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**Peptides derived from insulin granule proteins are targeted by CD8⁺ T cells
across MHC Class I restrictions in humans and NOD mice.**

| Study phase | Group | Case ID | Age (yrs) | Gender (M/F) | T1D duration (wks) | GADA | IA-2A | ZnT8A | Therapy |
|-------------|--|---------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|------|-------|-------|---------|
| Screening | Healthy (n=7) | H002N | 44 | M | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H004N | 44 | M | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H156C | 25 | F | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H423C | 25 | F | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H458C | 33 | F | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H459C | 25 | M | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H478C | 32 | F | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | 32 42.9% M (24-47) 57.1% F | | | | | | | | |
| Validation | T1D (n=9) | D286T | 38 | F | 0.3 | + | + | + | insulin |
| | | D309V | 30 | F | 1.4 | + | + | ND | insulin |
| | | D187D | 40 | F | 34.9 | + | - | ND | insulin |
| | | D406D | 26 | F | 0.4 | + | + | + | insulin |
| | | D396D | 25 | F | 3.4 | + | - | + | insulin |
| | | D204D | 22 | M | 2.0 | + | - | ND | insulin |
| | | D275T | 30 | F | 6.7 | + | ND | ND | insulin |
| | | D242D | 23 | M | 0.1 | + | - | ND | insulin |
| | | D404V | 27 | M | 0.3 | + | - | ND | insulin |
| | 26 33.4% M 1.4 (22-40) 66.6% F (0.3-32.0) | | | | | | | | |
| | Healthy (n=9) | H004N | 44 | M | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H005N | 38 | F | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H112C | 42 | F | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H355C | 32 | M | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H423C | 25 | M | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H449C | 20 | F | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H458C | 33 | M | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H459C | 25 | F | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | | H478C | 32 | F | NA | ND | ND | ND | NA |
| | 32 44.5% M (25-44) 55.5% F | | | | | | | | |

Table S1. Characteristics of HLA-A3⁺ study participants. The healthy donors analyzed in Fig. 2 (screening phase) and the patients with type 1 diabetes (T1D) and age/sex-matched healthy donors analyzed in Fig. 3 (validation phase) are listed. The distribution of age, gender and T1D duration is shown at the bottom of each list (median and range for numerical variables). GADA, IA-2A, ZnT8A are anti-GAD, -IA-2 and -ZnT8 auto-antibodies, respectively. ND, not determined; NA, not available or not applicable.

| Protein/mRNA | Peptide | Sequence | Type | MMr staining pattern | T-cell+ donors | Frequency in CD8+ | Donors with ≥ 5 MMr+ cells | % antigen experienced | Validation |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| ABCC8 | 787-795 | IIFESPFNK | Conventional | Spread | 6/6 | 8.0×10^{-6} | 5/6 | 14.3 | No |
| **C15orf48-003 | 50-58 | KVSAPAYCK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 6/6 | 1.7×10^{-5} | 5/6 | 22.7 | Yes |
| C15orf48-003 | 97-106 | ATGRSQMVRK | mRNA splice | Spread | 5/5 | 4.0×10^{-6} | 0/5 | NA | No |
| *C15orf48-003 | 103-111 | MVRKGMNLK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 5/5 | 8.3×10^{-6} | 4/5 | 15.3 | Yes |
| CADPS1;CADPS2 | 780-788 | SLLERVLTK | Conventional | Spread | 5/6 | 4.0×10^{-6} | 2/6 | NA | No |
| CHGB | 603-613 | RVAQLDQLLHY | Conventional | NA | 3/6 | 8.8×10^{-7} | 0/6 | NA | No |
| **CTNND1-026 | 852-860 | QVSYPMSQK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 5/5 | 3.4×10^{-5} | 5/5 | 10.3 | Yes |
| G6PC2-001 | 317-326 | HLFYVLSFCK | mRNA splice | ND | 1/6 | 0 | 1/6 | NA | No |
| G6PC2-001 | 343-351 | HMLMKQSGK | mRNA splice | Spread | 3/5 | 3.1×10^{-6} | 1/5 | NA | No |
| GNAS-036 | 22-31 | KVKKVPLAEK | mRNA splice | Spread | 3/5 | 1.4×10^{-6} | 1/5 | NA | No |
| GNAS-036 | 33-42 | RQMRKEALEK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 4/5 | 1.7×10^{-6} | 1/5 | NA | No |
| **GNAS-036 | 74-83 | LLLGAGESGK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 6/6 | 2.2×10^{-5} | 5/6 | 8.7 | Yes |
| GNAS-050 | 16-24 | RSSTRHSGK | mRNA splice | ND | 1/5 | 0 | 0/5 | NA | No |
| **GNAS-050 | 159-168 | RLCHLSLMEK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 5/5 | 6.2×10^{-6} | 4/5 | 10.0 | Yes |
| **GNAS-050 | 477-485 | RLLRGLLAR | mRNA splice | Clustered | 5/6 | 1.2×10^{-5} | 5/6 | 5.6 | Yes |
| GNAS-050 | 496-504 | AAAACCTMK | mRNA splice | Spread | 4/6 | 1.3×10^{-6} | 0/6 | NA | No |
| *GNAS-050 | 542-551 | ATYSATFSCK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 4/5 | 2.2×10^{-6} | 2/5 | NA | Yes |
| INS/PTPRN | 15-21/893-896 | ALWGPDP/KVVK | Peptide splice | Spread | 6/6 | 1.2×10^{-5} | 1/6 | NA | No |
| KCNK16 | 13-21 | RVLPLLLAY | Conventional | Spread | 6/6 | 4.4×10^{-6} | 2/6 | NA | No |
| KIF1A | 153-161 | RVRDLLNPK | Conventional | Spread | 4/6 | 2.9×10^{-6} | 1/6 | NA | No |
| KIF1A | 219-228 | AVFNIFTQK | Conventional | Spread | 5/6 | 4.6×10^{-6} | 1/6 | NA | No |
| **KIF1A | 860-868 | LLYPVPLVH | Conventional | Clustered | 5/6 | 9.9×10^{-6} | 3/6 | 85.2 | Yes |
| *LARP4-006 | 222-230 | KAINTFFAK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 4/6 | 1.0×10^{-6} | 2/6 | NA | Yes |
| MAP3K13-012 | 33-41 | AMGNHPSPK | mRNA splice | Spread | 5/6 | 1.9×10^{-6} | 1/6 | NA | No |
| *MNX1-001 | 217-225 | STAGMILPK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 6/6 | 5.9×10^{-6} | 2/6 | NA | Yes |
| ONECUT1-003 | 5-14 | KSFIKHAKGK | mRNA splice | Spread | 5/6 | 1.4×10^{-6} | 1/6 | NA | No |
| *ONECUT1-003 | 47-56 | KISVHPKNCK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 4/6 | 1.7×10^{-6} | 2/6 | NA | Yes |
| PCSK1 | 706-714 | KLNKPSQLK | Conventional | NA | 4/6 | 2.6×10^{-6} | 0/6 | NA | No |
| PDIA2-007 | 86-94 | AVHGFPTLK | mRNA splice | Spread | 6/6 | 1.2×10^{-5} | 5/6 | 30.0 | No |
| *PFN2-008 | 59-67 | RVLVFMGK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 4/6 | 2.2×10^{-6} | 3/6 | 14.3 | Yes |
| **PNMA2 | 50-58 | RLLGKIFRK | Conventional | Clustered | 6/6 | 1.4×10^{-5} | 6/6 | 42.5 | Yes |
| PRKACB-008 | 2-10 | GLLKEFLAK | mRNA splice | Spread | 4/6 | 2.0×10^{-6} | 1/6 | NA | No |
| PTPRN | 156-164 | RLPQPPVGK | Conventional | Spread | 4/6 | 2.4×10^{-5} | 2/6 | NA | No |
| PTPRN | 965-975 | AVAEVNAILK | Conventional | Spread | 3/6 | 2.6×10^{-6} | 2/6 | NA | No |
| **PTPRN/PTPRN | 576-580/708-711 | SVLLT/RLAK | Peptide splice | Clustered | 6/6 | 5.3×10^{-6} | 5/6 | 33.3 | Yes |
| REXO2-020 | 2-11 | SVANALWIVK | mRNA splice | Spread | 6/6 | 3.9×10^{-6} | 3/6 | 33.3 | No |
| **RTN1 | 120-129 | STYFTGILQK | Conventional | Clustered | 6/6 | 7.4×10^{-6} | 5/6 | 11.1 | Yes |
| **SCG3 | 166-174 | AVFDKIVSK | Conventional | Clustered | 6/6 | 3.2×10^{-6} | 2/6 | NA | Yes |
| **SCG5-009 | 193-201 | RLKPSLVGK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 6/6 | 7.1×10^{-6} | 4/6 | 30 | Yes |
| SLC30A8 | 6-16 | RTYLVNDKAAK | Conventional | Clustered | 5/6 | 1.4×10^{-6} | 0/6 | NA | No |
| **UCN3 | 46-56 | GQWEDASLLSK | Conventional | Clustered | 5/6 | 4.9×10^{-6} | 3/6 | 14.3 | Yes |
| *ZNF268-015 | 86-95 | ILKAGKSKAK | mRNA splice | Clustered | 4/6 | 1.8×10^{-6} | 1/6 | NA | Yes |

Table S2. Summary of islet peptides tested for recognition by circulating naïve CD8⁺ T cells in healthy subjects. The peptides presented in Fig. 2 are alphabetically listed and classified according to type (conventional, mRNA spliced, spliced peptide). The other columns detail the MMr staining pattern (clustered, spread, not detected [ND], or not available [NA] when too few MMr⁺ cells were counted), the number of T-cell⁺ donors ($\geq 5/10^7$ MMr⁺ cells counted), the median MMr⁺ frequency, the number of donors with ≥ 5 MMr⁺ cells, the median percent antigen-experienced cells within the MMr⁺ fraction (for peptides with ≥ 3 donors displaying ≥ 5 MMr⁺ cells), and the final validation outcome. The 19 validated islet peptides displaying the expected frequency out of total CD8⁺ T cells ($\geq 1 \times 10^{-6}$; with ≥ 5 MMr⁺ cells counted for at least one donor) and a clustered MMr staining pattern are marked with one asterisk (or two asterisks for the 12 peptides further analyzed) and highlighted in bold.

| Protein | Peptide | Sequence | Predicted Kd affinity SYFPEITHI | Predicted Kd affinity NetMHC |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Urocortin-3 (Ucn3, UniProt Q924A4) | 5-13 | TYFLLPLLL | 23 | 1405 |
| | 32-40 | VFSCLN TAL | 21 | 1177 |
| Proconvertase-2 (Pcsk2, UniProt P21661) | 109-118 | GYRDINEIDI | 20 | 10594 |
| | 341-350 | LYDESCSSTL | 21 | 428 |
| | 501-510 | RYLEHVQAVI | 24 | 1660 |
| Secretogranin-5 (Scg5, UniProt P12961) | 4-13 | RLVSAMLSGL | 14 | 19542 |
| | 8-17 | AMLSGLLFWL | 13 | 26446 |
| | 26-35 | AYSRTPDRV | 18 | 7158 |
| | 193-201 | DNVVAK KSV | 18 | 9660 |
| Insulin gene enhancer protein-1 1 (Isl1, UniProt P61372) | 27-36 | QYILRVSPDL | 21 | 2487 |
| | 65-74 | TYCKRDYIRL | 22 | 10474 |
| | 286-294 | SYQPPWKVL | 30 | 172 |
| <i>Tumor antigen P198 (Tum)</i> | <i>148-156</i> | <i>KYQAVTTTL</i> | <i>30</i> | <i>6</i> |
| <i>Insulin (Ins1/Ins2)</i> | <i>B15-23</i> | <i>LYLVCGERG</i> | <i>17</i> | <i>9145</i> |
| <i>Islet-specific glucose-6-phosphatase catalytic subunit-related protein (Igrp)</i> | <i>206-214</i> | <i>VYLKTNVFL</i> | <i>24</i> | <i>195</i> |

Table S3. Islet peptides tested for recognition by islet-infiltrating CD8⁺ T cells of NOD mice. The 9-mer and 10-mer peptides from the 4 islet antigens Ucn3, Pcsk2, Scg5 and Isl1 were selected according to their *in silico* predicted H2-K^d binding affinity (top hits using the SYFPEITHI and NetMHC 4.0 algorithms; www.syfpeithi.de and www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/NetMHC) and, for secreted proteins (Ucn3, Pcsk2 and Scg5), according to a peptide position close to cleavage sites involved in the intermediate processing of their precursors. Peptides yielding positive IFN- γ responses (in terms of both percent IFN- γ ⁺ cells and percent positive mice) are shown in bold. Control peptides are shown in italics.

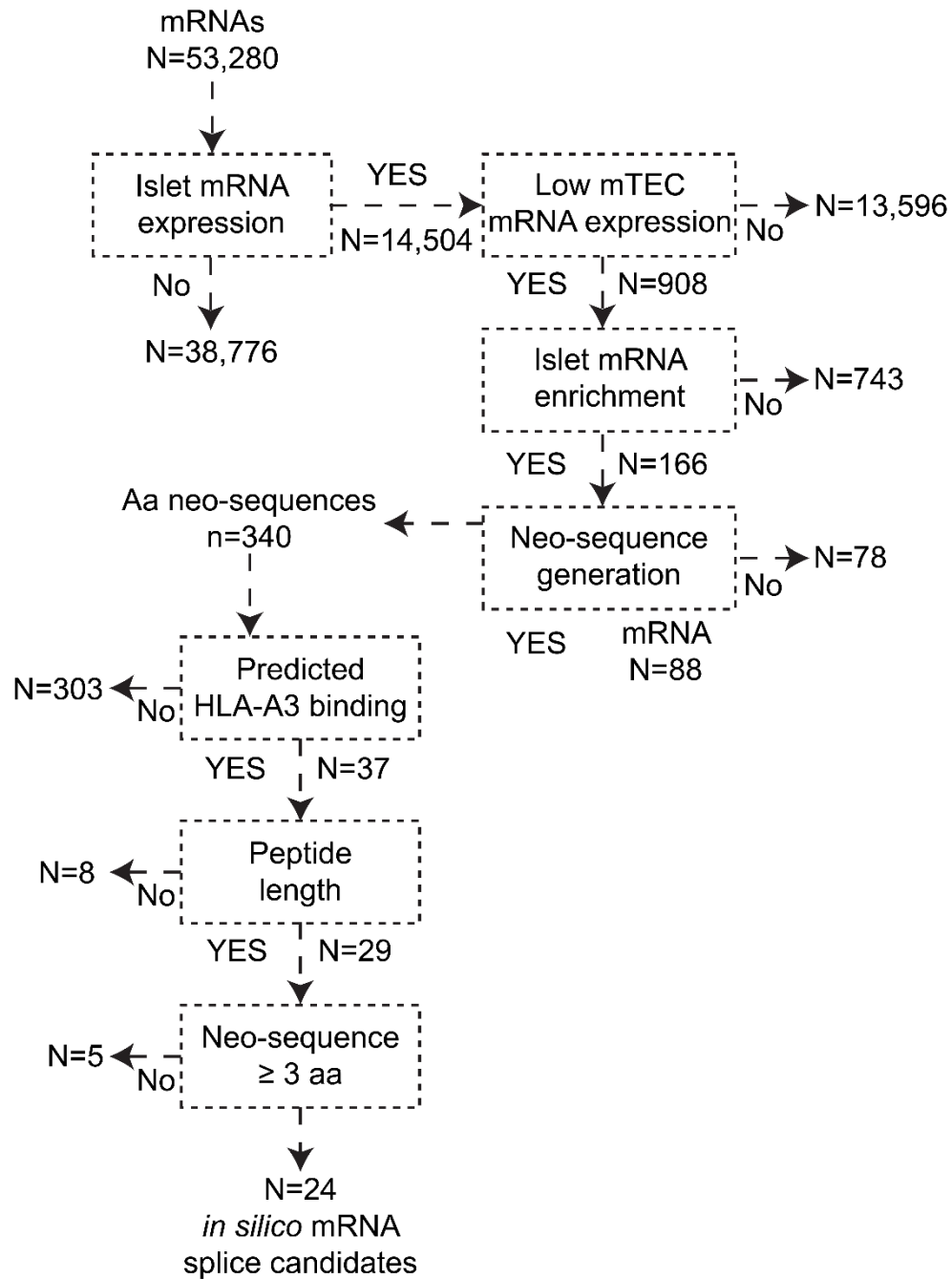


Figure S1. The bioinformatics pipeline used to identify candidate HLA-A3-restricted epitopes by *in silico* mining of mRNA splice variants. This analysis strategy was previously described for the identification of HLA-A2-restricted islet epitopes (see *Research Design and Methods*). Briefly, 53,280 mRNAs were filtered based on islet mRNA expression (n=14,504), low mTEC mRNA expression (n=908), islet enrichment compared with control tissues (n=166), and generation of a predicted aa neo-sequence (n=88). The 340 predicted aa neo-sequences obtained from these 88 mRNA variants were scanned for the presence of predicted HLA-A3 binders (n=37) with a 9- to 10-aa length (n=29) and a neo-sequence of ≥ 3 aa (n=24).

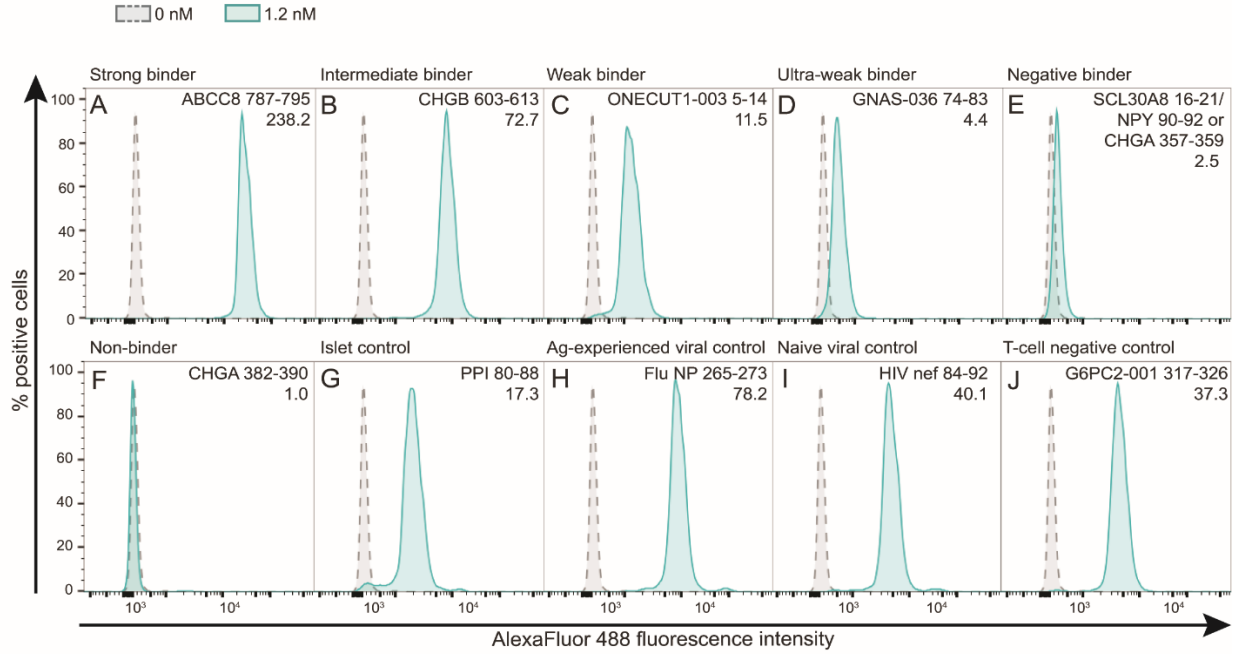


Figure S2. Representative staining from HLA-A3 binding assays. Bionylated recombinant monomeric HLA-A3 molecules were folded with the indicated peptides and β 2-microglobulin and captured on streptavidin-coated beads, followed by an anti- β 2-microglobulin antibody revealed with an AF488-labeled secondary antibody. A bead-associated fluorescence is only detected if the test peptide supports the folding of the HLA-A3 complex. Peptides were tested at 1.2 nM and examples are shown for strong binders (ABCC8₇₈₇₋₇₉₅; **A**), intermediate binders (ChgB₆₀₃₋₆₁₃; **B**), weak binders (ONECUT1-003₅₋₁₄; **C**), an ultra-weak binder (GNAS-036₇₄₋₈₃; **D**) and a non-binder (SCL30A8₁₆₋₂₁/NPY₉₀₋₉₂; **E**), along with the non-binding (ChgA₃₈₂₋₃₉₀; **F**) and binding control peptides: PPI₈₀₋₈₈ for islet antigens, **G**; Flu NP₂₆₅₋₂₇₃ for a recall viral antigen, **H**; HIV nef₈₄₋₉₂ for a naïve viral antigen, **I**; and G6PC2-001₃₁₇₋₃₂₆ for the T-cell negative control (i.e. binding peptide but no T-cell recognition, **J**). The empty HLA-A3 complex control (no peptide added) is shown as a dashed grey profile in each histogram. Each peptide was tested in two separate experiments. The indicated values are arbitrary units of median fluorescence intensity normalized to the ChgA₃₈₂₋₃₉₀ non-binding control, as those reported in Table 1.

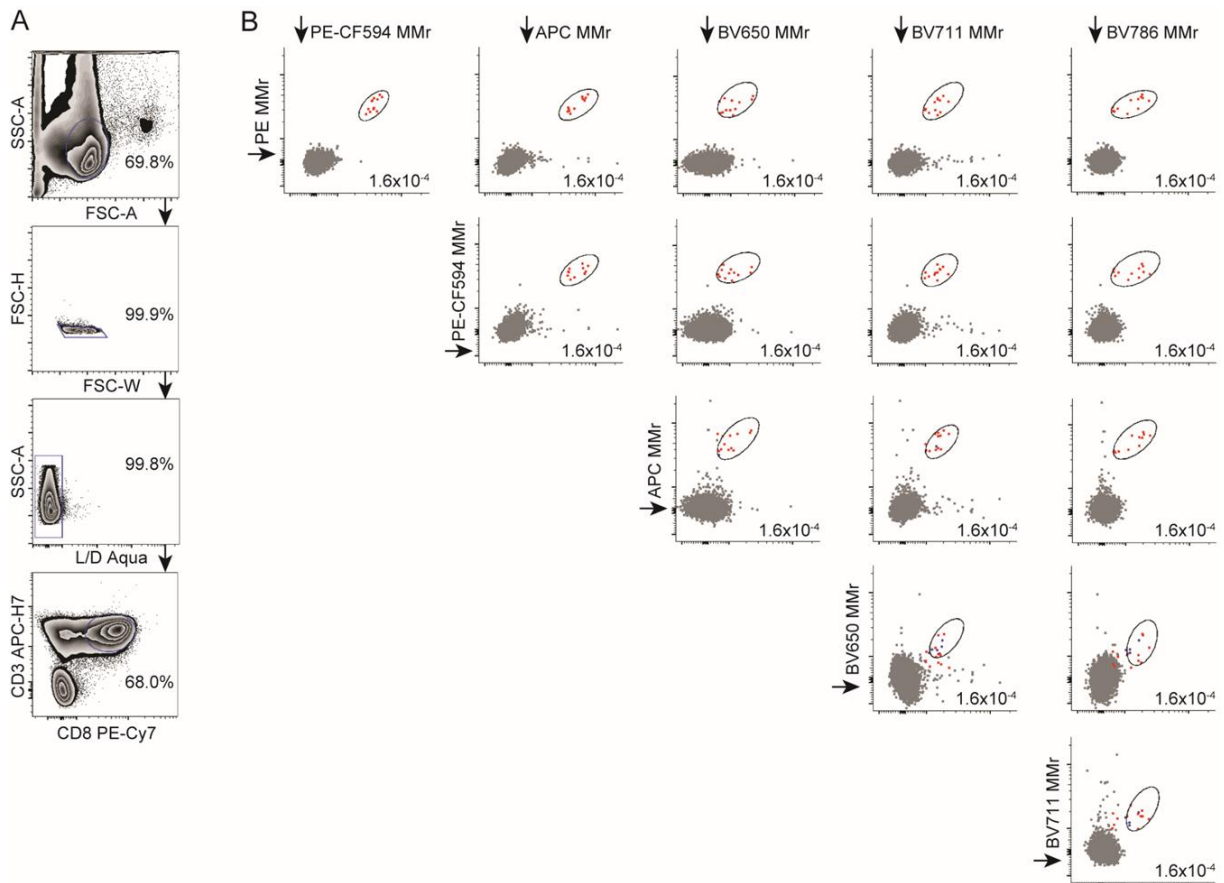


Figure S3. *Ex-vivo* detection of Flu NP₂₆₅₋₂₇₃-reactive CD8⁺ T cells using a 6-color double-stained multimer (MMr) panel. PBMCs from HLA-A3⁺ healthy donor H004N were stained with HLA-A3 MMrs loaded with the Flu NP₂₆₅₋₂₇₃ peptide and labeled with 6 fluorochromes (PE, PE-CF594, APC, BV650, BV711, BV786) organized in 15 unique pairs. **(A)** Gates were sequentially set on lymphocytes, single cells, viable cells (Live/Dead Aqua⁻) and CD3⁺CD8⁺ cells. **(B)** No combinatorial MMR analysis was applied. Double-stained PE⁺PE-CF594⁺ T cells were gated (upper left dot plot) and overlaid (in red) on the other 14 double-stained populations. Numbers in each panel indicate the frequency of gated MMR⁺CD8⁺ T-cell out of total CD8⁺ T cells. Although identical T-cell frequencies were counted for all fluorochrome pairs, the overlap with PE⁺PE-CF594⁺ events was incomplete for the dimmer BV650/BV711, BV650/BV786 and BV711/BV786 pairs (bottom left dot plots). Total CD8⁺ events are overlaid in gray in each dot plot.