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Supplemental Information

Reciprocal TCR-CD3 and CD4 Engagement

of a Nucleating pMHCII Stabilizes

a Functional Receptor Macrocomplex

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SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Cell lines and constructs

 $58\alpha^{-}\beta^{-}$ and M12 cells were generated by retroviral transduction using the MSCV-based retroviral expression vectors pP2 (IRES-puromycin resistance) and pZ4 (IRES-zeocin resistance) (Glassman et al., 2016; Lee et al., 2015; Parrish et al., 2016).

Proteins encoded by the constructs used in this study are described by amino acid (aa) number beginning at the start methionine (UniProt convention). Constructs encoding cDNA for the B3K506 and B3K508 TCRs were kindly provided by Eric Huseby and used for PCR amplification for cloning into pP2 (TCR β) and pZ4 (TCR α). The 5c.c7 or 2B4 TCR, which are specific for moth cytochrome c (88-103) presented in I-E^k, or the B3K506 or B3K508 TCRs specific for the 3K peptide presented in I-A^b were expressed with full length or C-terminally truncated CD3 subunits (CD3 δ T aa:1-132, CD3 γ T aa:1-143, CD3 ϵ T aa:1-139, and CD3 ζ T aa:1-57) along with a C-terminally truncated CD4 (CD4T aa:1-421)(Glassman et al., 2016). CD4T variants used in this study were CD4T^{Δ bind} (aa: 68-73 KGVLIR to DGDSDS), CD4T^{P228E+F231E} and CD4T^{P281E}.

For $58\alpha\beta$ lines, the C-terminus of the 5c.c7 α chain, 2B4 β chain, B3K506 β chain or B3K508 β chain was fused to mEGFP via a long flexible linker (AAAGGGGSGGGGGGGGGGGG), the 5c.c7 β chain, 2B4 α chain, B3K506 α chain, B3K508 α chain and CD4T were encoded by independent constructs and full-length CD3 subunits were encoded by a poly-cistronic construct as previously described (Glassman et al., 2016; Parrish et al., 2016).

 $5c.c7^{+}$ M12 lines were generated using constructs encoding CD3εT-T2A-5c.c7α, CD3ζT-T2A-5c.c7β, CD3δT^G-T2A-CD3γT and CD4T^{mCh}. CD3δT was fused to mEGFP via a flexible GGSAAG linker and CD4 was fused to mCherry via an AAAG linker as previously described (Glassman et al., 2016). CD3ζT was fused via a GGSAAG linker to the biotin acceptor peptide, AP-3, a short tag that was considered irrelevant for the current study. 2B4⁺ M12 lines were generated using constructs encoding 2B4α, 2B4β^G, CD4T^{mCh}, and a polycystronic construct encoding C-terminally truncated CD3 subunits. The 2B4 β chain was fused to mEGFP via a long flexible linker (AAAGGGGSGGGGGGGGGGGGGG) and CD4 was fused to mCherry via an AAAG linker as previously described (Glassman et al., 2016).

APCs were generated by transducing M12 or $58\alpha^{-}\beta^{-}$ cells with full-length I-E^k α or I-A^b α and full-length I-E^k β or I-A^b β fused via the N-terminus to a peptide as previously described (Parrish et al., 2016; Parrish et al., 2015). Peptides bound to I-E^k in this study were moth cytochrome c (MCC 88-103), the altered peptide ligands T102S and T102G, and the mouse hemoglobin d allele (Hb 64-76). Peptides bound to I-A^b in this study were Ova 326-338, 3K and the altered peptide ligands P-1A and P5R (Huseby et al., 2006).

Cell surface expression of CD4 (mAb clone GK1.5 e450 eBioscience), TCR α (V α 11, mAb clone RR8-1 allophycocyanin eBioscience), TCR β (V β 3, mAb clone KJ25 PE BD Biosciences), I-E^k (mAb clone 14-4-4S) and I-A^b (mAb clone KH74) were determined by flow cytometry as indicated in the figures. The P281E mutation reduced cell surface expression on 58 α ^{- β -} cells, so lines were FACS sorted using a non-blocking CD4 antibody (mAb clone RM4-4 PE Biolegend).

Functional assays

For peptide titration experiments, 5 X 10⁴ 5c.c7 TCR transgenic spleenocytes or thymocytes or 5 X 10⁴ 58 α β ⁻ cells were co-cultured with 1 X 10⁵ M12 I-E^k cells and MCC 88-103, T102S, or T102G peptide at the indicated concentration in 96-well round-bottom plates and peptides were purchased at ninety percent purity from 21st Century Biochemicals, Inc. In indicated experiments, anti-CD4 (mAb clone GK1.5) or anti-CD8 (control, mAb clone 53.6-7) was added at 20µg/mL. Supernatants were harvested for IL-2 ELISA after 16 hours co-culture as described below. Thymocyte co-cultures were incubated for 14 hours at 37°C and stained for V α 11 (mAb clone RR8-1, APC, eBiosciences), CD8 β (mAb clone YTS156.7.7, PerCpCy5.5, Biolegend), CD4 (mAb clone Rm4-4, Pacific Blue, Biolegend), CD69 (mAb clone H1-2F3, PE, eBiosciences) and AnnexinV (FITC, Biolegend). For tethered peptide co-cultures, 5 X 10⁴ 58 α β ⁻ cells were cultured with 1 X 10⁵ M12 cells expressing I-E^k tethered to MCC, T102S, T102G or Hb in 96-well round-bottom plates. IL-2 was normalized to the CD4T control for each set of cell lines within each condition to allow for comparison between multiple independently generated cell lines. IL-2 was quantified by ELISA from supernatants after 16 hours co-culture at 37°C for all experiments. Anti-mouse IL-2 (clone JES6-1A12, Biolegend) was used as a capture antibody and biotin anti-mouse IL-2 (clone JES6-5H4, Biolegend) was used as the secondary antibody. Streptavidin-HRP and TMB substrate (Biolegend) were used for detection.

TCR downregulation and CD69 upregulation were measured on T cell hybridomas following 16 hours of co-culture with M12 cells. Cells were pipetted to break apart M12:58 $\alpha^{-}\beta^{-}$ cell couples, incubated in mAb clone 2.4G2 supernatant to block Fc receptors, and then stained with anti-CD4 (clone GK1.5, e450), CD69 (clone H1.2F3, PE) and V α 11 (clone RR8-1, APC) mAbs. CD69 or V α 11 gMFI was determined for GFP positive and CD4

expression matched $58\alpha^{-}\beta^{-}$ cells and normalized to the gMFI of cells cultured with the Hb:I-E^k controls for each cell line.

Cell coupling

TCR⁺ cells expressing mEGFP were combined with Tag-It Violet (Biolegend) loaded APCs expressing tethered pMHCII at a 1:1 ratio. Cells were incubated for 1 hour at 37°C and analyzed by flow cytometry (Egen and Allison, 2002). Couple formation was assessed as the ratio of GFP (TCR⁺) Violet (pMHCII⁺) double positive events divided by the total number of GFP positive events. This was then normalized to CD4T cells interacting with MCC:I-E^k or 3K:I-A^b expressing APCs to allow comparison between multiple experiments. In some experiments, kinase activity was blocked by incubating cells with 20µM PP2 (Calbiochem) or DMSO vehicle control (0.2%) for 20 minutes at 37°C prior to cell coupling.

Soluble proteins for bilayers and immobile surfaces

ICAM-1 and pMHCII production were described previously (Glassman et al., 2016).

Lipid bilayers

Unilaminar vesicles were generated by extruding a lipid mixture consisting of 97.5mol % POPC, 1 mol % DGS NiNTA, 1 mol biotin-CAP PE and 0.5 mol % DOPE-PEG5000 (Avanti Polar Lipids) (Glassman et al., 2016). Bilayers were formed on cleaned glass coverslips and functionalized with 0.05 μ g/well MCC:I-E^k and 0.08 μ g/well ICAM-1 to give a pMHCII density of ~60molecules/ μ m².

Immobile surfaces

Biotinylated poly-L-lysine coated coverslips were coated with $5\mu g/mL$ streptavidin, washed and incubated with $5\mu g/mL$ pMHCII biotin plus $0.5\mu g/mL$ biotinylated anti H2-D^d, which was used to ensure cell attachment (Glassman et al., 2016; Huse et al., 2007).

Microscopy

Total internal reflection fluorescence microscopy (TIRFM) was performed as previously described (Glassman et al., 2016). In brief, cells were allowed to interact with the imaging surface for 20' prior and then imaged for 20-30'.

Data were collected with a Marianas workstation built on a Zeiss Axio Observer Z1 (Intelligent Imaging Innovations, 3I) using a 63x Zeiss TIRF objective coupled to a Zeiss motorized TIRF slider (numerical aperture 1.46). Illumination was achieved with a Laser Stack (3I) containing 50mW 488nm and 561 solid-state lasers at 20% output. Photoablation was performed using a Vector high-speed point scanner (3I) at 100% laser power within a 6.45µm² region of interest (ROI) and images were collected using a Photometrics Evolve EMCCD camera (1 pixel= 0.25µm (H) x 0.25µm (V)). Receptor accumulation images consisted of TIRF and brightfield images collected at a single time point. For Fluorescence Recovery After Photobleaching (FRAP) acquisitions, fluorescence images were acquired at 3 sec intervals. Donor Recovery after Acceptor Photobleaching images were acquired at 500ms intervals.

$FRET_E$ analysis

Donor Recovery after Acceptor Photobleaching was performed as previously described (Glassman et al., 2016). Analyzed cells had bleaching below 12.5% of prebleach mCherry intensity. Subsets were matched for mCherry intensity, mEGFP intensity (postbleach) and mEGFP/mCherry ratio in TIRF. FRET efficiency (FRET_E) was calculated using: $FRET_E = 1 - Q/DQ$ where Q is the mEGFP intensity prior to photobleaching and DQ is the mEGFP intensity following mCherry ablation.

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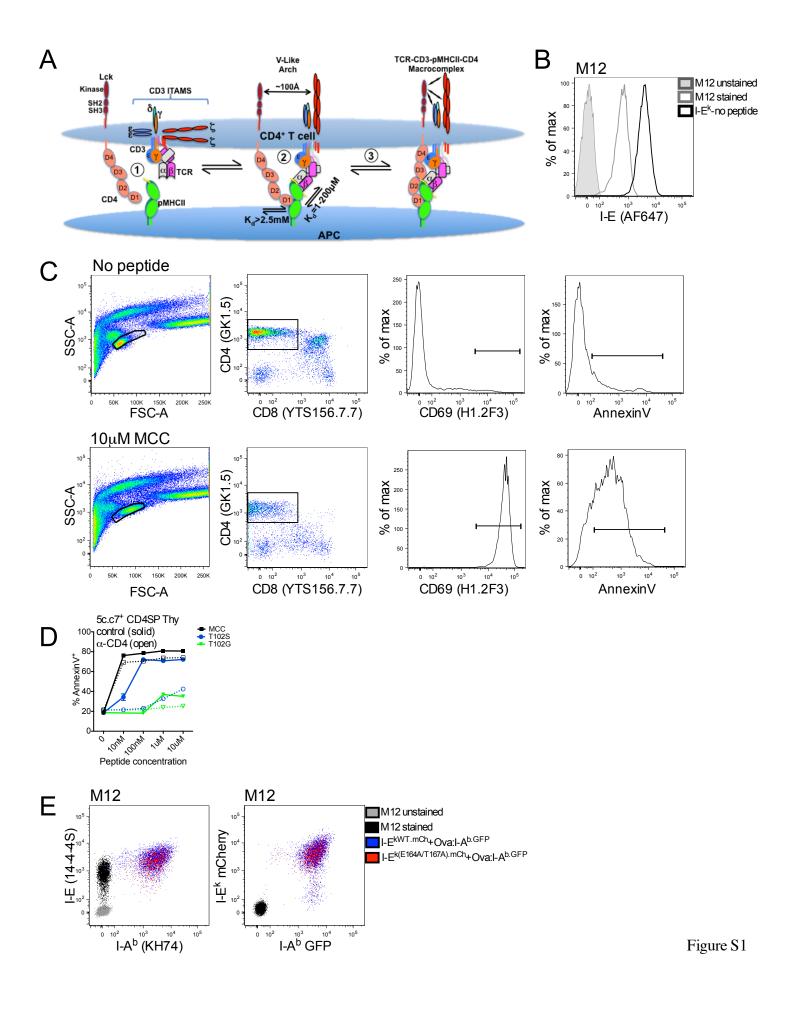


Figure S1. Models and cellular characterization, related to Figure 1.

(A) Graphical model depicting the possible assembly of a TCR-CD3-pMHCII-CD4 macrocomplex. (1) The unengaged TCR-CD3 complex is shown with CD3 ϵ and CD3 $\zeta\zeta$ ITAMs associated with the inner leaf of the T cell membrane (Aivazian and Stern, 2000; Shi et al., 2013; Xu et al., 2008). CD4 is shown associated with an active Lck on a T cell surface (upper blue sphere)(Nika et al., 2010). The surface of an APC (lower blue sphere) is shown with a pMHCII. (2) The V-like arch model is shown as possible intermediate in the formation of a compact macrocomplex (Wang et al., 2001; Yin et al., 2012). The solution K_d are noted for CD4-MHCII and agonist to weak agonist TCR-pMHCII interactions (Huppa et al., 2010; Jonsson et al., 2016). the ITAMs are shown free of the membrane based on previous studies (Shi et al., 2013; Xu et al., 2008; Zhang et al., 2011). (3) The final subunit assembly of a compact TCR-CD3-pMHCII-CD4 macrocomplex (Kuhns and Badgandi, 2012). The low affinity of CD4-MHCII interactions in the D1 domain would allow CD4 to dock along the composite surface of the TCR-CD3-pMHCII axis created by TCR-pMHCII interactions. This is proposed to position Lck in the proper spatial relationship with the ITAMs for the appropriate duration to initiate signaling.

(**B**) Surface expression of $I-E^k$ on M12 $I-E^{k+}$ cells.

(C) Gating scheme for CD69 and AnnexinV levels on CD4⁺ 5c.c7 TCR tg thymocytes. Total thymocytes were cultured with I-E^{k+} M12 cells and a titration of the indicated peptides for 14 hours prior to analysis.

(**D**) Percent of CD4⁺ 5c.c7 TCR tg thymocytes that were AnnexinV⁺. Data from C and D are representative of three experiments.

(E) Expression of I-E^k and I-A^b on M12 cells expressing I-E^{k.WT.mCh} or I-E^{k.E164A/T167A.mCh} and I-A^{b.GFP}-Ova.

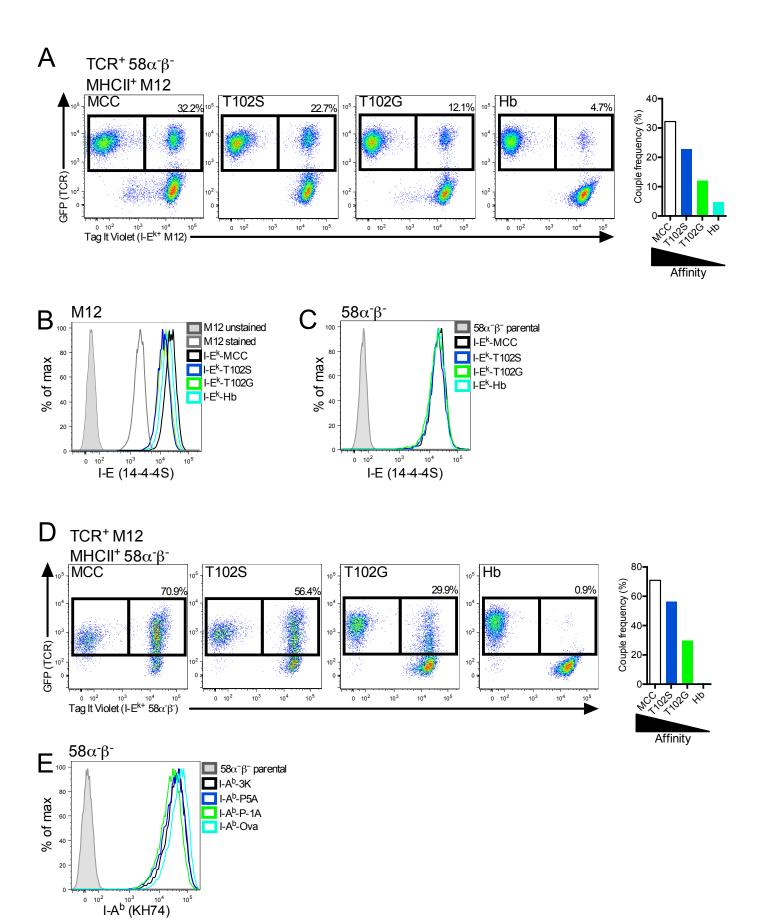


Figure S2. Cell-cell coupling, related to Figure 2.

(A) Representative dot plots and quantification of $5c.c7^+ 58\alpha\beta$ cells expressing TCR α^G incubated with M12 cells expressing the indicated tethered pMHCII. Data are representative of three experiments.

(**B-C**) Expression of tethered-pMHCII on I-E^{k+} (**B**) M12 or (**C**) $58\alpha^{-}\beta^{-}$ cells.

(**D**) Representative dot plots and quantification of $5c.c7^+$ M12 cells expressing CD3T subunits with CD3 δT^G and CD4T incubated with $58\alpha^-\beta^-$ cells expressing I-E^k and the indicated tethered peptide. Data are representative of three experiments.

(E) Expression of tethered-pMHCII on I-A^{b+} $58\alpha^{-}\beta^{-}$ cells.

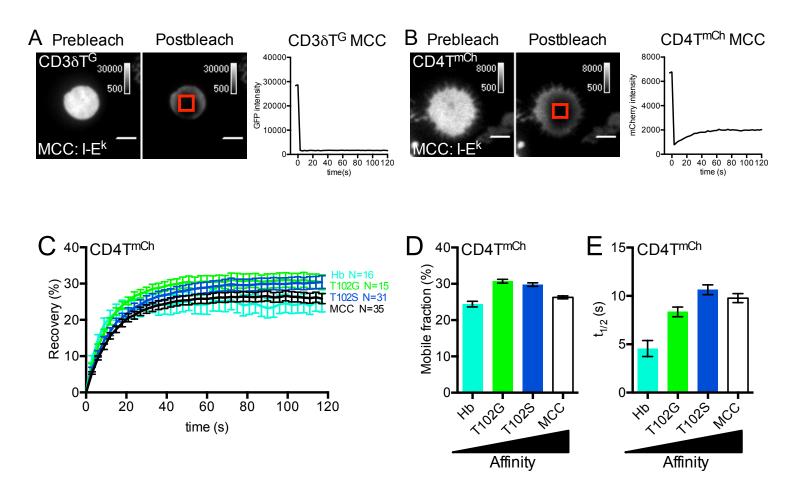


Figure S3. Fluorescence recovery after photobleaching, related to Figure 3.

(A-B) Representative images and quantification of FRAP. 5c.c7⁺ M12 cells expressing CD3T subunits with CD3 δ T^G and CD4T^{mCh} were adhered to immobile surfaces presenting MCC:I-E^k for 20' prior to acquisition. Background subtracted TIRF images of (A) CD3 δ T^G and (B) CD4T^{mCh} before and after photobleaching with 488 and 561nm laser light, respectively. Traces show quantification of red-boxed region of interest (ROI) for 2 min at 3 second intervals following photobleaching. Scale bars represent 5µm and look up tables indicate fluorescence intensity of the photobleached channel.

(C-H) FRAP analysis of 2B4⁺ M12 cells expressing truncated CD3 subunits and CD4T^{mCh}. Cells were adhered to I- E^k coated surfaces presenting the indicated peptide. (C) Recovery traces for mCherry represent mean ± SEM for the indicated number of cells. (D) Mobile fraction (%) and (E) half-life (t_{1/2}) for recovery were determined by curve fitting. Error bars indicate 95% confidence interval.

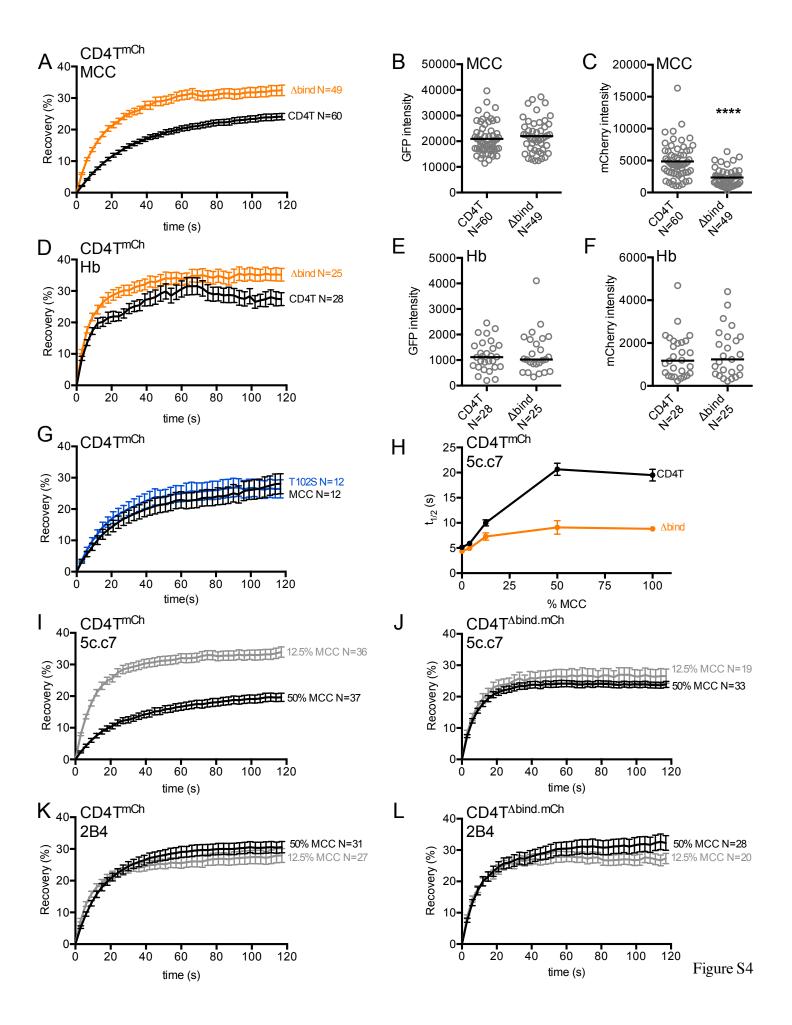
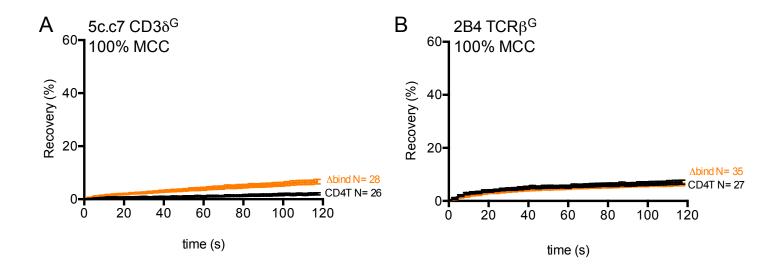


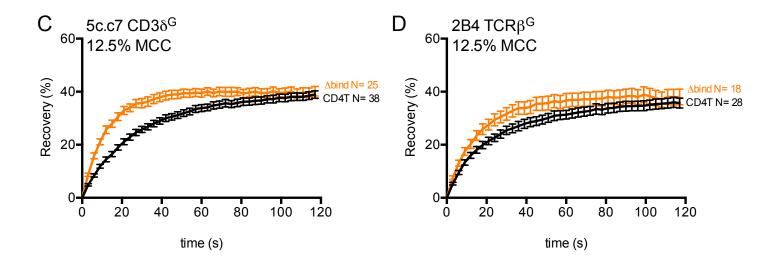
Figure S4. CD4 recovery, related to Figure 4.

(A-F) CD4 recovery of $5c.c7^+$ M12 cells expressing truncated CD3 subunits with CD3 δT^G and CD4 T^{mCh} or CD4 $T^{\Delta bind. mCh}$. Cells were adhered to immobile surfaces coated with MCC:I-E^k (A-C) or Hb:I-E^k (D-F). Panels on the left show recovery of CD4 T^{mCh} . Right-hand panels show mCh intensity prebleach and GFP intensity postbleach. Data correspond to bar graphs in Figure 4A-D.

(G) CD4T recovery of pairwise matched 5c.c7⁺ M12 cells as shown in Figure 4E-H.

(H-L) CD4T recovery in response to varying doses of MCC:I-E^k. 5c.c7⁺ (H,I,J) or 2B4⁺ (K,L) M12 cells were adhered to immobile surfaces coated with the indicated proportion of MCC:I-E^k diluted into Hb:I-E^k. (I-L) Data correspond to bar graphs in Figure 4I-L. For all data but H, N = number of cells analyzed. For (H), dots equal mean +/- SEM for the $t_{1/2}$ values determined in multiple individual experiments. For CD4T^{mCh+}: N=16 (100%); N=4 (50%); N=3 (12.5%); N=1 (4%); N=6 (0%) individual experiments. Between 20-60 cells were analyzed per experiment.





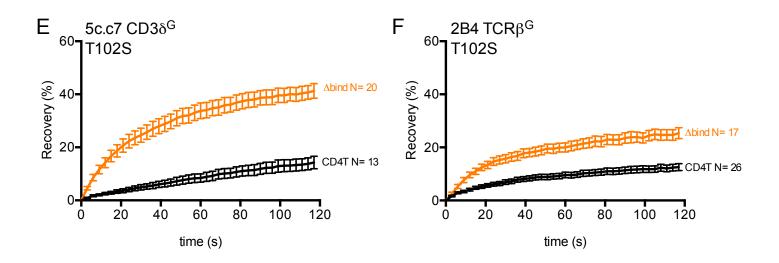


Figure S5. TCR-CD3 recovery, related to Figure 5.

M12 cells were transduced with genes encoding 5c.c7 α , 5c.c7 β , truncated CD3 subunits with CD3 δ T^G and CD4T^{mCh} or 2B4 α , 2B4 β ^G, CD3T and CD4T^{mCh}. (**A-F**) TCR-CD3 recovery traces of M12 cells on immobile surfaces coated with 100% MCC:I-E^k (**A-B**), 12.5% MCC:I-E^k diluted into Hb:I-E^k (**C-D**), or T102S:I-E^k (**E-F**). N = number of cells analyzed.

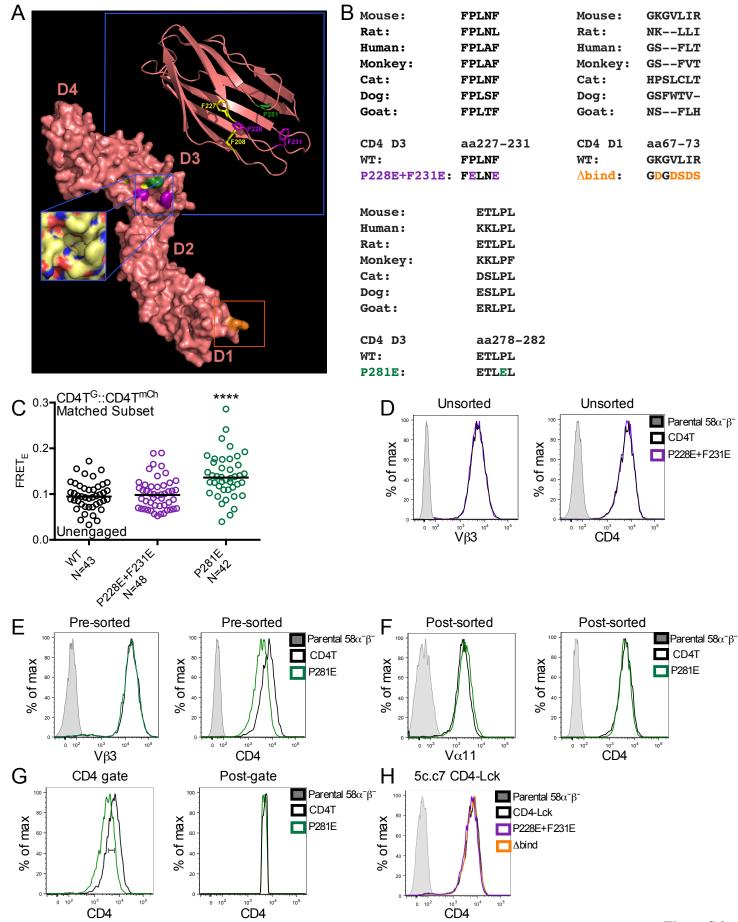


Figure S6. Residues mutated in the CD4 D1 and D3 domains, related to Figure 6.

(A) A surface rendered structure of hCD4 (PDB: 1WIO) is shown in Salmon with the D1, D2, D3, and D4 domains labeled. The orange box around residues in the C-terminal D1 domain highlight the MHCII contact site identified in previous structural analysis (Wang et al., 2001; Yin et al., 2012). Orange residues highlight those mutated for the Δ bind mutant used in this study (Parrish et al., 2015). The D3 domain solvent exposed residues P228 (purple), F231 (purple), and P281 residues (green) mutated in this study are shown along with the hydrophobic core residues F208 and F227 (yellow) that were previously studied (Vignali and Vignali, 1999). The D3 domain is also shown as a cartoon structure to better highlight these colored residues (upper inset). The nonpolar patch created by P228, F231, and P281 is shown (lower inset) colored by atoms (carbon = yellow, hydrogen = grey, oxygen = red, nitrogen = blue). Images were generated with the PyMOL Molecular Graphics System, Version 1.8 Schrödinger, LLC. (**B**) Sequence alignment of the CD4 D3 domain residues targeted for mutagenesis. The mutants generated for this study are shown color-coded as in the structure.

(C) Donor recovery after acceptor photobleaching of WT or mutant $CD4^{mCh}$:: $CD4^{GFP}$ on glass coverslips (unengaged). Data are representative of three independent experiments and were assessed for normality using a D'Agostino and Pearson omnibus normality test followed by a one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) and Dunnet's multiple comparison test (*p<0.05). N = number of cells analyzed.

(**D**) Surface expression of TCR (V β 3) and CD4 on 5c.c7⁺ 58 $\alpha^{-}\beta^{-}$ cells expressing wild-type CD4 or the P228E+F231E mutations.

(E) The P281E mutation reduces CD4 surface expression. (F) Sorting for matched expression.

(G) Representative example of matched gating used for quantification of CD69 upregulation and TCR downregulation for non-sorted cell lines.

(**H**) Surface expression of CD4 on $5c.c7^+58\alpha^-\beta^-$ cells expressing wild-type CD4-Lck or the P228E+F231E and Δ bind mutations.

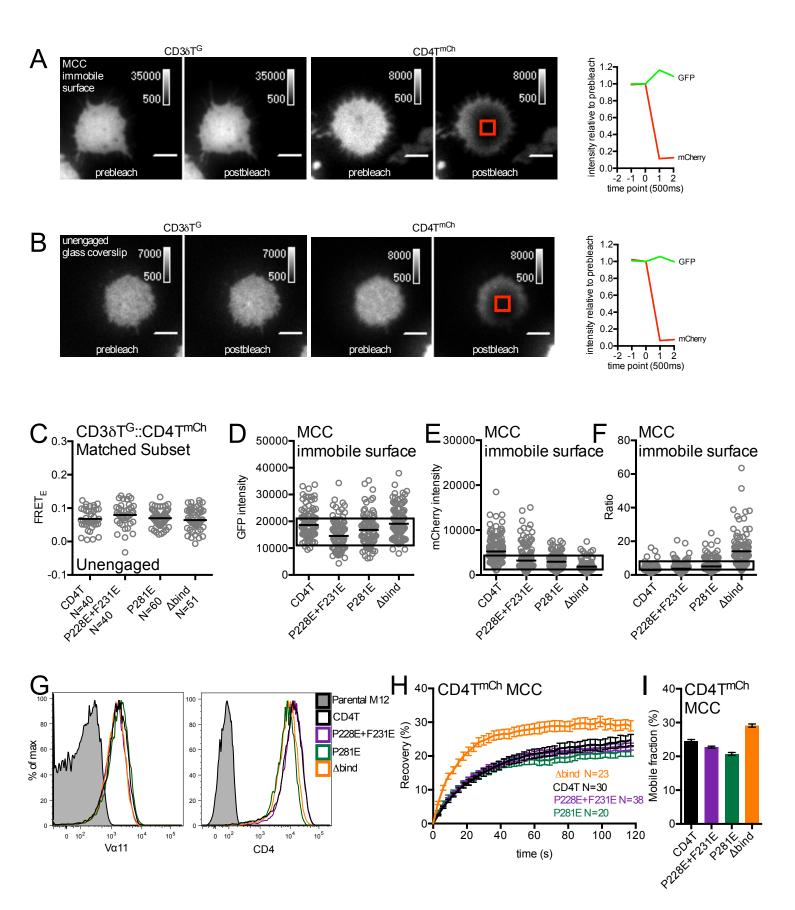


Figure S7. Impact of D3 domain mutants on macrocomplex assembly, related to Figure 7.

(A-B) Donor recovery after acceptor photobleaching. Example images and traces are shown for $5c.c7^+$ M12 cells expressing CD3T subunits and CD4T adhered to (A) MCC:I-E^k coated surfaces, or (B) glass coverslips. Background subtracted images show mEGFP (CD3 δ T^G) and mCherry (CD4T^{mCh}) before and after photobleaching. The red box indicates region of interest (ROI). Scale bars represent 5µm and look up tables indicate intensity units for the indicated channels. Traces to the right show mEGFP (green) and mCherry (red) intensities relative to prebleach. Images were acquired at 500ms intervals.

(C) Donor recovery after acceptor photobleaching of WT CD4 and mutants on glass coverslips (unengaged). Data are representative of two experiments and were assessed for normality using a D'Agostino and Pearson omnibus normality test followed by a one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) and Dunnet's multiple comparison test. (D-F) Subset analysis for FRET. Analyzed populations had photobleaching <12.5% of the mCherry prebleach intensity and were matched for (D) mEGFP intensity (postbleach), (E) mCherry intensity (prebleach) and (F) mEGFP/mCherry ratio in TIRF.

(G) TCR (V α 11) and CD4 (GK1.5) surface expression on 5c.c7⁺ M12 cells.

(H-I) mCherry recovery and mobile fraction of the indicated CD4T mutants adhered to MCC:I- E^k coated surfaces. Data are presented as in Figure 3D-E. N = number of cells analyzed.