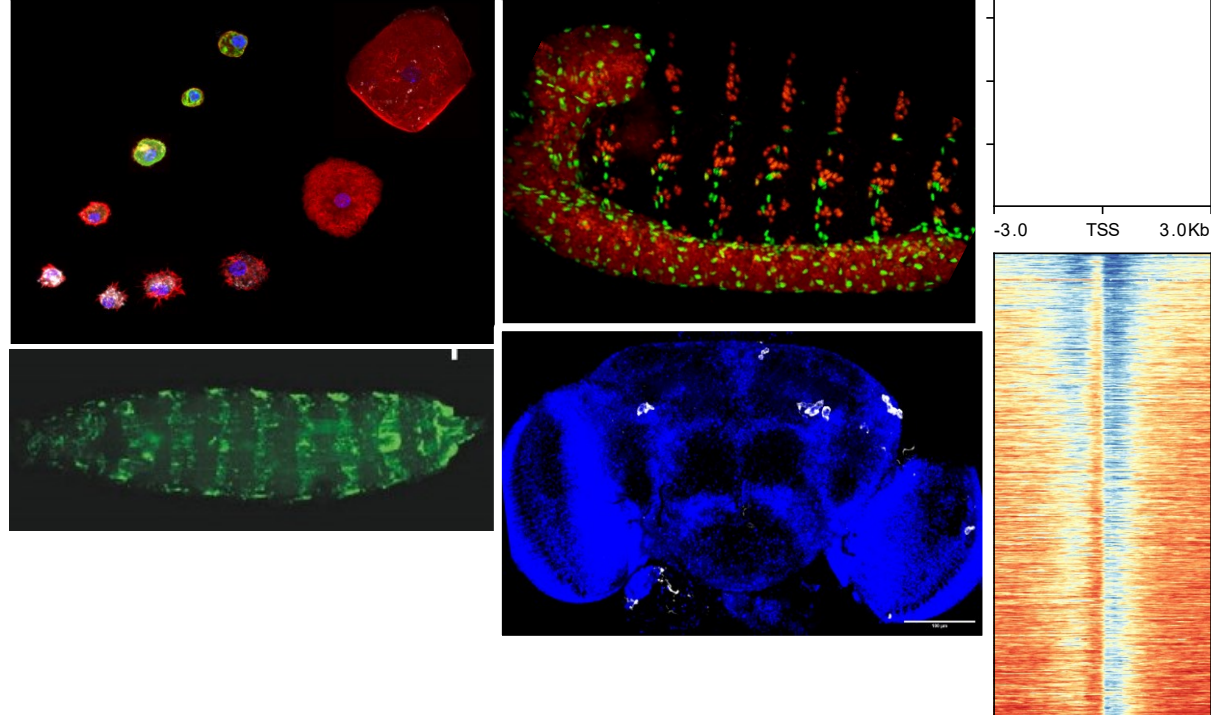


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# **OF GLIA AND MACROPHAGES: SIGNALING HUBS IN DEVELOPMENT AND HOMEOSTASIS**

**Angela GIANGRANDE**

**Transcriptional Regulation Of Immune And Neural  
Development**

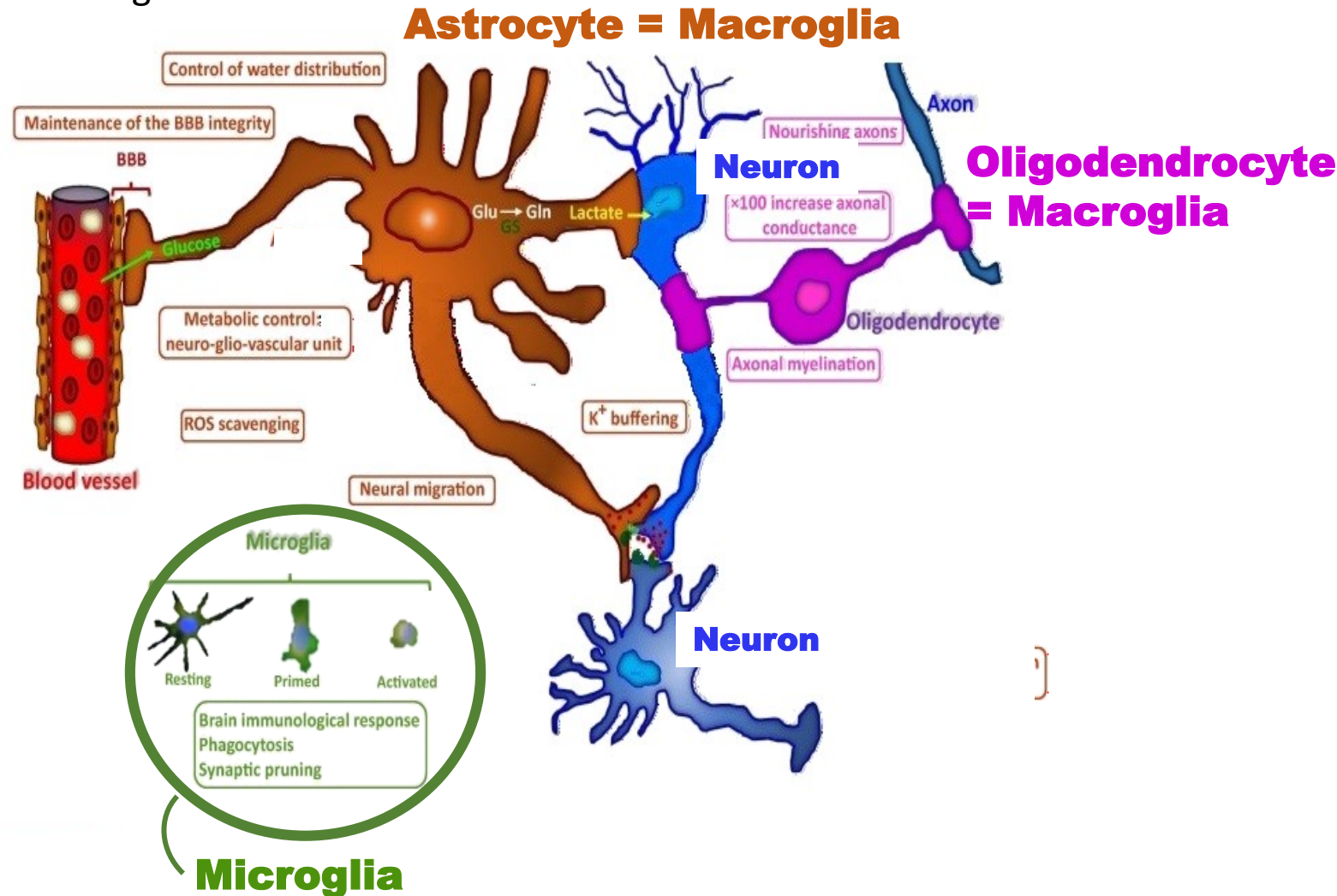
**Dept Functional Genomics and Cancer**

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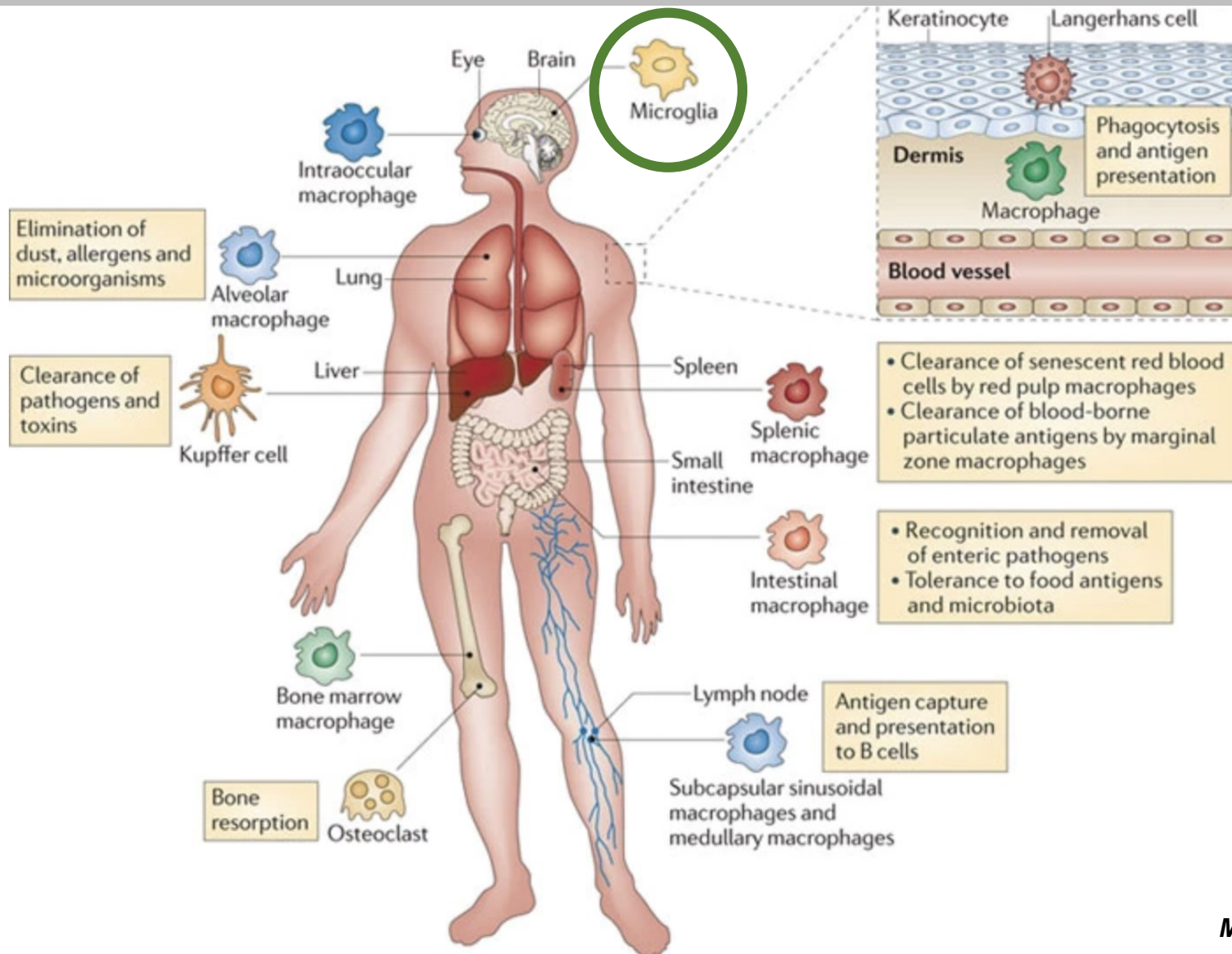
# VERTEBRATE MACROGLIA AND MICROGLIA

Macroglia = neural origin

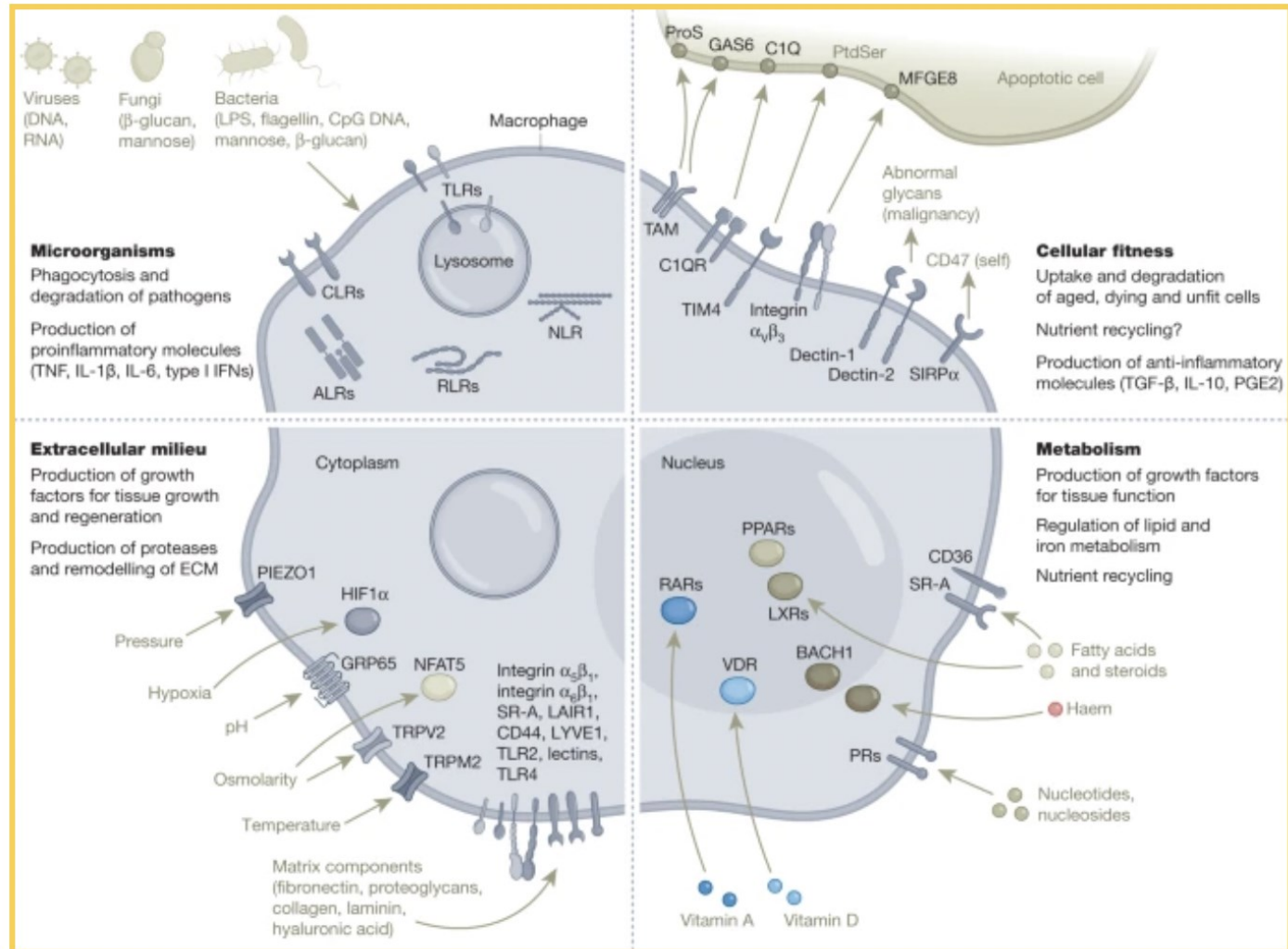
Microglia = immune origin



# VERTEBRATE MACROPHAGE HETEROGENEITY

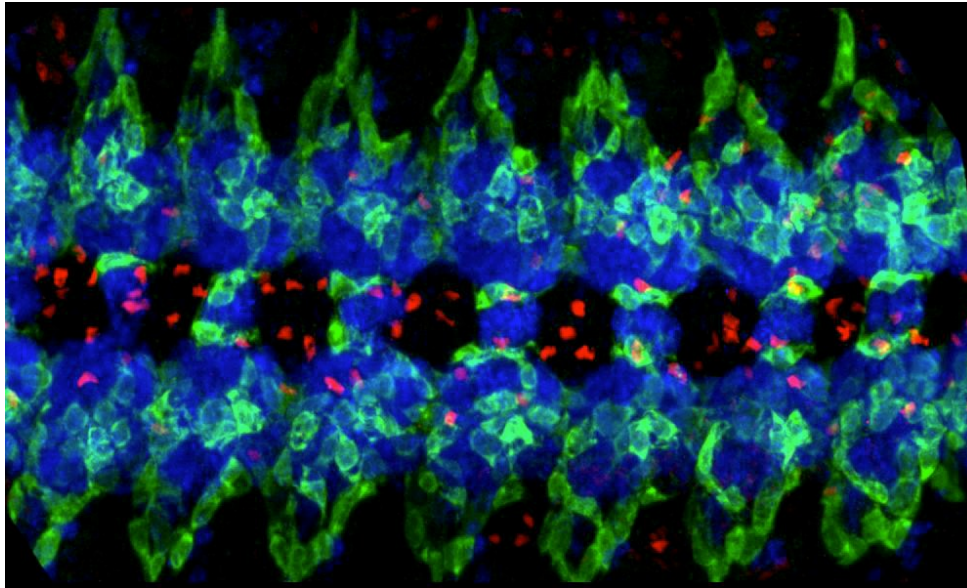


# VERTEBRATE MACROPHAGE HETEROGENEITY



# DROSOPHILA VENTRAL CORD

3D reconstruction  
of embryonic ventral cord segments

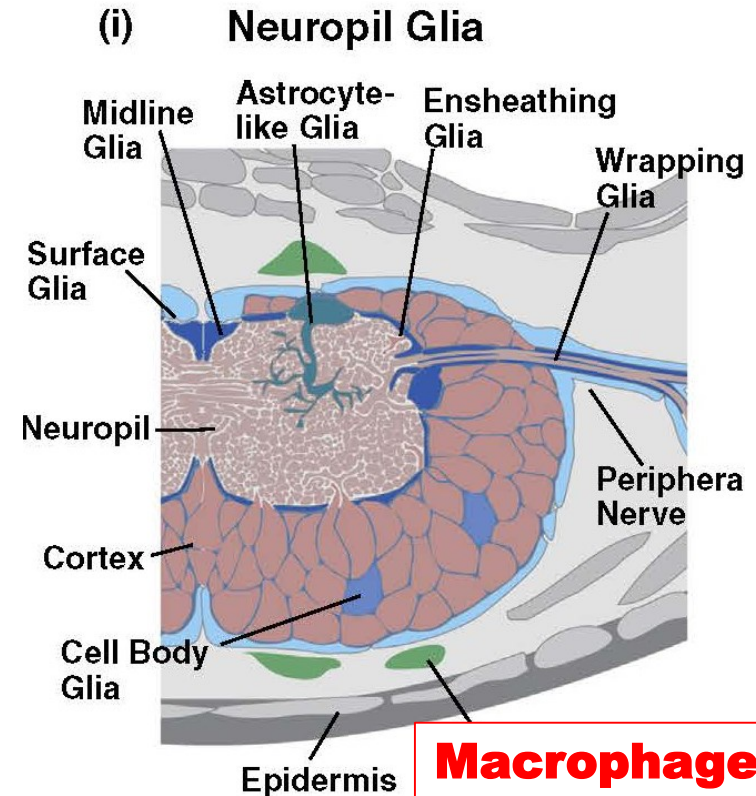


**Glia (Repo-mCD8GFP)**

**Neurons (Elav)**

**Hemocytes = Macrophages (Serpent)**

Section of the larval ventral cord



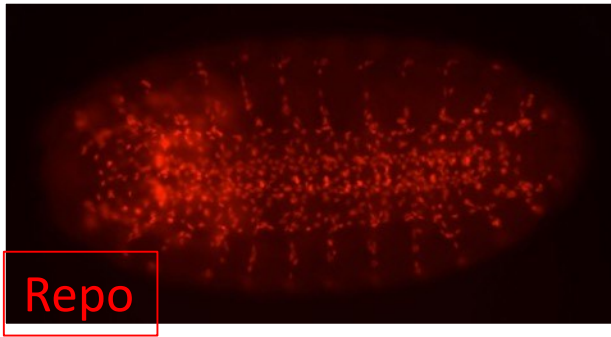
(Omoto 2016)

No microglia in the fly.

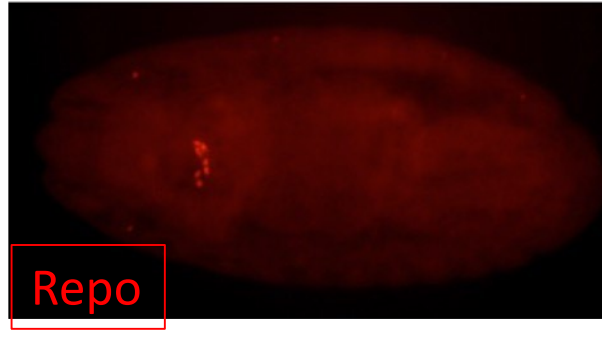
Once the BBB is formed end of embryogenesis, macrophages stay outside the nervous system

# GCM IN THE EMBRYONIC GLIA

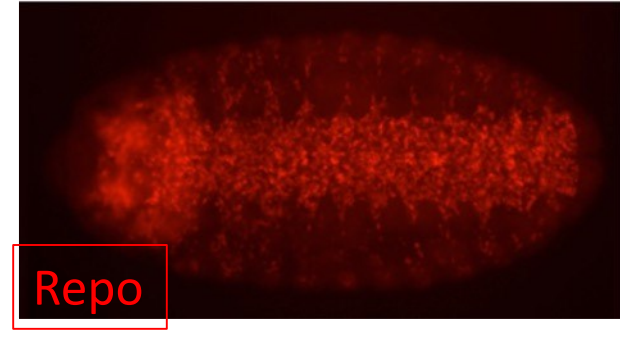
Control



*gcm* null mutant



*gcm* overexpression



*Vincent 1996; Miller 1998; Bernardoni 1997, 1998; Van de Bor 2000, 2001, 2002*

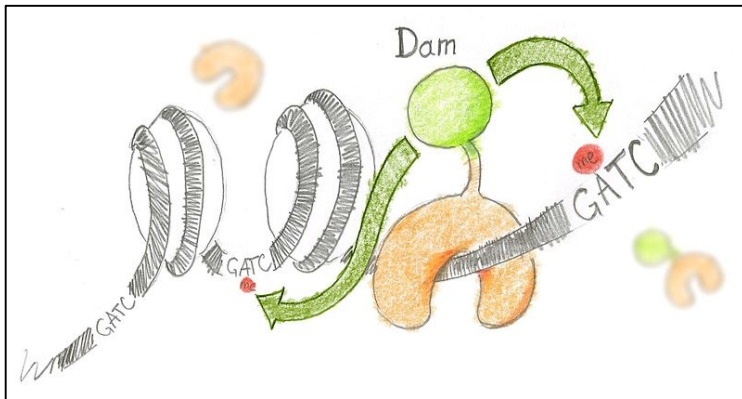
**Gcm, a zinc finger transcription factor required and sufficient for glia**

**Gcm interacts with the HAT CBP**

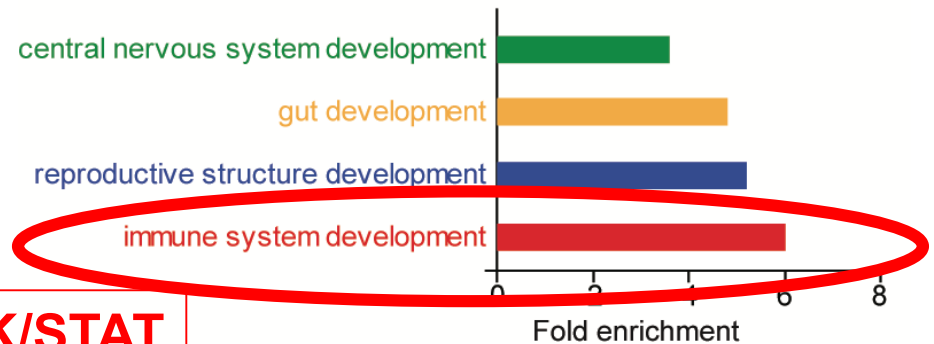
**ONGOING: Gcm, a novel pioneer transcription factor? Role of CBP?**  
**Lara, Pierre (ANR JCJC) (A Hamiche, IGBMC)**

# GCM DIRECT TARGETS: AN ANTI-INFLAMMATORY CASCADE?

## Dam ID SCREEN



Go term sorted by category p-value > 10<sup>-5</sup>  
at least five genes fold enrichment > 1.5 FDR < 2%

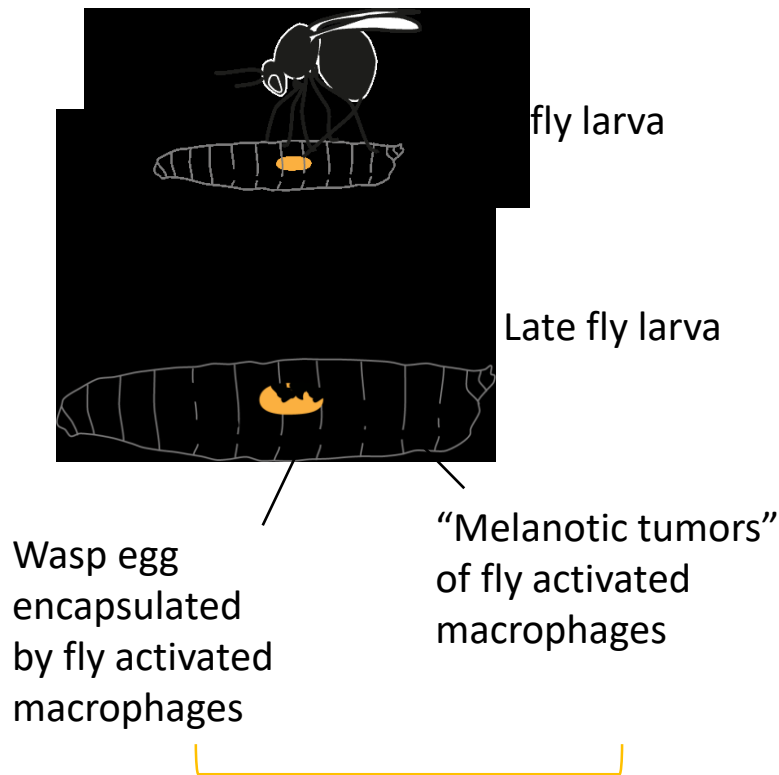


**JAK/STAT**

**Gcm activates the expression of SOCS and PTP, inhibitors of the JAK/STAT proinflammatory pathway**

# GCM HAS AN ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ROLE

## Wasp infestation



## Inflammatory response

Control



*gcm* RNAi



Higher response

*gcm* OE



Lower response

# GCM HAS AN ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ROLE

Inflammatory challenge

Acute inflammation: wasp infestation

Chronic inflammation: aging, JAK/STAT or TOLL overexpression



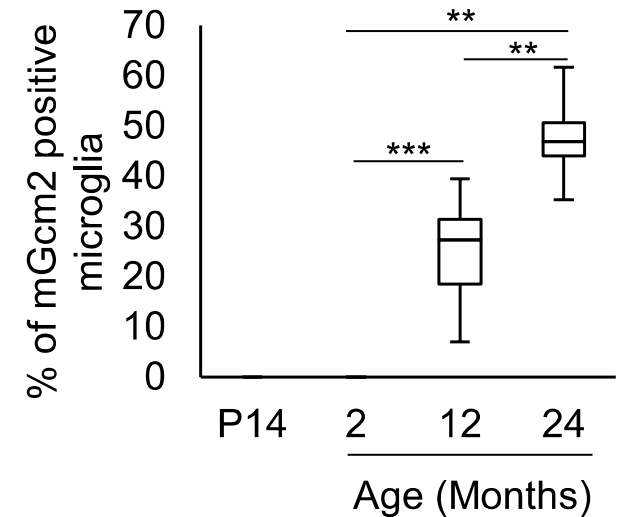
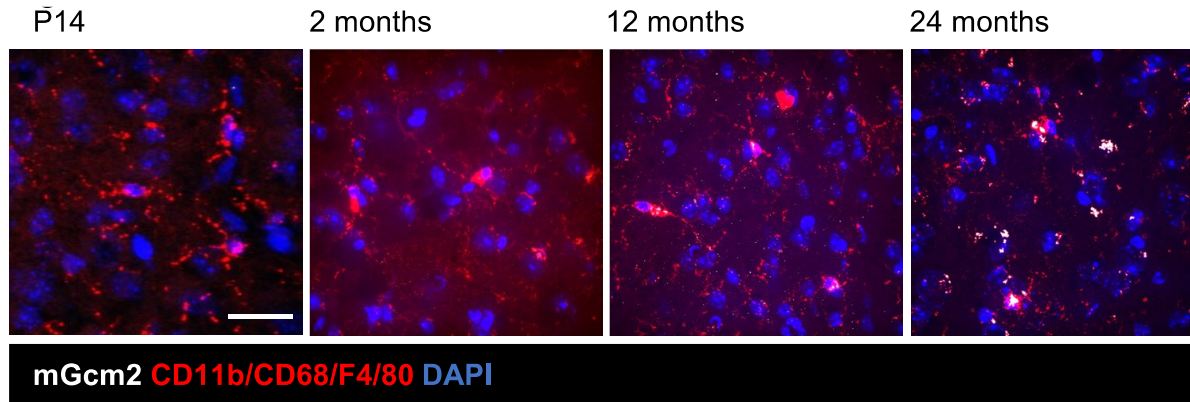
Induction of Gcm expression in macrophages



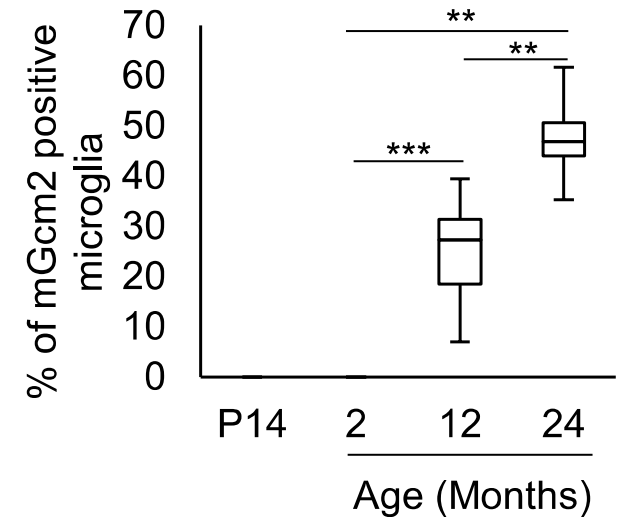
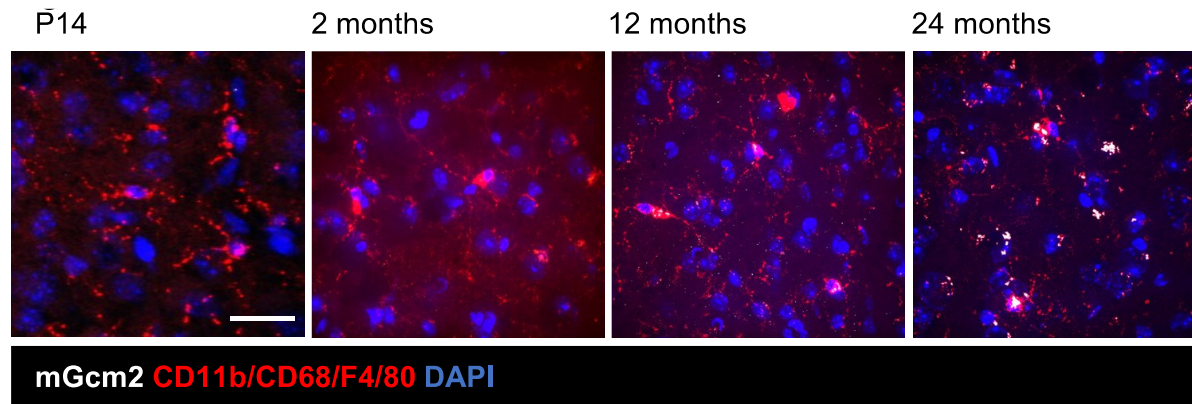
Inflammatory response

**Is the anti-inflammatory role of Gcm conserved in evolution?**

# 1 MGCM2 IS EXPRESSED AND REQUIRED IN AGING MICROGLIA



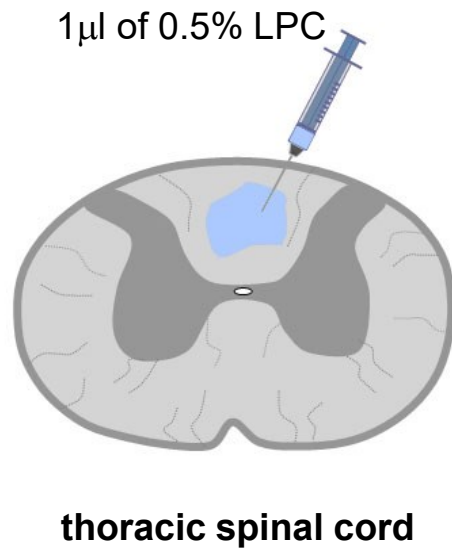
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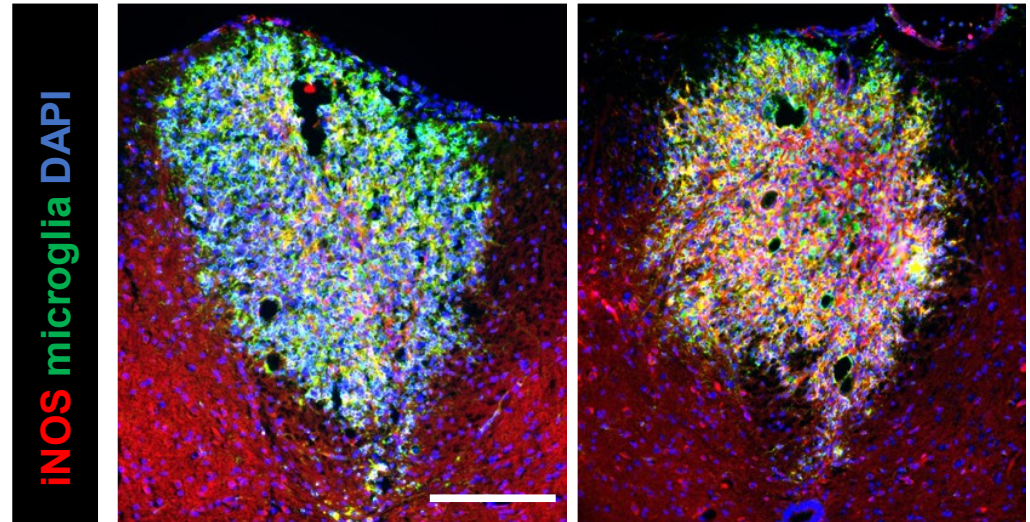
More ameboid (activated) microglia AND **higher inflammatory state (INOS+)** in the mutant mice

# 2 ENHANCED INFLAMMATORY STATE IN mGCM2 KO MICROGLIA UPON ACUTE CHALLENGE



D LPC lesion  
Control

icKO



➤ **Lysolecithin (LPC) model of focal demyelination**

Dr. Brahim NAIT OUMESMAR – ICM Paris

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# AN ANCESTRAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY PATHWAY



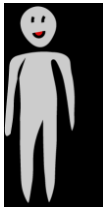
Gcm expression in immune cells within/outside the fly nervous (glia/macrophages)

Gcm has an anti-inflammatory role upon chronic/acute challenge



The murine Gcm2 gene expressed in microglia (but not in macroglia)

mGcm2 suppresses the inflammatory state upon chronic/acute challenge



The human GCM2 gene is expressed in active plaques of Multiple Sclerosis patients

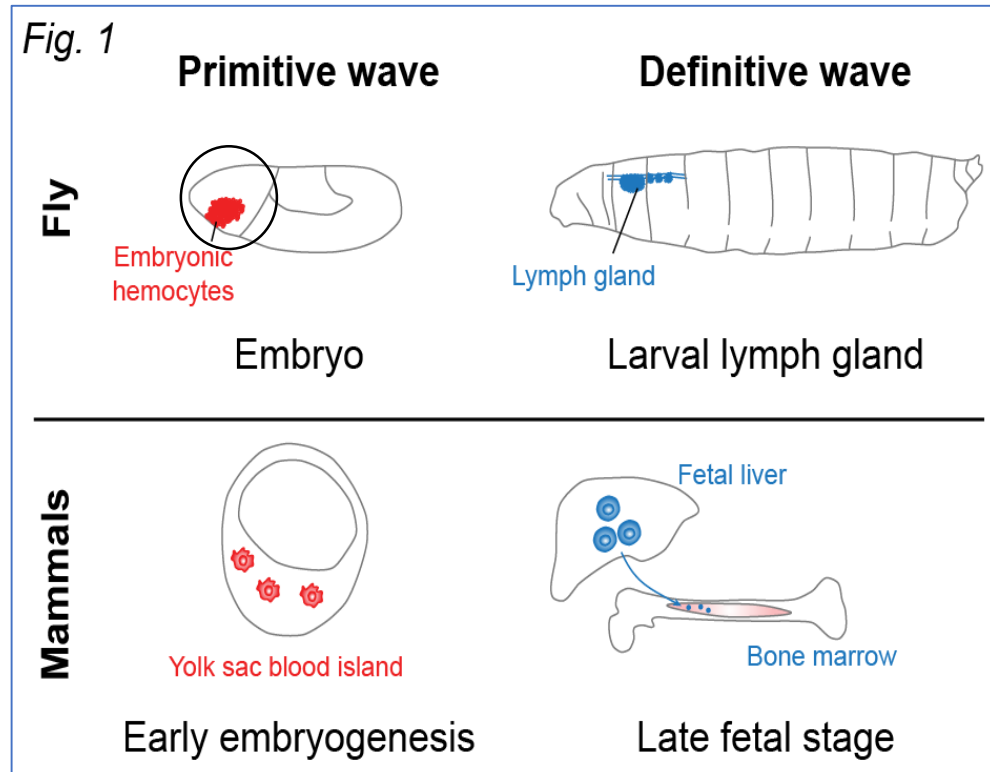
**ONGOING: Impact and role of Gcm in degenerative models**

**Tarek, Sara**

(S Birman, ESCPI, Paris, B Nait-Ouemesmar, ICM, Paris)

# STRATIFIED HEMATOPOIESIS

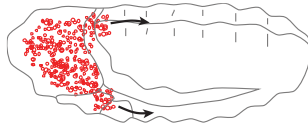
Early macrophages: resident population



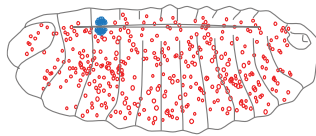
*Bernardoni 1997; Kammerer 2001; Jacques 2009;  
Cattenoz 2016; Giangrande & Hartenstein 2018; Bazzi 2018*

# WAVE-SPECIFIC ROLE OF MACROPHAGES?

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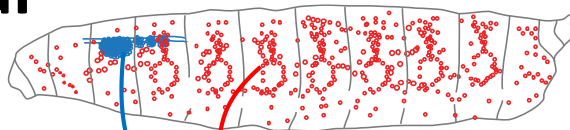


Early wave macrophages

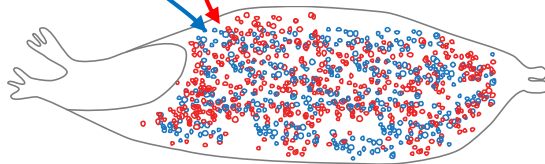


Lymph gland growth and differentiation

**3rd Instar  
Larva**



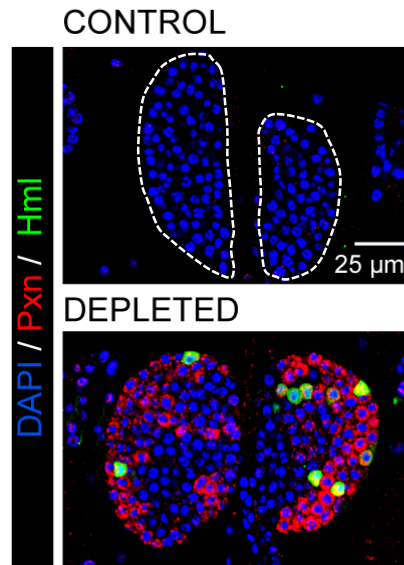
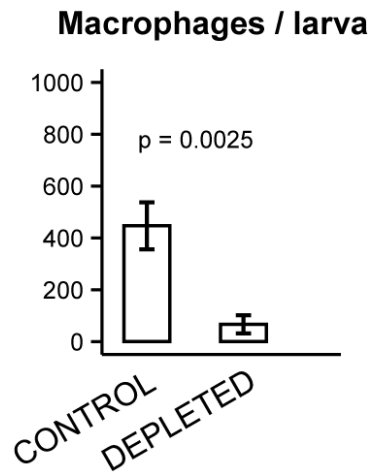
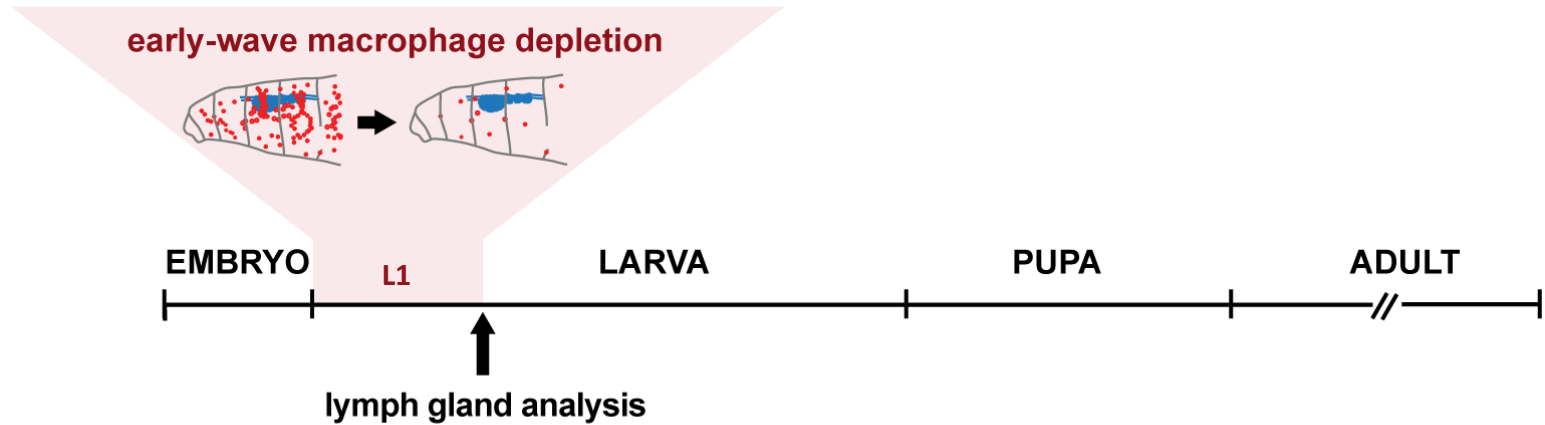
**Pupa**



Lymph gland histolysis at pupal stage

ADULT: 2/3 early-wave derived macrophages  
1/3 lymph gland derived macrophages

# THE LOSS OF EARLY-WAVE MACROPHAGES ACCELERATES LATE HEMATOPOIESIS



Overgrowth and earlier cell differentiation  
(Pxn in red = marker of differentiated macrophages)

CONTROL: *w;HmlΔGal4,UAS-2XEGFP/+;tubulinGal80<sup>TS</sup>/+*  
 DEPLETED: *w;HmlΔGal4,UAS-2XEGFP/UAS-hid;tubulinGal80<sup>TS</sup>/+*

Monticelli 2024

# A DEVELOPMENTAL ROLE OF MACROPHAGES



The depletion of early-wave macrophages accelerates the development of the lymph gland, site of late hematopoiesis.

ECM molecules secreted by early-wave macrophages ensure a proper architecture of the lymph gland and modulate its maturation.



Early-wave macrophages depletion during mouse fetal liver hematopoiesis triggers premature differentiation of Hematopoietic Stem Cells sustaining late hematopoiesis.

Acceleration of late hematopoiesis associates with defective ECM in the fetal liver niche.

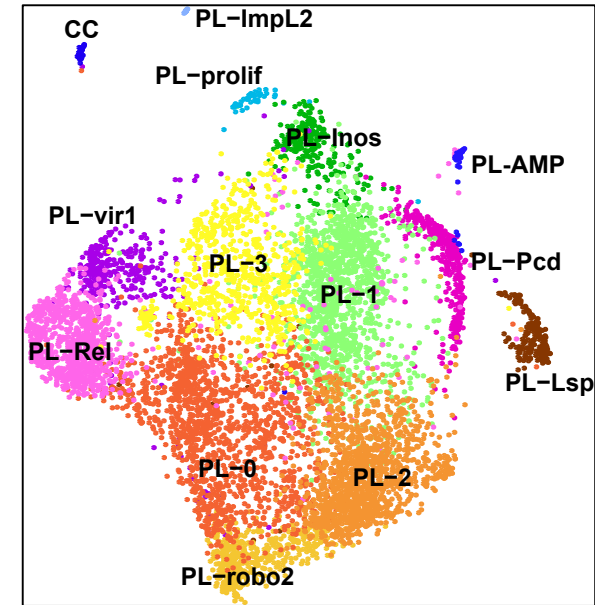
**ONGOING:**      **Impact of macrophages on development and disease**  
**Sara, Pierre, Zeinab, Smrithi, Tarek, Sajad**

(C Delidakis IMBB, E Gomez Perdiguero Pasteur Institute, T Mukherjee InStem India, S Birman ESCPI)

# THE FIRST SINGLE CELL ATLAS OF THE FLY IMMUNE SYSTEM

3rd INSTAR LARVA, 14 clusters

- Phagocytic
- Proliferative
- Secretory
- Antimicrobial peptides
- Unspecified
- ...



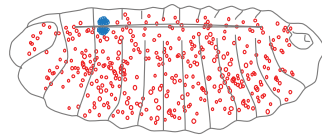
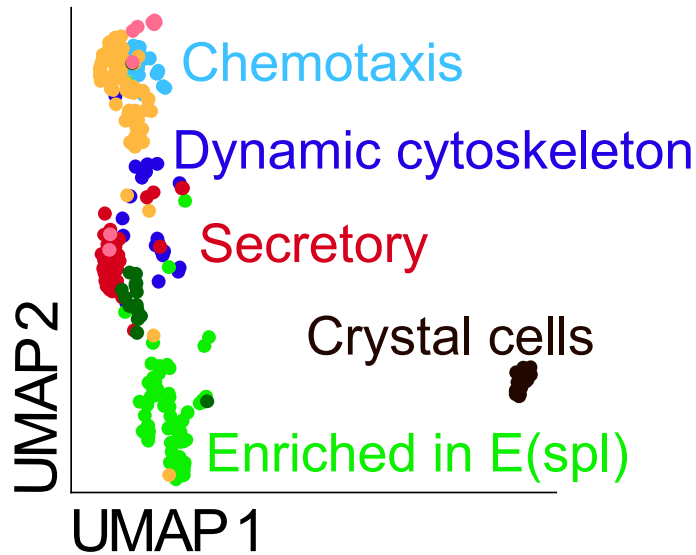
**ONGOING:**      **Macrophage identity (space/time) and heterogeneity**  
**Lara, Sara, Pierre, Thomas, Gege**  
**Longitudinal analysis, Lineage tracing, Metabolic challenges**

(D Siekhaus UCLA, K Kierdorf U Freiburg, T Mukherjee InStem India, L Ciapponi U La Sapienza, Roma)

Cattenoz 2020, 2021, Bazzi 2023

# MACROPHAGE HETEROGENEITY: NATURE VS. NURTURE

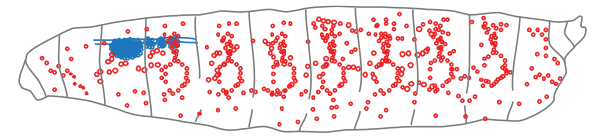
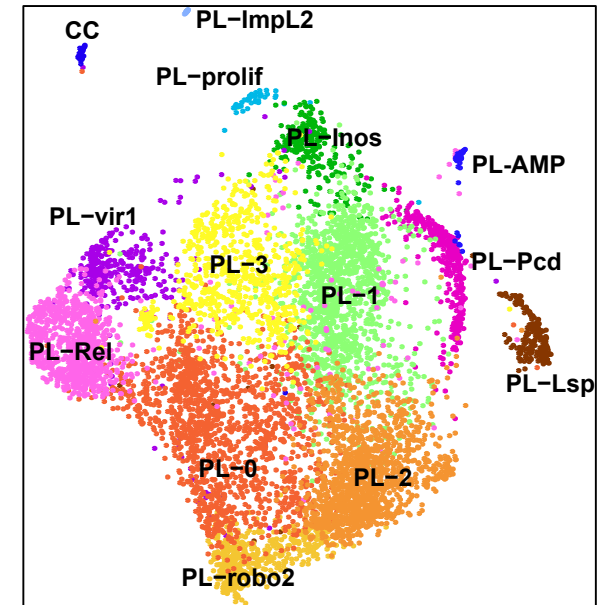
LATE EMBRYO, 8 clusters



Proliferation  
Homing  
Diversification

→ L1 L2  
Feeding  
Breathing  
...

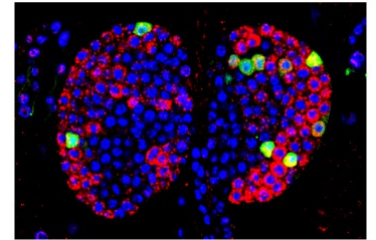
3rd INSTAR LARVA, 14 clusters



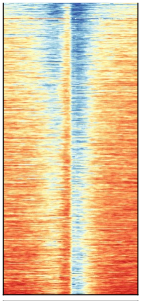
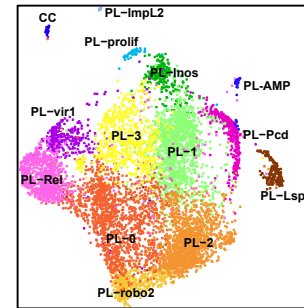
Gcm, a potent and evolutionarily conserved transcription factor



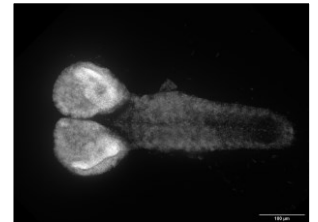
Stratified hematopoiesis and homeostatic interactions between waves

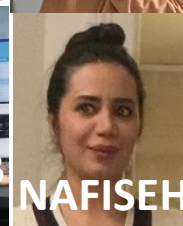
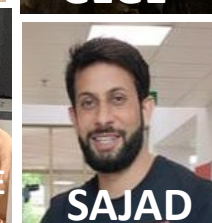


Macrophages, an heterogeneous and plastic cell population



Macrophages, signaling hubs during development and in pathological conditions





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