

Linking cell dynamics with coexpression networks to  
characterize key events in chronic virus infection

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## SUMMARY

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The host immune response against infection requires the coordinated action of many diverse cell subsets that dynamically adapt to a pathogen threat. Due to the complexity of such a response, most immunological studies have focused on a few genes, proteins, or cell types. With the development of “omic”-technologies and computational analysis methods, attempts to analyze and understand complex system dynamics are now feasible. However, the decomposition of transcriptomic data sets generated from complete organs remains a major challenge. Here, we combined Weighted Gene Coexpression Network Analysis (WGCNA) and Digital Cell Quantifier (DCQ) to analyze time-resolved mouse splenic transcriptomes in acute and chronic Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis Virus (LCMV) infections. This enabled us to generate hypotheses about complex immune functioning after a virus-induced perturbation. This strategy was validated by successfully predicting several known immune phenomena, such as effector cytotoxic T lymphocyte (CTL) expansion and exhaustion. Furthermore, we predicted and subsequently verified experimentally that virus-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells with an early effector transcriptome profile participate in the host adaptation to an overwhelming virus threat. Thus, the linking of gene expression changes with immune cell kinetics provides novel insights into the complex immune processes within infected tissues.



## **RESUMEN**

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La respuesta inmune del huésped contra una infección requiere la acción coordinada de varios tipos de células que, de forma dinámica, se adapta a la amenaza del patógeno. Debido a la complejidad de dicha respuesta, la mayoría de los estudios inmunológicos se han centrado en pocos genes, proteínas o en células específicas. Con el desarrollo de tecnologías "ómicas" y métodos de análisis computacionales, los intentos de analizar y comprender sistemas complejos ahora son más factibles. Sin embargo, la descomposición de datos de transcriptomas, generados a partir de órganos completos sigue siendo un desafío importante. Aquí he combinado Weighted Gene Coexpression Network Analysis (WGCNA) y Digital Cell Quantifier (DCQ) para analizar los perfiles transcriptómicos de bazo de ratón, a diferentes tiempos, durante la infección aguda y crónica por el virus de la Coriomeningitis Linfocítica Aguda (LCMV). Este método nos ha permitido generar hipótesis sobre funcionamiento del complejo sistema inmune después de una perturbación inducida por el virus. Esta estrategia fue validada al predecir con éxito varios fenómenos inmunes conocidos, como la expansión de los linfocitos T citotóxicos (CTL) y el fenómeno conocido como agotamiento. Además, he predicho y posteriormente verificado de forma experimental que las células efectoras T CD8<sup>+</sup> específicas de virus, con un perfil de transcriptoma efector temprano, participan en la adaptación a la amenaza del virus. Por lo tanto, la conexión entre la expresión de genes y la cinética de las células del sistema inmune, proporciona nuevos conocimientos sobre los complejos procesos inmunes en tejidos infectados.



## PROLOGUE

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The host immune response against infection is a complex multi-level interaction network of hundreds of different cell subsets that maintain a fine balance between host defense and inflammatory disease. Traditionally, immunological studies have focused on specific cell subsets and individual components of the immune system. Therefore, our current understanding lacks a systemic perspective on the dynamic changes involved in creating a concerted immune response. Omics-technologies that have emerged during the last several years, have helped to overcome this obstacle. Together, with the development of novel analytical tools, it is now feasible to extract relevant information from large amounts of data that capture the complexity of a biological system. One example is Weighted Gene Coexpression Network Analysis (WGCNA), a tool increasingly used to explore the system-level functionality of genes. It gives information about the expression patterns of highly interconnected genes, which are organized in clusters or modules. We have previously shown that WGCNA is a powerful tool to study system level infection-fate-specific gene signatures from splenic transcriptomes. This research has shown that whole organ signatures can be a valuable, phenotype correlating data set. Furthermore, we have identified infection-fate-specific networks among the gene coexpression modules that might provide novel mechanisms that influence the outcome of an infection. This approach, however, does not provide information about the cell subsets involved in biological pathways. To this end, a novel algorithm called Digital Cell Quantifier (DCQ) has proven to be effective to infer global dynamic changes in immune cell quantities from genome-wide transcription profiles of a specific organ, thus elucidating information that WGCNA could not provide. Here, we proved that combining WGCNA and DCQ it is possible to link gene expression changes to cell kinetics giving a global view of the transcription and cell dynamic changes happening in a specific organ. We use this approach to generate hypotheses on genetic changes that occurs in different immune cell subsets, and therefore, to understand fate-decision regulation and the coordinated action of the immune system.



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## **INTRODUCTION**

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# **1. System-level understanding of biological systems**

Systems biology is an interdisciplinary approach to understand the interrelationships between networks of biological processes over time (Diaz-Beltran et al., 2013). The coordinated response of the cells of the innate immune system is the first line of defense against invading pathogens, and along with the adaptive immune responses, they play a critical role in the establishment of long-term protective immunity (Janeway and Medzhitov, 1998). The immune system is well suited for systems analysis as relevant cells can be isolated in different functional states and their interactions can be reconstituted in a biological meaningful manner (Zak and Aderem, 2009). Application of the tools of systems biology to the immune system will enable comprehensive analyses of the complex interactions that maintain the fine balance between host defense and inflammatory disease (Diercks and Aderem, 2013; Kitano, 2001).

One of the first uses of the system biology approach were over a decade ago, with the studies of the correlation between protein and mRNA abundance using exponential-phase batch culture of yeast (Gygi et al., 1999) and studies focusing on integrated analysis of the yeast galactose assimilation pathways (Fell, 2001; Ideker et al., 2001). In the infectious disease field, advances have been made with the first genomic analysis of HIV-infected cells in culture using cDNA microarrays (Geiss et al., 2000). Other reports of transcriptional profiling of virus infected cells and tissues have followed (Chakrabarti et al., 2010; Ertl and Klein, 2014; Lederer et al., 2009; Speranza and Connor, 2017; Sun et al., 2017), showing the importance of more exhaustive and comprehensive integrative methods for elucidating complex regulatory networks and the interrelationships between them.

## **1.1. Systems immunology: Putting the pieces together**

The immune system has a high degree of interdependence and interconnection between hundreds of different cell subsets to maintain the fine balance between host defense and inflammatory disease (Davis and Shen-Orr, 2013; Katze, 2013). A particular biological function can be rarely attributed to a single cell. Rather, immunological processes are undoubtedly more complicated and are determined by a complex interaction among different components of the immune system (Davis and Shen-Orr, 2013; Diaz-Beltran et al., 2013; Robinson et al., 2014). Therefore, instead of analyzing individual components, the field of

systems immunology may provide a comprehensive understanding of how these components function together as a whole (Davis and Shen-Orr, 2013). One of the major goals of systems immunology is to quantitatively measure these complex interactions, allowing the development of computational models to predict responses to perturbations (Subramanian et al., 2015).

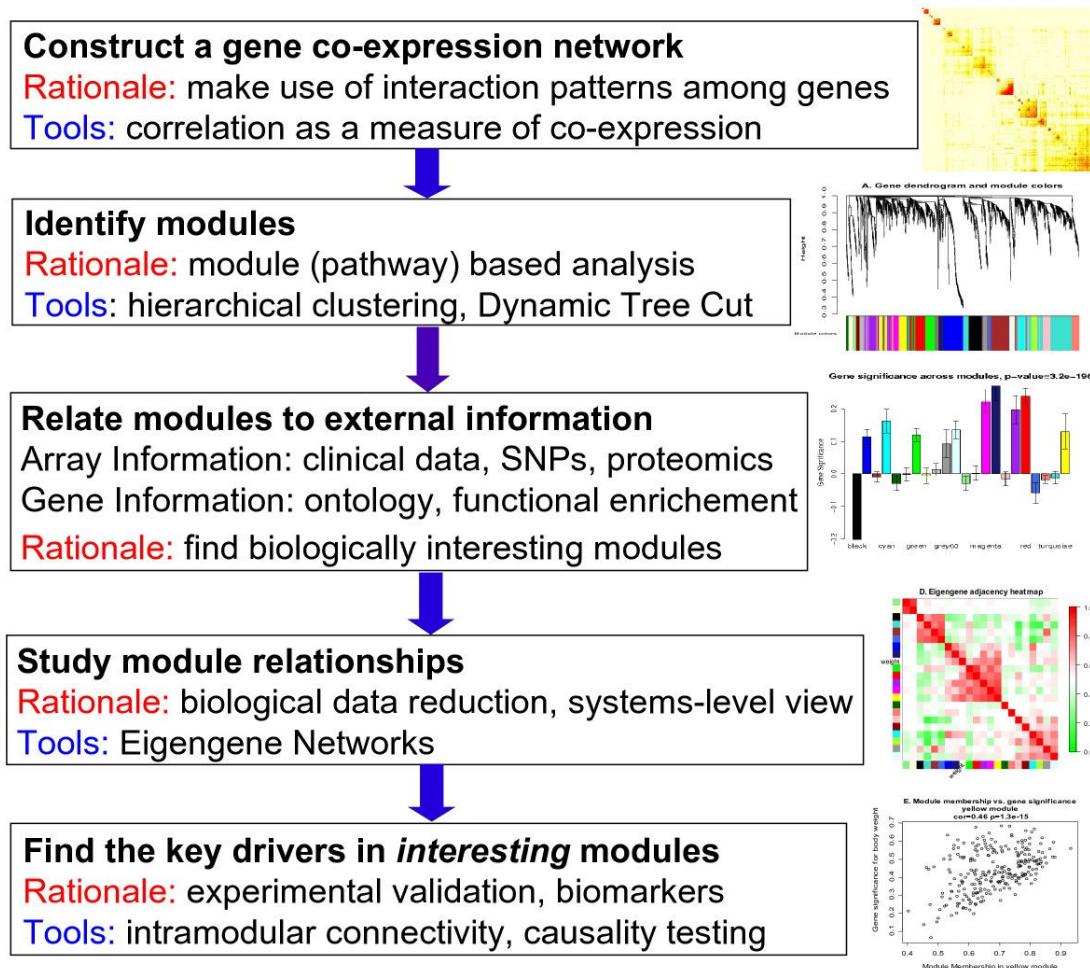
The new “omics”-technologies that have emerged during the last years have enabled to address fundamental questions in systems immunology. Together with the development of novel analytical tools, it is now feasible to extract relevant information from large amounts of data that capture the complexity of a biological system at a genome-wide scale and reveal underlying mechanisms involved in complex immune responses (Kidd et al., 2014).

## 1.2. Gene Coexpression Network Analysis

The construction and analysis of gene networks has been a valuable platform to study gene expression levels of thousands of genes simultaneously and the interconnectedness between them (Zhao et al., 2010). These networks represent the complex functional organization of biological systems in a genome-wide manner (Barabási and Oltvai, 2004; Serin et al., 2016). One of the methods increasingly used to explore the function of genes from a systemic point of view is the Weighted Gene Coexpression Network Analysis (WGCNA). WGCNA is a powerful system biology method to construct gene networks of clusters (modules) of highly interconnected genes and to identify central players (i.e., hub genes) within these modules.

The WGCNA workflow is as follows: (i) Construct a gene coexpression network represented mathematically by an adjacency matrix, the element of which indicates coexpression similarity between a pair of genes. (ii) Identify modules: WGCNA uses hierarchical clustering to identify modules. To measure the dissimilarity between clusters, WGCNA uses a topological overlap measure that can result in biologically meaningful modules in real data analysis. (iii) Relate modules to external information (phenotypes): several methods can be used to measure the association of a module to a phenotypic trait. For instance, one can test the association between the module eigengene (ME) and the phenotypic trait. The ME of a module is defined as the first principal component of the module. One can also use the module significance (MS), which is defined as the average gene significance (GS) of all genes in the module, to assess the association of a module to a phenotype. The GS of a node

is defined as the correlation between the node and the phenotypic trait. Modules with high trait significance may represent pathways associated with the phenotypic trait. (iv) Study inter-module relationships: WGCNA uses ME as a representative profile of a module and quantifies module similarity by eigengene correlations. Studying the relationship of the modules can help to find which modules are highly related. (v) Find key drivers in interesting modules: the nodes having the largest number of edges are most important because the malfunction of these genes would affect all connected genes (Langfelder and Horvath, 2008; Zhang and Horvath, 2005). The WGCNA workflow is depicted in Figure I1.



**Figure I1: Overview of WGCNA workflow.** Flowchart representing an overview of the main steps of Weighted Gene Coexpression Network Analysis. Figure obtained from Langfelder and Horvath, 2008.

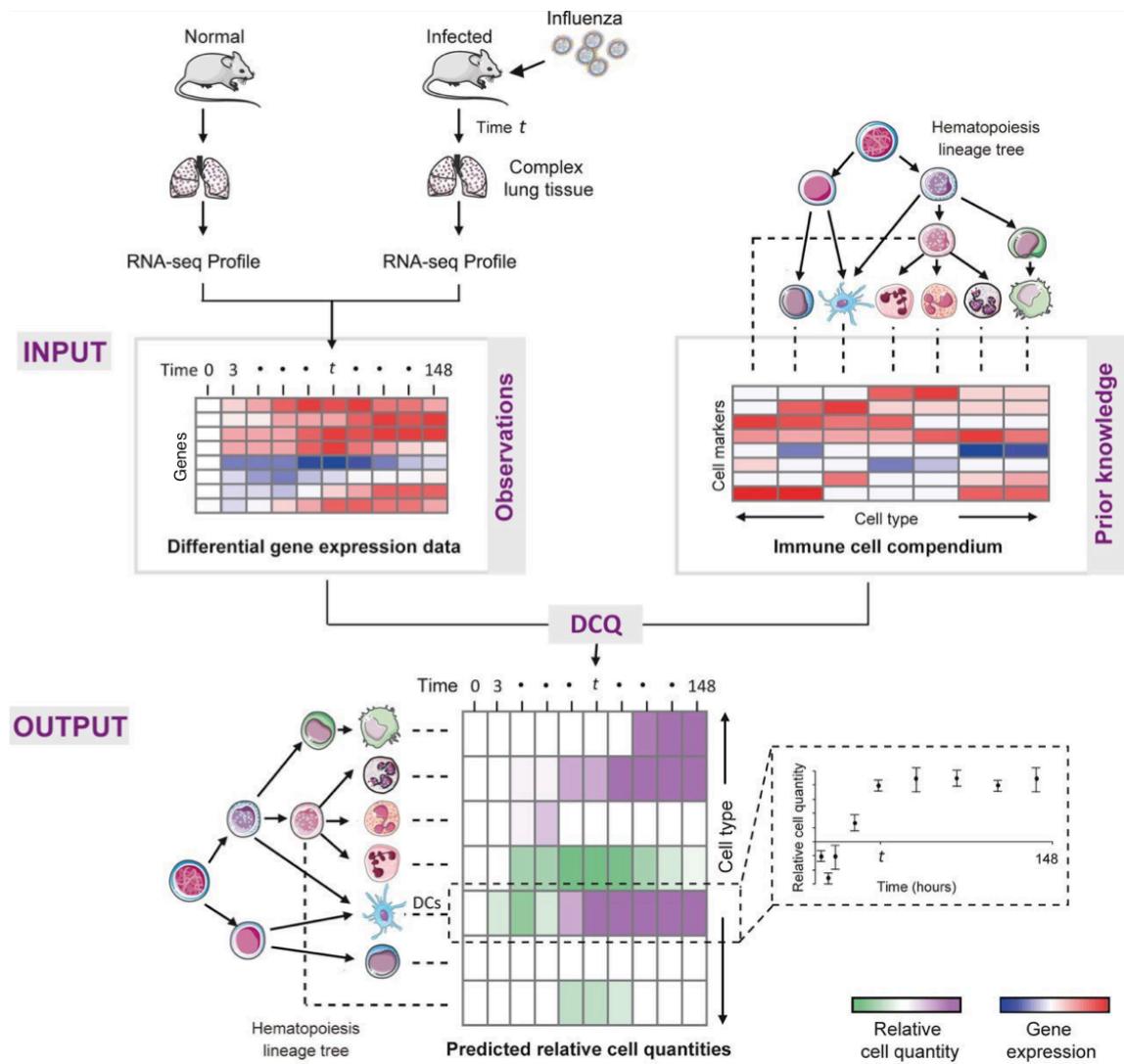
In contrast to the traditional analyses of transcriptome data, WGCNA allows to better understand a biological system as a whole. This is accomplished by a biologically meaningful reduction of high dimensional data based on the identification of clusters (modules) of highly coexpressed genes sharing expression patterns. Analyses of these modules and their hub genes can provide insight into the underlying biological processes they represent (Langfelder and Horvath, 2008). Coexpression network analysis offers three major features, making this approach a valuable tool to analyze highly complex transcriptome data. First, in the analysis are included genes with low changes in their expression levels that might be highly connected to genes in a defined module. Second, trait-module relationships are identified, permitting to characterize the molecular mechanisms underlying a phenotype of interest. And third, the analysis of the degree of preservation between modules from independent data sets, allowing the identification of highly conserved and highly-specific modules. WGCNA has been used at both cell and tissue levels, allowing to identify pathways associated with effector and exhausted CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (Doering et al., 2012), with different simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV) infection phenotypes using whole blood transcriptome data (Yang et al., 2016) and with hepatocellular carcinoma and breast cancer (Cheng et al., 2017; Guo et al., 2017). Thus, bioinformatic analysis based on gene coexpression networks enables to extract the main temporal events that are involved in complex biological systems.

### 1.3. Global Cell Dynamics

Several techniques have been developed to study the changes in the quantities in a particular immune-cell types within a complex tissue in the context of health and disease. High-throughput profiling technologies, such as fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS; (Ibrahim and van den Engh, 2007), cytometry by time-of-flight (CyTOF; (Bjornson et al., 2013)), confocal/two photon imaging (Cahalan et al., 2002), among others, have enabled the understanding of the immune system across multiple cellular components and time points. However, these methods are restricted to a small number of cell subsets. To address this obstacle, computational deconvolution methods were developed to infer changes in different cell-type quantities from gene expression data of a complex tissue.

Digital Cell Quantifier (DCQ) is an algorithm to study the changes in immune cell dynamics between two or more study conditions using as an input gene expression data from whole tissue. DCQ takes as input (i) differential genome-wide transcription profiles of organs that

were measured in two or more conditions (e.g., time points, perturbations) and (ii) a precompiled compendium of prior information about the abundance of each cell surface marker in each immune cell type. The outputs are interpretable hypotheses about changes in quantities of specific immune cell types between the two conditions. This method has been proven to be effective when applied to infer the dynamics of hundreds of immune cell subsets in mouse spleens upon influenza virus infection (Altbaum et al., 2014). The DCQ algorithm is depicted in Figure I2.



**Figure 12. Overview of the Digital Cell Quantifier (DCQ) algorithm.** DCQ method takes two gene expression datasets as input: First (top left), differential genome-wide expression data from a complex tissue (i.e., the lung). The rows represent the genes and the columns represent samples (i.e. timepoints postinfection). High and low transcript level are color-coded in red and blue, respectively. Second (top right), a precompiled compendium of prior information about the abundance of each cell surface marker in each immune cell type, where rows represent surface cell markers and columns represent immune cell types. Immune cell types are illustrated together with their hierarchical hematopoietic cell lineages. DCQ provides as output a matrix (bottom) of predicted relative cell quantities for each immune cell type (row) in each sample (column). Increase or decrease in cell quantity is color-coded in purple and green, respectively. Scatter plots (bottom right) as an example, show the inferred amount of dendritic cells (y-axis) during the time course of infection (x-axis). Here, DC's quantity is reduced during the initial few time points and then elevated during latter time points. Figure obtained from Altboum et al., 2014.

## **2. Chronic viral infections**

### **2.1. Chronic viral infections: a persistent threat to human health**

Viral infections can be fundamentally categorized as acute or persistent according to their temporal relationships with their hosts (Virgin et al., 2009). Acute infections in humans are usually resolved within a few weeks. In contrast, persistent infections are not resolved and, instead, develop when innate and adaptive immune responses are not sufficient to eliminate the invading virus during the primary infection phase. A consequence of this later condition is the establishment of a dynamic equilibrium between virus expansion and virus-specific adaptive responses that may be stably maintained for years without major pathological consequences or disrupted in a way that rapidly leads to overt disease. Viruses of both categories continue to threaten human health. Notable examples are the regular recurrences of influenza virus strains that cause acute infections with partly critical illness or death every year (Fukuyama and Kawaoka, 2011; Oldstone, 2013) and infections with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or the Hepatitis B and C viruses (HBV, HCV) that cause a tremendous disease burden with more than 500 million people infected worldwide. These viruses can establish persistence in their hosts with different probabilities and pathogenic consequences. Whilst nearly all HIV infections lead to virus persistence, 50-80% of HCV and only about 5% of HBV infections in adults are persistent. The level of persistence of HBV-infected newborns is massively increased to about 95% indicating that the state of the immune system is an important component in determining infection fate (Feinberg and Ahmed, 2012; Rehermann and Nascimbeni, 2005).

### **2.2. Immune responses during chronic viral infections**

Various viral and host factors in the early infection phase are involved in the fate decision between an acute and chronic infections. These include virus strain and escape variants (Zinkernagel, 2002), viral dose and route of infection (Asabe et al., 2009; Moskophidis et al., 1995) and effector cell and virus expansion capacities (Bocharov et al., 2004; Ehl et al., 1998; Li et al., 2009). In the case of chronic infections, a decision is taken by the host in which the immune system undergoes a functional adaptation to a new virus-host equilibrium. Both suppressive and effector mechanisms participate in this immune adaptation, avoiding immunopathology while maintaining virus replication at low level (Wilson and Brooks, 2010). A relevant feature of this adaptation is T cell exhaustion, defined as the deletion and

functional impairment of virus-specific T cells (see section 2.3) (Barber et al., 2006; Moskophidis et al., 1993). Concomitant with T cell exhaustion, other regulatory elements also participate in the downregulation of the antiviral effector responses during chronic infections. Relevant factors are IL-10, regulatory T cells and myeloid derived suppressor cells (MDSCs) (see section 2.4) (Brooks et al., 2006; Norris et al., 2013; Schmitz et al., 2013). The appearance of large numbers of MDSCs during chronic inflammation appears to be a common feedback mechanism in both mice and humans. In fact, MDSCs have been also documented in patients with HIV, where the number of MDSCs correlated positively with viral titers and regulatory T cells and negatively with the number of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (Vollbrecht et al., 2012). Finally, there is a dual role of type I interferons (IFNs) during viral infections (Snell et al., 2017). Type I IFNs is a family of antiviral cytokines induced early after viral infection. They promote viral clearance by antiviral effects of IFN-stimulated genes, activation of dendritic cells (DCs), NK cells and enhanced B- and T- cell responses. However, during persistent infections such as HIV, SIV and LCMV, they are associated with a sustained production of low amounts of type I IFNs and activation of IFN-stimulated genes (ISGs) that trigger unwanted inflammatory responses. Indeed, blockade of I IFN signaling restores immune function and decreases viral loads in both LCMV and HIV mice infection models (Cheng et al., 2017; Teijaro et al., 2013; Wilson et al., 2013; Zhen et al., 2017).

Besides the functional adaptation undergone by the immune system, several immunological abnormalities might affect innate and adaptive immune cell subsets in a chronic infection. Plasmacytoid dendritic cells (pDCs), highly specialized cells for secreting IFN-I cytokines more than any other cell type, are able to directly recognize nucleic acids from several persistent viruses, including HIV and HCV in humans and LCMV in mice, through Toll-like receptor 7 (TLR7) and TLR9 (Gilliet et al., 2008; Zuniga et al., 2015). However, pDCs functionality is disrupted in LCMV, HIV, and HBV chronic infections, affecting their capacity to produce IFN $\alpha$  and therefore affecting the overall immune response (Bergthaler et al., 2010; Fitzgerald-Bocarsly and Jacobs, 2010; Macal et al., 2012). In the case of conventional DCs (cDCs), CD8 $\alpha^-$  and CD8 $\alpha^+$  DC subsets are responsible for the activation of naive T cells by presenting antigen on major histocompatibility complex (MHC) I and MHC II. Moreover, CD8 $\alpha^+$  DCs have the additional ability of cross-presentation, whereby extracellular antigen is taken up and presented on MHC I to CD8 $+$  T cells. During chronic LCMV infection with variant clone 13 (CL13), CD8 $\alpha^-$  and CD8 $\alpha^+$  DCs exhibit a reduced cell-surface expression of MHC I, MHC II and costimulatory molecules, CD80, CD86, and

CD40. Therefore, the DC functionality is impaired, resulting in a reduced capacity to present antigen and stimulate naive T cells (Ng and Oldstone, 2012; Ng et al., 2013; Sevilla et al., 2004).

Even though there is more known about T cell exhaustion during chronic viral infections, B cells may also be negatively impacted (Virgin et al., 2009). B cell and antibody responses are altered (Ng et al., 2013), exhibiting a delayed production of virus-specific neutralizing antibodies and elevated levels of non-specific antibodies (hypergammaglobulinemia) (Hangartner et al., 2006; Hunziker et al., 2003). Extensive B cell dysfunction is observed during HIV infection (Moir and Fauci, 2009) and during persistent LCMV infection, where the production of virus-specific neutralizing antibodies is altered, leading to defect in the B cell repertoire (Hangartner et al., 2006; Ng et al., 2013). Finally, another factor promoting immunological abnormalities is the disruption of the lymphoid tissue architecture mediated by collagen deposition and/or the loss of lymphoid stromal cells. This alteration impairs immune responses by affecting T cell survival and lymphocyte trafficking in immune tissues (Boehm, 2016; Kityo et al., 2018; Zeng et al., 2012).

### **2.3. Cardinal features of exhausted T cells**

Failure of the immune system to eliminate the invading pathogen results in a persistent infection. A major determinant of persistent infections is the appearance of “exhausted” CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells, a phenomenon characterized by the loss of effector function of virus-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (Dunn et al., 2002; Glazer et al., 1983), upregulation of inhibitory receptors, an altered transcriptional program and perturbations of functional effector or memory T cells and homeostasis (Zehn and Wherry, 2015). Exhaustion is a state of progressive dysfunction that occurs as a consequence of high antigen exposure (Pauken and John Wherry, 2015; Wherry, 2011). The severity of this dysfunction during chronic infections correlates with the level of infection, a prolonged and high expression of inhibitory receptors and with the lack of help from CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (Virgin et al., 2009). Exhausted T cells was first described in lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV) infection of mice, and has been extended to other chronic infections (Barber et al., 2006) such as HIV- (Khaitan and Unutmaz, 2010), HBV- (Penna et al., 2007; Ye et al., 2015) and HCV-infections in humans (Penna et al., 2007).

During exhaustion, CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell dysfunction develops in a hierarchical manner. Some functions, such as *ex vivo* killing, high proliferative capacity and IL-2 production, are lost in an early stage of exhaustion. Other functions are lost in a more advanced stage of exhaustion such as cytotoxicity and TNF $\alpha$  and IFN $\gamma$  production (Virgin et al., 2009; Wherry and John Wherry, 2011). During exhaustion, T cells also lose their ability to proliferate in response to IL-7 and IL-15, thus they depend on TCR signals for their maintenance (Shin et al., 2007). T cell exhaustion ultimately ends with the apoptosis of the cell (Kahan et al., 2015).

During chronic infections, exhaustion has been described as a causative factor for the lack of pathogen control. However, exhausted T cells still contribute to the containment of chronic infections (Kahan et al., 2015). Therefore, exhaustion might be an adaptation to reduce the sensitivity of virus-specific T cells to antigen and promote their survival in an antigen-rich environment. In this way, the immune response could balance effector control of the virus and immunopathology, while at the same time maintaining the adaptability of T cell responses to subsequent viral bursts (Barnaba and Schinzari, 2013; Pauken and John Wherry, 2015; Peligero et al., 2015; Radziewicz et al., 2009).

## 2.4. Intrinsic and extrinsic regulatory pathways of exhaustion

Exhaustion is associated with a prolonged and high expression of inhibitory receptors. The number and type of inhibitory receptors determine the degree of dysfunction. The pattern of inhibitory receptors differs between CD4- and CD8- T cells, as well as the type of infection. Inhibitory receptors involved in exhaustion include PD-1, Lag-3, Tim3, CD244 (2B4), CD160, TIGIT, CTLA4, BTLA, KLRG1 and others. The protein programmed cell death-1 (PD-1) plays a major role during chronic LCMV infection in mice. PD-1 is highly overexpressed by virus-specific exhausted CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells, and blockade of the PD-1-PD1 ligand (PD-L1) pathway showed a restoration of impaired effector T cells and a reduction of viral loads (Barber et al., 2006). However, none of inhibitory receptors described above are exclusive markers for exhausted T cells because activated T cells can transiently express them (Crawford and Wherry, 2009; Nguyen and Ohashi, 2015; Okoye et al., 2017).

In addition to inhibitory receptors, multiple extrinsic factors influence T cell exhaustion, such as altered antigen presentation, immunosuppressive cytokines and several cell subsets (Jin et al., 2011; Kahan et al., 2015; Wherry, 2011). There is a reduced response to cytokines

including IL-7, IL-2 and IL-15, that normally promote proliferation and survival in effector and/or memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells. In addition, CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell responsiveness to IL-12, IL-18, and IL-21 has recently been shown to be reduced during chronic LCMV infection (Zuniga et al., 2015). Effector responses are influenced by deletion or alteration of DCs, such as decrease in MHC molecules and costimulatory ligands, and increase in coinhibitory ligands (Jin et al., 2011). Likewise, effector responses are influenced by suppressive cytokines such as transforming growth factor beta (TGF-β) and IL-10 and inflammatory cytokines such as type I IFNs. For example, in the LCMV mouse model, the blockade of TGF-β (Jin et al., 2011; Tinoco et al., 2009) or IFN α/β during the first days of infection (Teijaro et al., 2013; Wilson et al., 2013) prevents from severe exhaustion, and the blockade of IL-10 improves T cell functionality and promotes viral control (Brooks et al., 2006; Richter et al., 2013). In the case of HIV-infected individuals, IL-10 production by monocytes, impairing CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell activation (Said et al., 2010).

Depletion of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells is another important factor influencing exhaustion. CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells provide help to CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and are major producers of IL-21, which influences CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell and B cell differentiation and restricts regulatory T cell expansion (Lichterfeld et al., 2007; Matloubian et al., 1994; Schmitz et al., 2013; Zajac et al., 1998). Furthermore, NK cells and immunoregulatory cells such as MDSCs and regulatory T cells (Tregs) have a detrimental impact on virus-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells further contributing to exhaustion (Dietze et al., 2011; Dittmer et al., 2004; Norris et al., 2013; Penaloza-MacMaster et al., 2014; Waggoner et al., 2011). NKs have been shown to act as master regulators of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells which subsequently control CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells during LCMV infection (Waggoner et al., 2011). CD4<sup>+</sup> CD25<sup>+</sup> regulatory T cells exert key negative regulatory mechanisms of the immune system to prevent autoimmunity and T cell-mediated inflammatory disease (Belkaid and Rouse, 2005; Dietze et al., 2011; Schmitz et al., 2013; Suvas et al., 2003). They have been shown to negatively regulate CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell responses during HIV- (Nilsson et al., 2006), HBV- (Xu et al., 2006) and HCV- (Cabrera et al., 2004) chronic infections. Furthermore, elevated numbers of Treg cells have also been associated with persistent viral infections in humans (Belkaid and Rouse, 2005; Cabrera et al., 2004; Dietze et al., 2011; Schmitz et al., 2013; Suvas et al., 2003).

## **2.5. Maintenance of an effector response during chronic infection**

Despite the various suppressive mechanisms induced during a chronic virus infection, the effector T cell shutdown is only partial and some T cell functionality remains to restrain the expansion of a persisting virus. In this sense, it has been shown that polyfunctional T cell responses in chronic HIV, HBV and HCV infections are linked to low viremia (Bertoletti and Ferrari, 2012; Hiroishi et al., 1997; Thimme et al., 2002). Moreover, depletion of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in rhesus macaques infected with the simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV) results in an increase of virus loads (Jin et al., 1999; Schmitz, 1999). Finally, despite the presence of exhausted T cells, ongoing selection of virus mutants within epitope regions have been observed (Allen et al., 2005; Draenert et al., 2004). Recent studies characterizing CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell subsets that are present during chronic viral infection have identified a virus-specific population expressing the C-X-C chemokine receptor type 5 (CXCR5) that retain cytotoxic antiviral activities during chronic LCMV infection (He et al., 2016; Im et al., 2016; Leong et al., 2016). Expression of the inhibitory receptors Tim3 and PD-1 is slightly lower in CXCR5<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells than in their CXCR5<sup>-</sup> counterparts, suggesting that these cells are less susceptible to exhaustion. In fact, CXCR5<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells provide the proliferative burst after anti-PD-1 therapy (Im et al., 2016). Importantly, HIV-infected patients also have a virus-specific CXCR5<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T-cell subset, and its number inversely correlates with viral loads (He et al., 2016; Im et al., 2016). Moreover, our group has recently shown using the LCMV-infection model that, in the time of exhaustion appearance, this CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell subset mediates the recruitment of cross-presenting dendritic cells (DCs) by expressing the chemokine XCL1. Importantly, we demonstrated the crosstalk between this cell subset contributes to the maintenance of an antiviral cytotoxic T cell response and participates in viral control in the chronic infection phase (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted).

## **3. Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis Virus (LCMV) as model for chronic infections**

### **3.1. The virus**

LCMV is noncytopathic RNA virus, member of the Arenaviridae family. It causes a persistent infection in the mouse, its natural host, but it can also infect a wide range of other animals, including humans. Although there is no quantitative data on the relative threats of

the different LCMV virus strains to humans, it can cause a variety of symptoms that go from a mild respiratory infection to encephalitis or meningitis. Death from LCMV infection is rare, and patients usually recover without any sequelae (Farmer and Janeway, 1942). LCMV was isolated by the American physician Charles Armstrong, when studying an epidemic in St. Louis, MO, US. Since its discovery in 1933, infection of mice with several LCMV strains has been a widely used tool in scientific laboratories for examining mechanisms of viral persistence and basic concepts of virus-induced immunity and immunopathology (Farmer and Janeway, 1942; Wilson and Brooks, 2010; Zhou et al., 2012).

LCMV is an enveloped RNA virus with a bisegmented negative single-stranded RNA genome. Its life cycle is restricted to the cytoplasm of the infected cell. Each of the RNA genome segments, designated as large (L, 7.3kb) and small (S, 3.5kb), uses an ambisense coding strategy to produce two viral gene products, in opposite orientation, and separated by a non-coding intergenic region (IRG) that folds into a stable hairpin structure (de la Torre, 2009). The S RNA encodes the nucleoprotein (NP), the most abundant protein, and the viral glycoprotein precursor (GPC). The NP is the main structural element and plays an essential role in viral RNA synthesis. NP has been also associated with a type I IFN counteracting activity (Martínez-Sobrido et al., 2007, 2009). The GPC is post-translationally cleaved into GP1 and GP2, and GP1/2 together make the spike of the virion. The L RNA segment encodes for the viral RNA dependent RNA polymerase (RdRp, also referred to as L polymerase), and a small RING finger protein Z that localizes in the plasma membrane. The Z protein is a structural component of the virion that interacts with host proteins, inhibits RNA synthesis by the RdRp, and is the main driver of LCMV budding (de la Torre, 2009).

$\alpha$ -dystroglycan ( $\alpha$ -DG) is the main cellular receptor protein for LCMV and the majority of arenaviruses.  $\alpha$ -DG is a highly conserved and ubiquitous cell surface molecule that links the extracellular matrix with the cytoskeleton (Cao, 1998; Kunz et al., 2003; de la Torre, 2009). Within immune cell populations,  $\alpha$ -DG is mainly expressed DCs (Oldstone and Campbell, 2011). Virus strains and variants that bind  $\alpha$ -DG with high affinity are associated with virus replication in the white pulp of the spleen, with preferential replication in DCs. LCMV infection of mature DCs has as consequence the failure of DCs to present viral antigens and therefore to arm and expand immune-specific T and B cell responses (Oldstone and Campbell, 2011). After interaction of  $\alpha$ -DG with the viral GP1, LCMV virions are endocytosed. The subsequent fusion between the viral and cell membranes is triggered by the

acidic environment found in the late endosome and GP2 (Gallaher et al., 2001). Upon release of viral genomic RNA, protein synthesis and genomic RNA replication starts. Formation and budding of arenavirus infectious progeny requires assembly of the viral ribonucleoproteins (RNPs) and the cellular membranes enriched with viral GPs. Finally, there is the assembly and cell release of the infectious virions (Kunz et al., 2002; Perez and de la Torre, 2003).

### **3.2. Understanding viral immunity: Contribution from the LCMV mouse model system.**

The concept of persistent viral infection evolved from an observation Traub made in 1936. Mice infected with LCMV in the utero or shortly after birth neither died or eliminated the virus (Traub, 1936a, 1936b). In that time, three different LCMV isolates were originated: the Armstrong strain isolated from monkeys, the Traub strain isolated from a laboratory colony of persistently infected mice, and the WE strain, isolated from a human after exposure to persistently infected mice. Many different variants of these strains exist, but the most used are Clone 13, which derives from the Armstrong strain, and Docile, a derivative of the WE strain (Welsh and Seedhom, 2008). LCMV infection fate varies dramatically depending on the virus strain, age and genetic background of mice, route of infection, as well as the dose used for infection (Spiropoulou et al., 2002; Zinkernagel, 2002). In fact, one of the key features of the LCMV system is the ability to compare two different immune responses (Klenerman and Hill, 2005; Wilson and Brooks, 2010). Armstrong and Clone13 are genetically closely related strains but they differ in their ability to establish an acute and persistent infection, respectively (Ng et al., 2013). Interestingly, Armstrong and Clone13 viral strain genomes only differ by two amino acids, a K to Q substitution at position 1079 (polymerase gene) and a F to L substitution at position 260 (glycoprotein gene). The latter substitution alters receptor tropism, enabling Clone13 to infect more efficiently CD11c<sup>+</sup> DCs than the Armstrong strain (Matloubian et al., 1993). Viral targeting of these CD11c<sup>+</sup> DCs is associated with defective antigen presentation and costimulation, and results in impaired T cell responses and ultimately, viral persistence (Bergthaler et al., 2010). Furthermore, infection with low doses of LCMV Docile (LCMV<sub>Doc</sub>) induced a robust response of virus effector specific CD8<sup>+</sup> and CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells that results in viral clearance within 8-10 days postinfection (p.i.). In contrast, infection with high doses of LCMV<sub>Doc</sub> results in higher titer and clonal exhaustion of T cells and viral persistence (Cornberg et al., 2013).

Since Traub's discovery in the 1930s, LCMV infection of mice has been used as an important model system and allowed numerous key findings about innate and adaptive immune responses during acute and persistent viral infections. First, the MHC-restricted function of cytotoxic T lymphocytes was demonstrated by Rolf Zinkernagel and Peter Doherty, for which they were awarded the Nobel Prize in 1996 (Zinkernagel, 1975; Zinkernagel and Doherty, 1974). Second, the mechanism of CTL-mediated lysis of virus-infected target cells was shown to be via perforin secretion (Kägi et al., 1994; Masson and Tschopp, 1985). Third, the concept of "memory" of adaptive immune responses where T cells remember their cognate antigen after initial antigen encounter was developed (Murali-Krishna et al., 1998). Forth, the key role of NK cells as important regulators of CD4 T-cell-mediated support for antiviral CD8 T cells was shown (Waggoner et al., 2011). Fifth, the role of organized secondary lymphoid organs in the induction of naive T and B cells, and subsequent virus control was established (Karrer et al., 1997). Sixth, the concept of immunopathology was developed in which the damage of the tissue and organs is associated with or directly caused by the immune response and not as a direct result of the pathogen burden or toxicity from the infected cell. Mediators of immunopathology include CTL, macrophages, neutrophils and interferons (Cole et al., 1972; Kim et al., 2009; Rivière et al., 1977). Seventh, the state of dysfunction of effector T cells, a phenomenon known as "immune exhaustion" (see section 2.3) was established (Welsh and Seedhom, 2008; Zhou et al., 2012). Eighth, the role of host immunoregulatory proteins such as PD-1 in directly inhibiting antiviral immune functionality and maintaining the immunosuppressive state was shown (Barber et al., 2006; Okoye et al., 2017; Waggoner et al., 2011). Thus, the LCMV mouse model system has proven to be an excellent platform for immunological studies.

### **3.3. Similarities between LCMV and HIV immunology**

LCMV and HIV are inherently different viruses regarding genetic composition, replicative strategies and mechanisms of infection. Despite that, they both elicit comparable antiviral responses at least under certain LCMV infection conditions. For this reason, some of the immune features described in LCMV were then extended to the understanding of persistent HIV infections in humans (Klennerman and Hill, 2005). Some examples are: (i) Exhausted CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell responses in persistent LCMV infection are comparable to the exhausted CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell responses found in HIV infection, specifically the failure to proliferate and produce cytokines in responses to viral antigen (Klennerman and Hill, 2005); (ii) PD-1 expression on

virus-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells are increased in LCMV and HIV infections, correlating with T cell exhaustion (Barber et al., 2006). PD-L1 blockade results in an increase of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells functionality in both viral infections (Blackburn et al., 2008; Day et al., 2006; Petrovas et al., 2006); (iii) IL-10 plays an immunomodulatory role during persistent LCMV and HIV infection. Blockade of this cytokine enhances virus-specific T cell responses in both persistent infections (Clerici et al., 1994; Landay et al., 1996); (iv) CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells are required to sustain virus-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> CTL during chronic LCMV infection (Battegay et al., 1994; Matloubian et al., 1994); (v) The role of IL-2 as a regulator of effector and memory CTL generation has been pinpointed (Pipkin et al., 2010). IL-2 expression is suppressed by both CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in persistent LCMV and HIV infection, diminishing the expansion and generation of lasting memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (Aiuti and Mezzaroma, 2006); and finally (vi) IL-21 production by CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells is necessary for the maintenance of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell effector responses during persistent LCMV infection (Frohlich et al., 2009; Yi et al., 2009) as well as in HIV infection (Yue et al., 2010). Thus, LCMV has been proven to be a valuable experimental tool to address meaningful mechanistic correlations between the mouse system and what one observes in human HIV infection.





## **OBJECTIVES**

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The host immune response against an infection requires the coordinated action of hundreds of cell subsets that dynamically adapt to the pathogen threat. Due to the complexity of such response, most immunological studies are based on non-dynamical analyses focused on few genes, proteins or cell subsets. During the last years, “omic”-technologies have become a powerful tool to perform systematic analysis of dynamic biological processes. However, there is a need to develop novel methods that facilitate the interpretation of the generated “omics” data. This thesis has 3 objectives:

1. To study the global immune cell dynamics during acute and chronic LCMV infection of mice using Digital Cell Quantifier (DCQ).
2. To combine Weighted Gene Coexpression Network Analysis (WGCNA) and DCQ to link gene expression changes to cell kinetics.
3. To validate hypotheses generated by combining WGCNA and DCQ using gene coexpression modules relevant to LCMV chronic infection.



## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

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## **1. Media, buffers and solutions**

### Ammonium chloride (NH<sub>4</sub>Cl) - Lysing Solution

0.15M NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (Merck), 10mM KHCO<sub>3</sub> (Sigma-Aldrich), 0.1mM Na<sub>2</sub>EDTA (Sigma-Aldrich). pH 7.2-7.4.

### FACS Buffer

Phosphate buffered saline (PBS) (Gibco), 5% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (FBS), 0.5% Bovine serum albumin (BSA) (Sigma-Aldrich), 0.07% sodium azide (Sigma-Aldrich).

### FACS Fix Buffer

Deionized water, 1% paraformaldehyde (Sigma-Aldrich), 150mM NaCl (Sigma-Aldrich), pH 7.4.

### Complete RPMI media

RPMI 1640 with L-glutamine (Sigma-Aldrich), 10% FBS (Sigma-Aldrich), 1U/mL penicillin, 1μg/mL streptavidin, 0.05mM β-Mercaptoethanol, 1mM Sodium Pyruvate (Sigma-Aldrich).

### Perm Wash Buffer

Phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) (Gibco), 1% FBS, 0.1% NaN<sub>3</sub> (Sigma-Aldrich), 0.1% Saponin.

### Fixation/Permeabilization (Fix/Perm) Buffer 1X:

Diluted from Fix/Perm concentrate (4x) (eBioscience) in Fix/Perm diluent (eBioscience)

### Permeabilization (Perm) Buffer 1X:

Diluted from Perm concentrate (10x) (eBioscience) in deionized water.

## 2. Digital Cell Quantifier (DCQ)

The DCQ was performed as described in Altboum et al. 2014. Briefly, the DCQ took as an input: (i) an immune cell compendium of transcriptional profiles, consisting of 213 different immune cell subsets and their corresponding cell surface markers (prior knowledge about the mRNA quantities of each gene in different cell types); and (ii) differentially expressed genes from spleens from acute-and chronic-LCMV infected mice (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted). This prior immune cell compendium contains naive and effector cell subsets, isolated from 22 different tissues in both resting and activated immune states. As an output, DCQ predicted for each cell type and time point, a relative cell quantity (based on the change in cell quantity between a sample at a specific time point and a sample at time point zero). We used the `glmnet` R package (Friedman et al., 2010) with the parameters  $\alpha = 0.05$ , `lambda.min.ratio = 0.2`.

To evaluate the robustness of the predicted results, DCQ was run 100 times using only a random collection of 50% of the cell types in the compendium on each run, resulting in 100 different solutions. Standard deviations were calculated across these 100 solutions. The robustness score (significance of a predicted change in quantity) was assessed by evaluating whether the sample of relative quantities is significantly different from zero (P-value score). Significantly changing cell types were defined as those whose  $-\log_{10}$  P-value score between at least two consecutive time points is lower than -20 (cell decrease) or higher than 20 (cell increase) (Supplementary Table 1 and 2).

## 3. Processing of RNA-Seq data for DCQ

Between 30-63 millions of single-end reads were produced after sequencing, and approximately 91% mapped against the reference mouse genome (GRCm38) using the GEM software (Marco-Sola et al., 2012), allowing for split maps. Gene quantification was performed using the GEMTools RNA-Seq pipeline with the gencode.vM2 mouse annotation. Around 90% of the reads were exonic, 5% intronic and 5% intergenic. The TMM method (Robinson and Oshlack, 2010) of the edgeR software (Robinson et al., 2010) was used for normalization of the gene expression. To apply the DCQ, the transcriptional profiles were pre-processed as follows: First, the  $\log_2$  transformed profiles of the same time point were

averaged. Second, for each given gene, all its values were normalized by its median and standard deviation among the different time points. Finally, DCQ was applied on the transformed spleen RNA-seq data with robustness cutoff = 20.

## 4. ImmGen data

To compare gene expression levels between early and late effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells, the tool “Population Comparison” from ImmGen data browser (<http://www.immgen.org/>) was used. This tool provided a ranked table of genes that are always expressed in OVA-specific effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells analyzed 12 and 24 hours postinfection with LisOva and never expressed in the same cells analyzed at days 5, 6 and 8 postinfection with LisOva or VSVOva (Supplementary Table S8). Default thresholds from the ImmGen tool were used. To analyze the pattern of expression of the genes *Xcl1*, *Tnfsf8*, *Tlr7*, *Ccr9* and *Cd83* across OVA-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in ImmGen compendium, we used the tool “My GeneSet” using Microarray V1 data set. Expression values were obtained as the log2 of each gene expression value/average expression value of all genes.

## 5. Mice and viruses

All mice were maintained in pathogen-free conditions in the Parc de Recerca Biomèdica de Barcelona (PRBB) animal facility, and handling conformed to the requirements from Generalitat de Catalunya. All of the animal protocols were reviewed and approved by the ethical committee for animal experimentation at PRBB (CEEA-PRBB, Spain). Male C57BL/6J mice (4-8 weeks of age, obtained from Charles River Laboratories) were infected intraperitoneally (i.p.) with either 2x10<sup>2</sup> (low dose, LD) or 2x10<sup>6</sup> (high dose, HD) plaque-forming units (PFU) of the strain Docile of LCMV (4-6 animals per group) to induce an acute or chronic infection, respectively.

## 6. Tissue processing and splenocyte stimulation

Spleens were harvested at the indicated time points and placed directly in complete RPMI buffer supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS). If analysis of cytokines was needed, complete RPMI buffer was also supplemented with Brefeldin A (10µg/ml), a protein

transport inhibitor. After collection, spleens were homogenized into a single-cell suspension and filtered through a 40 $\mu$ m nylon cell strainer (Falcon) to remove cells clumps. Splenocytes were then resuspended in ammonium chloride (NH<sub>4</sub>Cl) lysing solution for 5 minutes at room temperature to lyse erythrocytes, washed twice, and resuspended either in complete RPMI medium supplemented with 10% FBS for stimulation or cell sorting, or in FACS buffer for flow cytometry staining.

## 7. Cell staining and Flow cytometry

### 7.1. Splenocytes stimulation

For intracellular detection of IFN- $\gamma$ , splenocytes were seeded at 1.5-2x10<sup>6</sup> cells/well in 96 wells round-bottom plates (Sigma-Aldrich) and incubated with gp33 (1 $\mu$ g/ml) peptide for two hours at 37°C. After incubation, 10 $\mu$ L of Brefeldin A (10 $\mu$ g/ml) was added to the cells, following incubation at 37°C for another three hours. After the second incubation, cells were removed from the incubator and cell surface and intracellular staining were performed following the steps described in sections 7.2.

### 7.2. Cell staining

Splenocytes were seeded at 1.5-2x10<sup>6</sup> cells/well in 96 wells round-bottom plates (Sigma-Aldrich), washed twice with PBS and stained with a viability stain Live/Dead fixable violet dye (Vivid) (Invitrogen) or Fixable viability stain 620 (BD Biosciences) for 20 minutes at room temperature to exclude dead cells from the analysis. After, splenocytes were washed twice with FACS buffer and pelleted cells were then incubated for 20 minutes on ice in a total volume of 50 $\mu$ L with CD16/CD32 Fc block (BD Biosciences) to block non-antigen-specific binding of immunoglobulins to the Fc receptors. After blocking, cells were washed twice with FACS buffer and stained with 50 $\mu$ L of fluorochrome-labelled monoclonal antibodies against: CD4, CD8a, CD45R, NK1.1, CD11c, CD11b, Ly-6G, Ly-6C, CD25, CD3e, CD27, CD44, CXCR5, CD83, CD199 (CCR9) and CD153 (TNFSF8). After surface antibody staining, cells were washed twice with FACS buffer and fixed with FACS fix.

For intracellular staining, cells were permeabilized for 20 minutes with 100 $\mu$ L of Perm Wash buffer. Once permeabilized, cells were washed twice with Perm Wash buffer and pelleted

cells were then incubated for 20 minutes on ice with 50 $\mu$ L of fluorochrome-labelled monoclonal antibodies against IFN $\gamma$ , TLR7 or XCL1. After, cells were washed with Perm Wash and resuspended in FACS fix.

For intracellular detection of FOXP3, cells were fixed and permeabilized using FOXP3 staining kit (eBioscience) according to manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, cells were washed twice with Perm Buffer (eBioscience) and centrifuged. Pelleted cells were then incubated 25 minutes, at room temperature, with a 100ul of fluorochrome-labelled monoclonal antibodies against FOXP3. After 25 minutes, cells were washed twice with Perm Buffer (eBioscience) and finally resuspended in FACS Fix Buffer.

Stained cells were acquired in a flow cytometer within two hours after staining. Prior to acquisition, cells were kept protected from light at 4°C. Flow cytometry data were collected on a LSR Fortessa (BD biosciences) and analyzed with FlowJo software (Tree Star). Data were analyzed using FlowJo 10.1 software. Flow cytometry panels can be found in Table M1.

### **7.3. Sorting of monocytes/macrophages, neutrophils and CD8 $^{+}$ CD44 $^{-}$ /CD8 $^{+}$ CD44 $^{+}$ T cells.**

For sorting of monocytes/macrophages, neutrophils and CD8 $^{+}$  CD44 $^{-}$ /CD8 $^{+}$  CD44 $^{+}$  T cells, cells were seeded in polypropylene round bottom test tubes (Falcon) at 50x10 $^{6}$  cells/tube, rinsed with FACS buffer and incubated for 20 minutes on ice in a total volume of 100 $\mu$ L with CD16/CD32 Fc block (BD Biosciences) to block non-antigen-specific binding of immunoglobulins to the Fc receptors. Cells were then washed twice with FACS buffer and stained with 100 $\mu$ L of fluorochrome-labelled monoclonal antibodies against: CD45R, NK1.1, CD11c, CD11b, Ly-6G and Ly-6C (for Monocytes/Macrophages and neutrophils) and CD4, CD8a, CD3e and CD44 (for CD8 $^{+}$  CD44 $^{-}$ /CD8 $^{+}$  CD44 $^{+}$  T cells). After surface antibody staining, cells were washed twice with FACS buffer and resuspend with RPMI supplemented with 10% FBS. Flow cytometry panels can be found in Table M1.

Stained cells were sorted in a FACSAria II SORP (BD Biosciences) right after staining. Sorted cells were collected in complete medium and kept on ice during and after sorting. Sort purity was > 95% for all populations.

**Table M1. Flow cytometry panels.**

Table M1. Flow cytometry panels. (BD: Biosciences, Dil: dilution; Cat.#: Catalog number)

IFNγ in CD4 <sup>+</sup> and CD8 <sup>+</sup> T cells					
Antigen	Fluorochrome	Company	Cat. #	Clone	Volume
CD4	PE	BD	553653	H129.19	0,12µL
CD8	PECy5	BD	553034	536.7	0,12µL
IFNγ	FITC	BD	554411	XMG1.2	0,03µL

Monocytes/Macrophages and Neutrophils					
Antigen	Fluorochrome	Company	Cat. #	Clone	Volume*
Live/Dead	FVS620	BD	564996	-	Dil 1:1000
CD45R	PE-CF594	BD	562313	RA3-6B2	0.15µL
NK1.1	PE-CF594	BD	562864	PK136	0.3µL
CD11c	PerCP-Cy5.5	BD	560584	HL3	5µL
CD11b	Pe-Cy7	BD	552850	M1/70	1.25µL
Ly-6G	PE	BD	551461	1A8	0.625µL
Ly-6C	FITC	BD	561085	AL-21	0.625µL

\*For sorting analysis, the volume of antibody was doubled and the quantity was tripled.

CD4 <sup>+</sup> Regulatory T cells					
Antigen	Fluorochrome	Company	Cat. #	Clone	Volume
CD4	PE	BD	553653	H129.19	0,12µL
CD25	APCCy7	BD	557658	PC61	0,75µL
FOXP3	AF647	BD	560401	MF23	0,75µL

Natural Killer cells					
Antigen	Fluorochrome	Company	Cat. #	Clone	Volume
Live/dead	Vivid	Invitrogen	L34955	-	Dil 1:5000
CD3e	PE-Cy7	BD	561100	145-2C11	1,25µL
NK1.1	PE-CF594	BD	562864	PK136	0,3µL
CD11b	APC	BD	553312	M1/70	0.625µL
CD27	FITC	ThermoFisher	11-0271-81	LG.7F9	0,25µL

CD8 <sup>+</sup> CD44 <sup>-</sup> and CD44 <sup>+</sup> T cells					
Antigen	Fluorochrome	Company	Cat. #	Clone	Volume*
CD4	PerCP Cy5.5	BD	550954	RM4-5	0.15µL
CD8a	FITC	BD	553030	53-6.7	0.5µL
CD3e	PE-Cy7	BD	561100	145-2C11	1.25µL
CD44	eFl450	ThermoFisher	48-0441-80	IM7	0.625µL

\*For sorting analysis, the volume of antibody was doubled and the quantity was tripled.

Effector CD8 <sup>+</sup> T cells					
Antigen	Fluorochrome	Company	Cat. #	Clone	Volume*
Live/Dead	FVS620	BD	564996	-	Dil 1:1000
CD8a	PerCP-Cy5.5	BD	551162	53-6.7	0.31µL
CXCR5	PE-Cy7	ThermoFisher	25-7185-80	SPRCL5	2.5µL
CD83	AF488	BD	563539	Michel-19	2.5µL
CD199	BV421	BD	565412	CW-1.2	1.25µL
Xcl1	-	BD	MAB486	80222	0.5µL
anti-rat IgG2a	AF647	Abcam	ab172333	2A 8F4	Dil 1:2000

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CXCR5	PE-Cy7	ThermoFisher	25-7185-80	SPRCL5	2.5µL
CD153	BV421	BD	740059	RM153	2.5µL
TLR7	FITC	ThermoFisher	PA5-23489	-	0.28µL
Xcl1	-	BD Biosciences	MAB486	80222	0.5µL
anti-rat IgG2a	AF647	Abcam	ab172333	2A 8F4	Dil 1:2000

\*For sorting analysis, the volume of antibody was doubled and the quantity was tripled.

## **8. RNA isolation and Quantitative Real Time PCR**

Total RNA from spleens (15-20 mg) and sorted cells ( $5 \times 10^4$ ) was isolated, including DNase treatment (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions using RNeasy Mini Kit for spleen tissue and Qiagen RNeasy Micro Kit for sorted cells (Qiagen). The quality (RNA integrity number (RIN)) and concentration was determined using Agilent Bioanalyzer. 50ng of RNA was reverse-transcribed to cDNA using SuperScript III Reverse Transcriptase (ThermoFisher). Quantitative real-time PCR was performed in a total volume of  $10\mu\text{L}$ , 50ng of cDNA, 300nM of forward and reverse primers and 5ul of SYBR Select Master mix (ThermoFisher). Each reaction was performed in triplicate in a 384 well plate (Sigma-Aldrich) in a Quantstudio 12K Flex Real Time PCR (ThermoFisher) using the housekeeping gene *Gapdh* for normalization of all target genes' expression. The parameters were the following: 2 min 50°C, 95°C 10 min, 40 cycles of 15 sec at 95°C and 60 sec at 60°C. Primers for all genes were designed using the program Primer Express 3.0 (Applied Biosystems). Primer selection parameters were as follows: primer size between 10 and 40 nucleotides; primer melting temperature from 52°C to 60°C; GC content between 40% and 60%; and product size between 150 and 250 nucleotides. Primers were ordered from Biomers. Sequences for the primers used can be found in Table M2.

**Table M2. Primer sequence**

<b>Gene</b>	<b>Strand</b>	<b>Sequence</b>
<i>Gapdh</i>	Forward	5'-CCA GTA TGA CTC CAC TCA CG-3'
	Reverse	5'-GAC TCC ACG ACA TAC TCA GC-3'
<i>Ccr1</i>	Forward	5'-CTC ATG CAG CAT AGG AGG CTT-3'
	Reverse	5'-ACA TGG CAT CAC CAA AAA TCC A-3'
<i>C5ar1</i>	Forward	5'-TAC CAT TAG TGC CGA CCG TTT-3'
	Reverse	5'-CCG GTA CAC GAA GGA TGG AAT-3'
<i>Itgam</i>	Forward	5'-GCA CCA AAA CTG CAA GGA GAA-3'
	Reverse	5'-CCG GAG CCA TCA ATC AAG AA-3'

## **9. RNA-Seq library preparation and sequencing**

Transcriptome analysis by RNA-Seq was performed at the Centre de Regulació Genòmica (CRG-PRBB, Spain). Sequencing libraries were obtained after removing ribosomal RNA by a Ribo-Zero kit (Illumina). cDNA was synthesized and tagged by addition of barcoded Truseq adapters. Libraries were quantified using the KAPA Library Quantification Kit (KapaBiosystems) prior to amplification with Illumina's cBot. Four libraries were pooled and sequenced (paired end, 50nts) on an Illumina HiSeq2000 sequencer to obtain 50-60 million reads per sample.

## **10. Statistical analysis**

Two-tailed t test or one-way ANOVA analyses were performed using GraphPad Prism 6.0 (San Diego, CA, USA). p-values (p) below 0.05 were considered significant and were indicated by asterisks: \* $p \leq 0.05$ ; \*\* $p \leq 0.01$ ; \*\*\* $p \leq 0.001$ ; \*\*\*\* $p \leq 0.0001$ . Non-significant differences were indicated as “ns”. Pearson’s correlation was used to measure the degree of similarity between the module eigengene and DCQ inferred cell kinetics. Fisher’s exact test was used to quantify the significance of gene overlap between acute-brown module hub genes and genes from CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and monocytes/macrophages cell subsets.







## **RESULTS**

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## 1. Immune cell dynamics during acute and chronic LCMV infection

To obtain a global view of the biological processes that participate in acute and chronic LCMV infection, we created a new computational approach that combines WGCNA-derived gene coexpression networks with DCQ-inferred immune cell kinetics to study the mechanisms of chronicity development and virus control. As input, we used our previously determined RNA-Seq data set (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted) that consists of time-resolved splenic transcriptomes from C57BL/6J mice infected with a low-dose ( $2 \times 10^2$  PFU; acute infection) or a high-dose ( $2 \times 10^6$  PFU; chronic infection) of LCMV strain Docile (LCMV<sub>Doc</sub>) (Figure R1). The time points (days 0, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 31 postinfection (p.i.)) were selected according to the main viral and immunological features, and therefore represent the main states of an acute and chronic infection. 13,971 genes were identified as differentially expressed (DE) when compared to uninfected animals, and were analyzed by WGCNA to obtain modules of highly coexpressed genes (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted) (Figure R1).

To link immune cell dynamics during acute and chronic LCMV infection to WGCNA-derived gene coexpression modules, we used the expression kinetics of the DE genes as an input for DCQ (Altboum et al., 2014). The DCQ output consisted of predicted kinetics of 207 different immune cell subsets. Of these, 125 cell subsets had a significant change in their quantity between at least two consecutive time points (robustness score higher/lower than  $\pm 20$ , see methods). We constructed a comprehensive map of the dynamic changes of these 125 cell subsets during the course of acute and chronic LCMV infection (Figure R2). 68 cell subsets were predicted to increase and 57 were predicted to decrease in both acute and chronic infections (Supplementary Table 1 and 2).

During LCMV infection, effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells play a critical role. They control virus expansion in acute infection while CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell exhaustion is a hallmark of chronic infection (Oldstone, 2006). Therefore, in order to verify that DCQ correctly predicts changes in the dynamics of immune cell subsets with major roles during LCMV infection, we first focused on DCQ-inferred kinetics of effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells. In concordance with the kinetics of LCMV-specific IFN $\gamma$ -producing CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells analyzed by flow cytometry (Supplementary

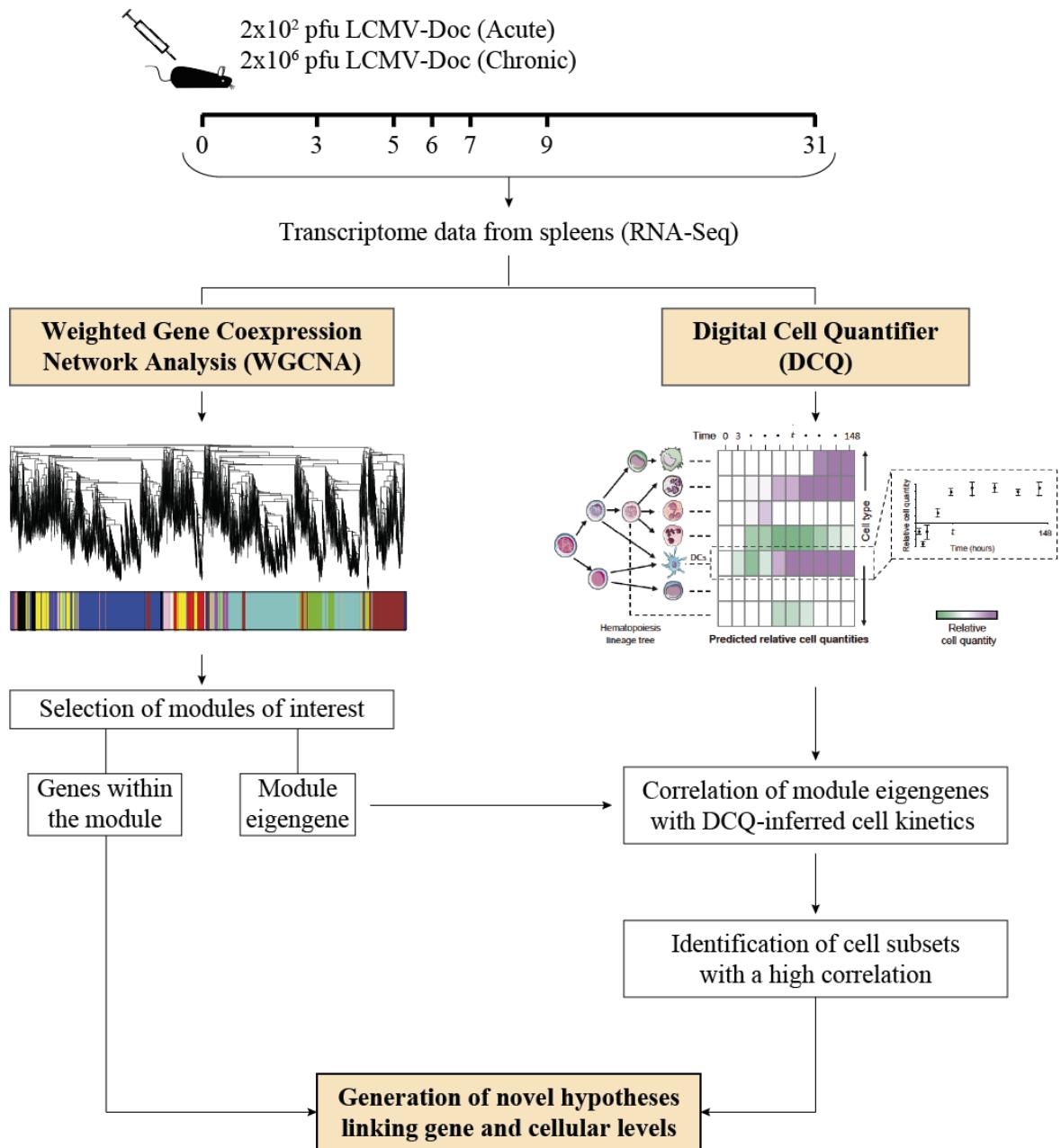
Figure 1A), DCQ predicted an increase of effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (OT-I-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell that were monitored at days 5, 6 and 8 p.i. with Listeria (LIS) or Vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV)) in both acute and chronic infections. Importantly, DCQ correctly predicted exhaustion of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in chronic infection, showing a drastic decrease of these effector cells between days 7 and 9 (Figure R2 and Supplementary Figure 1B). Moreover, the kinetics of late effector and memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-15d and T.CD8+MEM, OT-I & LIS-100d) also showed the failure of chronically infected mice to generate a memory T cell response, in contrast to acute infected mice (Figure R2 and Supplementary Figure 1B).

DCQ also correctly predicted the changes in immune cell quantities of several other cell subsets with a specific role in LCMV chronic infection. For example, CD4<sup>+</sup> regulatory T cells (T.CD4+FP3+CD25+) only increased late in chronic infection (day 31 p.i.) (Supplementary Figure 2), as previously described (Schmitz et al., 2013) and further validated by flow cytometry (Supplementary Figure 3A). Two conventional dendritic cell (cDC) subsets expressing the marker CD103 and isolated from small intestine also showed an increase from day 9 in chronic infection (cDC.CD103+CD11b-) (Supplementary Figure R2). These CD103<sup>+</sup> CD11b<sup>-</sup> DCs from intestine are also present in other tissues such as the spleen. They express CD8 and the chemokine receptor XCR1, and are specialized in antigen cross-presentation (Ohta et al., 2016). Thus, these predicted DC kinetics likely represent the appearance of XCR1<sup>+</sup> DCs during the chronic infection phase that we have recently described to contribute to the maintenance of an antiviral cytotoxic T cell response and viral control (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted). Finally, DCQ also predicted in acute infection a transient increase of two neutrophil subsets (GN.ARTH) that in contrast, remained elevated at day 31 p.i. in chronically infected mice (Supplementary Figure 2). These neutrophils, which were monitored from arthritic mice in the immune cell compendium, likely represent the previously reported appearance of neutrophilic suppressor cells which have an immunomodulatory role during chronic infection (Norris et al., 2013).

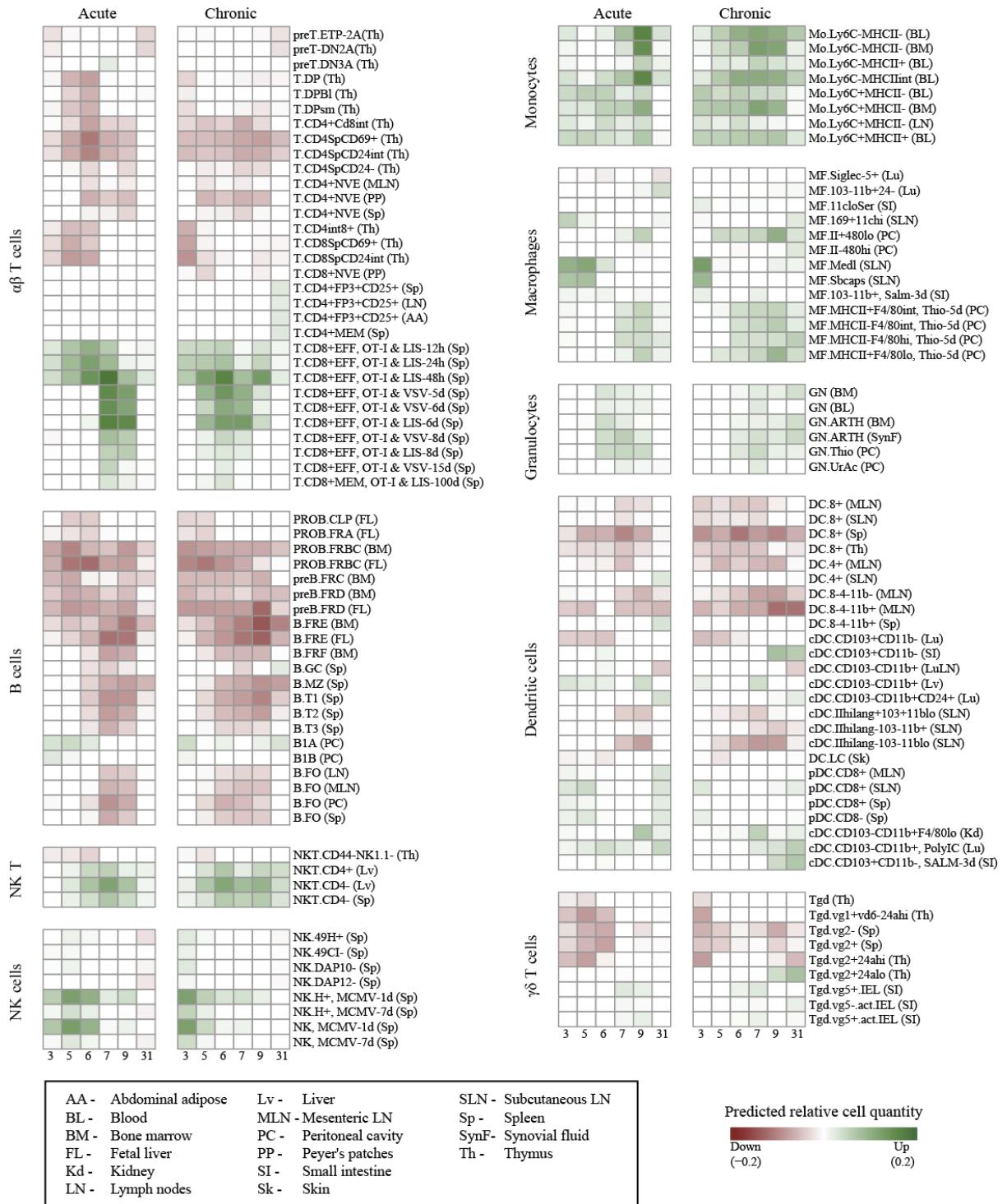
Other immune cell subsets kinetics inferred by DCQ showed a similar overall response in acute and chronic infected mice. For example, despite previous reports that attributed different roles to NK cells in both infections outcomes (Robbins et al., 2007; Waggoner et al., 2011b), activated NK cells predicted by DCQ (NK cells monitored in mice infected with murine cytomegalovirus (MCMV)) showed a similar kinetic in acute and chronic infection

(Figure R2 and Supplementary Figure 3B), with an early peak at days 5 and 3 p.i., respectively. Analysis of NK cell kinetics in chronic LCMV infection by flow cytometry showed a total NK cells decrease early after infection. However, increase of activated NK cells predicted by DCQ was validated when analyzing the kinetics of NK cell at different maturation states by staining cells with anti-CD11b and anti-CD27 antibodies. Indeed, only NK cells coexpressing these two surface markers, markers expressed in activated effector NK cells (Chiassone et al., 2009), showed an identical kinetic than activated NK cells predicted by DCQ (Supplementary Figure 3C), therefore demonstrating the ability of DCQ to predict the quantity of immune cell subsets in a particular functional stage. DCQ also predicted differences in the dynamics of two different macrophage (MF) subsets: (i) CD169<sup>+</sup> MFs, known to promote an early wave of innate immune responses and in priming cytotoxic T cells (Bernhard et al., 2015; van Dinther et al., 2018), increased early after infection (day 3 p.i.), and (ii) activated MFs (monitored at 5 days post stimulation with thioglycollate), increased at days 7 and 9 p.i. (Figure R2 and Supplementary Figure 4A), when the adaptive T cell response appears (Supplementary Figure 1A). Finally, DCQ-prediction of monocyte kinetics were also validated by FACS, showing a rapid increase of inflammatory Ly6c<sup>+</sup> monocytes followed by an increase of resident Ly6c<sup>-</sup> monocytes at later time points in both acute and chronic infection (Supplementary Figure S4-B and C).

By infecting progenitor cells and dendritic cells (DCs), LCMV prevents the maturation and migration of DCs (Sevilla et al., 2003, Sevilla et al., 2004). Accordingly, DCQ also correctly predicted the kinetics of DCs: the number of plasmacytoid DCs (pDC) in the spleen increased early after infection, while most conventional DCs (cDCs) decreased, as described previously (Montoya et al., 2005) (Figure R2). Finally, several other cell subsets showed a decrease in numbers in both acute and chronic infections: undifferentiated T cells, in accordance with the DCQ-derived results obtained by Altboum et al. (Altboum et al., 2014) in lungs from influenza infected mice, and B cells, in agreement with previous literature that reported a Type I IFN- or NK-mediated depletion of B cells in acute and chronic LCMV infections (Cook et al., 2015; Fallet et al., 2016; Rydzynski et al., 2015).



**Figure R1. Schematic representation of the experimental design.** Mice were infected with either  $2 \times 10^2$  or  $2 \times 10^6$  PFU of LCMV Docile (LCMV<sub>Doc</sub>), and spleens were collected at the indicated days postinfection to obtain time-resolved transcriptomes in acute and chronic infections, respectively. Differentially expressed (DE) gene kinetics obtained by RNA-Seq were used as input for weighted gene coexpression network analysis (WGCNA) and digital cell quantifier (DCQ) to obtain modules of highly coexpressed genes and predictions of immune cell kinetics in spleen, respectively. To identify the cell subsets expressing a cluster of genes from a particular module, we performed a Pearson's correlation analysis of the module eigengene with DCQ-inferred cell kinetics, and novel hypotheses are generated.



**Figure R2. DCQ reconstruction of global immune cell dynamics during acute and chronic LCMV infections.** Global dynamics in immune cell quantities (green/increase, red/decrease in relative cell quantities) after acute and chronic LCMV infections, predicted by DCQ at different time points postinfection (columns) for 125 different immune cell types (rows). Each cell type heading is followed by the code of the tissue from which the cell type was isolated in the compendium. The box at the bottom left contains details for these abbreviations.

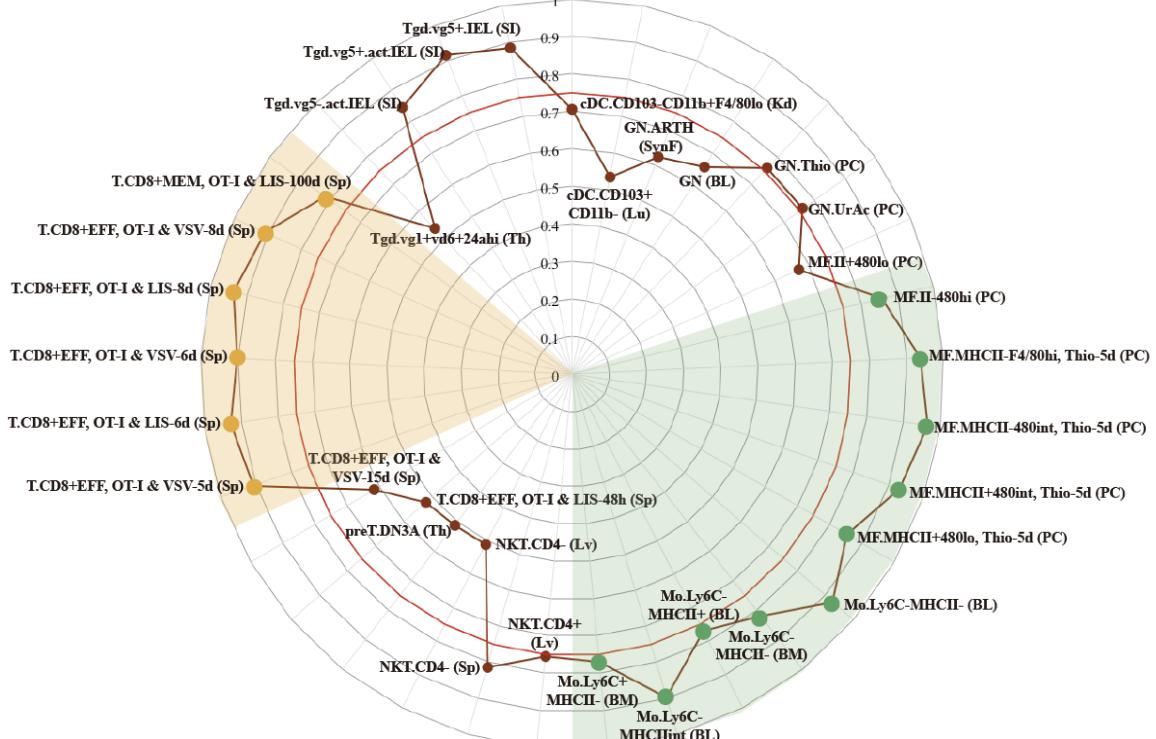
## 2. Combining WGCNA and DCQ to link immune cell subsets to gene coexpression networks

Using the same RNA-Seq data set from acute and chronic LCMV infections, our group previously obtained spleen transcriptome-derived coexpression modules by WGCNA (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted). This analysis provided relevant information about biological processes playing a major role in response to a virus-induced host perturbation. However, the gene coexpression analysis of total organ RNA lacks information about the cell subsets that participate in the expression of genes within the coexpression modules. In order to decipher which immune cell subsets are involved in spleen-derived gene coexpression modules obtained by WGCNA, we hypothesized that, in some circumstances, changes in the quantity of a particular cell subset will be translated also to changes of the genes expressed by that cell. When this hypothesis is true, the kinetics of a set of coexpressed genes will correlate with the kinetics of the cell subset expressing them. Thus, in order to further explore our time-resolved splenic transcriptome data set from acute and chronic LCMV infections, we performed Pearson's correlation analysis between WGCNA-derived module eigengenes (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted) and DCQ-inferred cell kinetics (Figure R1).

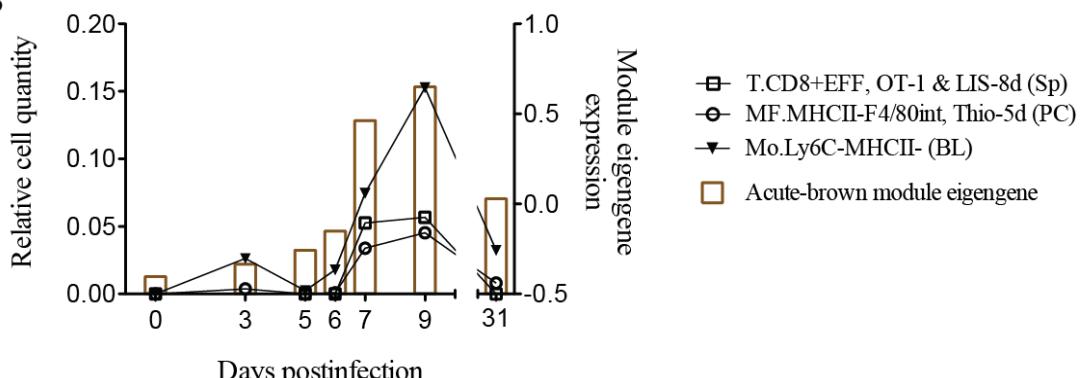
In our previous work, we identified the acute-brown module as the representative of the LCMV-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell response induced in acute infection (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted). Its eigengene expression kinetics highly correlated with the LCMV-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell response measured by intracellular staining of IFNy after *in vitro* virus-specific stimulation (Figure R3-A). Further analysis of the 315 hub genes within the module revealed an enrichment on T cell activated genes. Therefore, in order to validate our approach, we first analyzed which DCQ-inferred immune cell subset kinetics from acute infection correlated with the acute-brown module eigengene. From the 125 immune cell subsets inferred by DCQ, 23 cells showed a significant positive correlation ( $p\text{-value}<0.05$ ) (Supplementary Table S3). As expected, effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (activated at days 5, 6 and 8 p.i. with LIS or VSV) showed correlation scores above 0.9 (Figure R3-A and Supplementary Table S3), thus indicating that our approach correctly predicts the immune cell subsets responsible for the expression of genes within the module of interest. However, similar to effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells, several monocyte and macrophage cell subsets also showed high correlation scores and thus similar kinetics to acute-brown module eigengene (Figure R3-A and R3-B), suggesting that these cells might express also genes contained in the module. To test this hypothesis, we

performed RNA-Seq analysis of sorted monocytes/macrophages and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells from naive mice and animals infected with a low dose of LCMV<sub>Doc</sub> (acute infection). A total of 5291 genes were significantly upregulated at day 7 p.i. in activated CD44<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells compared to CD44<sup>-</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells from uninfected naive mice. Monocytes/macrophages showed 3520 genes significantly upregulated at day 7 p.i. compared to uninfected mice. To analyze if the genes within the acute-brown module were significantly enriched for genes from these two cell subsets, we determined the gene overlap between the module hub genes and the genes upregulated in CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and monocytes/macrophages by a Fisher's Exact Test (Figure R4-A). The acute-brown module was highly enriched for genes upregulated in both cell subsets. From the 315 hub genes within the module, 182 overlapped with genes upregulated in activated CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells ( $p\text{-value} < 1.6 \times 10^{-16}$ ) and were enriched for genes involved in the T cell response, TGF- $\beta$  signaling and leukocyte migration, among others (Figure R4-B and Supplementary Table S4-A). Importantly, 113 hub genes overlapped with genes upregulated in monocytes/macrophages ( $p\text{-value} < 3.6 \times 10^{-7}$ ) and were enriched for genes involved in TCR signaling pathway, T cell activation and IL-4 production (Figure R4-C and Supplementary Table S4-B), thus indicating that the acute-brown module represents the complex process on the induction of the T cell adaptive response that requires the coordination of monocytes/macrophages and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells. All together, these results demonstrate that the combination of DCQ and WGCNA is a very valuable tool to better characterize the immune cell subsets that participate in a complex biological pathway represented by a gene coexpression module.

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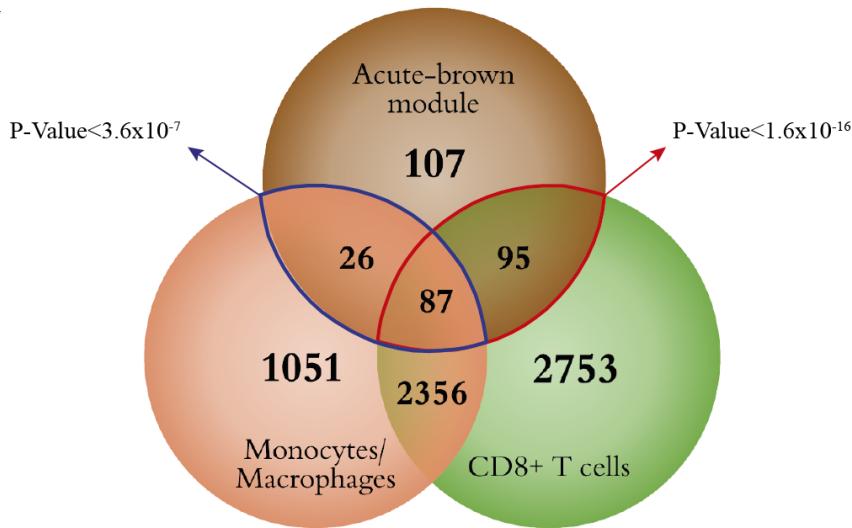


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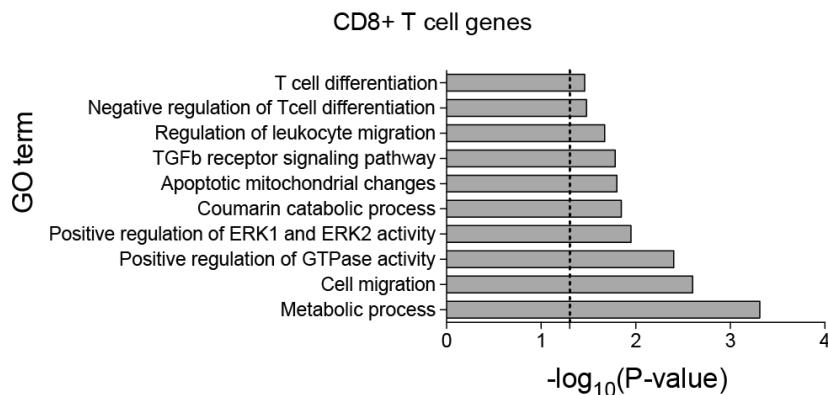


**Figure R3. Acute-brown module correlates with effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and monocyte/macrophage subsets.**  
(A) Radar chart showing the correlation values of immune cell subsets from acute infection with acute-brown module eigengene kinetics (only shown cell subsets with a correlation >0.5). Red line shows Pearson's correlation score with a p-value= 0.05. (B) Kinetics of acute-brown module eigengene (right axis) and the CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell, macrophage and monocyte subsets (left axis) with the highest correlation scores.

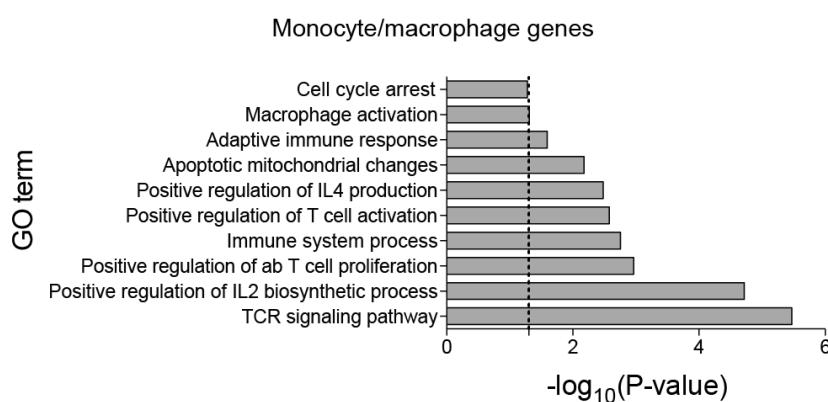
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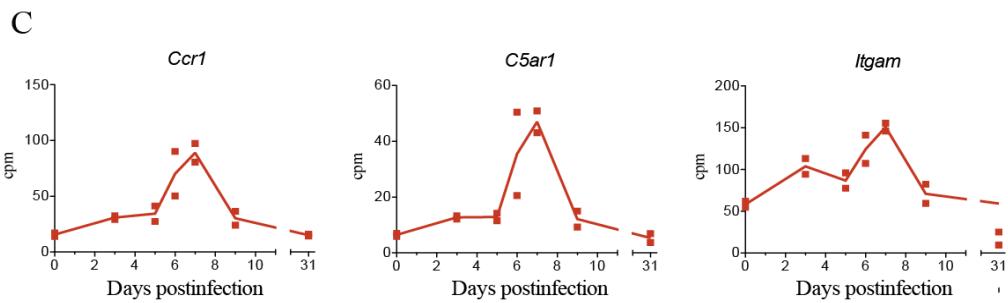
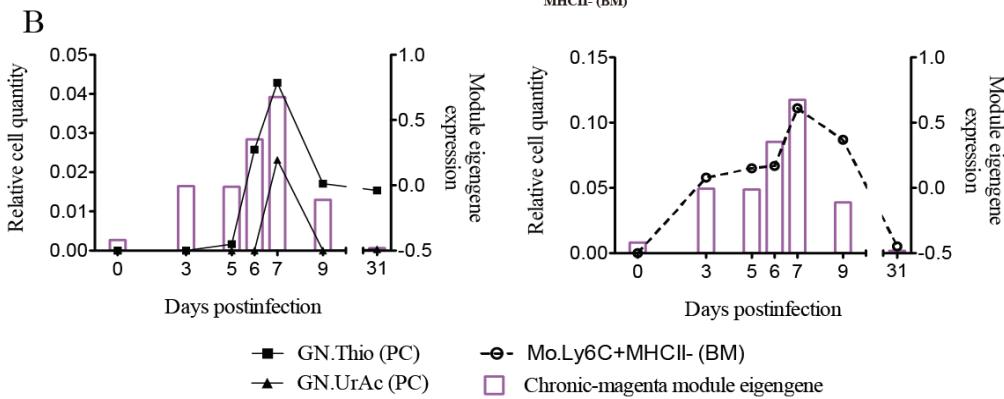
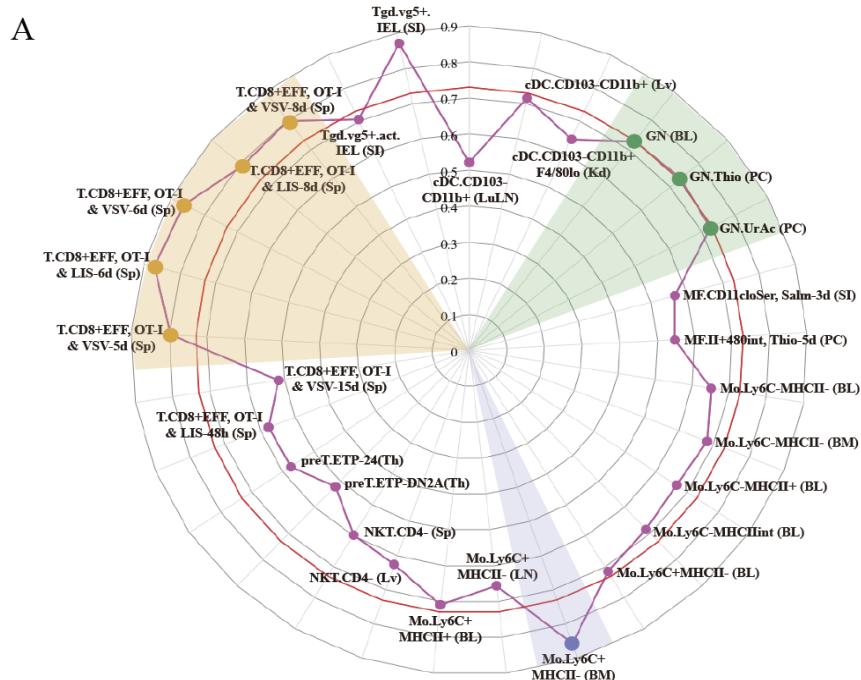


**Figure R4. Monocytes/macrophages and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells cooperate in the induction of the T cell response during LCMV acute infection.** (A) Venn diagram of overlaps among differentially expressed genes between days 0 and 7 after acute LCMV infection from sorted monocytes/macrophages and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells, and hub genes from acute-brown module (genes with intramodular connectivity ( $K_{IM}$ )>0.6). The significance of gene overlap between monocytes/macrophages (blue line) and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (red line) with acute-brown module was calculated by Fisher's Exact Test. (B-C) Ten representative GO terms enriched in genes from CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (B) and monocytes/macrophages (C) (dashed lines mark P-value=0.05).

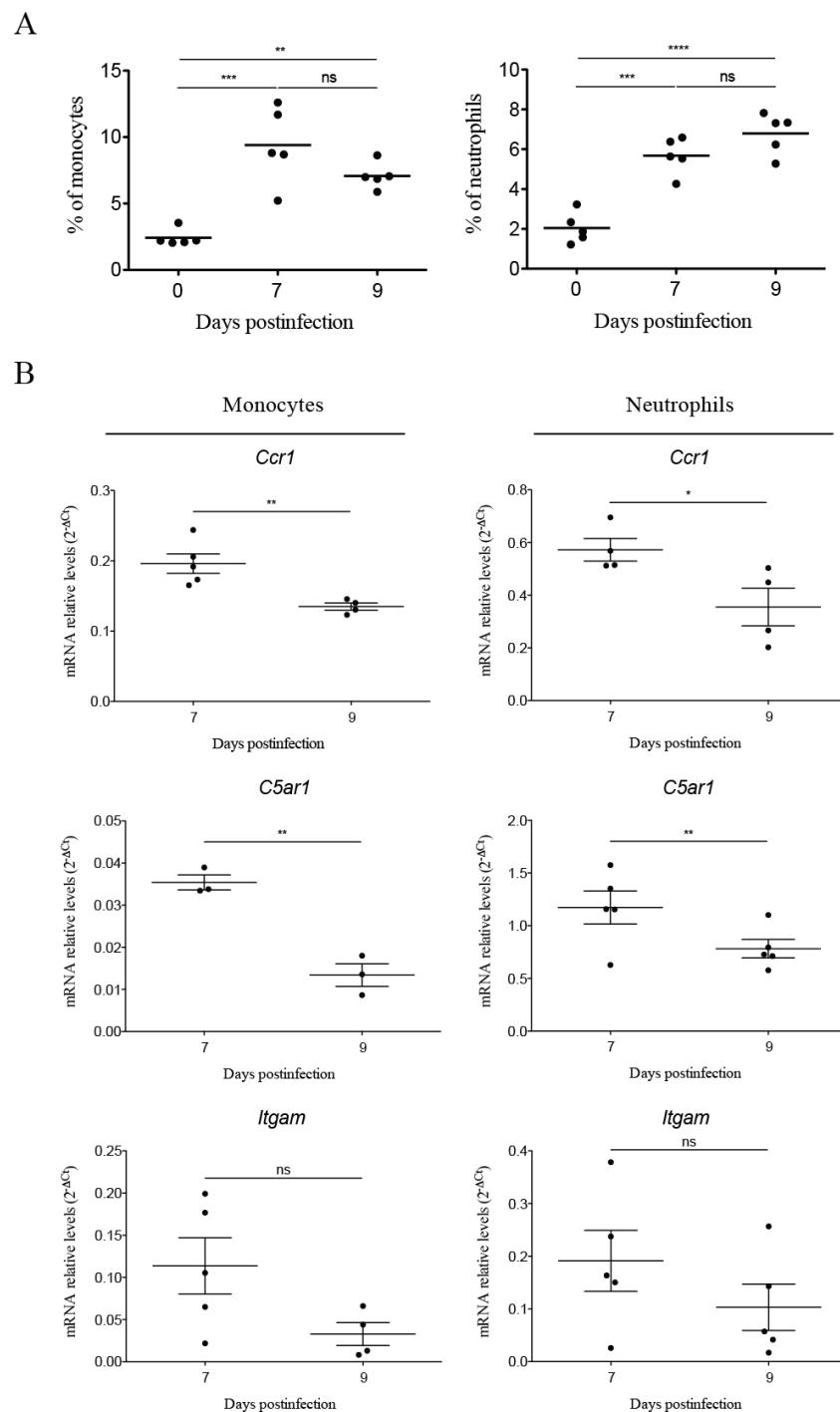
### **3. Neutrophil and macrophage migration are altered during chronic infection concomitant with CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell exhaustion**

Next we aimed to test our novel approach analyzing gene coexpression modules that represent critical features of chronic LCMV infection. Exhaustion of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells is a widely studied hallmark of chronic infections (Wherry, 2011; Zuniga and Hacker, 2012). However, little is known about the behavior of other immune components during its appearance. We therefore analyzed which WGCNA-derived module might represent biological processes that are concomitant to CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell exhaustion. Interestingly, the chronic-magenta module eigengene showed an expression kinetics very similar to the one of LCMV-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (Supplementary Figure S1) (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted), with a marked downregulation between days 7 and 9 postinfection (Figure R5-B). Therefore, this indicates that this module might represent a biological pathway concomitant with CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell exhaustion. Aiming to identify the immune cell subsets responsible for the expression of genes within this module, we analyzed which DCQ-inferred cell kinetics from chronic infection correlated with the chronic-magenta module eigengene. 14 cell subtypes showed a correlation value above 0.7, including effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells, dendritic cells, Tgd cells, activated neutrophils (GN, GN.Thio and GN.UrAc) and several monocytes/macrophages (Figure R5-A and Supplementary Table S3). Gene ontology (GO) analysis of the chronic-magenta module hub genes showed an enrichment for genes related to neutrophil chemotaxis and/or inflammatory response (*Ccr1*, *C5ar1*, *Itgam*, *Trem1*, *Vav3*, *Itgb2*) (Supplementary Table S7), suggesting that these pathways are altered at the same time when CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell exhaustion appears. Therefore, we next focused on the analysis of neutrophils and monocytes/macrophages (Figure R5-B), since they play a major role during inflammation (Kumar et al., 2018). To validate the DCQ-predicted kinetics of these cell subsets, we first analyzed by FACS the percentages of total neutrophils and monocytes/macrophages in the spleen from naive mice and animals at days 7 and 9 p.i. with a high dose of LCMV<sub>Doc</sub> (chronic infection). Both cell subsets were increased at day 7 postinfection but, surprisingly, none of them showed a significant decrease at 9 days p.i. (Figure R6-A). These results might indicate that these DCQ-predictions represent a particular functional stage of neutrophils and/or monocytes/macrophages, as stated before (Supplementary Figure S4) (Altboum., 2014). Thus, we next focused on the analysis of three hub genes involved in inflammatory responses (*Ccr1*, *C5ar1* and *Itgam*). Their expression kinetics obtained by RNA-Seq showed a peak of expression at day 7 followed by a decrease at day 9 p.i. (Figure R5-C), that we

confirmed in additional animals by qPCR from spleens at these same time points (Supplementary Figure S5). In order to identify cell subsets responsible for the downregulation of these genes, we analyzed their expression levels in sorted neutrophils and monocytes/macrophages from animals at days 7 and 9 p.i.. Interestingly, *Ccr1* and *C5ar1* were significantly downregulated at these time points in both cell subsets, while *Itgam* showed a non-significant tendency to decrease (Figure R6-B). These results suggest that the immune adaptation to a chronic infection is a complex process that involves the immunosuppression of T cells as well as cells from the innate immune system with an important role in inflammation. Further studies are necessary to elucidate the functional implications of such observations and their relevance in the infection outcome. All together, these results demonstrate that combining DCQ with WGCNA allows to better characterize the dynamic cell events occurring in complex tissues, generating hypotheses about the immune cell types that participate in a coordinated way in a particular biological process.



**Figure R5. Activated neutrophils and monocytes/macrophages correlate with chronic-magenta module.**  
(A) Radar chart showing the correlation values of immune cell subsets from chronic infection with chronic-magenta module eigengene kinetics (only shown cell subsets with a correlation  $>0.5$ ). Red line shows the Pearson's correlation score with a p-value = 0.05. (B) Kinetics of chronic-magenta module eigengene (right axis) and activated neutrophils (left) and monocytes (right). (C) Normalized gene expression (cpm) kinetics of the genes *Ccr1*, *C5ar1* and *Itgam*, obtained from the RNA-Seq analysis of the spleens of chronically infected mice.



**Figure R6. Monocytes and neutrophils downregulate genes involved in inflammatory response during chronic infection.** (A) Percentage of monocytes/macrophages and neutrophils in spleen at the indicated days postinfection in chronically infected mice determined by FACS analysis (significance determined using one-way ANOVA). (B) Expression levels of *Ccr1*, *C5ar1* and *Itgam* measured by qPCR from sorted monocytes and neutrophils. Relative gene expression level was normalized by *Gapdh*. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM from 4 to 5 mice. Significant differences were determined by an unpaired two-tailed t test. ns, non significant; \* p  $\leq$  0.05; \*\* p  $\leq$  0.01.

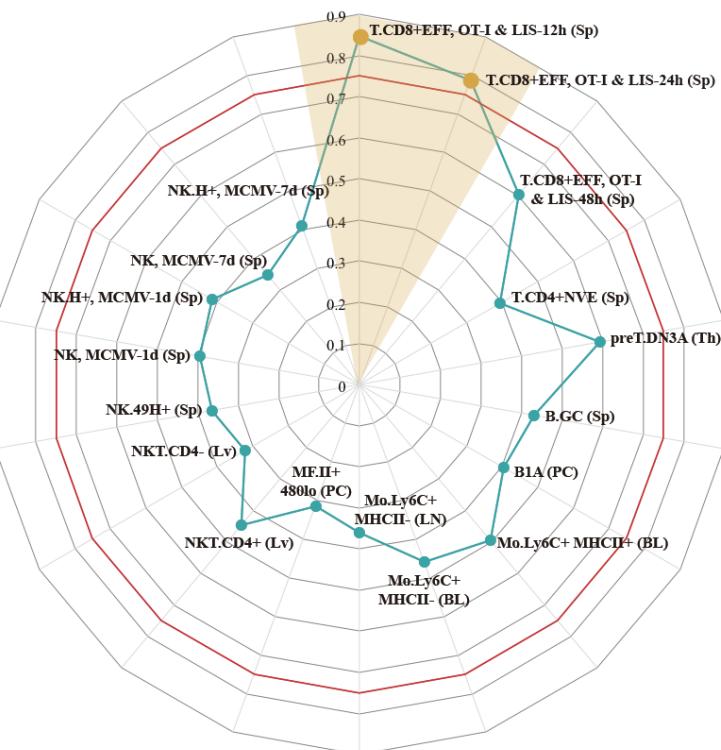
## **4. XCL1-producing cells during the adaptation phase to a chronic infection present an immature early effector phenotype**

Analysis of infection-fate-specific modules in Argilaguet et al. (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted) allowed to identify the biological pathways specific of chronic infection. In particular, the chronic-darkturquoise module contains the cytokine XCL1, showing a “two-peak” behavior with an expression peak at day 5 and a second upregulation from day 7 to day 9 p.i., at the time when exhaustion of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells appears (Figure R7-B and Supplementary Figure S1-A). We showed that XCL1 expression resulted in the recruitment of cross-presenting dendritic cells that express its receptor (XCR1), and that these cells contribute to the maintenance of an antiviral cytotoxic T cell response and participates in viral control in the chronic infection phase. Phenotypic analyses allowed us to describe that XCL1 was mainly expressed by LCMV-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells expressing the receptor CXCR5, a marker of exhausted CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells that retain effector functions (He et al., 2016; Im et al., 2016). However, due to the complexity of effector and exhausted CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell subpopulations present during a chronic infection (Bengsch et al., 2018), a detailed phenotypic characterization of XCL1-producing CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells was lacking.

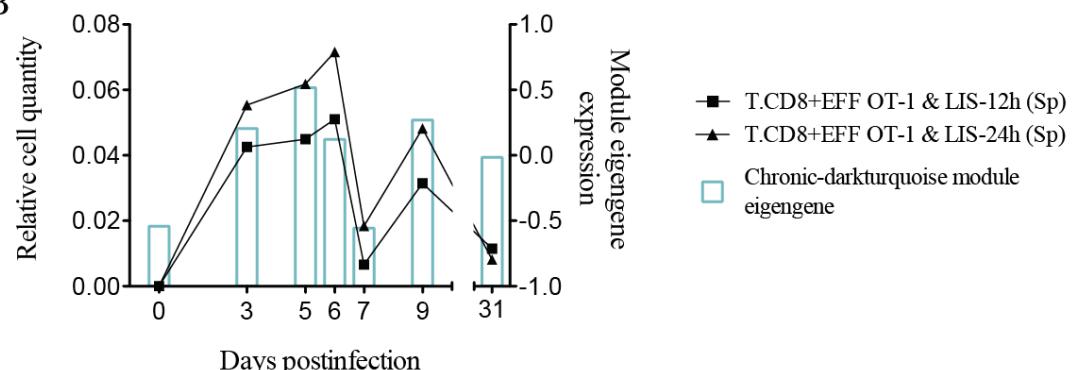
In order to better characterize the phenotype and activation state of the XCL1-producing CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in LCMV chronic infection, we used our approach to analyze what DCQ-inferred immune cell subset kinetics from chronic infection correlated with the chronic-darkturquoise module eigengene. Interestingly, only two CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell subsets isolated at 12 and 24h post Listeria (LIS) infection (T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-12h and 24h) showed a significant correlation (Figure R7-A and R7-B), suggesting that XCL1-producing CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells have an immature early effector phenotype. Using the “Population Comparison” tool from the Immunological Genome (ImmGen) Project, we next analyzed which genes are upregulated in these two cell subsets compared to late effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (OVA-specific T cells at days 5, 6 and 8 postinfection with LisOva or VSVOva). 385 genes showed expression values significantly higher in early versus late effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (Supplementary Table S8). To note, within them we found XCL1 and CXCR5, with a mean fold-change of 25.14 and 4.94, respectively, further indicating that XCL1 is produced by CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells with a phenotype characteristic of immature early effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells. To validate this hypothesis, we infected mice with a high dose of LCMV<sub>Doc</sub> to induce a chronic infection, and analyzed by FACS the level of expression of proteins characteristic of early effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells by

XCL1-producing cells at day 9 p.i.. Using the “My GeneSet” tool from ImmGen, we selected four proteins with high gene expression values in early effector T cells: TNFSF8, a cytokine that induces proliferation of T cells; TLR7, a receptor selectively upregulated by exhausted CXCR5<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (Im et al., 2016); CCR9, an chemokine receptor that regulates early phases of inflammation (López-Pacheco et al., 2016); and CD83, which is upregulated upon T cell stimulation during virus infection (Ju et al., 2016) (Figure R8-A and Supplementary Table S8). Expression of TNFSF8, TLR7 and CD83 by XCL1- CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells was similar between naive mice and infected animals at day 9 p.i. (Figure R8-B). By contrast, CCR9 showed higher expression levels in naive mice, in concordance with data obtained from ImmGen dataset, where CCR9 showed a high gene expression value in naive OT1 cells (Figure R8-A). Importantly, TNFSF8, TLR7 and CCR9 were highly expressed by XCL1<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells at day 9 p.i., showing mean fluorescence intensities (MFI) significantly higher than in XCL1<sup>-</sup> cells (Figure R8-B). These results demonstrate that XCL1 produced by CD8<sup>+</sup> T during the adaptation phase to a chronic infection is produced by CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells that express markers characteristic of early effector cells. Further experiments are necessary to decipher whether these cells are *de novo* activated naive T cells or exhausted T cells with a phenotype similar to early effector T cells. All together, these results demonstrate that by combining WGCNA with DCQ, it is possible to generate novel hypotheses to characterize the activation and differentiation status of cells that participate in the relevant immune processes.

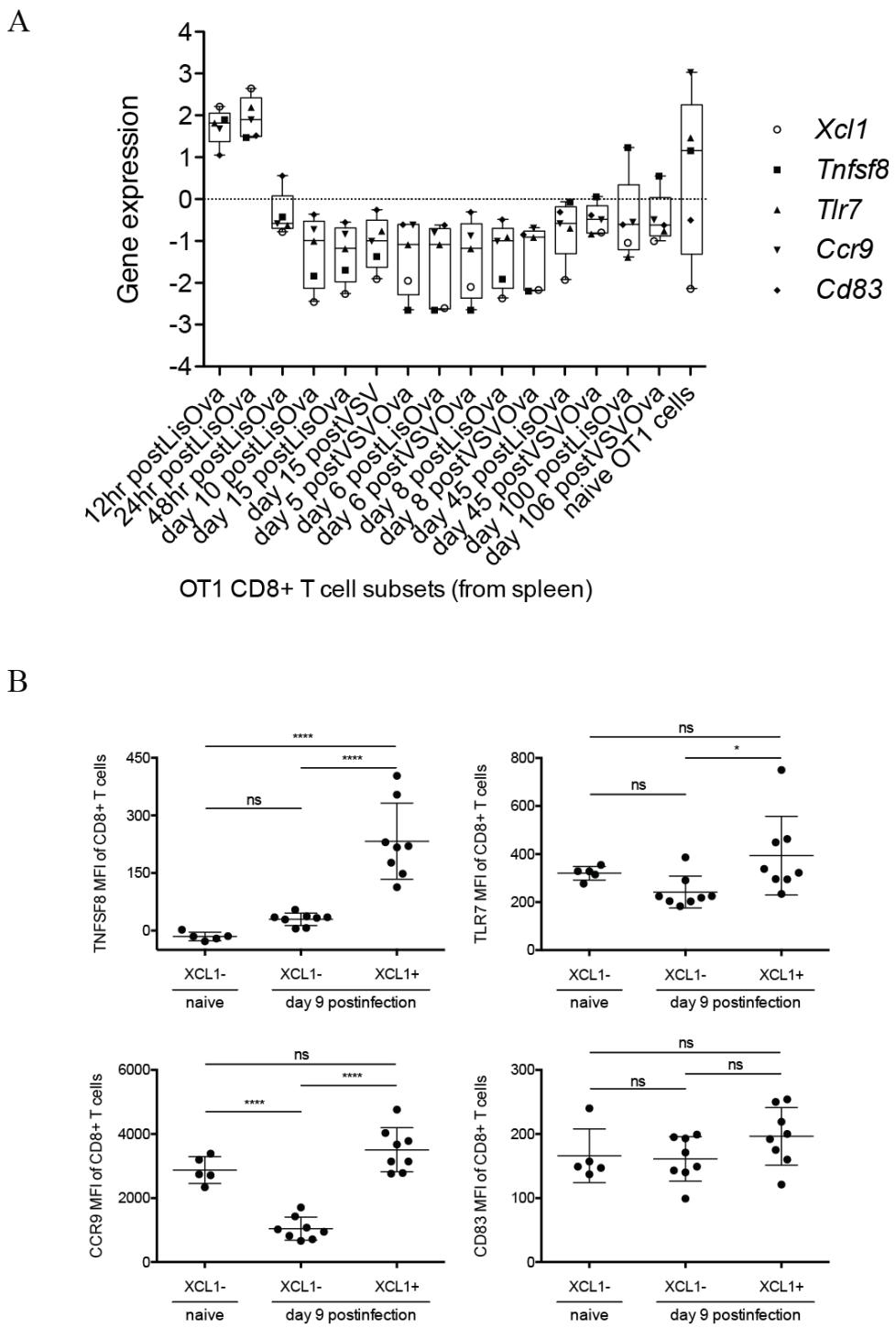
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**Figure R7. Chronic-darkturquoise module correlates with early effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells.** (A) Radar chart showing the correlation values of immune cell subsets from chronic infection with chronic-darkturquoise module eigengene kinetics (only shown cell subsets with a correlation >0.3). Red line shows the Pearson's correlation score with a p-value = 0.05. (B) Kinetics of early effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (left axis) and chronic-darkturquoise module eigengene (right axis).



**Figure R8. XCL1-producing CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells express markers characteristic of early effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells.**  
 (A) Box-plot representation of *Xcl1*, *Tnfsf8*, *Tlr7*, *Ccr9* and *Cd83* expression. Mean-normalized expression values (log2) of selected genes in Ova-specific OT1 CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells were obtained using “My GeneSet” tool from ImmGen (<http://www.immgen.org/>). (B) Mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) of *Tnfsf8*, *Tlr7*, *Ccr9* and *Cd83* in XCL1<sup>-</sup> and XCL1<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in naive mice and in chronically-infected animals at day 9 p.i.. Significant differences were determined by one-way ANOVA. ns, non significant; \* p ≤ 0.05; \*\* p ≤ 0.01.



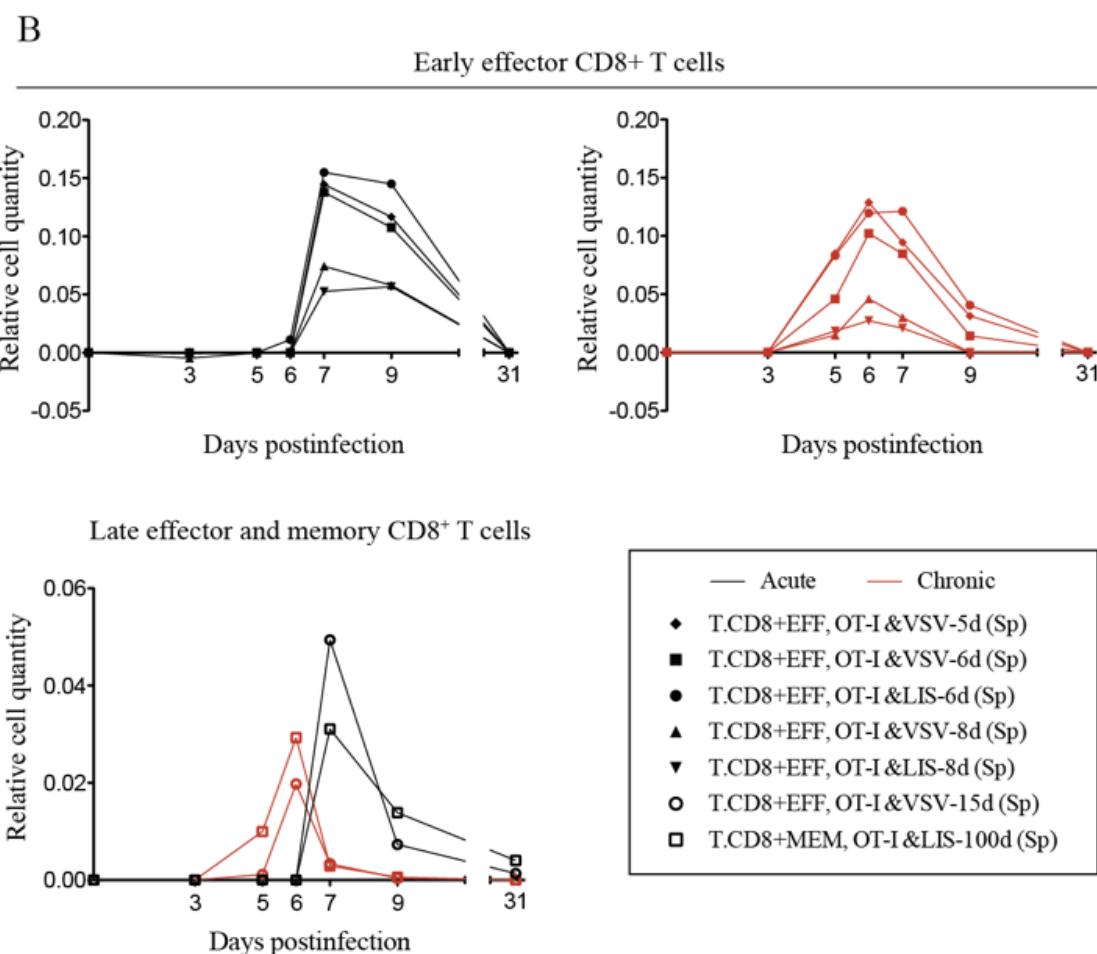
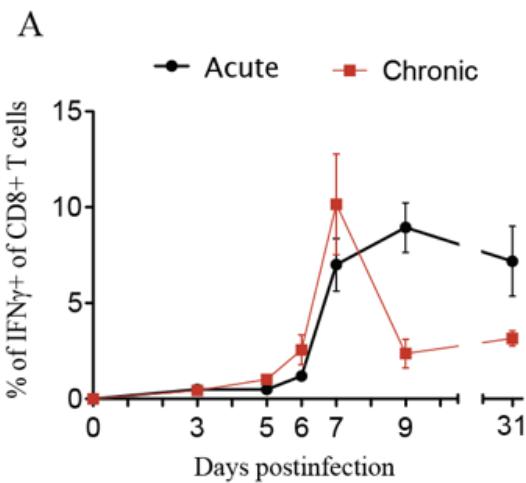




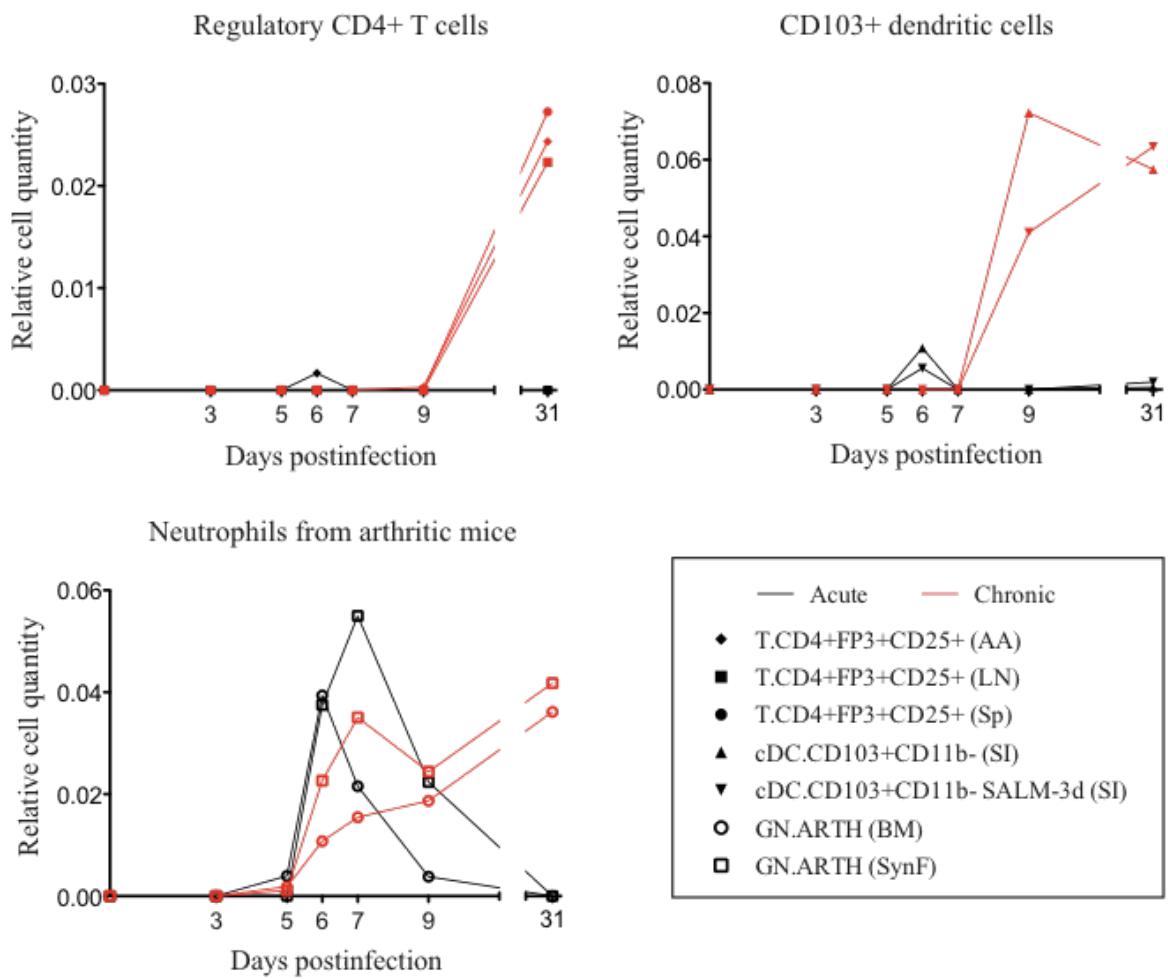
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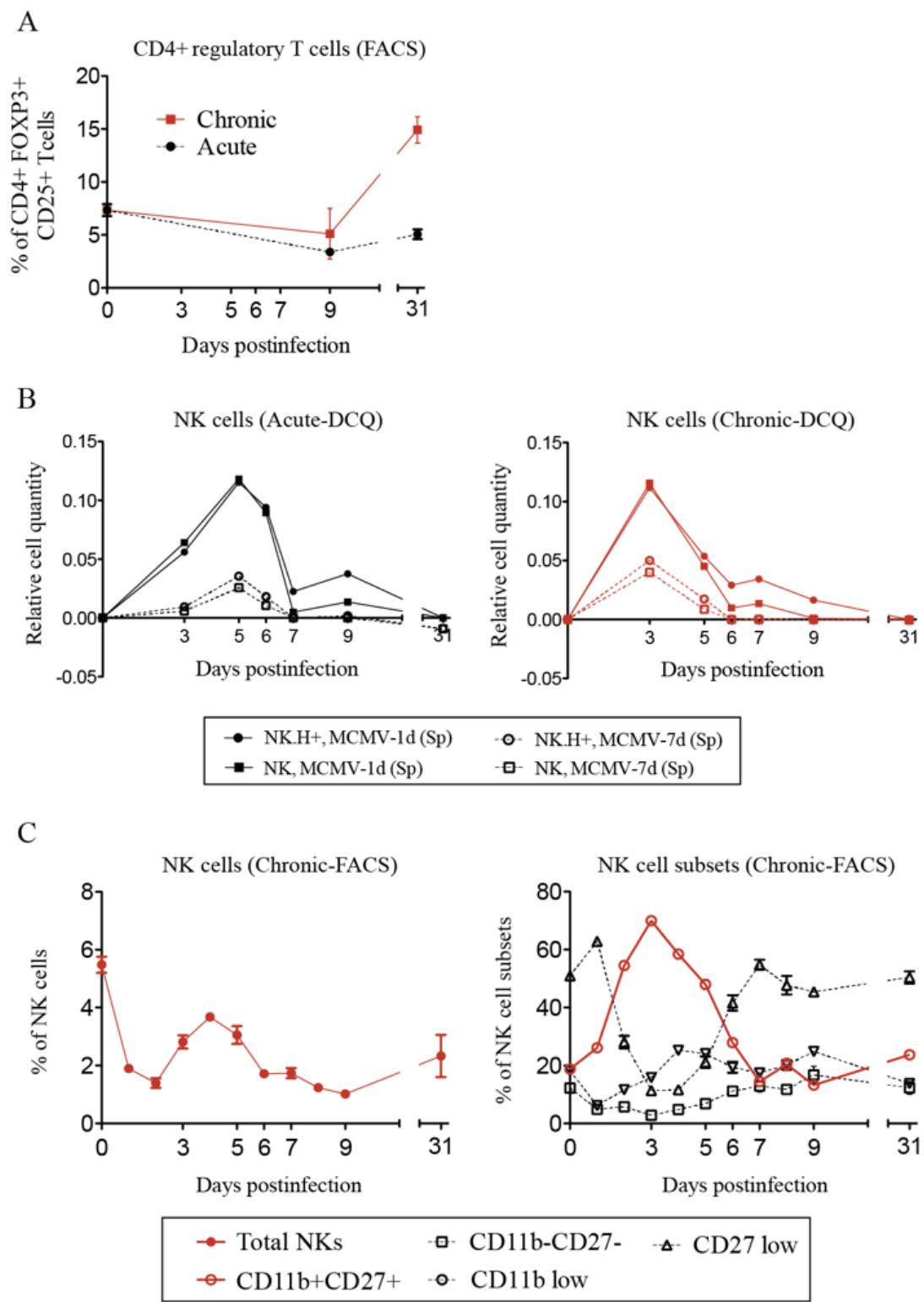




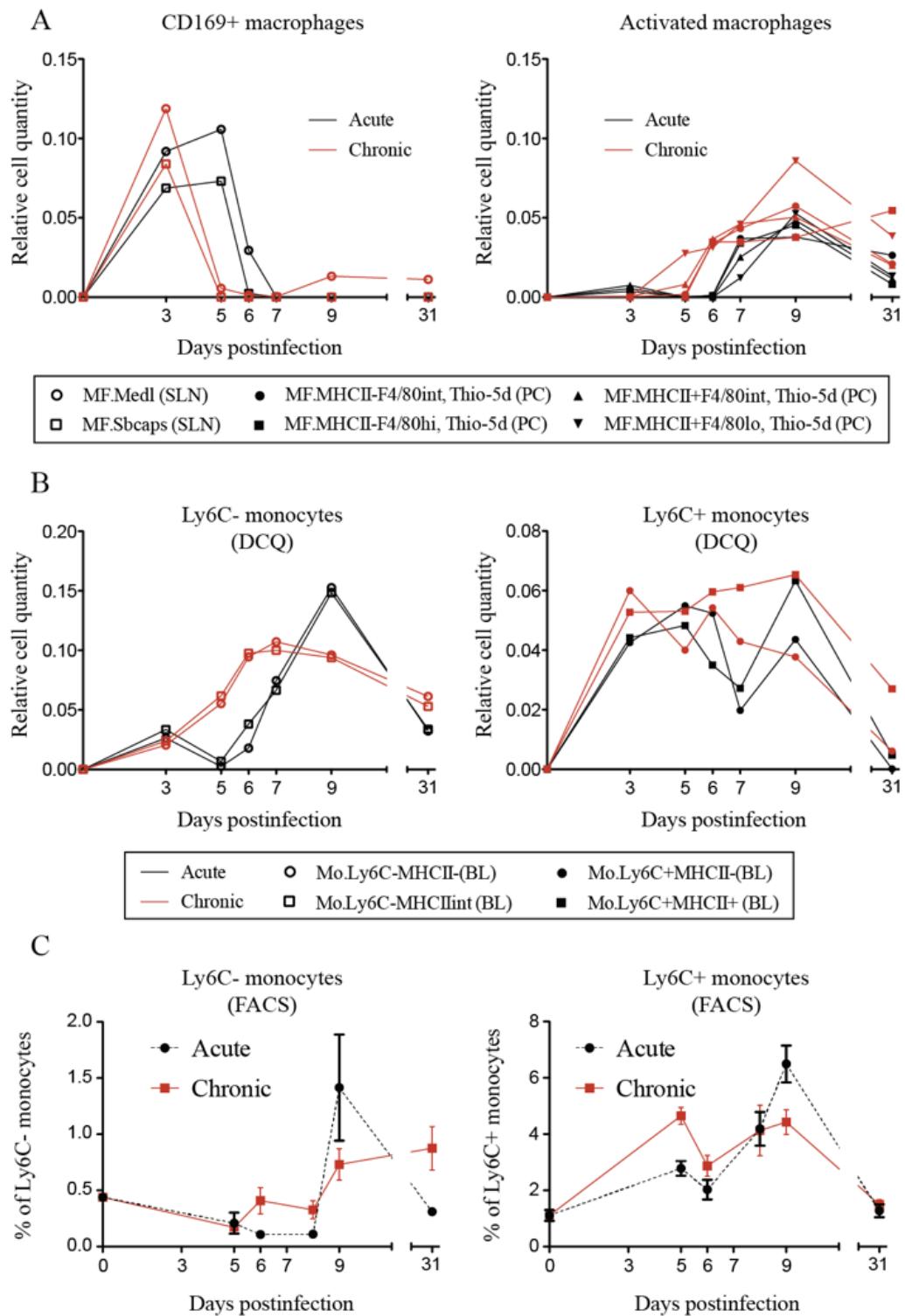
**Figure S1. Dynamics of effector  $\text{CD8}^+$  T cells predicted by DCQ show exhaustion appearance in chronic LCMV infection.** (A) Percentages of GP33-specific  $\text{IFN}\gamma$ -producing  $\text{CD8}^+$  T cells in spleen. The mean  $\pm$  SEM is shown. (B) DCQ-inferred cell kinetics of effector  $\text{CD8}^+$  T cells isolated after VSV or Listeria (LIS) infections at the indicated time points.



**Figure S2. DCQ-predictions of immune cell subsets with specific roles during chronic infection.** DCQ cell predictions of regulatory CD4<sup>+</sup> Foxp3<sup>+</sup> T cells, CD103<sup>+</sup> dendritic cell subsets and granulocytes from arthritic mice from acutely or chronically infected mice.

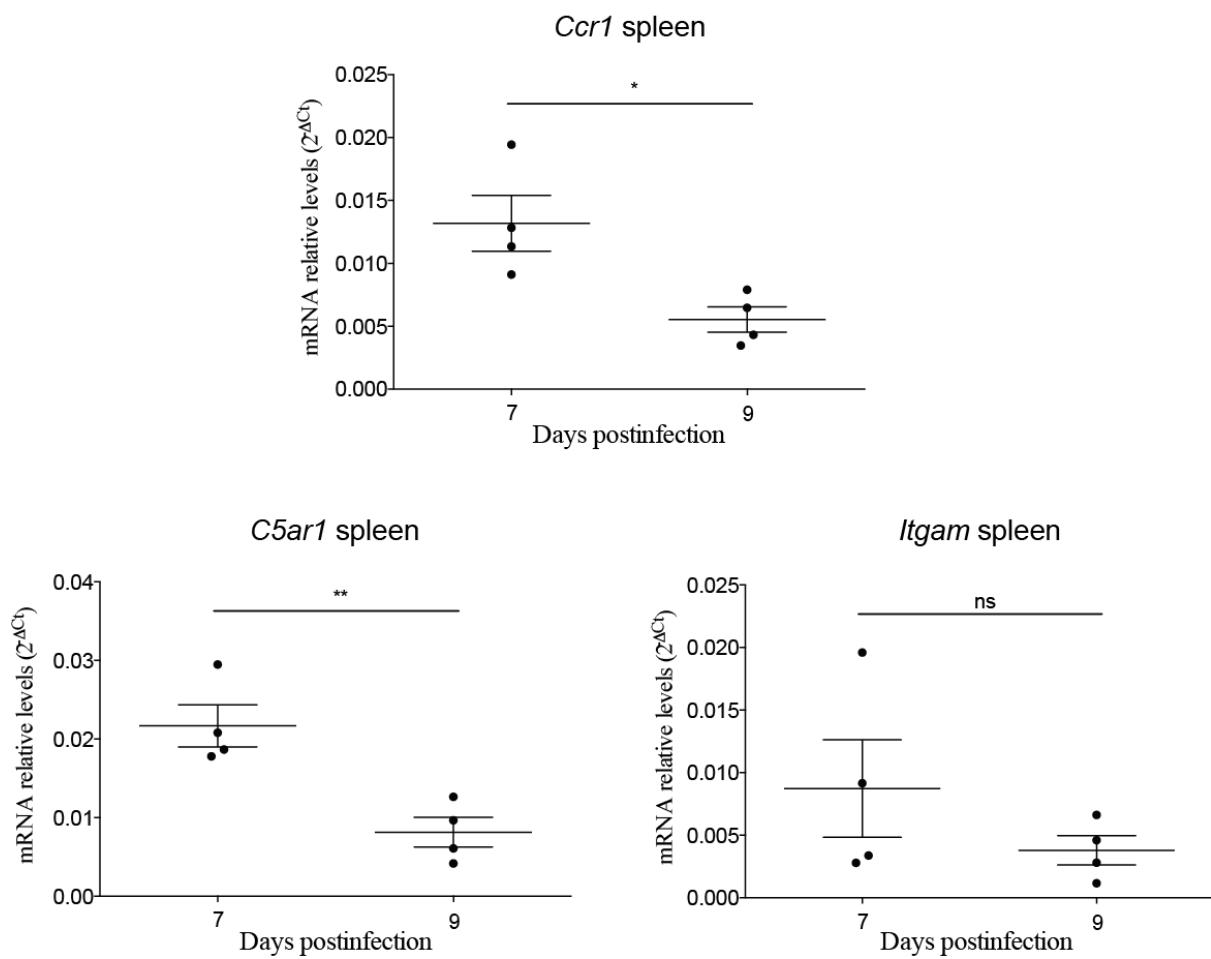


**Figure S3. Validation of DCQ-predicted kinetics.** Kinetics of CD4<sup>+</sup> regulatory T cells (A) and effector NK cells (B and C) were validated by FACS at the indicated time points.



**Figure S4. Dynamics of macrophage and monocyte cell subsets.** DCQ-predicted cell changes in quantity of (A) macrophages and (B) monocyte cell subsets. (C) Validation by FACS of cell quantity dynamics of Ly6C<sup>-</sup> and Ly6C<sup>+</sup> monocytes in acute and chronic LCMV infection at the indicated time-points.

A



**Figure S5. Validation of downregulation of *Ccr1*, *C5ar1* and *Igam* by qPCR from spleens.** (A) qPCR of the neutrophil chemotaxis/inflammatory response related genes performed at the indicated days postinfection from spleens of chronic infected mice. Relative gene expression level was normalized by *Gapdh*. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM from 4 mice. Significant differences were determined by an unpaired two-tailed t test. ns, non significant; \*  $p \leq 0.05$ ; \*\*  $p \leq 0.01$ .

**Supplementary Table S1. DCQ's predictions of dynamically changing cell types during the course of acute LCMV infection.** Shown are predicted cell quantities and the  $-\log_{10}$  t-test p-value results, only for those cell types (rows) that are significantly changing based on our robustness evaluation of the DCQ's predictions (see methods). Column 3 indicates whether the cell type is predicted to increase or decrease during infection.

Cell type	Short Name	Kinetics	day 3		day 5		day 6		day 7		day 9		day 31	
			Prediction	P value										
			-0.0001	-0.4920	-0.0024	-2.2441	-0.0117	-14.8414	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0202	-25.9726
Macrophages	MF.Siglec-5+ (Lu)	Kinetics	0.0000	-34.6841	0.0000	-26.4384	0.0086	-31.8349	0.0000	-3.5783	0.0000	-0.8818	-0.0390	0.0000
	cDC.CD103-CD11b- (Lu)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	8.7649	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0345	-28.3181	
	DC.4+ (MLN)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0084	-4.9864	-0.0098	-7.0429	-0.0457	-29.4350	-0.0052	-5.2924	0.0000	0.0000
	DC.8+ (MLN)		-0.0047	-1.5499	-0.0014	-1.7470	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0307	-22.3148	-0.0531	-18.9600	-0.0188	0.0000
	DC.8+ (SLN)		-0.0369	-0.4926	-0.0463	-1.5448	-0.0004	-3.2932	-0.0448	-20.4461	-0.0447	-4.3911	-0.0527	0.0000
	DC.8+ (Sp)		0.0000	-16.5330	0.0000	-26.3596	-0.0014	-31.6692	0.0000	-47.6563	0.0000	-30.7410	0.0319	-7.4763
	DC.8-11b- (Th)		-0.0010	-19.8103	-0.0015	-19.0449	0.0000	-23.5274	-0.0286	-35.7104	-0.0216	-24.0294	0.0000	-5.3398
	DC.8-4-11b- (MLN)		0.0000	-4.8694	-0.0005	-1.3131	-0.0031	0.0000	-0.0199	-29.2032	-0.0035	-38.0881	0.0000	-16.4539
	DC.8-4-11b+ (MLN)		-0.0198	-30.7456	-0.0604	-27.3060	-0.0576	-0.5960	-0.0916	-40.5973	-0.0614	-41.4285	-0.0065	-39.0646
	cDC.Ilhilang-103-11blo (SLN)		-0.0002	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-25.9499	-0.0066	-23.9693	-0.0018	0.0000
Dendritic cells	cDC.Ilhilang-103-11b+ (SLN)		0.0000	-0.5236	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0430	0.0000	-0.0706	-7.7363	0.0000	-2.9534
	cDC.Ilhilang-103-11blo (SLN)		0.0000	-0.7925	0.0000	-0.4916	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0340	-34.7994	-0.0409	-40.4091	0.0000	-0.4916
	DC.LC (Sk)		-0.0094	-25.0312	-0.0038	-6.1795	-0.0159	-35.9691	-0.0002	-1.2297	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	NK.49H+ (Sp)		0.0009	1.6497	0.0140	8.8567	0.0074	5.5351	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0217	-31.1745
	NK.DAP12- (Sp)		0.0001	0.7581	0.0024	2.7910	0.0001	0.5376	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0177	-34.3357
	NKT cells		-0.0144	-16.3338	-0.0180	-13.1654	-0.0312	-25.6054	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0002	-0.4909	0.0000	0.0000
	NKT.CD44-NK1.1- (Th)		0.0000	0.7890	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0002	-0.6316	-0.0414	-24.9347	-0.0346	-24.7419	-0.0004	-0.9664
	B.FO (LN)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0017	-1.7771	-0.0552	-26.7018	-0.0473	-29.1038	-0.0006	-1.9036	
	B.FO (MLN)		0.0045	6.1468	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0212	-28.3147	-0.0819	-41.3166	-0.0621	-36.8519	0.0000	0.0000
	B.FO (PC)		0.0002	0.8779	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0057	-9.4434	-0.0626	-38.9385	-0.0395	-29.7178	-0.0001	-0.4937
B cells	B.FRE (BM)		-0.0256	-27.1802	-0.0430	-30.0802	-0.0342	-27.2762	-0.0686	-33.3624	-0.1021	-45.0809	-0.0494	-34.7708
	B.FRE (FL)		-0.0086	-7.6650	-0.0304	-16.6331	-0.0552	-31.8777	-0.1084	-40.7649	-0.1043	-39.8439	-0.0120	-9.5186
	B.FRF (BM)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0192	-22.9189	-0.0696	-32.1114	-0.0594	-31.9354	-0.0009	-2.0870	
	B.GC (Sp)		0.0000	0.4928	0.0000	-0.0021	-34.9410	-0.0347	-31.8427	-0.0138	-15.5515	0.0022	3.4207	
	B.MZ (Sp)		0.0000	-0.0016	-2.3025	-0.0313	-40.4296	-0.0620	-40.0349	-0.0711	-44.0276	-0.0537	-39.6902	
	B.T1 (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0004	-1.1615	-0.0385	-39.9598	-0.0814	-36.0994	-0.0787	-35.8803	-0.0159	-15.2891
	B.T2 (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0255	-36.0615	-0.0739	-40.2096	-0.0606	-37.2236	-0.0058	-6.9322	
	B.T3 (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0176	-29.2793	-0.0585	-37.1725	-0.0327	-25.6258	-0.0001	-0.9595	
	preB.FRC (BM)		-0.0368	-32.8685	-0.0618	-34.5061	-0.0565	-36.4742	-0.0293	-30.3766	-0.0478	-35.9683	-0.0012	-1.7054
	preB.FRD (BM)		-0.0515	-31.3355	-0.0643	-32.9359	-0.0089	-6.5252	-0.0074	-5.9606	-0.0382	-22.6098	-0.0297	-32.0715
αβ T cells	preB.FRD (FL)		-0.0518	-32.3835	-0.0777	-30.6929	-0.0696	-32.9972	-0.0601	-41.0601	-0.0709	-39.1464	-0.0170	-23.2145
	PROB.CLP (FL)		-0.0143	-20.6354	-0.0380	-26.2779	-0.0370	-26.9767	0.0000	-0.4921	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
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	PROB.FRBC (BM)		-0.0657	-41.6595	-0.0926	-39.8697	-0.0537	-29.4373	-0.0440	-31.2596	-0.0763	-39.8156	-0.0324	-36.7958
	PROB.FRBC (FL)		-0.0593	-30.9748	-0.1046	-36.0063	-0.1133	-42.0799	-0.0670	-34.9796	-0.0718	-30.3420	-0.0097	-7.9958
	preT.DN2A(Th)		-0.0121	-19.4261	-0.0003	-1.2022	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0290	-34.7435
	preT.ETP-DN2A(Th)		-0.0217	-26.6013	-0.0048	-5.0051	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0306	-27.8953
	T.CD4+Cd8int (Th)		-0.0016	-2.9846	-0.0256	-17.2509	-0.0686	-33.6010	-0.0321	-22.1283	-0.0304	-28.3192	0.0000	0.0000
	T.CD4int8- (Th)		-0.0148	-16.1835	-0.0486	-23.6658	-0.0449	-21.1756	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	T.CD4+NVE (MLN)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0219	-18.0533	-0.0033	-3.5932	-0.0123	-10.0160	0.0000	0.0000	
γδ T cells	T.CD4+NVE (PP)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0012	-0.8852	-0.0587	-28.0651	-0.0379	-22.6299	-0.0477	-26.0045	0.0000	0.0000
	T.CD4+NVE (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0089	-9.1805	-0.0103	-11.8326	-0.0308	-27.5373	0.0000	0.0000	
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	T.CD4SpCD69+ (Th)		-0.0255	-38.0255	-0.0643	-46.1452	-0.1022	-58.8654	-0.0598	-45.5970	-0.0471	-42.0061	0.0000	0.0000
	T.CD8+NVE (PP)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0004	-1.5371	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	T.CD8SpCD24int (Th)		-0.0295	-35.2934	-0.0742	-41.4465	-0.0640	-38.5909	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	T.CD8SpCD69+ (Th)		-0.0242	-22.9651	-0.0605	-28.0662	-0.0388	-20.6506	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	T.DP (Th)		-0.0056	-11.1300	-0.0537	-29.7029	-0.0708	-30.0987	-0.0013	-3.1090	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	T.DPB (Th)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0322	-21.7033	-0.0568	-30.5897	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0041	8.0209
γδ T cells	T.DPs (Th)		-0.0076	-13.6121	-0.0428	-27.8072	-0.0568	-30.0431	-0.0012	-3.2538	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Tgd (Th)		-0.0132	-20.4374	-0.0238	-21.9564	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	Tgd.vg1+vd6-24ahi (Th)		-0.0438	-38.2888	-0.0759	-40.1933	-0.0472	-31.9886	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0011	-1.7499
	Tgd.vg2- (Sp)		-0.0238	-24.3018	-0.0556	-29.7063	-0.0626	-39.8752	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0212	-12.3212	-0.0003	-1.0472
	Tgd.vg2+ (Sp)		-0.0276	-27.0656	-0.0534	-30.1933	-0.0695	-44.1288	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0045	-2.6330	-0.0031	-2.8184
	Tgd.vg2+24ahi (Th)		-0.0470	-53.1498	-0.0716	-47.6360	-0.0098	-9.6710	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0004	-1.4176

**Supplementary Table S2. DCQ's predictions of dynamically changing cell types during the course of chronic LCMV infection.** Shown are predicted cell quantities and the  $-\log_{10}$  t-test p-value results, only for those cell types (rows) that are significantly changing based on our robustness evaluation of the DCQ's predictions (see methods). Column 3 indicates whether the cell type is predicted to increase or decrease during infection.

Cell type	Short Name	Kinetics	day 3		day 5		day 6		day 7		day 9		day 31	
			Prediction	P value										
Granulocytes	GN.ARTH (BM)	UP	0.0000	0.0000	0.0018	4.7589	0.0108	17.4189	0.0155	21.0867	0.0187	29.7298	0.0362	37.4644
	GN.ARTH (SynF)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0011	5.7353	0.0226	40.2761	0.0350	42.3291	0.0244	37.3368	0.0418	49.3783
	GN (BL)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.4928	0.0245	33.9717	0.0002	0.6350	0.0003	0.7022
	GN (BM)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	1.0586	0.0082	16.2146	0.0218	25.8239	0.0165	26.4427	0.0355	39.6585
	GN.Thio (PC)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0016	4.7471	0.0258	41.5530	0.0429	47.2094	0.0171	25.7017	0.0153	21.1209
	GN.UrAc (PC)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0232	26.2603	0.0000	0.0000	0.0003	1.5023
Monocytes	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (BL)		0.0205	37.1945	0.0554	39.9810	0.0945	43.2831	0.1072	34.4111	0.0962	29.8854	0.0613	8.5721
	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (BM)		0.0081	34.1673	0.0371	46.5956	0.0587	43.6081	0.1162	51.6741	0.1077	43.4152	0.0175	7.6661
	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (LN)		0.0018	24.1748	0.0242	16.7926	0.0209	28.4965	0.0499	11.9608	0.0330	5.8874	0.0184	0.0000
	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (BL)		0.0239	34.1689	0.0618	45.7067	0.0976	40.1027	0.1001	39.6992	0.0939	39.1811	0.0530	30.4393
	Mo.Ly6C-MHCII- (BL)		0.0600	25.6285	0.0400	44.0903	0.0542	52.0798	0.0429	49.6209	0.0377	46.6159	0.0061	50.9216
	Mo.Ly6C-MHCII- (BM)		0.0579	7.4300	0.0650	26.8074	0.0669	30.1785	0.1110	44.2503	0.0869	41.1417	0.0052	14.4895
Macrophages	Mo.Ly6C-MHCII- (BL)		0.0286	2.3911	0.0161	23.0280	0.0360	15.1371	0.0157	28.6777	0.0082	19.9248	0.0000	18.8710
	Mo.Ly6C-MHCII- (BL)		0.0527	29.3569	0.0531	42.2449	0.0596	43.4553	0.0610	38.6385	0.0653	38.2965	0.0270	39.1969
	MF.103-11b+24- (Lu)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0015	2.1694	0.0015	1.8450	0.0050	4.5482	0.0070	9.3212
	MF.103-11b+, Salm-3d (SI)		0.0163	25.5568	0.0000	1.0140	0.0001	4.0655	0.0154	34.7489	0.0000	19.7495	0.0000	0.0000
	MF.11cloSer (SI)		0.0177	22.5050	0.0014	3.0991	0.0029	4.0081	0.0031	4.2519	0.0010	1.6771	0.0000	0.0000
	MF.169+11chi (SLN)		0.0048	4.4128	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0024	2.0823	0.0239	21.6124	0.0000
Dendritic cells	MF.11-480hi (PC)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	34.0040	0.0050	28.1897	0.0016	30.8517	0.0029	37.7079	0.0266	24.5574
	MF.Medi (SLN)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	MF.Sbcaps (SLN)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	33.7063	0.0340	33.4071	0.0432	39.4108	0.0573	43.9871	0.0209	40.4852
	MF.11-480hi, Thio-5d (PC)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0018	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	MF.11-480hi, Thio-5d (PC)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0018	1.4714	0.0001	16.4581	0.0347	48.6711	0.0376	41.3088	0.0545	33.5158
	MF.MHClI-F4/80hi, Thio-5d (PC)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0018	31.7063	0.0340	33.4071	0.0432	39.4108	0.0573	43.9871	0.0201	42.6606
NK cells	MF.103-11b+, Salm-3d (SI)		0.0167	0.0000	0.0001	0.0000	0.0005	0.0000	0.0369	0.0000	0.0000	36.9457	0.0000	46.3878
	cDC.CD103-CD11b- (SI)		0.0010	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0013	0.0000	0.0236	0.8693	0.0314	32.7032	0.0551	25.4266
	cDC.CD103-CD11b-, PolyIC (Lu)		0.0006	13.4394	0.0054	0.4914	0.0071	0.9206	0.0519	31.1914	0.0600	0.0000	0.0169	0.0000
	cDC.CD103-CD11b-CD24+ (Lu)		-0.0476	2.2577	-0.0411	0.0000	-0.0134	3.9503	0.0000	28.0849	0.0000	31.4852	0.0000	38.4045
	cDC.CD103-CD11b+F4/80lo (Kd)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0411	4.3884	0.0634	15.5642	0.0000
	DC.4+ (SLN)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0203	32.0447	0.0723	4.7704	0.0575	18.9614
NKT cells	DC.8-4-11b+ (Sp)		-0.0329	-0.4928	-0.0436	-0.4928	-0.0464	0.0000	-0.0418	0.0000	-0.0049	-0.7719	-0.0174	0.0000
	pDC.CD8- (Sp)		0.0165	15.1546	0.0000	0.4929	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0041	8.0566
	pDC.CD8+ (MLN)		0.0004	1.0811	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0027	3.7849
	pDC.CD8+ (SLN)		0.0269	21.2535	0.0006	1.6906	0.0002	1.1099	0.0001	0.7683	0.0084	12.3037	0.0190	25.0348
	pDC.CD8+ (Sp)		0.0024	3.4042	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0001	0.5733
B cells	NK.49C1- (Sp)		0.0149	27.0043	0.0000	5.4628	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0005	0.0000
	NK.DAP10- (Sp)		0.0242	20.4405	0.0011	2.7357	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0016	-3.6066
	NK.H+, MCMV-1d (Sp)		0.1118	48.5597	0.0537	45.0934	0.0291	37.0206	0.0343	39.0238	0.0164	23.6449	0.0000	0.0000
	NK.H+, MCMV-7d (Sp)		0.0501	35.2256	0.0174	24.7223	0.0000	0.0000	0.0004	1.3406	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
	NK, MCMV-1d (Sp)		0.1156	51.6251	0.0452	39.5870	0.0099	12.7756	0.0135	16.2933	0.0011	1.7213	0.0000	0.0000
	NK, MCMV-7d (Sp)		0.0400	31.1556	0.0087	12.8380	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0004	-0.8622
αβ T cells	NKT.CD4- (Lv)		0.0158	11.2494	0.0658	42.6918	0.1064	46.4454	0.0766	44.7413	0.0885	44.7963	0.0385	31.0821
	NKT.CD4- (Sp)		0.0125	7.9358	0.0291	22.8102	0.0609	28.6337	0.0514	30.5298	0.0608	33.0034	0.0294	23.5701
	NKT.CD4+ (Lv)		0.0031	2.5022	0.0314	25.5642	0.0639	30.6616	0.0206	14.0451	0.0462	25.1323	0.0370	27.3690
	B1A (PC)		0.0398	17.3431	0.0035	5.9789	0.0151	14.5750	0.0000	0.4909	0.0157	12.9286	0.0316	21.1550
	B1B (PC)		0.0119	6.0804	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0004	1.0875
	T.CD4+FP3+CD25+ (AA)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0003	0.9851	0.0243	32.2372	0.0000
T cell activation	T.CD4+FP3+CD25+ (LN)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0223	26.2121	0.0000
	T.CD4+FP3+CD25+ (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0272	36.0603	0.0000
	T.CD4+MEM (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0251	24.8943	0.0000
	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-5d (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0013	2.4727	0.0007	1.7959	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0001	-0.4921
	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-12h (Sp)		0.0425	19.5225	0.0449	24.0214	0.0510	21.3578	0.0066	5.6579	0.0314	19.1082	0.0115	12.6217
	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-24h (Sp)		0.0533	27.4301	0.0618	34.0931	0.0716	31.7867	0.0184	15.1186	0.0482	28.9570	0.0082	9.6767
γδ T cells	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-48h (Sp)		0.0596	28.2813	0.1171	49.5432	0.1520	50.2596	0.0747	38.9118	0.1226	54.1085	0.0210	22.3604
	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-15d (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0011	1.4631	0.0198	12.1995	0.0034	2.4711	0.0004	1.0515	0.0000	0.0000
	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-5d (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0049	44.1327	0.1288	46.4932	0.0945	42.5357	0.0314	24.3164	0.0000	0.0000
	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-6d (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0832	35.2950	0.1198	36.9410	0.1213	42.0509	0.0406	24.4671	0.0000	0.0000
	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-6d (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0460	29.6906	0.1023	37.7486	0.0848	35.2730	0.0142	10.7335	0.0000	0.0000
	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-8d (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0184	14.4684	0.0274	15.7099	0.0209	12.3440	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
γδ T cells	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-8d (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0149	13.0084								

Cell type	Short Name	Kinetics	day 3		day 5		day 6		day 7		day 9		day 31		
			Prediction	P value											
Macrophages	MF.Siglec-5+ (Lu)	Kinetics	-0.0001	-0.4920	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	cDC.CD103-CD11b- (Lu)		0.0000	-33.2204	0.0000	-42.0189	0.0000	-19.9106	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0002	0.0000	-0.0340	0.0000	
	cDC.CD103-CD11b+ (LuLN)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0047	-0.7347	0.0199	-21.7700		
	DC.4+ (MLN)		-0.0163	-11.0276	-0.0521	-36.2175	-0.0335	-19.4546	-0.0517	-30.2343	-0.0551	-25.2079	-0.0041	-3.0963	
	DC.8+ (MLN)		-0.0071	-24.2617	-0.0201	-19.8196	-0.0422	-24.1313	-0.0676	-26.6580	-0.0708	-6.8643	-0.0347	0.0000	
	DC.8+ (SLN)		-0.0542	-17.7242	-0.0319	-16.7636	-0.0604	-12.2089	-0.0645	-22.7267	-0.1114	0.0000	-0.1084	0.0000	
	DC.8+ (Sp)		-0.0001	-33.8731	-0.0001	-38.5890	0.0000	-46.8392	0.0000	-38.3733	-0.0001	-38.2931	0.0000	-30.3190	
	DC.8-4-11b- (MLN)		-0.0357	-23.3084	-0.0224	-40.6291	-0.0386	-36.9581	-0.0399	-33.9500	-0.0113	-6.1168	0.0000	-16.1492	
	DC.8-4-11b+ (MLN)		-0.0234	-5.4662	-0.0169	-25.3445	-0.0145	-29.6575	-0.0241	-39.2273	0.0000	-28.9842	0.0000	-19.4221	
Dendritic cells	cDC.Iihilang-103-11blo (SLN)	Kinetics	-0.0831	-31.3060	-0.0623	-35.9198	-0.1044	-43.6757	-0.0743	-44.0317	-0.0919	-49.7294	-0.0583	-49.9844	
	cDC.Iihilang-103-11blo (SLN)		-0.0005	-0.5675	0.0000	-14.1716	-0.0017	-17.9650	-0.0232	-21.5901	-0.0364	-3.2569	-0.0144	0.0000	
	cDC.Iihilang-103-11blo (SLN)		-0.0008	-0.4914	-0.0248	-0.4914	-0.0549	-1.7537	-0.0758	-18.7111	-0.0739	-20.9850	-0.0109	-9.8452	
	cDC.Iihilang-103-11blo (SLN)		-0.0003	-1.9039	-0.0132	-29.5531	-0.0243	-37.6455	-0.0372	-43.5022	-0.0046	-36.2095	0.0000	-9.3965	
	DC.LC (Sk)		-0.0020	-4.6073	-0.0187	-40.2558	-0.0005	-1.9113	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0019	-5.2887	
	NK cells		0.0234	15.5045	0.0070	8.4141	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0058	-7.1071	
	NK.DAP12- (Sp)		0.0081	7.6730	0.0001	0.4930	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0050	-8.3952	
	NKT cells		0.0047	-4.0214	-0.0177	-23.0738	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0001	-0.4909	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	B cells		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0037	-7.7208	-0.0232	-20.7147	-0.0313	-22.8090	-0.0288	-17.9405	-0.0001	-0.4916	
B cells	B.FO (LN)	Kinetics	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0058	-10.7497	-0.0345	-24.2304	-0.0461	-28.6835	-0.0444	-24.3588	-0.0003	-0.7361	
	B.FO (MLN)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0272	-38.9267	-0.0577	-40.2313	-0.0487	-30.9231	-0.0282	-16.9611	-0.0001	-0.5530	
	B.FO (PC)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0120	-25.9103	-0.0357	-32.1927	-0.0400	-31.0325	-0.0357	-24.7465	0.0000	-0.4921	
	B.FRE (BM)		-0.0217	-19.1983	-0.0445	-33.5026	-0.0754	-39.5760	-0.0973	-43.4569	-0.1311	-45.0332	-0.0938	-44.0732	
	B.FRE (FL)		-0.0098	-6.8050	-0.0557	-34.5363	-0.0783	-35.5979	-0.1057	-39.8358	-0.1222	-36.8080	-0.0549	-26.7370	
	B.RF (BM)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0181	-30.0656	-0.0503	-32.8181	-0.0536	-30.5710	-0.0522	-26.4957	-0.0015	-2.5795	
	B.GC (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0007	-1.7066	-0.0014	-2.1435	-0.0312	-33.7959	0.0000	-0.4928	0.0225	21.3739	
	B.MZ (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0118	-22.4497	-0.0528	-42.2232	-0.0634	-43.2480	-0.0821	-45.7416	-0.0711	-43.0306	
	B.T1 (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0277	-34.4108	-0.0617	-35.9348	-0.0741	-36.7681	-0.0923	-37.6060	-0.0363	-24.1628	
αβ T cells	B.T2 (Sp)	Kinetics	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0216	-36.8107	-0.0497	-38.6071	-0.0574	-37.0874	-0.0728	-39.1778	-0.0133	-11.1083	
	B.T3 (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0038	-9.2358	-0.0290	-27.2678	-0.0304	-24.8488	-0.0216	-14.4811	-0.0010	-2.0033	
	preB.FRC (BM)		-0.0508	-32.7238	-0.0508	-31.7650	-0.0511	-37.4503	-0.0448	-36.0935	-0.0580	-31.3590	-0.0003	-0.7499	
	preB.FRD (BM)		-0.0549	-28.6062	-0.0382	-22.8439	-0.0390	-23.1687	-0.0272	-18.3639	-0.0490	-23.7325	-0.0471	-31.6077	
	preB.FRD (FL)		-0.0766	-33.1178	-0.0766	-38.4785	-0.0738	-39.5690	-0.0709	-43.0886	-0.1169	-49.7696	-0.0304	-27.0845	
	PROB.CLP (FL)		-0.0301	-23.7196	-0.0266	-22.4479	-0.0001	-0.7961	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0004	-0.9587	
	PROB.FRA (FL)		-0.0205	-20.5699	-0.0323	-30.2881	-0.0004	-0.6875	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0006	-0.9286	
	PROB.FRBC (BM)		-0.0809	-39.1761	-0.0712	-36.4463	-0.0641	-35.9341	-0.0628	-37.5587	-0.0635	-31.4780	-0.0442	-31.9047	
	PROB.FRBC (FL)		-0.0904	-34.0861	-0.1038	-40.1630	-0.0804	-33.4649	-0.0610	-29.3984	-0.0175	-6.7201	-0.0015	-1.7324	
γδ T cells	preTDN2A(Th)	Kinetics	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0224	-27.7650	
	preETP-DN2A(Th)		-0.0011	-1.1985	-0.0035	-5.4002	-0.0001	-0.7593	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0049	-7.4942	-0.0200	-20.1879	
	T.CD4+Cd8int (Th)		-0.0277	-23.1562	-0.0428	-36.0264	-0.0322	-24.7868	-0.0612	-40.6634	-0.0263	-25.4764	0.0000	0.0000	
	T.CD4int8+ (Th)		-0.0596	-28.9805	-0.0076	-7.6098	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0027	-3.0406	-0.0003	-0.4904		
	T.CD4+NVE (MLN)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0183	-21.9712	-0.0038	-4.8161	-0.0130	-11.5885	-0.0029	-4.1440	0.0000	0.0000	
	T.CD4+NVE (PP)		-0.0003	-0.4911	-0.0529	-36.4002	-0.0405	-26.2259	-0.0550	-30.4139	-0.0479	-28.6744	0.0000	0.0000	
	T.CD4+NVE (Sp)		0.0000	0.0000	-0.0078	-12.0522	-0.0109	-13.9526	-0.0314	-30.5879	-0.0041	-7.4699	0.0000	0.0000	
	T.CD4SpCD24- (Th)		-0.0004	-0.9097	-0.0133	-17.0542	-0.0077	-9.9807	-0.0300	-28.1067	-0.0241	-25.0222	0.0000	0.0000	
	T.CD4SpCD24int (Th)		-0.0480	-37.2289	-0.0415	-41.8270	-0.0448	-39.2722	-0.0624	-46.8549	-0.0596	-48.0267	-0.0342	-37.1315	
Vδ T cells	T.CD4SpCD69+ (Th)	Kinetics	-0.0483	-45.1834	-0.0484	-48.9994	-0.0529	-46.8802	-0.0642	-45.8845	-0.0714	-56.4113	-0.0479	-43.6319	
	T.CD8+NVE (PP)		-0.0049	-4.8608	-0.0296	-36.4132	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0015	-3.1650	-0.0093	-11.7055	0.0000	0.0000	
	T.CD8SpCD24int (Th)		-0.0813	-44.7384	-0.0247	-26.8152	-0.0073	-9.6057	-0.0003	-0.8163	-0.0159	-18.9435	-0.0082	-8.6479	
	T.DP (Th)		-0.0690	-31.6308	-0.0077	-6.9764	-0.0001	-0.5366	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0048	-4.7973	-0.0061	-5.5212	
	T.DPBI (Th)		-0.0315	-27.7973	-0.0016	-2.0373	-0.0012	-2.1489	-0.0074	-6.6067	-0.0111	-9.6926	-0.0062	-7.5694	
TDPsm (Th)	-0.0108	-11.4079	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	-0.0250	-22.6613	-0.0002	-0.8445	-0.0004	-1.7922	-0.0075	-7.0421	-0.0177	-18.1851	-0.0041	-5.3147			
	0.0000	-23.0946	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0004	0.0000	
Vδ T cells	Tgd.vg1+vd6-24ahi (Th)	Kinetics	-0.0680	-37.5383	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0002	-0.7501	-0.0003	-0.7421	
	Tgd.vg2- (Sp)		-0.0578	-29.5715	-0.0370	-37.1378	-0.0090	-10.8318	-0.0248	-18.8700	-0.0626	-40.3297	-0.0183	-15.3177	
	Tgd.vg2+ (Sp)		-0.0409	-26.0901	-0.0343	-37.8346	-0.0079	-8.5423	-0.0017	-1.6564	-0.0303	-27.9054	-0.0074	-7.6933	
	-0.0737	-50.0144	-0.0007	-1.6010	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0112	-12.4934	-0.0054	-40.2375		

**Supplementary Table S3.** List of DCQ-predicted cell subsets that correlates in their kinetics with the module eigengenes of acute-brown (cells with a Pearson's correlation higher than 0.5 are shown), chronic-magenta (cells with a Pearson's correlation higher than 0.5 are shown) or chronic-darkturquoise (cells with a Pearson's correlation higher than 0.3 are shown).

Acute-brown			Chronic-magenta			Chronic-darkturquoise		
Cell type name	Correlation	P-Value	Cell type name	Correlation	P-Value	Cell type name	Correlation	P-Value
MF.MHCII-480int, Thio-5d (PC)	0.966783231	0.000379381	Tgd.vg5+.IEL (SI)	0.870989519	0.01069846	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-12h (Sp)	0.84830022	0.015837164
MF.MHCII-F4/80hi, Thio-5d (PC)	0.937977375	0.00177928	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-6d (Sp)	0.8700016371	0.01089541	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-24h (Sp)	0.78726087	0.035619939
T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-8d (Sp)	0.937830579	0.001789683	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-6d (Sp)	0.860620028	0.012904217	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-48h (Sp)	0.60294946	0.151824222
MF.MHCII-480int, Thio-5d (PC)	0.931023531	0.002311887	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (BM)	0.857777602	0.013550525	preT.DN3A (Th)	0.59328221	0.160271408
T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-6d (Sp)	0.928552963	0.002521075	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-8d (Sp)	0.799032067	0.031105521	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII+ (BL)	0.4954048	0.258260167
Mo.Ly6C-MHCII- (BL)	0.926568132	0.002696898	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-5d (Sp)	0.79786288	0.031538694	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (BL)	0.45896418	0.300240276
Tgd.vg5+.act.IEL (SI)	0.914805761	0.003884765	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-8d (Sp)	0.790498561	0.034344228	NKT.CD4+ (Lv)	0.44641834	0.31533931
T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-8d (Sp)	0.908634269	0.004611234	GN, Thio (PC)	0.735879493	0.059370603	B.GC (Sp)	0.43138034	0.333859018
T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-5d (Sp)	0.90782203	0.004712285	GN (BL)	0.727251109	0.064012505	NK, H+.MCMV-1d (Sp)	0.41514504	0.354356011
T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-6d (Sp)	0.902677979	0.005382138	GN, UrAc (PC)	0.724278618	0.065655463	NK, H+.MCMV-7d (Sp)	0.41012101	0.360802277
Mo.Ly6C-MHCII- (BL)	0.897831569	0.006061102	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (BL)	0.716487168	0.070068636	B1A (PC)	0.40542733	0.366868134
Tgd.vg5+.IEL (SI)	0.886084287	0.007904626	cDC.CD103-CD11b+ (Lv)	0.715481821	0.070649331	NK, MCMV-1d (Sp)	0.39506045	0.380412498
MF.II-480hi (PC)	0.856819361	0.013772492	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (BL)	0.709537634	0.074135317	T.CD4+NVE (Sp)	0.39446956	0.38119052
MF.MHCII-480lo, Thio-5d (PC)	0.853635008	0.014524981	Tgd.vg5+.act.IEL (SI)	0.703916796	0.077514439	NK, 49H+ (Sp)	0.36496012	0.420848909
Tgd.vg5-.act.IEL (SI)	0.845892637	0.016450632	Mo.Ly6C-MHCII- (BL)	0.68365578	0.09036233	Mo.Ly6C-MHCII+ (BL)	0.35985309	0.42786817
Mo.Ly6C-MHCII- (BM)	0.819508242	0.02405794	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (BM)	0.680411153	0.092516786	NK, MCMV-7d (Sp)	0.3469985	0.445732119
T.CD8+MEM, OT-I & LIS-100d (Sp)	0.815285034	0.025428607	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII+ (BL)	0.665641272	0.102661637	NKT.CD4+ (Lv)	0.32212676	0.481065996
NKT.CD4- (Sp)	0.813368066	0.026064908	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (LN)	0.656967562	0.108876624	MF.II+480lo (PC)	0.31402714	0.492783199
Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (BM)	0.769622338	0.04302666	Mo.Ly6C+MHCII- (BL)	0.651935913	0.112568974			
Mo.Ly6C+MHCII+ (BL)	0.769395845	0.043126813	cDC.CD103-CD11b+F4/80lo (Kd)	0.644743274	0.117957761			
GN, UrAc (PC)	0.761464004	0.046715296	NKT.CD4- (Lv)	0.626309057	0.132360641			
GN, Thio (PC)	0.760697637	0.04707038	NKT.CD4- (Sp)	0.598470516	0.155709534			
NKT.CD4+ (Lv)	0.756495711	0.04904354	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-48h (Sp)	0.575435135	0.176461962			
cDC.CD103-CD11b+F4/80lo (Kd)	0.704711667	0.070731696	preT.ETP-24 (Th)	0.575228346	0.176654053			
MF.II-480hi (PC)	0.671095607	0.098850874	MF.CD11cloSer, Salm-3d (SI)	0.567603814	0.183808075			
GN (BL)	0.655406095	0.110015639	MF.II+480int, Thio-5d (PC)	0.54794129	0.202893245			
GN.ARTH (SynF)	0.622623933	0.135341488	cDC.CD103-CD11b+ (LuLN)	0.521020687	0.230483073			
T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-15d (Sp)	0.616636819	0.140256197	preT.ETP-DN2A(Th)	0.519735573	0.231841593			
Tgd.vg1+vdf6+24ahi (Th)	0.536723785	0.214186823	T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & VSV-15d (Sp)	0.516048692	0.235759779			
cDC.CD103-CD11b- (Lu)	0.534415066	0.216547329						
T.CD8+EFF, OT-I & LIS-48h (Sp)	0.521076706	0.230423939						
preT.DN3A (Th)	0.511293561	0.240858399						
NKT.CD4+ (Lv)	0.510167409	0.242073322						

**Supplementary Table S4.** List of hub genes from acute-brown module that overlap with genes that are upregulated in CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (A) and monocytes/macrophages (B) at day 7 post-infection versus non-infected mice. For each gene the adjusted P-value (false discovery rate) and the Log2 Fold-Change are shown.

A. Genes overlapping between acute-brown module and CD8+ T cells

EnsemblGeneID	Gene Symbol	Log Fold Change	Adjusted P-Value	EnsemblGeneID	Gene Symbol	Log Fold Change	Adjusted P-Value
ENSMUSG00000002190	<i>Cldn</i>	10.33131561	1.54827E-10	ENSMUSG00000003350	<i>Ttc7b</i>	0.557073762	0.003362097
ENSMUSG00000002274	<i>Metrn</i>	1.510903517	4.52767E-05	ENSMUSG00000034573	<i>Ptpn13</i>	5.757844636	2.93565E-21
ENSMUSG00000002778	<i>Kdrl1</i>	0.390551659	0.023751182	ENSMUSG00000034777	<i>Vax2</i>	8.717929829	2.64937E-06
ENSMUSG00000002957	<i>Ap2a2</i>	0.760584482	2.89946E-05	ENSMUSG00000034792	<i>Gnat5</i>	3.194305762	1.828E-88
ENSMUSG00000003644	<i>Rps6kal</i>	0.619144998	5.79489E-12	ENSMUSG00000034898	<i>Filip1</i>	7.183835611	2.1646E-21
ENSMUSG00000003948	<i>Mmd</i>	1.535157595	5.17478E-09	ENSMUSG00000036932	<i>Aifm1</i>	1.09084245	2.10355E-14
ENSMUSG00000003949	<i>Etfb</i>	2.431855874	1.76012E-13	ENSMUSG00000037465	<i>Klf10</i>	2.355911794	3.6358E-26
ENSMUSG00000004814	<i>Cel24</i>	4.645194458	0.01186634	ENSMUSG00000039131	<i>Gipc2</i>	9.273447783	1.20239E-07
ENSMUSG00000006179	<i>Prss16</i>	6.10339407	3.68675E-32	ENSMUSG00000039153	<i>Ranx2</i>	5.117394674	3.67259E-78
ENSMUSG00000006613	<i>Upk1a</i>	3.170132753	6.70456E-05	ENSMUSG00000039234	<i>Sec24d</i>	2.105947162	1.73507E-12
ENSMUSG00000006638	<i>Gca</i>	3.94812756	1.96601E-08	ENSMUSG00000039449	<i>Prpf18</i>	0.751523881	5.19289E-13
ENSMUSG00000007021	<i>Syng3</i>	9.971823141	4.07302E-08	ENSMUSG00000039621	<i>Prex1</i>	1.179373956	2.1735E-07
ENSMUSG00000009092	<i>Derl3</i>	2.885476803	3.74062E-05	ENSMUSG00000040274	<i>Cdk6</i>	1.3529711	2.1077E-06
ENSMUSG00000009563	<i>Tor2a</i>	0.431021068	0.04250966	ENSMUSG00000040680	<i>Kremen2</i>	2.296187861	0.000338365
ENSMUSG00000016427	<i>Ndufa1</i>	1.234972133	1.96297E-08	ENSMUSG00000041959	<i>S100a10</i>	2.327102372	2.89022E-22
ENSMUSG00000016541	<i>Atxn10</i>	0.839720029	6.45458E-05	ENSMUSG00000042213	<i>Zfand4</i>	6.301733003	3.60814E-32
ENSMUSG00000018548	<i>Trim39</i>	2.35242E-05	4.7977E-05	ENSMUSG00000042312	<i>S100a13</i>	1.609259835	3.08093E-12
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ENSMUSG00000019889	<i>Ptprk</i>	2.790963446	6.83605E-10	ENSMUSG00000042784	<i>Muc1</i>	5.870299906	8.5905E-08
ENSMUSG00000019987	<i>Arg1</i>	7.109833368	1.41433E-05	ENSMUSG00000044258	<i>Cita2a</i>	5.60517226	9.30505E-29
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ENSMUSG00000020020	<i>Usp44</i>	8.229778457	1.28537E-06	ENSMUSG000000446186	<i>Dcl10</i>	9.558262897	4.67377E-09
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ENSMUSG00000021065	<i>Fut8</i>	1.704605201	5.52714E-46	ENSMUSG000000446876	<i>Atxn1</i>	2.38911161	1.8411E-29
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ENSMUSG00000021785	<i>Ngly1</i>	0.75017433	2.89845E-05	ENSMUSG000000451234	<i>Rnf7</i>	0.909976003	7.03031E-05
ENSMUSG00000021866	<i>Anxa11</i>	0.837211101	4.74622E-14	ENSMUSG000000451359	<i>Ncald</i>	9.66410274	2.94995E-14
ENSMUSG00000022106	<i>Rebit2</i>	0.460704599	0.016034609	ENSMUSG000000451457	<i>Spn</i>	1.291295397	1.62036E-17
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ENSMUSG00000022498	<i>Txnde11</i>	0.442112805	0.00991759	ENSMUSG00000052102	<i>Gnpd1</i>	2.171714794	5.94866E-74
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ENSMUSG00000022803	<i>Podpc2</i>	7.124124534	7.64267E-25	ENSMUSG00000052906	<i>Ubyn8</i>	1.629039116	1.90408E-11
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ENSMUSG00000032373	<i>Cdh5</i>	4.841989557	1.80916E-06	ENSMUSG00000069787	<i>Ighv1-54</i>	2.857759583	0.02924301
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ENSMUSG00000032135	<i>Mcam</i>	2.53101793					

**B. Genes overlapping between acute-brown module and Monocytes/Macrophages**

EnsemblGeneID	Gene Symbol	Log Fold Change	Adjusted P-Value	EnsemblGeneID	Gene Symbol	Log Fold Change	Adjusted P-Value
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ENSMUSG00000002014	<i>Ssr4</i>	0.799204306	0.002594551	ENSMUSG00000033318	<i>Gstt2</i>	1.190896324	0.007171036
ENSMUSG00000002190	<i>Clgn</i>	4.668157113	3.04878E-05	ENSMUSG00000034573	<i>Ptpn13</i>	3.97370952	1.24817E-09
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ENSMUSG00000021866	<i>Anxa11</i>	0.489790469	3.61585E-05	ENSMUSG00000053044	<i>Cd8b1</i>	2.044746371	6.70441E-09
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ENSMUSG00000028551	<i>Cdkn2c</i>	0.947985558	0.023023167	ENSMUSG00000076498	<i>Trbc2</i>	1.444285005	0.001659883
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ENSMUSG00000032094	<i>Cd3d</i>	1.449654695	0.001207855	ENSMUSG00000096255	<i>Dynlt1b</i>	0.709306864	0.006444076
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ENSMUSG00000032281	<i>Acsbg1</i>	3.288718086	4.45253E-16				

**Supplementary Table S5.** Gene ontology (GO) enriched terms from 182 genes overlapping between CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and acute-brown module hub genes (A), and from 113 genes overlapping between monocytes/macrophages and acute-brown module hub genes (B). Enrichment analysis was performed using DAVID (<http://david.ncifcrf.gov/>).

A. Gene ontology analysis of genes overlapping between acute-brown module and CD8+ T cells			
Annotation Term (Biological Process)	Genes	P-Value	FDR
GO:0008152-metabolic process	<i>Acsbg1, Echs1, Aldh9a1, Me2, RP23-41B18.5, Gusb, Oxct1, Slc27a4, Man2b2, Ech1, Ugt1a7c, Gstol1</i>	4.86E-04	0.747546555
GO:0016477-cell migration	<i>Ptpk, Nrp1, Itgb2, Itga4, Sdc1, Nfatc2, Fut8</i>	0.002496227	3.782282899
GO:0043547-positive regulation of GTPase activity	<i>Ccl24, Itgb1, Prex1, Ccl6, S100a10, Rgs8</i>	0.003958426	5.93523213
GO:0070374-positive regulation of ERK1 and ERK2 cascade	<i>Ccl24, Nrp1, Ptpn22, Haver2, Ccl6, Npm1</i>	0.011247546	16.01194793
GO:0046226-coumarin catabolic process	<i>Pom3, Ugt1a7c</i>	0.014217829	19.82097822
GO:0008637-apoptotic mitochondrial changes	<i>Ndufs1, Aifm1, Rnf7</i>	0.01577658	21.75464995
GO:0007179-transforming growth factor beta receptor signaling pathway	<i>Ptpk, Itgb1, Cdhs, Fut8</i>	0.016495955	22.63226705
GO:0002685-regulation of leukocyte migration	<i>Cxcr3, Ptpn22</i>	0.021251341	28.20616774
GO:1902036-regulation of hematopoietic stem cell differentiation	<i>Cdk6, Ap2a2</i>	0.021251341	28.20616774
GO:0042130-negative regulation of T cell proliferation	<i>Spn, Glmn, Haver2</i>	0.033018539	40.42689876
GO:0030217-T cell differentiation	<i>Runx3, Ptpn22, Prex1</i>	0.034552697	41.86838962
GO:0019439-aromatic compound catabolic process	<i>Pom3, Ugt1a7c</i>	0.042054489	48.45930098
GO:0045589-regulation of regulatory T cell differentiation	<i>Cd28, Ctla2a</i>	0.055678899	58.67821276
GO:0030335-positive regulation of cell migration	<i>Grb7, Mcam, Ccl24, Itgb1, Prex1</i>	0.057611193	59.9635194
GO:0007155-cell adhesion	<i>Mcam, Ptpk, Itgb1, Cdhs, Rom1, Itga4, Zan, Npm1</i>	0.058998063	60.86287235
GO:0006517-protein deglycosylation	<i>Ngly1, Man2b2</i>	0.069111016	66.87184634
GO:0008542-visual learning	<i>Itgb1, Atxn1, Npm1</i>	0.074434581	69.67695109
GO:0042102-positive regulation of T cell proliferation	<i>Spn, Cd28, Haver2</i>	0.076488309	70.69846361
GO:0045086-positive regulation of interleukin-2 biosynthetic process	<i>Cd28, Glmn</i>	0.082353534	73.44142887
GO:0030593-neutrophil chemotaxis	<i>Ccl24, Prex1, Ccl6</i>	0.087018304	75.44949669
GO:0003073-regulation of systemic arterial blood pressure	<i>Ncald, Kcnk6</i>	0.088904524	76.2204055
GO:0060252-positive regulation of glial cell proliferation	<i>Prkch, Atxn1</i>	0.095409107	78.70873247
GO:0045060-negative thymic T cell selection	<i>Spn, Cd28</i>	0.095409107	78.70873247
GO:0043508-negative regulation of JUN kinase activity	<i>Trp73, Ptpn22</i>	0.095409107	78.70873247
GO:0010839-negative regulation of keratinocyte proliferation	<i>Ptpk, Cd109</i>	0.095409107	78.70873247
B. Gene ontology analysis of genes overlapping between acute-brown module and Monocytes/Macrophages			
Annotation Term (Biological Process)	Genes	P-Value	FDR
GO:0050852-T cell receptor signaling pathway	<i>Themis, Cd3e, Cd28, Thy1, Zap70, Cd247</i>	3.38E-06	0.004908745
GO:0045086-positive regulation of interleukin-2 biosynthetic process	<i>Cd3e, Cd28, Glmn, Prkcg</i>	1.92E-05	0.027872996
GO:0046641-positive regulation of alpha-beta T cell proliferation	<i>Cd3e, Cd28, Zap70</i>	0.00108808	1.568148567
GO:0002376-immune system process	<i>Themis, Cd3e, Cd8b1, Kenn4, Rnf125, Zap70, Prkcg, Lbp</i>	0.001761696	2.527461194
GO:0045080-negative thymic T cell selection	<i>Cd3e, Cd28, Zap70</i>	0.001784446	2.559706259
GO:0050870-positive regulation of T cell activation	<i>Cd3e, Thy1, Prkcg</i>	0.002643433	3.770010421
GO:0007166-cell surface receptor signaling pathway	<i>Cd3e, Cd3d, Cxcr3, Glmn, Upk1a, Cd247</i>	0.003190543	4.533568992
GO:0032753-positive regulation of interleukin-4 production	<i>Cd3e, Cd28, Prkcg</i>	0.003304249	4.691549623
GO:0008637-apoptotic mitochondrial changes	<i>Ndufs1, Aifm1, Rnf7</i>	0.006625056	9.199462942
GO:0033077-T cell differentiation in thymus	<i>Cd3e, Mafb, Cdk6</i>	0.013503959	17.91305194
GO:0002250-adaptive immune response	<i>Themis, Cd8b1, Rnf125, Zap70</i>	0.025334494	31.10280719
GO:0090330-regulation of platelet aggregation	<i>Zap70, Prkcg</i>	0.026906437	32.6985839
GO:0043547-positive regulation of GTPase activity	<i>Ccl24, S100a10, Thy1, Rgs8</i>	0.028738537	34.51501005
GO:0042102-positive regulation of T cell proliferation	<i>Cd3e, Cd28, Prkcg</i>	0.03416539	39.63115357
GO:0045589-regulation of regulatory T cell differentiation	<i>Cd28, Ctla2a</i>	0.035715342	41.0225186
GO:0002281-macrophage activation involved in immune response	<i>Zap70, Lbp</i>	0.048781207	51.61983693
GO:0007050-cell cycle arrest	<i>Trp73, Mlf1, Cdkn2c</i>	0.052281381	54.14113502
GO:0045059-positive thymic T cell selection	<i>Cd3e, Zap70</i>	0.053097512	54.71116151
GO:0007049-cell cycle	<i>Cdk6, Usp44, Cenpc1, Trp73, Mlf1, Anxa11, Cdkn2c</i>	0.060035156	59.29716474
GO:0001889-liver development	<i>Sec63, Arg1, Igf2r</i>	0.069212572	64.70115914
GO:0007155-cell adhesion	<i>Mcam, Ptpk, Cdhs, Rom1, Zan, Thy1</i>	0.069339007	64.77070887
GO:0006954-inflammatory response	<i>Ccl24, Cxcr3, Trp73, Zap70, Prkcg</i>	0.071115866	65.73473067
GO:0042326-negative regulation of phosphorylation	<i>Atxn1, Cdkn2c</i>	0.078592014	69.52800401
GO:0042346-positive regulation of NF-kappaB import into nucleus	<i>Ilf1, Prkcg</i>	0.082774667	71.47579037
GO:0016337-single organismal cell-cell adhesion	<i>Dsp, Cdhs, Thy1</i>	0.08630341	73.02823613
GO:0051301-cell division	<i>Cdk6, Usp44, Dynl1b, Cenpc1, Anxa11</i>	0.090109526	74.61429544
GO:0045671-negative regulation of osteoclast differentiation	<i>Mafb, Ubash3b</i>	0.095210422	76.60396733
GO:0048041-focal adhesion assembly	<i>Ptpk, Thy1</i>	0.099318548	78.09977545

**Supplementary Table S6.** List of genes from chronic-magenta module with their corresponding intramodular connectivity ( $K_{IM}$ ) value. Genes selected for qPCR analysis are marked in bold.

Ensembl Gene ID	Gene Symbol	KIM	Ensembl Gene ID	Gene Symbol	KIM	Ensembl Gene ID	Gene Symbol	KIM	Ensembl Gene ID	Gene Symbol	KIM
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ENSMUSG00000074874	<i>Ctla2b</i>	0.993454448	ENSMUSG00000041959	<i>Sl00a10</i>	0.608076158	ENSMUSG00000074417	<i>Gm14548</i>	0.390833338	ENSMUSG00000026928	<i>Card9</i>	0.219309916
ENSMUSG00000024936	<i>Kcnk7</i>	0.992217146	ENSMUSG00000047045	<i>Tmem164</i>	0.606181513	ENSMUSG00000024900	<i>Cpt1a</i>	0.390760346	ENSMUSG00000021904	<i>Sema3g</i>	0.219027602
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ENSMUSG00000027712	<i>Itgb3</i>	0.696711275	ENSMUSG00000024913	<i>Lrp5</i>	0.451886313	ENSMUSG00000020870	<i>Dcb2d</i>	0.264882688	ENSMUSG00000053846	<i>Lipp</i>	0.108619709
ENSMUSG00000022711	<i>Anxa5</i>	0.681161834	ENSMUSG00000097954	<i>Gm4217</i>	0.451884485	ENSMUSG00000021866	<i>Anxa11</i>	0.26525			

**Supplementary Table S7.** Gene ontology (GO) enrichment analysis of the hub genes from chronic-magenta module. Enrichment analysis was performed using DAVID (<http://david.ncifcrf.gov/>).

Annotation Term (Biological Process)	Genes	P-Value	FDR
GO:0030593 neutrophil chemotaxis	<i>Itgam, C5ar1, Trem1, Vav3, Itgb2</i>	1.32E-04	0.186527443
GO:0031100 organ regeneration	<i>Pkm, F7, C5ar1, Anxa3</i>	0.00122272	1.721293786
GO:0006953 acute-phase response	<i>Reg3a, Reg3b, Reg3g</i>	0.007653495	10.32983638
GO:0006096 glycolytic process	<i>Pjkl, Pkm, Aldoart1</i>	0.008084152	10.88051921
GO:0006954 inflammatory response	<i>Reg3a, Reg3b, Reg3g, Slc11a1, C5ar1, Ccr1</i>	0.00948669	12.65223401
GO:0061097 regulation of protein tyrosine kinase activity	<i>Rap2b, Rap2c</i>	0.011240183	14.82122977
GO:0007264 small GTPase mediated signal transduction	<i>Rhov, Vav3, Rap2b, Rap2c, Rnd1</i>	0.012006481	15.75329668
GO:0007599 hemostasis	<i>F7, Anxa5, F2rl3</i>	0.012964667	16.90542184
GO:0045123 cellular extravasation	<i>Itgam, Itgb2</i>	0.014959176	19.25680811
GO:0006909 phagocytosis	<i>Slc11a1, Anxa3, Itgb2</i>	0.016371731	20.88453411
GO:0000165 MAPK cascade	<i>Slc11a1, Dok2, Mapkapk3</i>	0.027808084	32.98330966
GO:0045617 negative regulation of keratinocyte differentiation	<i>Reg3a, Reg3g</i>	0.033348395	38.20414527
GO:0050798 activated T cell proliferation	<i>Itgam, Itgb2</i>	0.033348395	38.20414527
GO:0032486 Rap protein signal transduction	<i>Rap2b, Rap2c</i>	0.036985439	41.42312937
GO:0010838 positive regulation of keratinocyte proliferation	<i>Reg3a, Reg3g</i>	0.036985439	41.42312937
GO:0032496 response to lipopolysaccharide	<i>Fos, Slc11a1, C5ar1, Mapkapk3</i>	0.038086133	42.36613856
GO:0042493 response to drug	<i>Fos, Atpl1a1, Por, Vav3, Plin2</i>	0.03874348	42.92256408
GO:0007596 blood coagulation	<i>F7, Anxa5, F2rl3</i>	0.039867233	43.86223881
GO:0035879 plasma membrane lactate transport	<i>Slc16a3, Emb</i>	0.040609	44.47459928
GO:0002523 leukocyte migration involved in inflammatory response	<i>Itgam, Itgb2</i>	0.047815867	50.10937935
GO:0050830 defense response to Gram-positive bacterium	<i>Reg3b, Reg3g, C5ar1</i>	0.047888237	50.16316511
GO:0007229 integrin-mediated signaling pathway	<i>Itgam, Vav3, Itgb2</i>	0.047888237	50.16316511
GO:0045824 negative regulation of innate immune response	<i>Ccr1, Nlrx1</i>	0.054969386	55.17286757
GO:0098792 xenophagy	<i>Hilpda, Anxa5, Trem1</i>	0.057423514	56.79690405
GO:0090303 positive regulation of wound healing	<i>Reg3a, Reg3g</i>	0.058526262	57.50869682
GO:0031954 positive regulation of protein autophosphorylation	<i>Rap2b, Rap2c</i>	0.065600489	61.82189488
GO:0045766 positive regulation of angiogenesis	<i>C5ar1, Anxa3, Itgb2</i>	0.07605794	67.45768865
GO:0002230 positive regulation of defense response to virus by host	<i>Hilpda, Anxa5, Trem1</i>	0.077143557	67.99613838
GO:0031668 cellular response to extracellular stimulus	<i>Fos, Adora2b</i>	0.079592186	69.18036183
GO:0010575 positive regulation of vascular endothelial growth factor production	<i>C5ar1, Adora2b</i>	0.086510418	72.30978161
GO:0007159 leukocyte cell-cell adhesion	<i>Itgam, Itgb2</i>	0.086510418	72.30978161
GO:0045672 positive regulation of osteoclast differentiation	<i>Fos, Ccr1</i>	0.089950294	73.75335068

**Supplementary Table S8. Ranked table of differentially expressed genes between early and late effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells using the "Population Comparison" tool from ImmGen data set (<http://www.immgen.org/>).** Shown are list of genes always expressed in OVA-specific effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells 12 and 24 hours postinfection with LisOva (Group A) and never expressed in OVA-specific effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells at days 5, 6 and 8 postinfection with LisOva or VSVOva (Group B). Genes in bold were selected for protein expression analysis by FACS. Min (minimum expression value), Max (maximum expression value) and Mean (mean expression value).

ProbeSet ID	Gene symbol	Gene description	NCBI ID	Mean Fold Change	Group A			Group B							
					Min	Max	Mean	Min	Max	Mean					
10582545	<i>Mela</i>	melanoma antigen	17276	92.72	1924	1957	1940	18	26	21					
10385918	<i>Il3</i>	interleukin 3	16187	43.46	428	1495	800	17	20	18					
10497878	<i>Il2</i>	interleukin 2	16183	37.94	612	1137	834	18	25	22					
10531415	<i>Cxcl10</i>	chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 10	15945	25.92	1348	1782	1550	50	71	60					
<b>10359697</b>	<b><i>Xcl1</i></b>	<b>chemokine (C motif) ligand 1</b>	<b>16963</b>	<b>25.14</b>	<b>1266</b>	<b>1715</b>	<b>1473</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>59</b>					
10373918	<i>Lif</i>	leukemia inhibitory factor	16878	18.49	629	1005	795	37	51	43					
<b>10513729</b>	<b><i>Tnfj8</i></b>	<b>tumor necrosis factor (ligand) superfamily member 8</b>	<b>21949</b>	<b>16.89</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>1076</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>55</b>					
10504838	<i>Nr4a3</i>	nuclear receptor subfamily 4 group A member 3	18124	16.4	952	1388	1150	65	75	70					
10379721	<i>Ccl4</i>	chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 4	20303	10.62	839	1063	944	65	113	89					
10388784	<i>Rpl23a</i>	ribosomal protein L23a	268449	10.28	615	689	651	36	105	63					
10539592	<i>Smyd5</i>	SET and MYND domain containing 5	232187	10.01	901	905	903	74	115	90					
10366796	<i>Mettl1</i>	methyltransferase like 1	17299	9.84	671	743	706	51	107	72					
10439532	<i>Orrad1</i>	queueine tRNA-ribosyltransferase domain containing 1	106248	9.78	612	788	695	63	80	71					
10450363	<i>Snord52</i>	small nucleolar RNA C/D box 52	100217427	9.52	254	378	310	29	36	33					
10351039	<i>Gas5</i>	growth arrest specific 5	14455	9.52	484	501	492	32	76	52					
10446907	<i>Ttc27</i>	tetratricopeptide repeat domain 27	74196	9.27	616	631	623	45	111	67					
10408666	<i>Rpp40</i>	ribonuclease P 40 subunit (human)	208366	8.95	147	206	174	16	22	19					
10462623	<i>Jfif1</i>	interferon-induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 1	15957	8.29	503	568	535	52	76	65					
10524621	<i>Oas12</i>	2'-5' oligoadenylate synthetase-like 2	23962	8.24	667	684	675	71	112	82					
<b>10607870</b>	<b><i>Thr7</i></b>	<b>toll-like receptor 7</b>	<b>170743</b>	<b>8.02</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>					
10416950	<i>Mir18</i>		NA	7.94	128	150	138	15	20	17					
10355037	<i>Wdr12</i>	WD repeat domain 12	57750	7.67	522	535	529	50	102	69					
10604076	<i>Snora69</i>	small nucleolar RNA H/ACA box 69	104369	7.61	380	399	390	31	74	51					
10406852	<i>Cnn3</i>	calponin 3 acidic	71994	7.44	166	173	170	20	27	23					
10461148	<i>Snhg1</i>	small nucleolar RNA host gene (non-protein coding) 1	83673	7.19	305	437	365	29	110	51					
10355984	<i>Serpine2</i>	serine (or cysteine) peptidase inhibitor clade E member 2	20720	7.16	147	425	250	33	38	35					
10546346	<i>Chchd4</i>	coiled-coil-helix-coiled-coil-helix domain containing 4	72170	7.07	517	604	559	63	112	79					
10555850	<i>Utf1</i>	undifferentiated embryonic cell transcription factor 1	22286	7.01	272	339	304	36	46	43					
10586591	<i>Car12</i>	carbone anyhydrase 12	76459	7.01	356	374	365	45	57	52					
10439651	<i>Cd200</i>	CD200 antigen	17470	6.99	275	397	331	34	66	47					
10373452	<i>Gm129</i>	predicted gene 129	229599	6.69	241	274	257	29	52	38					
10462618	<i>Jif3</i>	interferon-induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 3	15959	6.45	344	367	355	39	67	55					
10445767	<i>Trem2</i>	triggering receptor expressed on myeloid cells-like 2	328833	6.43	495	560	526	73	90	82					
10516064	<i>Mfsd2a</i>	major facilitator superfamily domain containing 2	76574	6.37	491	542	516	68	110	81					
10398717	<i>Trmt61a</i>	tRNA methyltransferase 61 homolog A ( <i>S. cerevisiae</i> )	328162	6.36	578	578	578	78	104	91					
10569017	<i>Jfim3</i>	interferon induced transmembrane protein 3	66141	6.28	222	301	258	22	84	41					
10541091	<i>Gemin6</i>	gem (nuclear organelle) associated protein 6	67242	6.14	235	330	279	29	77	45					
10595452	<i>Ubce2cbp</i>	ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2C binding protein	70348	6.02	413	530	468	68	90	78					
<b>10590620</b>	<b><i>Cer9</i></b>	<b>chemokine (C-C motif) receptor 9</b>	<b>12769</b>	<b>5.93</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>					
10350159	<i>Lad1</i>	ladinin	16763	5.92	423	593	501	70	102	85					
10405211	<i>Gadd45g</i>	growth arrest and DNA-damage-inducible 45 gamma	23882	5.79	386	503	441	68	94	76					
10399882	<i>Dus41</i>	dihydrouridine synthase 4-like ( <i>S. cerevisiae</i> )	71916	5.79	288	327	307	38	78	53					
10399710	<i>Rсад2</i>	radical S-adenosyl methionine domain containing 2	58185	5.76	322	332	327	50	71	57					
10363735	<i>Egr2</i>	early growth response 2	13654	5.72	426	485	455	63	96	80					
10436662	<i>Mir155</i>		NA	5.63	304	423	358	57	78	64					
10466818	<i>Cbw1</i>	COBW domain containing 1	226043	5.56	303	317	309	35	94	56					
10434441	<i>Ece2</i>	endothelin converting enzyme 2	107522	5.55	365	376	370	58	75	67					
10353034	<i>Snord87</i>	small nucleolar RNA C/D box 87	266793	5.31	271	335	301	38	80	57					
10538791	<i>Tnip3</i>	TNFAIP3 interacting protein 3	414084	5.29	132	133	132	22	29	25					
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10368277	<i>Rps12</i>	ribosomal protein S12	20042	5.06	377	403	390	62	98	77					
10503643	<i>Ndufa9</i>	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 alpha subcomplex assembly factor 4	68493	5.05	468	501	484	80	115	96					
10455961	<i>Ligp1</i>	interferon inducible GTPase 1	60440	4.97	127	181	152	26	33	31					
10592888	<i>Cscx5</i>	chemochrome (C-X-C motif) receptor 5	12145	4.94	141	145	143	27	35	29					
10466104	<i>Cedc86</i>	coiled-coil domain containing 86	108673	4.89	509	514	511	84	119	105					
10447097	<i>Gemin6</i>	gem (nuclear organelle) associated protein 6	67242	4.84	334	379	356	55	107	74					
10495659	<i>Cnn3</i>	calponin 3 acidic	71994	4.79	295	308	301	61	66	63					
10473363	<i>Timm10</i>	translocase of inner mitochondrial membrane 10 homolog (yeast)	30059	4.75	296	377	334	55	81	70					
10582020	<i>Gsh3</i>	glycine cleavage system protein H (aminomethyl carrier)	68133	4.64	122	122	122	21	33	26					
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10514466	<i>Jun</i>	Jun oncogene	16476	4.5	281	315	298	54	81	66					
10533198	<i>Oas2</i>	2'-5' oligoadenylate synthetase 2	246728	4.48	311	414	359	69	97	80					
10500272	<i>Gm129</i>	predicted gene 129	229599	4.47	201	247	223	37	60	50					
10440077	<i>2610528E23Rik</i>	RIKEN cDNA 2610528E23 gene	66497	4.46	325	353	339	62	98	76					
10419216	<i>Gnpnat1</i>	glucosamine-phosphate N-acetyltransferase 1	54342	4.44	343	431	384	68	116	87					
10359689	<i>Atp1b1</i>	ATPase Na <sup>+</sup> /K <sup>+</sup> transporting beta 1 polypeptide	11931	4.43	262	333	295	55	91	67					
10539933	<i>Txrd3</i>	thioredoxin reductase 3	232223	4.36	142	158	150	29	40	34					
10405158	<i>Pus7</i>	pseudouridylylate synthase 7 homolog (S. cerevisiae)	78697	4.32	148	206	175	34	53	40					
10395273	<i>Gdap10</i>	ganglioside-induced differentiation-associated-protein 10	14546	4.3	203	257	229	39	64	53					
10571984	<i>Dfd60</i>	DFAD (Asp-Glu-Ala-Asp) box polypeptide 60	234311	4.28	320	349	334	60	116	78					
10451287	<i>Isg15</i>	ISG15 ubiquitin-like modifier	100038882	4.25	193	219	205	45	52	48					
10546170	<i>Shql1</i>	SHQ1 homolog ( <i>S. cerevisiae</i> )	72171	4.19	330	404	365	74	107	87					
10375975	<i>Zchc10</i>	zinc finger CCHC domain containing 10	67966	4.19	160	164	162	30	61	39					
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10416945	<i>Mir17hg</i>	microRNA host gene 1 (non-protein coding)	75957	4.14	169	183	176	33	61	43					
10346876	<i>Snora41</i>	small nucleolar RNA H/ACA box 41	100217464	4.11	147	164	155	31	47	38					
10485624	<i>Prrg4</i>	proline rich GlA (G-carboxyglutamic acid) 4 (transmembrane)	228413	4.1	160	220	187	39	55	46					
10355464	<i>Pcer</i>	peroxisomal trans-2-enoyl-CoA reductase	111175	4.08	139	165	152	29	46	37					
10463263	<i>Lstfl1</i>	leucine zipper transcription factor-like 1	93730	4.01	173	288	223	40	83	56					
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10497703	<i>Mrp147</i>	mitochondrial ribosomal protein L47	74600	3.88	217	255	235	41	77	61					
10472994	<i>Mtx2</i>	metaxin 2	53375	3.88	231	290	259	51	99	67					
10391985	<i>Taf1d</i>	TATA box binding protein (Tbp)-associated factor RNA polymerase I D	75316	3.81	256	259	258	47	108	68					
10362896	<i>Cd24a</i>	CD24a antigen	12484	3.79	151	164	157	30	70	42					
10381096	<i>Igbp4</i>	insulin-like growth factor binding protein 4	16010	3.73	243	408	315	65	110	85					
10406865	<i>Mrp527</i>	mitochondrial ribosomal protein S27	218506	3.71	209	275	240	55	82	65					
10450508	<i>Lta</i>	lymphotoxin A	16992	3.71	196	271	231	51	73	62					
10400883	<i>Timm9</i>	translocase of inner mitochondrial membrane 9 homolog (yeast)	30056	3.69	172	175	174	35	58	47					
10434758	<i>Stogal1</i>	beta galactoside alpha 26 sialyltransferase 1	20440	3.64	157	208	180	45	57	50					
<b>10404840</b>															



10558914	<i>Rplp2</i>	ribosomal protein large P2	67186	2.18	178	208	192	83	93	88
10375019	<i>Nsg2</i>	neuron specific gene family member 2	18197	2.13	185	261	220	85	120	104
10579209	<i>Armc6</i>	armadillo repeat containing 6	76813	2.12	205	211	208	83	112	98
10384968	<i>Bod1</i>	biorientation of chromosomes in cell division 1	69556	2.12	219	222	221	92	119	104
10496485	<i>Eif4e</i>	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4E	13684	2.11	152	164	158	59	93	75
10577517	<i>Slc25a15</i>	solute carrier family 25 (mitochondrial carrier ornithine transporter) member 15	18408	2.09	193	237	214	95	108	102
10585956	<i>Myo9a</i>	myosin IXa	270163	2.09	128	135	132	46	75	63
10506058	<i>Inadl</i>	InaD-like (Drosophila)	12695	2.09	124	146	134	51	78	64
10434191	<i>Txrd2</i>	(thioredoxin reductase 2	26462	2.09	168	168	168	66	94	80
10353750	<i>Bag2</i>	BCL2-associated athanogene 2	213539	2.09	139	184	160	72	85	77
10425267	<i>Pick1</i>	protein interacting with C kinase 1	18693	2.08	165	177	171	77	92	82
10453792	<i>Thoc1</i>	THO complex 1	225160	2.08	134	150	142	58	82	68
10471486	<i>Eng</i>	endoglin	13805	2.04	160	204	181	75	106	88
10544497	<i>Tarbp2</i>	TAR (HIV) RNA binding protein 2	21357	2.04	142	143	143	59	84	70
10585982	<i>Myo9a</i>	myosin IXa	270163	2.04	146	150	148	55	87	73
10362394	<i>Hddc2</i>	HD domain containing 2	69692	2.04	128	207	163	59	101	80
10360003	<i>Dusp12</i>	dual specificity phosphatase 12	80915	2.04	202	202	202	85	118	99
10554017	<i>Lins</i>	linc homolog 2 (Drosophila)	72635	2.03	153	167	160	72	88	79
10403716	<i>AW209491</i>	expressed sequence AW209491	105351	2.02	194	218	206	98	106	102
10577025	<i>Rab20</i>	RAB20 member RAS oncogene family	19332	2.02	162	193	177	78	102	88
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10392701	<i>Slc39a11</i>	solute carrier family 39 (metal ion transporter) member 11	69806	2	206	224	215	101	119	108
10448842	<i>Telo2</i>	TEL2 telomere maintenance 2 homolog (S. cerevisiae)	71718	1.99	182	188	185	75	102	93
10397561	<i>Adck1</i>	aarF domain containing kinase 1	72113	1.98	184	208	196	82	109	99
10365870	<i>Nr2c1</i>	nuclear receptor subfamily 2 group C member 1	22025	1.98	136	147	141	68	75	72
10350024	<i>Klh12</i>	kelch-like 12 (Drosophila)	240756	1.98	155	160	158	64	91	79
10414094	<i>Zfp637</i>	zinc finger protein 637	232337	1.98	134	162	148	60	90	75
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10359201	<i>Ralgps2</i>	Ral GEF with PH domain and SH3 binding motif 2	78255	1.96	149	162	155	63	92	79
10375667	<i>Rnf130</i>	ring finger protein 130	59044	1.96	129	131	130	57	78	67
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10463448	<i>Peo1</i>	progressive external ophthalmoplegia 1 (human)	226153	1.95	170	189	179	74	119	92
10453555	<i>2610044015Rik</i>	RIKEN cDNA 2610044015 gene	72139	1.95	156	157	157	59	114	80
10430783	<i>Poir3h</i>	polymerase (RNA) III (DNA directed) polypeptide H	78929	1.94	125	137	131	56	75	68
10350146	<i>Phida3</i>	pleckstrin homology-like domain family A member 3	27280	1.94	136	241	181	83	119	93
10377938	<i>Eno3</i>	enolase 3 beta muscle	13808	1.94	160	199	178	78	102	92
10457357	<i>Mpp7</i>	membrane protein palmitoylated 7 (MAGUK p55 subfamily member 7)	75739	1.93	124	133	128	55	109	67
10558961	<i>Tspan4</i>	tetraspanin 4	64540	1.92	189	191	190	84	106	99
10367973	<i>Aig1</i>	androgen-induced 1	66253	1.91	155	190	172	82	100	90
10371293	<i>1190007107Rik</i>	RIKEN cDNA 1190007107 gene	544717	1.9	179	189	184	84	119	97
10585986	<i>Myo9a</i>	myosin IXa	270163	1.9	145	149	147	63	93	77
10502973	<i>Tyw3</i>	tRNA-YW synthesizing protein 3 homolog (S. cerevisiae)	209584	1.89	162	163	162	82	98	86
10492846	<i>Pet112l</i>	PET112-like (yeast)	229487	1.89	168	200	183	78	115	97
10471337	<i>Pomt1</i>	protein-O-mannosyltransferase 1	99011	1.88	135	137	136	54	89	72
10405013	<i>Ippk</i>	inositol 13456-pentakisphosphate 2-kinase	75678	1.88	165	189	176	74	116	94
10557009	<i>Eef2k</i>	eukaryotic elongation factor-2 kinase	13631	1.88	131	138	134	64	82	71
10405950	<i>Fastkd3</i>	FAST kinase domain 3	69577	1.88	160	181	170	73	112	90
10526520	<i>Plod3</i>	procollagen-lysine 2-oxoglutarate 5-dioxygenase 3	26433	1.86	155	173	164	84	94	88
10575609	<i>Zfp1</i>	zinc finger protein 1	22640	1.86	163	180	171	80	107	92
10410743	<i>Ankrd32</i>	ankyrin repeat domain 32	105377	1.85	122	165	142	56	112	77
10441740	<i>Agrp4</i>	1-acylglycerol-3-phosphate O-acyltransferase 4 (lysophosphatidic acid acyltransferase delta)	68262	1.85	179	193	186	92	112	100
10404531	<i>Psmg4</i>	proteasome (prosome macropain) assembly chaperone 4	69666	1.85	166	167	166	81	96	90
10472794	<i>Metapl1</i>	methionine aminopeptidase-like 1	66559	1.84	156	166	161	81	94	88
10444046	<i>Cd320</i>	CD320 antigen	54219	1.83	163	185	174	83	106	95
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10586724	<i>Narg2</i>	NMDA receptor-regulated gene 2	93697	1.81	170	178	174	83	116	96
10433963	<i>Ydc</i>	YdcJ homolog (bacterial)	69101	1.81	162	171	166	76	108	92
10361091	<i>Aif3</i>	activating transcription factor 3	11910	1.81	126	207	161	75	104	89
10584541	<i>Zfp202</i>	zinc finger protein 202	80902	1.81	154	160	157	73	109	87
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10526120	<i>Tpst1</i>	protein-tyrosine sulfotransferase 1	22021	1.8	151	166	158	67	120	88
10366698	<i>BC048403</i>	cDNA sequence BC048403	270802	1.8	180	187	183	85	118	102
10449236	<i>Nme4</i>	non-metastatic cells 4 protein expressed in	56520	1.8	121	129	125	62	79	70
10425000	<i>Lrrc14</i>	leucine rich repeat containing 14	223664	1.79	182	185	184	88	108	103
10567266	<i>Gga2</i>	golgi associated gamma adaptin ear containing ARF binding protein 2	74105	1.79	148	159	154	77	105	86
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10536541	<i>S7</i>	suppression of tumorigenicity 7	64213	1.77	159	159	159	72	112	90
10533462	<i>Rad9b</i>	RAD9 homolog B (S. cerevisiae)	231724	1.77	121	121	121	61	78	68
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10431463	<i>Fam116b</i>	family with sequence similarity 116 member B	69440	1.75	139	149	144	65	109	82
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10471844	<i>Nek6</i>	NIMA (never in mitosis gene a)-related expressed kinase 6	59126	1.74	151	182	166	90	110	95
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10485429	<i>Pdhx</i>	pyruvate dehydrogenase complex component X	27402	1.72	143	163	153	64	119	89
10473356	<i>Ube2l6</i>	ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme E2L 6	56791	1.71	122	125	124	67	84	72
10364102	<i>Chchd10</i>	coiled-coil-helix-coiled-coil-helix domain containing 10	103172	1.71	141	172	156	83	105	91
10396372	<i>Mnat1</i>	menage a trois 1	17420	1.71	145	155	150	61	112	87
10518364	<i>Rps19-ps3</i>	ribosomal protein S19 pseudogene	277692	1.71	139	164	151	69	97	88
10529402	<i>Tnip2</i>	TNFAIP3 interacting protein 2	231130	1.71	149	154	151	78	101	89
10397216	<i>Cog6</i>	coenzyme Q6 homolog (yeast)	217707	1.7	123	137	130	64	100	77
10443201	<i>Pacsin1</i>	protein kinase C and casein kinase substrate in neurons 1	23969	1.7	142	142	142	70	90	84
10511975	<i>Slc35a1</i>	solute carrier family 35 (CMP-sialic acid transporter) member 1	24060	1.7	160	174	167	87	114	98
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10546510	<i>Lrig1</i>	leucine-rich repeat and immunoglobulin-like domains 1	16206	1.68	120	121	121	58	87	72
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10356771	<i>Mterf2</i>	MTERF domain containing 2	69821	1.68	121	134	127	69	84	76
10584435	<i>Fwa5a</i>	von Willebrand factor A domain containing 5A	67776	1.67	134	147	140	62	104	84
10441436	<i>Snx9</i>	sorting nexin 9	66616	1.67	12					

10373000	<i>Xrcc6bp1</i>	XRCC6 binding protein 1		68876	1.66	156	171	164	93	108	99
10595664	<i>Tmed3</i>	transmembrane emp24 domain containing 3		66111	1.65	130	158	143	73	114	87
10571312	<i>Dusp4</i>	dual specificity phosphatase 4		319520	1.64	123	153	137	62	112	84
10533633	<i>Diablo</i>	diablo homolog (Drosophila)		66593	1.63	155	157	156	76	112	96
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10386460	<i>Pem1</i>	phosphatidylethanolamine N-methyltransferase		18618	1.62	130	138	134	73	91	83
10597095	<i>3000002C10Rik</i>	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase pseudogene		378954	1.62	131	133	132	68	105	82
10416753	<i>Pibf1</i>	progesterone immunomodulatory binding factor 1		52023	1.62	143	147	145	73	103	89
10387659	<i>Nigr2</i>	neuroigin 2		216856	1.61	149	154	151	84	109	94
10438103	<i>Ccdc16</i>	coiled-coil domain containing 116		76872	1.61	127	173	148	79	106	92
10581926	<i>Adat1</i>	adenosine deaminase RNA-specific 1		30947	1.6	123	126	124	66	89	78
10481101	<i>Snora43</i>	small nucleolar RNA host gene (non-protein coding) 7		72091	1.6	154	175	164	95	112	102
10542757	<i>Stk38l</i>	serine/threonine kinase 38 like		232533	1.6	128	135	131	69	95	82
10590383	<i>Deb1</i>	differentially expressed in B16F10 1		26901	1.59	121	138	129	69	93	81
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10389164	<i>Pex12</i>	peroxisomal biogenesis factor 12		103737	1.58	136	142	139	76	99	88
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10535184	<i>Psmg3</i>	proteasome (prosome macropain) assembly chaperone 3		66506	1.56	128	139	133	71	97	86
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10597413	<i>Crap</i>	cartilage associated protein		56693	1.54	123	127	125	74	87	81
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10454306	<i>Zfp35</i>	zinc finger protein 35		22694	1.53	135	142	138	76	102	91
10527233	<i>Cyth3</i>	cytohesin 3		19159	1.51	140	152	146	84	108	96
10482249	<i>Nr6a1</i>	nuclear receptor subfamily 6 group A member 1		14536	1.51	128	158	142	85	103	94
10355312	<i>Ikf2</i>	IKAROS family zinc finger 2		22779	1.5	128	139	133	72	119	89
10346544	<i>Ndufb3</i>	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 beta subcomplex 3		66495	1.5	122	149	135	73	115	90
10441864	<i>Mllt4</i>	myeloid/lymphoid mixed-lineage leukemia (trithorax homolog Drosophila)		100217442	1.49	138	148	143	78	114	96
10416732	<i>Snoraz30</i>	small nucleolar RNA H/ACA box 30		13804	1.48	121	125	123	81	84	83
10470950	<i>Endog</i>	endo-nuclease G		233189	1.48	151	153	152	94	114	102
10552458	<i>Ctu1</i>	ATP binding domain 3		80707	1.47	151	171	161	103	115	109
10575706	<i>Wwox</i>	WW domain-containing oxidoreductase		64657	1.47	129	157	143	89	113	97
10445670	<i>Mrps10</i>	mitochondrial ribosomal protein S10		53376	1.47	121	131	126	71	100	86
10584634	<i>Usp2</i>	ubiquitin specific peptidase 2		66768	1.46	153	167	160	102	119	110
10521798	<i>Pacrg1</i>	PARK2 co-regulated-like		239393	1.46	128	129	129	74	113	88
10428353	<i>Lrp12</i>	low density lipoprotein-related protein 12		433931	1.46	143	156	149	93	115	102
10523960	<i>Pigg</i>	phosphatidylinositol glycan anchor biosynthesis class G		13436	1.45	151	159	155	96	116	107
10447325	<i>Dnm3b</i>	DNA methyltransferase 3B		223739	1.44	130	130	130	80	104	90
10431170	<i>5031439G07rik</i>	RIKEN cDNA 5031439G07 gene		77252	1.44	126	145	135	80	107	94
10568758	<i>943003810Rik</i>	RIKEN cDNA 9430038101 gene		621976	1.44	141	155	148	90	112	103
10404763	<i>Tmem170b</i>	transmembrane protein 170B		23955	1.43	121	123	122	80	94	86
10413640	<i>Nek4</i>	NIMA (never in mitosis gene a)-related expressed kinase 4		66406	1.43	132	145	139	90	113	97
10465374	<i>Sac3dl</i>	SAC3 domain containing 1		30928	1.4	122	125	123	79	96	88
10551483	<i>Eid2</i>	EP300 interacting inhibitor of differentiation 2		242691	1.4	142	143	143	93	111	102
10554223	<i>Mrps11</i>	mitochondrial ribosomal protein S11		67994	1.42	139	142	141	89	109	99
10605315	<i>Lage3</i>	L antigen family member 3		66192	1.41	122	159	139	72	119	98
10463112	<i>Ccnj</i>	cyclin J		240665	1.41	130	141	135	83	108	96
10450369	<i>Hspa1a</i>	heat shock protein 1A		193740	1.4	123	170	144	84	116	103
10352092	<i>Zfp238</i>	zinc finger protein 238		30928	1.4	122	125	123	79	96	88
10508892	<i>Gpatch3</i>	G patch domain containing 3		105835	1.4	126	143	134	83	111	96
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10443221	<i>Uhrf1bp1</i>	UHRF1 (ICBP90) binding protein 1		224648	1.37	125	138	131	86	117	96
10458424	<i>Taf7</i>	TAF7 RNA polymerase II TATA box binding protein (TBP)-associated factor		24074	1.37	125	133	129	73	114	94
10545910	<i>Pcyox1</i>	prenylecysteine oxidase 1		66881	1.35	136	153	144	93	119	107
10383032	<i>Engase</i>	endo-beta-N-acetylglucosaminidase		217364	1.35	121	143	131	87	110	97
10570472	<i>Cln8</i>	ceroid-lipofuscinosis neuronal 8		26889	1.35	141	162	151	104	119	112
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10533474	<i>1500011J22Rik</i>	RIKEN cDNA 1500011J22 gene		68948	1.34	127	148	137	93	113	103
10360957	<i>Ketd3</i>	potassium channel tetramerisation domain containing 3		226823	1.34	138	149	143	94	115	107
10485013	<i>1110051M20Rik</i>	RIKEN cDNA 1110051M20 gene		228356	1.32	123	124	123	85	103	93
10404996	<i>Ninj1</i>	ninjurin 1		18081	1.31	131	153	141	94	120	108
10381211	<i>Naglu</i>	alpha-N-acetylglucosaminidase (Sanfilippo disease IIIB)		27419	1.31	132	138	135	90	115	103
10404815	<i>Sirt5</i>	sirtuin 5 (silent mating type information regulation 2 homolog) 5 (S. cerevisiae)		68346	1.3	124	124	124	84	108	95
10518366	<i>2810408P10Rik</i>	RIKEN cDNA 2810408P10 gene		242747	1.3	137	139	138	95	117	106
10481210	<i>Vav2</i>	vav 2 oncogene		22325	1.29	128	149	138	92	117	107
10579860	<i>Smad1</i>	MAD homolog 1 (Drosophila)		17125	1.29	126	126	126	85	109	98
10451081	<i>Ccdc94</i>	coiled-coil domain containing 94		72886	1.28	121	128	125	87	107	97
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10530787	<i>Aasd4</i>	aminoacidate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase		231326	1.23	132	137	134	102	116	109
10568638	<i>Uros</i>	uroporphyrinogen III synthase		22276	1.23	120	127	123	83	111	100
10572804	<i>1700030K09Rik</i>	RIKEN cDNA 1700030K09 gene		72254	1.21	123	138	130	100	115	107
10384452	<i>Ubclcp1</i>	ubiquitin-like domain containing CTD phosphatase 1		79560	1.21	127	127	127	94	116	105
10552945	<i>Gys1</i>	glycogen synthase 1 muscle		14936	1.19	130	134	132	105	119	111
10372926	<i>Mirlet7i</i>			NA	1.18	122	125	123	98	118	104
10440246	<i>Aril3b</i>	ADP-ribosylation factor-like 13B		68146	1.16	127	134	131	101	117	112
10559261	<i>Cd81</i>	CD81 antigen		12520	1.15	123	129	126	103	119	110
10468881	<i>Zfp826</i>	zinc finger protein 826		414758	1.15	126	128	127	99	116	111



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## **Linking cell dynamics with gene coexpression networks to characterize key events in chronic virus infections**

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## **DISCUSSION**

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In this thesis we created a new computational approach that combines WGCNA-derived gene coexpression networks with DCQ-inferred immune cell kinetics. This enabled us to generate hypotheses about complex immune functioning after a virus-induced perturbation. We show, first, the ability of DCQ to predict changes of immune cell subsets that play major roles during LCMV infection. Second, we were able to characterize immune cell subsets involved in spleen-derived gene coexpression modules that participate in complex biological pathways. Third, in chronic infection, there is an alteration in neutrophil and macrophage migration concomitant with CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell exhaustion. Finally, we predicted and subsequently verified experimentally that virus-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells with an early effector transcriptome profile participate in the host adaptation to an overwhelming virus threat. Thus, combining WGCNA and DCQ turns out to be a very powerful approach to analyze immune system perturbations in affected tissues solely based on RNA-Seq data. It may provide data of cell subsets and function to mathematical modelers aiming to quantify perturbations and predict directs for interventions, and if further developed, it may help clinicians to optimize therapeutic decisions in personalized medicine.

The immune system is an extraordinary complex and robust defense system that protects a host against pathogens. It has to react fast and specific since pathogens may expand extremely rapidly. For example, a single virus-infected cell may generate 1000 to 100000 infectious progeny viruses in about 24 hours. In addition, since virus replication is highly error-prone, the newly generated viruses may contain genetic alterations like point mutations that change their antigenic features. To cope with this challenging task, the immune system consists of different layers of control, i.e. the fast reacting innate immune response that recognizes conserved features of pathogens and the slower adaptive immune response that is antigen-specific and provides immune memory to a host. Once an infection is initiated, the race between pathogen expansion and immune-mediated pathogen restriction starts and a highly coordinated scheme of inhibitory mechanism is activated. The final outcome of this race is determined by various components including location of initial infection, pathogen replication rate and developmental stage of the immune system. With respect to virus infections, the most common outcomes are acute infections in which the immune system efficiently controls and later eliminates the virus, and chronic infections in which the immune system partly loses control and establishes a dynamic equilibrium condition with the virus remaining permanently present in the host. Both types of virus infections are of clinical importance and their therapies present significant financial burdens for health care systems.

A quantitative description and understanding of the complex and coordinated immune response against a virus infection requires the merely impossible task of characterizing thousands of cell subsets and humoral factors that orchestrate the immune response in a dynamic fashion. Until today, most of the attempts of describing infection outcomes focused on following individual immune system components over time and analyzing their importance. We however sought to use a more general systemic approach and analyzed time-resolved transcriptomes from spleens of acutely and chronically LCMV-infected mice by Weighted Gene Coexpression Network Analysis (WGCNA) (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted). While this approach captured the dynamics of all RNA transcripts within an important lymphatic tissue, information about cell types were lost. To overcome this disadvantage, the idea for this PhD thesis was to combine our previous transcriptome results with another described tool, the Digital Cell Quantifier (DCQ) (Altboum et al., 2014). This tool enabled us to decompose the immune cell complexity during acute and chronic LCMV infections of mice and predict cell subsets involved in chronic infection fate regulation. Moreover, we were able to combine these results with WGCNA to link gene expression changes to cell kinetics. A key advantage of this approach is its ability to integrate clusters of highly coexpressed genes that represent biological pathways with quantitative information about each of the relevant immune cell subsets, and thus, obtaining a global view of the transcription and cell dynamic changes happening in a specific organ.

Our experimental results demonstrate that DCQ correctly predicts changes in the dynamics of immune cell subsets with a major role during LCMV infection including cytotoxic T lymphocyte expansion and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell exhaustion in acutely- and chronically-infected mice, respectively. Moreover, we demonstrate that DCQ predicts known changes in cell type quantities with high accuracy, as well as, correctly identifies cell subsets in a particular functional stage such as different maturation states of NK cells. When applying our new approach to link these predictions to molecular pathways previously obtained by WGCNA, we demonstrate the applicability of such strategy, overcoming the lack of information about the cell subsets involved in gene coexpression modules. This is exemplified by the analysis of DCQ-inferred cell subsets that correlate with the acute-brown module eigengene. In Argilaguet et al. we showed that some hub genes from this module were involved in the T cell response induced during an acute infection (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted). In concordance, DCQ-inferred late effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell kinetics showed high correlation values with the module eigengene. Moreover, monocytes/macrophages showed high correlation

values with this module, suggesting that these cell subsets participate in a coordinated manner in the same biological pathway. Indeed, we show that several acute-brown hub genes involved in T cell activation are also upregulated by monocytes/macrophages, indicating that they participate in a coordinated manner in the induction of the adaptive immune response during an acute infection. These results demonstrate the ability of our novel approach to characterize complex immune events in which several cell subsets are involved. However, this strategy does not completely decipher the global immune cell interactions. For instance, even though DCQ-inferred dendritic cell (DC) kinetics did not show high correlation values with the module, it is well known that they play a critical role in T cell priming (Ng et al., 2013). This may be due to a failure of DCQ to correctly predict the dynamics of DC subsets participating in this process, or to a lack of correlation between the amount of DCs and transcripts. Regardless, it has been shown that DCs are dispensable as antigen presenting cells for protective immunity against LCMV infection (Hilpert et al., 2016), and therefore our results highlight the potential importance of monocytes/macrophages in the induction of the adaptive immune response.

Our approach was also useful when applied to gene coexpression modules that represent critical features of chronic LCMV infection. The observation that, concomitant with CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell exhaustion, neutrophils and monocytes downregulate genes involved in cell migration and inflammation, demonstrate that the immune adaptation to a chronic infection is a multiple-faceted process. The fact that we could not validate the decrease of monocytes and activated neutrophil numbers by FACS analysis indicates that DCQ-predictions likely represent specific cell subsets in a certain functional stage. Further studies are necessary to properly characterize the cell subsets within these cell populations responsible for the downregulation of the chronic-magenta hub genes, and its functional implications: i.e. whether neutrophils and monocytes act as inflammatory cells that are attenuated to avoid immunopathology (Medzhitov et al., 2012), or they are important for CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell priming and therefore contribute to exhaustion by an alteration on their migration (Hohl et al., 2009; Iijima et al., 2011; Beauvillain et al., 2007; Di Pilato et al., 2015; Duffy et al., 2012). Interestingly, the decrease of these innate immune cells coincides with the appearance of neutrophilic and monocytic suppressor cells (Norris et al., 2013), suggesting a shift of their functional status during the establishment of a chronic infection.

The combination of WGCNA and DCQ also proved to be valuable for the phenotypic characterization of cells known to play a role in a particular biological pathway. We had previously shown that virus-specific CXCR5<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells are the main producers of XCL1 in the chronic infection phase (Argilaguet et al. 2018, submitted). However, only when combining the information from WGCNA, DCQ and the Immunological Genome (ImmGen) Project, we were able to better characterize the phenotype of XCL1-producing cells. The observation that these cells have a similar phenotype to early effector T cells is a step forward in our understanding of the immune adaptation process to a chronic infection. However, further studies are necessary to understand the origin of these important cells. At least two of the markers expressed by early effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells, CXCR5 and TLR7, are also expressed by exhausted T cells (Im et al., 2016). Moreover, DCQ output lacks direct information on exhausted T cell subsets, which may also correlate with the chronic-magenta module. Therefore, we cannot specify whether XCL1-producing cells are exhausted T cells that "recover" a functional stage similar to early effectors, or are "*de novo*" primed naive T cells that are recruited to fight the virus during the chronic phase of the infection.

The novel combination of WGCNA and DCQ for interpreting time-resolved transcriptome data from acute and chronic virus infections is a step forward for our understanding of the complex immune responses against pathogen invasion. However, it is just a tiny part of the overall process that needs to be complemented with other measures like *in situ* imaging techniques and single cell analyses. Furthermore, computational approaches will be necessary to integrate all available data and generate hypotheses about the underlying regulatory principles that make the highly complex, diverse and dynamic immune system so functionally robust against pathogens. While many of the required technologies are in place, the data integration will require tight collaborations across disciplines engaging biologists, clinicians, physicists and mathematical modelers. With this, one can easily envision predictive frameworks that will help in the rational design of therapies in infectious diseases and cancers. An exciting time lies ahead.





## **CONCLUSIONS**

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The main conclusions of the present work are the following:

**Digital Cell Quantifier (DCQ) predictions fit well with current knowledge of immune cell dynamics during acute and chronic LCMV-infections.**

- DCQ correctly predicts exhaustion of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in chronic infection by a decrease of late effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells.
- DCQ correctly predicts changes in immune cell quantities of cell subsets with a specific role during LCMV chronic infection, such as regulatory T cells, cross-presenting dendritic cells and neutrophilic suppressor cells.
- DCQ predicts the quantity of immune cell subsets in a particular functional stage, such as activated effector NK cells.

**The combination of Weighted Gene Coexpression Network Analysis (WGCNA) and DCQ to analyze time-resolved tissue transcriptomes is a valuable tool to better characterize the immune cell subsets that participate in a complex biological pathway represented by gene coexpression modules.**

- Genes expressed by late effector CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and monocytes/macrophages significantly overlap with genes from acute-brown module, demonstrating that in some circumstances the kinetics of a particular cell subset correlates with the kinetics of the genes expressed by that cell.
- The combination of WGCNA and DCQ allows to better characterize the dynamic cell events occurring in complex tissues such as the induction of the adaptive T cell response which requires the coordination of monocytes/macrophages and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells.

**This innovative computational approach enabled to generate novel hypotheses about complex immune functioning after a virus-induced perturbation.**

- By combining WGCNA with DCQ, it is possible to generate novel hypotheses to characterize the activation and differentiation status of cells that participate in the relevant immune processes.
- Activated neutrophils and monocytes/macrophage downregulate genes involved in cell migration concomitant with exhaustion of CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells, suggesting that the immune adaptation to a chronic infection is a complex process that involves the immunosuppression of T cells as well as inflammatory cells from the innate immune system.
- XCL1-producing CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells during the adaptation phase to a chronic infection is produced by CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells that express markers characteristic of early effector cells.





## **ANNEXES**

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## **ANNEX 1**

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### **List of abbreviations**

$\alpha$ -DG	$\alpha$ -dystroglycan
BSA	Bovine serum albumin
CCR9	C-C chemokine receptor type 9
cDC	Conventional Dendritic cell(s)
CL13	Clone 13
CTL	Cytotoxic T cell
CXCR5	Chemokine Receptor Type 5
CyTOF	Cytometry by time-of-flight
DC	Dendritic cell(s)
DCQ	Digital Cell Quantifier
DE	Differentially expressed
Doc	Docile
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
FACS	Fluorescence-activated cell sorting
FBS	Fetal Bovine Serum
FC	Fold Change
GO	Gene ontology
GPC	Glycoprotein Precursor
GS	Gene significance
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus
HCV	Hepatitis C Virus
HD	High dose
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
i.p	Intraperitoneal
IFN	Interferon
IL	Interleukin
IRG	Intergenic Region

ISG	IFN-stimulated genes
LCMV	Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis Virus
LD	Low dose
LIS	Listeria
MCMV	Murine Cytomegalovirus
MDSC	Myeloid derived suppressor cells
ME	Module Eigengene
MFI	Mean fluorescence intensity
MHC	Major Histocompatibility Complex
MS	Module significance
NaCl	Sodium Chloride
NH4Cl	Ammonium Chloride
NK cells	Natural Killer cells
NP	Nucleoprotein
p.i	Postinfection
PBS	Phosphate-buffered saline
PD-1	Programmed Cell Death-1
PD-L1	Programmed Cell Death-1 ligand
pDC	Plasmacytoid dendritic cell(s)
PFU	Plaque-forming unit
RdRP	RNA dependent RNA polymerase
RIN	RNA integrity number
RNA	Ribonucleoprotein
RNPs	Viral Ribonucleoproteins
RPMI	Roswell Park Memorial Institute Medium
SEM	Standard error of the mean
SIV	Simian immunodeficiency virus
TGF- $\beta$	Transforming growth factor beta
Th	Helper T cell(s)
TLR7	Toll-like receptor 7

TNF	Tumor Necrosis Factor
TNFSF8	TNF superfamily member 8
Treg	Regulatory T cell(s)
VSV	Vesicular stomatitis virus
WGCNA	Weighted Gene Coexpression Network Analysis
XCL1	X-C motif chemokine ligand 1
XCR1	X-C motif chemokine receptor 1



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