 antibody (Abcam, ab78066, dilution 1:200),
 anti-GCLM antibody (HuaBio, ET1705-87, dilution 1:500),
 anti-GCLC antibody (HuaBio, ET1704-38, dilution 1:500),
 anti-Ik β antibody (HuaBio, ET1603-6, dilution 1:500),
 anti-phospho-Ik β antibody (HuaBio, ET1609-78, dilution 1:500),
 anti-NF- κ B p65 antibody (HuaBio, ET1603-12, dilution 1:500),
 anti-SLC7A11 antibody (Abcam, ab175186, dilution 1:1000),
 anti-c-JUN polyclonal antibody (Proteintech, 24909-1-AP, dilution 1:1000),
 anti-ferritin rabbit monoclonal antibody (Abcam, ab75973, dilution 1:1000),
 anti-GAPDH antibody (HuaBio, R1210-1, dilution 1:2000),
 anti- β -actin antibody (HuaBio, 1210-2, dilution 1:2000).
 4-hydroxynonenal (Abcam, ab48506, dilution 1:25),
 anti-fibroblast activation protein (Abcam, ab53066, dilution 1:50),
 anti-glutathione peroxidase 4 (Abcam, ab125066, dilution 1:50),
 anti-GCLC (Abcam, ab53179, dilution 1:100),
 anti-GCLM (Abcam, ab126704, dilution 1:50),
 p-NF- κ B p65 (Thermo Fisher, 44-711G, dilution 1:50).
 8-OHdG (Abcam, ab48508, dilution 1:100)
 VCAM-1 (Abcam, ab134047, dilution 1:500),
 CD248 (Abcam, ab217535, dilution 1:200),
 4-HNE (Abcam, ab46545, dilution 1:50),
 TNFR1 neutralizing antibody (Sino Biological, 10872-R111, dilution 1:400),
 TNFR2 neutralizing antibody (Sino Biological, 10417-R00N6, dilution 1:200).
 rabbit IgG Isotype Control (Invitrogen, 31235, dilution 1:100),
 mouse IgG Isotype Control (Invitrogen, 14-4714-82, dilution 1:1000)

Validation

All primary antibodies were confirmed or the species and application through the validation statement on the manufacturer's website and their use in the literature. We are providing here the list of antibodies used. anti-FAP α (Invitrogen, BMS168), validated by the company (<https://www.thermofisher.com/cn/zh/antibody/product/FAP-Antibody-clone-F11-24-Monoclonal/BMS168>) and by users (cited 4 times)
 anti-FAP α (Abcam, ab218164), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/fibroblast-activation-protein-alpha-antibody-ab218164.html>)
 anti-Mfap4 (Thermo, PA5-24865), validated by the company (<https://www.thermofisher.com/cn/zh/antibody/product/MFAP4-Antibody-Polyclonal/PA5-24865>)
 anti-Sparcl1 (Santa Cruz, sc-514275), validated by the company (<https://www.scbt.com/p/sparcl1-antibody-g-5>) and by users (cited 3 times)
 anti-F4/80 (Cell Signaling Technology, #70076), validated by the company (<https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/f4-80-d2s9r-xp-rabbit-mab/70076>) and by users (cited 63 times)
 PerCP anti-CD3 (Biolegend, 317338), validated by the company (<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/percp-anti-human-cd3-antibody-9624?GroupID=GROUP28>) and by users (cited 2 times)
 APC/Cyanine7 CD31 (Biolegend, 303120), validated by the company (<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/apc-cyanine7-anti-human-cd31-antibody-6730>) and by users (cited 11 times)
 APC anti-CD68 (Biolegend, 333810), validated by the company (<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/apc-anti-human-cd68-antibody-6542>) and by users (cited 14 times)
 PE/Cyanine7 anti-CD19 (Biolegend, 302216), validated by the company (<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/pe-cyanine7-anti-human-cd19-antibody-1911>) and by users (cited 31 times)
 PE Goat anti-mouse IgG (Biolegend, 405307), validated by the company (<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/pe-goat-anti-mouse-igg-minimal-x-reactivity-1418>) and by users (cited 26 times)
 PE anti-human CD14 (Biolegend, 367104), validated by the company (<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/pe-anti-human-cd14-antibody-12011>) and by users (cited 7 times)

FITC anti-human CD90 (Thy1) (Biolegend, 328107), validated by the company (<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/fitc-anti-human-cd90-thy1-antibody-4113?GroupID=BLG5826>) and by users (cited 43 times)

anti-SLC40A1 antibody (Abcam, ab78066), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/slc40a1-antibody-ab78066.html>) and by users (cited 15 times)

anti-GCLM antibody (HuaBio, ET1705-87), validated by the company (<https://www.huabio.com/products/gclm-antibody-clone-jm93-61-recombinant-monoclonal-et1705-87>)

anti-GCLC antibody (HuaBio, ET1704-38), validated by the company (<https://www.huabio.com/products/gclc-antibody-clone-ja08-03-recombinant-monoclonal-et1704-38>)

anti-Ik β antibody (HuaBio, ET1603-6), validated by the company (<https://www.huabio.com/products/ikb-alpha-antibody-clone-sz00-07-recombinant-monoclonal-et1603-6>) and by users (cited 4 times)

anti-phospho-Ik β antibody (HuaBio, ET1609-78), validated by the company (<https://www.huabio.com/products/phospho-ikb-alpha-s32-antibody-clone-st53-05-recombinant-monoclonal-et1609-78>)

anti-NF- κ B p65 antibody (HuaBio, ET1603-12), validated by the company (<https://www.huabio.com/products/nf-kb-p65-antibody-clone-sz10-04-recombinant-monoclonal-et1603-12>) and by users (cited 5 times)

anti-SLC7A11 antibody (Abcam, ab175186), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/xct-antibody-epr82902-ab175186.html>) and by users (cited 41 times)

anti-JUN polyclonal antibody (Proteintech, 24909-1-AP), validated by the company (<https://www.ptglab.com/Products/JUN-Antibody-24909-1-AP.htm>) and by users (cited 20 times)

anti-ferritin rabbit monoclonal antibody (Abcam, ab75973), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/ferritin-antibody-epr3004y-ab75973.html>) and by users (cited 51 times)

anti-GAPDH antibody (HuaBio, R1210-1), validated by the company (<https://www.huabio.com/products/gapdh-antibody-polyclonal-r1210-1>) and by users (cited 8 times)

anti- β -actin antibody (HuaBio, 1210-2), validated by the company (<https://www.huabio.com/products/beta-actin-antibody-clone-a2-f6-monoclonal-m1210-2>) and by users (cited 51 times)

4-hydroxynonenal (Abcam, ab48506), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/4-hydroxynonenal-antibody-hnej-2-ab48506.html?productWallTab=Abreviews>) and by users (cited 125 times)

anti-fibroblast activation protein (Abcam, ab53066), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/fibroblast-activation-protein-alpha-antibody-ab53066.html>) and by users (cited 94 times)

anti-glutathione peroxidase 4 (Abcam, ab125066), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/glutathione-peroxidase-4-antibody-epncir144-ab125066.html>) and by users (cited 165 times)

anti-GCLC (Abcam, ab53179), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/gclc-antibody-ab53179.html>) and by users (cited 31 times)

anti-GCLM (Abcam, ab126704), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/GCLM-antibody-EPR6667-ab126704.html>) and by users (cited 43 times)

p-NF- κ B p65 (Thermo Fisher, 44-711G), validated by the company (<https://www.thermofisher.com/cn/zh/antibody/product/Phospho-NFKB-p65-Ser529-Antibody-Polyclonal/44-711G>) and by users (cited 19 times)

PE anti-CD45 (Biolegend, 304008), validated by the company (<https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/pe-anti-human-cd45-antibody-708?GroupID=GROUP28>) and by users (cited 20 times)

FITC anti-Collagen I (Sigma-Aldrich, FCMAB412F), validated by the company (<https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/catalog/product/mm/fcmab412f?lang=en®ion=US>) and by users (cited 3 times)

8-OHdG (Abcam, ab48508), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/8-hydroxy-2-deoxyguanosine-antibody-n451-ab48508.html>) and by users (cited 90 times)

VCAM-1 (Abcam, ab134047), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/VCAM1-antibody-EPR5047-ab134047.html>) and by users (cited 186 times)

CD248 (Abcam, ab217535), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/tem1-antibody-ab217535.html>)

4-HNE (Abcam, ab46545), validated by the company (<https://www.abcam.com/4-Hydroxynonenal-antibody-ab46545.html>) and by users (cited 387 times)

rabbit IgG Isotype Control (Invitrogen, 31235), validated by the company (<https://www.thermofisher.cn/cn/zh/antibody/product/Rabbit-IgG-Isotype-Control/31235>) and by users (cited 6 times)

mouse IgG Isotype Control (Invitrogen, 14-4714-82), validated by the company (<https://www.thermofisher.cn/cn/zh/antibody/product/Mouse-IgG1-kappa-clone-P3-6-2-8-1-Isotype-Control/14-4714-82>) and by users (cited 38 times)

TNFR1 / CD120a / TNFRSF1A Neutralizing Antibody, validated by the company (<https://www.sinobiological.com/antibodies/human-tnfrsf1a-10872-r111>) and by users (cited 4 times)

TNFR2 / CD120b / TNFRSF1B Neutralizing Antibody, validated by the company (<https://www.sinobiological.com/antibodies/human-tnfr2-tnfrsf1b-10417-r00n6>) and by users (cited 3 times)

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Laboratory animals

DBA/1 male, 8-10 weeks.

Wild animals

The study did not involve wild animals.

Field-collected samples

The study did not involve samples collected from the field.

Ethics oversight

All animal procedures were performed in accordance with Laboratory Animal Ethics Committee of Air Force Medical University.

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Human research participants

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Population characteristics

No patients included in the study were being under corticosteroids treatment or second-line drug agents (methotrexate, sulfasalazine, or cyclosporin A) at the time of, and shortly before, the surgery (we set the standard as one month before the surgery). Clinicopathological measurements were recorded, including disease duration, composite 28-joint count Disease Activity Score (DAS28), erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), C-reactive protein (CRP), and general health or the patient's global assessment of disease activity (using a 100-mm visual analog scale). All active RA and osteoarthritis (OA) patients met the clinical and radiographic criteria of the American College of Rheumatology. For immunohistochemistry and TSA-based immunofluorescent multiplex studies using human synovial biopsy tissue, the following patients were included: RA n = 26 (females, n = 14; range age 21-76, median age 48, IQR 39.5-54.3; high disease activity, n = 19, moderate disease activity, n = 7); OA n = 21 (females, n = 12; range age 45-72, median age 55, IQR 49.5-57). For the single-cell RNA sequencing, the following patients were included: RA n = 5 (females, n = 5; range age 38-62, mean age 49.8; high disease activity n = 5). For the measurement of MDA, 8-OH-dG and iron levels in joint fluid, the following RA patients were included: n = 20 (females, n = 16; range age 33-69, median age 53, IQR 50-61.3; high disease activity, n = 12; moderate disease activity, n = 8). For the isolation of synovial fibroblasts from joint fluid and circulating fibrocytes from peripheral blood mononuclear cells, the following active RA patients were included: n = 6 (females, n = 4; range age 31-68, mean age 48.3; high disease activity, n = 3; moderate disease activity, n = 3).

Recruitment

Patients with clinical synovitis met the clinical and radiographic criteria of the American College of Rheumatology and were not being treated with corticosteroids or second-line drug agents at the time of and shortly before the surgery were recruited to the study. No self-selection bias was present. All studies were approved by the Medical Ethics Committee and patients gave written, informed consent to participate.

Ethics oversight

Human specimen research was approved by the Medical Ethics Committee of the First Affiliated Hospital (Xijing Hospital) of the Fourth Military Medical University.

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N/A

Study protocol	N/A
Data collection	N/A
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Describe the experimental replicates, specifying number, type and replicate agreement.

Sequencing depth

Describe the sequencing depth for each experiment, providing the total number of reads, uniquely mapped reads, length of reads and whether they were paired- or single-end.

Antibodies

Describe the antibodies used for the ChIP-seq experiments; as applicable, provide supplier name, catalog number, clone name, and lot number.

Peak calling parameters

Specify the command line program and parameters used for read mapping and peak calling, including the ChIP, control and index files used.

Data quality

Describe the methods used to ensure data quality in full detail, including how many peaks are at FDR 5% and above 5-fold enrichment.

Software

Describe the software used to collect and analyze the ChIP-seq data. For custom code that has been deposited into a community repository, provide accession details.

Flow Cytometry

Plots

Confirm that:

- The axis labels state the marker and fluorochrome used (e.g. CD4-FITC).
- The axis scales are clearly visible. Include numbers along axes only for bottom left plot of group (a 'group' is an analysis of identical markers).
- All plots are contour plots with outliers or pseudocolor plots.
- A numerical value for number of cells or percentage (with statistics) is provided.

Methodology

Sample preparation

Cells used in Flow Cytometry are cultured/uncultured human cells isolated from synovial biopsies, joint fluid or PBMC, described in Methods section. Cell death was analyzed by SYTOX Green staining followed flow cytometry. Samples were washed with PBS before flow cytometry. To analyze lipid peroxidation, cells were stained with BODIPY-C11 followed by flow cytometric analysis.

Instrument

Fortessa (BD Biosciences).

Software

BD FACSDiva Software was used to collect data, BD FACSDiva Software and Flowjo(v10.5.3) Software were used to analyze the data.

Cell population abundance

In flow cytometry analysis, up to 5,000 cells are examined.

Gating strategy

For cell death detection, unstained controls (PBS alone without staining) were used as negative control. The first plot (FSC-A vs. SSC-A) was drawn to exclude debris as they tend to have lower forward scatter levels. The second and third plots (SSC-W vs. SSC-H and FSC-W vs. FSC-H) are drawn to remove doublets from the analysis. Then a single parameter histogram was used to identify cells which would be positive for the dye. A gate boundary is made based on the unstained cells and the peaks of the histogram. For lipid ROS staining, samples without BODIPY-C11 was used as negative control. The figure exemplifying the gating strategy are provided in Supplementary information.

- Tick this box to confirm that a figure exemplifying the gating strategy is provided in the Supplementary Information.

Magnetic resonance imaging

Experimental design

Design type

Indicate task or resting state; event-related or block design.

Design specifications

Specify the number of blocks, trials or experimental units per session and/or subject, and specify the length of each trial or block (if trials are blocked) and interval between trials.

Behavioral performance measures

State number and/or type of variables recorded (e.g. correct button press, response time) and what statistics were used to establish that the subjects were performing the task as expected (e.g. mean, range, and/or standard deviation across subjects).

Acquisition

Imaging type(s)

Specify: functional, structural, diffusion, perfusion.

Field strength

Specify in Tesla

Sequence & imaging parameters

Specify the pulse sequence type (gradient echo, spin echo, etc.), imaging type (EPI, spiral, etc.), field of view, matrix size, slice thickness, orientation and TE/TR/flip angle.

Area of acquisition

State whether a whole brain scan was used OR define the area of acquisition, describing how the region was determined.

Diffusion MRI

 Used Not used

Preprocessing

Preprocessing software	<i>Provide detail on software version and revision number and on specific parameters (model/functions, brain extraction, segmentation, smoothing kernel size, etc.).</i>
Normalization	<i>If data were normalized/standardized, describe the approach(es): specify linear or non-linear and define image types used for transformation OR indicate that data were not normalized and explain rationale for lack of normalization.</i>
Normalization template	<i>Describe the template used for normalization/transformation, specifying subject space or group standardized space (e.g. original Talairach, MNI305, ICBM152) OR indicate that the data were not normalized.</i>
Noise and artifact removal	<i>Describe your procedure(s) for artifact and structured noise removal, specifying motion parameters, tissue signals and physiological signals (heart rate, respiration).</i>
Volume censoring	<i>Define your software and/or method and criteria for volume censoring, and state the extent of such censoring.</i>

Statistical modeling & inference

Model type and settings	<i>Specify type (mass univariate, multivariate, RSA, predictive, etc.) and describe essential details of the model at the first and second levels (e.g. fixed, random or mixed effects; drift or auto-correlation).</i>
Effect(s) tested	<i>Define precise effect in terms of the task or stimulus conditions instead of psychological concepts and indicate whether ANOVA or factorial designs were used.</i>
Specify type of analysis:	<input type="checkbox"/> Whole brain <input type="checkbox"/> ROI-based <input type="checkbox"/> Both
Statistic type for inference (See Eklund et al. 2016)	<i>Specify voxel-wise or cluster-wise and report all relevant parameters for cluster-wise methods.</i>
Correction	<i>Describe the type of correction and how it is obtained for multiple comparisons (e.g. FWE, FDR, permutation or Monte Carlo).</i>

Models & analysis

n/a	Included in the study
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Functional and/or effective connectivity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Graph analysis
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Multivariate modeling or predictive analysis
Functional and/or effective connectivity	<i>Report the measures of dependence used and the model details (e.g. Pearson correlation, partial correlation, mutual information).</i>
Graph analysis	<i>Report the dependent variable and connectivity measure, specifying weighted graph or binarized graph, subject- or group-level, and the global and/or node summaries used (e.g. clustering coefficient, efficiency, etc.).</i>
Multivariate modeling and predictive analysis	<i>Specify independent variables, features extraction and dimension reduction, model, training and evaluation metrics.</i>