

Supplementary Materials for

**In vivo reprogramming of pathogenic lung TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2s by IFN $\beta$  inhibits  
HDM-induced asthma**

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## Supplemental Methods and Materials

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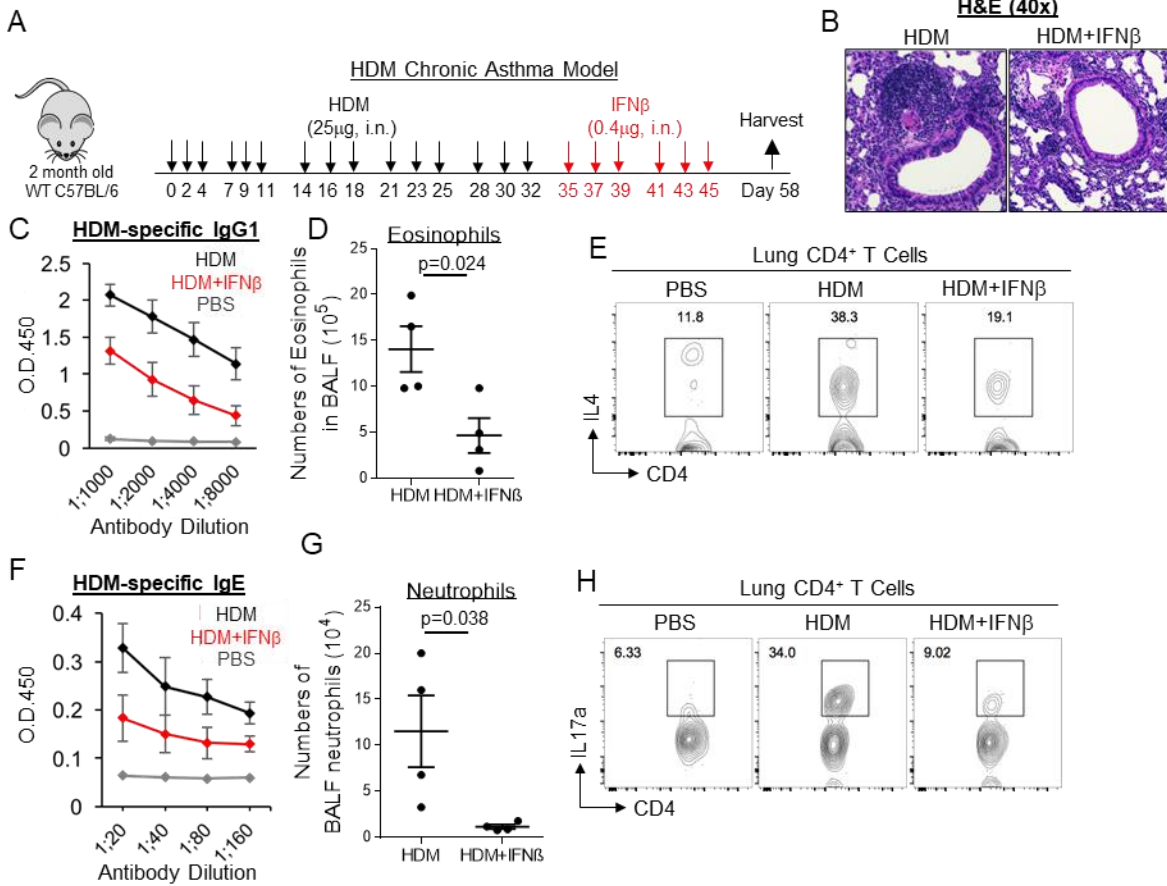
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Anti-mouse IL-17a-PE (clone: TC11-1810.1)	BioLegend	Cat#506903
Anti-mouse IL-4 – APC (clone: 11B11)	BioLegend	Cat#504105
Anti-mouse CD45-PerCP/Cy5.5 (clone: 30-F11)	BioLegend	Cat#103131
Anti-mouse CD45.1-APC (clone: A20)	BioLegend	Cat#110713
Anti-mouse MHCII(I-A/I-E)-Brilliant Violet 421 (clone: M5/114.15.2)	BioLegend	Cat#107636
Anti-mouse MHCII(I-A/I-E)- Alexa Fluor (clone: M5/114.15.2)	BioLegend	Cat#107622
Anti-mouse/human CD11b- PE/Cy7 (clone: M1/70)	BioLegend	Cat#101216
Anti-mouse/human CD11b- Brilliant Violet 605 (clone: M1/70)	BioLegend	Cat#101237
Anti-mouse CD64- PerCP/Cy5.5 (clone: X54-5/7.1)	BioLegend	Cat#139307
Anti-mouse pSTAT3 (Y705) mAb (D3A7)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#:9145
Rabbit (DA1E) mAb IgG XP® Isotype Control	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#:3900
CD26 PECy7 (clone: H194-112)	BioLegend	Cat#137810
SiglecF APC (clone: S17007L)	BioLegend	Cat#155507
Anti-mouse/human Arg1-FITC	RD systems	Cat#IC5868F
CD172a APC (clone: P84)	Biolgend	Cat#144013
Ly6G FITC (clone: RB6-8C5)	BioLegend	Cat#108405
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Anti-mouse LAP (TGFβ1)-FITC (clone:TW7-16B4)	BioLegend	Cat#141413
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Hamster IgG	BioXcell	Car#BE0091
Anti-mouse TNFR2- PE (Clone:TR75-89)	BioLegend	Cat#113405
Anti-mouse TNFR2-APC (Clone: REA228)	Miltenyi Biotec	Cat#130-104-698
Anti-mousePDL1-Brilliant Violet 421 (clone: 10F.9G2)	BioLegend	Cat#124315
Anti-mouse/human pSTAT1 (clone: 58D6)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#:9167
Anti-mouse pErk1/2 (Thr202/Tyr204) mAb (D13.14.4E)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#:4370
Anti-mouse ICOSL-PE (clone: HK5.3)	BioLegend	Cat#107405
Anti-mouse CD36	BioLegend	Cat# 102616

Anti-mouse IL-10 – APC (clone: JESS-16E3)	BioLegend	Cat#505016
Anti-mouse Foxp3-Pacific Blue (clone: MF-14)	BioLegend	Cat#26410
Anti-mouse T1ST2- APC (clone: D1H4)	BioLegend	Cat#146605
Anti-mouse F4/80- PerCP/Cy5.5 (clone: BM8)	BioLegend	Cat#123127
Anti-mouse IgG-HRP	Southern Biotech	Cat#1033-05
Anti-mouse IgE-HRP	Southern Biotech	Cat#1110-05
Phospho-AMPK (Thr172) rabbit mAb	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#2535
GLUT1 (clone: SA0377)	Invitrogen	Cat#MA5-31960
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Anti-CPT-1A rabbit antibody	ProteinTech	Cat#15184-1-AP
Anti-PPAR $\gamma$ rabbit antibody	CST	Cat#2435
Anti-human CD1c- PE/Cy7 (clone: L161)	BioLegend	Cat#331515
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Anti-human TNFR2-APC (clone: 3G7A02)	BioLegend	Cat#358405
Anti-human HLA-DR-APC/Cy7 (clone: L243)	BioLegend	Cat#307617
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Anti-human TGF $\beta$ 1- PE (clone: Tw4-2F8)	BioLegend	Cat#349603
Anti-human Arginase 1- PE (clone: 14D2C43)	BioLegend	Cat#369703
Anti-human IL-4- PE (clone: G077F6)	BioLegend	Cat#355003
<b>Chemicals, ELISA kits and Recombinant Proteins</b>		
OVA	Invivogen	cat#vac-pova
DNase I	Roche	Cat#10104159001
MitoTracker Green FM	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# M7514
Erk1/2 inhibitor (GDC-0994,)	Selleckchem	Cat # S7910
Etomoxir	Sigma	Cat # E1905
Brefeldin A	Biolegend	Cat#423303
Recombinant mouse IFN $\alpha$ 1	R&D	Cat # 10148-IF
Recombinant murine IFN $\beta$	R&D	Cat#8234-MB/CF
Recombinant human IFN $\beta$	R&D	Cat # 8499-IF
C1-BODIPY 500/510 C12	Life Technologies,	Cat# D-382
Anti-TNFR2 monoclonal antibody (clone: TR75-54.7)	BioXcell	Cat#BE0247
Isotype Control (Armenian Hamster IgG)	BioXcell	Cat#BE0091
Anti-CD25 mAb (PC-61.5.3)	BioXcell	Cat#BE0012
Isotype Control (Rat IgG1, $\kappa$ )	BioXcell	Cat#BE0088
<b>Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains</b>		
Mouse: B6.CD45.1	Jackson Laboratory	Cat#002014

Mouse: ERK2 <sup>fl/fl</sup>	Jackson Laboratory	Cat#019112
Mouse: STAT3 <sup>fl/fl</sup>	Jackson Laboratory	Cat#016923
Mouse: IFNAR1 <sup>-/-</sup>	Jackson Laboratory	Cat#028288
Mouse: CD11c <sup>Cre</sup>	Jackson Laboratory	Cat#008068
<b>Software and Algorithms</b>		
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Prism6	GraphPad	<a href="http://www.graphpad.com">http://www.graphpad.com</a>

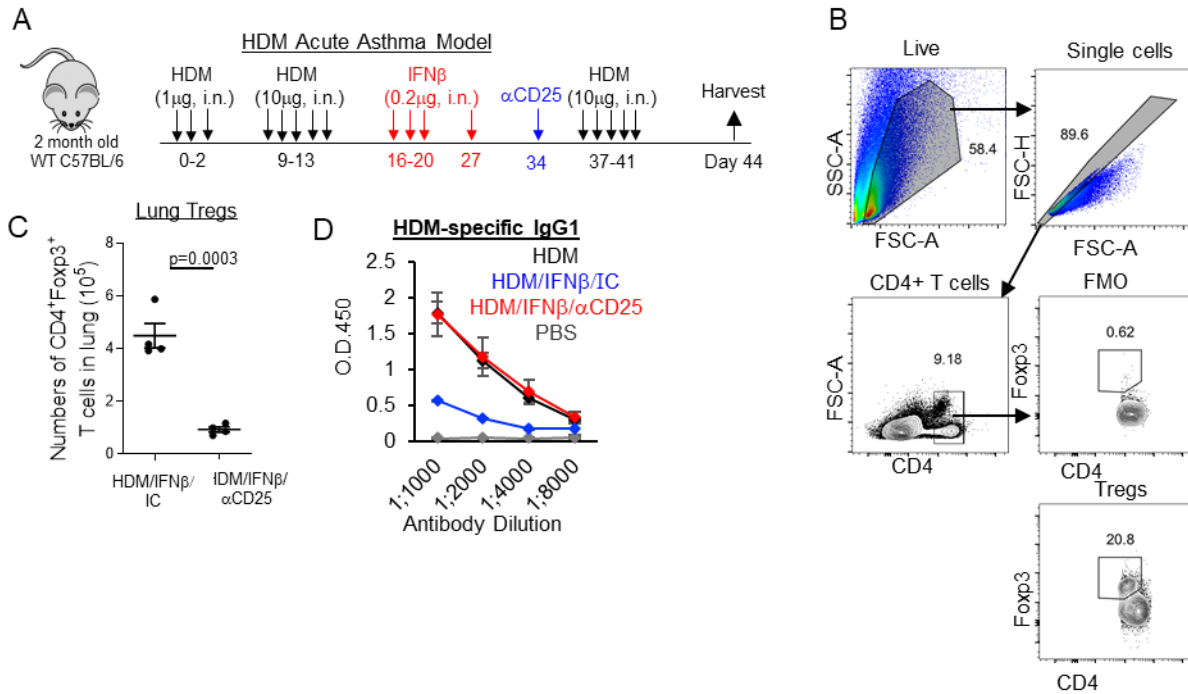
**Supplemental Figures.**

**Figure S1**



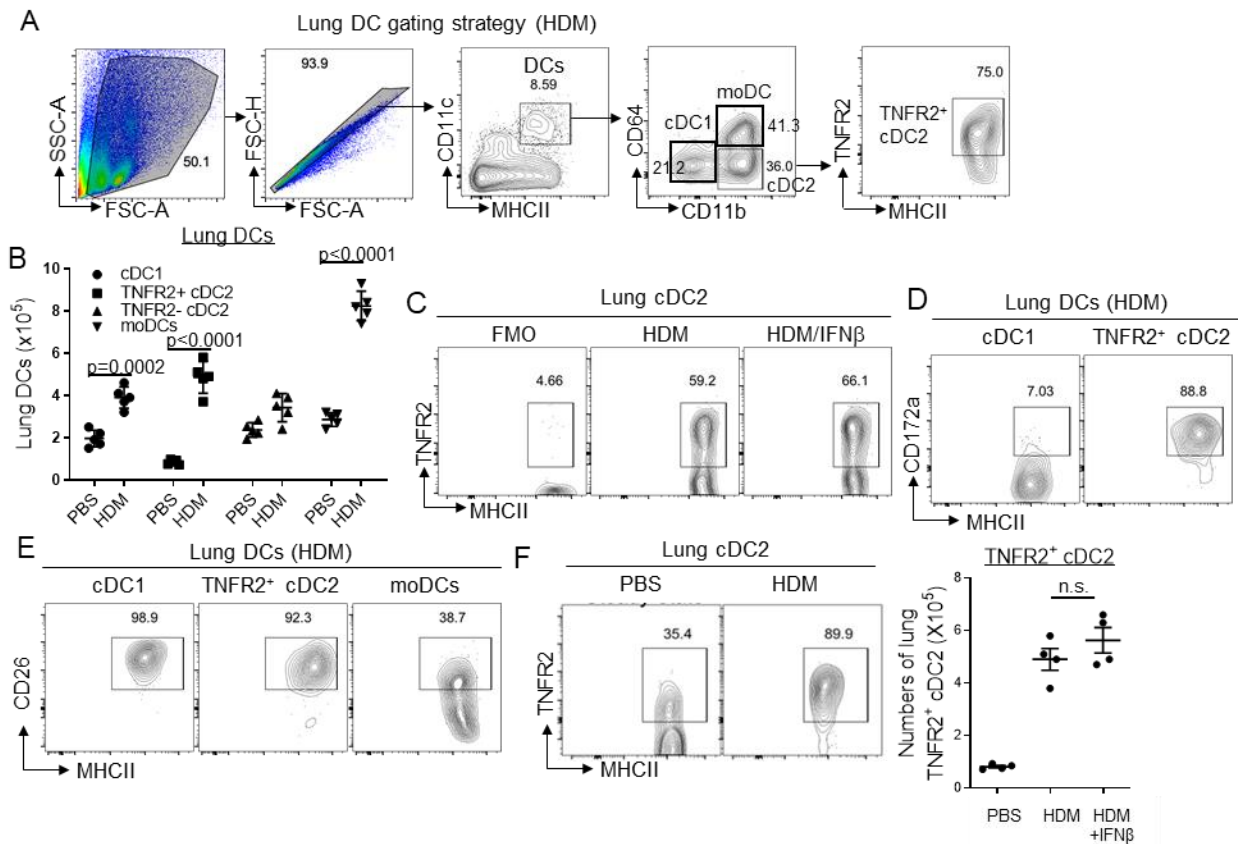
**Figure S1. Inhaled IFN $\beta$  alleviated HDM-induced chronic asthma.** **A.** Experimental protocol for treating HDM-induced chronic asthma. Mice were intranasally (*i.n.*) administered PBS or IFN $\beta$  (0.4 $\mu$ g). **B.** Representative H&E staining of lung sections from asthmatic mice treated with PBS or IFN $\beta$ . (n=3-4 mice per group). Data are representative of 3 independent experiments. **C,** **F.** Serum HDM-specific IgG1 and BALF HDM-specific IgE from asthmatic mice treated with IFN $\beta$  (n=3-4 mice per group). Data are representative of 3 independent experiments. **D.** Absolute numbers of eosinophils in the BALF of asthmatic mice treated with IFN $\beta$  (n=3-4 mice per group). Data were representative of 3 independent experiments. **E.** Flow cytometry plots of IL4 producing lung CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells from asthmatic mice treated with IFN $\beta$  (n=3-4 mice per group). Data are representative of 3 independent experiments. **G.** Absolute numbers of neutrophils in the BALF of asthmatic mice treated with IFN $\beta$  (n=3-4 mice per group). Data were representative of 3 independent experiments. **H.** Flow cytometry plots of IL17 producing lung CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells from asthmatic mice treated with IFN $\beta$  (n=3-4 mice per group). Data are representative of 3 independent experiments. Graphs represent the mean with error bars indication s.e.m. *P* values determined by unpaired student *t*-test.

Figure S2



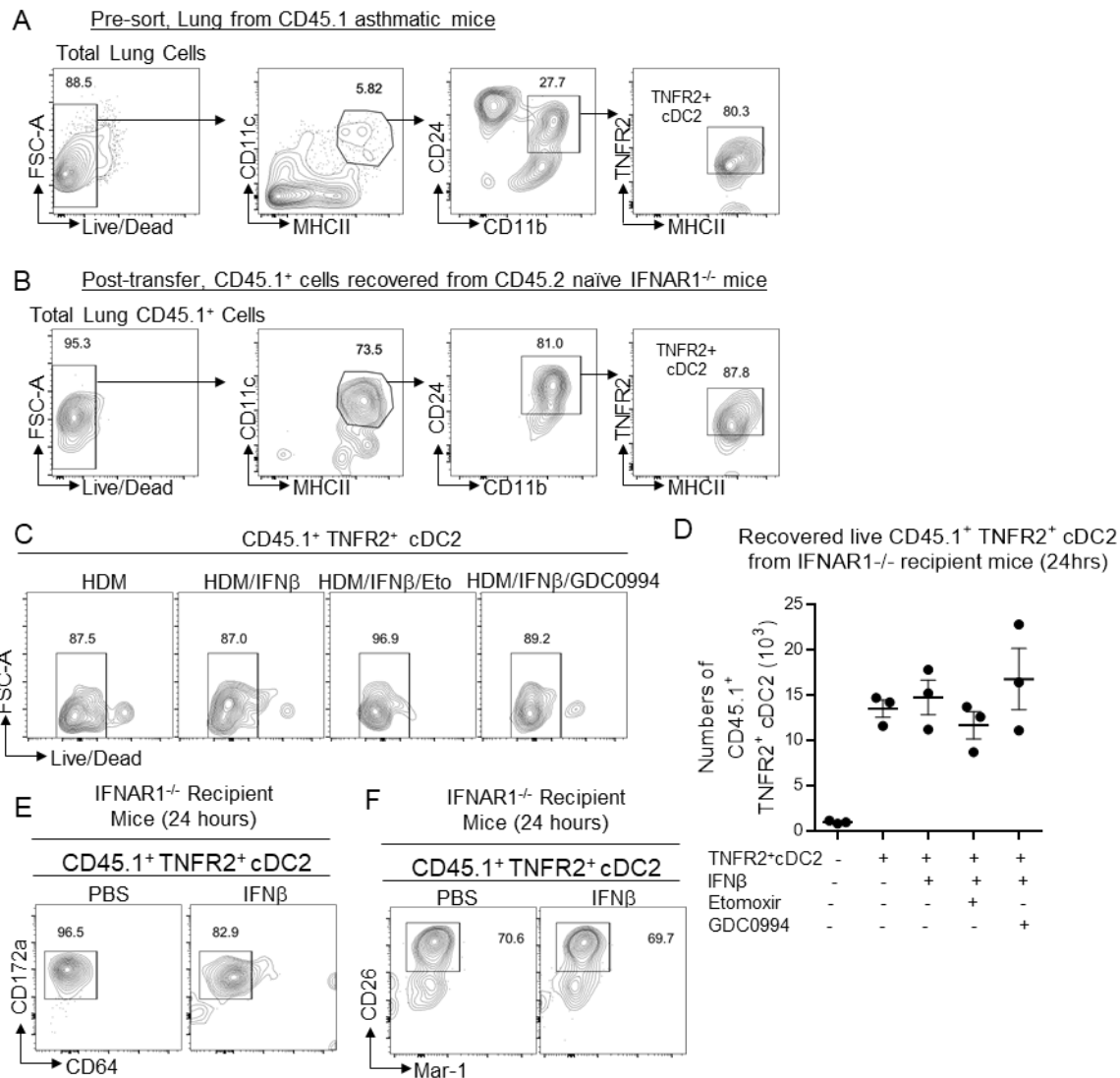
**Figure S2. IFN $\beta$  efficacy depends on Tregs in HDM mice.** **A.** An experimental protocol for Treg depletion in IFN $\beta$ -treated asthmatic mice. Anti-CD25 mAb (PC-61.5.3, 100 $\mu$ g in 40 $\mu$ l PBS) or rat IgG1 isotype control were administered (*i.n.*) on day 34. Asthma exacerbation was induced with daily HDM treatment on day 37-41. The mice were harvest on day 44. (n=4 mice/group). **B.** Lung Tregs was gated on live CD4<sup>+</sup>Fop3<sup>+</sup> cells. **C.** The number of lung Tregs on day 44 were enumerated. Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. **D.** Serum HDM-specific IgG1 in asthmatic mice treated with anti-CD25 mAb or isotype control from mice in **A.** Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. Graphs represent the mean with error bars indication s.e.m. *P* values determined by unpaired student *t*-test.

**Figure S3**



**Figure S3. Gating strategy of lung TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 in HDM-induced asthmatic mice.** **A.** Lung TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 was gated on live CD64<sup>-</sup>CD11B<sup>+</sup>TNFR2<sup>+</sup>MHC II<sup>+</sup>CD11C<sup>+</sup> cells. **B, C, F.** Numbers of lung cDC1, moDCs, TNFR2<sup>-</sup>, TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 in C57BL/6J mice treated with PBS, HDM or HDM/IFN $\beta$ . (n=4-5 mice/group). Data are representative of 3 independent experiments. **D-E.** Flow analysis of CD172a (SIRP $\alpha$ ) and CD26 expression on indicated DCs subsets. (n=4-5 mice/group). Data are representative of 3 independent experiments. Graphs represent the mean with error bars indication s.e.m. *P* values determined by two-way ANOVA Sidak's multiple comparison (**B**) or one-way ANOVA Tukey's multiple comparison test (**F**).

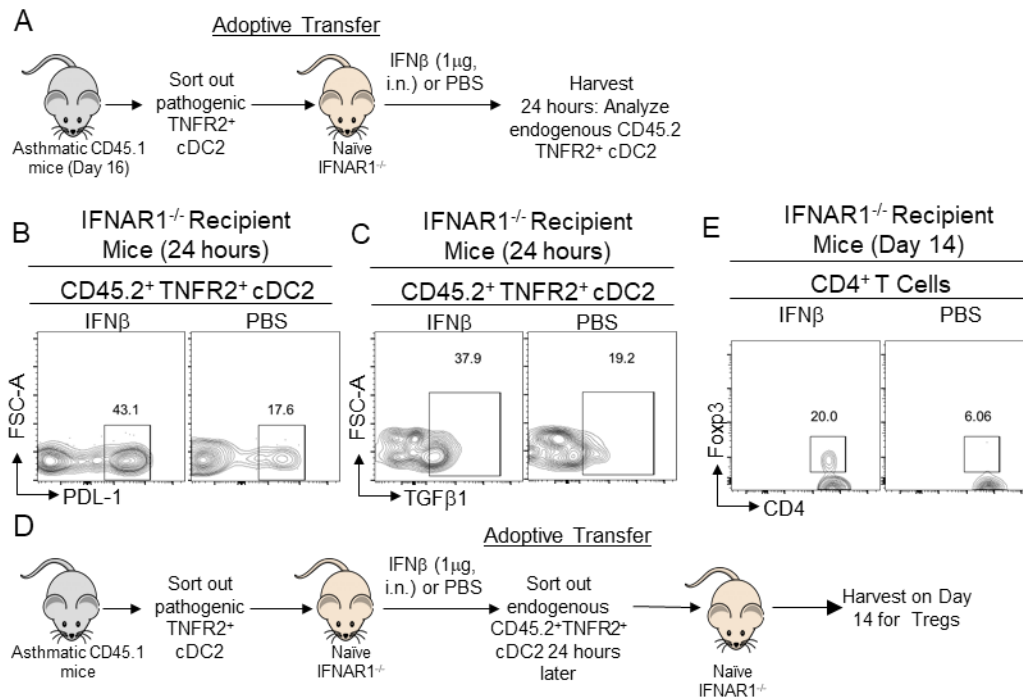
**Figure S4**



**Figure S4. Sorting strategy of lung TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 for the adoptive transfer. A-B, E-F.** Flow analysis of pre-sort and post-transfer of lung CD45.1<sup>+</sup> TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 population (n=3 mice/group). Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. **C.** Sorted CD45.1 TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 from HDM mice were treated with IFN $\beta$ , IFN $\beta$ +Etomoxir, or IFN $\beta$ +GDC0994 or untreated (HDM) for 30mins in culture. Cell viability were determined by Propidium Iodide stain. Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. **D.** Recipient mice were harvested after 24hrs. Recovered lung CD45.1 cells were enumerated. (n=3 mice/group). Data were representative of 2 independent experiments. Graphs represent the mean with error bars indication s.e.m. *P* values determined by one-way ANOVA Tukey's multiple comparison test.

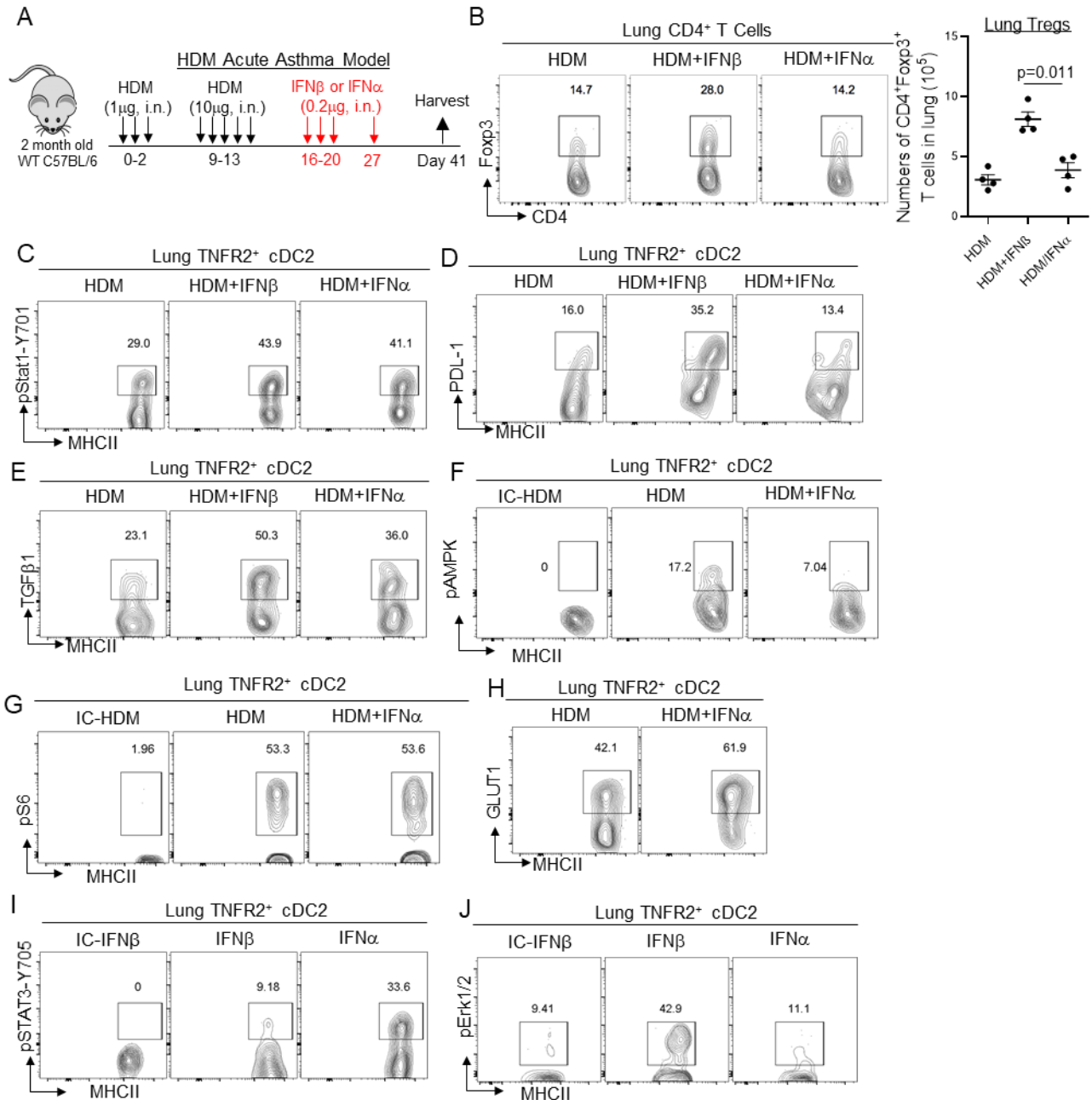


**Figure S5**



**Figure S5. IFN $\beta$ -reprogrammed WT TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 primes bystander IFNAR1<sup>-/-</sup> TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 to generate lung Tregs.** **A.** A cartoon illustrate the adoptive transfer experiment. **B-C.** Flow analysis of CD45.2<sup>+</sup> endogenous TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 population (n=3 mice/group). Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. **D.** A cartoon illustrate the consecutive adoptive transfer experiments. **E.** Flow analysis of lung Tregs on day 14 in the IFNAR1<sup>-/-</sup> recipient mice receiving sorted CD45.2<sup>+</sup> TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 population. (n=3 mice/group). Data are representative of 2 independent experiments.

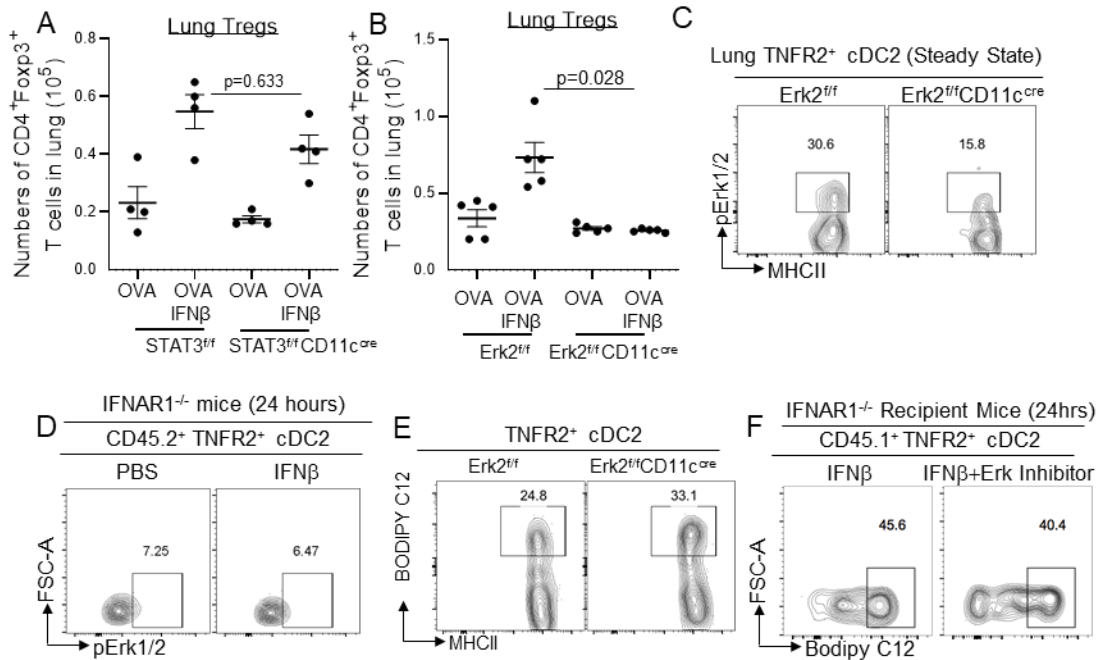
**Figure S6**



**Figure S6. IFNα does not generate lung Tregs in HDM mice and cannot reprogram pathogenic lung TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2s *in vivo*.** **A.** Experimental protocol for HDM-induced acute asthma. Mice were intranasally (*i.n.*) administered IFNβ (0.2 μg) or IFNα1 (0.2 μg). **B.** Flow cytometry analysis (left) and absolute number (right) of lung Tregs in asthmatic mice treated with PBS, IFNβ or IFNα1 (0.2 μg) (n=4 mice per group). Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. **C-E.** Flow cytometry analysis of pSTAT1, PD-L1 and TGFβ1 expression in lung TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 from asthmatic mice treated with IFNβ or IFNα1 as in **A**. Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. **F-H.** Flow cytometry analysis of pS6, pAMPK

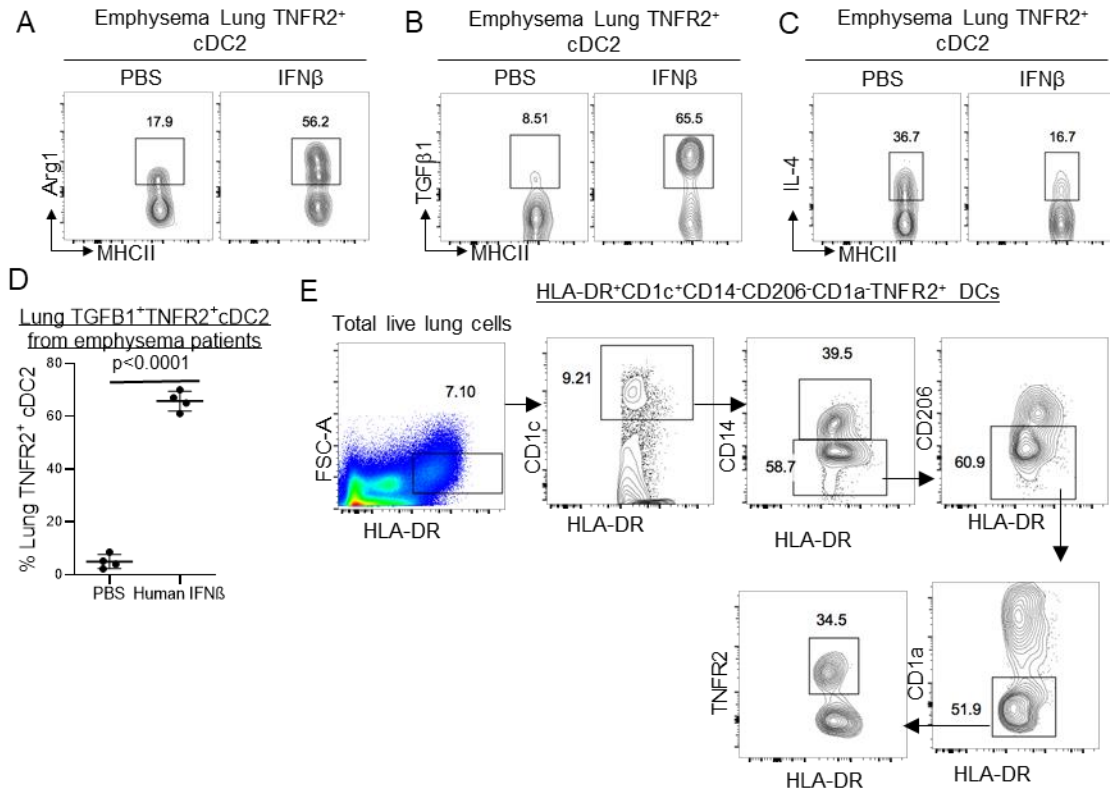
and GLUT1 expression in lung TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDCs of WT mice 2 days after 100µg HDM and IFNα1 (1µg) administration (*i.n.*). (n=3 mice per group). Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. **I-J.** Flow cytometry analysis of p-ERK1/2 and p-STAT3 in lung TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 of C57BL/6J mice treated (*i.n.*) with IFNβ or IFNα1 (1µg) for 24hrs (n=4 mice per group). Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. IC: isotype control. Graphs represent the mean with error bars indication s.e.m. *P* values determined by one-way ANOVA Tukey's multiple comparison test.

**Figure S7**



**Figure S7. Erk2 expression in CD11c<sup>+</sup> cells is required for Tregs induction but is dispensable for fatty acid uptakes.** **A-B.** Quantification of CD4<sup>+</sup>Foxp3<sup>+</sup> Tregs in STAT3<sup>f/f</sup>, STAT3<sup>f/f</sup>CD11c<sup>cre</sup> (**A**), and ERK2<sup>f/f</sup>, ERK2<sup>f/f</sup>CD11c<sup>cre</sup> (**B**) mice treated (*i.n.*) with one dose of OVA (2μg) or OVA/IFNβ (0.2μg). Lungs were harvested on day 14. (n=4~5 mice per group). Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. **C.** Flow cytometry analysis of pErk1/2 in TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2s from Erk2<sup>f/f</sup> and Erk2<sup>f/f</sup>CD11c<sup>cre</sup> mice at steady state. (n=3 mice per group). Data are representative of 3 independent experiments. **D.** Lung CD45.1<sup>+</sup>TNFR2<sup>+</sup>cDC2s from HDM-induced asthmatic mice were adoptively transferred into IFNAR1<sup>-/-</sup> CD45.2 recipient mice. Recipient mice were treated with IFNβ (1μg). Flow cytometry analysis of pErk1/2 in CD45.2 TNFR2<sup>+</sup>cDC2s following IFNβ treatment. (n=3 mice per group). Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. **E.** Flow cytometry analysis of BODIPY C<sub>12</sub> uptake in TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2 of Erk2<sup>f/f</sup> and Erk2<sup>f/f</sup>CD11c<sup>cre</sup> mice. (n=3 mice per group). Data are representative of 3 independent experiments. **F.** CD45.1<sup>+</sup>TNFR2<sup>+</sup>cDC2 were sorted out of asthmatic mice, treated with GDC-0994 (50nM) for 30 mins. The cells were then adoptively transferred (*i.n.*) into naïve IFNAR1<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Recipient mice were then treated with IFNβ (*i.n.*, 1μg). Flow cytometry analysis of BODIPY C<sub>12</sub> uptake in CD45.1<sup>+</sup>TNFR2<sup>+</sup>cDC2. (n=3 mice per group). Data are representative of 2 independent experiments. Graphs represent the mean with error bars indication s.e.m. *P* values determined by one-way ANOVA Tukey's multiple comparison test.

**Figure S8**



**Figure S8. IFN $\beta$  enhances tolerogenic markers on pathogenic human lung TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2s.** **A-D.** Flow cytometry analysis and frequency of human lung TNFR2<sup>+</sup> cDC2s from emphysema patients treated with human recombinant IFN $\beta$  (0.4 $\mu$ g) or PBS for 24hrs *ex vivo*. **E.** Human lung cDC2 were gated on live, HLA-DR<sup>+</sup>CD1c<sup>+</sup>CD14<sup>-</sup>CD206<sup>-</sup> cells as before<sup>3</sup> (n=4 emphysema patients). Graphs represent the mean with error bars indication s.e.m. *P* values determined by unpaired Student's *t*-test.