

The use of single-cell RNA-Seq to understand virus-host interactions

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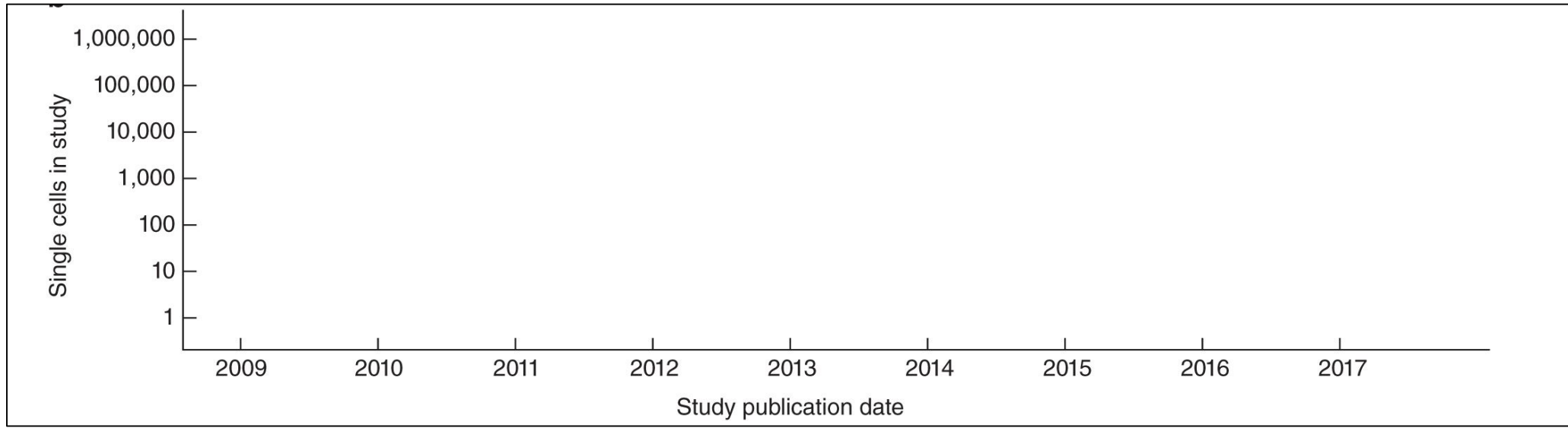
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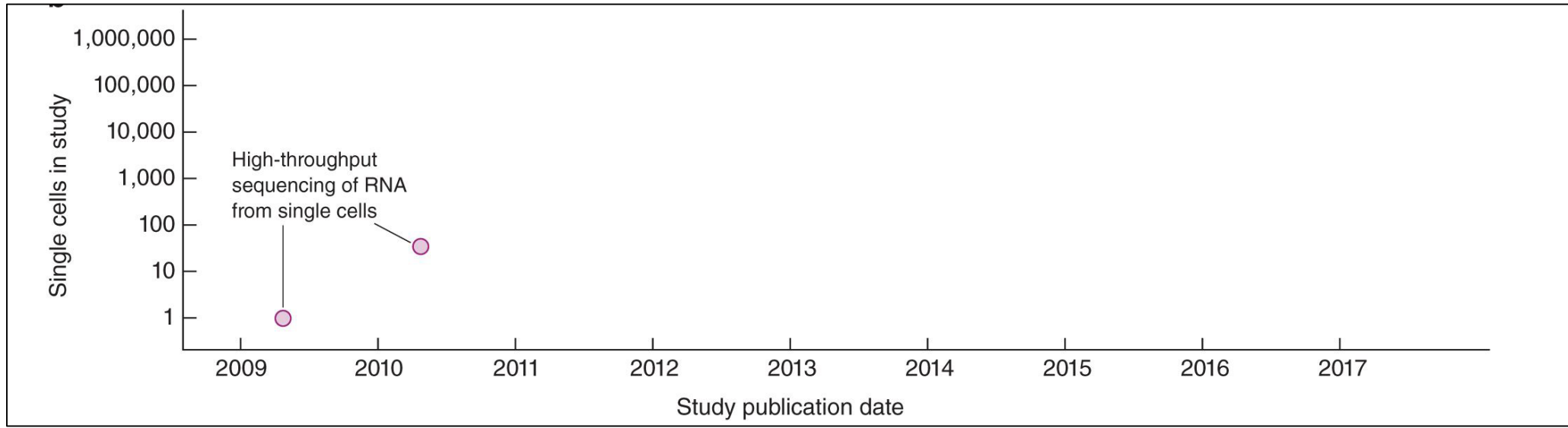
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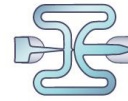
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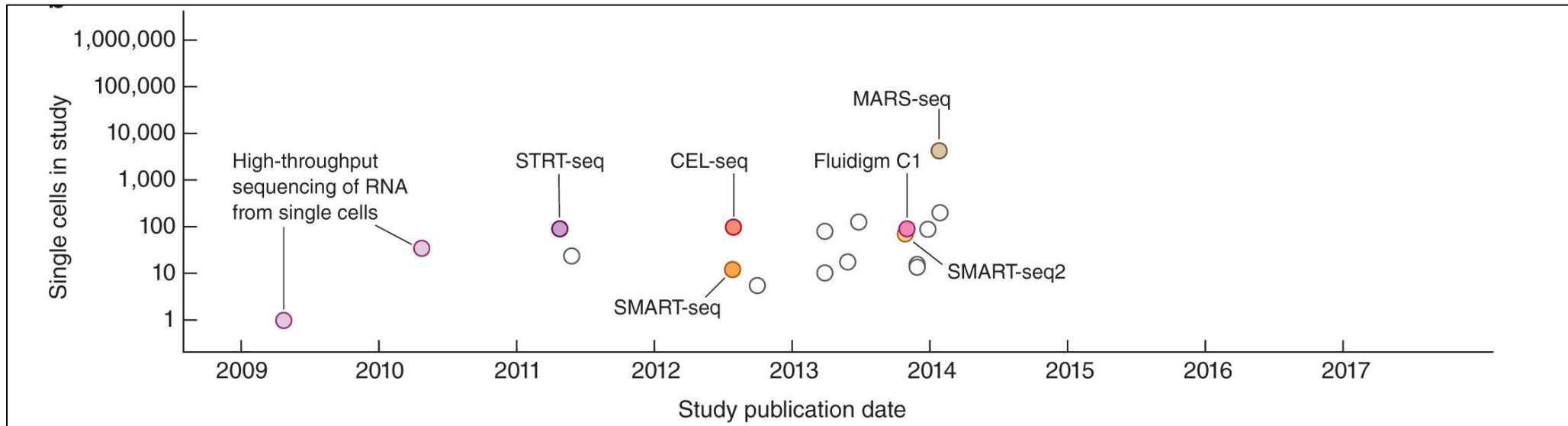
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Integrated fluidic circuits



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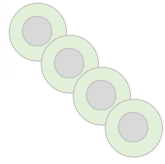


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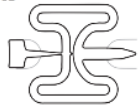
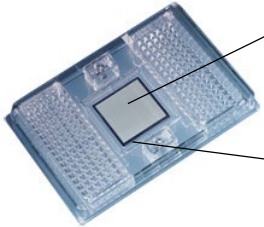
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Fluidigm technology



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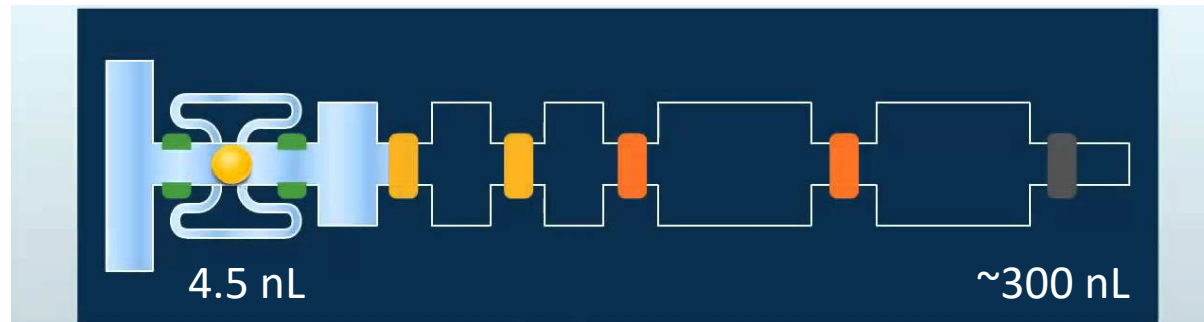
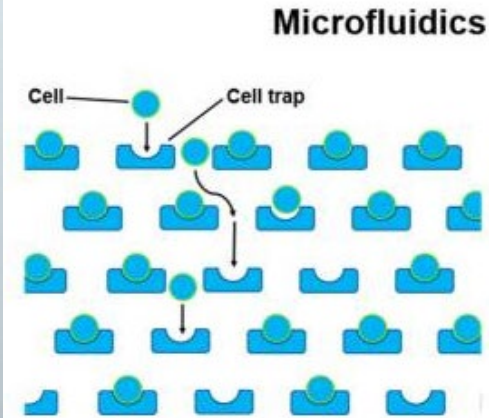
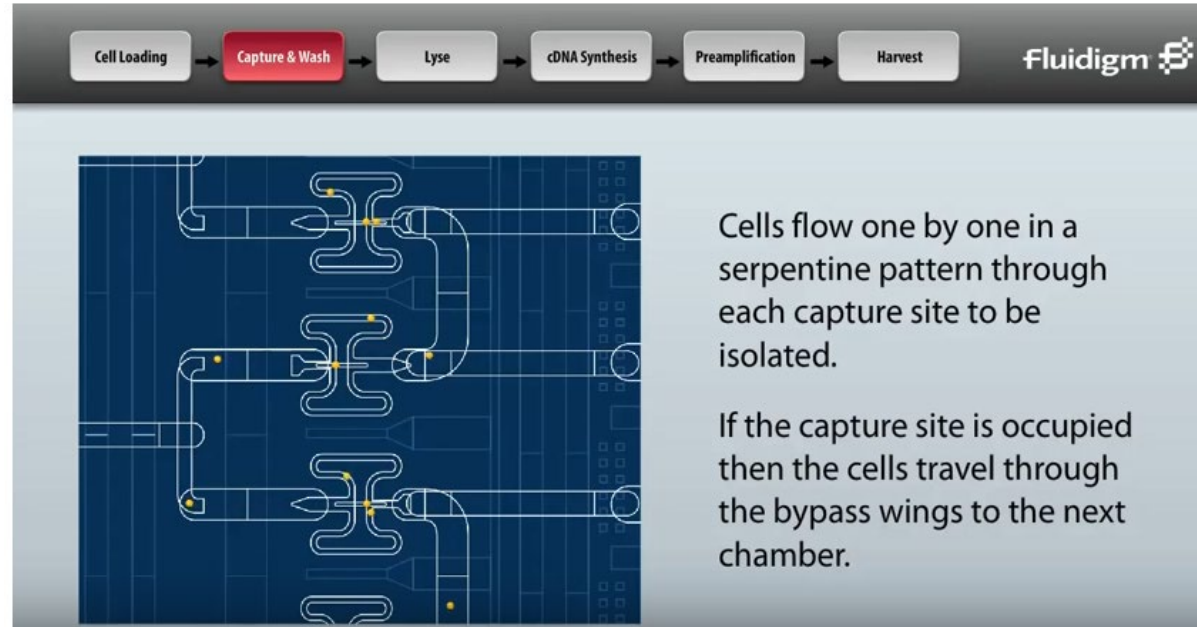


10-17 μm small plate

1 plate = 96 capture sites



-> **Isolation** of up to 96 single cells



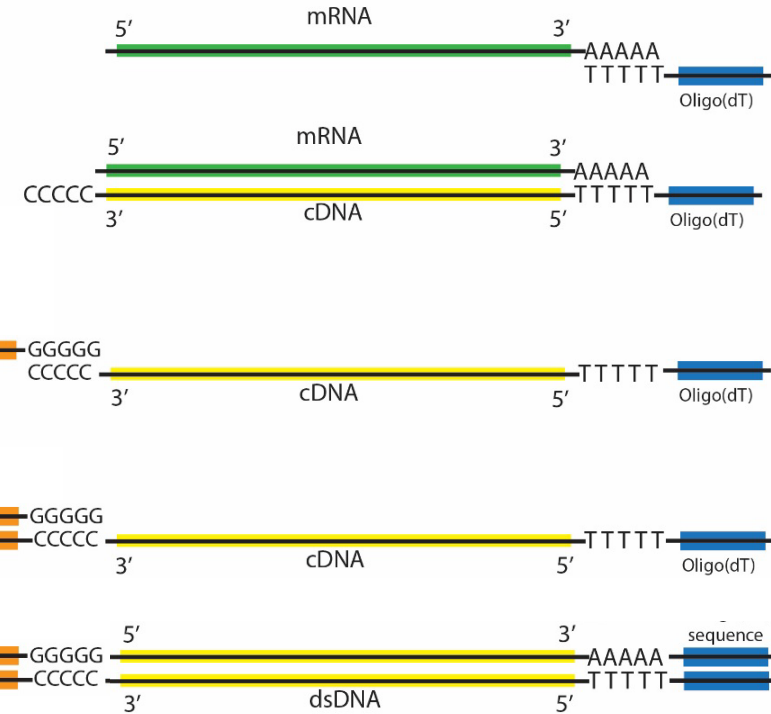
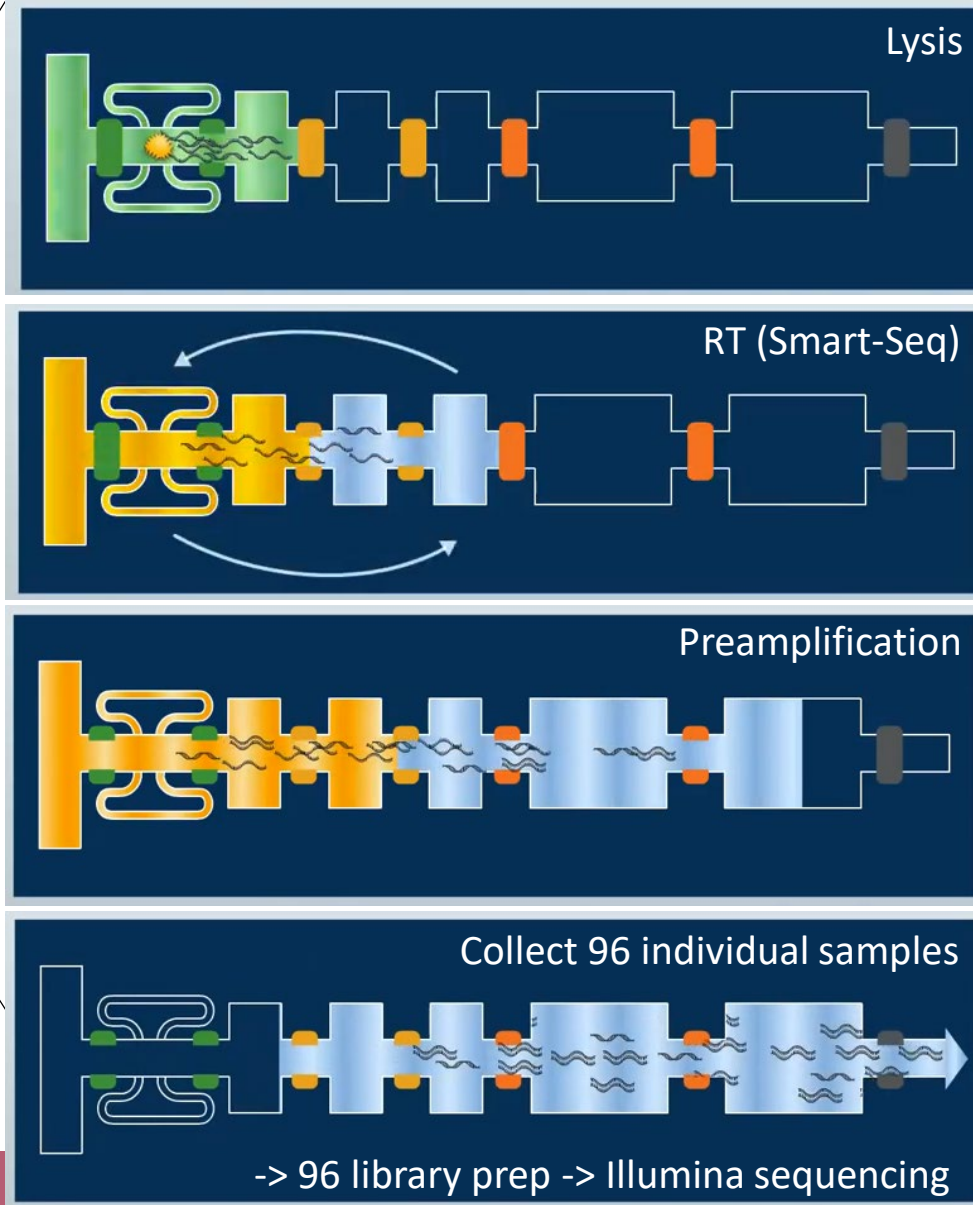
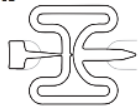
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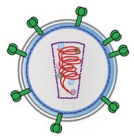


Modified from Serra et al, Bio-Protocols 2018

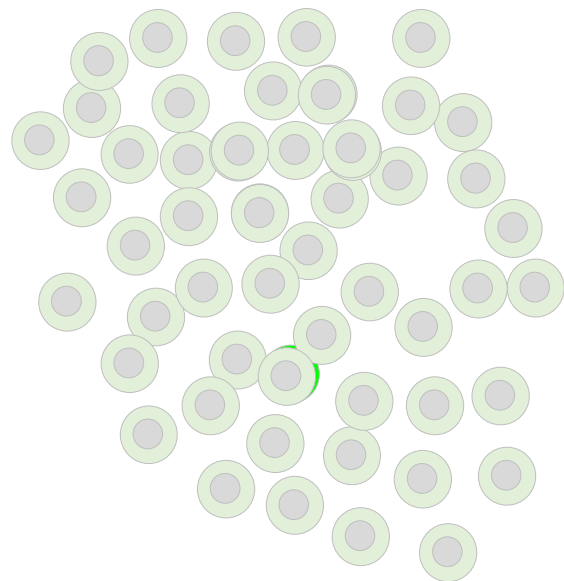
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Cell heterogeneity for permissiveness to HIV

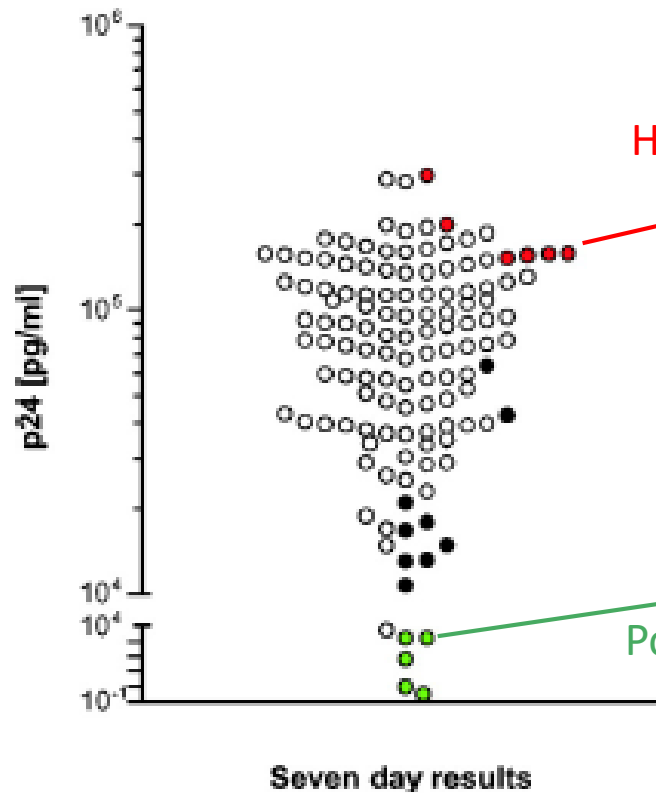


CD4+ T cells
(isolated from individuals)



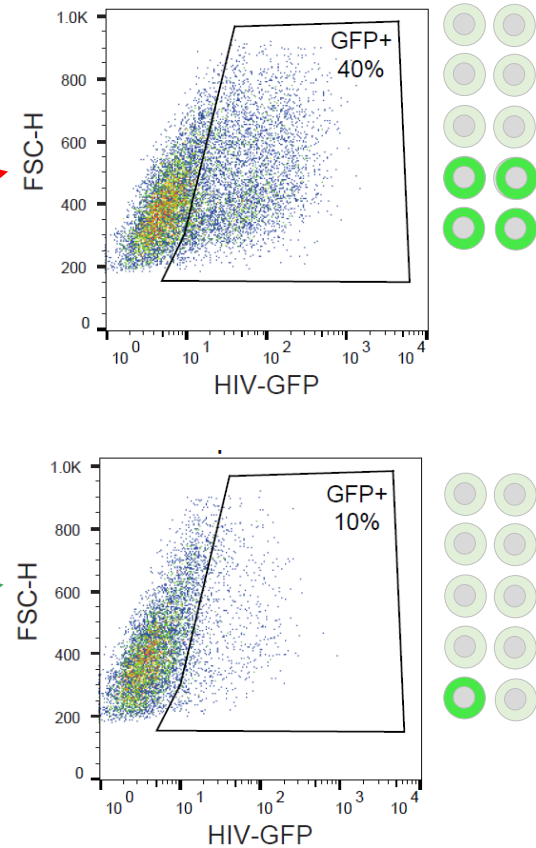
Replication kinetics for HIV-1 in native CD4 T cells isolated from 128 healthy blood donors

Native CD4 T cells



Ciuffi et al, Journal of Virology 2004

Cellular permissiveness to HIV infection differs between cells from the SAME donor

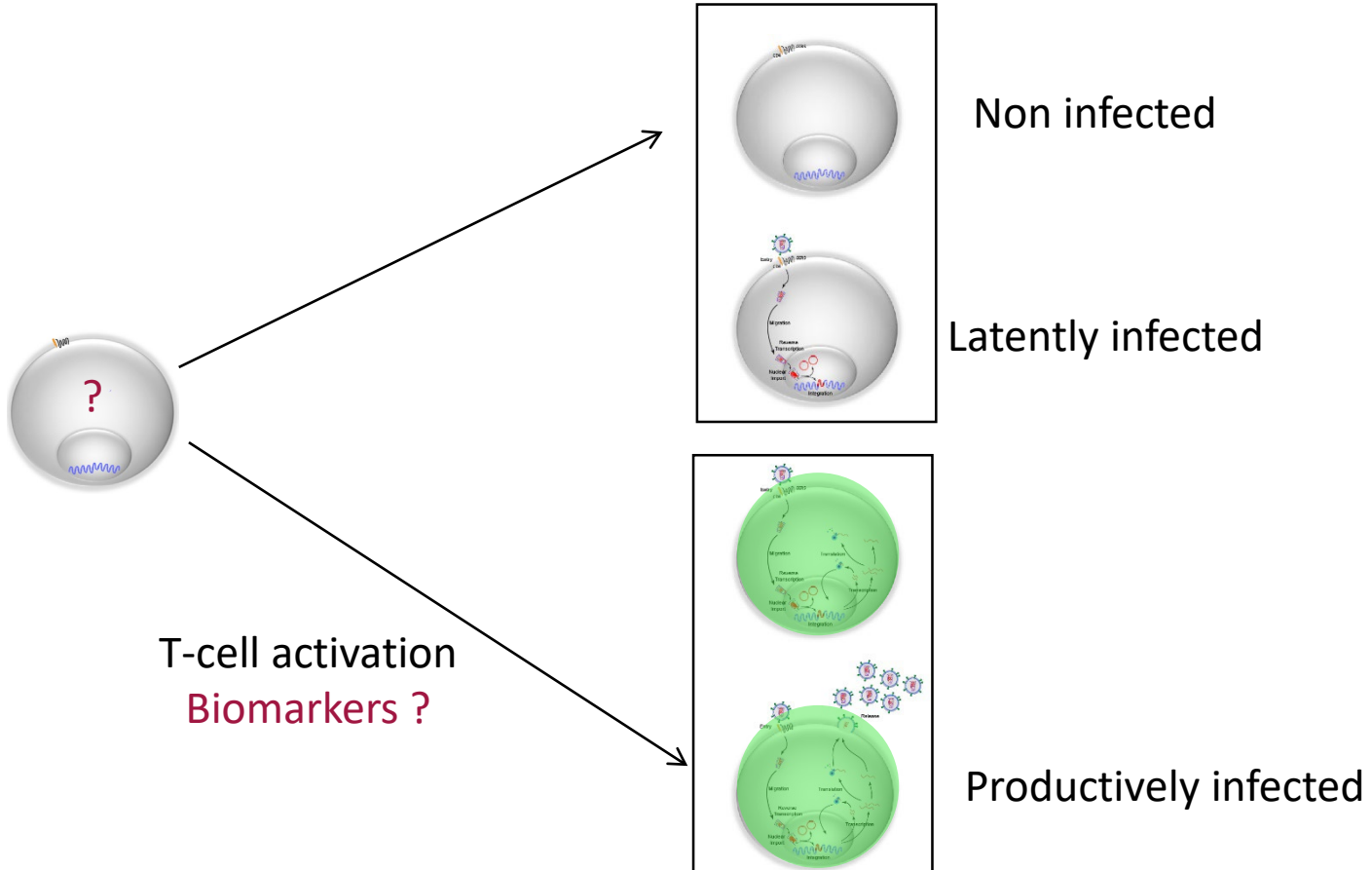


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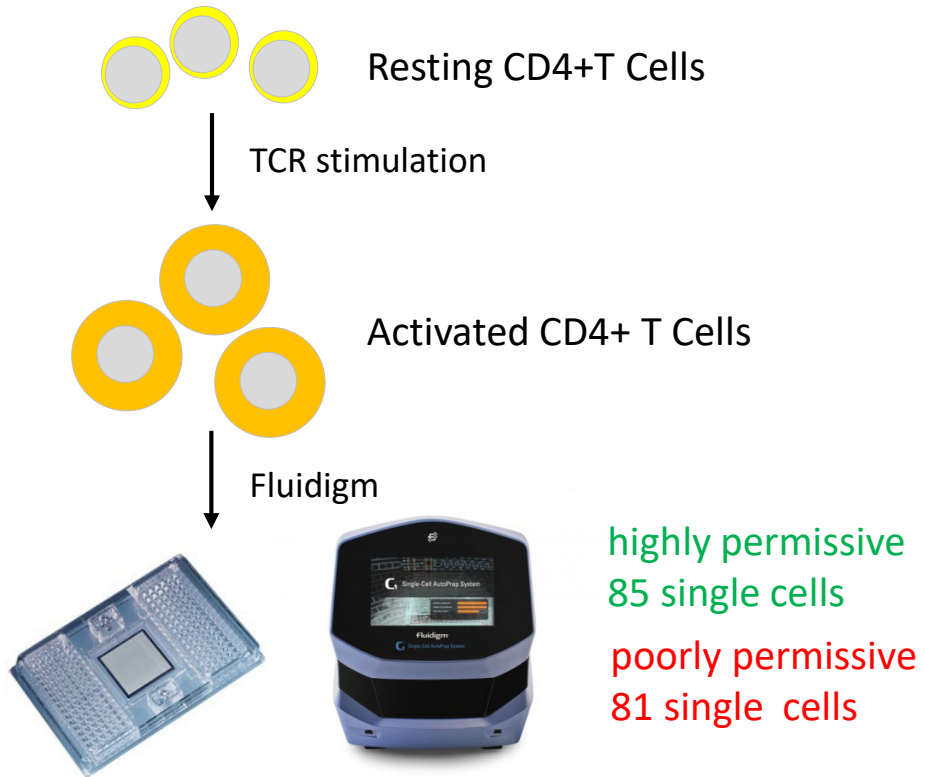
How to identify determinants of permissiveness ?

Diversity of outcomes



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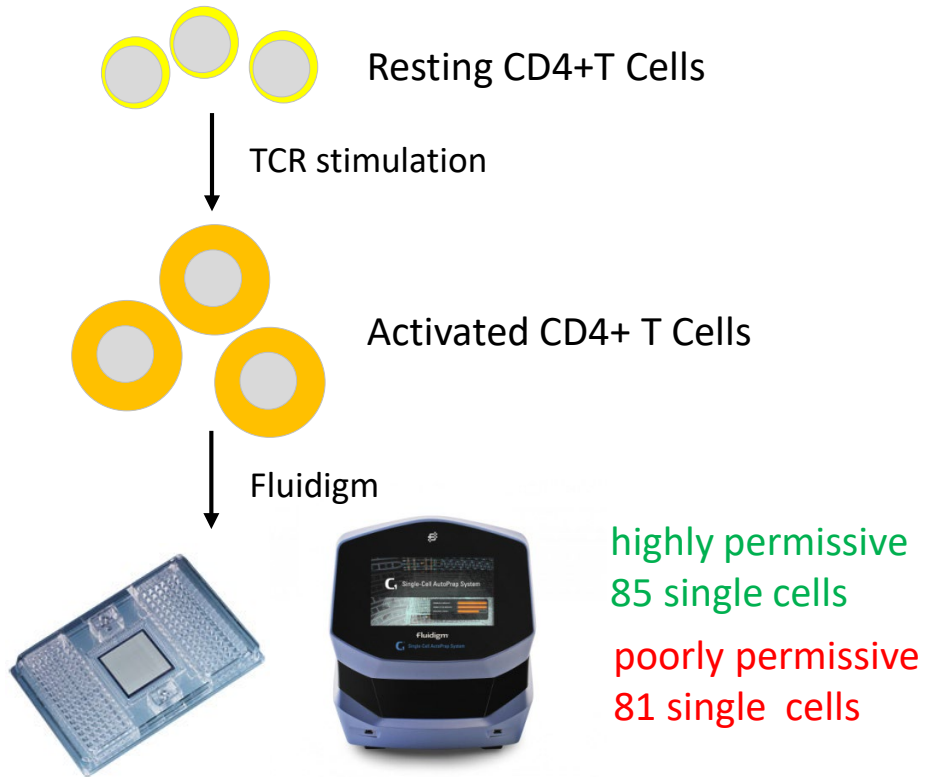


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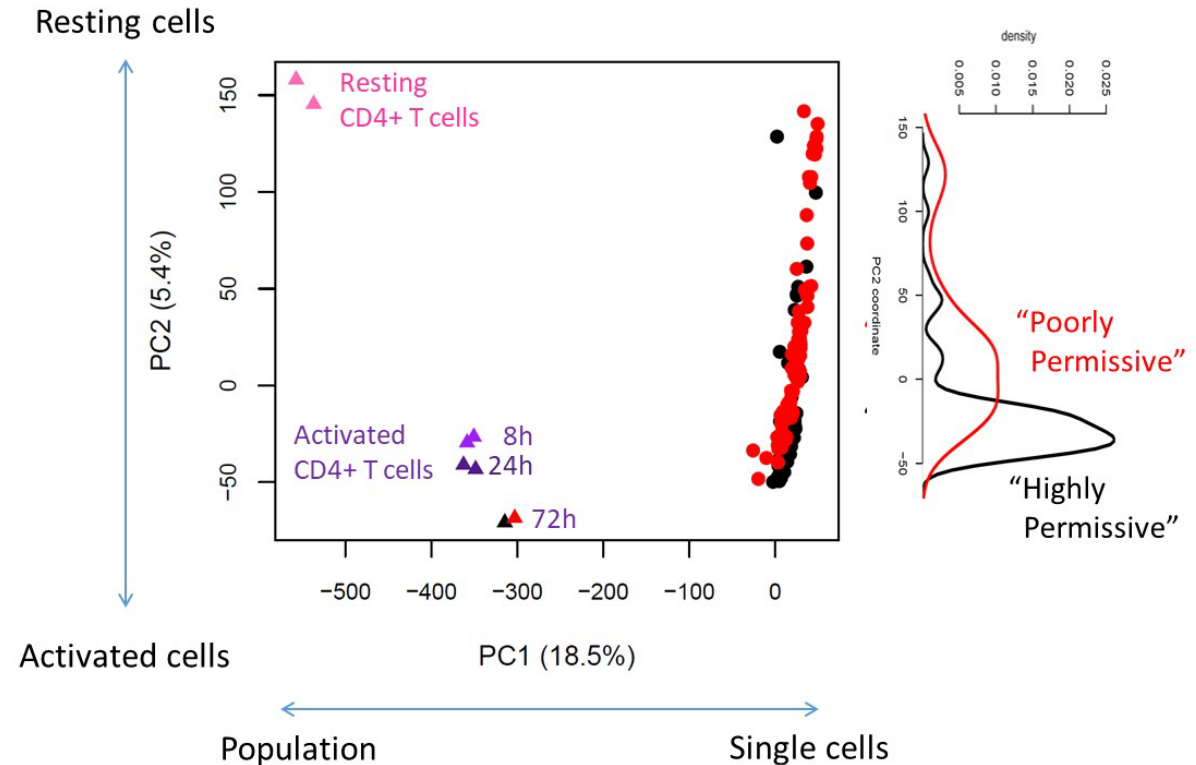
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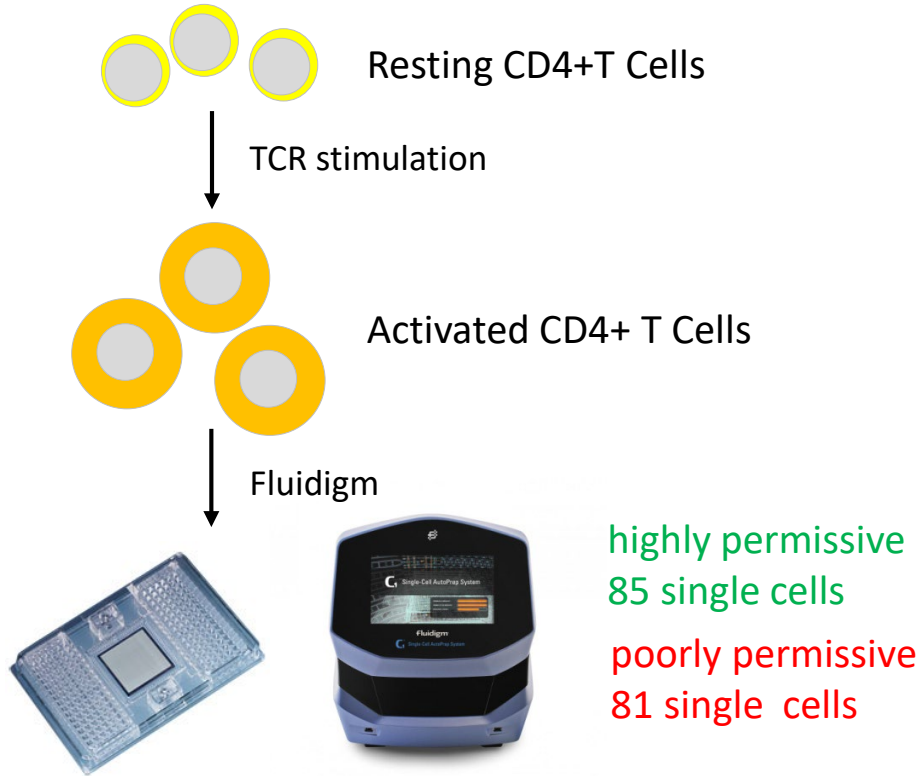
=> T cell activation is a major driver of cell heterogeneity

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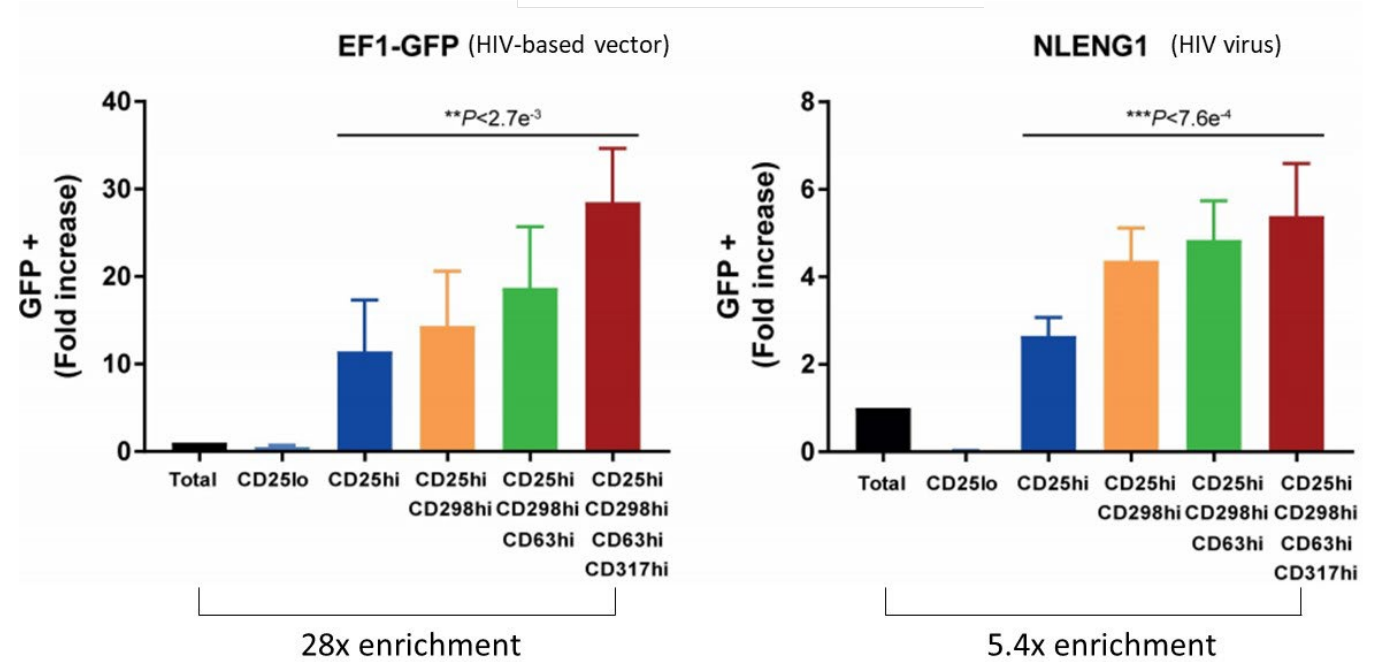
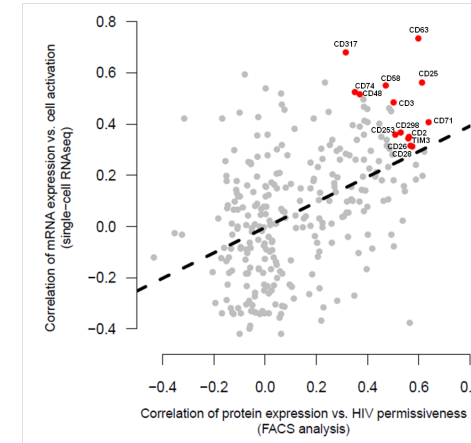


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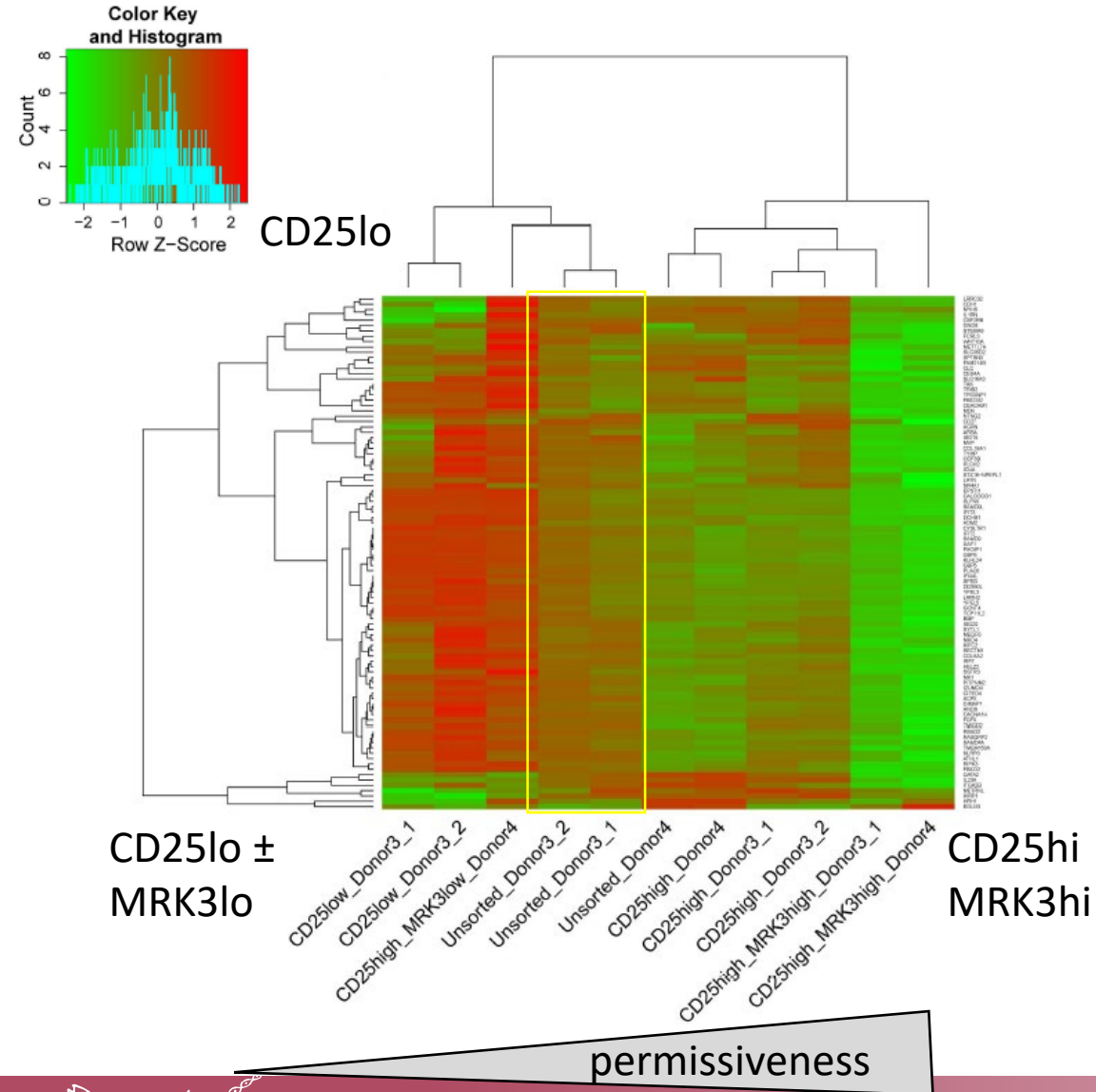
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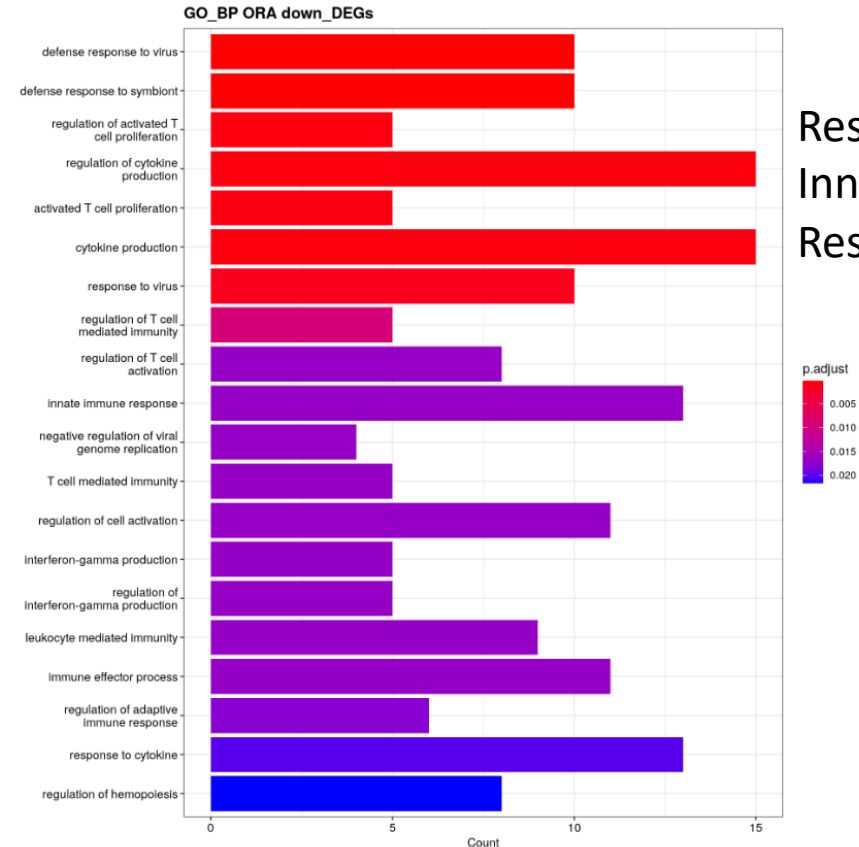
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Transcriptional heterogeneity : Signature of HIV permissive cell



Differential expression analysis : 96-gene signature



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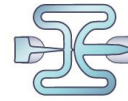
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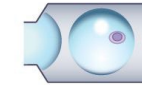
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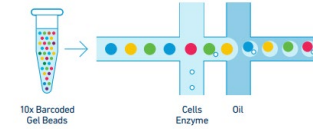
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Nanodroplets



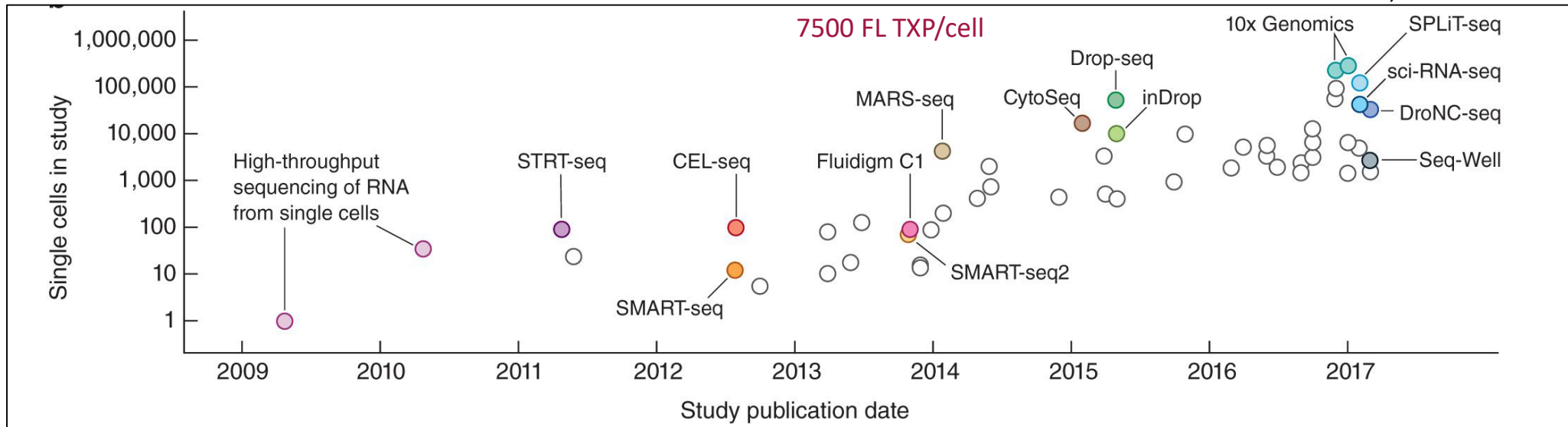
Klein et al. 2015³⁴
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Cell Indexing /
Barcoding

>10,000 cells 3000 TXP/cell



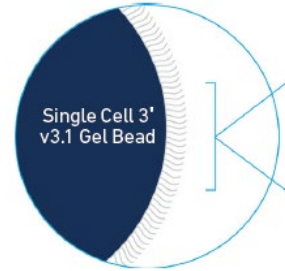
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10x genomics technology



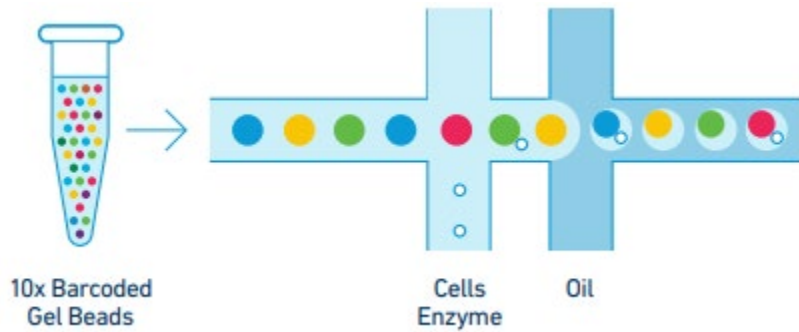
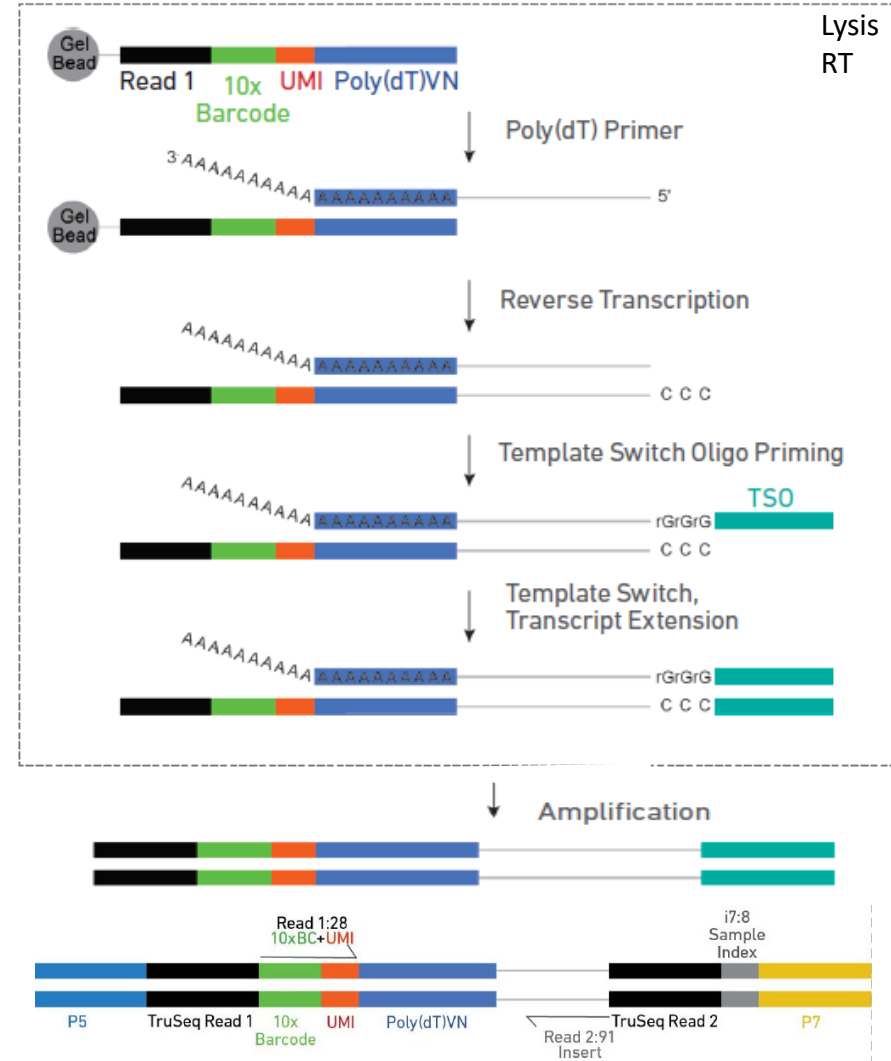
Gel Bead



TruSeq Read 1

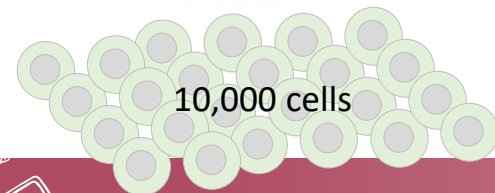


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Collect & Pool Library Preparation and Sequencing

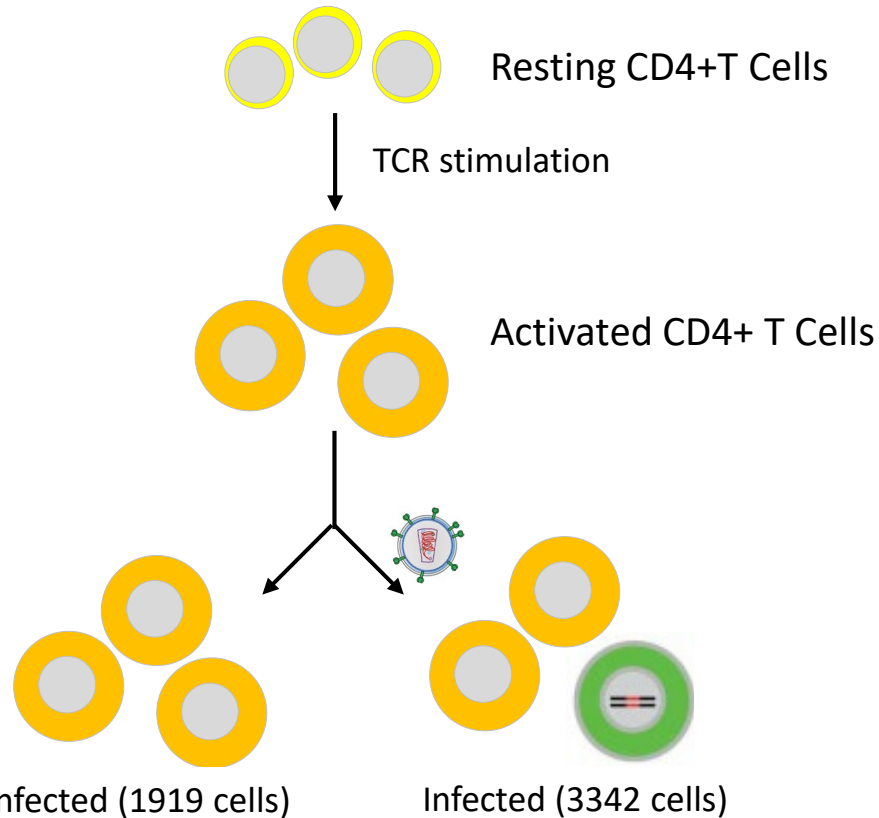


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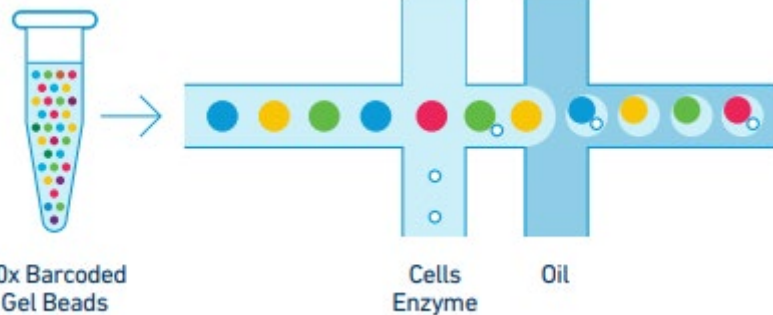


Cell (subset) heterogeneity : determinants of HIV permissiveness

Assessing differential HIV permissiveness of cells from a single donor:



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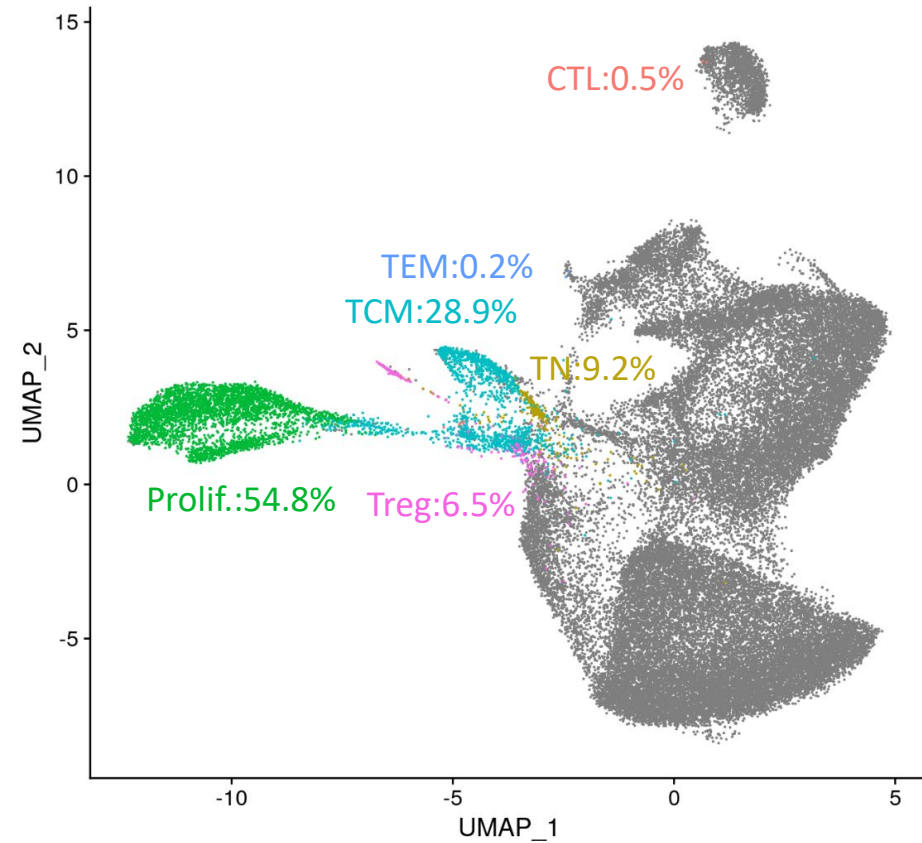


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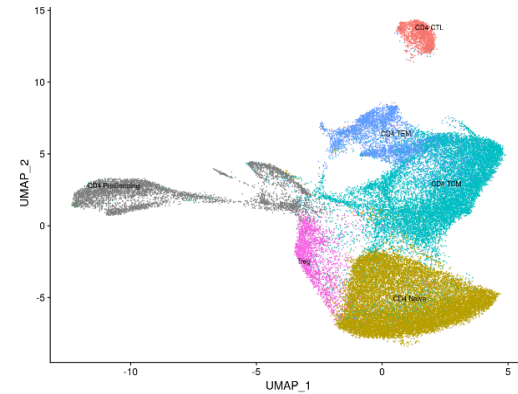


Combining our data with the reference dataset

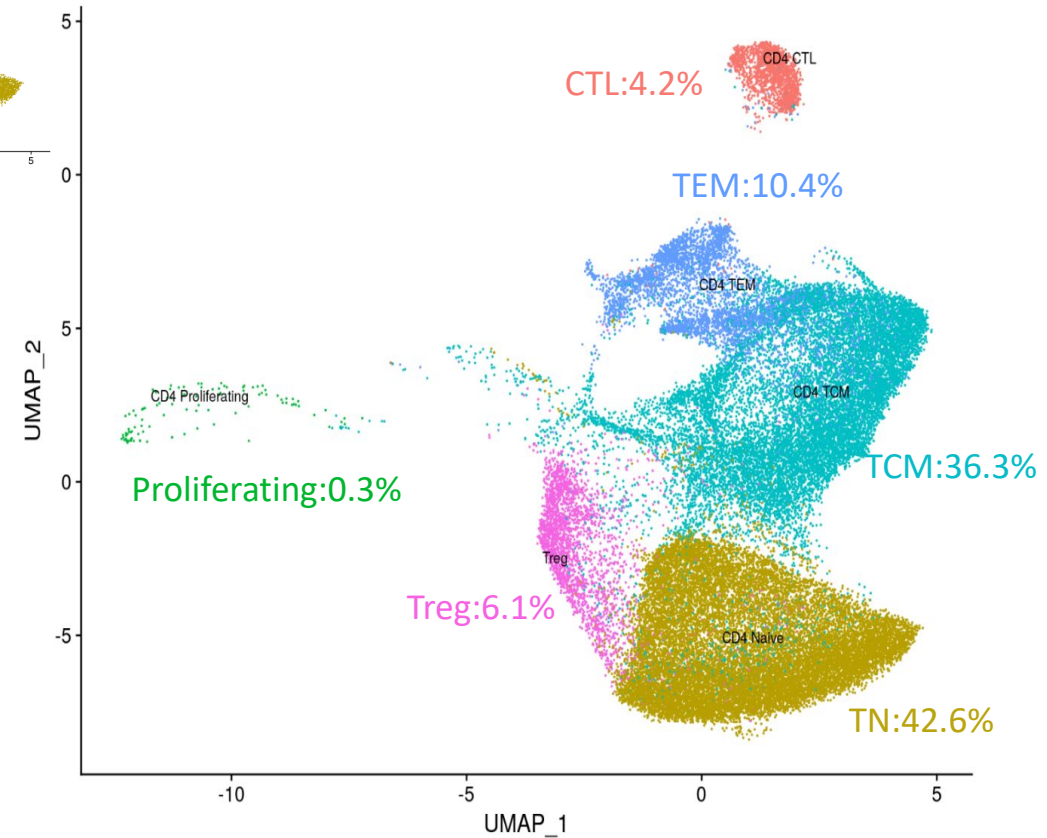
In vitro stimulated cells



Combined datasets (CD4+ T cells)



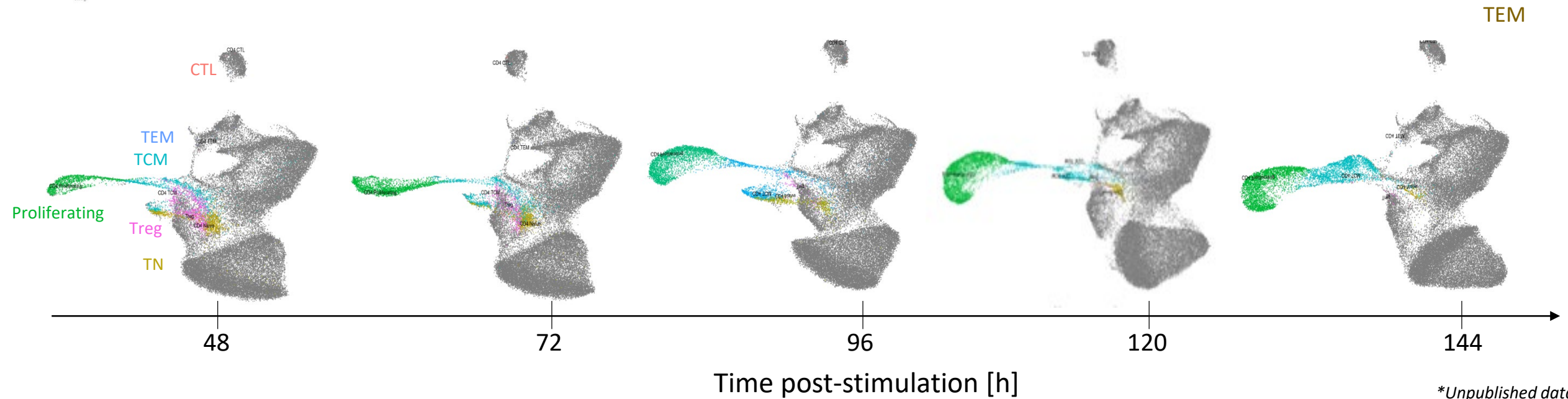
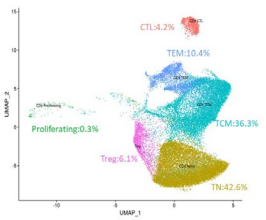
Reference single cell atlas
(CD4+ T cells only)
(Hao et al, Cell 2021)



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Stimulation kinetics / CD4+ dynamics



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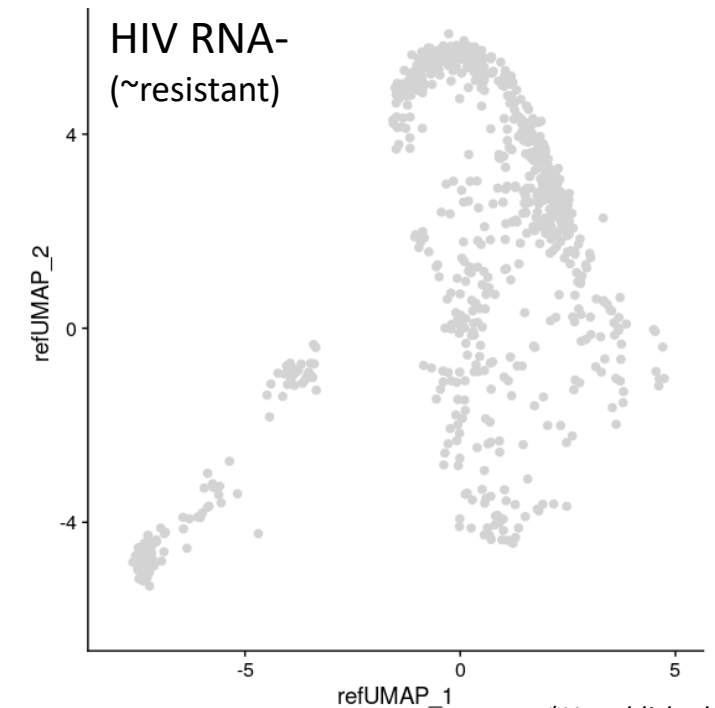
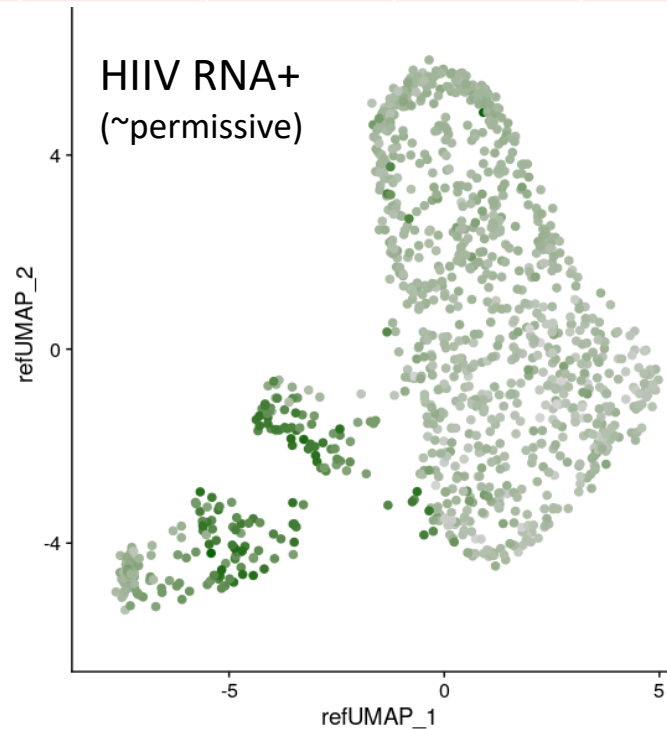
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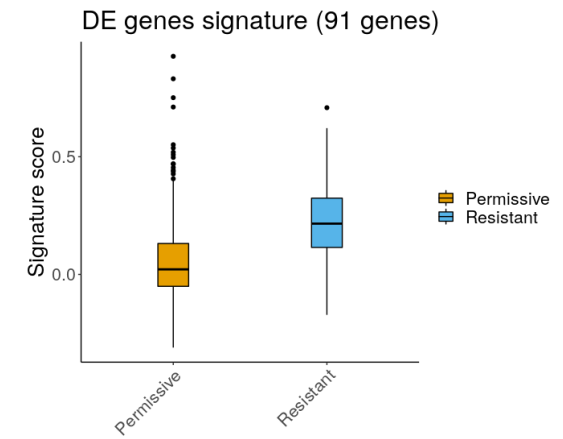
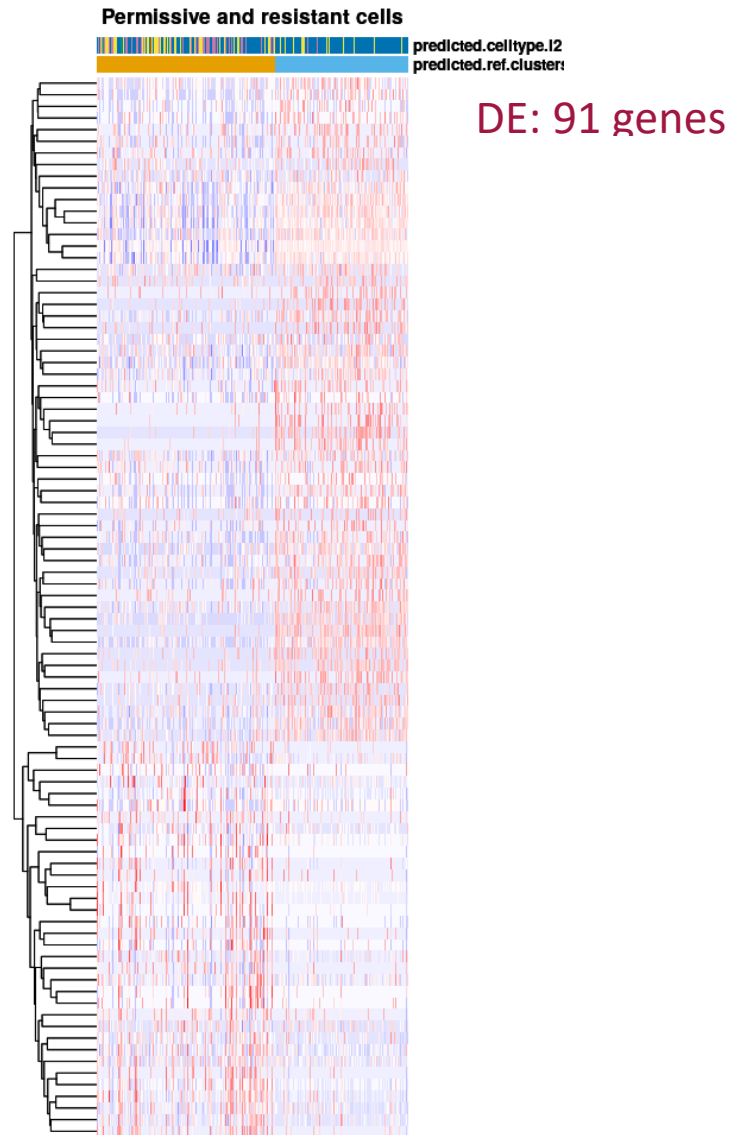
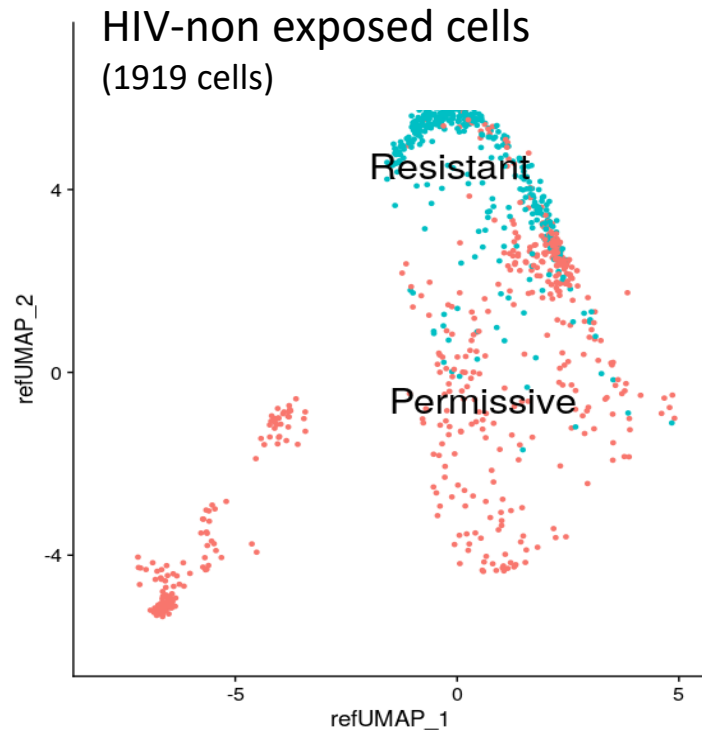
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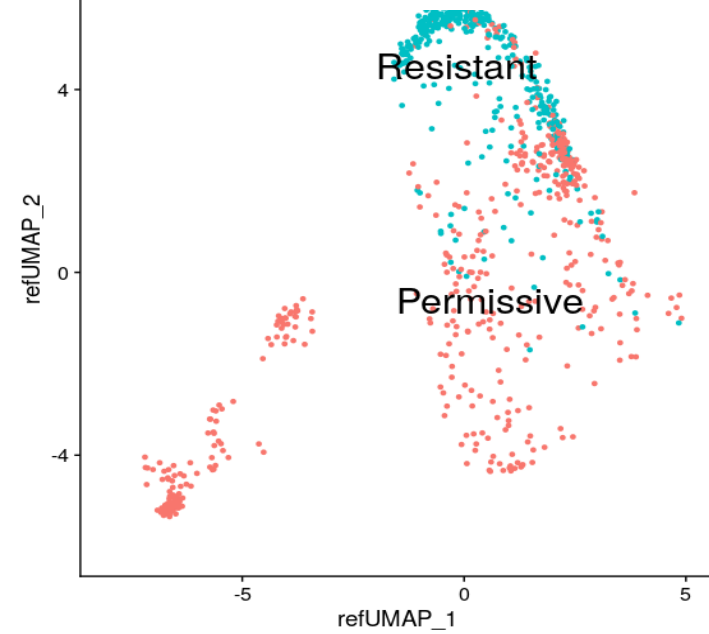


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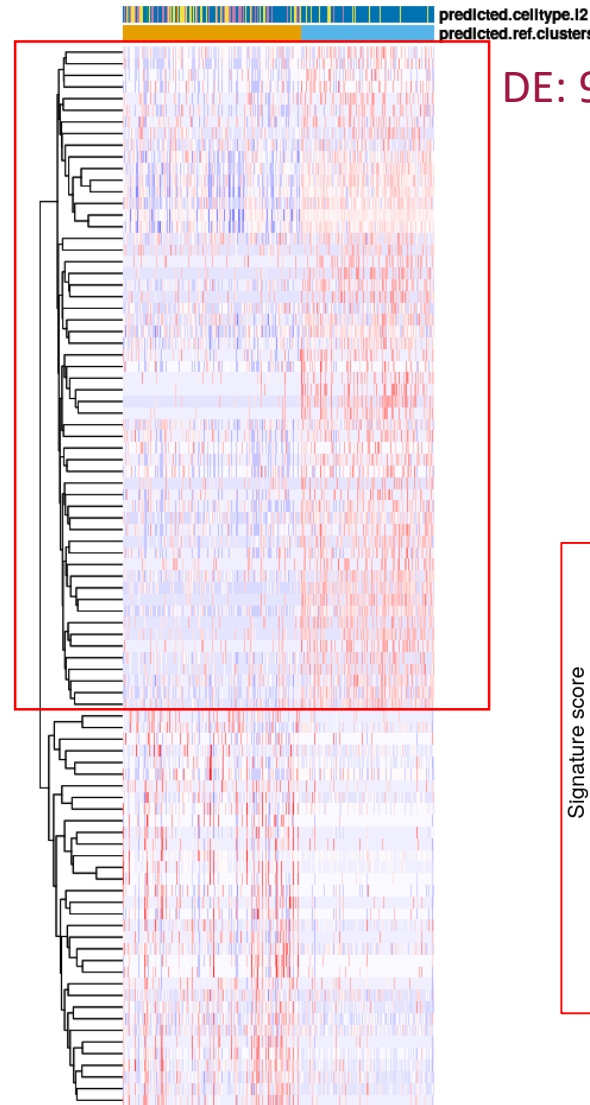


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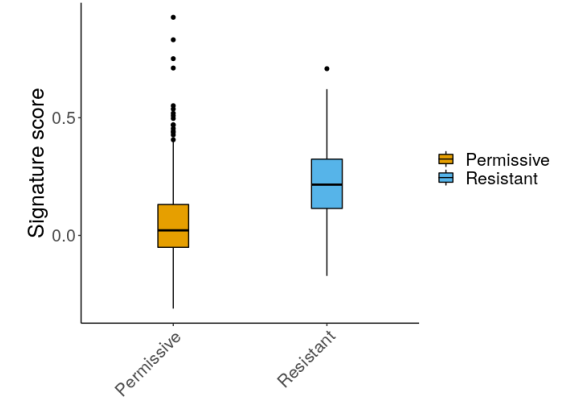


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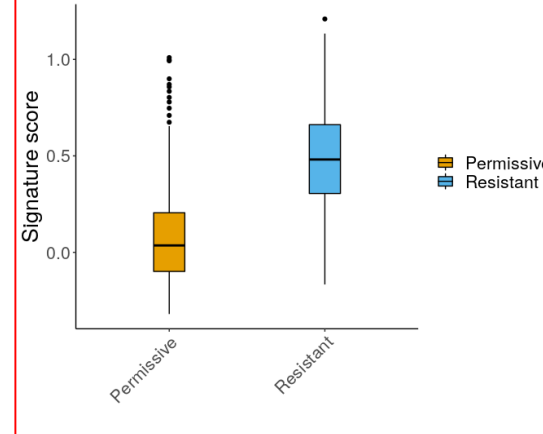


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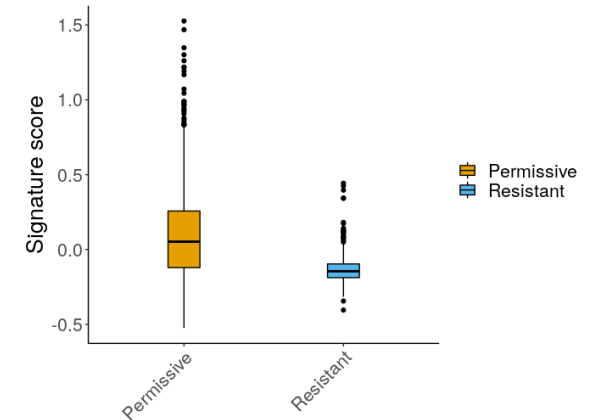
DE genes signature (91 genes)



negative DE genes signature (57 genes)



positive DE genes signature (34 genes)

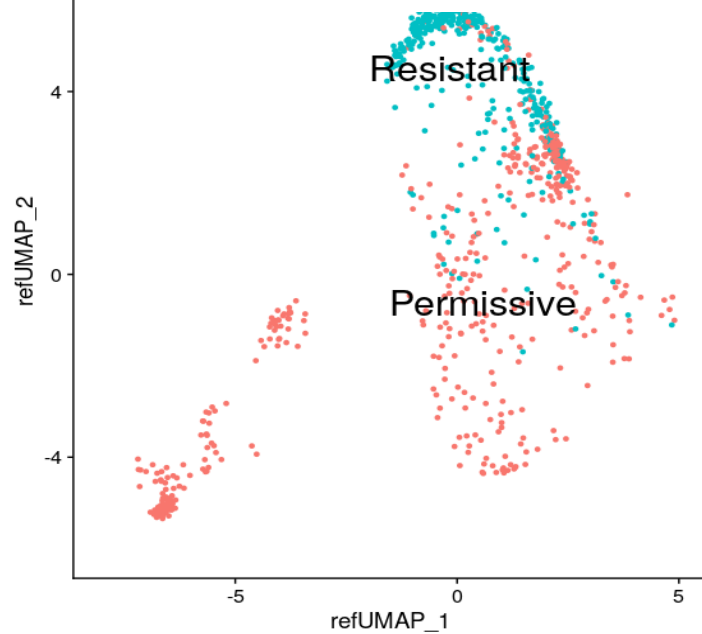


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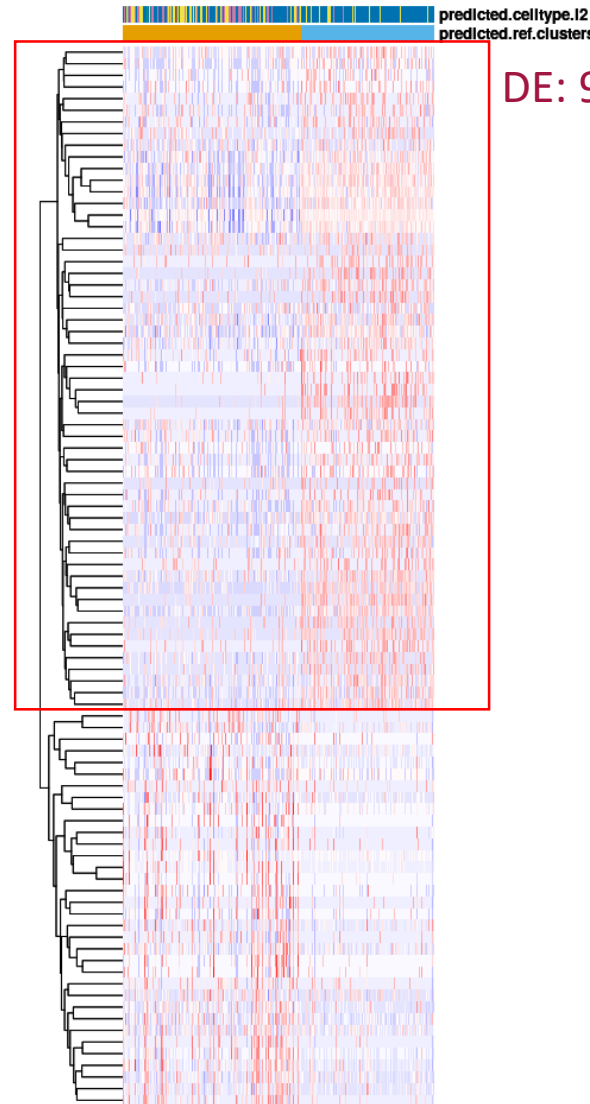


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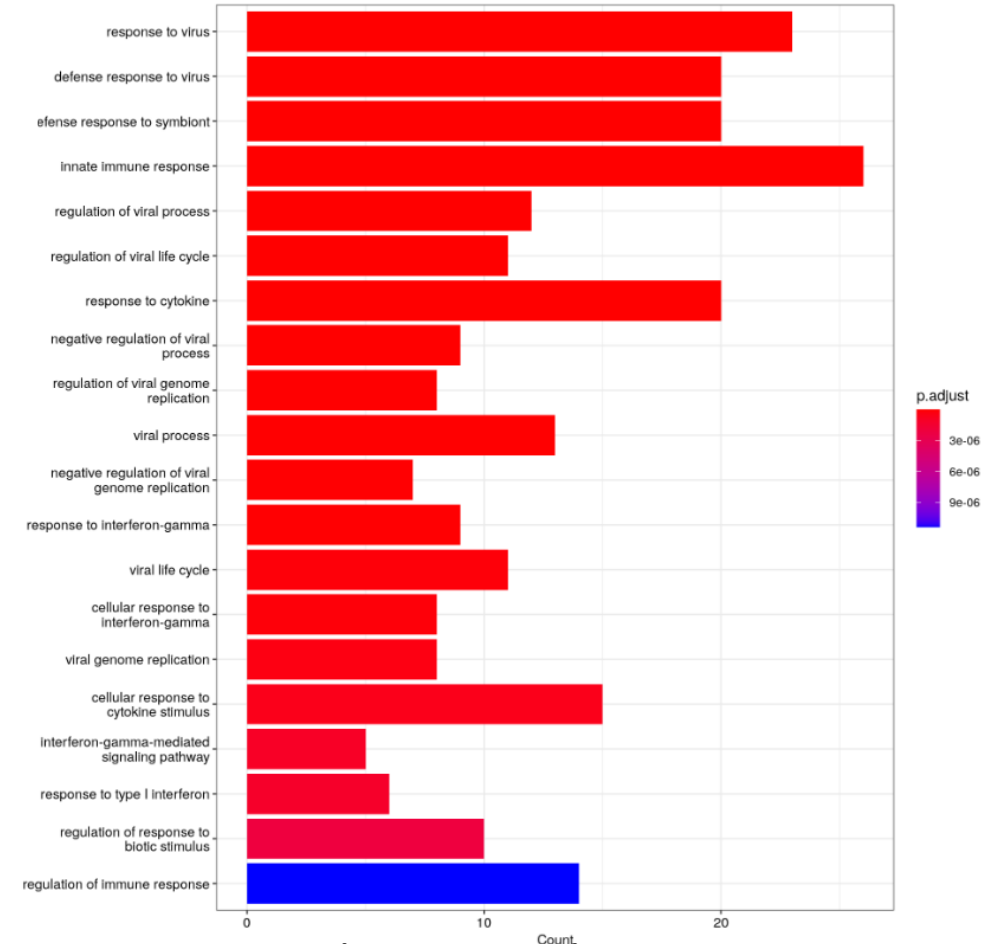


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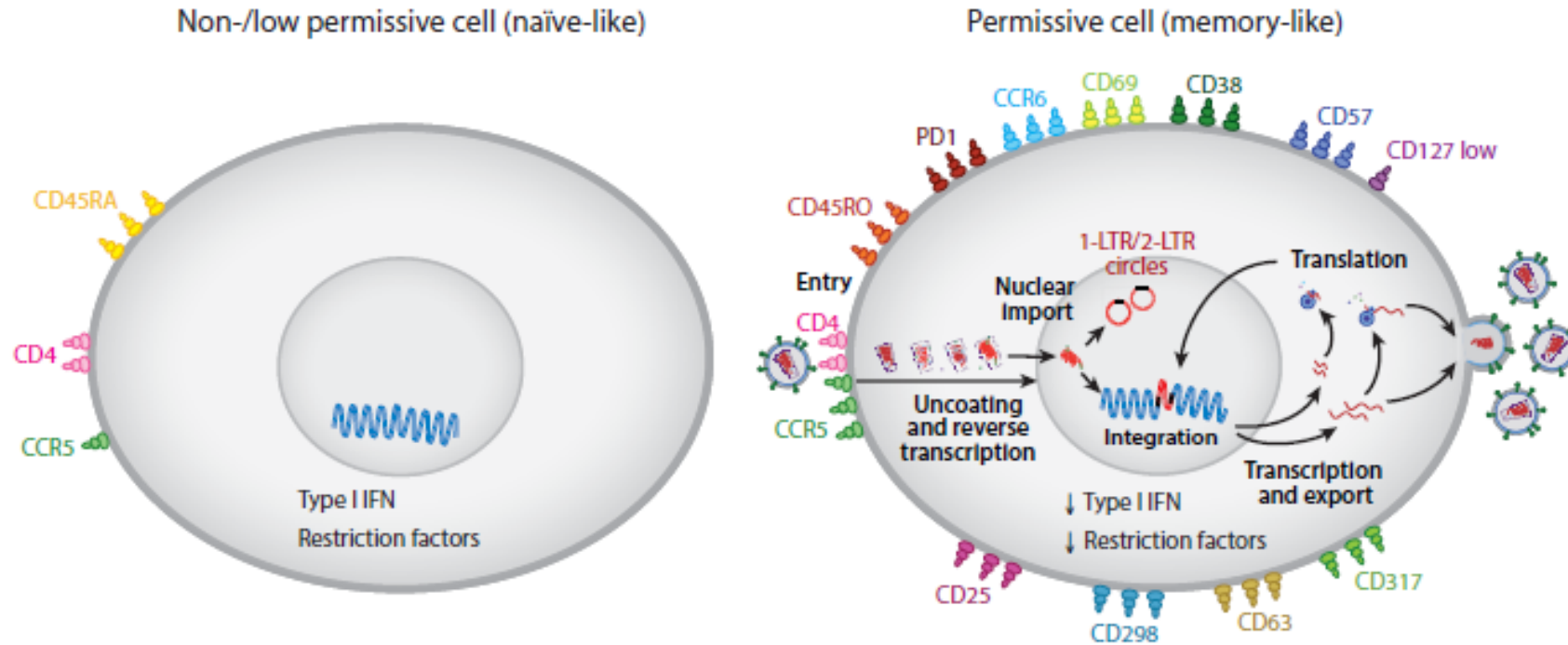


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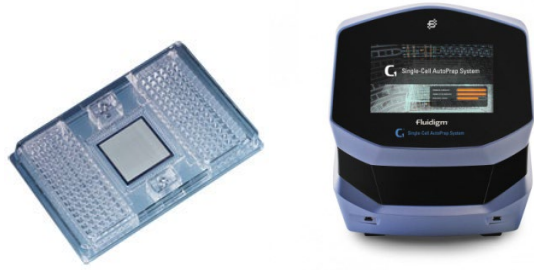
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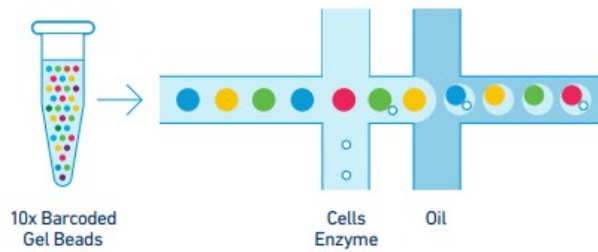
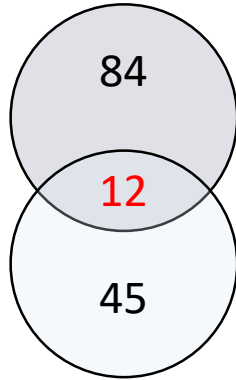
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Signature for HIV permissiveness prediction

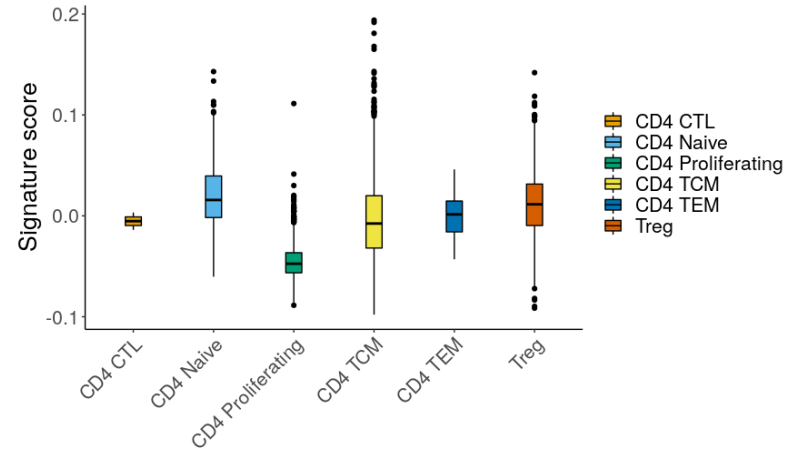


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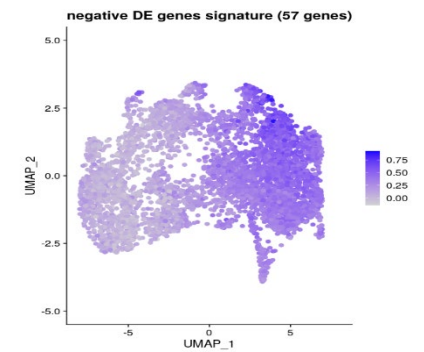
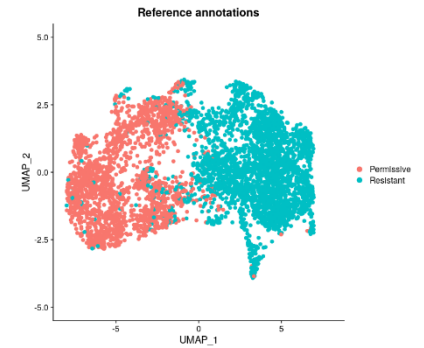
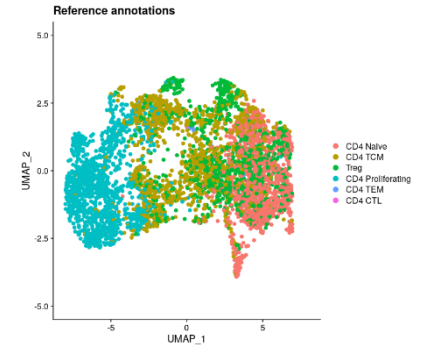
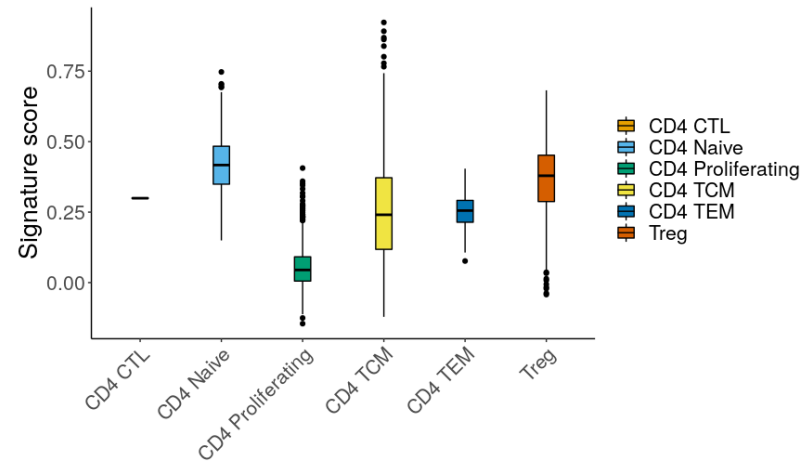


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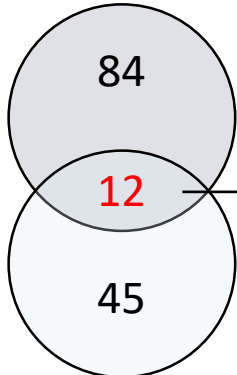
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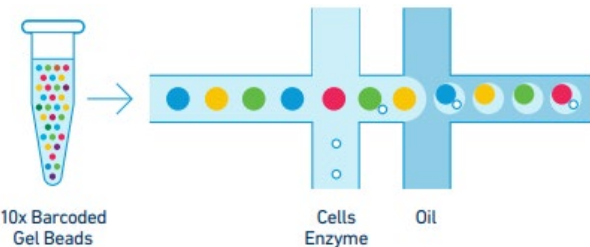
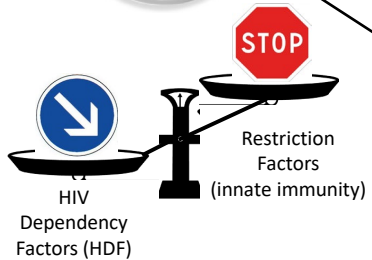
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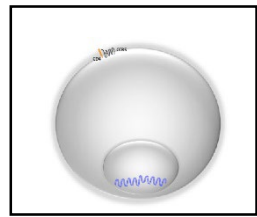


Machine learning

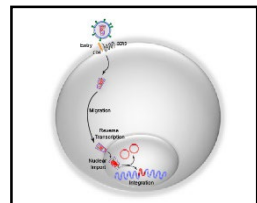


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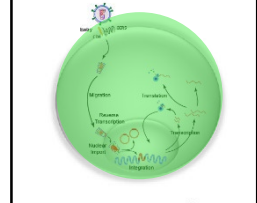
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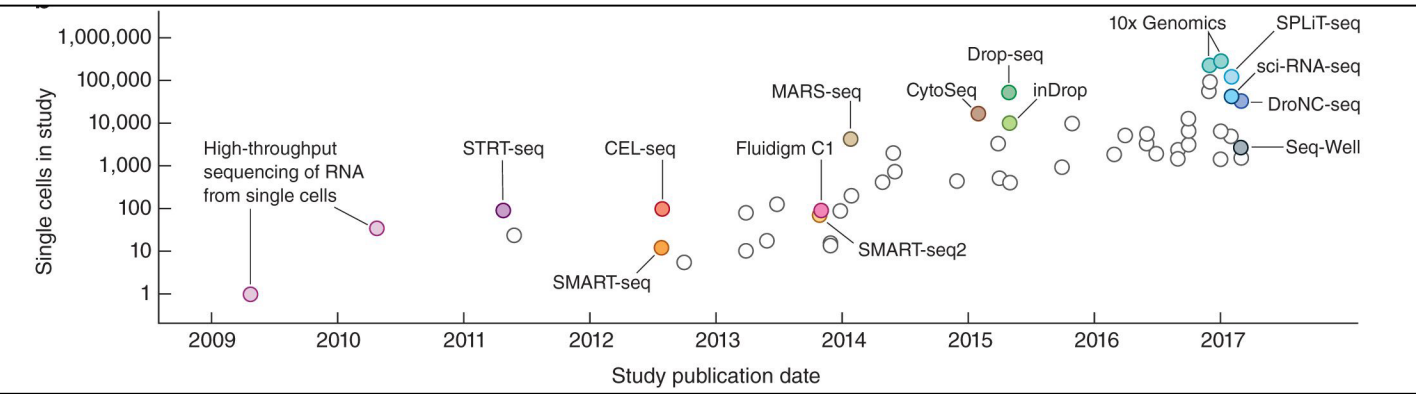
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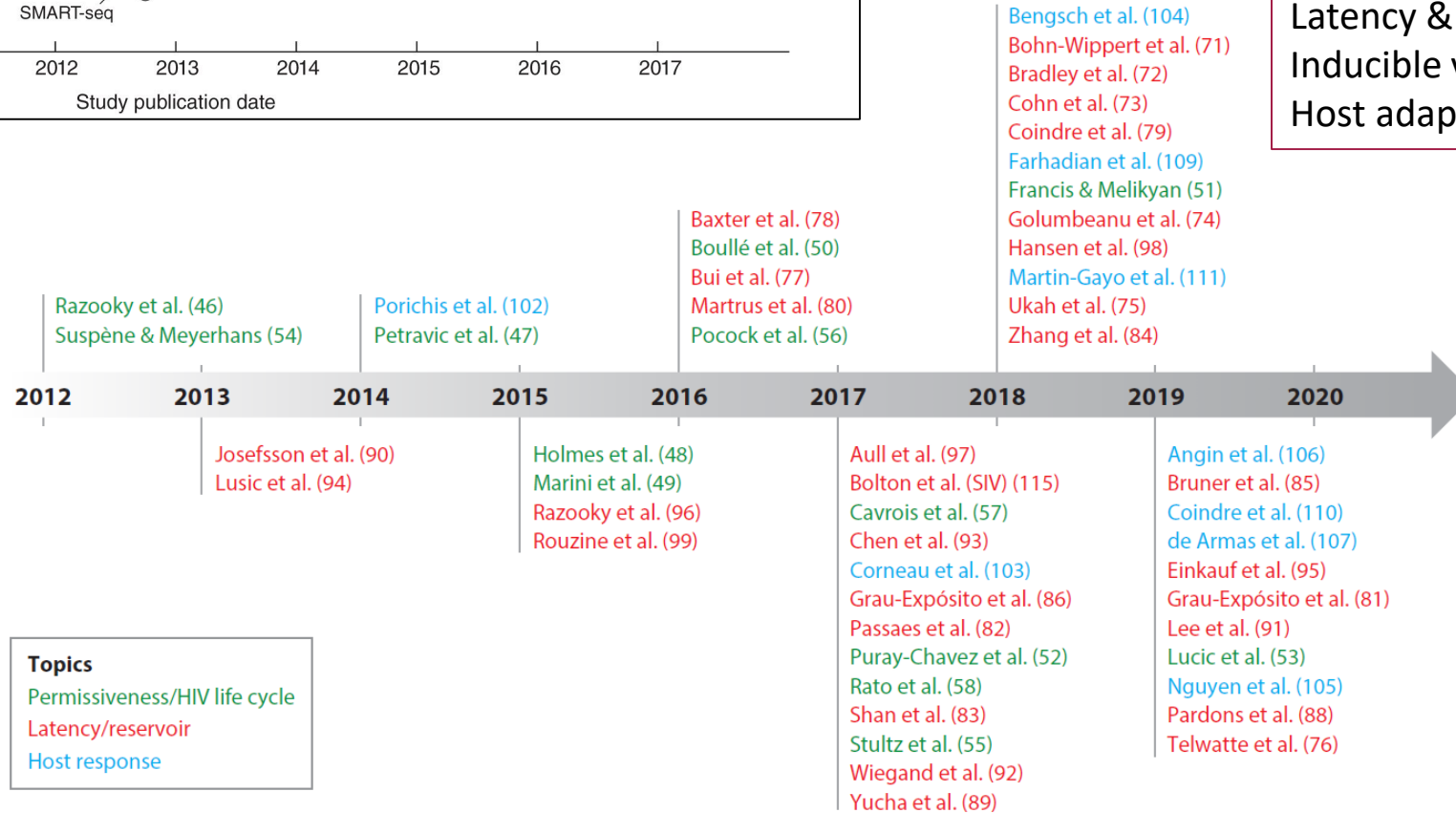
Productively infected (permissive)



ScRNA-Seq in the field of HIV



Examples of investigation:
 Features of the HIV permissive cells
 Latent reservoir cells
 Latency & reactivation features
 Inducible vs non induced phenotype
 Host adaptive immune response

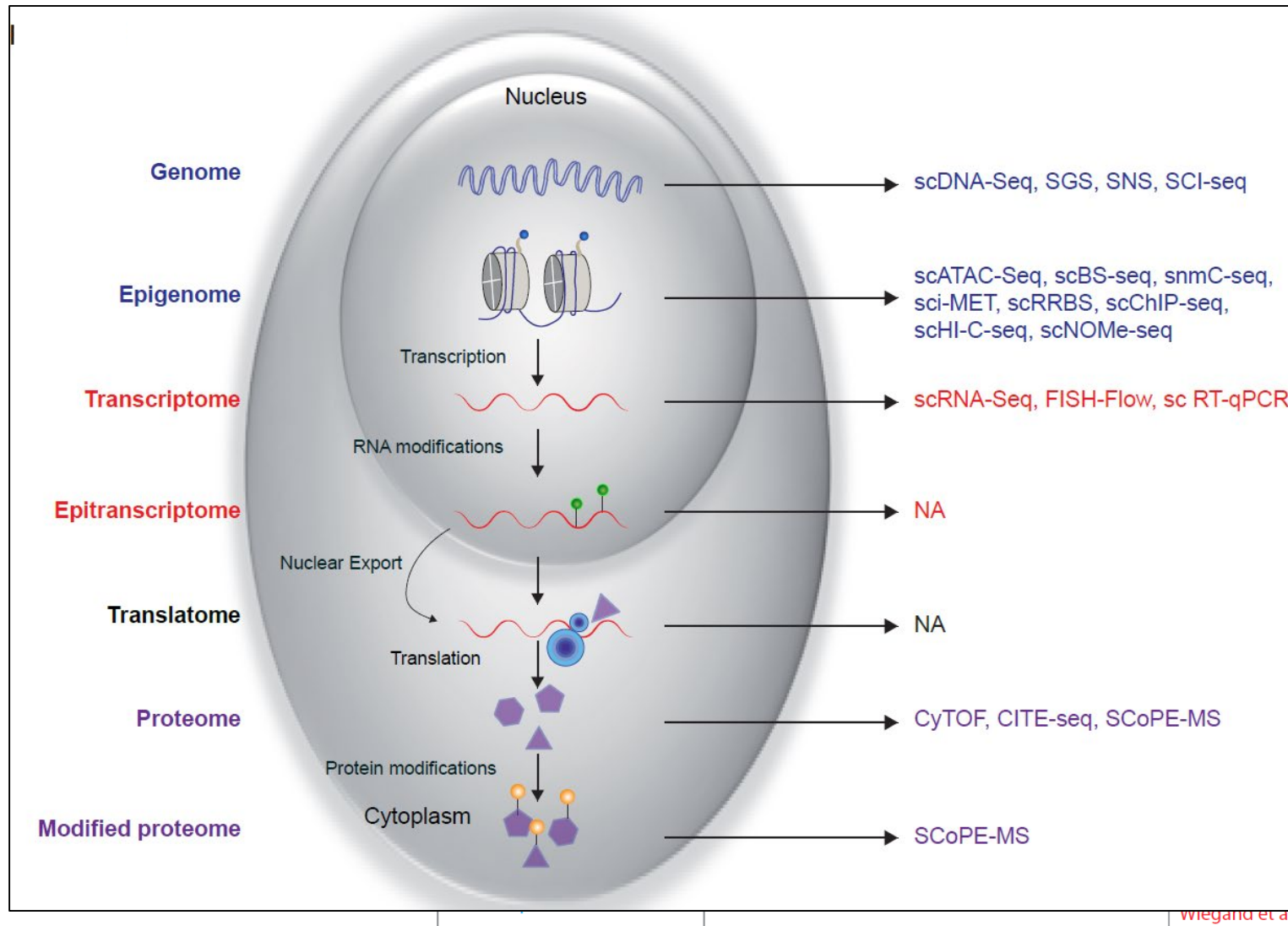


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Next level: scRNA-Seq-> sc multi-omics (multiple integration)



Bengsch et al. (104)
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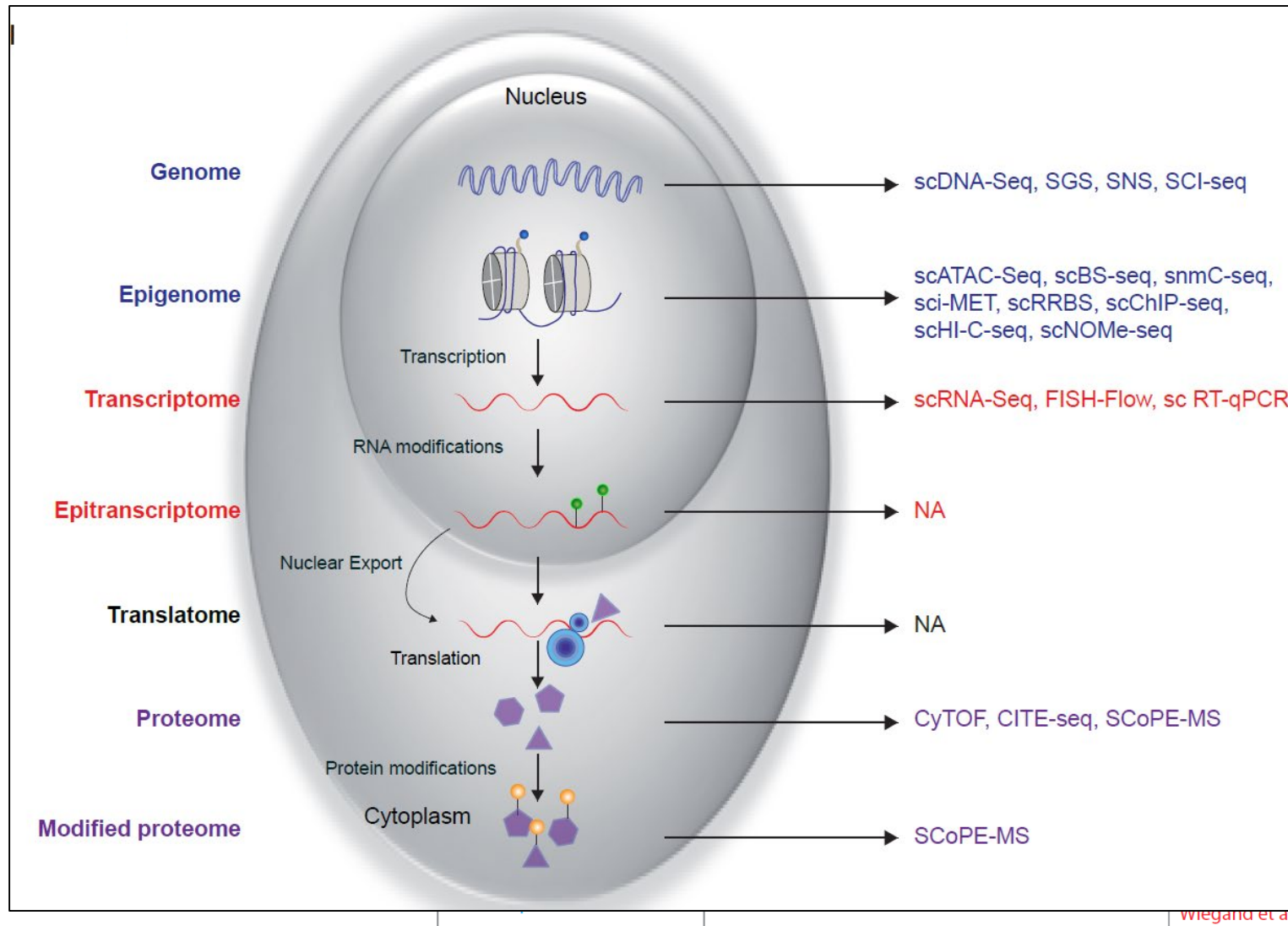
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 Latency & reactivation features
 Inducible vs non induced phenotype
 Host adaptive immune response
 Genotyping
 Integration landscape
 LRA susceptibility
 Clonality / Clonal expansion
 Cell persistence and survival
 Longitudinal analysis /dynamics
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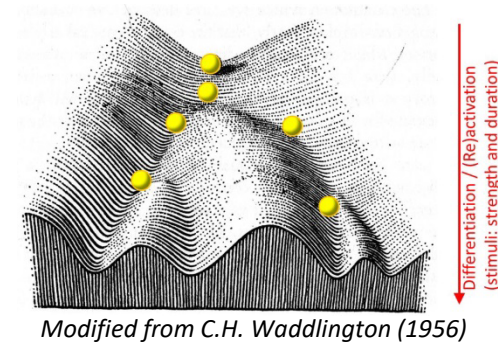


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