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Supplemental Information

**Generation of highly proliferative, rejuvenated
cytotoxic T cell clones through pluripotency
reprogramming for adoptive immunotherapy**

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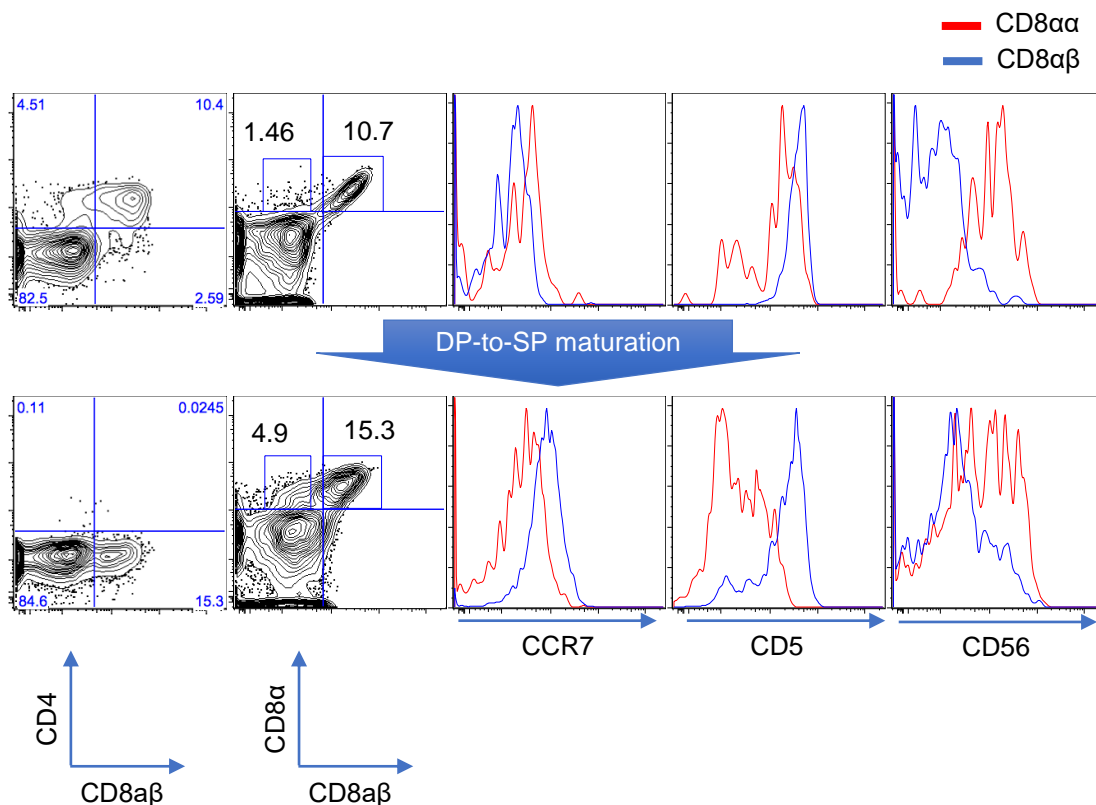


Fig. S1. CD8αβ iPSC-CTLs express more CCR7 and CD5 but less CD56 than conventional CD8αα cells. (A) Flow cytometric profile of CD8αβ and CD8αα iPSC-CTLs before and after modified maturation culture as described in Materials and Methods.

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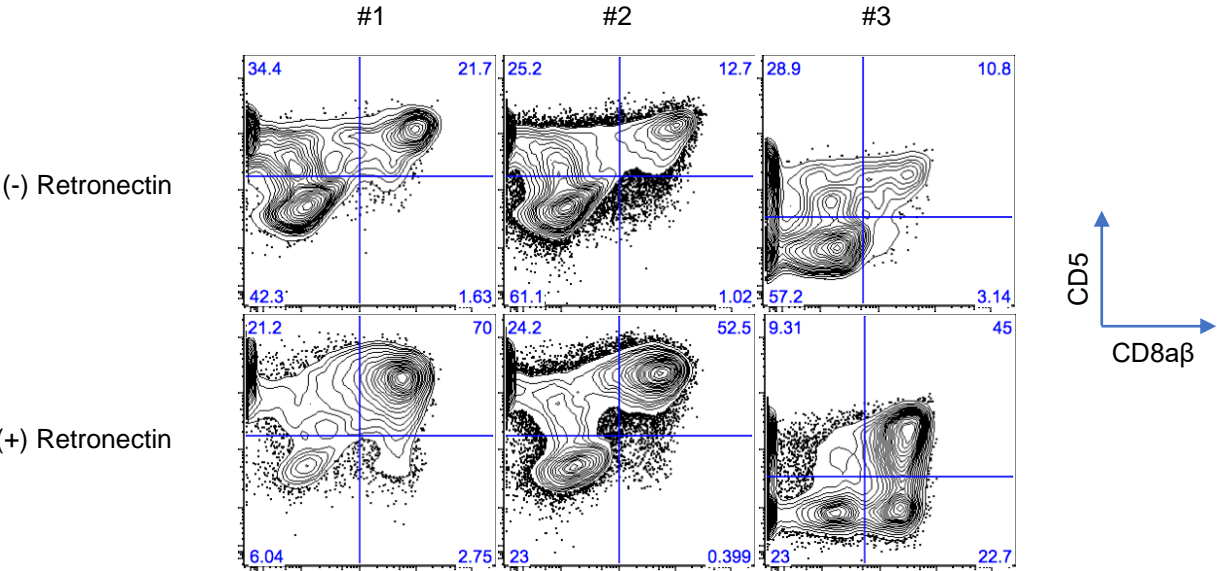


Fig. S2. Retronectin coating promotes the generation of CD8αβ+CD5+ iPSC-CTLs. Flow cytometric analysis of three independent iPSC-CTLs matured with or without Retronectin-coating in the presence of 1 mg/ml CD3ε antibody and 10 ng/ml IL-7, but not IL-21.

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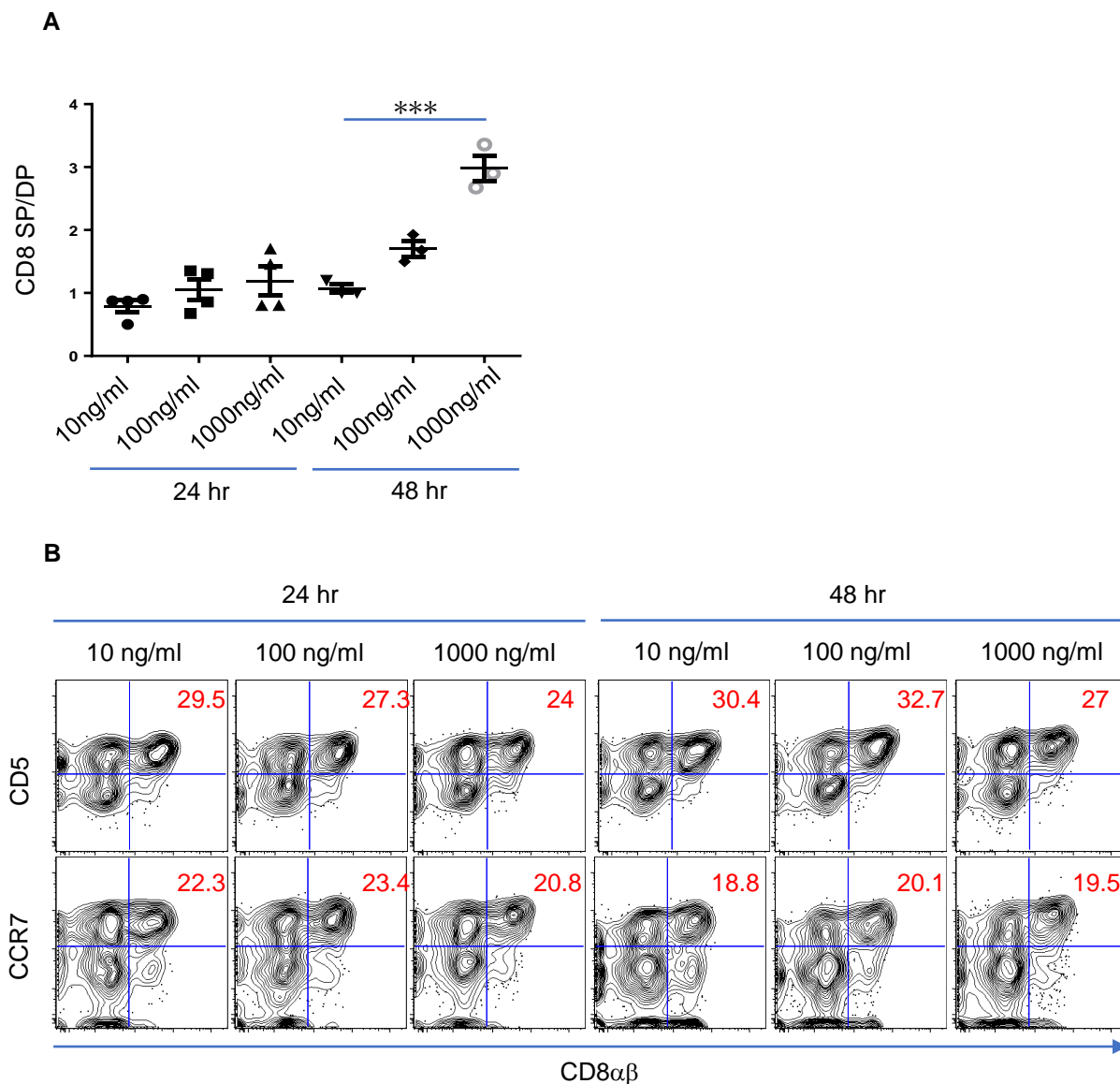


Fig. S3. Optimization of CD3 ϵ antibody supplement and Retronectin-coating in the DP-to-CD8SP stage. The effect of differential duration and dose of CD3 ϵ antibody supplement on maturation efficacy (A) and the expression of adaptive naïve associated markers (B). iPSC-derived cells on day 24 OP9/DL1 coculture were matured for the indicated period in the presence of the indicated dose of CD3 ϵ antibody (supplemented with 10 ng/ml IL-7, but not IL-21), and the ratio of the CD8SP cell yield against the starting DP cell number was calculated as the maturation efficacy (24 hr, n=4; 48 hr, n=3; mean \pm SEM; one-way ANOVA comparing mean log₁₀ of all groups with Tukey's multiple comparisons test; ***P<0.0005). The longer and higher the dose of the CD3 ϵ antibody supplementation, the higher the maturation efficacy with only negligible change in the expression of adaptive naïve-associated markers. Representative of four independent experiments.

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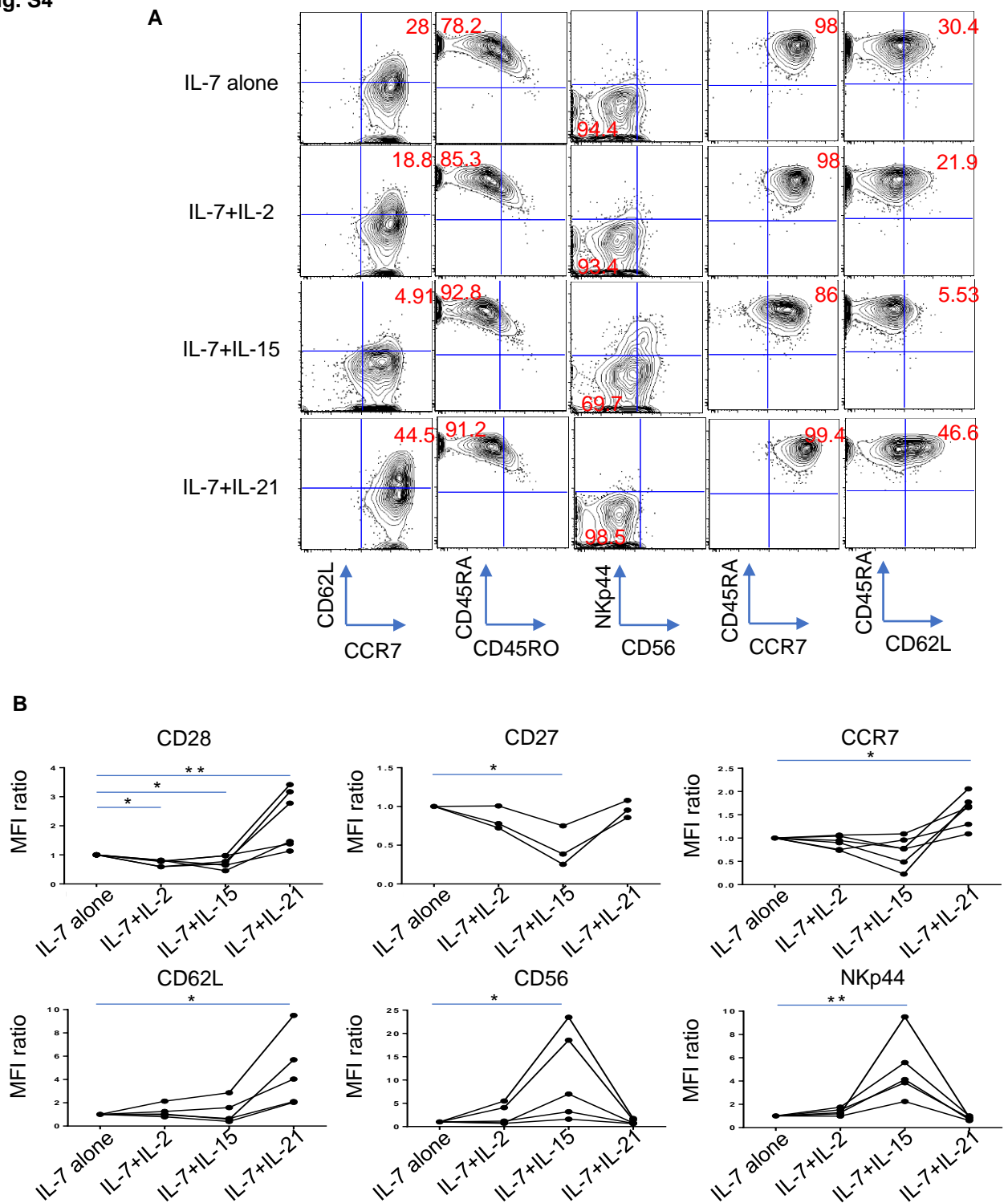


Fig. S4. The effect of common γ -chain cytokines on the surface phenotype in the DP-to-CD8SP stage. Representative FACS dot plot (A) and summary of the mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) ratio to control (IL-7 alone) (B) are shown for the indicated molecules on iPSC-CTLs matured in the presence of IL-2, IL-15 or IL-21. iPSC-derived cells on day 24 OP9/DL1 coculture were matured for 2 days in the presence of 1 mg/ml CD3e antibody and OP9/DL1, transferred to 5-day culture with 5 mg/ml Retronectin-coating and the indicated cytokines and then analyzed by flowcytometry. 3 (CD27), 5 (CD62L, CD56, NKp44) and 6 (CD28, CCR7) independent experiments were performed by different flow cytometers using TKT3V1-7, H254SeV3- and H2531SeV3-derived iPSC-CTLs (mean \pm SEM; one-way ANOVA comparing mean log10 of all groups with Tukey's multiple comparisons test, * P <0.05, ** P <0.005).

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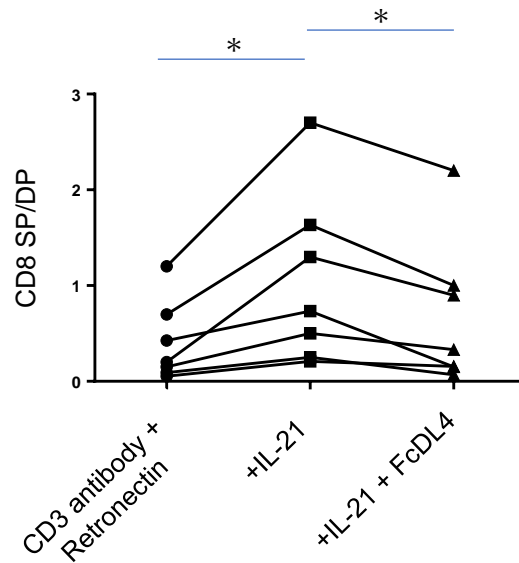


Fig. S5. Simultaneous engagement of IL-21 and a Notch ligand hampered the yield of CD8 SP cells. iPSC-derived cells on day 24 OP9/DL1 coculture were matured for 2 days in the presence of 1 mg/ml CD3e antibody and 5 mg/ml Retronectin-coating with or without 20 ng/ml IL-21 and 5 mg/ml Fc-DL4 fusion protein-coating. The ratio of the CD8 SP cell yield against the starting DP cell number was calculated as the maturation efficacy (n=7; mean \pm SEM; one-way ANOVA comparing mean log₁₀ of all groups with Tukey's multiple comparisons test; $\alpha = 0.05$; *P<0.05).

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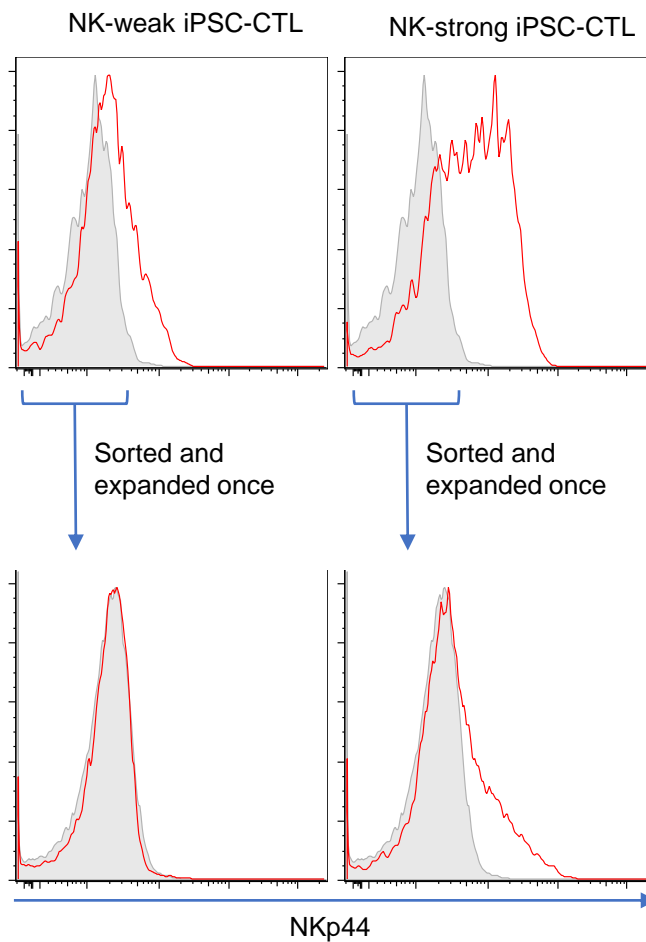


Fig. S6. Negative sorting could not remove NKp44 expression permanently in NK-strong iPSC-CTLs. NKp44⁻ cells were sorted from NK-weak and -strong iPSC-CTLs using FACSARIA II, expanded in PHA-PBMC-feeder condition and monitored again for NKp44 expression in flow cytometry. Representative of two independent experiments.

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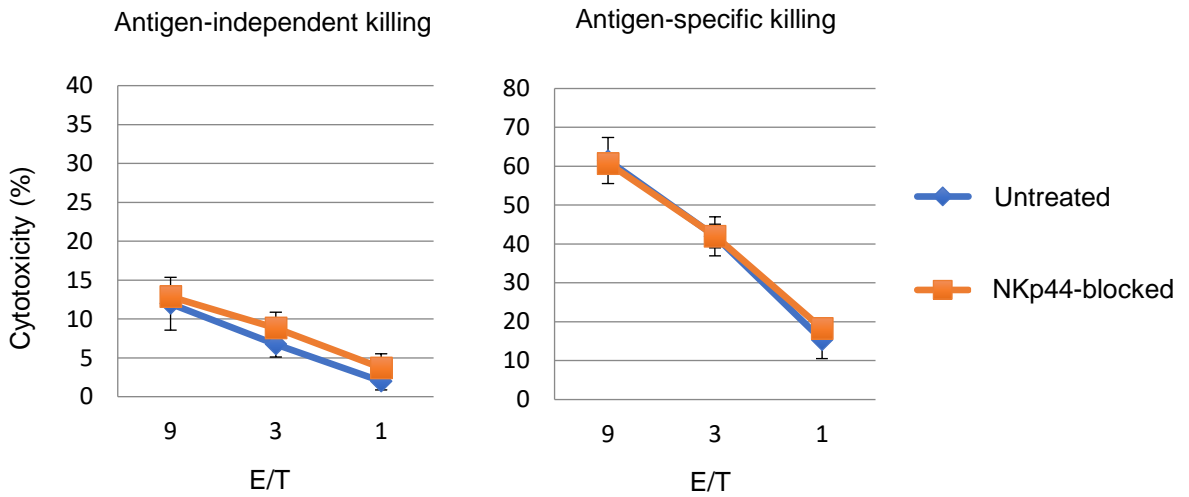


Fig. S7. NKp44 blocking antibody did not suppress the NK activity of iPSC-CTLs. ⁵¹Cr release assay was performed using iPSC-CTLs and 1 mM peptide-pulsed (antigen-specific) or unpulsed (antigen-independent) K562-A24 in the presence or absence of 5 mg/ml anti-NKp44 blocking antibody. Representative of two independent experiments.

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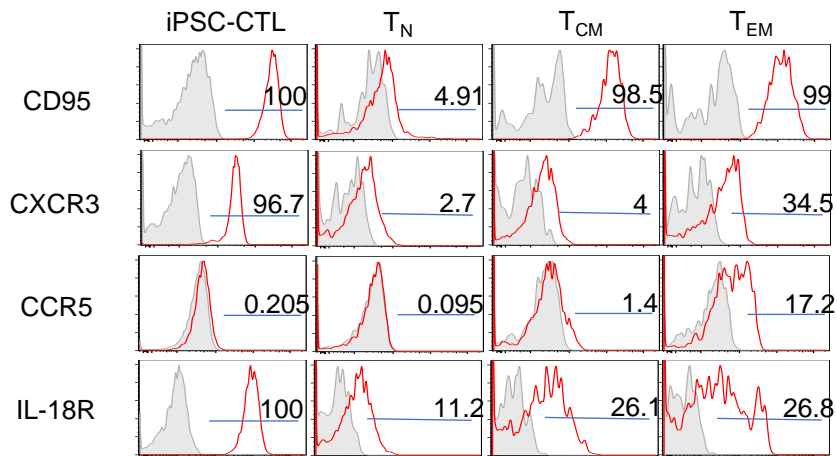


Fig. S8. Memory-associated molecules were expressed in iPSC-CTLs. Flow cytometric analysis of TKT3V1-7-derived iPSC-CTLs and indicated subsets of healthy donor-derived primary CTLs. Representative of two independent experiments using TKT3V1-7- and H254SeV3-derived iPSC-CTLs

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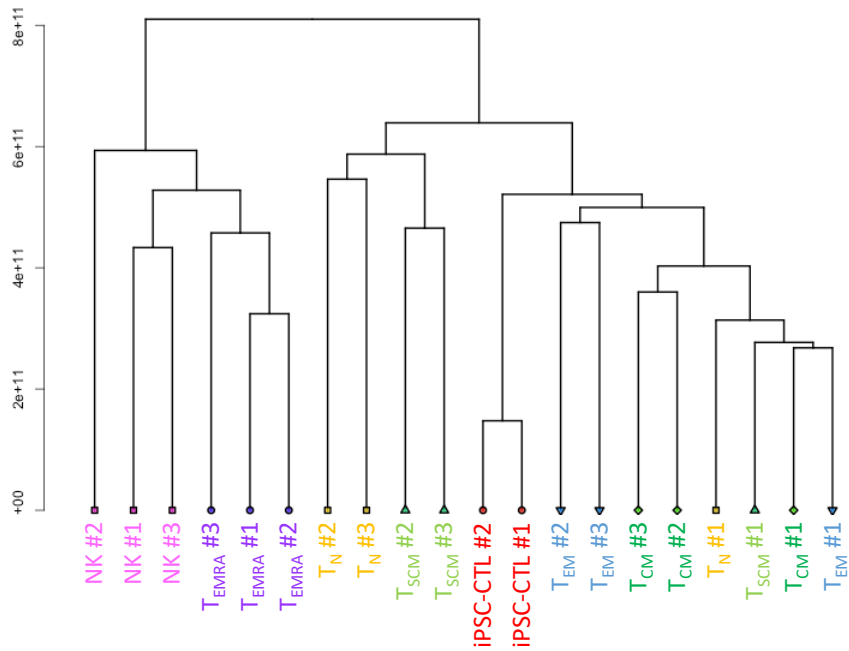


Fig. S9. iPSC-CTLs are distinguished from fully differentiated cytotoxic effector cells such as NK cells and T_{EMRA} in global gene expressions. A dendrogram generated by global gene expression profiles related to cytotoxic T cell subsets for iPSC-CTLs and primary CD8 T cells. Messenger RNA expression in iPSC-CTLs and primary CD8 T cells was determined by RNA sequencing.

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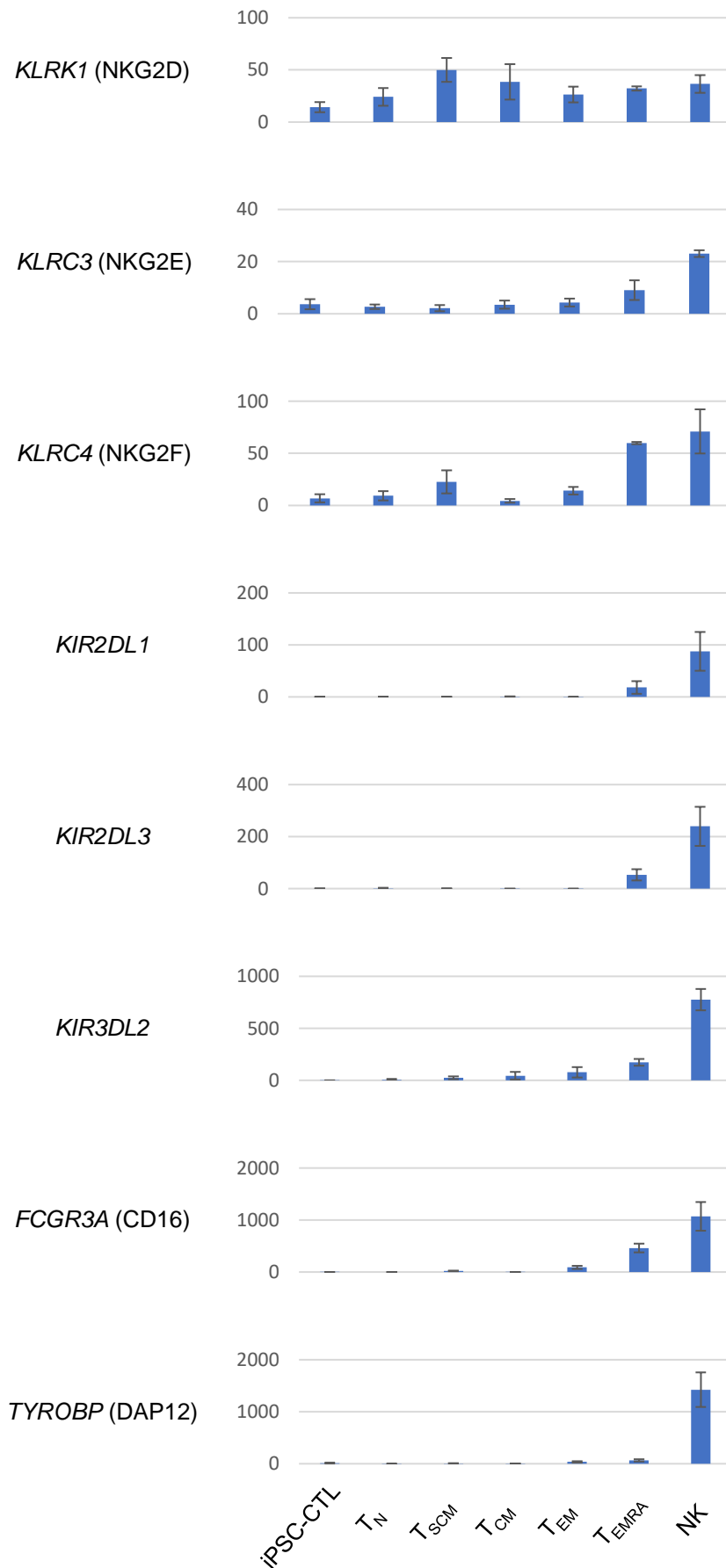


Fig. S10. Expression of NK-associated molecules in iPSC-CTLs and indicated primary CTL subsets. Messenger RNA expression levels (RPKM) of *KLRK1*, *KLRC3*, *KLRC4*, *KIR2DL1*, *KIR2DL3*, *KIR3DL2*, *FCGR3A* and *TYROBP* are shown for the indicated populations. TKT3V1-7 and H254SeV3 clones were subjected to RNA sequencing (iPSC-CTLs, n=2; primary CTL subsets, n=3; mean \pm SEM).

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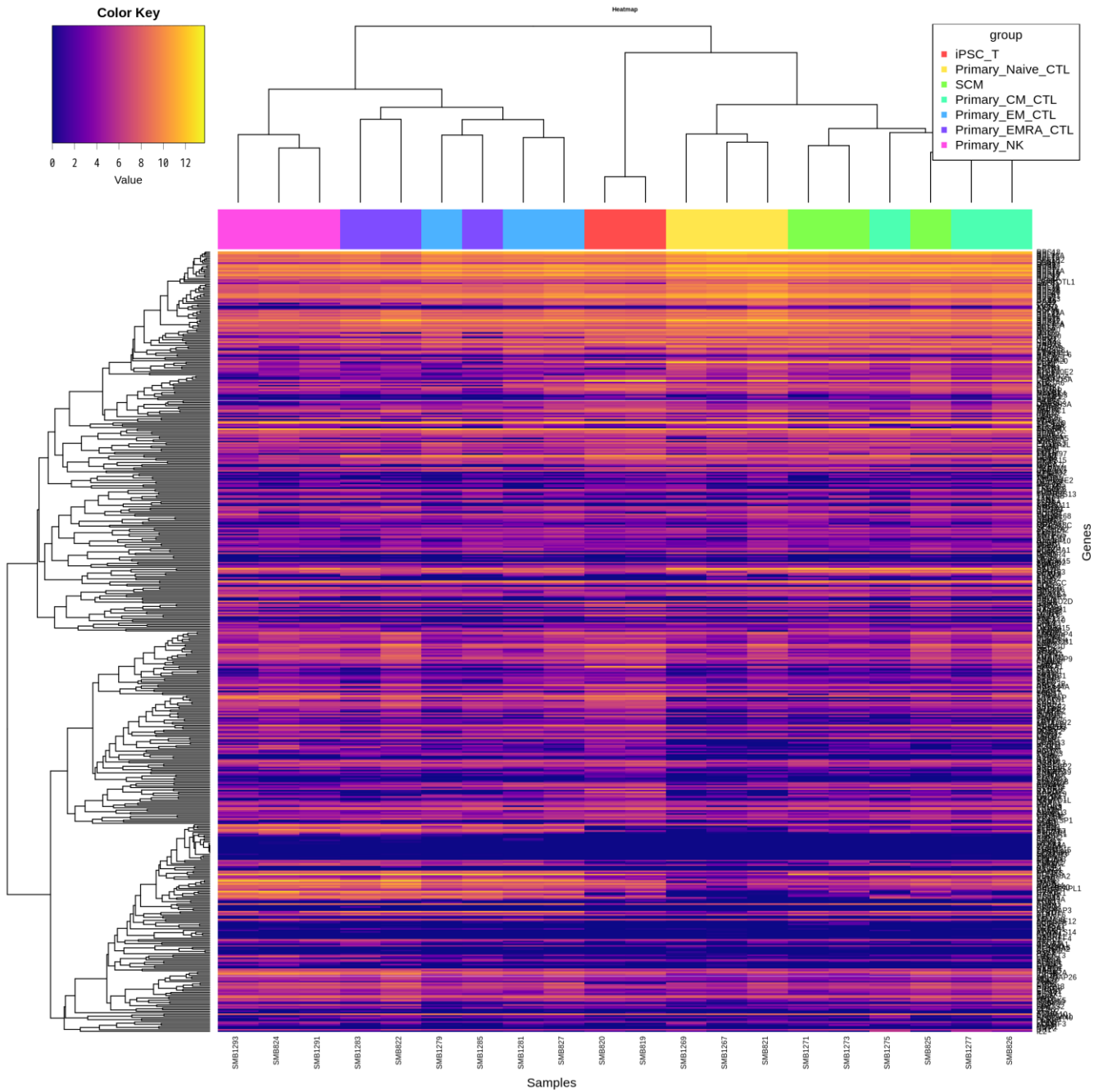


Fig. S11. Heatmap comparing the expression of 776 T-cell associated genes in iPSC-CTLs and indicated primary CTL subsets. The heatmap was drawn from RNA sequencing data using TKT3V1-7- and H254SeV3-derived iPSC-CTLs (iPSC-CTLs, n=2; primary CTL subsets, n=3).

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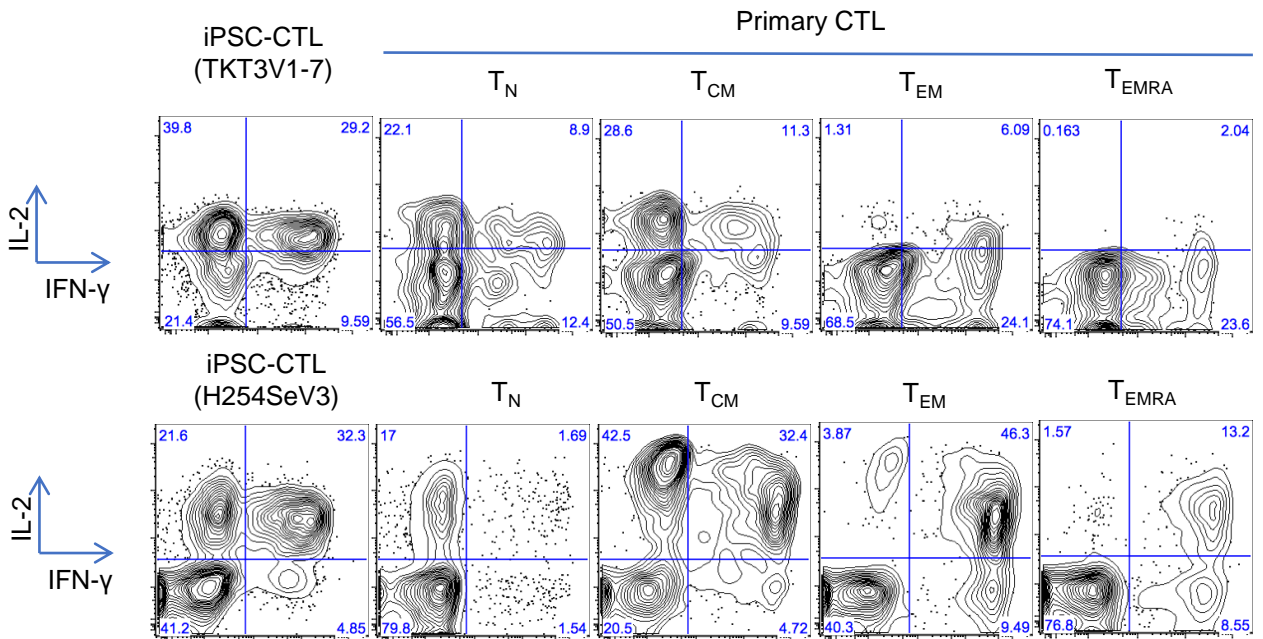


Fig. S12. Modified iPSC-CTLs showed a T_{CM} -like cytokine profile. Intracellular IL-2 and IFN- γ in TKT3V1-7- and H254SeV3-derived iPSC-CTLs were analyzed by flow cytometry after 4 hours of stimulation with 50 ng/ml PMA and 1 mg/ml Ionomycin.

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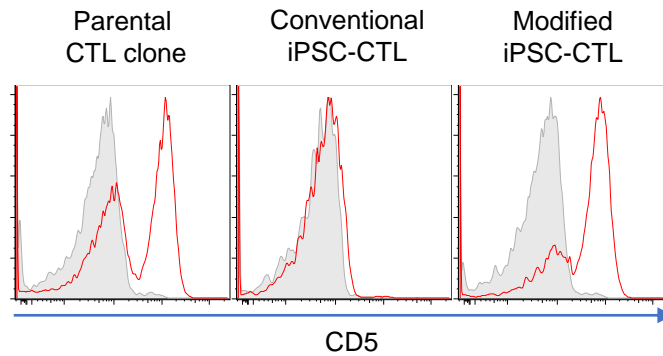


Fig. S13. Modified iPSC-CTLs expressed CD5 over multiple expansions unlike conventional iPSC-CTLs. Flow cytometric analysis of the parental T-cell clone and indicated iPSC-CTLs expanded four times in PHA-PBMC-feeder condition. Representative of two independent experiments.

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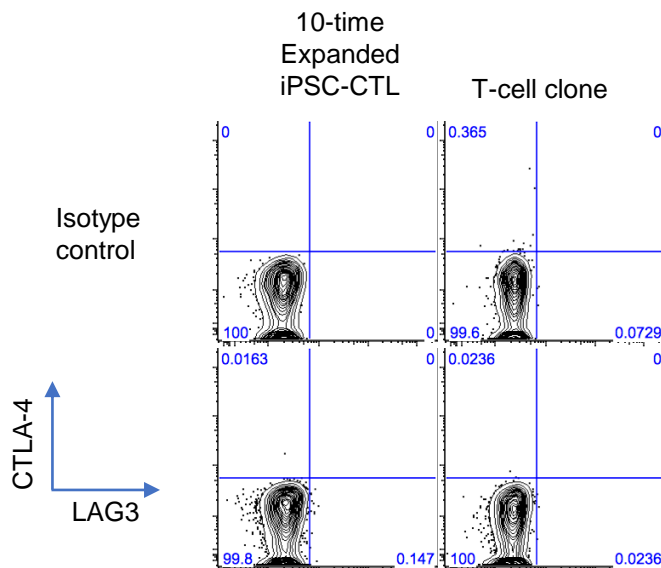


Fig. S14. Expression of exhaustion markers in iPSC-CTLs after 10 rounds of expansions. Expression of LAG-3 and CTLA-4 in 10-times expanded iPSC-CTLs and the parental T-cell clone in PHA-PBMC-feeder expansion culture as described in Materials and Methods.

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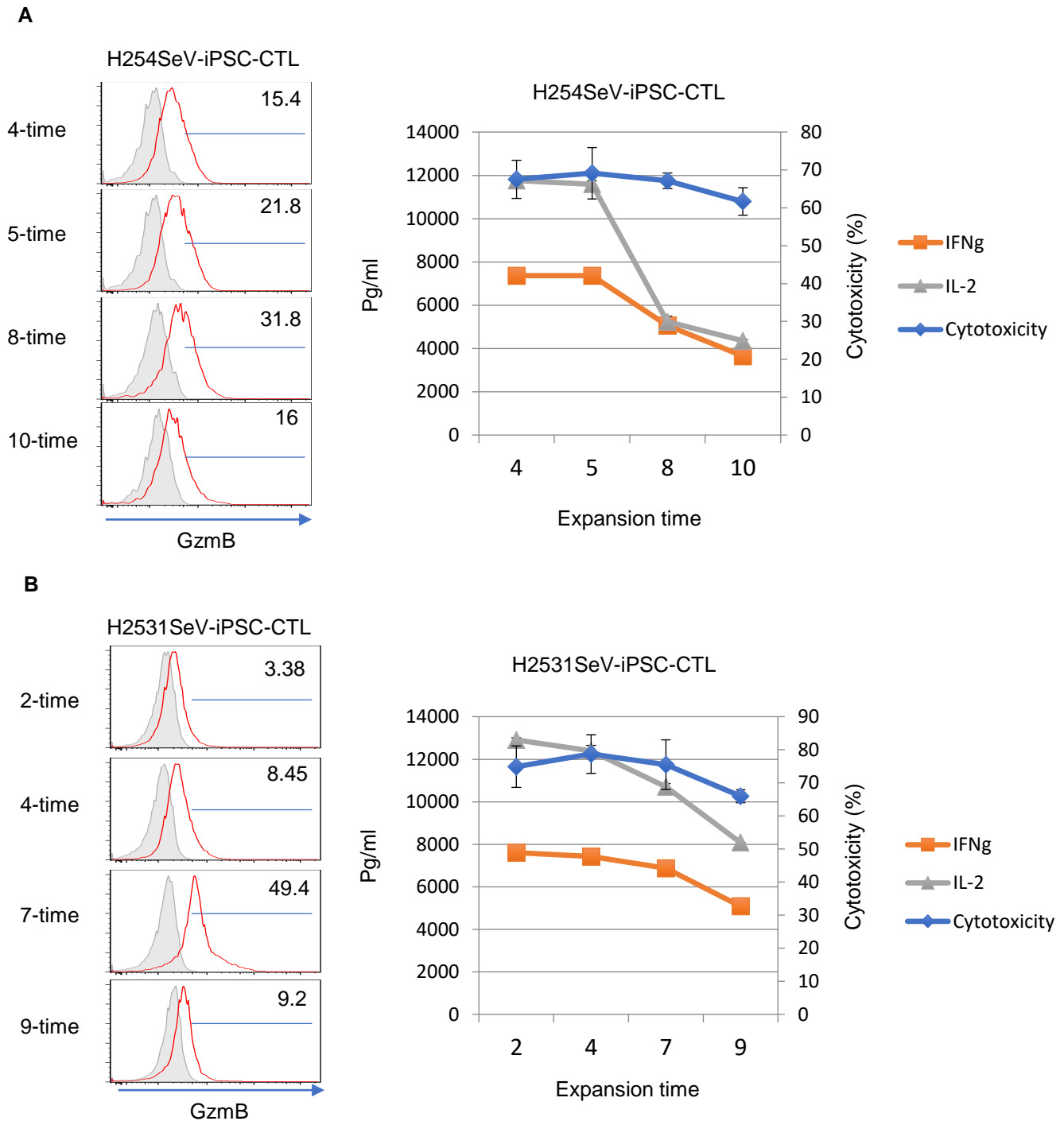


Fig. S15. Cytokine production and killing activity of iPSC-CTLs change over multiple *in vitro* expansions. Intracellular Granzyme B expression (left), IL-2 and IFN- γ production and cytotoxic activity (right) of H254SeV3- (A) and H2531SeV3- (B) derived iPSC-CTLs after the indicated rounds of expansions. The frozen stocks of iPSC-CTLs were made at different times, but they were thawed, rested and expanded once side by side in advance of the flow cytometry or the ^{51}Cr release assay against 1 mM peptide-pulsed K562-A24 at an E/T=10 (mean \pm SD).

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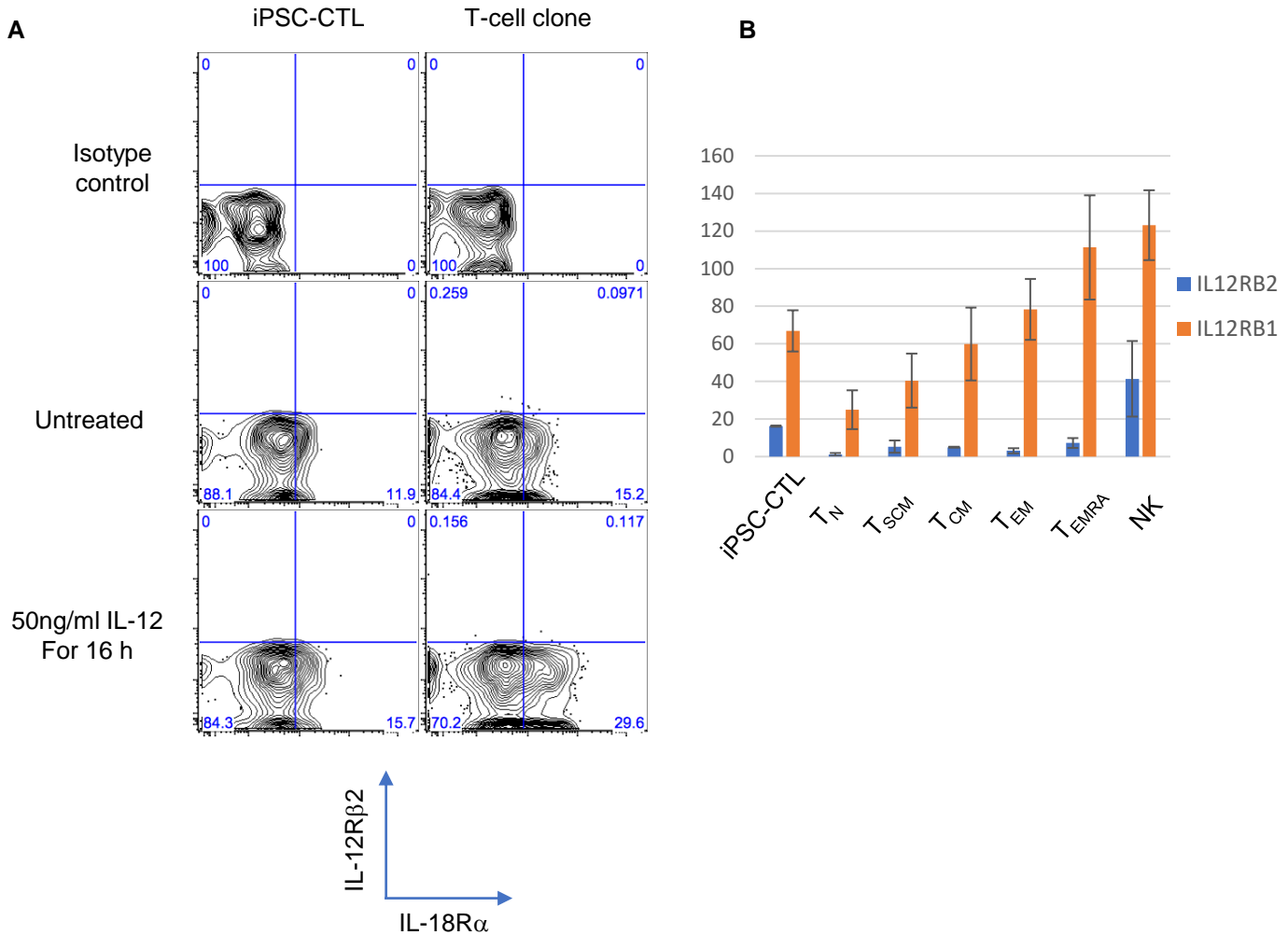


Fig. S16. IL-12 enhances IL-18 receptor expression on iPSC-CTLs and parental T-cell clones. (A) Flow cytometric profiles of iPSC-CTLs and T-cell clones treated with or without 50 ng/ml IL-12 for 16 h. (B) Messenger RNA expression levels (RPKM) of *IL12RB1* and *IL12RB2* in iPSC-CTLs and indicated primary CTL subsets.

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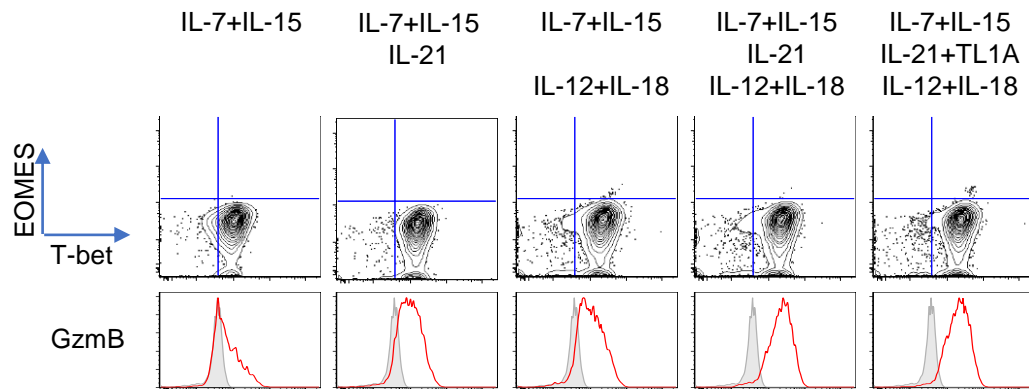


Fig. S17. GzmB, T-bet and EOMES expression in iPSC-CTLs 2 weeks after PBMC feeder-free stimulation in the presence or absence of IL-21, IL12, IL-18 or TL1A. The expression of GzmB was induced, but the expression of T-bet or EOMES was not 2 weeks after IL-21, IL12, IL-18 or TL1A-supplemented TCR stimulation.

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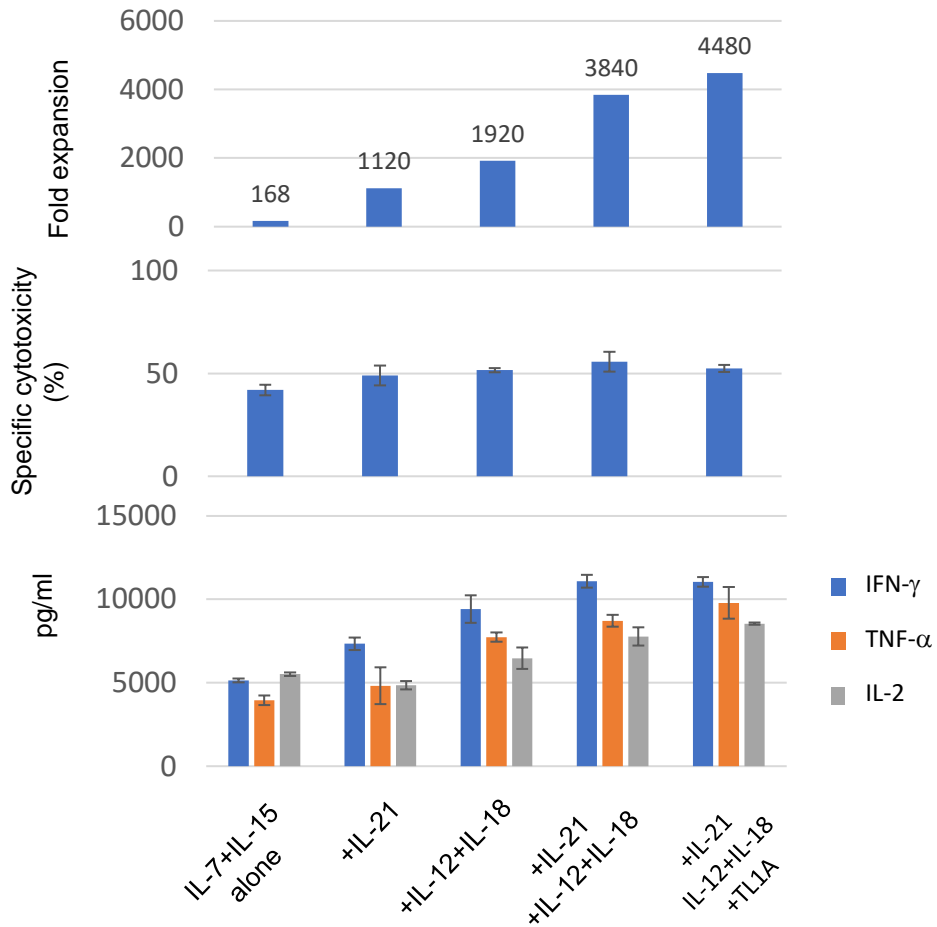


Fig. S18. Effect of cytokines on proliferation (top), cytotoxic activity (middle) and cytokine production (bottom) in iPSC-CTLs. iPSC-CTLs expanded in PHA-PBMC-feeder 4 times were stimulated in feeder-free condition supplemented with the indicated cytokines, enumerated to calculate the fold expansion 2 weeks later (top) and subjected to the ⁵¹Cr release assay (middle) and CBA cytokine assay (bottom) against 1 mM peptide-pulsed K562-A24 cells. Representative of three independent experiments.

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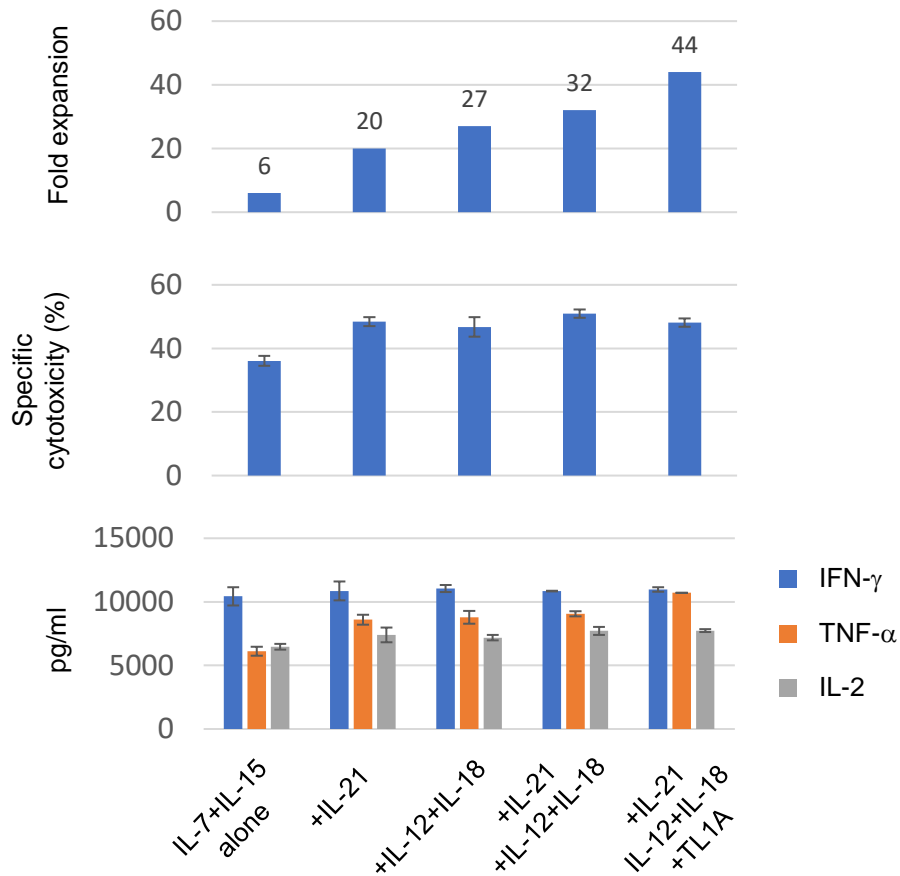


Fig. S19. Effect of cytokines on proliferation (top), cytotoxic activity (middle) and cytokine production (bottom) in parental T-cell clones. Parental T-cell clones were stimulated in feeder-free condition supplemented with the indicated cytokines, enumerated to calculate the fold expansion 2 weeks later (top) and subjected to the ^{51}Cr release assay (middle) and CBA cytokine assay (bottom) against 1 mM peptide-pulsed K562-A24 cells. Representative of three independent experiments.

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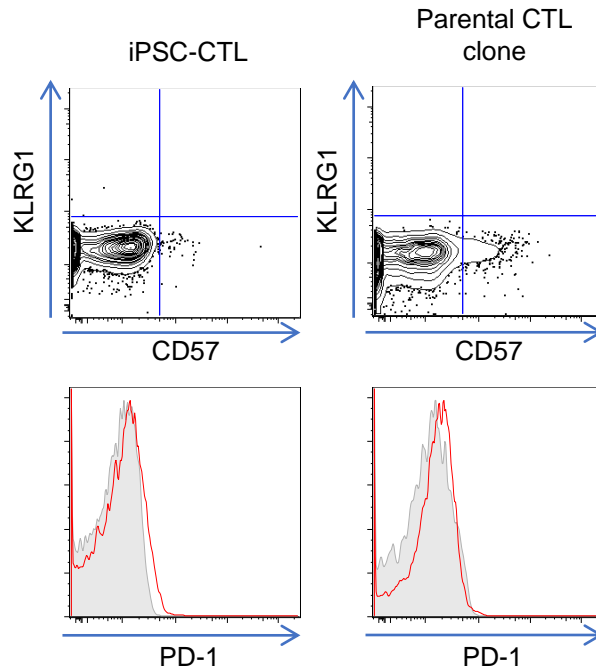


Fig. S20. Exhaustion/senescence markers were negligibly expressed in iPSC-CTLs or the parental T-cell clone immediately before functional comparison. Flow cytometric analysis of iPSC-CTLs and the parental T-cell clone after 2-week feeder-free expansion before the functional assay. Representative of three independent experiments.

Fig. S21

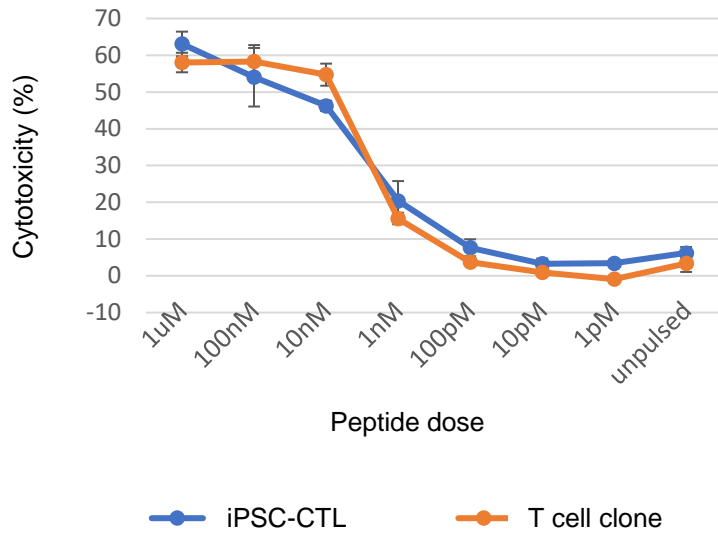


Fig. S21. iPSC-CTLs exhibited equivalent cytotoxicity against CD4 helper GXL cells with negligible NK activity like the parental T cell clone. ^{51}Cr release assay was performed after 5 hours of coculture with CD4 helper GXL cells pulsed with the indicated dose of peptide at an E/T=9.

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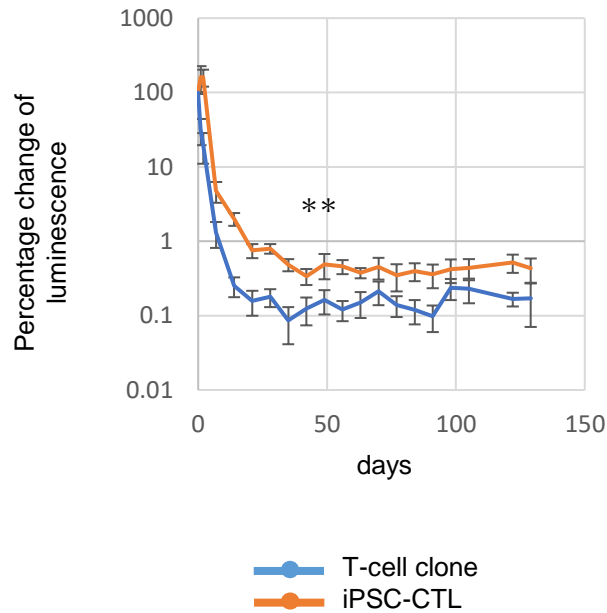


Fig. S22. iPSC-CTLs showed superior *in vivo* persistence compared to the parental T cell clone. Percentage change of ROI values (stomach/head) of NOD-SCID IL2Rgc^{null} (NSG) mice engrafted with 2×10^6 luciferase-transduced iPSC-CTLs or the parental T cell clone intraperitoneally. 100 ng/head recombinant hIL-15 was infused weekly. Representative of two independent experiments using H254SeV3-derived iPSC-CTLs (5 mice; mean \pm SEM; **P<0.005,).

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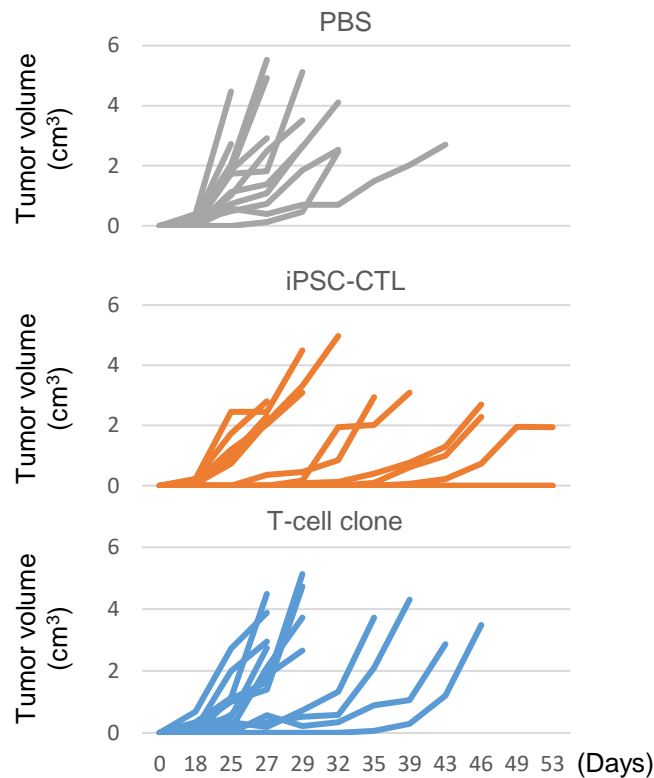


Fig. S23. iPSC-CTLs suppressed tumor growth better than the parental T cell clone. Kinetics of the total tumor volume in NSG mice after subcutaneous inoculation with 2×10^5 cognate-Nef-peptide-expressing K562-A24-N138Rluc followed by the injection of PBS, 2×10^6 iPSC-CTLs or the parental clone 4 days and 7 days later. Mice were euthanized when the tumor volume exceeded 2 cm^3 on either side. Shown are combined results of two independent experiments using H254SeV3-derived iPSC-CTLs (12 mice per group (5 and 7 mice for each experiment); tumor volume = $(\text{length} \times \text{width}^2)/2$. ¹).

Supplemental table. List of 776 selected genes representing the molecular signatures of early memory cells and late memory T cells. ²

Supplemental movie. iPSC-CTLs exhibited frequent serial killing while parental T-cell clone easily committed activation-induced apoptosis

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