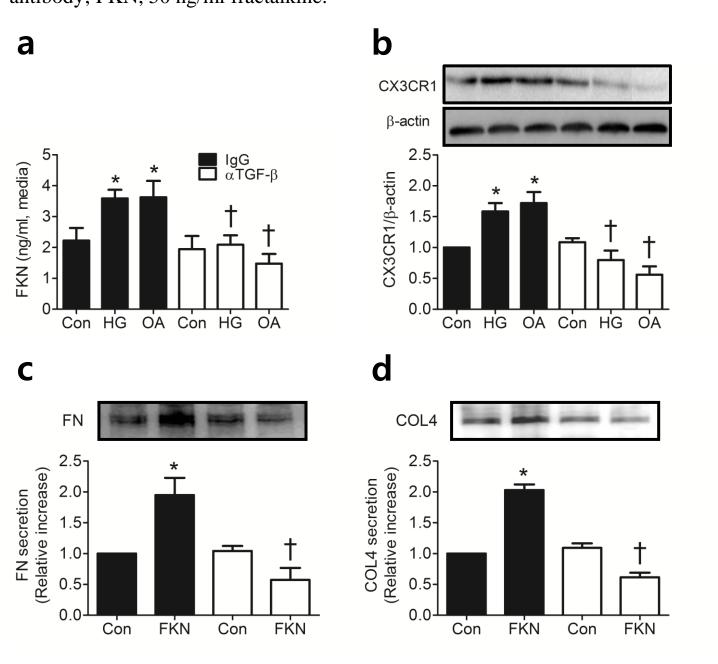
ESM Figure 6. Inhibition of diabetic stimuli-induced FKN/CX3CR1 protein production and FKN-induced ECM secretion in MMCs treated with TGF- $\beta$  neutralizing antibody. FKN (a) and CX3CR1 (b) protein levels were measured in MMCs exposed to HG and OA with or without a TGF- $\beta$  neutralizing antibody. ECM markers such as FN (c) and COL4 (d) protein production were assessed in MMCs incubated with a TGF- $\beta$  neutralizing antibody before stimulation with FKN. Data are mean  $\pm$  SE or representative Western blots of four experiments. \*p < 0.05 vs. Con, †p < 0.05 vs. HG, OA or FKN; Con, control; HG, 30 mmol/l D-glucose; OA, 100 μmol/l oleic acid; αTGF- $\beta$ , 5 μg/ml anti-TGF- $\beta$  neutralizing antibody; FKN, 50 ng/ml fractalkine.



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