

A Novel Coculture System for Assessing Respiratory Sensitizing Potential by IL-4 in T Cells

Supplementary Data

Tab. S1: Properties of chemical sensitizers used in this study

Sensitizers	Catalog number	Purity (%)	Molecular weight	Specific gravity	Concentration (mM) of 1% solution
OXA	E0753	≥ 90	217.22		46.0
FA	F8775	36.5-38	30.03	1.09	333.0
DNCB	138630	97	202.55		49.4
OPA	P1378	≥ 97	134.13		74.5
HDI	H0324	> 98	168.20	1.05	59.5
TMA	B4600	97	192.13		52.0

Sensitizers OXA, FA, DNCB, OPA, and TMA were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. HDI was purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry Co. Ltd. The above information was obtained from individual data sheets of Sigma-Aldrich and Tokyo Chemical Industry.

Tab. S2: Immature DCs and naive CD4⁺ T cells were obtained from seven different donors (donor A – G) and used in each experiment, and CD14-ML cell lines were established from three different donors (donor A – C) and used in Fig. 3 – Fig. 4 and Supplementary Fig. 4 – Fig. 7

	DC	CD4 ⁺ T		DC	CD4 ⁺ T		DC	CD4 ⁺ T
Fig. S2B Exp. 1	G	A	Fig. S2B Exp. 2	A	B	Fig. S2B Exp. 3	D	A
Fig. S2C Exp. 1	A	D	Fig. S2C Exp. 2	A	F	Fig. S2C Exp. 3	B	A
Fig. S2D Exp. 1	D	A	Fig. S2D Exp. 2	D	A	Fig. S2D Exp. 3	B	A
Fig. S5B Exp. 1	A		Fig. S5B Exp. 2	B		Fig. S5B Exp. 3	A	
Fig. S5C Exp. 1	C		Fig. S5C Exp. 2	C		Fig. S5C Exp. 3	C	
Fig. S5D Exp. 1	A		Fig. S5D Exp. 2	C		Fig. S5D Exp. 3	A	
Fig. S7B Exp. 1	A	B	Fig. S7B Exp. 2	B	A	Fig. S7B Exp. 3	B	F
Fig. S7C Exp. 1	A	G	Fig. S7C Exp. 2	C	A	Fig. S7C Exp. 3	C	A
Fig. S7D Exp. 1	A	F	Fig. S7D Exp. 2	C	A	Fig. S7D Exp. 3	A	G

	DC	CD4 ⁺ T
Fig. S1B	A	E
Fig. S1C	A	D
Fig. S3B	A	D
Fig. S4B	A	
Fig. S4C	A	
Fig. S4D	B	
Fig. S6B	B	
Fig. S6C	A	
Fig. S6D	C	

Tab. S3: Primers used in this study

Name	Direction	Sequence 5' to 3'
<i>CD69</i>	forward reverse	CCTGTGTGCTGTAATGAATGTGGTC GGCTGTCTGATGGCATTGAGAA
<i>IFN-γ</i>	forward reverse	CTTTAAAGATGACCAGAGCATCCAA GGCGACAGTTCAGCCATCAC
<i>IL-4</i>	forward reverse	CTGTGCACCGAGTTGACCGTA AGCTGCTTGTGCTGTGGAA
<i>c-Fos</i>	forward reverse	AAAGCATCCATGTGTGGACTCAA AGGCCTGGCTCAACATGCTA
<i>T-bet</i>	forward reverse	CCGTGACTGCCTACCAGAATG AACAGGATACTGGTTGGGTAGGA
<i>GATA-3</i>	forward reverse	ACCACAACCACACTCTGGAGGA TCGGTTTCTGGTCTGGATGCCT
<i>IL-2</i>	forward reverse	CCCAGGGACTTAATCAGCAATATCA GGTTGCTGTCTCATCAGCATATTCA
<i>CD86</i>	forward reverse	CTGTAActCCAGCTCTGCTCCGTA GCCATAAGTGTGCTCTGAAGTGA
<i>CD80</i>	forward reverse	ATTATAAAGGCCAGCGCCAGAAC GGACAAATTCTACTTCCAGCAGCAC
<i>OX40L</i>	forward reverse	CAGTGCACATGCAGGCCTAAGTA GAAATATCCCTGTGTGGTTGCAGA
<i>TSLPR</i>	forward reverse	GGTGACGTGTTCTGACCTGTCCTA TTCTCGGCATCCAAGCCTTC
<i>IL-7Rα</i>	forward reverse	ATCGCAGCACTCACTGACCTGT TCAGGCACTTTACCTCCACGAG
<i>IL-17RB</i>	forward reverse	ACAAACGCGAGCTTCAGTGGTG ATGCAGTCGCTGCCACAAGTAG
<i>ST2</i>	forward reverse	CTCTGTTTCCAGTAATCGGAGCC GCAGCCAAGAACTGAGTGCCTT
<i>HPRT</i>	forward reverse	GGCAGTATAATCCAAAGATGGTCAA GTCAAGGGCATATCCTACAACAAC

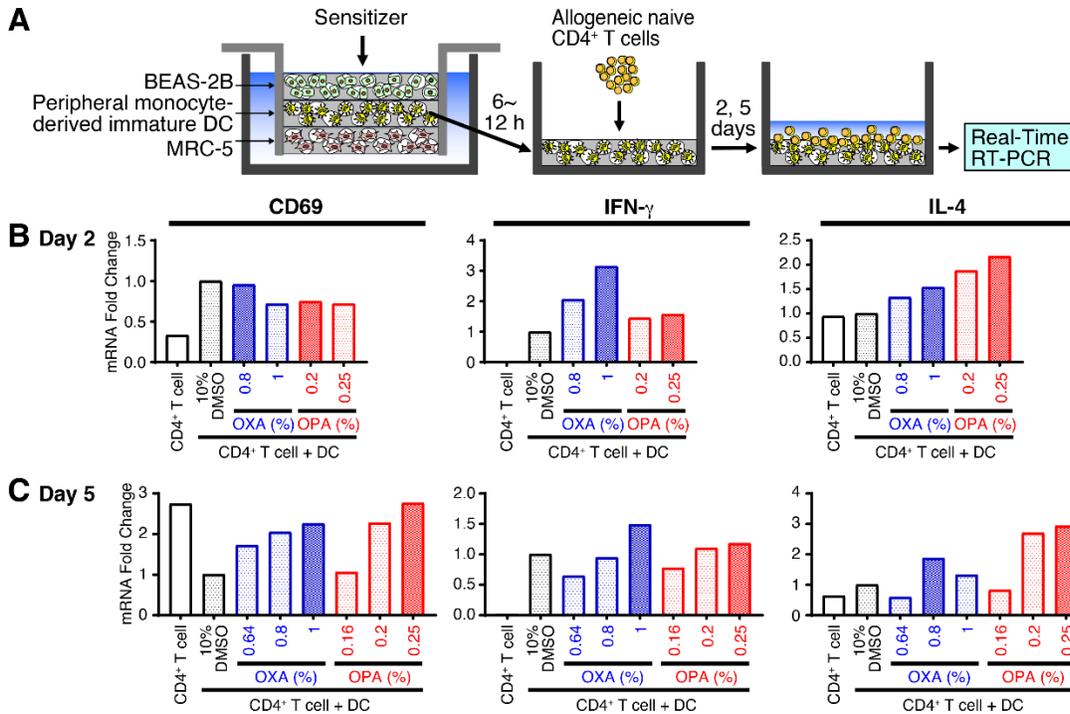
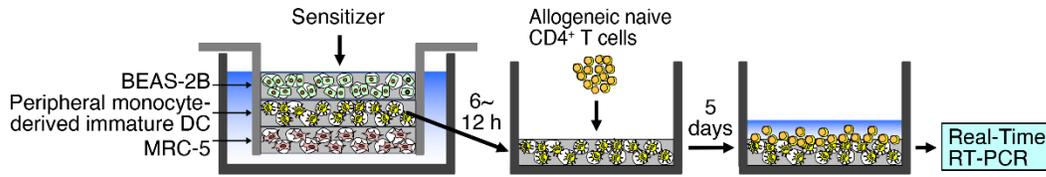
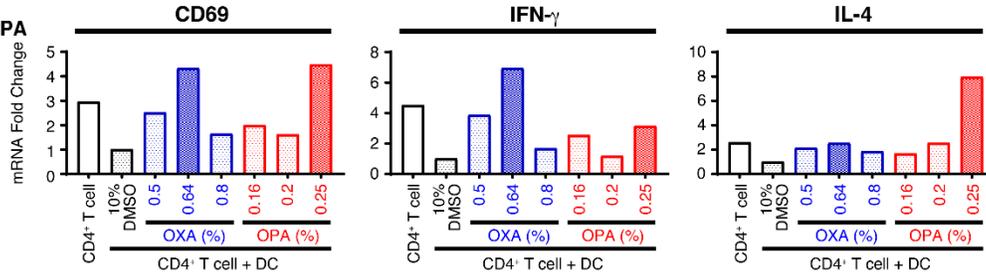


Fig. S1: Early mRNA upregulation of IFN- γ by OXA and late mRNA upregulation of IL-4 by OPA in the DC/T cell coculture system with peripheral monocyte-derived immature DCs and allogeneic naïve CD4⁺ T cells

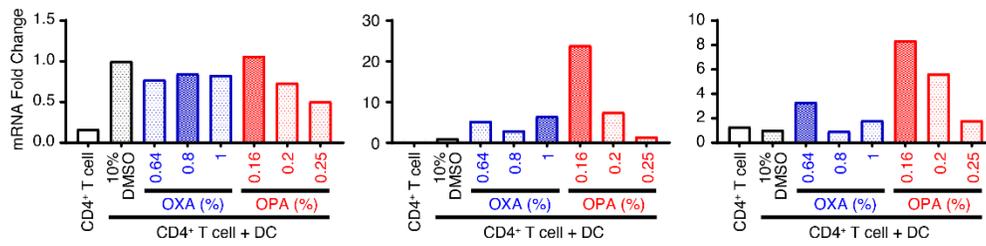
Known skin and respiratory chemical sensitizers, OXA and OPA, were applied to the DC/T cell coculture system with peripheral monocyte-derived immature DCs and allogeneic naïve CD4⁺ T cells (A). The concentration of DMSO in the aliquot was 10% when sensitizers were added onto the top of the scaffold, and the same DMSO concentrations were used in the control. After incubation for 2 (B) and 5 (C) days, total RNA was prepared from CD4⁺ T cells stimulated with chemical sensitizer-treated DCs and subjected to real-time RT-PCR analysis to examine the expression of CD69, IFN- γ , and IL-4 together with HPRT. Each mRNA expression was normalized to HPRT mRNA expression and relative mRNA fold change to control vehicle (DMSO solution) was calculated in each concentration. The column showing the highest relative mRNA fold change for each chemical was filled in blue or red. Similar results were obtained in two independent experiments.

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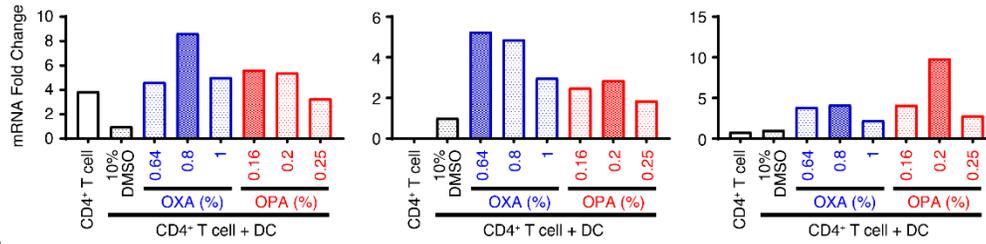
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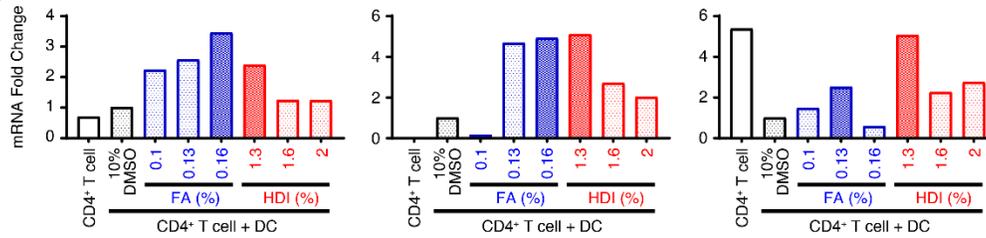
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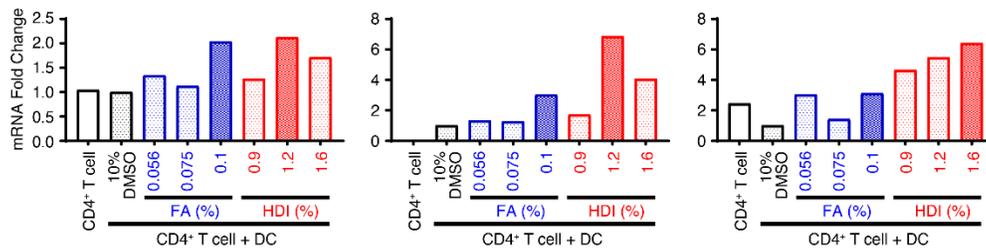
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**C FA vs HDI**

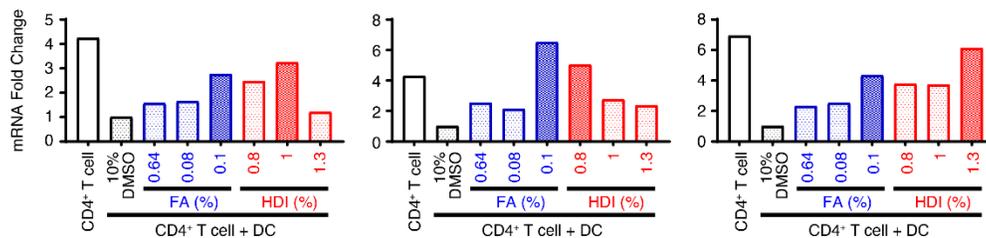
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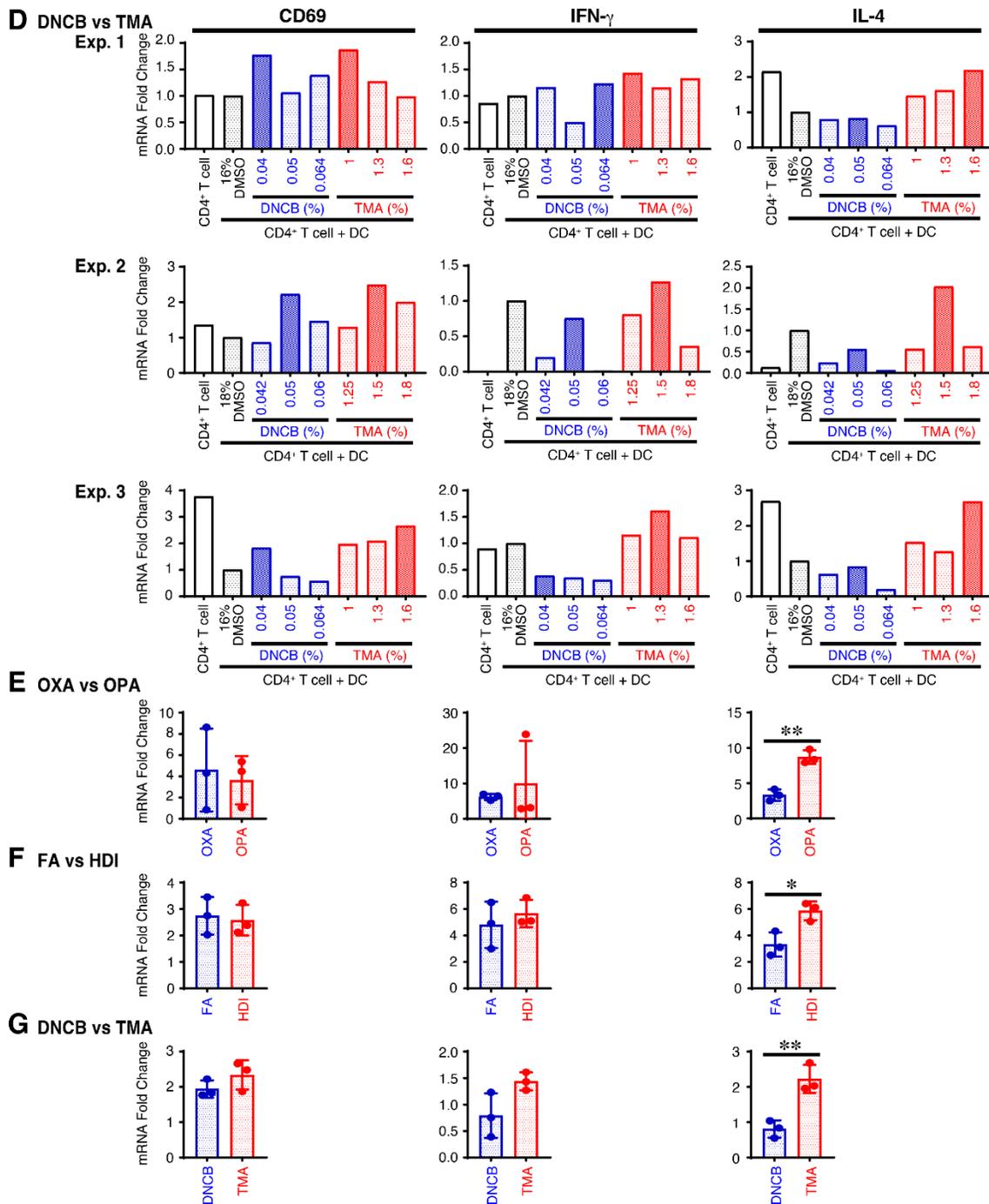


Fig. S2: Selective mRNA upregulation of IL-4 by three typical respiratory sensitizers in the DC/T coculture system with peripheral monocyte-derived immature DCs and allogeneic naïve CD4⁺ T cells
 Three independent experiments corresponding to Fig. 2 are shown. Three sets of typical skin and respiratory chemical sensitizers, OXA and OPA (B), FA and HDI (C), and DNCB and TMA (D) were applied to the DC/T cell coculture system with peripheral monocyte-derived immature DCs and allogeneic naïve CD4⁺ T cells (A). The concentration of DMSO in the aliquot was 10% (OVA, OPA, FA, and HDI) or 16% or 18% (DNCB, and TMA) when sensitizers were added onto the top of the scaffold, and the same DMSO concentrations were used in the control. After incubation for 5 days, total RNA was extracted from CD4⁺ T cells stimulated with chemical sensitizer-treated DCs and subjected to real-time RT-PCR analysis to examine the expression of CD69, IFN- γ , and IL-4 normalized to HPRT. Relative mRNA fold change to control vehicle (DMSO solution) was calculated in each concentration of chemicals. The column showing the highest relative mRNA fold change for each chemical was filled in blue or red. The difference in the highest relative mRNA fold change to control vehicle (DMSO solution) between skin and respiratory sensitizers in each pair set was statistically analyzed using an unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test (E-G). Data are shown as the mean \pm SD of three independent experiments. **P* < 0.05; ***P* < 0.01.

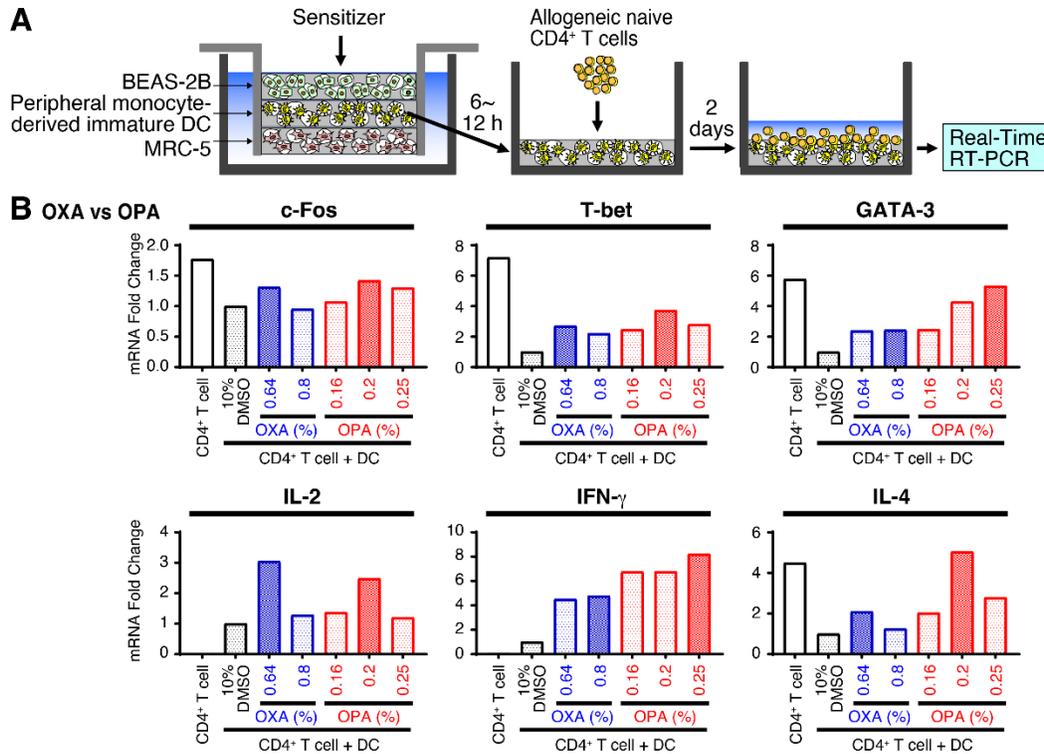
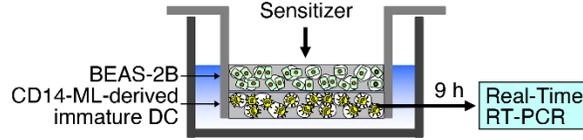
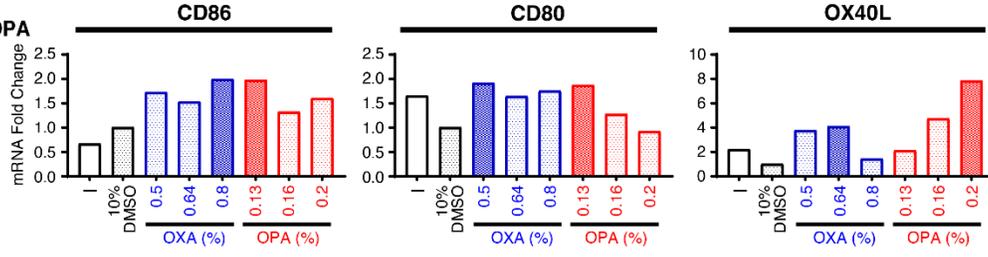


Fig. S3: Selective mRNA upregulation of GATA-3 by OPA in the DC/T cell coculture system with peripheral monocyte-derived immature DCs and allogeneic naïve CD4⁺ T cells

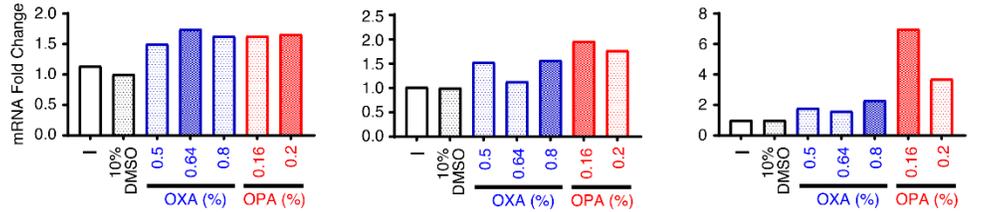
Typical skin and respiratory chemical sensitizers, OXA and OPA, were applied to the DC/T cell coculture system with peripheral monocyte-derived immature DCs and allogeneic naïve CD4⁺ T cells (A). The concentration of DMSO in the aliquot was 10% when sensitizers were added onto the top of the scaffold, and the same DMSO concentrations were used in the control. After incubation for 2 days, total RNA was extracted from CD4⁺ T cells stimulated with chemical sensitizer-treated DCs and subjected to real-time RT-PCR analysis to examine expression of the transcription factors c-Fos, T-bet, and GATA-3 together with their respective target cytokines IL-2, IFN- γ , and IL-4, respectively, and HPRT (B). mRNA expression was normalized to HPRT mRNA expression and relative mRNA fold change to control vehicle (DMSO solution) was calculated. The column showing the highest relative mRNA fold change for each chemical was filled in blue or red. Similar results were obtained in two independent experiments.

A**B OXA vs OPA**

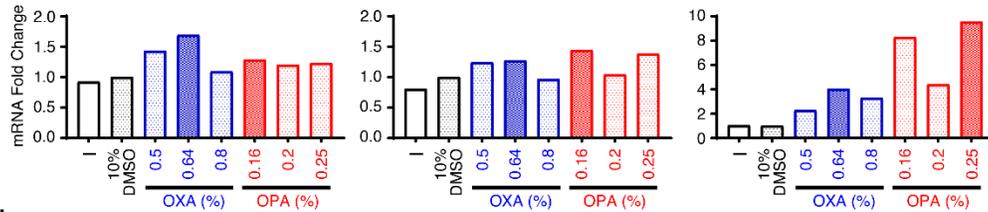
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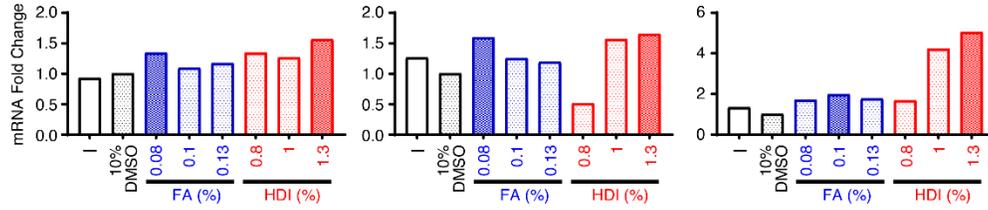
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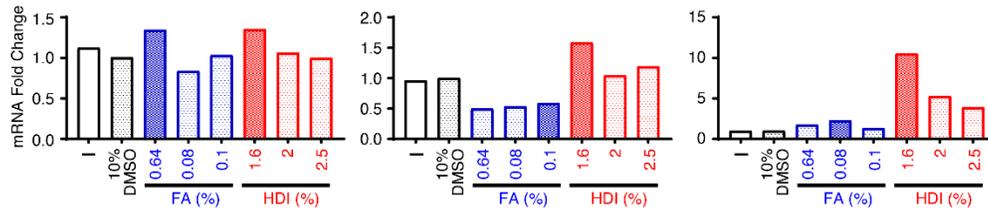
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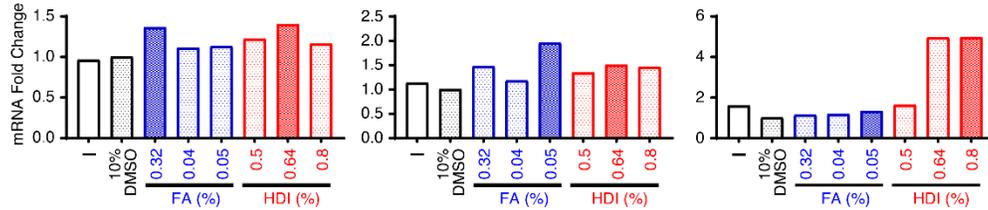
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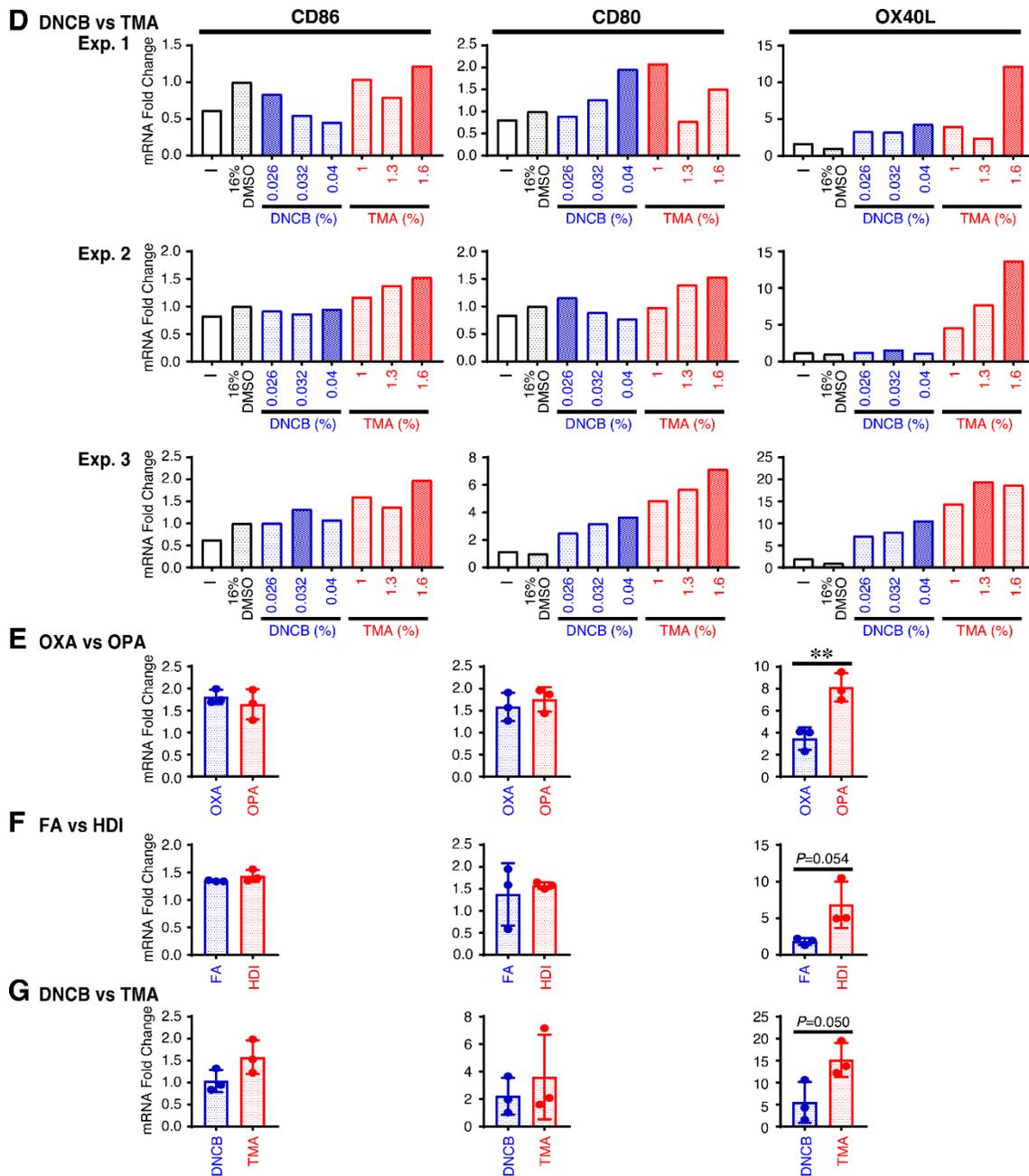


Fig. S5: Selective mRNA upregulation of OX40L by three typical respiratory sensitizers in the DC coculture system with CD14-ML-derived immature DCs

Three independent experiments corresponding to Fig. 3 are shown. Three sets of typical skin and respiratory sensitizers, OXA and OPA (B), FA and HDI (C), and DNCB and TMA (D) were applied to the DC coculture system with CD14-ML-derived immature DCs (A). The concentration of DMSO in the aliquot was 10% (OVA, OPA, FA, and HDI) or 16% (DNCB, and TMA) when sensitizers were added onto the top of the scaffold, and the same DMSO concentrations were used in the control. After incubation for 9 h, total RNA was extracted from the DC scaffold stimulated with chemical sensitizers and subjected to real-time RT-PCR analysis to examine the expression of CD86, CD80, and OX40L together with HPRT. Each mRNA expression was normalized to HPRT mRNA expression and relative mRNA fold change to control vehicle (DMSO solution) was calculated in each concentration of chemicals. The column showing the highest relative mRNA fold change for each chemical was filled in blue or red. The difference in the highest relative mRNA fold change to control vehicle (DMSO solution) between skin and respiratory sensitizers in each pair set was statistically analyzed using the unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test (E-G). Data are shown as the mean \pm SD of three independent experiments. ***P* < 0.01.

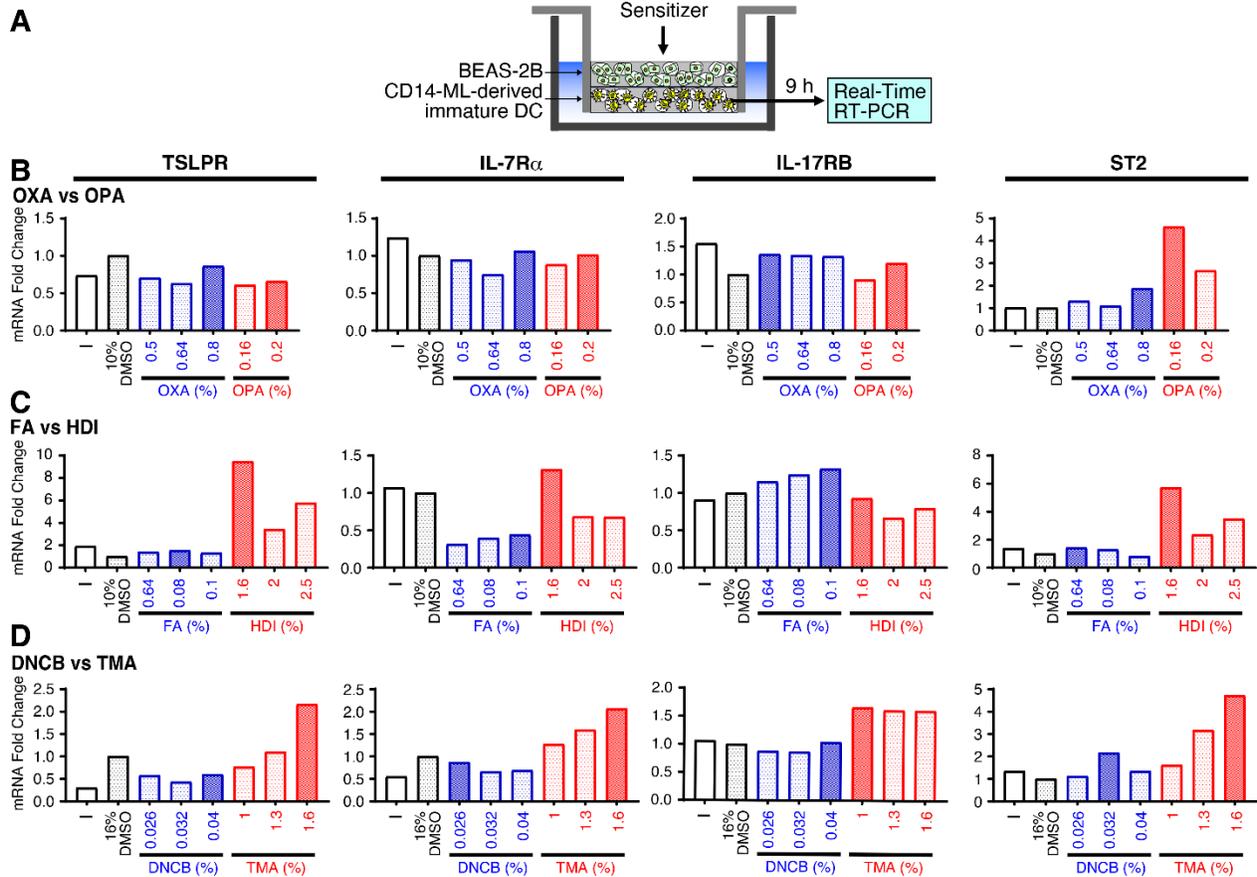
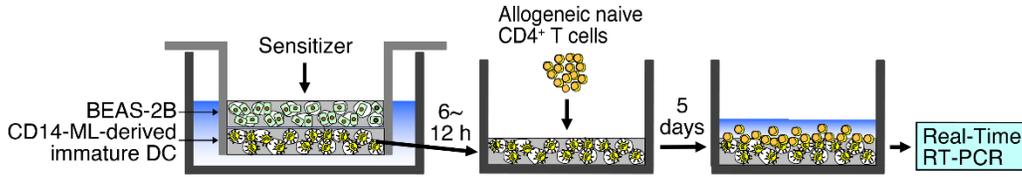


Fig. S6: Sensitizer-dependent selective mRNA upregulation of TSLPR, IL-7R α , and ST2 by three typical respiratory sensitizers in the DC coculture system with CD14-ML-derived immature DCs

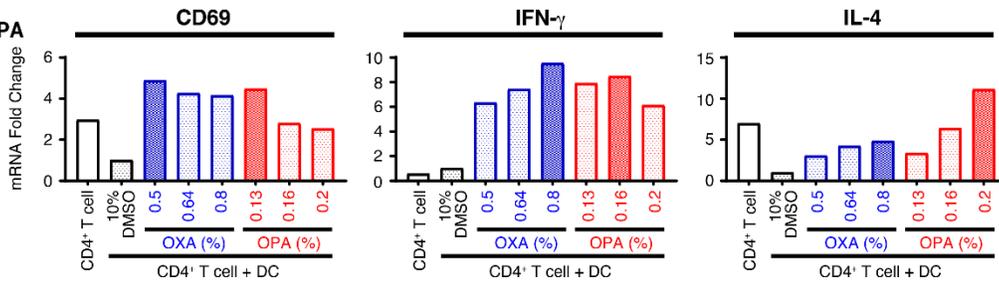
Three sets of typical skin and respiratory sensitizers, OXA and OPA (B), FA and HDI (C), and DNCB and TMA (D) were applied to the DC co-culture system with CD14-ML-derived immature DCs (A). The concentration of DMSO in the aliquot was 10% (OVA, OPA, FA, and HDI) or 16% (DNCB, and TMA) when sensitizers were added onto the top of the scaffold, and the same DMSO concentrations were used in the control. After incubation for 9 h, total RNA was extracted from the DC scaffold stimulated with chemical sensitizers and subjected to real-time RT-PCR analysis to examine the expression of TSLPR, IL-7R α , IL-17RB, and ST2 together with HPRT. Each mRNA expression was normalized to HPRT mRNA expression and relative mRNA fold change to control vehicle (DMSO solution) was calculated in each concentration of chemicals. The column showing the highest relative mRNA fold change for each chemical was filled in blue or red. Similar results were obtained in two independent experiments.

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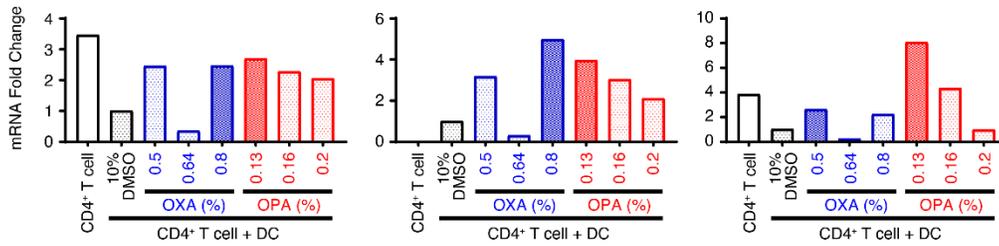


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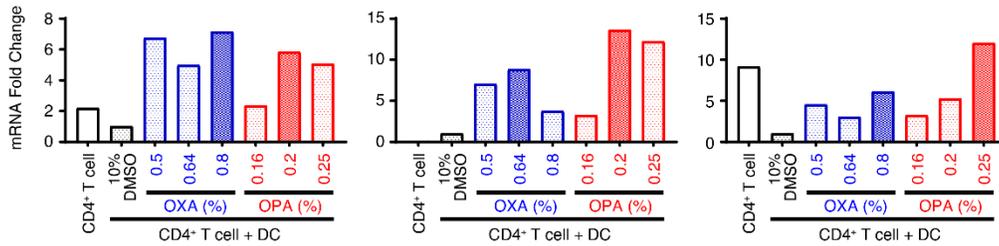
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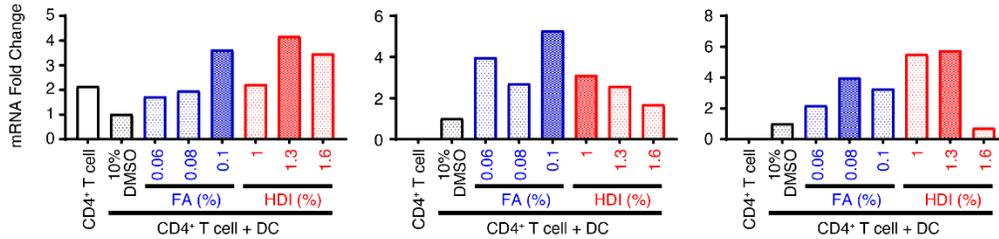


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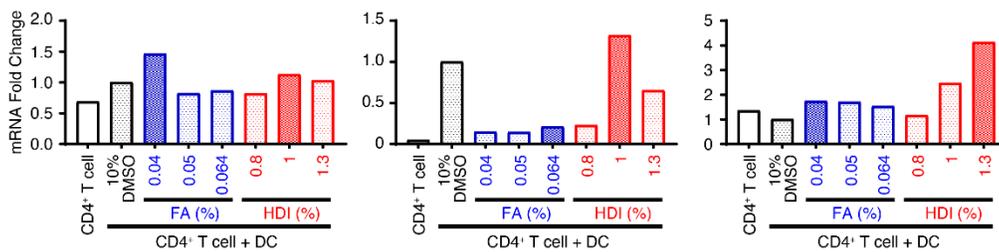


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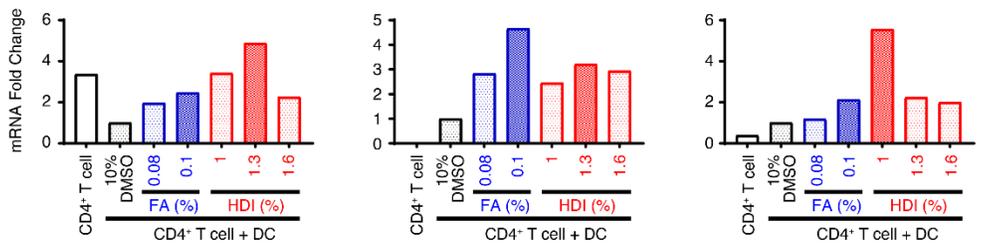
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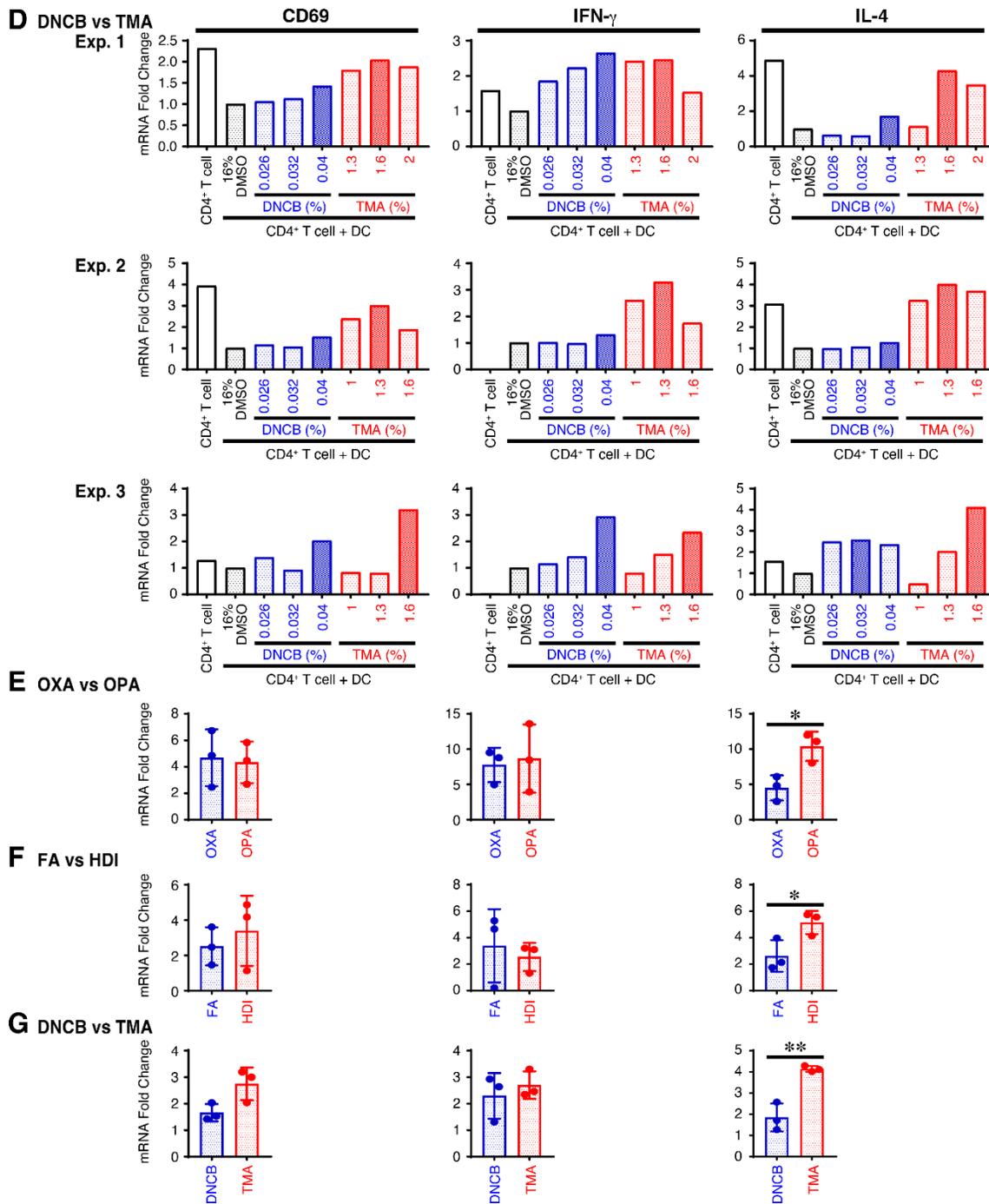


Fig. S7: Selective mRNA upregulation of IL-4 by three typical respiratory sensitizers in the DC/T coculture system with CD14-ML-derived immature DCs and allogeneic naïve CD4⁺ T cells

Three replicate experiments corresponding to Fig. 4 are shown. Three sets of typical skin and respiratory chemical sensitizers, OXA and OPA (B), FA and HDI (C), and DNCB and TMA (D) were applied to the DC/T cell coculture system with CD14-ML-derived immature DCs and allogeneic naïve CD4⁺ T cells (A). The concentration of DMSO in the aliquot was 10% (OVA, OPA, FA, and HDI) or 16% (DNCB, and TMA) when sensitizers were added onto the top of the scaffold, and the same DMSO concentrations were used in the control. After incubation for 5 days, total RNA was extracted from CD4⁺ T cells stimulated with chemical sensitizer-treated DCs and subjected to real-time RT-PCR analysis to examine the expression of CD69, IFN- γ , and IL-4 together with HPRT. Each mRNA expression was normalized to HPRT mRNA expression and relative mRNA fold change to control vehicle (DMSO solution) was calculated in each concentration of chemicals. The column showing the highest relative mRNA fold change for each chemical was filled in blue or red. The difference in the highest relative mRNA fold change to control vehicle (DMSO solution) between skin and respiratory sensitizers in each pair set was statistically analyzed using the unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test (E-G). Data are shown as the mean \pm SD of three independent experiments. **P* < 0.05; ***P* < 0.01.