

Figure S1. Detection of CD154 and cytokine expression using the CD154⁺ enrichment assay. (A) Histogram representation of intracellular CD154 expression on enriched and flow through cells with isotype control 7h post-stimulation with CytoStim and *C. albicans*. **(B)** Contour plots representing TNF- α , IL-17A and IFN- γ producing cells among by *C. albicans*-exposed cells with (CD154 and cytokine) isotype control. **(C)** Frequency of CytoStim-stimulated or *C. albicans*-exposed CD154⁺CD4⁺ T cells secreting IFN- γ , IL-17A and TNF- α among Crohn's patients (n = 10). **(D)** Frequency of CytoStim-stimulated or *C. albicans*-exposed TNF- α ⁺IL-17A⁺ and TNF- α ⁺IFN- γ ⁺ double positive CD154⁺CD4⁺ T cells among Crohn's patients (n = 10). Bars represent the means \pm SEM of ten independent experiments; one-way ANOVA with Dunn's multiple comparison. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001, ****p<0.000.

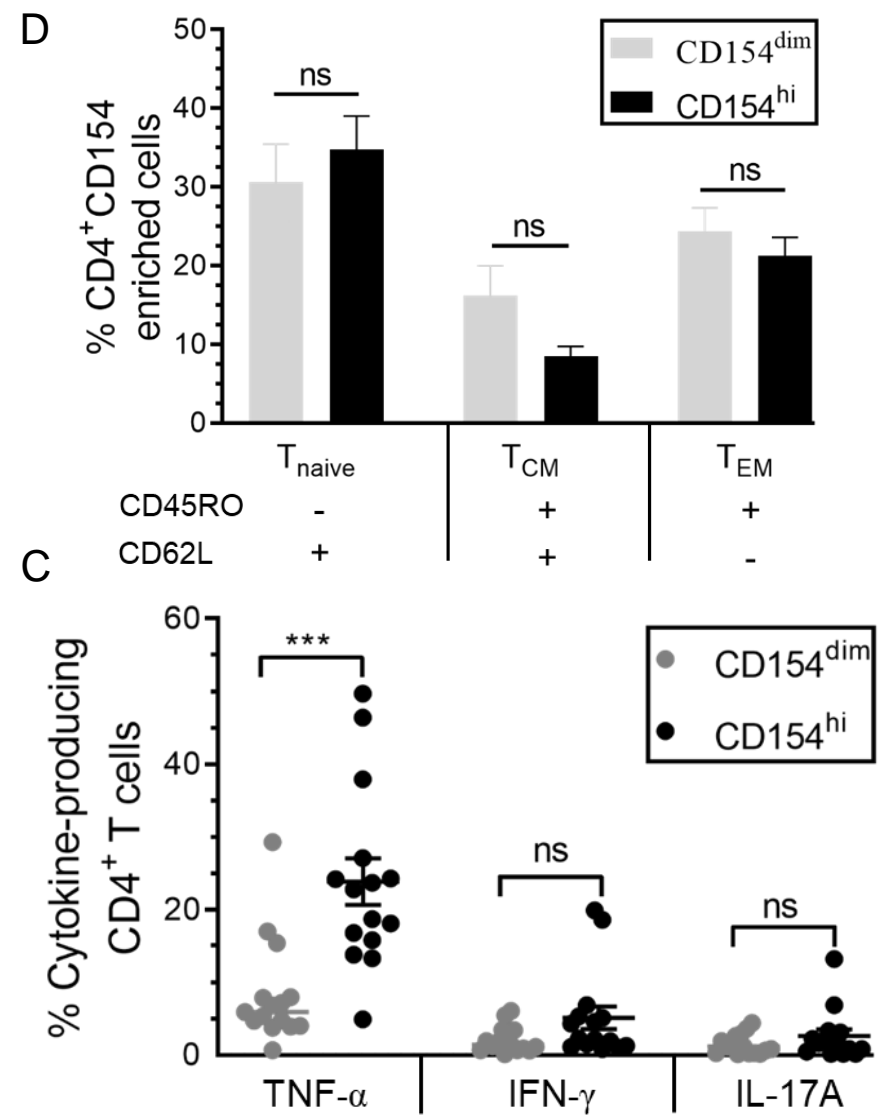
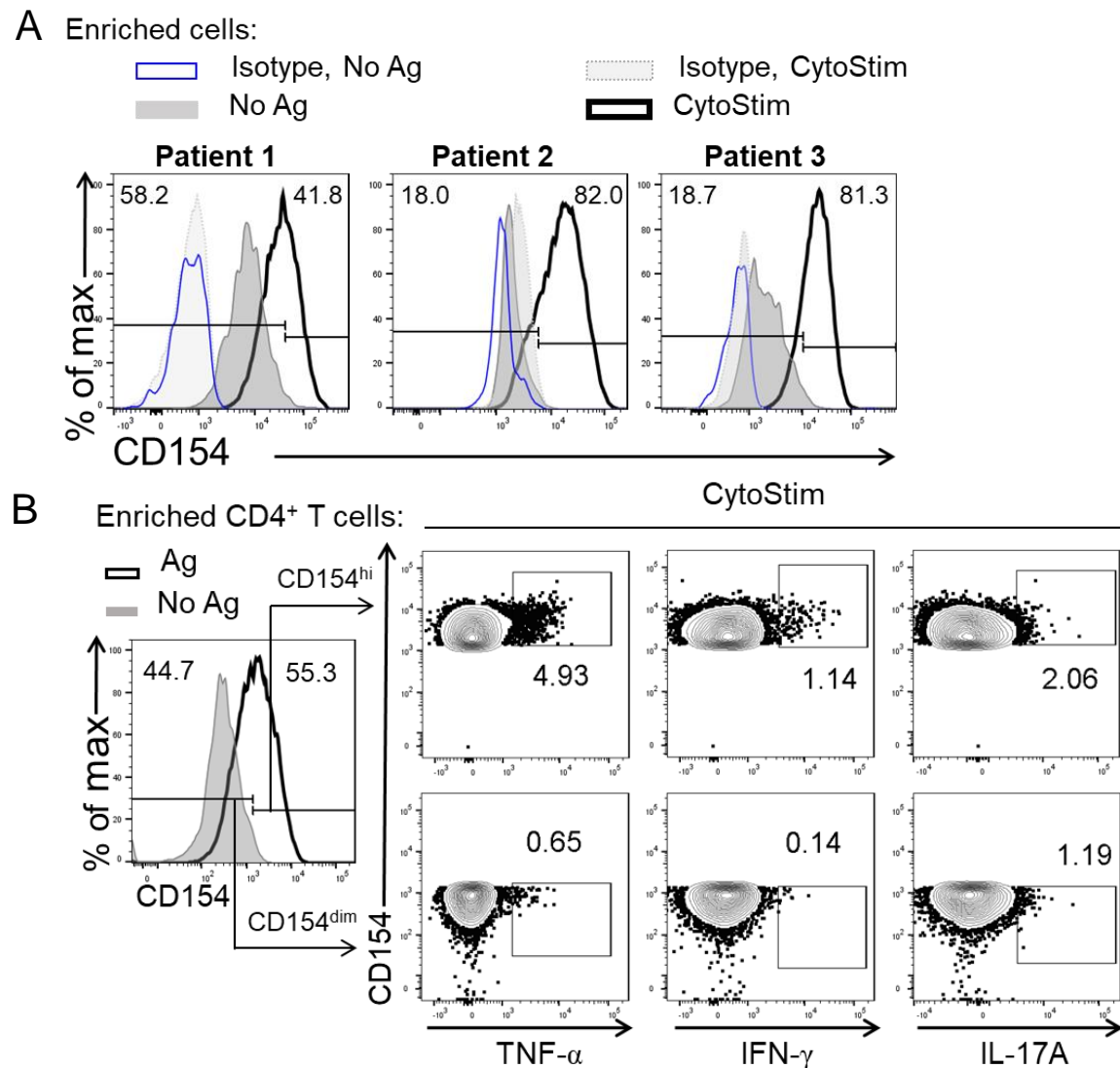
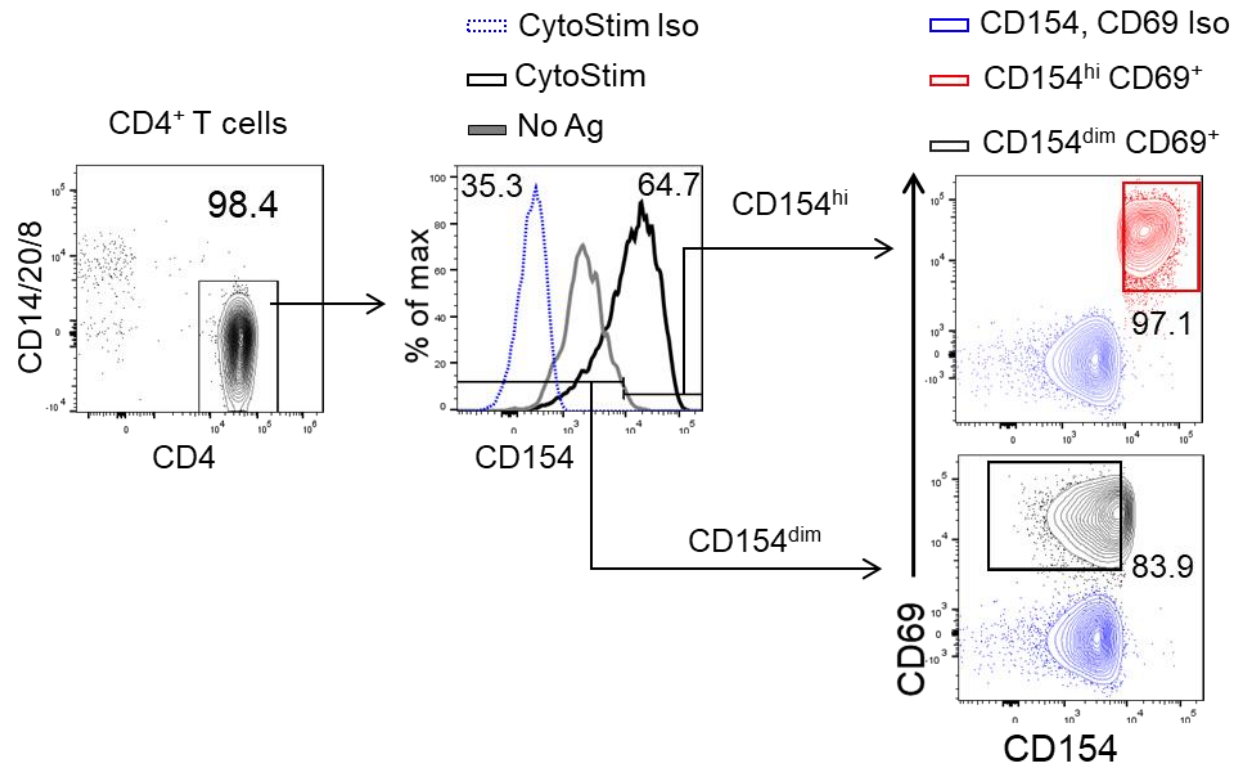


Figure S2. CD154 expression and cytokine production by CytoStim-stimulated CD4⁺ T lymphocytes. (A) CD4⁺ T lymphocyte responses to CytoStim in Crohn's patients (n = 3). Histogram overlays are shown with the CD154 isotype control for CytoStim-simulated cells (grey dotted line) and unstimulated cells (blue solid line). CD154 expression for unstimulated cells (dark grey solid line) and CytoStim-stimulated cells (black solid lines). (B) Representative flow plots for cytokine production by CytoStim stimulated CD4⁺CD154^{dim/hi} cells. Histogram overlay plots are shown with unstimulated cells (dark grey solid lines) and CytoStim-stimulated cells (the solid line). (C) The frequency of TNF- α , IFN- γ , IL-17A produced by CD154^{dim/hi}CD4⁺ T cells following CytoStim stimulation among Crohn's patients (n = 15). Bars represent the means \pm SEM of fifteen independent experiments; Mann Whitney test. ***p<0.001, ns, not statistically significant. (D) The percentage of CD62L and CD45RO expression by CytoStim-stimulated CD154^{dim/hi}CD4⁺ T cells among Crohn's patients (n = 8). Bars represent the means \pm SEM of eight independent experiments; two-way ANOVA Dunnett's multiple comparison tests. ns, not statistically significant.

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CD69 expression on CD154⁺CD4⁺ T cells

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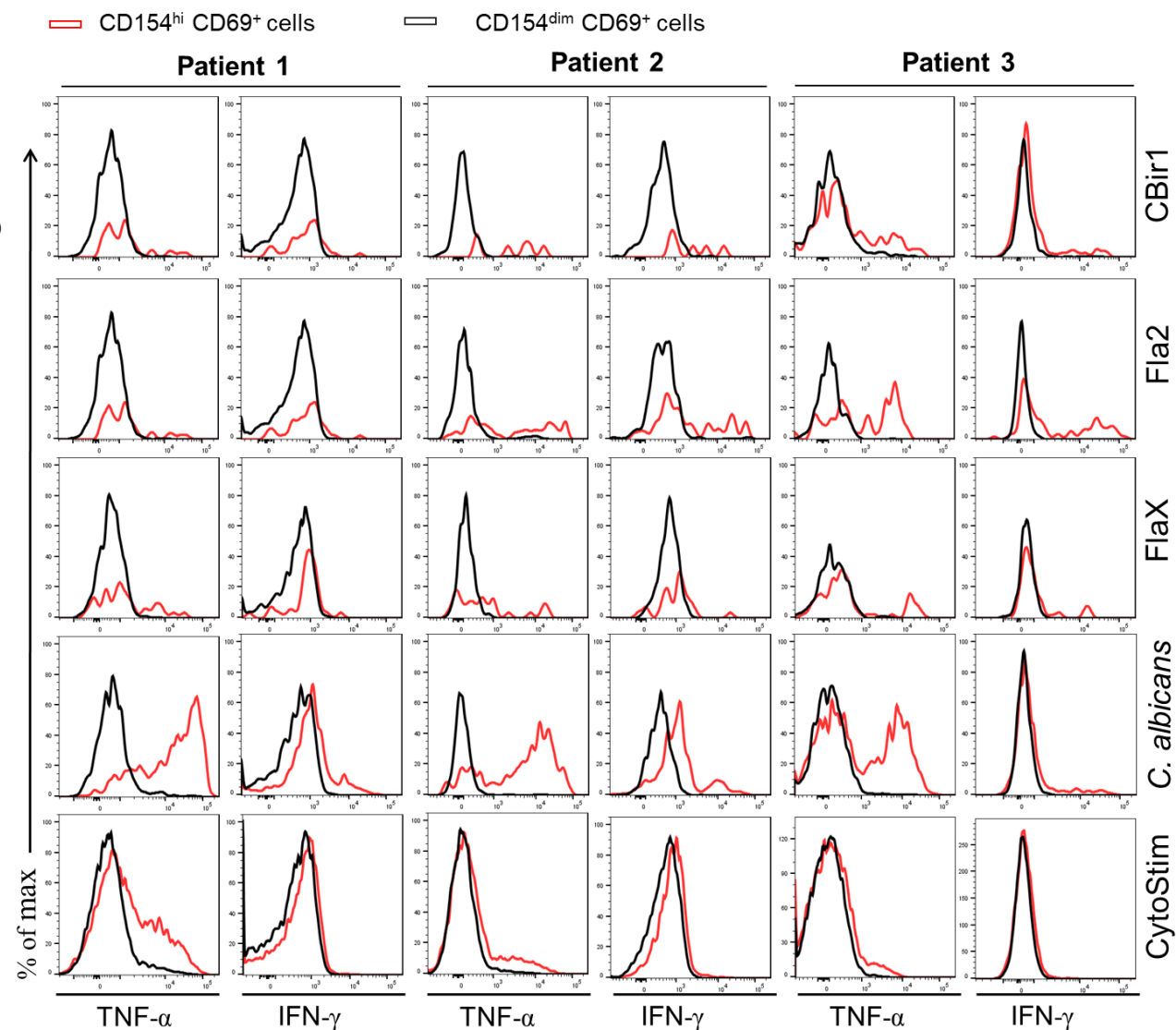
Cytokine production by CD69⁺CD4⁺ CD154 enriched cells

Figure S3. Co-expression of activation markers CD69 and CD154 on PBMC 7h post-stimulation. (A) Flow cytometry analysis of PBMCs from one representative active Crohn's patient. Gated on live, CD14⁻, CD20⁻, CD8⁻, CD4⁺ cells followed by histogram overlays of CytoStim-stimulated (black solid line) and antigen unexposed (grey solid line) and CD154 isotype control for CytoStim-stimulated (blue dotted line) cells. Contour plot overlays for CD154 and CD69 expression by CD154^{hi/dim}CD4⁺ T cells with CD154 and CD69 isotype control (blue solid line). Histogram overlays of TNF- α and IFN- γ produce by CytoStim-stimulated CD69⁺CD154^{hi/dim}CD4⁺ T cells. **(B) Histogram overlay of antigen-exposed TNF- α ⁺ and IFN- γ ⁺ CD69⁺CD154^{hi}CD4⁺ and CD69⁺CD154^{dim}CD4⁺ T cells from 3 independent active Crohn's patients.**

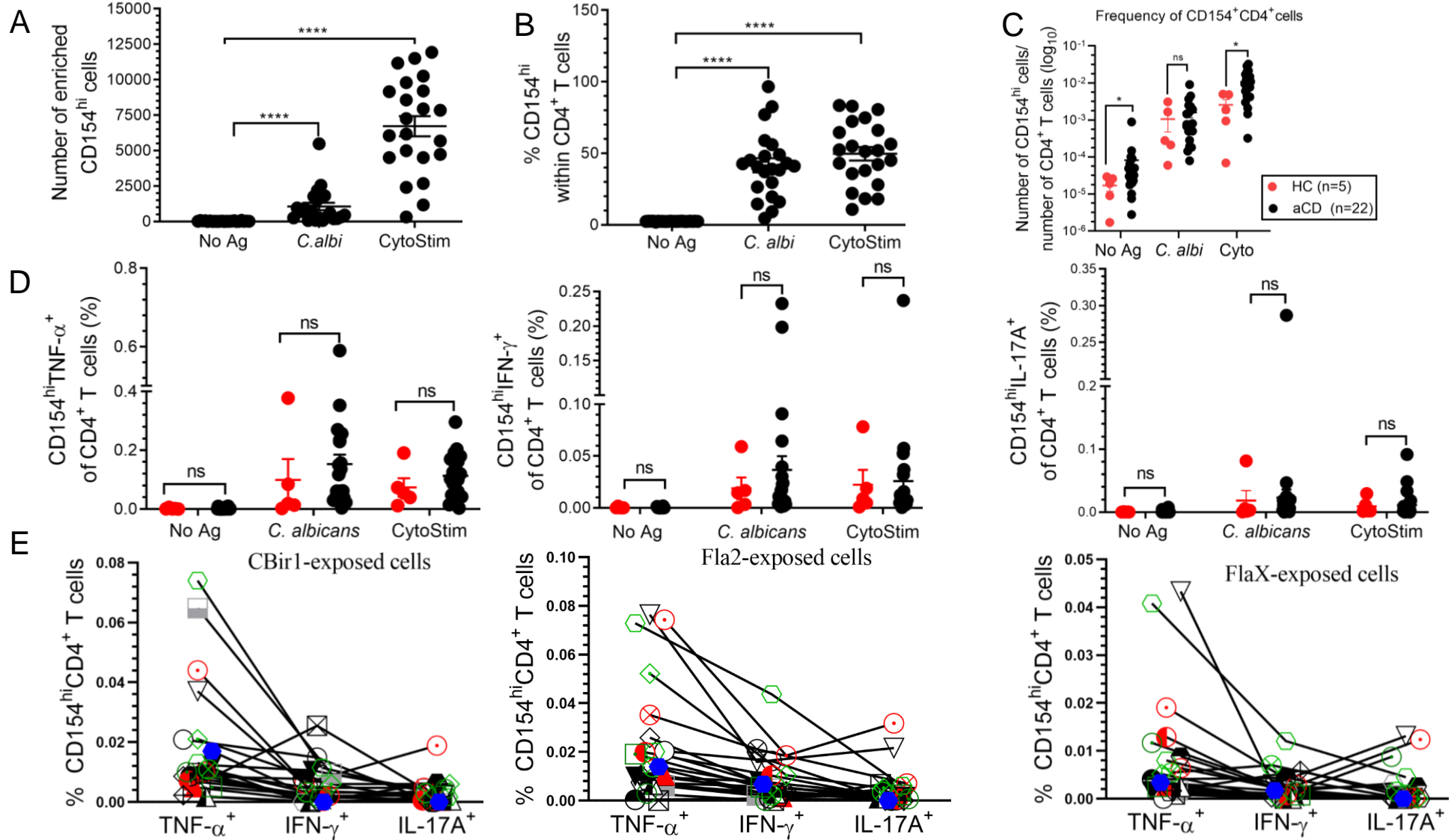


Figure S4. CD4⁺ T cell responses following antigen exposure, or polyclonal stimulation. (A) Number of *C. albicans*-, CytoStim-stimulated, or antigen unexposed enriched CD154^{hi} cells in active CD (aCD) patients (n = 22). (B) Percentage of CD154^{hi} cells among CD4⁺ T cells from active Crohn's (n = 22) following *C. albicans* or CytoStim stimulation. (C) Frequencies of *C. albicans* and CytoStim-stimulated CD154⁺CD4⁺ T cells among active Crohn's (n = 22) and healthy (n = 5) patients were calculated from the total number of CD154⁺ cells obtained after enrichment normalized to the total number of CD4⁺ cells applied on the column. (D) Frequency of cytokine production by CD154⁺CD4⁺ T cells. The frequency of TNF- α , IFN- γ and IL-17A producing *C. albicans* and CytoStim-stimulated T cells among active Crohn's (black dots; n = 22) and non-IBD healthy (red dots; n = 5) patients were calculated from the total number of cytokine positive cells normalized to the total number of CD154⁺ cells obtained after enrichment. Bars represent the means \pm SEM of five-twenty-two independent experiments; Mann Whitney test. **p<0.01 ***p<0.001, ****p<0.0001, ns not significant. (E) Comparison of CD154⁺CD4⁺ T cells cytokine reactivity to different flagellin antigens within the same aCD patient. Each symbol represents an active CD patient (lines link result within same patient).