

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Intratracheally administered LNA gapmer antisense oligonucleotides induce robust gene silencing in mouse lung fibroblasts

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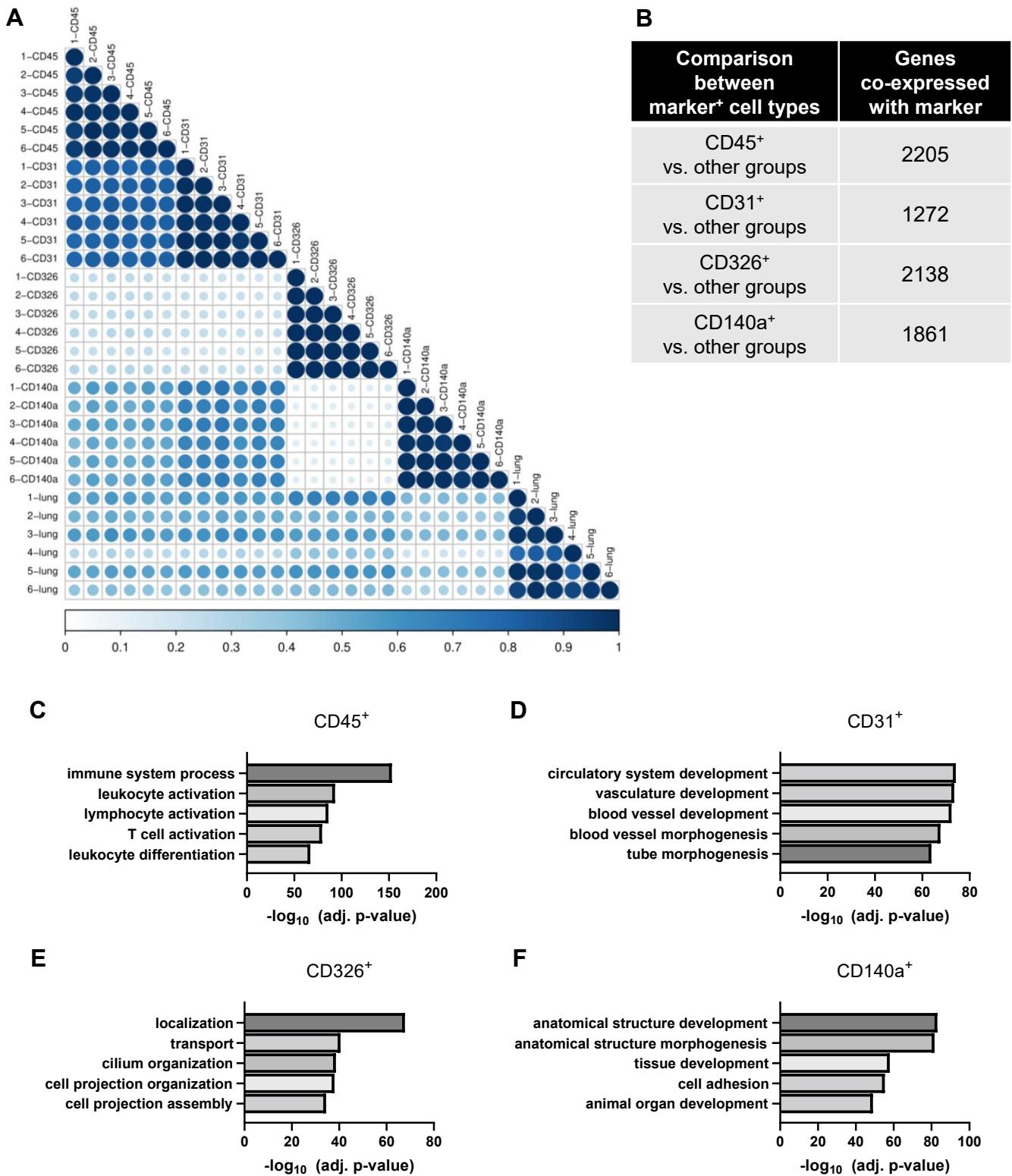
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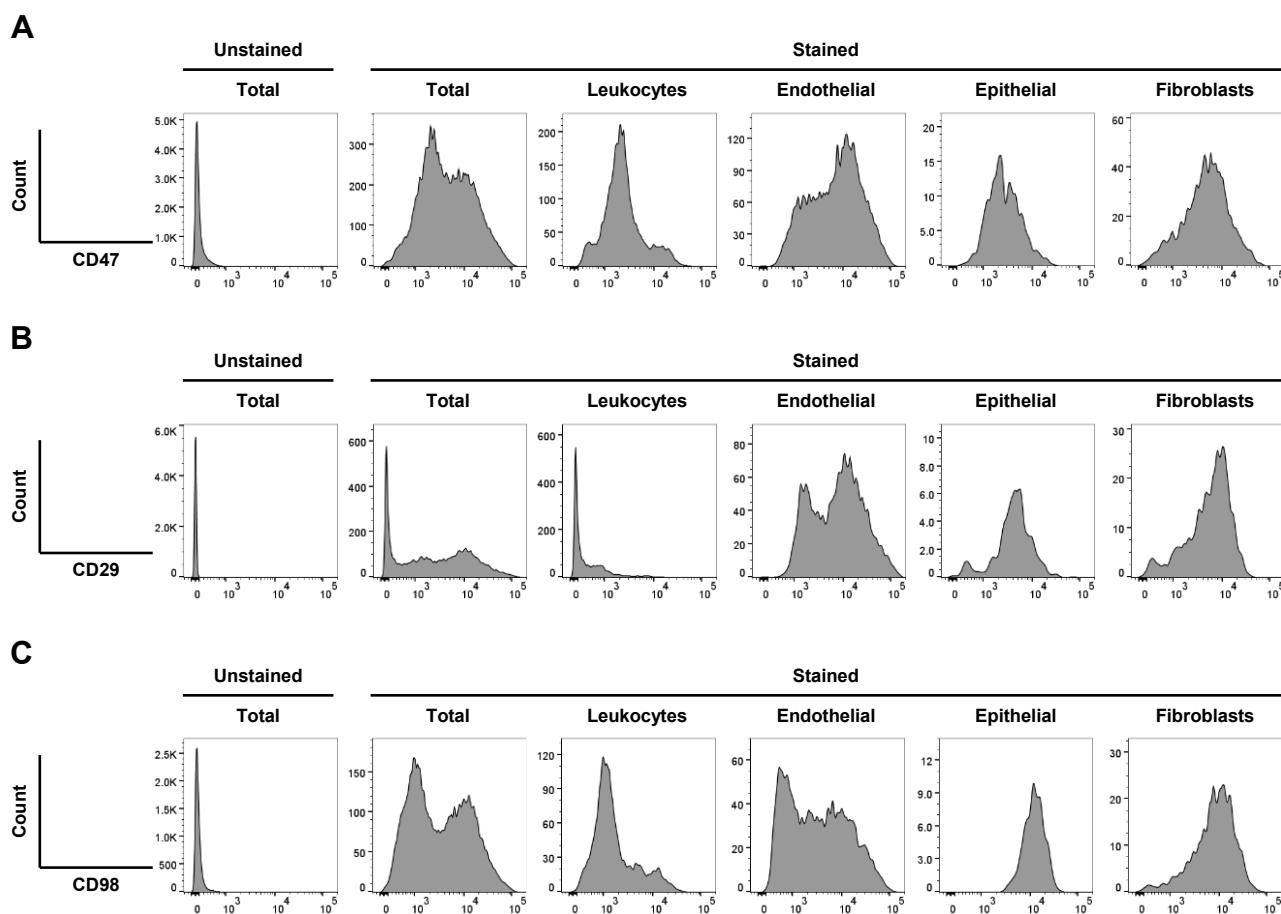
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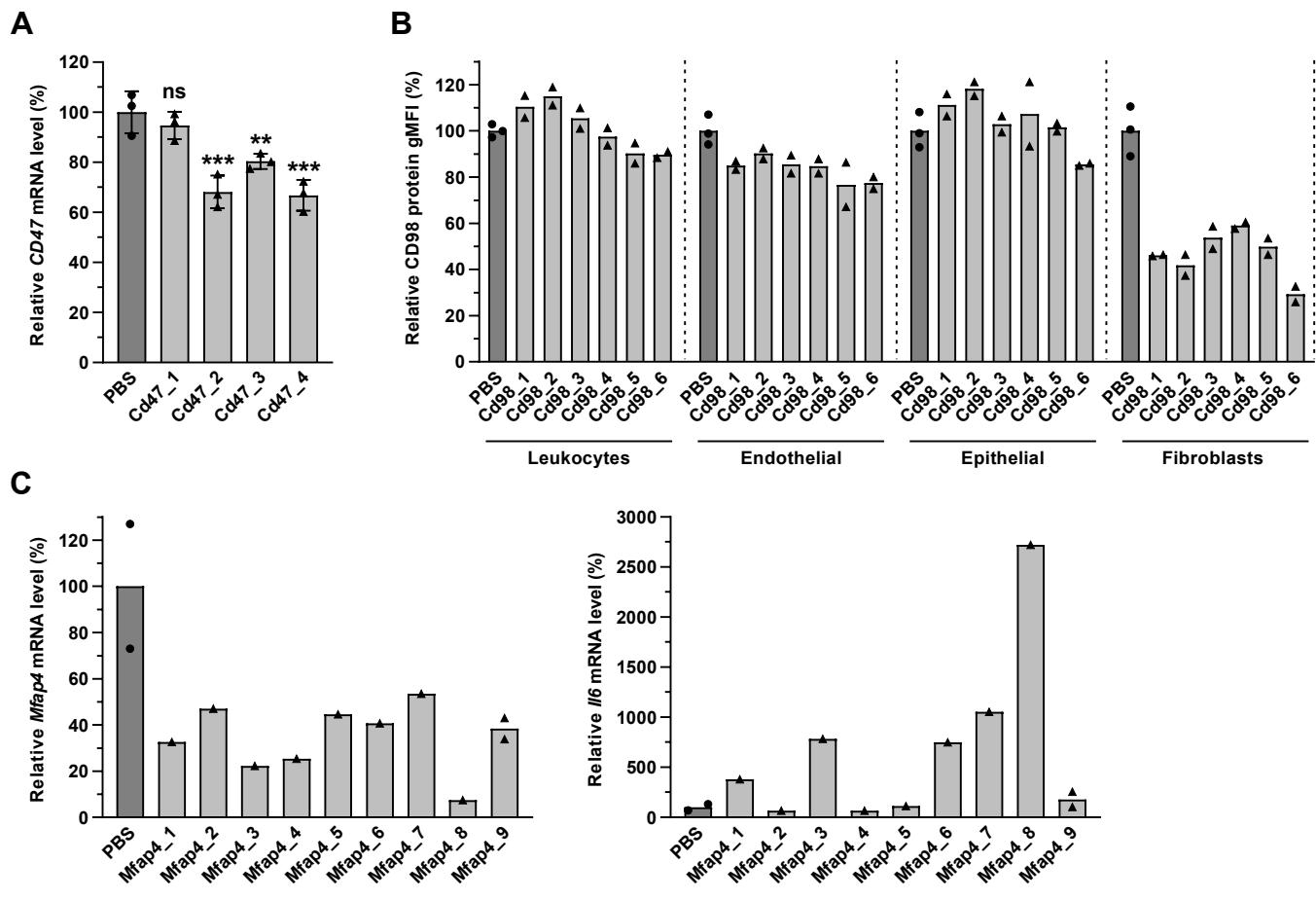


Supplementary Figure S1. Overview of RNA sequencing results. **(A)** Overall gene expression in each sorted cell-marker-positive group and bulk lung tissue correlates strongly with its own cell or tissue type between biological replicates. Scale represents Pearson correlation (0 to 1), and color intensity and size are proportional to correlation. Numbers 1-6 represent individual mice. **(B)** Differentially expressed genes that were upregulated in each group compared to all other groups (>2-fold, adjusted P -value<0.05). **(C-F)** Gene ontology analysis of the upregulated genes from panel B.



Supplementary Figure S2. Protein expression of model genes in each cell type.

Enzymatically dissociated mice lungs were stained with VioGreen-CD45, APC-CD31, FITC-CD326, and PE-Vio770-CD140a antibodies, and SYTOX Blue Live/Dead cell dye along with an antibody for PE-CD47 (**A**), PE-CD29 (**B**), or PE-CD98 (**C**). The protein expression translated from each model gene is presented in a histogram for each cell type. This data was used to select CD47 and CD98 as our model genes; CD29 was not considered ideal since a fraction of cells did not show positive staining.



Supplementary Figure S3. In vivo screening for LNA gapmer ASOs to find lead compounds.

(A) Mice were intratracheally administered 10 nmol (~2.2 mg kg⁻¹) of ASO targeting *Cd47* or PBS (n=3), and lungs were collected 2 days later. The silencing of *Cd47* mRNA was measured with RT-qPCR and normalized with *Ppib* mRNA level. Data are presented relative to the PBS group. **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001 versus the PBS group (one-way ANOVA). **(B)** Mice were intratracheally administered 20 nmol (~4.3 mg kg⁻¹) of ASO targeting *Cd98* (n=2) or PBS (n=3), and lungs were collected after 4 weeks subsequently analyzed by flow cytometry staining with VioGreen-CD45, APC-CD31, FITC-CD326, PE-Vio770-CD140a, and PE-CD98 antibodies, and SYTOX Blue Live/Dead cell dye. The CD98 protein level of ASO-treated groups presented relative to the PBS group of each cell type. **(C)** Mice were intratracheally administered 20 nmol (~4.3 mg kg⁻¹) of ASO targeting *Mfap4* or PBS (n=1-2), and lungs were collected 2 days later. The silencing of *Mfap4* mRNA and induction of *Il6* mRNA were measured with RT-qPCR and normalized with *Ppib* mRNA level. Data are presented relative to the PBS group. Data are presented as Mean ± SD (A) or Geo Mean (B) or Mean (C) with values of the individual animals as dots.

Target	Oligo name	Sequence (5'-3')	Calculated mass	Observed mass
<i>Cd47</i>	Cd47_1	+A+G+CdTdGdAdAd5Cd5CdGd5CdAdG+C+A+G	5379.4	5378.6
	Cd47_2	+A+C+GdGdAd5CdGdAdTdGd5CdAdA+G+G+G	5431.4	5430.6
	Cd47_3	+C+C+GdTdGd5CdGdGdTdTdTdTdT+C+A+G	5344.3	5343.5
	Cd47_4	+G+T+Gd5CdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdT+C+T+C	5369.3	5368.5
<i>Cd98</i>	Cd98_1	+G+G+CdTdGd5CdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdG+G+T+T	5334.4	5333.6
	Cd98_2	+C+C+GdTdGd5CdGd5CdTdTdTdG5CdAdT+T+C+A	5300.4	5299.7
	Cd98_3	+G+G+CdTdGd5Cd5CdAdGdTdTdTdGd5C+A+T+T	5378.4	5377.5
	Cd98_4	+G+C+AdGd5CdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdGdAdG+T+C+G	5413.3	5412.6
	Cd98_5	+G+C+AdAd5CdAdGdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdGd5CdG+C+T+C	5379.4	5378.7
	Cd98_6	+A+C+CdGdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdT+C+T+C+G	5334.4	5333.7
<i>Mfap4</i>	Mfap4_1	+G+C+AdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdG+G+G+C	5412.4	5411.6
	Mfap4_2	+C+T+GdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdG+G+C+G	5377.4	5376.6
	Mfap4_3	+T+T+CdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdG+C+G+C	5309.4	5308.7
	Mfap4_4	+C+C+AdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdA+T+T+G	5336.4	5335.6
	Mfap4_5	+C+T+CdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdG+A+G+G	5368.4	5367.6
	Mfap4_6	+T+G+CdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdA+G+C+C	5335.4	5334.6
	Mfap4_7	+G+G+TdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdA+G+C	5448.4	5447.6
	Mfap4_8	+A+C+AdGdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdA+G+A+C	5371.4	5370.6
	Mfap4_9	+T+G+GdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdTdA+G+T	5371.4	5370.6

Supplementary Table S1. Gapmer ASOs used in Supplementary Figure S3. dN = DNA, +N = LNA, uN = 2'-O-MOE, d5C = 5-methyl-deoxycytosine. All internucleotide linkages were phosphorothioate.

Figure 3A

Time	Gene	Technical replicate	PBS						Cd47_4					
			1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	5	6
1 week	<i>Ppib</i>	a	23.73	23.47	23.25	23.37	23.67	23.26	23.60	23.51	23.53	23.80	23.93	24.40
		b	23.88	23.54	23.21	23.45	23.67	23.49	23.64	23.58	23.44	23.89	24.06	24.44
	<i>Cd47</i>	a	22.14	21.79	21.28	21.56	21.87	21.23	22.04	22.26	22.26	22.86	23.03	23.37
		b	22.16	21.83	21.43	21.68	22.04	21.45	22.20	22.46	22.37	23.00	22.99	23.48
2 weeks	<i>Ppib</i>	a	23.00	23.91	23.33	23.72	24.12	23.53	24.11	24.60	23.36	24.28	25.08	25.01
		b	23.12	24.01	23.32	23.68	24.24	23.62	24.07	24.60	23.36	24.40	25.08	25.22
	<i>Cd47</i>	a	21.12	21.98	21.27	21.75	22.19	21.75	22.58	23.21	22.15	23.19	23.93	23.74
		b	21.32	22.30	21.55	22.02	22.58	22.17	22.96	23.42	22.45	23.49	24.11	23.88
4 weeks	<i>Ppib</i>	a	23.59	24.32	23.16	22.50	22.69		22.56	22.40	22.41	22.78	23.12	
		b	23.71	24.34	23.21	22.53	22.98		22.58	22.48	22.50	22.74	23.18	
	<i>Cd47</i>	a	21.61	22.13	21.18	20.69	20.84		21.03	21.36	21.37	21.21	22.13	
		b	21.77	22.29	21.35	20.89	21.04		21.23	21.42	21.86	21.26	22.06	
8 weeks	<i>Ppib</i>	a	23.11	22.82	23.50	23.61	22.43	22.82	22.59	22.39	22.53	22.57	23.02	23.94
		b	23.19	23.05	23.41	23.74	22.56	22.90	22.65	22.38	22.46	22.68	22.94	24.12
	<i>Cd47</i>	a	20.84	20.93	21.21	21.26	20.59	20.92	21.00	20.75	21.04	21.11	21.30	22.43
		b	21.21	21.09	21.47	21.42	21.05	21.20	21.19	21.03	21.36	21.36	21.58	22.50

Figure 4A

Gene	Technical replicate	PBS	Malat1_3
<i>Ppib</i>	a	23.22	23.61
	b	23.14	23.64
<i>Malat1</i>	a	17.52	19.30
	b	17.57	19.33

Supplementary Table S2—Continued. Raw Ct values of RT-qPCR analysis (Page 2/3).

