

Supplementary information

A unique tolerizing dendritic cell phenotype induced by the synthetic triterpenoid CDDO-DFPA (RTA-408) is protective against EAE

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Figure S1

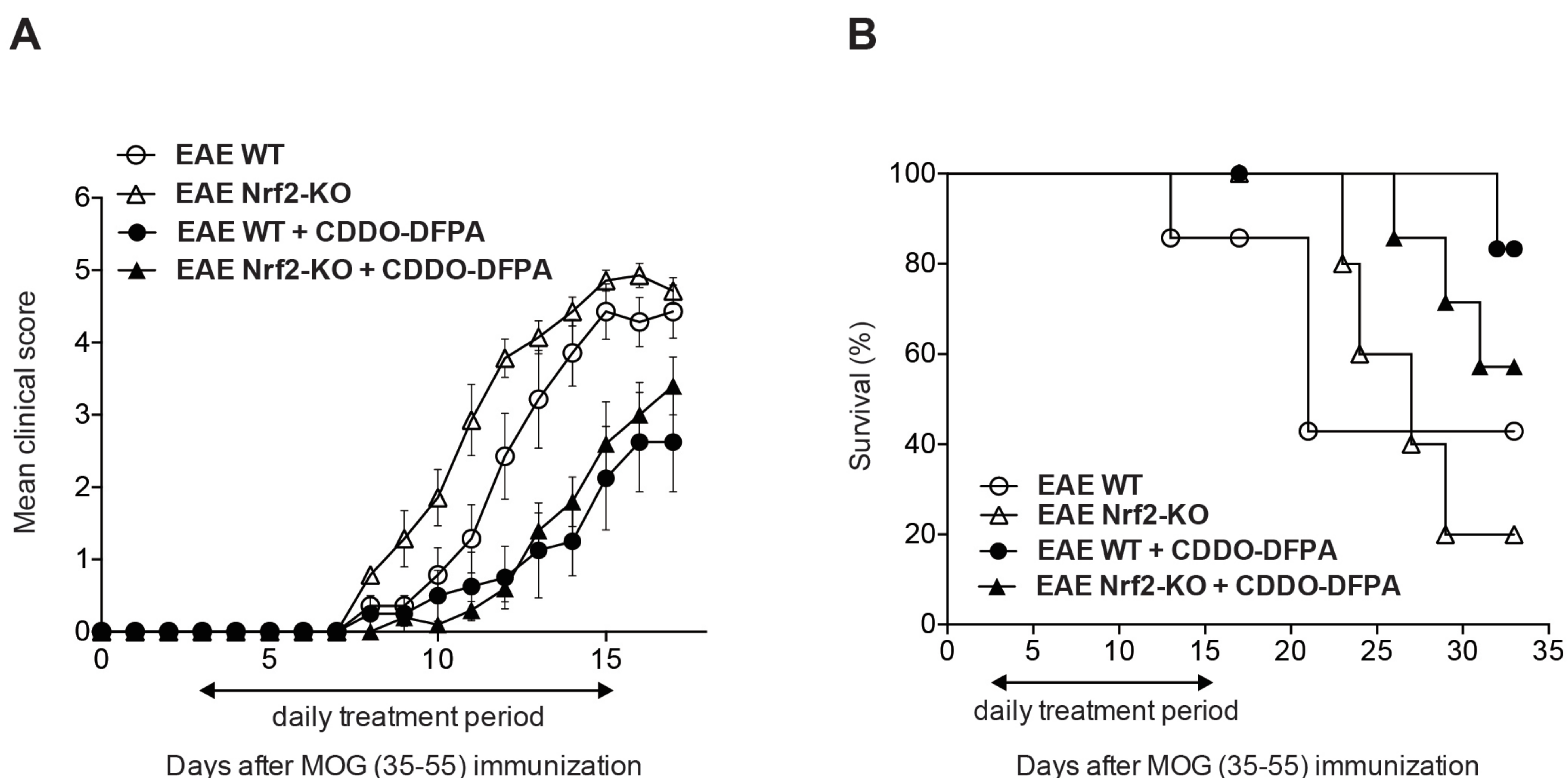


Figure S1. CDDO-DFPA is protective against EAE through Nrf2 independent mechanism. EAE was induced in age-matched female WT or Nrf2-KO C57BL/6 mice (8 to 10 weeks old), by MOG (35-55) immunization. PTX was also injected immediately and again 2 days later. CDDO-DFPA was administered (i.p. injection) daily from day 3 to day 15. (A) A clinical score was assigned to each mouse daily. All data are presented as the mean \pm S.E.M. * $P < 0.05$. Multiple t-tests with Holm-Sidak analysis. (B) Survival curve for immunized mice (Kaplan-Meier survival curve followed by the Mental-Cox log-rank test within 35 days ($n = 5-7$ mice in each group)). * $P < 0.05$.

Figure S2

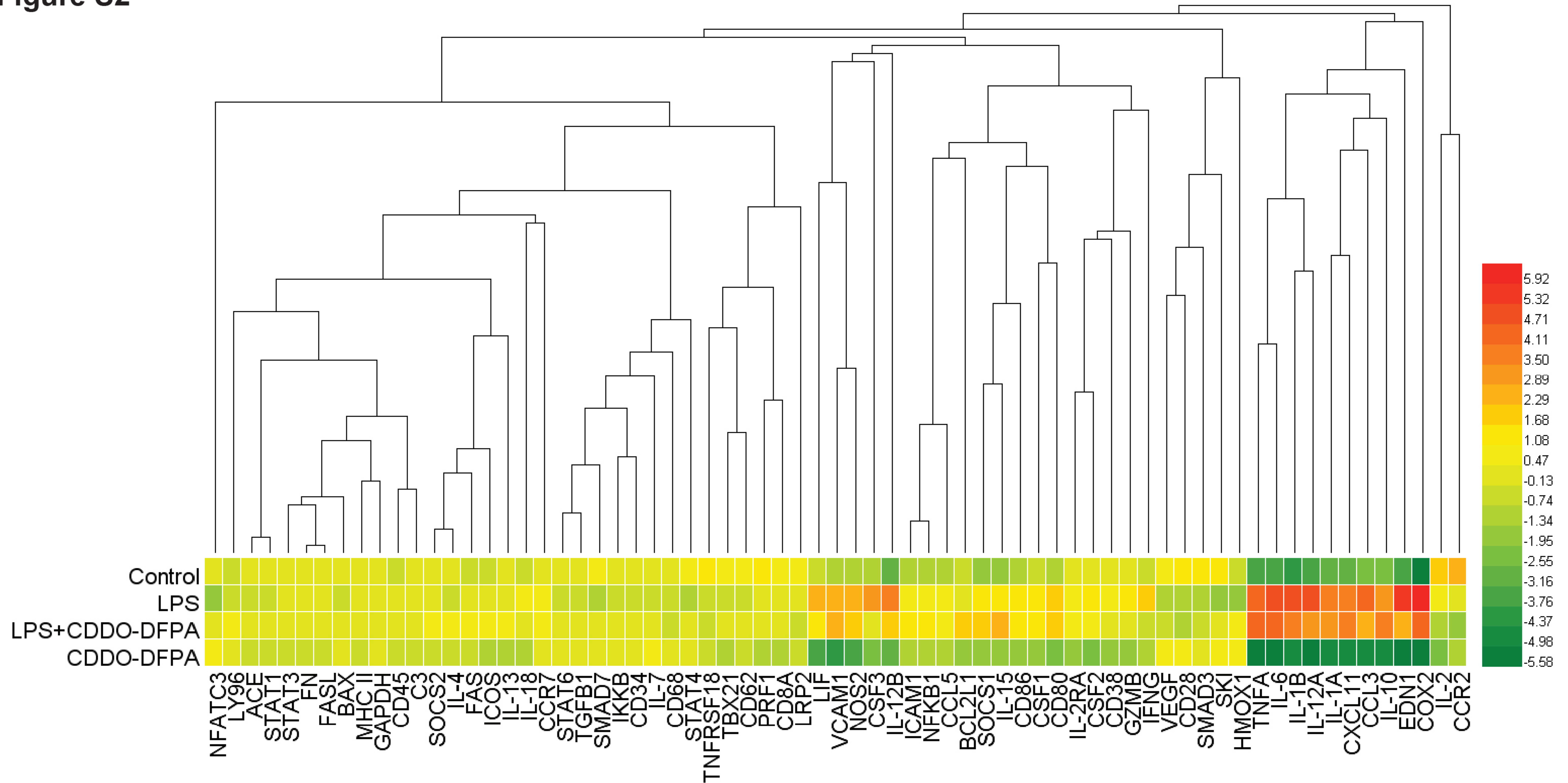


Figure S2. A unique CDDO-DFPA induced transcriptome in LPS-activated BMDCs. Cells were pre-treated in the presence or absence of CDDO-DFPA (200 nM) for 1 hour prior to stimulation with LPS for 3 hours. Cells were then harvested and RNA was extracted for qRT-PCR array. 69 genes were differentially expressed in control, LPS, LPS+CDDO-DFPA, and CDDO-DFPA-treated BMDCs. The heat map was drawn using the Heml (Heat map illustrator) with the default value.

Figure S3

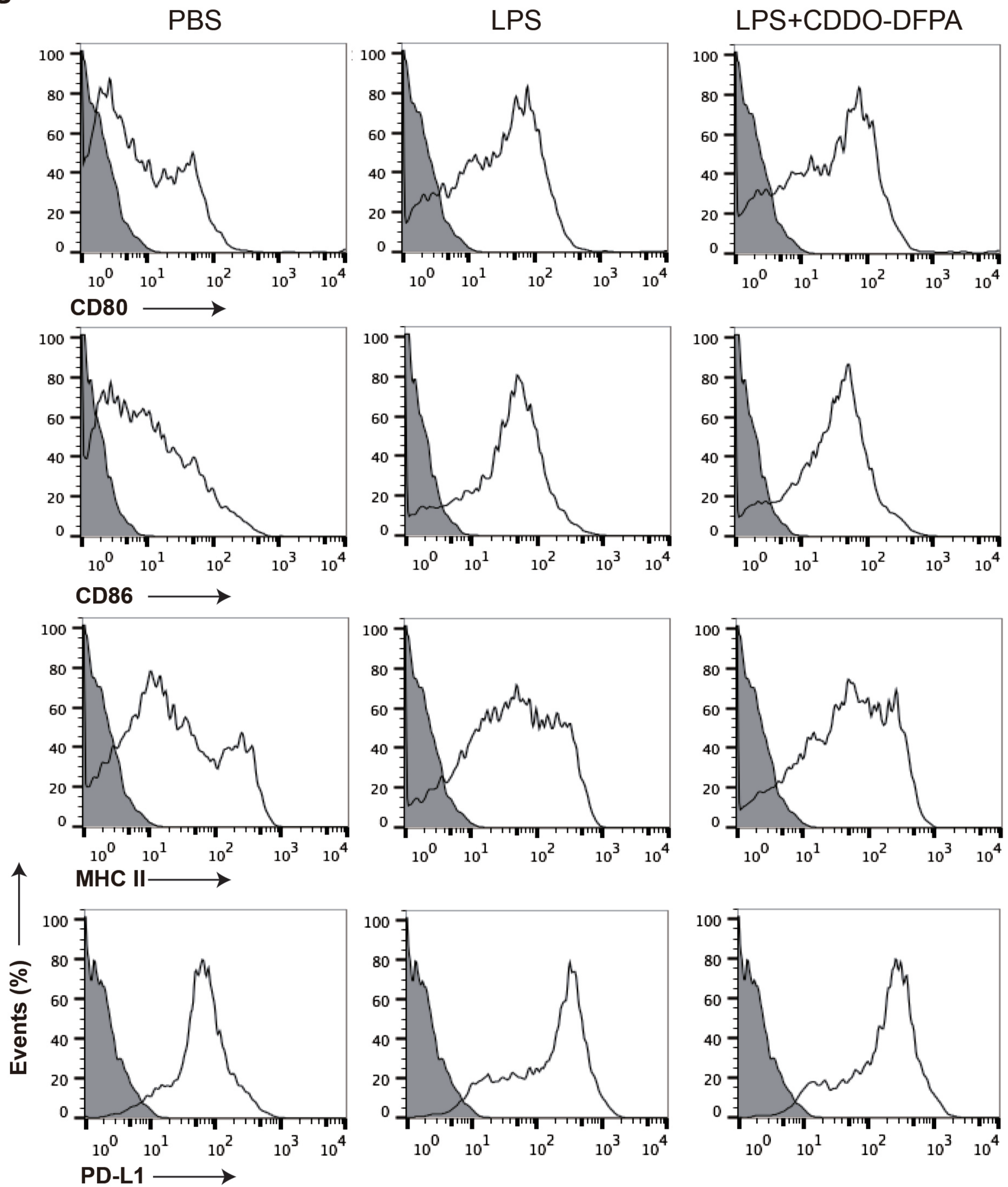


Figure S3. DC cell surface ligand expression is unaltered by CDDO-DFPA. Cells were pre-treated in the presence or absence of CDDO-DFPA (200 nM) for 1 hour prior to stimulation with LPS (100 ng/ml) for 24 hours. Cell surface expression of CD80, CD86, MHC II, and PD-L1 was analyzed following by flow cytometry.

Figure S4

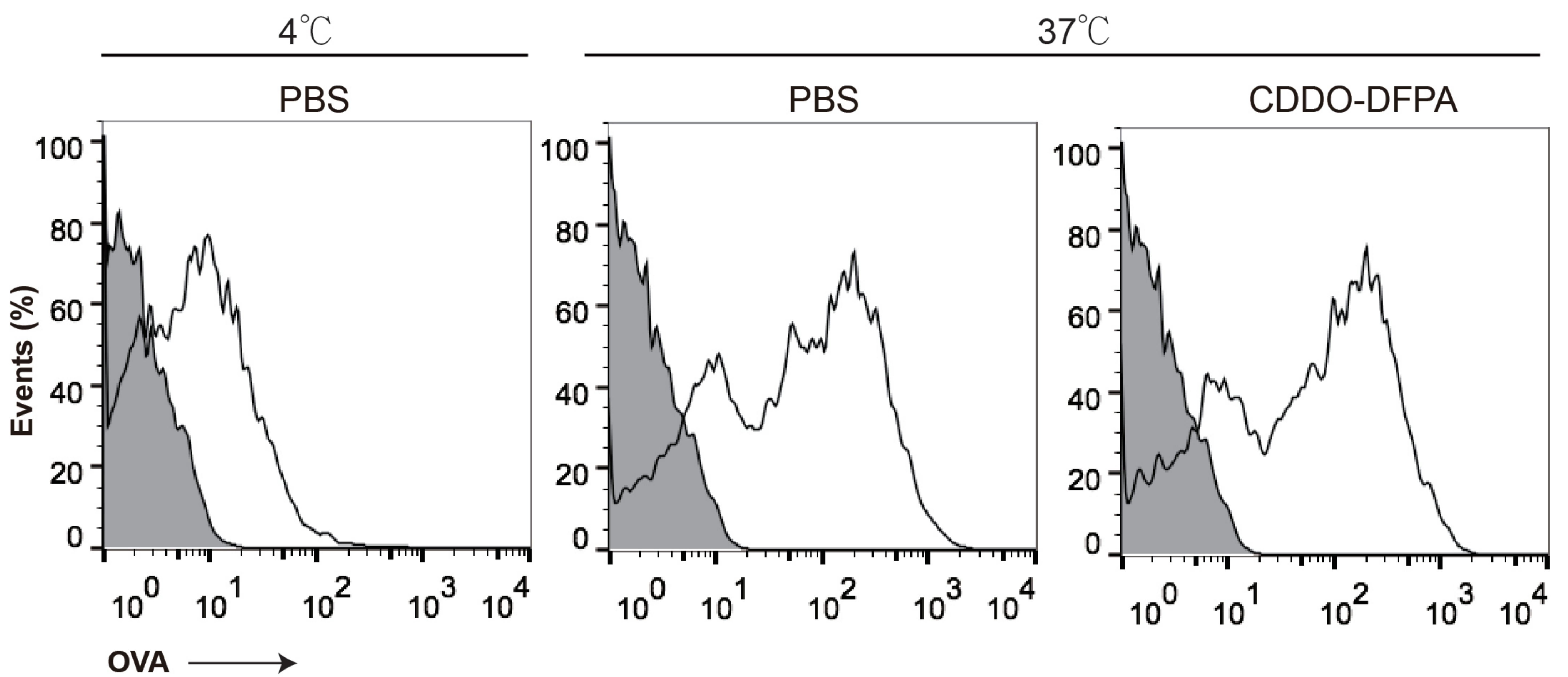


Figure S4. Antigen uptake by BMDCs is not affected by exposure to CDDO-DFPA. Cells were pre-treated in the presence or absence of CDDO-DFPA (200 nM) for 1 hour prior to incubation with OVA-FITC (10 μ g/ml) at 4°C or 37°C for another 1 hour. Cells were then washed and analyzed by flow cytometry.

Figure S5

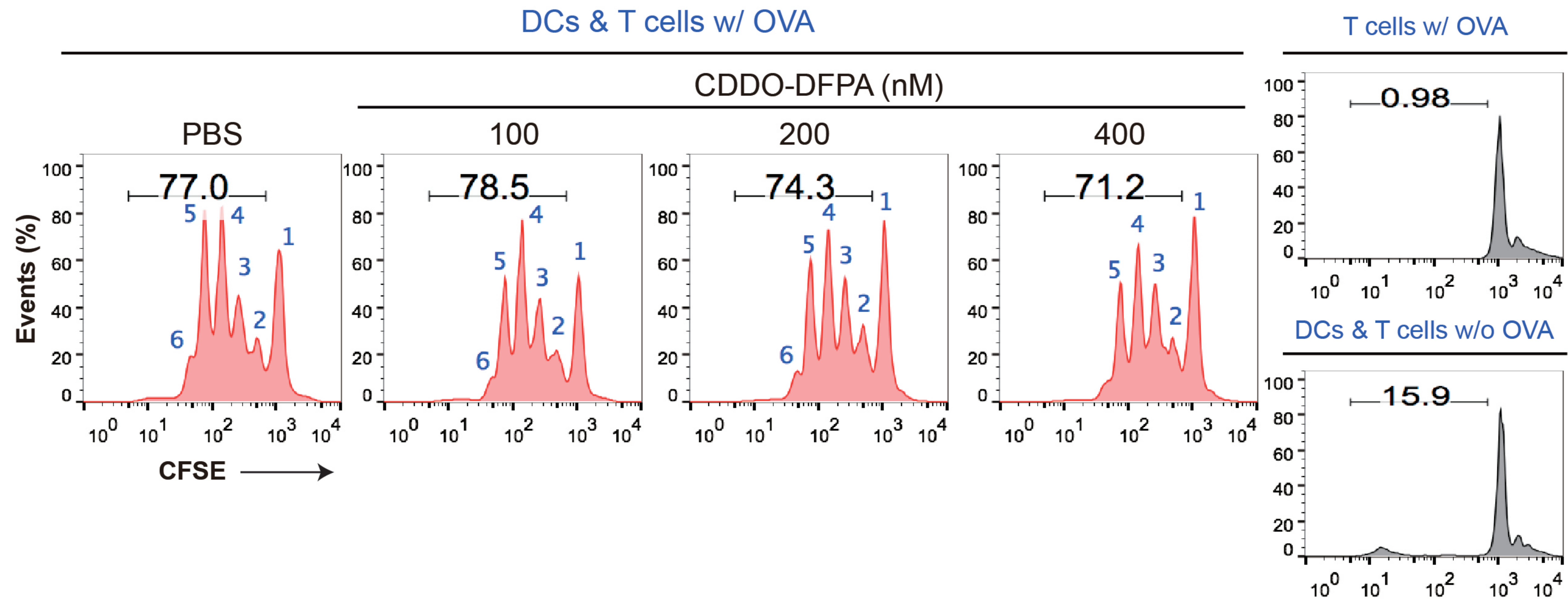
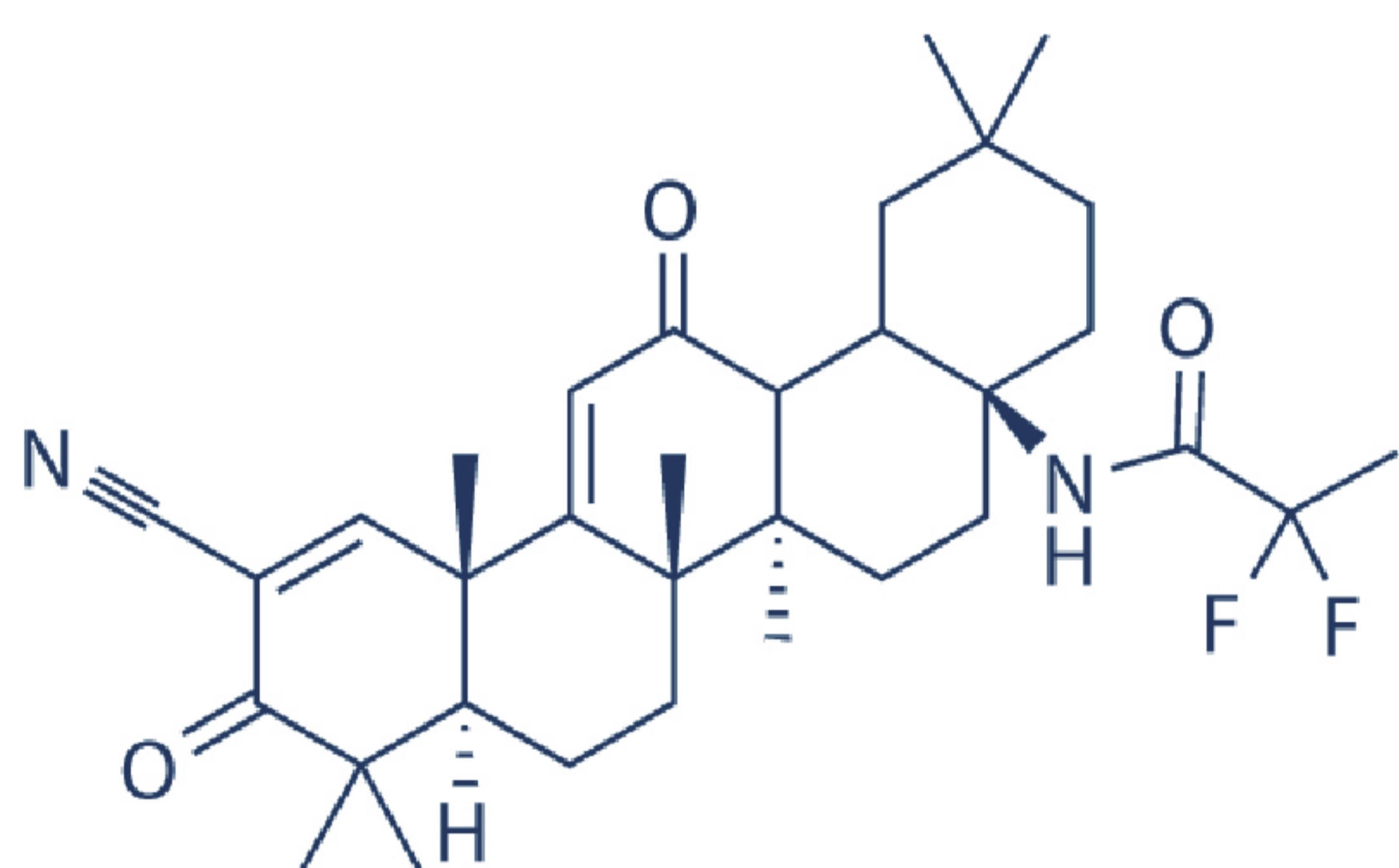


Figure S5. OTII transgenic T cells pretreated with CDDO-DFPA retained responsiveness in DC-OVA-induced T cell proliferation *in vitro*. Splenic T cells and DCs were isolated from OTII transgenic and C57BL/6 mice respectively. T cells were pre-treated with CDDO-DFPA (400 nM) for 1 hour, then washed and stained with CFSE. DCs were co-cultured with T cells at 1:10 ratio with (w/) or without (w/o) OVA incubation. T cell proliferation was determined by flow cytometry at day 2. Numbers indicate the percentage of T cells proliferating and relative to the number of T cell divisions. Similar results were obtained in three independent experiments.

Figure S6

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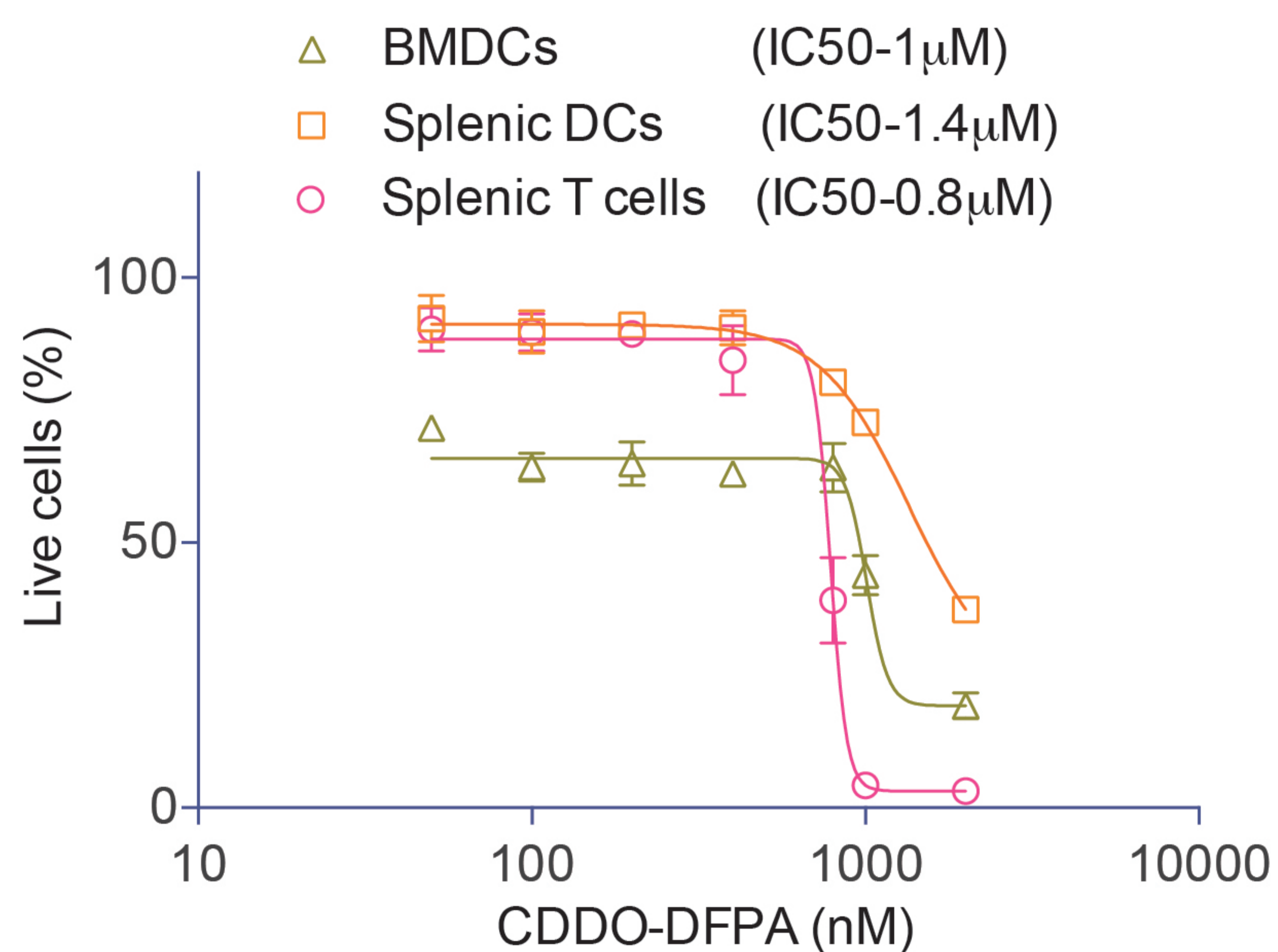


Figure S6. CDDO-DFPA chemical structure and IC₅₀ analysis for in vitro primary cultures of BMDCs, splenic DCs, and T lymphocytes. (A) The chemical structure of CDDO-DFPA. (B) Analysis of the dose-dependent effect of CDDO-DFPA on cell viability in primary cultures assessed at 48 hr. The viability of cells was determined by PI staining. IC₅₀ of CDDO-DFPA was calculated by Graph Pad Prism software.

