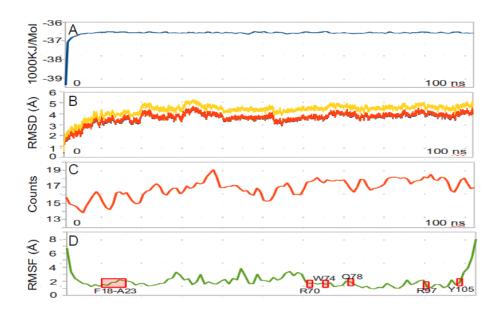
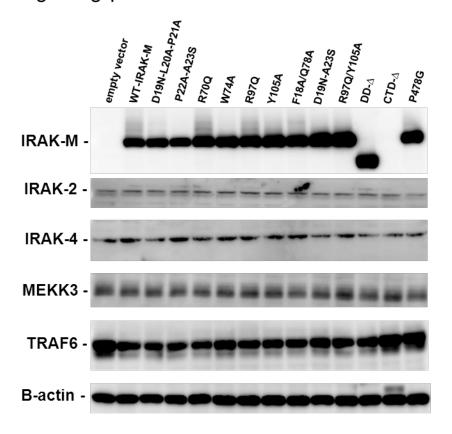
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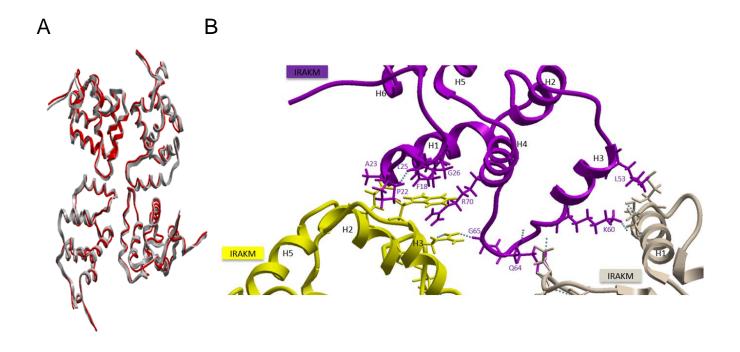


**Figure S1.** Analysis of 100 ns molecular dynamics (MD) simulation of hIRAK-M-DD model. (**A**) The total energy of DD during MD simulation. (**B**) RMS deviations of Ca (blue), backbone (red) and heavy chain (yellow). (**C**) The number of hydrogen bonds in DD during the simulation. (**D**) The backbone RMS fluctuation of each residue of DD was calculated, on the X-axis the residue number from R8 to P111. The predicted residues contributing to protein interaction were less flexible (RMSF ~ 2 Å) and are shown in the red boxes.

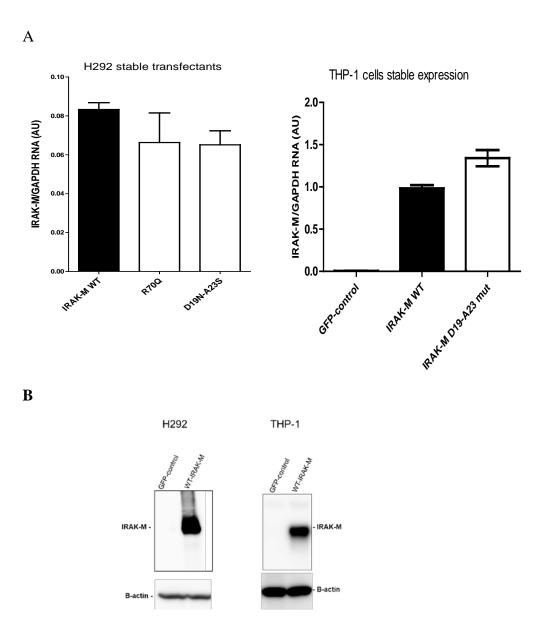
No major effect of IRAK-M mutants on IRAK signaling protein levels in 293T cells



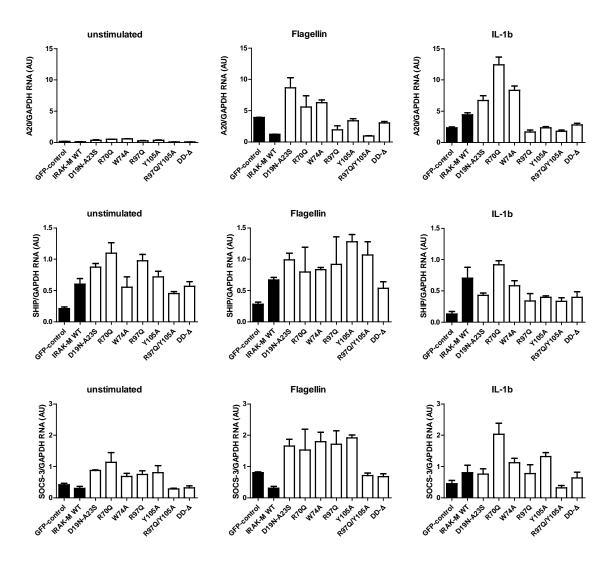
**Figure S2.** Western blots on IRAK signaling proteins on lysates of 293T cells transfected with WT IRAK-M and mutants. No major differences were observed



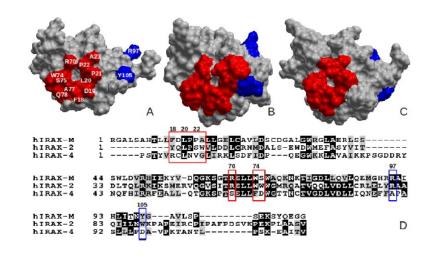
**Figure S3.** (**A**) Superposition of the IRAK-M-DD tetramers based on IRAK2-DD tetramer in 3MOP (gray) and IRAK-4-DD tetramer in 3MOP (Red). The 3D structure of those tetramers were highly similar and the all atom backbone root mean standard deviation (RMSD) between them was 1.05 Å. (**B**) IRAK-M-DD interaction points predicted to be important for homomeric tetramer formation based on the crystallographic model of human MyD88/IRAK-4/IRAK-2 complex (3MOP). The binding sites of one IRAK-M momomer (purple) to two other IRAK-M monomers (yellow and grey) in the IRAK-M tetramer.

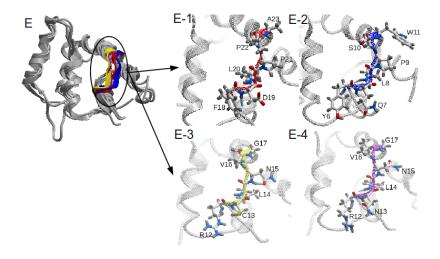


**Figure S4.** A) Stable expression of R70Q and D19N-A23S mutants in H292 cells and THP-1 cells as evaluated at the mRNA level by RT-qPCR. Mutants are transcribed equal to WT IRAK-M upon stable overexpression. The low observed protein levels upon stable expression in proficient cells is not due to lower transcription. B) Westernblot of WT IRAK-M stable expression in H292 and THP1 cells compared to GFP-control.



**Figure S5.** Effect of over expression of the different IRAK-M death domain mutants in H292 cells on the expression of other negative regulators. H292 cells were stimulated for 3 hours with Flagellin (25 ng/ml) or IL-1b (2 ng/ml) for 3 hours and mRNA expression was evaluated by RT-qPCR as described under materials and methods. N=3, mean±SEM.





**Figure S6.** Comparison of the hIRAK-M Death Domain interactive surface with IRAK-2 and IRAK-4 DD's. Upper panel: Comparison of the defined interactive area's (red and blue) of the Death Domain of IRAK-M (**A**) to their homologous residues on human IRAK-2 (**B**) and human IRAK-4 (**C**). Death Domains that were placed in a similar orientation by 3D structural overlay. (**D**) Multipe sequence alignments of the DD's shown in A-C. The residues involved in patch 1 and patch 2 are shown in red and blue boxes, respectively. (**E**) Superposition of IRAK members with the colored F19-A23 stretch. F18-A23 stretch and homologous residues shown in detail (E1-4). E-1:hIRAK-M, E-2:hIRAK-2, E-3:hIRAK-4, E-4:mIRAK-4.