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Sample size	The sample size was determined on the basis of pilot studies that enabled to observe differences in variable means consistent with our previously published reports on human CD39 expression in T cells (pilot studies conducted using a two-sided 5% type 1 error; power calculated using GraphPad Stat Mate 2).
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from analysis. All the data that have been generated in this study have been included in the Source Data file.
Replication	Each experiment was successfully replicated at least three times. Replicate experiments gave consistent results.
Randomization	Allocation of subjects either to the study (Crohn's disease) or control group (healthy subjects) was made according to the diagnostic criteria for Crohn's disease. Allocation of animals to treatment or vehicle group was random. When using cell lines, wells that served as controls and those subjected to treatment were randomly chosen.
Blinding	In both animal and in vitro experiments using human derived cells and cell lines, investigators were blinded to the treatment of different experimental groups during data collection.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> ChIP-seq
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Antibodies

Antibodies used	Antibodies for flow cytometry: anti-human CD4 (clone # OKT4, Biolegend, cat. # 317414, lot # B163309), CD25 (clone # M-A251, Biolegend, cat. # 356134, lot # B186553), CD127 (clone # A019D5, Biolegend, cat. # 351303, lot # B143868), CD39 (clone # A1, Biolegend, cat. # 328206, lot # B171237), CCR6 (clone # G034E3, Biolegend, cat. # 353409, lot # B148950), IL23 receptor (clone # 218213, R&D Systems, cat. # FAB14001F, lot # XZM0208101), FOXP3 (clone # PCH101, eBioscience, cat. # 12-4776-42), RORC (clone # AFKJS-9, eBioscience, cat. # 17-6988-82, lot # 2010688), IFNgamma (clone # 4S.B3, Biolegend, cat. # 502511, lot # B145646), IL4 (clone # 8D4-8, Biolegend, cat. # 500704, lot # B150137), CD4 (clone # A161A1, Biolegend, cat. # 357414, lot # B29135), FOXP3 (clone # 206D, Biolegend, cat. # 320108, lot # B244884), IL17 (clone # BL168, Biolegend, cat. # 512326, lot # B272369), IL10 (clone # JES3-19F1, Biolegend, cat. # 506804, lot # B263814), IFNgamma (clone # B27, BD Pharmingen, cat. # 557995, lot # 3288828), IgG2b, k isotype control (clone # RTK4530, Biolegend, cat. # 400631), mouse IgG1, k isotype control (clone # MOPC-21, Biolegend, cat. # 400107, # 400131, # 400161) and rat IgG2a, k isotype control (clone # RTK2758, Biolegend, cat. # 400507); 7-AAD viability staining solution (cat. # 420404, Biolegend, lot # B187843). Neutralizing antibodies: anti-human IL4 antibodies (cat. # MAB204-SP, R&D Systems, lot # AVT0719091), anti-human IFNgamma antibodies (cat. # MAB285-SP, R&D Systems, lot # KW1919091).
Validation	All antibodies used for flow cytometry are commercially available and have been validated for species reactivity and application by the vendors; validation data are available in the vendors' website. Neutralizing antibodies used for cell differentiation were validated by the vendors (data available in the vendor's website) and further verified by us for inhibition properties using flow cytometry and ELISA in preliminary experiments.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	Jurkat, Raji, THP-1 and HCC1739BL cell lines were obtained from American Type Culture Collection (ATCC).
Authentication	The cell lines used in this study are commercially available through the vendor. Authentication was carried out by the vendor and cell phenotype verified by us by flow cytometry upon receipt.

Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines were negative for Mycoplasma contamination.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No misidentified cell lines were used.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	6-weeks old NOD/scid/gamma female mice were used. These were purchased from The Jackson Laboratory. Animals were housed under pathogen free conditions, at 21-23C, with a 12:12 hour dark-light cycle and relative humidity ranging from 45% to 55%.
Wild animals	No wild animals were used in the study.
Field-collected samples	No field-collected samples were used in the study.
Ethics oversight	Animal Care and Use Committee at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC), Boston, MA, USA.

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Human research participants

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Population characteristics	Patients with Crohn's disease: female/male: 32/38; Montreal age classification: 1 subject was less than 16 years old, 39 were between 17 and 40 years old, while 30 were over 40 years old; 31 subjects were on Infliximab, 16 were on steroids while 8 were on mercaptopurine. Controls were healthy blood donors (age and gender matched).
Recruitment	Patients were recruited from the Gastroenterology Division, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC), Boston, MA. Controls were healthy blood donors (Blood Donor Center at Children's Hospital, Boston, MA). No self-selection bias were present during recruitment of human participants.
Ethics oversight	IRB approval was granted by the Committee on Clinical Investigations, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA (protocol # 2011P000202). Written informed consent was obtained from all study participants or legally authorized representatives.

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Clinical trial registration	N/A
Study protocol	N/A
Data collection	Clinical data were collected from hospital medical records at the time of patients' visit or admission to hospital.
Outcomes	N/A

Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation	Cells were derived from peripheral blood and lamina propria CD4 cells, polarized into Treg, Th17, Th1 and Th2 cells and then analyzed by FACS.
Instrument	BD LSRII (BD Biosciences)
Software	FlowJo 2 software (version 10, TreeStar, Ashland, OR).

Cell population abundance

Frequency of polarized cells varied from 10-15% across the samples. Purity of CD4 cells was consistently above 92%. Purity of cell population was determined by FACS analysis and, in the case of Tregs, confirmed by functional assays.

Gating strategy

Live cells were gated after exclusion of dead cells and doublets. Positively stained cell populations were gated based on unstained, single stained and relevant isotype controls. Fluorescence compensation was adjusted based on fluorescence-minus-one method.

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