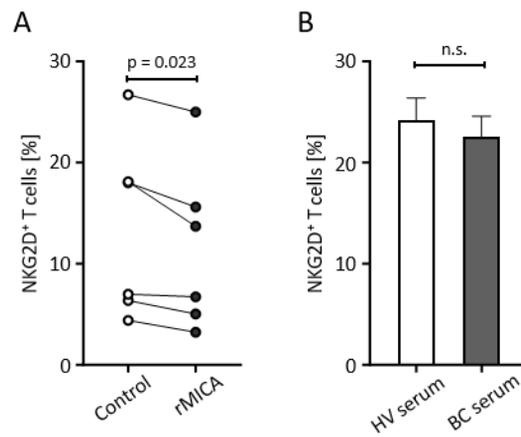


Supplemental Figure S1. Correlation between sNKG2DL serum levels and PFS and OS in BC patients.

(A–F) Serum levels of sNKG2DL were determined through the use of ELISA in BC patients (n = 140) and the correlation between sULBP1 (A,B), sULBP2 (C,D), and sULBP3 (E,F) and PFS and OS in BC patients below and above the first quartile is shown. PFS, progression-free survival; OS, overall survival; %, percent; *p*, *p*-value.



Supplemental Figure S2. sNLG2DLs induce the downregulation of NKG2D on T cells.

(A) PBMCs from HVs ($n = 5$) were co-cultured with soluble rMICA for 48 h and NKG2D expression on T cells was assessed through the use of flow cytometry. (B) PBMCs from HVs ($n = 6$) were co-cultured with serum from HVs ($n = 9$) or BC patients with high sNLG2DL levels ($n = 6$) for 24 h and NKG2D expression on T cells was assessed through the use of flow cytometry. HVs, healthy volunteers; BC, breast cancer; %, percent; p , p -value; n.s., not significant.