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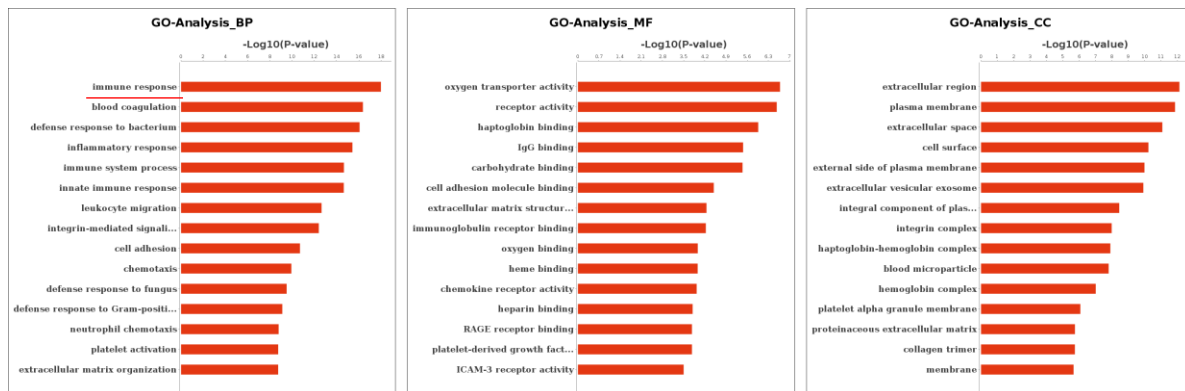
**LncRNA IFITM4P promotes immune escape
by up-regulating PD-L1 via dual mechanism
in oral carcinogenesis**

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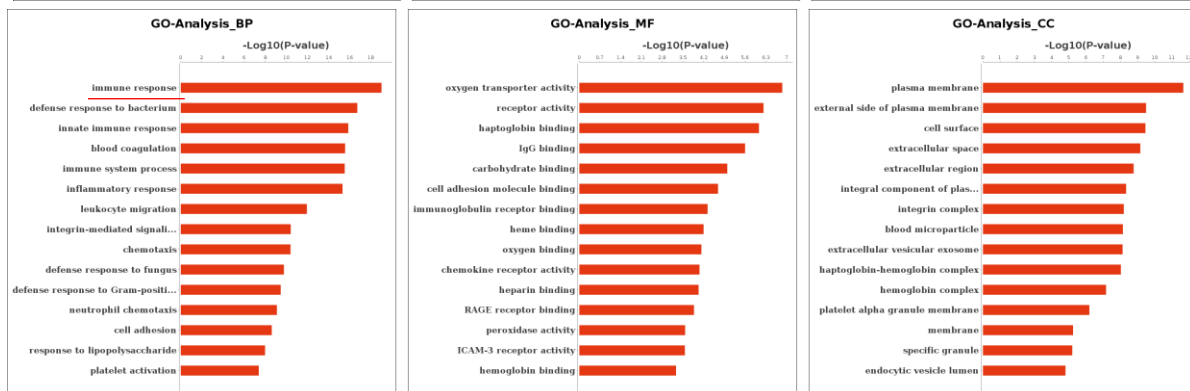
Supplementary Figure. 1

IFITM4P VS Vector

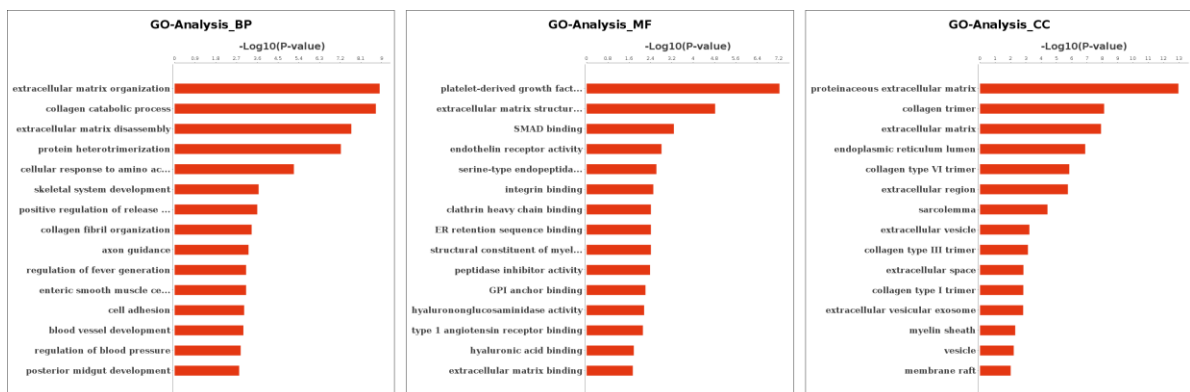
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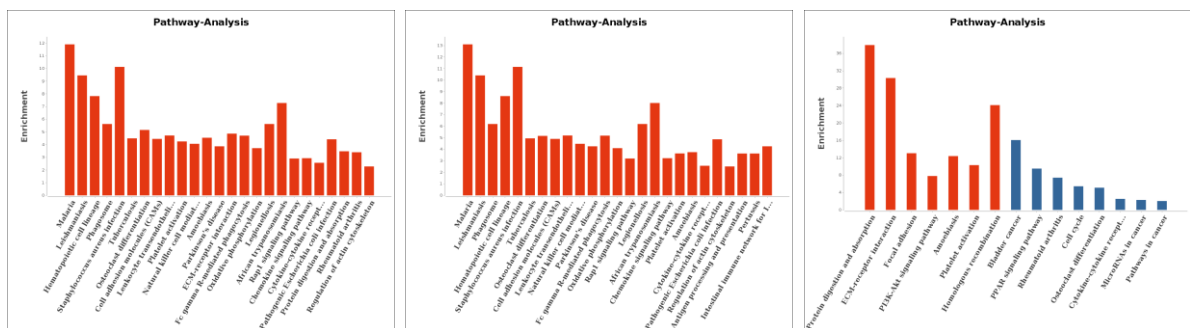
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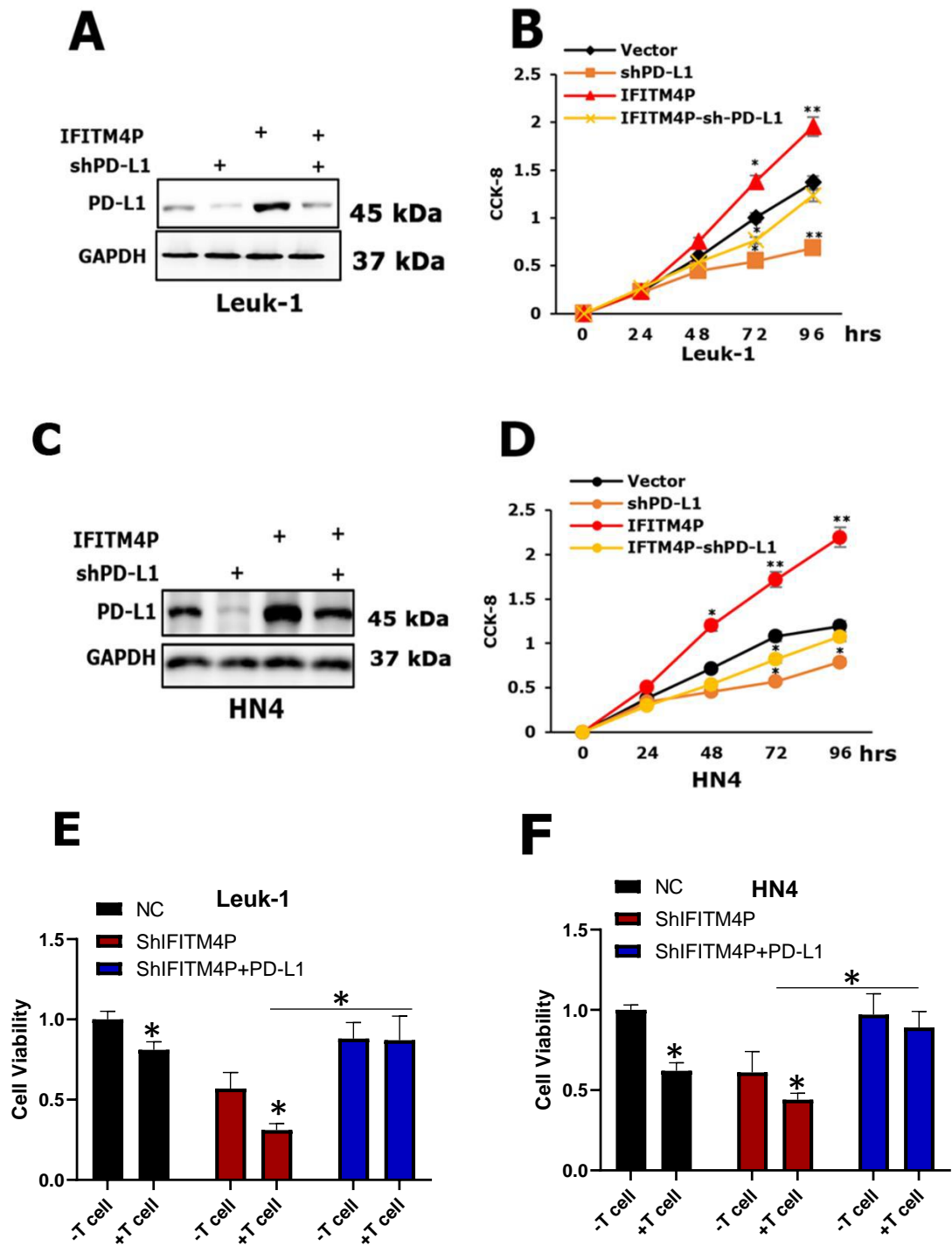


Enriched GO functions and KEGG pathway-Analysis of differentially expressed genes. GO analysis of all changed genes (A), upregulated (B) and down-regulated (C) genes.

(D) KEGG pathway analysis of differentially expressed genes. Left: All of changed genes KEGG pathway analysis, middle: upregulated genes, right: downregulated genes.

KEGG pathway analysis. KEGG, Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes.

Supplementary Figure. 2



(A) Stable expression of PD-L1 treated with IFITM4P and shPD-L1 in Leuk-1 cells.

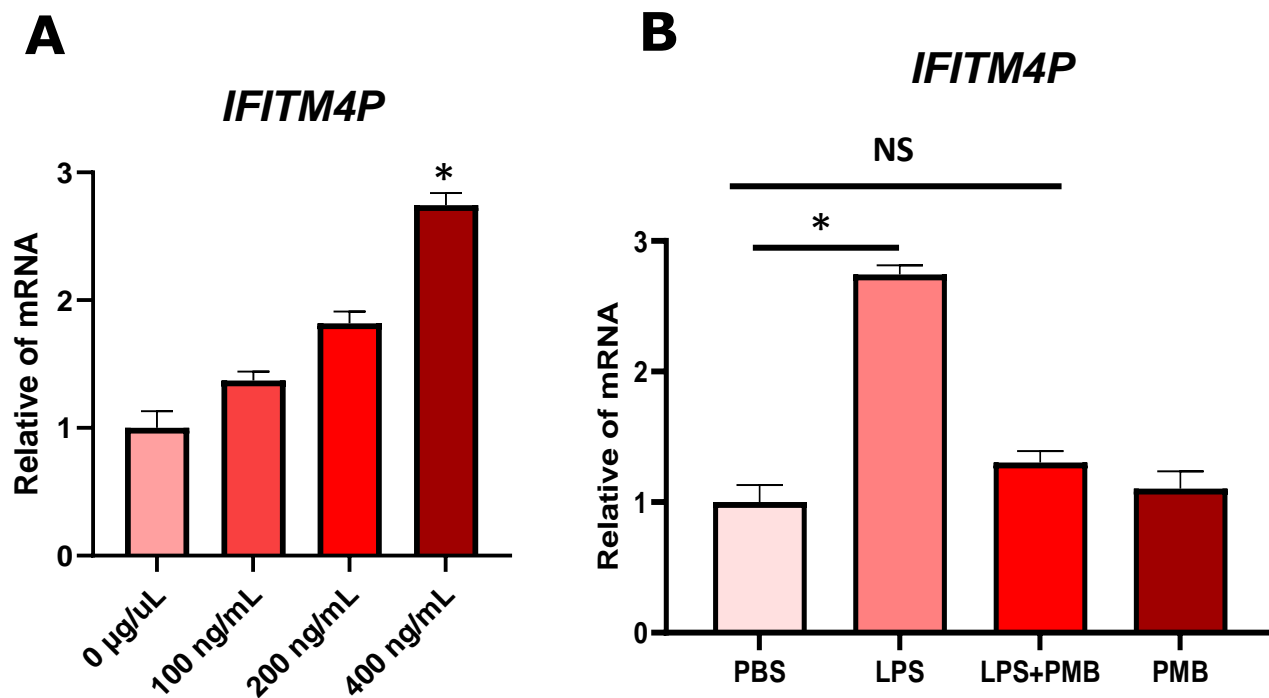
(B) Effect of IFITM4P and shPD-L1 on growth in Leuk-1 cells overexpressing the empty vector or IFITM4P-Leuk-1. Cell proliferation was measured using the CCK-8 assay.

(C) Stable expression of PD-L1 in HN4 cells treated with IFITM4P and shPD-L1.

(D) Effect of IFITM4P and shPD-L1 on growth in HN4 cells overexpressing the empty vector or IFITM4P-Leuk-1. Cell proliferation was measured using the CCK assay.

(E,F) T cell-mediated cancer cell-killing assay results. Leuk-1 (E) or HN4 (F) cells cocultured with activated T cell for 48 h were subjected to crystal violet staining. The ratio of Leuk-1 or HN4 to T cell is 1:3.

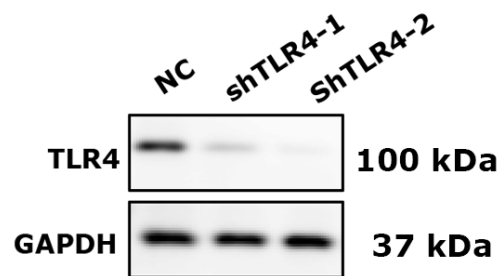
Supplementary Figure. 3



(A) qRT-PCR showed a dose-dependent increase in LPS-induced *IFITM4P* transcription after 12hrs in Leuk-1 cells.

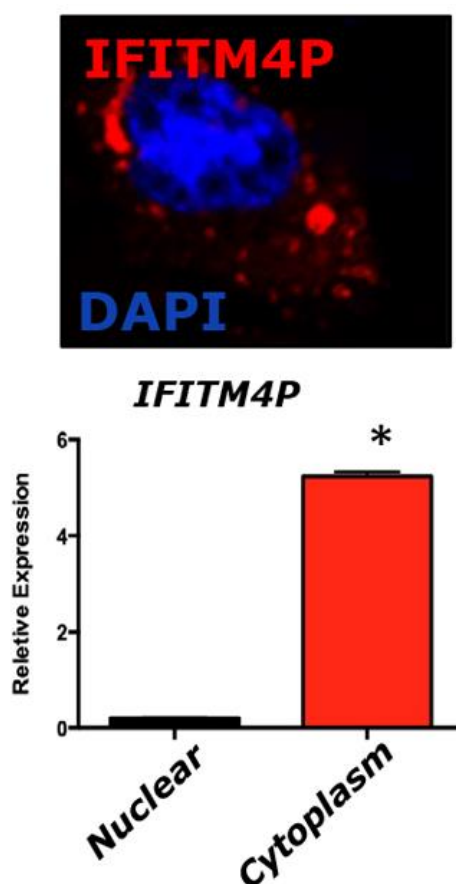
(B) Comparison of the effects of LPS (400 ng/mL) alone and LPS (400 ng/mL) +PMB (10 µg/mL) treatment on *IFITM4P* after 12 hrs of incubation. Data were shown as mean \pm s.d. from three independent. NS = no significant difference. *P < 0.05.

Supplementary Figure. 4



Western blotting shows stable expression of shTLR4 in Leuk-1 cells.

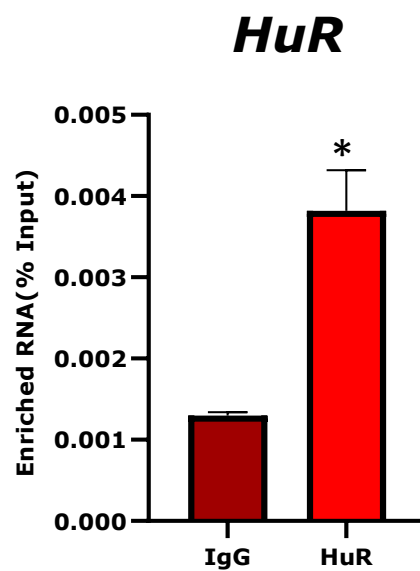
Supplementary Figure. 5



Top: Images taken by confocal microscopy shows the localization of IFITM4P detected by FISH assays in Leuk-1 cells. A representative image is shown at 400× magnification.

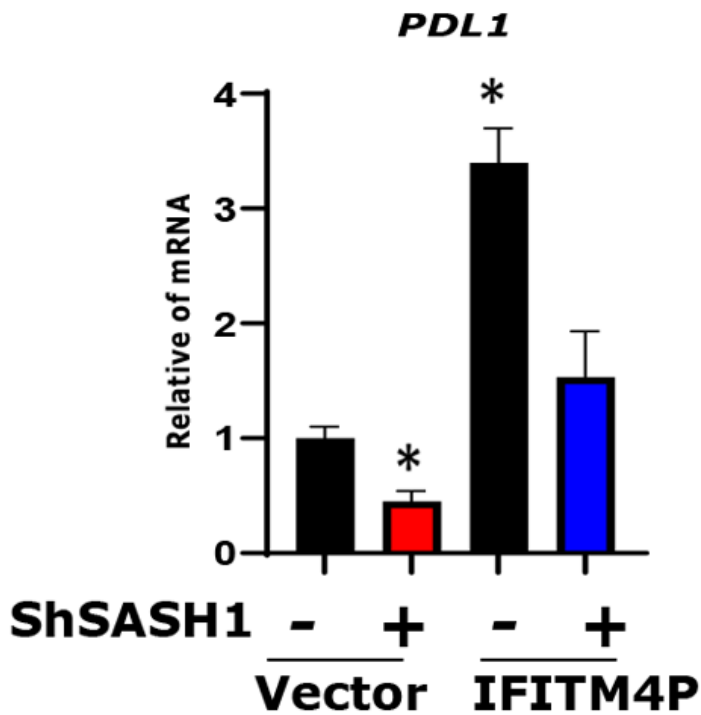
Bottom: qRT-PCR shows IFITM4P expression in the nuclear and cytoplasmic fractions of Leuk-1 cells. Data were shown as mean \pm s.d. from three independent. *P < 0.05.

Supplementary Figure. 6



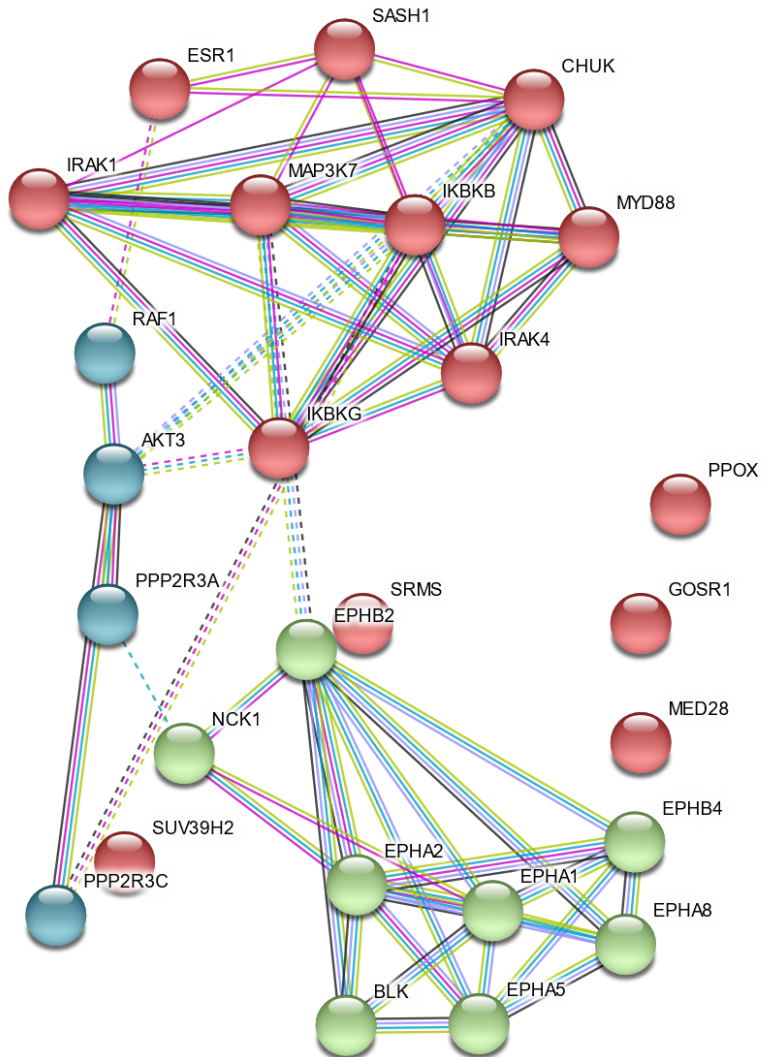
RIP assays validate the association of HuR-prober with HuR in Leuk-1 cells. HuR served as positive controls. (n=3), Data were shown as mean \pm s.d. from three independent. *P < 0.05.

Supplementary Figure. 7



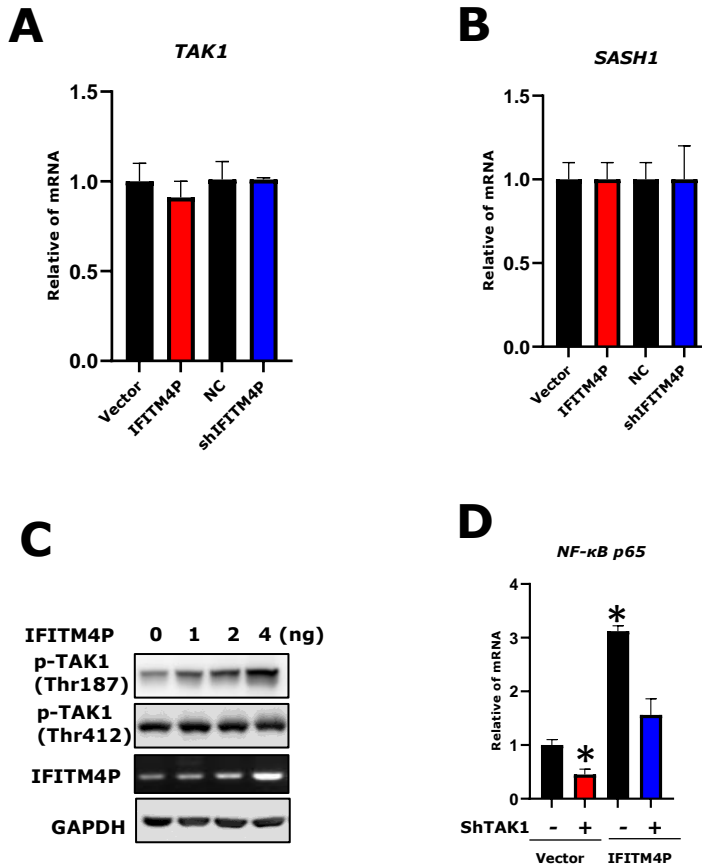
qRT-PCR show that the expression of *PD-L1* in IFITM4P overexpressing cells is significantly decreased upon knockdown of SASH1 using ShSASH1. Data were shown as mean \pm s.d. from three independent. *P < 0.05.

Supplementary Figure. 8



Bioinformatics analysis of the interaction network of SASH1 associated proteins (<https://www.genecards.org/>). MAP3K7 (TAK1)

Supplementary Figure. 9



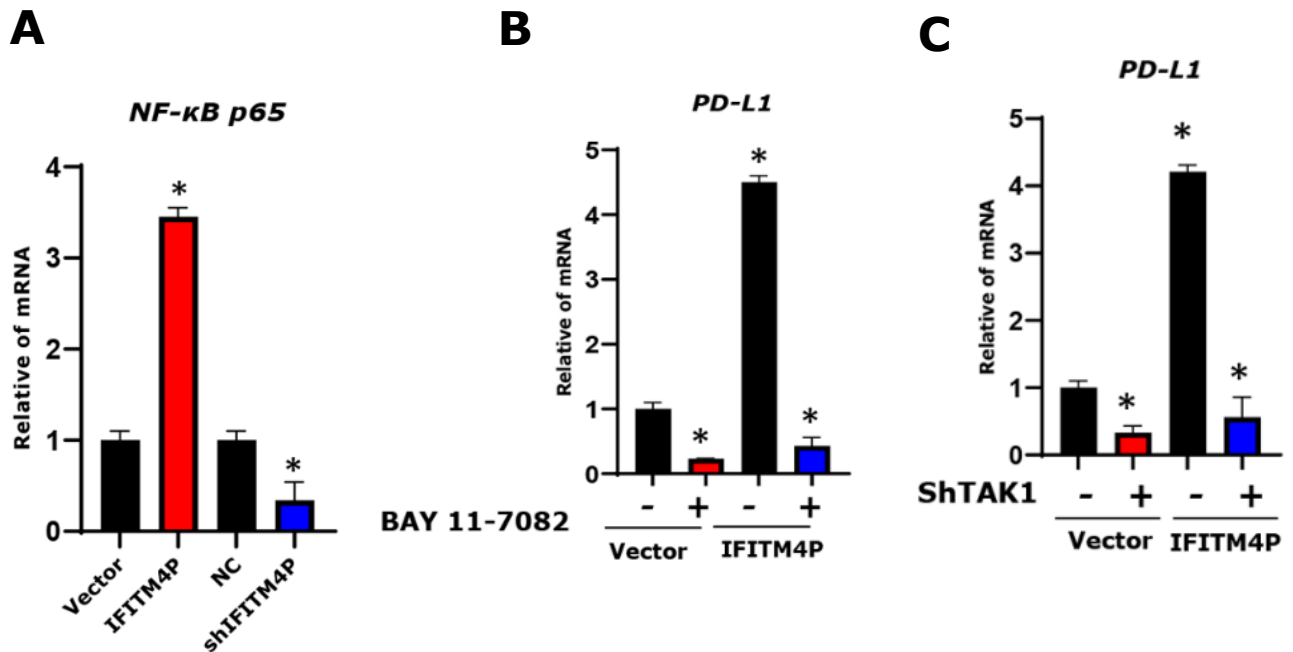
(A) (B) The results showed that IFITM4P did not show any apparent effect on the expression of TAK1 and SASH1.

(C) Phosphorylation of TAK1(Thr187) was obviously enhanced by IFITM4P dose (0-4 ng) in Leuk-1 cells, but phosphorylation of TAK1(Thr412) was not apparently changed.

(D) Knockdown of SASH1 in Leuk-1-IFITM4P repressed the mRNA of NF-κB p65. Data from A,B,D were shown as mean \pm s.d. from three independent.

*P < 0.05.

Supplementary Figure. 10



(A) NF-κB p65 levels are increased by the ectopic expression of IFITM4P in Leuk-1 cells and decreased by its knockdown.

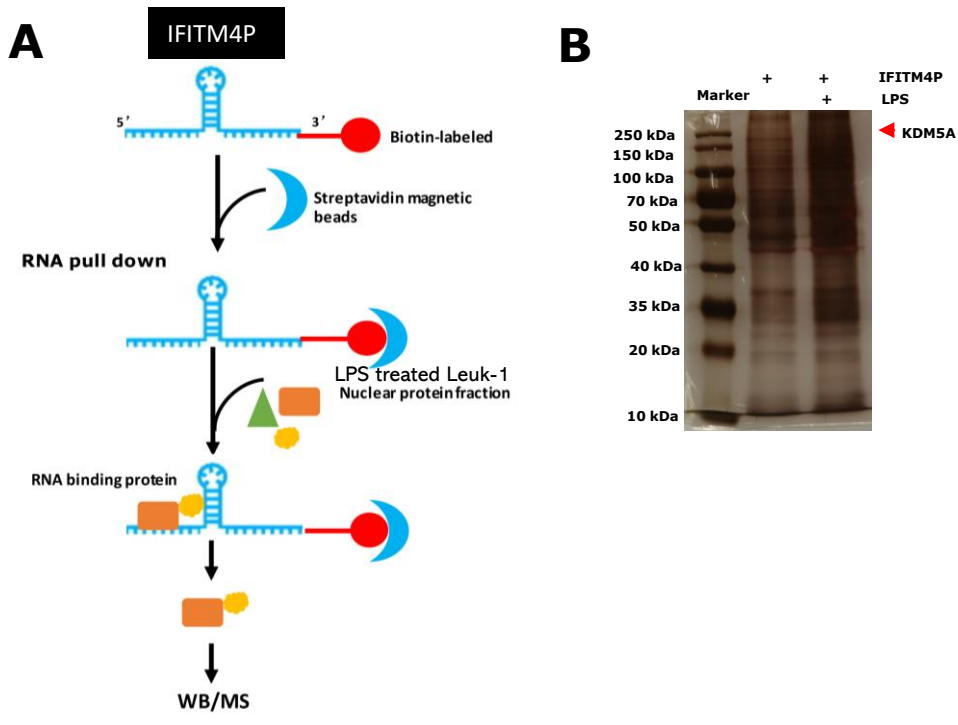
(B) qRT-PCR shows repression of *PD-L1* transcription in BAY 11-7082 (10μM)-treated Leuk-1 cells, expressing either vector or IFITM4P.

(C) qRT-PCR analysis show that knockdown of TAK1 with shTAK1 repressed *PD-L1* transcription in IFITM4P expressing Leuk-1 cells.

Data from A,B,C were shown as mean \pm s.d. from three independent.

*P < 0.05.

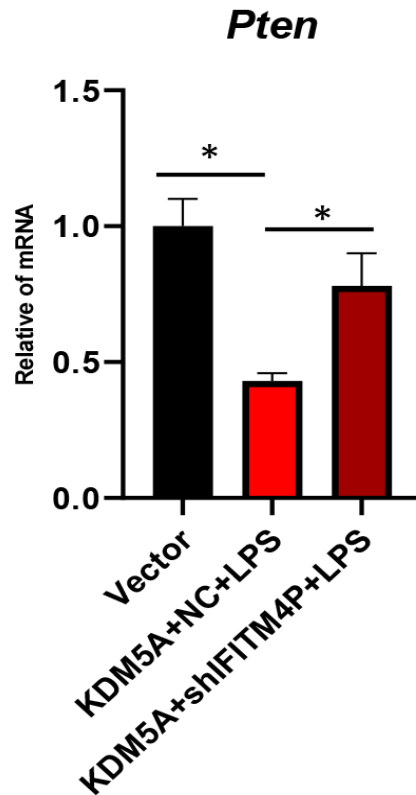
Supplementary Figure. 11



(A) Schematic of the RNA pulldown experiment for the identification of proteins associated with IFITM4P.

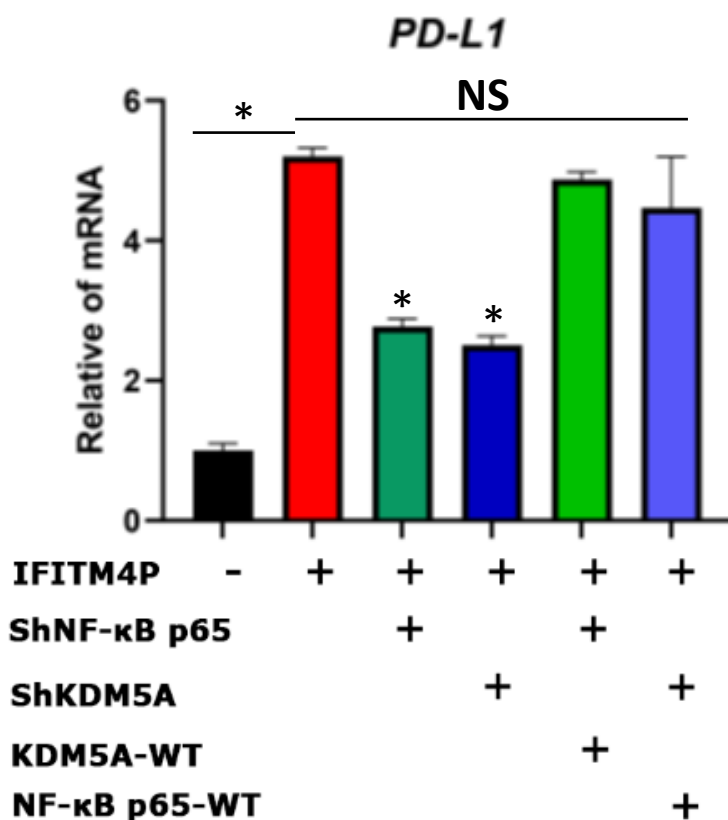
(B) Leuk-1 with stable overexpression of IFITM4P was treated with LPS for 12 h. IFITM4P and its associated complexes were enriched by IP with streptavidin magnetic beads.

Supplementary Figure. 12



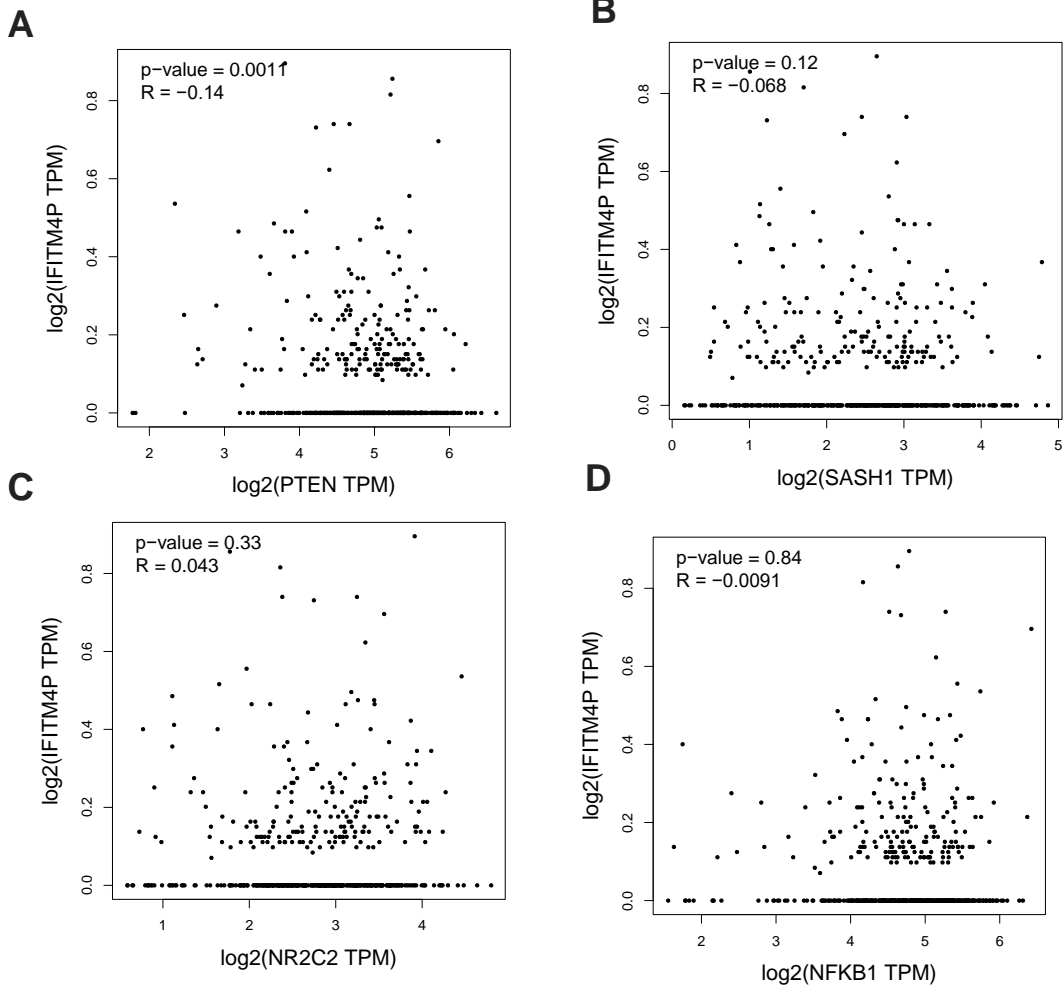
RT-PCR analysis of relative *Pten* mRNA expression in Vector and KDM5A-overexpressing Leuk-1 cells under LPS (100 μ g/ml) treatment. Data were shown as mean \pm s.d. from three independent. *P < 0.05.

Supplementary Figure. 13



IFITM4P-HN4 and Vector-HN4 cells transiently transfected with ShRNAs to NF-κB p65 or KDM5A or scrambled control (ShRNA-NC), KDM5A or NF-κB p65, vector were treated with LPS (100 μg/ml). qRT-PCR showed a significant decrease in PD-L1 expression following the knockdown of KDM5A, and NF-κB p65, while KDM5A or NF-κB p65 increased the expression of PD-L1. Data were shown as mean ± s.d. from three independent. *P < 0.05. NS = no significant difference. WT = wild type.

Supplementary Figure. 14



Data from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) indicated negative correlation between the levels of IFITM4P and PTEN (A) in HNSC samples (n = 518) (*P < 0.05), but no correlation between the levels of IFITM4P with SASH1(B), NR2C2(TAK1)(C), and NFKB1(D).

Supplementary Table 1. Clinicopathological information of patients in LncRNA microarray experiment

Number	sex*	age	site	Diagnosis**	epithelial dysplasia	OL-staging	OSCC-staging
1	F	76	tongue	NM	/	/	/
2	F	66	tongue	NM	/	/	/
3	F	46	gingiva	NM	/	/	/
4	M	41	tongue	OL	mild	III	/
5	F	51	tongue	OL	mild	III	/
6	F	47	tongue	OL	none	II	/
7	M	37	tongue	OL	mild	III	/
8	M	39	tongue	OSCC	/	/	II
9	M	48	tongue	OSCC	/	/	II
10	F	72	tongue	OSCC	/	/	II
11	M	55	tongue	OSCC	/	/	II
12	M	66	tongue	OSCC	/	/	II

* Sex: F, female; M, male

** NM, normal mucosa; OL, oral leukoplakia; OSCC, squamous cell carcinoma

Supplementary Table 2. Baseline characteristics of the patients enrolled in qRT-PCR validation of *IFITM4P* and *PD-L1* expression

	NM group	OL group	OSCC group	P
	N (%)	N (%)	N (%)	
sex				
female	13 (56.52%)	34 (50.75%)	15 (32.61%)	0.084
male	10 (43.48%)	33 (49.25%)	31 (67.39%)	
age				
mean ± sd	48.957±13.4342	58.194±13.4268	67±12.0831	<0.001
smoking				
never	12 (52.17%)	37 (55.22%)	26 (56.52%)	0.511
present or past	8 (34.78%)	28 (41.79%)	12 (26.09%)	
N/A	3 (13.04%)	2 (2.99%)	8 (17.39%)	
alcohol intake				
never	13 (56.52%)	41 (61.19%)	25 (54.35%)	1.000
present or past	0	24 (35.82%)	13 (28.26%)	
N/A	10 (43.48%)	2 (2.99%)	8 (17.39%)	
OL lesion area (mm²)				
<200		37 (55.22%)		0.621
≥200		27 (40.30%)		
NA		3 (4.48%)		
OL site				
Others	16 (69.57%)	42 (62.69%)		0.621
Lateral/Ventral Tongue	7 (30.43%)	25 (37.31%)		
lesion type				
homogeneous		45 (67.16%)		0.621
nonhomogeneous		22 (32.84%)		
OL-staging				
I		10 (14.93%)		0.621
II		3 (4.48%)		
III		45 (67.16%)		
IV		9 (13.43%)		
OSCC site				
non tongue			31 (67.39%)	0.621
tongue			15 (32.61%)	
nerve invasion				
no			38 (82.61%)	0.621
yes			8 (17.39%)	
histologic differentiation*				
well			37 (80.43%)	0.621
moderate			9 (19.57%)	
poor			0 (0%)	
OSCC-clinical staging				
I			9 (19.57%)	0.621

II	28 (60.87%)
III	7 (15.22%)
IV	2 (4.35%)

Supplementary Table 3

Reagent or Resource	Source	Identifier
Antibodies		
PD-L1 Rabbit mAb	Immunoway	YT6033
TLR4 Rabbit mAb	Abcam	AB_2835322
KDM5A Rabbit mAb	Abcam	AB 70892
SASH1 Rabbit mAb	Immunoway	YT7427
TAK1 Rabbit mAb	Cell Signaling technology	Cat# 5602S
HA Rabbit mAb	Santa Cruz	Cat# sc-7392
TAK1 Rabbit mAb	Cell Signaling technology	Cat# 5602S
Phospho-TAK1 (Thr187) Antibody	Cell Signaling technology	Cat# 4536
Phospho-TAK1 (Thr412) Antibody	Cell Signaling technology	Cat# 9339
GAPDH Rabbit (D16H11)	Cell Signaling technology	Cat#5174
Phospho-NF- κ B p65 (Ser536) mouse mAb	Cell Signaling technology	Cat# 3036
NF- κ B p65 Rabbit mAb	Cell Signaling technology	Cat# 8242
Anti-Myc mAb	Cell Signaling technology	Cat #2276
Chemicals		
Lipofectamine 3000	Thermo SCIENTIFIC	Cat#L3000001
puromycin	Sigma Aldrich	Cat#P8833
BAY 11-7082	MCE	Cat#HY-13453
LPS	MCE	Cat#HY-D1056
TAK-242	MCE	Cat#HY-11109
Polymyxin B sulfate	MCE	Cat#HY-A0248
Oligonucleotides Primers; See Table S5		
Critical Commercial Assays		
Pierce TM Magnetic RNA-Protein Pull-Down Kit	Thermo SCIENTIFIC	Cat#20164
Malachite Green Phosphate Assay Kit	Cayman Chemical	Cat#1009325-96
Reverse Transcriptase Kit	Thermo SCIENTIFIC	Cat#18080044
T7 Transcription Kit	Thermo SCIENTIFIC	Cat#1354
RNAscope 2.0HD probe detection Kit	Advanced cell diagnostics	Cat#564781
SimpleChIP® Enzymatic Chromatin IP Kit (Agarose Beads)	Cell Signaling technology	Cat #9002
Experimental Models: Cell Lines		
Human: Leuk-1	American Type Culture Collection(ATCC)	
Human: HN4	American Type Culture Collection (ATCC)	
Human: 293T	American Type Culture Collection (ATCC)	
Experimental Models: Organisms		
B6/C57J	Shanghai SLAC Laboratory Animal Co.,Ltd	TD.09152

Supplementary Table 4

No.	Gene Symbol	GeneBank	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Ta(°C)
1	IFITM4P	NR_001590.1	CACTGCCCAAACCTTCTT	TGCTCCTCCTTGAGCATC	55
2	β -actin	DQ407611.1	CATTCCAAATATGAGATGCGTT	TACACGAAAGCAATGCTATCAC	60
3	TAK1	AF218074.1	GGATCCGGGATCATGTCGACAGCCTCCGC	CGCGGTACCTGAAGTGCCTTGTCGTTTCTG	55
4	SASH1	NM_015278.3	ATACCTCGGCTTGACATT	ATACCTCGGCTTGACATT	60
5	PD-L1	NM_001267706	TGCCGACTACAAGCGAATTACTG	CTGCTTGTCCAGATGACTTCGG	55
6	NF-KB P65	NM_021975.3	ATGCGCTTCCGCTACAAGTG	ACAATGGCCACTTGTCGGTG	55
For ChIP	P1		GCTTAGGTCTCAACTCAGA	CATCAACTCCAATGTAGGTAG	58
	P2		GGCTGTACGCTAGTTATCA	GTTAGGCTTACCGATGTTG	58