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Developmentally regulated PERK activity renders dendritic cells insensitive to subtilase cytotoxin-induced integrated stress response

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Abstract:

In stressed cells, phosphorylation of eukaryotic initiation factor 2 α (eIF2 α) controls transcriptome-wide changes in mRNA translation and gene expression known as the integrated stress response (ISR). We show here that dendritic cells (DCs) display unusually high eIF2 α phosphorylation, which is mostly caused by a developmentally regulated activation of the ER kinase PERK (EIF2AK3). Despite high p-eIF2 α levels, differentiated DCs display active protein synthesis and no signs of a chronic ISR. eIF2 α phosphorylation does not majorly impact DC differentiation nor cytokines production. It is however important to adapt protein homeostasis to the variations imposed on DCs by the immune or physiological contexts. This biochemical specificity prevents translation arrest and expression of the transcription factor ATF4 during ER-stress induction by subtilase cytotoxin or upon DC stimulation with bacterial lipopolysaccharides. This is also exemplified by the influence of the actin cytoskeleton dynamics on eIF2 α phosphorylation and the migratory deficit observed in PERK-deficient DCs.

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Introduction

Dendritic cells (DC) are key regulators of both protective immune responses and tolerance to self-antigens (Dalod et al., 2014). DCs are professional antigen presenting cells (APC), equipped with pattern recognition receptors (PRRs), capable of recognizing microbe-associated molecular patterns (MAMPs) (Akira et al., 2006) and enhance their immuno-stimulatory activity (Steinman, 2007). MAMPs detection by DCs triggers the process of maturation/activation, that culminates in the unique capacity of priming naïve T cells in secondary lymphoid organs. Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) detection by Toll-Like-Receptor 4 (TLR4) promotes DCs maturation by triggering a series of signaling cascades resulting in secretion of polarizing and inflammatory cytokines, upregulation of co-stimulatory molecules, as well as enhanced antigen processing and presentation (Mellman, 2013). All these functions are accompanied by major remodeling of membrane trafficking and actin organization to favor both antigen phagocytosis and DC migration to the lymph nodes (West et al., 2004, Bretou et al., 2017, Chabaud et al., 2015, Arguello et al., 2016). TLR4 is particularly expressed in the group 2 of conventional DCs (cDC2), characterized by the expression of surface CD11c, CD172a, as well as CD11b and endowed with a strong MHC II restricted antigen presentation capacity (Dalod et al., 2014).

One the major features of DC activation is a large increase in protein synthesis (Lelouard et al., 2007, Reverendo et al., 2019). This is required for the up-regulation of co-stimulatory molecules at the cell surface and acquire T cell immune-stimulatory function. Among the many pathways controlling mRNA translation, phosphorylation of eukaryotic initiation factor 2 (eIF2) is a central hub for regulating protein synthesis during stress. In homeostatic conditions, eIF2 mediates the assembly of the translation initiation complex and regulates start codon recognition in the mRNA by promoting the recruitment of other components necessary for active protein synthesis. During stress, phosphorylation of the alpha subunit of eIF2 (eIF2 α) on serine 51 is mediated by a group of four eIF2 α kinases (EIF2AK1-4), that specifically sense physiological imbalance (Claudio et al., 2013, Arguello et al., 2016). Phosphorylation of eIF2 α converts eIF2 into a competitive inhibitor of the GDP-GTP guanidine exchange factor (GEF) eIF2B, impairing the GDP-GTP recycling required to form new translation initiation complexes and proceed with active mRNA translation (Yamasaki and Anderson, 2008). High levels of eIF2 α phosphorylation impacts cells in two main ways: i) By reducing the rate of translation initiation and thus global protein synthesis levels; ii) By favoring the translation of the activating transcription factor 4 (ATF4) (Fusakio et al., 2016, Han et al., 2013), that in turn activates the transcription of many genes involved in the integrated stress response (ISR). The ISR aims at protecting cells from amino acid deprivation, oxidative, or mitochondrial stress and is incorporated as a branch of the ER unfolded

protein response (UPR) upon PERK-activation. The ISR comprises a negative feedback loop that causes eIF2 α dephosphorylation, through the induction of GADD34 (also known as PPP1R15a), a phosphatase 1 (PP1c) co-factor (Novoa et al., 2001, Harding et al., 2009). Consequently, dephosphorylation of p-eIF2 α by GADD34/PP1c complexes, and associated protein synthesis restoration, signal ISR termination and a return to cellular homeostasis (Novoa et al., 2001). If stress persists, despite GADD34 activity, long term ATF4 expression promotes programmed cell death, through the induction of the pro-apoptotic transcription factor CHOP (Marciniak et al., 2004). Interestingly, ATF4 also regulates the expression of Rho GTPases and can control cell motility (Pasini et al., 2016), while globular actin has been shown to be part of the PP1c/GADD34 complex and provide additional targeting specificity for dephosphorylating p-eIF2 α (Chambers et al., 2015, Chen et al., 2015).

The process of MAMPs sensing severely affects cellular homeostasis by boosting protein synthesis and results in a panoply of biochemical insults, that trigger various responses including autophagy and the ISR (Valecka et al., 2018, Arguello et al., 2016). the ISR can enter in a crosstalk with specialized microbe sensing pathways, which turns on or amplifies inflammatory cytokines production (Claudio et al., 2013, Reverendo et al., 2018). Toll-like receptor (TLR) activation in macrophages undergoing an ISR, suppress CHOP induction and protein synthesis inhibition, preventing apoptosis in activated cells (Woo et al., 2009). Moreover, ATF4 binds Interferon Regulatory factor-7 (IRF7) to block its capacity to induce transcription of type-I Interferon (IFN) induction (Liang et al., 2011). Several key innate immunity signaling cascades are believed to be dependent for their signalosome assembly on the chaperone HSPB8 and the kinase heme-regulated inhibitor (HRI/EIF2AK1) (Pierre, 2019). Microbe-activated HRI was shown to mediate phosphorylation of eIF2 α and increase ATF4-dependent expression of HSPB8, thus promoting the signal transduction pathways leading to inflammatory cytokines transcription in macrophages (Abdel-Nour et al., 2019).

We show here that DCs obtained from spleen or derived from Fms-related tyrosine kinase 3 ligand (Flt3-L) treated-bone marrow cultures, display unusually high levels of phosphorylated eIF2 α . Using Cre//ox recombination to generate mice specifically lacking GADD34 (PPP1R15a) or PERK (EIF2AK3) activity in DCs, we demonstrate that PERK-dependent eIF2 α phosphorylation is acquired during DC development. PERK drives high eIF2 α phosphorylation in steady state DCs with a relatively low impact on protein synthesis. We found that mRNA translation in DCs, differently to what has been shown during chronic ISR (Guan et al., 2017), is mediated despite high p-eIF2 α levels by an eIF4F-dependent mechanism. We also found that primary DCs, conversely to macrophages, do not rely on eIF2 α phosphorylation to activate cytokines transcription nor IL-1 β secretion in response to MAMPs (Abdel-Nour et al., 2019),(Chiritoiu et al., 2019). Importantly, GADD34 antagonizes PERK activity to maintain

functional protein synthesis levels in non-activated DCs. GADD34 upregulation in response to LPS, occurs in an ATF4-independent and TBK1-dependent manner, and contributes therefore directly to DC function by modulating the production of pro-inflammatory cytokines. Surprisingly, PERK activity impacts positively DC migration speed, correlating with the regulation of p-eIF2 α levels by the synergistic action of GADD34 and actin cytoskeleton reorganization. Thus, DCs require PERK and GADD34 activity to coordinate protein synthesis, activation and migration capacity in response to MAMPs. These developmentally regulated features also endow DC with increase resistance to acute ER stress, preventing ATF4 induction in response to stressors like the bacterial subtilase cytotoxin (SubAB).

Material and Methods

Cell culture

Bone-marrow (BM) was collected from 6-9 weeks old female mice, and differentiated in DCs or macrophages during 7 days. The culture was kept at 37°C, with 5% CO₂ in RPMI (GIBCO), 10% FCS (Sigma Aldrich), 100 units/ml penicillin, 100 units/ml streptomycin (GIBCO) and 50 μ M β -mercaptoethanol (VWR) supplemented with Flt3-L, produced using B16-Flt3-L hybridoma cells (Naik et al., 2005) for DC differentiation or M-CSF for macrophages, as described previously (Wang et al., 2013). For the migration assays, granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF) was used instead of Flt3-L and cells were cultured during 10-12 days with changes in the medium each 3 days. GM-CSF was obtained from transfected J558 cells (Pierre et al., 1997). To obtain splenocytes, spleens were collected, and injected with Liberase TL (Roche) and incubated 25 min at 37°C to disrupt the tissues. DC purification was performed using a CD11c⁺ positive selection kit (Milteny), according to manufacturer's instructions and CD8 α ⁺ T cells isolation was performed with a DynabeadsTM untouchedTM mouse CD8 T cells kit from Thermo Fischer Scientific. CD8 α ⁺ T were incubate overnight with anti-CD3 (10 μ g/ml) and anti-CD28 (5 μ g/ml) antibodies, to mimic activation by APCs. Mouse embryonic fibroblasts used in this work (MEFs), ATF4^{-/-} and matched WT (129 SvEv) were a kind gift from Prof. David Ron (Cambridge Institute for Medical Research, UK). PERK KO^{-/-} and matched WT were a kind gift from Prof. Douglas Cavener (Penn State University). MEFs were cultured in DMEM medium (GIBCO) with 5% FBS (Sigma) and 50 μ M 2-mercaptoethanol. For the experimental assays, cells were plated from 16-24h before stimulation in 6 well plates, at 150 000 cells/ml in 2 ml of the same medium. After stimuli, cells were treated with trypsin-EDTA for 2 minutes at 37°C before washing in order to detach cells from the wells.

Reagents

Lipopolysaccharide (*Escherichia coli* O55:B5), Cycloheximide, Puromycin, MRT67307 and Rocaglamide and Thapsigargin were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. Harringtonine is from ABCAM, Latrunculin A and Jasplakinolide are from Merck-Millipore. Low molecular weight Polyinosinic-polycytidylic acid (LMW poly(I:C)) was from InvivoGen. SAR1 was kindly provided by Sanofi (France) and Integrated Stress Response Inhibitor (ISRIB) was a gift from Carmela Sidrausky and Peter Walter, UCSF, San Francisco). Subtilase cytotoxin (Shiga toxigenic *Escherichia coli* strains) was purified from recombinant *E. coli*, as previously described (Paton et al., 2004). 4EGI-1 was purchased by Bertin bioreagent.

Flow cytometry analysis

Cell suspensions were washed and incubated with a cocktail of coupled specific antibodies for cell surface markers in Flow activated cell sorting (FACS) buffer (PBS, 1% FCS and 2 mM EDTA) for 30 min at 4°C. For Flt3-l BMDCs the antibodies used were: CD11c (N418), SiglecH (551), CD86 (GL-1), F4/80 (BM8), CD64 (X54-5/7.1) from BioLegend; Sirpα (P84), CD24 (M1/69), MHCII (M5/114.15.2) from eBioscience™ CD11b (M1/70) from BDBioscience. For splenic cells, the antibodies used were NKp46 (29A1.4), CD4 (RM4-5), CD3 (145-2C11), CD11c (N418), CD19 (eBio1D3), CD8α (53-6.7) from eBioscience™, BST2 (927), Ly6G, F4/80, Ly6C from BioLegend; CD11b (M1/70), B220 (RA3-6B2) from BDBiosciences. These antibodies were used in combination with the LIVE/DEAD® Fixable Aqua Dead Cell Stain (ThermoFisher). For intracellular staining, cells were next fixed with BD phosflow fix buffer I (BD Biosciences) during 10 min at room temperature and washed with 10% Perm/wash Buffer I 1X (BD Biosciences). Permeabilized cells were blocked during 10' with 10% Perm/wash buffer 1X, 10% FCS, before staining with primary antibodies. When the primary antibody was not coupled, cells were washed after and blocked during 10 min with Perm/wash buffer 1X, 10% FCS, 10% of serum from the species where the secondary antibody was produced. Then, the incubation with the secondary antibody was performed at 4°C during 30 min. p-eIF2α(S51) was purchased from ABCAM and p-eEF2(Thr56) from Cell signaling and Deoxyribonuclease (DNase I) was purchased from Invitrogen. Data were acquired on an LSR-II/UV instrument using FACS Diva software. The acquired data were analyzed with FlowJo software (BD Biosciences).

Translation intensity and speed measurement

SUnSET technique to measure the intensity of protein synthesis was used as previously described (Schmidt et al., 2009). Puromycin was added in the culture medium at 12.5 µg/ml and the cells were incubated for 10 min at 37°C and 5% CO2 before harvesting. Cells were washed with PBS prior to cell

lysis and immunoblotting with the anti-puromycin 12D10 antibody (Merck Millipore). For flow cytometry (flow) cells were processed, as described below for the intracellular staining, using the α -puromycin 12D10 antibody directly conjugated with Alexa 488 or A647 from Merck Millipore. The SUnRISE technique was performed as described (Arguello et al., 2018). Samples were treated with 2 μ g/ml of harringtonine at different time-points (90, 60, 45, 30, 15, 0 sec), and then treated with 12.5 μ g/ml of puromycin all at the same time. For the measurement of Cap-dependent translation cells were treated with 4EGI-I (100 μ M) or Rocaglamine (RocA-1) (100nM) for 0.5, 1, 2, or 4h. Cells were then incubated for 15 min at 37°C and stained with the 12D10 antibody (Merk-Millipore).

Gene expression analysis

Total RNA was extracted from the DCs using the RNeasy mini kit (QIAGEN), including a DNA digestion step with RNase-free DNase (QIAGEN) and cDNA was synthesized using the Superscript II reverse transcriptase (Invitrogen). Quantitative PCR amplification was performed using SYBR Green PCR master mix (Takara) using 10ng of cDNA and 200nM of each specific primer on a 7500 Fast Real-PCR system (Applied Biosystems). cDNA concentration in each sample was normalized to GAPDH expression. The primers used for gene amplification were the following: GADD34 (S 5'-GACCCCTCCAACCTCTCCTTC -3', AS 5'-CTTCCTCAGCCTCAGCATTC -3'); IL-6 (S 5'-CATGTTCTCTGGGAAATCGTG -3', AS 5'-TCCAGTTTGGTAGCATCCATC -3'); IFN- β (S 5'-CCCTATGGAGATGACGGAGA -3', AS 5'-ACCCAGTGCTGGAGAAATTG -3'); IL-12 (S 5'-GGAATGTCTGCGTGCAAGCT-3', AS 5'-ACATGCCCACTTGCTGCAT -3'); ATF4 (S 5'-AAGGAGGATGCCTTTTCCGGG -3', AS 5'-ATTGGGTTCACCTGTCTGAGGG -3'); CHOP (S 5'-CACTTCCGGAGAGACAGACAG -3', AS 5'-ATGAAGGAGAAGGAGCAGGAG -3'); PERK (S 5'-CGGATTCATTGAAAGCACCT -3', AS 5'-ACGCGATGGGAGTACAAAAC -3'); XBP1 (S 5'-CCGCAGCACTCAGACTATG -3', AS 5'-GGGTCCAACCTGTCCAGAAT -3'); spliced XBP1 (S 5'-CTGAGTCCGCAGCAGGT -3', AS 5'-AAACATGACAGGGTCCAACCTT -3'); GAPDH (S 5'-TGGAGAAACCTGCCAAGTATG -3', AS 5'-GTTGAAGTCGCAGGAGACAAC -3'); IL1- β (S 5'-TGATGTGCTGCTGCGAGAGATT -3', AS 5'-TGCCATTTTGACAGTGA -3'); eIF2B ϵ (S 5'-GAGCCCTGGAGGAACACAGG -3' AS 5'-CACCACGTTGTCCTCATGGC -3'); BIP S (5'-ATTGGAGGTGGGCAAACCAA -3' AS 5'-TCGCTGGGCATCATTGAAGT -3').

Gene set enrichment analysis

The gene set enrichment analysis has been performed using published murine microarray datasets accessible through the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) repository under the references GSE9810 (Robbins et al., 2008) and GSE2389 (Fontenot et al., 2005). Raw microarray data describing CD8 α +

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cDCs (DC1), CD11b+ cDC (DC2), pDC (plasmacytoid dendritic cells), B cells, NK cells, CD8+ T cells (Robbins et al., 2008) and CD4+ T cells (Fontenot et al., 2005) in mice spleen have been download For each of these cell types, the hybridation has been performed using Affymetrix mouse 4302.0 gene chips. Microarray data have been normalized by Robust Multi-array Average (RMA) algorithm (Irizarry et al., 2003) using the oligo BioconductorR package (Carvalho and Irizarry, 2010). Normalization consists of a background correction of raw intensities, a log2 transformation followed by quantile normalization in order to allow the comparison of each probe for each array. Prior data usage, the absence of batch effect was assessed by Principal Component Analysis (PCA) using ade4R package (Bougeard and Dray, 2018).

Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) was performed using publicly available gene signatures reflecting an ISR state (Supplementary Table 1, 2 and 3). Lists of ATF4 and CHOP target genes identified by ChIP-seq experiments (Han et al., 2013) have been used to search for ATF4-dependent and CHOP-dependent signatures in DCs (Supplementary table 2 and 3). Lists of genes for which a translational upregulation after 1h of thapsigargin (Tg) treatment and congruent (both transcriptional and translational) upregulations after 16h of Tg treatment (Guan et al., 2017) were used to search gene expression signatures respectively of acute and/or chronic ISRs in DCs. GSEA was generated using BubbleGUM (Spinelli et al., 2015). Briefly, GSEA pairwise comparisons are performed for each probe and the multiple testing effects are corrected using a Benjamini-Yekutieli procedure. The corrected p-values are hence calculated based on a null hypothesis distribution built from the permutations of the gene sets across all the pairwise comparisons. In our analyses, 10,000 permutations of the gene sets have been performed in order to compute the p-values. All results with a false discovery rate (FDR) below the threshold of 0.25 have been considered as significant.

Immunoblotting

Cells were lysed in RIPA buffer (25mM Tris-HCl pH 7.6, 150mM NaCl, 1% NP-40; 1% sodium deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS) supplemented with Complete Mini Protease Inhibitor Mixture Tablets (Roche), NaF (Ser/Thr and acidic phosphatase inhibitor), NaVO4 (Tyr and alkaline phosphatase inhibitor) and MG132 (proteasome inhibitor). The nuclear extraction was performed using the Nuclear Extract kit (Active Motif) according with manufacturer's instructions. Protein quantification was performed using the BCA Protein Assay (Pierce). Around 20 µg of soluble proteins were run in 4-20% acrylamide gradient gels and for the immunoblot the concentration and time of incubation had to be optimized for each individual antibody. Rabbit antibodies against eIF2α, p-eEF2(Thr56), eEF2, eIF2B, p-IRF3 (ser396), IRF3, p-S6, PERK, were purchased from Cell Signaling (ref 5324, 2331, 2332, 3592,

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4947, 4302, 2211, 3192 respectively). Rabbit antibody against p-eIF2 α (S51) was purchased from ABCAM (Ref 32157). Rabbit antibody against ATF4 was purchased from Santa Cruz Biotechnology (sc-200). Mouse antibody against β -actin was purchased from Sigma (A2228). Mouse antibodies against HDAC1 and S6 were purchased from Cell Signaling (ref 5356, 2317 respectively). Mouse antibody against puromycin was purchased from Merck Millipore (MABE343). Mouse antibody against p-eIF2 β was a kind gift from David Litchfield (University of Western Ontario, Ca). Mouse antibody against eIF2 β was purchased from Santa Cruz Biotechnology (sc-9978). HRP Secondary antibodies were from Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories.

Cytokines measurement

The IL-6, the IFN- β , and IL1 β quantifications from the cell culture supernatant were performed using the mouse Interleukin-6 ELISA kit (eBioscience), the mouse IFN- β ELISA kits (PBL-Interferon Source or Thermo Fisher) according to manufacturer's instructions.

Immunohistochemistry

Spleens were snap frozen in Tissue Tek (Sakura Finetek). Frozen sections (8 μ m) were fixed with acetone permeabilized with 0,05% saponin. The following antibodies were used for the staining: CD11c (N418) from Biolegend (Ref 117301), p-eIF2 α (Ser 52) from Invitrogen (Ref 44-728G), CD11b (M1/70) from BD Biosciences, CD8 α -biotin (53-6.7) Biolegend (Ref 100703) and B220 (RA3-6B2) from Invitrogen (Ref 14-0452-81). Images were collected using a Zeiss LSM 510 confocal microscope. Image processing was performed with Zeiss LSM software.

Mice

Wild-type (WT) female C57BL/6 mice were purchased from Janvier, France. PKR $^{-/-}$ C57BL/6 were a kind gift from Dr. Bryan Williams (Hudson Institute of Medical Research, Australia) (Kumar et al., 1997). PERK $^{loxp/loxp}$ mice were the kind gift of Dr Doug Cavener (Zhang et al., 2006) and purchased from Jackson Laboratories. GADD34 Δ C $^{loxp/loxp}$ mice were developed at the Centre d'Immunophénomique (CIPHE, Marseille, France). PERK $^{loxp/loxp}$ and GADD34 $^{loxp/loxp}$ were crossed with Itgax-Cre $^{+}$ mice (Caton et al., 2007) and backcrossed, to obtain stable homozygotic lines for the loxp sites expressing Cre. For all studies, age-matched WT and transgenic 6 to 9 weeks females were used. All animals were maintained in the animal facility of CIML or CIPHE under specific pathogen-free conditions accredited by the French Ministry of Agriculture to perform experiments on live mice. These studies were carried out in strict accordance with Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals of the European Union.

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All experiments were approved by the Comité d’Ethique PACA and MESRI (approval number APAFIS#10010-201902071610358). All efforts were made to minimize animal suffering.

Preparation of microchannels and speed of migration measurement

Microchannels were prepared as previously described (Vargas et al., 2016). For velocity measurements (carried out in 4µm-by-5µm microchannels), phase contrast images of migrating cells were acquired during 16 hours (frame rate of 2 min) on an epifluorescence Nikon Ti-E video microscope equipped with a cooled charge-coupled device (CCD) camera (HQ2, Photometrics) and a 10× objective. Kymographs of migrating cells were generated and analyzed using a custom program.

Statistical analysis

Statistical analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism Software. The most appropriate statistical teste was chosen according to the set of data. Mainly, we used Student’s t test and Kruskal-Wallis test were used. * $p < 0.5$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, **** $p < 0.0001$.

Results

Steady-state dendritic cells display high levels of eIF2 α phosphorylation

Given the importance of eIF2 α in cell homeostasis, we monitored the physiological levels of phosphorylated eIF2 α (p-eIF2 α) in mouse spleen sections by immunohistochemistry. All DC subsets, identified by virtue of CD11c expression together with CD8 α (cDC1), CD11b (cDC2) or B220 (pDC), displayed high levels of eIF2 α phosphorylation (Fig. 1A and 1B), strongly contrasting with other splenocytes, like B cells (Fig. 1B lower panel). Splenocytes isolation and immunodetection based-quantification of eIF2 α phosphorylation confirmed the high levels of p-eIF2 α observed in different DC subsets compared to other cells including macrophages (F4/80+), T cells (CD3+/CD4+ or /CD8+) and B cells (Fig. 1C). We next evaluated the levels of p-eIF2 α in BM-derived DCs differentiated in presence of Flt3-Ligand (Flt3-L BMDC), encompassing the major cDC1, cDC2 and pDC subsets in different proportions (circa 30%, 60% and 10% respectively of the CD11c+ population) and with phenotypes equivalent to those of spleen DC subsets (Brasel et al., 2000). This was further confirmed upon sorting and analysis of the different populations, which were submitted to p-eIF2 α immunoblot in comparison to isolated primary CD8+ T cells or mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) stimulated or not with the ER-stress inducing drug thapsigargin for 2h (Fig. 1D). eIF2 α phosphorylation was evident in all DC subsets, even when compared to thapsigargin-treated control T cells and MEFs. Quantification of p-eIF2 α /eIF2 α ratios indicated that steady state DCs display 2 to 4 times more p-eIF2 α , than stressed MEFs, with the cDC1 population displaying the highest ratio of phosphorylation (Fig. 1D). We next evaluated when eIF2 α phosphorylation was acquired during DC differentiation. The daily immunoblot analysis of differentiating Flt3-L BMDCs, allowed us to establish that high p-eIF2 α levels were displayed by DCs from 4 days of culture (Fig. 1E). This suggests that this event is an integral part of the DC development program induced by Flt3-L (Fig. 1E). Given the described dominant negative effect of p-eIF2 α on translation initiation, we next sought to monitor the levels of protein synthesis in the different DC subsets. CD8+ T cells were used as a reference, since in these cells, p-eIF2 α is barely detectable. We used puromycilation and detection by flow cytometry (flow) (Schmidt et al., 2009, Arguello et al., 2018) to establish that, despite high eIF2 α phosphorylation levels, all resting DC subsets displayed higher level of translation compared with resting and CD3/CD28 stimulated CD8+ T cells (Fig. 1F). We next monitored protein synthesis every two days of culture to establish precisely the influence of eIF2 α phosphorylation over protein synthesis activity during DC differentiation *in vitro*. After puromycilation and flow analysis using various DC differentiation markers, we applied dimensionality reduction using t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (tSNE) to visualize DC differentiation and the evolution of

protein synthesis activity within the different subpopulations over time (Fig. 2A). We confirmed that protein synthesis levels steadily increased with differentiation in all three DC subsets, this despite high eIF2 α phosphorylation. These observations suggest that steady state DCs have adapted their translation machinery to overcome the dominant negative effect on translation initiation of eIF2 α phosphorylation on Ser51, which is clearly associated with their differentiation from bone marrow progenitors.

eIF2B expression is strongly up-regulated upon DC differentiation

P-eIF2 α inhibits translation initiation by forming a stable inhibitory complex with eIF2B, that reduces the GEF activity of eIF2B. eIF2B levels are generally lower than those of eIF2 and partial eIF2 α phosphorylation is sufficient to attenuate protein synthesis initiation in most cells (Adomavicius et al., 2019). We therefore monitored eIF2B ϵ expression levels during DC differentiation and observed that eIF2B ϵ levels were strongly increased both transcriptionally and translationally in differentiated cells (Fig. 2B & 2C). The progression of the ratio eIF2B ϵ over eIF2 α proteins during differentiation (Fig. 2C), suggests that the quantity of p-eIF2 α required to inhibit translation initiation in DCs is superior to what is needed in other cells like MEFs. This developmentally regulated expression of eIF2B and eIF2S1, could therefore explain the adaptation of DCs to relatively high p-eIF2 α levels and the progressive acquisition of high translation levels upon differentiation.

Flt3-L BMDCs activation by LPS promotes eIF2 α -dephosphorylation.

Phosphorylation of eIF2 α and of elongation factor 2 (eEF2) were gradually lost during *E. coli* lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-stimulation of Flt3-L BMDCs, indicating a tight regulation of this pathway during DC activation (Fig. 3A). Complementary to p-eIF2 α , phosphorylated eEF2 is a major repressor of translation in adverse growth conditions, such as starvation, or accumulation of misfolded proteins in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) (Ryazanov, 2002), (Lazarus et al., 2017). Stress activates elongation factor 2 kinase (eEF2K), which phosphorylates eEF2 and inhibits translation elongation through an arrest of codon translocation from ribosomal A to P sites (De Gassart and Martinon, 2017, Richter and Collier, 2015). Similarly to eIF2 α , eEF2 phosphorylation levels were found high in steady-state Flt3-L BMDCs and down-regulated after LPS stimulation (Fig. 3B). Given their sensitivity to LPS-activation, we monitored more specifically TLR4 expressing DC2 by flow, and observed a profound loss of p-eEF2

after 30 min of stimulation, thus demonstrating the strong impact of LPS signaling on this major translation factor and on protein synthesis intensity, which was doubled over 6h of stimulation (Fig. 3C).

Given the rapidity and intensity of eIF2 α and eEF2 dephosphorylation upon activation, we applied to cDC2, the SunRISE technique, a method for monitoring the translation level and elongation rate of multiple cell types in parallel (Arguello et al., 2018). SunRISE was applied using detection by immunoblot (Fig. 3D) and by flow (Fig. 3E), confirming a striking augmentation of translation intensity in LPS-activated DCs compared to the steady-state situation (T=0s). Polysomes elongation speed, indicated by the rate of puromycin staining decay after harringtonine treatment, remained however identical among steady-state and LPS-activated cDC2 (Fig. 3E). eIF2 α and eEF2 dephosphorylation in activated DCs is therefore correlated with a strong increase in translation initiation, rather than elongation, to allow mRNA translation to reach its maximum level concomitantly with the acquisition of DC immune-stimulatory capacities (Lelouard et al., 2007).

PPP1R15a (GADD34) controls eIF2 α dephosphorylation in activated DCs.

The inducible PP1c co-factor PPP1R15a, known as GADD34, is key in mediating p-eIF2 α dephosphorylation in the resolution phase of the ISR (Novoa et al., 2001, Novoa et al., 2003). GADD34 is also absolutely necessary to re-establish protein synthesis in MEFs undergoing PKR activation upon dsRNA exposure or viral infection (Clavarino et al., 2012a). We have also shown that while induction of GADD34 transcription during ER stress is ATF4-dependent (Walter and Ron, 2011), expression of GADD34 upon viral sensors activation is Interferon Regulatory Factor 3 (IRF3 dependent (Dalet et al., 2017). We therefore investigated if the p-eIF2 α dephosphorylation observed in Flt3-L BMDCs was GADD34 dependent, and whether TANK-binding kinase 1 (TBK1)/IRF3 signaling cascade, which is triggered upon LPS stimulation, was responsible for its transcriptional induction during DC activation. The IKK ϵ /TBK1 inhibitor (MRT67307, TBKin) (Clark et al., 2011) was used to follow the impact of IKK ϵ /TBK1/IRF3 activation on LPS-induced p-eIF2 α dephosphorylation (Fig. 4A). Upon efficient treatment with TBKin, indicated by the loss of p-IRF3 detection, p-eIF2 α levels were clearly augmented even in absence of LPS stimulation, suggesting that baseline IKK ϵ /TBK1/IRF3 signaling decreases p-eIF2 α levels by driving steady state GADD34 expression. LPS-dependent induction of GADD34 mRNA was also severely decreased upon IKK ϵ /TBK1 inhibition (Fig. 4B), suggesting that in DCs, *Ppp1r15a/GADD34* transcription is partially dependent on IRF3 activation and not only on the ATF4-dependent transcriptional axis. This hypothesis was reinforced by the observation that ATF4 and CHOP expression, the two main transcription factors controlling *Ppp1r15a/GADD34* transcription during ER-stress, remained stable after 6h of LPS stimulation, and in the case of CHOP even decreased in the

first hours of activation (Fig. 4C). Surprisingly, IKK ϵ /TBK1 inhibition also augmented considerably MHC II surface expression (Fig. 4D), presumably by changing the levels of secreted cytokines influencing DC maturation in the culture. This was further exemplified by the absence of IRF3-dependent IFN- β expression in TBK1-treated cells (Fig. 4E), while NF- κ B-dependent transcription of IL-6 remained unaffected (Fig. 4E), as well as CD86 surface appearance (Fig. 4D). Importantly, despite augmenting p-eIF2 α levels, IKK ϵ /TBK1 inhibition also strongly boosted protein synthesis suggesting that DCs conserve the capacity to augment their protein synthesis irrespective of TBK activation and despite a low rate eIF2 α dephosphorylation (Fig. 4F). Artificial inhibition of IKK ϵ /TBK1, prevents therefore GADD34 and IFN- β expression, while augmenting eIF2 α phosphorylation. However it reveals also the existence of a signaling pathway downstream of TLR4, capable of overcoming augmented levels of p-eIF2 α and of increasing protein synthesis, independently of GADD34 expression. Given the amount of eIF2B expressed by differentiated DCs (Fig. 2B and 2C), this pathway could be equivalent to the TLR-dependent activation of the eIF2B GEF through PP2A-mediated serine dephosphorylation of the eIF2B ϵ -subunit, that was observed by Woo and colleagues in macrophages (Woo et al., 2012).

We further investigated the impact of GADD34 on the eIF2 α pathway in DCs by generating, a novel transgenic mouse model with floxed alleles for *PPP1R15a*, allowing the deletion of the third exon coding for the C-terminal PP1 interacting domain, which upon Cre recombinase expression create a null phenotype for GADD34-dependent eIF2 α dephosphorylation (Harding et al., 2009) (Sup Fig. S1A). *Ppp1r15a*^{loxp/loxp} C57/BL6 mouse were crossed with a *Itgax*-cre deleter strain (Caton et al., 2007) to specifically inactivate *ppp1r15a* activity in CD11c expressing cells, including all DC subsets. Despite inducing a light splenomegaly, *ppp1r15a* inactivation had no obvious consequences for splenocytes development *in vitro* and *in vivo* (Sup. Fig. S2). Flt3-L BMDCs derived from WT and *Itgax-cre/Ppp1r15a*^{loxp/loxp} (GADD34 Δ C) mice were LPS activated prior detection of translation factors by immunoblot (Fig. 5A). GADD34 inactivation prevented LPS-dependent eIF2 α dephosphorylation, however no impact was observed on the phosphorylation levels of the activator beta subunit of eIF2 (eIF2 β), eEF2, nor ribosomal S6 protein, demonstrating that among these translation factors subunits, GADD34 only targets eIF2 α with high specificity (Fig. 5A). Consequently, p-eIF2 α levels do not influence directly the fate of the eIF2 β subunit and eEF2 in DC, nor their respective impact on translation. eIF2 β phosphorylation has been previously shown to counteract p-eIF2 α dominant negative effect and promote mRNA translation (Gandin et al., 2016). However, it was neither impacted by LPS activation nor GADD34 activity in DCs, and thus unlikely to interfere with eIF2 α regulation. Functional deletion of GADD34 inhibited translation initiation in both steady-state and LPS-activated cDC2 (Fig. 5B), and also reduced moderately translating polysomes speed in non-stimulated cells. GADD34

expression seems therefore to prevent exaggerated protein synthesis inhibition linked to abundant eIF2 α phosphorylation in steady-state DCs. The amount of eIF2B present in the DC seems, however, sufficient to maintain a lower but still overall active protein synthesis despite GADD34 inactivation and increased P-eIF2 α , as already suggested by our results obtained with TBKin treatment (Fig. 4F). These results confirm that GADD34 is produced and active in steady-state DC, suggesting the existence of a basal IRF3-dependent *Ppp1r15a* mRNA transcription in DCs. Interestingly these results also imply that GADD34 mRNA translation occurs independently of any acute stress in DCs, despite its upstream uORF-dependent translational regulation, as phenomenon recently observed in MEFs (Reid et al., 2016).

PERK mediates eIF2 α phosphorylation in steady state DCs.

We next investigated the consequences of inactivating known eIF2A kinases on the p-eIF2 α levels observed in steady-state Flt3-L BMDCs (Krishna and Kumar, 2018). We tested pharmacological and genetic inactivation of PKR (EIF2AK2) and GCN2 (EIF2AK4) (Sup Fig. S3), without observing any major disturbances in eIF2 α phosphorylation levels. We next turned towards the ER-stress kinase PERK (EIF2AK3) by crossing PERK^{loxp/loxp} mice with the Itgax-cre strain (Caton et al., 2007) allowing for the deletion of the exons 7-9, coding for the kinase domain (PERK Δ K), and consequently PERK inactivation in CD11c-expressing cells (Sup Fig. S1B). PERK protein levels were enriched in WT CD11c+ splenic DC compared to other splenocytes (Fig. 6A), further suggesting the importance of this molecule for DC function. PERK expression was efficiently abrogated in CD11c+ splenocytes and Flt3-L BMDCs derived from animals bearing the floxed-PERK alleles (Fig. 6A), with no obvious consequences for splenocytes development *in vitro* and *in vivo* (Sup. Fig. S4). PERK inactivation decreased p-eIF2 α levels by 60% in steady-state DCs (Fig. 6B), while p-eEF2 levels remained unchanged (Fig. 6C). Interestingly, LPS stimulation increased PERK levels in WT Flt3-L BMDCs, suggesting that this kinase could be further activated during DC maturation. However, despite increased PERK levels, p-eIF2 α levels were nevertheless decreased with activation, reaching a minimum at 4h of LPS stimulation (Fig. 6B). This low phosphorylation intensity of eIF2 α was equivalent to the basal levels observed in PERK-deficient DCs, and likely resulting from other eIF2AKs activities (Krishna and Kumar, 2018) and PP1c mediated dephosphorylation. Importantly, and conversely to GADD34-deficient DCs, PERK deletion caused an increase in translation initiation and protein synthesis intensity as measured by SunRISE in both steady-state and LPS stimulated cDC2 (Fig. 6D). PERK is therefore the EIF2AK responsible for the majority of eIF2 α phosphorylation in Flt3-L BMDCs DCs, and mirrors GADD34 activity to regulate active protein

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synthesis at steady state and during DC activation. These features presumably contribute to the acquisition of their immuno-stimulatory functions by DCs.

DCs do not display chronic ISR features, but are resistant to ISR induction by subtilase cytotoxin.

PERK is activated during DC development leading to intense eIF2 α phosphorylation at steady-state, while these cells avoid translational arrest, by expressing GADD34 and eIF2B, among other potential compensatory biochemical mechanisms. We tested if an active UPR was induced during DC development, consequently inducing PERK dimerization and activation. First the splicing of XBP1 reflecting the activation of the IRE1 α pathway (Walter and Ron, 2011) was found limited in the bulk of differentiating DCs (Sup Fig. S5A). In contrast to MEFs undergoing ER stress upon exposure to thapsigargin showed efficient splicing of XBP1. Similar observations were made for CHOP expression, which is one of the major transcription factors induced during the UPR (Han et al., 2013). Transcription factors ATF4 and ATF6 mRNA expression increased moderately during DC differentiation, their activation occurring mostly at the post-transcriptional level during stress (Walter and Ron, 2011). We next wondered if the relatively high PERK activity observed in developing DCs, could induce a chronic ISR in these cells. Recently, translational and transcriptional programs that allows adaptation to chronic ER stress has been described by Guan et al. (Guan et al., 2017). This chronic ISR (cISR) operates via PERK-dependent mechanisms, which allow simultaneous activation of stress-sensing and adaptive responses while allowing recovery of protein synthesis. Given the biochemical similarities with artificial cISR displayed by steady state DCs, we took advantage of available transcriptomic data (GSE9810, GSE2389) and of ATF4/CHOP-dependent gene (Han et al., 2013) to perform a Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) and define the level of common gene expression found in DCs and potentially shared with a cISR. GSEA was followed by multiple testing correction (Subramanian et al., 2005) using the BubbleGUM software, which allows statistical assessment and visualization of changes in the expression of a pre-defined set of genes in different conditions (Spinelli et al., 2015). GSEA revealed no significant enrichment of ATF4- and CHOP-dependent genes expression in the DC transcriptome (FDR >0.25) (Sup Fig. S6A and S6B). Next, we compared cISR dependent transcription (Guan et al., 2017) with steady state splenocytes transcriptome, and found again no significant enrichment of cISR genes in the DC transcriptome compared to reference samples exposed to 1h or 16h of thapsigargin (Sup Fig. S6C and S6D) (FDR >0.25). DCs have therefore adapted to the consequences of high eIF2 α phosphorylation to allow for translation of the DC transcriptome, without induction of chronic ISR. PERK- and eIF2 α -P-mediated translational reprogramming during cISR appears to bypass cap-

mediated translation and therefore to be largely eIF4F independent (Guan et al., 2017). We therefore used 4EGI-1, an inhibitor that interferes with eIF4F assembly (Moerke et al., 2007), and ROCA, an eIF4A inhibitor (Iwasaki et al., 2019), to treat WT and PERK-deficient DCs and confirm the dependency of their protein synthesis on eIF4F activity. Both small compounds had a profound inhibitory effect on DCs translational activity (80% of reduction), irrespective of their subsets or activation state (Sup Fig. S5B and S5C). This important level of inhibition indicates that DC mostly depend on eIF4F-dependent cap-mediated translation, thus again contrasting from cells undergoing chronic ISR (Guan et al., 2017). Despite high p-eIF2 α levels, steady state DCs do not display a cISR-like response, ATF4- or CHOP-dependent gene transcription programs being unlikely part of DC development and function.

This lack of ATF4-dependent gene signatures in DCs when compared with other CD45+ cell types, lead us to wonder whether the high eIF2-P levels observed at steady state could interfere with DC capacity to respond to ER-stress. We thus exposed Flt3-L BMDCs to subtilase cytotoxin (SubAB), a bacterial AB5 toxin that promotes the release of the ER-chaperone BiP (HSPA5, Heat Shock Protein Family A (Hsp70) Member 5) and a PERK-dependent ISR (Paton et al., 2006). When WT and PERK Δ K DCs were submitted to SubAB treatment a modest PERK-dependent induction of p-eIF2 α was observed in WT cells (Fig. 7A), with limited consequences on translation (Fig. 7B). Conversely, thapsigargin treatment, arrested translation efficiently and triggered eIF2 α phosphorylation potentially through a different EIF2AK than PERK, since high p-eIF2 α levels were induced in PERK Δ K cells (Fig. 7A and B). Little ATF4, could be detected in the cytosolic or nuclear fractions of control or toxin-treated DC, reflecting the modest induction of eIF2 α phosphorylation (Fig. 7C and 7D), and confirming the limited impact of SubAB on DC translation and ISR induction. The efficacy of SubAB treatment was tested in MEFs, in which ATF4 was strongly induced by the toxin, and of course absent from control ATF4 -/- cell (Fig. 7C). DCs are therefore resistant to SubAB treatment and are unable to induce the ISR, despite the activation of other UPR branches, as demonstrated by augmented IRE1 α -dependent splicing of the XBP1 mRNA (Fig. 7E). BiP mRNA levels were moderately augmented during DC differentiation. However, the similar expression ranges observed for DCs and MEFs (Fig. 7F) suggest that BiP transcriptional regulation is not involved in the DC resistance to SubAB. The relatively high PERK and GADD34 activity observed in steady-state DCs, together with high eIF2B expression, seems therefore to prevent the consequences of further activation of the ER kinase, leading to a minor increase in eIF2 α phosphorylation and avoiding full ISR induction, translation arrest and associated ATF4 and CHOP synthesis.

Importance of the ISR for innate receptors signaling in DCs.

In macrophages, p-eIF2 α - and ATF4-dependent expression of HSPB8 is required for the assembly of signaling adaptors such as mitochondrial antiviral-signaling protein (MAVS), or TIR domain-containing adapter protein inducing interferon- α (TRIF), but not of Myeloid Differentiation Primary Response Gene 88 (MyD88). HSPB8 seems necessary for TRIF and MAVS to be incorporated into protein aggregates that constitute signalosomes for different innate immunity signaling pathways triggered by MAMPs (Abdel-Nour et al., 2019). Given the lack of ATF4 synthesis and the resistance of active DCs to mount an acute ISR, we investigated their capacity to produce pro-inflammatory cytokines and type-I IFN in a perturbed eIF2 α -phosphorylation context. Importantly, we have previously shown that GADD34-deficient GM-CSF BM-derived and spleen DCs, have a reduced capacity to produce different cytokines, like IFN- β (Clavarino et al., 2012b, Perego et al., 2018), further suggesting that GADD34 activity and potentially eIF2 α dephosphorylation is an important process for TLR signaling and cytokine production in DCs, although contrasting with the data obtained in macrophages (Abdel-Nour et al., 2019). LPS and the dsRNA synthetic mimic polyriboinosinic:polyribocytidylic acid (poly(I:C)), that is recognized by TRIF-dependent TLR3 and the MAVS-dependent cytosolic RNA helicases RIG-I and MDA5 (RLRs) (Fitzgerald and Kagan, 2020, Ablasser and Hur, 2020) were used to stimulate DCs (Fig. 8). Treatment with ISRIB, a pharmacological ISR inhibitor (Sidrauski et al., 2015), that prevents inhibition of eIF2B and promotes translation initiation (Fig. 8A), was included to prevent the induction of the ISR in activated DCs, and potentially interfere with cytokines expression, as described for poly(I:C)-stimulated macrophages (Abdel-Nour et al., 2019). ISRIB-treated DCs, however, did not show any relevant incapacitation in IFN- β nor IL-6 expression upon stimulation with either LPS or poly(I:C) (Fig. 8B and 8C). As expected, TLR4/Myd88 dependent LPS-activation of control bone marrow derived macrophages (BMM) was not impacted by ISRIB treatment (Abdel-Nour et al., 2019), while comparatively, poly I:C activation of these cells was too inefficient to obtain statistically reliable data (Fig. 8C). Thus, differently from macrophages, poly(I:C)-activated DCs do not require acute ISR induction, nor ATF4-dependent transcription to promote signalosomes assembly and transduce TRIF- or MAVS-dependent signaling to promote cytokines expression. Given the absence of impact of ISRIB on cytokine expression, we decided to analyze further the response to LPS of PERK Δ K-DCs. This was prompted by the recent observation that PERK and IRE1 α pharmacological inactivation affects Interleukin-1 beta (IL-1 β) secretion in BMM. PERK was proposed to control the caspase-1-dependent proteolysis of pro- to mature-IL-1 β , while IRE1 α to keep mature IL-1 β soluble to allow its secretion (Chiritoiu et al., 2019). LPS-activated WT and PERK Δ K-DCs were co-stimulated with ATP to promote conversion of cytosolic pro- to mature IL-1 β and its secretion (Fig. 8D). Surprisingly, we did not observe

any impairment of IL-1 β expression in PERK Δ K-DCs, but rather an increase by 25% of both IL-1 β mRNA transcription and mature IL-1 β secretion compared to WT cells (Fig. 8D). This increased expression implies that PERK inactivation in DCs is not detrimental to IL-1 β processing, but on the contrary, likely reflects the general protein synthesis augmentation displayed by the PERK Δ K-DCs (Fig. 6D). The positive feedback loop created by augmented IL-1 β secretion, could in turn increase *IL1B* mRNA transcription (Ceppi et al., 2009). Thus, conversely to macrophages, DCs do not rely on the ISR nor on PERK activity to produce cytokines in response to MAMPs, despite high p-eIF2 α levels, that seems to prevent these cells to mount an acute stress response.

PERK and actin polymerization coordinates p-eIF2 α levels and migration in DCs.

Recently, the importance of globular actin in the formation of a tripartite holophosphatase complex assembled with GADD34 and PP1c to dephosphorylate eIF2 α was revealed (Crespillo-Casado et al., 2017, Chambers et al., 2015, Crespillo-Casado et al., 2018). Given the unusual regulation of eIF2 α phosphorylation in DCs, we wondered whether actin organization could also impact this pathway in a different setting than artificial ER-stress induction. Actin depolymerizing and polymerizing drugs, respectively Latrunculin A (Lat A) and Jasplakinolide (Jaspk) had opposite effects on eIF2 α phosphorylation in Flt3-L BMDCs (Fig. 9A). Globular actin accumulation induced by Lat A was strongly correlated with eIF2 α dephosphorylation (Fig. 9A and 9B), while actin polymerization induced by Jaspk resulted in a massive increase of eIF2 α phosphorylation, together with a reduction in protein synthesis (Fig. 9A and 9C), similarly to what was observed in GADD34-deficient DCs. We next tested the impact of the two drugs on WT and PERK Δ K Flt3-L BMDCs activated or not by LPS (Fig. 9D). LPS activation or Lat A treatment resulted in the same levels of eIF2 α dephosphorylation and had a synergistic effect when used together (Fig. 9D). Jaspk dominated the LPS effect and strongly increased p-eIF2 α levels in all conditions tested. PERK inactivation decreased the levels of p-eIF2 α , but had no obvious consequences on the efficacy of the drugs, since both induced similar responses in WT DCs. We next tested the impact of actin remodeling and translation regulation on the acquisition by DC of their immune-stimulatory phenotypes. Surface MHC II and co-stimulatory molecule CD86 expression were up-regulated by LPS stimulation but remained unaffected by Jaspk treatment (Fig. 9E). Similarly, transcription levels of key cytokines like IL-6 and IFN- β were insensitive to this actin polymerizing drug (Fig. 9F & 9G). However, while IL-6 secretion remained identical, IFN- β levels were found reduced by Jaspk treatment, suggesting that IL-6 mRNA translation occurs normally despite high eIF2 α -phosphorylation conditions. Interestingly, the IL-6 gene was described to bear an upstream uORF-dependent translational regulation, that could allow IL-6 mRNA translation during Jaspk treatment

(Sanchez et al., 2019). Taken together, these observations suggest that extensive actin polymerization in DCs increases strongly eIF2 α phosphorylation, affecting protein synthesis and ultimately controlling translationally specific cytokines expression, similarly to what has been observed with Cdc42 or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome protein (WASp) mutants (Pulecio et al., 2010, Prete et al., 2013). These results further suggest that actin dynamics and its effect on eIF2 α phosphorylation could be a key regulating factors for specific mRNAs homeostasis and translation, like IFNs, that are generally secreted in a polarized fashion or needs to be coordinated with cell migration (Pulecio et al., 2010, Prete et al., 2013). Finally, given the interplay between eIF2 α phosphorylation and actin polymerization, we wondered whether PERK-deficient cells could display some migratory deficits. We used microfabricated channels, that mimic the confined geometry of the interstitial space in tissues (Heuze et al., 2013, Bretou et al., 2017), to find that PERK-deficient cells were not able to increase their migration speed in response to LPS (Fig. 9G), confirming the link between eIF2 α phosphorylation and actin dynamics. PERK activity is therefore necessary for DCs to acquire normal immune-stimulatory and migratory activities, presumably by coordinating protein synthesis and translation specific mRNAs with actin polymerization.

Discussion

We have previously proposed the existence of a strong causative link between cell activation by TLR ligands and eIF2 α phosphorylation, notably by virtue of strong GADD34 expression in most transcriptomics studies performed on PAMPs-activated DCs (Claudio et al., 2013, Clavarino et al., 2012b, Reverendo et al., 2018). Our present work suggests that steady state DCs activate PERK-mediated eIF2 α phosphorylation to acquire their functional properties during differentiation (Sup Fig. 7), but distinctly from known ISR programs, normally induced upon acute or chronic ER stress (Han et al., 2013, Guan et al., 2017).

To our knowledge, the level of p-eIF2 α observed in primary DC both *in vivo* and *in vitro* are unique in their amplitude. Although, as judged comparatively from experiments performed with artificial induction of the different EIF2KAs, such p-eIF2 α levels should be inhibitory for global protein synthesis (Dalet et al., 2017). DCs have acquired biochemical resistance, like high expression of eIF2B, to compensate for the consequences of this developmental PERK activation and to undergo high eIF2 α phosphorylation while maintaining normal proteostasis. The role of ATF4 in controlling *Ppp1r15a/GADD34* mRNA expression and eIF2 α dephosphorylation to restore protein synthesis during stress has been extensively studied (Novoa et al., 2001), but the active translation observed in DCs is likely not

permitting ATF4 synthesis and consequently the activation of a bona fide ISR despite high eIF2 α phosphorylation. GADD34 is nevertheless functional in non-activated DCs, in which IKK ϵ /TBK1 activity and potentially the transcription factor IRF3 are required for its mRNA transcription. This dependency of *Ppp1r15a/GADD34* transcription on IKK ϵ /TBK1 confirms that the *PPP1R15a* gene belongs to a group of genes directly induced by TLR or RLR signaling, as previously suggested by ChIP-seq and transcriptomics analysis of viral or poly (I:C)-stimulated cells (Freaney et al., 2013, Lazear et al., 2013), Dalet et al., 2017). GADD34 protein expression is undetectable in DCs, without prior treatment with proteasome inhibitors (Clavarino et al., 2012b), which is presumably indicative of an extremely tight equilibrium between its translation and active degradation. GADD34 mRNA translation, like that of ATF4, is controlled through 5' upstream ORFs regulation, which are normally bypassed upon global translation arrest to favor the synthesis of these specific ISR molecules (Palam et al., 2011). Interestingly, GADD34 mRNA has been recently shown to be also actively translated in unstressed MEFs, albeit at much lower levels than upon ER stress (Reid et al., 2016). Thus, in steady state DCs, GADD34 synthesis likely occurs in a high eIF2 α -phosphorylation context, despite relatively normal level of translation, while that of ATF4 does not. The difference in the 5' upstream ORFs organization of the mRNAs coding for these two molecules (Palam et al., 2011, Andreev et al., 2015), could explain this difference, and how GADD34/PP1c activity contributes to the maintenance of protein synthesis activity by counteracting PERK in steady state DCs.

Importantly, the PERK/eIF2 α /GADD34 molecular trio sets the physiological range for potential protein synthesis initiation available in the different DC activation stage, however the upward progression triggered by LPS stimulation, from one level of protein synthesis to the next, does not depend on this biochemical axis and is likely regulated by other protein synthesis regulation pathways, like the mTORC1 or Casein Kinase 2 pathways (Lelouard et al., 2007, Reverendo et al., 2019) (Sup Fig. 7). Other mechanisms that contribute to escape PERK-mediated eIF2 α phosphorylation, including the eIF2B-independent and eIF3-dependent pathway recently described to rescue translation during chronic ER stress (Guan et al., 2017), do not seem to be used in the DC context. These DC specific mechanisms prevent the induction of the ISR by the AB5 subtilase cytotoxin, which targets the ER chaperone BiP. Independently of demonstrating that induction of acute eIF2 α phosphorylation by thapsigargin is not solely dependent on PERK activation, our observations suggest that DCs could escape EIF2KA-dependent translation arrest during exposure to different metabolic insults relevant to the immune context. These situations can include viral infection (Clavarino et al., 2012b), exposure to high levels of fatty acids during pathogenesis, oxidative stress during inflammation or amino acids starvation, mediated by amino acid degrading enzymes, like Arginase 1 or IDO, which are induced

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during infection or cancer development (Claudio et al., 2013, Munn et al., 2004). Importantly we could also show, that in contrast to macrophages, PERK and ISR induction are not necessary for DCs to drive the transcription of pro-inflammatory cytokines in response to TRIF or MAVs dependent-signaling (Abdel-Nour et al., 2019) nor the secretion of IL-1 β (Chiritoiu et al., 2019).

PERK activation is therefore required to regulate mRNA translation during DC development and potentially also GADD34 synthesis, which not only provides a negative feed-back, but also is required for normal DC activation and cytokines expression (Clavarino et al., 2012b, Perego et al., 2018). Although a role for the ISR has been suggested to favor the survival of tissue associated DCs (Tavernier et al., 2017), we could not detect any particular phenotype impairing the development of DCs in the spleen of PERK-deficient animals. A close examination of the functional capacity of DC *in vitro* showed that in addition of a modified production of several cytokines, activated PERK-deficient DCs show an impaired migratory capacity. This finding echoes with the existence of a cross-talk between actin skeleton organization and protein synthesis regulation. We confirmed that globular actin synergizes with the PP1c to dephosphorylate p-eIF2 α , suggesting that the PERK/GADD34 pathway could play an important role in regulating globally or locally translation in response to actin dynamics and possibly coordinating migration. DCs represent a model of choice for studying this possibility, given their developmental regulation of eIF2 α phosphorylation and their requirement for actin dependent-phagocytosis and migration to perform their immune-stimulatory function. The activation of PERK/GADD34 pathway in steady state DC also underlines the importance of these molecules in homeostatic condition, independently of obvious acute ER stress, for the acquisition of specialized function. Our findings open therefore new pharmacological perspectives for therapeutic immune intervention by targeting PERK, GADD34 or eIF2 α phosphorylation.

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Figure legends:

Figure 1. Steady-state Flt3-L BMDCs and splenic DCs display remarkably high levels of eIF2 α without inhibition of translation. (A) Immunohistochemistry of mouse spleen with staining for CD11c (red) and p-eIF2 α (green). scale bar 200 μ m, magnification 10X. Single color images are shown and merged picture (right row) indicates that high level of p-eIF2 α staining is mostly found co-localizing in cells positive for CD11c+ (DCs, white arrowheads). (B) Immunohistochemistry of mouse spleen in the white pulp for CD11c (red), p-eIF2 α (green), CD11b (blue), CD8 α (yellow) and B220 (turquoise), scale bars 50 μ m, magnification 40x. In the upper panel, Magnified areas shows p-eIF2 detection in cDC2 (CD11c+/CD11b+, purple) and cDC1 (CD11c+/CD8 α +, orange). In the lower panel, magnified areas show p-eIF2 detection in pDCs (B220+/CD11c+) and in B cells (B220+ and CD11c-). (C) Relative p-eIF2 α levels measured by flow in different mouse spleen populations. DC subsets display higher levels of p-eIF2 α in comparison to other splenocytes populations. Statistic analysis was performed by Kruskal-Wallis test, followed by paired pos-hoc test corrected with Benjamin Holscher procedure. ** $p < 0.01$ (D) Levels of p-eIF2 α and total eIF2 α were measured in DC populations by immunoblot. Sorted steady-state Flt3-L BMDCs were compared with MEFs and freshly isolated CD8 α + T cells stimulated or not with thapsigargin (Tg) for 2h (200nM). Ratio of p-eIF2 α /eIF2 α is quantified in the graph of the lower pannel. (E) Levels of p-eIF2 α and total eIF2 α were measured in bulk Flt3-L BMDCs during different days of bone marrow differentiation *in vitro*. (F) levels of protein synthesis were measured by puromycilation and intracellular flow cytometry detection in different subsets of Flt3-L BMDCs and in CD8+ splenic T cells. Cells were incubated with puromycin 10 min before harvesting and when indicated, cycloheximide (CHX, 10 μ M) was added 5 minutes before puromycin. Steady-state Flt3-L BMDCs were directly compared with CD8+ splenic T cells either steady-state or stimulated overnight with anti-CD3 (10ug/ml) and anti CD28 (5ug/ml). Samples without previous incorporation of puromycin were used as control. All data are representative of n=3 independent experiments. Data in (F) represent MFI +/- SD of 3 independent experiments. Unpaired Student's t-test (**** $p < 0.0001$).

Figure 2. Protein synthesis is increased during in BMDCs differentiation. A) Levels of protein synthesis were measured every two days by flow cytometry during Flt3-L BMDCs differentiation *in vitro* (0, 2, 4 and 7d). Cells were incubated during 10 min with puromycin, intracellularly stained with an α -puromycin antibody prior analysis. The same dimensionality reduction using t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding were applied to all samples. Macrophages (Macs) in black are gated as CD45+, CD11c+, CD11b+, F4/80+, CD64+ cells; cDC1 in red express CD45+, CD11c+, MCHII+, CD24+; cDC2 in red express CD45+, CD11c+, MHCII+, CD11b+, Sirp α +, pDC in yellow express CD11c^{int} and Siglec H+ , cells negative for CD45 in grey are considered as non immune, and progenitors are stain in green. B) mRNA levels of eIF2B ϵ and eIF2 α (eIF2S1) measured by RT-qPCR in bulk Flt3-L BMDCs at indicated days of differentiation and compared with control MEFs (WT) at steady state or treated during 1h with SubAB (250ng/ml). Quantification of the ratio eIF2B/eIF2S1 is shown on the right panel. C) Levels of eIF2B ϵ , p-eIF2 α total eIF2 α and β -actin were measured in bulk Flt3-L BMDCs at indicated days of differentiation *in vitro*. In parallel to eIF2 α phosphorylation, eIF2B levels are strongly up-regulated during DC differentiation. Quantification of the ratio eIF2B/eIF2 α is shown on the right. All data are representative of n=3 independent experiments. Data in (B) represent Mean +/- SD of 3 independent experiments. Unpaired Student's t-test (* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$ and *** $p < 0.001$).

Figure 3. P-eIF2 α and p-eEF2 levels are down-regulated upon LPS stimulation.

Flt3-L BMDCs were stimulated with LPS (100ng/ml) for indicated hours. (A) Immunoblot for p-eIF2 α and total eIF2 α in bulk Flt3-L BMDCs. (B) Immunoblot for p-eEF2 (B) and total eEF2 in bulk Flt3-L BMDCs. Phosphorylation of both translation factors is reduced upon LPS activation. C) Monitoring of protein synthesis (puromycin) and p-eEF2 by intracellular flow in cDC2 (CD11c+, Siglec H-, CD172 α +, CD24+). (D) and (E) Translation initiation and speed of elongation was measured using SunRISE after 6h of incubation with LPS. Flt3-L BMDCs were treated with harringtonine (2 μ g/ml) for different times up to 150 seconds prior incubation with puromycin during 10 min. (D) DC samples were lysed and subjected to immunoblot using an α -puromycin antibody and β -actin as loading control. (E) Flow cytometry detection of puromycin (SunRISE) gated on the cDC2 population. Left, total puromycin mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) decay between steady-state and LPS activated cells. Right, relative MFI decay, showing that the speed of elongation does change upon activation. All data are representative of n=3 independent experiments. Data in Figures (C) and (D) represent Mean +/- SD of 3 independent experiments. Unpaired Student's t-test (* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ and **** $p < 0.0001$).

Figure 4. GADD34 expression is regulated by TBK1 signaling.

Flt3-L BMDCs were pre-treated with 2μM of the TBK1 inhibitor (MRT67307) for 1h, before stimulation with LPS (100ng/ml) for indicated times. (A) Immunoblot detection of p-eIF2α, total eIF2α, P-IRF3 and total IRF3. Quantification is represented on the right. (B-E) mRNA levels of GADD34 (B), ATF4 (C), CHOP (C), IFN-β (E) and IL-6 (E) were measured by RT-qPCR in Flt3-L BMDCs. Data were normalized to the housekeeping gene (GAPDH) level. (D) Upregulation of co-stimulatory molecules CD86 and of MHC II was measured by flow cytometry in the cDC2 population (MFI). (F) Levels of protein synthesis were measured by puromycilation and flow in the cDC2 population from Flt3-L BMDCs. Cells were incubated with puromycin 10 min before harvesting. All data are representative of n=3 independent experiments. Data in Figures (B-F) represent Mean +/- SD of 3 independent experiments. Unpaired Student's t-test (* $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ and **** $p < 0.0001$).

Figure 5. GADD34 mediates eIF2α dephosphorylation and controls translation in DCs.

WT and GADD34ΔC BMDCs were stimulated with LPS (100ng/ml) for the indicated times. (A) Levels of p-eIF2α, total eIF2α, p-eIF2β, total eIF2β, p-eEF2, total eEF2, P-S6 and total S6 were detected by immunoblot (top left) and quantification is shown in the different panels. (B) The speed of translation elongation was measured by SunRISE after 3h of incubation with LPS. Harringtonine (2μg/ml) was added at different times up to 90 seconds prior incubation with puromycin during 10 min. Flow intracellular staining was performed in cDC2 using an α-puromycin antibody. The total decay of puromycin MFI between WT and GADD34ΔC in steady-state and upon activation indicates that translation initiation and elongation speed is decreased in GADD34-deficient DCs. All data are representative of n=3 independent experiments. Data in (B) represents MFI +/- SD of 3 independent experiments. Unpaired Student's t-test (** $p < 0.01$).

Figure 6. PERK is activated in steady-state dendritic cells.

(A) Immunoblot detection of PERK and β -actin. Quantification is shown on the right. WT and PERK Δ K Flt3-L BMDC treated or not with LPS (100ng/ml) for 6h were compared with CD11c+ and CD11c- fractions of splenocytes. WT and PERK $^{-/-}$ MEFs were used as control. (B-D) WT and Flt3-L PERK Δ K BMDCs were stimulated or not with LPS (100ng/ml) for 4h. (B) Quantification of p-eIF2 α /eIF2 α ratio (immunoblot) in Flt3-L BMDCs. (C) Quantification of p-eEF2/eEF2 ratio (immunoblot) in Flt3-L BMDCs. Non-activated PERK Δ K DCs display lower p-eIF2 α levels than control cells. (D) The speed of translation elongation was measured using SunRISE in cDC2 after 4h of incubation with LPS. The total decay of puromycin MFI between WT and PERK Δ K in steady-state and upon activation is showed. All data are representative of n=3 independent experiments. Data in (D) represent MFI $\pm$ SD of 3 independent experiments. Unpaired Student's t-test (** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$ and **** $p < 0.0001$).

Figure 7. Flt3-L BMDCs are resistant to Subtilase cytotoxin-induced ISR.

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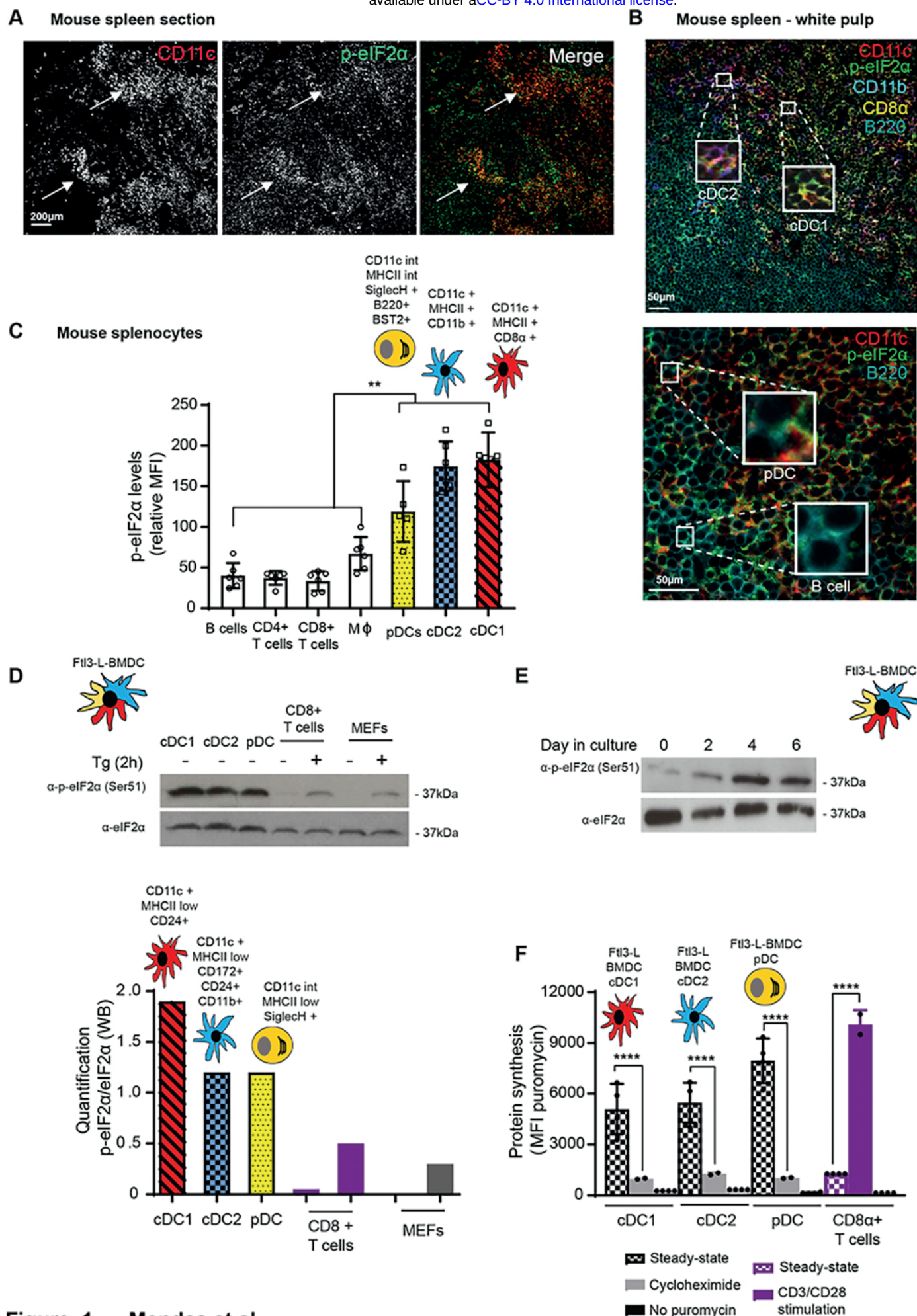


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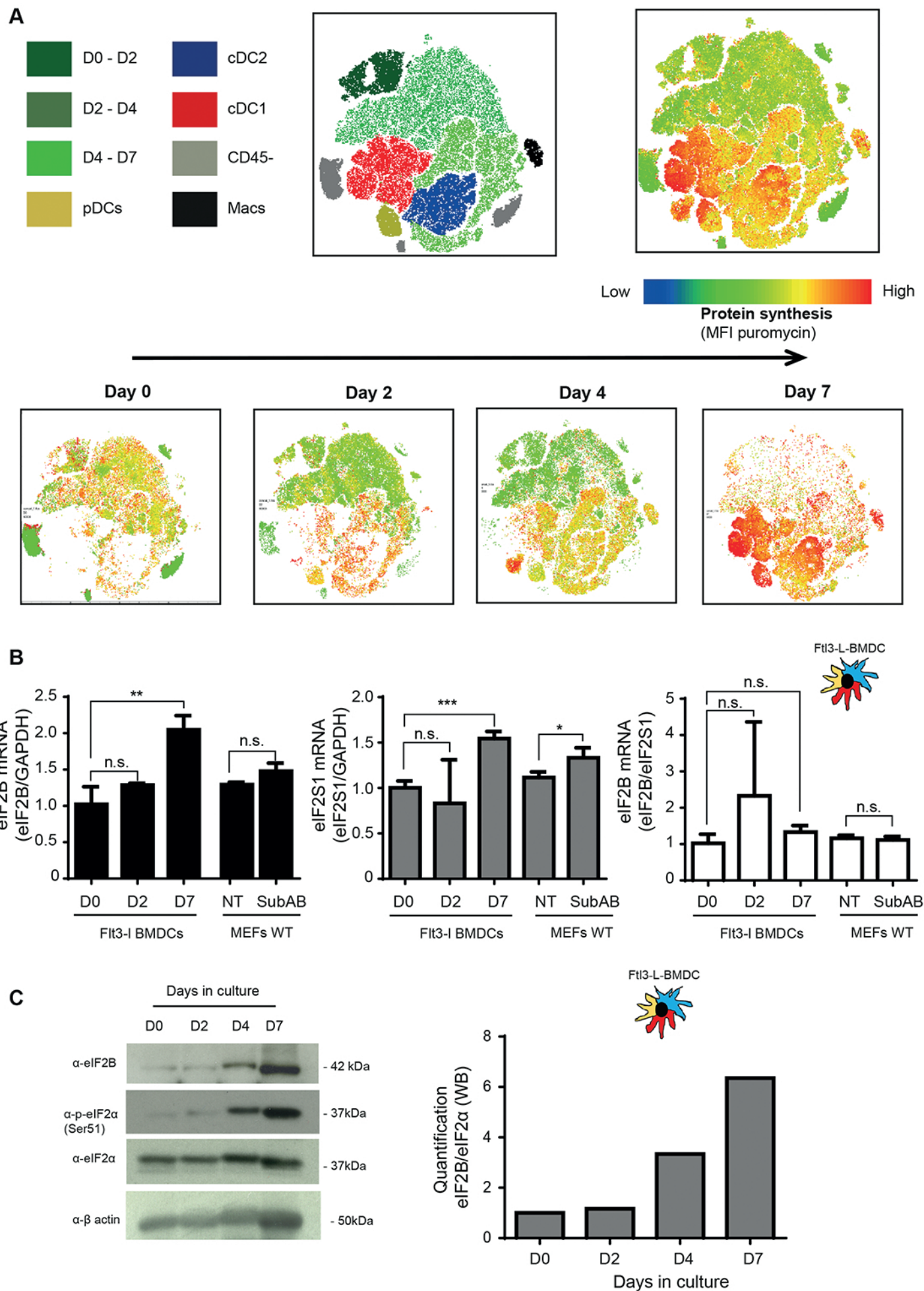


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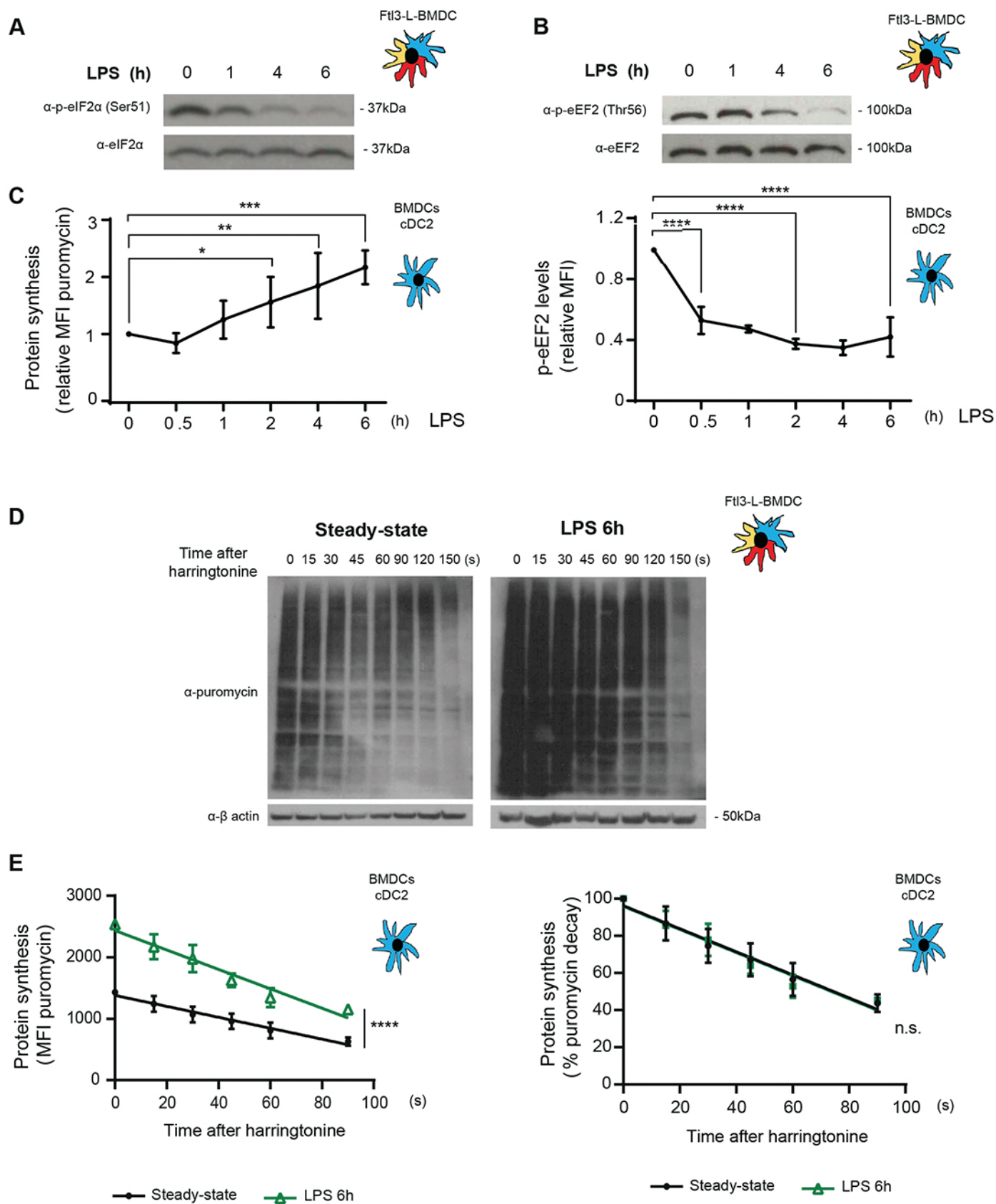
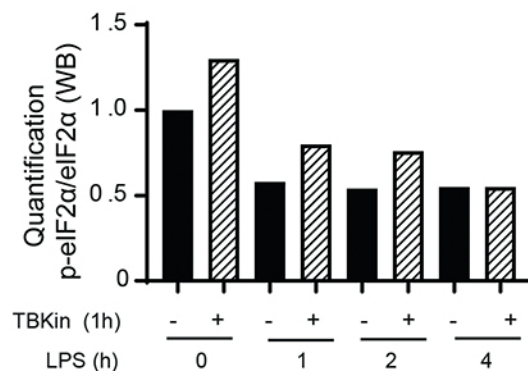
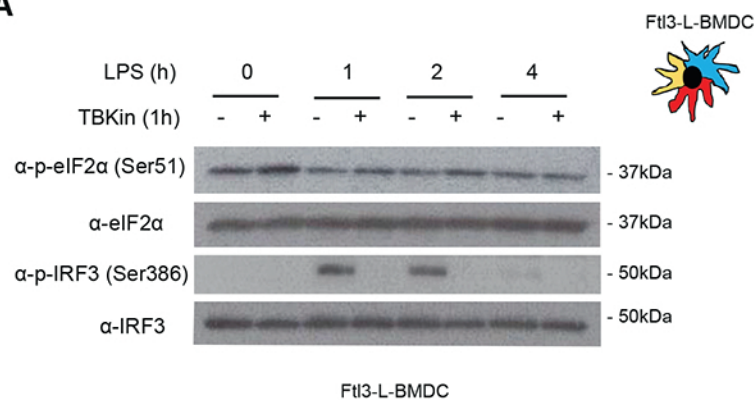
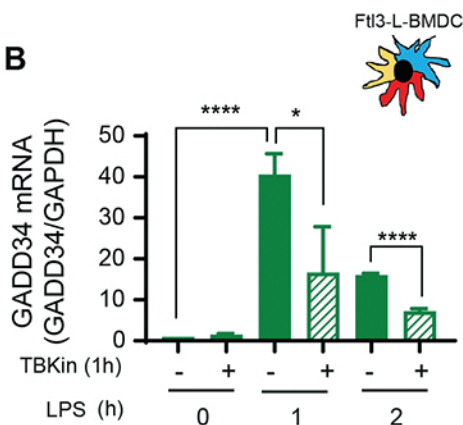
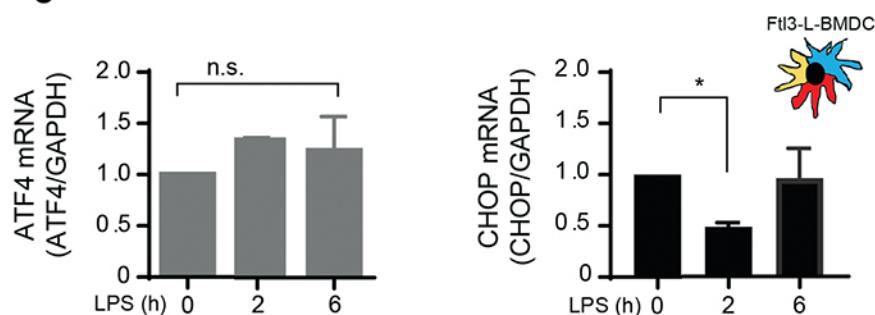
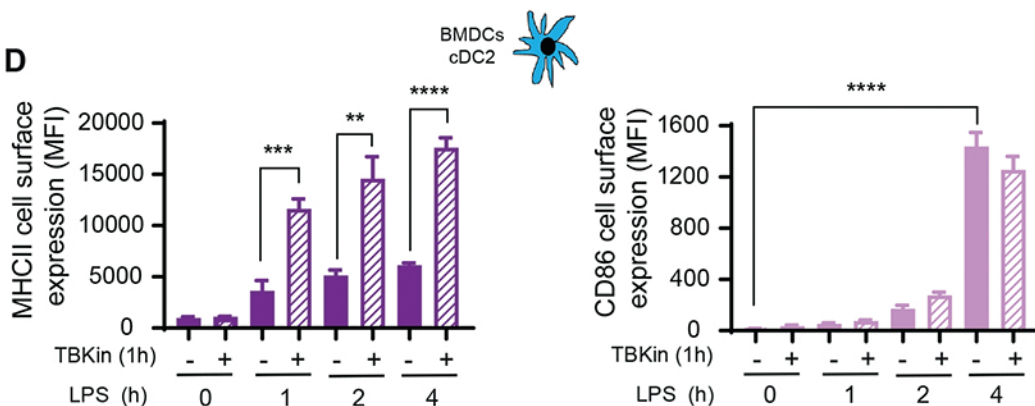
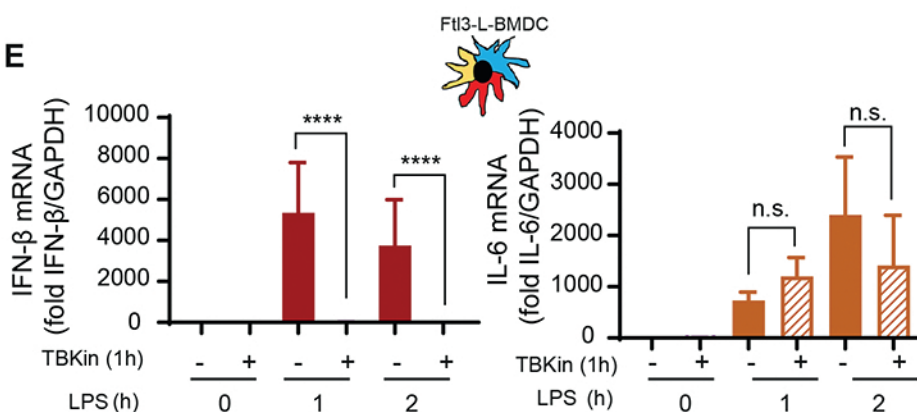
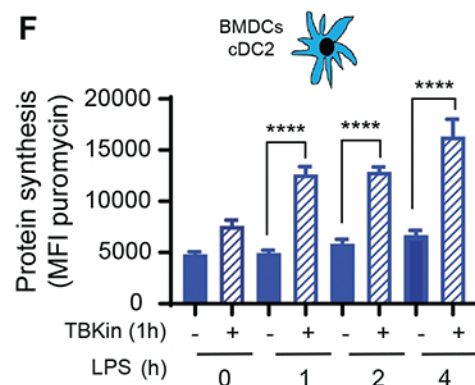


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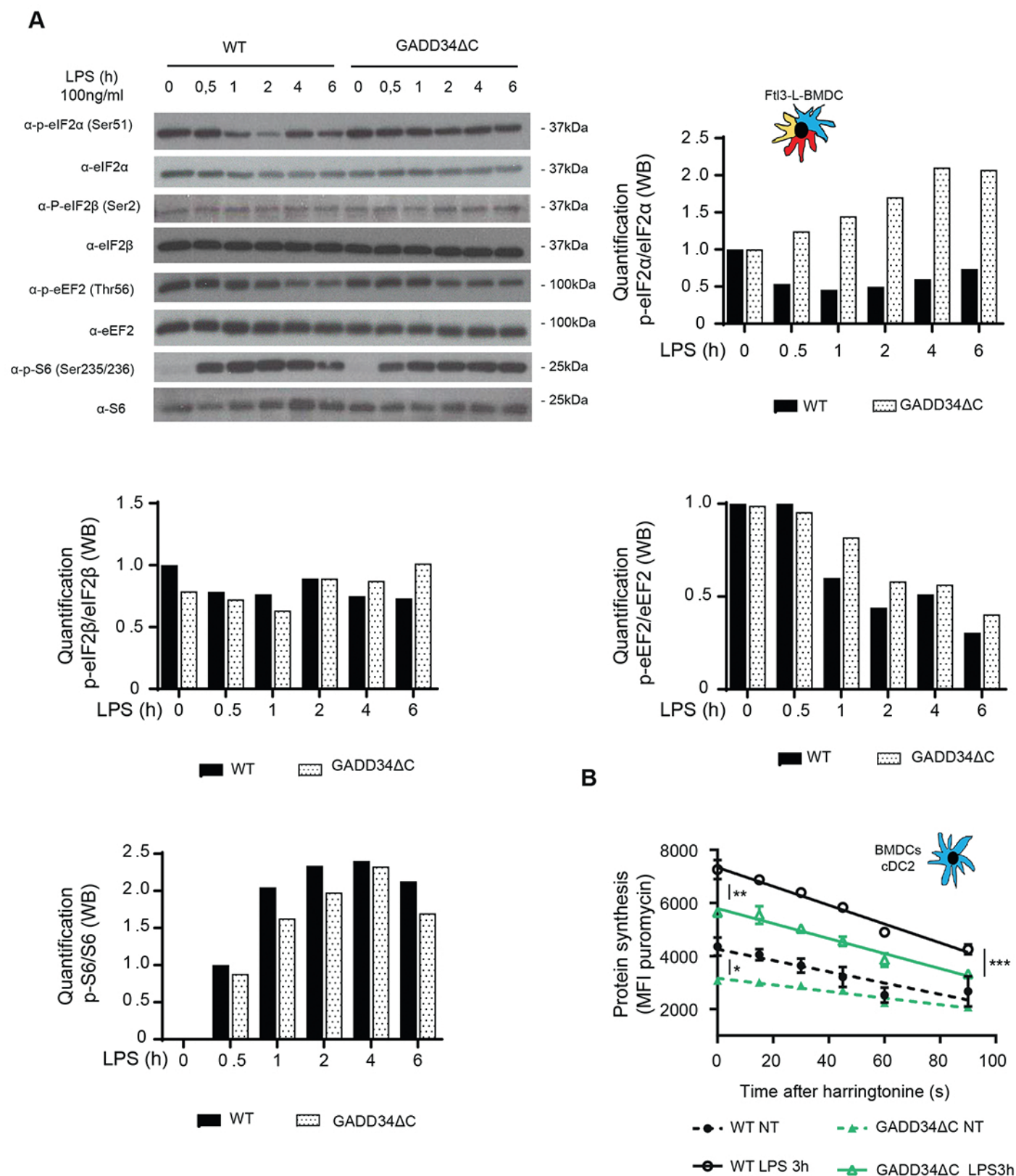


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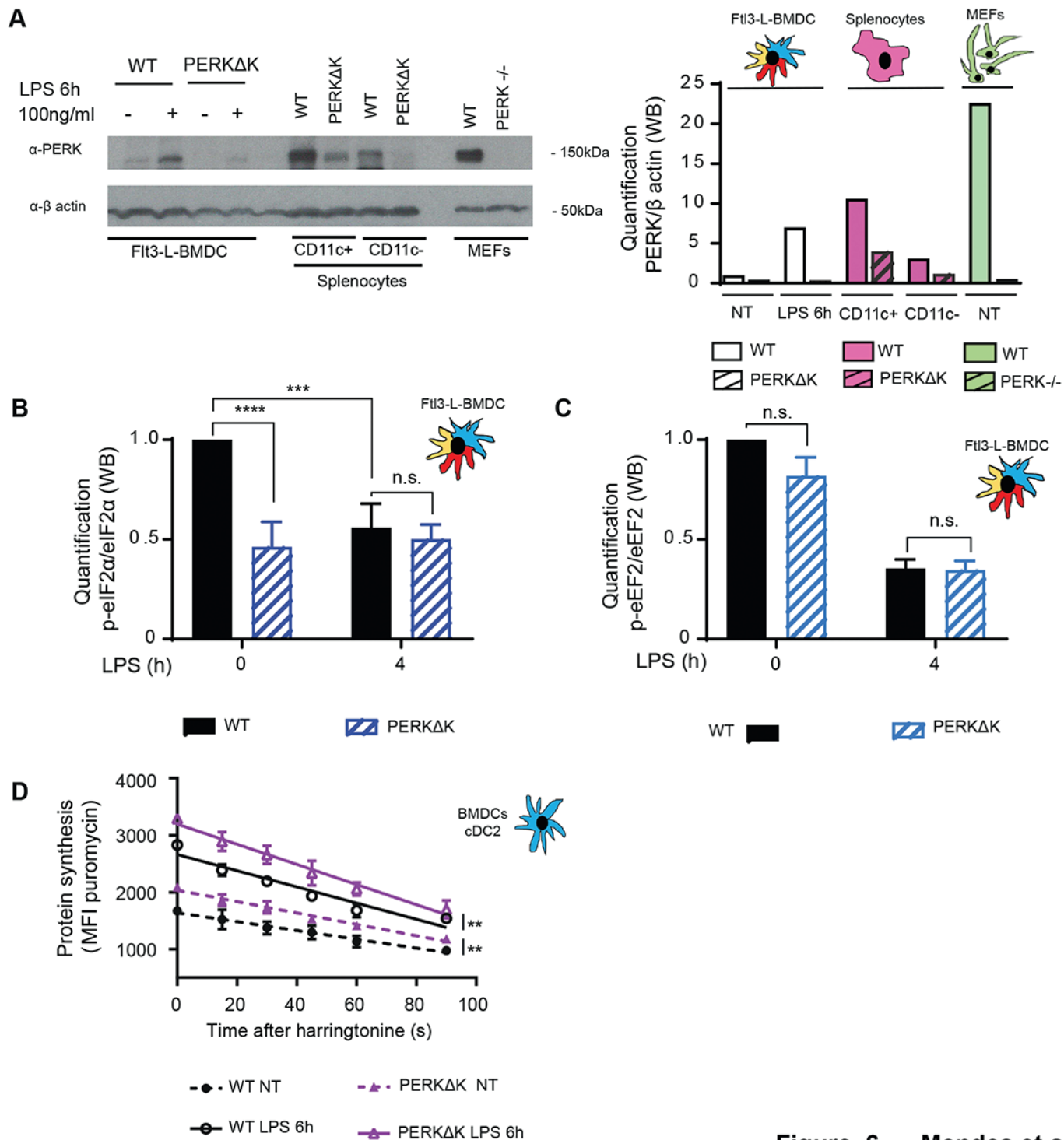


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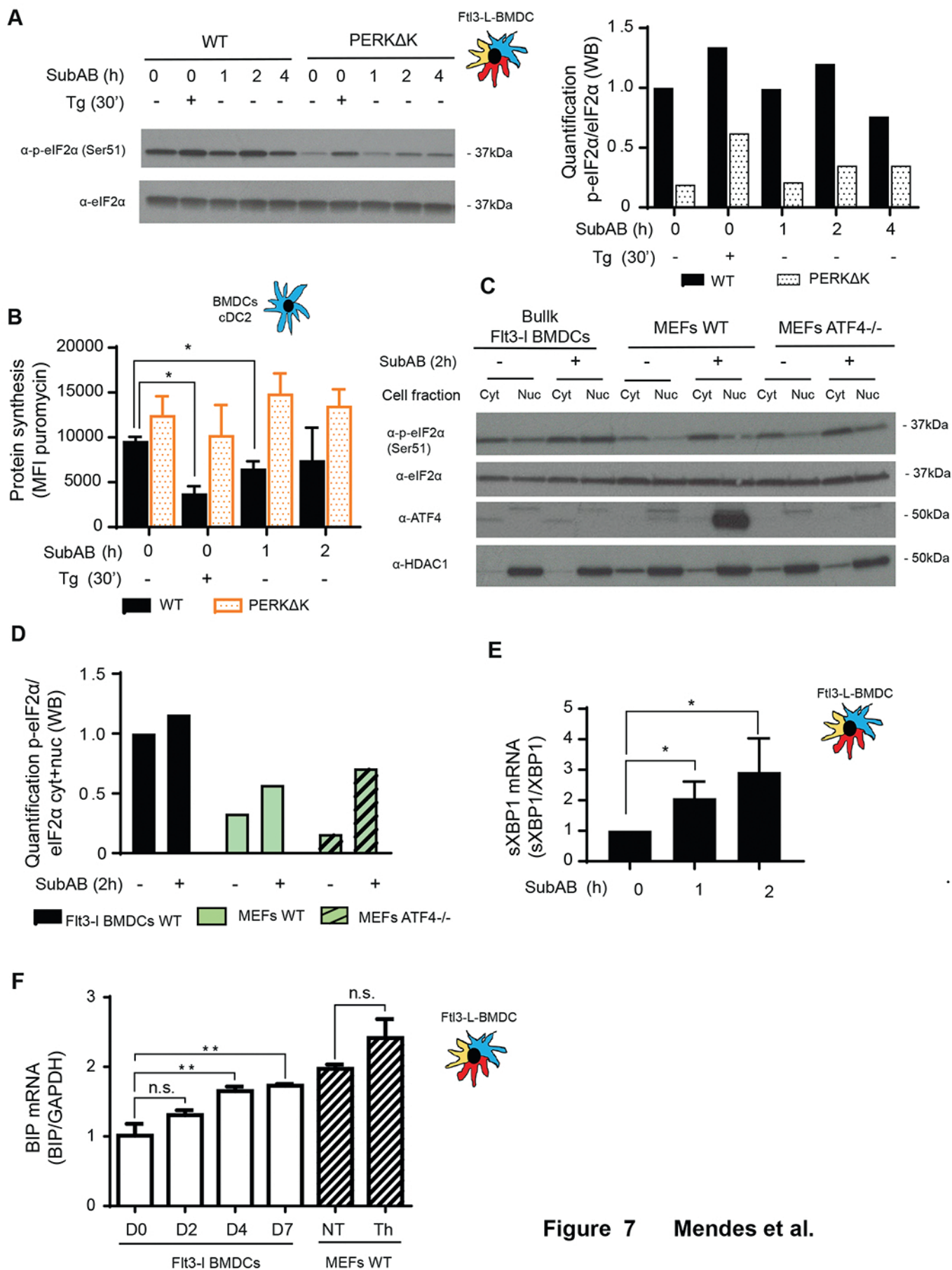
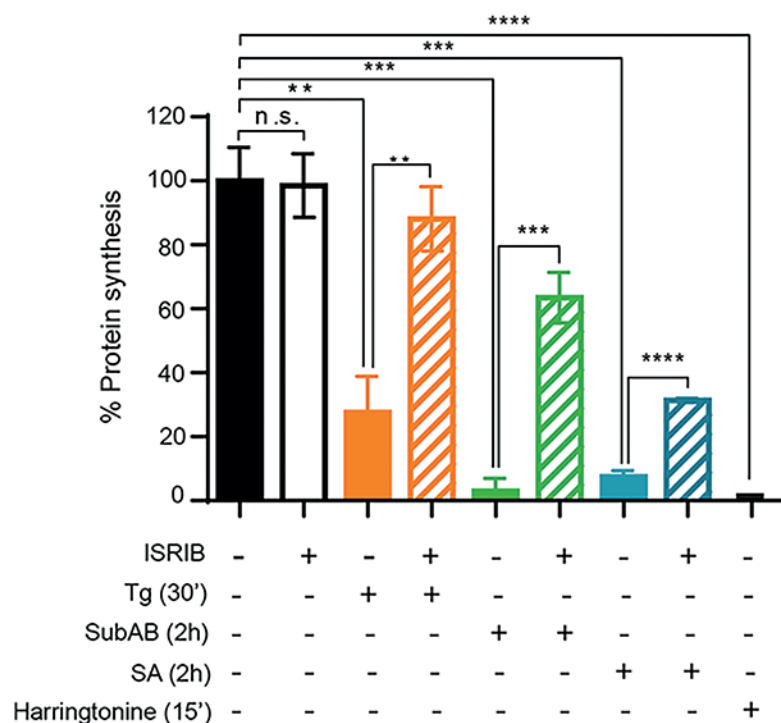
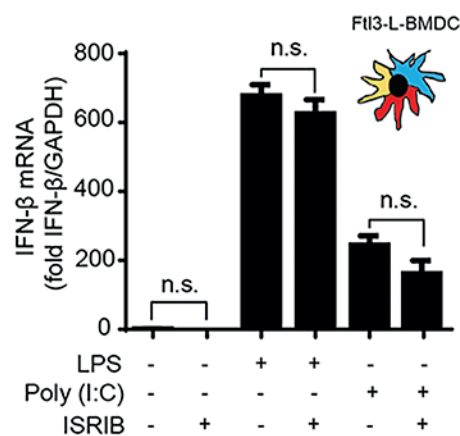


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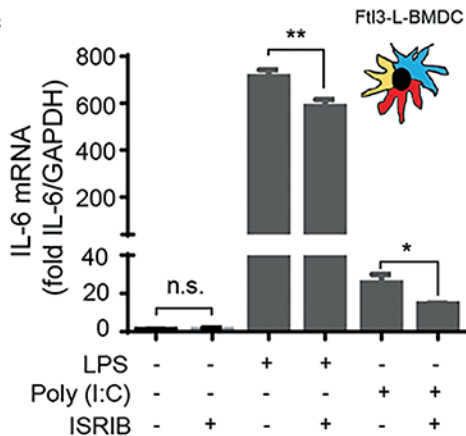
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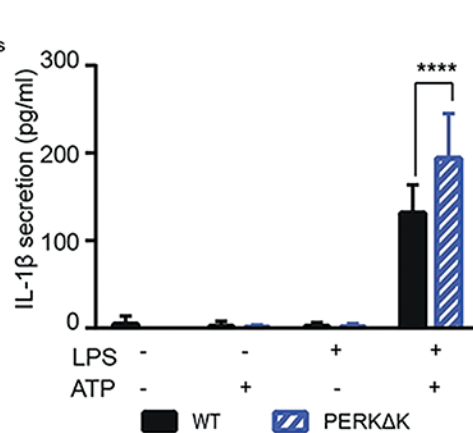
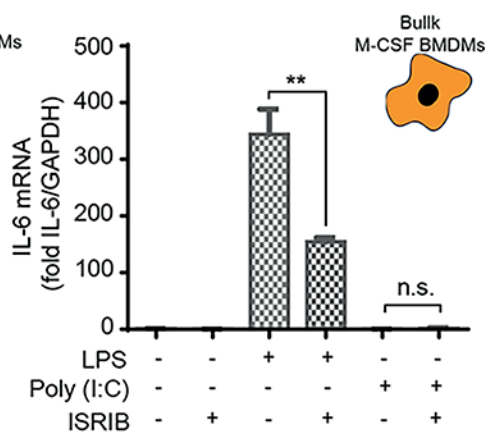
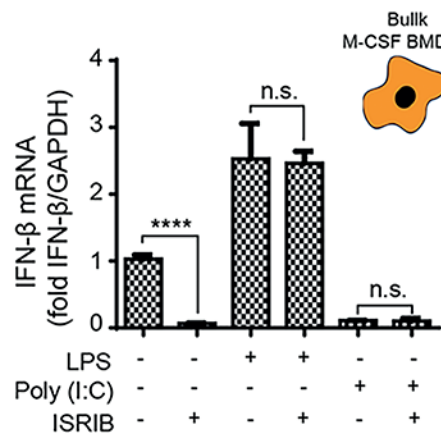
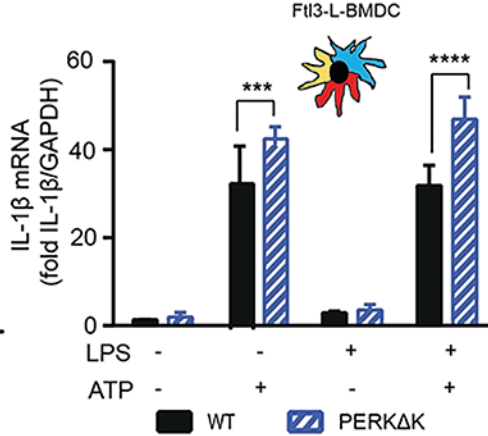
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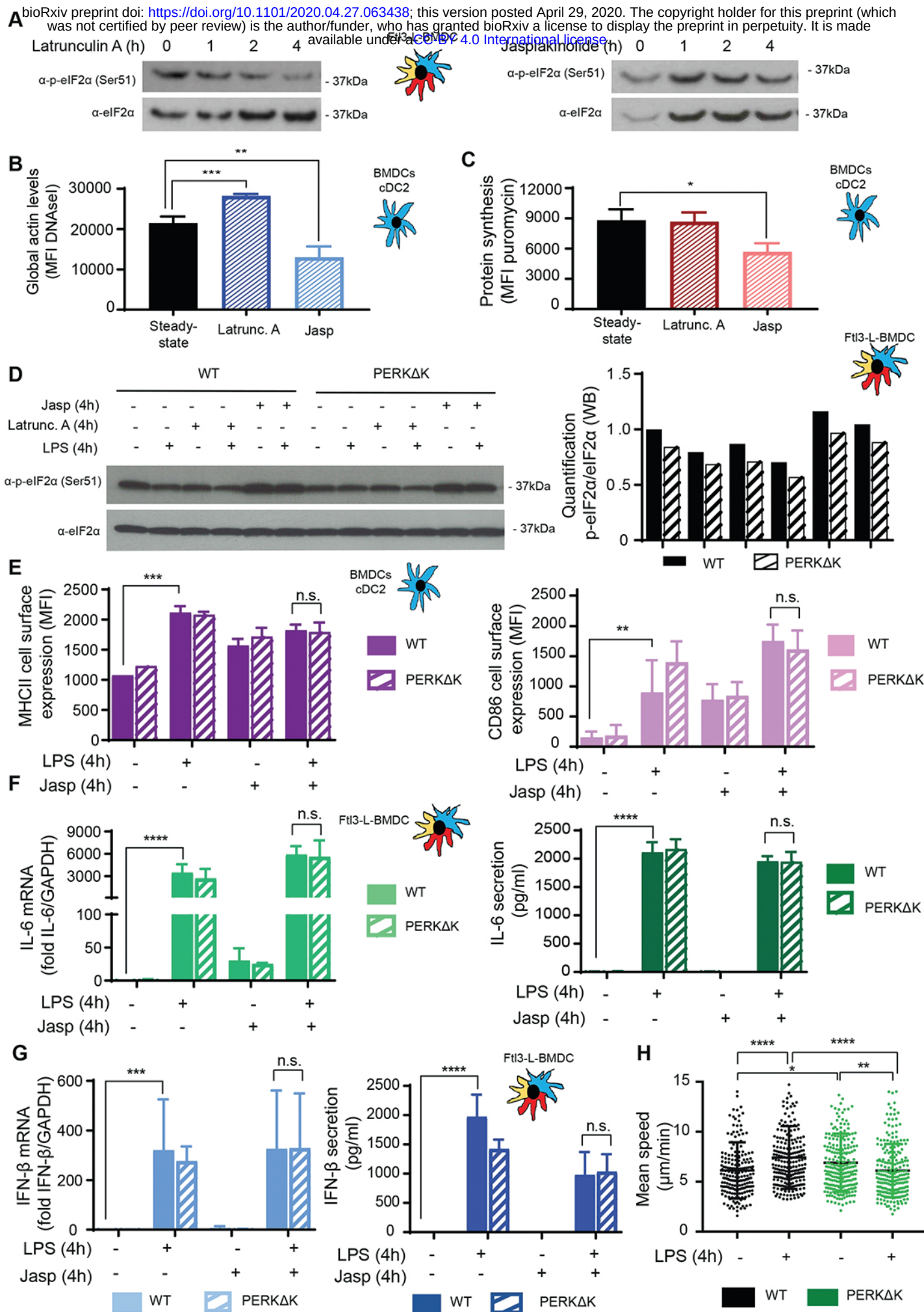
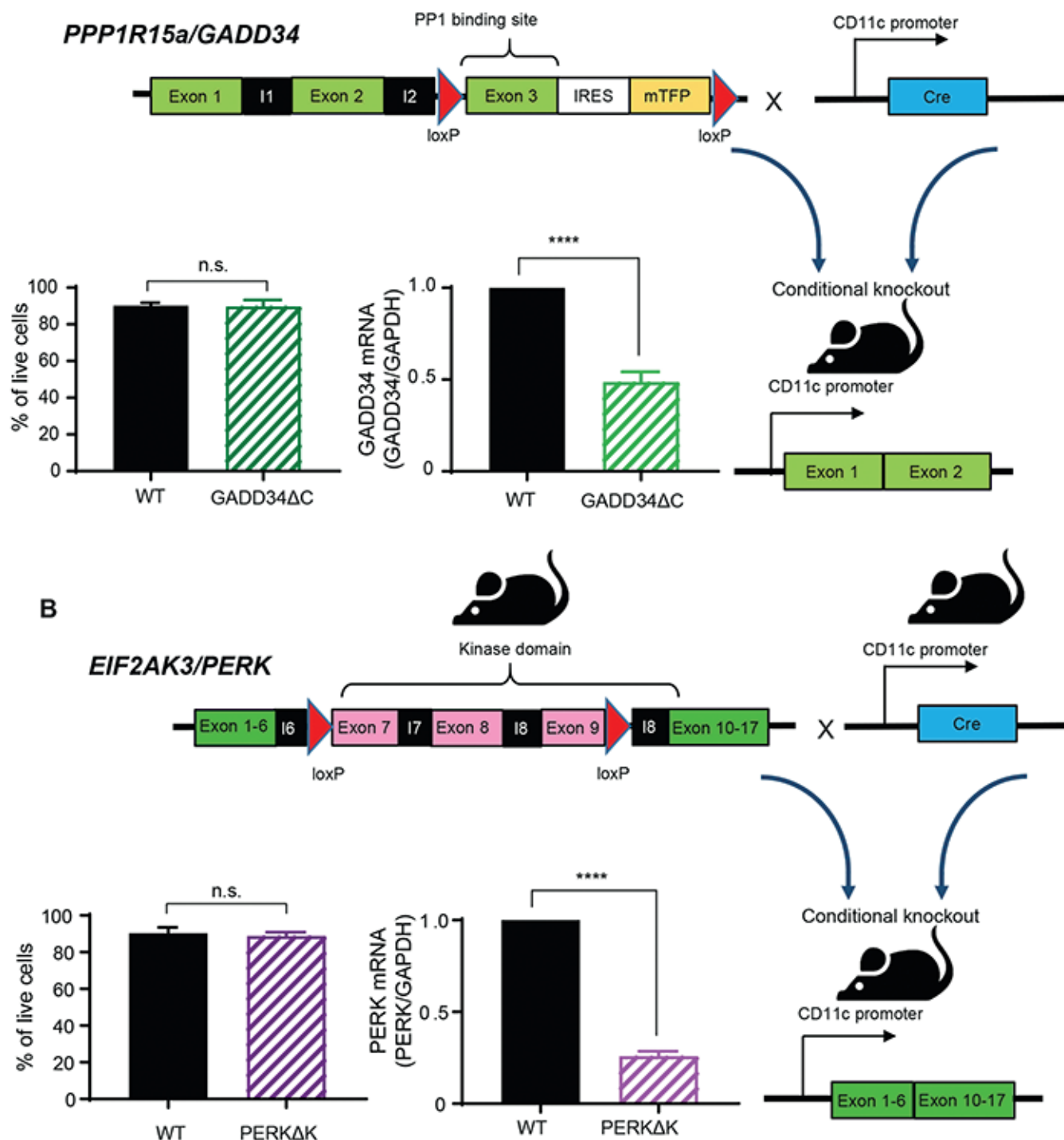


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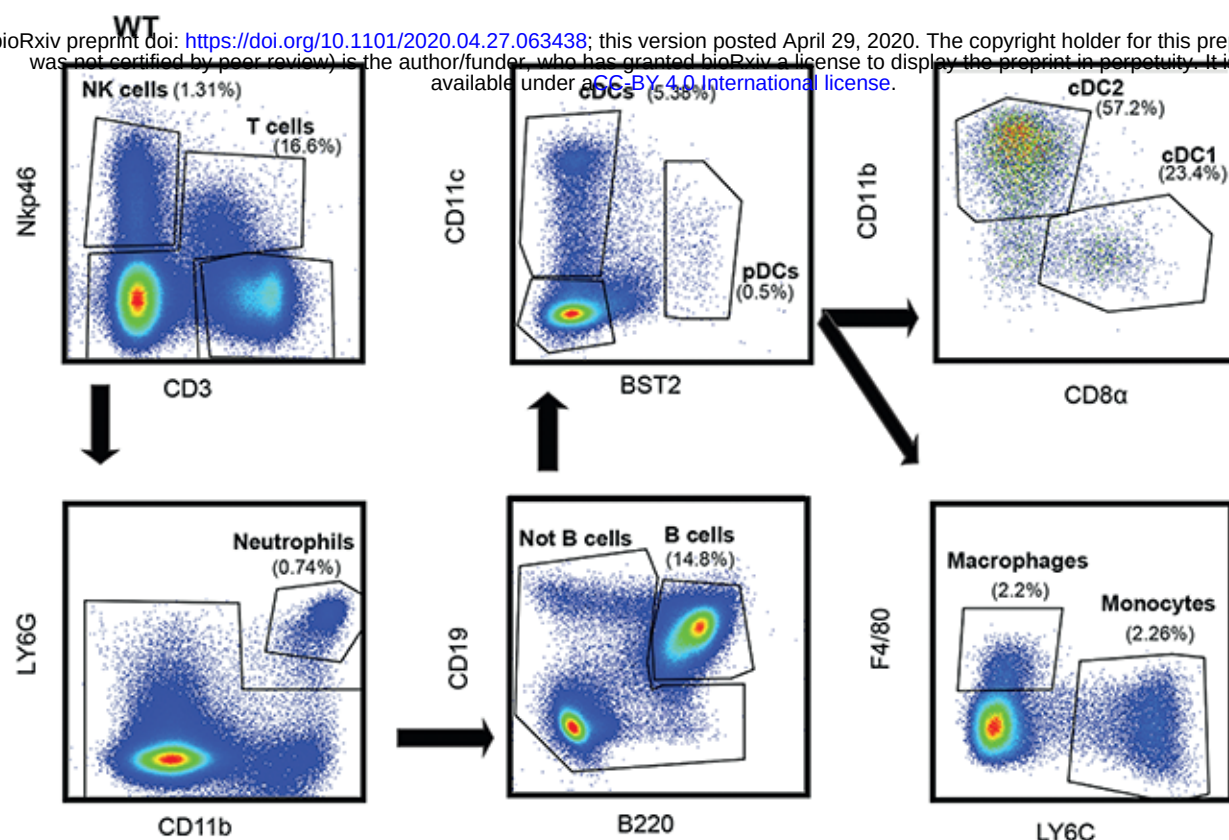


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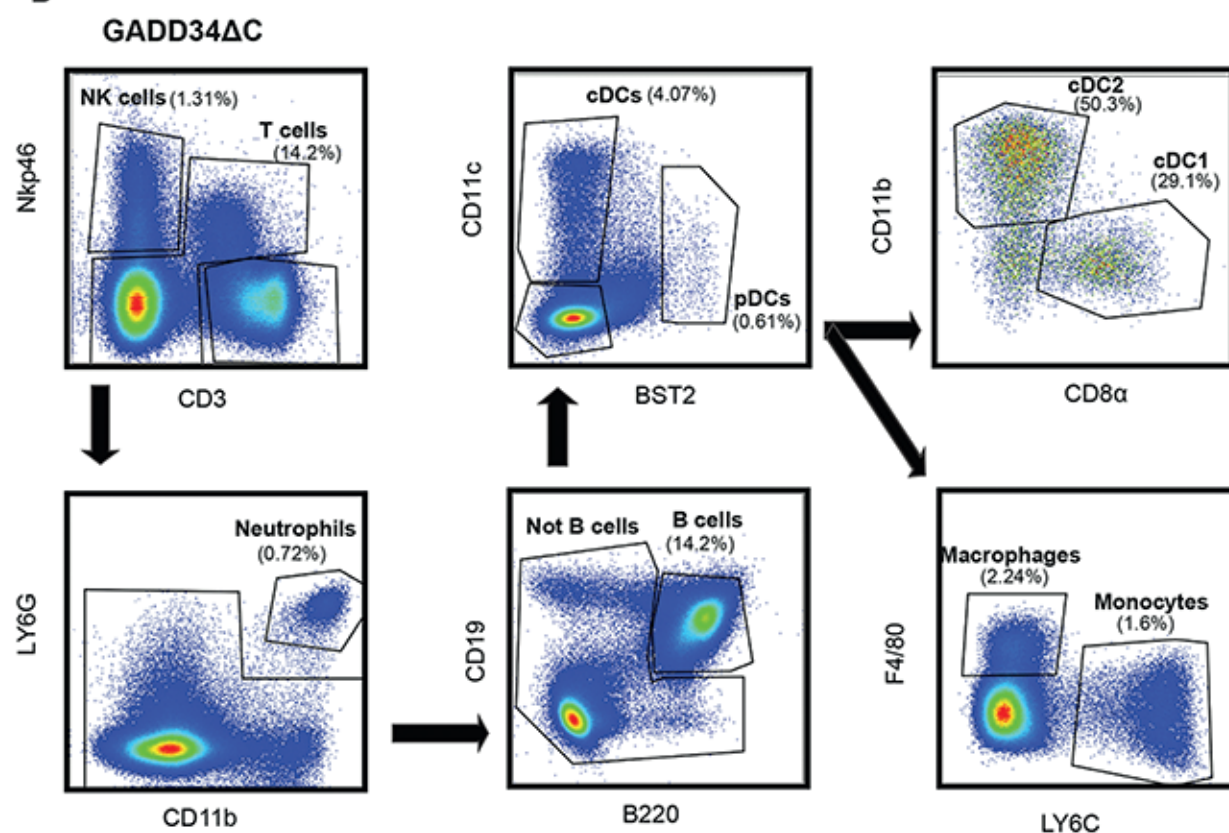
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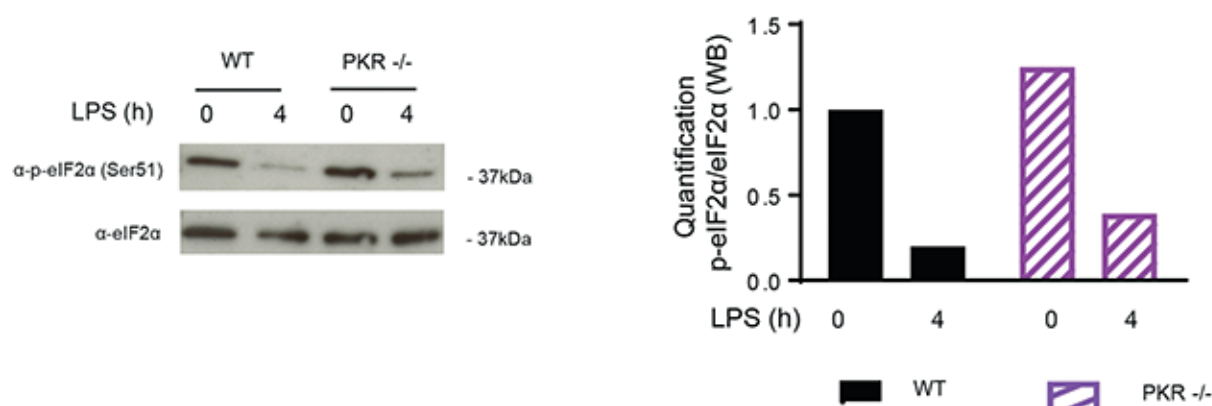
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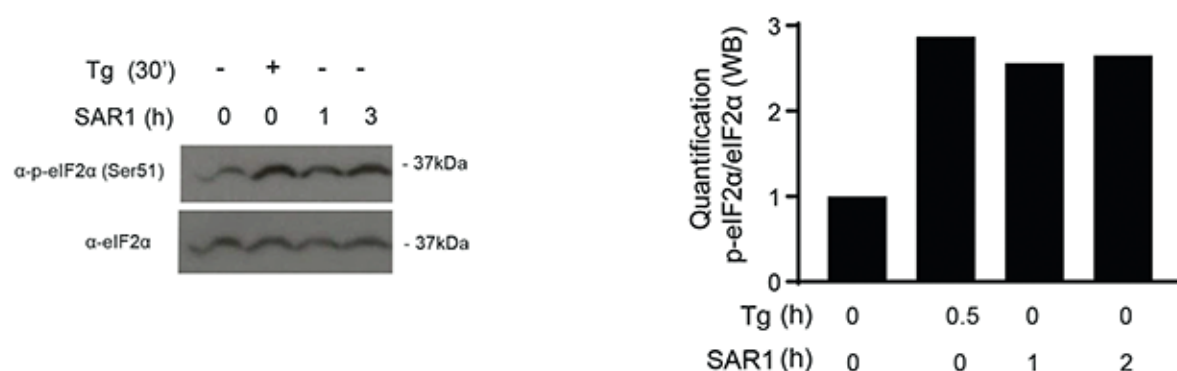
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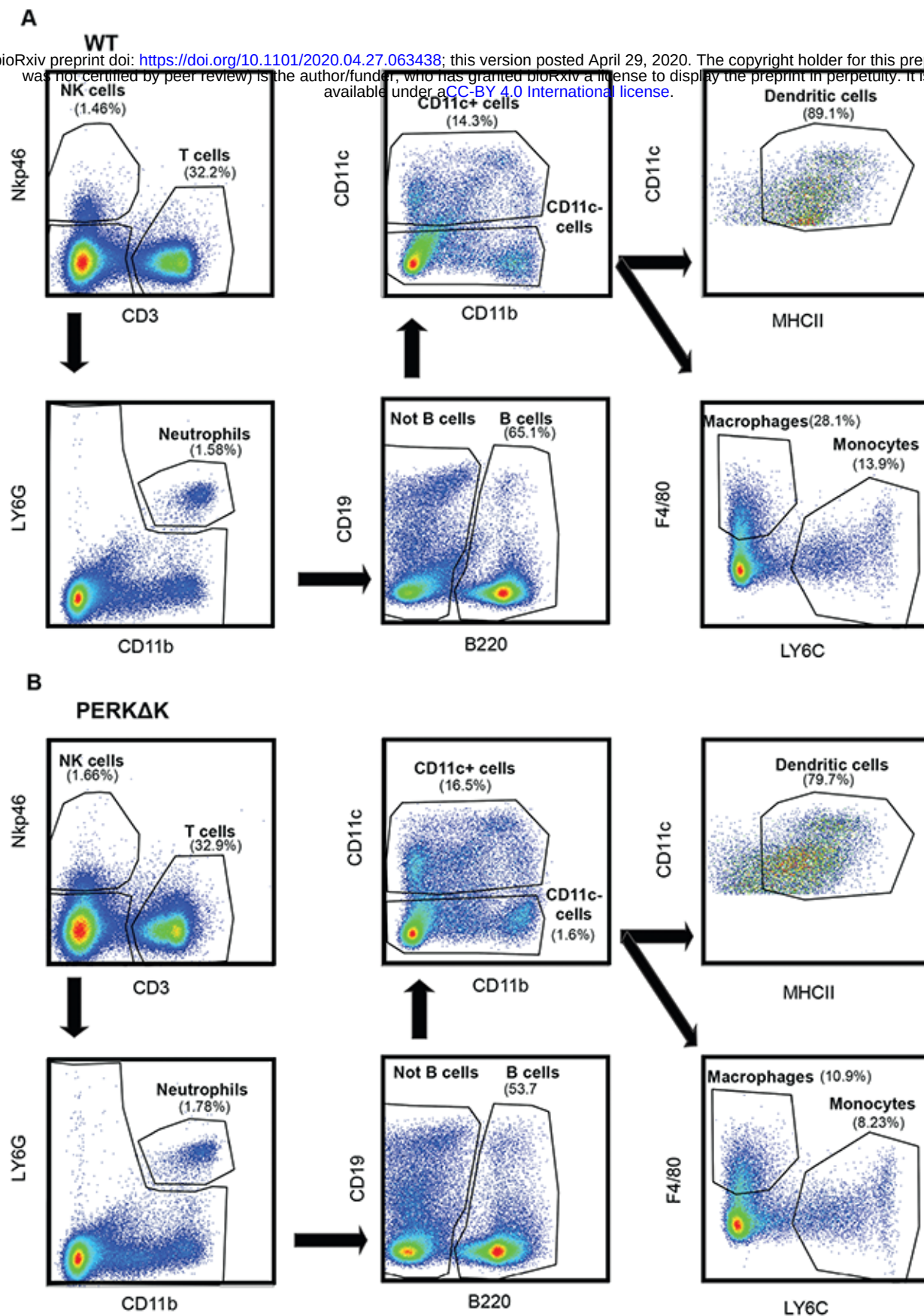
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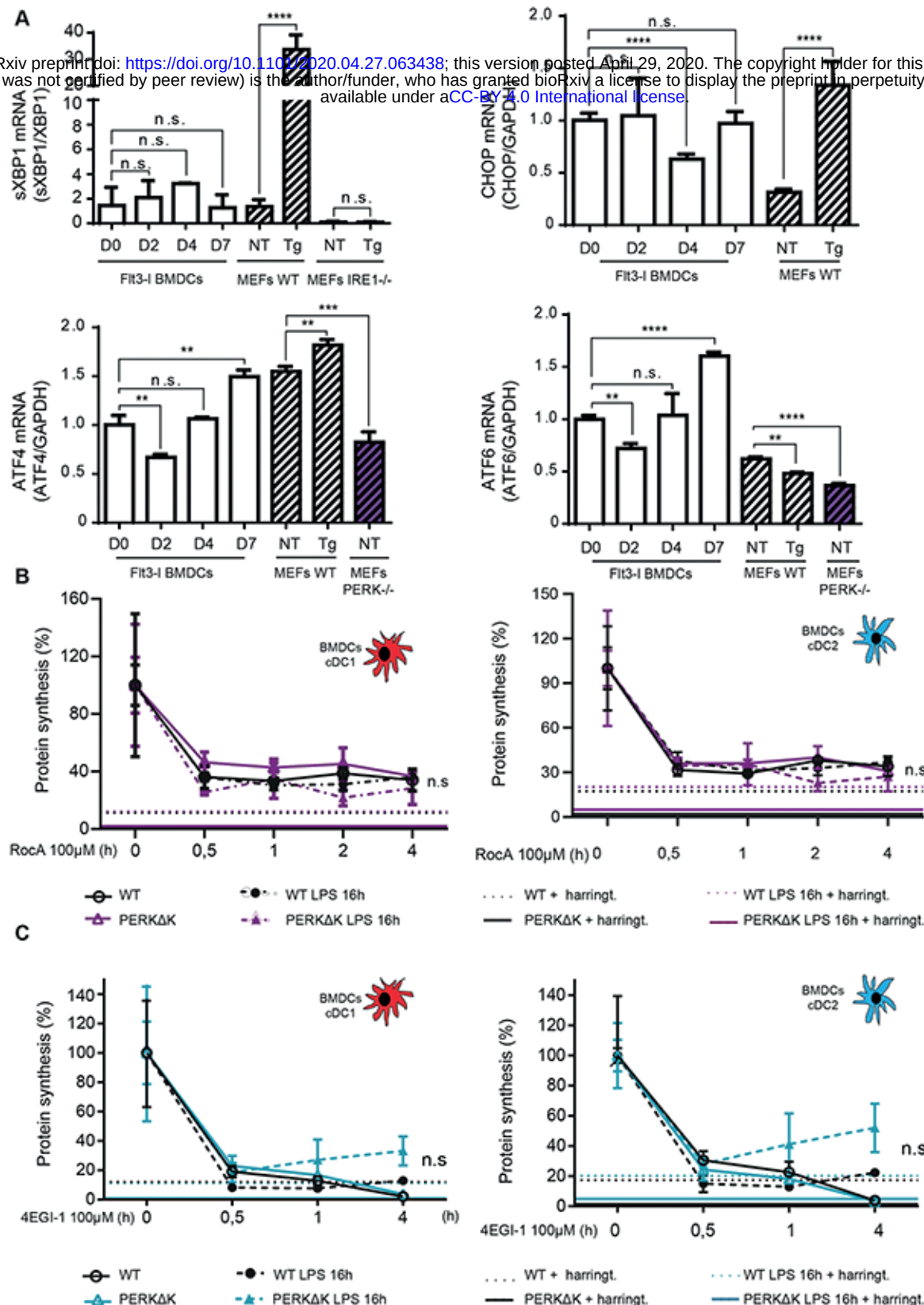


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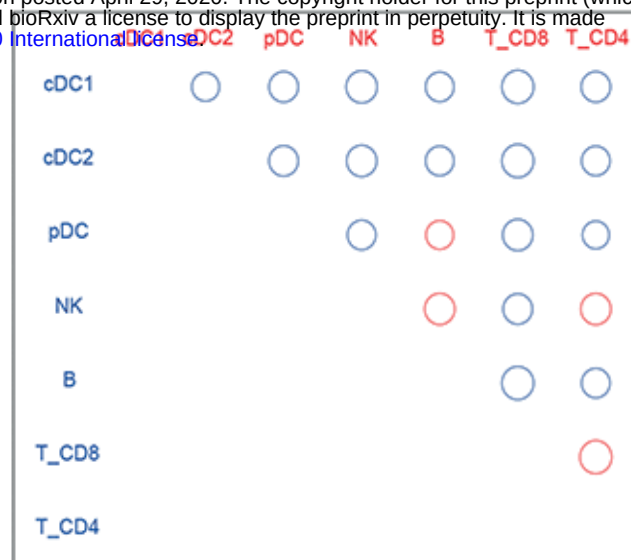
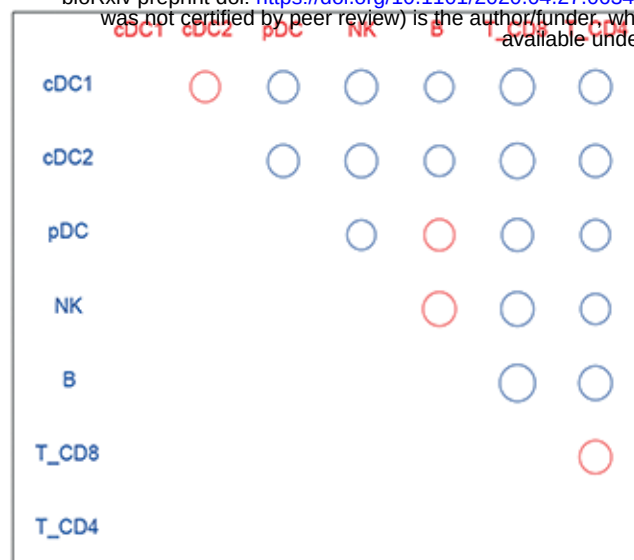
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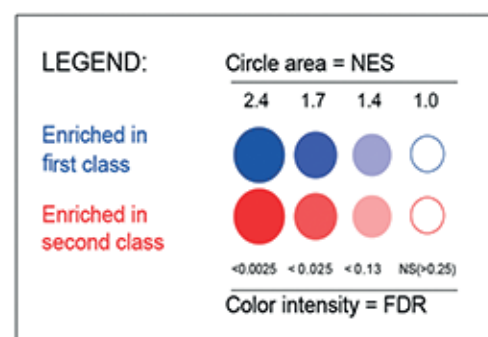
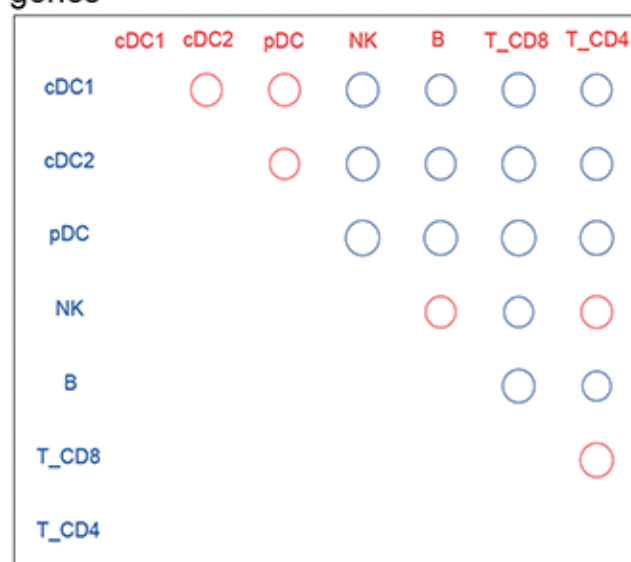
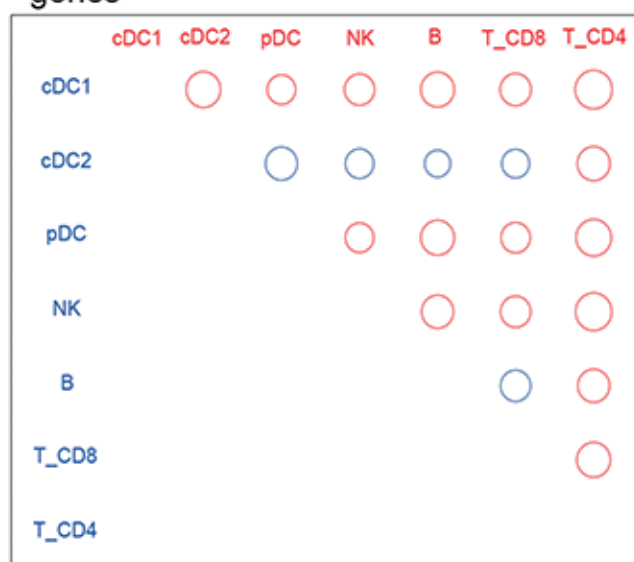
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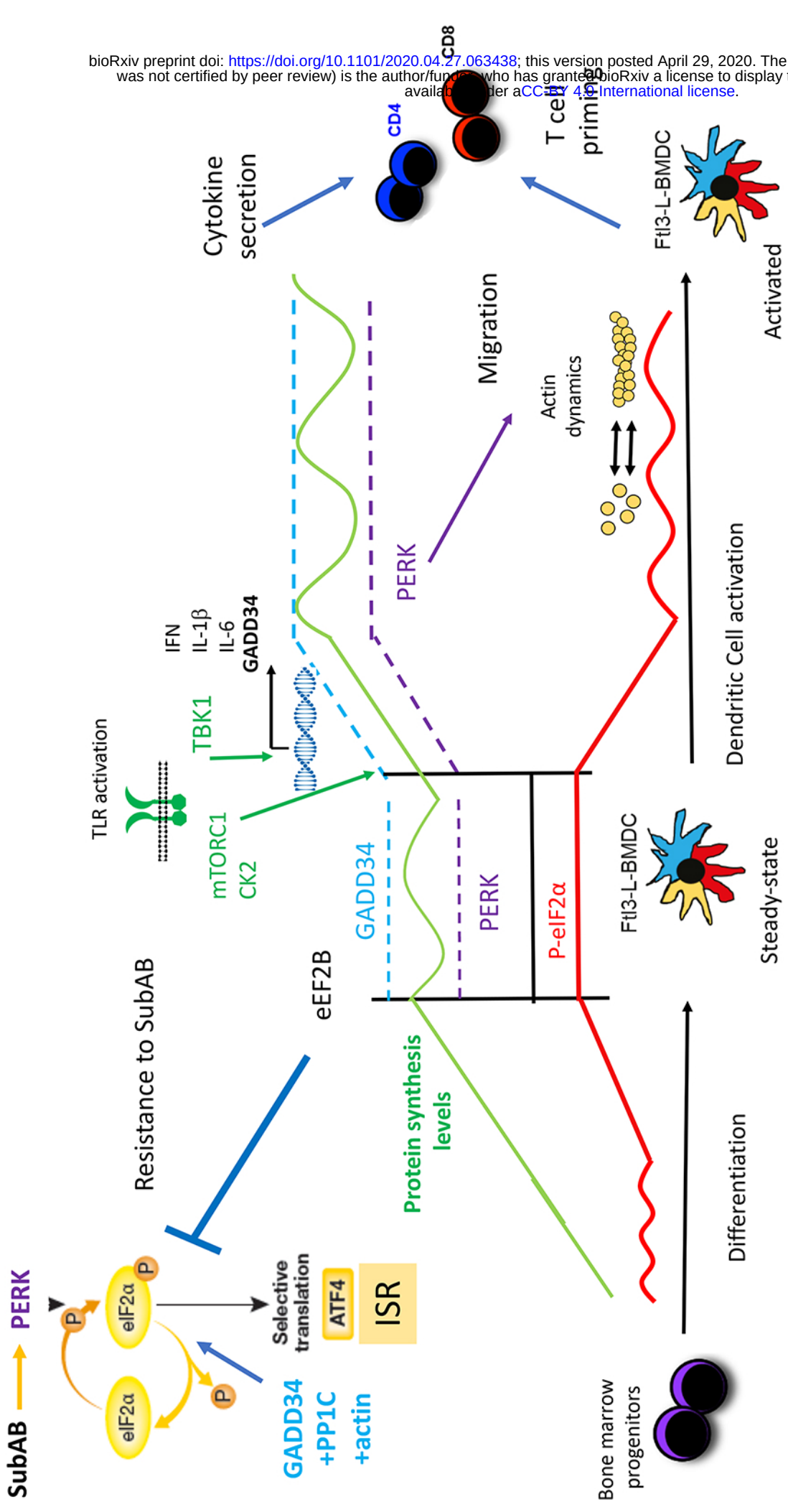


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GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247587	CD8alpha cDCs	cDC1	1
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247588	CD8alpha cDCs	cDC1	2
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247589	CD11b cDCs	cDC2	1
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247590	CD11b cDCs	cDC2	2
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247591	pDCs	pDC	1
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247592	pDCs	pDC	2
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247593	NK cells	NK	1
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247594	NK cells	NK	2
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247595	B lymphocytes	B	1
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247596	B lymphocytes	B	2
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247597	B lymphocytes	B	3
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247598	CD8 T lymphocytes	T_CD8	1
GSE9810	10.1186/gb-2008-9-1-r17	GSM247599	CD8 T lymphocytes	T_CD8	2
GSE2389	10.1016/j.immuni.2005.01.016	GSM44979	CD4 T	T_CD4	1
GSE2389	10.1016/j.immuni.2005.01.016	GSM44982	CD4 T	T_CD4	2

Supplementary Table 2: List of data sets used for ATF4 and cISR in the GSEA

gene_lists_signatures

Name	Source	doi	Description	Gene_count
Han_ATF4_targets	Han et al., 2013, Nat. Cell. Biol.	10.1038/ncb2738	Table S1: "Supplementary Table S2. List of ATF4 and CHOP target genes that have binding peaks within 3kb from TSS of annotated gene.", Select genes with "Overlap=Common OR ATF4_Only"	472
Han_CHOP_targets	Han et al., 2013, Nat. Cell. Biol.	10.1038/ncb2738	Table S1: "Supplementary Table S2. List of ATF4 and CHOP target genes that have binding peaks within 3kb from TSS of annotated gene.", Select genes with "Overlap=Common OR CHOP_Only"	321
Han_ATF4_CHOP_Common_targets	Han et al., 2013, Nat. Cell. Biol.	10.1038/ncb2738	Table S1: "Supplementary Table S2. List of ATF4 and CHOP target genes that have binding peaks within 3kb from TSS of annotated gene.", Select genes with "Overlap=Common"	218
Guan_ER_Proc_Pathway	Guan et al., 2017, Mol. Cell.	10.1016/j.molcel.2017.11.007	Table S1: "ER protein processing pathway (35 genes) identified from Tg16h vs. Tg1h genome-wide analysis"	34
Guan_Congruent_Up_16h	Guan et al., 2017, Mol. Cell.	10.1016/j.molcel.2017.11.007	Get on request	546
Guan_Translation_Up_1h	Guan et al., 2017, Mol. Cell.	10.1016/j.molcel.2017.11.007	Get on request	1336
C2_KEGG	Broad Institute	https://www.gsea.msigdb.org/gsea/index.jsp	KEGG Pathway	186 Pathways

Supplementary Table 3

Genes upregulated only in WT (vs ATF4^{-/-}) MEFs upon tunicamycin

Car6	4932422M17Rik	Osbpl2	Hagh	Dym	Asph
Derf3	Gpt2	4930431P03Rik	Dusp18	Usp31	Ppib
Cox6a2	Rab38	Slc5a6	Erlin1	Rrbp1	D6Wsu116e
Acx2	S100a7a	Lims2	Camk1	Gm10734	Gtf2a1
Csn3	Mtm1	2610528E23Rik	2210008F06Rik	1810010H24Rik	Cyb5b
Slc6a12	Stbd1	Klra5	Kctd4	Mlit4	Zfp945
Angptl6	Slc7a1	Tmcc3	Camk1d	Cdv3	Pusl1
2310002L13Rik	Pthr1	Sft2d2	Tle1	Piccd2	Ssr4
Chchd10	Shmt2	XM_124146	Uprt	Ahnak	Gpr85
Soat2	NAP112914-1	Mapk6	Serpinb9g	Tmem97	A630033H20Rik
Slc6a9	Chka	Slc1a5	Otud1	Ddr2	Ausp1
Chac1	Gtpbp2	Mthfd2	Pard3	Mtdh	2310046K23Rik
B4galnt2	Hoxa1	Fam195a	Xpot	Eif1a	4732491K20Rik
Odz4	Areg	Eps8	2310058N22Rik	Sertad2	Mal
Cth	Clic5	Cobl	Arhgap33	Atg2a2	Gale
Tacr2	Dhrs9	Tbpl1	Coasy	Pard6a	A630012P03Rik
Cnfn	5330431K02Rik	Sh3bgr12	Slc43a3	Nfkib1	Hs1bp3
Avil	Flrt3	Gpr124	Svip	Timm8a1	Kdm6a
Cdsn	Ppfe1	Dpysl3	Lrrc8b	Gtf2h1	Thyn1
Gm10639	Gpr137b-ps	Akna	2700007P21Rik	Rnh1	Gnat2
Gpr137b	Sh3tc2	Them4	Mfsd11	LOC100044193	Camk2d
Fgf21	Sgcd	Nars	Bcl2l1	Gls	Fip1l1
Msln	Mamdc2	Aqp5	Tcea1	Slc26a6	Gm13238
Tmem179	Asns	XM_485592	BC022687	Slc2a5	Klik10
Vipr2	Dennd4a	Slc25a29	Slc25a29	Ahl1	2210011C24Rik
Cyb5r2	Kcnt2	Zland2a	Zland2a	Lyrm4	Cln6
Akr1b7	Mei4	Stt3b	Gmmpb	Bend6	Ogt
Sh2d6	Phgdh	Ormdl2	Calcib	Zbtb7b	Kcnma1
Gm3776	Alg1	Mpp6	Stard5	Sphk2	Mrps18b
Stc2	Cpeb1	Amotl1	Pck2	Mtss1	Fads2
Tmem47	Renbp	Zfp57	1810029B16Rik	Slc35c2	4922501C03Rik
Gm8709	Mtap1b	Larp1b	Insig1	Crebl2	H2-M10.3
Fibin	Ecel1	Siah2	Sh3bp2	LOC100504608	Far1
Adm2	Klrg2	XM_910588	Cebpg	Twistnb	Nnmt
Nrcam	Gm129	Atpgv0b	AK086332	AA467197	Pppde2
Amz1	Lck	Cars	B3gnt2	Tmem60	Cgrrf1
Slc4a11	NAP111644-1	Gsta2	9130230N09Rik	Eif3c	Try5
Myom2	Slc25a33	Hdac4	Lrrc16a	Jdp2	Pacs2
Ttc9	Pyhin1	NAP112102-1	Samd12	Cpeb2	Rasa1
Cyb5r1	Nfxd1	Atp2a3	Avpl1	Lrrfip1	Ube2j1
Gadd45a	Dusp5	1110018I18Rik	Lins	4932412D23Rik	Eps15
Aldh1l2	Prkg2	Gm11595	Sco2	5430411K18Rik	Scpep1
Ndrp1	Rtn4r	Fez1	Ak5	Cds2	0610007P14Rik
Tmem184a	Ascc2	Tspan15	Lamb3	Picg2	4932425I24Rik
Ppp1r15a	Crl1	Duoxa1	Slc38a1	Mdfic	Mtap6
Cyp3a13	Fads3	Akap2	Pde10a	Deb1	Hax1
Wars	Lcnrf3	Slc38a7	Slc39a11	XM_909351	Ciapi1
Sspo	Mtap2	BC052688	Cspg4	Krtap4-8	Gent1
Atad3a	Ptpn22	Kprp	Uqcrc	Uqcrc	D13Ert6Q08e
Fam171b	Abca8b	Rps6ka2	Entpd5	Mettl22	Slc25a38
Ercc1	Gcat	Ostn	Socs2	Gm7303	Cln8
Mfsd2a	Slc33a1	Tead4	Crls1	Lars	NAP060966-1
Gm8096	NAP114398-1	Meis2	Csnk2b	Rdh11	4930438A08Rik
Tbc1d2	Rnf39	Gm2016	Plagl1	Hapln4	Hspa13
Itpr2	Emp2	Ank2	NAP112224-1	Lphn3	Lman2
Lpin3	Rab39b	Gsto1	Slc35e4	A330009N23Rik	Cdr2l
Pla2g12a	Vat1	Arl5b	Srprb	Timm10	Det1
Tigit	0610010012Rik	Klra22	Clptm1l	0610007L01Rik	Tmem181a
4930506M07Rik	Tmeff2	Slc20a1	Srm	Pqlc2	D030028A08Rik
Reep6	1700016K19Rik	Recq4	Ipo7	Klf8	Parvb
Itgb7	Slc35f2	LOC236220	Alis2cl	P2rx3	Agpat5
Perp	Hmox1	Ass1	Hspa9	Lass6	Tom1
H2-M10.1	Gnpnat1	Pvr	Pecr	Tns3	1110067D22Rik
Pax8	Epha2	Rnf185	Ece2	Trio	Slc36a1
Cyp2c44	Plk3	Suox	Tymp	Yipf6	Sec14l1
Klf5	Spc3	Fam110c	Tnfrsf2	Cyld	Trappc8
Slc7a11	Gm2694	Phf10	Lonp1	Pcca	Zdhc21
Wfs1	Eysy2	Ghltm	Tmem192	Mbtps2	Klra6
Psph	Cpox	Tmem202	Tmem209	Faf1	Pvrl1
Sybu	Ngef	Sars	Eef2k	Gm9079	Grpel2
Pic2	Mertk	Stau2	Atf6	Serpinb9c	BC048403
Ppm1h	Mid1ip1	Ccdc47	Eif5	Eif4g3	Jagn1
Acot2	Strbp	Yrdc	Unc5c	Socs6	Dnaja3
Gch1	Gdap1l1	Eps8	Qdpr	Dgkd	Tm2d3
Ptchd1	Oxsr1	Scd2	Tmem206	Zyg11b	Ssfa2
Eif4ebp1	Hs3st5	Reep3	Rbm15b	Fut1	Imp3
Slc7a3	Rpp25	Ttll11	Lrp8	LOC100504857	Fam185a
Hmx3	Paqr3	Sgsm1	Snd1	Gpft1	Krtcap2
Nrip2	Npc1	Rwdd4a	Mvd	2810432L12Rik	Homer1
Extl1	Aldh18a1	Ccnd2	Slc17a9	Pkp1	Cdc42se2
Atf3	Sqstm1	Schy		Tsyp12	Lnp
Lce1c	Sgms2	Tmem74			

ATF4 gene expression signature represents the genes that were found up-regulated in WT and not in ATF4^{-/-} MEFs upon tunicamycin during 12h as compared to their untreated counterparts. This list was generated from available public genomic data (GSE49598).