

**Table S1A. Patient background characteristics for PBMC FACS analysis (Figure 1A and B)**

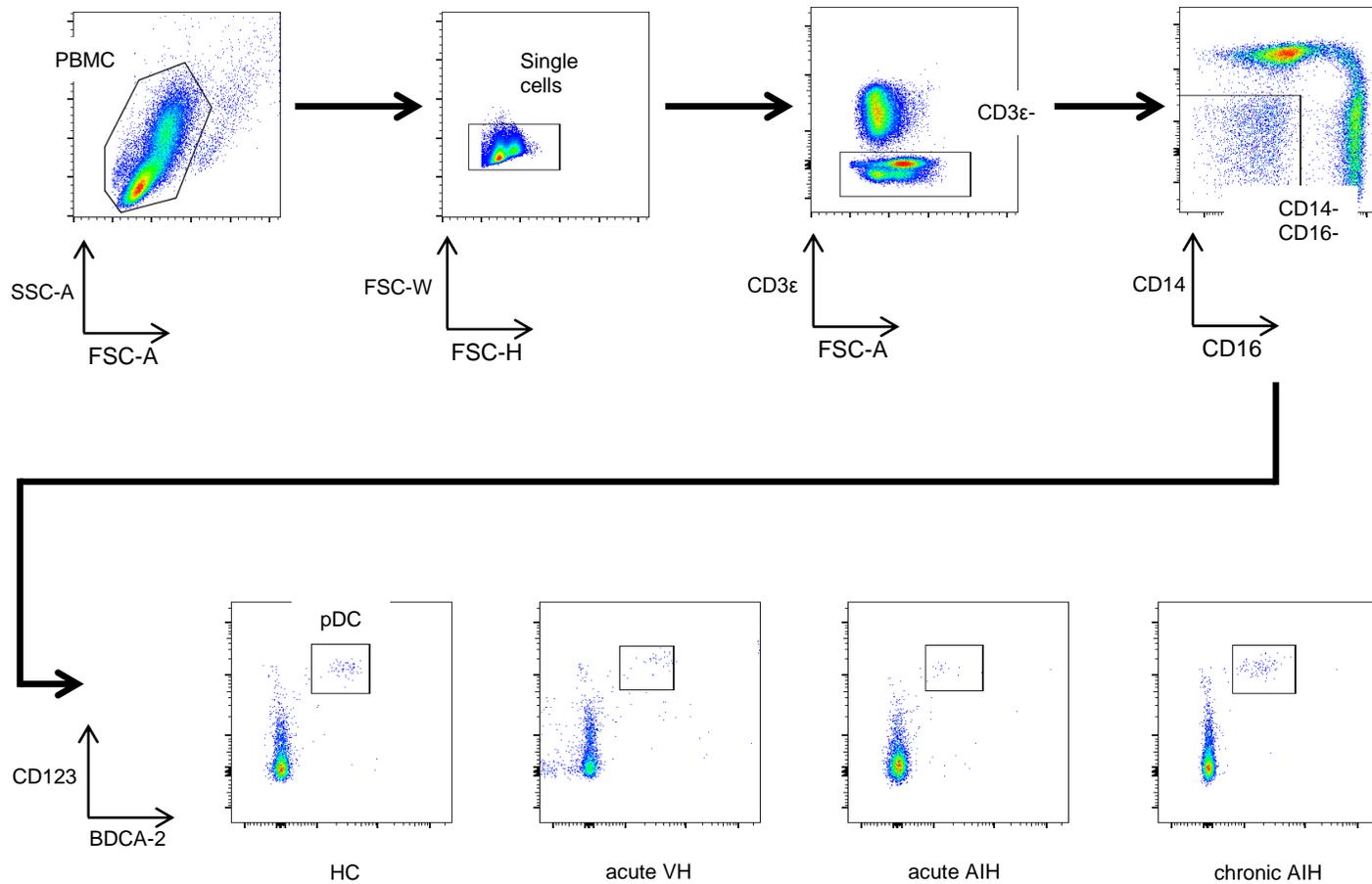
Patient groups	Viral infection	Sex (M/F)	Median values [Min-Max]												
			Age (y)	ALT (IU/L)	AST (IU/L)	T-Bil (mg/dL)	ALP (IU/L)	GGTP (IU/L)	PT-INR	PLT (10 <sup>4</sup> /μL)	IgG (mg/dL)	IgM (mg/dL)	ANA titer>1:80,n (%)	IAIHG scoring <sup>#1</sup>	Simplified scoring <sup>#2</sup>
Healthy controls (n=21)	-	11/10	34.0 [30-55]	15.5 [6-39]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute viral hepatitis (n=7)	HAV(1)/HBV(4)/HEV(1)/EBV(1)	6/1	47.0 [17-59]	1312 [495-6426]	1118 [629- 6145]	5.2 [2.7- 22.5]	565 [305- 1269]	189 [65- 682]	1.62 [0.95- 2.21]	12.1 [5.4- 31.7]	1275 [630- 2246]	151 [86- 877]	-	-	-
Acute autoimmune hepatitis (n=8)	-	1/7	49.5 [28-79]	669 [396-1234]	786 [363- 1140]	15.7 [7.8- 25.1]	526 [336- 837]	147 [29- 244]	1.78 [1.13- 2.68]	20.3 [13.0- 32.2]	1368 [1021-4862]	150 [51- 229]	3 (37.5%)	16 [11- 17]	5.5 [4- 7]
Chronic autoimmune hepatitis (n=7)	-	0/7	53.0 [24-79]	78 [24- 173]	57 [30- 225]	1.1 [0.5- 14.6]	251 [152- 515]	68 [23- 136]	1.10 [1.00- 1.78]	18.5 [6.6- 32.3]	1998 [946- 2873]	146 [41- 267]	5 (71.4%)	15 [10- 18]	7 [5- 7]

**Table S1B. Patient background characteristics for liver IHC analysis (Figure 1C and D)**

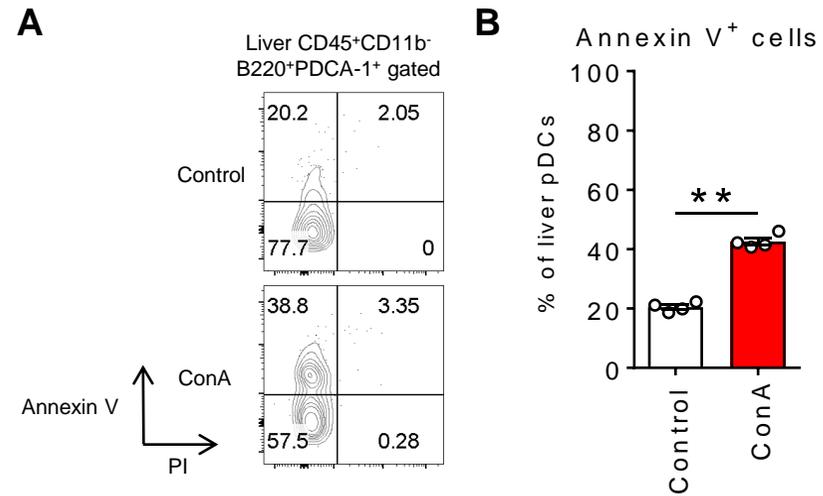
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Liver metastasis (Non-tumor part as control) (n=6)	-	3/3	34 [30-55]	12.5 [8- 20]	20 [12- 25]	0.6 [0.5- 1.9]	238 [161- 365]	10 [18- 142]	0.96 [0.9- 1.13]	20.9 [18.1- 27.7]	-	-	-	-	-
Acute autoimmune hepatitis (n=5)	-	1/4	41 [28-56]	143 [58-657]	241 [53-1066]	8.7 [3.7- 25.1]	340 [256- 462]	49 [29- 126]	2.4 [1.86- 2.90]	16.1 [8.2- 26.6]	1874 [1121-3475]	147 [93- 205]	3 (60%)	12 [6- 22]	7 [3- 8]

**Supplemental Table 1. Patient background characteristics**

Data are shown as median with ranges in brackets. Notes: #1. Alvarez F et al. J Hepatol 1999. #2. Hennes EM et al. Hepatology 2008. Abbreviations: AIH, autoimmune hepatitis; HAV, hepatitis A virus; HBV, hepatitis B virus; HEV, hepatitis E virus; EBV, Epstein–Barr virus; M, male; F, female; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; T-Bil, total bilirubin; ALP, alkaline phosphatase; GGTP,  $\gamma$ - glutamyl transpeptidase; PT-INR, prothrombin time–international ratio; PLT, platelet count; Ig, immunoglobulin; ANA, antinuclear antibody; IAIHG, International Autoimmune Hepatitis Group.

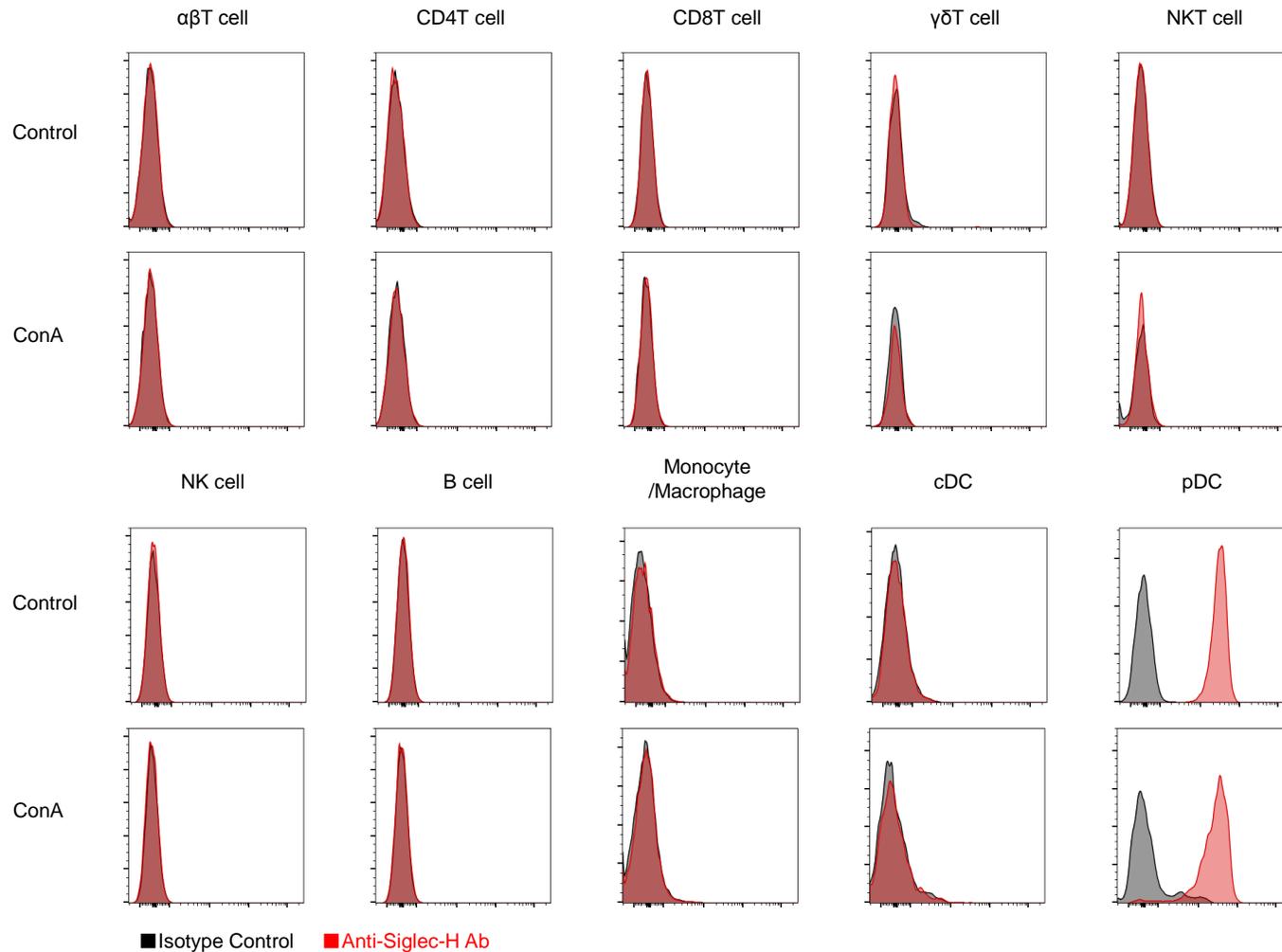


**Supplemental Figure 1. The gating strategy of FACS analysis in human PBMC study.**



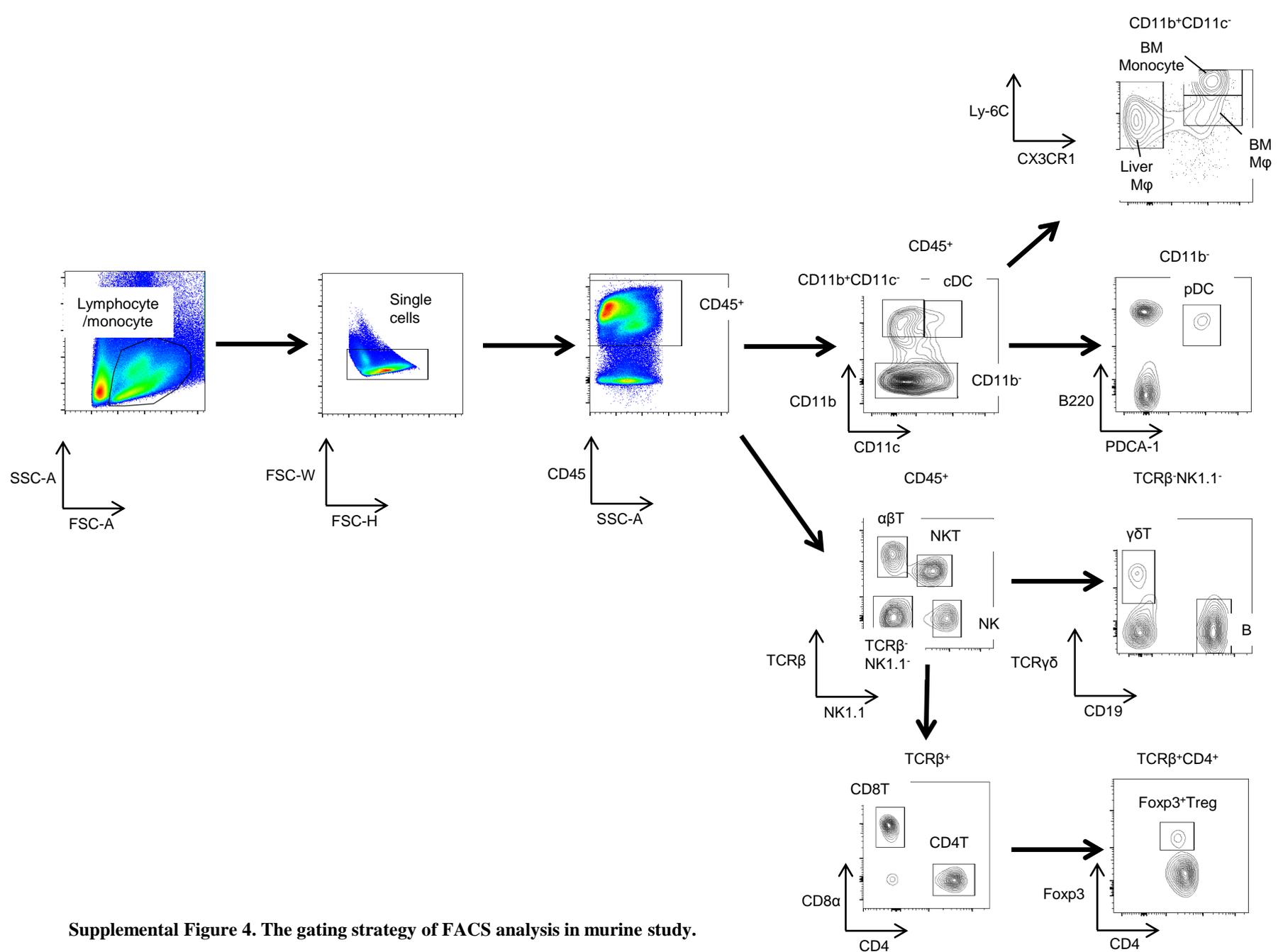
**Supplemental Figure 2 Liver pDCs are prone to apoptosis during ConA-induced inflammation.**

(A) Representative Annexin V and PI staining and (B) Mean percentages of Annexin V<sup>+</sup> cells in liver pDCs. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=4 per group). \*\*p < 0.01 by Student's t test. Data are representative from two independent experiments.

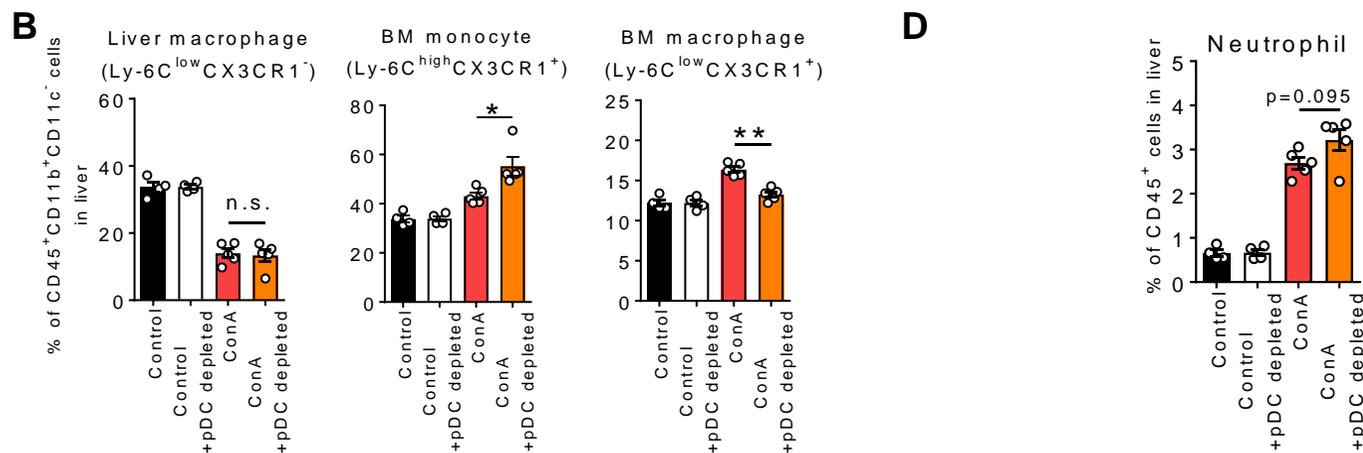
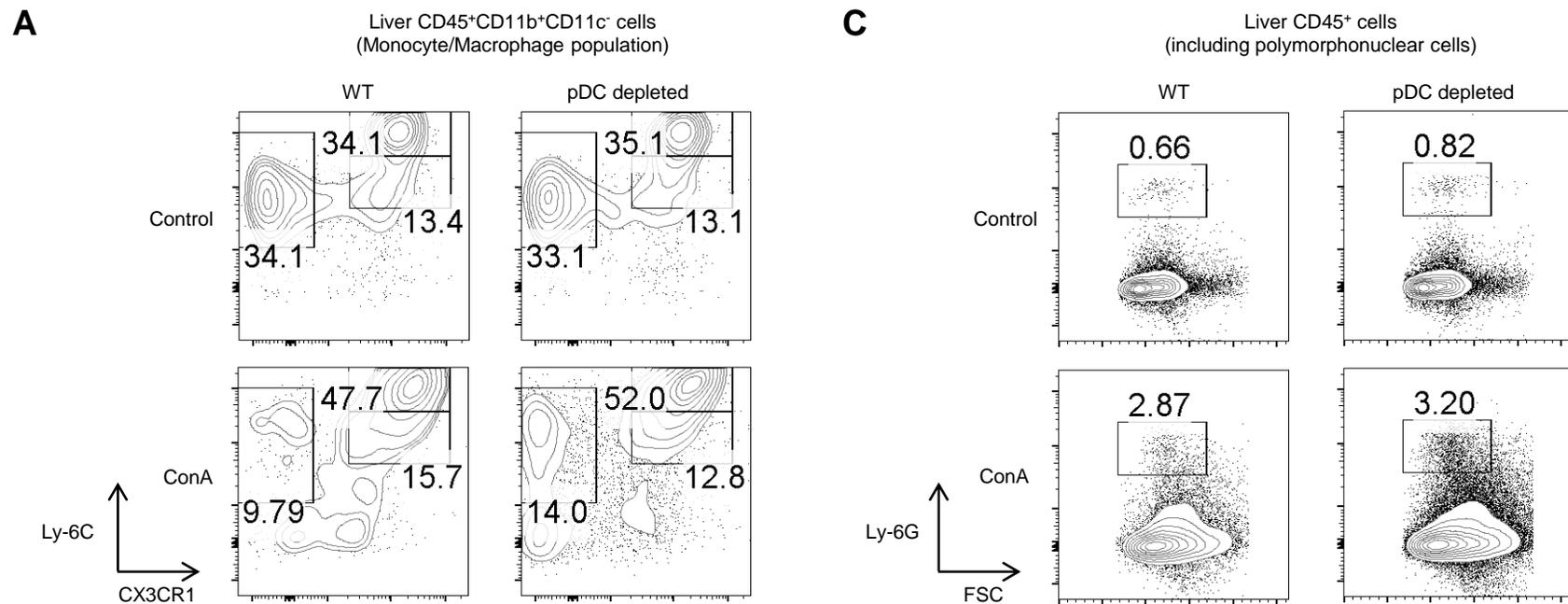


**Supplemental Figure 3. Siglec-H is specifically expressed on pDCs in steady state and inflammatory condition.**

Representative Siglec-H histograms of various immune cells in the liver of control or ConA (15 mg/kg, 18h) treated mice. Data are representative from over three independent experiments.

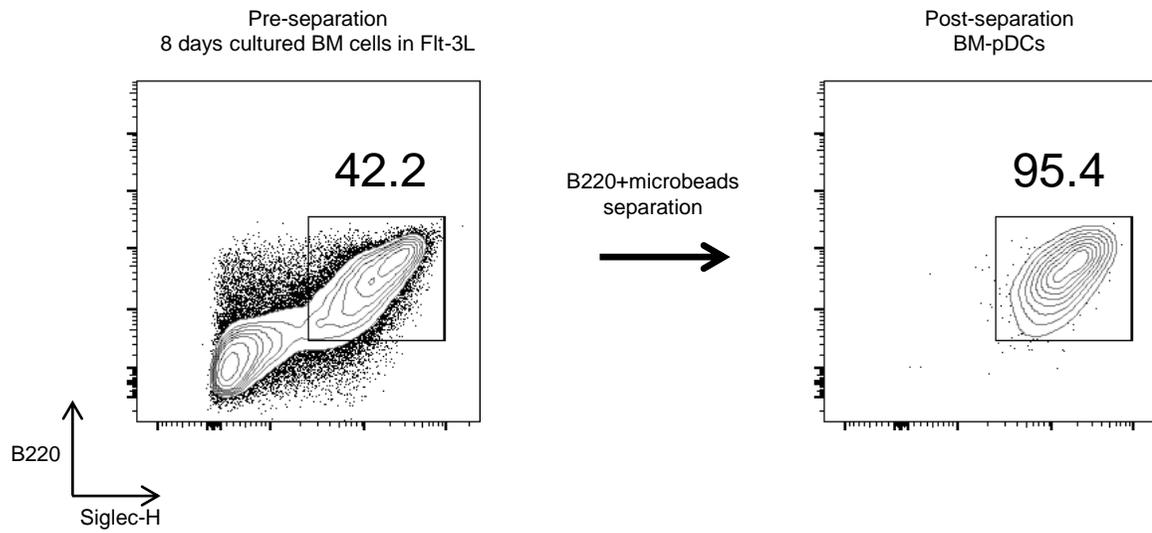


Supplemental Figure 4. The gating strategy of FACS analysis in murine study.

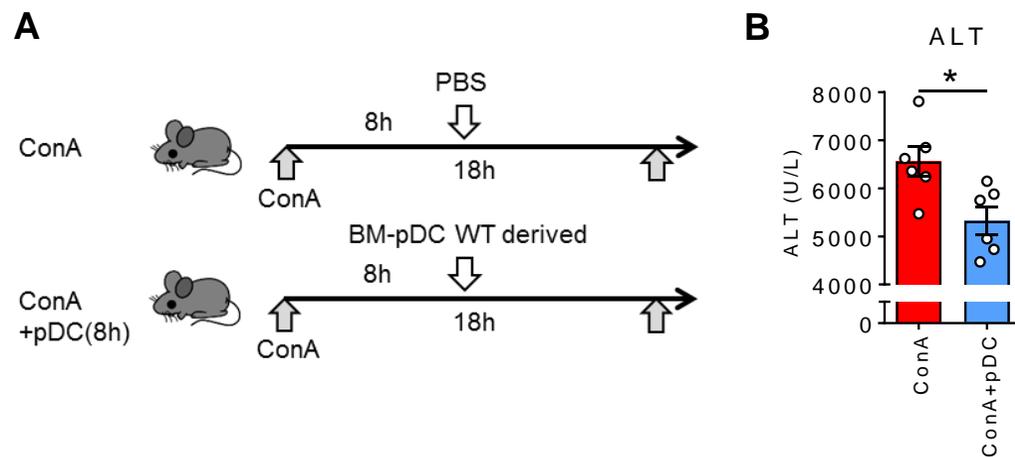


**Supplemental Figure 5. Characterization of monocytes/macrophages and neutrophils in pDCs depleted mice in steady state and inflammatory condition.**

(A) Representative Ly-6C and CX3CR1 staining of CD45<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>-gated liver MNCs. CD45<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>-gated liver MNCs was distinguished as liver macrophages (Ly-6C<sup>low</sup>CX3CR1<sup>-</sup>), bone marrow (BM) derived monocytes (Ly-6C<sup>high</sup>CX3CR1<sup>+</sup>), and BM derived macrophages (Ly-6C<sup>low</sup>CX3CR1<sup>+</sup>). (B) Mean percentages of each cells in CD45<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>-gated liver MNCs. (C) Representative Ly-6G staining of CD45<sup>+</sup> gated liver immune cells. To analyze neutrophils, percoll gradient separation was performed by only 40% percoll. Following centrifugation, immune cells including polymorphonuclear cells were collected at the lower layer, washed, and hemolyzed. (D) Mean percentages of neutrophils in liver CD45<sup>+</sup> cells. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n = 4 for the control or control+pDCs-depleted group; n = 5 for the ConA or ConA+pDCs-depleted group). \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01 by Student's t test. Data are representative from two independent experiments.

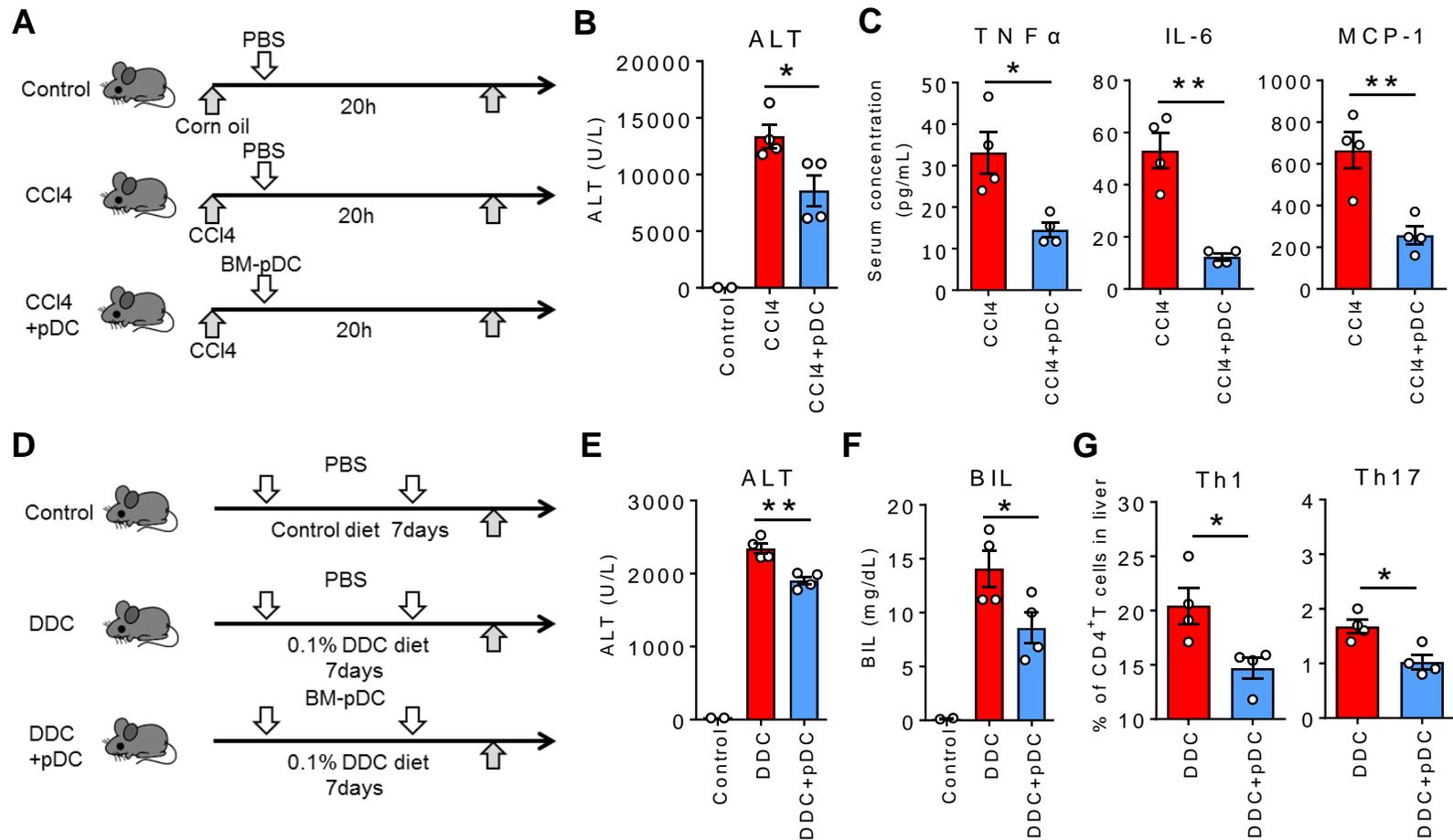


**Supplemental Figure 6. BM-pDC separation in this study.**



**Supplemental Figure 7. Adoptive transfer of BM-pDCs at a late stage of disease also ameliorates ConA-induced liver inflammation.**

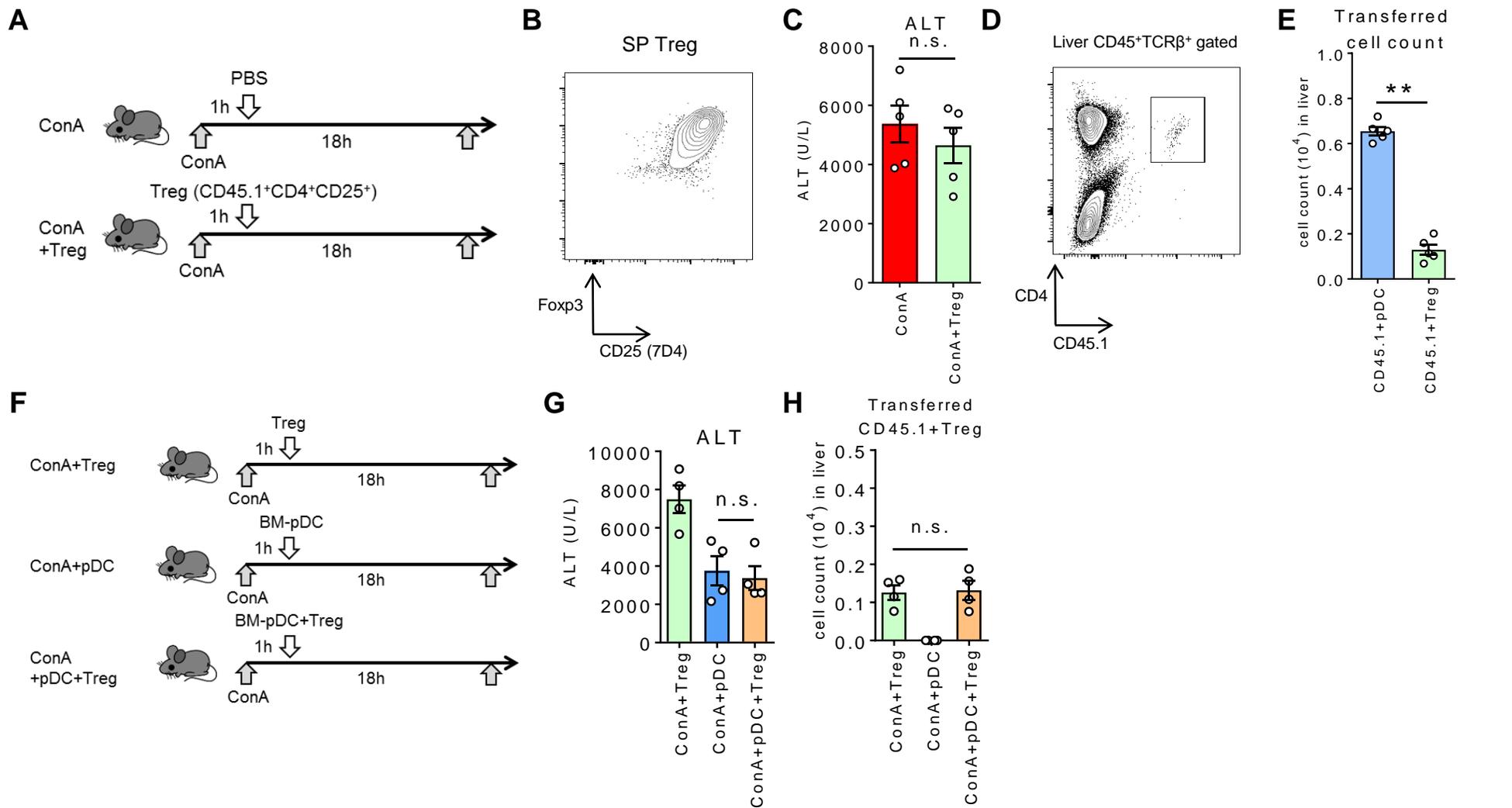
(A) Study design. ConA (15 mg/kg) was intravenously injected into the tail vein of mice. 8 hours later, the mice were intravenously inoculated with Flt-3L-proliferated BM-pDCs ( $2 \times 10^6$  cells/200  $\mu$ L PBS) or 200  $\mu$ L PBS alone. All mice were sacrificed and analyzed 18 h after the ConA injection. (B) Serum ALT levels. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n = 6 per group). \*p < 0.05 by Student's t test. Data are combined from two independent experiments.



**Supplemental Figure 8. Adoptive transfer of BM-pDCs ameliorates CCl4-induced liver inflammation and DDC-induced cholangitis.**

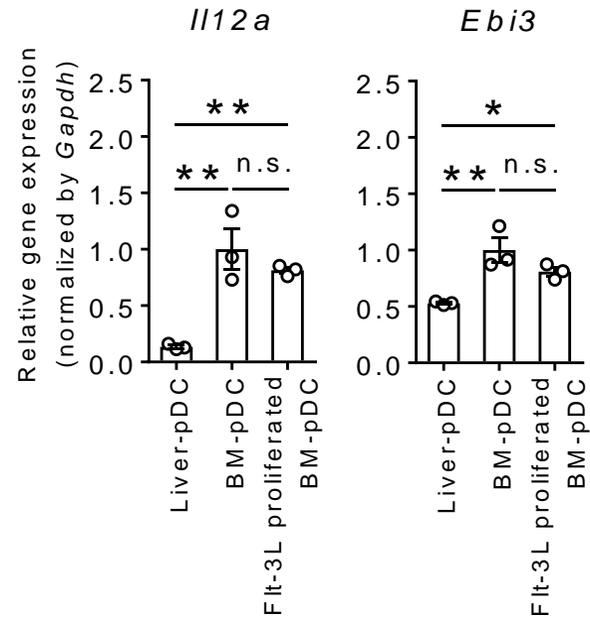
(A) Study design. CCl4 (Wako, Osaka, Japan, 1 ml/kg) in corn oil or corn oil was injected intraperitoneally. One hour later, the mice were inoculated intravenously with BM-pDCs ( $2 \times 10^6$  cells/200  $\mu$ L PBS) or 200  $\mu$ L PBS alone. All mice were sacrificed and analyzed 20 h after the CCl4 injection.

(B) Serum ALT levels and (C) Serum cytokine concentrations. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=2 for the control group, n=4 for the CCl4 or CCl4+pDC group). (D) Study design. Mice were freely fed a 0.1% DDC (Sigma-Aldrich, Tokyo, Japan)-enriched or control diet for 7 days. 1 day and 4 days later, the mice were inoculated intravenously with BM-pDCs ( $2 \times 10^6$  cells/200  $\mu$ L PBS) or 200  $\mu$ L PBS alone. 7 days later, all mice were sacrificed and analyzed. (E) Serum ALT levels, (F) Serum bilirubin, and (G) Th1 (CD45<sup>+</sup>TCR $\beta$ <sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup>IFN $\gamma$ <sup>+</sup>) and Th17 (CD45<sup>+</sup>TCR $\beta$ <sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup>IL-17A<sup>+</sup>) in liver CD4 T cells. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n=2 for the control group, n=4 for the DDC or DDC+pDC group). \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01 by Student's t test. Data are representative from two independent experiments.

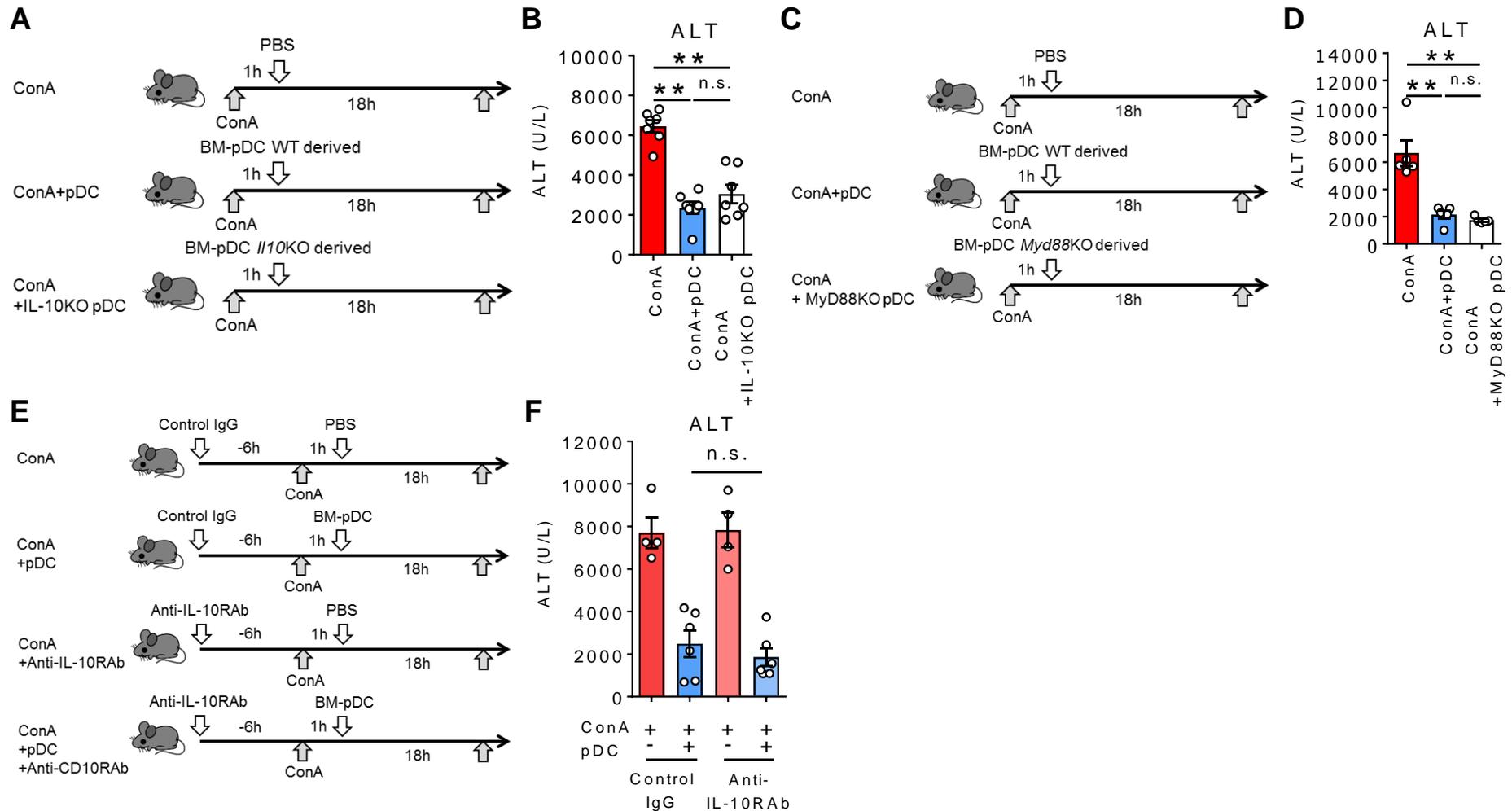


**Supplemental Figure 9. Adoptive transfer of Tregs does not ameliorate ConA-induced liver inflammation.**

(A) Study design. ConA (15 mg/kg) was intravenously injected into the tail vein of mice. One hour later, the mice were inoculated intravenously with splenic CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup>Tregs derived from Ly5.1 mice (2 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells/200 μL PBS) or 200 μL PBS alone. All mice were sacrificed and analyzed 18 h after the ConA injection. (B) Representative intracellular Foxp3 and CD25 staining of pre-transferred Tregs. (C) Serum ALT levels. Data represent the mean ± SEM (n=5 per group). (D) Representative CD45.1 and CD4 staining of liver mononuclear cells of Tregs (CD45.1) transferred mice. (E) Cell numbers of transferred pDCs and Tregs in liver during ConA-induced inflammation. (F) Study design. Splenic CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup>Tregs (2 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells/200 μL PBS), BM-pDCs (2 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells/200 μL PBS), or both pDCs and Tregs (2 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells and 2 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells/200 μL PBS) derived from Ly5.1 mice were intravenously inoculated to Ly5.2 mice. All mice were sacrificed and analyzed 18 h after the ConA injection. (G) Serum ALT levels. (H) Cell numbers of transferred Tregs in each condition. Data represent the mean ± SEM (n=4 per group). \*\*p < 0.01 by Student's t test. Data are representative (B and D) or combined (C, E, G, and H) from two independent experiments.



**Supplemental Figure 10. Comparison of IL-35 gene expressions among liver pDCs, BM pDCs, and Flt-3L proliferated BM-pDCs.** IL-35 genes (*IL-12a* and *Ebi3*) expression in natural liver pDCs, natural BM pDCs, and Flt-3L proliferated BM-pDCs. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  SEM (n = 3 per group). \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.01 by ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons post-hoc test. Data are representative from two independent experiments.



**Supplemental Figure 11. IL-10 production and TLR7/9 signaling do not participate in amelioration of ConA-induced inflammation by BM-pDCs.**

(A) Study design. ConA (15 mg/kg) or PBS was intravenously injected into the tail vein of mice. One hour later, the mice were inoculated intravenously with WT or IL-10<sup>-/-</sup> mice derived BM-pDCs (2 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells/200 μL PBS), or 200 μL PBS alone. (B) Serum ALT levels. Data represent the mean ± SEM (n=7 per group). \*\*p < 0.01 by ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons post-hoc test. (C) Study design. ConA (15 mg/kg) or PBS was intravenously injected into the tail vein of mice. One hour later, the mice were inoculated intravenously with WT or MyD88<sup>-/-</sup> mice derived BM-pDCs (2 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells/200 μL PBS), or 200 μL PBS alone. (D) Serum ALT levels. Data represent the mean ± SEM (n=5 per group). \*\*p < 0.01 by ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons post-hoc test. (E) Study design. WT mice were treated with anti-IL-10R Ab (Biologend, clone; 1B1.3a) or isotype control (500 μg/head) intraperitoneally 6 h prior to ConA or PBS injection. One hour later, the mice were intravenously inoculated with Flt-3L-proliferated BM-pDCs (2 × 10<sup>6</sup> cells/200 μL PBS) or 200 μL PBS alone. All mice were sacrificed and analyzed 18 h after the ConA injection. (F) Serum ALT levels. Data represent the mean ± SEM (n=4 or 6 per group). Data are combined from two independent experiments.