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15 Abstract

Toxoplasma gondii infects approximately 1-2 billion people, and manipulation of the 16 macrophage response is critical to host and parasite survival. A cleaved (cl)-CD95L form can 17 18 promote cellular migration and we have previously shown that cl-CD95L aggravates inflammation and pathology in systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). Findings have shown 19 that CD95L is upregulated during human infection, therefore we examined the effect of cl-20 21 CD95L on the macrophage response to *T. gondii*. . We find that cl-CD95L promotes parasite replication in macrophages, associated with increased arginase-1 levels, mediated by signal 22 23 transducer and activator of transcription (STAT)6. Inhibition of both arginase-1 and STAT6 reversed the effects of cl-CD95L. Phospho-kinase array showed that cl-CD95L alters Janus 24 Kinases (JAK)/STAT, mammalian target of rapamycin (mTOR), and Src kinase signals. By 25 26 triggering changes in JAK/STAT cl-CD95L may limit anti-parasite effectors.

27 Keywords: Toxoplasma gondii; macrophage; CD95L; FasL; JAK/STAT; arginase; cleaved CD95L

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Toxoplasma gondii is an obligate intracellular parasite capable of causing significant disease 31 in both human and animal hosts. T. gondii has the ability to infect multiple cell types but 32 preferentially infects monocytes or dendritic cells (DCs). Within these cells T. gondii is 33 effectively able to control the host cell niche. Studies have demonstrated that parasite 34 35 secreted effectors alter macrophage functions and their regulating signalling mechanisms 36 [1]. Indeed, multiple effectors target the JAK-STAT cascade and confer virulence in 37 recombinant avirulent strains of parasite [2]. This is a two-sided process, host priming of the 38 macrophage is key to effective parasite control and incorrect priming, resulting in arginase-1 39 producing macrophage, cannot restrain parasite replication [3].

40 The CD95-CD95L (also known as Fas-FasL, respectively) interaction is key to controlling intracellular parasites via induction of cellular apoptosis [4]. Indeed, appropriate CD95 41 42 signalling post-infection is thought to control immunopathology [5]. Studies [6] have shown that T. gondii can inhibit CD95 mediated killing by impairing the correct functioning of 43 caspase 8. Recently, CD95L has been shown to undergo a metalloprotease-mediated 44 45 cleavage event leading to a ,soluble, cl-CD95L that drives cellular migration rather than death [4]. Additionally, we have recently shown that cl-CD95L causes exacerbated pathology 46 during the onset of murine lupus due to increased cellular infiltration within inflamed tissues 47 48 [7]. A previous survey of pregnant human toxoplasmosis patients had shown that this form of CD95L increased during chronic infection [8] and in vitro infection with T. gondii RH 49 induced high levels of soluble cl-CD95L in both macrophages and trophoblast cells [9]. 50

51 Given these findings we sought to directly assess the effect of soluble cl-CD95L on the 52 outcome of macrophage infection with *T. gondii*. We report that cl-CD95L leads to increased parasite replication partially dependent on changes in IL-6 and arginase-1 levels.
Interestingly, these opposing mechanisms may be explained by the finding that cl-CD95L
reprograms macrophages to acquire a Myeloid-Derived Suppressor Cell (MDSC)-like
phenotype.

59 2.1 Parasite Culture.

Host VERO cells were cultured in DMEM supplemented with 5% fetal bovine serum (FBS, 60 F4135 Sigma Aldrich), penicillin-streptomycin (10,000 U penicillin & 100 mg/ml streptomycin 61 (Sigma Aldrich) at 5% CO₂ at 37°C in 25 cm² flasks until cells were 80% confluent. The RH 62 strain of *T. gondii* was used throughout the work. Parasites were propagated as tachyzoites 63 by serial passage in VERO cells. For the purification of *T. gondii* tachyzoites, infected host 64 65 VERO cells were dislodged from culture flasks by scrapping with a single-use rubber cell scraper. Dislodged cells were passed, through a sterile blunt-ended needle. Lysed cells and 66 isolated parasites were centrifuged at 2,000 rpm for 10 minutes at room temperature (RT). 67 Parasites were resuspended in 5 mL 1X D-PBS and this solution was added to a PD-10 68 column, columns were then washed with 5 mL 1X D-PBS. The number of parasites recovered 69 was counted in 10 µL of parasite solution. Finally, the parasites were centrifuged for 10 70 71 minutes at 2,000 rpm, supernatant removed and resuspended in complete DMEM.

72 2.2 Bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDM).

Bone marrow-derived macrophages were obtained from healthy wild-type C57BI/6 mice aged between 8-16 weeks. Animals were culled by standard schedule 1 procedures of exposure to rising concentrations of CO₂. Immediately afterwards hind femurs were removed and placed into sterile D-PBS for transport to the laboratory. Excess fat, muscle, and skin were removed. Thereafter, the bone marrow was flushed from the femur by repeated injecting, using a 2 mL syringe and a 25-gauge needle, of the femur with complete media. Cells were passed through a 70 µm cell strainer and centrifuged for 10 minutes at 1,500 rpm. Bone marrow cells were seeded at 2x10⁶/mL in a 6 mL petri dish with the addition of 20 ng/mL of M-CSF (Recombinant Murine M-CSF, PeproTech). Every two days the media and M-CSF was replenished until cells were harvested on day 7. Thereafter macrophages were seeded in 96 well flat-bottomed plates (Greiner Bio-One) at 2x10⁴/well. In some experiments chemical inhbitors or antibodies were added to cultures prior to infection as follows; anti-mouse IL-6 (BioXCell Clone MP5-20F3) was used at 120 ng/mL; to

inhibit Arginase, N^ω-hydroxy-nor-Arginine (nor-NOHA) (Sigma) was used at 5 mM; to inhibit
cl-CD95L, mFas-Fc Chimera (R&D Systems Cat No. 435-FA) was added at 200 ng/mL; and to
inhibit STAT6, the compound AS1517499 (Sigma) was used at 0.2 mg/mL.

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90 2.3 Percentage monolayer destruction and free parasite counts

91 VERO cells or BMDM were seeded into 24 well plates at 2.5x10⁴/well and incubated for 24 hours. Thereafter, cells were stimulated with cl-CD95L at indicated doses and 24 hours later 92 93 cells were infected with T. gondii at 1x10⁵/well (MOI 4). After 3 hours the medium was 94 changed to remove free extracellular parasites and replaced with fresh media. Thereafter, cells were incubated for 72 hours. After 72 hours post-infection the percentage of the VERO 95 96 monolayer that has been destroyed was estimated using an Olympus BH2 microscope at X10 97 magnification, using a previously described method [10]. In brief, a counting grid was 98 overlaid onto images and consistent squares were counted across images. Destruction was 99 recorded were 50% of cells within a grid square no longer had an intact membrane. An 100 aliquot of supernatant was used to determine the extracellular parasite load.

101 2.4 ATP and Cytokine Detection

102 Supernatants were collected from BMDM cultures and used for CellTiter-Glo assays for the detection of ATP. 100 µL of each sample and media controls, as background controls, were 103 added to a 96-well opaque plate. The plate was then left at RT for 30 minutes to equilibrate. 104 Thereafter, 100 µL of CellTiter-Glo[®] Reagent was added to each well. The contents were then 105 106 mixed for 2 minutes on an orbital shaker, followed by a 10 minutes incubation at RT. 107 Luminescence was then recorded using a luminometer. Cytokine ELISAs for IL-6 and IL-1β 108 were conducted using commercially available kits from Invitrogen (Cat no. 88-7064-88, 88-109 7013, respectively).

110 2.5 Arginase assay.

Cell lysates were prepared in Triton X-100. 50 µL of 10 mM MnCl₂/50 mM Tris-HCl buffer (pH 111 7.5) and 50 µL of lysate were mixed and incubated for 10 minutes at 55°C for enzyme 112 activation. 50 μ L of 0.5 M L-arginine substrate (pH 9.7) was added to the activated lysate 113 and incubated for 1 hour at 37°C. To stop the reaction the acid-stop solution that was 114 115 comprised of H₂SO₄ (96%), H₃PO₄ (85%), and H₂O in a ratio of 1:3:7 was added to the 116 samples. Finally, 9% isonitrosopriopherone was added to develop colour. The sample was then heated to 103°C for 45 minutes and allowed to cool in darkness for another 10 minutes. 117 118 200 µL aliquots are then added to a 96 well ELISA plate and absorbance measured at 540 119 nm.

120 2.6 BMDM Phospho-Kinase Array

To determine a global signalling profile a Phospho-Kinase Array Proteome Profiler was used (R&D Systems, Cat No. ARY003B) BMDM were either left unstimulated or stimulated with 100 ng/mL of cl-CD95L for 24 hours, after which macrophages were rinsed with D-PBS. 124 Macrophages were then solubilised at 1×10^7 cells/mL in Lysis Buffer 6 (R&D systems). Samples were pipetted up and down in order to resuspend macrophages and incubated for 125 126 30 minutes at 2-8°C. Samples were then microcentrifuged and the supernatant transferred 127 to an Eppendorf tube. Membranes were placed in the wells of an 8-Well Multi-dish and filled with 1.0 mL of Assay Buffer 1, which served as a blocking buffer. The plate was incubated on 128 129 a rocking platform shaker for 1 hour. Membranes were then washed in 20 mL of wash 130 buffer. After which, 1.0 mL of prepared samples were added to both parts A and B of each membrane. The plate was then incubated on a rocking platform shaker overnight at 2-8°C. 131 Then 1.0 mL of reconstituted Detection Antibody Cocktail in Assay Buffer was added to each 132 well and incubated with shaking for 1 hour at RT. After, 1.0 mL of diluted Steptavidin-HRP in 133 Array Buffer 2/3 was added to each well of the plate and incubated with shaking for 30 134 135 minutes at RT. Membranes were then washed. After washing, 1.0 mL of Chemi-Reagent Mix 136 was added to each membrane and incubated for 1 minute. After incubation, excess Chemi-Reagent Mix was removed from each membrane. Membranes were imaged using a 137 ChemiDoc. Pixel Density was measured using ImageJ software. The pixel density was 138 139 normalised to total protein concentration in each lysate as determined by BCA assay.

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141 2.7 Statistics

Raw data was collected on Microsoft Excel workbooks. All data analysis was conducted using
Prism 7 (GraphPad). P values of < 0.05 were taken as significant, thedetails of individual
tests are reported in the figure legends.

146 **3. Results**

147 3.1 Cleaved-CD95L alters T. gondii replication within host cells.

We initially tested the effect of pre-treatment of the VERO cell line with cl-CD95L prior to 148 149 infection with T. gondii. Infection with T. gondii alone increases cellular destruction from 2% in uninfected/unstimulated to 14% in infected/unstimulated (Fig.1A; P < 0.01). VERO cells 150 151 were stimulated with 100 ng/mL of cl-CD95L and then infected with *T. gondii*, giving rise to 152 26% cellular destruction that is statistically significant compared with stimulated but 153 uninfected cells (Fig. 1A; P < 0.01). The difference in cellular destruction between infected cultures when cl-CD95L was present was also statistically significantly different, P <0.01 (Fig. 154 1A). Host cell destruction is often an indicator of cell egress. The number of parasites in the 155 supernatant was determined after 48 hours of infection by manual counting. Figure 1B 156 157 demonstrates that a significant increase in parasite replication occurs after stimulation with 158 cl-CD95L (12x10⁴/mL parasites) when compared to unstimulated VERO cells (9x10⁴/mL parasites; P value <0.05). Having demonstrated that the increase in monolayer destruction 159 above might be caused by the increase in T. gondii load following cl-CD95L stimulation we 160 161 sought to determine if cl-CD95L was causing these effects by decreasing cell viability. We 162 assessed extracellular ATP in supernatants, the results show that before infection, as expected, there are high levels of cell viability as indicated by high levels of ATP (Fig.1C). In 163 164 comparison, after infection with T. gondii the levels of cell viability, in both unstimulated and stimulated conditions decrease (P value < 0.001). 165

To ensure our results were representative of primary host cells, we assessed the effect of cl-CD95L in murine macrophages. Bone marrow derived macrophages (BMDMs) were matured from bone marrow in the presence of M-CSF for 7 days prior to collection and further use. 169 We investigated the impact of stimulation with cl-CD95L on parasite replication in BMDM by preforming parasite counts after 48 hours of infection. As shown Figure 1D, a significant 170 increase in parasite counts occur after BMDM cultures have been stimulated with cl-CD95L 171 172 when compared to unstimulated cultures (P value <0.05). Additionally, we demonstrated that the effects observed were directly due to cl-CD95L by use of a Fas-Fc fusion protein to 173 174 compete with cl-CD95L [7]. Figure 1E demonstrates that in the presence of the decoy receptor CD95-Fc, parasite replication levels were not significantly different from untreated 175 infected controls. 176

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178 3.2 cl-CD95L alters arginase-1 and IL-6 levels during T. gondii infection.

179 To determine if the increase in parasite load, mediated by cl-CD95L, paralleled changes in the BMDM response to infection we measured IL-6 in the supernatants of infected BMDMs 180 in presence or absence of cl-CD95L. Figure 2A clearly demonstrates that cl-CD95L treatment 181 alone did not drive the increase in IL-6 alone but did elicit an increase in IL-6 in combination 182 183 with T. gondii driven cytokine expression. IL-6 production driven in this manner was not antiparasitic. Neutralisation of IL-6 in the presence or absence of cl-CD95L caused a decrease in 184 parasite numbers (Fig.2B). As previously demonstrated cl-CD95L caused an increase in 185 186 parasite number but this was reversed in the presence of anti-IL-6 (Fig.2B).

This led us to speculate that a second host factor, triggered by cl-CD95L, was responsible for the effects on parasite load in BMDMs. To test this, we first assayed cl-CD95L treated and infected BMDMs for arginase and found elevated levels following *T. gondii* infection but treatment with cl-CD95L resulted in a further increase in these levels (Fig.2D). Indeed, the effects of cl-CD95L induced increased arginase could be reversed with the application of the 192 inhibitor nor-NOHA. Simultaneous application of both cl-CD95L and nor-NOHA resulted in significant decrease in parasite levels compared with cl-CD95L treatment only (Fig.2D); levels 193 of parasite obtained in cl-CD95L/nor-NOHA cultures were similar to those in non-treated 194 195 infected controls (Fig.2D). Interestingly, we found arginase-1 and IL-6 to be mechanistically 196 linked as nor-NOHA inhibition of arginase also caused a decrease in IL-6 levels during cl-197 CD95L stimulation and infection (Supplementary Fig.1). STAT6 is a major transcriptional 198 regulatory of alternative activation of macrophages during helminth infection [11-13]. It has 199 been shown to drive the expression of arginase-1 during both cytokine and pathogen stimulation. We employed chemical inhibition of STAT6 to determine if it was directing cl-200 CD95L mediated arginase. During stimulation alone, cl-CD95L caused an increase in arginase-201 1 activity (Fig.2F) but the application of a STAT6 inhibitor AS157499 caused a decrease in 202 203 these levels. Importantly following infection, we found that the synergistic increase in arginase was also ablated (Fig.2F). Phenotypically inhibition of STAT6 gave rise to a lower 204 number of parasites but only after the application of cl-CD95L (Fig.2G; P<0.01); suggesting 205 206 that cl-CD95L drives a STAT6 response, upregulating arginase, that mediates reduced 207 parasite killing. Our data above would indicate that IL-6 when induced by cl-CD95L is not 208 protective; to test if cl-CD95L:STAT6 signalling is involving in this we assayed supernatants for IL-6 levels. We show that cl-CD95L drives a synergistic increase in IL-6 following T. gondii 209 210 infection (P<0.05) and importantly STAT6 inhibition in this setting causes a complete removal of IL-6 (Figure 2H). 211

212 3.3 cl-CD95L modifies the macrophage signalling landscape.

To address whether there was a pattern of cell signalling induced by cl-CD95L that could underlie the effect on increased parasite replication, and associated immune responses in 215 BMDMs, we performed a Phospho-kinase profiler array on cl-CD95L stimulated BMDMs. 216 Exploring the cellular environment preceding infection was important and thus our 217 experimental design relied upon prior stimulation with cl-CD95L, as we had shown above that this resulted in a cellular environment more permissive to parasite replication. 38 of 43 218 219 kinases were found to be expressed under both stimulated and unstimulated conditions. 220 Using a Log2 fold change we identified 23 kinases upregulated in stimulated vs unstimulated 221 BMDMs (Fig.3A). These were subject to STRING (V11.0) analysis to identify potential 222 interactions using a database search. The top five Biological Processes and Reactomes are 223 depicted in Figure 3B. Not unexpectedly, 3 GO terms identified map to 224 phosphorylation/signal transduction and one to apoptotic processes. Cytokine signalling and immune system responses were identified within the Reactome analysis. 225

226 A network was constructed from the log2 fold upregulated proteins and three nodes are 227 apparent – one involving STATs, one centred on mTOR, and a third involving the Src family (Yes, Fyn, Lck). Multiple members of these nodes, including Yes/Fyn/Lck, have significant 228 229 overlap with factors previously identified as being elicited by cl-CD95L [4, 7]. STAT2/3/5A were identified in a node; STAT2 was previously shown to be negatively regulation immune 230 protection in *T. gondii* infection, as STAT2^{-/-} macrophages more effectively control their 231 232 parasite load [14]; while STAT3 mediates susceptibility to T. gondii [15, 16]; and STAT5 has 233 been implicated, albeit weakly, with increased parasite susceptibility [17].

The node centred on mTOR may indicate an MDSC-like response to cl-CD95L stimulation. A role for MDSCs, and similar cells, have been subject to increasing scrutiny in the context of parasite immunity [18]. Given the heterogeneous nature of their surface marker profile [18], they may have potentially been incorporated into analysis of Gr1⁺ monocyte populations in prior *T. gondii* studies [19-22] as many of these Gr1⁺ monocytes were also CD11b⁺. Indeed a
population corresponding to these cells was shown to exert both an anti-inflammatory
effect during infection and immune hyporesponsiveness during acute *T. gondii* infection
[22].

Increased levels of soluble CD95L have been found in both human toxoplasmosis and murine 246 macrophage infection. Given its potential effects outside of triggering cell death we 247 248 examined the effects of cl-CD95L on macrophage infection. Our findings lead us to conclude 249 that exposure of host cells to cl-CD95L leads to increased T. gondii replication and a parallel 250 rise in host cell destruction. Furthermore, this cell destruction is dependent on parasite 251 replication but not CD95L apoptotic effects as noted by our ATP findings. We determined that IL-6 was also upregulated following cl-CD95L stimulated and T. gondii infection but this 252 253 was not protective as indicated by neutralising antibody. This finding is in line with previous studies which also detail a role for IL-6 in promoting parasite intracellular replication [23] 254 conflicting with the protective role also assigned to IL-6 [24]. This contradictory nature of the 255 256 resulting macrophage population we obtained following cl-CD95L stimulation and T. gondii 257 infection reflects a previous finding that duality in the macrophage population can exist. 258 Arginase-1 has been widely reported to negatively impact upon immunity to intracellular 259 parasites [3] and this is known to arise from a key role in driving alternative activation of macrophages[25]. Yap and colleagues have described a both classically and alternatively 260 261 activated macrophages existing within the same pool of cells following T. gondii infection 262 [26].

263 Combined, the data would suggest cl-CD95L drives STAT6 mediated expression of arginase-1 264 and IL-6; these factors may synergise with *T. gondii* infection to remove the protective 265 effects of IL-6 and increase the susceptibility of host cells in an arginase-dependent fashion. 266 This is consistent with prior reports of IL-6 acting to enhance alternative activation of 267 macrophages in a STAT3 dependent fashion [27]. Importantly, the autocrine/paracrine 268 induction of arginase-1 by IL-6, via STAT3, has also been shown during Mycobacteria infection of macrophages [28]. Our Phosopho-kinase array data revealed that STAT6 was 269 270 only one of multiple STAT members changed by cl-CD95L. Thus, here we show that the 271 actions of cl-CD95L in promoting parasite replication stem from STAT6 they may, at least 272 partially, from wider STAT signalling. Myeloid-derived suppressor cells have been linked to 273 both suppressing but also promoting inflammation in a variety of setting including systemic 274 lupus erythematosus (SLE) [29]; in this setting MDSCs expressing arginase-1 promoted Th17-275 mediated kidney damage. This endstage pathology overlaps with our previous finding that cl-CD95L drives selective recruitment of Th17 cells into tissues including in a murine model 276 of SLE [7]. A potential outcome of cl-CD95L stimulation of macrophages could be the 277 induction of an MDSC-like phenotype, independent of parasite infection. This is in part 278 279 supported by the finding that mTOR is upregulated as are a number of other kinases 280 associated with the MDSC phenotype. Our findings point to the need to closely examine the 281 role of cl-CD95L during T. gondii pathogenesis in vivo and to define the role it plays in eliciting MDSCs. Specifically, does cl-CD95L elicit differentiation and trafficking of MDSCs and 282 283 what role do these cells play in vivo.

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285 Conflict of Interest: RJF and PL are applicants on a patent surrounding the use of CD95
286 therapeutics.

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370 **Figure Legends**:

Figure 1: Cleaved-CD95L alters T. gondii replication within host cells. (A) VERO cells were 371 either stimulated with doses of cl-CD95L as indicated. After 24 hours the cells were then 372 373 infected with T. gondii at a MOI of 5 or left uninfected. After a further 48 hours post infection the percentage of monolayer was estimated for each group by examination under 374 375 a light microscope. (B) VERO cells were either stimulated with 100ng/mL of cl-CD95L or left 376 unstimulated. After 24 hours the cells were then infected with T. gondii at a MOI of 5 or left uninfected. After a further 48 hours post infection the parasite number was determined. (C) 377 378 Supernatants from the above experiment were tested for ATP using Cell Titer-Glo. (D) Bone Marrow Derived Macrophages (BMDM) were either stimulated as in B). After 24 hours the 379 BMDM (10⁵) were then infected and parasite counts as in B). (E) As in D) but in the presence 380 381 of Fas-Fc chimera (200ng/mL) or control antibody while undergoing cl-CD95L stimulation. All 382 culture conditions were in triplicate and mean ±SD is shown with between 4-6 mice per 383 experiment. With experiments repeated independently 6 times in A) or 5 times in B)-E). 384 Data in (A), (C), and (E) were analysed by 2-way ANOVA and data in (B) and (D) by Unpaired T-tests; *P<0.05, **P<0.01, and ***P<0.0001. 385

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Figure 2: cl-CD95L alters arginase-1 and IL-6 levels during *T. gondii* infection. A) BMDM (10⁵ per well) were stimulated using indicated doses of cl-CD95L. After 24 hours the BMDM were then infected with *T. gondii* at a MOI of 5 or left uninfected. After a further 48 hours supernatants were assayed for IL -6 by ELISA. B) – H) BMDMs were treated with cl-CD95L at 100ng/mL or 0ng/mL control prior to infection with *T. gondii* at MOI 5. B) The addition of anti-IL-6 (120ng/mL) or control IgG was monitored for an effect on parasite counts as 393 performed in Figure 1. C) Arginase activity was measured 48hrs after infection cell lysates; D) Inhibition of arginase was performed by addition of nor-NOHA (5mM) prior to measuring 394 395 parasite load; E) Matched cell lysates from B) were used to measure arginase activity after 396 anti-IL-6 treatment. STAT6 was inhibited (As1517499 – 0.2mg/mL) prior to infection and 397 during stimulation with cl-CD95L thereafter F) arginase activity was measured in cell lysates, 398 G) parasite numbers and H) IL-6 were measured in the supernatants. Treatments were 399 performed in triplicate and mean ±SD is shown with 4-6 mice per experiment. Each 400 experiment was repeats 5 times independently. Data was analysed in GraphPad Prism by 2way ANOVA where *P<0.05, **P<0.01, ***P<0.001, ****P<0.0001. 401

Figure 3: cl-CD95L modifies the macrophage signalling landscape. BMDM were treated with 402 403 100ng/mL of cl-CD95L for 24hrs prior to preparation for use in the Phospho-Kinase array 404 (R&D Systems). Pixel density captured in ImageJ was normalised to total protein levels. A) 405 Thereafter the Log₂ fold change in cl-CD95L stimulated vs unstimulated was calculated. The 406 blue dotted line indicates a Log₂ fold change while the red dotted line indicates a 2-Log₂ fold 407 change in expression levels. The 23 proteins with a Log² fold difference were then processed 408 in STRING V11.0 (string-db.org) program to identify potential interaction networks. B) The 409 top 5 biological processes and reactome pathways are identified presented. C) The potential 410 interaction network generated is presented, based upon known interactions taken from 411 InAct. The nature of the interaction is dictated as follows; lines with an arrowhead indicates a positive interaction, lines with a rounded end indicate unknown interaction, lines with a 412 413 flat end indicate a negative end. Results shown are means from 2 independent biological 414 replicates for each treatment.



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