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24 **ABSTRACT**

25 Perivascular macrophages (pvM) are closely associated with cerebral vasculature and play an essential  
26 role in drainage of the brain and regulation of the immune response. Here, using reporter mouse models  
27 and immunofluorescence on sections and whole brain, flow cytometry and single cell sequencing, we  
28 identify a Lyve1<sup>+</sup> brain perivascular population lacking classical macrophage markers such as CD45  
29 and Cx3cr1. We named the new non-conventional CD45 negative perivascular macrophages pvM2.  
30 These cells have a similar location, morphology and phagocytic function as conventional pvM. The  
31 pvM2 are not derived from hematopoietic stem cells, as they are negative in the *Vav<sup>tdT</sup>* lineage tracing  
32 model. They increase in number after photothrombotic induced stroke established by flow cytometry  
33 and 3D immunofluorescence analysis. Since CD45 negative cells were typically excluded from  
34 macrophage studies, the presence of pvM2 has been previously missed and their role is of importance  
35 to assess in the brain disease models.

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37 **INTRODUCTION**

38 The central nervous system (CNS) has long been considered immune privileged, devoid of immune  
39 cells other than microglia and without classical lymphatic vessels. The re-discovery of the dural  
40 lymphatic network highlights a route for the drainage of the brain to the periphery <sup>1-6</sup>. How drainage  
41 from the CNS parenchyma occurs towards lymphatics and draining lymph nodes is unknown, but there  
42 are indications this happens via the foramen at the base of the skull <sup>3</sup>.

43 Besides microglia, several myeloid populations have now been characterized and shown to be essential  
44 for brain homeostasis and in brain diseases <sup>7</sup>. These myeloid populations include the so-called non-  
45 parenchymal or border macrophages which can be classified in the perivascular, subdural meningeal  
46 and choroid plexus macrophages. These macrophages are established during development by  
47 embryonic precursors derived from yolk sac precursors and are not replaced by blood monocytes  
48 during adulthood, except for the choroid plexus macrophages <sup>8</sup>. Specifically, perivascular macrophages  
49 (pvM) are located in the perivascular space of the blood vessel, delimited by the vascular basement  
50 membrane of blood vessels and glial basement membranes <sup>9</sup>. The pvM have been shown to be involved  
51 in many processes within the CNS. Early studies demonstrated that pvM are capable of scavenging  
52 molecules injected into the cerebral ventricles. They contribute to the blood brain barrier function and  
53 mediate the up-take of macromolecules <sup>10-12</sup>, participate in immune regulation <sup>13</sup>. They are involved in  
54 a wide variety of brain related disorders such as cerebrovascular and neurocognitive functions in  
55 hypertension <sup>14</sup>, brain infections, immune activation, Alzheimer's disease <sup>15,16</sup> and multiple sclerosis

56 <sup>17,18</sup>, suggesting that they are a key component of the brain-resident immune system and involved in  
57 clearing or draining of the CNS.

58 Lyve1 is notably expressed on lymphatic endothelial cells (LEC) and macrophages, but not on  
59 microglia. Specifically, distinct macrophage populations lining the blood vessels within the periphery  
60 have been characterized as Lyve1<sup>hi</sup> and Lyve1<sup>lo</sup> <sup>19</sup>. In the mouse brain, myeloid cells are a  
61 heterogeneous group of cells localized in specific niches and include parenchymal microglia and non-  
62 parenchymal pvM <sup>7,20</sup>. Previously, brain pvM were described to be CD45<sup>+</sup> and were shown to express  
63 canonical macrophage markers such as fractalkine receptor (Cx3cr1), colony-stimulating factor1  
64 receptor (Csf-1R), CD206 and Iba-1, but also the prototypic macrophage markers CD11b and F4/80  
65 <sup>7,8</sup>.

66 Recent studies highlighting Lyve1<sup>hi</sup> and Lyve1<sup>lo</sup> pvM <sup>19</sup>, peripheral nervous system and specific  
67 border-associated macrophages <sup>21,22</sup> have shown that the macrophage population within the nervous  
68 system is heterogeneous. However, all these studies have excluded CD45<sup>-</sup> cells. In the current study,  
69 using different reporter- and fate-mapping mouse models and employing both (whole-mount)  
70 immunofluorescence as well as flow-cytometry and single cell sequencing, we observed a previously  
71 uncharacterized CD45<sup>-</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup>PU.1<sup>-</sup>Lyve1<sup>+</sup>F4/80<sup>+</sup> cell population within the mouse brain. We  
72 established that these cells were not lymphatic endothelial cells, but non-conventional pvM lining  
73 blood vessels, having a similar morphology as conventional pvM. Functionally, they were able to  
74 phagocytose macromolecules injected within the ventricle. During photothrombotic-induced stroke,  
75 CD45<sup>-</sup> pvM increased similar as conventional pvM. Hence, our data characterize a previously  
76 overlooked CD45<sup>-</sup> pvM cell population, which we name non-conventional CD45<sup>-</sup> perivascular  
77 macrophages (pvM2).

## 78 RESULTS

### 79 Identification of a Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> cell population in the brain parenchyma

80 Using whole-mount immunofluorescence of the superior and inferior cortex and cerebellum, we  
81 identified Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells that did not form lymphatic luminized vessels (Fig. 1A-D, whole brain in Video  
82 1 and maximum intensity projection in Supplementary Fig. 1A). Their cellular morphology depended  
83 on their location. Within the superior cortex (Fig. 1A) they were small and spread, similar as in the pia  
84 mater. Within the inferior cortex, these cells were elongated and more stretched, as they were also  
85 within the hippocampus (Fig. 1B-C). In the olfactory bulb, near the cribriform plate, where  
86 cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) lymphatic drainage occurs from the sub-arachnoid space into nasal  
87 lymphatics, Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells were also found to be long and stretched (Fig. 1D).

88 In *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP/+</sup>* and *Spi1<sup>GFP/+</sup>* (gene encoding PU.1) mouse brain sections, we identified conventional  
89 Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>+</sup>F4/80<sup>+</sup>Iba1<sup>+</sup> pvM (white arrows in Fig. 1). In addition, we observed a  
90 Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> population expressing F4/80 and Iba1 (Fig. 1E, F) but lacking classical hematopoietic  
91 and other macrophage markers such as CD45, Csf1-R and PU.1 (red arrows in Fig. 1E-I), which has  
92 not been described before. We confirmed the lack of CX3CR1 and PU.1 on sections using an anti-GFP  
93 (Supplementary Fig. 1B,C). Furthermore, these atypical Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> cells lacked CD163, CD206,  
94 MHCII and CD11b expression (Supplementary Fig. 1D-G). The pvM markers expressed are  
95 summarized in Table 2.

### 96 97 Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> cells are non-conventional CD45<sup>-</sup> perivascular macrophages (pvM2)

98 In the light of the recent re-discovery of lymphatic vessels in the meningeal compartment<sup>1,6,32</sup>, we  
99 investigated whether the Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup> population in the parenchyma of adult mice was of  
100 lymphatic origin. We observed Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells in very close association with blood vessels (Fig. 2A-D,  
101 Video 2) and located outside of a structure called “pia mater cul de sac” (Fig. 2B-D). The pia mater  
102 formed invaginations into the brain parenchyma, visualized by Podoplanin<sup>9</sup>, surrounding arterioles  
103 within the cortex. We observed that the Podoplanin<sup>+</sup> pia was located between the vascular endothelium  
104 and the Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells (Fig. 2B-D, Supplementary Fig. 2A). We also observed that the Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells were  
105 positioned within the Laminin  $\gamma$ 1<sup>+</sup> endothelial cell basement membrane within the perivascular space  
106 (Fig. 2E-F). This compartment is defined by the vascular basement membrane on the abluminal side  
107 of the vessel wall and by the glia limitans basement membrane on the parenchymal side<sup>33</sup>. We observed  
108 that Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells did not express CD31 (Fig. 2A-H), Podoplanin (Fig. 2B-D), VEGFR3 (Fig. 2G-H)  
109 or master-regulator for lymphatic endothelial identity Prox1 (Fig. 2I-L), ruling out a lymphatic identity.  
110 We verified non-lymphatic phenotype using *Prox1<sup>mOrange2</sup>* (Supplementary Fig. 2B-C) and

111 *Prox1<sup>CreErt2</sup>;Rosa26<sup>tdT</sup>* (Supplementary Fig. 2D) reporter mouse models <sup>24,34</sup>. We analyzed the  
112 *Prox1<sup>CreErt2</sup>;Rosa26<sup>tdT</sup>* brain 2 weeks after Tamoxifen injection and did not observe *Prox1<sup>+</sup>* lymphatic  
113 endothelial cells, ruling out any LEC identity within the brain parenchyma (Supplementary Fig. 2B).  
114 While the dura mater contains lymphatic vessels, no conventional lymphatics have been described  
115 within the parenchyma nor the leptomeninges. Similarly, while we did not observe luminized  
116 lymphatic vessels within the pia mater, we did find single *Lyve1<sup>+</sup>Prox1<sup>+</sup>* lymphatic endothelial cells in  
117 the pia mater (Supplementary Fig. 2B-C) as was also recently described in mammals <sup>35</sup>.  
118 To further rule out astrocyte, glial or fibroblast identity, we analyzed immunofluorescence staining for  
119 Aquaporin-4 (AQP4) and GFAP (Supplementary Fig. 2D), ER-TR7 (Supplementary Fig. 2E),  
120 PDGFR $\beta$  (Supplementary Fig. 2F) and observed these cells to be negative for all. Furthermore, we  
121 excluded neural crest cell origin using the *Wnt1<sup>Cre</sup>; Rosa26<sup>tdT</sup>* reporter mouse model (Supplementary  
122 Fig. 2G).

123  
124 We confirmed the presence of the *Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>* populations at different stages during life by flow  
125 cytometry. Using *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP</sup>* brain parenchyma cell suspension devoid of meninges, conventional pvM  
126 were identified as *Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>int/high</sup>* while microglia were excluded as they are *Lyve1<sup>-</sup>* (gating strategy  
127 in Supplementary Fig. 3A). These *Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>* cells also lacked CX3CR1, confirming IF section  
128 stainings (Fig. 1). After 2 days after birth (P2) we observed a *Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup>F4/80<sup>+</sup>*  
129 population which peaked at P14 and P21 (Fig. 3A-D). Subsequently, we observed lowered numbers in  
130 adult and 1-year old brain parenchyma (Fig. 3E-F, absolute *Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup>F4/80<sup>+</sup>* cell  
131 numbers in Fig. 3G). Also in the *Spi1<sup>GFP</sup>* (encoding PU.1) brain parenchyma we observed a *CD45<sup>-</sup>*  
132 *PU.1<sup>-</sup>F4/80<sup>+</sup>* population, next to the conventional *CD45<sup>int/high</sup>* populations (Supplementary Fig. 3C),  
133 albeit less *Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>PU.1<sup>-</sup>F4/80<sup>+</sup>* cells were present compared to the *Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup>*  
134 population observed in the *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP</sup>* brain parenchyma.

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136 We confirmed absence of *Ptprc* (encoding CD45) expression within the *Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>* cells by sorting  
137 this population and determination of *Ptprc* mRNA levels by qPCR and observed no *Ptprc* expression  
138 within the *Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>* population (Fig. 4A, sorting strategy in Supplementary Fig. 4A). To further  
139 characterize the transcriptome of the pvM population, we analyzed the single cell RNA sequencing  
140 dataset of the non-neuronal cell population in mouse brain cortex (GSE133283), thus including the  
141 *CD45<sup>-</sup>* cells (Fig. 4B, C). We identified macrophages expressing the characteristic macrophage  
142 markers *Mrc1*, *Cd68* and *Fcgr3* (Fig.S4B). This macrophage cluster was segregated into at least two  
143 subtypes; *Lyve1<sup>+</sup>* and *H2-Aa<sup>+</sup>* (one of the genes encoding MHCII) (Fig.4C). We observed cells with

144 lower or undetectable *Ptprc* or *Cx3cr1* expression and fewer cells with lower *Spi1* expression (Fig.4C).  
145 However, these cells were not segregated from other cells by unsupervised clustering analysis,  
146 confirming their identity as macrophages.

147 Since we ruled out a lymphatic identity, established that the cells expressed macrophage markers and  
148 clustered together with the conventional pvM in the single cell sequencing, we name these cells non-  
149 conventional CD45<sup>-</sup> perivascular macrophages (pvM2).

150 PU.1 is considered to be a master regulator for macrophage differentiation. Therefore, we analyzed the  
151 *Spi1*<sup>GFP/GFP</sup> mouse model, in which GFP is knocked into the *Spi1* locus (encoding PU.1) rendering this  
152 gene inactive. Homozygous mice deficient for *Spi1* lack all macrophages and die around birth<sup>8,27</sup>. In  
153 E18.5 *Spi1*<sup>GFP/+</sup> embryos, we identified Lyve1<sup>+</sup>PU.1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>+</sup> and Lyve1<sup>+</sup>PU.1<sup>-</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup> pvM (pvM2)  
154 (Fig. 5A) while in E18.5 *Spi1*<sup>GFP/GFP</sup> (knock-out) embryos we observed a total absence of Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells  
155 in the brain parenchyma (Fig. 5B, positive staining of Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells in the skull in Supplementary Fig.  
156 5). This demonstrates that Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup> depend on PU.1 during their development, but lose expression  
157 during life (Supplementary Fig. 3C).

158 We tested a possible hematopoietic stem cell (HSC) – bone-marrow derived hematopoietic origin of  
159 this population using the *Vav*<sup>Cre</sup>; *Rosa26*<sup>tdT</sup> (hereafter named *Vav*<sup>tdT</sup>) reporter mouse model. *Vav*  
160 expression starts around embryonic day 8.5 (E8.5) in the hemogenic endothelium of the dorsal aorta in  
161 aorta-gonad-mesonephros (AGM) region, which gives rise to the HSC and monocytes<sup>36</sup>. By  
162 immunofluorescence staining of *Vav*<sup>tdT</sup> brain sections, we identified a Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>+</sup>Vav-lineage<sup>+</sup> and  
163 a Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>Vav-lineage<sup>-</sup> population (Fig. 5C). Therefore, we concluded that the Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>  
164 cells were not derived from HSC or bone-marrow derived monocytes.

### 165 **Phagocytosis by pvM2**

166 Besides their role as source for chemokines and growth factors to regulate an immune response, pvM  
167 have a phagocytic function, which could be part of a broader role of these cells for tissue homeostasis  
168<sup>19,37</sup>. In order to address a role of the pvM2 in fluid drainage or macromolecule clearance, we injected  
169 10kD Dextran-AlexaFluor647 and Acetylated LDL-AlexaFluor594 in the lateral ventricle of  
170 *Cx3cr1*<sup>GFP</sup> mouse brains. To exclude recirculation through the blood stream, we analyzed the brain 10  
171 minutes after injection<sup>3</sup>. We observed that both Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> and Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>+</sup> cells  
172 phagocytized the injected dyes near the ventricle, in the superior- (Fig. 6A-C) and in the inferior cortex  
173 (Fig. 6D-F). We concluded that Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> cells were able to efficiently take up lipoproteins and  
174 glycoproteins in the range of at least 3 to 10kDa similar as conventional pvM. The close proximity of  
175 the pia mater extending towards the third ventricle (3V) could explain direct drainage from the

176 injection-site within the lateral and connected 3V towards the pia mater (Fig. 6G). Very few Lyve1 and  
177 Prox1mOrange2 positive nuclei were observed within the pia mater (Fig. 6G).

### 178 **Involvement in central nervous system diseases**

179 It was shown that in stroke pvM can influence the blood-brain-barrier function <sup>38,39</sup>. In patients with  
180 intracerebral hemorrhage and focal cerebral ischemia, a CD163<sup>+</sup> cell accumulation around brain blood  
181 vessels was observed, which also contained myelin <sup>40</sup>. Moreover, it was not clear whether these cells  
182 are blood-derived monocytes or pvM since they were not characterized in detail (Holfelder K. *et al.*,  
183 2011).

184 To assess the role of the pvM2 in cerebrovascular pathologies, we investigated a photothrombotic  
185 model of ischemic stroke. PT was induced on 8 weeks old male mice. In this model, we observed an  
186 increase in Lyve1 staining density in whole-mount stained brains (Fig. 7A, method for quantification  
187 of staining density in whole mount brain shown in Supplementary Fig. 6A). At day 14 post stroke  
188 induction (P14), we noticed a significant increase of Lyve1 staining density (4.2x, p<0.05) within the  
189 hippocampus, although no significant difference was observed in the superior cortex. At P30, Lyve1  
190 staining density had normalized to control values again (Fig. 7B). We noted an increase in the total  
191 Lyve1<sup>+</sup> population, including CD45<sup>int</sup> and CD45<sup>-</sup> population by flow cytometry (Fig. 7C). The relative  
192 numbers of the CD45<sup>int</sup> and CD45<sup>-</sup> populations remained similar compared to the control (not shown),  
193 but the absolute number of CD45<sup>-</sup>Lyve1<sup>+</sup>F4/80<sup>+</sup> pvM2 increased in PT (Fig. 7D, E and Supplementary  
194 Fig. 6B).

## 195 DISCUSSION

196 We have carefully examined whether lymphatic endothelial cells exist within the central nervous  
197 system. However, thorough analysis of different reporter mouse models did not reveal these cells  
198 within the parenchyma and few individual lymphatic endothelial cells were observed only within the  
199 pial meninges as described before <sup>35</sup>. Using flow-cytometry, single cell, immunofluorescence and  
200 lineage-tracing models, we characterized a novel perivascular cell population and named it non-  
201 conventional CD45<sup>-</sup> perivascular macrophages (pvM2). This population did not express several  
202 classical macrophage markers but still clustered together with other macrophages in single cell  
203 sequencing analysis. It closely resembled conventional pvM, in location and function. Similar as pvM,  
204 pvM2 located outside the cul-de-sac of the pia-mater and within the Virchow-Robin space, which is  
205 likely to be associated with their functioning in drainage <sup>8,39,41</sup>. Classical brain pvM are derived from  
206 the yolk-sac hemogenic endothelium and depend on Csf1R during their maturation <sup>8</sup>. Based on the  
207 absence of labeling in the *Vav1<sup>tdT</sup>* model, we conclude that pvM2 are not bone-marrow derived  
208 monocytes. As was shown for pvM in the periphery <sup>19</sup>, pvM2 are also most likely derived from the  
209 yolk-sac. Using the *Spi1* reporter (encoding the PU.1 protein) and knock-out model, we demonstrate  
210 that, similar to myeloid cells, they require PU.1 for differentiation but not for maintenance. They could  
211 still have the *Spi1* mRNA transcripts, but not the protein or GFP reporter, as we observed more cells  
212 positive for *Spi1* than for *Cx3cr1* or *Ptprc* in the single cell sequencing analysis. It was previously  
213 noted that some macrophages originated from CX3CR1<sup>+</sup> precursors but ceased to express *Cx3cr1*, such  
214 as alveolar macrophages, Langerhans and Kupffer cells. These CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> cell coincided with  
215 CX3CR1<sup>+</sup> cells <sup>42</sup>, as we also observed in the brain parenchyma. Why pvM2 lacked Csf1R and thus  
216 likely do not require Csf1 for maintenance is yet unclear. Further experiments using other lineage  
217 tracing models are required to reveal their exact origin in relation to the differentiation of conventional  
218 pvM. It was observed before that non-hematopoietic ectodermal cells gave rise to phagocytosing cells,  
219 resembling Langerhans cells, in the skin of zebrafish <sup>43</sup>. However, it was not shown that these cells  
220 depend on PU.1 and moreover were located within the skin of the zebrafish. Whether these cells  
221 resemble the murine pvM2 is yet unclear.

222 In adult tissues at steady-state, pvM have important functions related to their perivascular location,  
223 such as the regulation of vascular permeability, phagocytosis of blood-transmissible pathogens, antigen  
224 presentation or immune regulation <sup>37</sup>. Here, we observed similar phagocytosis of the pvM2 when  
225 compared to conventional pvM. Previously, two perivascular monocyte populations were described,  
226 being Lyve1<sup>hi</sup> or Lyve1<sup>lo</sup>. MHCII was expressed high on the Lyve1<sup>lo</sup> population while the Lyve1<sup>hi</sup>  
227 population was MHCII low <sup>19</sup>. However, in past studies both Lyve1<sup>hi</sup> or Lyve1<sup>lo</sup> populations were gated

228 only from CD45<sup>+</sup> cells. CD45 negative non-conventional pvM, if present, were disregarded. Since the  
229 pvM2 did not express CD45, MHCII nor CX3CR1, but were Lyve1<sup>+</sup>, it is not clear how these cells  
230 relate to the previously described perivascular monocytes.

231 Using whole-mount imaging enabled us to establish the pvM contribution specifically within and  
232 adjacent to the affected region in ischemic stroke. We established an increase in the total pvM number  
233 after stroke, with a concomitant significant increase of the pvM2 population. As the number of the  
234 pvM2 increases during stroke, these cells may be involved in the generation of an activated immune  
235 status. All previous studies on pvM within the brain analyzed CD45<sup>+</sup> cells. This study now for the first  
236 time presents evidence of a CD45<sup>-</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> population, named pvM2, which is present within the  
237 brain and should be considered in the future to better understand the active role of diverse macrophage  
238 populations in brain homeostasis and disease.

239

240 In conclusion, here we demonstrate the existence and function of non-conventional CD45<sup>-</sup> pvM2,  
241 lacking classical macrophage makers such as CD45, CX3CR1, PU.1, CD206, CD163 and CD11b.  
242 These cells are consistently observed within the brain and are likely involved in drainage also due to  
243 their blood vessel proximity and involved in an activated immune state such as during ischemic stroke.  
244 Although these novel pvM2 increase in number during stroke, their specific role during disease remains  
245 unclear. Presently, there are no unique markers available to target these cells specifically, but a newly  
246 developed marker should allow a targeted approach to study their specific role in brain physiology in  
247 the future.

## 248 **METHODS**

### 249 **Mice**

250 C57BL/6J and *Vav1-Cre*<sup>23</sup> mice were obtained from Charles River [France]. *Prox-CreERT2*<sup>+/-</sup> <sup>24</sup> and  
251 *Wnt1-Cre*<sup>25</sup> mice were kindly provided by Dr. Bajénoff (CIML, Marseille, France). *Cx3cr1*<sup>GFP</sup> mice  
252 <sup>26</sup> were kindly provided by Dr. Lelouard (CIML, Marseille, France). *Spi1*<sup>GFP</sup> (PU.1) <sup>27</sup>, *Csf1R-Cre*<sup>28</sup>  
253 and *Prox1*<sup>mOrange2</sup> <sup>29</sup> were maintained at the CIML (Marseille, France).

254 *Vav1-Cre*, *Prox-CreERT2*<sup>+/-</sup>, *Wnt1-Cre* and *Cx3cr1-Cre* lines were crossed to homozygosity for the  
255 tdTomato reporter using *Rosa26*<sup>tdT</sup> mice <sup>30</sup>. 5 mg of Tamoxifen was injected IP to a *Prox-CreERT2*<sup>+/-</sup>  
256 *Rosa26*<sup>tdT</sup> adult 2 weeks before the isolation of the brain. All experiments were reviewed and approved  
257 by the local ethics committee of Aix-Marseille University and the Ministère de l'Enseignement  
258 Supérieur, de la Recherche et de l'Innovation.

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### 260 **Antibodies** Table 1

### 261 **Cell preparation and flow cytometry**

262 *Cx3cr1*<sup>GFP</sup> mouse brains from male mice were collected after perfusion with ice cold PBS-Heparin  
263 (after removal of the dura). Brains were cut sagittally in 6-8 pieces, then digested with the Adult Brain  
264 Dissociation Kit (Miltenyi, 130-107-677) at 37°C for 30min on the gentleMACS dissociator  
265 (Miltenyi). Brain cell suspensions were filtered over 70µm strainers and filters were washed with 10mL  
266 HBSS 2%FBS. After centrifugation (5min, 400g, 4°C), debris were removed using a 40% Percoll  
267 (Sigma-Aldrich, GE17-0891-02) solution in PBS. Cells were centrifuged (30min, 500g, 4°C) and  
268 supernatant was discarded. Red blood cell lysis was performed for 10 min at 4°C using the Miltenyi  
269 RBC lysis buffer from the kit. Lysis was stopped with 9mL HBSS 2%FBS and cells were centrifuged  
270 (5min, 400g, 4°C). Cells were then blocked (15% normal mouse serum (Jackson Immunoresearch 015-  
271 000-120) in FACS buffer (HBSS 2% FBS) for 15 min and subsequently stained for CD45-BUV395  
272 (BD biosciences 564279), Lyve1-eFluor660 (eBioscience 50-0443-82) and F4/80-BV421 (Biolegend  
273 123131) diluted in FACS buffer for 30min on ice. The staining of dead cells with Fixable NIR was  
274 performed for another 30 min after the antibody staining in protein free HBSS right after washing the  
275 cells. Cells were subsequently washed and resuspended in FACS buffer. Samples were acquired on the  
276 LSRFortessa X-20 cytometer (BD Biosciences). Data analyses were done using FlowJo software  
277 (version 10, FlowJo, LLC).

### 278 **Cell sorting**

279 Cells were prepared and stained with CD45, and Lyve1 antibodies and Fixable NIR as describe above.  
280 Live Lyve1<sup>+</sup> CD45<sup>-</sup>, live Lyve1<sup>+</sup> CD45<sup>int</sup> and live Lyve1<sup>+</sup> CD45<sup>high</sup> cells were sort-purified separately  
281 using the BD FACS ARIA III SORP sorter.

## 282 **RNA isolation and gene expression analysis**

283 After spinning down (7min, 300g, 4°C), cells were resuspended in 1mL TRIzol reagent (Sigma T9424).  
284 The suspension was transferred to a phase lock gel heavy tube to facilitate the extraction and 200μL of  
285 chloroform was added. The samples were shaken vigorously and incubated for 3 min at room  
286 temperature (RT) prior to centrifugation (10min, 12 000g, 4°C). The clear aqueous phase was  
287 transferred to a new tube and 2μL of GlycoBlue Coprecipitant (Invitrogen AM9515) was added to help  
288 with the isolation prior to adding 500μL of isopropanol. The samples were incubated for 10min at RT  
289 and subsequently centrifuged (30min, 12 000g, 4°C). The supernatant was discarded and RNA was  
290 washed with 800μL EtOH 70%. The samples were centrifuged (5min, 12 000g, 4°C) and supernatants  
291 were discarded. The RNA was air-dried for 15min prior to resuspension in 11.5μL RNase free water.  
292 The tubes were subsequently heated at 65°C for 10min and then put on ice. RNA quantity and quality  
293 were assessed by nanodrop. For each sample, 200ng of RNA was reverse transcribed using the  
294 RevertAid Reverse Transcription kit (Thermo Scientific K1691) and adding Oligo (dT)<sub>12-18</sub> primer  
295 (Invitrogen, 12418012). The level of expression of CD45 (Forward CCCCAGGATGAGACAGTTG;  
296 Reverse AAAGCCCGAGTGCCTTCCT) gene was assessed by qPCR using Sybr Green (Takara,  
297 TAKRR420W) and Hprt was used as reference gene (Forward GGCCAGACTTTGTTGGATTT;  
298 Reverse CAGATTCAACTTGCGCTCAT). Data were analyzed using the delta-delta Ct method and  
299 compared to the CD45<sup>-</sup> fraction.

300 Single cell RNA sequencing data of non-neuronal cell populations in mouse brain cortex was adapted  
301 from GSE133283 (unpublished). Mrc1-expressing perivascular macrophage population was isolated  
302 and reanalysed using Seurat (version 3.2.1) R package. Variable genes were found with parameters of  
303 selection.method = vst and nfeatures = 2,000, trimmed for the genes related to cell cycle (GO:0007049)  
304 and then used for principal component analysis (RunPCA , npcs=30). Statistically significant principal  
305 components were determined by JackStraw method and the first 5 principle components were used for  
306 non-linear dimensional reduction (RunTSNE) and clustering analysis (FindNeighbors) with  
307 resolution=0.1. FeaturePlot function was used to visualize the specific gene expression on TSNE plot.  
308 Blue represents the relative expression level of each gene.

## 309 **Whole-mount staining and lightsheet imaging**

310 Both male and female mice were perfused with PBS-Heparin 5U/ml (Sigma) and subsequently  
311 overnight (ON) immersion fixed in paraformaldehyde 4% (PFA-Electron Microscopy Science, ref

15714) in PBS. The iDISCO protocol was used for immuno-staining<sup>31</sup>, prior to which brains were dehydrated in increasing methanol (MetOH) concentrations diluted in PBS (20, 40, 60, 80 and twice 100%) for 30 minutes for each concentration at RT. Subsequently specimens were incubated ON in a dichloromethane (DCM, Sigma 270997)-MetOH mixture (2 vol DCM:1 vol MetOH) at RT. After two 10 minutes incubations in absolute MetOH, brains were bleached in 5% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in MetOH ON at 4°C and subsequently rehydrated by a decreasing MetOH series (80, 60, 40, 20% in water), followed by PBS and two washes in PBS-Triton X100 (Tx) 0.2% for 1 hour each. Bleached brains were permeabilized for 2.5 days at 37°C (0.4%Tx, 20%DMSO, 2.3% Glycine in PBS) and subsequently blocked with [PTwH (PBS, Tween20, Heparin), 10% DMSO, 6% serum] for 4.5 days at 37°C. Whole-mount stainings were performed by incubation with primary antibodies for 5 days at 37°C and subsequently with Alexa-dye coupled secondary antibodies diluted in PTwH containing 3% serum for 5 days at 37°C. Following each staining step, samples were extensively washed in PTwH (10min, 15mn, 30min, 1h, 2h, and ON at RT). Finally, the samples were again dehydrated by increasing MetOH concentrations diluted in water (20, 40, 60, 80, 2x 100% and ON in absolute MetOH), for 1 hour each step at RT and cleared in a MetOH/BABB mix (1:1) [BABB (benzyl alcohol and benzyl benzoate = 1:2) (Sigma 305197 and Fisher Scientific 10654752)] for 8 hours at RT and finally placed in BABB ON at RT to complete clearing. All incubations were done under mild agitation. After clearing, brains were imaged using a LaVision Ultramicroscope II (LaVision BioTec, Bielefeld, Germany). Stacks were captured with a step size of 5µm at 2.5X magnification using an optic zoom with a NA=0.144. 3D reconstruction, cell counting and analysis of the sample image stacks were performed using IMARIS software (Version 9.1.0, Bitplane). For Lyve1 quantification, an area of interest was selected (Superior cortex, Hippocampus) using the program's surface function and then a new channel corresponding to the fluorescence to quantify was created in this region. Using this workflow, a quantification of volume (in µm<sup>3</sup>) of Lyve1 stained material is possible, which was further adapted for volumetric quantifications (Supplementary Fig. 6).

### **Vibratome section immunofluorescence staining and confocal imaging**

Animals were perfused with PBS/heparin, brains dissected and fixed ON in 4% PFA in PBS at 4°C and subsequently embedded in 1% low melting agarose for generation of 100µm vibratome slices (Leica, VT1000S). Sections were blocked in EBT buffer (EBSS, 0.05% Tx, 1% BSA) containing 10% serum for 2h at RT under agitation. Immunostainings were performed by incubation in primary antibodies for 48h at 4°C in EBT, 3% sera and subsequently with Alexa-fluorochrome coupled secondary antibodies diluted in EBT, 3% sera for 24h at 4°C. Following each staining step, samples were washed several times in PBS-Tx (0.05% Tx in PBS) and in PBS. Sections were finally cleared in

345 Histodenz (Sigma D2158) medium for 48h at RT and subsequently mounted in Histodenz medium.  
346 Confocal images were acquired at RT on a confocal microscope (LSM880, Zeiss, Germany), with a  
347 20x/0.4 Plan-Apochromat objective and using laser lines at 405, 488, 561, and 633nm for the excitation  
348 of AlexaFluor405/GFP/AlexaFluor555/AlexaFluor647 respectively. Fluorescence was recorded in  
349 individual channels acquired in a sequential mode using a highly sensitive 32-channel GaAsP detector.  
350 Channels were respectively detected using these detection bands: A405 (410-470nm), A488 (490-  
351 540nm), A555 (565-640nm), A647 (640-690nm). The pinhole was set to 1 airy unit. Z stack were  
352 acquired with an optical thickness defined for each image in figure legends, satisfying the Nyquist  
353 resolution criterion. Image processing (contrast enhancement, scale bars, etc.) was done with ImageJ  
354 (National Institutes of Health) without actions modifying image integrity.

### 355 **Infusion of tracers into lateral ventricle**

356 Both female and male mice were anesthetized (150mg/kg Ketamine and 10mg/kg Xylazine) and fixed  
357 in a stereotaxic frame. The skull was thinned with a dental drill at a location of 0.95 mm lateral and  
358 0.22 mm caudal from the bregma. A 30G needle with a silica fiber tip (Phymed) was inserted into the  
359 right lateral ventricle 2.35 mm ventral to the skull surface as previously described<sup>3</sup>. Injection of 2.5  
360  $\mu$ L acetylated LDL-Alexa594 (ThermoFisher) or Dextran-Alexa647 10kDa (ThermoFisher) tracer was  
361 done at a speed of 0.5  $\mu$ L/min using a high precision syringe pump. The needle was left in place for 5  
362 minutes and slowly retracted confirming lack of detectable backflow. To avoid recirculation through  
363 the blood stream into the brain, mice were sacrificed 10 min after injection<sup>3</sup>. The mice were perfused  
364 with PBS and 4%PFA/PBS, brains isolated and fixed ON in 4% PFA/PBS at 4°C, subsequently washed  
365 and then stored at 4°C in PBS until further analysis.

### 366 **Photothrombotic (PT) induced stroke**

367 Stroke using the PT model was induced in male C57BL/6J and *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP</sup>* mice. Mice were  
368 anesthetized by intraperitoneal Ketamine/Xylazine injection as before and the eyes of the mice were  
369 covered with Ocry-gel to protect them from light and dehydration. The skin on the skull was incised  
370 from the eyes to the neck and retracted to the edges of the skull. After retro-orbital injection of 100  $\mu$ L  
371 Rose Bengal (Sigma, 330000) a Leica, KL 1600LED cold light source was placed in contact with the  
372 skull and the illuminated region was precisely adjusted (using a stereotaxic instrument) to 2.5 mm  
373 caudal of the Bregma and 2.0 mm to the Lambda. After illuminating a 1 mm diameter area at power 3  
374 for 15 minutes, the skin was put back into place, stitched and the animals returned to their home cages.  
375 Food was provided in a plate and Buprenorphine (0.4 mg/ml) was added to the drinking water. Mice  
376 were sacrificed between 14- and 30-days post-induction and brains were analyzed by  
377 immunofluorescence and flow cytometry.

378 **Statistical analysis**

379 Graphs, average values and standard deviation (SD) shown in all figures were calculated using Prism  
380 (version 8.3.0 GraphPad software) software. Unpaired T-Test and One-way Anova test were used to  
381 determine significance. The number of individual experiments can be found in the legends of all the  
382 figures. Photoshop software (CC2015, Adobe) was used to generate figures.

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505 sequencing data is available under GSE133283.

506 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

507 **Figure 1: Identification of a Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> population in the mouse brain.** Confocal microscopy  
508 of brain sections stained with  $\alpha$ Lyve1 showing the different Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cell morphologies in the superior  
509 cortex (17 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection) **(A)**, in the inferior cortex (27 $\mu$ m maximum intensity  
510 projection) **(B)**, in the hippocampus (15 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection) **(C)** and in the olfactory  
511 bulb (61 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection) **(D)** of an adult mouse brain. **(E-I)** Immunofluorescence  
512 microscopy on sections of *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP</sup>* and *Spi1<sup>GFP</sup>* (encoding PU.1) in the superior cortex of the mouse  
513 brain. **(E)** Staining of *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP</sup>* sections for Lyve1 (red) and F4/80 (50 $\mu$ m maximum intensity  
514 projection), **(F)** Iba1 (29 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection), **(G)** CD45 (46 $\mu$ m maximum intensity  
515 projection), **(H)** Csf1R (34 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection). **(I)** Staining of *Spi1<sup>GFP</sup>* (PU.1 – green)  
516 sections for Lyve1 (red) and CD45 (37 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection). White arrows point to  
517 conventional Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>+</sup> pvM cells, which expressed F4/80<sup>+</sup>, Iba1<sup>+</sup>, CD45<sup>+</sup> and Csf1R<sup>+</sup>. The red  
518 arrows indicate Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> cells, which are F4/80<sup>+</sup>, Iba1<sup>+</sup>, CD45<sup>-</sup> and Csf1R<sup>-</sup> PU.1<sup>-</sup>.

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520 **Figure 2: Perivascular Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cell location.** **(A)** Maximal projection (200 $\mu$ m maximum intensity  
521 projection) of a lightsheet microscope acquisition on a cleared mouse brain labeled for SMA (green),  
522 CD31 (red) and Lyve1 (blue). **(B)** Confocal microscopy of brain sections stained for Podoplanin  
523 (green), Lyve1 (red) and CD31 (blue), inserts **(C)** and **(D)** zoom in on Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells lining the blood  
524 vessels and placed outside of the « cul de sac of the pia mater » defined by the podoplanin labeling.  
525 **(E)** Confocal microscopy of a superior cortex section stained for CD31 (green), Laminin $\gamma$ 1 (red) and  
526 Lyve1 (blue) with insert **(F)** showing a higher magnification showing the Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells in the  
527 perivascular space. **(G)** Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cell characterization by immunofluorescence on adult brain sections  
528 for Lyve1 (green), VEGFR3 (red) and CD31 (blue) staining. The arrowhead points at a blood vessel  
529 and the white arrow shows a Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cell negative for VEGFR3 and CD31. **(H)** high magnification of  
530 the Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cell in **(G)**. **(I and J)** Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells (green) did not express Prox1 (red) in the superior cortex  
531 (39 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection) nor in the inferior cortex (50 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection)  
532 **(K and L)**.

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534 **Figure 3: Confirmation of the Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> population by flow cytometry.** Flow cytometric  
535 analysis of *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP</sup>* brain parenchyma, pre-gated on living, single and Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells. Microglia cells  
536 were excluded since these are Lyve1<sup>-</sup>. Mouse brain were analyzed at **(A)** P2 (n= 4), **(B)** P7 (n=4), **(C)**  
537 P14 (n=4), **(D)** P21 (n=4), **(E)** Adult (8-12 weeks after birth, n= 4) and **(F)** 1-year old brains (n=3)

538 showing subsequent CX3CR1, F4/80 expression for the cells of the CD45<sup>Int</sup> and CD45<sup>-</sup> gates. **(G)**  
539 Total number of Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup>F4/80<sup>+</sup> cells at the different stages.

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541 **Figure 4: Transcriptional profiling of the pvM subsets.** **(A)** Quantification by RT-QPCR of the  
542 relative expression of *Ptprc* (encoding CD45) within the CD45 cell subpopulations (CD45<sup>-</sup> for CD45  
543 negative, CD45 I for intermediate and CD45 H for high expressing CD45) isolated from C57BL/6J  
544 brain parenchyma (3 sorts with n=5 mice per sort), **(B)** Single cell RNA sequencing of non-neuronal  
545 population, focused on the macrophage subset, revealed two main populations. **(D)** A segregation  
546 occurred between a *Lyve1*<sup>+</sup> vs. MHCII (e.g. *H2-Aa*) macrophage subsets, visualized in the individual  
547 gene expressions plotted within the tSNE plots. *Ptprc* and *Cx3cr1* transcripts were present in few cells  
548 while *Spi1* (encoding PU.1) transcripts were present in more Lyve1 and MHCII cells.

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550 **Figure 5: Origin of Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells.** **(A)** Immunofluorescence on sections of the head of a E18.5  
551 *Spi1*<sup>GFP/+</sup> embryo, labeled for Lyve1 (red) and CD45 (60µm maximum intensity projection) shows the  
552 presence of the conventional (white arrows) and the non-conventional pvM population (red arrows) at  
553 this stage. **(B)** No GFP nor Lyve1 fluorescence was observed in the *Spi1*<sup>GFP/GFP</sup> E18.5 superior cortex  
554 (33µm maximum intensity projection). **(C)** Confocal analysis of *Vav*<sup>tdT</sup> (26µm maximum intensity  
555 projection) brain sections stained for Lyve1 (green) and CD45 (white). White arrows indicate the  
556 conventional pvM population, which is tdT positive (red) and the red arrows the CD45<sup>-</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup>  
557 population which is tdT negative.

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559 **Figure 6: pvM2 share phagocytic functioning with conventional pvM.** **(A-C)** *Cx3cr1*<sup>GFP</sup> mouse  
560 brains were injected intra-ventricular with Dextran-Alexa647 (37µm maximum intensity projection)  
561 and **(D-F)** Acetylated-LDL-Alexa594 (42µm maximum intensity projection). Ten minutes after  
562 injection, mice were sacrificed and brains dissected. Confocal analysis on brain sections shows Lyve1  
563 (white), Dyes (red) and CX3CR1 (green). The pvMs phagocytosed the dyes (red arrows), as well as  
564 did conventional pvM (white arrows) **(B, C, E and F)**. **(G)** Tiled confocal acquisition of a *Prox1*<sup>mOrange2</sup>  
565 brain section. Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells in green lined blood vessels stained for CD31 in blue. Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells in green  
566 penetrated the brain to the hippocampal fissure (hif) and all the way towards the third ventricle (3V).

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568 **Figure 7: pvM2 increase in numbers after induced ischemic stroke.** **(A)** Maximal intensity  
569 projections (2660µm) of lightsheet acquisitions on cleared brains, stained for Lyve1 (red) and CD45  
570 (white), control and after stroke (P14=14 days after induction of ischemic stroke). **(B)** Quantification

571 of Lyve1 in the area containing the whole stroke lesion within the superior cortex situated just above  
572 the hippocampus, imaged by lightsheet microscopy. **(C)** Representative flow cytometry plots from  
573 *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP</sup>* brain parenchyma 14 days after induced stroke (P14), pre-gated on living, single and Lyve1<sup>+</sup>  
574 cells. Microglia cells were excluded since they are Lyve1<sup>-</sup>. CX3CR1 vs F/80 expression is shown for  
575 the CD45<sup>-</sup> population. Average percentages for the different subpopulations are shown in the plots  
576 (n=4). **(D)** Graph representing the total Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cell number showing an increase of this population at  
577 P14 after stroke by flow cytometry. **(E)** Total pvM2 (Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>-</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup>F4/80<sup>+</sup>) numbers in the  
578 control vs. PT brains at P14.

579 **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**

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581 **Table 1:** Ab Resources Table for Imaging (confocal and lightsheet microscopy)

582 **Table 2:** pvM vs pvM2 markers

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584 **Supplementary Figure 1: pvM2 characterization.** (A) Lightsheet imaging of a cleared adult  
585 C57BL/6J mouse brain immunolabeled with  $\alpha$ Lyve1 using iDisco+ protocol (5550 $\mu$ m maximum  
586 intensity projection), related to video 1. (B-C) Immunofluorescence microscopy on brain parenchyma  
587 sections of (B) *Spi1<sup>GFP</sup>* and (C) *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP</sup>* in the superior cortex, using an anti-GFP to enhance the  
588 GFP signal (green) with Lyve1 staining labeled in red. (D-G) Brain sections are labeled for Lyve1  
589 (green) and for (D) CD163 (16 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection), (E) CD206 (48 $\mu$ m maximum  
590 intensity projection), (F) MHCII (35 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection), (G) CD11b (85 $\mu$ m maximum  
591 intensity projection) (red). White arrows show the conventional pvM population and red arrows show  
592 the non-conventional pvM population.

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594 **Supplementary Figure 2: Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells are neither lymphatic endothelial cells (LEC), nor**  
595 **astrocytes, nor fibroblasts.** (A) 1080 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection of lightsheet microscope  
596 acquisition of the superior cortex illustrating the « cul de sac of the pia mater » defined by the  
597 podoplanin labeling, structure emanating from the pia mater (CD31 in green, Lyve1 in red and  
598 Podoplanin in blue). (C) Confocal analysis of *Prox-CreERT2<sup>+/-</sup>; Rosa<sup>tdTomato</sup>* brain sections stained for  
599 Lyve1 (green) confirmed that Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells do not express tdTomato (red) (white arrows) (88 $\mu$ m  
600 maximum intensity projection). (D) LEC identification (Lyve1<sup>+</sup> Prox1<sup>+</sup>) in the pia mater in the superior  
601 cortex by Prox1 antibody staining (red) on C57BL/6J mouse brain in combination with Lyve1 (green).  
602 Prox1<sup>+</sup> neuron cellular bodies are observed in the parenchyma (13 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection).  
603 (E) Astrocyte identity was excluded by AQP4 and GFAP (red) staining (24 $\mu$ m maximum intensity  
604 projection for the superior cortex and 17 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection for the inferior cortex), (F)  
605 fibroblast identity was excluded by ER-TR7 staining (50 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection for the  
606 superior cortex and 8 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection for the inferior cortex) and (G) PDGFR $\beta$  (red)  
607 staining. (H) Confocal analysis of *Wnt-Cre; Rosa26<sup>tdTomato</sup>* (37 $\mu$ m maximum intensity projection) brain  
608 sections stained for Lyve1 (green), containing tdTomato (red). White arrows indicate the Tomato  
609 negative CD45<sup>-</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> perivascular cells.

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611 **Supplementary Figure 3: Confirmation of the Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup> population by flow cytometry**  
612 **(A)** Flow cytometry gating strategy. **(B)** CD45<sup>High</sup> cells from *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP</sup>* brain parenchyma, pre-gated  
613 on living, single and Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells. Microglia cells were excluded as Lyve1<sup>-</sup>. Mouse brain analysis at  
614 different ages P2 (n= 4), P7 (n=4), P14 (n=4), P21 (n=4), Adult (8-12 weeks) (n=4), and 1 year old,  
615 (n=3) showing subsequent CX3CR1, F4/80 expression for the cells of the CD45<sup>High</sup> gates. Gating of  
616 pvM identified as Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>High</sup> isolated from *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP</sup>* brain parenchyma. **(C)** Flow cytometry  
617 analysis of CD45 cell subpopulations isolated from *Spi1<sup>GFP</sup>* adult brain parenchyma (8-12 weeks after  
618 birth, n= 4) , pre-gated on living, single and Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells. Microglia cells were excluded as Lyve1<sup>-</sup>.  
619 Plots show subsequent PU.1, F4/80 expression for the CD45<sup>Int</sup>, CD45<sup>Neg</sup> and CD45<sup>High</sup> gates.

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621 **Supplementary Figure 4: Gene expression profiling (A)** Sort gating strategy for the isolation of the  
622 different Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45 populations **(B)**. Single RNA sequencing analysis showing different  
623 macrophage associated genes within the tSNE plots.

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625 **Supplementary Figure 5: Immunofluorescence of the section of a E18.5 head from a *Spi1<sup>GFP/+</sup>***  
626 **embryo** (PU.1-GFP in green), labeled for Lyve1 (red) and CD45 (white). No GFP or Lyve1  
627 fluorescence was observed in the *Spi1<sup>GFP/GFP</sup>* E18.5 superior cortex (33µm maximum intensity  
628 projection) but we observed Lyve1<sup>+</sup> cells, possibly lymphatic vessels, in the skull.

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630 **Supplementary Figure 7: Lightsheet data quantification method using Imaris software. (A)** To  
631 quantify the Lyve1 staining in cleared brains imaged by lightsheet microscopy, Imaris software was  
632 used. Using the “Surface tool” of Imaris, a 3D Rendering function, a first volume was created, named  
633 « Surface1 » at different locations (Superior cortex and hippocampus) where we wanted to quantify  
634 the staining. Based on Lyve1 labelling, a new channel was created. This new channel was used to create  
635 a new volume called « Surface 2 » representing the Lyve1 staining. Imaris calculated the different  
636 volumes in µm<sup>3</sup>. The ratio « Surface2 » / « Surface1 » allows us to normalize the Lyve1 quantification.  
637 **(B)** Gating of conventional pvM identified as Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>Int</sup> and as Lyve1<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>High</sup> isolated from  
638 *Cx3cr1<sup>GFP</sup>* brain parenchyma at P14 after stroke.

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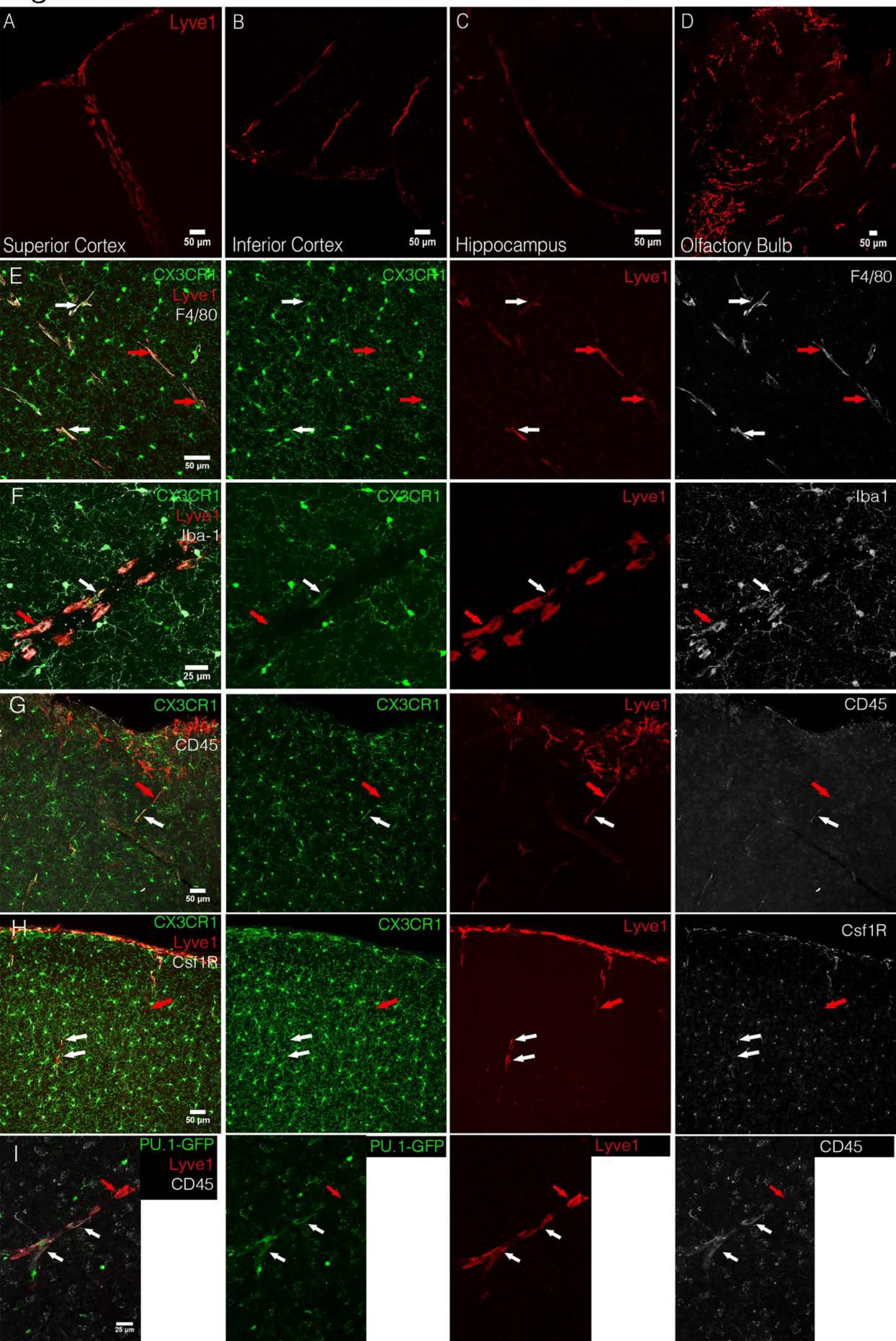
640 **Supplementary Video 1: 3D reconstruction of Lyve1 cells within the mouse brain.** A cleared  
641 sagittal half of an adult C57BL/6J mouse brain immunolabeled for Lyve1 (red) was acquired on the  
642 lightsheet microscope and a 3D reconstruction was made using Imaris. The video zooms in on the  
643 inferior cortex and subsequently on the hippocampus to indicate the differences in pvM morphology

644 within these regions.

645

646 **Supplementary Video 2: Z-stack acquisition by confocal microscopy and 3D reconstruction of**  
647 **the pvM morphology adjacent to a blood vessel within the brain parenchyma.** A 100 $\mu$ m brain  
648 section was stained with  $\alpha$ Lyve1 (red) and  $\alpha$ CD31 (green). 3D reconstruction was done using the Imaris  
649 surface tool and the video was created using the animation function of Imaris.

Figure 1



# Figure 2

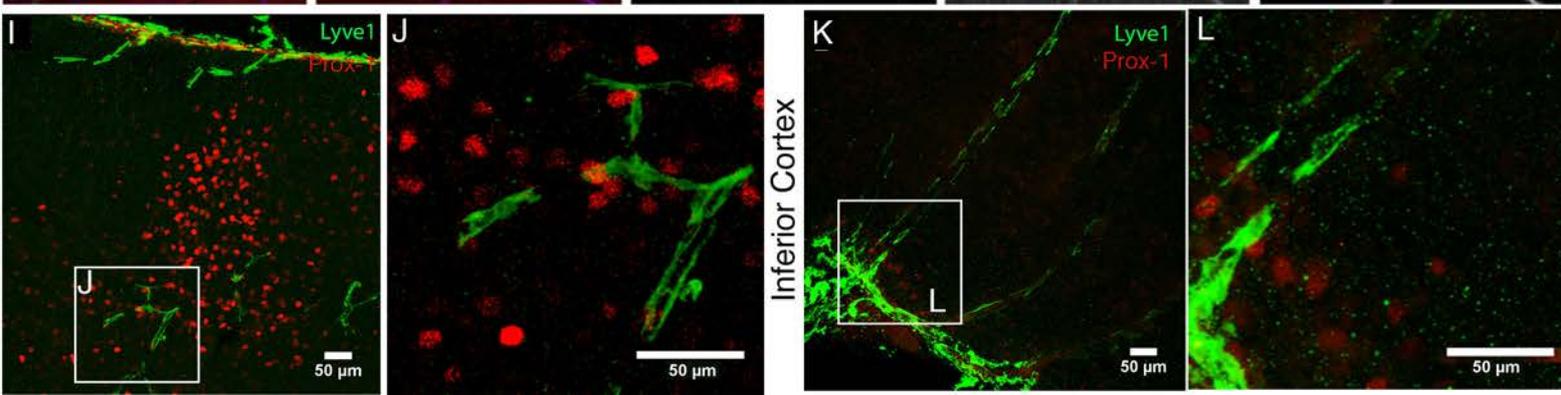
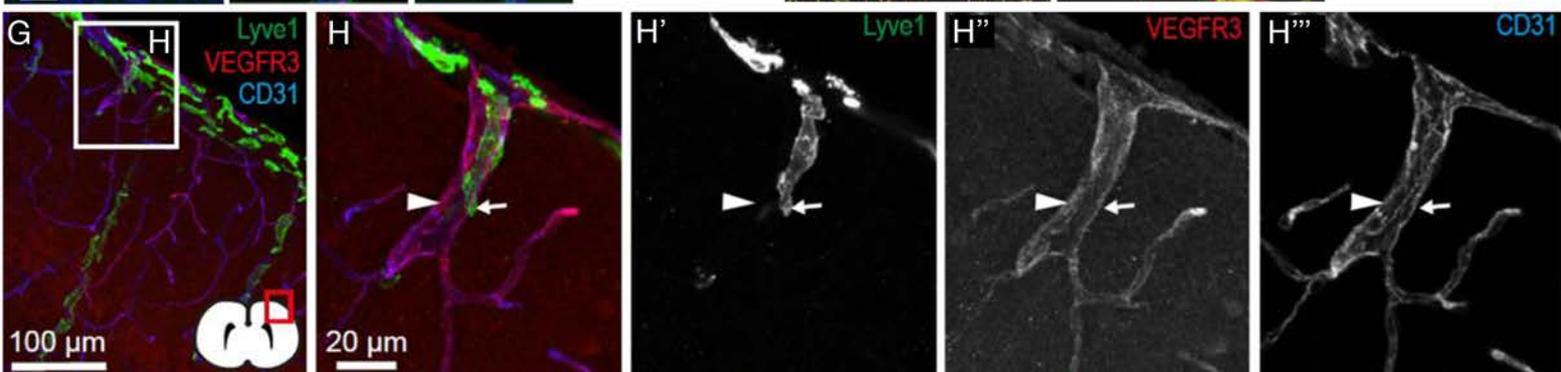
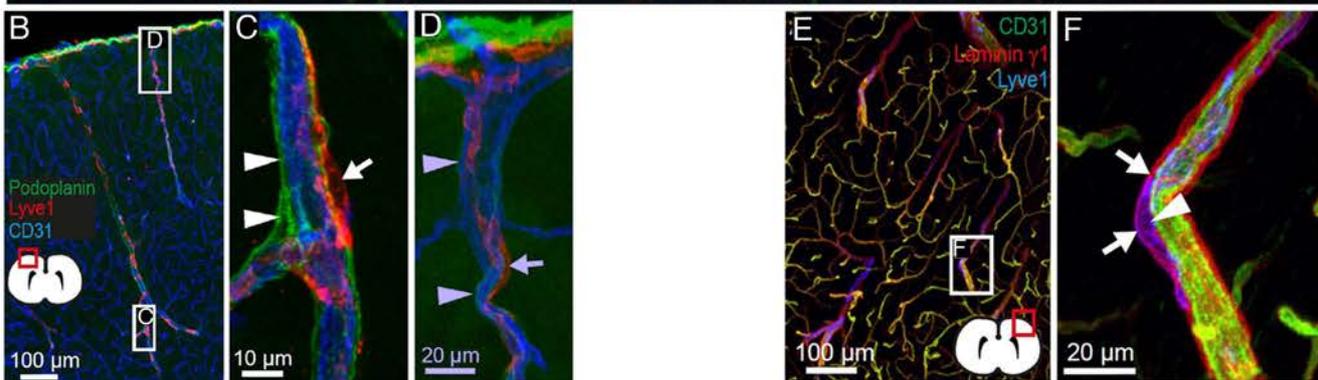
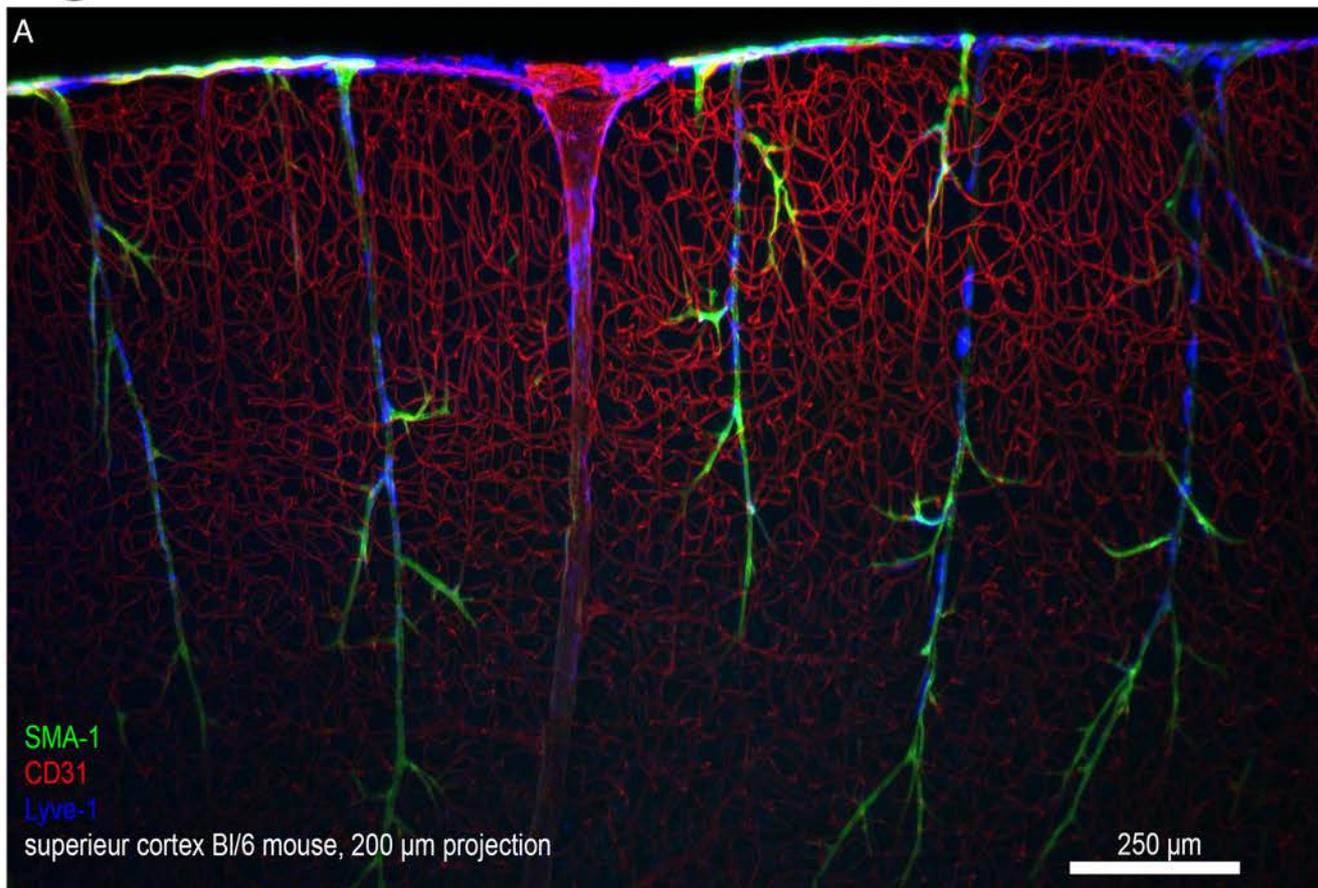
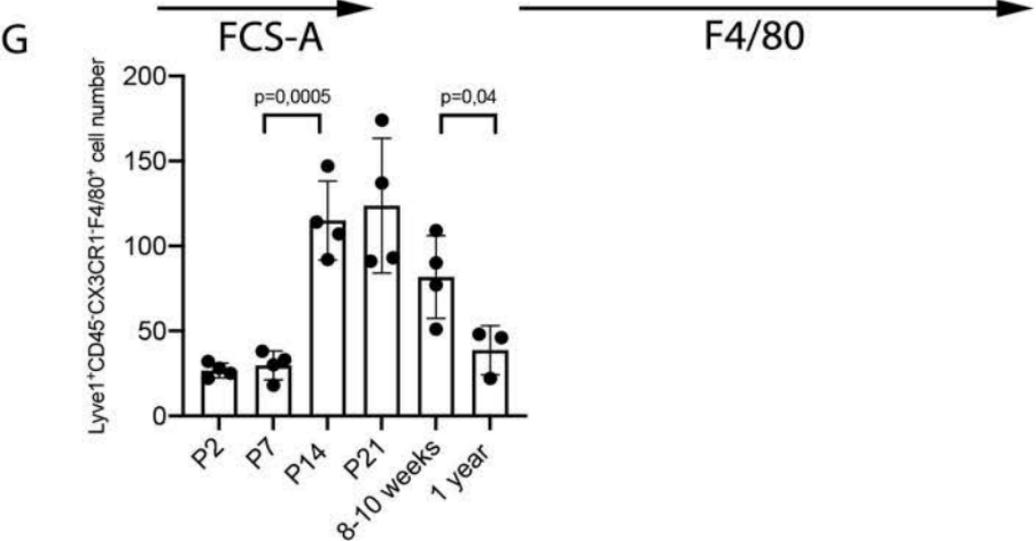
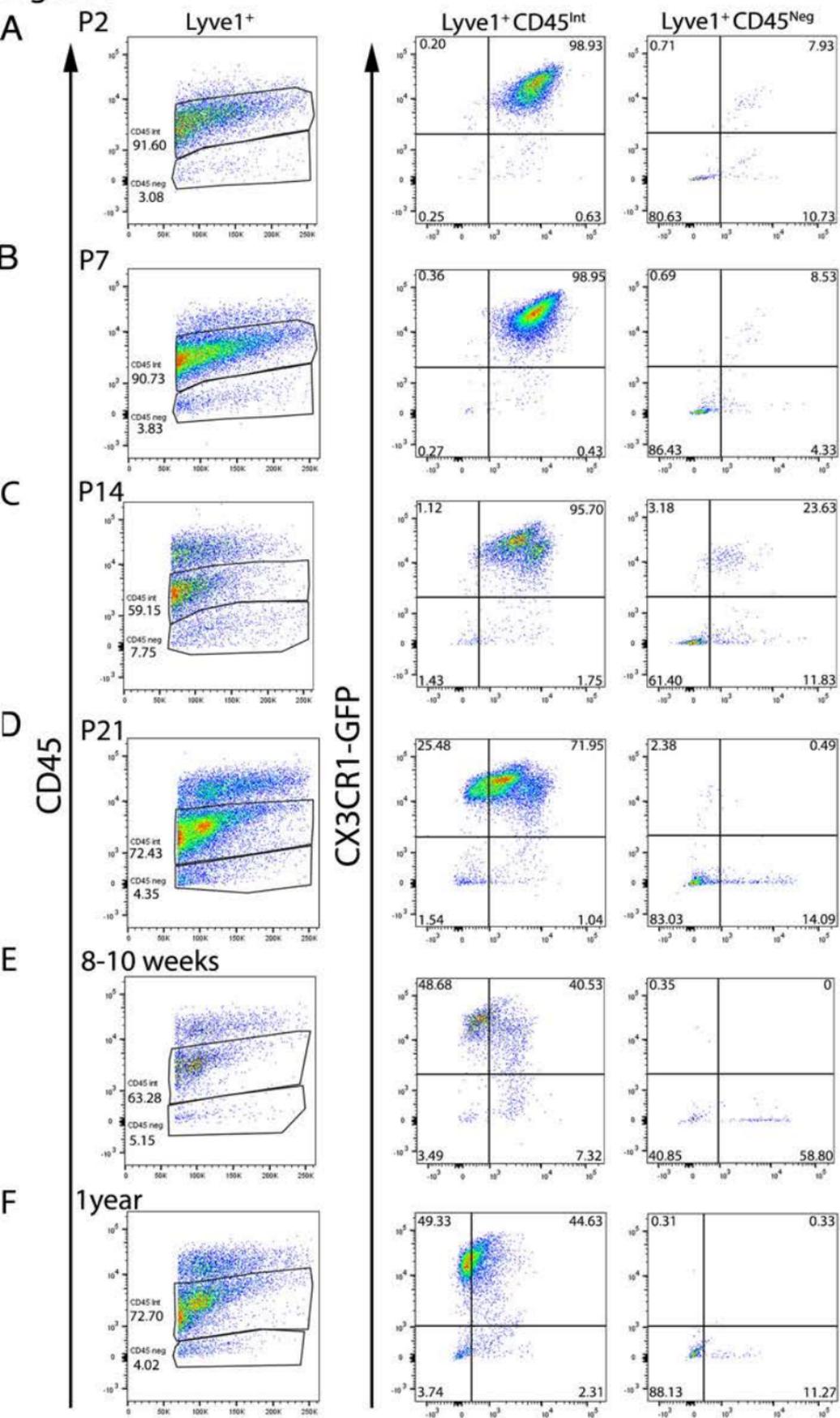


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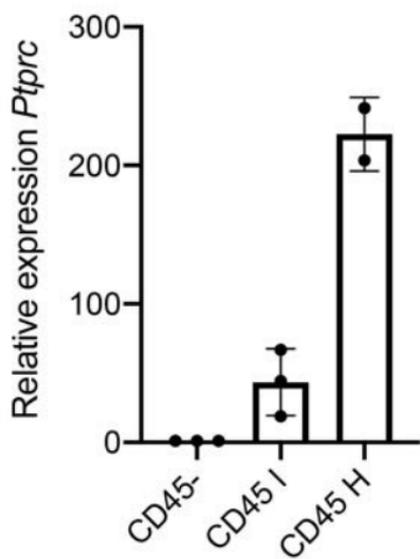
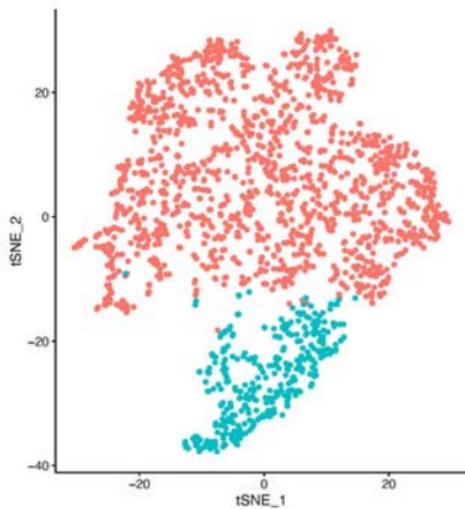
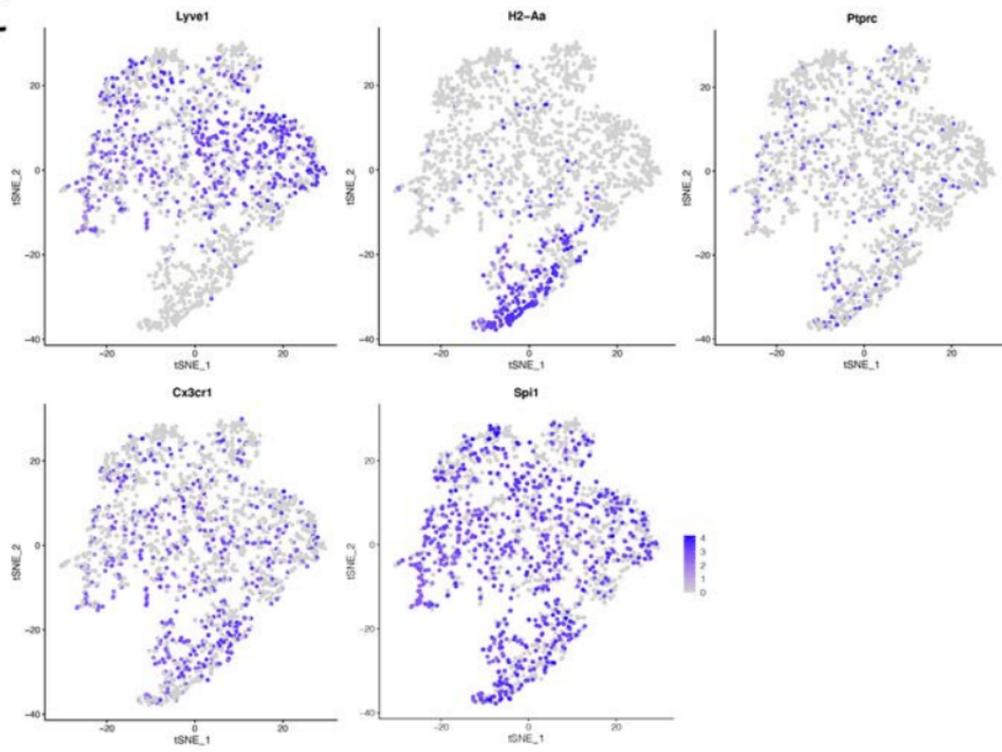
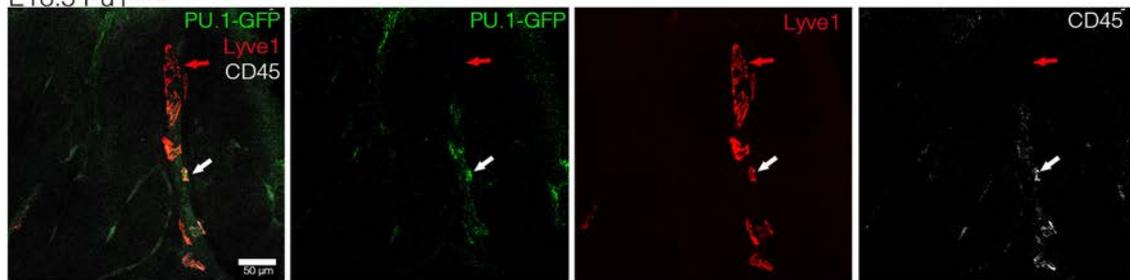
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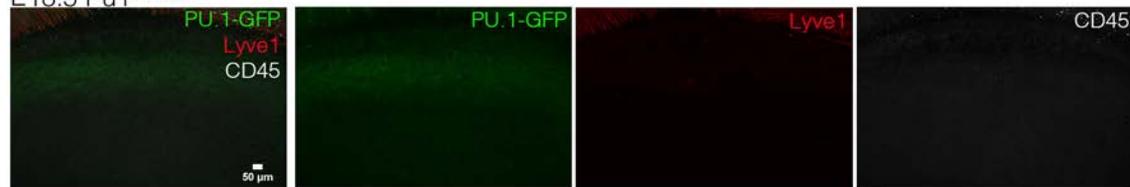
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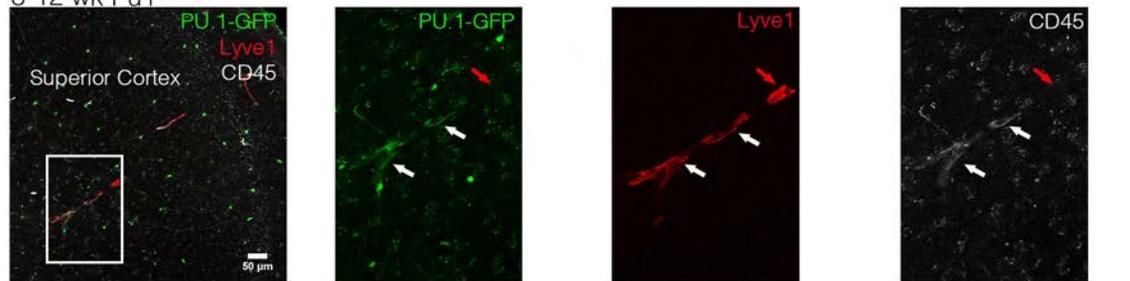
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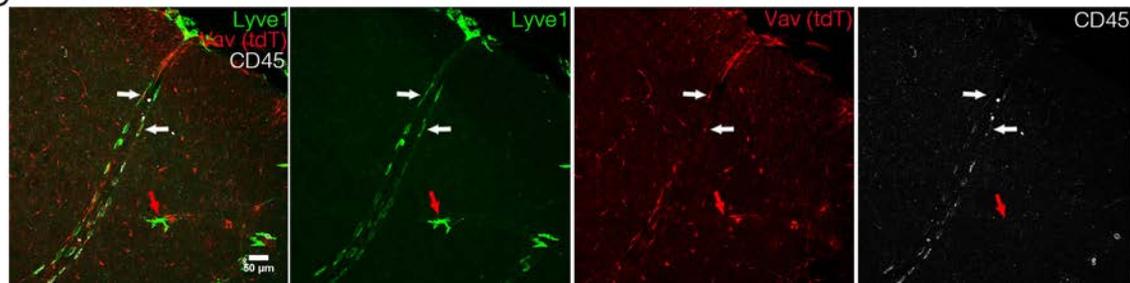
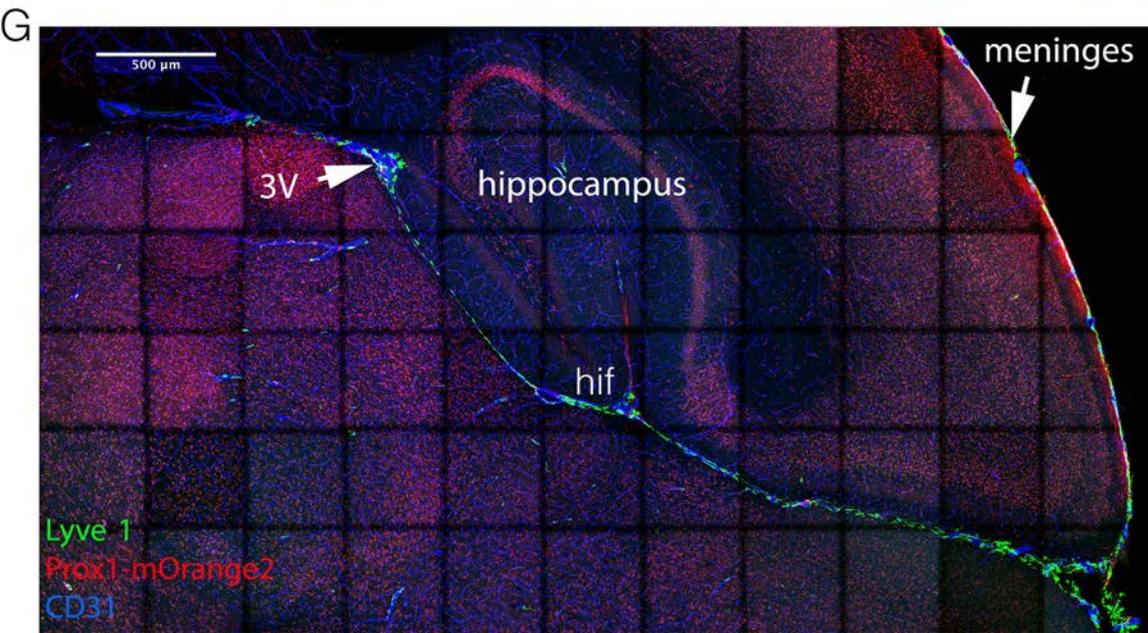
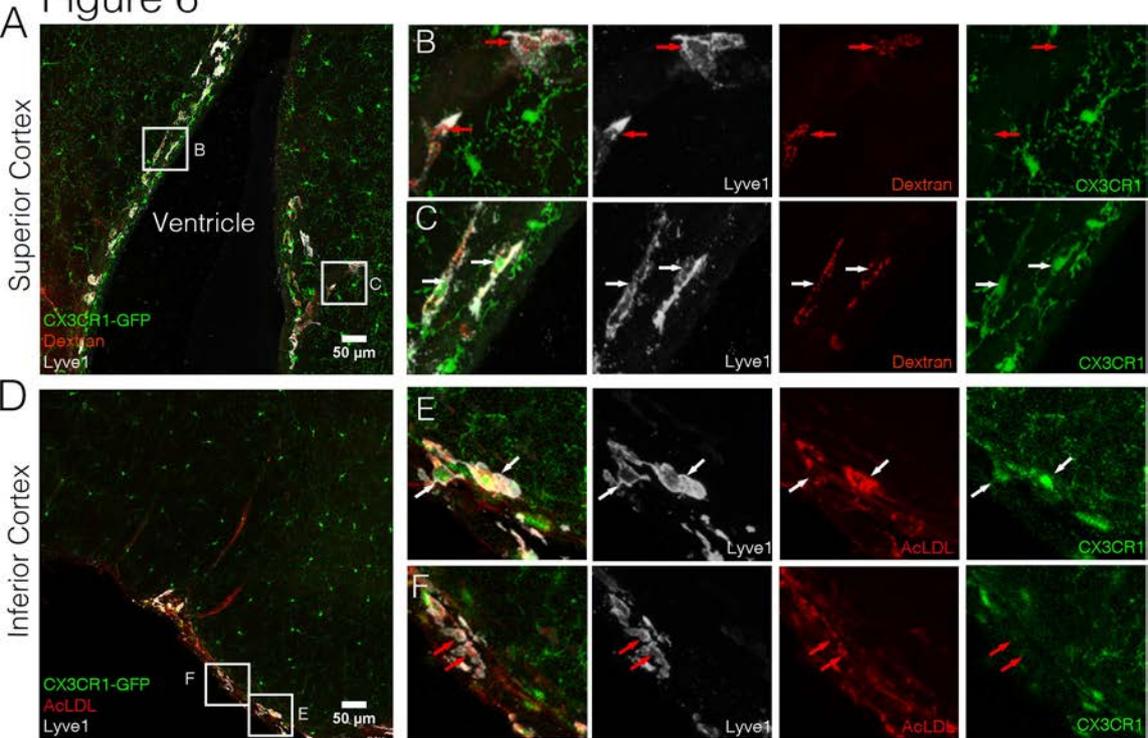


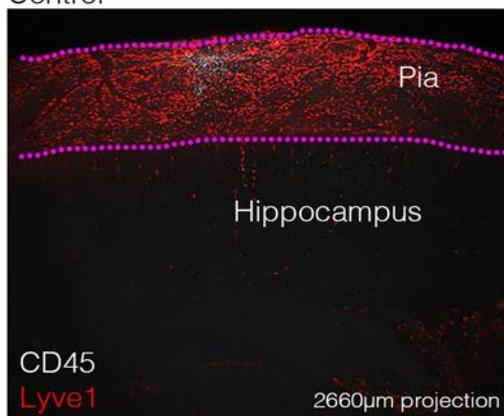
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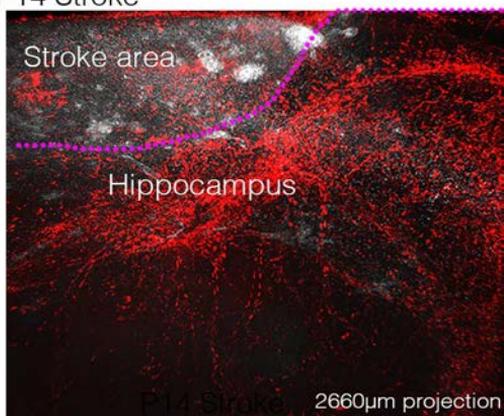
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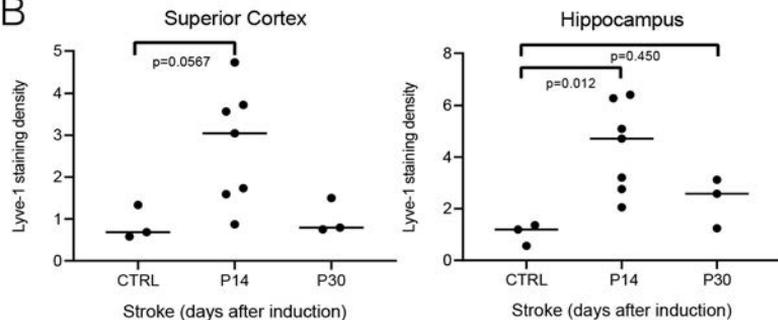
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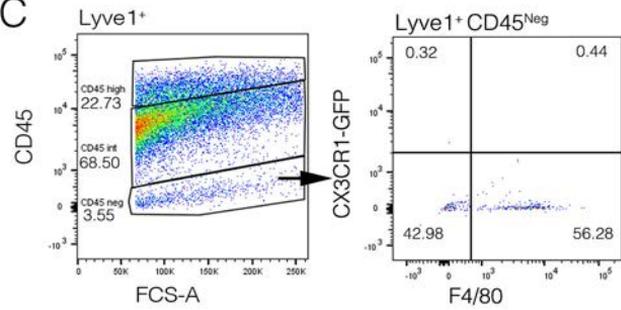
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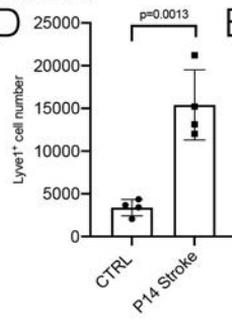
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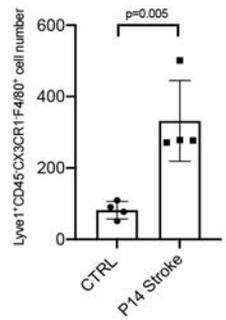
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**Table 1**  
**Ab Ressources Table for Imaging**  
**(confocal and Lightsheet)**

<b>Primary</b>		
<b>Antibodies</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Identifier</b>
Lyve-1	R&D systems	AF2125
AQP4	R&D systems	AB3594
GFAP	Biologend	644706
CD45	eBioscience	14-0451-85
MHCII	BD Pharmingen	562352
F4/80	Biologend	123122
Iba1	Abcam	ab107159
CD163	Anders	homemade
CD11b	eBioscience	16-0112-82
CD206	Thermofisher	48-2061-82
CD31	Thermo	MA1-40074
Prox-1	Reliatech	102-PA32
VEGFR3	R&D systems	AF743
$\alpha$ -SMA	Thermofisher	53-9760-82
PDGFR $\beta$	Cell Signaling	3169S
ER-T7R	Thermofisher	MA1-40076
Csf-1R	Santa Cruz	sc-692
GFP	AVES	GFP-1020
Laminin $\gamma$ 1	Sorokin L (University of Muenster)	

<b>Secondary</b>		
<b>Antibodies</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Identifier</b>
DaChCy3	Jackson ImmunoResearch	703-166-155
DaG 488	Thermofisher	A-11055
DaG 555	Thermofisher	A-21432
DaG 647	Thermofisher	A-21447
DaG 790	Jackson ImmunoResearch	712-655-153
DaR 488	Thermofisher	A-21208
DaR 594	Thermofisher	SA5-10028
DaR 647	Jackson ImmunoResearch	712-605-153
DaRb 488	Thermofisher	A-21206
DaRb 555	Thermofisher	A-31572
DaRb 647	Jackson ImmunoResearch	711-605-152

Table 2

Conventional pvM	pvM2
Lyve1 <sup>+</sup>	Lyve1 <sup>+</sup>
CD45 <sup>+</sup>	CD45 <sup>-</sup>
CX3CR1 <sup>+</sup>	CX3CR1 <sup>-</sup>
PU1 <sup>+</sup>	PU1 <sup>-</sup>
Csf1R <sup>+</sup>	Csf1R <sup>-</sup>
F4/80 <sup>+</sup>	F4/80 <sup>+</sup>
Iba1 <sup>+</sup>	Iba1 <sup>+</sup>
CD163 <sup>+</sup>	CD163 <sup>-</sup>
CD11b <sup>+</sup>	CD11b <sup>-</sup>
CD206 <sup>+</sup>	CD206 <sup>-</sup>
MHCII <sup>+</sup>	MHCII <sup>-</sup>

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