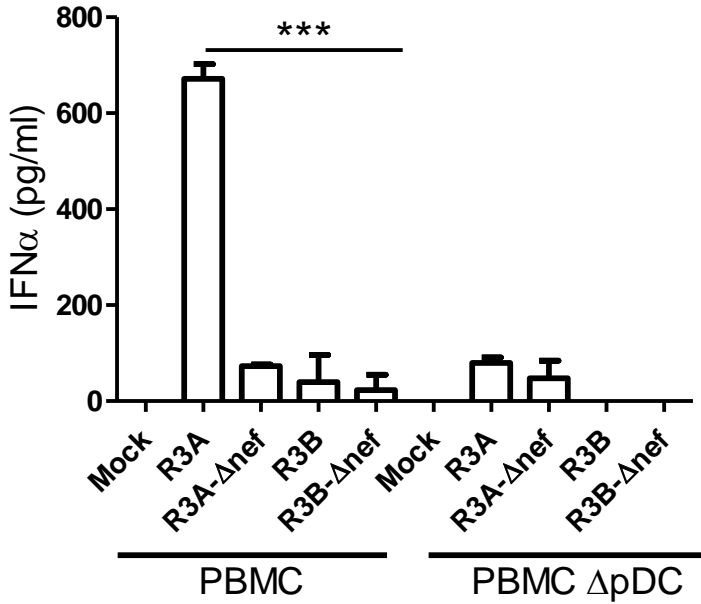


Figure S1.

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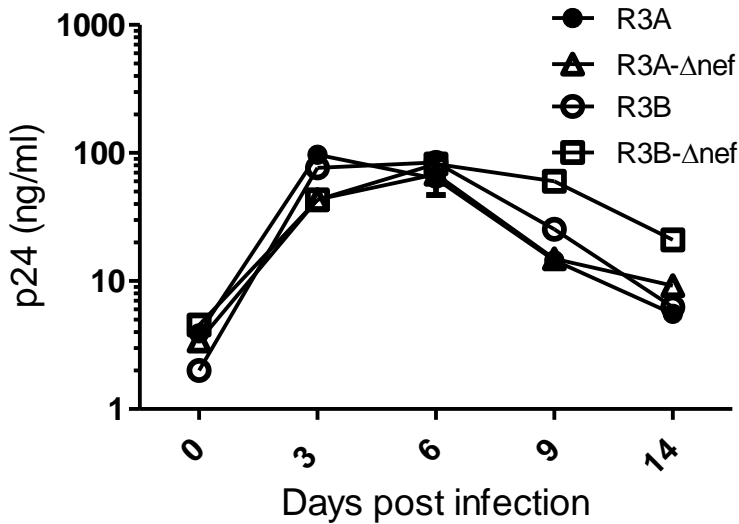


Figure S1. (A) pDCs are the major source of IFN $\alpha$  after stimulation with HIV-1 R3A isolate. Total PBMCs and pDC-depleted PBMCs were stimulated with 10 ng of R3A, R3B, R3A- $\Delta$ nef and R3B- $\Delta$ nef. IFN $\alpha$  was measured by Elisa at 96h after stimulation. (B) The replication kinetic of R3A, R3B, R3A- $\Delta$ nef and R3B- $\Delta$ nef in PHA-activated PBMCs. PHA- PBMCs were inoculated with 293T-derived viruses and supernatants from cell cultures were harvested every 3 days to measure p24 by Elisa. Statistically results are displayed by comparing all groups respect to R3A. \*\*\*  $p \leq 0.001$ .

Figure S2.

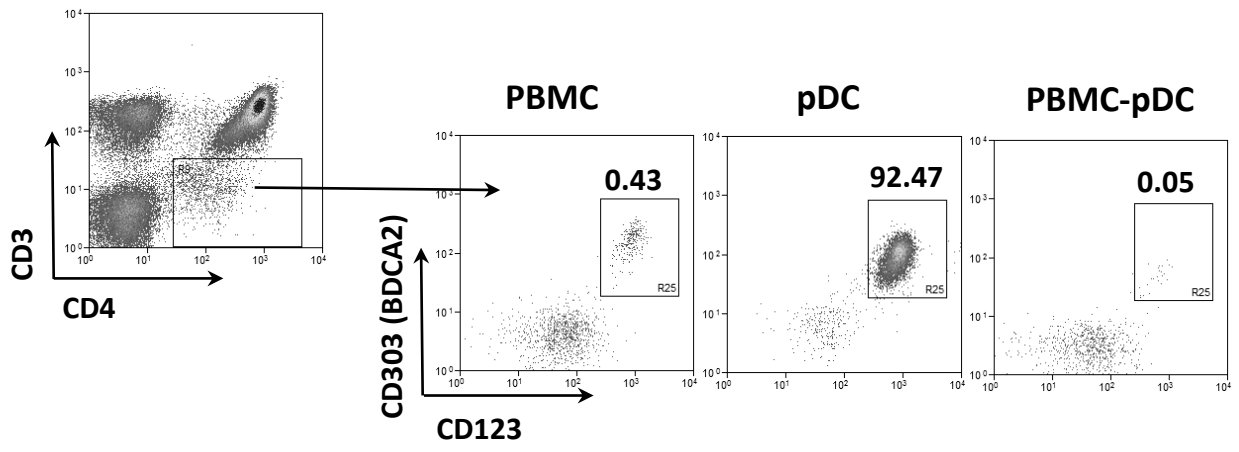


Figure S2. The purity of pDCs and pDC-depleted PBMCs assessed by FACS staining (CD303<sup>+</sup>,CD123<sup>+</sup>). The total human PBMCs, purified pDCs and pDC-depleted PBMCs, were stained with anti-CD4, CD3, CD123 and CD303 antibodies and death cell marker. The percentage of CD123<sup>+</sup>, CD303<sup>+</sup> cells in population of alive CD3-CD4<sup>+</sup> cells is presented.

Figure S3.

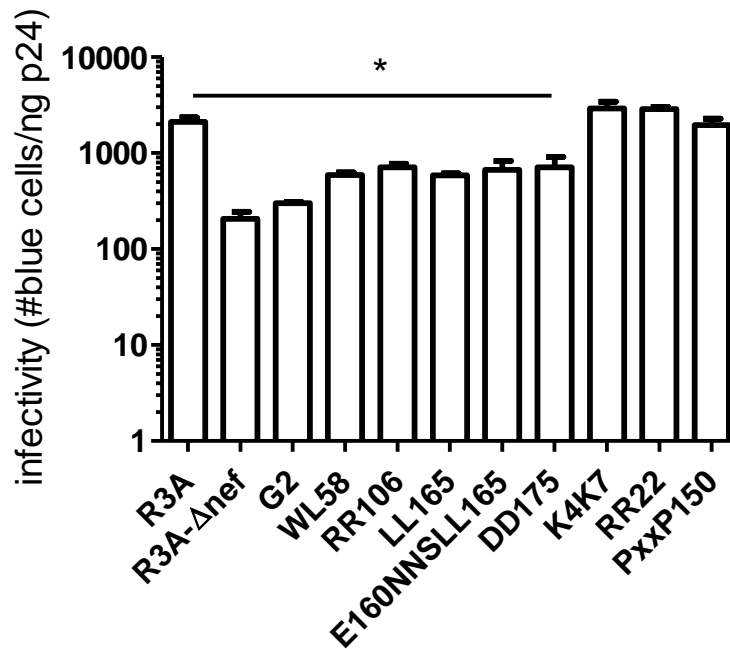


Figure S3. The infectivity of R3A, R3A- $\Delta$ nef and nef-functional mutants. The viruses were propagated on PHA-PBMCs and the infectivity assay was performed on MagiX4 cell line. The infectivity is presented as a ratio of infectious units (blue cells) per ng of p24. Statistically results are displayed as above. \*  $p \leq 0.05$ .