Immunity to Influenza is dependent on MHC II polymorphism: study with 2 HLA transgenic strains

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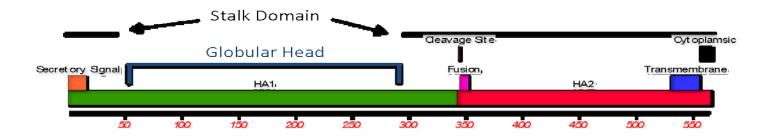
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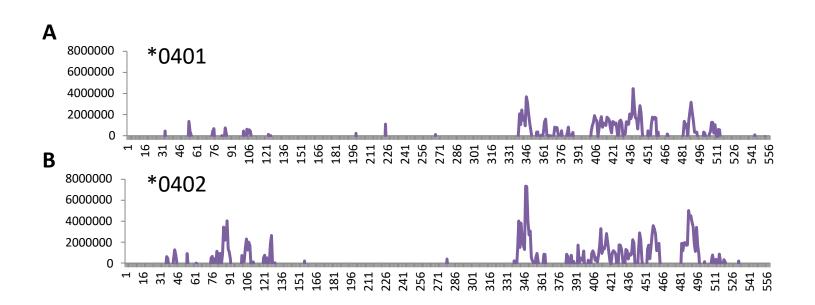
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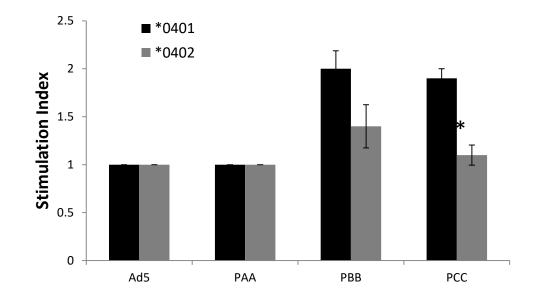
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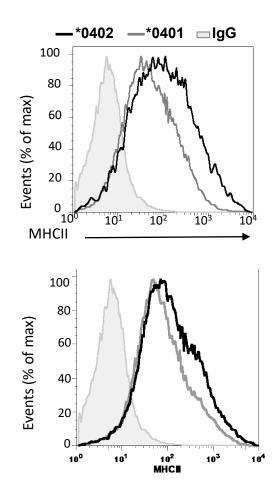
Recombinant Ad5- Δ E1/3 virus expressing the full-length hemagglutinin of influenza A/PR/8/34



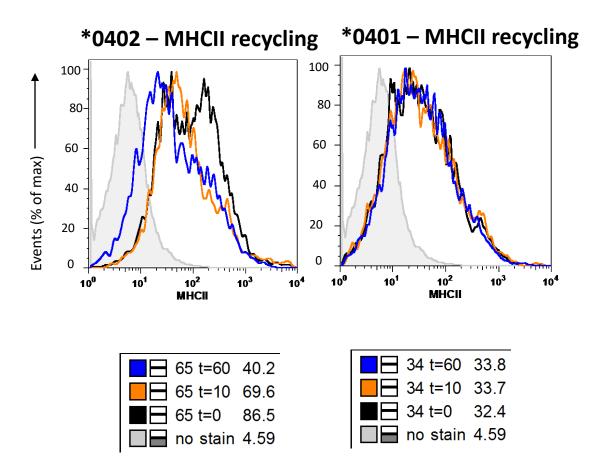
Pooled sera, collected 3 weeks after vaccination, from HLA-transgenic mice were used to measure the anti-H3 influenza antibodies. Antibodies responses against the MS/85 peptides are indicated by the blue lines and indicate the presence of linear B-cell epitopes. The linear antibody epitopes recognized by *A*) DRB1*0401 and B) DRB1-*0402 mice, N=5/group.



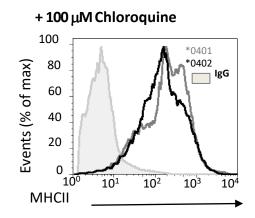
Bone marrow cells harvested from transgenic mice were cultured for 5 days in medium (RPMI1640 containing 1% penicillin-streptomycin and supplements) with GM-CSF (10ng/ml) and IL-4 (1 ng/ml) for maturation of dendritic cells (DCs). After 5 day culture, mature CD11C+ DC were cultured with splenic CD4 T cells isolated by positive selection (Miltenyi Biotech) and T cell proliferation was measured, *P<0.01 Peptides for H3N2 were not tested.



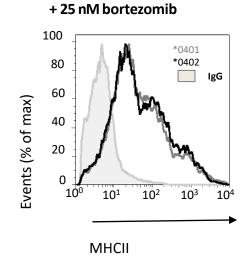
Flow cytometry-based expression of DR in BMDCs in *0401 and *0402 mice. Cells were cultured with conjugated anti-DR antibodies (L227) and expression analyzed by Flow cytometry. IgG was used as isotype control. Set of 2 experiments is shown



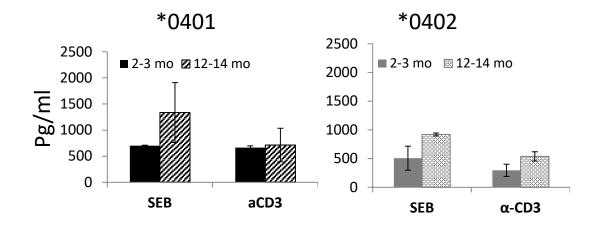
Measurement of the surface recycling of MHCII molecules in BMDCs isolated from *0401 and *0402 mice. Cells were cultured with conjugated anti-DR antibodies (L227) and expression analyzed by Flow cytometry. Peak MFI provided. IgG was used as isotype control. Acid stripping method was used to determine recycling



MHCII recycling in BMDCs treated with lysosome inhibitor, Chloroquine. BMDCs were cultured in the presence of Chloroquine and acid stripping method was used for recycling.



BMDCs were cultured in presence of Bortezomib and MHCII recycling was determined by FACS using acid stripping method and staining with conjugated L227 (anti-DR antibodies).



T cell response to TCR independent (Staphylococcus enterotoxin B (SEB) and TCR-dependent (α -CD3) (N=3 mice/strain/time point) of splenocytes harvested from naïve mice at indicated time points and IL-6 measured in the supernatant.

IL-6