

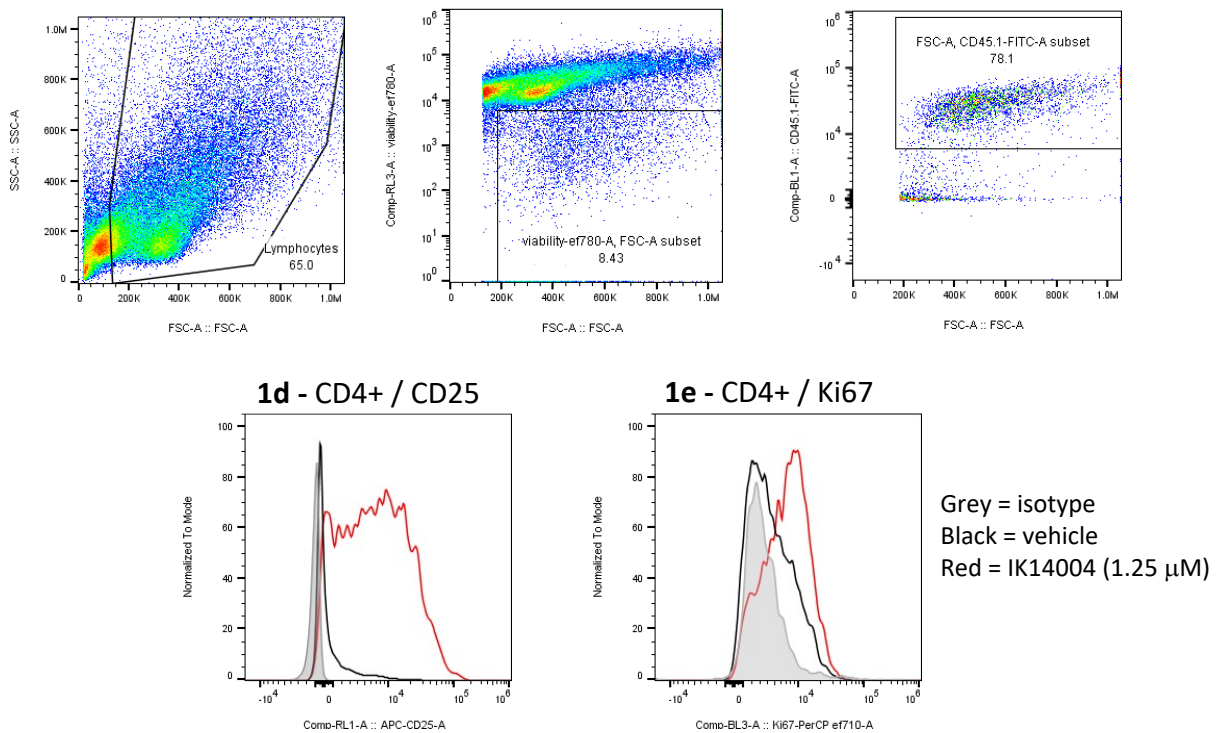
An immunomodulating peptide with potential to suppress tumour growth and autoimmunity

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Supplementary information Flow cytometry data

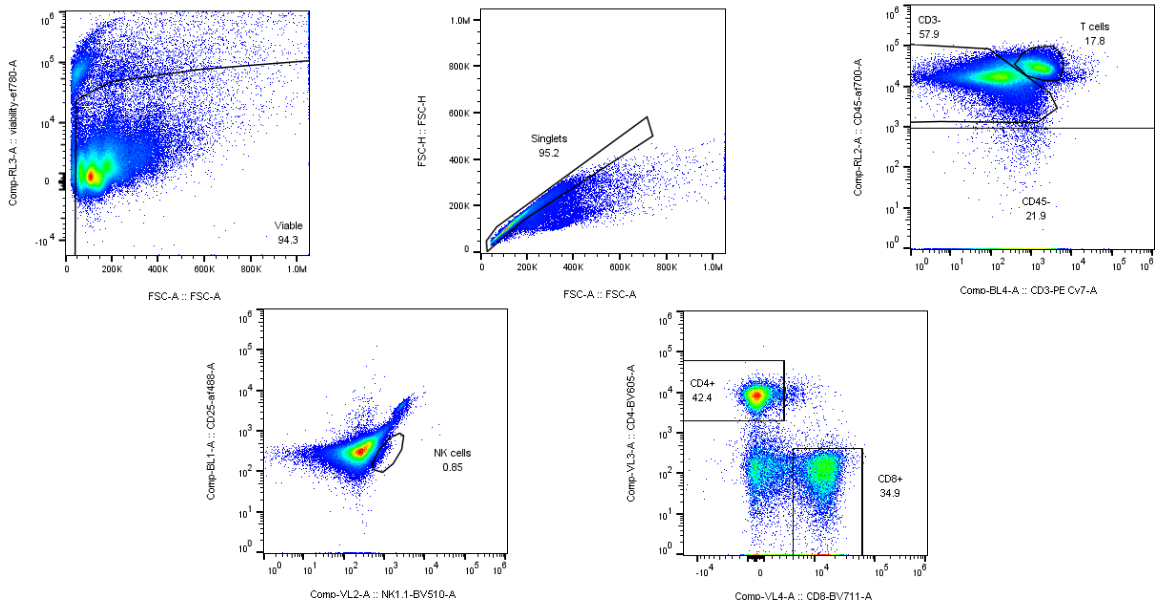
Figure S1: Refers to manuscript **Figure 1d and 1e**
CD25 and Ki67 (Splenocyte-derived exhausted CD4+ T cells)



The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from Donor 1. Debris were excluded, then viable (live) and CD45.1+ cells (Tg4 exhausted CD4+ T cells) selected for analysis of CD25 (1d) or Ki67 (1e).

Figure S2: Refers to manuscript Figure 2e – 2k

CD25, IL-12R β 1 and IL-12R β 2 (Splenocytes derived from the LLC xenograft model CD4+ T cells)



The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from mouse 2.0 (IK14004). Viable (live) cells selected, doublets excluded, CD45⁺CD3⁻ and CD45⁺CD3⁺ cell populations selected. Within CD3⁻ cells, NK1.1⁺ cells were selected and within CD3⁺ cells, CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ cell populations gated.

Viability

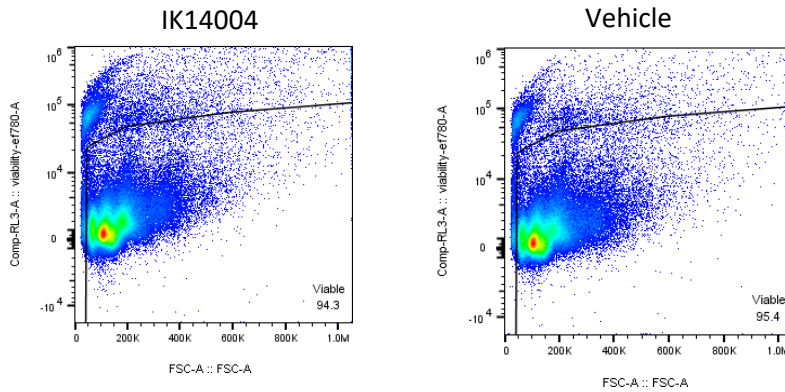
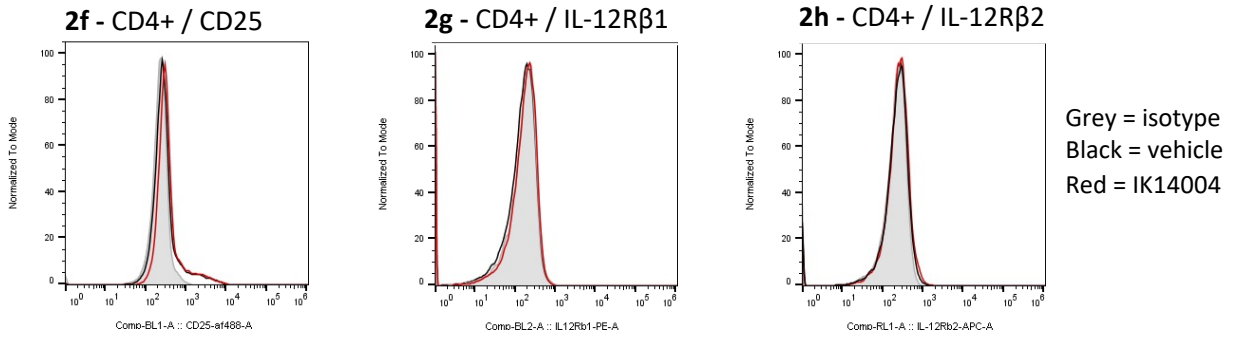
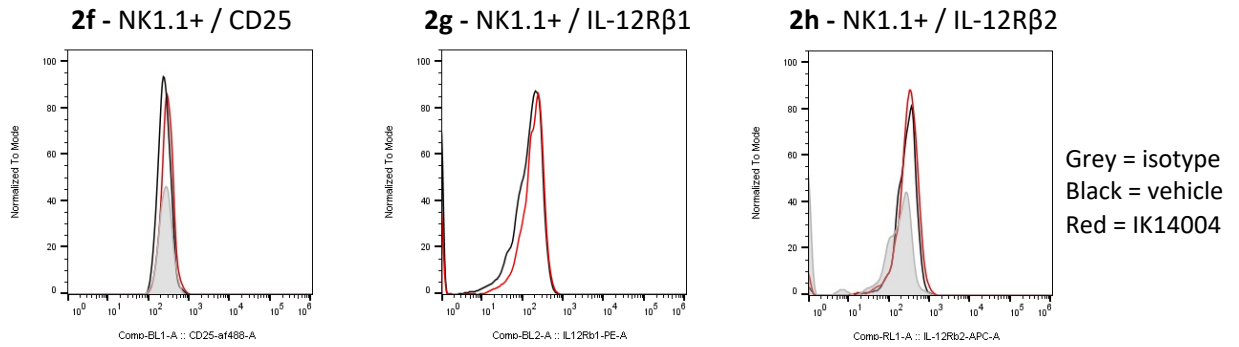


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CD25, IL-12R β 1 and IL-12R β 2 (Splenocytes derived from the LLC xenograft model CD4⁺ T cells)



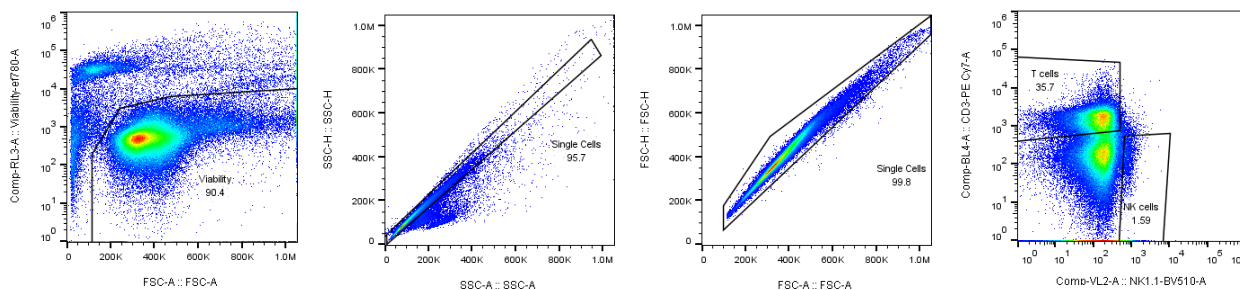
Analysis of CD25, IL-12R β 1 and IL-12R β 2 in CD4⁺ T cells.



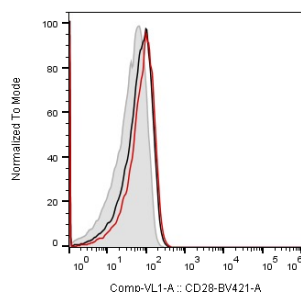
Analysis of CD25, IL-12R β 1 and IL-12R β 2 in NK1.1⁺ cells.

Figure S3: Refers to manuscript **Figure 2m**
 CD28 (Splenocytes derived from the LLC xenograft model CD4+ T cells)

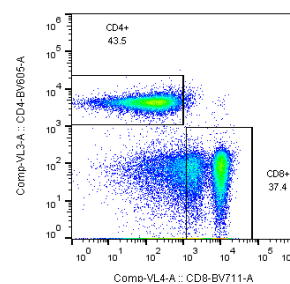
Non-stimulated splenocytes



2m - CD4+ / CD28



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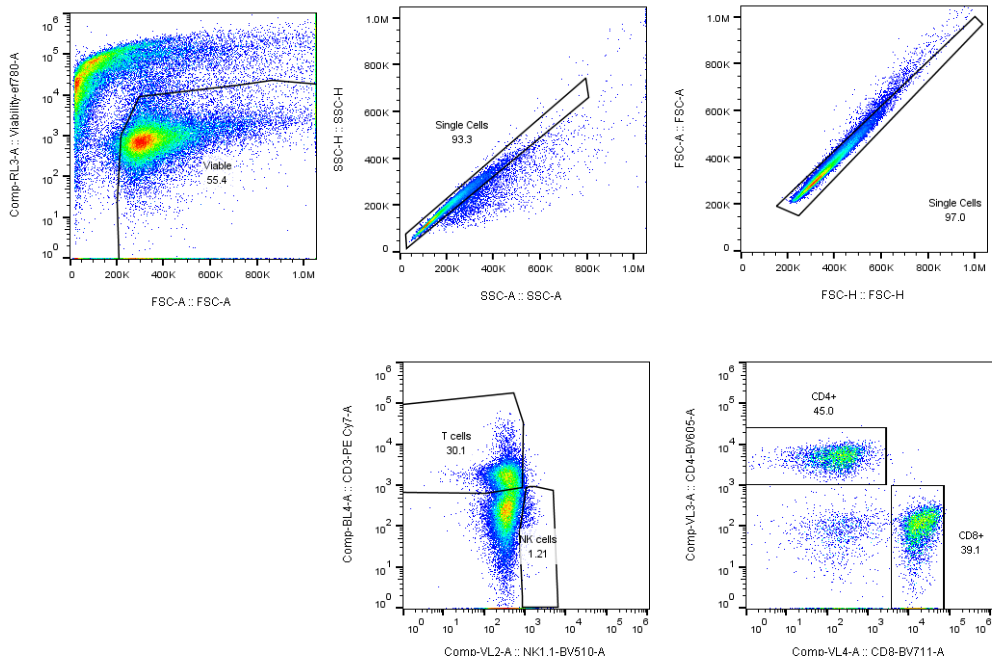


The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from mouse 2.0 (IK14004). Viable (live) cells selected, doublets excluded, CD3⁺ T cell and CD3⁺NK1.1⁺ NK cell populations selected. Within CD3⁺ cells, CD4⁺ selected for analysis of CD28.

Figure S4: Refers to manuscript **Figure 2n, 2q and 2r**

Viability, IL-12R β 1 and IL-12R β 2 (Cultured splenocytes derived from the LLC xenograft model CD4+ T cells)

Viability: cultured splenocytes



2n - Viability

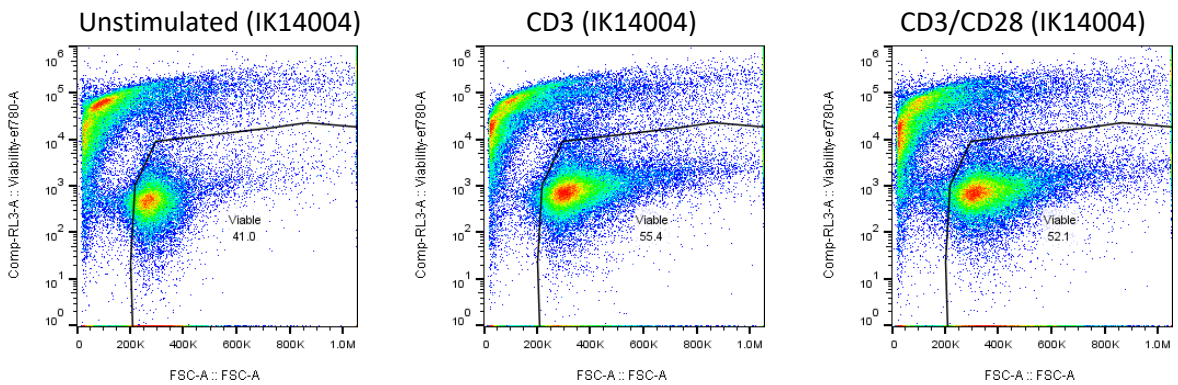
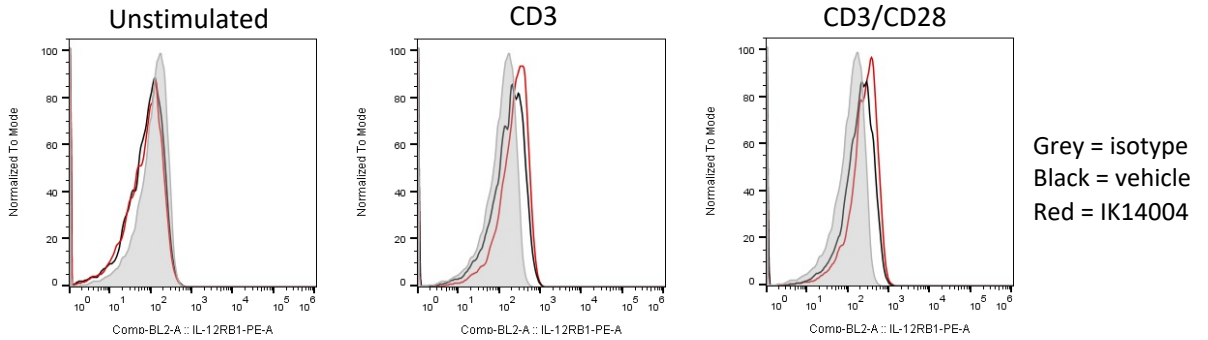


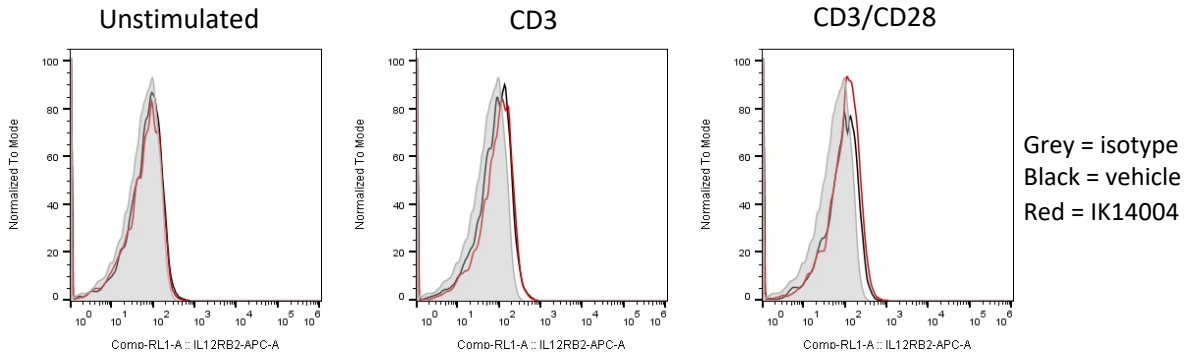
Figure S4: Refers to manuscript **Figure 2n, 2q and 2r (continued)**

IL-12R β 1 and IL-12R β 2 (Cultured splenocytes derived from the LLC xenograft model CD4⁺ T cells)

2q - CD4⁺ / IL-12R β 1

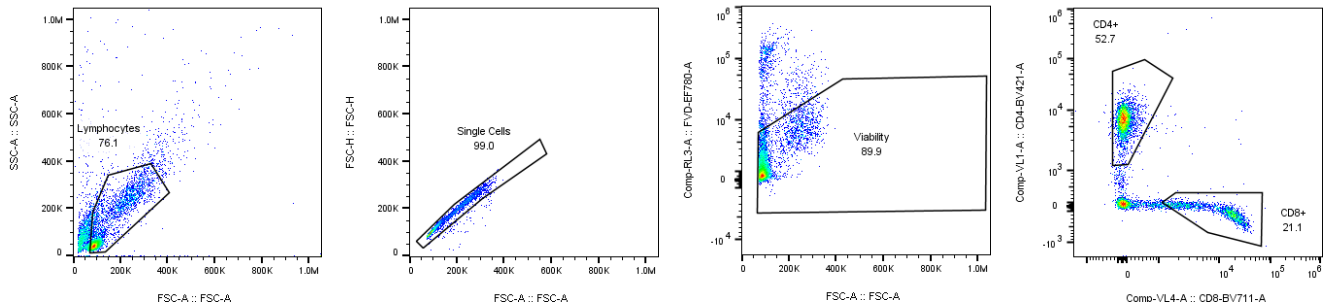


2r - CD4⁺ / IL-12R β 2

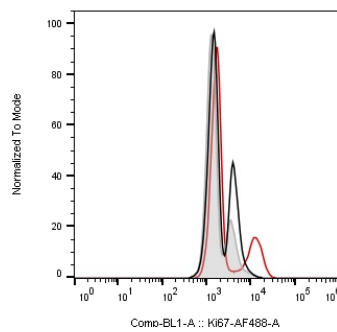


The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from anti-CD3 stimulated mouse 2.0 (IK14004). Viable (live) cells selected, doublets excluded, CD3⁺ T cell and CD3⁺NK1.1⁺ NK cell populations selected. Within CD3⁺ cells, CD4⁺ selected for analysis of IL-12R β 1 and IL-12R β 2.

Figure S5: Refers to manuscript **Figure 3a and 3e**
 Ki67 and CD25 (Unstimulated human PBMC cultures)

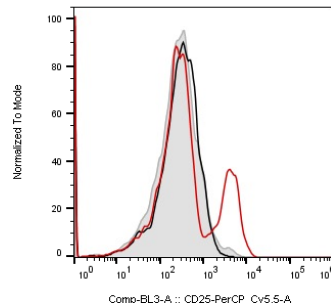


3a - CD4+ / Ki67



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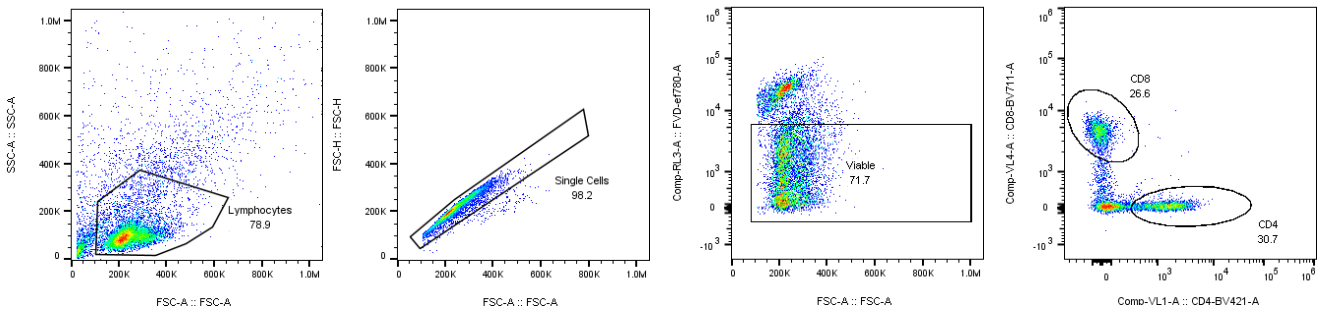
3e - CD4+ / CD25



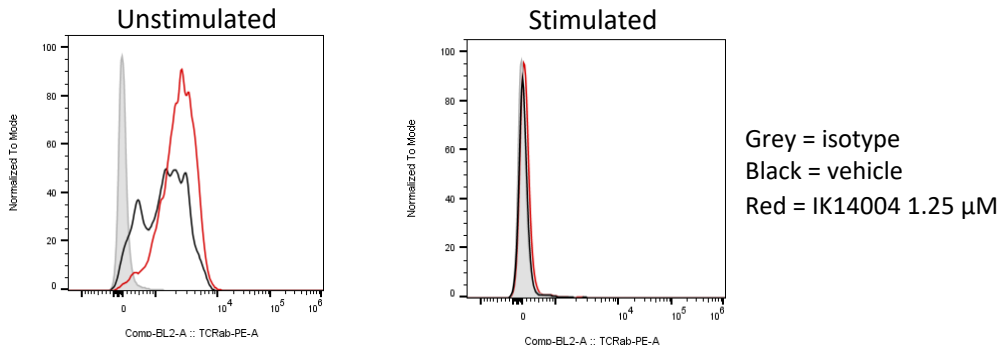
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The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from Donor 3 unstimulated PBMCs (IK14004 1.25 μ M). Cells gated to remove debris, doublet cell exclusion, and viable (live) cells selected. Within viable cells, CD4⁺ T cell selected for analysis of Ki67 and CD25.

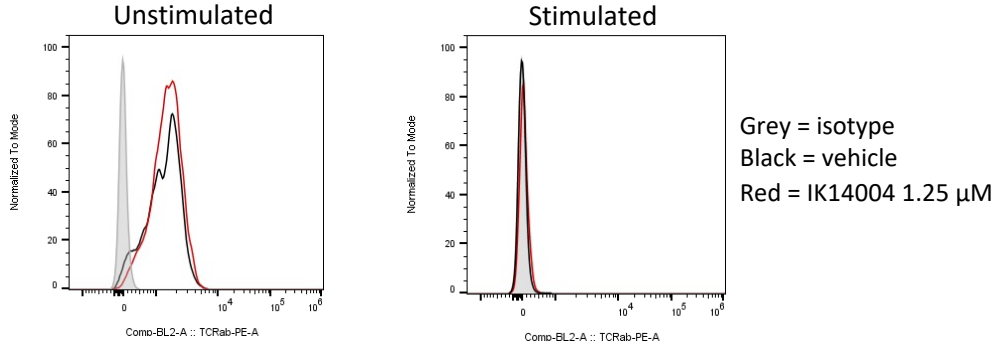
Figure S6: Refers to manuscript **Figure 3j and 3k**
CD4+/CD8+ - TCR α/β (Unstimulated/stimulated human PBMC cultures)



3j - CD4+ / TCR α/β



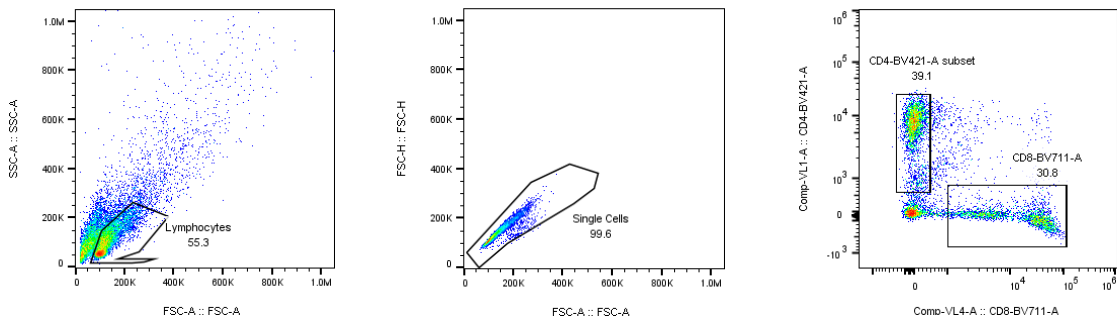
3k - CD8+ / TCR α/β



The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from Donor 1 unstimulated PBMCs (IK14004 1.25 μ M). Cells gated to remove debris, doublet cell exclusion and viable (live) cells selected. Within viable cells, CD4+ and CD8+ T cells selected for analysis of TCR α/β .

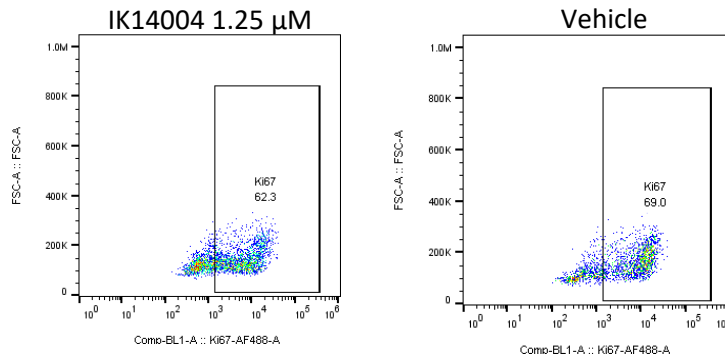
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Ki67, IL-12R β 1 and IL-12R β 2 (Stimulated human PBMC cultures: CD4+/CD8+ T cells)

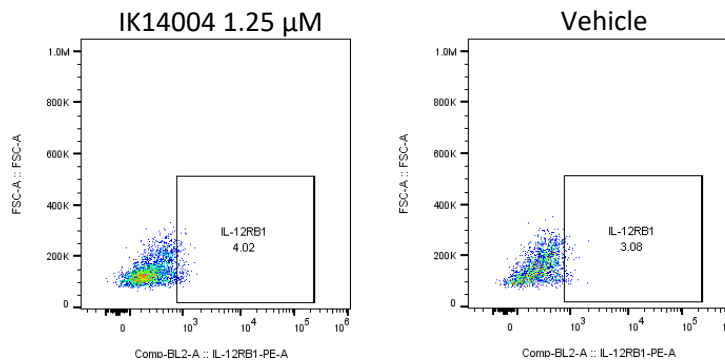


The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from Donor 2 stimulated PBMCs (IK14004 1.25 μ M). Cells gated to remove debris, doublet cell exclusion and CD4+ and CD8+ T cells selected for analysis of Ki67, IL-12R β 1 and IL-12R β 2.

4a - CD4+ / Ki67



4b - CD4+ / IL-12R β 1



4c - CD4+ / IL-12R β 2

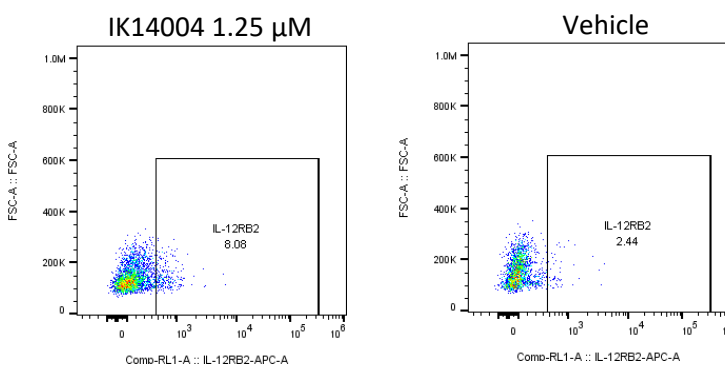
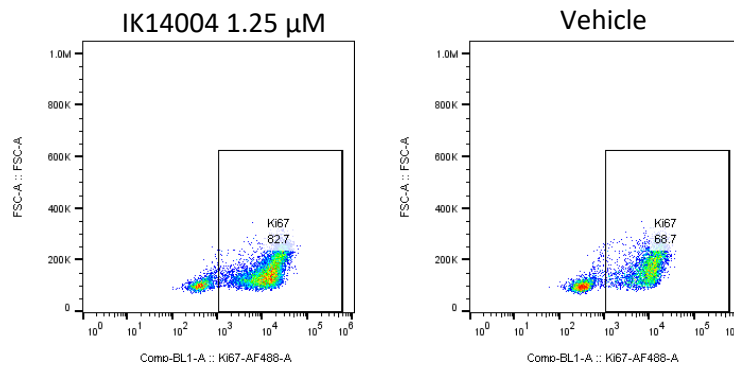


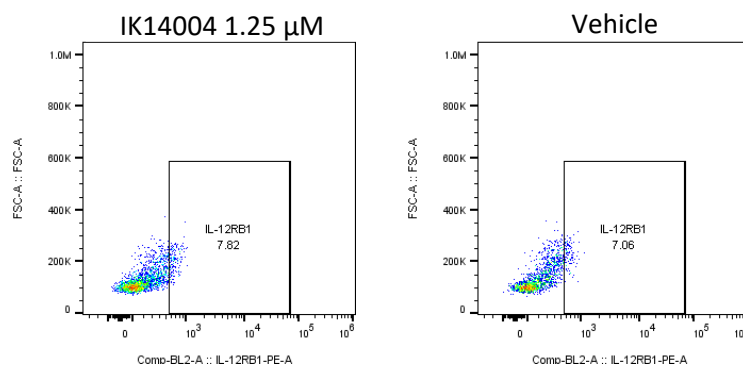
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Ki67, IL-12Rβ1 and IL-12Rβ2 (Human PBMC cultures: CD4+/CD8+ T cells)

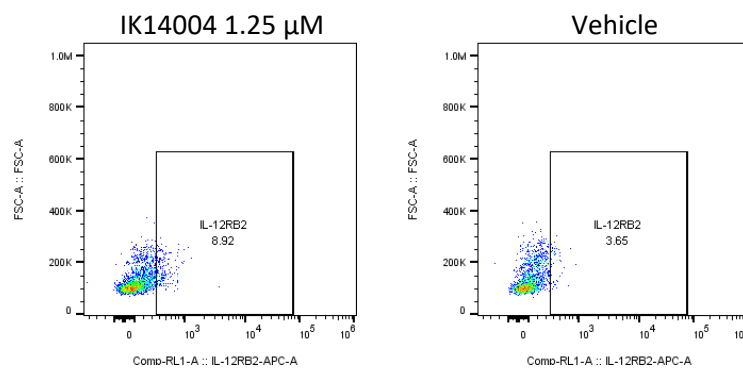
4d - CD8+ / Ki67



4e - CD8+ / IL-12Rβ1



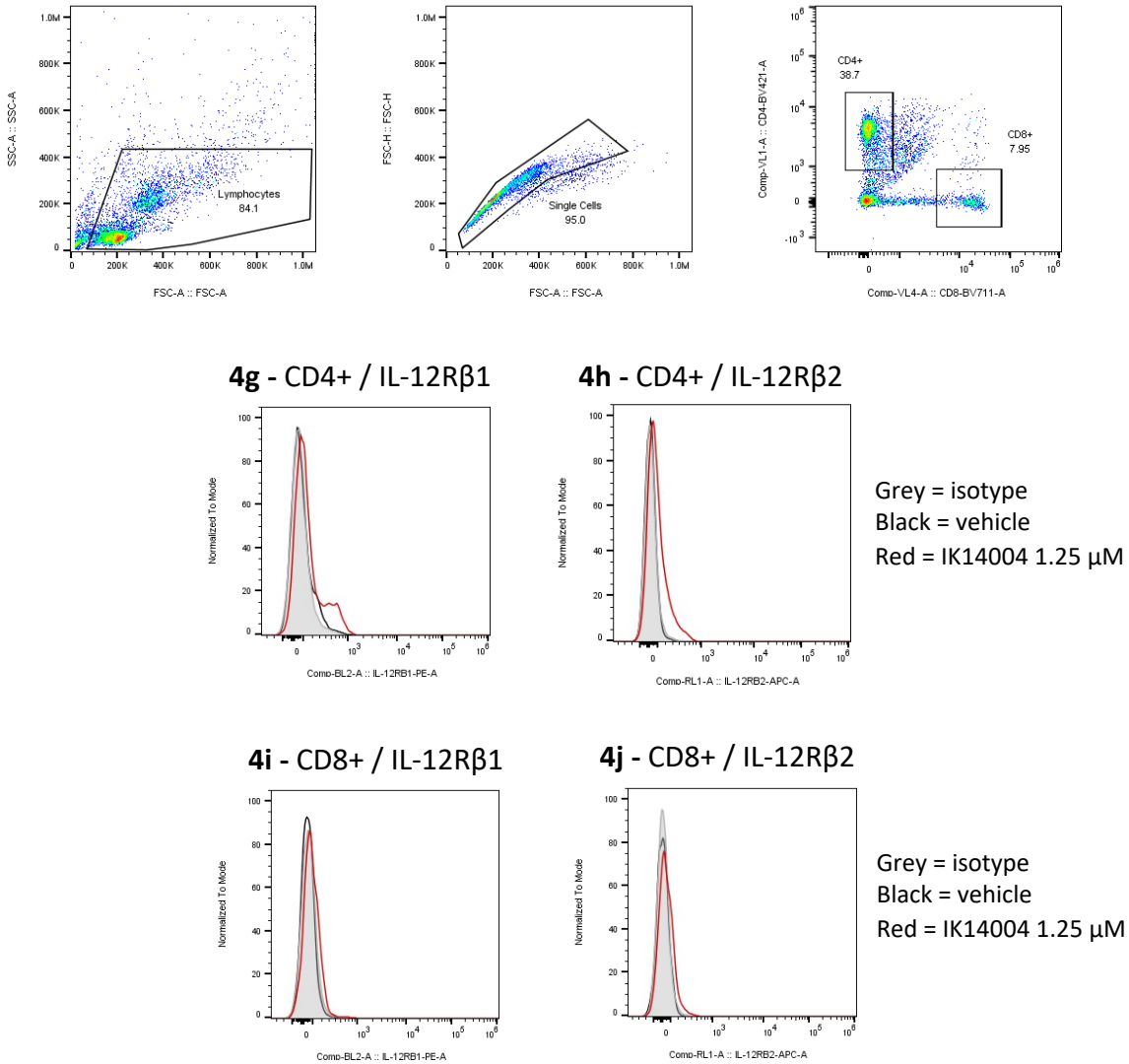
4f - CD8+ / IL-12Rβ2



Cells gated to remove debris, doublet cell exclusion and CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells selected for analysis of Ki67, IL-12Rβ1 and IL-12Rβ2 (Donor 2 and 3).

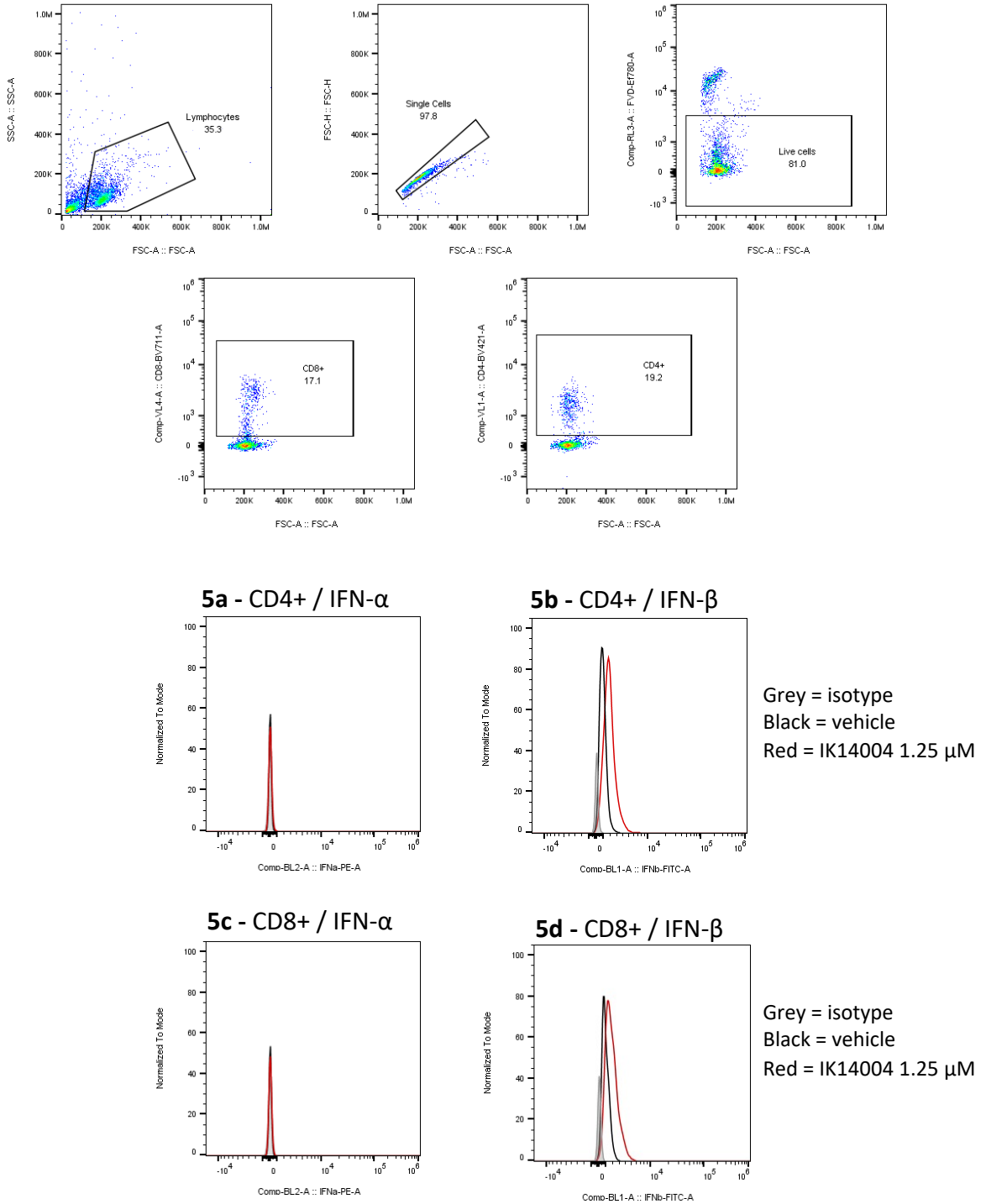
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IL-12Rβ1 and IL-12Rβ2 (Unstimulated human PBMC cultures: CD4+/CD8+ T cells)



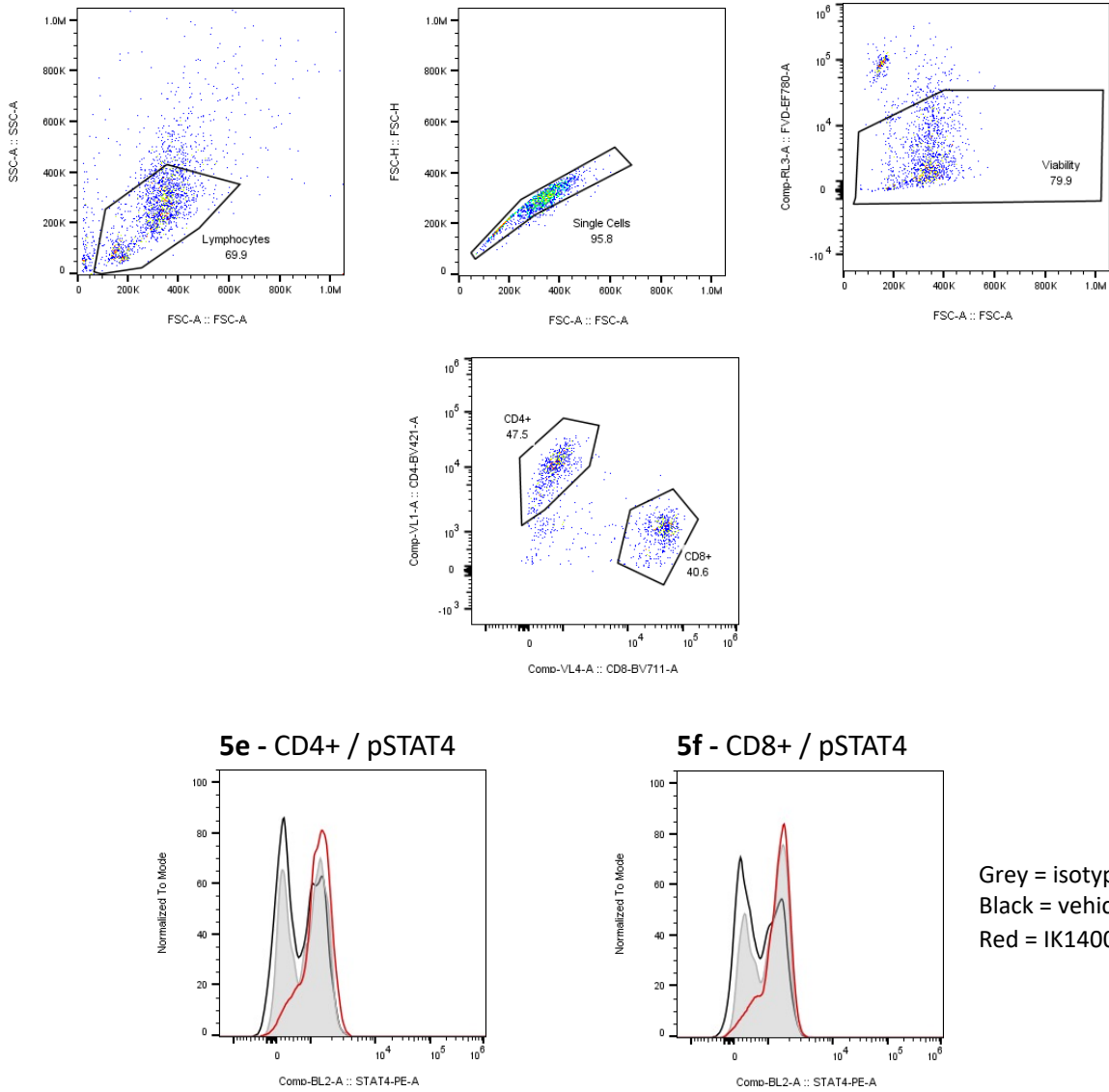
The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from Donor 1 unstimulated PBMCs (IK14004 1.25 μM). Cells gated to remove debris, doublet cell exclusion and CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells selected for analysis of IL-12Rβ1 and IL-12Rβ2.

Figure S9: Refers to manuscript **Figure 5a - 5d**
IFN- α and IFN- β (Stimulated human PBMC cultures: CD4+/CD8+ T cells)



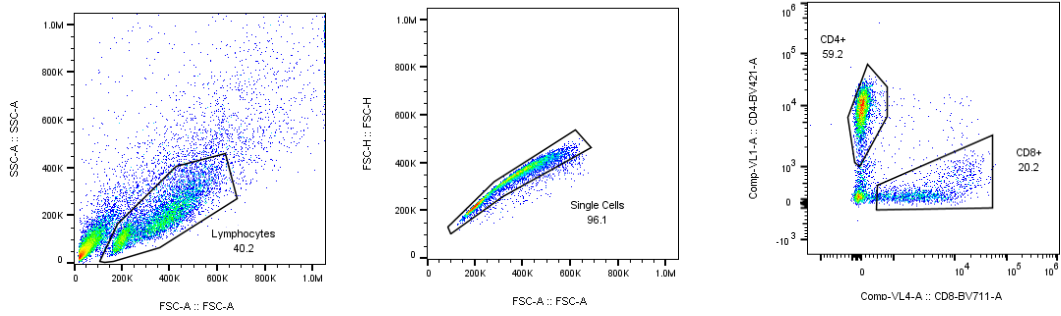
The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from Donor 2 stimulated PBMCs (IK14004 1.25 μ M). Cells gated to remove debris, doublet cell exclusion, viable cells gated and CD4+ and CD8+ T cells selected for analysis of IFN- α and IFN- β .

Figure S10: Refers to manuscript **Figure 5e and 5f**
 pSTAT4 (Isolated, stimulated human CD3+ T cells)

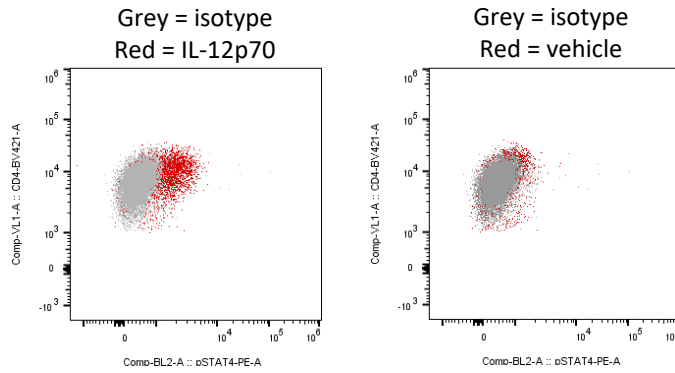


The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from Donor 1 stimulated CD3+ T cells (IK14004 1.25 μ M). Cells gated to remove debris, doublet cell exclusion, viable cells gated and CD4+ and CD8+ T cells selected for analysis of pSTAT4.

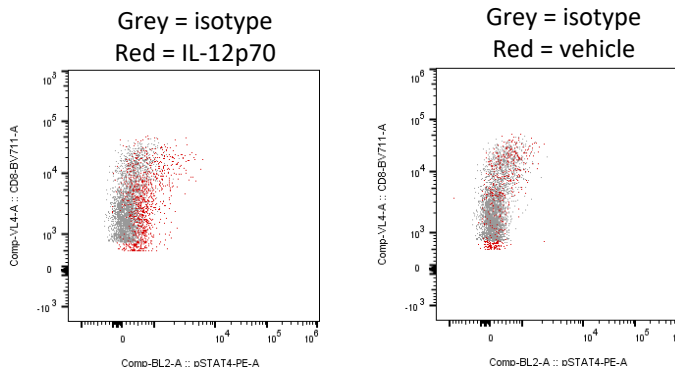
Figure S11: Refers to manuscript **Figure 5g and 5h**
 pSTAT4 (Stimulated human PBMC cultures: CD4+/CD8+ T cells)



5g - CD4+ / pSTAT4



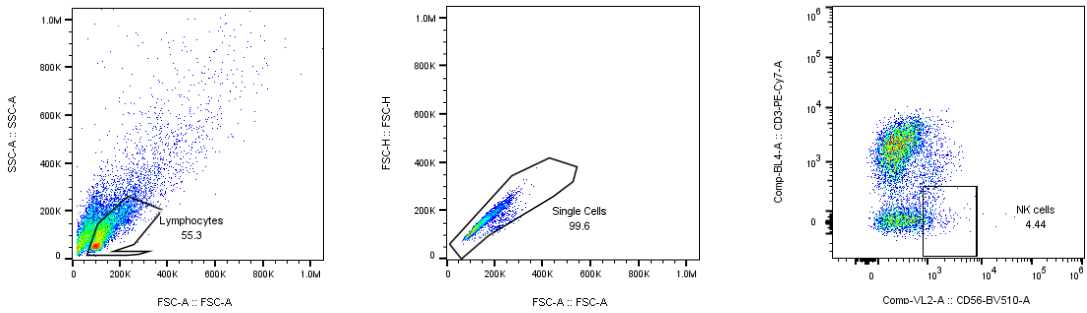
5h - CD8+ / pSTAT4



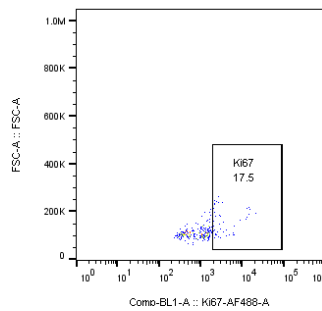
The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from Donor 1 stimulated PBMC (IL-12p70). Cells gated to remove debris, doublet cell exclusion, and CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells selected for analysis of pSTAT4.

Figure S12: Refers to manuscript **Figure 6a - 6c**

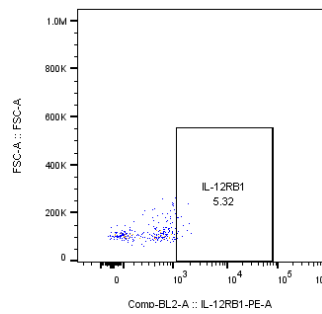
Ki67, IL-12R β 1 and IL-12R β 2 (Stimulated human PBMC cultures: CD3-CD56^{dim} NK cells)



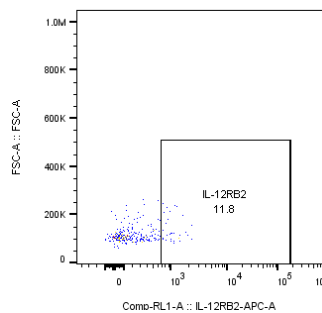
6a - CD3-CD56^{dim} / Ki67



6b - CD3-CD56^{dim} / IL-12R β 1



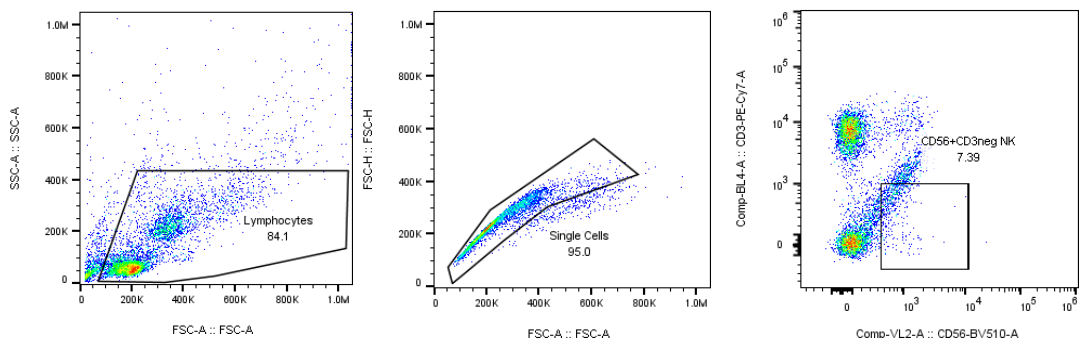
6c - CD3-CD56^{dim} / IL-12R β 2



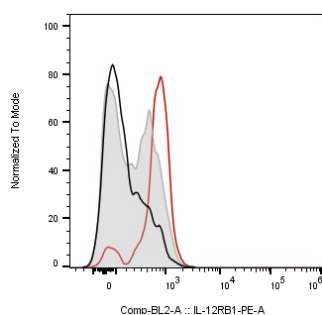
The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from Donor 3 stimulated PBMC (IK14004 1.25 μ M). Cells gated to remove debris, doublet cell exclusion, and CD3-CD56^{dim} NK cells selected for analysis of Ki67, IL-12R β 1 and IL-12R β 2 (IK14004 1.25 μ M).

Figure S13: Refers to manuscript **Figure 6d and 6e**

IL-12Rβ1 and IL-12Rβ2 (Unstimulated human PBMC cultures: CD3-CD56+^{dim} NK cells)

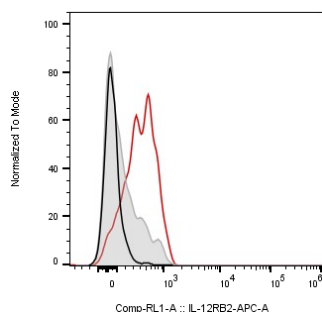


6d - CD3-CD56+^{dim} / IL-12Rβ1



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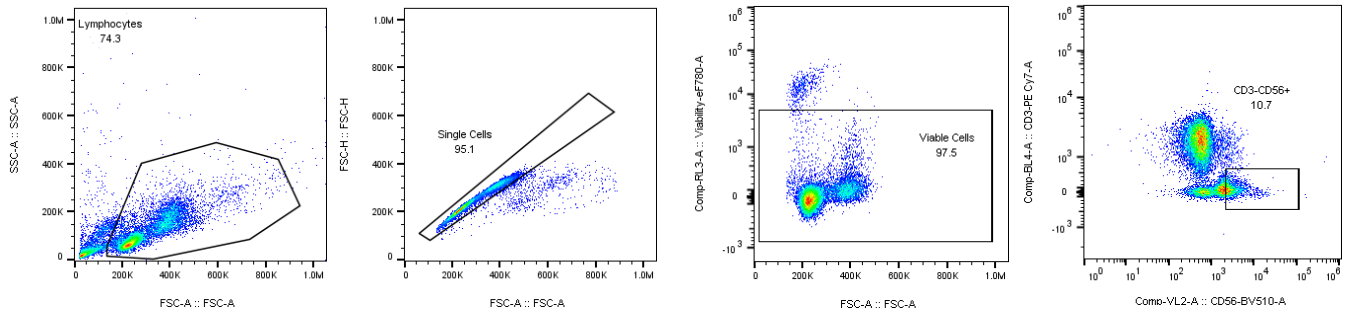
6e - CD3-CD56+^{dim} / IL-12Rβ2



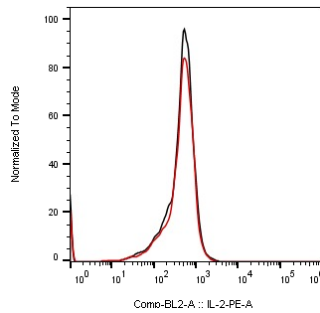
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The Figure shows an exemplar gating strategy from Donor 1 unstimulated PBMC (IK14004 1.25 μM). Cells gated to remove debris, doublet cell exclusion, and CD3-CD56+^{dim} NK cells selected for analysis of IL-12Rβ1 and IL-12Rβ2.

Figure S14: Refers to manuscript **Figure 6f**
 Intracellular IL-2 (Unstimulated human PBMC cultures)



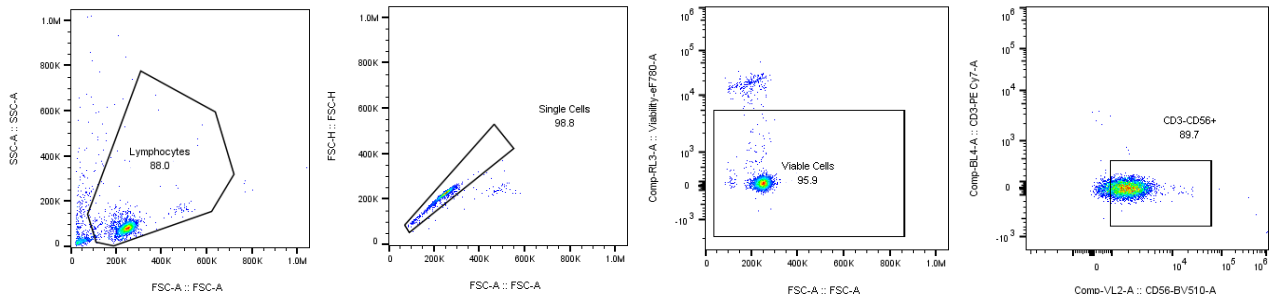
6f - CD3-CD56+^{dim} / IL-2



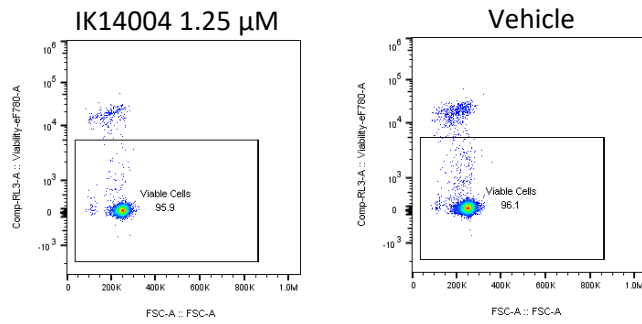
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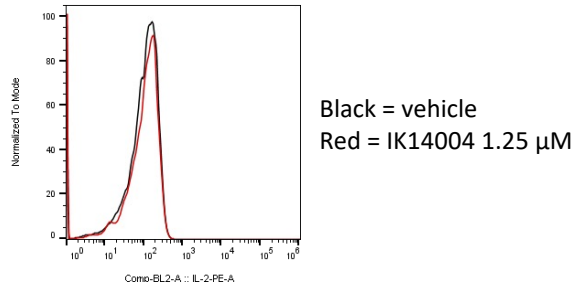
Figure S15: Refers to manuscript **Figure 6g and 6h**
Viability and Intracellular IL-2 (Isolated CD3-CD56^{dim} NK cells)



6g - CD3-CD56^{dim} / Viability

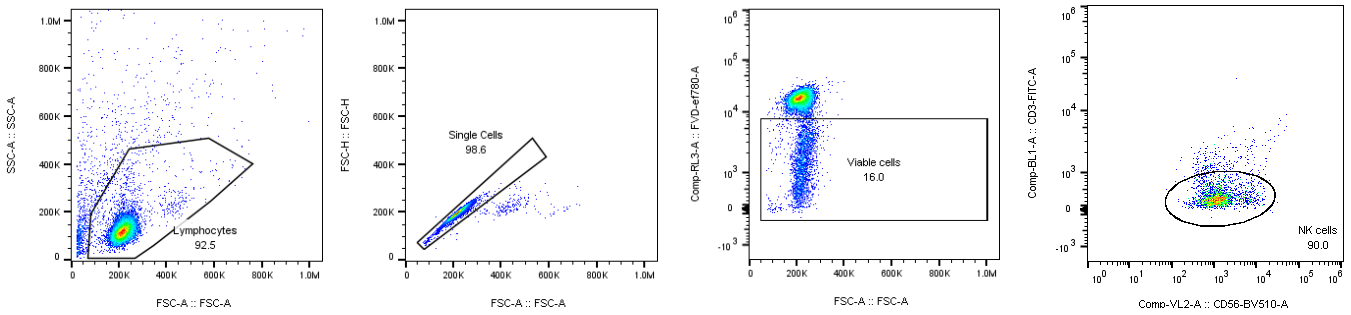


6h - CD3-CD56^{dim} / Intracellular IL-2

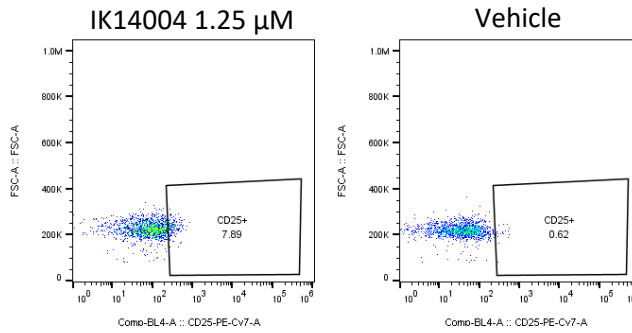


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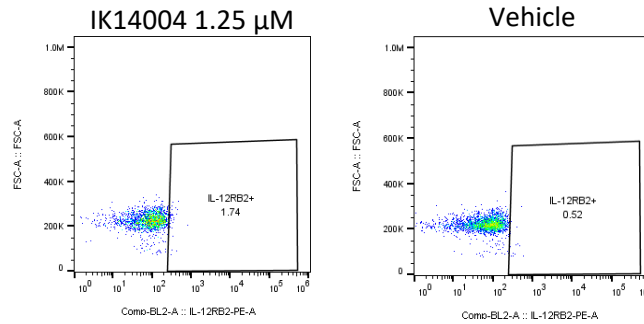
Figure S16: Refers to manuscript **Figure 6i and 6j**
CD25 and IL-12Rβ2 (Isolated CD3-CD56^{dim} NK cells)



6i - CD3-CD56^{dim} / CD25

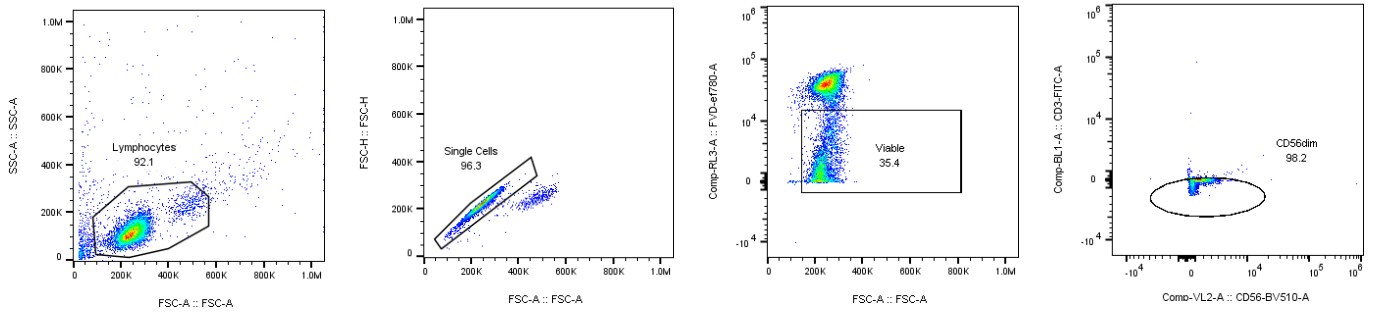


6j - CD3-CD56^{dim} / IL-12Rβ2

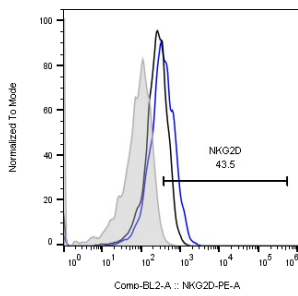


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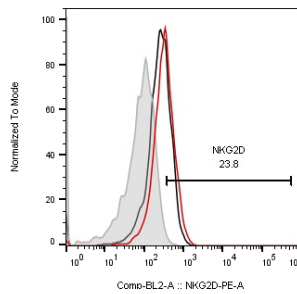
Figure S17: Refers to manuscript **Figure 6n - 6p**
 NKG2D and NKp44 (Isolated CD3-CD56^{dim} NK cells)



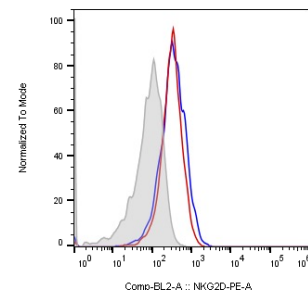
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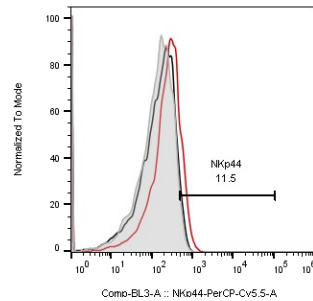


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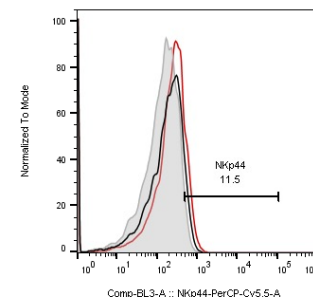
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6o - CD3-CD56^{dim} / NKp44



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6p - CD3-CD56^{dim} / NKp44



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