

**Germline but macrophage-tropic *CYBB* mutations
in kindreds with X-linked predisposition to tuberculous mycobacterial diseases**

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44 **Abstract**

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46 Germline mutations in the human *CYBB* gene, encoding the gp91^{phox} subunit of the
47 phagocyte NADPH oxidase, impair the respiratory burst of all types of phagocytes and result in
48 X-linked chronic granulomatous disease. We report two kindreds in which otherwise healthy
49 male adults show X-linked recessive Mendelian susceptibility to mycobacterial diseases. These
50 patients harbor novel mutations in *CYBB* that profoundly reduce the respiratory burst in
51 monocyte-derived macrophages, but not in monocytes or granulocytes. The macrophage-specific
52 functional consequences of the germline mutation result from the cell-specific impairment of
53 NADPH oxidase assembly. This “experiment of nature” indicates that *CYBB* is a Mendelian
54 mycobacterial susceptibility gene and demonstrates that the respiratory burst in human
55 macrophages is a crucial mechanism for protective immunity to tuberculous mycobacteria.

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68 Tuberculosis is a leading public health problem worldwide and the study of genetic
69 predisposition to tuberculosis is a promising avenue of research^{1,2}. Mendelian susceptibility to
70 mycobacterial disease (MSMD; MIM 209950) is a rare syndrome, resulting in predisposition to
71 clinical disease caused by weakly virulent mycobacterial species, such as tuberculous
72 *Mycobacterium bovis* Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccines and non-tuberculous,
73 environmental mycobacteria^{1,3}. These patients are also vulnerable to more virulent *M.*
74 *tuberculosis*². Five disease-causing autosomal genes (*IFNGR1*, *IFNGR2*, *STAT1*, *IL12RB1* and
75 *IL12B*) and one X-linked gene (*NEMO*) have been found³. Allelic heterogeneity accounts for the
76 existence of 13 distinct disorders, all of which impair IFN- γ -mediated immunity. The genetic
77 etiology of about half of the patients with MSMD however remains unclear. We previously
78 reported four maternally related French male patients (kindred A, P1 to P4) presenting a second
79 X-linked recessive form of MSMD⁴ (XR-MSMD-2) (**Fig. 1a**). The patients had recurrent or
80 disseminated tuberculous mycobacterial disease: BCG-disease in three patients (MSMD *sensu*
81 *stricto*) and tuberculosis in one (not vaccinated by BCG). We recently identified another French
82 kindred with XR-MSMD; the three male patients of this kindred (kindred B, P5 to P7) had BCG-
83 disease. In patients from both kindreds, there was no distinguishable immunological phenotype
84 and the known etiologies of MSMD, including, in particular, mutations in X-linked *NEMO*⁵, were
85 excluded, suggesting that the two kindreds may share a new XR genetic etiology of MSMD.

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91 **Results**

92 ***CYBB* mutations associated with MSMD**

93 Multipoint linkage analysis in the two kindreds (**Methods** and **Supplementary**
94 **information**) gave a maximal LOD score of 2.29 for two candidate regions on Xp11.3-Xp21.1
95 (13.83 Mb) and Xq25-Xq26.3 (11.79 Mb) (**Supplementary Fig. 1a**). Known X-linked primary
96 immunodeficiencies (PIDs) were previously excluded on clinical and immunological grounds in
97 both kindreds. We nonetheless sequenced the coding region of the PID-causing genes present in
98 these two chromosomal intervals, using DNA isolated from the two probands (P4 in kindred A
99 and P5 in kindred B). No mutations were found in *TNFSF5*, encoding CD40L (CD154)⁶ but a
100 nucleotide substitution (A->C) in the codon for amino acid position 231, resulting in the
101 replacement of a glutamine by a proline residue (Q231P), was found in exon 7 of *CYBB* in P4
102 from kindred A (**Fig. 1a** and **b**). A nucleotide substitution (A->C) in the codon for amino acid
103 position 178, resulting in the replacement of a threonine by a proline residue (T178P), was found
104 in exon 6 of *CYBB* in P5 from kindred B (**Fig. 1a** and **b**). Mutations of *CYBB* are commonly
105 associated with chronic granulomatous disease (CGD)⁷. In both kindreds, the clinically affected
106 male subjects were all hemizygous for the mutant allele, whereas the other maternally related,
107 healthy male subjects tested were not. The eleven obligate female carriers tested in the two
108 kindreds were heterozygous, including an 90-year-old woman with a history of severe
109 tuberculosis (H1), as well as four other female subjects (**Fig. 1a**). The strict familial co-
110 segregation of the *CYBB* genotype and the MSMD phenotype (extended to tuberculosis) in the
111 male subjects alive from both kindreds suggested that the *CYBB* mutations were responsible for
112 disease. The mutations must have been transmitted by the male founders of both kindreds in
113 generation I, although they did not display MSMD (**Fig. 1a**). These men however lived in France
114 before the introduction of routine BCG vaccination in children, at a time at which tuberculosis

115 was already declining. The Q231P and T178P *CYBB* alleles were not found in any of 1,300 X
116 chromosomes from 52 ethnic groups (in the HGDP-CEPH panel), including 240 European
117 chromosomes. Moreover, the two mutations are non-conservative, both substituting a Proline
118 which is particularly disruptive (**Fig. 1c**), and affect residues that are conserved in the 33 animal
119 species studied (**Supplementary Fig. 1b**). Finally, these two mutations have not previously been
120 associated with CGD, a well known PID which is associated with multiple bacterial and fungal
121 infectious diseases, including tuberculous mycobacterial diseases⁷⁻¹³ (**Supplementary**
122 **information**). All these observations are thus consistent with the Q231P and T178P *CYBB*
123 mutations being responsible for XR-MSMD-2 in these two kindreds.

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125 **Normal NADPH oxidase activity in circulating phagocytes**

126 *CYBB* encodes the β chain of flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈, also known as gp91^{phox} or NOX2, an
127 essential element of the nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADPH) oxidase complex
128 (PHOX) in phagocytes, such as granulocytes, monocytes, and macrophages. It is also expressed,
129 but to a lesser extent, in other cells, such as dendritic cells and B lymphocytes. In all phagocytes
130 of patients with CGD or “variant CGD”, the production of reactive oxygen species (ROS) is
131 inadequate. To solve the paradox of *CYBB* mutations in two kindreds with MSMD but apparently
132 not CGD or “variant CGD” (**Supplementary information**), we therefore investigated in depth
133 the respiratory burst in our patients bearing the Q231P or T178P *CYBB* mutation. P4 displayed
134 normal O₂⁻ and H₂O₂ production in polymorphonuclear neutrophils (PMNs), as revealed by the
135 reduction of nitroblue tetrazolium (NBT) in response to endotoxin (LPS) and *Staphylococcus*
136 *epidermidis* (data not shown and ⁴). Moreover, the chemiluminescence of PMNs (a marker of
137 both O₂⁻ and H₂O₂ concentrations) stimulated with 4-beta-phorbol 12-beta-myristate 13-alpha-
138 acetate (PMA) was also normal⁴. O₂⁻ production in PMNs from the five patients tested,

139 stimulated with PMA in the presence or absence of catalase, was assessed by superoxide
140 dismutase-inhibitable cytochrome-*c* reduction (a specific method for O_2^- determination). O_2^-
141 production was in the normal range, even at early time points, and proportional to the number of
142 PMNs tested, even in the presence of catalase (**Fig. 2a** and **Supplementary Fig. 2a** and **2b**).
143 PMNs from the six patients tested also released H_2O_2 normally in response to PMA¹⁴ (**Fig. 2b**
144 and **Supplementary Fig. 2c**). Following PMA treatment O_2^- -dependent cytochrome-*c* reduction
145 in monocytes from the six patients tested was normal (**Fig. 2a** and **Supplementary Fig. 2d** and
146 **2e**). Similar amounts of H_2O_2 were released after PMA activation of the monocytes from the five
147 patients tested and healthy controls, contrasting with the defect seen in monocytes from CGD
148 patients (**Fig. 2b** and **Supplementary Fig. 2f**). PMNs and monocytes from four heterozygous
149 female subjects responded like control cells (**Supplementary Fig. 2f**). In addition, functional
150 respiratory burst activity was assessed by flow cytometry, using dihydrorhodamine 123 (DHR) to
151 measure intracellular levels of H_2O_2 production. PMNs and monocytes from P4 (kindred A) and
152 P5 (kindred B) stimulated with PMA were normal (**Fig. 2c** and **Supplementary Fig. 2g**).
153 Moreover, PMNs from P4 and P5 responded normally to milder activation involving priming
154 with low concentrations of TNF, IL-1 β or cytochalasin b, followed by fMLF stimulation (**Fig. 2d**
155 and **Supplementary Fig. 2h**). Thus, blood PMNs and monocytes from the six patients bearing
156 the Q231P or T178P *CYBB* allele tested showed a normal respiratory burst in peripheral blood
157 PMNs and monocytes, as assessed by diverse assays of O_2^- production and H_2O_2 release. Finally,
158 we searched for subtle functional defects that might have been missed by the previous
159 experiments, by evaluating the *in vitro* killing of *Staphylococcus aureus* by granulocytes from
160 one patient from each kindred. Their granulocytes killed *S. aureus* normally, unlike granulocytes
161 from patients with CGD, in which *S. aureus* is the leading pathogen (**Fig. 2e**). These findings

162 confirm previous investigations of these patients' respiratory burst⁴ and are consistent with the
163 absence of clinical features typically associated with CGD and "variant CGD", including
164 staphylococcal disease, even in affected adults of advanced age from kindreds A and B (**Fig. 1a**)
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167 **Impaired NADPH oxidase activity in macrophages**

168 In turn, these findings raised the question of whether the two *CYBB* alleles were
169 pathogenic at all in the two kindreds with MSMD. We thus investigated the cellular basis of
170 mycobacterial disease in these patients by assessing the oxidative function of their monocyte-
171 derived macrophages (MDMs)^{15,16}. Indeed, tissue phagocytes, macrophages in particular, are the
172 natural hosts of mycobacteria in the course of infection and disease. After 14 to 15 days of
173 culture in the presence of M-CSF to generate MDMs, H₂O₂ was clearly detectable when control
174 MDMs were cultured for 16 to 18 hours with live BCG or PPD (purified protein derivative from
175 *M. tuberculosis*) before PMA stimulation (**Supplementary Fig. 3a**). In the same conditions,
176 macrophages from CGD patients, P1, P2, P3, and P4 (Q231P, kindred A), released no detectable
177 H₂O₂. In similar conditions, but using interferon- γ (IFN- γ) rather than BCG or PPD, Q231P
178 macrophages also did not respond normally to the PMA trigger (**Supplementary Fig. 3a**). M-
179 CSF-differentiated macrophages from P5 (T178P, kindred B) displayed a milder phenotype, as
180 they released low, or in some conditions normal amounts of H₂O₂ (**Supplementary Fig. 3a**). We
181 also studied formazan granule deposition due to the reduction of NBT, as a sensitive indicator of
182 O₂⁻ production in individual macrophages derived from M-CSF-cultured monocytes. Only a very
183 small fraction of BCG- or PPD-activated and PMA-triggered macrophages (less than 5%) from
184 the four patients bearing the Q231P allele reduced NBT (**Supplementary Fig. 3b**). A larger

185 fraction of macrophages from P5 bearing the T178P allele reduced NBT, but were strongly
186 positive in less than 50%. As tissue macrophages from the patients were not available, we next
187 tested MDMs derived *in vitro* in two conditions thought to reflect *in vivo* differentiation. We
188 cultured MDMs with M-CSF alone for 7 days, and added LPS plus IFN- γ or IL-4. After 14 to 15
189 days of culture, MDMs (in any culture condition) from both P4 (kindred A) and P5 (kindred B)
190 were unable to release detectable H₂O₂, in contrast to control cells (**Fig. 3**, and **Supplementary**
191 **Fig. 3c**). Thus, unlike blood granulocytes and monocytes, MDMs bearing the Q231P or the
192 T178P *CYBB* allele, in multiple conditions of *in vitro* differentiation and conditions of
193 stimulation, showed impairment of the respiratory burst, which was almost abolished for Q231P
194 and severely impaired for T178P. We could not test the respiratory burst of the patients'
195 macrophages *in vivo* or *ex vivo*. We characterized the patients' macrophage defect further, by
196 assessing the growth of BCG within MDMs derived *in vitro* from two patients (P4 and P6) and
197 ten healthy controls. As assessed by counting CFU, the patients' MDMs controlled BCG
198 significantly less well than control MDMs on day 14 (p=0.06), and this difference was even more
199 marked on day 21 (p=0.003) (**Supplementary information** and **Supplementary Fig. 4**). No
200 such difference was observed in the presence of exogenous IFN- γ . These data provide a plausible
201 mechanism for the co-segregation of the patients' *CYBB* mutation, their macrophage respiratory
202 burst defect and their mycobacterial disease. As mycobacteria reside within macrophages *in vivo*,
203 our *in vitro* experiments showing that MDMs in patients from each of the two kindreds display
204 impairment of both the respiratory burst and of the control of BCG growth provide a plausible
205 cellular basis for the occurrence of mycobacterial diseases in patients with XR-MSMD-2.

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207 **Impaired NADPH oxidase activity in EBV-B cells**

208 *CYBB* is expressed in some B cells. Although irrelevant to the pathogenesis of XR-
209 MSMD-2, as B cell-deficient patients are not prone to mycobacterial diseases^{17,18}, we made use
210 of this property to try to characterize the effects of the mutant *CYBB* alleles in Epstein Barr Virus
211 (EBV)-transformed B-cell lines (EBV-B cells)¹⁹. Upon activation with PMA, EBV-B cells from
212 22 unrelated healthy individuals and nine male members of kindred A not carrying the Q231P
213 *CYBB* mutation were capable of producing O₂⁻ (**Fig. 4a** and **Supplementary Fig. 5**). However,
214 EBV-B cells from kindreds A and B (P1 to P7), like cells from XR-CGD patients, produced no
215 detectable O₂ (**Fig. 4a** and **Supplementary Fig. 5**). We then measured the release of H₂O₂ by
216 EBV-B cells from P1 to P7 upon stimulation with various concentrations of PMA for various
217 periods of time. None of the EBV-B cells from the seven patients released any detectable H₂O₂,
218 like XR-CGD patients (**Fig. 4b**). Only 1 to 3% of the cells from the patients (P1 to P7) reduced
219 NBT to formazan upon activation with PMA (**Fig. 4c**). EBV-B cells, MDMs therefore shared a
220 similar cellular phenotype. We transiently transfected EBV-B cells from a healthy control, a
221 patient with XR-CGD, P4 (kindred A), or P5 (kindred B) with plasmid-encoded wild-type or
222 mutant *CYBB*, to determine whether the Q231P and T178P alleles were functionally
223 hypomorphic. We then assessed the functional reconstitution of the respiratory burst in assays of
224 NBT reduction. Forty-eight hours after transfection with wild-type *CYBB*, 10 to 13% of the cells
225 from a patient with XR-CGD, P4, or P5 reduced NBT, but neither mock transfection nor
226 transfection with either mutant *CYBB* had this effect (data not shown). We also established stable
227 transfectants by means of a retroviral vector, and quantified the respiratory burst by assessing
228 H₂O₂ release. Stable transfection with WT *CYBB* allele complemented the defect in Q231P,
229 T178P EBV-B cells indicating the restoration of a functional respiratory burst in Q231P, T178P
230 and XR-CGD EBV-B cells transduced with wild-type *CYBB* (**Fig. 4d**); however, no
231 complementation of the cellular phenotype (no detectable respiratory burst) was observed after

232 transduction of XR-CGD cells transduced with the Q231P or T178P allele (**Fig. 4d**). Thus, EBV-
233 B cells from these patients had an impaired respiratory burst because they carried the Q231P or
234 T178P *CYBB* allele. A lack of respiratory burst in peripheral B cells, by inference from EBV-B
235 cells, would not account for MSMD^{17,18}, but we demonstrate a causal relationship between two
236 mutants hemizygous for Q231P or T178P *CYBB* mutations and impairment of the respiratory
237 burst likely also applies to the patients' MDMs (M-CSF + IL4) (e.g. **Fig. 3**), which could account
238 for the clinical phenotype of MSMD. In contrast, these *CYBB* alleles did not impair the
239 respiratory burst of PMNs or monocytes (**Fig. 2** and **Supplementary Fig. 2**), explaining the lack
240 of the CGD or "variant CGD" phenotype in the patients.

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242 **Impaired gp91^{phox} expression in macrophages**

243 The observed impairment of the functional respiratory burst in the patients' EBV-B cells
244 and MDMs but not in PMNs or monocytes was investigated. The amount of *CYBB* mRNA was
245 determined by real-time RT-PCR in four cell types from the five patients from two kindreds
246 tested and was found to be similar to that in 5_healthy controls (**Supplementary Fig. 6a** and **6b**).
247 We next investigated the cell-specific impact of the germline Q231P and T178P *CYBB* mutations
248 by assessing gp91^{phox} expression in the corresponding cells by immunoblotting with three specific
249 antibodies (recognizing different epitopes on the gp91^{phox} protein) and increasing amounts of
250 proteins. PMNs produced the mutant protein Q231P gp91^{phox} in diminished but detectable
251 amounts (**Fig. 5a**, **Supplementary Fig. 6c**). Experiments with the antibody 54.1 suggested that
252 PMNs produced almost normal amounts of T178P gp91^{phox}, whereas experiments with the other
253 two antibodies suggested that this protein was produced in smaller amounts, perhaps reflecting
254 the nature of the epitopes recognized (**Fig. 5a** and **Supplementary Fig. 6c**). Mutant Q231P
255 protein levels were similarly low in monocytes, in which mutant T178P protein levels were also

256 reduced but less affected (**Fig. 5a, 5b**). Interestingly, the gp91^{phox} protein expression defect for
257 the Q231P and T178P mutant gp91^{phox} was much more pronounced in MDMs (**Fig. 5b**),
258 correlating with the greater defect in the respiratory burst in this cell type (**Fig. 3** and
259 **Supplementary Fig. 3**). However, a species migrating at 65 kDa was detected in the Q231P and
260 T178P macrophage samples (**Fig. 5b**). This size corresponds to the high mannose gp65 precursor
261 of gp91^{phox}, which may be more stable in macrophages compared to monocytes or macrophages,
262 as has previously been reported for EBV-B cells^{20,21}. This species is normally only transiently
263 present in the endoplasmic reticulum prior to heme incorporation and heterodimer formation with
264 p22^{phox}, which is followed by additional carbohydrate processing of the CYBB subunit in the
265 Golgi to the mature gp91^{phox} of \approx 91 kDa and ultimate targeting of flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈ to post-
266 biosynthetic membrane compartments²²⁻²⁶. The gp65 species was also detected in an XR-CGD
267 patient (**Fig. 5b**) with an L365P mutation in the flavin binding domain, but lacks gp91^{phox}
268 expression and neutrophil oxidase activity²⁷. The presence of the gp65 intermediate suggests that
269 these alleles are associated with impaired formation of the flavocytochrome b heterodimer, which
270 is required for maturation of gp65 to gp91^{phox}. Finally, we did not have access to fresh tissue
271 macrophages, but assessed gp91^{phox} production in the macrophages present in lymph node biopsy
272 samples from two patients by immunohistochemistry (**Supplementary Fig. 6d** and **6e**). Impaired
273 gp91^{phox} production was seen in macrophages from P4 (Q231P), as in lymph nodes from CGD
274 patients, but not in healthy controls. Residual gp91^{phox} production was detected in tissue PMNs
275 from P4. As expected, gp91^{phox} was detected in both PMNs and macrophages from P5 (T178P).
276 Altogether, these data indicate that the patients' defect of gp91^{phox} expression is more pronounced
277 in macrophages compared to neutrophils and monocytes, and overall more severe for the Q231P
278 *CYBB* allele.

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280 **Impaired gp91^{phox} expression in EBV-B cells**

281 We also tested EBV-B cells from a healthy control, XR-CGD (in this case, carrying a
282 complete deletion of the *CYBB* allele), and the Q231P and T178P patients, and the same cells
283 transduced by wild-type or one of the mutant *CYBB* alleles (**Fig. 5c**). Clearly, the two mutant
284 *CYBB* alleles are poorly expressed in EBV-B cells, in which the 91 kDa form of gp91^{phox} was
285 barely detectable in cells derived from patients or following transduction of XR-CGD cells with
286 retroviral vectors for expression of the mutant *CYBB* alleles. Again, a 65 kDa species
287 corresponding to the high mannose precursor of the mature 91 kDa form of gp91^{phox} was detected
288 for each of the Q231P and T178P mutant alleles, in contrast to EBV-B cells from an XR-CGD
289 patient with a large deletion encompassing the *CYBB* gene (**Fig. 5c**). We also investigated the
290 expression of the other components of the NADPH oxidase complex. Levels of p22^{phox} (which is
291 encoded by *CYBA* and is normally bound to gp91^{phox}) were reduced in PMNs and EBV-B cells,
292 particularly in cells with the Q231P allele, paralleling gp91^{phox} expression (**Supplementary Fig.**
293 **6f**). Although expression of p22^{phox} in EBV-B cells is less affected by low or absent gp91^{phox}²⁸,
294 p22^{phox} levels were still modestly reduced in EBV-B cells from P4 and P5 (**Supplementary Fig.**
295 **6g**) (providing further, indirect evidence for impaired gp91^{phox} expression in the patients' EBV-B
296 cells). The p47^{phox} and p67^{phox} subunits were normally expressed in patients' PMNs and EBV-B
297 cells (**Supplementary Fig. 6f and 6g**). Reproducible differences in gp91^{phox} protein abundance
298 were observed between cell types in six patients carrying either Q231P or T178P, with less
299 gp91^{phox} in MDMs and EBV-B cells than in the patients' monocytes and PMNs, or as compared
300 to in phagocytes and EBV-B cells from five controls. The Q231P *CYBB* mutation decreases the
301 expression of the gp91^{phox} protein *in vivo*, *ex vivo*, and *in vitro*, in granulocytes, monocytes,
302 macrophages and EBV-B cells, with steady-state levels of this protein being determined in part
303 by the cell type, with a more pronounced impact in macrophages and EBV-B cells. The 178P

304 gp91^{phox} protein is expressed at higher levels but follows an identical pattern according to the cell
305 type. These expression data are consistent with the normal functional respiratory burst in the
306 patients' PMNs and monocytes, contrasting with the functional defect in oxidant production by
307 EBV-B cells and MDMs.

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309 **Impaired expression of flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈**

310 We then analyzed the cell surface expression of the flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈ complex
311 (gp91^{phox} and p22^{phox}) on the plasma membrane by flow cytometry, using the monoclonal
312 antibody 7D5, which recognizes residues ¹⁶⁰IKNP¹⁶³ and ²²⁶RIVRG²³⁰ on gp91^{phox} in the presence
313 of p22^{phox}^{29,30}. Cell surface flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈ was clearly detectable in PMNs and monocytes
314 from the two patients tested here, from two different kindreds, although at reduced levels for the
315 Q231P allele (**Fig. 5d** and **Supplementary Fig. 6h**). By contrast, flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈ was
316 barely detectable on EBV-B cells from seven patients tested among both kindreds (**Fig. 5e**).
317 Identical results were obtained by spectrophotometric measurements of reduced minus oxidized
318 difference absorption spectra for PMNs and EBV-B cells (**Supplementary Fig. 6i**). Adherent
319 MDMs were not suitable for these two assays and we did not have access to fresh tissue
320 macrophages. Analysis of the cell surface expression of flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈ in PMNs,
321 monocytes and EBV-B cells from the heterozygous female subjects revealed the presence of two
322 discrete cell populations — those expressing and those not expressing flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈ —
323 correlating with both the functional respiratory burst and the inactivated X chromosome
324 (**Supplementary Fig. 7a** and **7b**, and **Supplementary information**). Similar findings were
325 obtained in NBT assays on MDMs from heterozygous female subjects (**Supplementary Fig. 7c**).
326 Thus, the Q231P and T178P mutations impair NADPH oxidase gp91^{phox} expression to a greater
327 extent in MDMs and EBV-B cells than in PMNs and monocytes, revealing a profound cell type-

328 specific effect on the flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈ complex, in terms of both surface and total
329 expression. The relatively greater impact of the mutant alleles in MDMs and EBV-B cells may
330 reflect cell-type-related differences in production of flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈, which is higher in
331 PMNs and monocytes compared to MDMs and EBV-B cells^{31,19}. The much smaller amounts of
332 mutant gp91^{phox} protein produced in EBV-B cells and in MDMs, and possibly in tissue
333 macrophages, severely limit the capacity for the assembly of a functional NADPH oxidase
334 complex, whereas the amounts produced in PMNs and monocytes, although smaller than normal,
335 particularly for the Q213P allele, are sufficient to support assembly of adequate amounts of the
336 functional enzyme complex to produce oxidants at normal levels (**Fig. 2**)³²⁻³⁵. Taken together,
337 cell-type differences in the level of production of gp91^{phox} and the assembly of the
338 flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈ heterodimer collectively account for the selective impairment of the
339 respiratory burst in some cell types in the patients carrying the Q231P or T178P allele.

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341 **The mutant *CYBB* alleles are hypomorphic in CHO cells**

342 We additionally characterized the two *CYBB* mutant alleles Q231P and T178P in a
343 gp91^{phox}-deficient Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) epithelial cell line, in which gp91^{phox} can be
344 expressed at higher levels upon transfection, allowing a fine study of its biochemical processing
345 and association with p22^{22-24,36-38}. In CHO and other heterologous cells, as well as in EBV-B cells
346^{20,21,28}, unassembled subunits are more stable than in granulocytes where these are rapidly
347 degraded by the cytosolic proteasome²³. The detection of the *CYBB*-encoded gp65 intermediate in
348 macrophages and EBV-B cells from each kindred (**Fig. 5b, 5c**) suggested an underlying
349 impairment in maturation to gp91^{phox} that occurs after formation of the flavocytochrome b
350 heterodimer. In CHO cells transduced with retroviral vectors for expression of either the wild-
351 type, Q231P or T178P *CYBB* alleles, similar amounts of the gp65 form were detected (**Fig. 6a**

352 and **6b**). The co-expression of wild-type p22^{phox} with wild-type CYBB increased cellular levels of
353 mature 91 kDa gp91^{phox} (**Fig. 6a** and **6b**). With co-expression of p22^{phox}, mature T178P-gp91^{phox}
354 was produced in almost normal amounts in the cell and on its surface, whereas Q231P-gp91^{phox}
355 was produced in much smaller quantities; for both mutant alleles, substantial gp65 precursor was
356 still present (**Fig. 6a** and **6b**). Thus, these findings suggest that there are no intrinsic problems in
357 stability of the gp65 precursors encoded by two *CYBB* missense alleles but, rather, provide
358 further evidence that the products of these alleles have reduced heterodimer formation with
359 p22^{phox} and subsequent maturation to the mature gp91^{phox}, with the Q231P allele being more
360 severely hypomorphic than the T178P allele, similar to the findings in patients' myeloid cells.

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362 **The mutant *CYBB* alleles are hypomorphic in PLB-985 cells**

363 We then used an XR-CGD gp91^{phox}-deficient myelomonocytic PLB-985 cell line³⁵, which
364 we also transduced with retroviral vectors for constitutive expression of wild-type-, Q231P- and
365 T178P-gp91^{phox}. In the undifferentiated myelomonocytic cells, gp91^{phox} was detected in cells
366 transduced with wild-type *CYBB*, whereas only small amounts of gp91^{phox} were detected
367 following transduction with either of the mutant *CYBB* alleles, although the gp65 precursor was
368 present (**Fig. 6c**). The mature T178P-gp91^{phox} was again produced in larger amounts than Q231P-
369 gp91^{phox}. When the cell line was induced to differentiate into granulocytes, the two mutant alleles
370 remained hypomorphic, with reduced levels of gp91^{phox} (**Fig. 6c**). As for fresh granulocytes from
371 the patients, substantial respiratory burst activity relative to the amount of mature gp91^{phox} was
372 supported by the mutant alleles in the granulocyte-differentiated cells (not shown). By contrast,
373 gp91^{phox} was not expressed by the non transduced XR-CGD PLB-985 cell line, in which no
374 respiratory burst was detectable. We also examined the levels of endogenous and of retrovirus-
375 expressed gp91^{phox} following differentiation into monocyte-like or macrophage-like cells with

376 either vitamin D³⁹ or a combination of vitamin D and PMA⁴⁰, respectively. In wild-type PLB-985
377 cells, endogenous gp91^{phox} expression increased with either of these regimens (**Fig. 6d**). The level
378 of wild-type gp91^{phox} expressed using the constitutively active retroviral vector was similar in
379 undifferentiated cells and following either type of differentiation (**Fig. 6d**). In contrast, retrovirus-
380 mediated expression of gp91^{phox} harboring either the T178P or Q231P mutation was lower than
381 that of wild-type gp91^{phox}, and decreased even further following macrophage differentiation (**Fig.**
382 **6d**). These experiments demonstrate that the Q231P and T178P alleles are hypomorphic in the
383 myelomonocytic PLB-985 cell line. Although expression of the gp65 precursor of gp91^{phox} was
384 relatively preserved with either of these two mutations, there was reduced, but not abolished
385 expression, of gp91^{phox} itself, consistent with impaired flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈ formation,
386 particularly following macrophage differentiation.

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400 Discussion

401 We report here the first germline mutations in *CYBB* conferring the phenotype of XR-
402 MSMD but not XR-CGD or “variant XR-CGD”. Six otherwise healthy and maternally-related
403 male adults with BCG-disease and another with *bona fide* tuberculosis had XR-MSMD-2, due to
404 inheritance of the Q231P or T178P *CYBB* allele. The two missense mutations are intrinsically and
405 severely hypomorphic in gp91^{phox}-deficient cells as diverse as EBV-B cells, CHO cells, and PLB-
406 985 cells. *CYBB* is a novel Mendelian mycobacterial susceptibility gene, the seventh MSMD- and
407 second XR-MSMD-causing gene identified, and the fifth tuberculosis-predisposing gene (after
408 *IFNGR1*, *IL12B*, *IL12RB1*, and *NEMO*)^{2,3}. It is the first shown to affect the respiratory burst. The
409 physiological links between *CYBB* and the formerly identified MSMD-causing and tuberculosis-
410 predisposing genes involved in the IL-12-IFN- γ circuit remain to be unraveled. The cellular
411 phenotype of this defect is uniform and different from that of CGD and “variant CGD”: the
412 respiratory burst in MDMs or EBV-B cells from the seven patients tested was severely impaired,
413 whereas their PMNs and monocytes showed no such dysfunction. The *CYBB* Q231P and T178P
414 alleles are therefore severely hypomorphic in a cell-specific manner, providing an example of a
415 human genetic illness resembling the phenotype of ‘conditional knockout’ mice, with the nuance
416 that gene ablation in one of the two affected lineages also depends on cell differentiation
417 (monocyte to macrophage). *CYBB* is a human gene for which alleles null in all cells (in particular
418 all phagocytes, resulting in CGD) and now in selected cell types (in particular in macrophages,
419 resulting in MSMD) have been identified and shown to produce different phenotypes. The
420 mechanism underlying the B cell- and macrophage-specific effects of these germline mutations,
421 which result in impaired but not absent flavocytochrome b₅₅₈ assembly, is related to cell-specific
422 differences in gp91^{phox} expression, in the threshold of gp91^{phox} expression required for

423 flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈ complex assembly, and in the threshold of assembled b₅₅₈ complex
424 required for NADPH oxidase activity. The clear-cut dichotomy between cells with an entirely
425 normal (PMNs, monocytes) respiratory burst and those with a severely impaired (MDMs, EBV-B
426 cells) respiratory burst was remarkable. Further studies are required to test the impact of these
427 two mutations on the respiratory burst of dendritic cells⁴¹.

428 Our study suggests that the respiratory burst in human tissue macrophages is critical for
429 immunity against tuberculous mycobacteria. It is already clear from human patients with CGD¹¹
430 that the respiratory burst plays an important role in immunity to BCG and *M. tuberculosis*.
431 Intriguingly, these patients are not prone to infections with environmental, non-tuberculous
432 mycobacteria, even species more virulent than BCG in other patients with MSMD, implying that
433 the respiratory burst is redundant for the macrophage destruction of most non-tuberculous
434 mycobacteria. The growth of BCG was enhanced in the patients' MDMs *in vitro*, further
435 suggesting that there is a specific requirement for NADPH oxidase assembly to control
436 tuberculous mycobacteria in human macrophages *in vivo*. Other pathways possibly disrupted by
437 the impairment of the respiratory burst in macrophages, such as IL-12 production or antigen
438 presentation, may also contribute to the pathogenesis of mycobacterial diseases. The role of the
439 respiratory burst in anti-mycobacterial immunity *in vivo* and *in vitro* has not been firmly
440 established in the mouse model, in which nitric oxide plays a much more important role⁴²⁻⁴⁵.
441 Further genetic approaches^{46,47} may reveal the means by which the human respiratory burst
442 controls tuberculous mycobacteria, and the role played by nitric oxide production against
443 tuberculous or non tuberculous mycobacteria⁴⁵. Conversely, our seven adult patients with MSMD
444 (including a patient with tuberculosis) are clinically healthy and had no history of other
445 granulomatous or infectious diseases. This strongly suggests that both the granulomatous disease,
446 and the bacterial and fungal infections affecting patients with CGD or "variant CGD" reflect

447 additional dysfunctions of granulocytes and/or monocytes, rather than macrophage defects alone

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Figure legends

532 **Figure 1. Q231P and T178 *CYBB* mutations in an X-linked recessive form of MSMD-**

533 **type 2. a,** Pedigrees of the families with XR-MSMD-2, including only individuals selected for

534 the X-chromosome scan. Generations are designated by a Roman numeral (I, II, III, IV, and V).

535 Patients with BCG disease (P2, P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7) are represented by black symbols and

536 patients with tuberculosis (P1, H1) by gray symbols. The probands are indicated by an arrow.

537 The fifteen heterozygous female subjects are indicated by black dots. The two founders who must

538 have carried the *CYBB* mutation but did not display any mycobacterial phenotype are indicated

539 by a vertical bar. Individuals whose genetic status could not be evaluated are indicated by the

540 symbol “E?”. All other family members are wild-type for *CYBB* and are shown in white. **b,**

541 Automated sequencing profile showing the Q231P and T178P *CYBB* mutations in cDNA
542 extracted from EBV-B cells from the patients (P) and comparison with the sequence obtained
543 from a control (C+). The A→C mutation leads to the replacement at residue 231 of Gln (Q) by
544 Pro (P) or the replacement at residue 178 of Thr (T) by Pro (P). The mutations were confirmed in
545 genomic DNA and cDNA for seven patients. **c**, Schematic representation of the topology model
546 of gp91^{phox} regions corresponding to (EC) extracellular, (TM) transmembrane and (IC)
547 intracellular regions. Q231P is situated in the third extracellular loop and T178P is situated in the
548 transmembrane region.

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550 **Figure 2. Evaluation of NADPH oxidase activity in PMNs and monocytes.** Superoxide
551 generation was measured by assaying SOD-inhibitable cytochrome-*c* reduction in **a**, PMNs and
552 monocytes, after adding PMA (40 ng/ml), for healthy controls (C+, n=5 for PMNs, and n=6 for
553 monocytes), CGD patients (C-, n=1) and patients (P-Q231P, n=4 and P-T178P, n=1). Assay
554 carried out with and without catalase. For the 10 conditions displayed on panel A (6 for PMNs, 4
555 for monocytes), the levels of superoxide production were compared between C+ and the Q231P
556 patients by a nonparametric Wilcoxon exact test, and no significant differences at the 0.01 level
557 (accounting for multiple testing) were observed. Hydrogen peroxide release was evaluated by
558 fluorometric quantification with *N*-acetyl-3, 7 dihydroxyphenoxazine in **b**, PMNs and monocytes,
559 after adding PMA, for healthy controls (C+, n=11 for PMNs, and n=12 for monocytes), CGD
560 patients (C-), and patients (P). Results are the means of duplicate determinations. Histograms for
561 the flow cytometric analysis of intracellular H₂O₂ production, (DHR123 test) in **c**, PMNs and
562 monocytes from C+), an X-linked CGD patient (C-) and the P-Q231P before (dotted lines) and
563 after (solid lines) stimulation with PMA (400 ng/ml). **d**, PMNs from C+, C-, P-Q231P and H
564 (female heterozygous for the Q231P allele) were treated with or without TNF- α , IL-1 β and

565 cytochalasin b, and stimulated with fMLF (DHR123 assay). The results shown are representative
566 of two independent experiments. **e**, Killing of *Staphylococcus aureus* by granulocytes from C+
567 (n=4), CGD patients (n=3), and patients from kindreds A and B (n=2).

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570 **Figure 3. Evaluation of NADPH oxidase activity in MDMs.** Release of hydrogen
571 peroxide from MDMs (M-CSF + IL-4) from healthy controls (C+, n=4), an X-linked CGD
572 patient (C-, n=1), patients (P-Q231P, n=1 and P-T178P, n=1) and heterozygous females (H,
573 n=4). MDMs (M-CSF + IL-4) were activated by incubation with (left panel) live BCG (10:1),
574 (right panel) PPD (1 mg/ml), or (lower panel) IFN- γ (10^5 IU/ml) for 18 h and H₂O₂ release was
575 triggered with PMA (400 ng/ml). The results shown are representative of two independent
576 experiments.

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578 **Figure 4. Evaluation of NADPH oxidase activity in EBV-B cells.** **a**, Superoxide
579 production was measured by cytochrome-*c* reduction. 10^6 EBV-B cells from healthy controls
580 (C+, n=22), an X-linked CGD patient (C-, n=4) and patients (P-Q231P, n=4 and P-T178P, n=3)
581 were activated by incubation with 400 ng/ml PMA for 2 hours. Data are representative of two
582 independent experiments. **b**, Hydrogen peroxide release by EBV-B cells from a healthy control
583 (C+), seven patients (P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6 and P7), and an X-linked CGD patient (C-). EBV-B
584 cells were activated with three doses of PMA, at four time points, expressed in minutes. **c**, NBT
585 reduction by EBV-B cells after PMA activation (400 ng/ml). NBT-positive cells from a healthy
586 control (C+), patients (P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, and P6) and an X-linked CGD patient (C-). **d**,
587 Functional reconstitution of NADPH oxidase function in EBV-B cells using retroviral
588 transduction. Cells from a XR-CGD patient were transduced with pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}WT,

589 pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}T178P and pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}Q231P retroviral particles. Additionally,
 590 EBV-B cells obtained from T178P patients and healthy control (C+) were transduced with
 591 pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}WT retroviral particles. Hydrogen peroxide release was assessed after 2
 592 hours of PMA activation (400 ng/ml). The results shown are representative of two independent
 593 experiments.

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595 **Figure 5. Expression of gp91^{phox} and flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈ in the patients' cells.**

596 **a**, Immunoblot analysis using PMNs and monocytes from a healthy control (C+),
 597 gp91^{phox0} (C-) and the patients (P-Q231P and P-T178P). Gp91^{phox} protein was detected with three
 598 antibodies directed against gp91^{phox}, 53 BD, 54.1, and 7A2; an antibody against GAPDH was
 599 used as a protein loading control. The results shown are representative of two independent
 600 experiments. **b**, Immunoblot analyses of PMNs, monocytes, MDMs (only M-CSF or M-CSF +
 601 IL-4) from a healthy C+, gp91^{phox0} (C-) patient and patients (P-Q231P and P-T178P) using an
 602 antibody directed against gp91^{phox} (mAb 54.1); an antibody against STAT1 was used as a protein
 603 loading control. **c**, EBV-B cell lysates were evaluated for gp91^{phox} (mAb 54.1), p22^{phox} and β-
 604 actin protein expression was used as a protein loading control (n=3). Left panel shows cell lysates
 605 of EBV-B cells from C+, XR-CGD, patient with deletion of *CYBB*, and the patients. The middle
 606 panel shows cell lysates of the same XR-CGD EBV-B cells transduced with pMSCVPuro-
 607 gp91^{phox}WT, pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}T178P and pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}Q231P retroviral particles.
 608 The right panel shows cell lysates of EBV-B cells from C+ and XR-CGD, and patients and the
 609 same cells, except XR-CGD, transduced with pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}WT. **d**, PMNs and
 610 monocytes and **e**, EBV-B cells from C+, a gp91^{phox0} and the patients. Cell surface staining with

611 mAb7D5, (an antibody specific for gp91^{phox}; solid lines); an isotype IgG1 (dotted lines). The
612 results shown are representative of two independent experiments.

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614 **Figure 6. Expression and function of mutant gp91^{phox} in cell lines.** **a**, CHO and CHO22
615 cells were transduced with pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}WT, pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}T178P and
616 pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}Q231P retroviral particles, and then selected with puromycin. Cell lysates
617 of the transduced cells, CHO, CHO22 and CHO^{phox} cells were evaluated for gp91^{phox} (mAb 54.1),
618 p22^{phox} (mAb NS5) to detect the gp91^{phox} maturation and p22^{phox} expression. An antibody against
619 β -actin was used as a protein loading control. **b**, Cell surface gp91^{phox} detected with 7D5 antibody
620 using flow cytometry in CHO22 and CHO22 expressing gp91^{phox} WT, gp91^{phox} Q231P and
621 gp91^{phox} T178P. **c**, and **d**, PLB X-CGD cells were transduced with pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}WT,
622 pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}T178P or pMSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}Q231P retroviral particles, and then
623 selected with puromycin. **c**, Lysates (20 μ g per well) prepared from PLB X-CGD transduced cells
624 or PLB985 WT (1, 2.5 and 5 μ g per well) were evaluated for gp91^{phox} (mAb 54.1) expression, as
625 assessed in undifferentiated cells (-) or following day 6 of granulocyte differentiation induced
626 with DMF (+). An antibody against β -actin was used as a protein loading control, and an
627 antibody against p67^{phox} was used to verify differentiation. **d**, Cells differentiated into monocyte -
628 like cells or into macrophage-like cells. Cell lysates (20 μ g per well) were evaluated for gp91^{phox}
629 (mAb 54.1), and an antibody against p67^{phox} was used to verify differentiation. Human
630 polymorphonuclear neutrophils (PMNs) cell lysis (2.5 μ g) was also used as a control. The results
631 shown are representative of three independent experiments.

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636 **Methods**

637 **Patients**

638 In kindred A, four male subjects presented a selective predisposition to mycobacterial
639 disease⁴. Briefly, patient 1 (P1) suffered from *bona fide* tuberculosis and three other patients (P2,
640 P3 and P4) developed infection by *Mycobacterium bovis* BCG vaccine. They suffered from no
641 other severe infections. These four patients remain otherwise healthy. A maternal aunt (H1)
642 suffered from salpingitis and pulmonary tuberculosis.

643 All the members of kindred B are French and live in France. Three patients (P5, P6, and
644 P7) suffered from BCG infection (see **Supplementary information**). No other unusual infections
645 were reported in any of these three patients. Informed consent was obtained from all family
646 members and our study was approved by the Necker and Rockefeller IRBs.

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648 **DNA techniques, PCR and sequencing**

649 Genomic DNA was extracted with phenol/chloroform. The sequences of the primers used
650 for PCR amplification of *CYBB* exons and cDNA are available upon request.

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652 **Preparation of PMNs, monocytes and MDMs**

653 PMNs and monocytes were prepared from heparin-treated blood. Peripheral blood was
654 subjected to dextran sedimentation and the buffy coat was centrifuged through Ficoll-Hypaque.
655 The remaining red blood cells were removed by hypotonic shock.

656 Monocytes were isolated by positive immunomagnetic depletion (CD14 MicroBeads,
657 Miltenyi Biotec). MDMs were obtained from purified monocytes cultured in the presence of M-
658 CSF (50 ng/ml; R&D Systems). We plated 2×10^4 monocytes or MDMs per well in complete
659 RPMI 1640 medium (RPMI medium supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated pooled FBS

660 (GIBCO BRL)) in 96-well plates (Nunc) and incubated them at 37°C in an atmosphere
661 containing 5% CO₂. One type of MDMs differentiated with M-CSF were obtained by adding, on
662 day 7, *Salmonella minesotta* LPS (Sigma-Aldrich, 1 µg/ml) + IFN-γ(10⁵ IU/ml, Imukin,
663 Boehringer Ingelheim). The incubation was continued until day 16 to 17. Finally, other MDMs
664 differentiated with M-CSF were obtained by adding IL-4 (50 ng/ml; R&D Systems) on day 7 and
665 incubating until day 16 to 17¹⁶.

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667 **Superoxide assay**

668 PMNs and monocytes were stimulated with 40 ng/ml of 4-beta-phorbol 12-beta-myristate
669 13-alpha-acetate (PMA, Sigma Aldrich) in the presence or absence of 140 IU/ml catalase (Sigma
670 Aldrich). EBV-B cells were stimulated for 2 hours at 37°C. Superoxide release was assessed by
671 the SOD-inhibitable cytochrome-*c* reduction assay, as previously reported¹⁹.

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673 **Hydrogen peroxide assay**

674 Cells were stimulated with PMA at 37°C. EBV-B cells and measured hydrogen peroxide
675 according to the kit manufacturer's (Amplex Red reagent: 10-acetyl-3,7-dihydroxyphenoxazine;
676 Molecular Probes, Invitrogen). The hydrogen peroxide released was quantified with VictorTMX4
677 (Perkin Elmer). MDMs were cultured for 16 to 18 hours with live BCG (*Mycobacterium bovis*
678 BCG, Pasteur substrain at a multiplicity of infection of 10:1), PPD (1 mg/ml, Tuberculin PPD
679 Batch RT49, Statens Serum Institute, Denmark) or IFN-γ(10⁵ IU/ml; Imukin, Boehringer
680 Ingelheim), then washed in KRPS and activated by incubation for 30 min with PMA (400 ng/ml)
681 or left unactivated.

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684 DHR assay

685 Peripheral leukocytes were incubated with dihydrorhodamine 123 (DHR; Sigma Aldrich)
686 at 37°C for 5 minutes in the presence of catalase (1,300 IU/ml; Sigma Aldrich), and after
687 activation with PMA for 30 minutes. The leukocytes were first treated with TNF- α (20 ng/ml;
688 R&D Systems), IL-1 β (40 ng/ml; R&D Systems) or cytochalasin b (10 μ g/ml; Sigma-Aldrich)
689 for 10 minutes at 37°C and were then stimulated with fMLF (80 μ g/ml; Sigma Aldrich) for 20
690 minutes. 10,000 or 5,000 events were recorded by flow cytometry on a FACScan or FACS Canto
691 II machine (Becton Dickinson).

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693 NBT reduction

694 Coverslips (10 mm) were placed in 24-well plates (Nunc), and 2×10^5 MDMs per well
695 were plated in complete RPMI 1640 medium and incubated at 37°C under an atmosphere
696 containing 5% CO₂ for 16 to 17 days. After 18 hours of incubation with live BCG (10:1) or PPD
697 (1 mg/ml), the MDMs were or were not exposed to PMA (400 ng/ml), in the presence of NBT
698 (200 μ g/ml, Sigma Aldrich) in HBSS at 37°C for 1 hour, and were then counterstained by
699 incubation with safranin (1%) for 10 minutes. The percentage of NBT-positive cells (blue
700 formazan dye) was determined by light microscopy (QCapture), scoring 100 cells. EBV-B cells
701 were activated by incubation with PMA for 2 hours at 37°C.

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703 Immunoblotting

704 Cell lysates were analyzed by immunoblotting as described³⁷. The membrane was
705 incubated overnight with antibodies against gp91^{phox} (BD Biosciences- clone 53,54.1 and 7A2).

706 For p22^{phox} (SC-20781), p47^{phox} (SC-14015), p67^{phox} (SC-7663), and GAPDH (SC-25778), we
707 used polyclonal antibodies from Santa Cruz.

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709 **Flow cytometric detection of flavocytochrome-b₅₅₈**

710 Cells were incubated with 7D5 antibody (MBL Co., Ltd., Japan) or isotypic control
711 (mouse IgG1, BD PharMingen) at a concentration of 5 µg/ml, and at 4°C for 30 minutes. Cells
712 were analyzed with a FACScan flow cytometer or FACS Canto II (Becton Dickinson). 10,000 or
713 5,000 cells from each sample were collected and analyzed with Cell Quest software (BD
714 Pharmingen).

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716 **Microbicidal assay with *Staphylococcus aureus***

717 Granulocytes were diluted in RPMI and *Staphylococcus aureus* (Calbiochem) in RPMI
718 supplemented with 10 % pooled human serum. After preopsonisation of the bacteria, 2 x 10⁶
719 granulocytes/ml were mixed with 2 x 10⁷/ml *S. aureus* CFU/ml, in a 14 ml round-bottomed
720 polypropylene tube (Falcon). The tubes were incubated, at 37°C for 30 minutes at 100 x g. The
721 cell suspensions were then centrifuged at 160 x g and 4°C for 10 minutes. The supernatant was
722 removed and the cell pellets were resuspended in 1 ml of RPMI with 100 µg/ml of gentamicin
723 and incubated at 37°C for 4 times at 100 x g. The samples were centrifuged at 160 x g at 4°C for
724 10 minutes. The granulocytes were lysed with 200 µl of 0.1% Triton. CFU bacteria was counted
725 by plating serial dilutions after incubation.

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727 **Retroviral transduction of EBV-B, CHO, and PLB-985 cells**

728 A human cDNAs encoding the gp91^{phox} WT, gp91^{phox}T178P and gp91^{phox}Q231P were
729 cloned into pMSCVpuro (Clontech). Retroviral vectors were packaged using the Pantropic

730 Retroviral Expression System (BD Clontech). EBV-B cells, CHO22 cells generated for stable
731 expression of untagged p22^{phox} and promyelocytic PLB-985 harboring a disrupted *CYBB* (PLB X-
732 CGD cells) were transduced with MSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}WT, MSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}Q231P or
733 MSCVPuro-gp91^{phox}T178P retrovirus. CHO-K1 cell lines utilized in these studies were generated
734 previously^{36,38}. For neutrophil and monocyte-macrophage differentiations, PLB-985 or PLB
735 XR-CGD cells were cultured as previously described^{35,50}.

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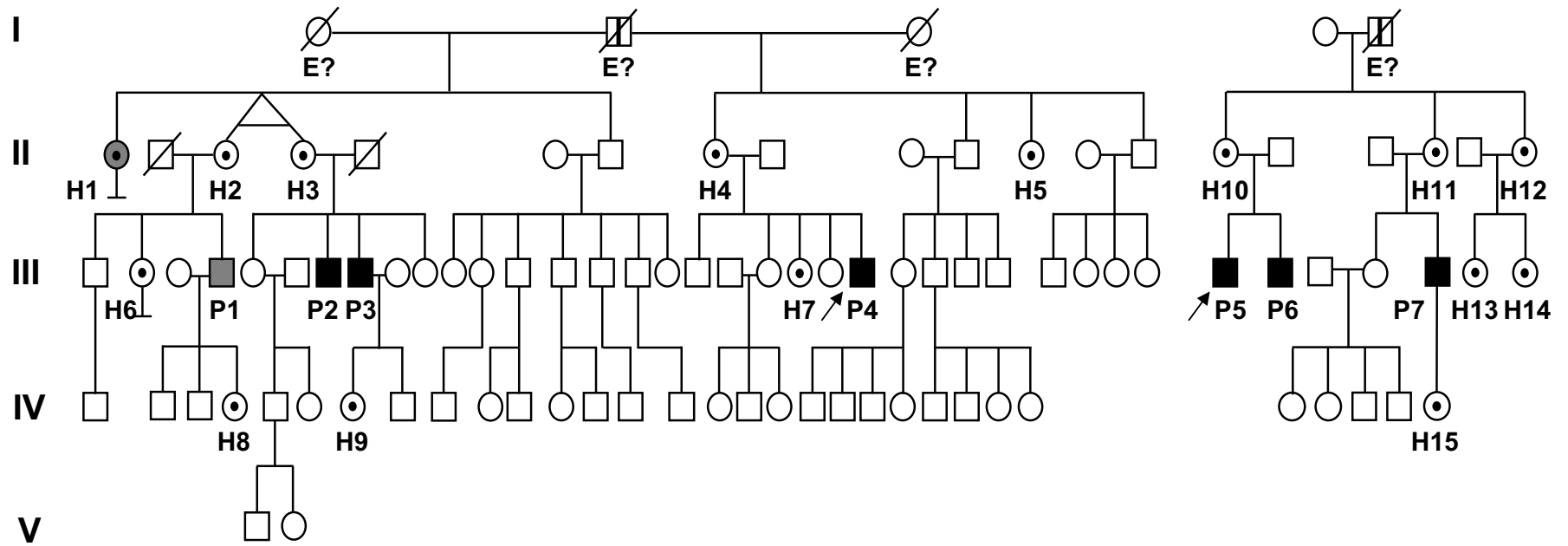
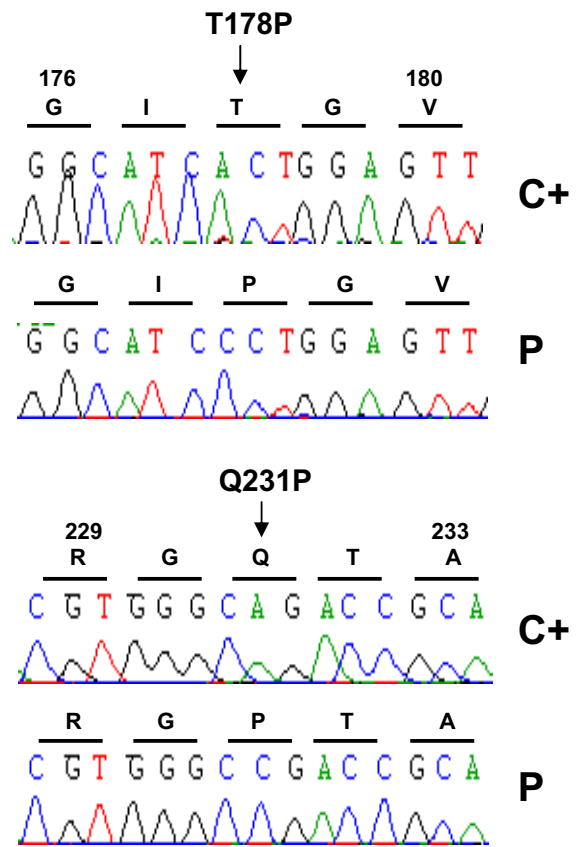
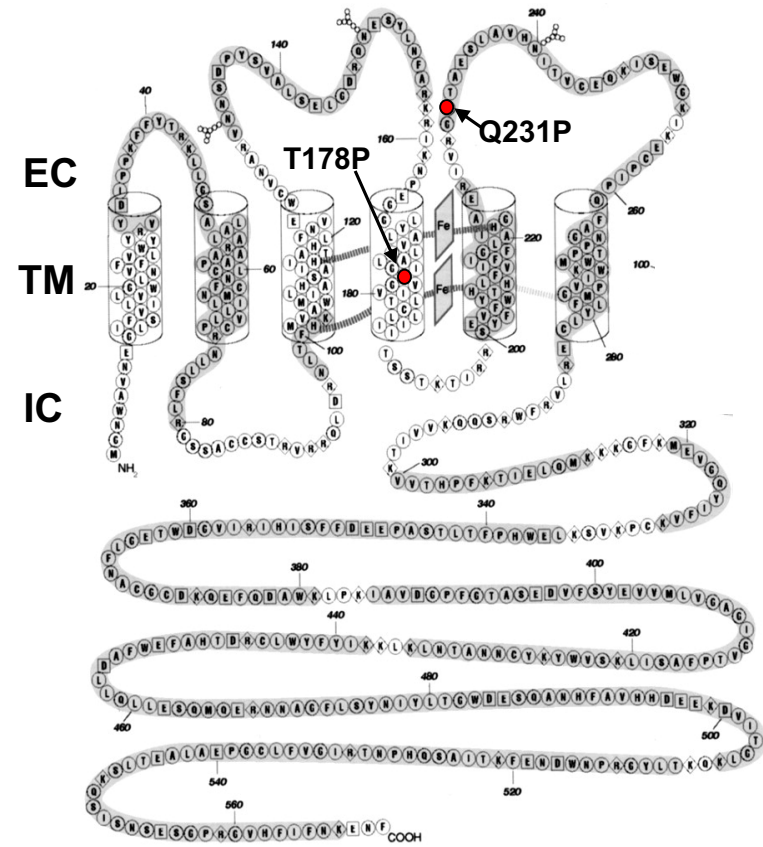


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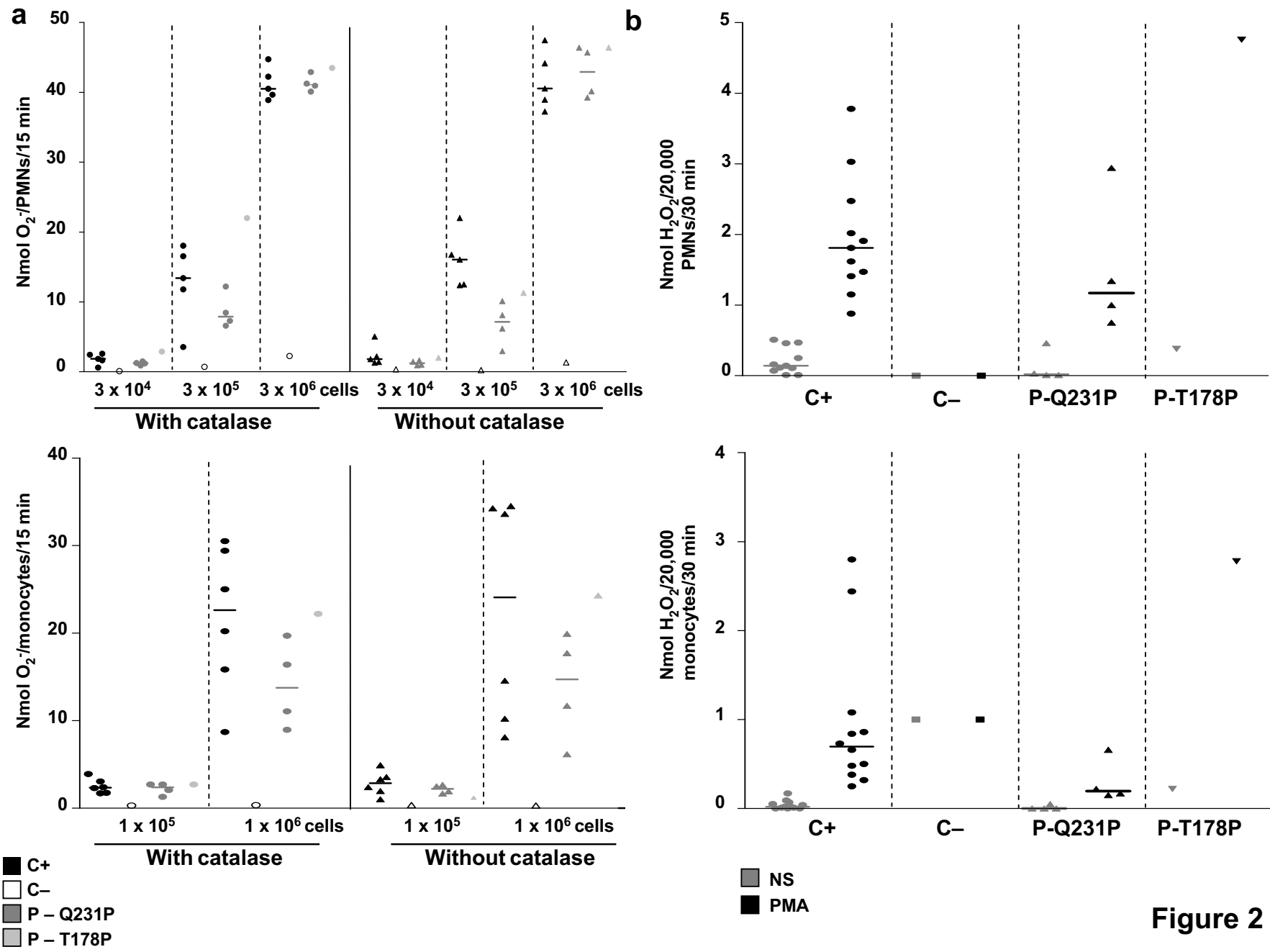


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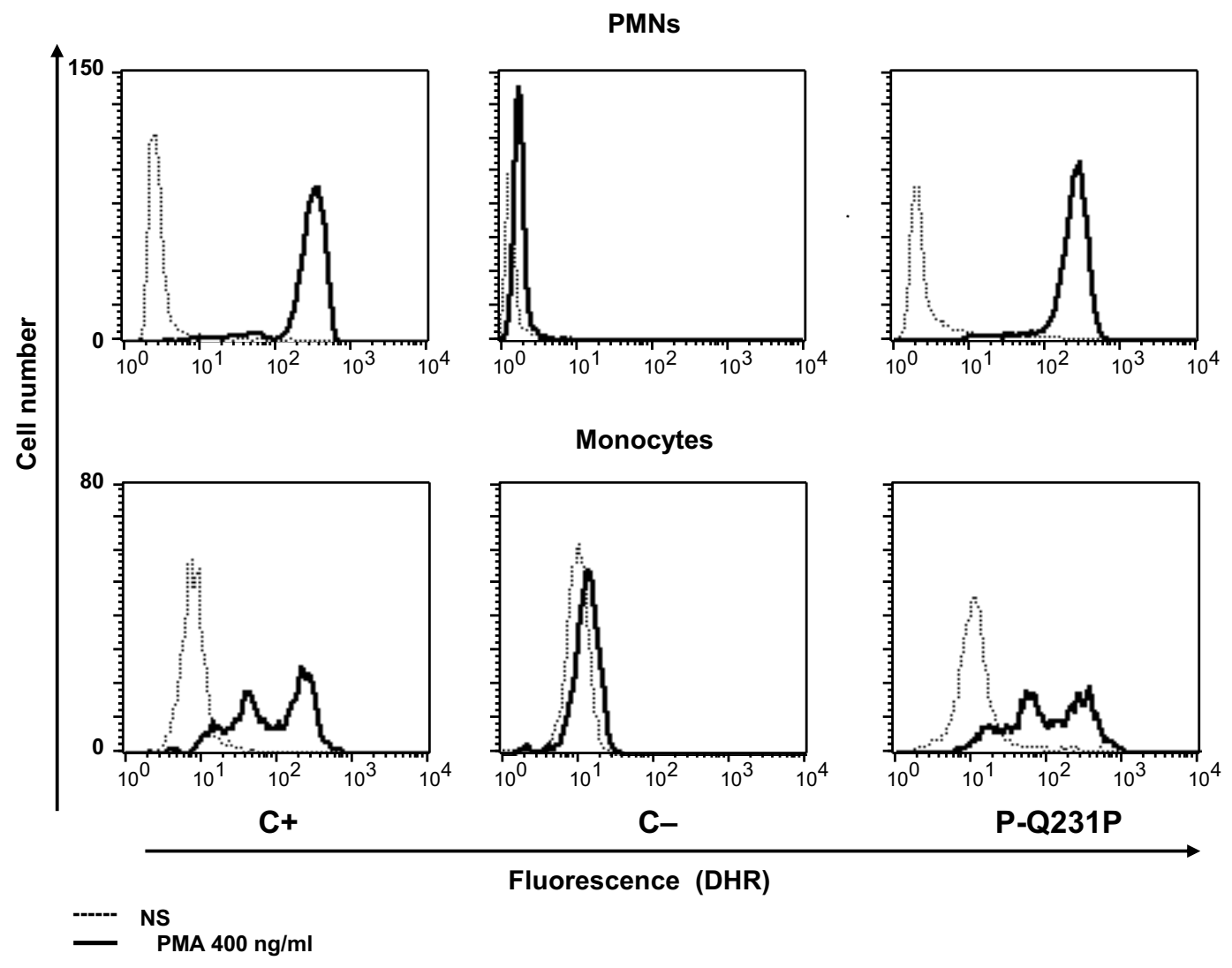


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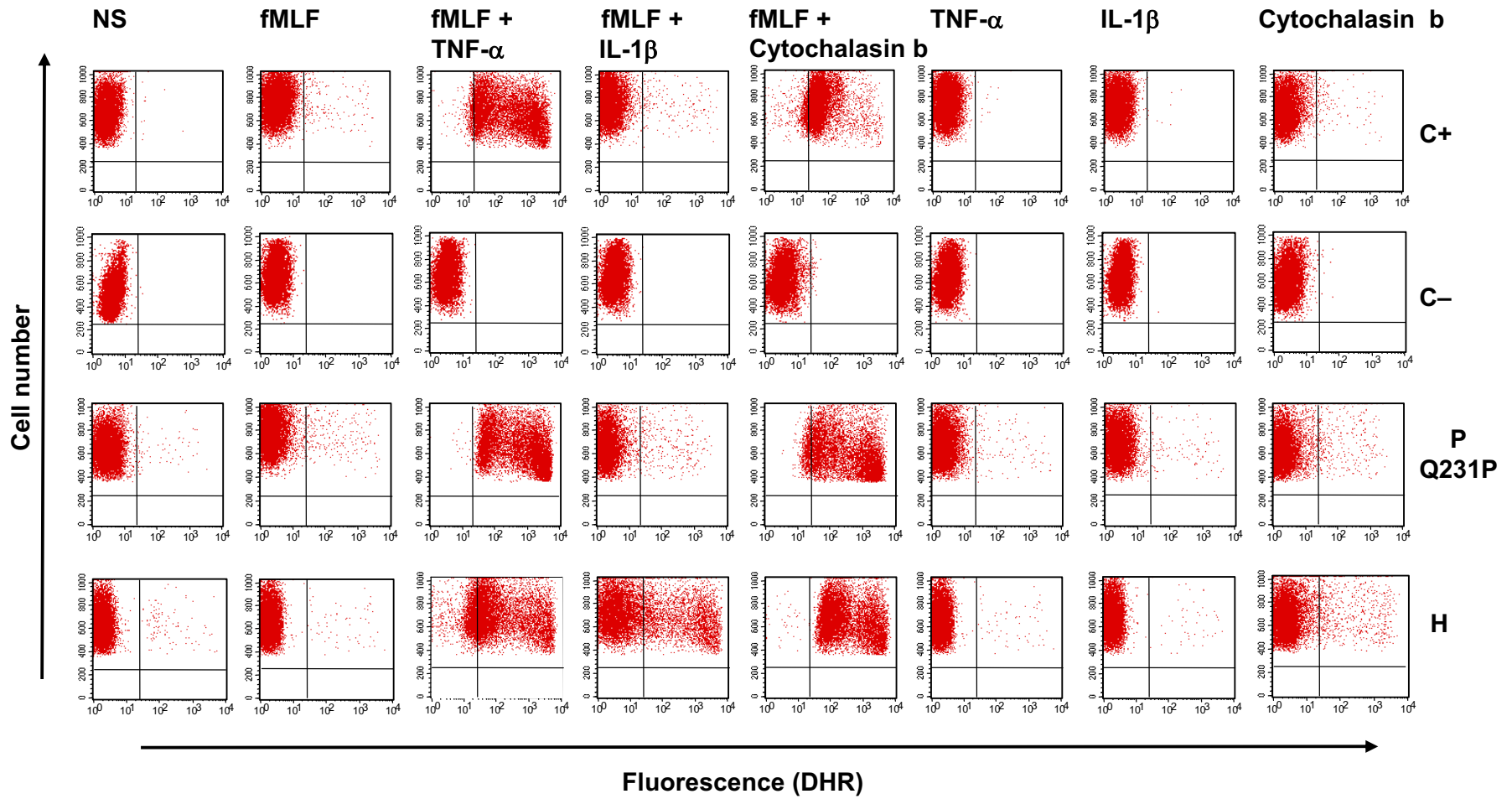


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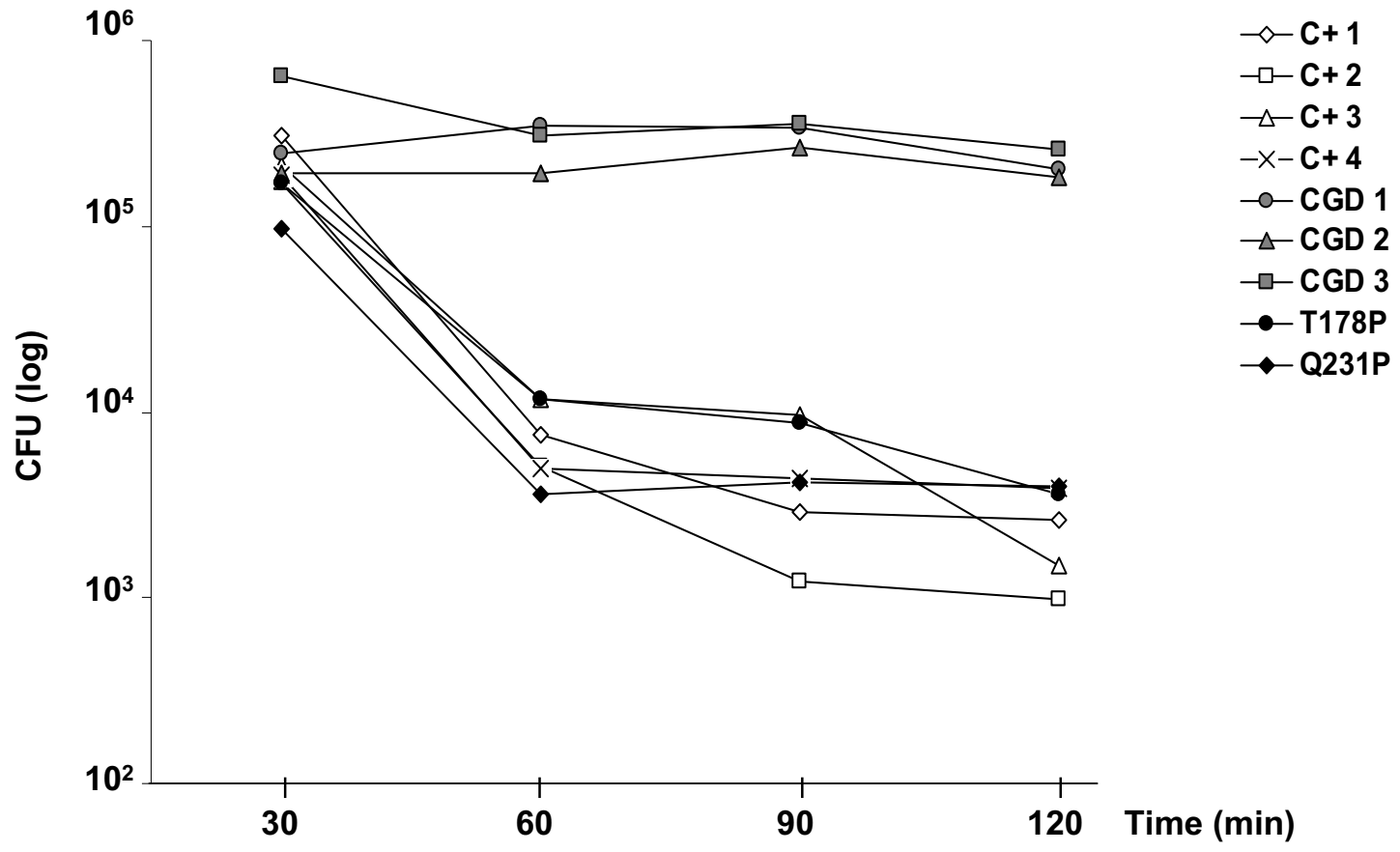


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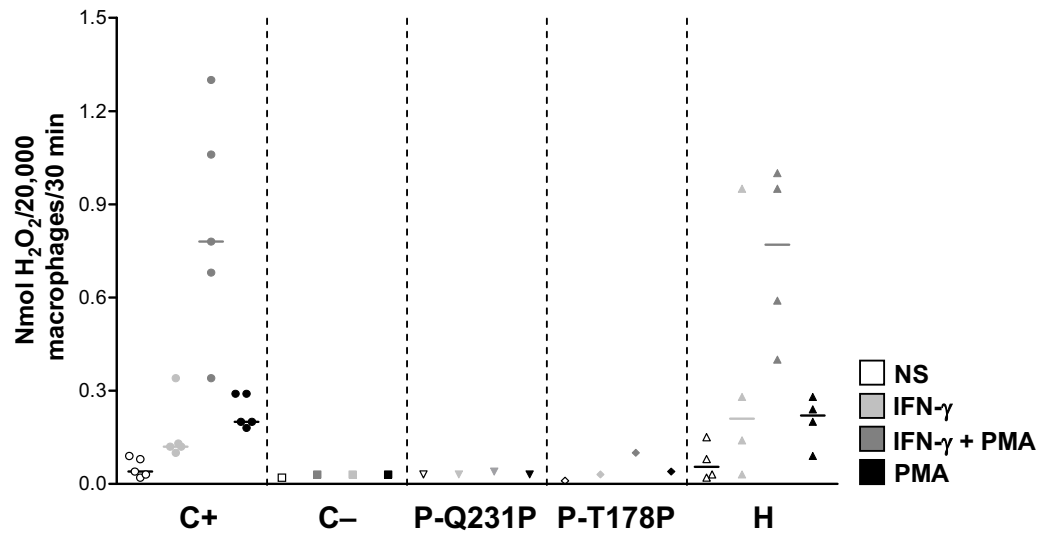
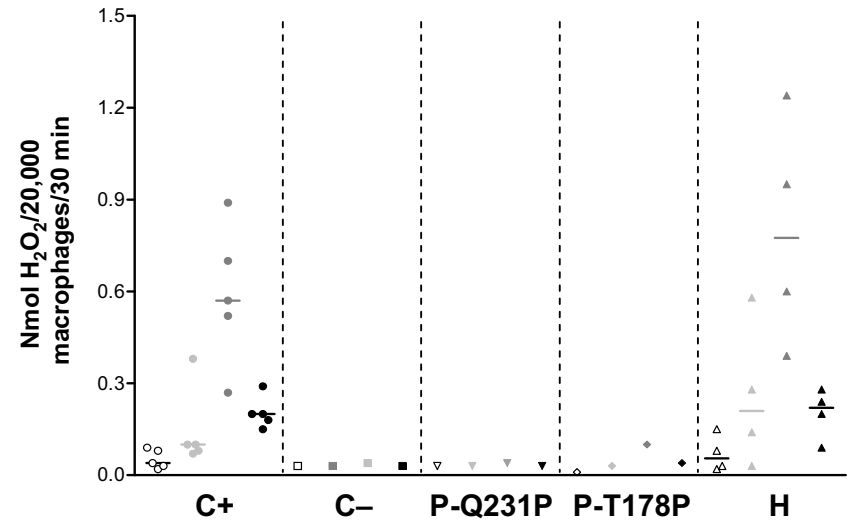
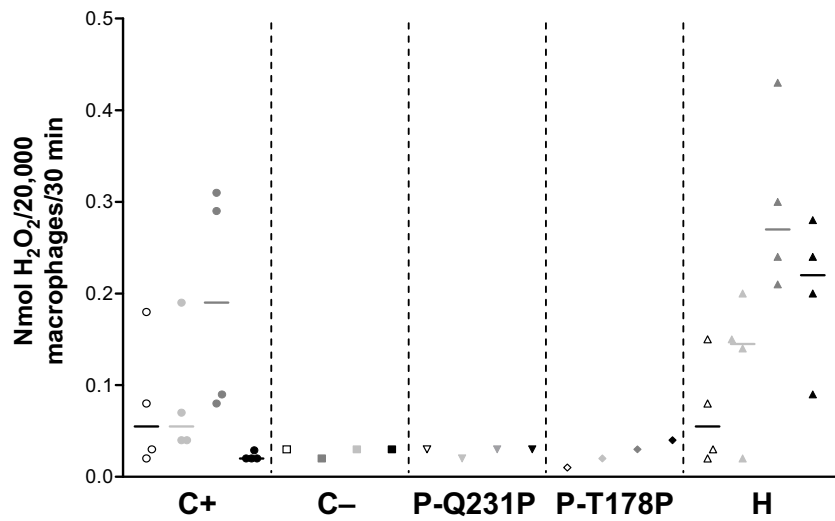


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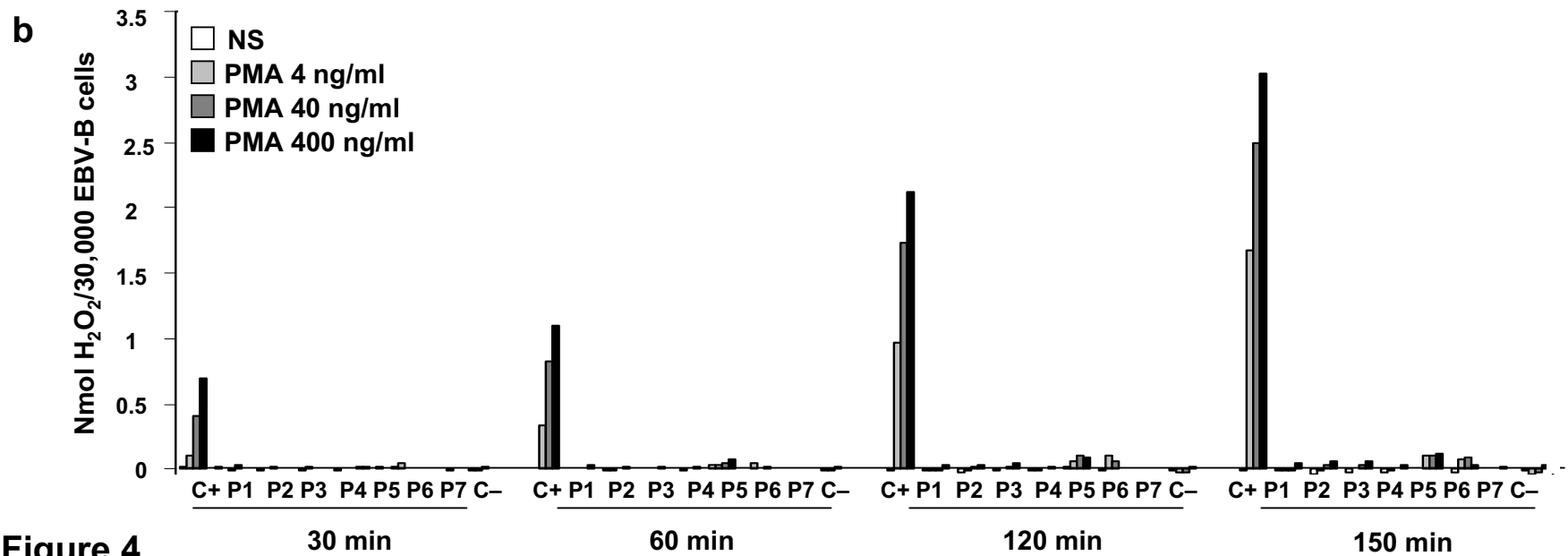
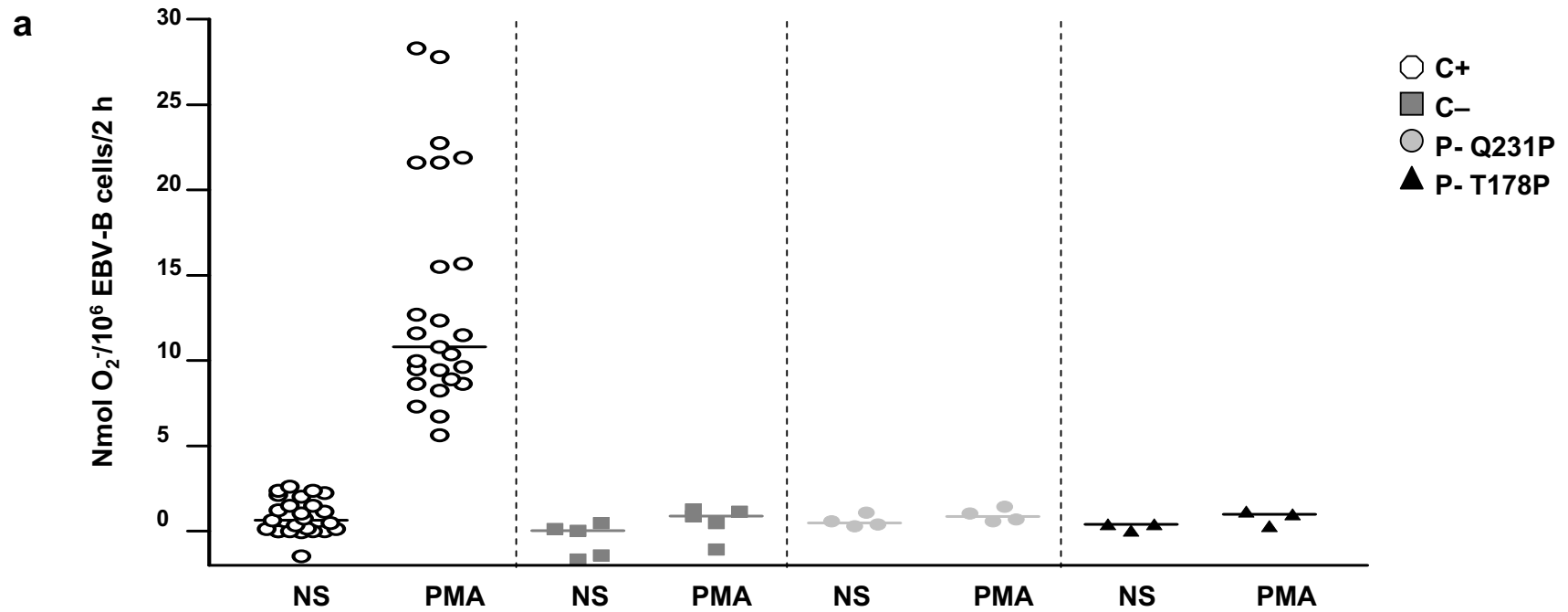
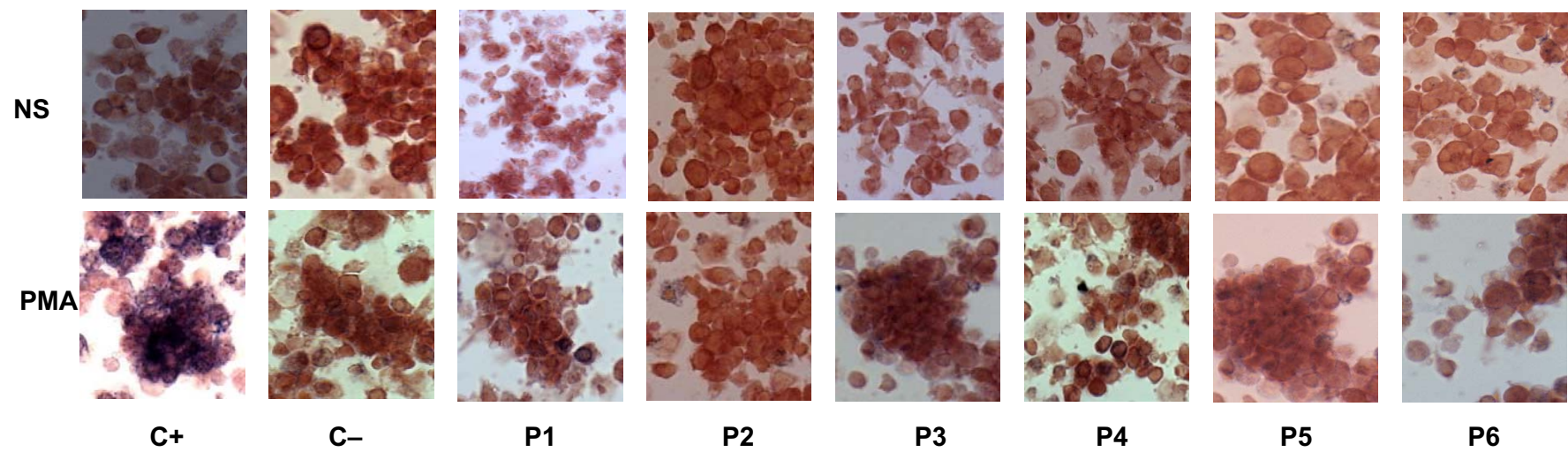
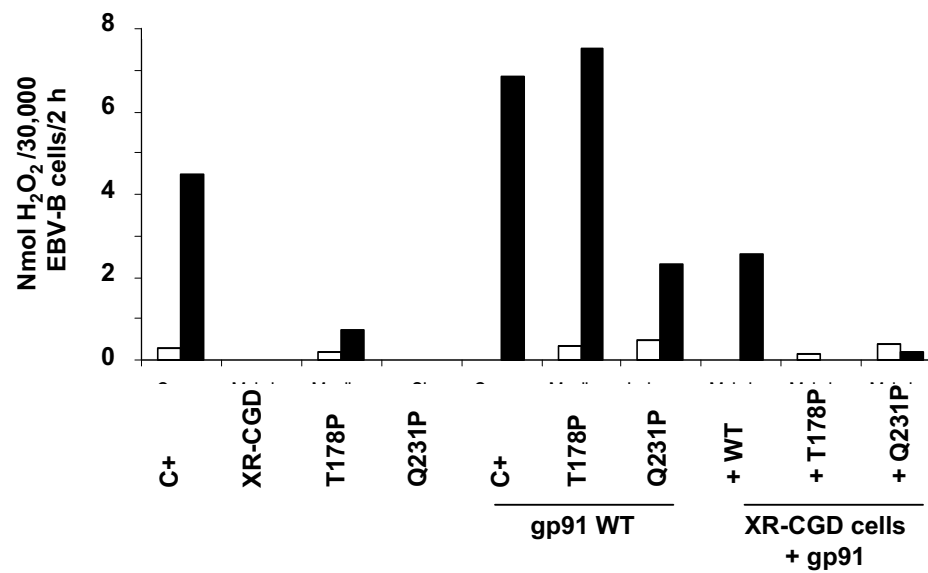


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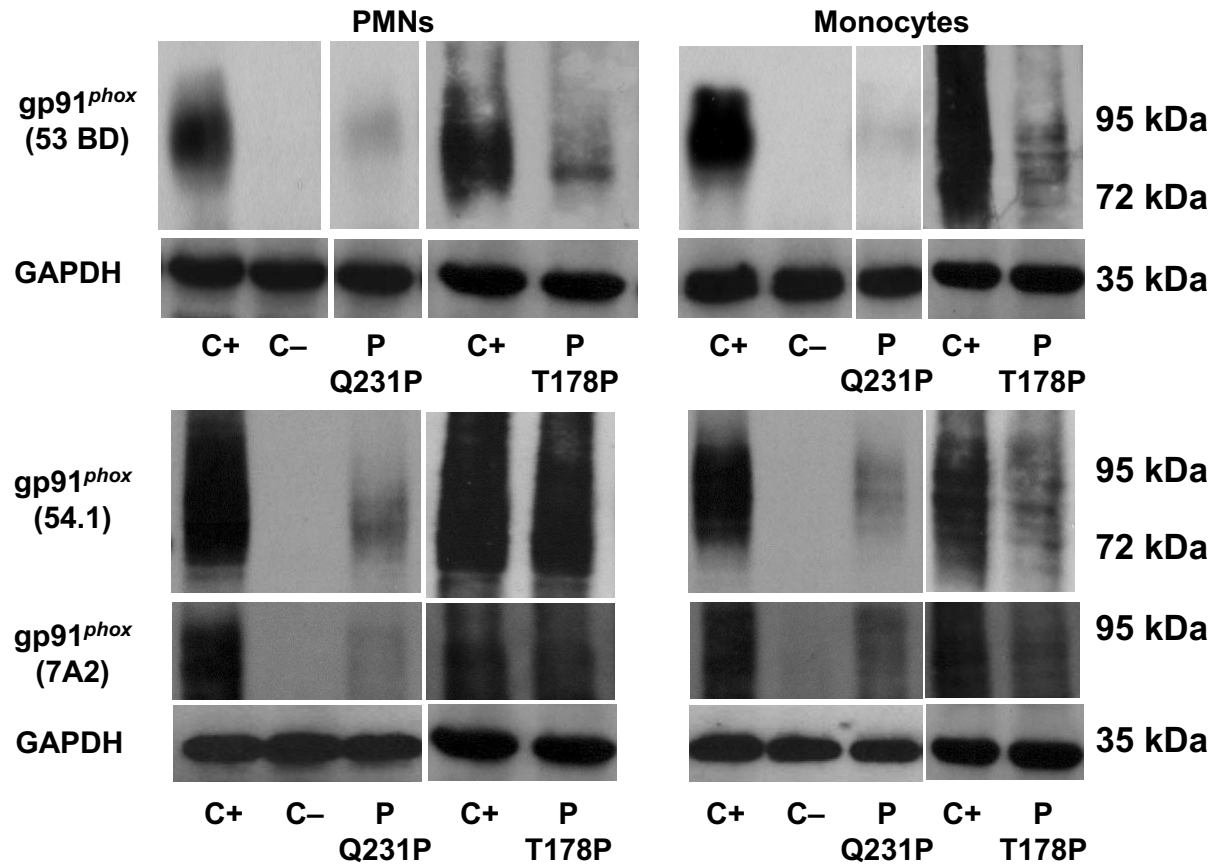
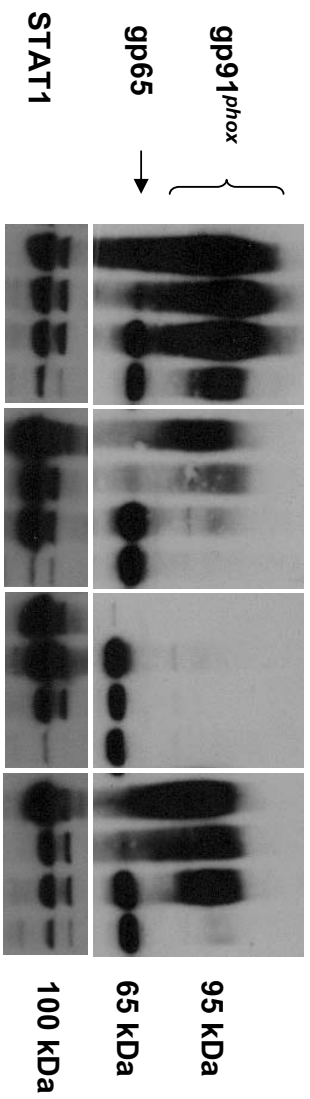
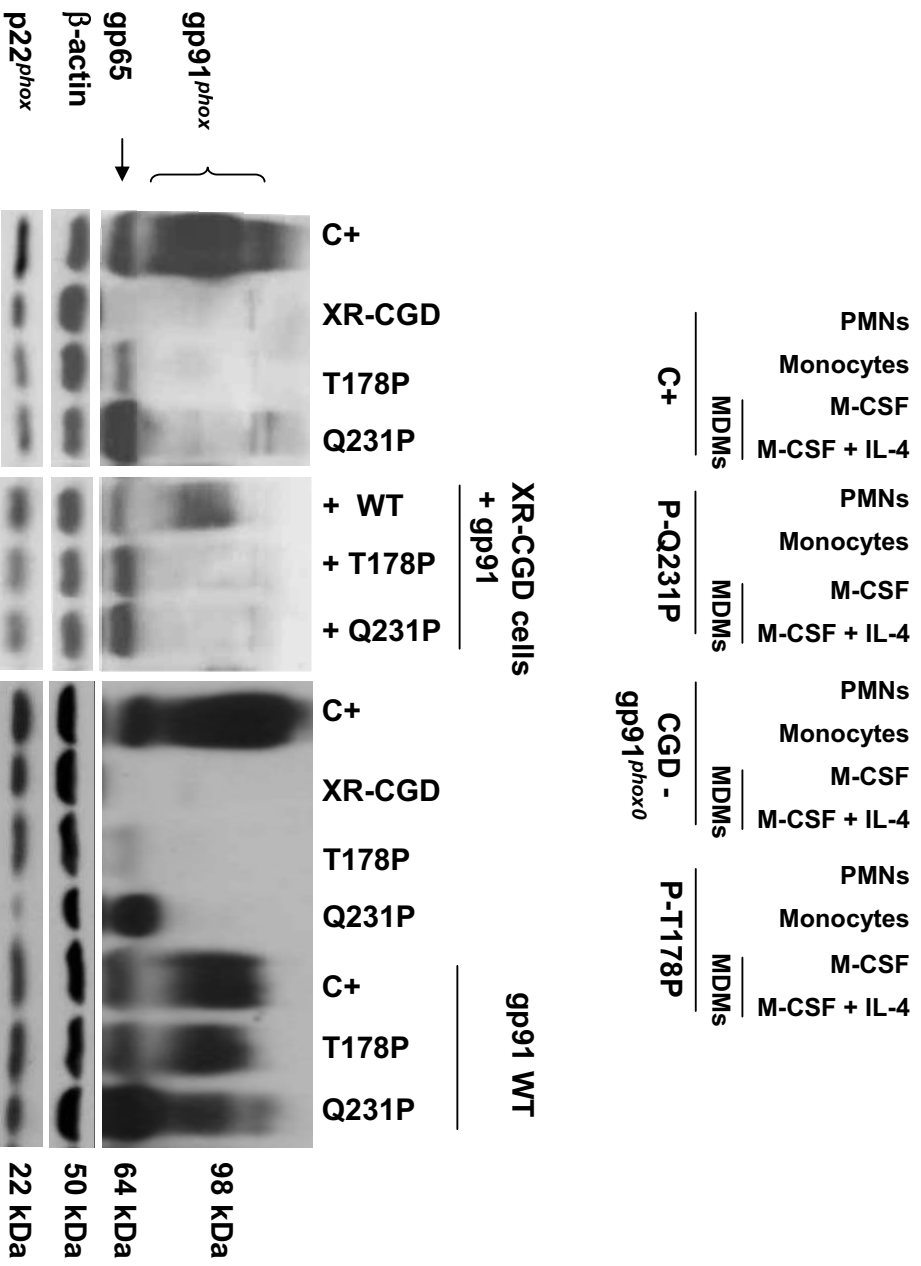
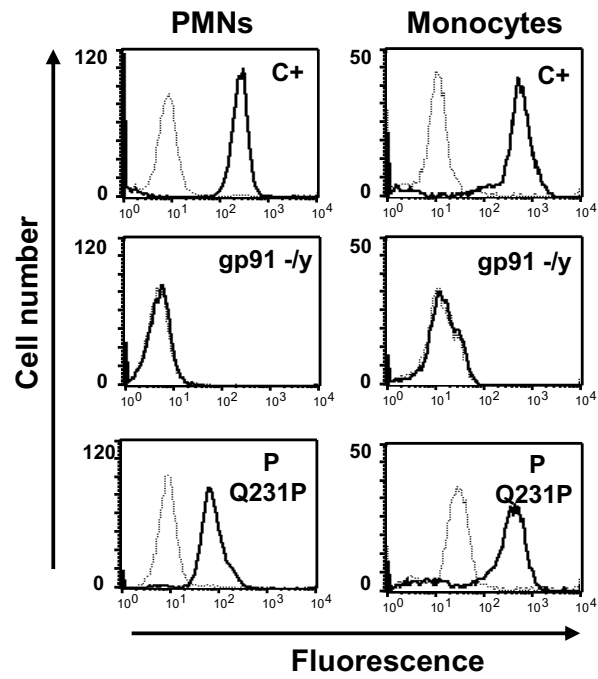
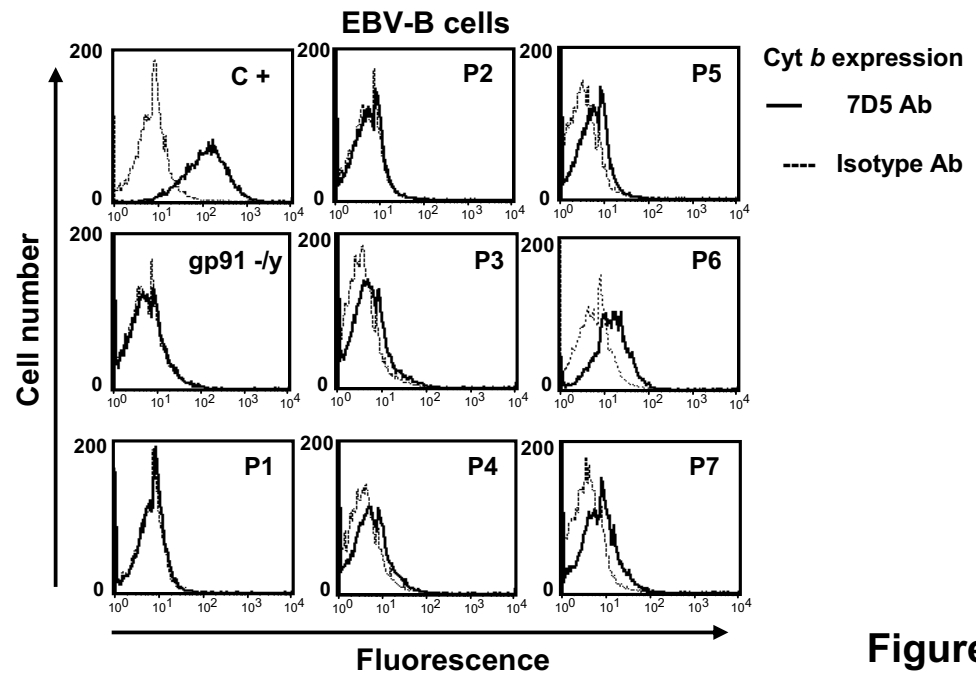


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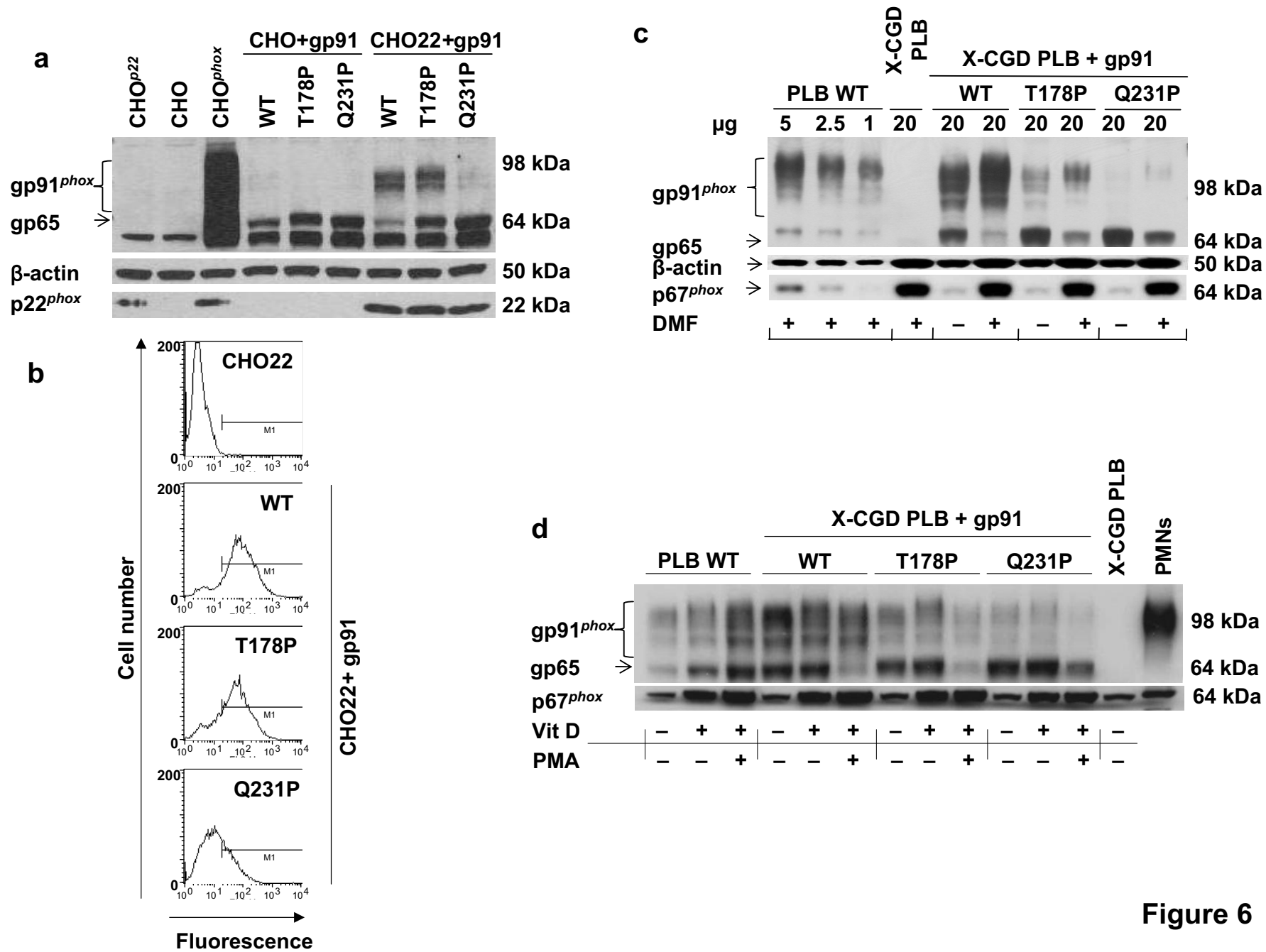


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