

# Expression patterns of monocyte subsets in sepsis patients with and without metabolic disorders

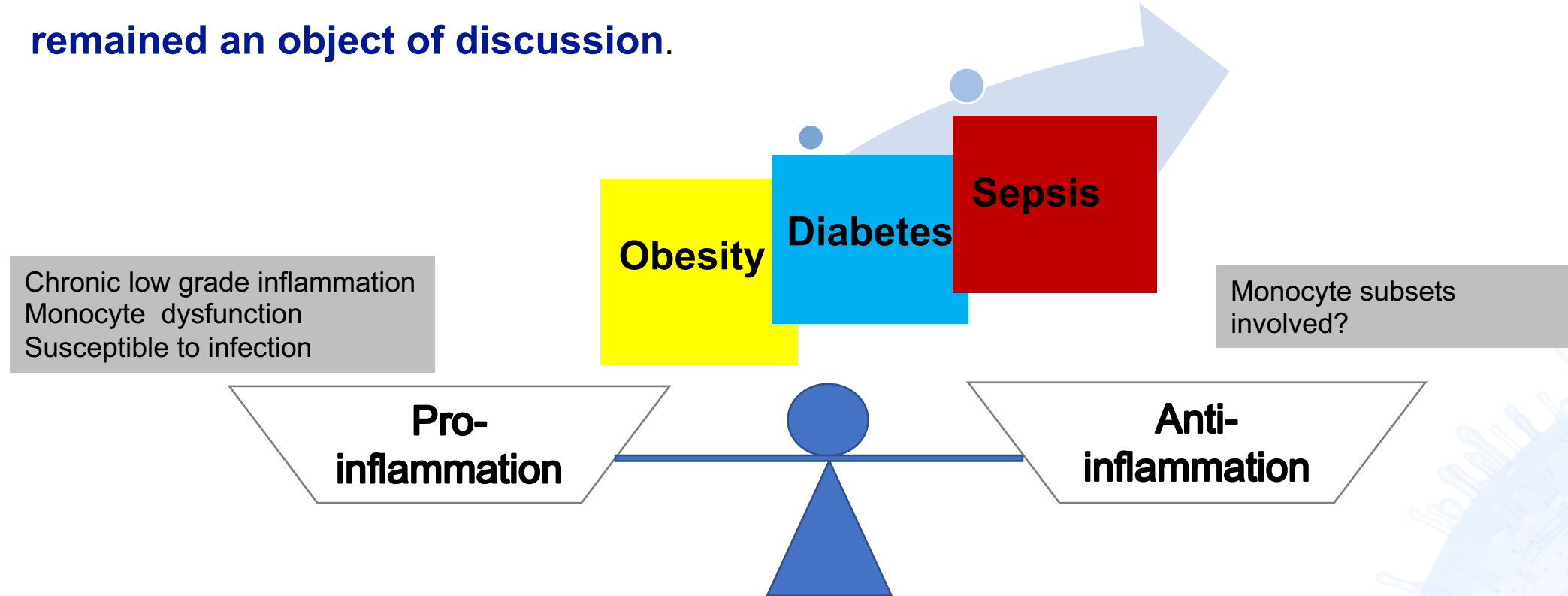
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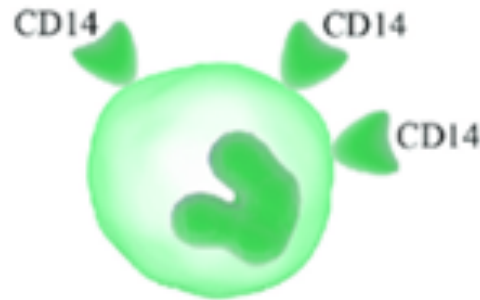
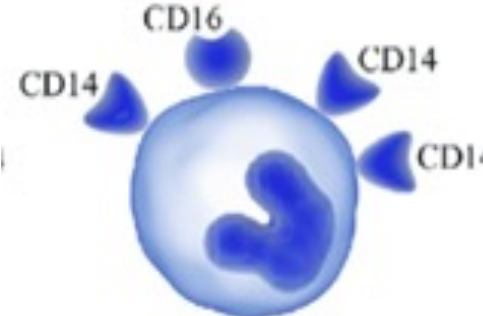
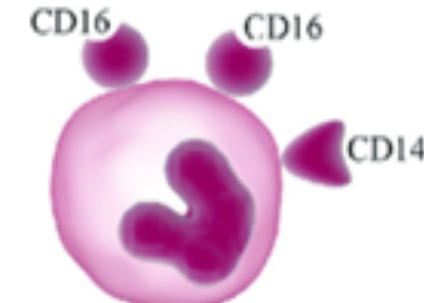
- **Obesity, diabetes mellitus (DM), sepsis** are major public health problems worldwide, which  
- linked to monocyte/macrophage dysfunction.

(Fingerle G et al., 1993; Ziegler-Heitbrock L, 2007; Singer et al., 2016; Grün JL et al., 2018)

- However, phenotypic modulation of monocyte subsets in sepsis with obesity and diabetes **remained an object of discussion.**



## Human

**Classical (CL)  
Monocyte**

**CD14++ CD16-**
**Intermediate (INT)  
Monocyte**

**CD14++ CD16+**
**Non-classical (NCL)  
Monocyte**

**CD14+ CD16++**

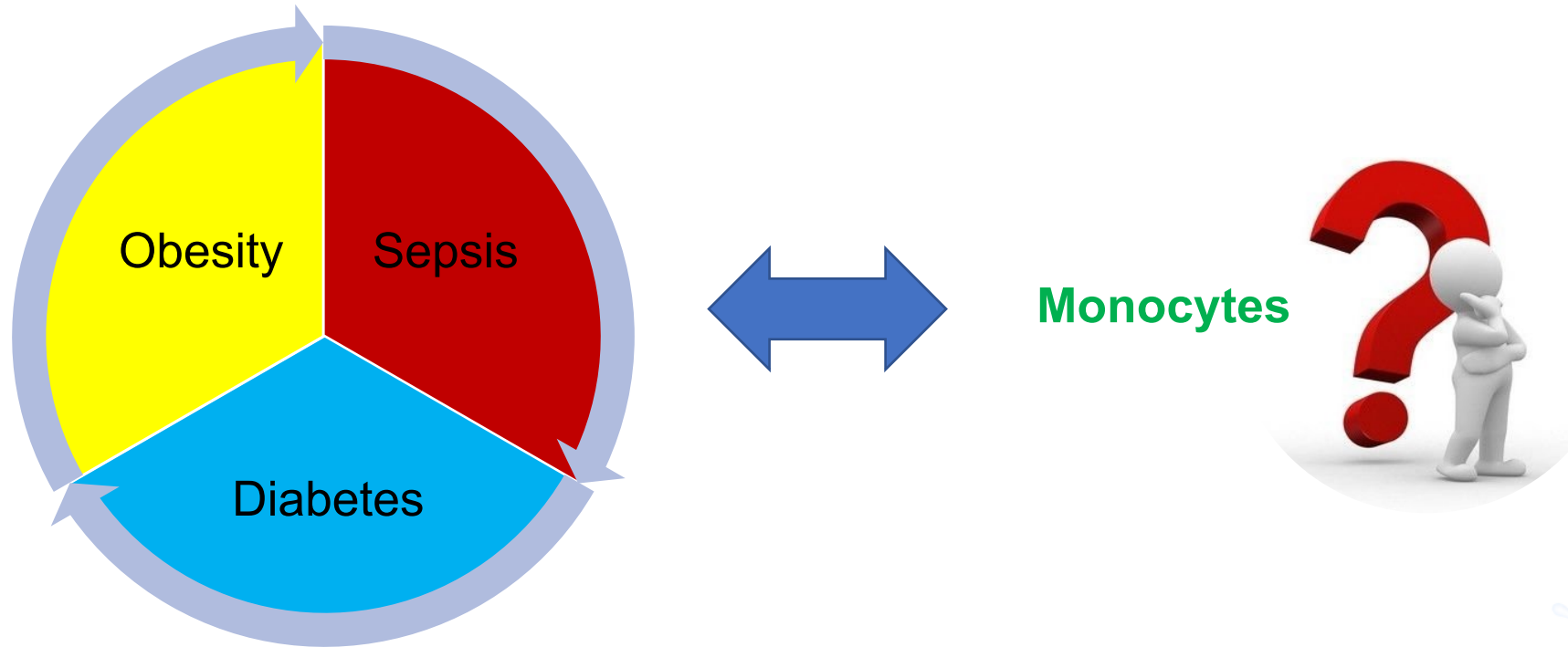
<b>Markers</b>	CD33++ CD163++ HLA-DR +	CD33++ CD163++ HLA-DR ++	CD33+ - HLA-DR ++
<b>Cytokines</b>	IL-10	TNF, IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-12, ROS,NO	TNF, IL-1 $\beta$ , ROS,NO
<b>Function</b>	Phagocytosis and regulation of inflammation	Pro-inflammation	Patrolling to sense tissue injury, repair damage and removed dead cells, aging, viral infection

<https://www.researchgate.net/figure>. Ziegler-Heitbrock, 2010; Passlick et al., 1989; Fingerle et al., 1993; René et al., 2018; Swiew-Min et al., 2019.

## Overview of the current work

### Purpose:

- to characterize the phenotypes of monocyte subsets in septic patients with obesity and diabetes mellitus.



## Questions aimed to answer:

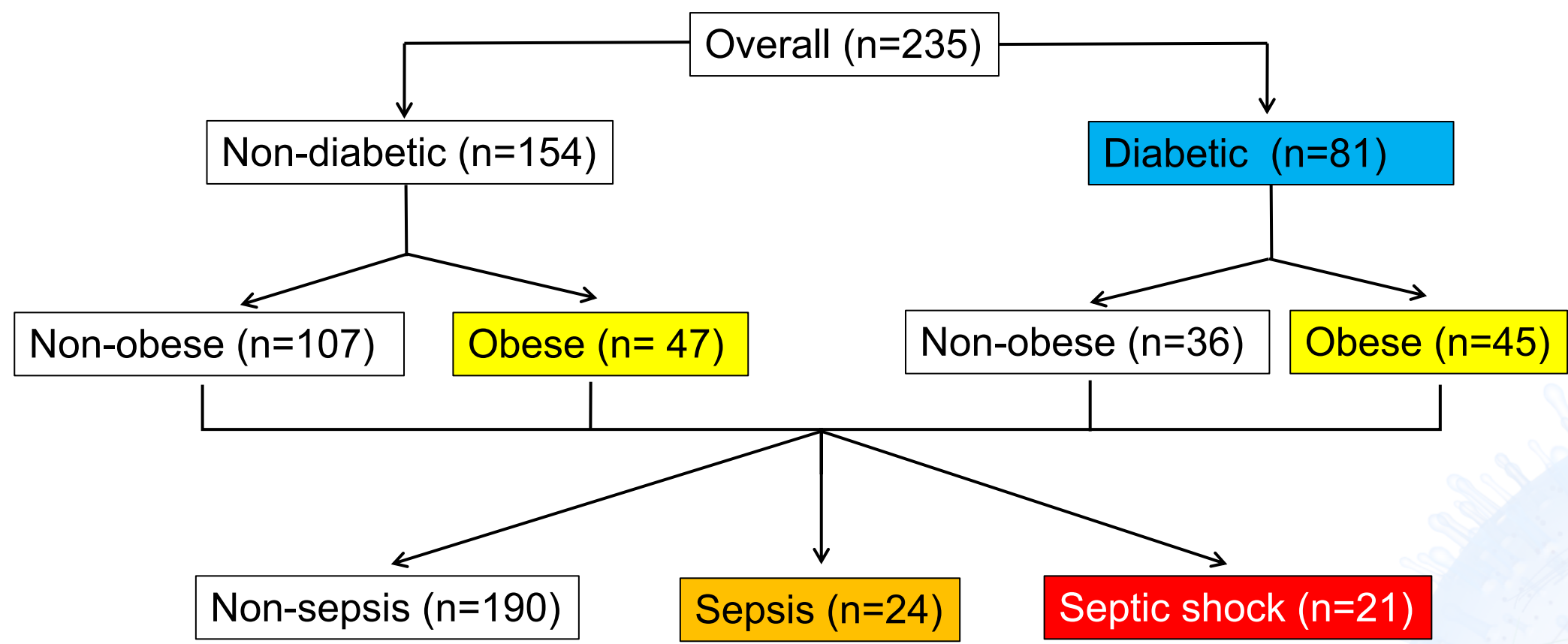
- How do monocyte subsets differ between non-sepsis, sepsis, and septic shock in critically ill (ICU) patients?
- Do monocyte subsets differ between non-sepsis, sepsis, and septic shock in ICU patients with and without diabetes?
- What is the effect of obesity on monocyte subsets between non-sepsis, sepsis, and septic shock in ICU patients with and without diabetes?



## Patients

- 235 critically ill patients from Intensive Care Unit of Ulm University Hospital.

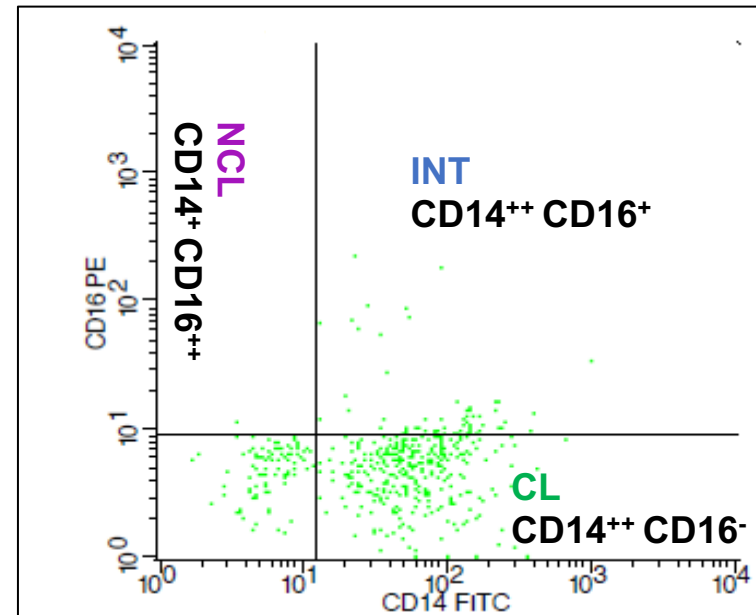
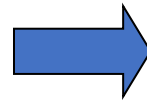
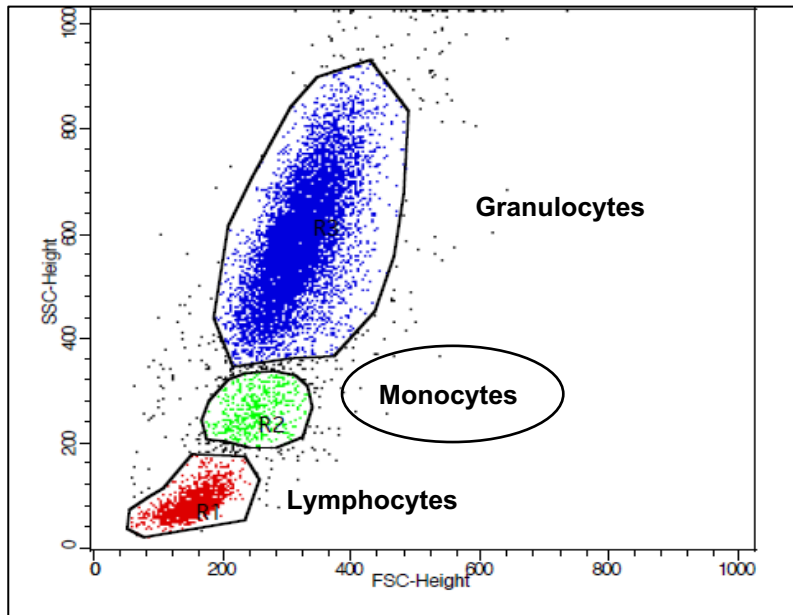
(This study were approved by the local ethics committee of Ulm University.)



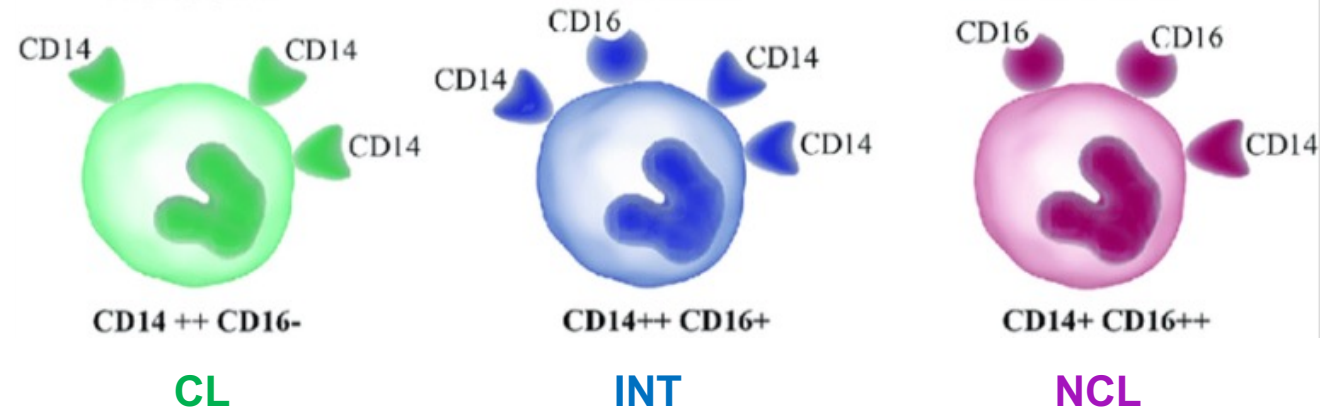
## Methods

### ➤ Flow cytometry

- Well mixed blood sample was labeled with the antibodies (CD14, CD16, CD33, CD163, HLA-DR) and 1  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$  for 30 minutes at 4 C° in dark; wash 2 times with 1x PBS; measured with BD flow cytometer
- Gating strategy for monocyte subsets (**CD14-CD16 classification**)
- **Statistical analysis:** *Mann Whitney test or Kruskal Wallis test, Spearman rank correlation analysis.*



## Results 1



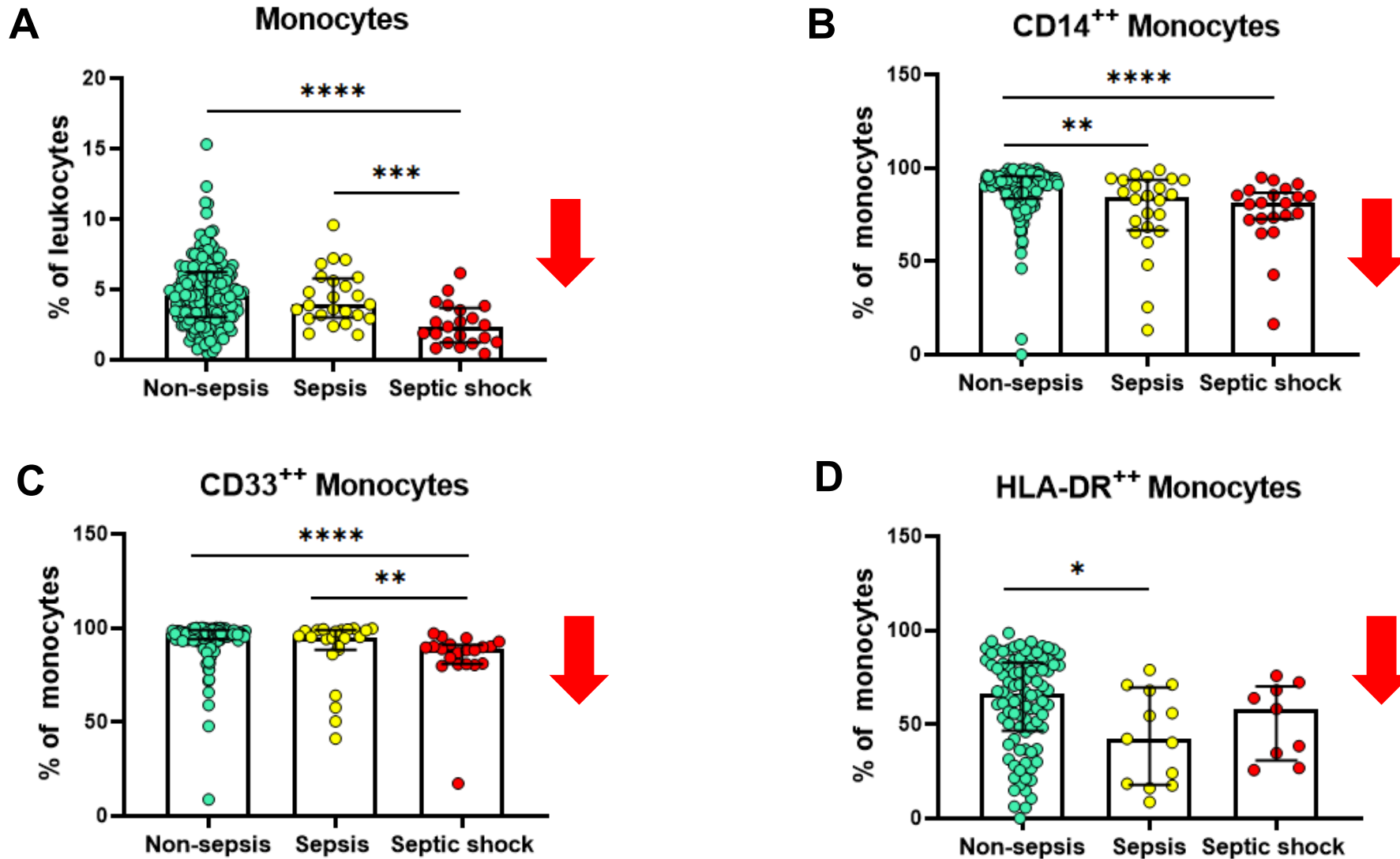
Differences of monocyte subsets in all ICU patients between

Non-sepsis

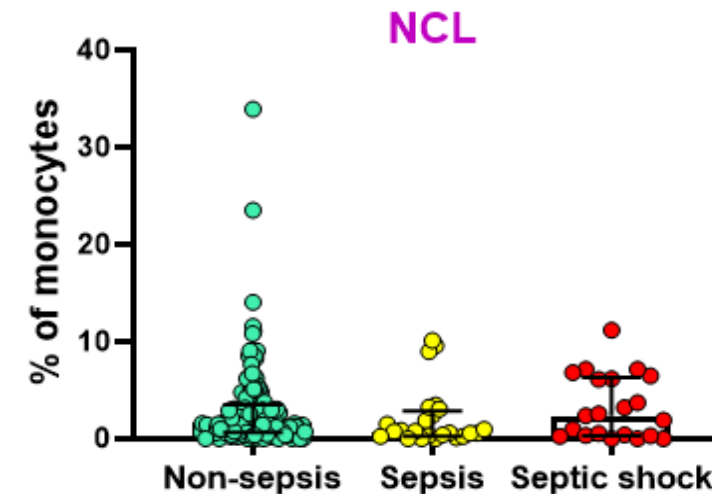
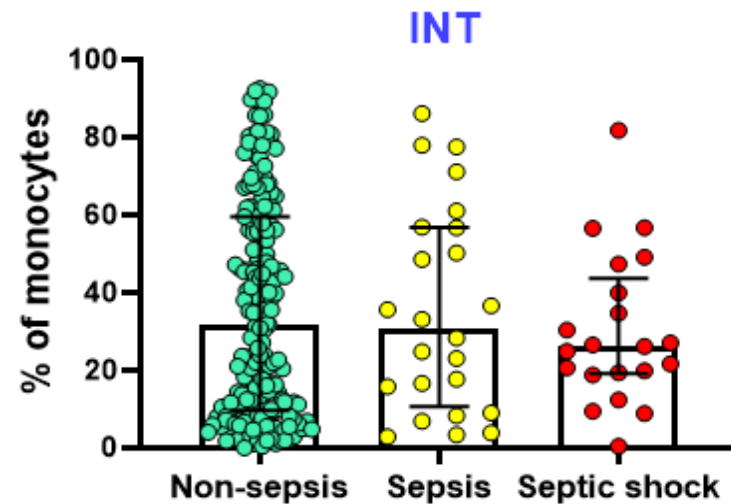
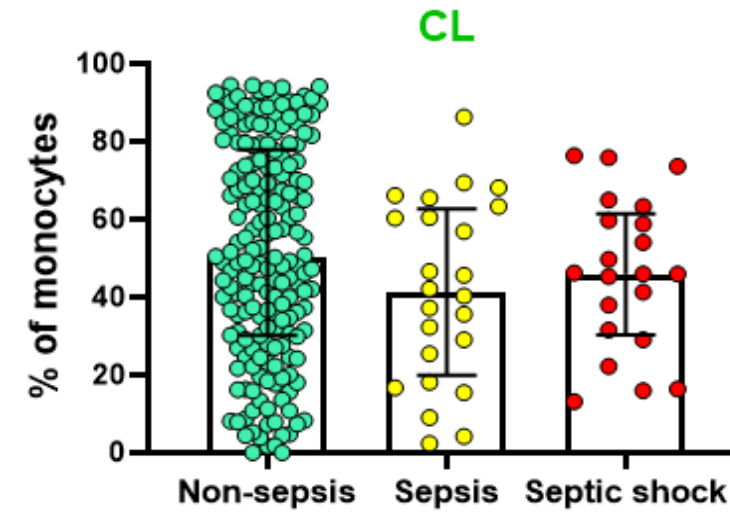
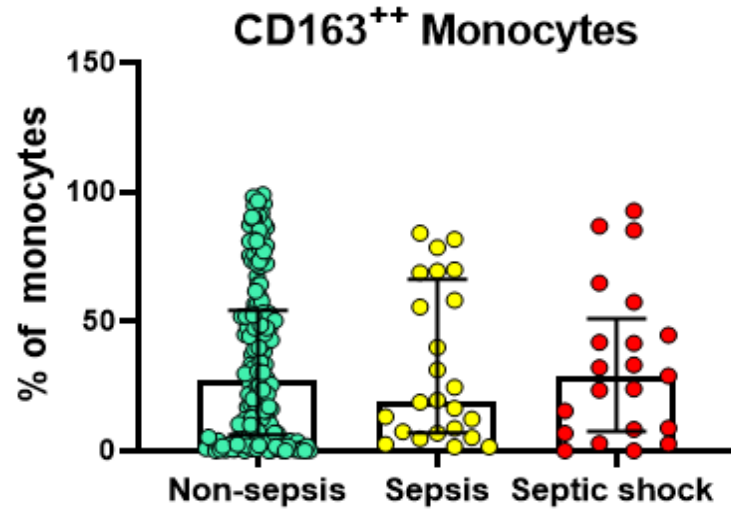
Sepsis

Septic shock

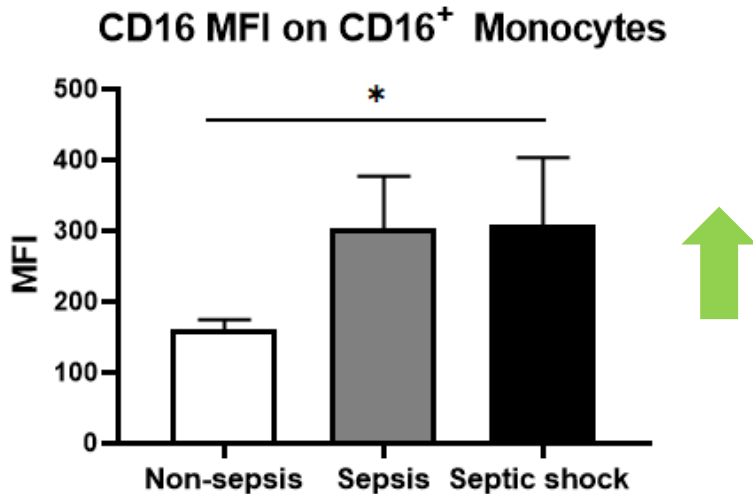
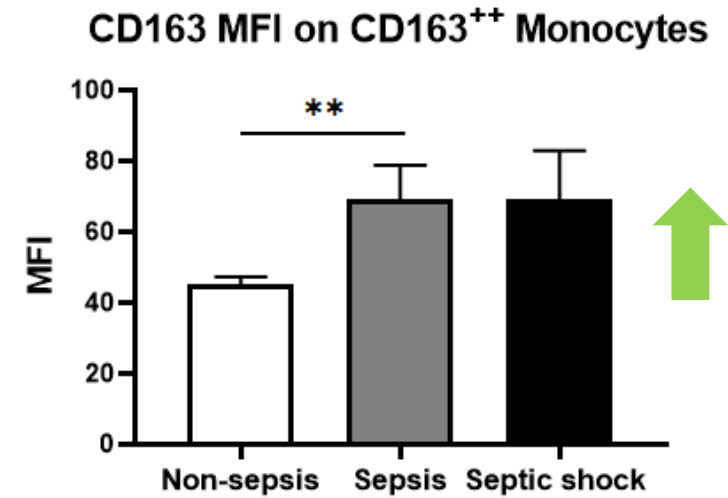
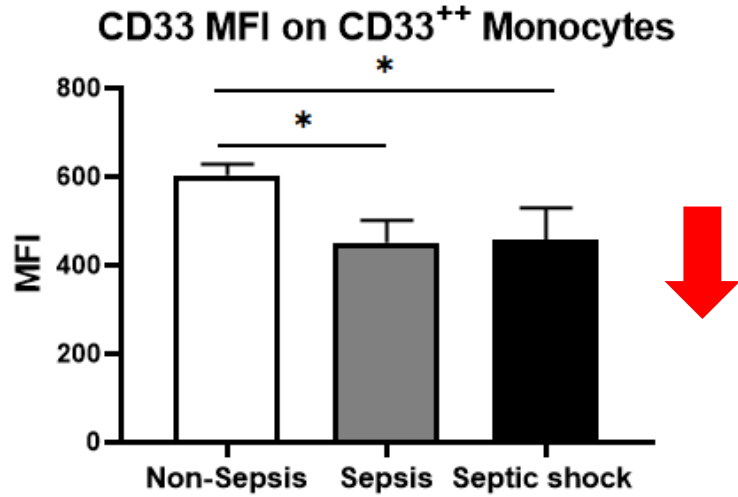




- Septic shock patients **decreased** monocytes%, CD14<sup>++</sup> % and CD33<sup>++</sup> % (CL and INT).
- Sepsis patients have **lower** HLA-DR<sup>++</sup> % (INT and NCL).

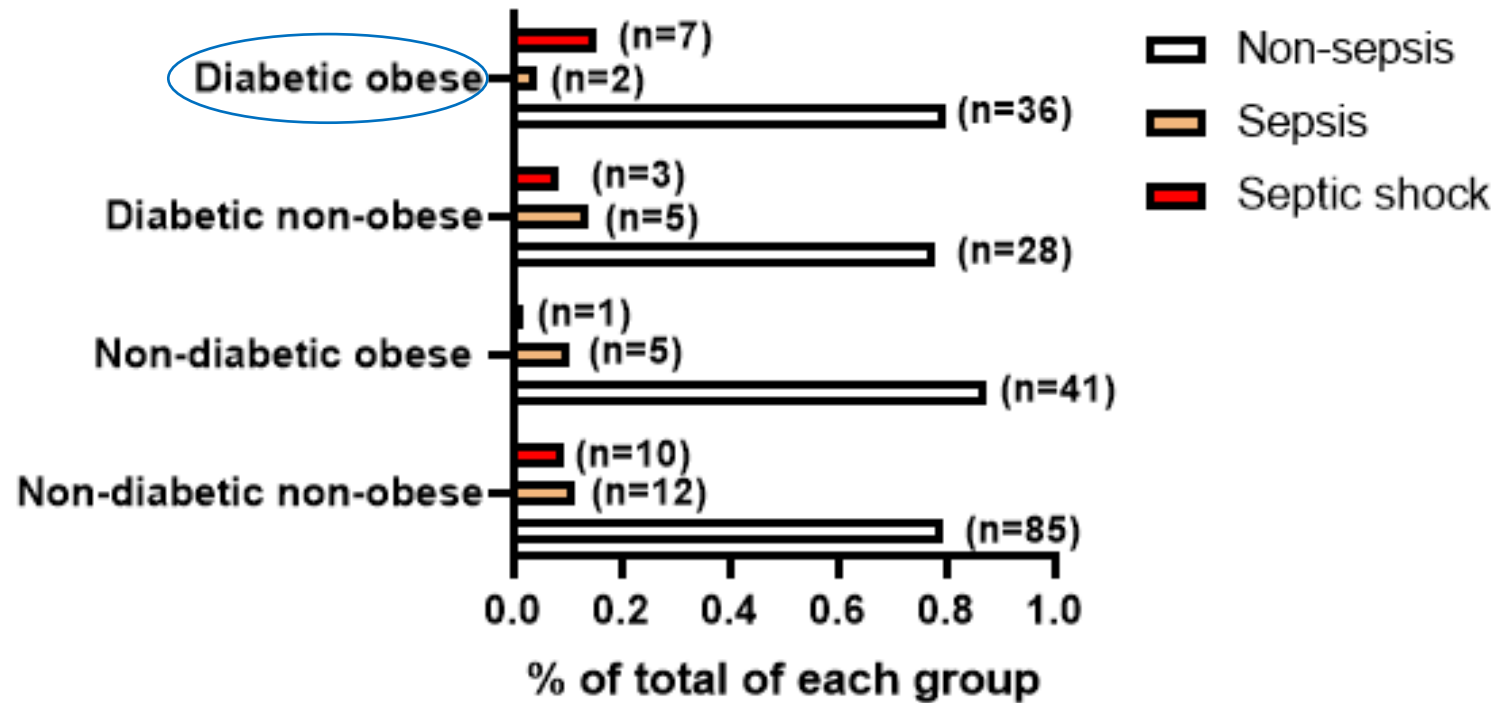


- **No significant** differences of three subsets and CD163<sup>++</sup> subsets (**CL** + **INT**) were found between non-sepsis, sepsis and septic shock in all ICU patients.



- Septic patients display **higher** expression of CD16, CD163, but **lower** CD33 expression than non-sepsis patients.

## Relative amounts of septic patients

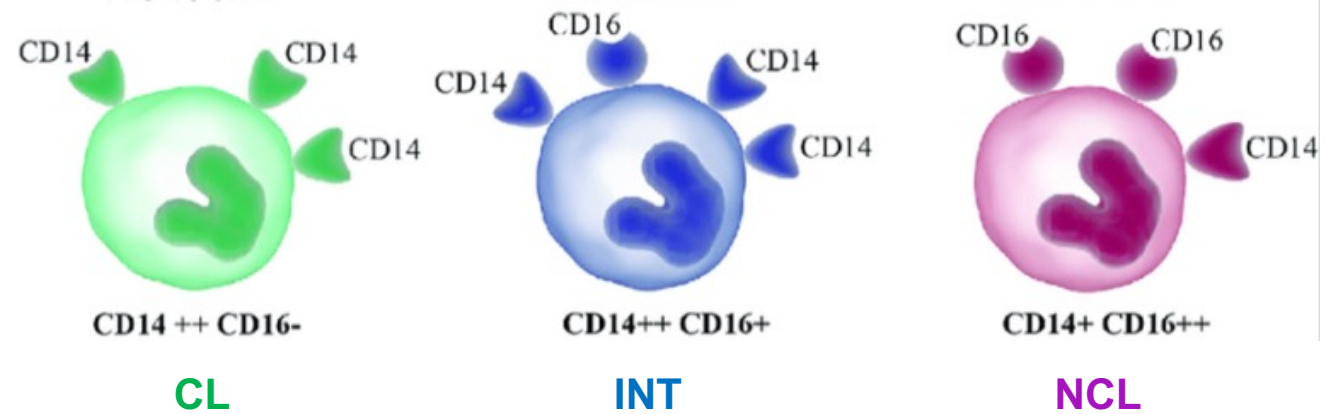


- The frequency of **septic shock** is significantly higher in **obese and diabetic** patients than that in obese and non-diabetic patients ( $p < 0.05$ ).



Are there different effect of obesity and diabetes on monocyte subsets in ICU sepsis patients versus non-sepsis patients?

## Results 2



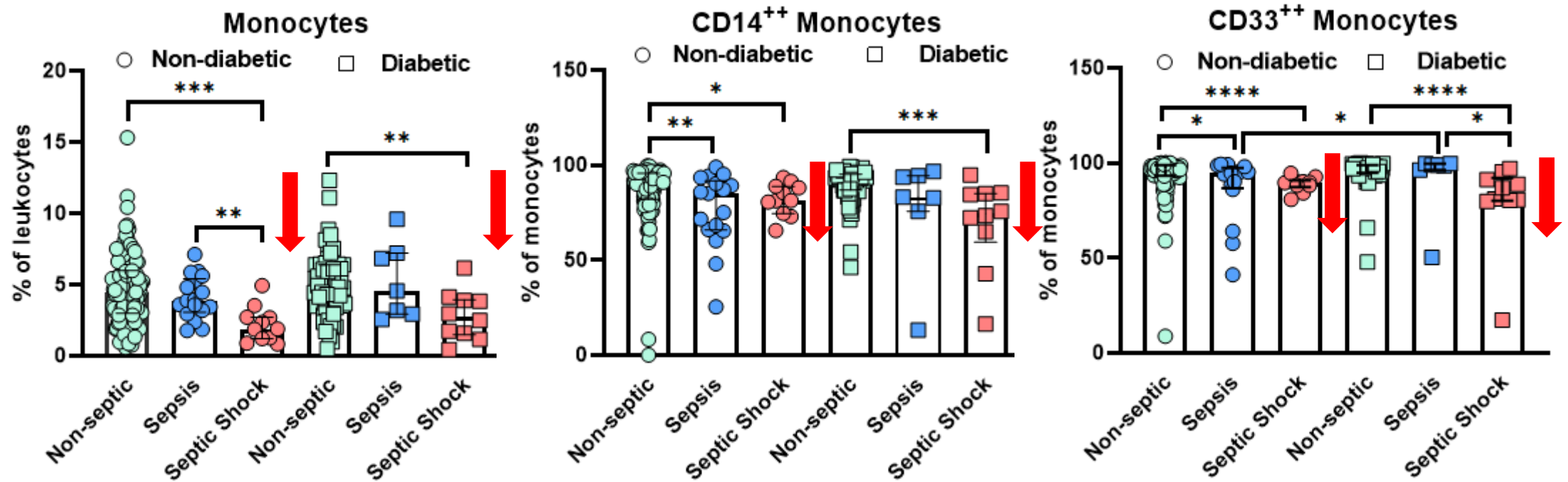
Differences of monocyte subsets in ICU patients **with and without diabetes**

Non-sepsis

Sepsis

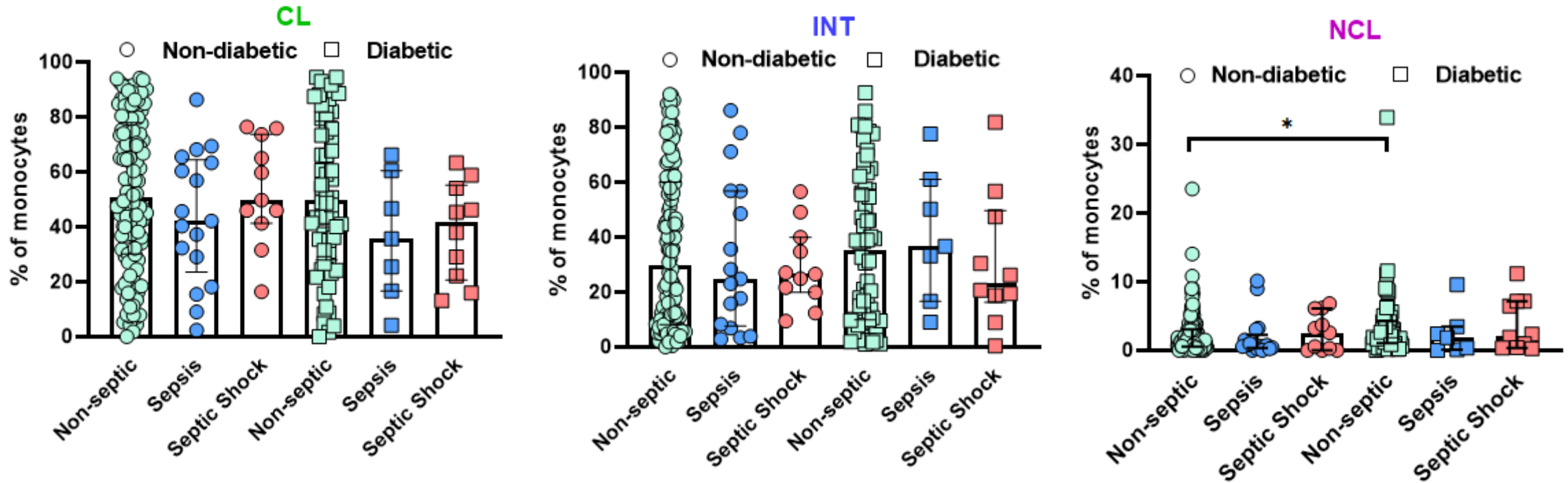
Septic shock

## Alterations of monocyte subsets in ICU patients **with and without diabetes**



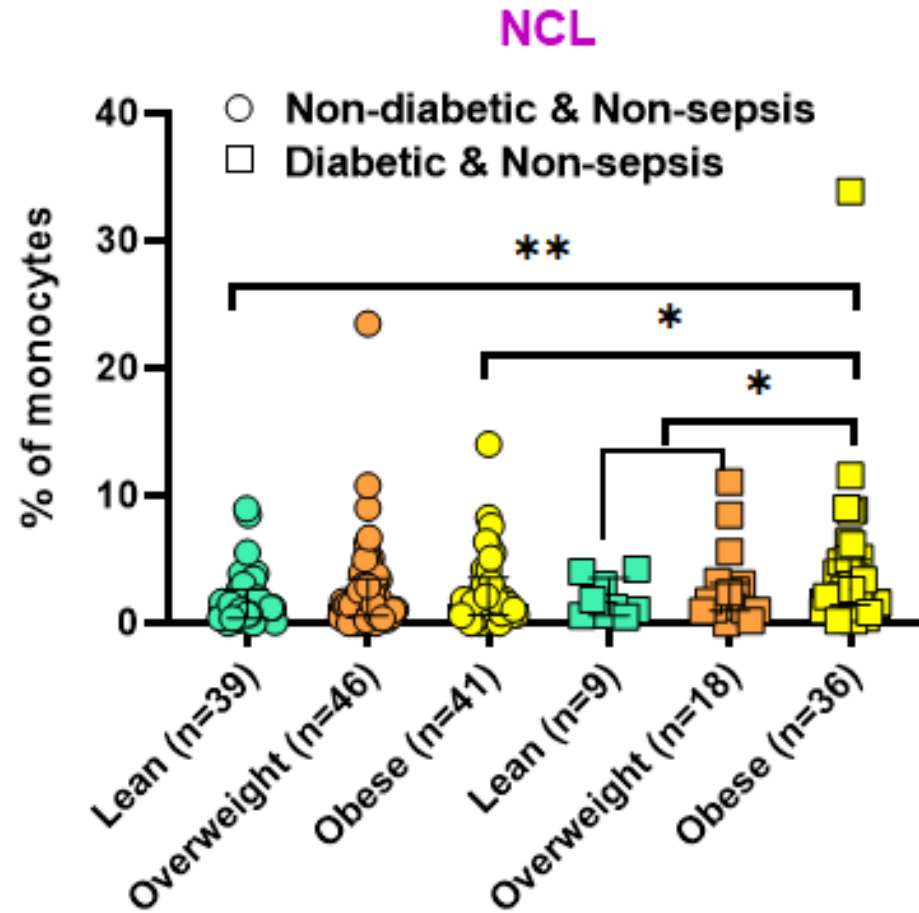
- In both non-diabetic and diabetic patients, **septic shock** patients present with **lower** monocytes, CD14<sup>++</sup> and CD33<sup>++</sup> monocytes (**CL** and **INT**).



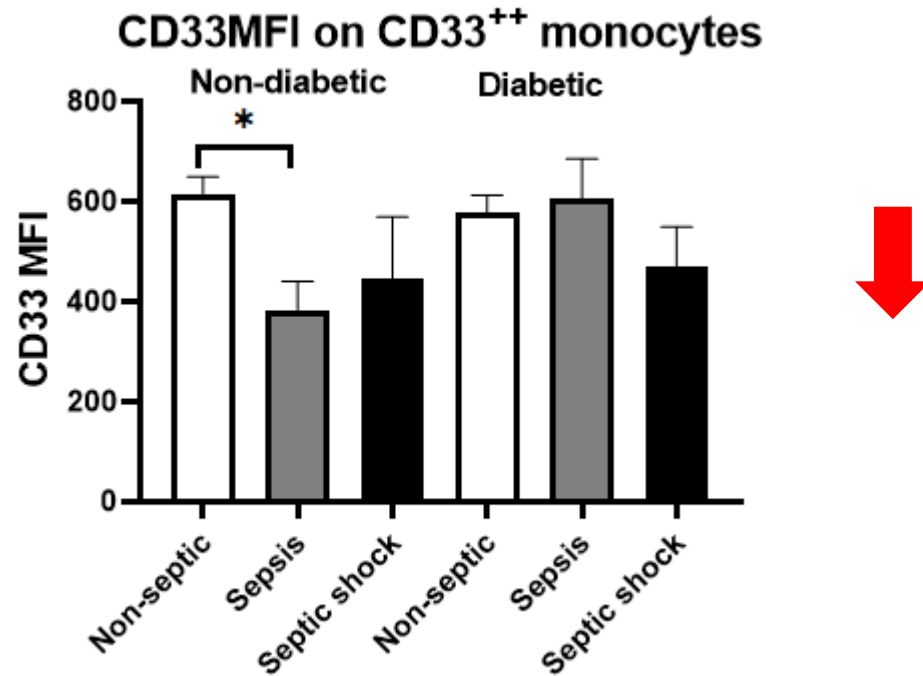


- **Diabetic** sepsis patients have **lower CL**
- **Diabetic** non-septic and septic shock patients present with **higher NCL** relative to non-diabetic patients.

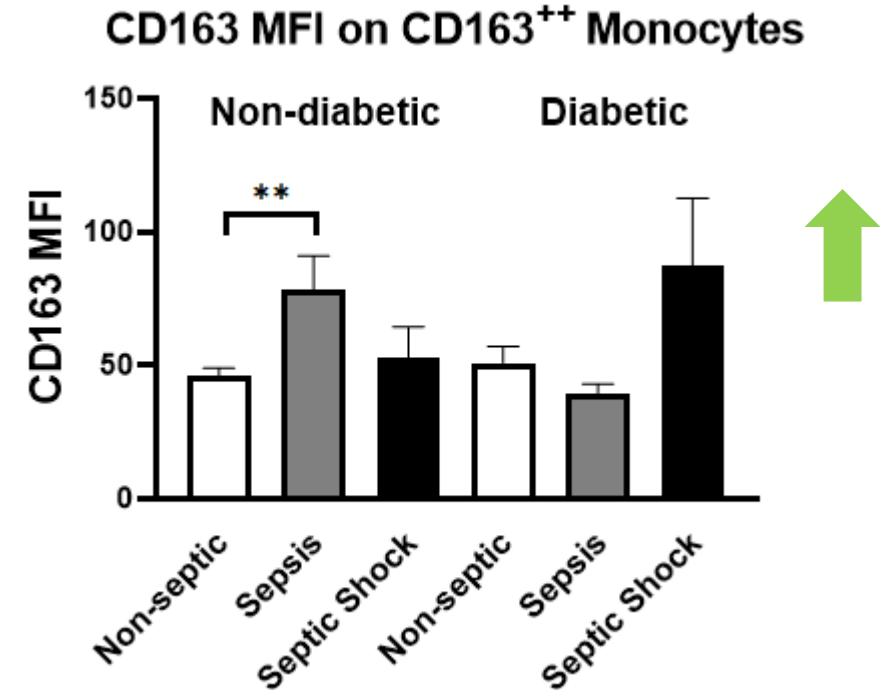




- **Diabetic** obese non-septic patients present with prominently **higher NCL** monocytes.

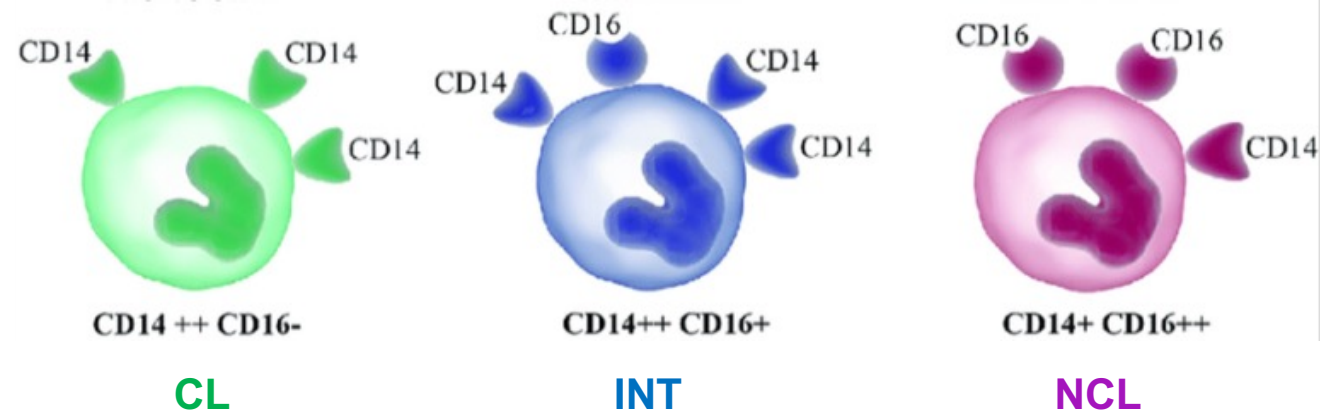


- **Diabetic** septic shock patients display lower CD33 expression



- **Diabetic** septic shock patients display higher CD163 expression

## Results 3



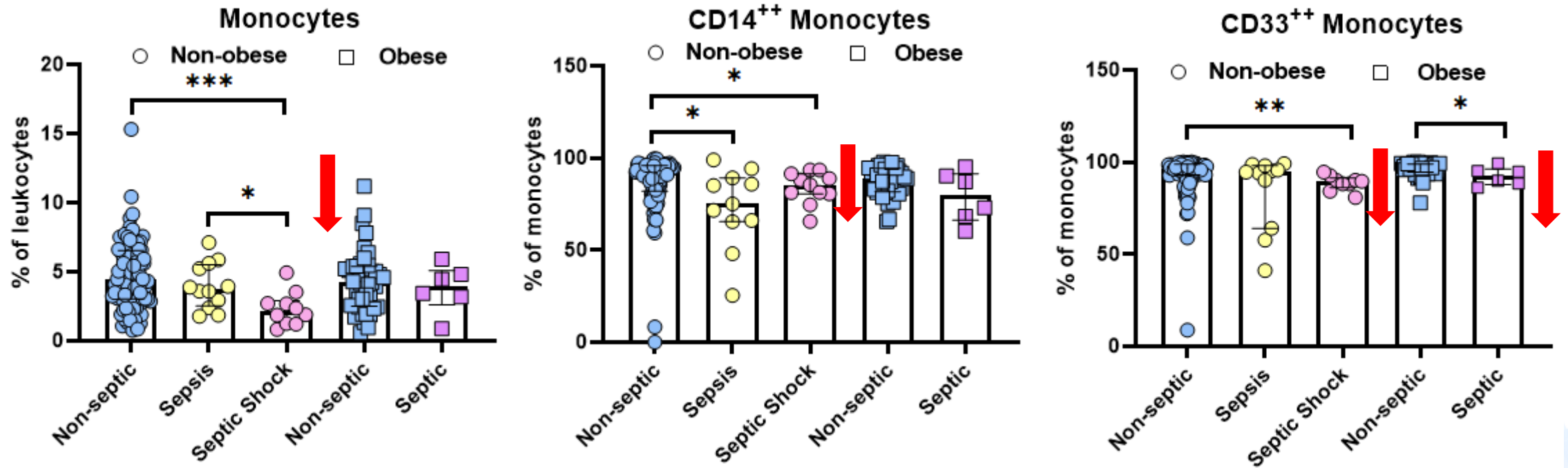
Effect of **obesity** on monocyte subsets in ICU patients **with and without diabetes**

Non-sepsis

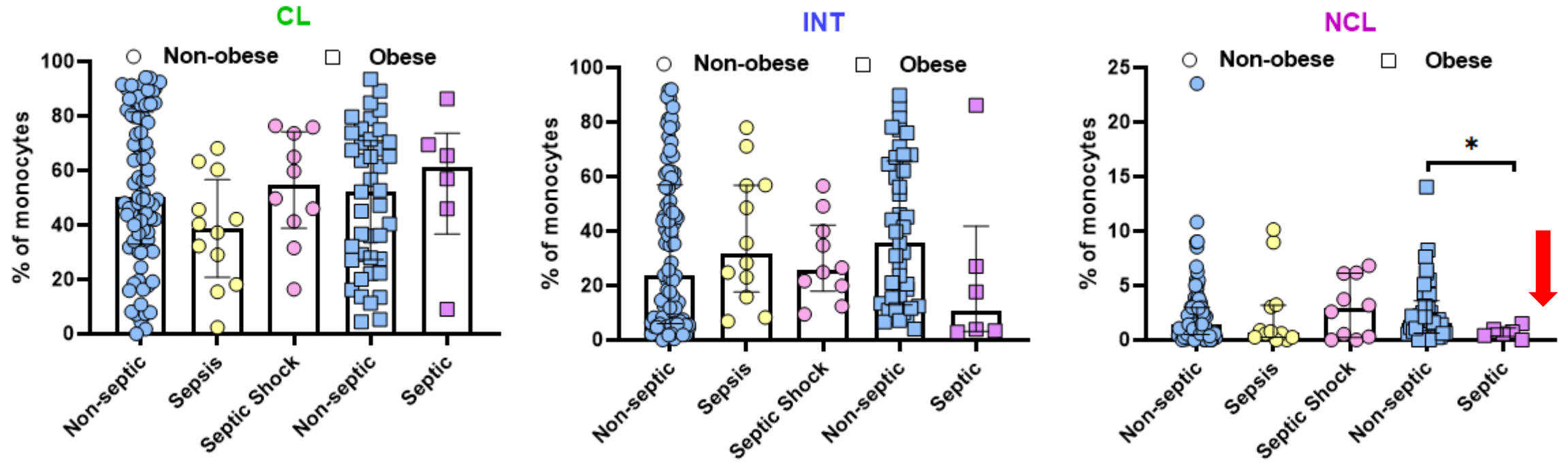
Sepsis

Septic shock

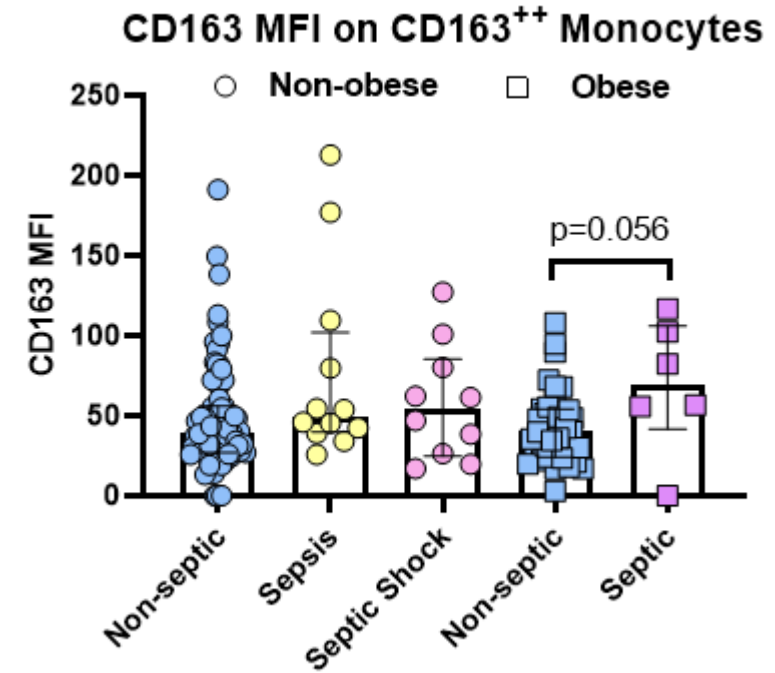
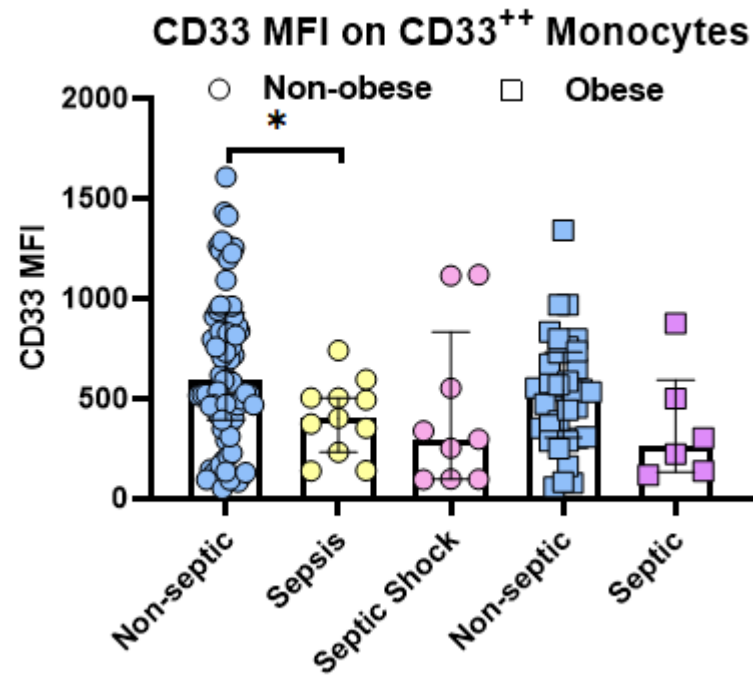
## Effect of **obesity** on monocyte subsets in ICU septic patients **without diabetes**



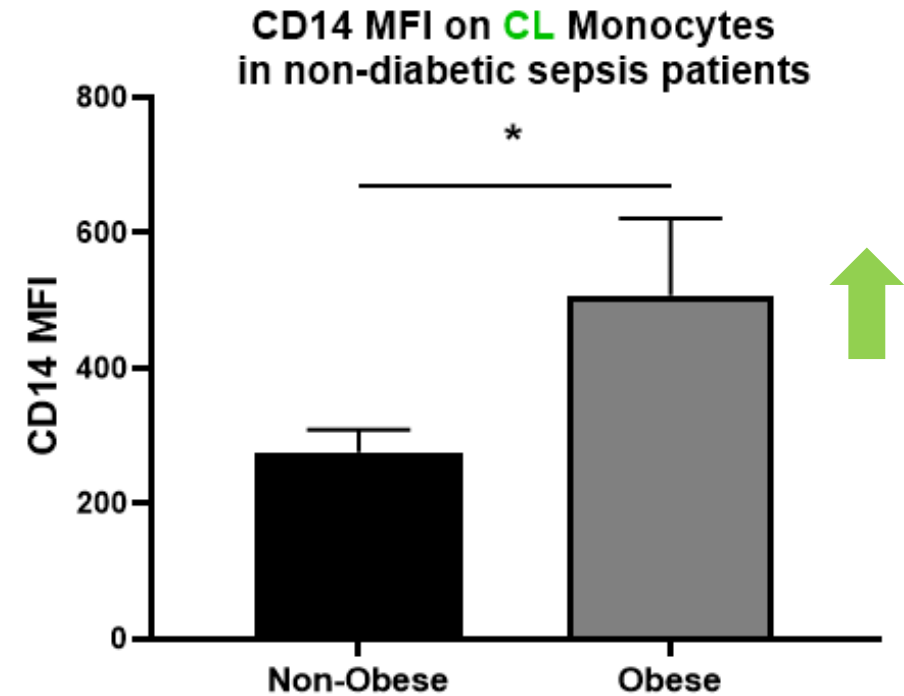
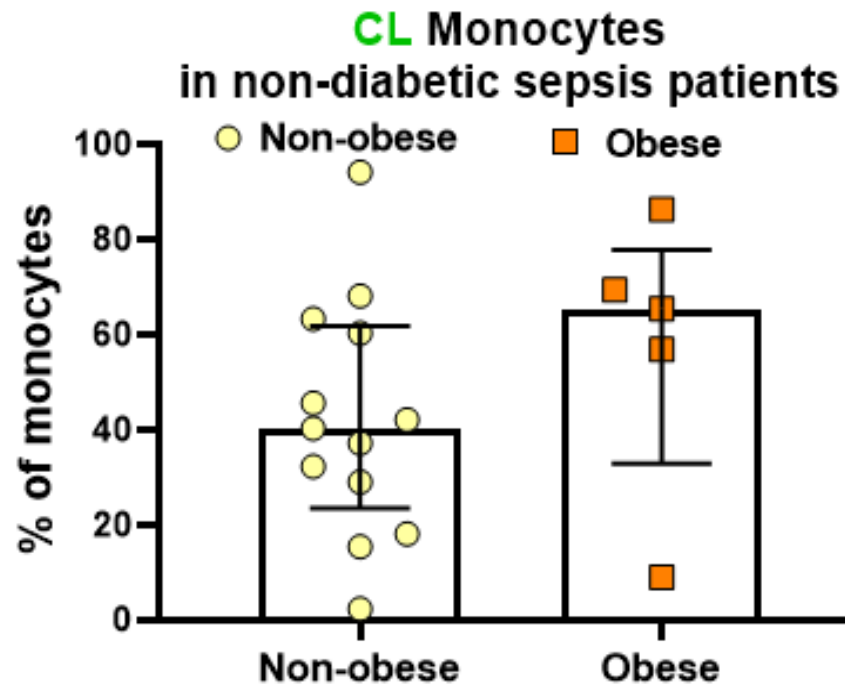
- **Obese** septic patients **did not** show a decrease of CD14<sup>++</sup> monocytes.
- Both **obese** and **non-obese** septic patients have **decreased** CD33<sup>++</sup> monocytes.



- **Obese** non-diabetic septic patients have significantly **lower NCL** monocytes.

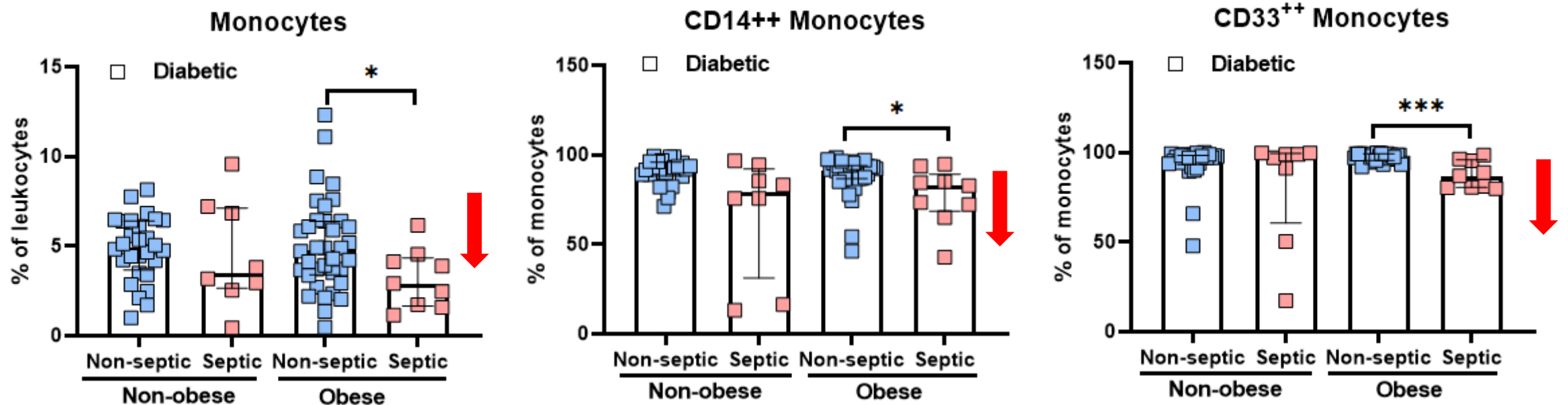


- **Obese** septic patients without diabetes **do not** differ in their expression of CD33 and CD163.



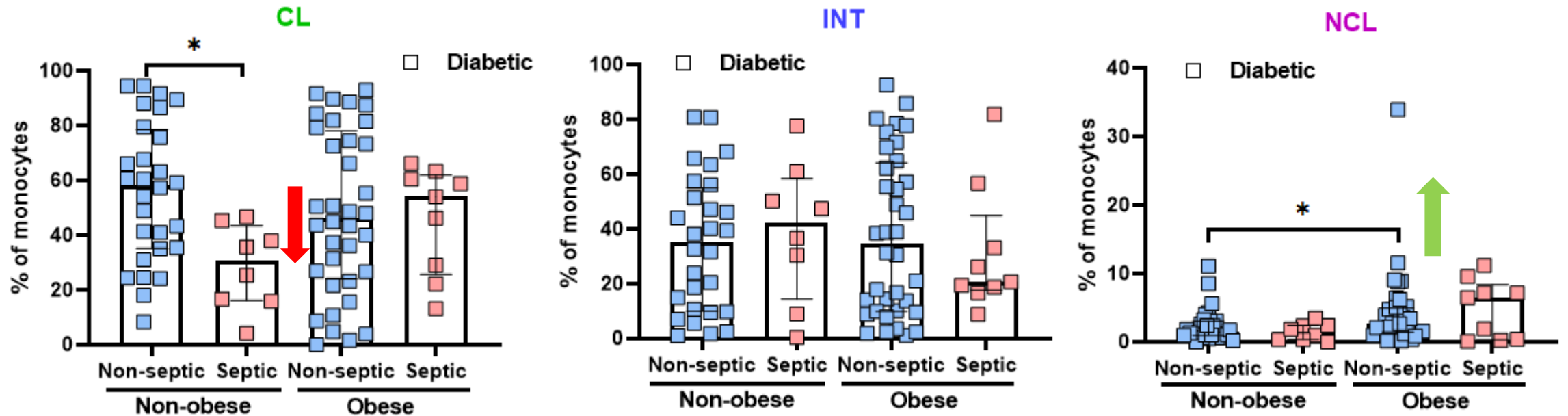
- Non-diabetic sepsis patients with **obesity** show relatively **higher CL** monocytes and significantly **increased** CD14 expression on **CL**.

## Effect of **obesity** on monocyte subsets in ICU septic patients with **diabetes**

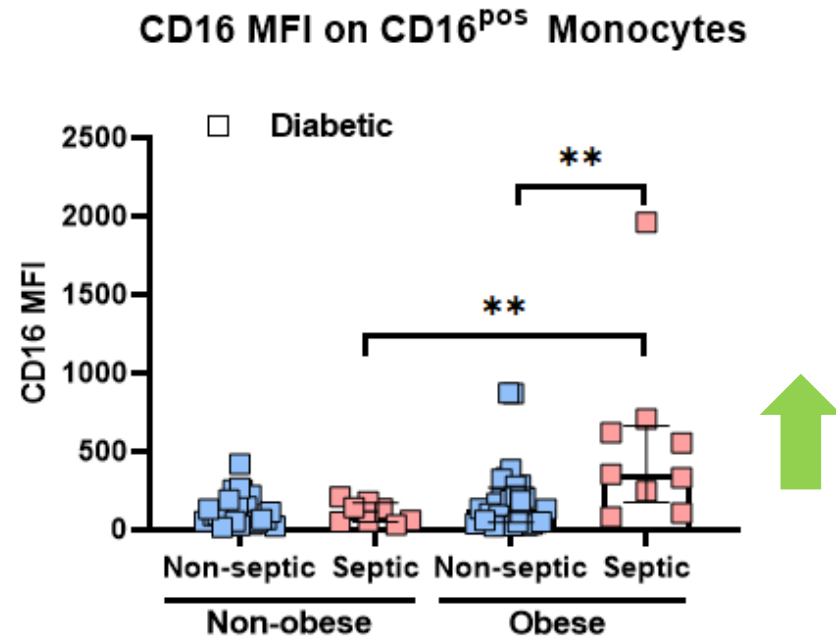


- **Diabetic obese septic** patients have significantly **lower** total monocytes, and CD14<sup>++</sup>, CD33<sup>++</sup> monocytes.

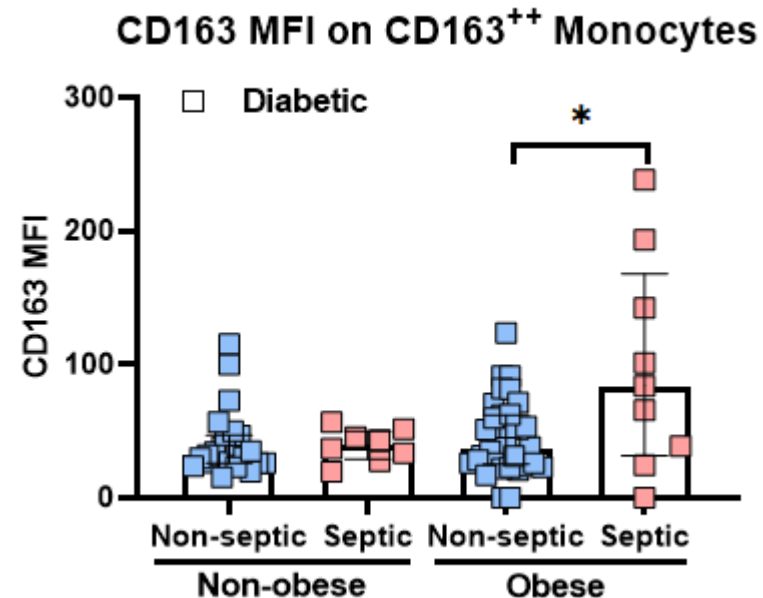




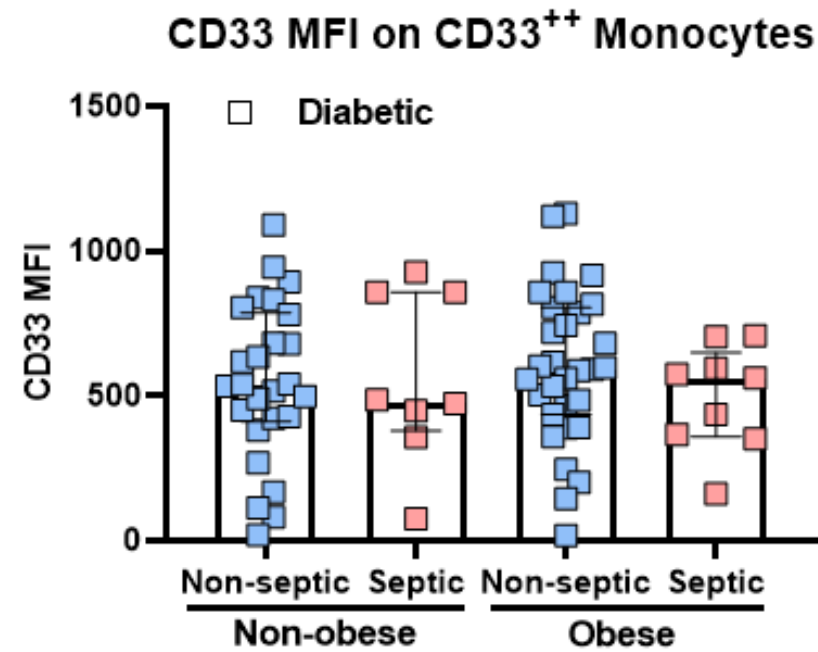
- **Diabetic obese septic** patients display **higher CL** and **NCL**, but **lower INT** monocyte counts.



- **CD16** is highly **increased** in sepsis patients with obesity and diabetes

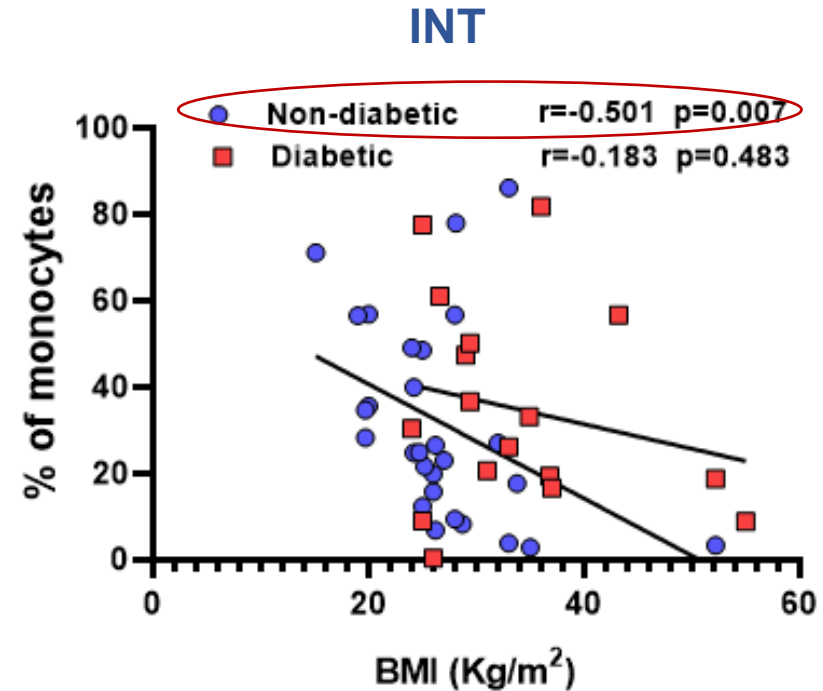
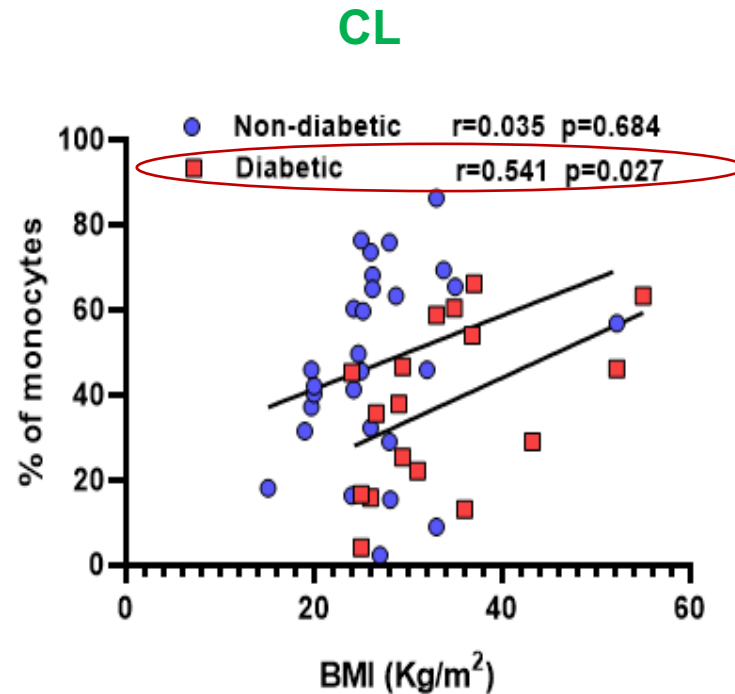


- **CD163** is more **increased** in sepsis patients with obesity and diabetes

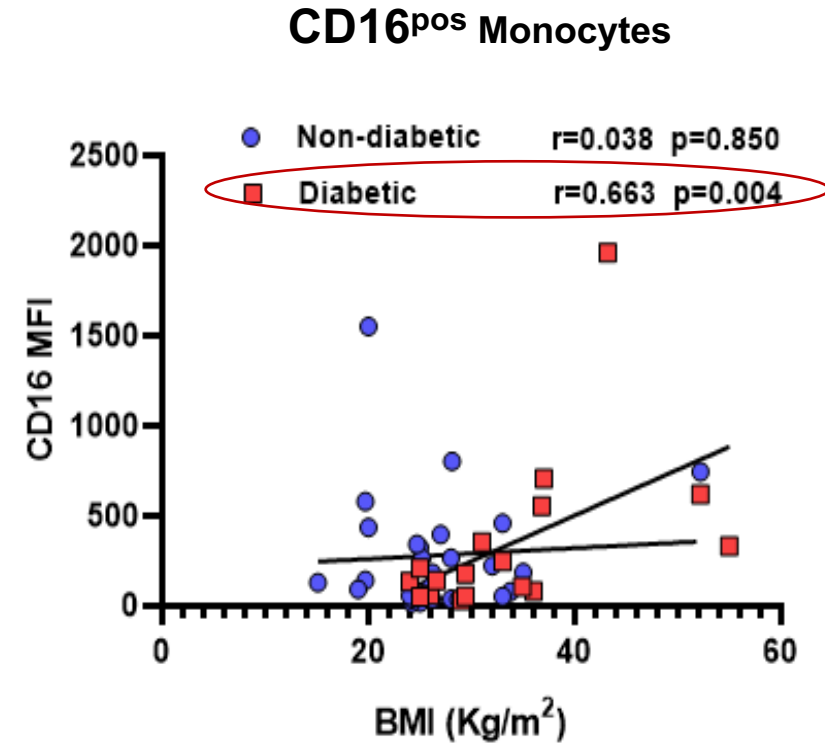
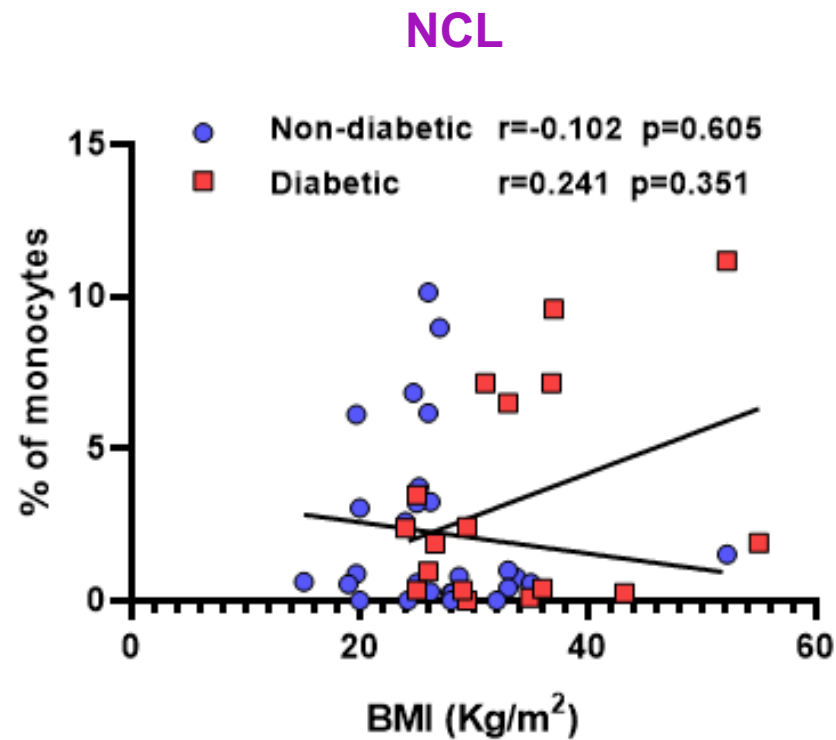


- **No differences** of CD33 expression were found between non-obese and obese patients.

## Correlation analysis of monocytes with BMI in sepsis patients with diabetes

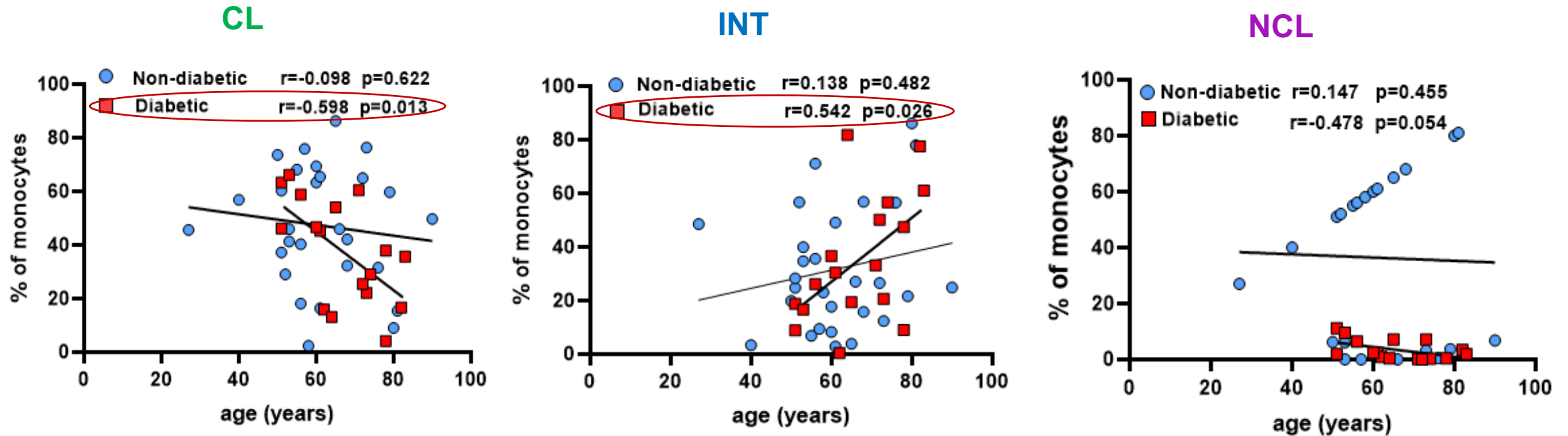


- Increased **CL** monocytes correlate with **BMI** in **diabetic** sepsis but not in non-diabetic patients
- Lower **INT** monocytes inversely correlate with **BMI** in **non-diabetic** sepsis but not in diabetic patients



- **NCL** no significant correlation with BMI in diabetic and non-diabetic sepsis patients
- Increased **CD16 expression** on CD16<sup>pos</sup> monocytes **positively** correlates with **BMI** in **diabetic** sepsis but not in non-diabetic patients

## Correlation analysis of monocytes with age in sepsis patients with diabetes



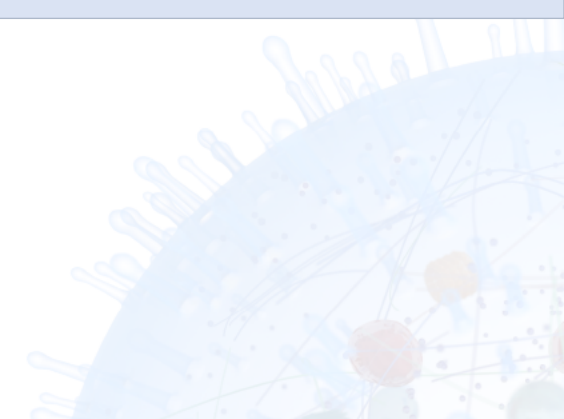
- **CL** inversely correlate and **INT** positively correlate with **age** in **diabetic** sepsis patients but not in non-diabetic patients
- **NCL** no significant correlation with age in sepsis patients with and without diabetes

## General discussion

- Depletion of **CL** implies impaired phagocytosis in critically ill patients with sepsis. (Serbina et al., 2008)
- **NCL** may play a role in obesity related inflammation in diabetic patients.  
(Poitou et al., 2011; Rogacev et al., 2010)
- Down-regulation of CD33 expression and CD33<sup>++</sup> subsets implies prolonged pro-inflammatory immunity during sepsis. (Orr et al., 2007; Paul et al., 2000)
- Upregulated expression of CD163 and CD16, and CD16<sup>pos</sup> subsets may reflect endotoxin tolerance in septic patients with diabetes and obesity. (Röszer, 2015; Zhang et al., 2014; Shalova et al., 2012)
- Limitations: Sample sizes in subgroups were quite small, but the results helped to design larger studies to understand immune dysregulation in patients with diabetes and obesity with sepsis.

## Summary

- As a novel finding, we identified the selective diminution of CD14<sup>++</sup> (**CL**) and CD33 expression in monocytes of sepsis patients. This effect is more pronounced in diabetic patients progressing from sepsis to septic shock.
- Obese non-septic patients with diabetes have higher **NCL** monocytes.
- Obese septic patients with diabetes showed increased CD16 expression, as well as CD163.





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