

Supplemental Data for:

A SARS-CoV-2 NSP7 homolog of a Treg epitope suppresses CD4+ and CD8+ T cell memory responses

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Supplementary Table 1. Healthy donors used in Bystander Supression Assays (BSA).

Donor	Allele 1	Allele 2	Gender	Age	Donor	Allele 1	Allele 2	Gender	Age
EV202	*0301	*1501	Female	36	EV327	*0405	*1401	Male	54
EV229	*0101	*0301	Male	20	EV329	*1201	*1501	Female	49
EV277	*1401	*1501	Male	54	EV354	*0101	*1301	Male	48
EV279	*0701	*1101	Male	71	EV366	*0406	*1601	Female	54
EV285	*0101	*1302	Female	54	EV375	*0301	*1501	Female	46
EV292	*0301	*1301	Male	57	EV381	*0301	*1303	Female	57
EV299	*0301	*0701	Male	67	EV545	*0401	*0701	Male	40
EV318	*0402	*0701	Male	69	EV546	*1101	*1501	Female	34
EV320	*0701	*0701	Male	51					

Supplementary Table 1. Healthy blood donors collected from Rhode Island Blood Center from whom we have isolated PBMCs and stored at liquid N2 before use. The effect of Tregitope peptides and newly identified SARS-CoV-2-NSP7-homolog of 289 Tregitope were tested using our in vitro bystander suppression assays. HLA DRB1 of donor PBMCs were typed at American Red Cross in Dedham, MA. **41% percent of the donors were female, 59% were male. The age range of donors are 20 to 69.**

Supplementary Table 2. Convalescent COVID-19 donors used in CPI BSA.

Donor	Allele 1	Allele 2	Gender	Age
CV001	*0701	*1101	Female	56
CV003	*1502	*1502	Female	57
CV020	*1301	*1501	Male	40
L009	*0401	*1201	Female	54
L011	*0301	*1101	Female	28
L013	*0801	*1303	Female	43
L014	*0101	*1401	Male	37

Supplementary Table 2. List of the convalescent COVID-19 blood donors whom we have isolated PBMCs and stored at liquid N2 before use. The effect of Tregitope peptides and newly identified SARS-CoV2-NSP7-homolog of 289 Tregitope were tested using our in vitro CPI bystander suppression assay. HLA DRB1 of donor PBMCs were typed at American Red Cross in Dedham, MA. **72% percent of the donors were female, 28% were male. The age range of donors are 28 to 57.**

CPI = a mixture of protein antigens from the cytomegalovirus, influenza, and parainfluenza.

Supplement Figure S1. Overview of Class II JanusMatrix Results of the SARS-CoV-2 NSP7- homolog of Tregitope 289 peptide.

Input Sequence	Cluster Address (w/ Flanks)	Cluster Sequence	EpiMatrix Cluster Score (w/o Flanks)	Treg-Adj Cluster Score (w/o Flanks)	Number of HUMAN Matches	Janus Homology Score
NSP7_289HOMOLOG	50 - 62	EKMVSLLSVLLSM	31.97	31.97	74	11.44

Protein ID	Protein Description	Start Position	Sequence	Cluster Score	Number Of HUMAN Matches*	Janus HMLGY Score	DB Ver: April 02, 2023			EpiMatrix Ver: 1.2 with DR9			JMX Hit Threshold: 1.64		
							DRB1 *0101	DRB1 *0301	DRB1 *0401	DRB1 *0701	DRB1 *0801	DRB1 *0901	DRB1 *1101	DRB1 *1301	DRB1 *1501
NSP7_289HOMOLOG		50 - 62	EKMVSLLSVLLSM	31.97	73	11.44									
		50	EKMVSLLSV		0		0.23	0.48	0.19	0.99	0.13	1.09	1.11	0.83	1.27
		51	KMVSLLSVL		0		-0.08	0.94	-0.51	0.73	-0.3	1.15	0.09	0.49	0.68
		52	MVSLLSVLL		20	F52	3.12	2.25	2.42	2.97	2.18	2.08	1.74	2.43	2.84
sp Q9C0C7 AMRA1_HUMAN	Activating molecule in BECN1-regula...	444	SVSLLSVLR				1.79	1.61	1.48	1.17	1.67	0.83	0.74	1.8	1.49
sp IQ00206 TLR4_HUMAN	Toll-like receptor 4	635	GVSVLSVLI				1.55	0.87	1.15	1.99	0.32	1.52	0.51	1.06	1.48
sp Q13873 BMPR2_HUMAN	Bone morphogenetic protein receptor...	157	SVSVLAVLI				1.71	1.57	0.91	1.8	0.71	1.77	0.41	1.74	1.57
sp P01861 IGHG4_HUMAN	Immunoglobulin heavy constant gamma...	182	VSVL VLV				1.68	1.85	2.42	1.38	2.1	1.9	1.67	2.02	1.52
sp P01860 IGHG3_HUMAN	Immunoglobulin heavy constant gamma...	232	VSVL VLV				1.68	1.85	2.42	1.38	2.1	1.9	1.67	2.02	1.52
sp P01857 IGHG1_HUMAN	Immunoglobulin heavy constant gamma...	185	VSVL VLV				1.68	1.85	2.42	1.38	2.1	1.9	1.67	2.02	1.52
sp Q8NGI9 OR5A2_HUMAN	Olfactory receptor 5A2	209	IVSVLVVLI				2.27	2.35	1.81	2.57	1.56	2.57	1.25	2.51	1.57
sp Q5XP14 RN123_HUMAN	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase RNF123	1078	SVSLLEVLE				0.65	1.42	-0.14	0.16	2.04	-0.22	0.58	1.61	0.4
sp P78395 PRAME_HUMAN	Melanoma antigen preferentially exp...	347	SVSQLSVLS				1.9	1.59	2.04	0.85	1.42	0.46	1.29	2.27	1.69
sp Q05707 COEA1_HUMAN	Collagen alpha-1(XIV) chain	690	EVSLLAFLD				1.42	0.23	0.89	0.98	1.92	0.55	0.27	0.45	0.52
sp P49796 RG53_HUMAN	Regulator of G-protein signaling 3	81	HVSVLSVLS				1.86	1.31	1.92	1.45	1.21	1.59	1.32	1.49	1.64
sp Q9BXR5 TLR10_HUMAN	Toll-like receptor 10	70	SVSKLVLI				0.62	1.76	-0.86	0.98	1.63	0.53	0.33	2.17	0.37
sp Q8NCM8 DYHC2_HUMAN	Cytoplasmic dynein 2 heavy chain 1	3785	VVSLVLE				0.47	1.25	1.45	1	1.29	0.83	0.27	2.21	0.61
sp Q5TH69 BIG3_HUMAN	Brefeldin A-inhibited guanine nucle...	206	VVSVLTVLC				2	1.24	1.81	1.77	1.42	1.73	1.03	1.42	1.84
sp Q75746 S2512_HUMAN	Electrogenic aspartate/glutamate an...	465	RVSAENVLR				1.26	2.34	1.33	0.66	1.36	1.58	0.09	2.28	1.69
sp Q9HB89 NMUR1_HUMAN	Neuromedin-U receptor 1	103	AVSDDLVL				0.12	1.83	0.42	-0.16	0.35	0.27	-0.66	0.71	0.3
sp Q9GZQ4 NMUR2_HUMAN	Neuromedin-U receptor 2	88	AVSDDLVL				0.12	1.83	0.42	-0.16	0.35	0.27	-0.66	0.71	0.3
sp Q6NW34 NEPRO_HUMAN	Nucleolus and neural progenitor pro...	179	LVSRVNVLI				0.82	1	0.2	0.88	0.45	0.58	-0.04	2.03	1.25
sp Q9Y51 PCDAB_HUMAN	Protocadherin alpha-11	705	VVSSLVLI				1.25	1.65	1.02	1.55	1.2	2.2	1.27	1.28	1.89
sp Q8NCA5 FA98A_HUMAN	Protein FAM98A	49	LVSELRVLC				1.99	1.63	0.86	1.24	1.13	0.9	1	1.38	0.92
		53	VSLLSVLLS		36	F53	2.09	1.68	2.59	1.44	1.89	1.25	2.47	2.03	1.58
sp P30408 T4S1_HUMAN	Transmembrane 4 L6 family member 1	160	VSLFSLLA				0.38	0.47	1.57	1.1	0.85	1.32	1.44	1.83	1.88
sp IQ5VT06 CE350_HUMAN	Centrosome-associated protein 350	756	GSLLSHLLS				0.8	0.68	1.21	0.16	1.07	0.04	1.68	1.04	1.49
sp IQ9NX18 SDHF2_HUMAN	Succinate dehydrogenase assembly fa...	19	HSLLSFLLS				1.7	0.8	1.84	0.91	1.33	0.89	1.93	1.16	1.29
sp IQ5JRX3 PREP_HUMAN	Presequence protease, mitochondrial	346	LSLSSLLT				2.66	0.97	2.57	2.61	1.89	1.84	2.4	1.32	2.8
sp Q76KD6 SPERI_HUMAN	Speriolin	193	VLSLSPFLS				1.97	2.4	2.2	1.78	1.31	2.31	2.23	2.17	2.04
sp P13866 SC5A1_HUMAN	Sodium/glucose cotransporter 1	145	LSLSSLVLI				0.93	1.99	0.95	0.44	0.99	1.22	1.78	2.33	1.88
sp Q96M86 DNHD1_HUMAN	Dynein heavy chain domain-containin...	1568	TSLLSALLV				1.76	0.38	1.46	1.74	0.71	0.94	1.38	0.75	1.34
sp Q9Y4D7 PLXD1_HUMAN	Plexin-D1	1410	ISLFSLLN				1.68	0.39	2.22	1.71	1.86	1.73	1.74	1.75	2.89
sp Q9GZU5 NYX_HUMAN	Nyctalopin	414	SLLSKLLA				0.71	1.18	0.66	-0.1	1.2	0.71	1.96	1.54	1.42
sp P59826 BPIB3_HUMAN	BPI fold-containing family B member...	167	ISLFSGLLP				1.07	0.06	1.78	0.83	0.88	1.68	1.22	1.43	1.85
sp P40197 GPV_HUMAN	Platelet glycoprotein V	207	VSLDSGLN				1.33	1.35	1.89	0.4	0.79	0.84	0.24	0.39	0.91
sp A0A1B0GUA7 TEX51_HUMAN	Testis-expressed protein 51	142	VLSLSSALL				2.3	2.4	1.89	2.81	1.07	2.45	1.75	2.18	2.44
sp P19021 AMD_HUMAN	Peptidyl-glycine alpha-amidating mo...	391	YSLLSKLLG				2.12	2.03	1.95	0.63	3.26	1.7	3.32	2.37	2.28
sp Q9C0J3 CCSE1_HUMAN	Serine-rich coiled-coil domain-cont...	240	SSLQSPFLS				1.25	1.1	1.55	0.32	0.92	0.14	1.58	1.95	1.27
sp Q96RG2 PASK_HUMAN	PAS domain-containing serine/threon...	1225	MSLVSGLLQ				1.63	1.03	1.96	1.62	0.96	1.26	1.81	1.37	1.88
sp Q14497 AR1A_HUMAN	AT-rich interactive domain-containi...	1674	MSLKSGLLA				1.1	1.12	1.02	1.05	1.15	0.91	1.22	1.7	0.97
sp Q62P01 RBM44_HUMAN	RNA-binding protein 44	683	LSLESKLLS				1.49	2.42	1.72	0.28	1.3	1.19	2.44	2.31	1.4

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sp Q9Y243 AKT3_HUMAN	RAC-gamma serine/threonine-protein ...	374	<u>KSLLSGLLI</u>				1.95	0.75	1.19	1.51	0.7	1.02	0.89	1.11	1.55
sp Q8NFD5 AR1B_HUMAN	AT-rich interactive domain-containi...	1711	<u>MSLKSGLLA</u>				1.1	1.12	1.02	1.05	1.15	0.91	1.22	1.7	0.97
sp Q8N755 S66A3_HUMAN	Solute carrier family 66 member 3	37	<u>LSLPSLLE</u>				-0.95	1.1	-0.09	-0.45	1.02	-0.42	0.16	1.89	0.74
sp Q6Z581 WDFY4_HUMAN	WD repeat- and FYVE domain-containi...	1481	<u>LSLFSHLE</u>				0.12	0.95	1.01	0.33	2.03	0.46	1.18	2.3	1.99
sp Q5TEC3 ZN697_HUMAN	Zinc finger protein 697	326	<u>FSLSSHLLS</u>				1.93	2.7	2.4	1.88	1.95	2.33	2.86	2.47	2.64
sp Q8TBY8 PMFBP_HUMAN	Polyamine-modulated factor 1-bindin...	13	<u>SSLNSKLLS</u>				0.51	1.69	0.71	-0.51	1.4	0.28	2.01	1.82	1.2
sp P55290 CAD13_HUMAN	Cadherin-13	697	<u>FSLPSVLLL</u>				1.51	1.51	1.89	2.05	1.04	1.33	1.19	2.29	1.41
sp Q4KMG0 CDON_HUMAN	Cell adhesion molecule-related/down...	85	<u>LSLNSSLLG</u>				2.18	2.06	2.55	1.43	2.27	1.18	2.38	2.18	2.31
sp A6ND91 ASPDH_HUMAN	Aspartate dehydrogenase domain-cont...	19	<u>QSLVSELLA</u>				0.73	0.74	0.31	0.74	0.62	0.89	1.68	1.08	0.89
sp P55198 AF17_HUMAN	Protein AF-17	541	<u>LSLSEPLLQ</u>				2.01	1.79	2.27	0.91	1.09	1.17	1.75	1.69	1.13
sp Q96MX3 ZNF48_HUMAN	Zinc finger protein 48	368	<u>FSLSSTLLR</u>				2.04	2.8	2.49	2.07	1.9	2.29	2.06	2.57	1.85
sp Q9BV99 LRC61_HUMAN	Leucine-rich repeat-containing prot...	28	<u>FSLESILLL</u>				1.73	1.77	1.99	2.62	0.62	1.62	1.54	1.67	1.13
sp Q9NUD9 PIGV_HUMAN	GPI mannosyltransferase 2	109	<u>LSLRSCLLI</u>				0.78	0.68	0.82	1.26	0.99	0.67	0.65	1.88	1.1
sp Q9JPM8 AP4E1_HUMAN	AP-4 complex subunit epsilon-1	846	<u>FSLTSELLD</u>				0.42	0.18	0.44	1.57	1.85	0.91	0.33	1.14	0.91
sp Q68CQ1 MROH7_HUMAN	Maestro heat-like repeat-containing...	337	<u>LSLDSSELLF</u>				1.19	2.71	2.57	1.6	1.27	1.57	1.02	1.73	1.15
sp Q8NH41 OR4K1_HUMAN	Olfactory receptor 4K15	206	<u>LSLSSFLLL</u>				1.18	1.88	0.94	2.29	0.6	1.58	1.3	1.66	1.44
sp Q14771 ZN213_HUMAN	Zinc finger protein 213	410	<u>FSLRSYLLD</u>				1.22	-0.31	-0.11	1.23	1.75	0.43	0.36	0.91	1.16
sp Q43286 B4GT5_HUMAN	Beta-1,4-galactosyltransferase 5	22	<u>FSLSSLLY</u>				2.24	2.94	2.29	2.33	0.92	2.94	2.03	2.71	2.31
sp Q8N6C8 LIRA3_HUMAN	Leukocyte immunoglobulin-like recep...	208	<u>WSLPSDLLG</u>				0.39	0.17	1.92	0.05	1.15	-0.06	1.06	0.98	1.11
		54	<u>SLLSVLLSM</u>		17	F54	0.08	1.81	0.03	0.58	-0.44	1.52	0.74	1.6	1.25
sp Q9Y6C5 PTC2_HUMAN	Protein patched homolog 2	1105	<u>VLLPEVLLSI</u>				0.3	1.73	0.47	0.89	0.76	1.01	0.74	2.51	2.03
sp Q60241 AGR2_HUMAN	Adhesion G protein-coupled receptor...	19	<u>LLLSVILSL</u>				1.53	2.31	1.65	3.05	1.05	2.61	1.73	2.09	2.04
sp Q9P2K9 DISP3_HUMAN	Protein dispatched homolog 3	1207	<u>LLLPVLLSI</u>				0.43	1.79	0.59	1.01	0.9	1.13	0.87	2.56	2.08
sp Q86Y46 K2C73_HUMAN	Keratin, type II cytoskeletal 73	419	<u>ELLSVKLSL</u>				0.99	1.86	0.42	1.18	0.94	1.93	1.62	1.64	1.46
sp Q60423 AT8B3_HUMAN	Phospholipid-transporting ATPase I	1189	<u>LLLVLLSV</u>				1.28	1.89	1.21	2.03	1.24	2.19	1.28	2.21	2.61
sp A4D0T7 SIM30_HUMAN	Small integral membrane protein 30	33	<u>LLLGVLVSI</u>				1.65	2.2	1.76	1.98	1.01	1.68	1.18	1.86	1.59
sp Q8IWT1 SCN4B_HUMAN	Sodium channel subunit beta-4	23	<u>FLLPVLVSL</u>				2.06	2	2.57	2.38	1.55	1.76	1.69	2.78	2.4
sp Q15166 PON3_HUMAN	Serum paraoxonase/lactonase 3	8	<u>LLGVGLSL</u>				2.11	1.79	1.73	1.92	0.69	1.45	1.05	1.46	2.4
sp Q9NTG1 PKDRE_HUMAN	Polycystin family receptor for egg ...	8	<u>LLGVGLSL</u>				2.24	1.84	1.85	2.04	0.82	1.58	1.18	1.51	2.45
sp Q9BUM1 G6PC3_HUMAN	Glucose-6-phosphatase 3	153	<u>FLLAVGLSR</u>				2.55	2.57	2.47	2.03	2.24	2.74	1.72	2.66	2.48
sp Q86TG1 T150A_HUMAN	Transmembrane protein 150A	5	<u>LLPVSLSA</u>				1.56	1.72	2.33	1.73	1.07	1.56	1.62	2.5	2.42
sp P04118 COL_HUMAN	Colipase	6	<u>ILLVVALSV</u>				3.02	2.02	2.67	2.98	2.02	2.33	2.66	2.36	2.91
sp H3BQJ8 LY6L_HUMAN	Lymphocyte antigen 6L	125	<u>LLLVQGLSL</u>				2.82	1.91	2.25	2.25	1.56	1.44	1.95	2.74	2.61
sp P39060 COI1_HUMAN	Collagen alpha-1(XVIII) chain	534	<u>VLLGVLSG</u>				0.98	2.39	1.16	-0.27	1.99	1.07	2.09	2.04	2.21
sp O15120 PLCB_HUMAN	1-acyl-sn-glycerol-3-phosphate acyl...	14	<u>LLLVQLSR</u>				1.85	1.82	1.29	1.4	1.95	1.44	1.78	2.16	1.4
sp Q14667 BLTP2_HUMAN	Bridge-like lipid transfer protein ...	10	<u>VLLVVALSA</u>				2.64	1.96	2.73	2.13	1.98	2.05	2.72	2.3	2.61
sp Q95994 AGR2_HUMAN	Anterior gradient protein 2 homolog	9	<u>FLLVLSY</u>				2.9	2.65	2.7	2.12	1.92	2.58	2.69	2.97	2.57

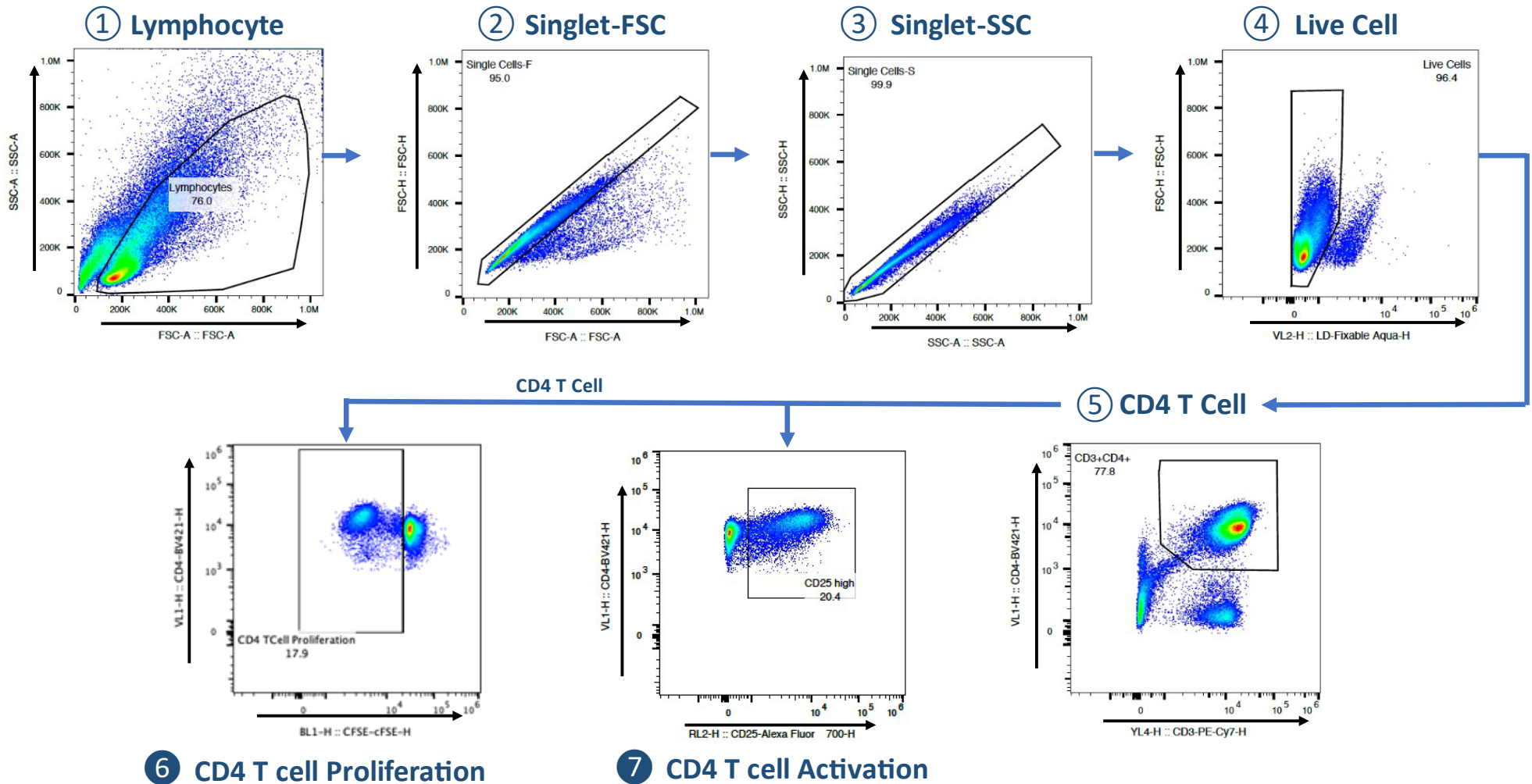
* Count of HUMAN JanusMatrix matches found in the search database. With respect to a given EpiMatrix Hit (a 9-mer contained within the input sequence which is predicted to bind to a specific allele), a Janus Matrix match is a 9-mer derived from the search database (typically the human genome) which is predicted to bind to the same allele as the EpiMatrix Hit and shares TCR facing contacts with the EpiMatrix Hit.

** Janus Homology Score represents the average depth of coverage in the search database for each EpiMatrix hit in the input sequence. For example, an input peptide with eight EpiMatrix hits, all of which have one match in the search database, has a Janus Homology Score of 1. An input peptide with four EpiMatrix Hits, all of which have two matches in the search database, has a Janus Homology Score of 2.

The JanusMatrix Homology Score considers all constituent 9-mers in any given peptide, including flanks.

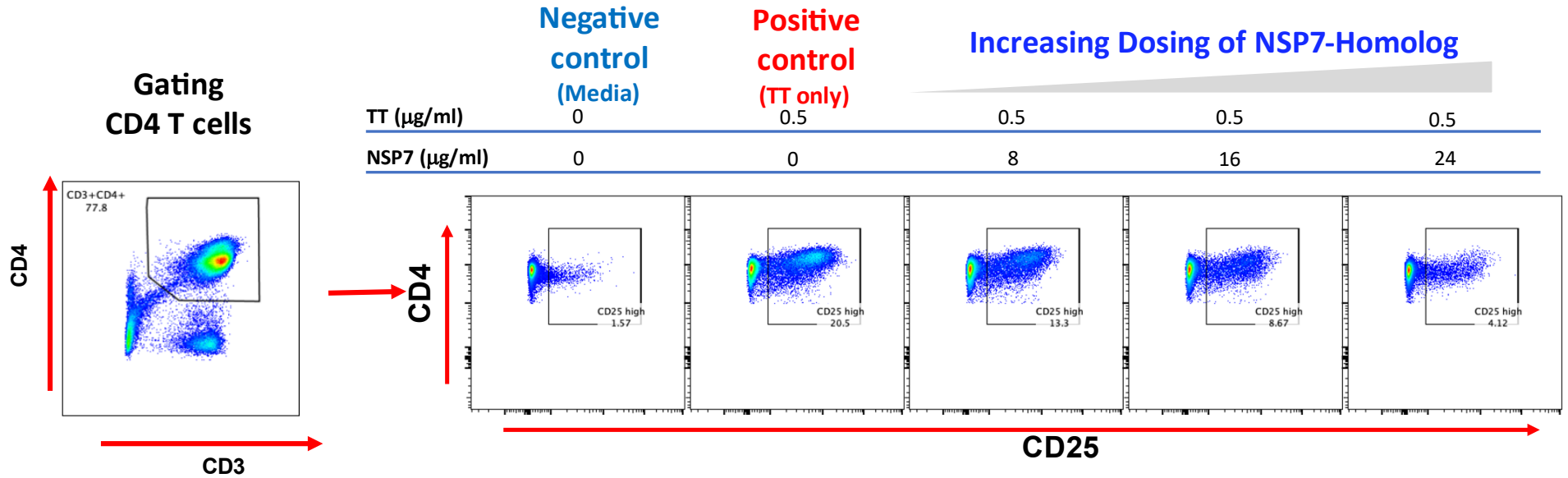
Supplement Figure S1. JanusMatrix Analysis of the SARS-CoV-2 NSP7- homolog of Tregitope 289 peptide. The JanusMatrix algorithm evaluates predicted MHC class II T cell epitopes for their homology to the human proteome. Here we observed that the NSP7 peptide (50-62) has shared homology to some common human protein sequences with a total of 73 human matches. Three epitopes were identified in frames 52, 53 and 54 that show significant cross-conservation. As shown in the above report frame 52 has 100% homology at the TCR-face (homologous amino acids are underlined) which corresponds to the well- characterized regulatory epitope, Tregitope 289, that is present in the constant region of human immunoglobulin (the 9-mer epitope is shown in the green box). Tregitope regulatory epitopes are highlighted in green in this report, and frames that predict binding across multiple alleles (≥ 4) are considered promiscuous epitopes and have a higher likelihood to impact a larger global population. Additionally, there is cross-conservation in frames 53 and 54, having 36 and 17 human matches, respectively; these epitopes may be contributing to the HLA binding and the suppressive capacity observed in our bystander suppressive T cell assays for this peptide.

Supplement Figure S2. Flow cytometry gating strategy for CD4 T cell proliferation and activation in the bystander suppression assays.



Supplement Figure S2. Gating strategy for CD4 T cell proliferation and activation. Healthy donors PBMCs were CFSE labelled at day0, then stimulated with 0.5 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of TT at day1, cultured for 6 days and stained with cell surface markers to identify CD4 T cell proliferation and activation. Initially lymphocyte populations were selected in side scatter (SSC) vs forward scatter (FSC) and doublets were excluded by flow scatter height vs area and side scatter height vs area plotting. Dead cells were then removed by live-dead staining. CD4 + T cells were selected by CD3+CD4+ positive markers and proliferation of CD4 T cells determined by CFSE dilution. Activation of CD4 T cells population was determined by the expression of CD25.

Supplement Figure S3. Representative FACS plot showing dose-dependent inhibition of CD4 T cell activation.



Supplement Figure S3. FACS plot showing dose-dependent inhibition of CD4 T cell activation. PBMC from healthy donors were stimulated with 0.5 µg/ml of TT with or without the addition of different concentrations of NSP7-Homolog peptide. Activation of CD4 T cells were measured six days post-stimulation by flow cytometry by the expression of activation marker CD25. FACS plot from a representative donor PBMC is shown here.