

Supplemental Information

Dynamic Cardiolipin Synthesis

Is Required for CD8⁺ T Cell Immunity

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Figure S1

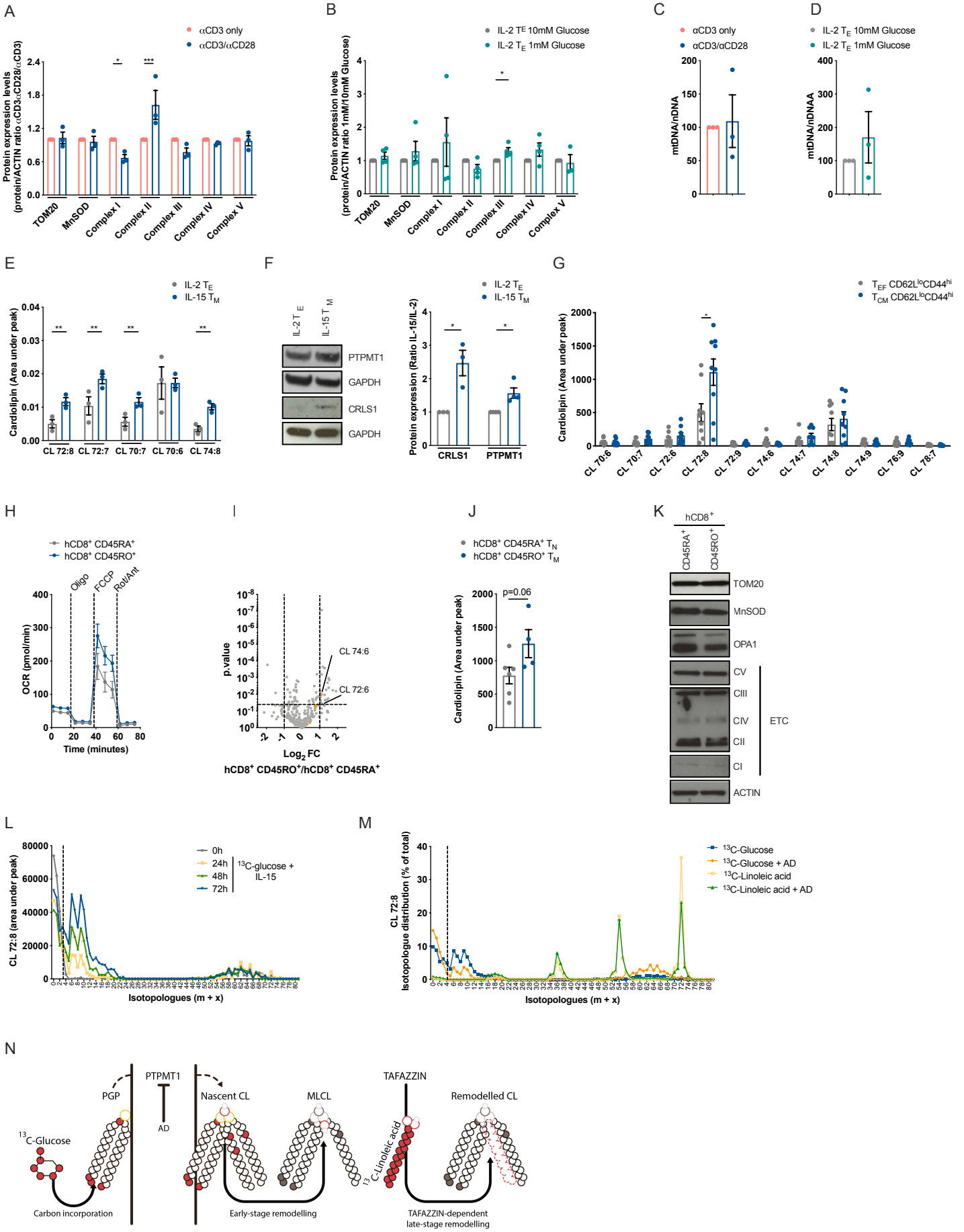


Figure S1. Mitochondrial protein content and cardiolipin profile in mouse and human CD8⁺ T cells with a high OXPHOS demand (Related to Figure 1).

- (A) Quantification of indicated proteins from immunoblot analysis of CD8⁺ T cells activated with α CD3 only or α CD3/ α CD28 and differentiated into IL-15 T_M cells until day 6 post activation. Quantification refers to representative blot in Figure 2D. Data represent mean \pm SEM of four independent experiments.
 - (B) Quantification of indicated proteins from immunoblot analysis of CD8⁺ T cells activated with α CD3/ α CD28 + IL-2 and cultured in complete medium until day 3, then cultured for 20h in either complete (10mM glucose) or glucose-restricted (1mM glucose) medium for 20h. Quantification refers to representative blot in Figure 2H. Data represent mean \pm SEM of four independent experiments.
 - (C) mtDNA/nDNA ratio measured as ND1/Hprt Ct ratio in cells treated as in (A). Data represent mean \pm SEM of three independent experiments.
 - (D) mtDNA/nDNA ratio measured as ND1/Hprt Ct ratio in cells treated as in (B). Data represent mean \pm SEM of three independent experiments.
 - (E) Cardiolipin species quantification from lipid extracts of CD8⁺ T cells activated with α CD3/ α CD28 and differentiated into IL-2 T_E and IL-15 T_M cells, analyzed by LC-MS. Data represent mean \pm SEM of three independent experiments.
 - (F) Immunoblot analysis and protein quantification of cells activated and differentiated as in Figure 2I. Representative of three independent experiments.
 - (G) Cardiolipin species quantification from lipids extracts of T_E (CD62L^{lo}CD44^{hi}) and T_M (CD62L^{hi}CD44^{hi}) Wt CD8⁺ T cells from 20-month old mice. Scatter dot plots with mean \pm SEM bars. Dots represent individual mice (n=8-9/group).
 - (H) OCR of freshly isolated human CD8⁺ CD45RA⁺ and CD8⁺ CD45RO⁺ T cells at baseline and after exposure to Oligomycin (Oligo), FCCP and Rotenone/Antimycin (Rot/Ant). Data representative of three independent experiments (n=4-5/group)
 - (I) Lipids extracted from freshly isolated human CD8⁺ CD45RA⁺ and CD8⁺ CD45RO⁺ T cells and analyzed by LC-MS. Log2FC and p value calculated with Anova test from 4-6 samples per group.
 - (J) Total cardiolipin content from freshly isolated human CD8⁺ CD45RA⁺ and CD8⁺ CD45RO⁺ T cells analyzed by LC-MS. Scatter dot plots with mean \pm SEM bars. Each dot represents individual donor (n=4-6/group).
 - (K) Representative immunoblot analysis of cell extracts from freshly isolated human CD8⁺ CD45RA⁺ and CD8⁺ CD45RO⁺ T cells probed with indicated antibodies.
 - (L) Isotopologue distribution of ¹³C-glucose derived carbons incorporated into CL 72:8 in mouse CD8⁺ T cells differentiated into IL-15 T_M cells in presence of ¹³C-glucose. At indicated time points lipids were extracted and glucose derived carbons traced into CL 72:8.
 - (M) Normalized % Isotopologue distribution of ¹³C-glucose- and ¹³C-linoleic acid-derived carbons incorporated into CL 72:8 in mouse CD8⁺ T cells differentiated in IL-15 T_M cells for 72h in presence of ¹³C-glucose or ¹³C-palmitate \pm cardiolipin synthesis inhibitor (AD) during IL-15 differentiation.
 - (N) Schematic of glucose- and palmitate/linoleic acid-derived carbons incorporated into cardiolipin.
- Statistical comparisons for two groups were calculated by unpaired two-tailed Student's t test or Anova test, where indicated, *p < 0.05; **p < 0.01; ***p < 0.001.

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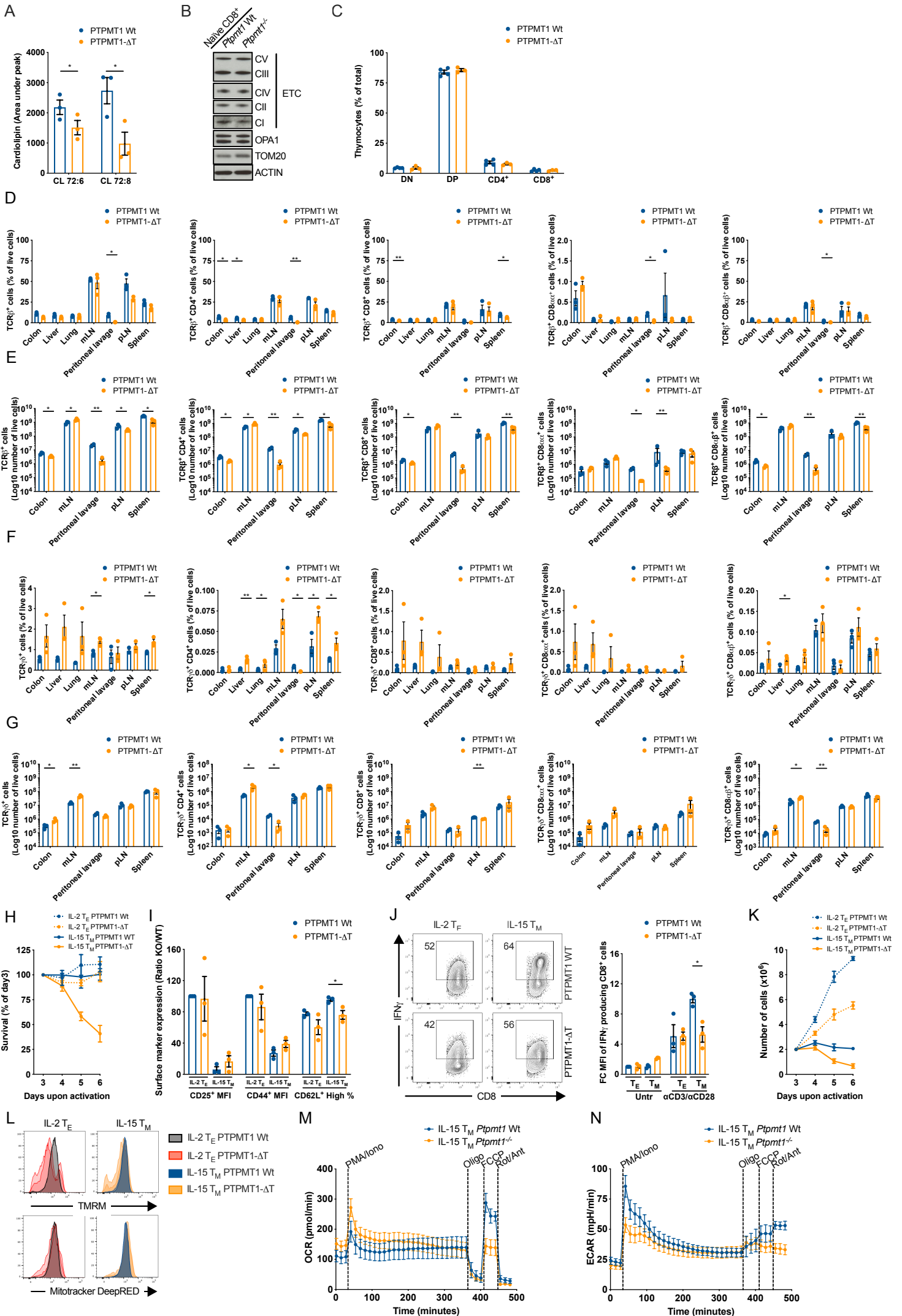


Figure S2. Analysis of WT and *Ptpmt1*-ΔT mice, and T cells isolated from these mice (Related to Figure 2).

- (A) Amount of cardiolipin 72:6 and 72:8 from Wt and *Ptpmt1*-ΔT CD8⁺ T cells analyzed by LC-MS shown as mean ± SEM. Representative of three experiments (N=3/group).
- (B) Immunoblot analysis of cell extracts from naïve WT and *Ptpmt1*-ΔT CD8⁺ T cells. Representative of two experiments.
- (C) Thymocyte development analyzed by CD4/CD8/CD25/CD44 surface expression in 8- week old Wt and PTPMT1-ΔT mice shown as mean ± SEM bars. Dots represent individual mice (n=3-4/group).
- (D) % frequencies of TCRβ, TCRβ CD4⁺, TCRβ CD8⁺, TCRβ CD8αα⁺, TCRβ CD8αβ⁺ T cells in colon, liver, lung, mesenteric lymph nodes (mLN), peritoneal lavage, peripheral lymph node (pLN) and spleens of Wt and PTPMT1-ΔT mice. Data are shown as mean ± SEM bars. Dots represent individual mice (n=3/group).
- (E) Cell number expressed in Log10 scale of TCRβ, TCRβ CD4⁺, TCRβ CD8⁺, TCRβ CD8αα⁺, TCRβ CD8αβ⁺ T cells in colon, mesenteric lymph nodes (mLN), peritoneal lavage, peripheral lymph node (pLN) and spleens of Wt and PTPMT1-ΔT mice. Data are shown as mean ± SEM bars. Dots represent individual mice (n=3/group).
- (F) % frequencies of TCRγδ, TCRγδ CD4⁺, TCRγδ CD8⁺, TCRγδ CD8αα⁺, TCRγδ CD8αβ⁺ T cells in colon, liver, lung, mesenteric lymph nodes (mLN), peritoneal lavage, peripheral lymph node (pLN) and spleens of Wt and PTPMT1-ΔT mice. Data are shown as mean ± SEM bars. Dots represent individual mice (n=3/group).
- (G) Cell number expressed in Log10 scale of TCRγδ, TCRγδ CD4⁺, TCRγδ CD8⁺, TCRγδ CD8αα⁺, TCRγδ CD8αβ⁺ T cells in colon, mesenteric lymph nodes (mLN), peritoneal lavage, peripheral lymph node (pLN) and spleens of Wt and PTPMT1-ΔT mice. Data are shown as mean ± SEM bars. Dots represent individual mice (n=3/group).
- (H) Relative survival of WT and *Ptpmt1*^{-/-} CD8⁺ T cells differentiated in IL-2 (T_E cells) or IL-15 (T_M cells) starting at day 3 post activation. Analyzed by 7-AAD exclusion by flow cytometry. Data represent mean ± SEM of three independent experiment (n=3/group).
- (I) CD25, CD44, CD62L expression in Wt and *Ptpmt1*^{-/-} CD8⁺ T cells cultured for 72h in IL-2 T_E and IL-15 T_M cell conditions. Data represent mean ± SEM of three independent experiments (n=3/group).
- (J) Flow cytometry analysis of IFNγ production in IL-2 T_E and IL-15 T_M Wt and *Ptpmt1*^{-/-} CD8⁺ T cells stimulated for 20h with αCD3/αCD28 antibodies. Graph shows fold change of IFNγ MFI of cytokine producing cells. Data represent mean ± SEM of three independent experiments (n=3/group).
- (K) Cell proliferation of mouse Wt and *Ptpmt1*^{-/-} CD8⁺ T cells measured as cell number between day 3 and day 6 of IL-2 or IL-15 culture, shown as mean ± SEM of 3 independent experiments (n=3/group).
- (L) Mitochondrial membrane potential measured with TMRM (upper panel) and mitochondrial mass measured as MitotrackerDeep Red incorporation (lower panel) in IL-2 T_E and IL-15 T_M Wt and *Ptpmt1*^{-/-} CD8⁺ T cells analyzed by flow cytometry. Representative of 4 Wt and 4 PTPMT1-ΔT mice.
- (M) OCR of IL-15 T_M Wt and *Ptpmt1*^{-/-} CD8⁺ T cells stimulated with PMA/Iono during a Seahorse experiment. Representative of two independent experiment (n=3/group).
- (N) Glycolysis measured as extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) in IL-15 T_M Wt and *Ptpmt1*^{-/-} CD8⁺ T cells stimulated with PMA/Iono during a Seahorse experiment. Representative of two independent experiment (n=3/group).
- Statistical comparisons for two groups were calculated by unpaired two-tailed Student's t test, *p < 0.05; **p < 0.01; ***p < 0.001.

Figure S3

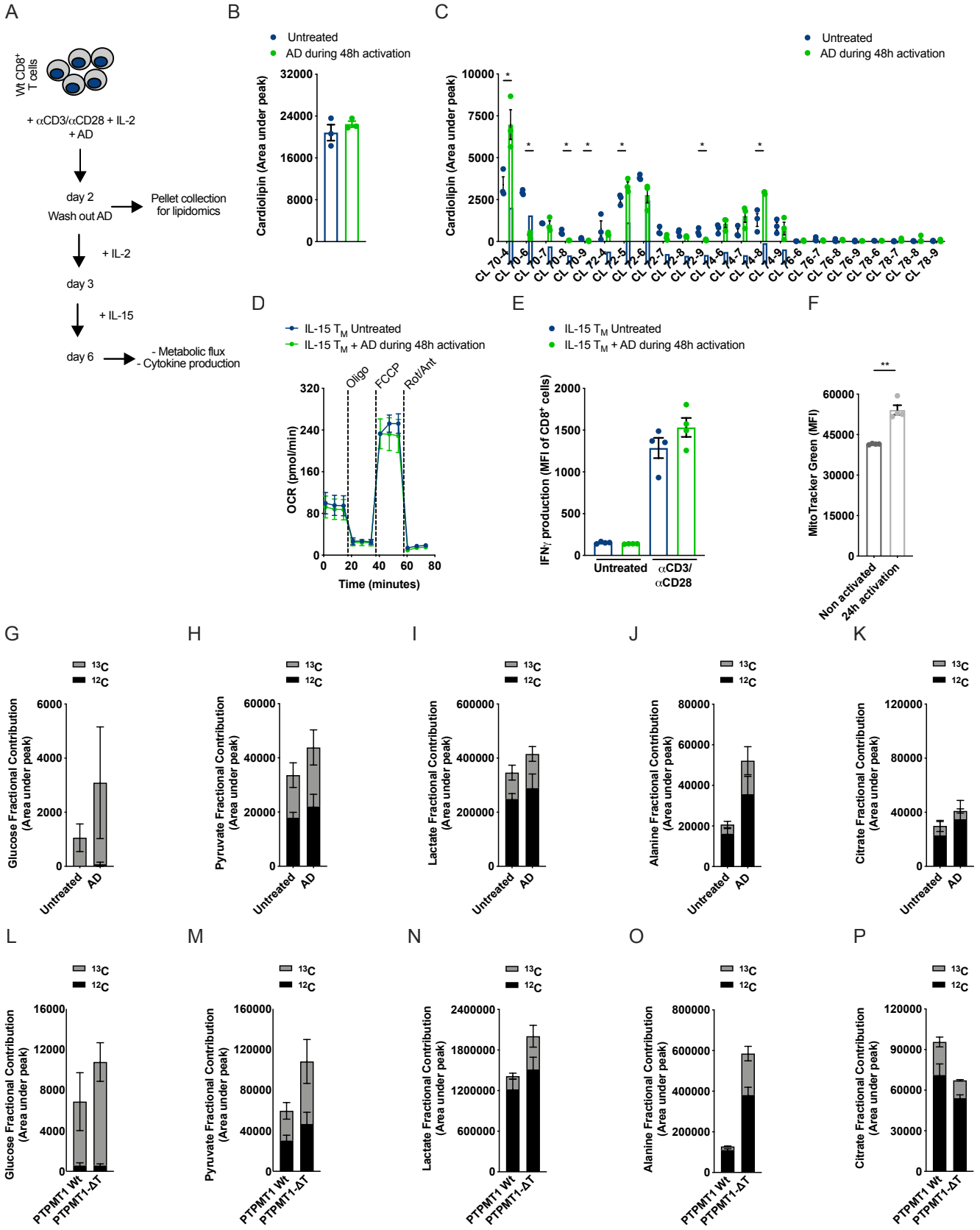


Figure S3. ¹³C-glucose tracing analysis in Wt and *Ptpmt1*^{-/-} CD8⁺ T cells upon activation (Related to Figure 3).

- (A) Schematic of CD8⁺ T cells activated with α CD3/ α CD28 + IL-2 \pm AD for 48h. After 48h AD was washed out and, starting 24h later, cells were differentiated into IL-15 T_M cells.
 - (B) Total cardiolipin amount CD8⁺ T cells activated and treated as in (A) analyzed by LC-MS. Scatter dot plot represents mean \pm SEM (n=3/group).
 - (C) Cardiolipin species quantification from lipid extracts of CD8⁺ T cells activated and treated as in (A) analyzed by LC-MS. Scatter dot plot represents mean \pm SEM (n=3/group).
 - (D) OCR of CD8⁺ T cells cultured \pm AD for 48h during activation activated with α CD3/ α CD28 + IL-2 before washing out the inhibitor and differentiating the cells into IL-15 T_M cells. On day 6 post activation the Seahorse experiment was performed. Data represents mean \pm SEM of three independent experiments.
 - (E) IFN γ production measured in IL-15 T_M cells activated and cultured as in (A) and stimulated for 20h with α CD3/ α CD28 + IL-2 analyzed by flow cytometry. Data represent mean \pm SEM of three independent experiments (n=4/group).
 - (F) Mitotracker green staining in Wt CD8⁺ cells activated α CD3/ α CD28 + IL-2 for 24h. Data are representative of three independent experiments (n=3/group).
 - (G-K) Fractional contribution of ¹³C-glucose derived carbons to total amount of indicated metabolites in Wt CD8⁺ T treated with or without AD as described in Figure 3H.
 - (L-P) Fractional contribution of ¹³C-glucose derived carbons to total amount of indicated metabolites in Wt and *Ptpmt1*^{-/-} CD8⁺ T cells treated as described in Figure 3J.
- Statistical comparisons for two groups were calculated by unpaired two-tailed Student's t test, *p < 0.05; **p < 0.01; ***p < 0.001.

Figure S4

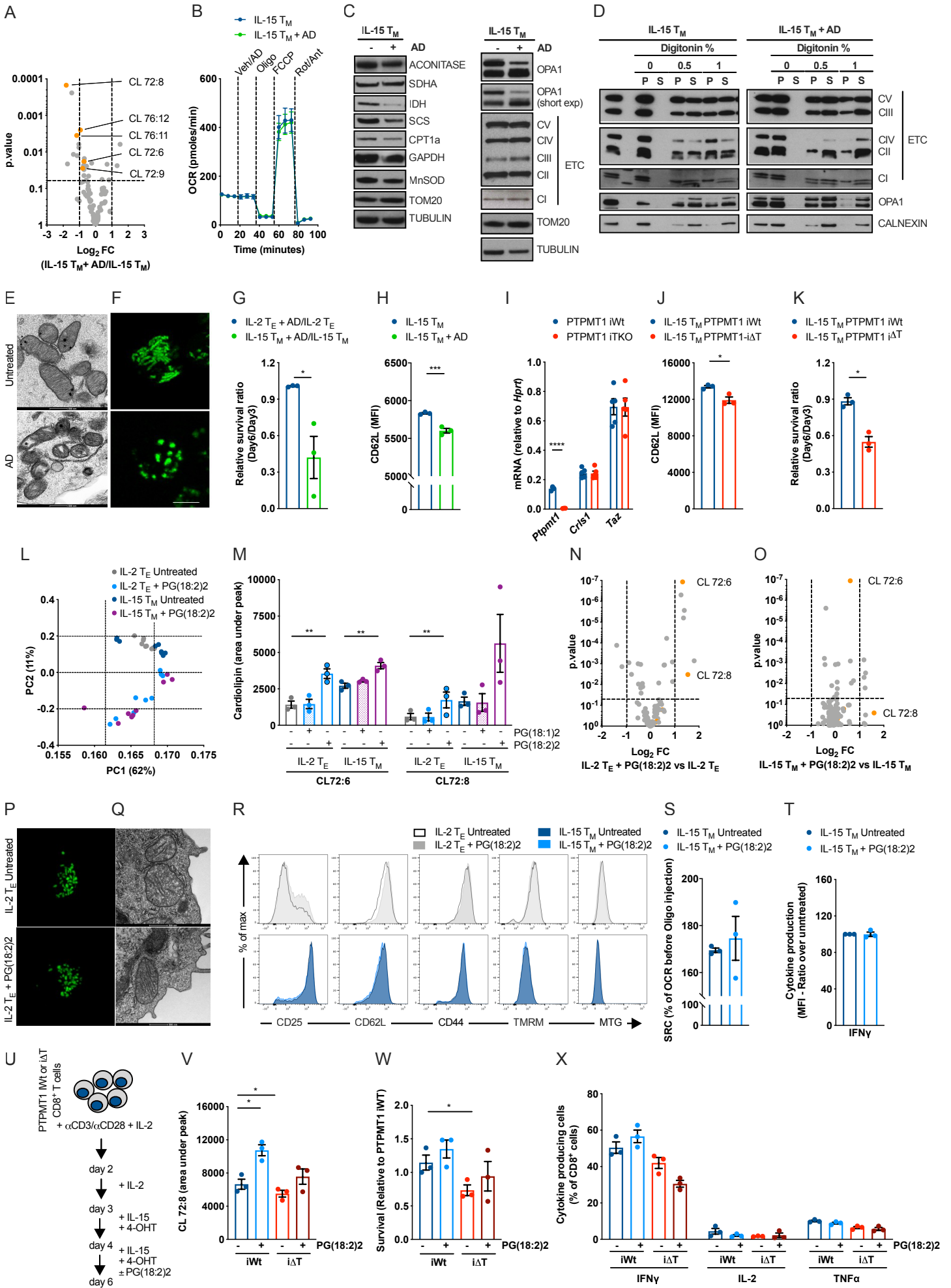


Figure S4. Cardiolipin profile, mitochondrial protein levels, morphology, and ultrastructure in CD8⁺ T cells after AD and PG(18:2) treatment (Related to Figure 4).

- (A) Lipids extracted from IL-15 T_M CD8⁺ T cells cultured as in Figure 3A and analyzed by LC-MS. Log₂FC and p value calculated with Anova test from 3 samples per group.
- (B) OCR of IL-15 T_M CD8⁺ T cells at baseline and after exposure to Vehicle/AD, Oligomycin (Oligo), FCCP, and Rotenone/Antimycin (Rot/Ant). Data representative of three independent experiments (n=3/group).
- (C) Immunoblot analysis of Wt IL-15 T_M CD8⁺ T cells cultured ± AD for 72h.
- (D) Immunoblot analysis of CALNEXIN, OPA1 and ETC complexes (CI-NDUFB8, CII-SDHB, CIII-UQCRC2, CIV-MTC01, CV-ATP5A). Equivalent numbers of IL-15 T_M cells cultured ± AD for 72h were lysed in native lysis buffer followed by digitonin solubilization of intracellular membranes with pellet (P) and solubilized supernatant (S) fractions resolved on a denaturing gel, representative of two experiments.
- (E) Representative electron micrographs of mouse IL-15 T_M CD8⁺ T cells cultured ± AD for 72h. Scale bars: 500nm.
- (F) Representative mitochondrial morphology of live IL-15 T_M CD8⁺ T cells isolated from PhAM mice cultured ± AD for 72h analyzed by spinning disk confocal microscopy. Scale bar: 5µm
- (G) Relative survival ratio of IL-2 T_E and IL-15 T_M cells cultured ± AD for 72h starting at day 3 post activation analyzed by 7-AAD exclusion by flow cytometry. Data represent mean ± SEM of three independent experiments (n=3/group).
- (H) CD62L expression in mouse IL-15 T_M cells cultured in ± AD for 72h analyzed by flow cytometry. Data represent mean ± SEM of three independent experiments (n=3/group).
- (I) CD8⁺ T cells were isolated from *Ptpmt1^{fllox/fllox}Ert2-Cre^{-/-}* (PTPMT1 iWt) *Ptpmt1^{fllox/fllox}Ert2-Cre^{+/-}* (PTPMT1 iΔT) mice. Efficiency of *Ptpmt1* deletion by Cre recombinase, *Crls1* and *Taz* expression levels measured after iWt and iΔT cells were cultured in IL-15 in presence of 4-OHT for 72h analyzed by qPCR shown as mean ± SEM (n=3/group).
- (J) CD62L expression in mouse *Ptpmt1* iWt and *Ptpmt1* iΔT CD8⁺ T cells cultured as in Figure 3E analyzed by flow cytometry. Data represent mean ± SEM of three independent experiments (n=3/group).
- (K) Relative survival of IL-15 T_M PTPMT1 iΔT versus IL-15 T_M PTPMT1 iWt T cells cultured with 4-OHT for 72h starting at day 3 post activation and analyzed by 7-AAD exclusion by flow cytometry. Data represent mean ± SEM of three independent experiments (n=3/group).
- (L) PCA analysis of lipids extracted from CD8⁺ T cells differentiated into IL-2 T_E and IL-15 T_M cells ± PG(18:2)2 and analyzed by LC-MS.
- (M) Cardiolipin species quantification from lipids extracts from IL-15 T_M CD8⁺ T cells cultured as in (N) analyzed by LC-MS. Data represent mean ± SEM of three independent experiments.
- (N-O) Lipids extracted from CD8⁺ T cells differentiated into IL-2 T_E or IL-15 T_M cells ± PG(18:2)2 and analyzed by LC-MS. Log₂FC and p value calculated with Anova test from 9 samples per group.
- (P-Q) Representative mitochondrial morphology of live CD8⁺ T cells cultured in IL-2 in the presence of BSA-conjugated 50µM PG(18:2)2 for 48h. Scale bars: 5µm confocal, 500nm EM.
- (R) Representative histogram plots depicting surface expression of CD25, CD62L, CD44 together with TMRM and Mitotracker green staining in mouse IL-2 T_E and IL-15 T_M CD8⁺ T cells untreated or cultured in the presence of BSA-conjugated 50µM PG(18:2)2 for 48h.
- (S) SRC of mouse IL-15 T_M CD8⁺ T cells cultured ± PG(18:2)2 for 48h stimulated with αCD3/αCD28 coated beads in a Seahorse Extracellular Flux Analyzer. Data represent mean ± SEM of three independent experiments (n=3/group).
- (T) Cytokine production (normalized to untreated cells) measured in IL-15 T_M CD8⁺ T cells activated as in (I) and stimulated for 20h with αCD3/αCD28 + IL-2. Data represent mean ± SEM of two or three independent experiment (n=3/group).
- (U) Schematic of mouse *Ptpmt1* iWt and *Ptpmt1* iΔT CD8⁺ T cells activated with αCD3/αCD28 + IL-2 for 24, cultured in IL-2 for additional 24h. 4-OHT was supplemented starting from day3 post activation together with IL-15. From day4 to day 6 post activation cells were cultured in the presence of BSA-conjugated 50µM PG(18:2)2 for 48h.
- (V) Quantification of CL 72:8 content in IL-15 T_M cells cultured as in (U) and analyzed by LC-MS. Scatter dot plots with mean ± SEM of three independent experiments (n=3/group).
- (W) Relative survival of IL-15 T_M PTPMT1 iΔT versus IL-15 T_M PTPMT1 iWt T cells cultured as in (U) and analyzed by 7-AAD exclusion by flow cytometry. Data represent mean ± SEM of three independent experiments (n=3/group).
- (X) Cytokine production measured in IL-15 T_M CD8⁺ T cells cultured as in (U) and stimulated for 20h with αCD3/αCD28 + IL-2. Data represent mean ± SEM of three independent experiment (n=3/group).
Statistical comparisons for two groups were calculated by unpaired two-tailed Student's t test or Anova test, where indicated, *p < 0.05; **p < 0.01; ***p < 0.001.

Figure S5

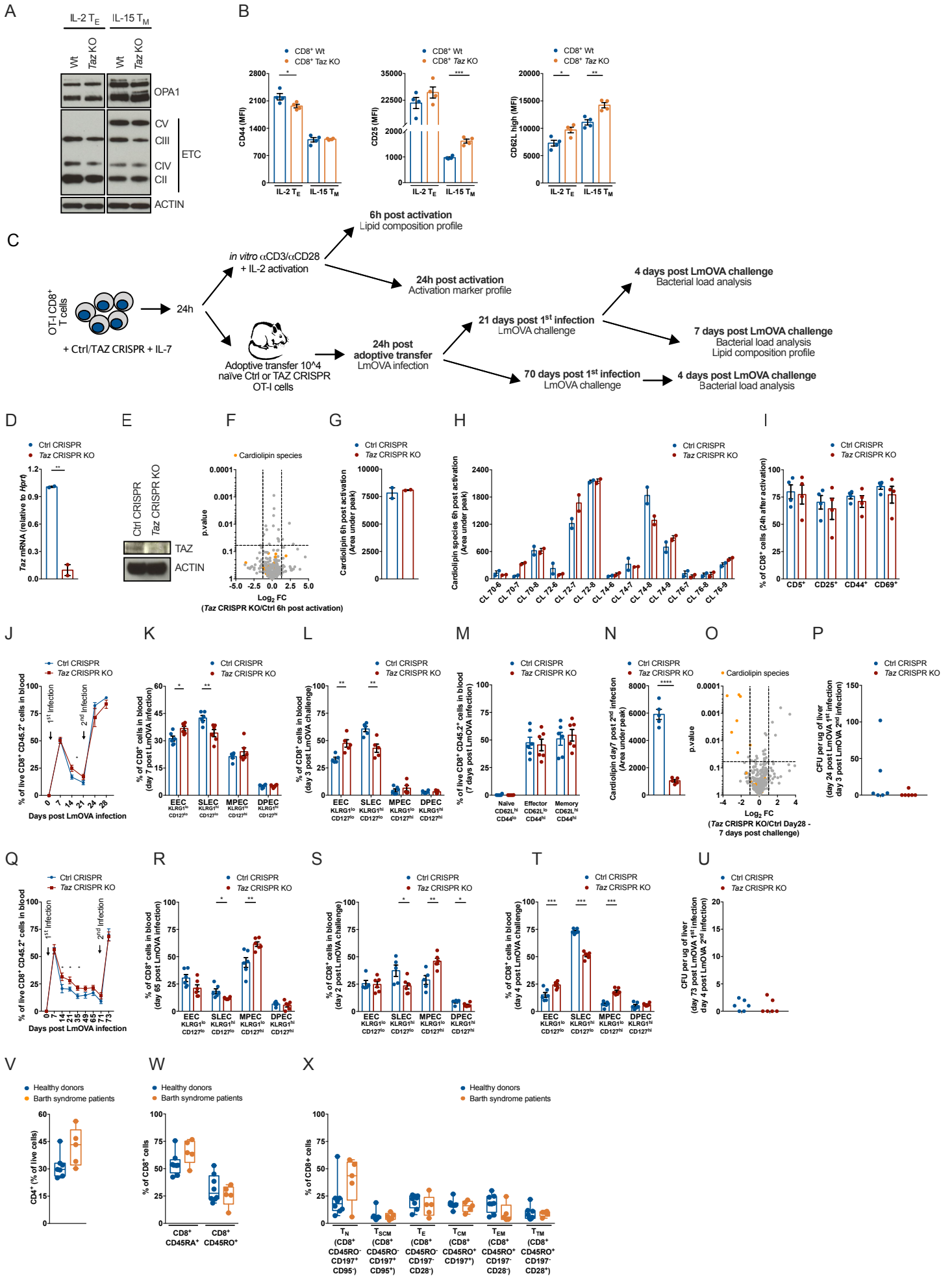


Figure S5. T cell defects in TAK KO mice are not T cell intrinsic (Related to Figure 5).

- (A) Immunoblot analysis of cell extracts of CD8⁺ T cells from 20-week old Wt and *Tafazzin* KO mice activated with α CD3/ α CD28 + IL-2 and differentiated into IL-2 T_E or IL-15 T_M cells for 72h starting day 3 post activation.
- (B) CD44, CD25, CD62L expression in CD8⁺ T cells from 20 week old Wt and *Tafazzin* KO mice activated with α CD3/ α CD28 + IL-2 and differentiated in IL-2 T_E or IL-15 T_M cells for 72h starting day 3 post activation analyzed by flow cytometry. Data representative of 3 independent experiments shown as mean \pm SEM (n=4/group).
- (C) Schematic of experimental setup. Naïve OT-I cells were ctrl (Ctrl CRISPR) or *Tafazzin* (*Taz* CRISPR KO) CRISPRed, followed by 24 a rest period in IL-7. After 24h cells were either *in vitro* activated and lipids and activation markers analyzed at indicated time points, or adoptively transferred *in vivo* into congenic mice, which were then infected 24h later i.v. with 1x10⁶ CFU LmOVA Δ Acta and followed as indicated. After 21 days (or 70 days), mice were challenged i.v. with LmOVA Wt or Δ Acta, Donor cells frequencies and bacterial analyzed post challenge as indicated.
- (D) *Tafazzin* expression in OT-I cells 24h after CRISPR, analyzed by qPCR shown as mean \pm SEM (n=2/group).
- (E) *Tafazzin* expression in OT-I cells 24h after CRISPR, analyzed by Wb.
- (F) Lipids extracted from Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I cells 6h after activation with α CD3/ α CD28 + IL-2, analyzed by LC-MS. Data show Log₂FC and p value calculated with Anova test from two samples per condition per time point.
- (G) Total cardiolipin amount in Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I cells 6h after activation with α CD3/ α CD28 + IL-2 analyzed by LC-MS. Data show mean \pm SEM and p value calculated with Anova test from two samples per condition per time point.
- (H) Cardiolipin species quantification from lipid extracts of Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I cells 6h after activation with α CD3/ α CD28 + IL-2 analyzed by LC-MS. Scatter dot plots with mean \pm SEM bars (n=2/group).
- (I) CD5, CD44, CD25, CD69 expression in Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I cells 24h after activation with α CD3/ α CD28 + IL-2, analyzed by flow cytometry. Data from 4 independent CRISPR experiments shown as mean \pm SEM.
- (J) % of Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I CD8⁺ CD45.2⁺ donor cells in congenic mice infected i.v. with 10⁶ CFU LmOVA Δ Acta shown as mean \pm SEM. Representative of two experiments (n=6/group).
- (K) EEC, SLEC, MPEC and DPEC Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I CD8⁺ CD45.2⁺ donor cells 7 days after primary infection analyzed according to KLRG1 and CD127 surface expression shown as mean \pm SEM bars. Representative of two independent experiments (n=6/group).
- (L) EEC, SLEC, MPEC and DPEC Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I CD8⁺ CD45.2⁺ donor cells 3 days after secondary infection analyzed according to KLRG1 and CD127 surface expression shown as mean \pm SEM bars. Representative of two independent experiments (n=6/group).
- (M) % of naïve (CD62L^{hi}CD44^{lo}), T_E (CD62L^{lo}CD44^{hi}) and T_M (CD62L^{hi}CD44^{hi}) CD8⁺ CD45.2⁺ donor Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I cells 7 days after primary infection analyzed by flow cytometry shown as mean \pm SEM bars. Scatter dot plot represents mean \pm SEM. Dots represent individual mice (n=6/group).
- (N) Total cardiolipin amount in Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I cells 7 days after secondary infection analyzed by LC-MS. Scatter dot plots with mean \pm SEM bars (n=5/group).
- (O) Lipids extracted from Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I cells sorted from recipient mice 7 days after LmOVA Δ Acta challenge. Data show Log₂FC and p value calculated with Anova test from 6 samples per group.
- (P) Bacterial burden shown as CFU per μ g of liver isolated from mice adoptively transferred with Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I cells 3 days post LmOVA challenge. Each dot represents individual mice (n=6/group).
- (Q) % of Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I CD8⁺ CD45.2⁺ donor cells in congenic mice infected i.v. with 10⁶ CFU LmOVA Δ Acta shown as mean \pm SEM (n=6/group).
- (R-T) EEC, SLEC, MPEC and DPEC Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I CD8⁺ CD45.2⁺ donor cells 65 days after primary infection (R), 2 days (S) and 4 days (T) after secondary infection analyzed according to KLRG1 and CD127 surface expression shown as mean \pm SEM bars. Dots represent individual mice (n=6/group).
- (U) Bacterial burden shown as CFU per μ g of liver isolated from mice adoptively transferred with Ctrl CRISPR and *Taz* CRISPR KO OT-I cells 4 days post LmOVA challenge. Each dot represents individual mice (n=6/group).
- (V) % of CD4⁺ T cells in hPBMCs from healthy donors and Barth Syndrome patients. Dots are individual donors.
- (W) CD45RA⁺ and CD45RO⁺ expression in CD8⁺ T cells from healthy donors and Barth Syndrome patients. Dots are individual donors.
- (X) CD8⁺ T naïve (T_N), T stem cell memory (T_{SCM}), T effector (T_E), T central memory (T_{CM}), T effector memory (T_{EM}), T transition memory (T_{TM}) analyzed according to CD8, CD45RO, CD197, CD95, CD28 expression as indicated was analyzed by flow cytometry. Dots are individual donors.
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