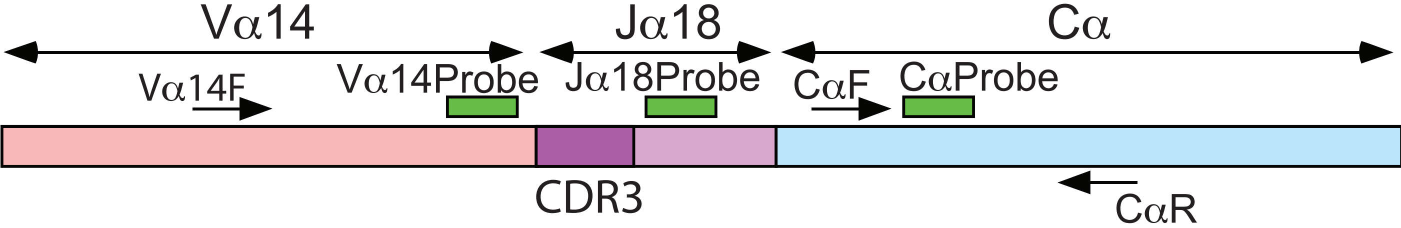
Supplementary Figure 1. The strategy used for the quantitative PCR is shown. Vα14 rearrangements were amplified with primers specific for Vα14 (Vα14F) and Cα (CαR) and a Vα14-specific probe (Vα14Probe). Determination of Jα18-usage within Vα14 rearrangement was revealed using an identical amplification strategy (Vα14F-CαR) and a Jα18-specific probe (Jα18 Probe). In parallel, total amount of TCR rearrangements in each sample was determined by amplifying the TCRα constant region using specific primers and probe (CαF, CαR and CαProbe). The relative amount of Vα14 rearrangement was normalized to the amount of TCRα rearrangement in each sample. The relative Jα18 usage within Vα14 rearrangement was normalized to the total amount of Vα14 rearrangement in each sample.

Supplementary Figure 2. Left panel, unbiased Fo-Fc electron density map (in magenta) contoured at 2.2σ level of the unknown endogenous bound lipid(s). Right panel, 2Fo-Fc electron density map (in marine) contoured at 0.8σ level of the phosphatidic acid (C10) lipid Ag modeled in the unbiased electron density (Left panel). The lipid Ag is shown as black sticks. For clarity, only the α1- and α2- helices of CD1d2 are colored in light grey and shown as cartoon representation.

Supplementary Figure 3. Sequence alignment of *CD1D2* and *CD1D1*. The residues on a red background are strictly conserved whilst residues in red font and framed in blue are similar across both sequences. The secondary structural elements of CD1d2 are indicated atop the alignment and the numbering is based on the coordinates of the CD1d2 crystal structure. The alignment was computed using Clustal Omega (63) and edited by ESPript 3.0 (64).

Supplementary Figure 4. (A) Molecular surface of CD1d2 (in grey) and position of the non-conserved residues in CD1d1 (In magenta). (B) Molecular surface of the antigen-binding cleft of CD1d2 and footprint of the residues that form the cleft and that are not conserved in CD1d1 (in red).



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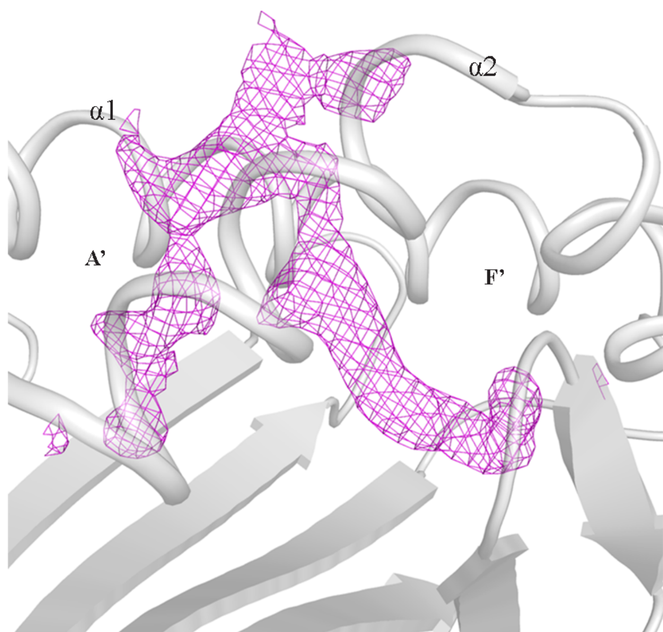
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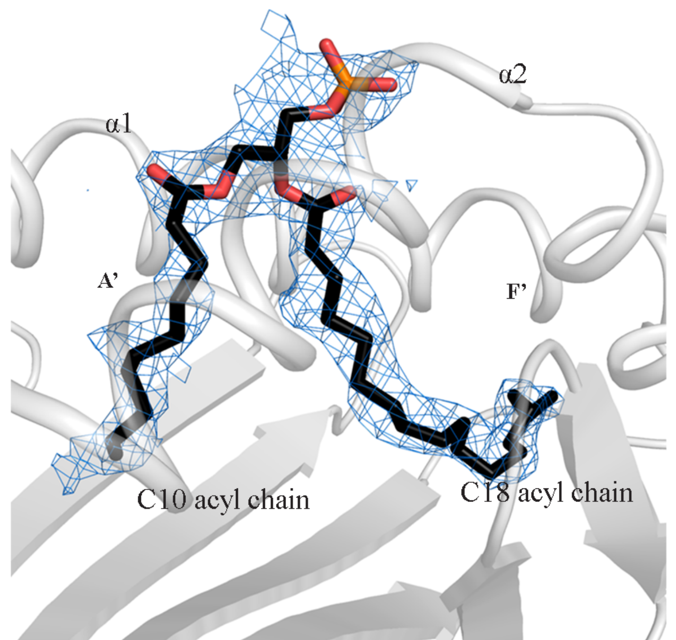
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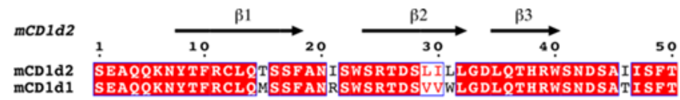
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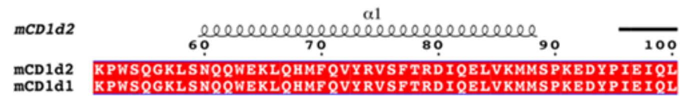
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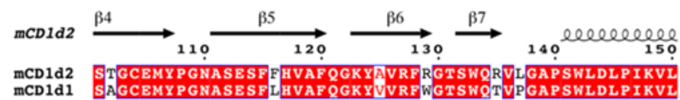
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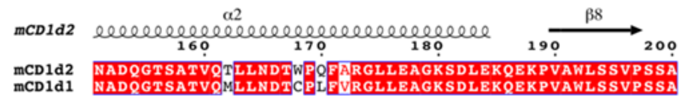
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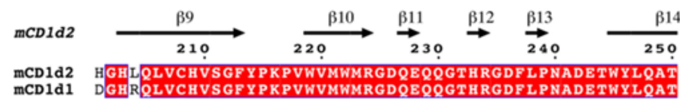
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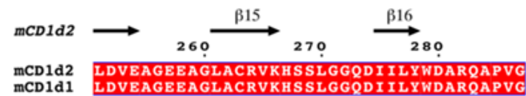
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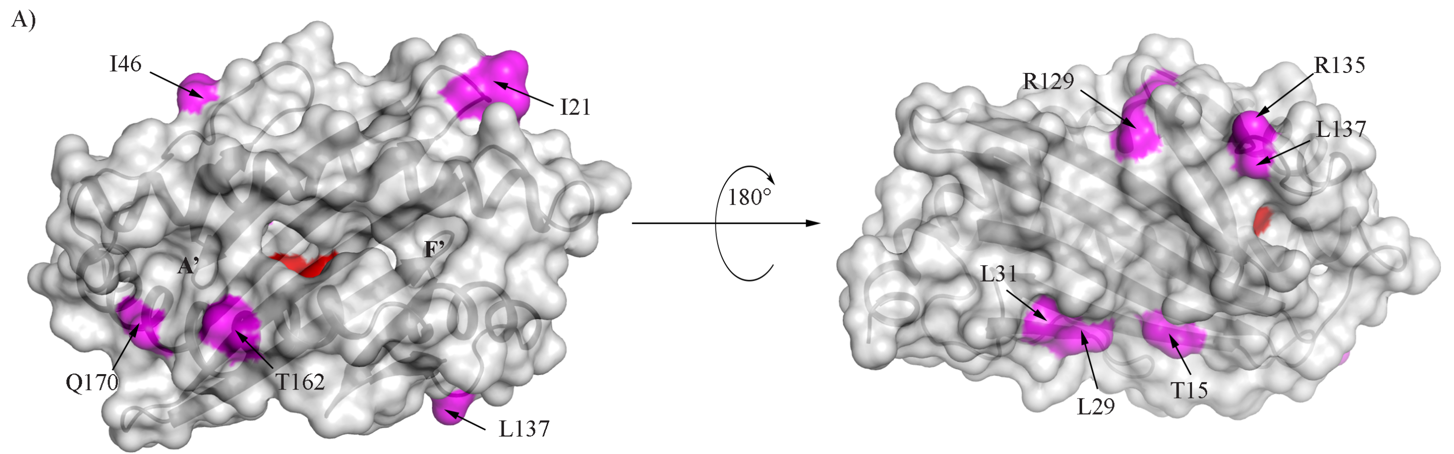

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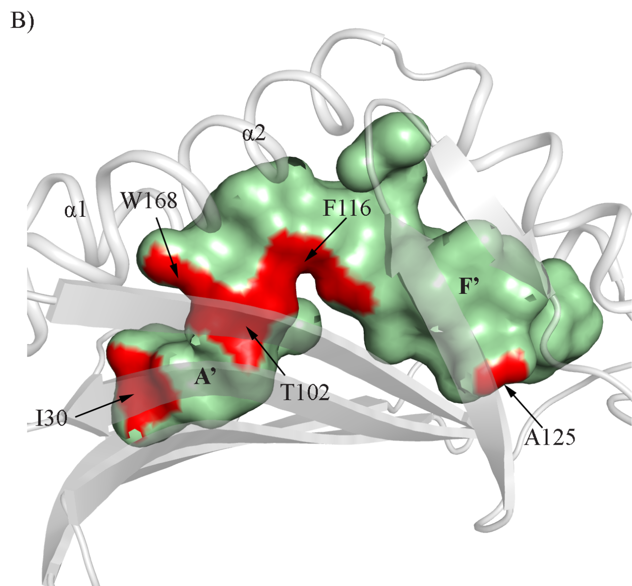

Supplementary table 1

Data collection and refinement statistics

	CD1d2-endogenous lipids	**CD1d2-α-GalCer (C10)**
Data collection		
Temperature	100K	100K
Resolution limits (Å)	46.19-2.43 (2.56-2.43)	45.93 -2.3 (2.38-2.30)
Space Group	$P2_1$	$P2_1$
Cell dimensions (Å)	*a*=58.57, *b*=71.55, *c*=104.75 β=101.8	*a*=105.96, *b*=74.23, *c*=117.60, β=102.94°
Total N$^{o.}$ observations	239689 (34156)	556347 (30235)
N$^{o.}$ unique observations	32094 (4600)	79496 (7814)
Multiplicity	7.5 (7.4)	7.0 (6.9)
Data completeness	99.7 (98.4)	99.8 (97.5)
Wilson B-factors ($Å^2$)	50.3	36.19
I/σ_I	17.9 (2.9)	11.6 (2.8)
$R_{p.i.m}$ [1] (%)	4.4 (31.2)	4.3 (34.8)
Refinement statistics		
R_{factor} [2] (%)	21.5	23
R_{free} [3] (%)	25.1	28
Non hydrogen atoms		
- Protein	5836	11728
- Water	64	305
- Heterogen	84	363
Ramachandran plot (%)		
- Most favoured	97.6	98
- Allowed	2.4	2
r.m.s.d bonds (Å)	0.01	0.005
r.m.s.d angles (°)	1.11	0.83

[1] $R_{p.i.m} = \Sigma_{hkl} [1/(N-1)]^{1/2} \Sigma_i | I_{hkl, i} - \langle I_{hkl} \rangle | / \Sigma_{hkl} \langle I_{hkl} \rangle$

[2] $R_{factor} = (\Sigma | |F_o| - |F_c| |) / (\Sigma |F_o|)$ - for all data except as indicated in footnote 3.

[3] 5% of data was used for the R_{free} calculation

Values in parentheses refer to the highest resolution bin