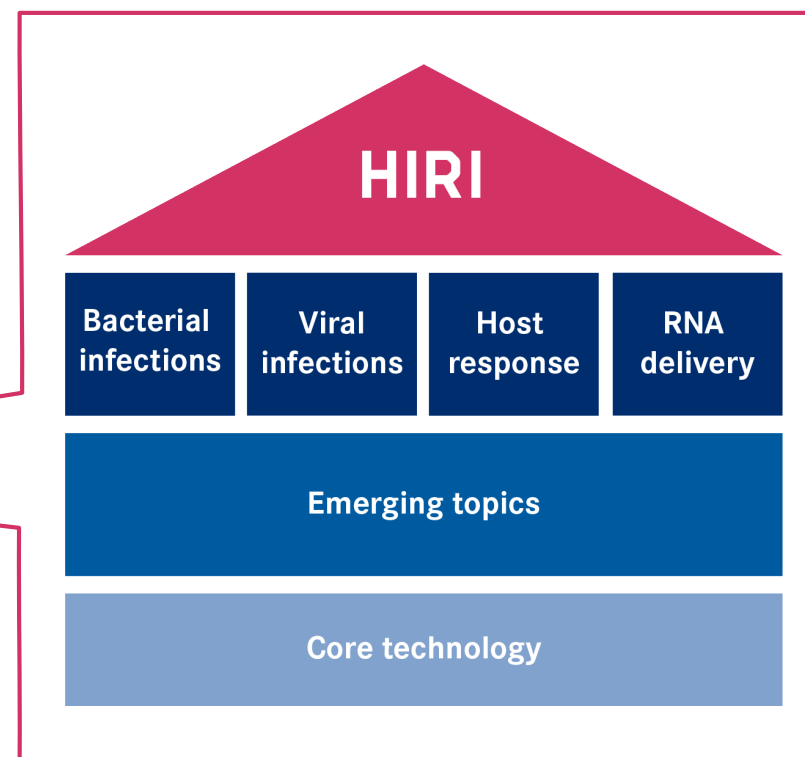
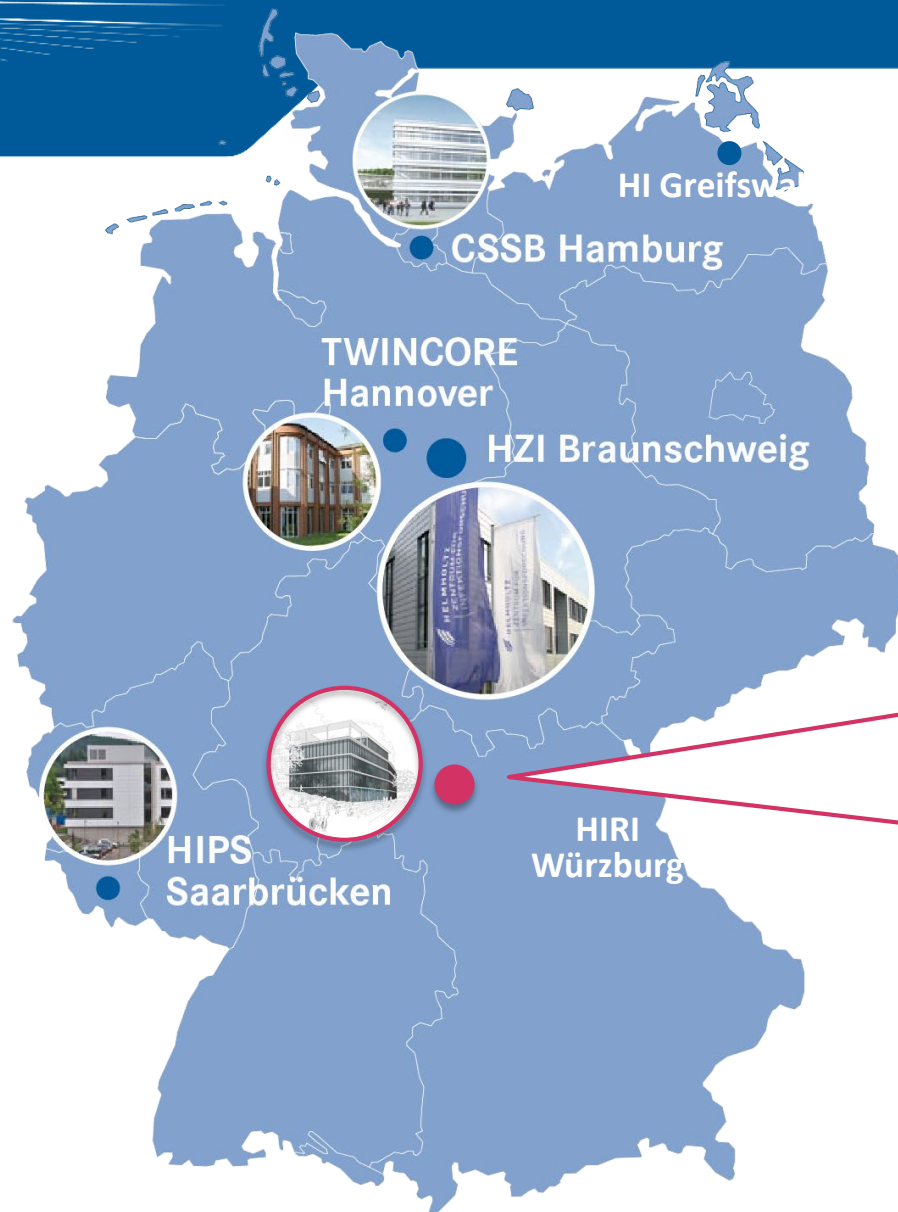
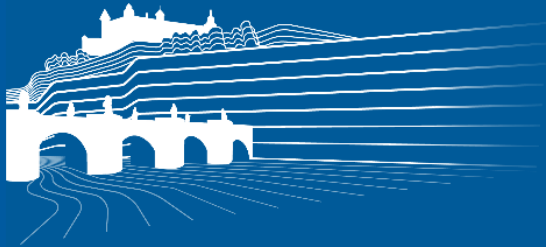


Single-Cell Biology course – Introduction – A.-Emmanuel Saliba

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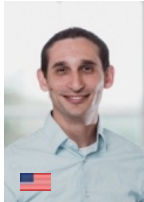
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HIRI grown to eight research groups

RNA Biology of Bacterial Infections



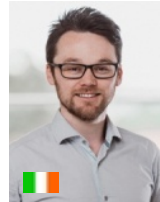
J. Vogel

RNA Synthetic Biology



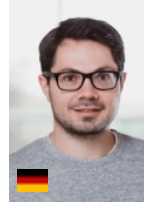
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Genome Architecture & Evolution of Viruses



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Host-Pathogen- Microbiota



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Single-cell Analysis



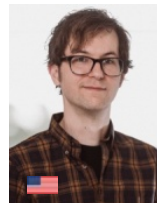
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Recoding Mechanisms



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Integrative Informatics



L. Barquist

Host lncRNAs



M. Munschauer



Saliba lab Laboratory pillars

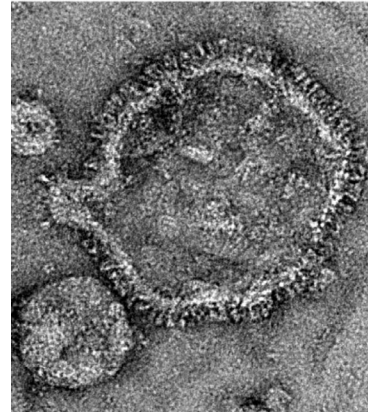
1- Enabling technologies to decipher host-pathogen interactions at the single cell level

***Salmonella* Typhimurium:**
Gram-, enteric pathogen, model for persistence



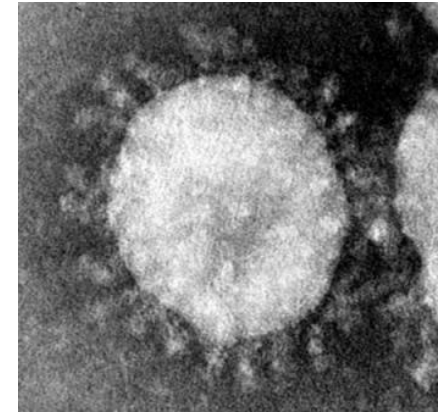
2- Deciphering how a *Salmonella enterica* antibiotic tolerant subpopulation leads to rebase (and if)

RSV (Respiratory syncytial virus) : single-stranded RNA virus
major pathogen in children



3- Nailing down the host response and the cellular tropism of respiratory virus (RSV and SARS)

SARS-CoV-2: betacoronavirus, positive-strand RNA viruses



LECTURE PLAN:

- Part 1 - Fundamentals in analyzing tissues and single cells
- Part 2 – Our latest research on COVID-19 lung damage

Who has already used a flow cytometer ?

Who knows what RNA-seq is?

What is short-read sequencing?

How many cells a human body has?

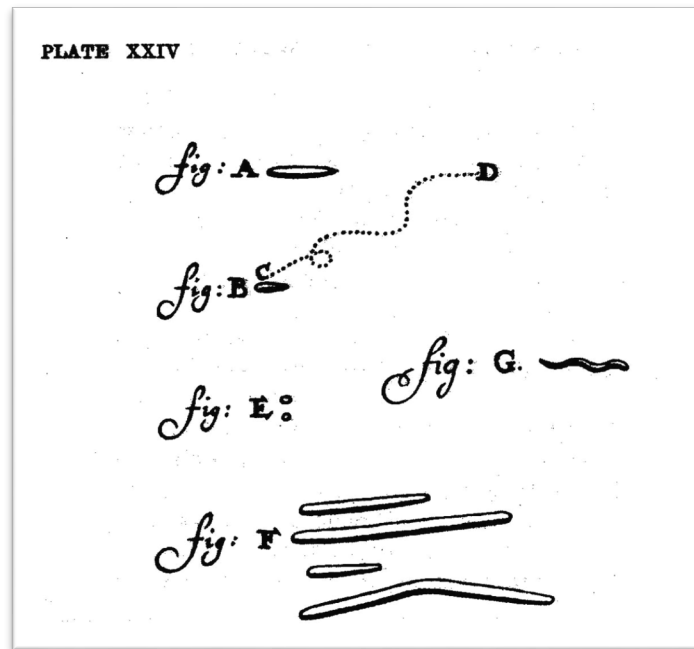
Who heard about 'epigenomics'?

Who has already coded?
(R, Python, C++, ...)

How many protein-coding
genes in the human
genome?

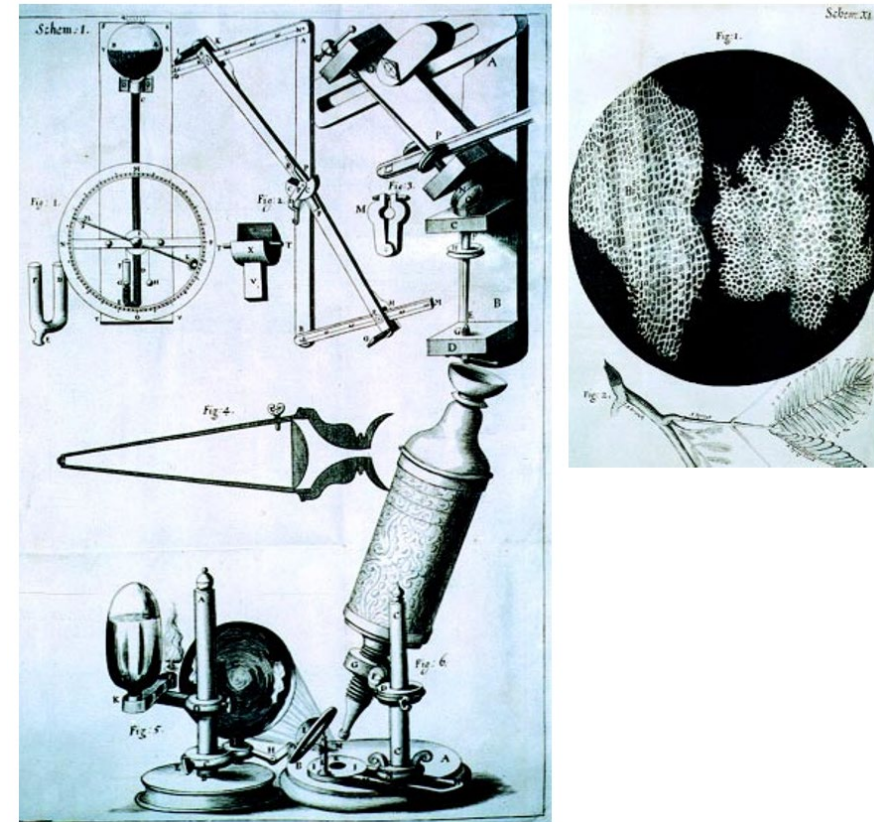
The first observation of *cell* structures

Antoni van Leeuwenhoek (1632-1723)



- Linked 'movement' to 'life'
- Observation of living organisms

Robert Hooke (1635-1702)



- Observed woods
- Foster the word 'Cell'

‘Cell Theory’

Omnis cellula e cellula ("all cells (come) from cells")

Rudolf Virchow

(1821-1902)



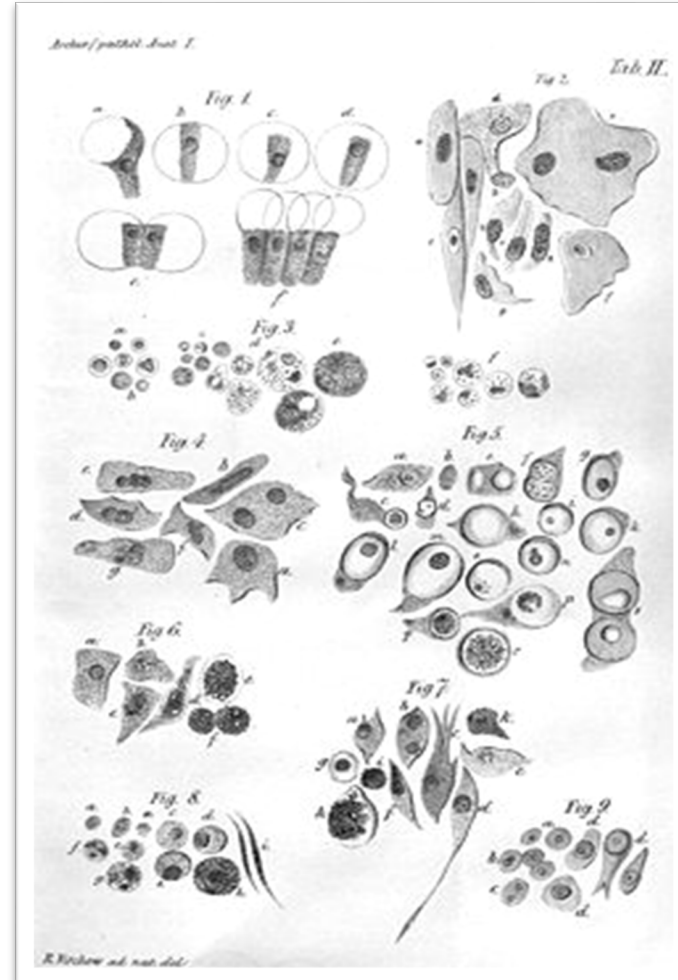
Matthias Schleiden

(1804-1881)

Theodor Schann

(1810-1882)

Array of new structures



Cell Theory

- *Cella* (Latin) = small room
- Organisms are composed of one or more cells
- Basic unit of structure and function in life
- Cells are derived from pre-existing cells

Mazzarelli 1999 *Nat Cell Biol*

From Genotypes to Phenotypes

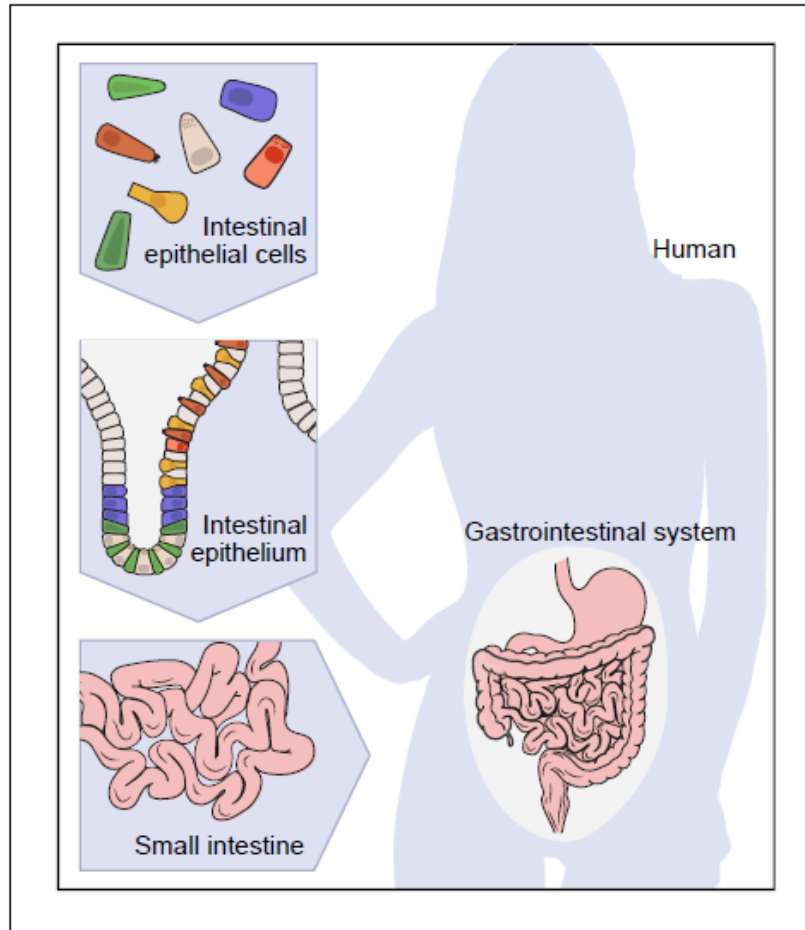
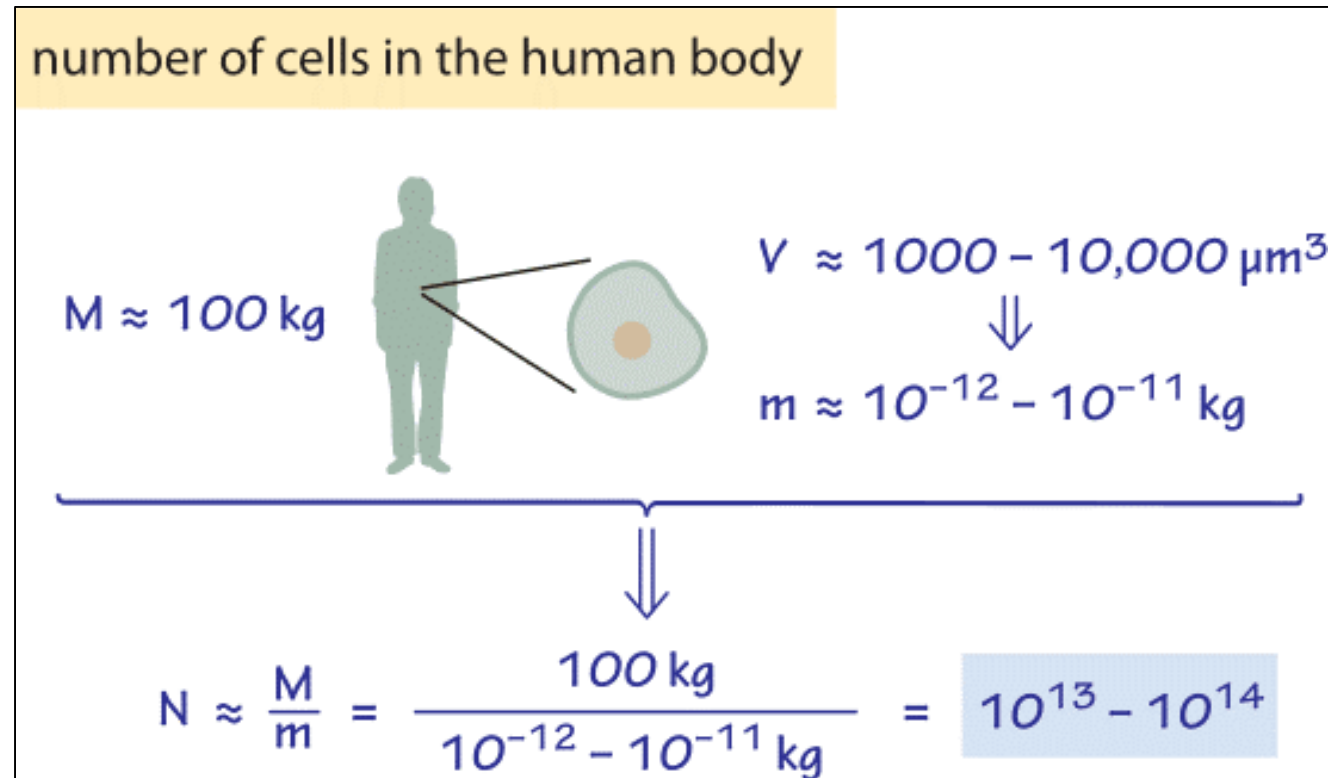


Figure 1. A hierarchical view of human anatomy. A graphical depiction of the anatomical hierarchy from organs (such as the gut), to tissues (such as the epithelium in the crypt in the small intestine), to their constituent cells (such as epithelial, immune, stromal and neural cells).

- Physiology emerges from normal cell functions and intercellular interactions.
- Genotypes gives phenotypes through the intermediate of cells (the functional units).
- Each cell regulates its own program of gene expression.

Number of cells in a human body?

Rough estimate
'Order of magnitude'



Interested to
know more

[Ann Hum Biol.](#) 2013 Nov-Dec;40(6):463-71. doi: 10.3109/03014460.2013.807878. Epub 2013 Jul 5.

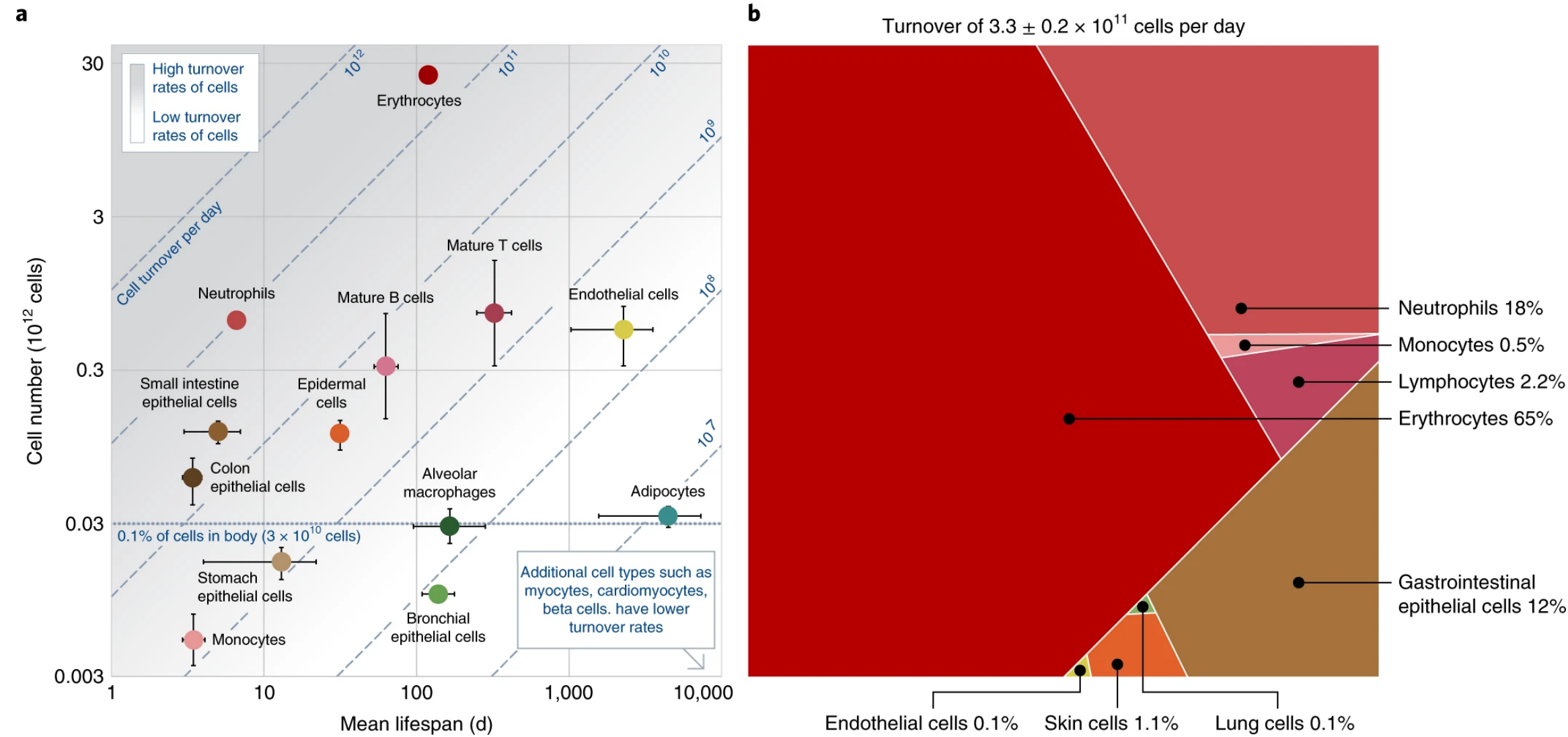
An estimation of the number of cells in the human body.

Bianconi E¹, Piovesan A, Facchin F, Beraudi A, Casadei R, Frabetti F, Vitale L, Pelleri MC, Tassani S, Piva F, Perez-Amodio S, Strippoli P, Canaider S.

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¹ Department of Experimental, Diagnostic and Specialty Medicine, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.

Cell lifespan and turnover in a human body?



How to define cellular identities?

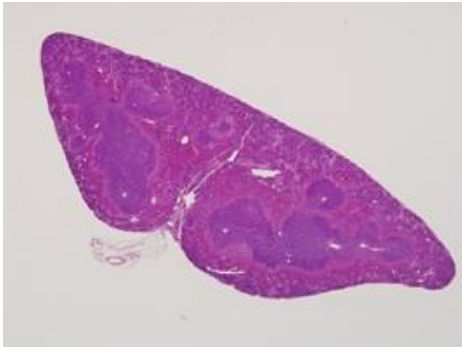
- Shape
- Localization
- Localization relation to other cells
- Biological functions
- Molecular components

Histology - Chemical dyes

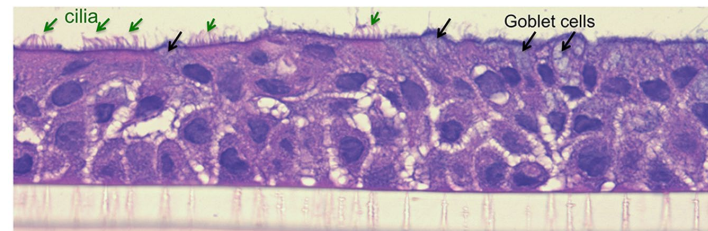
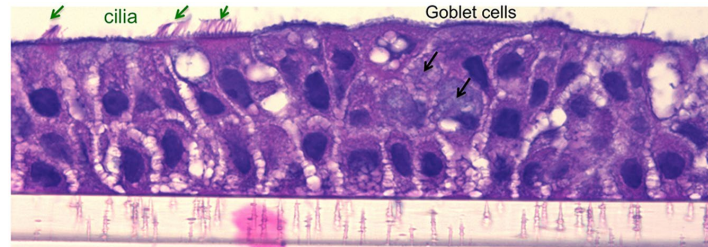
Tissue sections/ Cell shapes

Hematoxylin : nucleic staining
Eosin : extracellular matrix and cytoplasm

Spleen section

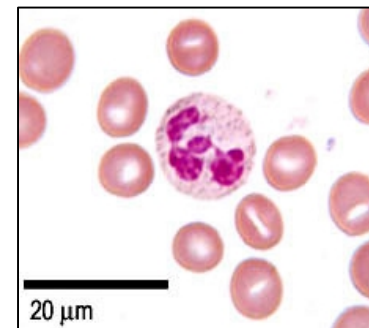
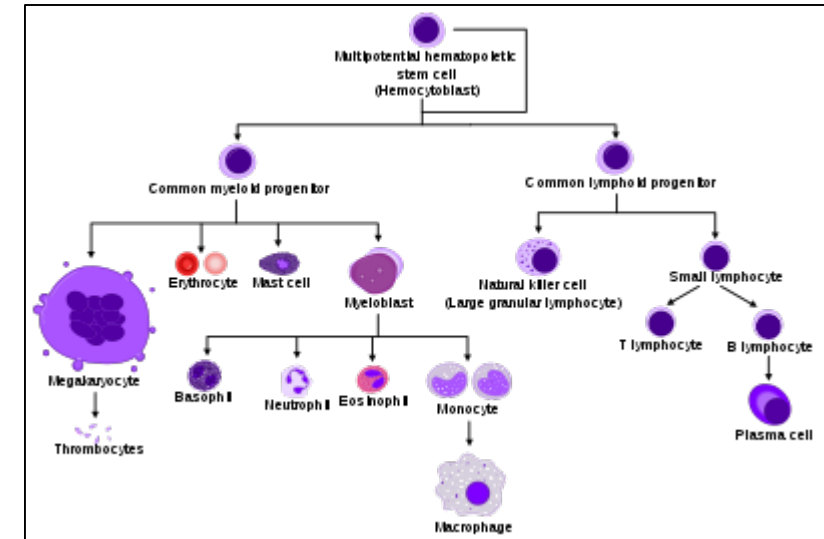


Airway interface

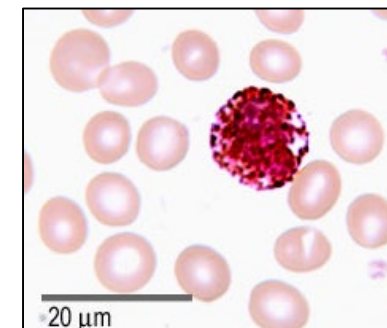


<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0196256.g001>

Prototypical example: Haematopoiesis



Neutrophils



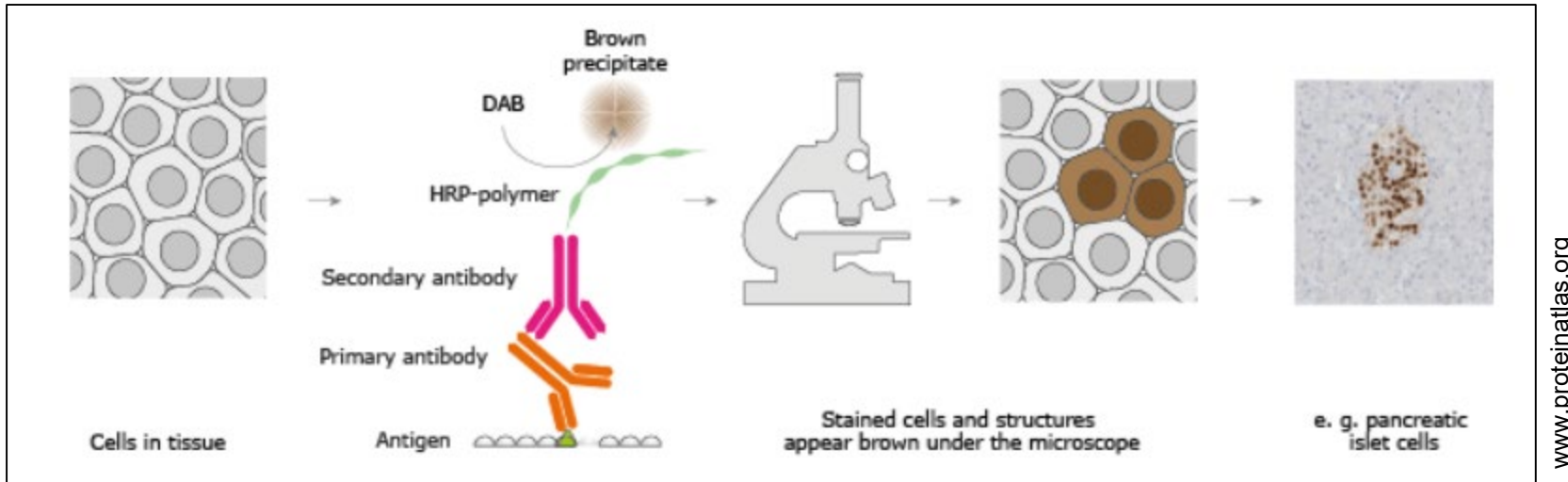
Basophils



Lymphocytes

<https://www.histology.leeds.ac.uk/>

Immunohistochemistry



- Detection of epitopes expressed by a single protein-target within a tissue sample using a “primary antibody”
 - A “secondary antibody” capable of binding the primary antibody with high specificity is added
 - The secondary antibodies then carry an enzyme for example horseradish peroxidase (HRP)
 - HRP catalyzes the conversion of chromogenic substrates into colored products

The protein atlas

www.proteinatlas.org/

THE HUMAN PROTEIN ATLAS

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e.g. RBM3, insulin, CD36

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Eye

Retina

Heart

Skeletal muscle

Smooth muscle

Adrenal gland

Parathyroid gland

Thyroid gland

Pituitary gland

Lung

Bone marrow

Lymphoid tissue

Liver

Gallbladder

Testis

Epididymis

Prostate

Seminal vesicle

Ductus deferens

Adipose tissue

Brain

Salivary gland

Esophagus

Tongue

Stomach

Intestine

Pancreas

Kidney

Urinary bladder

Breast

Vagina

Cervix

Endometrium

Fallopian tube

Ovary

Placenta

Skin

Blood

Thul PJ et al 2017
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SUMMARY

TISSUE

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RNA

TISSUE ATLAS

GENERAL INFORMATION

GENE/PROTEIN

ANTIBODIES AND VALIDATION

Gene name

Gene description

Protein class

Predicted location

Number of transcripts

Dictionary

Tissue proteome

HUMAN PROTEIN ATLAS INFORMATION

IMMUNOHCHEMISTRY DATA RELIABILITY

RNA AND PROTEIN EXPRESSION SUMMARY

RNA expression (NX)

Protein expression (score)

Brain

Eye

Endocrine tissues

Lung

Proximal digestive tract

Gastrointestinal tract

Liver & gallbladder

Pancreas

Kidney & urinary bladder

Male tissues

Female tissues

Muscle tissues

Adipose & soft tissue

Skin

Bone marrow & lymphoid tissues

Blood

Expression

Detection

All organs

Cerebral cortex

Colon

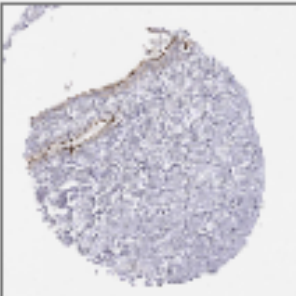
Liver

Kidney

Testis

Fallopian tube

Lymph node



Bronchus

HPA023257

Male, age 69
 Bronchus (T-28000)
 Lung (T-28000)
 Squamous cell carcinoma, NOS (M-80703)
 Normal tissue, NOS (M-00100)
 Patient id: 2577

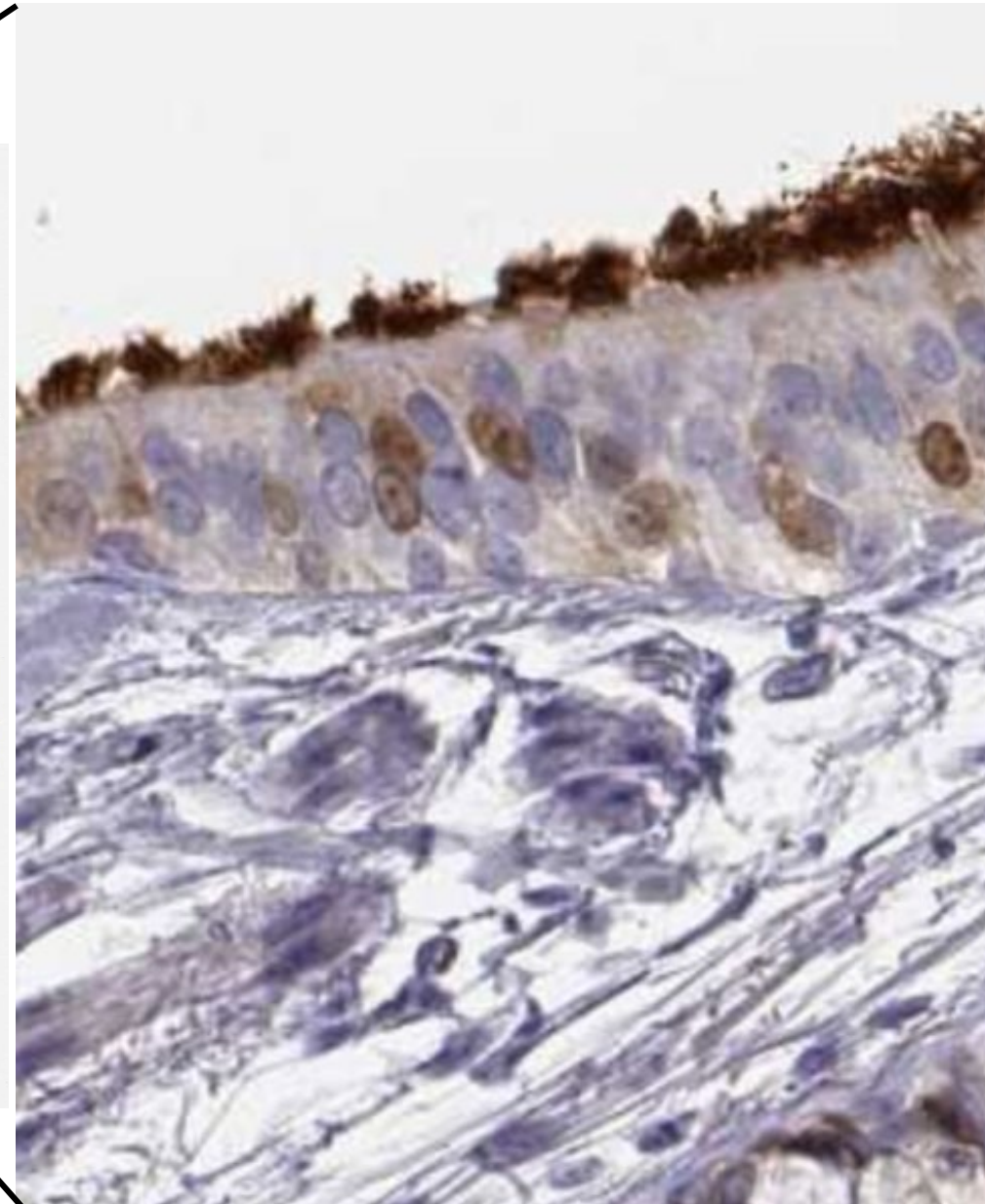
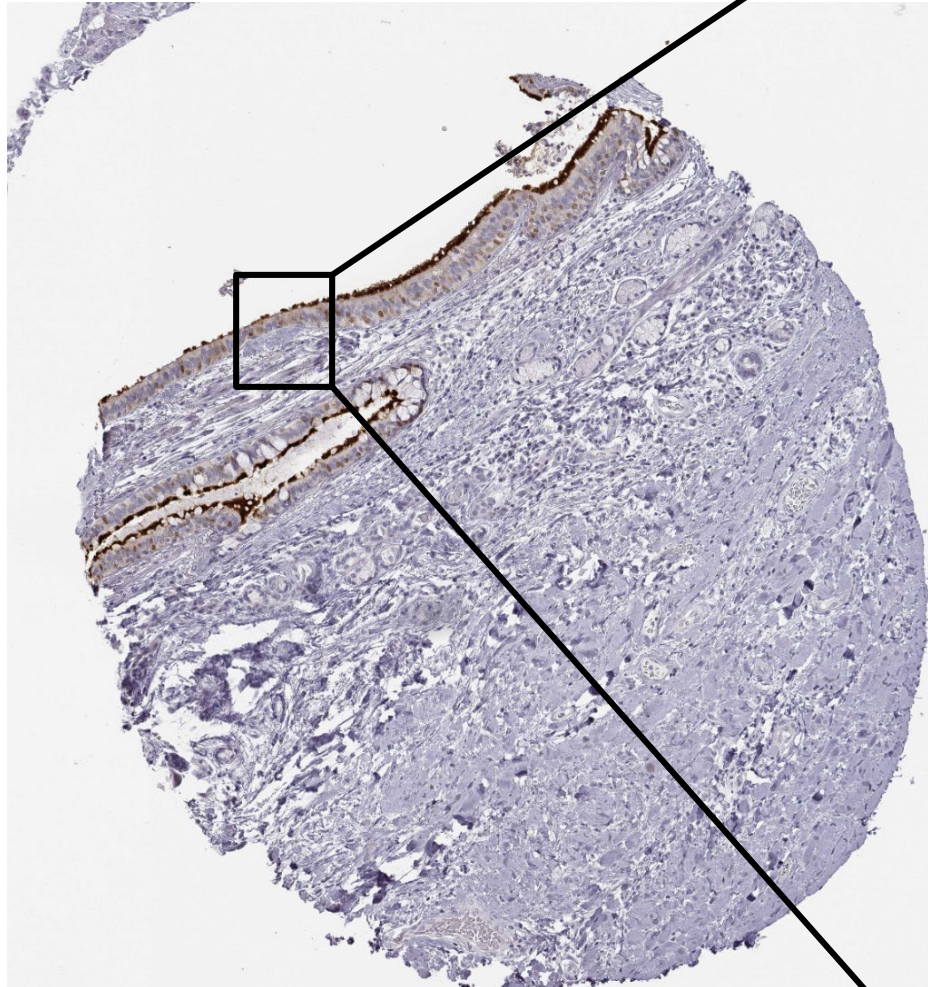
Respiratory epithelial cells

Staining: High

Intensity: Strong

Quantity: 75%-25%

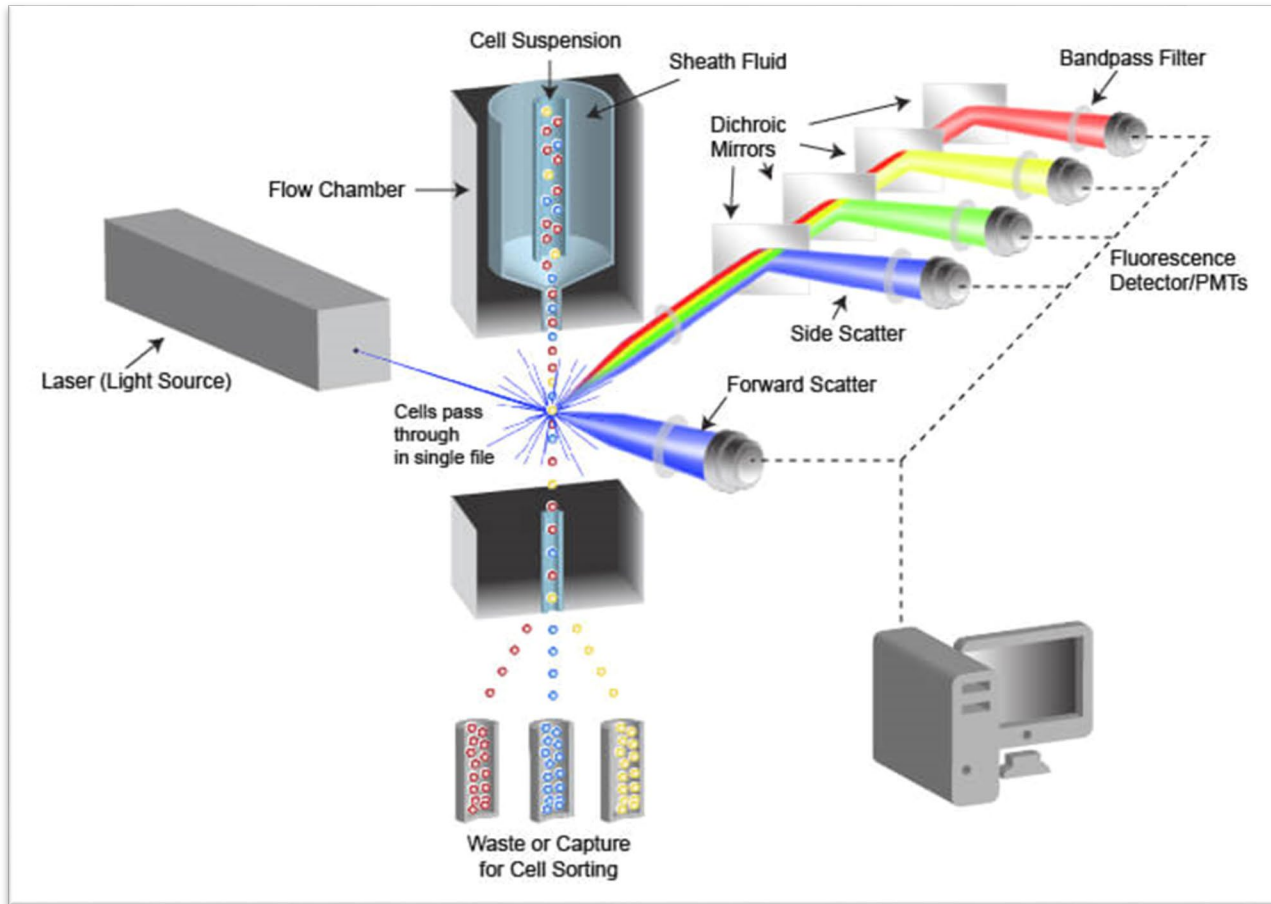
Location: Cytoplasmic/membranous



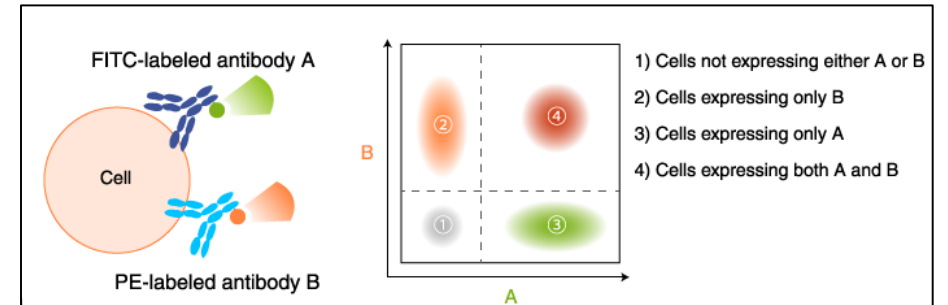
HPA023257 = antibody targeting MYCBPAP

Flow cytometry

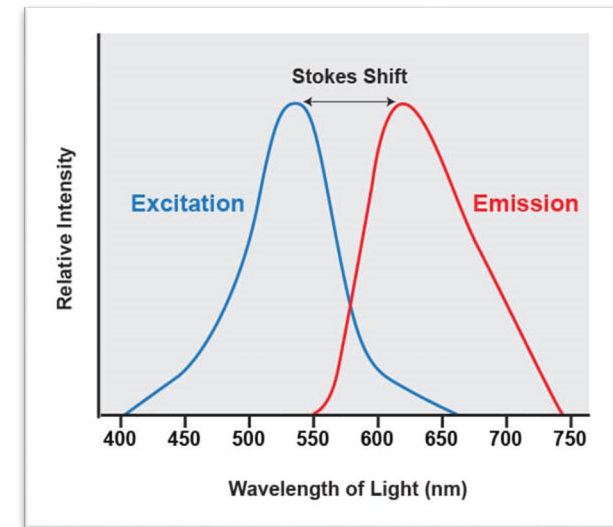
Single cell analysis



Multimodal labeling



Fluorescence spectra



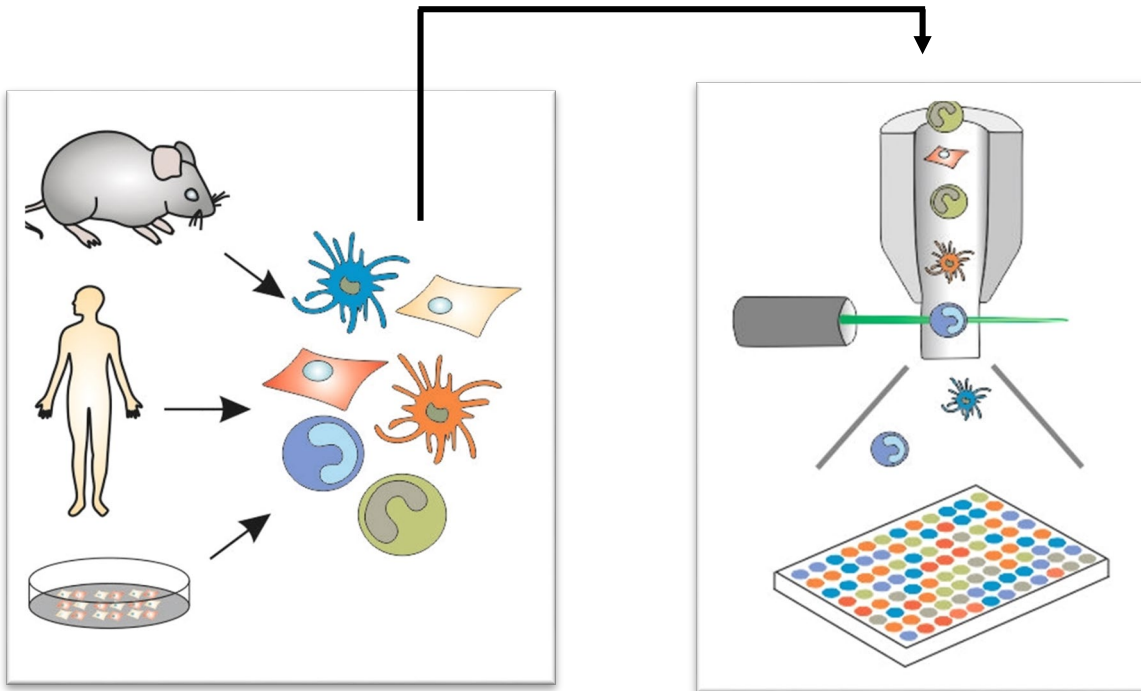
<https://www.cellsignal.com>

- Calculate spectral recovery
- Apply compensation

Flow cytometry and FACS (Fluorescence-activated cell sorting)

Dissociate in single-cell suspension

Analyse and Sort



One can sort down to a single-cell (efficiency >99%)

Challenges:

- Overlapping fluorescent signals
- Strong autofluorescence of the cells
- False positive rate (for rare populations)
- Sorting cells $< 10^{-4}$ start to be difficult

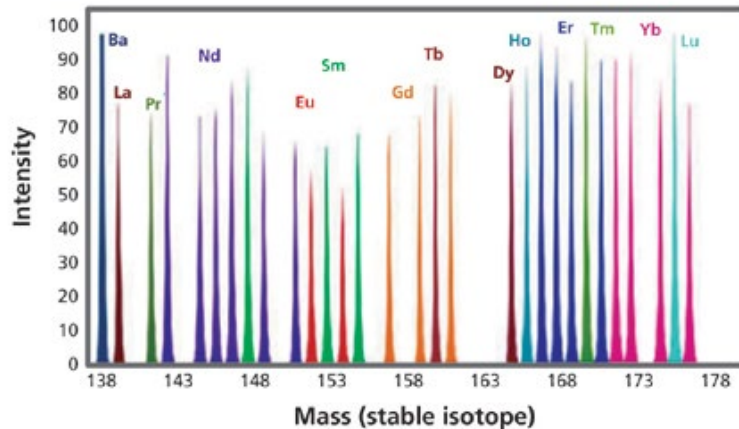
Index Sorting:

(only when you sort single-cells)

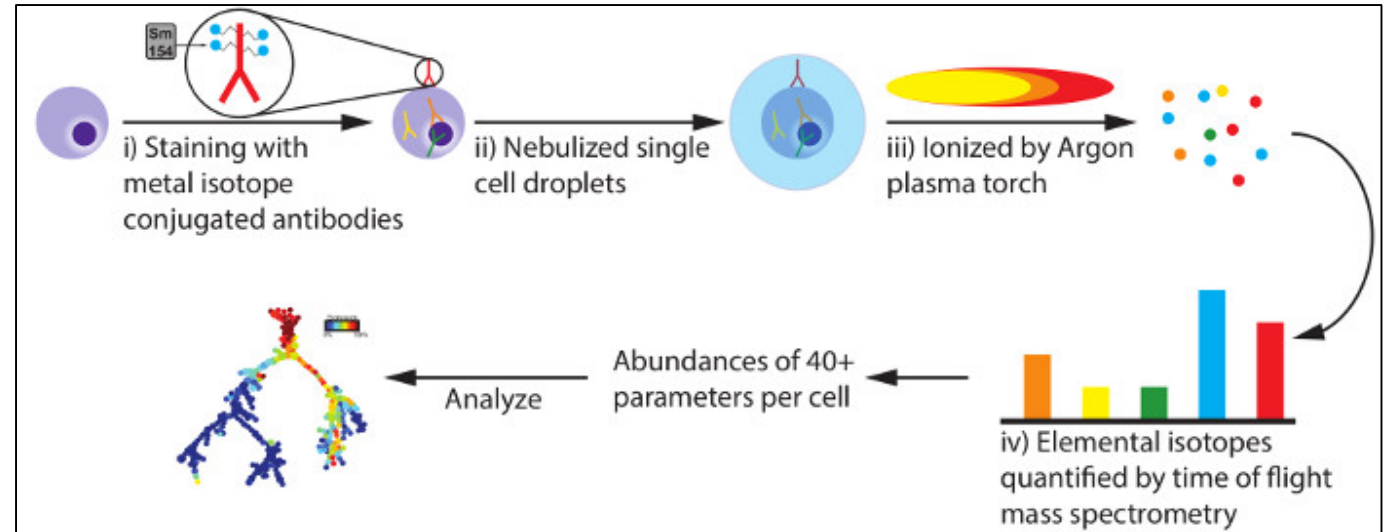
- Record the fluorescence signals associated to the sorting position

The ultimate flow cytometry - Mass cytometry

Isotope conjugated antibodies



Principle of mass cytometry



McCarthy et al 2017 *JOVE*

- Up to 100 signals simultaneously
 - Suffer from a poor sensitivity
- Still rely on the production of antibodies

Limitations in defining cell identities based on a restricted set of markers

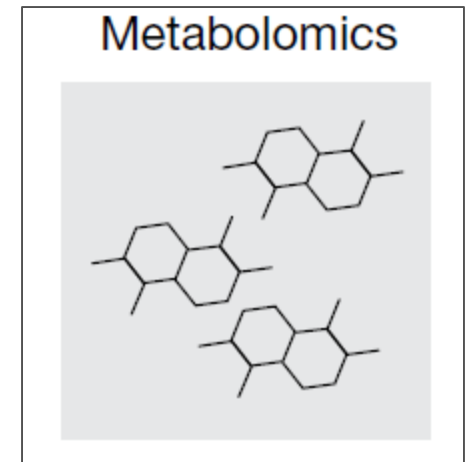
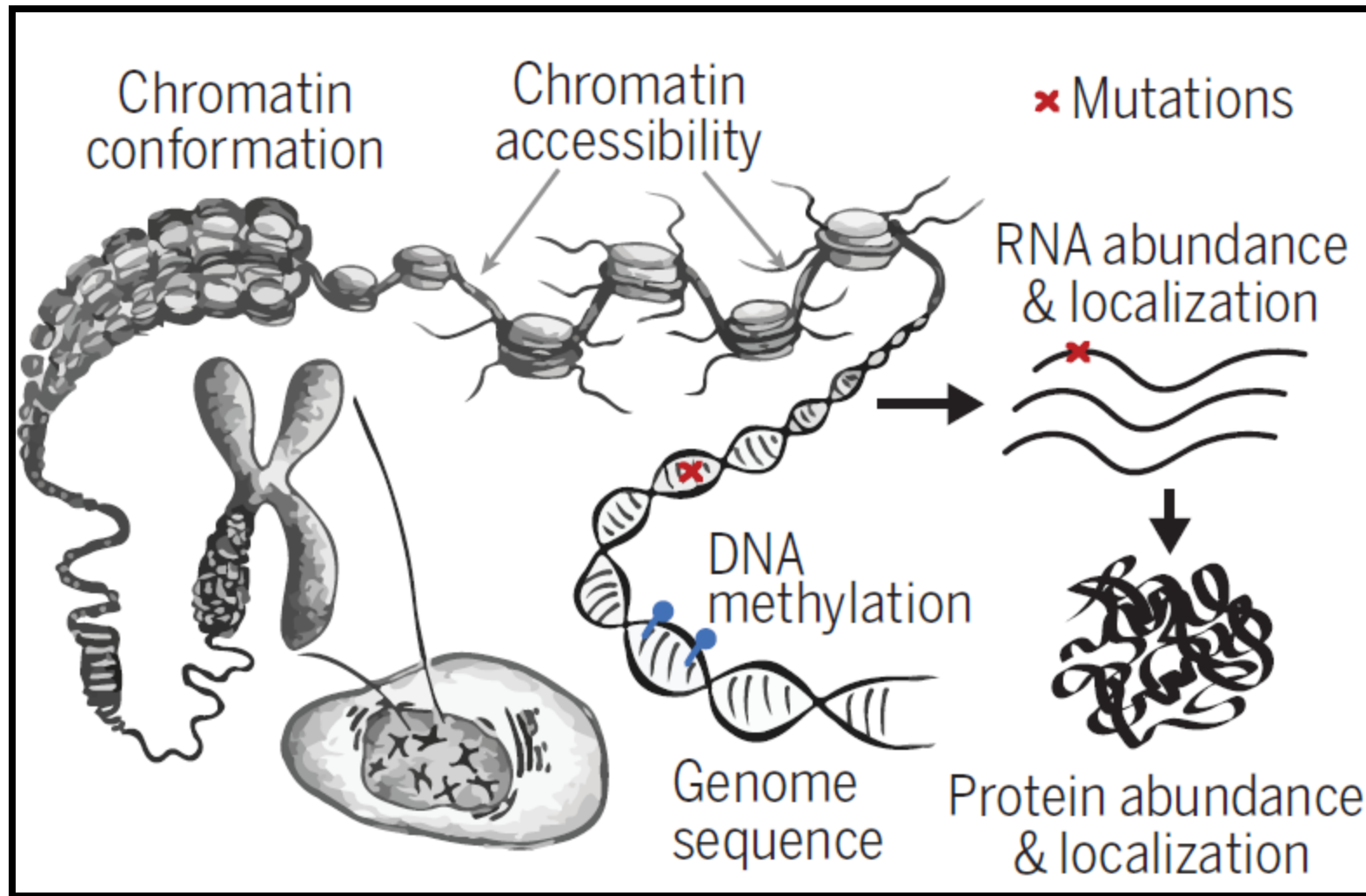
- Distinct molecular phenotypes ~ distinct functions (example: immune cells)
 - So far cell definition is empirical and ...
 - ...biased (based on an *a priori* knowledge)...
 - Use features that can apply to many cell types

Can we get a data-driven/systematic definition of a cell?

Can we differentiate cell types (persistent) and cell states (transitory)

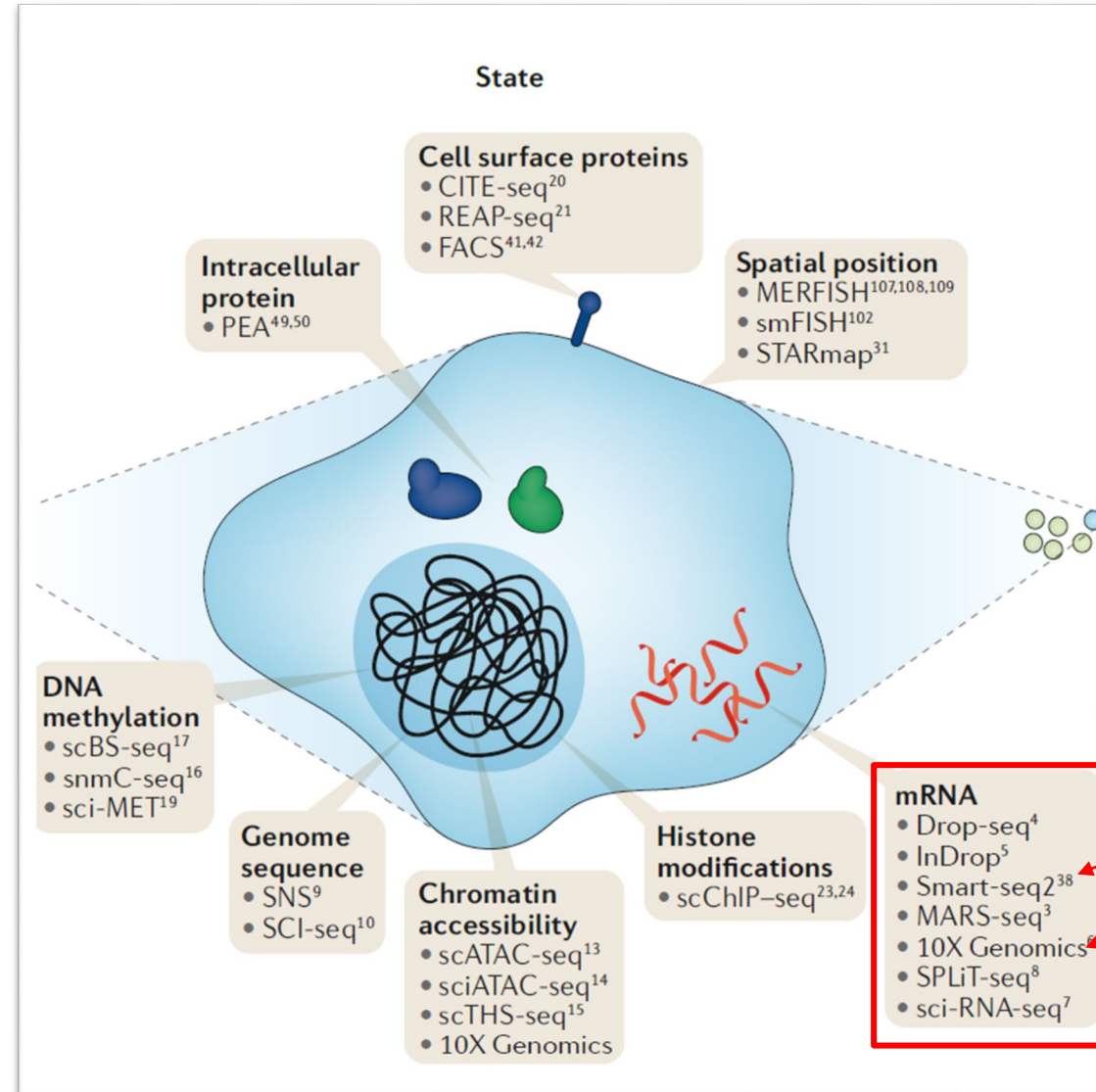
Can we have an atlas of all cells in a body ?

Describing a single cell with ‘-omics’ methods



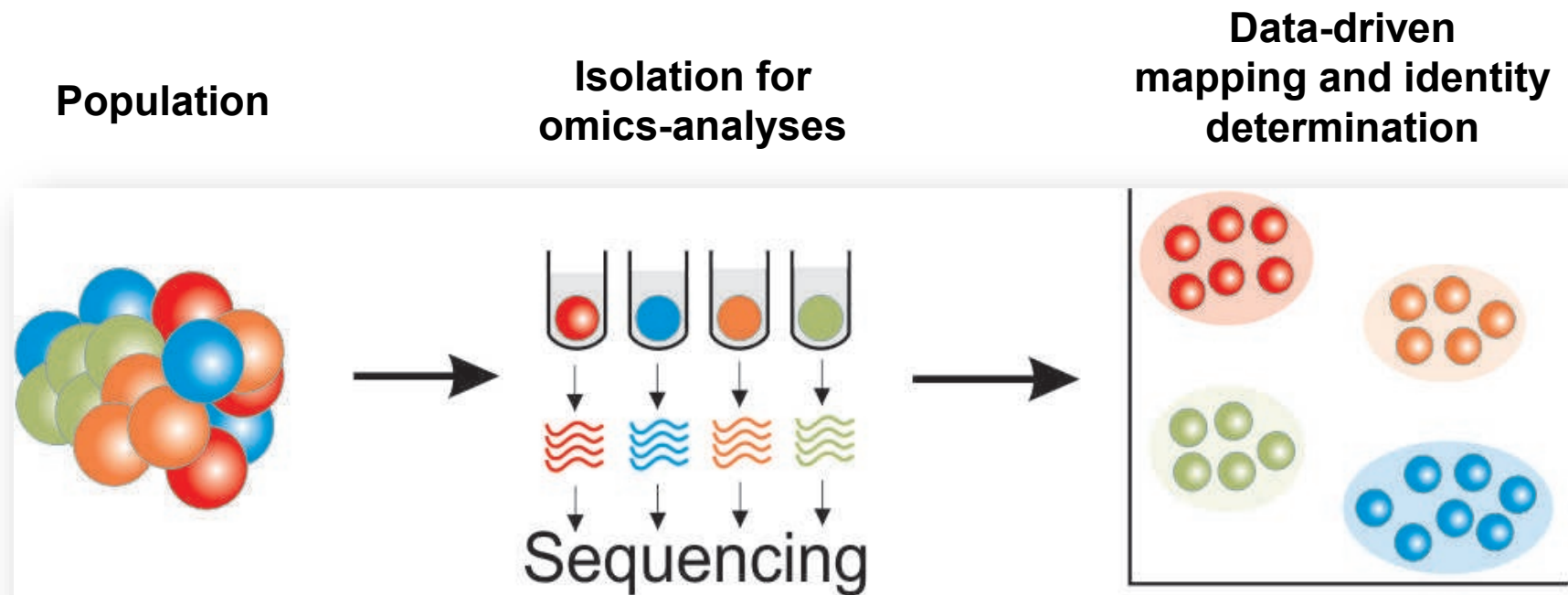
Camp et al. 2019 Science

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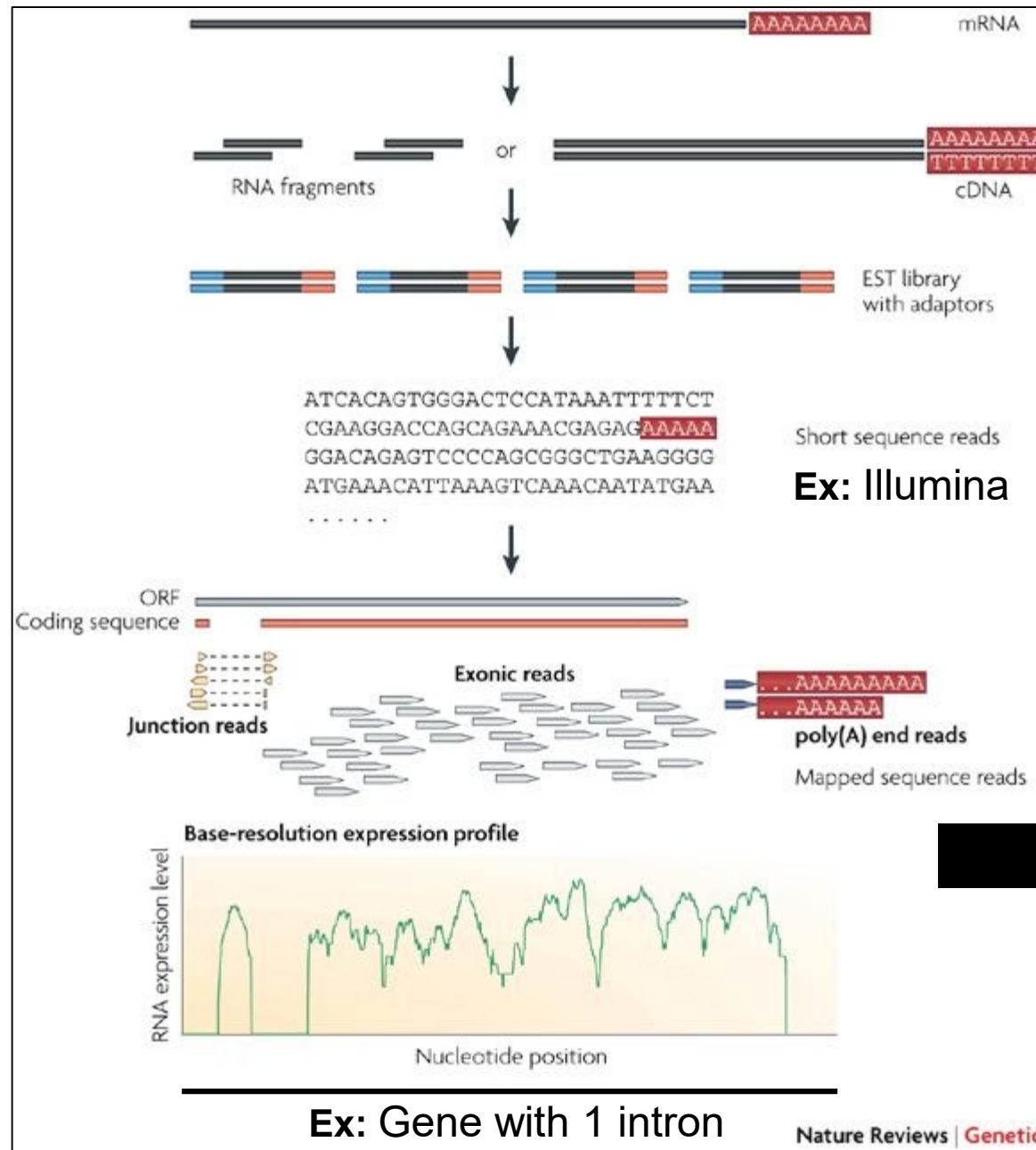


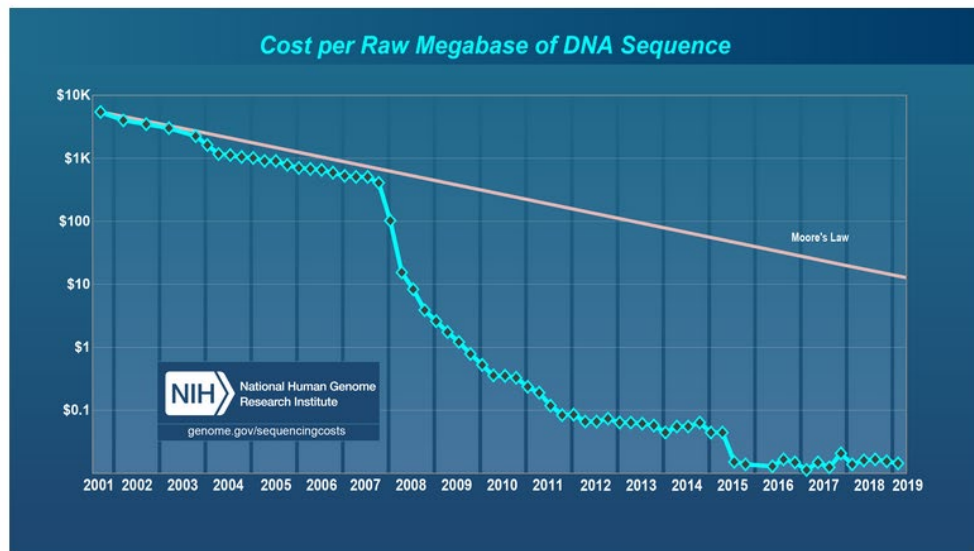
Stuart and Satija 2019 *Nat Rev Gen*

Principle of single-cell analysis



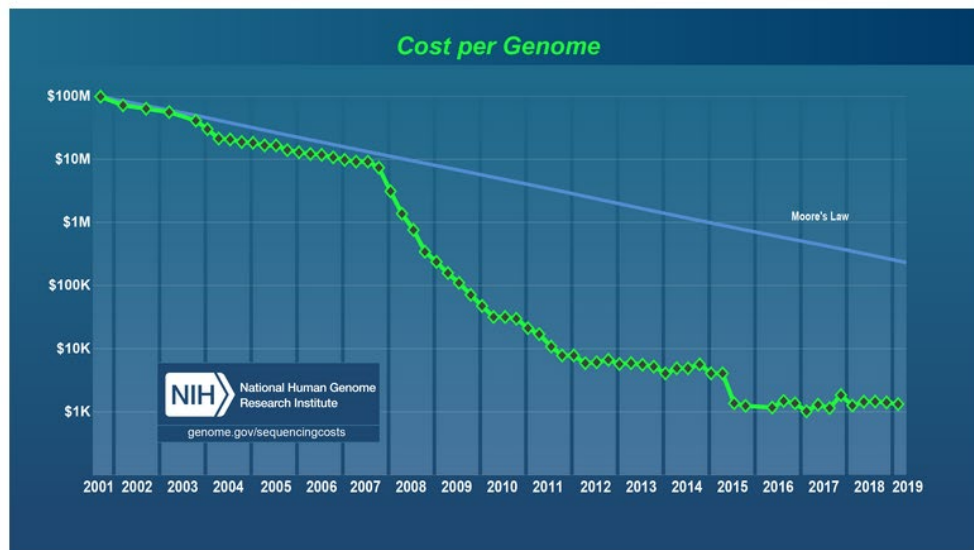
RNA-seq





Sequencing cost per Mb - 2019

Mb: a million bases



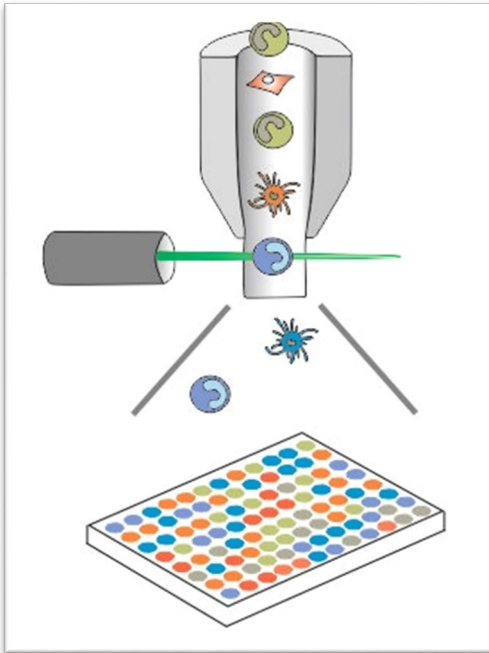
Sequencing cost per genome - 2019



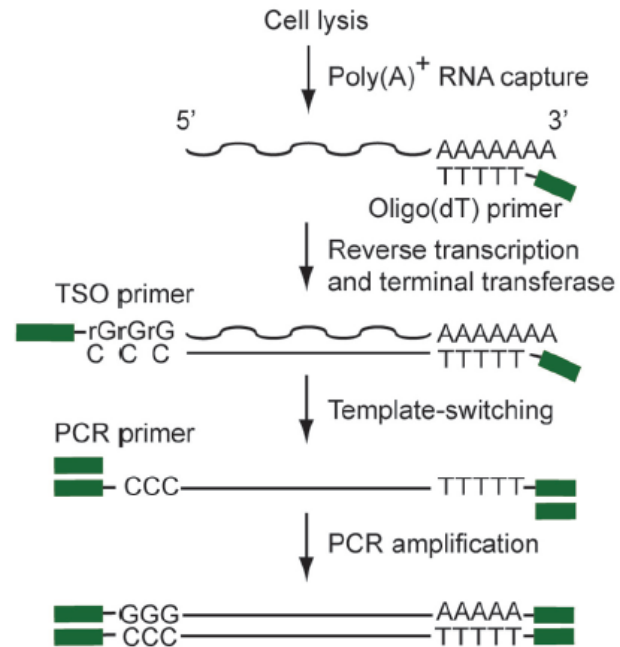
Illumina Nova-seq
up to 48 genomes

Basic scRNA-seq protocol : Smart-seq (also called deep scRNA-seq)

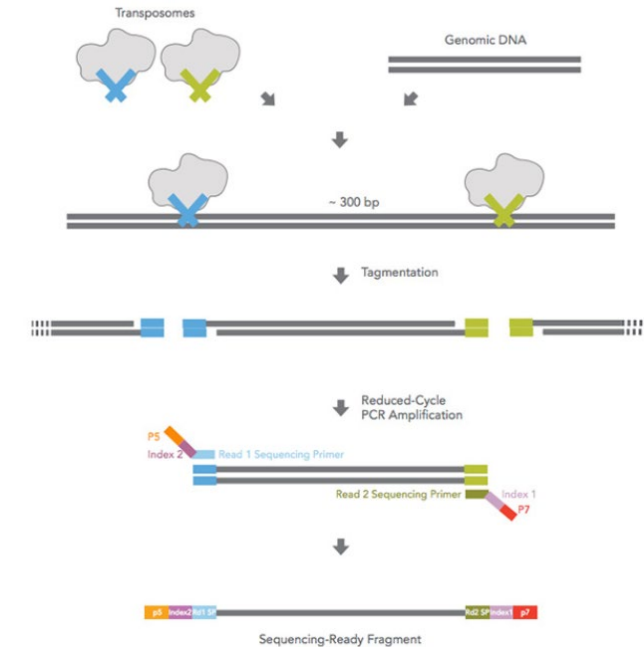
Single cell sorting on a plate



Step1: Template switching



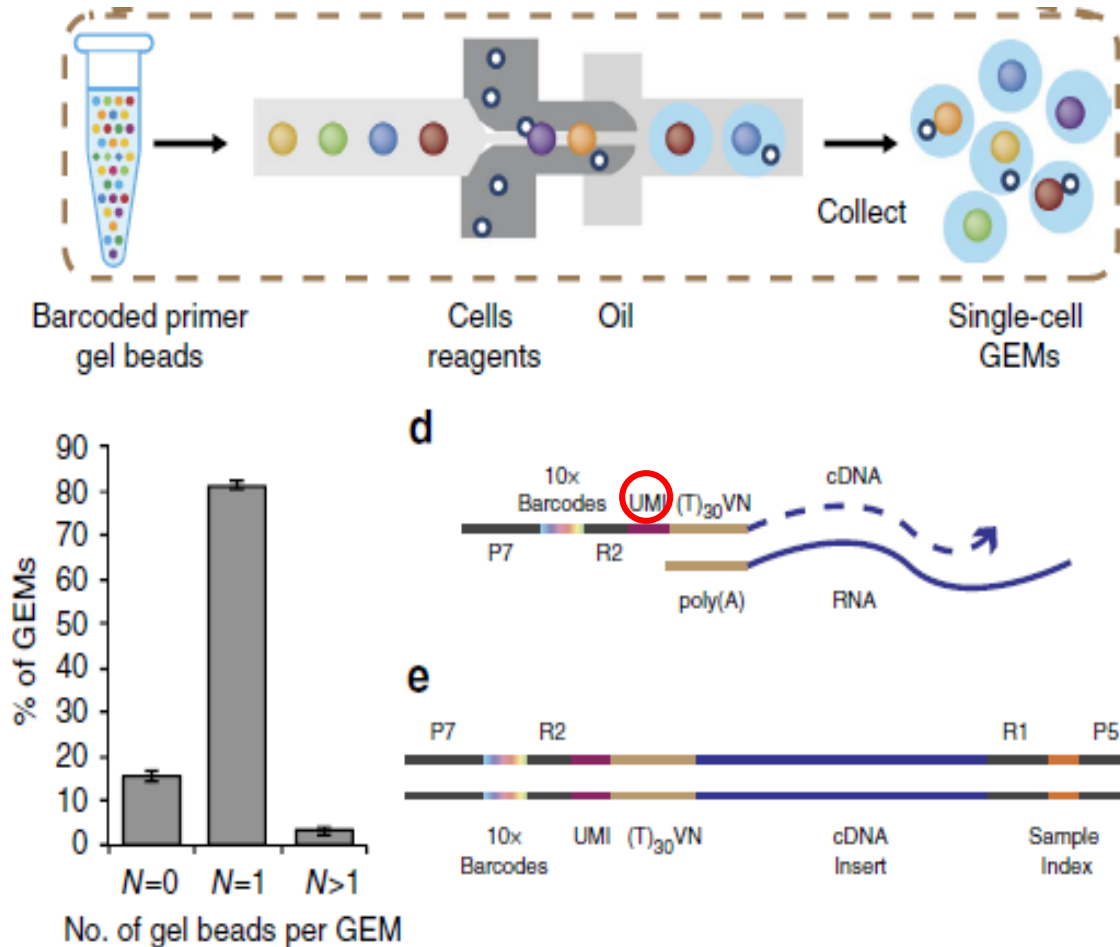
Step2: Tagmentation + indexing



Challenges:

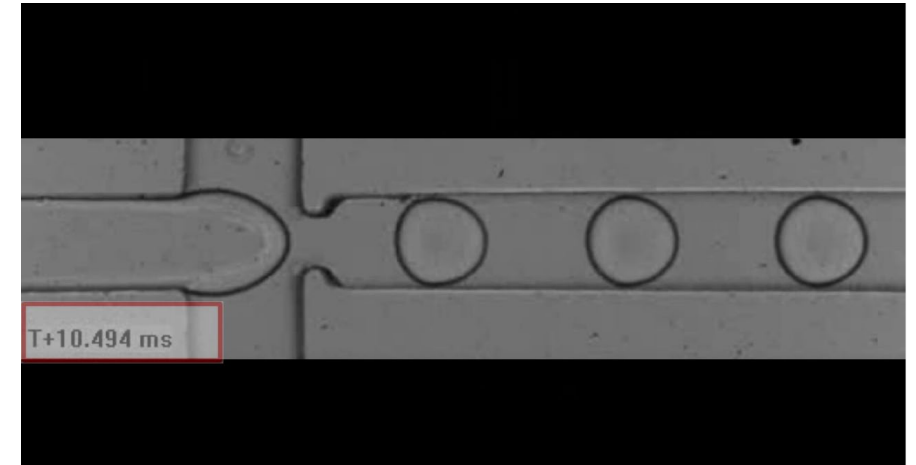
- Pretty demanding protocol
- Limited multiplexing because of indexing (few hundred cells)
 - Limited compatibility with Nova-seq (index hopping)

Basic scRNA-seq protocol : droplet-based (10x Chromium)



Bielas et al 2017 *Nat Comm*

Single cell encapsulating
into droplets



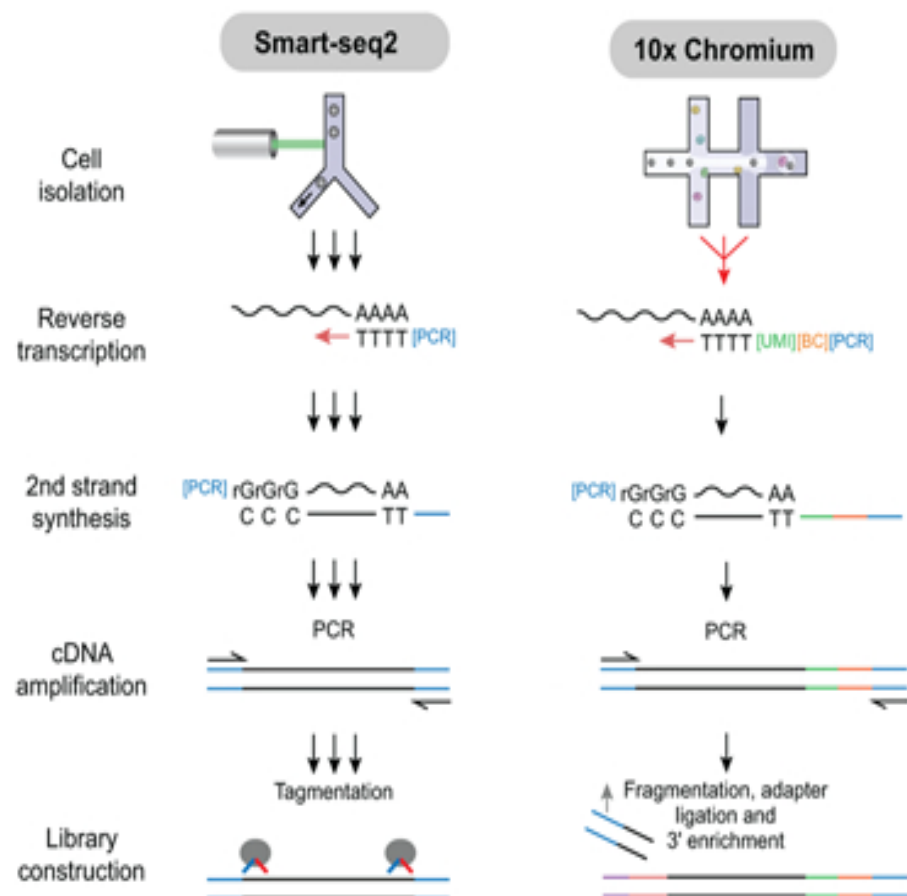
Hyperlinked image

Features:

- Thousands of cells in parallel
- UMI-based (minimizes PCR biases)
- UMI-based (prevents having the full-length transcript)

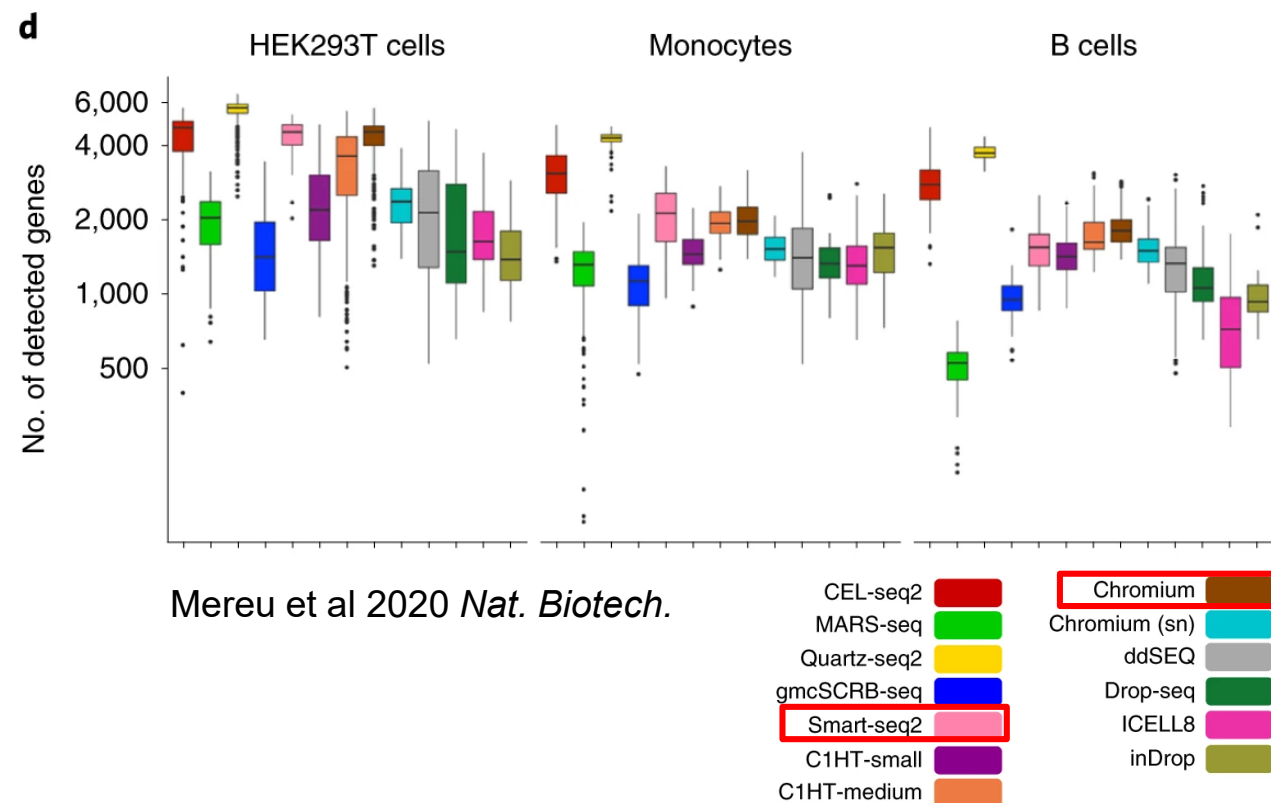
Comparison Smart-seq / 10x Chromium

Library prep.



Ding et al 2020 *Nat Biotech*

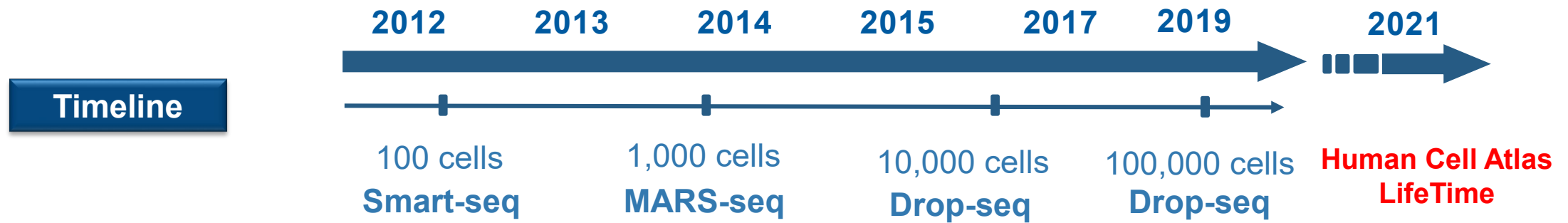
Sensitivity



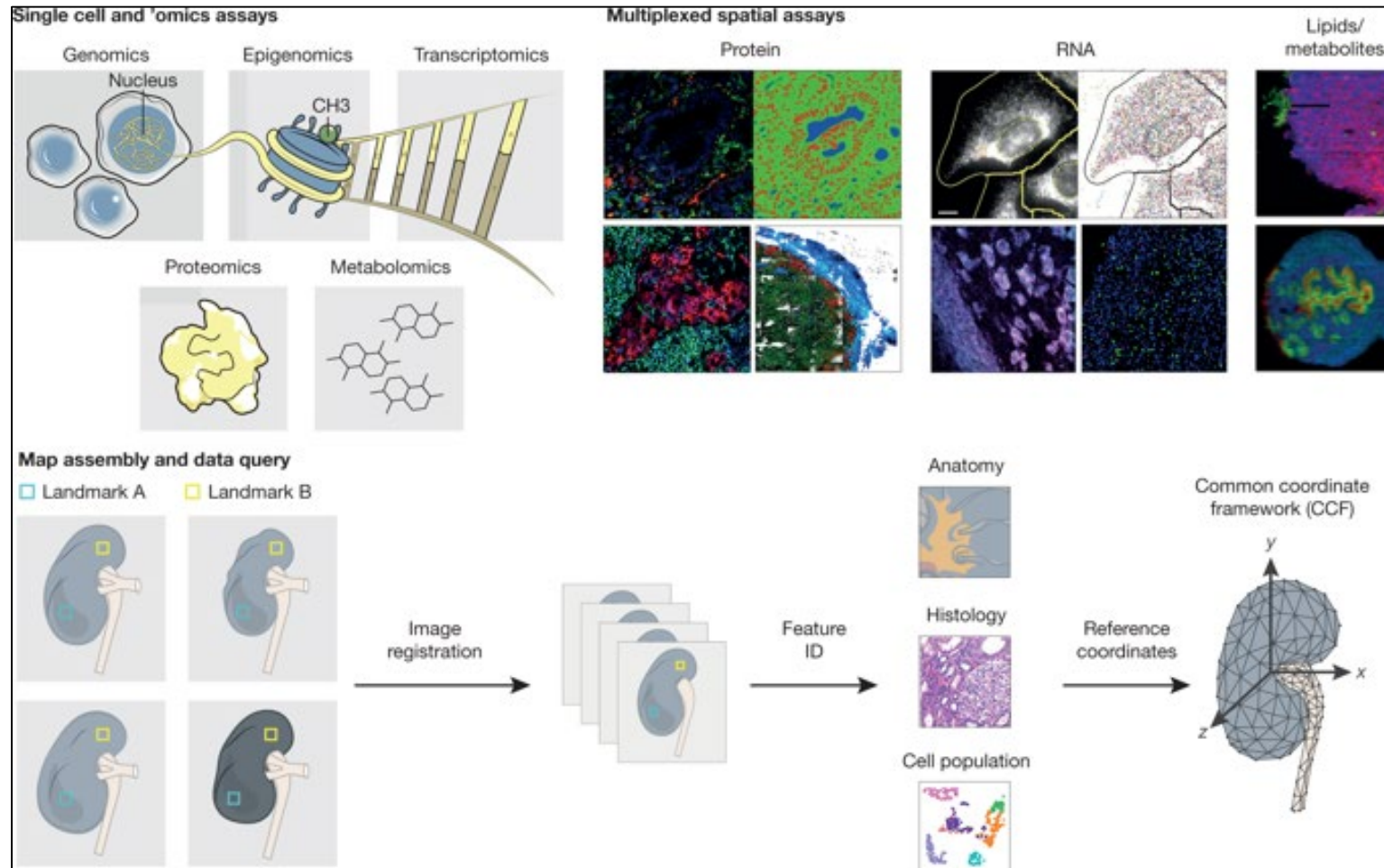
Main Features:

- Smart-seq: full-length and higher sensitivity
- 10x : UMI and higher throughput

Towards a whole organism in single cells



3D maps of tissues at the single cell resolution



HuBMAP Consortium 2019 *Nature*

**International initiatives to resolve
3D maps of tissues**

Human Cell Atlas (US)

<https://www.humancellatlas.org/>

LifeTime

<https://lifetime-fetflagship.eu/>

HuBMAP

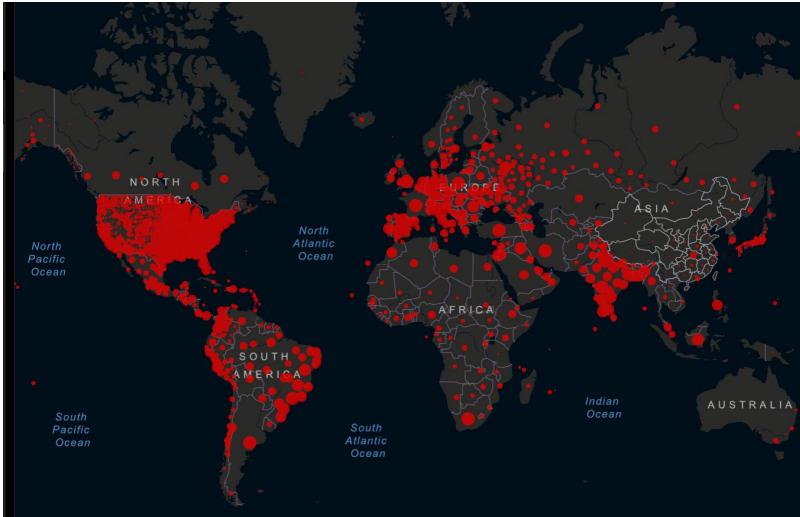
<https://commonfund.nih.gov/hubmap>

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Urgent need to find new therapeutic avenues to treat infection diseases

COVID-19 cases: 1 year



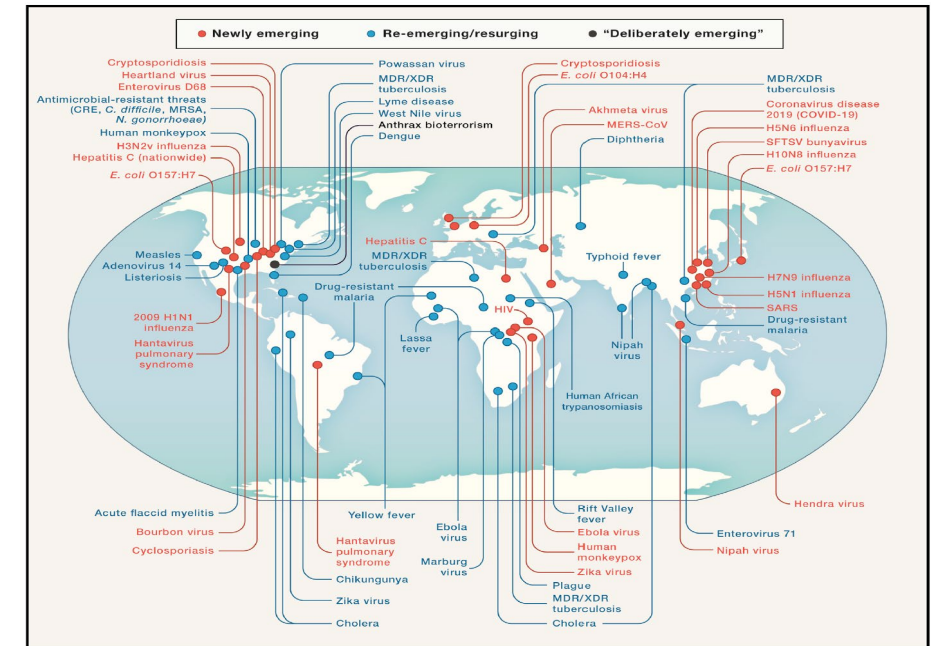
John Hopkins COVID dashboard Dong et al. 2020 *Lancet Infect Dis*

Total Deaths
5,218,935

Antibiotic resistance



Recent Emerging Infectious Diseases (1981 to 2020)



Morens and Fauci 2020 *Cell*

Clinical course and pathophysiology of COVID-19

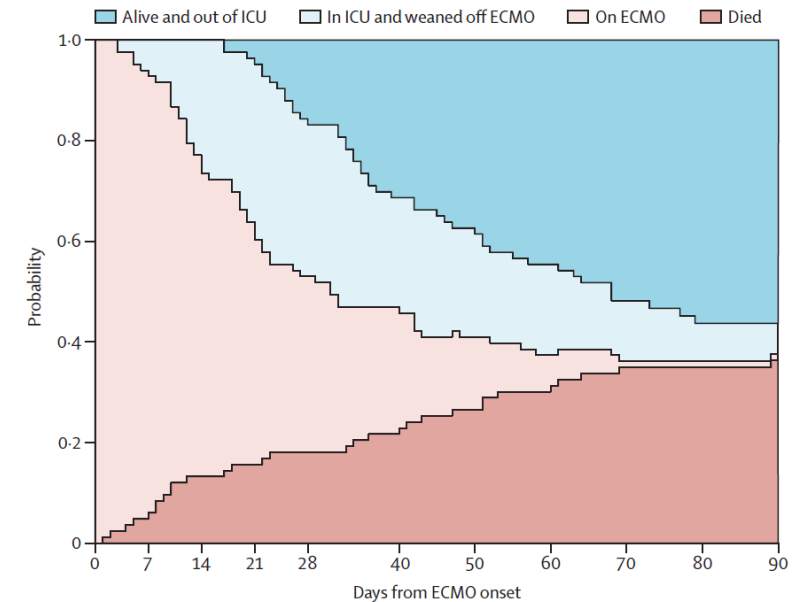
Acute respiratory manifestations
Severe ARDS COVID-19 (WHO scale 6 to 8)
 Mechanical ventilation
 ECMO, Death

COVID-19 cases (percentage of all cases)

Asymptomatic...	and mild disease (81%)	Severe (14%)	Critical and deceased (5%)
Incubation period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever, fatigue and dry cough • Ground-glass opacities • Pneumonia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dyspnea • Coexisting illness • ICU needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARDS • Acute cardiac injury • Multi-organ failure

Hu et al. 2021 *Nat Rev Micro*
 WHO R&D Blueprint - COVID-19 Therapeutic Trial Synopsis

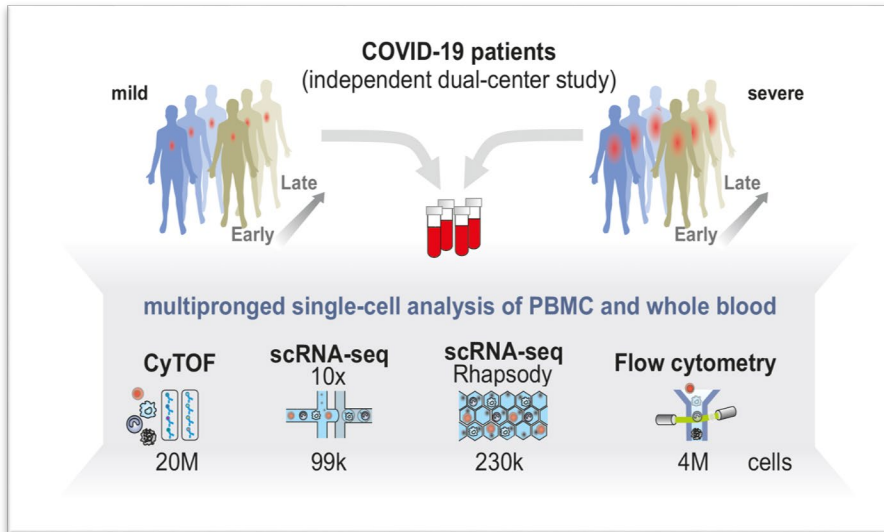
Fatality rate



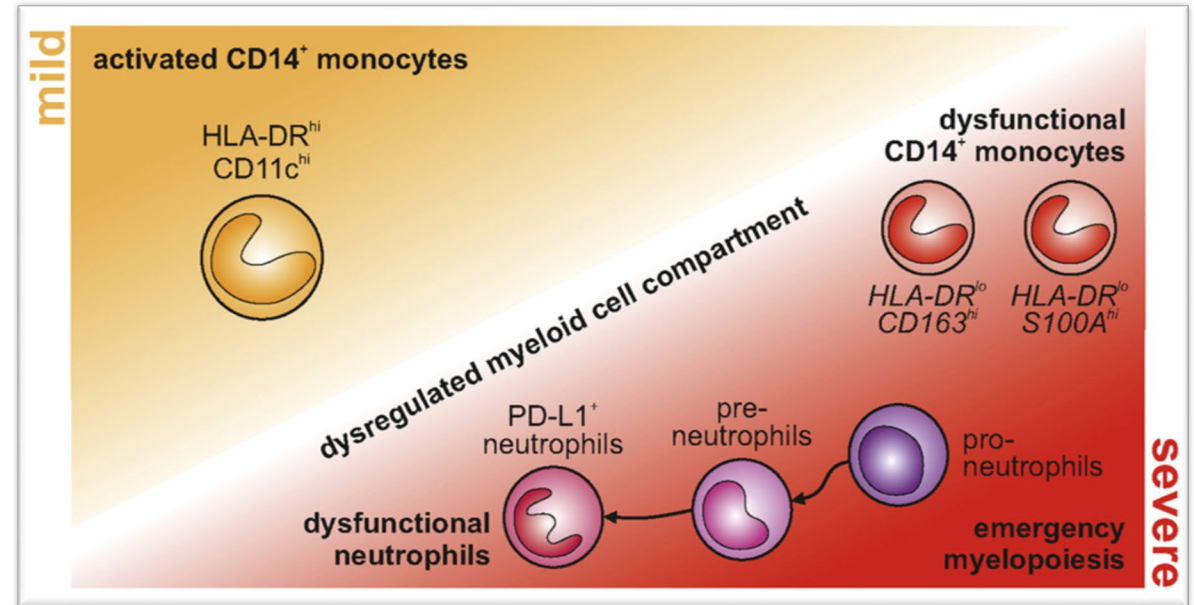
Schmidt et al. 2020 *Lancet Respir Med*
 Osuchowski et al. 2021 *Lancet Respir Med*

What are the dysregulatory host responses to SARS-CoV-2 ?

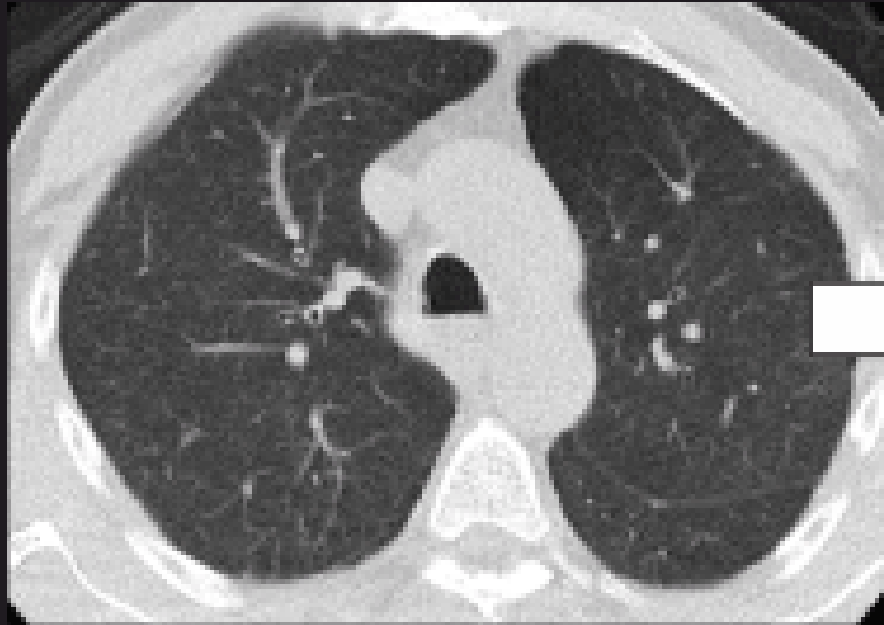
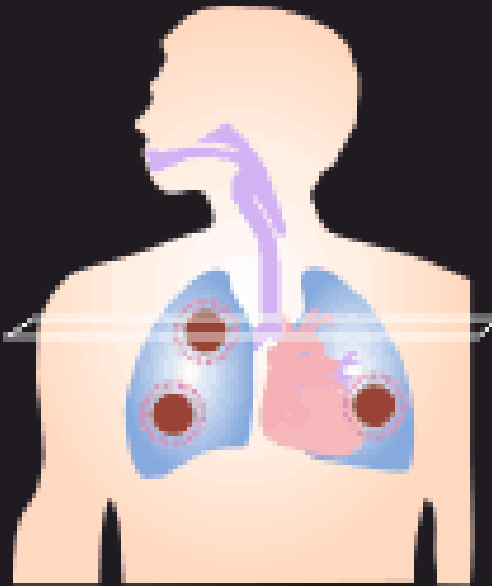
Systemic response: Suppressive myeloid cells are a hallmark of severe COVID-19



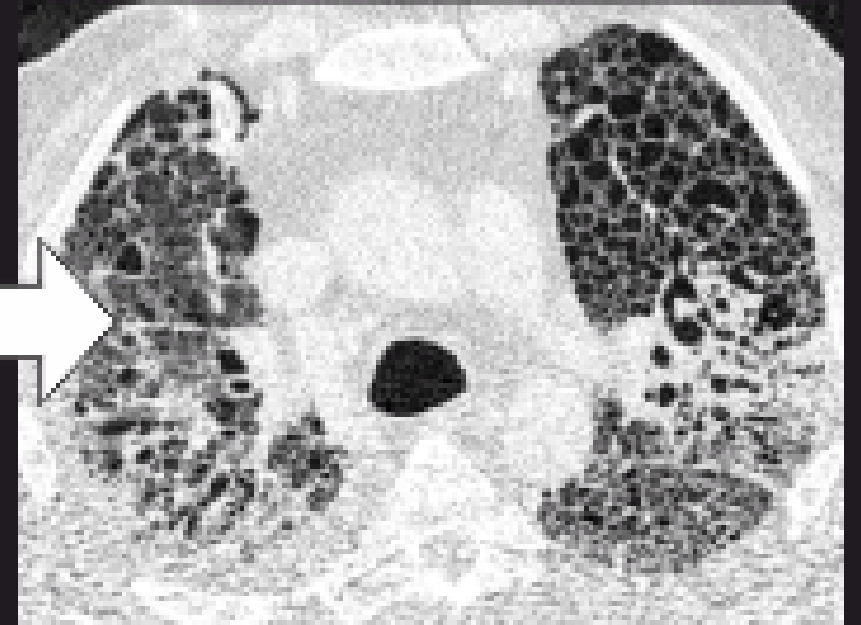
- Dual center study (Berlin and Bonn)
- 53 COVID-19 patients, 161 samples
ca. 25 million single cells analysed
 - Single-cell RNA-seq
and single-cell proteomics



- Mild COVID-19 is marked by inflammatory CD14+ monocytes
- Dysfunctional CD14+ monocytes in severe COVID-19
 - Emergency myelopoiesis with immature and dysfunctional neutrophils in severe COVID-19



Healthy



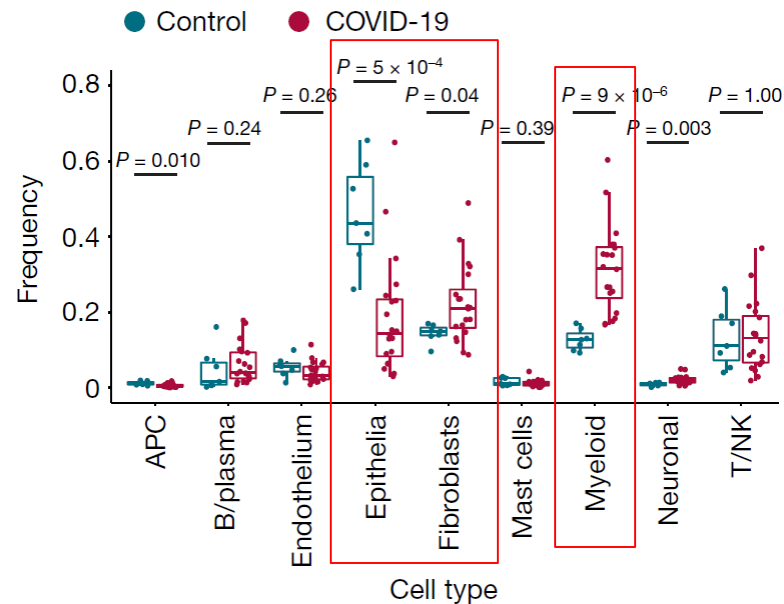
COVID-19

Local response in the lung in severe COVID-19 patients

Article

A molecular single-cell lung atlas of lethal COVID-19

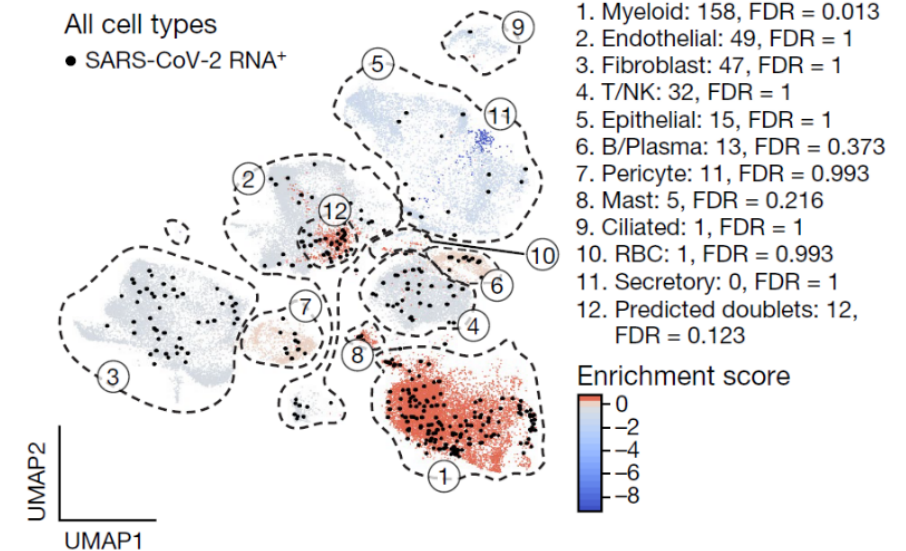
Melms et al. 2021 *Nature*



Article

COVID-19 tissue atlases reveal SARS-CoV-2 pathology and cellular targets

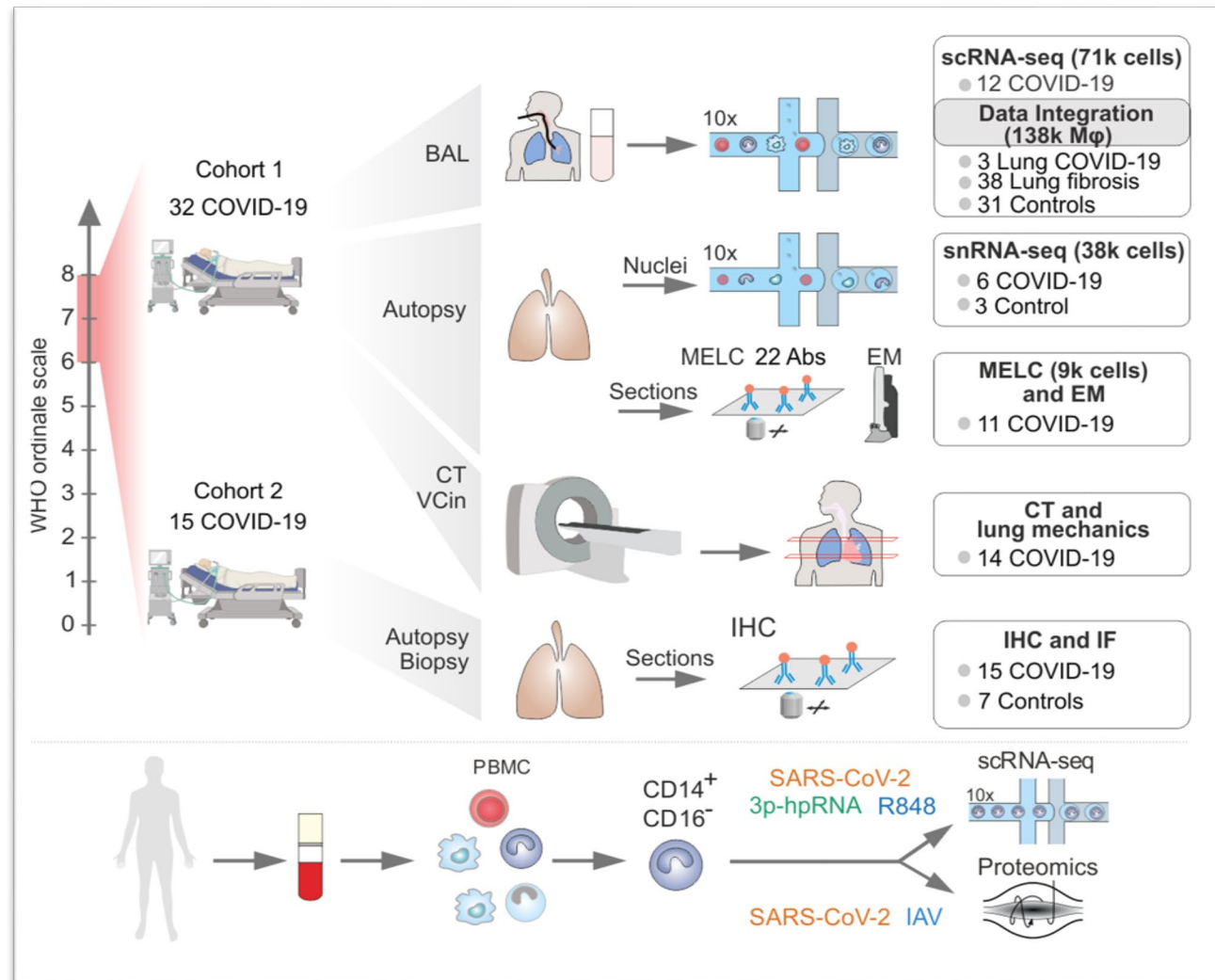
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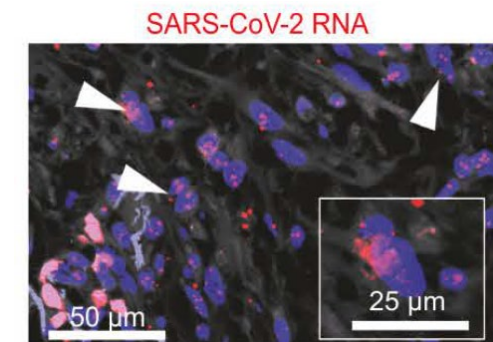
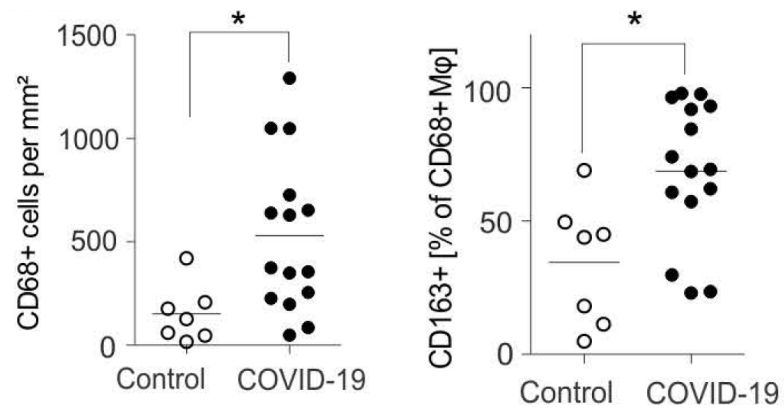
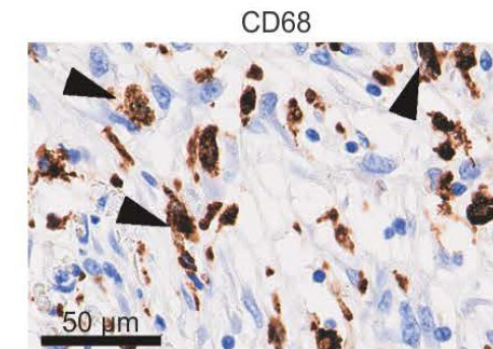
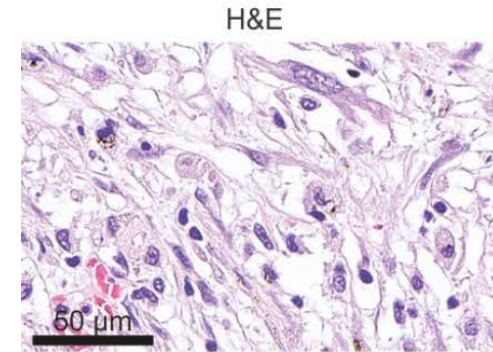
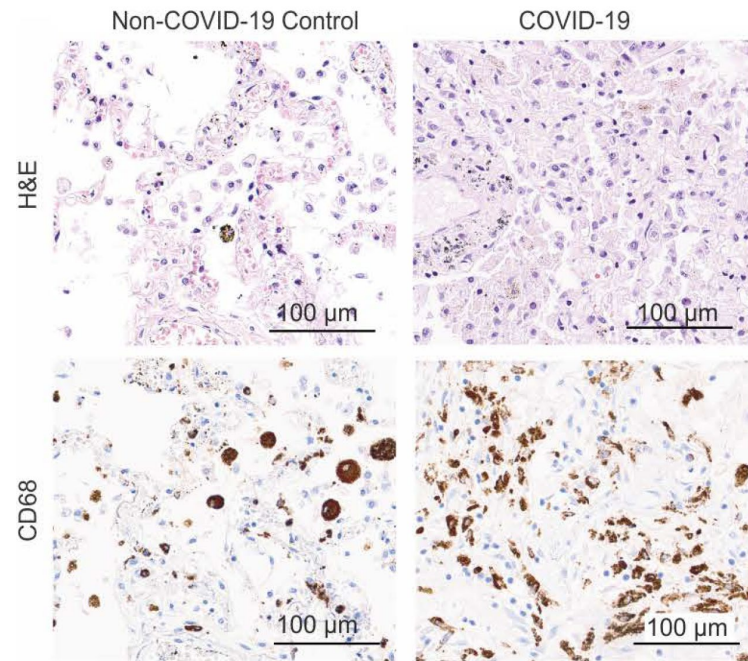
- Lung infiltration with dysregulated monocytes and macrophages
- Remodeling of lung epithelium

Studying Lung injury underlying COVID-19-induced 'acute respiratory distress syndrome' (ARDS)

Part 1 In the clinics

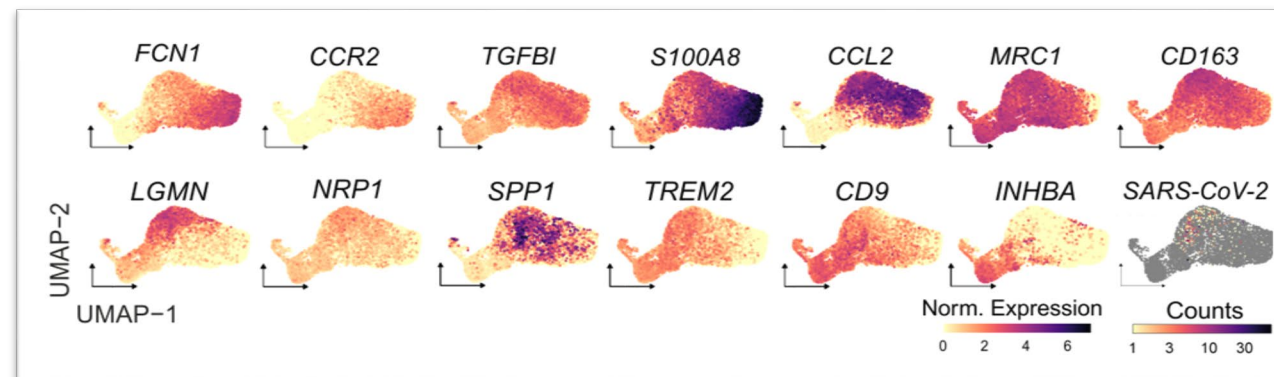
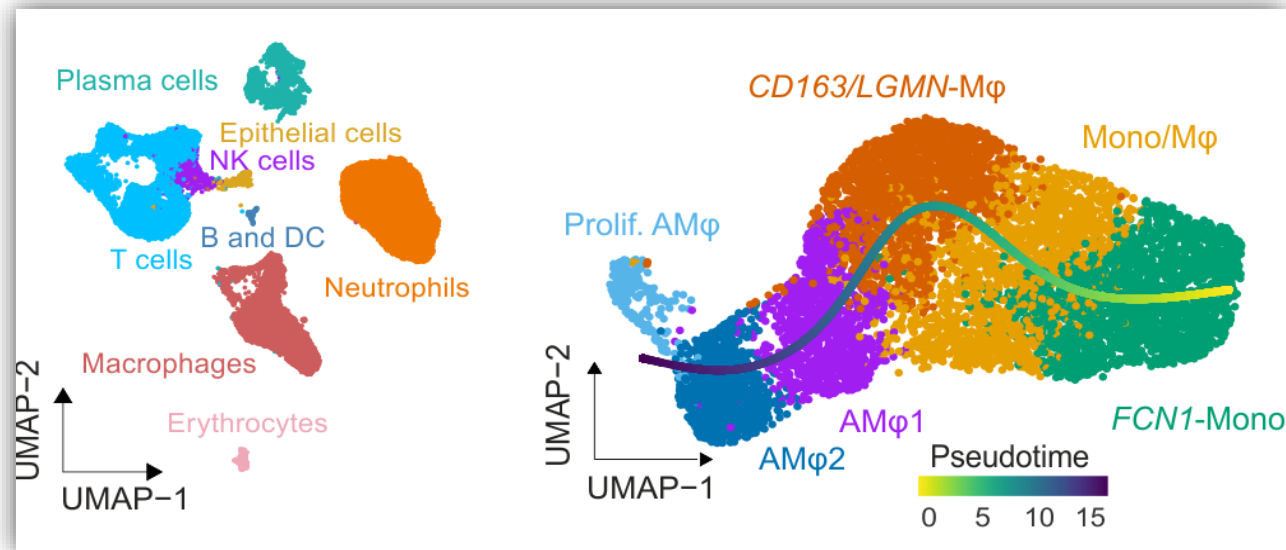


CD163+ macrophages accumulate in the lung



Macrophages adopt a damage response and tissue remodelling

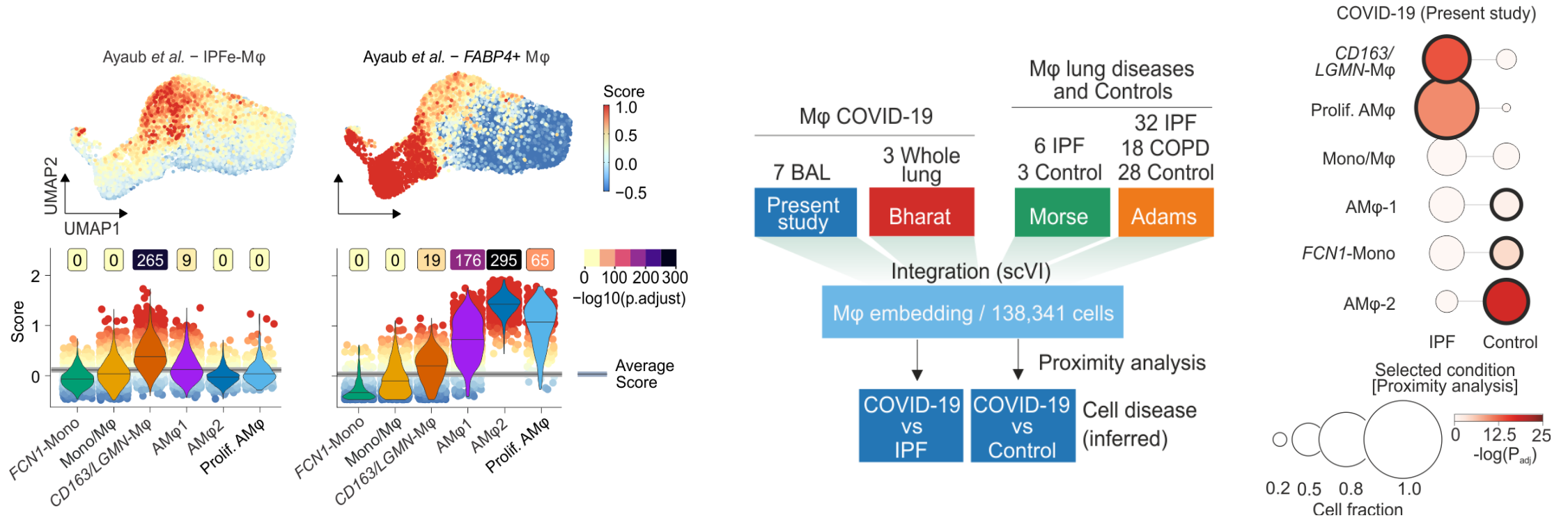
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CD163/LGMN-M ϕ resemble a profibrotic macrophage phenotype

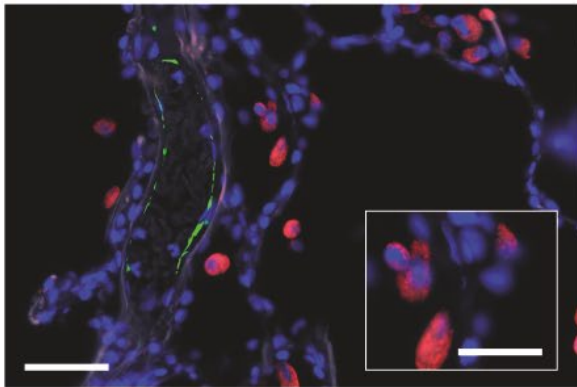
Comparison and integration with the IPF Cell Atlas



Collaboration with Fabian Theis lab

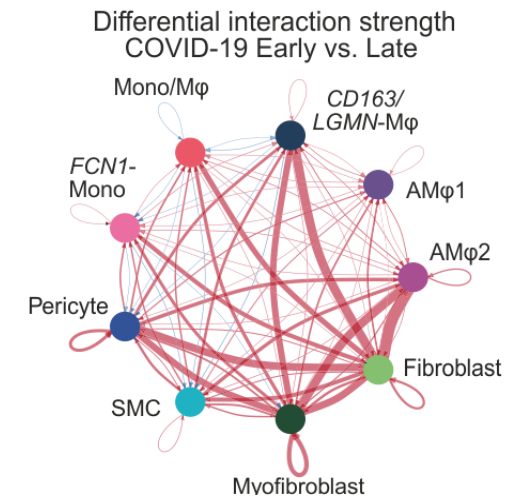
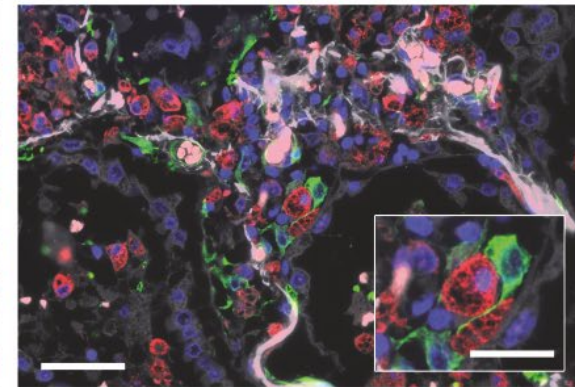
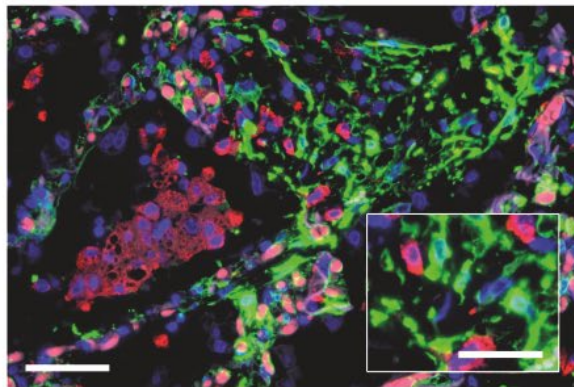
Macrophages-fibroblast interactions in COVID-19 lungs

Healthy



CD68 / SM22 / DAPI / Autofluorescence

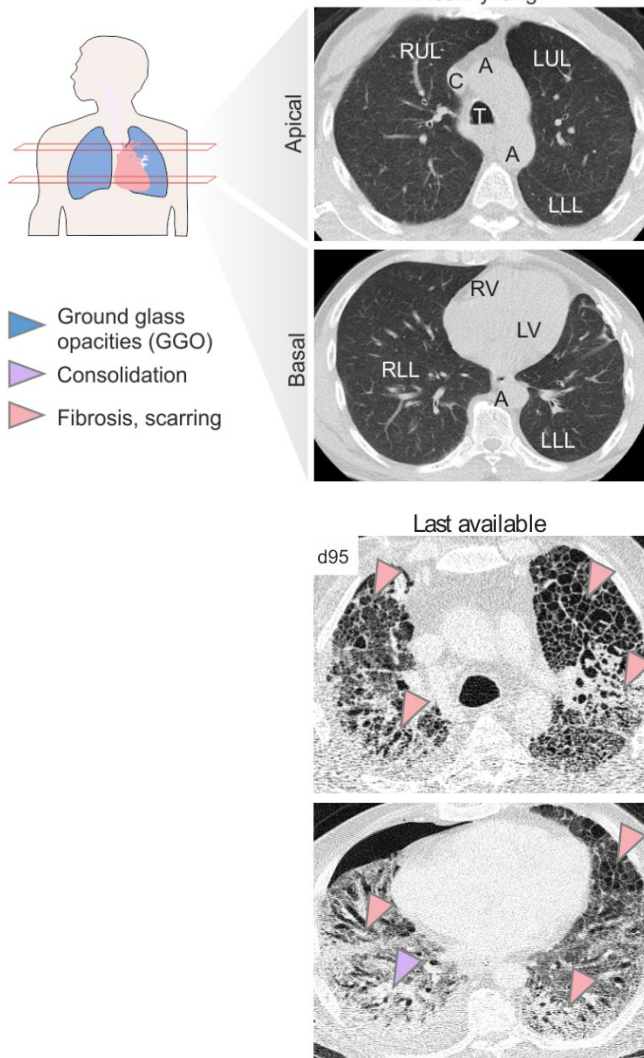
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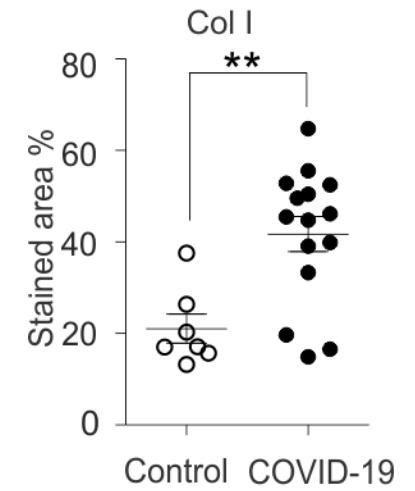
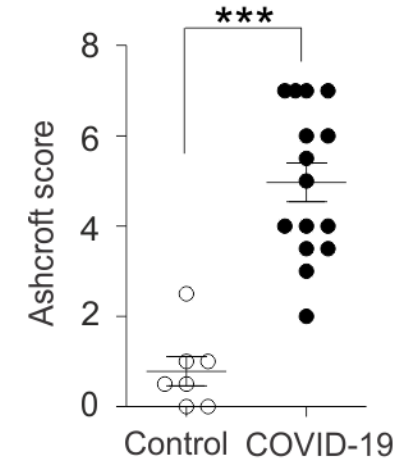
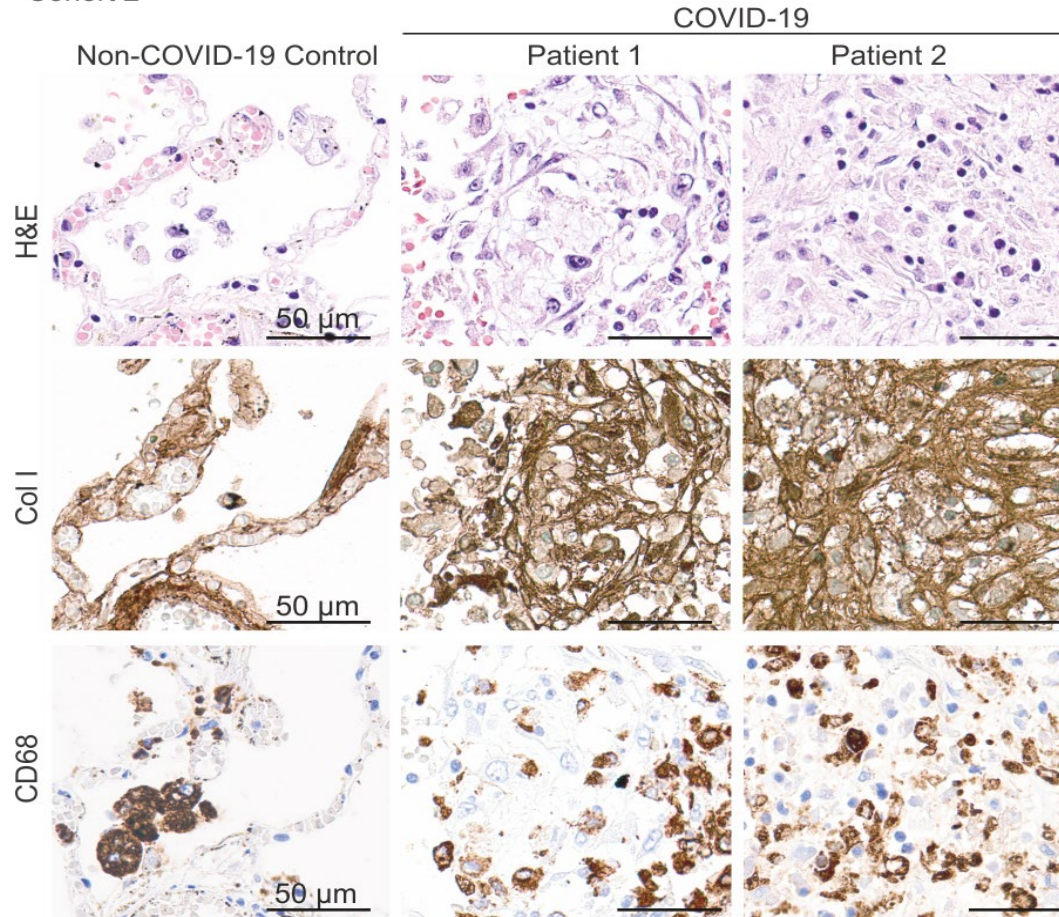
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Severe COVID-19 induces pronounced fibroproliferative ARDS

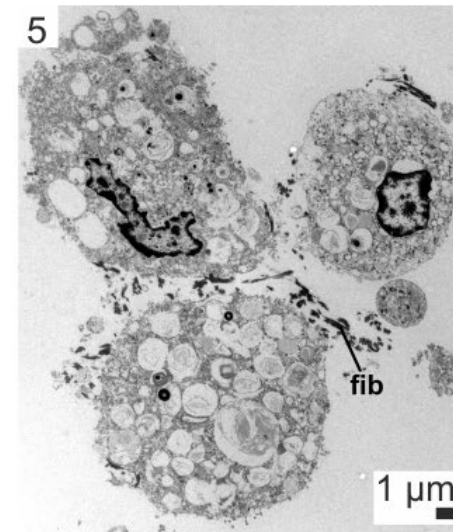
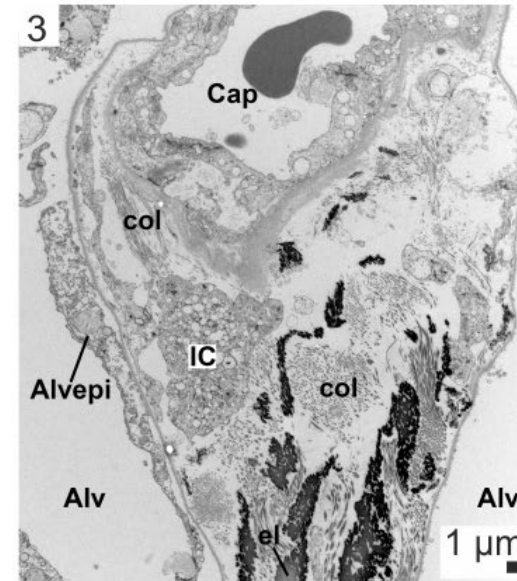
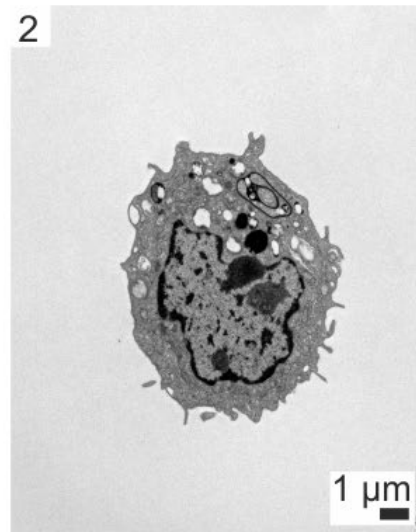
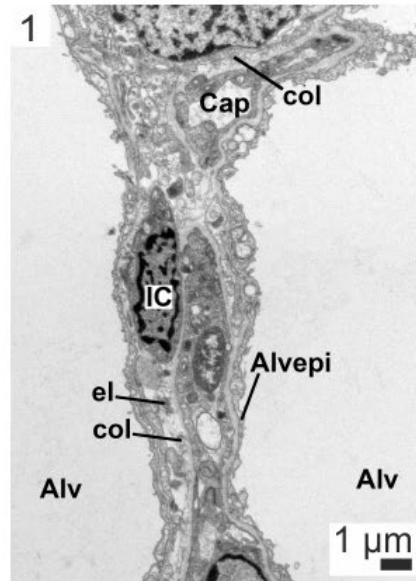
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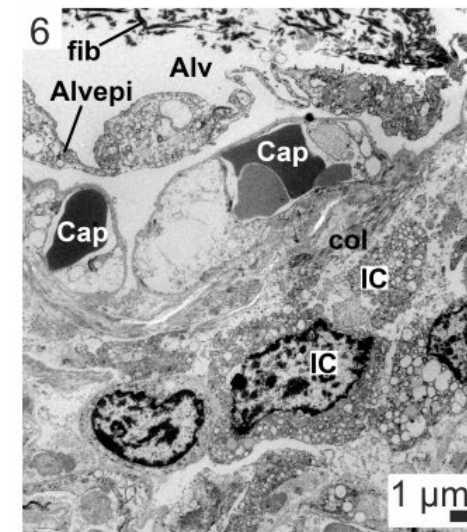
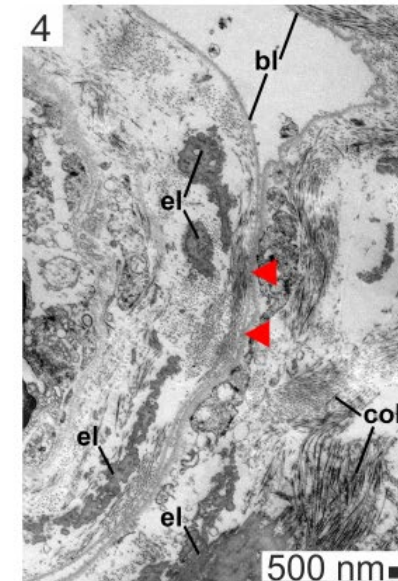
Cohort 2



Healthy lung



COVID-19



Collaboration with Matthias Ochs, Berlin

Fibrosis as a hallmark of COVID-19-induced ARDS

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Lung transplantation for patients with severe COVID-19

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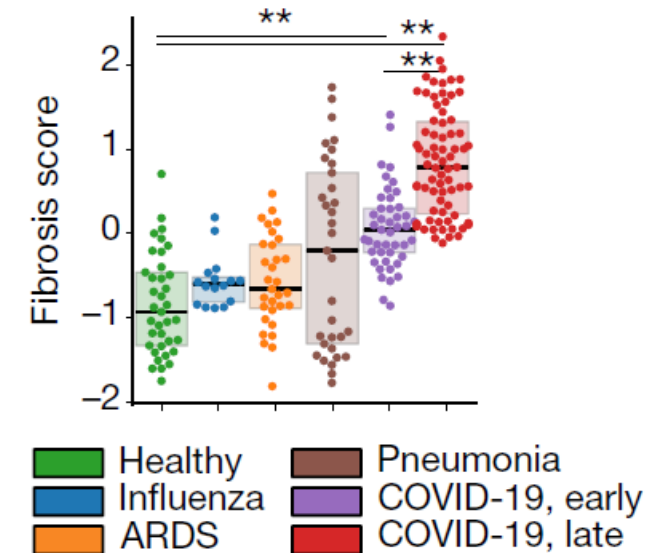
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- Extensive evidence of injury and fibrosis that resembled end-stage pulmonary fibrosis

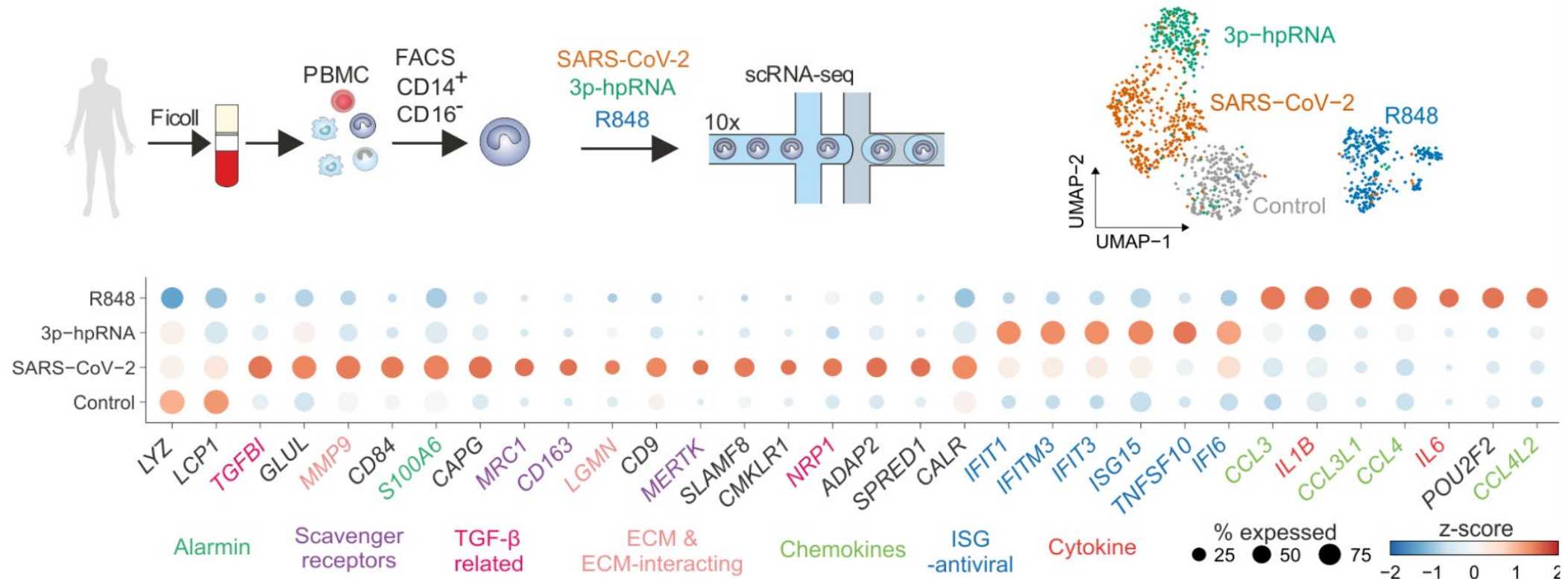
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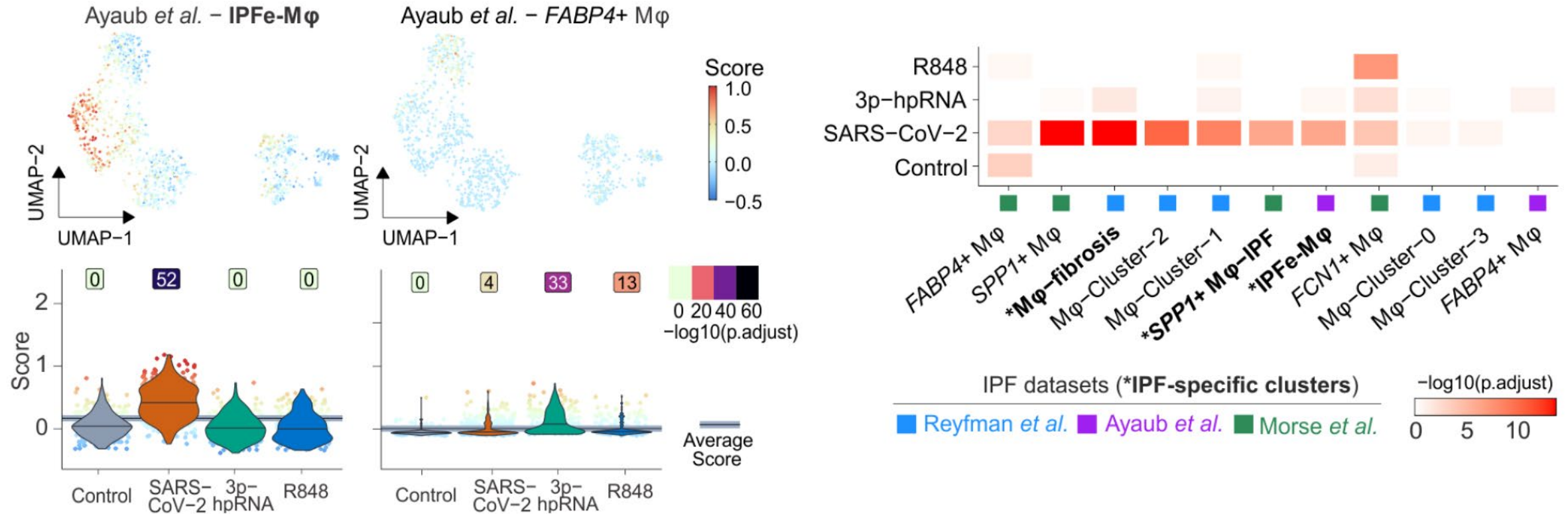


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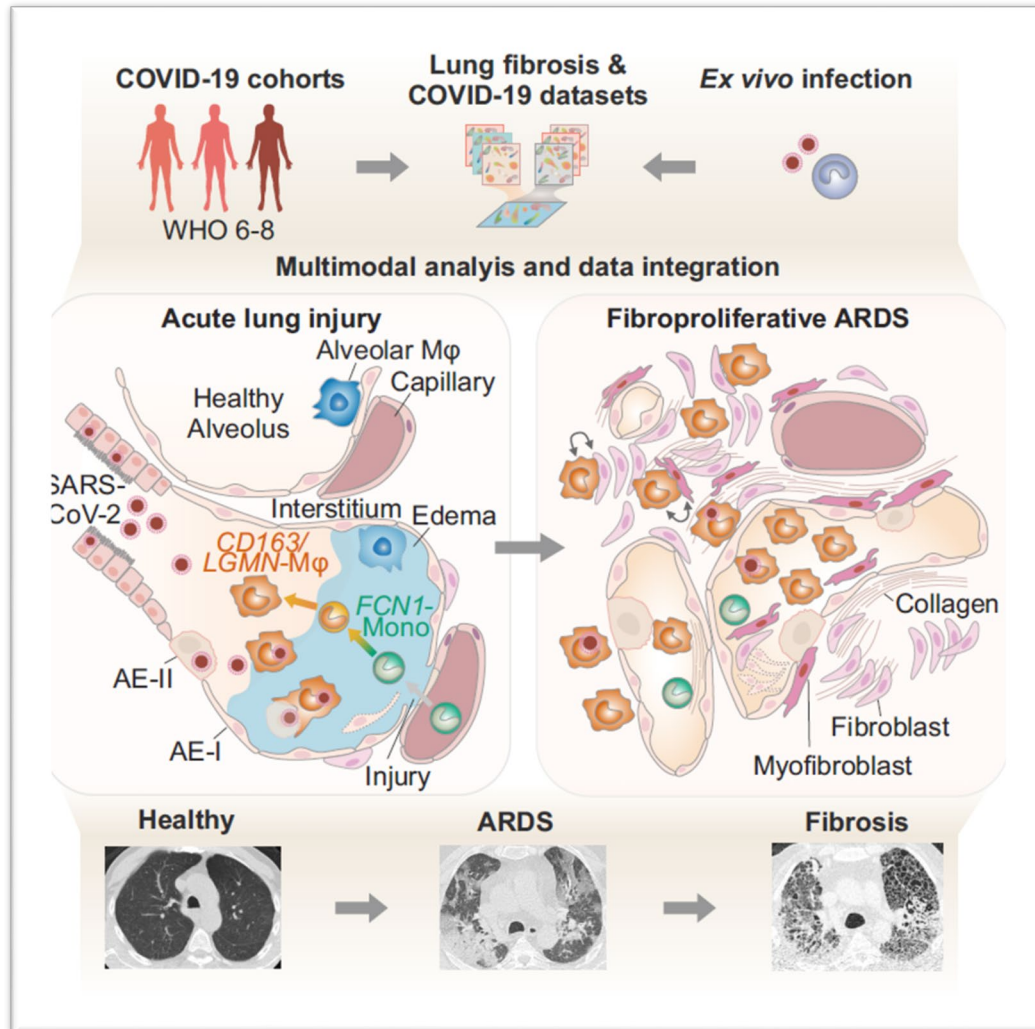
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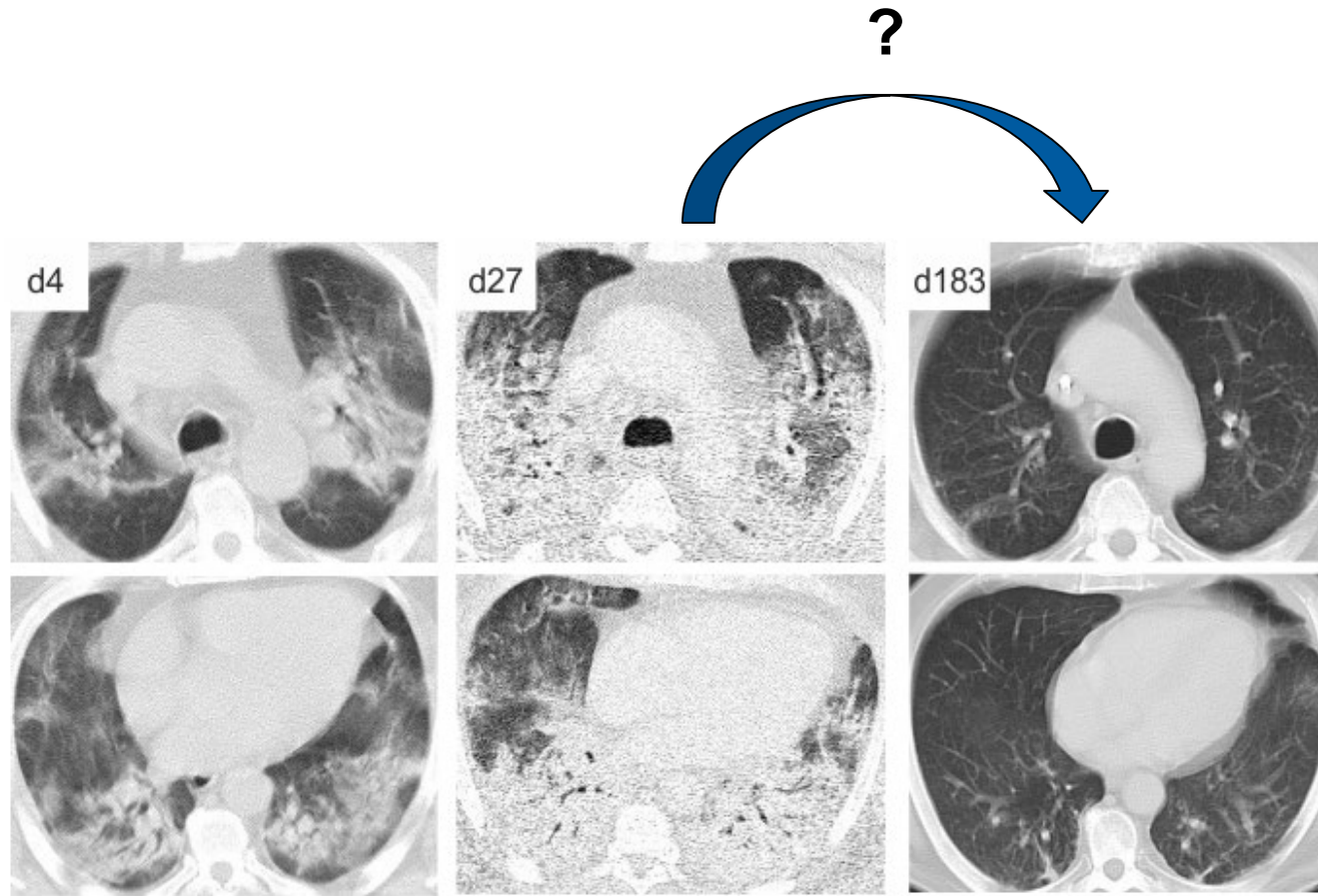
Take home messages



- Monocyte-derived macrophages accumulate in the lung in COVID-19 ARDS
- Macrophages in COVID-19 express genes associated with profibrotic functions
- Patients with severe COVID-19 ARDS display hallmarks of pulmonary fibrosis
- SARS-CoV-2 induces a profibrotic transcriptome and proteome profile in macrophages

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Take home messages and open questions



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