

1 ***In vivo* fluorescence lifetime imaging captures metabolic changes in macrophages during wound**
2 **responses in zebrafish**

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39 **Abstract**

40 The effector functions of macrophages across the spectrum of activation states *in vitro* are linked to
41 profound metabolic rewiring. However, the metabolism of macrophages remains poorly characterized *in*
42 *vivo*. To assess changes in the intracellular metabolism of macrophages in their native inflammatory
43 microenvironment, we employed two-photon fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy (FLIM) of
44 metabolic coenzymes NAD(P)H and FAD. We found that pro-inflammatory activation of macrophages *in*
45 *vivo* was associated with a decrease in the optical redox ratio [NAD(P)H/(NAD(P)H+FAD)] relative to a
46 pro-resolving population during both infected and sterile inflammation. FLIM also resolved temporal
47 changes in the optical redox ratio and lifetime variables of NAD(P)H in macrophages over the course of
48 sterile inflammation. Collectively, we show that non-invasive and label-free imaging of autofluorescent
49 metabolic coenzymes is sensitive to dynamic changes in macrophage activation in interstitial tissues. This
50 imaging-based approach has broad applications in immunometabolism by probing in real time the
51 temporal and spatial metabolic regulation of immune cell function in a live organism.

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53 **Significance**

54 Metabolic regulation of macrophage effector functions has recently emerged as a key concept in immune
55 cell biology. Studies rely on *in vitro* and *ex vivo* approaches to study macrophage metabolism, however
56 the high plasticity of these cells suggest that removal from their native microenvironment may induce
57 changes in their intracellular metabolism. Here, we show that fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy
58 of metabolic coenzymes captures dynamic changes in the metabolic activity of macrophages while
59 maintaining them in their endogenous microenvironment. This approach also resolves variations on a
60 single-cell level, in contrast to bulk measurements provided by traditional biochemical assays, making it a
61 potentially valuable tool in the field of immunometabolism.

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73 **Introduction**

74 Macrophages are innate immune cells from myeloid origin, distributed throughout most tissues of the
75 body, and play key functions both in health and disease (1, 2). The heterogeneity and diversity in
76 macrophage phenotypes and functions are well documented (3-5). Macrophages are commonly described
77 in the literature as classically (M1) or alternatively (M2) activated, where M1 macrophages are associated
78 with pro-killing functions such as eliminating pathogens and tumor cells, while M2 cells promote
79 processes associated with wound healing and tumor progression. The simplistic nature of the M1/M2
80 classification, especially in context of *in vivo* biology, is controversial (6, 7), however it provides a
81 framework amid the complexity of macrophage biology and remains widely used. Studies on macrophage
82 activation recognized early on that M1 and M2 activation correlated with differential processing of some
83 metabolites, most notably arginine (8). However, the importance of metabolic regulation of macrophage
84 function was not fully appreciated until more recently, when it was recognized that some metabolic
85 pathways are profoundly altered in classically activated macrophages (9, 10). This led to the emergence
86 of metabolic reprogramming as a key hallmark of immune cell activation, that stresses that the metabolic
87 state is not an outcome but a determinant of immune cell activation and function (11, 12). This is apparent
88 from multiple metabolites functioning as signaling molecules outside of their traditional roles as
89 intermediates in metabolic pathways (13). Evidence indicates that classically activated macrophages are
90 glycolytic, while oxidative phosphorylation is the main fuel source during alternative activation (13, 14).
91 Most studies in immunometabolism rely on using singular stimuli to activate macrophages, such as LPS
92 or interleukin (IL)-4/IL-13, however macrophages face a complex mixture of stimuli within native tissues
93 (15). This is further confounded by their plasticity, whereby macrophages readily adapt their responses to
94 a changing microenvironment (16). This suggests that macrophage metabolism is best studied within the
95 native microenvironment, however there are limited tools available to address this gap in understanding
96 macrophage metabolism.

97 Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH/NAD⁺) and flavin adenine dinucleotide (FADH₂/FAD) are
98 endogenous metabolic coenzymes, and serve as electron carriers in numerous metabolic pathways
99 including glycolysis, the Krebs cycle, electron transport chain and oxidative phosphorylation (17, 18).
100 These coenzymes are autofluorescent when reduced and oxidized, respectively, and allow for
101 fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy (FLIM) to quantify intracellular metabolism using intensity
102 and lifetime measurements (17, 18). NADH and NADPH have overlapping spectral properties, and for
103 accuracy NAD(P)H is used to reflect their combined signals (19). Fluorescence intensity can be used to
104 determine the optical redox ratio that provides an assessment of the redox state of the cell (20). Multiple
105 definitions of the optical redox ratio exist, but here we use NAD(P)H/(NAD(P)H+FAD), since an
106 increase in the optical redox ratio intuitively corresponds with an increase in glycolysis, and it normalizes

107 the values to be between 0 and 1 (21). Fluorescence lifetime measures the time a molecule spends in the
108 excited state before decaying back to the ground state. Fluorescence lifetimes of NAD(P)H and FAD
109 correlate with their enzyme-binding activities (17, 18), thereby reflecting changes in their cellular
110 microenvironment. NADH and FAD exists in two forms, quenched and unquenched, resulting in short
111 and long lifetimes. NAD(P)H has a short lifetime in the free state and a long lifetime in the protein-bound
112 state (22). This is the converse for FAD, where FAD has a short lifetime in the bound state and a long
113 lifetime in the free state. FLIM quantifies each of these lifetime components and the mean lifetime,
114 defined by the weighted average of the short and long lifetimes. Fluorescence lifetime has several
115 advantages over intensity measurements (23, 24). FLIM can provide additional biological information by
116 distinguishing the protein-bound and free states, while NAD(P)H intensity is similar in both states. In
117 addition, unlike intensity measurements, lifetime is independent of the cellular concentrations of the
118 coenzymes. Nevertheless, intensity and lifetime in complement can quantify changes in cellular
119 metabolism and have been used in a variety of applications (18). Importantly, FLIM is a label-free and
120 non-invasive approach to detect metabolic changes *in situ* and can also resolve heterogeneity within a cell
121 population based on the single cell-based imaging (25, 26).

122 Here, we explored whether we could use fluorescence lifetime imaging of NAD(P)H and FAD to assess
123 changes in the metabolic activity of macrophages in a live animal, using larval zebrafish as our *in vivo*
124 model. Zebrafish is well-suited to these studies given its high similarity to the human immune system (27)
125 and genome (28), furthermore, the tail fin wounding is an established model of inflammation (29). Given
126 the optical transparency at larval stage (29), this model is readily combined with fluorescence lifetime
127 imaging to investigate the metabolic changes in macrophages over the course of an inflammatory
128 response.

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130 **Results**

131 ***In vitro* validation of FLIM detects changes consistent with known metabolic profile.** Our group and
132 others have demonstrated that fluorescence lifetime measurements recapitulates the known metabolic
133 profiles associated with *in vitro* macrophage activation in response to traditional stimuli such LPS/IFN- γ
134 and IL-4/IL-13 (30-32). To further validate FLIM for detecting metabolic changes in a whole organism,
135 first we tested whether we could recapitulate previously reported findings on macrophage activation *in*
136 *vitro* in response to an intracellular pathogen. Gillmaier *et al* used ^{13}C -isotopologue profiling to trace
137 carbon metabolism during infection of primary mouse macrophages with the intracellular pathogen,
138 *Listeria monocytogenes* (*Lm*), and found that infection is associated with increased glycolytic activity in
139 the host cells (33). In a similar fashion, we infected mouse bone marrow derived macrophages (BMDM)
140 with *L. monocytogenes* and performed fluorescence lifetime imaging of NAD(P)H and FAD on live cells

141 at 5-6 hours post infection (hpi). Intracellular growth of *L. monocytogenes* peaks by 5 hpi and remains at a
142 plateau, and by 8 hpi a fraction of macrophages undergo cell death (34). Intracellular infection was
143 monitored by mCherry labeling of *L. monocytogenes*. The optical redox ratio is a measure of the
144 oxidation-reduction state of the cells, and increased glycolytic rate generates NADH leading to an
145 increase in NADH levels, thereby an increase in the redox ratio [as defined here $\text{NAD(P)H}/(\text{NAD(P)H} +$
146 $\text{FAD})$] (17, 18). As expected, we detected a slight but significant increase in the optical redox ratio of
147 infected macrophages compared to uninfected control (Figure 1A, B; the mCherry signal was used to
148 subtract the bacterial metabolic data (see figure legend and methods) to exclude from macrophage
149 metabolism). This change in the optical redox ratio is consistent with an increase in glycolytic activity of
150 the infected host cells measured by ^{13}C -isotopologue profiling. *L. monocytogenes* infection of
151 macrophages resulted in the increase of the mean lifetime (τ_m) of NAD(P)H, but not FAD (Figure 1C, D).
152 We also observed alterations in the individual lifetime components that were associated mostly with
153 NAD(P)H (Figure S1A-F).

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155 ***In vivo* validation of FLIM with metabolic inhibitor treatment produces predicted changes in the**
156 **optical redox ratio.** To further validate *in vivo* detection of metabolic changes in macrophages, next we
157 carried out metabolic inhibitor treatment in our *in vivo* system to monitor for predicted changes in the
158 optical redox ratio of macrophages responding to a tail wound in larval zebrafish. To be able to segment
159 autofluorescence signal associated with macrophages from the whole tissue, we used a transgenic reporter
160 line where macrophages are identified by fluorescent protein expression. We have empirically tested the
161 compatibility of several fluorescent proteins with the spectral properties of NAD(P)H and FAD (data not
162 shown). We found that GFP is suitable to image in conjunction with NAD(P)H, but it excludes the
163 acquisition of FAD as they have overlapping spectra. However, we found mCherry to be compatible for
164 imaging with NAD(P)H and FAD. We also optimized imaging on live larvae. Serial acquisition of
165 NAD(P)H and FAD was not suitable for imaging motile cells, such as macrophages, in live larvae (35).
166 To accommodate cell movement during image acquisition in live larvae, we employed the wavelength
167 mixing approach that allows for simultaneous acquisition in three different channels (36). We performed
168 simple tail fin transection on transgenic larvae (*Tg(mpeg1:mCherry-CAAX)* that labels macrophages with
169 mCherry), and performed fluorescence lifetime imaging of NAD(P)H and FAD at the wound region
170 (Figure 2A) at 3-6 hours post tail transection (hptt) in the absence or presence of glycolysis inhibitor 2-
171 deoxy-d-glucose (2-DG). 2-DG is a glucose analog and acts as a competitive inhibitor of glycolysis at the
172 step of phosphorylation of glucose by hexokinase (37). As inhibiting glycolysis reduces NADH levels
173 (17, 18), we expected the optical redox ratio to decrease in macrophages of treated larvae compared to
174 untreated control. Indeed, the optical redox ratio was significantly lower in macrophages in the 2-DG-

175 treated larvae (Figure 2B, C). This change was driven by a decrease in NAD(P)H intensity in treated
176 larvae, while FAD intensity remained similar to control levels (data not shown). NAD(P)H τ_m
177 significantly decreased in macrophages of treated larvae, while the change for FAD τ_m was marginal
178 (Figure 2D, E). We also observed significant changes in some of the individual lifetime components of
179 NAD(P)H and FAD (Figure S2A-F). These effects on NAD(P)H and FAD lifetime endpoints were
180 similar to the effects observed during 2-DG treatment of activated T cells (21). In sum, upon inhibition of
181 glycolysis with 2-DG in our *in vivo* tail wound model, we observed the expected changes in the optical
182 redox ratio in macrophages responding to sterile wounds, supporting the utility of this approach to detect
183 changes in macrophage metabolism in interstitial tissues of live animals.

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185 **Fluorescence lifetime imaging detects metabolic changes in macrophage subsets at infected tail**

186 **wounds.** To begin to address whether fluorescence lifetime imaging could distinguish different
187 macrophage populations in a whole organism, we decided to use our recently developed zebrafish
188 infected tail wound model (38). This allows us to induce the recruitment of differentially polarized
189 macrophages under physiological conditions. The infected tail wound model combines the simple tail fin
190 transection with *L. monocytogenes* infection, and provokes an extensive and sustained infiltration of
191 macrophages, that is characterized by a large portion of macrophages expressing high levels of TNF α
192 (38). TNF α is a well-established marker of the M1-like pro-killing phenotype of macrophages across
193 several species, including zebrafish (3, 39). This inflammatory response is unlike what we observe
194 following the simple tail fin transection, where most macrophages are TNF α - throughout the course of
195 the wound response (38). Due to the lack of TNF α expression, the macrophages at the simple tail wound
196 are presumed to represent differentially polarized macrophages, most likely the M2-like (39).
197 Based on the recruitment of differentially polarized macrophage populations by these tail wound models,
198 we hypothesized that we would detect differences in the metabolic activity of macrophages between the
199 simple and *L. monocytogenes*-infected tail fin wounds. We performed tail fin transection in the absence or
200 presence of *L. monocytogenes* on double transgenic (*Tg(tnf:GFP) x Tg(mpeg1:mCherry-CAAX)*) larvae,
201 and performed lifetime imaging of NAD(P)H at the wound region on live larvae at 48 hours post wound
202 (hpw). In this set of experiments we performed lifetime imaging in conjunction with the TNF α reporter
203 line (*tnf:GFP*) in order to monitor and group macrophages by TNF α expression during data analysis. The
204 TNF α reporter line relies on GFP expression to report transcriptional activity of *tnfa* (40), which
205 precludes acquisition of FAD measurements. As a result, in this experiment we were not able to monitor
206 changes in the intracellular optical redox ratio. Macrophages at the wound region were identified based on
207 plasma membrane-localized mCherry expression as above. Since the adaptive immune system has not

208 developed yet at this larval stage, the polarized activation of macrophages in these experiments does not
209 reflect the involvement of T cells (27). As previously reported (38), the infected tail wound recruited
210 significantly more macrophages compared to the uninfected control (simple tail wound). While both tail
211 wounds recruited a macrophage population with mixed levels of TNF α expression, macrophages at the
212 infected tail wound were significantly more M1-like as most cells had high TNF α expression, while the
213 majority were TNF α - at the uninfected control (Figure 3A, Figure S3C). We detected a significant
214 reduction in the mean lifetime of NAD(P)H for TNF α + relative to TNF α - macrophages from either the
215 uninfected control or *Lm*-infected tail wound (Figure 3B). NAD(P)H τ_m was also significantly reduced in
216 macrophages from *Lm*-infected tail wounds relative to uninfected control when comparing either the
217 TNF α - or TNF α + groups (Figure 3B). The trends for the differences in the individual lifetime
218 components of NAD(P)H were similar to that observed for τ_m (Figure S3A, B), while we did not detect
219 any significant changes in the fractional component of free NAD(P)H (α_1) in any of the comparisons
220 (Figure 3C). Next, we repeated the same set of experiments but without the TNF α reporter line, in order
221 to acquire FAD lifetime measurements and monitor changes in the optical redox ratio. We detected a
222 significant reduction in the mean lifetime and other individual lifetime components of NAD(P)H in
223 macrophages at the wound of the *Lm*-infected larvae (Figure 4C, Figure S4B, C), consistent with the
224 measurements above (Figure 3B, Figure S3A, B); under these conditions, we found that NAD(P)H α_1
225 significantly increased in macrophages at the *Lm*-infected wound (Figure S4A). The presence of infection
226 at the tail wound did not induce any significant changes in FAD lifetime endpoints (Figure 4D, Figure
227 S4D-F). Interestingly, the optical redox ratio was significantly reduced in macrophages in the highly
228 inflammatory *Lm*-infected wound as compared to the uninfected control wound (Figure 4A, B). This
229 result was unexpected considering the observed increase of the redox ratio in the context of the *in vitro*
230 infection of BMDM with *L. monocytogenes* (Figure 1B). We reasoned this result may be influenced by
231 the presence of an intracellular pathogen in macrophages at the *Lm*-infected tail wound, and not solely
232 due to a more inflammatory macrophage phenotype. To test this, we proceeded to measure changes in the
233 cellular metabolism of macrophages in context of a sterile tail wound that induces the recruitment of
234 TNF α + macrophages.

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236 **Fluorescence lifetime imaging of NAD(P)H and FAD resolves changes in the metabolic activity of**
237 **macrophages over the course of a sterile inflammatory response.** To measure metabolic activity of
238 macrophages during sterile inflammation, we used our recently developed zebrafish thermal injury tail
239 wound model (38). This injury is produced by briefly burning the tail fin tissue distal to the notochord
240 using a surgical cautery wire. Similarly to the infected wound, the burn wound also elicits the recruitment

241 of a more M1-like macrophage population compared to the simple transection, where a large percentage
242 of macrophages are TNF α + (38). Unlike at the infected wound where expression of TNF α persists,
243 TNF α + macrophages peak at 24 hpw and resolve thereafter, with most macrophages at the wound being
244 TNF α - by 72 hpw following thermal injury (38). We performed lifetime imaging of NAD(P)H and FAD
245 at these two time points to compare the metabolic activity of macrophages in response to simple
246 transection and thermal injury. Since macrophages are mostly TNF α - throughout the course of the wound
247 response following a simple transection, we speculated that the metabolic activity of macrophages would
248 be different at 24 hpw, but not at 72 hpw, at the two wounds. We performed tail fin transection or burn
249 wound distal to the notochord on transgenic (*Tg(mpeg1:mCherry-CAAX)*) larvae, and performed lifetime
250 imaging at the wound region on live larvae at 24 and 72 hpw (Figure 5A). As expected, we observed
251 significant differences in the metabolic activity of macrophages between the wounds at 24 hpw, but the
252 cellular metabolism was similar at 72 hpw. Importantly, at 24 hpw the optical redox ratio was lower in
253 macrophages at the burn wound relative to macrophages at the simple transection (Figure 5B), similar to
254 what was observed at the infected wound (Figure 4B). The trends for the differences in the mean lifetime
255 and individual lifetime components of NAD(P)H and FAD between the burn wound and the simple
256 transection was also similar to what we observed between the infected wound and the simple transection
257 (Figure 5C, D, Figure S5A-F). As expected, the optical redox in macrophages was not different between
258 the simple transection and burn wound at 72 hpw (Figure 5B). Macrophages are mostly TNF α - at both
259 wounds by 72 hpw (38), suggesting that the macrophage populations present at these wounds have similar
260 activation states and thereby likely to have similar metabolic activity. The mean lifetime of NAD(P)H was
261 significantly lower in macrophages at the burn wound relative to the simple transection at 72 hpw, while
262 it was similar for FAD (Figure 5C, D); most of individual lifetime components of NAD(P)H and FAD
263 were also similar between the two wounds at 72 hpw (Figure S5A-F). Generally, most of the changes in
264 lifetime endpoints were associated with NAD(P)H, and they were consistent across the different wound
265 models (Table 1). Furthermore, we also detected temporal changes in the metabolic activity of
266 macrophages during the wound responses. The optical redox ratio of macrophages increased over time in
267 response to the simple transection, as well as to thermal injury (Figure 5B). This would be expected as the
268 macrophage population at the burn wound becomes more like macrophages at simple transection over
269 time, based on TNF α expression (38). In line with this, the trends for the changes in the lifetime endpoints
270 over time were also similar at the two wounds. NAD(P)H τ_m increased and FAD τ_m decreased over time
271 at both wounds (Figure 5C, D); the trends for changes in the individual lifetime components of NAD(P)H
272 and FAD over time were also similar at the two wounds (Figure S5A-F).

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274 To further substantiate the metabolic changes observed in macrophages at the sterile tail wounds, we
275 tested whether we could recapitulate our FLIM measurements with a different method. Fluorescence
276 intensities of NAD(P)H and FAD detected by FLIM is a measure of their relative intracellular abundance.
277 Similarly, we analyzed the abundance of NADH, NADPH and FAD by targeted metabolomics (41). We
278 performed tail fin transection or burn wound distal to the notochord on wild-type zebrafish larvae and
279 collected the tail fin tissue distal to the caudal vein/artery loop (to remain close to the wound
280 microenvironment) 24 hours following injury for targeted metabolomics (Figure 5E). The technical
281 limitation here is that we analyzed the abundance of these small metabolites in the whole tail fin tissue,
282 not macrophages alone, because it is difficult to collect sufficient numbers of macrophages from such a
283 small region to reach the detection limit of the mass spectrometer. We calculated the relative abundances
284 of NAD(P)H and FAD in burn wound compared to transection, and found the trends measured by both
285 FLIM and mass spectrometry are consistent, i.e. the NAD(P)H level are similar in both wound models,
286 while FAD level is lower in transection (Figure 5F). Additionally, we compared the redox ratio measured
287 in each wound model by mass spectrometry and FLIM (Figure 5G). The two methods gave similar
288 results, and both showed the trend that the redox ratio is higher in transection. The differences in redox
289 ratio values measured by these two methods is likely due to the fact that our metabolomics method
290 measures the whole tail fin tissue of wound microenvironment, while FLIM measures the wound-
291 associated macrophages specifically.

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293 **Discussion**

294 Immunometabolism has become a fast-growing and exciting field based on the realization that
295 metabolism plays a profound regulatory role in immune cell activation (11, 12). New therapies are
296 focused on metabolic targets in immune cells, such as macrophages, which play a key role in
297 autoimmunity and the progression of human diseases such as arthritis, atherosclerosis and cancer (12, 42,
298 43). *In vitro* analyses have formed the foundation of immunometabolism and have provided fundamental
299 insights into the metabolic regulation of immune cell biology. However *in vitro* studies fail to reflect the
300 complexities associated with *in vivo* environments, including the input from mixed signals and
301 interactions with other cells (15). An understanding of *in vivo* behavior has been hampered by the lack of
302 tools available for the *in vivo* assessment of functional metabolic changes. As a result,
303 immunometabolism *in vivo* remains poorly characterized. Lifetime imaging of the endogenous
304 fluorescence of metabolic coenzymes is an attractive approach because it allows for the quantitative
305 analysis of metabolic changes on a single-cell level, while maintaining cells in their native
306 microenvironment. Studies on the metabolic profiles of macrophages *in vivo* using FLIM have been
307 limited, with one study demonstrating that macrophages have distinguishable lifetime signatures from

308 tumor cells at the tumor microenvironment (44). Here, we took advantage of complex *in vivo* wound
309 models we recently developed that each induce a characteristic macrophage inflammatory response (38).
310 This is, to our knowledge, is the first study to examine the potential of fluorescence lifetime imaging to
311 distinguish macrophages with differential activation states within interstitial tissues in live animals.

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313 Our findings suggest that macrophage metabolism *in vitro* and *in vivo* may differ. Macrophages infected
314 by *L. monocytogenes in vitro* exhibited increased optical redox ratio relative to uninfected macrophages
315 (Figure 1B), however we found that infection of live zebrafish reduced the optical redox ratio in
316 macrophages (Figure 4B). Surprisingly, we found that pro-inflammatory macrophages even at sterile
317 inflammatory sites were also associated with reduced optical redox ratios (Figure 5B), suggesting that a
318 pro-inflammatory macrophage population *in vivo* has more oxidative metabolic state in general. We
319 characterized macrophage populations in live zebrafish larvae using the TNF α reporter (40), and
320 categorized cells with high TNF α expression as M1-like. Currently, there are no live reporters to mark the
321 M2-like macrophage population in larval zebrafish, and the lack of TNF α expression does not confirm
322 that. Nevertheless, we consider TNF α - and TNF α + macrophages as different populations of cells. In
323 light of the known *in vitro* metabolic profiles of macrophages, we expected a macrophage population with
324 large number TNF α + cells to exhibit a more glycolytic state and thereby have higher redox ratio relative
325 to a mostly TNF α - macrophage population. One caveat of intensity-based measurements is that other
326 fluorophores, such as elastin and lipofuscin, could contribute to the intensity signals for the redox ratio
327 and be a source of error (24). The source and role of the observed oxidative metabolism in macrophages
328 in the context of infection and sterile inflammation *in vivo* require further analysis. Our initial analysis
329 suggests that mitochondrial reactive oxygen species (mROS) contributes to the observed NAD(P)H and
330 FAD lifetime profiles during sterile inflammation without affecting the redox state of the cell (data not
331 shown), and it will be interesting to further explore the role of mROS in macrophage activation and
332 function *in vivo*.

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334 Interestingly, we found that TNF α expression in macrophages at the infected tail wound was associated
335 with a graded effect on NAD(P)H lifetime endpoints that was on a spectrum (Figure 3B, Figures S3A, B),
336 where TNF α - macrophages from uninfected wound (control) are on one end of the spectrum, while
337 TNF α + cells from the infected wound are on the opposite end. As we move on this spectrum, we see a
338 graded change in the lifetime endpoints in the same direction from one end to the other end, reminiscent
339 of the concept that macrophage activation *in vivo* occurs on a spectrum as opposed to a more strict M1 or
340 M2 (3). These results suggest that FLIM is sensitive to variations in macrophage populations across

341 different levels of activation. Furthermore, we found that fluorescence lifetime imaging is also able to
342 resolve time-related changes in macrophage metabolism. We observed that the redox ratio in
343 macrophages increased over time, both at the simple tail wound and the burn wound (Figure 5B). The
344 observation that changes in metabolic activity of macrophages at the burn wound resembles the changes
345 at the simple tail wound is expected, as the macrophage population at the burn wound becomes similar to
346 that at the simple wound over time (38). Previously we described that the macrophage population at the
347 burn wound is mostly TNF α +, however over time the macrophage population becomes mostly TNF α -,
348 similar to the simple wound, at this switch in activation phenotype coincided with a recovery in wound
349 healing (38). The observed increase in the optical redox ratio over time is interesting. Macrophages
350 polarize towards a pro-healing M2-like state during wound healing, based on which we expected
351 macrophages to have a more oxidative metabolism (11, 14) and thereby display a reduction in the optical
352 redox ratio. However, it has been demonstrated that M2-like macrophages are more motile compared to
353 M1-like cells (45) and glycolytic reprogramming has been shown to be important for macrophage
354 migration (46). These reports suggest that the observed increase in the optical redox ratio, reflecting an
355 increase in glycolytic activity, may be supporting the more motile nature of pro-healing M2-like cells.

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357 With the emergence of immunometabolism it is now recognized that metabolic reprogramming underlies
358 macrophage activation and function. Differential activation of macrophages plays a central role in host
359 health and disease progression, underscoring the importance of studying macrophage metabolism *in vivo*.
360 We have shown that fluorescence lifetime imaging of NAD(P)H and FAD is able to resolve metabolic
361 changes in macrophages with distinct activation states *in situ* in a live organism, suggesting that FLIM
362 can be a valuable imaging-based tool to study the metabolic regulation of immune cell function *in vivo*.

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364 **Materials and methods**

365 **Ethics**

366 Animal care and use was approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of University of
367 Wisconsin and strictly followed guidelines set by the federal Health Research Extension Act and the
368 Public Health Service Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animal, administered by the
369 National Institute of Health Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare.

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371 **Zebrafish husbandry**

372 All protocols using zebrafish and mouse in this study have been approved by the University of
373 Wisconsin-Madison Research Animals Resource Center (protocols M005405-A02/zebrafish,
374 M005916/mouse). Adult zebrafish were maintained on a 14 h:10 h light/dark schedule. Upon fertilization,

375 embryos were transferred into E3 medium and maintained at 28.5°C. To prevent pigment formation,
376 larvae were maintained in E3 medium containing 0.2 mM *N*-Phenylthiourea (PTU) (Sigma-Aldrich, St.
377 Louis, MO) starting at 1 dpf. Adult wild-type AB strain zebrafish and transgenic zebrafish lines including
378 *Tg(tnf:GFP)*(40) and *Tg(mpeg1:Cherry-CAAX)*(47) were utilized in this study.

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380 **Bacterial culture and preparation**

381 Unlabeled or mCherry-expressing *Listeria monocytogenes* strain 10403 was used in this study. *L.*
382 *monocytogenes* were grown in brain–heart-infusion (BHI) medium (Becton, Dickinson and Company,
383 Sparks, MD). A streak plate from frozen stock was prepared and grown overnight at 37°C; the plate was
384 stored at 4°C. The day before infection, a fresh colony was picked from the streak plate and grown
385 statically in 1 mL BHI overnight at 30°C to reach stationary phase and to flagellate bacteria. The next day
386 bacteria were prepared to infect either primary macrophages or zebrafish larvae. To prepare for infection
387 of primary cells, the 1 mL suspension was diluted with 1 mL sterile PBS, OD was determined to calculate
388 the number of bacteria to infect cells at multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 2 (1 cell: 2 bacteria) (OD 1= 7.5
389 x 10⁸ bacteria). To prepare for zebrafish tail wound infection, bacteria were sub-cultured for ~1.5-2.5 h in
390 fresh BHI (1:4 culture:BHI; 5 mL total) to achieve growth to mid-logarithmic phase (OD600 ≈ 0.6-0.8).
391 From this sub-cultured bacterial suspension, 1 mL aliquot was collected, spun down at high speed for 30
392 seconds at room temperature, washed three times in sterile PBS and resuspended in 100 µL of sterile
393 PBS. Unlabeled mCherry-labeled bacteria

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395 ***L. monocytogenes* infection of mouse bone marrow derived macrophages (BMDM)**

396 Six- to 8-week-old C57BL/6 female mice were obtained from NCI/Charles River NCI facility and bone
397 marrow-derived macrophages were made as previously described (48). Briefly, macrophages were
398 cultured from bone marrow in the presence of M-CSF derived from transfected 3T3 cell supernatant for 6
399 days, with an additional supplement of M-CSF medium 3 days postharvest. Cells were frozen down for
400 storage. The day before infection, frozen cells were thawed and plated in 35 mm glass bottom dishes
401 (MatTek, Ashland, MA) at 1.6 x 10⁶ in 2.4 mL BMDM medium (RPMI containing 10% fetal bovine
402 serum, 10% CSF, 1% sodium pyruvate, 1% glutamate and 0.1% β-mercaptoethanol) and allowed to
403 recover overnight at 37°C, 5% CO₂. The following day 1.6 mL BMDM medium with or without *L.*
404 *monocytogenes* at MOI 2 was added to cells and incubated at 37°C and 5% CO₂. After 30 minutes, cells
405 were rinsed once with BMDM medium and replaced with 2.4 mL medium containing 0.25 mg/mL
406 gentamicin (Lonza, Walkersville, MD). Cells were maintained at 37°C and 5% CO₂ and imaged live by
407 FLIM at 5-6 hours post infection.

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409 **Zebrafish tail wounding**

410 Simple tail fin transection, infected tail fin transection and thermal injury of the tail fin were performed on
411 3 days post fertilization (dpf) larvae as described previously (38). In preparation for wounding, larvae
412 were anesthetized in E3 medium containing 0.16 mg/mL Tricaine (ethyl 3-aminobenzoate; Sigma-
413 Aldrich). Simple tail transection of the caudal fin was performed using surgical blade (Feather, no. 10) at
414 the boundary of and without injuring the notochord; following transection, larvae were rinsed with E3
415 medium to wash away Tricaine, placed in fresh milk-coated dishes with fresh E3 medium, and maintained
416 at 28.5°C until live imaging. For infected tail transection, larvae were placed in 5 mL E3 medium
417 containing Tricaine in 60-mm milk-treated dish; 100 μ L unlabeled bacterial suspension in PBS, or 100 μ L
418 PBS for control uninfected wounding, was added to the E3 medium and swirled gently to achieve even
419 distribution of bacteria; tail fin transection of larvae in control or infected E3 medium was performed as
420 described above; larvae were immediately transferred to a horizontal orbital shaker and shaken for 30 min
421 at 70-80 rpm; control and infected larvae were then rinsed five times with 5 mL E3 medium without
422 Tricaine to wash away bacteria and maintained at 28.5°C until live imaging; larvae were not treated with
423 antibiotics at any point during the experiment. To perform thermal injury, fine tip (type E) of a line-
424 powered thermal cautery instrument (Stoelting, Wood Dale, IL) was placed into the E3 medium, held to
425 the posterior tip of the caudal fin, and turned on for 1-2 s until tail fin tissue curled up without injuring the
426 notochord; following injury, larvae were rinsed with E3 medium to wash away Tricaine, placed in fresh
427 milk-coated dishes with fresh E3 medium, and maintained at 28.5°C until live imaging.

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429 **Inhibition of glycolysis in wounded zebrafish**

430 2-deoxy-d-glucose (2-DG; Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) treatment of wounded zebrafish larvae (simple
431 tail transection) was empirically optimized by testing different doses and length of pretreatment. 2-DG is
432 a weak, but fast acting inhibitor. Inhibitor was freshly prepared for each experiment, dissolved at 100 mM
433 in E3 medium. Treatment was performed by bathing larvae in E3 medium containing 5 mM 2-DG for 1
434 hour before imaging. Larvae were kept in the presence of the inhibitor during imaging.

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436 **Embedding zebrafish larvae for live imaging**

437 Larvae were embedded in 1 mL 1% low gelling agarose prepared in E3 medium in Ibidi μ -Slide 2-Well
438 Glass Bottom Chamber (Ibidi, Fitchburg, WI) and topped off with 1 mL E3 medium. Agarose and top-off
439 solution were supplemented with 0.16 mg/mL Tricaine to keep larvae anesthetized during imaging. In 2-
440 DG experiments, agarose and top-off solution were supplement with 5 mM 2-DG to maintain larvae in
441 the inhibitor.

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443 **Fluorescence Lifetime Imaging of NAD(P)H and FAD**

444 All samples were imaged using a 2-photon fluorescence microscope (Ultima, Bruker) coupled to an
445 inverted microscope body (TiE, Nikon), adapted for fluorescence lifetime acquisition with time correlated
446 single photon counting electronics (SPC-150, Becker & Hickl, Berlin, Germany). A 40X (NA=1.15)
447 water immersion objective was used. An Insight DS+ (Spectra Physics) femtosecond source with dual
448 emission provided light at 750 nm (average power: 1.4 mW) for NAD(P)H excitation and 1040 nm
449 (average power: 2.1 mW) for mCherry excitation. FAD excitation at 895 nm was achieved through
450 wavelength mixing. Wavelength mixing was achieved by spatially and temporally overlapping two
451 synchronized pulse trains at 750 nm and 1040 nm (36). Bandpass filters were used to isolate light, with
452 466/40 nm used for NAD(P)H and 540/24 nm for FAD, and 650/45 for mCherry which were then
453 detected by GaAsP photomultiplier tubes (H7422, Hamamatsu). Fluorescence lifetime decays of
454 NAD(P)H, FAD, and mCherry were acquired simultaneously with 256 time bins across 256x256 pixel
455 images within Prairie View (Bruker Fluorescence Microscopy) with a pixel dwell time of 4.6 μ s and an
456 integration time of 60 seconds at an optical zoom of 2.00. No change in the photon count rate was
457 observed, ensuring that photobleaching did not occur. The second harmonic generation obtained from
458 urea crystals excited at 890 nm was used as the instrument response function and the full width at half
459 maximum was measured to be 260 ps. BMDM were imaged live in MatTek dishes while maintained at
460 37°C and 5% CO₂ using a stage top incubator system (Tokai Hit, Bala Cynwyd, PA). Zebrafish larvae
461 were imaged live at room temperature.

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463 **Fluorescence Lifetime Data Analysis**

464 Fluorescence lifetime components were computed in SPCImage v7.4 (Becker and Hickl). For each image,
465 a threshold was selected to exclude background. The fluorescence lifetime components were then
466 computed for each pixel by deconvolving the measured instrument response function and fitting the
467 resulting exponential decay to a two-component model, $I(t) = \alpha_1 e^{-t/\tau_1} + \alpha_2 e^{-t/\tau_2} + C$, where $I(t)$ is the
468 fluorescence intensity at time t after the laser excitation pulse, α_1 and α_2 are the fractional contributions of
469 the short and long lifetime components, respectively (i.e., $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1$), τ_1 and τ_2 are the fluorescence
470 lifetimes of the short and long lifetime components, respectively, and C accounts for background light. A
471 two-component decay was used to represent the lifetimes of the free and bound configurations of
472 NAD(P)H and FAD (22, 49). Images were analyzed at the single cell level. For the *in vitro* macrophages,
473 cell cytoplasm masks were obtained using a custom CellProfiler pipeline (v.3.1.8) (50). Briefly, the user
474 manually outlined the nucleus of the cells and those masks were then propagated outwards to find cell
475 areas. Cytoplasm masks were then determined by subtracting the nucleus masks from the total cell area
476 masks. Bacteria masks were created in Fiji (51) by thresholding the mCherry intensity images into

477 bacteria and background. The resulting bacteria masks were then subtracted from the corresponding field
478 of view's masks to exclude bacterial metabolic data. The diffuse cytoplasmic fluorescence in the mCherry
479 images is likely due to FAD autofluorescence (44). Images of the optical redox ratio (intensity of
480 NAD(P)H divided by the sum of the intensity of NAD(P)H and the intensity of FAD) and the mean
481 fluorescence lifetime ($\tau_m = \alpha_1\tau_1 + \alpha_2\tau_2$, where τ_1 is the short lifetime for free NAD(P)H and bound FAD,
482 τ_2 is the long lifetime of bound NAD(P)H and free FAD, and α_1 and α_2 represent relative contributions
483 from free and protein-bound NAD(P)H respectively, and the converse for FAD α_1 and α_2) of NAD(P)H
484 and FAD were calculated and autofluorescence imaging endpoints were averaged for all pixels within a
485 cell cytoplasm using RStudio v. 1.2.1335 (52). For the *in vivo* macrophages, a custom CellProfiler
486 pipeline segmented the macrophage cell area. Briefly, the pipeline rescaled the mCherry intensity images
487 to be between 0 and 1 by dividing by the brightest pixel value in the image. Background was excluded by
488 manually setting a threshold (0.15). Cells were identified using CellProfiler's default object identification.
489 Then, each cell was manually checked and edited as necessary to exclude background fluorescence and to
490 include all pixels of each macrophage. Images of the optical redox ratio (intensity of NAD(P)H divided
491 by the sum of the intensity of NAD(P)H and the intensity of FAD) and the mean fluorescence lifetime (τ_m
492 $= \alpha_1\tau_1 + \alpha_2\tau_2$; defined above) of NAD(P)H and FAD were calculated and autofluorescence imaging
493 endpoints were averaged for all pixels within a cell using MATLAB v.9.7.01296695 (R2019b;
494 Mathworks, Natick, MA).

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496 **Metabolomics**

497 To analyze intracellular metabolites, metabolites were extracted with cold liquid chromatography–mass
498 spectrometry (LC–MS) grade 80/20 methanol/H₂O (v/v). Samples were dried under nitrogen flow and
499 subsequently dissolved in LC–MS grade water for LC–MS analysis methods. Protein pellets were
500 removed by centrifugation. Samples were analyzed using a Thermo Q-Exactive mass spectrometer
501 coupled to a Vanquish Horizon Ultra-High Performance Liquid Chromatograph (UHPLC). Metabolites
502 were separated on a C18 (details below) at a 0.2 ml per min flow rate and 30 °C column temperature.
503 Data was collected on full scan mode at a resolution of 70 K. Samples were loaded in water and separated
504 on a 2.1 × 100 mm, 1.7 μM Acquity UPLC BEH C18 Column (Waters) with a gradient of solvent A (97/3
505 H₂O/methanol, 10 mM TBA, 9 mM acetate, pH 8.2) and solvent B (100% methanol). The gradient was: 0
506 min, 5% B; 2.5 min, 5% B; 17 min, 95% B; 21 min, 95% B; 21.5 min, 5% B. Data were collected on a
507 full scan negative mode. The identification of metabolites reported was based on exact m/z and retention
508 times, which were determined with chemical standards. Data were analyzed with Maven. Relative
509 metabolite levels were normalized to protein content.

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511 **Statistical analyses**

512 Biological repeats are defined as separate clutches of embryos collected on separate days. Statistical
513 analyses were performed using R v.3.6.2 (www.R-project.org)(53). General linear models were fit to data,
514 where every data point represented a macrophage. Models included *day* (biological repeat) as a blocking
515 factor. An interaction was included in all models where more than one experimental factor was present
516 (for example, time and treatment), to determine whether effects associated with experimental factors
517 modified one another. All models utilized cluster-robust standard errors to account for multiple
518 macrophages being measured within the same larvae. Log transformation was applied to certain lifetime
519 endpoints prior to analysis to improve scaling and symmetry, and lessen the influence of outliers. No
520 adjustment for multiplicity was done. Statistical significance was set to 0.05. All data were graphed using
521 Prism (GraphPad Software, Inc., San Diego, CA). Each data point in the graphical display represent a
522 macrophage and the data for each condition is presented as a composite dotplot and boxplot; each
523 biological repeat is displayed by a different color in the dotplot; boxplots show median (central line), first
524 and third quartiles (lower and upper lines), and the Tukey method was employed to create the whiskers
525 (the farthest data points that are no further than 1.5 times the interquartile range); data points beyond
526 whiskers (refer to dotplot) are considered outliers. Graphical information involving zebrafish experiments
527 is accompanied by statistical conclusions (below graphs) that account for the cluster-correlated structure
528 of data as described above.

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530 **Data and code availability**

531 Data generated and analyzed, including codes and algorithms related to the analysis of data in the current
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658 **Figure legends**

659 **Figure 1. Fluorescence lifetime imaging of NAD(P)H and FAD detects predicted changes in the**
660 **optical redox ratio in the context of *in vitro* infection of primary macrophages.** Mouse bone marrow
661 derived macrophages were infected with mCherry-labeled *Listeria monocytogenes* (*Lm*) at MOI 2, and
662 FLIM of NAD(P)H and FAD was performed on live cells at 5-6 hours post infection (hpi). A)
663 Representative images of mCherry (to show presence of bacteria), optical redox ratio, and NAD(P)H and
664 FAD mean lifetimes (τ_m) are shown for uninfected control or *Lm*-infected macrophages; scale bar = 50
665 μm . Quantitative analysis of B) optical redox ratio, C) NAD(P)H and D) FAD mean lifetimes ($\tau_m = \alpha_1\tau_1$
666 $+ \alpha_2\tau_2$) are shown; quantitative analysis of other associated lifetime endpoints (α_1 , τ_1 , τ_2) are included in
667 Figure 1 supplement. The diffuse cytoplasmic fluorescence in the mCherry images is likely due to FAD
668 autofluorescence (44). mCherry expression in bacteria was used to subtract from lifetime images in order
669 to exclude metabolic changes in the pathogen from that of macrophages. Results from 3 independent
670 repeats are shown; sample size for each repeat is included in Figure 1 supplement. Each data point
671 represent a macrophage and the data for each condition is displayed by a composite dotplot and boxplot;
672 each repeat is displayed by a different color in the dotplot, showing mean with 95% CI; boxplots show
673 median (central line), first and third quartiles (lower and upper lines), and the Tukey method was
674 employed to create the whiskers (the farthest data points that are no further than 1.5 times the interquartile
675 range); data points beyond whiskers (refer to dotplot) are considered outliers. Statistical comparison was
676 performed by general linear model; ns = not significant.

677 **Figure 2. Inhibition of glycolysis produces predicted changes in the optical redox ratio of**
678 **macrophages at the simple tail wound.** Tail fin transection distal to the notochord was performed using
679 transgenic zebrafish larvae (*Tg(mpeg1:mCherry-CAAX)* that labels macrophages in the plasma membrane
680 with mCherry) at 3 days post fertilization (dpf), and FLIM of NAD(P)H and FAD was performed on live
681 larvae at 3-6 hours post tail transection (hptt) that were either untreated (control) or treated with 5 mM 2-
682 DG (glycolysis inhibitor). A) Schematic showing area where wounding (red line) and imaging (green
683 box) was performed. B) Representative images of mCherry (to show macrophages), optical redox ratio,
684 and NAD(P)H and FAD mean lifetimes (τ_m) are shown for control or treated tail wounds; macrophages in
685 mCherry channel were outlined with dashed lines and the area was overlaid in the optical redox ratio and
686 lifetime images to show corresponding location; scale bar = 50 μm . Quantitative analysis of C) optical
687 redox ratio, D) NAD(P)H and E) FAD mean lifetimes ($\tau_m = \alpha_1\tau_1 + \alpha_2\tau_2$) are shown; quantitative analysis
688 of other associated lifetime endpoints (α_1 , τ_1 , τ_2) are included in Figure 2 supplement. Results from 2
689 biological repeats are shown; sample size for each repeat is included in Figure 2 supplement. Each data
690 point represent a macrophage and the data for each condition is displayed by a composite dotplot and

691 boxplot; each repeat is displayed by a different color in the dotplot; boxplots show median (central line),
692 first and third quartiles (lower and upper lines), and the Tukey method was employed to create the
693 whiskers (the farthest data points that are no further than 1.5 times the interquartile range); data points
694 beyond whiskers (refer to dotplot) are considered outliers. Statistical comparison was performed using a
695 general linear model with cluster-robust standard errors to account for multiple macrophages measured
696 per larvae, thereby statistical conclusions are shown in a table below the graphs. The optical redox ratio
697 and τ_m were log-transformed prior to analysis. Estimated means with 95% CI are included in Figure 2
698 supplement.

699 **Figure 3. Fluorescence lifetime imaging of NAD(P)H detects metabolic changes in TNF α - and**
700 **TNF α + macrophages at the infected tail wound.** Tail fin transection distal to the notochord was
701 performed using double transgenic zebrafish larvae (*Tg(tnf:GFP) x Tg(mpeg1:mCherry-CAAX)*, a TNF α
702 reporter line in combination with a line that labels macrophages in the plasma membrane with mCherry)
703 at 3 days post fertilization (dpf) in the absence or presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* (*Lm*). FLIM of
704 NAD(P)H was performed on live larvae at 48 hours post wound (hpw) (Figure 2A). A) Representative
705 images of mCherry expression to show macrophages, GFP to show TNF α expression and NAD(P)H
706 mean lifetime (τ_m) are shown for control or infected tail wounds; macrophages in mCherry channel were
707 outlined with dashed lines and the area was overlaid in GFP and lifetime images to show corresponding
708 location; in the infected condition only few macrophages are outlined as examples; scale bar = 50 μ m.
709 Quantitative analysis of B) NAD(P)H mean lifetime ($\tau_m = \alpha_1\tau_1 + \alpha_2\tau_2$) and C) alpha 1 (α_1), fractional
710 component of free NAD(P)H are shown; quantitative analysis of other associated lifetime endpoints (τ_1 ,
711 τ_2) are included in Figure 3 supplement. Results from 3 biological repeats are shown; sample size for each
712 repeat is included in Figure 3 supplement. Each data point represent a macrophage and the data for each
713 condition is displayed by a composite dotplot and boxplot; each repeat is displayed by a different color in
714 the dotplot; boxplots show median (central line), first and third quartiles (lower and upper lines), and the
715 Tukey method was employed to create the whiskers (the farthest data points that are no further than 1.5
716 times the interquartile range); data points beyond whiskers (refer to dotplot) are considered outliers.
717 Statistical comparison was performed using a general linear model with cluster-robust standard errors to
718 account for multiple macrophages measured per larvae, thereby statistical conclusions are shown in a
719 table below the graphs. The lifetime endpoints were log-transformed prior to analysis. Interaction
720 between treatment and GFP expression was included to analyze whether either factor modified the effect
721 of the other; no interaction was found. Estimated means with 95% CI are included in Figure 3
722 supplement.

723 **Figure 4. Fluorescence lifetime imaging of NAD(P)H and FAD detects metabolic changes in**
724 **macrophages at the infected tail wound.** Tail fin transection distal to the notochord was performed
725 using transgenic zebrafish larvae (*Tg(mpeg1:mCherry-CAAX)* that labels macrophages in the plasma
726 membrane with mCherry) at 3 days post fertilization (dpf) in the absence or presence of *Listeria*
727 *monocytogenes* (*Lm*). FLIM of NAD(P)H and FAD was performed on live larvae at 48 hours post wound
728 (hpw) (Figure 2A). A) Representative images of mCherry expression to show macrophages, optical redox
729 ratio, and NAD(P)H and FAD mean lifetimes (τ_m) are shown for control or infected tail wounds;
730 macrophages were outlined with dashed lines and the area was overlaid in the optical redox ratio and
731 lifetime images to show corresponding area; in the infected condition only few macrophages are outlined
732 as examples; scale bar = 50 μ m. Quantitative analysis of B) optical redox ratio, C) NAD(P)H and D) FAD
733 mean lifetimes ($\tau_m = \alpha_1\tau_1 + \alpha_2\tau_2$) are shown; quantitative analysis of other associated lifetime endpoints
734 (α_1, τ_1, τ_2) are included in Figure 4 supplement. Results from 3 biological repeats are shown; sample size
735 for each repeat is included in Figure 4 supplement. Each data point represent a macrophage and the data
736 for each condition is displayed by a composite dotplot and boxplot; each repeat is displayed by a different
737 color in the dotplot; boxplots show median (central line), first and third quartiles (lower and upper lines),
738 and the Tukey method was employed to create the whiskers (the farthest data points that are no further
739 than 1.5 times the interquartile range); data points beyond whiskers (refer to dotplot) are considered
740 outliers. Statistical comparison was performed using a general linear model with cluster-robust standard
741 errors to account for multiple macrophages measured per larvae, thereby statistical conclusions are shown
742 in a table below the graphs. Log transformation was applied to τ_m prior to analysis. Estimated means with
743 95% CI are included in Figure 4 supplement.

744 **Figure 5. Fluorescence lifetime imaging of NAD(P)H and FAD detects temporal changes in the**
745 **metabolic activity of macrophages at sterile tail wounds.** Tail fin transection (Tt) or thermal injury
746 (Burn) distal to the notochord was performed using transgenic zebrafish larvae (*Tg(mpeg1:mCherry-*
747 *CAAX)* that labels macrophages in the plasma membrane with mCherry) at 3 days post fertilization (dpf).
748 FLIM of NAD(P)H and FAD was performed on live larvae at 24 and 72 hours post wound (hpw) (Figure
749 2A). A) Representative images of mCherry expression to show macrophages, optical redox ratio, and
750 NAD(P)H and FAD mean lifetimes (τ_m) are shown for Tt or Burn wounds; macrophages were outlined
751 with dashed lines and the area was overlaid in the optical redox ratio and lifetime images to show
752 corresponding location of macrophages; scale bar = 50 μ m. Quantitative analysis of B) optical redox
753 ratio, C) NAD(P)H and D) FAD mean lifetimes ($\tau_m = \alpha_1\tau_1 + \alpha_2\tau_2$) are shown; quantitative analysis of
754 other associated lifetime endpoints (α_1, τ_1, τ_2) are included in Figure 5 supplement. Results from 3
755 biological repeats are shown; sample size for each repeat is included in Figure 5 supplement. Each data

756 point represent a macrophage and the data for each condition is displayed by a composite dotplot and
757 boxplot; each repeat is displayed by a different color in the dotplot; boxplots show median (central line),
758 first and third quartiles (lower and upper lines), and the Tukey method was employed to create the
759 whiskers (the farthest data points that are no further than 1.5 times the interquartile range); data points
760 beyond whiskers (refer to dotplot) are considered outliers. Statistical comparison was performed using a
761 general linear model with cluster-robust standard errors to account for multiple macrophages measured
762 per larvae, thereby statistical conclusions are shown in a table below the graphs. Log transformation was
763 applied to τ_m prior to analysis. Interaction between treatment and time was included to analyze whether
764 either factor modified the effect of the other; Strong interaction was detected for the optical redox ratio.
765 E) Tail fin tissue was collected distal to the caudal vein/artery loop (green box) 24 h following either tail
766 fin transection or thermal injury distal to the notochord (red line) for mass spec analysis of small
767 metabolites to compare the global trend of changes in redox metabolites with that measured by FLIM;
768 metabolomics data shown in F and G are from 4 biological repeats. F) metabolite abundance measured by
769 either fluorescence intensity (FLIM) or mass spec in transection sample was normalized by that in burn or
770 G) was used to calculate the redox ratio in transection (Tt) or burn samples. We included NADPH
771 abundance in the redox ratio calculated using Mass Spec measurements. *NADPH and NADH intensities
772 were not collected separately by FLIM as their fluorescence spectra overlap, thereby measured
773 collectively. Estimated means with 95% CI are included in Figure 5 supplement.

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775 **Figure supplement legends**

776 **Figure 1 supplement.** Other NAD(P)H and FAD fluorescence lifetime components measured during *in*
777 *vitro* *Listeria monocytogenes* (*Lm*) infection of primary mouse macrophages, associated with Figure 1.
778 Quantitative analysis of A) alpha1 (α_1), fractional component of free NAD(P)H; B) tau1 (τ_1), free/short
779 lifetime of NAD(P)H; C) tau2 (τ_2), bound/long lifetime of NAD(P)H; D) alpha1 (α_1), fractional
780 component of bound FAD; E) tau1 (τ_1), bound/short lifetime of FAD; F) tau2 (τ_2), free/long lifetime of
781 FAD. Each data point represent a macrophage and the data for each condition is displayed by a composite
782 dotplot and boxplot; each repeat (n=3) is displayed by a different color in the dotplot, showing mean with
783 95% CI; boxplots show median (central line), first and third quartiles (lower and upper lines), and the
784 Tukey method was employed to create the whiskers; data points beyond whiskers (refer to dotplot) are
785 considered outliers. Statistical comparison was performed by general linear model; ns = not significant.
786 G) Sample size of data set shown in Figure 1 and this supplement.

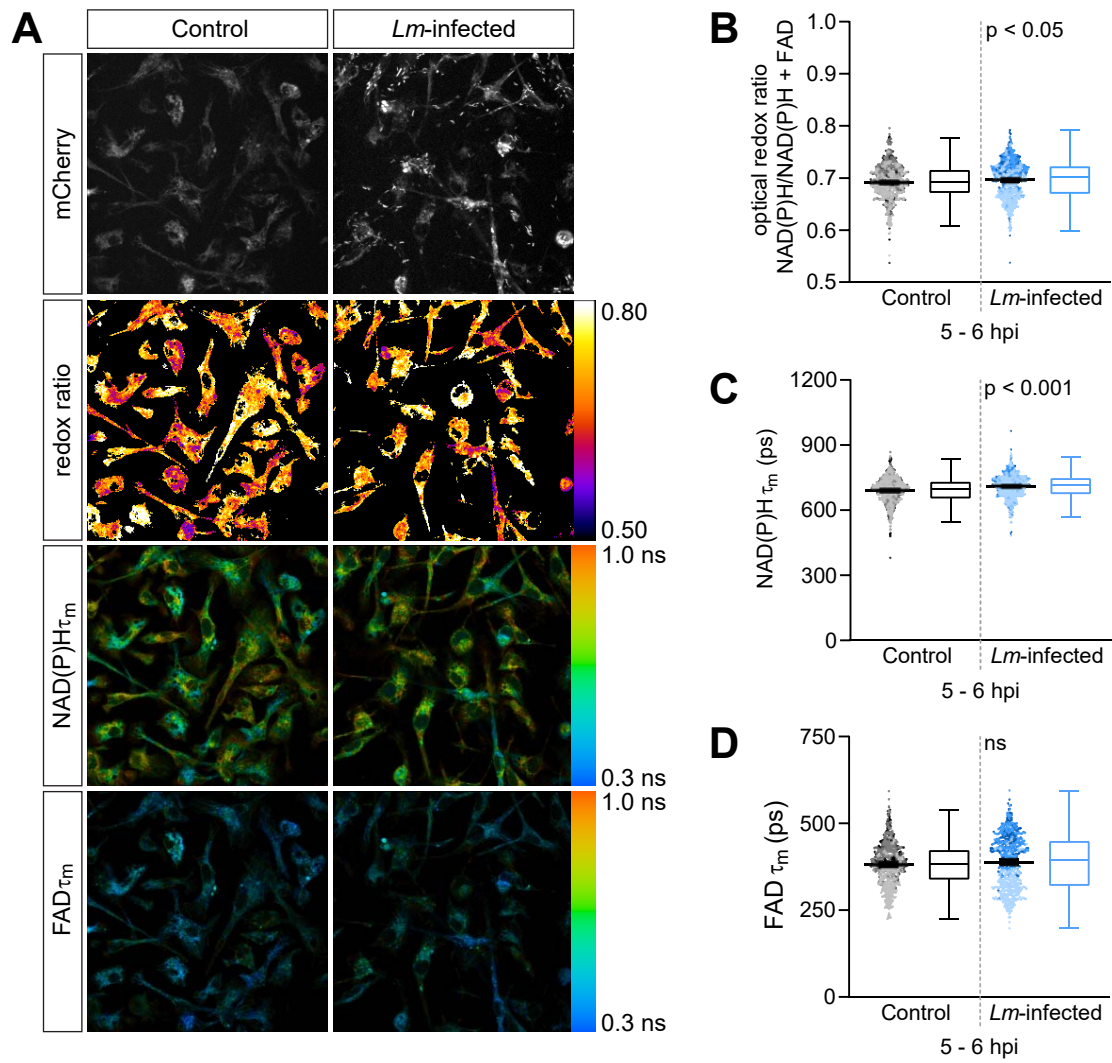
787 **Figure 2 supplement.** Other NAD(P)H and FAD fluorescence lifetime components measured in
788 macrophages at simple tail wounds of zebrafish larvae treated with glycolysis inhibitor (2-DG), associated
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790 (τ_1), free/short lifetime of NAD(P)H; C) tau2 (τ_2), bound/long lifetime of NAD(P)H; D) alpha1 (α_1),
791 fractional component of bound FAD; E) tau1 (τ_1), bound/short lifetime of FAD; F) tau2 (τ_2), free/long
792 lifetime of FAD. Each data point represent a macrophage and the data for each condition is displayed by a
793 composite dotplot and boxplot; each repeat (n=2) is displayed by a different color in the dotplot; boxplots
794 show median (central line), first and third quartiles (lower and upper lines), and the Tukey method was
795 employed to create the whiskers; data points beyond whiskers (refer to dotplot) are considered outliers.
796 Statistical comparison was performed using a general linear model with cluster-robust standard errors to
797 account for multiple macrophages measured per larvae, thereby statistical conclusions are shown in a
798 table below the graphs. All lifetime endpoints were log-transformed prior to analysis. G) Sample size of
799 data set shown in Figure 2 and this supplement. H) Estimated means with 95% CI; ORR = optical redox
800 ratio.

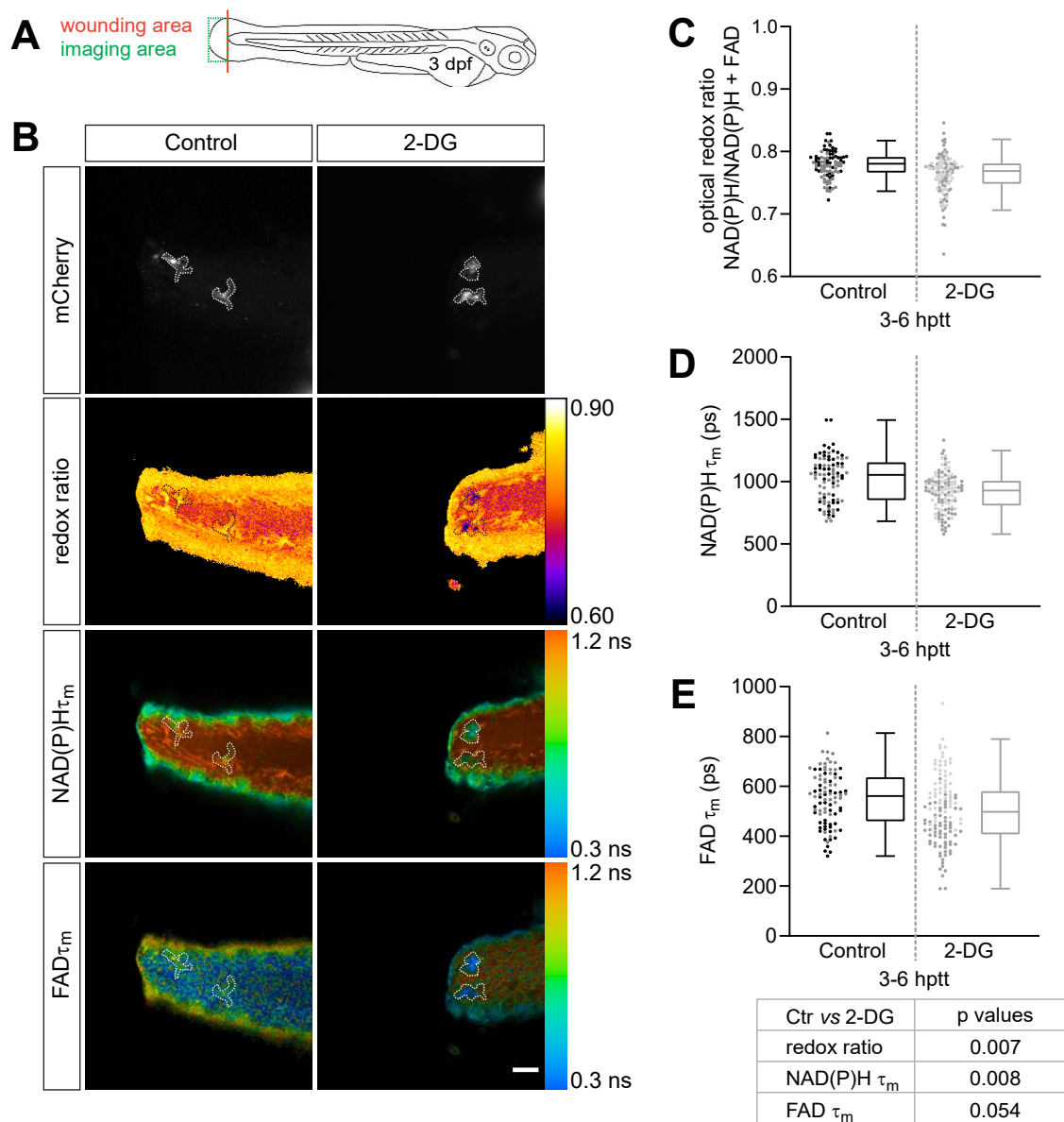
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802 TNF α + macrophages at infected tail wounds of zebrafish larvae, associated with Figure 3. Quantitative
803 analysis of A) tau1 (τ_1), free/short lifetime of NAD(P)H; B) tau2 (τ_2), bound/long lifetime of NAD(P)H.
804 Each data point represent a macrophage and the data for each condition is displayed by a composite
805 dotplot and boxplot; each repeat (n=3) is displayed by a different color in the dotplot; boxplots show
806 median (central line), first and third quartiles (lower and upper lines), and the Tukey method was
807 employed to create the whiskers; data points beyond whiskers (refer to dotplot) are considered outliers.
808 Statistical comparison was performed using a general linear model with cluster-robust standard errors to
809 account for multiple macrophages measured per larvae, thereby statistical conclusions are shown in a
810 table below the graphs. The lifetime endpoints were log-transformed prior to analysis. Interaction
811 between treatment and GFP expression was included to analyze whether either factor modified the effect
812 of the other; no interaction was found. C) Sample size of data set shown in Figure 3 and this supplement.
813 D) Estimated means with 95% CI.

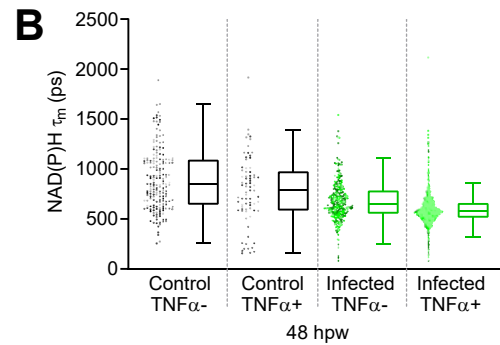
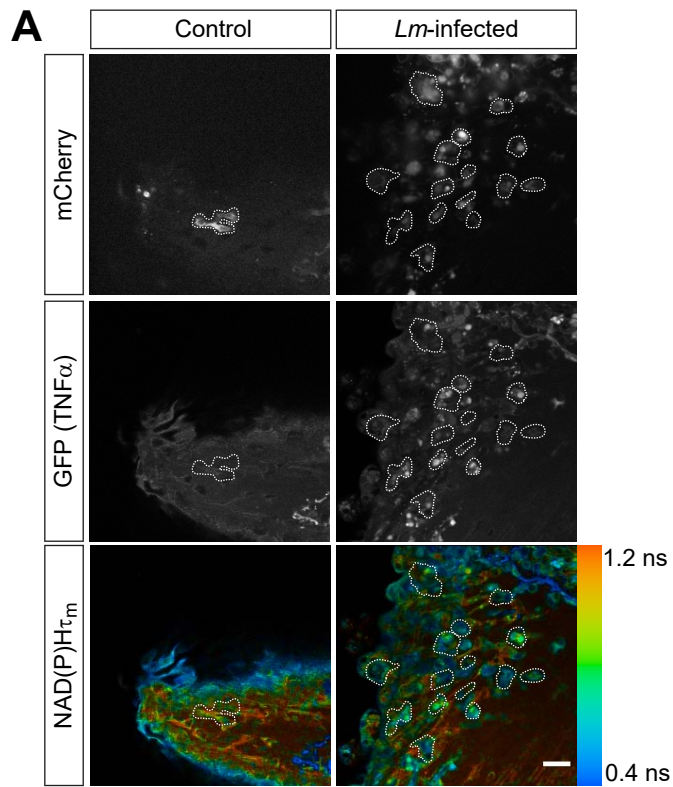
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817 tau2 (τ_2), bound/long lifetime of NAD(P)H; D) alpha1 (α_1), fractional component of bound FAD; E) tau1
818 (τ_1), bound/short lifetime of FAD; F) tau2 (τ_2), free/long lifetime of FAD. Each data point represent a

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820 ($n=3$) is displayed by a different color in the dotplot; boxplots show median (central line), first and third
821 quartiles (lower and upper lines), and the Tukey method was employed to create the whiskers; data points
822 beyond whiskers (refer to dotplot) are considered outliers. Statistical comparison was performed using a
823 general linear model with cluster-robust standard errors to account for multiple macrophages measured
824 per larvae, thereby statistical conclusions are shown in a table below the graphs. Log transformation was
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826 H) Estimated means with 95% CI; ORR = optical redox ratio.

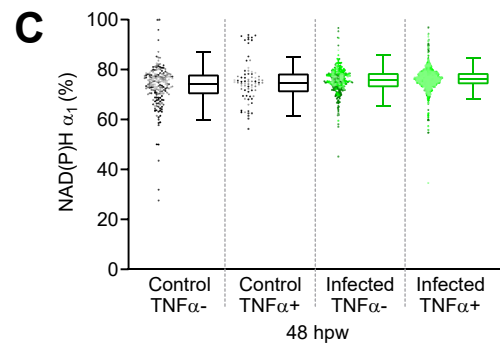
827 **Figure 5 supplement.** Other NAD(P)H and FAD fluorescence lifetime components measured in
828 macrophages at sterile tail wounds of zebrafish larvae, associated with Figure 5. Quantitative analysis of
829 A) α_1 (α_1), fractional component of free NAD(P)H; B) τ_1 (τ_1), free/short lifetime of NAD(P)H; C)
830 τ_2 (τ_2), bound/long lifetime of NAD(P)H; D) α_1 (α_1), fractional component of bound FAD; E) τ_1
831 (τ_1), bound/short lifetime of FAD; F) τ_2 (τ_2), free/long lifetime of FAD. Each data point represent a
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834 quartiles (lower and upper lines), and the Tukey method was employed to create the whiskers; data points
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836 general linear model with cluster-robust standard errors to account for multiple macrophages measured
837 per larvae, thereby statistical conclusions are shown in a table below the graphs. Log transformation was
838 applied to τ_1 and τ_2 prior to analysis. Interaction between treatment and time was included to analyze
839 whether either factor modified the effect of the other; weak interaction was detected for NAD(P)H τ_1 . G)
840 Sample size of data set shown in Figure 5 and this supplement. H) Estimated means with 95% CI; ORR =
841 optical redox ratio.



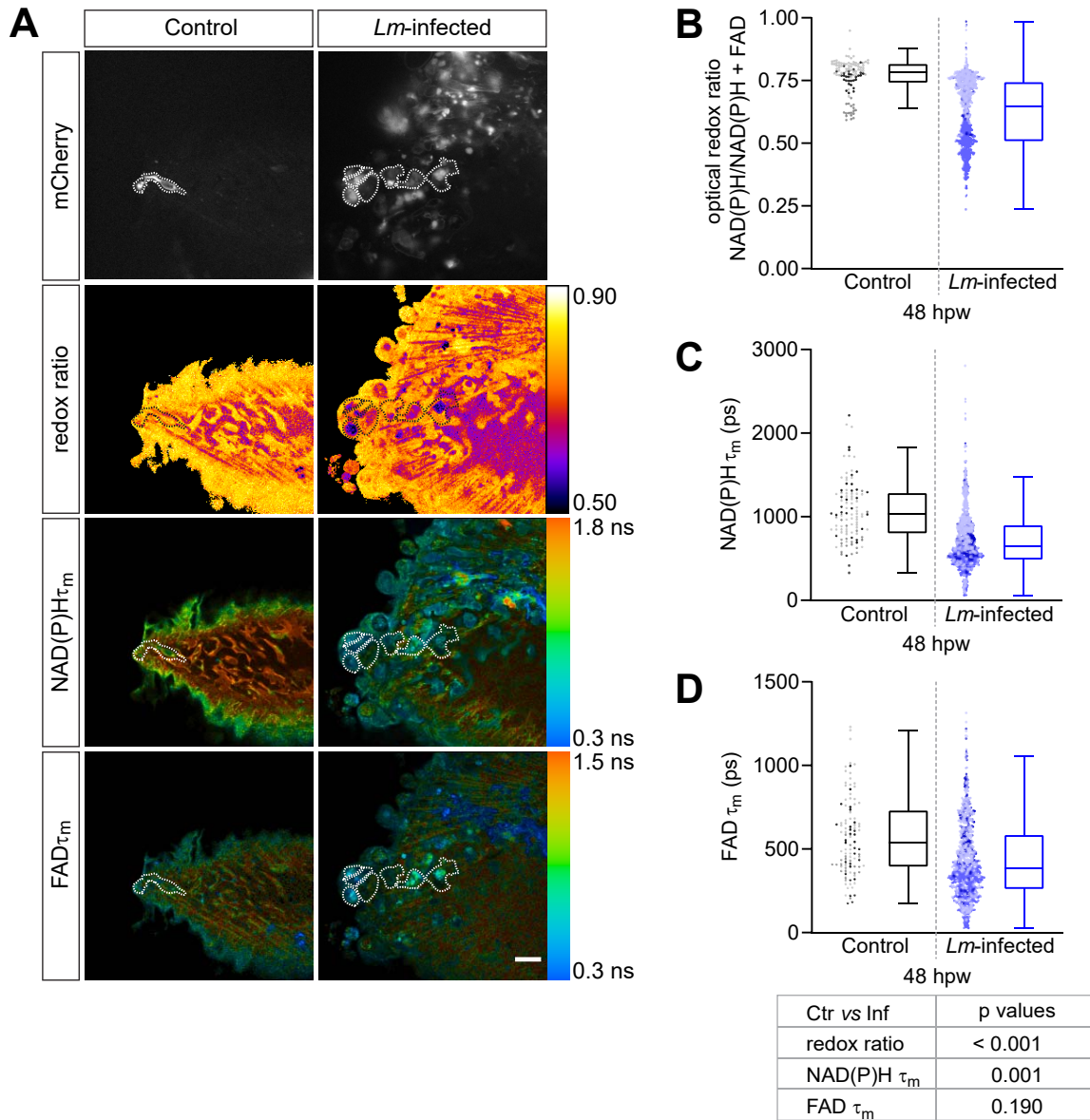




Nτ _m p values	Ctr TNFα+	Inf TNFα-
Ctr TNFα- vs	0.0024	0.0075
Inf TNFα+ vs	0.0075	0.0024



Nα ₁ p values	Ctr TNFα+	Inf TNFα-
Ctr TNFα- vs	0.2452	0.0563
Inf TNFα+ vs	0.0563	0.2452



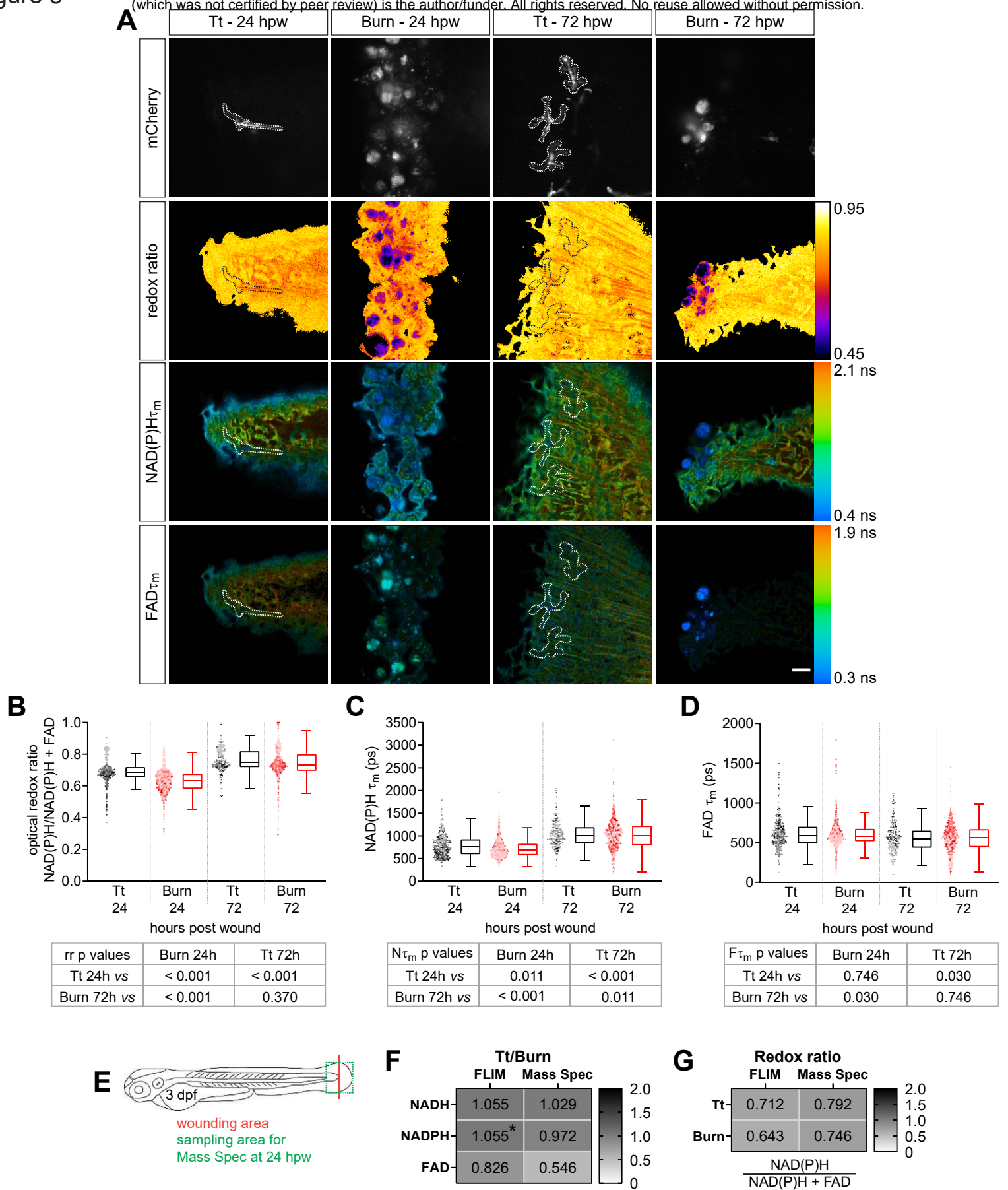
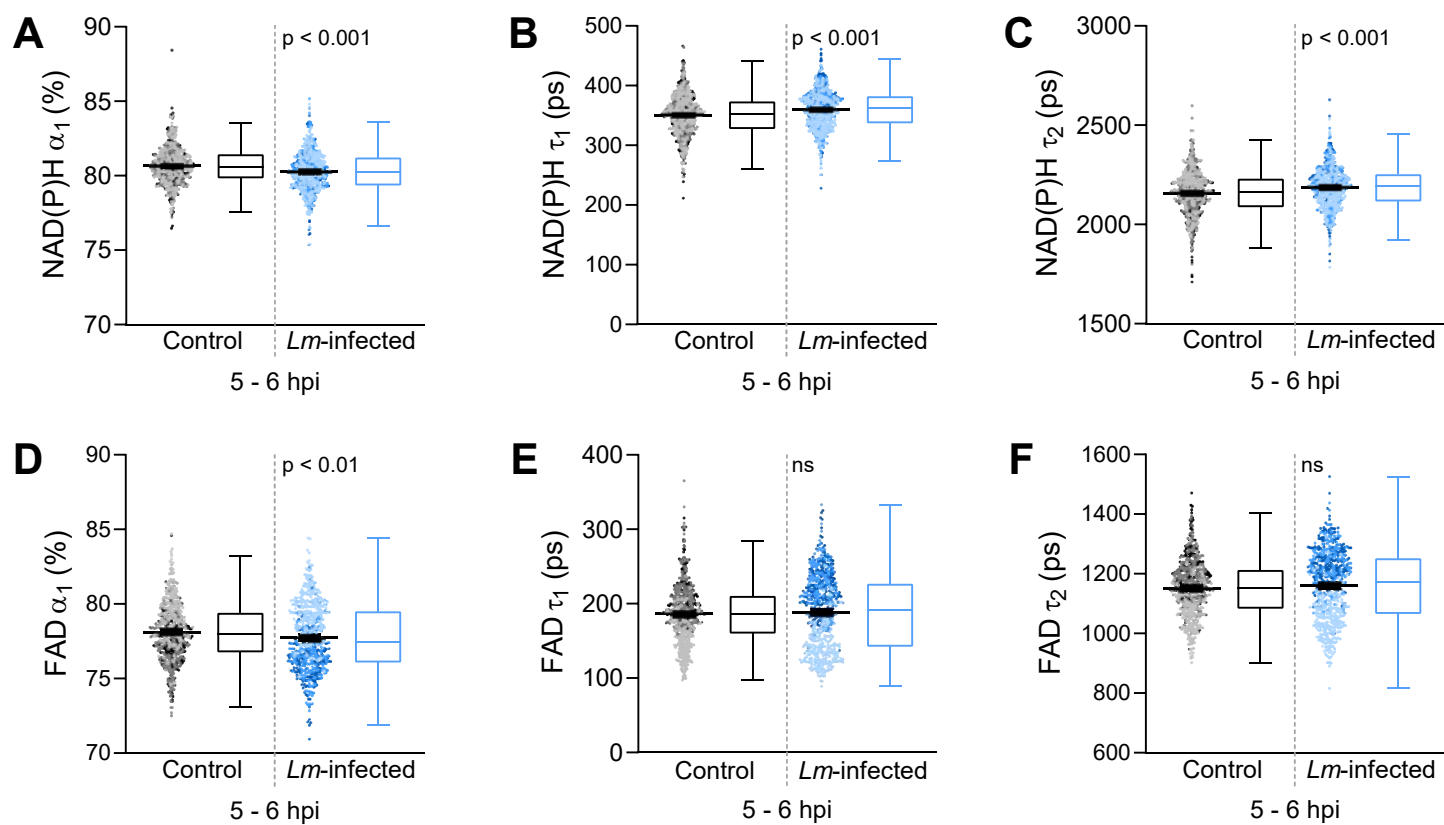


Table 1. Summary of changes in optical redox ratio and NAD(P)H lifetime endpoints.

	<i>in vitro</i> <i>Lm</i> -infection ¹	2-DG ²	<i>Lm</i> -infected wound ²		<i>Lm</i> -infected wound ²	Burn wound ²	
			TNF α -	TNF α +		24h	72h
Redox ratio	↑	↓	na	na	↓	↓	nd
NAD(P)H τ_m	↑	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
NAD(P)H τ_1	↑	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	nd
NAD(P)H τ_2	↑	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	nd
NAD(P)H α_1	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑

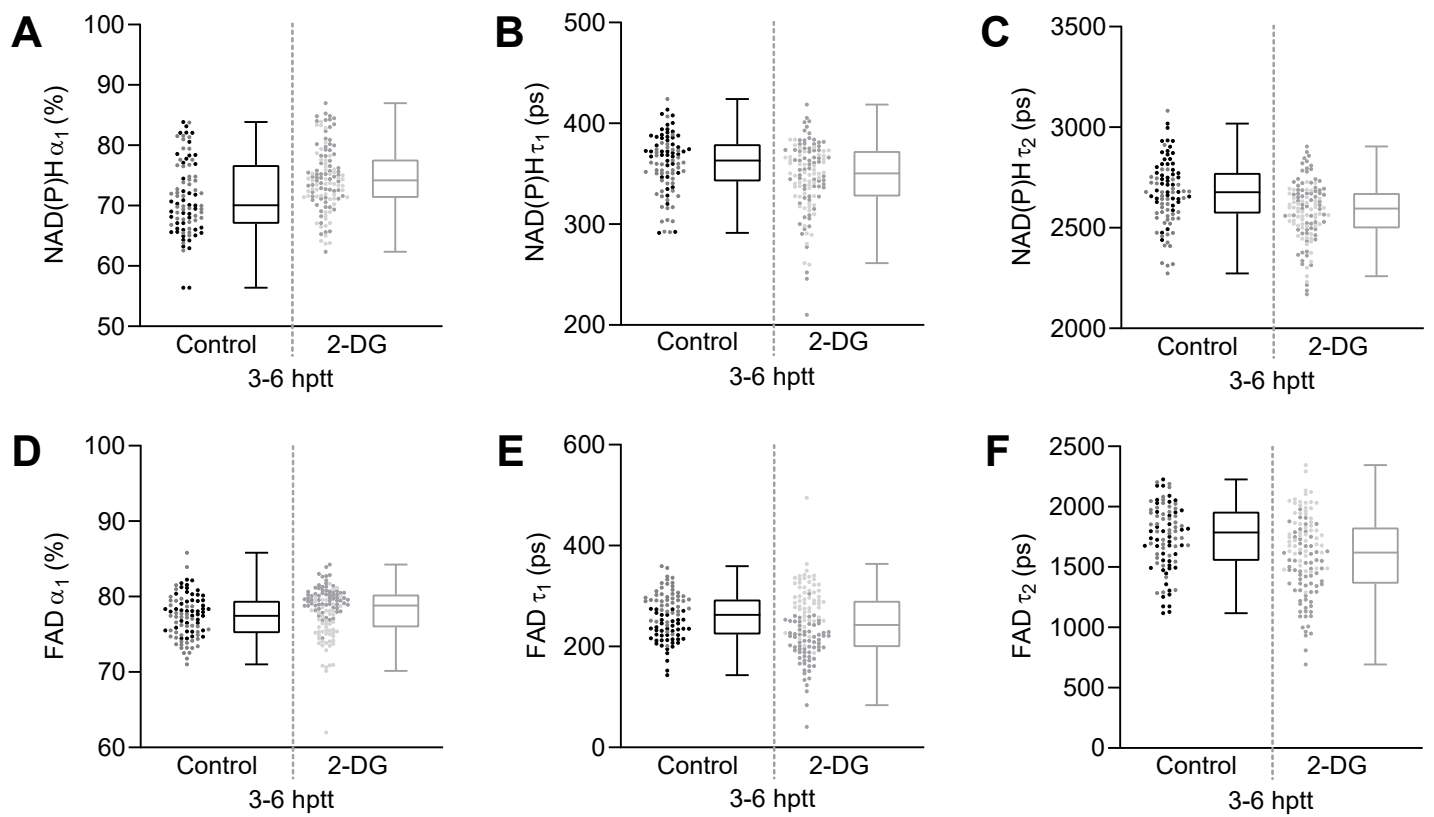
Changes in treated samples are shown relative to respective controls. Control = 1-uninfected BMDM, 2-tail fin transection wound (uninfected); na = not applicable; nd = not different.

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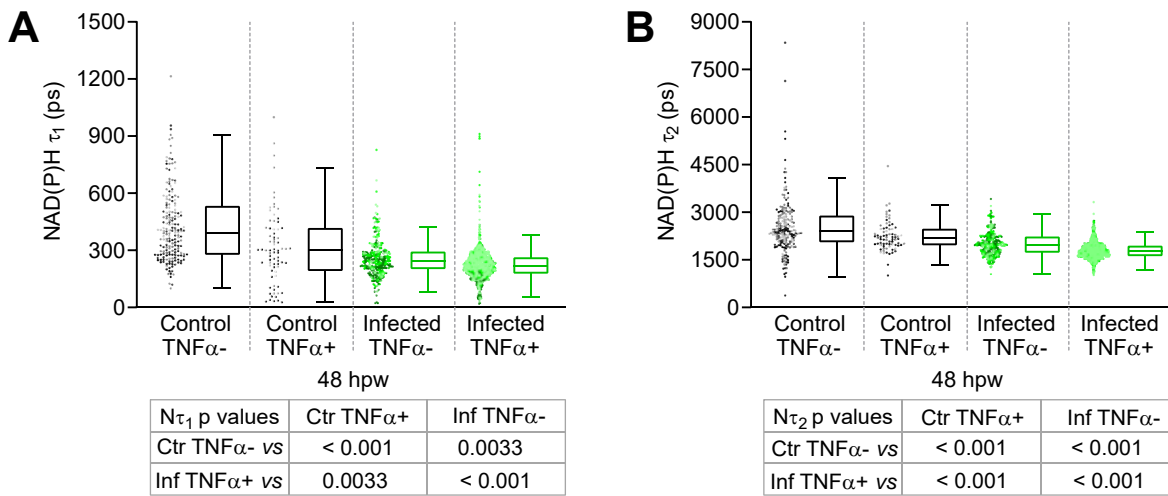
in vitro BMDM infection	R1	R2	R3	Total
Control (uninfected)	209	165	188	562
<i>Lm</i> -infected	192	131	217	540



p values	NAD(P)H α_1	NAD(P)H τ_1	NAD(P)H τ_2	FAD α_1	FAD τ_1	FAD τ_2
Ctrl vs 2-DG	0.018	0.067	0.004	0.458	0.094	0.026

zebrafish tail wound +/- 2-DG	R1		R2		Total	
	cells	larvae	cells	larvae	cells	larvae
Control	44	4	46	5	90	9
2-DG	68	4	55	5	123	9

	NAD(P)H τ_m (ps)	NAD(P)H α_1 (%)	NAD(P)H τ_1 (ps)	NAD(P)H τ_2 (ps)	ORR
Control	1007 (957, 1059)	71.2 (69.8, 72.6)	358 (347, 370)	2668 (2619, 2718)	0.78 (0.77, 0.78)
2-DG	904 (855, 955)	74.2 (72.3, 76.3)	344 (332, 355)	2569 (2531, 2608)	0.76 (0.75, 0.77)
	FAD τ_m (ps)	FAD α_1 (%)	FAD τ_1 (ps)	FAD τ_2 (ps)	
Control	538 (502, 577)	77.3 (76.4, 78.2)	255 (241, 269)	1720 (1626, 1819)	
2-DG	489 (457, 523)	77.8 (76.7, 78.9)	238 (223, 253)	1574 (1496, 1656)	



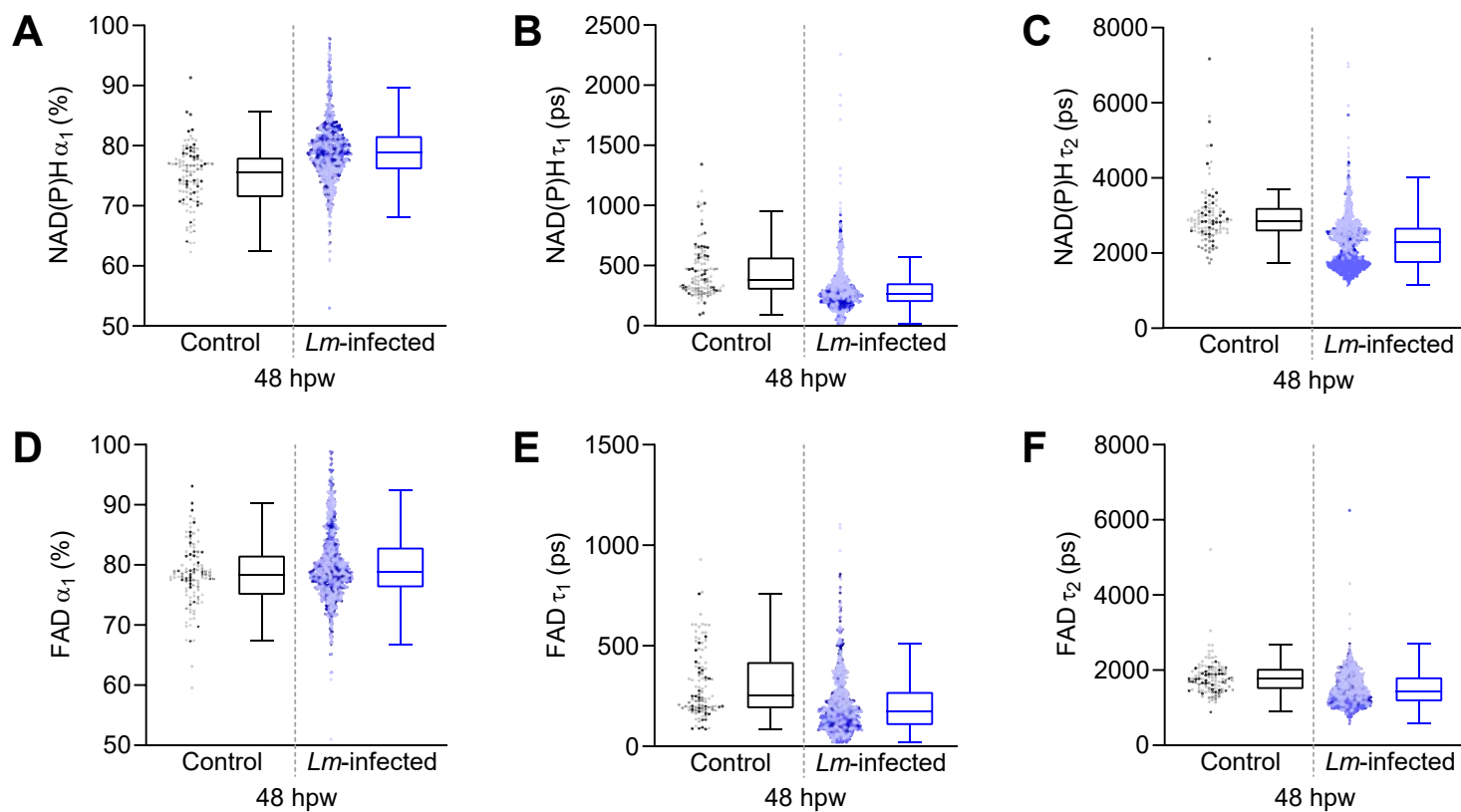
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zebrafish <i>Lm</i> -infected tail wound with TNF reporter	R1		R2		R3		Total	
	cells	larvae	cells	larvae	cells	larvae	cells	larvae
Control TNF-	88	6	58	5	38	5	184	16
Control TNF+	40	6	24	4	11	5	75	15
Infected TNF-	154	5	69	6	35	4	258	15
Infected TNF+	309	5	258	6	222	4	789	15

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	NAD(P)H τ_m (ps)	NAD(P)H α_1 (%)	NAD(P)H τ_1 (ps)	NAD(P)H τ_2 (ps)
Control GFP-	667.9 (609.5, 732.0)	75.4 (74.2, 76.7)	271.5 (243.4, 302.8)	1966.2 (1872.8, 2064.3)
Control GFP+	840.4 (742.3, 951.5)	73.3 (71.6, 75.0)	385.5 (329.8, 450.6)	2417.0 (2292.5, 2548.2)
<i>Lm</i> -infected GFP-	574.9 (540.2, 611.9)	76.3 (75.2, 77.3)	210.8 (194.2, 228.9)	1779.4 (1711.2, 1850.3)
<i>Lm</i> -infected GFP+	723.4 (614.8, 851.2)	74.1 (72.0, 76.3)	299.3 (237.2, 377.7)	2187.4 (2060.0, 2322.6)

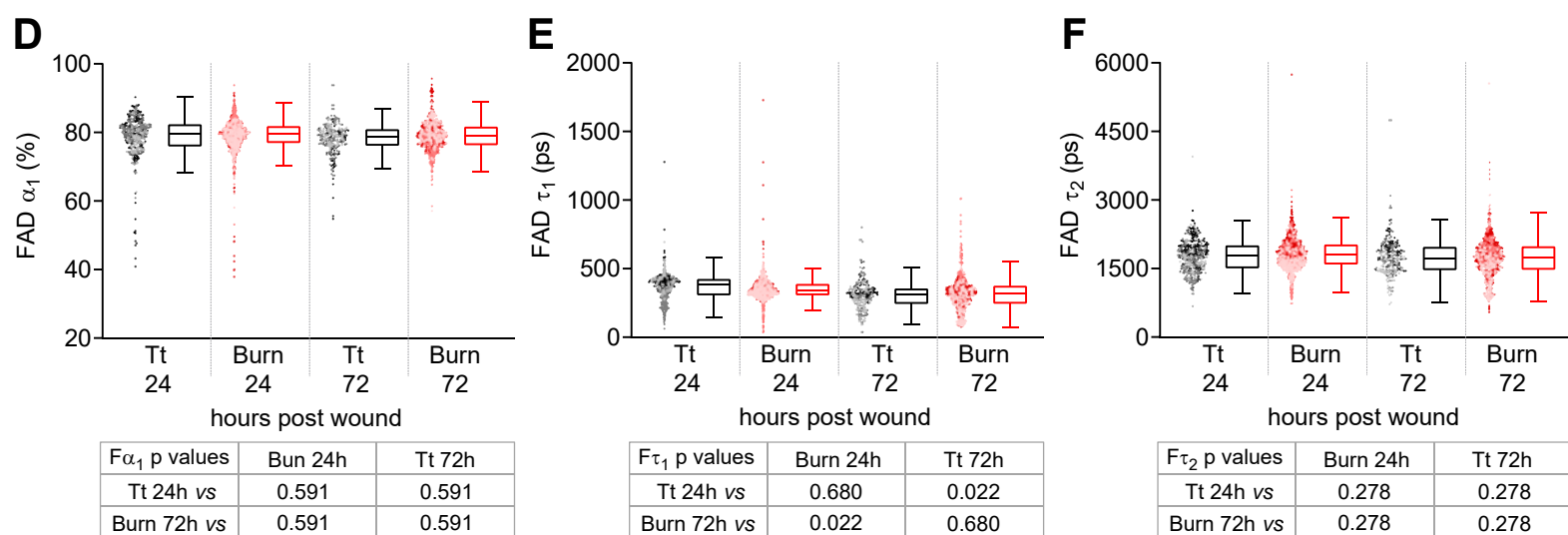
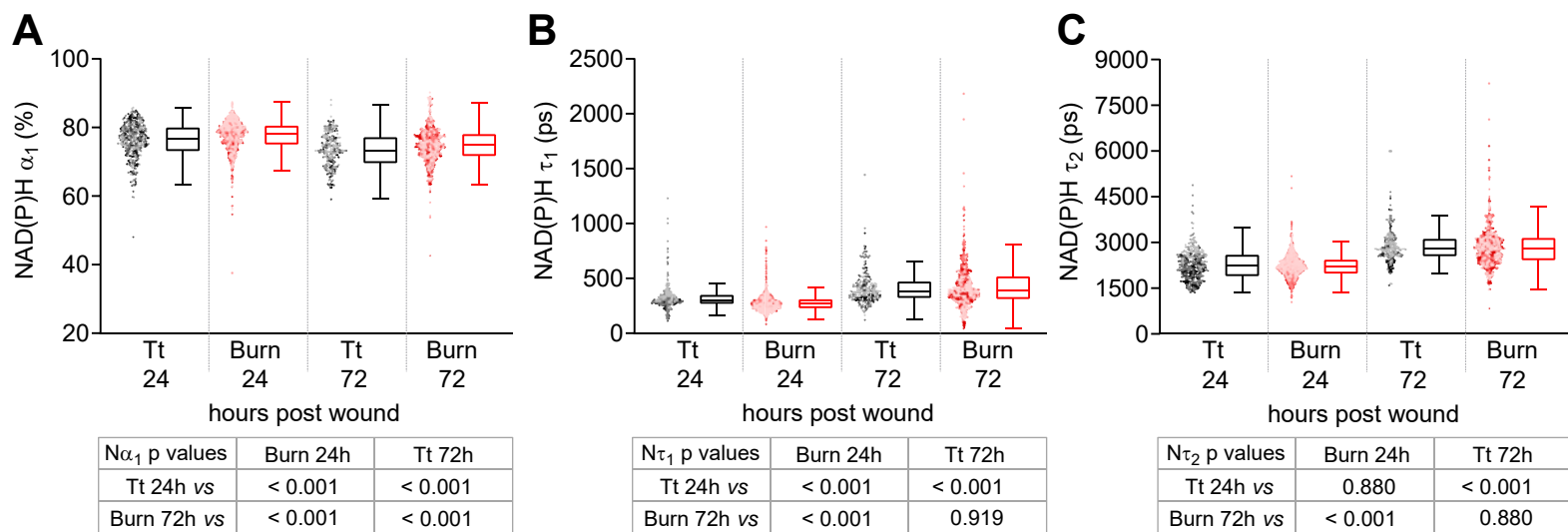
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p values	NAD(P)H α_1	NAD(P)H τ_1	NAD(P)H τ_2	FAD α_1	FAD τ_1	FAD τ_2
Ctrl vs Inf	0.001	0.004	< 0.001	0.552	0.120	0.089

zebrafish <i>Lm</i> -infected tail wound	R1		R2		R3		Total	
	cells	larvae	cells	larvae	cells	larvae	cells	larvae
Control	18	5	29	5	58	6	105	16
<i>Lm</i> -Infected	350	4	130	4	281	6	761	14

	NAD(P)H τ_m (ps)	NAD(P)H α_1 (%)	NAD(P)H τ_1 (ps)	NAD(P)H τ_2 (ps)	ORR
Control	915 (843, 992)	75.4 (73.9, 76.8)	377 (339, 420)	2700 (2560, 2840)	0.73 (0.71, 0.74)
<i>Lm</i> -infected	687 (608, 775)	78.8 (77.5, 80.2)	275 (235, 323)	2340 (2220, 2460)	0.65 (0.64, 0.66)
	FAD τ_m (ps)	FAD α_1 (%)	FAD τ_1 (ps)	FAD τ_2 (ps)	
Control	481 (392, 590)	78.5 (76.1, 80.9)	247 (187, 324)	1680 (1540, 1840)	
<i>Lm</i> -infected	408 (355, 468)	79.3 (77.9, 80.2)	190 (160, 225)	1520 (1430, 1620)	



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zebrafish sterile tail wounds	R1		R2		R3		Total	
	cells	larvae	cells	larvae	cells	larvae	cells	larvae
Tt 24 hpw	162	5	102	5	60	6	324	16
Burn 24 hpw	464	4	185	5	201	5	850	14
Tt 72 hpw	81	3	64	3	68	6	213	12
Burn 72 hpw	332	3	110	4	138	4	580	11

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	NAD(P)H τ_m (ps)	NAD(P)H α_1 (%)	NAD(P)H τ_1 (ps)	NAD(P)H τ_2 (ps)	ORR
Tt 24 hpw	755 (715, 797)	76.4 (75.5, 77.2)	306 (289, 325)	2250 (2170, 2340)	0.70 (0.69, 0.72)
Burn 24 hpw	700 (669, 733)	77.7 (77.1, 78.4)	274 (264, 284)	2220 (2150, 2300)	0.64 (0.63, 0.66)
Tt 72 hpw	1010 (969, 1050)	73.4 (72.9, 74.0)	398 (371, 427)	2830 (2720, 2950)	0.76 (0.74, 0.78)
Burn 72 hpw	965 (927, 1010)	75.2 (74.1, 76.2)	396 (375, 419)	2830 (2740, 2920)	0.75 (0.74, 0.76)
	FAD τ_m (ps)	FAD α_1 (%)	FAD τ_1 (ps)	FAD τ_2 (ps)	
Tt 24 hpw	569 (523, 619)	78.6 (77.2, 79.9)	344 (305, 387)	1680 (1620, 1760)	
Burn 24 hpw	563 (533, 596)	79.1 (78.2, 79.9)	326 (305, 348)	1720 (1660, 1780)	
Tt 72 hpw	526 (491, 565)	78.1 (77.0, 79.3)	283 (257, 311)	1690 (1610, 1790)	
Burn 72 hpw	501 (442, 567)	79.0 (77.8, 80.3)	288 (245, 339)	1610 (1520, 1720)	