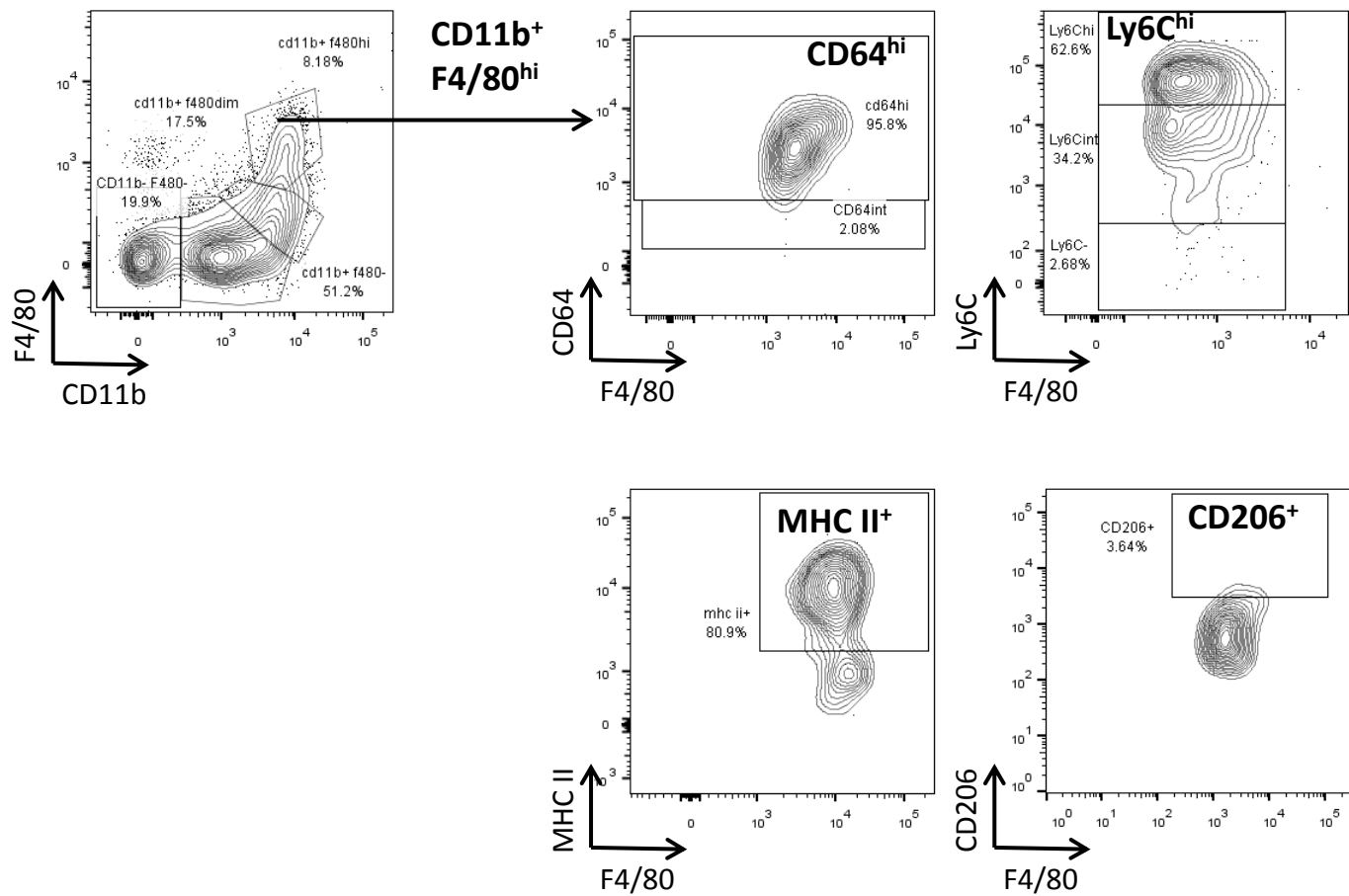


FACS gating strategy and representative plots

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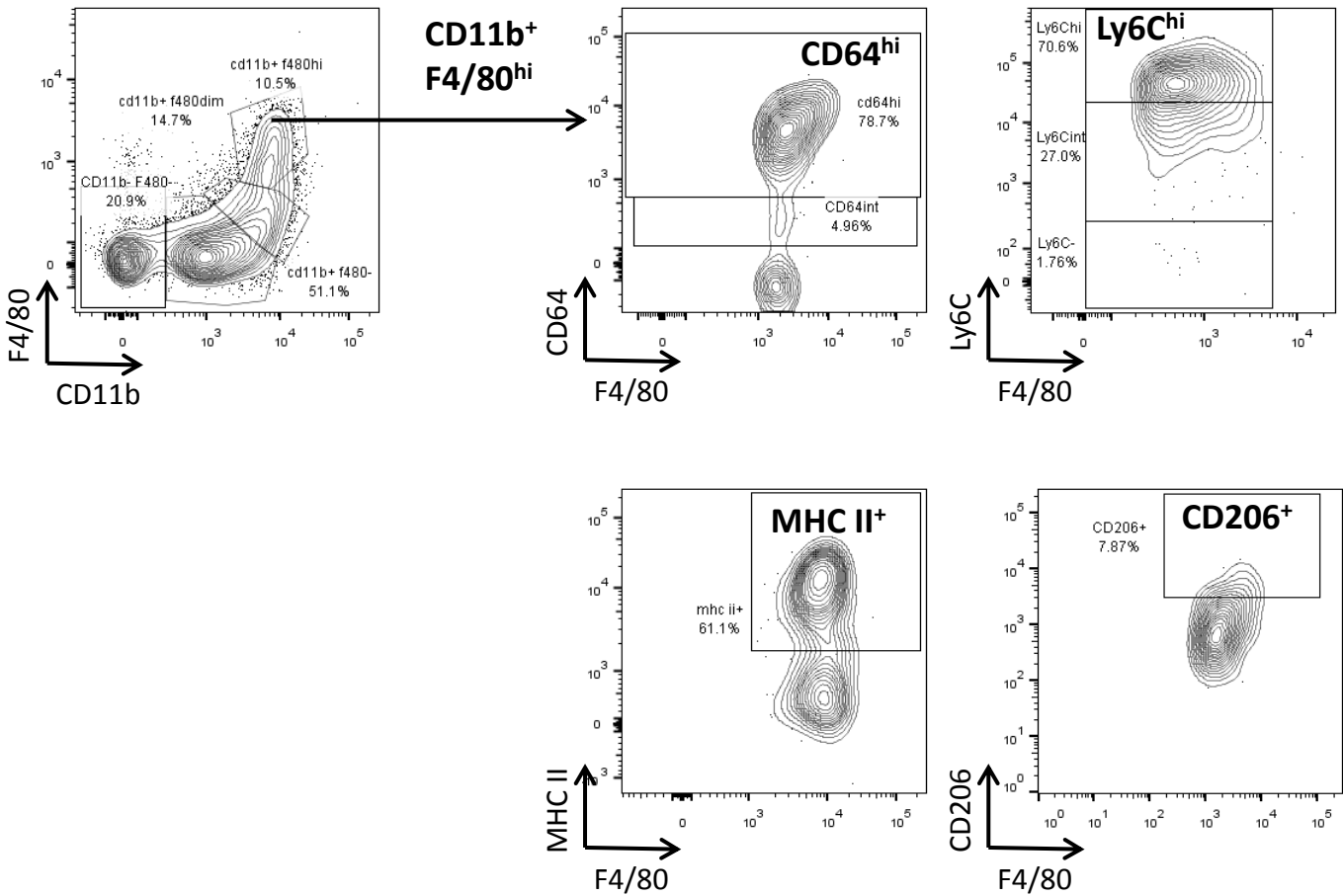
Gating strategy used to identify macrophage populations in the inflamed knee.

Images show representative plots of mBSA challenged joints collected at day two of AIA. A viability dye was used to exclude dead cells from the analysis. All samples were first gated on haematopoietic CD45⁺ live cells. Gates were set based on FMO (fluorescence minus one) controls excluding any background staining or autofluorescence. Macrophages were defined as CD11b⁺ F4/80^{hi} and then analysed for expression of CD64, Ly6C, MHC II and CD206.

Macrophages IRF5 KO mBSA, gated on FMOs

Day 2

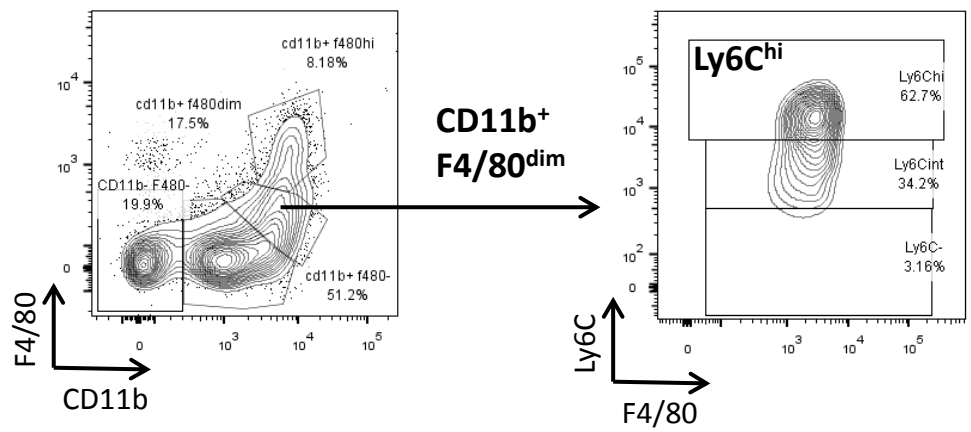
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Monocytes WT mBSA, gated on FMOs

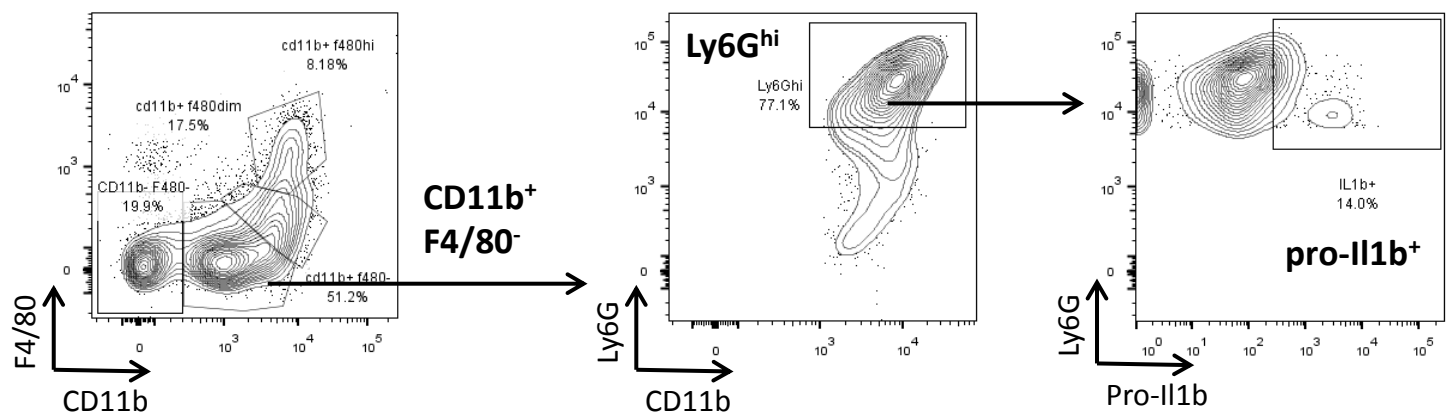
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Neutrophils WT mBSA, gated on FMOs

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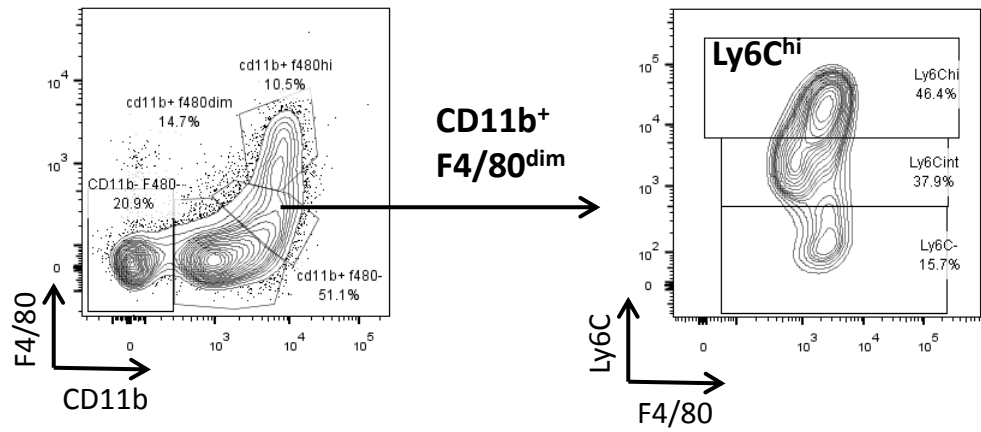
Gating strategy applied to detect monocytes and neutrophils in the challenged knee joint.

Plots are representative for mBSA knees collected at day two of AIA. Using a viability dye dead cells were excluded from the analysis. All samples were gated on haematopoietic CD45⁺ live cells before sub-gating. FMO controls were used to set all gates. Monocytes were defined as CD11b⁺ F4/80^{dim} and Ly6C expression was analysed. Neutrophils were generally defined as CD11b⁺ F4/80⁻ Ly6G^{hi} and pro-IL1beta allowed for identification of activated neutrophils.

Monocytes IRF5 KO mBSA, gated on FMOs

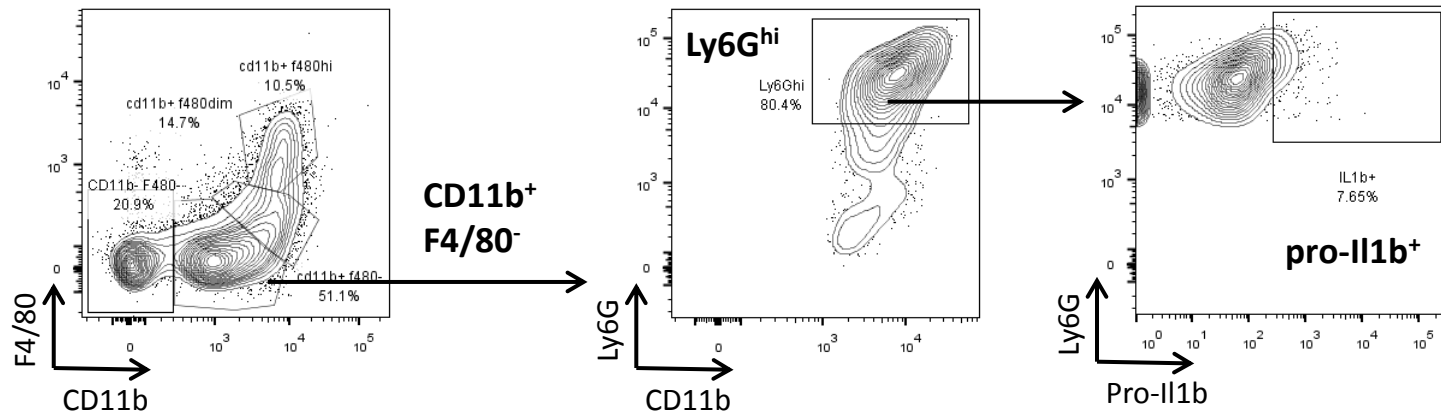
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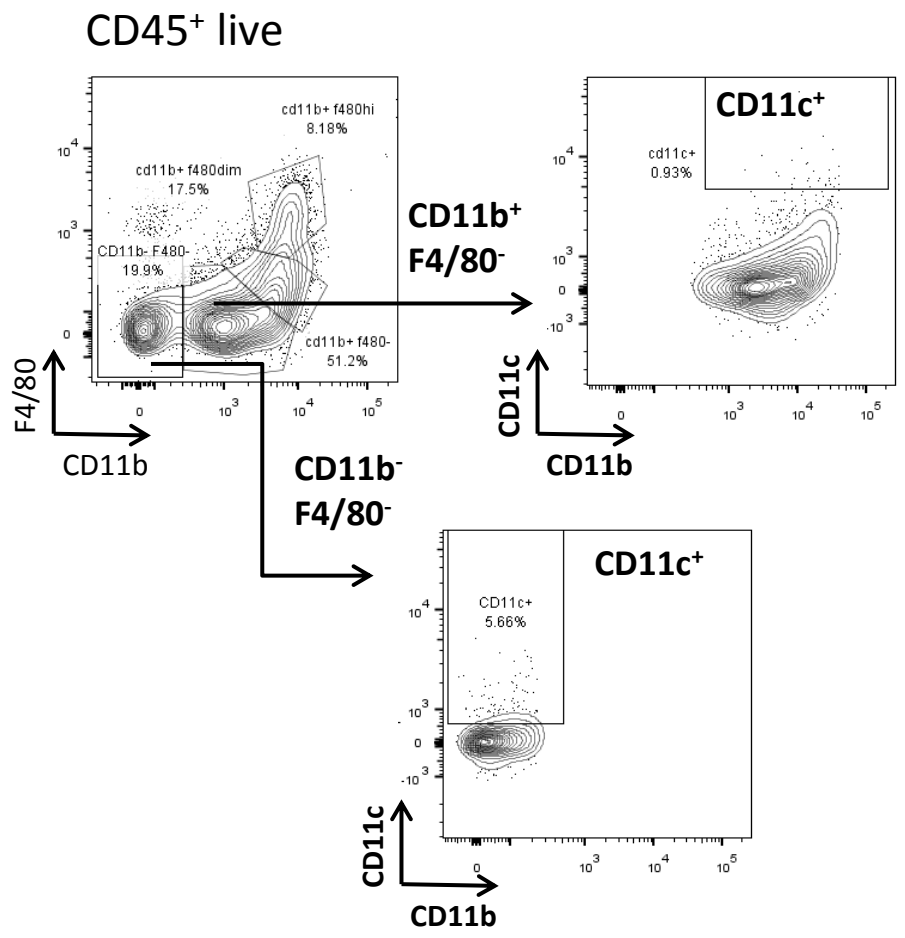


Neutrophils IRF5 KO mBSA, gated on FMOs

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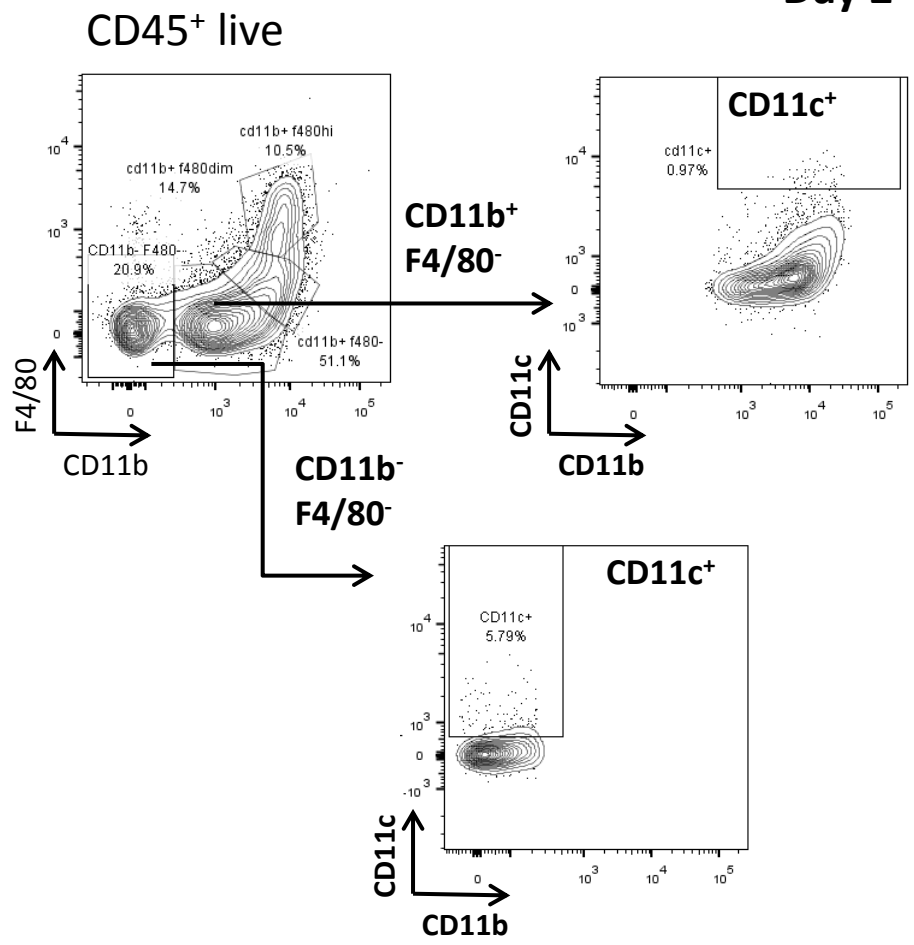


DCs WT mBSA, gated on FMOs



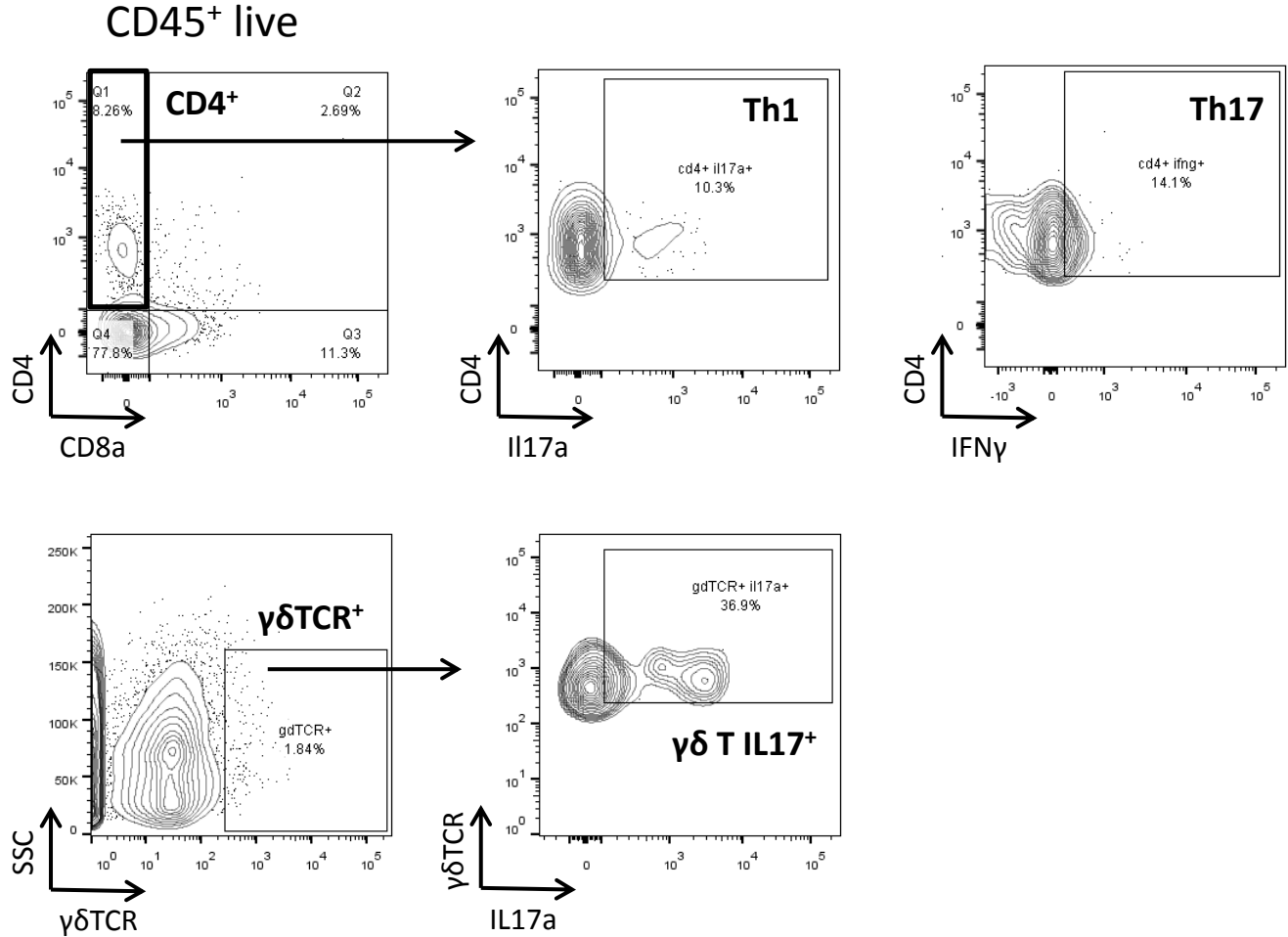
DCs IRF5 KO mBSA, gated on FMOs

Day 2



Representative FACS plots for the dendritic cell gating strategy.

Images shown are from mBSA knees collected after two days of AIA. Samples were gated on haematopoietic CD45⁺ live cells prior to further gating. Gates were set based on background staining in FMO controls. Two DC populations were identified based on their CD11c expression in either the CD11b⁺ F4/80⁻ or CD11b⁻ F4/80⁻ gates.



Gating strategy used to identify T-cell subsets in the inflamed knee.

Images shown are representative plots of mBSA challenged joints collected at day seven of AIA. A viability dye was used to exclude dead cells from the analysis and all samples were first gated on haematopoietic CD45⁺ live cells. Gates were set based on FMO controls. **A.** T-cells were gated as CD4⁺ CD8a⁻ and then further gated on IL17a and IFN γ expression to identify T-cell subsets. **B.** IL17a producing $\gamma\delta$ T-cells were first gated on $\gamma\delta$ TCR expression and then IL17a staining.

T-cells IRF5 KO mBSA, gated on FMOs, day 7

Day 7

