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31 **ABSTRACT**

32 HIV persists in long-lived infected cells that are not affected by antiretroviral treatment. These HIV  
33 reservoirs are mainly located in CD4+ T-cells, but their distribution is variable in the different subsets.  
34 Susceptibility to HIV-1 increases with CD4+ T-cell differentiation. We evaluated whether the  
35 metabolic programming that supports the differentiation and function of CD4+ T-cells affected their  
36 susceptibility to HIV-1. We found that differences in HIV-1 susceptibility between naïve and more  
37 differentiated subsets were associated with the metabolic activity of the cells. Indeed, HIV-1  
38 selectively infected CD4+ T-cells with high oxidative phosphorylation and glycolysis, independent of  
39 their activation phenotype. Moreover, partial inhibition of glycolysis (i) impaired HIV-1 infection in  
40 vitro in all CD4+ T-cell subsets, (ii) decreased the viability of pre-infected cells, and (iii) precluded HIV-  
41 1 reactivation in cells from HIV-infected individuals. Our results elucidate the link between cell  
42 metabolism and HIV-1 infection and identify a vulnerability to tackle HIV reservoirs.

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44 **Keywords:** HIV-1, CD4+ T-cell, T cell differentiation, HIV reservoir, susceptibility to HIV-1, glycolysis,  
45 oxidative phosphorylation, cellular metabolism, metabolic inhibitors, 2-DG, DON, UK5099

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## 49 INTRODUCTION

50 Combination antiretroviral treatment (cART) blocks HIV-1 replication but does not eliminate infected  
51 cells. Replication competent HIV-1 persists in cellular reservoirs that are the origin of rapid viral  
52 rebound when treatment is interrupted (Finzi et al., 1997). Identifying the factors underlying the  
53 seeding and survival of HIV-infected cells is a priority in the search for an HIV cure (Deeks et al.,  
54 2016). CD4+ T-cells are the major target for HIV-1 infection and are thought to constitute most of the  
55 HIV-1 reservoir. However, not all CD4+ T-cells contribute equally to the pool of persistently infected  
56 cells during cART. The composition of CD4+ T-cells that remain infected is mainly determined by the  
57 susceptibility of CD4+ T-cell subsets to HIV infection, their resistance to HIV-induced apoptosis and  
58 their life span and turnover potential (Barton et al., 2016). Naïve CD4+ T-cells are highly resistant to  
59 HIV-1 infection, while HIV-1 susceptibility increases in more differentiated cell subsets (Roederer et  
60 al., 1997; Schnittman et al., 1990). Accordingly, there is a minimal contribution of naïve CD4+ T-cells  
61 to the HIV reservoir during cART, which is mainly restricted to the memory cell subsets (Chomont et  
62 al., 2009). The susceptibility of CD4+ T-cells to HIV-1 infection depends on the relative abundance of  
63 cell factors required by the virus to complete its replication cycle and of cellular restriction factors  
64 that counteract infection (Lever and Jeang, 2011). T-cell activation sharply increases the expression  
65 of HIV dependency factors and thereby cell susceptibility to HIV-1 infection (Pan et al., 2013;  
66 Stevenson et al., 1990), despite the concomitant presence of some restriction factors that the virus  
67 can most often circumvent. However, responsiveness to TCR activation (Byrne et al., 1988; Roederer  
68 et al., 1997) and susceptibility to HIV infection are not homogeneous across or within CD4+ T-cell  
69 subsets. This discrepancy in infection efficacy suggests that HIV-1 has adapted to infect CD4+ T-cells  
70 with a specific cellular program (Cleret-Buhot et al., 2015). The cellular processes orchestrating the  
71 optimal conditions for the establishment of HIV-1 infection remain unclear.

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73 Numerous studies have demonstrated the role of cellular metabolism in T-cell immunity (Pearce et  
74 al., 2013; Waickman and Powell, 2012). Naïve T-cells circulate in a quiescent state, relying essentially

75 on oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS). Upon T-cell activation and after receiving appropriate cues  
76 (costimulation, cytokines), naïve T-cells undergo metabolic reprogramming, strongly increasing  
77 OXPHOS and, especially, glycolysis, to cope with the energy demands of immune function and rapid  
78 proliferation (Pearce et al., 2013). The biomass accumulation that accompanies enhanced cellular  
79 metabolism may provide viruses with the abundance of factors that are necessary for their  
80 replication. It is worth noting that several retroviruses have evolved to use metabolite transporters  
81 as cellular receptors. The glucose transporter 1 (GLUT) is the main receptor for HTLV-1 (Manel et al.,  
82 2003); phosphate transporters PiT1 and PiT2 have been reported as surface receptors for koala  
83 retrovirus, feline leukemia virus and murine leukemia viruses (Oliveira et al., 2006; Takeuchi et al.,  
84 1992; von Laer et al., 1998); and the amino acid transporters ASCT1 and ASCT2 are the receptors for  
85 the feline RD-114 endogenous retrovirus (Shimode et al., 2013). Although HIV-1 does not use  
86 metabolite transporters as its main receptors, GLUT1 expression is necessary for the postentry steps  
87 of HIV-1 replication in CD4+ T-cells (Loisel-Meyer et al., 2012). Moreover, the metabolism of  
88 nucleotides is critical for HIV-1 reverse transcription (Amie et al., 2013).

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90 In the present study, we undertook the analysis of the conditions determining the intracellular  
91 susceptibility of CD4+ T-cell subsets to HIV-1 infection. In particular, we analyzed whether the  
92 metabolic program is distinct according to the differentiation of CD4+ T-cell subsets and if this  
93 determines their susceptibility to HIV-1 infection. We show that cellular metabolism is a central  
94 factor driving the HIV-1 infection of CD4+ T-cells and that it may be an important target for new  
95 therapies against HIV-1.

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## 98 RESULTS

### 99 CD4+ T-cell subsets have heterogeneous susceptibility to HIV-1 infection

100 We first assessed the relative intrinsic susceptibility of primary CD4+ T-cell subsets (naïve, T<sub>n</sub>; central  
101 memory, T<sub>cm</sub>; transitional memory, T<sub>tm</sub>; and effector memory, T<sub>em</sub>) to HIV-1 infection. We used  
102 single-cycle NL4.3ΔenvGFP particles pseudotyped with VSV-G envelope protein (HIV-1<sub>GFP</sub>-VSV) to  
103 circumvent differences in the surface expression of CCR5 across CD4+ T-cell subsets. We activated  
104 CD4+ T-cells with soluble anti-CD3. This 'suboptimal' activation protocol has allowed us to expose  
105 differences in the susceptibility to HIV-1 of CD4+ T-cells from different individuals that were masked  
106 using more potent stimulation protocols (Saez-Cirion et al., 2011). Activation enhanced the  
107 susceptibility to HIV-1 without altering the relative contribution of each CD4+ T-cell subset (Figure  
108 1A, B). After infection, the relative frequencies of T<sub>n</sub>, T<sub>cm</sub>, T<sub>tm</sub> and T<sub>em</sub> cells among GFP-negative  
109 (GFP-) cells was identical to that among noninfected CD4+ T-cells (Figure 1B). In contrast, the  
110 composition of HIV-infected GFP-positive (GFP+) cells was different from that of noninfected cells,  
111 with a significant exclusion of T<sub>n</sub> cells and strong enrichment of T<sub>em</sub> cells. T<sub>cm</sub> cells were also slightly  
112 underrepresented, and T<sub>tm</sub> cells were overrepresented among GFP+ CD4+ T-cells when compared to  
113 the control condition (Figure 1B). These results suggested different susceptibilities to HIV-1 infection  
114 of CD4+ T-cell subsets, with T<sub>em</sub> cells being the most susceptible, followed by T<sub>tm</sub> and T<sub>cm</sub> cells, and  
115 with T<sub>n</sub> cells being strongly resistant to infection.

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117 To study if these differences were related to the inherent program of each CD4+ T-cell subset, we  
118 isolated quiescent CD4+ T<sub>n</sub>, T<sub>cm</sub>, T<sub>tm</sub> and T<sub>em</sub> cells (n=6 donors, Figure S1), and we analyzed their  
119 susceptibility to HIV-1 with or without activation. Activation enhanced the susceptibility of all CD4+  
120 T-cell subsets to HIV-1 infection (Figure 1C). However, this effect was variable according to the  
121 subset. There was a tendency for T<sub>em</sub> cells to be more susceptible than other subsets (p=0.06) in the  
122 absence of activation, and this difference became more pronounced after three (p=0.0004, all  
123 comparisons) or five days of activation (p=0.012, T<sub>em</sub> vs T<sub>n</sub> and T<sub>tm</sub> and T<sub>cm</sub> vs T<sub>n</sub> and T<sub>tm</sub>). Overall,

124 our results recapitulated previous observations showing an inherent hierarchy in the susceptibility of  
125 CD4+ T-cell subsets to HIV-1 infection (Buzon et al., 2014; Tabler et al., 2014).

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### 127 **Levels of HIV infection are related to the molecular program of CD4+ T-cell subsets**

128 To determine if a molecular program was associated with the susceptibility of CD4+ T-cell subsets to  
129 HIV infection, we analyzed the expression of a panel of 96 genes (related to T-cell activation, survival,  
130 differentiation and function as well as known viral restriction or HIV facilitating factors, Table S1) in  
131 each CD4+ T-cell subpopulation at the time of infection. Nonactivated CD4+ T-cell subsets showed  
132 distinct transcriptional profiles that were further enhanced after activation (e.g., 34 genes and 49  
133 genes differently expressed between CD4+ T-cell subsets without activation and after 3 days of anti-  
134 CD3 treatment, respectively, Figure 2A). These genes were mostly related to signal transduction and  
135 the response to stimulus, which could be related to the previously described different susceptibility  
136 to CD3 activation of the CD4+ T-cell subsets (Croft et al., 1994; Kumar et al., 2011). The level of HIV-  
137 infected cells correlated with the expression of several genes at the time of infection in the different  
138 conditions studied (Figure 2B and Figure S2). SAMHD1 showed a negative association with infection.  
139 In contrast, positive correlations were observed between infection levels and other antiviral factors  
140 (such as APOBEC3G or SLFN11)(Li et al., 2012; Sheehy et al., 2002) as well as several genes involved  
141 in the interferon response (IFI6, IFI16, EIF2AK2, and OAS1) (Kane et al., 2016). Significant positive  
142 correlations were also observed between the level of HIV infection and the gene expression levels of  
143 transcription factors (STAT3, E2F1, and PRDM1), genes that have been proposed to facilitate HIV-1  
144 infection (RRM2, HSP90AA, CFL1, and DYNC1H1)(Allouch et al., 2013; Franke and Luban, 1996; Lukic  
145 et al., 2014; Roesch et al., 2012) and multiple genes involved in T-cell metabolism (SLC2A3, SLC2A1,  
146 SLC2A5, CASP3, FAS, GAPDH, and GUSB). Taken together, these results suggest that, with the  
147 exception of SAMHD1, the antiviral restriction factors analyzed did not decisively influence the cell  
148 susceptibility to HIV-1, which is in line with the results of previous reports (Jia et al., 2015). Our data  
149 indicate that metabolically active cells may offer favorable conditions for HIV infection.

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### **Hierarchy of susceptibility to HIV infection matches metabolic activity of CD4+ T-cell subsets**

To explore the possible association between HIV infection and cell metabolism, we determined the metabolic activity of the CD4+ T-cell subsets at the time of infection. We used a cell flux analyzer to measure, in different conditions, the oxygen consumption rate (OCR) and the extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) as indicators of oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) and glycolysis, respectively (Zhang et al., 2012). In the absence of activation in vitro and in agreement with their quiescent nature, all sorted CD4+ T-cell subsets had low levels of metabolic activity (Figure 3A). Nonetheless, small differences between subsets were noted; basal metabolism and metabolic potential were highest in Tem cells and lowest in Tn cells, while Ttm and Tcm cells presented similar intermediate levels (Figures 3A, B). These differences were more pronounced after activation, with all memory cell subsets increasing mitochondrial function and glycolysis to different extents and with different kinetics. The highest metabolic activity was measured in Tem cells, peaking on day 3 after activation and decreasing on day 5. The metabolism of Ttm and Tcm cells increased after 3 days of activation and then remained stable in Ttm cells while continuing to increase in Tcm cells. In contrast, Tn cells showed a modest increase only in mitochondrial function and not in glycolysis and only after 5 days of activation, when their metabolism was heavily relying on OXPHOS (Figure 3C). Accordingly, important differences were also found between CD4+ T-cell subsets regarding their capacity to uptake glucose and their levels of the surface expression of the GLUT1 receptor, which were lowest in Tn cells and highest in Tem cells (Figures S3A,B). The relative metabolic activity levels of the different cell subsets matched their relative susceptibility to HIV-1 infection (Figure 1C), and we found positive correlations between HIV infection levels and multiple metabolic functions in cells that had been activated (Figure 3D, Figure S3C). These results further point to an influence of the metabolic activity of CD4+ T-cells on their susceptibility to HIV-1.



175 **HIV-infected CD4+ T-cells are characterized by higher levels of metabolic activity independent of**  
176 **cell activation levels**

177 To analyze if there was a direct link between cell metabolism and HIV-1 infection, we challenged 5-  
178 day activated bulk CD4+ T-cells with HIV-1<sub>gfp</sub>-VSV, and we sorted three days later noninfected GFP-  
179 and infected GFP+ cells. HIV-infected CD4+ T-cells had higher levels of basal metabolism and  
180 metabolic potential and, overall, a more energetic profile than noninfected cells (Figures 4A and  
181 S4A). Although we could detect infected cells among cells with low activation levels (Figure 4B), we  
182 found higher proportions of GFP+ cells among CD4+ T-cells expressing activation markers. We  
183 therefore evaluated whether differences in the metabolic activity of infected and noninfected CD4+  
184 T-cells were just a consequence of the selective infection of CD4+ T-cells with higher activation levels.  
185 We sorted CD4+ T-cells first based on their expression of either high or low levels of both HLA-DR and  
186 CD25 and then based on whether they were GFP+ or GFP- (Figures 4B and S4). After 5 days of  
187 stimulation, the CD4+ T-cell subsets expressed different levels of activation markers (Figure S4B),  
188 which were highest in Tem cells and lowest in Tn cells. This was translated to different contributions  
189 of CD4+ T-cell subpopulations in the high- and low-activation sorted cell fractions (Figure 4B).  
190 Nevertheless, Tn cells were more frequently found in the GFP- fraction, both in high and low-  
191 activated cell populations, whereas the GFP+ fraction was enriched with Tem cells. These results  
192 matched the hierarchy of infection that we observed before (Figure 1) and further supported that  
193 the susceptibility of CD4+ T-cell subsets to HIV-1 depends on the intrinsic characteristics of these  
194 cells independent of their activation status. In this regard, we found that infected GFP+ cells in both  
195 the high- and low-activation fractions, had higher basal metabolisms (OCR and ECAR) than  
196 noninfected GFP- cells (Figure 4C). These results demonstrated that HIV-infected CD4+ T-cells were  
197 characterized by higher metabolic activity levels.

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199 **HIV-1 infection is preferentially established in CD4+ T-cells with high metabolic activity levels**

200 Our results suggest that HIV-1 infection is favored in the environment provided by CD4+ T-cells with  
201 high metabolic activity levels. We analyzed if this was due to a selective infection of CD4+ T-cells with  
202 the highest metabolic activity levels or if it was HIV-infection that increased the metabolic activity of  
203 the cells. We activated CD4+ T-cells and sorted Tn and Tcm cells based on their capacity to uptake  
204 high or low levels of the fluorescent glucose analogue 2NBDG (Figure S5A), which corresponded to  
205 weakly and strongly glycolytic cells respectively (Figure S5B). We infected these purified cell fractions  
206 with HIV-1<sub>gfp</sub>-VSV. Three days after infection, infected GFP+ CD4+ T-cells were only observed among  
207 highly glycolytic Tn and Tcm cells, while weakly glycolytic cells were strongly resistant to infection  
208 (65x [41x-206x], median [IQR] fold increase in the proportion of GFP+ cells in HGlu vs LGlu cell  
209 subsets, p=0.008) (Figure 5). Overall these results confirmed that, in our conditions, the high  
210 metabolic activity of infected CD4+ T-cells was one of the causes rather than a consequence of HIV  
211 infection.

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### 213 **Suboptimal inhibition of glucose metabolism blocks HIV-1 replication in CD4+ T-cells**

214 The above results indicate that HIV-1 infection of CD4+ T-cells required high levels of metabolic  
215 activity. Therefore, we analyzed if HIV-1 replication could be blocked with metabolic inhibitors. We  
216 infected activated CD4+ T-cells with HIV-1<sub>gfp</sub>-VSV in the presence of increasing amounts of etomoxir,  
217 an inhibitor of fatty acid oxidation (FAO), 6-diazo-5-oxo-l-norleucine (DON), a glutamine antagonist,  
218 or 2-deoxy glucose (2-DG), a competitive inhibitor of glycolysis. Etomoxir was able to reduce HIV  
219 infection but only at high concentrations, well above the levels needed to reduce mitochondrial  
220 respiration (Figure 6A and Figure S6). DON reduced HIV infection without inducing cell death,  
221 although the extent of the inhibition was heterogeneous. Suboptimal amounts of 2-DG (5 mM),  
222 which were enough to significantly reduce glycolysis (Figure S6), decreased HIV-1 infection of CD4+ T-  
223 cells with minimal cell toxicity (Figure 6A). These results suggested a higher impact of glucose and  
224 glutamine metabolism than FAO on HIV-1 replication. The role of glucose metabolism was further  
225 confirmed in different sets of experiments in which the frequency of HIV-1-infected CD4+ T-cells was

226 reduced when the infections were performed in conditions of glucose starvation or in presence of  
227 UK5099, a molecule that inhibits the transport of pyruvate, an end product of glycolysis, to the  
228 mitochondria (Figure 6B). The presence of 2-DG impaired the accumulation of HIV-1 reverse  
229 transcribed products overtime pointing to an early block of viral replication (Figure 6C). 2-DG was  
230 able to reduce infection and reverse transcript levels to a similar extent whether it was added to the  
231 culture at the time of the challenge or up to 8h later (Figure 6D), indicating that 2-DG was affecting  
232 post-entry steps of viral replication. Overall, these results show that a glycolytic environment was  
233 necessary for HIV-1 to complete reverse transcription.

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235 2-DG blocked HIV-1 infection in all CD4+ T-cell subsets, although the differences were more  
236 pronounced in more differentiated (more glycolytic) cells (Figure 6E). Interestingly, Etomoxir slightly  
237 reduced viral replication in Tem cells but not in other T-cell subsets, which could be related to the  
238 overall highly energetic nature of these cells. We then used VSV-G pseudotyped NL4.3Δenv Duo-Fluo  
239 I particles that allow HIV-1 latently and productively infected cells to be distinguished from each  
240 other (Calvanese et al., 2013) (Figure S7A). Interestingly, latent infection was more prominent among  
241 Tn and Tcm CD4+ T-cells, while productive infection was predominantly observed among Tem cells  
242 (Figure S7A). Overall, the presence of 2-DG significantly reduced the global number of both latently  
243 and productively infected CD4+ T-cells (Figure 6F), which agreed with the need for a glycolytic  
244 environment for HIV-1 to complete the preintegration steps of its replication cycle.

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246 We then analyzed the impact of inhibition of glycolysis on the infection of CD4+ T-cells with a R5  
247 wild-type replication competent virus (HIV-1 Bal). We first confirmed that the hierarchy of infection  
248 of CD4+ T-cell subsets that we observed with VSV-G single cycle particles (Tn<Tcm<Ttm<Tem)  
249 coincided with the hierarchy of infection when we used replication competent HIV-1 Bal (Figure S7B).  
250 We found that 2-DG was also able to efficiently blocked infection of CD4+ T-cells with HIV-1 Bal  
251 (Figure 6G), independently of whether it was added at the time of challenge or 4h/8h after challenge

252 (Figure S7C). All together, these results show that the inhibition of metabolic activity blocked HIV-1  
253 replication, corroborating that CD4+ T-cell metabolism is an important determinant of HIV-1  
254 infection.

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256 **Suboptimal inhibition of glycolysis eliminates HIV-1 infected cells and impairs HIV amplification**  
257 **from CD4+ T-cell reservoirs**

258 We next studied if the preferential establishment of HIV-1 infection in highly glycolytic cells could be  
259 used to target HIV-1 reservoirs. First, we analyzed if suboptimal inhibition of glycolysis could  
260 selectively eliminate CD4+ T-cells that had been preinfected in vitro. We infected CD4+ T-cells with  
261 HIV-1<sub>gfp</sub>-VSV and sorted infected GFP+ from noninfected GFP- cells (Figure S4A) and cultured them in  
262 the absence or presence of 2-DG to inhibit glycolysis. The presence of 2-DG induced higher levels of  
263 cell death among infected GFP+ cells than among GFP- cells (Figure 7A and B), affecting all memory T-  
264 cell subpopulations (Figure 7C).

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266 As 2-DG was able to both block infection and eliminate infected cells, we wondered whether 2-DG  
267 could block HIV spread upon activation of CD4+ T-cells from HIV-infected individuals receiving cART.  
268 We isolated CD4+ T-cells from 6 individuals receiving cART (Table S2) and activated the cells with PHA  
269 in the absence or presence of 2-DG. In all cases, 2-DG potently blocked HIV-1 amplification, as  
270 measured by ultrasensitive analyses of p24 production (Figure 7D). Therefore, the need of HIV for  
271 highly glycolytic cells reveals a vulnerability that can be exploited to tackle infection.

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273 **DISCUSSION**

274 In this study, we performed a detailed characterization of the bioenergetics of CD4+ Tn, Tcm, Ttm  
275 and Tem cells. Upon potent TCR activation, naïve and memory cells have been shown to strongly  
276 upregulate their metabolism and acquire effector functions (van der Windt et al., 2013). Here, we  
277 show important metabolic differences among the three memory cell populations studied, even in the  
278 absence of stimulation. Upon anti-CD3 activation, all CD4+ T-cell subsets enhanced their metabolic  
279 activity but essentially maintained their distinctive metabolic programs, which matched the  
280 requirements for their expected rapid reaction to antigenic stimulation (Tem>>Ttm>Tcm>>Tn). The  
281 metabolic activity of the T-cell subsets overlapped with their susceptibility to HIV-1 infection (Figures  
282 1C and 3B), supporting that the extent of HIV-1 infection in CD4+ T-cell subsets was affected by the  
283 metabolic environment within the target cells.

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285 Transcript profiling at the time of infection showed that among the CD4+ T-cell subsets, there were  
286 positive correlations between the frequencies of HIV-infected cells and the expression levels of  
287 multiple genes related to cell metabolism. Negative correlations were found between the  
288 susceptibility of CD4+ T-cells to HIV-1 infection and the expression of SAMHD1, an efficient HIV-1  
289 restriction factor that also plays an important role in the regulation of cell metabolism (Descours et  
290 al., 2012; Mathews, 2015). Surprisingly, strong positive correlations were found between the levels  
291 of HIV-infected cells and the expression of a cluster of genes related to the interferon response.  
292 Although this point was not specifically explored in the present study, increasing evidence has  
293 revealed the interrelationships between cell metabolism and the interferon response (Burke et al.,  
294 2014; Zhao et al., 2015). Some type 1 interferons might enhance glycolysis (Fritsch and Weichhart,  
295 2016), and interferon regulatory factors play a key role during the metabolic reprogramming that  
296 follows TCR-mediated activation of T-cells (Man et al., 2013). The interaction between the interferon  
297 response and cell metabolism may somewhat explain the dichotomy between antiviral and viral-  
298 enhancing interferon-stimulated genes (Schoggins and Rice, 2011; Seo et al., 2011). Tem cells, which

299 were the most susceptible to HIV infection in our assay, expressed the strongest levels of several  
300 restriction factors such as SLFN11 or APOBEC3G. Our results thus indicate that HIV-1 exploits the  
301 metabolic environment that most favors the completion of its replication cycle, and this might be  
302 one of the factors underlying the adaptation of HIV-1 to evade some restriction factors.

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304 We further confirmed the association between T-cell metabolism and HIV infection in a series of  
305 functional analyses. First, we showed that HIV-infected CD4+ T-cells had higher levels of metabolic  
306 activity and metabolic potential than HIV-exposed but noninfected cells. This was not solely the  
307 consequence of the preferential infection of cells with higher activation levels; when we sorted CD4+  
308 T-cells that were matched for the expression of common activation markers, we still found that HIV-  
309 infected cells had higher metabolic activity levels than noninfected CD4+ T-cells. Although there are  
310 well-established links between T-cell activation and cellular metabolism, it is increasingly clear that T-  
311 cell functions, including proliferation, the secretion of cytokines and cell survival, are supported  
312 through different engagements of the various metabolic pathways (Jones and Bianchi, 2015). This  
313 may explain the partial dichotomy between T-cell activation and cell metabolism in HIV infection that  
314 we observed in our experiments. Additionally, we found Tn cells expressing high levels of activation  
315 markers upon anti-CD3 stimulation, but these cells remained mostly resistant to HIV-1 infection. In  
316 contrast, the frequency of infected Tn cells sharply increased when we challenged highly glycolytic Tn  
317 cells. This is in agreement with previous results that showed that expression of GLUT1 is necessary  
318 for HIV-1 infection of CD4+ T-cells (Loisel-Meyer et al., 2012) and that, in vitro, HIV preferentially  
319 infects CD4+ T-cells expressing GLUT1 and OX40 (Palmer et al.). Overall, our results demonstrate that  
320 cells that had higher metabolic activity levels were more susceptible to HIV infection.

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322 In our experimental conditions, we could detect virtually no infected cells when we challenged cells  
323 with low metabolic activity levels. Thus, any potential change in cell metabolism that might have  
324 been induced directly by HIV particles was not sufficient to promote infection in cells that had low

325 metabolic activity levels at the time of viral challenge. However, it is important to note that because  
326 we were interested in understanding the factors modulating HIV infection beyond the expression of  
327 HIV receptors, we used single-cycle particles devoid of HIV envelope and pseudotyped with VSV-G in  
328 this set of experiments. It is possible that fully replication-competent viruses have a stronger effect  
329 on modulating CD4+ T-cell metabolism. CCL5 engagement with CCR5 has been described as  
330 increasing glycolysis in T-cells (Chan et al., 2012), and it is possible that gp120 triggers a similar effect.  
331 Moreover, HIV infection has been shown to induce increased expression of several glucose  
332 transporters in in vitro experiments (Kavanagh Williamson et al., 2018; Sorbara et al., 1996). Overall,  
333 viruses appear to possess different mechanisms to enhance cell metabolism to favor viral replication  
334 (Goodwin et al., 2015; Sanchez and Lagunoff, 2015), and this deserves additional exploration in the  
335 context of HIV infection.

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337 Suboptimal inhibition of glycolysis impaired HIV replication, and this was observed with single-cycle  
338 VSVG pseudotyped particles and replication-competent HIV-1 Bal and for all CD4+ T-cell subsets,  
339 although the effects were more pronounced in more energetic cells. Inhibition of glycolysis, including  
340 several hours after viral entry, severely reduced the accumulation of HIV reverse transcripts and  
341 impaired the establishment of both productive and latent infections. Our results thus point to critical  
342 steps early during the viral replication cycle (in particular reverse transcription) that are influenced by  
343 glycolysis, which agrees with a previous report (Loisel-Meyer et al., 2012). Along these lines, the  
344 synthesis of deoxynucleotides, the level of which is a limiting factor for HIV reverse transcription, is  
345 very energy demanding and requires substrates that are provided by different metabolic pathways,  
346 such as the pentose phosphate pathway (PPP) that is parallel to glycolysis (Lane and Fan, 2015).  
347 Although, unfortunately, genes involved in the PPP were not included in our gene expression panel,  
348 we found important differences between CD4+ T-cell subsets and strong correlations with infection  
349 levels for several genes such as TP53, ESF1 and RRM2, which play critical roles in the de novo  
350 synthesis of dNTPs. In particular we have recently shown that changes in the expression of RRM2

351 impact HIV-1 replication in macrophages and dendritic cells by modifying the pools of dNTPS (Allouch  
352 et al., 2013; Valle-Casuso et al., 2017). Moreover, SAMHD1, the expression levels of which were  
353 negatively correlated with infection in our analysis, is a deoxynucleoside triphosphohydrolase that  
354 contributes to control the intracellular dNTP concentration during cell-cycle (Mathews, 2015). Our  
355 results therefore suggest that metabolically active cells offer an environment with positive synthesis  
356 (RRM2) vs degradation (SAMHD1) of dNTP pools that favors HIV-1 reverse transcription. However,  
357 other steps of the viral replication cycle may also depend on cell metabolism. The inhibition of  
358 glycolysis has been shown to decrease the production of HIV-1 particles (Hegedus et al., 2014), and  
359 mTOR, a key regulator of cellular metabolism (Waickman and Powell, 2012), appears to be involved  
360 in the establishment of HIV-1 latency in CD4+ T-cells (Besnard et al., 2016).

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362 In our functional experiments we mostly focused on assessing the impact of glycolysis on HIV  
363 infection. Our results showing that inhibition of pyruvate transport to the mitochondria with UK5099  
364 blocked HIV infection suggests that glucose oxidation is important for HIV-1 infection. However the  
365 relative contribution of aerobic vs oxidative glycolysis remains to be determined. It is likely that other  
366 metabolic functions are also important for HIV-1 infection. The inhibition of fatty acid oxidation with  
367 Etomoxir had a limited effect on HIV replication in suboptimal conditions, mostly in Tem cells, but it  
368 strongly inhibited infection at higher concentrations. However, caution is needed when interpreting  
369 results obtained with Etomoxir as it has been shown to produce off target effects at such high  
370 concentrations (O'Connor et al., 2018; Yao et al., 2018). A recent report suggested that fatty acid  
371 metabolism may also participate in the late steps of viral replication (Kulkarni et al., 2017). Our  
372 results with the glutamine antagonist DON suggest that glutamine metabolism may also be necessary  
373 for the optimal infection of CD4+ T-cells. In general, the association between HIV infection and cell  
374 metabolism can be exploited to impair HIV-1 replication.

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376 Cell survival is another process regulated by cell metabolism that could be critically relevant for the  
377 persistence of infected cells. We found that suboptimal inhibition of glycolysis induced the selective  
378 death of cells that had been preinfected in vitro, and this affected all CD4+ T-cell memory subsets.  
379 We also show here that the partial inhibition of glycolysis in CD4+ T-cells from HIV-infected  
380 individuals on cART potently blocked viral reactivation and spread. Based on our results, this could be  
381 the result of a combination of both the elimination of infected cells and the blocking of new cycles of  
382 viral amplification by 2-DG. Overall our results point to the potential modulation of cell metabolism  
383 as a strategy to combat HIV infection.

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385 Therapies targeting cellular metabolism are gaining interest in the cancer field (Zhao et al., 2013).  
386 Metabolic reprogramming observed in tumor cells closely resembles the metabolic profile of HIV-  
387 infected T-cells that we describe here. In the context of the physiopathology of HIV infection, high  
388 glucose consumption by infected CD4+ T-cells could have additional implications for immune  
389 responses. We recently found that while HIV-specific CD8+ T-cells from rare individuals naturally  
390 controlling HIV infection are characterized by metabolic plasticity, HIV-specific CD8+ T-cells from  
391 most HIV-infected subjects heavily rely on glycolysis to exert their functions (Angin *et al*, submitted).  
392 High levels of glucose consumption by CD4+ T-cells at the sites of viral replication might severely limit  
393 glucose availability for these CD8+ T-cells and impair their effector function. In addition, lactic acid,  
394 which is a product of glycolysis, inhibits effector functions in cytotoxic T-cells (Mendler et al., 2012).  
395 Therefore, the metabolic characteristics of HIV-infected CD4+ T-cells may provide the virus with  
396 additional mechanisms to mediate immune evasion, as has also been described for tumors (Sugiura  
397 and Rathmell, 2018). Because exploiting the host cell metabolic machinery appears to be a common  
398 strategy for invading pathogens, including viruses, bacteria and parasites, therapies targeting cell  
399 metabolism could affect a large spectrum of infections. Obviously, cell metabolism regulates critical  
400 physiological events, including immune responses, and it is necessary to develop a better  
401 understanding of the links between cell metabolism and acute and chronic infections. Overall, our

402 study shows that cellular metabolism is a central factor that drives the HIV-1 infection of CD4+ T-cells  
403 more strongly than does the state of differentiation and/or activation, and cellular metabolism may  
404 be an important target for new therapies against HIV-1.

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#### 406 **Limitations of Study**

407 We show here that HIV-1 requires a metabolically rich cellular environment to establish both  
408 productive and latent HIV-1 infection in CD4+ T cell subsets. However, our analyses were limited to  
409 circulating cells. It remains to be elucidated how this association is affected by the metabolic  
410 resources and the particular T-cell programs of the different tissues where HIV-1 replicates. It also  
411 remains to be determined if HIV-infected cells sustain the enhanced metabolic activity levels over  
412 time, even in the absence of active viral replication, and if this could serve to identify and target  
413 persistently infected cells on cART. CD4+ T-cells expressing PD-1 and other immune checkpoints are  
414 enriched in HIV in HIV-infected individuals receiving cART (Banga et al., 2016; Chomont et al., 2009;  
415 Fromentin et al., 2016). Interestingly, these immune checkpoints appear to mediate their inhibitory  
416 activities through the metabolic reprogramming of the cells (Lim et al., 2017; Patsoukis et al., 2015).  
417 This suggests that the metabolic requirements of HIV-1 replication might enduringly imprint the  
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665 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

666 **Figure 1. CD4+ T-cells subsets have different susceptibilities to HIV-1 infection**

667 A) Representative example of the proportion of 5-days activated CD4+ T cells expressing GFP in the  
668 absence of infection (top) or 72 h after challenge with HIV-1<sub>GFP</sub>-VSV (bottom). B) Relative distribution  
669 of CD4+ T-cell subsets in nonactivated (NA) and activated (aCD3 5d) cells before HIV challenge and in  
670 activated cells not expressing GFP (aCD3 5d GFP-) or expressing GFP (aCD3 5d GFP+) 72 h post  
671 challenge. The pie charts (top) represent the median values (n=3 donors). The bottom panels  
672 represent the fold change in the CD4+ T-cells subset contribution relative to the nonactivated  
673 condition (NA). \*p<0.05; \*\* p<0.01. In a different set of experiments, sorted CD4+ T-cell subsets were  
674 cultured under NA or activated conditions for 3 (3d) or 5 days (5d) and challenged with HIV-1<sub>GFP</sub>-VSV.  
675 C) Representative example of infection levels in T<sub>n</sub>, T<sub>cm</sub>, T<sub>tm</sub> and T<sub>em</sub> cells from a donor in the  
676 different conditions analyzed. D) Medians and IQR values for experiments with cells from 6 donors.  
677 Symbols represent the individual data points. Significant differences between experimental  
678 conditions are shown for each T-cell subset as horizontal lines. The median infection level in NA T<sub>n</sub>  
679 cells is displayed as a reference dashed line to facilitate comparison between T-cell subsets.

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681 **Figure 2. HIV-1 infection levels in CD4+ T-cell subsets correlate with the expression levels of genes**  
682 **related to cell metabolism**

683 A) Heat maps displaying the genes differentially expressed (p<0.05) between the CD4+ T-cell subsets  
684 (T<sub>n</sub>, T<sub>cm</sub>, T<sub>tm</sub> and T<sub>em</sub>) (n= 6 donors) in the absence of activation or after 3 or 5 days of activation  
685 with soluble anti-CD3 (i.e., at the time of HIV challenge) (green = downregulation, red =  
686 upregulation). Variables are ordered by hierarchical clustering and samples by CD4+ T-cell subsets. B)  
687 Spearman's correlation between the levels of gene expression at the time of HIV-1 challenge and  
688 HIV-1 infection levels 72 h after challenge. Only significant correlations (p<0.05) are represented in  
689 the graphs (green bars). Genes highlighted in red show the group of genes that correlated with  
690 infection levels in all conditions.

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692 **Figure 3. CD4+ T-cell subsets have different metabolic profiles that coincide with their**  
693 **susceptibility to HIV-1 infection**

694 OCR and ECAR in nonactivated (NA), 3-day activation (3d) and 5-day activation (5d) CD4+ T-cell  
695 subsets. A) Median values of the metabolic variables obtained for the CD4+ T-cell subsets from the 6  
696 donors in the different conditions analyzed. B) Median and IQR basal OCR (left panel) and ECAR (right  
697 panel) and C) basal ECAR/OCR ratio for CD4+ T-cell subsets in different activation states (0d, 3d, 5d).  
698 Median values in NA Tn cells are indicated by dashed lines as a reference. Symbols represent  
699 independent experiments (n=6). D) Summary of correlations between metabolic parameters at the  
700 time of infection in NA, 3d and 5d activated CD4+ T-cell subsets and the % of infected cells 72 h post  
701 infection. The green color indicates  $p < 0.05$ . The size of the circle represents Spearman's coefficients.

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703 **Figure 4. HIV-1-infected CD4+ T-cells are characterized by higher metabolic activity levels**

704 A) Metabolic activity (OCR and ECAR) of sorted HIV-infected GFP+ and noninfected GFP- CD4+ T-cells  
705 (n=3). A. The bioenergetic (XF) phenotypes of GFP+ and GFP- cells (right panel) were determined by  
706 the basal OCR and ECAR values. The symbols represent independent experiments (n=3 donors). B) In  
707 a different set of experiments, CD4+ T-cells were sorted 72 h after HIV challenge based first on their  
708 activation levels (high activation, CD25+/HLA-DR+ or low activation, CD25-/HLA-DR-) and then on the  
709 level of GFP expression (GFP- or GFP+ cells). The gating strategy is shown on the left panels. Pie  
710 charts (right) represent the median (n=4 donors) distribution of the CD4+ T-cell subsets (determined  
711 by flow cytometry) for each sorted cell fraction as follows: high activation and GFP+, high activation  
712 and GFP-, low activation and GFP+ and low activation and GFP- (n=4). C) Representative analyses of  
713 OCR and ECAR (measured as above) for each cell fraction (left) and the median and IQR basal OCR  
714 and ECAR for 6 (high activation) and 4 (low activation) donors (right).

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716 **Figure 5. Rate of glucose uptake by CD4+ T-cell subsets is associated with their susceptibility to**  
717 **HIV-1 infection**

718 CD4+ T cells were sorted based on their differentiation status (Tn or Tcm) and their rate of 2NBDG  
719 uptake. Sorted cells were then challenged with HIV-1<sub>GFP</sub>-VSV. A) Representative example of 2NBDG  
720 content after sorting (top panels) and the levels of GFP expression 72 h after challenge in CD4+ T-cell  
721 fractions exposed (HIV-1) or not (control) to the virus. B) Percentage of GFP-positive cells among  
722 CD4+ T-cell fractions (Tn and Tcm sorted depending on their preinfection 2-NBDG uptake). Symbols  
723 represent individual values (n=3, Tn; n=5, Tcm) donors. Medians and IQR values are represented by  
724 horizontal lines.

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726 **Figure 6. Inhibition of cell metabolic pathways blocks HIV-1 infection of CD4+ T-cells**

727 A) Relative level of infection (blue bars) and cell death (purple bars) compared to the control  
728 conditions in 5-days activated CD4+ T-cells infected in the absence or presence of increasing amounts  
729 of Etomoxir, DON, or 2-DG (median and IQR, n=3 donors). B) Infection and cell death in CD4+ T-cells  
730 exposed to HIV-1 in glucose-containing medium in the absence or presence of 2-DG (5 mM) or in  
731 culture medium without glucose (starvation) (left) or in the absence or presence of UK5099 (25  $\mu$ M)  
732 (right). C) Relative number of U5-Gag copies in CD4+ T-cells at 6h, 15h or 72h after infection with  
733 HIV-1<sub>GFP</sub>-VSV in the absence or presence of 2-DG. Individual values (symbols), medians and IQRs  
734 (horizontal lines) for five different donors are shown. D) Infection levels and number of U5-Gag  
735 copies 72h after challenge with HIV-1<sub>GFP</sub>-VSV in the absence or presence of 2-DG added at the time of  
736 challenge, 4h or 8h post challenge. Values represent the relative levels of infection compared to the  
737 control condition (median and IQR, n=3 donors). E) Changes in HIV-1 infection levels in CD4+ T-cell  
738 subsets 72h after the infection of bulk CD4+ T-cells in the absence or in presence of 2-DG (orange  
739 symbols) or Etomoxir (beige symbols). Medians (n=7 donors) are shown. F) Percentage of HIV-1  
740 productively (left panel) or latently (right panel) infected cells 72h after the infection of CD4+ T-cells  
741 with HIV-1DuoFluo VSVG particles in the presence of 2-DG or etomoxir. Median and IQR values from

742 experiments with 6 donors are shown. G) p24 production in supernatants from CD4+T-cell cultures 3  
743 and 7 days after infection with HIV-1 BaL in the absence (blue bars) or presence of 2-DG (5 mM)  
744 (orange bars). Means and standard deviations for three replicates are shown at each time point for  
745 experiments done with cells from three different donors.

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747 **Figure 7. Suboptimal inhibition of glucose metabolism selectively eliminates preinfected CD4+ T-**  
748 **cells and inhibits HIV-1 amplification from reservoirs**

749 A) Cell viability in sorted pre-infected GFP+ (green) or noninfected GFP- (red) CD4+ T cells cultured  
750 for 48 h in the absence or presence of 2-DG. A) One representative example is shown. B) Relative  
751 survival of 2-DG treated cells (circles) was compared to that of nontreated cells (squares) at 24 h and  
752 48 h. C) Changes in the CD4+ T-cell subset distribution 48h after the treatment of infected bulk CD4+  
753 T-cells with 2-DG when compared with the distribution in the control condition. Median values and  
754 IQR are shown (n=3 donors). D) HIV-1 reactivation from CD4+ T-cells from six individuals on cART  
755 upon PHA/IL-2 stimulation in the absence (blue line/symbols) or presence of 2-DG (5 mM) (orange  
756 line/symbols) (mean and SD, 3 replicates). Mean p24 values in the absence or presence of 2-DG on  
757 day 14 post stimulation are shown for all six experiments (right panel).

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760 **STAR METHODS**

761 **CONTACT FOR REAGENT AND RESOURCE SHARING**

762 Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to the Lead Contact,  
763 Asier Saez-Cirion (asier.saez-cirion@pasteur.fr). Request for biological resources will be fulfilled  
764 based on availability and upon the establishment of an MTA.

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766 **EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS**

767 Blood samples from non-HIV-infected donors were obtained from the French blood bank  
768 (Etablissement Français du Sang) as part of an agreement with the Institut Pasteur (C CPSL UNT,  
769 number 15/EFS/023). Fifty-milliliter blood samples were obtained from six HIV-infected individuals  
770 on antiretroviral therapy who had HIV plasma viral loads <50 RNA copies/mL from the ANRS  
771 TRANSbioHIV study after obtaining written informed consent in accordance with the Declaration of  
772 Helsinki (Table S2). The TRANSbioHIV study was approved by the Ethics Review Committee (Comité  
773 de protection des personnes) of Île-de-France VII.

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775 **METHOD DETAILS**

776 **Isolation and culture of CD4+ T-cells**

777 CD4+ T-cells were purified (>90%) from freshly isolated PBMCs by negative selection with antibody-  
778 coated magnetic beads (EasySep™ Human CD4+ T-cell Enrichment Kit Ref.19052) in a Robosep  
779 instrument (Stem Cell Technology).

780 Purified CD4+ cells ( $10^6$  cell/mL) were cultured in RPMI 1640 containing GlutaMAX, 10% FCS,  
781 penicillin (10 IU/mL) and streptomycin (10 µg/mL) in the presence of IL-2 (Miltenyi) at 50 IU/mL  
782 (Culture media). Depending on the experiment, cells were left unstimulated or were stimulated for 3  
783 or 5 days with 0.5 µg/mL soluble antiCD3 (BioLegend, Ref.300414, Clone UCHT1) in the absence of  
784 CD28 co-stimulation as previously described (Saez-Cirion et al., 2011). Different compounds that  
785 target metabolic pathways [2-deoxy-glucose, 2-DG (Seahorse Biotechnologies); (+)-Etomoxir sodium

786 salt hydrate (Sigma, Ref. E1905); UK5099 (Sigma, Ref. PZ0160); 6-diazo-5-oxo-l-norleucine  
787 (DON)(Sigma, Ref. D2141); glucose (Seahorse Biotechnologies); oligomycin (Seahorse  
788 Biotechnologies) or carbonyl cyanide 4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenylhydrazone FCCP (Seahorse  
789 Biotechnologies)] were added to the culture media at different times and concentrations depending  
790 on the protocol conditions. A glucose-free culture media was used in some infection experiments and  
791 is described in the results section [RPMI non-glucose, GlutaMAX, containing 10% FCS, penicillin (10  
792 IU/mL) and streptomycin (10 µg/mL) in the presence of IL-2 (Miltenyi) at 50 IU/mL (culture media)].  
793 After culture, living cells were counted with an automatic Countess cell counter (Invitrogen) based on  
794 size and non-staining with trypan blue. The number of living cells was then normalized before  
795 analysis.

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#### 797 **HIV infection in vitro**

798 Single-round infections were performed with HIV-1 NL4.3ΔenvΔnef/GFP (Amara et al., 2003) and  
799 HIV-1-DuoFluoΔenv(R7GEmC) (provided by Professor Eric Verdin and Dr. Calvanese, NIH AIDS  
800 Reagent Program, Division of AIDS, NIAID, NIH: Cat# 12595 DuoFluo (R7GEmC)) (Calvanese et al.,  
801 2013). Both viruses were pseudotyped with the VSV-G envelope protein by transiently cotransfecting  
802 (SuperFect; Qiagen) 293T cells with the proviral vectors and the VSV-G expression vector pMD2.G.  
803 Nonactivated or activated CD4 + T-cells were infected in triplicate ( $5 \times 10^4$  cells/well, 200 µL) with 35  
804 ng/ $1 \times 10^6$  HIV-1 NL4.3Δnef/GFP/VSV-G and with 70 ng of HIV-1-DuoFluo(R7GEmC)/VSVg per million  
805 cells. Active HIV-1 infection was estimated by flow cytometry (BD LSRII, BD bioscience) as the  
806 percentage of GFP-expressing CD4+ T-cells 72 h after infection. Latent HIV infection was estimated by  
807 flow cytometry as the percentage of mCherry+GFP-CD4+ T-cells 72 h after infection with HIV-1-  
808 DuoFluo(R7GEmC) particles.

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810 HIV-1 reverse transcripts (U5-Gag) were quantified by real-time PCR with an Applied Biosystems 7500  
811 Real-Time PCR System 6, 16 and 72 h after infection of CD4+ T-cells with VSV-G–pseudotyped HIV-1

812 particles as described in (David et al., 2006). Briefly, total DNA was extracted with the NucleoSpin  
813 8/96 Tissue Core kit (Macherey-Nagel, Ref. 740453.4) and 100 ng of template DNA were used per  
814 reaction. DNA loading was controlled by concurrently amplifying the albumin gene by real-time PCR  
815 and quantifying with reference to a control human genomic DNA (Roche). The reaction mixture  
816 contained 1× TaqMan Universal PCR master mix, 300 nM of primers and 200 nM of the fluorogenic  
817 probe, in a final volume of 30 µl. PCR cycle conditions were: 50°C for 2 min, 95°C for 10 min, and 40  
818 cycles of 95°C for 15 s and 60°C for 1 min. Copy numbers of U5-Gag were determined with reference  
819 to a standard curve prepared by concurrent amplification of serial dilutions of 8E5 cells containing  
820 one integrated copy of HIV-1 per cell.

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822 Productive HIV-1 infection in vitro was studied in suboptimally activated CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells (10<sup>6</sup> cells/mL in  
823 triplicate) exposed to the HIV-1 BaL strain (R5) (10 ng p24/ml). The cells were cultured in 96-U-well  
824 plates for 14 days in the presence or absence of 2-DG (5 mM). Every 3-4 days, the culture  
825 supernatants were removed and replaced with fresh culture medium with or without 2-DG. Viral  
826 replication was monitored in the supernatants by p24 enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA)  
827 (XpressBio) or at day 3 by intracellular p24 staining (p24-FITC (clone KC57, Coulter) (Saez-Cirion et al.,  
828 2010).

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### 830 **Flow-assisted sorting of CD4 + T-cell subsets**

831 Cells were first selected based on size and structure to eliminate cellular debris. Then cell singlets  
832 and living cells (not stained with LIVE/DEAD Fixable Aqua Dead Cell Stain Kit, Thermofisher) are gated  
833 before proceeding with further selection based on phenotypical or functional markers (Figures S1,  
834 S4, S5).

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836 Resting (CD25<sup>-</sup>, CD69<sup>-</sup>, HLA-DR<sup>-</sup>) CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cell subsets [naïve (**T<sub>n</sub>**; CD3<sup>+</sup>, CD4<sup>+</sup>, CD45RA<sup>+</sup>, CCR7<sup>+</sup>,  
837 CD27<sup>+</sup>, CD95<sup>-</sup>), central memory (**T<sub>cm</sub>**; CD3<sup>+</sup>, CD4<sup>+</sup>, CD45RA<sup>-</sup>, CCR7<sup>+</sup>, CD27<sup>+</sup>), transitional memory

838 (**Ttm**; CD3+, CD4+, CD45RA-, CCR7-, CD27+) or effector memory (**Tem**; CD3+, CD4+, CD45RA-, CCR7-,  
839 CD27-)] were sorted on a FACS ARIA III cell sorter (BD) using the following antibody panel: CD3-  
840 eFLuor450 (eBioscience), CD4-alexaFluor700 (BD), CD45RA-ECD (BC), CCR7-PE\_Cy7 (BioLegend),  
841 CD27-APC (Miltenyi), CD95-PE (Miltenyi), CD25-FITC (BD), CD69-FITC (eBioscience) and HLA-DR-FITC  
842 (BD). The gating strategy is depicted in Figure S1. The number of sorted cells varied from 0.5 to 5  
843 million cells depending on the CD4+ T-cell subset and the donor. The purity of the sorted subset was  
844 greater than 98%.

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846 GFP+ and GFP- CD4+ T-cells were sorted 72 h after infection with VSV-G pseudotyped  
847 NL4.3ΔenvΔnef/GFP particles (Figure S4A). For some experiments, GFP+ and GFP- cells were also  
848 sorted into the following categories based on their expression of activation markers (CD25-ECD, HLA-  
849 DR\_PerCyP5.5) (Figure 4 and Figure S4B): high activation GFP+ [**H/+** (GFP+, CD25+,HLA-DR+)]; high  
850 activation GFP- [**H/-** (GFP-, CD25+, HLA-DR+)]; low activation GFP+ [**L/+**, (GFP+, CD25-,HLA-DR-)]; and  
851 low activation GFP- [**L/-** (GFP-, CD25-,HLA-DR-)].

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853 For some experiments, CD4+ Tn and Tcm cells were sorted based on their level of glucose uptake  
854 after 5 days of stimulation with anti-CD3 (Figure S5A). The cells were washed and incubated with 2-  
855 NBDG (2-(N-(7-nitrobenz-2-oxa-1,3-diazol-4-yl)amino)-2-deoxyglucose) (Thermo Fisher, Ref. N13195)  
856 at 75 μM in PBS for 30 min at 37°C. After 3 washes of 10 min each with fresh PBS, the cells were  
857 stained with antibodies (CD3-eFLuor450 (eBioscience), CD4-alexaFluor700 (BD), CD45RA-ECD (BC),  
858 CCR7-PE\_Cy7 (BioLegend), and CD27-APC (Miltenyi)) and sorted as follows: **Tn HGLu** (CD3+, CD4+,  
859 CD45RA+, CCR7+, CD27+, 2NBDG+); **Tn LGLu** (CD3+, CD4+, CD45RA+, CCR7+, CD27+, 2NBDG-); **Tcm**  
860 **HGLu** (CD3+, CD4+, CD45RA-, CCR7+, CD27+, 2NBDG+); and **Tcm LGLu** (CD3+, CD4+, CD45RA-, CCR7+,  
861 CD27+, 2NBDG-).

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863 **Surface GLUT1 staining**



864 CD4+ T-cells were stained with HRBD-rFc, a recombinant fusion protein that specifically binds GLUT1  
865 (Metafora-biosystems, Paris, France), and a secondary goat-anti-Mouse Alexa Fluor 647 antibody  
866 (Thermofisher). HRBD is derived from the receptor-binding domain of the human T-cell leukemia  
867 virus envelope glycoprotein that binds the extracellular domain of GLUT1 (Manel et al., 2005). The  
868 following antibody panel was used to determine CD4+ T cell subsets: CD3-eFluor450 (eBioscience),  
869 CD4-alexaFluor700 (BD), CD45RA-ECD (BC), CCR7-PE\_Cy7 (BioLegend), CD27-PE (BD bioscience).

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### 871 **Quantitative RT-PCR arrays**

872 The expression levels of an array of 96 genes in the CD4+ T-cell subsets were quantified by RT-qPCR  
873 with a Biomark HQ system. Total RNA was extracted from  $5 \times 10^4$  CD4+ T-cells with an RNA trace kit  
874 (Macherey-Nagel, Ref. 740731.4) and treated with DNase, following the manufacturer's instructions.  
875 Twenty microliters of RNA (> 10 ng) was reverse transcribed with Reverse Transcription Master Mix  
876 (Fluidigm, 100-6298) (5 minutes at 25°C, 30 minutes at 42°C, and 5 minutes at 85°C). A specific target  
877 preamplification (STA) was performed by adding PreAmp Master Mix, 96 Primers Mix and EDTA to  
878 the cDNA, followed by STA cycling (95°C: 2 min, 18 cycles of [96°C: 5 s, 60°C 4 min]). The sample was  
879 then treated with exonuclease I (New England Biolabs) (37°C: 30 min, 80°C: 15 min). Sample premix  
880 (SsoFast EvaGreen Supermix with Low ROX (Biorad), DNA Binding Dye (Fluidigm), preamplified Exo 1-  
881 treated sample) and assay mix (assay loading reagent (Fluidigm), Delta Gene primers (Fluidigm)) were  
882 then loaded on primed 96.96 Dynamic Array chips (Fluidigm). The chips were transferred into a  
883 Biomark HQ device (Fluidigm) for thermocycling, and fluorescence was acquired with the GE 96×96  
884 PCR+Melt v2 program. Linear derivative mode baseline correction was applied. We used the  
885 Normfinder algorithm (Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark) (Andersen et al., 2004) to identify the  
886 optimal normalization gene among the assayed candidates for our experimental conditions. BENC1  
887 was thus identified as the optimal normalization gene based on expression stability in the analyzed  
888 samples (Table S3), and the gene expression values were plotted as  $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$ , where  $\Delta\Delta Ct = \Delta Ct_{\text{SAMPLE}} -$   
889  $\Delta Ct_{\text{CONTROL}}$ , and  $\Delta Ct = Ct_{\text{TARGET GENE}} - Ct_{\text{BENC1}}$ .

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891 **Measurement of oxygen consumption and extracellular acidification rates**

892 The oxygen consumption rate (OCR) and extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) were measured using  
893 a Seahorse XF96 metabolic analyzer following the procedure recommended by the manufacturer.  
894 Briefly, for all the experiments, different CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cell populations were seeded at a concentration of  
895  $2 \times 10^5$  cells per well on XF96 plates (Seahorse Bioscience) precoated with 0.5 mg/ml Cell Tack  
896 (Corning, Ref. 354240) immediately before adding Seahorse XF culture media to each well. Cells were  
897 incubated for 50 min in a CO<sub>2</sub>-free incubator at 37°C before loading the plate in the Seahorse  
898 analyzer. Different programs were run on the Seahorse analyzer depending on the assay. Drug Panel  
899 A (1) XFmedia 2) oligomycin (2.5 μM), 3) FCCP (0.9 μM) and 4) rotenone (1 μM) and antimycin A (1  
900 μM)) was injected through ports A, B, C and D, respectively, for the mitochondrial stress test. Drug  
901 Panel B ( 1) XFmedia 2) glucose (10 mM) 3) oligomycin (2.65 μM), and 4) 2-DG (100 mM)) was used  
902 for the glycolysis stress test.

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904 **Phenotyping after sorting**

905 In some experiments, sorted GFP<sup>+</sup>/<sup>-</sup> CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells subset or CD4<sup>+</sup> T bulk cells previously infected with  
906 NL4.3Δnef/GFP/VSV-G with or without 2-DG or Etomoxir were incubated with CD3-eFLuor450  
907 (eBioscience), CD4-alexaFluor700 (BD Biosciences), CD45RA-ECD (BC), CCR7-PE\_Cy7 (BioLegend) and  
908 CD27-APC (Miltenyi) to determine the CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cell subset distribution. In addition, the activation  
909 levels of sorted CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cell subsets were assessed with CD25-ECD (BD Biosciences) and HLA-DR-FITC  
910 (BD Biosciences). For both protocols, cells were incubated with the antibodies for 25 minutes and  
911 then washed in PBS plus 1% FCS and fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for flow cytometry on an LSRII  
912 device (BD Biosciences). The data were analyzed with Kaluza software (Beckman Coulter).

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914 **HIV-1 reactivation in CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells from HIV-1-infected individuals.**

915 Freshly isolated CD4+T-cells (negative selection kit, Stem Cell) from HIV-individuals undergoing  
916 successful cART were seeded in 48-well plates ( $1 \times 10^6$  cells/well, in triplicate) and stimulated with  
917 phytohemagglutinin-L (PHA-L, Roche, 1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) and IL-2 (Miltenyi) 100UI with or without 2-DG (5  
918 mM). The culture supernatants were collected every 3 to 4 days, and fresh medium +/- 2-DG was  
919 added to the cultures. Supernatants were stored at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ , and HIV-1 p24 was analyzed later by  
920 ultrasensitive digital ELISA (Simoa, Quanterix) (Passaes et al., 2017).

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## 922 **QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

### 923 **Differential gene expression**

924 For each gene, we implemented a mixed effects model to detect differential expression between cell  
925 types (Tn, Tcm, Ttm and Tem). We defined a model that included the type of cells as a fixed effect  
926 and the patient as a random effect. A p-value was then obtained by implementing a likelihood ratio  
927 test between the full model and a reduced model without the fixed effect. Heat maps were  
928 generated by K-means clustering. Data were filtered by variance ( $\delta/\delta_{\text{max}}=0.2$ ) to reduce background  
929 noise. Gene expression data were centered to a mean value of zero and scaled to unit variance.

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### 931 **Correlation between gene expression, metabolic parameters and HIV-1 susceptibility**

932 We computed Spearman's correlation coefficient and tested for significance.

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### 934 **Other analyses**

935 Values are presented in the graphs as medians and interquartile ranges. Statistical analyses were  
936 performed using SigmaPlot (Systat Software). The asterisks represent statistically significant  
937 differences (\* $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ). Differences between CD4+ T-cell subsets in different conditions  
938 were analyzed with nonparametric signed ANOVA and the multiple comparison Student-Newman-  
939 Keuls method. Differences between GFP+ and GFP- CD4+ T-cells or control vs treatment culture  
940 conditions were analyzed with paired t-tests. When multiple treatment conditions were tested,

941 ANOVA analyses and the Holm-Sidak method for multiple comparisons versus control group were  
942 used, and significant differences between experimental conditions were shown as horizontal lines.

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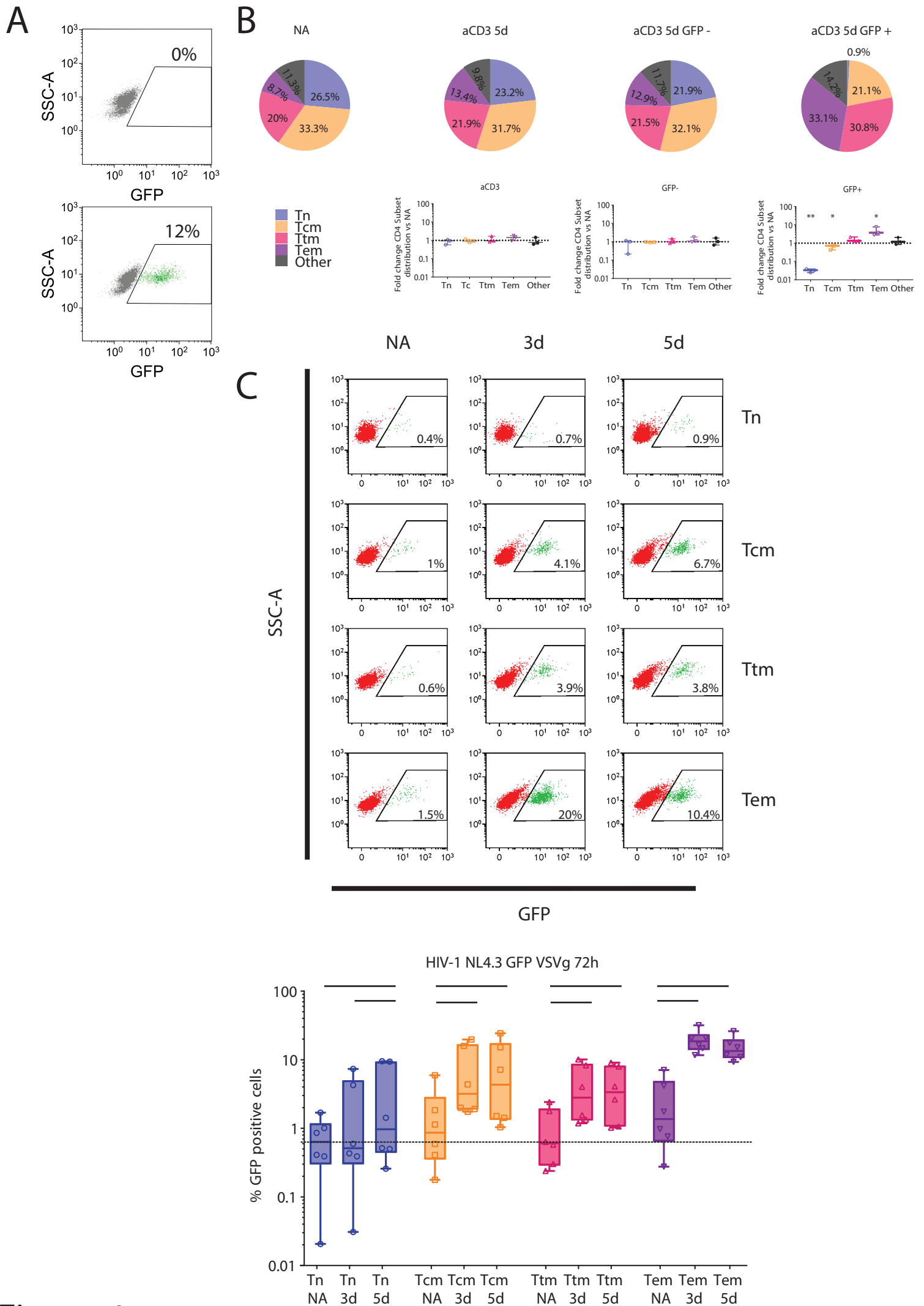


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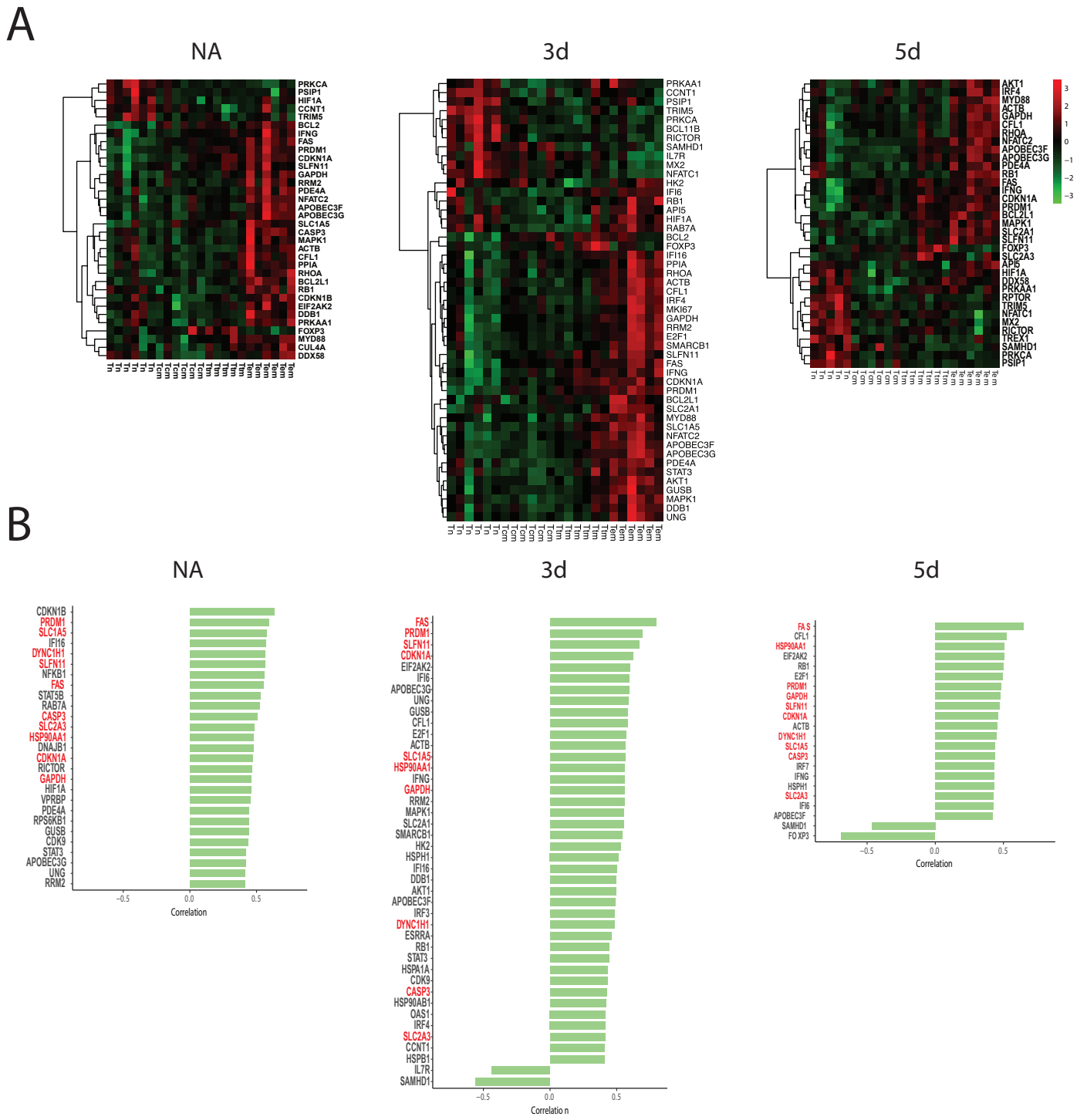
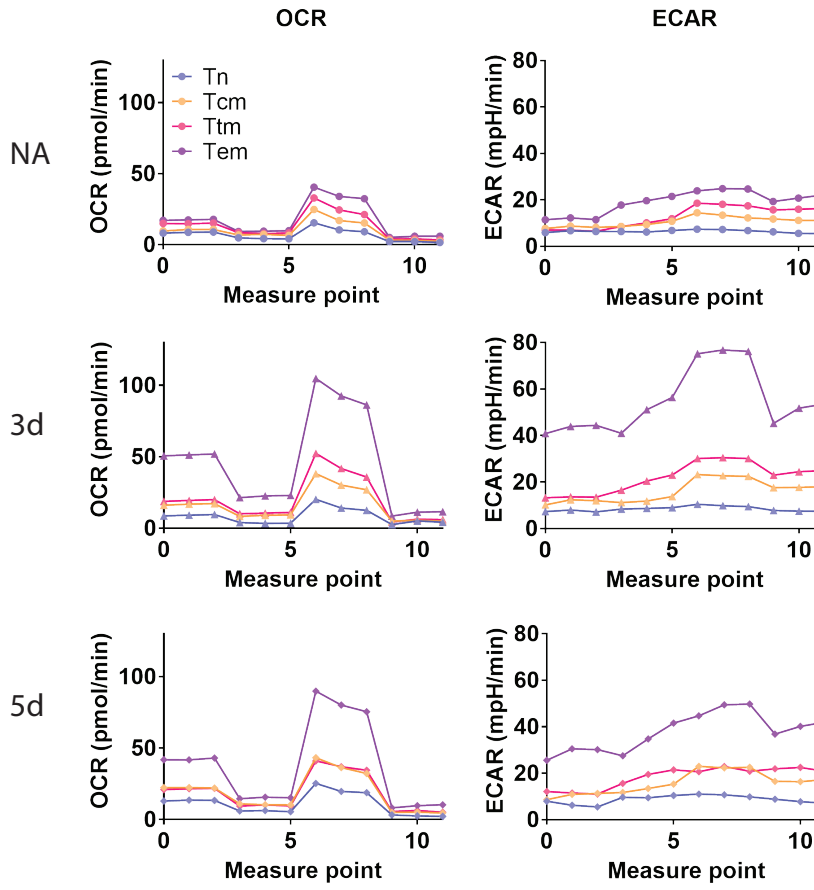
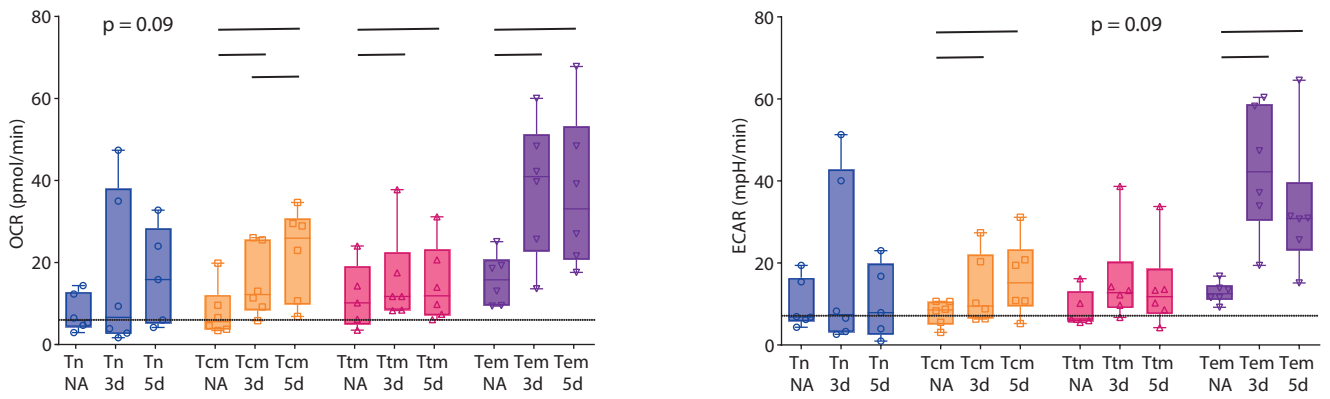


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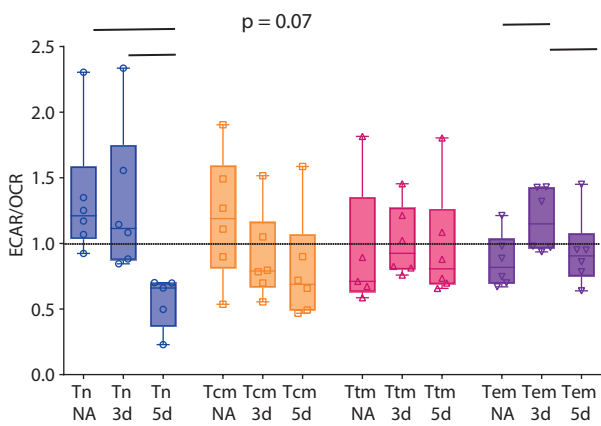
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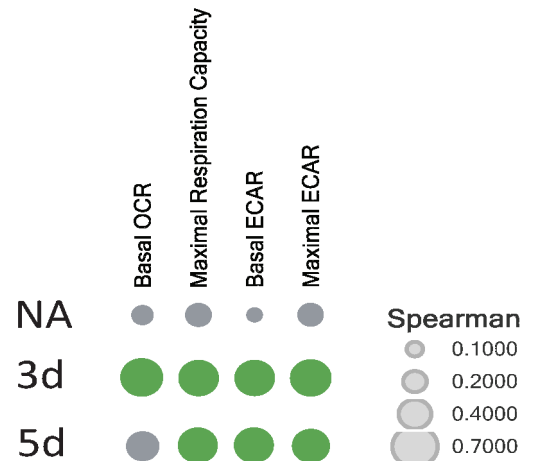


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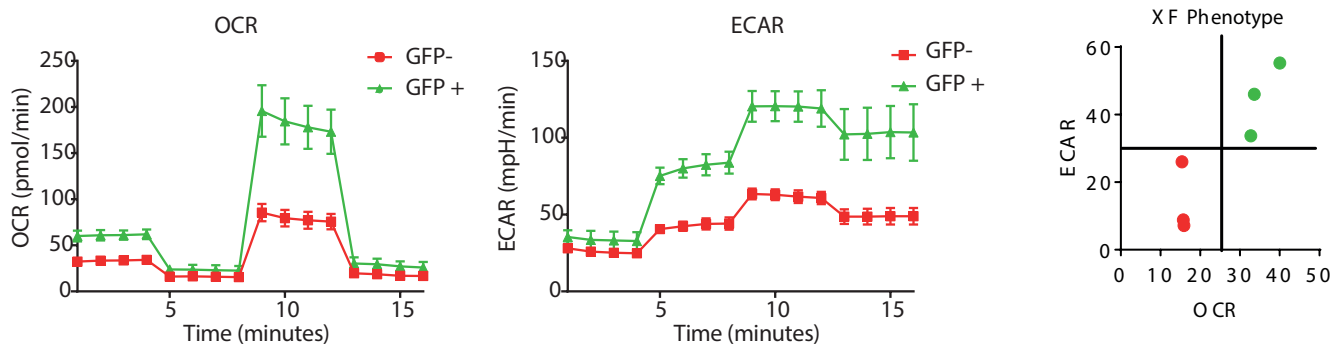
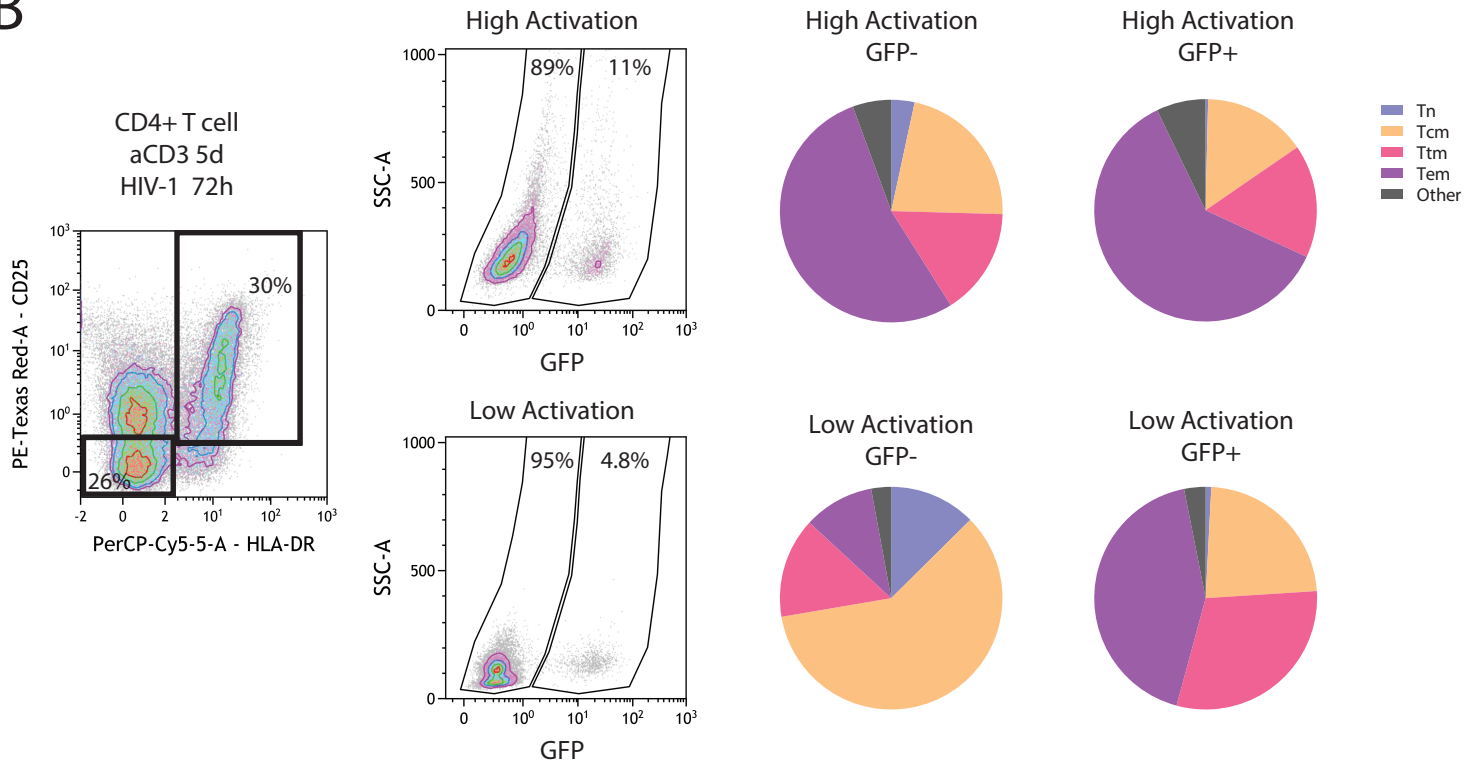
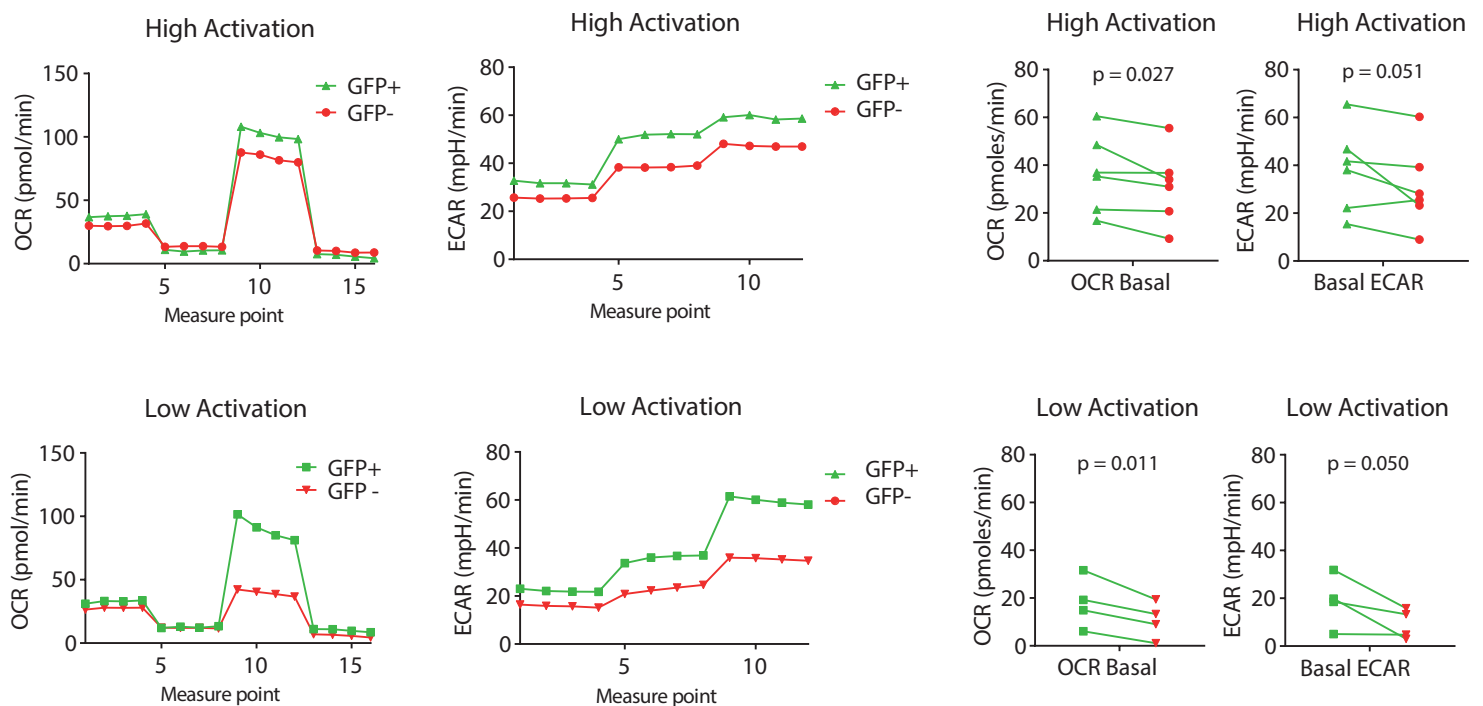
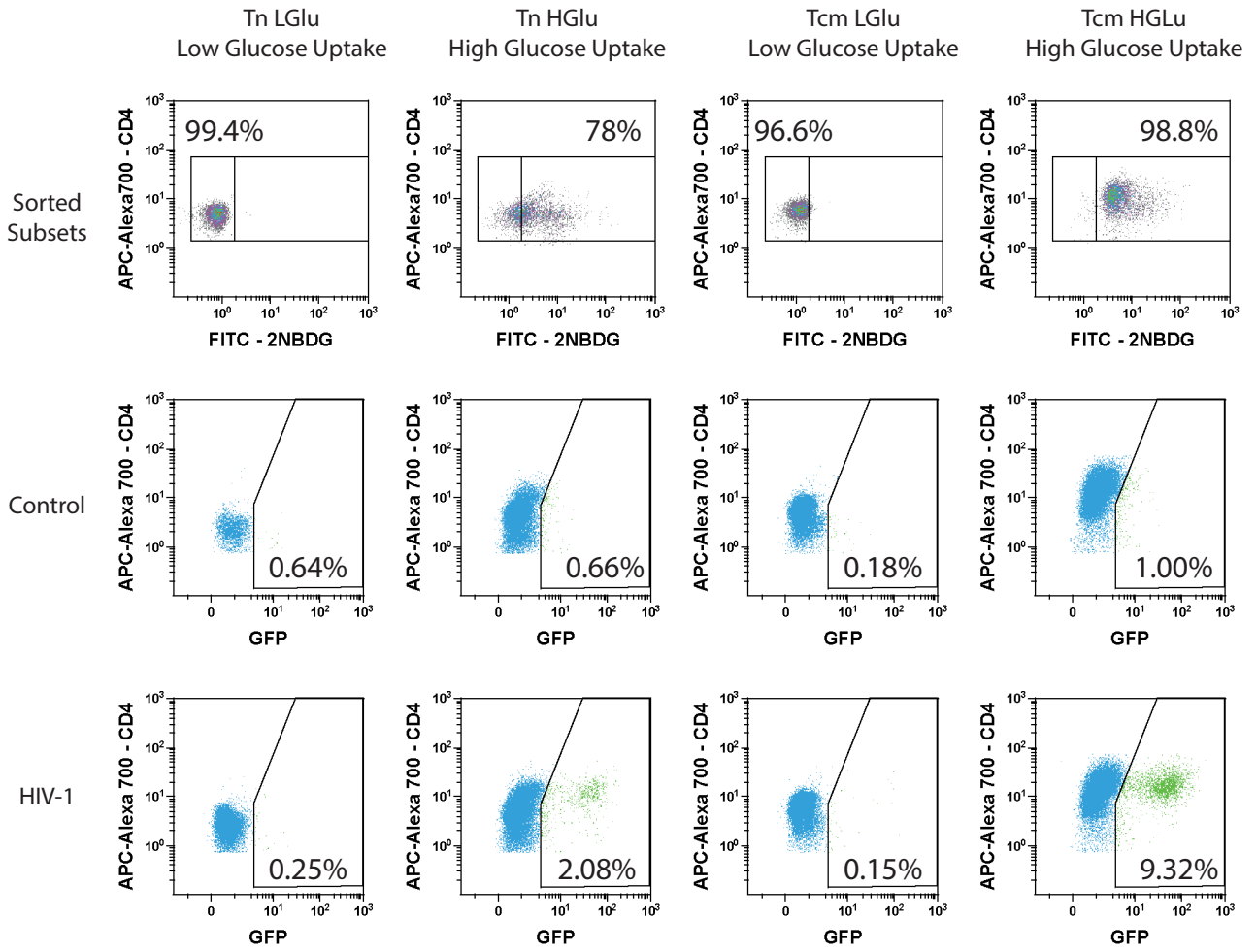
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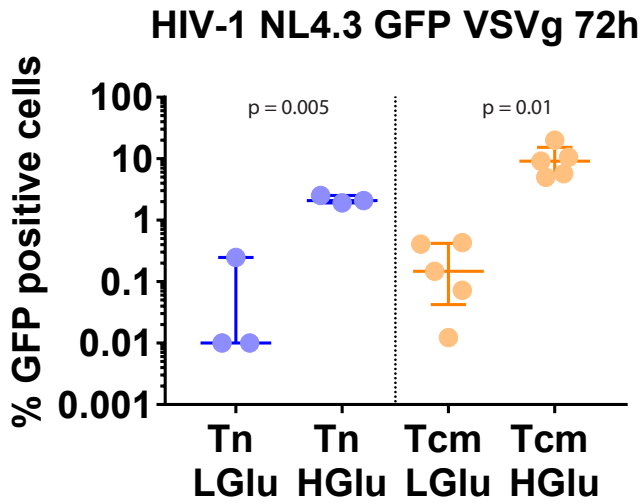
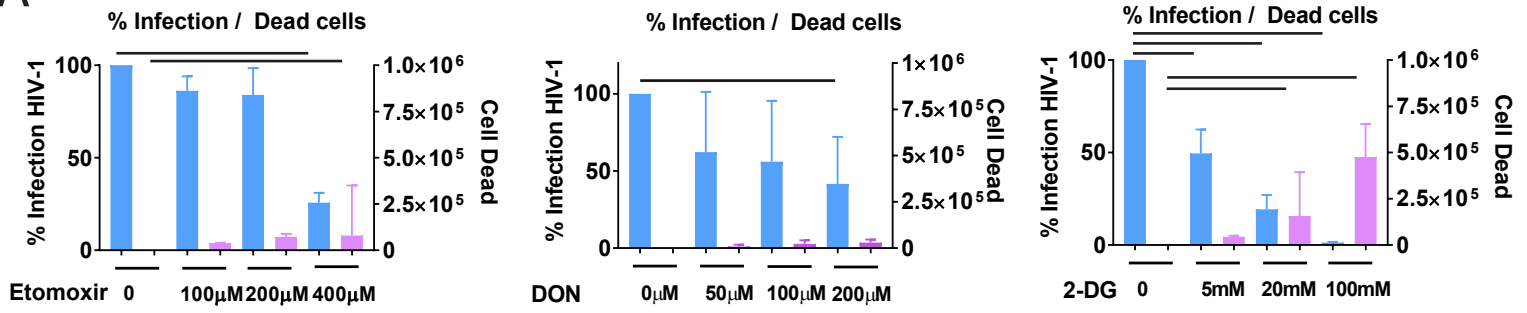
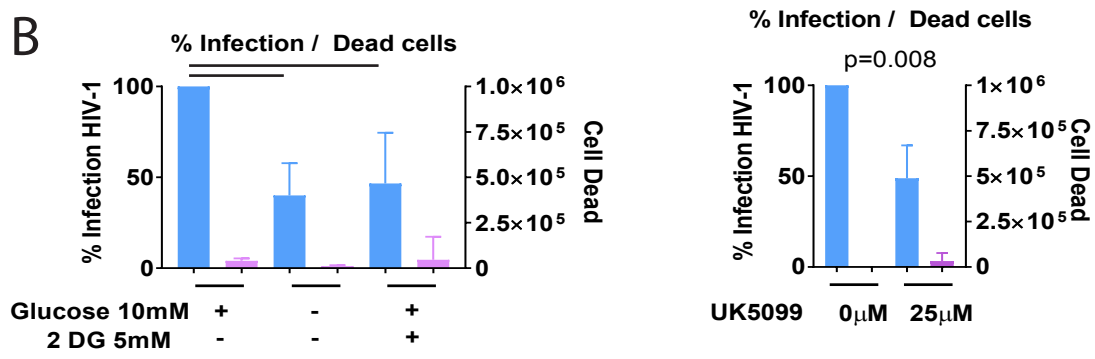


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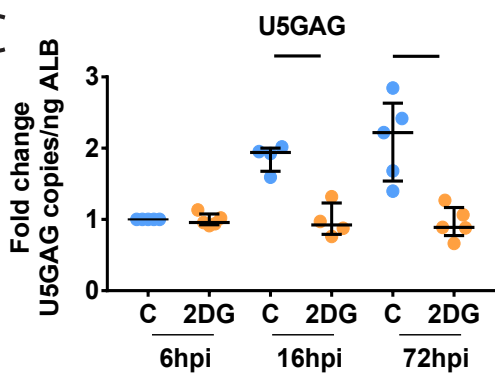
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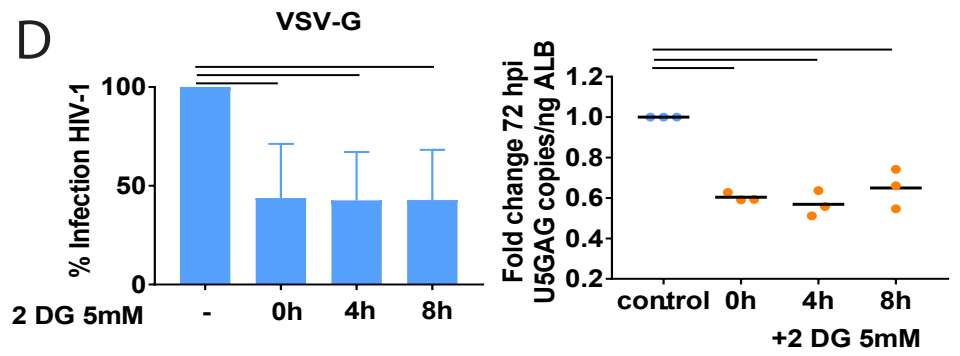
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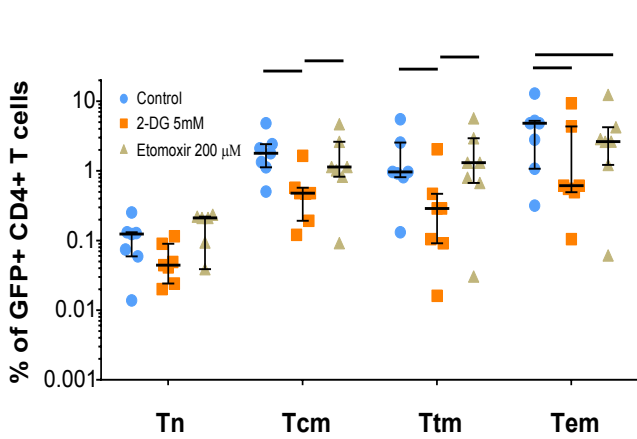
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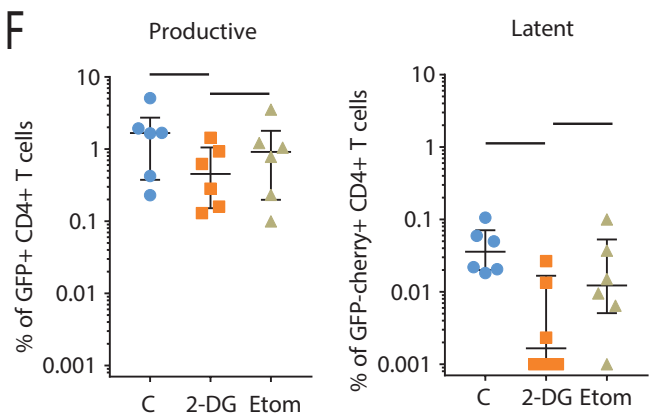
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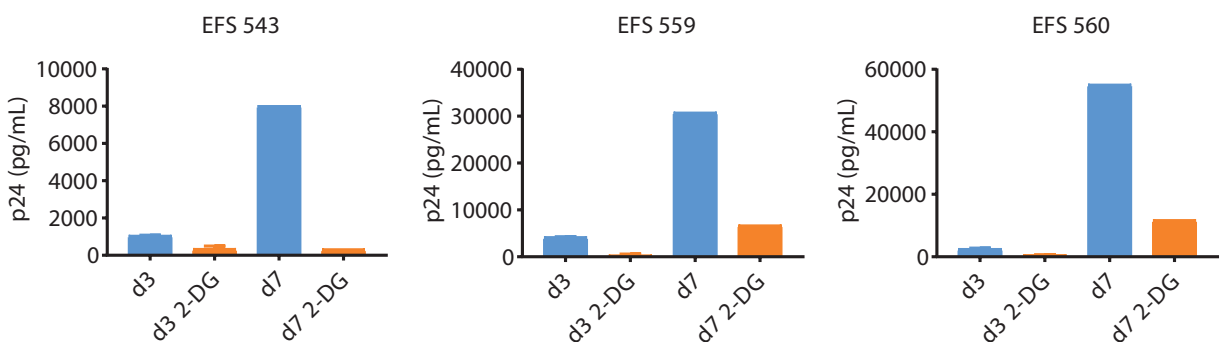


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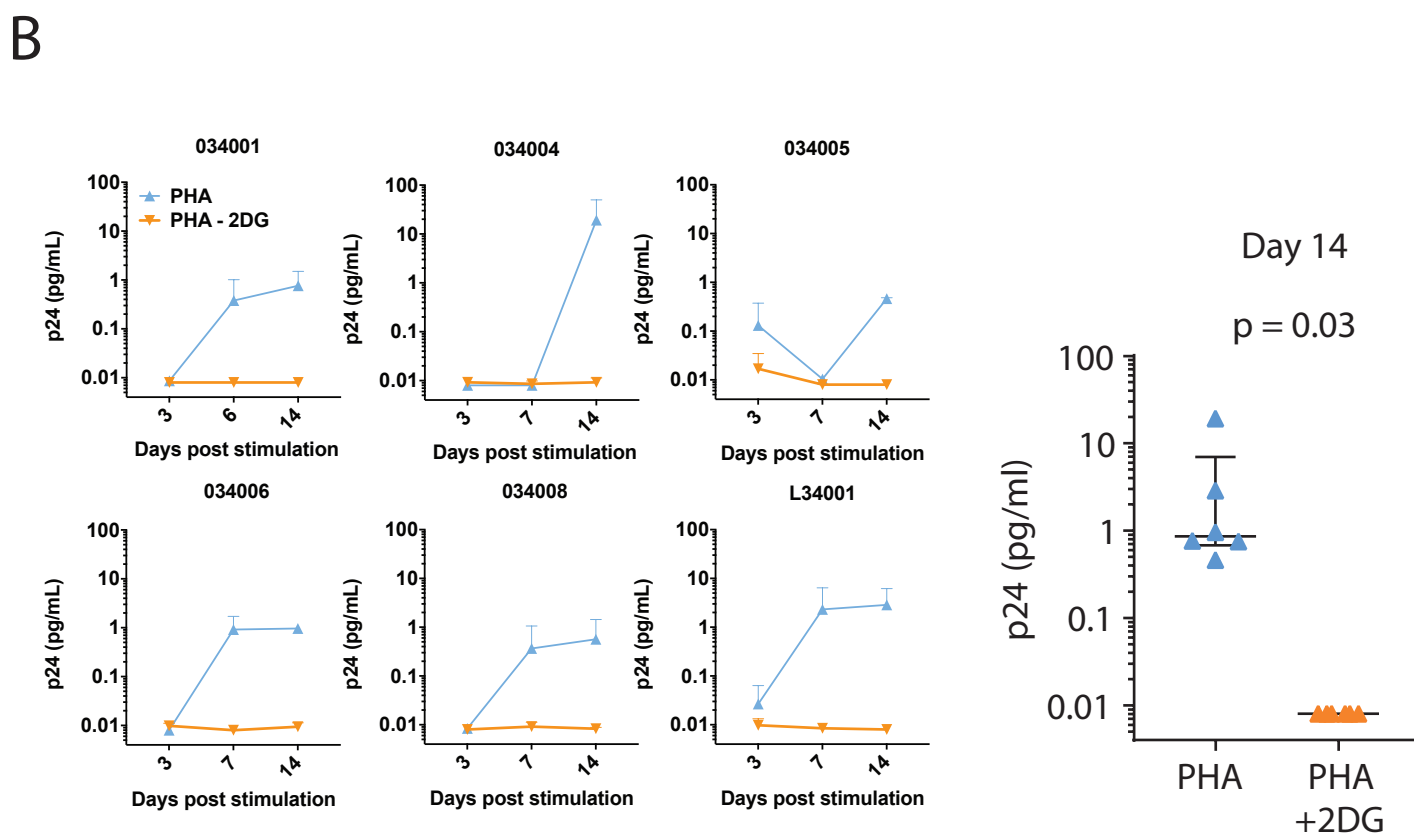
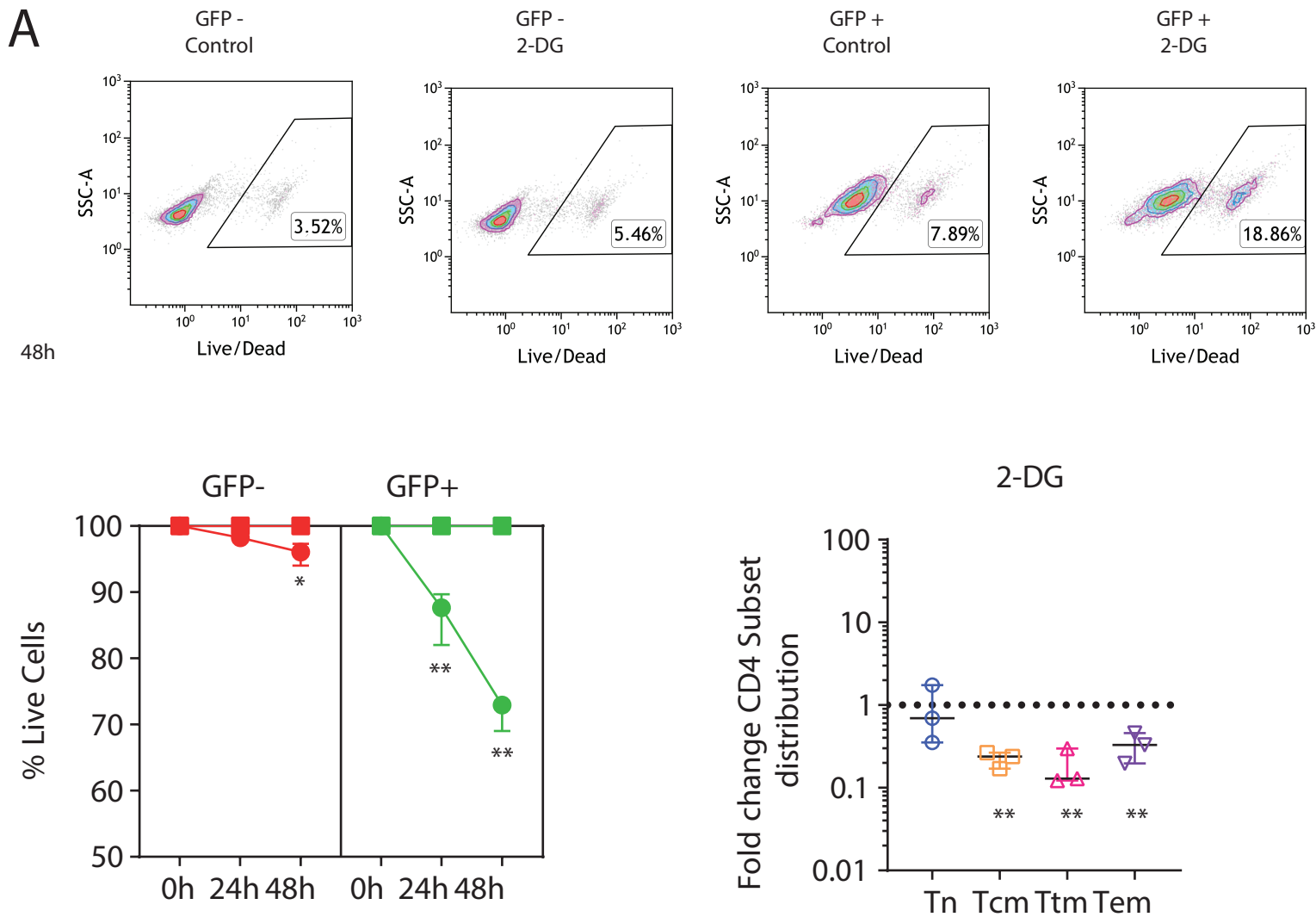


Figure 7

Oxphos  
glycolysis

