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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION FIGURE 2. Inverse relationship between RAE1ε** and MHC class I expression. (A) RMA-S/RAE1ε<sup>hi</sup> and RMA-S/RAE1ε<sup>lo</sup> cells were stained with a RAE1ε-specific or secondary antibody and analyzed by flow cytometry. (B) RMA/control, RMA-S/RAE1ε<sup>hi</sup> and RMA-S/RAE1ε<sup>lo</sup> cells were cultured with or without SIINFEKL peptide (1μM) for 16 hours and stained with a H-2K<sup>b</sup>-specific antibody. The MFIs of H-2K<sup>b</sup> staining are shown.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION FIGURE 3. Ectopic expression of RAE1ε results in decreased MHC class I surface expression. (A) The RMA-S/Control and RMA-S/RAE1ε cell lines were cultured with or without SIINFEKL peptide (1μM) for 16 hours, stained with a H-2D<sup>b</sup>-specific antibody and analyzed by flow cytometry. (B) The 9601/control and 9601/RAE1ε cell lines were cultured with or without IFN-γ (1000U/ml) for 48 h, stained with a H-2D<sup>b</sup>-specific antibody, and analyzed by flow cytometry. (C) Total PBMC from RAE1ε transgenic (n=9) and non-transgenic (n=9) mice were stained with H-2K<sup>b</sup>-specific (left panel) or H-2D<sup>b</sup>-specific (right panel) antibodies and analyzed by flow cytometry. (D) PBMC from (C) gated on CD3ε<sup>+</sup> cells. (E) PBMC from (C) gated on B220<sup>+</sup> cells. \*p<0.01, \*\*p<0.05.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION FIGURE 4. MHC class I expression on target cells.** The target cells used in Fig. 2E were stained with a H-2K<sup>b</sup>-specific antibody and analyzed by flow cytometry.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION FIGURE 5. MHC class I expression on RAW 264.7 cells.** Untransfected RAW 264.7 cells were stained with an H-2D<sup>k</sup> antibody.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION FIGURE 6.** Ectopic expression of RAE1ɛ does not decrease total MHC class I expression. RMA/control and RMA/RAE1ɛ cells were fixed, permeabilized, and stained with a H-2K<sup>b</sup>-specific antibody and analyzed by flow cytometry. The MFIs of H-2K<sup>b</sup> staining are shown.

## **Supplementary Materials and Methods**

Cell line generation

RMA-S/RAE1 $\epsilon^{hi}$  and RMA-S/RAE1 $\epsilon^{lo}$  cell lines were isolated by sorting for different levels of EGFP expression using a FACSVantage SE cell sorter (BD Biosciences).

## Antibodies

Control mouse IgG2b (clone 27-35) and rat IgG2a (clone # R35-95) were purchased from BD Biosciences. H-2D<sup>b</sup>-specific (clone #KH95), CD3ε-specific (clone #500A2), and B220-specific (clone # RA3-6B2) antibodies were purchased from BD Biosciences.

## Intracellular staining

Cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (Sigma-Aldrich) and permeabilized with 0.01 Saponin (Sigma-Aldrich). They were then stained with antibody and analyzed on a FACScan (BD Biosciences.