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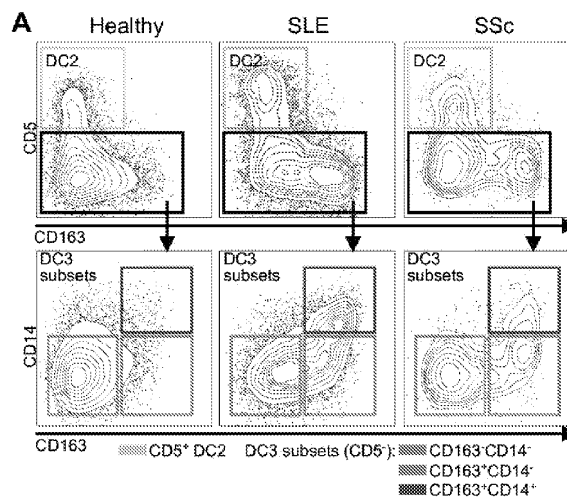
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a method of identifying pro-inflammatory dendritic cells, the method comprising: determining an expression of CD5, CD14 and/or CD163 in cells, wherein CD5⁺, CD14⁺ and/or CD163⁺ cells are identified as pro-inflammatory dendritic cells. Also disclosed is a method of characterising inflammation and/or inflammatory disease in a subject, the method comprising: determining a proportion of CD5⁺, CD14⁺ and/or CD163⁺ dendritic cells in the subject's sample, wherein the proportion positively correlates with the level of inflammation and/or the severity of inflammatory disease in the subject.

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