

Table 1s. Quantitative analyses of the spontaneous intracellular

Time	IL-2		TNF α		GM-CSF	
	(OD ₄₅₀ \pm SEM, n=3)		(OD ₄₅₀ \pm SEM, n=3)		(OD ₄₅₀ \pm SEM, n=3)	
	Ctr	RPM	Ctr	RPM	Ctr	RPM
24 h	0.174 \pm 0.010	0.155 \pm 0.008	0.006 \pm 0.00001	0.004 \pm 0.000001	0.0005 \pm 0.000009	0.0007 \pm 0.000007
48 h	0.170 \pm 0.010	0.158 \pm 0.025	0.004 \pm 0.00001	0.003 \pm 0.000001	0.0005 \pm 0.000008	0.0006 \pm 0.000008
72 h	0.169 \pm 0.003	0.148 \pm 0.004	0.005 \pm 0.00001	0.004 \pm 0.000001	0.0004 \pm 0.000008	0.0006 \pm 0.000009
96 h	0.542 \pm 0.025	0.433 \pm 0.020	0.004 \pm 0.00001	0.003 \pm 0.000001	0.0005 \pm 0.000017	0.0003 \pm 0.000023

In the table are reported the levels of interleukins expressed as the mean OD acquired at 450 nm (\pm SEM) of 3 independent experiments. The levels of the cytokines, present in the cell-conditioned growth medium, were quantified by a conventional sandwich-based enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) technique using a Multi-Analyte ELISArray kit (Qiagen, Milan, Italy) according to manufacturer's instructions. The very low OD values show a hardly detectable levels of these factors in the medium and a non-activation state of the cells.