

Single cell multiomics analysis of immune cells in obese mice

Background

- Diets high in fat can lead to obesity, which is a major risk factor for the development of various metabolic and inflammatory diseases.
- Here, we demonstrate the usage of the BD Rhapsody[™] Single-Cell Analysis system along with BD[®] AbSeq assays, the BD Rhapsody[™] Immune Response Panel and the BD[®] Mouse Immune Single-Cell Multiplexing Kit (SMK) to characterize obesity-caused chronic inflammation through analyses of immune-cell composition and gene expression profiles in high fat diet (HFD) mice.
- At six weeks of age, mice are placed on either a control diet (10% diet-induced obesity (DIO) or a high fat diet (60% DIO) for 17 weeks before the start of the experiment.





Experimental approach and workflow

Aims	Tissue Harvest	Cell Labeling	Cell Sorting	Cell Pooling	Cartridge Loading
- Measure obesity-caused chronic inflammation in	Normal Diet <i>vs</i> High Fat Diet	AbSeq Cocktail	FACS sorting of live CD45 ⁺ cells from epididymal fat	Normal Diet	
a high fat diet model - Determine	Bone Marrow				Replicate 1
immune cell composition and gene expression profiles across different mouse	Thymus	A States	-	+ High Fat Diet	and a
tissues - Determine phenotypic progression or a potential relationship between cell subsets	Spleen	A STATE			Replicate 2
	Epididymal Fat	1	• ` **		



Panel design

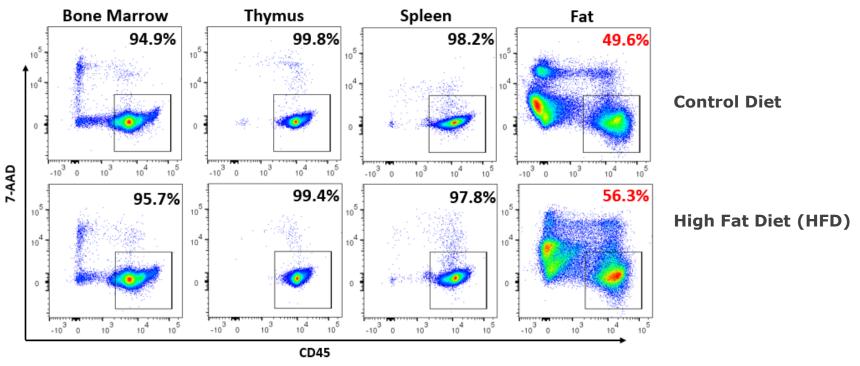
30-plex BD [®] AbSeq Panel					
CD1d	CD25	CD184			
CD4	CD44	CD197 (CCR7)			
CD5	CD45R (B220)	CD223 (LAG-3)			
CD8β	CD49a	CD274			
CD9	CD49b	CD279 (PD-1)			
CD11b	CD62L	I-A/I-E			
CD11c	CD64	IgD			
CD19	CD69	IgM			
CD21/CD35	CD103	Ly-6C/Ly-6G			
CD23	CD182 (CXCR2)	τςrβ			

10-color Flow Cytometry Panel				
Marker	Fluorochrome			
7-AAD	PerCP-Cy™5.5			
B220	BUV737			
CD3ε	APC			
CD4	APC-H7			
CD8a	BUV395			
CD11b	APC-R700			
CD45	FITC			
CD69	BUV605			
F4/80	PE			
ΤCRγδ	BV480			

- The BD AbSeq panel contains 30 proteins for cell lineage, differentiation, fate and function.
- A companion 10-color flow cytometry panel with selected, overlapping specificities was designed to assess flow cytometry and BD AbSeq concordance.
- The BD Rhapsody Immune Response Panel includes 400 genes involved in immune responses.



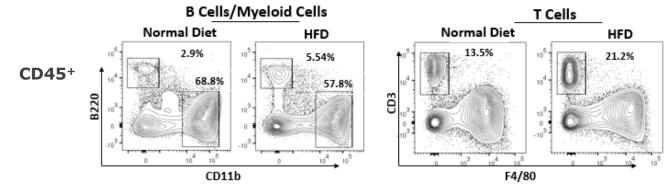
Frequency of hematopoietic cells in mouse lymphoid and epididymal adipose tissues

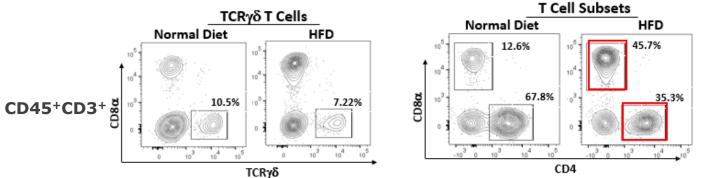


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Characterization of immune cell populations in adipose tissue

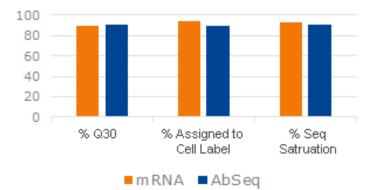




A HFD causes a decrease in the ratio of CD4/CD8 in adipose tissue.



Sequencing metrics







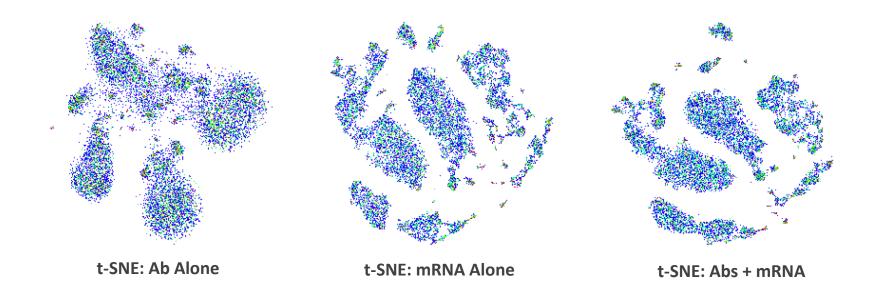
Sample Tag Metrics

Sample Name	ST Cell #	Rep1	Rep2	Total
Control Adipose Tissue	ST 1	972	928	1900
Control Bone Marrow	ST 2	1501	1527	3028
Control Spleen	ST3	1566	1337	2903
Control Thymus	ST4	1074	1006	2080
HFD Adipose Tissue	ST5	1196	1029	2225
HFD Bone Marrow	ST6	1471	1308	2779
HFD Spleen	ST7	1389	1229	2618
HFD Thymus	ST8	1129	1039	2168
	Multiplet	1048	818	1866
	Undetermined	72	42	114
	Total	11418	10263	21681



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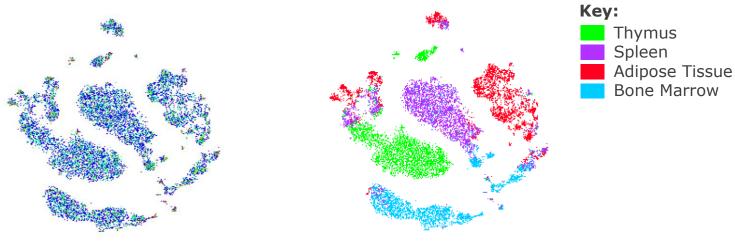
The combination of BD AbSeq assays and the BD Rhapsody Immune Response Panel improves cell clustering





Dimensionality reduction using t-SNE plots

All Tissues (HFD and Control Diet)



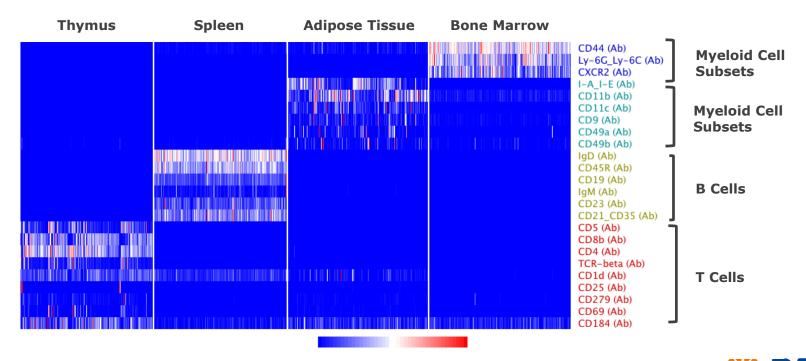
Cell Islands Created From Concatenation of All Tissues



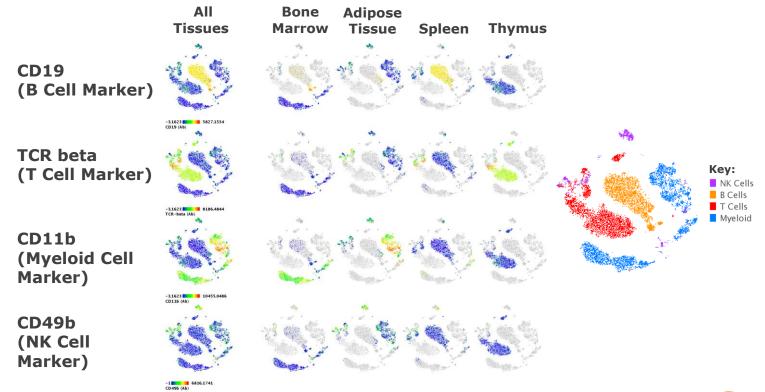


BD AbSeq assays identify major cell populations in each tissue

The heat map shows the most highly expressed proteins in each tissue.



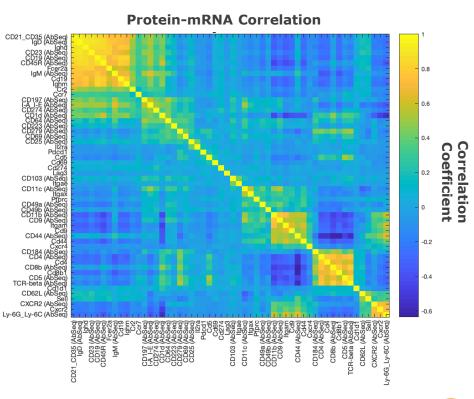
Robust identification of target cell populations





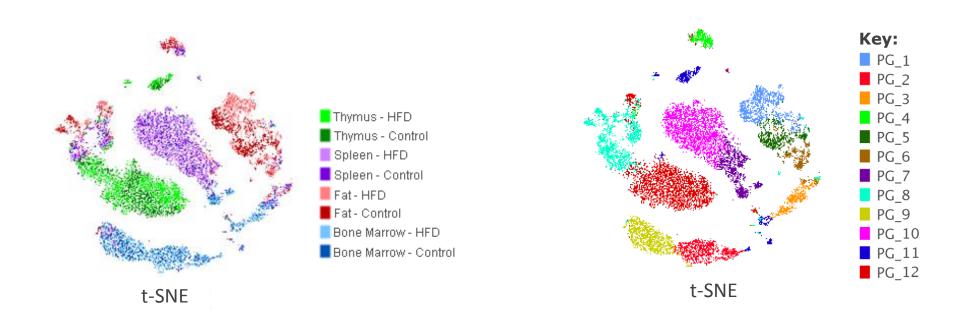
Single cell protein and mRNA correlation

AbSeq (Protein)	mRNA	
CD1d	Cd1d1	
CD4 (AbSeq)	Cd4	
CD5 (AbSeq)	Cd5	
CD8b (AbSeq)	Cd8b1	
CD9 (AbSeq)	Cd9	
CD11b	Itgam	
CD11c	Itgax	
CD19	Cd19	
CD21_CD35	Cr2	
CD23	Fcer2a	
CD25	Il2ra	
CD44	Cd44	
CD45R (AbSeq)	Ptprc	
CD49a (AbSeq)	Itga1	
CD49b (AbSeq)	Itga2	
CD62L (AbSeq)	Sell	
CD69 (AbSeq)	Cd69	
CD103	Itgae	
CD182 (CXCR2) (AbSeq)	Cxcr2	
CD184	Cxcr4	
CD197	Ccr7	
CD223	Lag3	
CD274	Cd274	
CD279	Pdcd1	
I-A_I-E (AbSeq)	H2-Ab	
IgD (AbSeq)	Ighd	
IgM (AbSeq)	Ighm	
Ly-6G_Ly-6C (AbSeq)	Ly6g_Ly6c	
TCR-beta (AbSeq)	Tcr	



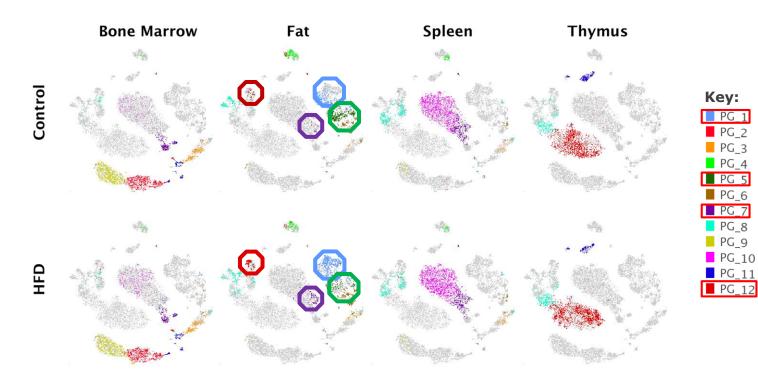
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Unbiased cell clustering identifies multiple cell phenotypes across different samples





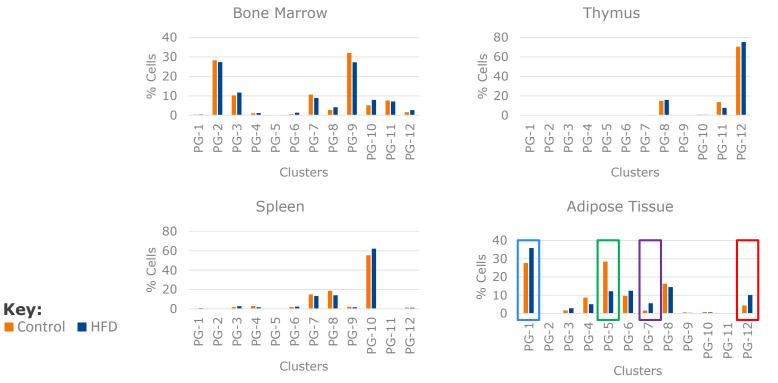
Unbiased clustering reveals disease-associated cell phenotypes



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Subsets of clusters show differences in cell number for adipose tissues of HFD mice

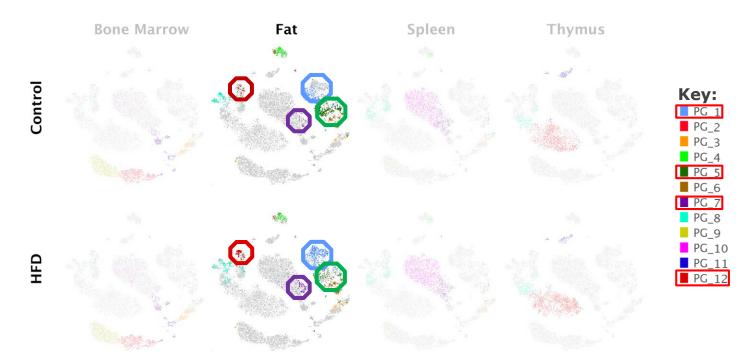




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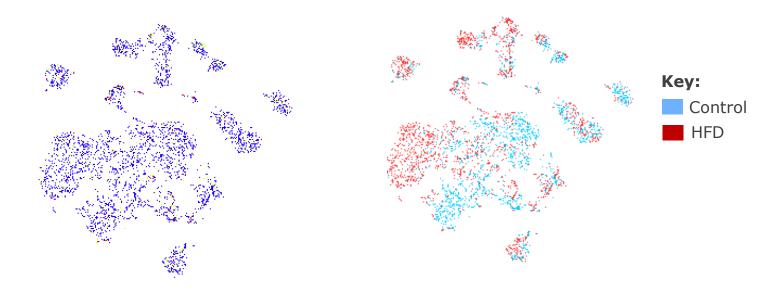
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t-SNE plots of adipose tissue of control and HFD mice

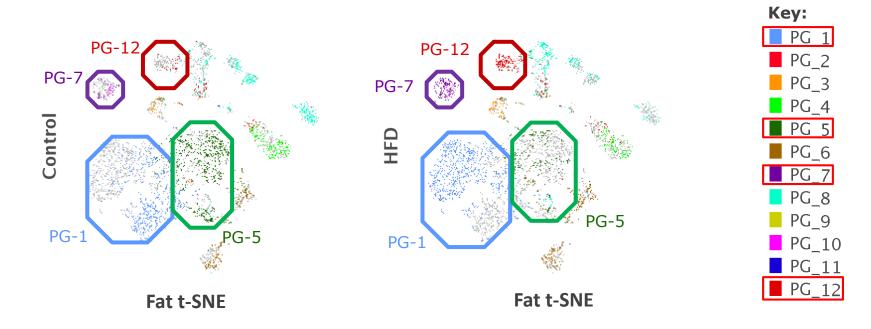


Adipose Tissue t-SNE Plots

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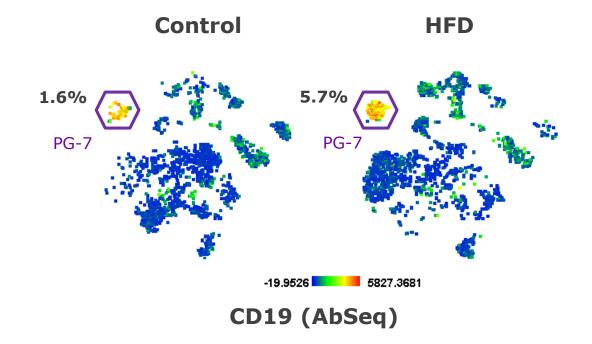


HFD causes drastic changes to immune cell composition in adipose tissue



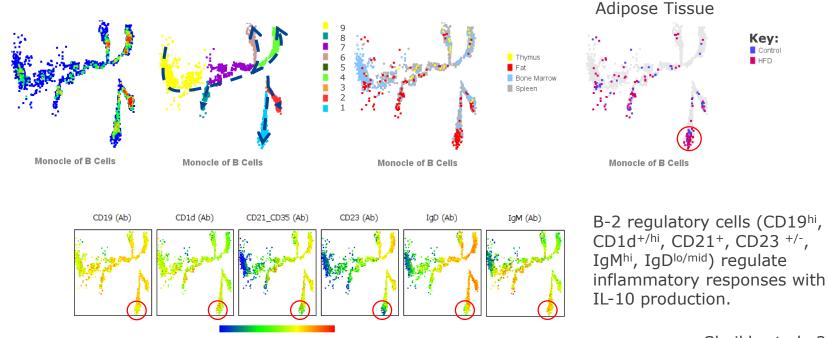


HFD increases the frequency of B cells in adipose tissue





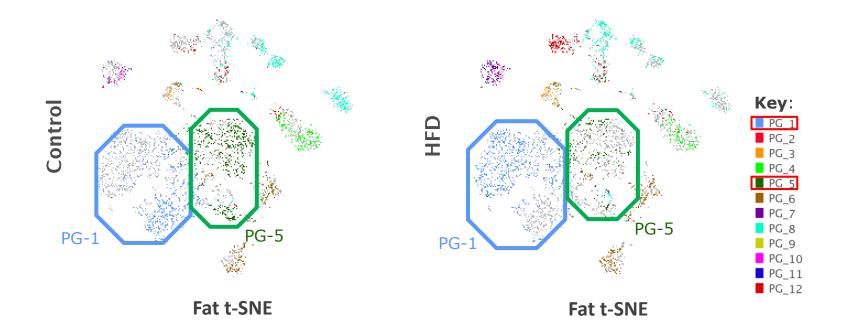
HFD induces the B cells similar to B-2 regulatory cells



Shaikh *et al.*, 2014



HFD causes drastic changes in immune cell composition in adipose tissue

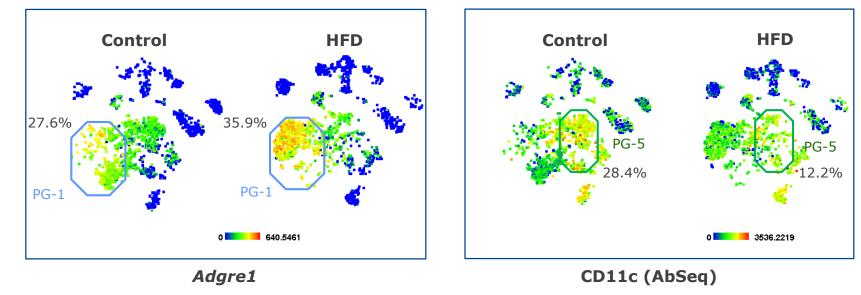




Distinct populations of myeloid cells in the adipose tissue of obese mouse

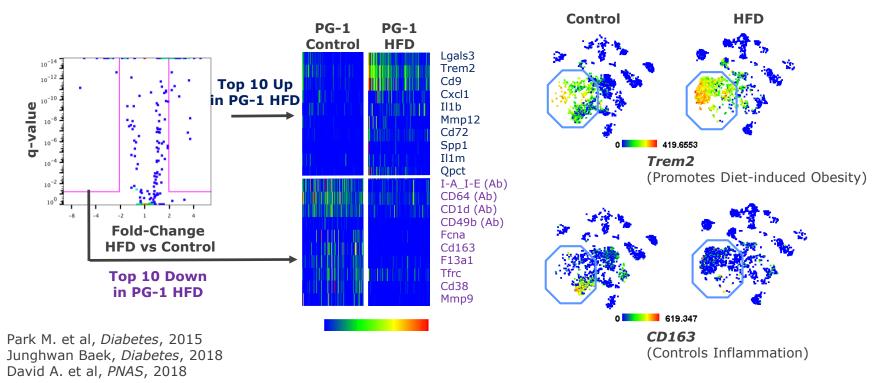


Loss of CD11c⁺ Cell Subsets in HFD

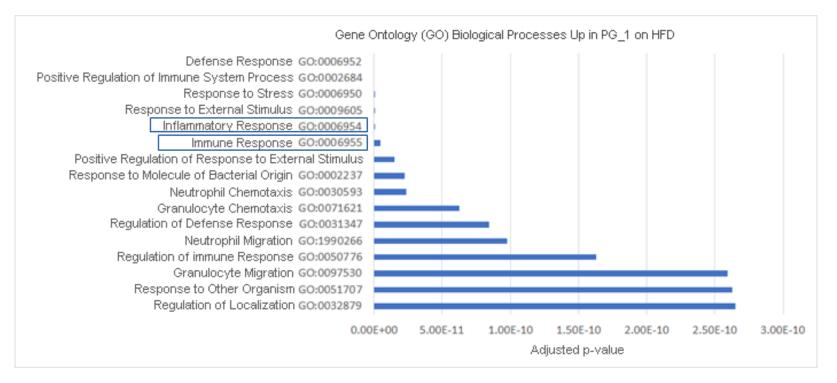




Adipose tissue macrophages in obese mouse exhibit an inflammatory gene signature

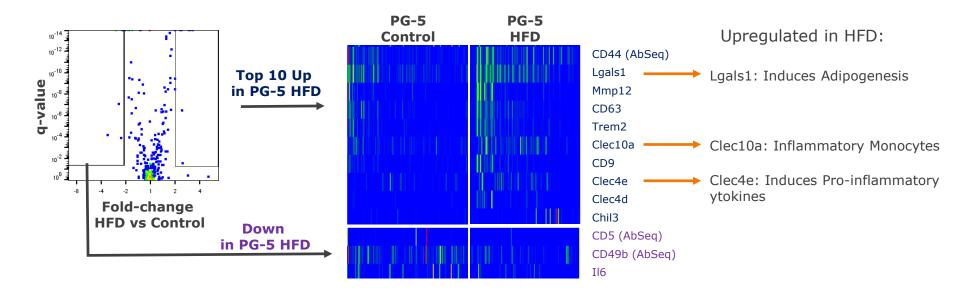


HFD causes upregulation of genes associated with inflammation in adipose tissue macrophages



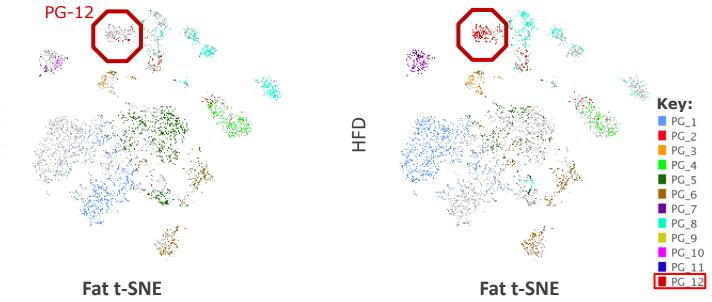


CD11c⁺ cells express genes related to immunoregulation, cell migration and adipogenesis





HFD causes drastic changes in immune cell composition in the epididymal adipose tissue

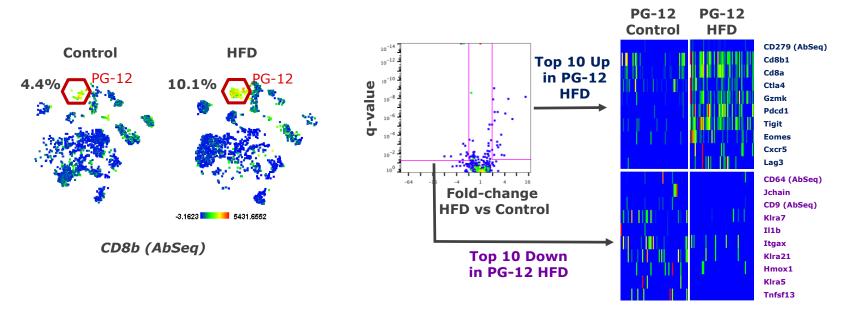




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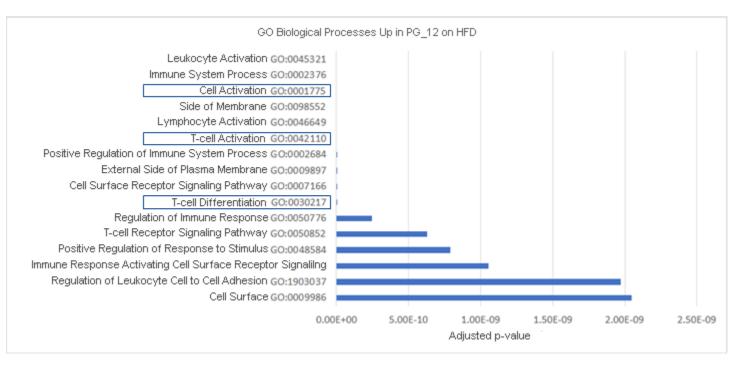
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Unique population of cytotoxic cells in the adipose tissue of an obese mouse exhibits signs of exhaustion



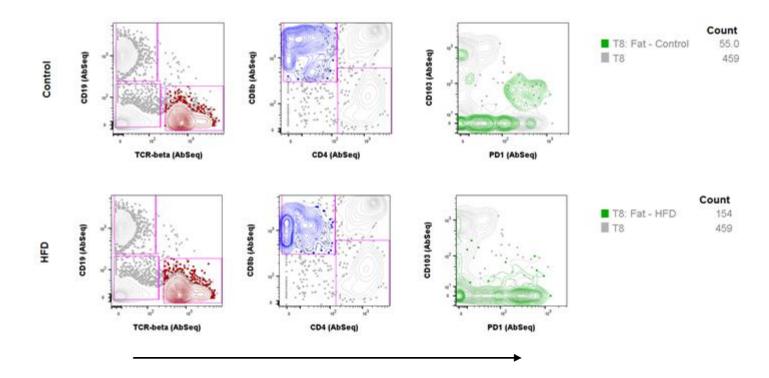


A HFD causes upregulation of genes associated with T-cell activation in cytotoxic cells





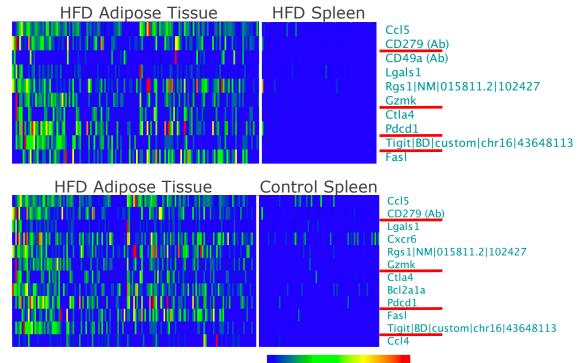
Cytotoxic cells infiltrate the adipose tissue of obese mice and acquire a profile of exhausted cells



Cytotoxic cells from epididymal adipose tissue, but not spleen tissue, exhibit signs of exhaustion in obese mice

Up-regulated in HFD adipose tissue compared to HFD spleen

Up-regulated in HFD adipose tissue compared to control spleen





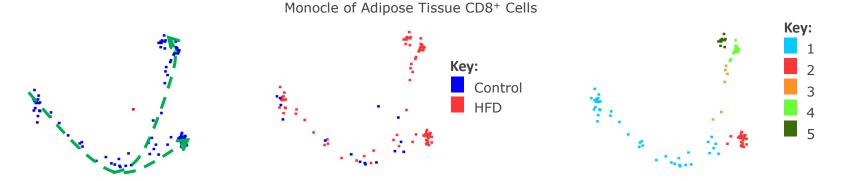
Analysis of cytotoxic cell states across different tissues

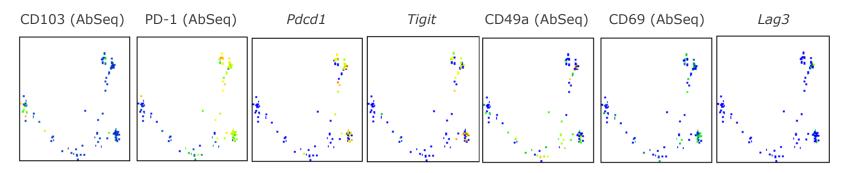
A high fat diet induces the transition to an exhausted cell phenotype.





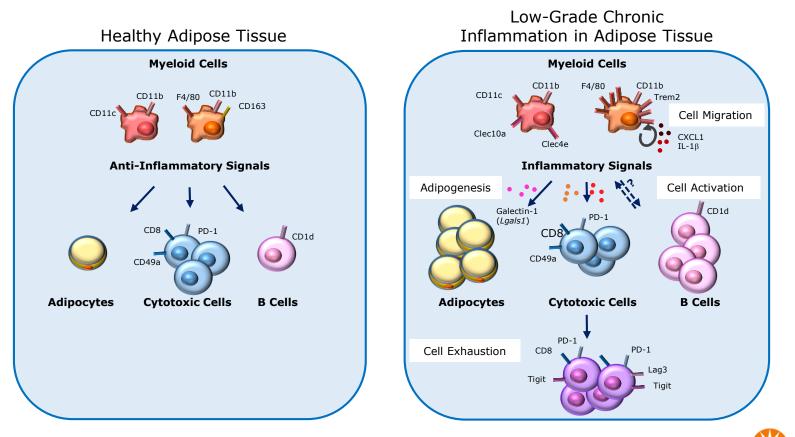
Adipose tissue-infiltrating cytotoxic cells from HFD mouse co-express PD-1 and *Tigit*







Working model



Summary

- The BD Single-Cell Multiplexing Kit allows assessment of immune cells from bone marrow, spleen, thymus and epididymal adipose tissue from control and high fat diet mice simultaneously.
- The BD Single-Cell Multiplexing Kit provides high-confidence information on relationships between samples without batch effects.
- BD AbSeq assays allow effective cell clustering, cell type identification and obesity related phenotyping of immune cells.
- B cells similar to B-2 regulatory cells in adipose tissue increased in mice given the high fat diet.
- Inflammatory and adipogenic genes were increased in adipose tissue myeloid cells in mice given the high fat diet.
- Cytotoxic cells were activated/exhausted in adipose tissue of mice given the high fat diet.



Thank you!



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