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## ***Mycobacterium tuberculosis* carrying a rifampicin drug resistance mutation reprograms macrophage metabolism through cell wall lipid changes**

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Tuberculosis (TB) is a significant global health threat, with one third of the world's population infected with its causative agent, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (*Mtb*). The emergence of multi-drug resistant (MDR) *Mtb* resistant to the frontline anti-tubercular drugs, rifampicin and isoniazid, forces treatment with toxic second-line drugs. Currently ~4% of new and ~21% of previously treated TB cases are either rifampicin drug resistant or MDR *Mtb* infections<sup>1</sup>. The specific molecular host-pathogen interactions mediating the rapid world-wide spread of MDR *Mtb* strains remain poorly understood. W-Beijing *Mtb* strains are highly prevalent throughout the world and associated with increased drug resistance<sup>2</sup>. In the early 1990s, closely related MDR W-Beijing *Mtb* strains (strain W) were identified in large institutional outbreaks in New York City and caused high mortality rates<sup>3</sup>. Production of interleukin beta (IL-1 $\beta$ ) by macrophages coincides with the shift towards aerobic glycolysis, a metabolic process that mediates protection against drug susceptible *Mtb*<sup>4</sup>. Here, using a collection of MDR W-*Mtb* strains, we demonstrate that overexpression of *Mtb* cell wall lipids, phthiocerol dimycocerosates (PDIMs) bypasses the IL-1 receptor type I (IL-1R1) signaling pathway, instead driving the induction of interferon beta (IFN- $\beta$ ) to reprogram macrophage metabolism. Importantly, *Mtb* carrying a drug resistance conferring single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) in *rpoB* (H445Y)<sup>5</sup> can modulate host macrophage metabolic reprogramming. These findings transform our mechanistic understanding of how emerging MDR *Mtb* strains may acquire drug resistance SNPs altering *Mtb* surface lipid expression and modulating host macrophage metabolic reprogramming.

The interferon gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ )<sup>6</sup>, tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ )<sup>7</sup>, inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS)<sup>8</sup>, IL-1R1<sup>9</sup>, and myeloid differentiation primary response gene 88 (Myd88)<sup>10</sup> pathways are critical for host immunity to *Mtb* infection. We determined if these immune pathways are important for protection against both drug susceptible and drug resistant *Mtb* infection *in vivo*. As expected, *Myd88*<sup>-/-</sup>, *Ifn $\gamma$* <sup>-/-</sup>, *Tnfr1*<sup>-/-</sup>, *Nos2*<sup>-/-</sup>, and *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice show increased lung burden upon infection with a drug susceptible W-Beijing *Mtb* strain, HN878<sup>11</sup> (Fig. 1a,b). Mice deficient in IFN  $\alpha/\beta$  receptor (*Ifnar*<sup>-/-</sup>)<sup>12</sup> and IL-10 (*Il10*<sup>-/-</sup>)<sup>13</sup> had similar lung burden when compared to C57BL/6J (B6) HN878-infected mice (Fig. 1a). *Myd88*<sup>-/-</sup>, *Ifn $\gamma$* <sup>-/-</sup>, *Tnfr1*<sup>-/-</sup>, and *Nos2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice also showed increased lung *Mtb* burden upon infection with an MDR strain, W\_7642 (Fig. 1a). In contrast, *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice, similar to *Ifnar*<sup>-/-</sup> and *Il10*<sup>-/-</sup> mice, controlled *Mtb* W\_7642 infection (Fig. 1a,b). Increased susceptibility in HN878-infected *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice resulted in exacerbated pulmonary inflammation (Fig. 1c-upper panel) and increased inflammatory myeloid cell accumulation (Fig. 1d, Supplementary Fig. 1a). Similar increased *Mtb* burden in *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice was observed upon infection with a W-Beijing *Mtb* pyrazinamide resistant strain, HN563 (Supplementary Fig. 2). HN878 and W\_7642 infection in B6 mice resulted in comparable pulmonary inflammation (Fig. 1c) but showed differences in recruitment of myeloid cell populations (Fig. 1d). In contrast, W\_7642-infected *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice did not exhibit exacerbated inflammation (Fig. 1c-lower panel), increased accumulation of inflammatory myeloid cells (Fig. 1d, Supplementary Fig. 1a), or altered accumulation of activated IFN- $\gamma$ -producing CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (Supplementary Fig. 1b) when compared with W\_7642-infected B6 mice. Only a small increase in lung IL-6 protein levels in *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> W\_7642-infected mice was observed when compared with B6 W\_7642-infected mice (Fig. 1e). Thus, while several

key protective immune pathways function in both drug susceptible and MDR *Mtb* infection, IL-1R1 signaling is critical for protection against drug susceptible *Mtb* infection but dispensable for immunity against an MDR *Mtb* strain, W\_7642.

*Mtb* infection of macrophages induces Toll-like receptor 2 (TLR2) stimulation, activation of protein kinase B (PKB/Akt)/mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR), and a shift towards aerobic glycolysis to mediate *Mtb* control<sup>4,14</sup>. Accordingly, macrophages infected with HN878 or W\_7642 induced transcriptional pathways associated with a shift to aerobic glycolysis, including key enzymes such as lactate dehydrogenases (*Ldha*, *Ldhb*), 6-phosphofructo-2-kinase/fructose-2,6-biphosphatase 3 (*Pfkfb3*) and aldolase A (*Aldoa*) (Fig. 2a,c). Of interest, W\_7642 infection shut down transcriptional networks associated with macrophage oxidative phosphorylation, including downregulation of NADH dehydrogenase [ubiquinone] 1 alpha subcomplex subunit 1 (*Ndufa1*) and NADH:ubiquinone oxidoreductase subunit B5 (*Ndufb5*), key components of the macrophage oxidative phosphorylation complex (Fig. 2b,c). Importantly, W\_7642 infection induced a distinct type I IFN transcriptional signature, including *Ifnb1*, and IFN-induced genes such as MX dynamin-like GTPase 2 (*Mx2*), interferon induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats (*Ifit*) 1, 2 and 3, as well as signal transducer and activator of transcription 1 (*Stat1*) (Fig. 2b,c). *Ifna* transcripts were not detected by RNA sequencing. Increased lung IFN- $\beta$  levels were found in W\_7642-infected mice when compared to HN878-infected mice (Supplementary Fig. 3). While induction of IL-1 $\alpha$  mRNA and protein was similar, IL-1 $\beta$  mRNA and protein levels were significantly lower in W\_7642-infection when compared to HN878-infected macrophages (Fig. 2c,d) and coincided with increased IFN- $\beta$  mRNA and protein levels in W\_7642-infection, when compared to HN878-infected macrophages (Fig. 2c,e). These results were consistent at all time points measured and at varying multiplicity of infection (MOI, Supplementary Fig. 4a-c). The IL-1R1 pathway negatively regulated IFN- $\beta$  in HN878 infection, but it did not regulate IFN- $\beta$  production following W\_7642 infection either *in vitro* or *in vivo* (Fig. 2e, Supplementary Fig. 3). *Mtb*-mediated induction of IL-1 $\beta$  occurred in a *Tlr2*-, apoptosis-associated speck-like protein containing a caspase recruitment domain (*Asc*)-, and NLR family pyrin domain containing 3 (*Nlrp3*)-dependent manner upon infection with either HN878 or W\_7642 in myeloid cells (Supplementary Fig. 5a). W\_7642 mediated induction of IFN- $\beta$  was dependent on cyclic GMP/AMP synthase (*cGAS*)<sup>15</sup>, and minimally on TLR2 (Supplementary Fig. 5b,c). In contrast, mRNA and protein levels of TNF- $\alpha$  were comparable in HN878- and W\_7642-infected macrophages (Fig. 2c,d). When macrophages use aerobic glycolysis to generate energy, lactate is secreted as a by-product<sup>4,16</sup>. W\_7642 infection induced significantly lower accumulation of lactate than HN878 infection in macrophages (Fig. 2d). Nitrite levels used as a measure of macrophage activation were not significantly different between HN878- and W\_7642-infected macrophages (Fig. 2f). In HN878 infection, lactate accumulation, macrophage activation and *Mtb* control was partly dependent on IL-1R1 signaling pathway while IL-1R1 signaling was dispensable for activation of macrophages and *Mtb* control in W\_7642-infected macrophages (Fig. 2d-g). Blocking IFNAR did not impact IL-1 $\beta$  production in B6 HN878-infected macrophages, but it resulted in increased IL-1 $\beta$  and lactate production in B6 W\_7642-infected macrophages (Fig. 2h). IFNAR blockade during W\_7642 infection significantly reduced IL-1 $\beta$  and lactate production in *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> macrophages compared to B6

macrophages (Fig. 2h). While IFNAR blockade in HN878-infected *IIIr1*<sup>-/-</sup> macrophages decreased *Mtb* CFU, IFNAR blockade in W\_7642-infected *IIIr1*<sup>-/-</sup> macrophages increased *Mtb* CFU (Fig. 2i). Co-infection of W\_7642 and HN878 strains in macrophages (even at 3 HN878:1 W\_7642 ratio) decreased IL-1 $\beta$  and lactate production and increased IFN- $\beta$  levels compared to HN878 infection alone (Fig. 2j). TNF- $\alpha$  levels remained unchanged in single and co-infected macrophages (Supplementary Fig. 6). Thus, the presence of W\_7642 can limit HN878-induced IL-1 $\beta$  and lactate accumulation in macrophages. Furthermore, macrophages treated with heat killed (hk) W\_7642, or with hkHN878 and hkW\_7642 together, also decreased IL-1 $\beta$  and lactate and increased IFN- $\beta$  levels, when compared to hkHN878 treatment alone (Supplementary Fig. 7a). Thus, while *Mtb* replication is not required, an MDR *Mtb* cellular component limited IL-1 $\beta$  and aerobic glycolysis, while inducing IFN- $\beta$  in macrophages. Using extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) as an indicator of glycolysis<sup>17</sup>, hkHN878 treatment induced significant ECAR in macrophages where this response was partly IL-1R1 dependent (Supplementary Fig. 7b). However, hkW\_7642 treatment, or co-treatment with hkHN878 and hkW\_7642 induced significantly lower ECAR (Supplementary Fig. 7b). Additionally, HN878 infection induced lower IL-1 $\beta$  levels and negligible levels of lactate in glucose-deprived galactose-containing medium in comparison to infection in glucose-containing medium (Fig. 2k). In contrast, culturing W\_7642 infected macrophages in galactose-containing medium minimally impacted IL-1 $\beta$  or intracellular *Mtb* CFU (Fig. 2k,1). Low IFN- $\beta$  levels were induced in HN878-infected macrophages grown either in glucose- or galactose-containing media, when compared to significantly higher IFN- $\beta$  production in W\_7642-infected macrophages grown in glucose-containing media (Fig. 2k). Thus, HN878 infection induced aerobic glycolysis to activate macrophage to mediate *Mtb* control, partly through the IL-1R1 pathway. In contrast, W\_7642 is a poor inducer of IL-1 $\beta$ , instead inducing a potent IFN- $\beta$  response and driving a less effective shift to aerobic glycolysis.

To delineate the specific molecular mechanism by which W\_7642 activates macrophages, we used a collection of genetically conserved W-*Mtb* strains (Fig. 3a) that vary by a small number of SNPs by whole genome sequencing (WGS) (Fig. 3b, Supplementary Table 1). Of interest, W\_7642 has two non-synonymous SNPs (H445Y and G563A) within the *Mtb rpoB*, which encodes the beta subunit of *Mtb* RNA polymerase<sup>5</sup>. A closely related MDR *Mtb* strain, W12\_1811, encodes a mutation within *rpoB* at a distinct site (S450L). Infection of *IIIr1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice with W12\_1811 resulted in increased lung *Mtb* CFU, pulmonary inflammation, and myeloid cell accumulation when compared to B6 mice infected with W12\_1811 (Fig. 3c, Supplementary Fig. 8a,b). Additionally, W12\_1811 infection in macrophages induced higher IL-1 $\beta$  and lactate production, and lower IFN- $\beta$  levels when compared to W\_7642-infected macrophages (Fig. 3d,e). Furthermore, *IIIr1*<sup>-/-</sup> macrophages were also less effective at controlling W12\_1811 infection, when compared to B6 macrophages (Fig. 3f). Thus, similar to HN878, W12\_1811 also uses the canonical IL-1R1 pathway to shift host metabolism towards aerobic glycolysis.

W12\_1811 represents a divergent point in the NYC MDR W-*Mtb* family where rifampicin resistance was gained<sup>3</sup>. We identified two other W12 strains, called W12\_15183 and W12\_3474, where similar to W\_7642, W12\_15183 contained both the *rpoB*-G563A and *rpoB*-H445Y SNPs, while W12\_3474 only bore the *rpoB*-H445Y SNP. *In vivo* infection

with W12\_15183 and W12\_3474 resulted in comparable *Mtb* lung CFU and pulmonary inflammation between B6 and *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> infected mice (Fig. 3c, Supplementary Fig. 8a). Both strains also induced lower IL-1 $\beta$  and lactate levels, and higher IFN- $\beta$  production when compared to W12\_1811 (*rpoB*-S450L) infection (Fig. 3d,e). Also similar to W\_7642 infection, in both W12\_15183 and W12\_3474 infections, *Mtb* control in macrophages was IL-1R1 independent (Fig. 3f). Further, while hkW12\_1811 treatment induced significant ECAR in macrophages, both hkW12\_15183 and hkW12\_3474 treatment induced lower ECAR, and mirrored hkW\_7642 ECAR induction (Fig. 3g). However, comparable *Mtb* growth kinetics in macrophages were observed (Supplementary Fig. 8c). From the 24 SNPs separating W12\_1811 and W\_7642, we eliminated SNPs where W\_7642 had the same sequence as lab-adapted *Mtb* H37Rv or HN878 (Supplementary Table 1, highlighted blue-12 SNPs), as well as any SNPs that were unique to W\_7642 alone (Supplementary Table 1, highlighted green-4 SNPs), or shared by only W\_7642 and W12\_15183, but not W12\_3474 (Supplementary Table 1, highlighted red-6 SNPs). Thus we identified common SNPs in W\_7642, W12\_15183 and W12\_3474 (Supplementary Table 1, highlighted yellow-2 SNPs), narrowing down our WGS results to two SNPs that may be functional in mediating macrophage metabolism reprogramming: *rpoB*-H445Y and *pykA*-A369A, a pyruvate kinase A<sup>18</sup>. However, the *pykA* SNP is synonymous, thus implicating the *rpoB*-H445Y SNP as potentially causal in macrophage reprogramming.

To validate a functional role for the *rpoB*-H445Y SNP in macrophage metabolic reprogramming, we therefore generated three HN878 clones independently under rifampicin selection carrying either the *rpoB*-H445Y SNP or the *rpoB*-S450L SNP, while exhibiting no changes in the *pykA* gene. Importantly, infection of macrophages with independent clones of HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y mutants, but not HN878 *rpoB*-S450L mutants, recapitulated effects of W\_7642 infection, with lower production of IL-1 $\beta$  and lactate and increased induction of IFN- $\beta$ , when compared to HN878 treatment and at varying MOIs (Fig. 3a, Supplementary Fig. 9a). Furthermore, infection with HN878 *rpoB*-S450L resulted in increased *Mtb* CFU in *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> macrophages when compared with B6 macrophages at varying MOIs (Fig. 3b, Supplementary Fig. 9b). In contrast, there was no difference in the intracellular CFU of B6 and *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> macrophages infected with HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y at varying MOIs (Fig. 3b, Supplementary Fig. 9b). Importantly, *in vivo* infection with HN878 *rpoB*-S450L resulted in increased pulmonary burden (Fig. 3c), recruited macrophage accumulation, and cytokine production in *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice, compared with B6 infected mice (Supplementary Fig. 9c,e). In contrast, infection with HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y resulted in comparable pulmonary bacterial burden (Fig. 3c), and no increase in myeloid cellular recruitment or cytokine levels (Supplementary Fig. 9d,e) between B6 and *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Additionally, HN878 *rpoB*-S450L but not HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y infection of macrophages induced robust IL-1 $\beta$  and lactate accumulation in glucose-containing medium but not very effectively in galactose-containing medium, suggesting that IL-1 $\beta$  induction is glucose dependent<sup>4</sup> (Supplementary Fig. 9f). Similarly, low IFN- $\beta$  levels were induced in HN878 *rpoB*-S450L-infected macrophages grown either in glucose- or galactose-containing media, and IFN- $\beta$  production was significantly enhanced in HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y-infected macrophages grown in glucose-containing media (Supplementary Fig. 9f). These results demonstrate that the *Mtb* carrying

the *rpoB*-H445Y SNP but not *rpoB*-S450L can modulate macrophage reprogramming to mediate *Mtb* control in the absence of IL-1R1 signaling.

SNPs in *Mtb rpoB* give rise to rifampicin resistance<sup>5</sup> and are associated with broad transcriptomic changes, including the expression of secreted proteins and lipid biosynthetic intermediates<sup>19–21</sup>; the nature of lipid changes may depend on the location of SNPs within the *rpoB* gene<sup>21</sup>. Furthermore, upregulation of the PDIM biosynthetic operon<sup>19</sup> and increased PDIM expression is reported in *rpoB*-H445Y resistant *Mtb*<sup>21</sup>. Thus, the *rpoB*-H445Y SNP in W\_7642 may alter the composition of cell wall lipids, and impact host sensing of *Mtb* for reprogramming of macrophage metabolism. To address this, we identified PDIM changes in cell wall lipids between HN878 and the MDR *Mtb* strain W\_7642. Cell wall lipids were purified from similar bacterial numbers, and an internal triacylglycerol (TAG) standard was used to obtain relative quantification of lipids between the different strains. W\_7642 showed increased relative abundance of long-chain multimethyl-branched fatty acid PDIMs in cell wall lipid preparations (Fig. 3d,e, and Supplementary Fig. 10-structural characterization of PDIM subclasses, Supplementary Fig. 11a,b-PDIM spectra), when compared to the lower content of cell wall-associated PDIMs in HN878 (Fig. 3d,e and Supplementary Fig. 11a,b). Notably, as before<sup>21</sup>, when normalized to TAG, HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y *Mtb* recapitulated the presence of abundant long-chain multimethyl-branched fatty acid PDIMs in cell wall lipid preparations (Fig. 3f,g, Supplementary Fig. 11c,d), when compared to the PDIMs in HN878 *rpoB*-S450L (Fig. 3f,g, Supplementary Fig. 11c,d). Importantly, while the W12\_1811 *Mtb* strain also expressed more short-chain fatty acid PDIMs (Supplementary Fig. 12a,b) in comparison to the long-chain fatty acid PDIMs present in cell wall lipid preparations from *rpoB*-H445Y containing MDR *Mtb* strains W12–15183 (Supplementary Fig. 12c), W12–3474 (Supplementary Fig. 12d), and W\_7642 (Supplementary Fig. 12e). This coincided with increased expression of enzymes involved in PDIM synthesis such as phenolphthiocerol synthesis type-I polyketide synthase (*ppsA*, *ppsB* and *ppsC*) in W\_7642 (Supplementary Fig. 11e). Both HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y and *rpoB*-S450L had increased mRNA expression of these enzymes (Supplementary Fig. 11f). Thus, different *rpoB* SNPs may upregulate PDIM biosynthetic pathways. To test the physiological effects of the PDIMs on macrophage metabolic responses, *Mtb*-infected macrophages were exposed to HN878-derived PDIM coated polystyrene beads and resulted in reduced IL-1 $\beta$  and lactate production, and increased IFN- $\beta$  (Fig. 3h). Furthermore, while *Mtb*-infected macrophages exposed to W\_7642-derived PDIM coated beads also suppressed IL-1 $\beta$  and lactate production and induced IFN- $\beta$ , these changes were significantly pronounced and at lower PDIM coated bead doses when compared to effects of HN878-derived PDIM coated beads (Fig. 3h, Supplementary Fig. 11g). Similar to the W\_7642-derived PDIM coated bead exposure, the PDIM-mediated metabolic rewiring also occurred more robustly and at lower doses when *Mtb*-infected macrophages were treated with HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y-derived PDIM coated beads, when compared with HN878 *rpoB*-S450L-derived PDIM coated beads (Fig. 3h, Supplementary Fig. 11g). PDIM-coated beads alone did not impact cytokine or metabolic changes in uninfected macrophages (Fig. 3h). Thus, while the abundance of PDIMs may directly induce IFN- $\beta$  and limit IL-1 $\beta$  production and shift to aerobic glycolysis, PDIMs composition may likely also contribute towards reprogramming macrophage metabolism during *Mtb* infection and needs to be further tested.

Our limited knowledge of the immune parameters that mediate protection or drive disease progression during MDR *Mtb* infections is a significant hurdle to the current efforts to prevent world-wide emergence of MDR *Mtb*. We show here that *Mtb* carrying the widely prevalent *rhoB*-H445Y SNP<sup>5</sup>, can alter macrophage metabolism through the induction of IFN- $\beta$  and bypass the requirement for IL-1R1 pathway signaling for protective immunity. While we did not carry out WGS on the independent *rhoB*-H445Y mutants, it is unlikely that the same type of secondary mutations would occur in each independent clone studied. Drug resistant *Mtb* strains with the *rhoB*-H445Y and *rhoB*-S450L SNPs are both associated with overexpression of PDIMs<sup>21</sup>. However, treatment with long-chain fatty acid PDIMs from *rhoB*-H445Y more stringently inhibited glycolysis and induced IFN- $\beta$  in macrophages when compared to short-chain PDIMs from *rhoB*-S450L, suggesting that both abundance of PDIMs and composition of PDIMs may impact macrophage metabolic rewiring. The S450L SNP did not exhibit major structural changes in the rifampicin binding site, while the H445Y SNP mediated structural changes in the binding site of *Mtb* RNA polymerase, thus preventing any binding of rifampicin<sup>22</sup>. It is possible that these differential structural changes in RNA polymerase may regulate the differential expression of *Mtb* cell wall lipids including composition of PDIMs, as well other lipids<sup>21</sup>, and needs to be fully explored in future studies. PDIM presence has been associated with decreased phagosomal acidification, phagosomal permeabilization<sup>23</sup>, and also increased *Mtb* escape from the intracellular vacuole into the cytosol<sup>24</sup>, where it may mediate increased sensing by the cytosolic DNA sensor, cGAS and induction of IFN- $\beta$ . A protective role for IL-1R1 signaling in *Mtb* infection is well known<sup>9</sup>, likely through the induction of the lipid mediator prostaglandin E2<sup>25</sup> and involvement in aerobic glycolysis within macrophages<sup>4</sup>. Type I IFN transcriptional signature is associated with pulmonary TB disease<sup>26</sup>, and considered detrimental to immunity against drug susceptible *Mtb*<sup>25</sup>. However, our results demonstrate that the IL-1R1 pathway is preferentially activated in drug susceptible *Mtb* infection, while MDR *Mtb* strains preferentially induce IFN- $\beta$  that limits IL-1 $\beta$  induction, driving less effective aerobic glycolysis. Accordingly, even in pulmonary infection in mice, while both MDR and drug susceptible *Mtb* strains seemingly infect and induce TB disease, these infections recruit different inflammatory myeloid cells. Thus, the host immune metabolism induced in response to infection with drug resistant *Mtb* may be substantially different from responses induced upon infection with drug susceptible *Mtb* in hosts and need to more thoroughly studied. The implications of our findings are wide, as drug resistance in bacteria such as *Staphylococcus*<sup>27</sup>, *Klebsiella*<sup>28</sup> and *Enterococci*<sup>29</sup> can induce cell surface lipid changes. Additionally, rifampicin resistance can occur in *E. coli*<sup>5</sup>, *Streptococcus*<sup>30</sup>, and *Staphylococcus*<sup>5</sup>, thus potentially impacting downstream host-pathogen interactions. Thus, our study emphasizes that fully understanding the mechanisms of pathogenesis and host immunity of drug resistant *Mtb* is critical for successful efforts to design new therapeutic targets and vaccines to prevent the spread of emerging MDR, as well as extensively and extremely drug resistant *Mtb* spread.

## Methods

### Mice

C57BL/6 (B6), *Myd88*<sup>-/-</sup>, *Ifnar*<sup>-/-</sup>, *Nos2*<sup>-/-</sup>, *Il10*<sup>-/-</sup> and *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were purchased from The Jackson Laboratory (Bar Harbor, ME). The following mice were generously provided: *Tlr2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (Dr. Laura Schuettpelz, Washington University in St. Louis), *Tnfr1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (Dr. John H. Russell, Washington University in St. Louis), *Ifngr*<sup>-/-</sup> and *cGas*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (Dr. Herbert W. Virgin IV, Washington University in St. Louis) and bones from *Asc*<sup>-/-</sup> and *Nlrp3*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (Dr. Uma Nagarajan, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill). Mice were used between the ages of 6 to 8 weeks, and both males and females were used. Sample sizes were chosen following empirical statistical power analysis based on previous studies<sup>31</sup>. Histological analysis following mouse experiments were subject to blinded analysis. All mice were maintained and used in accordance with approved Washington University in St. Louis IACUC guidelines.

### Experimental infections

*Mtb* strains W\_7642, W12\_1811, W12\_15183, and W12\_3474 were from the Tuberculosis Center at the Public Health Research Institute, Newark, NJ. By whole genome sequencing (WGS), all MDR W-*Mtb* strains are resistant to isoniazid, rifampicin, ethambutol, streptomycin, pyrazinamide, and kanamycin, with the exception of W12\_3474 which lacks resistance to pyrazinamide and W12\_1811 which lacks resistance to ethambutol<sup>2</sup>. HN878 and HN563 were obtained from BEI resources under National Institutes of Health contract AI-75320. All *Mtb* strains were grown in Proskauer Beck (PB) medium with 0.05% Tween 80 and frozen at -80°C while in mid-log phase. Colony forming units (CFU) of bacterial stocks were calculated by plating serial dilutions on 7H11 agar plates. For *Mtb* aerosol infections, mice were infected with approximately 100 CFU of bacteria using a Glas-Col airborne infection system as previously described<sup>31</sup>. Pulmonary bacterial burden was determined at given time points through plating serial dilutions of lung homogenates on 7H11 agar plates.

### Rifampicin susceptibility determination

Independent rifampicin resistant *Mtb* HN878 clones (biological replicates) were selected from rifampicin (2 µg/ml) containing 7H11 agar plates<sup>32</sup>. The sequences of *rpoB* and *pykA* in HN878 clones were confirmed by Sanger sequencing (Genewiz). *Mtb* stocks of 3 independent colonies for each SNP (*rpoB*-H445Y and -S450L) were grown, stocked, and the CFU determined as described above for further experimentation.

To confirm drug resistance, HN878, HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y and *rpoB*-S450L were grown on Middlebrook 7H10 agar plates at 35°C in a 10% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Colonies not older than 2 weeks were transferred into a sterile tube containing 5.0 ml of water with 10 to 20 sterile glass beads. The suspension was vortexed for 1–2 mins, allowed to stand for 15 mins, then transferred to another tube and allowed to stand for 10 mins. The supernatant was transferred into a sterile tube and the turbidity was adjusted to 0.5 McFarland standard with water. A 1:5 dilution of this suspension in water was used. A volume of 0.1 ml of each final drug solution and 0.8 ml of oleic albumin dextrose catalase supplement were aseptically



added into each MGIT containing 7.0 ml of broth followed by 0.5 ml of the final inoculum suspension. Lyophilized drugs (BACTEC streptomycin, isoniazid, rifampicin, ethambutol (S.I.R.E.) and pyrazinamide drug kit; BD Biosciences) were dissolved according to the manufacturer's instructions. The final drug concentrations used were 0.1 µg/ml for isoniazid, 1.0 µg/ml for rifampin, 5 µg/ml for ethambutol, 1.0 µg/ml for streptomycin and 100 µg/ml for pyrazinamide. *Mtb* ATCC 27294 was used as control. Tubes were placed in the BACTEC™ MGIT™ 960 instrument, that automatically interprets the results as susceptible or resistant. HN878 and *Mtb* 27294 were susceptible to all drugs tested, while HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y, *rpoB*-S450L was only resistant to rifampin.

### ***In vitro* cell culture of myeloid cells**

Bone marrow cells from the femur and tibia of B6 and gene deficient mice were extracted, and  $1 \times 10^7$  cells were plated in 10 ml of complete Dulbecco's modified eagle's medium (cDMEM) supplemented with 20 ng/ml mouse recombinant (rm) granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF) (Peprotech)<sup>31</sup>. Relevant conditions were tested for mycoplasma contamination using PCR<sup>33</sup>. Cells were then cultured at 37°C in 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. On day 3, 10 ml of cDMEM containing 20 ng/ml rmGM-CSF was added. On day 7, adherent cells were collected as macrophages and non-adherent cells were collected as dendritic cells (DCs).

### **Flow cytometry**

Lung cell suspensions were prepared as described before<sup>31</sup>. Briefly, after perfusion with heparin in PBS, lungs were minced, digested with DNase/collagenase, lysed for red blood cells, and pressed through a 0.7 µm filter to generate a single cell suspension. Cells were stained with appropriate fluorochrome-labeled specific antibodies or isotype control antibodies. Intracellular cytokine staining was performed using the BD Cytotfix/Cytoperm kit (BD Biosciences). Mouse antibodies used include anti-CD11b (clone M1/70; Tonbo Biosciences), anti-CD11c (clone HL3; BD Biosciences), anti-Gr-1 (clone RB6-8C5, eBioscience), anti-CD3 (clone 500A2; BD Biosciences), anti-CD4 (clone RM4-5; BD Biosciences), anti-CD44 (clone IM7; eBioscience), and anti-IFN-γ (XMG1.2; BD Biosciences). Cells were processed with the Becton Dickinson (BD) Fortessa flow cytometer using FACS Diva software, or the BD FACSJazz flow cytometer using FACS Software software (BD). Flow cytometry experiments were analyzed using FlowJo (Tree Star Inc). As before<sup>34</sup>, neutrophils were defined as CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>Gr-1<sup>hi</sup> cells, monocytes were defined as CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>Gr-1<sup>med</sup> cells, and recruited macrophages were defined as CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>Gr-1<sup>low</sup> cells. Total numbers of cells within each gate were back calculated based on cell counts/individual lung sample.

### ***In vitro Mtb* infection**

Macrophages or DCs were infected with *Mtb* (MOI1 or 5) in antibiotic-free cDMEM. After varying days post infection (dpi), supernatants were collected for analysis of proteins or metabolites, and RNA was extracted for downstream sequencing. Infected macrophages were washed rigorously with sterile PBS to remove non-phagocytosed *Mtb*, then lysed with 0.05% sterile sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) for 5 minutes, then plated in serial dilutions on 7H11 agar plates to estimate intracellular CFU. In some cases, macrophages were treated

with IFNAR blocking antibody (clone MAR1–5A3 BioXcell) at 25 µg/ml, on both –1 and 3 dpi. In some experiments, macrophages were cultured in glucose-deprived cDMEM (ThermoFisher) supplemented with D-glucose or D-galactose (Sigma, 25mM) for 24 hours prior to infection with *Mtb* (MOI1) as before<sup>4</sup>. Cells were maintained in D-glucose or D-galactose supplemented media for the duration of infection (72 hours).

### Generation of hk*Mtb*

hk*Mtb* was generated by incubating *Mtb* cultures at 80°C for 30 minutes. The protein content of each hk*Mtb* stock was determined by bicinchoninic acid (BCA) assay using the Pierce BCA Protein Assay Kit (Thermo Scientific), following manufacturer's instructions. Macrophages were treated with hk*Mtb* for 48 hours (20 µg/ml) and culture supernatants were used for analysis of proteins and metabolites.

### Determination of proteins and metabolites

Cytokine and chemokine production in the lung homogenate of *Mtb*-infected B6 and *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were analyzed using Milliplex Multiplex Assays (Millipore), according to manufacturer's protocol. IL-1α and TNF-α were measured using DuoSet kits (R&D Systems), IL-1β was measured using a BD OptEIA IL-1β ELISA Set (BD Biosciences), IFN-β was measured using a Legend Max™ Mouse IFN-β ELISA Kit (BioLegend), lactate accumulation was measured using a Lactate Assay Kit (Sigma-Aldrich) and nitrite production was measured using the Griess Reagent System (Promega). All commercial kits followed manufacturer's instructions.

### Histology

Lung lobes were perfused with 10% neutral buffered formalin and embedded in paraffin (WUSM Elvie L. Taylor Histology Core Facility). Lung sections were stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) and inflammatory features were evaluated by light microscopy. Inflammatory lesions were outlined with the automated tool of the Zeiss Axioplan 2 microscope (Carl Zeiss) and percentage of inflammation was calculated by dividing the inflammatory area by the total area of individual lung lobes.

### DNA isolation and sequencing

DNA was extracted from *Mtb* cultures for sequencing<sup>35</sup>. *Mtb* cultures were incubated for 30 minutes at 80°C, then treated with 10% SDS and proteinase K for 1 hour at 60°C. Proteins were precipitated with 5M NaCl and 10% cetyl trimethylammonium bromide (CTAB) for 15 minutes at 60°C. DNA was purified through addition of chloroform:isoamyl alcohol (24:1) and precipitated with isopropanol at –20°C for 1 hour. DNA pellet was washed in 80% ethanol, and dissolved in nuclease-free water. The Nextera DNA Library Preparation Kit was used for genome library preparation, and WGS was performed using the Illumina NextSeq platform (Illumina) for *Mtb* strains, respectively. The resultant raw FASTQ data were trimmed using Sickle (<https://github.com/ucdavis-bioinformatics/sickle>) and reads alignment was performed by Burrows–Wheeler Aligner<sup>36</sup> using *Mtb* H37Rv (GenBank: [AL123456](#)) as the reference. Duplicate marking was done by Picard (<http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard>), and local realignment was performed using Genome Analysis Tool Kit<sup>37</sup>. SNPs and

insertion-deletions (InDels) were called using Samtools<sup>38</sup> and VariScan<sup>39</sup>, followed by annotation using snpEff<sup>40</sup>. Potential variants were excluded if the mapping quality or the base quality score was below 20 or the minimum alternate fraction was below 0.75. SNPs located at the mobile genetic elements, PE, PPE and PE-PGRS gene regions that might cause incorrect read alignment were also excluded. SNP maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree was produced by RAxML 8.2.4. using the GTRGAMMA model and 100 bootstrap replicates<sup>41</sup>. Relevant SNPs (*rpoB*, *pykA*) were reconfirmed by Sanger sequencing.

### RNA isolation and quantitative real-time PCR (qRT-PCR)

RNA was extracted using the Qiagen RNeasy Mini kit (Qiagen) and DNase I treated (Qiagen). cDNA was generated using ABI reverse transcription reagents (ABI, ThermoFisher) and RT-PCR was run on a Viia7 Real-Time PCR system (Life Technologies, Thermo Fisher). The log<sub>10</sub> fold induction of mRNA in W12\_1811, W\_7642, HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y, and HN878 *rpoB*-S450L was calculated over expression levels in HN878, determined using the Ct calculation recommended by the manufacturer, using *esxA* mRNA expression as baseline. The primer sequences for *ppsA*, *ppsB*, *ppsC*<sup>19</sup> and *esxA*<sup>42</sup> have been previously published.

### RNA sequencing, differential gene expression analysis and enrichment

For cDNA synthesis, we used a custom oligo-dT primer with a barcode and adaptor-linker sequence (CCTACACGACGCTCTCCGATCT-xrefXX-T15). After first-strand synthesis, samples were pooled together based on Actb qPCR values and RNA-DNA hybrids were degraded with consecutive acid-alkali treatment. Subsequently, a second sequencing linker (AGATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTG) was ligated with T4 ligase (NEB) followed by clean up with solid phase reverse immobilization (SPRI)-beads (Agencourt AMPure XP, BeckmanCoulter). The mixture was enriched by PCR for 12 cycles and purified with SPRI-beads (Agencourt AMPure XP, BeckmanCoulter) to yield final strand-specific RNA sequencing libraries. Libraries were sequenced on the HiSeq 2500 platform (Illumina) using 50 bp x 25 bp paired-end sequencing. Second read (read-mate) was used for sample demultiplexing. Reads were aligned to the GRCh38.p2 assembly of the mouse genome using STAR aligner<sup>43</sup>. Aligned reads were quantified using quant3p script (<https://github.com/ctlab/quant3p>). GENCODE genome annotation was used and DESeq2<sup>44</sup> was used for differential gene expression analysis. Pre-ranked gene set enrichment analysis was done using fgsea R package<sup>45</sup>. Genes were ranked according to Wald-statistics from DESeq2 analysis, only top 10000 genes ordered by mean expression were considered. MSigDB C2 gene set collection was used.

### Real-time Extracellular Flux Assay

$7.5 \times 10^4$  cells per sample were stimulated with hk*Mtb* strains (20 µg/ml) for 2 days. Real-time extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) was measured using XF-96 Extracellular Flux Analyzer (Seahorse Bioscience) as described before<sup>46</sup>. Three consecutive measurements were obtained under basal conditions.

## Lipid extraction and characterization of PDIMs

500 mg of *Mtb* ( $5 \times 10^{11}$  bacteria<sup>47</sup>) was collected from cultures grown on solid agar 7H11 plates and boiled at 80°C for 30 minutes (min). In some experiments, we added 10 µg 20:0/20:0/20:0 triacylglycerol (TAG, Cayman Chemical) as internal standard to the *Mtb* cell pellets before lipid extraction. The added 20:0/20:0/20:0-TAG is a synthetic compound, *m/z* 992 as a  $[M + NH_4]^+$  ion, that does not exist in nature. Endogenous *Mtb* TAG was represented by two well-separated peaks on the ion chromatograms, one of which was identified as <sup>13</sup>C<sub>2</sub>-18:1/16:0/26:0-TAG from 18:1/16:0/26:0-TAG. Therefore, the exogenously added TAG can be used as an internal standard. As before<sup>48</sup>, HN878 total lipids were sequentially extracted by chloroform:methanol (C:M, 2:1 and 1:2, v/v) and by chloroform:methanol:water (C:M:W, 10:10:3, v/v/v). Liquid chromatography/mass spectrometry (LC/MS) analysis was carried out using a Thermo Scientific TSQ Vantage mass spectrometer with Thermo Accela UPLC operated by Xcalibur software, or an Agilent 6550 A QTOF instrument with an Agilent 1290 HPLC, operated by Agilent Masshunter software. Separation of lipids was achieved by a Supelco 100 × 2.1 mm (2.7 µm particle size) Ascentis Express C-8 column at a flow rate of 300 µl/min. The mobile phase contained 5 mM ammonium formate (pH 5.0) both in solvent A, acetonitrile:water (60:40, v/v), and solvent B, isopropanol:acetonitrile (90:10, v/v). A gradient elution in the following manner was applied: 68% A, 0–1.5 min; 68–55% A, 1.5–4 min; 55–48% A, 4–5 min; 48–42% A, 5–8 min; 42–34% A, 8–11 min; 34–30% A, 11–14 min; 30–25% A, 14–18 min; 25–3% A, 18–23 min; 3–0% A, 25–30 min; 0% A, 30–35 min; 68% A, 35–40 min. The PDIM fraction was eluted at 25.7–29.5 min. The electrospray ionization (ESI) MS spectra of PDIMs were the signal average of the eluted peak. The resultant PDIM spectra were normalized to bacterial numbers, and relative abundance determined according to the 20:0/20:0/20:0-TAG internal standard, which gave rise to the  $[M+NH_4]^+$  ions of *m/z* 992.98 and was eluted at 33–34 min. PDIM spectra and the internal TAG standards are shown in Supplementary Fig. 11. The normalized spectra were presented in Figure 3, where the ESI/MS spectra contain the homologous  $[M+NH_4]^+$  ions of PDIM, ranging from *m/z* 1250 to 1550 (i.e., ions of *m/z* 1343, 1357, 1371, 1385, 1399, 1413, etc)<sup>49</sup>.

For structural characterization of PDIMs, shown in Supplementary Fig. 10, the lipid extract from *Mtb* W\_7642 was dissolved in 1/1 chloroform/methanol with 0.5% NH<sub>4</sub>OH, and was infused into a Thermo Orbitrap Velos mass spectrometer at a rate of 3 µl/min. One in each methoxy (ion at *m/z* 1385) and keto (ion at *m/z* 1369) PDIM family was selected for structural characterization<sup>56</sup>.

## PDIM isolation

HN878 total lipids were sequentially extracted by C:M (2:1 and 1:2, v/v) and by C:M:W (10:10:3, v/v/v). Extractions were combined, dried and kept at –20°C until use. Preparative TLCs (20 × 20 cm) were loaded with 7.5 mg of total lipid extract. Preparative thin-layer chromatography (TLC) to purify PDIMs were resolved by petroleum ether:acetone (96:4, v/v) as a solvent system as described<sup>50</sup>. PDIMs were identified, scraped from TLC plates, extracted from the silica using petroleum ether, and their purity verified by TLC, resolved as above, and visualized using 10% sulfuric acid in ethanol as described<sup>51</sup>. The preparation of 1 µm polystyrene beads coated with human serum albumin (HSA, sham control) or PDIMs

was performed as previously described for other *Mtb* antigens<sup>52</sup>. Briefly,  $1.5 \times 10^9$  Polybead polystyrene beads (Polysciences Inc., Warrington, PA) were washed twice in 0.05 M carbonate-bicarbonate buffer (pH 9.6) and then incubated with 50  $\mu$ g of purified PDIMs from various *Mtb* strains or buffer alone for 1 h at 37°C. Beads were then blocked with 5% HSA, washed repeatedly with 0.5% HSA, and finally adjusted to  $4.0 \times 10^8$ /ml in 0.5% HSA before being used in macrophage assays. *Mtb*-infected macrophages were treated with PDIM coated polystyrene beads at varying concentrations of beads:cells (25:1, 50:1, 100:1, or 200:1). HSA coated beads were used as a control. Cells were incubated with the beads overnight prior to infection with *Mtb* (MOI1) for 6 days.

## Data availability

All relevant data are available from the authors. DNA sequencing data have been submitted under BioProject ID PRJNA353361. RNA sequencing data have been deposited in the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database (accession number GSE115495).

## Statistical analysis

Differences between the means of groups were analyzed using the two tailed Student's t-test. Differences between the means of more than two groups were analyzed using 1-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test. For comparisons between two or more groups with two independent variables, 2-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-test was used. All statistical analyses were done in GraphPad Prism 5. A p value <0.05 was considered significant. The data points across figures represent the mean ( $\pm$ SD) of values. \*p 0.05, \*\*p 0.01, \*\*\*p 0.001, \*\*\*\*p 0.0001, ns-not significant (p>0.05). All experiments were replicated for reproducibility.

## Supplementary Material

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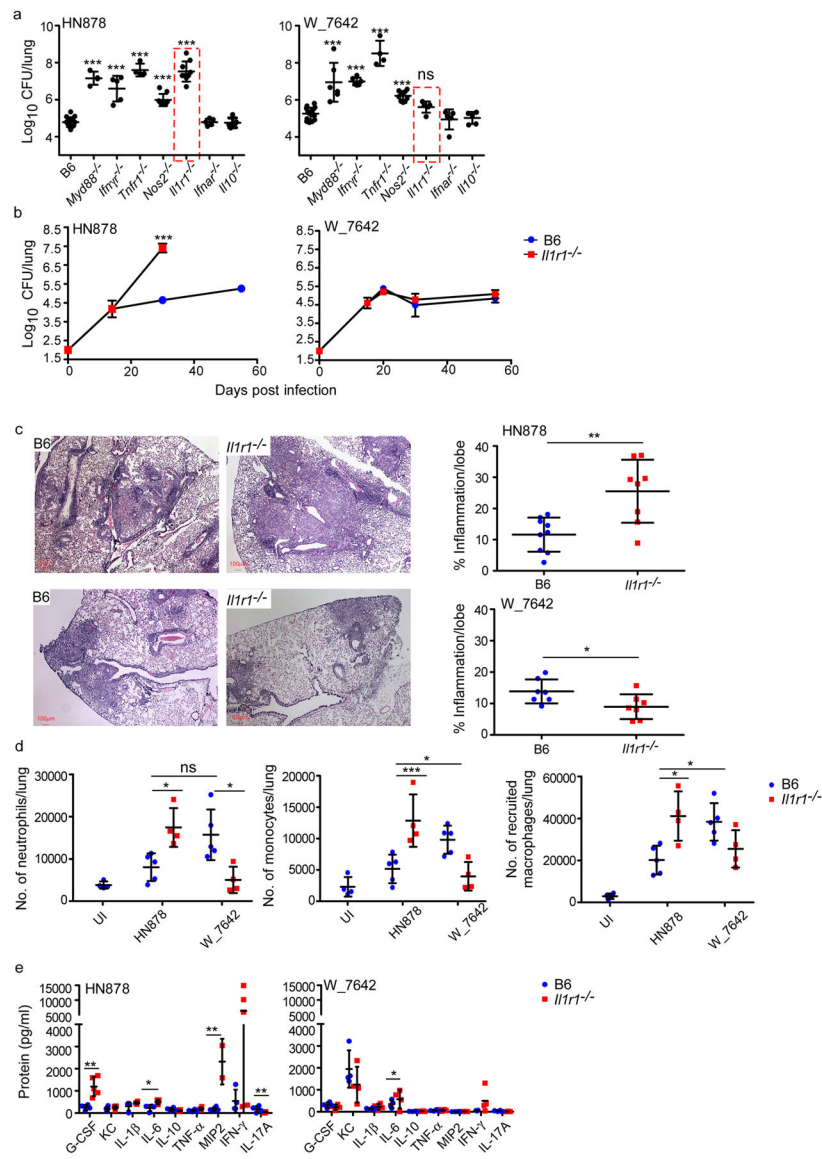
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**Figure 1. IL-1R1 is dispensable for protective immunity against MDR *Mtb* strain, W\_7642.** B6 (n=10) and gene deficient mice (*Myd88*<sup>-/-</sup> HN878 n=3, W\_7642 n=6; *Ifngr*<sup>-/-</sup> HN878 n=5, W\_7642 n=6; *Tnfr1*<sup>-/-</sup> n=4; *Nos2*<sup>-/-</sup> n=5; *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> HN878 n=9, W\_7642 n=5; *Ifnar*<sup>-/-</sup> n=5; *Il10*<sup>-/-</sup> n=5) were aerosol infected with 100 CFU *Mtb* HN878 or W\_7642. Lung bacterial burden was determined on 30 dpi (a) or at defined time points (b, B6 n=5, *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> n=9 except W\_7642 D15, D20 *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> n=5). HN878-infected *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were sacrificed on 30 dpi due to severe TB disease (b). On 30 dpi, formalin-fixed, paraffin embedded (FFPE) lung sections from B6 and *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were stained with H&E and inflammatory area was measured. Micrographs are representative images - 5x magnification (c, HN878 B6 n=9, HN878 *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> n=8, W\_7642 n=7). Total number of lung neutrophils, monocytes, and recruited macrophages were determined on 30 dpi using flow cytometry (d, B6 n=5, *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> n=4, UI B6 n=4). Cytokine and chemokine protein levels in lung homogenates were measured in B6 and *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice at 30 dpi (e, n=5). UI-uninfected. (a) 1-way ANOVA with

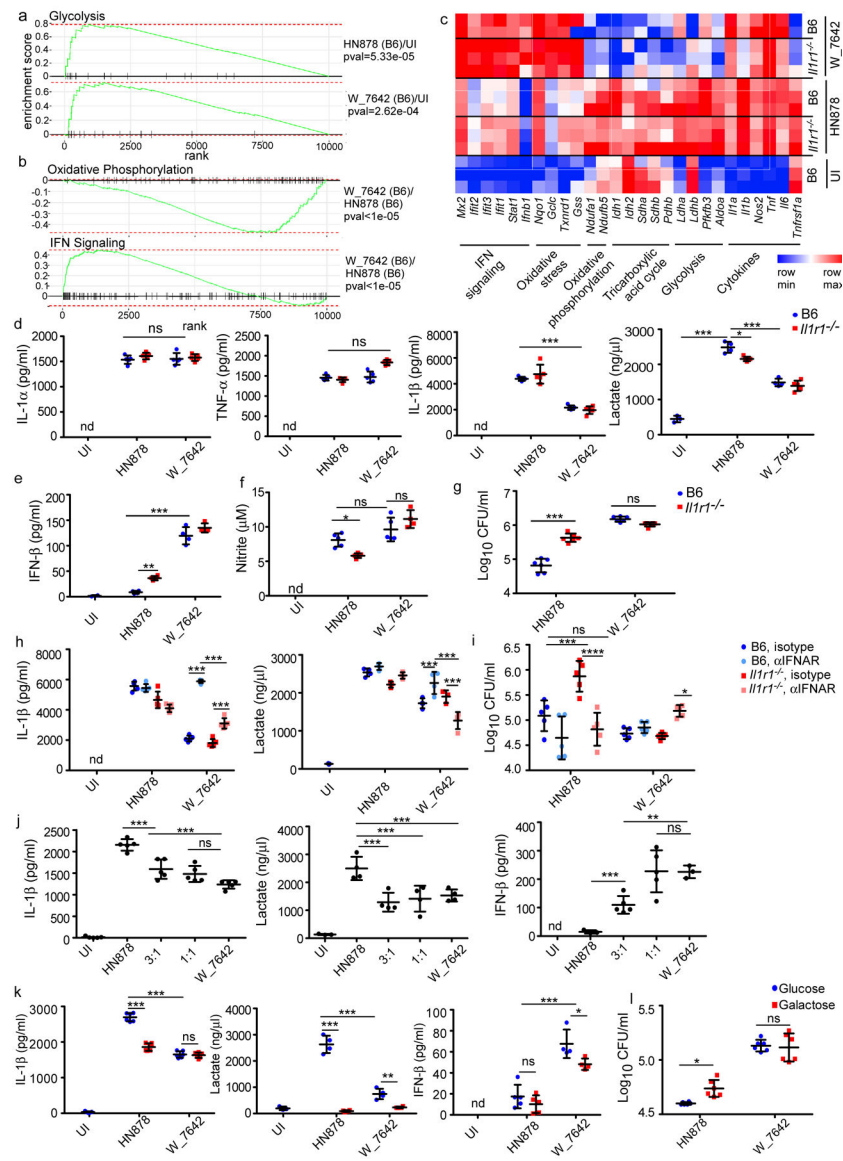
Tukey's post-test, (b,d,e) 2-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-test, (c) two tailed Student's t-test. The data points represent the mean ( $\pm$ SD) of values. \*p 0.05, \*\*p 0.01, \*\*\*p 0.001, ns-not significant ( $p>0.05$ ).

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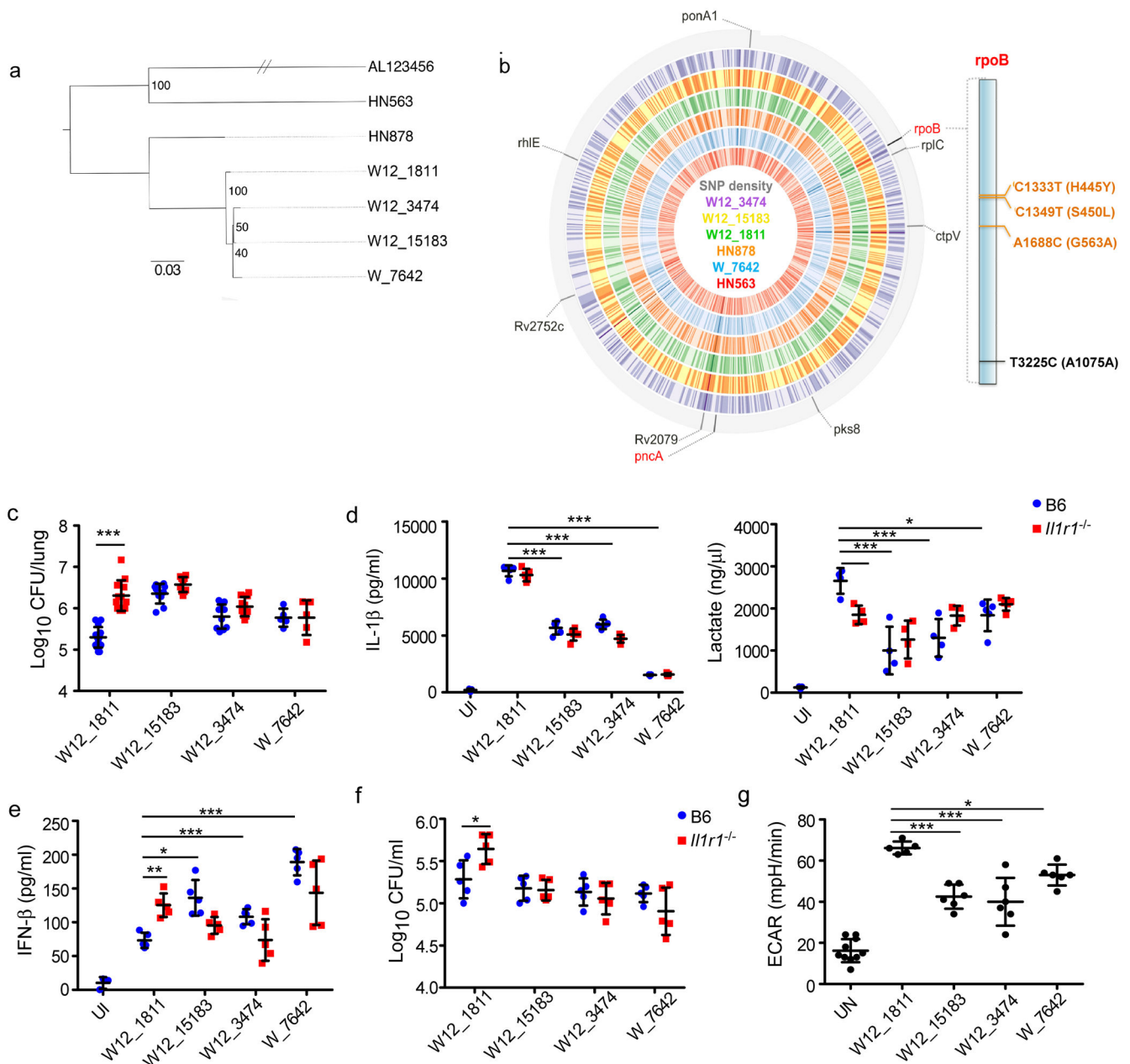
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**Figure 2. MDR *Mtb* W\_7642 infection induces the type I IFN pathway and distinctive host macrophage metabolism.**

B6 and *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> macrophages were infected with HN878 or W\_7642 (MOI1). RNA was extracted on 6 dpi and RNA sequencing was performed. The expression of genes in the glycolysis pathway in HN878- or W\_7642-infected B6 macrophages over uninfected macrophages is shown (a, n=3, except W\_7642 B6 n=2). The expression of genes in the oxidative phosphorylation and type I IFN pathways in W\_7642- over HN878-infected B6 macrophages is shown (b, n=3, except W\_7642 B6 n=2). The heat map of marker mRNAs from the annotated pathways are shown from individual samples within the different groups (c). Cytokine protein, lactate (d-e) and nitrite levels (f) were measured in supernatants, and intracellular *Mtb* CFU (g) was determined on 6 dpi (n=4–6). Infected macrophages were treated with IFNAR blocking antibody or isotype (25  $\mu$ g/ml) at -1 and 3 dpi. IL-1 $\beta$  (n=5) and lactate levels (n=4) were measured in supernatants (h), and intracellular *Mtb* CFU (i, n=5) was determined on 6 dpi. B6 macrophages (n=5) were co-infected with HN878 and

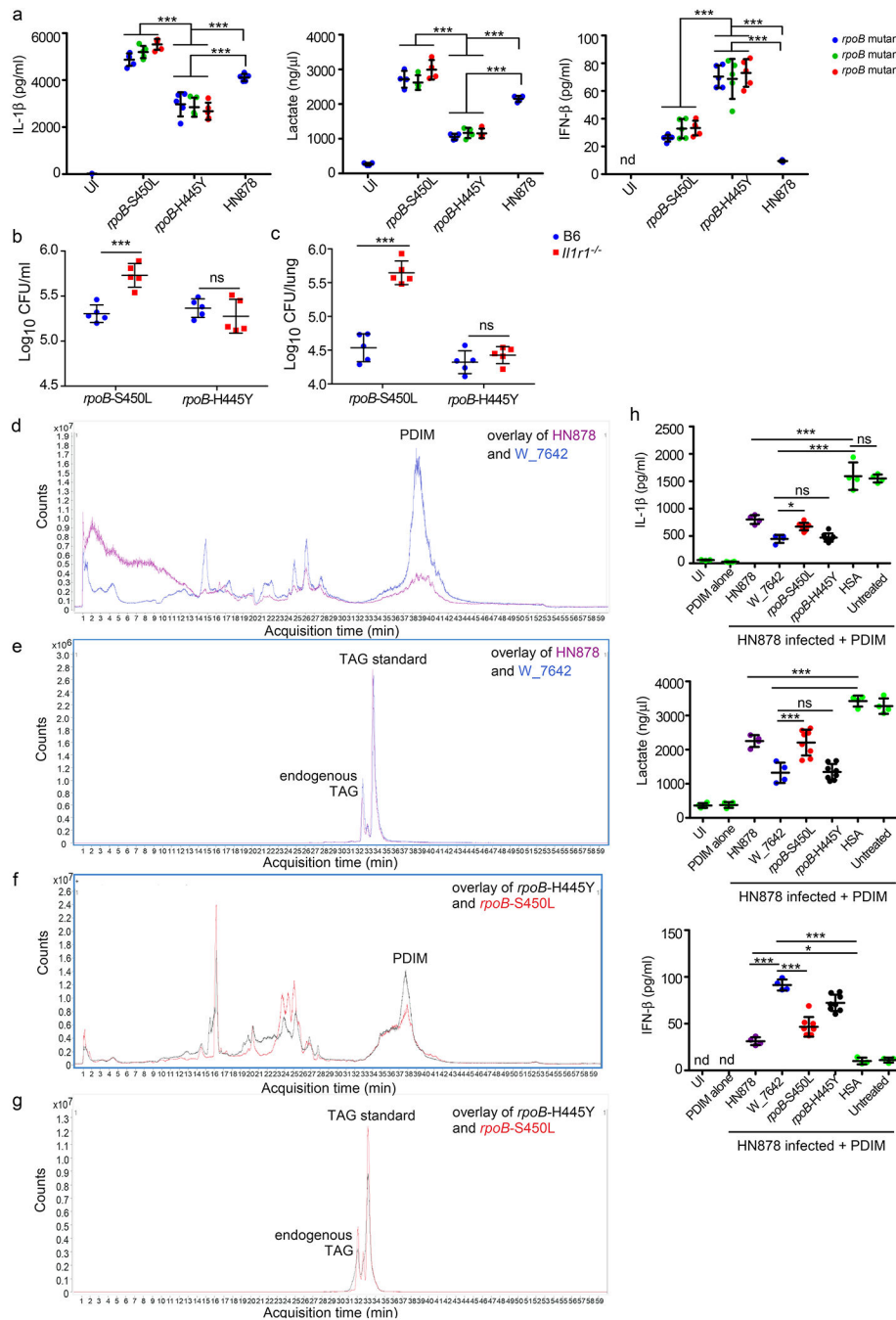
W\_7642 (3 HN878:1 W\_7642, 1 HN878:1 W\_7642, total MOI1) for 6 dpi. IL-1 $\beta$ , lactate, and IFN- $\beta$  levels were measured in supernatants (j). B6 macrophages were infected with HN878 or W\_7642 while in glucose or galactose (25mM each)-containing media. IL-1 $\beta$  (n=6), lactate (n=4), and IFN- $\beta$  levels (n=4) (k), and intracellular *Mtb* CFU (l, n=6) were determined 3 dpi. UN-untreated, UI-uninfected, nd-not detectable. (a-b) Gene set enrichment analysis was done using an FGSEA R package as in methods, (d-g,j,k) 1-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test, (h,i) 2-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-test. The data points represent the mean ( $\pm$ SD) of values. \*p 0.05, \*\*p 0.01, \*\*\*p 0.001, \*\*\*\*p 0.0001, ns-not significant (p>0.05).



**Figure 3. Identification of unique SNPs in *rpoB* in MDR *Mtb* strains that alter macrophage reprogramming.**

WGS data was used to generate a SNP maximum-likelihood tree to determine the phylogenetic relationship between the *Mtb* strains. Reads were mapped onto the sequence of *Mtb* H37Rv (AL123456) (a). The WGS of the *Mtb* strains was used to generate a SNP density map. Loci where W12\_1811 and W\_7642 have different non-synonymous SNPs are indicated on the outer track and with labels (red labels indicate 2+ such loci per gene). On all tracks, darker shades indicate higher SNP rates. 1 tick = 100kb, total length = 4.4mbp, GC content = 65.6%. “Lollipop” representation of *rpoB* (RVBD\_0667) shows the positions of non-synonymous (orange) and synonymous (black) SNPs and the corresponding amino

acid change (b). B6 and *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were aerosol infected with 100 CFU of *Mtb* strains and lung bacterial burden was determined on 30 dpi (W12\_1811 n=15, W12\_15183 and W12\_3474 n=10, W\_7642 n=5) (c). B6 and *Il1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> macrophages were infected with *Mtb* strains (MOI1) and IL-1 $\beta$  (d, n=5), lactate (d, n=4), and IFN- $\beta$  (e, n=5), levels were measured in supernatants, and intracellular CFU (f, n=5) was determined by after 6 dpi. B6 macrophages were treated with hk*Mtb* strains (20  $\mu$ g/ml each) for 48 hours and ECAR was measured in treated cells (UN n=10, W12\_1811 n=5, W12\_15183 and W12\_3474 n=6) (g). UN-untreated, UI-uninfected. (c-g) 1-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test. The data points represent the mean ( $\pm$ SD) of values. \*p 0.05, \*\*p 0.01, \*\*\*p 0.001, \*\*\*\*p 0.0001, ns-not significant (p>0.05).



**Figure 4. W-Beijing *Mtb* strains carrying the *rpoB*-H445Y SNP overexpress PDIM and bypass the IL-1R1 signaling pathway for protective immunity.**

B6 and *Ill1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> macrophages were infected with HN878 or three independently isolated HN878 *rpoB*-S450L or HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y mutants (MOI1) for 6 days (n=4). IL-1 $\beta$ , lactate, and IFN- $\beta$  levels were measured in supernatants (a) and intracellular CFU was determined (b). B6 and *Ill1r1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (n=5) were aerosol infected with 100 CFU *Mtb* HN878 *rpoB*-S450L or HN878 *rpoB*-H445Y. Lung bacterial burden was determined on 30 dpi (c). The LC/MS reconstructed ion chromatogram (RIC, *m/z* 1330–1450) of PDIM (d) and the internal standard TAG (e) from HN878 and W\_7642 are overlaid (the two earlier elution

peaks of the TAG chromatogram are from endogenous *Mtb* 18:1/16:0/26-TAG (second isotope) and 18:0/16:0/26:0-TAG). The amounts of 20:0/20:0/20:0-TAG internal standard in the two samples are nearly equal. The LC/MS RIC ( $m/z$  1330–1450) of PDIM (f) and the internal standard TAG (g) from *rpoB*-H445Y and *rpoB*-S450L are overlaid. The 20:0/20:0/20:0-TAG internal standard in the *rpoB*-S450L sample is about 1.5 times of the amount in *rpoB*-H445Y. Trace data is representative of at least two replicates. PDIM was isolated from each *Mtb* strain and coated onto polystyrene beads. B6 macrophages (n=4, except *rpoB*-H445Y and *rpoB*-S450L PDIM n=8) were treated with PDIM coated beads (200:1) from different *Mtb* strains or control HSA coated beads (200:1) alone or in combination with HN878 infection (MOI1). IL-1 $\beta$ , lactate and IFN- $\beta$  protein levels were determined in 6 dpi supernatants (h). UN-untreated, UI-uninfected, nd-not detectable. (a-c) 2-way ANOVA with Bonferroni post-test, (h) 1-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test. The data points represent the mean ( $\pm$ SD) of values. \*p 0.05, \*\*\*p 0.001, ns-not significant (p>0.05).