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# PHARMACOLOGICAL INHIBITION OF PPAR $\gamma$ BOOSTS HIV REACTIVATION AND TH17 EFFECTOR FUNCTIONS, WHILE PREVENTING PROGENY VIRION RELEASE AND *DE NOVO* INFECTION

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**ABSTRACT**

The frequency and functions of Th17-polarized CCR6<sup>+</sup>ROR $\gamma$ t<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells are rapidly compromised upon HIV infection and are not restored with long-term viral suppressive antiretroviral therapy (ART). In line with this, Th17 cells represent selective HIV-1 infection targets mainly at mucosal sites, with long-lived Th17 subsets carrying replication-competent HIV-DNA during ART. Therefore, novel Th17-specific therapeutic interventions are needed as a supplement of ART to reach the goal of HIV remission/cure. Th17 cells express high levels of *peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma* (PPAR $\gamma$ ), which acts as a transcriptional repressor of the HIV provirus and the *rorc* gene, which encodes for the Th17-specific master regulator ROR $\gamma$ t. Thus, we hypothesized that the pharmacological inhibition of PPAR $\gamma$  will facilitate HIV reservoir reactivation while enhancing Th17 effector functions. Consistent with this prediction, the PPAR $\gamma$  antagonist T0070907 significantly increased HIV transcription (cell-associated HIV-RNA) and ROR $\gamma$ t-mediated Th17 effector functions (IL-17A). Unexpectedly, the PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism limited HIV outgrowth from cells of ART-treated people living with HIV (PLWH), as well as HIV replication *in vitro*. Mechanistically, PPAR $\gamma$  inhibition in CCR6<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells induced the upregulation of transcripts linked to Th17-polarisation (ROR $\gamma$ t, STAT3, BCL6 IL-17A/E, IL-21) and HIV transcription (NCOA1-3, CDK9, HTATIP2). Interestingly, several transcripts involved in HIV-restriction were upregulated (Caveolin-1, TRIM22, TRIM5 $\alpha$ , BST2, miR-29), whereas HIV permissiveness transcripts were downregulated (CCR5, furin), consistent with the decrease in HIV outgrowth/replication. Finally, PPAR $\gamma$  inhibition increased intracellular HIV-p24 expression and prevented BST-2 downregulation on infected T cells, suggesting that progeny virion release is restricted by BST-2-dependent mechanisms. These results provide a strong rationale for considering PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism as a novel strategy for HIV-reservoir purging and restoring Th17-mediated mucosal immunity in ART-treated PLWH.

**Keywords:** HIV-1, ART, CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, Th17, PPAR $\gamma$ , IL-21

**SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT**

The Th17-polarized CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells are important players in mucosal immunity and their frequency/function are compromised during HIV infection despite viral-suppressive antiretroviral therapy (ART). Th17 cells are key HIV infection targets and contribute to viral reservoir persistence during ART. This raises the need for novel Th17-specific therapies. In this manuscript, we provide evidence that the pharmacological inhibition of PPAR $\gamma$ , a documented repressor of the Th17 master regulator ROR $\gamma$ t and HIV transcription, may represent a novel strategy toward Th17-mediated immunity restoration and HIV-reservoir purging in ART-treated PLWH.

## INTRODUCTION

Antiretroviral therapies (ART) efficiently control HIV-1 replication to undetectable plasma levels and have improved the life expectancy of people living with HIV (PLWH) [1-3]. However, ART does not cure HIV, with viral rebound occurring rapidly on treatment interruption [2, 4-6]. In addition, immunological dysregulations persist in ART-treated PLWH leading to an increased risk for non-AIDS co-morbidities such as cardiovascular disease [7] and neurocognitive impairment [8]. Therefore, additional therapeutic interventions to purge viral reservoirs and restore immunological competence in ART-treated PLWH are needed [9].

In ART-treated PLWH, HIV reservoirs persist in a small fraction of long-lived memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells [3, 4, 10-12] and likely other cellular/anatomic reservoirs [13]. Studies by our group and others demonstrated that among CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, Th17-polarized cells are strategically located at portal sites of HIV/SIV entry and efficiently support integrative HIV infection [14-16]. Subsequently, Th17 cells are depleted from the gut-associated lymphoid tissues during HIV/SIV infection, and their frequency is not restored with ART [14, 15]. This leads to dramatic alterations in mucosal barrier integrity, increased microbial translocation from the gut, and systemic immune activation [14, 15], all leading to non-AIDS co-morbidities [7, 8]. Although the depletion of mucosal Th17 cells is well-documented during HIV/SIV infection, a fraction of Th17 cells is long lived and enriched in HIV-DNA in the blood and colon of ART-treated PLWH [14, 15]. The key role played by Th17 cells in mucosal homeostasis, their contribution to HIV persistence, as well as the deleterious consequence of their paucity in ART-treated PLWH, indicate that the design of novel Th17-specific therapeutic strategies is needed for HIV remission/cure [14, 15].

Th17 cells are distinguished from the other CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cell subsets by a unique transcriptional signature that includes multiple HIV permissiveness factors (eg, CCR5, NF- $\kappa$ B, mTOR, NFATC2IP), the lack of anti-HIV defense mechanisms [14, 15], as well as the *peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma* (PPAR $\gamma$ ) [17-20]. PPAR $\gamma$  is an intrinsic negative regulator of NF- $\kappa$ B [21] and an inhibitor of HIV transcription [17, 22-24]. PPAR $\gamma$  is a member of the PPAR subfamily of ligand-dependent non-steroid nuclear receptors; PPAR $\gamma$  forms an obligatory heterodimer with *retinoic X receptor* (RXR) and binds onto PPAR responsive elements (PPREs) expressed on the promoters /regulatory regions of specific genes, thus functioning as a transcriptional repressor or activator [25, 26]. PPAR $\gamma$  is expressed by multiple immune and non-immune cells and acts as a lipid sensor that controls the expression of numerous genes involved in lipid/glucose metabolism. Natural and synthetic PPAR $\gamma$  agonists have been documented to regulate metabolic/inflammatory processes [26-29], in part via the mTOR activation pathway [30]. It is noteworthy that PPREs are present in the HIV long terminal repeat (LTR) region, indicating that PPAR $\gamma$  participates directly in the negative regulation of HIV transcription [31]. Increasing evidence supports a role of PPAR $\gamma$  in the regulation of adaptive immunity by acting on T-cell proliferation and differentiation [27, 29, 32-34]. Of particular importance, it was reported that PPAR $\gamma$  inhibits Th17 effector functions by the transcriptional repression of ROR $\gamma$ t [32, 34], the master regulator of Th17 differentiation [14, 15].

Clinical trials were previously performed using PPAR $\gamma$  agonists/activators, for example, rosiglitazone (RGZ) for treating the lipodystrophy caused by specific classes of antiretroviral drugs [35], as well as metabolic syndrome and inflammation in HIV-infected individuals [36-39]. However, to our knowledge, no clinical trials were performed using PPAR $\gamma$  targeting drugs in the context of

HIV cure/remission strategies. Although the PPAR $\gamma$  activation blocks HIV replication in primary T cells [17], with PPAR $\gamma$  agonists being expected to promote deep latency, studies in SIV-infected rhesus macaques demonstrated that hematopoietic alterations caused by Nef are dependent on the PPAR $\gamma$  activation and are mimicked by the PPAR $\gamma$  agonist RGZ [40]. Based on this evidence, Prost *et al.* proposed that PPAR $\gamma$  inhibition may be more appropriate to counteract hematopoietic alterations caused by HIV/SIV infections [40] and emphasized the need for the development of clinically advanced PPAR $\gamma$  antagonists [41]. Of particular importance, the pharmacological inhibition of PPAR $\gamma$  may promote HIV reservoir reactivation, in a manner similar to that of currently tested latency reversing agents (LRA) [42, 43]. This scenario is supported by our previous studies demonstrating that RNA interference against PPAR $\gamma$  results in increased viral replication on exposure to wild type and single round VSV-G/HIV [17].

In this study, we investigated the effect of PPAR $\gamma$  pharmacological inhibition on HIV reservoir reactivation and immune function restoration in Th17 cells, a subset enriched in PPAR $\gamma$  mRNA and protein [17, 18]. Our results demonstrate that the PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism increased both HIV transcription and ROR $\gamma$ t-mediated Th17 effector functions, such as IL-17A and IL-21, in CD4 $^+$  T cells from ART-treated PLWH. Of note, IL-21 is a signature-cytokine for follicular helper T-cells (Tfh) [33] that is also key for Th17 survival [14] and has demonstrated antiviral activity *in vitro* [44] and in non-human primate models [45, 46]. Unexpectedly, the PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism limited viral outgrowth in CD4 $^+$  T cells of ART-treated PLWH *ex vivo*, as well as on HIV infection *in vitro*. The unique combination of these immunological and virological features provides a strong rationale for considering the pharmacological inhibition of PPAR $\gamma$  for HIV cure/remission strategies.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Study participants

PLWH receiving viral-suppressive ART (Table 1) and HIV- individuals (n=15 males; n=2 females) were recruited at the Montreal Chest Institute, McGill University Health Centre and Centre Hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM) in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Large quantities of PBMCs ( $10^9$ – $10^{10}$  cells) were collected by leukapheresis, as previously described [19, 20].

### Ethics statement

This study, using PBMCs from HIV-uninfected and HIV-infected study participants was conducted in compliance with the principles included in the Declaration of Helsinki. This study received approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the McGill University Health Centre and the IRB of the CHUM-Research Centre, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. All participants signed a written informed consent and agreed with the publication of the results generated using their biological samples.

### Drugs

The following drugs were used: T0070907 (T007; 2-Chloro-5-nitro-*N*-4-pyridinylbenzamide; Tocris, Cayman Chemical, Michigan, USA); rosiglitazone (RGZ; Cayman Chemical, Michigan, USA); Saquinavir, and Raltegravir (NIH AIDS Reagent Program, Maryland, USA).

**Table 1:** Clinical parameters of ART-treated PLWH study participants.

| Patient ID | Sex | CD4 count# | CD8 count# | Plasma viral load& | Time since infection* | ART                 | Time on ART* |
|------------|-----|------------|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| ART #1     | M   | 398        | 775        | <40                | 154                   | Complera            | 26           |
| ART #2     | M   | 841        | 1,322      | <40                | 150                   | Sustiva/Truvada     | 138          |
| ART #3     | M   | 796        | 399        | <40                | 8                     | Stribild            | 6            |
| ART #4     | M   | 581        | 1,060      | <40                | 96                    | Sustiva/Truvada     | 5            |
| ART #5     | M   | 391        | 620        | 50                 | 165                   | Kivexa/Delavirdine  | 54           |
| ART #6     | M   | 318        | 431        | <40                | 149                   | Kivexa/Delavirdine  | 44           |
| ART #7     | M   | 514        | 568        | <40                | 16                    | Tivicay/ Truvada    | 6            |
| ART #8     | M   | 775        | 1,000      | <40                | 74                    | Complera            | 19           |
| ART #9     | M   | 459        | 545        | <40                | 189                   | Truvada/Raltegravir | >12          |
| ART #10    | F   | 616        | 330        | <40                | 186                   | Viracept/Truvada    | 34           |
| ART #11    | M   | 542        | 803        | <40                | 13                    | Stribild            | 12           |
| ART #12    | M   | 458        | 899        | <40                | 201                   | Truvada/Viramune    | 200          |
| ART #13    | M   | 908        | 854        | <40                | 89                    | Stribild            | 72           |
| ART #14    | F   | 833        | 445        | <40                | 213                   | Viracept/Truvada    | 60           |
| ART #15    | M   | 546        | 1,116      | <40                | 408                   | Atripla             | 372          |

#, cells/ $\mu$ l;  $\text{c}^{\text{c}}$ , HIV-RNA copies per ml plasma; \*, months; ART, antiretroviral therapy; M, male; F, female

### Flow cytometry analysis

The fluorochrome-conjugated antibodies used for polychromatic flow cytometry are listed in Supplemental Table 3. A viability dye (Molecular Probes<sup>®</sup> LIVE/DEAD<sup>®</sup> Fixable Dead Cell Stain Kits, Invitrogen) was used to exclude dead cells. Intracellular staining was performed using Fixation/Permeabilization Solution Kit (BD). Cells were analyzed using an LSRII cytometer, Diva version 6 (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA), and FlowJo version 10.0.6 (Tree Star, Inc). Flow cytometry gates were defined using the fluorescence minus one (FMO) strategy [19, 20].

### Cell sorting

Total and memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were enriched from PBMCs by negative selection using magnetic beads (magnetic-activated cell sorting [MACS], Miltenyi), with a purity of >95%, as previously described [19, 20]. Highly pure CCR6<sup>+</sup>/CCR6<sup>-</sup> T cells were sorted by FACS using antibodies listed in Supplemental Table 3, as previously reported by our group [19, 20].

### Viral outgrow assay

A viral outgrowth assay (VOA) was performed using a protocol previously established by our group [19, 20]. Briefly, total memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells isolated by MACS from PBMCs of PLWH receiving viral-suppressive ART (PLWH+ART) were cultured (RPMI1640, 10% FBS, 1% anti-

otics) at  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/mL/well in 48-well plates in the presence of immobilized CD3 and soluble CD28 antibodies (1  $\mu$ g/mL) for up to 12 days. At day 3, cells were washed, split into 2 new wells, and cultured with IL-2 (5 ng/mL). At days 6 and 9, cells from each well were split into 2 new wells, and media was refreshed. Supernatants were collected at days 3, 6, 9, and 12 for HIV-p24 and cytokine quantification by ELISA. At day 12, cells were stimulated with PMA (50 ng/mL) and Ionomycin (1  $\mu$ g/mL) in the presence of Brefeldin A (5  $\mu$ g/mL) for 5 hours and used for the intracellular detection of HIV-p24, IL-17A, and IFN- $\gamma$  by flow cytometry after staining with specific antibodies (Supplemental Table 3).

### **Quantification of cell-associated HIV-RNA and HIV-DNA**

Cell-associated (CA) RNA and DNA was dually extracted from cell pellets (polled 5-6 replicates of  $1 \times 10^6$  cells/experimental condition) using the AllPrep DNA/RNA Mini Kit (Qiagen), according to the manufacturer's instructions. The quality (260 nm/280 nm ratio) and quantity of RNA/DNA collected were evaluated by Nanodrop.

CA LTR-Gag HIV-RNA (CA HIV-RNA) levels were quantified by 1-step real-time RT-PCR using specific external/internal primers and taqman probes (Supplemental Table 4a) and classical RT-PCR/PCR amplification conditions. The amplified products from the first PCR (ProFlex PCR System 9700; Applied Biosystems) were diluted 10 x in molecular grade water and used as templates in second nested real-time PCR amplifications (RotorGene instrument, Qiagen). For the CA LTR-Gag HIV-RNA (unspliced), standards were generated using plasmid-based transcription *in vitro* (MEGAscript™ T7 Transcription Kit, ThermoFisher).

To normalize HIV-RNA to HIV-DNA on matched samples, levels of CA Gag HIV-DNA were quantified by ultrasensitive nested real-time PCR using the same primers and Taqman probe used for the CA HIV-RNA quantification (Table 4a). To normalize the HIV-DNA levels per number of cells, the CD3 gene was concomitantly amplified using specific external/internal primers and Taqman probes (Supplemental Table 4b), as previously described [19, 20]. ACH2 cells carrying 1 copy of integrated HIV-DNA per cell (The National Institutes of Health AIDS Reagent Program) were used for the standard curve.

### **Quantification of cell-free HIV RNA**

The quantification of cell-free HIV-RNA was performed as previously reported [47]. To enrich in HIV virions, 5 mL aliquots of cell culture supernatants were centrifuged at 25,000g for 90 minutes. Pelleted virions (in 140  $\mu$ L supernatant) were used for total RNA isolation using the QIAamp Viral RNA Mini Kit (Qiagen; final elution in 60  $\mu$ L). The extracted RNA was first subjected to DNase (Invitrogen) treatment. HIV-RNA quantification was performed as described above. HIV-RNA quantification was performed in triplicates (using 17  $\mu$ L eluted total RNA/test), as described above. Results are expressed as the number of HIV-RNA copies per reaction (equivalent of 5 mL cell culture supernatant per test). Standards were generated using RNA extracted from ACH2-culture supernatant. All measures were performed in triplicate.

### **HIV infection *in vitro***

T cells were activated with CD3/CD28 antibodies (1  $\mu$ g/mL), exposed to the replication-competent transmitted/founder (T/F) strain HIV<sub>THRO</sub> (NIH AIDS Reagent Program) [48], and viral rep-

lication monitored by ELISA, as previously described [19, 20]. Infected cells were cultured with IL-2 (5 ng/mL), in the presence or absence of T0070907 (1  $\mu$ M, 5  $\mu$ M, 10  $\mu$ M) or RGZ (50  $\mu$ M). In parallel, experiments were performed with single round VSV-G-pseudotyped HIV (VSV-G/HIV; NL4.3 backbone, *env*-, *gfp* in place of *nef*) [49]. The viral stocks were produced by transfection of 293T cells, as previously described [17, 18].

### HIV integration

Integrated HIV-DNA was quantified by ultrasensitive nested real-time PCR in cell lysates ( $10^5$  cells/test in triplicate; detection limit: 3 HIV-DNA copies/test), with normalization relative to CD3 copy numbers (2 CD3 copies per single cell), as previously described [12, 19, 20], using specific primers and FRET probes (Supplemental Tables c-d).

### Real-time RT-PCR for quantification of cellular transcripts

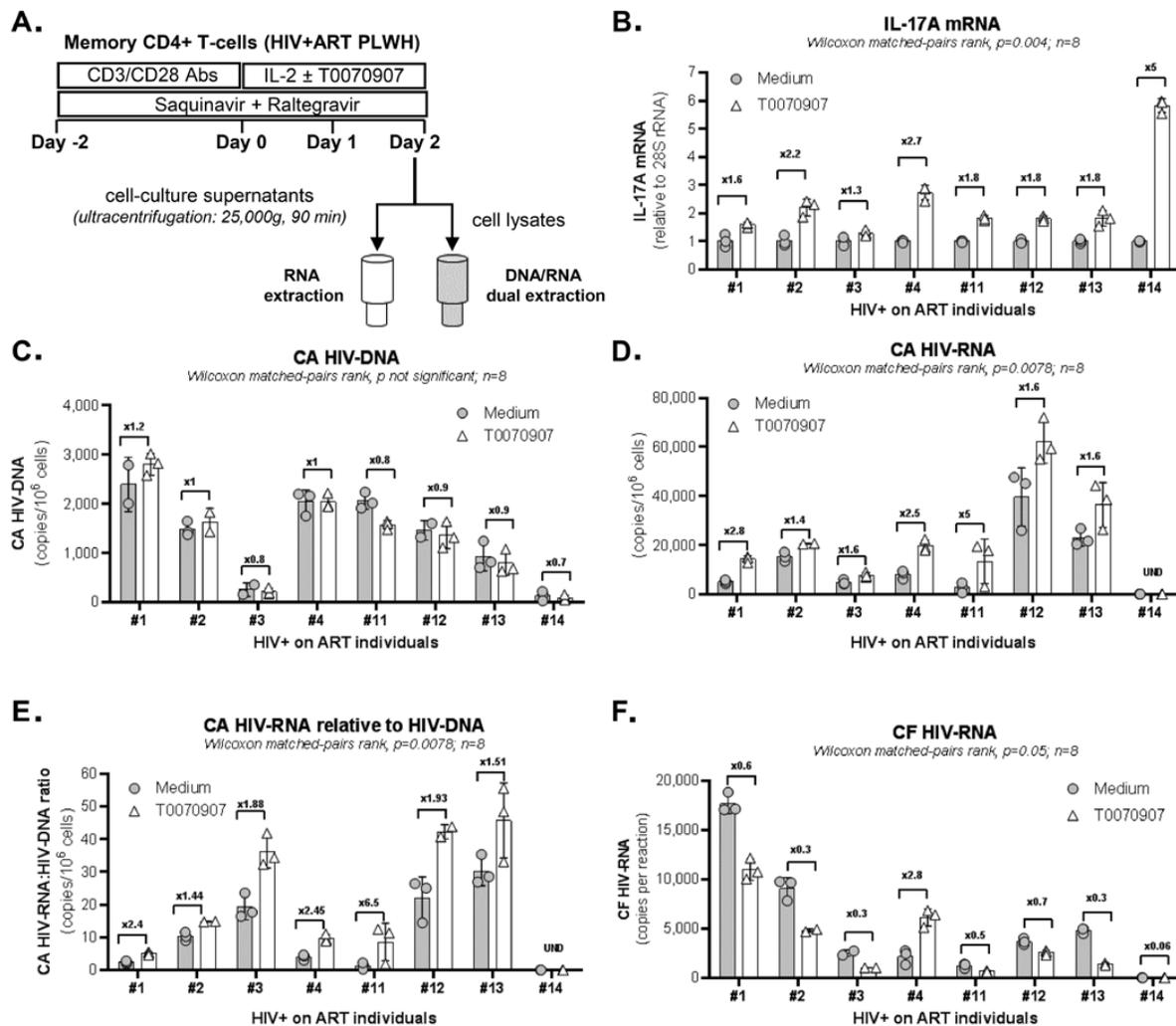
Total RNA was isolated using the RNeasy Kit (Qiagen) and quantified using the Pearl nanophotometer (Implen). One step SYBR Green real-time RT-PCR (Qiagen) was carried out in a Light-Cycler 480 II (Roche) according to the manufacturer's recommendations, as we previously reported [17, 18]. QuantiTect Primer Assays were purchased from Qiagen. The expression of each gene was normalized relative to 28S rRNA levels. Amplifications were performed in triplicate on 70 ng RNA/test for target genes and 2 ng RNA/test for 28S rRNA.

### Genome-wide RNA-sequencing and analysis

Genome-wide transcriptional profiling was performed on total RNA by Genome Québec (Montreal, Québec, Canada) using the Illumina RNA-Sequencing model HiSeq 4000 PE100. Briefly, the paired-end sequencing reads were aligned to coding and non-coding transcripts from Homo Sapiens database GRCh 37 version75 and quantified using the kallisto software version 0.44.0 [50]. The entire RNA-Sequencing data set and the technical information requested by Minimum Information About a Microarray Experiment (MIAME) are available at the Gene Expression Omnibus database under accession **GSE128121**. One-way ANOVA analysis identified differentially expressed genes based on  $P$  values ( $P < 0.05$ ) or adjusted  $P$  values (adj.  $P < 0.05$ ) and/or fold-change (FC, cutoff 1.3). Statistical analyses were performed using R version 3.5.1. Differential expression analysis was performed using the limma Bioconductor package [51] (version 3.38.3) on the  $\log_2$ -counts per million (logCPM) transformed transcript-level data. Gene set enrichment analysis was performed using the GSVA method [52] (package version 1.30.0) on the logCPM data using a Gaussian cumulative distribution function.

### Statistics

All statistical analyses were performed using the Prism 8 (GraphPad software). Specifications on the statistical test used are included on the graphs and Figure legends.  $P$  values are indicated on the graphs with statistical significance as follows: \* $P < 0.05$ ; \*\* $P < 0.01$ ; \*\*\* $P < 0.001$ ; \*\*\*\* $P < 0.0001$



**Figure 1: The PPAR $\gamma$  antagonist T0070907 increases HIV and IL-17A transcription but inhibits viral release from memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells of ART-treated PLWH.** (A) Shown is the experimental flow chart. Briefly, memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells of ART-treated PLWH (Table 1,  $n=8$ ) were activated by CD3/CD28 for 2 days in the presence of ARVs (Saquinavir 5 $\mu$ M; Raltegravir 200nM) to limit cell-to-cell virion spreading, washed and further cultured with ARVs in the presence or the absence of T0070907 (10 $\mu$ M) for other 48 hours. DMSO (1  $\mu$ L/mL; identified as Medium) was used as a control. Total RNA and DNA levels were dually extracted from cell pellets and total RNA was extracted from cell culture supernatants. (B) IL-17A mRNA was quantified by real-time RT-PCR and normalized to 28S rRNA levels. (C) Cell-associated (CA) HIV-DNA (Gag primers) were quantified by nested real-time PCR and normalized per  $10^6$  cells (2 copies CD3-DNA per cell). (D-E) CA HIV-RNA (unspliced, Gag primers) levels were quantified by nested real-time RT-PCR and normalized per  $10^6$  cells (D) and HIV-DNA/ $10^6$  cells (E) using results from panel C. (F) Cell-free (CF) HIV-RNA (Gag primers) copies were quantified by nested real-time RT-PCR in RNA extracted from cell culture supernatants. Each symbol represents 1 experimental replicate (mean $\pm$ SD). The Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test  $P$ -values and the fold change (FC) ratios between medium and T0070907 are indicated on the graphs.

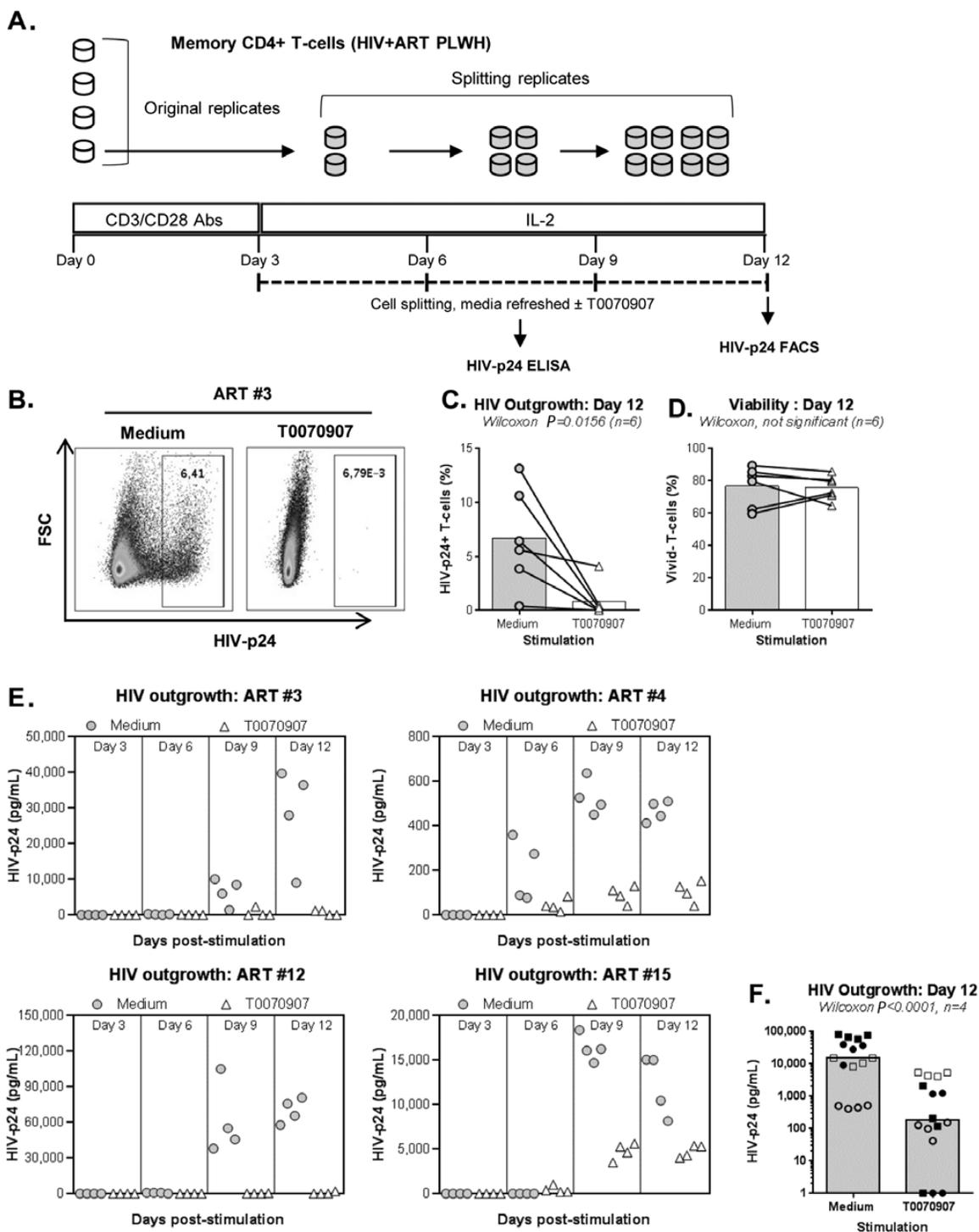
## RESULTS

### **PPARy inhibition increases IL-17A and HIV transcription but reduces viral production and release in CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells of ART-treated PLWH.**

We hypothesized that PPARy pharmacological inhibition promotes both HIV reservoir reactivation and immune function restoration in Th17 cells. To test this hypothesis, we characterized the effects of the well-characterized PPARy antagonist T0070907 [53] in memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells from ART-treated PLWH (Table 1, n=8) (Figure 1A). Cells were stimulated with CD3/CD28 antibodies for 2 days to induce HIV optimal outgrowth [47] and PPARy expression (Supplemental Figure 1) [17]; cells were further cultured in the presence/absence of T0070907 for 2 additional days. To study the post-integration steps of viral replication (ie, transcription, virion production and release) while preventing novel infection *in vitro*, experiments were performed in the presence of the antiretroviral drugs (ARV) Saquinavir and Raltegravir (Figure 1A). Preliminary experiments allowed the identification of an optimal T0070907 concentration (ie, 10µM) that upregulates IL-17A production without affecting cell viability/proliferation (Supplemental Figure 2A). As expected, exposure to T0070907 resulted in a significant increase of IL-17A mRNA levels (Figure 1B). Upon this short-term stimulation/culture *in vitro*, CA HIV-DNA levels remained similar in T cells cultured with or without T0070907 (Figure 1C), consistent with the well-established stability of HIV-DNA reservoirs [4, 10]. Nevertheless, exposure to T0070907 significantly increased absolute CA HIV-RNA levels, as well as CA HIV-RNA:HIV-DNA ratios (Figure 1D-E), indicating that the drug boosted the TCR-mediated HIV transcription. Unexpectedly, cell-free HIV-RNA levels were significantly reduced by T0070907 in 7 of 8 donors (Figure 1F), indicative of a post-transcriptional block in virion production/release. Thus, the PPARy antagonism overcomes the PPARy-mediated repression of RORyt and HIV transcription, but also modulates expression of other factors acting at the post transcriptional level, thus resulting in decreased *de novo* production and release of viral particles.

### **PPARy antagonism inhibits HIV outgrowth from CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells of ART-treated PLWH**

Productive HIV replication is regulated at multiple post-transcriptional steps [1]. To further document the effect of PPARy antagonism on *de novo* HIV production, a VOA that monitors viral reservoir reactivation and cell-to-cell propagation in culture [19, 20] was performed (Figure 2A). To optimally detect replication-competent HIV, memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were isolated from PLWH receiving ART for >2 years (#5, #10, #12, and #15) and receiving ART <2 years (#3 and #4) (Table 1). In a first set of experiments, HIV outgrowth was measured by intracellular HIV-p24 staining at day 12 post-stimulation in cells from 8 splitting replicates merged together (generated from 1 original replicate). Results in Figure 2B-C demonstrate that the HIV outgrowth induced by CD3/CD28 triggering was significantly reduced in the presence of T0070907, with no significant impact on cell viability (Figure 2D). By merging the cells from the 8 identical replicates, it was possible to stimulate the cells with PMA/Ionomycin and monitor the expression of HIV-p24 in cells production IL-17A and/or IFN-γ. Consistent with the well-documented Th17 cell permissiveness to HIV [14, 15], when the VOA was performed in the absence of T0070907, the highest frequency of infected cells was detected in Th17 (IL-17A<sup>+</sup>IFN-γ<sup>+</sup>) and Th1Th17 (IL-17A<sup>+</sup>IFN-γ<sup>+</sup>) cells; T0070907 reduced the frequency of HIV-p24<sup>+</sup> but not IL-17A<sup>+</sup> cells (data not shown). These results indicate the ability of T0070907 to limit HIV replication in Th17 cells without altering their effector functions.



**Figure 2: T0070907 inhibits HIV outgrowth in memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells of ART-treated PLWH.** (A) Shown is the experimental flow chart for the viral outgrowth assay (VOA) performed with memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells of ART-treated PLWH. Briefly, cells cultured in 48-well plates (10<sup>6</sup> cells/well) were activated with CD3/CD28 antibodies for 3 days, washed and cultured in the presence or the absence of T0070907 (10 $\mu$ M) up to 12 days. Cells were split into 2 new wells, supernatants collected and media refreshed every 3 days.

At day 12, cells were stained with a viability dye and then intracellularly with HIV-p24 antibodies. **(B-D)** In a first set of experiments, the VOA was performed with one original replicate ( $10^6$  cells/well) at day 0 that generated 8 splitting replicates at day 12. Shown is **(B)** the intracellular HIV-p24 expression in cells pooled from the 8 splitting replicates at day 12 from one representative donor (ART #3), as well as statistical analysis of **(C)** intracellular HIV-p24 staining and **(D)** cell viability in  $n=6$  ART-treated PLWH (Table 1; ART #3, #4, #5, #10, #12, and #15). **(E-F)** In another set of experiments, the VOA was performed in 4 original replicates of  $10^6$  cells/well cultured at day 0 that each generated 8 splitting replicates at day 12. Shown are HIV-p24 levels in cell culture supernatant quantified in cell culture supernatant collected from the splitting replicates of each original replicate at days 3 (1 well), 6 (2 wells), 9 (4 wells), and 12 (8 wells) for each donor individually **(E)** and statistical analysis on  $n=4$  ART-treated PLWH at day 12 **(F)** (Table 1; ART #3, #4, #12, and #15). Each symbol represents the median HIV-p24 value of 8 splitting replicate wells resulting from 1 original replicate (4 original replicates/donor), with grey circles for Medium and open triangles for T0070907 **(E)** and different symbols for each donor **(F)**. The Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test  $P$ -values and the fold change (FC) ratios between medium and T0070907 are indicated on the graphs.

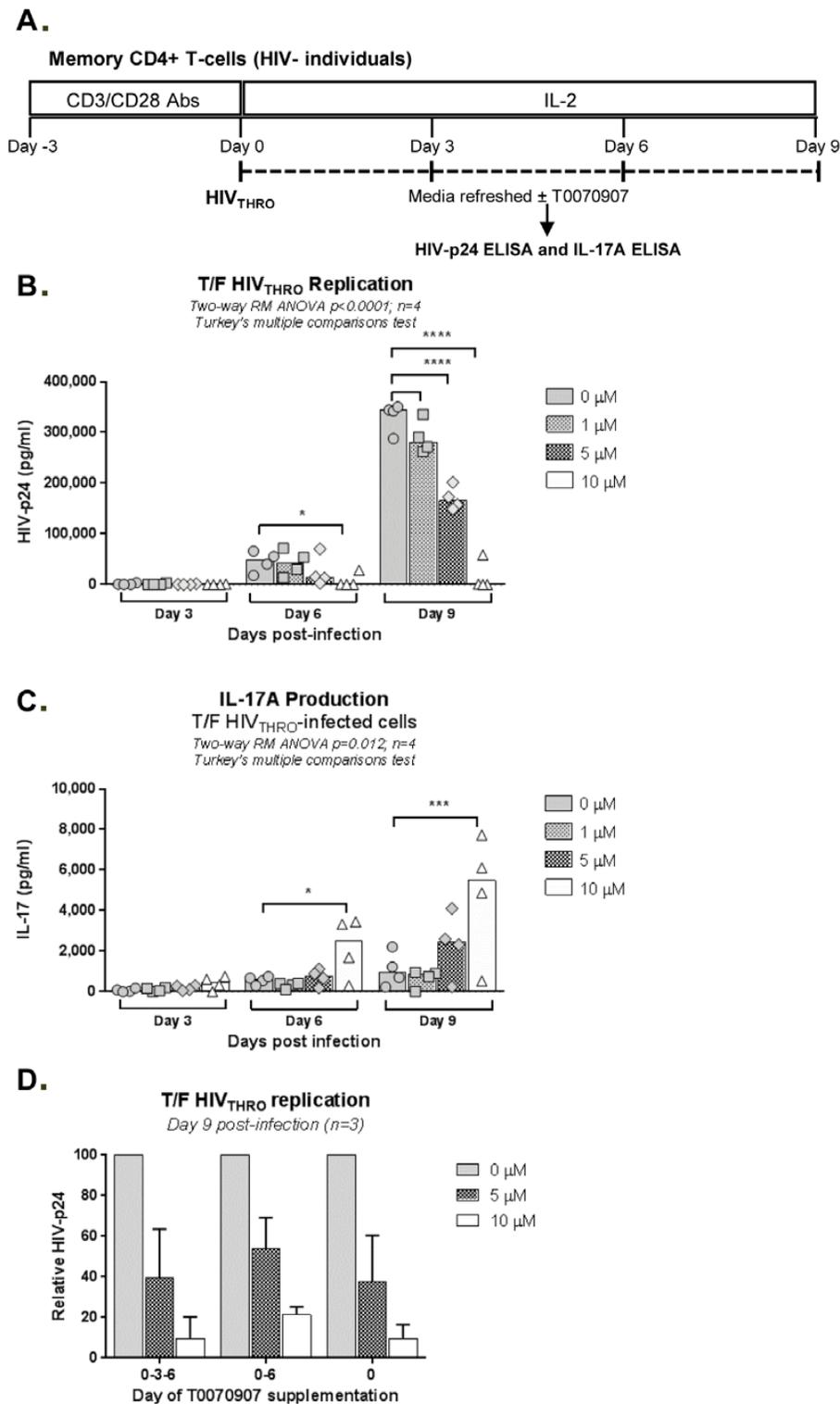
Considering the stochastic distribution of HIV reservoirs, the VOA was performed again with cells from  $n=4$  ART-treated PLWH (Table 1; ART #3, #4, #12, and #15), but this time using 4 original replicates of  $10^6$  cells/well (Figure 2E-F) instead of 1 (Figure 2B-D). The HIV-p24 ELISA quantification was performed in cell culture supernatants collected at days 3, 6, 9, and 12 post-stimulation from all splitting replicates. Results in Figure 2E-F confirmed the capacity of T0070907 to inhibit HIV outgrowth.

Given the documented ability of RGZ in inhibiting HIV replication [17, 54] by repressing HIV transcription [31], we used RGZ as a control in this VOA. As expected, RGZ (50  $\mu$ M, optimal dose previously identified [17]) inhibited viral outgrowth in cells of ART-treated PLWH (Table 1; ART #3, #4, #5, and #10) (Supplemental Figure 3A), with no significant effects on cell viability (Supplemental Figure 3B).

Thus, the PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism inhibits viral outgrowth by acting on viral replication steps downstream of transcription, steps that are important for *de novo* viral particle production and/or propagation and spread.

### **PPAR $\gamma$ inhibition reduces HIV replication *in vitro***

Considering the unexpected antiviral features of T0070907, we further investigated its ability to modulate HIV replication *in vitro*. For this, we used the transmitted/founder (T/F) strain THRO, documented to exhibit high virulence [55], using the experimental design depicted in Figure 3A. TCR-activated memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were infected with HIV<sub>THRO</sub> and treated with T0070907 (1, 5, 10 $\mu$ M) for up to 9 days, with T0070907 being refreshed in the media every 3 days. Results indicate a dose-dependent effect of T0070907, with a significant increase in IL-17A production and a decrease in HIV replication observed at 10 $\mu$ M (Figure 3B-C), with no effects on cell viability and proliferation (Supplemental Figure 2A). In parallel, similar experiments were performed with T0070907 being added every 3 days versus once (day 0 post infection) or twice (day 0 and 6 post-infection). Results in Figure 3D clearly demonstrate that the antiviral effect of T0070907



**Figure 3: T0070907 boosts IL-17A production and limits T/F HIV<sub>THRO</sub> replication *in vitro* in a dose-dependent manner.** (A) Shown is the experimental flow chart. Briefly, memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells isolated from HIV-uninfected individuals were stimulated by CD3/CD28 for 3 days. (B-C) Cells were exposed to

T/F HIV<sub>THRO</sub> strain (25 ng/10<sup>6</sup> cells) and cultured in the presence of IL-2 (5 ng/ml) and in the presence/absence of T0070907 (1, 5, and 10 $\mu$ M) for up to 9 days, with media, IL-2 and/or T0070907 being refreshed every 3 days. Shown are HIV-p24 levels (**B**) and IL-17A (**C**) quantified by ELISA in cell culture supernatants at days 3, 6 and 9 post-infection (n=4). Each symbol represents 1 different donor, and bars represent median values. Two-way RM ANOVA *P*-values and Turkey's multiple comparisons are indicated on the graphs. (**D**) To determine the effect of single versus multiple T0070907 doses on HIV replication, in another set of experiments, infected cells were cultured in the presence of IL-2 and in the presence/absence of T0070907 (5 and 10 $\mu$ M), with T0070907 being administered either once at day 0 post-infection (0), twice at days 0 and 6 post-infection (0-6), or every 3 days post-infection (0-3-6). Shown are relative HIV-p24 levels quantified by ELISA in cell culture supernatants collected at day 9 post-infection (n=3).

is achieved with a single dose of T0070907 added immediately on infection. No effects on cell viability and proliferation were observed (Supplemental Figure 2B). This is indicative that PPAR $\gamma$  inhibition during the early steps of infection allows a robust control of HIV spread in culture.

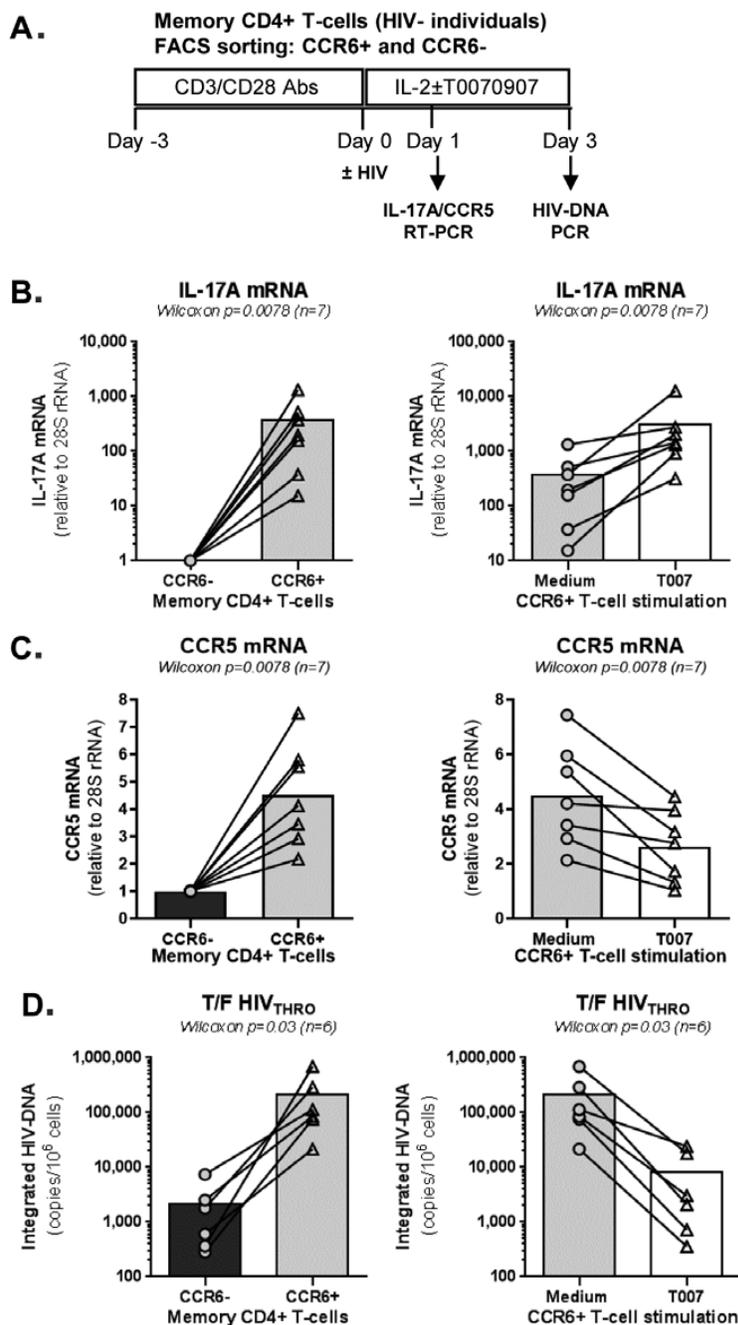
To get insights into the mechanisms of T0070907 action, we investigated its effect on the expression of the HIV receptor CD4 and co-receptors CCR5/CXCR4. Although T0070907 did not change CD4 and CXCR4 expression, a significant decrease in CCR5 expression was observed (Supplemental Figure 4A-D). Thus, in addition to reducing viral production/release (Figure 1F), T0070907 also limits *de novo* infection in part by limiting CCR5-mediated HIV entry.

### **PPAR $\gamma$ antagonism boosts IL-17A expression and reduces HIV replication in CCR6<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells**

IL-17A production and HIV permissiveness are key features of memory CCR6<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells [14-16]. Thus, we further tested the immunological/virological effects of T0070907 in flow cytometry-sorted memory CCR6<sup>+</sup> and CCR6<sup>-</sup> T cells on HIV infection *in vitro* (Figure 4A). In the absence of T0070907, CCR6<sup>+</sup> versus CCR6<sup>-</sup> T cells expressed significantly higher levels of IL-17A and CCR5 mRNA (Figure 4B-C, left panels) and supported a more robust HIV-DNA integration ( $\approx 2 \log_{10}$  difference) (Figure 4D, left panel). Similar to results on bulk memory T cells, T0070907 significantly increased IL-17A mRNA expression (Figure 4B, right panel) and reduced CCR5 mRNA expression as well as HIV-DNA integration in memory CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells (Figure 4C-D, right panels). Thus, consistent with superior expression of PPAR $\gamma$  in CCR6<sup>+</sup> Th17/Th1Th17-polarized versus CCR6<sup>-</sup> Th1-polarized T cells [17, 18, 32, 34], T0070907 acted on CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells to upregulate IL-17A production and limit HIV *de novo* infection by mechanisms including CCR5 down-regulation.

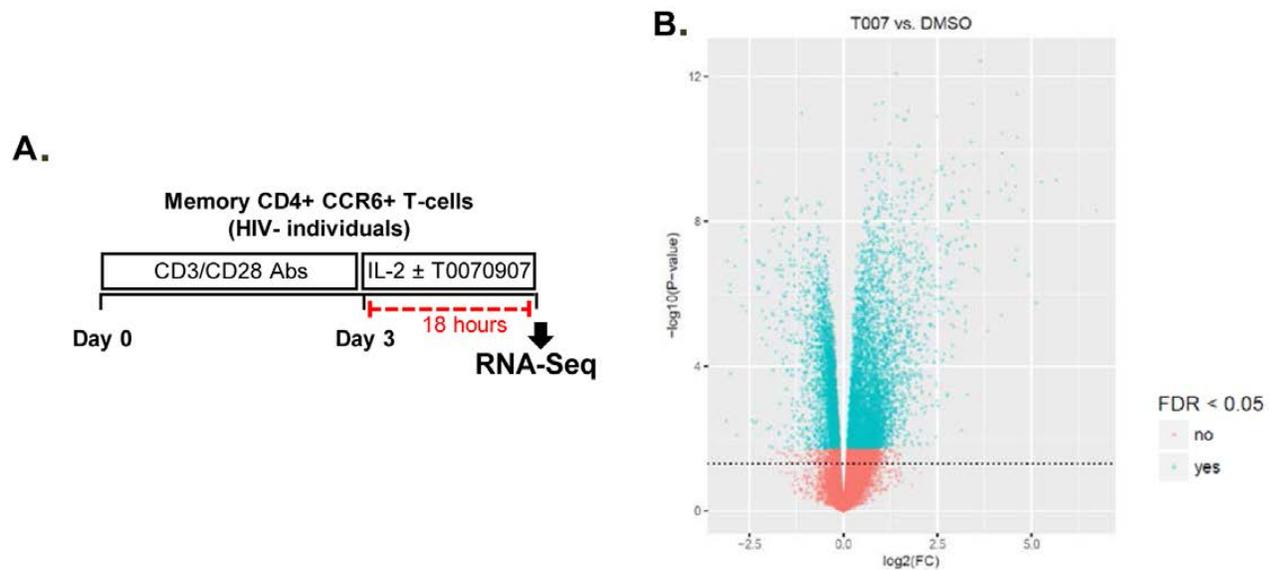
### **RNA-Sequencing reveals a complex network of cellular processes positively or negatively regulated by PPAR $\gamma$ in memory CCR6<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells**

To get further insights into the mechanism of action of PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism, genome-wide transcriptional profiling was performed in CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells stimulated via the TCR for 3 days and cultured in the presence or absence of T0070907 for an additional 18 hours (Figure 5A). Differentially expressed genes were classified based on *P* values (*P*) or adjusted *P* values (adj. *P*) and fold change (FC) gene expression. Profound transcriptional changes were induced by T0070907 in CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells, with 4,002 transcripts upregulated and 1,249 transcripts downregulated (adj.



**Figure 4: T0070907 efficiently increases IL-17A expression and reduces HIV replication in sorted memory CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells.** (A) Shown is the experimental flow chart. Briefly, memory CCR6<sup>+</sup> and CCR6<sup>-</sup> T cells of HIV-uninfected individuals (n=6-7) were stimulated by CD3/CD28 for 3 days. (B-C) Cells were cultured in the presence of IL-2 and/or T0070907 (10 $\mu$ M) for 18 hours and RNA extraction was performed for RT-PCR quantification. Shown are results on (B) IL-17A (n=7) and (C) CCR5 (n=7) mRNA expression in CCR6<sup>-</sup> versus CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells cultured in the absence of T0070907 (left panels) and CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells cultured in the presence/absence of T0070907 (right panels). Normalization was performed relative to 28S rRNA, with expression in CCR6<sup>-</sup> T cells being considered 1. (D) Another fraction of cells was exposed

to T/F HIV<sub>THRO</sub> strain (25 ng/10<sup>6</sup> cells) and cultured in the presence of IL-2 and/or T0070907 (10 $\mu$ M) for 3 additional days. Shown are levels of HIV-DNA integration (as a measure of HIV replication) in CCR6<sup>-</sup> versus CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells in the absence of T0070907 (left panel) and in CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells cultured in the presence/absence of T0070907 (right panel). The Wilcoxon signed rank test *P*-values are indicated on the graphs. Each symbol represents results generated with cells from one different donor; bars represent median values.



**Figure 5: T0070907 imprints CCR6<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells with an anti-viral transcriptional program. (A)** Shown is the experimental flow chart for genome-wide transcriptional analysis. Briefly, memory CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells of HIV-uninfected individuals (n=8) were stimulated by CD3/CD28 for 3 days and cultured with IL-2 in the presence/absence of T0070907 (10 $\mu$ M) for additional 18 hours. Total RNA was extracted for RNA sequencing. **(B)** Volcano plots for all probes in each linear model with the log<sub>2</sub> FC on the x-axis and the negative logarithm of the adjusted *P*-values for false discovery rate (FDR) on the y-axis. The red/green color code is based on the 5% FDR threshold. **(C)** Heatmap represents 71 pathways included in the gene ontology (GO) classification: cytokines/chemokines (pink), drug transporters (blue), glucose/lipid metabolism (orange), and inflammation/immune response to type I interferon (violet) based on the 5% FDR threshold. Heatmap cells are scaled by the expression level z-scores for each probe individually. **(D)** Ingenuity pathway analysis (IPA) identified genes involved in HIV-1 production and differentially modulated by T0070907 (*P*<0.05). The y-axis represents the FC, with the 1.3 FC cut-off indicated by the dotted line. **(E)** IL-21 levels in cell culture supernatants were quantified by ELISA (n=5). Each symbol represents 1 different donor; bars represent median values. Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test are indicated on the graphs.

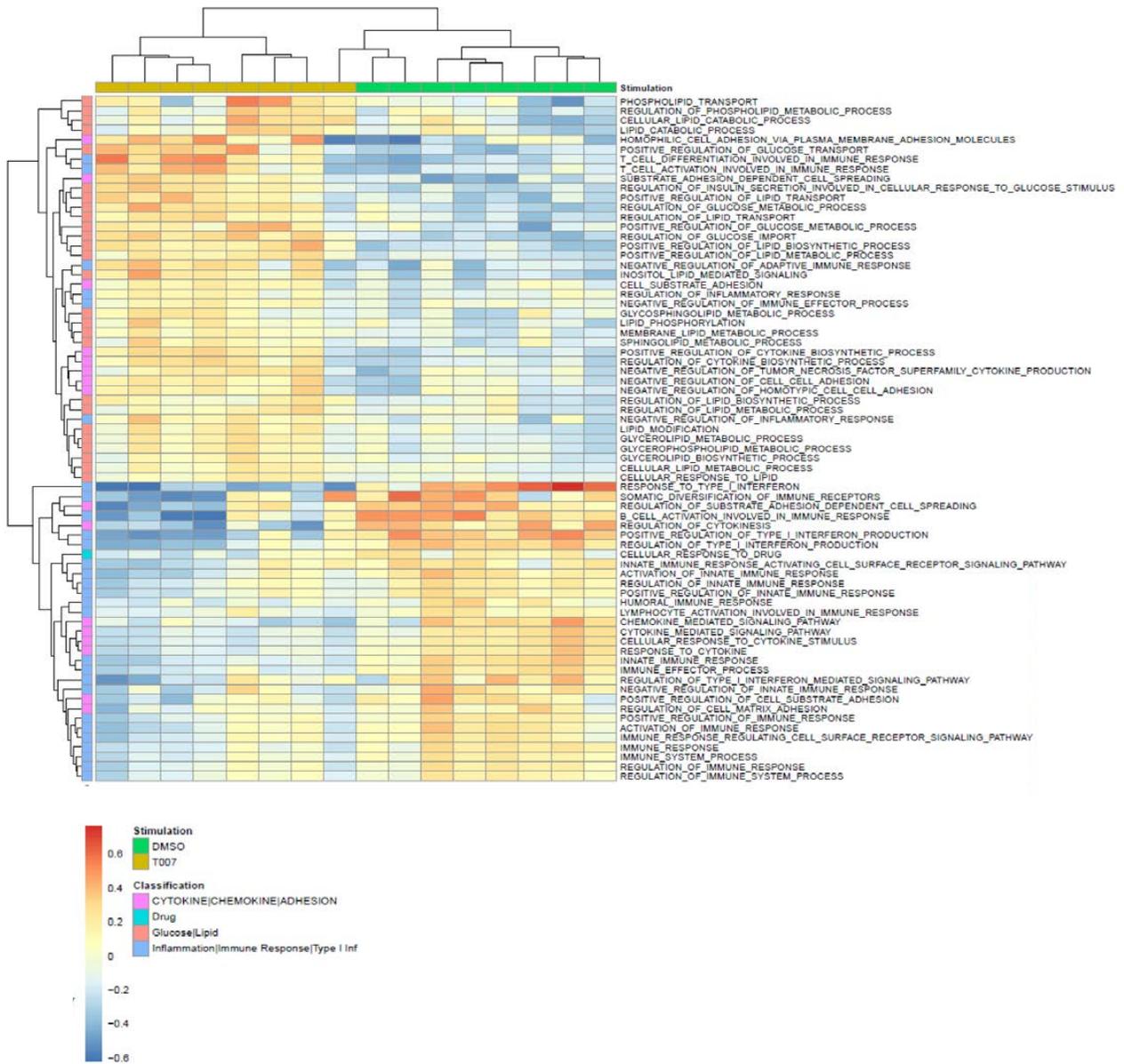


Figure 5C. GSEA on GO pathways

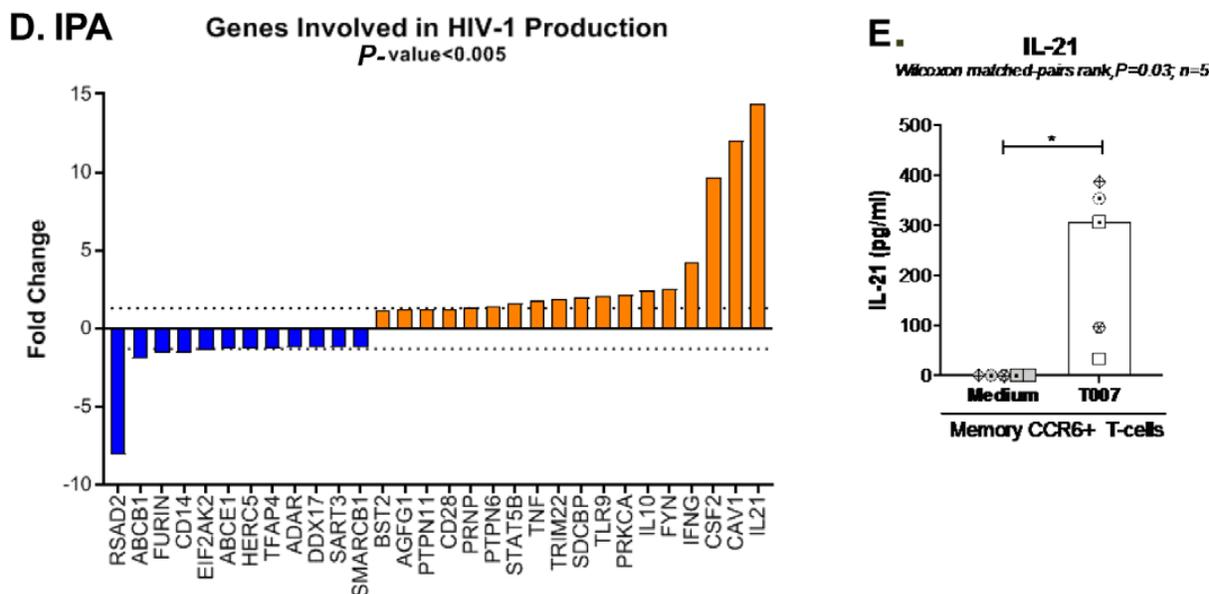
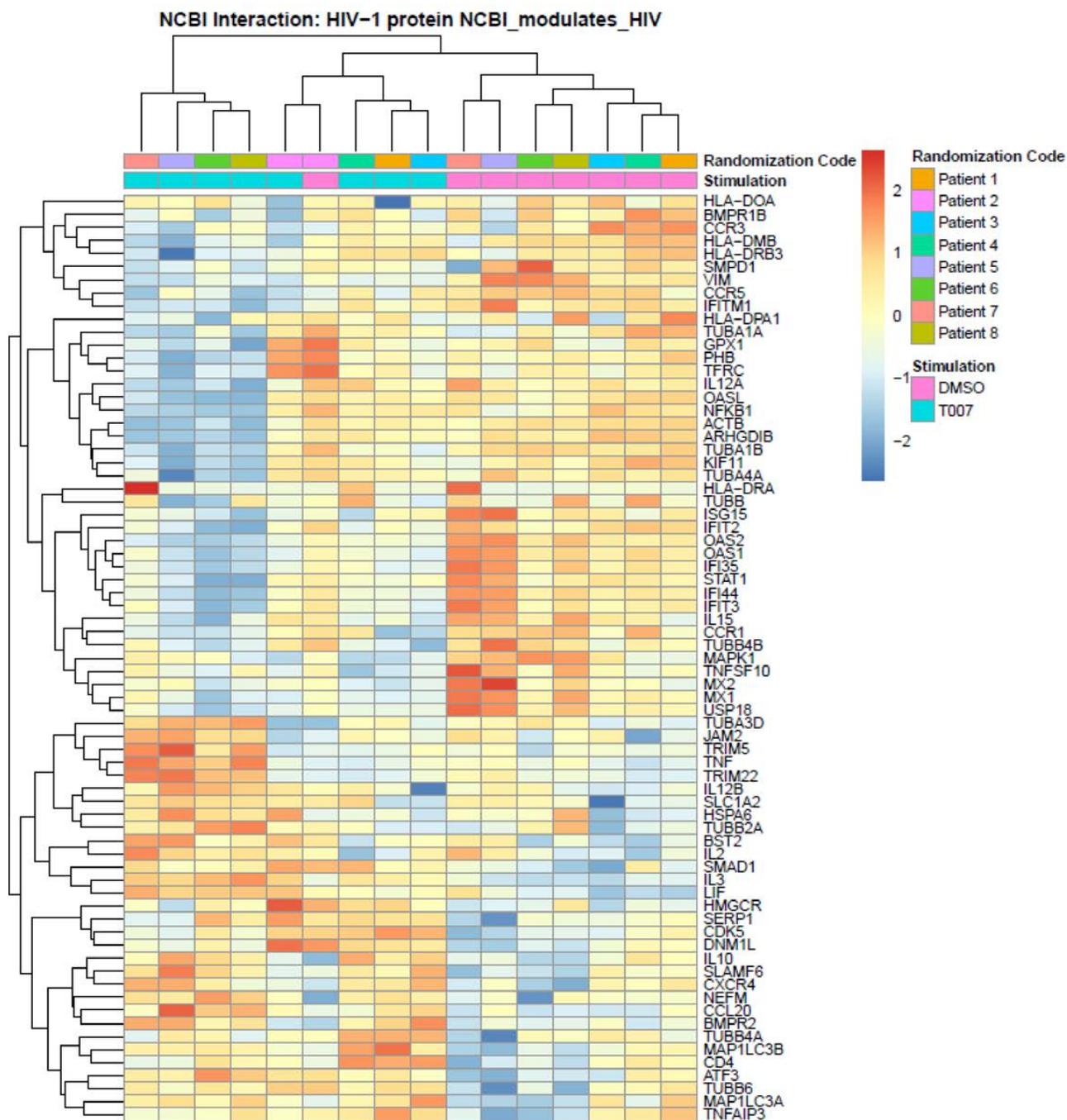


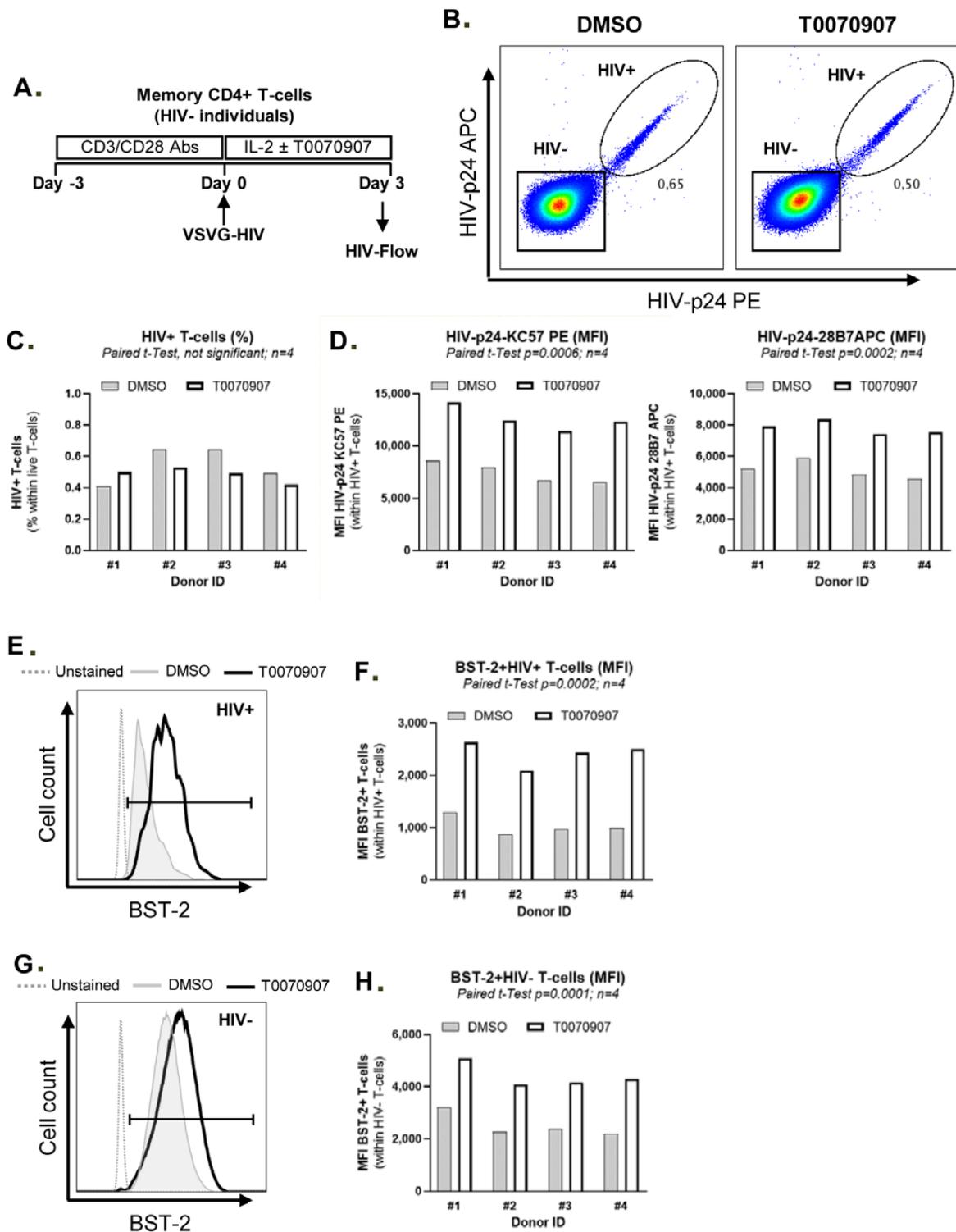
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$P < 0.05$ ; FC cutoff, 1.3) (Figure 5B), with the top 50 upregulated (adj.  $P < 0.05$ ; FC > 8) and down-regulated (adj.  $P < 0.05$ ; FC < -3.2) transcripts listed in Supplemental Tables 1-2, respectively.

Gene Set Variation Analysis (GSVA) allowed the identification of Gene Ontology (GO) biological processes (false discovery rate (FDR) < 0.05) using the Broad Institute data base (MSigDB C2, V6.2). Among 71 modulated pathways (Figure 5C), top pathways were linked to the GO terms: *i*) lipid/phospholipid and glucose metabolism (Supplemental Figure 6A-C), *ii*) inflammation/immune response to type I interferon (Supplemental Figure 5D), and *iii*) cytokines, chemokines and adhesion molecules (Supplemental Figure 5E-H). Differentially expressed genes linked to the GO term lipid/phospholipid metabolism, include the upregulation of the transcription factors PPAR $\gamma$ , PPAR $\alpha$ , KLF4, and NR4A3; the pattern recognition receptor NOD2; the tetraspanin CD81; the signaling molecules PTK2, PLA2G6, FGF2, and FLT1; the guanine nucleotide exchange factor VAV3; the hormone ADIPOQ/adiponectin; the cytokines TNF and IFNG; the downregulation of the ATP transporter ABCG1; the G protein RAC1; and the cell cycle regulator CDC42 (Supplemental Figure 5A-B). Differentially expressed genes linked to the GO term glucose metabolism include the upregulation of the glycosylphosphatidylinositol (GPI) degrading enzyme GPLD1, the insulin-like growth factors IGF1 and IGF2, and the phorbol-12-myristate-13-acetate-induced protein 1 (PMAIP1); and the downregulation of the enzymes tyrosine-protein phosphatase non-receptor type 2 (PTPN2) and diglyceride acyltransferase (DGAT2) (Supplemental Figure 5C). Differentially expressed genes linked to the GO term inflammation/immune response to type I interferon were mainly downregulated by T0070907 and included genes documented to play a positive/negative regulatory role in HIV replication such as ADAR, MX2, MX1, OAS1, RNASEL, SAMHD1, ISG15, ISG20, IFITM2, IFITM3, and TRIM56; of note, transcripts coding for the restriction factor BST2 were upregulated (Supplemental Figure 5D). Finally, Differentially



**Figure 6: Meta-analysis using the NCBI HIV interaction database.** Genome-wide transcriptional profiles were generated as in Figure 5. (A) Transcripts modulated by T0070907 in CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells ( $P < 0.05$ , FC cut-off 1.3) were matched to the lists of human genes included on the NCBI HIV interaction database. Heatmap cells are scaled by the expression level z-scores for each probe individually. Results from each donor are indicated with a different color code (n=8).



**Figure 7: T0070907 prevents BST-2 downregulation on HIV-infected T cells.** (A) Shown is the experimental flow chart. Briefly, memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells isolated from HIV-uninfected individuals were stimulated with anti-CD3/CD28 antibodies for 3 days, exposed to single round VSV-G/HIV for 3 hours. Then, cells were cultured in the presence of IL-2 (5 ng/ml) and in the presence or the absence (DMSO) of T0070909

(10 $\mu$ M) for 3 additional days. HIV-Flow using 2 distinct HIV-p24 antibody clones coupled with different fluorochromes (28B7 APC and PE), together with surface staining with BST-2 and CD4 antibodies, were performed and analyzed by flow cytometry. Shown is the co-expression of HIV-p24 PE and APC antibodies allowing the identification of productively infected cells (HIV<sup>+</sup>) in 1 representative donor (**B**) and the statistical analysis of the % of HIV<sup>+</sup> cells (**C**) and the MFI of HIV-p24 PE and APC expression on exposure to DMSO or T0070907 in 4 different donors (**D**). Shown are histograms from 1 representative donor for BST-2 and CD4 expression (**E and G**), as well as the statistical analyses of BST-2 and CD4 expression (% and MFI) on HIV<sup>+</sup> cells in 4 different donors (**F and H**). Paired *t*-test values are indicated on the graphs.

expressed genes related to the GO terms cytokines, chemokines, and adhesion molecules included upregulated transcripts for chemokine receptors (CXCR5, CXCR4, CX3CR1, CCR8), chemokines (CCL20, CCL1, XCL1, XCL2), cell-to-cell adhesion molecules/immune checkpoints (CD276/B7-H3, LAG3, CTLA4, TIGIT), and cytokines/cytokine regulators (IL-4, IL-10, CD28, BCL10, STAT5B, CD3E, CD80, IL-21, KLF4, IFNG, TLR9, TNF, TNFAIP3, IRAK3, AXL, PTPN22); as well as downregulated transcripts for chemokine receptors (CCR1-3, CCR5, CCR7, CCR9, CCR10, CXCR3, CXCR6), chemokines (CCRL2), cell-to-cell adhesion molecules (CD274/PD-L1, LGALS9, CD300A, CD74, CEACAM1, TNFSF14, LGALS3, TNFSF4), and cytokine biosynthesis (TLR1, NFKB1, LTB, TLR6, NLRC3, RARA) (Supplemental Figure 5E-H).

These results reveal a previously unrecognized complex network of cellular processes that are positively/negatively controlled by PPAR $\gamma$  in Th17-polarized CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells, with relevance for understanding the dichotomous effects of T0070907 on the various steps of HIV replication.

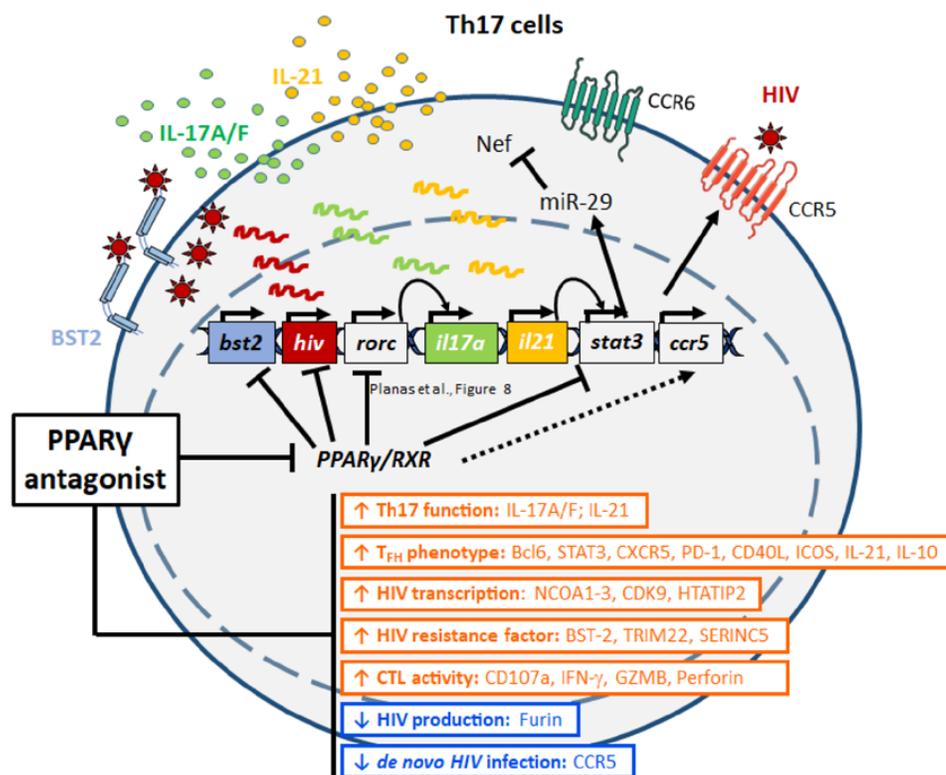
### **A Tfh-specific transcriptional signature induced upon PPAR $\gamma$ inhibition**

Ingenuity Pathway Analysis revealed the upregulation and downregulation of transcripts previously linked to the negative (eg. IL-21, CAV1, BST2) and positive (eg. furin) regulation of HIV replication, respectively (Figure 5D). Considering the well-documented role of IL-21 in modulating Th17/Tfh survival [14, 15], as well as its antiviral properties [44, 45, 56], we pursued the validation of IL-21 at the protein level. Results generated with memory CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells from 5 individuals confirmed the significant upregulation of IL-21 protein production by T0070907 (Figure 5E). IL-21 exerts its antiviral functions by the induction of miR-29 [44], a non-coding RNA that reduces HIV replication by interfering with Nef [57]. Consistently, Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (Supplemental Figure 6) revealed the interactome linked to IL-21 and the connection with miR-29 by the up-regulation of STAT3 [44]. These results point to IL-21 upregulation as one mechanism underlining the virological features of PPAR $\gamma$  inhibition.

In addition to IL-21, T0070907 upregulated a set of Tfh-specific transcripts [58], including transcription factors (Bcl6, MAE, STAT3), chemokine receptors (CXCR4, CXCR5), surface markers (CD4, ICOS), and cytokines (IL-4, IL-10, IL-17A/F) (Supplemental Figure 7).

### **HIV-dependency factors modulated by PPAR $\gamma$ inhibition**

A meta-analysis using the NCBI HIV-1 interactions database allowed the identification of human genes previously involved in HIV-1 infection that are modulated by T0070907 in CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells. Specifically, TRIM5, TNF, TRIM22, BST2, IL-2, IL-3, LIF, IL-10, CXCR4, SERP1, and CD4 were



**Figure 8: Summary of PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism-mediated virological/immunological reprogramming of CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells.** In line with the documented capacity of PPAR $\gamma$  to repress HIV and ROR $\gamma$ t transcription, the PPAR $\gamma$  antagonist T0070907 acted on CCR6<sup>+</sup> Th17 cells to boost both HIV transcription (NCOA1-3, HTATIP2, CDK9) and the expression of specific Th17/T<sub>H</sub> transcripts (eg, IL-17A, IL-21). Unexpectedly, the PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism prevented *de novo* production/release of virions from reservoir cells by negatively interfering with multiple steps of the HIV replication cycle, from virion maturation (eg, furin) and viral particle release (eg, BST2), to viral entry into new target cells (eg, CCR5), as well as the IL-21/miR-29 antiviral axis. Thus, the PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism may represent a new strategy to eradicate HIV reservoirs in Th17 cells. **Table 1:** Clinical parameters of ART-treated PLWH study participants.

upregulated; while VIM, CCR5, IFITM1, OASL, NFKB1, ISG15, IFIT2, OAS2, OAS1, IFIT35, STAT1, IL15, MX2, MX1, and USP18 were downregulated (Figure 6). Among transcripts regulating HIV transcription, T0070907 upregulated the expression of the nuclear receptor co-activators (NCOA)1-3, the nuclear factor of activated T cells cytoplasmic 1 (NFATC1), the HIV-1 Tat Interacting Protein 2 (HTATIP2), CD3E, CD3D, IKBKB, and CDK9, and it downregulated the expression of MAPK1, NOX1, and the DNA-directed RNA polymerases POLR2C, POLR2H, POLR2D, POLR2E, POLR2F, and POLR2L (Supplemental Figure 8).

Together, these RNA-Seq results reveal that T0070907-mediated transcriptional reprogramming is associated with the negative regulation of multiple steps of the viral replication cycle such as CCR5-mediated entry, the uncoating (eg, TRIM5), reverse transcription (eg, SAMHD1), Nef-mediated functions (eg, IL-21, miR29), viral particle production (eg, TRIM22), release (eg, BST2),

Env processing (eg, furin), while facilitating HIV transcription (eg, NCOA1-3, HTATIP2, CDK9), and Th17-specific effector functions (eg, RORyt, STAT3, IL-17A, IL-21).

### **PPARy inhibition prevents BST-2 downregulation on HIV-infected CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells**

Tetherin/BST2 represents a key HIV restriction factor downregulated by the HIV accessory protein Vpu to allow release of progeny virions from productively infected T cells [59-61]. Our RNA-Seq revealed the upregulation of BST-2 RNA on memory CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells on exposure to T0070907 (FC: 1.2,  $P=0.001$ ; adj.  $P=0.007$ ) (Figure 6, Supplemental Figures 5D and 8). The interrogation of the ENCODE dataset generated by TF ChIP-Seq analysis on HepG2 cells (<https://www.encodeproject.org/experiments/ENCSTR130VQL/>) allowed us to identify 2,118 T0070907-modulated transcripts that are putative direct PPARy targets in T cells, with BST-2 encoding for PPREs in its promoter (data not shown). Thus, we hypothesized that increased BST-2 expression contributes to limiting release of progeny virions from infected cells, as demonstrated in Figure 1E. To test this hypothesis, we performed single-round HIV infection using a VSV-G/HIV construct (which enters cells by endocytosis independently of CD4 and co-receptors [49]), cultured cells in the presence or absence of T0070907, and analyzed by FACS the expression of BST-2 protein on the surface of HIV-infected cells identified using HIV-Flow (Figure 7A), as previously reported [62]. As expected, in the absence of T0070907, BST-2 expression was downregulated on HIV-infected compared to uninfected bystander T cells (Supplemental Figure 9). Exposure to T0070907 led to a significant increase in the intracellular HIV-p24 expression (MFI of HIV-p24 PE and HIV-p24 APC antibody expression) (Figure 7B-D), as well as an increased BST-2 surface expression (MFI) on HIV-infected T cells (Figure 7E-F, Supplemental Figure 9). A T0070907-mediated increase in BST-2 expression was also observed on the surface of bystander HIV-uninfected T cells (Figure 7G-H, Supplemental Figure 9). These results indicate that PPARy inhibition allows efficient HIV translation into proteins (ie, HIV-p24) and suggest that BST-2 upregulation by T0070907 contributes to limiting the release of progeny virions from productively infected T cells.

## **DISCUSSION**

In this study, we reveal the unique features combined by the PPARy antagonist T0070907 including the positive regulation of HIV transcription/translation and Th17/Tfh-specific effector functions in memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells of ART-treated PLWH, together with its capacity to reduce *de novo* virion production and/or spread from HIV reservoir cells. By using a genome-wide transcriptional profiling in Th17-polarized CCR6<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, we revealed a complex transcriptional reprogramming underlying the observed immunological/virological features of T0070907, with antiviral mechanisms located at multiple steps of the HIV replication cycle downstream translation, including the BST-2-mediated restriction of HIV release (Figure 8).

In addition to the knowledge that PPARy acts as a repressor of HIV [31] and RORyt transcription [32, 34], we demonstrate that the pharmacological inhibition of PPARy using the antagonist T0070907 [53] boosted HIV transcription and RORyt-mediated transcription of Th17-specific genes. Conversely, we observed an unexpected block in the viral production and release and/or spread in culture observed during viral outgrowth *ex vivo* and HIV infection *in vitro*. Of particular importance, T0070907 acted preferentially on CCR6<sup>+</sup> Th17-polarized T cells, a subset known to be enriched in HIV reservoirs in ART-treated PLWH [16, 63], to increase IL-17A production and reduce CCR5 expression and viral replication *in vitro*. Similar to T0070907, the literature

documents that PKC- $\theta$  activators such as prostratin, a non-tumor-promoting phorbol ester, also acts as an LRA while blocking *de novo* HIV production to mediate the elimination of HIV reservoirs by a kick and kill strategy [64-67]. Whether the effects of prostratin and its derivatives [68] also involve PPAR $\gamma$ -modulated processes remains to be determined. However, one major difference is that PKC- $\theta$  activators downregulate CD4, while T0070907 does not.

The PPAR $\gamma$ /RXR heterodimer is known to target genes involved in lipid metabolism such as cholesterol and fatty acids that influence multiple aspects of antiviral immunity [26, 28, 69]. Among oxysterols presenting antiviral properties, 25HC, metabolized from cholesterol by the enzyme CH25H, blocks the replication of HIV by acting on the viral entry but not transcription [70], with the effects on the post-transcriptional steps of the replication cycle remaining unexplored. In addition, 25HC has been identified as a natural ligand for ROR $\gamma$ t [71, 72]. The fact that PPAR $\gamma$  deficiency was linked to CH25H overexpression [73], prompted our initial hypothesis that T0070907 blocks HIV outgrowth *ex vivo* and infection *in vitro* and boosts Th17 effector functions via CH25H/25HC-dependent mechanisms. In agreement, T0070907 upregulated the expression of CH25H mRNA in TCR-activated CCR6 $^{-}$  non-Th17 cells (data not shown), further explaining their relative resistance to HIV infection [14, 15]. However, CH25H mRNA was undetectable in CCR6 $^{+}$  Th17 cells (data not shown), indicating that T0070907 exerts its antiviral effects in Th17 cells via CH25H/25HC-independent mechanisms.

To investigate mechanisms by which T0070907 disconnects HIV transcription from downstream viral replication steps, we performed a genome-wide transcriptional profiling using the RNA-Seq Illumina technology. GSEA identified activation of pathways linked to lipid/phospholipid and glucose metabolism. Metabolic reprogramming during TCR triggering trains T cells to integrate immunological and metabolic information required for the subsequent acquisition of specific effector functions [74]. Glucose metabolism has been identified to play a central role in HIV replication, with the glucose transporter GLUT1 being a marker for HIV permissive T cells [75]. Metabolism disruption is associated with HIV disease progression, with higher glucose uptake being observed in CD4 $^{+}$  T cells of PLWH compared to non-infected individuals [76]. Recent studies linked the susceptibility to HIV infection to the metabolic status of specific CD4 $^{+}$  T-cell subsets [77]. Changes in the CD4 $^{+}$  T-cell metabolic program are controlled by the mTORC1/PPAR $\gamma$  axis [74, 78]. In line with this, T0070907 upregulated genes associated with PI3K/Akt signaling, a pathway known to promote mTOR activation [15]. Indeed, several groups including ours, identified mTOR as a positive regulator of HIV replication [20], acting at the level of viral entry [79] and transcription [80, 81]. Indeed, in preliminary studies, we demonstrated that TCR triggering in the presence of T0070907 leads to increased mTOR phosphorylation. Therefore, the activation of the PI3K/Akt pathway in the presence of T0070907 might be in part responsible of the increase in HIV transcription, likely via mTOR-dependent mechanisms.

GSEA identified pathways modulated by T0070907 in CCR6 $^{+}$  T cells revealed that PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism produces profound transcriptional modifications linked to the metabolism of cellular membrane components, including glycosaminoglycan, glycosphingolipid, and sphingolipid. These components of the cellular membrane play a key role in membrane organization and membrane raft formations [29]. Membrane receptors such as the HIV co-receptors CCR5/CXCR4 are recruited to the membrane raft, and the clustering of these receptors promotes HIV entry into target cells [82]. In addition, membrane rafts play a crucial role in HIV-1 assembly and

release [83, 84]. Therefore, modification of the cellular composition and membrane raft formation by T0070907 may contribute to the decreased HIV entry/release; additional investigations are needed to clarify this. The formation of biofilms rich in collagen and cell-host molecules such as tetherin/BST2 has been reported for human T-cell leukemia virus type 1 (HTLV-1) [85]. The possibility that other viruses such as HIV form biofilms remains to be determined [86]. Of note, the main upregulated gene by T0070907 is fibromodulin (FMOD), a component of the extracellular matrix which participates in the assembly of collagen fibers. In line with this, the collagen triple helix repeat containing 1 (CTHRC1) and the tetherin/BST2 transcripts were upregulated by T0070907. These findings indicate that T0070907 facilitates the establishment of biofilms able to trap newly produced virions thus preventing their spreading.

The GSVA of GO pathways also revealed the downregulation of pathways/transcripts linked to interferon responses. Multiple interferon-stimulated genes (ISG), documented to restrict HIV replication, were downregulated by T0070907 in CCR6<sup>+</sup> T cells. Among these transcripts, we noted a decreased expression of SAMHD1, which limits HIV reverse transcription and promotes HIV-RNA degradation [87]; MX2, which limits viral decapsidation, pre-integration complex formation and nuclear import [88, 89]; IFITM2 and IFITM3, known to interact with HIV-1 Env in infected cells and impair Env processing and incorporation into virions [90]; and ISG15, known to induce ISGylation of viral Gag proteins and impeded HIV release [91]. These results point to a previously unrecognized implication of PPAR $\gamma$  in the positive transcriptional regulation of specific HIV-restriction factors, including SAMHD1, MX2, IFITM2, IFITM3, BST2, and ISG15, in line with the antiviral program promoted by PPAR $\gamma$  activation [17].

Our RNA-Seq results also revealed a T0070907-mediated increase in the expression of the classical Tfh markers CXCR5, ICOS, BCL6, PD-1, CD40L, IL-10, and IL-21. In line with this, previous studies demonstrated that PPAR $\gamma$  activation prevents Tfh differentiation [33]. Of note, by boosting IL-21 production T0070907 may improve Th17/Tfh survival and their effector functions. Indeed, in a model of SIV infection, the IL-21 supplementation of ART reduced inflammation, restored mucosal Th17 frequency, decreased the size of viral reservoir [45, 46], and also delayed viral rebound on ART interruption [45]. In addition, IL-21 exhibited antiviral functions by the induction of miR-29 [44] that targeted HIV-Nef for degradation [57]. S. K. Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB). The IL-21/miR-29 axis was also linked to slowing of HIV disease progression [56]. Therefore, the IL-21/miR-29 axis is highly likely to contribute to the antiviral effects of PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism.

The meta-analysis performed using the NCBI HIV-1 interaction database pointed to additional T0070907-mediated antiviral mechanisms. Specifically, T0070907 upregulated expression of CAV1, reported to inhibit HIV particle production in macrophages [92]; SERINC5, which is incorporated into virions and prevents the fusion of the virion with the cellular membrane of a new target cell [93]; TRIM22, which blocks Gag migration to the plasma membrane and inhibits HIV particle production [94]; and BST2, which limits viral particle release [87]. A T0070907-mediated upregulation of the HIV restriction factor TRIM5 $\alpha$ , which interacts with the HIV capsid and induces its proteasomal degradation leading to premature decapsidation [95], was also observed. Finally, T0070907 downregulated furin, a protease preferentially expressed in Th17 cells [17, 18] and involved in HIV protein Env maturation and virion infectivity [96]. Thus, the antiviral features of T0070907 involve mechanisms dependent on CAV1, SERINC5, TRIM22, and BST2

over-expression, as well as furin downregulation, thus explaining a post-transcriptional block in HIV virion production and/or release.

Finally, the counterintuitive capacity of PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism to decrease viral release/outgrowth while increasing viral transcription prompted us to focus on Tetherin/BST-2, an HIV restriction factor counteracted by Vpu and documented to mediate HIV tethering on the surface of infected cells [59-61]. Of note, T0070907 increased BST-2 mRNA expression in uninfected CCR6 $^+$ CD4 $^+$  T cells. In a model of single round VSV-G/HIV infection *in vitro*, as expected, BST-2 protein expression was downregulated on infected T cells in the absence of T0070907. In contrast, the BST-2 expression was significantly higher on the surface of infected cells exposed to T0070907. An *in silico* search using the ENCODE database revealed that BST-2 encodes PPREs in its promoter and represents a putative direct PPAR $\gamma$  target in CD4 $^+$  T cells. Thus, PPAR $\gamma$  inhibition boosts HIV reactivation, while preventing progeny virion release from infected cells via BST-2-dependent mechanisms. The recognition of such reactivated viral reservoirs by antibodies and immune cells for subsequent clearance will be key for HIV cure. Future studies *in vitro* and in preclinical models are needed to determine whether PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism promotes HIV reservoir purging in shock and kill strategies.

In conclusion, our results reveal complex previously unrecognized PPAR $\gamma$ -dependent host-cell molecular circuits involved in the positive, as well as the negative regulation of various steps of the HIV replication cycle and demonstrate the possibility of disconnecting HIV transcription and translation from viral particle production/release (Figure 8). The efficacy of the PPAR $\gamma$  antagonism in boosting IL-21 production is of major importance, considering IL-21 paucity during HIV infection [14, 15] and its documented antiviral/immune-regulatory features [44-46, 56]. Therefore, the pharmacological inhibition of PPAR $\gamma$  may represent a new promising therapeutic strategy to boost Th17-effector functions that are key for mucosal immunity restoration and to promote HIV-reservoir purging in ART-treated PLWH.

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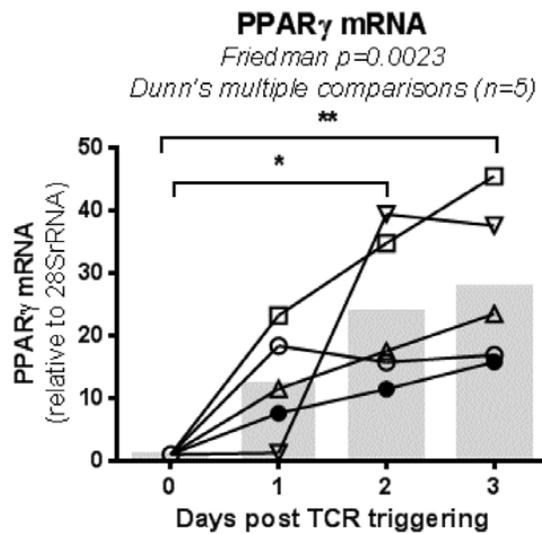
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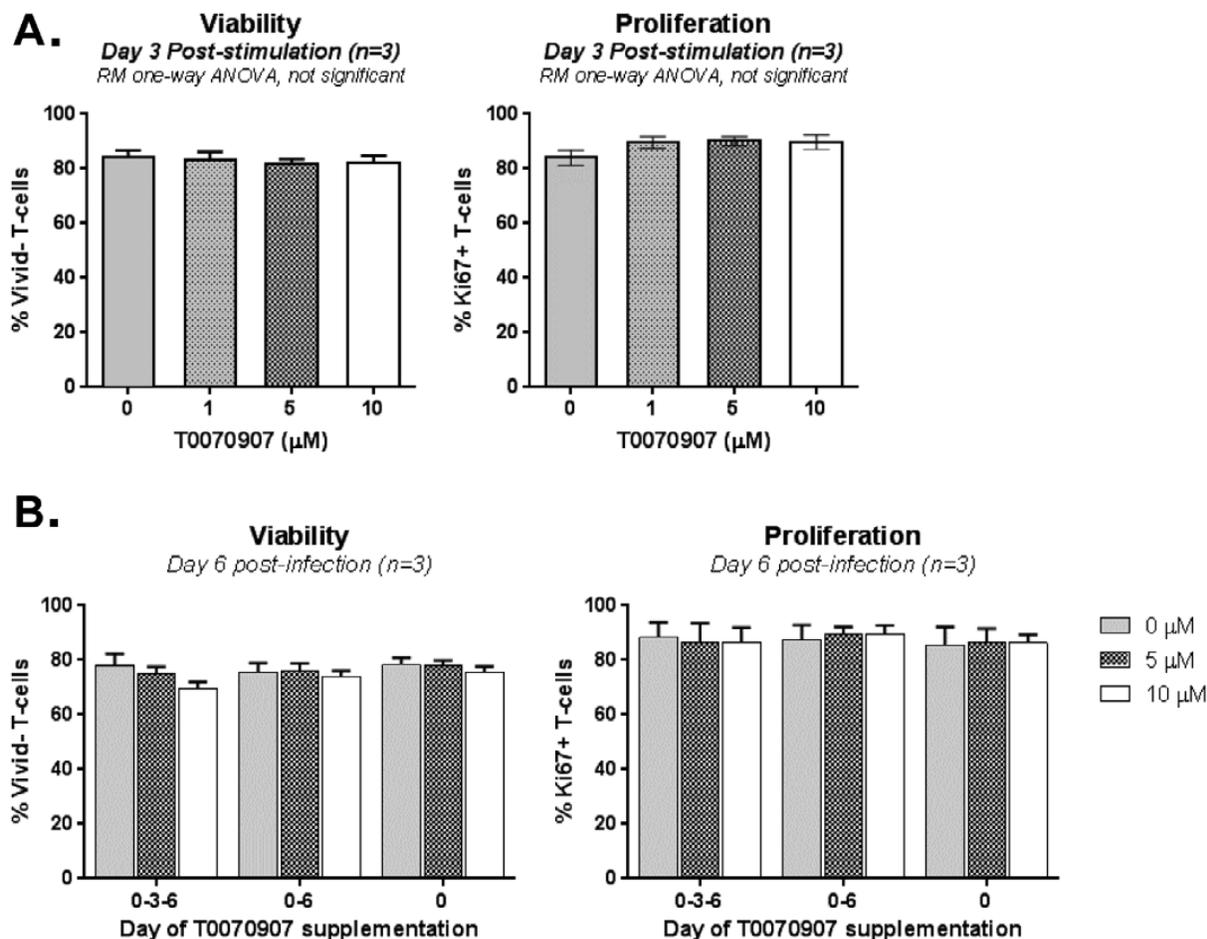
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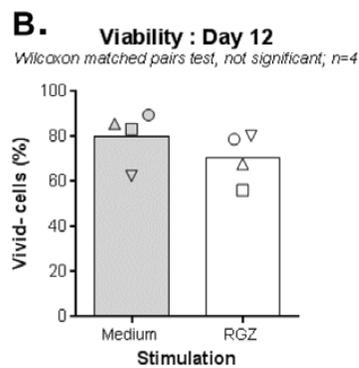
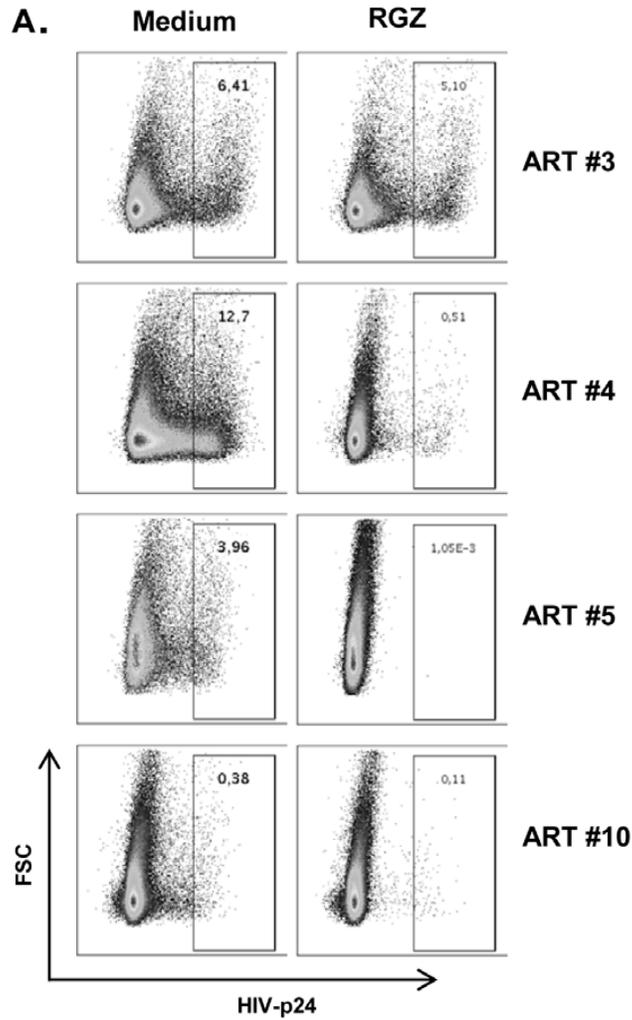
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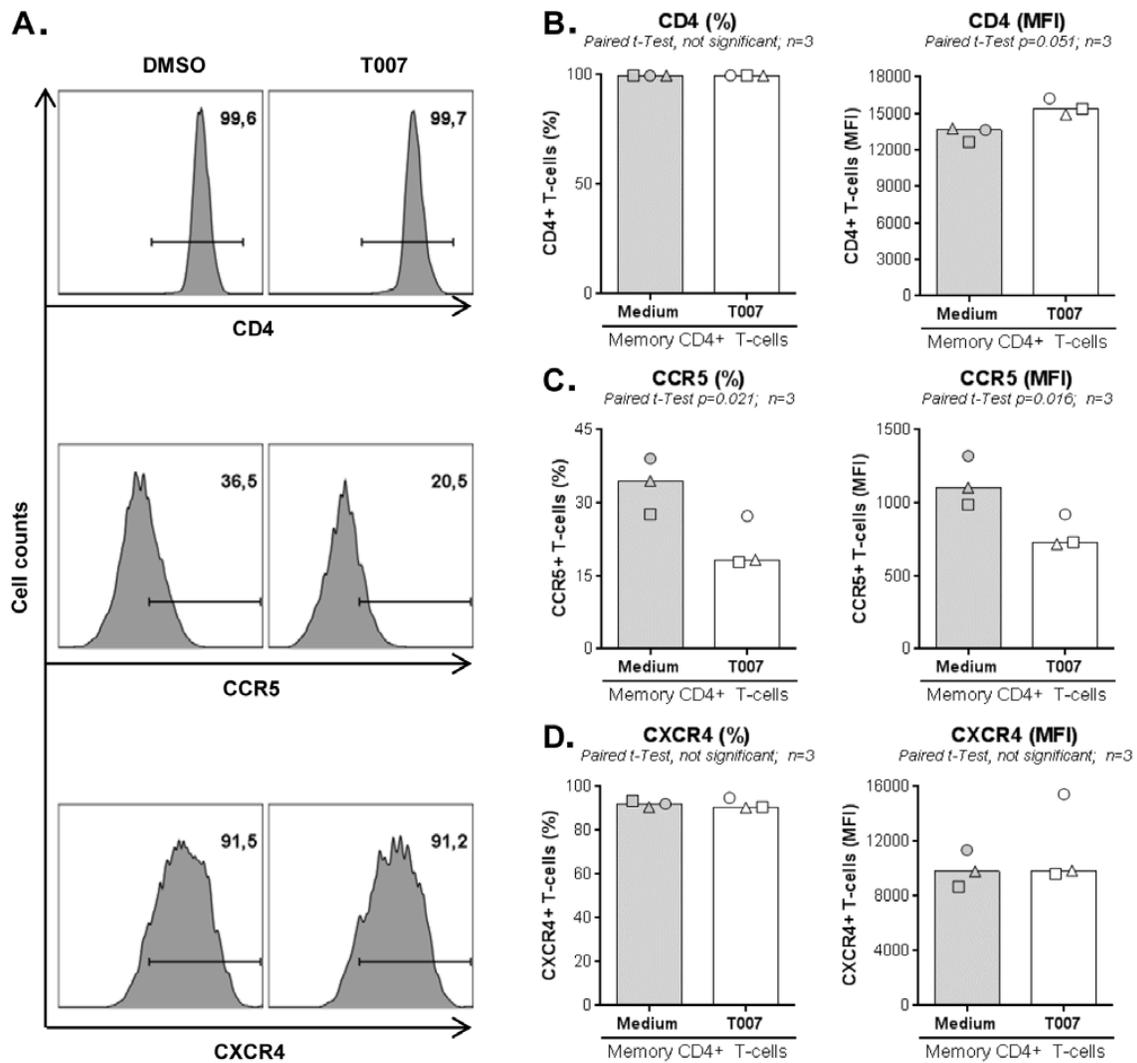
**Supplementary Figure 1.** PPAR $\gamma$  mRNA expression is induced by TCR triggering. RNA was extracted from memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells from HIV-uninfected individuals (n=5), either freshly-isolated (Day 0) or stimulated CD3/CD28 for 1, 2, or 3 days. PPAR $\gamma$  mRNA levels were quantified by RT-PCR (triplicates, 60 ng RNA/test). Each symbol represents results generated with cells from a different individual. Grey bars indicate median PPAR $\gamma$  mRNA levels for n=5. Friedman test *P*-values and Dunn's multiple comparisons are indicated on the graph.



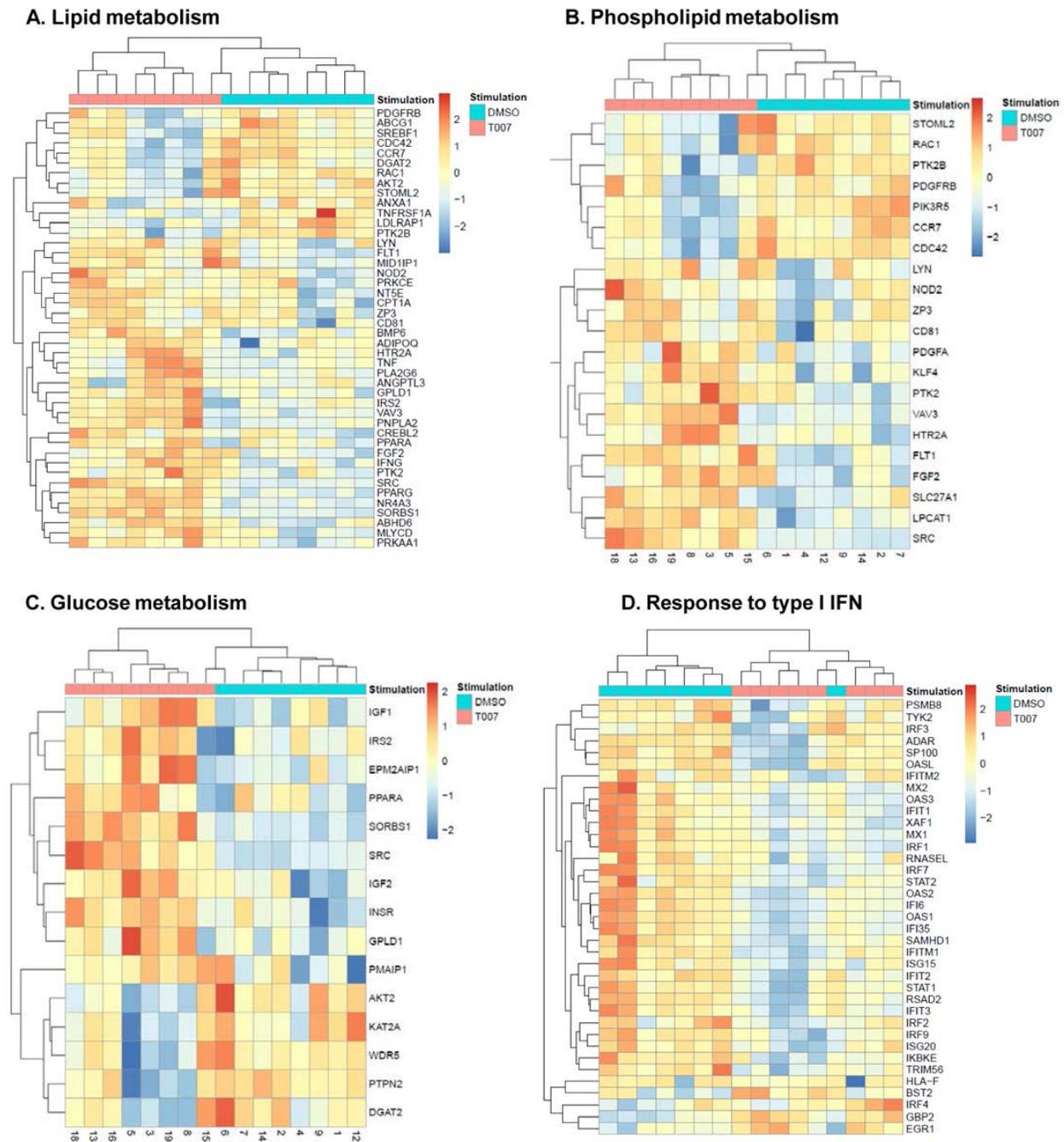
**Supplementary Figure 2. Effects of T0070907 of CD4+ T-cell viability and proliferation.** (A) Memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells isolated from HIV-uninfected individuals were stimulated by CD3/CD28 and cultured in the presence/absence of different doses of T0070907 (1, 5, and 10 μM) for 3 days, with T0070907 being administered only once. Cells were stained with a viability dye (Vivid), and then intranuclear staining was performed with Ki67 antibodies; Ki67, a marker for cell cycle progression, was used as a surrogate marker of cell proliferation. Shown is cell viability (Vivid- cells, left panel) and proliferation (Ki67+ cells, right panel) measured by flow cytometry with cells from n=3 individuals. (B) Memory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells isolated from HIV-uninfected individuals were stimulated by CD3/CD28, infected with HIVTHRO (as described in Figure 3 legend), and cultured in the presence or the absence of T0070907 (5 and 10 μM). To determine the effect of single versus multiple T0070907 doses on cell viability/proliferation, T0070907 was administered either once at day 0 post-infection (0), twice at days 0 and 6 post-infection (0-6), or every 3 days post-infection (0-3-6). Shown are mean±SD of values obtained with cells from n=3 individuals.



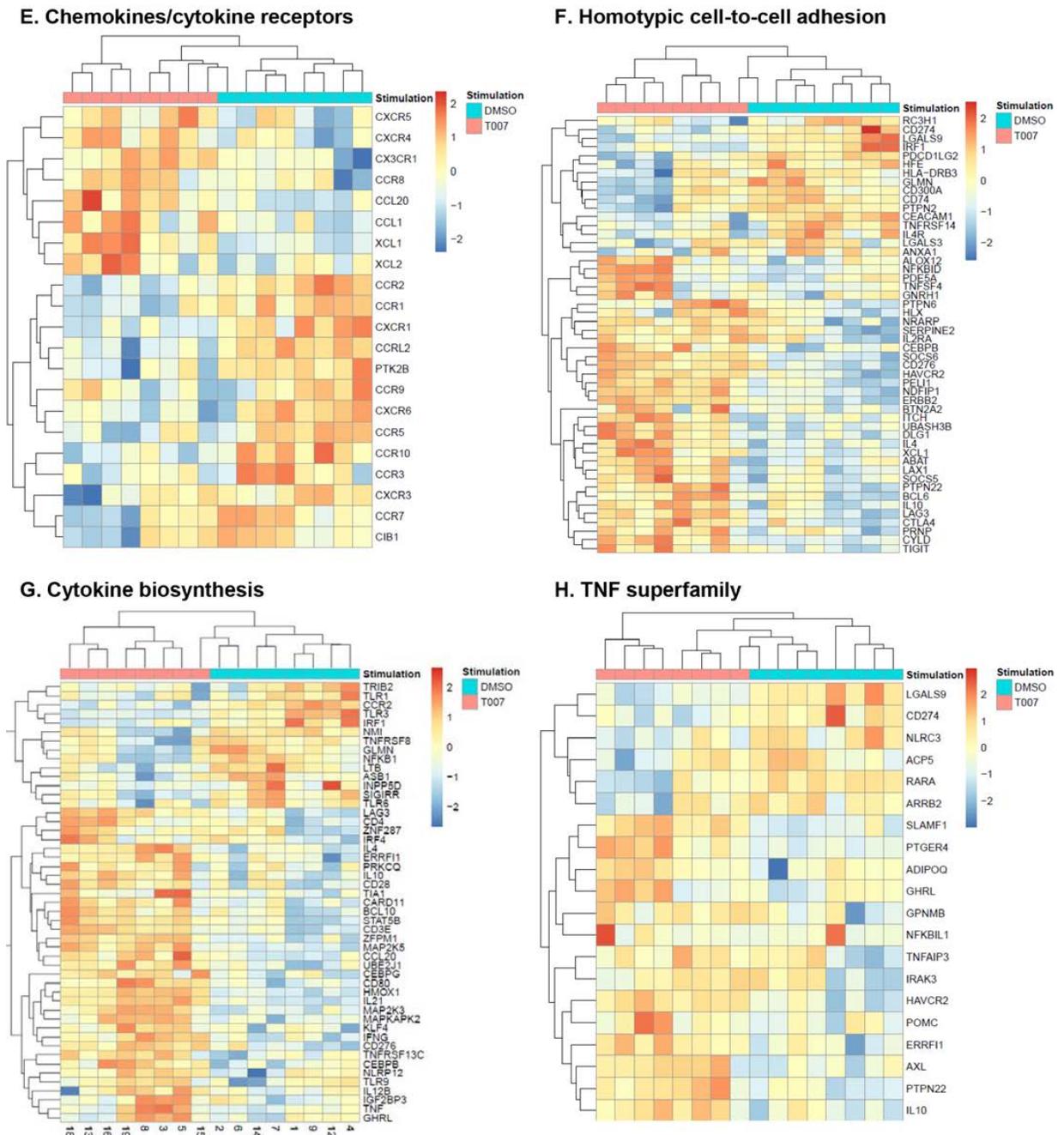
**Supplementary Figure 3. RGZ limits HIV outgrowth in memory CD4+ T cells of ART-treated PLWH.** A VOA was performed with memory CD4+ T cells of ART treated PLWH (Table 1; ART #3, 4, 5, and 10) in the presence/absence of rosiglitazone (RGZ; 50  $\mu$ M). At day 12 post-culture, cells were stained as in Figure 2B. Shown is the effect of RGZ on the intracellular expression of HIV-p24 in 4 different ART-treated PLWH (A), as well as the effect of RGZ exposure on cell viability (B). Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test P-values are indicated on the graph in B.



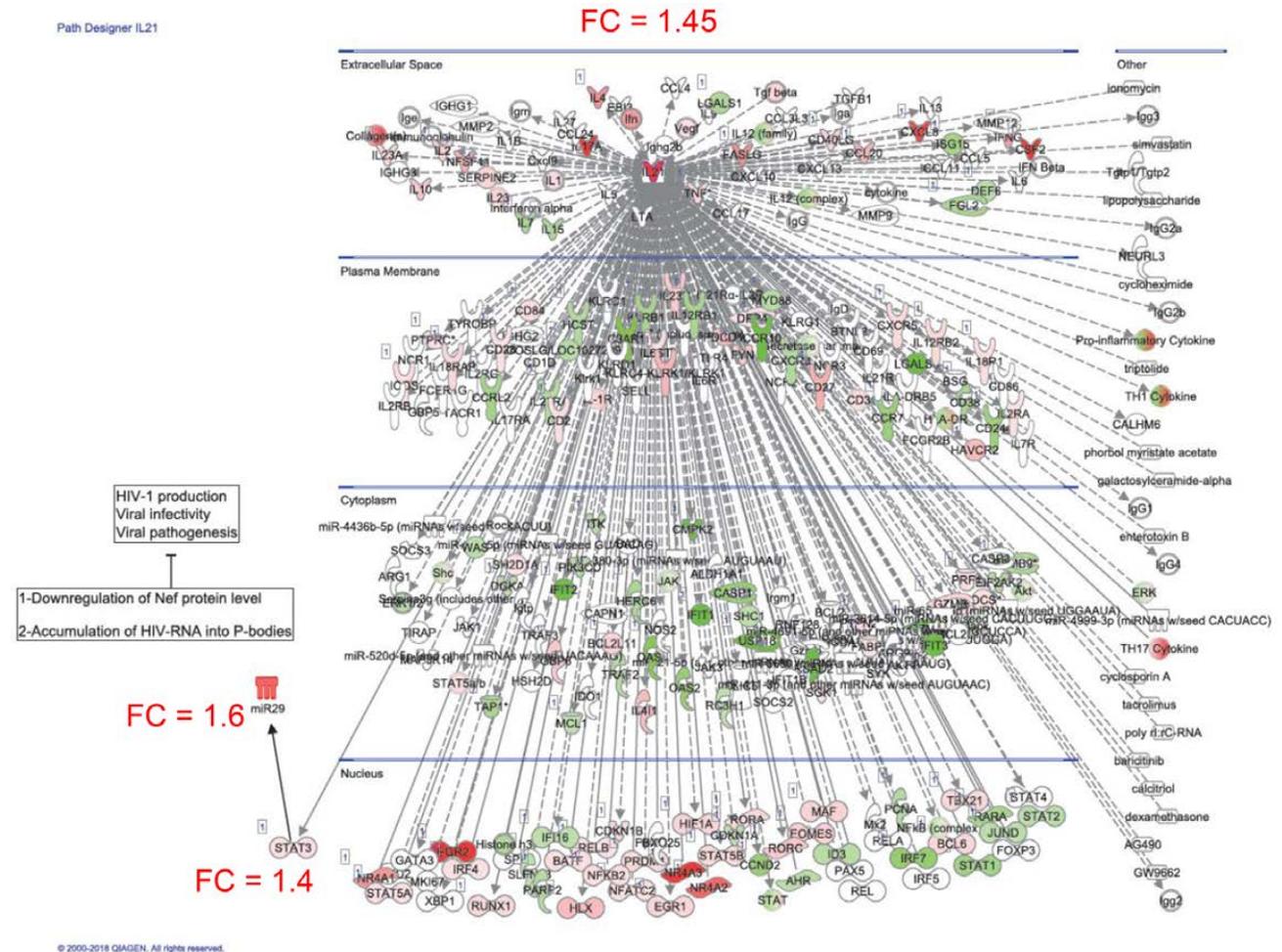
**Supplementary Figure 4. T0070907 decreases CCR5 expression on memory CD4+ T cells.** Memory CD4+ T cells from HIV-uninfected individuals were stimulated by CD3/CD28 for 3 days and then cultured in the presence/absence of T0070907 (10  $\mu$ M) for 2 additional days. The expression of HIV-1 receptor CD4 and co-receptors CCR5 and CXCR4 was measured by flow cytometry. Shown are histograms from 1 representative donor (A), and the statistical analyses of CD4 (B), CCR5 (C), and CXCR4 (D) expression(% and MFI) in 3 different donors. Each symbol represents 1 different donor and bars represent median values. Paired t-test values are indicated on the graphs.



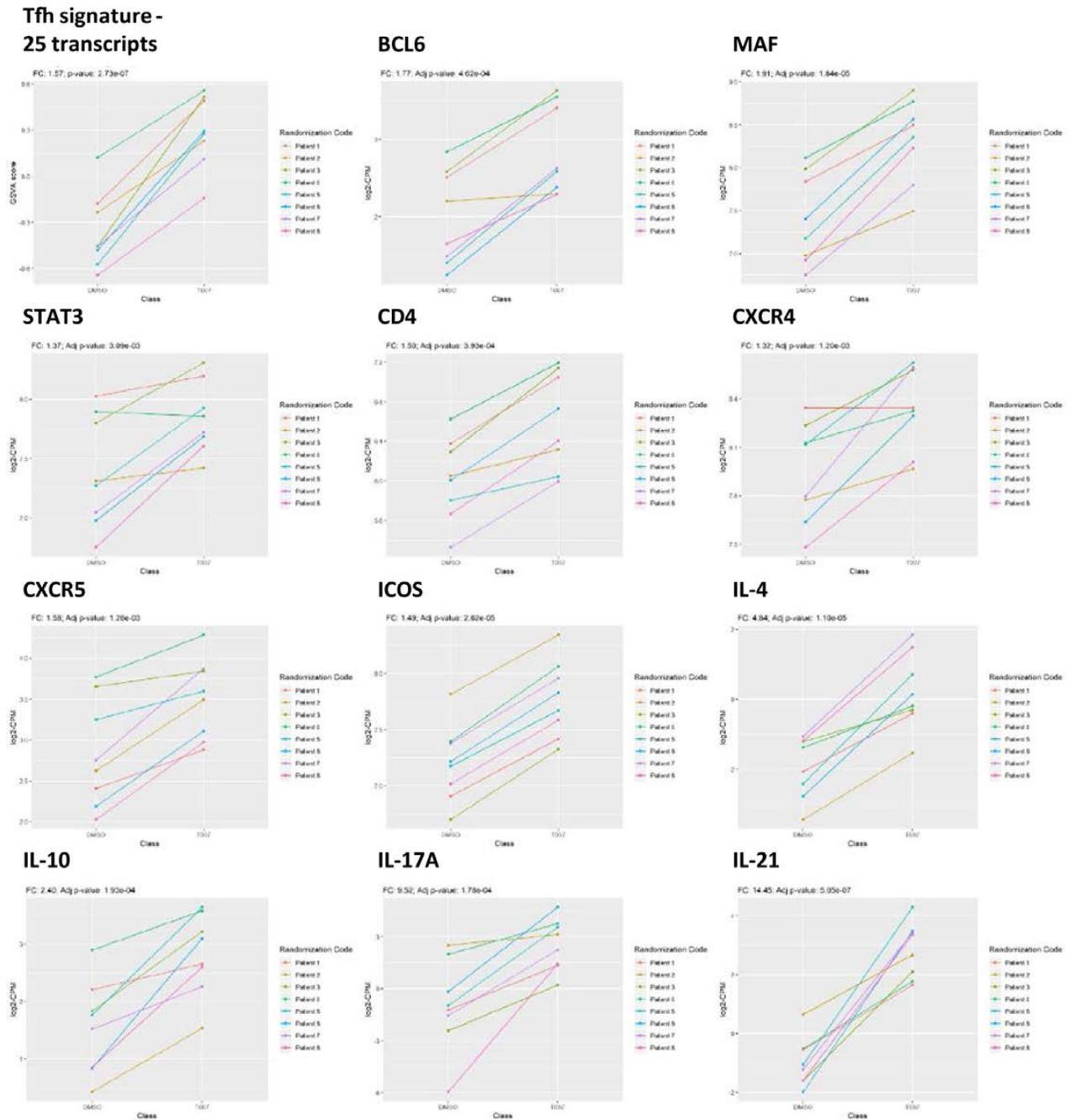
**Supplementary Figure 5. Gene Ontology (GO) classification of transcripts modulated by T0070907 in CCR6+ T cells.** RNA-Seq transcriptional profiles were generated as described in Figure 5. Differentially expressed genes ( $P < 0.05$ ) were classified based on their biological functions using GO terms as follows: lipid metabolism (A), phospholipid metabolism (B), glucose metabolism (C), response to type I IFN (D), chemokines/cytokines receptors (E), homotypic cell-to-cell adhesion (F), cytokine biosynthesis (G), and TNF superfamily (H). Heatmap cells are scaled by the expression level z-scores for each probe individually. For each heatmap, gene expression values are represented as a gradient from red (highest expression) to blue (lowest expression). Results were generated with cells from  $n=8$  donors, with each column representing 1 donor.



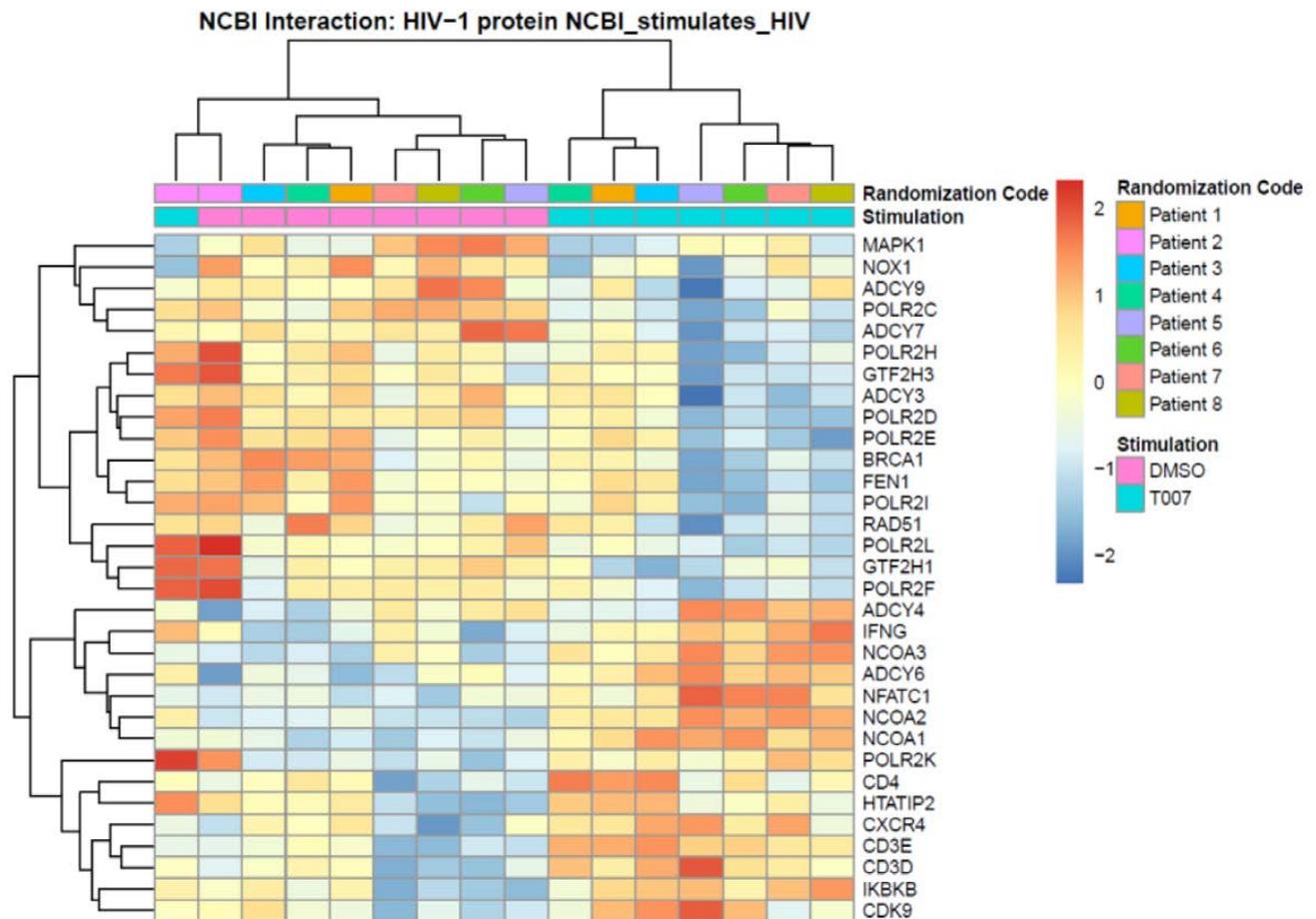
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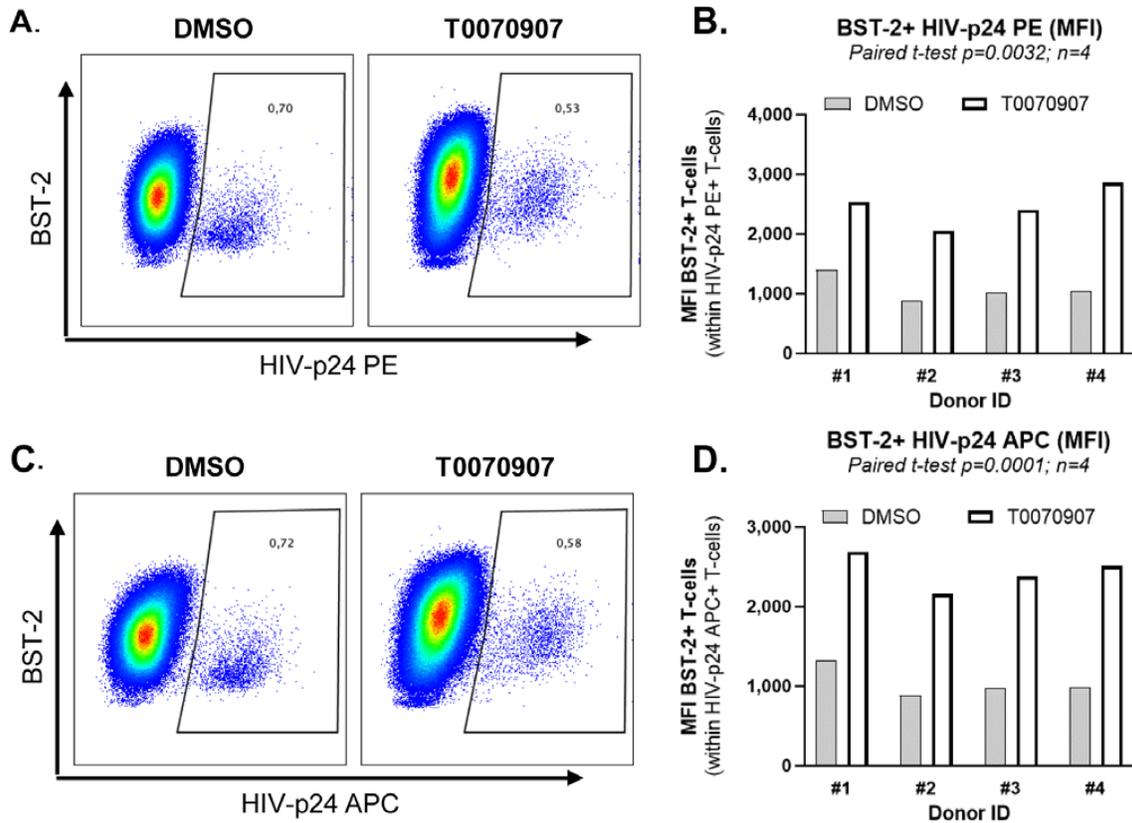
**Supplementary Figure 6. Components of the IL-21 signaling pathway modulated by T0070907 in CCR6+ T cells.** RNA-Seq transcriptional profiles were generated as described in Figure 5. Ingenuity pathway analysis (IPA) was used to illustrate gene networks associated with IL-21. The color code is based on the expression FC in T0070907-treated CCR6+ versus untreated CCR6+ T cells (red and green for upregulated and downregulated transcripts, respectively). FC expression relative to IL-21, STAT3, and miR-29 in T0070907-treated versus untreated CCR6+ T cells are illustrated. The miR-29 connection to the IL-21 network was added manually based on a recent publication demonstrating that IL-21 regulates its expression by STAT3 (75).



**Supplementary Figure 7. T0070907 acts on CCR6+ T cells to promote expression of follicular helper T-cell (Tfh) marker transcripts.** RNA-Seq transcriptional profiles were generated as described in Figure 5. An intelligent search was performed to identify Tfh-specific transcripts among transcripts upregulated by T0070907 in CCR6+ T cells. Shown are changes in the expression of 25 Tfh-specific transcripts identified in the literature (Crotty, 2019), as well as individual Tfh-specific transcription factors (BCL6, MAF, and STAT3), surface molecules (CD4, CXCR4, CXCR5, and ICOS), and cytokines (IL-4, IL-10, IL-17A, and IL-21). Results from n=8 individual donors are represented in different colors.



**Supplementary Figure 8. Meta-analysis using the NCBI HIV interaction database.** RNA-Seq transcriptional profiles were generated as described in Figure 5. Transcripts differentially expressed in CCR6+ T cells cultured in the presence/absence of T0070907 ( $P < 0.05$ , FC cut-off 1.3) were matched to the lists of human genes previously identified to interact with HIV-1 proteins (NCBI Interactor database). Heatmap cells are scaled by the expression level z-scores for each probe individually. For each heatmap, gene expression values are represented as a gradient from red (highest expression) to blue (lowest expression). Results from each donor are indicated with a different color code (n=8).



**Supplementary Figure 9. T0070907 prevents BST-2 downregulation on HIV-infected cells.** Experiments were performed as described in Figure 7 legend. Shown are dot plots of BST-2 and HIV-p24 PE or HIV-p24 APC co-expression (A and C), as well as the statistical analyses for BST-2 expression (MFI) on HIV-p24 PE+ and HIV-p24 APC+ T different donors (B and D). Paired t-test values are indicated on the graphs.

**Supplementary Table 1: Transcripts up-regulated by T0070907 in memory CCR6+ T-cells**

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| ENSG00000253958 | 50,6  | 3,44E-07 | CLDN23      | claudin 23 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:17591]                                   |
| ENSG00000167157 | 38,5  | 3,60E-07 | PRRX2       | paired related homeobox 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:21338]                    |
| ENSG00000117281 | 34,8  | 4,89E-05 | CD160       | CD160 molecule [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:17013]                               |
| ENSG00000173404 | 30,4w | 1,42E-05 | INSM1       | INSM transcriptional repressor 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6090]              |
| ENSG00000109099 | 27,3  | 9,46E-07 | PMP22       | peripheral myelin protein 22 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9118]                  |
| ENSG00000164932 | 24,5  | 6,72E-08 | CTHRC1      | collagen triple helix repeat containing 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:18831]    |
| ENSG00000178947 | 24,5  | 2,05E-08 | SMIM10L2A   | small integral membrane protein 10 like 2A [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:34499]   |
| ENSG00000171724 | 24,4  | 5,02E-06 | VAT1L       | vesicle amine transport 1 like [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:29315]               |
| ENSG00000131831 | 23,9  | 4,20E-07 | RAI2        | retinoic acid induced 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9835]                       |
| ENSG00000165895 | 23,6  | 7,73E-06 | ARHGAP42    | Rho GTPase activating protein 42 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:26545]             |
| ENSG00000198535 | 22,6  | 1,84E-07 | C2CD4A      | C2 calcium dependent domain containing 4A [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:33627]    |
| ENSG00000164399 | 21,3  | 6,57E-07 | IL3         | interleukin 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6011]                                 |
| ENSG00000135960 | 20,1  | 3,78E-07 | EDAR        | ectodysplasin A receptor [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:2895]                      |
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| ENSG00000255693 | 18,2  | 4,82E-07 | LINC02389   | long intergenic non-protein coding RNA 2389 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:53316]  |
| ENSG00000138684 | 14,5  | 5,05E-07 | IL21        | interleukin 21 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6005]                                |
| ENSG00000244457 | 14,3  | 1,78E-04 | ENO1P1      | enolase 1 pseudogene 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:3352]                        |
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| ENSG00000105974 | 12,1  | 1,18E-05 | CAV1        | caveolin 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1527]                                    |
| ENSG00000236320 | 12,0  | 1,11E-06 | SLFN14      | schlafen family member 14 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:32689]                    |
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| ENSG00000080573 | 10,8  | 2,05E-08 | COL5A3      | collagen type V alpha 3 chain [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:14864]                |
| ENSG00000253304 | 10,5  | 8,21E-08 | TMEM200B    | transmembrane protein 200B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:33785]                   |
| ENSG00000205795 | 10,2  | 4,82E-07 | CYS1        | cystin 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:18525]                                     |
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| ENSG00000255026 | 9,8 | 4,31E-06 |             |   |
| ENSG00000164400 | 9,7 | 1,53E-06 | CSF2        | colony stimulating factor 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:2434]                  |
| ENSG00000112115 | 9,5 | 1,78E-04 | IL17A       | interleukin 17A [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5981]                              |
| ENSG00000106025 | 9,5 | 5,82E-05 | TSPAN12     | tetraspanin 12 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:21641]                              |
| ENSG00000204671 | 9,5 | 1,21E-04 | IL31        | interleukin 31 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:19372]                              |
| ENSG00000157680 | 9,3 | 7,61E-07 | DGKI        | diacylglycerol kinase iota [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:2855]                   |
| ENSG00000105928 | 9,2 | 1,84E-07 | GSDME       | gasdermin E [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:2810]                                  |
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| ENSG00000173210 | 9,1 | 8,78E-06 | ABLIM3      | actin binding LIM protein family member 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:29132]   |
| ENSG00000153208 | 9,0 | 3,19E-06 | MERTK       | MER proto-oncogene, tyrosine kinase [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7027]          |
| ENSG00000198734 | 8,9 | 5,05E-07 | F5          | coagulation factor V [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:3542]                         |
| ENSG00000082781 | 8,9 | 1,76E-06 | ITGB5       | integrin subunit beta 5 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6160]                      |
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| ENSG00000171658 | 8,1 | 7,17E-05 | NMRAL2P     | NmrA like redox sensor 2, pseudogene [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:52332]        |
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| ENSG00000100292 | 7,5 | 1,52E-07 | HMOX1       | heme oxygenase 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5013]                             |
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| ENSG00000235488 | 7,0 | 6,69E-05 | JARID2-AS1  | JARID2 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:40314]                       |
| ENSG00000124212 | 6,9 | 9,46E-07 | PTGIS       | prostaglandin I2 synthase [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9603]                     |
| ENSG00000270164 | 6,9 | 4,25E-06 | LINC01480   | long intergenic non-protein coding RNA 1480 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:51124]  |
| ENSG00000132329 | 6,8 | 8,12E-07 | RAMP1       | receptor activity modifying protein 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9843]         |
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| ENSG00000108702 | 6,8 | 3,83E-03 | CCL1        | C-C motif chemokine ligand 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:10609]                 |
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| ENSG00000137441 | 6,0 | 4,23E-05 | FGFBP2      | fibroblast growth factor binding protein 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:29451]   |
| ENSG00000143869 | 6,0 | 1,04E-05 | GDF7        | growth differentiation factor 7 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:4222]               |
| ENSG00000145113 | 5,9 | 5,02E-06 | MUC4        | mucin 4, cell surface associated [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7514]              |
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| ENSG00000174885 | 5,7 | 2,96E-06 | NLRP6         | NLR family pyrin domain containing 6 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:22944]          |
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| ENSG00000244265 | 5,6 | 2,38E-05 | SIAH2-AS1     | SIAH2 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:40526]                         |
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| ENSG00000177426 | 5,6 | 2,26E-07 | TGIF1         | TGFB induced factor homeobox 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11776]                |
| ENSG00000185668 | 5,5 | 2,13E-06 | POU3F1        | POU class 3 homeobox 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9214]                         |
| ENSG00000225899 | 5,5 | 2,02E-03 | FRG2B         | FSHD region gene 2 family member B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:33518]            |
| ENSG00000235125 | 5,5 | 2,79E-02 | NFKBIL1       | NFKB inhibitor like 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7800]                          |
| ENSG00000187479 | 5,5 | 5,82E-05 | C11orf96      | chromosome 11 open reading frame 96 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:38675]           |
| ENSG00000230753 | 5,5 | 4,62E-04 | ZNF341-AS1    | ZNF341 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:50736]                        |
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| ENSG00000272486 | 5,4 | 7,72E-04 |               |   |
| ENSG00000174944 | 5,4 | 2,29E-05 | P2RY14        | purinergic receptor P2Y14 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:16442]                     |
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| ENSG00000102174 | 5,3 | 1,83E-05 | PHEX          | phosphate regulating endopeptidase homolog X-linked [Acc:HGNC:8918]               |
| ENSG00000143185 | 5,3 | 7,57E-04 | XCL2          | X-C motif chemokine ligand 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:10646]                  |
| ENSG00000142102 | 5,2 | 1,43E-05 | PGGHG         | protein-glucosylgalactosylhydroxylysine glucosidase [Acc:HGNC:26210]              |
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| ENSG00000117560 | 5,0 | 4,03E-07 | FASLG         | Fas ligand [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11936]                                    |
| ENSG00000164938 | 5,0 | 6,57E-07 | TP53INP1      | tumor protein p53 inducible nuclear protein 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:18022] |
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| ENSG00000182580 | 4,9 | 9,73E-06 | EPHB3       | EPH receptor B3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:3394]                                   |
| ENSG00000229502 | 4,9 | 8,49E-05 |             |  |
| ENSG00000113520 | 4,8 | 1,10E-05 | IL4         | interleukin 4 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6014]                                     |
| ENSG00000049249 | 4,8 | 3,26E-05 | TNFRSF9     | TNF receptor superfamily member 9 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11924]                |
| ENSG00000198794 | 4,8 | 2,21E-05 | SCAMP5      | secretory carrier membrane protein 5 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:30386]             |
| ENSG00000265787 | 4,7 | 4,21E-04 | CYP4F35P    | cytochrome P450 family 4 subfamily F member 35, pseudogene [Acc:HGNC:39954]          |
| ENSG00000135862 | 4,7 | 2,57E-04 | LAMC1       | laminin subunit gamma 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6492]                           |
| ENSG00000198574 | 4,7 | 3,86E-02 | SH2D1B      | SH2 domain containing 1B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:30416]                         |
| ENSG00000103196 | 4,7 | 8,25E-06 | CRISPLD2    | cysteine rich secretory protein LCCL domain containing 2 [Acc:HGNC:25248]            |
| ENSG00000123358 | 4,6 | 4,98E-06 | NR4A1       | nuclear receptor subfamily 4 group A member 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7980]     |
| ENSG00000185634 | 4,6 | 8,12E-07 | SHC4        | SHC adaptor protein 4 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:16743]                            |
| ENSG00000206013 | 4,6 | 7,38E-04 | IFITM5      | interferon induced transmembrane protein 5 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:16644]       |
| ENSG00000182397 | 4,6 | 2,03E-06 | DNM1P46     | dynamin 1 pseudogene 46 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:35199]                          |
| ENSG00000172380 | 4,5 | 2,27E-04 | GNG12       | G protein subunit gamma 12 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:19663]                       |
| ENSG00000204172 | 4,5 | 6,33E-03 | AGAP9       | ArfGAP with GTPase domain, ankyrin repeat and PH domain 9 [Acc:HGNC:23463]           |
| ENSG00000266642 | 4,5 | 8,52E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000135318 | 4,5 | 5,82E-05 | NT5E        | 5'-nucleotidase ecto [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:8021]                              |
| ENSG00000165152 | 4,5 | 2,08E-04 | TMEM246     | transmembrane protein 246 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:28180]                        |
| ENSG00000234261 | 4,5 | 1,08E-05 |             |  |
| ENSG00000132170 | 4,5 | 1,39E-06 | PPARG       | peroxisome proliferator activated receptor gamma [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9236]  |
| ENSG00000234361 | 4,5 | 3,35E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000168243 | 4,4 | 1,04E-05 | GNG4        | G protein subunit gamma 4 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:4407]                         |
| ENSG00000116991 | 4,4 | 3,16E-05 | SIPAIL2     | signal induced proliferation associated 1 like 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:23800] |
| ENSG00000186197 | 4,4 | 6,97E-06 | EDARADD     | EDAR associated death domain [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:14341]                     |
| ENSG00000108511 | 4,4 | 1,81E-05 | HOXB6       | homeobox B6 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5117]                                       |
| ENSG00000089692 | 4,4 | 4,51E-07 | LAG3        | lymphocyte activating 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6476]                           |
| ENSG00000119411 | 4,4 | 1,15E-05 | BSPRY       | B-box and SPRY domain containing [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:18232]                 |
| ENSG00000249626 | 4,3 | 1,26E-05 |             |  |

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| ENSG00000102445 | 4,3 | 6,12E-04 | RUBCNL      | RUN and cysteine rich domain containing beclin 1 interacting protein like [Acc:HGNC:20420] |
| ENSG00000136205 | 4,3 | 3,00E-03 | TNS3        | tensin 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:21616]   |
| ENSG00000110777 | 4,3 | 5,93E-06 | POU2AF1     | POU class 2 associating factor 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9211]                        |
| ENSG00000148426 | 4,3 | 7,75E-05 | PROSER2     | proline and serine rich 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:23728]                              |
| ENSG00000267650 | 4,3 | 1,67E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000140859 | 4,2 | 8,92E-07 | KIFC3       | kinesin family member C3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6326]                                |
| ENSG00000122367 | 4,2 | 6,82E-03 | LDB3        | LIM domain binding 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:15710]                                   |
| ENSG00000111537 | 4,2 | 2,45E-05 | IFNG        | interferon gamma [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5438]  |
| ENSG00000164949 | 4,2 | 1,61E-05 | GEM         | GTP binding protein overexpressed in skeletal muscle [Acc:HGNC:4234]                       |
| ENSG00000258212 | 4,2 | 3,36E-03 | ZNF75BP     | zinc finger protein 75B, pseudogene [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:13147]                    |
| ENSG00000204103 | 4,2 | 4,24E-04 | MAFB        | MAF bZIP transcription factor B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6408]                         |
| ENSG00000151276 | 4,2 | 4,16E-06 | MAGI1       | membrane associated guanylate kinase, WW and PDZ domain containing 1 [Acc:HGNC:946]        |
| ENSG00000153563 | 4,2 | 1,41E-03 | CD8A        | CD8a molecule [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1706]   |
| ENSG00000102755 | 4,2 | 6,97E-06 | FLT1        | fms related tyrosine kinase 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:3763]                           |
| ENSG00000128253 | 4,2 | 2,51E-03 | RFPL2       | ret finger protein like 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9979]                               |
| ENSG00000275778 | 4,1 | 2,02E-02 |             |  |
| ENSG00000106537 | 4,1 | 1,62E-05 | TSPAN13     | tetraspanin 13 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:21643]   |
| ENSG00000198125 | 4,1 | 1,13E-03 | MB          | myoglobin [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6915]   |
| ENSG00000224769 | 4,1 | 2,29E-05 | MUC20P1     | mucin 20, cell surface associated pseudogene 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:51921]         |
| ENSG00000226260 | 4,1 | 4,07E-02 | HLA-DRA     | major histocompatibility complex, class II, DR alpha [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:4947]    |
| ENSG00000104081 | 4,1 | 3,19E-04 | BMF         | Bcl2 modifying factor [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:24132]                                  |
| ENSG00000050820 | 4,1 | 1,77E-05 | BCAR1       | BCAR1, Cas family scaffolding protein [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:971]                    |
| ENSG00000230968 | 4,1 | 4,21E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000104921 | 4,1 | 1,53E-03 | FCER2       | Fc fragment of IgE receptor II [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:3612]                          |
| ENSG00000169758 | 4,1 | 1,35E-04 | TMEM266     | transmembrane protein 266 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:26763]                              |
| ENSG00000213626 | 4,1 | 3,44E-07 | LBH         | limb bud and heart development [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:29532]                         |
| ENSG00000230623 | 4,0 | 7,97E-05 |             |  |
| ENSG00000224360 | 4,0 | 3,76E-02 | DDR1-AS1    | DDR1 antisense RNA 1 (head to head) [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:28694]                    |
| ENSG00000121900 | 4,0 | 1,04E-05 | TMEM54      | transmembrane protein 54 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:24143]                               |

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| ENSG00000176641 | 4,0 | 4,24E-04 | RNF152      | ring finger protein 152 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:26811]                          |
| ENSG00000155926 | 4,0 | 9,51E-08 | SLA         | Src like adaptor [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:10902]                                 |
| ENSG00000107242 | 4,0 | 1,18E-05 | PIP5K1B     | phosphatidylinositol-4-phosphate 5-kinase type 1 beta [Acc:HGNC:8995]                |
| ENSG00000124191 | 4,0 | 4,07E-05 | TOX2        | TOX high mobility group box family member 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:16095]      |
| ENSG00000147041 | 4,0 | 8,15E-04 | SYTL5       | synaptotagmin like 5 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:15589]                             |
| ENSG00000273275 | 4,0 | 1,32E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000091972 | 4,0 | 3,33E-04 | CD200       | CD200 molecule [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7203]                                    |
| ENSG00000258760 | 4,0 | 2,01E-05 |             |  |
| ENSG00000020577 | 4,0 | 3,39E-05 | SAMD4A      | sterile alpha motif domain containing 4A [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:23023]         |
| ENSG00000164023 | 3,9 | 7,95E-06 | SGMS2       | sphingomyelin synthase 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:28395]                         |
| ENSG00000215045 | 3,9 | 4,31E-06 | GRID2IP     | Grid2 interacting protein [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:18464]                        |
| ENSG00000223687 | 3,9 | 2,81E-02 | ZNF311      | zinc finger protein 311 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:13847]                          |
| ENSG00000253396 | 3,9 | 4,49E-05 |             |  |
| ENSG00000283294 | 3,9 | 5,06E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000109321 | 3,9 | 3,22E-04 | AREG        | amphiregulin [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:651]                                       |
| ENSG00000269889 | 3,9 | 2,49E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000225194 | 3,9 | 2,71E-06 | LINC00092   | long intergenic non-protein coding RNA 92 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:31408]        |
| ENSG00000273320 | 3,9 | 1,96E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000101384 | 3,9 | 5,44E-06 | JAG1        | jagged 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6188]  |
| ENSG00000140876 | 3,9 | 2,68E-05 | NUDT7       | nudix hydrolase 7 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:8054]                                 |
| ENSG00000210194 | 3,9 | 2,16E-04 | MT-TE       | mitochondrially encoded tRNA glutamic acid [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7479]        |
| ENSG00000246130 | 3,9 | 1,33E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000157150 | 3,8 | 2,03E-03 | TIMP4       | TIMP metalloproteinase inhibitor 4 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11823]               |
| ENSG00000259003 | 3,8 | 1,54E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000160318 | 3,8 | 4,98E-06 | CLDND2      | claudin domain containing 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:28511]                      |
| ENSG00000087842 | 3,8 | 1,41E-07 | PIR         | pirin [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:30048]  |
| ENSG00000198576 | 3,8 | 8,91E-04 | ARC         | activity regulated cytoskeleton associated protein [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:648] |
| ENSG00000274869 | 3,8 | 2,00E-04 | -           | -  |
| ENSG00000109684 | 3,8 | 3,13E-05 | CLNK        | cytokine dependent hematopoietic cell linker [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:17438]     |
| ENSG00000266076 | 3,8 | 9,30E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000171408 | 3,8 | 1,58E-05 | PDE7B       | phosphodiesterase 7B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:8792]                              |
| ENSG00000175170 | 3,8 | 2,74E-05 | FAM182B     | family with sequence similarity 182 member B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:34503]     |
| ENSG00000268257 | 3,8 | 7,71E-04 | AIRN        | antisense of IGF2R non-protein coding RNA [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:34515]        |

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| ENSG00000228919 | 3,8 | 1,45E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000173762 | 3,7 | 6,82E-06 | CD7         | CD7 molecule [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1695]                                    |
| ENSG00000081377 | 3,7 | 3,65E-06 | CDC14B      | cell division cycle 14B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1719]                         |
| ENSG00000073150 | 3,7 | 1,10E-06 | PANX2       | pannexin 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:8600]                                      |
| ENSG00000235141 | 3,7 | 1,35E-03 | COX6CP17    | cytochrome c oxidase subunit 6C pseudogene 17 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:49369]  |
| ENSG00000205710 | 3,7 | 1,10E-06 | C17orf107   | chromosome 17 open reading frame 107 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:37238]           |
| ENSG00000268355 | 3,7 | 7,42E-05 |             |  |
| ENSG00000266145 | 3,7 | 3,55E-04 | RHOT1P1     | ras homolog family member T1 pseudogene 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:23777]      |
| ENSG00000236494 | 3,7 | 2,73E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000225079 | 3,7 | 1,68E-06 | FTH1P22     | ferritin heavy chain 1 pseudogene 22 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:37640]           |
| ENSG00000125657 | 3,7 | 3,64E-07 | TNFSF9      | TNF superfamily member 9 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11939]                       |
| ENSG00000283187 | 3,7 | 4,02E-03 | -           | -  |
| ENSG00000243968 | 3,6 | 4,45E-03 | RN7SL402P   | RNA, 7SL, cytoplasmic 402, pseudogene [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:46418]          |
| ENSG00000054598 | 3,6 | 9,64E-05 | FOXC1       | forkhead box C1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:3800]                                 |
| ENSG00000103855 | 3,6 | 4,39E-05 | CD276       | CD276 molecule [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:19137]                                 |
| ENSG00000129757 | 3,6 | 3,33E-05 | CDKN1C      | cyclin dependent kinase inhibitor 1C [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1786]            |
| ENSG00000130340 | 3,6 | 5,01E-07 | SNX9        | sorting nexin 9 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:14973]                                |
| ENSG00000261449 | 3,6 | 1,45E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000228294 | 3,6 | 4,02E-02 | BMS1P17     | BMS1, ribosome biogenesis factor pseudogene 17 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:49162] |
| ENSG00000111186 | 3,6 | 1,16E-03 | WNT5B       | Wnt family member 5B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:16265]                           |
| ENSG00000165633 | 3,6 | 6,22E-07 | VSTM4       | V-set and transmembrane domain containing 4 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:26470]    |
| ENSG00000257924 | 3,6 | 5,99E-05 | LINC02416   | long intergenic non-protein coding RNA 2416 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:53345]    |
| ENSG00000113594 | 3,5 | 2,97E-04 | LIFR        | LIF receptor alpha [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6597]                              |
| ENSG00000105963 | 3,5 | 4,82E-07 | ADAP1       | ArfGAP with dual PH domains 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:16486]                  |
| ENSG00000114423 | 3,5 | 1,40E-06 | CBLB        | Cbl proto-oncogene B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1542]                            |
| ENSG00000259658 | 3,5 | 7,10E-06 |             |  |
| ENSG00000268038 | 3,5 | 2,70E-04 | LINC01785   | long intergenic non-protein coding RNA 1785 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:25060]    |
| ENSG00000125968 | 3,5 | 1,51E-04 | ID1         | inhibitor of DNA binding 1, HLH protein [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5360]         |
| ENSG00000224363 | 3,5 | 3,48E-02 |             |  |
| ENSG00000246792 | 3,5 | 6,87E-04 |             |  |

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| ENSG00000145103 | 3,5 | 1,74E-04 | ILDR1       | immunoglobulin like domain containing receptor 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:28741] |
| ENSG00000237232 | 3,5 | 2,23E-04 | ZNF295-AS1  | ZNF295 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:23130]                           |
| ENSG00000270300 | 3,5 | 4,95E-04 | PHACTR2P1   | phosphatase and actin regulator 2 pseudogene 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:49488]   |
| ENSG00000273308 | 3,5 | 1,39E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000222032 | 3,5 | 1,48E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000139193 | 3,5 | 3,92E-06 | CD27        | CD27 molecule [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11922]                                    |
| ENSG00000232656 | 3,5 | 4,54E-05 | IDI2-AS1    | IDI2 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:30885]                             |
| ENSG00000157388 | 3,4 | 3,76E-06 | CACNA1D     | calcium voltage-gated channel subunit alpha1 D [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1391]    |
| ENSG00000262136 | 3,4 | 1,72E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000120659 | 3,4 | 3,52E-04 | TNFSF11     | TNF superfamily member 11 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11926]                        |
| ENSG00000183691 | 3,4 | 2,39E-04 | NOG         | noggin [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7866]  |
| ENSG00000148488 | 3,4 | 1,26E-05 | ST8SIA6     | ST8 alpha-N-acetyl-neuraminide alpha-2,8-sialyltransferase 6 [Acc:HGNC:23317]        |
| ENSG00000104722 | 3,4 | 1,08E-03 | NEFM        | neurofilament medium [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7734]                              |
| ENSG00000167037 | 3,4 | 8,02E-06 | SGSM1       | small G protein signaling modulator 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:29410]            |
| ENSG00000128040 | 3,4 | 3,36E-03 | SPINK2      | serine peptidase inhibitor, Kazal type 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11245]         |
| ENSG00000232237 | 3,4 | 7,36E-04 | ASCL5       | achaete-scute family bHLH transcription factor 5 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:33169] |
| ENSG00000235674 | 3,4 | 2,47E-03 | LDHAP2      | lactate dehydrogenase A pseudogene 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6537]              |
| ENSG00000212329 | 3,4 | 1,36E-03 | RNU6-316P   | RNA, U6 small nuclear 316, pseudogene [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:47279]            |
| ENSG00000124006 | 3,4 | 3,96E-03 | OBSL1       | obscurin like 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:29092]                                  |
| ENSG00000253557 | 3,4 | 4,20E-05 |             |  |
| ENSG00000272735 | 3,4 | 1,89E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000197057 | 3,4 | 6,69E-05 | DTHD1       | death domain containing 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:37261]                        |
| ENSG00000050730 | 3,4 | 6,67E-05 | TNIP3       | TNFAIP3 interacting protein 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:19315]                    |
| ENSG00000158163 | 3,4 | 2,21E-03 | DZIP1L      | DAZ interacting zinc finger protein 1 like [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:26551]       |
| ENSG00000158186 | 3,3 | 1,73E-04 | MRAS        | muscle RAS oncogene homolog [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7227]                       |
| ENSG00000254835 | 3,3 | 2,31E-02 | RNF185-AS1  | RNF185 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:41161]                           |
| ENSG00000146267 | 3,3 | 5,77E-05 | FAXC        | failed axon connections homolog [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:20742]                  |
| ENSG00000264695 | 3,3 | 2,52E-02 |             |  |
| ENSG00000222022 | 3,3 | 7,64E-03 |             |  |

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| ENSG00000220867 | 3,3 | 2,84E-03 | HSPE1P26    | heat shock protein family E (Hsp10) member 1 pseudogene 26 [Acc:HGNC:49345]        |
| ENSG00000100156 | 3,3 | 5,91E-03 | SLC16A8     | solute carrier family 16 member 8 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:16270]              |
| ENSG00000144481 | 3,3 | 8,04E-05 | TRPM8       | transient receptor potential cation channel subfamily M member 8 [Acc:HGNC:17961]  |
| ENSG00000204754 | 3,3 | 6,10E-04 | LINC01951   | long intergenic non-protein coding RNA 1951 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:52774]    |
| ENSG00000114638 | 3,3 | 2,26E-04 | UPK1B       | uroplakin 1B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:12578]                                   |
| ENSG00000253878 | 3,3 | 1,46E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000245848 | 3,3 | 7,73E-06 | CEBPA       | CCAAT/enhancer binding protein alpha [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1833]            |
| ENSG00000265118 | 3,3 | 1,84E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000104450 | 3,3 | 2,54E-08 | SPAG1       | sperm associated antigen 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11212]                     |
| ENSG00000188672 | 3,3 | 1,37E-04 | RHCE        | Rh blood group CcEe antigens [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:10008]                   |
| ENSG00000213171 | 3,3 | 2,66E-05 | LINGO4      | leucine rich repeat and Ig domain containing 4 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:31814] |
| ENSG00000230965 | 3,3 | 9,05E-03 | SNX18P13    | sorting nexin 18 pseudogene 13 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:39621]                 |
| ENSG00000144893 | 3,3 | 1,50E-05 | MED12L      | mediator complex subunit 12 like [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:16050]               |
| ENSG00000227231 | 3,3 | 1,95E-04 | IER3        | immediate early response 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5392]                      |
| ENSG00000230128 | 3,3 | 1,95E-04 | IER3        | immediate early response 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5392]                      |
| ENSG00000235030 | 3,3 | 1,95E-04 | IER3        | immediate early response 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5392]                      |
| ENSG00000237155 | 3,3 | 1,95E-04 | IER3        | immediate early response 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5392]                      |
| ENSG00000115009 | 3,3 | 2,84E-05 | CCL20       | C-C motif chemokine ligand 20 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:10619]                  |
| ENSG00000225511 | 3,3 | 2,51E-04 | LINC00475   | long intergenic non-protein coding RNA 475 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:23569]     |
| ENSG00000260101 | 3,3 | 8,00E-05 |             |  |
| ENSG00000238390 | 3,3 | 1,54E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000261186 | 3,3 | 1,71E-03 | LINC01238   | long intergenic non-protein coding RNA 1238 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:49795]    |
| ENSG00000101230 | 3,2 | 6,78E-04 | ISM1        | isthmin 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:16213]                                      |
| ENSG00000185442 | 3,2 | 7,69E-07 | FAM174B     | family with sequence similarity 174 member B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:34339]   |
| ENSG00000188163 | 3,2 | 1,62E-05 | FAM166A     | family with sequence similarity 166 member A [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:33818]   |
| ENSG00000196218 | 3,2 | 2,24E-04 | RYR1        | ryanodine receptor 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:10483]                           |
| ENSG00000112238 | 3,2 | 2,32E-04 | PRDM13      | PR/SET domain 13 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:13998]                               |
| ENSG00000162576 | 3,2 | 5,19E-07 | MXRA8       | matrix remodeling associated 8 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7542]                  |

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|-----------------|-----|----------|-------------|---|
| ENSG00000170412 | 3,2 | 1,08E-04 | GPRC5C      | G protein-coupled receptor class C group 5 member C [Acc:HGNC:13309]              |
| ENSG00000121743 | 3,2 | 7,58E-04 | GJA3        | gap junction protein alpha 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:4277]                   |
| ENSG00000095637 | 3,2 | 4,06E-06 | SORBS1      | sorbin and SH3 domain containing 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:14565]            |
| ENSG00000227145 | 3,2 | 1,68E-04 | IL21-AS1    | IL21 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:40299]                          |
| ENSG00000049130 | 3,2 | 7,40E-03 | KITLG       | KIT ligand [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6343]                                     |
| ENSG00000254693 | 3,2 | 2,03E-03 |             |   |
| ENSG00000229178 | 3,2 | 4,88E-05 |             |   |
| ENSG00000163359 | 3,2 | 2,50E-03 | COL6A3      | collagen type VI alpha 3 chain [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:2213]                 |
| ENSG00000179841 | 3,2 | 2,91E-06 | AKAP5       | A-kinase anchoring protein 5 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:375]                    |
| ENSG00000166145 | 3,2 | 1,34E-05 | SPINT1      | serine peptidase inhibitor, Kunitz type 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11246]     |
| ENSG00000050165 | 3,2 | 8,02E-03 | DKK3        | dickkopf WNT signaling pathway inhibitor 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:2893]     |
| ENSG00000164972 | 3,2 | 1,60E-03 | C9orf24     | chromosome 9 open reading frame 24 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:19919]            |
| ENSG00000143669 | 3,2 | 7,52E-06 | LYST        | lysosomal trafficking regulator [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1968]                |
| ENSG00000185650 | 3,2 | 2,23E-05 | ZFP36L1     | ZFP36 ring finger protein like 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1107]               |
| ENSG00000124216 | 3,2 | 7,23E-04 | SNAI1       | snail family transcriptional repressor 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11128]      |
| ENSG00000255819 | 3,2 | 3,08E-02 | KLRC4-KLRK1 | KLRC4-KLRK1 readthrough [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:48357]                       |
| ENSG00000267690 | 3,2 | 2,58E-02 | LDLRAD4-AS1 | LDLRAD4 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:48592]                       |
| ENSG00000223947 | 3,2 | 4,99E-03 |             |   |
| ENSG00000177034 | 3,1 | 2,54E-08 | MTX3        | metaxin 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:24812]                                     |
| ENSG00000230148 | 3,1 | 3,30E-04 | HOXB-AS1    | HOXB cluster antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:43744]                  |
| ENSG00000167549 | 3,1 | 1,37E-04 | CORO6       | coronin 6 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:21356]                                     |
| ENSG00000179403 | 3,1 | 1,11E-02 | VWA1        | von Willebrand factor A domain containing 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:30910]   |
| ENSG00000235641 | 3,1 | 1,42E-05 | LINC00484   | long intergenic non-protein coding RNA 484 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:27862]    |
| ENSG00000109832 | 3,1 | 1,34E-03 | DDX25       | DEAD-box helicase 25 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:18698]                          |
| ENSG00000260196 | 3,1 | 1,24E-02 |             |   |
| ENSG00000245552 | 3,1 | 5,14E-04 |             |   |
| ENSG00000260782 | 3,1 | 4,23E-03 |             |   |
| ENSG00000133069 | 3,1 | 6,22E-07 | TMCC2       | transmembrane and coiled-coil domain family 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:24239] |

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| Gene ID         | FC  | Adj. P   | Gene symbol | Gene description   |
|-----------------|-----|----------|-------------|--|
| ENSG00000151468 | 3,1 | 1,31E-03 | CCDC3       | coiled-coil domain containing 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:23813]                      |
| ENSG00000240254 | 3,1 | 3,77E-04 | B4GALT4-AS1 | B4GALT4 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:40090]                              |
| ENSG00000260805 | 3,1 | 4,25E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000137101 | 3,1 | 5,98E-06 | CD72        | CD72 molecule [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1696]   |
| ENSG00000253842 | 3,1 | 4,16E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000061676 | 3,1 | 9,73E-07 | NCKAP1      | NCK associated protein 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7666]                              |
| ENSG00000188211 | 3,1 | 3,75E-04 | NCR3LG1     | natural killer cell cytotoxicity receptor 3 ligand 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:42400] |
| ENSG00000231435 | 3,1 | 1,21E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000257947 | 3,1 | 1,09E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000166046 | 3,1 | 6,37E-06 | TCP11L2     | t-complex 11 like 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:28627]                                  |
| ENSG00000272631 | 3,1 | 4,84E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000228570 | 3,1 | 1,33E-02 | NUTM2E      | NUT family member 2E [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:23448]                                 |
| ENSG00000241713 | 3,1 | 3,44E-02 | LY6G5B      | lymphocyte antigen 6 family member G5B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:13931]               |
| ENSG00000188389 | 3,1 | 3,64E-07 | PDCD1       | programmed cell death 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:8760]                               |
| ENSG00000267334 | 3,1 | 2,83E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000231062 | 3,1 | 9,76E-04 |             |  |
| ENSG00000134531 | 3,1 | 2,54E-08 | EMP1        | epithelial membrane protein 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:3333]                         |
| ENSG00000182168 | 3,1 | 1,53E-02 | UNC5C       | unc-5 netrin receptor C [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:12569]                              |
| ENSG00000236304 | 3,1 | 1,92E-02 |             |  |
| ENSG00000167604 | 3,1 | 2,81E-05 | NFKBID      | NFKB inhibitor delta [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:15671]                                 |
| ENSG00000253666 | 3,1 | 1,43E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000272398 | 3,1 | 6,84E-04 | CD24        | CD24 molecule [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1645]   |
| ENSG00000178093 | 3,1 | 4,11E-02 | TSSK6       | testis specific serine kinase 6 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:30410]                      |
| ENSG00000170485 | 3,1 | 3,01E-04 | NPAS2       | neuronal PAS domain protein 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7895]                         |
| ENSG00000196422 | 3,1 | 3,59E-06 | PPP1R26     | protein phosphatase 1 regulatory subunit 26 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:29089]          |
| ENSG00000122862 | 3,1 | 2,01E-06 | SRGN        | serglycin [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9361]   |
| ENSG00000149212 | 3,1 | 5,40E-04 | SESN3       | sestrin 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:23060]  |
| ENSG00000122335 | 3,1 | 1,73E-05 | SERAC1      | serine active site containing 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:21061]                      |
| ENSG00000007237 | 3,1 | 1,36E-02 | GAS7        | growth arrest specific 7 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:4169]                              |
| ENSG00000234377 | 3,0 | 3,61E-03 | RNF219-AS1  | RNF219 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:42700]                               |
| ENSG00000270846 | 3,0 | 6,35E-03 |             |  |
| ENSG00000253320 | 3,0 | 2,30E-06 | AZIN1-AS1   | AZIN1 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:51558]                                |
| ENSG00000227375 | 3,0 | 1,15E-04 | DLG1-AS1    | DLG1 antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:44154]                                 |
| ENSG00000211855 | 3,0 | 5,20E-05 | TRAJ34      | T cell receptor alpha joining 34 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:12064]                     |

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| Gene ID         | FC  | Adj. P   | Gene symbol  | Gene description   |
|-----------------|-----|----------|--------------|--|
| ENSG00000213073 | 3,0 | 2,45E-05 |              |  |
| ENSG00000232530 | 3,0 | 2,07E-03 | LIF-AS1      | LIF antisense RNA 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:53473]                        |
| ENSG00000140948 | 3,0 | 6,70E-06 | ZCCHC14      | zinc finger CCHC-type containing 14 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:24134]        |
| ENSG00000105672 | 3,0 | 5,75E-06 | ETV2         | ETS variant 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:3491]                               |
| ENSG00000164692 | 3,0 | 8,79E-03 | COL1A2       | collagen type I alpha 2 chain [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:2198]               |
| ENSG00000258922 | 3,0 | 1,95E-03 |              |  |
| ENSG00000166689 | 3,0 | 1,43E-05 | PLEKHA7      | pleckstrin homology domain containing A7 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:27049]   |
| ENSG00000262481 | 3,0 | 4,92E-03 | TMEM256-PLSC | TMEM256-PLSCR3 readthrough (NMD candidate) [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:49186] |
| ENSG00000237400 | 3,0 | 5,50E-03 |              |  |
| ENSG00000101405 | 3,0 | 5,73E-03 | OXT          | oxytocin/neurophysin I prepropeptide [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:8528]        |
| ENSG00000154269 | 3,0 | 3,95E-04 | ENPP3        | ectonucleotide pyrophosphatase/phosphodiesterase 3 [Acc:HGNC:3358]             |
| ENSG00000138271 | 3,0 | 3,14E-03 | GPR87        | G protein-coupled receptor 87 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:4538]               |
| ENSG00000196358 | 3,0 | 1,20E-03 | NTNG2        | netrin G2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:14288]                                  |
| ENSG00000258465 | 3,0 | 1,82E-02 |              |  |
| ENSG00000251682 | 3,0 | 1,60E-03 |              |  |

**Supplementary Table 2: Transcripts down-regulated by T0070907 in memory CCR6+ T-cells**

| Gene ID         | FC    | Adj. P   | Gene symbol    | Gene description  |
|-----------------|-------|----------|----------------|---|
| ENSG00000203772 | -8,71 | 1,25E-02 | SPRN           | shadow of prion protein [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:16871]                           |
| ENSG00000134326 | -8,51 | 7,83E-06 | CMPK2          | cytidine/uridine monophosphate kinase 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:27015]           |
| ENSG00000163464 | -8,10 | 2,92E-05 | CXCR1          | C-X-C motif chemokine receptor 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6026]                   |
| ENSG00000134321 | -8,09 | 2,20E-05 | RSAD2          | radical S-adenosyl methionine domain containing 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:30908] |
| ENSG00000133101 | -8,07 | 1,35E-03 | CCNA1          | cyclin A1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1577]  |
| ENSG00000145649 | -7,39 | 9,98E-06 | GZMA           | granzyme A [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:4708]   |
| ENSG00000251349 | -7,15 | 2,55E-02 | MSANTD3-TMEFF1 | MSANTD3-TMEFF1 readthrough [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:38838]                        |

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| Gene ID         | FC    | Adj. P   | Gene symbol     | Gene description   |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-----------------|--|
| ENSG00000262655 | -6,52 | 5,63E-05 | SPON1           | spondin 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11252]  |
| ENSG00000144476 | -6,50 | 2,01E-06 | ACKR3           | atypical chemokine receptor 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:23692]                              |
| ENSG00000132359 | -6,02 | 3,59E-06 | RAP1GAP2        | RAP1 GTPase activating protein 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:29176]                           |
| ENSG00000137959 | -5,98 | 7,24E-05 | IFI44L          | interferon induced protein 44 like [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:17817]                         |
| ENSG00000188822 | -5,40 | 1,22E-02 | CNR2            | cannabinoid receptor 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:2160]                                      |
| ENSG00000273217 | -5,14 | 1,39E-02 |                 |  |
| ENSG00000227422 | -4,96 | 1,28E-02 | DDR1-AS1        | DDR1 antisense RNA 1 (head to head) [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:28694]                        |
| ENSG00000184979 | -4,94 | 2,34E-05 | USP18           | ubiquitin specific peptidase 18 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:12616]                            |
| ENSG00000116574 | -4,84 | 7,73E-06 | RHOU            | ras homolog family member U [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:17794]                                |
| ENSG00000133321 | -4,81 | 3,60E-07 | RARRES3         | retinoic acid receptor responder 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9869]                          |
| ENSG00000203896 | -4,80 | 2,61E-05 | LIME1           | Lck interacting transmembrane adaptor 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:26016]                    |
| ENSG00000164342 | -4,76 | 8,32E-06 | TLR3            | toll like receptor 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:11849]                                       |
| ENSG00000185745 | -4,74 | 2,45E-05 | IFIT1           | interferon induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5407] |
| ENSG00000079385 | -4,63 | 8,16E-07 | CEACAM1         | carcinoembryonic antigen related cell adhesion molecule 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1814]   |
| ENSG00000114455 | -4,49 | 9,13E-06 | HHLA2           | HERV-H LTR-associating 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:4905]                                    |
| ENSG00000182585 | -4,47 | 2,54E-04 | EPGN            | epithelial mitogen [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:17470]   |
| ENSG00000122043 | -4,46 | 7,09E-05 | LINC00544       | long intergenic non-protein coding RNA 544 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:43679]                 |
| ENSG00000138722 | -4,44 | 1,54E-05 | MMRN1           | multimerin 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7178]  |
| ENSG00000157601 | -4,28 | 9,31E-06 | MX1             | MX dynamin like GTPase 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7532]                                    |
| ENSG00000271288 | -4,19 | 9,89E-05 | IGHV1OR15-3     | immunoglobulin heavy variable 1/OR15-3 (pseudogene) [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5565]         |
| ENSG00000132832 | -4,13 | 3,36E-04 |                 |  |
| ENSG00000119917 | -4,01 | 3,02E-05 | IFIT3           | interferon induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 3 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5411] |
| ENSG00000141161 | -4,00 | 1,88E-02 | UNC45B          | unc-45 myosin chaperone B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:14304]                                  |
| ENSG00000005102 | -3,94 | 1,56E-04 | MEOX1           | mesenchyme homeobox 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7013]                                       |
| ENSG00000198133 | -3,91 | 5,42E-06 | TMEM229B        | transmembrane protein 229B [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:20130]                                 |
| ENSG00000248871 | -3,88 | 4,23E-02 | TNFSF12-TNFSF13 | TNFSF12-TNFSF13 readthrough [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:33537]                                |
| ENSG00000278139 | -3,83 | 1,70E-02 |                 |  |
| ENSG00000171595 | -3,73 | 7,95E-05 | DNAI2           | dynein axonemal intermediate chain 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:18744]                       |

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| Gene ID         | FC    | Adj. P   | Gene symbol | Gene description   |
|-----------------|-------|----------|-------------|--|
| ENSG00000228913 | -3,69 | 4,63E-02 | UBD         | ubiquitin D [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:18795]  |
| ENSG00000119922 | -3,67 | 1,37E-06 | IFIT2       | interferon induced protein with tetratricopeptide repeats 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5409] |
| ENSG00000183662 | -3,67 | 1,12E-03 | FAM19A1     | family with sequence similarity 19 member A1, C-C motif chemokine like [Acc:HGNC:21587]        |
| ENSG00000089127 | -3,62 | 2,24E-06 | OAS1        | 2'-5'-oligoadenylate synthetase 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:8086]                           |
| ENSG00000184451 | -3,61 | 8,70E-05 | CCR10       | C-C motif chemokine receptor 10 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:4474]                             |
| ENSG00000145491 | -3,52 | 4,70E-04 | ROPN1L      | rhopilin associated tail protein 1 like [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:24060]                    |
| ENSG00000113088 | -3,47 | 1,65E-04 | GZMK        | granzyme K [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:4711]  |
| ENSG00000168961 | -3,45 | 1,14E-05 | LGALS9      | galectin 9 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6570]  |
| ENSG00000223405 | -3,27 | 2,24E-02 | DDR1-AS1    | DDR1 antisense RNA 1 (head to head) [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:28694]                        |
| ENSG00000186399 | -3,27 | 2,43E-02 | GOLGA8R     | golgin A8 family member R [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:44407]                                  |
| ENSG00000105088 | -3,26 | 1,15E-05 | OLFM2       | olfactomedin 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:17189]   |
| ENSG00000121807 | -3,23 | 4,19E-06 | CCR2        | C-C motif chemokine receptor 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1603]                              |
| ENSG00000151490 | -3,22 | 1,17E-04 | PTPRO       | protein tyrosine phosphatase, receptor type O [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9678]               |
| ENSG00000114315 | -3,22 | 5,50E-03 | HES1        | hes family bHLH transcription factor 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:5192]                      |
| ENSG00000137965 | -3,21 | 1,42E-05 | IFI44       | interferon induced protein 44 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:16938]                              |
| ENSG00000141540 | -3,20 | 5,09E-05 | TTYH2       | tweety family member 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:13877]                                     |
| ENSG00000138792 | -3,19 | 9,41E-06 | ENPEP       | glutamyl aminopeptidase [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:3355]                                     |
| ENSG00000136514 | -3,11 | 2,55E-06 | RTP4        | receptor transporter protein 4 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:23992]                             |
| ENSG00000168461 | -3,10 | 1,15E-04 | RAB31       | RAB31, member RAS oncogene family [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:9771]                           |
| ENSG00000107438 | -3,09 | 2,36E-04 | PDLIM1      | PDZ and LIM domain 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:2067]  |
| ENSG00000255221 | -3,08 | 1,53E-05 | CARD17      | caspase recruitment domain family member 17 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:33827]                |
| ENSG00000163823 | -3,05 | 1,15E-05 | CCR1        | C-C motif chemokine receptor 1 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:1602]                              |
| ENSG00000187808 | -3,05 | 6,57E-04 | SOWAHD      | soosondawah ankyrin repeat domain family member D [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:32960]          |
| ENSG00000231550 | -3,05 | 7,99E-04 | PTCHD3P2    | patched domain containing 3 pseudogene 2 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:44946]                   |
| ENSG00000139626 | -3,04 | 3,35E-05 | ITGB7       | integrin subunit beta 7 [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:6162]                                     |
| ENSG00000128833 | -3,00 | 2,01E-06 | MYO5C       | myosin VC [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:HGNC:7604]   |

**Supplementary Table 3.** Antibodies used for flow cytometry analysis and sorting

|               | <b>Fluorochrome</b> | <b>Clone</b> | <b>Vendor</b>                         |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| CD4           | AlexaFluor700       | RPAT4        | BD Pharmingen<br>(San Diego, CA, USA) |
| CCR6          | PE                  | 11A9         |                                       |
| CCR5          | PE                  | 2D7/CCR5     |                                       |
| IFN- $\gamma$ | AlexaFluor700       | B27          |                                       |
| CXCR4         | PE                  | 12G5         |                                       |
| Ki67          | FITC                | B56          |                                       |
| BST-2 (CD137) | BV421               | Y129         |                                       |
| B7 integrin   | FITC                | FIB504       | eBioscience<br>(San Diego, CA, USA)   |
| phospho-mTOR  | FITC                | MRRBY        |                                       |
| CD56          | FITC                | MEM188       |                                       |
| IL-17A        | PE                  | eBio64BEC17  |                                       |
| CD8           | FITC                | BW135/80     | Miltenyi Biotec<br>(Auburn, CA, USA)  |
| CD19          | FITC                | LT19         |                                       |
| CD45RA        | APCeFluor780        | HI100        | Invitrogen<br>(Waltham, MA, USA)      |
| HIV-p24       | FITC                | KC57         | Beckman Coulter<br>(Brea, CA, USA)    |
| HIV-p24       | PE                  | KC57         |                                       |
| HIV-p24       | APC                 | 28B7         |                                       |

PE, phycoérythrine; FITC, Fluorescéine isothiocyanate; APC, Allophycocyanin; BV, Brillant violet

**Supplementary Table 4. Oligonucleotides sequence of primers and probes used for HIV-RNA and HIV-DNA quantification**

| Primers/Probes  | Oligonucleotides Sequences                            |
|---|---|
| <b>Table 4a: External/internal primers and paqman probe used for CA HIV-RNA and DNA quantification</b>                    |   |
| ULF1  | 5'-ATGCCACGTAAGCGAACTCTGGGTCTCTCTDGTAGAC-3'           |
| UR1   | 5'-CCATCTCTCTCCTTCTAGC-3'.                            |
| Lambda (λ) T  | 5'-ATGCCACGTAAGCGAACT-3'                              |
| UR2 IP  | 5'-CTGAGGGATCTCTAGTTACC-3'.                           |
| UHIV FamZen   | 5'-/56-FAM/CACTCAAGG/ZEN/CAAGCTTTATTGAGGC/3IABkFQ/-3' |
| <b>Table 4b: External/internal primers and taqman probe used for CD3 quantification (together with Gag HIV-DNA)</b>       |   |
| HCD3OUT 5' E  | 5'-ACTGACATGGAACAGGGGAAG-3'                           |
| HCD3OUT 3'  | 5'-CCAGCTCTGAAGTAGGGAACATAT-3'                        |
| HCD3IN 5'   | GGCTATCATTCTTCTTCAAGGT                                |
| HCD3IN3'  | CCTCTCTTCAGCCATTTAAGTA                                |
| CD3 FamZen  | 5'-/56FAM/AGCAGAGAA/ZEN/CAGTTAAGAGCCTCCAT/3IABkFQ/-3' |
| <b>Table 4c: External/internal primers and FRET probes used for integrated HIV-DNA</b>                                    |   |
| Alu1  | 5'-TCCCAGCTACTGGGGAGGCTGAGG-3'                        |
| Alu2  | 5'-GCCTCCCAAAGTGCTGGGATTACAG-3'                       |
| Lambda(λ)T  | 5'-ATGCCACGTAAGCGAACT-3'                              |
| AA55M   | 5'-GCTAGAGATTTTCCACACTGACTAA-3'                       |
| LTRFL   | 5'-CACAACAGACGGGCACACACTACTTGA-3'-Fluorescein         |
| LTRLC   | 5'-CACTCAAGGCAAGCTTTATTGAGGC-3'-Phosphate             |
| <b>Table 4b: External/internal primers and FRET probes used for CD3 quantification (together with integrated HIV-DNA)</b> |   |
| HCD3OUT5'   | 5'-ACTGACATGGAACAGGGGAAG-3'                           |
| HCD3OUT3'   | 5'-CCAGCTCTGAAGTAGGGAACATAT-3'                        |
| HCD3IN5'  | 5'-GGCTATCATTCTTCTTCAAGGT-3'                          |
| HCD3IN3'  | 5'-CCTCTCTTCAGCCATTTAAGTA-3'                          |
| P1  | 5'-GGCTGAAGGTTAGGGATAACCAATATTCCTGTCTC-3'-Fluorescein |
| P2  | 5'-CTAGTGATGGGCTCTTCCCTTGAGCCCTTC-3'-Phosphate        |