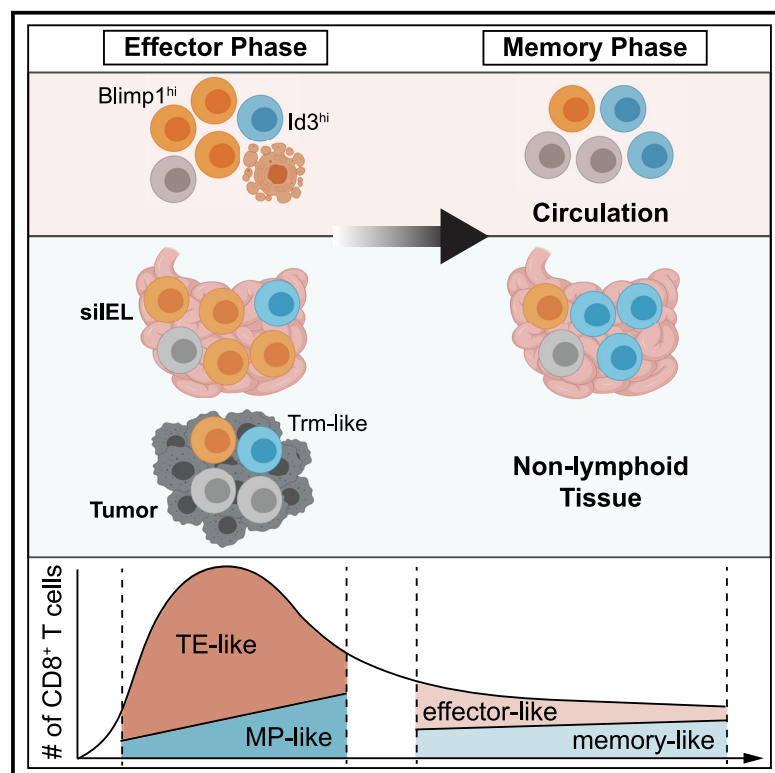


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In Brief

Tissue-resident memory CD8⁺ T cells (Trm) provide long-lasting immunity in non-lymphoid tissues. Milner et al. use single-cell RNA sequencing to reveal Trm cell heterogeneity in response to infection and identify effector-like Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi} and memory-like Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} tissue-resident populations with differential effector function, memory potential, and transcriptional programming. Analogous populations of CD8⁺ T cells with tissue-residency features were also identified in tumors.

Highlights

- Blimp1 and Id3 expression identify distinct tissue-resident T cell subsets
- Id3^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells exhibit heightened multifunctionality and memory potential
- Id2 and Id3 are required for homeostasis of tissue-resident memory cells
- Id3^{hi} cells in tumors have features of tissue-residency and progenitor exhausted cells



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SUMMARY

Tissue-resident memory CD8⁺ T cells (Trm) provide host protection through continuous surveillance of non-lymphoid tissues. Using single-cell RNA-sequencing (scRNA-seq) and genetic reporter mice, we identified discrete lineages of intestinal antigen-specific CD8⁺ T cells, including a Blimp1^{hi}Id3^{lo} tissue-resident effector cell population most prominent in the early phase of acute viral and bacterial infections and a molecularly distinct Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi} tissue-resident memory population that subsequently accumulated at later infection time points. These Trm populations exhibited distinct cytokine production, secondary memory potential, and transcriptional programs including differential roles for transcriptional regulators Blimp1, T-bet, Id2, and Id3 in supporting and maintaining intestinal Trm. Extending our analysis to malignant tissue, we also identified discrete populations of effector-like and memory-like CD8⁺ T cell populations with tissue-resident gene-expression signatures that shared features of terminally exhausted and progenitor-exhausted T cells, respectively. Our findings provide insight into the development and functional heterogeneity of Trm cells, which has implications for enhancing vaccination and immunotherapy approaches.

INTRODUCTION

Tissue-resident memory CD8⁺ T cells (Trm) have emerged as critical mediators of health and disease. Trm cells remain permanently lodged in non-lymphoid tissues (and in some cases lymphoid tissues) without recirculating and are transcriptionally, epigenetically, functionally, and anatomically distinct from recirculating populations of CD8⁺ T cells (Masopust and Soerens, 2019; Milner and Goldrath, 2018; Szabo et al., 2019). The widespread relevance of Trm cells in preventing and precipitating disease stems from their unique localization patterns, robust inflammatory sentinel activity, potent effector function, and longevity at sites of imminent or ongoing immune responses (Ho and Kupper, 2019; Masopust and Soerens, 2019). Therefore, understanding the molecular signals controlling the fate, function, and homeostasis of Trm cells is relevant in diverse pathophysiological settings ranging from infection to cancer.

Upon infiltration into non-lymphoid sites, dynamic environmental signals converge on several key Trm cell-fate-specifying transcription factors that modulate gene-expression programs controlling tissue-retention and egress. The transcription factors Blimp1, Hobit, and Runx3 repress a transcriptional signature

associated with circulating memory T cells and facilitate induction of a tissue-residency gene-expression program (Mackay et al., 2016; Milner and Goldrath, 2018). Conversely, T-bet, Eomes, and KLF2 can impede Trm cell formation (Laidlaw et al., 2014; Mackay et al., 2015; Skon et al., 2013). Despite the key regulatory roles of these transcription factors in controlling tissue-residency, the ontogeny and accompanying heterogeneity of Trm cells remains unclear.

The circulating CD8⁺ T cell population is heterogeneous, not only evolving over time but also composed of numerous subsets within infection time points (Arsenio et al., 2014; Kakaradov et al., 2017). The effector phase of infection predominantly consists of terminally differentiated, short-lived KLRG1^{hi}CD127^{lo} terminal effector (TE) cells and relatively fewer multipotent KLRG1^{lo}CD127^{hi} memory-precursor (MP) cells (Chen et al., 2018). Select effector CD8⁺ T cells persist after infection at memory time points as long-lived effector cells (LLEC) (Olson et al., 2013; Omilusik et al., 2018), whereas others—predominately MP cells—continue to differentiate over time into long-lived, protective memory cells that can be broadly divided into central memory (Tcm) and effector memory (Tem) subsets. Compared with Tem cells, Tcm cells display enhanced lymphoid homing,

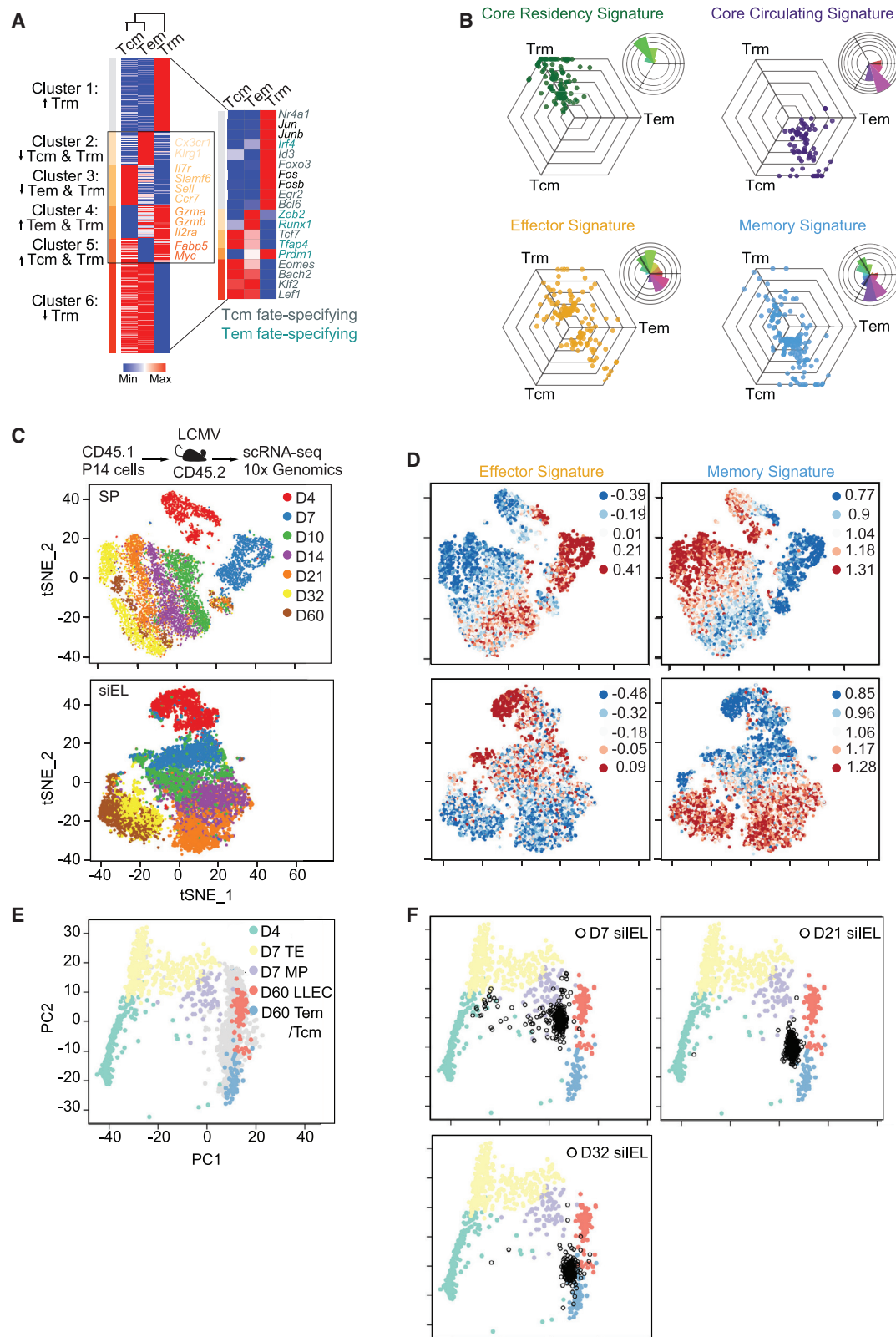


Figure 1. The Anti-viral Tissue-Resident siEL CD8⁺ T Cell Population Is Heterogeneous

P14 CD8⁺ T cells were transferred into congenically distinct hosts that were subsequently infected with LCMV intraperitoneally (i.p.). Donor cells from the spleen and siEL were sorted over the course of infection for bulk RNA-seq or scRNA-seq.

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multipotency, expansion potential, and longevity. Conversely, Tem cells are more terminally fated, shorter-lived, have limited expansion potential, and can elicit rapid effector function upon reinfection (Chen et al., 2018). Differentiation and maintenance of circulating memory subsets are also dynamically controlled by a compendium of transcription factors, including: Id2 (Canarile et al., 2006; Knell et al., 2013; Masson et al., 2013), T-bet (Joshi et al., 2007), Blimp1 (Kallies et al., 2009; Rutishauser et al., 2009), Zeb2 (Dominguez et al., 2015; Omilusik et al., 2015), and STAT4 (Mollo et al., 2014) that are critical for Tem cells, and Id3 (Ji et al., 2011; Yang et al., 2011), Eomes (Banerjee et al., 2010; Pearce et al., 2003), Bcl6 (Ichii et al., 2002), Foxo1 (Hess Michelini et al., 2013; Rao et al., 2012), Tcf1 (Jeannet et al., 2010; Zhou et al., 2010), Zeb1 (Guan et al., 2018), Bach2 (Roychoudhuri et al., 2016), and STAT3 (Cui et al., 2011) that support Tcm cell differentiation. It remains unclear if the Trm cell population encompasses distinct cell subsets with differing functional attributes and memory potential, analogous to circulating CD8⁺ T cells.

Here, we used single-cell RNA-sequencing (scRNA-seq) analysis to examine Trm cell ontogeny and heterogeneity. We found significant inter- and intra-temporal molecular diversity within the small intestine intraepithelial lymphocyte (siIEL) compartment that revealed discrete tissue-resident lineages. Despite being transcriptionally distinct, these siIEL CD8⁺ T cell subsets shared qualities with the circulating CD8⁺ T cell response, and could be phenotypically, transcriptionally, and functionally distinguished on the basis of the reciprocal expression of the effector and memory-associated transcriptional regulators, Blimp1 and Id3. Distinct Trm cell-like subsets could also be distinguished within the tumor microenvironment. Our findings provide a framework to better understand the transcriptional signals controlling Trm cell differentiation and heterogeneity.

RESULTS

Anti-viral siIEL CD8⁺ T Cells Are Inter- and Intra-temporally Heterogeneous

It is apparent that Trm cells are transcriptionally distinct from circulating memory populations (Mackay et al., 2013; Milner et al., 2017; Wakim et al., 2012). To expand on these findings, we profiled the transcriptome of Tcm (CD62L⁺) and Tem (CD62L[−]) cells from the spleen as well as siIEL Trm cells isolated >50 days after acute lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV) infection. Consistent with previous reports, Trm cells were tran-

scriptionally distinct from Tcm and Tem cells, which was illustrated by hierarchical clustering analysis (Figure 1A), and were enriched with a core tissue-residency gene-expression signature (Milner et al., 2017) (Figure 1B). However, we identified four gene expression modules (clusters 2–5) commonly regulated between Trm and Tcm cells or Trm and Tem cells. Furthermore, Trm cells were found to exhibit mixed expression of both Tcm and Tem cell fate-specifying transcription factors (Figure 1A). These data highlight that although Trm cells are a distinct memory T cell subset, they also share certain transcriptional features with the more effector-like Tem cells as well as the longer-lived Tcm cell population.

To further clarify the Trm cell population in terms of a long-lived memory or effector phenotype, we assessed expression of gene signatures in a triwise comparison of Tcm, Tem, and Trm cells (van de Laar et al., 2016). We found, as expected, that compared with Tem cells, Tcm cells displayed enrichment of a long-lived memory CD8⁺ T cell gene-signature (Tables S1 and S2) (Figure 1B). However, mRNA levels of certain memory-associated genes were also increased in Trm cells compared with both Tem and Tcm cells. Conversely, Trm and Tem cells exhibited greater expression of effector-associated genes compared with those of Tcm cells, but Trm cells also displayed elevated expression of numerous effector-associated genes compared with those of Tem cells. Therefore, the non-mutually exclusive possibilities arise—does the Trm cell population exist in a unique state simultaneously balancing both effector and memory qualities, or is it comprised of distinct effector- and memory-like subsets undetectable via bulk sequencing analyses?

To investigate the apparent dual effector-memory state of the Trm cell population, we utilized scRNA-seq profiling of LCMV GP_{33–41}-specific P14 CD8⁺ T cells isolated from the spleen or siIEL compartment over the course of an LCMV infection (Figure 1C). Data from multiple infection time points from the spleen or siIEL were integrated into an unsupervised t-distributed stochastic neighborhood embedding (tSNE) analysis (Figure 1C). Similar to circulating CD8⁺ T cells from the spleen, siIEL CD8⁺ T cells were enriched for an effector gene-expression signature early after infection, and subsequently, were enriched for a memory gene-expression signature at later infection time points (Figure 1D). Thus, the siIEL CD8⁺ T cells exhibited substantial inter-temporal heterogeneity. We also detected intra-temporal heterogeneity within the siIEL CD8⁺ T cell population at both early and late infection time points. Select siIEL CD8⁺ T cells enriched with a memory gene-expression signature were observed

(A) Heatmap illustrating the relative expression of genes differentially expressed among Tcm, Tem, and Trm cell populations from bulk RNA-seq analysis; gene clusters are ordered through K-means clustering analysis. Transcriptional regulators reported as important for Tcm (gray) and Tem (teal) cell-fate are highlighted (right).

(B) To visualize relative expression levels in a triwise comparison (van de Laar et al., 2016), filtered genes differentially expressed and present within the designated gene list (see Tables S1 and S2) were plotted in a hexagonal diagram in which distance of an individual data point represents gene expression enrichment or depletion, and the magnitude of upregulation is reflected by the distance from the origin. Rose plots (upper right corner of each hexagonal plot) indicate the percentages of genes in each orientation. Genes of the core residency (green), core circulating (purple), effector (yellow), and memory (blue) signatures are highlighted.

(C–F) scRNA-seq analysis across an infection time course. tSNE plots of cells from the siIEL or spleen (SP) over all infection time points (C) colored by indicated time point or (D) shaded by intensity of effector or memory gene signatures. (E) Principal component analysis of splenic scRNA-seq samples on the basis of the expression patterns of signature effector and memory genes. Day 4 (green), day 7 TE (yellow) or MP (purple), and day 60 LLEC (pink) or Tem and Tcm cells (blue) are highlighted whereas samples from remaining time points are shaded gray. (F) The siIEL CD8⁺ T cell samples (black) are projected onto the 2D space according to the same principal components.

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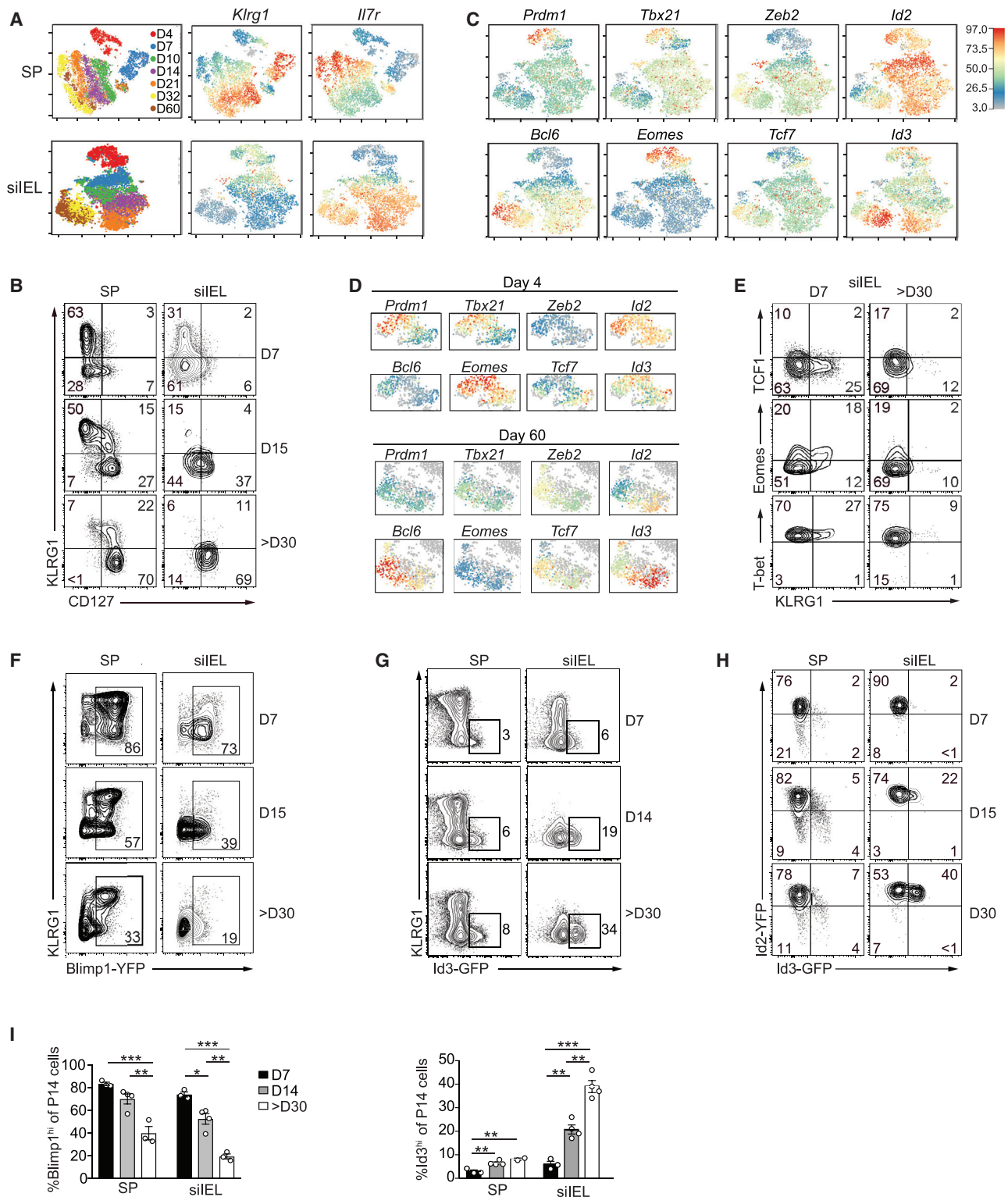


Figure 2. Heterogeneous Expression of Key Regulatory Factors by siEL CD8⁺ T Cells

P14 CD8⁺ T cells were transferred into congenically distinct hosts that were subsequently infected with LCMV i.p. Donor cells from the spleen and siEL were sorted over the course of infection for scRNA-seq or were analyzed through flow cytometry.

(A) tSNE plots of cells from the spleen (top) or siEL (bottom) over all infection time points colored by sample (left) and intensity of *Klrp1* (middle) or *Il7r* (right) mRNA levels.

(B) Expression levels of CD127 and KLRG1 during LCMV infection.

as early as day 4 after infection, and those with an enrichment of the effector gene-expression signature were evident on days 32 and 60 of infection. Furthermore, few CD8⁺ T cells appear to simultaneously display enrichment of both effector and memory gene-expression signatures (Figure 1D). To orient the transcriptional profile of siEL CD8⁺ T cells to that of the splenic populations, principal component analysis was performed on all splenic scRNA-seq samples according to the expression of the differentially expressed genes between effector and memory T cell states. All splenic cells were plotted according to the top two principal components and day 4 effector T cells, day 7 TE and MP, day 60 LLEC, and Tem and Tcm cells were highlighted with the indicated color, whereas samples from remaining time points are shaded gray (Figure 1E). Here, the bulk CD62L⁺ population was subdivided into CD127[−] and CD127⁺ cells, which resolved LLEC and Tem cells, allowing a more refined delineation of effector and memory gene-expression signatures. Next, siEL CD8⁺ T cells from the indicated time points of infection were projected into the 2D space according to the same principal components (Figure 1F; black). At day 7 of infection, siEL CD8⁺ T cells clustered near the circulating effector T cell subsets (primarily MP) and LLEC. However, by day 21 of infection, the siEL CD8⁺ T cells were interposed between LLEC and Tem and Tcm cells. Therefore, Figure 1F further suggests that siEL cells exist in a range of effector and memory states analogous to circulating CD8⁺ T cells. In summary, we found that siEL CD8⁺ T cells exhibit both inter- and intra-temporal heterogeneity, and the current broad definition of Trm cells is not necessarily reflective of this apparent diversity as effector-like siEL CD8⁺ T cells also persisted into the memory phase of infection.

Key Regulatory Molecules Distinguish Effector and Memory Subsets of siEL CD8⁺ T Cells

As we noted distinct sub-populations of Trm cells, somewhat analogous to circulating CD8⁺ T cell subsets, we next evaluated how the current paradigm of circulating CD8⁺ T cell diversity parallels Trm cell heterogeneity. We first assessed the inter-temporal expression dynamics of molecules often utilized to clarify heterogeneity within the circulating CD8⁺ T cell compartment (Figure S1A); as anticipated, circulating CD8⁺ T cells exhibited an inverse expression pattern of *Klrg1* and *Ii7r* (encoding CD127, Figure 2A). Despite time-dependent changes in effector and memory gene signatures within the siEL CD8⁺ T cell populations (Figure 1D), *Ii7r* and *Klrg1* expression kinetics were not as dynamic as in splenic CD8⁺ T cells (Figure 2A). Nonetheless, *Klrg1* expression was elevated early (days 4–10) in the intestine and diminished over time, whereas *Ii7r* expression steadily increased. This gene-expression pattern was similarly reflected at the protein level (Figure 2B). The expression of pro-effector

transcriptional regulators *Tbx21* (encoding T-bet), *Prdm1* (encoding Blimp1), *Zeb2*, and *Id2* as well as pro-memory factors *Bcl6*, *Eomes*, *Tcf7* (encoding TCF1), and *Id3* were assessed across all siEL samples (Figure 2C). Consistent with Figure 1A, the expression pattern of pro-memory or pro-effector transcriptional regulators did not conform to an expected expression pattern (i.e., increased expression of pro-effector and pro-memory transcriptional regulators at early and later infection time points, respectively). Within siEL cells, *Prdm1* and *Eomes* expression peaked early whereas *Id3* and *Bcl6* expression increased over time (Figures 2C and 2D). Intracellular staining for T-bet, Eomes, and TCF1 in siEL CD8⁺ T cells after LCMV infection was reflective of the scRNA-seq results (Figure 2E). Therefore, differential KLRG1 and CD127 expression suggests siEL CD8⁺ T cell heterogeneity somewhat analogous to circulating cells, and the expression pattern of select transcription factors might be indicative of effector and memory siEL CD8⁺ cell states.

We noted intra-temporal siEL CD8⁺ T cell heterogeneity at both early effector and later memory phases of infection (Figure 2D). For example, siEL CD8⁺ T cells with varying expression of *Prdm1*, *Tbx21*, and *Eomes* were noted within early infection time points (e.g., day 4), whereas disparate expression of *Zeb2*, *Id2*, *Bcl6*, and *Id3* was observed among cells at later (e.g., day 60) time points of infection (Figure 2D). Consistent with the scRNA-seq findings, we detected a range of transcription factor expression levels at memory time points (Figures 2C–2E). However, two transcriptional regulators with distinct expression patterns over the course of infection were Blimp1 (*Prdm1*), a transcriptional repressor, and *Id3*, an inhibitor of E protein transcription factors. *Prdm1* expression was highest in siEL CD8⁺ T cells at day 4 of infection and subsequently declined over time (Figure 2C), consistent with the *Prdm1* expression patterns reported for skin Trm cells (Mackay et al., 2016). To understand if these distinct expression profiles were reflective of unique subpopulations of siEL cells, we next utilized Blimp1-YFP-expressing P14 CD8⁺ T cells to assess Blimp1 expression in siEL cells over the course of LCMV infection. Consistent with the scRNA-seq profiling, Blimp1 expression was highest early after infection corresponding with KLRG1 expression but decreased over time (Figure 2F). Within the circulation, *Id3* expression marks CD8⁺ T cells with greater memory potential (Ji et al., 2011; Yang et al., 2011), but its expression patterns and function in tissue-resident populations has yet to be clarified. We next used *Id3*-GFP-reporter (Miyazaki et al., 2011) P14 CD8⁺ T cells to evaluate *Id3* expression in siEL CD8⁺ T cells over the course of LCMV infection. Similar to that observed in circulating CD8⁺ T cells (Ji et al., 2011) and consistent with our scRNA-seq data, *Id3* expression inversely

(C) Relative gene-expression of highlighted transcriptional regulators in siEL cells on the basis of the map from (A) and in the spleen (Figure S1A).

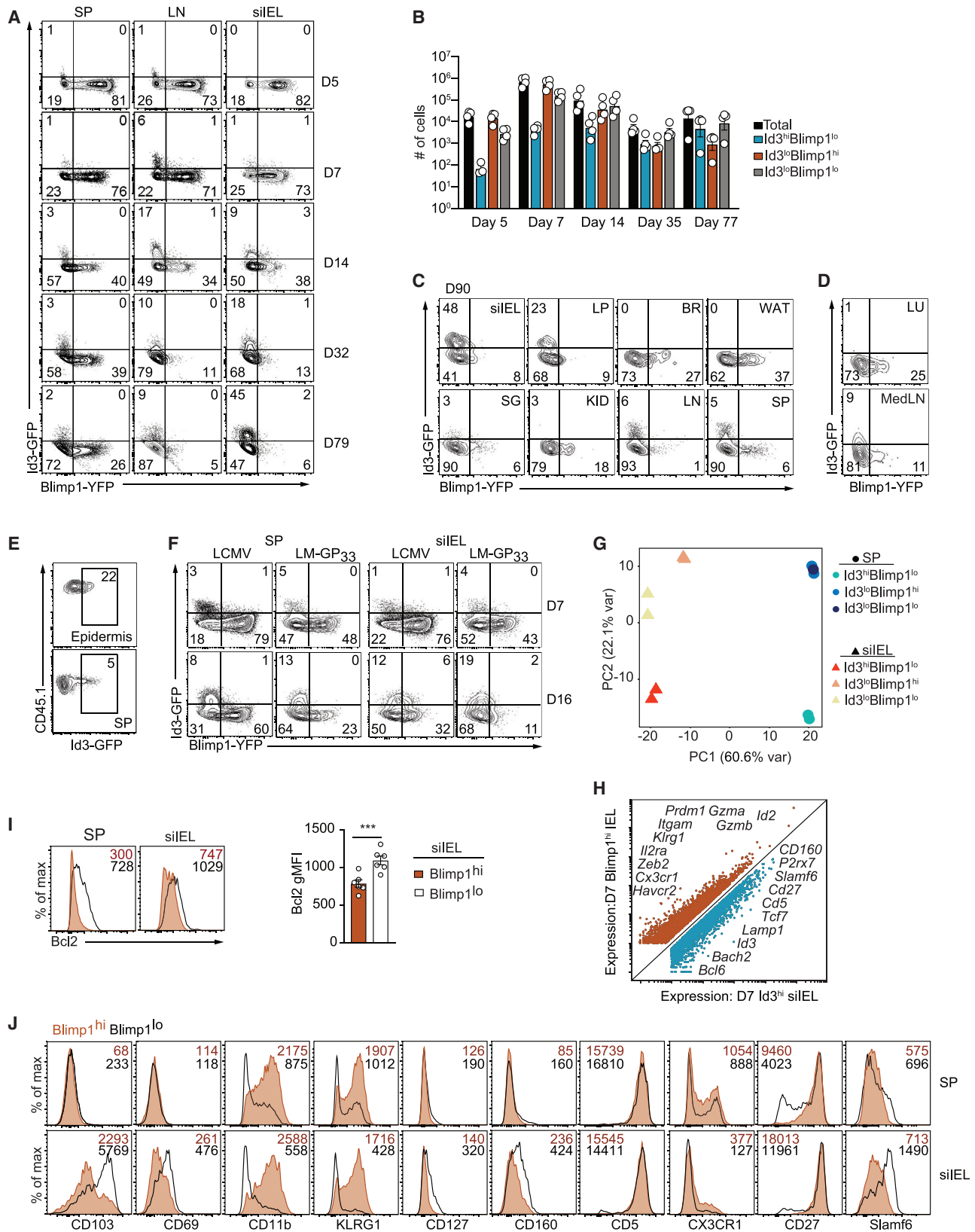
(D) Expression of indicated transcriptional regulators within siEL CD8⁺ T cells at day 4 (top) or 60 (bottom) of infection.

(E) Expression levels of indicated transcriptional regulators.

(F–H) Blimp1-YFP (F), *Id3*-GFP (G), or *Id2*-YFP and *Id3*-GFP (H) P14 CD8⁺ T cells were transferred into congenically distinct hosts that were infected with LCMV i.p. At indicated times of infection, reporter expression was analyzed in the spleen and siEL by flow cytometry (and in Figure S1B).

(I) The percentage of Blimp1-YFP^{hi} and *Id3*-GFP^{hi} P14 cells in the spleen and siEL are quantified. Numbers in plots represent the frequency of cells in the indicated gate. All data are from one representative experiment of 2 independent experiments with *n* = 3–5 (in B, E, and H) or *n* = 2–4 (in F and G). Graphs show mean ± SEM; **p* < 0.05, ***p* < 0.01, ****p* < 0.001.

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correlated with that of Blimp1 and the frequency of KLRG1^{lo}Id3^{hi} cells increased over time, wherein nearly one-third of all Trm cell within the siEL compartment at day ~30 of infection expressed Id3 (Figure 2G). Notably, the dramatically increased frequency of Id3-expressing cells was not observed in the circulating memory population, which peaked at ~8%. Id2, also a key inhibitor of E protein activity, has a recognized role in promoting survival and terminal differentiation of circulating CD8⁺ T cells (Cannarile et al., 2006; Knell et al., 2013; Masson et al., 2013; Omilusik et al., 2018). Therefore, we utilized Id2-YFP-expressing P14 CD8⁺ T cells (Yang et al., 2011) and found that Id2 expression was slightly increased in siEL CD8⁺ T cells compared with splenic CD8⁺ T cells, but as observed in splenic populations (Yang et al., 2011), expression levels remained relatively constant over time (Figures 2H and S1B). Altogether, the frequency of siEL CD8⁺ T cells at effector time points expressing Blimp1 and KLRG1 was greater than at memory time points, whereas Id3^{hi} cells were reciprocally increased in the memory phase of infection (Figure 2I).

Blimp1 and Id3 Delineate Distinct Populations of siEL CD8⁺ T Cells

To examine the relationship between Blimp1 and Id3 expression in the context of the observed siEL CD8⁺ T cell heterogeneity, we generated P14 Blimp1-YFP and Id3-GFP reporter mice. In the spleen and mesenteric lymph node, Id3 expression remained relatively unchanged past day 14 of infection; however, the frequency of Id3-expressing siEL CD8⁺ T cells increased over time, and there was an ~10-fold increase in the percentage of Id3^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells from day 7 to day ~80 and a corresponding ~50-fold loss in the absolute number of Blimp1-YFP siEL CD8⁺ T cells (Figures 3A and 3B). Notably, we found that CD8⁺ T cell populations were transcriptionally varied across non-lymphoid sites, wherein only siEL and lamina propria compartments had a sizeable Id3^{hi} population of CD8⁺ T cells at day 90 of LCMV infection (Figure 3C). Kidney, salivary gland, and lungs contained a low frequency of Id3^{hi} CD8⁺ T cells, whereas white adipose tissue and brain populations had no detectable

Id3 (Figures 3C and 3D). However, epidermal Trm cells expressed robust levels of Id3 in a skin inflammation model (Figure 3E). Thus, whereas Blimp1 is expressed in a subset of CD8⁺ T cells across multiple non-lymphoid sites, Id3 expression might be restricted to CD8⁺ T cells within certain barrier tissues. We also confirmed similar Blimp1 and Id3 expression patterns in siEL CD8⁺ T cells after enteric *Listeria monocytogenes* infection (Figure 3F).

Although the frequency of Id3-expressing cells continuously increased over time, we observed a small proportion of siEL CD8⁺ T cells that expressed Id3 at the peak of LCMV infection (Figure 3A), suggesting that subset heterogeneity might be established early after infection. Principal component analysis of gene expression by Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi}, Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo}, and Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{lo} siEL and splenic CD8⁺ T cells on day 7 of LCMV infection revealed that effector CD8⁺ T cells clustered on the basis of tissue origin, but also that variation between the three siEL populations was evident even at early effector time points (Figure 3G). Comparison of gene expression between the Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi} and Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} siEL CD8⁺ T cell subsets highlighted that considerable transcriptional differences already existed by day 7 of infection, and Blimp1^{hi} cells expressed canonical effector molecules such as *Cx3cr1*, *Zeb2*, *Klrg1*, *Id2*, *Gzma*, and *Gzmb*, whereas Id3^{hi} cells expressed canonical memory genes including *Bcl6*, *Bach2*, *Tcf7*, and *Cd27* (Figure 3H), suggesting this population included the long-lived Trm cell precursors. This early subset variation was further confirmed by correlating levels of key molecules with Blimp1-YFP expression by siEL CD8⁺ T cells at day 7 of infection (Figures 3I, 3J, and S1C–S1E). Thus, as early as day 7 of infection, siEL CD8⁺ T cells were transcriptionally distinct from circulating effector populations and exhibited considerable subset heterogeneity, reminiscent of circulating TE and MP populations.

Id3 and Blimp1 Distinguish Functionally Distinct Memory siEL Subsets

To determine whether the expression pattern of Blimp1 and Id3 observed within the siEL CD8⁺ T cell population reflects

Figure 3. Blimp1 and Id3 Expression Identifies Distinct Subsets of siEL CD8⁺ T Cells

Congenically distinct Id3-GFP or Blimp1-YFP and Id3-GFP (double reporter) P14 CD8⁺ T cells were transferred to wild-type hosts that were subsequently infected with LCMV i.p. or LM-GP₃₃ via oral gavage.

(A) Blimp1-YFP and Id3-GFP reporter expression was assessed by flow cytometry in double reporter P14 cells from indicated host tissue over the course of the LCMV i.p. infection.

(B) Quantification of the number of cells in the indicated populations from (A).

(C and D) Blimp1-YFP and Id3-GFP reporter expression in double reporter P14 cells from indicated host tissues on day 90 of LCMV i.p. infection (C) or from lung and draining LN (MedLN) on day 35 of an aspirated LCMV infection (D) is shown.

(E) Id3-GFP P14 CD8⁺ T cells were adoptively transferred into recipient mice that were treated with DNFB on the left flank on day 4 of LCMV i.p. infection. The frequency of transferred P14 CD8⁺ T cells expressing Id3-GFP expression in the epidermis (top) and spleen (bottom) on day >30 after infection is indicated.

(F) Blimp1-YFP and Id3-GFP reporter expression in double reporter P14 CD8⁺ T cells from host spleen and siEL on days 7 and 16 after LCMV and LM-GP₃₃ infection is compared.

(G and H) On day 7 of infection, Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo}, Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi}, and Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{lo} P14 CD8⁺ T cells from the spleen and siEL were sorted for RNA-seq. Principal component analysis (G) of gene expression from the sorted P14 CD8⁺ T cell populations is shown, or differentially expressed genes (H) between Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} and Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi} siEL P14 CD8⁺ T cells are highlighted.

(I and J) Blimp1-YFP or Blimp1-YFP and Id3-GFP P14 CD8⁺ T cells transferred into congenically distinct hosts that were infected with LCMV i.p. were isolated from spleen and siEL and analyzed on day 7 of infection for expression of *Bcl2* (I) or indicated surface molecules (J) and Figures S1C–S1E. Abbreviations are as follows: siEL, small intestine intraepithelial lymphocytes; LP, small intestine lamina propria; BR, brain; WAT, white adipose tissue; SG, salivary gland; KID, kidney; LN, mesenteric lymph node; SP, spleen; LU, lung; MedLN, mediastinal lymph node. Numbers in plots represent the frequency (A and C–F) or gMFI (I and J) of cells in the indicated gate. All data are from one representative experiment of 2–3 independent experiments with n = 3–5 (A–H and J) or cumulative from 2 independent experiments with a total n = 6 (I).

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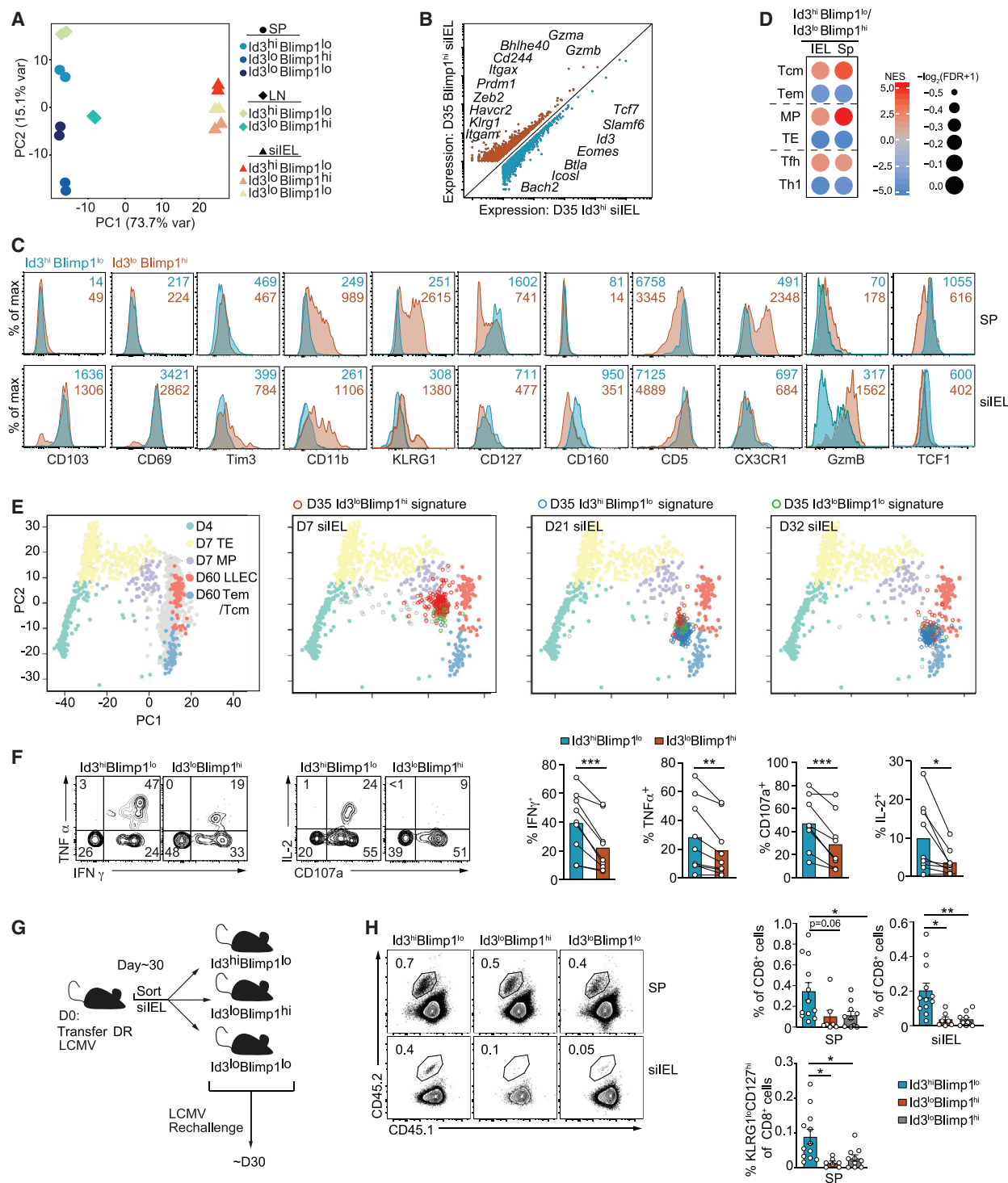


Figure 4. Id3^{hi} siEL Population Exhibits Greater Memory Potential than Blimp1^{hi} siEL Cells

(A–D) Blimp1-YFP and Id3-GFP P14 CD8⁺ T cells were transferred into congenically distinct hosts that were subsequently infected with LCMV i.p. On day 35 of infection, Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo}, Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi}, and Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{lo} P14 CD8⁺ T cells from the spleen, mesenteric lymph node (LN), and siEL were sorted for RNA-seq. (A) Principal component analysis of gene expression from the sorted P14 CD8⁺ T cell populations is shown. (B) Genes differentially expressed by Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} and Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi} P14 siEL CD8⁺ T cells are highlighted. (C) Blimp1-YFP and Id3-GFP P14 CD8⁺ T cells transferred into congenically distinct hosts subsequently infected with LCMV i.p. were analyzed in spleen and siEL on days 25–27 of infection. Expression of indicated molecules were compared between Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} (teal) and Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi} (orange) subsets. Numbers in plots represent gMFI. (D) GSEA for specified gene-expression signatures enriched in Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} and Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cell subsets.

molecularly distinct memory T cell populations, we next profiled the transcriptome of the Id3- and Blimp1-expressing siEL CD8⁺ T cell subpopulations on day 35 of infection. As expected, principal component analysis revealed that, despite differential expression of Blimp1 and Id3, all three populations sorted from the siEL compartment were transcriptionally similar compared with the corresponding circulating memory CD8⁺ T cells within the spleen and lymph node (Figure 4A). However, subtle differences between the siEL populations were detectable in this context (Figure 4A), and closer examination revealed >2,000 differentially expressed transcripts between Blimp1^{hi}Id3^{lo} and Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells (Figures 4B and S1F), including increased expression of effector-associated genes (*Klrg1*, *Zeb2*, *Bhlhe40*, and *Gzma*, *Gzmb*) in the Blimp1^{hi}Id3^{lo} subset and memory-associated genes (*Tcf7*, *Eomes*, and *Bach2*) in the Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi} population. Further, we found that the Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi} siEL gene-expression signature was enriched in cells from later memory time points (i.e., D21–D60) within the scRNA-seq dataset (Figure S1G). Flow cytometry analysis of siEL CD8⁺ T cells on days 22–25 of infection confirmed many of the findings from the RNA-seq analysis (Figures 4C and S1H). Further, Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{lo} cells exhibited an intermediate transcriptional profile between Id3^{hi} and Blimp1^{hi} siEL cells (Figure 4A and S1F). Thus, although the siEL Trm cell population as a whole was transcriptionally distinct from the circulating memory CD8⁺ T cell populations, Blimp1 and Id3 delineated distinct siEL subsets.

To place these Trm cell subsets in the context of other conventional T cell populations, we performed gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA). Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells exhibited enrichment of gene-signatures from Tcm, MP, and CD4⁺ Tfh cells (i.e., cells that exhibit memory-like qualities). In contrast, the Blimp1^{hi}Id3^{lo} siEL population displayed enrichment with Tem, TE, and CD4⁺ Th1 cell gene-signatures (i.e., cells that are generally more terminally differentiated and effector-like) (Chen et al., 2018; Nguyen et al., 2019) (Figure 4D). Further, to orient the transcriptional profile of the distinct Id3 and Blimp1 expressing siEL CD8⁺ T populations to that of canonical circulating T cell populations, principal component analysis was performed by using all splenic scRNA-seq samples according to the expression of the differentially expressed genes between effector and memory T cell states (as in Figure 1E). Next, siEL CD8⁺ T cells from the indicated time points of infection were projected into the 2D space according to the same principal components (as in Figure 1F). Then, the siEL samples enriched for the gene-

expression signatures of the distinct Id3- and Blimp1-expressing subsets (generated from day 35 bulk RNA-seq data) were highlighted as indicated within the PCA plots (Figure 4E). As expected, siEL CD8⁺ T cells on day 7 of infection were enriched for the Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi} signature (red) whereas the population at day 32 of infection was enriched with the Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} gene-expression signature (blue). Notably, the day 21 siEL CD8⁺ T cell population was heterogeneous, revealing siEL cells with a Blimp1^{hi} gene-expression signature exhibit an effector gene program similar to circulating effectors and LLEC, whereas siEL cells enriched with an Id3^{hi} signature display a memory gene-program similar to circulating memory cells.

We next assessed if differential Blimp1 and Id3 expression delineated siEL CD8⁺ T cell subsets with discrete functional qualities. Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells displayed elevated degranulation capacity and polyfunctionality, as evidenced by greater CD107a surface staining as well as increased interferon- γ (IFN- γ), tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF- α), and interleukin-2 (IL-2) production upon cognate peptide restimulation (Figure 4F). This finding is consistent with the enhanced cytokine production observed in CD127^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells compared to the CD127^{lo} population (Kurd et al., 2020) and is a general feature of multipotent CD8⁺ T cells (Im et al., 2016; Joshi et al., 2007; Miller et al., 2019; Wherry et al., 2003). To examine subset-specific differences in memory potential, Blimp1^{hi}Id3^{lo}, Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi}, and Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{lo} siEL CD8⁺ T cell populations were sorted and transferred into recipient mice that were challenged with LCMV (Figure 4G). Notably, we found that Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi} siEL donor cells yielded a greater frequency of both circulating and resident populations after rechallenge compared with that of the Id3^{lo} subsets (Figure 4H). Furthermore, the progeny of Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} siEL cells after rechallenge generated more KLRG1^{lo}CD127^{hi} P14 CD8⁺ T cells than Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi} and Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{lo} donor siEL cells (Figure 4H). Thus, Id3^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells possessed enhanced recall proliferative capacity and multipotency as they formed a larger pool of memory cells and were capable of giving rise to both circulating memory and Trm cell populations, indicating that Id3 expression marks Trm cells with heightened secondary memory potential.

Transcriptional Regulation of siEL CD8⁺ T Cell Heterogeneity

We next assessed the role of key transcriptional regulators, associated with promoting TE versus MP fates, in driving the

(E) Principal component analysis (from scRNA-seq dataset) of the spleen samples on the basis of expression of genes in effector and memory gene-expression signatures. Day 4 (green), day 7 TE (yellow) or MP (purple), and day 60 LLE (pink) or Tem and Tcm cells (blue) are highlighted. The siEL CD8⁺ T cells samples are projected to the 2D space according to the same principal components and enrichment for Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} (blue), Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi} (red), and Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{lo} (green) gene signatures is indicated on siEL populations.

(F) After 30 days of LCMV i.p. infection, Blimp1-YFP and Id3-GFP P14 siEL CD8⁺ T cells were restimulated *in vitro* with GP_{33–41} peptide then the Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} and Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi} populations were analyzed by flow cytometry for the surface expression of CD107a and the production of cytokine. Representative plots (left) and quantification (right) of indicated populations are shown. Numbers in plots represent the frequency of cells in the indicated gate.

(G) Schematic of experimental set-up. Congenically distinct Blimp1-YFP and Id3-GFP P14 CD8⁺ T cells were transferred to wild-type hosts that were infected with LCMV i.p. More than 30 days after infection, Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo}, Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi}, and Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{lo} P14 CD8⁺ T cells were sorted from the siEL and then retransferred intravenously into congenically distinct hosts subsequently infected with LCMV i.p. After 30 days of infection, donor cells in the host spleen and siEL were analyzed by flow cytometry.

(H) Frequency of transferred cells among CD8⁺ T cells is shown. Numbers in plots represent the frequency of cells in the indicated gate (left). Quantification of indicated populations (right). All data are from one representative experiment of 2 independent experiments with $n = 3–4$ (C) or cumulative from 3–4 independent experiments with a total $n = 9–12$ (F and H). Graphs are cumulative of all experimental repeats and show mean \pm SEM; * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$.

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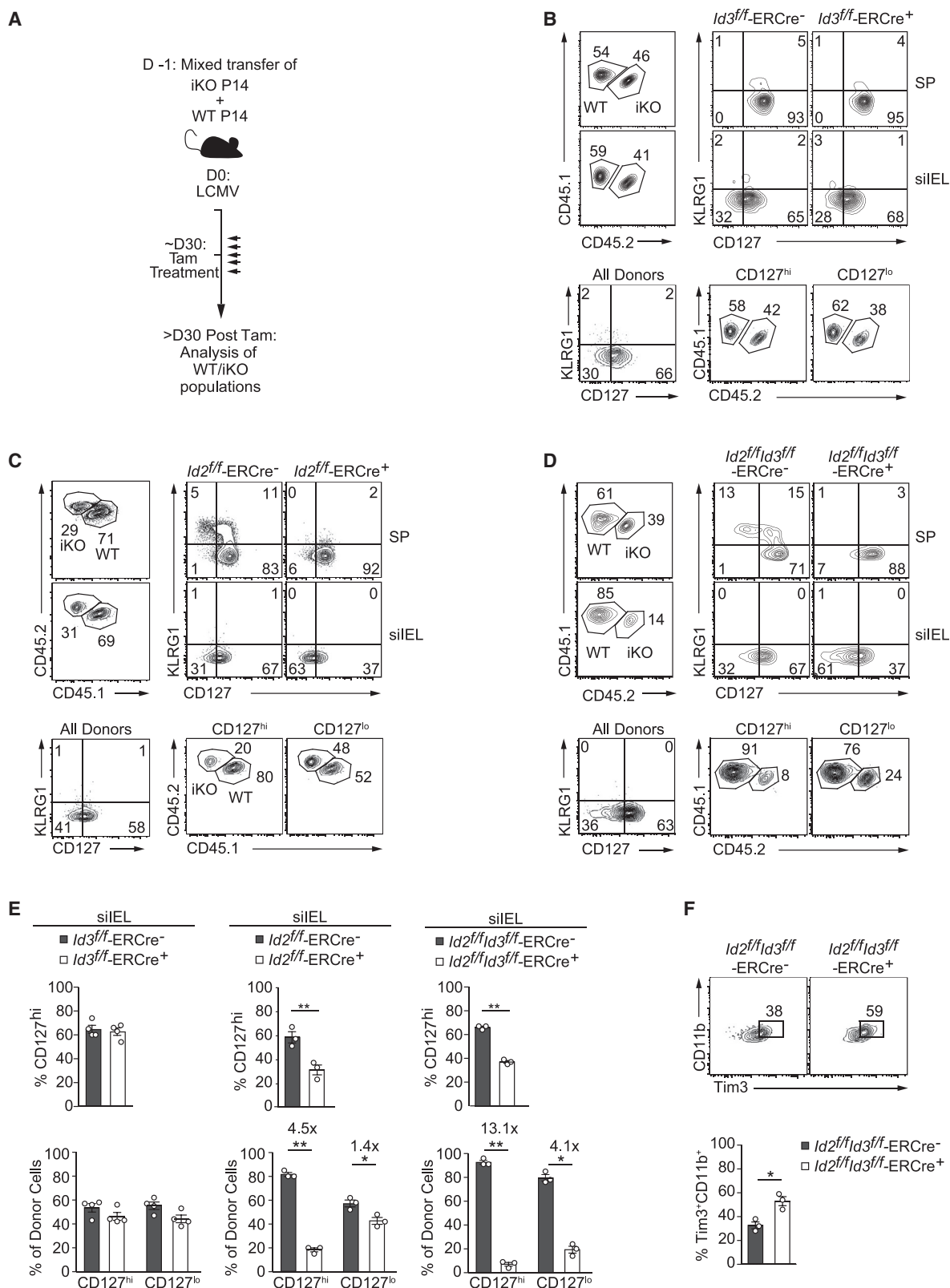


Figure 5. Id2 and Id3 Mediate the Maintenance of the Long-Lived siEL CD8⁺ T Cell Population

(A) Schematic of experimental set-up. A mix of congenically distinct *Id2^{f/f}ERCre⁺*, *Id3^{f/f}ERCre⁺*, or *Id2^{f/f}Id3^{f/f}ERCre⁺* (iKO) and corresponding wild-type ER-Cre⁻ (WT) P14 CD8⁺ T cells were transferred to recipients that were subsequently infected with LCMV i.p.

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heterogeneity of siEL CD8⁺ T cells. *Prdm1^{fl/fl}Gzmb-Cre⁺* or *Id2^{fl/fl}CD4-Cre⁺* P14 CD8⁺ T cells were mixed 1:1 with congenically distinct wild-type (WT) P14 CD8⁺ T cells and transferred to naive recipient mice subsequently infected with LCMV (Figures S2A, S2B, S2D, and S2E). We previously noted that KLRG1 followed a relatively similar expression trajectory as Blimp1 and that Blimp1^{hi} cells expressed elevated levels of KLRG1 (Figure 2F). Therefore, we utilized KLRG1 to signify Blimp1^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells in order to understand the roles of Blimp1 and Id2 in regulating the fate of distinct siEL CD8⁺ T cell subsets in the absence of the Blimp1-YFP and Id3-GFP reporters. On day 7 or 8 of infection, Blimp1 was generally required for optimal formation of bulk siEL CD8⁺ T cells as previously reported (Mackay et al., 2016), but notably, the KLRG1^{hi} effector subset was more dramatically impacted by loss of Blimp1 (Figures S2D and S2E). Further, Id2-deficiency resulted in a selective loss of the KLRG1^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells, but interestingly the formation of the KLRG1^{lo} subset was not impacted (Figures S2D and S2E). We also examined if T-bet regulated the KLRG1^{hi}Blimp1^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T subset by comparing siEL *Tbx21^{+/+}* and *Tbx21^{+/-}* P14 CD8⁺ T cells in a similar mixed transfer experiment (Figures S2C–S2E). We found that T-bet also supported the formation of KLRG1^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells but was not essential for the KLRG1^{lo} siEL precursor population in the siEL compartment. Further, Id2-deficiency or *Tbx21*-heterozygosity resulted in elevated expression levels of CD103, CD69, Slamf6, CD27, and CD127 as well as lower expression levels of KLRG1 and CX3CR1 (Figure S2F). Taken together, the effector-associated transcriptional regulators Blimp1, Id2, and T-bet direct formation of the KLRG1^{hi}Blimp1^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cell subset.

Given the unique expression pattern of Id3 and its role in supporting long-lived circulating memory cells, we examined Id3-mediated regulation of siEL maintenance by inducing deletion in established Trm cells. *Id3^{fl/fl}ERCre⁺* P14 CD8⁺ T cells were mixed 1:1 with *Id3^{fl/fl}ERCre⁻* P14 CD8⁺ T cells and transferred to congenically distinct naive mice that were subsequently infected with LCMV. Induced deletion of Id3 resulted in a minor loss of siEL, and both CD127^{hi} and CD127^{lo} populations were equivalently impacted (Figures 5A and 5B). We speculated the minimal phenotype observed by induced deletion of Id3 was because of compensation by Id2 because we find Id2 is abundantly expressed in both CD127^{hi} and CD127^{lo} siEL (Figure 2H). Utilizing a similar induced deletion system, we first tested the effect of Id2 deletion alone in maintaining the distinct siEL populations (Figure 5C). Here, we found that induced deletion of Id2 in established Trm cells dramatically impacted the CD127^{hi} long-lived siEL population while minimally affecting the maintenance of the CD127^{lo} subset. Finally, *Id2^{fl/fl}Id3^{fl/fl}ERCre⁺* P14 cells were studied to allow simultaneous deletion of both Id2 and Id3 in established Trm cells (Figure 5D). Notably, combined deficiency of

both Id2 and Id3 resulted in an even greater loss of siEL CD8⁺ T cells than deletion of Id2 alone, wherein the CD127^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cell population was profoundly affected with a ~3-fold greater loss of CD127^{hi} siEL with Id2 and Id3 deficiency compared with Id2 deficiency alone (Figure 5E). Further, deficiency of both Id2 and Id3 enhanced the frequency of CD11b⁺Tim3⁺ cells (Figure 5F). Thus, Id2 and Id3 are both critical regulators of Trm cell maintenance, especially for long-lived CD127^{hi} siEL cells.

Because we detected expression of Id3 in siEL CD8⁺ T cells as early as day 7 of infection (Figures 3A and 3B), we also examined its contribution to Trm cell differentiation. Using the *Id2^{fl/fl}Id3^{fl/fl}-ERCre⁺* P14 cells transfer model, we induced deletion of Id2 and Id3 by administration of tamoxifen at days 3–6 of infection. On day 7 of infection, siEL CD8⁺ T cells deficient for both Id2 and Id3 accumulated at a reduced frequency compared with that in their WT controls, and this defect was more pronounced when compared with loss of Id2 or Id3 alone (Figure S3), indicating that Id3 transcriptional regulation might contribute to the initial formation of siEL CD8⁺ T cell populations.

Id3^{hi} Tumor-Specific CD8⁺ T Cells Exhibit Characteristics of Id3^{hi} Trm and Progenitor-Exhausted Cells

Tumor infiltrating CD8⁺ lymphocytes (TIL) display characteristics of Trm cells in certain settings (Ganesan et al., 2017; Milner et al., 2017; Savas et al., 2018). Here, we utilized bulk- and scRNA-seq analysis to expand on this finding and investigate if tumor-specific CD8⁺ T cells exhibited similar heterogeneity to that observed in siEL CD8⁺ T cells. P14 CD8⁺ T cells were isolated from the spleen and tumor of B16-GP_{33–41} melanoma-bearing mice 7 days after adoptive transfer and were processed for scRNA-seq (Figure 6A). Despite TIL heterogeneity (Figure 6A), we found that TIL broadly exhibited enrichment of a tissue-residency gene-expression signature compared to tumor-specific T cells recovered from spleen (Figure 6B), and this enrichment was sustained after removal of characteristic “exhaustion,” “effector,” and “activation” associated genes from the tissue-residency gene list (Figure 4SA). We next utilized our Id3-GFP and Blimp1-YFP double-reporter system to evaluate if tumor-residing P14 CD8⁺ T cells can be partitioned analogously to siEL tissue-resident cells. Indeed, P14 TIL consisted of Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi}, Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{lo}, and Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} populations (Figures 6C, S4B, and S4C). Further, RNA-seq analysis revealed that Blimp1^{hi} TIL displayed a gene-expression pattern enriched for the Blimp1^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cell signature, whereas Id3^{hi} TIL shared a gene-expression pattern with Id3^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells (Figure 6C). We extended this analysis by evaluating the relative enrichment of Blimp1^{hi} and Id3^{hi} Trm cell gene-expression signatures within individually profiled cells and limited our analysis to only TIL

(B–D) More than 30 days after infection, host mice were treated for 5 consecutive days with tamoxifen (Tam) to induce (B) Id3, (C) Id2, or (D) Id2 and Id3 deletion. Transferred P14 CD8⁺ T cells from host spleen and siEL were analyzed by flow cytometry >30 days after the last Tam treatment. Frequency of WT and iKO cells among P14 CD8⁺ T cells (top left) and corresponding KLRG1 and CD127 expression (top right) is represented. The proportion of WT and iKO P14 CD8⁺ T cells within the CD127^{hi} and CD127^{lo} populations are also shown (bottom).

(E) Quantification of indicated populations is displayed.

(F) Phenotype of *Id2/Id3* WT and DKO siEL CD8⁺ T cells. Data are expressed as mean ± SEM. Numbers in plots represent frequency of cells in the indicated gate. All data are from one representative experiment of 2–3 independent experiments with n = 3–5. Graphs show mean ± SEM; *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01. See also Figures S2 and S3.

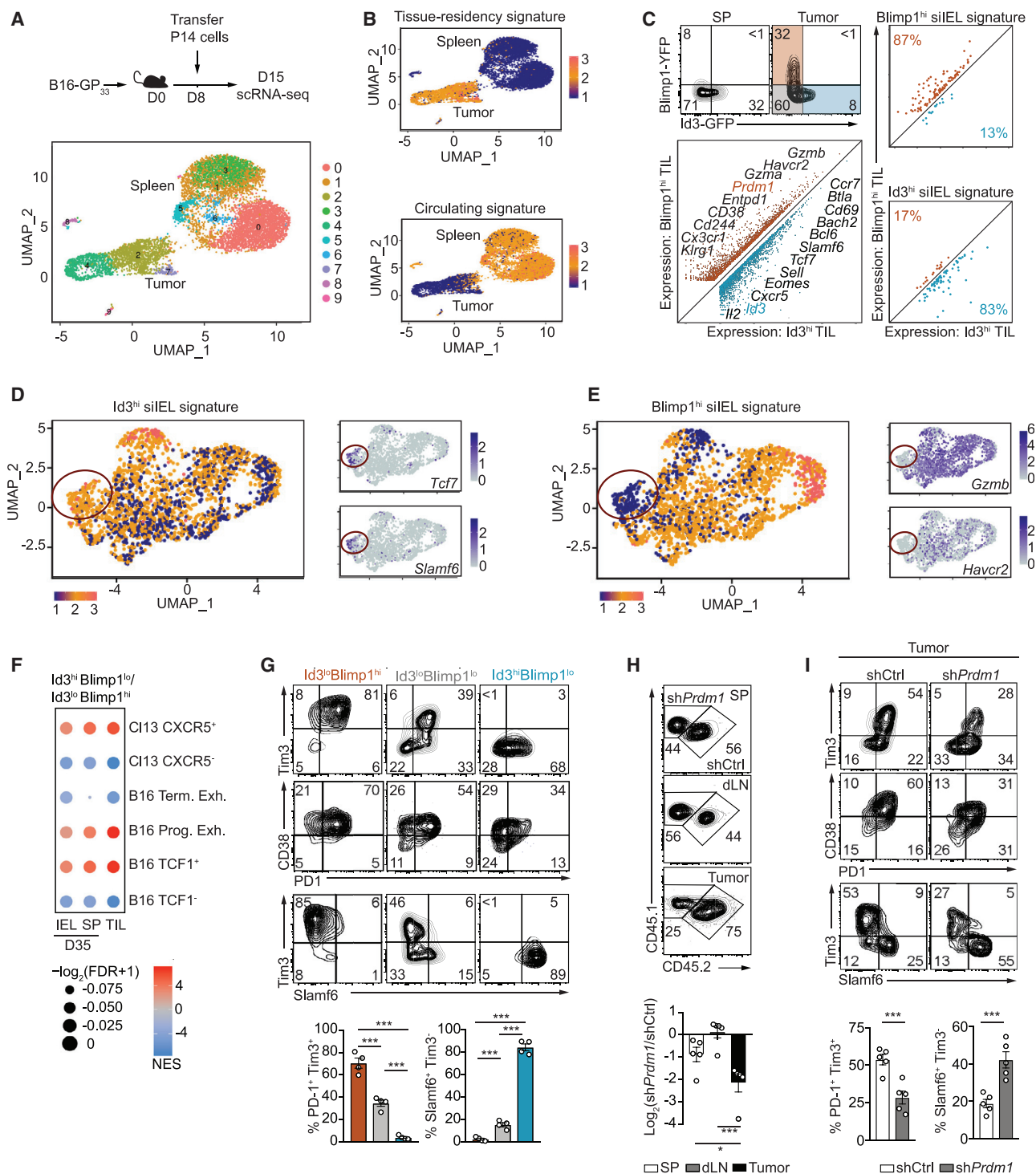


Figure 6. Blimp1 and Id3 Expression Distinguish Distinct CD8⁺ T Cell Subsets in Tumors

(A) Congenically distinct P14 CD8⁺ T cells were transferred into tumor-bearing mice, and 7 days post adoptive transfer, P14 CD8⁺ T cells from spleens and tumors were sorted for scRNA-seq. UMAP plot of P14 CD8⁺ T cells from tumors and spleens. (B) UMAP plot indicating relative enrichment of a core tissue-residency signature (top) or enrichment of a core circulating signature (bottom). See also Figure S4A. (C) Representative flow cytometry plot demonstrating expression levels of Id3-GFP and Blimp1-YFP in P14 CD8⁺ T cells isolated from spleen or tumor (top). Expression plot from RNA-seq analysis of Blimp1^{hi}Id3^{lo} and Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi} P14 CD8⁺ T cells from tumors (bottom left) and in Figures S4B and S4C. Relative expression levels of signature genes from Blimp1^{hi} and Id3^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells in Blimp1^{hi}Id3^{lo} and Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi} P14 CD8⁺ T cells sorted from tumors.

(Figure 6D-E). Discrete patterns of enrichment were observed among TIL, indicating certain tumor-specific T cells exhibited a Blimp1^{hi} tissue-resident transcriptional profile whereas others had a more long-lived Id3^{hi} tissue-resident transcriptional profile.

We noted that TIL enriched for the Blimp1^{hi} signature expressed elevated levels of *Havcr2* (encoding Tim3) and *Gzmb*, whereas TIL enriched for the Id3^{hi} signature expressed elevated levels of *Slamf6* and *Tcf7*. It has previously been demonstrated that exhausted CD8⁺ T cells in the context of tumor or chronic infection are comprised of stem-like, progenitor exhausted (TCF1^{hi}Slamf6^{hi}Cxcr5^{hi}GzB^{lo}Tim3^{lo}CD38^{lo}PD-1^{mid}) and terminally exhausted (TCF1^{lo}Slamf6^{lo}Cxcr5^{lo}GzB^{hi}Tim3^{hi}CD38^{hi}PD-1^{hi}) subsets (Brummelman et al., 2018; Kurtulus et al., 2019; Miller et al., 2019; Sade-Feldman et al., 2018; Siddiqui et al., 2019; Thommen et al., 2018; Vodnala et al., 2019). Because our scRNA-seq analysis identified a cluster of TIL enriched for the Id3^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cell gene-expression signature also expressing progenitor exhausted T cell markers, we performed GSEA to place the Id3^{lo}Blimp1^{hi} and Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo} CD8⁺ TIL subsets we identified within the context of already described exhausted populations (Im et al., 2016; Miller et al., 2019; Siddiqui et al., 2019). Id3^{hi} TIL exhibited enrichment of gene-expression signatures associated with TCF1^{hi} and progenitor exhausted T cell subsets identified in B16 tumors and CXCR5^{hi} T cells responding to chronic LCMV infection, whereas Blimp1^{hi} TIL were enriched with gene-expression signatures from TCF1^{lo} and terminally exhausted TIL and CXCR5^{lo} T cells of a chronic infection (Figure 6F). Flow-cytometry analysis of TIL confirmed our gene-expression observations highlighting that the Id3^{hi} TIL population expressed elevated amounts of *Slamf6* and lower amounts of *CD38* and *Tim3* compared with the corresponding Blimp1^{hi} subset (Figure 6G). Principle component analysis and hierarchical clustering revealed Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{lo} TIL were transcriptionally more similar to Blimp1^{hi} TIL rather than Id3^{hi} TIL (Figures S4B and S4C). Last, we found that the Id3^{hi} TIL subset expressed higher levels of *CD69* than did Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{lo} or Blimp1^{hi} subsets, consistent with a Trm cell phenotype (Figures 6C and S5D).

Blimp1 is required for the formation of circulating TE and Tem cells (Kallies et al., 2009; Rutishauser et al., 2009), supports Trm cell differentiation (Mackay et al., 2016), and regulates PD-1 expression during LCMV C13 infection (Shin et al., 2009). As we found that Blimp1 is required for optimal formation of the effector-like siEL CD8⁺ T cell population after LCMV infection (Figure S2), we tested if Blimp1 regulates the accumulation and differentiation of TIL. We used a mixed transfer system wherein congenically distinct P14 CD8⁺ T cells were transduced with a retroviral vector encoding small hairpin RNAs (shRNAs) targeting *Prdm1* or a negative control (*Cd19*), mixed at a 1:1 ratio

and transferred into tumor bearing mice. One week after adoptive transfer, we found that the frequency of *Prdm1*-deficient CD8⁺ T cells within the tumor was 4-fold lower than control CD8⁺ T cells. In contrast *Prdm1* deficiency did not dramatically impact the accumulation of T cells within the spleen or draining lymph node (Figure 6H), thus highlighting a specific role for Blimp1 in controlling TIL accumulation (analogous to the role of Blimp1 in regulating siEL CD8⁺ T cell formation as in Figure S2A). Further, Blimp1 was crucial for instructing differentiation of the terminally exhausted CD8⁺ T cell population within the tumor microenvironment as *Prdm1* deficiency reduced the frequency of PD-1⁺Tim3⁺ CD8⁺ T cells but increased the proportion of *Slamf6*⁺Tim3⁺ TIL (Figure 6I). These findings emphasize the transcriptional relationship between tissue-resident and tumor-resident CD8⁺ T cells and provide depth and understanding to the exhausted populations of tumor specific CD8⁺ T cells responsive to immunotherapies.

DISCUSSION

Functional heterogeneity within the circulating CD8⁺ T cell compartment affords adaptability to diverse pathogens (Chen et al., 2018). Comparable diversity within the tissue-resident T cell population is less appreciated, and the key molecules often used to define residency, *CD69* and *CD103*, are nearly uniformly expressed by siEL Trm cell at memory time points (Casey et al., 2012; Mackay et al., 2013). Our data indicated that the Blimp1^{hi}KLRG1^{hi/int}CD127^{lo} siEL CD8⁺ T cell population that dominates the tissue early after infection ostensibly represented tissue-resident effector cells (during the effector phase of infection) or tissue-resident effector memory cells (during the memory phase of infection), because they were not only enriched for transcriptional signatures associated with more effector-like T cell populations (i.e., TE, Tem cells, and Th1 cells) but also expressed elevated levels of effector molecule granzyme B. In contrast, Id3^{hi}KLRG1^{lo}CD127^{hi} siEL CD8⁺ T cells appeared to be tissue-resident memory precursors (during the effector phase of infection) or tissue-resident memory cells (during the memory phase of infection) as they shared transcriptional signatures with other memory or memory-like populations (i.e., MP, Tcm cells, and Tfh cells), exhibited greater multifunctionality, and had increased memory potential and multipotency with the capacity to generate both circulating and resident populations after re-infection. Trm cells can rapidly proliferate *in situ* after re-infection (Beura et al., 2018a; Park et al., 2018), and in certain contexts, might exit the tissue and rejoin the circulating memory pool (Beura et al., 2018b; Fonseca et al., 2020; Masopust et al., 2006). We speculate that it is the more stem-like Id3^{hi} Trm cell

(D and E) UMAP plots (and in Figure S4A) indicating relative enrichment of the Blimp1^{hi} (D) or Id3^{hi} (E) siEL CD8⁺ T cell signature in tumor localized P14 cells (left) as well as relative expression of highlighted genes (right). Red circle indicates distinct cluster of TIL enriched with the Id3^{hi} Trm cell signature that also express elevated levels of genes upregulated in progenitor exhausted cells (Miller et al., 2019).

(F) The CXCR5 (Im et al., 2016), B16 terminally, progenitor exhausted (Miller et al., 2019), and B16 TCF1 (Siddiqui et al., 2019) gene lists were used for gene set enrichment analyses in Id3^{hi} cells compared with Blimp1^{hi} cells.

(G) Phenotype of Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi}, Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{lo}, and Blimp1^{hi}Id3^{lo} TIL.

(H) Congenically distinct P14 CD8⁺ T cells were transduced with a *Prdm1* shRNA encoding retrovirus (CD45.1⁺ P14 cells) or control shRNA (sh*Cd19*) encoding retrovirus (CD45.1⁺CD45.2⁺ P14 cells), mixed 1:1, and transferred into tumor bearing mice. Representative flow cytometry plots (top) and quantification (bottom) of the frequency of donor cells in the spleen, tumor draining lymph node, and tumor. Phenotype of *Prdm1*-deficient and control P14 CD8⁺ T cells from (H). Graphs show mean \pm SEM of $n = 3-5$ mice, from one representative experiment of 2 independent experiments. * $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.005$.

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subset that undergoes rapid local proliferation during secondary infection and differentiates into the circulating ex-Trm cells (Fonseca et al., 2020).

A number of reports have previously inferred heterogeneity exists within the tissue-resident compartment. After *Yersinia pseudotuberculosis* infection, both CD103[−] and CD103⁺ Trm cell populations can be found within the lamina propria that have been suggested to contribute to immediate pathogen clearance or participate in the secondary response (Bergsbaken and Bevan, 2015; Bergsbaken et al., 2017). Diverse subsets of human Trm cells were also recently identified in multiple tissues (Kumar et al., 2018) including a population of Trm cells with features of longevity and quiescence that demonstrate a heightened proliferative capacity analogous to the Id3^{hi} Trm cell population we report here. Furthermore, non-lymphoid residing KLRG1^{lo} cells during early infection time points have previously been suggested to contain a putative Trm cell precursor population, consistent with our findings of an Id3^{hi}Blimp1^{lo}KLRG1^{lo} population during the effector phase of infection (Mackay et al., 2013; Sheridan et al., 2014).

Drawing comparisons from the circulating CD8⁺ T cell populations, we examined the requirement of previously defined T cell fate-specifying transcriptional regulators for differentiation and maintenance of the siEL CD8⁺ T cell populations. We found that pro-effector transcriptional regulators (Blimp1, Id2, and T-bet) directed the differentiation of siEL CD8⁺ T cells, consistent with previous studies describing that Blimp1 and T-bet control Trm cell formation (Laidlaw et al., 2014; Mackay et al., 2015, 2016). However, here, we expanded on these findings in the context of the newly defined siEL CD8⁺ T cell heterogeneity and demonstrated that loss of Blimp1, Id2, or T-bet impaired formation of Blimp1^{hi}KLRG1^{hi} tissue-resident effector cells although the differentiation of the Id3^{hi}KLRG1^{lo} cells were less affected or even enhanced (Laidlaw et al., 2014; Mackay et al., 2015). Notably, both Id2 and Id3 were found to enforce siEL CD8⁺ T cell homeostasis, and the CD127^{hi} longer-lived Trm cell subset showed a greater dependency on these transcriptional regulators than CD127^{lo} tissue-resident effector memory cells.

Conceptualization of Trm cell heterogeneity in comparison to the well-defined circulating memory T cell subsets provides context for understanding their functional differences. However, we and Kurd et al., (2020) identified differentially expressed genes between distinct siEL CD8⁺ T cell clusters within individual time points (days 4, 60, and 90) of LCMV infection beyond those described here that included transcription factors, chemokines, cytokines, and associated signaling molecules, cell survival molecules, and costimulatory receptors, indicating substantially more complex heterogeneity. Thus, although parallels can be drawn with circulating memory subsets, it is clear that the siEL CD8⁺ T cell population exhibits unique tissue-specific features and includes cells with a spectrum of function and memory potential.

Trm cell are present in highly diverse tissue environments, so it is not surprising that tissue-specific variability also exists. Importantly, although Blimp1-expressing Trm cell were found in all tissues that we examined, Id3^{hi} Trm cell were present within the gut and skin suggesting that these barrier tissues confer a tissue milieu that promotes and maintains Id3 expression. Trm cell cells within epithelial compartments require transforming growth fac-

tor- β (TGF- β) for optimal differentiation and maintenance as it induces upregulation of CD103 to facilitate tissue retention (Casey et al., 2012; Mackay et al., 2013; Zhang and Bevan, 2013). TGF- β has also been shown to induce Id3 expression in various lymphoid populations (Kee et al., 2001), and thus might contribute to Id3 expression within the gut and skin Trm cell as well. This suggests an additional layer of Trm cell heterogeneity exists and that transcriptional programs within Trm cell are induced and supported by tissue-specific cues allowing Trm cell to adapt to the conditions posed by the local environment.

Accumulating evidence indicates that certain populations of TIL exhibit characteristics of tissue-resident cells, and the presence of Trm cell-like TIL is linked to positive prognoses in multiple malignancies and likely confers durable anti-tumor immunity (Clarke et al., 2019; Ganesan et al., 2017; Miller et al., 2019; Savas et al., 2018). Here, we provide evidence that despite heterogeneity, tumor-specific T cells are broadly enriched for a core tissue-residency gene-expression signature. Further, we found that sub-populations of TIL transcriptionally and phenotypically resemble Blimp1^{hi} and Id3^{hi} tissue-resident T cell populations. Consistent with Id3 marking multipotent or memory-like siEL CD8⁺ T cells, Id3^{hi} Trm cell-like TIL exhibited features of the recently described progenitor exhausted cells, a multipotent population of TIL that are responsive to immunotherapies such as cancer vaccination and immune checkpoint blockade (Im et al., 2016; Miller et al., 2019; Siddiqui et al., 2019). Taken together, both circulating and resident CD8⁺ T cells in the context of infection and cancer display phenotypic and functional heterogeneity, ranging from multipotent to terminally differentiated, endowing the immune system with flexible protection at sites of imminent pathogen exposure or ongoing disease.

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KEY RESOURCES TABLE

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
PE anti-CD5 (53-7.3)	BD Biosciences	Cat#553023; RRID: AB_394561
APC-eFluor 780 anti-CD8 α (53-6.7)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#47-0081-82; RRID: AB_1272185
Brilliant Violet 785 anti-CD8 α (53-6.7)	BioLegend	Cat#100750; RRID: AB_2562610
PE anti-CD8 β (eBioH35-17.2)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#12-0083-82; RRID: AB_657767
eFluor 450 anti-CD8 β (eBioH35-17.2)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#48-0083-82; RRID: AB_11218504
PE anti-CD11b (M1/70)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#12-0112-82; RRID: AB_2734869
PE anti-CD27 (LG.7F9)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#12-0271-83; RRID: AB_465615
PerCP-eFluor 710 anti-CD27 (LG.7F9)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#46-0271-80; RRID: AB_1834448
APC anti-CD38	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#17-0381-82; RRID: AB_469382
PE/Cy7 anti-CD43 (1B11)	BioLegend	Cat#121218; RRID: AB_528813
APC-eFluor 780 anti-CD45.1 (A20)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#47-0453-82; RRID: AB_1582228
PE/Cy7 anti-CD45.1 (A20)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#25-0453-82; RRID: AB_469629
eFluor 450 anti-CD45.1 (A20)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#48-0453-82; RRID: AB_1272189
Brilliant Violet 510 anti-CD45.1 (A20)	BioLegend	Cat#110741; RRID: AB_2563378
FITC anti-CD45.2 (104)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#11-0454-85; RRID: AB_465062
PE/Cy7 anti-CD45.2 (104)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#25-0454-82; RRID: AB_2573350
PerCP/Cy5.5 anti-CD45.2 (104)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#45-0454-82; RRID: AB_953590
Brilliant Violet 510 anti-CD45.2 (104)	BioLegend	Cat#109837; RRID: AB_2561393
APC/eF780 anti-CD62L	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#47-0621-82; RRID: AB_1603256
Brilliant Violet 510 anti-CD62L	BioLegend	Cat#104441; RRID: AB_2561537
Brilliant Violet 711 anti-CD69 (H1.2F3)	BioLegend	Cat#104537; RRID: AB_2566120
PE anti-CD103 (2E7)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#12-1031-82; RRID: AB_465799
PE/Cy7 anti-CD103 (2E7)	BioLegend	Cat#121426; RRID: AB_2563691
PE anti-CD127 (A7R34)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#12-1271-83; RRID: AB_465845
PE/Cy7 anti-CD127 (A7R34)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#25-1271-82; RRID: AB_469649
Brilliant Violet 421 anti-CD127 (A7R34)	BioLegend	Cat#135027; RRID: AB_2563103
eFluor 660 anti-CD160 (CNX46-3)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#50-1601-82; RRID: AB_11149495
APC/Fire 750 anti-CX3CR1 (SA011F11)	BioLegend	Cat#149039; RRID: AB_2632859
APC anti-KLRG1 (2F1)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#17-5893-82; RRID: AB_469469
eF450 anti-KLRG1 (2F1)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#48-5893-82; RRID: AB_10852843
APC/eFluor 780 anti-PD1 (J43)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#47-9985-82; RRID: AB_2574002
Brilliant Violet 650 anti-Ly108/ Slamf6 (13G3)	BD Biosciences	Cat#740628; RRID: AB_2740323
PE anti-Tim3 (RMT3-23)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#12-5870-82; RRID: AB_465974
AF647 anti-Tim3 (B8.2C12)	BioLegend	Cat#134006; RRID: AB_1626175
PE anti-BCL2 (3F11)	BD Biosciences	Cat#556537; RRID: AB_396457
PE anti-EOMES (Dan11mag)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#12-4875-80; RRID: AB_1603278
APC anti-Granzyme B (GB12)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#MHGB05; RRID: AB_10373420
Pacific Blue anti-IFN γ (XMG1.2)	BioLegend	Cat#505818; RRID: AB_893526
PE/Cy7 anti-IL-2 (JES6-5H4)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#25-7021-82; RRID: AB_1235004
eFluor 660 anti-T-bet (4B10)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#50-5825-82; RRID: AB_10596655
Pacific Blue anti-TCF1/TCF7 (C63D9)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#9066; RRID: AB_2797696

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APC anti-TNF α (MP6-XT22)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#17-7321-82; RRID: AB_469508
PE anti-CD107a (1D4B)	BD Biosciences	Cat#558661; RRID: AB_1645247
FITC anti-CD90.1	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#11-0900-85; RRID: AB_465152
Biotin anti-B220 (RA3-6B2)	BioLegend	Cat#103204; RRID: AB_312989
Biotin anti-MHCII (M5/114.15.2)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#13-5321-82; RRID: AB_466662
Biotin anti-CD19 (6D5)	BioLegend	Cat#115504; RRID: AB_313639
Biotin anti-CD4 (GK1.5)	BioLegend	Cat#100404; RRID: AB_312689
Biotin anti-CD11b (M1/70)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#13-0112-85; RRID: AB_466360
Biotin anti-CD49b (DX5)	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#13-5971-85; RRID: AB_466826
Biotin anti-Ter-199 (TER-199)	BioLegend	Cat#116204; RRID: AB_313705
Biotin anti-GR-1 (RB6-8C5)	BioLegend	Cat#108404; RRID: AB_313369
Bacterial and Virus Strains		
Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus-Armstrong strain	Milner et al., 2017	N/A
Listeria monocytogenes-GP33	Milner et al., 2017	N/A
Lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus-Armstrong strain expressing ovalbumin	Dr. E. Zuniga, UCSD	N/A
Chemicals, Peptides, and Recombinant Proteins		
Collagenase Type I	Worthington Biochemicals	Cat#LS004197
Dithioerythritol	EMD Millipore	Cat#233152
Tamoxifen	Cayman Chemicals	Cat#13258
Percoll	Sigma	Cat#P1644
eBioscience Protein Transport Inhibitor Cocktail	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat#00-4980-93
H-2D ^b -restricted peptide GP ₃₃₋₄₁	Anaspec	Cat#AS-61296
MACS Streptavidin MicroBeads	Miltenyi Biotec	Cat#130-048-101
1-fluor-2,4-dinitrobenzene	Sigma	Cat#D1529
Sunflower seed oil	Sigma	Cat#S5007
DMEM	GIBCO	Cat#11965-092
RPMI 1640	Corning	Cat#10-040-CV
2-Mercaptoethanol	GIBCO	Cat#21985-023
HEPES	GIBCO	Cat#15630-080
Critical Commercial Assays		
BD Cytotfix/Cytoperm Solution Kit	BD Biosciences	Cat#554714
TransIT-LT1 Transfection Reagent	Mirus	Cat#MIR 2300
LS Columns	Miltenyi Biotec	Cat#130-042
Deposited Data		
Tumor scRNA-seq	This paper	GEO: GSE147502
LCMV infection spleen D55 memory CD8 ⁺ T cell subsets	This paper	GEO: GSE147502
LCMV infection D7 and D35 spleen and siEL CD8 ⁺ T cell subsets	This paper	GEO: GSE147502
Tumor D14 CD8 ⁺ T cell subsets	This paper	GEO: GSE147502
LCMV infection scRNA-seq	This paper	GEO: GSE131847
Experimental Models: Cell Lines		
B16- GP ₃₃₋₄₁	Dr. A. Lamre, INRS-institut Armand-Frappier	N/A
PLAT-E	Cell Biolabs	Cat#RV-101; RRID: CVCL_B488

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Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains		
Blimp1-YFP (B6.Cg-Tg(Prdm1-EYFP)1Mnz/J)	The Jackson Laboratory	Cat#008828; RRID: IMSR_JAX:008828
Id3-GFP	Dr. C. Murre, UCSD (Miyazaki et al., 2011)	N/A
Id2-YFP	Made in-house (Yang et al., 2011)	N/A
Prdm1 ^{fl/fl} Granzyme B-Cre	Dr. S. Kaech, Salk Institute for Biological Studies (Rutishauser et al., 2009)	N/A
Tbx21 ^{+/-} (B6.129S6-Tbx21 ^{tm1Glm/J})	The Jackson Laboratory	Cat#004648; RRID: IMSR_JAX:004648
Id2 ^{fl/fl}	Dr. A. Lasorella, Columbia University (Niola et al., 2012)	N/A
Id3 ^{fl/fl}	Dr. C. Murre (Guo et al., 2011)	N/A
CD4-Cre (STOCK Tg(Cd4-cre)1Cwi/BfluJ)	The Jackson Laboratory	Cat#017336; RRID: IMSR_JAX:017336
Rosa26Cre-ERT2	Dr. S. Hedrick, UCSD	N/A
P14 (B6.Cg-Tcra ^{tm1Mom} Tg(TcrLCMV)327Sdz/TacMmjax)	The Jackson Laboratory	Cat#037394-JAX; RRID: MMRRC_037394-JAX
OT-1 (C57BL/6-Tg(TcraTcrb)1100Mjb/J)	The Jackson Laboratory	Cat#003831; RRID: IMSR_JAX:003831
CD45.2 (C57BL/6J)	The Jackson Laboratory	Cat#000664; RRID: IMSR_JAX:000664
CD45.1 (B6.SJL-Ptprc ^a Pepc ^b /BoyJ)	The Jackson Laboratory	Cat#002014; RRID: IMSR_JAX:002014
CD45.1.2	Bred in-house	N/A
Recombinant DNA		
shPrdm1	Dr. M. Pipkin, The Scripps Research Institute (Milner et al., 2017)	N/A
Software and Algorithms		
FlowJo v9 and v10	Treestar Inc	RRID: SCR_008520
Prism 8	Graphpad Inc	RRID: SCR_002798
Seurat v2.3.4	https://satijalab.org/seurat/get_started.html	RRID: SCR_016341
Cell Ranger	10X Genomics	RRID: SCR_017344
GenePattern	Broad Institute	RRID: SCR_003201
Morpheus	Broad Institute	RRID: SCR_017386
Triwise R	van de Laar et al., 2016	N/A
Magic	van Dijk et al., 2018	N/A
GSEA	Broad Institute	RRID: SCR_003199

RESOURCE AVAILABILITY

Lead Contact

Further information and requests for resources and reagents should be directed to and will be fulfilled by the Lead Contact, Ananda W. Goldrath (agoldrath@ucsd.edu).

Materials Availability

This study did not generate new unique reagents

Data and Code Availability

The LCMV infection single-cell RNA sequencing data are available for download on the GEO data repository with accession number GSE131847 and all bulk RNA-seq datasets and tumor single-cell RNA-seq with the accession number GSE147502. The codes generated in this study are available at https://github.com/Arthurhe/scRNA_CD8T_Goldrath_Project.

EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS

Mice

All mouse strains were bred and housed in specific pathogen-free conditions in accordance with the Institutional Animal Care and Use Guidelines of the University of California San Diego. Both male and female mice were used throughout the study, with sex and age matched T cell donors and recipients (or female donor cells transferred into male recipients). Blimp1-YFP mice (stock #008828; The Jackson Laboratory), Id3-GFP mice (Miyazaki et al., 2011), Id2-YFP mice (Yang et al., 2011), *Prdm1*^{fl/fl} Granzyme B-Cre mice (Rutishauser et al., 2009), *Tbx21*^{+/-} mice (stock #004648, The Jackson Laboratory), *Id2*^{fl/fl} mice (Niola et al., 2012), *Id3*^{fl/fl} mice (Guo et al., 2011), CD4-Cre mice (stock #017336; The Jackson Laboratory), *Rosa26Cre-ERT2* (ERCre) (Hess Michelini et al., 2013), P14 mice (with transgenic expression of H-2D^b-restricted TCR specific for LCMV glycoprotein gp₃₃₋₄₁; stock #037394-JAX; The Jackson Laboratory), OT-I mice (with transgenic expression of H-2K^b-restricted TCR specific for ovalbumin peptide 257-264; stock #003831; The Jackson Laboratory), CD45.1⁺, and CD45.1.2⁺ congenic mice were bred in house.

Cell Culture

B16 melanoma cells expressing the LCMV glycoprotein epitope amino acid 33-41 (B16-GP₃₃₋₄₁) and PLAT-E cells were maintained in DMEM containing 5% bovine growth serum, 1% HEPES and 0.1% 2-Mercaptoethanol. Retroviral particles were generated in PLAT-E cells as previously described (Milner et al., 2017). For P14 CD8⁺ T cell transductions, spleens and lymph nodes were negatively enriched, activated and spininfected as previously described (Milner et al., 2017).

METHOD DETAILS

Infection Studies

Wild-type, Blimp1-YFP, Id3-GFP, Id2-YFP/Id3-GFP or Blimp1-YFP/Id3-GFP P14 CD8⁺ T cells congenically distinct for CD45 were adoptively transferred at 5x10⁴ cells per recipient mouse. For cotransfers, *Prdm1*^{fl/fl}-granzyme B-Cre⁺, *Id2*^{fl/fl} CD4-Cre⁺, *Id2*^{fl/fl} ER-Cre⁺, *Id3*^{fl/fl} ER-Cre⁺ or *Id2*^{fl/fl}/*Id3*^{fl/fl} ER-Cre⁺ and corresponding control P14 CD8⁺ T cells were mixed in a 1:1 ratio and adoptively transferred at 5x10⁴ total cells per recipient mouse. Alternatively, *Tbx21*^{+/-} and *Tbx21*^{+/+} OT-I CD8⁺ T cells were mixed and similarly transferred to congenically distinct recipients. Mice were then infected with 2 × 10⁵ pfu lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus-Armstrong (LCMV) or LCMV-Armstrong expressing ovalbumin (LCMV-OVA) by intraperitoneal injection or with 1x10¹⁰ *Listeria monocytogenes* expressing GP₃₃ (LM-GP₃₃) by oral gavage. For skin Trm cell studies, Id3-GFP P14 CD8⁺ T cells were transferred to congenically distinct recipients that were infected with LCMV by intraperitoneal injection as above. On day 4 of infection, 15 μL of 0.3% 1-fluoro-2,4-dinitrobenzene (DNFB) in acetone/oil (4:1) was applied to the flank skin (Davies et al., 2017). For lung Trm cell studies, 1x10⁵ P14 cells were transferred to congenically distinct recipients that were subsequently infected with 2x10⁵ pfu LCMV via oropharyngeal aspiration. To distinguish vascular associated CD8⁺ T cells in certain non-lymphoid tissues (lung, salivary gland, kidney, brain, white adipose tissue), 3 μg of CD8α (53-6.7) conjugated to APC eFlour780 was injected i.v. into mice three minutes prior to sacrifice and organ excision. Cells lacking CD8α labeling were considered to be localized within non-lymphoid tissues.

Tamoxifen Treatment

For ER-Cre-mediated deletion of floxed alleles, 1 mg tamoxifen (Cayman Chemical Company) emulsified in 100 μL of sunflower seed oil (Sigma-Aldrich) was administered by intraperitoneal injection for 4-5 consecutive days on day 3-6 of infection (for early deletion) or after 30 days of infection (for late deletion).

Tumor studies

B16-GP₃₃ cells (5 x10⁵) were transplanted subcutaneously into the right flank of wild-type mice. After tumors became palpable, 7-8 days after transplantation, 1-2x10⁶ *in vitro* expanded Blimp1-YFP/Id3-GFP P14 CD8⁺ T cells, WT P14 cells (for scRNAseq), or retrovirally transduced cells were transferred intravenously. For *Prdm1* RNAi studies, congenically distinct sh*Prdm1* and shCtrl P14 cells were mixed 1:1 prior to transfer into tumor-bearing mice. Tumors were monitored daily and mice with ulcerated tumors or tumors exceeding 1500 mm³ in size were euthanized, in accordance with UCSD IACUC. Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL) were isolated as previously described (Milner et al., 2017) one week following adoptive transfer.

Preparation of Single Cell Suspensions

Single-cell suspensions were prepared from spleen or lymph node by mechanical disruption. For small intestine preparations, Peyer's patches were excised, luminal contents were removed, and tissue was cut longitudinally then into 1cm pieces. The gut pieces were incubated while shaking in 10% HBSS/HEPES bicarbonate solution containing 15.4mg/100 μL of dithioerthritol (EMD Millipore) at 37°C for 30 minutes to extract siEL. For lamina propria lymphocyte isolation, gut pieces were further treated with 100U/ml type I collagenase (Worthington Biochemical) in RPMI-1640 containing 5% bovine growth serum, 2 mM MgCl₂ and 2 mM CaCl₂ at 37°C for 45 minutes. Brain, white adipose tissue, salivary gland, kidney, lung and tumor were cut with scissors into fine pieces then incubated while shaking with 100U/ml type I collagenase as above. Epidermal cells were isolated by floating skin dermis side down on 0.3% trypsin in 150mM NaCl, 6mM KCl, 6mM glucose, pH7.6 for 2hr at 37°C. The epidermis was then separated from the dermis and incubated with shaking for a further 10min at 37°C in 0.3% trypsin solution. Cells were then filtered

through a sera separa column to remove any remaining tissue pieces. Lymphocytes from all tissue but skin, spleen and lymph node were purified on a 44%/67% Percoll density gradient.

Flow Cytometry and Cell Sorting

Cells were incubated for 30 min at 4°C in PBS supplemented with 2% bovine growth serum and 0.1% sodium azide. Intracellular staining was performed using the BD Cytofix/Cytoperm Solution Kit (BD Biosciences). For cytokine staining, siEL CD8⁺ T cells were incubated for 3 hours at 37°C in RPMI-1640 media containing 10% (v/v) bovine growth serum with 10 nM GP₃₃₋₄₁ peptide and Protein Transport Inhibitor (eBioscience) was added after 1 hour of incubation. CD107a (1D4B, BD Biosciences) antibody was included in the media for the entirety of the stimulation to detect surface expression as a surrogate of degranulation. Stained cells were analyzed using LSRFortessa or LSRFortessa X-20 cytometers (BD) and FlowJo software (TreeStar). All sorting was performed on BD FACSAria or BD FACSAria Fusion instruments.

Bulk RNA-Sequencing

On day 55 of LCMV infection, 1x10³ P14 cells from the spleen (CD62L⁺ Tcm cells and CD62L⁺ Tem cells) or CD62L⁺CD103⁺ P14 cells from the siEL were sorted into TCL buffer (QIAGEN) with 1% 2-Mercaptoethanol. On day 7 or 35 day of LCMV infection, 1x10³ Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi}, Blimp1^{hi}Id3^{lo} Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{lo} P14 cells from the spleen, mesenteric lymph node or small intestine siEL were sorted similarly. For tumor studies, 1x10³ Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{hi}, Blimp1^{lo}Id3^{lo}, and Blimp1^{hi}Id3^{lo} P14 cells were sorted from B16-GP₃₃ tumors or spleens 7 days post adoptive transfer (14 days post-transplant). For all samples, polyA⁺ RNA was isolated and RNA-seq library preparation as well as RNA-seq analysis were carried out as described in (<https://www.immgen.org/Protocols/11Cells.pdf>). Heatmaps were generated using Morpheus (<https://software.broadinstitute.org/morpheus>). For Figure 1A, 3490 differentially expressed (D.E.) transcripts (≥ 2 -fold, expression threshold ≥ 10) between all three populations of Tcm, Tem and Trm cells were identified through the Multiplot Studio module within GenePattern. The D.E. genes were then ordered through K-means clustering (set to 6 clusters) with the following modifications within Morpheus: metric = one minus pearson correlation; maximum number of iterations = 1000. For the transcription factor heatmap in Figure 1A (right), transcription factors were picked from the larger heatmap (left) based on known or predicted roles in regulating the fate of Tcm or Tem cells. Heatmaps in Figures S1G and S4C were similarly generated except set to 3 clusters for K-means clustering analysis. RNA-sequencing was performed on duplicate samples as such: day 55 LCMV sorts, spleens or siEL cells from two mice were pooled for one replicate; for day 7 LCMV and day 35 LCMV sorts, 2-5 spleens, mLN or siEL cells were pooled per one replicate; for TIL, spleens and tumors from two mice were pooled per replicate. For Figure S4A, the following gene lists were used: core Trm cell signature (Milner et al., 2017), 'effector' gene signature (Table S1, described below), 'exhaustion' gene signature (GSE41867_memory_vs_exhausted_CD8_Tcell_Day30_LCMV_DN), and 'activation' gene signature (transcripts increased in "T_8Eff_Sp_OT1-24hr_LisOva" compared to "T_8Nve_Sp_OT1" using the Population Comparison module in the Immgen database: <https://www.immgen.org>).

For triwise plots, 2-fold differentially expressed genes (between D55 Tcm, Tem and Trm cells; expression threshold > 10) were filtered in Multiplot Studio based on the following gene lists: 'Effector,' 'Memory,' 'Core Residency Signature,' and 'Core Circulating Signature.' Expression values from filtered genes were then log₂ transformed. Subsequently, triwise plots and rose plots were generated with the log₂ transformed data using the Triwise R package (van de Laar et al., 2016) and following <https://zouter.github.io/triwise/rd.html>. The 'Core Residency Signature' and 'Core Circulating Signature' are from (Milner et al., 2017). The 'effector' and 'memory' signatures were generated using the ImmGen database (<https://www.immgen.org>) and included as supplemental data. Specifically, utilizing default settings (expression threshold > 120, 2-fold change) in the Population Comparison module, we identified differentially expressed genes between T_8Eff_Sp_OT1_d8_LisOva and T_8Mem_Sp_OT1_d100_LisOva. Genes upregulated in T_8Eff_Sp_OT1_d8_LisOva comprised the 'effector' signature (Table S1) and genes upregulated in T_8Mem_Sp_OT1_d100_LisOva comprised the 'memory' signature (Table S2).

RNaseq expression plots were generated in Multiplot Studio within GenePattern (expression threshold > 10, 1.5-fold differentially expressed). In Figures 6C–6E, the Id3^{hi} siEL signature is comprised of genes upregulated 1.5-fold in both D7 Id3^{hi} IEL versus D7 Blimp1^{hi} IEL and D35 Id3^{hi} IEL versus D35 Blimp1^{hi} IEL comparisons, whereas the Blimp1^{hi} siEL signature is comprised of genes upregulated 1.5-fold in both D7 Id3^{hi} IEL versus D7 Blimp1^{hi} IEL and D35 Id3^{hi} IEL versus D35 Blimp1^{hi} IEL comparisons.

Gene set enrichment analysis was performed on each cell subset using the GSEA Preranked gene list tool with 1000 permutations and a weighted enrichment statistic. Gene sets were obtained by taking the top differentially expressed genes from microarray (GSE9650) or RNA-seq (GSE84105, GSE122713) data from the GEO database. Normalized enrichment scores (NES) and false discovery rate (FDR) were visualized using the ggplot2 package in R. For principal component analysis (PCA) plots, normalized counts were condensed to contain the top 535 differentially expressed genes between all samples with a padj < 0.05. PCA was performed using the prcomp function in R after centering and scaling the normalized counts.

10x Genomics Library Preparation and Sequencing

Activated P14 T cells (CD8⁺Vα2⁺CD45.1⁺CD44⁺) were sorted from the spleen or siEL and resuspended in PBS+0.04% (w/v) bovine serum albumin. Approximately 10,000 cells per sample were loaded into Single Cell A chips (10x Genomics) and partitioned into Gel Bead In-Emulsions (GEMs) in a Chromium Controller (10x Genomics). Single cell RNA libraries were prepared according to the 10x Genomics Chromium Single Cell 3' Reagent Kits v2 User Guide and sequenced on a HiSeq4000 (Illumina).

Infection studies

Single-cell RNA-seq mapping. Reads from single-cell RNA-seq were aligned to mm10 and collapsed into unique molecular identifier (UMI) counts using the 10X Genomics Cell Ranger software (version 2.1.0). All samples had sufficient numbers of genes detected (> 1000), a high percentage of reads mapped to the genome (> 70%), and sufficient number of cells detected (> 1000).

Cell and gene filtering

Raw cell-reads were then loaded to R using the cellrangerRkit package. The scRNA-seq dataset was then further filtered based on gene numbers and mitochondria gene counts to total counts ratio. Only cells with > 400 genes, UMI > 0, and 0.5% ~30% of their UMIs mapping to mitochondria genes were kept for downstream analysis. To ensure that memory requirements for all downstream analyses did not exceed 16Gb and that the samples with more cells would not dominate the downstream analysis, we randomly selected a portion of the cells that passed filtering for downstream analysis. We randomly selected 2000 cells from each library for downstream analysis. After cell filtering and sampling, we filtered genes by removing genes that did not express > 1 UMI in more than 1% of the total cells.

Single-cell RNA-seq dataset normalization and pre-processing

Five cell-gene matrices were generated:

- (1) Raw UMI matrix.
- (2) UPM matrix. The raw UMI matrix was normalized to get UMIs per million reads (UPM), and was then log2 transformed. All downstream differential analysis was based on the UPM matrix. The prediction models were also based on the UPM matrix, as other normalizations are very time-consuming for large datasets.
- (3) MAGIC matrix. UPM matrix was further permuted by MAGIC ([van Dijk et al., 2018](#)) R package Rmagic 1.0.0 was used, and all options were kept as default. MAGIC aims to correct the drop-out effect of single-cell RNA-seq data; thus, we used MAGIC-corrected matrix for visualizing the gene expression pattern rather than using the UPM matrix. All gene expression overlaid on TSNE plots were based on the MAGIC matrix.
- (4) Super cell matrix. We merged 50 cells to create a 'super' cell and used the super cell matrix as the input for cell type annotation analysis. This approach enabled us to bypass the issue of gene dropouts with scRNA-seq and make the data comparable to bulk RNA-seq. We first calculated the mutual nearest neighbor network with k set to 15, and then cells that were not mutual nearest neighbors with any other cells were removed as outliers. We randomly selected 'n' cells in the UPM matrix as the seed for super cells. The expression of each super cell was equal to the average expression of its seed and the 50 nearest neighbor cells of its seed. We derived 7400 super cells from the dataset, so each single cell was covered ~10 times.

Single-cell RNA-seq dataset dimension reduction

Top variable genes, PCA, and tSNE were calculated by Seurat version 2.3.4 functions: FindVariableGenes, RunPCA, and RunTSNE ([Butler et al., 2018](#)). Only the top 3000 genes were considered in the PCA calculation and only the top 25 principal components (PCs) were utilized in tSNE. Louvain clustering was performed by Seurat's FindClusters function based on the top 25 PCs, with resolution set to 2. The scaled UPM matrix was used as input in the calculation.

Annotating single-cells with bulk RNA-seq signatures

The log₂ TPM data from bulk RNA-seq datasets were compared with the scRNA-seq super cell matrix. Bulk cell population RNA-seq samples were first grouped into different sets according to their mutual similarities. For each bulk RNA-seq sample set, the mean expression was first calculated. The 1st correlation was calculated between all the super cells and the mean expression from the bulk RNA-seq dataset. Based on the distribution of the 1st correlation, we were able to identify a group of super cells that were most similar to the mean expression of the bulk sample. To further identify the small differences between bulk RNA-seq expression within a given set, we removed the set mean from the bulk RNA-seq and the mean from the most similar group of super cells, and then calculated the 2nd correlation between the super cells and bulk RNA-seq. Based on the 2nd correlation, we annotated the super cells with each bulk sample label.

Comparing gut and spleen CD8⁺ T cells

In order to compare the gut cells and spleen cells from the perspective of effector-memory differentiation, we performed a 3-step analysis. First, we calculated the differentially expressed gene between effector and memory T cells. We then performed principal component analysis on the gene expression of the DE genes of all spleen cells. Finally, we mapped both spleen cells and gut cells to the top two principle components calculated in step 2. Therefore, we can examine the heterogeneity of gut cells in a low-dimensional space that reveals the most significant difference between spleen effector and memory CD8 T cells.

Tumor studies

Analysis was performed similarly to the infection studies described above. Sequencing was performed on duplicate samples of splenocytes and TiL, wherein each replicate was pooled from 2-3 mice. Briefly, reads were aligned to mm10 and collapsed into UMI counts using the 10X Genomics Cell Ranger software. All samples had sufficient numbers of genes detected (> 1000), a high percentage of reads mapped to the genome (> 70%), and sufficient number of cells detected (> 1000).

Raw cell-reads were then loaded to R using the Seurat package version 2.3.4 for further processing and quality control. The scRNA-seq dataset was filtered based on gene numbers and mitochondria gene counts to total counts ratio. Only cells with > 200 genes, UMI > 0, and 0%~5% of their UMIs mapping to mitochondria genes were kept for downstream analysis. Raw UMI matrix was normalized using Seurat function NormalizeData with the "LogNormalize" option, which normalized the feature expression

measurements for each cell by the total expression, multiplies this by a scale factor (10,000 by default), and log-transforms the result. Normalized matrix was scaled using Seurat function `ScaleData` which regressed out cell-cell variation in gene expression driven by number of UMI and mitochondrial gene expression. The gene signatures used are described above in Bulk RNA-sequencing methods. For each signature, an overall score was calculated using `AddModuleScore` function in Seurat.

QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Statistical details of experiments can be found in the figure legends and methods. Statistical analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism software. Two-tailed paired or unpaired t test was used for comparisons between groups. P values of < 0.05 were considered significant.