

Supplementary Materials

Materials and Methods

PBMCs from healthy donors

Peripheral blood was collected from healthy volunteer donors aged 18-26. Mononuclear cells were isolated from peripheral blood using CPT tube (BD) gel-barrier centrifugation. Purified CD8⁺ populations were obtained by positive selection using MACS magnetic microbead sorting (Miltenyi) of the entire PBMC isolate, while CD4⁺ cells were positively selected from the CD8-deplete fraction. Bulk PBMCs and purified CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ cells were cryopreserved in CryoStor (Sigma).

TCR spectratyping

Cryopreserved FP CD8⁺ and CD4⁺ cells were screened for clone-specific expansion using the TCR V β Repertoire Kit (BD Biosciences). Analysis of 24 V β segments was performed by incubating cells resuspended in PBS with the recommended volume of each of the eight TCR V β antibody mixes provided with the kit and a CD3 mAB (BD Biosciences) for 20 minutes at room temperature. Cells were washed and fixed in 2% paraformaldehyde prior to acquisition on the LSRFortessa. Samples were analyzed using FlowJo software and the quantity of each V β subset was reported as a percentage of the total CD3⁺ population.

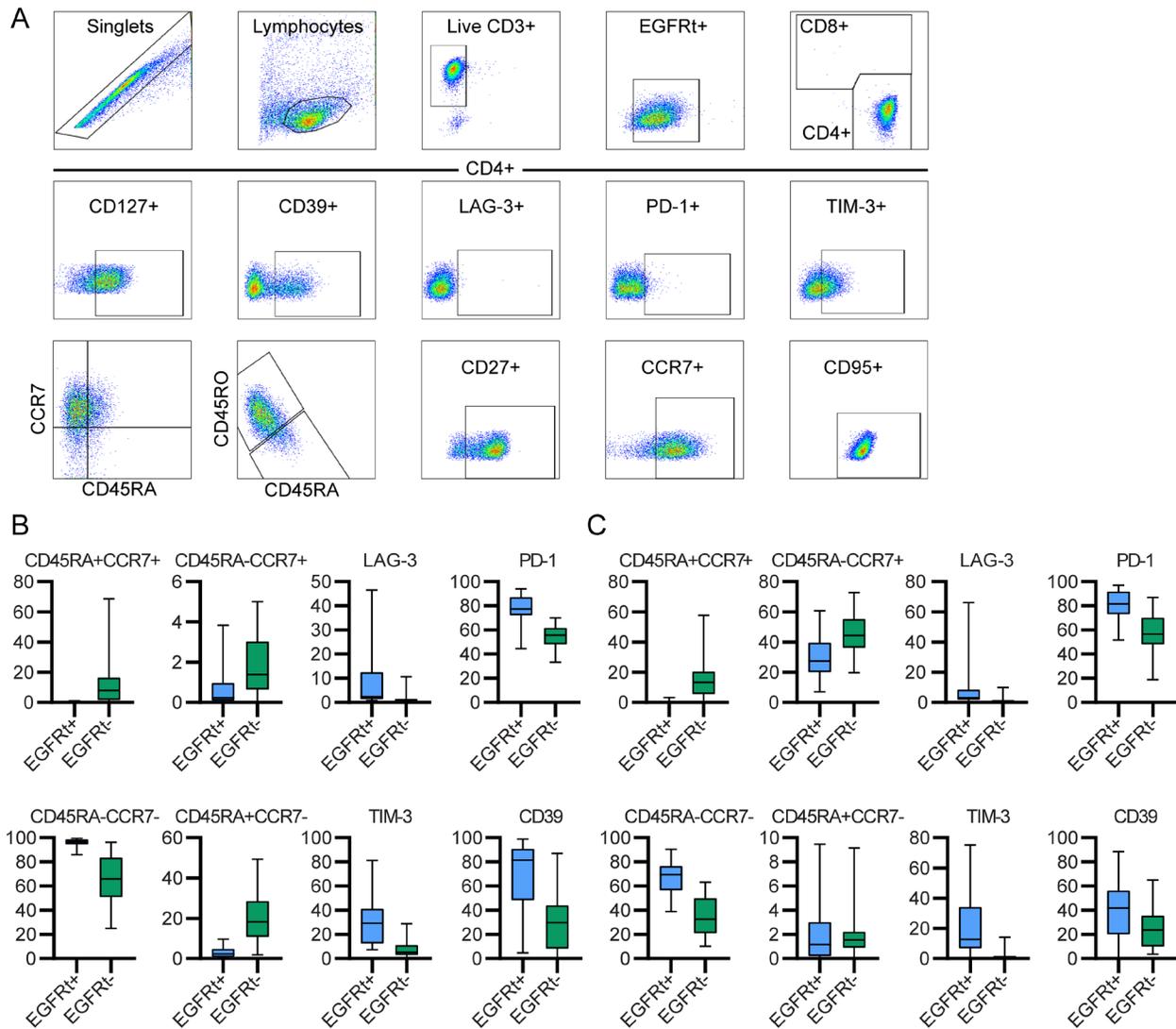


Fig. S1: Phenotypic analysis of EGFR^t cells at peak expansion. A. Representative gating of CD4⁺ FP. B-C. Box plots of CD8⁺ (B) and CD4⁺ (C) EGFR^t (blue) and EGFR^t (green) phenotype at peak expansion (D10-D14). Bar represents the median, box represents the 25% and 75% quartiles, and error bars represent the range.

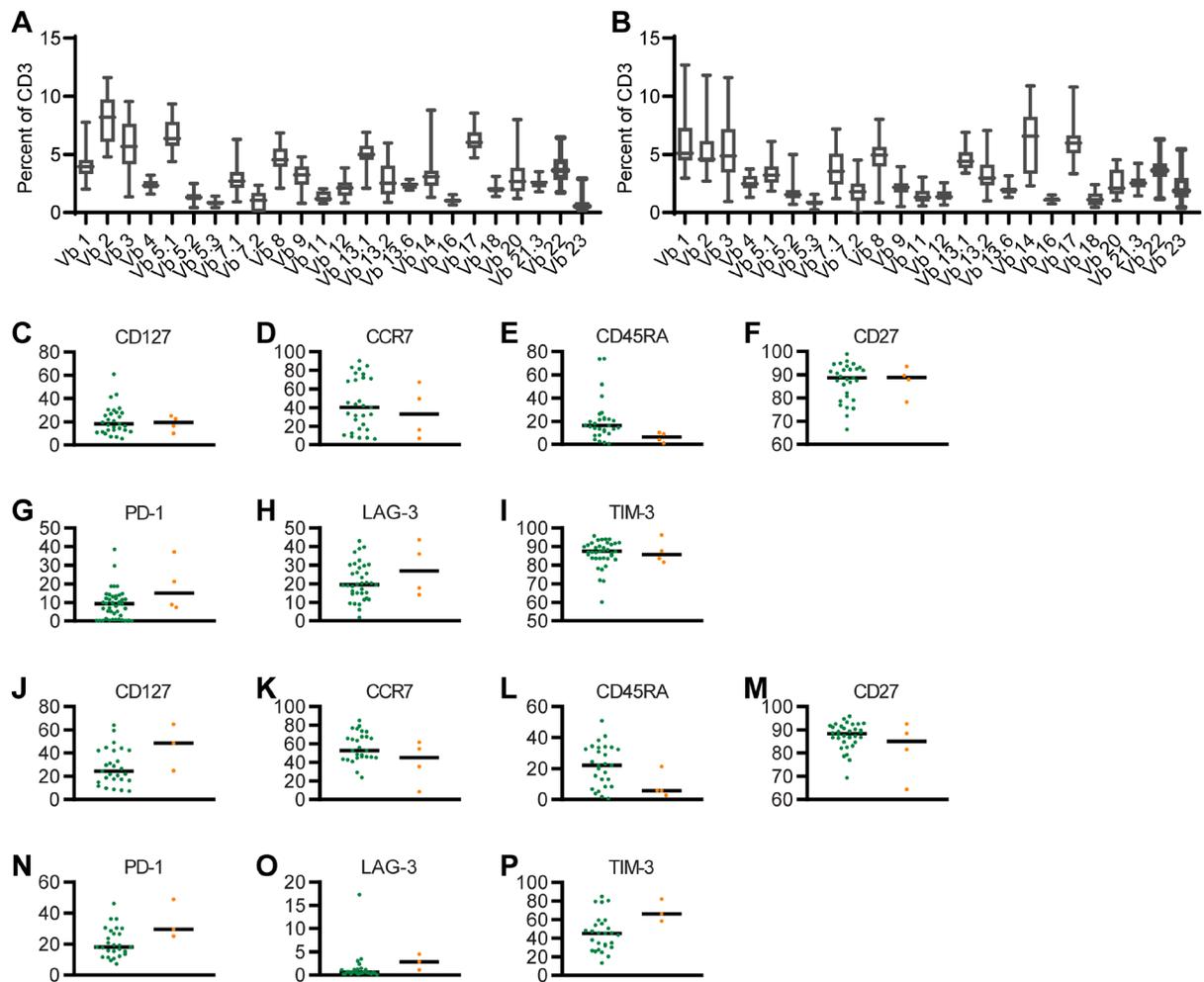


Fig. S2: Phenotypic analysis of EGFRt+ final product cells in dysfunctional and functional groups. A-B. Spectratype of CD8+EGFRt+ FP (A) and CD4+EGFRt+ FP (B). C-I. Dot plots of CD8+EGFRt+ FP cells expressing (C) CD127, (D) CCR7, (E) CD45RA, (F) CD27, (G) PD-1, (H) LAG-3 and (I). J-P. Dot plots of CD4+EGFRt+ FP cells expressing (J) CD127, (K) CCR7, (L) CD45RA, (M) CD27, (N) PD-1, (O) LAG-3 and (P) TIM-3. Green circles: functional response, orange circles: dysfunctional response. Bar represents the median.

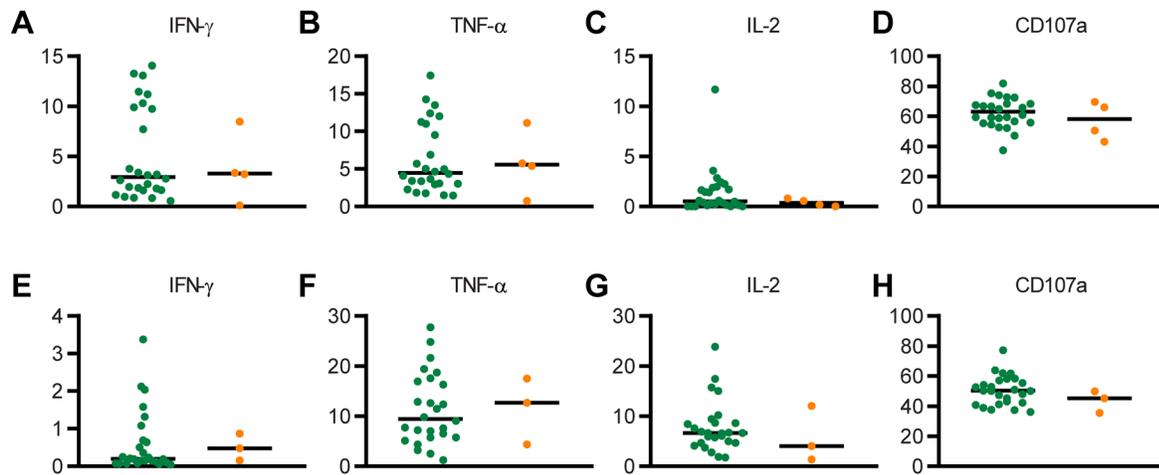


Fig. S3: Functional analysis of EGFR^t final product cells in dysfunctional and functional groups. A-D. Dot plots of the percentage of CD8⁺EGFR^t FP cells secreting IFN- γ (A), TNF- α (B), IL-2 (C) and CD107a (D) following antigen-specific stimulation. E-H. Dot plots of the percentage of CD4⁺EGFR^t FP cells secreting IFN- γ (E), TNF- α (F), IL-2 (G) and CD107a (H) in the functional (green) and dysfunctional (orange) groups. Bar represents the median.

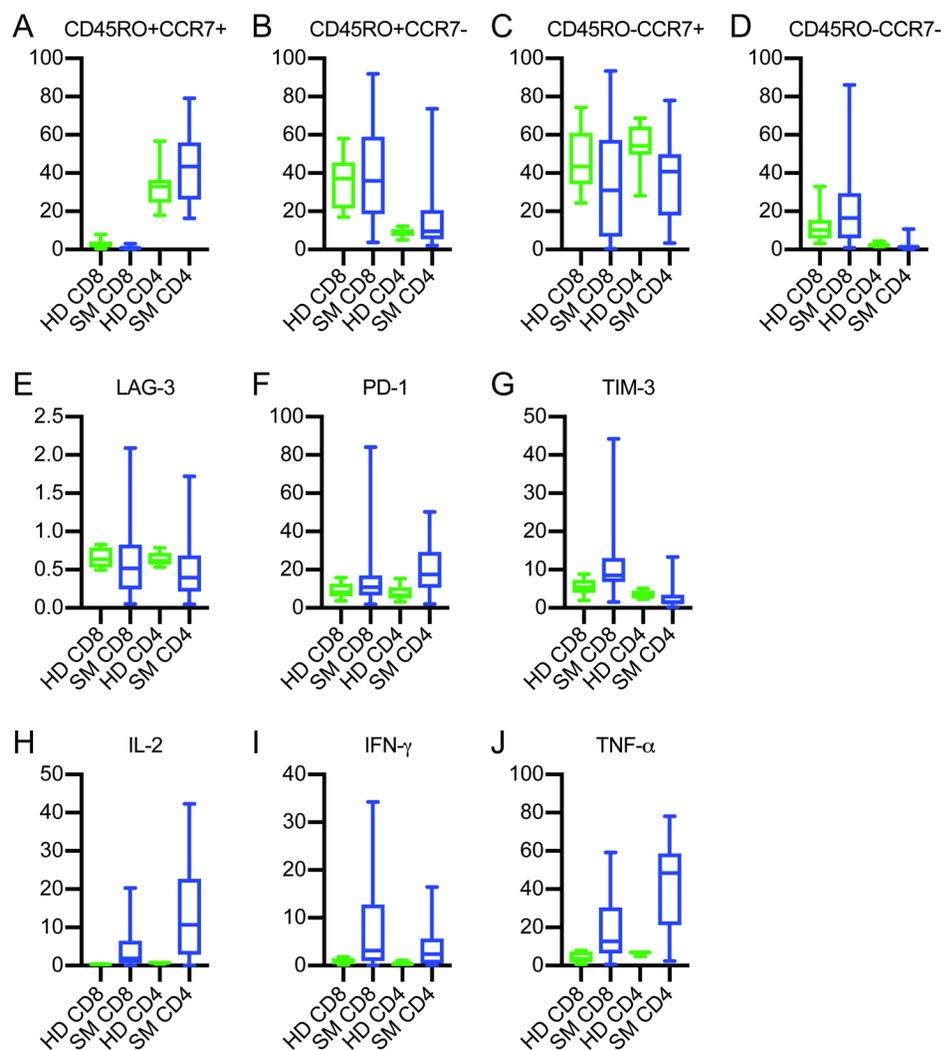


Fig. S4: Phenotypic analysis of subject T cells. A-D. Box plots of CD8⁺ (left) and CD4⁺ (right) cells from healthy donor PBMC (green) and subject starting material (blue) expressing CD45RO⁺CCR7⁺ (A), CD45RO⁺CCR7⁻ (B), CD45RO⁻CCR7⁺ (C), CD45RO⁻CCR7⁻ (D). E-G. Box plots of CD8⁺ (left) and CD4⁺ (right) cells expressing LAG-3 (E), PD-1 (F) and TIM-3 (G) from healthy donor PBMC (green) and subject starting material (blue). H-J. Box plots of CD8⁺ (left) and CD4⁺ (right) cells secreting IL-2 (H), IFN-γ (I) and TNF-α (J) in response to CD3/CD28 stimulation from healthy donor PBMC (green) and subject starting material (blue). Bar represents the median, box represents the 25% and 75% quartiles, and error bars represent the range.

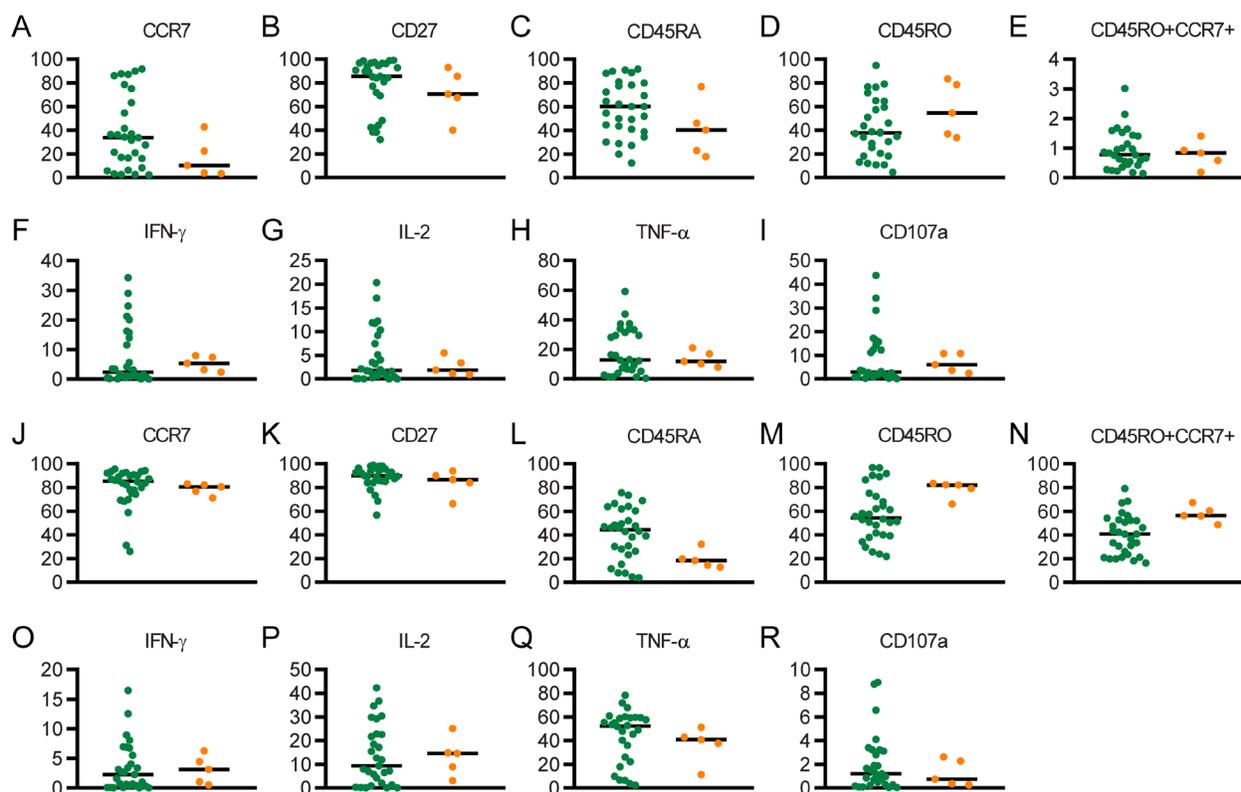


Fig. S5: Phenotypic and functional analysis of starting material cells in dysfunctional and functional groups. A-E. Dot plots of CD8⁺ starting material cells expressing CCR7 (A), CD27 (B), CD45RA (C), CD45RO (D) and CD45RO⁺CCR7⁺ (E). F-I Dot plots of CD8⁺ starting material cells secreting IFN- γ (F), IL-2 (G), TNF- α (H) and CD107a (I) in response to CD3/CD28 stimulation. J-N. Dot plots of CD4⁺ starting material cells expressing CCR7 (J), CD27 (K), CD45RA (L), CD45RO (M) and CD45RO⁺CCR7⁺(N) F-I Dot plots of CD4⁺ starting material cells secreting IFN- γ (N), IL-2 (O), TNF- α (P) and CD107a (Q) in response to CD3/CD28 stimulation. Green circles: functional response, orange circles: dysfunctional response. Bar represents the median.

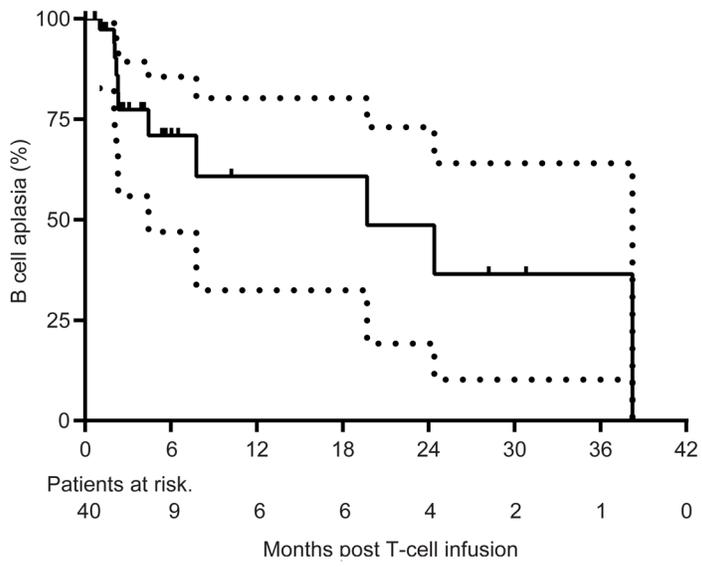


Fig. S6: B cell aplasia duration. Kaplan-Meier of B cell aplasia (BCA) of all subjects that achieve BCA (n=40). Median follow-up was 26.2 months. Dotted line represents 95% confidence.

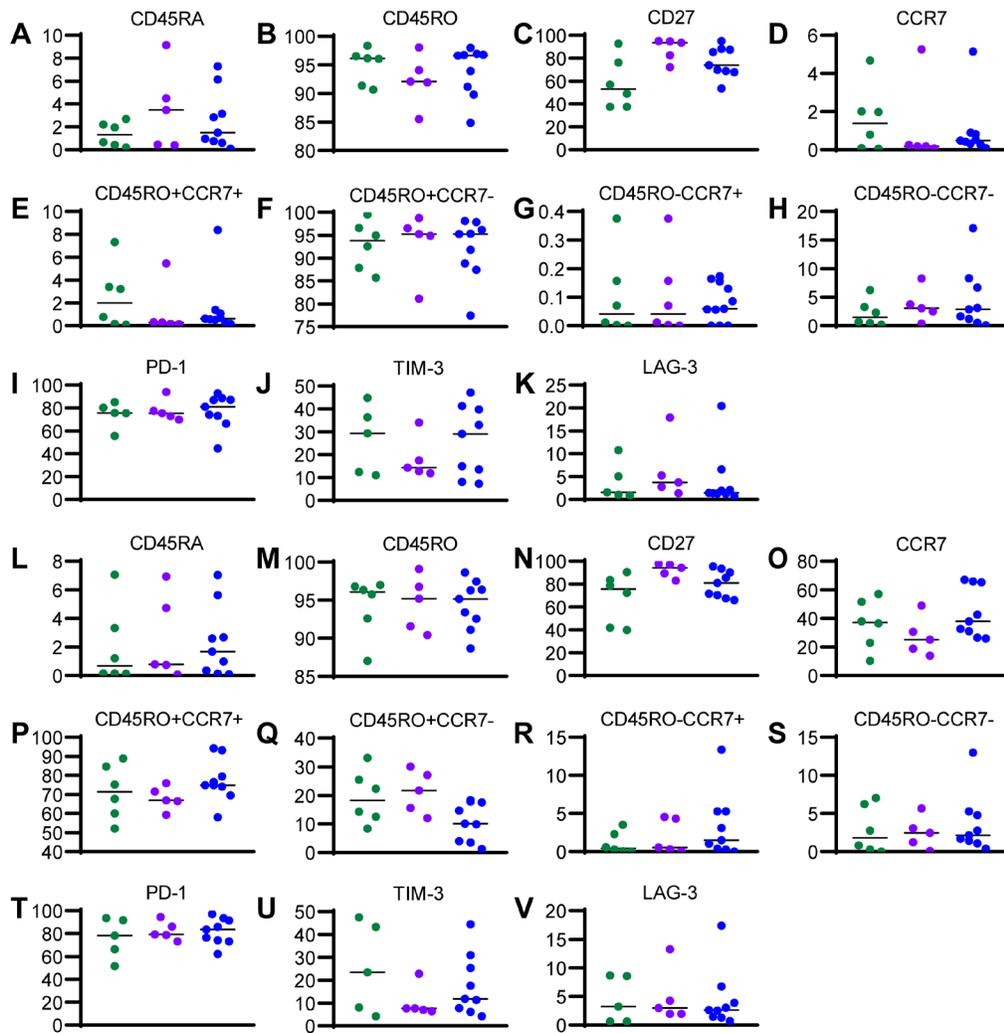


Fig. S7: Phenotypic analysis of EGFRt⁺ cells at peak expansion in shortBCA,

mediumBCA and longBCA groups. A-O. Dot plots of CD8⁺EGFRt⁺ cells expressing CD45RA

(A), CD45RO (B), CD27 (C), CCR7 (D), CD45RO⁺CCR7⁺ (E), CD45RO⁺CCR7⁻ (F), CD45RO⁻

CCR7⁺ (G), CD45RO⁻CCR7⁻ (J), PD-1 (I), TIM-3 (J) and LAG-3 (K).

L-V. Dot plots of CD4⁺EGFRt⁺ cells expressing CD45RA (L), CD45RO (M), CD27 (N), CCR7 (O),

CD45RO⁺CCR7⁺ (P), CD45RO⁺CCR7⁻ (Q), CD45RO⁻CCR7⁺ (R), CD45RO⁻CCR7⁻ (S), PD-1 (T),

TIM-3 (U) and LAG-3 (V). Bar represents the median. Green circles: longBCA, purple circles:

mediumBCA, blue circles: shortBCA.

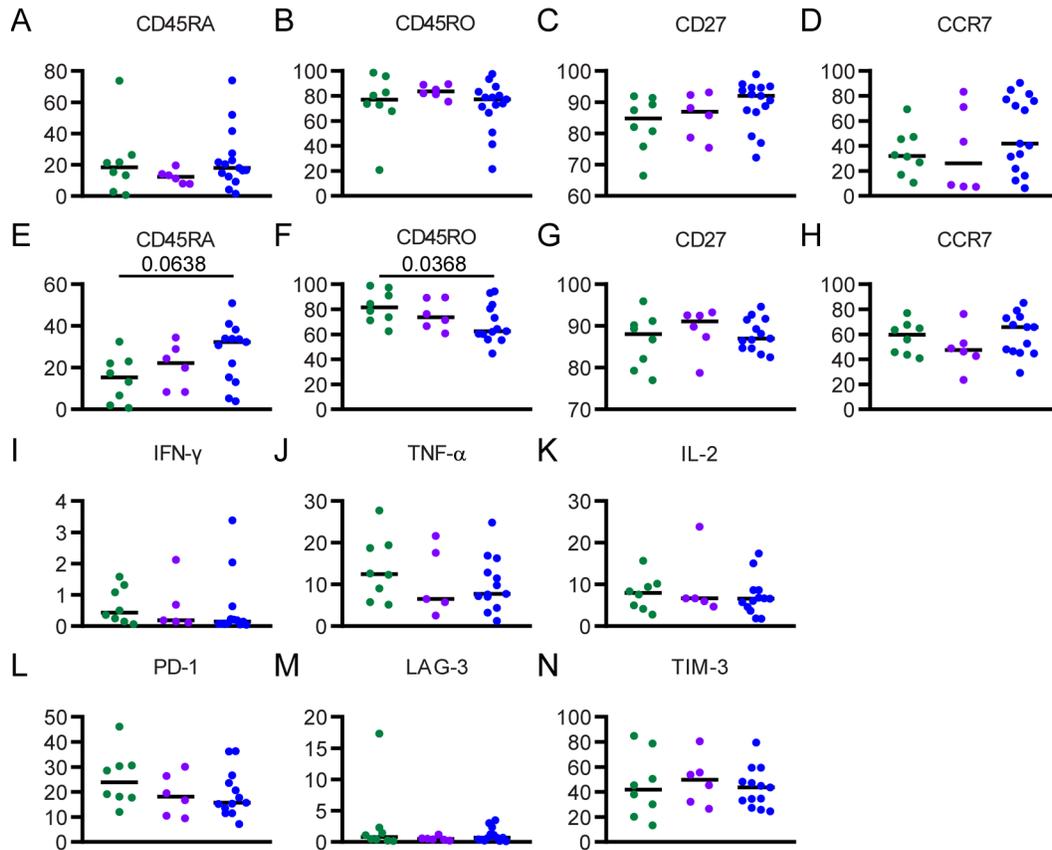


Fig. S8: Phenotypic and functional analysis of EGFRt⁺ final product cells in BCA groups.

A-D. Percentage of CD8⁺EGFRt⁺ FP cells expressing CD45RA (A), CD45RO (B), CD27 (C) and CCR7 (D). E-H. Percentage of CD4⁺EGFRt⁺ FP cells expressing CD45RA (E), CD45RO (F), CD27 (G) and CCR7 (H). I-J. Percentage of CD4⁺EGFRt⁺ FP cells secreting IFN- γ (I), IL-2 (J), TNF- α (K) in response to antigen-specific stimulation. L-N. Percentage of CD4⁺EGFRt⁺ FP cells expressing PD-1 (L), LAG-3 (N) and TIM-3(O). Bars represent the median, p values calculated using a Mann-Whitney test. Green circles: longBCA, purple circles: mediumBCA, blue circles: shortBCA. Bar represents the median.