# Supplementary information

A T cell receptor escape channel allows broad T cell response to CD1b and membrane phospholipids

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**Supplementary Figure 1. Generation of a CD1b-specific cell line from buffy coat 10 (BC10).** After four rounds of sorting based on CD1b tetramers treated with BBGL1 lipid, each followed by 14 days of expansion based on stimulation with an antibody against CD3 and irradiated allogeneic feeder cells, cells were gated based on expression of CD4 and TRBV4-1.



**Supplementary Figure 2. Generation of a CD1b-specific cell line from buffy coat 8 (BC8).** After two rounds of sorting based on CD1b tetramers treated with Brucella melitensis lipid extract, each followed by 14 days of expansion based on stimulation with an antibody against CD3 and irradiated allogeneic feeder cells, a third round of sorting was based on binding to CD1b tetramers treated with LPA.



**Supplementary Figure 3. Generation of a CD1b-specific cell line from buffy coat 24 (BC24).** After three rounds of sorting based on CD1b tetramers treated with synthetic Borrelia burgdorferi glycolipid 2 (BBGL2) lipid, each followed by 14 days of expansion based on stimulation with an antibody against CD3 and irradiated allogeneic feeder cells, subpopulations A, B, and C were gated based on expression of CD4 and TRBV4-1.



**Supplementary Figure 4: Generation of a CD1b-specific cell line from healthy donor 1 (HD1).** After two rounds of sorting based on CD1b tetramers treated with synthetic diacyltrehalose (DAT), each followed by 14 days of expansion based on stimulation with an antibody against CD3 and irradiated allogeneic feeder cells, a third round of sorting was based on binding to CD1b-endo tetramers or DAT-treated tetramers. The two subpopulations are named HD1A and HD1B.



# Supplementary Figure 5. Generation of a CD1b-specific cell line from buffy coat 13

**(BC13).** After two rounds of sorting based on CD1b tetramers treated with Salmonella typhimurium lipid extract, each followed by 14 days of expansion based on stimulation with an antibody against CD3 and irradiated allogeneic feeder cells, a third round of sorting was performed to obtain single cell TCR sequences. The obtained TCR was cloned into a viral construct that also encodes GFP and used to transduce Jurkat76 cells.





Supplementary Figure 6. Monocyte-derived dendritic cells stimulate CD1b-specific T cell lines. IFN- $\gamma$  ELISPOT assay of T cell lines HD1B and BC8B cells stimulated with human monocyte-derived dendritic cells that were prepared from primary monocytes. The ELISPOT was performed without the addition of exogenous antigen.



**Supplementary Figure 7. Low resolution mass spectrometry of CD1b-endo-bound lipids.** Identification of self-lipids eluted from CD1b-endo by negative mode nanoelectrospray ionization collision-induced dissociation mass spectrometry (CID-MS). This figure supports the assignments in Fig. 2a.



**Supplementary Figure 8. High resolution mass spectrometry of CD1b-endo-bound lipids.** CD1b eluents were analyzed by quadrupole time of flight (Q-Tof) HPLC-MS. The lipid identities of phosphatidylcholine (PC) and sphingomyelin (SM), were determined based on the accurate mass and the retention time matching those of the lipid standards. Chain length and saturation variants within the same lipid class typically have similar retention times and m/z values and thus appear as clusters. Delineation of PC (blue) and SM (pink) as 22 and 17 molecular species, respectively, presented as 'CX:Y', where 'X' is the total number of carbon (C) atoms in the combined fatty acyl and sphingosine units and 'Y' is the total number of unsaturations.



**Supplementary Figure 9. Lipid electron density maps.** Lipids bound within the antigen binding cleft of CD1b as observed in the crystal structure of (A) the CD1b-PC-BC8B complex, and (B) the CD1b-PC complex. Lipids presented as stick representation, with PC colored A) light orange, and B) pink, with the scaffold lipid colored black. Oxygen, nitrogen and phosphorus are coloured red, blue and orange respectively. Electron density maps are contoured around the lipids within the antigen binding grooves. Omit density maps (mFo-DFc, upper) are coloured in green and contoured to 2.5  $\sigma$ , and refined density maps (2mFo-Fc, lower) are colored in blue and contoured to 1.0  $\sigma$ .



**Supplementary Figure 10. Contacts between CD1b and the BC8B TCR.** Amino acid contacts between CD1b (grey) and the BC8B TCR A) CDR1 $\alpha$  (teal) and CDR2 $\alpha$  (green), B) CDR3 $\alpha$  (purple), C) CDR1 $\beta$  (red) and CDR2 $\beta$  (orange), and D) CDR3 $\beta$  (yellow) regions. CD1b and TCR backbones are represented as ribbons, with amino acid residues involved in contacts represented as sticks, with the exception of glycine residues, which are represented as spheres. Oxygen, nitrogen, and sulfur are represented in red, blue, and brown respective-ly. Hydrogen bonds, Salt Bridges, and hydrophobic interactions are represented as red, green, and black dashes respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 11. CDR3**β-**CD1b salt bridge contact comparison between the BC8B, PG90, and GEM42 TCRs.** The CDR3β regions encoded by variable (TRBV) (yellow), N addition (blue), and junction (TRBJ) (pink) regions, and CD1b (grey), are represented as ribbons. Amino acid residues involved in contacts are represented as sticks. Salt bridges and hydrogen bonds are indicated as green and red dashes respectively. (Lower) TCRβ gene usages for BC8B (TRBV6-2/TRBV2-7, left), PG90 (TRBV7-8/TRBV2-2, middle), and GEM42 (TRBV6-2/TRBV2-1, right) TCRs. Amino acid sequences encoded in the CDR3 regions are indicated, and color coded as above. N-region encoded arginine is indicated by asterix (\*).

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	CD1b-PC-BC8B	CD1b-PC	BC8B TCR
Space Group	P 1 21 1	P 21 21 21	P 21 21 21
Resolution Range (Å)	65.70 - 2.40 (2.53 -	46.95 - 1.70 (1.73 -	47.29 - 2.02
	2.40)	1.70)	(2.07 - 2.02)
Cell Dimensions (Å, °)	a=73.30, b=65.70,	a=57.98, b=80.03,	a=49.62, b=76.88,
	c=101.90	c=92.77	c=119.95
	$\alpha = \gamma = 90.00, \beta = 100.70$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90.00$	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90.00$
Total No. of reflections	538019 (78785)	707553 (36798)	210004 (15953)
No. of unique reflections	37515 (5464)	48143 (4719)	30920 (2266)
Multiplicity	14.3 (14.4)	14.7 (14.8)	6.8 (7.0)
Completeness (%)	100.0 (100.0)	99.9 (99.8)	100.0 (100.0)
CC (1/2)	0.903 (0.500)	0.999 (0.675)	0.995 (0.802)
<b>R</b> pim (%) <sup>a</sup>	17.8 (46.5)	4.4 (62.9)	6.0 (60.1)
Mean I/ σ(I) <sup>b</sup>	5.2 (2.0)	17.7 (1.9)	9.1 (2.0)
R <sub>factor</sub> /R <sub>free</sub> (%) <sup>c</sup>	20.9/21.9	17.9/20.9	21.0/22.8
Non-hydrogen atoms	6820	3933	3497
Macromolecules	6303	3094	3294
Ligands	103	301	16
Water	418	539	187
Protein Residues	803	382	427
<b>R.M.S.D. from ideality</b>			
Bond Length (Å)	0.007	0.008	0.009
Bond Angles (°)	1.050	1.053	1.100
Ramachandran Plot			
Favoured Region (%)	97.97	99.74	97.10
Allowed Degion (%)	1.00	0.26	2.00
Anowed Region (70)	0.13	0.20	2.90
D Easters $(\overset{\circ}{}^{2})$	0.15	0.00	0.00
D-Factors (A <sup>-</sup> )	21.06	27.02	52.22
Average B-factors	31.90	21.92	53.22
Average Macromolecule	51.95	24.0/	33.12
Average Ligand	35.75	44.27	72.40
Average Water	31.25	36.31	53.29
PDB Accession Code	6CUG	6D64	6CUH

 ${}^{a}R_{pim} = \sum_{hkl} [1/(N-1)]^{1/2} \sum_{i} |I_{hkl, i} - \langle I_{hkl} \rangle |/\sum_{hkl} \langle I_{hkl} \rangle, \mathbf{b}_{\sigma}(I) \text{ is the estimated standard deviation of the integrated intensity (I). } \mathbf{c}_{factor} = \sum_{hkl} ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}||/\sum_{hkl} |F_{o}| \text{ for all data except 5\%, which were used for } R_{free} \text{ calculation. Highest resolution shell is shown in parenthesis.}$ 

TCR Gene	TCR Residue	CD1b	Bond Type
CDR1a	Tyr36	Gln152, Gly153, Glu156,	VDW
CDR2a	Lys58-Cβ	Gln152-N€2	VDW
CDR3a	Ser109-Oy	G153-Ca	VDW
CDR3a	Tyr113-OH	Arg79-NH1, Glu80- O€2	HB
CDR3a	Tyr113	Val72, Phe75, Gly76, Arg79, Glu80	VDW
CDR3a	Gln114-N€2	Val72	VDW
CDR3a	Gln114	Glu68, Val72	VDW
CDR1β	Glu37-O€2	Phe75, Arg79	VDW
CDR1β	Tyr38-OH	Phe75	VDW
CDR2β	Val57-Cy2	Arg71-Cδ	VDW
CDR3β	Met108-Sδ	Arg79-NH1	HB
CDR3β	Pro109-O	Arg79-NH2	HB
CDR3β	Pro109	Arg79	VDW
CDR3β	Gly110	Arg79, Glu80	VDW
CDR3β	Leu111-N	Glu80-Oe2	HB
CDR3β	Leu111	Glu80, Tyr151, Ile154	VDW
CDR3β	Arg112.1-NH1-NH2	Asp87-Oδ1-Oδ2, Asp83-Oδ2-O	SB, HB
CDR3β	Arg112.1	Asp83, Phe84, Asp87, Tyr151	VDW
TCR Gene	TCR Residue	PC	Bond Type
CDR1a	Thr28-Cβ	C6	VDW
CDR1a	Gly29	O2P	VDW
CDR1a	Tyr36-N-O	O2P, O1P	HB
CDR1a	Tyr36	O1P	VDW
CDR1a	Pro37-N	O1P	HB
CDR3a	Ρro108-C-Cβ-Cγ	C1, C4-C7, C7, O1P, O3P, P	VDW
CDR3a	Ser109-N-O	O1P, O2-O31	HB
CDR3a	Tyr113-Cδ2-C€2	C32, C34	VDW
CDR3β	Leu111-Cδ2	C32, O31	VDW

Supplementary Table 2: Contacts between the BC8B TCR and CD1b-PC

VDW: Van der Waals interaction (cut-off of 4.0 Å), HB: Hydrogen Bond (Cut-off of 3.5 Å), SB: Salt Bridge (cut-off of 3.5 Å)

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