Supplemental Figure 1



Supplemental Data Figure 1

Flow cytometric staining of tetramer positive CD4⁺ T cells and intracellular cytokines.

(A) (Left) CD44 and InsB_{10-23r3}:I-A^{g7} staining from CD4⁺ (top) and CD8⁺ T cells (bottom) from the spleen and non-draining LNs of a non-diabetic NOD. (Right) Double tetramer staining with the InsB_{10-23r3}:I-A^{g7} tetramers in PE and allophycocyanin (APC). Data is representative of fifty-two mice from fifteen independent experiments. Cells were gated on singlet⁺, CD3⁺,B220⁻, CD11b⁻, CD11c⁻, and CD4⁺ or CD8⁺ cells.

(B) Flow cytometry plots from the spleen combined with non-draining LNs, pancreatic LN (pLN), or pancreas of non-diabetic NOD (20 week old non-diabetic mouse representative of 8 mice from five experiments) and B6.g7 (21 week old mouse representative of 8 mice from three experiments). Double tetramer staining with the InsB_{10-23r3}:I-A^{g7} tetramers in PE and APC. Cells were gated on singlet⁺, CD3⁺, B220⁻, CD11b⁻, CD11c⁻, and CD4⁺.

(C) Flow cytometry plots from the spleen combined with non-draining LNs and the pLN of a NOD mouse primed with whole insulin protein emulsified in CFA ($25\mu g/mouse$). (Top) Double tetramer staining with the InsB_{10-23r3}:I-A^{g7} tetramers in PE and APC. Cells were gated on singlet⁺, CD3⁺ B220⁻, CD11b⁻, CD11c⁻, and CD4⁺. (Bottom) CD44 and PD-1 expression on insulin-specific CD4+ T cells from the upper right quadrant of the top flow plot. Cells are gated on singlet⁺, CD3⁺, B220⁻, CD11b⁻, CD11c⁻, and CD4⁺ InsB_{10-23r3}:I-A^{g7} PE⁺ and APC⁺. Data are representative of 14 NOD and 14 B6.g7 mice (9-10 weeks old) from five independent experiments.

(D) Frequency of CD44^{high} or CD44^{low} insulin-specific CD4⁺ T cells from combined SLO (spleen+nondraining LN+pLN) producing IFNγ. Data are compiled from nine experiments with B6.g7 (n=12), nondiabetic NOD (n=28), and diabetic NOD (n=9). Cells were gated on singlet⁺, B220⁻, CD11b⁻, CD11c⁻, CD4⁺, CD8a⁻, InsB_{10-23r3}:I-A^{g7}-PE⁺ and InsB_{10-23r3}:I-A^{g7}-APC⁺ and either CD44^{high} or CD44^{low}.

(E) Frequency of effector phenotype (FR4⁻CD73⁻CD44^{high}Foxp3⁻) and anergic phenotype (FR4⁺CD73⁺ CD44^{high}Foxp3⁻) IFN γ -producing CD4⁺ T cells from the spleen of pre-diabetic NOD mice following 2-4 hours in vivo stimulation with 100 µg anti-CD3 intravenously (clone 145-2C11, Bio X Cell). Data are compiled from three independent experiments with a total n=15 mice.

(F) Flow cytometric plots of cytokine staining from insulin-specific CD4⁺ T cells (top) compared to polyclonal CD4⁺ CD44^{high} cells (bottom). Cells were pooled from pLN, spleen, and non-draining LNs of non-diabetic NOD or B6.g7 mice. Data are representative of nine experiments with B6.g7 (n=12), non-diabetic NOD (n=28), and diabetic NOD (n=9). Cells were gated on singlet⁺, B220⁻, CD11b⁻, CD11c⁻, CD4⁺, CD8a⁻, CD44^{high}, InsB_{10-23r3}:I-A^{g7} PE⁺ and APC⁺ cells (Top row), or singlet⁺, B220⁻, CD11b⁻, CD11c⁻, CD4⁺, CD8a⁻. tetramer⁻, CD44^{high} (bottom row).

Supplemental Table I. Quantification of insulin-specific CD4⁺ T cells in NOD and B6.g7 mice.

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NOD	Spleen+non-draining LNs	Pancreatic LN	Pancreas
3 wks	200 ± 26	185 ± 35	2.5 ± 1
5 wks	355 ± 36	211 ± 19	1.8 ± 0.6
14 wks	1416 ± 739	377 ± 71	130 ± 79
20 wks	618 ± 72	183 ± 33	24 ± 10
Diabetic	1156 ± 486	356 ± 64	182 ± 83
B6.g7	Spleen+non-draining LNs	Pancreatic LN	Pancreas
3 wks	159 ± 36	28 ± 6	0 ± 0
5 wks	166 ± 19	102 ± 18	0 ± 0
20 wks	184 ± 22	86 ± 27	0 ± 0

A. Total Tetramer positive cells

B. CD44^{high} Tetramer positive cells

NOD	Spleen+non-draining LNs	Pancreatic LN
3 wks	69 ± 16	48 ± 18
5 wks	122 ± 16	132 ± 19
14 wks	878 ± 588	201 ± 49
20 wks	218 ± 47	53 ± 10
Diabetic	605 ± 336	139 ± 43
B6.g7	Spleen+non-draining LNs	Pancreatic LN
3 wks	8 ± 2.5	3 ± 1
5 wks	11 ± 3.5	6 ± 3
20 wks	13 ± 4	5 ± 1.5

(**A**) InsB_{10-23r3}:I-A^{g7} cells that bind both the PE and allophycocyanin (APC) tetramer (double positive) in the spleen and non-dLNs, pLN, and pancreas of NOD and B6.g7 mice. Cells are gated on singlet+, CD3⁺, B220⁻, CD11b⁻, CD11c⁻, CD4⁺, CD8a⁻, InsB_{10-23r3}:I-A^{g7} PE⁺ and InsB_{10-23r3}:I-A^{g7} APC⁺. Non-diabetic NOD data at 3 weeks (n=9), 5 weeks (n=13), 14 weeks (n=13), and 20 weeks (n=17). Diabetic NOD data is from six mice. Data from B6.g7 mice at 3 weeks (n=4), 5 weeks (n=7), and 20 weeks (n=8). (**B**) Cells from (A) are gated on CD44^{high}.