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Software and code

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Data collection	NA
Data analysis	NA

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https://figshare.com/s/9355fa3158556b1458e9 (all the metabolomics data sets, IHC data sets, 16S rRNA sequencing data sets)
Metabolic workbench - metabolomics data sets are deposited under the ID: 4638 (In progress)

Research involving human participants, their data, or biological material

Policy information about studies with [human participants or human data](#). See also policy information about [sex, gender \(identity/presentation\), and sexual orientation](#) and [race, ethnicity and racism](#).

Reporting on sex and gender

All participants provided written informed consent for the study and the subsequent use of the stored samples. The exclusion criteria for our study were patients younger than 18 years of age, patients with acute or chronic anemia requiring transfusion of ≥ 1 unit of packed red blood cells, patients with active cancer, and prisoners.

We restricted our murine studies to male mice. Both male and female samples were included in the human studies, and all human female samples included in this study were from postmenopausal women.

Reporting on race, ethnicity, or other socially relevant groupings

Stroke (n=60) Controls (n=64) p value
Demographics characteristics
Sex, Female, n (%) 22 (36.6%) 21 (32.8%) 0.70a
Age, mean $\pm$ SD, y 62.38 $\pm$ 13.24 58.29 $\pm$ 14.88 0.25b
Race, ethnicity n (%) 0.43c
White/Caucasian 33 (55%) 42 (65.6%)
Black/ African American 15 (25%) 8 (12.5%)
Asian 3 (5%) 2 (3.1%)
Other 9 (15%) 12 (18.7%)
Hispanic (Other/White) 15 (25%) 14 (21.8%)

Population characteristics

Smoking (past or currently) 25 (41.6%) 8 (12.5%) 0.0003a
Missing 5 (7.8%)
Medical history, n (%) 0.76c
Hypertension 53 (88.3%) 34 (53.1%)
Missing 3 (4.68%)
Diabetes 30 (50%) 13 (20.3%)
Missing 4 (6.2%)
Hypercholesterolemia 38 (63.3%) 23 (35.9%)
Missing 4 (6.2%)
Atrial fibrillation 13 (21.6%) 9 (14%)
Missing 4 (6.2%)

Recruitment

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Ethics oversight

The use of Postmortem Human samples was deemed exempt by the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (HSC-MS-22-0982 – UTHealth Neuropathology Core). Postmortem human brain tissue was obtained from the Neuropathology Core of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) at the University of Pittsburgh.
For the use of human samples for the metabolomics studies, the protocol was approved by the Institutional Review Board of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, Texas, USA (IRB No: HSC-MS-17-0452, HSC-MS-20-0780). All participants provided written informed consent for the study and the subsequent use of the stored samples. The exclusion criteria for our study were patients younger than 18 years of age, patients with acute or chronic anemia requiring transfusion of ≥ 1 unit of packed red blood cells, patients with active cancer, and prisoners.

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☒ Life sciences ☐ Behavioural & social sciences ☐ Ecological, evolutionary & environmental sciences

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Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size

The number of mice in each experiment (all Aims) will provide 80% power to detect ($\geq 20\%$) differences, and these group sizes are sufficient and necessary for the decisive interpretation of the data (SPSS Sample Power; power of .8 and α of .05). This was determined with the help of preliminary data

Data exclusions	Animals that did not pass stroke surgery (NDS score) was excluded from the experiment
Replication	All the experiment mentioned in the manuscript were repeated more than 2 time independently for reproducibility of the data sets and sent to metabolomics together to minimize the handling error
Randomization	Since these animals (WT mice) were obtained from national institute of aging at an age of 18 months, they were housed for 3 weeks for microbiome changes to be normalized and used evenly in the experiments. Similarly all the germ free mice used in the study were provided by Baylor college of Medicine germ free facility who controls for age and generation. All of the animals provided originated from the same facility and we randomly split the animals to maintain equal numbers between the groups and used them in our study. We used spare animals in case we encounter more animal loss during the surgery process since these animals were aged.
Blinding	All the experiments were blinded. The person who performed the stroke surgeries never took part in treatment and the treatment were given to animals by research technician who is blinded from the animals groups. The analysis of behavioral data sets were performed by an individual who did not take part in both surgery or treatment study design. Flow cytometry was performed using nomenclature that involves only numbers and after the analysis the team was unblinded just prior to statistical analysis.

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Materials & experimental systems

n/a	Involved in the study
☐	☒ Antibodies
☐	☒ Eukaryotic cell lines
☐	☐ Palaeontology and archaeology
☐	☒ Animals and other organisms
☐	☒ Clinical data
☐	☐ Dual use research of concern
☐	☐ Plants

Methods

n/a	Involved in the study
☐	☐ ChIP-seq
☐	☒ Flow cytometry
☐	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used	Flow cytometry: antibodies pre-conjugated with fluorophores (BioLegend): CD45-eF450 (eBioscience, Cat#: 48-0451-82, Lot: 2005853), CD11b-APC (BioLegend, Cat#: 101212, Lot: B279418), Ly6CPeCP-Cy5.5 (BioLegend, Cat#: 128011, Lot: 292026), Tmem119-PE-Cy7 (eBioscience, Cat#: 25-6119-82, Lot: 2210260), P2RY12-PE (BioLegend, Cat#: 848003, B298459), and MHCII-APC-Fire750 (BioLegend, Cat#: 107652, Lot: B301025) pre-conjugated antibodies and Zombie Aqua (BioLegend, Cat#: 423102, Lot: B300004). For intracellular staining, cells were fixed and permeabilized (BioLegend, Cyto-Fast Fix/Perm kit, Cat#: 750000133) following the manufacturer's protocol. A pre-conjugated AHR-BV421 antibody (BD Horizon, Cat# 565791) was used for intracellular staining. Data were acquired using a Cytotflex-S cytometer (Beckman Coulter) and analyzed using FlowJo software (Treestar Inc.) IHC: IHC of formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded human brain sections was performed as described previously^{66,67}. Briefly, after deparaffinization, the sections were subjected to heat-induced antigen retrieval process by heating the samples (citrate buffer, pH 6.0; 99 °C; 20 min), then blocked with blocking buffer (5% donkey normal serum, 1% bovine serum albumin with 0.3% Triton X-100 in phosphate buffered saline [PBS]) for 1 h at room temperature. The sections were incubated with primary antibodies followed by detection using secondary antibodies. Primary antibody : AHR: nsj Bioreagents, cat#: RQ4534 (dilution 1:500); Iba1: Fujifilm, cat#: 013-27593; Mouse monoclonal antibody (dilution 1:200) followed by secondary antibody:Alexa Fluor 488-conjugated donkey anti-rabbit and Alexa Fluor 647-conjugated donkey anti-mouse (dilution 1:200, Jackson ImmunoResearch).
Validation	Every antibody was used to be validated with tissues containing no microglia for its specificity. Most of the microglial specific markers were validated. However, Ahr receptor antibody is validated using Ahr knock out mouse tissue or cells. Various dilution of primary antibody was performed before we choose the appropriate dilution for IHC.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	HMC3 cells were maintained in Eagle's Minimum Essential Medium (EMEM) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum and 1% penicillin-streptomycin in a humidified incubator at 37 °C and 5% CO₂. Fischer Scientific Cat No#: NC1278248 (ATCC Frozen HMC3 cell lines). The HMC3 cell line was established through SV40-dependent immortalization of a human fetal brain-derived primary microglia culture. Cells were purchased from Creative Biolabs HUMAN MICROGLIA CELL LINE HMC3, from Fischer Scientific
Authentication	The cells were purchased from the company and after 3 passages they were used in the experiment. We did not perform repeated passage. we did not genotype them.

Mycoplasma contamination	We performed mycoplasma contamination test at every step of our study. We are very sure that all the cell lines used in the study were mycoplasma negative.
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Palaeontology and Archaeology

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Dating methods	If new dates are provided, describe how they were obtained (e.g. collection, storage, sample pretreatment and measurement), where they were obtained (i.e. lab name), the calibration program and the protocol for quality assurance OR state that no new dates are provided.
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Ethics oversight	Identify the organization(s) that approved or provided guidance on the study protocol, OR state that no ethical approval or guidance was required and explain why not.

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Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals	Mus Musculus, C57Bl6, WT strain - 3-months and 18 months of age, Germ free mice - 12 months of age.
Wild animals	Provide details on animals observed in or captured in the field; report species and age where possible. Describe how animals were caught and transported and what happened to captive animals after the study (if killed, explain why and describe method; if released, say where and when) OR state that the study did not involve wild animals.
Reporting on sex	All animals used were males
Field-collected samples	All animals, except germ-free (GF) mice, were group-housed in Tecniplast individually ventilated cage (IVC) racks, fed a commercially available irradiated, balanced mouse chow (no. 5058, LabDiet, St Louis, MO, USA), and provided corncob bedding. Animal rooms were maintained at 21–23 °C, under a 12:12-h light:dark cycle. All WT animals were maintained under specific pathogen-free conditions. All GF animals were maintained under sterile environment. The crates were assembled, bedded with Alpha-Dri bedding and autoclaved with lids closed. Mice were removed from the isolator in the gnotobiotic facility using sterile transfer bags, housed in shipping crates in a biosafety cabinet, and immediately transported. The two medical schools are only a few hundred yards apart, which precludes lengthy and stressful travel. To assess the “germ-free” status of the mice upon arrival at the UTHSCH, fecal samples were collected to confirm the absence of bacteria in the gut. Transient focal ischemia was induced under isoflurane anesthesia in young, aged, or GF mice for 60 min by occlusion of the right middle cerebral artery according to a previously described protocol⁷¹. Body temperature was maintained at 37.0 ± 1.0 °C throughout the surgery by an automated temperature control feedback system (TC1000, mouse, CWE Inc., USA). A midline ventral neck incision was made and unilateral MCAO was performed by inserting a Doccol monofilament (Doccol Corp, Redlands, CA, USA) into the right internal carotid artery. One hour after ischemia, the animals were re-anesthetized and reperfusion was established by withdrawal of the monofilament. The mice were then placed in recovery cages and euthanized 24 h after reperfusion. Sham controls were subjected to the same procedure, except that the sutures were not introduced into the middle cerebral artery. Animals were randomly assigned to the stroke and sham surgery groups, individually housed in their recovery cages for the first 2 h after surgery, and then returned to group housing. All analyses were performed by investigators who were blinded to the surgical conditions. Sham and stroke mice were housed separately to minimize the effects of microbiota contamination between experimental groups. Five mice were excluded from the study, because of either death during MCAO surgery (n=2), subarachnoid hemorrhage (n = 1), or no significant intra-ischemic neurological deficits (NDS = 0) after stroke (n = 2).
Ethics oversight	Animal experiments were performed according to the guidelines of the National Institute of Health, and all experiments were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSCH) and the Baylor College of Medicine. All animal procedures were performed at an Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care-accredited (AAALAC-accredited) facility and approved by the Animal Welfare Committee at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, TX, USA.”

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Study protocol

Data collection

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☒	☐	Increase transmissibility of a pathogen
☒	☐	Alter the host range of a pathogen
☒	☐	Enable evasion of diagnostic/detection modalities
☒	☐	Enable the weaponization of a biological agent or toxin
☒	☐	Any other potentially harmful combination of experiments and agents

Plants

Seed stocks

Novel plant genotypes

Authentication

ChIP-seq

Data deposition

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Methodology

Replicates

Describe the experimental replicates, specifying number, type and replicate agreement.

Sequencing depth

Describe the sequencing depth for each experiment, providing the total number of reads, uniquely mapped reads, length of reads and whether they were paired- or single-end.

Antibodies

Describe the antibodies used for the ChIP-seq experiments; as applicable, provide supplier name, catalog number, clone name, and lot number.

Peak calling parameters

Specify the command line program and parameters used for read mapping and peak calling, including the ChIP, control and index files used.

Data quality

Describe the methods used to ensure data quality in full detail, including how many peaks are at FDR 5% and above 5-fold enrichment.

Software

Describe the software used to collect and analyze the ChIP-seq data. For custom code that has been deposited into a community repository, provide accession details.

Flow Cytometry

Plots

Confirm that:

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- ☒ All plots are contour plots with outliers or pseudocolor plots.
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Methodology

Sample preparation

Blood (mouse)

Blood was drawn via cardiac puncture using heparinized needles. Red blood cell lysis was achieved by two consecutive 10-min incubations with Tris-ammonium chloride (Stem Cell Technologies).

Brain (mouse)

Mice were transcardially perfused with 60 mL cold sterile PBS prior to aseptic removal of the spleen and brain tissues. Brain tissue was placed in complete Roswell Park Memorial Institute medium 1640 (Lonza) and mechanically and enzymatically digested in Collagenase/Dispase (1 mg/mL) and DNase (10 mg/mL; Roche Diagnostics) for 45 min at 37 °C. The cell suspension was filtered through a 70 µm filter. Leukocytes were harvested from the interphase of a 70-to-30% Percoll gradient.

Skull bone marrow (mouse)

To isolate the skull bone marrow, the meninges were gently peeled from the skull cup. The skull was then cut into small pieces using sterile scissors and mechanically dissociated in PBS, followed by filtration through a 70-µm cell strainer. After centrifugation at 500 g for 5 min, red blood cells were removed by adding 1 mL of ammonium chloride (Stem Cell Technologies, Cat #07850) lysis buffer for 2 min at room temperature, centrifugation at 500 g for 5 min, followed by resuspension of the cell pellet in PBS until use.

Spleen (mouse)

Spleen (whole) tissue was removed after PBS perfusion and passed through a 70 µm strainer and ammonium chloride solution (Stem Cell Technologies, Cat #07850) in 9:1 ratio was used for red blood cell lysis.

Surface and intracellular staining

Cells were washed and blocked with mouse FcR Block (BioLegend) before staining with antibodies pre-conjugated with fluorophores (BioLegend): CD45-eF450 (eBioscience, Cat#: 48-0451-82, Lot: 2005853), CD11b-APC (BioLegend, Cat#: 101212, Lot: B279418), Ly6GPerCP-Cy5.5 (BioLegend, Cat#: 128011, Lot: 292026), Tmem119-PE-Cy7 (eBioscience, Cat#: 25-6119-82, Lot: 2210260), P2RY12-PE (BioLegend, Cat#: 848003, B298459), and MHCI-APC-Fire750 (BioLegend, Cat#: 107652, Lot: 107652).

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Cell sorting

Single-cell suspension and surface staining were performed as described in the preceding section. After viability and singlet selection, MG gated as Live Tmem119+ (verified to be CD45intCD11b+) was sorted under an aseptic hood from a single-cell suspension prepared from naïve aged male brains (full brains, n=8) using BD FACSMelody. Sorting was performed from the tube directly into a 96-well plate for ex vivo experiments to preserve the cell counts. The cells were then washed with PBS, stained for surface markers and viability after OGD/R, and analyzed using flow cytometry.

Instrument

Cytoflex-S cytometer (Beckman Coulter), BD FACSMelody

Software

FlowJo software (Treestar Inc.)

Cell population abundance

No less than 100,000 events were recorded for each sample/tissue. Cell type-matched fluorescence minus one (FMO) and unstained controls were used to aid in gating strategy. tSNE plots were generated in FlowJo using DownSample plug-in (3,000 Live CD45+ cells per sample, i.e., 12,000 Live CD45+ for each of the six study groups) followed by tSNE algorithm on all compensated parameters (except viability and CD45) at 1,000 iterations, perplexity of 30, learning rate of 5040, and Barnes-Hut gradient algorithm

Gating strategy

Flow Cytometry: No less than 100,000 events were recorded for each sample/tissue. Cell type-matched fluorescence minus one (FMO) and unstained controls were used as gating strategies. Briefly, the bivariate plots of forward scatter versus side scatter were used to select for particle size and granularity. Subsequently, forward scatter area versus length was used to identify and exclude the blood particles. Next gate was to select for viable cells using Zombie Aqua staining, negatively stained particles were selected as live singlet cells. Following the selection of the live cells, a plot of CD45 versus CD11b was used to select the classical gates of the myeloid populations in the brain. Intermediate staining of CD45 versus high staining of CD11b was determined as the microglia population, confirmed by double positive staining of P2RY12 and TMEM119. Additionally, microglia gate was confirmed to be negative for staining of Ly6C to exclude monocytic contaminations. High levels of CD45 staining along with high CD11b staining was identified as infiltrating myeloid cells a population comprised of monocytes, macrophages, dendritic cells. Lastly, on the same plot of CD45 versus CD11b, the CD45 high population with low CD11b staining was identified as an initial gate for the lymphocytes. B and T lymphocytes were subsequently identified from the initial lymphocyte gate using CD19 and CD3 pan markers, respectively.

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Magnetic resonance imaging

Experimental design

Design type

Indicate task or resting state; event-related or block design.

Design specifications

Specify the number of blocks, trials or experimental units per session and/or subject, and specify the length of each trial or block (if trials are blocked) and interval between trials.

Behavioral performance measures

State number and/or type of variables recorded (e.g. correct button press, response time) and what statistics were used to establish that the subjects were performing the task as expected (e.g. mean, range, and/or standard deviation across subjects).

Acquisition

Imaging type(s)

Field strength

Sequence & imaging parameters

Area of acquisition

Diffusion MRI ☐ Used ☐ Not used

Preprocessing

Preprocessing software

Normalization

Normalization template

Noise and artifact removal

Volume censoring

Statistical modeling & inference

Model type and settings

Effect(s) tested

Specify type of analysis: ☐ Whole brain ☐ ROI-based ☐ Both

Statistic type for inference

(See [Eklund et al. 2016](#))

Correction

Models & analysis

n/a	Involved in the study
☒	☐ Functional and/or effective connectivity
☒	☐ Graph analysis
☒	☐ Multivariate modeling or predictive analysis