

Supplementary Material

**Inhibitory NKG2A⁺ and absent activating NKG2C⁺ NK cell responses
are associated with the development of EBV⁺ lymphomas**

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Figure S1

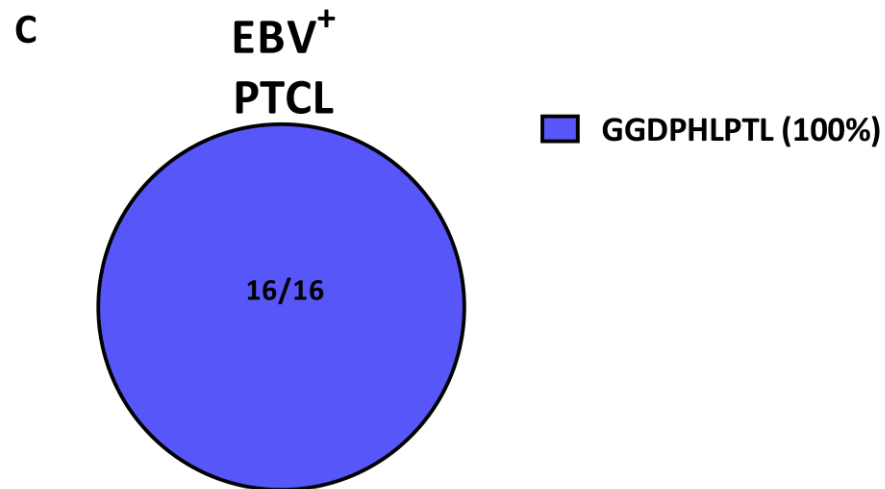
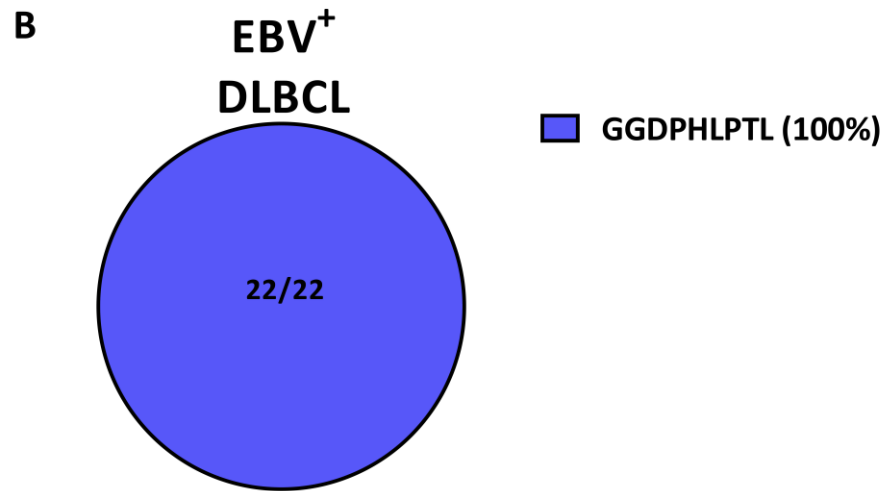
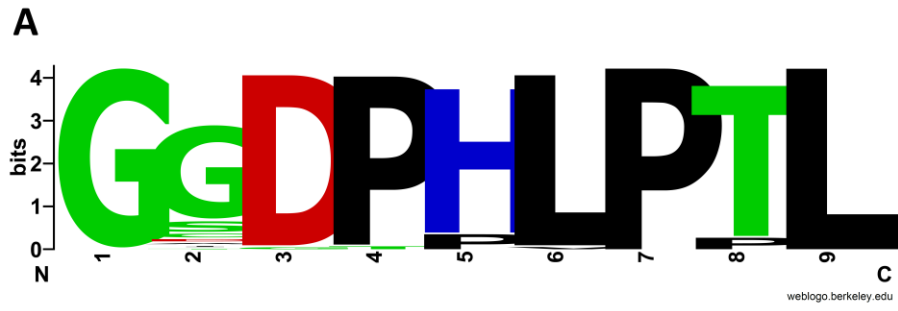


Figure S1: Sequence logo alignment and relative frequency of *LMP-1* peptide variants in EBV⁺DLBCL and EBV⁺PTCL patients. (A) Sequence logo alignment of the relative frequency of *LMP-1* peptide variants from *N*=255 partially sequenced *LMP-1* genes from patients with an asymptomatic EBV reactivation (*N*=96), symptomatic EBV reactivation (*N*=96), EBV⁺ HL (*N*=25) and EBV⁺ nHL (*N*=28). Sequence logos were created with the web-tool of the University of California, (<https://weblogo.berkeley.edu/>). (B-C) Distribution of *LMP-1* variants in patients with (B) EBV⁺DLBCL (*N*=22) and (C) EBV⁺PTCL (*N*=16). Fractions represent the relative frequency of the *LMP-1* peptide *GGDPHLPTL*, *GSDPHLPTL*, *GGDPHLPPPL*, *GGDPPLPTL*, *GCDPHLPTL*, *GIDPHLPTL*, *GAGPHLPTL*, *GGDTPLPTL*, *GDDPHLPTL*, *GGDPHVPTL* and *GTDPHLPTL* variants. **DLBCL**: Diffuse large B cell lymphoma, **EBV**: Epstein–Barr virus, **PTCL**: Peripheral T cell lymphoma.

Figure S2

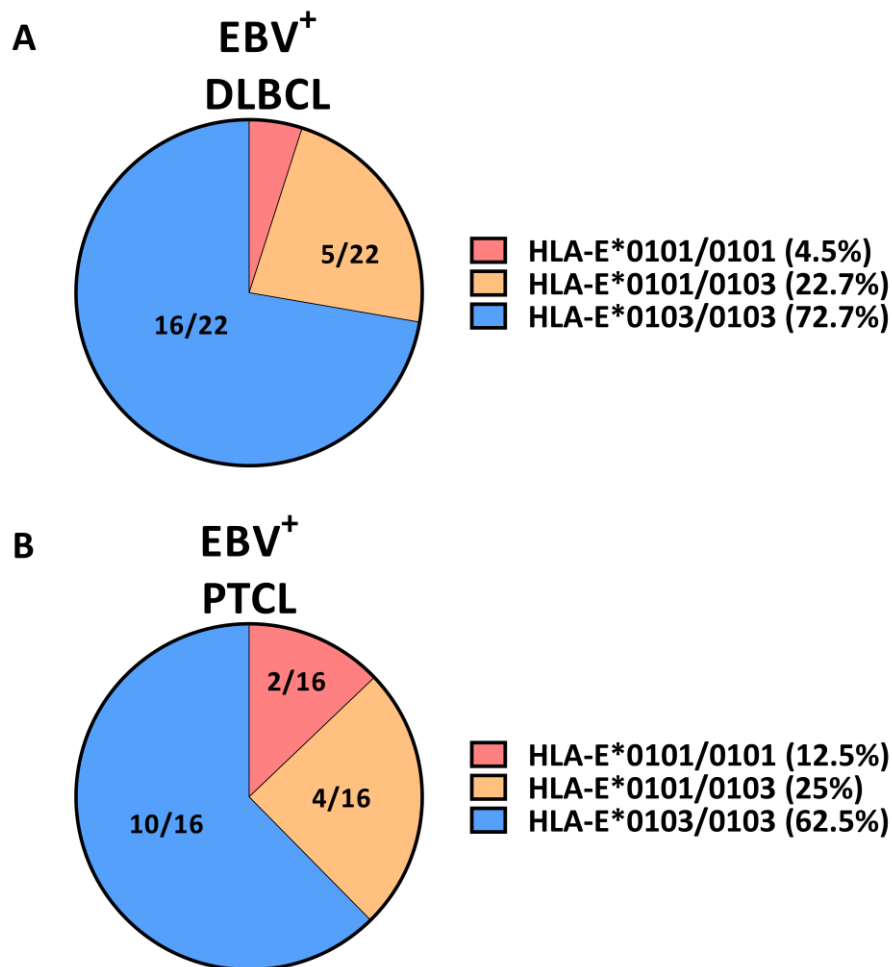


Figure S2: HLA-E variants are associated with the development of EBV⁺DLBCL and EBV⁺PTCL. (A-B) Distribution of HLA-E variants in patients with (A) EBV⁺DLBCL (N=22) and (B) EBV⁺PTCL (N=16). Fractions represent the relative frequency of HLA-E*0101/0101, HLA-E*0101/0103 and HLA-E*0103/0103. **DLBCL**: Diffuse large B cell lymphoma, **EBV**: Epstein–Barr virus, **PTCL**: Peripheral T cell lymphoma.

Figure S3

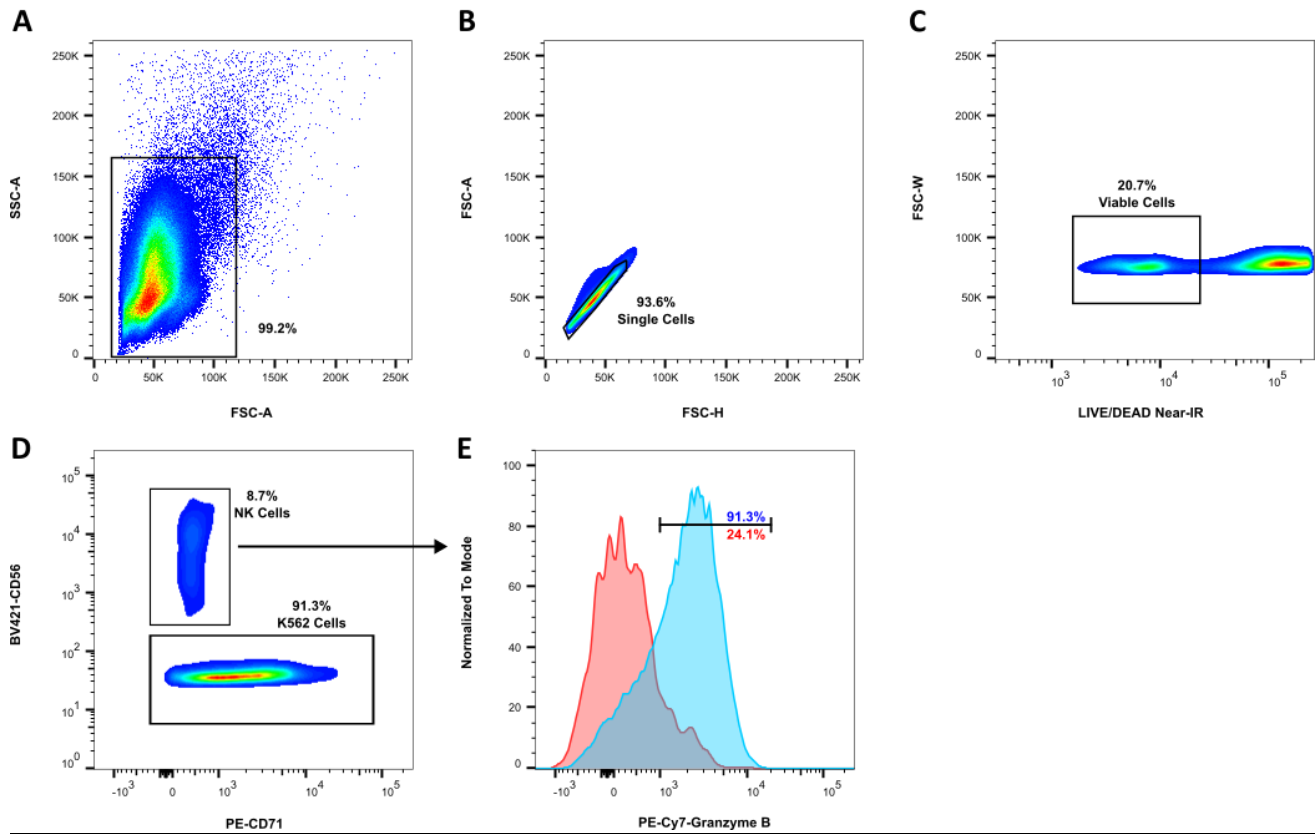


Figure S3: Proliferation Assay: NKG2A⁺CD56⁺ NK cells from one healthy blood donor were cultured in the presence of K562-CR2-HLA-E*0103/0103 cells and 300 μ M of EBV *LMP-1 GGDPHLPTL* peptide for 6 days. The frequency of (A-D) viable CD56⁺ NK cells or K562-CR2-HLA-E*0103/0103 cells was assessed by flow-cytometry. (E) The percentage of activated (gGranzyme B⁺) CD56⁺ NK cells (red) was assessed in comparison to the negative control, *e.g.* NKG2A⁺CD56⁺ NK cells, cultured together with K562-CR2-HLA-E*0103/0103 cells, but without LMP-1 peptides. One representative example of one blood donor is shown.

Figure S4

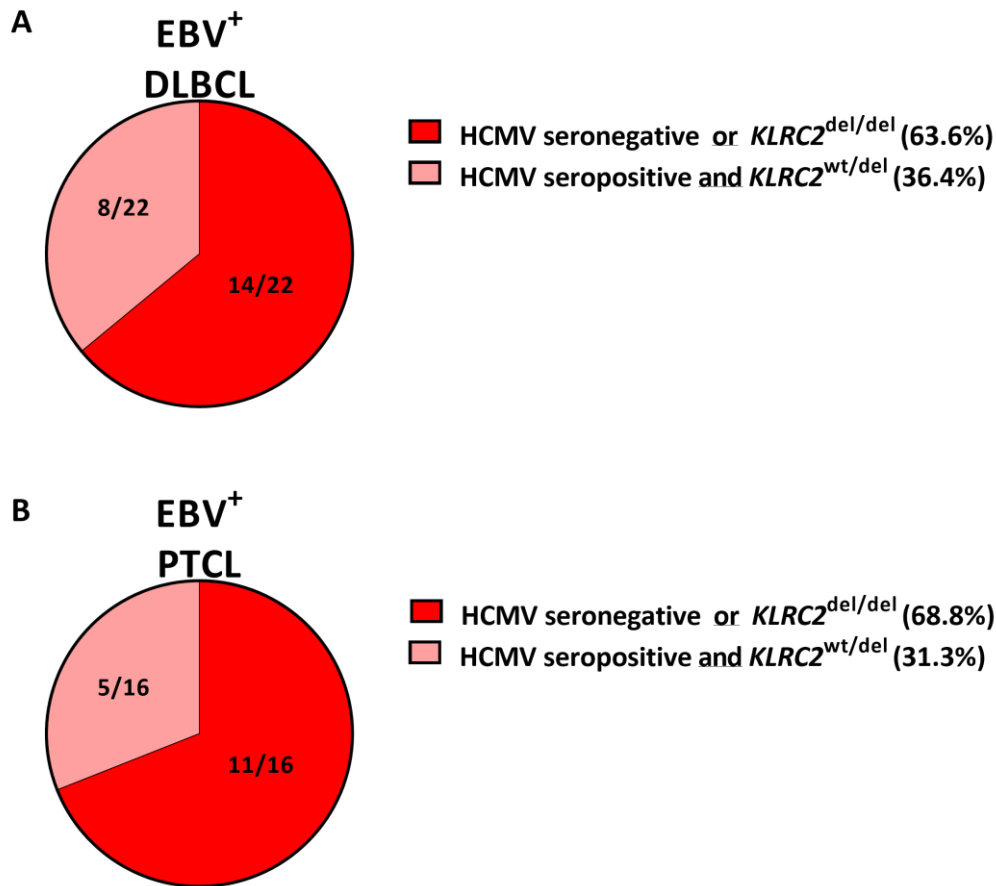


Figure S4: *KLRC2* variants are associated with the development of EBV⁺DLBCL and EBV⁺ PTCL.

(A-B) Distribution of *KLRC2* variants in HCMV-seropositive and HCMV-seronegative individuals with (A) EBV⁺DLBCL (N=22) and (B) EBV⁺PTCL (N=16). Fractions represent the relative frequency of in *KLRC2* variants in HCMV-seropositive and HCMV-seronegative individuals. **DLBCL**: Diffuse large B cell lymphoma, **EBV**: Epstein–Barr virus, **PTCL**: Peripheral T cell lymphoma.