

Skin Substitute Preparation Method Induces Immunomodulatory Changes in Co-Incubated Cells through Collagen Modification

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Abbreviations

CFSE—Carboxyfluorescein succinimidyl ester
ECM—Extracellular Matrix
hADM—Human-derived Acellular Dermal Matrix
IFN γ —Interferon Gamma
IL—Interleukin
LPS—Lipopolysaccharide
MFI—Mean Fluorescence Intensity
PBMC—Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells
TGF- β —Transforming Growth Factor Beta
Th1/17—T helper Types 1 or 17, respectively
TNF—Tumor Necrosis Factor

Table S1. hADM Decellularization Protocols.

hADM Preparation Method	Reagents	Phase 1			Epidermal Removal	Phase 2					Washing			Storage	
		time [h]	Temp [°C]	[RPM]		Reagents	time [h]	Temp [°C]	[RPM]	Washing	Time [h]	[RPM]	Lyophilization	Temp	
hADM 1	1M NaCl + Antibiotic mix	24	37	40	Mechanical	SDS 0.1% + Antibiotic Mix					H ₂ O	5 × 24h	60	YES/ -70	
hADM 2	1M NaCl + Antibiotic mix					3% Triton X-100 in PBS + Antibiotic Mix									
hADM 3	TrypLE Select + Antibiotic mix				Unnecessary 3% Triton X-100 in PBS + Antibiotic Mix										

NaCl—sodium chloride; SDS—Sodium dodecyl sulfate; PBS—Phosphate-Buffered Saline, H₂O—distilled deionized water.

Table S2. Antibodies Utilized in Flow Cytometry.

	Cellular Marker	Fluorochrome	Origin/Isotype	Clone	Supplier
T Cells	CD3	PerCP	Mouse / IgG1, k	SK7	BD
	CD4	FITC	Mouse / IgG2b, k	OKT4	BioLegend
	CD8	PE	Mouse / IgG1, k	SK1	BD
	CD25	PE-Cy7	Mouse / IgG1, k	BC96	BioLegend
	CD127	PE	Mouse / IgG1	R34.34	Beckman
	CD161	APC	Mouse / IgG1, k	HP-3G10	BioLegend
	CD196	PerCP Cy5.5	Mouse / IgG2b, k	G034E3	BioLegend
	IL-17	PE	Mouse / IgG1, k	N49-653	BD
Monocytes	IFN γ	PE-Cy7	Mouse / IgG1, k	B27	BD
	CD14	PerCP	Mouse / IgG2b, k	M ϕ P9	BD
	CD16	FITC	Mouse / IgG1, k	3G8	BD
	CD163	PE	Mouse / IgG1, k	GHI/61	BioLegend
	TIE-2	Alexa Fluor 647	Mouse / IgG1, k	Ab33	BioLegend
	IL-10	PE	Rat / IgG2a, k	JES3-19F1	BioLegend
	TNF	PE	Mouse / IgG1	6401.1111	BD

Table S3. Antibodies Utilized in Confocal Microscopy.

Primary Antibodies					
Marker	Origin/Isotype	Clone	Supplier	RRID	
Collagen 1A1	Rabbit / IgG	Polyclonal	Invitrogen	AB_2547045	
Collagen III	Rabbit / IgG	Polyclonal	Invitrogen	AB_2552139	
Collagen IV	Mouse / IgG1	COL-94	Invitrogen	AB_558482	
Secondary Antibodies					
Fluorochrome	Reactivity	Origin/Isotype	Clone	Supplier	RRID
Alexa Fluor 647	Mouse	Goat / IgG	Polyclonal	Invitrogen	AB_2536165
Alexa Fluor 700	Rabbit	Goat / IgG	Polyclonal	Invitrogen	AB_2535709

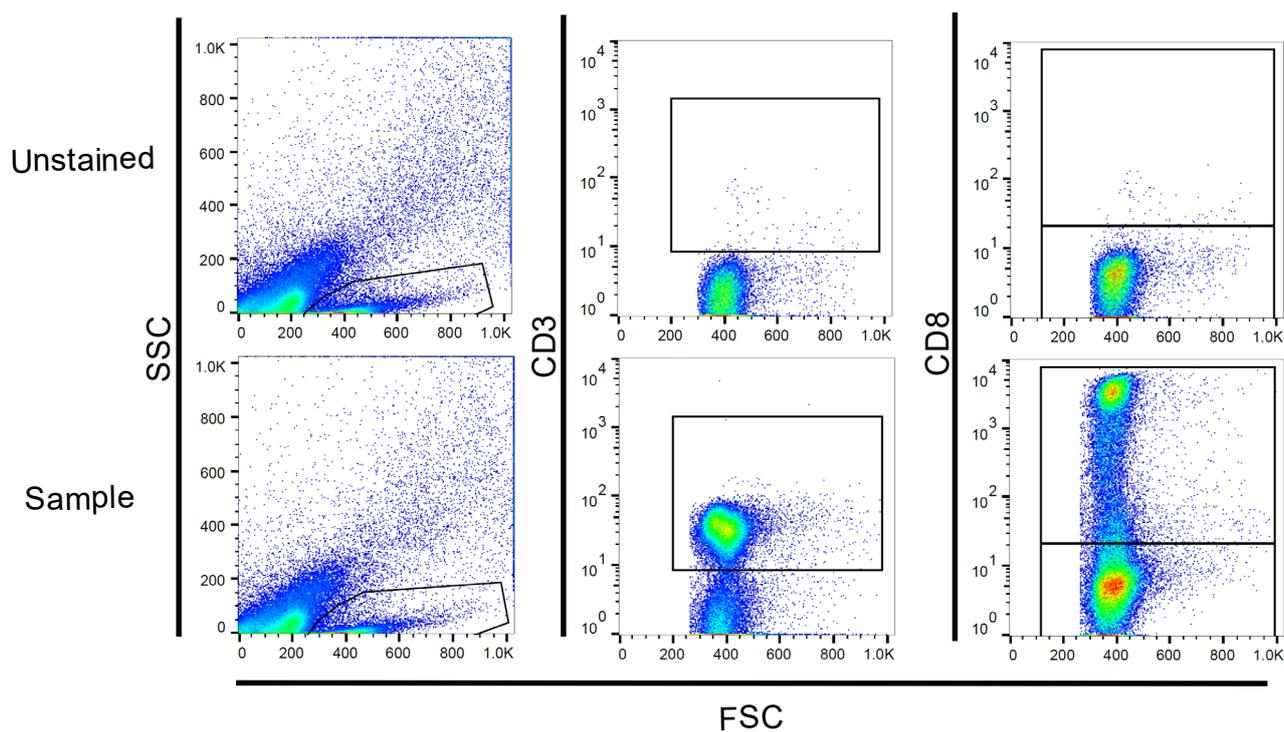


Figure S1. Representative Gating for T Cell Proliferation. This supplemental figure relates to Figure 1. CFSE-stained PBMCs cultured either alone or co-incubated with hADMs were collected, stained for CD3 & CD8, and underwent flow cytometry. Proliferation was quantified as shown on Figure 1 via histogram gating.

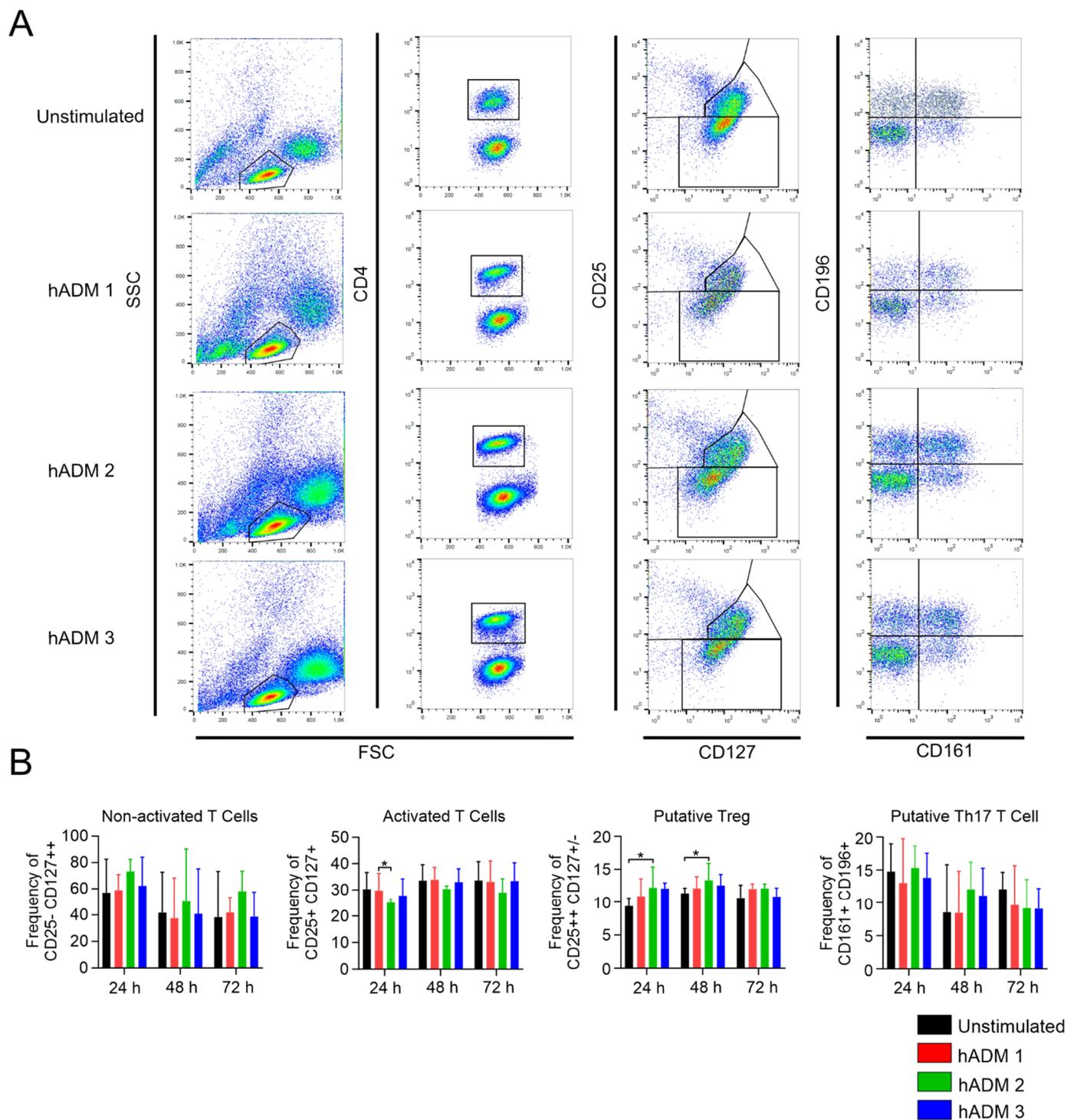


Figure S2. T Cell Phenotype is not Regulated by hADM Co-incubation. Healthy donor PBMCs were co-incubated alone or with hADMs for 1, 2 or 3 days. Next, cells were stained extracellularly and examined by flow cytometry. **(A)** Representative schematic of flow cytometry gating of extracellularly-stained T cell subsets. **(B)** Frequencies of T cell subsets were noted for inactive T cells (CD25⁻/CD127⁺⁺), active T cells (CD25⁺/CD127⁺), and Tregs (CD25⁺⁺/CD127^{+/-}). Frequency of Th17 cells were also examined by CD196⁺/CD161⁺. Results expressed as medians + interquartile ranges. Two-tailed Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test used for B. $n = 5$ with 2 technical replicates; * $p < 0.05$.

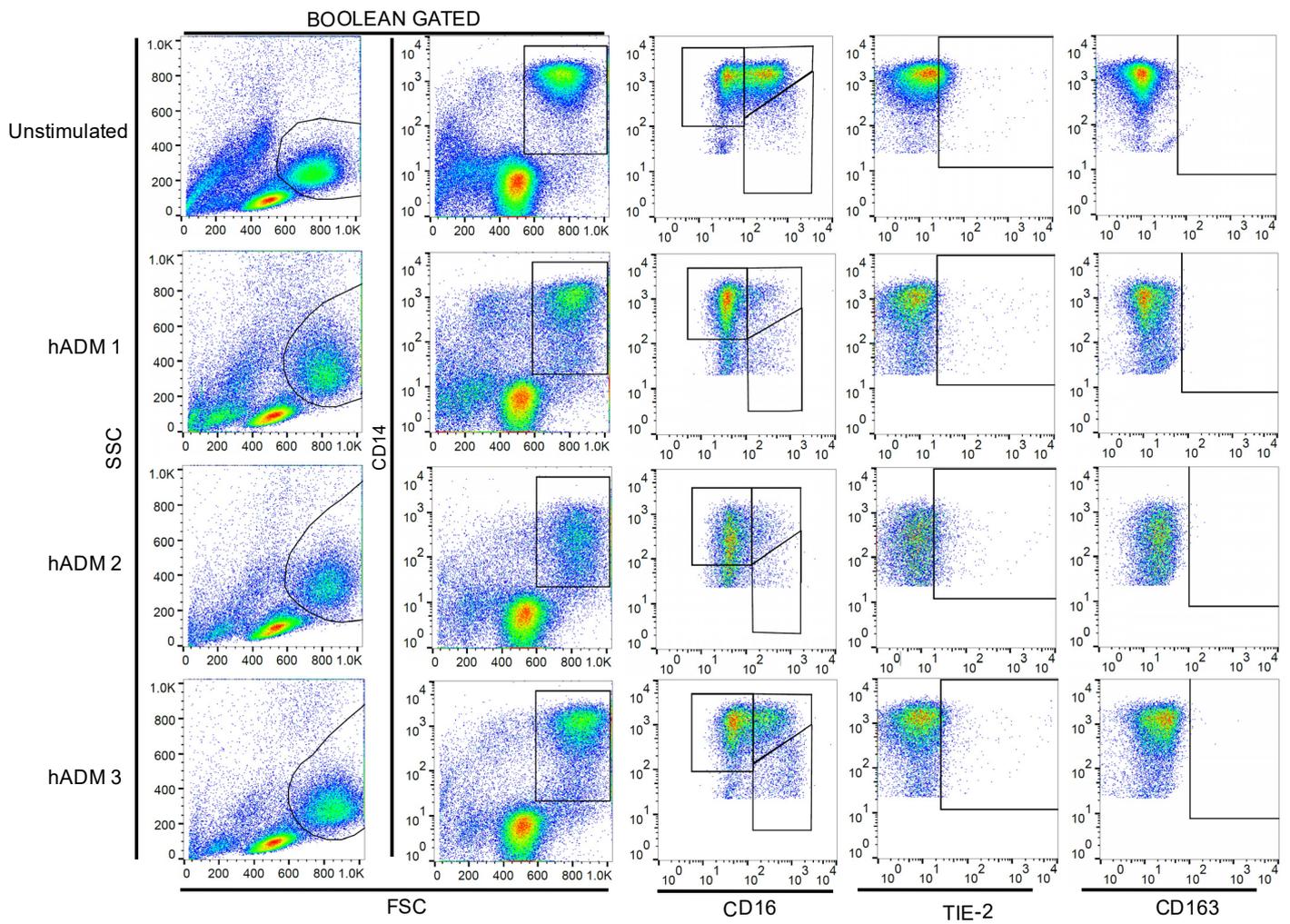


Figure S3. Representative Gating for Extracellularly-stained Monocytes. This supplemental figure relates to Figure 2. PBMCs cultured either alone or co-incubated with hADMs were collected, stained extracellularly for CD14, CD16, TIE-2 and CD163. Frequency of monocyte subsets (by CD14/CD16) as well as frequency and MFI of surface receptors TIE-2 & CD163 can be seen in Figure 2.

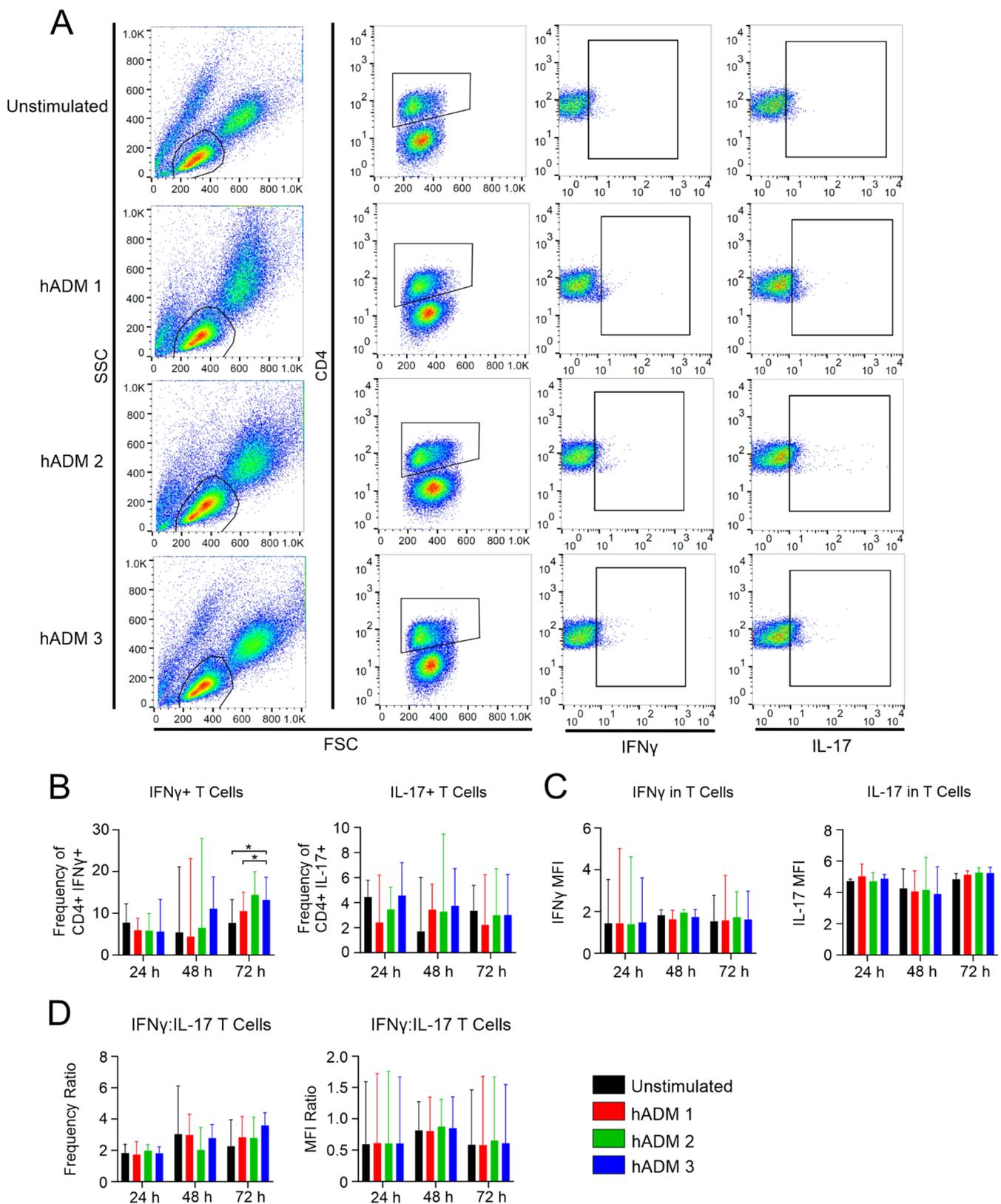


Figure S4. hADMs do not Induce Differential T Cell Function. Healthy donor PBMCs were co-incubated alone or with hADMs for 1, 2 or 3 days. 2 hours before collection, protein transportation was inhibited. Finally, cells were permeabilized and stained extracellularly and intracellularly before being examined by flow cytometry. (A) Representative schematic for flow cytometry gating. (B) Quantification of CD4⁺/IFN γ ⁺ or IL-17⁺ T cell frequency. (C) MFI quantification of CD4⁺/IFN γ ⁺ or IL-17⁺ T cells. (D) Frequency and MFI ratios of inflammatory T cell cytokines. Results expressed as medians + inter-quartile range. Two-tailed Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test used for B–E. $n = 5$ with 2 technical replicates; $*p < 0.05$.

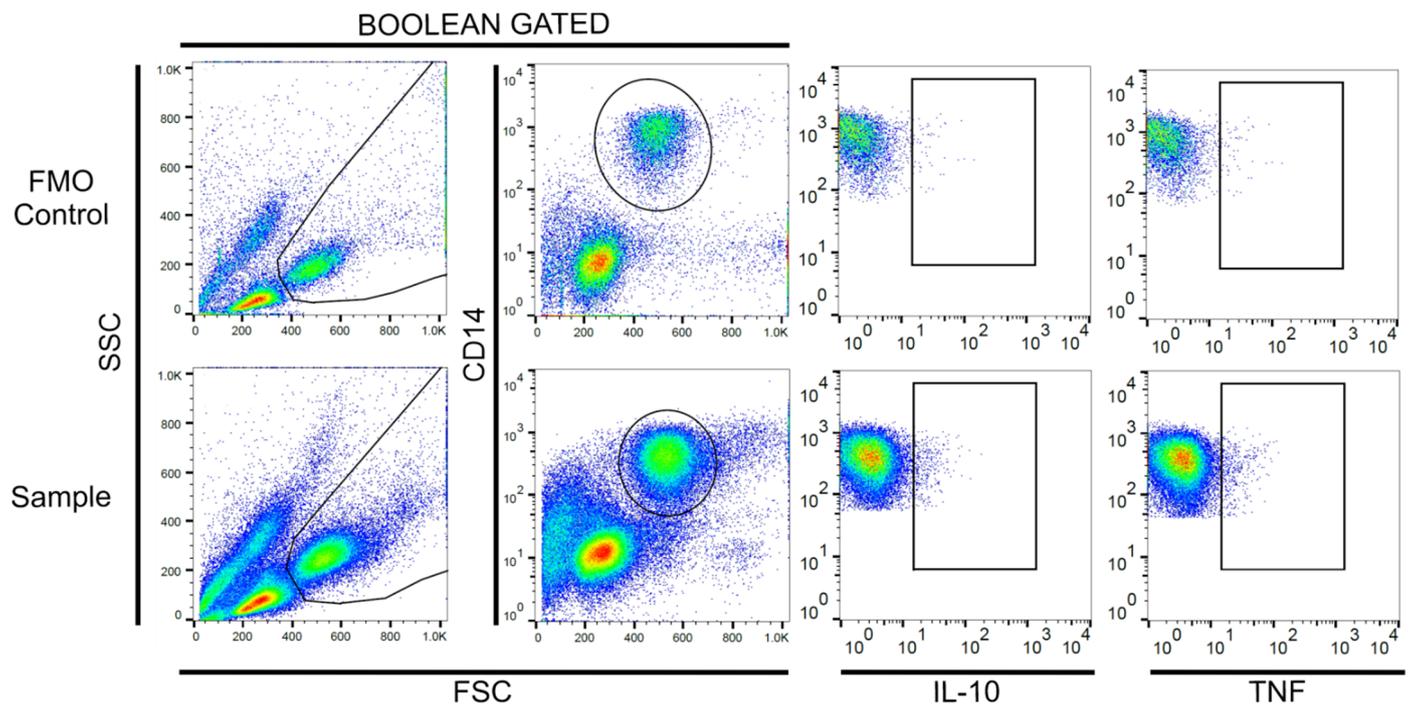


Figure S5. Representative Gating Strategy for Intracellularly-stained Monocytes. This supplemental figure relates to Figure 3. PBMCs cultured either alone or co-incubated with hADMs were collected, stained extracellularly for CD14, and intracellularly for IL-10 & TNF before undergoing flow cytometry. Quantifications of functional cytokines can be seen in Figure 3.

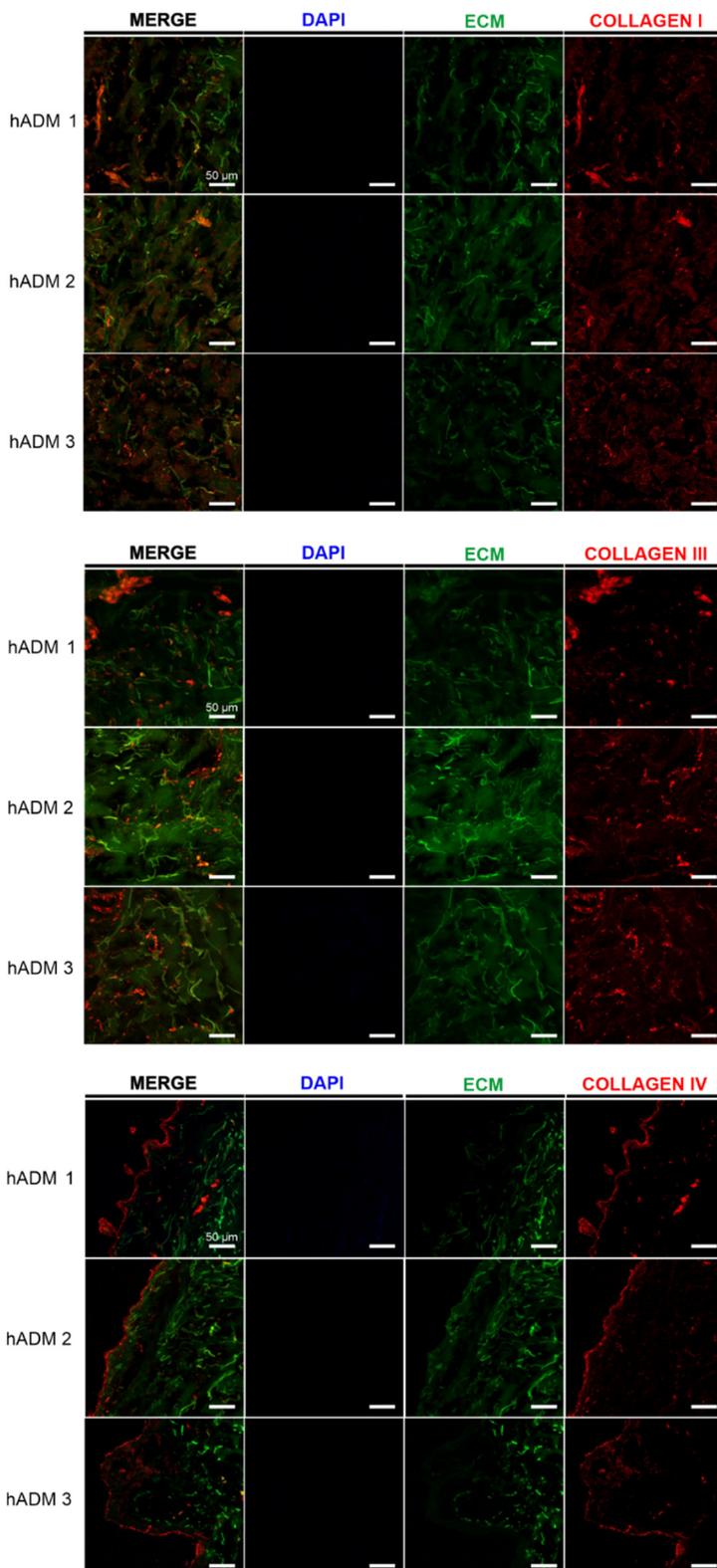


Figure S6. Representative Photos of ADMs without PBMC co-incubation. hADMs were examined confocally after fluorescence-conjugated antibody staining for collagens I, III and IV. Images for collagens I, III and IV can be seen for each hADM and in 3 separate channels as well as merged together. MERGE: Combined representation of channels 1–3, detailed below. Channel 1 (DAPI): cell nuclei staining via DAPI using a 405 nm laser. Channel 2 (ECM): Autofluorescent collagen fibers and ECM using a 488 nm laser. Channel 3 (Specific Collagen): Specific collagen fibers were stained using a primary and subsequently a secondary fluorescence-conjugated antibody using a 647 nm laser. All scale bars represent 50 µm.

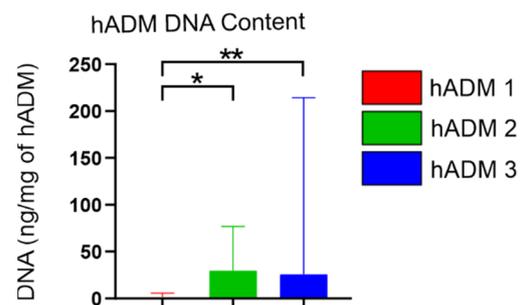


Figure S7. Quantification of residual DNA. hADMs were examined for their residual DNA content after processing. hADMs were entirely digested by proteinase K followed by DNA isolation and quantification. Results expressed as medians \pm interquartile ranges. One-tailed U Mann-Whitney test was used. $n = 4$ with 2 technical replicates; * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$.