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Software and code

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Data collection

- Flow cytometry data collection was performed with BD FACSDiva software (v.8.0.1)
- Bulk RNA sequencing library was prepared by illumine Truseq Stranded RNA kit and sequenced by paired-end 150bp on Element Biosciences Aviti.
- The gRNAs were designed using the publicly available online gRNA design tool CRISPick (<https://portals.broadinstitute.org/gppx/crispick/public>).
- Single-cell RNA seq libraries were sequenced on the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 platform with NovaSeq 6000 S4 Reagent Kit (300 cycles).
- For the protein degradation, proteomics were analyzed using an Easy Nano LC-Orbitrap Fusion System with a Nanospray Flex™ ion source (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA).
- For the protein ubiquitination, proteomics were analyzed using timsTOF HT or timsTOF_Pro2 mass spectrometer coupled to Thermo Scientific UltiMate 3000 system via a Nanospray Flex™ ion source (Bruker, Bremen, Germany).
- Single-cell Multi-omics seq libraries were sequenced on the GeneMind SURFSeq 5000 platform.

Data analysis

- Flow cytometry data were analyzed using FlowJo (version 10.8.1, Tree Star, Oregon, USA).
- Statistical analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism (version 9.0.0, GraphPad software, Inc, La Jolla, CA, USA).
- RAW bulk RNA-seq data used TrimGalore (v.0.6.6) for quality and adaptor trimming. The trimmed reads were mapped to the mm10 by using STAR (v.2.7.9a). The summarizeOverlaps function from the GenomicAlignments package (v.1.30.0) in R/Bioconductor (v.3.13) was applied for determining gene expression by counting the alignments to exons. The Gene Sets Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) was performed by GSEA software (v.4.3.2). The Principal Component Analysis (PCA) was performed by R (v.4.3.2).
- RAW ATAC sequencing adapters were then removed and low-quality reads were filtered out using fastp software (v0.20.1). These reads were aligned to the mm10 mouse reference genome assembly using Bowtie2 (v2.4.1) set to the “-very-sensitive” parameter. PCR duplicates were identified using samblaster (v0.1.24), and reads mapped to ENCODE black-listed regions were excluded prior to peak calling. Open

chromatin regions were identified through peak calling performed by MACS2 (v2.2.7.1), employing the options: -n-nomodel -keep -dup auto -g 2407883318 -p e-09 -extsize 147. Peaks coinciding with blacklisted regions were discarded. A consensus peak list was then created by merging ATAC-seq peaks from all samples using the BEDTools (v2.29.2) merge command. The identification of open chromatin regions facilitated PCA and differential accessibility was quantified using DESeq2. Taiji (v1.2.0) with default parameters were used to integrate bulk RNA-seq and ATAC-seq data for key transcription factors identification. Cis-BP database (Build 2.00) was used for mouse motifs.

5. Mouse CD8+ T single cell RNA-seq: cell Ranger (V3.0.2, <https://support.10xgenomics.com/>) was used to process scRNA-seq data and generate the matrix data containing gene counts for each cell per sample. Downstream analyses, including data normalization, scaling and dimensional reduction were conducted employing Seurat v5 pipeline. For quality control filtering, cells with fewer than 900 and more than 6000 detected genes, fewer than 2400 or more than 38000 counts, lower than 0.13 or higher than 0.33 proportion of ribosomal genes, higher than 0.07 proportion of mitochondrial genes, lower than 0.8 log10 genes per UMI ratio, or higher than 0.03 proportion of Hemoglobin-related genes were discarded. Cell type annotation was performed with ProjecTILs, using a murine reference atlas for tumor-infiltrating T cells subset only for CD8+ T subtypes. Differentially expressed genes for each cell type between conditions were identified using pseudobulk of each cell type per sample and employing negative binomial generalized linear model by DESeq2, considering the pairing the samples in the design. Fold change results were shrunk using the apeglm method. Significance was determined with the Wald test, with p-values adjusted using the Benjamini-Hochberg method to calculate the FDR. GSEA was performed on ranked genes based on -log10 of the adjusted p-value and the sign of the log2 fold change between conditions, utilizing clusterProfiler.

6. The raw data for human CAR-T scRNA-seq were mapped to the reference genome (GRCh38) using the Cell Ranger (V3.0.2, <https://support.10xgenomics.com/>), and then generate the matrix data containing gene counts for each cell per sample. Cells with fewer than 500 and more than 7000 detected genes were discarded and with a high fraction of mitochondrial genes (>20%) were removed. In addition, the proportion of ribosome related genes were controlled below 60%. The pre-processing data were normalized and scaled by Seurat (R package, version 4.3.0) workflow. The Harmony algorithm was used to remove batch effects between samples. PCA and UMAP were used for dimension reduction. The marker gene about different clusters were found by FindAllMarkers(). The trajectory analysis was used Monocle (version 2.30.0) based on its official documentation (<https://cole-trapnell-lab.github.io/monocle-release/docs/>). The different feature score were calculated by the AddModuleScore(). The standard miloR pipeline (<https://github.com/Marionilab/miloR>) was applied to the converted object.

7. Proteomics raw data from DIA measurements were analyzed using the directDIA workflow in Spectronaut software (Biognosys, Switzerland). Identification was performed using the Uniprot mouse database with default settings. Digestion enzyme specificity was set to Trypsin/P. Modifications included carbamidomethylation of cysteine as a fixed modification, and oxidation of methionine and acetyl (protein N-terminus) as variable modifications. Up to two missed cleavages were allowed. FDR was estimated with the mProphet approach and set to 0.01 at both peptide precursor level and protein level. Cross-run normalization was done with mean peptide and precursor quantity. Differentially expressed proteins were identified by Wilcoxon t-test (cut off of log2 (fold change) > 0.75, p < 0.05) and used for gene enrichment analysis using Enrichr. To define protein degradation, all the quantified proteins were used to perform GO CC analysis and GO BP analysis using tidyproteomics package (v1.7.2) in R. PCA was performed using R (v4.3.2). To determine the difference among TN, TE, TM, TPEx and TTEEx, differentially expressed proteins in each subset were compare against TN. The pathway enrichment analysis was performed in R by using tidyproteomics package (v1.8.5). For detecting the ubiquitination of proteins, differentially expressed proteins among TM, TE and TTEEx subsets were identified relative to TE using a Wilcoxon test (log2FC > 1.5; p < 0.05). Differentially expressed proteins between MDR/MGlow and MDR/MGhigh cells were similarly identified using a Wilcoxon test (log2FC > 1.5; p < 0.05). Subcellular localization prediction was performed using WoLF PSORT (<https://wolfsort.hgc.jp/>).

8. For the scMulti-omics seq, the raw data were processed using SeekArcTools (version 1.0.0). For scRNA-seq, barcodes and UMIs were extracted and corrected based on a whitelist, adapter sequences were trimmed, and reads were aligned to the GRCh38 reference genome using STAR, followed by annotation and UMI correction to generate gene count matrices. For scATAC-seq, barcodes were similarly processed, adapter contamination was removed, and reads were aligned with bwa mem. SnapATAC2 was then used to generate fragment files, call peaks with MACS3, compute QC metrics, and perform cell calling. The final output consisted of cell- and sample-level gene count matrices and peak count matrices, enabling subsequent multi-omic downstream analysis. For downstream analysis of scRNA-seq, quality control and preprocessing were performed using Seurat (R package, version 4.4.0). Cells with fewer than 500 or more than 6,000 detected genes, fewer than 500 or more than 30,000 RNA counts, or a mitochondrial gene fraction above 20% were removed. After normalization, scaling, and identification of variable features, dimensionality reduction was performed followed by batch correction using Harmony(version 1.2.3). UMAP was then applied for visualization. Differential gene expression was analyzed using FindAllMarkers() with a minimum expression threshold of 10% of cells and log2 fold change > 0.25. For downstream analysis of scATAC-seq, Seurat, Signac (version 1.11.0), and Harmony were used. Quality control included filtering based on duplicate removal, fragment counts, fragments per peak, fraction of reads mapping to blacklist regions, nucleosome signal, and transcriptional start site (TSS) enrichment. Cells with fewer than 500 or more than 100,000 ATAC reads were excluded, and peaks between 20 and 10,000 bp were retained. TF-IDF normalization and LSI were performed for dimensionality reduction, followed by batch correction using Harmony. Differentially accessible peaks were identified using FindAllMarkers() with a minimum expression threshold of 25% of cells while controlling for detected features as a latent variable. Peaks were visualized by IGV, and motif enrichment analysis was performed using motif data from the JASPAR 2022 database. The scMulti-Omic datasets were integrated using the Weighted Nearest Neighbor (WNN) method, followed by UMAP for dimensionality reduction and visualization. To define subclusters within the dataset, the expression levels of key genes were visualized using a dot plot. Feature scores for memory and cytotoxicity were calculated based on selected gene sets as described above. The interferon and interleukin feature scores were derived from gene sets in the KEGG pathways (<https://www.genome.jp/kegg/>). Cluster feature analysis was performed and visualized by clusterProfiler and using the GO gene sets.

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All data generated and/or analyzed in this study are publicly available. Bulk RNA-seq, ATAC-seq, and single-cell RNA-seq data from murine samples have been deposited in the NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) database under accession numbers GSE312103, GSE312102, and GSE312100, respectively. Single-cell RNA-

seq data from human patient-derived CAR-T cells and single-cell multi-omics sequencing data from healthy human donor CAR-T cells have been deposited in the GSA-Human database at the China National Center for Bioinformation / Beijing Institute of Genomics, Chinese Academy of Sciences (<https://ngdc.cnbc.ac.cn/gsa-human>), under accession numbers HRA012311 and HRA014168, respectively.

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Population characteristics	Population characteristics were not considered as a variable in this study.
Recruitment	Patients diagnosed with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL) were consecutively recruited at the Institute of Hematology and Blood Diseases Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and Peking Union Medical College. Eligible participants were identified by treating physicians during routine clinical care according to predefined inclusion criteria and were invited to participate in the study. All participants provided informed consent prior to enrollment. As this was a single-center study conducted at a tertiary referral hospital, selection bias related to referral patterns and disease severity may be present, which could limit the generalizability of the findings to broader B-ALL patient populations.
Ethics oversight	This study was reviewed and approved by the Review Committee of the Institute of Hematology and Blood Diseases Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences (approval number: QT2016002-EC-2, QT2019006-EC-1 and IIT2016012-EC-1). All procedures involving human participants were conducted in accordance with institutional guidelines and the Declaration of Helsinki.

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Group sizes for in vivo validation experiments were selected empirically based on previous results of the intra-group variation of tumor growth upon similar treatments. For in vitro experiments, group sizes were selected on the basis of previous publication and prior knowledge of variation and were replicated at least for 3 individual and independent experiments. Ref: Nat Immunol. 2020 Dec;21(12):1540-1551.
Data exclusions	Rout outlier tests were run with default parameters (Q = 1%) in Prism on all mouse experimental data due to inherent variability within the model system.
Replication	All presented results were repeatable. Replicates were used in all experiments as noted in figure legend or methods.
Randomization	Age and sex-matched animals were used for each experiment. Mice were randomized prior to treatment. For the experiments without mice, there is no randomization for samples because these in vitro experiments were observational and replicated at least for 3 individual, independent experiments.
Blinding	In vivo tumor engraftment and grouping was conducted randomly before treatment. Fully blinded experiments were not performed due to insufficient personnel availability to accommodate such situation and requirements for cage labeling and staffing needs.

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Materials & experimental systems

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☒	☐ Clinical data
☒	☐ Dual use research of concern
☒	☐ Plants

Methods

n/a	Involved in the study
☒	☐ ChIP-seq
☐	☒ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Antibodies

Antibodies used

The following antibodies and staining reagents were purchased from BioLegend:

TruStain FcX™ PLUS (anti-mouse CD16/32) Antibody (Cat. # 156604, 1:200), Zombie Aqua™ Fixable Viability Kit (Cat. # 423102, 1:1000), anti-CD3e (Clone: 17A2, 1:100), anti-CD8a (Clone: 53.6.7, 1:100), anti-CD44 (Clone: IM7, 1:100), anti-CD45.1 (Clone: A20.1, 1:100), anti-CD45.2 (Clone: 104, 1:100), anti-PD1 (Clone: 29F.1A12, 1:100), anti-TIM3 (Clone: RMT3-23, 1:100), anti-Blimp1 (Clone: 5E7, 1:200), anti-CD62L (Clone: Mel-14, 1:100), anti-IFN γ (Clone: XMG1.2, 1:200), anti-TNF α (Clone: MP6-XT22, 1:200), anti-human CD8a (Clone: SK1, 1:100), anti-human PD-1 (Clone: EH12.2H7, 1:100), anti-human TIM3 (Clone: F38-2E2, 1:100), anti-human CD39 (Clone: A1, 1:100), Direct-Blot™ HRP anti-HA.11 Epitope Tag Antibody (Cat.# 901519, 1:1000) and anti-CD3e (Clone: 145-2C11, 10 μ g/ml).

The following antibody were purchased from NOVUS:
anti-Bach2 (Clone: NBP2-34229, 1:200).

The following antibody were purchased from Cell Signaling:

Anti-PI3K γ (Cell signaling Technology, Cat. # 4252, 1:200), anti-mTOR (Cell signaling Technology, Cat. # 2972, 1:200) and anti-TCF1/7 (Clone: C63D9, 1:400).

The following antibody was purchased from Merck: anti-puromycin (Clone: 12D10, 1:1000).

The following antibody was purchased from Sigma: anti- β actin (Cat.# A2228, 1:10000).

The following antibodies or staining reagents were purchased from Invitrogen: Foxp3/Transcription Factor Staining Buffer Set (Cat. # 00-5523-00).

Validation

For antibodies used in flow cytometry, each antibody has been validated by the manufacturer for use to detect mouse or human species targets. These antibodies are further validated and routinely used in our lab with good reproducibility. Detailed validation information for each antibody is available at the following websites:

TruStain FcX™ PLUS (anti-mouse CD16/32) Antibody (Cat. # 156604): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/explore-new-products/trustain-fcx-plus-anti-mouse-cd16-32-antibody-17085?GroupID=GROUP20>

Zombie Aqua™ Fixable Viability Kit (Cat. # 423102): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/zombie-aqua-fixable-viability-kit-8444>

anti-CD3e (Clone: 17A2): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/percp-cyanine5-5-anti-mouse-cd3-antibody-5596?GroupID=BLG242>

anti-CD8a (Clone: 53.6.7): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/spark-plus-uv-395-anti-mouse-cd8a-antibody-25001>

anti-CD44 (Clone: IM7): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/apc-cyanine7-anti-mouse-human-cd44-antibody-3933>

anti-CD45.1 (Clone: A20.1): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/pe-cyanine7-anti-mouse-cd45-1-antibody-4917?GroupID=BLG1933>

anti-CD45.2 (Clone: 104): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/brilliant-violet-421-anti-mouse-cd45-2-antibody-7328>

anti-PD1 (Clone: 29F.1A12): <https://www.biolegend.com/fr-ch/products/brilliant-violet-711-anti-mouse-cd279-pd-1-antibody-12303?GroupID=BLG7927>

anti-TIM3 (Clone: RMT3-23): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/brilliant-violet-605-anti-mouse-cd366-tim-3-antibody-13391?GroupID=BLG10787>

anti-Blimp1 (Clone: 5E7): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/pe-anti-mouse-blimp-1-antibody-12328?GroupID=BLG14433>

anti-CD62L (Clone: Mel-14): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/fitc-anti-mouse-cd62l-antibody-384?GroupID=BLG10714>

anti-IFN γ (Clone: XMG1.2): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/pe-anti-mouse-ifn-gamma-antibody-997?GroupID=GROUP24>

anti-TNF α (Clone: MP6-XT22): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/brilliant-violet-711-anti-mouse-tnf-alpha-antibody-13622?GroupID=GROUP24>

anti-human CD8a (Clone: SK1): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/brilliant-violet-421-anti-human-cd8-antibody-13512?GroupID=BLG10167>

anti-human PD-1 (Clone: EH12.2H7): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/apc-cyanine7-anti-human-cd279-pd-1-antibody-7121?GroupID=BLG5466>

anti-human TIM3 (Clone: F38-2E2): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/pe-anti-human-cd366-tim-3-antibody-6121?GroupID=BLG9937>

anti-human CD39 (Clone: A1): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/cytokines-chemokines-and-factors/apc-anti-human-cd39-antibody-6275?GroupID=BLG5462>

Direct-Blot™ HRP anti-HA.11 Epitope Tag Antibody (Cat.# 901519): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/direct-blot-hrp-anti-ha11-epitope-tag-antibody-14398?GroupID=GROUP26>.

anti-CD3 ϵ (Clone: 145-2C11): <https://www.biolegend.com/en-gb/products/ultra-leaf-purified-anti-mouse-cd3epsilon-antibody-7722?GroupID=BLG6744>

The following antibody were purchased from NOVUS:

anti-Bach2 (Clone: NBP2-34229): https://www.novusbio.com/products/bach2-antibody_nbp2-34229

The following antibody were purchased from Cell Signaling:

Anti-PI3K γ (Cell signaling Technology, Cat. # 4252): <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/pi3-kinase-p110g-antibody/4252>

anti-mTOR (Cell signaling Technology, Cat. # 2972): <https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/mtor-antibody/2972>

anti-TCF1/7 (Clone: C63D9): <https://www.cellsignal.cn/products/primary-antibodies/tcf1-tcf7-c63d9-rabbit-mab/2203>

The following antibody was purchased from Merck:

anti-puromycin (Clone: 12D10): https://www.merckmillipore.com/CN/zh/product/Anti-Puromycin-clone-12D10-Alexa-Fluor-647-Conjugate-Antibody,MM_NF-MABE343-AF647

The following antibody was purchased from Sigma:

anti- β actin (Cat.# A2228): <https://www.sigmaaldrich.cn/CN/zh/product/sigma/a2228>
msocid=1ae5548e63a6d5b379c4088e7f36c91

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	The YUMM1.7 melanoma cell line was provided by M. Bosenberg (Yale University, USA). The YUMM1.7-gp33 cell line was created by introducing lentivirus carrying gp33 peptide expression cassettes into the parental cells (Nat Immunol. 2020 Dec;21(12):1540-1551). The YUMM1.7-HER2 cell line was created by introducing lentivirus carrying human HER2 expression cassettes into the parental cells. Nalm6-luc2 cells were provided by J. Wang (Institute of Hematology and Blood Diseases Hospital, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and Peking Union Medical College).
Authentication	None of the cell lines were authenticated in these studies. In all related studies, cell lines with low passage number were used.
Mycoplasma contamination	All cell lines were confirmed mycoplasma negative.
Commonly misidentified lines (See ICLAC register)	No commonly misidentified cell lines were used.

Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals	C57BL/6J, B6 CD45.1 (B6.SJL-Ptprca Pepcb/BoyJ), Nur77GFP (C57BL/6-Tg(Nr4a1-EGFP/cre)820Khog/J), Rag1 ^{-/-} (B6.129S7-Rag1tm1Mom/J), Cas9fl/fl (Rosa26-LSL-Cas9 knockin) mice were purchased from the Jackson Laboratory. P14 ⁺ CD4Cre were gifts from Prof. D. Zehn (Technical University of Munich, Germany). P14 ⁺ CD4Cre+Cas9 ⁺ were bred by P14 ⁺ CD4Cre and Rosa26LSL-Cas9 mice. Mito-QC mice were obtained from I.G. Ganley, Pgrmc2fl/fl mice from Prof. E. Saez (The Scripps Institute, USA), and P14 ⁺ Tcf1-eGFP reporter mice from Prof. W. Held (University of Lausanne, Switzerland), B6J Cas9 mice from Prof. J. Joyce (University of Lausanne, Switzerland) Bach2fl/fl mice from Prof. M. Kurosaki and (RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences, Japan) and CD4Cre-Bmal1fl/fl mice 64 from Prof. C. Scheiermann. P14 ⁺ CD4Cre Bach2fl/fl mice were bred by P14 ⁺ CD4Cre and Bach2fl/fl. P14 ⁺ CD4Cre Pgrmc2fl/fl mice were bred by P14 ⁺ CD4Cre and Pgrmc2fl/fl. C-NKG (NOD.Cg-Prkdcscidll2rgem1cya/Cya) mice were purchased from Cyagen Biotechnology Co., Ltd., China. The mice were housed in the animal facility of the University of Lausanne or Institute of Hematology and Blood Diseases Hospital and were kept in individually ventilated cages, at 19-23 °C, with 45-65% humidity, and with a 12 h dark/light cycle. All mice used were at 5-12 weeks of age.
Wild animals	Study did not involve wild animals.
Reporting on sex	Sex is not relevant in this study, and most animals used were female mice.
Field-collected samples	Study did not involve field-collected samples.
Ethics oversight	Experimental procedures in mouse studies were approved by the Swiss authorities (Canton of Vaud, animal protocol IDs VD3309, VD3250, VD3528, VD3765 and VD3710) or Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of Peking Union Medical College (KT2020061-EC-1) and performed in accordance with the guidelines from the animal facility of the University of Lausanne or Institute of Hematology and Blood Diseases Hospital. Mice were euthanized when body weight loss was beyond 15%, or the tumor area reached 1000 mm ³ (as a predetermined endpoint), or other ending points reach the requirements of the animal licenses.

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Plants

Seed stocks Plants or seed stocks were not used in this study.

Novel plant genotypes Plant genotypes are not relevant in this study

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Flow Cytometry

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Methodology

Sample preparation Tumor was minced in RPMI medium with 2% FBS, 1% P/S, 1 µg/ml DNaseI (Sigma-Aldrich, Cat. # D5025) and 1 mg/ml collagenase (Sigma-Aldrich, Cat. # C5138), followed by digestion at 37 °C for 1 hour. After digestion, the sample was filtered through a 70-µm cell strainer (FisherScientific, Cat. # 11597522). Then tumor infiltrated lymphocytes (TILs) were enrichment by density gradient centrifugation (800g, 30 min) at 25 °C with 40% and 80% Percoll (MgBCH-Milain, Cat. # 41-17-0891-01). Then the middle layer was collected for further analysis. Similarly, spleens and lymph nodes were collected and minced through strainers (70 µm) and then RBC inside were lysed with ACK lysing buffer for 2 min at room temperature before antibody staining and flow cytometry analysis. Blood samples were collected and 1:1 diluted in the PBS buffer and PBMC were isolated by Lymphoprep (AxonLab AG, Cat. # 12053231).

Instrument Flow analysis was performed by BD LSRFortessa flow cytometer with BD FACSDiva software (v.8.0.1). Cell sorting was performed with FACS Aria II (BD Biosciences) or SH800S Cell Sorter (SONY).

Software Flow cytometry data were analyzed using FlowJo 10.6.1 (Tree Star, Oregon, USA).

Cell population abundance For a typical analysis, >10k leukocytes were collected for further gating.

Gating strategy We used standard gating strategies: gating on the typical lymphocyte population based on FSC-SSC signals, doublet exclusion based on FSC-H and FSC-A comparison, Live / Dead discrimination based on fixable Aqua dye signals. Murine T cell populations were identified based on the expression markers listed below. CD8 T cells: CD44+/CD3+/CD8+; Progenitor exhausted CD8+ T cells: TCF1+PD1+TIM3-; intermediate exhausted CD8+ T cells: TCF1-PD1+TIM3- and the terminal exhausted T cells: TCF1-PD1+TIM3+. Human T cell populations were identified based on the expression markers listed below. CD8 T cells: CD3+/CD8+; Progenitor exhausted CD8+ T cells: PD1lowTIM3-CD39- and the terminal exhausted T cells: PD1+TIM3+CD39+.

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