

Supplementary Figure 1.

Immunodominant epitope profiles of human S-Ag protein for HLA-DR4 alleles. Spleen cells from S-Ag immunized mice were used in an in-vitro lymphocyte proliferation assay in the presence of 25μ M of each of 20 amino acid long overlapping synthetic 20mer peptides spanning the human S-Ag protein sequence, and whole S-Ag protein (20μ g/ml). [³H] Thymidine uptake by cells was plotted after subtracting the background counts in cells cultured in the absence of antigen (average background counts \leq 5000 cpm). Data shown is the average (with standard deviation) of five individual mice for each strain.