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Software and code

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Data collection

BD FACSDiva™ Software
GeoMx Digital Spatial Profiler v2.1 Instrument Software
Leica Application Suite X (LAS X)
NextSeq 1000/2000 Control Software Suite v1.2.0

Data analysis

FlowJo v9
 Imaris Cell Imaging Software (Bitplane) v9.2.0
 nSolver™ Analysis Software v.4 (NanoString)
 GraphPad Prism 7.0 Software
 Halo Image Analysis Software v3.4 (Indica Labs)
 R packages: ClusterProfiler v3.18.1, CopyKAT v1.0.5, Harmony v1.0, Seurat v4.0.4, SingleR v1.4.1
 Python package: Pysam 0.16.0.1
 CellRanger v6.1.1 (10x Genomics)
 GATK PathSeq v4.1.3.0 Pathogen discovery pipeline (Broad institute)
 SpaceRanger v1.3.0 (10x Genomics)
 Trimmomatic v0.39
 MicrobiomeAnalyst

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Codes for data processing and analysis is available at <https://github.com/FredHutch/Galeano-Nino-Bullman-Intratumoral-Microbiota-2022>. Raw sequence data from microbiome analysis using bacterial 16S ribosomal RNA gene sequencing, 10x Visium spatial transcriptomics and single-cell RNA sequences were deposited in the NCBI Sequence Read Archive (SRA) under the Bioproject accession number PRJNA811533. PathSeq, Cell Ranger and Space Ranger analyses used GRCh38 as the human genome reference.

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Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size

Patient specimen sample size was determined according to biological material available. For the GeoMx analysis, 12 areas of interest were selected per patient specimen and patient cohorts were analyzed independently as stated in the figure legends and methods. For the INVADeseq approach validation with the HCT116 cell line (MOI=0,100 and 500) we captured a total of 12,412 single cells and all cells that passed quality filtering (as detailed in the data exclusions) were included in the analysis. For the INVADeseq approach with the patient OSCC specimens, 42,810 single cells were captured from seven patients, all cells that passed quality filtering (as detailed in the data exclusions) were included in the analysis. For the 10x Visium OSCC and CRC cases, data was obtained from 3404 and 3106 capture spots within the tissue area. Statistical tests were performed for all the analyses as indicated in the figure legends and methods.

Data exclusions

For single-cell RNA sequencing, low quality events were removed by filtering transcripts that were expressed in less than three cells (min.cells feature from Seurat R package) and cells that contain less than 200 unique transcripts (min.feature option from Seurat R package). For the INVADeseq approach validation with the HCT116 cell line (MOI=0,100 and 500), of the total 12,412 single cells captured, 39 single cells were excluded as they did not pass the quality filter as detailed in the methods. For the INVADeseq approach with the seven patient OSCC specimens, of 42,810 total single cells captured, 1087 single cells did not pass the quality filters (as detailed in the methods) and were excluded from analyses. For 10x visium spatial transcriptomics, capture spots that contain less than 3 unique transcripts were removed from the analysis by min.feature option from Seurat R package.

Replication

A total of 11 fresh-frozen colorectal patient cancers (CRC) samples were selected for microbiome bulk analysis using 16S ribosomal RNA gene sequencing. Microbiome composition and bacteria distribution using 10x Visium spatial transcriptions were measured in a CRC and oral squamous cell carcinoma (OSCC) case embedded in OCT medium. An additional 18 CRC and 8 OSCC FFPE embedded samples were collected for GeoMx-DSP analysis. A total of 7 fresh OSCC samples were processed for single-cell RNA sequencing. For in-vitro functional assays the experiments were conducted at least three times for data reproducibility. All replicates successfully show consistent results.

Randomization

Sample randomization into experimental groups are not relevant, as the design of the study aims to quantify discriminative features between already established groups.

Blinding

Blinding is not relevant for this study since the aim of this work is to quantify discriminative features between already establish experimental

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> MRI-based neuroimaging |

Antibodies

Antibodies used

anti-EpCAM, Mouse mAb, BioLegend, Cat: 32402, Clone: 9C4
 anti-CD66b, Mouse mAb, BD Biosciences, Cat: 555723, Clone: G10F5
 anti-CD11b, Rabbit mAb, BioSB, Cat: BSB6440, Clone: EP45
 anti-CD4, Rabbit mAb, CellMarque, Cat: 104R-26 (AC-0173), Clone: EP204
 anti-CD8, Mouse mAb, Dako, Cat: M7103, Clone: 144B
 Anti-Phospho-p44/42 MAPK (Erk1/2) (Thr202/Tyr204) Alexa Fluor® 488 Conjugate Mouse mAb, Cell signaling, Cat: #4374, Clone: (E10)
 Anti-Phospho-p38 MAPK (Thr180/Tyr182) PE Conjugate, Rabbit mAb, Cell signaling, Cat: #6908, Clone: (E10)
 Anti-PD1, Rabbit mAb, Abcam, Cat: ab137132, Clone: EPR4877(2)
 Anti-Ki67, Mouse, mAb, Dako, Cat: M7240, Clone: MIB-1
 Anti-Panck, Mouse, mAb, Dako, Cat: M35153, Clone: AE1/AE3

Validation

All antibodies used in the study were validated by the manufacture. Data is available at the manufacture's website as it is indicated below:

anti-EpCAM, Mouse mAb, BioLegend, Cat: 32402, Clone: 9C4: <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/purified-anti-human-cd326-epcam-antibody-3755?GroupID=BLG5134>
 anti-CD66b, Mouse mAb, BD Biosciences, Cat: 555723, Clone: G10F5: <https://www.bdbiosciences.com/en-us/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/purified-mouse-anti-human-cd66b.555723>
 anti-CD11b, Rabbit mAb, BioSB, Cat: BSB6440, Clone: EP45. <https://www.biosb.com/biosb-products/cd11b-antibody-rmab-ep45/>
 anti-CD4, Rabbit mAb, CellMarque, Cat: 104R-26 (AC-0173), Clone: EP204. https://www.cellmarque.com/antibodies/CM/2186/CD4_EP204
 anti-CD8, Mouse mAb, Dako, Cat: M7103, Clone: 144B. [https://www.agilent.com/en/product/immunohistochemistry/antibodies-controls/primary-antibodies/cd8-\(concentrate\)-76631](https://www.agilent.com/en/product/immunohistochemistry/antibodies-controls/primary-antibodies/cd8-(concentrate)-76631)
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 Anti-Phospho-p38 MAPK (Thr180/Tyr182) PE Conjugate, Rabbit mAb, Cell signaling, Cat: #6908, Clone: (E10) <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/antibody-conjugates/phospho-p38-mapk-thr180-tyr182-3d7-rabbit-mab-pe-conjugate/6908>
 Anti-PD1 antibody, Abcam, Cat: (ab137132) Clone: [EPR4877(2)] <https://www.abcam.com/pd1-antibody-epr48772-ab137132.html>
 Anti-Ki67, Mouse, mAb, Dako, Cat: M7240, Clone: MIB-1 [https://www.agilent.com/en/product/immunohistochemistry/antibodies-controls/primary-antibodies/ki-67-antigen-\(dako-omnis\)-76239](https://www.agilent.com/en/product/immunohistochemistry/antibodies-controls/primary-antibodies/ki-67-antigen-(dako-omnis)-76239)
 Anti-Panck, Mouse, mAb, Dako, Cat: M35153, Clone: AE1/AE3, [https://www.agilent.com/en/product/immunohistochemistry/antibodies-controls/primary-antibodies/cytokeratin-\(concentrate\)-76562](https://www.agilent.com/en/product/immunohistochemistry/antibodies-controls/primary-antibodies/cytokeratin-(concentrate)-76562)

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

HT-29, HCT-116 and CT26WT were purchased from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC)
 HL60 cells expressing GFP-firefly luciferase construct were kindly given by Prof. Cameron Turtle (originally from the ATCC)

Authentication

None of the cell lines used were authenticated.

Mycoplasma contamination

Mycoplasma testing was performed independently by the Research cell bank facility at the Fred Hutch using the MycoProbe

Mycoplasma contamination	Mycoplasma Detection Kit (R&D systems) that can detect the 16S ribosomal RNA of the most common strains of mycoplasma. All cell lines used in this study tested negative for Mycoplasma.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in the study

Human research participants

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Population characteristics	All patients included in this analysis were adults diagnosed with either colorectal adenocarcinoma or oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma. A major criteria for inclusion of specimens in this study was that patients were treatment naive at the time of tumor surgical resection. Gender, age or ethnicity of patients were not an exclusion factor as we did not perform analyses based on patient metadata.
Recruitment	All CRC specimens in this study were obtained from bio-repositories and no patients were recruited for this study. The fresh OSCC specimens were obtained from patients with oral cavity squamous cell carcinoma at the University of Washington medical center. These patients had consented to an excess specimen protocol for research, whereby tissue that was obtained under this protocol did not impact patient treatment or outcome. A criteria for patient selection was that they were treatment naive at the time of surgical resection and HPV negative. Age, gender or ethnicity did not impact selection criteria as these factors did not impact our analysis.
Ethics oversight	The use of patient specimens for this work was approved by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center IRB under the following protocol numbers RG #: 1006552, 1006974

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Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation	For intracellular staining, a total of 10000 cells were incubated LIVE/DEAD fixable Aqua Dead cell staining for 30min on ice. Following incubation, the cells were fixed for 30min and permeabilize using the BD Cytofix/Cytoperm plus kit. The permeabilization solution contained a cocktail of antibodies against phosphoproteins including 1.25µg/ml Phospho-p44/42 MAPK (Erk1/2) (Thr202/Tyr204) (E10) Mouse mAb (Alexa Fluor 488 conjugate) and 1.25µg/ml Phospho-p38 MAPK (Thr180/Tyr182) (3D7) Rabbit mAb (Phycoerythrin conjugate). Following 45min of antibody incubation the cells were washed twice with the permeabilization solution. Cells were resuspended in 200µl FACS wash buffer and 1x10 ⁴ viable cells (LIVE/DEAD aqua negative cells) were acquired on the BD Fortessa x20 flow cytometer. A tube only containing F. nucleatum was also acquired to gate-out undesired bacteria cell events from the analysis. The geometric mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) was calculated for each phosphoprotein and for each experimental condition relative to an unstained control condition. Flow cytometry data were analyzed with FlowJo software.
Instrument	BD Fortessa x20 flow cytometer
Software	Collection software: BD FACSDiva™ Software Analysis software: FlowJo™ v10.8.1
Cell population abundance	A total of 10000 viable cells events were acquired for each experimental condition
Gating strategy	In all assays, cells were gate for live, single cells and then gated according to the specific staining. A tube only containing F. nucleatum was also acquired to gate-out undesired bacteria cell events from the analysis.

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