

# Role of humoral immunity against Aspergillus fumigatus

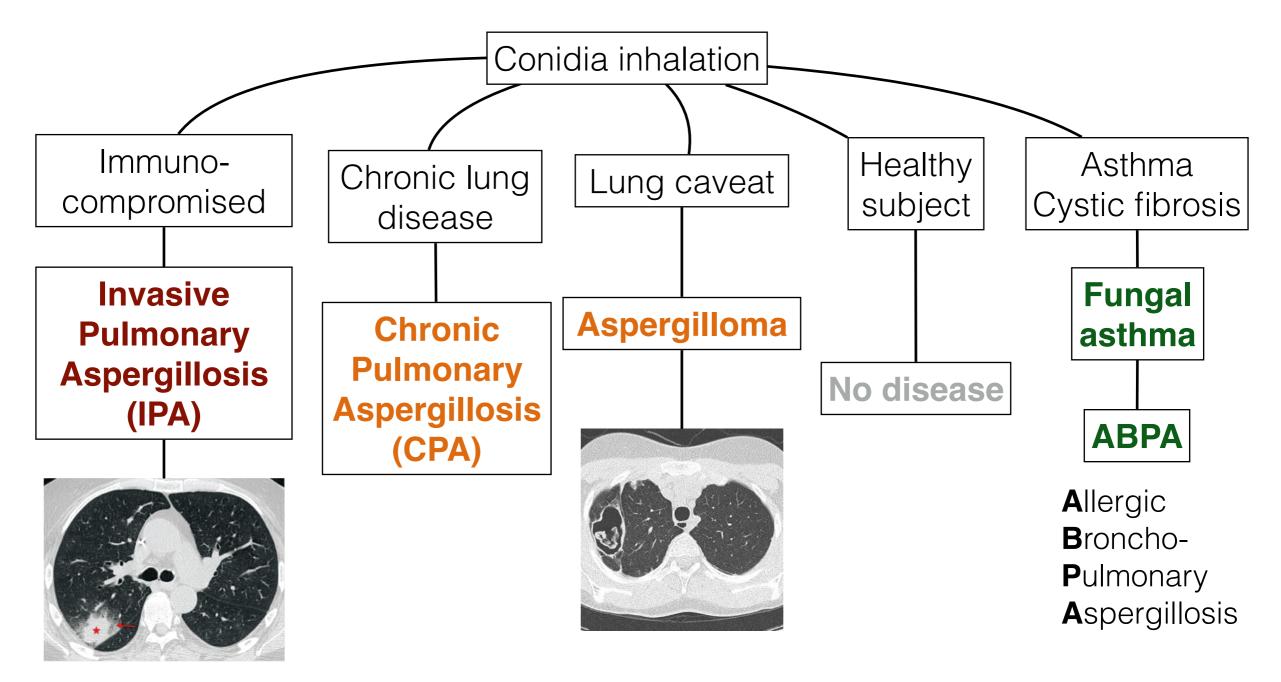
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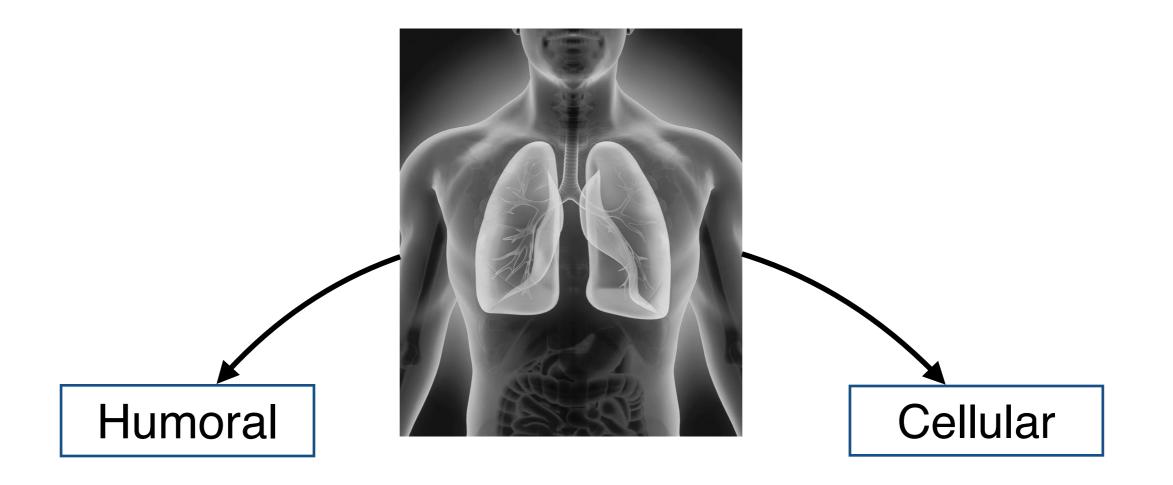
#### Aspergillosis spectrum







#### **Innate** immune response



Inflammation proteins

Complement

**Antimicrobial peptides** 

Immunoglobulines



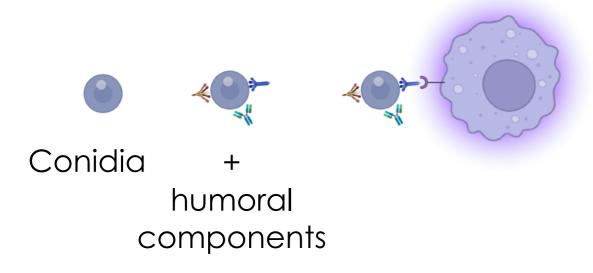
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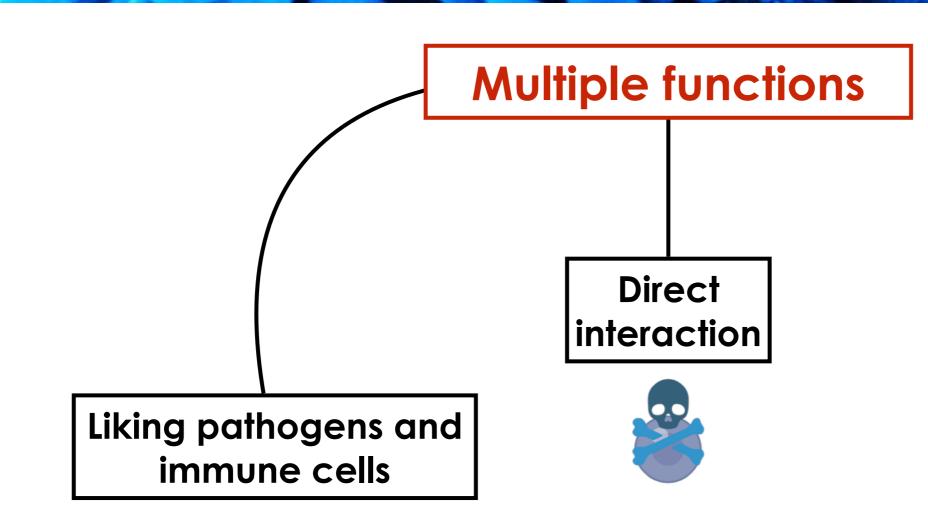
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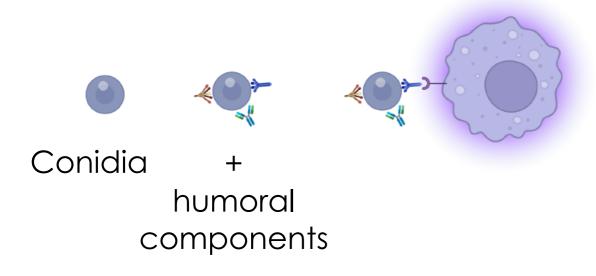
Liking pathogens and immune cells

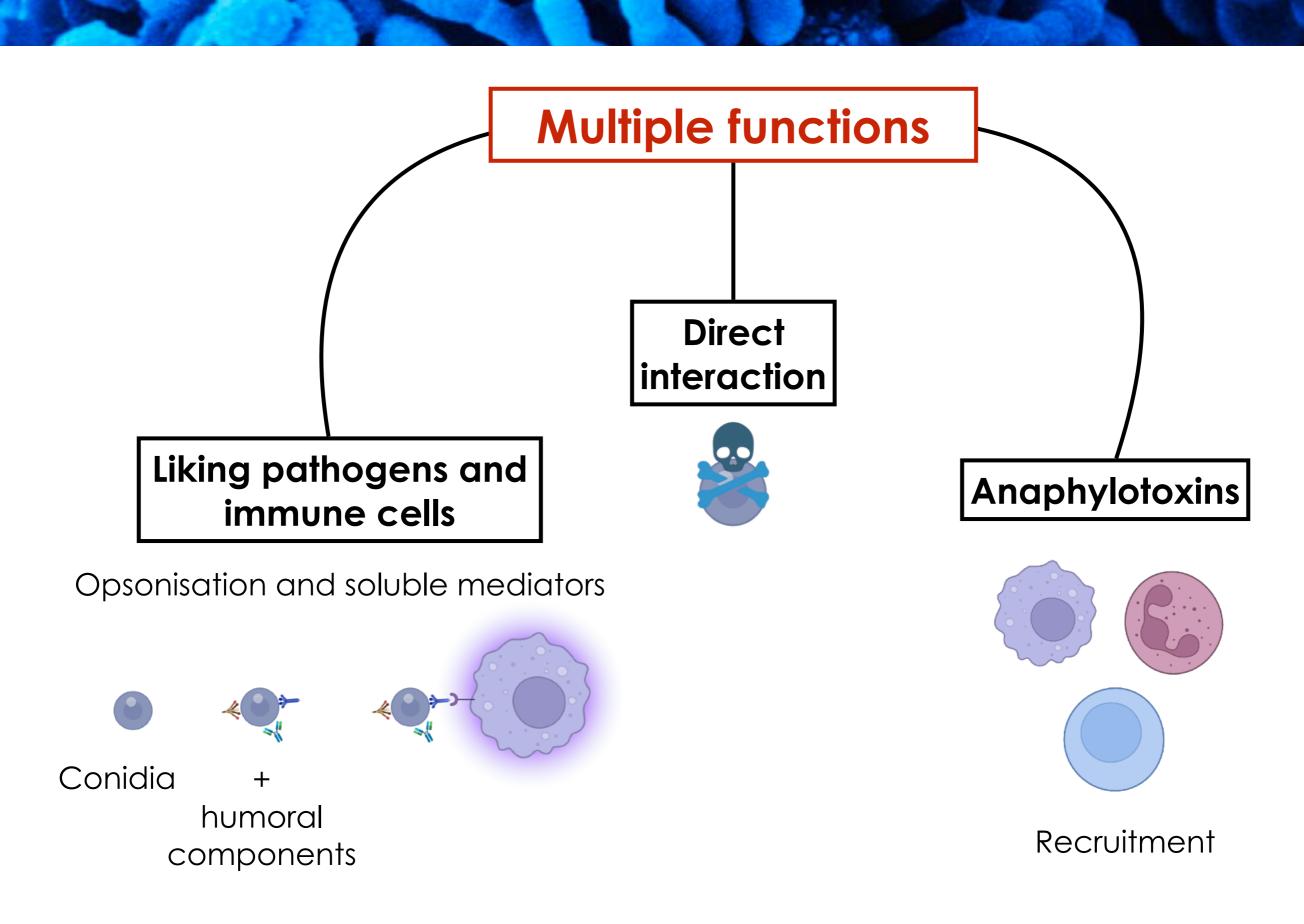
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## Aims

1. Identify major players of humoral immunity against Aspergillus fumigatus in BAL

2. Understand their interaction at molecular level and their impact on immune response

Identify candidate host markers of aspergillosis

Develop new therapeutic strategies Identify new leads to understanding the pathogenesis

#### BAL

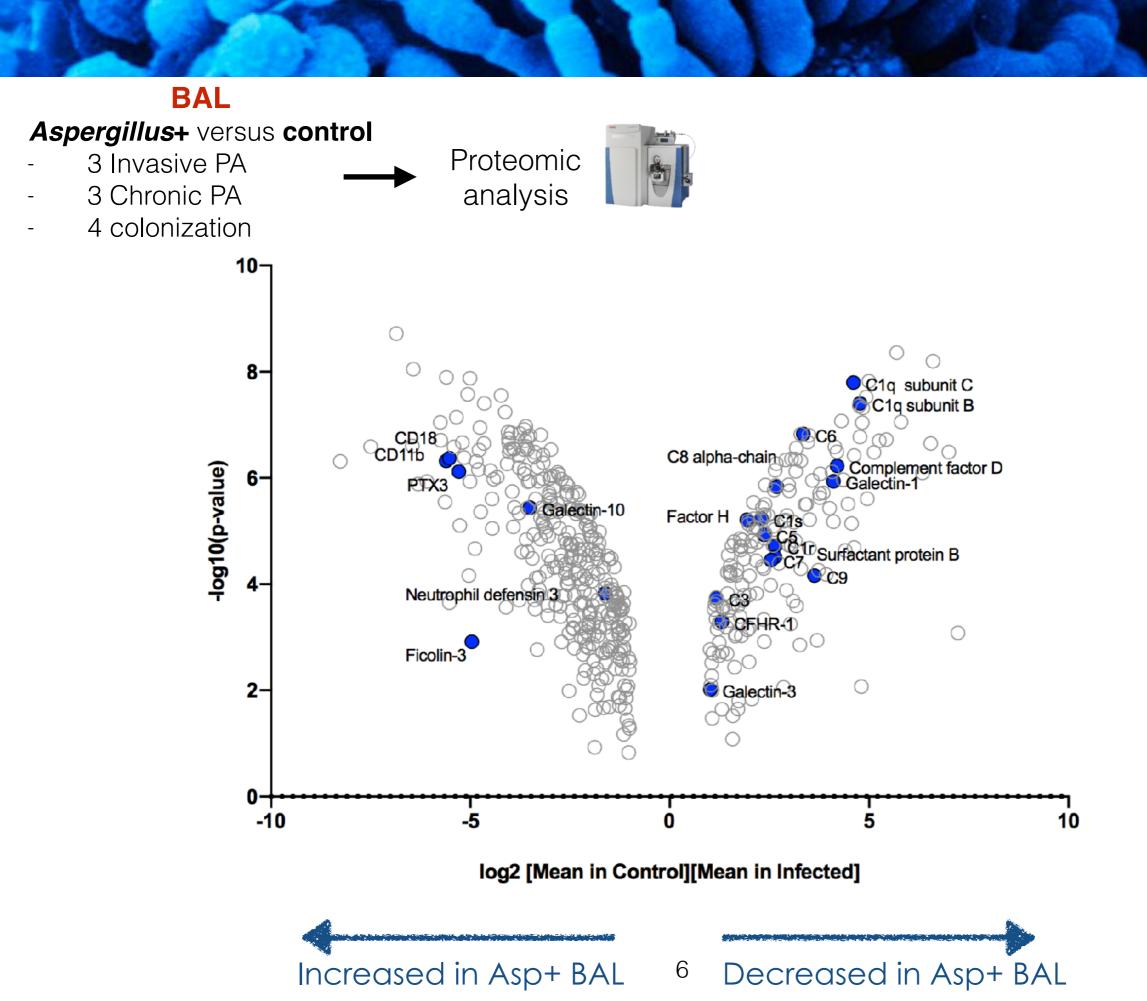
#### Aspergillus+ versus control

- 3 Invasive PA
- 3 Chronic PA
- 4 colonization

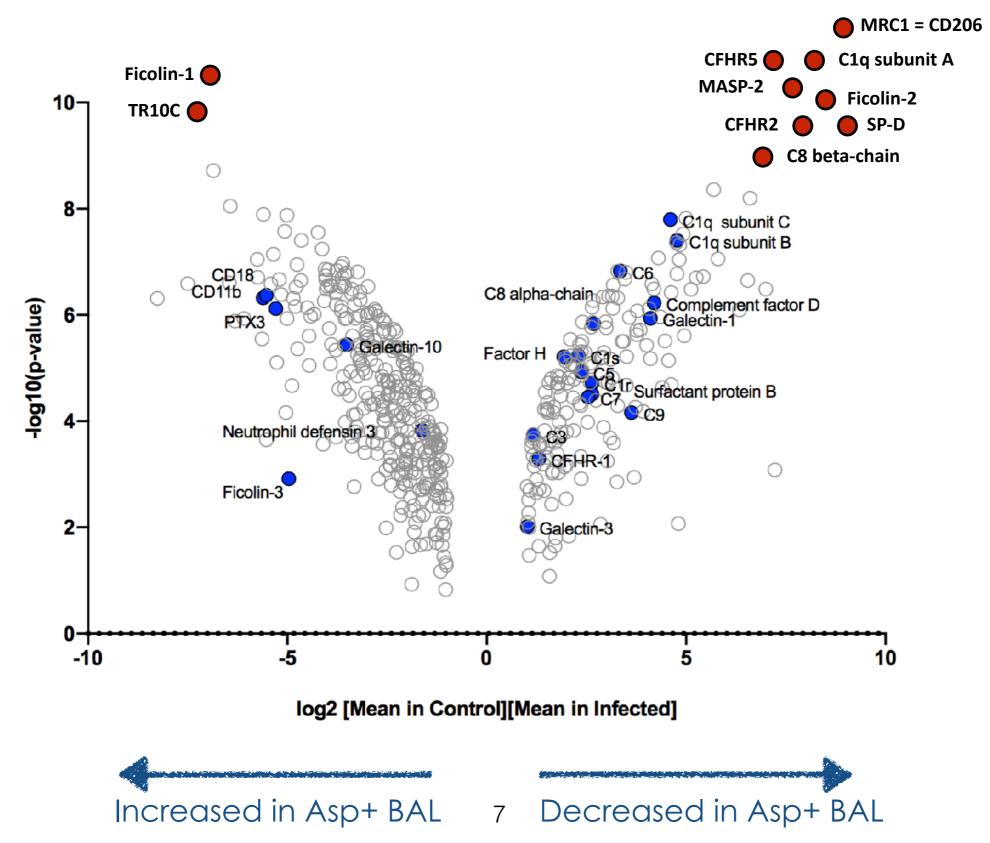




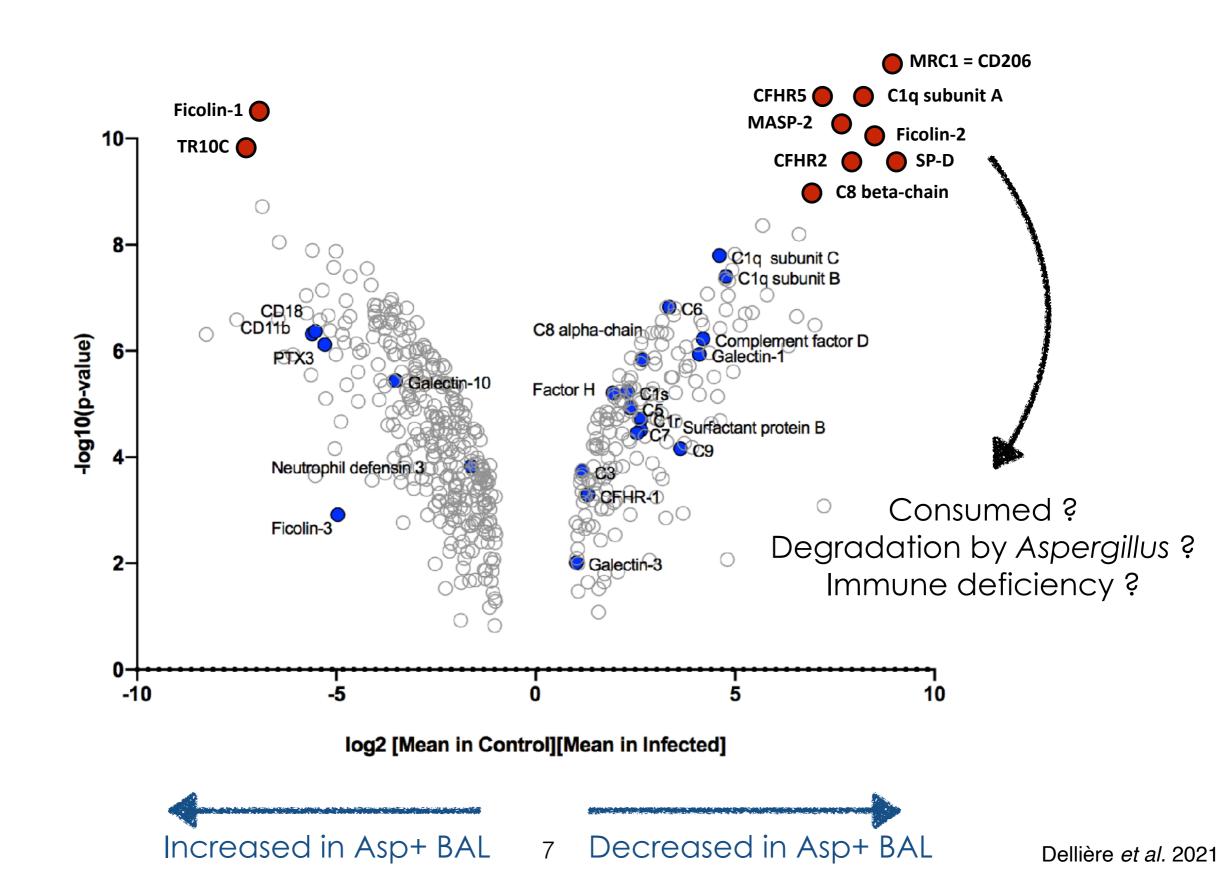


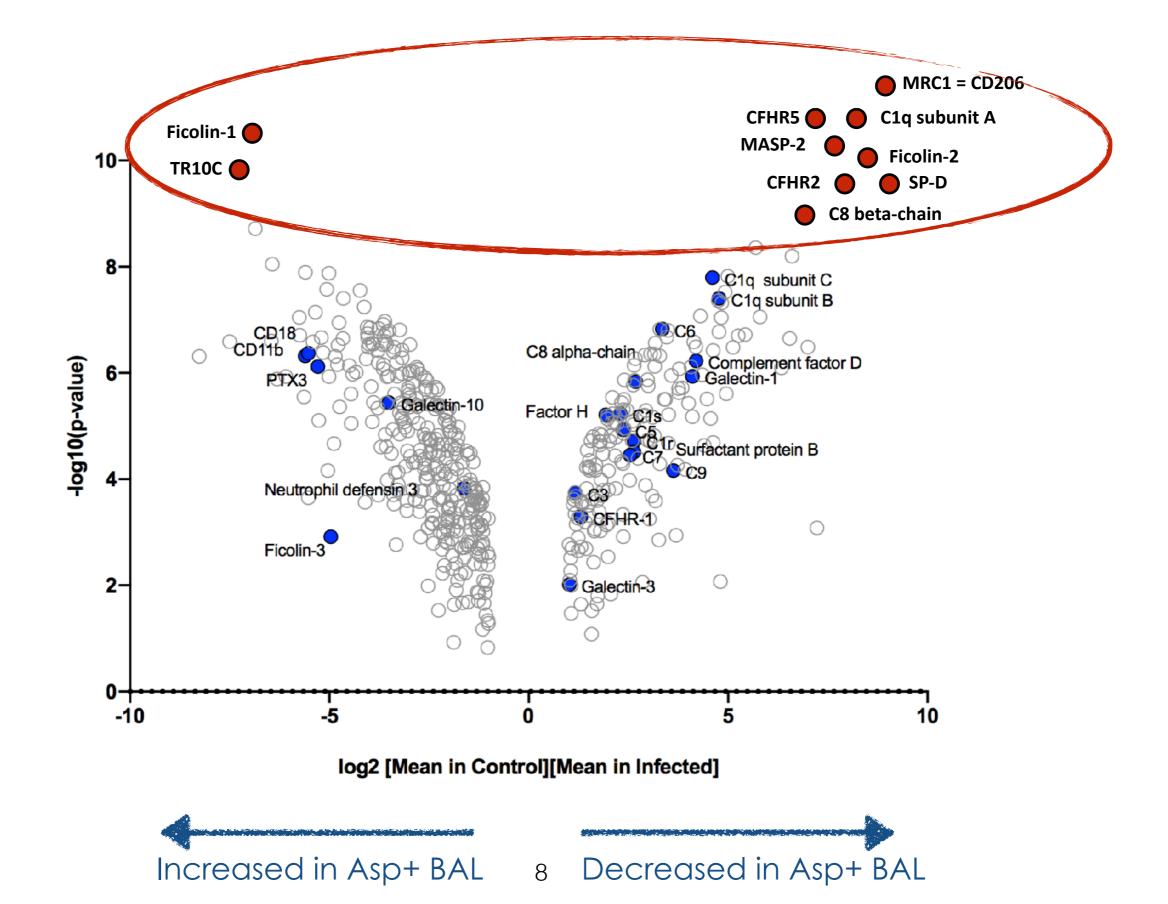


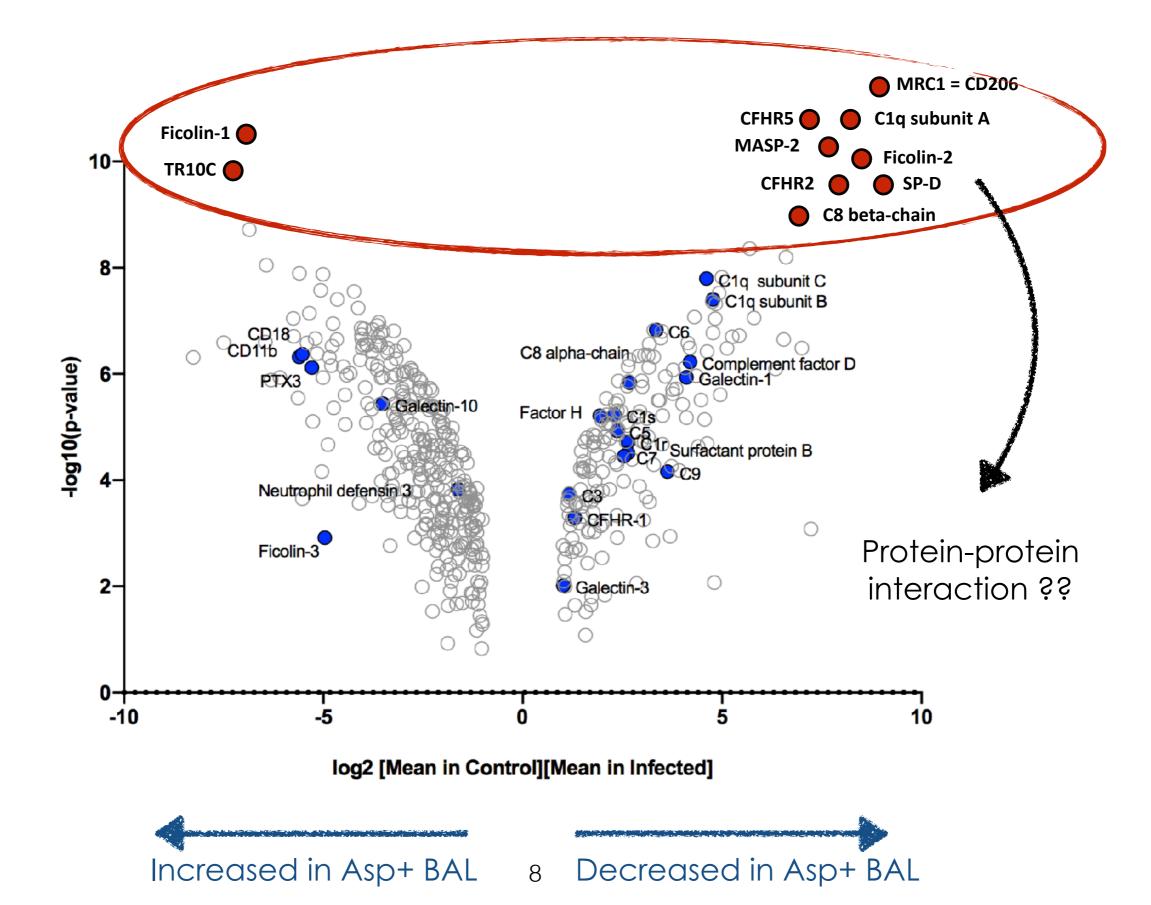
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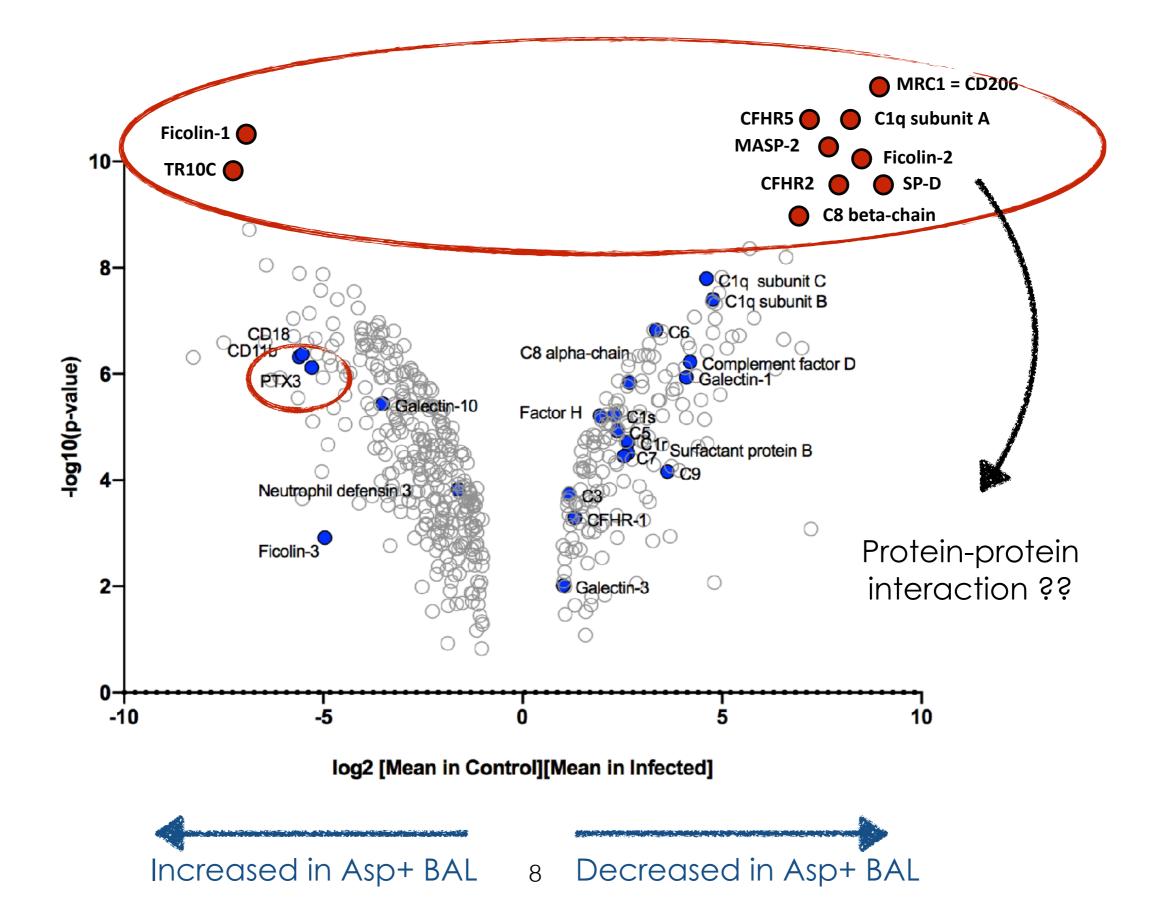


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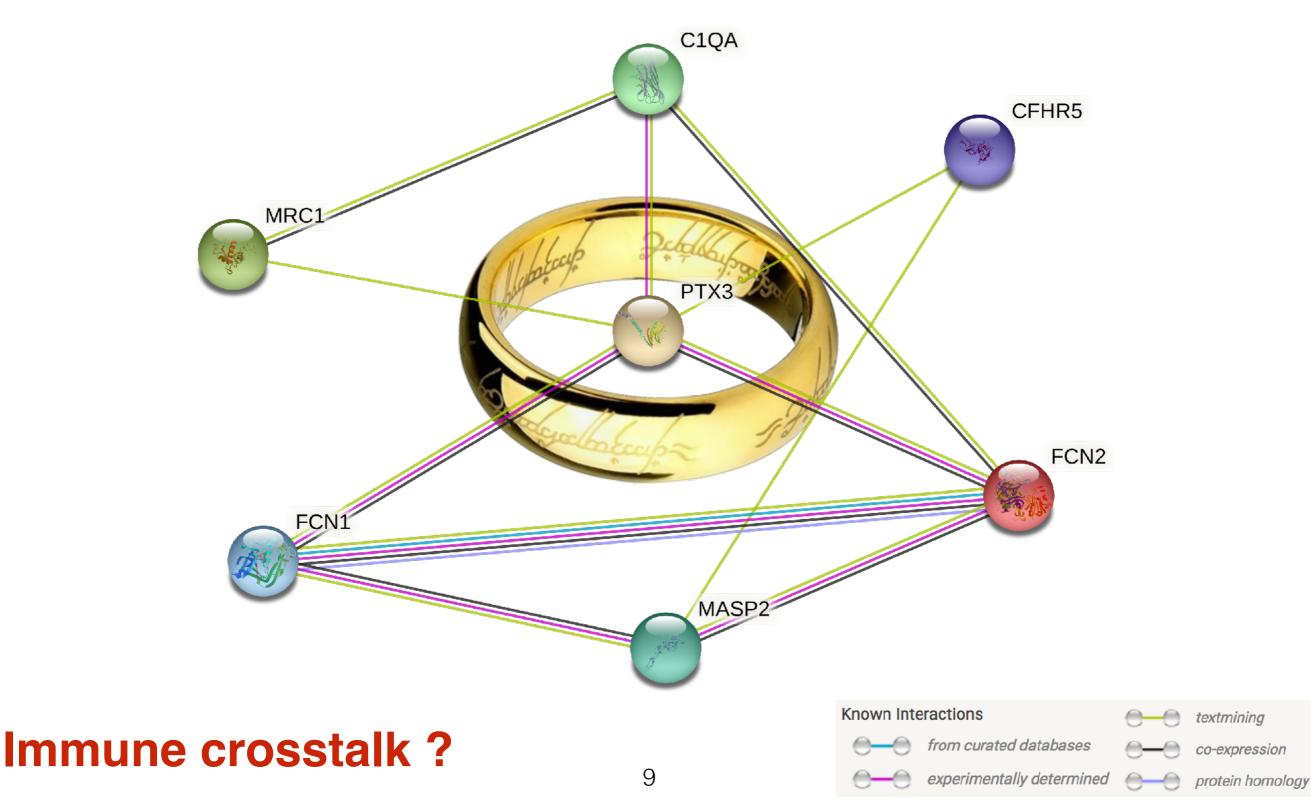


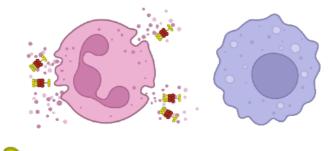




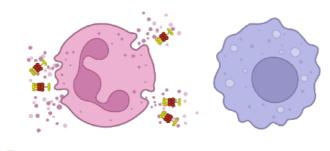


## One protein to bind them all ?





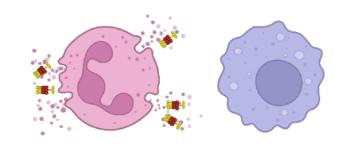






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To conidia at high concentration





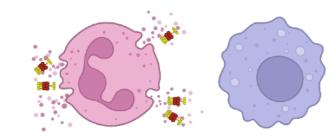
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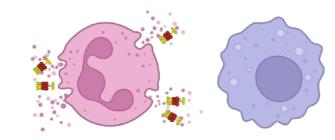
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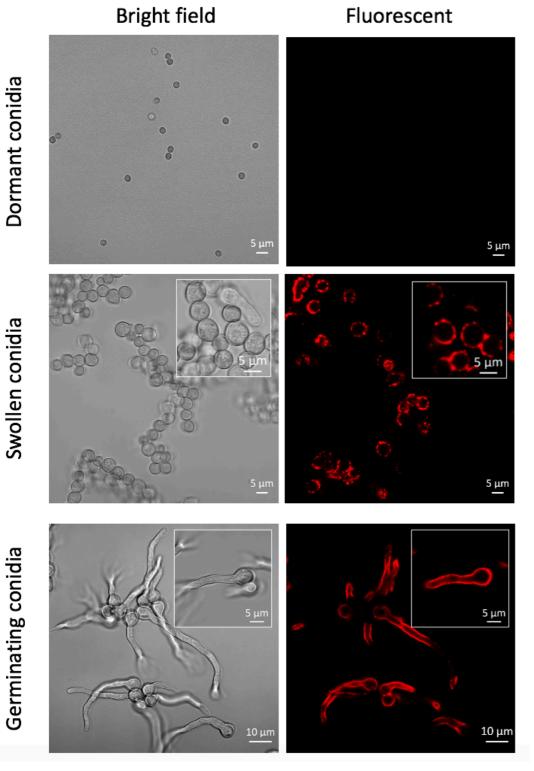


Ligand ? Clear mechanism of action ?

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#### PRR: Pattern Recognition Receptor

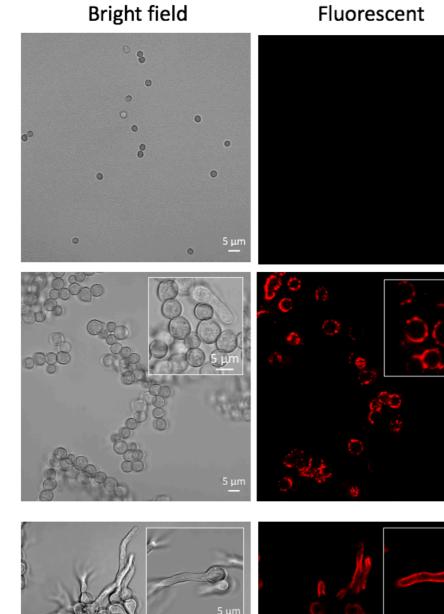


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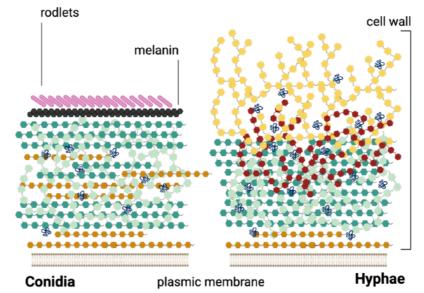


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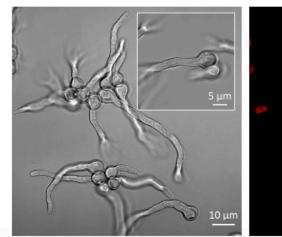
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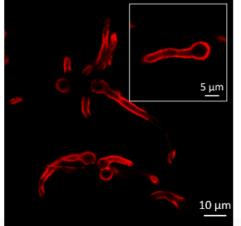


•••• chitin •••• β-1,3-glucan •••• α-1,3-glucan •••• galactomannan •••• galactosaminogalactan 🤹 protein

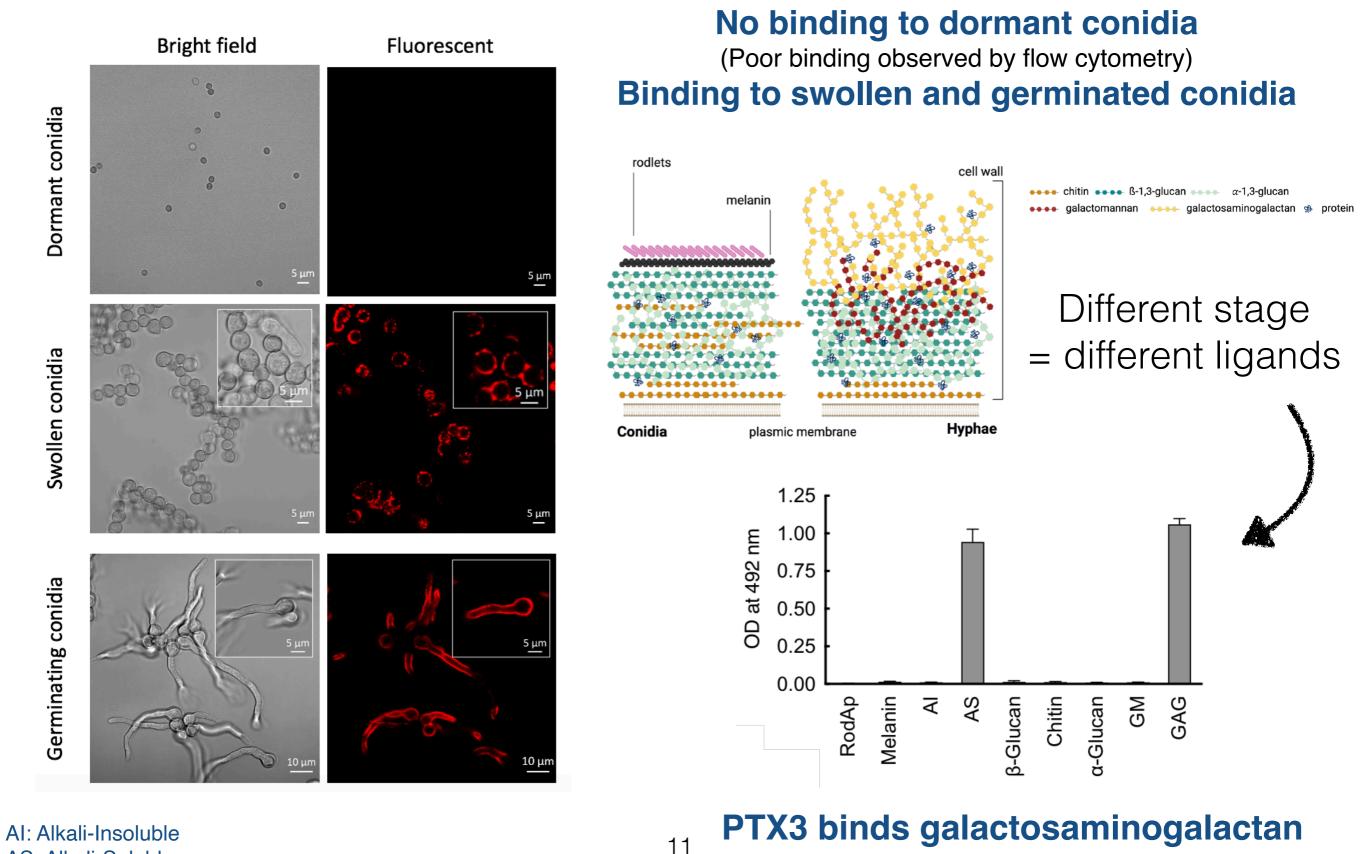
#### Different stage = different ligands

Germinating conidia



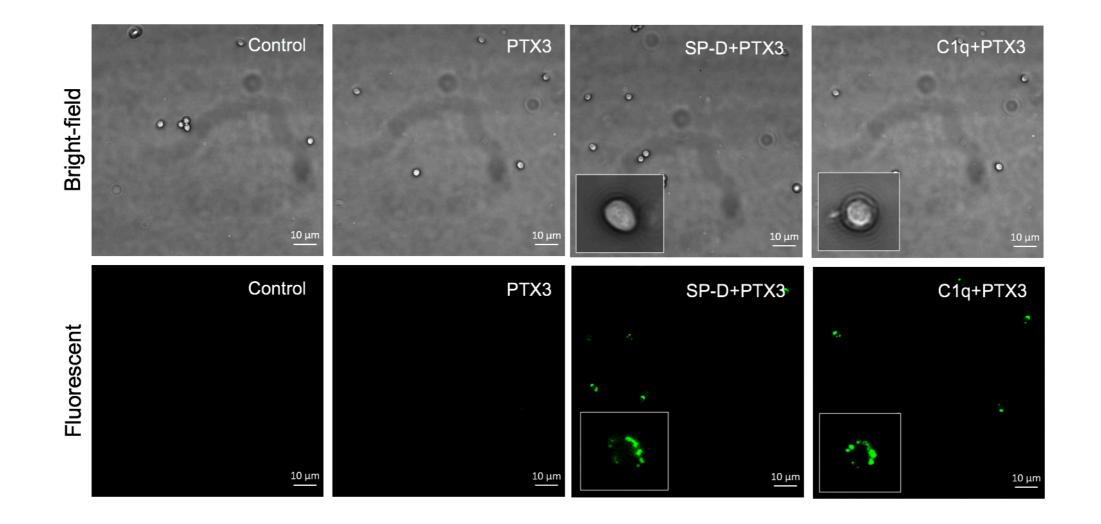


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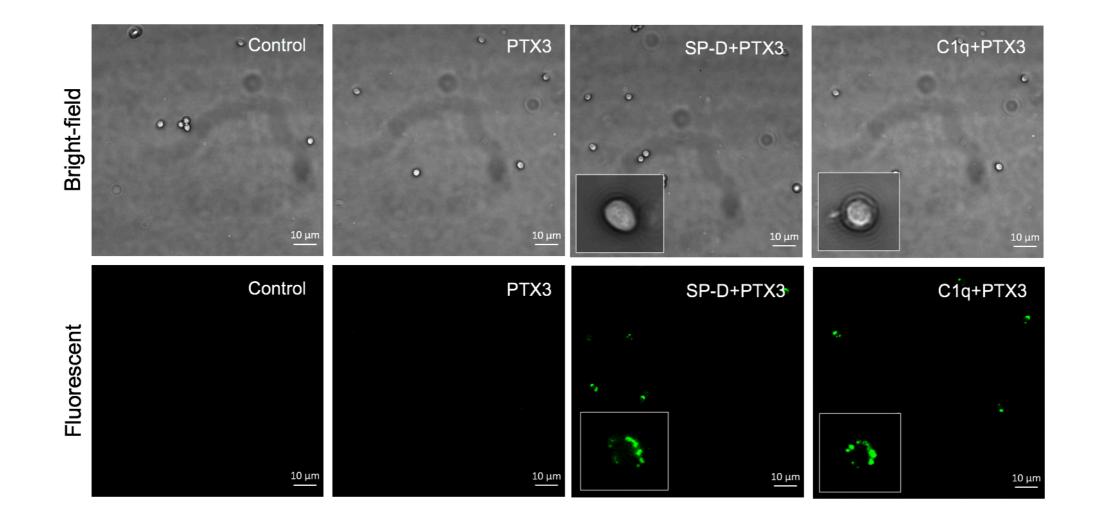


AS: Alkali-Soluble

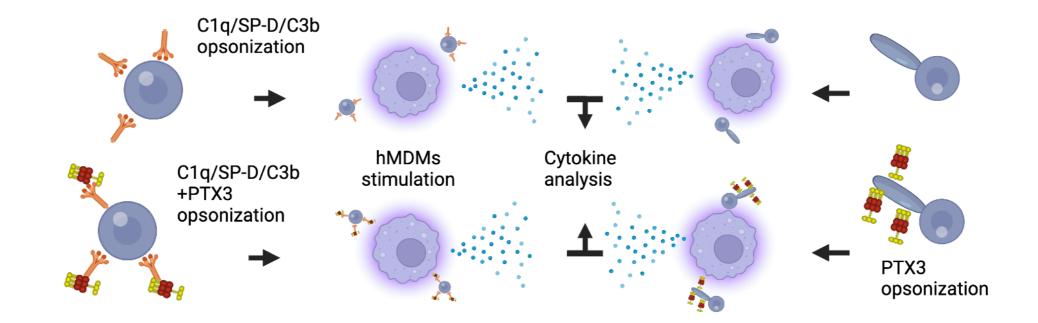
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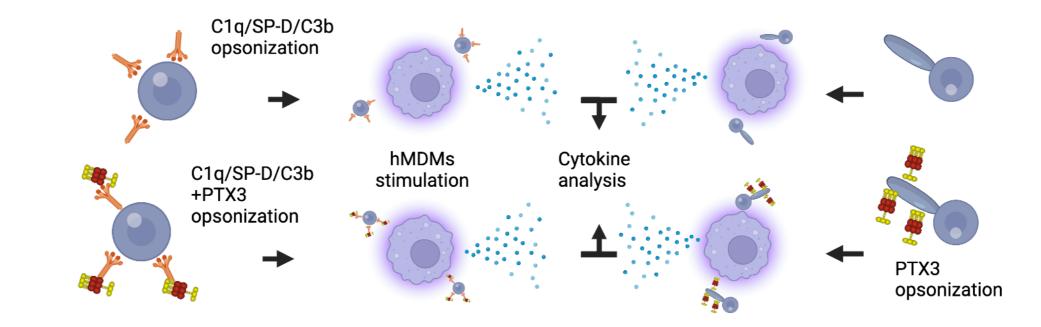


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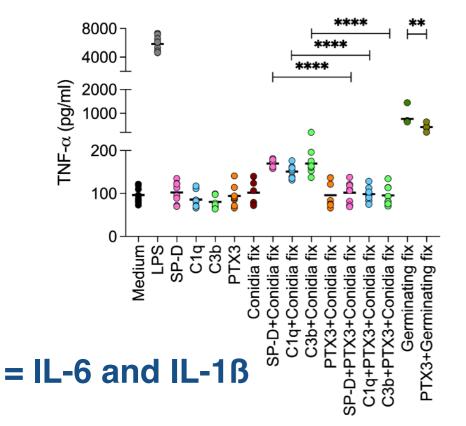


What is the impact of this indirect (conidia) or direct (hyphae) binding of PTX3 on the immune response ?

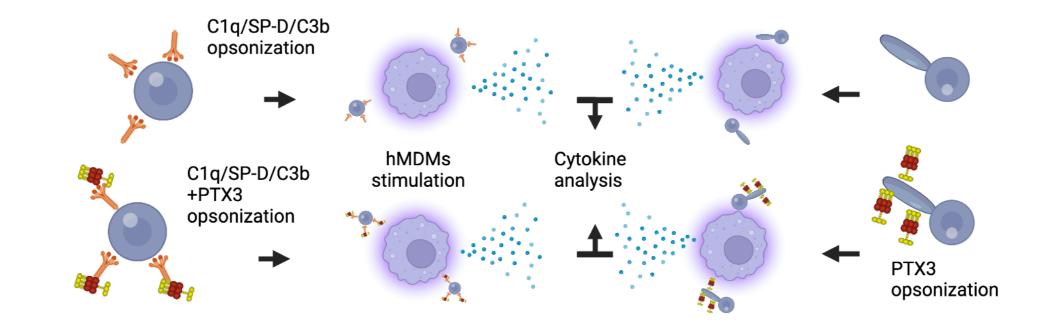




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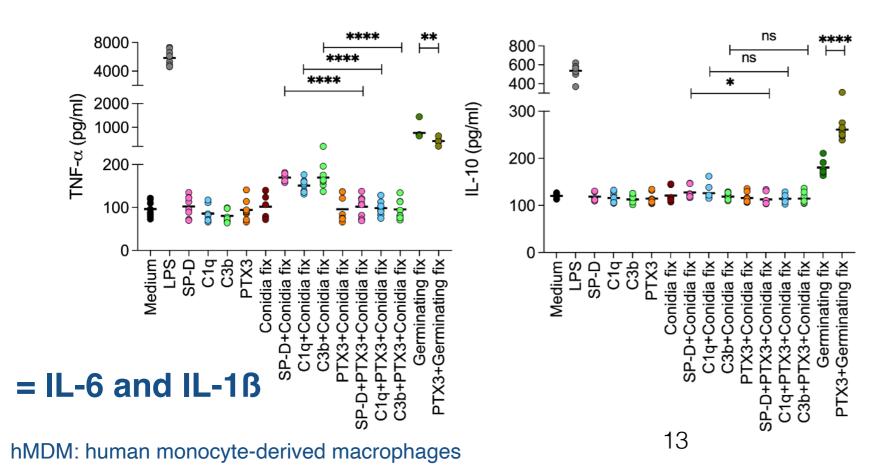


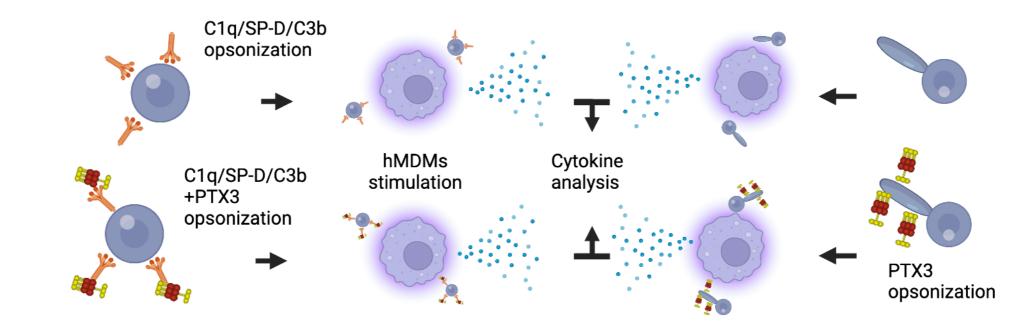
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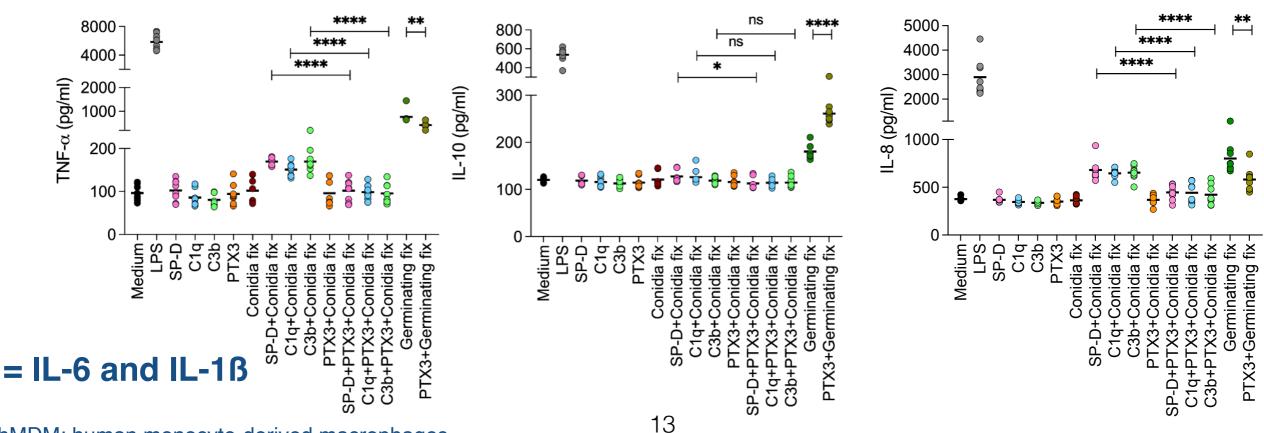




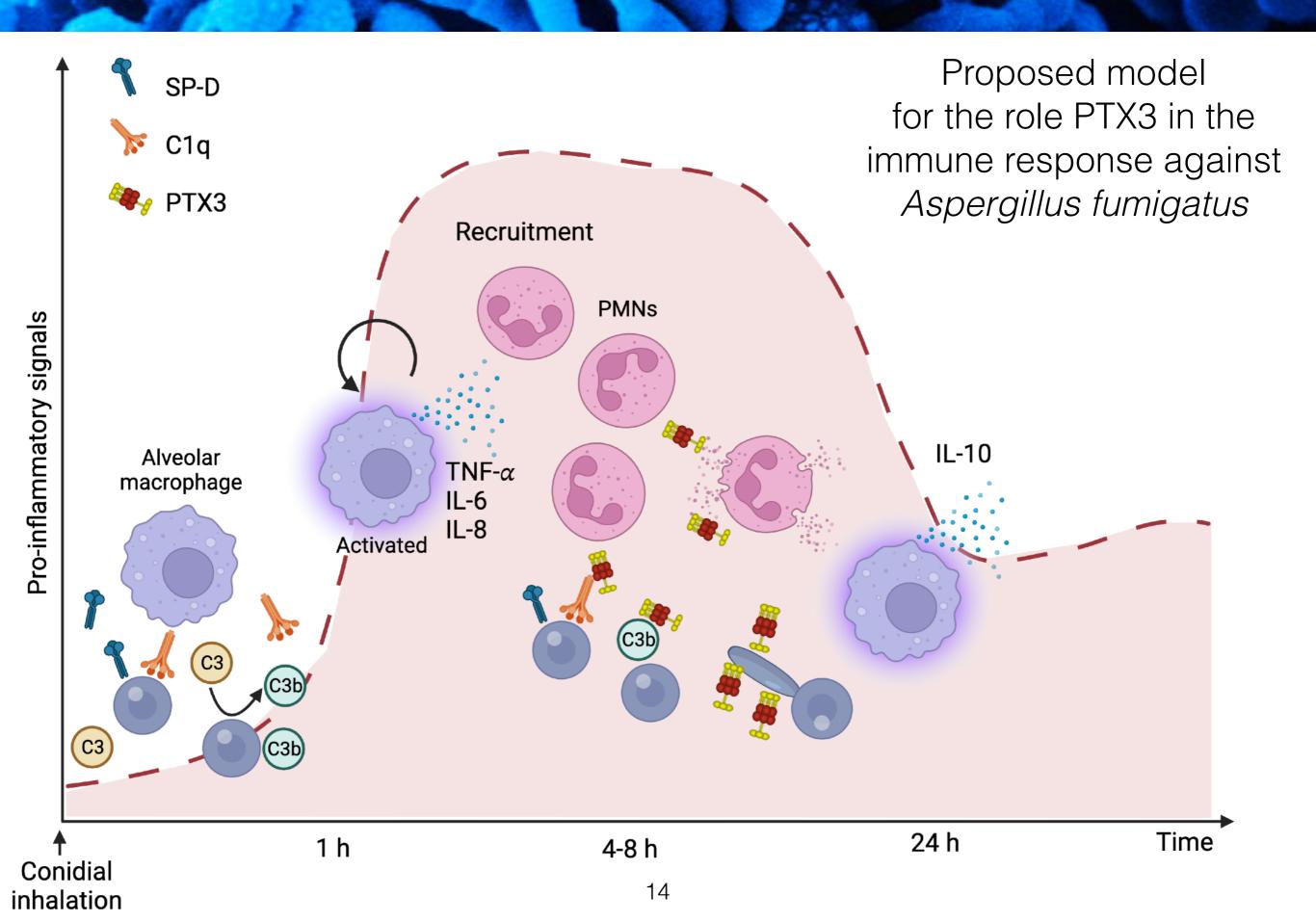
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cytokines

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#### ↓ chemokine



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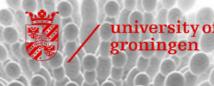
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