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- The exact sample size (n) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement
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Only common tests should be described solely by name; describe more complex techniques in the Methods section.
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Give P values as exact values whenever suitable.
 - For Bayesian analysis, information on the choice of priors and Markov chain Monte Carlo settings
 - For hierarchical and complex designs, identification of the appropriate level for tests and full reporting of outcomes
 - Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's d , Pearson's r), indicating how they were calculated

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Software and code

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Data collection
Flow cytometry - BD Bioscience FACSDiva 7.0
Quantitative Real-time PCR - StepOne Software 2.2.2
Metabolic Assay - Seahorse Wave Controller Software 2.4.2

Data analysis
TreeStar FlowJo 10.6.2
GraphPad Prism 8.4.1
Broad Institute Gene Set Enrichment Analysis version 4.0.1
Seahorse Wave Desktop version 2.2.0.276

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RNA-Seq data and Microarray data have been deposited in the NCBI's Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database under the primary accession numbers GSE178445,

GSE178447, GSE178448, and GSE178449. The datasets generated during the current study are available from the corresponding author (JHC) upon request. The authors declare that all data supporting the findings of this study are available within the paper. Source data are provided with this paper.

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Life sciences study design

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| Sample size | Group sizes were determined on the basis of preliminary experiments and were found sufficient to reveal biologically relevant differences among the samples of interest. |
| Data exclusions | No data were excluded from the analyses. |
| Replication | All experiments were repeated at least twice and gave comparable results each time. |
| Randomization | Mice were allocated to experimental groups based on sex and age matched within experiments. |
| Blinding | Investigators were not blinded to group allocation. Since most experiments were done by one investigator, the investigator needed to know the exact condition of the experimenting mice. To avoid bias of the investigator, all mice were bred and experimented on the same day with the same procedures, analysis were carried out with authorized softwares using strict standards (e.g. gating strategy). Therefore, no blinding was necessary. |

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Methods

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Antibodies

Antibodies used

Antibody (clone), Manufacturer, Cat#

anti-CD45RA (HI100), Biolegend, 304108
 anti-CD45RB (C363.16A), Biolegend, 103308
 anti-CD124 (X2/45-12), eBioscience, 14-1249-82
 anti-V α 2 (B20.1), BD Pharmagen, 553288
 anti-V α 3.2 (RR3-16), Biolegend, 135404
 anti-V α 8.3 (KT50), Biolegend, 125707
 anti-V α 11.1/11.2 (RR8-1), Biolegend, 139904
 anti-V β 2 (B20.6), Biolegend, 127906
 anti-V β 3 (KJ25), BD Pharmagen, 553208
 anti-V β 4 (KT4), BD Pharmagen, 553365
 anti-V β 5.1/5.2 (MR9-4), BD Pharmagen, 562087
 anti-V β 6 (RR4-7), BD Pharmagen, 553193
 anti-V β 7 (TR310), BD Pharmagen, 553215
 anti-V β 8 (F23.1), BD Pharmagen, 553861
 anti-V β 8.3 (1B3.3), BD Pharmagen, 553663
 anti-V β 9 (MR10-2), BD Pharmagen, 553201
 anti-V β 10 (B21.5), BD Pharmagen, 553284

anti-V β 10b (B21.5), BD Pharmagen, 553284
 anti-V β 11 (RR3-15), BD Pharmagen, 553197
 anti-V β 11.1/11.2 (RR8-1), BD Pharmagen, 553222
 anti-V β 12 (MR11-1), BD Pharmagen, 553300
 anti-V β 13 (MR12-3), BD Pharmagen, 553204
 anti-V β 14 (14-2), BD Pharmagen, 553258
 anti-V β 17a (KJ23), BD Pharmagen, 553212
 anti-Granzyme B (GB11), BD Pharmagen, 560211
 anti-CD107a (1D4B), BD Pharmagen, 558661
 anti-CD3 ϵ (145-2C11), Biolegend, 100312
 anti-CD4 (RM4-5), Biolegend, 100530
 anti-CD5 (53-7.3), Biolegend, 100618
 anti-CD25 (PC61.5), BD Pharmagen, 557658
 anti-CD27 (O323), Biolegend, 302806
 anti-CD28 (37.51), Biolegend, 102110
 anti-CD38 (90), Biolegend, 102712
 anti-CD44 (IM7), Biolegend, 103030
 anti-CD103 (2E7), Biolegend, 121422
 anti-CX3CR1 (2A9-1), Biolegend, 341610
 anti-IFN- γ (XMG1.2), Biolegend, 505830
 anti-IL-2 (JES6-5H4), Biolegend, 503810
 anti-TNF- α (MP6-XT22), Biolegend, 506313
 anti-CD62L (MEL-14), Biolegend, 104421
 anti-CD24 (1M/69), Biolegend, 101806
 anti-CD45.1 (A20), Biolegend, 110743
 anti-CD45.2 (104), Biolegend, 109832
 anti-CD90 (5E10), Biolegend, 328108
 anti-CD90.1 (HIS51), eBioscience, 17-0900-82
 anti-CD90.2 (53-2.1), eBioscience, 12-0902-82
 anti-CD98 (RL388), Biolegend, 128208
 anti-CD122 (5H4), Biolegend, 105912
 anti-CD122 (TM- β 1), Biolegend, 123214
 anti-CD123 (6H6), Biolegend, 306012
 anti-CD126 (D7715A7), Biolegend, 115812
 anti-CD127 (A7R34), Biolegend, 135010
 anti-CD130 (KGP130), eBioscience, 17-1302-82
 anti-CD132 (4G3), BD Pharmagen, 554457
 anti-CD183 (CXCR3-173), Biolegend, 126516
 anti-Ly6C (HK1.4), eBioscience, 17-5932-82
 anti-TCR β (H57-597), Biolegend, 109212
 anti- β 2 (TS1/18), eBioscience, MA1810
 anti- β 7 (FIB504), Biolegend, 321204
 anti-GITR (DTA-1), Biolegend, 126308
 anti-KLRG1 (2F1), Biolegend, 138408
 anti-Ki-67 (SolA15), eBioscience, 11-5698-82
 anti-Nur77 (12.14), eBioscience, 12-5965-82
 anti-IFNAR1 (110), SinoBiological, 50469-R110-P
 anti-CD8 α (53-6.7), Tonbo, 20-0081
 anti-phospho-STAT1 (Tyr701) (58D6), Cell Signaling Technology, 9167
 anti-phospho-STAT2 (Tyr690) (D3P2P), Cell Signaling Technology, 88410
 anti-b-actin (AC-15), Sigma-Aldrich, A1978
 GP33-tetramer, Immudex, JA2160
 NP396 tetramer, Immudex, JA2142
 m-IgGk BP-HRP, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-516102
 goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-2004
 anti-IFN a/b R2 (polyclonal), R&D Systems, FAB1083A
 anti-BrdU (BU20A), invitrogen, 11-5071-42

Validation

All antibodies used are commercially available, and were validated with mouse for western blot (anti-phospho-STAT1, anti-phospho-STAT2, anti-b-actin, m-IgGk BP-HRP, goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP) and flow cytometry (all the antibodies except for those used for western blot) application by the manufactures. Validation statement for each antibody is provided on manufacture's websites.

Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals

C57BL/6 (B6), B6.SJL (Ly5.1) and B6.PL (Thy1.1) mice were purchased from The Jackson Laboratory.
 P14, OT-I Thy1.1, Tap1 $^{-/-}$, Rag1 $^{-/-}$, Ifnar $^{-/-}$, Ifnar1 $^{-/-}$, Ifngr $^{-/-}$, and Stat1 $^{-/-}$ mice (all on a B6 background) were obtained from POSTECH.
 P14.Rag1 $^{-/-}$ Ly5.1 and P14.Rag1 $^{-/-}$ Thy1.1 mice were generated by crossing P14 mice with Rag1 $^{-/-}$ and B6.SJL or B6.PL mice.
 Mice were maintained under specific pathogen-free conditions.
 Germ-free (GF) and antigen-free (AF) mice are maintained sterilely at POSTECH Biotech Center.
 Unless described otherwise, all mice were used sex-matched at 8-12 weeks of age, according to protocols approved by the Animal Experimental and Ethic Committee at POSTECH and Chonnam National University (CNU).
 For experiment, only the female mice (in all strains) were used.

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| Wild animals | This study did not use wild animals. |
| Field-collected samples | This study did not use field-collected samples. |
| Ethics oversight | All experiment utilizing mice were conducted and performed according to protocols approved by the Animal Experimental and Ethic Committee at POSTECH and Chonnam National University (CNU). |

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Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

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| Sample preparation | Isolated mouse LN and spleen suspensions were prepared by gently pressing LN and spleen through 70µm cell strainer and washed with media. In case of spleen, to remove red blood cells, the suspension was resuspended with RBC lysis buffer for 3 min on ice, and wash with media again. The isolated single cells were prepared and stained with fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies appropriate to each experimental design indicated on method section and legends. |
| Instrument | Samples were analyzed by FACS Canto II and LSR II (BD). Cell sorting was performed by utilizing MoFlo Astrios or XDP (Beckman coulter) |
| Software | Data was collected utilizing FACSDiva software (BD) and analyzed by FlowJo (TreeStar). Statistics of data were conducted by Prism (GraphPad). |
| Cell population abundance | Cell subsets were sorted with >98% purity as controlled by remeasurement of sorted populations. |
| Gating strategy | Lymphocytes were initially gated by FSC(A)/SSC(A), followed by FSC(W/H) to exclude cell doublets. Also dead cells were gated out by utilizing with viability dye before further gating for analyses. Further detail gating strategies were indicated on each figure and legend. |

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