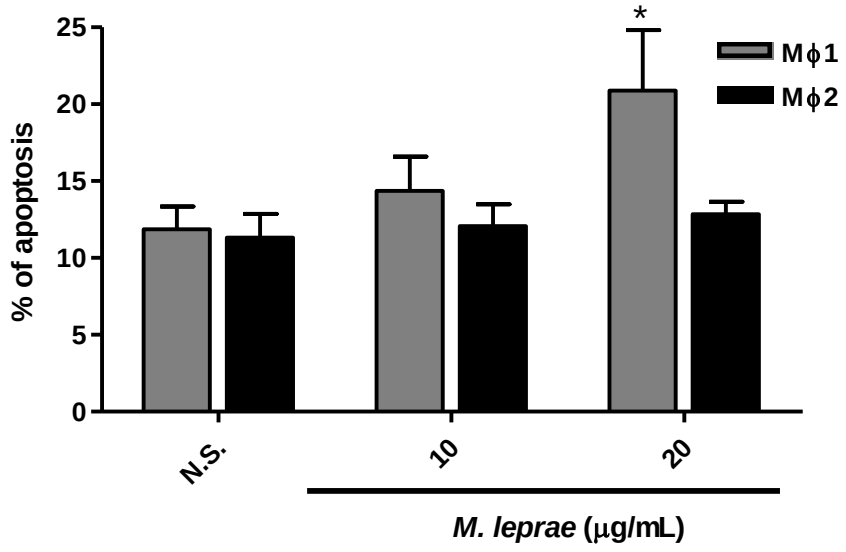

Fig. S1 - To evaluate whether *M. leprae* could induce apoptosis in Mϕ1 or Mϕ2 cells differentiated in vitro, cells were stimulated with irradiated *M. leprae* at 10 or 20 μg/mL for 24h; and the percentage of cell apoptosis was evaluated as the percentage of cells Annexin V^+ PI^- by flow cytometry. Experiments were performed at least five times in triplicate and data were presented as mean ± SD. *$p<0.05$ in relation to non-stimulated (N.S.) Mϕ1 group.

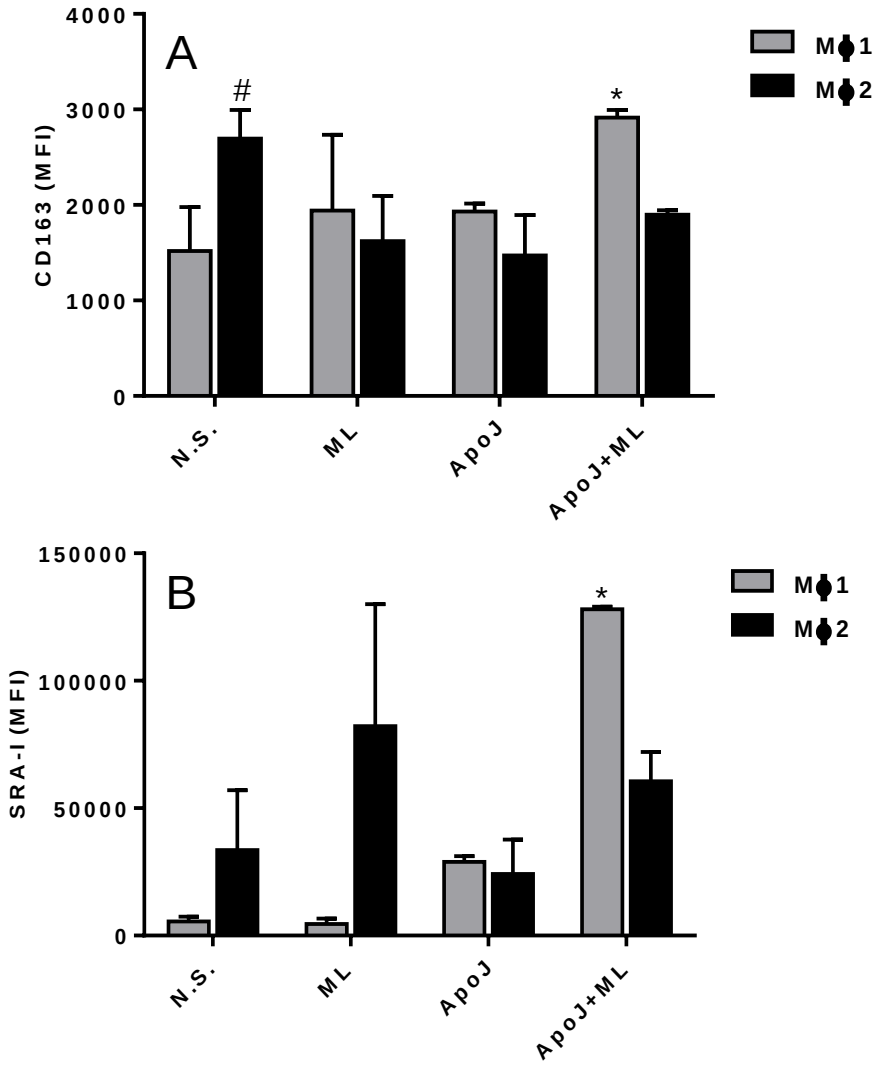

Fig. S2 - Mϕ1 or Mϕ2 cells were stimulated with irradiated *M. leprae* at 10 µg/mL for 24h in the presence or absence of apoptotic Jurkat cells (1:1). CD163-APC (A) and SRA-I-PE (B) expression were evaluated by flow cytometry. The mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) was shown. Experiments were performed at least three times in triplicate and data were presented as mean ± SD.(A) * $p < 0.05$ in relation to non-stimulated (N.S) Mϕ1 cells and Mϕ1+ApoJ. (B) * $p < 0.05$ in relation to N.S., ML or ApoJ stimulated Mϕ1 cells. #$p<0.05$ in relation Mϕ1 cells.

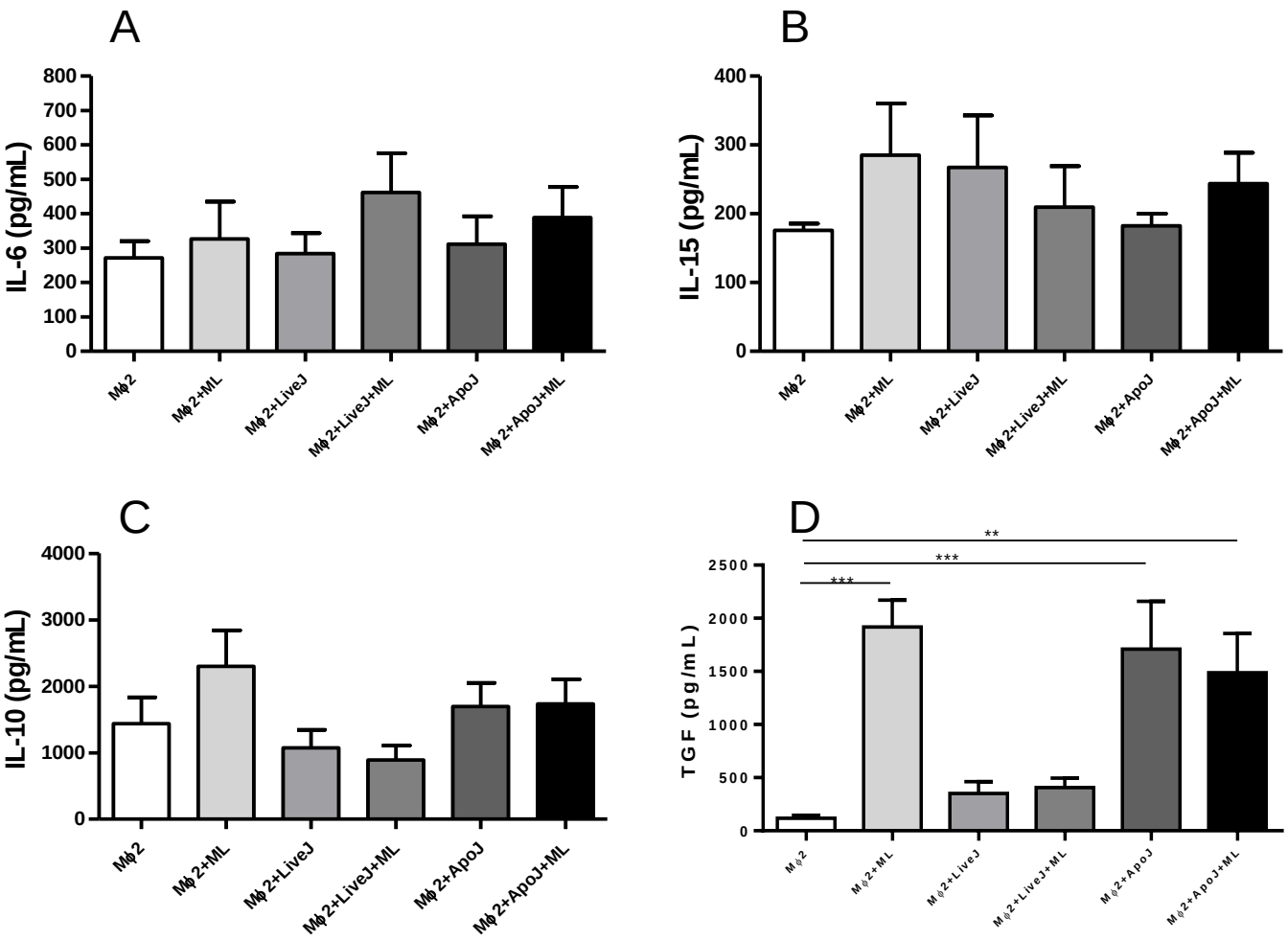

Fig. S3 - Mϕ2 cells were stimulated with irradiated *M. leprae* at 10 µg/mL for 24h in the presence or absence of apoptotic or live Jurkat cells (1:1); and the concentrations of IL-6 (A), IL-15 (B), and IL-10 (C), and TGF-β (D) in cell supernatants were evaluated by ELISA. Experiments were performed at least three times in triplicate. *$p < 0.05$, ***$p<0.001$.