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# Tissue Resident Memory T Cells (T<sub>RM</sub>)



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## CD8 T cells


Provide protection against infections by intracellular pathogens




Viruses



Protozoan parasites



Bacteria



Provide protection against **tumours**

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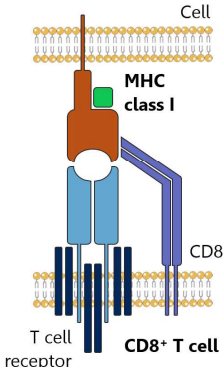
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## Two main T cell subsets



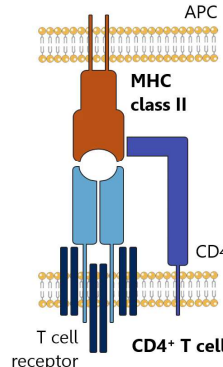
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MHC class I

CD8

T cell receptor

**CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell**



APC

MHC class II

CD4

T cell receptor

**CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell**

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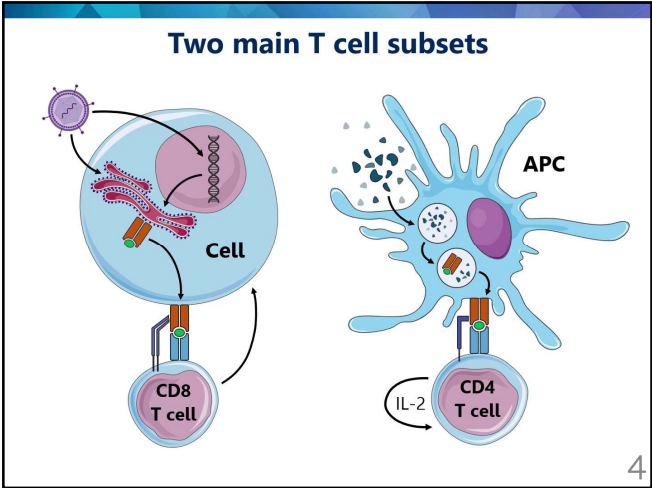
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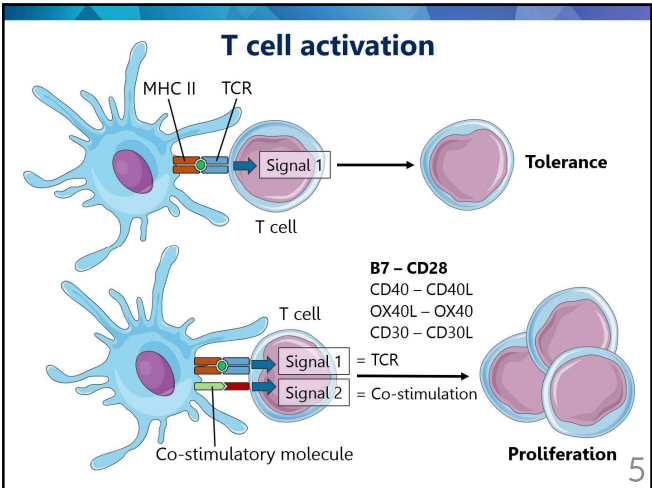
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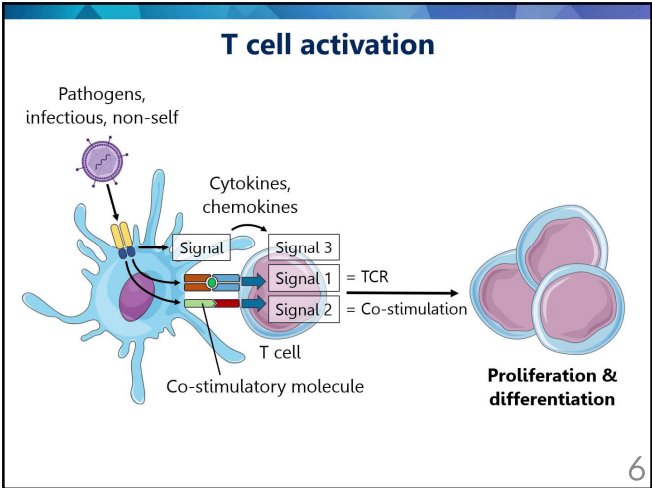
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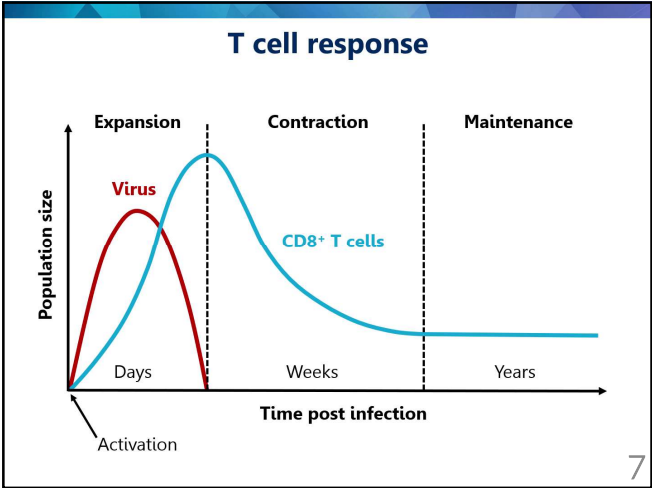
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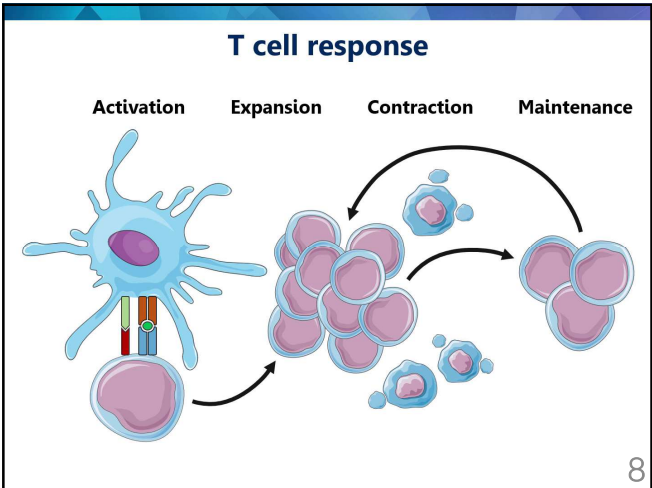
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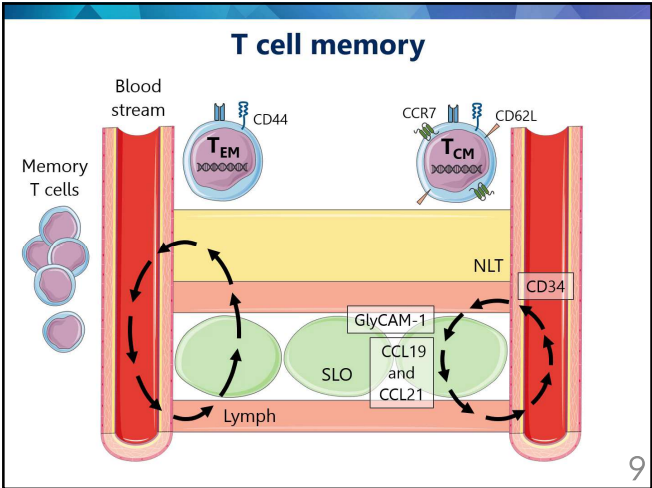
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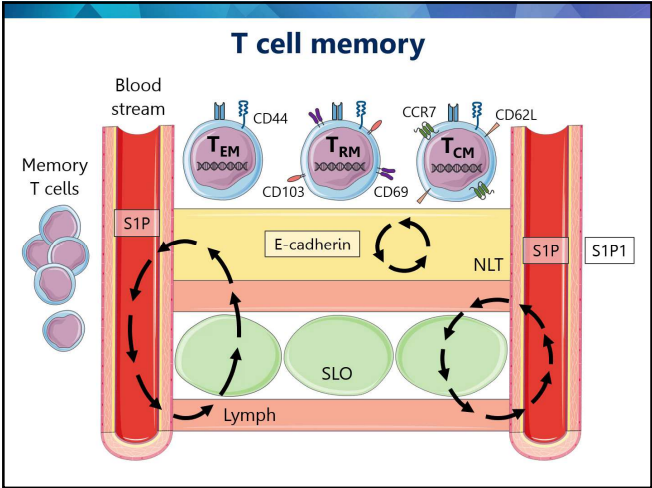
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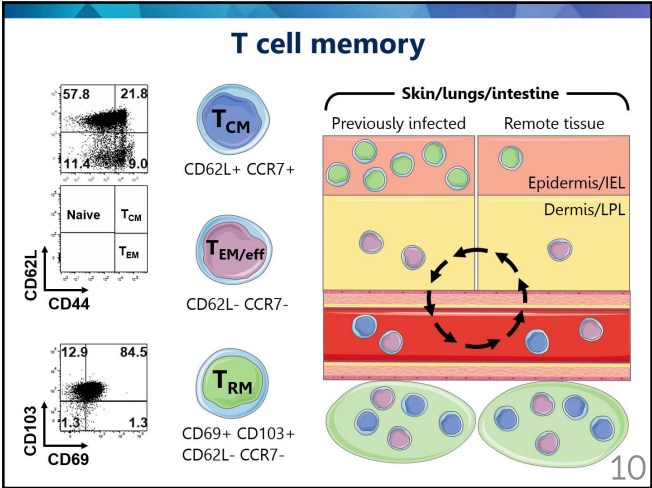
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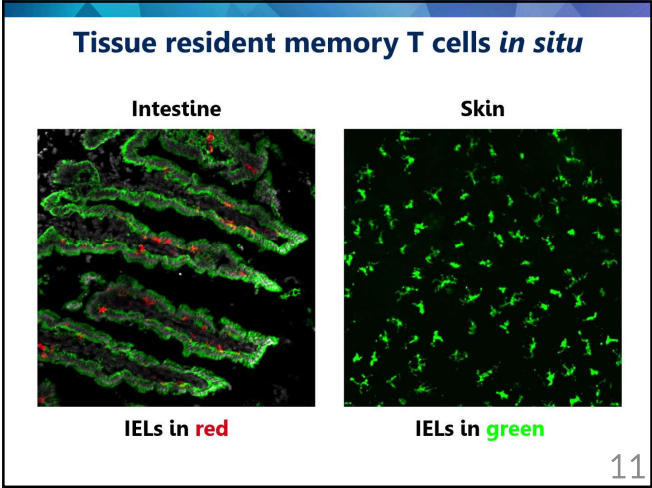
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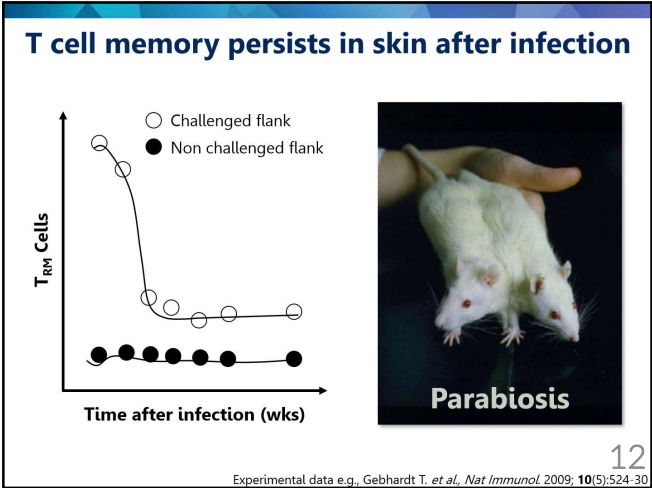
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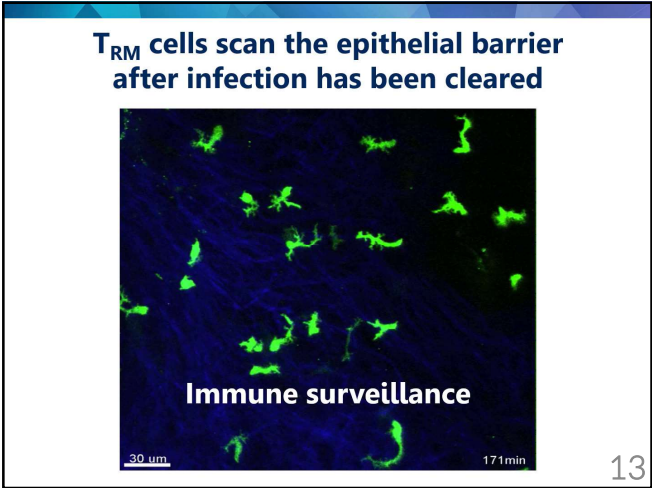
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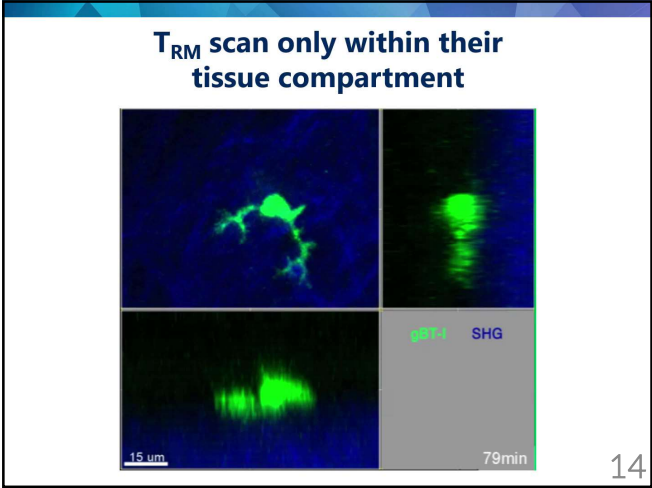
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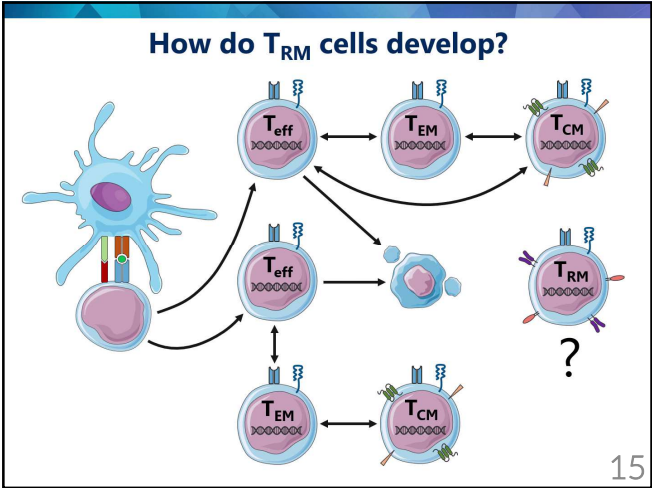
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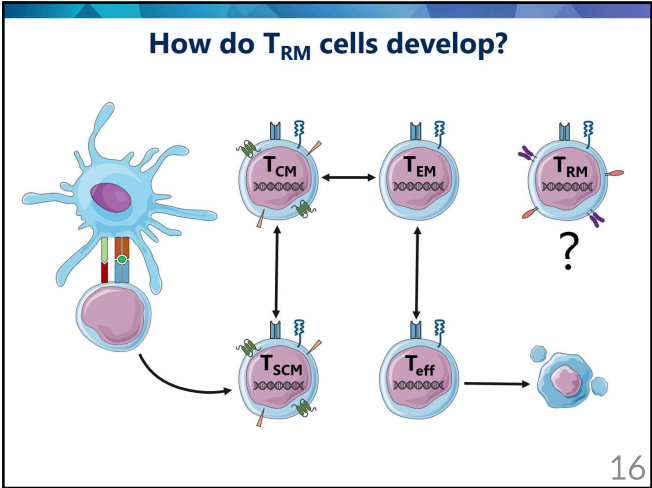
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**Summary**

	Cell surface	Transcription factors	Location
	CCR7- CD62L- CD69- CD103-	Tbet <sup>hi</sup> Eomes <sup>hi</sup> AhR-	SLO + NLT
	CCR7+ CD62L+ CD69- CD103-	Tbet <sup>lo</sup> Eomes <sup>hi</sup> AhR-	SLO
	CCR7- CD62L- CD69+ CD103+	Tbet <sup>lo</sup> Eomes- AhR+	NLT

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### T<sub>RM</sub> cell transcription factors

- ▶ Requirement for formation and maintenance are IL-15 and TGFβ
- ▶ T<sub>RM</sub> have a unique transcriptional profile
  - Expression of the transcription factors Hobit, Blimp-1 and AhR
  - Limited, but required expression of Tbet (Tbx21)
  - Down regulation of Eomes
- ▶ This happens in all organs, with similar transcriptional profiles, but with organs specific differences

Experimental data e.g.,  
Mackay L. *et al.*, *Science* 2016; **352**(6284):459-63

Mackay L. *et al.*, *Nat Immunol* 2013; **14**(12):1294-301

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### T<sub>RM</sub> cell transcription factors

CD44<sup>hi</sup> Itgae AhR Hobit

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### T<sub>RM</sub> cell development

Part of absence of TGFβ

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Ferreira C. *et al.*, *Nat Immunol* 2020; **21**(7):766-776

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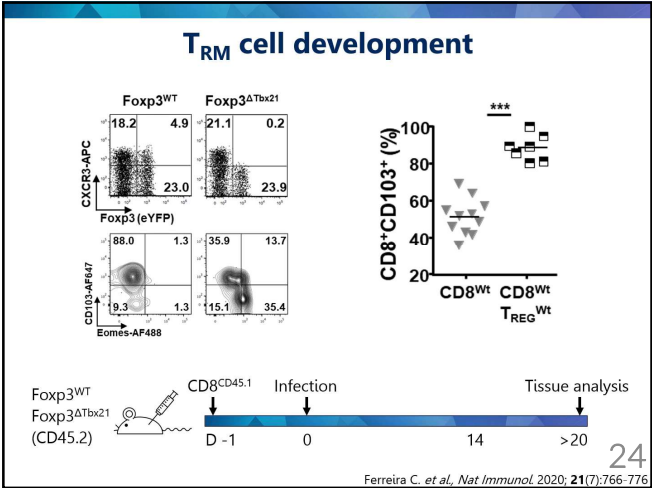
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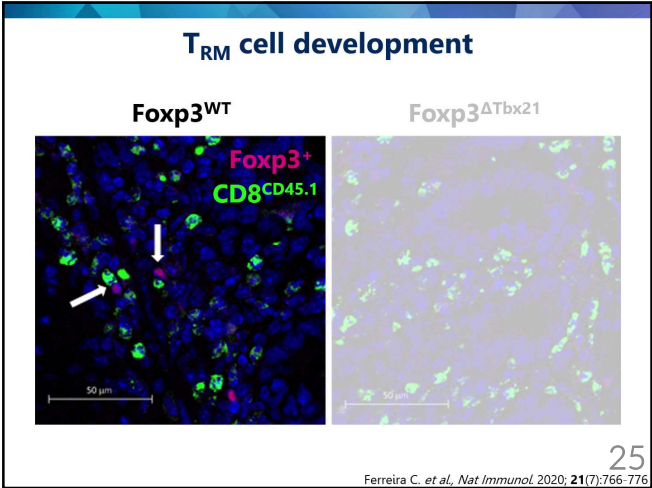
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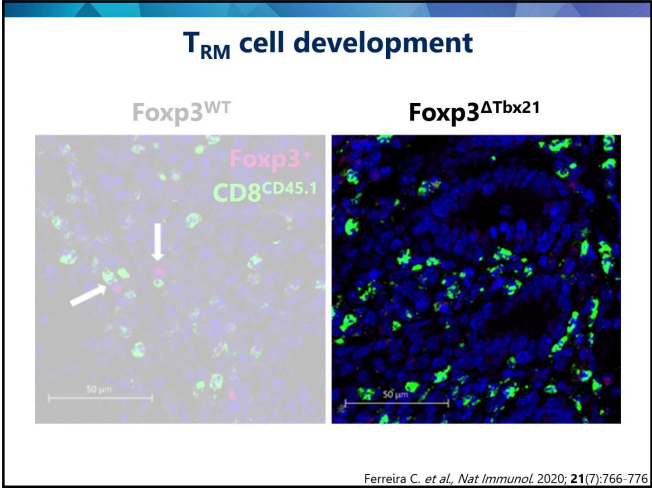
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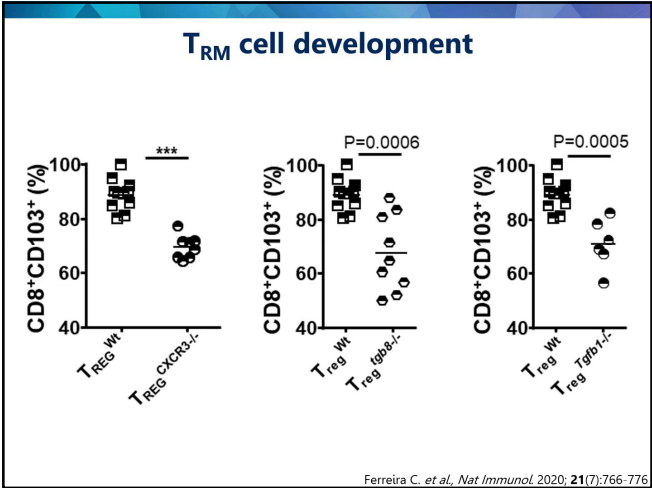
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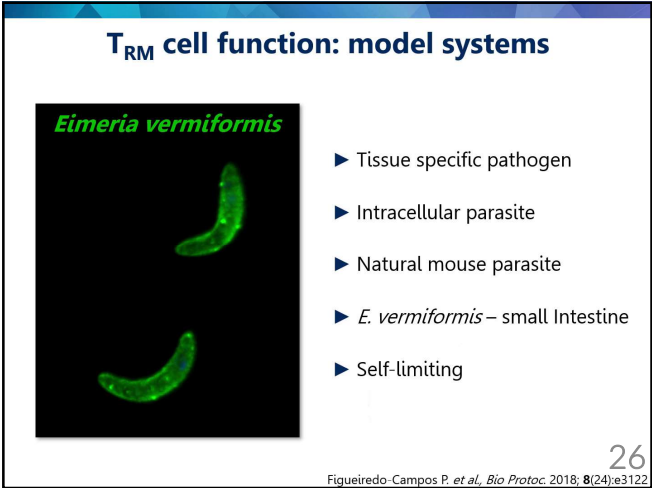
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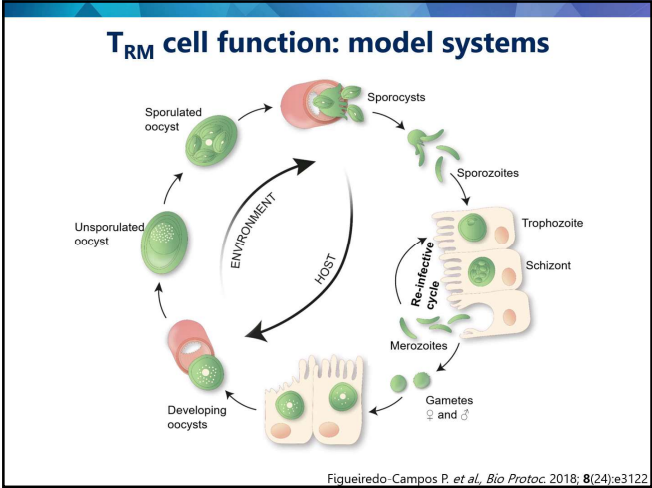
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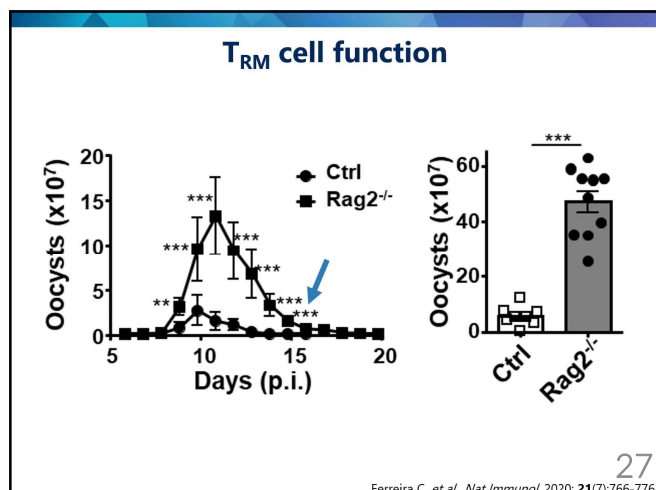
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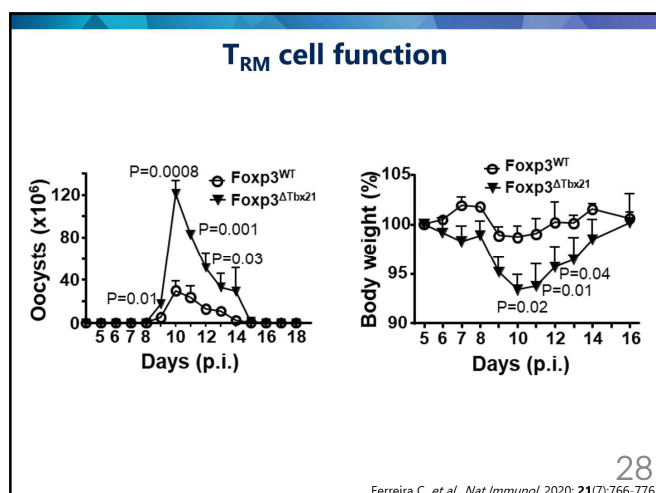
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**Memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells protect against malaria**

Article

**Immunity**

**Liver-Resident Memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells Form a Front-Line Defense against Malaria Liver-Stage Infection**

Fernandez-Ruiz D. et al., Immunity. 2016; 45(4):889-902

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### Memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells protect against malaria

1. Anti-Clec9A antibodies target malaria antigen to CD8<sup>+</sup> DC “**Prime**”

2. Liver infection with adeno-associated virus expressing malaria antigen drives liver-resident memory T cell formation “**Trap**”

Spleen

Blood

Liver

AAV-Ag

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### Memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells protect against malaria

Tissue-resident memory T cells kill malaria parasites in the liver

Spleen

Blood

Liver

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### T<sub>RM</sub> cell function

nature COMMUNICATIONS

RSV-specific airway resident memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and differential disease severity after experimental human infection

Jozwik A. et al., Nat Commun. 2015; 6:10224

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### TRM cell function

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**Science Immunology**

Resident memory CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in the upper respiratory tract prevent pulmonary influenza virus infection

Pizzolla A. *et al.*, *Sci Immunol.* 2017; 2(12):eaam6970

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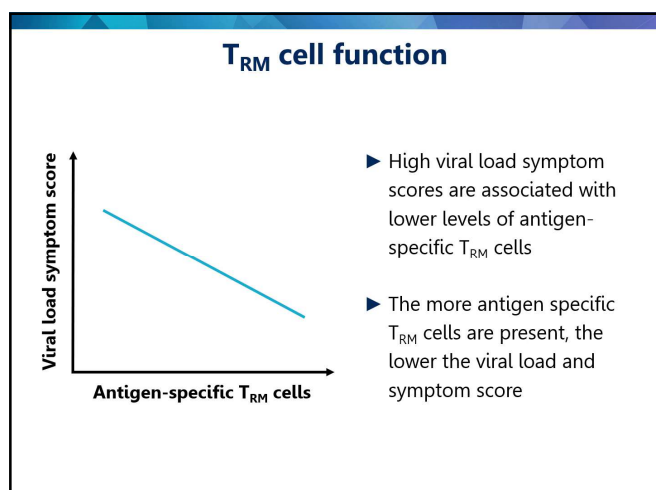
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### TRM cell function

Tissue penetrating properties, durability, and cytotoxic capacity could make TRM cells ideal in tumour therapy

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**T<sub>RM</sub> cell function**

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**nature immunology**

Tissue-resident memory T cells at the center of immunity to solid tumors

Amsen D. *et al.*, *Nat Immunol.* 2018; 19(6):538-546

**nature cancer**

Resident and circulating memory T cells persist for years in melanoma patients with durable responses to immunotherapy

Han J. *et al.*, *Nat Cancer.* 2021; 2(3):300-311

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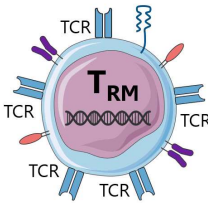
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**T<sub>RM</sub> cell function**

**Science Immunology**

Resident memory T cells in the skin mediate durable immunity to melanoma

Malik B. *et al.*, *Sci Immunol.* 2017; 2(10):eaam6346



T<sub>RM</sub> cells express many T cell receptors that may be triggered by immunotherapies

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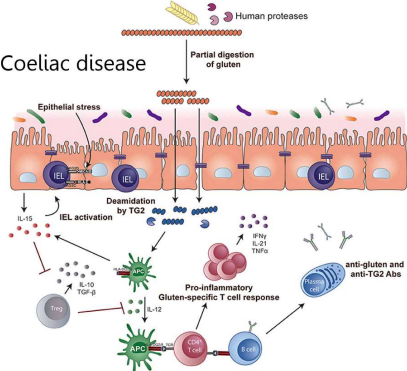
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**Aberrant T<sub>RM</sub> cell roles**

Tissue specific chronic immunity/autoimmunity

Coeliac disease



Human proteases  
Partial digestion of gluten  
Epithelial stress  
IEL activation  
Dermatitis by TG2  
Pro-inflammatory  
Gluten-specific T cell response  
anti-gluten and anti-TG2 Abs

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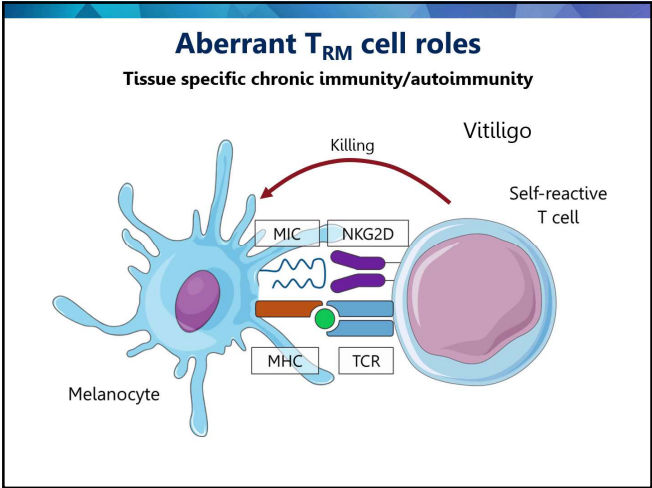
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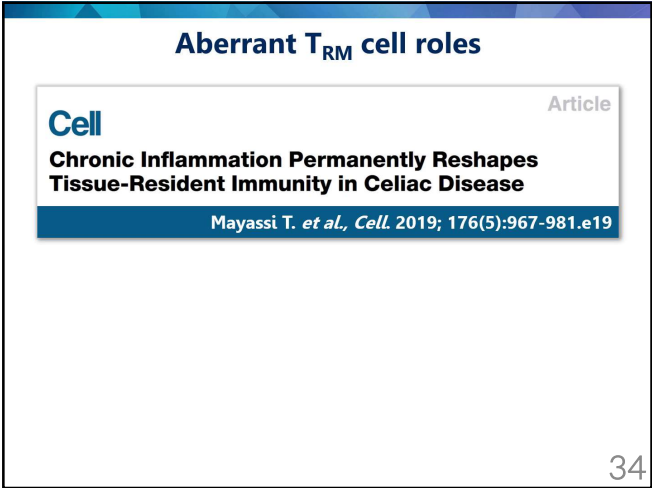
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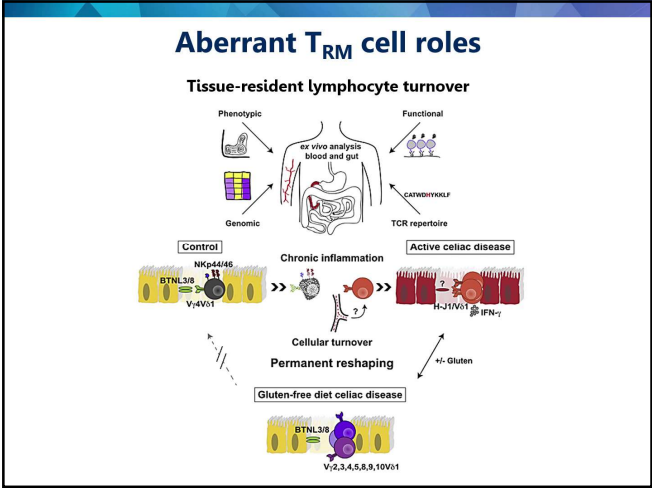
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## Aberrant T<sub>RM</sub> cell roles

### Gastroenterology

Interferon-Gamma-Producing CD8<sup>+</sup> Tissue Resident Memory T Cells Are a Targetable Hallmark of Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor-Colitis

Sasson S. *et al.*, *Gastroent.* 2021; 161(4): 1229–1244.e9

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## Aberrant T<sub>RM</sub> cell roles

### TLCR

Vitiligo-like depigmentation after pembrolizumab treatment in patients with non-small cell lung cancer: a case report

Yun S. *et al.*, *Transl Lung Cancer Res.* 2020; 9(4): 1585–1590

### JCRP

Vitiligo after immune checkpoint inhibitor therapy in a woman with metastatic melanoma

Yang MH. And Chang DY. *Journ Canc Res Prac.* 2018; 5(4):161-164

### nature cancer

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## Aberrant T<sub>RM</sub> cell roles



► “Of patients with melanoma who receive immunotherapy, long-term survivors are frequently found to develop melanoma-associated vitiligo, an autoimmune cutaneous side effect”

► Vitiligo associated with anti-melanoma activity T<sub>RM</sub> cells 9 years after treatment in skin

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Concluding remarks

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CD8 T<sub>RM</sub> have similar transcriptional profiles in different organs: but there are differences

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Markers such as CD103, CD49a are not absolute markers

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The origin of T<sub>RM</sub> cells is not yet understood

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T<sub>RM</sub> cells make an important contribution to control local pathogen load

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T<sub>RM</sub> cells have potential in tumour therapy

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T<sub>RM</sub> cells can have a pathogenic role in tissue-associated autoimmune disorders

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T<sub>RM</sub> cell activity maybe triggered by some checkpoint inhibitor therapies

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There are also CD4 T<sub>RM</sub> cells; these are less defined and may reflect Th subsets

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