

**Table S1.** Genes differentially expressed in once- versus four-time stimulated Th1 cells

Affymetr_No	Gene symbol	Gene name	Fold change	t test P value
97994_at	Tcf7	Transcription factor 7, T cell specific	-50.7	6.47485E-09
104578_f_at	3110023F10Rik	RIKEN cDNA 3110023F10 gene	-11.9	7.10526E-09
102282_g_at	Tnfrsf7	TNF receptor superfamily, member 7	-7.2	3.15546E-05
160667_at	Evl	Ena-vasodilator stimulated phosphoprotein	-6.6	3.20332E-07
96672_at	2300002F06Rik	RIKEN cDNA 2300002F06 gene	3.4	0.000107159
95333_at	Il18rap	IL-18 receptor accessory protein	3.4	9.00834E-06
102914_s_at	Bcl2a1b	B cell leukemia/lymphoma 2 related protein A1b	3.5	2.70088E-07
97885_at	1810009M01Rik	RIKEN cDNA 1810009M01 gene	4.2	1.42213E-07
97949_at	Fgl2	fibrinogen-like protein 2	4.4	9.86764E-07
96605_at	0610011I04Rik	RIKEN cDNA 0610011I04 gene	4.7	9.8031E-07
99370_at	Klrc1	Killer cell lectin-like receptor subfamily C, member 1	7.5	4.1522E-07
103024_at	Adam8	A disintegrin and metalloprotease domain 8	9.9	7.20938E-06
99051_at	S100A4	S100 calcium binding protein A4	10.5	1.27979E-06
97519_at	Spp1	Secreted phosphoprotein 1	12.9	1.84635E-06
99957_at	Mmp9	Matrix metalloproteinase 9	19.0	9.75999E-07
98028_at	Twist1	Twist gene homolog, ( <i>Drosophila</i> )	38.8	7.14961E-05

Naïve DO11.10 cells were activated under Th1-polarizing conditions. The transcriptional profiles of resting 6-d-old Th1 cells and resting 24-d-old Th1 cells were compared using Affymetrix Murine Genome (MG) U74Av2 GeneChip arrays. The Affymetrix probe set ID (Affymetr\_No), mean fold change, significance of differential expression (t test), and mean signal intensity (Th1 6 d, Th1 24 d) of three arrays per group representing three independent cultures are shown. Genes were filtered according to the following criteria: fold change  $\geq 2$ ; difference of means  $\geq 200$ ; P value  $\leq 0.05$ .

**Table S2.** Clinical characteristics of patients in the study

Patient ID	Relative <i>twist1</i> mRNA	Sex (male/female)	Age (yr)	Sampling Date (mo/yr)	Disease duration (yr)	ESR	CRP (mg/l)
<b>Endoscopic biopsies from ulcerative colitis (UC) patients</b>							
UC1	414.8	m	48	01/04	3	103	0.4
UC1	195.7			04/04		88	0.3
UC2	47.6	m	30	05/04	9	63	1.7
UC3	32.8	f	38	11/04	8	94	9.13
UC4	27.3	f	33	12/04	6	NA	19.6
UC5	2.7	m	26	12/04	<1	NA	49.8
UC6	83.0	m	42	7/05	6	NA	3.5
UC7	47.4	m	44	8/05	5	NA	14.9
UC8	40.7	m	18	11/05	2	30	10
UC9	10.9	m	67	12/05	15	88	25
<b>Endoscopic biopsies from Crohn's disease patients</b>							
CD1	72.9	m	25	12/04	4	NA	43
CD2	27.9	f	45	2/05	11	NA	NA
CD3	23.8	f	41	3/05	<1	NA	114.4
CD4	31.8	f	22	7/05	3	NA	31.3
CD5	12.7	f	34	8/05	5	NA	53.4
CD6	13.3	f	21	11/05	5	27	10
CD7	27.8	f	39	12/05	10	95	18
<b>Synovial fluid from rheumatoid arthritis patients</b>							
RA1	30.8	m	68	03/04	1	NA	39.3
RA2	12.5	f	40	02/05	13	10	12.3
RA2	10.1			06/05		12	6
RA3	6.0	f	51	04/05	11	70	39
RA4	15.9	m	68	08/05	1	30	14
RA4	25.5			11/05		NA	NA
<b>Synovial fluid from reactive arthritis patients</b>							
ReA1	30.0	m	28	03/04	1	25	35
ReA2	7.4	m	43	06/05	<1	50	116.4
ReA3	9.2	m	31	11/05	1	10	0.3
<b>Synovial fluid of psoriatic arthritis patients</b>							
PsA1	54.9	m	55	03/04	10	9/22	0.3
PsA2	14.2	m	68	02/05	2	39	34
PsA3	32.7	m	50	07/05	19	NA	NA
PsA3	24.1			09/05		NA	NA
<b>Synovial fluid from ankylosing spondylitis patients</b>							
AS1	296.1	m	38	03/04	18	42	49
AS1	171.1			08/04		20	3
AS1	130.1			09/04		NA	NA
AS1	168.3			03/05		30	14.6
AS1	138.6			09/05		20	3.1
AS2	13.6	m	73	07/04	8	65	NA
AS2	9.4			12/04		NA	NA
AS3	2.4	m	20	12/04	5	70	86
AS4	61.3	m	27	02/05	18	NA	NA
AS5	5.5	m	21	10/05	1.5	80	4.5
<b>Not included in Fig. 5 B</b>							
Crohn's disease	15.5	NA	NA	08/04		surgical specimen	
Crohn's disease	45.9	NA	NA	11/05		surgical specimen	
Rheumatoid arthritis	40.8	NA	NA	08/04	NA	NA	NA
Rheumatoid arthritis	14.8	NA	NA	09/04	NA	NA	NA
undifferentiated SpA	37.9	f	37	02/05	1.5	20	2
undiff. SpA	12.8	m	44	09/06	NA	NA	NA
undiff. arthritis	3.0	m	48	8/05	1	18	6
Lyme arthritis	15.4	m	37	02/05	<1	38	7
Lyme arthritis	3.5	m	21	06/05	2	NA	NA
Juvenile RA	42.8	f	20	11/05	6	18	1.3

*Twist1* transcripts in CD3<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> cells purified from patient material were quantified after 3 h of restimulation with PMA/ionomycin. The mean expression of *twist1* mRNA in total peripheral CD3<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> cells from healthy donors was set to 1. ESR, erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR); CRP, C-reactive protein.

**Table S3.** Genes differentially expressed upon ectopic *twist1* overexpression

Affymetr_No	Gene symbol	Gene name	Fold change	t test P value	Vector	Twist1
1449216_at	Itgae	integrin, $\alpha$ E, epithelial-associated	5.8	0.003675582	45	257
1432466_a_at	Apoe	apolipoprotein E	3.5	0.000333012	173	425
1419532_at	Il1r2	IL-1 receptor, type II	2.8	1.90721E-13	784	2,192
1415812_at	Gsn	gelsolin	2.4	0.000427877	541	1,282
1427076_at	Mpeg1	macrophage expressed gene 1	2.1	0.027175171	168	377
1456393_at	Pdcd4	programmed cell death 4	2.0	0.000960162	800	1,573
1423089_at	Tmod3	tropomodulin 3	2.0	2.63289E-06	422	875
1426519_at	P4ha1	procollagen-proline, 2-oxoglutarate 4-dioxygenase	1.9	0.030113345	233	445
1415947_at	Creg	cellular repressor of E1A-stimulated genes	1.9	2.00686E-06	832	1,571
1448710_at	Cxcr4	chemokine (C-X-C motif) receptor 4	1.8	0.029381152	237	529
1455976_x_at	Dbi	diazepam binding inhibitor	1.7	0.001908118	1,340	2,276
1450194_a_at	Myb	myeloblastosis oncogene	1.7	0.006922509	221	443
1417302_at	Rcor	RE1-silencing transcription factor co-repressor	1.7	0.013680996	173	384
1428301_at	2610042L04Rik	RIKEN cDNA 2610042L04 gene	1.7	4.57606E-05	394	707
1438390_s_at	Pttg1	pituitary tumor-transforming 1	1.7	0.001249245	625	1,044
1418126_at	Ccl5	chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 5	1.6	0.014298725	937	1,699
1448021_at	ESTmz98f08.r1	ESTmz98f08.r1	1.6	0.015998701	806	1,337
1418744_s_at	Tesc	tescalcin	1.6	6.11991E-05	841	1,507
1424112_at	Igf2r	insulin-like growth factor 2 receptor	1.6	0.010457946	731	1,132
1460419_a_at	Prkcb	protein kinase C, $\beta$	1.6	0.006315009	487	815
1419550_a_at	Stk39	serine/threonine kinase 39, STE20/SPS1 homologue	1.6	0.002358995	321	528
1425923_at	Nmyc1	neuroblastoma myc-related oncogene 1	1.6	0.003631455	7,548	11,408
1449109_at	Socs2	suppressor of cytokine signaling 2	1.6	0.001896075	805	1,319
1426397_at	Tgfbr2	TGF $\beta$ receptor II	1.6	0.000741228	2,286	3,306
1426970_a_at	Ube1l	ubiquitin-activating enzyme E1-like	1.6	0.030406184	297	511
1422414_a_at	Calm2	calmodulin 2	1.6	1.80435E-08	1,587	2,338
1433504_at	Pygb	brain glycogen phosphorylase	1.5	0.00183523	514	757
1450662_at	Tesk1	testis specific protein kinase 1	1.5	0.000560519	766	1,187
1450446_a_at	Socs1	suppressor of cytokine signaling 1	1.5	0.000193353	936	1,366
1455065_x_at	Gnpda1	glucosamine-6-phosphate deaminase 1	-1.5	0.00169187	1,430	956
1448548_at	Tulp4	tubby like protein 4	-1.5	2.19399E-05	1,144	820
1452026_a_at	Pla2g12a	phospholipase A2, group XIIA	-1.5	0.013979562	1,228	826
1449990_at	Il2	IL-2	-1.5	0.000138665	8,582	5,654
1449273_at	Cyfp2	cytoplasmic FMR1 interacting protein 2	-1.5	0.000719924	1,325	983
1417240_at	Zyx	zyxin	-1.5	0.000445837	876	601
1425787_a_at	Sytl3	synaptotagmin-like 3	-1.5	6.82725E-06	2,239	1,478
1426245_s_at	Mapre2	microtubule-associated protein, RP/EB family, 2	-1.5	0.022816609	1,224	791
1417679_at	Gfi1	growth factor independent 1	-1.5	8.3341E-05	2,506	1,619
1423467_at	Ms4a4b	membrane-spanning 4-domains A, member 4B	-1.5	0.001242527	4,717	3,005
1456226_x_at	Ddr1	discoidin domain receptor family, member 1	-1.6	0.004473965	593	367
1425947_at	Ifng	interferon $\gamma$	-1.6	0.018605196	6,646	4,323
1426816_at	Ccdc64	coiled-coil domain containing 64	-1.6	0.000603641	705	438
1422473_at	Pde4b	phosphodiesterase 4B, cAMP specific	-1.6	1.66039E-05	1,133	627
1420965_a_at	Enc1	ectodermal-neural cortex 1	-1.7	0.001533107	1,510	894
1421065_at	Jak2	Janus kinase 2	-1.8	1.41758E-07	4,700	2,734
1419561_at	Ccl3	chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 3	-1.8	0.03228739	3,034	1,616
1450387_s_at	Ak3l1	adenylate kinase 3 alpha-like 1	-1.8	5.09427E-06	744	427
1415995_at	Casp6	caspase 6	-1.8	0.000232808	1,137	573
1419412_at	Xcl1	chemokine (C motif) ligand 1	-1.9	0.001140306	2,274	1,208
1422812_at	Cxcr6	chemokine (C-X-C motif) receptor 6	-1.9	0.000118139	739	375
1416593_at	Glrx1	glutaredoxin 1 (thioltransferase)	-2.0	0.000130173	853	444
1449911_at	Lag3	lymphocyte-activation gene 3	-2.0	0.000660697	1,455	638
1416899_at	Utf1	undifferentiated embryonic cell transcription factor 1	-2.0	0.000102794	663	378
1416926_at	Trp53inp1	transformation related p53 inducible nuclear protein 1	-2.1	0.00167533	2,514	1,087
1421578_at	Ccl4	chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 4	-2.1	0.000600675	7,169	3,053
1419247_at	Rgs2	regulator of G-protein signaling 2	-2.2	8.12651E-06	830	385
1416871_at	Adam8	a disintegrin and metalloprotease domain 8	-2.5	0.000112885	716	281
1417256_at	Mmp13	matrix metalloproteinase 13	-3.4	1.70802E-06	689	190

Splenic DO11.10 cells were activated *in vitro* with the cognate peptide OVA<sub>327-339</sub> in the presence of 1 ng/ml IL-12 and 1 ng/ml IL-2. On day 2, cells were infected with control virus or *twist1*-encoding virus. On day 5, cells were sorted according to expression of the viral marker gene *gfp*. Cells were restimulated for 4 h with PMA/ionomycin. The transcriptional profiles of duplicates of cultures were compared using Affymetrix Murine Genome (MG) 430A 2.0 GeneChip arrays. The Affymetrix probe set ID (Affymetr\_No), mean fold change, significance of differential expression (*t* test), and mean signal intensity (Vector, Twist1) of two arrays per group are shown. Genes were filtered according to the following criteria: fold change  $\geq 1.5$ ; difference of means  $\geq 200$ ; P value  $\leq 0.05$ ; and excluding immunoglobulin genes.

**Table S4.** *Twist1* knock-down results in a higher inflammatory response in murine arthritis

Mouse	Acute inflammation					Chronic inflammation			Sum	
	Exudate	Gran. inf. SM	Fibrin	Periart. gran.	Hyperpl.	Mono. inf SM	Peri. mono.	Cartilage destr.	Acute	Chronic
scrT1	0	1	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	1	0.5
scrT2	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	4
scrT3	0	1	1	0	0	0.5	0	0	2	0.5
scrT4	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	1
scrT5	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	1
Twist1	1	1	1	1	0	1.5	1	0	4	2.5
Twist2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	5	4
Twist3	1	2	1	1	1	1.5	1	0	5	3.5
Twist4	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	7	4
Twist5	2	3	1	1	0	2	2	1	7	4

After i.v. cell transfer of 12-d-old GFP<sup>+</sup> DO11.10 Th1 cells expressing *twist1*-targeting shRNA (Twist1–5) or scrambled *twist1* control shRNA (scrT1–5), arthritis was induced in the recipient SCID mice by intraarticular injection of cationized OVA into the knee joint. 21 d later, knee joint sections were stained for hematoxylin/ eosin and scored for exudates, granulocyte infiltration (gran. inf. SM), hyperplasia (hyperpl.), fibroblast proliferation/ mononuclear cell infiltration (mono. inf. SM), periarticular mononuclear cell infiltration (peri. mono.; each scoring 0–3), bone/cartilage destruction (scoring 0–4), and an additional score of 1 for fibrin deposition and periarticular granulocyte infiltration (periart. gran), resulting in a maximum score of 21.

**Table S5.** Primer sequences

<b>Construction of shRNA-expression retrovirus</b>	
XbaI EF1aGFP forward	TTCTAGAGACGATAAGCTTTGCAAAGATG
EcoR5 EF1aGFP reverse	TGATATCCATATGACTAGTCCCCGAAGTTG
shTwist1 forward	TGCTGAGCAAGATTCAGACCTTCAAGAGAGGTCTGAATCTTGCTCAGCTTTTTTC
shTwist1 reverse	TCGAGAAAAAAGCTGAGCAAGATTCAGACCTCTCTTGAAGGTCTGAATCTTGCTCAGCA
scr shTwist1 forward	TGCTATCGAGAAGATCAGCCTTCAAGAGAGGTCTGATCTTCTCGATAGCTTTTTTC
scr shTwist1 reverse	TCGAGAAAAAAGCTATCGAGAAGATCAGCCTCTCTTGAAGGTCTGATCTTCTCGATAGCA
XhoI U6shRNA forward	TATCTCGAGCAGAGATCCAGTTTGGTTAGTACC
U6shRNA reverse	TAGGTCCCTCGACCTGCTGG
<b>Construction of protein expression retrovirus</b>	
BglII mTbet forward	ATGGAAGATCTATGGGCATCGTGGAGCC
XhoI mTbet reverse	ATCCGCTCGAGTCAGTTGGGAAAATAATTATAAAAC
BglII mTwist1 forward	GAAGATCTATGATGCAGGACGTGTCCAGC
XhoI mTwist reverse	ATCCGCTCGAGCTAGTGGGACGCGGACATGG
BglII hMikBa forward	ATGGAAGATCTATGTTCCAGGCGGCCGA
Sall hMikBa reverse	TTCGTGCGACTATAACGTCAGACGCTGGC
<b>Real-time PCR</b>	
Murine HPRT forward	GCTGGTGAAAAGGACCTCT
Murine HPRT reverse	CACAGGACTAGAACACCTGC
Murine Twist2 forward	GCATCCTGGCCAACGTGC
Murine Twist2 reverse	TCCATGCGCCACACGGAG
Murine Twist1 forward	CGCACGCAGTCGCTGAACG
Murine/hum Twist1 reverse	GACGCGGACATGGACCAGG
Human Twist1 forward	GGCACCCAGTCGCTGAACG
Human UbcH5 forward	TCTTGACAATTCATTTCCCAACAG
Human UbcH5 reverse	TCAGGCACTAAAGGATCATCTGG