

Mafb-restricted local monocyte proliferation precedes lung interstitial macrophage differentiation

14 - Compare with cMaf-KO IM

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Abstract

Resident tissue macrophages (RTM) are differentiated immune cells populating distinct niches and exhibiting important tissue-supportive functions. RTM maintenance is thought to rely on either monocyte engraftment and differentiation, or RTM self-renewal. Here, we developed an inducible mouse model of lung interstitial macrophage (IM) niche depletion and repopulation to investigate IM development *in vivo*. Using time-course single-cell RNA-sequencing analyses, bone marrow chimeras and gene targeting, we found that engrafted Ly6C+ classical monocytes could self-renew locally in a CSF1R-dependent manner before their differentiation into RTM. We further showed that the switch from monocyte proliferation towards IM subset specification was controlled by MafB, while c-Maf specifically regulated the identity of the CD206+ IM subset. Our data shed new light on the transcriptional regulation of IM development and provide evidence that, in the mononuclear phagocyte system, self-renewal is not merely restricted to myeloid progenitor cells and mature macrophages, but is also a tightly regulated capability of mature monocytes developing into RTM *in vivo*.

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1 Description

In this analysis, we compared cMAF-KO sample to Control sample. All four samples were included, but dKO sample was found to be highly similar to the Mafb-KO sample. So we focus on the difference between cMaf-KO and Control samples.

2 Load packages and data

```
suppressMessages({  
  library(Seurat)  
  library(ggplot2)  
  library(RColorBrewer)  
})  
  
so <- readRDS(file = "../12-cMAF_and_Mafb_deficient_IM/All_samples_Maf.  
seuratObject.Rds")
```

We will take into account the cMAF-KO and dKO samples into analysis.

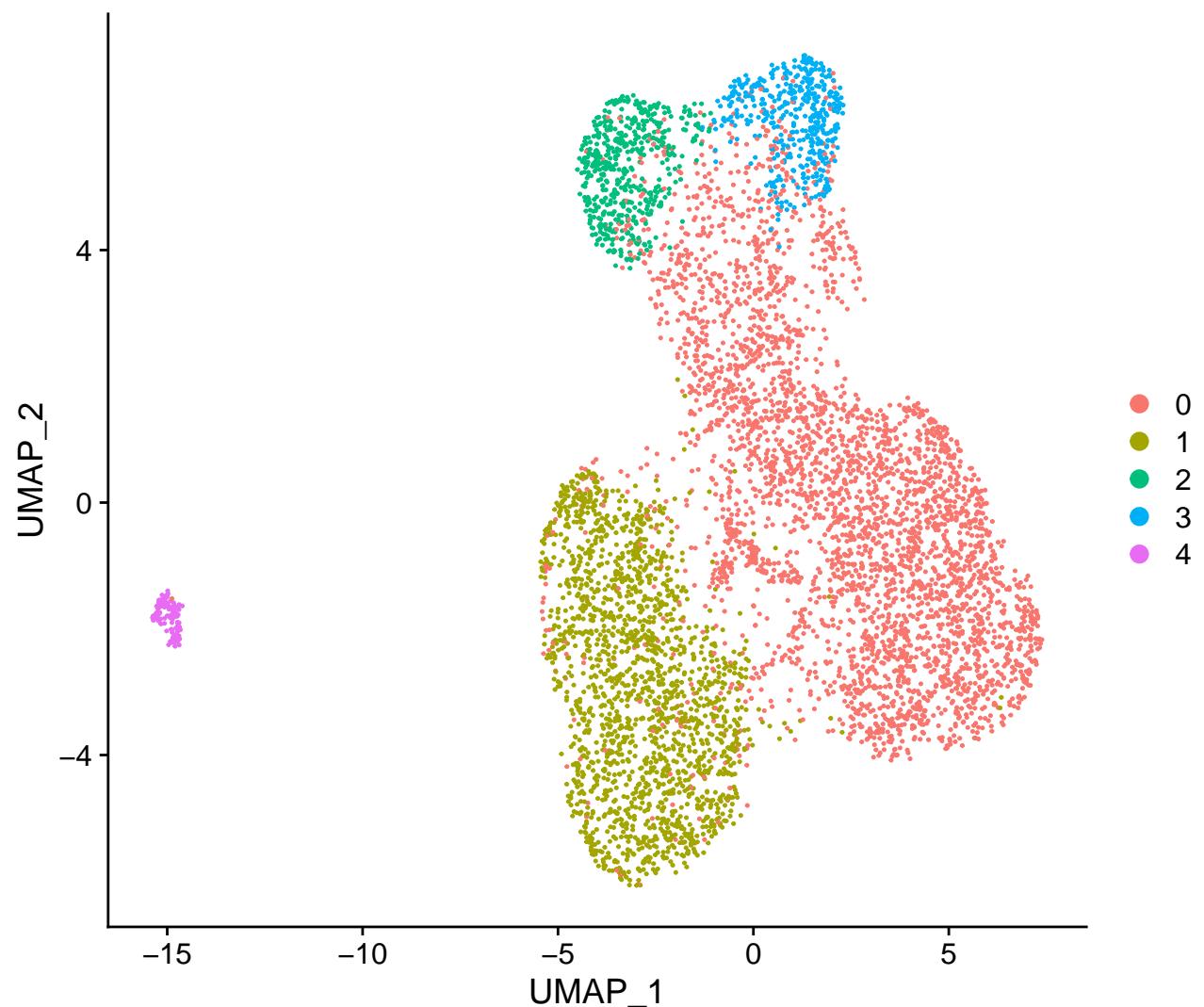
3 Compare populations

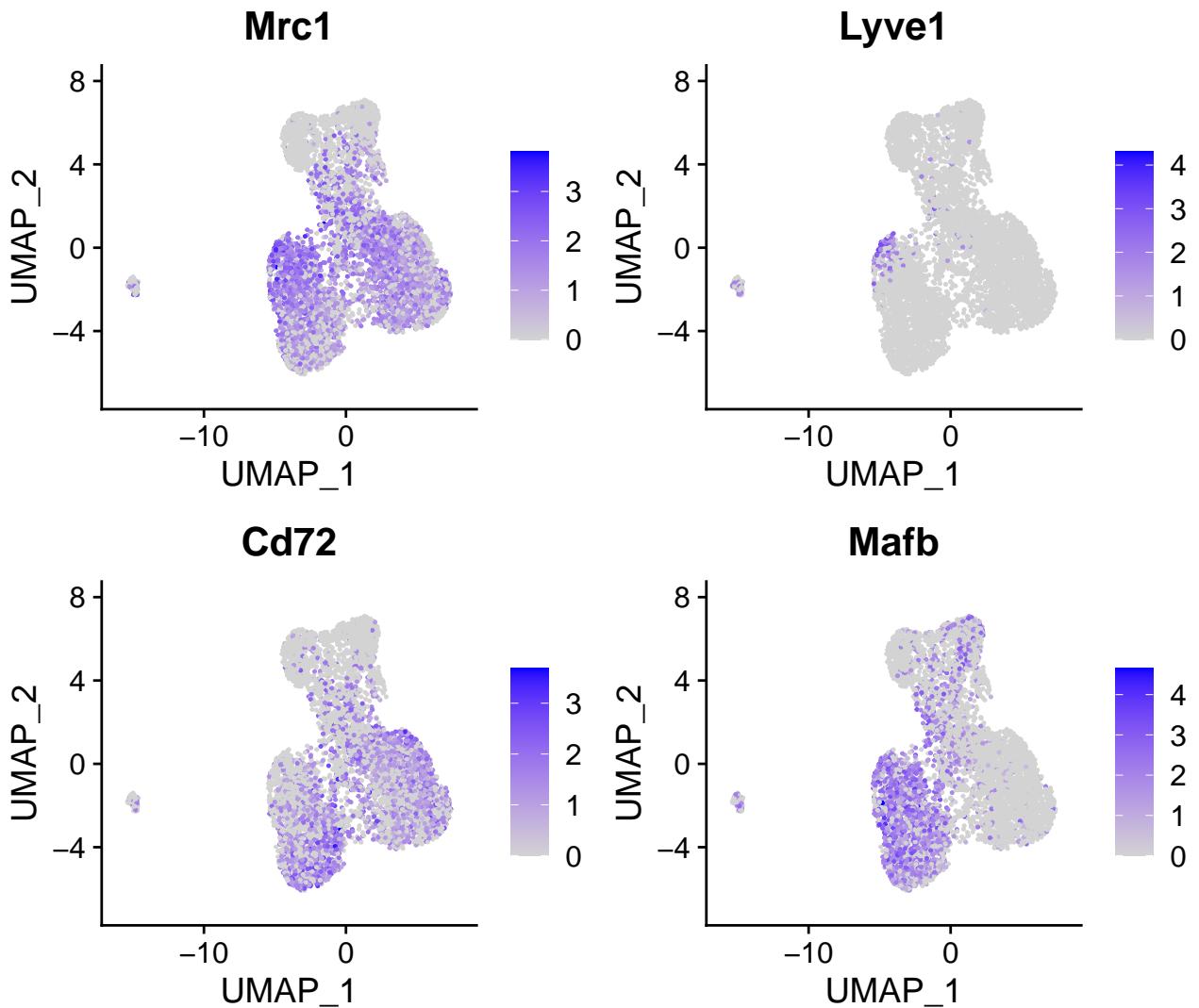
3.1 Re-process data

```
so <- NormalizeData(so, verbose=FALSE)  
so <- FindVariableFeatures(so, selection.method = "vst", nfeatures = 2000,  
  verbose=FALSE) # we focus less variable genes.  
so <- ScaleData(so, features = rownames(so), verbose=FALSE)  
so <- RunPCA(so, features = VariableFeatures(so), verbose=FALSE)  
so <- RunTSNE(so, dims = 1:8, verbose=FALSE)  
so <- RunUMAP(so, dims = 1:8, verbose=FALSE)
```

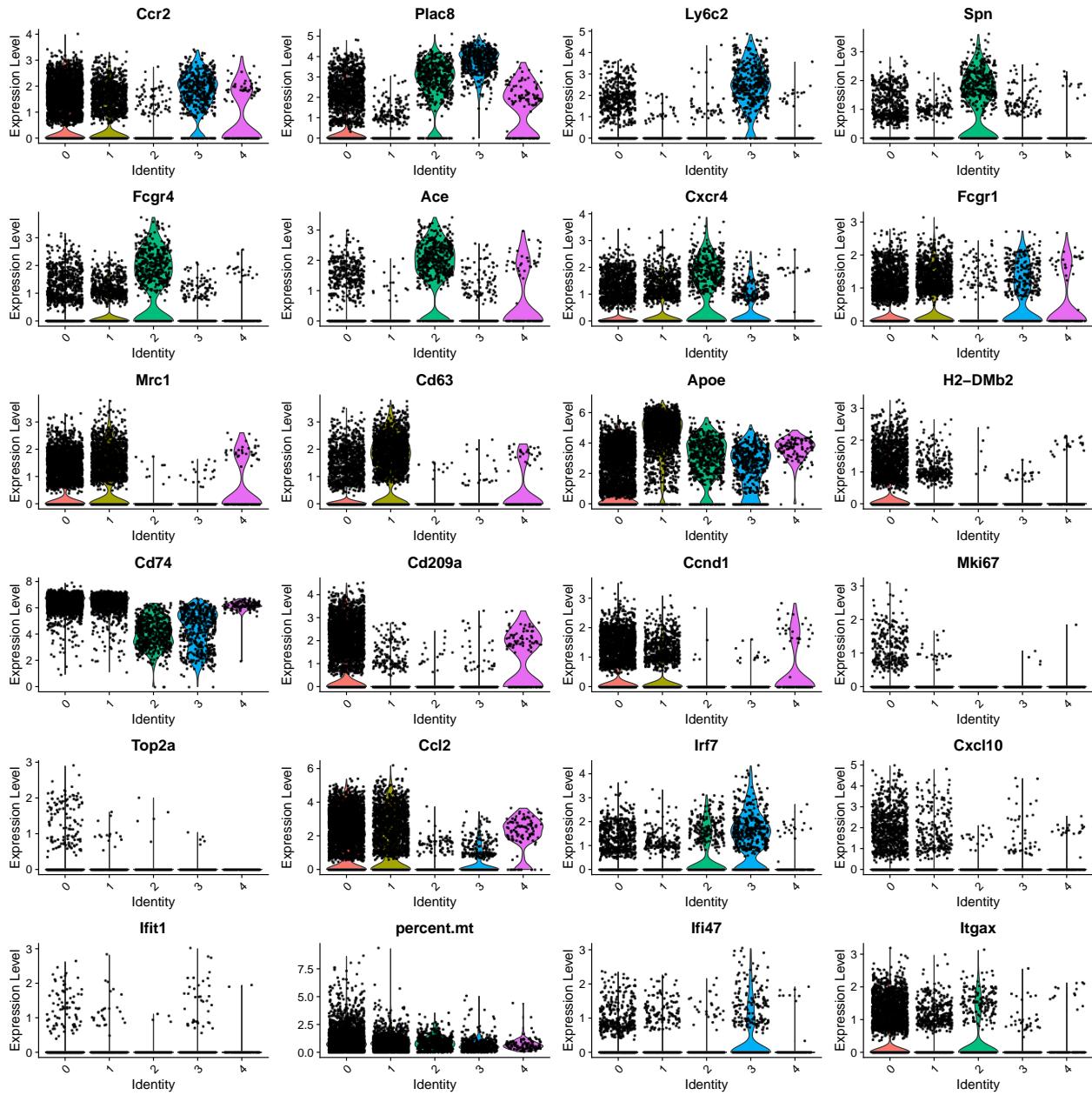
```
so <- FindNeighbors(so, dims = 1:8, verbose = FALSE)  
so <- FindClusters(so, resolution = 0.12, verbose = FALSE)
```

```
DimPlot(so, reduction = "umap")
```





```
VlnPlot(
  so,
  features = c("Ccr2", "Plac8", "Ly6c2", "Spn",
              "Fcgr4", "Ace", "Cxcr4",
              "Fcgr1", "Mrc1", "Cd63", "Apoe",
              "H2-DMb2", "Cd74", "Cd209a",
              "Ccnd1", "Mki67", "Top2a", "Ccl2",
              "Irf7", "Cxcl10", "Ifit1", "percent.mt",
              "Ifi47", "Itgax"),
  ncol = 4)
```



cluster 0: Mafb-KO Cluster 1: IM Cluster 2: Patrolling Monocytes Cluster 3: Classical Monocytes Cluster 4: Unknown

```

so$cell.type2 <- factor(Idents(so), labels = c("Mafb-independent", "IM", "Patrolling_Mono", "Classical_Mono", "Unknown"))
so$cell.type2 <- factor(so$cell.type2, levels = c("Classical_Mono", "Patrolling_Mono", "IM", "Mafb-independent", "Unknown"))
Idents(so) <- "cell.type2"
  
```

```

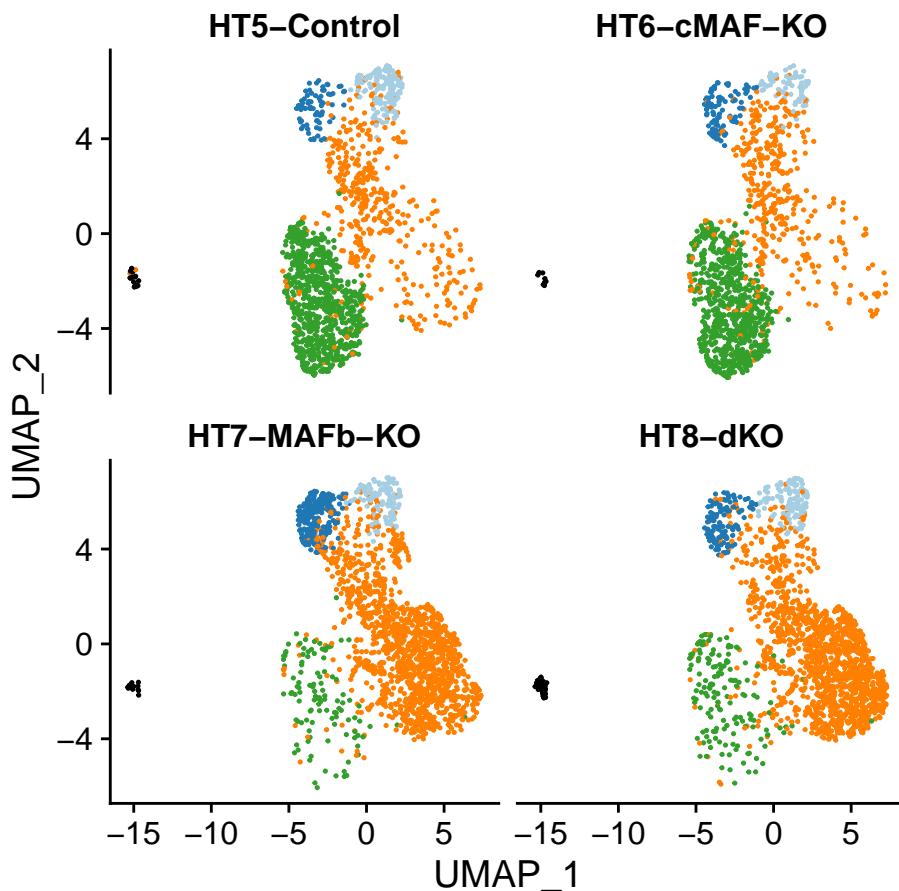
pal4 <- c(
  "#A6CEE3", # cMo
  "#1F78B4", # pMo
  "#33A02C", # CD206 IM
  "#FF7F00", # Mafb - neo
  "black" # unknown
  
```

```

    )
DimPlot(so, cols = pal4, split.by = "group", ncol = 2
) + NoLegend()

```

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```

ggsave(filename = "../Figures/UMAPplot_All_samplesMaf_separate_2columns.
pdf", width = 5, height = 5)

```

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4 Identify the CD206+ and CD206- IMs

```

ims <- subset(so, idents = "IM")

ims <- NormalizeData(ims, verbose=FALSE)
ims <- FindVariableFeatures(ims, selection.method = "vst", nfeatures =
  2000, verbose=FALSE) # we focus less variable genes.
ims <- ScaleData(ims, features = rownames(ims), verbose=FALSE)
ims <- RunPCA(ims, features = VariableFeatures(ims), verbose=FALSE)
ims <- RunTSNE(ims, dims = 1:8, verbose=FALSE)
ims <- RunUMAP(ims, dims = 1:8, verbose=FALSE)
ims <- FindNeighbors(ims, dims = 1:8, verbose = FALSE)
ims <- FindClusters(ims, resolution = 0.15, verbose = T)

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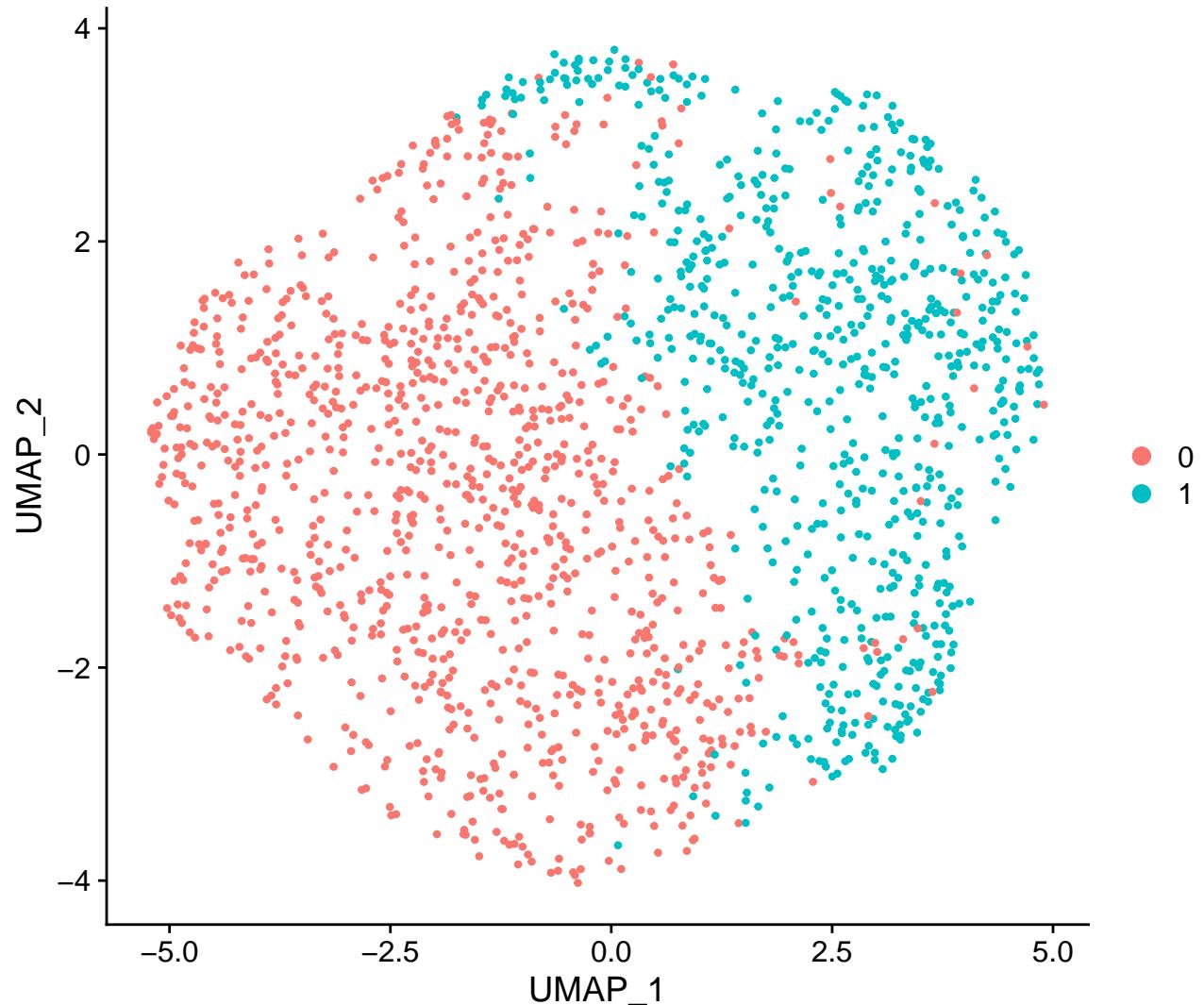
## Modularity Optimizer version 1.3.0 by Ludo Waltman and Nees Jan van Eck
## 

```

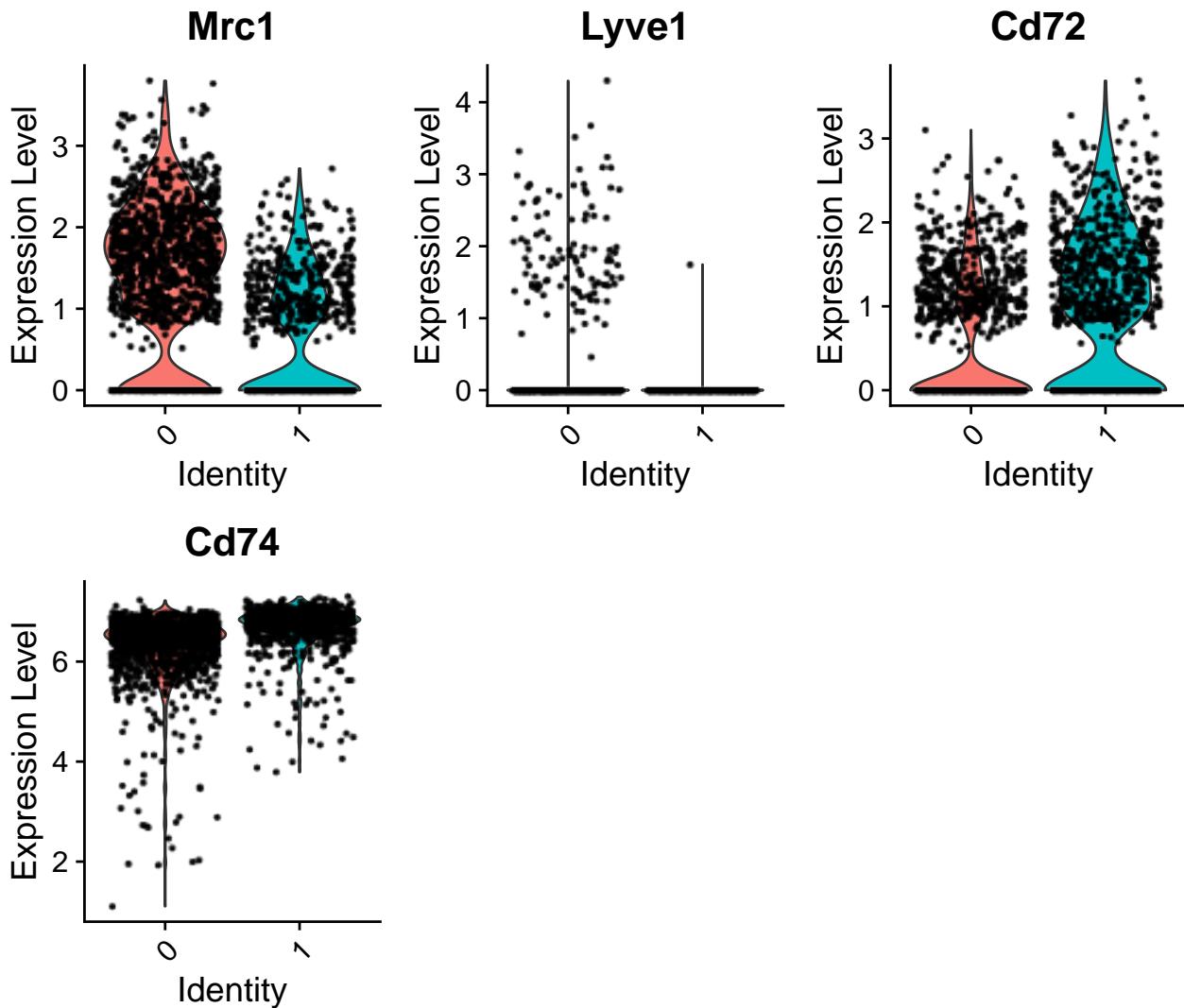
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```
## Number of nodes: 1802  
## Number of edges: 57482  
##  
## Running Louvain algorithm...  
## Maximum modularity in 10 random starts: 0.8545  
## Number of communities: 2  
## Elapsed time: 0 seconds
```

```
DimPlot(ims)
```



```
VlnPlot(ims, features = c("Mrc1", "Lyve1", "Cd72", "Cd74"))
```



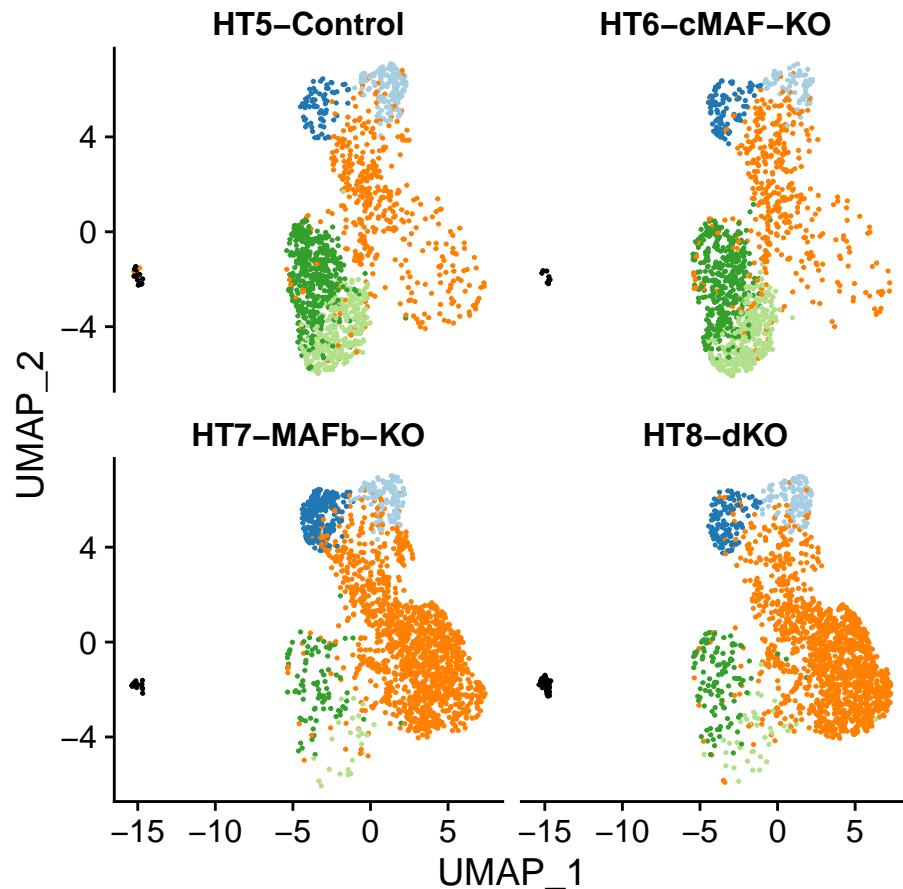
cluster 0: CD206+ IM cluster 1: CD206- IM

```

so$cell.type3 <- as.character(so$cell.type2)
so$cell.type3[WhichCells(ims, idents = "0")] <- "CD206+ IM"
so$cell.type3[WhichCells(ims, idents = "1")] <- "CD206- IM"
so$cell.type3 <- factor(so$cell.type3, levels = c("Classical Mono",
  "Patrolling Mono", "CD206+ IM", "CD206- IM", "Mafb-independent",
  "Unknown"))
Identso(so) <- "cell.type3"
  
```

```

pal4 <- c(
  "#A6CEE3", # cMo
  "#1F78B4", # pMo
  "#33A02C", # CD206 IM
  "#B2DF8A", # MHCII IM
  "#FF7F00", # Mafb - neo
  "black" # unknown
)
DimPlot(so, cols = pal4, split.by = "group", ncol = 2
) + NoLegend()
  
```



```
ggsave(filename = "../Figures/UMAPplot_All_samplesMaf_with_IMsubsets_separate_2columns.pdf", width = 5, height = 5) 1
```

5 Focus on the cMAF-KO vs Control

```
so <- subset(so, subset = group == c("HT5-Control", "HT6-cMAF-KO")) 1
```

Plot cell in colors but only for one of two samples

```
so$cell.type.control <- as.character(so$cell.type3)
so$cell.type.control[whichCells(so, expression = group == "HT6-cMAF-KO")]
<- "ZZ"
so$cell.type.control <- factor(so$cell.type.control, levels = c("Classical"
  "Mono", "Patrolling_Mono", "CD206+_IM", "CD206-_IM", "Mafb-independent"
  , "Unknown", "ZZ"))
Idents(so) <- "cell.type.control" 1
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```

```
pal4.control <- c(
  "black", # unknown
  "#F1F1F1", # grey for another sample
  "#B2DF8A", # MHCII IM
  "#33A02C", # CD206 IM
  "#FF7F00", # Mafb-neo
  "#A6CEE3", # cMo 1
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```

```

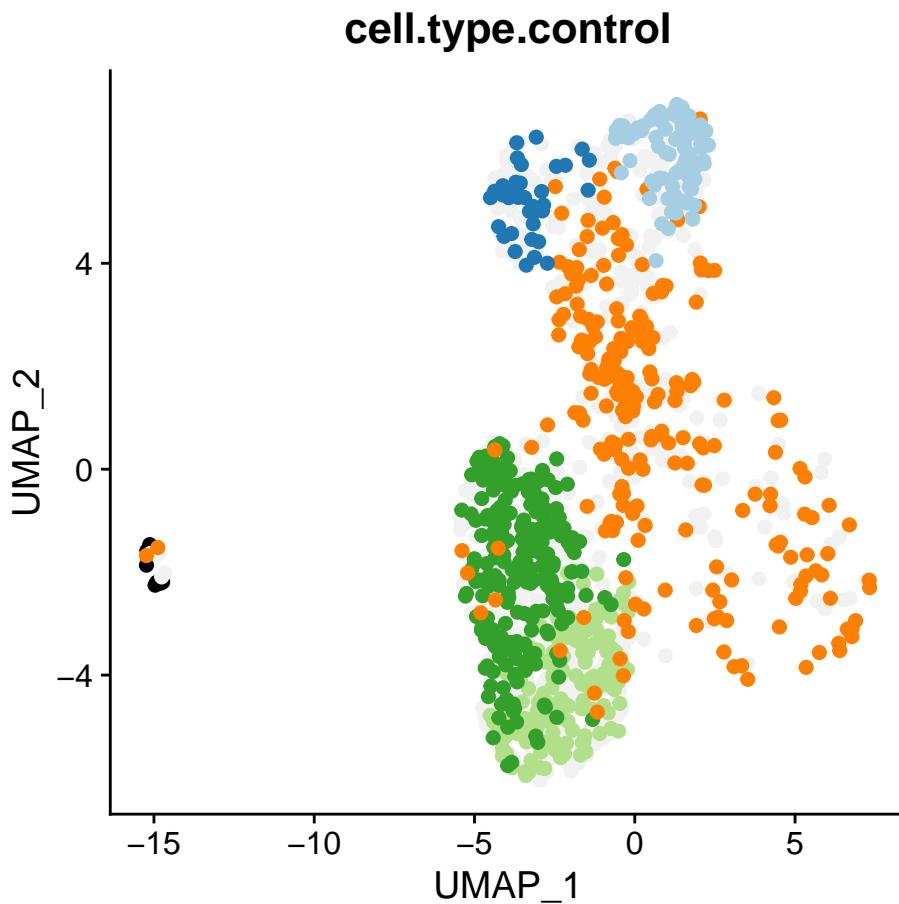
  "#1F78B4" # pMo
)

```

```

DimPlot(so, cols = pal4.control, group.by = "cell.type.control", pt.size =
  2,
order = c("IM", "Patrolling_Mono", "Classical_Mono", "Mafb-independent", "CD206+IM", "CD206-IM", "ZZ")
) + NoLegend()

```



```

ggsave(filename = "../Figures/UMAPplot_Ctl_(vscMafKO)_no_legend.pdf",
       width = 5, height = 5)

```

Plot Mafb-KO:

```

so$cell.type.cmafko <- as.character(so$cell.type3)
so$cell.type.cmafko[WhichCells(so, expression = group == "HT5-Control")]
  <- "ZZ"
so$cell.type.cmafko <- factor(so$cell.type.cmafko, levels = c("Classical_Mono", "Patrolling_Mono", "CD206+IM", "CD206-IM", "Mafb-independent", "Unknown", "ZZ"))
Idents(so) <- "cell.type.cmafko"

```

```

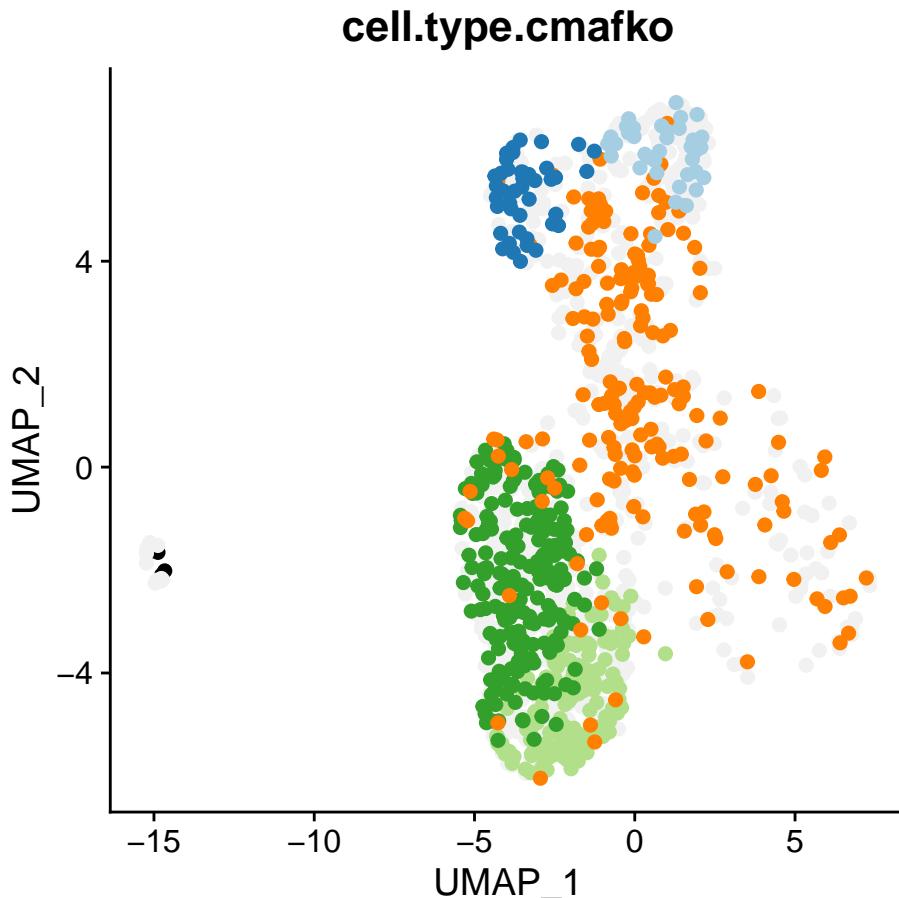
DimPlot(so, cols = pal4.control, group.by = "cell.type.cmafko", pt.size =
  2,

```

```

order = c("IM", "Patrolling_Mono", "Classical_Mono", "Mafb-independent", "
CD206+IM", "CD206-IM", "ZZ")
) + NoLegend()

```



```

ggsave(filename = "../Figures/UMAPplot_cMafKO_(vsControl)_no_legend.pdf",
       width = 5, height = 5)

```

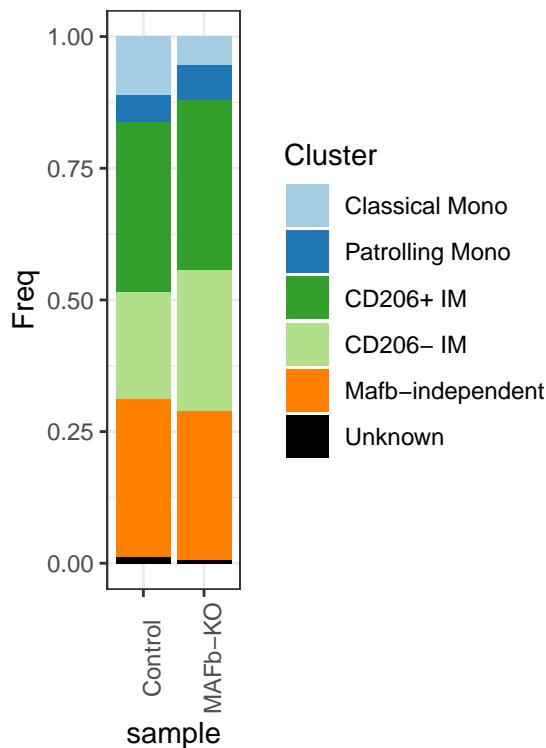
See population frequencies:

```

source("../R/SeuratFreqTable.R")
freq.celltype.list <- list(
  `Control` = Seurat2CellFreqTable(subset(so, subset = group == "HT5-
  Control"), slotName = "cell.type3"),
  `MAFb-KO` = Seurat2CellFreqTable(subset(so, subset = group == "HT6-cMAF-
  KO"), slotName = "cell.type3")
)

source("../R/barChart.R")
barChart(freq.celltype.list) + labs(fill = "Cluster") + scale_fill_manual(
  values = pal4) + theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90))

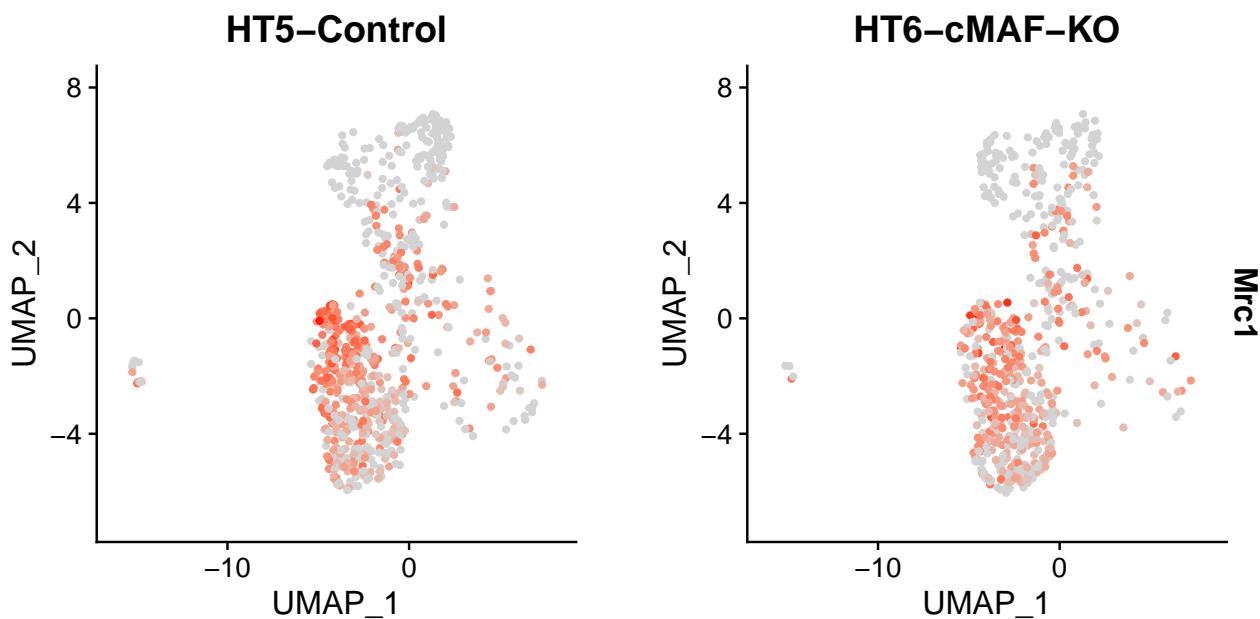
```



```
ggsave(filename = ".../Figures/Barplot_Ctl_cMafKO_population_frequency.pdf" 1
      ,  
      width = 3, height = 4) 2
```

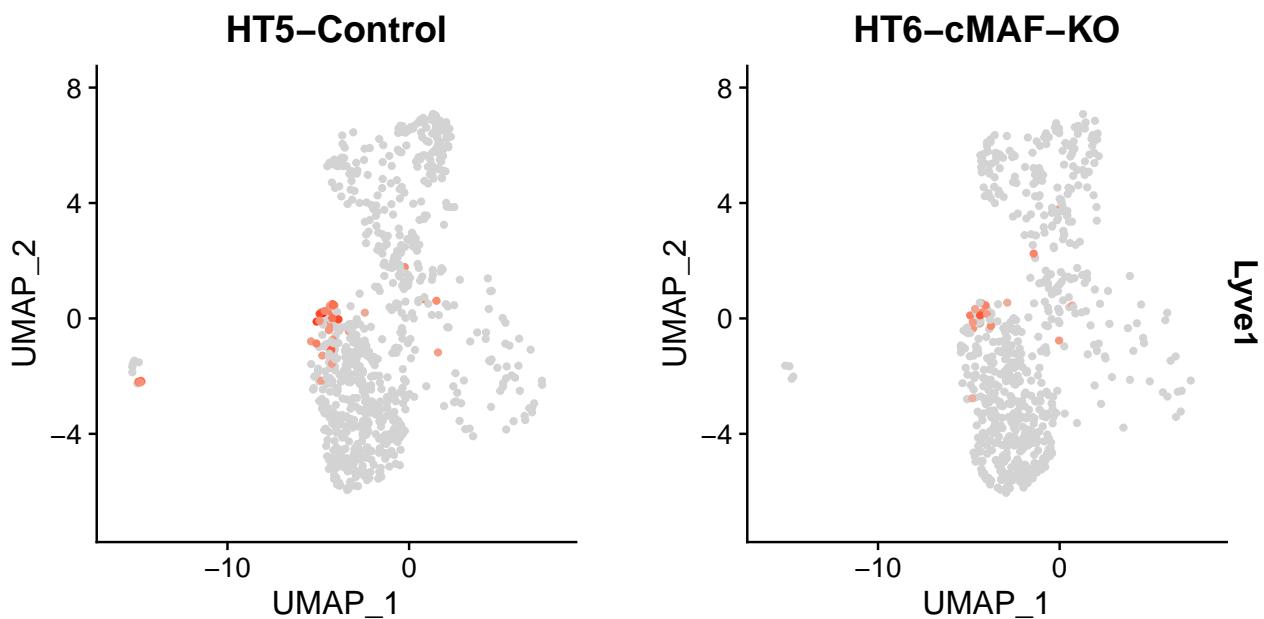
Show CD206+ IM markers

```
FeaturePlot(so, features = "Mrc1", cols = c("lightgray", "red"), min. 1
cutoff = 0.5, split.by = "group") 2
```



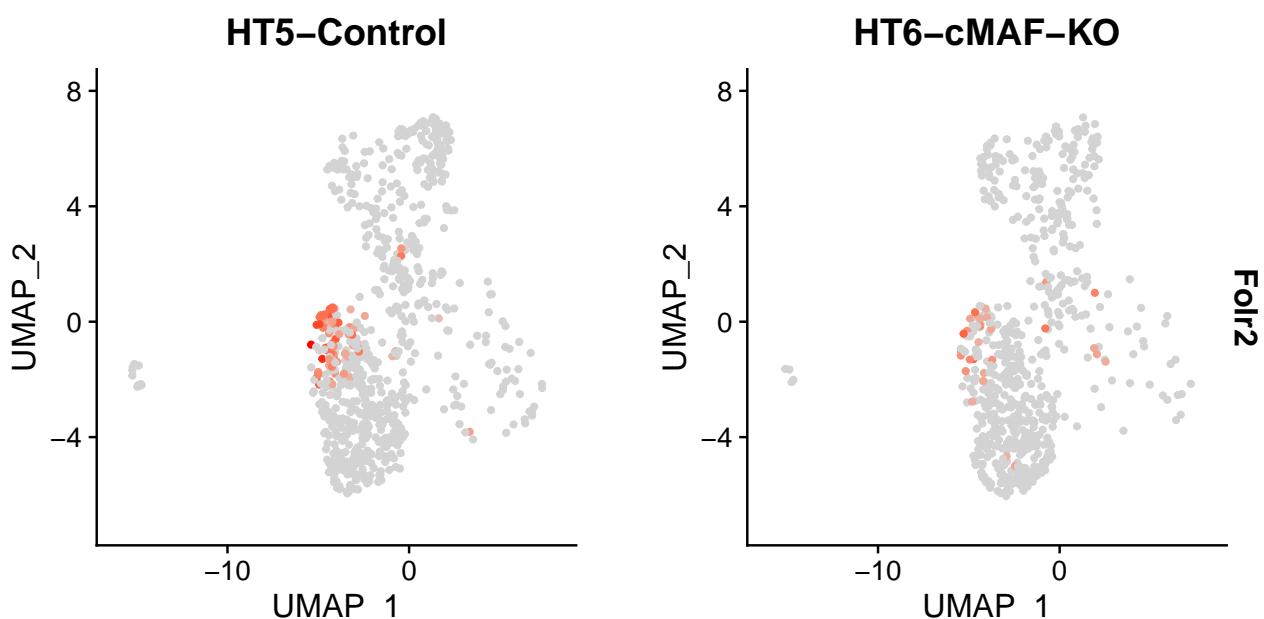
```
ggsave(filename = "../Figures/VlnPlot_Mrc1_in_cMafKO_Control.pdf", width = 1  
       8, height = 4)
```

```
FeaturePlot(so, features = "Lyve1", cols = c("lightgray", "red"), split.by =  
           "group")
```



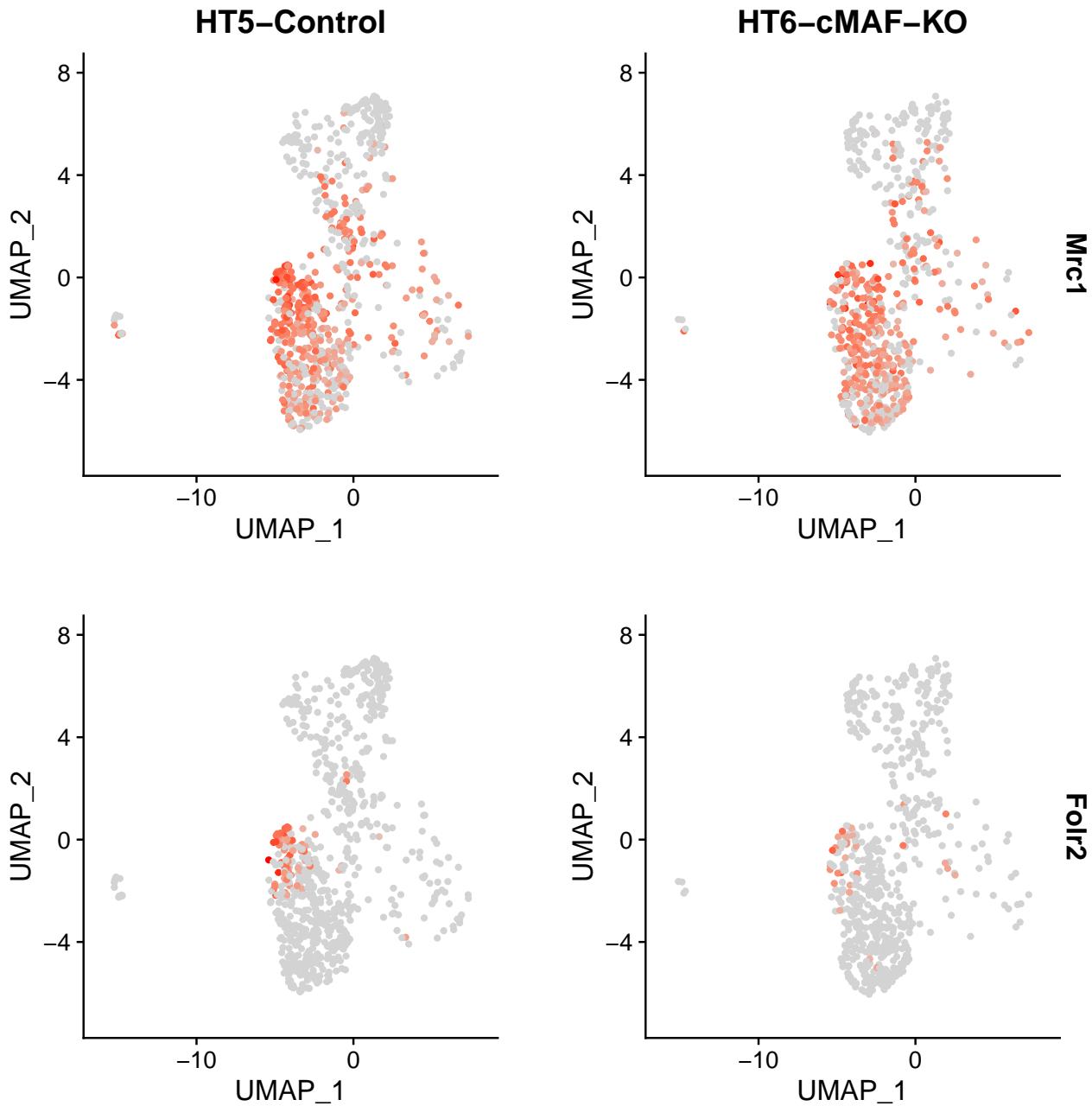
```
ggsave(filename = "../Figures/VlnPlot_Lyve1_in_cMafKO_control.pdf", width = 1  
       8, height = 4)
```

```
FeaturePlot(so, features = "Folr2", cols = c("lightgray", "red"), split.by =  
           "group")
```



```
ggsave(filename = "../Figures/VlnPlot_Folr2_in_cMafKO_control.pdf", width = 8, height = 4) 1
```

```
FeaturePlot(so, features = c("Mrc1", "Folr2"), cols = c("lightgray", "red"), split.by = "group") 1
```



```
ggsave(filename = "../Figures/Featureplot_Mrc1_Folr2_in_cMafKO_control.pdf", height = 8, width = 8) 1
```

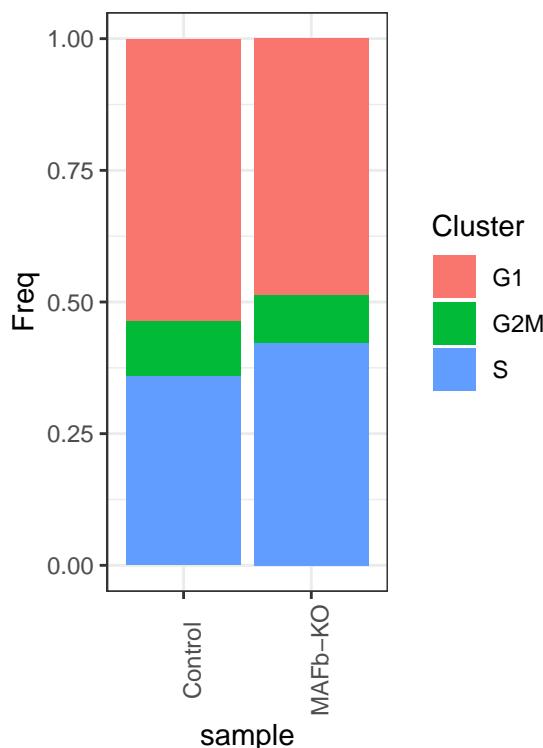
6 Proliferation comparison

```

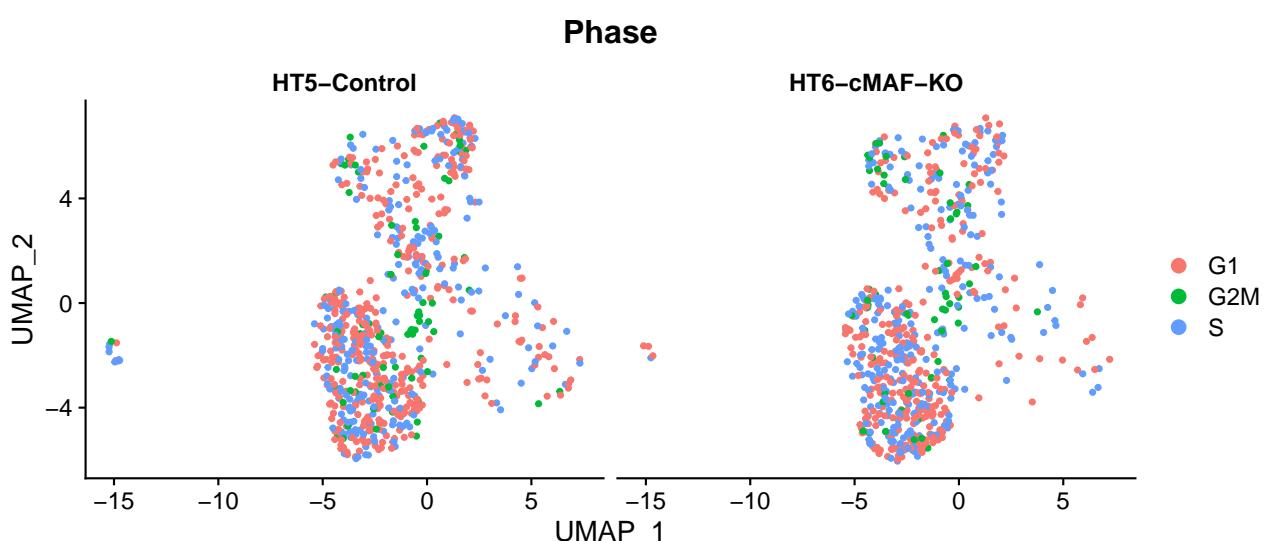
freq.celltype.list <- list(
  `Control` = Seurat2CellFreqTable(subset(so, subset = group == "HT5-
  Control"), slotName = "Phase"),
  `MAFb-KO` = Seurat2CellFreqTable(subset(so, subset = group == "HT6-cMAF-
  KO"), slotName = "Phase")
)

barChart(freq.celltype.list) + labs(fill = "Cluster") + theme(axis.text.x
= element_text(angle = 90))

```



```
DimPlot(so, group.by = "Phase", split.by = "group")
```



7 Comparison between cMAF-deficient IMs population and control IMs

Let's focus on the Mafb-deficient population in Mafb-deficient sample.

```
1 ims <- subset(so, subset = cell.type2 == "IM")
2 Idents(ims) <- "group"
```

7.1 DE genes between Mafb- neo and IM population

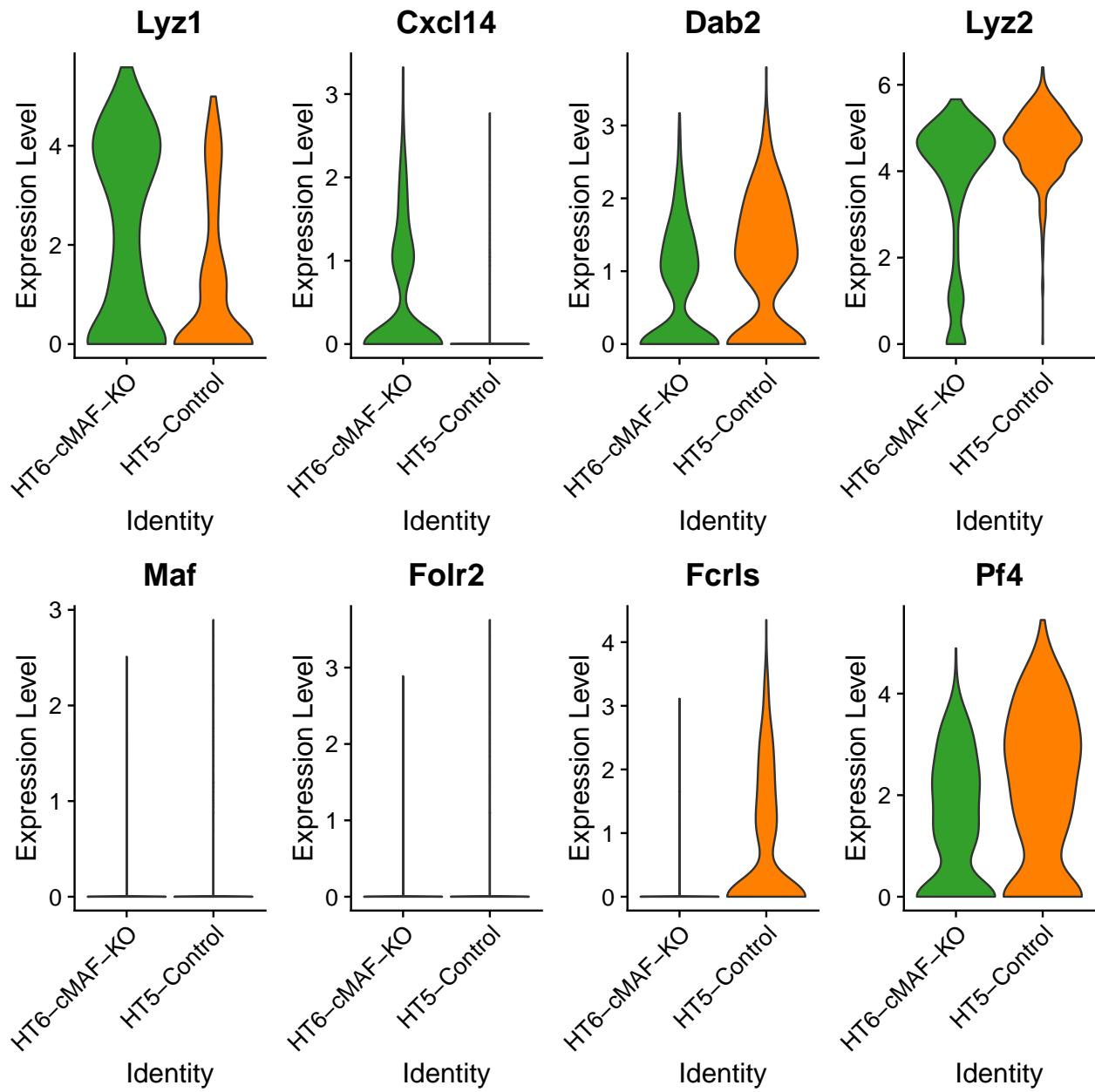
```
1 library(dplyr)
2 cMafKO_vs_IM <- FindMarkers(ims,
3                               ident.1 = "HT6-cMAF-KO",
4                               ident.2 = "HT5-Control",
5                               logfc.threshold = 0,
6                               verbose = FALSE)
7
8
9 # keep only adj p value < 0.05 and logFC > 0.5 as significant markers.
10 cMafKO_vs_IM.markers <- cMafKO_vs_IM[cMafKO_vs_IM$p_val_adj < 0.05 & abs(
11   cMafKO_vs_IM$avg_log2FC) > 0.5, ]
12 cMafKO_vs_IM.markers <- cMafKO_vs_IM.markers[order(cMafKO_vs_IM.markers$avg_log2FC, decreasing = TRUE), ]
13 nrow(cMafKO_vs_IM.markers)
```

```
## [1] 8
```

```
1 write.csv(cMafKO_vs_IM.markers ,file = "./cMAFKO_vs_IM.DEgenes.results.csv"
2   , quote = FALSE)
```

Show in vlnplot

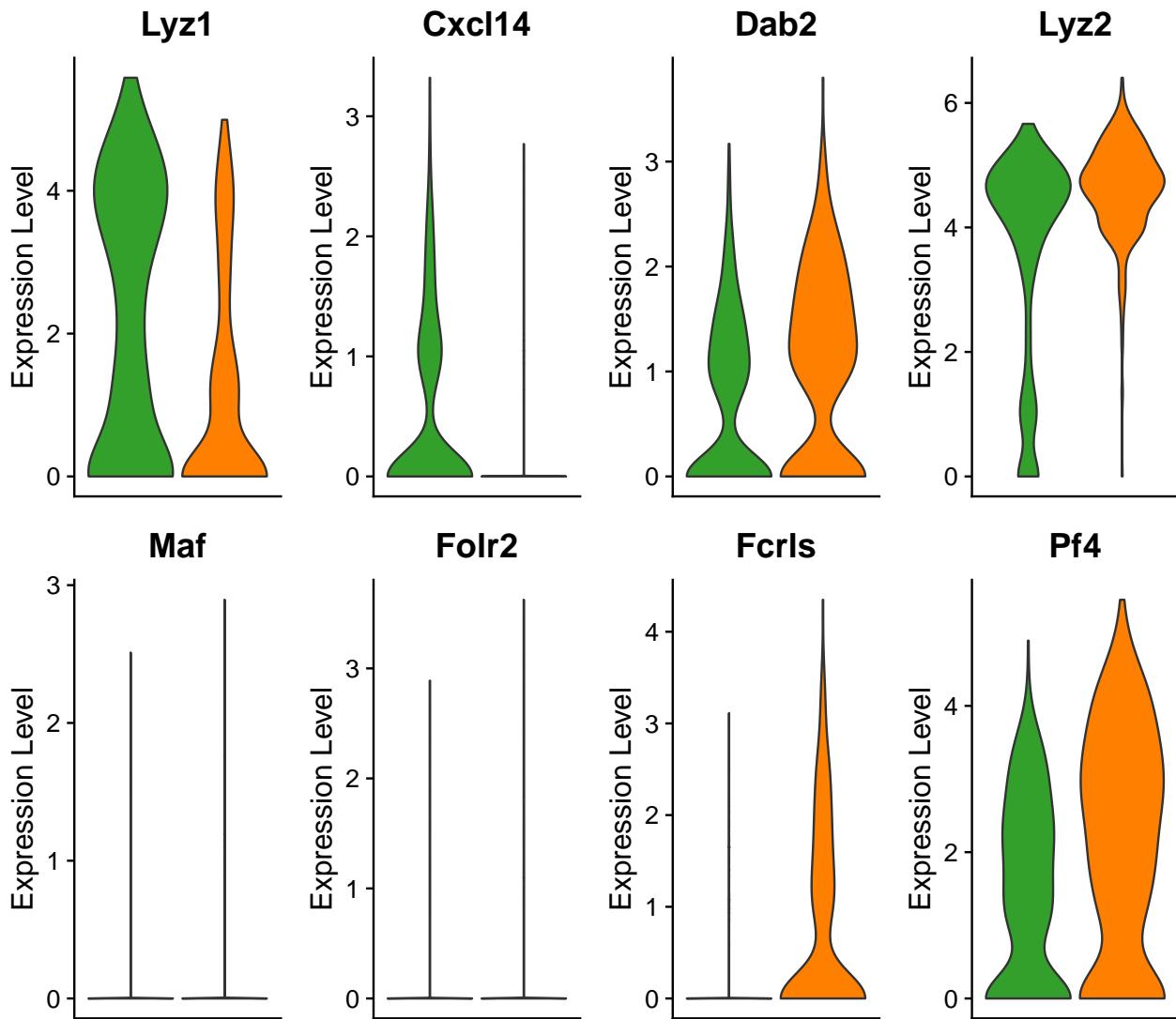
```
1 p <- VlnPlot(ims, features = c(rownames(cMafKO_vs_IM.markers)), cols = c(
2   "#33A02C", "#FF7F00"), ncol = 4, pt.size = 0)
3 p
```



Show vlnplot without label:

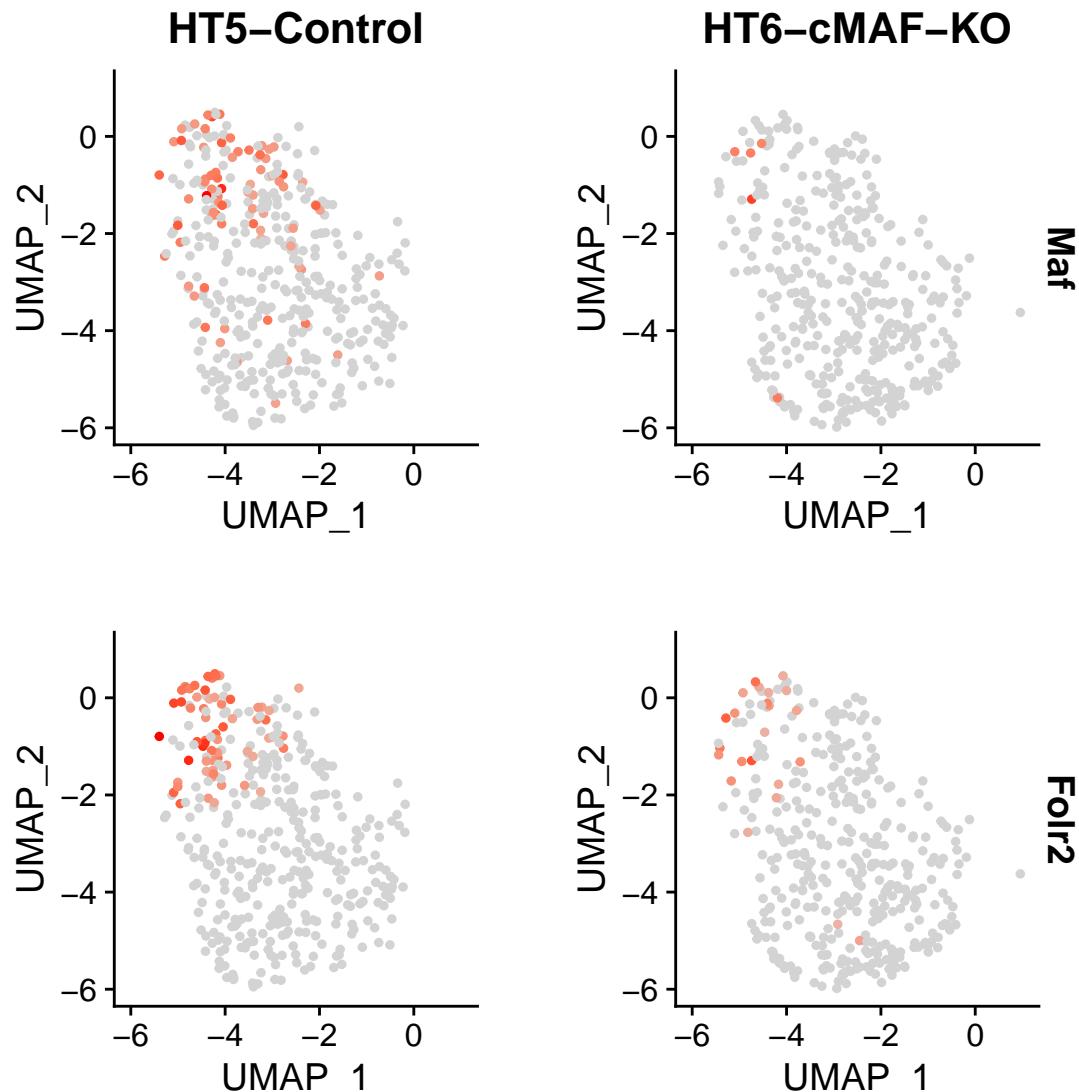
```
p & theme(axis.title.x=element_blank(),
          axis.text.x=element_blank(),
          axis.ticks.x=element_blank())
```

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```
ggsave(filename = "../Figures/Vlnplot_DE_genes_in_Ctrl_cMafKO.pdf",
       width = 8, height = 8)
```

```
FeaturePlot(ims, features = c("Maf", "Folr2"), split.by = "group", cols =
  c("lightgray", "red"))
```



7.1.1 Volcano plot of DE genes

```
suppressMessages({
  library(dplyr)
  library(ggrepel)
})
```

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Let's set a threshold of log2FC and p_val_adj and plot them all:

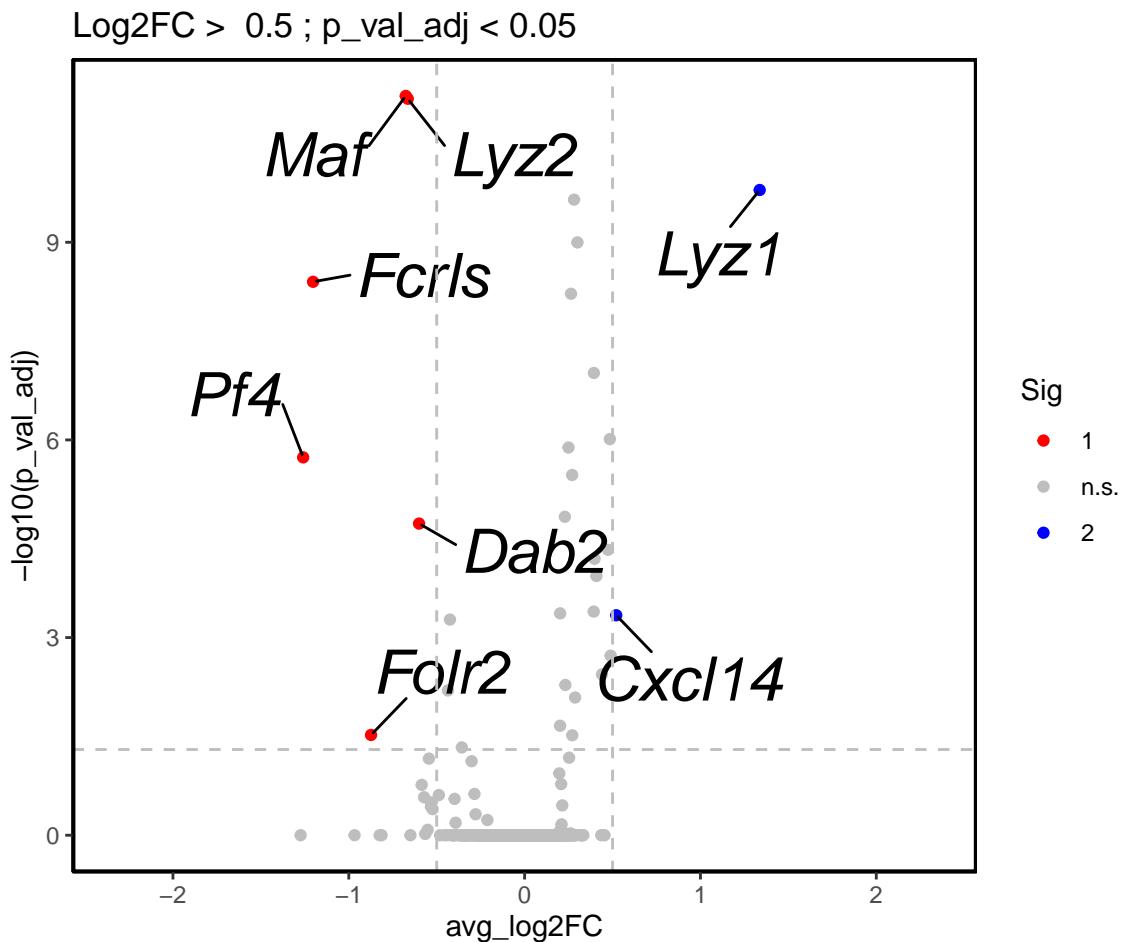
```
threshold.log2fc <- 0.5
threshold.adjp <- 0.05
cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano = mutate(cMafKO_vs_IM,
  Sig=ifelse((abs(cMafKO_vs_IM$avg_log2FC) > threshold.log2fc)&(cMafKO_vs_
  IM$p_val_adj < threshold.adjp), "Sig", "n.s."))
# add two colors to 2 sig lists
cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano$Sig [ cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano$avg_log2FC < -threshold.
  log2fc & cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano$p_val_adj < threshold.adjp ] <- "1"
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cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano$Sig [ cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano$avg_log2FC > threshold.
8   log2fc & cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano$p_val_adj < threshold.adjp ] <- "2"
9
cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano$Gene <- rownames(cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano)
10 Gene.to.show.ValcanoPlot <- rownames(cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano[cMafKO_vs_IM.
11   volcano$Sig != "n.s.", ])
12
p <- ggplot(cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano, aes(avg_log2FC, -log10(p_val_adj))) +
13   geom_point(aes(col=Sig)) + scale_color_manual(values=c(`1`="red",
14   `n.s.`="grey", `2`="blue"))
15
# set axis lim:
16 axis.lim <- max(abs(cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano$avg_log2FC)) + 1
17
18 p + geom_text_repel(data=filter(cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano, Gene %in% Gene.to.
  show.ValcanoPlot), size = 8, aes(label=Gene, fontface = "italic"), box.
  padding = 1) + xlim(c(-axis.lim, axis.lim)) + theme_classic() + theme(
  panel.border = element_rect(colour = "black", fill = NA, size = 1)) +
  geom_hline(yintercept = -log10(threshold.adjp), linetype='dashed', col =
  'grey') + geom_vline(xintercept = c(-threshold.log2fc, threshold.
  log2fc), linetype='dashed', col = 'grey') + ggtitle(paste("Log2FC > ", 
  threshold.log2fc, "; p_val_adj < ", threshold.adjp))

```



```

write.csv(cMafKO_vs_IM.volcano[Gene.to.show.ValcanoPlot, ] %>% arrange(., 1
desc(avg_log2FC)) ,
          file = paste("./Mafb-deficient_vs_IM.DEgenes.Log2FC", threshold. 2
log2fc, ".adjPval", threshold.adjp, ".results.csv", sep = "") )

```

```

ggsave(filename = "../Figures/VolcanoPlot_DE_IM_ctrl_vs_cMafKO.pdf", 1
width = 6, height = 5) 2

```

8 Session information

R sesssion:

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sessionInfo()	1
## R version 4.0.3 (2020-10-10)	1
## Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu (64-bit)	2
## Running under: Ubuntu 20.04.3 LTS	3
##	4
## Matrix products: default	5
## BLAS: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/libblas.so.3	6
## LAPACK: /usr/lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/openblas-pthread/liblapack.so.3	7
##	8
## locale:	9
## [1] LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8 LC_NUMERIC=C	10
## [3] LC_TIME=en_GB.UTF-8 LC_COLLATE=en_US.UTF-8	11
## [5] LC_MONETARY=en_GB.UTF-8 LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8	12
## [7] LC_PAPER=en_GB.UTF-8 LC_NAME=C	13
## [9] LC_ADDRESS=C LC_TELEPHONE=C	14
## [11] LC_MEASUREMENT=en_GB.UTF-8 LC_IDENTIFICATION=C	15
##	16
## attached base packages:	17
## [1] stats graphics grDevices utils datasets methods base	18
##	19
## other attached packages:	20
## [1] ggrepel_0.9.1 dplyr_1.0.8 RColorBrewer_1.1-2 ggplot2_3 21 .3.5	
## [5] SeuratObject_4.0.4 Seurat_4.1.0	22
##	23
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):	24
## [1] ggbeeswarm_0.6.0 Rtsne_0.15 colorspace_2.0-3	25
## [4] deldir_1.0-6 ellipsis_0.3.2 ggridges_0.5.3	26
## [7] rstudioapi_0.13 spatstat.data_2.1-2 farver_2.1.0	27
## [10] leiden_0.3.9 listenv_0.8.0 RSpectra_0.16-0	28
## [13] fansi_1.0.2 codetools_0.2-18 splines_4.0.3	29
## [16] knitr_1.37 polyclip_1.10-0 jsonlite_1.7.3	30
## [19] Cairo_1.5-14 ica_1.0-2 cluster_2.1.0	31
## [22] png_0.1-7 uwot_0.1.11 shiny_1.7.1	32
## [25] sctransform_0.3.3 spatstat.sparse_2.1-0 compiler_4.0.3	33
## [28] httr_1.4.2 assertthat_0.2.1 Matrix_1.4-0	34
## [31] fastmap_1.1.0 lazyeval_0.2.2 limma_3.46.0	35
## [34] cli_3.2.0 later_1.3.0 htmltools_0.5.2	36
## [37] tools_4.0.3 igraph_1.2.11 gtable_0.3.0	37

## [40] glue_1.6.1	RANN_2.6.1	reshape2_1.4.4	38
## [43] Rcpp_1.0.8	scattermore_0.8	vctrs_0.3.8	39
## [46] nlme_3.1-155	lmtest_0.9-39	spatstat.random_2.1-0	40
## [49] xfun_0.29	stringr_1.4.0	globals_0.14.0	41
## [52] mime_0.12	miniUI_0.1.1.1	lifecycle_1.0.1	42
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