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Supplemental Information

HIV Controllers Exhibit Effective CD8⁺

T Cell Recognition of HIV-1-Infected

Non-activated CD4⁺ T Cells

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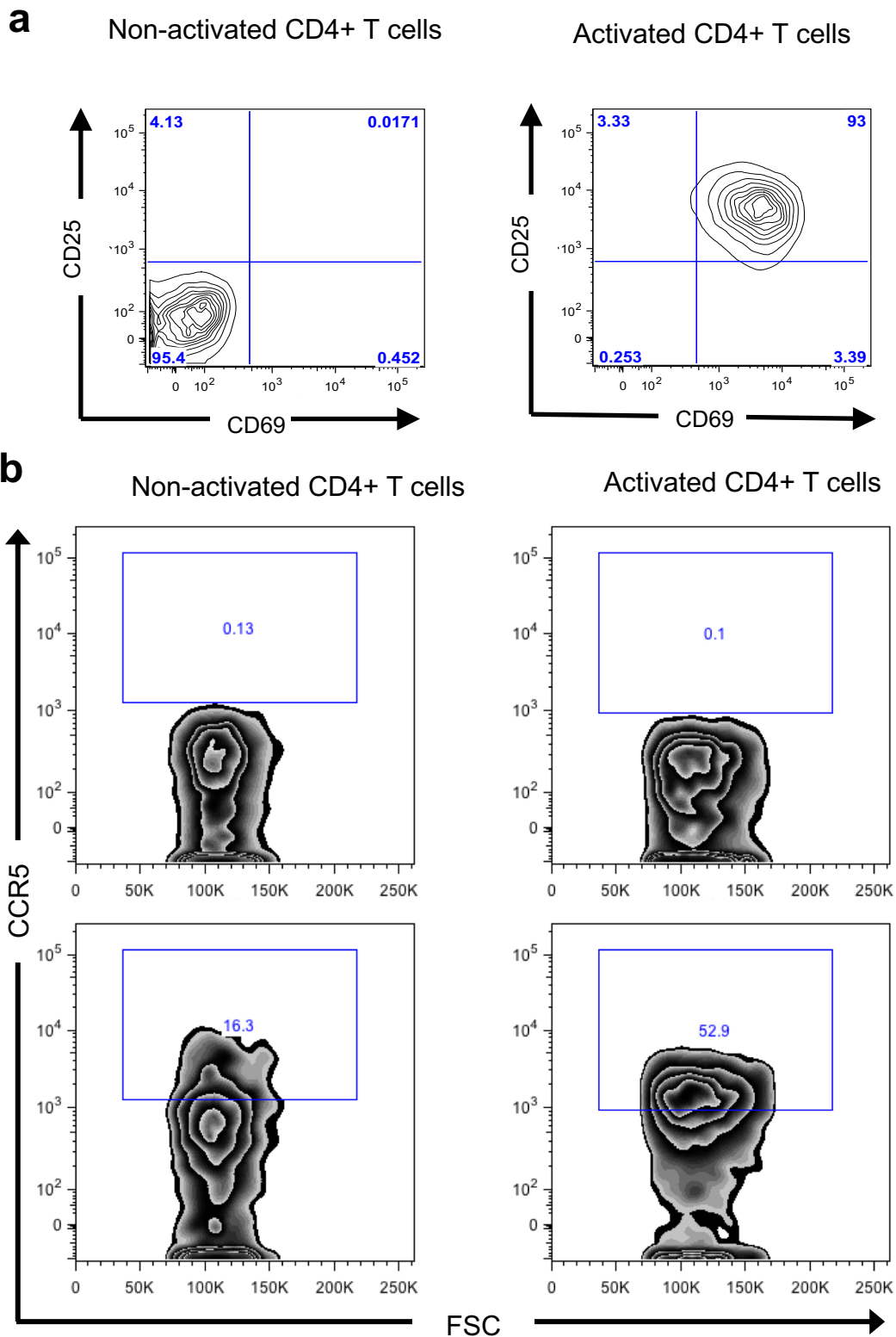


Figure S1. Characterization of primary non-activated and activated CD4+ T cells, related to Figure 1. (a) Primary non-activated CD4+ T cells were identified by the absence of CD25+/CD69+ expression on CD4+ T cells, whereas in vitro stimulation with anti-CD3 and anti-CD28 lead to expression of both markers. (b) The frequency of primary CCR5+ CD4+ T cells was measured by flow cytometry before (left panel) or after 2 days of activation with CD3/CD28 beads (right panel) and compared to isotype controls (upper panel).

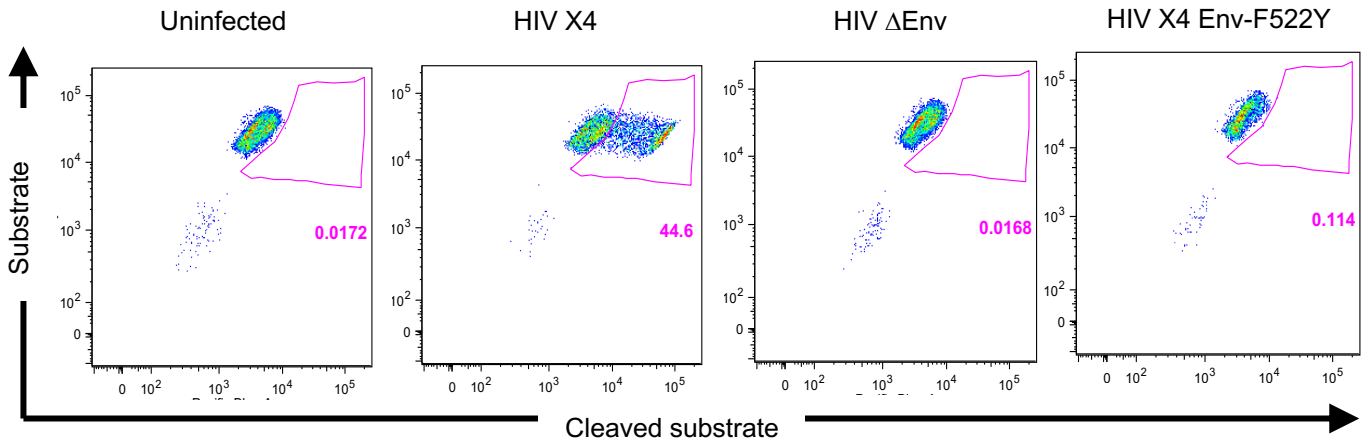
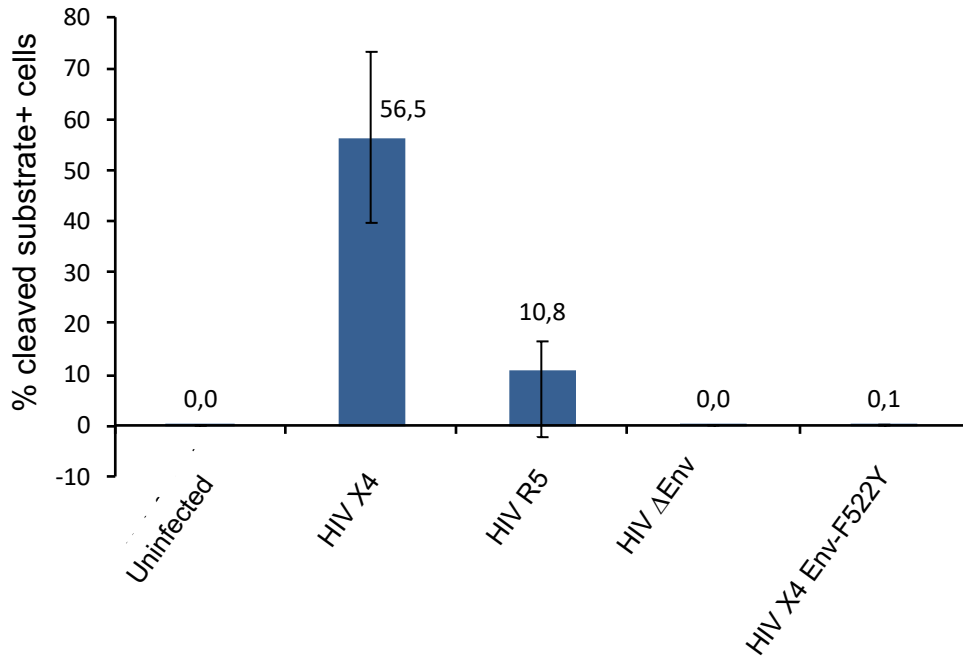
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Figure S2. HIV infection in primary non-activated CD4⁺ T cells, related to Figure 1. Non-activated CD4⁺ T cells were infected for 2 hours with NL4.3 X4 (HIV X4), a virus missing the envelope (HIV ΔEnv) or a fusion defective virus (HIV X4 Env-F522Y) all carrying the fusion protein Vpr-β lactamase and an IRES-GFP cassette. HIV entry was determined 2 hours later by incubation with a FRET β-lactamase substrate, where cleaved substrate⁺ cells represent HIV⁺ cells. A representative experiment is shown (a) and the results from three independent experiments with cells coming from three different HIV Controllers patients are shown as mean ± standard deviation (b).

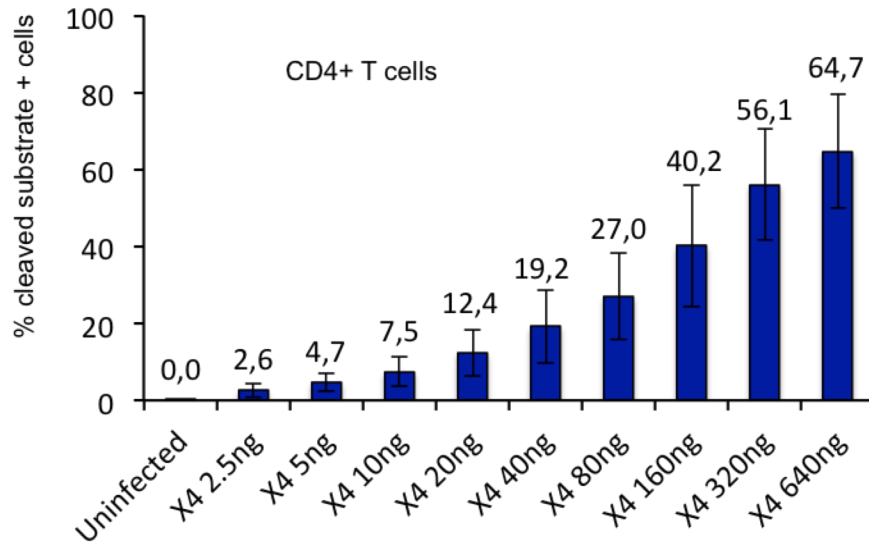
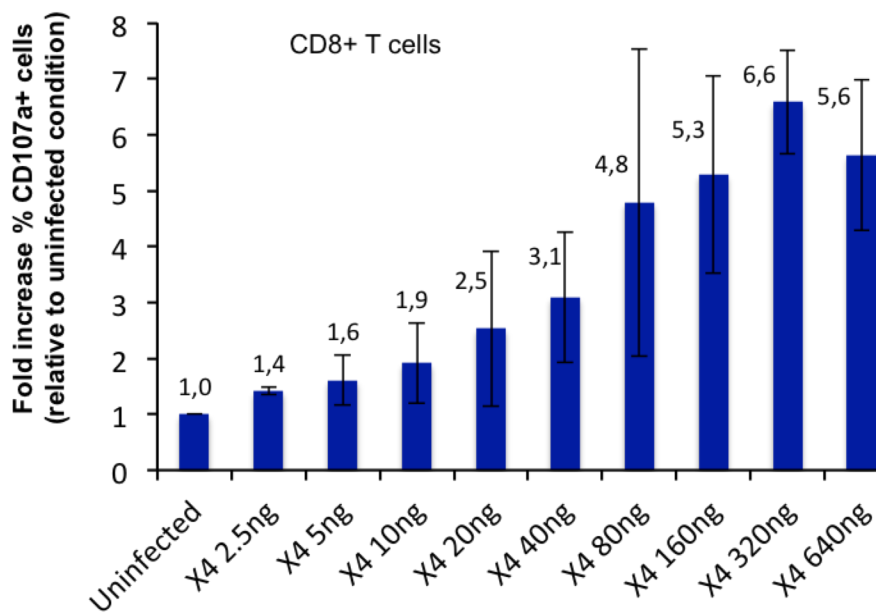
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Figure S3. Viral doses experiment, related to Figure 2. Non-activated CD4+ T cells were infected for 2 hours with different amount of HIV X4 (as quantified by p24 ELISA) and a Vpr- β lam assay was performed **(a)**. The CD8+ T cell response was then quantified 5 hours later by measuring CD107a expression **(b)**. The results are shown as means \pm standard deviations for three independent experiments from three different individuals.

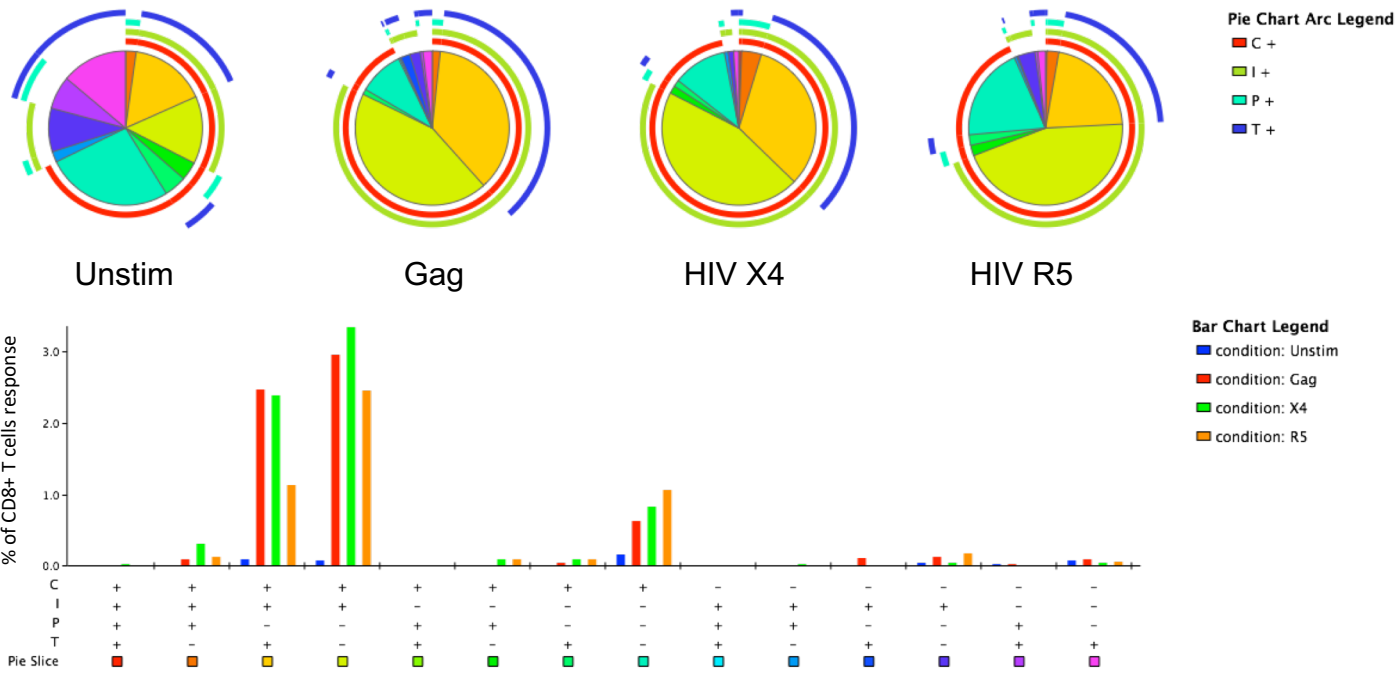


Figure S4. Polyfunctionality profile of the CD8+ T cells response to HIV+ autologous non-activated CD4+ T cells versus Gag peptides loaded CD4+ T cells targets, related to Figure 2. Activation of CD8+ T cells was measured by intracellular cytokine staining (IFN-g, Perforin, TNF-a) in addition to CD107a staining and by flow cytometry. The polyfunctionality profile was created with Spice software.

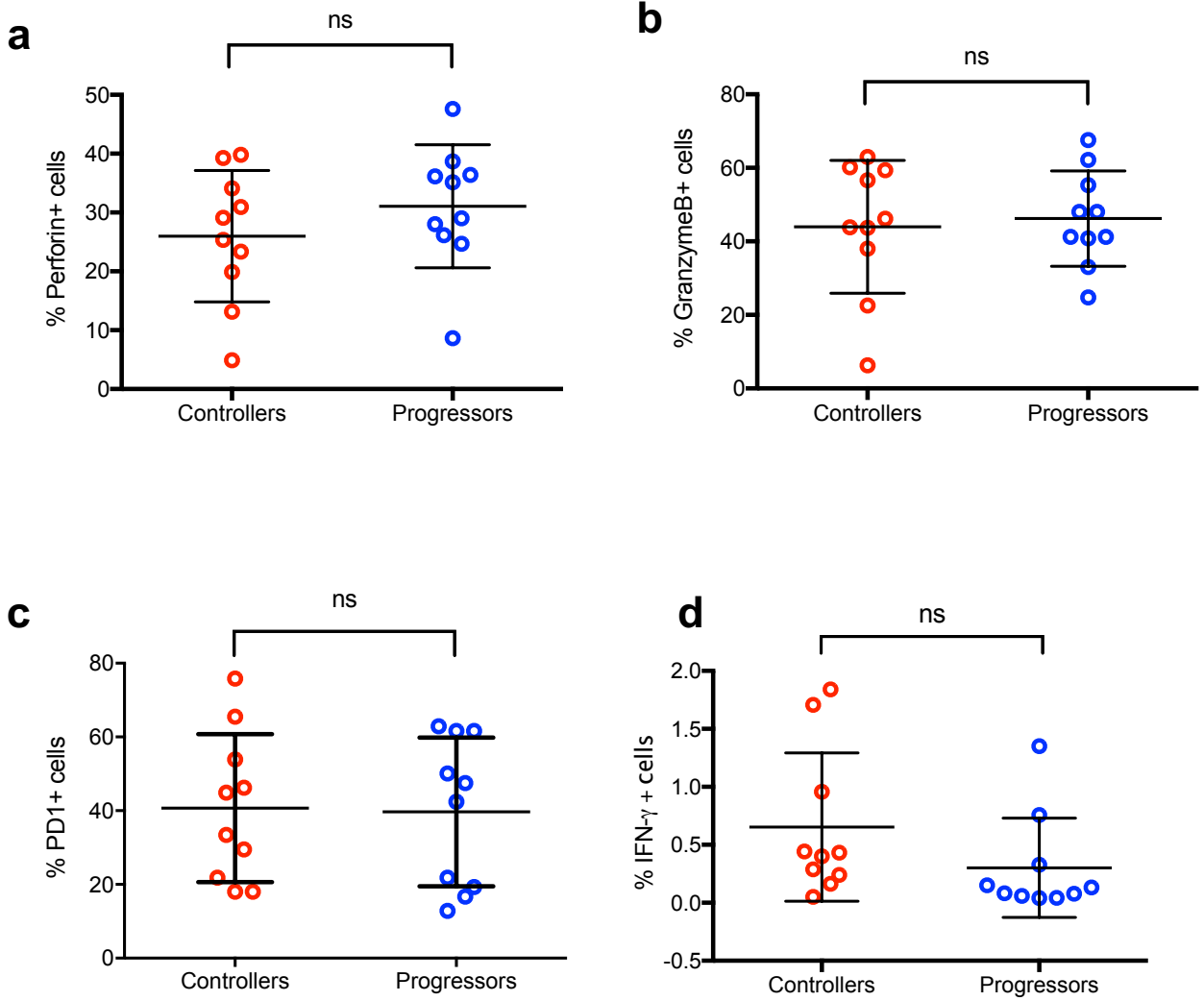


Figure S5. Characterization of CD8+ T cells from HIV Controllers versus Progressors, related to Figure 6. (a) Perforin expression. (b) Granzyme B expression. (c) PD1 expression. (d) CD8+ T cell response to Gag pool peptides stimulation.

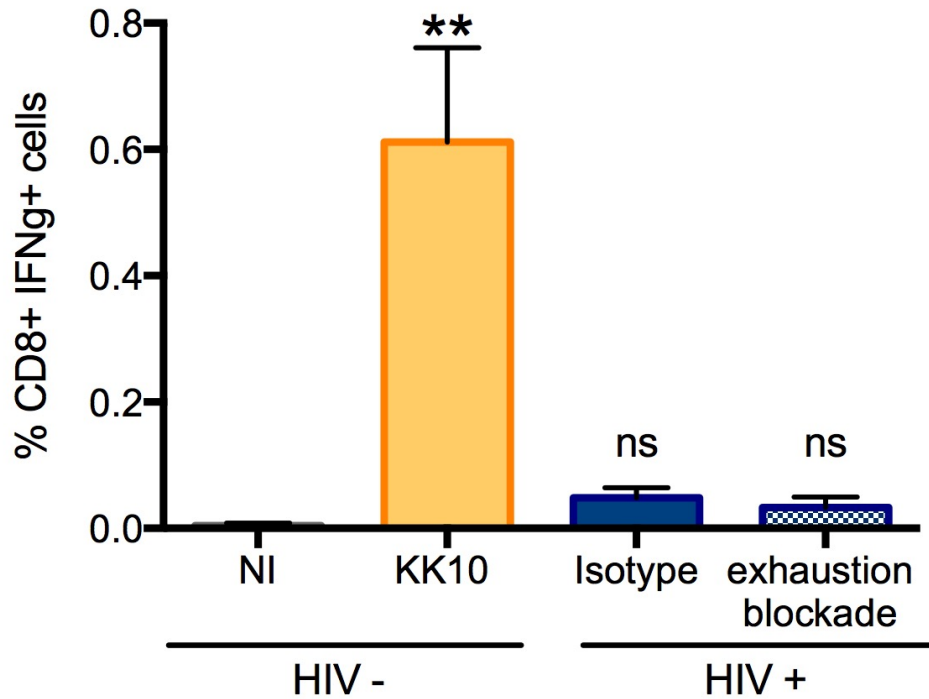


Figure S6. Characterization of CD8+ T cells response from HIV Progressors with an exhaustion marker blockade, related to Figure 6. CD8+ T cell response in 3 HIV Progressors was analyzed by intracellular staining of IFN- γ and flow cytometry after stimulation with KK10 peptide or HIV infection in presence or not of blocking peptides to exhaustion markers (PDL-1, TIM3 and 2B4). Means \pm standard deviations and statistics were calculated with ANOVA multiple comparison test relative to Non-infected condition (NI) condition ** $p < 0.01$.