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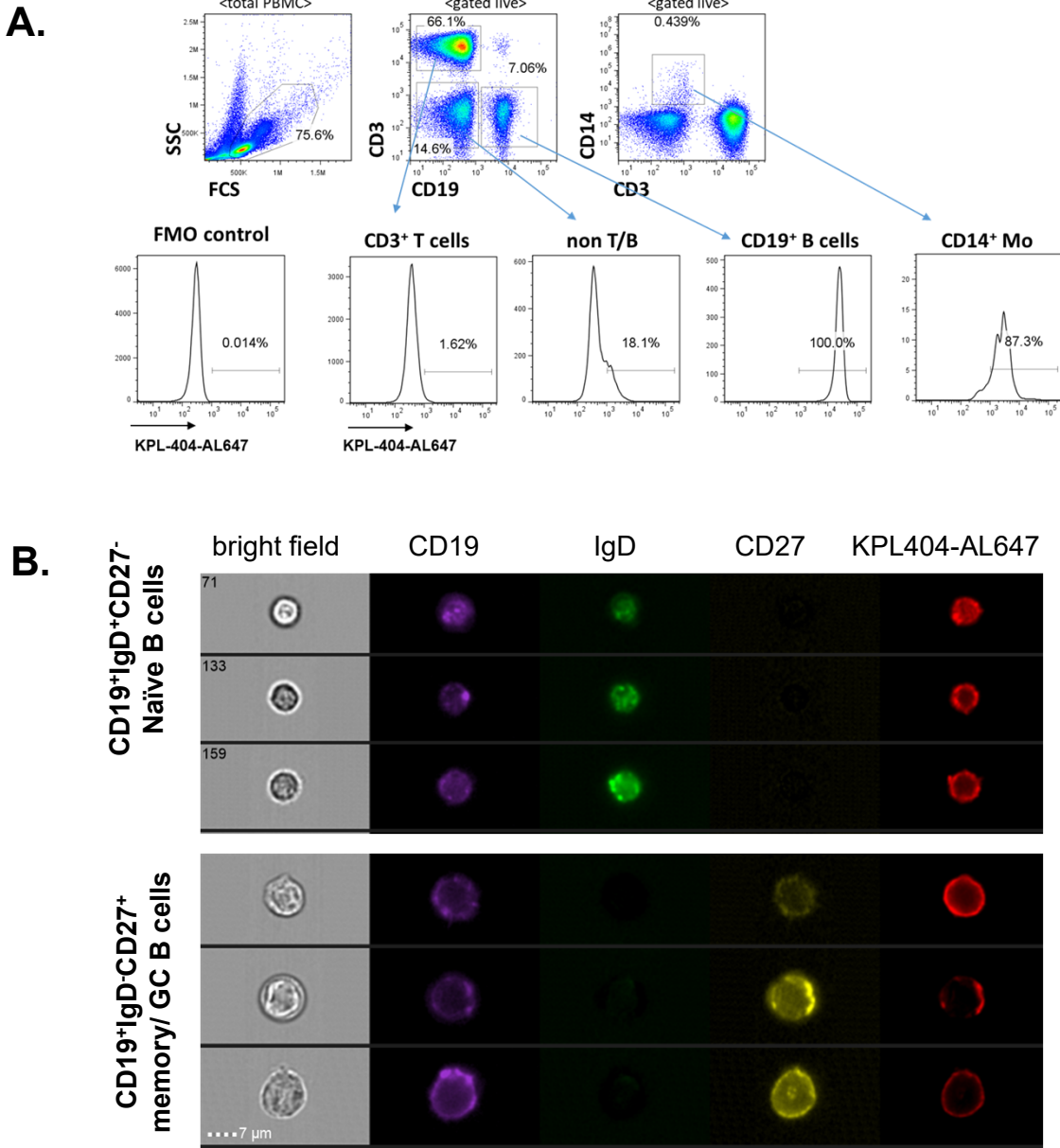


Fig.S1. (A) KPL-404 binding to PBMCs. PBMCs were stained with cell lineage markers and AL647-labeled KPL-404 Ab. Histograms show the percentage KPL-404-AL647⁺ cells within different cell subsets, including CD3⁺ (T cells), CD19-CD3⁻ (non T/B), CD19⁺ (B cells), and CD14⁺ monocytes (Mo). Representative data from one HD. **B) KPL-404 binding to tonsillar B cells.** Tonsillar cells were stained with B cell markers CD19, IgD, CD27, and Alexa-647(AL647)-labeled KPL-404 Ab. Representative imaging flow cytometry data showing KPL-404-AL647 surface staining of IgD⁺CD27⁻ (naïve B) and IgD⁺CD27⁺ (memory and GC B cells). Data are representative of two experiments, using cells from different donors.

Fig.S2

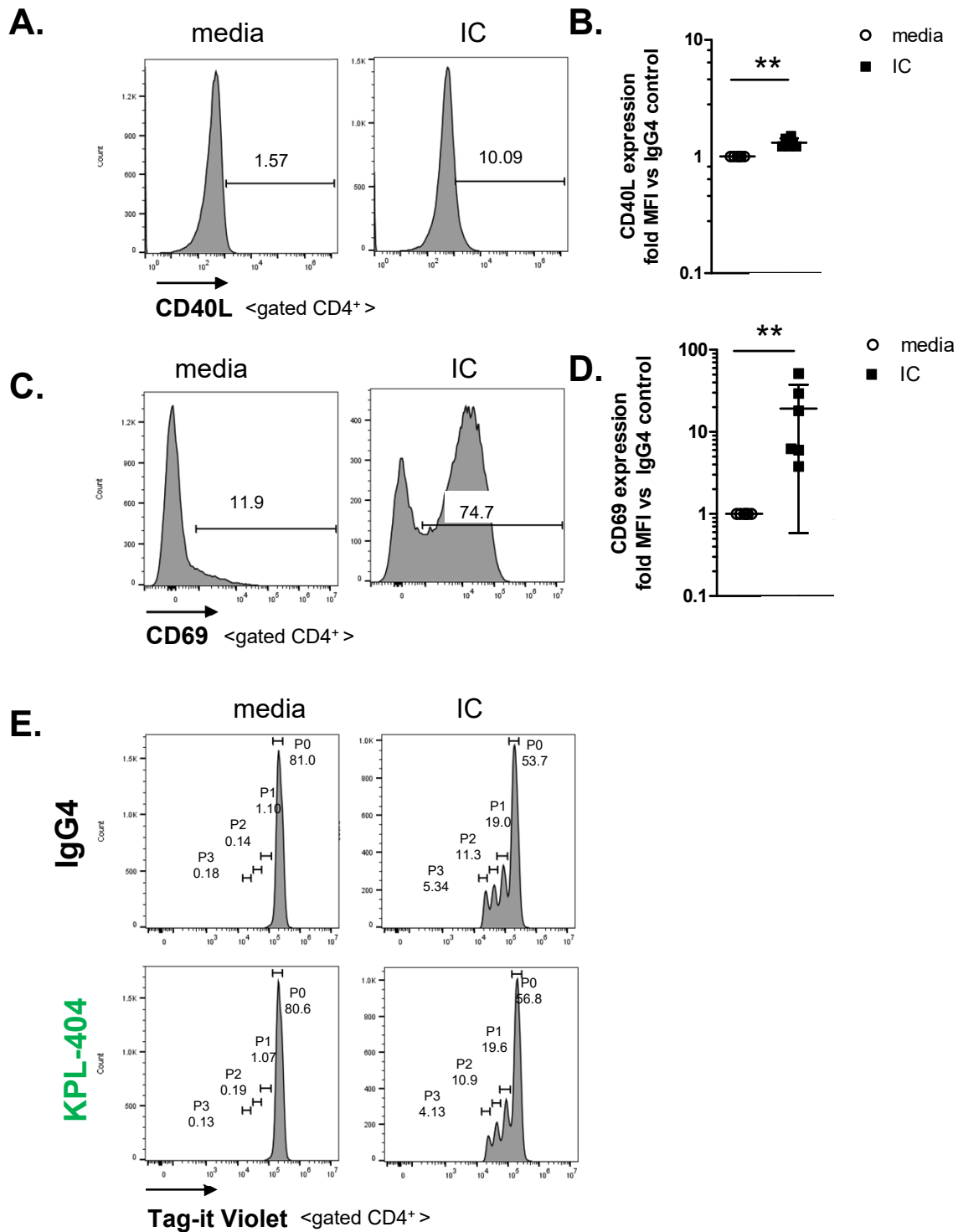


Fig.S2. T cell activation and proliferation in response to CD3/CD28 crosslinking reagent immunocult (IC). (A-D) PBMCs were left untreated (media control), or stimulated with anti-CD3/CD28 cross-linking reagent Immunocult (IC) for 16-18 hours. Representative flow analysis showing the expression of CD40L (A) or CD69 (C) on gated live CD4⁺ T cell. Cumulative data from six independent experiments, showing upregulation of the expression of CD40L (B) or CD69 (D) in response to IC stimulation. **p < 0.01, determined by unpaired Student's *t* test. (E) PBMCs were labeled with a cell proliferation tracker dye (Tag-it Violet) and cultured for 5 days in the presence of IgG4 isotype control Ab, or KPL-404. Representative flow plots showing increase in T cell proliferation in response to Immunocult (IC) stimulation. Representative data of three independent experiments.

Fig.S3

HD

Treatment	CD69	CD86
IgG4+media vs IgG4+IC	*	**
IgG4+media vs KPL-404+media	ns	ns
IgG4+media vs G28-5+media	*	ns
IgG4+IC vs KPL-404+IC	*	*
IgG4+IC vs G28-5+IC	**	ns
IgG4+media vs IgG4+anti-IgM	*	*
KPL-404+media vs KPL-404+anti-IgM	*	*
G28-5+media vs G28-5+anti-IgM	*	ns
IgG4+IgM vs KPL-404 + anti-IgM	ns	ns
IgG4+IgM vs G28-5+ anti-IgM	ns	ns

Figure S3. Changes in the expression of CD69 and CD86 in healthy donor (HD) PBMCs. Complete statistical analysis of the effect of KPL-404 and G28-5 on B-cells using one-way ANOVA on log transformed data with matched mixed-effects modeling for multiple comparisons tests of significance between different conditions. *p<0.05, **p<0.005.

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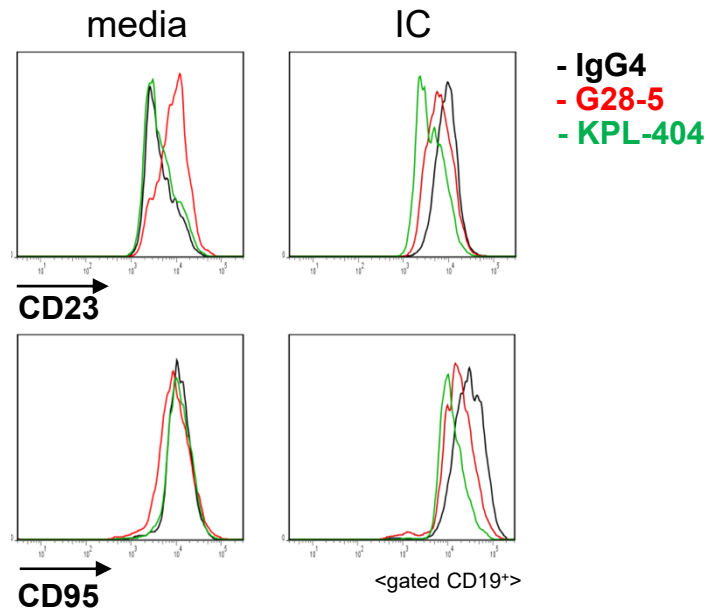


Fig.S4 Effects of KPL-404 and G28-5 on CD23 and CD95 expression on B cells. HD PBMCs were cultured in the presence of 10 μ g/ml IgG4 isotype control or anti-CD40 Abs KPL-404 or G28-5. Cells were left unstimulated (medium control), or stimulated with CD3/CD28 cross linker IC (18 hours in culture). Flow cytometry data, showing the levels of expression of CD23 and CD95 on gated CD19⁺ B cells in each condition. Data is representative of two independent experiments.

Fig.S5

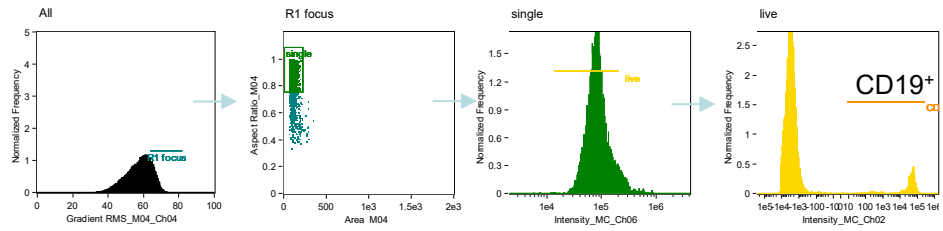
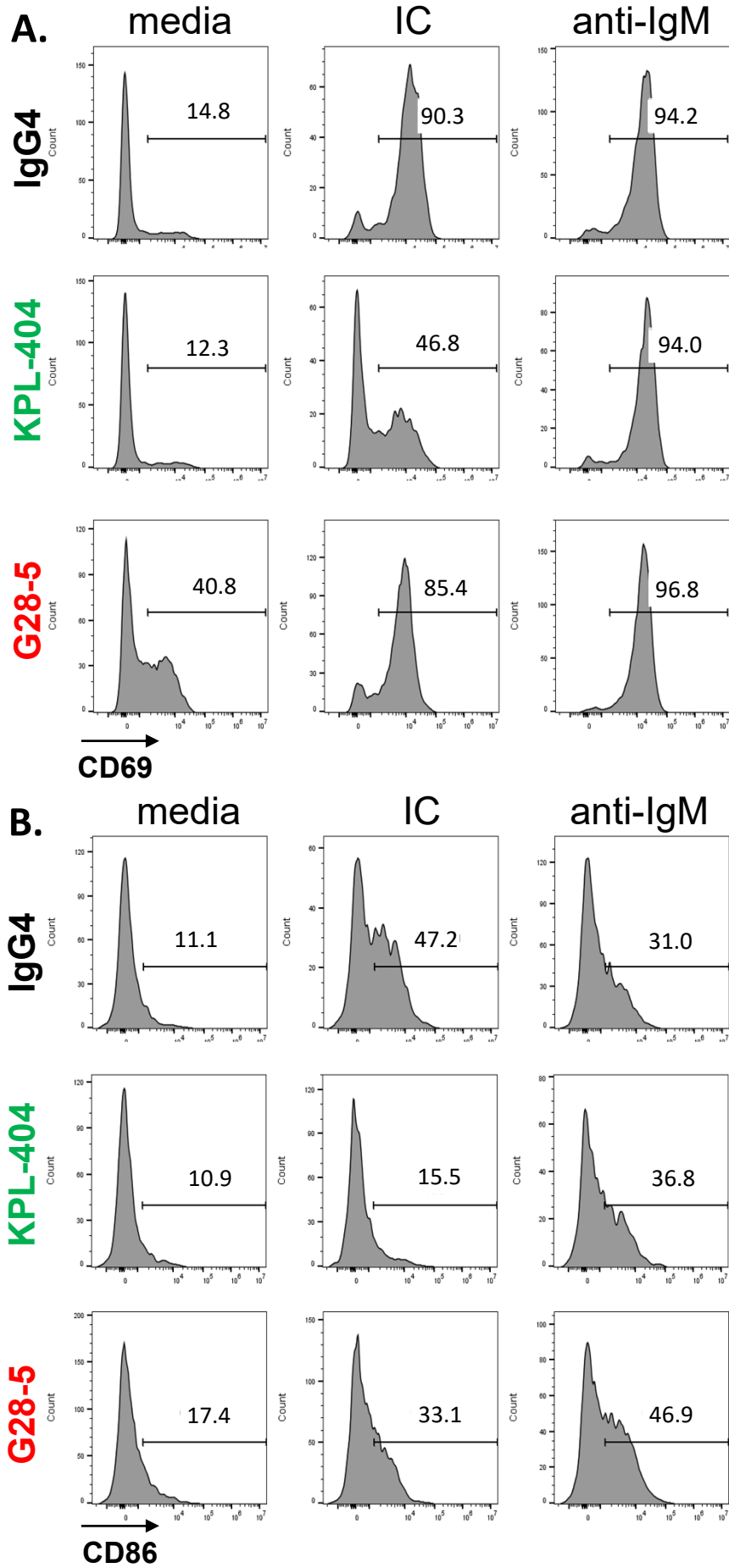


Fig.S5. Assessment of KPL-404 binding and internalization by imaging flow cytometry – gating strategy. 2-5 million PBMCs were stained with anti-CD19-AlexaFluor (AL)488, anti-CD40 Abs KPL404-AL647 and G28-5-AL647, or, anti-CD22-AL647. Cells were either kept on ice, or incubated at 37°C for 1h, fixed in 1% formalin, and analyzed. Representative gating strategy used for the identification of CD19⁺ B cells; 400-500 B cell images were further analyzed for anti-CD40 Ab binding and internalization (as shown in Fig.5).

Fig.S6.



C. Sjs

Treatment	CD69	CD86
IgG4+media vs IgG4+IC	*	**
IgG4+media vs KPL-404 +media	ns	ns
IgG4+media vs G28-5+media	ns	ns
IgG4+IC vs KPL-404+IC	*	ns
IgG4+IC vs G28-5+IC	ns	ns
IgG4+media vs IgG4+anti-IgM	*	ns
2C10+media vs KPL-404+anti-IgM	*	ns
KPL-404+media vs G28-5+anti-IgM	ns	ns
IgG4+IgM vs KPL-404 + anti-IgM	ns	ns
IgG4+IgM vs G28-5+ anti-IgM	ns	***

SLE

Treatment	CD69	CD86
IgG4+media vs IgG4+IC	***	***
IgG4+media vs KPL-404+media	ns	ns
IgG4+media vs G28-5+media	**	**
IgG4+IC vs KPL-404+IC	**	***
IgG4+IC vs G28-5+IC	ns	ns
IgG4+media vs IgG4+anti-IgM	***	*
KPL-404+media vs KPL-404+anti-IgM	***	**
G28-5+media vs G28-5+anti-IgM	***	ns
IgG4+IgM vs KPL-404+anti-IgM	ns	ns
IgG4+IgM vs G28-5+anti-IgM	ns	**

Fig.S6. Effects of KPL-404 on B cell activation in autoimmune patients assessed by the expression of the activation markers CD69 and CD86. PBMCs were cultured in the presence of 10µg/ml IgG4 isotype control or anti-CD40 Abs KPL-404 or G28-5 (16-18 hours of cell culture). Cells were left unstimulated (media control), or stimulated with CD3/CD28 cross linker IC, or F(ab')₂ goat anti-human IgM (anti-IgM) and B cell activation was assessed by the expression of the activation markers CD69 and CD86 on gated live CD19⁺ B cells. **(A)** Representative data from one individual SLE patient, showing the expression of CD69; gates depict the frequencies of CD69⁺ cells. **(B)** Representative data from one individual SLE patient, showing the expression of CD86; gates depict the frequencies of CD86⁺ cells. **(C) Changes in the expression of CD69 and CD86 in Sjs and SLE PBMC.** Complete statistical analysis of the effect of KPL-404 and G28-5 on B-cells using one-way ANOVA on log transformed data with matched mixed-effects modeling for multiple comparisons tests of significance between different conditions. *p<0.05, **p<0.005, and ***p<0.001.

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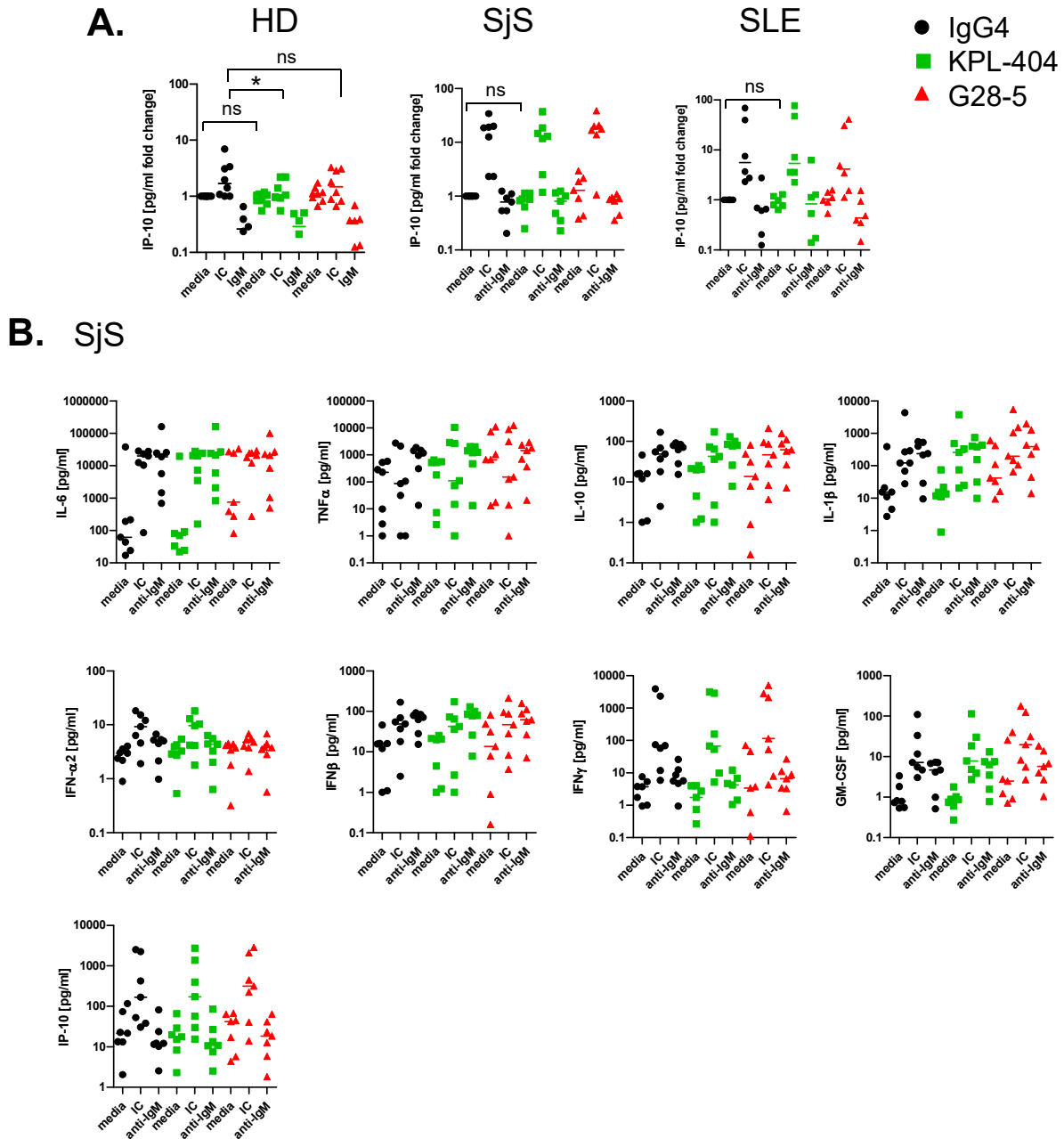


Fig.S7 Analysis of cytokine production in cell cultures (additional data). (A) Effects of KPL-404 and G28-5 on IP-10 production in PBMCs cultures from HD, Sjs and SLE patients. The data for each sample were normalized against media controls and is expressed as a fold-change. Statistical analysis were performed using one-way Friedman multiple comparisons test and one-way ANOVA mixed effects analysis (for HD due to missing values); *p < 0.05. (B) Cytokine production in Sjs cell cultures presented as pg/ml.