

Supplemental Figures

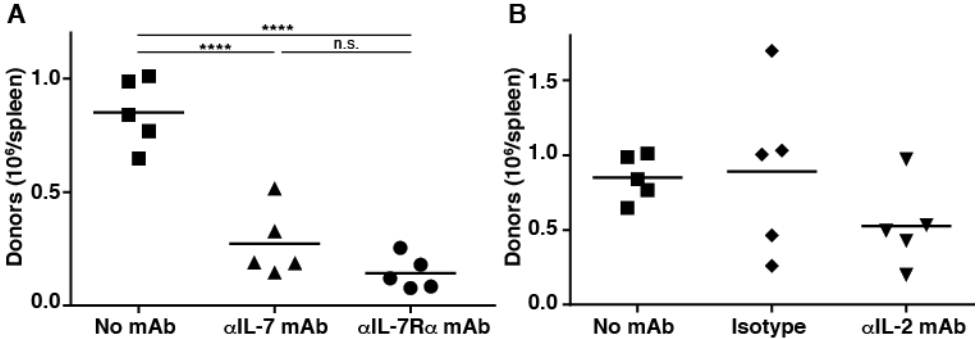


Figure S1. Blockade of IL-7 but not IL-2 reduces engraftment of IL-12 conditioned (Tc1) CD8⁺ T cells in lymphodepleted mice. (A-B), 5 x 10⁶ pmel-1 Tc1 cells were transferred into 6 Gy irradiated mice injected with the indicated monoclonal antibody (mAb), and donor cells were enumerated in the spleens 7 days later (**** p < 0.0001). Results are representative of at least 2 independent experiments.

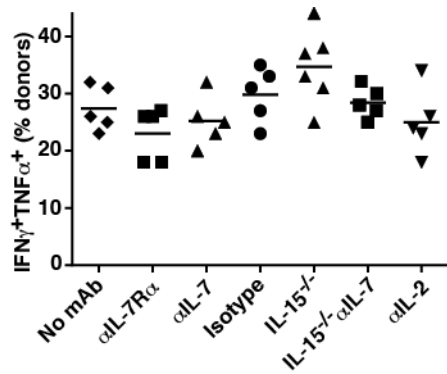


Figure S2. Blockade of cytokine signaling does not reduce the functionality of donor CD8⁺ T cells. Pmel-1 CD8⁺ T cells (5×10^6) activated with IL-12 (Tc1) were transferred into irradiated WT B6 or IL-15^{-/-} hosts, which were then treated with the indicated monoclonal antibodies. Seven days later, splenocytes from recipient mice were harvested and restimulated with relevant peptide (hgp100) *ex vivo* for 5 h. The donor CD8⁺ T cells were assessed for cytokine production via intracellular flow cytometry.

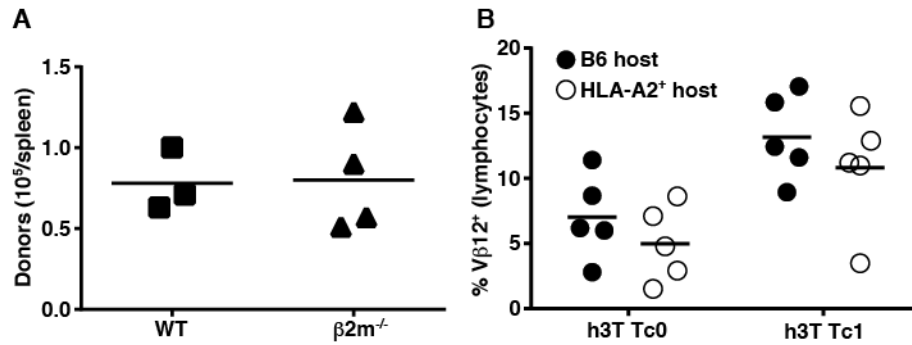


Figure S3. Activated CD8⁺ T cells do not require TCR engagement for engraftment in an irradiated host. (A) 2×10^6 Tc1 (pme1-1) were transferred into irradiated WT or beta 2 microglobulin ($\beta 2m$) knockout recipient mice, and the Thy1.1⁺ donor cells were enumerated in the spleens 7 days later ($p > 0.05$ for all comparisons; results are representative of 2 independent experiments). (B) 3×10^6 h3T cells activated without (Tc0) or with IL-12 (Tc1) were transferred into irradiated WT (no HLA-A2) or HLA-A2⁺ transgenic mice, and the frequency of donor T cells (hV β 12⁺) among the live lymphocyte gate was determined on day 7 ($n = 5$, $p > 0.05$ for both host comparisons).

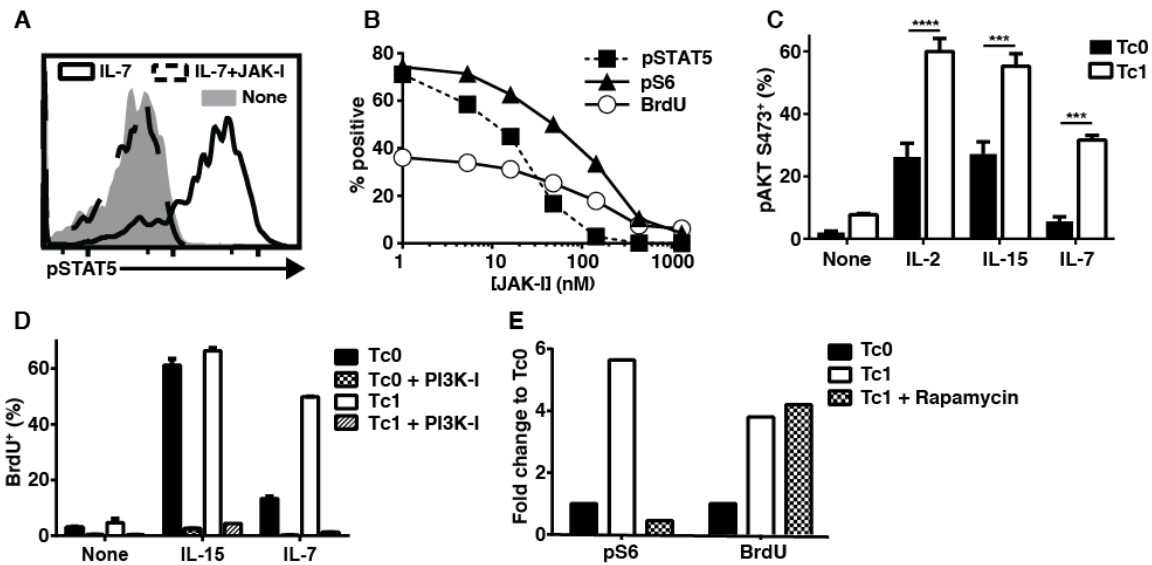


Figure S4. IL-7 mediated proliferation of Tc1 is STAT5 and PI3K dependent. (A-D) Day 3 activated Tc0 or Tc1 (pmel-1) cells were pretreated with inhibitors for 30 min when applicable and then cultured with 100ng/mL of the indicated cytokine. **(A)** Representative histogram of Tc1 pSTAT5 levels after indicated treatment (1.3 μ M JAK-I). **(B)** Tc1 cells were pretreated with various doses of JAK-I, cultured with IL-7 and then assessed for pSTAT5, pS6 and BrdU levels as in Figure 3. **(C)** pAKT S473 levels in Tc0 or Tc1 cells after reculture in the indicated cytokine (n = 3, *** p < 0.001, **** p < 0.0001). **(D)** BrdU levels after reculture in cytokines with or without PI3K inhibitor LY294002 (50 μ M). **(e)** pmel-1 T cells were activated with hgp100 alone (Tc0), hgp100 + IL-12 (Tc1) or hgp100 + IL-12 + 20 nM rapamycin (Tc1 + Rapamycin) for 3 days, then recultured in IL-7 and assessed for pS6 and BrdU levels. All results are representative of at least 2 independent experiments.

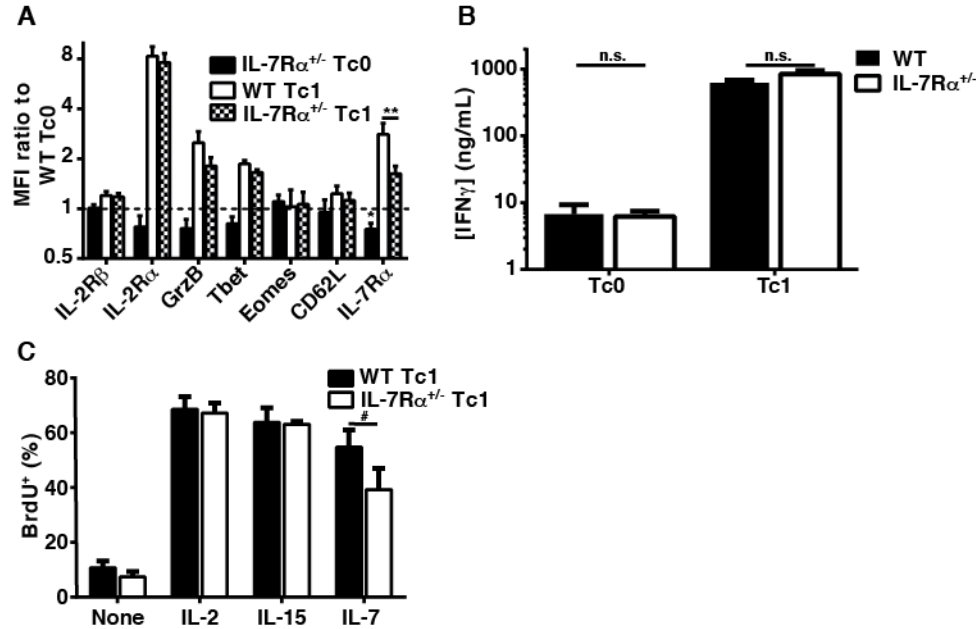


Figure S5. Tc1 cells generated from IL-7R $\alpha^{+/-}$ and wildtype mice exhibit a similar profile except for IL-7R α expression. (A) Mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) ratios of pme1-1 IL-7R $\alpha^{+/-}$ Tc0, wildtype Tc1 or IL-7R $\alpha^{+/-}$ Tc1 relative to wildtype Tc0 cells for the markers indicated (n = 5-7; asterisks indicate significantly different from Tc0, which is represented by the dashed line). **(B)** IFN γ levels in the supernatant of day 3 cultures as measured by ELISA (n = 3). **(C)** Tc1 or IL-7R $\alpha^{+/-}$ Tc1 cells were recultured with media only (None) or 100ng/mL mIL-2, mIL-15 or mIL-7 overnight then assessed for BrdU positivity (n = 4-6). ** p < 0.01, * p < 0.05, # p < 0.1).

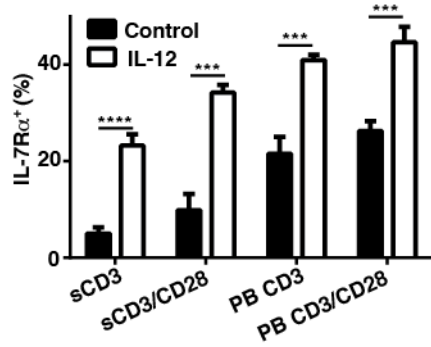


Figure S6. The level of TCR stimulation, costimulation, and IL-12 drive IL-7R α expression after CD8⁺ T cell activation. Polyclonal CD8⁺ T cells from B6 mice were stimulated as indicated and IL-7R α levels were assessed 3 days later (combined data from 3 independent experiments, *** $p < 0.001$, **** $p < 0.0001$).