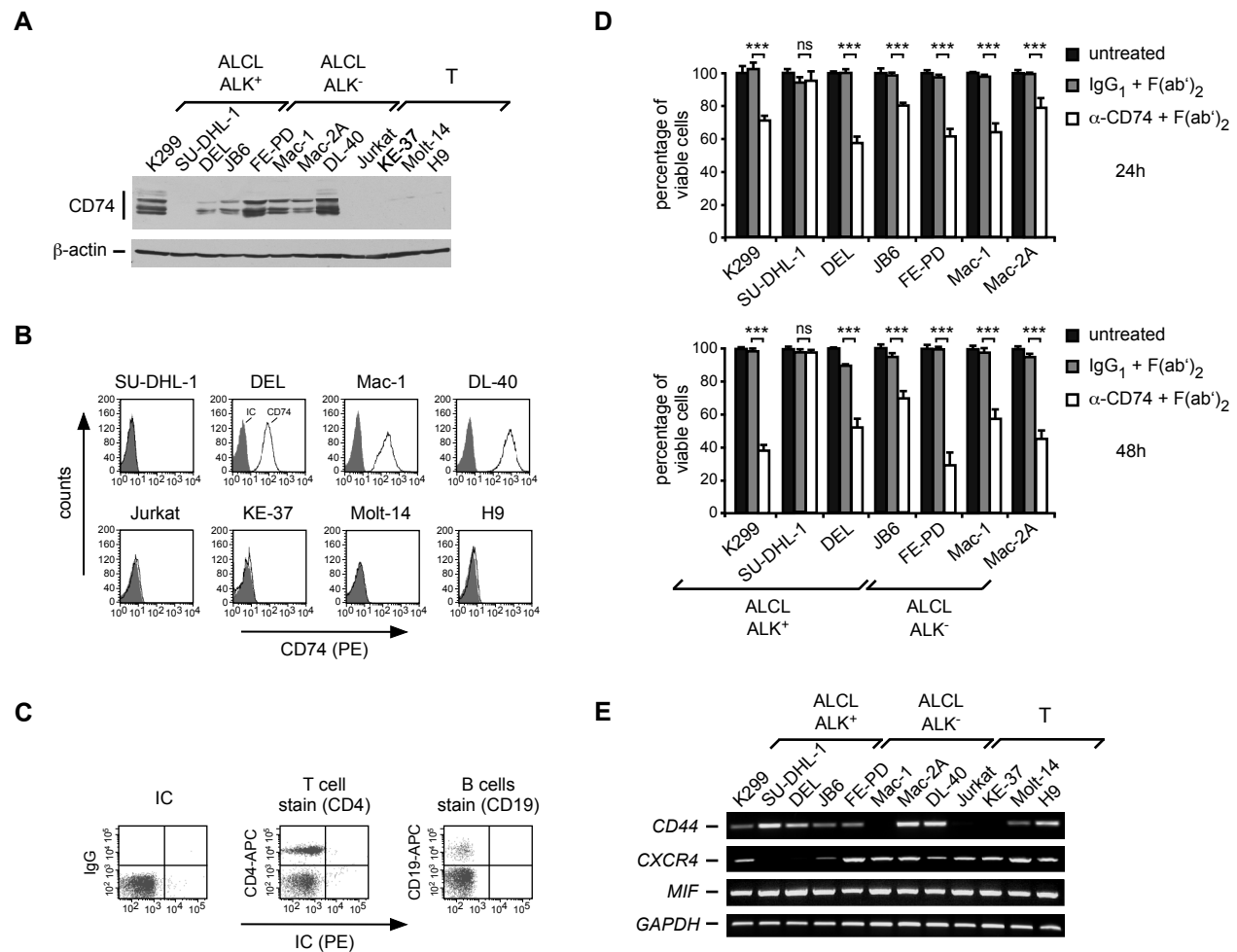


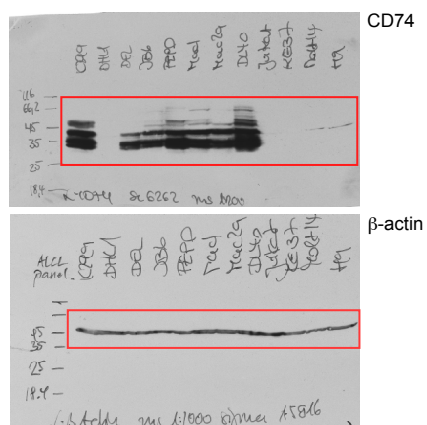
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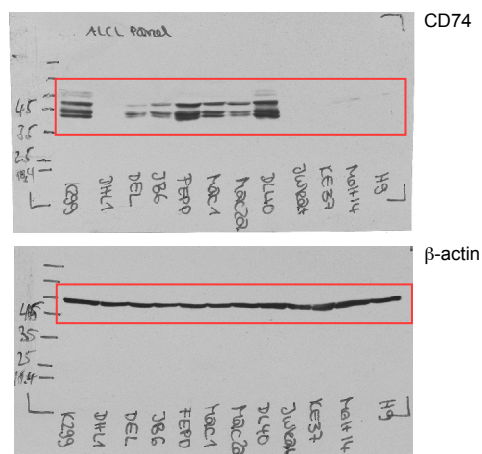
Supplementary Figure 1. (A) Analysis of CD74 protein expression by use of antibody sc-20062 in various ALK⁺ and ALK⁻ ALCL as well as T cell control cell lines, as indicated. The expression of β -actin was analyzed as a control. Note, that various CD74 protein bands of different sizes are detectable. (B) Cell surface expression analysis of CD74 in various ALCL (SU-DHL-1, DEL, Mac-1, DL-40) and T cell control (Jurkat, KE-37, Molt-14, H9) cell lines by extracellular flow cytometry (antibody sc-20062). Open histogram, CD74 staining; filled histogram, isotype control (IC). (C) Control stainings for CD4 or CD19 and CD74 double staining analyses of human PMNC by extracellular flow cytometry. Note, that the isotype control (IC) antibody does not result in non-specific staining. (D) Time course of apoptosis induction by CD74 ligation in various ALCL cell lines. Various ALK⁺ and ALK⁻ cell lines were left untreated (black columns), or were treated with 5 μ g anti-CD74 in combination with 20 μ g F(ab')₂ (open columns), or anti-IgG₁ in combination with F(ab')₂ (gray columns). Note, that SU-DHL-1 cells, which lack CD74 expression, do not respond to CD74 ligation. One of four independent experiments is shown. Error bars denote SDs. ***, $P < 0.0001$. ns, not significant. (E) Analysis of *CD44*, *CXCR4* and *MIF* mRNA expression by semiquantitative RT-PCR in various ALK⁺ and ALK⁻ ALCL as well as T cell control cell lines, as indicated. The expression of *GAPDH* was analyzed as a control.

Supplementary Figure 2

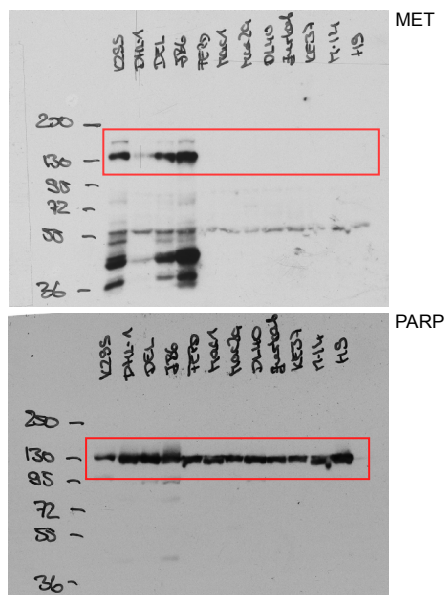
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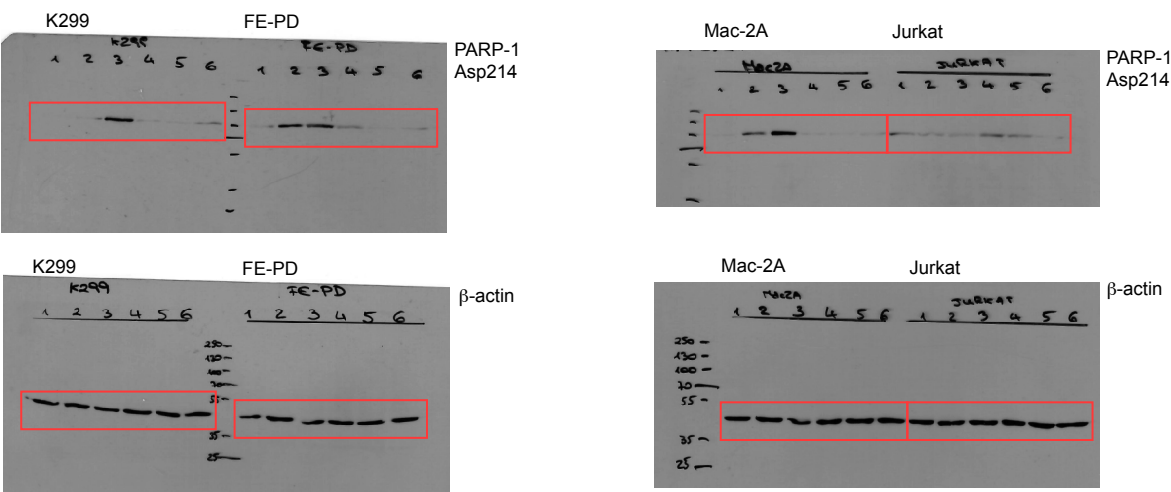
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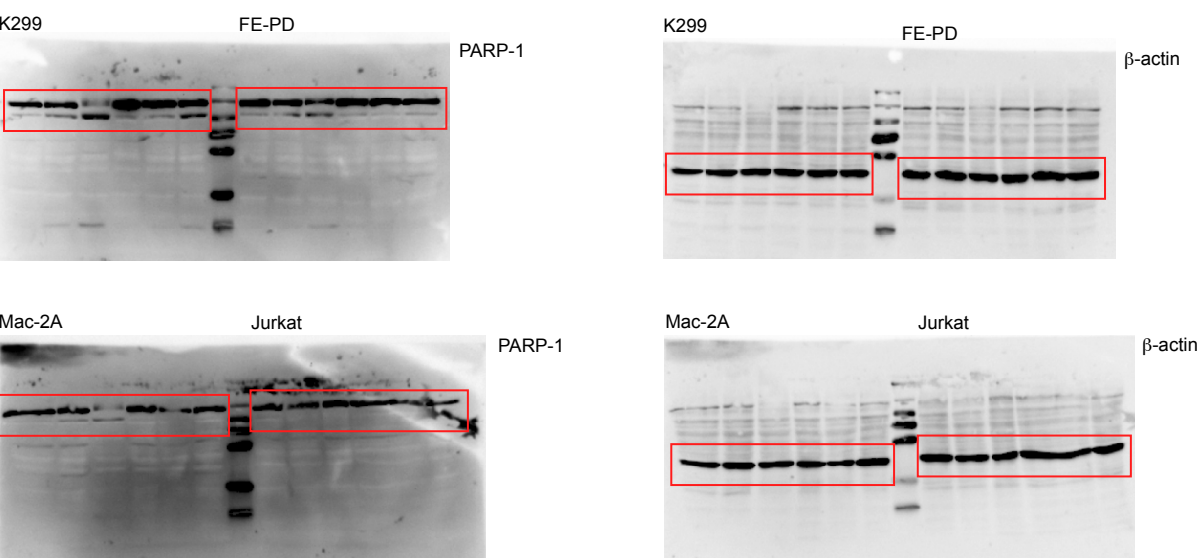
Supplementary Figure 2. Blots used for presentation of specific bands in Figure 1A, Figure 4A and Supplementary Figure 1A, as indicated. Bands shown in the respective figure parts are marked by red rectangles.

Supplementary Figure 3

Blots used in Figure 5B, left



Blots used in Figure 5B, right



Supplementary Figure 3. Blots used for presentation of specific bands in Figure 5. Bands shown in the respective figure parts are marked by red rectangles.

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DNA methylation analyses using Illumina Infinium Arrays

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