SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL





Figure S1. **Composition of splenic and lung memory CD8 T cell subsets after respiratory VACV-WR infection.** WT C57BL/6J mice were infected i.n. with a sublethal inoculum (1.5×10^4 PFU) of VACV-WR. At the indicated time points after infection, splenocytes (A) and lung cells (B) were harvested and stained for CD8, CD44, CD27, CD43, and VACV B8R₂₀₋₂₇/K^b-tetramer. (A and B) Representative FACS plots of CD27- and CD43-expressing cells after gating on CD8⁺CD44^{hi} B8R₂₀₋₂₇/K^b-tetramer⁺ cells. Numbers indicate percentages of gated cells in each quadrant. Quadrant setting based on naive CD44^{hi} cells in the same host. Total number of CD8⁺CD44^{hi} CD27^{hi} or CD27^{lo} cells per spleen (C) and lung (D) at the indicated time points after infection with VACV. Results are mean \pm SEM from three to four mice per group (at least three experiments). *, P < 0.05 (two-tailed Student's *t* test).

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Figure S2. **CD27^{Io}** (CXCR3^{Io}) memory CD8 T cells are visualized in the lung parenchyma but show reduced trafficking to airway epithelium and can protect against lethal challenge if localized to the initial sites of viral replication. (A) IFA of lung sections from CD27^{III} or CD27^{III} or CD27^{III} or CD27^{III} and the date of the initial sites of viral replication to the right of each panel. (B) CD45.1⁺ donor cells, which are in direct contact (0 μ m; yellow dotted lines) or within a distance of 100 μ m from airway epithelium (white dotted line), are counted in 30–40 regions per section. Bars: 100 μ m. (C) IFA of lung sections from CD27^{III} (CXCR3^{III}) recipient mice stained with CXCR3 (red), CD45.1 (magenta), and ActinGreen (green). Donor CXCR3^{III} cells (magenta) are indicated with white arrows, and endogenous CXCR3^{III} CD8⁺ cells (red) are delineated with blue arrows. Bars: 50 μ m. (D) 30,000 CD44^{hII}B8R₂₀₋₂₇/K^b-tetramer⁺ CD27^{III} (CXCR3^{IIII}) memory CD8 T cells were instilled into the lungs of naive mice via the trachea. 1 d later, recipient mice were lethally infected with VACV-WR and animals were weighed daily. Mean percent of initial body weight is shown. Data are from one representative experiment of at least three, with three to four mice per group. *, P < 0.05 (two-tailed Student's *t* test).



Figure S3. **IL-15^{-/-} recipient mice have increased accumulation of donor CXCR3^{hi} memory cells in the airways and in proximity of airway epithelium, as well as enhanced local innate immune response in the absence of NK cells after lethal respiratory VACV-WR infection. Mice that received CD27^{hi}/CXCR3^{hi} CD8 memory cells in Fig. 5 H were analyzed at day 6 (A and B) or day 7 (C and D) after lethal infection. (A) Representative FACS plots showing total donor (CD45.1⁺) and host (CD45.1⁻) cells. (B) Representative FACS plots showing CXCR3 and KLRG1 expression on gated donor (CD45.1⁺) cells. Numbers indicate percentages of positive cells within the gated population. Quadrant setting based on naive CD44^{lo} cells in the same host. (C) IFA of lung sections from IL-15^{-/-} recipient mice stained with CD45.1 (magenta) and ActinGreen (green). Bar: 100 µm. (D) Lung mononuclear cells were stained for CD3, CD11b, Siglec-F, Ly6G, Ly6C, and NKp46. Dead cells, doublets, and T cells are excluded. Representative FACS dot plots for NK cells (CD11b⁺NKp46⁺), Neutrophils (CD11b⁺Ly6G⁺) and inflammatory monocytes (CD11b⁺Ly6C^{hi}), are shown. Total cell numbers in lungs are presented as the mean results ± SEM from 3-4 mice per group (two to three experiments). *, P < 0.05 (two-tailed Student's** *t* **test).**