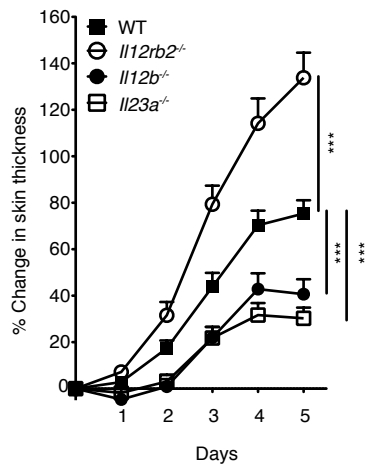
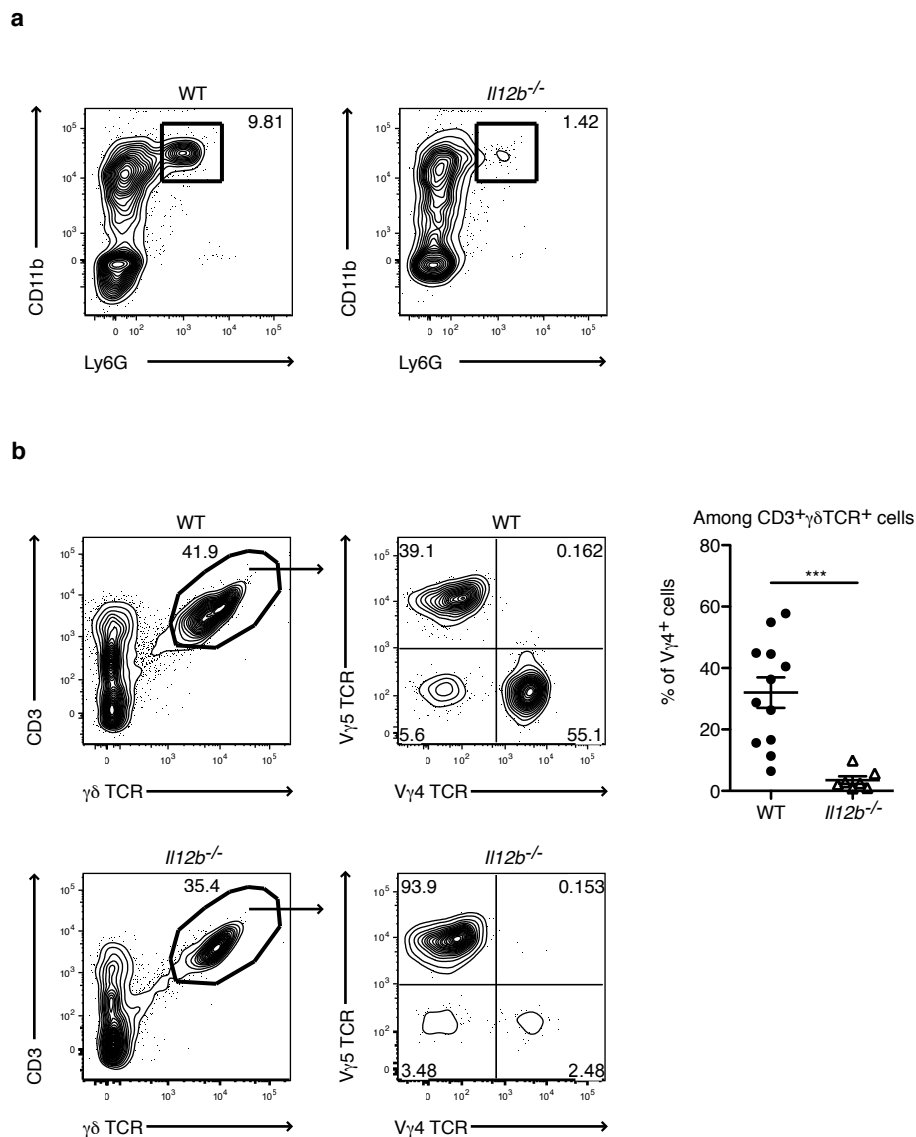


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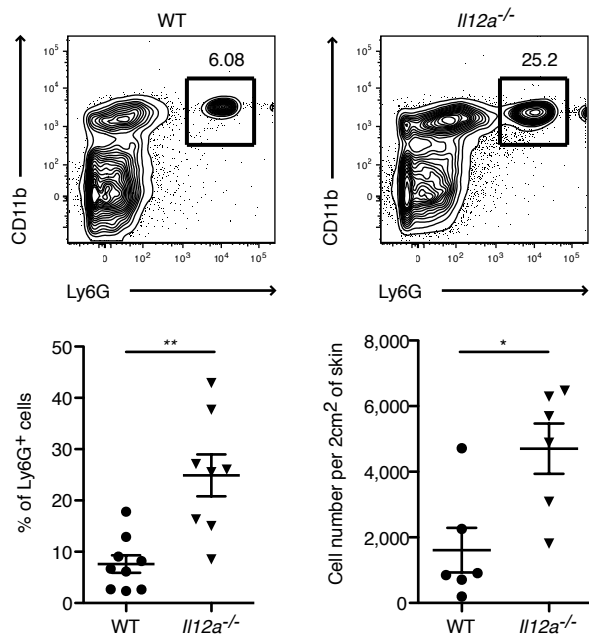
Supplementary Figure 1. Psoriatic plaque formation in mice deficient in IL-12/23p40, IL-23 and IL-12R. WT, *Il12b*^{-/-}, *Il23a*^{-/-} and *Il12rb2*^{-/-} mice were treated with Aldara for 6 days. Back skin inflammation during the whole course of the disease represented as a percent change in skin thickness compared to untreated skin on day 0. Cumulative graph of 4 independent experiments (n=21 per WT, n=15 per *Il12rb2*^{-/-}, n=16 per *Il12b*^{-/-}, n=9 per *Il23a*^{-/-}, average mean $\pm$ s.e.m.). Each data point represents individual mouse. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 (Two Way ANOVA with Bonferroni post test).

Supplementary Fig. 2



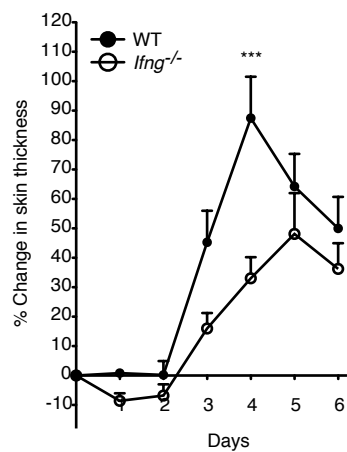
Supplementary Figure 2. Analysis of inflamed skin in IL-12/23p40 deficient mice. (a,b) WT and $Il12b^{-/-}$ mice were treated with Aldara for 6 days. Flow cytometry analysis of inflamed skin; cells were gated on $CD45^{+}$ leukocytes and analyzed for the presence of (a) neutrophils and (b) skin infiltrating $V\gamma 4^{+}\gamma\delta T$ cells. (b) Cumulative graph of 3 independent experiments, (n=12 per WT, n=7 per $Il12b^{-/-}$, average mean $\pm$ s.e.m.). Each data point represents individual mouse. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 ((b)unpaired two tailed t-test).

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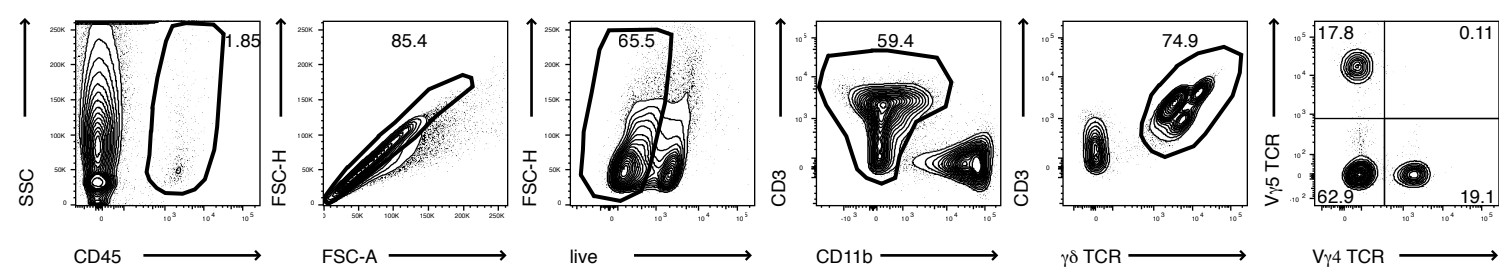
Supplementary Figure 3. Analysis of Aldara treated skin in WT and *Il12a*^{-/-} mice. Mice were treated with Aldara for 6 consecutive days. Flow cytometry analysis of inflamed back skin; cells were gated on CD45⁺ leukocytes and analyzed for the presence of neutrophils. Cumulative graph of 2-3 independent experiments, (n=6-9 per WT, n=6-8 per *Il12a*^{-/-}, average mean $\pm$ s.e.m.). Each data point represents individual mouse. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 (unpaired two tailed t-test).

Supplementary Fig. 4



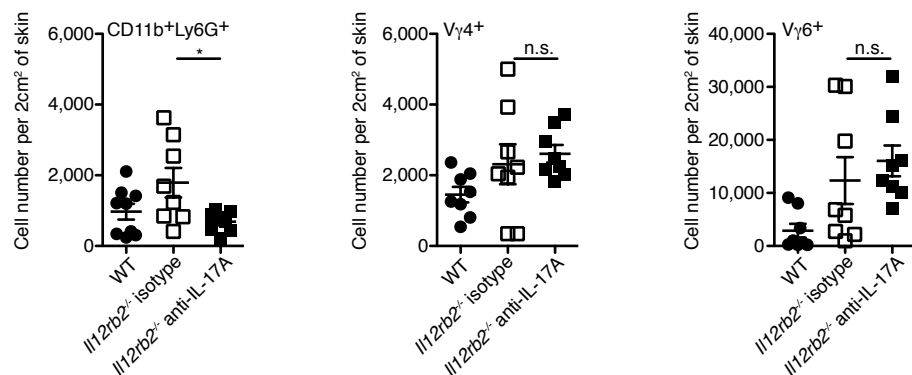
Supplementary Figure 4. Impact of IFN- γ deficiency on psoriatic plaque formation. WT and *Ifng*^{-/-} mice were treated with Aldara for 6 days. Back skin inflammation during the whole course of the disease represented as a percent change in skin thickness compared to untreated skin on day 0. Cumulative graph of 2 independent experiments, (n=6 per WT, n=7 per *Ifng*^{-/-}, average mean $\pm$ s.e.m.). Each data point represents individual mouse. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 (Two Way ANOVA with Bonferroni post test).

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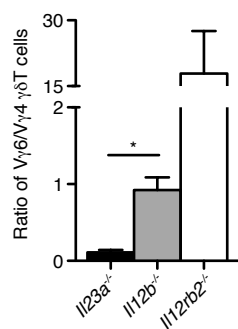


Supplementary Figure 5. Representative flow cytometry gating strategy for the mouse skin. Cells were gated on CD45⁺/singlets⁺/live⁺/CD11b⁻ leukocytes and analyzed for the presence of skin resident and skin infiltrating $\gamma\delta$ T cells.

Supplementary Fig. 6

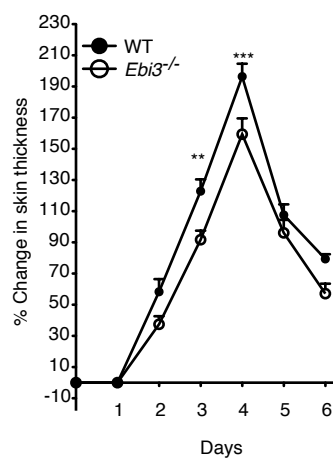


Supplementary Figure 6. Analysis of inflamed skin in animals treated with anti-IL-17A antibody. WT and *Il12rb2*^{-/-} mice were treated with Aldara, 200 ug of anti-IL-17A antibody or isotype control was injected i.p. into *Il12rb2*^{-/-} mice every second day starting on day -1. Flow cytometry analysis of inflamed skin; cells were gated on CD45⁺ leukocytes and analyzed for the presence of neutrophils and skin infiltrating Vγ4⁺ and Vγ6⁺ γδT cells. Cumulative graph of 2 independent experiments, (n=8 per WT, n=8 per *Il12rb2*^{-/-}, average mean ± s.e.m.). Each data point represents individual mouse. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 (unpaired two tailed t-test).



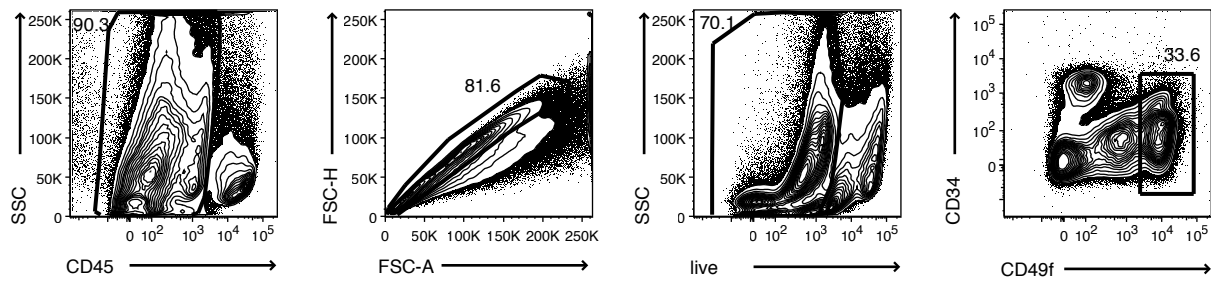
Supplementary Figure 7. Effector $\gamma\delta$ T cell distribution in Aldara treated skin of IL-23, IL-12/23p40 and IL-12R deficient animals. *Il23a*^{-/-}, *Il12b*^{-/-} and *Il12rb2*^{-/-} mice were treated with Aldara for 6 days followed by flow cytometry analysis of Aldara treated skin. The graph depicts the ratio of V γ 6/V γ 4 $\gamma\delta$ T cells. Cumulative graph of 3 experiments, (n=4 per *Il12rb2*^{-/-}, n=9 per *Il12b*^{-/-}, n=3 per *Il23a*^{-/-}, average mean $\pm$ s.e.m.). *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 (unpaired two tailed t-test).

Supplementary Fig. 8



Supplementary Figure 8. Psoriatic plaque formation in Aldara treated *Ebi3*^{-/-} animals. WT and *Ebi3*^{-/-} mice were treated with Aldara for 6 days. The graph shows back skin swelling during the whole course of the disease represented as a percent change in skin thickness compared to untreated skin on day 0. Cumulative graph of 2 independent experiments, (n=8 per WT and *Ebi3*^{-/-}, average mean $\pm$ s.e.m.). Each data point represents individual mouse. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 (Two Way ANOVA with Bonferroni post test).

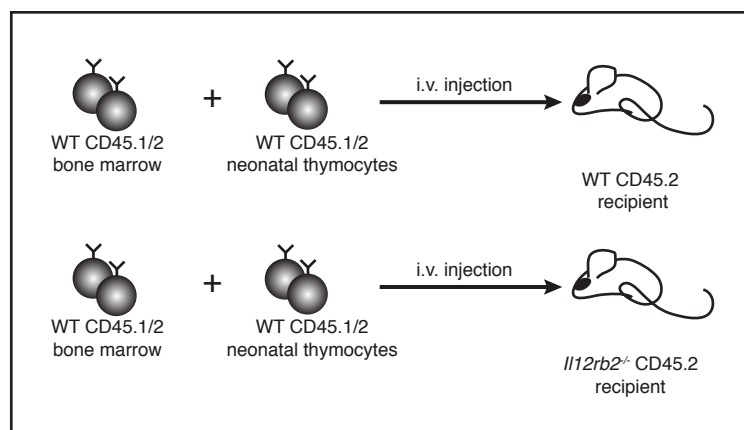
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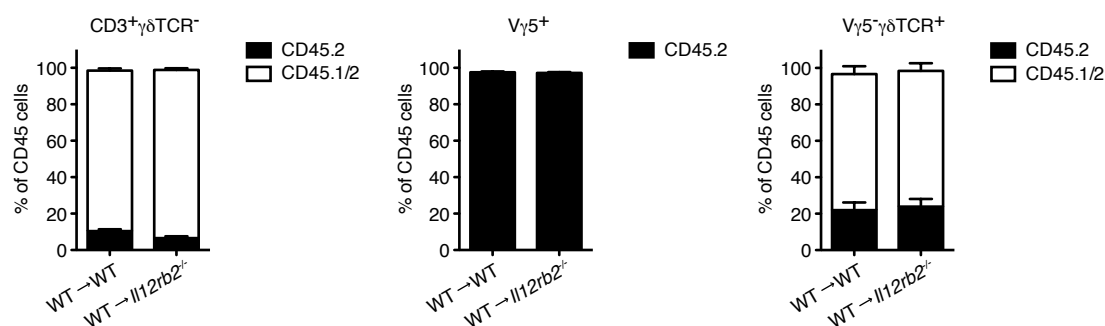
Supplementary Figure 9. Mouse keratinocyte gating strategy for cell sorting. Representative dot plots displaying staining of murine skin for keratinocyte sort isolation. Cells negative for CD45 and CD34 marker and positive for CD49f were sorted for further analysis.

Supplementary Fig. 10

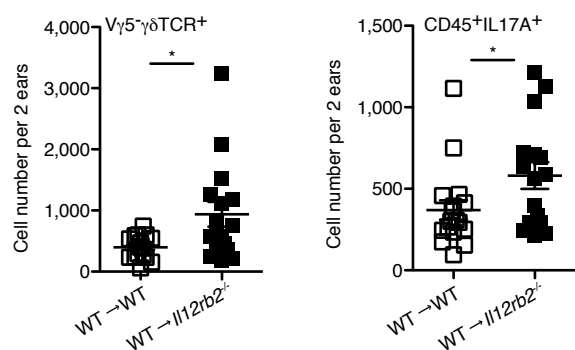
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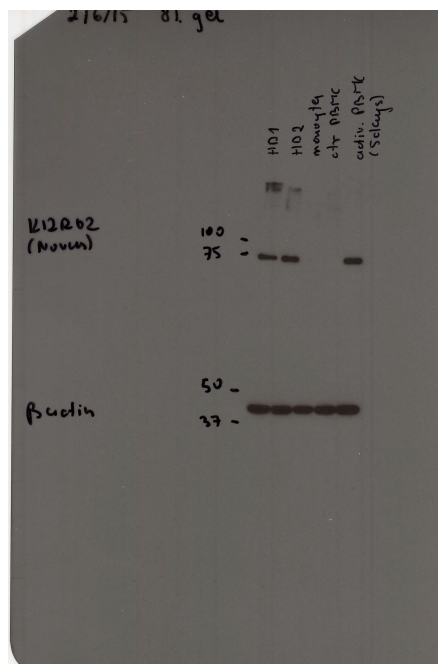


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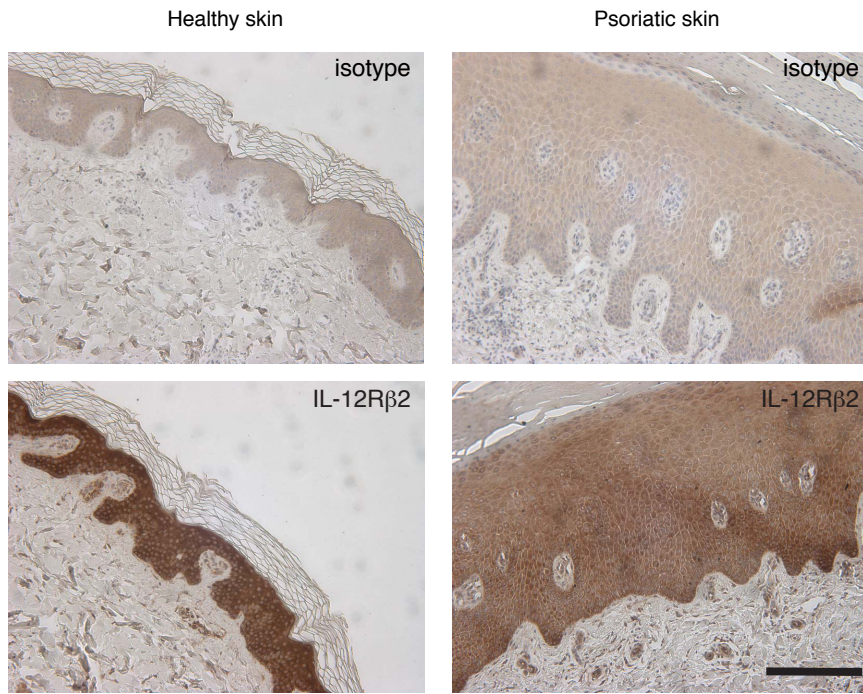
Supplementary Figure 10. Analysis of inflamed skin in bone marrow/thymocytes chimeras. (a) Representative scheme of reconstituted animals with donor bone marrow and neonatal thymocytes. (b,c) Mice were treated with Aldara for 7 days. On day 8 ear infiltrated cells were isolated and analyzed, (b) T cell reconstitution in Aldara treated skin of chimeric animals, (c) flow cytometry analysis of inflamed ears; absolute numbers of skin infiltrating leukocytes are depicted. (b, c) Cumulative graph of 4 independent experiments, (n=17 per WT into WT, n=16 WT into *Il12rb2*^{-/-}, average mean ± s.e.m.). Each data point represents individual mouse. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001 ((c) unpaired two tailed t-test).

Supplementary Fig. 11



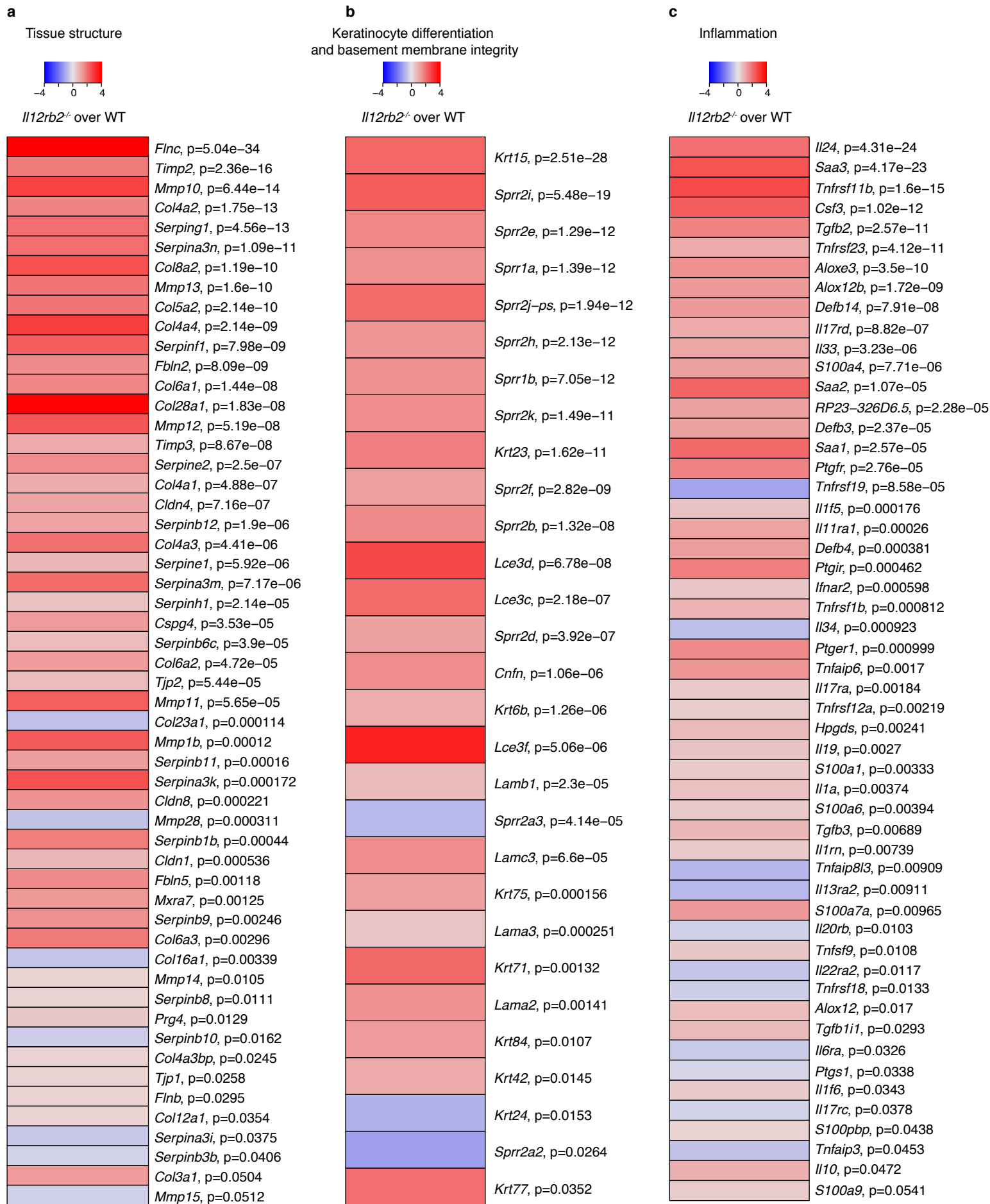
Supplementary Figure 11. IL-12Rβ2 expression in human cells. Immunoblot analysis of IL-12Rβ2 in human primary keratinocytes. Human monocytes, naïve and activated PBMC were used as negative and positive controls. Figure shows uncropped western blot data.

Supplementary Fig. 12



Supplementary Figure 12. IL-12R β 2 expression in human skin. Skin sections from healthy human donor and psoriatic patient were stained with antibodies against human IL-12R β 2 or isotype control for immunohistochemistry, scale bar: 200 μ m.

Supplementary Fig. 13



Supplementary Figure 13. Next generation sequencing of mouse keratinocytes isolated from Aldara treated animals. Heat maps showing list of genes affected by disrupted IL-12 signalling. Significance is shown alongside, (unpaired two tailed t-test).

Supplementary Fig. 14

Pathway Maps			GO Processes			Process Networks		
Cluster Term	Count	p-value	Cluster Term	Count	p-value	Cluster Term	Count	p-value
1	5	1.411E-04	Cytoskeleton remodeling keratin filaments	19	2.630E-15	1	21	5.219E-10
		2.780E-04	Immune response MIF mediated glucocorticoid regulation		20			6.129E-07
		2.781E-04	Development regulation of epithelial to mesenchymal transition (EMT)		20			7.697E-04
		5.067E-04	Development TGF- β dependent induction of EMT via MAPK		19			2.125E-03
		7.089E-04	Oxidative phosphorylation		20			2.361E-03
		1.151E-03	Immune response EV13 affect on SCF1 promoted macrophage differentiation		19			4.600E-03
		1.778E-03	Development MAG-dependent inhibition of neurite outgrowth		19			7.519E-03
		4.1778E-03	Role of red blood cell adhesion to endothelium in vaso-occlusion in Sickle cell disease		20			7.605E-03
		4.2854E-03	Apoptosis and survival Apoptotic TNF-family pathways		20			1.091E-02
		3.983E-03	Development TGF- β -beta-dependent induction of EMT via RhoA, PI3K and ILK		19			1.275E-02
2	10	8.207E-10	Cell adhesion ECM remodeling	107	9.639E-24	2	17	9.844E-07
		9.4920E-08	Cell adhesion Chemokines and adhesion		146			1.919E-06
		7.689E-06	Cell adhesion Cell-matrix glycoconjugates		168			4.805E-05
		1.162E-05	Cytoskeleton remodeling TGF, WNT and cytoskeletal remodeling		168			5.051E-05
		1.567E-04	Expression targets of Tissue factor signaling in cancer		169			7.102E-05
		4.1594E-04	Development Regulation of epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition (EMT)		155			1.329E-04
		3.211E-04	Cytoskeleton remodeling Cytoskeleton remodeling		128			2.229E-04
		9.864E-04	Cell adhesion Plasmin signaling		156			3.593E-04
		4.1350E-03	Signal transduction Cyclic AMP signaling		129			1.774E-03
		2.986E-03	Development PDGF signaling via MAPK cascades		97			2.267E-03
3	13	2.922E-08	dCTP/dUTP metabolism	245	1.436E-21	3	26	9.457E-13
		4.953E-08	Cell cycle Start of DNA replication in early S phase		40			6.740E-11
		7.1009E-05	Cell cycle Role of APC in cell cycle regulation		439			9.200E-06
		2.045E-05	dATP/dTTP metabolism		73			4.304E-05
		2.300E-05	Cell cycle The metaphase checkpoint		203			8.295E-05
		2.779E-05	dGTP metabolism		74			6.137E-04
		3.150E-05	TTP metabolism		68			6.245E-04
		5.043E-05	Cell cycle Transition and termination of DNA replication		141			2.093E-03
		2.975E-04	Immune response Classical complement pathway		84			2.689E-03
		3.974E-04	Apoptosis and survival DNA-damage-induced apoptosis		94			6.212E-03
4	2	1.638E-03	Immune response IL-6-induced acute-phase response in hepatocytes	10	4.451E-17	4	4	6.922E-05
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		3.665E-02	Development Thrombopoietin signaling via JAK-STAT pathway		15			5.567E-02
		3.665E-02	Expression targets of Tissue factor signaling in cancer		17			6.255E-02
		4.966E-02	Cell adhesion Gap junctions		13			8.341E-02
6	8	5.929E-06	Breast cancer (general schema)	307	3.035E-22	6	22	1.353E-05
		7.169E-06	Apoptosis and survival Anti-apoptotic TNFs/NF- κ B/I κ B-2 pathway		254			3.293E-05
		2.365E-05	Upregulation of MIF in melanoma		187			5.472E-05
		7.811E-05	Cell adhesion Gap junctions		277			1.482E-03
		7.811E-05	Colorectal cancer (general schema)		83			3.397E-03
		8.1682E-04	Development Regulation of epithelial-to-mesenchymal transition (EMT)		78			3.678E-03
		1.878E-04	Immune response CD40 signaling		269			3.780E-03
		1.925E-04	Immune response Th17 cell differentiation		283			5.331E-03
		1.925E-04	Development TGF- β -beta-dependent induction of EMT via SMADs		81			7.658E-03
		2.263E-04	Cell adhesion Tight junctions		74			9.359E-03

Supplementary Figure 14. Next generation sequencing of mouse keratinocytes isolated from Aldara treated WT and *Il12rb2^{-/-}* animals. The enriched pathway maps, gene ontology and process networks categories for differentially expressed genes are shown. Metacore analysis of cluster 5 was excluded: combined genes were too function-ally heterogeneous to produce relevant results.

Supplementary Table 1

PRIMERS	SEQUENCE
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<i>mouse Cxcl9</i>	5'-ATT TCA TCA CGC CCT TGA GCC T
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<i>mouse Ccl20</i>	5'-AAC TGGGTG AAA AGG GCT GT
	5'-GTC CAA TTC CAT CCC AAA AA
<i>mouse Tnfa</i>	5'-CTG TAG CCC ACG TCG TAG C
	5'-TTG AGA TCC ATG CCG TTG
<i>mouse Il17a</i>	5'-ATC AGG ACG CGC AAA CAT GA
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<i>mouse Il17f</i>	5'-TGC TAC TGT TGA TGT TGG GAC
	5'-AAT GCC CTG GTT TTG GTT GAA
<i>mouse Il22</i>	5'-ATG AGT TTT TCC CTT ATG GGG AC
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<i>mouse Il1b</i>	5'-GAA ATG CCA CCT TTT GAC AGT G
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<i>mouse Ifng</i>	5'-GCA TTC ATG AGT ATT GCC AAG
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	5'-GCA GCC TTT ACC CAA ATT ATC
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<i>mouse Lcn2</i>	Primer Set VMPS-3457, Biomol

Supplementary Table 1. The list of qPCR primers.