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Human Keratinocytes Inhibit CD4⁺ T-Cell Proliferation through TGFB1 Secretion and Surface Expression of HLA-G1 and PD-L1 Immune Checkpoints

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Supplementary Materials

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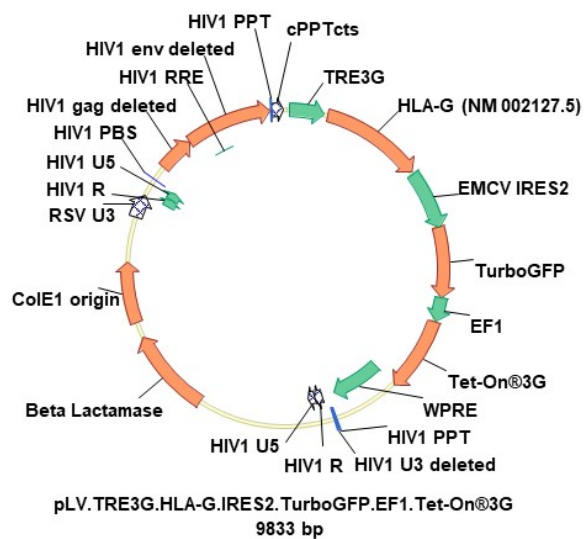
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Inducible expression of HLA-G1



Inducible expression of RFP (control vector)

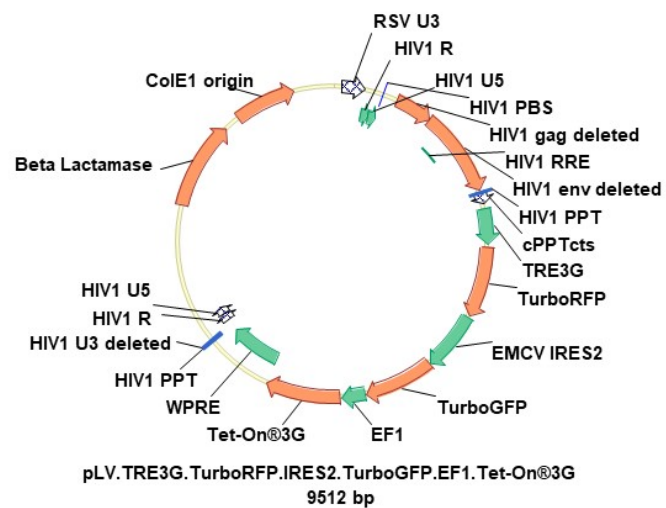


Figure S1. Maps of HLA-G1 and control lentiviral vectors.

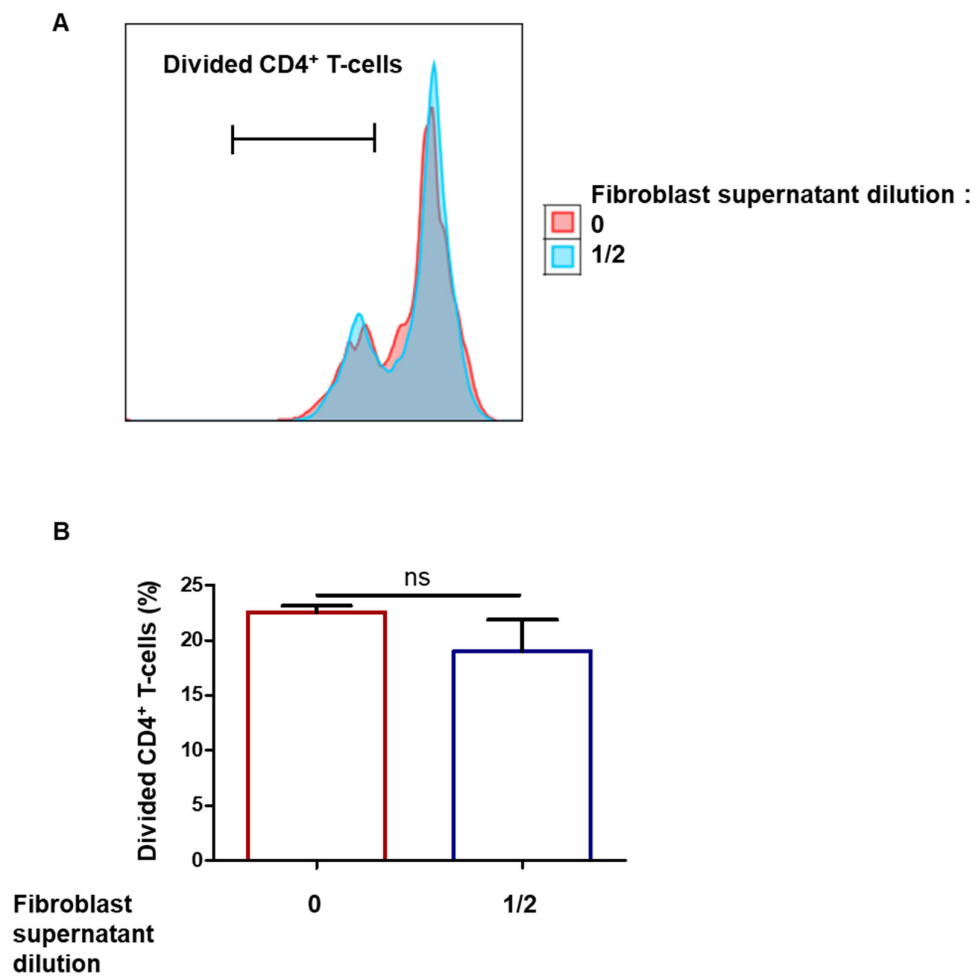


Figure S2. Fibroblast supernatant and PBMC proliferation inhibition. Fibroblast supernatants from one representative donor were incubated with 100,000 PBMCs for 7 days. PBMCs were pre-marked with a dye and activated using CD3⁺ CD28⁺ beads. PBMC proliferation was quantified by dye decrease at day 7. **(A)** Representative flow cytometry profiles at day 7. **(B)** CD4⁺ T-cell proliferation depending on presence of fibroblast supernatant (mean+SEM, $p < 0.05$, $n = 3$). Exact p -values were determined on t-test.

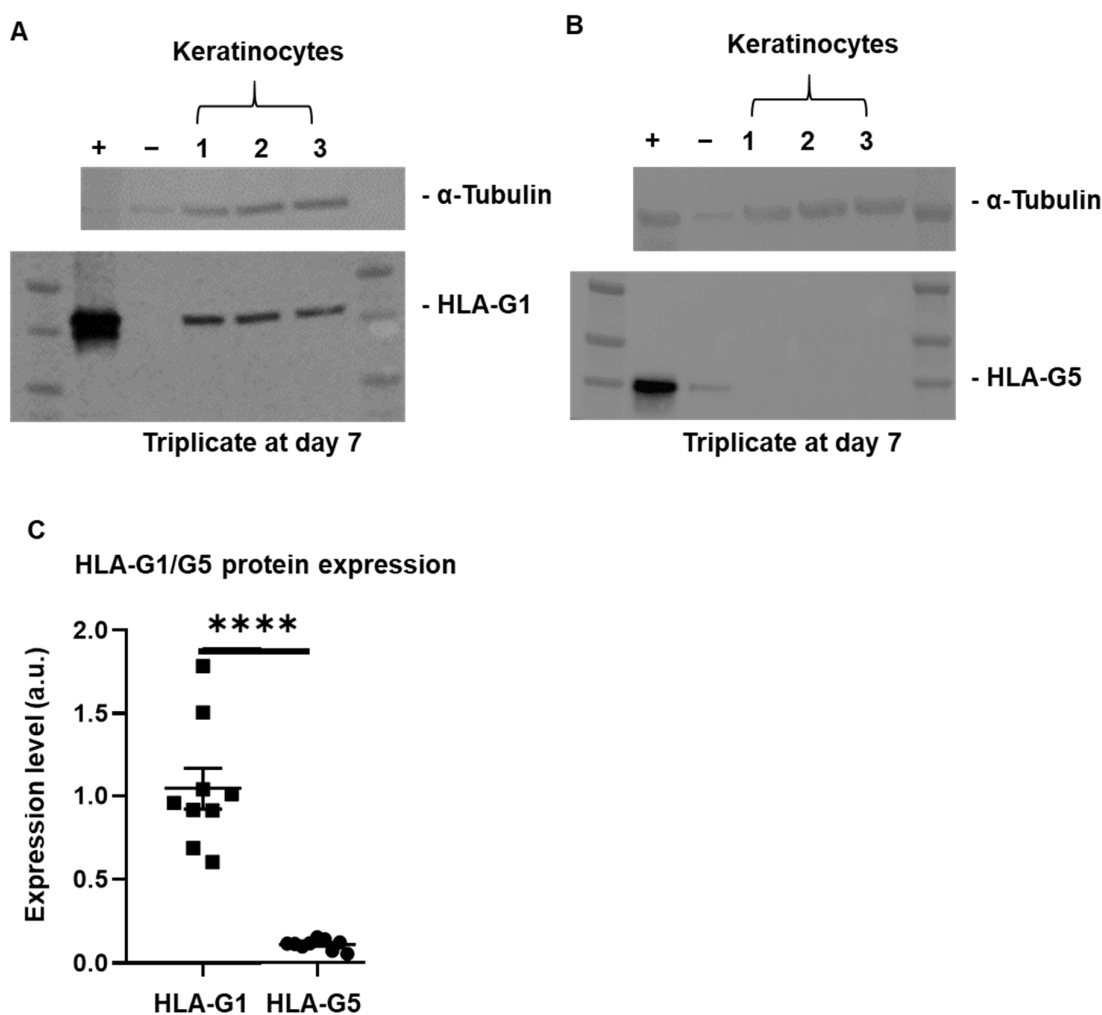


Figure S3. HLA-G isoform expressed in keratinocytes. Cells from one representative donor were cultivated for 7 days after removal in an undefined medium with serum and a layer of feeder cells. Analysis by Western blotting. **(A)** Typical gel photograph corresponding to 3 different cultures, with α -tubulin detection as loading control. K562 cells were used as negative control and K562 cells transduced with HLA-G1 were used as positive control with 4H84 antibody. **(B)** Typical gel photograph corresponding to 3 different cultures, with α -tubulin detection as loading control. M8 cells were used as negative control and M8 cells transduced with HLA-G5 were used as positive control with 5A6G7 antibody. **(C)** Scatter plot of quantification (mean+SEM, $p < 0.0001$, $n = 9$). Exact p -values were determined using the Mann-Whitney U-test. ****; $p < 0.0001$.

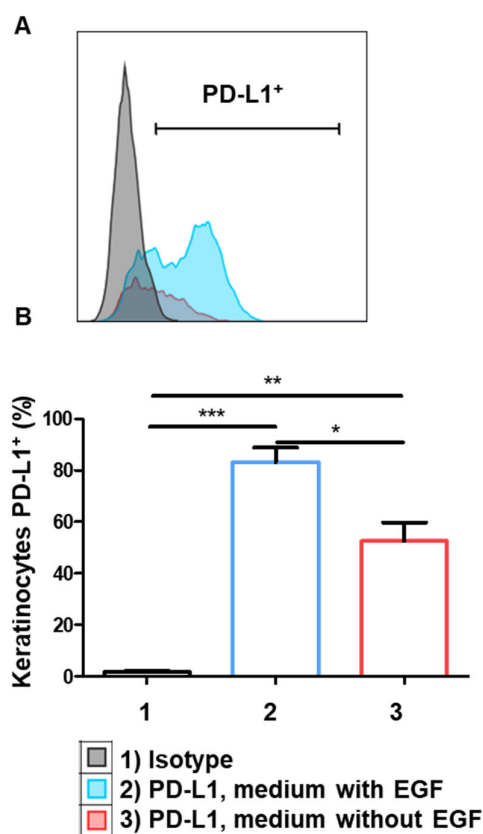


Figure S4. Influence of EGF on PD-L1 expression in keratinocytes. Amplified keratinocytes expressing PD-L1 were reamplified with medium with or without EGF. **(A)** Representative cytometry profiles after 7 days. **(B)** PD-L1 expression according to presence of EGF in the medium (mean+SEM, $p < 0.05$, $n=3$). Exact p-values were determined on t-test. *: $p < 0.05$, **: $p < 0.01$, and ***: $p < 0.001$.

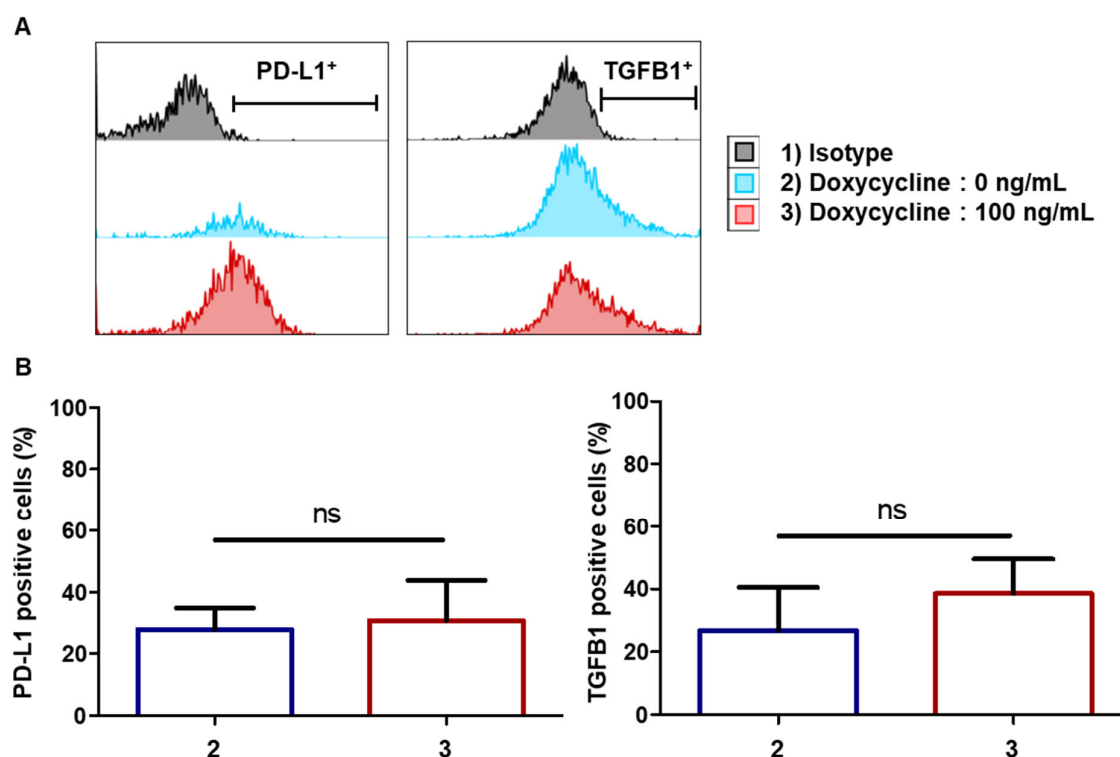


Figure S5. Impact of induced HLA-G1 overexpression on PD-L1 and TGFB1 expression in keratinocytes. Keratinocytes cultures of transduced with the lentiviral vector allowing doxycycline-inducible expression of HLA-G1 were maintained for 7 days in induced and non-induced conditions. Expression of PD-L1 and TGFB1 proteins was analyzed in both control and HLA-G1-overexpressing keratinocytes. **(A)** Representative profiles of PD-L1 and TGFB1 expression are shown. **(B)** Absence of PD-L1 and TGFB1 protein expression modulation in response to HLA-G1 overexpression induced by doxycycline treatment (mean+SEM, $p < 0.05$, $n = 3$). Exact p-values were determined using the t-test.

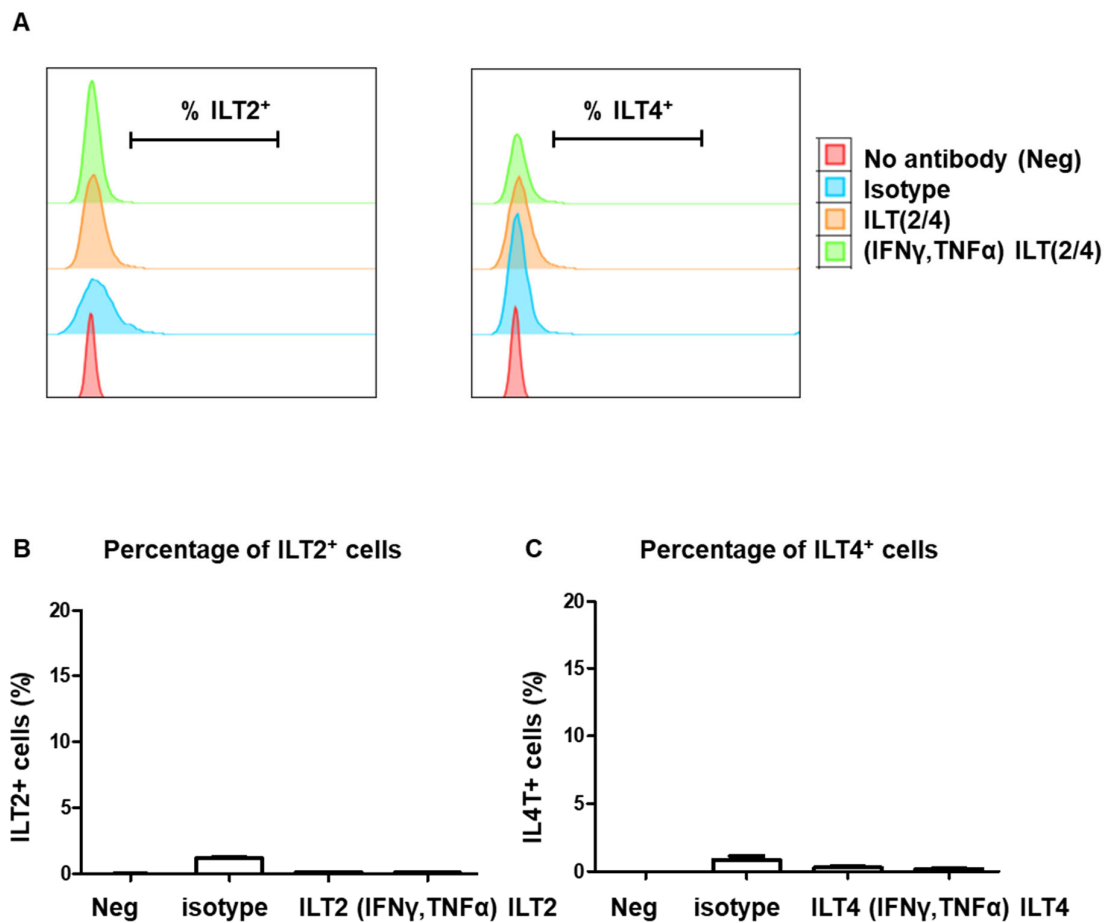


Figure S6. Cell-surface expression of the HLA-G receptors ILT2 and ILT4 in keratinocytes. Cell cultures were performed during 2 days in the absence or presence of 10 ng/mL of IFN γ and 10 ng/mL TNF α to mimic an inflammatory context, and keratinocytes were analyzed for ILT2 and ILT4 cell-surface expression by flow cytometry. (A) Representative profiles are shown. Absence keratinocytes positive for both ILT2 (B) and ILT4 (C) cell-surface expression.