

Figure S1. Production of TNF- α and IFN- γ is diminished in p38 α ^{Y323F} and p38 α β ^{Y323F} T cells
 (A) Purified lymph node T cells were stimulated with plate-bound α -CD3/ α -CD28 antibodies for 24 hr and IFN- γ detected by intracellular staining. The gray histograms represents unstimulated cells, and the numbers indicated the percentage of positive cells. (B) T cells were cultured as in (A) and TNF- α was detected by intracellular staining. (C and D) Summary of three independent experiments for percentage and Δ MFI of IFN- γ - and TNF- α -positive cells. The bars represent the mean \pm SEM.

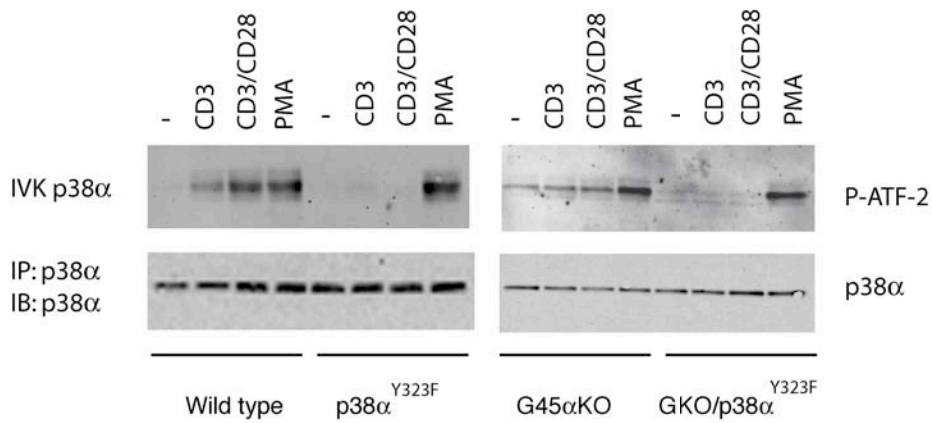
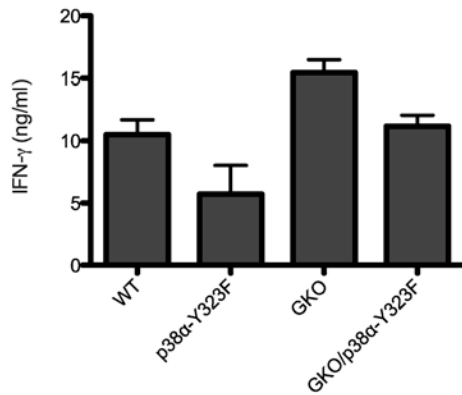
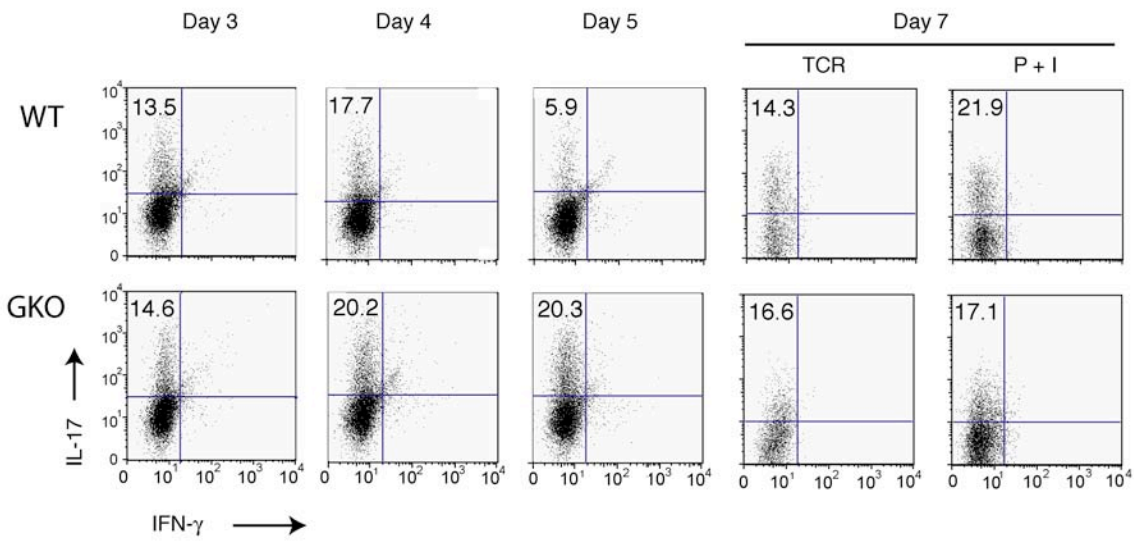


Figure S2. Introduction of p38 α^{Y323F} into Gadd45 α -deficient T cells prevents spontaneous and TCR-induced p38 α activity. T cells purified from lymph nodes of wild type, p38 α^{Y323F} , Gadd45 α KO (GKO), and GKO/p38 α^{Y323F} mice were stimulated with plate-bound α -CD3/ α -CD28 for 30 min or with PMA for 10 min. p38 α was immunoprecipitated from detergent lysates and an in vitro kinase assay was performed using ATF-2 as substrate.

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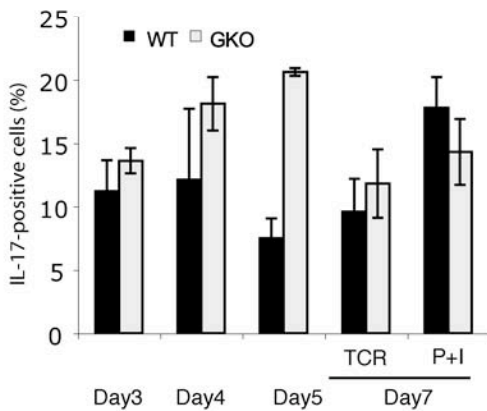


Figure S3. *Gadd45 α* knockout effector T cells express more IFN- α and IL-17 than WT T cells.

(A) Purified lymph node T cells from wild type, p38 α ^{Y323F}, *Gadd45 α* KO, and GKO/p38 α ^{Y323F} mice were stimulated with plate-bound α -CD3/ α -CD28 for 48 hr and IFN- γ production was assessed by ELISA. The data represent the mean \pm SEM. (B) WT and GKO T cells were cultured under Th17 skewing conditions and stained for intracellular IL-17 and IFN- γ on days 3, 4, and 5. A portion of the cells was differentiated into Th17 for 4 days, cultured with IL-2 for two days, rested overnight, and re-stimulated with α -CD3 or P+I for 6 hr. (C) Summary of two independent experiments. Bars