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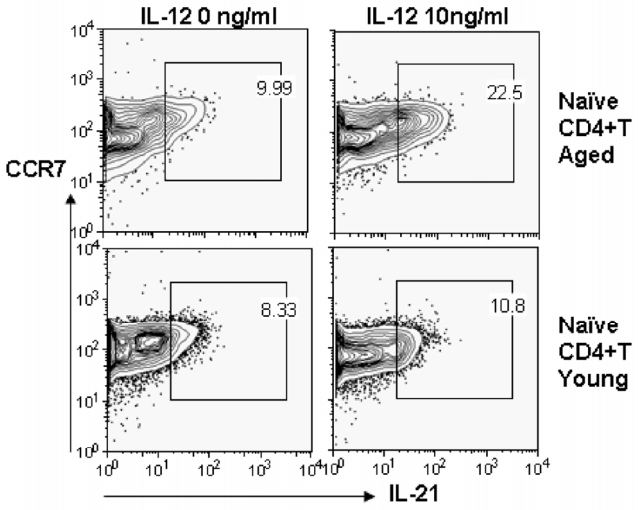
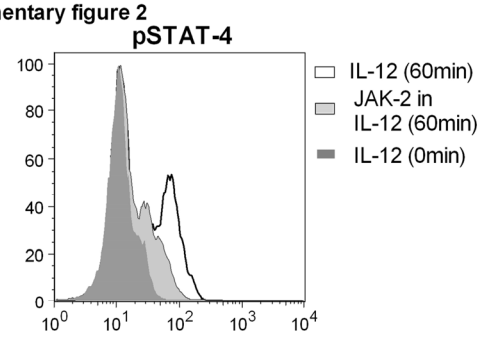
SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

Supplementary figure 1



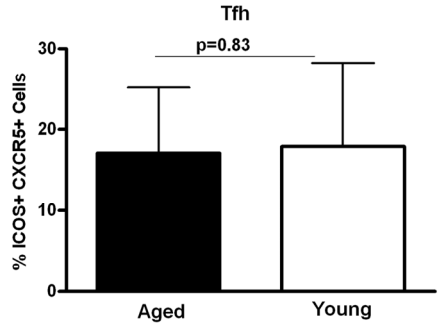
Purified CD4+ T cells from aged and young subjects were stimulated with anti-CD3+anti-CD28 containing magnetic beads +/- IL-12 for 5 days. Intracellular staining for IL-21 was performed (see methods). Gated CD4+ CD45RA+ CCR7+ naive T cells were analyzed for the presence of IL-21 by flow cyometry. Data is representative of 6 such experiments.

Supplementary figure 2



Histogram depicts the phosphorylation of STAT-4 in naïve CD4+T cells +/- JAK-2 inhibitor after stimulation with IL-12 for 60min.

Supplementary Figure 3



PBMCs from aged and young subjects were stained for the expression of CD4, ICOS and CXCR5 using specific antibodies. Bar graphrs depict the percentage of ICOS+ CXCR+ CD4+ cells in the PBMCs of aged and young subjects. Data is mean +/- S.E. of 12 subjects.