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Supporting Information Figure 1: Representation of the killing of specific  $CD8^+$ T-cells by tetramer conjugated saporin, a ribonuclease inactivating protein. Upon binding of the MHC class I tetramer to the TCR on a  $CD8^+$  T-cell, the tetramer will be internalized. In the lysosomal compartment it will dissociate and the saporin will travel to the ribosomes, leading to inactivation and death of the specific  $CD8^+$  Tcell.



Supporting Information Figure 2: Depletion of M38-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T-cells in organs. C57BL/6 mice were infected (i.v) with  $1x10^6$  pfu MCMV; 50 days post infection, mice were injected with either M38-teramer-saporin or M38-teramer-PE, lymphocytes harvested from the liver, lung and spleen. (A) Time course for M38-(red) and M45- (blue) specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells after injection with M38-teramer-saporin, and M38- (orange) and M45- (light blue) specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells after injection with M38-teramer-PE. Lymphocytes were harvested from the liver, lung and spleen at 0, 2, and 6 days post injection, stained with tetramers, and analysed by flow cytometry. (B) Representative flow cytometry plots of M38-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and M45-specific CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells 50 days after MCMV infection and 2 and 6 days after either M38-teramer-PE injection. (A and B) Data represent mean percentages of live tetramer<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes ((mean ± SEM) of n=6/group and are pooled from 2 independent experiments).







Supporting Information Figure 4: Phenotype of specific CD8+ T-cells after M38tetramer-saporin injection. C57BL/6 mice were infected (i.v) with  $1x10^6$  pfu MCMV. 50 days post infection mice were injected with M38-teramer-saporin, indicated by yellow arrow. lymphocytes harvested from the spleen, liver, lung and blood, and stained with M38- and M45-Tetramer and the indicated marker. Data represent mean percentages of live tetramer<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes and the indicated marker ((mean ± SEM) of n=6/group and are pooled from 2 independent experiments).



**Supporting Information Figure 5: Depletion of M45-specific CD8+ T-cells.** C57BL/6 mice were infected (i.v) with  $1 \times 10^6$  pfu MCMV; 50 days post infection, mice were injected with M45-teramer-saporin, indicated by yellow arrow; mice were bled over a time course. (A) Time course for M38- (red) and M45- (blue) specific CD8+ T-cells after injection with M45-teramer-Saporin, Mice were bled post injection, stained with tetramers, and analysed by flow cytometry. Mean percentages of live tetramer+ CD8+ lymphocytes are indicated. (B) Representative flow cytometry plots of M38- and M45-specific CD8+ T-cells, 52 and 71 days after MCMV infection (2 and 11 days after M45-tetramer-saporin injection, respectively). (A and B) Data represent mean percentages of live tetramer<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> T lymphocytes ((mean ± SEM) of n=6/group and are pooled from 2 independent experiments).