

Supplemental information

**Salivary ZG16B expression loss follows
exocrine gland dysfunction related
to oral chronic graft-versus-host disease**

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Table S1: Clinical characteristics of patients and healthy volunteers, Related to all Figures

Demographics	Discovery			Validation				scRNAseq
				Cohort 1		Cohort 2		
	unaffected	affected	HV	unaffected	affected	unaffected	affected	HV
Number of cases	3	3	2	10	10	12	12	4
Age at sample, yr, median (range)	64 (25-68)	50(50-53)	56 (49-63)	46.5 (26-56)	57(27-67)	54 (19-68)	50 (20-68)	27 (24-34)
Sex (F/M)	0/3	0/3	0/2	5/5	3/7	6/6	6/6	2/2
Race (%)								
White, non-Hispanic	2 (66.6)	3 (100)	2 (20)	8 (80)	10 (100)	12 (100)	10 (83.3)	2 (50)
White, Hispanic	1 (33.3)			1 (10)			1 (8.3)	1(25)
African							1 (8.3)	1(25)
Asian				1 (10)				
Time post-HSCT, months, median (range)	9 (3-20)	12(2-20)	n/a	25.5(3-88)	11.5 (4-34)	36 (5-137)	18 (8-68)	n/a
Underlying Disease, n (%)								
Lymphoma (HD/NHL)	-	2 (66.6)	n/a	4 (40)	5 (50)	1 (8.3)	3 (25)	n/a
Acute leukemia (AML/ALL)	-	-	n/a	2 (20)	1 (10)	6 (50)	6 (50)	n/a
Chronic leukemia (CLL/CML)	3 (100)	1 (33.3)	n/a	2 (20)	4 (40)	2 (16.7)	1 (8.3)	n/a
MDS/myeloproliferative disorder (MDS, myelofibrosis, PV)	-	-	n/a	1 (10)	-	1 (8.3)	1 (8.3)	n/a
Other	-	-	n/a	1 (10)	-	2 (16.8)	1 (8.3)	n/a
Donor type, n (%)								
Related	-	-	n/a	3 (30)	-	5 (41.7)	5 (41.6)	n/a
Unrelated	3 (100)	3 (100)	n/a	7 (70)	10 (100)	7 (58.3)	7 (58.3)	n/a
HLA match, n (%)								
Matched	3 (100)	3 (100)	n/a	9 (90)	8 (80)	11 (91.7)	9 (75)	n/a
Mismatched	-	-	n/a	1 (10)	2 (20)	1 (8.3)	2 (16.7)	n/a
Haploidentical family donor	-	-	n/a	-	-	-	1 (8.3)	n/a
Sex match (donor -> recipient) , n (%)								
F → F	-	-	n/a	5 (50)	1 (10)	3 (25)	3 (25)	n/a
F → M	-	2 (66.7)	n/a	-	3 (30)	-	3 (25)	n/a
M → M	3 (100)	1 (33.3)	n/a	3 (30)	4 (40)	5 (41.7)	3 (25)	n/a
M → F	-	-	n/a	-	2 (20)	3 (25)	2 (16.7)	n/a
Not Available	-	-	n/a	2 (2)	-	1 (8.3)	1 (8.3)	n/a
Conditioning regimen , n (%)								
Myeloablative (%)	3 (100)	3 (100)	n/a	9 (90)	10 (100)	7 (58.3)	6 (50)	n/a
Nonmyeloablative			n/a				4	n/a
History of TBI, n(%)	3 (100)	3 (100)	n/a	9 (90)	10 (100)	7 (58.3)	6 (50)	n/a
Stem cell source , n (%)								
PBSC	2 (66.7)	3 (100)	n/a	10 (100)	10 (100)	11 (91.7)	9 (75)	n/a
Bone Marrow	1 (33.3)	-	n/a	-	-	1 (8.3)	3 (25)	n/a
History of aGVHD, yes, n (%)	1 (33.3)	1 (33.3)	n/a	4 (40)	6 (60)	8 (66.7)	8 (66.7)	n/a
Saliva production ¹ , g, mean (±SD)	2.13 (±0.99)	1.4 (±0.86)	4.32 (±0.86)	2.37(±1.98)	2.4 (±1.31)	2.12(±1.26)	2.27(±1.38)	3.78(±1.52)
Systemic immunosuppressive treatment at time of saliva sample n (%)								
None		1 (33.3)	3 (100)	5 (50)			2 (16.7)	4 (100)
Steroid	1 (33.3)			1 (10)	2 (20)	5 (42)	1 (8.3)	
Calcineurin/mTOR inhibitor		2 (66.6)		3 (30)	4 (40)	5 (42)	3 (25)	
Calcineurin/mTOR inhibitor + Steroid				1 (10)	2 (20)	1 (8.3)	6 (50)	
Other	2 (66.6)				2 (20)	1 (8.3)		

¹Five-minute unstimulated whole saliva

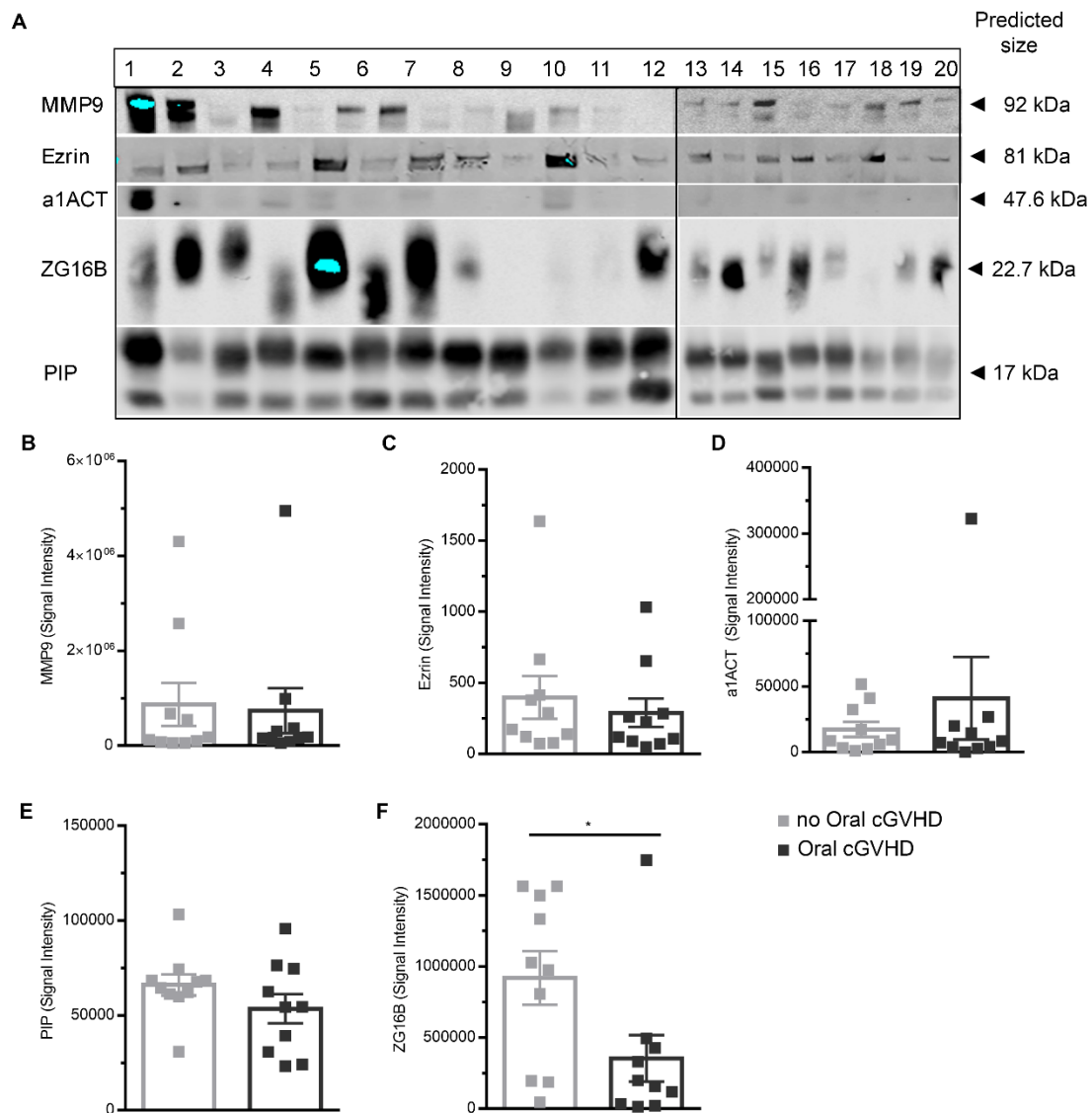


Figure S1: WB Validation of the differentially expressed proteins in the saliva samples of Cohort 2, Related to Figure 2 (A) Quantitative WB analysis of MMP9 (predicted MW of ~ 92 kDa), Ezrin(predicted MW of ~ 81 kDa), a1ACT (predicted MW of ~ 47.6 kDa), and both glycosylated and nonglycosylated forms of ZG16B (predicted MW of ~ 22.7 kDa) and PIP (predicted MW of ~ 17 kDa) in individual saliva samples from post-HSCT patients with oral cGVHD (odd numbers) compared with non-affected post-HSCT patients (even numbers) of Cohort 2 was undertaken. Equal amounts of protein (10 μ g)

were loaded in each lane of the individual gels which are separated by the line (B) Densitometric analysis was performed using Image Studio Lite software (LiCor). Each dot represents 1 patient. Values are plotted as mean \pm SEM. Differences between groups were calculated using unpaired student's *t*-test with $p \leq 0.05$ considered significant.

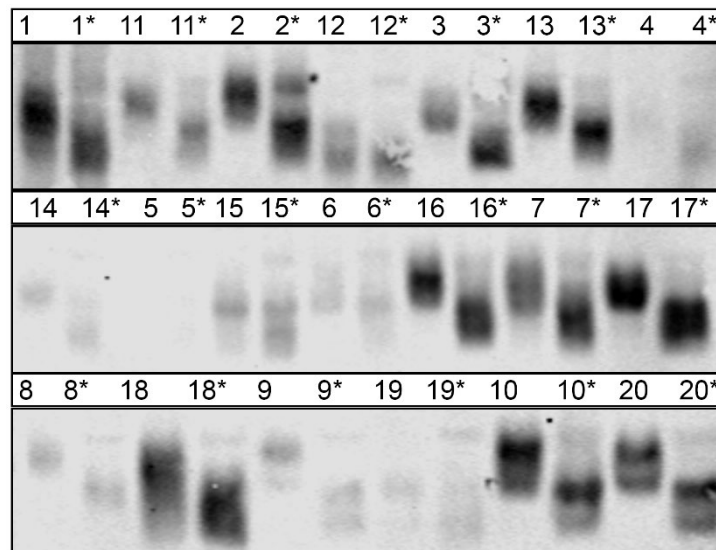


Figure S2: WB analysis of PNGase F-treated (*) and untreated saliva from post-HSCT patients with oral cGVHD (# 1-10) compared with non-affected post-HSCT patients (# 11-20) of cohort 2, Related to Figure 3. A 5 μ g aliquot of ethanol-precipitated saliva, treated with or without PNGase F digestion, was loaded per lane and detected by anti-ZG16B WB. Untreated samples migrate differently at, typically, a higher apparent molecular weight. After PNGase F treatment, all samples migrate at the predicted molecular weight of \sim 22,7 kDa [UniProtKB – Q96DA0]. The asterisked numbers denote samples with PNGase treatment.

Table S2: Summary of HV information and sequencing statistics, Related to Figure 4

Samples	Age/Sex	N° of cells	Mean Reads/cell	Median genes/cell	N° of cells post filtering
HV1	28/M	7707	14403	912	6747
HV2	26/M	7000	18387	577	6488
HV3	34/F	4124	32805	1305	3579
HV4	24/F	6978	20852	756	5600

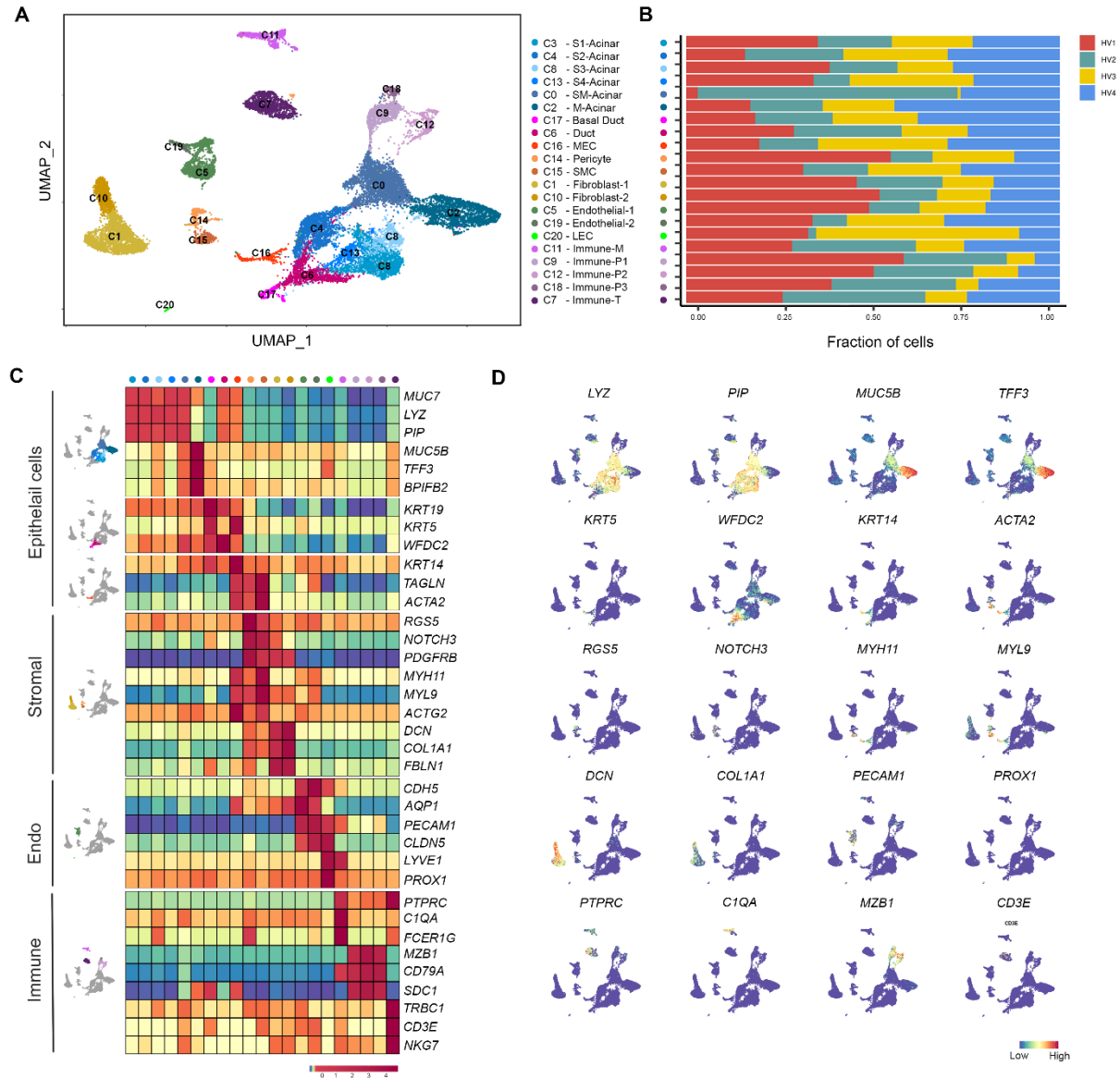


Figure S3: Single-cell transcriptomic sequencing and clustering of healthy volunteer minor salivary gland cells, Related to Figure 4. (A) UMAP embedding of data integrated from 4 HV MSG that were clustered into 20 populations and annotated according to expression of known marker genes. **(B)** Bar chart showing the fraction of cells from each sample in each of the 20 identified clusters. **(C)** UMAP projection plots colored by cell populations along with heatmaps of normalized gene expression of known markers used for their identification. **(D)** Feature plots illustrating the expression pattern

of selected makers genes of each cluster. Blue denotes minimal expression and red, high.
MEC - Myoepithelial Cells; LEC – Lymphatic Endothelial Cells; SMC- Smooth Muscle
Cells.

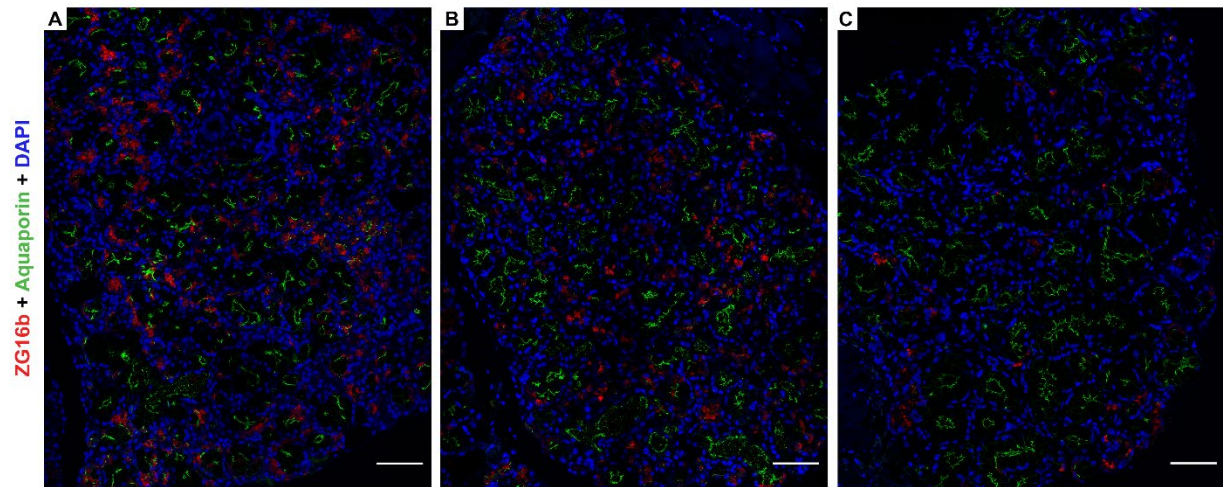


Figure S4: Expanded images of ZG16B in the specimens shown within Figure 5A-C. IHC staining highlights ZG16B (red) in the labial MSG of (A) a healthy volunteer, (B) a post-HSCT patient without oral cGVHD and (C) a post-HSCT patient with oral cGVHD. DAPI (blue) indicates nucleated cells and aquaporin 5 (green) labels the apical membrane of acinar cells. Magnification 400x, scale bars=200 μ m.

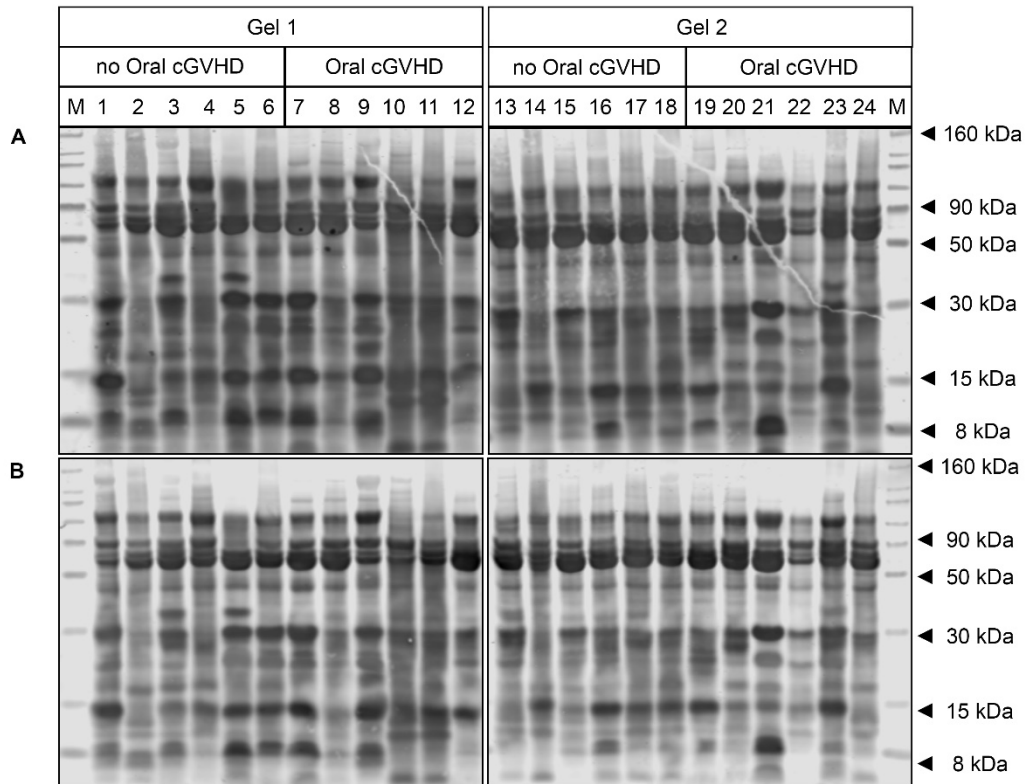


Figure S5: Loading Controls for Immunoblots, Related to Figures 2 and 3.

Nitrocellulose membranes stained with Revert® Total protein stain prior to western blotting to verify consistent protein loading and electrotransfer. (A) Membrane Figure 2A.

(B) Membrane Figure 3.