

Supplementary materials for:

Age but not sex modifies lymphoid immune responses in murine sepsis

Dayuan Wang^{1,2}, Christine Rodhouse^{1,3}, Hongru Tang^{1,2}, Miguel Hernández-Ríos^{1,3}, Xuanxuan Yu^{1,3}, Ruoxuan Wu^{1,2}, Whitman Wiggins^{1,3}, Marvin L. Dirain^{1,3}, Ricardo Ungaro^{1,3}, Dina C. Nacionales^{1,3}, Lyle L. Moldawer^{1,3}, Shawn Larson^{1,3}, Michael Kladde^{1,4}, Clayton Mathews^{1,5}, Paramita Chakrabarty^{1,6}, Gemma Casadesus^{1,7}, Jaimar C. Rincon^{1,3}, Larissa Langhi Prata⁸, Feifei Xiao^{1,2}, Maigan A. Brusko^{1,5,9}, Robert Maile^{1,3}, Philip A. Efron^{1,3}, Guoshuai Cai^{1,2,3*}

¹Sepsis and Critical Illness Research Center, University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, FL, USA

²Department of Biostatistics, University of Florida College of Medicine and Public Health & Health Professions, Gainesville, FL, USA

³Department of Surgery, University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, FL, USA

⁴Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, FL, USA

⁵Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine, University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, FL, USA

⁶Department of Neuroscience, University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, FL, USA

⁷Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics, University of Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, FL, USA

⁸Center for Advanced Gerotherapeutics, Department of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA, USA

⁹Diabetes Institute, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, USA

*Correspondence:

Guoshuai Cai, PhD.

Department of Surgery, University of Florida College of Medicine

Gainesville, Florida 32610-0019

Phone: 352-273-5484

Email: guoshuai.cai@surgery.ufl.edu

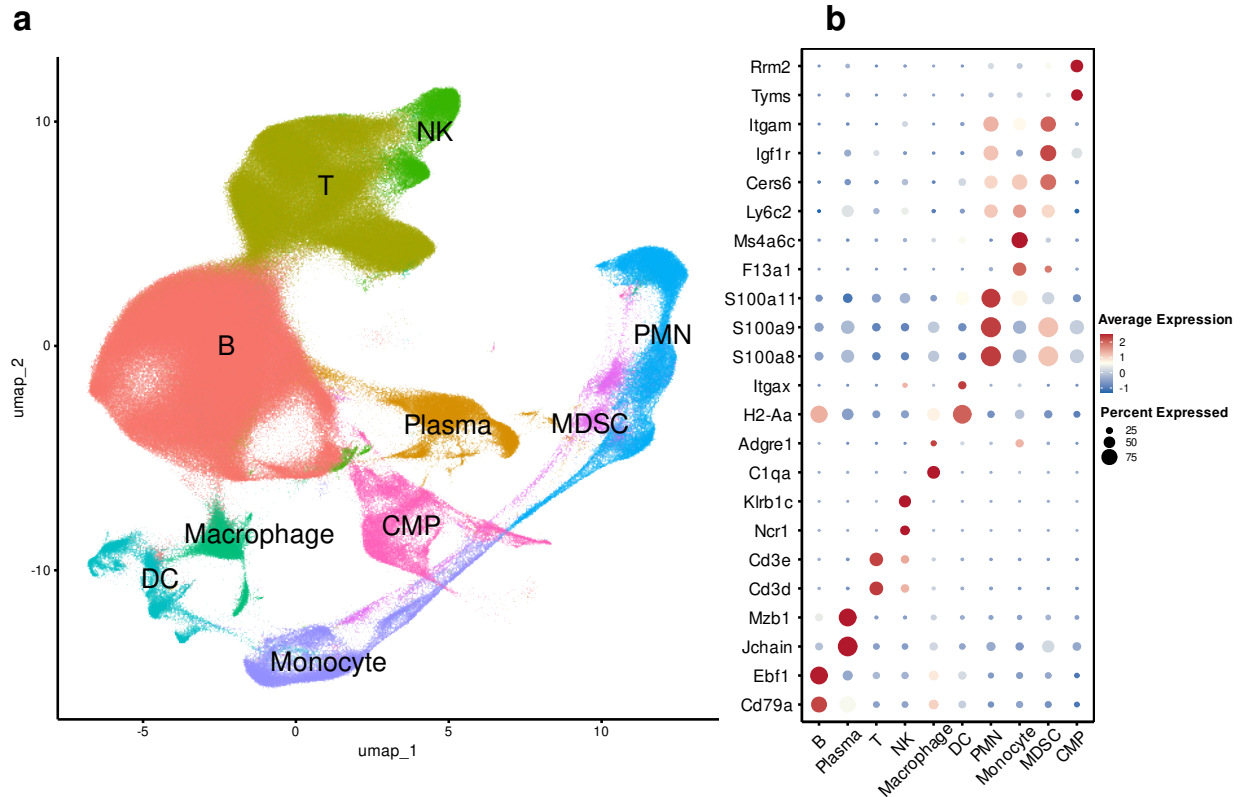
Table of Contents

<i>Supplementary Table 1. Summary of Murine Experimental Cohorts.</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Supplementary Figure 1. UMAP visualization of the global splenic immune cell atlas and marker gene validation.</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Supplementary Figure 2. Within-lymphocyte proportional analysis confirms age-dependent remodeling patterns.</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Supplementary Figure 3. Gene set enrichment analysis of lymphocyte subsets showing sepsis, age, and interaction effects.</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Supplementary Figure 4. Differential Drug2Cell signatures across lymphocyte subsets.</i>	<i>7</i>

Supplementary Table 1. Summary of Murine Experimental Cohorts.

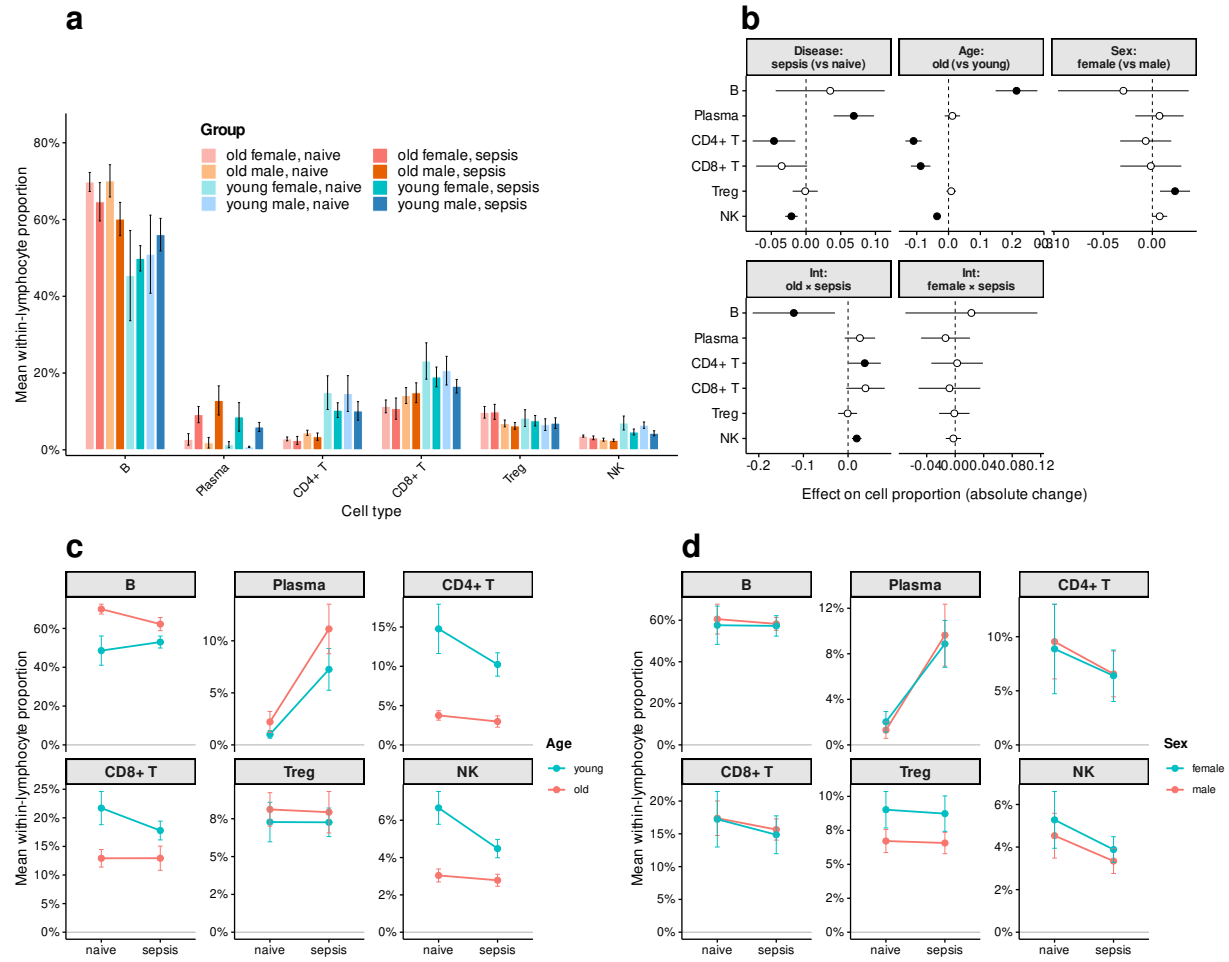
Number of biological replicates (N) included in the single-cell RNA sequencing analysis, stratified by age group (older adult vs. young adult), sex, and disease status (septic vs naive).

Age group	Sex group	Naive	Septic	Total (N)
Young Adult (3-4 mos)	Male	8	7	15
	Female	6	7	13
	Subtotal	14	14	28
Older Adult (18-24 mos)	Male	8	8	16
	Female	6	7	13
	Subtotal	14	15	29
Total		28	29	57



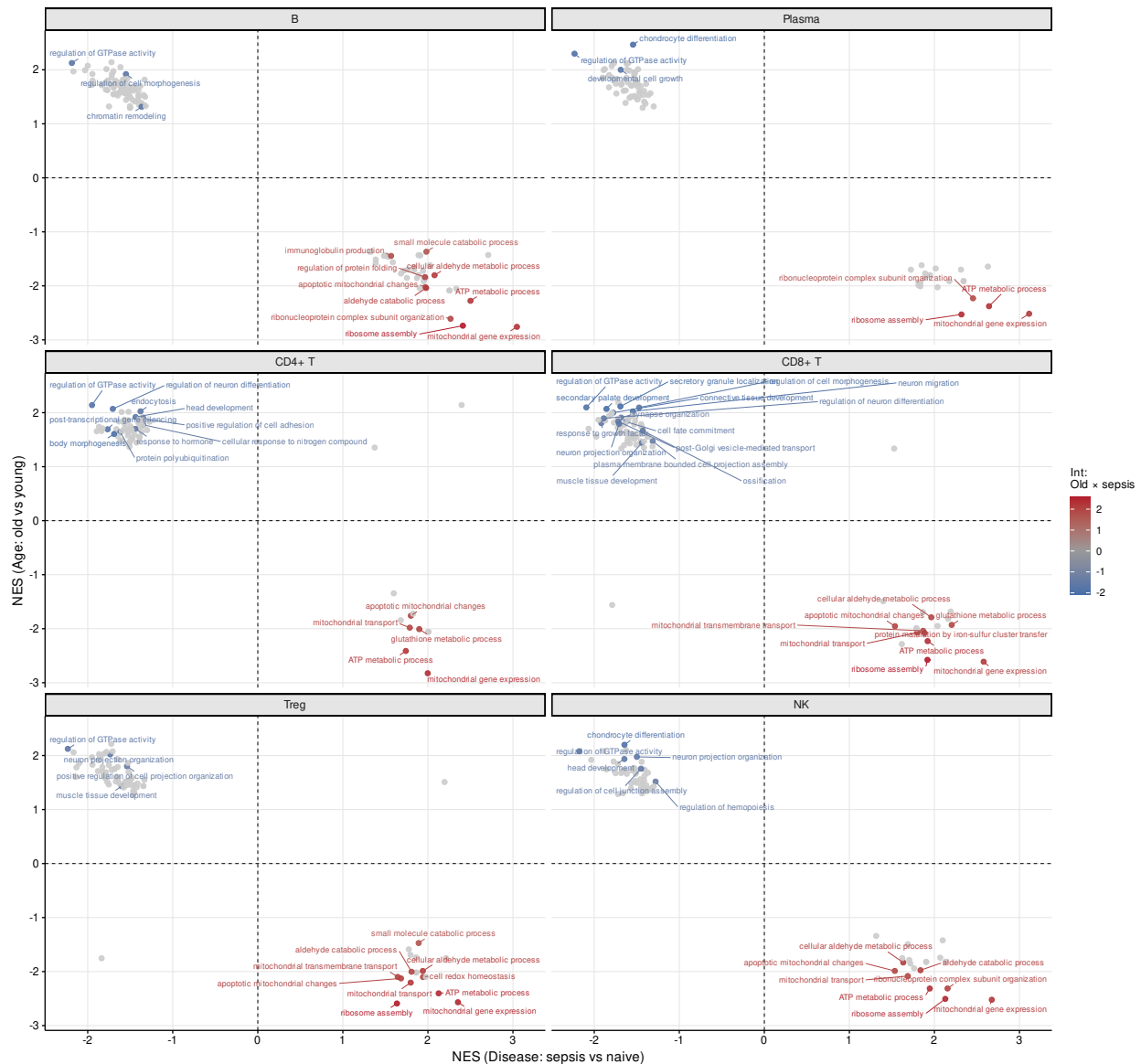
Supplementary Figure 1. UMAP visualization of the global splenic immune cell atlas and marker gene validation.

(a) UMAP projection of all single cells showing the major immune cell populations identified in the dataset, including B cells, plasma cells, T cells, NK cells, macrophages, dendritic cells (DC), polymorphonuclear cells (PMN), monocytes, myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSC), and common myeloid progenitors (CMP). Cell identities were assigned based on canonical marker gene expression and clustering patterns. **(b)** Dot plot showing expression of representative marker genes used for cell type annotation across the identified clusters. Dot size indicates the proportion of cells expressing the gene and color intensity indicates the average expression level.



Supplementary Figure 2. Within-lymphocyte proportional analysis confirms age-dependent remodeling patterns.

(a) Stacked bar plots showing the mean proportion of each lymphocyte subset calculated within the lymphocyte compartment only (excluding myeloid cells) across all experimental groups (naive/sepsis, young/old, male/female). **(b)** Forest plots displaying the linear model estimates (β) for the main effects (sepsis, age, sex) as well as interaction terms, with cell type proportions computed within lymphocytes as the denominator. Points represent the coefficient estimate and error bars denote 95% Wald confidence intervals. Filled circles indicate statistically significant effects ($p < 0.05$); open circles indicate non-significant effects. **(c)** Interaction plots illustrating the effect of sepsis across age groups on within-lymphocyte proportions. **(d)** Interaction plots illustrating the effect of sepsis across sex groups on within-lymphocyte proportions.



Supplementary Figure 3. Gene set enrichment analysis of lymphocyte subsets showing sepsis, age, and interaction effects.

Scatter plots summarize pathway enrichment results for each lymphocyte subset, including B cells, plasma cells, CD4⁺ T cells, CD8⁺ T cells, CD4⁺CD25⁺ regulatory T cells, and NK cells. Each point represents an enriched biological pathway identified through gene set enrichment analysis. The x-axis indicates normalized enrichment score (NES) for the sepsis effect (sepsis vs naive), and the y-axis indicates the NES for the age effect (old vs young). Point color represents the magnitude and direction of the age × sepsis interaction. Selected pathways are labeled to highlight significant age × sepsis interactions.

