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52 1. Introduction

53 *Mycobacterium avium* subsp. *paratuberculosis* (MAP) is a critical pathogen for cattle and
54 small ruminants, causing paratuberculosis with decreased milk production and, in some animals,
55 excessive loss of weight [1]. Paratuberculosis, also referred to as Johne's disease is world-wide
56 endemic; no country or region has been found to be free of this disease [2]. Affected ruminants go
57 through a long asymptomatic subclinical phase in which infection cannot reliably be detected by
58 standard diagnostic tests [3, 4]. These subclinical infected animals can already shed MAP, thereby
59 contaminating dairy products or meat [5]. Diseased animals were shown to shed high numbers of
60 MAP [6, 7]. Since viable MAP were found in pasteurized milk [8] and in dried dairy products like
61 powdered infant formula [9] and in raw fermented sausages [10], MAP are discussed as foodborne
62 pathogens

63 A similar pathology in the intestinal tissue of patients with intestinal tuberculosis and
64 paratuberculosis was described more than a century ago. Recently, an association between MAP
65 and Crohn’s disease was shown, initiating a discussion about a possible relationship of MAP in
66 Crohn`s pathogenesis [11]. Johne`s and Crohn`s disease share clinical and histopathological
67 similarities, MAP can survive standard pasteurization procedures and MAP antibodies can be
68 detected in Crohn`s patients, where macrolide antibiotics ameliorate disease [12]. In contrast,

genotypes of MAP isolated from cattle and man are different, there is a lack of evidence for uptake of contaminated food in respective patients and MAP cannot consistently be isolated from Crohn`s disease patients [13]. Neither in cattle, nor in humans MAP is transmitted from mother to child during pregnancy. But although MAP was detected widespread in many farms and different countries, the incidence of Johne`s disease in ruminants is marginal [14]. Bacteria can survive for 2–10 years without causing obvious symptoms of infection in cows [15]. As seen in cattle farms, susceptibility to MAP infection differs in human populations [16]. This points to a complex disease in which several pathogens, environmental factors and an inappropriate immune response in genetically susceptible hosts participate in the cause of disease [16]. Since an enhanced susceptibility of the host contributes to pathogenesis in other mycobacteria associated diseases (e.g. tuberculosis) [17], we wanted to gain further information about the interplay of MAP with the immune system in hosts with different immune capacities. This is also of interest because in cattle, the MAP eradication programmes that are solely based on hygiene management are not very successful [18]. This could indicate certain reservoir cows that host and spread MAP without developing any clinical signs.

Only little is known about the host-pathogen interaction of MAP and the immune system of its hosts [19]. Functional differences in these responses could lead to aberrant reactions in susceptible hosts [19].

Recently, we detected a functionally different immune capacity in 22% of cows from different herds in Germany using differential proteome analyses [20]. These immune deviant (ID) cows

differ in their constitutive immune proteome and they regulate different master immune regulators upon polyclonal immune cell stimulation. The phenotype is functionally correlated with an increased prevalence of mastitis, indicating an impact on the ability to fight infections [20].

All living microorganisms are exposed to changing environmental parameters that define their habitats. Bacteria sense environmental changes and react to it with various stress response mechanisms [21]. To gain information about the pathogenic mechanisms of MAP and how they respond to different immune response signals of their hosts, we analysed the changes in the proteomes of MAP after co-incubation with primary peripheral blood derived leukocytes (PBL) of control and ID cows. Since the aim of this study was a better understanding of the host-pathogen response, we analysed the exoproteomes of MAP and the bovine peripheral blood derived lymphocytes.

The term exoproteome describes the protein content that can be found in the extracellular proximity of a given biological system [22]. These proteins arise from cellular secretion, other protein export mechanisms or cell lysis, but only the most stable proteins in this environment will remain abundant [22]. These proteins play roles in the organism's survival in extreme habitats such as saline environments [23]. Investigating the exoproteome of the pathogen and the secretome of PBL provides expanded coverage of the repertoire of proteins secreted in the stress response of MAP to different immune responses and this is essential for understanding respective mechanisms. Accordingly, this study aimed at providing a better understanding of the interplay of

Mycobacterium avium subsp. *paratuberculosis* (MAP) with the immune system or proteome level to identify the complex network of proteins involved in host-foodborne bacteria communication.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Mycobacterium avium subsp. paratuberculosis (MAP)

The bacterial strain used in these experiments was *Mycobacterium avium* subsp. *paratuberculosis* (DSM 44133), purchased from German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (DSMZ, Braunschweig, Germany). MAP were grown on Herrold`s egg yolk agar (HEYM) (BD Biosciences, Heidelberg, Germany) for four weeks prior to harvesting for the co-incubation experiment. MAP were yielded through rinsing the agar of the cultivation tubes with phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and gentle scratching.

2.2. PBL isolation of control and immune deviant cows

Blood samples of cows were collected in tubes supplemented with 25.000 I.U. heparin. Blood was then diluted 1:2 with PBS pH 7.2 and subsequently layered on density gradient separating solution (Pancoll; PanBiotech, Aidenbach, Germany). After density gradient centrifugation (room temperature, 290 × g, 25 min, brake off), PBL were obtained from intermediate phase. Cells were then washed 3x in PBS (4°C). Withdrawal of blood was permitted by the local authority Regierung von Oberbayern, Munich, permit no. 55.2-1-54-2532.3-22-12. For determination of control or ID status, PBL were tested in *in vitro* proliferation assays as described [20]. Respective animals were tested at least 11 times, before being assigned to control or ID status. The animals were from a

MAP-free farm and were tested negative for MAP antibodies and no MAP were detected in culture from feces.

2.3. Co-cultivation of MAP with primary bovine PBL

Primary bovine PBL ($2x10^7$) of control and ID cows were cultivated in 6 well plates in 3 ml RPMI each. 15 µg of live MAP were added for 48 h to one well, control wells were not infected. After 48 h, three technical replicates per experiment were centrifuged for 10 min at 350 x g and the supernatants were filtered through 0,5 µm filters (= exoproteome) and stored at -20°C until filter aided sample preparation (FASP). Cell pellets were lysed and total protein content measured with Bradford assay.

2.4. Proteolysis and LC-MS/MS mass spectrometry

10µg total protein was digested with LysC and trypsin by filter-aided sample preparation (FASP) as described [24]. Acidified eluted peptides were analysed in the data-dependent mode on a Q Exactive HF mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Bremen, Germany) online coupled to a UItimate 3000 RSLC nano-HPLC (Dionex). Samples were automatically injected and loaded onto the C18 trap column and after 5 min eluted and separated on the C18 analytical column (75µm IDx15cm, Acclaim PepMAP 100 C18. 100Å/size, LC Packings, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Bremen, Germany) by a 90min non-linear acetonitrile gradient at a flow rate of 250 nl/min. MS spectra were recorded at a resolution of 60000 and after each MS1 cycle, the 10 most abundant peptide ions were selected for fragmentation.

2.5. Protein identification and label-free quantification

Acquired MS spectra were imported into Progenesis software (version 2.5 Nonlinear Dynamics, Waters) and analyzed as previously described [6, 25, 26]. After alignment, peak picking, exclusion of features with charge state of 1 and > 7 and normalization, spectra were exported as Mascot Generic files and searched against a database containing all entries of *Mycobacterium avium* subspecies *paratuberculosis* from NCBI Protein database combined with the Ensembl bovine database (version 80) with Mascot (Matrix Science, Version 2.5.1). Search parameters used were 10 ppm peptide mass tolerance, 20 mmu fragment mass tolerance, one missed cleavage allowed, carbamidomethylation was set as fixed modification, and methionine oxidation and deamidation of asparagine and glutamine as variable modifications. Mascot integrated decoy database search was set to a false discovery rate (FDR) of 1% when searching was performed on the concatenated mgf files with a percolator ion score cut-off of 13 and an appropriate significance threshold p. Peptide assignment was reimported to Progenesis Software. All unique peptides allocated to a protein were considered for quantification. Proteins with a ratio of at least five-fold in normalized abundance between control and ID or samples were defined as differentially expressed.

2.6. Enriched pathway analyses

Abundances of the identified proteins were defined as differentially expressed based on the threshold of protein abundance ratio of ≥1.5 and their assignement to MAP or bovine exoproteome. Venn diagram was made with open source tool: http://bioinformatics.psb.ugent.be/webtools/Venn/. The protein–protein interaction network of differentially-accumulated proteins was analysed with GeneRanker of Genomatix Pathway

168 System (GePS) software (version 3.10; Intrexon Bioinformatics GmbH, Munich, Germany;
169 settings: Orthologous genes from H. sapiens were used for this ranking, species bovine, analysed
170 were proteins with ≥ 5-fold change). Further bioinformatic analyses were conducted with open
171 source software ShinyGO v0.50: http://ge-lab.org/go/ [27], P-value cutoff (FDR) was set to 0.05.
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173 **3. Results**

174 **3.1. Differentially abundant proteins in secretomes and exoproteomes of PBL from control**
175 **and immune deviant hosts as response to in vitro infection with MAP**

176 We investigated the immune response of primary PBL isolated from control and immune deviant
177 animals. After 48 hours of in vitro infection with live MAP, we harvested the mixed secretomes
178 and exoproteomes of PBL and MAP and analysed them with mass spectrometry. Overall, we
179 identified 826 proteins (811 bovine and 15 MAP proteins). Cluster analysis confirmed significant
180 differences in protein abundances between PBL of control and ID cow in host-pathogen response
181 (Figure 1, Venn diagramm). In secretome of control cow, 90 proteins were differentially
182 upregulated (Figure 1, ≥ 5-fold change of expression, blue circle) in contrast to 38 proteins that
183 were higher abundant in ID cow (Figure 1, light red circle). The MAP exoproteome, although
184 small in overall numbers, different protein abundances were also detectable. In MAP co-incubated
185 with control PBL, one protein (GroEl1) was found with protein abundance change and one protein
186 (DnaK) was upregulated in exoproteome after co-incubation with ID PBL.

3.2. Different biological pathways were regulated in the immune response in host PBL

Interpretation of large protein sets can be performed through enrichment analyses, using published information for examination of overrepresentation of a known set of genes within the input gene list [27, 28]. Since many gene ontology (GO) terms are related or redundant, we used a hierarchical clustering tree and network (ShinyGO v.050 [27]). The top regulated biological process pathways in the secretome/excretome of the control were all related to RNA splicing (Figure 2A). The top regulated immune pathways were cellular immune responses of various leukocyte subsets, chemotaxis and the reaction to IL-12 (Figure 2A).

In contrast, in secretome/excretome of ID PBL, the top regulated pathways were response to stress and immune system process (Figure 2B). The enriched immune pathways comprised distinct routes of immune response in ID PBL, focussing on closely related positive regulations of cellular functions, complement activation and humoral immune response (Figure 2B).

Visualization of network clearly indicates two major regulated networks in control PBL`s secretome (Figure 3A) and one distinct, major enriched network in ID proteins (Figure 3B).

3.3. GroEl1 and DnAK were differentially abundant in MAPs interacting with different hosts

Interestingly, there was also a clear difference in the regulated proteins of the pathogen itself, dependent on the co-cultivated host PBL (Table 1, supplementary table 2), although the low number of proteins was not sufficient for in depth enrichment analyses of the MAP exoproteomes.

205 These differential proteome analyses clearly indicate substantial differences on protein level of the
206 foodborne pathogen MAP in the interaction with different host immune capacities.

	Accession	Gene symbol	Description	Ratio MAP Ctr/ID
1	AAS06815	GroEL1	pep:novel chromosome:GCA_000007865.1:Chromosome:4733338:4734954:1 gene:MAP_4265 transcript:AAS06815 description:""GroEL1""	6,07
2	ETB04387	F0F1 ATP synthase subunit alpha	pep:novel supercontig:GCA_000504785.1:contig000131:9486:11150:1 gene:O979_07265 transcript:ETB04387 description:""F0F1 ATP synthase subunit alpha""	3,26
3	ETB05569	DNA-binding protein	pep:novel supercontig:GCA_000504785.1:contig000072:8572:9225:1 gene:O979_04085 transcript:ETB05569 description:""DNA-binding protein""	2,47
4	AAS06727	RplN	pep:novel chromosome:GCA_000007865.1:Chromosome:4652017:4652385:1 gene:MAP_4177 transcript:AAS06727 description:""RplN""	2,34
5	AAS06486; ELP44387; ETB08817	GroEL2	pep:novel chromosome:GCA_000007865.1:Chromosome:4395922:4397547:1 gene:MAP_3936 transcript:AAS06486 description:""GroEL2""	1,12
6	AAS06693	Tuf	pep:novel chromosome:GCA_000007865.1:Chromosome:4620946:4622136:1 gene:MAP_4143 transcript:AAS06693 description:""Tuf""	0,88
7	ETB02420	enoyl-CoA hydratase	pep:novel supercontig:GCA_000504785.1:contig000238:14619:15410:1 gene:O979_11400 transcript:ETB02420 description:""enoyl-CoA hydratase""	0,86

8	ETB00930	2-isopropylmalate synthase	pep:novel supercontig:GCA_000504845.1:contig000411:16560:18359:-1 gene:O978_19245 transcript:ETB00930 description:""2-isopropylmalate synthase""	0,75
9	AAS06690	RpsL	pep:novel chromosome:GCA_000007865.1:Chromosome:4617754:4618128:1 gene:MAP_4140 transcript:AAS06690 description:""RpsL""	0,67
10	AAS06681; ETB45918; ETB45924	RpoC	pep:novel chromosome:GCA_000007865.1:Chromosome:4606729:4610679:1 gene:MAP_4131 transcript:AAS06681 description:""RpoC""	0,62
11	AAS06680	RpoB	pep:novel chromosome:GCA_000007865.1:Chromosome:4603087:4606683:1 gene:MAP_4130 transcript:AAS06680 description:""RpoB""	0,48
12	AAS02778	ClpC	pep:novel chromosome:GCA_000007865.1:Chromosome:488298:490829:1 gene:MAP_0461 transcript:AAS02778 description:""ClpC""	0,46
13	ETB04840	GTP-binding protein YchF	pep:novel supercontig:GCA_000504785.1:contig000104:1736:2809:1 gene:O979_06015 transcript:ETB04840 description:""GTP-binding protein YchF""	0,43
14	ETB04389 AAS04768	ATP synthase subunit beta	pep:novel supercontig:GCA_000504785.1:contig000131:12100:13557:1 gene:O979_07275 transcript:ETB04389 description:""ATP synthase subunit beta""	0,26
15	AAS06390	DnaK	pep:novel chromosome:GCA_000007865.1:Chromosome:4295544:4297415:1 gene:MAP_3840 transcript:AAS06390 description:""DnaK""	0,04

207 Table 1: Regulation of MAP proteins identified in secretomes/exoproteomes after co-incubation

208 with control and ID PBL.

209 **4. Discussion**

210 *Mycobacterium avium* subsp. *paratuberculosis* (MAP) could be a foodborne pathogen, because it
211 is discussed in association with several diseases [29-31]. MAP were found in patients with
212 inflammatory bowel diseases like Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, as well as autoimmune
213 diseases like type 1 diabetes, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and Hashimoto's thyroiditis
214 (Garvey, 2018), but so far, a causal association has not yet been proven in any of these cases. Since
215 MAP can survive many of the standard techniques of food decontamination (e.g. pasteurization),
216 they are regularly found alive in pasteurized milk (Gerrard et al., 2018) and in dried dairy products
217 such as powdered infant formula (Botsaris et al., 2016). If MAP play a role in pathogenesis of
218 respective diseases, we think that this must be associated with a certain type of susceptibility from
219 these hosts. MAP is ubiquitously found and only a minor proportion of consumers (if at all) is
220 affected by MAP-associated diseases. The same is true for cows: while they are often in contact
221 with MAP, resulting in high frequencies of seropositive animals – approximately 20% and at least
222 3–5% in several countries [32, 33] – Johne`s disease incidence is very rare. For example, a total
223 of 232 clinical cases of Johne`s disease were reported in Ireland from 1995 to 2002 [34], yielding
224 an average annual rate of approximately 0.0005%, given a cattle population of six million [35]. A
225 study examining environmental samples from 362 dairy farms located in all 10 provinces of
226 Canada for detection of MAP by culture revealed true prevalence estimates of 66% for farms in
227 Western Canada, 54% in Ontario, 24% in Québec, and 47% in Atlantic Canada [36].
228 From tuberculosis it is known that after infection with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (MTB), there
229 is a 10% probability that the host will develop active tuberculosis and the bacterium may invade

multiple organs [37]. Although 9 million new cases of active tuberculosis are still reported annually, an estimated one-third of the world is infected with MTB while remaining asymptomatic, defined as latent TB [38]. Among the individuals with latent TB, only 5–10% will develop active tuberculosis disease in course of their lifetime, because they effectively control the infection through their immune response [38]. This immune response after MTB infection is highly complex as the bacteria have intricate immune escape mechanisms [37].

For MAP, only little is known about host-pathogen reactions in general, and whether different immune responses exist, but a thorough examination of the respective mechanisms is of major importance to get functional data that allow a better understanding and a substantiated risk assessment. In the post-genomic era, proteomics represents a key discipline to perform in depth studies and identify the complex network of proteins involved in such host-bacteria communication. In this study, we analysed the exoproteomes/secretomes of MAP and host cow PBL with known, functionally different immune capacities [20] using differential proteome analyses after *in vitro* infection. Interestingly, there were significant differences in protein abundances secreted from control and ID PBL. Ninety proteins were ≥ 5 fold higher abundant in control PBL after interaction with MAP. In the control, the top regulated immune pathways described cell activation and chemotaxis of leukocytes as well as IL-12 mediated signalling pathways. For *M. paratuberculosis* it was shown, that IL-12 transcription is increased in infected bovine macrophages within 6 hours [39], probably to enhance the developing T cell response [40]. To our knowledge, the role of IL-12 in MAP infections of cows has not been analysed so far, but

the IL-12 associated immune response should also be protective. In tuberculosis it was shown that the induction of protective IFN-γ T cell responses against primary *M. tuberculosis* infection clearly depends on IL-12 [41]. Mice lacking IL-12p40 cannot control the growth of the MTB bacterial infection [42]. These findings in mouse models were confirmed in man, where IL-12 was shown to be critical for preventing tuberculosis [43]. Therefore, we hypothesize that secretion of from IL-12 indicates a protective immune response against MAP infection in control PBL in ID PBL on the other hand, CCR4-NOT transcription complex, subunit 1 (CNOT1) was detected as highly abundant protein (supplemental table 1). This novel finding of CNOT1 regulation in the bovine immune system is very interesting, because CCR4-NOT complex members have recently been shown to function as regulators ensuring repression of the MHC I locus in human cell lines [44]. Poor MHC II expression can cause autoimmune or infectious diseases, since MHCII is indispensable for adequate immune responses [44]. Additionally, CNOT proteins also contribute to the downregulation of MHC class I gene expression by influencing transcription and mRNA degradation [45]. Enriched network analyses of secreted proteins from ID PBL revealed further major different functions of the 38 differentially abundant proteins (Figure 3B). Members of complement activation pathway were enriched in ID PBL. We think the regulated candidates in ID PBL merit further investigation in future studies to clarify whether they indicate an immune response in favour of MAP infection or just another way to successfully fight mycobacterial infections.

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abundances were also detectable. Exoproteomes arise from cellular secretion, other protein export mechanisms or cell lysis, but only the most stable proteins in this environment will remain abundant [22]. In MAP co-incubated with control PBL, GroEL1 showed 6-fold higher abundance. GroEL1 belongs to the family of 60 kDa heat shock proteins, also known as Cpn60s (GroELs) which are components of the essential protein folding machinery of the cell, but are also dominant antigens in many infectious diseases [46]. GroEL1 from MAP is highly immunogenic for cows [45]. The exact function of GroEL1 in MAP is not clarified so far, but it is highly similar to the respective protein in MTB (Rv3417c), where GroEL1 is important for bacterial survival under low aeration by affecting the expression of genes known for hypoxia response [46]. From co-cultivation of MAP with ID PBL, on the other hand, DnaK emerged as differentially abundant protein. DnaK is a HSP70 family chaperone protein with essential function in stress induced protein refolding and DnaK loss is accompanied by disruption of membrane structure and increased cell permeability [47]. DnaK is essentially required for cell growth in mycobacteria due to a lack of redundancy with other chaperone systems [47]. This finding from MAP – ID PBL co-cultivation points to regulation of important survival mechanisms in MAP. However, these results must be interpreted with care because our analysed MAP exoproteome only comprised 15 proteins.

Our data provide novel information about MAP-leukocyte interaction, adding to a more comprehensive picture of host-pathogen interactions. Co-incubation of MAP with cells from animals with different immune capacities led to significant differences in PBL secretomes and different immunological pathways enhanced in the hosts. In exoproteomes of respective MAPs,

GroEL1 and DnaK were differentially abundant. These analyses gave a deeper insight into the different responses of host PBL and MAP bacteria. In this study, several novel proteins were identified with changed abundance in host-pathogen interaction. These candidates merit further investigations in the future to clarify their functional role in infection control.

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Abbreviations

CCR4	CCR4-NOT transcription complex, subunit 1
FASP	Filter-aided sample preparation
ID	Immune deviant
IL-12	Interleukin 12

HEYM Herrold`s egg yolk agar

MAP *Mycobacterium avium* subsp. *paratuberculosis*

MTB *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

PBL Peripheral blood derived lymphocytes

PBS Phosphate buffered saline

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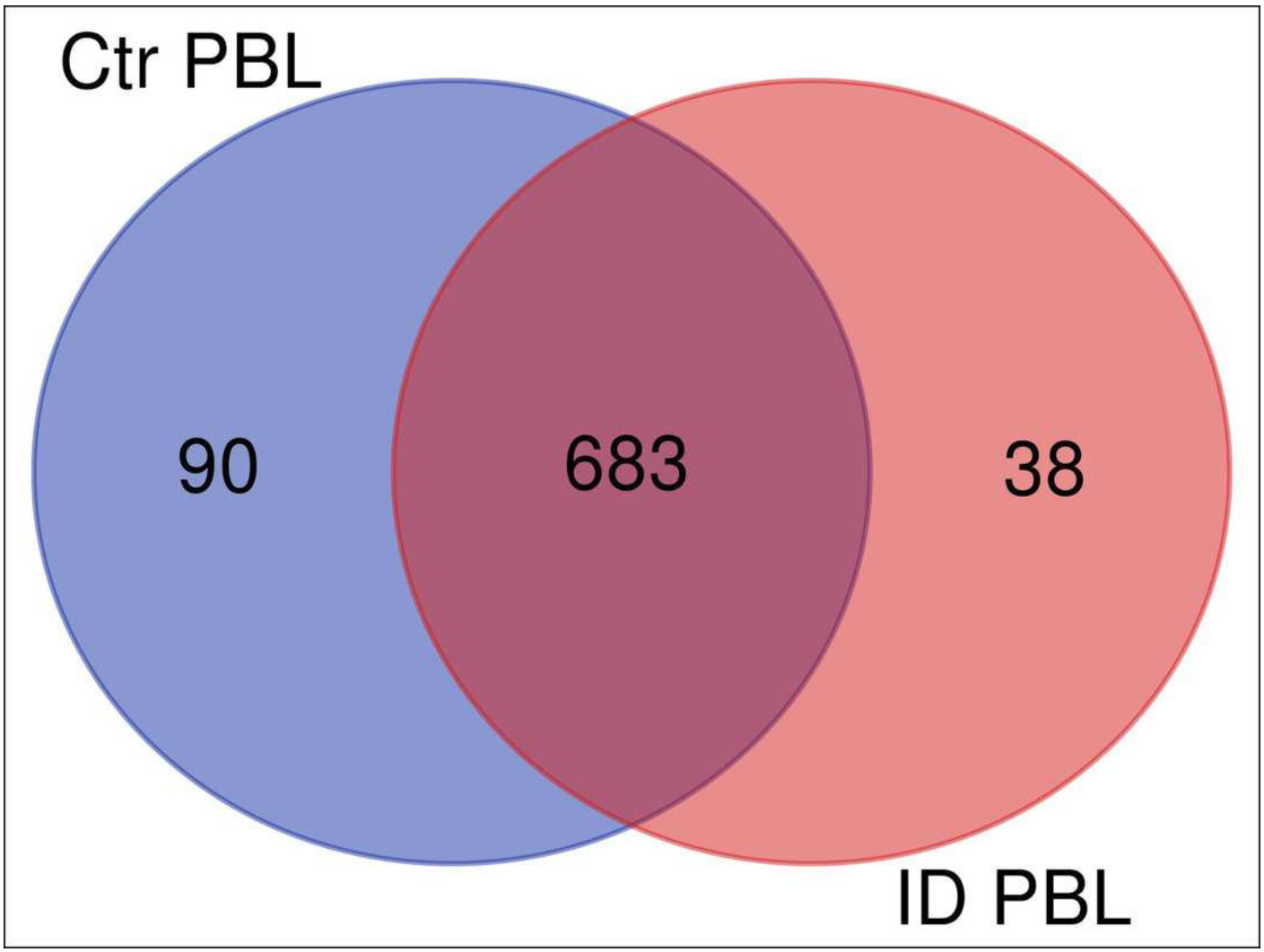

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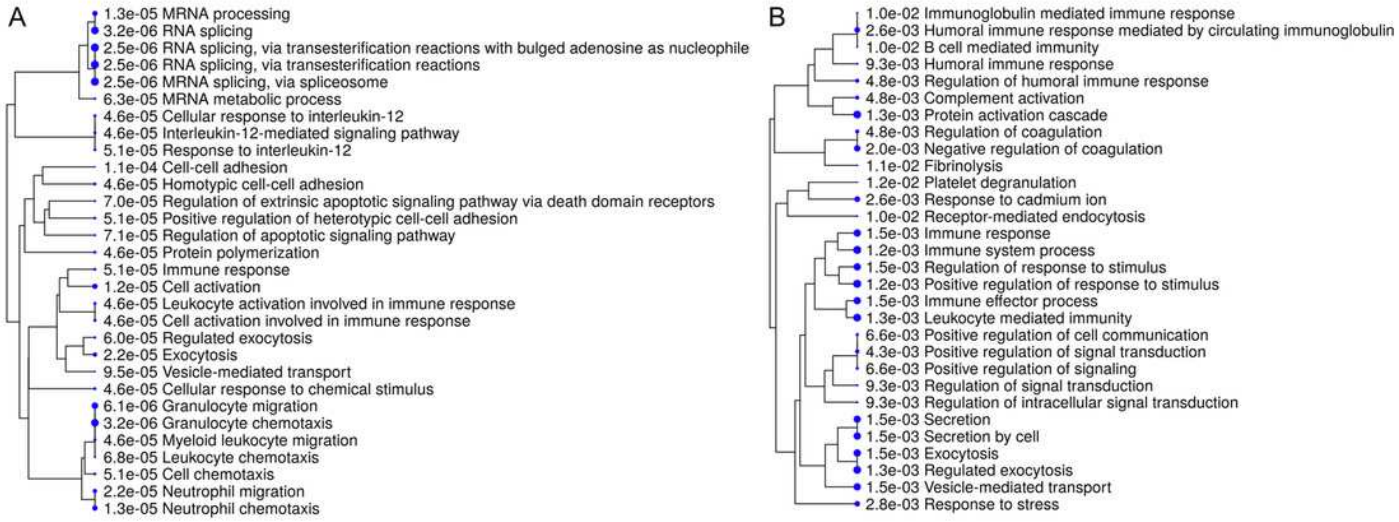

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