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Field-specific reporting

Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Sample size	No sample size was calculated in this study.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from the analyses.
Replication	All experiments were repeated at indicated time in each figure legend and the results were repeatable.
Randomization	The cells were randomly selected in the analysis of imaging data.
Blinding	No blinded analyses were performed.

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Materials & experimental systems

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Methods

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

Antibodies used

1. PE-anti-mCD80 (16-10A1), PE-anti-I-A/I-E (M5/114.15.2), PE-anti-hPD-L1 (MIH1), PE-anti-hPD-L2 (MIH18), FITC- or PE-isotype-matched control IgG from eBioscience, HRP-anti-mouse IgG polyclonal Abs from Cappel for flow cytometry.
2. FITC- or PE-anti-mPD-L1 (MIH5), FITC- or PE-anti-mPD-L2 (MIH37), PE-anti-mPD-L2 (TY25), anti-mPD-1 (J43 and 29F.1A12) from Bio X Cell, anti-mPD-1 (RMP1-14) from BioLegend, Alexa Fluor 647-labeled anti-pCD3z (K25-407.69), Alexa Fluor 647-labeled anti-pSLP-76 (J141-668.36.58) from BD, anti-TCRb (H57-597) by RT. Kubo (Cytel Corp., CA, USA), anti-I-Ek (14-4-4) and anti-ICAM-1 (YN1/1.7.4) by ML. Dustin (Univ. of Oxford, UK), Alexa Fluor 647-labeled anti-rat IgG (H+L), Alexa Fluor 647-labeled anti-hamster IgG (H+L), Dylight 650 and 549 labeling kits from Thermo Fisher Scientific for imaging analysis.
3. Rabbit polyclonal anti-SHP1 (C-19) and anti-SHP2 (C-18), goat polyclonal anti-PD-1 (E-18), HRP-labeled polyclonal anti-mouse IgG from Santa Cruz Biotechnology Inc, anti-Erk, anti-pErk, anti-PLCg, anti-pPLCg, anti-Akt, anti-pAkt from Cell Signaling Technology for immunoprecipitation and western blotting.
4. Anti-IL-2 (JES6-1A12), biotin-labeled anti-IL-2 (JES6-5H4) from eBioscience, anti-IFNg (RA-6A2), biotin-labeled anti-IFNg (XMG1.2), HRP-anti-rabbit IgG from Cell Signaling Technology for ELISA.

Validation

Each antibody was validated by the manufacturers and its data are available on their website.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

The DC-1 fibroblast cells expressing I-Ek and ICAM-1 were provided by J. Kaye (Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Los Angeles, CA). PLAT-E, the retrovirus packaging cell line, was provided by G. Nolan (Stanford University, Stanford, CA). Human lung cancer cell lines HCC827, H1299 and H3255 were purchased from ATCC. BHK and EL-4 cells were purchased from ATCC. The T cell hybridoma expressing the AND-TCR (AND hybridoma) was established previously. The B cell hybridoma producing anti-CD28 (PV-1) was provided by R. Abe (Tokyo University of Science, Noda, Japan).

Authentication

All cells were purchased from companies or kindly provided by researchers with agreement.

Mycoplasma contamination

Commonly misidentified lines
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Laboratory animals

Wild animals

Field-collected samples

Ethics oversight

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Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation

Instrument

Software

Cell population abundance

Gating strategy

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