



Supplementary Information for

Selective tumor antigen vaccine delivery to human CD169⁺ antigen presenting cells using ganglioside-liposomes.

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Table S1

Liposome	Mean diameter (nm) \pm S.D. ($n=2$)	PDI (0-1) \pm S.D. ($n=2$)	Zeta potential (mV)
Control	159 \pm 1	0.11 \pm 0.02	-54.1
GM3	164 \pm 1	0.13 \pm 0.03	-51.8
GD3	176 \pm 8	0.09 \pm 0.08	-53.5
GM1	170 \pm 0	0.1 \pm 0.01	-56.8
GD1a	177 \pm 0	0.1 \pm 0.02	-51.2
GT1b	168 \pm 1	0.1 \pm 0.02	-52.2

Physical properties of liposomes determined by dynamic light scattering. PDI: polydispersity index

Table S2

Antigen	Fluorochrome	Clone	Company	Dilution
CD169	PE	7-239	BD	1/50
CD123	PE-Dazzle594	6H6	Biolegend	1/50
CD56	PE-Dazzle594	QA17A16	Biolegend	1/100
CD3	PE-Cy5	UCHT1	BD	1/100
CD19	PE-Cy5	B159	BD	1/50
CD56	PE-Cy5	HIB19	BD	1/50
CD141	PE-Cy7	M80	Biolegend	1/50
CD163	BV421	GHI/61	Biolegend	1/100
CD8	BV421	RPA-T8	BD	1/100
CD3	BV480	UCHT1	BD	1/100
CD14	BV605	M5E2	Biolegend	1/100
CD11c	BV650	B-ly6	BD	1/100
HLA-DR	BV711	L243	Biolegend	1/50
CD16	BV786	3G8	Biolegend	1/100
CD4	BV786	RPA-T4	Biolegend	1/100
Siglec-6	AF700	767329	R&D	1/50
Axl	AF488	108724R	R&D	1/50
CD19	FITC	LT19	Immunotools	1/100
CD1c	PerCP-eF710	L161	eBioscience	1/50
CD16	PerCP-Cy5.5	3G8	Biolegend	1/100
TNF α	BV750	MAb11	BD	1/50

Supplementary Figures

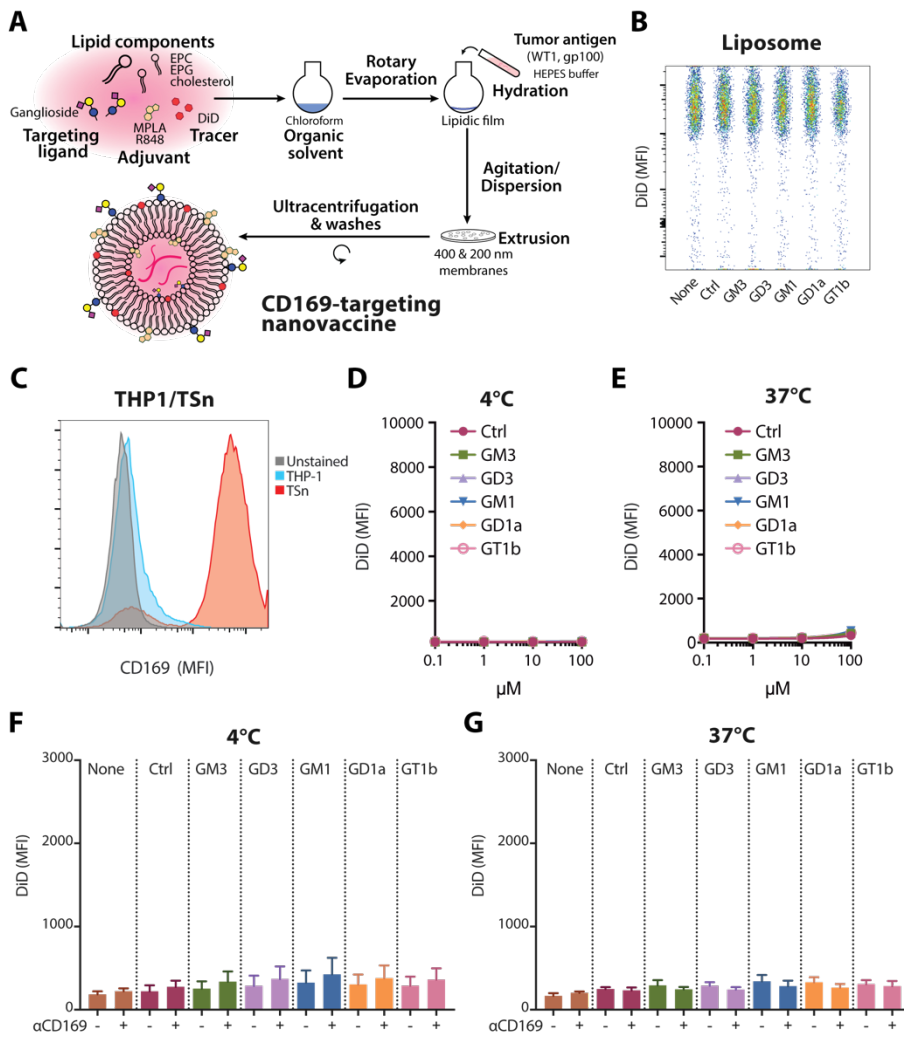


Figure S1. Ganglioside-liposomes specifically bind to and are taken up via CD169. (A) Schematic overview of the production of ganglioside-liposomes containing cancer antigens. (B) Liposomes containing gangliosides GM3, GD3, GM1, GD1a, or GT1b showed no differences in DiD-tracer intensity as measured by flow cytometry. (C) The expression of CD169 in THP-1 cells or CD169-overexpressing TSn cells shown by flow cytometry. (D-G) DiD-labeled ganglioside-liposomes were incubated with THP-1 cells and binding at 4°C or uptake at 37°C were determined by flow cytometry. (D,E) Binding or uptake of ganglioside-liposomes at different concentrations from one representative experiment out of two is shown. (F,G) THP-1 cells were pre-incubated with anti-CD169 blocking antibody at 4°C for 15 min prior to ganglioside-liposomes binding or uptake. Data are mean ± SEM from three independent experiments.

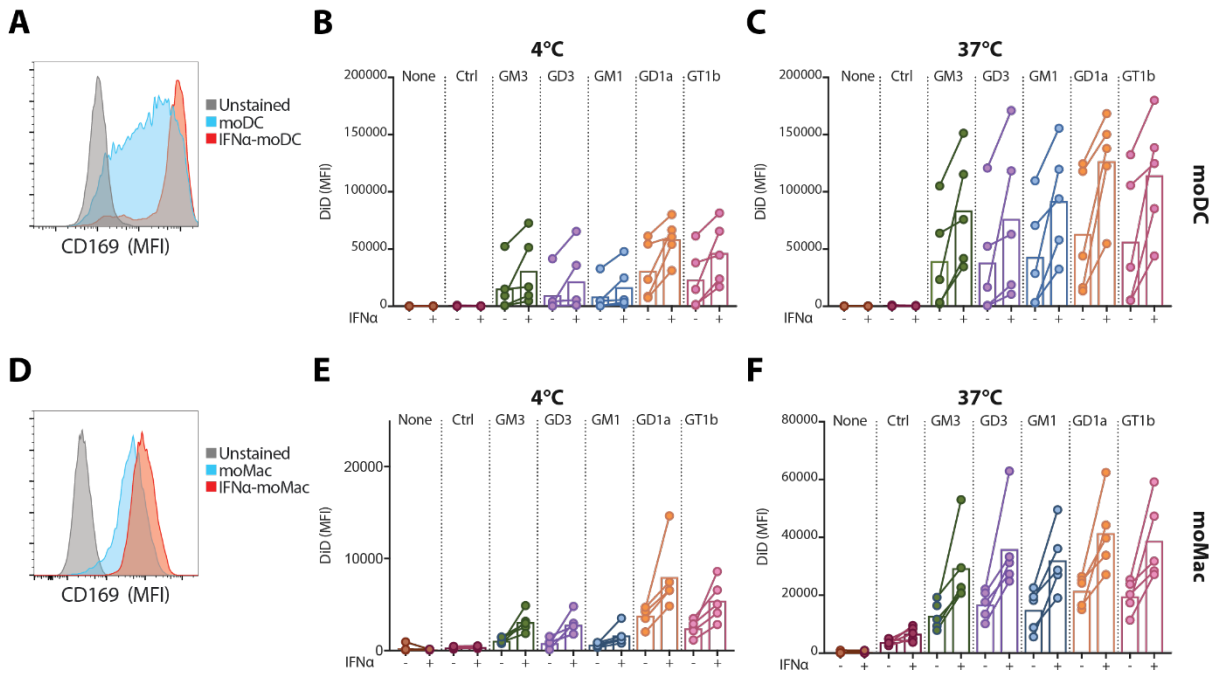


Figure S2. IFN-I enhances ganglioside-liposome binding and uptake by monocyte-derived dendritic cells (moDCs) and monocyte-derived macrophages (moMacs). (A-C) moDCs and (D-F) moMacs were incubated with DiD-labeled ganglioside-liposomes and binding (B,E) and uptake (C,F) was determined by flow cytometry. Means (bars) and values from each donor are shown ($n = 4-5$). When indicated, cells were treated for 48 h with recombinant human IFN α .

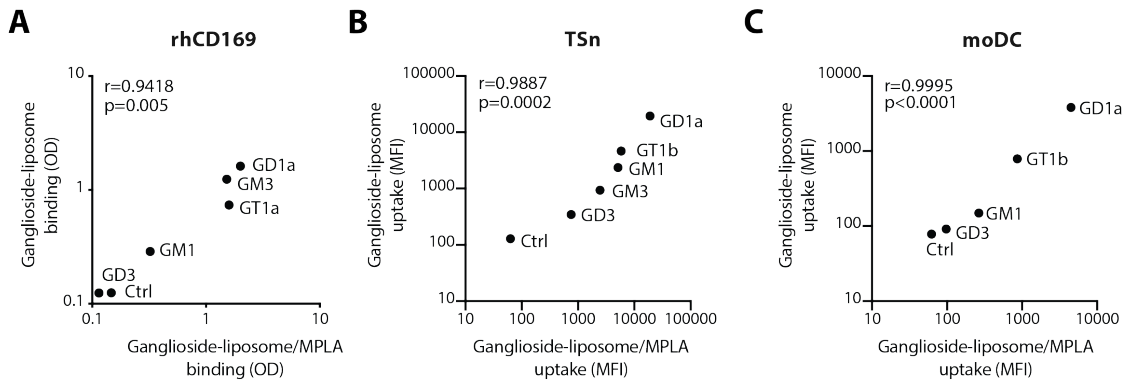


Figure S3. TLR-ligand incorporation does not interfere with ganglioside-liposome binding to CD169 and uptake by CD169-expressing cells. Gangliosides GM3, GD3, GM1, GD1a, and GT1b, were incorporated into liposomes and binding to CD169 was determined by (A) recombinant-CD169 ELISA or (B,C) cell-based flow cytometry. (B) Ganglioside-liposomes with or without MPLA-incorporation were coated onto plate, fixed and incubated with recombinant human CD169-6x His to determine binding using ELISA. (B) TSn and (C) monocyte-derived dendritic cells (moDCs) were incubated with DiD-labeled ganglioside-liposomes or MPLA-incorporated ganglioside-liposomes and uptake was evaluated by flow cytometry. Pearson correlation was performed to show correlation.

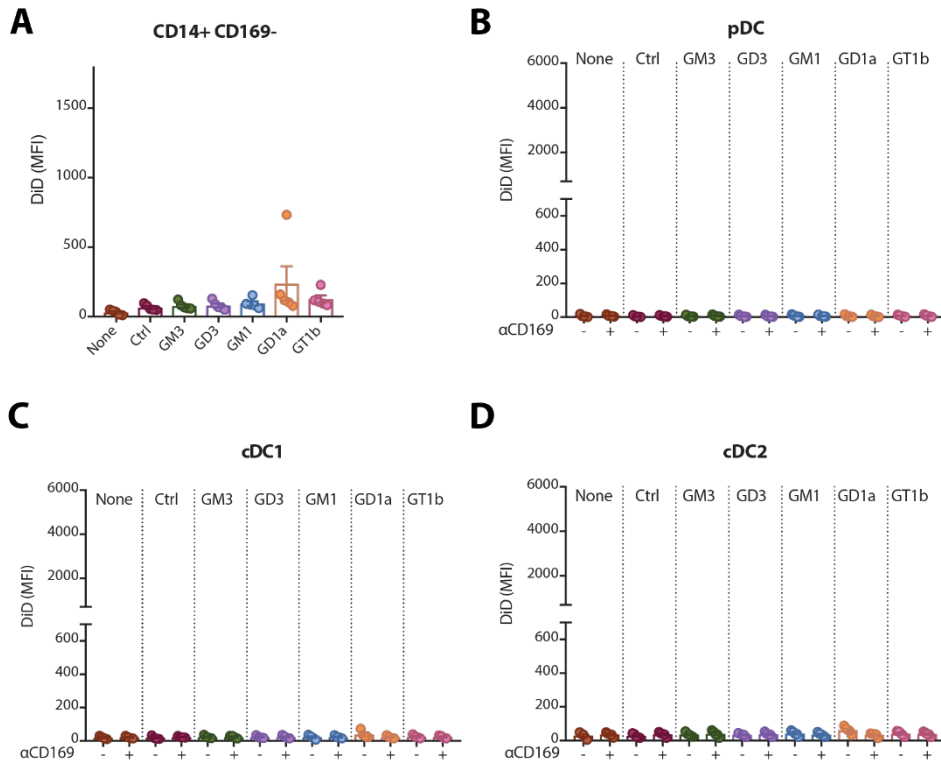


Figure S4. Ganglioside-liposomes do not target CD169⁻ monocytes or CD169⁻ dendritic cells. (A) Uptake of DiD-labeled ganglioside-liposomes by (A) CD14⁺ CD169⁻ monocytes, (B) plasmacytoid DCs (pDCs), (C) conventional DC1 (cDC1), and (D) conventional DC2 (cDC2) as measured by flow cytometry. When indicated, cells were pre-incubated with anti-CD169 blocking antibody at 4°C for 15 min prior to liposomes uptake. Data are mean ± SEM from five donors.

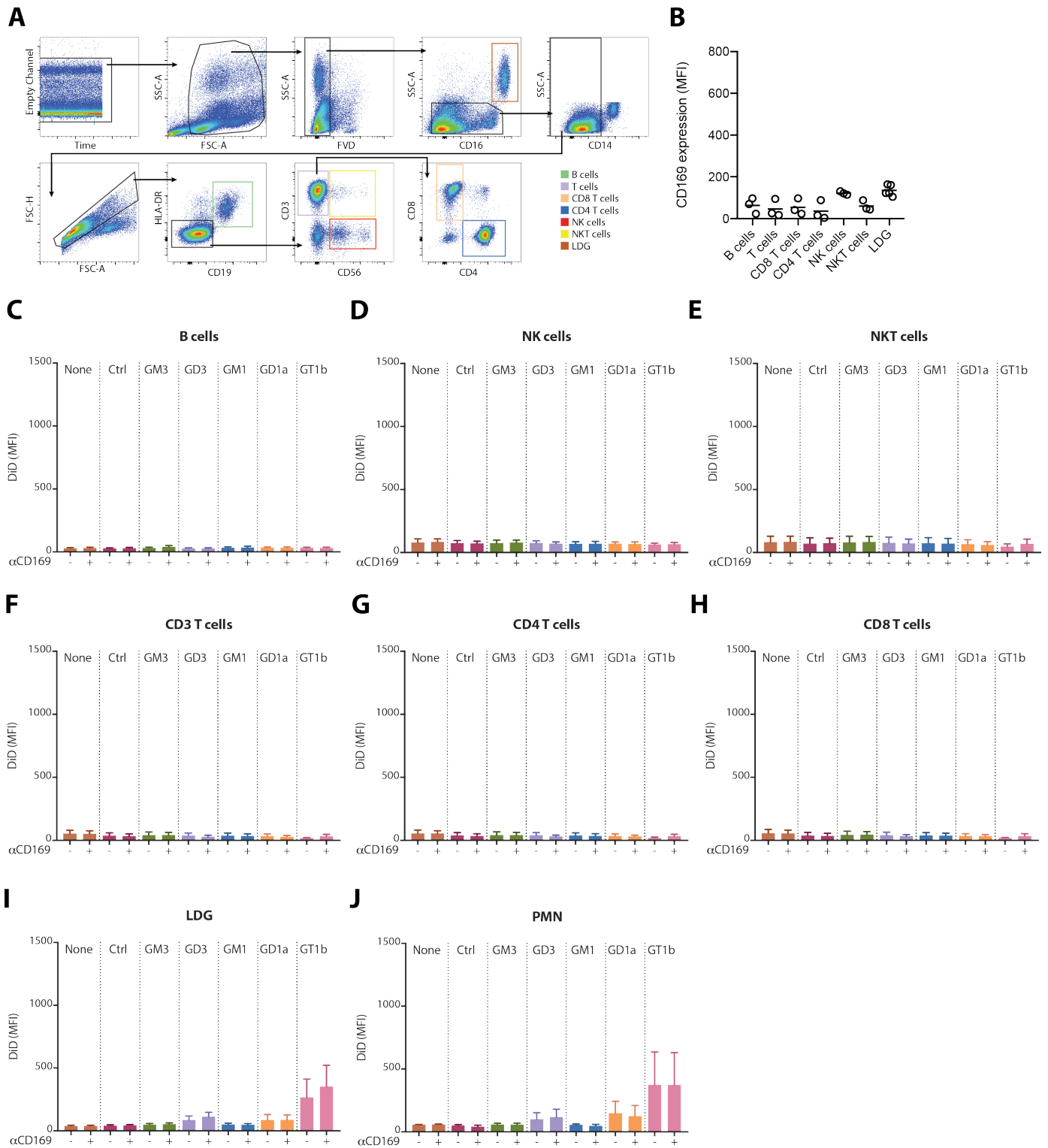


Figure S5. Ganglioside-liposomes do not target human lymphocytes or granulocytes. (A) Gating strategy identifies lymphocyte subsets and granulocytes after density gradient centrifugation of peripheral blood mononuclear cells. **(B)** The expression of CD169 as determined by flow cytometry is shown. Means and value of each donor are shown ($n = 3-4$). **(C-J)** Uptake of DiD-labeled ganglioside-liposomes on different **(C)** B cells, **(D)** NK cells, **(E)** NKT cells, **(F)** total T cells, **(G)** CD4⁺ T cells, **(H)** CD8⁺ T cells, **(I)** low-density granulocytes (LDG), and **(J)** normal-density polymorphonuclear cells (PMN) as measured by flow cytometry. When indicated, cells were pre-incubated with anti-CD169 blocking antibody at 4°C for 15 min prior to liposomes uptake. Data are mean \pm SEM from three to four donors.

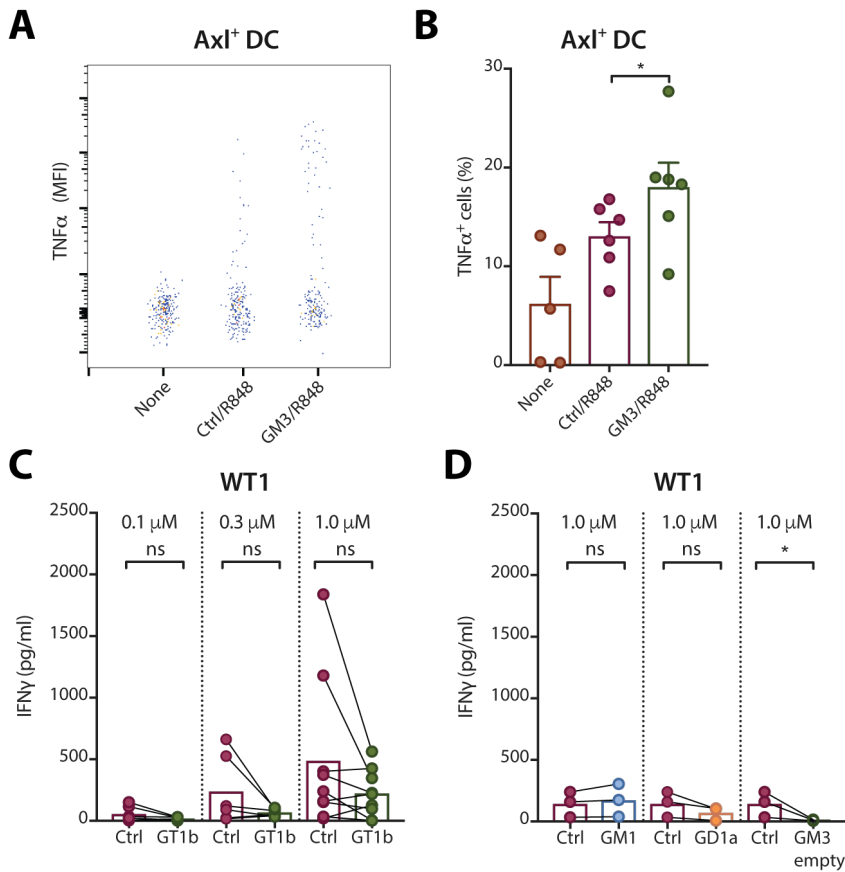


Figure S6. Ganglioside-liposomes activate human Axl⁺ DCs and GM1, GD1a, GT1b liposomes do not result in stimulation of CD8⁺ T cells. (A-B) PBMCs were incubated with 0.1 μ M R848-containing ganglioside-liposomes at 37°C for 45 min, washed, and cultured for four hours in complete medium, with the addition of brefeldin-A for the final three hours. TNF α production by Axl⁺ DCs was measured by intracellular flow cytometry, gated on Axl⁺ Siglec6⁺ HLA-DR⁺ Lin(CD3/CD19/CD56/CD14/CD16)⁻ cells, (A) representative plot from one donor and (B) quantification are shown. Data are mean \pm SEM from 5-6 donors. (C-D) After (CD3/CD14/CD16/CD19/CD56) lineage depletion, enriched DCs were incubated with ganglioside/WT1/R848 liposome or control liposomes at 37°C, washed, and WT1-specific CD8⁺ T cells were added. GM3 empty contained no WT1 peptide. IFN γ secretion after 24h was determined by ELISA. Data are mean from three to six donors. Paired t-test was used for analysis. * P < 0.05, *** P < 0.001, ns not significant.