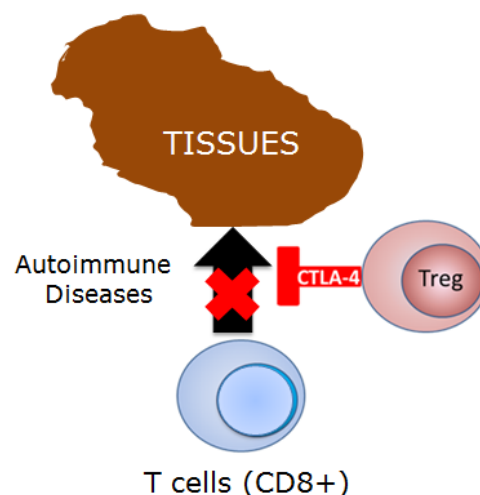


# Detection of self-reactive CD8+ T cells with an anergic phenotype in healthy individuals

Immunological tolerance to self requires naturally occurring regulatory T cells. Yet how they stably control autoimmune T cells remains obscure. Here, we show that Treg cells can render self-reactive human CD8+ T cells anergic (i.e., hypoproliferative and cytokine hypoproducing upon antigen restimulation) in vitro, likely by controlling the costimulatory function of antigen-presenting cells. Anergic T cells were naïve in phenotype, lower than activated T cells in T cell receptor affinity for cognate antigen, and expressed several coinhibitory molecules, including cytotoxic T lymphocyte-associated antigen-4 (CTLA-4).

Using these criteria, we detected in healthy individuals anergic T cells reactive with a skin antigen targeted in the autoimmune disease vitiligo. Collectively, our results suggest that cell-mediated induction of anergy in autoimmune T cells is important for maintaining self-tolerance.



**Tregs render self-reactive human CD8+ T cells anergic.**

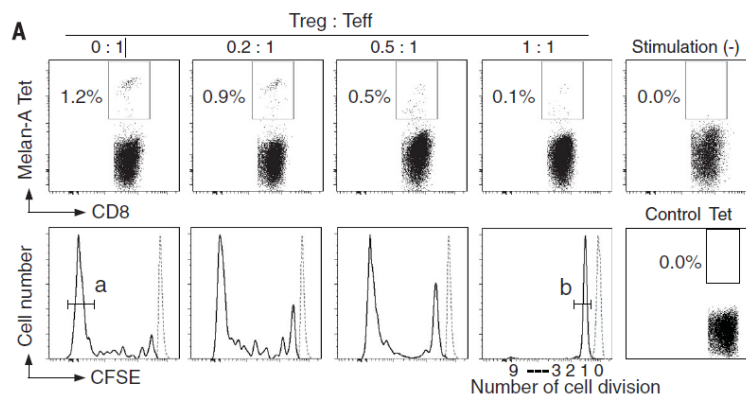
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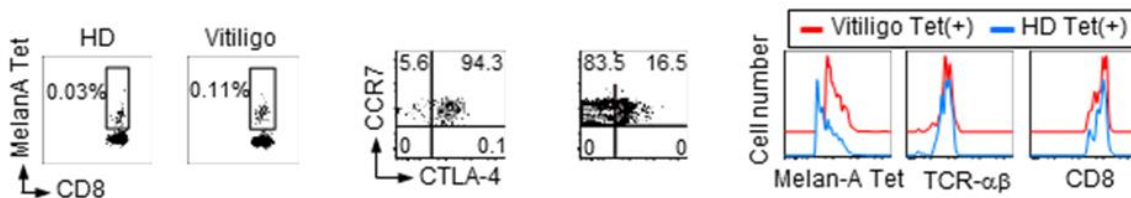
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## FIGURES



**Natural cells render low-affinity self-reactive CD8+ T cells anergic upon antigen stimulation.** Melan-A-specific CD8+ T cell induction. CFSE-labeled CD8+ T cells of HLA-A\*0201+ healthy individuals were stimulated by Tcell-depleted, g-irradiated, and Melan-A26-35 peptide-pulsed APCs with graded numbers of CD25<sup>high</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> cells for 10 days. Dotted lines mean Tet-CD8+ cells showing no CFSE dilution. Control tet: NY-ESO-1157-165/HLA-A\*0201 tetramer.



**Detection of low-affinity anergic self-reactive CTLA-4+CCR7+CD8+ T cells in healthy individuals.**

CCR7 and CD45RA expression by Tet+CD8+ T cells in an HD and a vitiligo patient. Tet, TCR- $\alpha\beta$ , and CD8 staining intensity of Tet+CD8+ T cells in an HD and a vitiligo patient.