

## Supplementary Materials

**Table S1. Disease-causing mutations and clinical characteristics of EB patients**

Patient	Gender	Mutated gene	Mutations cDNA	Mutations protein	Clinical description of SCCs	Therapy	Course and outcome of SCC	Alive age at last visit / Deceased at age (years)
DEB-P1	F	COL7A1	c.4888C>T;5743_5744dupCG	p.Arg1630*;Gly191 6Valfs*90	More than 80 SCCs mainly on the limbs	Immunotherapy Pembrolizumab Cetuximab	Highly aggressive SCC	Deceased age 51
DEB-P2	F	COL7A1	c.425A>G; 425A>G	p.?:?	More than 20 SCC on the limbs	Excision	Multiple and recurrent	Alive age 22
DEB-P3	F	COL7A1	c.497dup;2005C>T	p.Val168Glyfs*12; Arg669*				Deceased age 49
DEB-P5	F	COL7A1	c.4027C>T;7023G>A	p.Arg1343*;?				Alive age 56
DEB-P6	M	COL7A1	c.1637-240_3255del4064	p.?:?	Recurrent SCC on both hands	Excision	Metastasis	Deceased age 22
DEB-P7	M	COL7A1	c.425A>G;425A>G	p.?:?	Recurrent SCC on both hands, legs	Excision	Squamous cell carcinoma of the esophagus (ref)	Deceased age 42
DEB-P8	F	COL7A1	c.3551-3T>G;7987G>T	p.?:Glu2663*				Deceased age 26
DEB-P9	M	COL7A1	c.425A>G;1837C>T	p.?:Arg613*	Recurrent SCC on the right hand, SCC of the foot	Excision Cemiplimab, Cetuximab	Lymph node metastasis, new cutaneous SCC (ref)	Deceased age 28
DEB-P10	M	COL7A1	c.425A>G;425A>G	p.?:?	Recurrent SCC on the right hand, SCC of the sole, back	Excision Cemiplimab	Squamous cell carcinoma of the esophagus Cutaneous SCC stable under Cemiplimab/ref)	Deceased age 42
KEB-P1	M	FERMT1	c.456dupA;456dupA	p.Asp153Argfs*4;Asp153Argfs*4	Lip and oral mucosa	Excision, anti-EGFR (Cetuximab)	Multiple recurrences, metastasis	Deceased age 35

KEB-P2	M	<i>FERMT1</i>	c.958-1G>A;958-1G>A	p.??	Lip	Excision	No recurrence	Alive age 51
KEB-P3	M	<i>FERMT1</i>	c.958-1G>A;958-1G>A	p.??	Lip and hand	Excisions	Multiple recurrences of the SCC on the hand, metastasis	Deceased age 64
KEB-P4	M	<i>FERMT1</i>	c.910G>T; 910G>T	p.Glu304*;Glu304*	Foot (ankle) and leg	Excision, anti-EGFR (Cetuximab), anti-PD-1 (Nivolumab, Pembrolizumab)	Multiple recurrences, metastasis	Deceased age 50
KEB-P5	F	<i>FERMT1</i>	g.80929_89169del	p.??	Lip and hand	Excisions	Multiple recurrences of the SCC on the lip	Deceased age 60
KEB-P6	M	<i>FERMT1</i>	c.1209C>G;1209C>G	p.Tyr403*;Tyr403*	Hand	Excision	No recurrence	Alive age 61
KEB-P7	F	<i>FERMT1</i>	c.328C>T;328C>T	p.Arg110*;Arg110*	Hand	Excision	No recurrence	NA

Legend: c., cDNA; F, female; fs, frame shift; g., genomic DNA; M, male; ?, consequence not known; NA, not available

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**Table S2. Underlying diseases of the immunosuppressed patients in this study**

<b>Organ transplantation</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>80.49</b>
Kidney	22	53.66
Liver	1	2.44
Lung	2	4.88
Heart	1	2.44
SCT <sup>1</sup>	8	17.07
<b>Inflammatory / autoimmune disease</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9.76</b>
Rheumatoid arthritis	2	4.88
Psoriasis	1	2.44
Bullous pemphigoid	1	2.44
<b>Congenital immune deficiency</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.44</b>
CD4 <sup>+</sup> T cell defect	1	2.44
<b>Solid tumour</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.44</b>
Squamous cell carcinoma of the nasopharynx	1	2.44
<b>Haematological malignancy</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.44</b>
B-CLL <sup>2</sup>	1	2.44

<sup>1</sup>Stem cell transplant; <sup>2</sup>Chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

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**Table S3. Immunosuppressive drugs used in the IS<sup>1</sup>-SCC patients in this study**

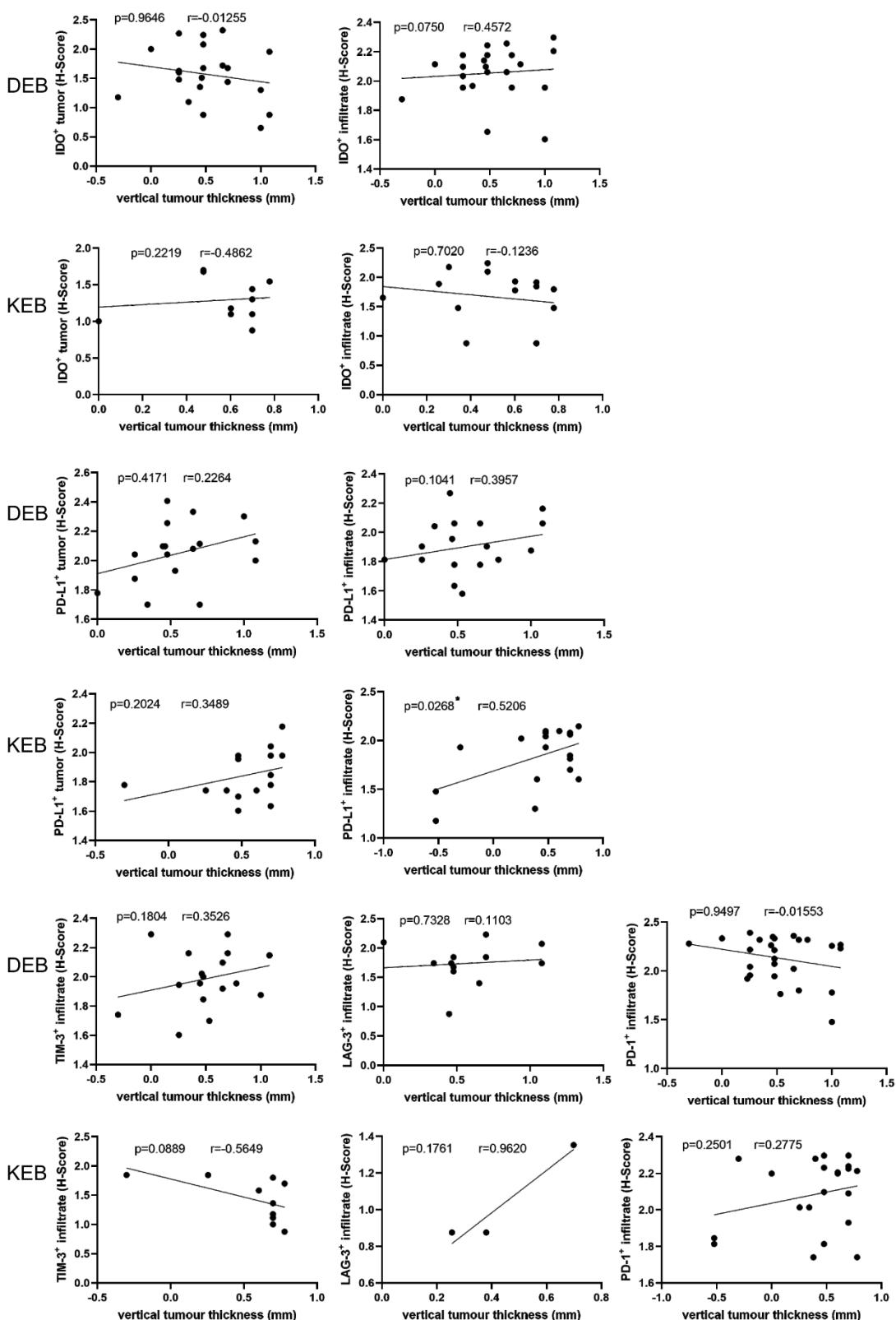
Type of immunosuppression	Number	Percentage
<b>mTOR-Inhibitors</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12.2</b>
Everolimus	3	7.32
Sirolimus	2	4.88
<b>Calcineurin inhibitors</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>58.54</b>
Tacrolimus	17	41.46
Cyclosporine	7	17.07
<b>Purine synthesis inhibitors</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>60.98</b>
Mycophenolic acid	20	48.78
Azathioprine	5	12.2
<b>Antimetabolites</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.32</b>
Methotrexate	3	7.32
<b>Alkylating agents</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.44</b>
Chlorambucil	1	2.44
<b>Alkylating-like agent</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.44</b>
Cisplatin	1	2.44
<b>Proteasome inhibitor</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.44</b>
Bortezomib	1	2.44
<b>NA<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.32</b>
<b>Combination therapy</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>56.1</b>
Cyclosporine + Mycophenolic acid	4	9.76
Tacrolimus + Mycophenolic acid	14	34.15
Tacrolimus + Everolimus + Mycophenolic acid	1	2.44
Tacrolimus + Azathioprine	1	2.44
Sirolimus + Mycophenolic acid	2	4.88
Everolimus + Tacrolimus	1	2.44

<sup>1</sup>immunosuppressed; <sup>2</sup>not available.

**Table S4. Immunohistochemical staining reagents and methods**

Primary antibody	Source	Antigen retrieval	Primary antibody incubation	Detection
IDO	Cell Signaling Technology	TRS <sup>1</sup> , pH 9.0 (Dako)	60 min, RT	Biotin-conjugated secondary antibody (Dako REAL™ Link, Biotinylated Secondary Antibodies) visualized with a alkaline phosphatase/RED chromogen (Dako REAL™ Detection System, Rabbit/Mouse (Code K5005))
PD-1	R&D	TRS, pH 6.0 (Dako)	60 min, RT	Biotin-conjugated secondary rabbit anti-goat antibody (vector Labs) visualized with a alkaline phosphatase/RED chromogen (Dako REAL™ Detection System, Rabbit/Mouse (Code K5005))
PD-L1	Cell Signaling Technology	TRS, pH 9.0 (Dako)	60 min, RT	Biotin-conjugated secondary antibody (Dako REAL™ Link, Biotinylated Secondary Antibodies) visualized with a alkaline phosphatase/RED chromogen (Dako REAL™ Detection System, Rabbit/Mouse (Code K5005))
CD4	Invitrogen	TRS, pH 9.0 (Dako)	60 min, RT	Biotin-conjugated secondary antibody (Dako REAL™ Link, Biotinylated Secondary Antibodies) visualized with a alkaline phosphatase/RED chromogen (Dako REAL™ Detection System, Rabbit/Mouse (Code K5005))
CD8	Biolegend	TRS, pH 9.0 (Dako)	60 min, RT	Biotin-conjugated secondary antibody (Dako REAL™ Link, Biotinylated Secondary Antibodies) visualized with a alkaline phosphatase/RED chromogen (Dako REAL™ Detection System, Rabbit/Mouse (Code K5005))
CD68	Biolegend	TRS pH 9.0 (Dako)	60 min, RT	Biotin-conjugated secondary antibody (Dako REAL™ Link, Biotinylated Secondary Antibodies) visualized with a alkaline phosphatase/RED chromogen (Dako REAL™ Detection System, Rabbit/Mouse (Code K5005))
LAG-3	Novus Biologicals	TRS, pH 9.0 (Dako)	60 min, RT	Biotin-conjugated secondary antibody (Dako REAL™ Link, Biotinylated Secondary Antibodies) visualized with a alkaline phosphatase/RED chromogen (Dako REAL™ Detection System, Rabbit/Mouse (Code K5005))
TIM-3	Cell Signaling Technology	TRS, pH 9.0 (Dako)	60 min, RT	Biotin-conjugated secondary antibody (Dako REAL™ Link, Biotinylated Secondary Antibodies) visualized with a alkaline phosphatase/RED chromogen (Dako REAL™ Detection System, Rabbit/Mouse (Code K5005))

<sup>1</sup>target retrieval solution.



**Figure S1: Correlation of immune marker expression with vertical tumor thickness.** Statistical analysis shows how the expression of the markers (y-axis) in tumor cells and stromal cells is affected by vertical tumor thickness (x-axis) using a simple linear regression model. DEB=dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa, KEB=Kindler epidermolysis bullosa, Statistical significance was noted as \* $p<0.05$ , \*\* $p<0.01$ , \*\*\* $p<0.001$ . r=pearson correlation coefficient. Measured values of X and Y-axis were logarithmized before statistical analysis.