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| Data collection | Human GRCh38 and mouse mm10 genomes were used to map scRNA-seq and RNA-seq bulk reads to their corresponding genes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Data analysis   | standard CellRanger pipeline (versions varied depending on the run from 3.0.0 to 3.0.1, 3.1.0 and more recently 6.0.0) to map reads onto the reference genome and get the gene expression count matrices per cell<br>R (version 4.0.4) for all downstream analysis of the scRNA-seq data<br>Seurat package (version 4.0.1) for basic QC and analysis of scRNA-seq data<br>DoubletFinder (version 2.0.3), scDbfFinder (version 1.4.0) and scds (hybrid mode, version 1.6.0) with default parameters to predict doublets in scRNA-seq data<br>SoupX package (version 1.5.2) to correct for background noise in scRNA-seq data<br>Harmony (version 0.1.0) to integrate all patient scRNA-seq samples together<br>inferCNV package (version 1.11.2) to infer the copy number variation from the scRNA-seq data |

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The scRNA-seq and bulk RNA-seq raw data generated in this study have been deposited at the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) under the accession code GSE221494 [<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE221494>]. The shallow WGS and targeted DNAseq raw data generated in this study have been deposited at the BioProject database under the accession code PRJNA113972 [<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/113972>]. Source data are provided with this paper.

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| Reporting on sex and gender                                        | Reporting on sex is provided in Supplementary Table 1 for each individual patient. Age and gender were not considered in the study design and gender of participants was determined based on self report.                                                                                    |
| Reporting on race, ethnicity, or other socially relevant groupings | Not applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Population characteristics                                         | Population characteristics including age, sex, tumor location , tumor size, tumor grade and follow-up are provided in Supp Table 1                                                                                                                                                           |
| Recruitment                                                        | All patients naive of pre-operative treatment and undergoing surgery for primary DDLPS from 2019 to 2023 in our institution were included. All patients gave written informed consent.                                                                                                       |
| Ethics oversight                                                   | Institut Curie institutional review board and ethics committee approved the study protocol. All patients gave written informed consent.<br>The study complies with all relevant ethical regulations and was approved by Institut Curie institutional review board (IRB protocol DATA190160). |

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## Life sciences study design

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| Sample size     | No sample-size calculation was performed. We decided to perform scRNAseq on 10 WD and 10 DD components from DDLPS tumors, so as to have a comparable number of single cells from each component and a sufficient number of total cells to identify potential rare subpopulations. |
| Data exclusions | Concerning scRNAseq data, cells that did not complied to standard quality controls were filtered as standard procedure for scRNAseq analysis. No other data exclusion was performed.                                                                                              |
| Replication     | Experimental findings were replicated in a least three independent experiments and the results of all replicates were consistent.                                                                                                                                                 |
| Randomization   | not applicable: this study is not a clinical trial and describes the multiomic characterization of a cohort of human tumors                                                                                                                                                       |
| Blinding        | not applicable: this study is not a clinical trial and describes the multiomic characterization of a cohort of human tumors                                                                                                                                                       |

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## Methods

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## Antibodies

### Antibodies used

All antibodies are described in the method section:

For immunohistochemistry, Serial 5 µm sections were incubated with specific antibodies recognizing tumoral cells (MDM2, SantaCruz, ref sc965, pH6, dil 1:100), macrophages (CD163, Novocastra, ref NCL-L-CD163, clone 10D6, pH6, dil 1:100), lymphocytes (CD3, Dako Agilent, ref A0452, pH9, dil 1:100, FOXP3, Master Diagnostica, ref MAD-000536-QD, clone SP97, pH9, ready-to-use), and DDLPS progenitors (CD55, CST, ref 31759, clone E7G2U, dil 1 :600, pH 9).

For multiplex immunofluorescence; the following antibodies were used: lymphoid panel : CD4 (Cell signaling, ref 48274, dil 1: 100), FOXP3 (Diagomics, ref MAD-000536QD, ready-to-use (RTU)), CD8 (Agilent, ref M710301, dil 1: 200), PD1 (Abcam, ref ab137132, dil 1: 500), MDM2 (Diagomics, ref MAD-000682QD, RTU) ; myeloid panel : CD68 (Agilent, ref M081401, dil 1: 800), CD163 (Leica, ref NCLCD163, dil 1: 200), S100A8 (Abcam, ref ab92331, dil 1: 100), CD33 (Abcam, ref ab270942, ref 1: 500), MDM2 (Diagomics, ref MAD-000682QD, RTU) ; progenitor panel : CD55 (Cell signaling, ref 31759, dil 1: 800), CD44 (Abcam, ref ab189524, dil 1: 3,000), ALDH1 (BD Biosciences, ref 611194, dil 1: 1000), CD34 (Agilent, ref M716529, dil 1: 200), MDM2 (Diagomics, ref MAD-000682QD, RTU) ; TGF panel : TGF-β1 (Abcam, ref ab215715, dil 1: 100), CD3 (Agilent, ref ir503, RTU), CD14 (Abcam, ref ab182032, dil 1: 200), MDM2 (Diagomics, ref MAD-000682QD, RTU).

For Western Blott, the following antibodies were used: anti-Smad2 (CST, ref CS3122, dil 1 : 1,000), anti-Phospho-Smad2 (CST, ref CST3108, dil 1 : 1,000), anti-FABP4 (Abcam, ref ab92501, dil 1 :1000), anti-GAPDH (Proteintech, ref HRP-60004, dil 1 : 10,000)

### Validation

MDM2 antibody: validated for detection of rat, mouse, and human MDM2 by WB, IF, IHC (Latif et al, Nat Com 2021)

CD163 antibody: validated for detection of human CD163 by IHC (Lau et al, American Journal of Clinical Pathology 2004)

CD3 antibody: validated for detection of human CD3 by IHC (Moritsch et al, Oncoimmunology 2022)

FOXP3 antibody: validated for detection of human FOXP3 by IHC (Suzuki et al, JCO 2012)

CD55 antibody: validated for detection of human CD55 by WB and IHC ( Blood, Brodsky, Blood,2014)

For antibodies used for multiplex immunofluorescence, validation was performed within this study (see Methods section).

Smad2 antibody: validated for detection of human Smad2 by WB, IF and IP (Qiu Hua Yang, et. al. Cells, 2023)

Phospho-Smad2 antibody: validated for detection of human phospho Smad2 by WB (Kyungsoo Kim, et. al. Biotechnol J 2024)

FABP4 antibody: validated for detection of human FABP4 by WB, IHC and IF (Link et al, JCI 2022)

GAPDH antibody : validated for detection of human GAPDH by WB, IHC, IF (Yang, Nature 2020)

## Animals and other research organisms

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### Laboratory animals

described in the method section:

PDX SIL10AS was established in Institut Curie and PDX 15lp0542, 15lp2584 and 15lp4728 were established in Institut Régional du Cancer de Montpellier . Models were obtained from consented DDLPS patients after IRB approval. Tumors were engrafted in nude mice, monitored weekly and collected before they reached 10,000 mm<sup>3</sup>. Mice were euthanized by cervical dislocation. Mice were purchased from Charles River Laboratories and maintained under specific pathogen-free conditions.

### Wild animals

not applicable

### Reporting on sex

All experiments were realized on 7 to 8 week-old female nude mice

### Field-collected samples

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### Ethics oversight

described in the method section:

The care and animal housing were in accordance with institutional guidelines and with the recommendations of the French Ethics

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not applicable

Novel plant genotypes

not applicable

Authentication

not applicable