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### Supplementary Materials for

### **A tissue atlas of ulcerative colitis revealing evidence of sex-dependent differences in disease-driving inflammatory cell types and resistance to TNF inhibitor therapy**

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#### **Supplemental Methods: Prediction**

To get patch-level featurization:

- 1. Standard Representation: Raster scans tissue images using 1000 by 1000 pixel patches, beginning from the upper left corner and reading across, then down. Patches on the right and bottom border that were smaller than 1000 by 1000 were retained in their smaller form. For cell-type and cell-neighborhood analyses, patches were generated from the clustered cell-identity or neighborhood-identity text files. For pairwise interactions, patches were generated from the cell-identity labeled Voronoi images. In all cases, abundance ratios were obtained by normalizing to the total number of cells (for cell identity and neighborhoods) or the total number of interactions (for cell-cell interactions).
- 2. CNN representation: We scan the Voronoi images right-to-left and then up-down with a stride of 500 px and extract 1000 by 1000 px patches. We then resize the patches to 224 by 224 px, the standard input size of the ImageNet dataset. We also consider using a stride of  $250$  px to extract  $500$  by  $500$  px patches which are resized to  $224$  by  $224$  px. The images are padded with black pixels so the height and width are divisible by the stride. Convolutional Neural Net (CNN) architectures pre-trained on ImageNet have a bias towards the center of the input image. Having a stride equal to half the patch length gives overlapping patches, but it allows for every part of the image to be roughly centered in a patch. Any patches where more than  $60\%$  of the pixels are black are discarded. Using PyTorch, we instantiate an ImageNet pre-trained ResNet-50 (or ResNet-18, or Res-Net 152, or ShuffleNet  $v2$ ) model, freeze all the trainable parameters, and put the model in evaluation mode. We pass each patch through the pre-trained model and extract that last hidden layer output (just before the final fully connected layer) to use as the representation for the patch.

We use a L2 regularized logistic regression with solver='lbfgs' from scikit-learn as our model and use leave-one-out cross-validation to evaluate predictive performance. More specifically, consider the ith patient. For now, we'll refer to all patients other than patient i as "training patients". For all of our tasks, we don't believe that class prior probabilities present in our data are necessarily representative of the class prior probabilities of said task's population of interest. As such we will adjust certain patch-level or patient-level predictions so that the adjusted prediction corresponds to each class having a prior probability of 0.5 *(42)*. We outline how to produce the patient-level prediction for the ith patient for each of our training methods. Whenever training or evaluating a model, we standardize our predictors using means and standard deviations from the training data.

- 1. Patient-level training: we aggregate our patch-level representations into patient-level representations and input patient-level representations into our model. The model then directly outputs patient-level predictions. When using the standard representation, aggregating amounts to combine our cell types, cell neighborhoods, and cell interactions to get total counts and overall frequencies. When using the CNN representation, aggregating amounts to taking the mean of all the patch-level representations. We train the model on the training patients (total number of training samples  $=$  number of training patients) and then input patient i's patient-level representation to get patient i's patient-level prediction. We then adjust patient i's patient-level prediction according to as discussed above *(42)*.
- 2. Patch-level training: we assign each patch the response of the patient it comes from. We input patch-level representations into our model and the model correspondingly outputs patch-level predictions. We perform a weighted training where we train on all the patches which come from training patients (total number of training samples  $=$ number of training patients \* avg. number of patches per training patient). A patch from the jth patient is given weight inversely proportional to the total number of patches from the jth patient. We then input all the patch-level representations corresponding to patient i to get all of the patient i's patch-level predictions, adjust them as discussed above, and average them to get patient i's patient-level prediction.

The above gives us patient-level predictions for each patient. To determine the threshold  $t_i$  for prediction for the ith patient we perform a nested leave-one-out cross-validation. More specifically we repeat the above process with all patients excluding patient i. We then set  $t_i$  to be the choice of 0.00, 0.01, ..., 0.99, 1.00 that maximizes Youden's Index for patient-level classification in this nested leave-one-out cross-validation, where when computing the ROC curve, we weight patients inversely proportionally to the size of the class  $(0/1)$  they belong to. If multiple choices maximize Youden's Index, we choose the median of the ones that do. We then classify patient i according to threshold t\_i. 

By using the patient-level predictions from the leave-one-out cross-validation to classify each patient according to the same threshold s for  $s=0.00$ , 0.01, ..., 0.99, 1.00 we generate a validation patientlevel ROC curve. Again, we weight patients inversely proportionally to the size of the class  $(0/1)$  they belong to. From the weighted ROC curve, we compute a weighted validation patient-level AUROC. In the case of patch-level training, we also have validation patch-level predictions, and we do the same for our patch-level predictions to get a validation patch-level AUROC. In this case, a patch from patient i is given weight inversely proportional to the number of patches from patient i \* the size of the class  $(0/1)$  patient i belongs to.

We run the above procedure for different regularization strengths, lambda. To go from lambda to the parameter C we input in sklearn we use the relation  $C = 1/(\text{lambda}^*)$  number of training samples). We present results for the C which gives the best validation AUROC. If multiple values for C give the same validation AUROC, we present results for the C which corresponds to the smallest regularization strength. We consider lambdas from numpy.logspace $(-3, 0, 4)$  for patch-level training and lambdas from numpy.logspace $(-1, 2, 4)$  for patient-level training. By searching over a small number of regularization parameters, we attempt to minimize the bias we incur by presenting results from the most favorable regularization strength.

Finally, we perform a permutation test to test the null hypothesis that the predictors and response are independent. More specifically, we repeat all of the above an additional  $N=100$  times after randomly permuting the response at the patient level. Let k be the number of these additional iterations that have validation patient-level AUROC >= patient-level validation AUROC from our original, non-permuted run. We report  $p=(k+1)/(N+1)$ , which is a valid p-value for testing the null hypothesis that the predictors and response are independent. We do the same for patch-level AUROC to get a second p-value for the same null hypothesis.

#### **Supplemental Figures**



**S1a-b. CODEX imaging of tissue biomarker expression in patients with Ulcerative Colitis.**



**Figure S1c-d. CODEX imaging of tissue biomarker expression in patients with Ulcerative Colitis.**



**Figure S1e-f. CODEX imaging of tissue biomarker expression in patients with Ulcerative Colitis.**



**Figure S1g-h. CODEX imaging of tissue biomarker expression in patients with Ulcerative Colitis.**



**Figure S1i-j. CODEX imaging of tissue biomarker expression in patients with Ulcerative Colitis.**

**Figure S1. CODEX imaging of tissue biomarker expression in patients with UC. (a)** Schematic overview of data acquisition process from (1) sample collection and (2) tissue sectioning to (3) tissue staining and (4) CODEX imaging. **(b)** Top left: CODEX image of a biopsy section from patient UC1 with Hoechst nuclear stain (gray), CD85j (cyan), Ki67 (yellow), CD19 (blue), CD31 (red), TIGIT (purple), and Vimentin (green) shown as a 7-color composite image selected from a total of 52 protein and 2 nuclear markers stained on the same tissue section. Bottom left: Zoomed-in view of representative staining for Vimentin, CD19, CD31, CD85j, TIGIT, and Ki67. Right: Zoomed-in view of the region denoted in the white box in panel (a) shown as a 7-color composite image (large panel) and as H&E and 2-color images of Hoechst and each of the indicated markers individually (small panels). Scale bars: yellow, 0.04 mm; white, 0.10 mm; black, 0.50 mm. **(c)** Top left: CODEX image of a biopsy section from patient UC1 with Hoechst nuclear stain (gray), CD66 (cyan), CD134 (yellow), CD3 (blue), IL6R (red), CD69 (purple), and CD4 (green) shown as a 7-color composite image selected from a total of 52 protein and 2 nuclear markers stained on the same tissue section. Bottom left: Zoomed-in view of representative staining for CD4, CD3, IL6R, CD66, CD69, and CD134. Right: Zoomed-in view of the region denoted in the white box in panel (a) shown as a 7-color composite image (large panel) and as H&E and 2-color images of Hoechst and each of the indicated markers individually (small panels). Scale bars: yellow, 0.04 mm, white, 0.10 mm; black, 0.50 mm. **(d)** Top left: CODEX image of a biopsy section from patient UC1 with Hoechst nuclear stain (gray), CD11c (cyan), MMP12 (yellow), CD57 (blue), CD56 (red), HIF1a (purple), and CD8 (green) shown as a 7-color composite image selected from a total of 52 protein and 2 nuclear markers stained on the same tissue section. Bottom left: Zoomed-in view of representative staining for CD8, CD57, CD56, CD11c, HIF1a, and MMP12. Right: Zoomed-in view of the region denoted in the white box in panel (a) shown as a 7-color composite image (large panel) and as H&E and 2-color images of Hoechst and each of the indicated markers individually (small panels). Scale bars: yellow, 0.04 mm; white, 0.10 mm; black, 0.50 mm. **(el)** Top left: CODEX image of a biopsy section from patient UC1 with Hoechst nuclear stain (gray), CD7 (cyan), CD49f (yellow), CD34 (blue), CD137 (red), VCAM1 (purple), and CD54 (green) shown as a 7-color composite image selected from a total of 52 protein and 2 nuclear markers stained on the same tissue section. Bottom left: Zoomed-in view of representative staining for CD54, CD34, CD137, CD7, VCAM1, and CD49f. Right: Zoomed-in view of the region denoted in the white box in panel (a) shown as a 7-color composite image (large panel) and as H&E and 2-color images of Hoechst and each of the indicated markers individually (small panels). Scale bars: yellow, 0.04 mm; white, 0.10 mm; black, 0.50 mm. **(f)** Top left: CODEX image of a biopsy section from patient UC1 with Hoechst nuclear stain (gray), CD38 (cyan), CD123 (yellow), CD36 (blue), CD16 (red), CD1c (purple), and TCRyd (green) shown as a 7-color composite image selected from a total of 52 protein and 2 nuclear markers stained on the same tissue section. Bottom left: Zoomed-in view of representative staining for TCRyd, CD36, CD16, CD38, CD1c, and CD123. Right: Zoomed-in view of the region denoted in the white box in panel (a) shown as a 7-color composite image (large panel) and as H&E and 2-color images of Hoechst and each of the indicated markers individually (small panels). Scale bars: yellow, 0.04 mm; white, 0.10 mm; black, 0.50 mm. **(g)** Top left: CODEX image of a biopsy section from patient UC1 with Hoechst nuclear stain (gray), CD40 (cyan), CD127 (yellow), CD45 (blue), HLA-ABC (red), FoxP3 (purple), and CD90 (green) shown as a 7-color composite image selected from a total of 52 protein and 2 nuclear markers stained on the same tissue section. Bottom left: Zoomedin view of representative staining for CD90, CD45, HLA-ABC, CD40, FoxP3, and CD127. Right: Zoomed-in view of the region denoted in the white box in panel (a) shown as a 7-color composite image (large panel)

and as H&E and 2-color images of Hoechst and each of the indicated markers individually (small panels). Scale bars: yellow, 0.04,mm; white, 0.10 mm; black, 0.50 mm. **(h)** Top left: CODEX image of a biopsy section from patient UC1 with Hoechst nuclear stain (gray), Podoplanin (cyan), CD120b (yellow), PanCk (blue), CD104 (red), CD278 (purple), and CD45RA (green) shown as a 7-color composite image selected from a total of 52 protein and 2 nuclear markers stained on the same tissue section. Bottom left: Zoomedin view of representative staining for Cd45RA, Cytokeratin, CD104, Podoplanin, CD278, and CD120b. Right: Zoomed-in view of the region denoted in the white box in panel (a) shown as a 7-color composite image (large panel) and as H&E and 2-color images of Hoechst and each of the indicated markers individually (small panels). Scale bars: yellow, 0.04 mm; white, 0.10 mm; black, 0.50 mm. **(i)** Top left: CODEX image of a biopsy section from patient UC1 with Hoechst nuclear stain (gray), CD5 (cyan), Empty (yellow), CD117 (blue), CD279 (red), Empty (purple), and CollagenIV (green) shown as a 7-color composite image selected from a total of 52 protein and 2 nuclear markers stained on the same tissue section. Bottom left: Zoomedin view of representative staining for Collagen IV, CD117, CD279, and CD5. Right: Zoomed-in view of the region denoted in the white box in panel (a) shown as a 7-color composite image (large panel) and as H&E and 2-color images of Hoechst and each of the indicated markers individually (small panels). Scale bars: yellow, 0.04 mm; white, 0.10 mm; black, 0.50 mm. **(j)** Top left: CODEX image of a biopsy section from patient UC1 with Hoechst nuclear stain (gray), CD21 (cyan), CD2 (yellow), HLA-DR (blue), CD152 (red), CD274 (purple), and CD15 (green) shown as a 7-color composite image selected from a total of 52 protein and 2 nuclear markers stained on the same tissue section. Bottom left: Zoomed-in view of representative staining for CD15, HLA-DR, CD152, CD21, CD274, and CD2. Right: Zoomed-in view of the region denoted in the white box in panel (a) shown as a 7-color composite image (large panel) and as H&E and 2-color images of Hoechst and each of the indicated markers individually (small panels). Scale bars: yellow, 0.04 mm; white, 0.10 mm; black, 0.50 mm.



**Figure S2. Biomarker profiles for VorteX cell clusters. (a)** Minimum spanning tree representations of cell clusters. Cell types were identified in VorteX based on k-means clustering of cell-marker-intensity profiles, using the markers indicated in black. Markers in red were excluded from cluster-based identification. The size of each node represents the relative abundance of the corresponding cell type. The color of each node, from blue (lowest) to red (highest), represents the relative expression level of each marker. **(b)** Bar plots depicting min-max normalized marker intensities for each cluster. Markers that did not substantially impact clustering and some "redundant" markers (markers that strongly correlate with other markers) were excluded for visualization purposes only.

Ki67<sup>+</sup> epithelium



## Neutrophils



**Figure S3a-b. Cell cluster mapping.**

# **Mixed Stroma**



**Figure S3c-d. Cell cluster mapping.**

# **B** cells



## Follicular CD4<sup>+</sup> T Cells



**Figure S3e-f. Cell cluster mapping.**

### **Smooth Muscle**



# Intraepithelial T cells



**Figure S3g-h. Cell cluster mapping.**

# Epithelium



**Figure S3i-j. Cell cluster mapping**

### **Plasma Cells**



### **Vessels**



**Figure S3k-l. Cell cluster mapping.**

**Figure S3. Cell cluster mapping.** Representative images depicting the indicated cell cluster for each panel mapped to the tissue (yellow plus sign). Left: DRAQ5 nuclear staining for the whole tissue specimen with the indicated cell cluster overlaid (scale bar 200 μm). Right: Zoomed-in images of representative biomarkers that either co-localize or counter-localize with the overlaid cell cluster (scale bar 20 μm).







**Figure S5. Cellular neighborhoods versus clinical Mayo Scores.** Violin plots depicting the fraction of cells in the indicated cellular neighborhood versus Mayo Score. Tukey's multiple comparisons test. \* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001. HC (n=6), 1 (n=2), 2 (n=9) 3 (n=8).



**Figure S6. Biomarker expression across cell populations and disease states. (a-f)** Scaffolds depicting minimum spanning tree representations of cell populations and expression of **a)** Ki67, **b)** CD152, **c)** CD126, **d)** CD69, **e)** CD134, and **f)** HLA-DR along trajectories of UC pathogenesis and healing during TNF therapy. Node size represents the average frequency of each cell population for each cohort and color represents the relative expression of indicated biomarker. Color scale: green-low, red-high.



**Figure S7. Sex differences in UC. (a)** Volcano plot of cell types (yellow), cell contacts (red), and cellular neighborhoods (orange) between male and female UC patients. Points to the right are enriched in males, points to the left are enriched in females. **(b)** TNFi responders versus nonresponders, binned by sex and disease score. Female patients were more likely to respond than male patients. We did not observe substantial differences in responsiveness between patients with Mayo score of 2 versus Mayo score of 3. **(c-d)** Sex difference comparisons between top differential neighborhoods in patients with a Mayo score of 2. **c)** Female patients were enriched for lymphoid aggregates (p=0.014), which are part of the adaptive immune response. **d)** Male patients were enriched for granulocyte aggregates, part of the innate immune response (p=0.095).





**Figure S8: tSNE plot of UC patients image patches compared with healthy patches.** UC patient patches (pink to purple color gradient) demonstrate substantial variability in comparison to image patches from healthy patients (green). As the epithelial ratio of the UC patches increase, they become increasingly similar to healthy patches though they still remain visibly distinct. This illustrates one reason why accounting for the variability in the patch-dependent representation and classification of UC patients, rather than using patient-averages, may result in better predictive performance.



**Figure S9. Validation Patient-level Predictions for Patient vs Patch-level Training with CNN representation for severe (class 1) vs. mild/moderate (class 0).** Patient-level validation predictions for patch-level and patient-level training when using the CNN representation (ResNet-50 as pre-trained network and 1000x1000px patches as inputs). Patch-level training gives predictions that appear to behave more reasonably. The red line gives the threshold which maximizes Youden's Index on the validation set when weighting each patient inversely proportionally to the total number of patients belonging to the same class.



**Figure S10. Highest TNFi Patient-Level Validation AUROC: CNN representation (ResNet-50 pretrained network, 1000x1000px input patches) with Patient-Level Training.** The highest resulting validation AUROC over choices of pre-trained neural network, input patch size, and patient vs. patch-level training. The p-value from the permutation test is not significant (p=0.13).

### **Supplemental Tables**



**Table S1.** Patient demographics, medical characteristics, TNFi therapy outcomes, and tissue data collected through the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Biobank at the University of California, San Diego.

<sup>a</sup> Subjects labeled "UC" had not been treated with TNFi at time of biopsy. An asterisk indicates that the patient received TNFi therapy subsequently, and response was retrieved from the patient history. b Subjects labeled "UC TNFi" were being treated with TNFi at the time of biopsy. c Subjects labeled "HC" were controls without IBC.

**Table S2.** Antibody panel information

Antigen	Clone(s)	<b>Manufacturer</b>	Catalog No.	<b>CODEX</b> oligo	Working dilution	<b>Exposure</b> time
Vimentin	<b>RV202</b>	<b>BD</b>	550513	$\overline{7}$	1:100	$1/3$ s
CD85j	$HP-F1$	<b>ThermoFisher</b>	16-5129- 82	8	1:100	1/3s
<b>CD15</b>	<b>HI98</b>	Biolegend	301902	15	1:100	1/6s
<b>CD21</b>	Bu <sub>32</sub>	Biolegend	354902	21	1:100	$1/3$ s
CD4	A161A1	Biolegend	357402	28	1:100	1/3s
CD <sub>66</sub>	<b>B1.1/CD66</b>	<b>BD</b>	551354	41	1:100	$1/4$ s
CD <sub>8</sub>	SK <sub>1</sub>	Biolegend	344702	43	1:100	$1/3$ s
CD11c	B-ly6	<b>BD</b>	555391	44	1:100	$1/3$ s
<b>CD54</b>	<b>HA58</b>	<b>BD</b>	555510	46	1:100	1/1.2 s
CD7	<b>CD7-6B7</b>	Biolegend	343102	58	1:100	$1/3$ s
<b>TCRyd</b>	B <sub>1</sub>	Biolegend	331202	63	1:100	1/3s
CD <sub>38</sub>	$HB-7$	<b>Biolegend</b>	356602	66	1:100	1/6s
CD <sub>90</sub>	5E10	<b>BD</b>	555593	68	1:100	1/5s
<b>CD40</b>	<b>HB14</b>	Biolegend	313002	70	1:100	1/1.5 s
CD45RA	HI100	Biolegend	304102	72	1:100	1/3s
podoplanin	NC- 08212.77	Biolegend	337002	32	1:100	1/3.5 s
collagen IV	ab6586	Abcam	ab6586	33	1:100	$1/15$ s





### **Table S3**. Reagents













#### **Software and Algorithms**

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**Table S4.** Patient-level validation AUROC and patient-level validation accuracy for all three prediction tasks for both standard and CNN representations, where for CNN representations we vary the pre-trained neural network and input patch size. UC corresponds to UC (class 1) versus healthy (class 0), MAYO corresponds to severe (class 1) vs. mild/moderate (class 0), and TNFi corresponds to responder (class 1) vs. resistor (class 0). We identify a particular CNN representation by its pre-trained neural network architecture and input patch size. When reporting misclassifications we give the number of false positives (fp) and false negatives (fn). Misclassifications are not given for the CNN representation with input patch size 500x500px due to computational constraints. Optimal number of misclassifications comes from classifying according to the threshold which maximizes Youden's Index on the validation set when weighting each patient inversely proportionally to the total number of patients belonging to the same class.

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