

Supplementary material

Toxicity-specific peripheral blood T and B cell dynamics in anti-PD-1 and combined immune checkpoint inhibition

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Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. Flow cytometry panels

Antigen	Fluorophore	Clone	Company	Catalog number	Lot number(s)	Staining	Dilution
Panel 1 (B cells)							
IgG	FITC	polyclonal	Southern Biotech	2042-02	K2419-Z619E	Surface	500
CD38	PerCP-Cy5.5	HIT2	BD	551400	1159441	Surface	100
CD27	APC	L128	BD	337169	1105983	Surface	50
CD3	AF700	UCHT1	Biolegend	300424	B326013, B279942, B347088	Surface	50
CD19	APC-eF780	HIB19	eBioscience	47-0199-42	2387508	Surface	20
IgM	BV421	G20-127	BD	562618	0328568	Surface	50
Fixable viability dye	eFluor506	-	Fisher Scientific	15560607	2290923	-	1000
CD21	BV711	B-ly4	BD	563163	1146348	Surface	20
CD24	PE-CF594	ML5	BD	562405	1229319	Surface	200
CCR6	PE-Cy7	R6H1	eBioscience	25-1969-42	2304422	Surface	100
Panel 2 (T cell cytotoxicity)							
CD57	FITC	HNK-1	Biolegend	359603	B327318	Surface	100
CD8 α	PerCP-Cy5.5	RPA-T8	Biolegend	301032	B334771	Surface	1000
CD3	AF700	UCHT1	Biolegend	300424	B326013, B279942, B347088	Surface	50
CD95	eFluor450	DX2	eBioscience	48-0959-42	2153486	Surface	100
Fixable viability dye	eFluor506	-	Fisher Scientific	15560607	2290923	-	1000
PD-1	BV711	EH12.1	BD	564017	1229849	Surface	100
IgG4 (on-treatment)	biotin	HP6025	Invitrogen	A10663	2309130, 2431369	Surface	50
Streptavidin	BV711	-	Biolegend	405241	B336306	Surface	100
CD4	BV785	RPA-T4	Biolegend	300554	B337916, B344396, B351096	Surface	50
LAG-3	PE	polyclonal	R&D	FAB2319P	AALE1619111	Surface	25
CD45RO	PE-Dazzle	UCHL1	Biolegend	304247	B301149	Surface	400
Granzyme B	APC-Fire750	QA16A02	Biolegend	372210	B337650	Intracellular	50
IFN- γ	PE-Cy7	4S.B3	BD	557844	1117951	Intracellular	200
Panel 3 (T-helper subsets)							
CCR4	FITC	205410	R&D	FAC1567F	LDG0621041	Surface	16.67
CD8 α	PerCP-Cy5.5	RPA-T8	Biolegend	301032	B334771	Surface	1000
CD3	AF700	UCHT1	Biolegend	300424	B326013, B279942, B347088	Surface	50
Fixable viability dye	eFluor506	-	Fisher Scientific	15560607	2290923	-	1000
CXCR3	BV605	G025H7	Biolegend	353728	B329131, B339512, B349628	Surface	12.5
CD45RA	BV711	HI100	Biolegend	304138	B334528	Surface	500
CD4	BV785	RPA-T4	Biolegend	300554	B337916, B344396, B351096	Surface	50
CCR5	PE	eBioT21/8	eBioscience	12-1957-42	2172554	Surface	50
CD45RO	PE-Dazzle	UCHL1	Biolegend	304247	B301149	Surface	400
Ki67	AF647	B56	BD	558615	0342573, 1225152	Intracellular	50
FOXP3	eFLuor450	PCH101	eBioscience	48-4776-42	2299833	Intracellular	50
Panel 4 (naive/memory subsets 1)							
CD95	FITC	DX2	BD	340479	1067724	Surface	
CD8 α	PerCP-Cy5.5	RPA-T8	Biolegend	301032	B334771	Surface	1000
CD3	AF700	UCHT1	Biolegend	300424	B326013, B279942, B347088	Surface	50
CD27	APC-eF780	O323	eBioscience	47-0279-42	2241980, 2452256	Surface	20
Fixable viability dye	eFluor506	-	Fisher Scientific	15560607	2290923	-	1000
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CD45RA	BV711	HI100	Biolegend	304138	B334528	Surface	500
CD4	BV785	RPA-T4	Biolegend	300554	B337916, B344396, B351096	Surface	50
Ki67	AF647	B56	BD	558615	0342573, 1225152	Intracellular	50
IL-2	PB	MQ1-17H12	Biolegend	500324	B317866	Intracellular	100
IL-17A	PE	eBio64DEC17	eBioscience	12-7179-42	2331144	Intracellular	50
IL-8	PE-CF594	G265-8	BD	563531	0311622	Intracellular	200
Panel 5 (regulation)							
ICOS	FITC	C398.4A	Biolegend	313506	B311819	Surface	400
TIGIT	PerCP-Cy5.5	MBSA43	eBioscience	46-9500-42	2284173	Surface	50
CD3	AF700	UCHT1	Biolegend	300424	B326013, B279942, B347088	Surface	50
CD45RA	APC-Cy7	HI100	Sony Biotech	2120640	235800	Surface	50
Fixable viability dye	eFluor506	-	Fisher Scientific	15560607	2290923	-	1000
CD4	BV785	RPA-T4	Biolegend	300554	B337916, B344396, B351096	Surface	50
CCR8	PE	L263G8	Biolegend	360603	B334779	Surface	100
CD25	PE-Cy7	M-A251	BD	557741	1068706	Surface	25
CTLA-4	APC	BNI3	BD	555855	0335549	Intracellular	12.5
FOXP3	eFLuor450	PCH101	eBioscience	48-4776-42	2299833	Intracellular	50
T-bet	PE-CF594	O4-46	BD	562467	1209448	Intracellular	50
Panel 6 (T cell-monocyte ratio)							
CD3	PerCP-Cy5.5	UCHT1	Biolegend	300430	B331881	Surface	100
CD14	APC-eF780	61D3	eBioscience	47-0149-42	2284099	Surface	40
Panel 7 (naive/memory subsets 2)							
CD8	FITC	RPA-T8	BD	555366	1109087	Surface	100
CD3	AF700	UCHT1	Biolegend	118300424	B326013, B279942, B347088	Surface	50
CCR7	APC-Fire750	G043H7	Biolegend	353246	B338294	Surface	12.5
Fixable viability dye	eFluor506	-	Fisher Scientific	15560607	2290923	-	1000
CD4	BV785	RPA-T4	Biolegend	300554	B337916, B344396, B351096	Surface	50
CD45RO	PE-Dazzle	UCHL1	Biolegend	304247	B301149	Surface	200

Supplementary Table 2. Luminex analytes

Target	Full protein name
IL-5	Interleukin-5
IL-6	Interleukin-6
IL-7	Interleukin-7
IL-10	Interleukin-10
IL-12	Interleukin-12
IL-13	Interleukin-13
IL-17	Interleukin-17
IL-21	Interleukin-21
IL-23	Interleukin-23
IL-33	Interleukin-33
TNF- α	Tumor necrosis factor alpha
IFN- γ	Interferon gamma
APRIL	A proliferation-inducing ligand
CCL2 (MCP1)	C-C motif ligand 2 (monocyte chemoattractant protein 1)
CCL4 (MIP-1 β)	C-C motif ligand 4 (macrophage inflammatory protein)
CCL17 (TARC)	C-C motif ligand 17 (thymus- and activation-regulated chemokine)
CXCL9	C-X-C motif ligand 9
CXCL10	C-X-C motif ligand 10
CXCL13	C-X-C motif ligand 13
sILR2	Soluble interleukin-2 receptor
GzmB	Granzyme B
TGF- β 1 (LAP)	Transforming growth factor beta 1 (latency-associated peptide)
TACI	Transmembrane activator and CAML interactor

Supplementary Table 3. Extended characteristics of patients and healthy donors

	Anti-PD-1 NOTx (N=13)	Anti-PD-1 TOX (N=11)	cICI NOTx (N=10)	cICI TOX (N=10)	Healthy donor (N=10)	P value
Timepoint 2 available, N (%) ^a	13 (100.0)	7 (63.6)	10 (100.0)	6 (60.0)	N/A	0.011
Time-to-timepoint 2 (weeks)						
Median (IQR)	3.0 (3.0-4.0)	4.0 (3.5-4.0)	3.0 (3.0-3.0)	3.0 (3.0-3.0)	N/A	<0.01
Time-to-timepoint 3 (weeks)						
Median (IQR)	6.0 (6.0-8.0)	N/A	6.0 (6.0-6.0)	N/A	N/A	0.11
Best overall tumor response per RECIST1.1						
Not evaluable	2 (15.4)	3 (27.3)	0 (0.0)	2 (20.0)	N/A	0.51
Progressive disease	6 (46.2)	1 (9.1)	5 (50.0)	3 (30.0)		
Stable disease	2 (15.4)	4 (36.4)	1 (10.0)	2 (20.0)		
Partial response	2 (15.4)	2 (18.2)	4 (40.0)	2 (20.0)		
Complete response	1 (7.7)	1 (9.1)	0 (0.0)	1 (10.0)		
Baseline ECOG performance status						
0	7 (53.8)	4 (36.4)	4 (40.0)	5 (50.0)	N/A	0.86
1	5 (38.5)	5 (45.5)	4 (40.0)	5 (50.0)		
2	1 (7.7)	2 (18.2)	2 (20.0)	0 (0.0)		
irAE types ^b						
Arthritis	N/A	2 (18.2)	N/A	0 (0.0)	N/A	0.010
Colitis		0 (0.0)		3 (30.0)		
Dermatitis		0 (0.0)		2 (20.0)		
Duodenitis		1 (9.1)		1 (10.0)		
Gastritis		0 (0.0)		1 (10.0)		
Hepatitis		1 (9.1)		4 (40.0)		
Hypophysitis		0 (0.0)		2 (20.0)		
Meningitis		0 (0.0)		3 (30.0)		
Myocarditis		1 (9.1)		0 (0.0)		
Myositis		2 (18.2)		0 (0.0)		
Nephritis		1 (9.1)		1 (10.0)		
Pancreatitis		1 (9.1)		1 (10.0)		
Pneumonitis		2 (18.2)		0 (0.0)		
Thyroiditis		1 (9.1)		1 (10.0)		

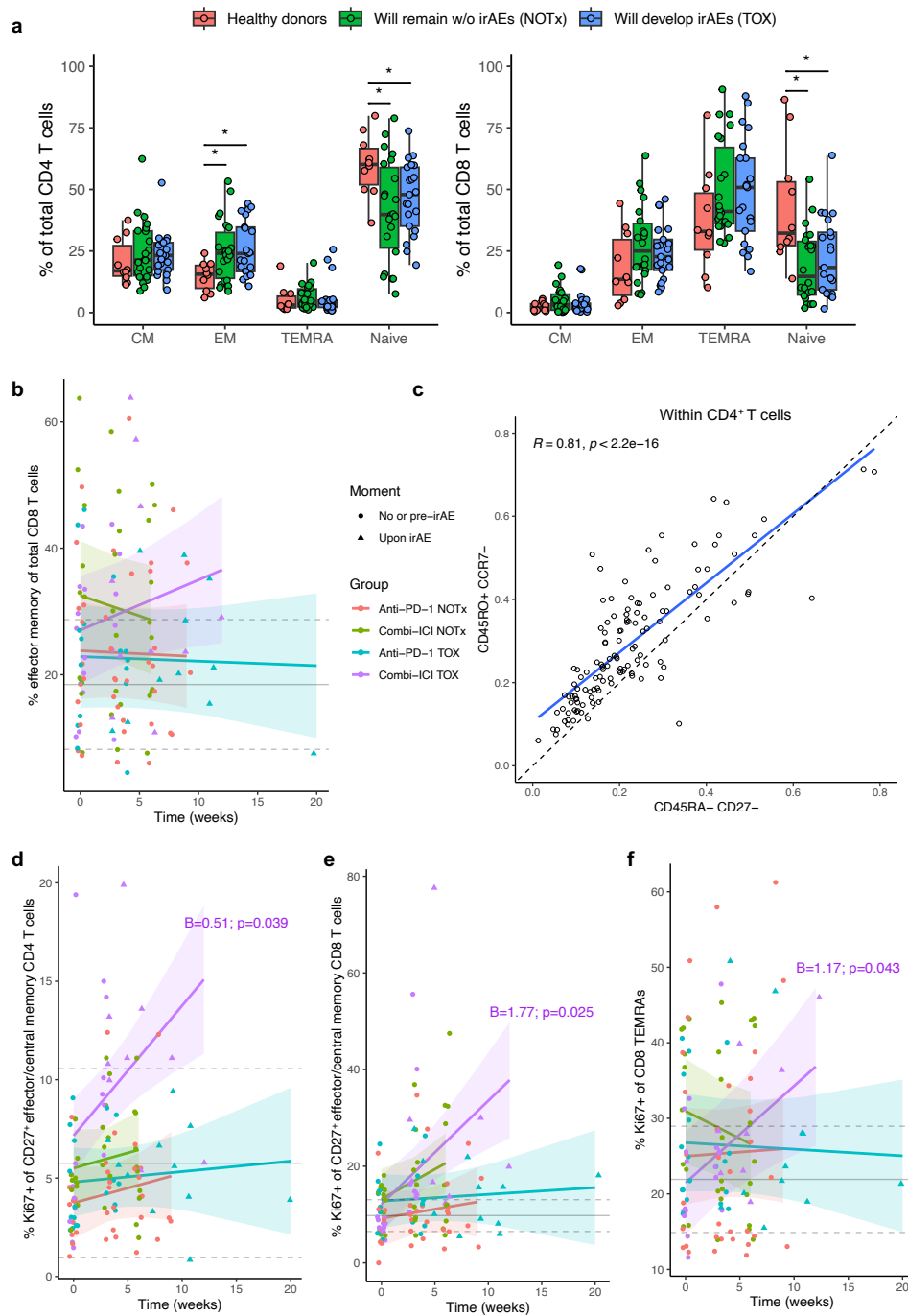
Groups are compared by Kruskal-Wallis (continuous data) or Fisher's exact test (categorical data). Abbreviations: anti-PD-1 denotes 'anti-PD-1 monotherapy', cICI 'combined immune checkpoint inhibition', CTCAE 'Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events', irAE 'immune-related adverse event'; N/A 'not applicable', NOTx 'no clinically relevant irAEs', TOX 'with clinically relevant irAEs', yr 'years'. ^a In 2/4 cICI TOX patients and 3/4 anti-PD-1 TOX patients Timepoint 2 sample is missing because irAE(s) developed after one cycle of ICI. ^bNumbers exceed 100% because patients may have more than one irAE simultaneously.

Supplementary Table 4. Top 10 parameters contributing to principal component 1 and 2

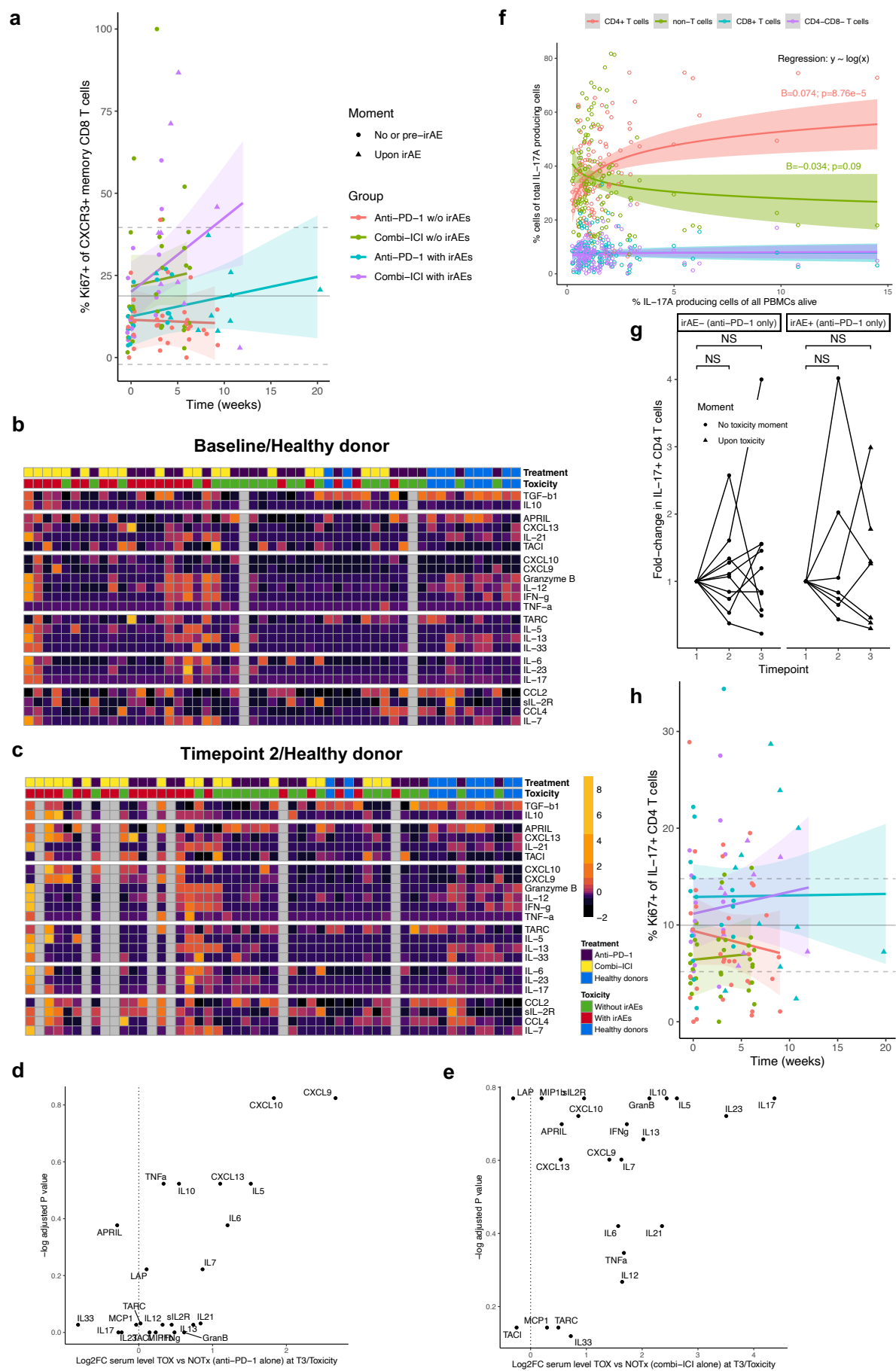
Top 10 unique read-out parameters	Principal component (PC) 1	Principal component (PC) 2
1 (highest loading score)	CD45RO ⁻ CCR7 ⁺ naïve of CD8 ⁺ T cells	Ki67 ⁺ of CD4 ⁺ T cells
2	granB ⁺ of PD-1 ⁻ LAG-3 ⁻ CD95 ⁺ CD8 ⁺ T cells	Ki67 ⁺ of CD8 ⁺ T cells
3	granB ⁺ of CD57 ⁻ CD8 ⁺ T cells	Ki67 ⁺ of CD45RA ⁻ CD27⁻ effector memory CD4 ⁺ T cells
4	granB ⁺ of PD-1 ⁺ LAG-3 ⁻ CD95 ⁺ CD8 ⁺ T cells	Ki67 ⁺ of CXCR3 ⁺ CCR4 ⁻ Th1-associated CD45RO ⁺ memory CD4 ⁺ T cells
5	CD57 ⁺ of CD8 ⁺ T cells	Ki67 ⁺ of CXCR3 ⁺ CD45RO ⁺ memory CD8 ⁺ T
6	CD45RA ⁺ CD27 ⁻ T _{EMRA} of CD8 ⁺ T cells	Ki67 ⁺ of CD45RA ⁻ CD27⁻ effector memory CD8 ⁺ T cells
7	CD4 ⁺ T cells of CD3 ⁺ T cells	Ki67 ⁺ of CD45RA ⁺ CD27 ⁻ CD8 ⁺ T _{EMRA} cells
8	CD8 ⁺ T cells of CD3 ⁺ T cells	Ki67 ⁺ of CD45RA ⁻ CD27⁺ central/effector memory CD8 ⁺ T cells
9	IFN- γ ⁺ of CD4 ⁺ T cells	Ki67 ⁺ of CD45RA ⁻ CD27⁺ central/effector memory CD4 ⁺ T cells
10 (lowest loading score)	CD57 ⁺ of CD95 ⁺ CD8 ⁺ T cells	Ki67 ⁺ of CXCR3 ⁺ CCR4 ⁺ Th2-associated CD4 ⁺ T cells

All parameters represent parental percentages based on manual gating. Each biologically unique population is included only once in the top 10. For example, the percentage CD4⁺ of CD3⁺ T cells was assessed in multiple panels and each panel-specific parameter contributed individually to the top 10, but percentage CD4⁺ of CD3⁺ T cells is included only once in PC1 top 10. Abbreviations: EMRA denotes 'effector memory re-expressing CD45RA', granB 'granzyme B'.

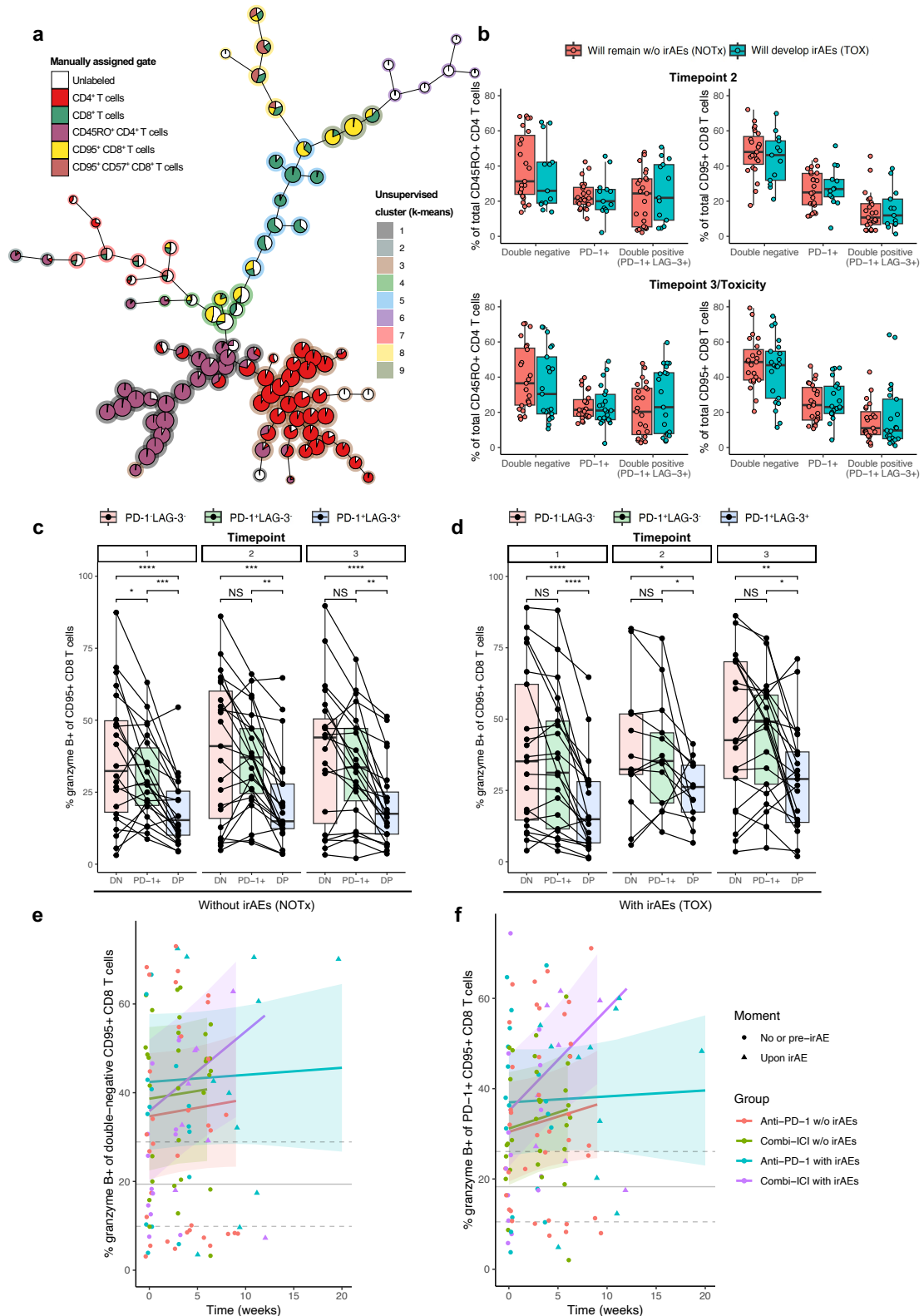
Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Figure 1 Patients with cancer have different baseline naïve/memory subset distribution than healthy donors, while over time all CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ memory subsets in combined-ICI treated patients with toxicity demonstrate enhanced proliferation compared to other patient groups. (a) Baseline abundance of central memory (CM), effector memory (EM), TEMRA and naïve subsets in CD4⁺ T cells (left) and CD8⁺ T cells (right). Comparisons by Kruskal-Wallis tests and Dunn's post-hoc tests with Benjamini-Hochberg correction for multiple testing. (b) Percentage CD8_{EM} of total CD8⁺ T cells over time. Only significant coefficients for the interaction term with time ('B'), indicating statistically significant change compared to other groups, from mixed-effects models are shown. Gray solid and dashed lines indicate mean healthy donor level with 95% confidence interval. (c) Correlation between fraction CD45RO⁺CCR7⁻ CD4_{EM} and fraction CD45RA⁻CD27⁻ CD4⁺ T cells of all CD4⁺ T cells across all samples and timepoints (by Pearson correlation); the dashed line represents the diagonal (y=x). (d-f) Percentage proliferating of total CD27⁺ CD4_{EM/CM} (d), CD27⁺ CD8_{EM/CM} (e) and CD8_{EMRA} (f) T cells over time. irAE: immune-related adverse event, TOX: with irAEs, NOTx: without irAEs, * $P < 0.05$.

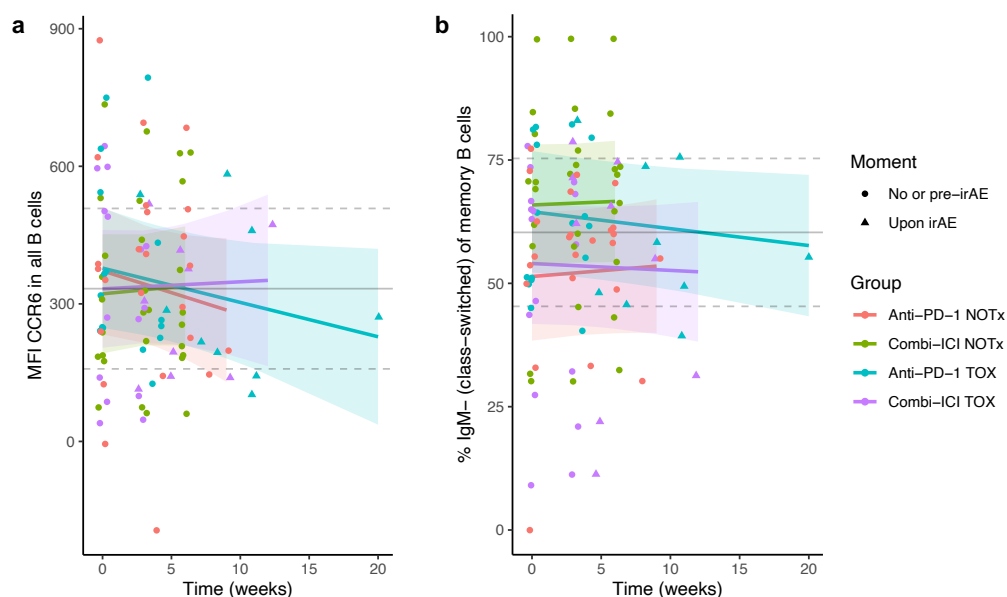


Supplementary Figure 2 Especially Th1- and Th17-associated cytokines increase towards toxicity after combined ICI, while for anti-PD-1 associated toxicity this is limited to increase in Th1-associated cytokines without changes in IL-17⁺ producing cells compared to patients without toxicity. (a) Percentage proliferating of CXCR3⁺ CD8⁺ T cells over time. Mixed-effects models showed no significant interactions with time. Gray solid and dashed lines indicate mean healthy donor level with 95% confidence interval. (b,c) Heatmaps showing serum levels of cytokines and chemokines at baseline (b) and Timepoint 2 (c) or in healthy donors. Data are scaled by individual proteins across timepoints (see Fig. 3c), enabling direct comparison of individual proteins between three timepoints. Grey columns indicate missing timepoints; column order (patients) is as in Fig. 3c. (d,e) Volcano plots showing relative increase in serum protein levels at Timepoint 3/Toxicity in patients with irAEs (TOX) versus patients without irAEs (NOTx) for (d) anti-PD-1 monotherapy and (e) combined ICI treated patients. Full protein names are in Supplementary Table 2. (f) Plot showing relation between increasing IL-17A-producing cells (as percentage of all PBMCs) and relative contribution of CD4⁺ T cells (Th17 cells) to total IL-17 production by PBMCs, compared to CD3⁺ non-T cells (including monocytes), CD8⁺ T cells and CD4⁺CD8⁺ T cells. (g) Fold-change in percentage IL-17⁺ of CD4⁺ T cells relative to baseline in anti-PD-1-treated patients without irAEs (left; NOTx) and with (right; TOX) irAEs. (h) Percentage proliferating of IL-17⁺ CD4⁺ T cells over time. The same legend, graphical approach and statistics as in (a) apply; no significant interactions with time. irAE: immune-related adverse event, NS: not significant, TOX: with irAEs, NOTx: without irAEs.



Supplementary Figure 3 Relative abundance of PD-1⁺LAG-3⁺ double positive (DP) CD8⁺ memory T cells while on-treatment remains unchanged, but towards toxicity especially these DP CD8⁺ memory T cells show increased cytotoxic potential. (a) FlowSOM visualization created with concatenated file containing 10% of CD3⁺ T cells from all patients at Timepoint 3/Toxicity and healthy donors, overlaid with k-means clustering results and manually assigned gates. (b) Percentages of CD45RO⁺ CD4⁺ (left) and CD95⁺ CD8⁺ (right) T cells positive for PD-1 alone or PD-1 and LAG-3 at Timepoint 2 (top) or Timepoint 3/Toxicity (bottom). (c,d) Percentages of CD95⁺CD8⁺ T cells producing granzyme B over time after PMA/ionomycin stimulation,

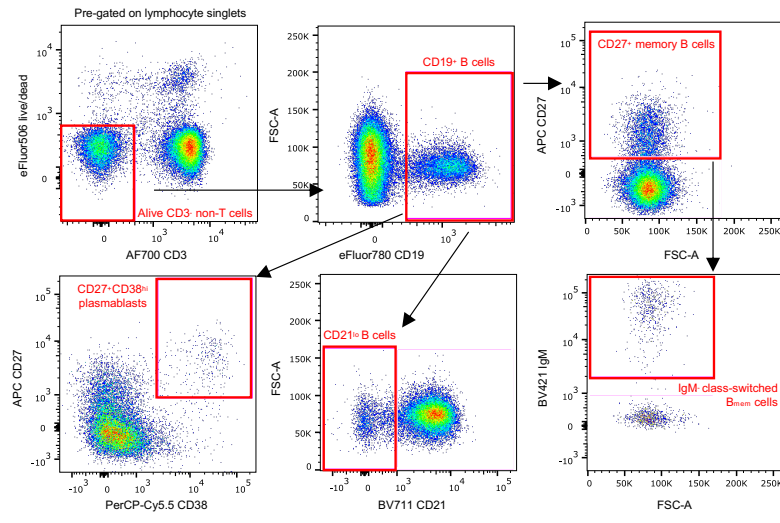
depending on inhibitory receptor expression pattern, in patients without (NOTx; **c**) or with irAEs (TOX; **d**); anti-PD-1- and cICI-treated patients are combined. Comparisons by pairwise paired Wilcoxon tests with Benjamini-Hochberg correction for multiple testing. **(e,f)** Percentage of granzyme B producing **(e)** PD-1⁺LAG-3⁻ double-negative and **(f)** PD-1⁺ CD95⁺CD8⁺ T cells over time analyzed by mixed models; no significant interactions with time. Gray solid and dashed lines indicate mean healthy donor level with 95% confidence interval. irAE: immune-related adverse event, NS: not significant, TOX: with irAEs, NOTx: without irAEs. * $P<0.05$, ** $P<0.01$, *** $P<0.001$, **** $P<0.0001$.



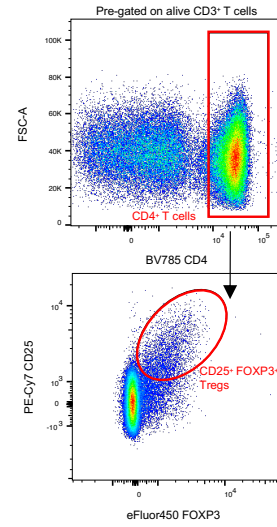
Supplementary Figure 4 Extent of B cell activation and class-switching do not change among groups over time. **(a)** Median fluorescence intensity (MFI) of CCR6 in all B cells over time and **(b)** Percentage IgM⁻ class-switched of CD27⁺ memory B cells over time. Mixed-effects models showed no significant interactions with time. Gray solid and dashed lines indicate mean healthy donor level with 95% confidence interval. irAE: immune-related adverse event, TOX: with irAEs, NOTx: without irAEs.

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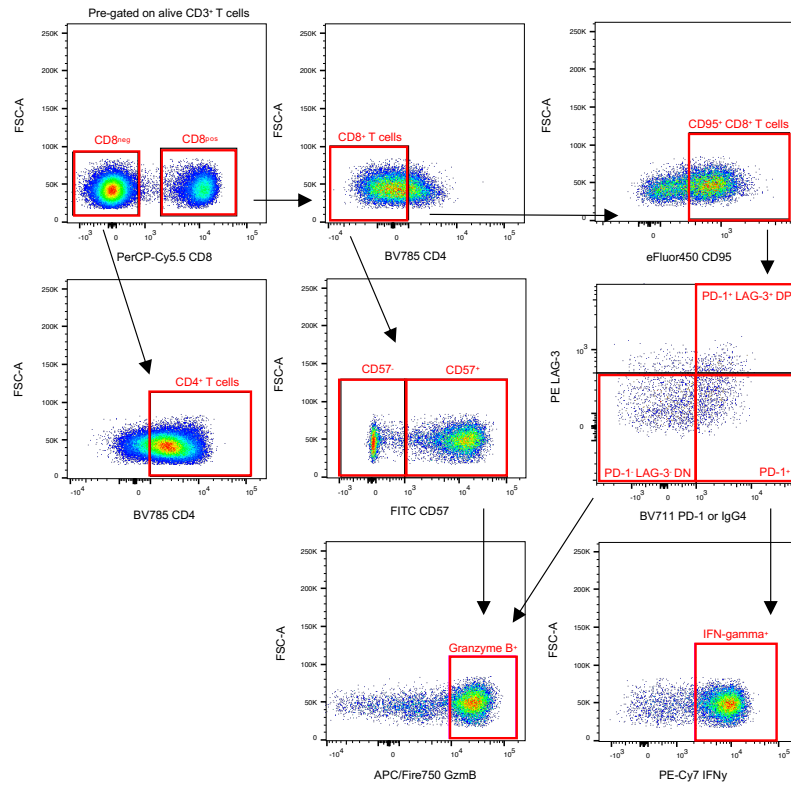
Panel 1 (B cells)



Panel 5 (regulation)

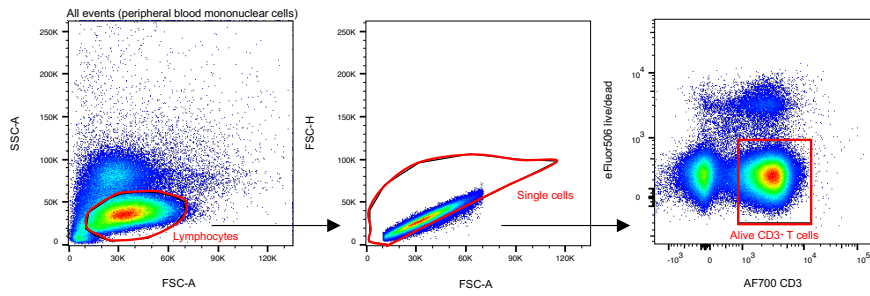


Panel 2 (T cell cytotoxicity)

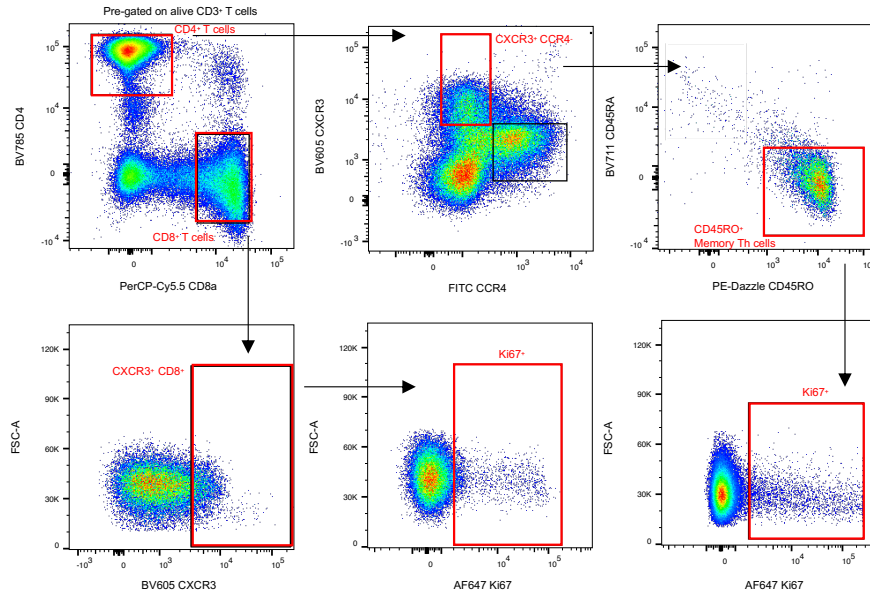


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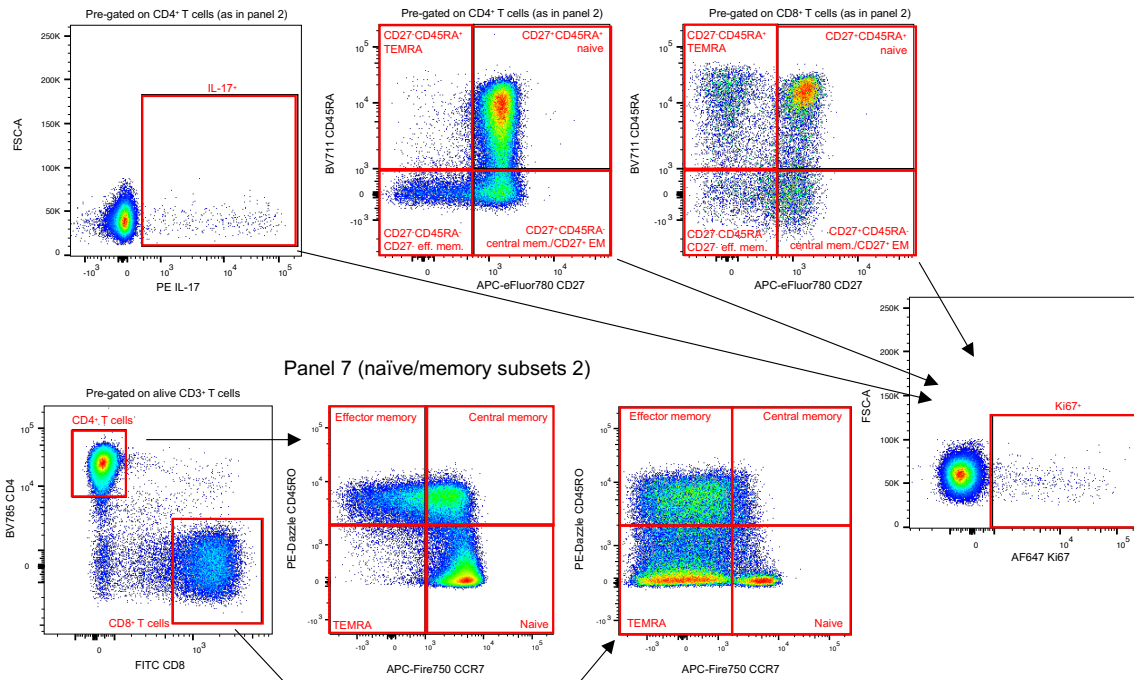
General pre-gating (alive single T lymphocytes)



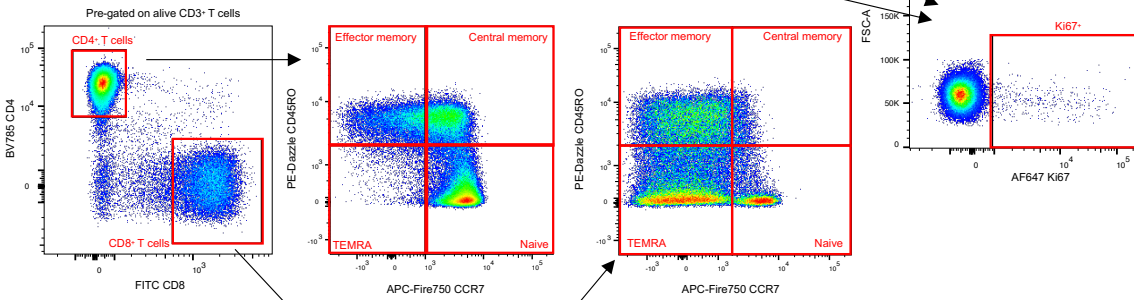
Panel 3 (T-helper subsets)



Panel 4 (naïve/memory subsets 1)



Panel 7 (naïve/memory subsets 2)



Supplementary Figure 5 Representative flow cytometry plots illustrating gating strategies. (a) Panel 1 (B cells), Panel 2 (T cell cytotoxicity) and Panel 5 (regulation). Pre-gating strategy for Panels 2 and 5 is in (b). (b) General pre-gating (alive single T lymphocytes), Panel 3 (T-helper subsets), Panel 4 (naïve/memory subsets 1) and Panel 7 (naïve/memory subsets 2).