

SUPPLEMENTAL METHODS

Flow Cytometry

Murine spleens were dissociated into single-cell suspensions using 70 μm nylon mesh strainers. RBCs were lysed using the ACK lysis buffer (ThermoFisher, #A1049201) for 3:30 minutes at room temperature followed by quenching with FACS buffer (PBS without $\text{Ca}^{++}/\text{Mg}^{++}$, 5% FBS, 2mM EDTA). Cells were then centrifuged (500 x g, 5 minutes, 4° C), resuspended, and re-filtered. Lymph nodes (inguinal and brachial) were dissociated into single-cell suspensions using microscope glass slides and filtered through 70 μm nylon mesh strainers. Cells were counted using the Beckman Coulter Vi-CELL XR 2.04. Cells were seeded in V-bottom 96-well plates on ice at a density of 2.5×10^5 cells/well and first stained with a fixable viability dye (Zombie Violet Fixable Viability Kit, Biolegend, #423113, dilution 1:200). The following antibodies (all from Biolegend) were used: Brilliant Violet 605 anti-mouse CD274 (B7-H1, PD-L1) (#124321, clone 10F.9G2, dilution 1:200), FITC or APC anti-mouse CD19 (#152403 or #152409, clone 1D3/CD19, dilution 1:200), PerCP/Cyanine5.5 anti-mouse CD3 (#100218, clone 17A2, dilution 1:100), PE anti-mouse CD69 (#104507, clone H1.2F3, dilution 1:200), PE/Cyanine7 anti-mouse CD8 α (#100722, clone 53-6.7, dilution 1:200), FITC anti-mouse CD45 (#103108, clone 30-F11, dilution 1:200), PE anti-mouse CD11b (#101207, clone M170, dilution 1:200), and APC/Cyanine7 anti-mouse CD4 (#100414, clone GK1.5, dilution 1:200). Fluorescence Minus One controls were generated for CD274 and CD69. Single stain controls were generated with UltraComp eBeads Compensation Beads (Invitrogen, #01222242). Flow cytometry data were acquired using the Thermo Fisher Attune NxT instrument at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center UCLA flow cytometry core and analyzed using the FlowJo software.

Single-cell RNA Sequencing Analysis

Freshly harvested splenocytes from three mice in each treatment group were pooled. Library preparation and sequencing were conducted at the UCLA Technology Center for Genomics and Bioinformatics (TCGB) core using the 10X Genomics 3' GEX kit (version 3). The control and diABZI-treated samples were sequenced using an Illumina sequencer and aligned to the mm10 mouse genome using Cell Ranger (version 4.0.0). The aligned datasets were processed with the Seurat (version 4.0.4) R package in R Studio (version 2021.09.1, R version 4.1.2) (15). For quality control, cells with greater than 20% mitochondrial gene expression and cells with a number of unique molecular identifiers (nUMI) lower than 200 were excluded. Features (genes) not supported by a minimum of 20 cells were excluded. The data from the control and treated samples were integrated using Seurat's IntegrateData function following their default processing pipeline. The integrated data were scaled;

any effects of the cell cycle on gene expression profiles were reduced by regressing out the CellCycle scores of each cell. We regressed the score differences between the S scores and G2M scores of each cell, which were computed using Seurat's CellCycleScoring function. Prior to the scoring, we converted Seurat's built-in human cell cycle genes to their murine counterpart using the biomaRt R package (16). We applied the principal component analysis (PCA) dimensionality reduction. Subsequently, based on the latter's top 30 principal components (PCs), we generated the Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection (UMAP)-based visualization, nearest-neighbor computation, and cell clustering. Cluster-specific differentially expressed genes (DEGs), computed by Seurat's FindAllMarkers function, were used to identify the cell types of each cluster. Feature plots were generated using the FeaturePlot function (color contrast was increased by using the gene expression-specific color cutoffs for the 10th and 90th quantiles). To generate the overview of the relative breakdown of cluster composition in each condition, the dittoBarPlot function from the dittoSeq R package was used. We obtained treatment-specific DEGs by applying the FindMarkers function on the control and treated cell subsets of each cluster. DEGs specific to glycolysis were visualized by generating a heatmap of average log₂ fold change values (from Seurat's FindMarkers function) in R. To generate a heatmap of ontological analysis, the built-in Seurat function for EnrichR (DEenrichRPlot) was used to analyze the top 100 DEGs against the MSigDB Hallmark 2020 gene sets. Single-cell RNA sequencing analysis was also performed using Elucidata's Polly software packages (www.elucidata.io, Elucidata, Cambridge, MA).

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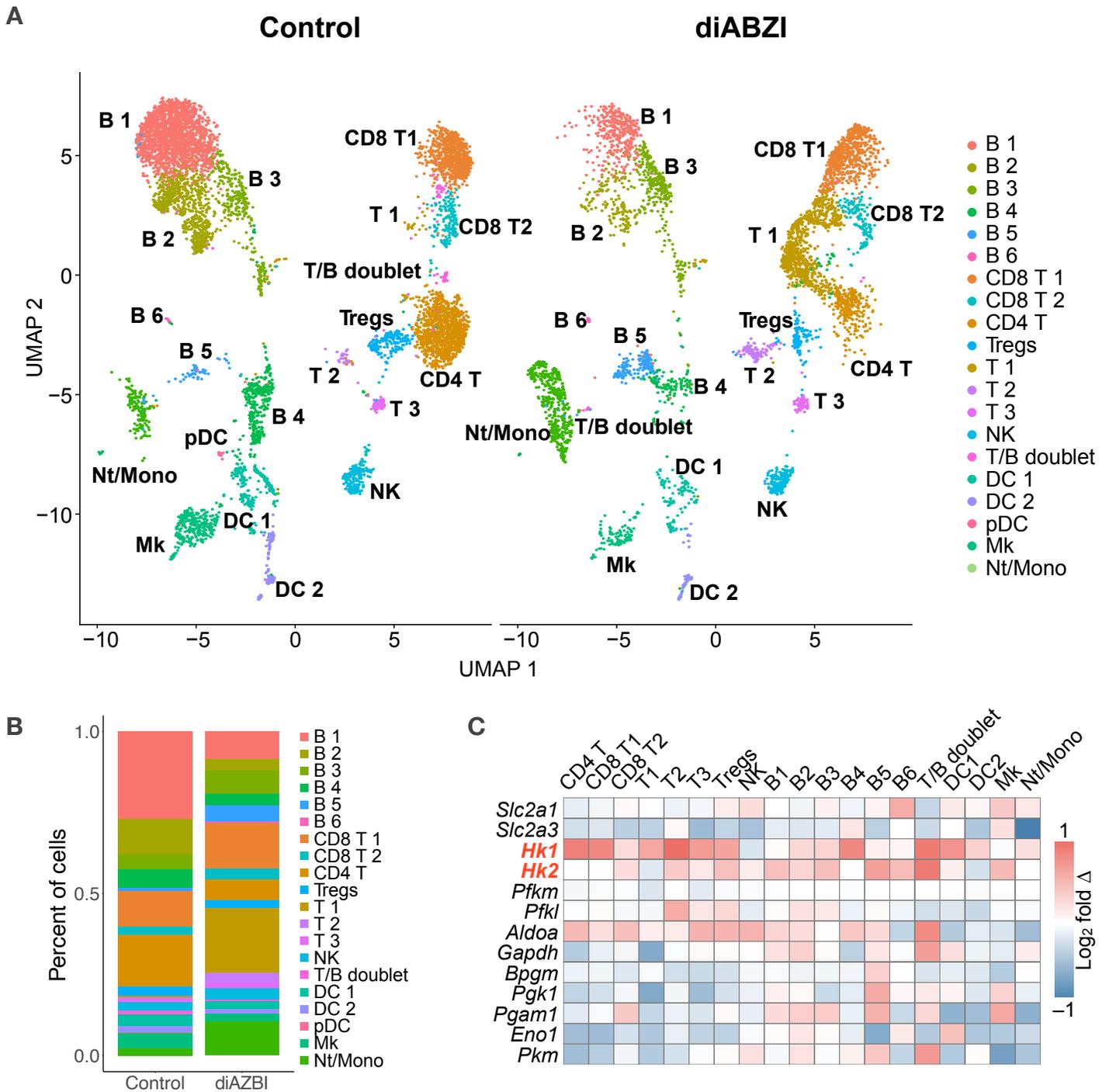
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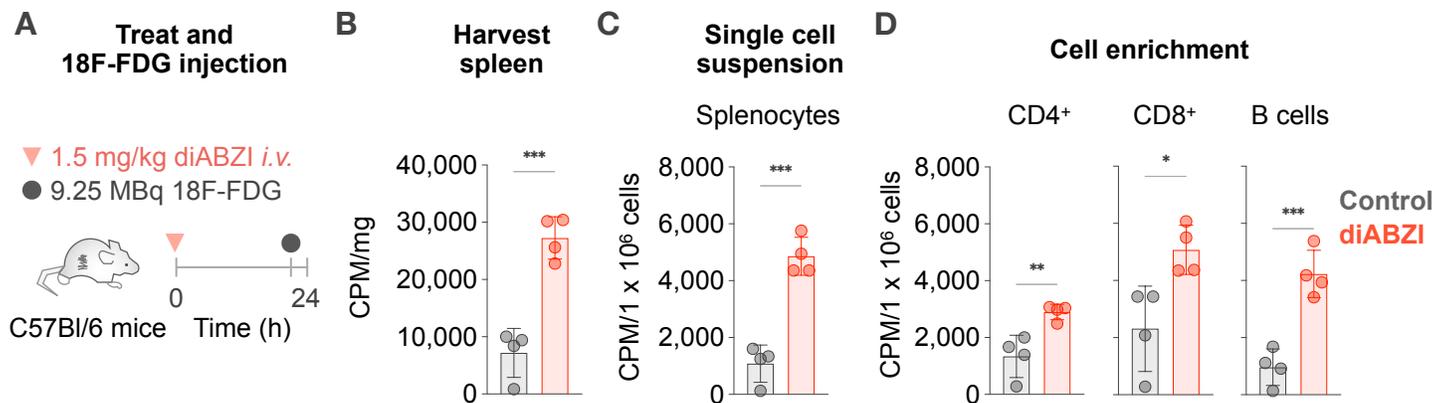
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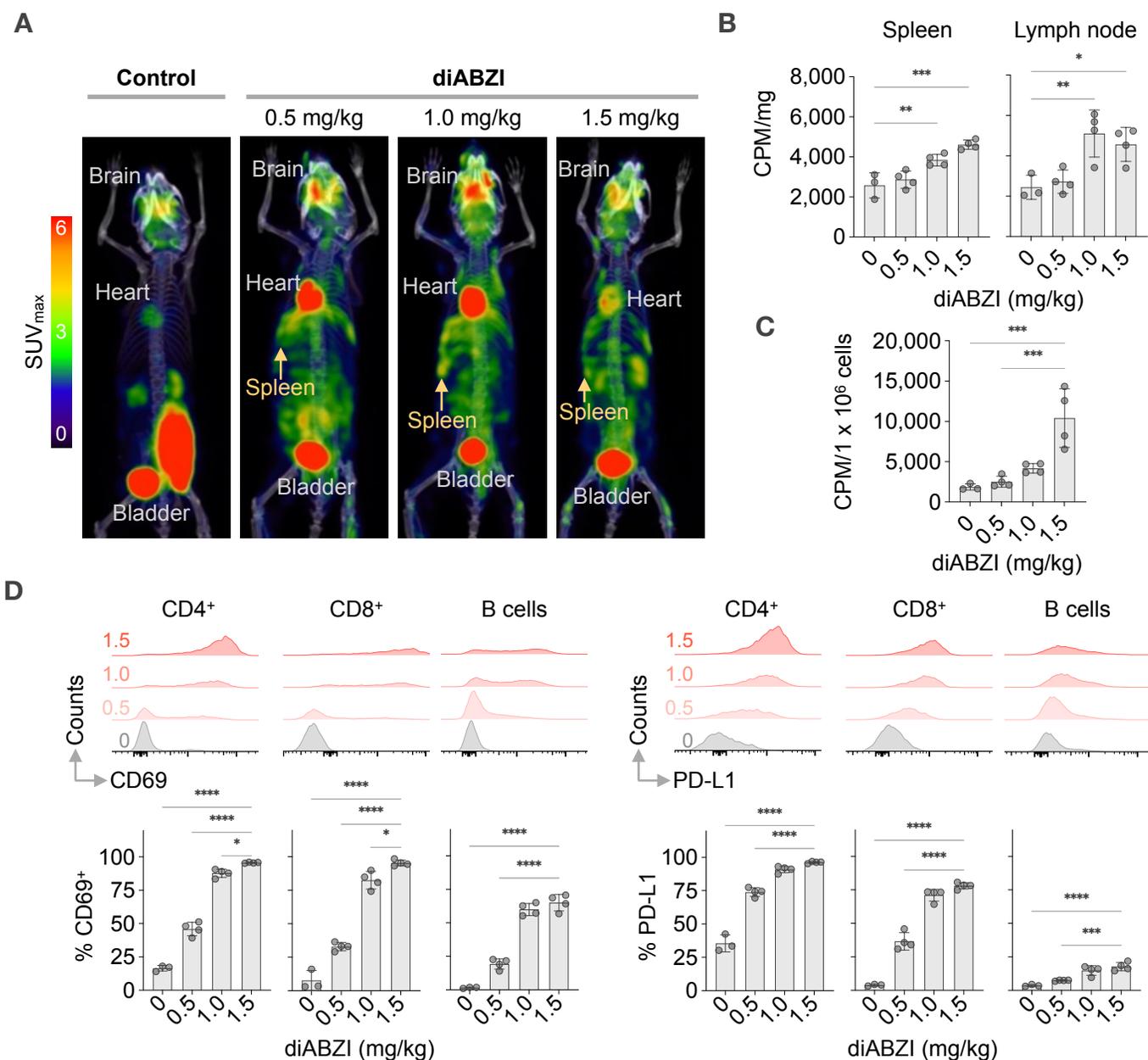
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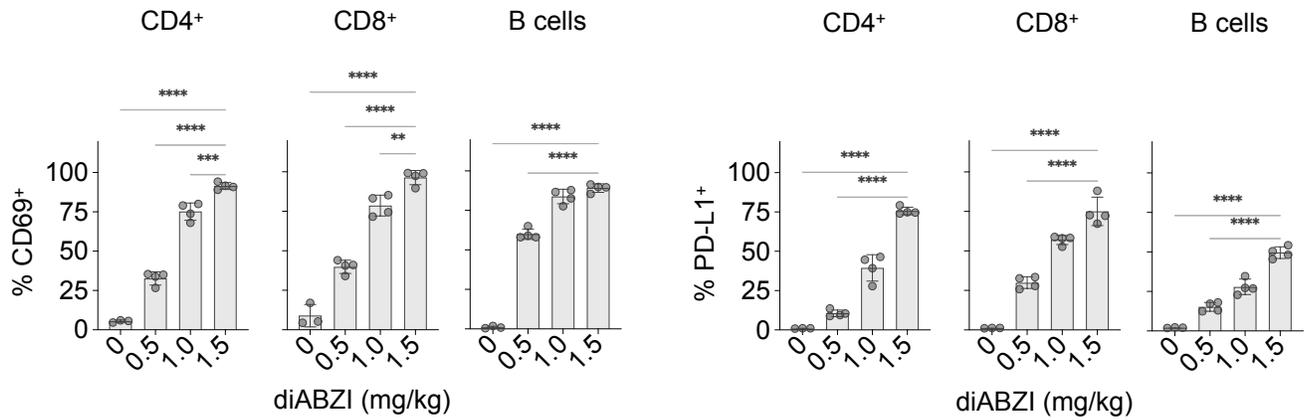
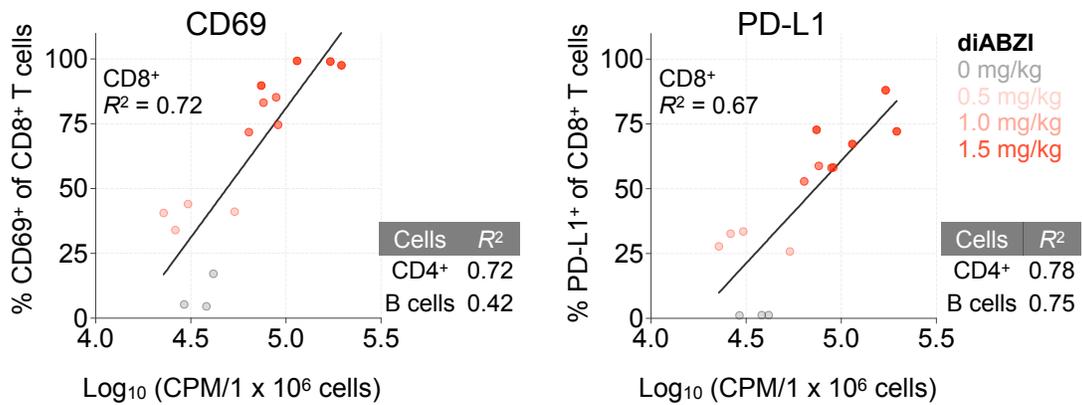
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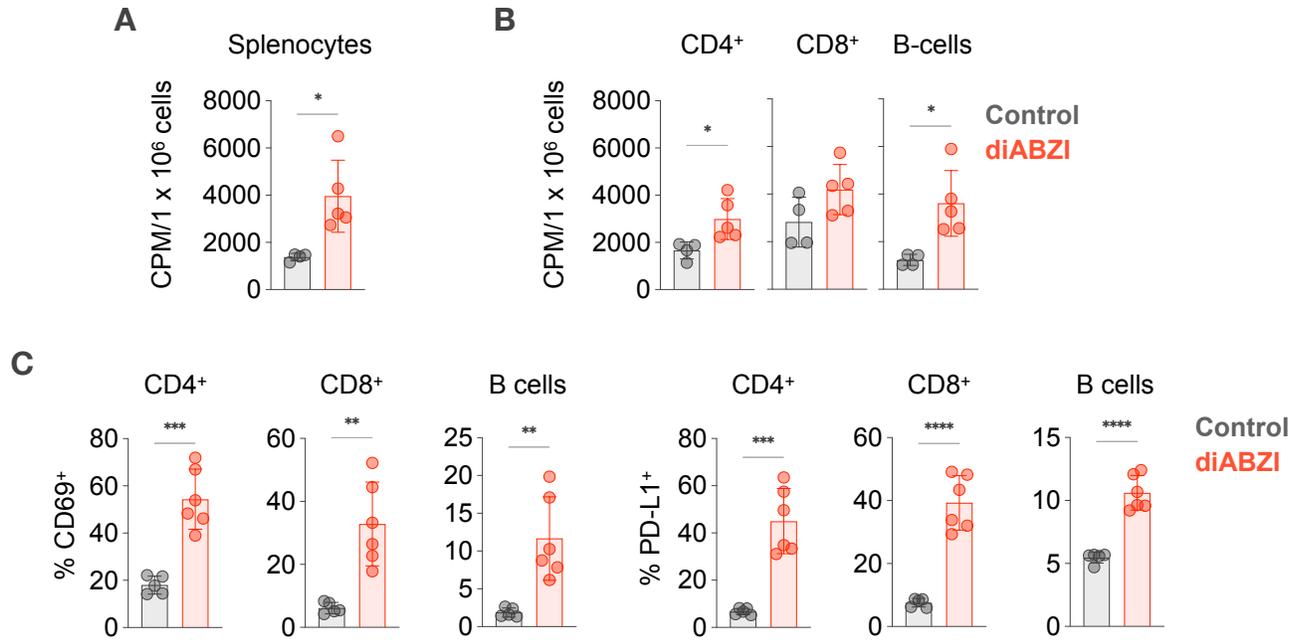
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