

ESM Table 1 Fluorescent monoclonal antibodies used in the study

Antigen	Clone	Fluorochrome	Manufacturer
CD3	SK7	APC-F750	Biolegend, San Diego, CA
CD4	RPA-T4	APC-H7	BD Biosciences
		APC-F750	Biolegend
		FITC	Biolegend
		PE-Cy7	Biolegend
		BV510	Biolegend
CD45RA	H100	FITC	Biolegend
		PerCP-Cy5.5	Biolegend
CCR7	G043H7	A647	Biolegend
CD27	M-T271	BV421	Biolegend
		APC-R700	BD Biosciences
		PerCP-Cy5.5	Biolegend
CD25	BC96	PE-Cy7	Biolegend
PD-1	EH12.2H7	PE	Biolegend
ICOS	C398.4A	A647	Biolegend
		APC	Biolegend
HLA-DR	L243	BV421	Biolegend
CXCR3	G025H7	A647	Biolegend
CXCR5	J252D4	PerCP-Cy5.5	Biolegend
	RF8B2	BB515	BD Biosciences
CX3CR1	2A9-1	A647	Biolegend
CCR2	K036C2	BV421	Biolegend
		BV605	Biolegend
CCR5	J418F1	BV421	Biolegend
IFN- γ	4S.B3	APC	Biolegend
IL-2	MQ1-17H12	PE-Cy7	Biolegend
IL-21	3A3-N2	BV421	BD Biosciences
CD19	HIB19	BV510	Biolegend
CD20	2H7	APC	BD Biosciences
IgD	IA6-2	A488	Biolegend
CD38	HIT2	BV421	Biolegend
CD138	MI15	PE	Biolegend
CD14	M5E2	BV510	Biolegend
CD56	HCD56	BV510	Biolegend
Zombie Aqua	Live/Dead		Biolegend

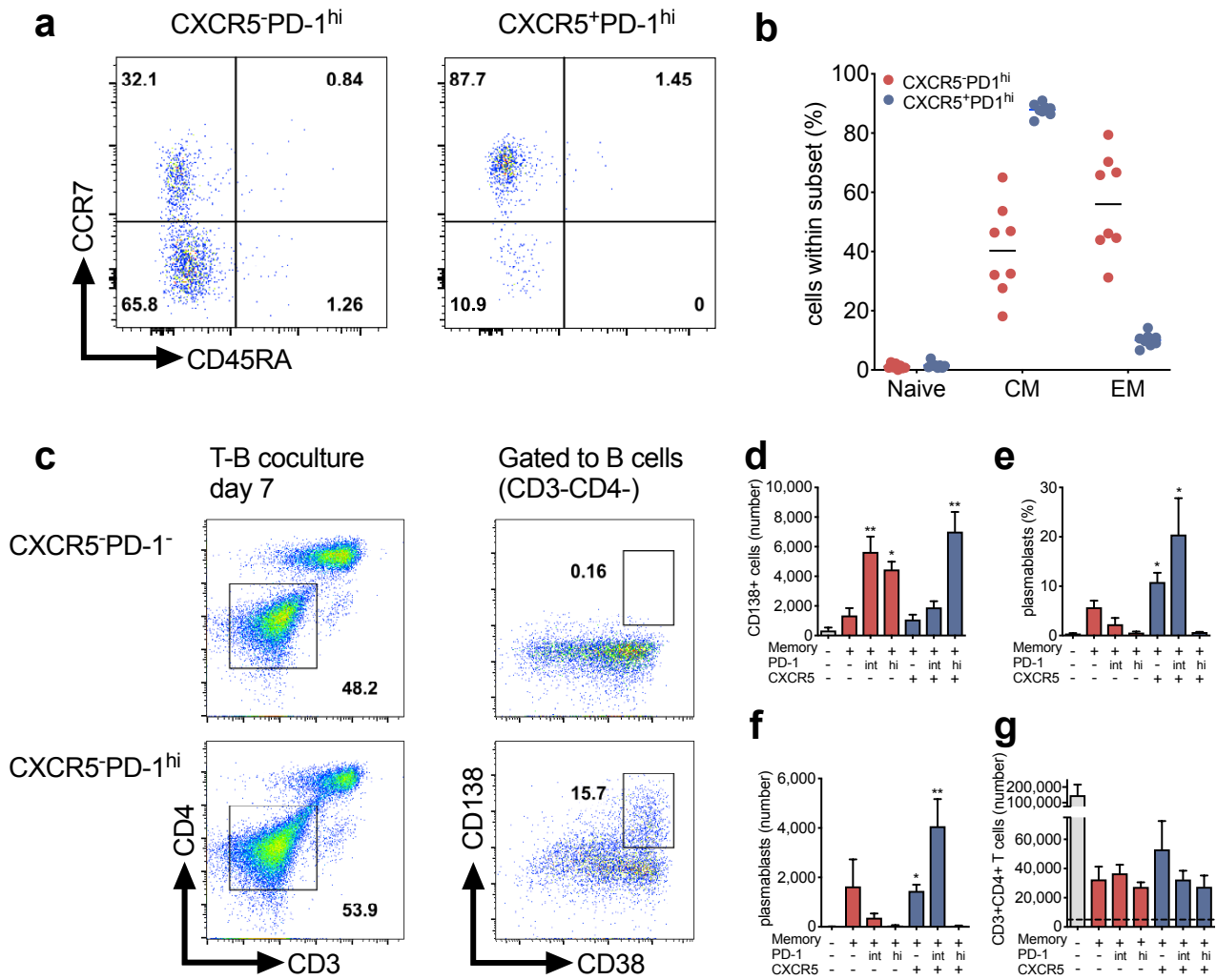
Each antibody was titrated before use to ensure an optimal signal-to-noise ratio.

ESM Table 2 Characteristics of autoantibody-positive at-risk children

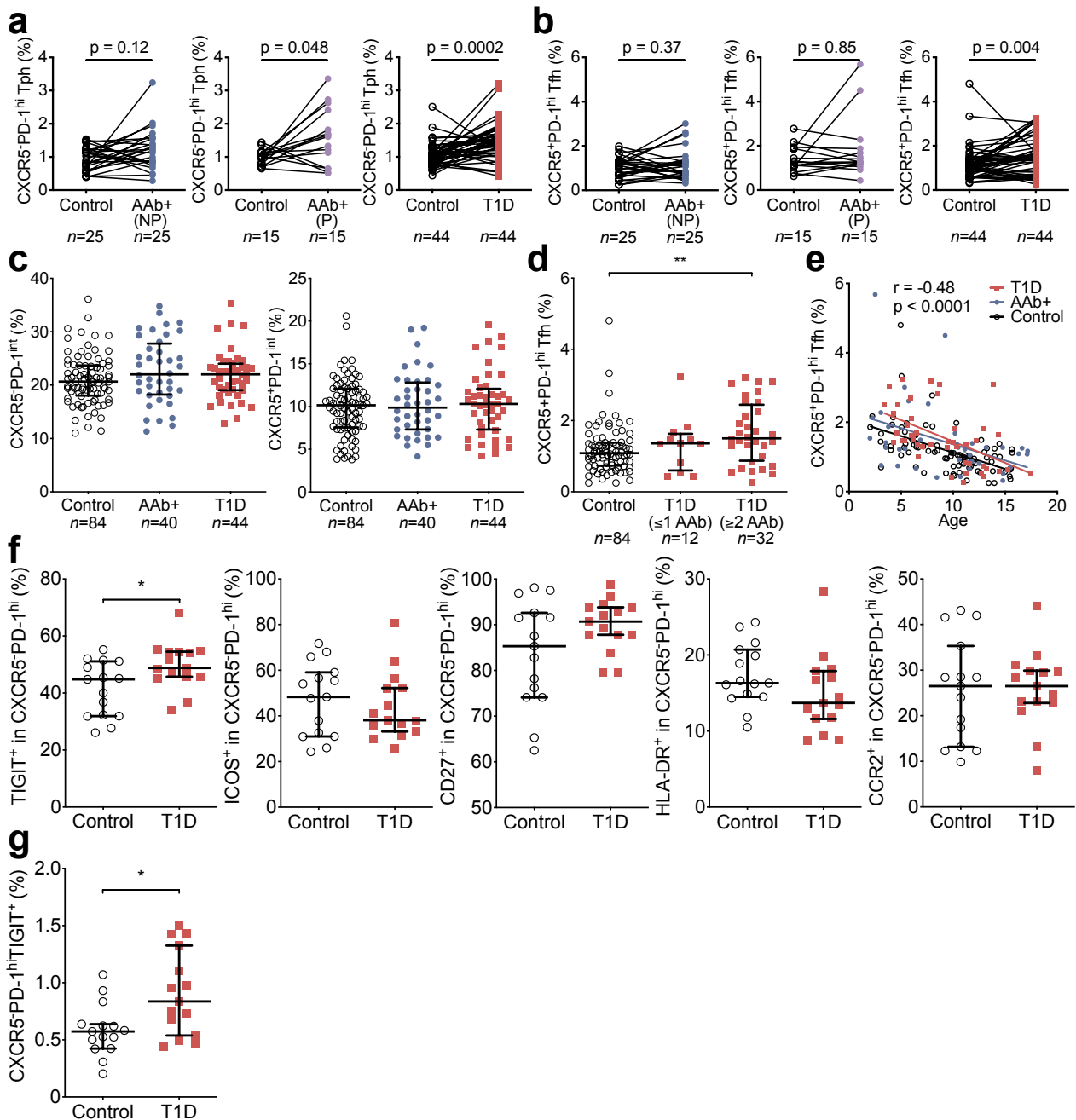
	Nonprogressors (n=25)	Progressors (n=15)
Age at sampling (years +/-SD)	9.3 +/- 4.8	9.4 +/- 4.6
Age at first AAb (years +/-SD)	4.8 +/- 4.0	3.8 +/- 2.8
HLA class II genotype¹ (%)		
DQ2.5/x	2/25 (8.0%)	4/15 (26.7%)
DQ8/x	18/25 (72.0%)	6/15 (40.0%)
DQ2.5/DQ8	5/25 (20.0%)	5/15 (33.3%)
Number of autoantibodies² (%)		
1	9/25 (36.0%)	4/15 (26.7%)
2	13/25 (52.0%)	8/15 (53.3%)
3	3/25 (12.0%)	3/15 (20.0%)

¹DQ2.5 = DQA1*05-DQB1*02, DQ8 = DRB1*04-DQA1*03-DQB1*0302, x ≠ DQB1*0602

² number of biochemical autoantibodies (IAA, GADA and IA-2A) detected at sampling



ESM Figure 1 (a) Representative staining of CD45RA and CCR7 on CD3⁺CD4⁺ CXCR5-PD-1^{hi} and CXCR5⁺PD-1^{hi} T cells. (b) The distribution of CXCR5-PD-1^{hi} and CXCR5⁺PD-1^{hi} T cells within naïve (CD45RA⁺CCR7⁺), central memory (CM, CD45RA⁻CCR7⁺) and effector memory (EM, CD45RA⁻CCR7⁻) subsets in eight healthy donors analyzed. For the T-cell and B-cell coculture assays different sorted T-cell subsets were cocultured with either memory (CD27⁺) or naïve (CD27⁻) B cells and the frequencies of T cells (CD3⁺CD4⁺), plasma cells (CD3⁻CD4⁻CD38^{hi}CD138⁺) and plasmablasts (CD3⁻CD4⁻CD20^{low}CD38^{hi}) were analyzed after 7 days. (c) A representative example of the assay with CXCR5-PD-1⁻ (top panels) and CXCR5-PD-1^{hi} memory CD4⁺ T cells (bottom panels) cocultured with memory B cells is shown. (d) Absolute numbers of CD138⁺ plasma cells in cocultures with memory B cells were determined with counting beads. (e, f) Frequencies and absolute numbers of plasmablasts in cocultures with naïve B cells, and (g) the absolute number of T cells in cocultures with memory B cells. The dashed line indicates the input number of T cells in the coculture (5000 T cells). The results are expressed as mean +/-SEM of four separate experiments performed with cells from different healthy donors. **p*<0.05 and ** *p*<0.01 compared to naïve CD4⁺ T cells (grey bars); Kruskal–Wallis test with Dunn’s post hoc test



ESM Figure 2 (a,b) Pairwise analyses of CXCR5-PD-1^{hi} Tph and CXCR5+PD-1^{hi} Tfh cell frequencies. Samples from autoantibody-positive at-risk children (AAb+) who did not progress (NP) or progressed (P) to type 1 diabetes (T1D) and from children with newly diagnosed T1D were compared to samples from age-matched healthy children (control) processed and analyzed in parallel. *p* values from paired Wilcoxon tests are indicated. **(c)** The frequencies of CXCR5-PD-1^{int} and CXCR5+PD-1^{int} memory CD4⁺ T cells in the study groups. **(d)** CXCR5+PD-1^{hi} Tfh cell frequencies in children with newly diagnosed T1D stratified based on the number of biochemical autoantibodies (IAA, GADA and IA-2A) detected in their blood at the time of sampling. **(e)** The frequency of CXCR5+PD-1^{hi} Tfh cells correlates negatively with age. Correlation was calculated by pooling all samples analyzed and is expressed together with the *p* value next to plot. **(f)** Expression of surface markers (TIGIT, ICOS, CD27, HLA-DR and CCR2) on manually gated CXCR5-PD-1^{hi} T cells in a total of 15 children with T1D and 15 healthy controls (validation cohort). **(g)** Manually gated CXCR5-PD-1^{hi}TIGIT⁺ memory T cell frequencies in 15 children with T1D and 15 healthy controls. Median values with interquartile range are shown. **p*<0.05 and ***p*<0.01; Kruskal–Wallis test with Dunn’s post hoc test or Mann–Whitney *U* test