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Reprogramming of Activated T Cells

into a “Naive-Memory” Phenotype

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

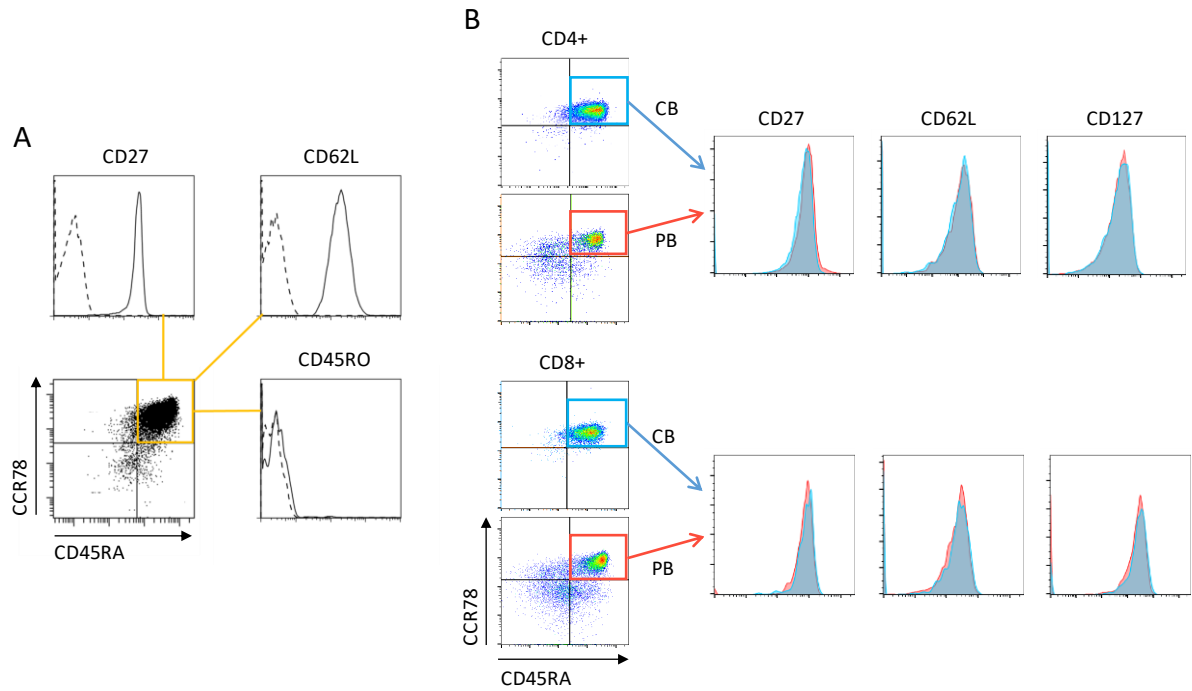


Figure S1. The basal phenotype of T_N and T_{Nrev} from CB and PB, Related to Figures 1 and 2. (A) The expression of CD27, CD45RO and CD62L in T_{Nrev} . The expression is shown for the cells having undergone phenotype reversion in Figure 1A, right panel. Dashed lines show the profiles of isotype controls. **(B)** The basal phenotype of T_N from CB and PB is shown.

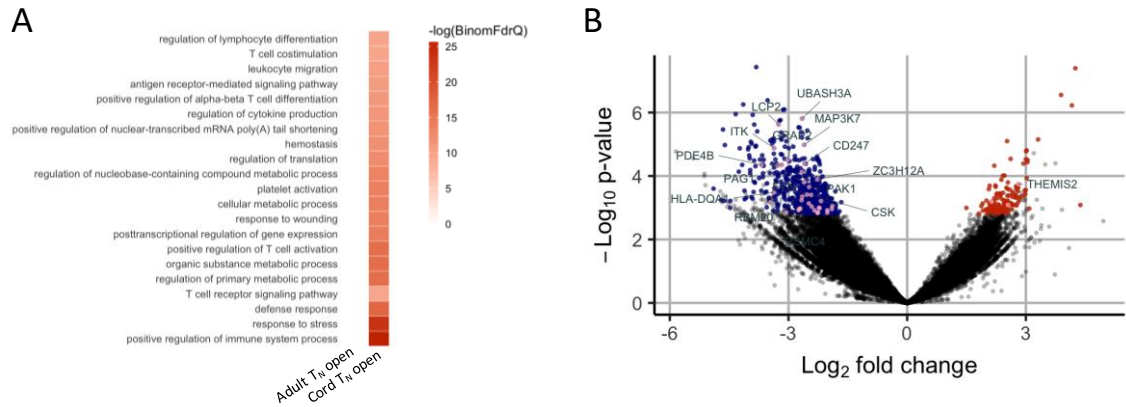


Figure S2. Pathways significantly enriched in chromatin sites preferentially open in T_N from PB or CB, Related to Figure 2. (A) Selected significant ($FDR < 0.1$) enrichments of GO terms (Biological Process) from DAC-associated gene annotations for DAC sites open in Cord T_N cells. No significant functional enrichments could be found at the sites preferentially open in samples from adults. Results are from 3 CB and 3 PB samples. (B) . Differential accessibility of peak regions identified in PB T_N cells vs CB T_N cells. The x-axis indicates Log_2 fold change and the y-axis indicates $-\text{Log}_{10}$ p-value of all peaks. Colored points indicate differentially accessible chromatin sites with inaccessible sites as blue and accessible sites as red. Points in pink are differentially accessible regions annotated as regulatory sites for genes in the biological process GO term T cell receptor signalling.

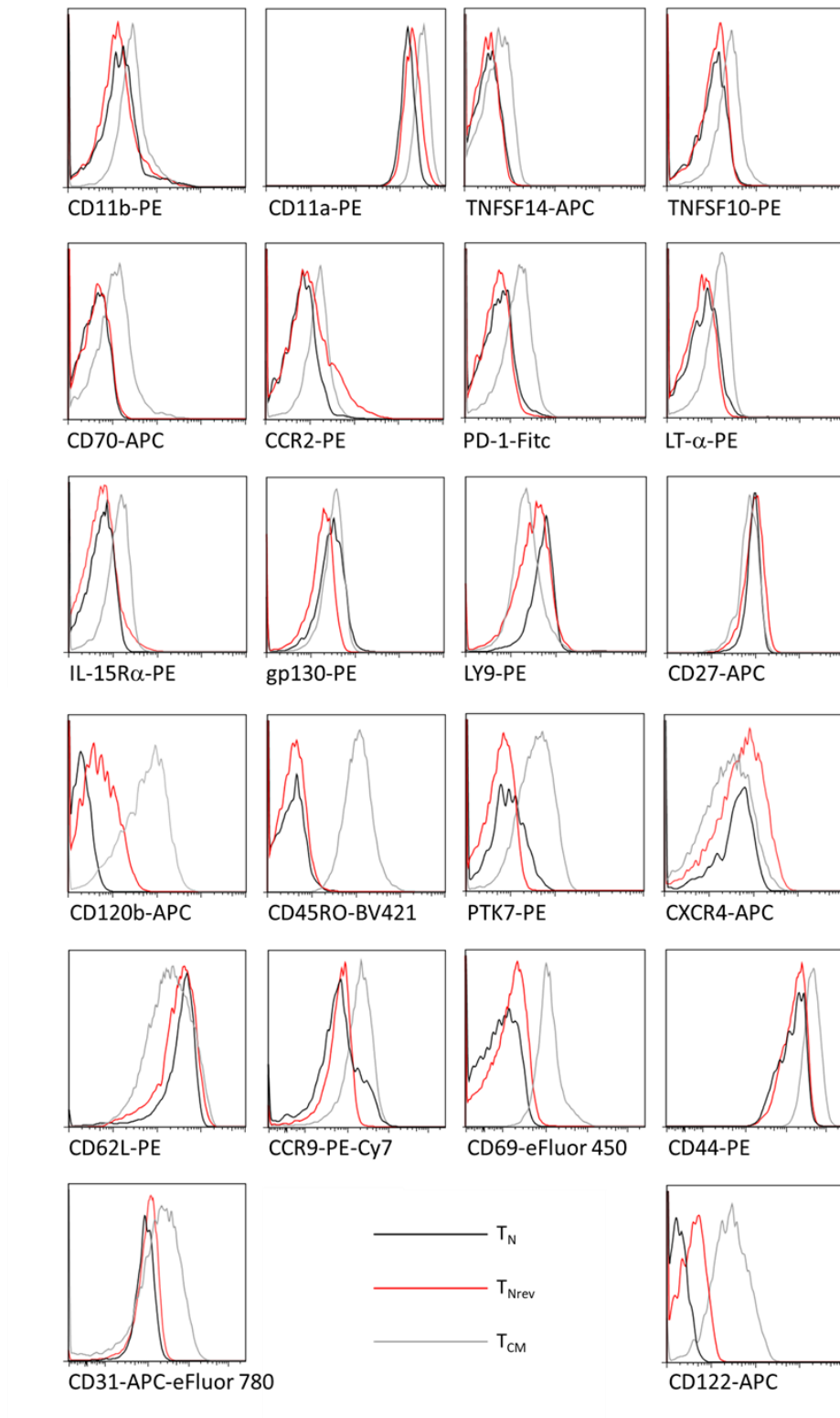


Figure S3. Extended screening for putative markers of T_{Nrev} , related to Figure 3. The membrane expression of non-discriminatory markers in T_N , recently reverted T_{Nrev} and recently differentiated T_{CM} is shown. Single representative experiment out of three.

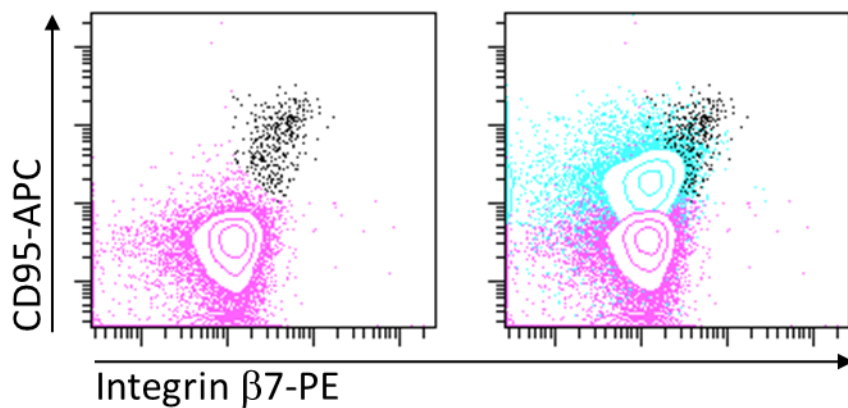


Figure S4. In tonsils, putative T_{Nrev} and memory $CD8^+$ T cells differ in the expression of CD95 and integrin $\beta 7$, Related to Figure 3. In the left panel the expression of the two markers is shown for $CCR7^+/CD45RA^+$ $CD8^+$ T cells; in the right panel the expression of CD95 and integrin $\beta 7$ in memory $CD8^+$ T cells, either $CCR7^+/CD45RA^-$, $CCR7-/CD45RA^-$ or $CCR7-/CD45RA^+$, is superimposed. In purple the classical T_N , in black the putative T_{Nrev} , and in pale blue the memory cells. Single representative experiment out of seven.

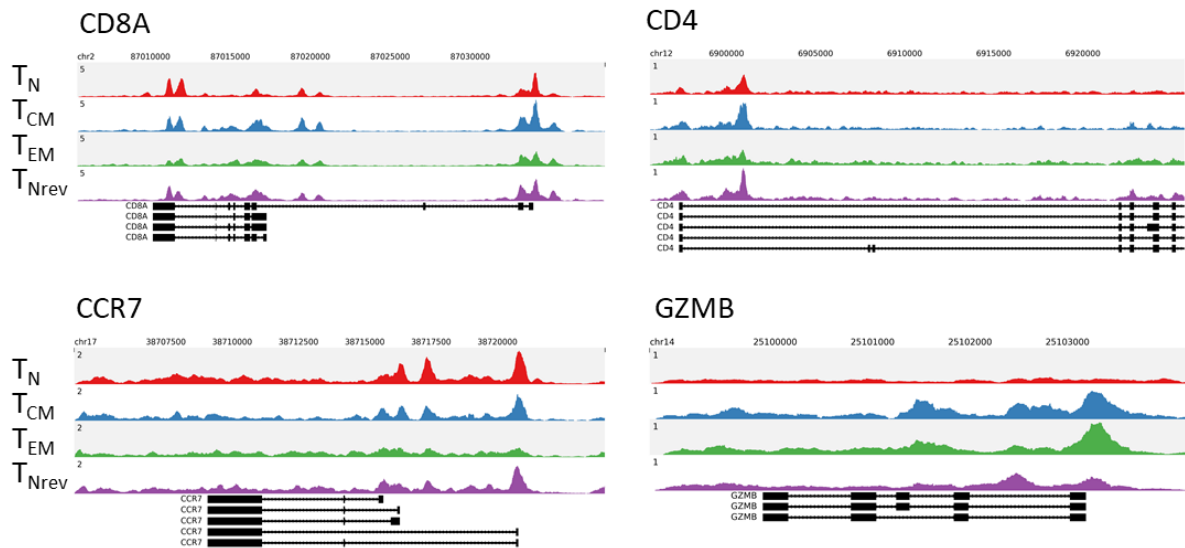


Figure S5. ATAC-seq signal tracks at selected genes confirming the purity of the samples, related to Figure 4. Gene diagrams (bottom) show alternative transcripts with black boxes indicating exons. Each subset signal is aggregated across the constituent samples, $n = 4(T_N)$, $3(T_{CM})$, $3(T_{EM})$, $4(T_{Nrev})$. The y-axes are in units of reads per million mapped reads.

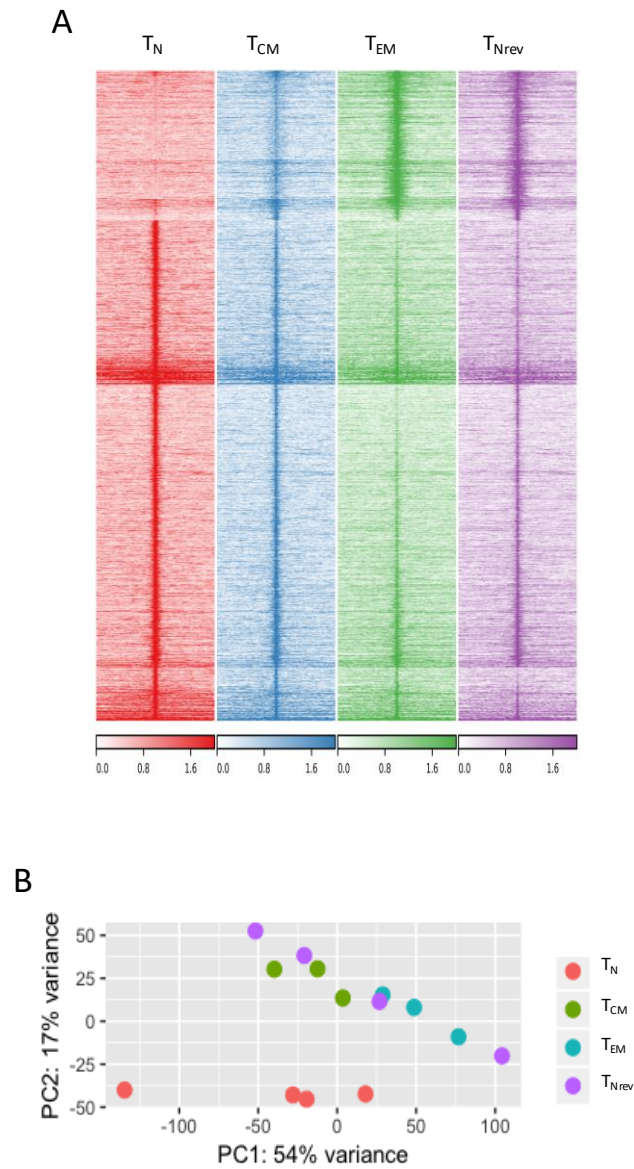


Figure S6. Comparison of chromatin landscape in T_N , T_{CM} , T_{EM} and T_{Nrev} , Related to Figure 4. (A) Peak sites that were differentially accessible in at least one pairwise comparison. Shown are normalized mapped read density (RPKM) of aggregated T_N ($n=4$), T_{CM} ($n=3$), T_{EM} ($n=3$) and T_{Nrev} ($n=4$) mapped ATAC-seq reads at differentially accessible chromatin sites (centred on peak summit, extended ± 5 kbp). (B) DACs counts for accessible and inaccessible sites are shown for T_{CM} , T_{EM} and T_{Nrev} in comparison to T_N .

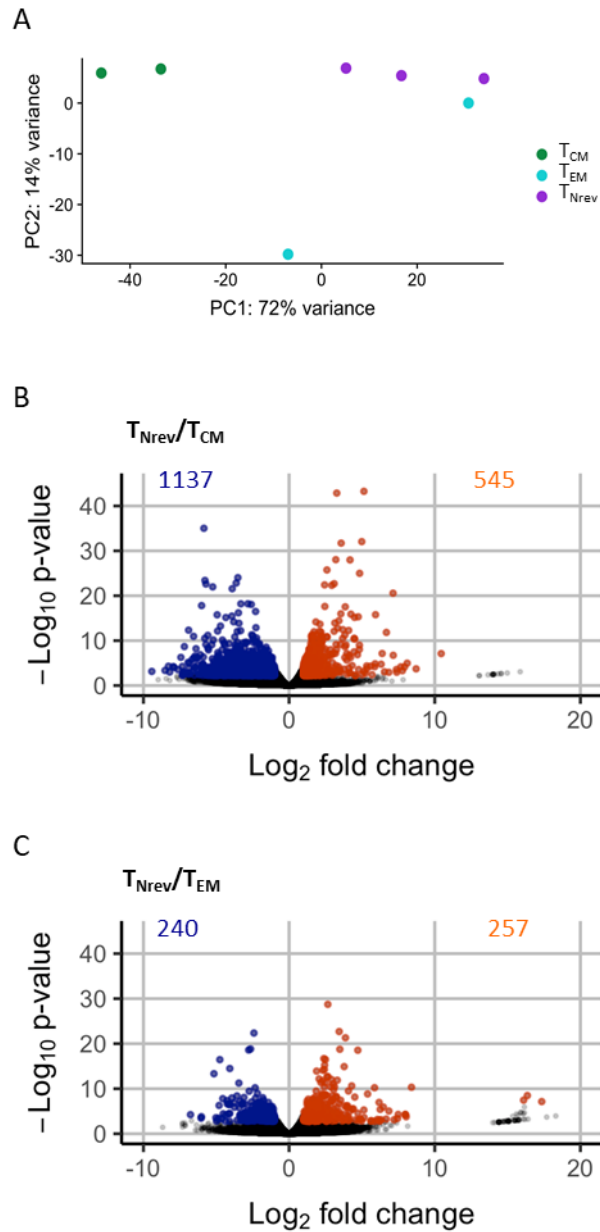
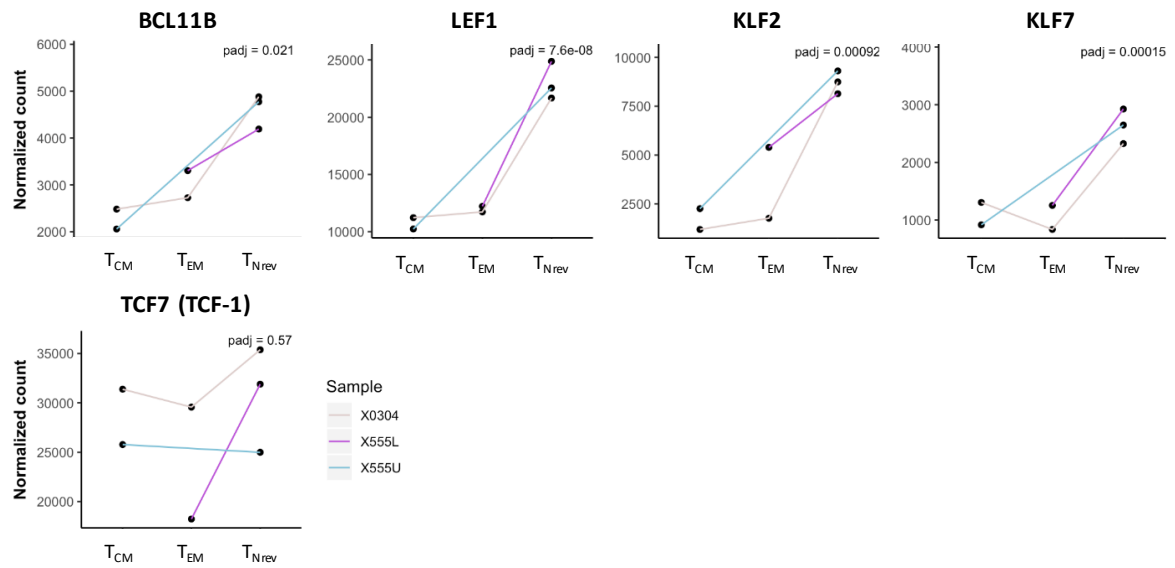


Figure S7. Transcriptomes of T_{Nrev} compared T_{Mem} cells, Related to Figure 6. Gene expression analysis was performed by RNAseq on 3 $CD8^+$ T_{Nrev} samples, and 4 $CD8^+$ T_{Mem} (2 T_{CM} and 2 T_{EM}) samples. (A) PCA plot of all samples. Pairwise comparisons of gene expression in T_{Nrev} vs T_{CM} cells (B) and T_{Nrev} vs T_{EM} (C) show $-\text{Log}_{10}$ p-value vs Log_2 fold change of all genes. Colored points indicate differentially expressed genes that are down-regulated (blue) and up-regulated (orange) in T_{Nrev} .

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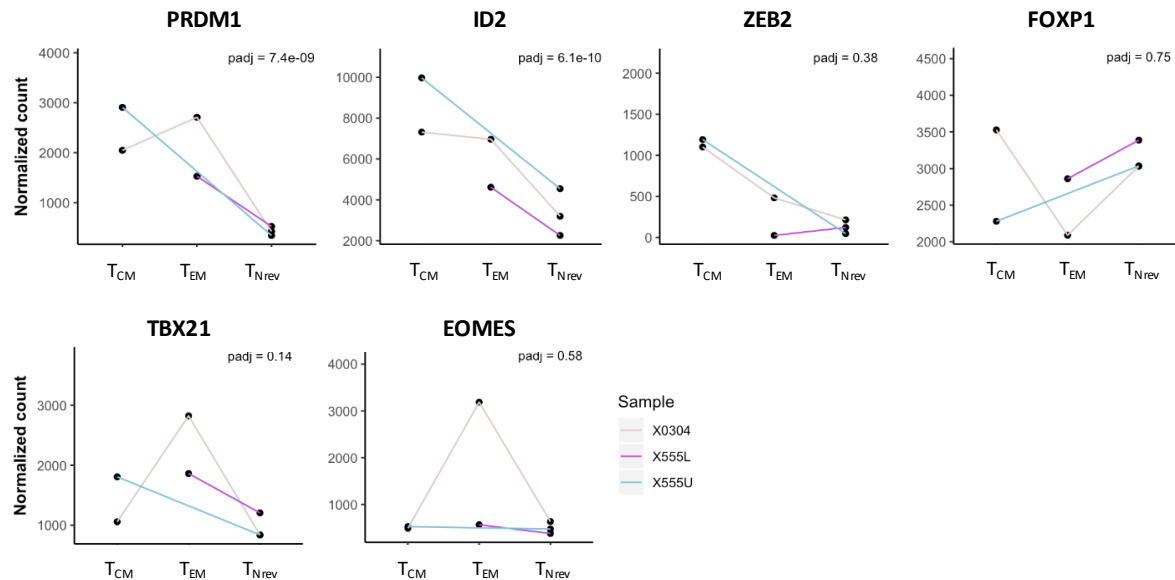


Figure S8. Stemness transcription factors of interest, Related to Figure 7. Normalized expression from RNA-seq of T_{CM} , T_{EM} and T_{Nrev} cells. Padj = p value adjusted for multiple testing from differential expression analysis of T_{Nrev} vs T_{CM} and T_{EM} cells. Key Transcription factors with known increased (A) and decreased (B) expression.

Table S1. Cell numbers are not altered by phenotypic reversion, Related to Figure 1.

	CB 1		CB 2		CB 3	
	Day6	Day 16	Day8	Day 18	Day6	Day 20
CCR7 ⁺ /CD45RA ⁺	32,1 ^A	872,1	9	345,5	21,3	1769,3
CCR7 ⁺ /CD45RA ⁻	982,2	256,6	782,2	303,2	1560,9	487,9
CCR7 ⁻ /CD45RA ⁻	308	79,2	183,7	101,4	213,2	33,1
CCR7 ⁻ /CD45RA ⁺	5,4	72	1,4	32	2,9	43
Total	1327,7	1279,9	976,3	782,1	1798,3	2333,3

^A Absolute number of CD8⁺ T cells within different subsets at T_N nadir (days 6 and 8) and T_{Nrev} plateau (days 16, 18 and 20). Cell counts (x10³) from 3 different CB samples, enumerated using Trucount beads.

Table S2. GREAT analysis, Related to Figure 5.

216 TNrev accessible sites			
		NO ENRICHMENT	
401 TNrev and TEM accessible sites			
		NO ENRICHMENT	
890 TEM accessible sites			
		NO ENRICHMENT	
546 TNrev inaccessible sites			
	Binom Rank	Binom Raw P-Value	Binom FDR Q-Val
Signaling events mediated by focal adhesion kinase	2	2.16441E-06	0.001428513
Signaling events mediated by Hepatocyte GF Receptor (c-Met)	3	2.50412E-06	0.001101811
T Cytotoxic Cell Surface Molecules	5	1.64991E-05	0.004355768
Keratinocyte Differentiation	7	0.000126032	0.023766053
PDGFR-beta signaling pathway	10	0.000228715	0.03019034
HIF-1-alpha transcription factor network	15	0.000471389	0.041482267
1648 TNrev and TEM inaccessible sites			
	Binom Rank	Binom Raw P-Value	Binom FDR Q-Val
TCR signaling in naive CD4+ T cells	1	2.46E-27	3.24E-24
Genes involved in Immune System	2	3.81E-26	2.51E-23
TCR signaling in naive CD8+ T cells	3	1.18E-22	5.18E-20
T cell receptor signaling pathway	4	4.57E-21	1.51E-18
Thromboxane A2 receptor signaling	5	2.33E-18	6.14E-16
Genes involved in Generation of second messenger molecules	6	3.36E-17	7.40E-15
Keratinocyte Differentiation	7	5.08E-17	9.58E-15
CXCR4-mediated signaling events	8	7.31E-17	1.21E-14
Genes involved in TCR signaling	9	2.35E-15	3.44E-13
Genes involved in Adaptive Immune System	10	2.23E-14	2.94E-12
T Cell Signal Transduction	11	7.59E-14	9.10E-12
Genes involved in Platelet activation, signaling and aggregation	12	5.48E-13	6.03E-11
HIF-1-alpha transcription factor network	13	2.49E-11	2.53E-09
Signaling events mediated by VEGFR1 and VEGFR2	14	5.20E-11	4.90E-09
Genes involved in Cytokine Signaling in Immune system	15	1.64E-10	1.44E-08
Signaling events mediated by focal adhesion kinase	16	2.42E-10	2.00E-08
Genes involved in Lipoprotein metabolism	17	3.53E-10	2.74E-08
Role of Calcineurin-dependent NFAT signaling in lymphocytes	19	7.14E-10	4.96E-08
Genes involved in Lipid digestion, mobilization, and transport	21	7.27E-10	4.57E-08
Genes involved in Signaling by NOTCH	22	9.66E-10	5.80E-08
2868 TEM inaccessible sites			
	Binom Rank	Binom Raw P-Value	Binom FDR Q-Val
Genes involved in Adaptive Immune System	2	1.11E-23	7.36E-21
TCR signaling in naive CD4+ T cells	3	1.88E-23	8.28E-21
TCR signaling in naive CD8+ T cells	4	1.89E-21	6.24E-19
T cell receptor signaling pathway	5	9.77E-20	2.58E-17
CXCR4-mediated signaling events	6	8.47E-19	1.86E-16
Class I PI3K signaling events	7	1.36E-17	2.57E-15
Genes involved in TCR signaling	8	8.07E-16	1.33E-13
Natural killer cell mediated cytotoxicity	9	4.53E-15	6.64E-13
Genes involved in Cytokine Signaling in Immune system	10	8.55E-15	1.13E-12
T Cell Receptor Signaling Pathway	11	7.90E-14	9.48E-12
Genes involved in Signaling by the B Cell Receptor (BCR)	12	8.12E-14	8.94E-12
Genes involved in Phosphorylation of CD3 and TCR zeta chains	13	6.23E-13	6.33E-11
IL2-mediated signaling events	15	2.12E-12	1.86E-10
Signaling events mediated by focal adhesion kinase	16	3.08E-12	2.54E-10
Lck and Fyn tyrosine kinases in initiation of TCR Activation	17	6.43E-12	4.99E-10
PDGFR-beta signaling pathway	18	6.77E-12	4.97E-10
IL-7 Signal Transduction	19	3.86E-11	2.68E-09
Downstream signaling in naive CD8+ T cells	20	4.83E-11	3.19E-09
Thromboxane A2 receptor signaling	21	9.06E-11	5.69E-09
Fc-epsilon receptor I signaling in mast cells	22	1.15E-10	6.87E-09

Table S5. List of the antibodies used for flow cytometry, Related to Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3, Figure 5.

Antigen/ fluorochrome	Clone	Purchased from	Antigen/ fluorochrome	Clone	Purchased from
CCR2/PE	K036C2	BioLegend	CD45RA/Fitc	HI100	BD
CCR7/Fitc	G043H7	BD	CD45RA/PE-Cy7	HI100	BD
CCR7/PE	G043H7	R&D	CD45RO/BV421	UCHL1	BioLegend
CCR7/BV605	G043H7	BioLegend	CD49d/PE	9F10	eBioscience
CCR9/PE-Cy7	L053E8	BioLegend	CD62L/PE	DREG-56	BD
CD11a/PE	HI111	BD	CD69/eFluor 450	FN50	eBioscience
CD11b/PE	ICRF44	BD	CD70/APC	113-16	BioLegend
CD120b/APC	22235	R&D	CD8/Fitc	SK1	BD
CD122/APC	TU27	BioLegend	CD8/Pacific Blue	RPA-T8	BD
CD127/PE	A019D5	BioLegend	CD95/APC	DX2	BD
CD14/Pacific Blue	TuK4	Invitrogen	CXCR3/APC	1C6/CXCR3	BD
CD14/PerCP	134620	R&D	CXCR4/APC	12G5	eBioscience
CD16/Pacific Blue	3G8	Invitrogen	gp130/PE	28126	R&D
CD16/PerCP	245536	R&D	granzyme B/Fitc	GB11	BD
CD19/Pacific Blue	SJ25-C1	Invitrogen	IL-15Ra/PE	JM7A4	BioLegend
CD19/PerCP	4G7-2E3	R&D	Integrin β 7/PE	473207	R&D
CD25/APC-Cy7	M-A251	BD	LT- α /PE	359-81-11	BioLegend
CD27/APC	57703	R&D	LY-9/PE	hLY-9.1.25	BioLegend
CD3/PE	OKT3	BioLegend	PD-1/Fitc	MIH4	BD
CD3/V500	UCHT1	BD	Perforin/Fitc	Dg9	eBioscience
CD31/APC-eFluor 780	WM-59	eBioscience	PTK7/PE	188B	Miltenyi
CD4/Fitc	SK3	eBioscience	TNFSF10/PE	RIK-2	BioLegend
CD44/PE	BJ18	BioLegend	TNFSF14/APC	115520	R&D

TRANSPARENT METHODS

Cell separation and culture.

The study was approved by the National Research Ethics Committee, UK REC no. 11/WM/0315, and by the Non-Clinical Issue committee of the NHS Blood and Transplant. Human CB from anonymized collections unsuitable for banking, was provided by the NHS Cord Blood Bank, UK, as Non-Clinical Issue. Peripheral blood (PB) was collected from consenting adult healthy blood donors from the NHS Blood and Transplant Donor Centre, Birmingham, UK.

PB mononuclear cells (PBMCs) and CBMCs were obtained by Ficoll separation. CD8⁺ T_N and T_{Nrev} were enriched using the Naïve CD8⁺ T cell Isolation Kit (Miltenyi Biotech, Bergisch Gladbach, Germany). CD8⁺ T_{EM} cells were negatively isolated after activation of enriched CD8⁺ T_N by removal of CCR7⁺ and CD45RA⁺ cells with anti-CCR7-APC, anti-CD45RA-APC and anti-APC MicroBeads (Miltenyi). CD8⁺ T_{CM} cells were isolated from less differentiated samples by depletion of CD45RA⁺ cells with anti CD45RA-APC and anti-APC MicroBeads. Cells were cultured in RPMI 1640 plus 10% FCS. CD4⁺ T_N cells were isolated with the Naïve CD4⁺ T cell Isolation Cell Isolation Kit II (Miltenyi).

CD8⁺ T_{CM/EM} cells were negatively isolated from CD8⁺ T_N cells isolated as indicated above by removal of CD45RA⁺ cells with anti-CD45RA-APC and anti-APC MicroBeads (Miltenyi).

Dendritic cells (DCs) were generated from adherent mononuclear cells after incubating in plates for 2 hours. Adherent cells were cultured in the medium supplemented on days 0, 3 and 6 with 50 ng/ml GM-CSF and 500 U/ml IL-4. On day 6, DCs were matured by adding 2 ng/ml IL-1 β , 1000 U/ml IL-6 and 10 ng/ml TNF α (all from R&D Systems, Minneapolis, USA) (1997). DCs were recovered after a further 48 hours.

Mononuclear cells from tonsils were kindly provided by P Murray and E Nagy. Tonsils were obtained after tonsillectomy for recurrent acute tonsillitis, minced and dissociated by mechanical means and mononuclear cells were collected by Ficoll separation.

TCR gene transduction.

CBMCs were retrovirally transduced with a TCR, specific for the HLA A11-restricted SSCSSCPLSK (SSC) peptide of the LMP2 protein of Epstein Barr virus, as previously described (Frumento *et al*, 2013). Briefly, cells were transduced with retrovirus 48 hours after activation. The retrovirus used was the pMP71-PRE vector (provided by C. Baum, Hannover, Germany) with genes encoding TCR α and β chains isolated from an EBV-specific CD8⁺ T cell clone that targets the HLA A*1101-restricted epitope SSC derived from the viral protein LMP2 (Zheng *et al.*, 2015). To generate the retrovirus, Phoenix amphotropic packaging cells were transfected with the pMP71-PRE vector using FuGENE HD (Roche, Basel, Switzerland). After 48 hours the retroviral supernatant was recovered. Preactivated cells were seeded at 4–6 \times 10⁶ cells/well in 1 ml RPMI onto 6-well plates coated with retronectin (Takara, Shiga, Japan). Retroviral supernatant (1.5 ml/well) or medium alone (mock-transduced) was added to each well and centrifuged for 1 h \times 800 g at 30°C. Also described are generation of DCs, their loading with the peptide, and re-stimulation of transduced T cells with peptide-pulsed DCs.

Cell activation and treatment.

Cells were activated, or re-activated, with either of the following stimuli.

Anti-CD3: cells were incubated with 66 ng/ml anti-CD3 antibody (OKT3), plus 300 U/ml IL-2 (Miltenyi).

Anti-CD3 and crosslinked anti-CD28: cells were incubated with 66 ng/ml OKT3 plus a mix of 66 ng/ml

LEAF anti-CD28 (BioLegend, San Diego, CA, USA) and 66 ng/ml rat anti-mouse IgG1 (BioLegend), and

50 U/ml IL-2. CD3/CD28 beads: Dynabeads T Activator CD3/CD28 (Life Technologies, Grand Island, NY)

beads were incubated with CBMCs at 1:1 ratio in the presence of 30 U/ml IL-2. PHA: cells were

incubated with 1% PHA M (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA, USA), plus 50 U/ml IL-2. SEB: cells were

incubated with 1 μ g/ml SEB (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO, USA), plus 50 U/ml IL-2. From day 2, IL-2 100

U/ml, for stimulation with soluble anti-CD3, or 30 U/ml, for the other cases, was added thrice a week.

Phenotype was checked thrice a week. When the percentage of CCR7⁺/CD45RA⁺ CD8⁺ T cells dropped

below 20%, half of the medium was replaced with fresh medium containing either IL-2, IL-4, IL-6, IL-7,

IL-15 or IL-21 (all from Miltenyi), or combinations thereof, at final concentrations of 30 U/ml, 25 ng/ml,

10 ng/ml, 25 ng/ml, 50 ng/ml, and 50 ng/ml, respectively. Thrice a week, half of the culture medium was replaced with new medium plus cytokine(s). Re-activation by phorbol myristate acetate (PMA) plus ionomycin (Cell Stimulation Cocktail, eBioscience, San Diego, CA, USA) was performed exactly following manufacturer's instructions. BMS 493 (Tocris, Bristol, UK) was preincubated 3 hours before addition of IL_7 and/or all-trans-retinoic acid (ATRA, Sigma Aldrich).

Flow cytometry.

The antibodies used for cell membrane staining are listed in Table S5. Gating strategy involved selection of single cells and use of a "dump channel" including either 7-aminoactinomycin D (BD, San Jose, CA, USA) and PerCP-conjugated anti CD14, CD16 and CD19, or Live/Dead Fixable Violet (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Wilmington, DE, USA) and Pacific Blue-conjugated anti CD14, CD16 and CD19. Proliferation was evaluated by staining cells with 1 μ M CFSE. For intracellular staining, cells were fixed and permeabilized using the FIX&PERM kit (ADG, Kaumberg, Austria) or Fixation/Permeabilization Solution Kit (BD) for staining of cytokines or TFs, respectively. Indirect staining was carried out for E2F-1 (clone 8G9, Novus Biologicals, Littleton, CO, USA) and KAT2B (clone EPR2670, Abcam, Cambridge, MA, USA). In this case a PE- conjugated rat anti-mouse IgG1 (clone RMG1-1, BioLegend, San Diego, CA, USA) and an APC-conjugated goat ant-rabbit IgG (R&D, Minneapolis, MN, USA) were used, respectively. In some experiments cells were enumerated using Trucount Beads (BD). Transduced lymphocytes were identified using HLA A*1101:SSC peptide-specific pentamers and Tag/PE (Proimmune, Oxford, UK). Flow cytometry was performed on either a FACSCanto II, an LSR II, or a Fortessa (BD) flow cytometer. Quantifications were made on the basis of FACSDiva and FlowJo (both from BD) softwares.

Cytotoxicity assay.

Cytotoxicity of transduced T cells was assessed in a standard ⁵¹Cr assay. Briefly, HLA A*1101-transduced T2 cells were loaded with the concentrations of SSC peptide indicated in the text, then used as targets at 2500 cells/well in a 5 hrs test.

ATAC-seq library preparation and analysis

For sequencing the open chromatin regions in the CD8⁺ T cell subsets, we used a previously published method with slight modification (Brignall *et al*, 2017). In brief, 50,000 cells were sorted on a cell sorter (FACSAria, BD) and pelleted by centrifugation at 500 × *g* and 4°C for 10 min. The cell pellet was washed once with cold PBS and centrifuged again. Pellets were resuspended in a 50-μl reaction cocktail containing 1 μl of 0.5% Digitonin (Promega, Madison, WI, USA), 2.5 μl of Tn5 transposase and 25 μl of TD buffer (Nextera DNA library preparation kit, Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA) and incubated for 30 min at 37°C with gentle shaking. The tagmented DNA was then purified using Minielute PCR Purification kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) and eluted into 11 μl of elution buffer. The transposed DNA was then amplified using 2.5 μl of indexing primers and 25 μl of Nextera PCR master mix according to the PCR protocol previously described (Buenrostro *et al*, 2013). PCR clean-up was then performed using AMPure XP beads (Beckman Coulter, Brea, CA, USA), and resuspended in 30 μl of resuspension buffer. The libraries were quantified using Qubit fluorometer (Life Technologies), and the size was determined using TapeStation (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA). Sequencing was performed on a High Throughput Benchtop NextSeq 500/550 Sequencer using NextSeq[®] 500/550 High Output Kit v2 - 75 cycles (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA).

ATAC-seq data was aligned to the human genome (hg19) using Bowtie2 v2.2.9 with the settings: `--very-sensitive-local` (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). Peaks were called on the alignments using MACS2 v2.2 with settings: `--keep-dup=auto --nomodel --shift -100 --extsize 200` (Zang *et al*, 2008). Peaks were annotated with closest gene (by RefSeq transcription start site) and average tag counts (400bp region centred on peak summit) using `annotatePeaks` from HOMER v4.8. Motif enrichment at peak regions was assessed using the HOMER program `findMotifsGenome` (Heinz *et al*, 2010). DACs were identified by pairwise comparisons in the R package DESeq2 (Love *et al*, 2014). Genome-wide average profile data at TSS and enhancer sites was obtained using `ngs.plot` v2.63 (Shen *et al*, 2014). Heatmaps of DACs and mapped read profiles at selected genomic regions were obtained using `fluff` v2.1.4 (Georgiou *et al*,

2016). ATAC-seq data have been deposited in Gene Expression Omnibus, accession number GSE120618, public release December 2018.

Microarray analysis.

Gene expression analysis was performed on 3 CD8⁺ T_{Nrev} at day 19 and 3 CD8⁺ T_N samples. RNA extraction was performed using RNeasy columns (Qiagen). Source RNA was confirmed as high quality by use of a Bioanalyzer 2100 (Agilent). RNA Integrity Numbers of 6.0 were confirmed for all samples using a RNA 6000 Pico Chip kit (Agilent). 25ng of each source sample RNA was labeled with Cy3 dye using the Low Input Quick Amp Labelling Kit (Agilent). A specific activity of greater than 6.0 was confirmed by measurement with a spectrophotometer. 600 ng of labeled RNA was hybridized to SurePrint G3 Human 8x60K microarray slides (Agilent). After hybridization, slides were scanned with a High Resolution C Scanner (Agilent), using a scan resolution of 3 mm. Feature extraction was performed using Feature Extraction Software (Agilent), with no background subtraction. Extracted data were normalized using the R 3.4 software environment with the limma 3.32.5 analysis package (Smyth, 2004). Log transformed expression values were analyzed in limma using a moderated paired t-test. Microarray data that support the findings of this study have been deposited in Gene Expression Omnibus, accession number GSE114812, public release December 2018.

RNA-seq analysis

RNA extraction was performed using RNeasy columns (Qiagen). TruSeq mRNA library preparation and sequencing was carried out by Edinburgh Genomics, The University of Edinburgh. Sequencing data were generated using NovaSeq 50PE.

Statistics

Quantifications of events from flow cytometry were made using FACSDiva and FlowJo (both from BD) softwares.

Genes were classified as differentially expressed if Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted p-value <0.05 and absolute fold change >2. Peaks discovered from the ATAC-seq analysis were classified as differentially

accessible in a given pairwise comparison if **Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted p-value <0.1 and absolute log₂ fold change >1**. Pathway enrichment analysis was performed using G:profiler (Reimand *et al*, 2016) with a threshold adjusted p-value of <0.05 for reporting significant enrichments. Gene-set enrichment analysis (GSEA) was performed using the Bioconductor R package GAGE (Luo *et al*, 2009). The Hallmark and Canonical Pathways gene sets were downloaded from Molecular Signatures Database (MSigDB) (Liberzon *et al*, 2015). GSEA was also used to assess enrichment of published gene signatures for T_{SCM} up/down-regulated vs T_N (Gattinoni *et al*, 2011) and T_{MNP} up/down-regulated vs T_N (Pulko *et al*, 2016). T_{MNP} up/down-regulated genes vs T_N were extracted from published RNAseq count data downloaded from NCBI's Gene Expression Omnibus (GSE80306). Differentially expressed genes (DEGs) with Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted p-value<0.05 and absolute fold change >2 were identified using the R package DEseq2. Genomic Regions Enrichment of Annotations Tools (GREAT) (McLean *et al*, 2010) was used to identify functional enrichments within genes annotated as closest to differentially accessible chromatin sites. Functional and network analysis was performed on the pool of significant genes using Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (Qiagen).

In all the other cases statistical analysis was carried out using Graph Pad Prism software or Excel 2016. Results in graphs are reported as mean ± 1SD.

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