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# AHR signaling dampens inflammatory signature in neonatal skin $\gamma\delta$ T cells.

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## **Supplementary Data**

### **Supplementary Materials**

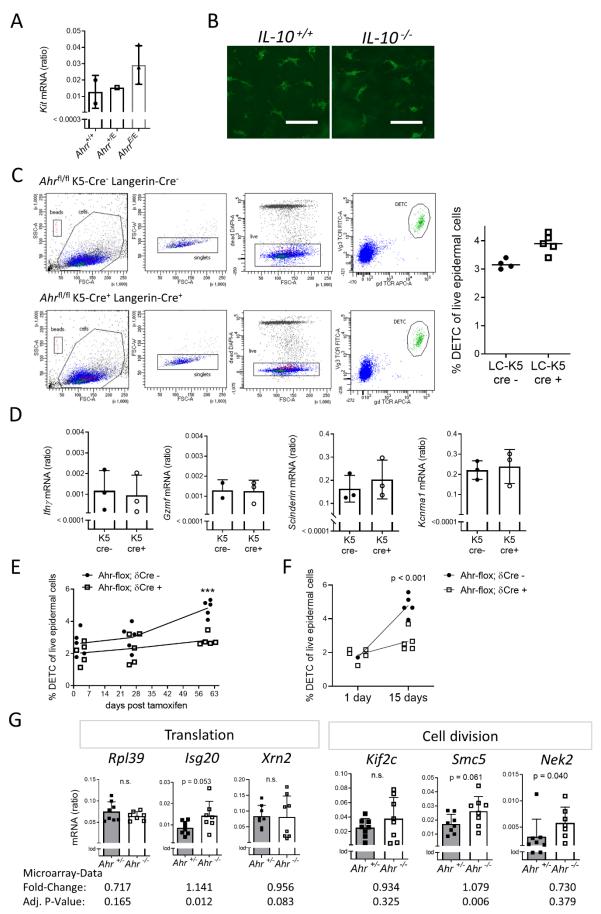
#### **Supplemental Table 1**

Primer sequences for quantitative real-time PCR

Rps6	(TACTGTGCCTCGTCGGTTG,	antisense:	TGAATCTTGGGTGCTTTGGT),
Ifny	(GGCCATCAGCAACAACATAA	, antisense:	ATCAGCAGCGACTCCTTTTC),
Pdl1	(AAGTCAATGCCCCATACCGC,	antisense:	CTCTTCCCACTCACGGGTTG),
Ccr5	(AGACATCCGTTCCCCCTACA,	antisense:	GCAGGGTGCTGACATACCAT),
Ccl1	(GCATGCTTACGGTCTCCAAT,	antisense:	AGGCGCAGCTTTCTCTACCT),
Ccr2	(CAGAAGAGGGGCATTGGATTC,	antisense:	CAAGGCTCACCATCATCGTA),
Ccrl	(GTTGGGACCTTGAACCTTGA,	antisense:	TCCTTTGCTGAGGAACTGGT),
Kcnm	al (ATATCCGCCCAGACACTGA	C, antisense:	ATCGTTGGCTGCAATAAACC),
Camk	2d (TCCATCGGGACCTAAAGCCT	Γ, antisense:	TGCCAGCAAAACCAAACCAT),
Ferm	t2 (CCCAGAGATCCCACAAAGAA	A, antisense:	TATCCCAGGATTGCCTTCTG),

Arhgap6 (TTTGACCGTGGGGTTGATGT, antisense: GGCTCCAACAGGAGAGTGTT), *Rhod* (AACCTGTGCACCTCCAAATC, antisense: CACAACAATGATGGGCACTC), Advillin (GTGGAGGTGGATCAGCAGTT, antisense: GTTGGAGTTGAGCGAGGAAG), 1110ra (GCCCTCAAACAGTACGGAAA, antisense: AAGCGAGTCTCAGTGGTGGT), Scinderin (CAGGGTGCCTATGGTGACTT, antisense: CTTGCCACCCAAATAGTCGT), GranzymeF (TGACCCTTCTTCTGCCTCTC, antisense: TCATTGAGCTTCCAGTGCAG), C-Kit (ATCCCGACTTTGTCAGATGG, antisense: AAGGCCAACCAGGAAAAGTT), Rpl39 (CAAAATCGCCCTATTCCTCA, antisense: TTCAAGACACGAAGAGTCTCCA), Isg20 (CCATGACCTGAAGCACGACT, antisense: CCCGCCAGTTGTTCTGGAT), Xrn2 (ACAGCAACTGTATTACCCCAGG, antisense: GGCTGGGCTCTTTGTCTTCT), *Kif2c* (GCCGACACATCTAGTGCTGA, antisense: GAGTTCTCCCCAATGAACGA), *Smc5* (AATCCTTCGGTGGTTGAGGAG, antisense: CCACCTTTCTTTCACCTGCG), Nek2 (CCTGGACAGCAAACACAATG, antisense: CAAGGACCAGATGTCCGACT), *Cyp1a1* (ATATCCCCAAGGGGTGCTGT, antisense: TTCAGGCCGGAACTCGTTTG)

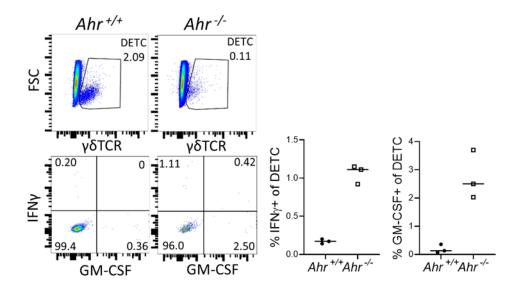
## Supplementary Figure 1



#### **Supplementary Figure 1**

(A) RNA from sorted DETC from 6 - 32 weeks old Ahrr<sup>+/+</sup>, Ahrr<sup>+/E</sup> or Ahrr<sup>E/E</sup> mice was isolated and expression of *Kit* was measured by qPCR. Shown are ratios referred to the housekeeper gene *Rps6* (n = 1-3 mice) (B) Representative pictures of epidermal ear sheets from 9-20 weeks old *Il-10* <sup>+/+</sup> or *Il-10* <sup>-/-</sup> mice stained with anti-Vy3 (scale bar = 50  $\mu$ m; n = 3 mice) (C) Epidermal cells from female, 9 weeks old,  $Ahr^{fl/fl}$  Cre- or  $Ahr^{fl/fl}$  K5-Cre+Langerin-Cre+ mice (LC-K5-Cre+) were stained for DETC (V $\gamma$ 3+,  $\gamma\delta$ TCR+) and were analyzed by flow cytometry for the frequency of DETC (n = 4-5 mice). (D) Epidermal cells from male and female, 13-16 weeks old, Ahr fl/fl Cre- or Ahr fl/fl K5-Cre+ mice were stained for DETC (Vγ3+, γδTCR+) and DETC were FACS-sorted to over 98 % purity and their RNA was isolated. Expression of interferon- $\gamma$  (*Ifn* $\gamma$ ), granzyme F (*Gzmf*), scinderin (*Scin*) and *Kcnma1* was measured by qPCR; shown are ratios referred to the housekeeper gene *Rps6* (n = 3 mice) (E) 8 week old Ahr-flox;  $\delta$ Cre+ and  $\delta$ Cre- mice were treated with tamoxifen as described in the methods section. Epidermal cells were isolated 3, 26 and 60 days after the last tamoxifen-injection and stained for DETC by anti- $\gamma\delta$ TCR and anti- $V\gamma3$ antibodies. The percentage of DETC from live cells is displayed (2-way-ANOVA with Sidak's test for multiple comparisons, \*\*\* p < 0.001; n = 5 mice) (F) Newborn mice (1 day old) were treated with tamoxifen as described in the method section. Epidermal cells were isolated 1 day and 15 days after the last tamoxifen-treatment and stained for DETC by anti- $\gamma\delta$ TCR and anti-V $\gamma$ 3 antibodies. The percentage of DETC from live cells is displayed (ttest for 15 days timepoint; n = 1-5 mice) (G) RNA of DETC, FACS-sorted from mice two weeks of age, was isolated. Expression of indicated genes was measured by qPCR; shown are ratios to the housekeeper gene Rps6 (n = 8; Mann-Whitney-test for Nek2, t-tests for remaining genes)

## **Supplementary Figure 2**



#### **Supplementary Figure 2**

Epidermal cells were isolated from 8 weeks old *Ahr*<sup>+/+</sup> and *Ahr*<sup>-/-</sup> mice and stained for DETC by anti- $\gamma\delta$ TCR-BV711 followed by fixation and intracellular staining for IFN $\gamma$  by anti-IFN $\gamma$ -APC and for GM-CSF by anti-GM-CSF-PE. One representative plot for DETC-gating from live cells and IFN $\gamma$ /GM-CSF proportion among DETC is shown per genotype. The plots were not standardized to a certain cell number. The percentage of IFN $\gamma$ + or GM-CSF+ DETC of all DETC is displayed as graph (n = 3 mice)