

An integrated toolbox to profile (macrophage) immunometabolism

Sanne G.S. Verberk, Kyra de Goede, Friederike Gorki, Xanthe A.M.H. van Dierendonck, Rafael J Argüello, Jan van den Bossche

▶ To cite this version:

Sanne G.S. Verberk, Kyra de Goede, Friederike Gorki, Xanthe A.M.H. van Dierendonck, Rafael J Argüello, et al.. An integrated toolbox to profile (macrophage) immunometabolism. Cell Reports Methods, 2022, 2 (4), pp.100192. 10.1016/j.crmeth.2022.100192 . hal-03856610

HAL Id: hal-03856610 https://cnrs.hal.science/hal-03856610

Submitted on 16 Nov 2022

HAL is a multi-disciplinary open access archive for the deposit and dissemination of scientific research documents, whether they are published or not. The documents may come from teaching and research institutions in France or abroad, or from public or private research centers. L'archive ouverte pluridisciplinaire **HAL**, est destinée au dépôt et à la diffusion de documents scientifiques de niveau recherche, publiés ou non, émanant des établissements d'enseignement et de recherche français ou étrangers, des laboratoires publics ou privés.

1 An integrated toolbox to profile (macrophage) immunometabolism

Sanne G. S. Verberk^{1,4}, Kyra E. de Goede^{1,4}, Friederike S. Gorki^{1,2}, Xanthe A.M.H. van
Dierendonck¹, Rafael J. Argüello³, Jan Van den Bossche^{1,*}

¹ Department of Molecular Cell Biology and Immunology, Amsterdam Cardiovascular
 Sciences, Amsterdam Gastroenterology Endocrinology Metabolism, Amsterdam Institute for
 Infection and Immunity, Cancer Centre Amsterdam, Amsterdam UMC, Vrije Universiteit
 Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- ² Institute of Innate Immunity, University Hospital Bonn, University of Bonn, Bonn 53127,
 Germany
- 10 ³ Aix Marseille Univ, CNRS, INSERM, CIML, Centre d'Immunologie de Marseille-Luminy,
- 11 Marseille, France
- 12 ⁴ These authors contributed equally
- 13 *Lead contact: j.vandenbossche@amsterdamumc.nl
- 14

15 Summary

Macrophages are plastic immune cells that can adopt several activation states. Fundamental to these functional activation states is the regulation of cellular metabolic processes. Especially in mice, the metabolic alterations underlying pro-inflammatory or homeostatic phenotypes have been assessed thoroughly using various techniques. However, researchers new to the field may encounter ambiguity in choosing which combination of techniques is best suited to profile immunometabolism.

To guide readers, we provide a toolbox to assess cellular metabolism in a semi-highthroughput 96-well-plate-based format. We applied the approach to activated mouse and human macrophages by metabolically pre-screening cells, followed by measuring extracellular fluxes, mitochondrial mass and membrane potential, glucose and lipid uptake, along with the application of SCENITH.

Hereby, we not only validated established activation-induced metabolic rewiring in mouse macrophages, but also uncovered new insights in human macrophage immunometabolism. By thoroughly discussing each techniques, we guide readers with a practical workflow to interrogate immunometabolism.

31 Keywords: immunometabolism, macrophages, toolbox, semi-high-throughput, metabolism

32 Motivation

33 In the last decade, it has become increasingly clear that cellular metabolism regulates immune 34 cell function. This has sparked an expansion of immunometabolism research. However, the 35 different techniques available may seem daunting to researchers new to the field and can be very time-consuming and costly. We therefore established a 96-well-plate-based 36 37 immunometabolic toolbox and illustrate different techniques on mouse and human 38 macrophages. Next to established methods such as extracellular flux analysis, NO, arginase, 39 lactate and glucose measurements, the toolbox includes the recently published method 40 SCENITH which has not been previously applied to macrophages in vitro. We further discuss 41 advantages and limitations of each technique to guide readers to effectively use the toolbox in 42 their own research setting.

43 Introduction

44 Macrophages are innate immune cells that reside in tissues or differentiate from circulating 45 monocytes and regulate acute inflammatory responses and tissue homeostasis (Wynn et al., 46 2013). While they can adopt a broad spectrum of activation states, in vitro macrophage 47 research primarily focusses on lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-, LPS plus interferon (IFN) y-, and 48 interleukin (IL)-4-induced activation states. LPS±IFNy-induced macrophages (classically 49 activated macrophages, M[LPS±IFNy]) produce high levels of pro-inflammatory cytokines and show increased surface expression of (co)stimulatory immune activation markers. Conversely, 50 51 IL-4-induced macrophages (alternatively activated macrophages, M[IL-4]) upregulate a 52 different set of surface markers and enzymes involved in repair and homeostasis (Martinez et 53 al., 2013; Murray et al., 2014).

54 Metabolic rewiring resides at the core of phenotypic polarization and has been shown to direct 55 immune responses (Jha et al., 2015). Upon stimulation with LPS, mouse macrophages 56 increase metabolic flux through glycolysis and the pentose phosphate pathway (PPP) which 57 in turn fuels reactive oxygen species (ROS) production and nitric oxide (NO) synthesis (Baardman et al., 2018; Bailey et al., 2019; Van den Bossche et al., 2017). M[LPS] mouse 58 59 macrophages also display a disruption of the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle at isocitrate 60 dehydrogenase (IDH) and succinate dehydrogenase (SDH) (Jha et al., 2015). The LPS-61 induced downregulation of IDH results in the shunting of (iso)citrate towards synthesis of 62 aconitate and subsequent accumulation of anti-microbial itaconate, mediated by the 63 immunoresponsive gene 1 (Irg1)-encoded enzyme ACOD1 (Lampropoulou et al., 2016). As a 64 result of blunted SDH activity, succinate accumulates and functions as an immunoregulatory 65 metabolite in macrophages that directs the immune response via hypoxia-inducible factor 1 alpha (HIF1 α) and other mechanisms (Harber et al., 2020; Mills et al., 2016). In sharp contrast 66 67 with M[LPS±IFNy], IL-4-stimulated mouse macrophages are characterized by an intact TCA cycle, increased fatty acid oxidation (FAO) (Van den Bossche *et al.*, 2017; Vats et al., 2006)
and increased arginase-1 (*Arg1*) activity that aids in the metabolic conversion of arginine to
proline for the resolution of inflammation (Mills and O'Neill, 2016).

71 Although human macrophages have been less well described, they also undergo metabolic 72 reprogramming in response to inflammatory stimuli which slightly differs from that in mouse 73 macrophages. Firstly, opposed to mouse macrophages, human macrophages do not produce 74 NO upon stimulation with LPS±IFNy (Gross et al., 2014). Additionally, LPS-induced glycolysis 75 is less pronounced or sometimes absent in human monocytes and macrophages 76 (Lachmandas et al., 2016; Vijayan et al., 2019). Lastly, the disrupted TCA cycle and 77 mitochondrial dysfunction as seen in mouse macrophages has not yet been shown in human 78 macrophages (Vijayan et al., 2019).

79 As metabolism dictates functional responses in macrophages and other immune cells, there is 80 substantial potential in generating targeted therapeutics that combat chronic inflammatory 81 disorders, infectious diseases and cancer (Galli and Saleh, 2020; Lim et al., 2020; Makowski 82 et al., 2020). In the study of new therapeutic metabolic interventions lies the importance of 83 measuring cellular metabolism in a time- and cost-effective manner. Currently, a commonly 84 used method is extracellular flux (XF, also known as Seahorse) analysis, which measures 85 extracellular acidification rates (ECAR) and oxygen consumption rates (OCR) as markers for 86 glycolysis and mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS), respectively (Van den 87 Bossche et al., 2015). This technique contributed to the key concept that classically activated 88 mouse macrophages are more glycolytic, whereas mouse M[IL-4] macrophages show higher 89 OXPHOS and FAO (Huang et al., 2014a; Tavakoli et al., 2013; Vats et al., 2006). While the 90 method gives a proper overview of core metabolic pathways, it does not reveal the regulation 91 and activation of more specific cellular metabolic pathways or the direct uptake of nutrients 92 from the environment.

93 A combination of several -omics techniques can explain delicate changes in cellular 94 metabolism. As such, metabolomics measures the abundance of metabolites and can reveal 95 metabolic changes dictated by increased production or decreased substrate usage (Jha et al., 96 2015; Rattigan et al., 2018). Also, (single-cell) RNA-sequencing (transcriptomics) shows 97 regulation on gene expression level, and aids in evaluating the transcriptional regulation of all 98 metabolic pathways (Artyomov and Van den Bossche, 2020; Jha et al., 2015). However, RNA-99 sequencing neither allows the assessment of post-translational modifications that may dictate 100 the function of metabolic enzymes, nor of metabolic enzyme activity. While new methods are 101 arising that permit the measurement of metabolic enzyme abundance and activation by (flow) 102 cytometry (Ahl et al., 2020; Hartmann et al., 2021; Levine et al., 2021), these are relatively expensive in terms of time and costs, resulting in the inclusion of only a limited number of
 samples or experimental conditions. Therefore, we evaluate and integrate methods allowing
 for an effective screening of metabolic pathway activity to facilitate drug and inhibitor screens.

106 Here, we demonstrate an integrated approach in which cells and their supernatants can be 107 used in parallel in different metabolic and phenotypic or functional readouts. While the 108 individual methods have been published in separate papers, combining these distinct readouts 109 facilitates a fast and cost-effective way to profile macrophage immunometabolism in a 96-well-110 plate-based format. First, we perform NO production and arginase activity measurements to 111 quickly show metabolic alterations as a preliminary readout tool for mouse macrophages. 112 Measurements of glucose consumption and lactate production serve as a first indication of 113 altered glycolytic flux in both mouse and human macrophages. Next, we compare XF analysis 114 with the recently developed method SCENITH for measuring metabolism in cell subsets 115 (Arguello et al., 2020). Additionally, we apply fluorescent dyes to assess glucose and fatty acid 116 uptake, mitochondrial mass, and mitochondrial membrane potential. Lastly, we provide a 117 comprehensive protocol to measure specific substrate usage in intact and permeabilized cells 118 as an optional follow-up method. The methods are applied to LPS \pm IFNy- and IL-4-induced 119 mouse and human macrophages, providing the tools for semi-high-throughput 120 immunometabolic research that can be applied in macrophages and may be extended to 121 different immune cells.

122 Results

123 Integration of 96-well-plate metabolic readouts into an immunometabolic profiling toolbox

We evaluated and combined existing techniques and integrated them in a toolbox to interrogate immunometabolism in a semi-high-throughput manner using 96-well-plates both in parallel and consecutively.

127 The approach presented here includes an easy and quick pre-screening for metabolic 128 alterations (Figure 1) that can be combined with phenotypic/functional analyses (ELISA, flow 129 cytometry, viability, etc.) and followed up by more dedicated readouts including XF analysis, 130 SCENITH-based analysis of cell subsets (Arguello *et al.*, 2020) and by measuring uptake of 131 fluorescent probes by flow cytometry or fluorescent imaging. Together, this integrated 132 approach allows for fast (1 assay-day after 1-week culture) screening of macrophage 133 metabolism and function.

134 <u>Metabolic pre-screening gives first indications about altered macrophage metabolism</u>

Mouse bone marrow cells and human monocytes were differentiated into macrophages (Supplementary Figure 1A-D) and subsequently left untreated or stimulated with either LPS±IFNγ or IL-4 (Figure 2A). Consistent with earlier studies, bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDMs) displayed an LPS±IFNγ-mediated increase of NO production by inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS) and increased IL-4-induced arginase activity (Figure 2B) (Van den Bossche et al., 2016). Confirming literature, human monocyte-derived macrophages (HMDMs) did not show detectable NO production and arginase activity (Figure 2C).

While NO/arginase measurements are not applicable to human macrophages, measuring extracellular glucose and lactate levels in macrophage supernatants are fast approaches to interrogate the LPS±IFNγ-induced glycolytic switch in both mouse and human macrophages (Figure 2D, E). Increased glycolytic flux, as evidenced by increased glucose consumption and lactate secretion, is generally associated with increased inflammatory signaling and immune effector functions in macrophages and other immune cells (Freemerman et al., 2014; Voss et al., 2021).

110 al., 2021).

149 XF analysis validates metabolic rewiring in LPS±IFNy and IL-4-activated macrophages

More insight into alterations in glycolysis can be obtained by measuring ECAR via XF analysis.
This method confirmed the increase in glycolysis in both mouse and human M[LPS±IFNγ] and
additionally revealed increased glycolysis in IL-4-stimulated BMDMs (Figure 3A, E,
Supplementary Figure 2A). An added value of XF analysis is that it simultaneously measures
OCR as a proxy of mitochondrial function. Mouse macrophages displayed the expected

155 upregulated mitochondrial respiration after IL-4 treatment (Figure 3C, Supplementary Figure 156 2C), and decreased OCR following LPS+IFNy activation (Figure 3C, E) (Jha et al., 2015; 157 Koenis et al., 2018; Van den Bossche et al., 2016). The calculated mitochondrial and glycolytic 158 contribution to ATP production followed a similar pattern as OCR and ECAR parameters in the 159 different conditions (Figure 3F). In HMDMs, LPS+IFNy significantly increased glycolysis parameters, while none of the stimuli significantly affected OCR-derived readouts (Figure 3B, 160 161 D, G, Supplementary Figure 2B, D). Akin to mouse macrophages, the mitochondrial 162 contribution to ATP production was significantly decreased by LPS±IFNy and increased by IL-163 4 (Figure 3H).

164 Since metabolic readouts like XF analysis depend on cell count, data need to be normalized. 165 Normalization methods are further discussed in the 'Practical considerations' section of the 166 discussion. To normalize ECAR and OCR for cell counts, cell-permeable Hoechst dye was 167 injected in the last step of XF analysis, followed by fluorescent imaging and counting as 168 detailed previously (Little et al., 2020) (Supplementary Figure 2E). Normalization of XF data 169 with relative Hoechst⁺ object counts (counts per well / average counts in all wells (See methods 170 for more detail)) reduced the variation between wells as indicated by reduced standard 171 deviation of both ECAR and OCR-based parameters (Supplementary Figure 2F-H).

172 Flow cytometry-based SCENITH method allows metabolic profiling of cell subsets and 173 correlates well with XF analysis

174 While XF analysis provides valuable insight into the glycolytic and mitochondrial function of 175 cells, this bulk analysis requires relatively large cell numbers in the 96-well format. Moreover, 176 it requires an XF analyzer that is not available in all laboratories. We therefore examined the 177 SCENITH technology which can profile metabolism of distinct and small cell subsets (Arguello 178 et al., 2020). This technique is based on the fact that protein synthesis and ATP levels are 179 often tightly connected and determines the effect of metabolic inhibitors on puromycin 180 incorporation during protein translation to estimate glycolytic and mitochondrial dependency 181 via flow cytometry. We assessed mouse and human macrophages with SCENITH and 182 compared it with XF analysis, as done previously for T cells (Arguello et al., 2020).

High puromycin incorporation (displayed as median fluorescence intensity, MFI) was detected
in control samples, indicating a high level of protein synthesis in naïve BMDMs, and this was
further increased after stimulation with LPS or IL-4 which correlated significantly with XFderived total mitochondrial plus glycolytic ATP production (Figure 4A, Supplementary Figure
3A). This was not the case for HMDMs (Figure 4B, Supplementary Figure 3B). Addition of

- 188 Deoxy-D-Glucose (DG) for 30 minutes affected viability in some conditions, highlighting the
 189 need of including a viability dye (Supplementary Figure 3C, D).
- Measurement of puromycin MFI after addition of inhibitors allowed for the calculation of distinctmetabolic parameters as visualized in Figure 4C:
- Glucose and mitochondrial dependency were calculated as the proportion of protein
 synthesis dependent on glucose oxidation and OXPHOS, respectively (Figure 4A-C).
- Glycolytic capacity and fatty acid and/or amino acid oxidation (FAO/AAO) capacity indicate
 the maximum potential of cells to sustain protein synthesis when OXPHOS and glucose
 oxidation are inhibited, respectively (Arguello *et al.*, 2020).
- 197 DG almost completely abolished the puromycin signal in all macrophage stimulations, 198 indicating overall high glucose dependency (Figure 4A-E). While M[LPS±IFNy] depended 199 almost exclusively on glucose, naïve and IL-4-treated BMDMs and HMDMs had the capacity 200 to use FAO/AAO as fuel (Figure 4D, E). Accordingly, inhibiting mitochondrial ATP production 201 with oligomycin (O) had the smallest effect in M[LPS+IFNy] (Figure 4A, B, D, E). Together, the 202 SCENITH-based calculations revealed reduced mitochondrial dependency and high glycolysis in M[LPS+IFNy] (Figure 4D, E, F, H), which aligns with data obtained by XF analysis (Figure 203 204 4G, I).
- 205 An important advantage of SCENITH is that it can be combined with larger flow cytometry 206 panels including for example M[LPS±IFNy]- and M[IL-4]-associated activation markers. To test 207 the capacity of SCENITH to directly link macrophage metabolism (as measured by puromycin 208 inhibition) to phenotype (surface markers), we performed tSNE dimensionality reduction on 209 oligomycin-treated BMDMs and HMDMs (Figure 4J, K). In tSNE graphs, differentially activated 210 macrophages cluster separately for both mouse and human, with substantial overlap between 211 the LPS and LPS+IFNy populations (Figure 4J, K). Puromycin levels of oligoymcin-treated 212 cells were highest, and thus the least affected by oligomycin, in (iNOS^{hi}) CD80^{hi} CD40^{hi} 213 M[LPS+IFNy] (Figure 4J, K, Supplementary Figure 3E, F), which in other analyses also 214 showed to be the least dependent on mitochondria for ATP production. While oligomycin 215 stimulation in the SCENITH experiment can be analyzed at single-cell resolution as shown in 216 Figure 4J, K, cells need to be split into distinct wells and conditions to calculate all metabolic 217 dependency and capacity parameters shown in the rest of Figure 4. As such, SCENITH should be regarded as cell subset analysis and not truly single-cell analysis. 218

219 <u>Measuring incorporation of fluorescent nutrient analogs yields complementary information to</u>

220 XF analysis and SCENITH

To advance from SCENITH-based subset analysis to single-cell resolution, the uptake of fluorescent dyes that provide distinct insights into cellular metabolism can be measured by flow cytometry or imaging. We first titrated the dyes, followed by qualitative assessment via fluorescent imaging (Figure 5A, B), and validation that obtained signal could be inhibited by specific inhibitors to ensure that the selected concentration was not too high (Supplementary Figure 4).

227 2NB-DG is a fluorescent glucose analog that is used to assess glucose uptake by cells during 228 the 30-minutes incubation in the presence of this dye. Flow cytometry revealed an elevated 229 uptake of 2NB-DG in LPS-stimulated BMDMs, which correlated with the increased glycolysis 230 as determined by XF analysis (Figure 5C). In comparison to naïve macrophages, LPS+IFNy-231 activated BMDMs showed decreased 2NB-DG uptake. Yet, they consumed more glucose over 232 a 24-hour time period (Figure 2D), probably indicating that they were saturated and were no 233 longer capable of taking up more 2NB-DG. Although HMDMs did not show differences in 2NB-234 DG uptake (Figure 5E), it is a single-cell approach to assess glucose uptake that significantly 235 correlates with bulk glycolysis measurements during XF analysis (Figure 5G).

236 In parallel to 2NB-DG, the fluorescent BODIPY C16 can be applied as a marker to estimate 237 fatty acid uptake by cells via flow cytometry. In mouse macrophages, fatty acid uptake was 238 increased by IL-4 and decreased by LPS±IFN_Y (Figure 5D). This aligns with the observed 239 FAO/AAO capacity by SCENITH and the fact that M[IL-4] macrophages show enhanced 240 mitochondrial OXPHOS and FAO, whilst their LPS±IFNy-induced inflammatory counterparts 241 do not (Figures 3C, 4D). In HMDMs, fatty acid uptake was mostly increased by macrophage 242 activation with both LPS+IFNy and IL-4. Whereas fatty acid uptake cannot always be directly 243 correlated to mitochondrial oxygen consumption (Figure 5F), BODIPY C16 provides an easy 244 cytometry-based approach to assess fatty acid uptake in single cells.

245 MitoTracker Green is a fluorescent mitochondrial stain that is commonly used to estimate 246 mitochondrial mass of cells by flow cytometry. Its signal aligns well with other mitochondrial 247 mass measurements including mitochondrial DNA:genomic DNA ratio and mitochondrial 248 complex immunoblotting and in certain conditions it relates to the spare respiratory capacity of 249 cells (Baardman et al., 2018; van der Windt et al., 2012). Here, MitoTracker Green signal was 250 unchanged in all BMDMs and was decreased by the different stimuli in HMDMs (Figure 5G, I). 251 In this setting, no correlation was found with XF analysis-derived mitochondrial readouts. In 252 BMDMs, MitoTrackerGreen signal was unaffected by FCCP treatment, whereas a decrease 253 was visible for HMDMs, indicating that MitoTracker Green staining may not be independent of 254 mitochondrial membrane potential for all species or cell types (Supplementary Figure 4A-D).

TMRM is a red fluorescent probe that is designed to quantify changes in mitochondrial membrane potential. Such changes can relate to metabolic stress, proton leak, reverse electron transport and ROS production (Zorova et al., 2018), and as such TMRM signals often do not directly correlate with XF-derived mitochondrial parameters. Here, we observed a drop in TMRM signal in LPS+IFNγ- and IL-4-stimulated BMDMs and HMDMs, which did not correlate with OCR-derived mitochondrial readouts (Figure 5H, J).

Overall, the fluorescent probes provide an accessible option to estimate metabolic changes at single-cell resolution using equipment that is present in most laboratories. For good biological interpretation and in-depth insight, these readouts should be combined with other metabolic analyses presented above or followed up by more advanced readouts described below.

265 Potential follow-up beyond the 96-well plate-based metabolic profiling approach

When researchers want to obtain more in-depth knowledge about the metabolic changes observed in the readouts described above, we refer to a detailed overview of the distinct possibilities (Voss *et al.*, 2021), as well as to novel approaches providing single-cell and/or spatial resolution that are especially applicable in patient material (Artyomov and Van den Bossche, 2020). One potential follow-up option we further tested here is the use of substratecoated plates as this is a less established technique. However, it might provide additional insight into macrophage immunometabolism.

This technique is based on the reduction of a redox dye by NAD(P)H or FADH₂ production as a result of mitochondrial respiration (Figure 1). Intact cells added to carbon-substrate-coated plates (PM-M01 plates) reveal insight in their utilization of sugars. Alternatively, permeabilized cells added to plates coated with mitochondrial respiration-related carbon sources (MitoPlate S-1) reveal increased insight into mitochondrial function.

278 Using carbon-substrate-coated plates, we observed that intact BMDMs highly upregulated D-279 glucose utilization after both LPS- and IL-4-activation (Supplementary Figure 5A). The 280 maximum rate of D-glucose oxidation correlated well with glycolysis as determined by XF 281 analysis and with 2NB-DG uptake (Supplementary Figure 5B). In parallel, we used 282 mitochondrial-substrate-coated plates to obtain information about TCA cycle and mitochondrial 283 function in distinct macrophage subsets (Supplementary Figure 5C, D). In agreement with the 284 described breaks in the TCA cycle at IDH and SDH in inflammatory macrophages (Jha et al., 285 2015), we observed decreased oxidation of isocitrate and succinate in LPS-activated BMDMs 286 but not HMDMs (Supplementary Figure 6C, D). As such, the use of substrate-coated plates 287 can be a useful follow-up method to study enzyme activity across a variety of metabolic 288 pathways. Yet, it should be noted that this approach also yielded unexpected results that

- appear in contrast with published results and data obtained by more established techniques
 such as XF analysis. For example, upregulation of mitochondrial respiration in M[IL-4] (Figure
 3C, Supplementary Figure 2C) could not be reproduced in either plate type and alterations in
 FAO as observed with SCENITH (Figure 4D, E) could not be confirmed (Supplementary Figure
 6E, F).
- 294 Together, the techniques assessed here investigate metabolism from different angles and all
- 295 contribute to a deeper understanding of metabolic phenotypes. In the next sections, results will
- be discussed followed by a consideration of strengths and limitations of each technique.

297 Discussion

298 The recently increased appreciation that metabolic reprogramming is essential during innate 299 immune responses now requires immunologists to select between different techniques and 300 interpret data without formal training in metabolism. To help researchers entering the 301 immunometabolism field, we laid out an approach that integrates distinct 96-well-plate-based 302 metabolic assays and can be combined with common immune readouts (e.g. ELISA, 303 cytometry) (Figure 1). This allows for easy, fast and cost-efficient pre-screening of the effect 304 of candidate drugs (or other interventions) on immune cell metabolism along with function, 305 before moving towards more advanced metabolic assays. In this discussion, we describe the 306 strengths, weaknesses, pitfalls and caveats associated with the available assays, and provide 307 a practical workflow that guides readers through the different possibilities, ranging from basic 308 to more advanced.

309 <u>Profiling immunometabolism highlights distinct metabolic rewiring in mouse and human</u> 310 <u>macrophage activation states</u>

311 As an example, we applied our immunometabolic profiling platform to LPS±IFNy- and IL-4-312 stimulated BMDMs for which metabolic reprogramming is well-described (Lauterbach et al., 313 2019; Van den Bossche et al., 2015; Vijayan et al., 2019), and also applied the same stimuli 314 to HMDMs for which metabolic processes are less well understood. While focused on 315 macrophages, after optimization of certain factors (detailed in Supplementary Table 1) the 316 approach can also be extended to other cells since individual techniques have previously been 317 applied to, for example T cells and dendritic cells (Arguello et al., 2020; Buck et al., 2016; 318 Everts et al., 2012; Little et al., 2020; Lopes et al., 2021; Scharping et al., 2016; Thomas and 319 Mattila, 2014).

Mouse macrophages from different (sub)strains and mouse and human macrophages cannot be directly compared due to differences in metabolism between mice (sub)strains, different cell sources and diverse differentiation methods. However, it is worth mentioning some exposed similarities and differences between both species before proceeding with a technical discussion and practical guidance:

(i) Both mouse and human macrophages induced glycolysis upon inflammatory activation, as
measured consistently with multiple methods. Since inflammatory signaling and glycolysis are
often strongly connected, the distinct readouts that estimate glycolytic function can be applied
as a first and easy way to assess whether functional changes induced by pharmacological
and/or genetic interventions are paralleled by metabolic rewiring.

330 (ii) While measuring L-arginine metabolism via iNOS or arginase-1 was one of the first 331 metabolic ways to discriminate between classical (LPS±IFNy) and alternative (IL-4) 332 macrophage activation in mice (Munder et al., 1998), we here confirm it is not a valid approach to monitor in vitro responses in human macrophages. This is due to NOS2 being epigenetically 333 334 silenced in HMDMs and arginase usually not being regulated in human 335 monocytes/macrophages in vitro (Gross et al., 2014; Thomas and Mattila, 2014).

(iii) Since HMDMs do not produce NO *in vitro* (Figure 2C) (Gross *et al.*, 2014), this could explain
why they don't show the drop in mitochondrial respiration that is observed in their LPS±IFNγinduced NO-producing mouse counterparts (Van den Bossche *et al.*, 2016; Vijayan *et al.*,
2019).

(iv) Notwithstanding the lack of OCR reduction in human inflammatory macrophages, they
 depend less on mitochondria for ATP production and as such this can be regarded as a
 commonality between both species.

(v) Fatty acids fuel mitochondrial respiration in reparative macrophages and this supposedly
 anti-inflammatory metabolic feature was most apparent in IL-4-activated BMDMs in XF
 analysis and HMDMs during SCENITH analysis.

(vi) It should be noted that variation between human donors is higher than the variation
between mice as it is also the case for other (immunological) readouts. Further increasing the
number of replicates (+6) could help to reach significance in some human conditions.

349 Importantly, the observed metabolic rewiring was sometimes context- and method-dependent, 350 as highlighted in the technical discussion. Lastly, it is worth mentioning that we used M-CSF 351 to differentiate human monocytes to macrophages while they can also be differentiated with 352 GM-CSF. The latter induces a more inflammatory state when compared to M-CSF-353 differentiated macrophages (Jaguin et al., 2013; Lacey et al., 2012) and the limited research 354 that compared both growth factors revealed that they can yield metabolic differences 355 (Namgaladze and Brune, 2014). Dissecting the metabolic rewiring induced by different 356 differentiation and activation factors is an avenue for future research. To address these and 357 other questions, our integrated immunometabolic profiling approach will be valuable to 358 efficiently investigate many conditions simultaneously. The practical workflow presented here 359 (summarized in Figure 1) allows starting with a fast metabolic pre-screening of a broad range 360 of conditions before narrowing down to a selective set of conditions for comprehensive 361 metabolic characterization with specialized high-end techniques.

362 Interrogation of distinct metabolic pathways by complementary techniques

In this section, we elucidate how the different methods can give complementary insights into
 cellular metabolism. Due to the nature and sensitivity of the readouts, some differences in
 results may occur as detailed below.

366 *Readouts of glycolysis*

367 Extracellular glucose and lactate measurements, ECAR-derived parameters in XF analysis,
 368 SCENITH, 2NB-DG uptake and analyzing glucose utilization with carbon-substrate-coated
 369 plates allow inferences about glycolysis.

370 The uptake of 2NB-DG, together with ECAR-derived glycolysis, and glucose usage as 371 analyzed with carbon-substrate-coated plates all correlated significantly for BMDMs. For both 372 BMDMs and HMDMs, glycolytic capacity determined by SCENITH significantly correlated with ECAR-derived glycolytic capacity. Therefore, these techniques give similar results and the 373 374 choice of method can thus depend on practical considerations such as sample type or desired 375 resolution (i.e., bulk or single cell) as discussed in the workflow below. On the other hand, 376 glucose and lactate measurements in the supernatant can differ from ECAR-derived glycolysis 377 or 2NB-DG uptake due to the nature of the readouts (i.e., cumulative over 24 h or a snapshot 378 at the 24 h timepoint). This is illustrated in LPS+IFNy-activated BMDMs, which showed 379 increased glucose consumption and lactate production over the course of 24 h but did not 380 show increased ECAR or 2NB-DG uptake after this period. Therefore, these are 381 complementary techniques that examine cumulative changes in extracellular glucose and 382 lactate during the stimulation versus effects on glycolysis after this period, and results may not 383 always be identical.

384 *Mitochondrial function*

385 To measure mitochondrial parameters, we here showed the use of XF-derived OCR, 386 SCENITH, MitoTracker Green, TMRM, and mitochondrial-substrate-coated plates. As 387 expected, OCR measurements showed decreased mitochondrial respiration in inflammatory 388 BMDMs but not HMDMs due to species differences as discussed above. Still, mitochondrial 389 contribution to total ATP production as calculated when taking along CO₂-based acidification 390 in XF analysis, and mitochondrial dependence as assessed by SCENITH was decreased in 391 both mouse and human inflammatory macrophages. Mitochondrial-substrate-coated plates 392 confirmed this reduction in LPS-activated mouse (but not human) inflammatory macrophages. 393 However, the substrate utilization assays appear less sensitive than XF and SCENITH since 394 the metabolism of the individual mitochondrial substrates was not indicative of the well-395 established elevated mitochondrial respiration in IL-4-activated BMDMs when analyzing intact 396 cells with carbon-substrate-coated plates nor permeabilized cells with mitochondrial-substratecoated plates. Since XF and SCENITH yield similar results, they can be selected based onother criteria.

399 Other parameters related to mitochondrial function include mitochondrial mass and membrane 400 potential, measured by MitoTracker Green and TMRM, respectively. While MitoTracker Green 401 is a reliable estimate of mitochondrial mass in BMDMs, caution and additional validation are 402 warranted for HMDMs since staining may not be independent of mitochondrial membrane 403 potential. Additionally, while reduced mitochondrial mass can in certain cases (such as in foam 404 cells) explain a decrease in maximal respiration (Baardman et al., 2018), changes in respiration 405 as seen in activated macrophages are not per definition accompanied by a change in 406 mitochondrial mass. Similarly, changes in mitochondrial membrane potential can reflect, 407 among others, metabolic stress and reverse electron transport (Zorova et al., 2018) and are 408 difficult to directly relate to mitochondrial parameters. Furthermore, LPS-treatment has shown 409 both increases (Mills et al., 2016) and decreases (Yu et al., 2020) of mitochondrial membrane 410 potential (TMRM), and is time-dependent (Bauerfeld et al., 2012). Therefore, while these 411 readouts may correlate under certain circumstances, interpretation of results can be difficult 412 and are therefore not a first go-to assay.

413 Fatty acid metabolism

414 Readouts for fatty acid metabolism demonstrated here include SCENITH, BODIPY C16 uptake 415 and fatty acid utilization in mitochondrial-substrate-coated plates. SCENITH-derived FAO/AAO 416 capacity followed the expected pattern for both BMDMs and HMDMs, although SCENITH 417 cannot formally distinguish between FAO and AAO capacities. SCENITH-derived FAO/AAO 418 capacity was paralleled by BODIPY C16 signal for BMDMs but not for HMDMs, indicating that 419 uptake of fatty acids is not a direct measure of FAO. Rather, fatty acids can be stored in lipid 420 droplets instead of being used to fuel metabolic processes (Feingold et al., 2012; Huang et al., 421 2014b). mitochondrial-substrate-coated plates did not pick up differences in fatty acid 422 metabolism between conditions. Therefore, SCENITH and BODIPY C16 uptake can give first 423 indications about fatty acid metabolism and could be extended by a BODIPY dye staining lipid 424 droplets (Qiu and Simon, 2016) or an adapted XF protocol allowing to probe fuel preferences 425 (Voss et al., 2021).

While we now described the readouts per metabolic pathway, many techniques assess parameters of several pathways in parallel. The following section addresses advantages and disadvantages for each technique, in combination with a potential practical workflow to navigate through the distinct readouts.

430 Practical considerations

Here, we offer practical considerations and assess strengths and limitations of each approach
to provide a practical guide on using the distinct techniques (Figure 6, Table 1).

433 Pre-screening of metabolic alterations

434 Generally, the metabolic pre-screening assays are quick, cost-efficient and easy to perform 435 and are combinable with functional assays (e.g. cytokine ELISAs and viability assays). 436 Therefore, the pre-screening is well-suited to screen many conditions simultaneously. NO and 437 arginase assays are particularly useful to profile altered L-arginine metabolism in mouse 438 macrophages, and can also be used for neutrophils, dendritic cells and NK cells (Thomas and 439 Mattila, 2014). In case NO production is altered, assessing mitochondrial OCR with XF analysis 440 is recommended since NO is known to affect mitochondrial function (Everts et al., 2012; Van 441 den Bossche et al., 2016). Given the basic nature of these measurements which does not 442 always reflect the intricate regulation of the metabolic pathways, researchers should be aware 443 that no changes in glucose, lactate, NO or arginase levels do not automatically imply no 444 metabolic changes. Therefore, if other indications exist to study metabolism (e.g., results of 445 RNA-seq), more advanced metabolic readouts are a recommended next step.

446 XF analysis profiles glycolysis and mitochondrial function in parallel

XF analysis currently is a commonly used tool to study glycolysis and mitochondrial respiration.
Besides standard use as described in the present study, injected inhibitors can be customized
to assess dependence on main fuels or activity of electron transport chain components
(Salabei et al., 2014; Voss *et al.*, 2021). Therefore, it is often a standard tool in an
immunometabolism researcher's repertoire.

452 However, it also comes with certain disadvantages limiting its applications. Whereas extremely 453 useful for homogeneous samples of which many cells are present (such as *in vitro* stimulated 454 cells), only the core metabolic pathways that directly result in H⁺ production or oxygen 455 consumption are represented. Additionally, analysis of complex in vivo samples such as tumor 456 tissue is much more challenging. Such samples include many distinct cell populations which 457 cannot be separately assessed without prior cell sorting. Both cell sorting and cell culturing 458 may affect the metabolic state of cells (Binek et al., 2019; Llufrio et al., 2018; Voss et al., 2021). 459 Generally, XF analysis requires large cell numbers in the 96-well format (typically 5,000-460 200,000 cells in 3-8 replicates).

Furthermore, since changes in viability, adherence, proliferation and plating may affect XF readouts, these data need to be carefully normalized. This can be done by measuring protein 463 content (e.g. BCA protein assay), DNA content (e.g. CyQUANT), biomass (e.g. Crystal Violet)
464 on standard (fluorescent) plate readers or by cell counts using a 96-well plate imager. We refer
465 to a comparison for details about the specific advantages and disadvantages of distinct
466 normalization methods for XF analysis (Kam, 2018).

Additionally, for further assessing viability, we recommend assays based on cell membrane
integrity (such as adding a live/dead marker in flow cytometry) instead of assays based on
mitochondrial activity (such as the MTT assay) since mitochondrial activity may be affected
without decreasing viability.

471 SCENITH allows metabolic phenotyping of distinct cell subsets

When the sample to assess consists of distinct cell subsets and when isolation of rare populations yields cell numbers too low for XF analysis, SCENITH can be used to evaluate metabolism using just one fluorescent channel in flow cytometry. It can provide additional phenotypic (and metabolic) insights when combined with antibodies against immune activation markers (and key metabolic mediators) in larger cytometry panels. Similar to XF analysis, the inhibitors used can also be extended or customized to assess different metabolic dependencies.

Although a range of cell types was tested in the original publication, situations may exist for which protein synthesis is not directly related to ATP synthesis, e.g. in quiescent stem cells (Arguello *et al.*, 2020). Furthermore, as the metabolic parameters are calculated from samples treated with inhibitors in parallel rather than from one single sample, metabolic parameters cannot be calculated for each single cell but rather for cell subsets. Additionally, combining SCENITH with large panels can become costly, since each sample needs to be split, stained, and measured in parallel in order to accommodate the different inhibitors.

486 Fluorescent metabolic probes enable assessing metabolic features at single-cell resolution

487 Fluorescent metabolic probes can be measured by flow cytometry or microscopy to provide 488 single-cell resolution, and are practical when no XF analyzer is available. Flow cytometry 489 allows for easier quantification of data but lacks the option for visual information. While 490 metabolic dyes can in principle be combined into larger flow cytometry panels, this is practically 491 limited due to protocol incompatibilities (e.g. staining temperature and duration, and not all 492 dyes are fixable). Furthermore, care needs to be taken when assessing metabolic properties 493 solely by fluorescent labeling as it was previously shown that 2NB-DG staining vielded 494 substantially different results compared to more established glucose transport assays 495 (D'Souza et al., 2021; Sinclair et al., 2020). This illustrates the importance of proper controls 496 to ensure that dyes are taken up specifically. Dyes should also be titrated to prevent unspecific 497 staining of cellular compartments. Additionally, MitoTracker Green signal should be checked 498 for independence of mitochondrial membrane potential to reliably estimate mitochondrial 499 mass, since this may be species- or cell-type-dependent. Lastly, interpretation of results may 500 be difficult due lack of robustness and timing- and context-dependent effects on mitochondrial 501 function, particularly for MitoTracker Green and TMRM.

502 Next to the fluorescent probes measured here, a range of other fluorescent dyes and analyses 503 exist to analyze metabolic alterations in response to specific treatments. Examples of other 504 probes are mitoSOX for the measurement of mitochondrial ROS or propidium iodide for the 505 analysis of cell cycle distribution. Additionally, a confocal microscope or multi-mode reader 506 with high resolution can be used to reveal visual differences in subcellular localization or 507 mitochondrial fragmentation (Little *et al.*, 2020).

508 The toolbox as discussed here gives an overview of metabolic alterations occurring after 509 compound treatment and can help to narrow down stimuli of interest. These can be 510 investigated in more detail with more complex techniques which will be discussed briefly in the 511 following section. For more details we refer the reader to recent reviews (Artyomov and Van 512 den Bossche, 2020; Voss *et al.*, 2021).

513 Limitations and potential follow-up beyond the toolbox

It should be noted that the readouts within the toolbox provide a good estimation of the immunometabolic state of macrophages, but that more dedicated high-end follow-up studies can be required to obtain more in-depth insight. One potential follow-up technique that we here illustrate is substrate utilization analysis for intact and permeabilized cells that facilitates the screening of fuel preference in homogeneous *in vitro* cultured cells. Due to the range of different substrates, a greater variety of metabolic pathways can be assessed in extensive detail.

521 Carbon-substrate-coated plates can measure substrate utilization in intact cells, but the 522 assessment of mitochondria-specific substrate utilization requires cell permeabilization. This 523 results in a rather artificial system due to the lack of feedback and inhibition by other 524 metabolites, the inability to regulate cellular substrate uptake and because of ad libitum access 525 to substrates by mitochondria. For these reasons, the assessed substrate oxidation reflects 526 theoretical enzyme activity, but does not reflect the physiological metabolic pathway. While 527 this technique has been applied in other immune cells (Kalvala et al., 2019; Thwe et al., 2019; 528 Zhang et al., 2021), it has not previously been used in cultured macrophages in vitro. In 529 combination with the limited overlap with the other techniques tested here, it makes this 530 technique a potential follow-up tool when additional validation is included.

531 Transcriptomics and metabolomics measurements can provide additional insight into 532 metabolic changes. The acquired data may be complementary and can be integrated (Jha et 533 al., 2015), but may seem contradictory when enzyme regulation takes place on different levels. 534 For example, post-transcriptional or post-translational modifications are not included in 535 transcriptomics data, and differences in gene expression do not always correlate to active 536 translation into protein and enzyme activity. We refer the reader to recent reviews (Artyomov 537 and Van den Bossche, 2020; Voss et al., 2021) for a further discussion of (single-cell) 538 transcriptomics, metabolomics and their integration and other single-cell techniques to study 539 cellular metabolism such as cytometry-based metabolic panels (Ahl et al., 2020; Hartmann et 540 al., 2021; Levine et al., 2021). These methods will greatly enhance insight into metabolic 541 alterations upon treatment with compounds of interest, but they do require more specialized 542 machines, and can complicate data analysis.

543 In the metabolic analysis of complex in vivo samples, spatial and temporal knowledge of 544 metabolic processes are of major additional value (Artyomov and Van den Bossche, 2020; 545 Murphy and O'Neill, 2020). Therefore, imaging-based techniques (Miller et al., 2017; Palmer 546 et al., 2017) such as GeoMX (Farren et al., 2020) or MIBI-TOF (Hartmann and Bendall, 2020; 547 Keren et al., 2019) have been developed that combine transcriptomics, metabolic and 548 functional readouts with spatial information. Also, approaches that assess subcellular 549 metabolism are important since metabolites accumulate to a different extent in diverse 550 subcellular locations and may affect (signaling) targets differently. This was for example 551 indicated for acyl intermediates and their ability to modify proteins (Bambouskova et al., 2021; 552 Murphy and O'Neill, 2020). Additionally, to prove whether a metabolic change is cause or 553 consequence of phenotypic alterations, it is desirable to assess temporal aspects. This can be 554 implemented e.g. by repeated ¹³C-metabolomic flux measurements in combination with 555 phenotypic assessment or the analysis of pseudo-time in single-cell RNA-sequencing. By 556 including spatiotemporal approaches in immunometabolic research, discrepancies in the 557 literature may be resolved. Lastly, causality needs to be demonstrated by targeting metabolic 558 enzymes with genetic or pharmacological tools as described previously in more detail (Voss 559 et al., 2021).

560 Conclusion and practical guidance

561 We here present an integrated 96-well-plate-based approach to screen metabolic alterations. 562 We recommend to start with quick and easy pre-screening methods such as NO, arginase, 563 glucose and lactate assays before continuing with XF analysis for bulk samples, SCENITH for 564 subset analysis of complex samples or fluorescent dyes for single-cell resolution (Figure 6). 565 This approach serves to efficiently analyze metabolic alterations and narrow down conditions of interest before applying complex and costly follow up techniques such as (single-cell)transcriptomics or (spatial) metabolomics.

568 Author contributions

SV and KdG contributed equally to this work, order of authorship was decided by flipping a
coin. Conceptualization: JVdB, SV, KdG. Methodology: SV, KdG, FG, RA. Formal analysis:
SV, KdG. Investigation: SV, KdG, FG, XvD. Visualization: SV, KdG. Writing-review&editing:
SV, KdG, FG, XvD, RA, JVdB, Funding acquisition: JVdB. All authors read and approved the

573 final manuscript.

574 Acknowledgements

575 We thank Sam de Decker, Enrico Tatti and Barry Bochner for supplying all materials to perform 576 the Biolog mitochondrial-substrate-coated and carbon-substrate-coated assays, their help with 577 setting up the assays, with interpreting the results and their helpful comments on the 578 manuscript. We further thank Amber Eggert for optimizing the Hoechst cell counting protocol 579 on the Cytation 5 and Karl Harber for proofreading the manuscript. We thank ANR and Inserm 580 Transfert for the ANR-20-CE-CE14-0028-01 and CoPoC MAT-PI-17493-A-04 grants (to RJA). 581 JVdB received a Netherlands Heart Foundation senior fellowship (2017T048). Additionally, 582 JVdB received an Enw-Klein-1 grant from NWO (OCENW.KLEIN.268) and a consortia grant 583 from European Research Area network on Cardiovascular Diseases (ERA-CVD 2019T108). 584 Lastly, we acknowledge support from Cancer Center Amsterdam.

585 **Declarations of interest**

586 The authors declare no competing interests. There are restrictions to the commercial use of

587 SCENITH due to a pending patent application (PCT/EP2020/060486).

588 Figure Legends

589 Figure 1: Overview of semi-high-throughput techniques encompassed in metabolic pre-screening and 590 toolbox. (i) Metabolic pre-screening, consisting of arginase activity assay in cell lysates and NO, lactate and 591 glucose levels in cellular supernatant (yellow). (ii) The core metabolic characterization, consisting of extracellular 592 flux (XF) analysis, SCENITH and uptake of fluorescent metabolic dyes (purple), and (iii) substrate oxidation analysis 593 as a potential follow-up on the toolbox (green). XF analysis measures extracellular acidification and oxygen 594 consumption in XF96-well plates in response to metabolic inhibitors to estimate glycolysis and OXPHOS, 595 respectively. The flow cytometry-based metabolic profiling technique SCENITH (Arguello et al., 2020) measures 596 changes in the level of translation in response to inhibitors as a measure for cellular metabolism. This can be 597 assessed in plate-reader compatible FACS 96-well plates. Fluorescent measurement of the uptake of several 598 metabolic dyes can be measured by an imaging multi-mode plate reader in black 96-well plates and by flow 599 cytometry. (iii) These readouts can be followed up by more extensive metabolic profiling using substrate oxidation, 600 metabolomics, transcriptomics or various types of single-cell profiling. 601

602 Figure 2: Metabolic pre-screening of BMDMs and HMDMs indicate metabolic differences after varying 603 macrophage activation. (A) BMDMs and HMDMs were left untreated (Naive), or stimulated with either LPS, 604 LPS+IFNy or IL-4 for 24 h. (B, C) Levels of NO in supernatants from BMDMs (B) or HMDMs (both 1*10⁵ cells per 605 well) (C) and arginase activity in BMDMs (5*10⁴ cells per well) (B) or HMDMs (1*10⁵ cells per well) (C) following 606 stimulation. (D, E) Levels of glucose consumption and lactate production in supernatants of BMDMs (D) or HMDMs 607 (E) (all 1*10⁵ cells per well). Data are shown as mean ± SEM. For BMDMs, N=12 mice with 3 technical replicates 608 in 4 independent experiments were included for NO, glucose and lactate assays, and N=6 with 3 technical replicates 609 in 2 independent experiments for arginase activity assay. For HMDMs, N=5 human donors with 3 technical 610 611 replicates in 2 independent experiments were included for all assays. ** P<0.01, *** P<0.001 by one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's post-hoc test for multiple comparisons. 612

613 Figure 3: XF analyses of BMDMs and HMDMs yield insight into metabolic profiles of macrophages after 614 LPS±IFNy and IL-4-activation. (A, B) Normalized (to relative Hoechst⁺ objects) ECAR, with injections of glucose, 615 oligomycin, FCCP and Antimycin A/Rotenone/Hoechst for BMDMs (A) and HMDMs (B). (C, D) Normalized (to 616 relative Hoechst⁺ objects) OCR with same injections as for ECAR for BMDMs (C) and HMDMs (D). (E, G) Metabolic 617 profiles outlining basal respiration and glycolysis for BMDMs (E) and HMDMs (G). (F, H) Mitochondrial and glycolytic 618 contribution to overall ATP production in BMDMs (F) and HMDMs (H).. N=6 mice or N=6 donors were included with 619 4-5 technical replicates each. Values shown as mean ± SEM calculated from the average of technical replicates 620 per mouse/donor. * P<0.05, ** P<0.01, *** P<0.001 by one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's post-hoc test for multiple 621 comparisons. For F and H, significance on top of bar graphs indicates changes in total ATP production rate, 622 623 624 significance within bars indicates significant differences between either the glycolytic or mitochondrial contribution to ATP production rate compared with N.

625 626 Figure 4: Metabolic analysis of BMDMs and HMDMs with SCENITH reveals expected macrophage activation by LPS±IFNy and IL-4. (A, B) MFI of puromycin across samples treated with different inhibitors for BMDMs (A) and 627 HMDMs (B). DG, O and DGO indicate Deoxyglucose- (DG), Oligomycin- (O) or Deoxyglucose+Oligomycin-treated 628 629 630 631 632 (DGO) samples. (C) Calculations of metabolic SCENITH parameters based on puromycin MFI. (D, E, F, H) SCENITH parameters as calculated for mouse (D, F) and human (E, H) macrophages. (G, I) Correlation of glycolytic capacity as measured with XF analysis with glycolytic capacity as measured with SCENITH for BMDMs (G) and HMDMs (I). (J, K) tSNE dimensionality reduction of naïve, LPS±IFNγ- and IL-4-treated BMDMs (J) and HMDMs (K) and clustered heatmaps showing the expression of activation markers and puromycin per stimulus. Data are shown 633 as mean ± SEM. Each dot marks a separate mouse (N=6) or human donor (N=6). * P<0.05, ** P<0.01, *** P<0.001 634 635 by two-way (A, B) or ordinary one-way ANOVA (D, E, F, H) with Dunnett's post-hoc test for multiple comparisons. Correlations were fitted using a simple linear regression model (G, I).

636 637 Figure 5: Uptake of fluorescent probes provides additional insight into macrophage metabolism. (A, B) 638 Representative images of BMDM (A) and HMDM (B) staining by fluorescent dyes and uptake of fluorescent nutrient 639 analogs as assessed by multi-mode reader. Scale bar represents 200 µm. (C-F) Fluorescent intensity of 2NB-DG 640 (C, E) and BODIPY C16 (D, F) uptake by BMDMs (C, D) and HMDMs (E, F) as examined by flow cytometry, 641 correlated with relevant parameters of XF analysis. (G-J) Fluorescent intensity of MitoTracker Green (G, I) and 642 TMRM (H, J) analysis as examined by flow cytometry and correlations with relevant parameters of XF analysis in 643 BMDMs (G, H) and HMDMs (I, J). Data are shown as mean ± SEM. For graphs of fluorescent probes, each dot 644 marks a separate mouse (N=9) or donor (N=8). ΔMFI was calculated as MFI (median fluorescent intensity) of 645 sample – MFI of unstained control. * P<0.05, ** P<0.01, *** P<0.001 by one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's post-hoc 646 test for multiple comparisons. Correlations were fitted using a simple linear regression model. 647

Figure 6: An actionable workflow to guide researchers from simple screening towards complex measurement of immunometabolism. Immunometabolic alterations can be pre-screened by quick and easy assays such as NO production and arginase activity in mouse macrophages and glucose consumption and lactate production in both species (yellow). Cytokine and viability measurements (green) can be performed in parallel to connect cellular metabolic changes and function. These assays can be followed up by metabolic characterization (purple) with a bulk (XF analysis) or single-cell approaches (SCENITH and fluorescent metabolic dyes). Normalization should be performed in parallel to XF analysis, and optional phenotyping can be done by adding activation and/or lineage markers to SCENITH and fluorescent metbolic dyes. Experiments can be further extended using more complex techniques (green), such as substrate utilization, metabolomics/fluxomics, RNA-seq for bulk analysis of homogeneous samples or metabolic profiling using cytometry, single-cell RNA-seq, spatial metabolomics or immunohistochemistry for complex samples where single-cell or spatial resolution is required. Solid lines indicate preferred workflow, dotted lines indicate optional readouts. 660 Table 1. Tools for 96-well-plate-based immunometabolic profiling

Methods	Assay principle	Advantages/disadvantages	Equipment
Extracellular glucose / lactate assay	Estimate of glycolysis based on cumulative glucose consumption / lactate secretion	+ Simple, fast, cheap - Limited insight - Bulk analysis	Absorbance (glucose) or fluorescent (lactate) plate reader
NO / arginase assay	Estimates L-arginine metabolism via iNOS / arginase	+ Simple, fast, cheap - Not all species/cell types - Bulk analysis	Absorbance plate reader
Extracellular flux analysis	Measures ECAR and OCR as proxies of glycolysis and mitochondrial OXPHOS, respectively	 + Parallel readouts of glycolysis and OXPHOS + Adaptable injections and protocol - Dedicated (costly) instrument/consumables - Normalization needed - Bulk analysis, require cell purification/sorting 	Seahorse XF analyzer
SCENITH	Estimates metabolic capacities and dependencies by measuring changes in the level of protein synthesis	 + Suitable for rare cells and complex samples + Compatible with complex immune phenotyping - Assay principle requires active protein synthesis - Subset analysis rather than single-cell for calculated parameters 	Flow cytometer
2-NBDG uptake	Fluorescent glucose analogue to estimate glucose uptake		
BODIPY C16	Fluorescent fatty acid to estimate fatty acid uptake		Flow
MitoTracker Green	Fluorescent mitochondrial mass indicator	+ Simple, fast, single-cell - Need to be validated with complementary readouts and appropriate controls to ensure correct interpretation	cytometer / multi-mode fluorescence imager / microscope
TMRM (TMRE)	Fluorescent dye to measure mitochondrial membrane potential		

661

662 STAR Methods

663 **RESOURCE AVAILABILITY**

664 Lead contact

- 665 Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be
- 666 fulfilled by the lead contact, Jan Van den Bossche (j.vandenbossche@amsterdamumc.nl).

667 Materials availability

- 668 This study did not generate new unique reagents. As described previously, adapted SCENITH
- protocols and all the reagents including the panel of inhibitors, puromycin and the monoclonal
- 670 antibody clone R4743L-E8, conjugated with Alexa Fluor 647 or Alexa Fluor 488 (SCENITH kit)
- are available upon application at <u>http://www.scenith.com/</u>.

672 Data and code availability

- 673 All data reported in this paper will be shared by the lead contact upon request. This paper does
- 674 not report original code. Any additional information required to reanalyze the data reported in
- 675 this paper is available from the lead contact upon request.
- 676 EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS

677 Bone marrow isolation and BMDM culture

678 Mouse experiments were approved by the Committee for Animal Welfare of the VU University 679 Amsterdam. 8-16 week old male and female C57BI/6J mice were purchased from Charles 680 River and housed in groups of four in SPF conditions at 21°C until sacrifice. Bone marrow cells 681 were isolated from femurs and tibias by flushing with PBS. Bone marrow-derived macrophages 682 (BMDMs) were generated by culturing in 145x20 mm petri dishes (greiner bio-one) in 20 ml 683 complete RPMI-1640 (Gibco) containing 2 mM L-glutamine, 10% FCS (Gibco), 100 U/ml 684 penicillin, 100 µg/ml streptomycin (all Gibco), and 15% L929-conditioned medium (LCM) for 6 685 days, which resulted in >90% macrophage purity (Supplementary Figure 1B). 10 ml fresh 686 medium was added on day 3. On day 6, cells were harvested with cold PBS and gentle 687 scraping and counted using a Bürker cell counting chamber with 0.0025 mm² grid (Optik Labor). Cells were subsequently plated at a density of 1*10⁶ cells/ml in fresh medium with 5% 688 LCM in 96-well plates for the experiments. On day 7, medium was refreshed and cells were 689 690 either left untreated or stimulated with 100 ng/ml LPS (Sigma Aldrich), 10 ng/ml LPS+100 U 691 IFNy (Peptrotech), or 20 ng/ml IL-4 (Peprotech) for 24 hours in the presence of 5% LCM.

692 Monocyte isolation and HMDM culture

693 Buffy coats (50 ml) were purchased from Sanguin blood Bank (Amsterdam, Netherlands). 694 Information regarding sex and age of donors was not supplied by the blood bank. PBMCs were 695 isolated with a Ficoll/Lymphoprep gradient (Greiner Biosciences) and careful centrifugation at 696 800g for 30 minutes. Next, monocytes were isolated by applying 120-150*10⁶ cells on top of a 697 46% Percoll[™] (Cytiva) solution followed by careful centrifugation at 2000 rpm for 20 minutes. 698 Monocytes were counted in the same manner as BMDMs and plated at a density of 2^{*10^6} 699 cells/ml in the appropriate 96-well plates for each experiment in 100 µl IMDM medium 700 containing HEPES (Gibco) supplemented with 2 mM L-glutamine, 100 U/ml penicillin, 100 701 µg/ml streptomycin (full IMDM medium), and containing 1% FCS. After settling for one hour, 702 medium was replaced with full IMDM medium with 10% FCS and 50 ng/ml M-CSF (Miltenyi) 703 for 6-day differentiation, resulting in >95% macrophage purity (Supplementary Figure 1C). On 704 day 3, medium was replaced with fresh medium supplemented with M-CSF (Miltenyi). On day 705 6, cells (near 100% macrophage purity (Supplementary Figure 1A, C)) were left untreated or 706 stimulated in fresh medium without M-CSF with 100 ng/ml LPS (Sigma Aldrich), 10 ng/ml LPS 707 + 20 ng/ml IFNy (Peprotech), or 20 ng/ml IL-4 (Peprotech) for 24 hours.

708 METHOD DETAILS

709 NO production and Arginase activity assay

710100 μ l supernatant was collected from 96-well plates with 1*10⁵ cells (BMDMs/HMDMs) per711well. Subsequently, NO production was measured by adding 50 μ l Griess reagent (2.5% H₃PO₄712(Merck), 1% sulfanilamide (Sigma Aldrich), and 0.1% naphtylene diamide dihydrochloride713(Sigma Aldrich) in H₂O) to 50 μ l cell supernatants (1:1) and optical density was measured at714540 nm.

Arginase activity was determined on cell lysates of 5*10⁴ cells (BMDMs) or 1*10⁵ cells 715 716 (HMDMs). Cells were washed with PBS and lysed by incubating for 30 minutes with 100 µl 717 0.1% Triton X-100 (Sigma Aldrich), 25 mM Tris-HCI (pH 7.5, Roche) supplemented with 1x 718 protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche). Arginase was activated by adding 3.5 µl of 10 mM MnCl₂ 719 (Sigma Aldrich) to 10 µl sample and incubated at 56°C for 10 minutes. Next, samples were 720 incubated with 10 µl 0.5 M L-arginine (pH 9.7, Sigma Aldrich) for 60 minutes at 37°C. The 721 reaction was stopped by adding 90 µl stop solution (96%H₂SO₄/85% H₃PO₄/H₂O 1:3:7, Merck) 722 and incubated with 4 μ l α -isonitrosopropiophenone (9%, Sigma Aldrich) for 30 minutes at 95°C. 723 Samples were left in the dark to cool down to room temperature until measurement of optical 724 density at 540 nm. Enzymatic activity was calculated by [Urea]*(total volume*10⁶)/(tested 725 volume*Time(incubated at 37°C)*1000).

726 Glucose consumption assay

100 µl supernatant was collected from 96-well plates with 1*10⁵ cells (BMDMs/HMDMs) per well. To determine glucose levels in supernatant, samples and standard (5 µl per well) were pipetted into a 96-well plate. 250 µl glucose reagent (BIOLABO) was added to standard and samples, mixed by pipetting and incubated for 30 minutes in the dark. Absorbance was measured at 490 nm. Glucose consumption was calculated as the difference between glucose levels of medium without cells and glucose levels in cell supernatants.

733 Lactate production assay

734 100 µl supernatant was collected from 96-well plates with 1*10⁵ cells (BMDMs/HMDMs) per 735 well. Lactate levels in cellular supernatants were determined by conversion of lactate into 736 NADH by lactate dehydrogenase (LDH). First, samples were incubated for 15 minutes at 4°C 737 with 3% metaphosphoric acid (Sigma Aldrich), centrifuged at 20.000 g for 10 minutes, and 738 supernatants were used further. 5 µl of thus deproteinized samples were transferred into a 96-739 wells plate and 150 µl Master Mix consisting of 0.5 M Glycine - 0.4 M hydrazine buffer (pH = 740 9.0, Sigma Aldrich) with 27 mM NAD (Cayman Chemicals) was added per well. NADH 741 fluorescence was measured using a Mithras LB 940 with $\lambda_{ex}/\lambda_{em}$ = 340-10 /450-10 nm every 2 742 minutes for 5 cycles as background measurement. Next, 50 µl of start solution consisting of 743 0.5 M Glycine - 0.4 M hydrazine buffer (pH = 9.0) and 5 mg/ml LDH was added to each well. 744 Fluorescence was measured every 2 minutes with shaking until a stable read was achieved.

745 Extracellular flux analysis

746 XF analysis was performed using the Seahorse XFe-96 Flux Analyzer (Agilent) to examine 747 oxygen consumption (OCR) and extracellular acidification rates (ECAR) as described 748 previously (Van den Bossche et al., 2015). Briefly, BMDMs and HMDMs were plated at a density of 7.5*10⁴ cells per well in XF-96-cell culture plates (Agilent) and stimulated for 24 749 750 hours with LPS or IL-4, or left untreated. 1 hour prior to the assay, cells were washed and 751 medium was replaced by Seahorse base medium (Sigma-Aldrich) without glucose, phenol red, 752 and sodium bicarbonate, supplemented with 5 mM HEPES and 2 mM L-glutamine. The run 753 consisted of 2 minutes mixing, 3 minutes measuring and subsequent 4 injections; Glucose 754 (final concentration in well 25 mM), Oligomycin (O, final concentration 1.5 µM), FCCP (final 755 concentration 1.5 μ M), and antimycin A (AA, final concentration 2.5 μ M) with rotenone (rot, 756 final concentration 1.25 µM) and Hoechst 33342 (Thermo Fisher) (final concentration 5 µg/ml). 757 Directly after the run, Hoechst signal was measured on the Cytation 5 Cell Imaging multi-mode 758 reader (BioTek) with a 4X magnification using a 365 nm LED in combination with an EX377/50 EM 447/60 filter cube and cell counts were analyzed using Gen 5[™] software. Subsequently, 759 760 flux rate data was normalized to cell counts with the following equation:

- 761 Normalized OCR or ECAR = OCR or $ECAR / \frac{cell \ count \ in \ center \ of \ well}{average \ of \ plate}$.
- 762 Data were analyzed using Wave software version 2.6.0.31 as described previously (Van den763 Bossche *et al.*, 2015).

Mitochondrial and glycolytic contributions to total ATP production rate were calculated as described here (Romero, 2017). First, OXPHOS-related acidification (mitochondrial proton efflux rate, mitoPER) of the assay medium was calculated as follows:

- 767 $mitoPER = CCF * (OCR_{basal} OCR_{Rot/AA})),$
- where CCF (CO₂ contribution factor) was determined as 0.61 for XFe96 plates by the manufacturer for a range of cell types. Total proton efflux rate (PER) can be calculated as:

770
$$total PER = ECAR * BF * Vol_{measurement chamber} * K_{vol}$$
,

where the buffer factor (BF) of the medium refers to the amount of H⁺ necessary to change the pH of the medium by one unit, and was measured according to manufacturer instructions in the Buffer Factor Protocol Quick Reference Guide (Agilent). Vol_{measurement chamber} and K_{vol} are scaling factors to determine the effective volume of the well and were determined as 2.28 μ l and 1.60, respectively, by the manufacturer for XFe96 plates. From this, glycolytic proton efflux rate and therefore glycolytic ATP production rate can be determined:

777
$$glycoATP = glycoPER = total PER - mitoPER$$
.

778 Next, mitochondrial ATP production rate can be calculated as follows:

779
$$mitoATP = (OCR_{basal} - OCR_{Rot/AA}) * 2 * P/O$$
,

where multiplication by 2 is a stoichiometric correction for oxygen atoms consumed, and P/O is the number of ADP molecules phosphorylated to ATP per atom of oxygen which was determined by the manufacturer as 2.75 for a range of cell types. Lastly, total ATP production rate is the sum of glycoATP and mitoATP, as described by the manufacturer in the Real-time ATP Rate assay Kit (Agilent).

785 SCENITH and Flow cytometry and analysis

SCENITH protocol was performed as described previously (Arguello *et al.*, 2020). Briefly, control or metabolic inhibitors Deoxy-D-glucose (DG, final concentration 100 mM), oligomycin (O, final concentration 1 μ M), combination of DG and O (DGO), or Harringtonine (H, final concentration 2 mg/ml) as negative control were added to fully differentiated cells and incubated for 15 min at 37°C. Subsequently, puromycin (final concentration 10 μ g/ml) was 791 added without washing and incubated for another 30 min at 37°C. After incubation, cells were 792 washed with cold PBS, harvested by incubating with PBS + 5 mM EDTA for 10 min at 4°C and 793 proceeded with Fc receptor blockade (eBioScience for mouse, BD Biosciences for human 794 cells) and fixable viability dye staining for 15 min at 4°C in the dark. Subsequently, cells were 795 washed and stained with surface antibody mix in PBS/0.5% BSA/0.02% sodium azide (PBA) 796 for 30 min at 4°C in the dark. Cells were then washed, fixed and permeabilized using the 797 FOXP3 fixation and permeabilization kit (eBioScience) according to manufacturer's 798 instructions. For intracellular staining of iNOS, Arg1 and puromycin, cells were incubated for 799 1h at 4°C in antibody staining solution in permeabilization buffer. Samples were then 800 transferred to a plate-reader compatible 96-well U-bottom plate.

All samples were acquired within 24 hours of the experiment at the O2 Flow Facility at Amsterdam UMC (Netherlands) on an X20 Fortessa flow cytometer (BD Biosciences) with high-throughput sampler. The flow cytometer was calibrated daily using CS&T calibration beads (BD Biosciences).

- Data were analyzed using FlowJo (TreeStar, v10) and were compensated using single stains with UltraComp eBeads (ThermoFisher) labeled with the appropriate fluorochrome. Next, cells were gated on FSC-A/SSC-A to gate out debris, then on FSC-A/FSC-H to identify single-cells and lastly on FVD⁻ viable cells (Supplementary Figure 1A).
- For unbiased tSNE analyses, files of oligomycin-treated cells were uploaded to the OMIQ online analysis platform (<u>https://omiq.ai/</u>), scaled and subsampled to include 10.000 cells live single cells per file. Next, the tSNE-CUDA tool set to 1500 iterations, a perplexity of 30 and a theta of 0.5 was used to create tSNE dimensionality reduction. Cells were overlaid on tSNE dimensionality reduction according to stimulus. Stimulus-associated 'clusters' were further assessed using the 'Clustered Heatmap' tool in OMIQ to identify discriminating markers between activation states.
- 816 Vehicle control, DG, O, Harringtonine, puromycin and anti-puromycin antibodies were received
- as SCENITH kit from (http://www.scenith.com) (Arguello et al., 2020). A complete list of
- 818 antibodies used can be found in Supplementary Table 2.

819 Fluorescent metabolic dyes

Mitochondrial mass was measured using MitoTracker Green (Invitrogen). Mitochondrial membrane potential was measured using Tetramethylrhodamine methyl ester (TMRM, Thermo Fisher) and fatty acid and glucose uptake was measured using BODIPY[™] FL C16 (BODIPY, Thermo Fisher) or 2-(N-(7-Nitrobenz-2-oxa-1,3-diazol-4-yl)Amino)-2-Deoxyglucose (2NB-DG, Invitrogen) fluorescent probes. Cells were plated in 96-well black culture plates at a density of 8*10⁴ cells/well. Cells were starved for 2 hours in basal RPMI-medium with (for BODIPY C16) or without glucose (for 2NB-DG) and subsequently stained by incubation for 30 827 minutes in complete RPMI with either 100 nM MitoTracker, 100 nM TMRM, 100 µM 2NB-DG 828 or with 0.75 µM BODIPY. Concentrations were determined by analysis of unspecific staining 829 and effect on cell viability (Supplementary Figure 4). Hoechst (final concentration 5 µg/ml) was 830 added for the last 5 minutes of incubation. Cells were washed with PBS and imaged in 4X 831 magnification on the Cytation 5 at 37°C using a 465 nm LED in combination with an EX 469/35 832 EM 525/39 filter cube for MitoTracker Green, BODIPY and 2NB-DG and a 523 nm LED in 833 combination with an EX 531/40 EM 593/40 filter cube for TMRM.

834 For FACS analysis, cells were harvested using ice-cold PBS+5 mM EDTA, transferred to a 835 plate-reader compatible 96-well U-bottom plate and immediately acquired on an X20 Fortessa 836 flow cytometer with plate reader (BD Biosciences) and analyzed as described in the section 837 'Flow cytometry and analysis'. To validate metabolic dye signal, MitoTracker Green and TMRM 838 signal were inhibited by the uncoupler FCCP (Sigma-Aldrich, 5 µM final concentration), 2NB-839 DG by phloretin, an inhibitor of glucose transport (Sigma-Aldrich, 150 µM final concentration), 840 and BODIPY C16 by lipofermata, an inhibitor of fatty acid transporter 2 (Cayman Chemicals, 841 10 µM final concentration) (Supplementary Figure 4).

842 Mitochondrial functional substrate assay

843 Mitochondrial functional substrate assays were performed using mitochondrial-substrate-844 coated (Biolog). First, cells for mitochondrial functional substrate assay were seeded in a 96 845 well culture plate at a density of 8*10⁴ cells/well and stimulated for 24 hours with LPS or IL-4, 846 or left untreated. 1 hour prior to the assay, 30 µl assay buffer with 1X saponin (Sigma-Aldrich, 847 final concentration 50 µg/ml) and redox dye MC was dispensed into the wells of the 848 mitochondrial-substrate-coated plate and incubated at 37°C. Then, cells were washed once 849 with 100 µl assay buffer and subsequently incubated with 35 µl assay buffer with 1X saponin 850 at room temperature for permeabilization. After 15 minute incubation time, permeabilized cells 851 were mixed by pipetting up and down and incubated for another 15 minutes at room 852 temperature. Lastly, 30 µl of permeabilized cell suspension in 1X saponin was transferred to 853 the mitochondrial-substrate-coated plate.

Additionally, intact BMDMs were plated as 4*10⁴ cells/well in 50 µl MC-0 Assay Medium into carbon-substrate-coated plates (Biolog) to further assess whole-cell substrate usage as opposed to only mitochondrial substrate use. Cells and substrates were pre-incubated for 24 hours at 37°C and 5% CO₂, and metabolism was assessed after adding 20 µl 6X Biolog Redox Dye MB. Color formation in mitochondrial-substrate-coated and carbon-substrate-coated plates was
measured by the automated platform OmniLog (Biolog) and maximum rates between 1 and 4
hours of analysis were determined using Biolog Data Analysis software version 1.7.1.58.

862 **QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

863 Data are presented as mean ± standard error of the mean (SEM) unless specified differently. 864 Statistical significance was analyzed using an ordinary one-way or two-way ANOVA where 865 appropriate followed by Sidak's or Dunnett's correction for multiple comparisons, respectively, 866 in GraphPad Prism software (8.2.1) using paired analysis to minimize effects of mouse/donor 867 variation. For substrate utilization experiments, significant substrates were determined with a 868 Student's t-distribution using Biolog Data Analysis Software. P values < 0.05 were considered 869 statistically significant indicated by *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001. The number of mice or 870 donors included in each experiment is indicated in the figure legend. Except for the titration of 871 metabolic dyes, all experiments were performed as at least 2 independent experiments. For 872 NO and Arginase assays, XF analyses and fluorescent probe uptake, at least 3 technical 873 replicates were included to calculate a mean value to represent a mouse or human donor.

874 References

- Ahl, P.J., Hopkins, R.A., Xiang, W.W., Au, B., Kaliaperumal, N., Fairhurst, A.M., and
- 876 Connolly, J.E. (2020). Met-Flow, a strategy for single-cell metabolic analysis highlights
- dynamic changes in immune subpopulations. Commun Biol 3, 305. 10.1038/s42003-020-1027-9.
- Arguello, R.J., Combes, A.J., Char, R., Gigan, J.P., Baaziz, A.I., Bousiquot, E., Camosseto,
- 880 V., Samad, B., Tsui, J., Yan, P., et al. (2020). SCENITH: A Flow Cytometry-Based Method to
- Functionally Profile Energy Metabolism with Single-Cell Resolution. Cell Metab 32, 1063 1075 e1067. 10.1016/j.cmet.2020.11.007.
- Artyomov, M.N., and Van den Bossche, J. (2020). Immunometabolism in the Single-Cell Era.
 Cell Metab 32, 710-725. 10.1016/j.cmet.2020.09.013.
- 885 Baardman, J., Verberk, S.G.S., Prange, K.H.M., van Weeghel, M., van der Velden, S., Ryan,
- Base D.G., Wust, R.C.I., Neele, A.E., Speijer, D., Denis, S.W., et al. (2018). A Defective Pentose
 Phosphate Pathway Reduces Inflammatory Macrophage Responses during
- 888 Hypercholesterolemia. Cell Rep 25, 2044-2052 e2045. 10.1016/j.celrep.2018.10.092.
- 889 Bailey, J.D., Diotallevi, M., Nicol, T., McNeill, E., Shaw, A., Chuaiphichai, S., Hale, A., Starr,
- A., Nandi, M., Stylianou, E., et al. (2019). Nitric Oxide Modulates Metabolic Remodeling in
- 891 Inflammatory Macrophages through TCA Cycle Regulation and Itaconate Accumulation. Cell
- 892 Rep 28, 218-230 e217. 10.1016/j.celrep.2019.06.018.
- 893 Bambouskova, M., Potuckova, L., Paulenda, T., Kerndl, M., Mogilenko, D.A., Lizotte, K.,
- 894 Swain, A., Hayes, S., Sheldon, R.D., Kim, H., et al. (2021). Itaconate confers tolerance to
- late NLRP3 inflammasome activation. Cell Rep 34, 108756. 10.1016/j.celrep.2021.108756.
- Bauerfeld, C.P., Rastogi, R., Pirockinaite, G., Lee, I., Huttemann, M., Monks, B., Birnbaum,
- 897 M.J., Franchi, L., Nunez, G., and Samavati, L. (2012). TLR4-mediated AKT activation is
- 898 MyD88/TRIF dependent and critical for induction of oxidative phosphorylation and 800 mitochondrial transcription factor A in murine macrophages. Limmunol 188, 2847
- mitochondrial transcription factor A in murine macrophages. J Immunol *188*, 2847-2857.
 10.4049/jimmunol.1102157.
- Binek, A., Rojo, D., Godzien, J., Ruperez, F.J., Nunez, V., Jorge, I., Ricote, M., Vazquez, J.,
- and Barbas, C. (2019). Flow Cytometry Has a Significant Impact on the Cellular Metabolome.
 J Proteome Res *18*, 169-181. 10.1021/acs.jproteome.8b00472.
- Buck, M.D., O'Sullivan, D., Klein Geltink, R.I., Curtis, J.D., Chang, C.H., Sanin, D.E., Qiu, J.,
- 905 Kretz, O., Braas, D., van der Windt, G.J., et al. (2016). Mitochondrial Dynamics Controls T
- Cell Fate through Metabolic Programming. Cell *166*, 63-76. 10.1016/j.cell.2016.05.035.
- 907 D'Souza, L.J., Wright, S.H., and Bhattacharya, D. (2021). 10.1101/2021.12.13.472409.
- Everts, B., Amiel, E., van der Windt, G.J., Freitas, T.C., Chott, R., Yarasheski, K.E., Pearce,
 E.L., and Pearce, E.J. (2012). Commitment to glycolysis sustains survival of NO-producing
- 910 inflammatory dendritic cells. Blood *120*, 1422-1431. 10.1182/blood-2012-03-419747.
- 911 Farren, M.R., Sayegh, L., Ware, M.B., Chen, H.R., Gong, J., Liang, Y., Krasinskas, A.,
- 912 Maithel, S.K., Zaidi, M., Sarmiento, J.M., et al. (2020). Immunologic alterations in the
- 913 pancreatic cancer microenvironment of patients treated with neoadjuvant chemotherapy and
- 914 radiotherapy. JCI Insight 5. 10.1172/jci.insight.130362.
- 915 Feingold, K.R., Shigenaga, J.K., Kazemi, M.R., McDonald, C.M., Patzek, S.M., Cross, A.S.,
- 916 Moser, A., and Grunfeld, C. (2012). Mechanisms of triglyceride accumulation in activated
- 917 macrophages. J Leukoc Biol 92, 829-839. 10.1189/jlb.1111537.
- 918 Freemerman, A.J., Johnson, A.R., Sacks, G.N., Milner, J.J., Kirk, E.L., Troester, M.A.,
- 919 Macintyre, A.N., Goraksha-Hicks, P., Rathmell, J.C., and Makowski, L. (2014). Metabolic
- 920 reprogramming of macrophages: glucose transporter 1 (GLUT1)-mediated glucose
- 921 metabolism drives a proinflammatory phenotype. J Biol Chem 289, 7884-7896.
- 922 10.1074/jbc.M113.522037.
- 923 Galli, G., and Saleh, M. (2020). Immunometabolism of Macrophages in Bacterial Infections.
- 924 Front Cell Infect Microbiol *10*, 607650. 10.3389/fcimb.2020.607650.
- 925 Gross, T.J., Kremens, K., Powers, L.S., Brink, B., Knutson, T., Domann, F.E., Philibert, R.A.,
- 926 Milhem, M.M., and Monick, M.M. (2014). Epigenetic silencing of the human NOS2 gene:

- 927 rethinking the role of nitric oxide in human macrophage inflammatory responses. J Immunol
 928 192, 2326-2338. 10.4049/jimmunol.1301758.
- Harber, K.J., de Goede, K.E., Verberk, S.G.S., Meinster, E., de Vries, H.E., van Weeghel,
- 930 M., de Winther, M.P.J., and Van den Bossche, J. (2020). Succinate Is an Inflammation-
- 931 Induced Immunoregulatory Metabolite in Macrophages. Metabolites *10*.
- 932 10.3390/metabo10090372.
- 933 Hartmann, F.J., and Bendall, S.C. (2020). Immune monitoring using mass cytometry and
- related high-dimensional imaging approaches. Nat Rev Rheumatol 16, 87-99.
- 935 10.1038/s41584-019-0338-z.
- 936 Hartmann, F.J., Mrdjen, D., McCaffrey, E., Glass, D.R., Greenwald, N.F., Bharadwaj, A.,
- 837 Khair, Z., Verberk, S.G.S., Baranski, A., Baskar, R., et al. (2021). Single-cell metabolic
- 938 profiling of human cytotoxic T cells. Nat Biotechnol *39*, 186-197. 10.1038/s41587-020-0651939 8.
- 940 Huang, S.C., Everts, B., Ivanova, Y., O'Sullivan, D., Nascimento, M., Smith, A.M., Beatty, W.,
- Love-Gregory, L., Lam, W.Y., O'Neill, C.M., et al. (2014a). Cell-intrinsic lysosomal lipolysis is
- 942 essential for alternative activation of macrophages. Nat Immunol *15*, 846-855.
- 943 10.1038/ni.2956.
- Huang, Y.L., Morales-Rosado, J., Ray, J., Myers, T.G., Kho, T., Lu, M., and Munford, R.S.
- 945 (2014b). Toll-like receptor agonists promote prolonged triglyceride storage in macrophages.
 946 J Biol Chem 289, 3001-3012. 10.1074/jbc.M113.524587.
- Jaguin, M., Houlbert, N., Fardel, O., and Lecureur, V. (2013). Polarization profiles of human
- 948 M-CSF-generated macrophages and comparison of M1-markers in classically activated
- 949 macrophages from GM-CSF and M-CSF origin. Cell Immunol 281, 51-61.
- 950 10.1016/j.cellimm.2013.01.010.
- 951 Jha, A.K., Huang, S.C., Sergushichev, A., Lampropoulou, V., Ivanova, Y., Loginicheva, E.,
- 952 Chmielewski, K., Stewart, K.M., Ashall, J., Everts, B., et al. (2015). Network integration of 953 parallel metabolic and transcriptional data reveals metabolic modules that regulate
- 954 macrophage polarization. Immunity *42*, 419-430. 10.1016/j.immuni.2015.02.005.
- 955 Kalvala, A., Wallet, P., Yang, L., Wang, C., Li, H., Nam, A., Nathan, A., Mambetsariev, I.,
- Poroyko, V., Gao, H., et al. (2019). Phenotypic Switching of Naive T Cells to Immune-Suppressive Treg-Like Cells by Mutant KRAS. J Clin Med 8. 10.3390/jcm8101726.
- Kam, Y., Rogers, G.W., Jastromb, N., Dranka, B.P. (2018). Methods and strategies for
 normalizing XF metabolic data to cellular parameters.
- 960 <u>https://www.agilent.com/cs/library/technicaloverviews/public/Methods_and_Strategies_for_N</u>
 961 <u>ormalizing_Tech_Overview_022118.pdf</u>.
- Keren, L., Bosse, M., Thompson, S., Risom, T., Vijayaragavan, K., McCaffrey, E., Marquez,
- D., Angoshtari, R., Greenwald, N.F., Fienberg, H., et al. (2019). MIBI-TOF: A multiplexed
 imaging platform relates cellular phenotypes and tissue structure. Sci Adv *5*, eaax5851.
 10.1126/sciadv.aax5851.
- 966 Koenis, D.S., Medzikovic, L., van Loenen, P.B., van Weeghel, M., Huveneers, S., Vos, M.,
- 967 Evers-van Gogh, I.J., Van den Bossche, J., Speijer, D., Kim, Y., et al. (2018). Nuclear
- 968 Receptor Nur77 Limits the Macrophage Inflammatory Response through Transcriptional
- 969 Reprogramming of Mitochondrial Metabolism. Cell Rep 24, 2127-2140 e2127.
- 970 10.1016/j.celrep.2018.07.065.
- 971 Lacey, D.C., Achuthan, A., Fleetwood, A.J., Dinh, H., Roiniotis, J., Scholz, G.M., Chang,
- 972 M.W., Beckman, S.K., Cook, A.D., and Hamilton, J.A. (2012). Defining GM-CSF- and
- 973 macrophage-CSF-dependent macrophage responses by in vitro models. J Immunol *188*,
 974 5752-5765. 10.4049/jimmunol.1103426.
- 975 Lachmandas, E., Boutens, L., Ratter, J.M., Hijmans, A., Hooiveld, G.J., Joosten, L.A.,
- 976 Rodenburg, R.J., Fransen, J.A., Houtkooper, R.H., van Crevel, R., et al. (2016). Microbial
- 977 stimulation of different Toll-like receptor signalling pathways induces diverse metabolic
- programmes in human monocytes. Nat Microbiol 2, 16246. 10.1038/nmicrobiol.2016.246.
- 279 Lampropoulou, V., Sergushichev, A., Bambouskova, M., Nair, S., Vincent, E.E., Loginicheva,
- 980 E., Cervantes-Barragan, L., Ma, X., Huang, S.C., Griss, T., et al. (2016). Itaconate Links

- Inhibition of Succinate Dehydrogenase with Macrophage Metabolic Remodeling and
 Regulation of Inflammation. Cell Metab *24*, 158-166. 10.1016/j.cmet.2016.06.004.
- Bauterbach, M.A., Hanke, J.E., Serefidou, M., Mangan, M.S.J., Kolbe, C.C., Hess, T., Rothe,
- 984 M., Kaiser, R., Hoss, F., Gehlen, J., et al. (2019). Toll-like Receptor Signaling Rewires
- Macrophage Metabolism and Promotes Histone Acetylation via ATP-Citrate Lyase. Immunity
 51, 997-1011 e1017. 10.1016/j.immuni.2019.11.009.
- 987 Levine, L.S., Hiam-Galvez, K.J., Marquez, D.M., Tenvooren, I., Madden, M.Z., Contreras,
- 988 D.C., Dahunsi, D.O., Irish, J.M., Oluwole, O.O., Rathmell, J.C., and Spitzer, M.H. (2021).
- 989 Single-cell analysis by mass cytometry reveals metabolic states of early-activated CD8(+) T
- cells during the primary immune response. Immunity *54*, 829-844 e825.
- 991 10.1016/j.immuni.2021.02.018.
- Lim, A.R., Rathmell, W.K., and Rathmell, J.C. (2020). The tumor microenvironment as a
 metabolic barrier to effector T cells and immunotherapy. Elife 9, e55185.
- Little, A.C., Kovalenko, I., Goo, L.E., Hong, H.S., Kerk, S.A., Yates, J.A., Purohit, V.,
- 995 Lombard, D.B., Merajver, S.D., and Lyssiotis, C.A. (2020). High-content fluorescence
- imaging with the metabolic flux assay reveals insights into mitochondrial properties and
 functions. Commun Biol 3, 271. 10.1038/s42003-020-0988-z.
- Llufrio, E.M., Wang, L., Naser, F.J., and Patti, G.J. (2018). Sorting cells alters their redox
 state and cellular metabolome. Redox Biol *16*, 381-387. 10.1016/j.redox.2018.03.004.
- 1000 Lopes, N., McIntyre, C., Martin, S., Raverdeau, M., Sumaria, N., Kohlgruber, A.C., Fiala,
- 1001 G.J., Agudelo, L.Z., Dyck, L., Kane, H., et al. (2021). Distinct metabolic programs established
- 1002 in the thymus control effector functions of gammadelta T cell subsets in tumor
- 1003 microenvironments. Nat Immunol 22, 179-192. 10.1038/s41590-020-00848-3.
- 1004 Makowski, L., Chaib, M., and Rathmell, J.C. (2020). Immunometabolism: From basic
- 1005 mechanisms to translation. Immunological reviews 295, 5-14.
- 1006 Martinez, F.O., Helming, L., Milde, R., Varin, A., Melgert, B.N., Draijer, C., Thomas, B.,
- Fabbri, M., Crawshaw, A., Ho, L.P., et al. (2013). Genetic programs expressed in resting and
 IL-4 alternatively activated mouse and human macrophages: similarities and differences.
- 1009 Blood 121, e57-69. 10.1182/blood-2012-06-436212.
- 1010 Miller, A., Nagy, C., Knapp, B., Laengle, J., Ponweiser, E., Groeger, M., Starkl, P.,
- 1011 Bergmann, M., Wagner, O., and Haschemi, A. (2017). Exploring Metabolic Configurations of
- Single Cells within Complex Tissue Microenvironments. Cell Metab 26, 788-800 e786.
 10.1016/j.cmet.2017.08.014.
- 1014 Mills, E.L., Kelly, B., Logan, A., Costa, A.S.H., Varma, M., Bryant, C.E., Tourlomousis, P.,
- 1015 Dabritz, J.H.M., Gottlieb, E., Latorre, I., et al. (2016). Succinate Dehydrogenase Supports
- 1016 Metabolic Repurposing of Mitochondria to Drive Inflammatory Macrophages. Cell *167*, 457-1017 470 e413. 10.1016/j.cell.2016.08.064.
- 1018 Mills, E.L., and O'Neill, L.A. (2016). Reprogramming mitochondrial metabolism in
- 1019 macrophages as an anti-inflammatory signal. Eur J Immunol *46*, 13-21.
- 1020 10.1002/eji.201445427.
- 1021 Munder, M., Eichmann, K., and Modolell, M. (1998). Alternative metabolic states in murine
- 1022 macrophages reflected by the nitric oxide synthase/arginase balance: competitive regulation
- 1023 by CD4+ T cells correlates with Th1/Th2 phenotype. J Immunol *160*, 5347-5354.
- 1024 Murphy, M.P., and O'Neill, L.A.J. (2020). How should we talk about metabolism? Nat
- 1025 Immunol 21, 713-715. 10.1038/s41590-020-0691-8.
- 1026 Murray, P.J., Allen, J.E., Biswas, S.K., Fisher, E.A., Gilroy, D.W., Goerdt, S., Gordon, S.,
- 1027 Hamilton, J.A., Ivashkiv, L.B., Lawrence, T., et al. (2014). Macrophage activation and
- 1028 polarization: nomenclature and experimental guidelines. Immunity *41*, 14-20.
- 1029 10.1016/j.immuni.2014.06.008.
- 1030 Namgaladze, D., and Brune, B. (2014). Fatty acid oxidation is dispensable for human
- 1031 macrophage IL-4-induced polarization. Biochim Biophys Acta *1841*, 1329-1335.
- 1032 10.1016/j.bbalip.2014.06.007.
- 1033 Palmer, A., Phapale, P., Chernyavsky, I., Lavigne, R., Fay, D., Tarasov, A., Kovalev, V.,
- 1034 Fuchser, J., Nikolenko, S., Pineau, C., et al. (2017). FDR-controlled metabolite annotation for
- high-resolution imaging mass spectrometry. Nat Methods *14*, 57-60. 10.1038/nmeth.4072.

- 1036 Qiu, B., and Simon, M.C. (2016). BODIPY 493/503 Staining of Neutral Lipid Droplets for
- 1037 Microscopy and Quantification by Flow Cytometry. Bio Protoc 6. 10.21769/BioProtoc.1912.
- 1038 Rattigan, K.M., Pountain, A.W., Regnault, C., Achcar, F., Vincent, I.M., Goodyear, C.S., and
- 1039 Barrett, M.P. (2018). Metabolomic profiling of macrophages determines the discrete
- 1040 metabolomic signature and metabolomic interactome triggered by polarising immune stimuli. PLoS One 13, e0194126. 10.1371/journal.pone.0194126. 1041
- 1042 Romero, N., Swain, P., Neilson A., and Dranka, B.P. (2017). Improving Quantification of
- 1043 Cellular Glycolytic Rate Using Agilent Seahorse XF Technology
- 1044 https://seahorseinfo.agilent.com/acton/fs/blocks/showLandingPage/a/10967/p/p-1045
- 00ca/t/page/fm/1.
- 1046 Salabei, J.K., Gibb, A.A., and Hill, B.G. (2014). Comprehensive measurement of respiratory
- 1047 activity in permeabilized cells using extracellular flux analysis. Nat Protoc 9, 421-438. 1048 10.1038/nprot.2014.018.
- Scharping, N.E., Menk, A.V., Moreci, R.S., Whetstone, R.D., Dadey, R.E., Watkins, S.C., 1049
- 1050 Ferris, R.L., and Delgoffe, G.M. (2016). The Tumor Microenvironment Represses T Cell
- 1051 Mitochondrial Biogenesis to Drive Intratumoral T Cell Metabolic Insufficiency and 1052 Dysfunction. Immunity 45, 701-703. 10.1016/j.immuni.2016.08.009.
- 1053 Sinclair, L.V., Barthelemy, C., and Cantrell, D.A. (2020). Single Cell Glucose Uptake Assays:
- 1054 A Cautionary Tale. Immunometabolism 2, e200029. 10.20900/immunometab20200029.
- 1055 Tavakoli, S., Zamora, D., Ullevig, S., and Asmis, R. (2013). Bioenergetic profiles diverge
- 1056 during macrophage polarization: implications for the interpretation of 18F-FDG PET imaging
- 1057 of atherosclerosis. J Nucl Med 54, 1661-1667. 10.2967/jnumed.112.119099.
- 1058 Thomas, A.C., and Mattila, J.T. (2014). "Of mice and men": arginine metabolism in 1059 macrophages. Front Immunol 5, 479, 10,3389/fimmu.2014.00479.
- 1060 Thwe, P.M., Pelgrom, L.R., Cooper, R., Beauchamp, S., Reisz, J.A., D'Alessandro, A.,
- 1061 Everts, B., and Amiel, E. (2019). Cell-Intrinsic Glycogen Metabolism Supports Early
- Glycolytic Reprogramming Required for Dendritic Cell Immune Responses. Cell Metab 30, 1062
- 1063 225. 10.1016/j.cmet.2019.05.017.
- 1064 Van den Bossche, J., Baardman, J., and de Winther, M.P. (2015). Metabolic characterization 1065 of polarized M1 and M2 bone marrow-derived macrophages using real-time extracellular flux 1066 analysis. JoVE (Journal of Visualized Experiments), e53424.
- 1067 Van den Bossche, J., Baardman, J., Otto, N.A., van der Velden, S., Neele, A.E., van den
- Berg, S.M., Lugue-Martin, R., Chen, H.J., Boshuizen, M.C., Ahmed, M., et al. (2016). 1068
- 1069 Mitochondrial Dysfunction Prevents Repolarization of Inflammatory Macrophages. Cell Rep 1070 17, 684-696. 10.1016/j.celrep.2016.09.008.
- 1071 Van den Bossche, J., O'Neill, L.A., and Menon, D. (2017). Macrophage Immunometabolism: Where Are We (Going)? Trends Immunol 38, 395-406. 10.1016/j.it.2017.03.001. 1072
- 1073 van der Windt, G.J., Everts, B., Chang, C.H., Curtis, J.D., Freitas, T.C., Amiel, E., Pearce,
- 1074 E.J., and Pearce, E.L. (2012). Mitochondrial respiratory capacity is a critical regulator of
- 1075 CD8+ T cell memory development. Immunity 36, 68-78. 10.1016/j.immuni.2011.12.007.
- Vats, D., Mukundan, L., Odegaard, J.I., Zhang, L., Smith, K.L., Morel, C.R., Wagner, R.A., 1076
- Greaves, D.R., Murray, P.J., and Chawla, A. (2006). Oxidative metabolism and PGC-1beta 1077
- 1078 attenuate macrophage-mediated inflammation. Cell Metab 4, 13-24.
- 1079 10.1016/j.cmet.2006.05.011.
- Vijavan, V., Pradhan, P., Braud, L., Fuchs, H.R., Gueler, F., Motterlini, R., Foresti, R., and 1080
- 1081 Immenschuh, S. (2019). Human and murine macrophages exhibit differential metabolic
- 1082 responses to lipopolysaccharide - A divergent role for glycolysis. Redox Biol 22, 101147. 1083 10.1016/j.redox.2019.101147.
- Voss, K., Hong, H.S., Bader, J.E., Sugiura, A., Lyssiotis, C.A., and Rathmell, J.C. (2021). A 1084
- 1085 guide to interrogating immunometabolism. Nat Rev Immunol. 10.1038/s41577-021-00529-8.
- 1086 Wynn, T.A., Chawla, A., and Pollard, J.W. (2013). Macrophage biology in development,
- 1087 homeostasis and disease. Nature 496, 445-455. 10.1038/nature12034.
- 1088 Yu, W., Wang, X., Zhao, J., Liu, R., Liu, J., Wang, Z., Peng, J., Wu, H., Zhang, X., Long, Z.,
- 1089 et al. (2020). Stat2-Drp1 mediated mitochondrial mass increase is necessary for pro-

- 1090 inflammatory differentiation of macrophages. Redox Biol 37, 101761.
- 1091 10.1016/j.redox.2020.101761.
- 1092 Zhang, I.W., Curto, A., Lopez-Vicario, C., Casulleras, M., Duran-Guell, M., Flores-Costa, R.,
- 1093 Colsch, B., Aguilar, F., Aransay, A.M., Lozano, J.J., et al. (2021). Mitochondrial dysfunction
- 1094 governs immunometabolism in leukocytes of patients with acute-on-chronic liver failure. J 1095 Hepatol. 10.1016/j.jhep.2021.08.009.
- 1096 Zorova, L.D., Popkov, V.A., Plotnikov, E.Y., Silachev, D.N., Pevzner, I.B., Jankauskas, S.S.,
- 1097 Babenko, V.A., Zorov, S.D., Balakireva, A.V., Juhaszova, M., et al. (2018). Mitochondrial
- 1098 membrane potential. Anal Biochem 552, 50-59. 10.1016/j.ab.2017.07.009.

1099