

1 **Transiently boosting V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells early in Mtb coinfection of SIV-infected juvenile**
2 **macaques does not improve Mtb host resistance.**

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31 **Abstract**

32 Children living with HIV have a higher risk of developing tuberculosis (TB), a disease
33 caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb). Gamma delta ($\gamma\delta$) T cells in the
34 context of HIV/Mtb coinfection have been understudied in children, despite *in vitro* evidence
35 suggesting $\gamma\delta$ T cells assist with Mtb control. We investigated whether boosting a specific subset
36 of $\gamma\delta$ T cells, phosphoantigen-reactive V γ 9+V δ 2+ cells, could improve TB outcome using a
37 nonhuman primate model of pediatric HIV/Mtb coinfection. Juvenile Mauritian cynomolgus
38 macaques (MCM), equivalent to 4–8-year-old children, were infected intravenously (i.v.) with
39 SIV. After 6 months, MCM were coinfecting with a low dose of Mtb and then randomized to
40 receive zoledronate (ZOL), a drug that increases phosphoantigen levels, (n=5; i.v.) at 3- and 17-
41 days after Mtb accompanied by recombinant human IL-2 (s.c.) for 5 days following each ZOL
42 injection. A similarly coinfecting MCM group (n=5) was injected with saline as a control.
43 V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cell frequencies spiked in the blood, but not airways, of ZOL+IL-2-treated
44 MCM following the first dose, however, were refractory to the second dose. At necropsy eight
45 weeks after Mtb, ZOL+IL-2 treatment did not reduce pathology or bacterial burden. $\gamma\delta$ T cell
46 subset frequencies in granulomas did not differ between treatment groups. These data show that
47 transiently boosting peripheral $\gamma\delta$ T cells with ZOL+IL-2 soon after Mtb coinfection of SIV-
48 infected MCM did not improve Mtb host defense.

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50 **Introduction**

51 Children living with HIV have a higher risk of developing tuberculosis (TB) even when
52 virally suppressed with antiretroviral therapy (ART) (1-5). TB disease is often more severe in
53 children (*e.g.*, miliary TB and TB meningitis) (6-8) and TB-associated mortality is higher in
54 children living with HIV than those without HIV (9). Although TB is curable, the consequence
55 of disease on lung function after the bacteria have been cleared is a growing concern, especially
56 in children (10). TB early in life could have long-term health consequences due to the pulmonary
57 and extrapulmonary damage sustained during infection. However, very few therapies exist to
58 prevent or reverse this tissue damage. Host-directed therapy, which modulates the host immune
59 response to eradicate *Mtb*, is a promising strategy that may minimize TB disease and subsequent
60 tissue damage in children, especially those living with HIV.

61 Gamma delta ($\gamma\delta$) T cells are a subset of unconventional T cells that typically recognize
62 non-peptide antigens (11). In addition to direct effector functions, $\gamma\delta$ T cells crosstalk with
63 several immune cell types and provide a variety of supportive functions including B cell
64 interactions, maturation of dendritic cells, activation of neutrophils as well as NK cells, and
65 priming of conventional $\alpha\beta$ T cells (12). One subtype of $\gamma\delta$ T cells, $V\gamma9+V\delta2+$ $\gamma\delta$ T cells, which
66 react against metabolites from the isoprenoid synthesis pathway known as phosphoantigens (13),
67 display both direct killing of bacilli and indirect antimicrobial activity by enhancing $CD4+$ and
68 $CD8+$ T cell responses against *Mtb* both *in vitro* and *in vivo* (14-16). Augmenting $V\gamma9+V\delta2+$ $\gamma\delta$
69 T cells has been shown to reduce *Mtb* burden in rhesus macaques (16-18). In humans, $V\delta2+$ $\gamma\delta$ T
70 cells frequencies are highly dynamic throughout childhood (19-21). $V\delta2+$ $\gamma\delta$ T cells peak in
71 blood during pre-adolescence (5-9 years old) then slowly decline into adulthood (19). It is not
72 well understood how these changes in $\gamma\delta$ T cell frequencies throughout development influence

73 disease control of pathogens like HIV and Mtb in children. Circulating V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells are
74 notably depleted in people living with HIV, perhaps due to their higher expression of CCR5 (11,
75 22-24). Evidence suggests that the V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells that do remain in individuals living with HIV
76 are anergic, especially to mycobacterial antigens (25). It has yet to be determined whether HIV-
77 mediated V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cell depletion contributes to increased TB susceptibility and whether
78 pharmacologic modulation of this cell population would reduce TB disease in children.

79 Using our juvenile nonhuman primate (NHP) model of pediatric HIV/Mtb coinfection
80 (26), we evaluated whether boosting V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells reduces TB disease. Zoledronate
81 (ZOL; brand name, Reclast®), is an FDA-approved drug used for treating osteoporosis, Paget's
82 disease of bone, and high levels of calcium in the blood caused by certain types of cancer (27).
83 ZOL is known to increase cellular phosphoantigen levels by blocking the isoprenoid biosynthesis
84 pathway (13). In combination with IL-2, ZOL can increase V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cell frequency *in*
85 *vitro* and *in vivo* (18, 28-30). We administered ZOL+IL-2 to SIV-infected juvenile macaques at 3
86 and 17 days after Mtb coinfection. V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells transiently increased in the blood
87 following the first dose of ZOL+IL-2 but were refractory to the second dose. ZOL+IL-2 did not
88 increase $\gamma\delta$ T cell frequencies in airways or in TB granulomas. TB outcome did not improve with
89 ZOL+IL-2 treatment in SIV/Mtb coinfecting juvenile macaques, suggesting that transient changes
90 to V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells in the periphery early in Mtb coinfection did not improve host immunity
91 to Mtb.

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93 **Results**

94 *ZOL+IL-2 does not alter plasma SIV viremia*

95 Ten juvenile macaques (aged 1-2 years old, equivalent to 4–8 year-old human children)
96 were intravenously infected with SIVmac239M (Figure 1A). After six months, animals were
97 infected with a low dose of virulent Mtb via bronchoscope. A subset of animals (n = 5) was
98 given zoledronate (ZOL; 0.2. mg/kg, i.v.) at days 3 and 17 after Mtb coinfection. ZOL-treated
99 animals also received recombinant human IL-2 subcutaneously once daily (SID) for 5 days after
100 each ZOL administration. The remaining five animals served as a control group and were given
101 saline.

102 Plasma SIV viremia was measured throughout the entire study. All 10 animals exhibited
103 peak viremia ~2 weeks post SIV infection followed by stabilization at setpoints unique to each
104 animal (Figure S1). One animal (160-21), randomized to the ZOL+IL-2 group, was a
105 spontaneous viral controller with viremia that eventually dropped below the limit of detection
106 (100 ceq/mL). Both saline control and ZOL+IL-2 groups had stable plasma viral setpoints prior
107 to Mtb coinfection (Figure 1B). Following Mtb coinfection and ZOL+IL-2 or saline
108 administration, plasma viral load did not significantly differ between the two groups. Plasma
109 viremia was transiently elevated after Mtb coinfection in just two animals: 166-21 (saline) and
110 160-21 (ZOL+IL-2). This burst of SIV replication was not observed in most animals and, thus,
111 did not appear to be related to ZOL+IL-2 treatment.

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113 *ZOL+IL-2 induces a transient spike of circulating V γ 9+V δ 2+ γ δ T cells*

114 The frequency of circulating V γ 9+V δ 2+ γ δ T cells transiently increased in ZOL+IL-2-
115 treated animals shortly after the first dose, between days 7 and 10 after Mtb coinfection (Figure
116 2A). Peak V γ 9+V δ 2+ γ δ T cell frequencies were significantly higher in ZOL+IL-2-treated
117 animals compared to saline-treated animals (Figure 2B). However, V γ 9+V δ 2+ γ δ T cell

118 frequencies returned to their original levels 14 days after Mtb coinfection and did not re-expand
119 in response to the second dose of ZOL+IL-2 at day 17 after Mtb coinfection. V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T
120 cells did not expand in the saline control group (Figure 2A & B). In airways, sampled by
121 bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), ZOL+IL-2 had little effect on V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cell frequencies,
122 although one animal 160-21 showed an increase in V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cell after drug treatment
123 (Figure 2C). Conventional CD4+ and CD8+ T cell subsets did not significantly differ in the
124 blood or airways between the two groups following drug treatment (Figure S2). Gating strategies
125 for circulating and airway T cell subsets are shown in Figure S3 and S4A, respectively.

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127 *ZOL+IL-2 does not alter T cell composition in granulomas, but may alter cytotoxic profiles*

128 Next, we sought to determine whether the transient spike of circulating V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T
129 cells altered the cellular composition of granulomas, the sites of Mtb infection. We characterized
130 $\gamma\delta$ T cell subsets as well as CD4+, CD8 $\alpha\beta$ +, and CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ + T cells in granulomas harvested at
131 necropsy, 8 weeks after Mtb coinfection. $\gamma\delta$ T cell subset frequencies did not differ between the
132 two treatment groups (Figure 3A-D). There were also no differences in the CD4+ and CD8+ T
133 cell subset frequencies between the two treatment groups (Figure 3E-I). Due to the low numbers
134 of V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells within granulomas (<50 events/sample), we were unable to characterize
135 cytokine production and cytotoxic profiles in this population. In contrast, CD8 $\alpha\beta$ + and CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ +
136 T cells in granulomas were numerous enough to more fully characterize.

137 Frequencies of granulysin (Glyn+)-positive CD8 $\alpha\beta$ + T cells, but not granzyme B
138 (GrzB+) or perforin (Perf+), were significantly higher in granulomas from ZOL+IL2-treated
139 animals (Figure 4A-C). Similarly, CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ + T cells in granulomas from ZOL+IL-2-treated
140 animals had higher frequencies of Glyn+, while GrzB+ frequencies were statistically

141 significantly lower (Figure 4D-F). Cytotoxic profiles by Boolean gating of CD8 $\alpha\beta$ ⁺ and
142 CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ ⁺ T cells in granulomas revealed that the profile from ZOL+IL-2-treated animals differed
143 from saline-treated animals (Figure 5A-B). There were significantly higher frequencies of
144 Glyn⁺, GrzB⁺, and Perf⁺ triple-positive as well as Glyn+Perf⁺ double-positive CD8 $\alpha\beta$ ⁺ T cells
145 in granulomas from ZOL+IL-2-treated animals, while single-positive Perf⁺ frequencies were
146 significantly lower (Figure 5C-E). CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ ⁺ T cells in granulomas from ZOL+IL-2-treated
147 animals were comprised of significantly higher frequencies of Glyn+Perf⁺ and Glyn⁺
148 populations compared to granulomas from saline-treated controls (Figure 5F-G). We also
149 measured *de novo* production of the cytokines IFN γ , TNF, IL-2, and IL-17 from CD8 $\alpha\beta$ ⁺ and
150 CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ ⁺ T cells in granulomas and found that ZOL+IL-2 did not increase the *de novo*
151 production (Figure S5). The gating strategy for granuloma T cell subsets is shown in Figure S6.

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153 *ZOL+IL-2 does not reduce TB disease*

154 We next assessed whether the transient burst of circulating V γ 9+V δ 2⁺ $\gamma\delta$ T cells after
155 ZOL+IL-2 shortly after Mtb coinfection was associated with improved Mtb control and reduced
156 TB disease. Following Mtb coinfection, we monitored erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), and
157 Mtb culture status of gastric aspirates (GA) and BAL fluid (BALF) (Table S1). Only one animal,
158 assigned to the ZOL+IL-2 group, exhibited a transiently elevated ESR, Mtb was cultured from
159 GA of 3/5 animals in both groups, and BALF was uniformly culture-negative (Table S1). There
160 was no significant change in body weight of any animal (data not shown). Thus, clinical
161 parameters of TB did not differ between the ZOL+IL-2 and saline groups.

162 Following Mtb coinfection, lung inflammation was measured at 4- and 8-weeks post Mtb
163 by PET/CT imaging. ZOL+IL-2 did not reduce lung inflammation at either time point compared

164 to saline-treated animals (Figure S7). At the time of necropsy around 8-9 weeks after Mtb
165 coinfection (Table S1), we measured lung inflammation, overall TB pathology, and total Mtb
166 burden. These parameters were similar between the ZOL+IL-2- and the saline-treated animals
167 (Figure 6A-C). Likewise, no significant differences were noted between the groups when we
168 assessed lung-specific pathology and Mtb burden (Figure 6D-E). The pathology score for
169 thoracic lymph nodes was significantly higher, due to a higher number of involved lymph nodes,
170 in ZOL+IL-2-treated animals (Figure 6F), although there was no difference in thoracic lymph
171 node Mtb burden (Figure 6G). Extrapulmonary scores did not differ between the two treatment
172 groups (Figure 6H).

173 Overall, these data show that administering ZOL+IL-2 to SIV-infected macaques soon
174 after Mtb coinfection transiently increases the frequency of V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells in the blood,
175 but not the airway. ZOL+IL-2 did not alter the cellular composition of granulomas, although it
176 did affect the cytotoxic profiles of CD8 $\alpha\beta$ + T cells in these lesions. Nonetheless, the effects of
177 ZOL+IL-2 did not significantly alter TB disease or Mtb burden despite these peripheral
178 immunological changes.

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180 **Discussion**

181 In this study, we sought to boost V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells, a $\gamma\delta$ T cell subset associated with
182 anti-Mtb activity (14-16), using our nonhuman primate model of pediatric HIV/Mtb coinfection
183 (26) to determine whether augmenting V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells could reduce Mtb burden and
184 overall TB disease in the presence of a pre-existing SIV infection. Several groups have shown
185 that inducing V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells by various approaches is moderately efficacious against Mtb
186 infection in SIV-naïve, adult rhesus macaques (16-18). However, the effect of boosting

187 V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells against Mtb in the presence of a pre-existing SIV infection, which
188 exacerbates TB disease (31), has yet to be explored. When we administered ZOL+IL-2 three
189 days after Mtb coinfection of MCM chronically infected with SIV, we observed a transient
190 increase of circulating V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells, but not in the airways. We also observed changes in
191 the cytotoxic profiles of CD8 $\alpha\beta$ + and CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ + T cells in granulomas harvested from ZOL+IL-
192 2-treated animals 8 weeks after Mtb coinfection. However, ZOL+IL-2 had little effect on overall
193 Mtb burden or TB progression.

194 Chen and others have reported transient induction of circulating V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells
195 occurring 4 to 7 days after initial *in vivo* administration of drugs that increase phosphoantigens,
196 including ZOL (17, 29, 30, 32). Whether transient expansion also occurs within tissue resident
197 V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cell populations was not assessed, although expansion of these cells was
198 reported in airways 8 to 14 days after ZOL treatment (29, 30). In contrast, we did not observe
199 increased numbers of V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells in the airways following ZOL+IL-2 administration,
200 although it is possible we missed a transient increase if its duration was short. Although we did
201 not measure it here, ZOL+IL-2 treatment may reduce CCR6 expression, an important mediator
202 of immune cell trafficking to the lung (33, 34), on circulating V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells (30).
203 Decreased CCR6 expression corresponded with increased circulating V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells (30),
204 suggesting that these circulating cells may have limited ability to traffic to tissues and the
205 expansion observed in airways may be due to proliferation of local tissue resident cell
206 populations. However, in another study (18), transfer of *ex vivo*-expanded autologous V γ 9+V δ 2+
207 $\gamma\delta$ T cells did, in fact, traffic to airways and were retained several weeks later. Further studies of
208 V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cell trafficking and retention within various tissue compartments would provide
209 insights into improving the efficacy of $\gamma\delta$ T cell immunotherapy.

210 In the current study, V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells did not expand after the second dose of
211 ZOL+IL-2, which may indicate that these cells are refractory to a second phosphoantigen
212 stimulation soon after the initial expansion *in vivo*. Monthly infusions of ZOL in pediatric
213 leukemia patients has been shown to reduce circulating V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cell numbers over time (35).
214 Chen et al. showed in macaques that a second phosphoantigen dose, given 12 days later, induced
215 a slight increase in the number of circulating V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells, although this increase was
216 reduced in magnitude compared to the first dose (17). In contrast, when doses are separated by
217 several months in anti-TB drug treated, Mtb-infected macaques, V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells re-expand
218 significantly (29). These data suggest that shorter intervals of phosphoantigen expansion, as used
219 here, may lead to V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells that are refractory to further expansion and could even
220 lead to fewer of these cells.

221 While the transient induction of V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells in our study did not reduce TB
222 disease, other studies using treatment strategies that promote a large, sustained presence of
223 V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells in the lung during the early stages of Mtb infection may result in a better
224 TB outcome. Shen and colleagues showed that immunization of macaques with a *Listeria*
225 *monocytogenes* vaccine vector producing HMBPP, a potent stimulator for V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells,
226 resulted in sustained expansion of these cells in blood and airways, and was associated with
227 lower bacterial burden following Mtb infection (16). In this study, V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells
228 remained significantly elevated 3 months after vaccination, which may reflect the higher potency
229 of the HMBPP-mediated stimulation compared to ZOL + IL-2 stimulation (16). Qaqish and
230 colleagues adoptively transferred V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells expanded *ex vivo* into SIV-naïve adult
231 rhesus macaques at 3 and 18 days after Mtb infection, which resulted in lower Mtb burden (18).
232 They noted early trafficking and retention of the adoptively transferred V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells to

233 airway by 1 week after infection with Mtb (18). The reduction in Mtb burden observed in that
234 study (18) may also be due to the large number of V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells transferred ($\sim 10^8$ cells
235 per infusion), which was far larger than the increases achieved here with *in vivo* ZOL+IL-2.

236 We observed alterations in the cytotoxic profiles of CD8 $\alpha\beta$ + and CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ + T cells, with
237 higher frequencies of cells double- and triple-positive for granzyme B, perforin, and granulysin
238 in the ZOL+IL-2-treated animals. Adjunctive ZOL+IL-2 co-administered with second-line anti-
239 TB drugs has been shown to enhance cytotoxic CD8 $\alpha\beta$ + effector T cells in airways of macaques
240 infected with multidrug-resistant Mtb and led to lower bacterial loads than by antibiotics alone
241 (29). However, in our study of SIV/Mtb coinfecting juvenile macaques, while ZOL+IL-2
242 enhanced CD8 $\alpha\beta$ + and CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ + T cell cytotoxicity, it was not associated with a reduction in Mtb
243 burden. In fact, thoracic lymph nodes tended to exhibit slightly more pathology in the ZOL+IL-
244 2-treated group, indicative of greater lymph node involvement. There are several possible
245 mechanisms by which ZOL+IL-2 may have enhanced CD8 $\alpha\beta$ + and CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ + T cell cytotoxic
246 capacity in our study. The first is through direct cross-priming of CD8+ T cells. $\gamma\delta$ T cells have
247 been demonstrated to act as antigen presenting cells, thereby enhancing antigen-specific CD8+ T
248 cell responses against various cancers and viral infections (36-39). The second is through indirect
249 interactions. There is evidence that $\gamma\delta$ T cells enhance dendritic cell priming of CD8+ T cells
250 through cytokine secretion, resulting in enhanced antigen-specific CD8+ T cell responses (40).
251 The third is a direct effect of the treatment itself. Expansion of V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells is
252 dependent upon coadministration of ZOL and IL-2. (30). It is known that IL-2 itself can induce
253 production of cytotoxic factors in CD8+ T cells (41, 42). Thus, the enhanced cytotoxic potential
254 observed here may be a direct result of IL-2, although we did not have an IL-2-only group with
255 which to test this possibility.

256 There are several limitations to the study presented here. We did not include animals
257 treated with ZOL or IL-2 alone to identify effects attributable to each agent alone. In addition to
258 influencing cytotoxic factors in CD8+ T cells, IL-2 alone can result in CD4+ T cell expansion
259 and elevated plasma viremia (43, 44). However, we observed neither an increase in SIV viremia
260 nor a higher frequency of circulating CD4+ T cells following ZOL+IL-2. Since evidence
261 suggests that monotherapy with either ZOL or IL-2 does not expand V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells in
262 humans or macaques (29, 45, 46), these extra single-agent control groups were not included.
263 While potentially interesting, they would have doubled the size of our study which was not
264 feasible. For similar reasons, we did not include an SIV-naïve group or an ART-treated, SIV-
265 infected group, which may have generated a more vigorous $\gamma\delta$ T cell response. To date, most
266 NHP studies to assess the efficacy of $\gamma\delta$ T cell immunotherapy have done so in the absence of
267 preexisting SIV infection. We have shown previously that MCM chronically infected with SIV
268 had defective adaptive immune responses to Mtb coinfection (47). Treating SIV-infected
269 juvenile macaques with ART appeared to ameliorate these defects (26). Zhou and colleagues
270 have also shown that SIV infection impairs mycobacterial-specific responses in V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells
271 (48). Thus, the animals studied here may have had impaired immune responses to Mtb due to
272 their preexisting SIV infection and the transient increase in V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells was unable to
273 overcome that defect and restrict TB progression. Future studies that include ART treatment
274 could better reveal the full potential of V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cell restoration for controlling Mtb
275 coinfection. Lastly, necropsies were performed 8 weeks after Mtb coinfection. This is the time at
276 which the adaptive immune response to Mtb is maturing and the cells within granulomas begin
277 to exert a sterilizing effect (49). Thus, the negligible difference in bacterial burden between
278 groups that we observed here may be, at least in part, because adaptive immunity and

279 mycobactericidal activity are just beginning to peak at 8 weeks. A longer follow-up period after
280 Mtb coinfection may have revealed treatment related differences. However, in our previous
281 studies of Mtb coinfection of SIV+ MCM, animals begin to develop extensive TB disease (*e.g.*,
282 pneumonia and lung consolidations) after 8 weeks of coinfection (31) and this advanced
283 pathology would have limited our ability to carefully immunophenotype T cells within individual
284 granulomas. Here, we noted similar V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cell frequencies in lung granulomas from
285 ZOL+IL-2-treated and saline-treated animals. The necropsies 8 weeks after Mtb coinfection may
286 have been too late to detect differences in migration or expansion of V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells in
287 lung tissue, since circulating $\gamma\delta$ T cells peaked within the first two weeks of Mtb coinfection.
288 However, earlier necropsies would have reduced our ability to assess the efficacy of boosting
289 V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells on mitigating TB disease.

290 Host-directed therapies focused on augmenting V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells are a promising
291 strategy to mitigate Mtb burden and tissue damage, especially in children with HIV-associated
292 TB. Our results suggest that ZOL+IL-2 induced a transient elevation of circulating V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$
293 T cells in SIV+ juvenile macaques when administered shortly after Mtb coinfection. However,
294 this had little impact on TB disease or Mtb burden. Others have elicited more sustained increases
295 of V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells over the course of Mtb infection in macaques and have shown an
296 associated decrease in Mtb burden (16, 18). However, this has yet to be tested in the context of
297 preexisting SIV. Despite the lack of efficacy observed here, augmenting V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells
298 may provide measurable benefit as an adjunct to anti-TB chemotherapy in SIV+ animals based
299 on data from SIV-naïve macaques (29). In fact, recent evidence suggests that adjunctively
300 boosting V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells may reduce pathology and Mtb load in patients with multi-drug
301 resistant TB (50). Boosting V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells with ZOL+IL-2 may also be beneficial when

302 adaptive immunity is more fully developed, such as in latent TB infection. Further studies to
303 elucidate the trafficking of V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells and their retention within various tissue
304 compartments would also be useful for $\gamma\delta$ T cell therapeutic strategies. Given the potential long-
305 term health consequences of TB early in life, identifying a host-directed therapy that enhances
306 V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cell responses in combination with anti-TB chemotherapy may be a promising
307 strategy, especially for children living with HIV who are at an elevated risk of TB.

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309 **Methods**

310 *Animals*

311 Juvenile (~1-2 years, equivalent to 4-8 years-old children) Mauritian cynomolgus
312 macaques (*Macaca fascicularis*) were obtained from Bioculture US (Immokalee, FL) (Table S1).
313 MHC haplotype was determined by MiSeq sequencing and animals with the presence of at least
314 one copy of the M1 MHC haplotype were selected for this study (51), for consistency with our
315 previous SIV/Mtb coinfection studies (26, 31, 47, 52, 53).

316 Animal protocols and procedures were approved by the University of Pittsburgh
317 Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) which adheres to guidelines established
318 in the Animal Welfare Act and the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, as well as
319 the Weatherall Report (8th Edition). The University is fully accredited by AAALAC
320 (accreditation number 000496), and its OLAW animal welfare assurance number is D16-00118.
321 The IACUC reviewed and approved the study protocols 19014337 and 22010433, under
322 Assurance Number A3187-01.

323 Animal welfare was monitored as described previously (26). In brief, all animals were
324 checked at least twice daily to assess appetite, attitude, activity level, hydration status, etc.

325 Following Mtb infection, the animals were monitored closely for clinical signs of TB (*e.g.*,
326 weight loss, tachypnea, dyspnea, or coughing). Physical exams, including weights, were
327 performed on a regular basis. Animals were sedated for all veterinary procedures (*e.g.*, blood
328 draws) using ketamine or other approved drugs. Regular PET/CT imaging was conducted and
329 has proven to be very useful for monitoring TB progression. Our experienced veterinary
330 technicians monitored animals especially closely for any signs of pain or distress. If any were
331 noted, appropriate supportive care (*e.g.*, dietary supplementation, rehydration) and treatments
332 (analgesics) were given by trained staff. No animal on this study reached humane endpoint or
333 required any intervention. At planned endpoint, each animal was heavily sedated with ketamine
334 and humanely euthanized using sodium pentobarbital.

335

336 *SIV and Mtb infection*

337 All animals were infected intravenously with 10,000 IU of SIVmac239M, a molecularly
338 barcoded virus stock generated from clonal SIVmac239 (54). Six months later, animals were
339 coinfecting with low dose (17-18 CFU) of barcoded Mtb Erdman via bronchoscopic instillation as
340 previously described (26) and followed for 8 weeks.

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342 *Zoledronate + IL-2 treatment*

343 Zoledronate (Reclast®; ZOL) was obtained from the University of Pittsburgh Medical
344 Center Presbyterian Pharmacy and recombinant human IL-2 (IL-2) was obtained from Peprotech
345 (Cat. No. 200-02). One group of SIV-infected juvenile animals ($n = 5$) received ZOL (0.2 mg/kg)
346 by intravenous injection at day 3 and day 17 after Mtb coinfection. These animals then received

347 daily IL-2 (0.2 mg/kg) subcutaneously for 5 days. The other group of SIV-infected juvenile
348 animals (n = 5) served as controls which received saline alone at the ZOL timepoints.

349

350 *Clinical and microbiological monitoring*

351 All animals were assessed twice daily for general health and monitored closely for
352 clinical signs of TB (coughing, weight loss, tachypnea, dyspnea, etc.) following Mtb infection.
353 Monthly gastric aspirates (GA) and bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF) were cultured for Mtb
354 growth. GA and BALF samples with culturable Mtb (+) or that were sterile (-) are indicated in
355 Table S1. Blood was drawn at regular intervals as indicated to measure erythrocyte
356 sedimentation rate (ESR) and to provide peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) and plasma
357 for analysis.

358

359 *Viral loads*

360 Plasma viremia was monitored serially by quantitative PCR as previous described (26).
361 In brief, viral RNA was isolated using the Maxwell Viral Total Nucleic Acid Purification Kit
362 (Promega, Madison, WI) and reversed transcribed using the TaqMan Fast Virus 1-Step qRT-
363 PCR Kit (Invitrogen). DNA was quantified on a LightCycler 480 (Roche, Indianapolis, IN).
364 Plasma viremia for both treatment groups is plotted in Figure S1.

365

366 *PET/CT imaging and analysis*

367 Radiolabeled 2-deoxy-2-(¹⁸F)fluoro-D-glucose (FDG) PET/CT was performed just prior
368 to Mtb infection and then monthly after Mtb infection. Imaging was performed using a
369 MultiScan LFER-150 PET/CT scanner (Mediso Medical Imaging Systems, Budapest, Hungary)

370 housed within our BSL3 facility as previously described (55, 56). Co-registered PET/CT images
371 were analyzed using OsiriX MD software (version 12.5.2, Pixmeo, Geneva, Switzerland) to
372 enumerate granulomas and to calculate the total FDG avidity of the lungs, exclusive of lymph
373 nodes, which is a quantitative measure of total inflammation in the lungs (55, 57). Thoracic
374 lymphadenopathy and extrapulmonary dissemination of Mtb to the spleen and/or liver were also
375 assessed qualitatively on these scans.

376

377 *PBMC and BALF processing*

378 PBMC were isolated from blood using Ficoll-Paque PLUS gradient separation (GE
379 Healthcare Biosciences). Single-cell suspensions were cryopreserved in fetal bovine serum
380 containing 10% DMSO in a liquid nitrogen freezer. BALF (2 x 10 mL washes of PBS) was
381 pelleted and a 15 mL aliquot was cryopreserved. The cell pellets were resuspended into ELISpot
382 media (RPMI 1640, 10% heat-inactivated human albumin, 1% L-glutamine, and 1% HEPES)
383 and counted. BALF cells were then stained for flow cytometry.

384

385 *Necropsy*

386 Necropsies were performed 8-9 weeks after Mtb infection as previously described (26). A
387 final FDG PET/CT scan was performed within three days of necropsy to document disease
388 progression and to guide the collection of individual granulomas (58). One saline-treated animal
389 (166-21) was euthanized prior to necropsy due to complications during the 8-week (pre-
390 necropsy) PET/CT scan. Thus, several analyses such as Mtb burden and immunophenotyping of
391 tissues are unavailable for this animal. Animals for necropsy were heavily sedated with
392 ketamine, maximally bled, and humanely euthanized using sodium pentobarbital (Beuthanasia,

393 Schering-Plough, Kenilworth, NJ). Granulomas matched to the final PET/CT images were
394 harvested along with thoracic and extrathoracic lymph nodes, lung tissue, as well as portions of
395 liver and spleen. Quantitative gross pathology scores were calculated and reflect overall TB
396 disease burden for each animal (58). Tissue samples were divided and a portion was fixed in
397 10% neutral buffered formalin (NBF) for histopathology; the remainder was homogenized to a
398 single-cell suspension as described previously (58). Serial dilutions of these homogenates were
399 plated onto 7H11 agar, incubated at 37°C, 5% CO₂ for three weeks, and colonies were
400 enumerated. Bacterial load in lungs, thoracic lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, as well as total
401 thoracic CFU, were calculated as described previously (58). NBF-fixed tissue was embedded in
402 paraffin, sectioned, and stained with hematoxylin and eosin for histopathologic examination.

403

404 *Flow cytometry*

405 In general, cells collected from whole blood, BAL and necropsy were stained following a
406 similar protocol: viability, Vδ2, surface and intracellular staining (for BAL and necropsy
407 samples). A list of antibodies is provided in Table S2. For whole blood staining, samples
408 underwent RBC lysis using 1X lysis buffer (BD Pharm Lyse™ Lysing Buffer, Cat. No. 555899)
409 in the dark for 8 minutes at room temperature (25°C). Cells were then stained for viability using
410 a Live/Dead Fixable Aqua stain kit (Invitrogen, Cat. No. L34957) for 10 minutes at room
411 temperature. Cells were washed, surface stained with freshly prepared, Zenon-labeled Vδ2
412 antibody in PE (Invitrogen, Cat No. Z25055) for 20 minutes in dark at room temperature,
413 followed by surface staining (Table S2) for 20 minutes at 4°C. Cells were washed and then fixed
414 for 10 minutes with 1% paraformaldehyde (PFA) in 1X PBS.

415 For BAL and necropsy tissues, cells were counted, reconstituted in ELISpot media
416 (RPMI 1640 + 10% human albumin + 1% glycine + 1% HEPES buffer), aliquoted at 1×10^6
417 cells/well in a 96-well plate and stimulated for 6 hours. For BAL, cells were either stimulated or
418 not with 20 ng/mL of the $\gamma\delta$ T cell stimulator (E)-4-Hydroxy-3-methyl-but-2-enyl pyrophosphate
419 (HMBPP; Sigma-Aldrich, Cat. No. 95098-1MG). CD107a-BV421 (Biolegend), CD154/CD40L-
420 PE-Dazzle594 (Biolegend), brefeldin A (1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$; eBioscience, Cat. No. 00-4506-51) and
421 monensin (0.5 μM ; Biolegend, Cat. No. 420701) were added as well. After 6 hours, cells were
422 washed and stained for viability (Live/Dead Aqua; Invitrogen, Cat. No. L34957). V δ 2 $\gamma\delta$ T cells
423 and surface (Table S2) were stained the same as whole blood and samples were fixed in 1%
424 PFA. Cells were then permeabilized for 10 minutes using a BD Cytfix/Cytoperm™ kit (BD,
425 Cat. No. 554714), stained with intracellular staining cocktail for 20 minutes in the dark at room
426 temperature, washed, and analyzed. For necropsy tissues, cells isolated from granulomas, spleen,
427 and PBMC were stimulated for 6 hours. Spleen and PBMC were stimulated with PDBU and
428 ionomycin. In brief, stimulators were added and incubated for 1 hour, then brefeldin A (1
429 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) was added for the remainder of the stimulation time. Cells were stained with a
430 Live/Dead Blue Fixable dye (Invitrogen, Cat. No. L23105) for 10 minutes at room temperature.
431 Cells were washed, incubated with V δ 2 antibody at room temperature for 20 minutes, and then
432 incubated with AlexaFluor 647-labeled goat anti-mouse IgG1 (1:500; Invitrogen, Cat. No.
433 A21240) for 20 minutes. Cells were stained with surface antibody cocktail (Table S2) for 20
434 minutes at 4°C, then fixed in 1% PFA and permeabilized with BD Cytfix/Cytoperm™ (BD; Cat
435 No. 554714). Cells were then stained intracellularly for 20 minutes at room temperature, washed,
436 and analyzed.

437 Flow cytometry was performed using a Cytex Aurora (BD). FCS files were analyzed
438 using FlowJo software for Macintosh (version 10.1). Gating strategies for whole blood, BAL and
439 necropsy data are shown in Figure S3, S4, and S6, respectively. For most samples, we acquired
440 50,000 events in the lymphocyte gate. When this was not possible (*i.e.*, for some small
441 granulomas), we applied a cutoff threshold of CD3 events >100. Samples below that threshold
442 were excluded from further analysis. For 159-21 and 162-21 necropsy data, V δ 1 and granulysin
443 were excluded from the analysis due to the addition of granulysin-PE-Cy7 to the antibody
444 cocktail during staining, impeding the ability to analyze V δ 1 $\gamma\delta$ T cells, which also used an
445 antibody conjugated to PE-Cy7. These samples were gated similar to as shown in Figure S6.

446

447 *Statistics*

448 For comparing longitudinal plasma viremia data, a linear mixed model with subject as a
449 random variable were used to test treatment groups over time. Fixed effect tests were used to
450 assess whether there were differences among treatment groups or among time points. Time
451 points after Mtb were then compared within each treatment by Dunnett's multiple comparisons
452 test relative to the 'Pre Mtb' time point. For all other data, the Shapiro-Wilk normality test was
453 used to check for normal distribution of data. Unpaired normally distributed data were analyzed
454 using t tests, while unpaired non-normally distributed data were analyzed with the Mann-
455 Whitney U test. All statistical tests were performed in Prism (version 9.0.0; GraphPad). All tests
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640 **Figure Legends**

641 **Figure 1. Study timeline and plasma viremia.** A) Study timeline. B) Plasma viral load (viral
642 copy equivalents/mL) were determined by qRT-PCR. Each point indicates an individual animal.
643 Triangles along x-axis indicate when treatment was administered (days 3 and day 17 post Mtb).
644 Horizontal dashed line represents the limit of detection (100 ceq/mL plasma). Mixed effects
645 models (two-tailed) with subject as a random variable were used to assess mean differences
646 among time points and treatment groups. No significant differences were determined between
647 time or treatment ($p = 0.4979$ and $p = 0.9711$, respectively).

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649 **Table S1. Summary of juveniles and outcome measures following Mtb coinfection.** For
650 erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), gastric aspirate (GA), and bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL),
651 time point indicated relative to Mtb coinfection.

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653 **Figure S1. Plasma viremia for saline and ZOL+IL-2.** Plasma viral load (viral copy
654 equivalents/mL) were determined by qRT-PCR. Each point indicates an individual animal.
655 Triangles along x-axis indicate when treatment was administered (days 3 and day 17 post Mtb).
656 Horizontal dashed line represents the limit of detection.

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658 **Figure 2. $V\gamma 9+V\delta 2+$ $\gamma\delta$ T cells in blood and BAL after Mtb coinfection and ZOL+IL-**
659 **2/saline treatment.** Individual symbols indicate individual animals. Triangles along x-axis
660 indicate when treatment was administered (days 3 and day 17 post Mtb). A) Frequencies of
661 $V\gamma 9+V\delta 2+$ $\gamma\delta$ T cells in blood from saline-treated (left panel) and ZOL+IL-2-treated (right
662 panel) animals. B) Statistical comparison of peak $V\gamma 9+V\delta 2+$ $\gamma\delta$ T cells following dose 1 (Post

663 Mtb d3) and dose 2 (Post Mtb d17). Unpaired t tests were performed to determine significance.
664 P-values are shown. C) Frequencies of V γ 9+V δ 2+ $\gamma\delta$ T cells in BAL from saline-treated (left
665 panel) and ZOL+IL-2-treated (right panel) animals.

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667 **Figure S2. Frequencies of CD4+ & CD8+ T cell subsets in blood and BAL after Mtb**
668 **coinfection and ZOL+IL-2/saline treatment.** Lines indicate mean frequencies and error bars
669 indicate standard deviation of treatment groups. Grey triangles along x-axis indicate when
670 treatment was administered (days 3 and day 17 post Mtb).

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672 **Figure S3. Gating schematic for whole blood panel.** Whole blood samples were stained for
673 flow cytometric analysis as indicated in the Methods using antibodies listed in Table S2 to
674 determine the T cell subsets over SIV infection, Mtb coinfection, and ZOL+IL-2/saline
675 treatment. Total whole blood samples were gated for live cells followed by lymphocytes. B cells
676 and small monocytes/macrophages were removed (CD20 & CD163 vs. SSC-H) followed by
677 singlets and then T cells (CD3+). From the T cell gate, V δ 1 $\gamma\delta$ T cells were gated. V δ 1- T cells
678 were characterized by V γ 9 and V δ 2 expression. V γ 9-V δ 2- T cells were further categorized for
679 CD4+ or CD8+ T cells.

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681 **Figure S4. Gating schematic for BALF panel.** Fresh BALF cells were stimulated for 6 hours
682 +/- HMBPP, a $\gamma\delta$ T cell stimulator. After 6 hours, cells were stained for flow cytometric analysis
683 as indicated in the Methods using antibodies listed in Table S2 to determine $\gamma\delta$, CD4+ and CD8+
684 T cell subsets in airways over SIV infection, Mtb coinfection, and ZOL+IL-2 or saline treatment.
685 A) Total BAL cells were gated for live cells followed by leukocytes (CD45 vs. SSC-B-H). Then,

686 leukocytes were sub-gated by lymphocytes and myelocytes. From the lymphocyte gate, B cells
687 and macrophages were removed (CD20 & CD163 vs. SSC-H) followed by singlets and then T
688 cells (CD3+). From the T cell gate, V δ 1 $\gamma\delta$ T cells were gated. V δ 1- T cells were characterized
689 by V γ 9 and V δ 2. V γ 9-V δ 2- were further categorized by CD4+ or CD8+ T cells. B) All T cell
690 subsets were further characterized for phenotype and function. The CD8 T cell population was
691 used here as a representative population for gating. Memory was characterized: Naïve T cells
692 (Tn, CD95-CD28+); Transitional memory T cells (Ttm, CD95+CD28+); and Effector memory T
693 cells (Tem, CD95+CD28-). Cytokine responses were gated on IFN γ or TNF versus CD69.
694 CD107a, CD154, HLA-DR, PD-1, ICOS, and Granzyme B (GrzB) were also characterized.

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696 **Figure 3. T cell composition in granulomas from saline and ZOL+IL-2-treated animals.**

697 Frequencies of T cell subsets in granulomas relative to T cell (CD3+) gate. A) V γ 9+V δ 2+ T
698 cells. B) V γ 9+V δ 2- T cells. C) V γ 9-V δ 2+ T cells. D) V δ 1+ T cells. E) CD4+ T cells. F) CD8 $\alpha\beta$ +
699 T cells. G) CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ + T cells. H) CD4+CD8 α + T cells. I) CD4-CD8 α - T cells. Outlined symbols
700 indicate median per animal and unlined symbols indicate individual samples. Bars indicate group
701 medians. Two tailed, unpaired t tests of group medians were performed to determine
702 significance. *P*-values are shown.

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704 **Figure 4. ZOL+IL-2 treatment induces granulysin in CD8 $\alpha\beta$ + and CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ + T cells isolated**

705 **from granulomas but reduces GrzB in CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ + T cells.** A-C) Frequencies of granulysin (A),
706 perforin (B), and GrzB (C) in CD8 $\alpha\beta$ + T cells. D-F) Frequencies of granulysin (D), perforin (E),
707 and GrzB (F) in CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ + T cells. Outlined symbols indicate median per animal and unlined

708 symbols indicate individual samples. Bars indicate group medians. Unpaired t tests of group
709 medians were performed to determine significance. P-values are shown.

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711 **Figure 5. ZOL+IL-2 may alter cytotoxic profiles of granuloma CD8 T cell subsets.** A-B)

712 Cytotoxic profiles of CD8 $\alpha\beta$ ⁺ T cells (A) and CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ ⁺ T cells (B) determined by Boolean

713 gating. Each bar indicates an individual granuloma and granulomas from individual animals are

714 indicated on the x-axis. C-E) Frequencies of significant cytotoxic populations of CD8 $\alpha\beta$ ⁺ T cells

715 in granulomas. F-G) Frequencies of significant cytotoxic populations of CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ ⁺ T cells in

716 granulomas. C-G) Outlined symbols indicate median per animal and unlined symbols indicate

717 individual samples. Bars indicate group medians. Unpaired t tests of group medians were

718 performed to determine significance. P-values are shown.

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720 **Figure S5. De novo cytokine production of CD8 T cell subsets in granulomas.** Granulomas

721 were incubated for 6 hours for *de novo* cytokine production. Outlined symbols indicate median

722 per animal and unlined symbols indicate individual samples. Bars indicate group medians. Two-

723 tailed, Mann Whitney U tests were performed to determine significance. P-values are shown. A)

724 IFN γ production in CD8 $\alpha\beta$ ⁺ T cells. B) TNF production in CD8 $\alpha\beta$ ⁺ T cells. C) IL-2 production

725 in CD8 $\alpha\beta$ ⁺ T cells. D) IL-17 production in CD8 $\alpha\beta$ ⁺ T cells. E) IFN γ production in CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ ⁺ T

726 cells. F) TNF production in CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ ⁺ T cells. G) IL-2 production in CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ ⁺ T cells. H) IL-17

727 production in CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ ⁺ T cells.

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729 **Figure S6. Gating schematic for necropsy panel.** Cells isolated from granulomas were

730 incubated for 6 hours after which cells were stained for flow cytometric analysis as indicated in

731 the Methods using antibodies listed in Table S2 to determine $\gamma\delta$, CD4+ and CD8+ T cell subsets
732 as well as phenotype and function. A) Total cells were gated for singlets, then live cells, then
733 lymphocytes, followed by B cells (CD20+CD3-) and T cells (CD20-CD3+). From the T cell
734 gate, V δ 1 $\gamma\delta$ T cells were gated. V δ 1- T cells were characterized by V γ 9 and V δ 2. V γ 9-V δ 2-
735 were categorized by CD4+ or CD8 α + T cells. CD8 α + T cells were gated further on CD8 β +
736 (CD8 $\alpha\beta$) or CD8 β - (CD8 $\alpha\alpha$). B) All T cell subsets were characterized for phenotype and
737 function. The CD8 T cell population was used here as a representative population for gating.
738 Memory was characterized: Naïve T cells (T_n, CD95-CD28+); Transitional memory T cells
739 (T_{tm}, CD95+CD28+); and Effector memory T cells (T_{em}, CD95+CD28-). Cytokine responses
740 were gated on IFN γ , TNF, IL-2, and IL-17 versus CD69. Cytotoxic factors were gated:
741 Granzyme B (GrzB), Granulysin (Glyn), and Perforin (Perf).

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743 **Figure S7. ZOL+IL-2 does not reduce lung inflammation during Mtb coinfection.** Total
744 lung FDG activity relative to weeks after Mtb coinfection. Lines indicate mean FDG activity and
745 error bars indicate standard deviation of treatment groups.

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747 **Figure 6. ZOL+IL-2 does not reduce bacterial burden or TB pathology.** Symbols indicate
748 individual animals and bars indicate medians of group. Two-tailed, statistical tests of group
749 medians were performed. Unpaired t tests were performed for all. *P*-values are shown. A) Total
750 Lung FDG Activity at necropsy. B) Overall Pathology Score. C) Total Thoracic CFU. D) Lung
751 Pathology Score. E) Lung CFU. F) Thoracic Lymph Nodes (LN) Pathology Score. G) Thoracic
752 LN CFU. H) Extrapulmonary Score.

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754 **Table S2. Antibody list by flow panel.** All flow staining was performed in final volume (f.v.) of
755 100 μ L.

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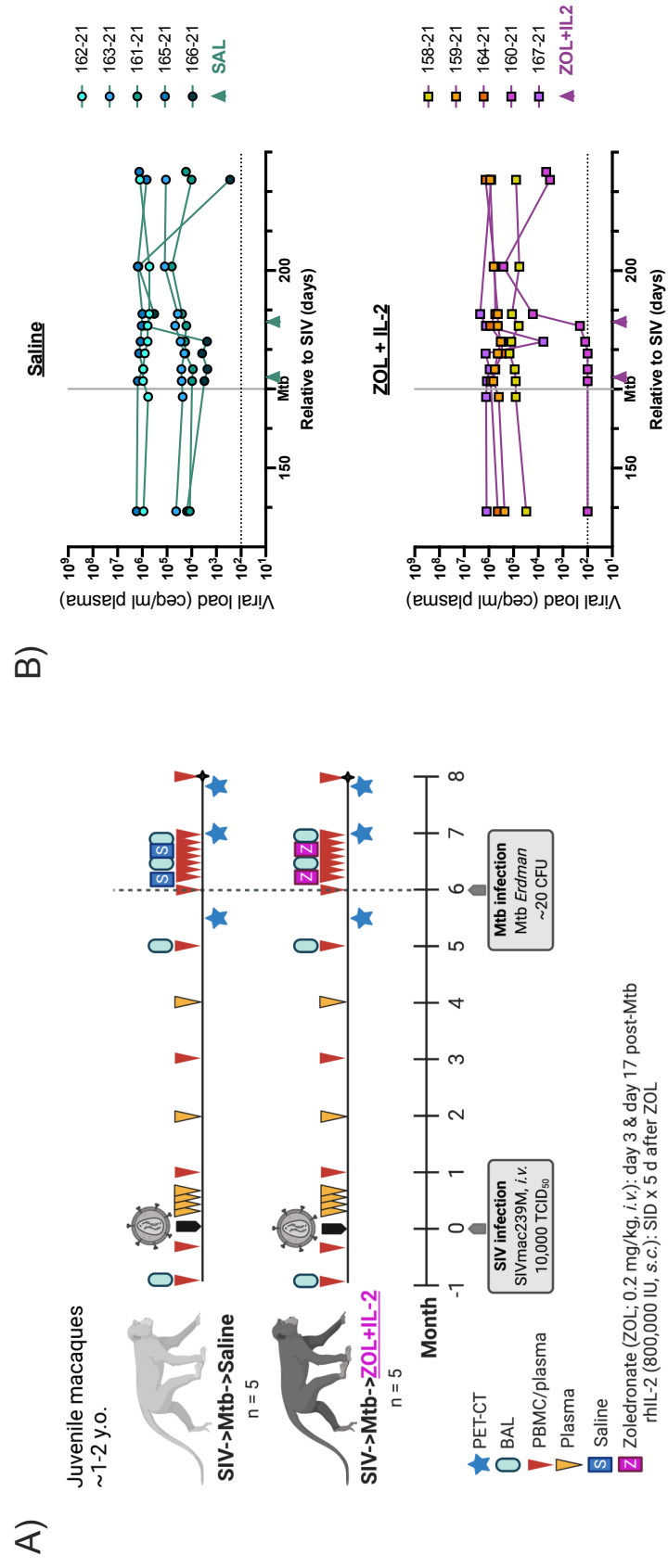


Figure 1. Study timeline and plasma viremia. A) Study timeline. **B)** Plasma viral load (viral copy

equivalents/mL) were determined by qRT-PCR. Each point indicates an individual animal. Triangles along x-

axis indicate when treatment was administered (days 3 and day 17 post Mtb). Horizontal dashed line

represents the limit of detection (100 ceq/mL plasma). Mixed effects models (two-tailed) with subject as a

random variable were used to assess mean differences among time points and treatment groups. No

significant differences were determined between time or treatment ($p = 0.4979$ and $p = 0.9711$, respectively).

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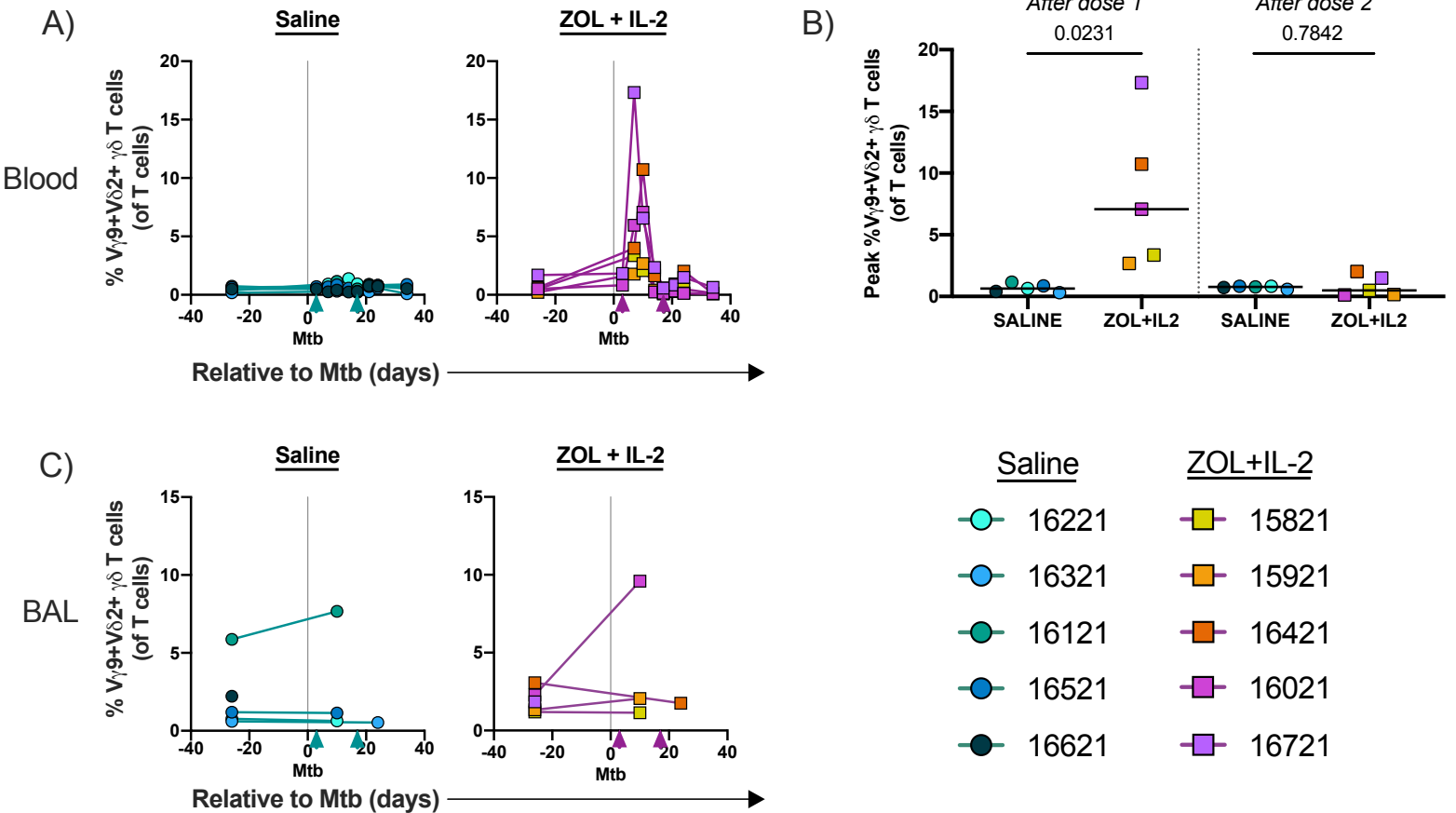


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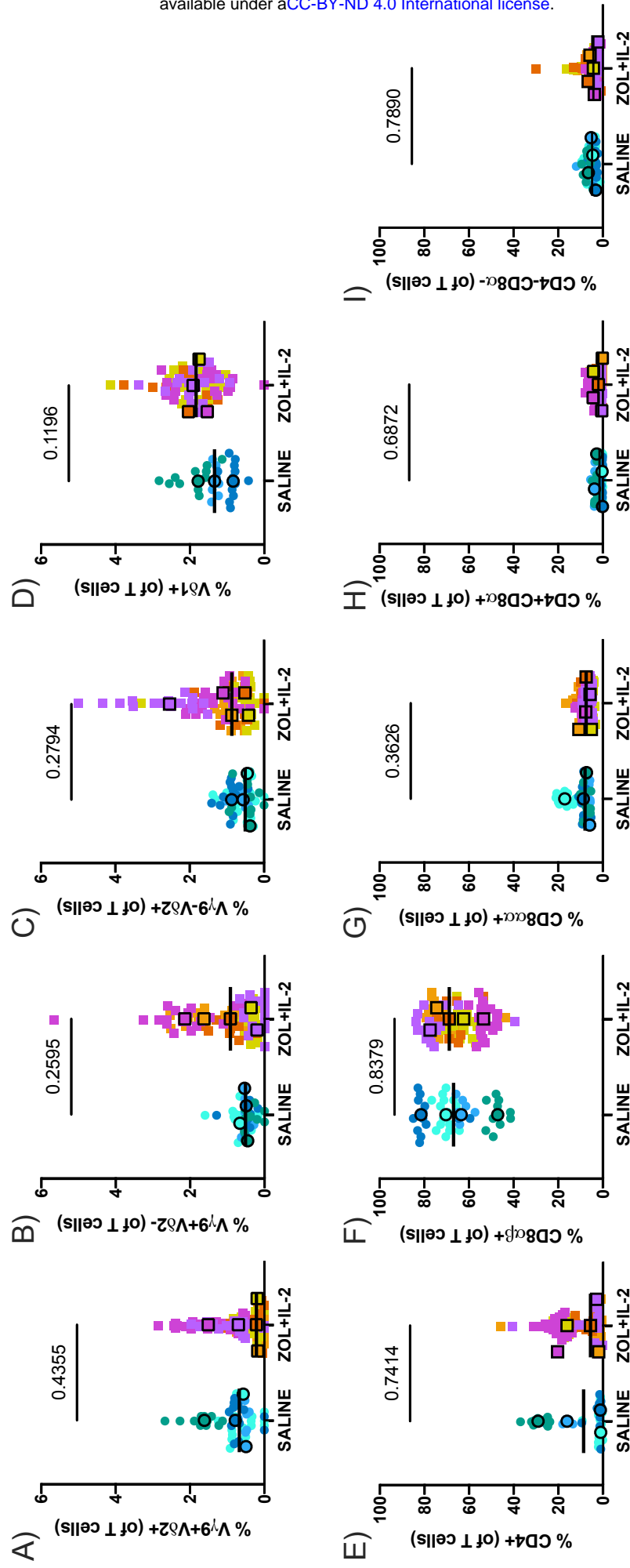


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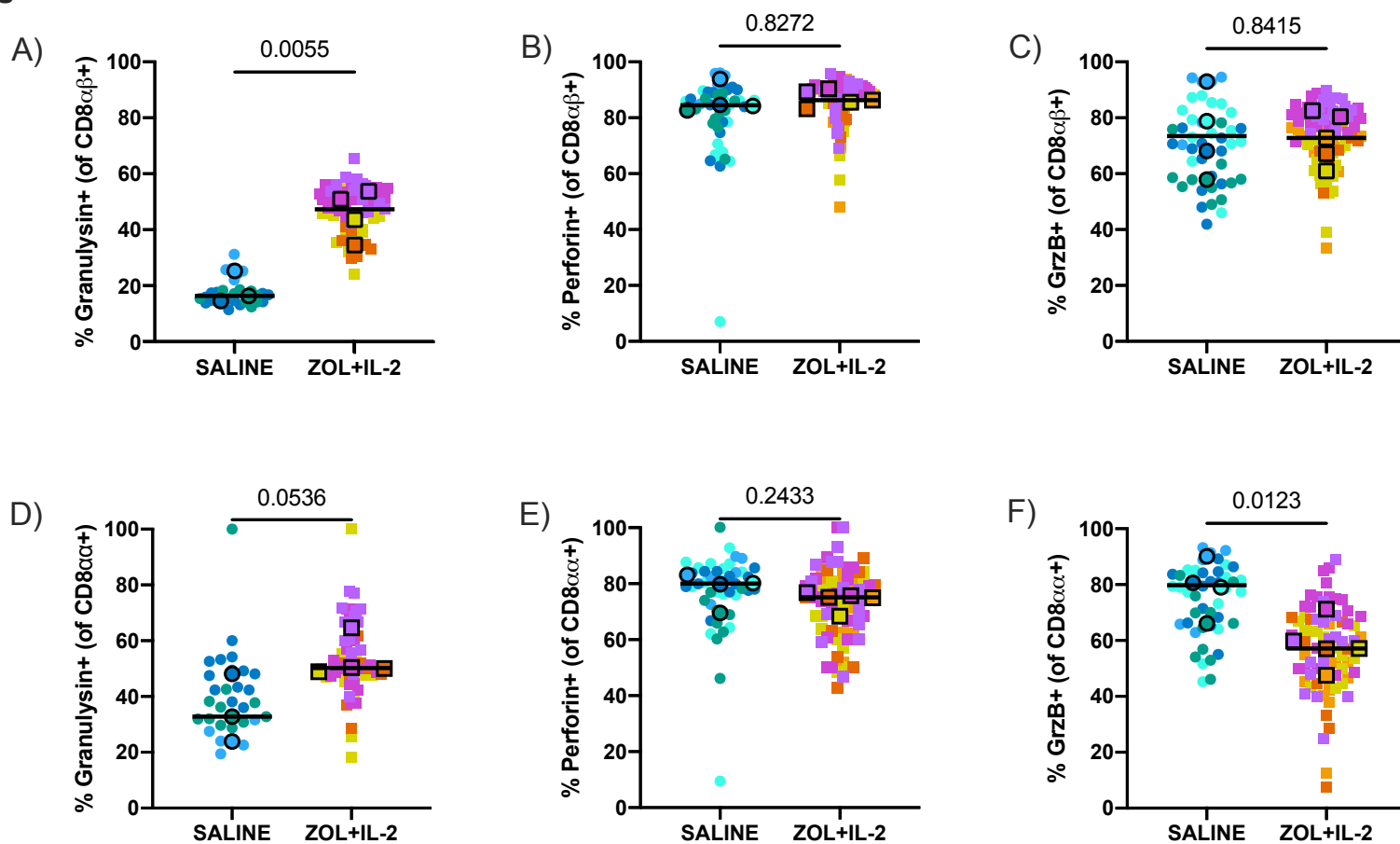


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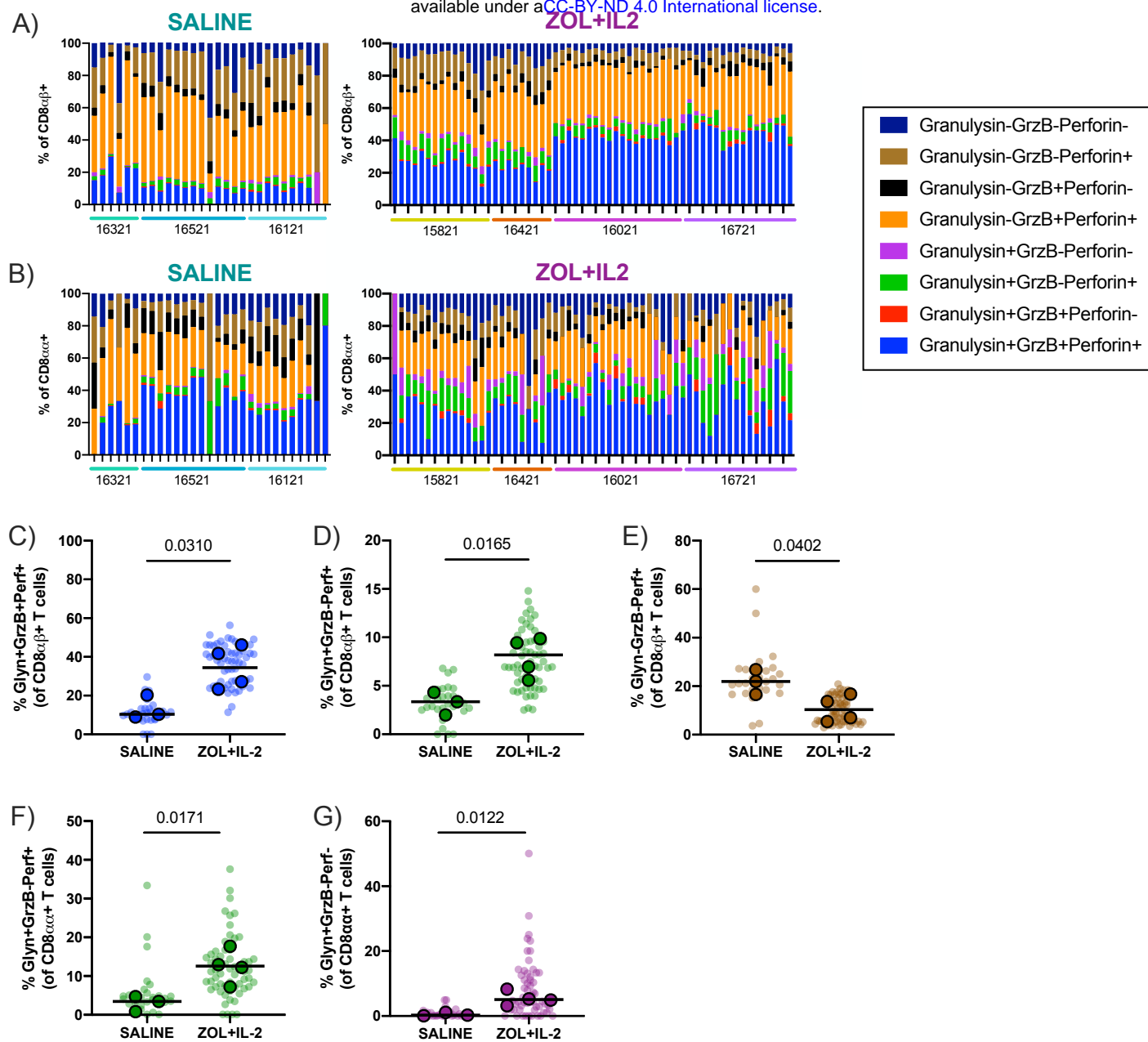


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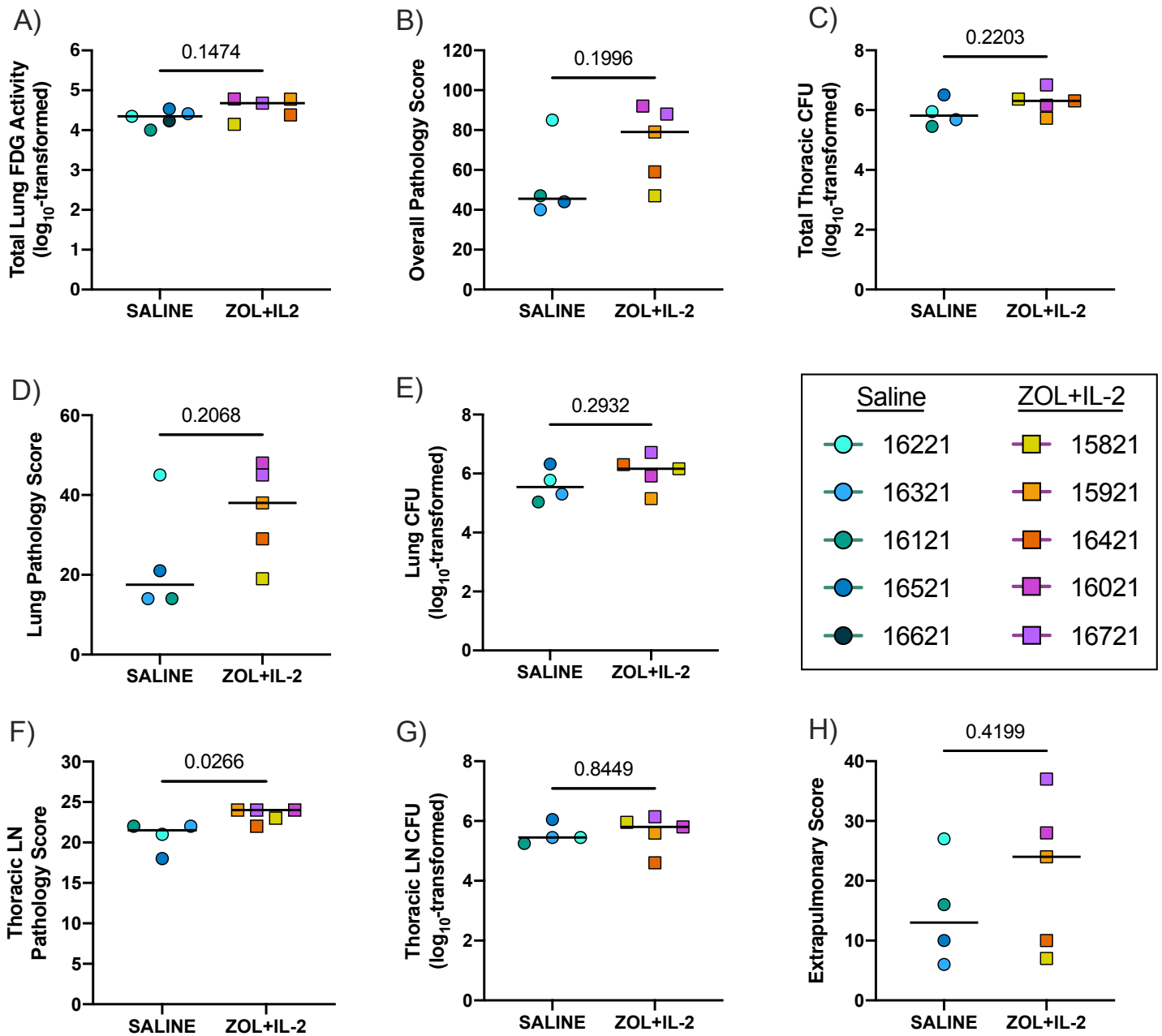


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Table S1.

Animal ID	Treatment	Gender	MHC Haplotype	Age	SIV/mac239M infection dose (IU)	Mtb infection dose (CFU)	Duration of Mtb coinfection (wks)	ESR (mm/hr)	GA	BAL (CFU)	Pathology score	Total Thoracic CFU
Saline	16121	SALINE	Female	2 y 3 m	10000	17	9.1	1 @ 4wk; 2 @ Nx	+ (Nx)	- (d10)	47	286990
	16221	SALINE	Male	2 y 0 m	10000	18	8.0	5 @ 4wk; 11.5 @ Nx	- (4wk)	- (d10)	85	85925
	16321	SALINE	Male	2 y 2 m	10000	18	9.0	0 @ 4wk; 0 @ Nx	+ (4wk)	- (d24)	40	161905
ZOL+IL-2	16521	SALINE	Male	1 y 10 m	10000	17	7.9	23.5 @ 4wk; 9 @ Nx	+ (Nx)	- (d10)	44	3246100
	16621	SALINE	Male	1 y 11 m	10000	17	8.4	1 @ 4wk	N/A	- (d24)	N/A	N/A
	15821	ZOL+IL2	Female	1 y 11 m	10000	18	8.3	1.5 @ 4wk	- (4wk)	- (d10)	47	233025
	15921	ZOL+IL2	Female	2 y 0 m	10000	18	8.0	1 @ 4wk; 1.75 @ Nx	N/A	- (d10)	79	521208
	16021	ZOL+IL2	Female	2 y 4 m	10000	17	8.1	3 @ 4wk; 5.5 @ Nx	+ (Nx)	- (d10)	92	1482216
	16421	ZOL+IL2	Male	1 y 11 m	10000	18	9.3	2 @ 4wk; 0.5 @ Nx	+ (4wk)	- (d24)	59	2059310
16721	ZOL+IL2	Male	1 y 10 m	10000	17	9.1	4 @ 4wk; 13.5 @ Nx	+ (Nx)	- (d24)	88	7085740	

(+) GA & BAL, timepoint indicated relative to Mtb coinfection
 ESR indicated relative to Mtb coinfection

Table S1. Summary of juveniles and outcome measures following Mtb coinfection. For erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), gastric aspirate (GA), and bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL), time point indicated relative to Mtb coinfection.

Table S2.

Markers	Fluorophore	Manufacturer	Catalog No.	Clone	µL/test (f.v. 100 µL)	Panel(s)
CD8	BUV395	BD	563795	RPA-T8	2	Whole Blood/BAL/Nx
CD4	BUV563	BD	612912	SK3	4	Whole Blood/BAL/Nx
CD28	BUV737	BD	612815	CD28.2	3	BAL
CD3	BUV737	BD	741872	SP34-2	3	Nx
CD45	BUV805	BD	742055	D058-1283	2	BAL
Live/Dead Blue	--	Invitrogen	L23105	--	0.002	Nx
GrzB	BV421	BD	563389	GB11	1	Nx
CD107a	BV421	Biologend	328626	H4A3	1	BAL
CD95	BV480	BD	746675	DX2	3	Nx
CD8b	BV510	BD	742391	2ST8.5H7	2	Nx
Live/Dead Aqua	--	Invitrogen	L34957	--	0.0012	BAL
CD20	BV510	Biologend	302340	2H7	2	Whole Blood/BAL
CD163	BV510	Biologend	333628	GHI/61	2	Whole Blood/BAL
CD20	BV570	Biologend	302332	2H7	2	Nx
IL-2	BV605	Biologend	500332	MQ1-17H12	2	Nx
PD1	BV605	Biologend	329940	EH12.2H7	3	BAL
TNF	BV650	Biologend	502938	MAb11	3	BAL
CD69	BV711	Biologend	310944	FN50	3	BAL
IFNg	BV785	Biologend	502542	4S.B3	3	BAL
Vg9	FITC	Invitrogen	TCR2720	B3	1.5	Whole Blood/BAL
HLA-DR	PerCP-Cy5.5	BD	562764	G46-6	4	BAL
Granulysin	PE	Biologend	348004	DH2	2	Nx
Vd2	Unlabeled	Invitrogen	TCR1732	15D	0.003	Whole Blood/BAL
Zenon™ Mouse IgG1 Labeling Kit	PE	Invitrogen	Z25055	--	--	Whole Blood/BAL
IL-17	PE-Dazzle594	Biologend	512336	BL168	3	Nx
CD154 (CD40L)	PE-Dazzle594	Biologend	310840	24-31	3	BAL
Perforin	Unlabeled	Mabtech	3465-3-500	Pf-80/164	2	Nx
PE-Cy5® Cojugation Kit - Lightning Link®	PE-Cy5	Abcam	ab102893	--	--	Nx
CD95	PE-Cy5	BD	559773	DX2	2.5	BAL
Vd1	PE-Cy7	eBioscience	25-5679-42	TS8.2	3	BAL
ICOS	AF647	BD	565822	C398.4A	3	BAL
Goat anti-mouse IgG1	AF647	Invitrogen	A-21240	--	0.002	Nx
CD11b	AF700	Biologend	301356	ICRF44	2	Nx
CD11c	AF700	Biologend	301648	3.9	2	Nx
GrzB	AF700	BD	561016	GB11	0.25	BAL
CD3	APC-Cy7	BD	557757	SP34-2	2	Whole Blood/BAL
CD28	APC-Fire750	Biologend	302952	CD28.2	2	Nx

Table S2. Antibody list by flow panel. All flow staining was performed in final volume (f.v.) of 100 µL.