

Supplemental Figure 1, related to Fig. 1 and 2. 18 weeks old-NOD mice pancreas sections were stained with insulin (red); and (A) glucagon, (**B**) CD4, (**C**) CD8, (**D**) GATA3, and (**E**) IL-17A (green) were performed. IF staining on pancreatic sections were prepared as described and the representative data and graphs from ten pancreases with ten sections for each group (n=100). Error bars are S.E.M, ****p<0.0001, Student's t-test. Scale bars: 50 μ m.



Supplemental Figure 2, related to Fig. 2.

Representative graphs for NOD CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells (n=10) in (A) spleen, (B) pancreatic lymph nodes, and (C) thymus. NOD CD4⁺ T cells were subdivided into T_H1 (CD4⁺IFN γ^+), T_H2 (CD4⁺IL-4⁺), T_H17 (CD4⁺IL-17A⁺), and T_{reg} (CD4⁺CD25⁺FOXP3⁺) in (D, E, J, K) spleen, (F, G, L, M) pancreaic lymph nodes, and (H, I, N, O) thymus.



Supplemental Figure 3, related to Fig. 3. MOTS-c increases IL-10 production and CD206 expression in CD11b⁺ cells.

A. C57BL/6J mice were i.v. injected with flagged-MOTS-c (10 mg/kg) in time dependent manner. Pancreas, spleen, lymph nodes, and thymus were isolated from each mouse to detect FLAG in whole cell lysates. Data are from one representative of five independent experiments. **B.** 18-week-old NOD serum were analyzed for immune cell related cytokines (n=10); two-way ANOVA, ***p<0.001.

C. For proliferation assay, CFSE-stained CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells isolated from NOD mice were stimulated with CD3 and CD28 antibodies (2 ug/ml each) for 3 days to evaluate T cell proliferation in the presence or absence of MOTS-c (10 uM); data are mean values ±SEM of three independent experiments.



Supplemental Figure 4, related to Fig. 3

A. Microarray analyses on NOD splenocytes treated with either vehicle or MOTS-c for 18 weeks of age (n=3). Graph shows significantly up- or down-regulated probes count with fold change of 1.5 or higher and FDR less than 0.05.
B. KEGG analysis on Th1 and Treg related genes.

C, **D**. The full Raptor structure (PDB ID:5WBI) was used as template for MOTS-c homology modeling. Ramachandran plot statistics for (**C**) MOTS-c and (**D**) Raptor are shown.



Supplemental Figure 5, related to Fig. 3, 4.

CD3+, CD4+, CD8+ T cells were negatively isolated from C57BL/6J mice spleen. T cells were activated with either soluble mouse α CD3 (4 µg/ml) and α CD28 (10 µg/ml), IGF-1 (1 µg/ml), or glutamine (5 mM), as previously reported for mTORC1 induction, for following conditions: (**A**) CD3+ T cells (30 min) and (**B**) CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells (30 min).

Jurkat cells were treated with (**C**) human α CD3 (4 µg/ml) and α CD28 (10 µg/ml) in time-dependent manner and with (**D**) rapamycin in concentration-dependent manner. MOTS-c tagged with EGFP Jurkat cells were activated with human α CD3 (4 µg/ml) and α CD28 (10 µg/ml) (3 hours). Then, cells were fixed to analyze cells with time-lapse live imaging with (**E**) Nanolive and (**F**) confocal microscopy. Data are from one representative of five independent experiments.



Supplemental Figure 6, related to Fig. 4.

CD4⁺T cells were negatively isolated from C57BL/6J mice spleen. (A) $T_H 1$ or (B) T_{reg} polarization were performed, as described in the method, in the presence or absence of MOTS-c (10 μ M). Then, cells were stained with adequate antibodies for FACS analysis (n=5).



Supplemental Figure 7, related to Fig. 5

A. mitoATP/glycoATP production rate on NOD CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells (n=5), two-way ANOVA, **p<0.01,

- ****p<0.0001 between group, #p<0.01, ####p<0.0001 between glycoATP and mitoATP.
- B. Glycolysis assessment after glucose treatment in NOD CD8⁺ T cells (n=10), Student's t-test, **p<0.01.
- **C.** Assessment of respiratory capacity in NOD CD8⁺ T cells (n=10), Student's t-test, **p<0.01.



Supplemental Figure 8, related to Fig. 6

A. 18-week-old NOD splenocytes (1 x 10⁷ cells, donor) from each group were i.v. injected to 6-week-old NOD/SCID mice (n=4, recipient). NOD-SCID mice were sacrificed after 18-weeks post-transfer. Then, the recipient NOD-SCID spleens were isolated to analyze (**A**) CD4⁺IFN γ^+ and CD4⁺CD25⁺FOXP3⁺ cells.



Supplemental Figure. 9, related to Fig. 7

A-C. Human PBMC-derived T cells were isolated from healthy controls and T1D patients to assess respiratory capacity of (**A**) CD4⁺ T cells (n=5) and (**B**) CD8⁺ T cells (n=5); error bars are S.E.M, *p<0.05, **p<0.01, two-tailed t-test. **C.** For the real-time human T cell activation, T1D patients and healthy controls (HC) CD8+ T cells were analyzed by Xfe96 Seahorse analyzer (n=4). T cells were activated with human α CD3 (4 µg/ml) and α CD28 (20 µg/ml) in the presence or absence of MOTS-c (10 µM); error bars are S.E.M, two-way ANOVA, #p<0.05 indicates significance between HC and T1D **p<0.01, #p<0.05,