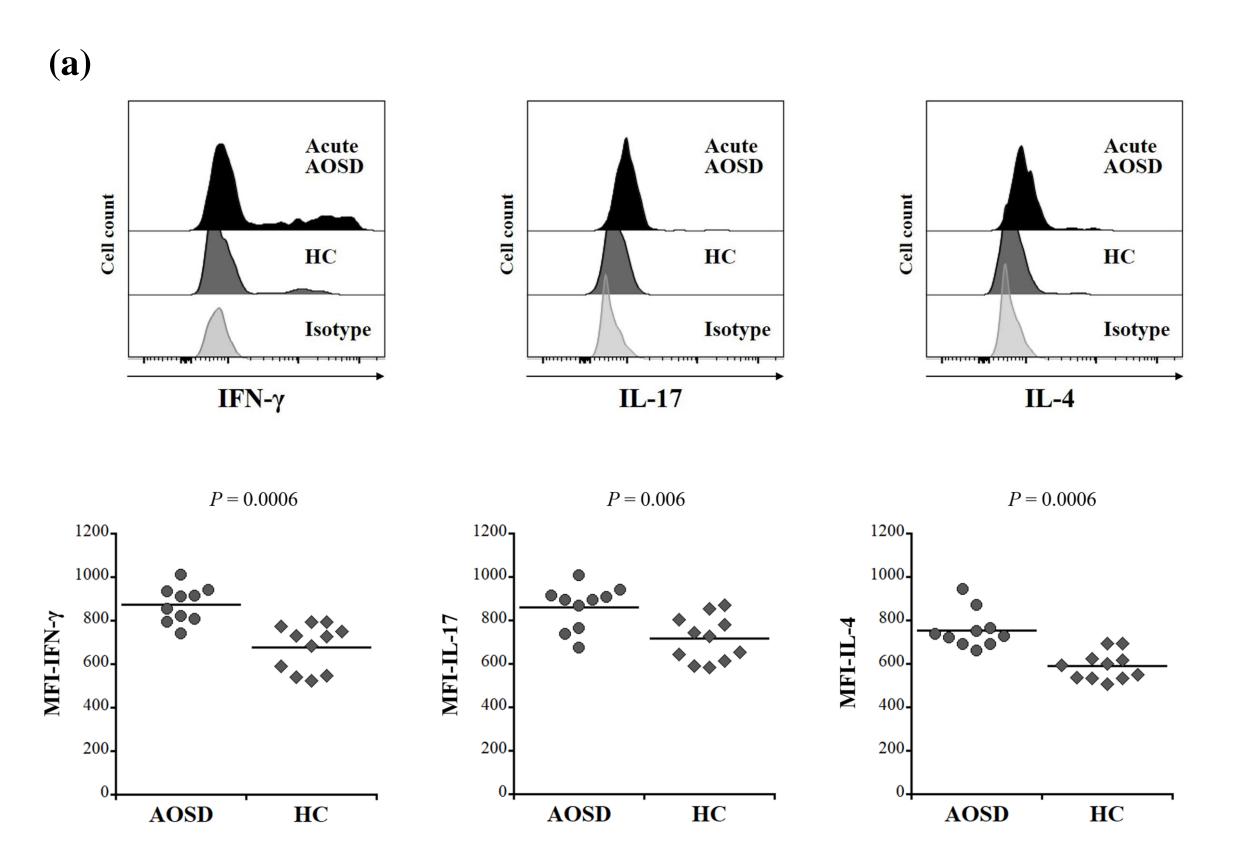
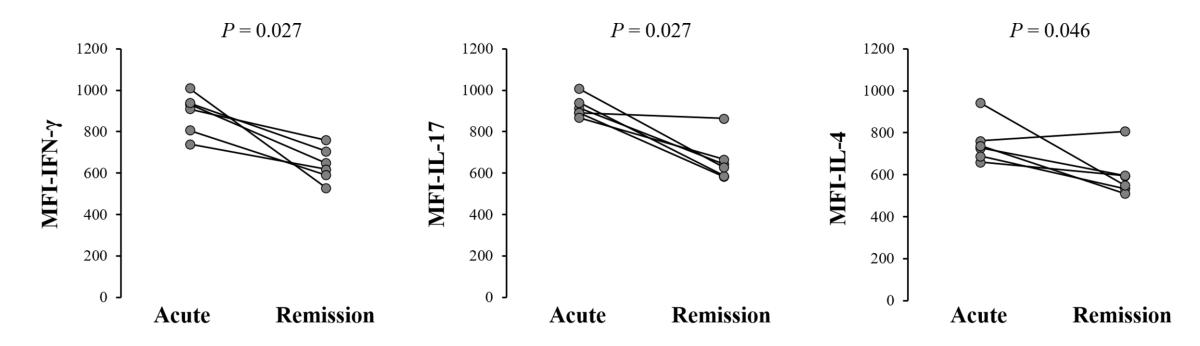


Proportions of circulating CD4+CD25+CD127-/lowCD45RA+FoxP3+ cells and their FoxP3 expression. (a): Comparison of CD4+CD25+CD127-/lowCD45RA+FoxP3+ cells between patients with acute AOSD and healthy controls (HC). (b): Differences in the proportions of CD4+CD25+CD127-/lowCD45RA+FoxP3+ cells in 6 patients between the acute and remission phases of AOSD. The Mann-Whitney U test was used for comparison between acute AOSD patients and HC. The Wilcoxon signed

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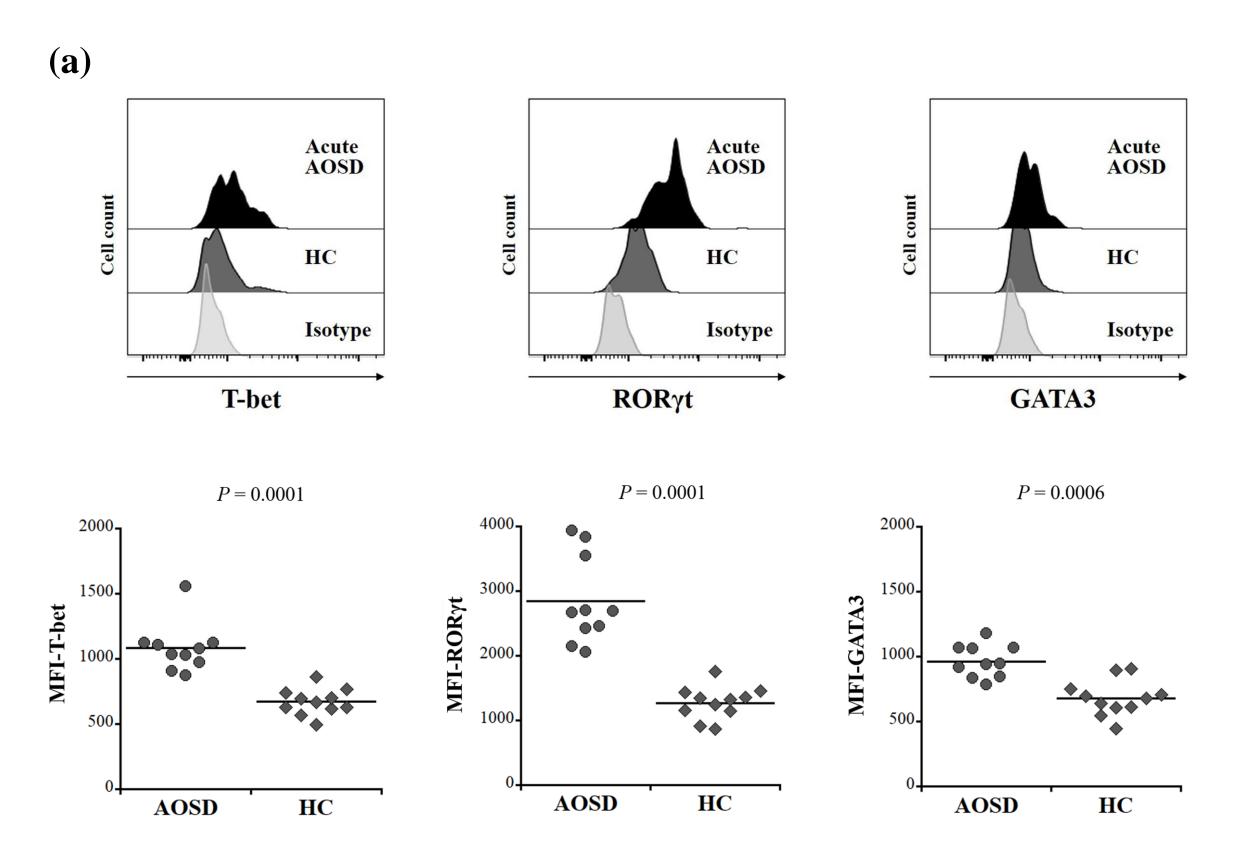


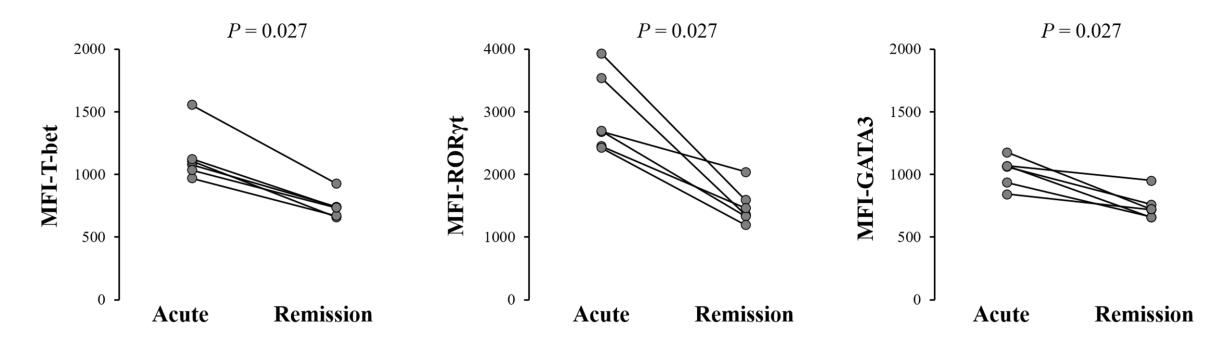
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Intracellular expression of effector cytokines in CD4+CD25+CD127-/lowCD45RA+FoxP3+ cells.

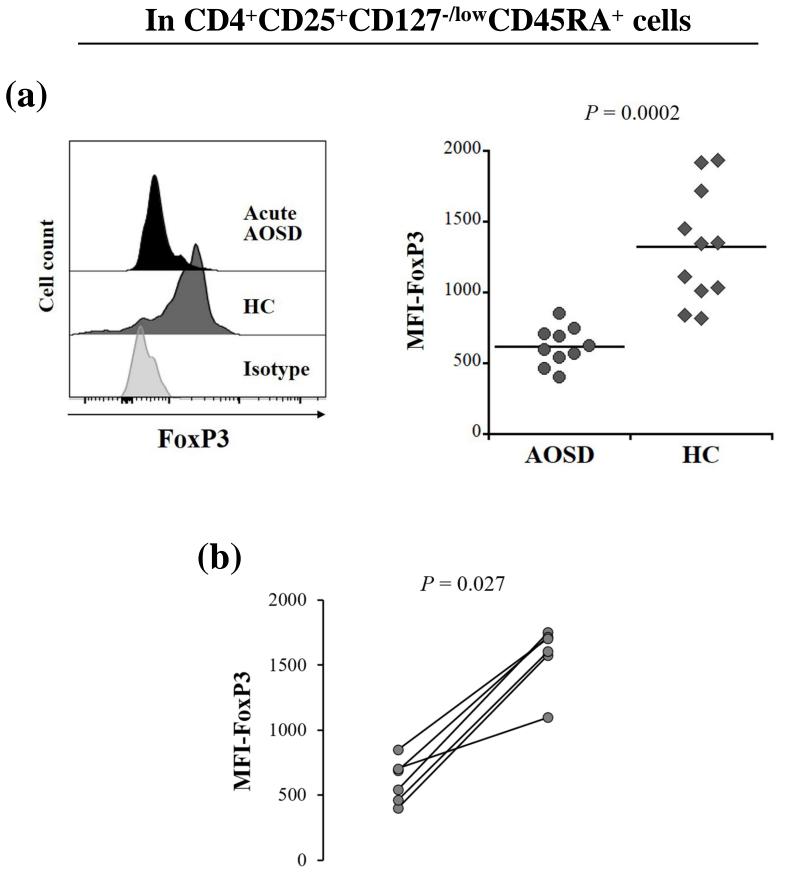
(a): (upper panels) Representative histograms of IFN- γ , IL-17, and IL-4 expression in CD4⁺CD25⁺CD127^{-/low}CD45RA⁺FoxP3⁺ cells. (lower bar graphs) Comparisons of the MFI of IFN- γ , IL-17, and IL-4 in CD4⁺CD25⁺CD127^{-/low}CD45RA⁺FoxP3⁺ cells between acute AOSD and HC. (b): Differences in the MFI of IFN- γ , IL-17, and IL-4 in CD4⁺CD25⁺CD127^{-/low}CD45RA⁺FoxP3⁺ cells from 6 patients between acute and remission phases. The Mann-Whitney U test was used for comparisons between acute AOSD patients and HC. The Wilcoxon signed ranked test was used for comparison between acute and remission phases in 6 AOSD patients.





Intracellular expression of transcription factors in CD4+CD25+CD127-/lowCD45RA+FoxP3+ cells.

(a): (upper panels) Representative histograms of T-bet, RORγt, and GATA3 expression in CD4+CD25+CD127-/lowCD45RA+FoxP3+ cells. (lower bar graphs) Comparisons of the MFI of T-bet, RORγt, and GATA3 in CD4+CD25+CD127-/lowCD45RA+FoxP3+ cells between acute AOSD and HC. (b): Differences in the MFI of T-bet, RORγt, and GATA3 in CD4+CD25+CD127-/lowCD45RA+FoxP3+ cells from 6 patients between acute and remission phases. The Mann-Whitney U test was used for comparisons between acute AOSD patients and HC. The Wilcoxon signed ranked test was used for comparison between acute and remission phases in 6 AOSD patients.

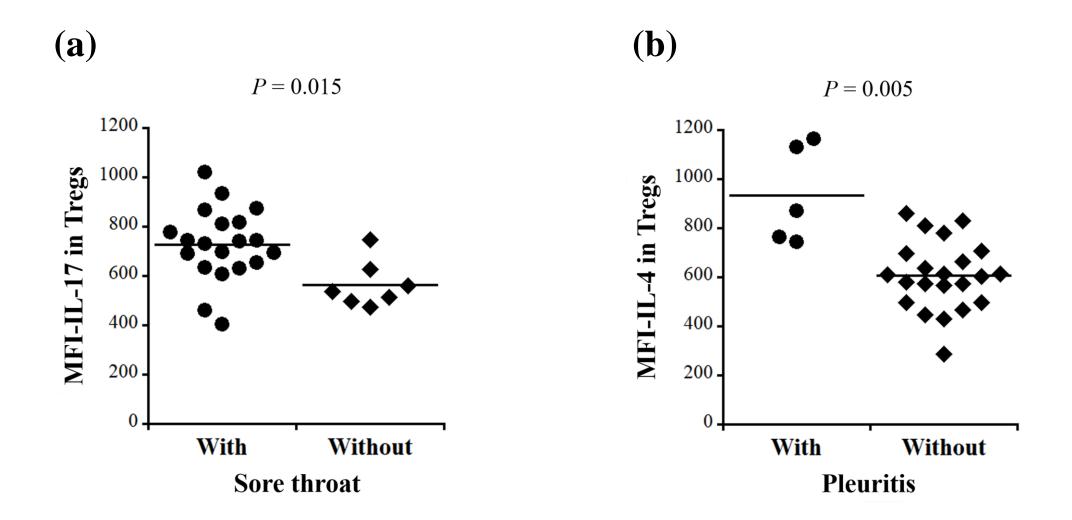


Acute

Remission

FoxP3 expression in CD4+CD25+CD127-/lowCD45RA+ cells.

(a): Comparison of the median fluorescence index (MFI) of FoxP3 in CD4⁺CD25⁺CD127^{-/low}CD45RA⁺ cells between patients with acute AOSD and HC (upper panels). (b): Differences in the MFI of FoxP3 in CD4⁺CD25⁺CD127^{-/low}CD45RA⁺ cells in 6 patients between the acute and remission phases of AOSD. The Mann-Whitney U test was used for comparison between acute AOSD patients and HC. The Wilcoxon signed ranked test was used for comparison between acute and remission phases in 6 AOSD patients.



Significant results of effector cytokine expression in CD4+CD25+FoxP3+ cells (Tregs) between AOSD patients with and without clinical features.

(a): The median fluorescence index (MFI) of IL-17 in Tregs in AOSD patients with and without sore throat. (b): The MFI of IL-4 in Tregs in those with and without pleuritis. The Mann-Whitney U test was used for comparisons.