Macrophage Innate Training Induced by IL-4 and IL-13 Activation Enhances OXPHOS

Driven Anti-Mycobacterial Responses

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Abstract

Macrophages are a highly adaptive population of innate immune cells. Polarization with IFNγ and LPS
into the "classically activated" M1 macrophage enhances pro-inflammatory and microbicidal
responses, important for eradicating bacteria such as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. By contrast,
"alternatively activated" M2 macrophages, polarized with IL-4, oppose bactericidal mechanisms and
allow mycobacterial growth. These activation states are accompanied by distinct metabolic profiles,
where M1 macrophages favor near exclusive use of glycolysis, whereas M2 macrophages up-regulate
oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS). Here we demonstrate that activation with IL-4 and IL-13
counterintuitively induces protective innate memory against mycobacterial challenge. In human and
murine models, prior activation with IL-4/13 enhances pro-inflammatory cytokine secretion in
response to a secondary stimulation with mycobacterial ligands. In our murine model, enhanced killing
capacity is also demonstrated. Despite this switch in phenotype, IL-4/13 trained murine macrophages
do not demonstrate M1-typical metabolism, instead retaining heightened use of OXPHOS. Moreover,
inhibition of OXPHOS with oligomycin, 2-deoxy glucose or BPTES all impeded heightened pro-
inflammatory cytokine responses from IL-4/13 trained macrophages. Lastly, this work identifies that
IL-10 attenuates protective IL-4/13 training, impeding pro-inflammatory and bactericidal mechanisms.

In summary, this work provides new and unexpected insight into alternative macrophage activation

states in the context of mycobacterial infection.

Introduction

A significant feature of macrophages is dynamic plasticity, expressed by their ability to polarize

towards distinct activation states (M. L. E. Lundahl, Scanlan, & Lavelle, 2017; Sica, Erreni, Allavena, &

Porta, 2015). Activation with interferon gamma (IFNγ) together with lipopolysaccharides (LPS) yields

the bactericidal and pro-inflammatory "classically activated" or M1 macrophages (Ferrante &

Leibovich, 2012; Sica et al., 2015), whereas activation with the type 2 and regulatory cytokines,

interleukin (IL)-4, IL-13, IL-10 and transforming growth factor (TGF)β, results in "alternatively

activated" M2 macrophages, which enhance allergic responses, resolve inflammation and induce

tissue remodeling (Bystrom et al., 2008; Mantovani et al., 2004). Another key difference between

these activation states are their metabolic profiles: whereas classically activated macrophages switch

to near exclusive use of glycolysis to drive their ATP production, alternatively activated macrophages

instead upregulate their oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) machinery (Van den Bossche et al.,

2016; Van den Bossche, O'Neill, & Menon, 2017).

Macrophages are key host innate immune cells for controlling the causative agent of

tuberculosis (TB), *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Cohen et al., 2018). *M. tuberculosis* has arguably

caused the most deaths of any pathogen in human history and continues to be the cause of more than

a million deaths annually: in 2020, 10 million people fell ill with active TB and 1.5 million died from the

disease (World Health Organization, 2021). Whilst classifying macrophages into classical and

alternative activation states is a simplification – the reality is a broad spectrum of various

differentiation states that is continuously regulated by a myriad of signals (Sica et al., 2015) – it is

nevertheless considered that for a host to control TB infection, classical macrophage activation is vital

(Jouanguy et al., 1999; Philips & Ernst, 2012). Furthermore, a macrophage metabolic shift to glycolysis

has been postulated to be a key for effective killing and thus overall control of TB infection (Gleeson

et al., 2016; Huang, Nazarova, Tan, Liu, & Russell, 2018). By contrast, alternatively activated

macrophages directly oppose bactericidal responses, which has been demonstrated to lead to

enhanced bacterial burden and TB pathology (Moreira-Teixeira et al., 2016; Shi, Jiang, Bushkin,

Subbian, & Tyagi, 2019). Due in part to the established ability of classically activated macrophages to

kill *M. tuberculosis*, inducing Th1 immunity has been a key aim for TB vaccine development (Abebe,

2012; Andersen & Kaufmann, 2014; Ottenhoff et al., 2010). Apart from targeting adaptive immune

memory, another promising approach has emerged in recent years: bolstering innate immune killing

capacity by the induction of innate training (Khader et al., 2019; Moorlag et al., 2020).

73   Innate training is regarded as a form of immunological memory. It is a phenomenon where a

primary challenge, such as a vaccination or an infection, induces epigenetic changes in innate immune

cells, which alters their responses following a secondary challenge (Arts et al., 2018; Saeed et al., 2014;

van der Meer, Joosten, Riksen, & Netea, 2015). Unlike adaptive immune memory, the secondary

challenge does not need to be related to the primary challenge. For instance, Bacille Calmette-Guérin

(BCG) vaccination has been demonstrated to protect severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) mice

from lethal *Candida albicans* infection; reducing fungal burden and significantly improving survival

(Kleinnijenhuis et al., 2012). This ability of the BCG vaccine to train innate immunity is now believed

to be a mechanism by which it induces its protection against *M. tuberculosis*. Apart from the BCG

vaccine, it has been demonstrated that other organisms and compounds can induce innate training,

such as β-glucan (van der Meer et al., 2015) which induced protective innate training against virulent

M. tuberculosis, as shown by enhanced mouse survival following *in vivo* infection, and enhanced

human monocyte pro-inflammatory cytokine secretion following *ex vivo* infection (Moorlag et al.,

2020).

87   Conversely, there is a risk that certain immune challenges could lead to innate immune re-

programming that hinders protective immune responses. For instance, recent reports have

demonstrated how virulent *M. tuberculosis* (N. Khan et al., 2020) and mycobacterial phenolic glycans

(M. Lundahl et al., 2020) can program macrophages to attenuate bactericidal responses to subsequent

mycobacterial challenge. In the current study, macrophage activation caused by former or concurrent

parasitic infections is considered regarding the possibility of innate immune re-programming that

hinders protective immune responses against this disease. Geographically, there is extensive overlap

between tuberculosis endemic areas and the presence of helminths (Salgame, Yap, & Gause, 2013).

With regard to macrophage activation and combatting tuberculosis, this is an issue as parasites induce

type 2 responses, leading to alternative macrophage activation instead of classical activation and

associated bactericidal responses (Chatterjee et al., 2017; X. X. Li & Zhou, 2013). Indeed, it was recently

demonstrated how products of the helminth *Fasciola hepatica* can train murine macrophages for

enhanced secretion of the anti-inflammatory cytokine IL-10 (Quinn et al., 2019).

100   Due to the relevance of macrophage plasticity for the control of mycobacterial infection, we

primarily focused upon macrophage activation and training in this context. Unexpectedly, our data

indicates that macrophage activation with IL-4 and IL-13 induces innate training that enhances pro-

inflammatory and bactericidal responses against mycobacteria. Although murine macrophages

trained with IL-4 and IL-13 resemble classically activated macrophages, we identify that they do not

adopt their typical metabolic profile, instead retaining heightened OXPHOS activity and notably

lacking a dependency on glucose and glycolysis. Lastly, we identify IL-10 as a negative regulator of this

innate training response, which may have obscured previous identification of this macrophage

phenotype.

Results

Prior Alternative Activation Enhances Mycobacterial Killing

Macrophages are key immune cells for combatting *M. tuberculosis*. Upon infection, alveolar

macrophages serve as the initial hosts of the intracellular bacterium (Cohen et al., 2018) and

bactericidal responses of recruited monocyte-derived macrophages (MDM) are crucial for control and

killing of *M. tuberculosis* (Huang et al., 2018). Overall, it has been highlighted that an early Th1 driven

immune response is key to early eradication of *M. tuberculosis*, where classical activation of

macrophages results in effective bactericidal action. However, a complicating factor is the occurrence

of concurrent parasitic disease, which instead drives Th2 immunity and alternative macrophage

activation, which in turn has been demonstrated to enhance TB pathology (Moreira-Teixeira et al.,

2016). In this context, we sought to investigate how type 2 responses may induce innate memory, and

how such memory could affect macrophage bactericidal properties.

To investigate the effect of IL-4 and IL-13 on macrophage acute and innate memory responses,

an *in vitro* model of BCG infection was used. Murine bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDMs)

were stimulated with IL-4 and IL-13 (M(4/13)) on Day -1, followed by infection with BCG Denmark on

either Day 0 or Day 6 (**Figure 1A**). On either day, the macrophages were exposed to roughly 30 bacteria

per cell and after three hours extracellular bacteria were removed by washing and internalized

bacteria were measured by colony forming units (CFUs), resulting in roughly 1-4 bacteria per cell,

depending on the difference in uptake (**Figure 1B**). Internalized bacteria were measured by CFU

(**Figure S1A**) at 27- and 51 hours post infection and killing capacity was determined as difference in

CFU after the 3-hour time point (**Figure 1C**).

Figure 1. Training with IL-4 and IL-13 enhances BMDM mycobacterial killing capacity.

(**A**) Schematic of protocol for BCG infection following acute activation (Day 0) or training (Day 6) with IL-4 and IL-13. (**B-C**) BCG Denmark uptake (B) and killing after h as indicated (C), measured by difference in CFU after 3 hours per 0.5×10^6 BMDMs on Day 0 or Day 6. BMDMs were incubated with media, IL-4 with IL-13 or IFNγ with LPS for 24 h on Day -1. (**D**) Secretion of indicated cytokines from BMDMs treated as in (C), standardized to 0.5×10^6 BMDMs. (B-D) Representative results (n = 2 out of ≥ 3) showing mean ± SEM (B-C) or ± STD (D) and analyzed by student's t-test (B) or multiple t-tests, with Holm-Sidak correction (C-D), compared with media control. * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01, **** p ≤ 0.0001.

Mycobacterial killing was compared to naïve BMDMs incubated with media on day -1 (media control,

M(-)) on both Days 0 and 6, and BMDMs classically activated with IFNγ and LPS (M(IFNγ/LPS)) on Day

0. M(IFNγ/LPS) could not be investigated on Day 6 due to reduced viability: by Day 6, M(IFNγ/LPS)

displayed reduced cell numbers and upon the addition of live bacteria, all the remaining cells died

within 24 hours (not shown). On Day 0, M(IFNγ/LPS) displayed significantly enhanced mycobacterial

killing at 27- and 51-hours post infection, whereas M(4/13) displayed comparable killing capacity to

naïve M(-) (**Figure 1C**). Secretion of TNFα and IL-10 were also measured at 3-, 27- and 51 hours post

infection on Day 0 (**Figure S1B**) and Day 6 (**Figure 1D**). These cytokines were chosen as TNFα is critical

in the early host response against *M. tuberculosis* (Bourigault et al., 2013; Keane et al., 2001), while

IL-10 can prevent phagolysosome maturation in human macrophages (O'Leary, O'Sullivan, & Keane,

2011) and promote disease progression in mice (Beamer et al., 2008). Following BCG infection on Day

0 (**Figure S1B**), no IL-10 secretion was detected, and only bactericidal M(IFNγ/LPS) secreted detectable

levels of TNFα. Consistent with previous work, activation with IL-4 and IL-13 on the other hand did not

enhance BCG killing nor induce inflammatory cytokine secretion.

By contrast, on Day 6 (innate training responses), M(4/13) exhibited both heightened

mycobacterial uptake (**Figure 1B**) and significantly greater killing capacity compared with untrained

M(-), both at 27- and 51 hours post infection (**Figures 1C** and **S1A**). Furthermore, this was accompanied

by a near complete abrogation of IL-10 secretion, along with a minor decrease of TNFα compared with

M(-) (**Figure 1D**), displaying an overall shift towards a more pro-inflammatory response profile. To

investigate the change in phenotype of M(4/13) between the two days tested, a more detailed

characterization was carried out.

Innate Training with IL-4 and IL-13 Promotes Pro-Inflammatory Responses

The current dogma suggests that classical (M1) macrophage activation induces upregulation of

antigen presentation, enhanced secretion of pro-inflammatory cytokines including interleukin (IL)-1β,

IL-6 and TNFα, as well as the production of reactive oxygen and nitrogen species (ROS and RNS

respectively) (Bystrom et al., 2008; Sica et al., 2015). By contrast, alternatively activated macrophages

(M2) dampen inflammation, promote angiogenesis and scavenge debris (Gordon & Martinez, 2010;

Sica et al., 2015). These macrophages are identified by their upregulation of chitinase-like 3-1 (Chil3),

found in inflammatory zone-1 (Fizz1, Retnla) and arginase (Arg1) (Gabrilovich, Ostrand-Rosenberg, &

Bronte, 2012; Murray & Wynn, 2011), as well as surface expression of lectins, such as the macrophage

mannose receptor (MR, CD206) (Brown & Crocker, 2016). Flow cytometry and qPCR analysis of

M(IFNγ/LPS) and M(4/13), compared with inactivated M(-), showed that these activation phenotypes

tallied with the literature: M(IFNγ/LPS) had elevated expression of CD80, major histocompatibility

complex class II (MHC II) and inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS, *Nos2*) – responsible for production

of the reactive nitrogen species, nitric oxide (NO) – whereas M(4/13) exhibited heightened expression

of CD206, MHC II, *Arg1*, *Chil3* and *Retnla* (**Figures S2A-C**).

To examine their respective cytokine response profiles, M(IFNγ/LPS) and M(4/13) were

stimulated with killed *M. tuberculosis* strain H37Rv (hereafter referred to as Mtb) or the TLR1/2 ligand

tripalmitoyl-*S*-glyceryl-cysteine (PAM3CSK4) on either Day 0 or Day 6. Acutely activated M(IFNγ/LPS)

demonstrated elevated secretion of TNFα, IL-6 and IL-10 in response to Mtb (**Figure S2D**) and elevated

TNFα and IL-6 in response to PAM3CSK4 (**Figure S3A**), compared with M(-). By contrast, M(4/13) had

attenuated secretion of each cytokine compared with M(-), following either Mtb or PAM3CSK4

stimulation. However, on Day 6 (innate memory responses), both M(IFNγ/LPS) and M(4/13) secreted

greater pro-inflammatory TNFα and reduced anti-inflammatory IL-10 in response to Mtb (**Figure 2A**),

and secreted elevated TNFα following PAM3CSK4 stimulation (**Figure S3B**). M(4/13) additionally

exhibited increased IL-6 secretion in response to both stimuli. As with the BCG infection, M(IL-4/13)

responses changed markedly between Day 0 and Day 6, shifting towards a pro-inflammatory response

profile which was similar to classically activated macrophages.

Figure 2. Innate training of BMDMs with IL-4 and IL-13 enhances pro-inflammatory responses.

(**A-B**) Cytokine secretion following BMDM 24 h incubation with irradiated *M. tuberculosis* (Mtb) (A), TLR agonists (B) or media on Day 6 as indicated. BMDMs were previously incubated with media, IL-4 with IL-13 or IFNγ with LPS on Day -1 for 24 h (n = 3). (**C**) qPCR of indicated mRNA in BMDMs treated as in (A), standardized to BMDMs incubated with media Day -1 and Day 6 (n = 4). (**D**) Nitric oxide (NO) secretion from BMDMs treated as in (B) (n = 3). (**E**) Expression of CD80, CD206 and MHC II (gating strategy Figure S2A) on BMDMs treated as in (A-B) (n = 3). Mean ± SD are shown and analyzed by student's t-test, compared with media control. * $p \le 0.05$, ** $p \le 0.01$, *** $p \le 0.001$, **** $p \le 0.0001$.

To consider whether the shift in M(4/13) to a pro-inflammatory cytokine profile was dependent on epigenetic changes, the DNA methylation inhibitor 5'-deoxy-5'-(methylthio)adenosine (MTA), was employed. This inhibitor has been demonstrated to impede training by BCG (Kleinnijenhuis et al., 2012) and β-glucan (Quintin et al., 2012) – which promote pro-inflammatory responses – as well as training induced by helminth *Fasciola hepatica* total extract (Quinn et al., 2019), which enhances anti-inflammatory responses such as IL-10 and IL-1Ra secretion. The addition of MTA prior to activation with IL-4 and IL-13 on day -1 reduced TNFα, IL-6 and IL-10 secretion induced by either Mtb or PAM3CSK4 on Day 6 (**Figure S4A**), resulting in a profile reminiscent of acutely activated M(4/13) (**Figure S2D**). By contrast, inhibition of DNA methylation in M(-) resulted in comparable or even increased cytokine secretion. This suggested that DNA methylation following IL-4 and IL-13 activation contributed to the innate training and subsequent enhancement of pro-inflammatory responses. Moreover, in an attempt to identify which type of histone methylation was occurring, the following global histone H3 modifications were investigated by western blot: H3K4me3, H3K27me3 and H3K9me2 (**Figure S4 B-D**). Yeast β-glucan was used a positive control for innate training; however, none of the tested conditions resulted in significant changes in global methylation at any of these sites, demonstrating a need to investigate specific promoter regions in future studies.

Next, we addressed whether the shift towards pro-inflammatory responses was induced by either IL-4 or IL-13 alone, or was induced by the two cytokines together, and moreover whether this shift applicable to other stimuli. To address the former, BMDMs were trained with either IL-4, IL-13 or both on Day -1, before incubation with media, Mtb or PAM3CSK4 on Day 6. It was observed that any combination of IL-4 and IL-13 activation enhanced the secretion of TNFα in response to PAM3CSK4, and that either IL-4 alone or IL-4 with IL-13 significantly reduced the secretion of IL-10 in response to Mtb (**Figure S2E**). However, when comparing training with IL-4 alone or training with IL-4 and IL-13, the combination of the two cytokines resulted further attenuation of IL-10 secretion, to a significant extent, therefore the combination of the two cytokines continued to be used. To address whether trained M(4/13) enhanced inflammatory responses was applicable to other stimuli, various Toll-like receptor (TLR) agonists were employed on Day 6 (**Figure 2B**). Incubation of cells with ligands for TLR1/2, TLR4, TLR7/8 or TLR 9 resulted in an increase of TNFα production, reduced IL-10 secretion or both. This demonstrated that prior activation with IL-4 and IL-13 caused a subsequent shift towards a pro-inflammatory response profile in response to a range of pathogen-related agonists.

Having considered cytokine responses, the expression of *Arg1* and *Nos2* and the secretion of NO were next addressed. In mice, the induction of iNOS is important for bactericidal NO production and subsequent killing of *M. tuberculosis* (Flynn et al., 1993; Pasula, Martin, Kesavalu, Abdalla, & Britigan, 2017). In turn, Arg1 directly impedes the bactericidal function of iNOS by sequestering the

amino acid, arginine, which each enzyme uses to make their respective products: ornithine and NO.

Subsequently, in the murine model of TB infection, Arg1 has been linked with increased bacterial

burden and pathology (Moreira-Teixeira et al., 2016).

Without a secondary stimulation on Day 6, M(4/13) and M(IFNγ/LPS) displayed higher levels

of *Arg1* and *Nos2* expression, compared with BMDMs incubated in media alone (**Figure 2C**), and

M(IFNγ/LPS) exhibited markedly higher expression of *Nos2* compared with M(4/13). Following

stimulation with Mtb (**Figure 3C**) or PAM3CSK4 (**Figure S3C**) M(IFNγ/LPS) exhibited elevated

expression of both *Arg1* and *Nos2* compared with untrained M(-), however the trained M(4/13)

exhibited equivalent expression of *Arg1*, but with enhanced *Nos2*, demonstrating a further shift

towards an M1 profile. An increase in NO production could not be detected following Mtb stimulation;

however, following LPS stimulation, both M(4/13) and M(IFNγ/LPS) secreted greater levels of NO

compared to M(-) (**Figure 2D**).

Other M1 and M2 markers were analyzed by flow cytometry, following incubation with media,

Mtb or PAM3CSK4 on Day 6 (**Figure 2E**). Without secondary stimulation, M(4/13) exhibited an M1-

typical profile: heightened expression of CD80 and MHC II, whilst CD206 expression was comparable

to M(-). Following secondary stimulation with either Mtb or PAM3CSK4, M(4/13) CD80, CD206 and

MHC II expression was significantly greater compared with M(-). Having observed a change in

activation markers, cytokine induction and bactericidal capacity in M(4/13) between Days 0 and 6, the

next question was whether there was a corresponding shift in glycolytic metabolism.

BMDMs Trained with IL-4 and IL-13 Retain OXPHOS Metabolism

The increased energy and biosynthetic precursor demand induced by various macrophage activation

states are met in distinct ways. To demonstrate this, extracellular flux analysis was carried out, using

a mitochondrial stress test. Following basal respiration, oligomycin – an ATP synthase inhibitor – was

added to impede electron transport chain (ETC)-driven ATP synthesis, followed by the proton

ionophore FCCP (carbonyl cyanide-p-trifluoromethoxyphenylhydrazone), which uncouples the ETC

from ATP synthase, allowing maximal respiration, and lastly rotenone and antimycin-A were added,

which impede complex I and III of the ETC respectively. Consistent with previous studies, M(4/13) on

Day 1 displayed both an increase of oxygen consumption rate (OCR) – indicative of mitochondrial

OXPHOS activity – and extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) – an indirect measurement of lactic acid

secretion and thus indicative of glycolysis (**Figure 3A**). This demonstrated how alternative activation

is intrinsically linked with enhanced mitochondrial OXPHOS activity, via the tricarboxylic acid (TCA)

cycle (Van den Bossche et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2018). The TCA cycle is in turn driven by glycolysis,

glutaminolysis and fatty acid oxidation (Viola, Munari, Sánchez-Rodríguez, Scolaro, & Castegna, 2019).

By contrast, acutely activated M(IFNγ/LPS) displayed an increase in ECAR and reduced OCR (**Figure**

3A), which was indicative of augmented glycolysis to meet the increased need for ATP, whilst ATP

synthesis via OXPHOS is hindered (Liu et al., 2016). This glycolytic shift is critical for pro-inflammatory

responses induced by classically activated macrophages and moreover results in mitochondrial

dysfunction (Van den Bossche et al., 2016).

Figure 3. BMDMs trained with IL-4 and IL-13 retain M2-typical metabolism upon mycobacterial challenge.

(**A**) Extracellular flux analysis of BMDMs, following 24 h incubation with IL-4 and IL-13, IFNγ and LPS or media (n = 3). Mitochondrial stress test inhibitors: oligomycin (OM; blocks ATP synthase), FCCP (uncouples the electron transport chain [ETC] from ATP synthesis), rotenone (Rot; inhibits complex I of the ETC) and antimycin-A (AA; inhibits complex III of the ETC). (**B**) qPCR of indicated mRNA in BMDMs following incubation with media, IL-4 with IL-13 or IFNγ with LPS for 24 h on Day -1 and stimulated with irradiated *M. tuberculosis* (Mtb) for 6 h (*Pkm2*) or 24 h (*Ldha*, *Sdha* and *Myc*), standardized to BMDMs given media on Day -1 and Day 6 (n = 3). (**C-E**) Extracellular flux analysis (C), basal respiration, ATP production, proton leak (D) and spare respiratory capacity (SRC) (E) of BMDMs treated as in (B), with incubation with media or IL-4 with IL-13 on Day -1 and stimulation with media or Mtb for 24 h on Day 6 (n = 3). (**F-G**) Metabolites from BMDMs treated as in (B), incubated with media or IL-4 with IL-13 on Day -1 and stimulation with Mtb for 24 h on Day 6 (n = 4). MetaboAnalyst generated heatmap representing hierarchical clustering of the top 20 most up/down regulated metabolites (F). Fold change compared with media control (=1) (G). Mean ± SD are shown and analyzed by student's t-test. * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01, *** p ≤ 0.001, **** p ≤ 0.0001. Abbreviations: AICAR, aminoimidazole carboxamide ribonucleotide; ECAR, extracellular acidification rate; FAO, fatty acid oxidation; GAR, glycinamide ribonucleotide; OCR, oxygen consumption rate; P, phosphate; PPP, pentose phosphate pathway.

Due to the link between glycolysis and classical activation, it is not surprising that prior work has

proposed that a macrophage glycolytic shift is crucial for effective killing and thus overall control of

TB infection (Gleeson et al., 2016; Huang et al., 2018). Furthermore, it has recently been proposed

that *M. tuberculosis* impedes this glycolytic shift as an immune evasion strategy (Hackett et al., 2020).

As we had observed that innate memory responses induced by IL-4 and IL-13 caused a switch towards

a pro-inflammatory and bactericidal response profile, akin to a classically activated macrophage, it

was pertinent to address whether there was an accompanying glycolytic shift. Previous work by Van

den Bossche et al. has highlighted that because IL-4 activated human MDMs retain their metabolic

versatility, they are able to be "re-polarized" to a classical phenotype (Van den Bossche et al., 2016).

This was demonstrated by activating MDMs for 24 hours with IL-4, before the cells were washed and

re-stimulated with IFNγ and LPS for another 24 hours. MDMs previously activated with IL-4 secreted

higher concentrations of TNFα, IL-6 and IL-12 compared with MDMs that were naïve prior to IFNγ and

LPS stimulation. This adaptive quality to re-polarize is restricted to alternatively activated

macrophages, as mitochondrial dysfunction in classically activated macrophages prevents them from

re-polarizing to an alternative phenotype (Van den Bossche et al., 2016). Subsequently, we next

addressed whether the IL-4 trained macrophages were adopting a metabolic profile similar to a

classical macrophage, or retaining their more versatile metabolic profile.

As with the BCG infection studies, due to the reduced viability (as observed by reduced cell

numbers over time) of the M(IFNγ/LPS) by Day 6 and 7, OCR and ECAR measurements did not reach

the detection limit. To compare metabolic phenotypes of the trained macrophages at these later time

points, transcription profiles were therefore analyzed. Prior work has established that the

transcription factor hypoxia-inducible factor-1 alpha (HIF-1α) aids the glycolytic metabolic shift

following classical activation, such as upregulating the enzyme lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) (Seth et

al., 2017) to increase lactic acid fermentation. Tallying with these studies, trained M(IFNγ/LPS) on Day

7 exhibited elevated expression of LDH (*Ldha*) and pyruvate kinase isozyme M2 (PKM2, *Pkm2*) (**Figure**

S5A). PKM2 has been shown to play a key role in stabilizing HIF-1α and is thus a crucial determinant

for glycolytic metabolism re-wiring (Palsson-McDermott et al., 2015). By contrast, on Day 7, M(4/13)

displayed a similar level of LDH expression and reduced transcription of PKM2 compared with M(-).

On the other hand, considering OXPHOS machinery at this time point, trained M(IFNγ/LPS)

showed reduced expression of the TCA cycle enzyme succinate dehydrogenase (SDH, *Sdha*), whereas

this downregulation was not present in M(4/13) (**Figure S5A**). Moreover, M(4/13) and M(IFNγ/LPS)

respectively displayed increased and decreased expression of the transcription factor

myelocytomatosis viral oncogene (c-Myc, *Myc*). IL-4 and IL-13 induce c-Myc expression in alternatively

activated macrophages (L. Li et al., 2015; Luiz et al., 2020) and contrastingly LPS induced upregulation

of HIF-1α occurs in tandem with downregulation of c-Myc (Liu et al., 2016). Overall, without secondary

stimulation, both trained M(IFNγ/LPS) and M(4/13) retained transcriptional and metabolic profiles

consistent with previous reports.

Upon secondary stimulation on Day 6 with either Mtb (**Figure 3B**) or PAM3CSK4 (**Figure S5B**),

M(IFNγ/LPS) maintained the elevated expression of *Pkm2*, accompanied by reduced transcription of

Sdha and *Myc*. *Myc* expression was induced in untrained M(-) and M(4/13) by both secondary stimuli,

although Mtb did not enhance *Myc* in M(4/13) to the same extent as M(-). Regarding glycolytic

metabolism, M(4/13) displayed relatively reduced *Ldha* upon Mtb incubation (**Figure 3B**) and further

maintained a similar level of *Sdha* compared with M(-). These results indicated that trained

M(IFNγ/LPS) and M(4/13) maintained their respective metabolic profiles following secondary

stimulation with Mtb or PAM3CSK4. As such, these results indicated again that trained M(IFNγ/LPS)

and M(IL-4/13) maintained their respective metabolic profiles following secondary stimulation with

Mtb or PAM3CSK4.

That trained M(4/13) retain OXPHOS metabolism was furthermore supported by Mtb

stimulation increasing both OCR and ECAR in M(-) and M(4/13) (**Figure 3C**), where M(4/13) displayed

significantly greater OXPHOS driven basal respiration, ATP production and concomitant proton

leakage compared with M(-) (**Figure 3D**). In addition, in response to either Mtb (**Figure 3E**) or

PAM3CSK4 (**Figure S5C**) there was an increase in spare respiratory capacity (SRC), further signifying

that trained M(4/13) retain and even elevate OXPHOS metabolism following secondary stimulation

with Mtb.

To further investigate the metabolic profile of trained M(IL-4/13) vs untrained (media control)

stimulated with Mtb, the relative change of intracellular metabolite abundance was furthermore

assessed by liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS, **Figures 3F-G** and **S5D-E**). This semi-

targeted analysis revealed that the trained M(4/13) appeared to have increased use of the urea cycle,

as shown by reduced aspartate, arginine and argininosuccinate levels along with enhanced ornithine

(**Figure S5E**). Furthermore, there were reduced levels of metabolites associated with glycolysis and

the pentose phosphate pathway (PPP) – such as lactate and sedoheptulose-7-phosphate – whilst

metabolites involved in fatty acid oxidation (FAO) and ATP synthesis regulation were enhanced (**Figure**

3G). In the case of FAO, reduced carnitine with enhanced carnitine-bound fatty acids (acyl carnitines)

signified that fatty acids were being ferried by carnitine into the mitochondrion for FAO. FAO is

upregulated during murine M2 macrophage activation and results in the production of acetyl-CoA,

NADH and FADH$_2$, which are further used to fuel the TCA cycle and downstream OXPHOS (O'Neill,

Kishton, & Rathmell, 2016). Furthermore, the upregulation of creatine and phosphocreatine – as well

as creatine biosynthesis precursor guanidinoacetate – intimated enhanced ATP synthesis. Creatine

reacts with ATP to form ADP and phosphocreatine, transporting ATP out of the mitochondrion and

preventing allosteric inhibition of ATP synthesis. In the trained M(4/13) the amount of

phosphocreatine per ATP was enhanced (**Figure S5F**), which indicated enhanced mitochondrial ATP

synthesis and supported the hypothesis that OXPHOS was enhanced. Overall, these results suggested

the trained M(4/13) were upregulating their OXPHOS activity in response to mycobacterial challenge.

Having observed that trained M(IL-4/IL-13) showed a distinct metabolic profile from classically

activated macrophages, the roles of glycolysis and OXPHOS in driving cytokine production were next

investigated with the use of inhibitors. Incubation with the glycolysis and OXPHOS inhibitor 2-deoxy

glucose (2-DG) (Wang et al., 2018) prior to stimulation with Mtb (**Figure S6A**) significantly reduced

TNFα secretion in M(IFNγ/LPS) and M(-). 2-DG also reduced PAM3CSK4 induced TNFα in M(4/13) and

M(IFNγ/LPS) (**Figure S6B**) and reduced IL-6 secretion in M(4/13) following either Mtb or PAM3CSK4

stimulation. Secretion of anti-inflammatory IL-10 following Mtb stimulation was also reduced by 2-DG

in M(IFNγ/LPS) and M(4/13). This demonstrated that glycolysis, OXPHOS or both were involved in

driving cytokine responses to Mtb and PAM3CSK4 in all tested macrophages.

To further examine the role of OXPHOS, the ATP-synthase inhibitor oligomycin (OM) and the

glutaminase inhibitor bis-2-(5-phenylacetamido-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)ethyl sulfide (BPTES) were used

prior to secondary stimulation. The role of glutaminolysis in the trained M(IL-4/13) was of interest, as

it has previously been highlighted to compensate for inhibition of glycolysis and fuel the TCA cycle

during IL-4 induced macrophage activation (Wang et al., 2018). In the trained M(4/13), inhibition of

either OXPHOS or glutaminolysis significantly reduced TNFα and IL-6 secretion following stimulation

with either Mtb (**Figure 4A**) or PAM3CSK4 (**Figure S6B**), suggesting that both processes helped drive

pro-inflammatory responses. By contrast, in trained M(IFNγ/LPS), although the markedly lower level

of IL-6 was further impeded by either inhibitor, the secretion of TNFα was unaffected, supporting

M(IFNγ/LPS) use of glycolysis to drive pro-inflammatory responses. OM and BPTES furthermore

impeded IL-10 secretion from M(IFNγ/LPS), whereas OM reduced IL-10 secretion in M(4/13) and

BPTES did not (**Figure 4A**). In the case of trained M(4/13) this implicated that glutamine metabolism

was selectively a driver of pro-inflammatory cytokine responses.

Figure 4. OXPHOS drives inflammatory cytokine responses in IL-4/13 trained BMDMs.

(**A**) Cytokine secretion from BMDMs following incubation with media, IL-4 with IL-13 or IFNγ with LPS for 24 h on Day -1 and incubation with irradiated *M. tuberculosis* (Mtb) on Day 6 for 24 h, with or without pre-incubation (Day 6) of oligomycin (OM) or BPTES (n = 4). (**B**) Cytokine secretion from BMDMs treated as in (A), with or without glucose depleted conditions between Day -1 to 7 (n = 3). Mean ± SD are shown and analyzed by student's t-test as indicated. * $p \leq 0.05$, ** $p \leq 0.01$, *** $p \leq 0.001$, **** $p \leq 0.0001$.

To further cement the differences in glycolytic metabolism between trained M(IFNγ/LPS) and M(4/13),

an experiment was carried out where BMDMs were incubated in either glucose depleted media or

regular glucose-rich media (both without pyruvate) from Day-1 (**Figure 4B**). Whereas glucose

depletion significantly reduced the secretion of TNFα, IL-6 and IL-10 from M(IFNγ/LPS) and M(-),

following Mtb stimulation on Day 6, glucose depletion did not impair pro-inflammatory cytokine

secretion of M(4/13); instead the secretion of both TNFα and IL-6 was elevated under these

conditions, whilst levels of regulatory IL-10 were further reduced, displaying an even greater shift

towards pro-inflammatory responses. Furthermore, stimulation with PAM3CSK4 yielded similar

results (**Figure S6C**), although IL-6 secretion remained unaltered. This highlighted that although

trained M(IFNγ/LPS) and M(4/13) had similar response profiles, M(4/13) appeared to retain M2-

typical metabolism (**Figure 5**).

Figure 5. BMDMs trained with IL-4 and IL-13 retain M2-typical metabolism: schematic summary of results.

Pathways have been simplified. Key: metabolic pathways strongly upregulated by M1/M2 macrophage activation are highlighted by red/blue colored boxes, respectively. Inhibitors are indicated by green boxes. Arrow width represents which pathways are implicated (thicker) or not (narrower) in trained M(4/13) following stimulation with irradiated *M. tuberculosis* (Mtb). Metabolites (measured by LC-MS) or enzymes (measured by qPCR) written in bold or in grey text are enhanced or reduced respectively compared with untrained macrophages. Trained M(4/13) do not employ classical activated macrophage metabolism – aerobic glycolysis and pentose phosphate pathway (PPP) – and instead employ alternative activated macrophage metabolism, characterized by production of ATP through the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle, coupled with the electron transport chain (ETC) via oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS), as well as enhanced use of the urea cycle. Glutaminolysis, FAO and ATP synthesis regulation are implicated. This is demonstrated by inhibitor experiments and by changed expression of metabolites. Abbreviations: LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; NO, nitric oxide; P, phosphate; PEP, Phosphoenolpyruvic acid; PKM2, pyruvate kinase M2; SDH, succinate dehydrogenase.

IL-10 Negatively Regulates Innate Training

A key consideration regarding alternative macrophage activation and TB infection is the influence of concurrent parasitic disease. Along with IL-4 and IL-13, parasites can induce production of the regulatory cytokine IL-10 (Gause, Wynn, & Allen, 2013; Roy et al., 2018), which moreover promotes alternative macrophage activation (Bystrom et al., 2008; Mantovani et al., 2004). Furthermore, it has been shown that products of the helminth *F. hepatica* can train macrophages to secrete more IL-10 following secondary LPS stimulation (Quinn et al., 2019). Given its association with alternative macrophage activation and parasitic infection, we next considered the potential role of IL-10 in IL-4/13 induced macrophage innate memory responses.

BMDMs were activated with IL-4, IL-13 and IL-10 (M(4/13/10)) to compare how this phenotype may have differed from M(4/13). Following secondary stimulation with Mtb, both M(4/13) and M(4/13/10) secreted lower concentrations of TNFα, IL-6 and IL-10 than M(-) on Day 1 (**Figure S7A**). However, whilst M(4/13) demonstrated elevated TNFα and IL-6 by Day 7 (**Figure 6A**), inflammatory cytokine secretion by M(4/13/10) was reduced on both Day 1 and Day 7. Furthermore, following acute activation, M(4/13/10) had similarly elevated levels of *Arg1* as M(4/13) and a comparably minor induction of *Nos2* (**Figure 6B**). The addition of IL-10 moreover caused even greater augmentation of M2-associated *Chil3* and *Retnla* expression. Accompanying flow cytometry analysis demonstrated that both M(4/13/10) and M(4/13) exhibited reduced expression of CD80, compared with M(-), along with enhanced expression of CD206, where the M(4/13/10) had greater CD206 expression (**Figure S7B**). Regarding MHC II, only M(4/13) displayed enhanced expression compared with M(-). The similar upregulation of M2-characteristic markers indicated that M(4/13) and M(4/13/10) were two types of alternatively activated macrophages.

A similar comparison was made at Day 7, where both M(4/13) and M(4/13/10) retained enhanced *Arg1*, *Retnla* and *Chil3* expression and displayed enhanced *Nos2* expression compared with naïve M(-) (**Figure S7C**). Regarding accompanying CD80, CD206 and MHC II expression (**Figure S7D**): in all tested conditions, CD206 expression was comparable between M(4/13) and M(4/13/10), whereas CD80 expression was elevated in M(4/13/10). Furthermore, M(4/13) retained an elevated expression of MHC II, which increased two- and four-fold following stimulation with Mtb and PAM3CSK4, respectively, whereas this elevation did not occur to the same degree in M(4/13/10). Whilst both M(4/13) and M(4/13/10) moreover displayed similar expression of *Arg1* following Mtb stimulation on Day 7, the addition of IL-10 during activation hindered the upregulation of *Nos2* observed in trained M(4/13), and further enhanced the transcription of *Retnla and Chil3* (**Figure S7E**).

Figure 6. IL-10 inhibits bactericidal and pro-inflammatory training induced by IL-4 and IL-13 and alters yeast β-glucan training.

(**A**) Cytokine secretion following BMDM incubation with media or IL-4 and IL-13, with or without IL-10, for 24 h on Day -1 and incubated for 24 h with media or irradiated *M. tuberculosis* (Mtb) on Day 6. (**B**) qPCR of indicated mRNA in BMDMs following 24 h incubation with media or IL-4 and IL-13, with or without IL-10, standardized to media control (n=4). Mean ± SD are shown. (**C-F**) BCG Denmark uptake (C) killing after h as indicated (D) as measured by difference in CFU after 3 hours per 0.5×10^6 BMDMs on Day 0 or Day 6. Representative images of Hoechst- (blue), modified auramine-O- (green) and phalloidin (red)-stained BMDMs were taken on Day 6, 27 h after BCG incubation (E). Cytokine secretion on Day 6, at h indicated (F). BMDMs were previously incubated with media or IL-4 and IL-13, with or without IL-10, for 24 h on Day -1. (C-D, F) representative results (n = 2 of ≥ 3) are shown as mean ± SD (C, F) or SEM (D) and analyzed by student's t-test compared with media (C) or multiple t-tests, with Holm-Sidak correction, comparing with or without IL-10 (D, F). (**G**) Cytokine secretion following BMDM incubation with media or β-glucan (β-Gluc), with or without IL-10, for 24 h on Day -1 and incubated for 6 h (TNFα) or 24 h (IL-10) with media or LPS on Day 6. (A, G) Mean ± SD (n = 3) are shown and analyzed by student's t-test. * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01, **** p ≤ 0.0001.

Our next question was how the addition of IL-10 during alternative activation would affect

mycobacterial killing capacity. The BMDMs were incubated with roughly 30 BCG per cell on Day 0 or

Day 6. There were some differences in bacterial uptake (**Figure 6C**), where M(4/13) took up more

bacteria per cell on Day 6. Difference in CFU counts after the 3-hour time point (**Figure S1C**) were used

to calculate killing of internalized BCG. On Day 0, M(-), M(4/13) and M(4/13/10) displayed comparable

killing capacity (**Figure 6D**). Moreover, BCG infection did not induce detectable levels of TNFα or IL-10

(**Figure S1D**). On Day 6, M(-) and M(4/13/10) maintained a similar level of BCG killing, whereas M(4/13)

displayed enhanced bactericidal capacity. This indicated that IL-10 hindered the enhanced bactericidal

response induced by prior IL-4 and IL-13 macrophage activation. The difference in bacterial killing

capacity was further supported by confocal microscopy 27 hours after infection, where it was

observed that M(-) and M(4/13/10) had markedly more bacteria per cell compared with M(4/13)

(**Figure 6E**). Furthermore, whereas M(4/13) showed a shift towards pro-inflammatory cytokine

secretion, with IL-10 secretion being reduced whilst TNFα production was largely intact, M(4/13/10)

secreted significantly less TNFα than M(4/13), whilst IL-10 secretion was not enhanced (**Figure 6F**).

This would indicate that IL-10 regulated the training induced by IL-4 and IL-13, preventing both the

enhancement of killing capacity and the accompanying pro-inflammatory cytokine profile.

As IL-10 appeared to impede innate training induced by IL-4 and IL-3, the question of whether

IL-10 would impede training induced by other stimuli was investigated. BMDMs were trained with

yeast β-glucan – with or without the addition of IL-10 – prior to LPS stimulation a week later (**Figure**

6G). The addition of IL-10 during training reduced the enhanced secretion of both TNFα and IL-10,

demonstrating that IL-10 modulates innate training induced by other training stimuli, not only those

induced by IL-4 and IL-13.

IL-4 and IL-13 Induced Training in Human Macrophages

Having identified that trained murine M(IL-4/13) show enhanced inflammatory responses following

secondary challenge and that this was negatively regulated by IL-10, it was important to test whether

these findings were applicable to humans. Human monocyte-derived macrophages (MoDM) were

activated with human IL-4 and IL-13, with or without the addition of human IL-10 for 24 hours on Day

-1, and then challenged with irradiated Mtb (**Figure 7**) or PAM3CSK4 (**Figure S8**) on Day 0 (acute

activation) or Day 6 (innate training). MoDM incubated with media was used as a naïve/untrained

control and macrophages activated with human IFNγ and LPS were used to induce classical/M1

activation.

Acute Activation (day 0)

Innate Training (day 6)

Figure 7. IL-4 and IL-13 innate training enhances MoDM secreted TNFα following Mtb stimulation
Cytokine secretion following MoDM 24 h incubation with irradiated *M. tuberculosis* (Mtb) or media on Day 0 or on Day 6 as indicated. MoDM were previously incubated with media, IL-4 with IL-13 – with or without the addition of IL-10 – or IFNγ with LPS on Day -1 for 24 h (n = 4, each rep shown by a symbol). Mean ± SD are shown and analyzed by student's t-test, compared with media control or comparing IL-4/IL-13 training with or without IL-10, as indicated. * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01, *** p ≤ 0.001, **** p ≤ 0.0001.

In response to a secondary challenge following acute activation, on Day 0, only MoDMs activated with IFNγ and LPS demonstrated enhanced TNFα secretion (**Figure 7**), whilst MoDMs activated with IL-4 and IL-13 demonstrated similar cytokine levels as the naïve control. At this time point, the addition of IL-10 resulted in significant background secretion of IL-10 and reduced IL-6 secretion following secondary stimulation with PAM3CSK4 (**Figure S8**), but otherwise cytokine levels were comparable to the naïve control and MoDM activated with IL-4 and IL-13 alone. By contrast, following Mtb stimulation on Day 6, MoDMs trained with either IL-4 and IL-13 or IFNγ and LPS demonstrated significantly enhanced TNFα secretion compared with untrained cells, whilst secretion of IL-6 and IL-10 was unaffected (**Figure 7**). This result was also apparent following secondary challenge with PAM3CSK4 (**Figure S8**), although for MoDMs activated with IL-4 and IL-13, this marked increase was not statistically significant. Moreover, the IL-4 and IL-13 induced enhancement of TNFα was impeded by the addition of IL-10.

These results showed that prior activation with IL-4 and IL-13 can specifically enhance inflammatory responses to subsequent challenge, and that this phenomenon is impeded by concurrent IL-10 incubation. This data overall reproduced key results shown previously in the BMDM training model, intimating that these findings may be applicable to human macrophages.

Discussion

Although "classical" and "alternative" activation are used to describe the two extremes of macrophage polarization, the reality is a broad spectrum of activation states, affected by a multitude of signals. Moreover, growing evidence has shown that the macrophage population during *M. tuberculosis* infection is highly heterogeneous, and thus elucidating which subtypes best contain the bacterium is critical for understanding disease control (A. Khan, Singh, Hunter, & Jagannath, 2019). Alternative macrophage activation is moreover relevant to TB pathology, both because alveolar macrophages – the initial hosts of *M. tuberculosis* upon infection – are biased towards alternative activation (Huang, Nazarova, & Russell, 2019), and also considering the influence of concurrent parasitic infection. Although the current study does not directly consider TB pathology, the results nevertheless demonstrate that alternative macrophage activation stimuli impact innate immune memory, which is an additional dimension to the noted diversity among macrophage populations. Moreover, the current work demonstrates that this is, at least in part, driven via epigenetic modification (**Figure S4A**), although further research is required to comprehensively map which changes are occurring. The relevance of the current study, in the context of mycobacterial infection, is the identification of a macrophage phenotype that is counterintuitively induced by cytokines associated with suboptimal bacterial containment.

Whilst alternatively activated macrophages have been demonstrated to provide an intracellular environment that is favorable for TB growth (Kahnert et al., 2006), resulting in greater bacterial burden (Moreira-Teixeira et al., 2016) in an acute setting, there have been some conflicting data concerning the interplay between parasites and mycobacterial infections. Parasitic infection has been shown to enhance mycobacterial bacterial burden *in vivo* (Monin et al., 2015; Potian et al., 2011) and enhance human TB pathology (Amelio et al., 2017; Mabbott, 2018), but has in some cases also been shown to enhance protection against mycobacterial infection (Aira, Andersson, Singh, McKay, & Blomgran, 2017; O'Shea et al., 2018). Furthermore, discrepancies have been highlighted specifically regarding macrophage activation. In a model of *M. tuberculosis* macrophage infection *in vitro*, prior incubation (48hr) with antigens from *Hymenolepis diminuta*, *Trichuris muris* and *Schistosoma mansoni* resulted in alternative macrophage activation, but only incubation with the *H. diminuta* and *T. muris* antigens resulted in enhanced mycobacterial growth (Aira et al., 2017). Moreover, the increased growth was accompanied by enhanced secretion of IL-10. This however was not surprising, given that IL-10 has been demonstrated to prevent phagolysosome maturation in human macrophages (O'Leary et al., 2011) and promote TB disease progression in mice (Beamer et al., 2008). Herein, an additional mechanism is proposed, as IL-10 appears to be a key determinant of alternative macrophage training and subsequent control of mycobacterial challenge.

BMDM activation with IL-4 and IL-13, with or without the addition of IL-10, resulted in similar activation states: comparable expression of *Arg1*, *Retnla* and *Chil3* on Day 0 (**Figure 6B**) and 7 (**Figure S7C**), reduced expression of CD80 and upregulation of CD206 on Day 0 (**Figure S7B**), as well as reduced secretion of cytokines TNFα, IL-6 and IL-10 following stimulation with Mtb on Day 0 (**Figure S7A**). Whilst this hyporesponsive profile was maintained in the M(4/13/10), the trained M(4/13) on the other hand demonstrate enhanced pro-inflammatory and bactericidal mechanisms in response to mycobacterial challenge a week after initial activation (**Figure 6**). This intimated that IL-10 was a negative regulator of innate training induced by IL-4 and IL-13 and supports that distinct cytokine mediated modes of alternative macrophage activation differ regarding their innate memory programming. Although a mechanism has not been identified, that IL-10 can modulate innate training was herein further demonstrated by investigating innate memory induced by β-glucan (**Figure 6G**), where the addition of IL-10 during the training stage resulted in attenuated cytokine secretion following secondary LPS stimulation. This discovery has thereby exposed an exciting avenue for future research in this field.

Going back to the trained M(4/13): in response to mycobacterial challenge these cells adopted a phenotype similar to classically activated BMDMs: a skewing towards pro-inflammatory cytokine secretion with concomitant increased expression of *Nos2* and NO production (**Figure 2**), as well as

enhanced mycobacterial killing capacity (**Figure 1**). Classical macrophage activation is intrinsically

linked with a glycolytic shift in metabolism; it is thus not surprising that prior work has identified an

enhancement of glycolysis as critical for efficient *M. tuberculosis* killing (Gleeson et al., 2016; Huang

et al., 2018) and that impeding glycolysis attenuates macrophages ability to control TB infection

(Hackett et al., 2020). Moreover, upon *M. tuberculosis* infection, macrophages appear to undergo a

biphasic metabolic profile, where they switch from an initial increase in glycolytic metabolism to an

enhancement of the TCA cycle and OXPHOS; a switch which allows mycobacterial survival and disease

progression (Shi et al., 2019). As such, it was expected that the trained M(4/13) would shift towards

glycolytic metabolism. However, this was not the case, as Mtb stimulation resulted in enhanced OCR

and SRC, indicating the use and upregulation of OXPHOS (**Figure 3**). Furthermore, LC-MS analysis of

metabolites indicated increased use of FAO, as well as enhanced creatine, further supporting the

continued use of M2-typical metabolism. This was moreover confirmed with the use of the ATP

synthase inhibitor oligomycin, where it was demonstrated that inhibition of OXPHOS reduced trained

M(4/13) cytokine secretion, whereas by contrast M(IFNγ/LPS) TNFα upregulation was unaffected.

Furthermore, when trained M(4/13) were incubated in a glucose depleted environment during the

week preceding secondary stimulation, the glucose depletion enhanced the pro-inflammatory shift:

increased TNFα and IL-6 secretion combined with reduced IL-10 production (**Figure 4B**). This was a

stark contrast to the effect of glucose depletion on untrained M(-) and trained M(IFNγ/LPS), where

the secretion of all measured cytokines was attenuated. This contrast between M(4/13) and

M(IFNγ/LPS) cemented their differences regarding metabolic dependency on glucose. It should be

noted that prior work has identified differences in macrophage metabolic profiles in response to

infection with live *M. tuberculosis* compared with the killed bacterium or infection with attenuated

BCG (Cumming, Addicott, Adamson, & Steyn, 2018). However, the consensus is that classic

macrophage activation, and an accompanying shift to glycolytic metabolism, is paramount for

effective mycobacterial killing and propagation of inflammatory responses. It is surprising therefore

that these results summarily intimated that trained M(4/13) do not rely on glycolysis to fuel anti-

mycobacterial responses.

It is of note moreover that the addition of a glycolysis inhibitor reduced cytokine secretion,

from M(-), M(IFNγ/LPS), as well as M(4/13) following secondary stimulation (**Figures S6A-B**). That

inhibition of glycolysis impeded pro-inflammatory cytokine secretion, but glucose depletion did not,

indicated that glycolysis in trained M(4/13) was fueling the TCA cycle and downstream OXPHOS, and

upon glucose depletion other pathways, such as glutaminolysis, were compensating for this loss.

Glutaminolysis has been shown to be upregulated following macrophage activation with IL-4 and has

been demonstrated to compensate for glycolysis inhibition in driving the TCA cycle and OXPHOS

(Wang et al., 2018). In the present study, it was moreover observed that the use of a glutaminolysis

inhibitor reduced TNFα and IL-6 secretion following secondary stimulation in trained M(4/13)

specifically, and not in untrained M(-) or M(IFNγ/LPS) (**Figure 4A**). This work suggests that OXPHOS

can be important for pro-inflammatory responses, an observation that is supported by previous work

demonstrating that for instance mitochondrial stress is a mechanism of macrophage tolerance

(Timblin et al., 2021) and that the ETC is important for nod-like receptor family pyrin domain

containing 3 (NLRP3) inflammasome activity (Billingham et al., 2022). It should be noted that in the

latter study however, LPS induced TNFα secretion was not impeded by inhibition of ETC complexes I

and II, demonstrating once more that the metabolic phenotype of the trained M(4/13), explored in

the current study, is highly unexpected and warrants further study.

The metabolic profile in trained M(4/13), as summarized in **Figure 5**, is not only distinct from

classically activated macrophages, but also from that seen with other training stimuli, such as β-glucan.

Innate training is being tested as a means to bolster innate immunity against *M. tuberculosis* (Khader

et al., 2019) and it was recently reported that training with β-glucan was protective against subsequent

M tuberculosis infection, as seen by enhanced human monocyte pro-inflammatory cytokine secretion

and increased mouse survival *in vivo* (Moorlag et al., 2020). Similar to classical macrophage activation,

β-glucan training results in a glycolytic shift, as demonstrated in human monocytes (Cheng et al.,

2014). As such, the phenotype of the trained M(4/13) is distinct from other macrophage phenotypes

previously demonstrated to protect against TB, and thus offers an additional avenue for future

research regarding strategies for combatting this disease.

It should be noted moreover, that these experiments have been carried out in a murine *in

vitro* system and how translational these findings are, not only to TB *in vivo* infection models, but also

how relevant this is in a human context remains to be elucidated. Preliminary work herein has

demonstrated that human monocyte derived macrophages trained with IL-4 and IL-13 show a

markedly enhanced secretion of TNFα in response to secondary stimulation with either irradiated Mtb

(**Figure 7**) or PAM3CSK4 (**Figure S8**). Moreover, this enhancement was impeded by the addition of IL-

10 during the training stage, showing very similar macrophage phenotypes as the BMDM model. This

promising result intimates that these findings may well be relevant in a human context, although

further research is required to further examine this macrophage phenotype and explore its potential

role in TB infection.

Van den Bossche et al. in 2016 highlighted a key adaptive distinction between classical and

alternative macrophage activation: that alternatively activated macrophages can be "re-polarized"

due to their metabolic versatility, whereas the mitochondrial dysfunction which occurs during classical

macrophage activation prevents such reprogramming (Van den Bossche et al., 2016). In the current

study, an additional adaptive capacity is identified: that activation with IL-4 and IL-13 programs BMDMs to better respond to a mycobacterial challenge, whilst crucially retaining their metabolic diversity.

In conclusion, our work presents mechanistic insight into how innate training via IL-4 and IL-13 can enhance macrophage pro-inflammatory responses and mycobacterial killing. This unexpected finding shows how macrophage plasticity belies the usual M1-M2 dichotomy and provides a new framework to explore the impact of comorbidities, such as parasitic infections, on TB disease burden.

Materials and Methods

Table 1. Sources of materials and resources

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
Anti-CD11b-APC-eFluor 780	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 47-0112-82, RRID: AB_1603193, Clone M1/70
Anti-CD206-PE	BioLegend, San Diego, California	Cat# 141706, RRID: AB_10895754, Clone C068C2
Anti-CD80-FITC	BD Biosciences, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey	Cat# 561954, RRID: AB_10896321, Clone 16-10A1
Anti-F4/80-PerCP-Cy5.5	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 45-4801-82, RRID: AB_914345, Clone BM8
Anti-Histone H3 (rabbit)	Active Motif, Carlsbad, Canada	Cat# 39763
Anti-H3K4me3	Abcam, Boston, Massachusetts	Cat# ab8580
Anti- H3K9me2	Abcam, Boston, Massachusetts	Cat# ab1220
Anti-H3K27me3	Active Motif, Carlsbad, Canada	Cat# 61017
Anti-MHC class II-eFlour 450	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 48-5321-82, RRID: AB_1272204, Clone M5/114.15.2
Anti-mouse IgG	LI-COR, Lincoln, Nebraska	Cat# 925-32210
Anti-Rabbit IgG	LI-COR, Lincoln, Nebraska	Cat# 926-32211

Fc block: Anti-CD16/CD32	BD Biosciences, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey	Cat# 553142, RRID: AB_394657, Clone 2.4G2
Bacterial and virus strains		
Non-viable irradiated *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* strain H37Rv	BEI resources, Manassas, Virginia	NR-49098
Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) Denmark 1331	Gift to Prof. Gordon from Prof. Behr, McGill University, Canada	N/A
Chemicals, peptides, and recombinant proteins		
2-deoxyglucose, 2-DG	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# D8375
4% PFA in PBS	Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Dallas, Texas	Cat# NC0238527
Acetonitrile	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 10001334
Antimycin-A	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# A8674
BPTES	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# SML0601-5mg
CpG	InvivoGen, San Diego, California	Cat# ODN M362
DMEM (high glucose)	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# D5671
DMEM (no glucose)	Gibco, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 11966025
dNTP Mix	Meridian Bioscience, Cincinnati, Ohio	Cat# BIO-39028
FBS	Biosera, Kansas City, Missouri	Batch# 015BS551
FCCP	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# C2920
Fixable Viability Stain 510	Invitrogen, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 564406

Glucose	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# G8270
L-Glutamine	Gibco, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 25030-024
Glycerol	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# G2025
Heat-Shocked Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA)	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 12881630
Hoechst 33342	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 10150888
KAPA SYBR® FAST Rox low qPCR Kit Master Mix	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# KK4622
LPS, *Escherichia coli*, serotype R515	Enzo, Farmingdale, New York	Cat# ALX-581-007-L002
Lymphoprep™	Stemcell Technologies, Vancouver, Canada	Cat# 07851
Methanol	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 10284580
Middlebrook 7H11 powder	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# M0428
Middlebrook 7H9 powder	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# M0178
M-MLV reverse transcriptase	Promega, Madison, Wisconsin	Cat# M3683
Modified Auramine-O stain and quencher	Scientific Device Laboratory, Des Plaines, Illinois	Cat# 345-04L
MTA	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# D5011-25MG
Oligomycin	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# 75351
PAM3CSK4	InvivoGen, San Diego, California	Cat# tlrl-pms

PBS, sterile	Gibco, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 14190094
Penicillin-Streptomycin	Gibco, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 15-070-063
Phalloidin-Alexa Fluor 647	Invitrogen, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# A22287
Poly I:C	InvivoGen, San Diego, California	Cat# tlrl-pic
Pyruvate	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# P5280
Radio-Immunoprecipitation Assay (RIPA) buffer	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# R0278-50ML
Random Hexamer Primer Mix	Meridian Bioscience, Cincinnati, Ohio	Cat# BIO-38028
Recombinant human IFNγ	Peprotech, Cranbury, New Jersey	Cat# 300-02
Recombinant human IL-10	Peprotech, Cranbury, New Jersey	Cat# 200-10
Recombinant human IL-13	Peprotech, Cranbury, New Jersey	Cat# 200-13
Recombinant human IL-4	Peprotech, Cranbury, New Jersey	Cat# 200-04
Recombinant human M-CSF	Prospec Protein Specialists, Rehovot, Israel	Cat# CYT-308
Recombinant murine IFNγ	Peprotech, Cranbury, New Jersey	Cat# 315-05
Recombinant murine IL-10	Peprotech, Cranbury, New Jersey	Cat# 210-10
Recombinant murine IL-13	Peprotech, Cranbury, New Jersey	Cat# 210-13
Recombinant murine IL-4	Peprotech, Cranbury, New Jersey	Cat# 214-14
Resiquimod/R848	InvivoGen, San Diego, California	Cat# tlrl-r848
Reverse Transcriptase Buffer	Promega, Madison, Wisconsin	Cat# A3561
RNAseOUT	Invitrogen, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 10777019
Rotenone	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# R8875

RPMI 1640 Glutamax	Gibco, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 21875034
Seahorse Calibration Fluid pH 7.4	Agilent, Santa Clara, California	Part# 100840-000
Seahorse XF DMEM Medium	Agilent, Santa Clara, California	Cat# 103575-100
Sodium Chloride	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# S9888
Tween20	Sigma Aldrich, Burlington, Massachusetts	Cat# P1379-1L
Valine-d8	CK isotopes, Newtown Unthank, UK	Cat# DLM-488
Vectashield mounting media	VWR, Vector Laboratories	Cat# 101098-042
Water, sterile	Baxter, Deerfield, Illinois	Cat# UKF7114
WGP Dispersible	InvivoGen, San Diego, California	Cat# tlrl-wgp
Critical commercial assays		
BCA Protein Assay Kit (Pierce™)	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 23225
Griess Reagent System kit	Promega, Madison, Wisconsin	Cat# G2930
High Pure RNA Isolation Kit	Roche, Basel, Switzerland	Cat# 11828665001
Human IL-10 ELISA Kit uncoated	Invitrogen, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 88710688
Human IL-6 ELISA Kit uncoated	Invitrogen, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 88706688
Human TNFα ELISA Kit uncoated	Invitrogen, Waltham, Massachusetts	Cat# 88734688
Mouse IL-10 ELISA MAX	BioLegend, San Diego, California	Cat# 431411
Mouse IL-6 ELISA MAX	BioLegend, San Diego, California	Cat# 431301
Mouse TNFα DuoSet ELISA	R&D Systems, Minneapolis, Minnesota	Cat# DY410
Deposited data		

Raw and analyzed data	This Paper	DOI: 10.17632/ncbph43 m85.1.
Experimental models: Cell lines		
L929	gift of Prof. Muñoz-Wolf, Trinity College, Dublin	N/A
L929	gift of Prof. Sheedy, Trinity College, Dublin	N/A
Experimental models: Organisms/strains		
WT mice used for cell isolations	In-house colonies	C57BL/6JOlaHsd
Oligonucleotides		
Primers for *Actb*	See Table S1	N/A
Primers for *Arg1*	See Table S1	N/A
Primers for *Chitl3*	See Table S1	N/A
Primers for *Ldha*	See Table S1	N/A
Primers for *Myc*	See Table S1	N/A
Primers for *Nos2*	See Table S1	N/A
Primers for *Pkm2*	See Table S1	N/A
Primers for *Retnla*	See Table S1	N/A
Primers for *Sdha*	See Table S1	N/A
Primers for *Tbp*	See Table S1	N/A
Software and algorithms		
FlowJo 7	FlowJo LLC, Franklin Lakes, New Jersey	https://www.flowjo.com/solutions/flowjo
ImageJ	National Institutes of Health and the Laboratory for Optical and Computational Instrumentation	https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/
MetaboAnalyst 5.0	Xia Lab @ McGill	https://www.metaboanalyst.ca/
Microsoft Office Excel	Microsoft, Redmond, Washington	https://products.office.com/en-au/excel
Prism 8.2	GraphPad Software, San Diego, California	https://www.graphpad.com/scientific-software/prism/

Tracefinder 5.0	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts	https://www.thermofisher.com/ie/en/home/industrial/mass-spectrometry/liquid-chromatography-mass-spectrometry-lc-ms/lc-ms-software/lc-ms-data-acquisition-software/tracefinder-software.html

Experimental Model and Subject Details

Animals

Mice used for primary cell isolation were eight to 16-week-old wild-type C57BL/6 mice that were bred in the Trinity Biomedical Sciences Institute Bioresources Unit. Animals were maintained according to the regulations of the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA). Animal studies were approved by the TCD Animal Research Ethics Committee (Ethical Approval Number 091210) and were performed under the appropriate license (AE191364/P079).

Cell Isolation and Culture

Bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDMs) were generated as described previously by our group (Lebre, Hanlon, Boland, Coleman, & Lavelle, 2018). Briefly, bone marrow cells were extracted from the leg bones and were cultured in high glucose DMEM, supplemented with 8% v/v fetal bovine serum (FBS), 2 mM L-glutamine, 50 U ml^{-1} penicillin, 50 µg ml^{-1} streptomycin (hereafter referred to as complete DMEM [cDMEM]). Cells were plated on non-tissue cultured treated petri dishes (Corning) on day -8. Fresh medium was added on day -5 and on day -2 adherent cells were detached by trypsinization and collected. Unless specified otherwise, for acute/polarization studies, BMDMs were seeded in 12-well plates at 0.9×10^6 BMDMs per well, and for training studies, BMDMs were seeded in 24-well plates at 0.2×10^6 BMDMs per well.

On day -1 BMDMs were cultured with medium (naïve/untrained) or activated with 25 ng ml^{-1} IFNγ, 10 ng ml^{-1} LPS, 40 ng ml^{-1} IL-4, 20 ng ml^{-1} IL-13, 40 ng ml^{-1} IL-10, 100 µg ml^{-1} whole β-glucan particles (WGP Dispersible) – derived from the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* – or a combination of one or more activation stimuli, as specified in relevant figure legends. After 24 hours, the supernatant was replaced with fresh media. For acute activation/polarization studies, the BMDMs were left to rest for 2 hours before experiment. For training studies, the BMDMs were left to rest, fed on day 3 or 4

and experiments were carried out on day 6. The cDMEM used was supplemented with L929 cell line conditioned media, containing macrophage colony-stimulating factor (M-CSF) where two different batches were used. For all experimental repeats where β-glucan was used with or without the addition of IL-10, 20-, 20- 10-, 7- and 5% were used on days -8, -5, -2, 0 and 3/4 respectively (L929 batch gifted by Prof. Sheedy). For all other experiments 25-, 25-, 15-, 10- and 7% were used on days -8, -5, -2, 0 and 3/4 respectively (batch gifted by Prof. Muñoz-Wolf).

To generate human monocyte-derived macrophages (MoDMs), mononuclear cells were isolated on day -7 from peripheral blood buffy coats obtained from the Irish Blood Transfusion Services (Dublin, Ireland) using density gradient centrifugation with Lymphoprep. Cells were cultured on plastic in RPMI media supplemented with 10% FBS (hereafter referred to as complete RPMI [cRPMI]) and 20 ng ml^{-1} recombinant human M-CSF at 1×10^6 cells ml^{-1}, seeded at 2×10^6 cells per well. On day -4, 1 ml of media was carefully removed from each well and replaced with fresh cRPMI, supplemented with 20 ng ml^{-1} recombinant human M-CSF. Non-adherent cells were removed by washing once on day -1 with pre-warmed PBS and incubated with cRPMI, supplemented with 5 ng ml^{-1} M-CSF. After a minimum of 4 hours of rest, either more media was added (naïve/untrained) or the MoDMs were activated with 20 ng ml^{-1} recombinant human IFNγ with 5 ng ml^{-1} LPS or 20 ng ml^{-1} IL-4 with 10 ng ml^{-1} IL-13, the latter with or without 20 ng ml^{-1} IL-10. After 24 hours (day 0), the media was removed and replaced with cRPMI, supplemented with 5 ng ml^{-1} M-CSF. For acute activation/polarization studies, the MoDMs were left to rest for 2 hours before experiment. For training studies, the MoDMs were left to rest, fed on day 3 (media supplemented with 2.5 ng ml^{-1} M-CSF) and experiments were carried out on day 6. Supply of human blood products from IBTS was approved by clinical indemnity to F. Sheedy.

BCG Infection

Mature BMDMs were seeded in 24-well plates at 0.5×10^6 cells (acute activation) or 0.2×10^6 cells (training) per well on day -2. For imaging of internalized BCG in untrained and trained BMDMs, 0.2×10^6 BMDMs were seeded on circular glass coverslips (placed in 24 well plates, one coverslip per well) that had been previously treated with sodium hydroxide to aid attachment.

BMDMs were incubated with media (naïve) or activated as outlined above on day -1, for 24 hours before BMDMs were washed and fresh media was added. For acute activation studies, BMDMs were infected with BCG Denmark minimum 3 hours later. For training studies, BMDMs were fed on day 3 and infected with BCG Denmark on Day 6. At the time of infection, the media was removed and replaced with fresh media, either with or without (negative control) bacteria.

Regarding infection dose (BCG per cell), for infection in acutely activated BMDMs, cell number per well was assumed to be 0.5×10^6. For infecting trained BMDMs, three extra wells were prepared for all conditions and BMDMs were removed from these wells by trypsinization on day 5, pooled and

counted in triplicate. Prepared BCG single cell suspension (see below) was diluted to reach an intended

infection dose of 5 BCG per cell (as measured by OD_{600}, where 0.1 is estimated to be 10×10^6 bacteria

ml^{-1}). Each infection dose was measured via CFU counts (see below) and was thus subsequently

corrected to an actual infection dose of roughly 30 BCG per cell.

3 hours post infection the supernatant was removed and the infected BMDMs were washed

twice with Dulbecco's Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS) to remove extracellular bacteria, and fresh

media was added.

To measure cytokine secretion at each time point (3-, 27- and 51 hours post infection),

supernatant was collected and filtered (polyethersulfone [PES] 0.22 μm Luer lock syringe filter; Millex-

GP) to remove BCG, prior to specific cytokines being measured by ELISA.

For CFU counts, at each time point the media was removed, wells were washed once with PBS

before the BMDMs were lysed with 0.05% Tween20 in water. The cell lysate was diluted in pre-

warmed (37 °C) 7H9 media, and 50 μl of dilutions 10^{-2}-10^{-6} were spread onto enriched 7H11 agar plates

by dotting. Agar plates were incubated at 37 °C for 6 weeks and colonies were counted once a week

from week 2 and on. CFU counts 3 hours gave the multiplicity of infection (MOI). Killing was assessed

by the difference in CFU counts following the 3-hour time point, see accompanying dataset for

comprehensive calculations.

For imaging internalized BCG (wells containing glass coverslips), media was removed, BMDMs

were washed with PBS and then fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (in PBS) overnight.   The

paraformaldehyde was then removed and coverslips were stored in PBS.

Stimulation Experiments

Naïve (media control) or activated BMDMs were incubated with media or secondary stimuli on day 0

(acute activation/polarization) or day 6 (training). Secondary stimuli: 150 μg ml^{-1} gamma-irradiated

whole cells of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* strain H37Rv (concentration measured by OD_{600}, where 100

mg ml^{-1} was 0.32), 35 ng ml^{-1} PAM3CSK4, 25 ng ml^{-1} LPS, 5 μg ml^{-1} Poly I:C, 0.55 μg ml^{-1} R848, 10 μg ml^{-1} CpG.

For histone methylation inhibition: on day -2 BMDMs were incubated with MTA (final

concentration 1 mM) one hour prior to media incubation or activation as outlined above.

For metabolic inhibition experiments: on day 6 BMDMs were pre-incubated with 1mM 2-DG

for 3 hours, 2 μM oligomycin or 10 μM BPTES 1 hour prior to media incubation or secondary

stimulation.

For glucose depletion training experiment: untrained or trained BMDMs were incubated with

either the regular high glucose cDMEM or glucose depleted cDMEM, with DMEM devoid of glucose

(Gibco), from day -2 until incubation with media or secondary stimulation on Day 6 (fed day 3 with the

same media as given on day -2). Note, the glucose depleted cDMEM included 8% v/v FBS and the same

amount of L929 conditioned media as outlined previously, both of which provided a source of glucose.

Naïve (media control) or activated MoDMs were incubated with media or secondary stimuli on day 0

(acute activation/polarization) or day 6 (training). Secondary stimuli: 250 µg ml^{-1} gamma-irradiated

whole cells of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* strain H37Rv, 100 ng ml^{-1} PAM3CSK4.

Seahorse

All real-time measurements of oxygen consumption rate (OCR) and extracellular acidification rate

(ECAR) were measured by using Seahorse system: Seahorse XFe96 Analyzer (Agilent). The analysis

used was a Mitochondrial Stress Test (using a standard Agilent Seahorse protocol).

On day -2, mature BMDMs were seeded in a 96-well Seahorse plate (Agilent): 100,000 cells

per well for acute activation studies or 30,000 cells per well for training studies. BMDMs were

activated on day -1 as outlined and analyzed on either day 0 (24 hours after activation) or day 6 (fed

on day 3), with or without secondary stimulation on day 5 (training studies).

The day before analysis, a Seahorse Cartridge (Agilent) was incubated overnight at 37 °C

(incubator devoid of CO_2). The following day, the sterile water was replaced with Calibration Fluid at

pH 7.4 incubated as before for 90 minutes before the analysis.

An hour before the analysis, in the Seahorse plate regular cDMEM was replaced with Seahorse

XF DMEM, supplemented with 10 mM glucose, 1 mM pyruvate and 2 mM L-glutamine. The BMDMs

were then incubated for an hour at 37 °C (incubator devoid of CO_2).

15 minutes before the analysis, the cartridge was removed and reagents/inhibitors were

added to their respective ports: oligomycin (port A, final concentration 10 µM), FCCP (port B, final

concentration 10 µM), rotenone and antimycin-A (port C, final concentrations 5 µM each).

The analysis was carried out according to the manufacturer's instructions. Recorded values

less than zero were disregarded.

For training experiments, protein concentration was used to standardize the OCR and ECAR

measurements. Supernatant was removed, cells were washed once in PBS and 10 µl of RIPA buffer

was added per well. After pipetting up and down and scraping, the buffer was collected and samples

from the same condition were pooled. 20 µl of pooled solution was used to measure protein

concentration, using the Pierce bicinchoninic acid (BCA) assay kit (Thermo Scientific) according to the

manufacturer's instructions (microplate procedure). Absorbance was measured at 560 nm.

Metabolomics (LC-MS) sample preparation

On day -2, BMDMs were seeded in 6-well plates: 1×10^6 cells per well and activated on day -1 with IL-4/13 as outlined or incubated with media. BMDMs were fed on day 3 and incubated with irradiated *M. tuberculosis* on Day 6 for 24 hours. Prior to metabolite extraction, cells were counted using a separate counting plate prepared in parallel and treated exactly like the experimental plate. Supernatant was removed and cells were washed once in PBS. After aspiration, the BMDMs were kept at -80 °C or on dry ice. Metabolites were extracted by adding chilled extraction buffer (500 µl/1×10^6 cells), followed by scraping (carried out on dry ice). Buffer was transferred to chilled eppendorf tubes and shaken in a thermomixer at maximum speed (2000 rpm) for 15 minutes at 4 °C. Following centrifugation at maximum speed for 20 minutes, roughly 80% of supernatant was transferred into labelled LC-MS vials, taking care to avoid pellet and any solid debris.

Western blot sample preparation

On day -2, BMDMs were seeded in 6-well plates: 1×10^6 cells per well and activated on day -1 with IL-4/13 or β-glucan as outlined, or incubated with media as an untrained control. BMDMs were fed on day 3 and on day 6, the cells were washed once with PBS, before being lysed with RIPA buffer.

Flow Cytometry

On day -2, 0.8×10^6 mature BMDMs were seeded on non-tissue cultured treated 35 mm petri dishes (Corning) and activated as previously outlined on Day -1. The naïve or activated/trained BMDMs were harvested at two separate time points: day 0 (24 hours post activation for acute activation characterisation) or day 6 (fed on day 3), with or without secondary stimulation on day 5 as specified in figure legends (training experiments).

For analysis, BMDMs were placed on ice for 30 min before harvesting with PBS-EDTA (5 mM) solution by gently pipetting up and down and transferring to flow cytometry tubes. Cells were incubated with Fixable Viability Stain 510 at RT for 15 min. After washing with PBS, cells were stained with anti-mouse Fc block, 15 minutes prior staining with CD80-FITC, CD206-PE, F4/80-PerCP-Cy5.5, CD11b-APC-eFluor 780, MHC class II-eFluor 450 for an additional 30 min at 4 °C. The cells were washed with PBS and resuspended in flow cytometry buffer (1% FBS in PBS). Samples were acquired on a BD Canto II flow cytometer and the data was analysed by using FlowJo software.

Method Details

BCG Preparation and Plating

Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) Denmark (OD$_{600}$ 0.1) was incubated in 7H9 media at 37 °C with rotation until the OD$_{600}$ 0.5-0.8 (logarithmic growth phase) was reached.

Single cell suspension was prepared as follows: bacteria were pelleted by centrifugation and
7H9 media was removed. Bacteria were vortexed with glass beads before pre-warmed (37 °C) DMEM
was added and bacteria were left to sediment for 5 minutes. Bacterial suspension was carefully
collected (avoiding disruption of the pellet) and centrifuged again to pellet large clumps. Suspension
was collected (avoiding the pellet). Suspension was passed through a 26G needle 15 times to
disaggregate bacterial clumps.

Bacterial concentration was estimated by OD_{600} (where 0.1 was estimated as 10×10^6 bacteria
ml^{-1}) and infection dose was confirmed by colony forming unit (CFU) counts.

7H11 agar plates (for CFU counts) were made up as follows: 10.5 g middlebrook 7H11 powder
and 2.5 ml glycerol was dissolved in distilled water to reach 500 ml and autoclaved. Once cooled
sufficiently, 50 ml sterile-filtered (0.22 µm; SteriCup [Millipore]) albumin-dextrose-sodium chloride
(ADN) enrichment was added. For 1 liter of ADN enrichment: 50 g fatty acid-free, heat-shocked bovine
serum albumin, 8.5 g sodium chloride and 20 g glucose were dissolved in sterile water to reach 1 liter.
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Staining and Imaging of Internalized BCG
For staining the coverslips contained in 24-well plates, PBS was removed and 17 µM Hoechst 33342
and 7.5 U Phalloidin-Alexa Fluor 647 (in 1 ml PBS) was added to each well. After half an hour (in the
dark), the solution was removed and the coverslips were washed with PBS. 200 µl Modified Auramine-
O stain was added for 2 minutes (in the dark), after which the stain was removed and the wells were
washed with PBS. To quench any extracellular BCG, 200 µl Auramine-O Quencher de-colorizer was
added for 2 minutes (in the dark) and then the quencher was removed and the coverslips were washed
with PBS. The coverslips were then fixed onto glass slides: 2 µl Vectashield mounting media was used
per coverslip and clear nail polish was applied around the edge and allowed to dry completely. The
coverslips were stained and imaged the same day.

Images of all samples were obtained using a Leica SP8 confocal microscope, taken with x40
magnification oil objective. Z-stack images through the entire cell were obtained and representative
images were taken from these stacks.

Liquid Chromatography coupled to Mass Spectrometry (LC-MS)
Extraction buffer for isolating metabolites: 50% LC-MS grade methanol, 30% LC-MS grade acetonitrile,
20% ultrapure water (internal filtration system), valine-d8 final concentration 5 µM.

Hydrophilic interaction chromatographic (HILIC) separation of metabolites was achieved using
a Millipore Sequant ZIC-pHILIC analytical column (5 µm, 2.1 × 150 mm) equipped with a 2.1 × 20 mm
guard column (both 5 mm particle size) with a binary solvent system. Solvent A was 20 mM ammonium
carbonate, 0.05% ammonium hydroxide; Solvent B was acetonitrile. The column oven and

autosampler tray were held at 40 °C and 4 °C, respectively. The chromatographic gradient was run at a flow rate of 0.200 mL/min as follows: 0–2 min: 80% B; 2-17 min: linear gradient from 80% B to 20% B; 17-17.1 min: linear gradient from 20% B to 80% B; 17.1-22.5 min: hold at 80% B. Samples were randomized and analysed with LC–MS in a blinded manner with an injection volume was 5 μl. Pooled samples were generated from an equal mixture of all individual samples and analysed interspersed at regular intervals within sample sequence as a quality control.

Metabolites were measured with a Thermo Scientific Q Exactive Hybrid Quadrupole-Orbitrap Mass spectrometer (HRMS) coupled to a Dionex Ultimate 3000 UHPLC. The mass spectrometer was operated in full-scan, polarity-switching mode, with the spray voltage set to +4.5 kV/-3.5 kV, the heated capillary held at 320 °C, and the auxiliary gas heater held at 280 °C. The sheath gas flow was set to 25 units, the auxiliary gas flow was set to 15 units, and the sweep gas flow was set to 0 unit. HRMS data acquisition was performed in a range of m/z = 70–900, with the resolution set at 70,000, the AGC target at 1×10^6, and the maximum injection time (Max IT) at 120 ms. Metabolite identities were confirmed using two parameters: (1) precursor ion m/z was matched within 5 ppm of theoretical mass predicted by the chemical formula; (2) the retention time of metabolites was within 5% of the retention time of a purified standard run with the same chromatographic method. Chromatogram review and peak area integration were performed using the Thermo Fisher software Tracefinder 5.0 and the peak area for each detected metabolite was normalized against the total ion count (TIC) of that sample to correct any variations introduced from sample handling through instrument analysis. The normalized areas were used as variables for further statistical data analysis.

Preparation of β-glucan Stock

The β-glucan particles (WGP Dispersible) were weighed and dissolved in sterile water to yield 10-15 ml of 25 mg ml^{-1}. This solution was left at room temperature overnight (8-16 hours) before sonication with a 150VT ultra sonic homogenizer with a 5/32" microtip. Whilst on ice, the solution was sonicated for 5 minutes, at 50% power and 50% time pulse rate, while the tip was immersed roughly 5 mm below the surface of the liquid. The β-glucan particles were then pelleted by centrifugation (1,000 G, 10 minutes, room temperature) and the water was removed by careful decanting and replaced with 0.2 M NaOH in water, at a volume to reach 25 mg ml^{-1}. After 20 minutes, the β-glucan was washed three times with sterile water, using the same pelleting, decanting and replacement of solvent conditions as described. Finally, two last washes were carried out to replace the sterile water with sterile PBS. Prior to each use, the stock was thoroughly vortexed.

ELISA

For detection of secreted TNFα, IL-6 and IL-10 from BMDMs, supernatants were collected and cytokines quantified by ELISA according to manufacturers' instructions (R&D Systems, Biolegend of Invitrogen), except antibody and sample volumes were halved.

Western Blot

BMDMs were lysed with RIPA buffer and the whole-cell protein lysates were separated on pre-cast Bolt 12% Bis-Tris Plus gels (Invitrogen, NW00127BOX) and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes. Membranes were subsequently probed using the relevant primary (histone H3, H3K4me3, H3K27me3 and H3K9me2) and secondary antibodies (anti-IgG) and imaged using the Odyssey Fc Imager (Li-Cor). Images of blots were analysed with ImageJ to calculate the relative optical density (ROD = area/percentage). ROD was then standardized to the untrained/media control samples: adjusted ROD values.

Nitric oxide (NO) secretion

NO concentrations were quantified by indirect measurement of nitrite (NO_2^-) via the Griess Reagent System kit (Promega). The assay was carried out as per manufacturer's instructions and absorbance of 560 nm was measured.

Reverse Transcription Quantitative PCR (rt-qPCR)

RNA was isolated via High Pure RNA Isolation Kit (Roche) according to the manufacturer's instructions and RNA was eluted in 50 µl water. RNA (minimum 100 ng) was reverse transcribed into complementary DNA (cDNA) with an M-MLV reverse transcriptase, RNase H minus, point mutant, in reverse transcriptase buffer, mixed with dNTPs, random hexamer primers and ribonuclease inhibitor (RNAseOUT). Quantitative PCR was performed using KAPA SYBR® FAST Rox low qPCR Kit Master Mix in accordance with the instructions provided by the manufacturer, using QuantStudio 3 System technology. Primers (Table S1) were designed in Primer BLAST and/or were also checked in Primer BLAST for specificity to the gene of interest. Where possible, primers were chosen to cross an exon-exon junction.

RNA expression was normalized to the internal references β-actin and/or TATAbox-binding protein, from the corresponding sample ($Ct_{gene}-Ct_{reference}=\Delta Ct$). Furthermore, ΔCt from control samples were subtracted from the ΔCt of each sample ($\Delta Ct_{treatment}-\Delta Ct_{ctrl} =\Delta\Delta Ct_{treatment}$). Fold change was calculated as $2^{(-\Delta\Delta Ct)}$. These calculations were carried out using Microsoft Excel.

Quantification and Statistical Analysis

Data were evaluated on either on Prism version 8 for Windows or via R for Metaboanalyst generated analysis. Differences between two independent groups were compared via unpaired Student's t-test. For BCG infection studies where two independent groups were compared at several time points, multiple t-test analysis was employed, with Holm-Sidak correction for multiple comparisons. Differences were considered significant at the values of $*$ $P < 0.05$, $**$ $P < 0.01$, $***$ $P < 0.001$ and $****$ $P < 0.0001$.

Data and Code Availability

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The authors declare no competing interests.

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Supplemental Information

Figure S1. CFU counts and cytokine secretion from BCG killing experiments.

(**A-B**) BCG Denmark CFU counts (A) and cytokine secretion (B) on Day 0 or Day 6 after h following BMDM BCG infection. BMDMs were previously incubated with media control, IL-4 with IL-13 or IFNγ with LPS for 24 h on Day -1. Representative results (n = 2 out of ≥ 3), standardized to 0.5×10^6 cells, shown as mean ± SEM (A-B) and analyzed by multiple t-test, with Holm-Sidak correction, compared with media control (B). (**C-D**) BCG Denmark CFU counts (C) and cytokine secretion (D) on Day 0 or Day 6 after h following BMDM BCG infection. BMDMs were previously incubated with media control or IL-4 and IL-13, with or without IL-10, for 24 h on Day -1. Representative results (n = 2 out of ≥ 3), standardized to 0.5×10^6 cells, shown as mean ± SEM (C-D) and analyzed by multiple t-test, with Holm-Sidak correction, compared with media control (D). * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01.

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Figure S2. BMDMs either classically activated with IFNγ and LPS or alternatively activated with IL-4 and IL-13.

(**A**) Gating strategy for flow cytometry analysis, gating on cells, live cells and CD11b+ F480+ BMDMs. (**B**) Surface marker expression of CD80, CD206 and MHC II on BMDMs incubated with media as a control, IL-4 with IL-13 or IFNγ with LPS for 24 h (n = 3). (**C**) qPCR of indicated mRNA in BMDMs treated as in (B), standardized to media control (n = 4). (**D-E**) Cytokine secretion from BMDMs incubated with media, IL-4, IL-13, IL-4 with IL-13 or IFNγ with LPS for 24 h on Day -1 and stimulated with media, irradiated *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv (Mtb) or PAM3CSK4 for 24 h on Day 6 (n = 3). Mean ± SD are shown and analyzed by student's t-test, compared to media control or as indicated. * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01, *** p ≤ 0.001, **** p ≤ 0.0001.

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Figure S3. IL-4 and IL-13 innate training enhances inflammatory and bactericidal responses following TLR 1/2 stimulation

(**A-B**) Cytokine secretion from BMDMs following incubation with media control, IL-4 with IL-13 or IFNγ with LPS for 24 h on Day -1 and incubated with media or PAM3CSK4 on Day 0 (A) or Day 6 (B) for 24 hours (n = 3). (**C**) qPCR of indicated mRNA in BMDMs treated as in (B), standardized to BMDMs incubated with media Day -1 and Day 6 (n = 4). Mean ± SD are shown and analyzed by student's t-test, compared with media control. * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01, *** p ≤ 0.001.

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Figure S4. Methylation contributes to IL-4 and IL-13 innate training.

(**A**) Cytokine secretion following BMDM incubation with media control or IL-4 with IL-13 for 24 h on Day -1, with or without 1 hour pre-incubation with methylation inhibitor MTA, and incubation with irradiated *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv (Mtb) or PAM3CSK4 for 24 h on Day 6 (n = 4). (**B-D**) Protein extract (B) and densitometry values (C-D) from western blot analysis of histone methylation in BMDMs incubated with media control, yeast β-glucan (β-Gluc) or IL-4 with IL-13 on Day -1 and lysed on Day 6 (n = 3). (A, C-D) Mean ± SD are shown and analyzed by student's t-test, comparing with or without MTA (A) or with media control (C-D). * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01, *** p ≤ 0.001, **** p ≤ 0.0001.

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Figure S5. Challenged BMDMs previously trained with IL-4 and IL-13 retain M2-typical metabolism.

(**A-B**) qPCR of indicated mRNA in BMDMs following incubation with media control, IL-4 with IL-13 or IFNγ with
LPS on for 24 h Day -1 and stimulated with media (A) or PAM3CSK4 (B) on Day 6 for 6 h (*Pkm2*) and 24 h (*Ldha,*
Sdha and *Myc*). Fold change was standardized to BMDMs incubated with media Day -1 and Day 6 (n = 3). (**C**)
Spare respiratory capacity (SRC) of BMDMs treated as in (A-B), with incubation of media or IL-4 with IL-13 on
Day -1 (n = 3). (**D-F**) Metabolites isolated from BMDMs following incubation with either media control
(untrained) or IL-4 with IL-13 (trained) for 24 h on Day -1 and stimulation with Mtb for 24 h on Day 6 (n = 4).
Metaboanalyst principal component analysis (PCA) (D), fold change of metabolites from trained BMDMs
compared with media control (=1) (E) and calculated ratio of phosphocreatine (P-creatine) to ATP (F) are shown.
Mean ± SD are shown and analyzed by student t-test, compared with media control. * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01, ***
p ≤ 0.001, **** p ≤ 0.0001.
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Figure S6. Innate training with IL-4 and IL-13 enhancement of pro-inflammatory responses is not dependent upon glucose metabolism.

(**A-B**) Cytokine secretion from BMDMs following incubation with media control, IL-4 with IL-13 or IFNγ with LPS for 24 h on Day -1 and incubation with irradiated *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv (Mtb) (A) or PAM3CSK4 (B) for 24 h on Day 6, with or without pre-incubation of metabolic inhibitors oligomycin (OM), 2-deoxy glucose (2-DG) or BPTES. (**C**) Cytokine secretion from BMDMs following incubation with media control, IL-4 with IL-13 or IFNγ with LPS for 24 h on Day -1 and incubation with media or PAM3CSK4 for 24 h on Day 6, with or without glucose depleted conditions between Day -1 to 7. Mean ± SD (n = 3-4) are shown and analyzed by student's t-test as indicated. * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01, *** p ≤ 0.001, **** p ≤ 0.0001.

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Figure S7. Alternative macrophage activation with or without IL-10.

(**A**) Cytokine secretion from BMDMs incubated with media as a control or IL-4 and IL-13, with or without IL-10 for 24 h on Day-1, then incubated with media or Mtb for 24 h on Day 0 (n = 4). (**B**) Surface marker expression of CD80, CD206 and MHC II on BMDMs incubated with media as a control or IL-4 and IL-13, with or without IL-10 for 24 h (n = 3) (gating strategy shown Figure S2A). (**C**) qPCR of indicated mRNA in BMDMs treated as in (B), standardized to media control (n = 4). (**D**) Surface marker expression of CD80, CD206 and MHC II on BMDMs following incubation with IL-4 and IL-13, with or without IL-10, for 24 h on Day -1 and incubated with media, irradiated *M. tuberculosis* H37Rv (Mtb) or PAM3CSK4 for 24 h on Day 0 (n =3). (**E**) qPCR of indicated mRNA in BMDMs treated as in (A), standardized to BMDM incubated with media on Day -1 and Day 0 (n = 4). Mean ± SD are shown (A-E) and analyzed by student's t-test, compared with media control (A, E), comparing with or without IL-10 (D, E). * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01, *** p ≤ 0.001, **** p ≤ 0.0001.

Acute Activation (day 0)

Innate Training (day 6)

Figure S8. IL-4 and IL-13 innate training alters MoDM responses following PAM3CSK4 stimulation
Cytokine secretion following MoDM 24 h incubation with PAM3CSK4 or media on Day 0 or on Day 6 as indicated. MoDM were previously incubated with media, IL-4 with IL-13 – with or without the addition of IL-10 – or IFNγ with LPS on Day -1 for 24 h (n = 4, each rep shown by a symbol). Mean ± SD are shown and analyzed by student's t-test, compared with media control or comparing IL-4/IL-13 training with or without IL-10, as indicated. * p ≤ 0.05, ** p ≤ 0.01, **** p ≤ 0.0001.

1336 **Table S 1. Primer sequences for reverse transcription PCR.**

Primer		Source
Actb (RefSeq: NM_007393.5)	FP: GCTTCTTTGCAGCTCCTTCGT	Invitrogen Custom DNA Oligos
	RP: CGTCATCCATGGCGAACTG	
Arg1 (RefSeq: NM_007482.3)	FP: TACAAGACAGGGCTCCTTTCAG	Invitrogen Custom DNA Oligos
	RP: TGAGTTCCGAAGCAAGCCAA	
Chitl3 (RefSeq: NM_009892.3)	FP: AAGCTCTCCAGAAGCAATCC	Invitrogen Custom DNA Oligos
	RP: AGAAGAATTGCCAGACCTGTGA	
Ldha (RefSeq: NM_010699.2, NM_001136069.2)	FP: GAGACTTGGCTGAGAGCATAA	Eurofins genomics (MWG)
	RP: GATACATGGGACACTGAGGAA	
Myc (RefSeq: NM_010849.4)	FP: CAGCGACTCTGAAGAAGAGCA	Invitrogen Custom DNA Oligos
	RP: GACCTCTTGGCAGGGGTTTG	
Nos2 (RefSeq: NM_010927.4, NM_001313921.1, NM_001313922.1)	FP: TCCTGGACATTACGACCCCT	Invitrogen Custom DNA Oligos
	RP: CTCTGAGGGCTGACACAAGG	
Pkm2 (RefSeq: NM_011099.4, NM_001378868.1, NM_001378869.1, NM_001378870.1)	FP: TGTCTGGAGAAACAGCCAAG	Eurofins genomics (MWG)
	RP: CGAATAGCTGCAAGTGGTAGA	
Retnla (RefSeq: NM_020509.3)	FP: CAGCTGATGGTCCCAGTGAAT	Invitrogen Custom DNA Oligos
	RP: AGTGGAGGGATAGTTAGCTGG	
Sdha (RefSeq: NM_023281.1)	FP: GGAACACTCCAAAAACAGACC	Eurofins genomics (MWG)
	RP: CCACCACTGGGTATTGAGTAGAA	
Tbp (RefSeq: NM_013684.3)	FP: CAGGAGCCAAGAGTGAAGAACA	Invitrogen Custom DNA Oligos
	RP: AAGAACTTAGCTGGGAAGCCC	

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