

Pathogen strategies can be identified using KEGG Pathway analysis

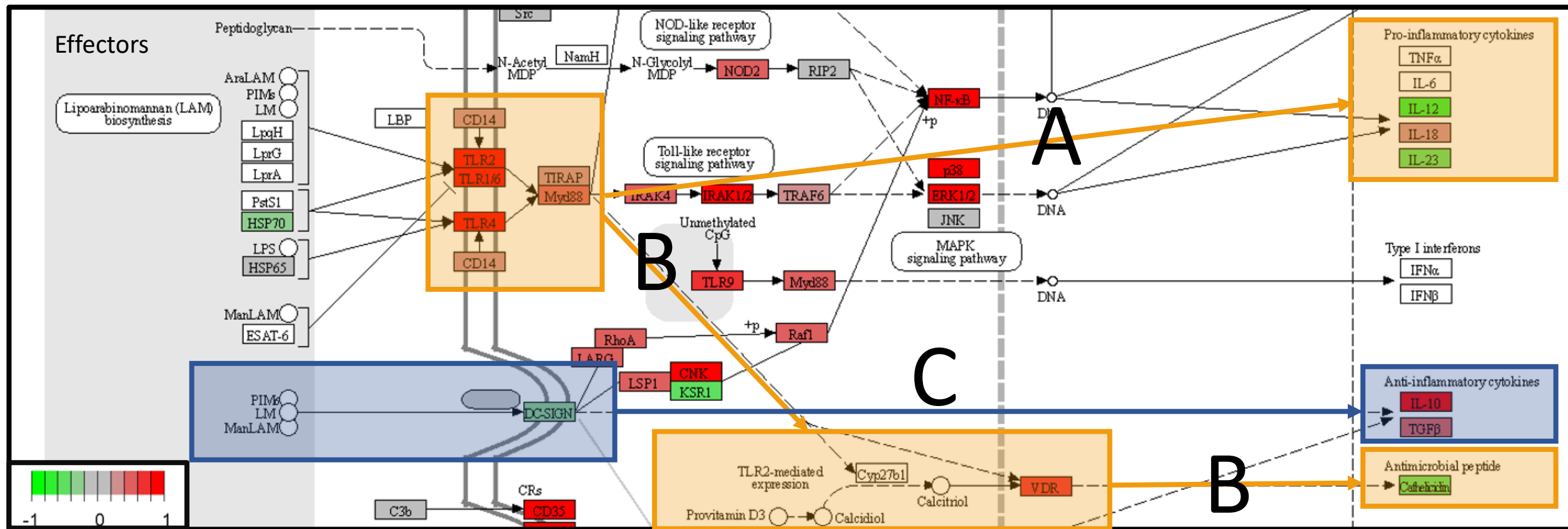


Figure: Gene enrichment analysis mapped on tuberculosis KEGG pathway diagram

- (B)** Upregulation of the Toll-like-receptors2, 4 and 1/6 by mycobacterium tuberculosis leads to downstream upregulation of Cyp27b1 and Vitamin D receptor (VDR). Cyp27b1 leads to increased metabolism of calcidiol to calcitriol, which binds VDR and leads to downregulation of the antimicrobial peptide cathelicidin. (orange)
- (A)** The same TLRs lead to downregulation of pro-inflammatory cytokines (IL-12, IL-23) via a signaling pathway including IRAK family proteins. (orange)
- (C)** Through a different receptor (DC-SIGN), anti-inflammatory cytokines are upregulated. The change in inflammatory cytokine balance may lead to lower response of the immune system, as the inflammation is contained to some extent. (blue)

→ This shows characteristics of tuberculosis infection strategy, as immune response loses potency (B) and inflammation is suppressed (A & C).