#### 1 Collection of samples and processing

2 We utilized PBMCs from individuals at-risk for RA (ARI, n=52) and established RA (n=67) who 3 were enrolled in the AMP RA/SLE Network. ARI were sub-categorized based on their family 4 history and/or the positivity of ACPA into FDR+ACPA- (n=23), FDR-ACPA+ (n=9), and 5 FDR+ACPA+ (n=20). Similarly, RA patients were categorized into ACPA+ and ACPA-. For 6 comparison, we collected PBMCs from healthy individuals as controls (n=48). Samples were 7 shipped to the central AMP RA/SLE Biorepository, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation 8 Biorepository, until sample collection was complete. All the collected PBMC samples (n=167) 9 with other consortium samples (Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), n=140) were randomly 10 distributed based on disease status, clinical site, and sex into 23 technical batches to minimize 11 effects from site differences and other demographics.

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13 We then applied computational integrative and association algorithms to identify unique co-14 varying phenotypical changes across different preclinical and clinical individual groups. We 15 applied an optimized downsampling strategy to analyze all mononuclear cells as well as specific 16 immune cell lineages for computational efficiency. We next performed a sensitivity analysis by 17 changing the downsampling proportions and confirmed that the immune cell clusters detected 18 by different downsampling parameters are stable (**Extended Data Fig. 1**). In total, we analyzed 19 1,640,747 cells for all mononuclear cells analysis (167 individuals), and 2,196,578 T cells (163 20 individuals), 1,886,084 myeloid cells (161 individuals), 1,918,711 B cells (167 individuals), and 21 2,008,997 NK cells (160 individuals) for each cell type analysis. To correct the technical batch 22 effect and inter-individual variation, we applied a single-cell batch effect correction algorithm (1) 23 and guantified the improvement of mixture levels across technical batches, clinical sites, and 24 individual samples after correction (1, 2). After batch effect correction, the degree of mixing 25 levels across batches, race, and sites was significantly increased compared to before correction 26 (Extended Data Fig. 2). For accurate integration, we confirmed that the mixing levels for cell

type, measured by LISI (Local Inverse Simpson's Index)(1, 3), as equal to 1, reflecting a correct
separation of unique cell types throughout the integrative embedding. One individual with
established RA whose baseline sample was not available was not included in the comparative
analyses, which specifically required baseline samples (e.g., RA vs. Control comparisons at
baseline).

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# 33 Mass cytometry antibody staining and quality control

34 All PBMC samples from 167 individuals (established RA (n=67), ARI (n=52) and controls 35 (n=48)) were thawed in a 37 °C water bath for 3 minutes and then mixed with 37 °C thawing 36 media containing: RPMI Medium 1640 (Life Technologies #11875-085) supplemented with 5% 37 heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (Life Technologies #16000044), 1 mM GlutaMAX (Life 38 Technologies #35050079), antibiotic-antimycotic (Life Technologies #15240062), 2 mM MEM 39 non-essential amino acids (Life Technologies #11140050), 10 mM HEPES (Life Technologies #15630080), 2.5 x 10<sup>-5</sup> M 2-mercaptoethanol (Sigma-Aldrich #M3148), 20 units/mL sodium 40 41 heparin (Sigma-Aldrich #H3393), and 25 units/mL benzonase nuclease (Sigma-Aldrich 42 #E1014). 100 µL aliguots of each sample post-thaw were mixed with PBS (Life Technologies 43 #10010023) at a 1:1 ratio to be counted by flow cytometry. Between  $0.5 - 1.0 \times 10^6$  cells were 44 used for each sample. All samples were transferred to a polypropylene plate (Corning #3365) to 45 be stained at room temperature for the rest of the experiment.

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The samples were spun down and aspirated. Rhodium viability staining reagent (Standard
BioTools #201103B) was diluted at 1:1000 and added for five minutes. 16% stock
paraformaldehyde (Fisher Scientific #O4042-500) was diluted to 0.4% in PBS and added to the
samples for five minutes. After centrifugation and aspiration, Human TruStain FcX Fc receptor
blocking reagent (BioLegend #422302) was used at a 1:100 dilution in cell staining buffer (CSB)
(PBS with 2.5 g bovine serum albumin [Sigma Aldrich #A3059] and 100 mg of sodium azide

[Sigma Aldrich #71289]) for 10 minutes followed by incubation with conjugated surface
antibodies (each marker was used at a 1:100 dilution in CSB, unless stated otherwise) for 30
minutes. All antibodies were prepared and validated by the Harvard Medical Area CyTOF
Antibody Resource and Core (Boston, MA).

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58 After centrifugation, samples were resuspended with culture media. 16% stock 59 paraformaldehyde (Fisher Scientific #O4042-500) dissolved in PBS was used at a final 60 concentration of 4% for 10 minutes to fix the samples before permeabilization with the 61 FoxP3/Transcription Factor Staining Buffer Set (ThermoFisher Scientific #00-5523-00). The 62 samples were incubated with SCN-EDTA coupled palladium barcoding reagents for 15 minutes 63 followed by incubation with Heparin (Sigma-Aldrich #H3149-100KU) diluted 1:10 in PBS. 64 Samples were combined and filtered in a polypropylene tube fitted with a 40µm filter cap. 65 Conjugated intracellular antibodies were added into each tube and incubated for 30 minutes. 66 Cells were then fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde for 10 minutes. 67 68 To identify single cell events, DNA was labeled for 20 minutes with an 18.75 µM iridium 69 intercalator solution (Standard BioTools #201192B). Samples were subsequently washed and 70 reconstituted in Cell Acquisition Solution (CAS) (Standard BioTools #201240) in the presence of

71 EQ Four Element Calibration beads (Standard BioTools #201078) at a final concentration of

1x10<sup>6</sup> cells/mL. Samples were acquired on a Helios CyTOF Mass Cytometer (Standard

73 BioTools). The raw FCS files were normalized to reduce signal deviation between samples over

the course of multi-day batch acquisitions, utilizing the bead standard normalization method

rstablished by Fink et al (4). The normalized files were then compensated with a panel specific

76 spillover matrix to subtract cross-contaminating signals, utilizing the CyTOF based

compensation method established by Chevrier et al (5). These compensated files were then

78 deconvoluted into individual sample files using a single cell based debarcoding algorithm

79	established by Zunder et al (6). Pre-analysis of CyTOF staining data included a Gaussian gating
80	strategy (7), gating on singlet cells by residual versus DNA staining, gating on bead-negative
81	cell events, and gating on all live cells (Rhodium-negative).
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83	Downsampling cells for all mononuclear cells, T, and myeloid panels
84	T cells and myeloid cells consist of a large proportion of peripheral blood. In order to save time
85	and computational resources for downstream analysis without missing important cell states, we
86	downsampled cells by randomly selecting cells according to individuals for analyses for all
87	mononuclear cells, T cells, and myeloid cells as follows;
88	1. If 10% of total cells > 10,000, we will keep 10% of total cells
89	2. If 10,000 > 10% of total cells, we will keep 10,000 cells
90	3. If 10,000 > total cells, we will keep total cells without downsampling
91	For sensitivity analysis, we performed consistent clustering analysis and obtained biological cell
92	clusters according to the proportions of downsampling (0.1%, 1%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%,
93	60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, and 100%).
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95	Protein expression normalization and dimensionality reduction
96	To minimize the effect of background on the measured signal, we normalized expression data
97	by ArcSinh transformation of data using the cytofAsinh function in cytofkit R package with
98	cofactor = 5 for each cell type. For dimensionality reduction, we then used truncated principal
99	component analysis (PCA) as implemented in the prcomp_irlba function from the irlba R
100	package and calculated 20 principal components (PCs) based on the normalized mass
101	cytometry data. During PCA, we used the most highly variable proteins by removing 10% lowest
102	variable proteins among cells because they are uninformative. We further corrected batch
103	effects and sample heterogeneity simultaneously with the HarmonyMatrix function from the

harmony R package to account for covariates. We next projected the cells into two dimensions
with UMAP (8, 9) with default parameters.

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## 107 Graph-based clustering, differential protein expression, and cell type annotation

108 After batch correction, we constructed shared nearest neighbor graphs derived from the top 20 109 PCs and applied graph-based Louvain clustering (10) at various resolution levels (0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 110 1.0). We selected optimized resolution values for each cell type (0.7 for T cells, 0.3 for NK cells, 111 0.3 for myeloid cells, 0.5 for B cells) based on silhouette width and manual check of expression 112 of key proteins in each cluster to gain the biological interpretations that made the most sense. 113 Unreliable clusters less than 30 cells in total were removed. In the end, we identified 26 T cell 114 clusters (2,196,578 cells, 163 individuals), 20 B cell clusters (1,918,711 cells, 167 individuals), 115 17 NK clusters (2,008,997 cells, 160 individuals), 16 myeloid clusters (1,886,084 cells, 161 116 individuals), for a total of 79 clusters. We allocated cluster numbers based on cluster size. For 117 each major cell type, we identified differentially expressed surface proteins by comparing cells 118 from one cluster with all the other cells using wilcoxauc function in presto R package. We tested 119 all proteins that were measured in each cell type. We present cluster-specific marker proteins 120 and relative statistics in Supplementary Table 3. We then annotated identified clusters based 121 on differentially expressed markers and relevant literature showing their biological functions in 122 each cell type.

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# 124 Identification of cell populations that are significantly associated with specific clinical 125 subgroups

We evaluated whether at-risk or RA are associated with changes in the relative abundances of cell states within all mononuclear cells (coarse) and major cell type-specific manner (finegrained). For each cell type, we applied multiple computational strategies, 1) cluster-based approach utilizing mixed effect model, Mixed-effects Association testing for Single Cells

130 (MASC)(11), and 2) cluster-free based approach which identifies dominant co-vary cell 131 neighborhoods in cell type abundance across samples in one clinical group compared to the 132 other, covarying neighborhood analysis (CNA)(12). MASC is a statistical association strategy 133 that uses single-cell logistic mixed-effect modeling to test individual cellular populations for their 134 association by predicting the subset membership of each cell based on fixed effects and 135 random effects. In MASC, a null model where the subset membership of every single cell is 136 estimated by fixed and random effects without considering the case-control status of the 137 samples was assumed. We then measured the improvement in model fit when a fixed effect 138 term for the case-control status of the sample was included with a likelihood ratio test. This 139 framework allowed us to evaluate the significance and effect size of the case-control association 140 for each cluster while controlling for inter-individual and technical variability. In our analyses, we 141 performed MASC using the MASC() R function as follows:

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$$Null \ model: \log\left[\frac{Y_{i,j}}{1-Y_{i,j}}\right] = \theta_j + \beta_{age} X_{i,k} + \beta_{sex} X_{i,k} + (\phi_i|k)$$

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$$Full \ model: \log\left[\frac{Y_{i,j}}{1-Y_{i,j}}\right] = \theta_j + \beta_{age}X_{i,k} + \beta_{sex}X_{i,k} + (\phi_i|k) + \beta_{case}X_{i,k}$$

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Here,  $Y_{i,j}$  is the odds of cell *i* belonging to cluster *j* (major cell types for all mononuclear cells analysis and fine-grained cell types for each cell type analysis, respectively),  $\theta_j$  is the intercept for cluster *j*,  $\beta_{age}$  and  $\beta_{sex}$  indicate the fixed-effect of age and sex for cell *i* from k<sup>th</sup> sample, respectively; ( $\phi_i | k$ ) is the random effect for cell *i* from k<sup>th</sup> sample,  $\beta_{case}$  indicates the effect of k<sup>th</sup> sample's case-control status. We presented our results from MASC by odds ratio with an error bar indicating 95% confidence intervals for each cluster. The statistics are summarized in **Supplementary Table 4**.

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153 It is noted that, for clusters with small cell numbers, statistics of MASC tend to have a wide 154 range of confidence intervals and are unreliable, making it necessary to use the cluster-free

155 method such as CNA (12) in combination. We use CNA to define small cell neighborhoods in the batch-corrected harmonized low-dimensional embeddings and calculate that fractional 156 157 abundance of cells from each sample in each neighborhood in a neighborhood abundance 158 matrix (NAM). By decomposing the NAM with principal component analysis (PCA), CNA defines 159 NAM-PCs within each cell type that capture axes of heterogeneity defined by groups of 160 neighborhoods whose abundances vary in a coordinated manner. Next, we use CNA to perform 161 two tests: associations between ARI vs control, and RA vs control, respectively. In practice, we 162 used the association() function in the rcna R package with default parameters, while controlling 163 for the "age" and "sex" as covariates. As CNA utilizes a permutation test, we obtained a 164 significant association based on a global permutation p < 0.05. For visualization of local 165 associations, we indicate the particular neighborhoods driving a global significant association. In 166 the violin plots and UMAP plots, we colored neighborhood correlations, with red and blue 167 indicating a positive and negative correlation, respectively. To highlight important cell 168 neighborhoods from important cell states, we put transparent parameters according to the 169 absolute value of correlation for each cell (from 0 [completely transparent] to 1 [no transparent]). 170 The statistics of CNA results are in Supplementary Table 5.

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172 Reference mapping of independent mass cytometry T cells to the original T cell reference 173 We analyzed independent mass cytometry data obtained from blood of ARI (n=57), RA (n=20), 174 and controls (n=23) enrolled from two clinical sites (University of Colorado and Brigham 175 Women's Hospital). Samples were shipped to the same central biorepository site until sample 176 collection was complete. They were then transited to the central pipeline site, the same lab with 177 the original sample processing, where samples were thawed and processed in 5 batches. After 178 removing beads and dead cells by DNA gating, we gated T cells by CD3+CD20-CD56-CD14-179 and downsampled in the same way as the original T cell panel. To validate our findings in the 180 original data, we then projected 1,022,630 T cells to the original T cell reference using the

mapQuery() function based on 29 common proteins from the Symphony package. For reference
building from the Harmony objects, we used the buildReferenceFromHarmonyObj() function.
We predicted cell states for the query cells based on the 30 nearest cell neighbors using the
knnPredict() function with k=30.

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### 186 Single-cell CITE-seq antibody staining, RNA library preparation, and sequencing

187 PBMC samples suspended in Cryostor CS-10 and stored in liquid nitrogen were transferred on 188 dry ice to the lab and thawed in batches of 4 at a time (up to 16 samples total) in a 37 degrees 189 C water bath with constant swirling until ice disappeared (~1.75 min). Each sample was diluted 190 in thawing media containing RPMI 1640 without glutamine (Gibco) supplemented with 0.5% 191 BSA (Miltenyi Biotec), 1X Glutamax (Gibco), and 10 mM HEPES (Corning), then filtered through 192 a 40 um strainer (pluriSelect). The filter was rinsed with an additional thawing buffer to dilute the 193 cryopreservation media. Processing continued in batches of 16. Cells were pelleted by 194 centrifugation (350g) and incubated for 20 minutes on ice with a Fc blocking reagent (Miltenyi 195 Biotec) and a cocktail of fluorescent antibodies (BD Biosciences) targeting CD15 (clone: W6D3; 196 conjugated to AF700) and CD45 (for each sample; clone:HI30; conjugated to one of the 197 following: BB515, PE, PE/Cy7, BUV395) in autoMACS Running Buffer (Miltenyi Biotec). The 198 samples were then washed and counted using a Cellometer Counter (Nexcelom). Pools of 4 199 samples were then created containing 150,000 live cells from each sample such that the CD45 200 fluorochrome was unique for each sample with the pool (600,000 live cells per pool). For oligo 201 barcode-tagged surface protein detection, each pool was incubated with Totalseg-A Human 202 Universal Cocktail V1.0 (Biolegend; 25% of manufacturer's recommendation) prepared in Cell 203 Staining Buffer (Biolegend) for 30 minutes at 4 degrees C in a total volume of 50 uL according 204 to manufacturer's instructions. Following incubation, pools were washed twice, resuspended in 205 autoMACS Running Buffer containing 1 ug/mL DAPI (Biolegend), and filtered through a 35 um 206 strainer. Equal numbers of live CD15 negative cells from each sample were then FACS sorted

207 (BD FACSAria) using the CD45 fluorochrome to distinguish the individual samples in each pool 208 (15,000 cells per sample) into loading media containing RPMI 1640 without glutamine (Gibco) 209 supplemented with 0.04% BSA, 1X Glutamax, and 10mM HEPES. After sorting, all 16 samples 210 in the batch were pooled in one tube and 32,000 cells were loaded in each of 3 Chromium chips 211 (10x Genomics) to generate single cell RNAseg and surface protein libraries using 212 manufacturer's protocols. Completed RNA and ADT libraries were pooled at a 3 RNA:1 ADT 213 molar ratio (75% RNA:25% ADT). Two "master" pools were then made, each containing 19 214 libraries (RNA+ADT), for 38 total libraries, and sequenced across 3 individual S4 flow cells on a 215 Novaseq (Illumina) to a 5,092 reads per cell.

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# 217 Single-cell CITE-seq gene expression and protein expression quantification

mRNA and antibody-derived tag (ADT) unique molecular identifier (UMI) counts were quantified
using Cell Ranger v3.1.0. Raw BCL files were demultiplexed using cellranger mkfastq with
default parameters to generate FASTQ files. These FASTQ files were then aligned to the
GRCh38 human reference genome using Cell Ranger v3.1.0, with gene and ADT reads
quantified simultaneously using cellranger count.

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# 224 Quality control of single-cell CITE-seq data

Analyses for quality control, normalization, and scaling were performed following the steps

outlined in Zhang., et al (13). Cells identified as doublets by scDblFinder (14) and expressing

fewer than 500 genes or containing more than 20% of their total UMIs mapping to mitochondrial

- genes were removed, resulting in 502,799 cells. Sample-level QC was then performed,
- removing samples with a small number of cells (< 300). The final dataset contained 488,540
- 230 cells from 140 samples for downstream analysis. mRNA features were normalized, selected,
- and scaled both globally and by cell type. Global normalization involved log transformation and
- scaling by total UMIs per cell, followed by selection of the top 2,000 most highly variable genes

per sample based on a variance stabilizing transformation. These genes were then pooled
across all samples for a cell type, and z-score scaling was applied. Cell type-specific
normalization and scaling followed the same steps but were performed only on cells of each
given cell type. Protein features were normalized using centered-log ratio (CLR) transformation
and corrected for antibody background staining using a Gaussian mixture model. Cell typespecific protein normalization was performed in the same manner, with additional scaling steps
for each cell type.

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241 For global analysis and cell-type-specific analysis, a multi-modal dimensionality reduction 242 strategy was used to integrate mRNA and surface protein expression. Canonical correlation 243 analysis (CCA) was performed on scaled mRNA and protein data, followed by selection of the 244 top 20 canonical variates, batch effect correction with Harmony, and projection into two 245 dimensions with UMAP. To integrate and compare CITE-seg data and two mass cytometry 246 datasets (original and validation), we employed a reference mapping approach using the 247 StabMap (15). For the CITE-seq dataset, we selected the surface proteins corresponding to the 248 genes present in the mass cytometry datasets. Similarly, for the mass cytometry datasets (from 249 our study and an external dataset), we selected the surface proteins with corresponding genes 250 in the CITE-seq dataset. The preprocessed datasets were used as input, specifying the original 251 mass cytometry dataset as the reference and the CITE-seq as a query dataset. This step 252 generated a low-dimensional embedding of the cells from all datasets, with the query datasets 253 aligned to the reference dataset. To assign cell type labels to the guery datasets, we trained a k-254 nearest neighbors (k-NN) classifier on the reference dataset using the knn function of class R 255 package (16). The k-NN classifier was then used to predict cell type labels for the cells in the 256 query datasets based on their proximity to the annotated cells in the reference dataset. The k-257 NN classifier was run with k = 5 and the probability of each cell type assignment was calculated.

258	Cell type-specific reference mapping followed the same steps but were performed only on cells
259	of each given cell type.
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261	The signature scores for Th22, Th17, and Tph cells were calculated using the addmodulescore
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## **Extended Data Figures**



**Extended Data Fig. 1: Downsampling strategy for large-scale mass cytometry dataset. A.** Optimized downsampling schema developed for large-scale mass cytometry dataset to efficiently conduct downstream analysis without losing robustness, **B**. Sensitivity analysis for downsampling strategy. X-axis represents the proportion of downsampling cells. Y-axis represents the number of identified biologically meaningful cell clusters in each cell type using graph-based clustering.



**Extended Data Fig. 2: Analytical pipeline applied to large-scale mass cytometry data. A.** Representative example of batch effect correction using myeloid panel. **B.** LISI scores in myeloid panel to measure mixture levels on race, clinical site, batch, and samples. After batch effect correction, the mixture level of clinical sites (median LISI = 4.45), technical batches (median LISI = 7.16) are significantly reduced compared to before correction (median LISI = 4.31 for clinical sites, median LISI = 5.53 for technical batchers (Wilcoxon test p < 0.01), **C**. Distribution of samples (top) and cell types (bottom) by batch, **D**. Analytical pipeline from expression data to cell embeddings in low-dimensional space using dimensionality reduction, **E**. Density plot using all mononuclear cells by batch. Cells from different batches but the same cell types are clustered together, **F**. Gating strategy for mass cytometry data to determine selected immune cell populations.



Extended Data Fig. 3: Expression of measured proteins in T cell panel.



Extended Data Fig. 4: Expression of measured proteins in myeloid cell panel.



Extended Data Fig. 5: Expression of measured proteins in B cell panel.



Extended Data Fig. 6: Expression of measured proteins in NK cell panel.



# Extended Data Fig. 7: Correlation of abundance in blood between 79 cell types.

Correlation plot between cell type abundances. Cells are colored in red (positive) or green (negative) if their false discovery rate is less than 0.05.



**Extended Data Fig. 8: Paired clusters after reference mapping using independent mass cytometry data for T cells.** We mapped T cells in the validation dataset onto the corresponding T cell reference from the original T cell panel to determine correspondent cell cluster annotations. **A.** Blue-red color scale in the heatmap indicates the log (OR) for a given pair of states (OR is the ratio of odds of mapping a cell cluster in the validation dataset to a given cluster of the original T cell panel compared to odds of mapping other cells in the validation dataset onto the same cluster of the original T cell panel), with higher values indicating greater correspondence. **B.** LISI scores of T cells from the validation data to measure mixture levels on clinical site, batch, and samples. After batch effect correction, the mixture level of clinical sites (median LISI = 1.85) and technical batches (median LISI = 3.56) are significantly increased compared to before correction (Wilcoxon test *p* < 0.01) suggesting the well mixture of cells in each T cell panel, **D.** Average expression distributions of variable key proteins in each cluster across samples, scaled within each cell cluster.



**Extended Data Fig. 9: Expression of CCR2 mRNA in the synovium of RA patients. A.** T cell clusters identified in the synovium of RA patients in the UMAP space. The annotations of *CCR2*-expressing clusters are labeled. **B.** *CCR2*-expressing cells in the UMAP. Expressing cells are colored in blue.



Extended Data Fig. 10: ACPA-status specific analysis reveals unique populations for different disease statuses. Heatmap shows association with each subgroup upon ACPA status in ARI and RA (vs controls) for each cell type. Only clusters with p < 0.05 are shown. Circles represent p < 0.05 and squares represent adjusted p < 0.05. Adjusted p-values were calculated by the Benjamini and Hochberg method. Cell types are colored in red (expanded) or blue (depleted). Error bars on selected cell populations represent 95% confidence intervals. All the results in this analysis are adjusted for age and sex.



**Extended Data Fig. 11: Sensitivity analysis for different control groups from multi-clinical sites. A**. Density plot by family history and ACPA status according to cell types, **B**. Correlation plot of odds ratios comparing ARI subgroups with FDR–ACPA– controls (y-axis, n=8) from the SERA cohort (y-axis) or healthy controls from other clinical sites (x-axis, n=40). Dots are colored by immune cell types. Of total association tests, 77 cell clusters were included; outliers of the odds ratio (top 99%ile and bottom 1%ile) or size of clusters are lower than 25%ile among all clusters, and results with infinite confidence intervals for the odds ratio were excluded. Statistical results are adjusted for age and sex. Correlation coefficients and p-values were obtained by Spearman's correlation test.



Extended Data Fig. 12. Quality control and processing step for CITE-seq data. A,

Distribution of the number of detected genes per cell. The red vertical line represents the threshold used for filtering out low-quality cells based on gene count. **B**, Distribution of the percentage of mitochondrial genes per cell. The red vertical line indicates the threshold used to filter out cells with high mitochondrial content, which is indicative of poor cell quality or stress. **C**, Quality control (QC) steps and their impact on cell count. The bar graph shows the number of cells remaining after each QC step: before QC, after filtering by gene count and mitochondrial

content, after doublet removal, and after sample-level QC to retain samples with a minimum number of cells. **D**, Cell counts per sample after QC steps. Each bar represents the number of cells retained from each sample after quality control. **E**, Integration of transcriptomic and surface protein data using canonical correlation analysis (CCA). UMAP plots show the separate clustering of transcriptomic (left) and surface protein (right) data before integration. The bottom plot shows the integrated dataset with combined clustering of transcriptomic and proteomic data. **F**, Mapping of CITE-seq T cell clusters to mass cytometry reference data. The right UMAP plot shows the reference mapping of CITE-seq T cells using mass cytometry reference data, with clusters annotated according to known T cell subsets. The inset shows the reference mass cytometry data used for mapping. **G**, Scatter plot showing the correlation between odds ratios for patients with RA association for various T cell subsets. Selected cell clusters are labeled. **H**, Scatter plot showing the correlation between odds ratios for ARI association with various T cell clusters. Significantly associated clusters in the mass cytometry analysis are labeled.

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