

Adaptive immune responses to booster vaccination against yellow fever virus are much reduced compared to those after primary vaccination

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Supplementary figures

Supplementary figure S1: Comparison of HLA-DR⁺/CD38⁺ and Ki67⁺/Bcl2⁻ detection of activated CD8⁺ T cells after YF-17D vaccination.

PBMCs from 190 primary YFV vaccinated donors were extracellular and intracellular stained with fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies specific for CD3, CD8, CD38, and HLA-DR or CD3, CD8, Ki67, and Bcl2, respectively. For each donor the frequency of CD38⁺ HLA-DR⁺ CD8⁺ T cells are plotted against the frequency of Ki67⁺ Bcl2⁻ CD8⁺ T cells, respectively. The line indicates $y = x$.

Supplementary figure S2: A representative flow cytometric analysis of T cell activation.

PBMCs from a primary vaccinated donor obtained before (pre) and after (post) YF-17D vaccination were stained *ex vivo* with CD3, CD8, CD4, CD38 and HLA-DR specific antibodies. The two left-hand panels show CD8⁺ T cells obtained before and after YF-17D vaccination. The population gated in red represents the activated CD38⁺ HLA-DR⁺ CD8⁺ CD3⁺ T cells. The two right-hand panels show CD4⁺ T cells obtained before and after YF-17D vaccination. The population gated in green represents the activated CD38⁺ HLA-DR⁺ CD4⁺ CD3⁺ T cells.

Supplementary figure S3: A representative HLA-A02:01/NS4B₂₁₄₋₂₂₂ tetramer-based analysis of specific CD8⁺ T cells before and after YF-17D vaccination.

PBMCs from a HLA-A*02:01 positive donor obtained before (pre) and after (after) primary YF-17D vaccination were stained *ex vivo* with a NS4B₂₁₄₋₂₂₂/HLA-A*02:01 tetramer, and with anti-CD3 and -CD8 specific antibodies. The percentage of tetramer⁺, CD8⁺ T cells is indicated. The specificity of the tetramer staining is indicated by the increased staining after vaccination as well as the lacking binding to irrelevant cells such as the CD8⁻ (i.e. CD4⁺) T cells.

Supplementary figure S4: Representative staining of specific CD8⁺ T cells using 11 additional tetramers.

PBMCs from HLA class I-typed primary vaccinated donors were obtained after YF-17D vaccination and stained *ex vivo* with the indicated tetramers, and with anti-CD3 and -CD8 specific antibodies. Staining of a well-defined population of CD8⁺ T cells, but not of CD4⁺ T cells, illustrates the specificity of the tetramers. In contrast, the tetramer background staining is a dispersed staining of <0.009%.







