

1 **Selective modulation of cell surface proteins during vaccinia** 2 **infection: implications for immune evasion strategies**

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14 **Abstract**

15 The interaction between immune cells and virus-infected targets involves multiple plasma
16 membrane (PM) proteins. A systematic study of PM protein modulation by vaccinia virus
17 (VACV), the paradigm of host regulation, has the potential to reveal not only novel viral
18 immune evasion mechanisms, but also novel factors critical in host immunity. Here, >1000
19 PM proteins were quantified throughout VACV infection, revealing selective downregulation of
20 known T and NK cell ligands including HLA-C, downregulation of cytokine receptors including
21 IFNAR2, IL-6ST and IL-10RB, and rapid inhibition of expression of certain protocadherins and
22 ephrins, candidate activating immune ligands. Downregulation of most PM proteins occurred
23 via a proteasome-independent mechanism. Upregulated proteins included a decoy receptor
24 for TRAIL. Twenty VACV-encoded PM proteins were identified, of which five were not
25 recognised previously as such. Collectively, this dataset constitutes a valuable resource for
26 future studies on antiviral immunity, host-pathogen interaction, poxvirus biology, vector-based
27 vaccine design and oncolytic therapy.

28 **Introduction**

29 Vaccinia virus (VACV) is a large, double-stranded (ds)DNA virus and is best known as the live
30 vaccine used to eradicate smallpox (1). Since smallpox eradication in 1980, research with
31 VACV has continued because it is an excellent model to study host-pathogen interactions.
32 Furthermore, VACV was developed as an expression vector (2, 3) with utility as a vaccine
33 against other infectious diseases (4-6) and as an oncolytic agent (7, 8). To optimise the design
34 of VACV-based vaccines and oncolytic agents, it is important to develop a comprehensive
35 understanding of the interactions between VACV-infected cells and the host immune system,
36 and how VACV modulates these interactions. The study of virus-induced changes to cellular
37 proteins has also led to several advances in understanding of host cell protein function. A
38 recent example of this was our demonstration that histone deacetylase 4 (HDAC4) is degraded
39 during VACV infection (9), is needed for the recruitment of STAT2 to the interferon (IFN)-
40 stimulated response element during type I IFN-induced signalling and restricts the replication
41 of VACV and herpes simplex virus type 1 (10).

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43 VACV encodes many immunomodulatory proteins that function to evade or suppress the host
44 immune response to infection (11). Intracellular immunomodulators may inhibit innate immune
45 signalling pathways, the activity of IFN-stimulated gene (ISG) products, or block apoptosis
46 (12, 13). Secreted proteins can bind and inhibit cytokines, chemokines, IFNs or complement
47 factors. Additional immunomodulators function on the cell surface to influence recognition of
48 the infected cell by the immune system. In general, these have been studied less extensively
49 than secreted or intracellular proteins. Nonetheless, it was reported that the viral
50 haemagglutinin (HA, protein A56) modulates interactions with natural killer (NK) cells (14), and
51 A40 is a cell surface protein with a type II membrane topology, with limited amino acid similarity
52 to C-type lectins and NK cell receptors (15). In addition to these integral membrane proteins,
53 some VACV secreted proteins can also bind to the surface of infected or uninfected cells.
54 Examples include the type I IFN-binding protein (B18 in VACV strain Western Reserve – WR)
55 that binds to cell surface glycosaminoglycans (16, 17) and the M2 protein that binds to B7.1

56 and B7.2 to prevent T cell activation (18, 19). The vaccinia complement control protein C3
57 (VCP) and the K2 serine protease inhibitor (serpin 3, SPI-3) each bind to A56 (20), and
58 vaccinia epidermal growth factor (VGF) binds to the epidermal growth factor receptor and
59 promotes cell division (21) and affects virus spread (22). Other VACV proteins present on the
60 infected cell surface are part of the outer envelope of the extracellular enveloped virus (EEV)
61 (23).

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63 In addition to VACV proteins expressed at the cell surface, there have been a few reports of
64 changes to cellular plasma membrane (PM) proteins during infection. For instance, the
65 abundance of different MHC class I haplotypes, a major immune ligand, have been reported
66 to change during infection and this might influence recognition of infected cells by both CD8⁺
67 cytotoxic T lymphocytes and NK cells (24-27). However, changes in cell surface protein
68 expression during VACV infection have not been addressed comprehensively or
69 systematically.

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71 This study used plasma membrane profiling (PMP) (28, 29) to provide a comprehensive
72 analysis of temporal and quantitative changes in host and viral proteins at the surface of
73 immortalised human foetal foreskin fibroblasts (HFFF-TERTs) following VACV infection. Using
74 tandem mass-tag (TMT)-based proteomics of PM-enriched fractions, >1000 PM proteins were
75 quantified, and of these, 142 were downregulated and 113 were upregulated during infection.
76 Twenty VACV proteins were detected at the cell surface including C8 and F5, which were not
77 known to be present at the PM. Modulation of the expression levels of PM proteins indicated
78 several possible novel immune evasion strategies, including selective downregulation of HLA-
79 C and the IFN- α receptor 2 (IFNAR2) and upregulation of an apoptosis decoy receptor for
80 TRAIL. The use of a proteasome inhibitor and comparison with previous studies assessing
81 whole cell protein expression during VACV infection (9) and protein stability (30) in HFFF-
82 TERTs suggested that proteasomal degradation and host protein synthesis shut-off are not
83 the major mechanisms by which PM proteins are downregulated during VACV infection, and

84 that most PM proteins are likely upregulated through subcellular translocation and/or
85 stabilisation at the PM. Finally, a comparative analysis with a dataset examining cell surface
86 proteomic changes upon infection of HFFF-TERTs with human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) (31)
87 identified possible common viral immune evasion strategies.

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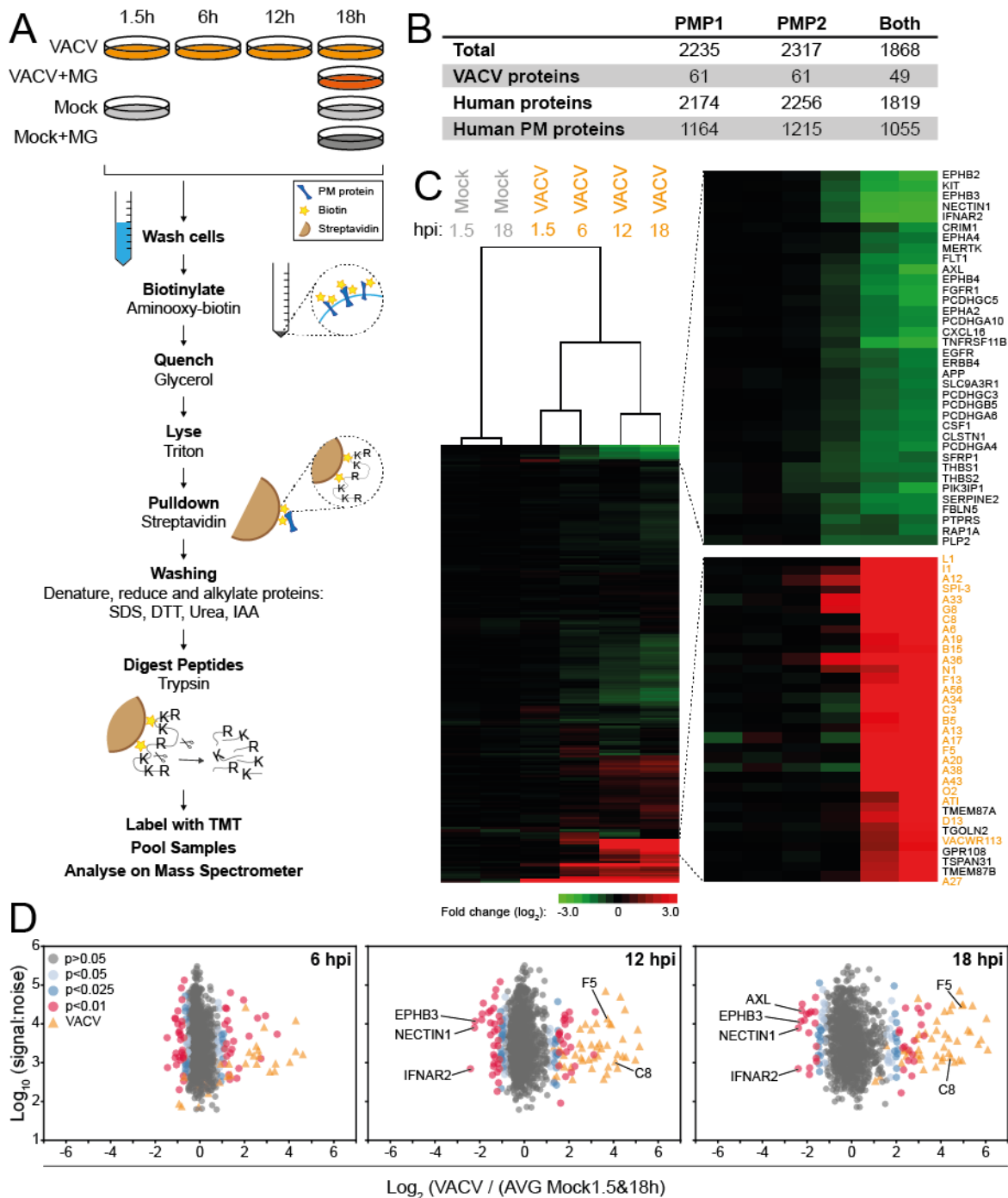
89 **Results**

90 Quantitative temporal analysis of the plasma membrane proteome during VACV infection

91 To measure how VACV infection changes the cell surface proteome, HFFF-TERTs were
92 mock-treated or infected with VACV WR in biological duplicate. These cells were used
93 previously in an investigation of the whole cell proteome during VACV infection (9) and the
94 whole cell lysate (WCL) and PM proteomes during HCMV infection (29), thereby enabling
95 direct comparisons with these datasets. Additionally, a single mock and an infected sample
96 were treated with the proteasome inhibitor MG132 at 2 hours post-infection (hpi). Flow
97 cytometry confirmed that >95% of the cells were infected (**Figure S1A-B**). Multiplexed TMT
98 and triple-stage mass spectrometry (MS3) were used to quantify the relative abundance of
99 PM proteins at 1.5, 6, 12 and 18 hpi (**Figure 1A**).

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101 Human proteins were filtered for gene ontology (GO) annotations related to PM expression.
102 Overall, 49 VACV proteins and 1055 human PM proteins were quantified in both experiments
103 (**Figure 1B**). Mock-infected samples presented negligible variation in the abundance of any
104 given protein over the course of the experiment (**Figure S1C**). VACV-infection induced
105 selective changes in the expression of PM proteins, with the greatest fold-change (FC)
106 occurring mostly late during infection (**Figure 1C-D**). This was reflected by separate clustering
107 of mock samples, and samples harvested early (1.5 & 6 hpi) or late (12 & 18 hpi) after VACV
108 infection (**Figure 1C**). All data are shown in **Table S1**, in which the worksheet “Plotter” enables
109 interactive generation of temporal graphs of the expression of each human or viral proteins
110 quantified.



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112 **Figure 1. Quantitative temporal analysis of the plasma membrane proteome during VACV infection. (A)**

113 Schematic of the experimental workflow. HFFF-TERTs were mock-treated or infected with VACV at MOI 5 for the

114 indicated time-points (**Fig. S1A-B**). At 2 hpi MG132 was added to a mock and an infected sample ('+MG'). Samples

115 were generated in biological duplicate (PMP1, PMP2). (**B**) Number of proteins quantified in the PMP replicates.

116 'Human PM proteins' represents the number of proteins annotated with relevant GO terms (PM, 'cell surface' [CS],

117 'extracellular' [XC] and 'short GO' [ShG, 4-part term containing 'integral to membrane', 'intrinsic to membrane',

118 'membrane part', 'cell part' or a 5-part term additionally containing 'membrane']). (**C**) Hierarchical cluster analysis

119 showing the fold change of all VACV and human proteins quantified in both replicates compared to mock (average

120 1.5 and 18 h, **Fig. S1C**). Selected sections are shown enlarged and VACV proteins are indicated in orange. (**D**)

121 Scatter plots of all VACV and human PM proteins quantified in both repeats at 6, 12 or 18 hpi. Selected human PM

122 proteins were annotated. P-values were estimated using significance A with Benjamini-Hochberg correction for

123 multiple hypothesis testing (32).

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125 Selective changes in human cell surface protein expression following VACV infection

126 Two sets of criteria were defined to determine which human PM proteins showed altered levels
127 during VACV infection (**Figure 2A, Table S2A-D**). First, 'sensitive' criteria included proteins
128 quantified in either or both PMP replicates showing >2-fold change (FC) at any time-point
129 during infection. Second, 'stringent' criteria included only proteins detected in both PMP
130 replicates showing >2 FC with a p-value <0.05 (Benjamini-Hochberg corrected one-way
131 ANOVA). Both criteria indicated that VACV infection selectively alters the abundance of a
132 small fraction (~1%) of human PM proteins detected in this study (**Figure 2A, Table S2A-D**).
133 Sensitive criteria were used for subsequent analyses and proteins identified by stringent
134 criteria are shown where appropriate in supplementary tables.

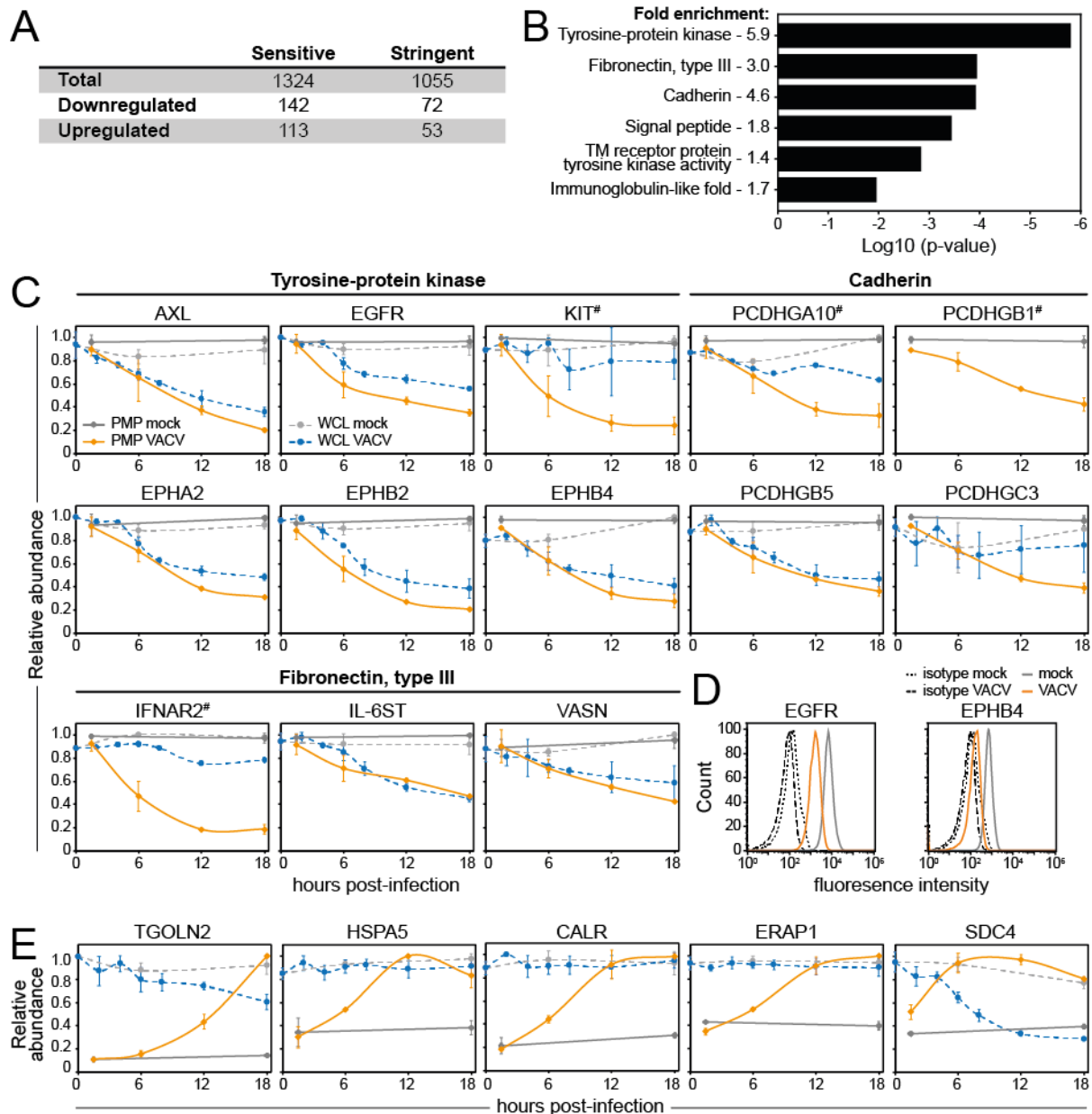
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136 Of the 1055 human PM proteins quantified in both PMP replicates, 142 and 113 proteins were
137 down- or upregulated, respectively (**Figure 2A, Table S2A-B**). The Database for Annotation,
138 Visualization and Integrated Discovery (DAVID) (33, 34) identified six functional clusters that
139 were enriched within the group of downregulated human PM proteins (**Figure 2B, Table S2E**).
140 This included protocadherins and several clusters associated with receptor tyrosine kinases
141 (RTKs), which contain immunoglobulin domains (growth factor receptor families), fibronectin
142 type III domains (ephrin family), or a combination of the two (TAM family) (35). Temporal
143 profiles provide insight into the kinetics of downregulation from the cell surface (this dataset)
144 and as determined by WCL proteomics of VACV-infected cells (9) (**Figure 2C**).
145 Downregulation of ephrin B4 (EPHB4) and epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) was
146 confirmed by flow cytometry (**Figure 2D**).

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148 DAVID functional enrichment analysis for the group of upregulated human PM proteins
149 resulted in a single significantly enriched cluster: 'Protein processing in the endoplasmic
150 reticulum (ER)' (**Table S2F**). The most highly upregulated proteins included many ER, Golgi
151 and lysosomal proteins, such as trans-Golgi network integral membrane protein (TGOLN)2,

152 heat shock protein (HSP)A5, calreticulin (CALR) and ER aminopeptidase (ERAP)1 (**Figure**
153 **2E**).



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155 **Figure 2. Selective modulation of host proteins at the cell surface during VACV infection.** (A) Human host
156 PM modulated according to the sensitive and stringent criteria (**Table S2A-D**). (B) DAVID functional enrichment of
157 142 proteins detected in either repeat and downregulated >2-fold. A background of all quantified human PM
158 proteins was used. Representative terms are shown for each cluster with a Benjamini-Hochberg-corrected p-value
159 <0.05 (**Table S2E**). (C) Temporal profiles of selected downregulated proteins, in which the fold-change for
160 downregulation was in each case significant at p<0.05 (Benjamini-Hochberg-corrected one-way ANOVA, **Table**
161 **S2A/C**). (D) Downregulation of EGFR/EPHB4 during VACV infection was confirmed by flow cytometry at 15 hpi
162 with VACV (MOI 5). Results are representative of 3 independent experiments. (E) Temporal profiles of selected
163 upregulated proteins, all with p <0.05 (Benjamini-Hochberg-corrected one-way ANOVA, **Table S2B/D**). Data are
164 represented as mean \pm SD (PMP n=2; WCL (9) n=3, # WCL n<3).

165 Interestingly, several host surface proteins involved with the cytokine response were
166 modulated during VACV infection. For example, the interleukin-6 receptor subunit β (IL-6ST),
167 interferon α/β receptor 2 (IFNAR2), mast/stem cell growth factor receptor Kit (KIT) (**Figure 2C**)
168 and interleukin-10 receptor subunit β (IL-10RB, **Table S1**) were substantially downregulated
169 from the PM during VACV infection. Conversely, PM expression of several proteins involved
170 in the suppression of the cytokine response, including CALR, ERAP1 and syndecan-4 (SDC4),
171 were upregulated (**Figure 2E**). Overall, PM expression modulation of these proteins may
172 indicate novel strategies by which VACV manipulates the cytokine environment to enhance
173 immune evasion, replication or spread.

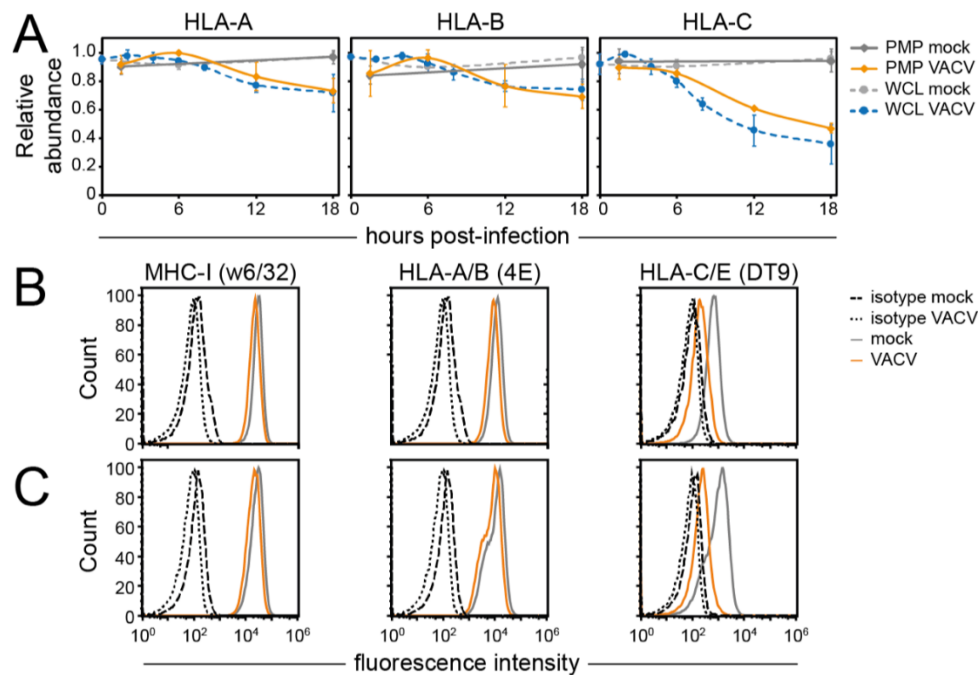
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175 Selective modulation of cell surface immune ligands during VACV infection

176 NK and T cells are essential components of the antiviral immune response. Their activation
177 status is determined by the integration of inhibitory and activating signals emanating from
178 receptors engaging with ligands expressed by (infected) target cells. Interestingly, several of
179 these immune ligands showed altered PM expression during VACV infection.

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181 Major histocompatibility complex class I (MHC-I, human leukocyte antigen class I (HLA) in
182 humans) molecules are important activators and regulators of NK and T cells. Due to the
183 polymorphic nature of classical HLA-I (HLA-A, -B, -C), their peptides may easily be miss-
184 assigned after detection by mass spectrometry. Therefore, only peptides corresponding
185 uniquely to a single HLA-I type were included in this analysis. Interestingly, HLA-A and HLA-
186 B were modestly downregulated whilst HLA-C was substantially downregulated (**Figure 3A**).
187 This selective modulation was observed at both the cell surface and whole cell level and was
188 further confirmed by flow cytometry in two different cell lines (**Figure 3B-C**). Given that all
189 HLA-C subtypes are ligands for killer-cell immunoglobulin-like receptors (KIRs) expressed by
190 NK cells, and less than 50% of the HLA-A/B subtypes can bind KIRs (36), these data suggest
191 selective modulation of the NK cell response during VACV infection.



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193 **Figure 3. Selective downregulation of HLA-C from the PM during VACV infection.** (A) Temporal profiles were
 194 generated only using peptides belonging uniquely to each of the indicated HLA-I heavy chains. Data are
 195 represented as mean \pm SD (PMP n=2; WCL (9) n=3, # WCL n<3). (B-C) Cell surface downregulation of selected
 196 proteins during VACV infection (MOI 5) was confirmed by flow cytometry in HFFF-TERTs (B) or HeLa cells (C) at
 197 15-18hpi. Results are representative of at least 2 independent experiments.

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199 Enhanced PM expression of stress molecules such as NK activating ligands MHC class I
 200 polypeptide related sequence (MIC)A/B, UL-16-binding proteins (ULBPS) and B7-H6
 201 represents a conserved cellular response to stress, including viral infection (37-39). However,
 202 the PM expression level of these proteins remained largely unchanged during VACV infection,
 203 which was confirmed by flow cytometry (**Figure 4A**). This may represent a new VACV strategy
 204 to evade immune recognition.

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206 Selective modulation of regulators of lymphocyte-mediated apoptosis was observed during
 207 VACV infection. Downregulation of lymphotoxin- β receptor (LTBR) and tumour necrosis factor
 208 receptor superfamily member (TNFRSF) 1A (TNFR1), as well as upregulation of TNFRSF10D
 209 (TRAIL-R4), a decoy receptor for TNF-related apoptosis-inducing ligand (TRAIL), may lead to
 210 decreased sensitivity to apoptosis (**Figure 4B**). Upregulation of TNFRSF10D was confirmed
 211 by flow cytometry (**Figure 4B**). Conversely, upregulation of apoptosis inducer and NF- κ B
 212 activator TNFRSF12A (Fn14) (**Figure 4B**) may sensitise the infected cell to lymphocyte-

213 induced apoptosis. Expression levels of other surface proteins involved in apoptosis
214 regulation, including FAS and TNFRSF10A/-B, remained largely unchanged (**Figure 4B, S2**).

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216 Immune checkpoints are activating and inhibitory pathways that regulate the delicate balance
217 between lymphocyte activation and maintenance of self-tolerance. During VACV infection, the
218 levels of inhibitory checkpoint molecules programmed cell death ligand (PD-L)1, PD-L2 and
219 B7-H3 were stable (**Figure 4C, S2**). The temporal profile of activating checkpoint molecule
220 CD40 also remained mostly unchanged (**Figure 4C**). In contrast, repulsive guidance molecule
221 B (RGMB), which has both stimulatory and inhibitory functions, was downregulated from the
222 PM (**Figure S2E**). Additionally, inducible costimulatory ligand (ICOSLG) was downregulated
223 from the cell surface, which was confirmed by flow cytometry (**Figure 4C**).

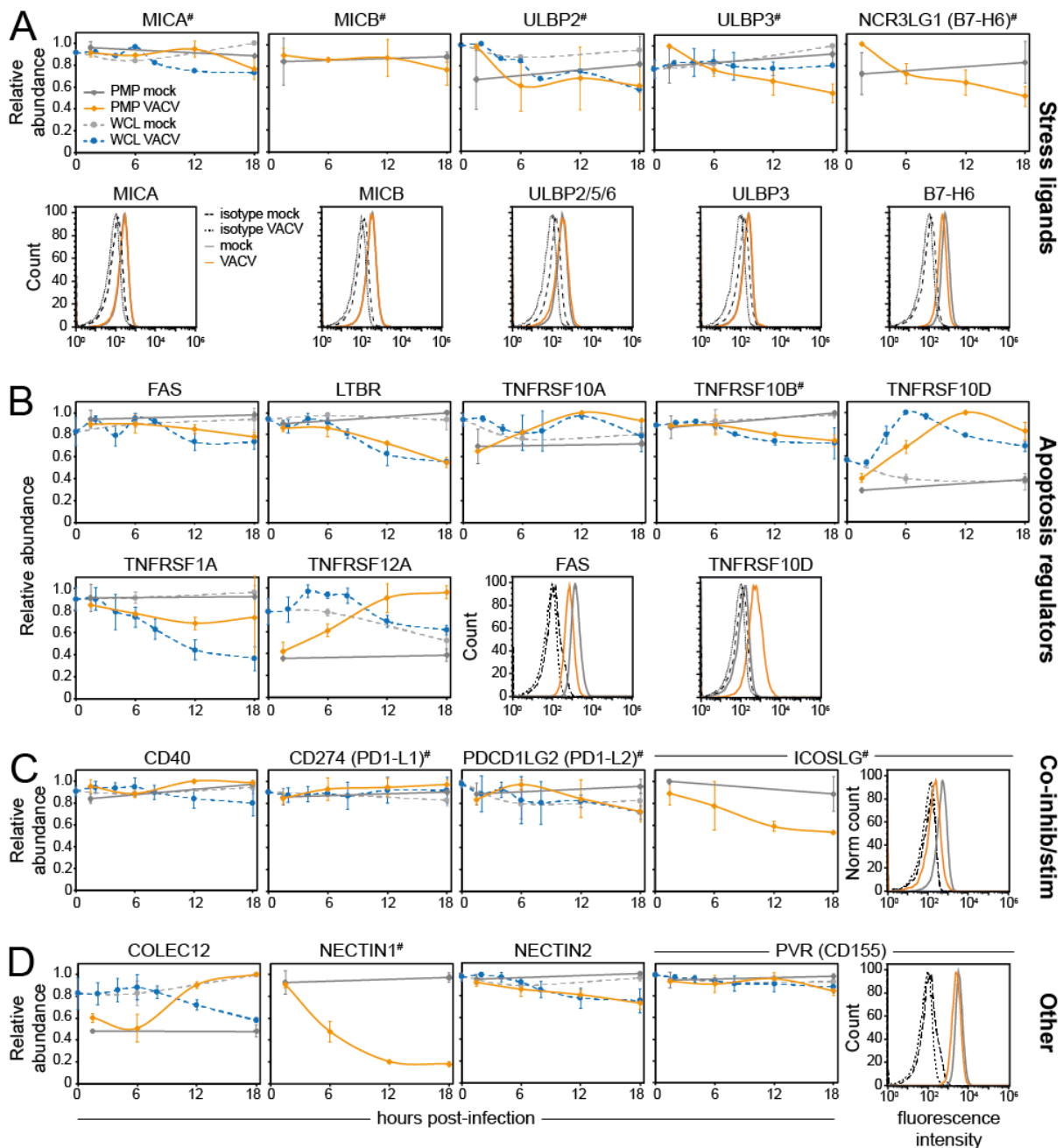
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225 Other noteworthy changes in the surface proteome during VACV infection include the
226 upregulation of collectin-1 (COLEC12), a ligand for the inhibitory NK receptor paired
227 immunoglobulin-like type 2 receptor α (PILR α , **Figure S2F**). Furthermore, NECTIN-1, a ligand
228 for the CD96 receptor with both inhibitory and stimulatory properties, was substantially
229 downregulated. Other related proteins such as poliovirus receptor (PVR or CD155), NECTIN-
230 2 and NECTIN-3 remained unchanged, suggesting that NECTIN-1 is targeted selectively by
231 VACV. These changes may represent previously unrecognised NK cell immunomodulatory
232 strategies employed by VACV. Conversely, modulation of surface expression levels of
233 activating ligand vimentin (VIM, **Figure S2E**), may reflect the host antiviral response and
234 enhance sensitivity to NK cell killing.

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236 Lymphocytes rely on adhesion molecules to make contact with surrounding cells and
237 determine whether they are targets to be eliminated. Six such molecules were quantified in
238 the PMP replicates and showed only moderate downregulation for cadherin (CDH)2 and
239 CDH4 (**Figure S2**). Natural cytotoxicity receptor (NCR) ligands and CD47, a ligand for signal
240 regulatory protein alpha (SIRP- α), remained largely unchanged during VACV infection (**Figure**

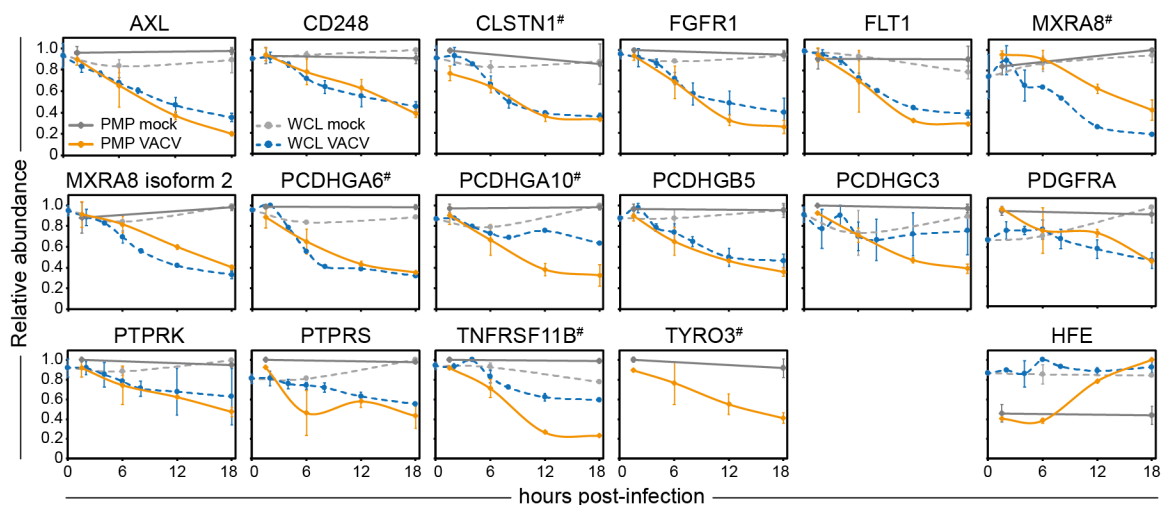
241 **S2)**. Lastly, plexins, which are ligands for semaphorins, showed mild downregulation from the
 242 cell surface (**Figure S2**).



243 **Figure 4. Cell surface expression of immune cell ligands is selectively modulated during VACV infection.**
 244 Temporal profiles showing the cell surface and whole-cell expression levels of (A) stress ligands for NKG2D
 245 receptor, (B) apoptosis regulators, (C) co-inhibitory/stimulatory ligands and (D) other immune ligands. Data are
 246 represented as mean \pm SD (PMP n=2; WCL (9) n=3, # WCL n<3). Cell surface downregulation of selected proteins
 247 during VACV infection was confirmed by flow cytometry in HeLa cells (stress ligands & TNFRSF10D), HFFF-TERTs
 248 (FAS) or DOHH2 cells (ICOSLG) at 15-18 hpi. Results are representative of at least two independent experiments.
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251 It is probable that not all receptor-ligand pairs involved in lymphocyte regulation have been
 252 identified. Most NK and T cell ligands display structural similarities and belong to a few protein
 253 families including cadherins, collagen, C-type lectin, TNF, MHC and immunoglobulin (40) and

254 often these are modulated during viral infection. These characteristics were exploited to define
 255 putative candidate surface proteins with immunomodulatory functions. Host PM proteins
 256 substantially modulated during VACV infection were annotated with InterPro functional
 257 domains (41). Six upregulated and 24 downregulated human PM proteins showed InterPro
 258 domain annotations associated with NK/T cell ligands, which may influence immune
 259 recognition (**Table S3**). This included multiple protocadherins, endosialin (CD248), and
 260 several tyrosine-protein kinase receptors such as AXL, PTPRK, PTPRS and TYRO3 (**Figure**
 261 **5**). Interestingly, protocadherins were also downregulated after infection with HCMV (30) and
 262 knockdown of protocadherin FAT1 in target cells led to decreased NK cell degranulation (29).
 263 Additionally, FGFR1 was reported to co-stimulate T cells (42), and targeting of AXL sensitised
 264 lung cancer cells to lymphocyte-mediated cytotoxicity (43). Taken together, these proteins
 265 modulated during VACV infection may represent putative immune ligands.



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 267 **Figure 5. Modulation of surface expression of putative immune ligands during VACV infection.** Temporal
 268 profiles of selected putative immune ligands modulated during VACV infection (**Table S3**). Data are represented
 269 as mean \pm SD (PMP n=2; WCL n=3 (9), #WCL < n=3).
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271 VACV proteins detected at the plasma membrane

272 The VACV proteins detected at the PM increased in number and abundance as infection
 273 progressed (**Figure 1C-D**). Given the poor annotation for the subcellular location of many
 274 VACV proteins, a filtering strategy was applied to discriminate between VACV proteins that
 275 are likely to be true PM proteins and non-PM contaminants that may have been detected due,
 276 for example, to high intracellular abundance. The number of peptides identified for a given

277 protein was compared between PMP and WCL (9) proteomic datasets. For each human
278 protein quantified in both PMP replicates, a peptide count ratio was calculated (29): (peptide
279 counts PMP 1+2) / (peptide counts whole cell lysate 1+2+3). More than 90% of the human
280 proteins that were GO-annotated as non-PM showed a peptide ratio <0.5, whereas 85% of
281 the proteins scoring above 0.5 were defined as human PM proteins (**Figure 6A**). This
282 illustrates that the peptide ratio is a reliable metric to predict if a protein is likely to be expressed
283 at the cell surface, or if it is a non-PM contaminant.

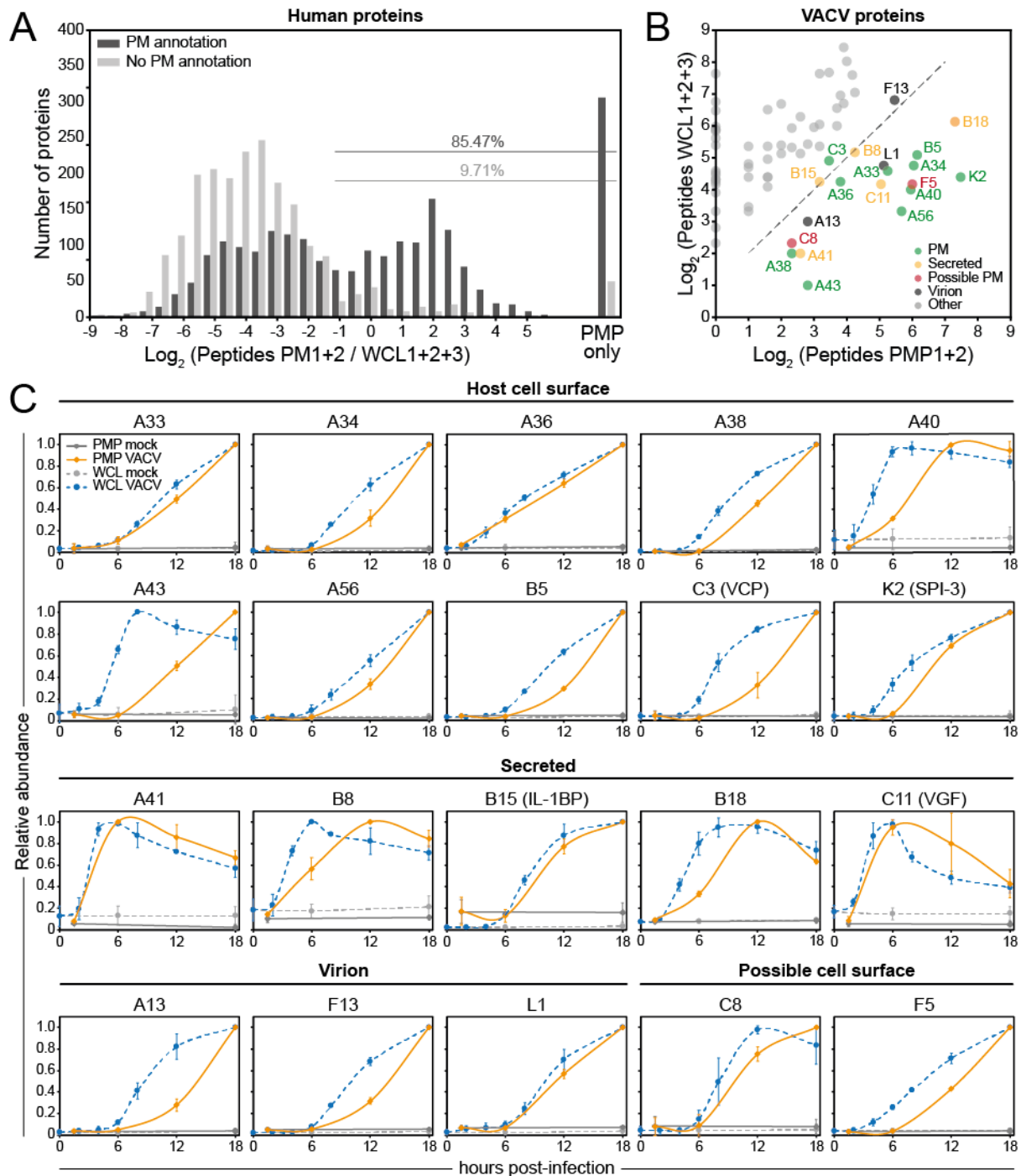
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285 The peptide ratio of 0.5 was applied to the 73 viral proteins quantified in either PMP replicate,
286 and this identified 20 VACV proteins as high-confidence PM proteins (**Figure 6B, Table 1**).
287 Twelve of these are known to be present at the host cell surface (A33, A34, A36, A38, A40,
288 A43, A56 [HA], B5, B18, C3 [VCP], C11 [VGF-1] and K2) and six are secreted proteins (A41,
289 B8, B18, B15 [IL-1 β -BP], C3 and C11) (44), illustrating the validity of the filtering strategy. Note
290 that some of the secreted proteins are also retained at the cell surface. Five other VACV
291 proteins were identified with high-confidence as PM proteins, including the structural proteins
292 A13 and L1 that form part of intracellular mature virus (IMV) surface (45, 46) and F13 that is
293 present on the internal face of the outer membrane of the extracellular enveloped virus (EEV)
294 (47, 48). The non-structural proteins C8 and F5 have not been described to interact with other
295 VACV proteins and were identified as putative novel VACV PM proteins. F5 was reported to
296 be located near the cell periphery, although has not been demonstrated previously to be
297 exposed extracellularly (49).

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299 VACV protein expression has been categorised into four temporal classes (9, 50-54). The
300 high-confidence VACV PM proteins cover the four temporal classes, although the majority are
301 expressed late during infection (temporal profile (Tp) 4, **Table 1**). Overall, the expression
302 kinetics of the VACV proteins showed a slight delay in PM expression compared to the whole
303 cell, which may reflect the time required for protein transport to the cell surface (**Figure 6C**).
304 Interestingly, the temporal profiles of some secreted VACV proteins showed a reduction in

305 abundance at late time-points, consistent with protein secretion (**Figure 6C**). Notably, the
 306 appearance of proteins C3 (VCP), and K2 (SPI-3) at the PM closely matched the kinetics of
 307 cell surface A56 (HA) to which C3 and K2 bind (20).



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 310 **Figure 6. Identification of high-confidence VACV PM proteins.** (A) Peptide ratios comparing the peptide count
 311 for a given protein in the PMP vs. WCL (9) for all human proteins quantified in both PMP replicates. 'PMP only' =
 312 not detected in any of the WCL replicates. 'PM annotation' includes GO terms PM, CS, XC and ShG. (B) Cut-off
 313 peptide ratio of 0.5 (dashed line), as determined in panel A, applied to 73 VACV proteins detected in either of the
 314 PMP replicates to identify high-confidence VACV PM proteins (**Table 1**). (C) Temporal profiles of all known and
 315 high-confidence VACV PM and secreted proteins. Data are represented as mean \pm SD (PMP n=2; WCL n=3, A43:
 316 WCL n=1).

317 **Table 1. Details of high-confidence VACV PM proteins** (related to Figure 6). Gene names from VACV strain
 318 Copenhagen (Cop) have L or R to indicate direction of transcription. IEV = intracellular enveloped virus. IMV =
 319 intracellular mature virus. EEV = extracellular enveloped virus. gp = glycoprotein. *Gene non-functional in VACV
 320 strain Copenhagen. **For a review of VACV protein function and location see (44). ***Temporal classes 1 and 2
 321 occur before viral DNA replication.

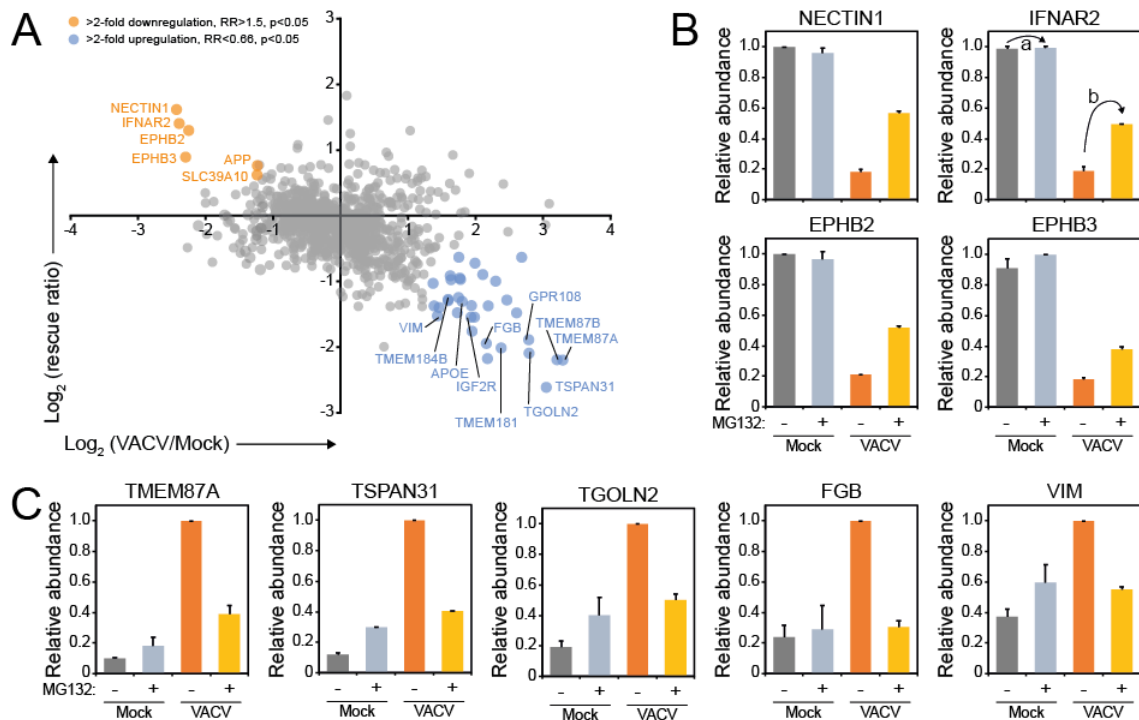
Uniprot	Gene name VACV-Cop	Gene name VACV-WR	Protein description / function**	Known location**	Temporal class *** (9)	Functional category (9, 51)
P01136	C11L	VACWR009	C11, vaccinia growth factor, VGF	Secreted	1	Host interaction
P24770	B8R	VACWR190	B8, IFN γ -binding protein, gp	Secreted	1	Host interaction
P24766	A41L	VACWR166	A41, chemokine-binding protein, gp	secreted	1	Host interaction
P25213	B19R	VACWR200 / B18R	B18, IFN α / β -binding protein, gp	secreted & cell surface	2	Host interaction
P24765	A40R	VACWR165	A40, type II membrane, gp	PM	2	Host interaction
P26671	A43R	VACWR168	A43, gp	PM	2	Host interaction
P18384	K2L	VACWR033	K2, serine protease inhibitor 3 (SPI-3)	secreted & PM	3	Host interaction
P68619	A36R	VACWR159	A36, protein egress and actin polymerisation	PM	3	Virion association (IEV only)
P68638	C3L	VACWR025	C3, vaccinia complement control protein (VCP)	secreted & cell surface	3	Host interaction
P17364	C8L	VACWR020	C8	Unknown	3	Unknown
P24761	A34R	VACWR157	A34, EEV envelope, gp	PM	4	Virion association (EEV)
Q01227	B5R	VACWR187	B5, EEV envelope, gp	PM	4	Virion association (EEV)
P24358	F5L	VACWR044	F5, major membrane protein	Unknown	4	Unknown
Q01218	A56R	VACWR181	A56, haemagglutinin, EEV envelope, gp	PM	4	Virion association (EEV)
P68617	A33R	VACWR156	A33, EEV envelope, gp	PM	4	Virion association (EEV)
Q76ZQ4	A13L	VACWR132	A13, IMV membrane protein	IMV	4	Virion association (IMV)
P24763	A38L	VACWR162	A38, gp	PM	4	Host interaction
P25212	B16R *	VACWR197 / B15R	B15, IL-1 β -binding protein	secreted	4	Host interaction
P07612	L1R	VACWR088	L1, IMV membrane protein	IMV	4	Virion association (IMV)
P04021	F13L	VACWR052	F13, EEV membrane-associated protein	EEV	4	Virion association (EEV)

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323 Mechanisms underlying changes in human PM protein expression during VACV infection

324 The expression of PM proteins during viral infection can be modulated by several mechanisms
 325 such as proteasomal/lysosomal degradation, arrest of synthesis or protein translocation.
 326 MG132 inhibits proteasomal degradation but also affects lysosomal cathepsins (55). To
 327 identify which PM proteins are modulated by active degradation, a VACV-infected and a mock
 328 sample were treated with MG132. MG132 was added at 2 hpi to allow the uncoating of VACV
 329 that relies on the proteasome (56-58). An MG132 rescue ratio (RR) was calculated by
 330 comparing the abundance of a given protein during VACV infection \pm MG132 with the
 331 abundance of the same protein during mock-treatment \pm MG132. Of the 73 proteins
 332 downregulated >2-fold in both replicates at 18 hpi, six (8.2%) showed a RR >1.5 (**Figure 7A-**

333 **B, Table S4A**). EPHB3 and APP also showed a RR >1.5 in the WCL MG132 analysis (9)
 334 (**Table S1**). NECTIN1, INFAR2 and EPHB2 were not detected in the WCL MG132 dataset.
 335 Taken together, unlike the WCL proteins, cell surface protein downregulation is likely regulated
 336 predominantly through mechanisms other than proteasomal degradation.



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338 **Figure 7. Systematic analysis of proteasome-dependent changes in surface protein expression during**
 339 **VACV infection.** (A) Identification of human PM proteins downregulated from the cell surface at 18 hpi (compared
 340 to 18 h mock) in both replicates and rescued by addition of MG132 (>2 FC, rescue ratio (RR) >1.5, p<0.05), or
 341 upregulated at the cell surface at 18 hpi (compared to 18 h mock) and diminished by the addition of MG132 (>2-
 342 FC, RR<0.66, p<0.05) (**Table S4**). Here, we define the RR = b / a, where a = protein abundance during VACV
 343 infection +MG132 / abundance during infection -MG132. This value was limited to 1 to avoid artificial ratio inflation.
 344 b = protein abundance during mock-treatment +MG132 / abundance during mock -MG132 (see panel B, IFNAR2).
 345 P-values were estimated using significance A with Benjamini-Hochberg correction for multiple hypothesis testing
 346 (32). (B) Relative abundance of selected human proteins downregulated at the PM at 18 hpi and rescued by
 347 addition of MG132. (C) Relative abundance of selected human PM proteins for which upregulation was prevented
 348 by the addition of MG132 at 18hpi. Data are represented as mean \pm SD (n=2). **Table S1**.

349

350 Interestingly, addition of MG132 modulated cell surface expression of approximately a third of
 351 the human PM proteins upregulated during VACV infection (**Figure 7A/C, Table S4B**). In this
 352 and previous studies, it was observed that addition of MG132 inhibits expression of late VACV
 353 genes, but not early genes (9, 57, 58). Therefore, proteasome-dependent upregulation of
 354 proteins at the cell surface may indicate that a late VACV protein is responsible for the
 355 observed increase in expression. Alternatively, these proteins may normally be retained inside
 356 the cell by a second host protein which is degraded by the proteasome during VACV infection,

357 resulting in upregulation at the cell surface. VACV is known to shut-off host protein synthesis
358 (59-63). Consequently, proteins with a short half-life may be downregulated from the PM
359 during VACV infection due to natural turnover. In a previous study, protein turnover in HFFF-
360 TERTs was quantified over 18 h by pulse (p)SILAC and 730 human PM proteins were
361 identified (30). The abundance of 12 host proteins downregulated >2-fold from the cell surface
362 during VACV infection was also shown to be reduced >2 fold in the pSILAC study (**Figure S3,**
363 **Table S4C**). Taken together, these data suggest that proteasomal degradation and host
364 protein synthesis shut-off are not the major mechanisms by which PM proteins are
365 downregulated during VACV infection.

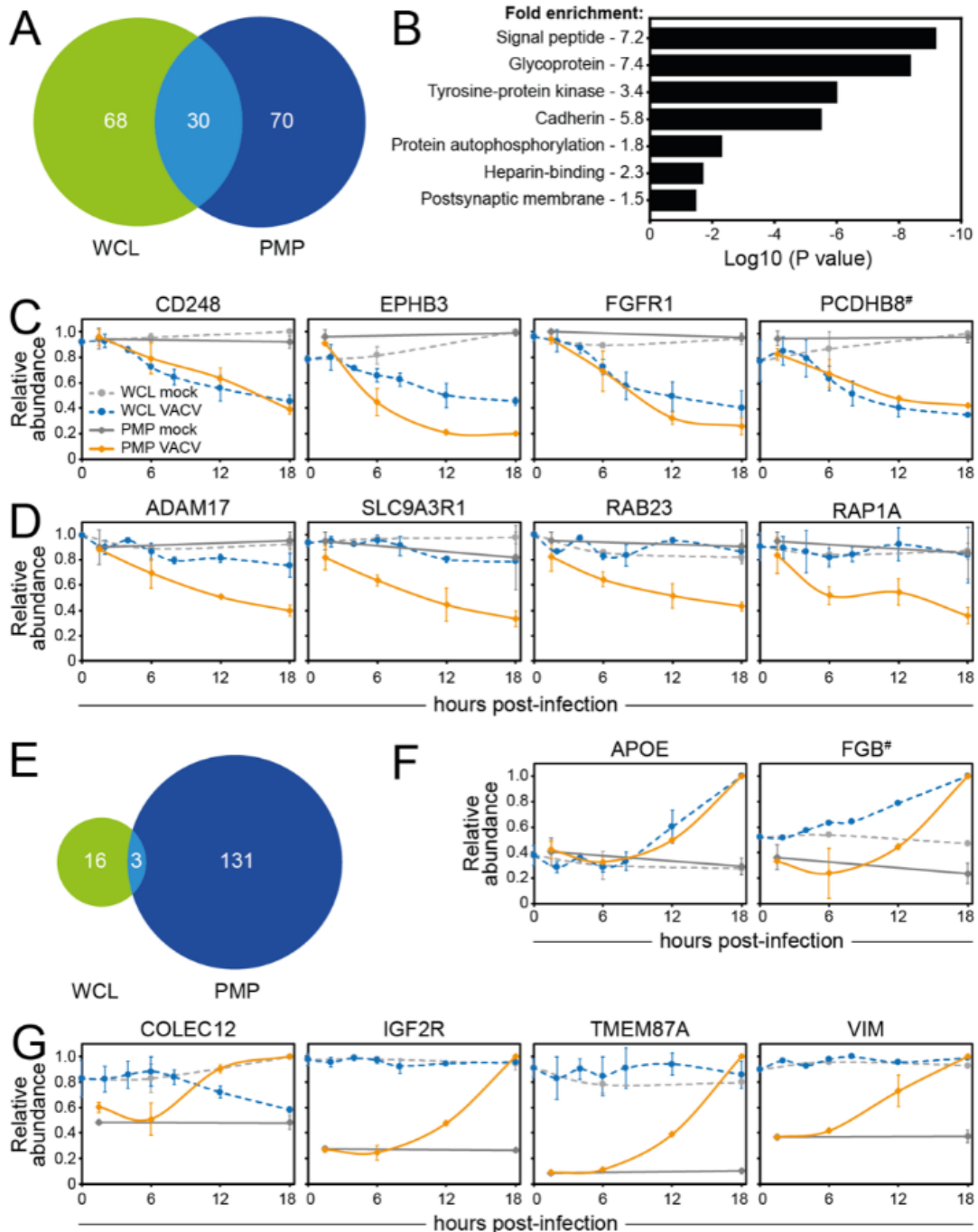
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367 Host PM expression can be modulated during viral infection by degradation or enhanced
368 production, but also by a translocation mechanism such as secretion, shedding, enhanced
369 intracellular recycling or intracellular trapping. To identify human PM proteins that are
370 up/downregulated during VACV infection via a translocation mechanism, protein expression
371 levels in the PMP and WCL datasets were compared. The WCL dataset (9) was filtered for
372 human proteins quantified in any of the replicates and showing on average >2 FC at any time-
373 point (2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 18 hpi) compared to 18 h mock sample to determine which proteins are
374 up-/downregulated during VACV infection.

375

376 Eighty-eight point five percent of the proteins downregulated >2-fold from the cell surface
377 during VACV infection were also quantified in our prior WCL proteomic analysis, representing
378 a total of 100 proteins. Within this group, about a third were downregulated in both studies
379 (**Figure 8A, Table S5A-B**). DAVID functional enrichment analysis of these proteins showed
380 significant enrichment of functional clusters, including 'Tyrosine-protein kinase', 'Protein
381 autophosphorylation', 'Cadherin', 'Heparin-binding' and 'Postsynaptic membrane' (**Figure 8B,**
382 **Table S5C**). This includes the ephrin protein family, IL6-ST and several, but not all,
383 protocadherins (**Figures 2C & 8C**). An additional ~20 human PM proteins downregulated in
384 the PMP dataset showed a downward trend in the WCL but did not meet the cut-off criteria

385 (e.g. EGFR or protocadherin gamma (PCDHG) A10, **Figure 2C**). The remainder of the
 386 proteins were downregulated solely at the PM, indicating internalisation without active
 387 degradation (e.g. IFNAR2 and KIT, **Figure 2C**).



388

389 **Figure 8. Cell surface-specific regulation of protein expression during VACV infection.** (A) Overlap of
 390 downregulated proteins between PMP and WCL according to 'sensitive' criteria (**Table S5A-B**). 'Sensitive' criteria
 391 WCL (n=3) (9): human proteins quantified in any of the replicates and showing on average >2-fold-change at any
 392 time-point (2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 18 hpi) compared to 18 h mock sample. (B) DAVID functional enrichment of the 30
 393 proteins commonly downregulated from the cell surface and at whole-cell levels. A background of all proteins
 394 detected in PMP and WCL proteomics was used. Representative terms from each cluster with a Benjamini-
 395 Hochberg-corrected p-value of <0.05 are shown (**Table S5C**). (C) Temporal profiles of selected host proteins that
 396 were commonly downregulated from the cell surface and at whole-cell level. (D) Temporal profiles of selected
 397 human PM proteins that were only downregulated at the cell surface, but not at whole-cell level (E) Same as panel
 398 A using proteins upregulated according to 'sensitive' criteria (**Table S5D**). (F) Temporal profiles of selected human

399 PM proteins that were commonly upregulated from the cell surface and at whole-cell level. (G) Temporal profiles
400 of selected human PM proteins that are only upregulated at the cell surface, but not at whole-cell level. Data are
401 represented as mean \pm SD (PMP n=2; WCL n=3 (9), # WCL n<3).
402

403 Ninety-four point four percent of the human proteins >2-fold upregulated at the cell surface
404 were also detected in the WCL proteomics, representing 134 proteins. Only three of these
405 proteins were upregulated at both the cell surface and whole cell level during VACV infection:
406 apolipoprotein E (APOE), TNFRSF10D and fibrinogen β -chain (FGB, **Figures 4B & 8E-G,**
407 **Table S5D**). This is suggestive of enhanced protein synthesis, despite host shutoff. However,
408 most upregulated proteins, including TGOLN2, HSPA5, CALR, ERAP1, SDC4, TNFRSF12A,
409 COLEC12 and VIM, were only upregulated at the cell surface, indicating translocation to
410 and/or stabilisation at the surface (**Figures 2E & 4B & 8F, Table S5E**).

411 Identification of human PM proteins commonly targeted during virus infections

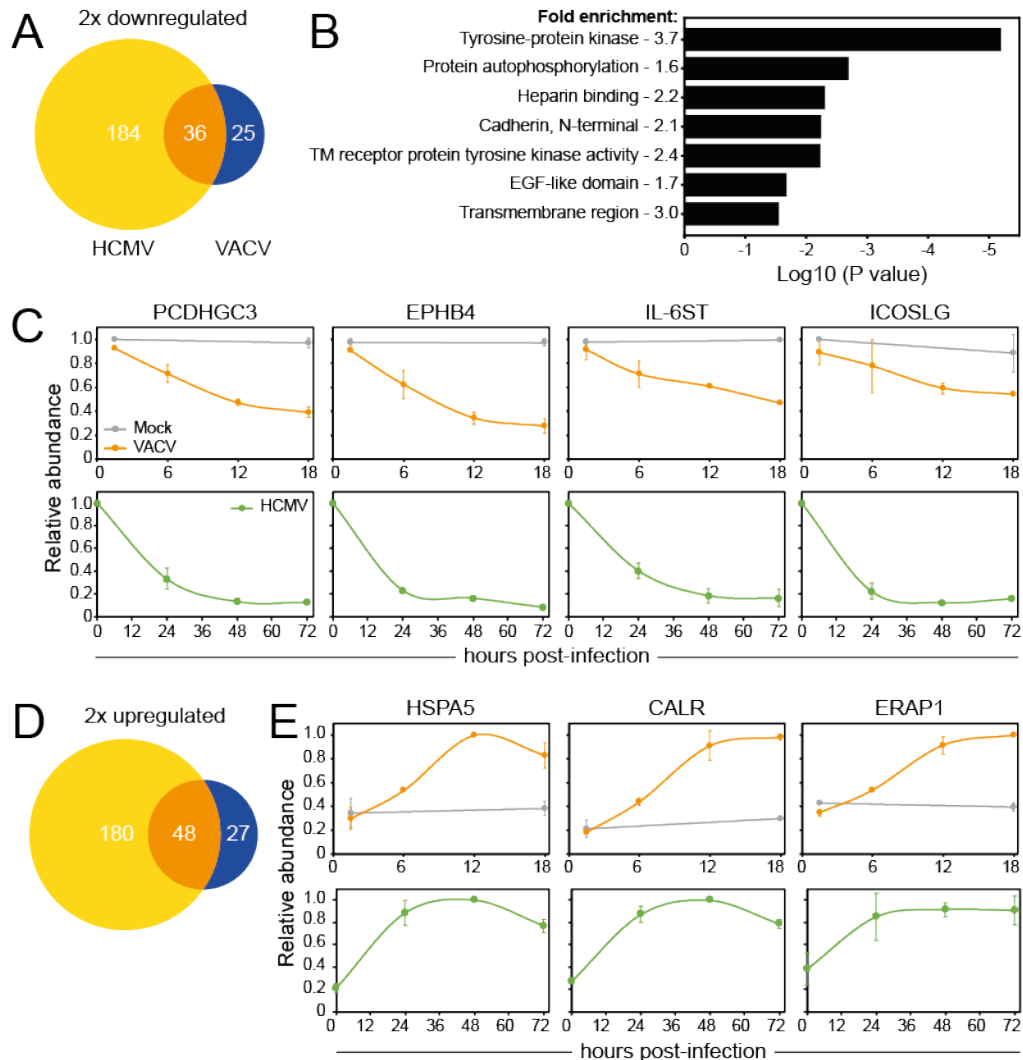
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413 Host proteins that play an important role in antiviral immunity are often targeted by multiple
414 viruses. To identify these proteins, the PMP dataset was compared to a published dataset
415 analysing the cell surface proteome during infection with another dsDNA virus, HCMV (29,
416 64). Given the different replicative niche of VACV and HCMV, common targets of these two
417 viruses are of particular interest. Human PM proteins quantified in either or both replicates and
418 showing on average >2 FC at any time-point (24, 48, 72 hpi compared to the average of mock
419 samples) were considered as up-/downregulated during HCMV infection (**Table S6**). VACV
420 infection led to a more selective modulation of protein expression compared to HCMV, but a
421 considerable overlap between PM proteins up- or downregulated during VACV or HCMV
422 infection was observed (**Figure 9A/D, Table S6A/C**).

423

424 Fifty-four percent of the proteins downregulated at the cell surface during VACV infection were
425 quantified in the HCMV PMP dataset. DAVID analysis of the commonly downregulated
426 proteins revealed that both viruses target RTKs - EPHB3, EPHA4, EPHA2, EPHB4, ERBB2,
427 PDGFRA, FLT1, ERBB4, EPHB2 -, molecules with EGF-like domains - THBS2, NID2, FBLN5,
428 CD248, FBLN1, THBS1, VASN -, and cadherins - PCDHGB5, PCDHGA10, PCDHGC5,

429 PCDHGC3 (**Figure 9B, Table S6B**). Other noteworthy proteins downregulated by both viruses
 430 include IL-6ST and ICOSLG, indicating that these proteins may be important in the antiviral
 431 response (**Figure 9C**).



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433 **Figure 9. HCMV and VACV commonly target a subset of PM proteins.** (A) Overlap of proteins downregulated
 434 according to 'sensitive' criteria after infection with VACV or HCMV (**Table S6A**). 'Sensitive' criteria HCMV PMP
 435 (n=2) (29): human PM- (GO terms PM/CS/XC/ShG) proteins quantified in a single or both replicates and showing
 436 on average >2 FC at any time-point (24, 48, 72 hpi) compared to (average of) mock sample(s). (B) Functional
 437 enrichment within proteins commonly downregulated from cell surface during VACV or HCMV infection ('sensitive'
 438 criteria). A background of all proteins detected in at least one replicate of both PMP VACV and PMP HCMV was
 439 used. Shown are representative terms from each cluster with a Benjamini-Hochberg-corrected p-value of <0.05
 440 (**Table S6B**). (C) Temporal profiles of selected proteins commonly downregulated from the cell surface after VACV
 441 or HCMV infection. (D-E) Same as panel A/C, respectively, using proteins upregulated according to 'sensitive'
 442 criteria (**Table S6C**).

443

444 Fifty-two point eight percent of the proteins upregulated at the PM during VACV infection were
 445 quantified in the HCMV PMP dataset. DAVID functional enrichment of proteins upregulated at
 446 the cell surface by both VACV and HCMV infection revealed enrichment of functional clusters

447 for 'Protein processing ER' and 'Prevents secretion ER'. These clusters likely relate to ER
448 stress, which is commonly triggered during viral infections due to a substantial increase in
449 protein production. Several of the PM proteins that were strongly upregulated during VACV
450 infection were also upregulated at the cell surface during HCMV infection, including HSPA5,
451 CALR and ERPA1 (**Figure 9E, Table S6C**).

452

453 **Discussion**

454 In this study, quantitative temporal plasma membrane proteomics was used to assess
455 systematically the impact of VACV infection on host and viral PM protein expression. Altered
456 PM protein expression may represent a normal response to viral infection, VACV-mediated
457 suppression of immune responses and/or modulation of the environment to support virus
458 production and spread.

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460 VACV infection resulted in selective modulation of host PM protein expression. Notably,
461 substantial downregulation of several members of the RTK and protocadherin families was
462 observed and these protein families were also downregulated from the PM during HCMV
463 infection (29). Several members of the RTK (FGFR1, PDGFRA, KIT, FLT1, AXL, TYRO3) and
464 protocadherin (PCDHGA10, PCDHGA6, PCDHGB5, PCDHGB7, PCDHGC3) families contain
465 InterPro functional domains often found in immune ligands (40, 65), suggesting that they may
466 act as immune regulators. This hypothesis is supported by previous reports that PM
467 expression of the protocadherin FAT1 leads to decreased degranulation of NK cells (29) and
468 that the RTK ephrin B2 leads to T cell co-stimulation (66). Particularly notable was the
469 downregulation of the RTK EGFR, which was also observed after HSV-1 and HCMV infection
470 (29, 67, 68). EGFR downregulation from VACV-infected cells is of particular interest because
471 VACV also expresses a viral epidermal growth factor (called vaccinia growth factor, VGF,
472 protein C11) that contributes to virulence (69). VGF stimulates cells surrounding the infected
473 cell to proliferate, causing hyperplasia and mitotic bodies characteristic of orthopoxvirus

474 pathology (21). More recently, VGF was also reported to enhance motility of infected cells to
475 promote viral spread (22). The removal of EGFR from the surface of VACV-infected cells may
476 represent a strategy to promote binding of VGF to EGFR on surrounding uninfected cells
477 thereby stimulating the metabolic activity of these cells to enhance virus replication.
478 Alternatively, the removal of EGFR from the infected cell surface may reflect internalisation of
479 activated EGFR upon engagement with VGF, followed by degradation rather than recycling to
480 the PM (70).

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482 PM proteins upregulated during VACV infection included chaperone proteins whose
483 translocation to the PM is associated with ER stress and activation of the immune system (71).
484 Some of these proteins are manipulated by viruses to suppress immune responses. For
485 example, CALR suppresses IFN- α production and antiviral activity in the context of hepatitis
486 B virus infection (72), ERAP1 induces cleavage of cytokine receptors (73, 74), and syndecan-
487 4 (SDC4) negatively regulates retinoic acid-inducible gene I (RIG-I)-mediated signalling during
488 virus infection (75). Overall, the increased PM expression of these proteins during VACV
489 infection may indicate previously unknown strategies by which VACV manipulates the host
490 response to infection.

491

492 VACV is well-known to interfere with cytokine signalling by expressing soluble binding
493 proteins, or decoy receptors, for IL-1 β , TNF α , IL-18, IFN- γ and IFN- α/β (11). In addition, IFN
494 signalling is targeted at several levels in the pathway downstream of the receptor (76, 77).
495 The observed downregulation of IFNAR2 (type I IFN receptor) and IL10-RB (a component of
496 multiple cytokine receptors, including type III IFNs) from the PM, may represent novel VACV
497 strategies for evasion of the IFN response.

498

499 NK and T cells are activated by changes on the surface of the infected cell. There are
500 contested reports that VACV infection leads to the mild downregulation of total MHC-I surface
501 levels (14, 24-27). However, the selective downregulation of HLA-C from the cell surface

502 observed here is consistent with a previous study relying on HLA transfection (27). HLA-A and
503 -B represent the majority of cell surface MHC-I (78), which explains why reduction of HLA-C
504 did not substantially affect the total MHC-I levels detected by flow cytometry. HLA subtypes
505 have a differential impact on the immune response and whilst all HLA-C molecules are KIR
506 ligands, HLA-A and -B mostly interact with T cell receptors. Importantly, KIRs and HLA
507 polymorphisms are linked to infectious disease outcome (79) and if the selective modulation
508 of HLA-C is conserved in other orthopoxviruses, such as variola virus, this might have
509 contributed to pathogenesis of smallpox.

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511 The activating NKG2D ligands and B7-H6 (NKp30 ligand), which are typically upregulated in
512 response to viral infection or in cancer cells (26, 80), were not upregulated during VACV
513 infection and this may represent a novel strategy by which VACV evades the NK cell response.
514 In contrast, VIM, a ligand for the activating receptor NKp46, was upregulated at the PM during
515 VACV infection, whilst the total cell level remained unchanged. VIM upregulation sensitises
516 mycobacterium tuberculosis-infected cells to NKp46-mediated lysis (81), facilitates adenovirus
517 type 2 transport (82) and interacts with VACV virions and facilitates their assembly (83). Taken
518 together, this suggests that translocation of VIM to the cell surface during VACV infection may
519 be caused by virion transport. The immune system may have evolved a strategy to detect this
520 through NKp46-mediated recognition of VIM.

521

522 Further, several immune checkpoints were selectively modulated during VACV infection. PD-
523 L1 was not affected during VACV infection, which is in contrast with HCMV-induced up-
524 regulation of PD-L1 (29). Downregulation of the costimulatory molecule ICOSLG potentially
525 represents a novel mechanism by which VACV modulates NK and T cells (84-87). Additionally,
526 RGMB downregulation may interfere with T cell costimulatory function (88) or affect co-
527 inhibitory pathways (89). The impact of modulation of these proteins on the immune response
528 remains to be determined.

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530 More VACV proteins were detected at the PM than had been described hitherto, and a filtering
531 strategy was used to distinguish likely true viral PM proteins from those that might represent
532 'overspill' from an abundant intracellular pool. This process identified 5 possible new PM
533 proteins: IMV envelope proteins A13 and L1 (45, 46), the EEV outer membrane protein F13
534 (47) and non-structural proteins C8 and F5. L1, A13 and F13 might either be expressed at the
535 PM or alternatively, their detection there might result from interactions with other proteins. For
536 example, the presence of F13 might reflect its interaction with B5 and A56 (90, 91). C8 and
537 F5 are not present in IMV particles (92-94) and are not known to interact with other VACV
538 proteins (95). F5 has a transmembrane domain and is expressed at the periphery of the
539 infected cell, in regions in contact with neighbouring cells (49). The subcellular localisation of
540 C8 is unknown, but it also contains a hydrophobic domain that might function as either a signal
541 peptide or transmembrane domain. Overall, these findings justify further study of the roles of
542 C8 and F5 during VACV infection, particularly since non-structural PM proteins may have
543 additional roles in immune regulation.

544

545 Systematic comparison of the PMP dataset with various other datasets gave insight into
546 mechanisms used to regulate cell surface protein expression during VACV infection. Only six
547 downregulated PM proteins were rescued by addition of MG132 (8.2%), which contrasts with
548 the WCL proteomics where 69% of the proteins was rescued by MG132 (9). Nevertheless,
549 most of the proteins downregulated from the PM were also downregulated, or showed a
550 downward trend, at the whole-cell level. A combination of VACV-induced host shut-off and
551 high protein turnover may explain the downregulation of a few proteins. However, most
552 downregulated human PM proteins are likely degraded through non-proteasomal
553 mechanisms, for example, lysosomal degradation. The remainder of the proteins were
554 downregulated specifically from the cell surface, and not at the whole-cell level, likely
555 indicating internalisation and/or retention in intracellular compartments without active protein
556 degradation.

557

558 Proteins from the same family were not always regulated by the same mechanism. For
559 example, the downregulation of PM ephrin B2 and B3, but not other ephrins, was prevented
560 by addition of MG132. Additionally, most protocadherins were downregulated in both PMP
561 and WCL experiments, however, protocadherin- γ A10 and C3 did not show a clear
562 downregulation at whole-cell level. Furthermore, protocadherin- γ B4 downregulation may be
563 the result of a high protein turnover in combination with host shut-off by VACV. This may
564 indicate that VACV has developed several mechanisms to modulate specific members of a
565 protein family, which may have particularly important functions as novel immune ligands.

566

567 Strikingly, even though HCMV and VACV encode a similar number of genes, VACV modulates
568 the abundance of fewer proteins compared to HCMV. Similar observations were made after
569 comparing WCL datasets of VACV or HCMV infection (9). The greater alteration of host protein
570 abundance by HCMV, may reflect the longer and more complex HCMV infectious cycle
571 including the ability to enter and exit the nucleus and establish latency. Nonetheless, there is
572 considerable overlap between proteins targeted by both viruses. Targeting of the whole
573 protocadherin family by multiple viruses may indicate that these proteins represent previously
574 unknown immune ligands.

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576 The PMP technique detects changes in expression levels, rather than modifications to
577 proteins. Therefore, immune evasion strategies involving masking, interference with receptor-
578 ligand binding and/or molecular mimicry may not be identified using this approach.
579 Furthermore, the use of HFFF-TERTs – allowing for direct comparison with previously
580 published data with the same cell type (9, 29, 30, 64) – limited the detection of immune ligands
581 that are more commonly found on professional antigen presenting cells. Nonetheless, a
582 number of potentially novel immunomodulatory strategies by VACV were identified. Overall,
583 the PMP dataset represents a valuable resource providing new research avenues informing

584 on antiviral immune responses and viral immune evasion strategies, vaccine vector design
585 and oncolytic virus therapy.

586

587 **Materials & methods**

588 Cells lines

589 Primary HFFF immortalised with human telomerase (HFFF-TERTs) (96) were grown in
590 Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM; Gibco, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Lutterworth,
591 UK) supplemented with 10 % foetal bovine serum (v/v; Seralab, London, UK) and 1 %
592 penicillin/streptomycin (p/s; Gibco, Thermo Fischer, UK). BSC-1 (African green monkey cell
593 line, ATCC CCL-26) were grown in DMEM supplemented with 10 % filtrated bovine serum
594 (FBS; Pan Biotech UK Limited, Dorset, UK) and 1 % P/S. HeLa cells (human cervical ATCC
595 CCL-2) and RK13 (Rabbit kidney cells, ATCC CCL37) were grown in Minimum Essential
596 Medium (MEM; Gibco, Thermo Fischer, Lutterworth, UK) supplemented as described above
597 for BSC-1 cells. Non-Hodgkin's B cell line DOHH2 (kind gift from Dr Daniel Hodson) was grown
598 in Roswell Park Memorial Institute (RPMI)-1640 medium (Gibco, Thermo Fischer, Lutterworth,
599 UK) with 10 % FBS and 1 % p/s. All cell lines were maintained at 37°C in 5 % CO₂. Cells were
600 routinely checked as mycoplasma negative (MycoAlert, Lonza, UK).

601

602 Vaccinia virus

603 VACV strain Western Reserve (WR) stocks were produced by infection of RK13 cells. Virus
604 particles were released from cells by three freeze-thaw cycles and two rounds of 20 strokes
605 of a Dounce homogenizer. Cell-free viruses were resuspended in 10 mM Tris HCl pH 9.0 and
606 purified by sedimentation through a 36% (w/v) sucrose cushion twice (Fisher Chemical,
607 Thermo Fisher Scientific). Purified viruses were resuspended in PBS, titrated in BSC-1 cells
608 by plaque assay and stored at -80 °C.

609 Virus infections and MG132 treatment

610 Immediately before infection, the culture medium on 15 cm² dishes with 4 - 6.5 × 10⁶ HFFF-
611 TERTs was replaced with infection medium (DMEM supplemented with 2% FBS and 1% p/s).
612 Cells were mock-treated or infected at MOI 5 with VACV in 6 ml infection medium. After 90
613 min adsorption at 37°C, 15 ml of infection medium was added, and samples were incubated
614 at 37°C until harvesting. For samples treated with the proteasome inhibitor MG132, 0.5 µl/ml
615 medium (v/v; Merck, Kenilworth, U.S.A.) of 20 mM MG132 was added per flask at 2 hpi.
616 Infections were staggered to allow for simultaneous harvesting of the indicated time-points.

617

618 Plasma membrane profiling and TMT labelling

619 Plasma membrane protein labelling was performed as described (29). Briefly, cell surface
620 sialic acid residues were oxidised and biotinylated using 1 mM sodium periodate (Thermo
621 Scientific), 100 mM aminoxy-biotin (Biotium Inc., Fremont, U.S.A.) in dry DMSO and 10 mM
622 aniline (Sigma-Aldrich, Merck, Dorset, U.K.) in PBS pH 6.7 (Sigma-Aldrich). After 30 min at 4
623 °C, the reaction was stopped by addition of glycerol (Sigma-Aldrich) at a final concentration of
624 1 mM. Cells were harvested into 1.6 % Triton X-100 (Fisher Scientific), 150 mM NaCl (Sigma-
625 Aldrich), 5 mM iodoacetamide (Sigma-Aldrich) in 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.6 (Sigma-Aldrich)
626 supplemented with protease inhibitor tablets (Roche, Merck). Biotinylated glycoproteins were
627 enriched with high-affinity streptavidin agarose beads (Pierce) and washed extensively.
628 Captured protein were denatured with SDS and urea, reduced with DTT, alkylated with
629 iodoacetamide (IAA, Sigma) and digested on-bead with trypsin (Promega) in 200 mM HEPES
630 (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1piperazineethanesulfonic acid) pH 8.5 for 3 h. The digested peptides
631 were eluted, and each sample labelled with 56 µg of a unique TMT reagent (Thermo Fisher
632 Scientific) in a final acetonitrile concentration of 30 % (v/v) for 1 h at room temperature.
633 Samples were labelled as follows: TMT 126 (WT VACV 90 min), TMT 127N (WT VACV 6 h),
634 TMT 127C (WT VACV 12 h), TMT 128N (WT VACV 18 h), TMT 128C (Mock 18 h), TMT 130N
635 (WT VACV + MG132 18 h), TMT 130C (Mock + MG132 18 h), TMT11-131C (Mock 90 min).
636 The reaction was quenched with hydroxylamine to a final concentration of 0.5 % (v/v). TMT

637 labelled samples were combined at equal ratio, vacuum-centrifuged and subjected to C18
638 solid-phase extraction (Sep-Pak, Waters).

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640 HpRP Fractionation and LC-MS3

641 An unfractionated single-shot sample was analysed to ensure similar peptide loading across
642 each TMT channel. The remaining TMT-labelled tryptic peptide samples were subjected to
643 HpRP fractionation, as described (30) except that the samples were prepared as a single-set
644 of 6 fractions. The fractions were dried and resuspended in 10 μ l MS solvent (4 % MeCN/5 %
645 formic acid) prior to LC-MS3. Data from the single-shot experiment was analysed with data
646 from the corresponding fractions to increase the overall number of peptides quantified. Mass
647 spectrometry data was acquired using an Orbitrap Lumos (Thermo Fisher Scientific, San Jose,
648 CA). An Ultimate 3000 RSLC nano UHPLC equipped with a 300 μ m ID x 5 mm Acclaim
649 PepMap μ -Precolumn (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and a 75 μ m ID x 50 cm 2.1 μ m particle
650 Acclaim PepMap RSLC analytical column was used. Loading solvent was 0.1% FA, analytical
651 solvent A: 0.1% FA and B: 80% MeCN + 0.1% FA. All separations were carried out at 40°C.
652 Samples were loaded at 5 μ l/min for 5 min in loading solvent before beginning the analytical
653 gradient. The following gradient was used: 3-7% B over 3 min, 7-37% B over 173 min, followed
654 by a 4-min wash at 95% B and equilibration at 3% B for 15 min. Each analysis used a
655 MultiNotch MS3-based TMT method (97, 98). The following settings were used: MS1: 380-
656 1500 Th, 120,000 Resolution, 2×10^5 automatic gain control (AGC) target, 50 ms maximum
657 injection time. MS2: Quadrupole isolation at an isolation width of m/z 0.7, CID fragmentation
658 (normalised collision energy (NCE) 35) with ion trap scanning in turbo mode from m/z 120, 1.5
659 $\times 10^4$ AGC target, 120 ms maximum injection time. MS3: In Synchronous Precursor Selection
660 mode the top 10 MS2 ions were selected for HCD fragmentation (NCE 65) and scanned in the
661 Orbitrap at 60,000 resolution with an AGC target of 1×10^5 and a maximum accumulation time
662 of 150 ms. Ions were not accumulated for all parallelisable time. The entire MS/MS/MS cycle
663 had a target time of 3 s. Dynamic exclusion was set to +/- 10 ppm for 70 s. MS2 fragmentation
664 was triggered on precursors 5×10^3 counts and above.

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666 Protein quantification and data processing

667 Mass spectra were processed as described in (9) using MassPike, a sequest-based software
668 pipeline, through a collaborative arrangement with Professor Steven Gygi's laboratory
669 (Harvard Medical School). A combined database was constructed from (i) the human UniProt
670 database (26th January 2017), (ii) the VACV strain WR UniProt database (23rd February 2017),
671 (iii) common contaminants such as porcine trypsin. The combined database was
672 concatenated with a reverse database composed of all protein sequences in reversed order.
673 Searches were performed using a 20 ppm precursor ion tolerance, product ion tolerance was
674 set to 0.03 Th. TMT tags on lysine residues and peptide N termini (229.162932 Da) and
675 carbamidomethylation of cysteine residues (57.02146 Da) were set as static modifications,
676 while oxidation of methionine residues (15.99492 Da) was set as a variable modification. To
677 control the fraction of erroneous protein identifications, a target-decoy strategy was employed
678 (99, 100). Peptide spectral matches (PSMs) were filtered to an initial peptide-level false
679 discovery rate (FDR) of 1% with subsequent filtering to attain a final protein-level FDR of 1%
680 (101, 102). PSM filtering was performed using a linear discriminant analysis, as described
681 (103). This distinguishes correct from incorrect peptide IDs in a manner analogous to the
682 widely used Percolator algorithm (104), though employing a distinct machine learning
683 algorithm. The following parameters were considered: XCorr, DCn, missed cleavages, peptide
684 length, charge state, and precursor mass accuracy. Protein assembly was guided by principles
685 of parsimony to produce the smallest set of proteins necessary to account for all observed
686 peptides (103). Proteins were quantified by summing TMT reporter ion counts across all
687 matching peptide-spectral matches using "MassPike," as described (97, 98). A minimum one
688 unique or shared peptide per protein was used for quantitation.

689 Briefly, a 0.003 Th window around the theoretical m/z of each reporter ion (126, 127n, 127c,
690 128n, 128c, 129n, 129c, 130n, 130c, 131n, 131c) was scanned for ions, and the maximum
691 intensity nearest to the theoretical m/z was used. The primary determinant of quantitation
692 quality is the number of TMT reporter ions detected in each MS3 spectrum, which is directly

693 proportional to the signal-to-noise (S:N) ratio observed for each ion (105). Conservatively,
694 every individual peptide used for quantitation was required to contribute sufficient TMT
695 reporter ions (minimum of 1375 per spectrum) so that each on its own could be expected to
696 provide a representative picture of relative protein abundance (97). Additionally, an isolation
697 specificity filter was employed to minimize peptide co-isolation (106). Peptide-spectral
698 matches with poor quality MS3 spectra (more than 9 TMT channels missing and/or a combined
699 S:N ratio of less than 275 across all TMT reporter ions) or no MS3 spectra at all were excluded
700 from quantitation. Peptides meeting the stated criteria for reliable quantitation were then
701 summed by parent protein, in effect weighting the contributions of individual peptides to the
702 total protein signal based on their individual TMT reporter ion yields.

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704 Protein quantitation values were exported for further analysis in MS Excel. For protein
705 quantitation, reverse and contaminant proteins were removed, then each reporter ion channel
706 was summed across all quantified proteins and normalised assuming equal protein loading
707 across all channels. Fractional TMT signals (i.e., reporting the fraction of maximal signal
708 observed for each protein in each TMT channel, rather than the absolute normalised signal
709 intensity) was used for further analysis and to display in figures. This effectively corrected for
710 differences in the numbers of peptides detected per protein. For all proteins quantified in the
711 PMP screens, normalized S:N ratio values are presented in **Table S1** ('Data original'
712 worksheet). Peptide sequences initially assigned to HLA-A, -B or -C were manually compared
713 to reference sequences of classical HLA-I expressed by HFFF-TERTs (HLA-A11:01, -A24:02,
714 -B35:02, -B40:02, -C02:02, and -C04:01) (107). Only the peptides matching uniquely to the
715 reference sequence of a single subtype (-A, -B, -C) were included. The summed S:N values
716 of these peptides was used for the relative abundance of HLA-A, HLA-B or HLA-C and are
717 available in **Table S1** ('Data' worksheet).

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719 Validation of infection and modulation of host protein expression levels by flow cytometry

720 In parallel with infections for PMP, 10 cm² dishes with ~1x10⁶ cells were mock-treated or
721 infected with VACV at MOI 5. At 15.5 hpi, cells were harvested using trypsin-EDTA (Gibco)
722 and fixed and permeabilised using Fixation/Permeabilization Solution Kit according to the
723 manufacturer's instructions (BD Biosciences, San Jose, U.S.A.). Cells were stained with a
724 mouse anti-D8 monoclonal antibody AB1.1 (108) followed by PE-conjugated goat anti-mouse
725 IgG (BioLegend, San Diego, U.S.A.). To assess human PM protein expression levels, HFFF-
726 TERTs or HeLa cells were mock-treated or infected with VACV at MOI 5 in DMEM 2 % FCS,
727 1 % P/S. Cells were harvested at 14-16 hpi cells using accutase solution as per the
728 manufacturer's instructions (Sigma-Aldrich). ICOSLG surface expression could not be
729 detected by flow cytometry on HFFF-TERTs, therefore, DOHH2 cells were infected at MOI 50
730 with VACV in RPMI-1640 with p/s. At 1 hpi, RPMI-1640 supplemented with 2% FBS (v/v) and
731 1% p/s was added to resuspend cells at 500,000 cells / 100 µl. All validation of PM protein
732 expression was performed with 2-2.5x10⁵ cells / well, stained with Zombie NIR Fixable Viability
733 Kit (Biolegend) in combination with MHC-I (W6/32, kindly provided by Dr L. Boyle), MICA
734 (2C10, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Santa Cruz, CA, USA), EPHB4 (rea923, Miltenyi Biotech,
735 Bergisch Gladbach, Germany), CD95 (DX2, Miltenyi Biotech), EGFR (528, Santa Cruz), HLA-
736 B/C (4E, kindly provided by Dr L. Boyle), HLA-C/E (DT9, kindly provided by Dr L. Boyle),
737 ULBP3 (166510, R&D systems), B7-H6 (875001, R&D systems, Minneapolis, U.S.A), ULBP-
738 2/5/6 (65903, R&D systems), Plexin-B1 (rea728, Miltenyi Biotech), MICB (236511, R&D
739 systems), trail-R4 (104918, R&D systems), APC-conjugated ICOSLG Monoclonal Antibody
740 (MIH12), isotype mouse Igg2b (Santa Cruz), isotype mouse IgG2a (Santa Cruz) isotype
741 mouse IgG1 (Santa Cruz), Mouse IgG1 kappa Isotype Control (P3.6.2.8.1) conjugated with
742 APC (eBioscience – part of Thermo Fisher Scientific, San Diego, CA, USA). Samples stained
743 with unconjugated primary antibodies were subsequently probed with PE-conjugated Goat
744 anti-mouse IgG (BioLegend). Cells were fixed using Fixation/Permeabilization Solution Kit
745 according to the manufacturer's instructions (BD Biosciences). All samples were analysed by
746 flow cytometry using the Invitrogen Attune NxT and FlowJo software.

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748 Data analysis and bioinformatics

749 Analyses were performed using original python code using NumPy (109), pandas (110),
750 Matplotlib (111), SciPy.stats (112) and sklearn.metrics (113) packages. To describe human
751 PM proteins in this study, host proteins were filtered for relevant gene ontology (GO)
752 annotations indicative of PM location; PM, 'cell surface' [CS], 'extracellular' [XC] and 'short
753 GO' [ShG, 4-part term containing 'integral to membrane', 'intrinsic to membrane', 'membrane
754 part', 'cell part' or a 5-part term additionally containing 'membrane']. Two sets of criteria were
755 defined to determine which human PM proteins showed modulated expression levels during
756 VACV infection. First, 'sensitive' criteria included proteins quantified in either or both PMP
757 replicates showing >2x FC at any time-point during infection. Second, 'stringent' criteria limited
758 the false discovery rate further and included proteins detected in both PMP replicates showing
759 >2x FC with a p-value <0.05 (Benjamini-Hochberg corrected one-way ANOVA). To include all
760 biologically relevant proteins, 'sensitive' criteria were used for subsequent analyses. A
761 hierarchical clustering analysis based on uncentered Pearson correlation was performed on
762 the FC with Cluster 3.0 (Stanford University). To avoid skewing the data with outliers, the FC
763 was limited to 50 in either direction. A heatmap was visualised using Java TreeView (**Figure**
764 **1C**). Volcano plots in **Figure 1D** do not show VACV protein H7 because there was no
765 quantitative value available in the mock sample. Scale of the x-axis of these plots was limited
766 from -7 to 7, which excluded VACV proteins C6 and RPO7 from this graph (**Figure 1D & S1D**).
767 These two proteins were considered contaminants based on their function and subcellular
768 localisation. Pathway enrichment analyses were performed using DAVID version 6.8 (33, 34).
769 Indicated proteins were searched against a background of all human proteins quantified using
770 default settings. InterPro domain annotations (65) were added to proteins modulated
771 according to 'sensitive' criteria (**Table S3**). Putative immune ligands were defined by domain
772 annotations cadherin, collagen, MHC, C-type lectin, immunoglobulin, Ig, TNF or butyrophilin.

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774 Statistical analysis

775 Figures 1D, 7A, S1D: p-values were estimated using significance A with Benjamini-Hochberg
776 correction for multiple hypothesis testing (32). For proteins quantified in both replicates, a one-
777 way ANOVA was used to estimate p-values for FC during the infection time-course. Per
778 replicate, the average value of mock 1.5 & 18 hpi was used as a control. P-values were
779 corrected for multiple hypothesis testing using the Benjamini-Hochberg method. A corrected
780 p-value of <0.05 was considered statistically significant.

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782 Data availability

783 The mass spectrometry proteomics data will be deposited to the ProteomeXchange
784 Consortium (<http://www.proteomexchange.org/>) via the PRIDE partner repository. Data for all
785 quantified VACV and human proteins are available in **Table S1** in which the 'Plotter' worksheet
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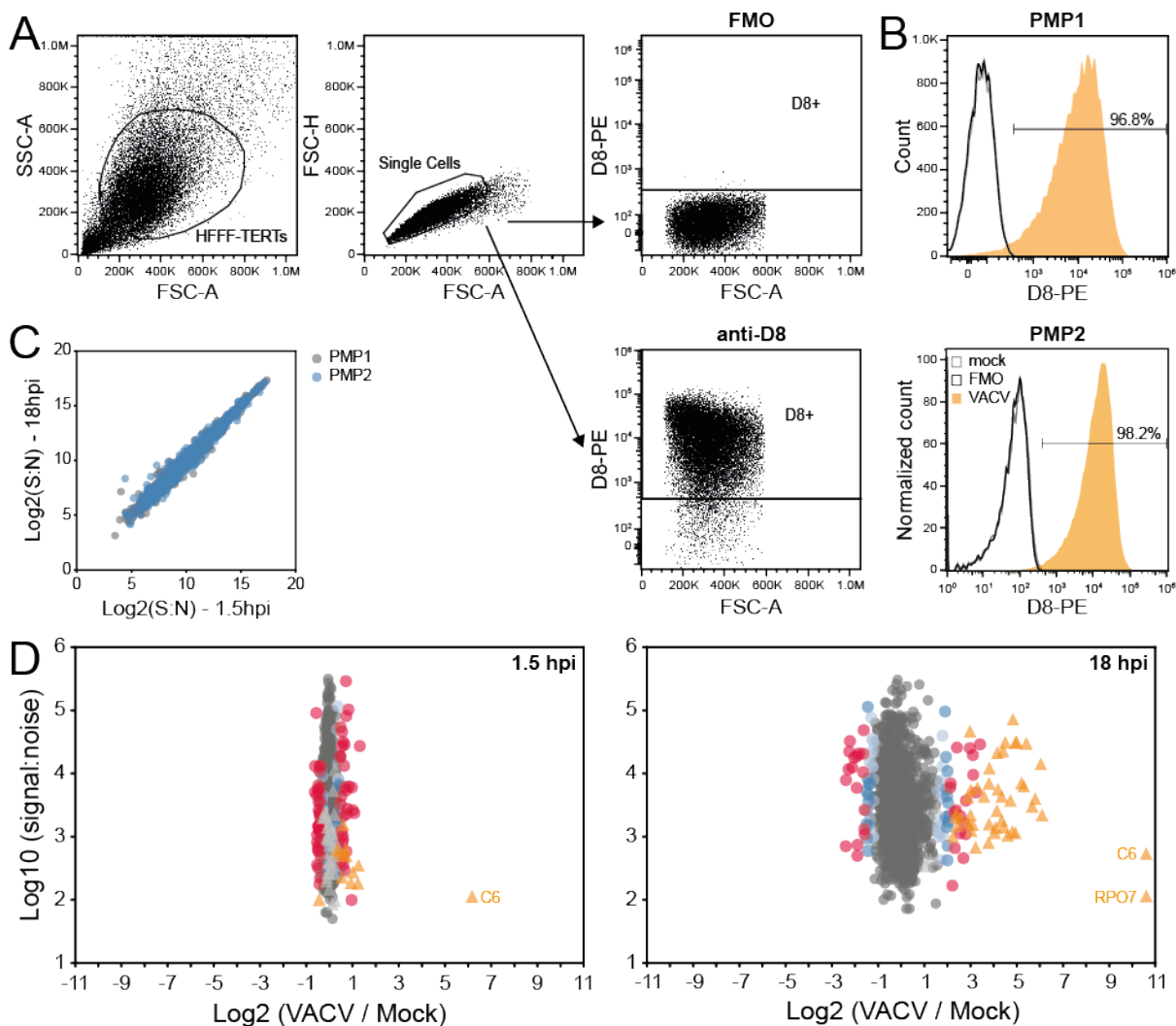
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1075 **Supplementary information**



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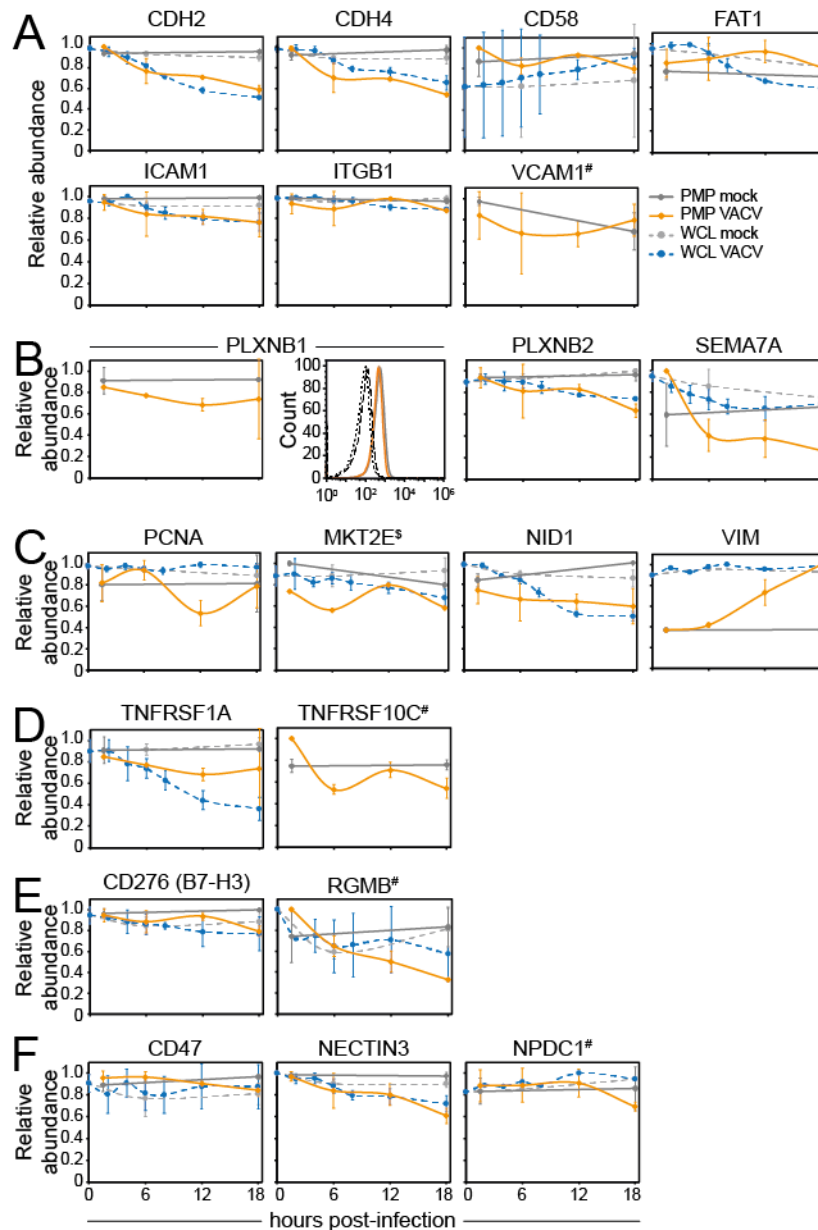
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Figure S1. Technical details of the proteomic plasma membrane profiling experiments. Related to Figure 1. (A-B) HFFF-TERTs were mock-treated or infected with VACV at MOI 5 in parallel with infections for PMP. At 15.5 hpi samples were fixed and stained for the late VACV protein D8 to assess infection levels. (A) Representative gating strategy of VACV-infected cells stained with anti-D8 followed by anti-mouse-PE or with the secondary antibody only (fluorescence minus one, FMO) as a control. Viable cells and single cells were gated followed by selection of D8-positive cells. (B) D8 levels in mock-treated or VACV-infected cells for each of the two biological repeats. (C) Correlation of protein abundance (signal: noise, S: N) of mock-treated samples at 1.5 h and 18 h per replicate. A single human protein was excluded from PMP2 because the abundance in mock samples was '0'. (D) Fold-change of VACV and human PM proteins quantified in both repeats. Scale of the x-axis was not limited (as in Figure 1D) to include VACV proteins C6 and RPO7, which are considered outliers based on their function and subcellular localisation.



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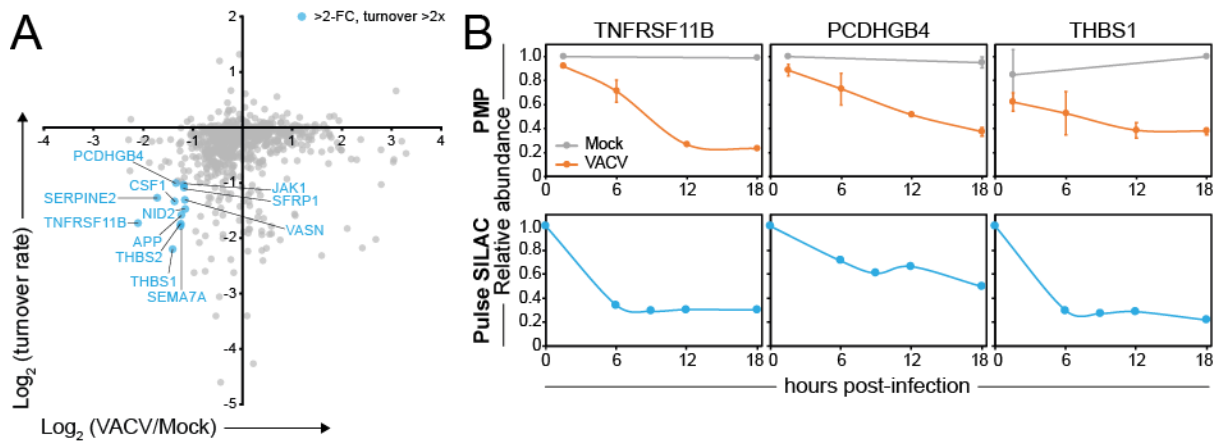
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Figure S2. Cell surface expression of NK/T cell ligands during VACV infection. Related to Figure 4. Temporal profiles of known NK/T cell ligands. **(A)** Adhesion molecules. **(B)** Plexins. **(C)** Natural cytotoxicity triggering receptor (NCR) ligands. **(D)** Apoptosis regulators. **(E)** Co-inhibitory/stimulatory molecules. **(F)** Other. Data are represented as mean \pm SD (PMP n=2, \$PMP n=1; WCL (9) n=3, #WCL < n=3). **(B)** Downregulation of plexin B1 during VACV infection was confirmed by flow cytometry in HeLa cells at 15 hpi with VACV (MOI 5). Results are representative of at least 2 independent experiments.



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Figure S3. Downregulation of human PM proteins due to high protein turnover. (A) Identification of human PM proteins >2 -fold downregulated at 18 hpi after VACV infection (compared to 18 h mock) and for which the protein abundance decreased >2 -fold in 18 h was determined in a previous pulse (p)SILAC screen in mock-treated HFFF-TERTs (30). (B) Temporal profile of selected host proteins downregulated from the cell surface during VACV infection and which have a short half-life. Data are represented as mean \pm SD (PMP $n=2$; pSILAC $n=1$ (30)).

1101 **Table S1. Interactive spreadsheet of all data in the manuscript.** Related to Figures 2-9 & S2. The 'Plotter'
1102 worksheet enables the generation of graphs for all human and viral proteins quantified. The 'Data original'
1103 worksheet contains minimally annotated protein data where the raw data has been modified by formatting and
1104 normalisation. The 'Data' worksheet the HLA-A, -B, -C data is based only on peptides uniquely attributed to these
1105 three HLA subtypes. The spreadsheets include data obtained in previously performed WCL proteomics (9).
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1107 **Table S2. Plasma membrane proteins modulated during VACV infection.** Related to Figure 2. **(A-D)** Human
1108 PM proteins (A/C) downregulated or (B/D) upregulated according to (A-B) 'sensitive' or (C-D) 'stringent' criteria. **(E-**
1109 **F)** DAVID functional enrichment analysis of proteins shown in (A) or (B), respectively, compared to all quantified
1110 human PM proteins.
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1112 **Table S3. Discovery of putative immune ligands using InterPro domain annotation.** Related to Figure 5.
1113 InterPro functional domain annotation of proteins (A) downregulated or (B) upregulated according to 'sensitive'
1114 criteria.
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1116 **Table S4. Systematic analysis of mechanism underlying protein modulation during VACV infection.** Related
1117 to Figures 7&S3. **(A)** Human PM proteins quantified in both repeats and on average >2-fold downregulated
1118 compared to 18 h mock, in combination with p-value <0.05 and RR >1.5. **(B)** Human PM proteins quantified in both
1119 repeats and on average >2-fold upregulated compared to 18 h mock, in combination with p-value <0.05 and RR
1120 <0.66. **(C)** Human PM proteins quantified in both repeats and on average >2-fold downregulated compared to 18
1121 h mock, in combination with p-value <0.05 and >2-fold pSILAC turnover rate in 18 h (30). P-values on the fold-
1122 change at 18 hpi was estimated using the method of significance A and corrected for multiple hypothesis testing
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1125 **Table S5. Comparison of protein expression at whole cell level and at the plasma membrane during VACV**
1126 **infection.** Related to Figure 8. **(A)** Human PM proteins downregulated in both PMP and WCL experiments (9)
1127 using 'sensitive' criteria. **(B)** Human PM proteins downregulated in PMP but not WCL using 'sensitive' criteria. **(C)**
1128 DAVID functional enrichment analysis of proteins shown in (A), compared to all human PM proteins quantified in
1129 at least one replicate of PMP and WCL. **(D)** Human PM proteins upregulated in both PMP and WCL using 'sensitive'
1130 criteria. **(E)** Human PM proteins upregulated in PMP but not WCL using 'sensitive' criteria.
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1132 **Table S6. Human PM protein regulation by VACV and HCMV.** Related to Figure 9. **(A/C)** All human PM proteins
1133 (A) downregulated or (C) upregulated >2-fold by both VACV and HCMV (29) according to 'sensitive' criteria. **(B/D)**
1134 DAVID functional enrichment of proteins shown in (A) and (C), respectively, compared to all proteins quantified in
1135 both VACV and HCMV PMP screens.