

Figure S1: Isolation of CD14⁺ monocytes and CD4⁺ T cells. Monocytes were isolated using a positive selection protocol for CD14⁺ cells. CD4⁺ T cells were isolated from the CD14⁻ fraction using a negative selection protocol for CD4⁺ cells. Data shown are representative plots of the purity of CD14⁺ monocytes and CD14⁻CD4⁺ T cells before and after isolation.

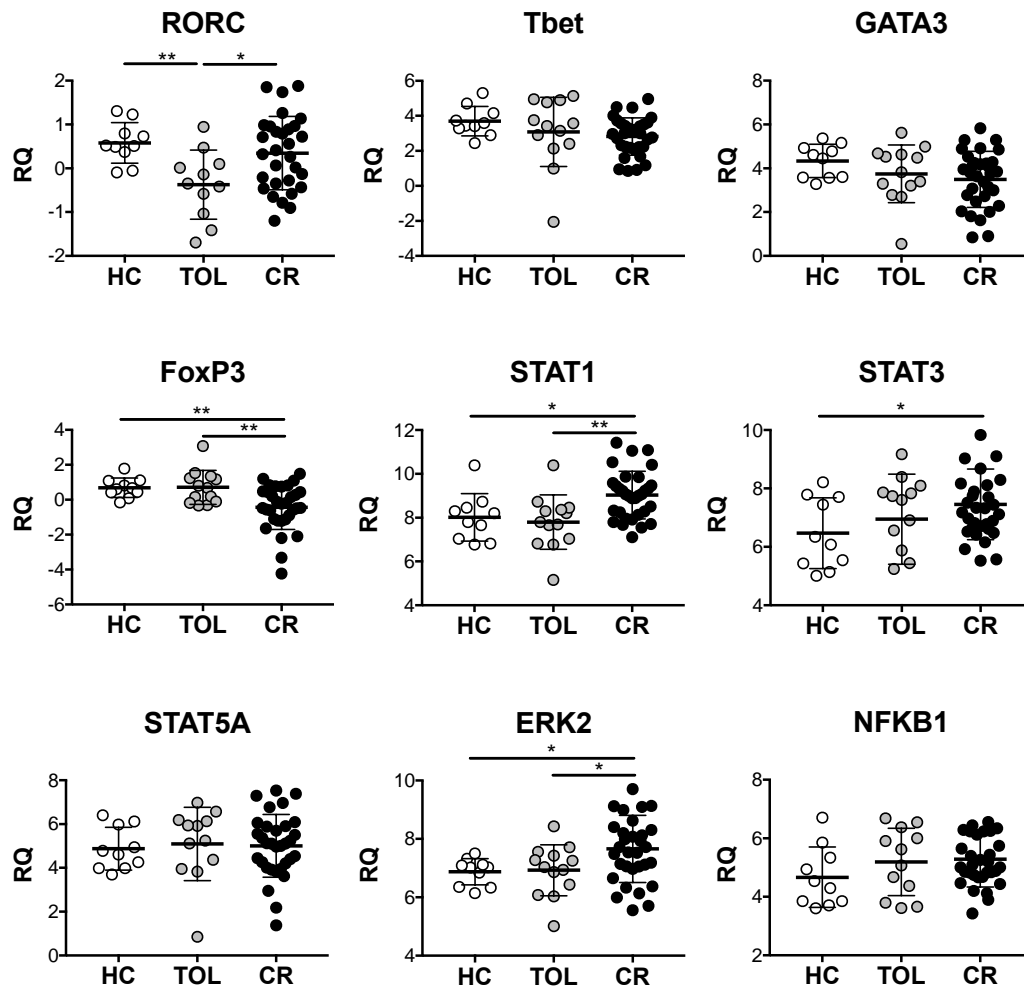


Figure S2: Tolerant kidney transplant recipients express lower levels of RORC than healthy controls and recipients with chronic rejection. Gene expression of Tbet, GATA3, RORC, FOXP3, STAT1, STAT3, STAT5A, ERK2 and NFKB1 was measured in peripheral blood samples from tolerant recipients (TOL), healthy volunteers (HC) and patients with chronic rejection (CR). Statistical significance was determined using the Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's multiple comparisons test where $**=P<0.01$ and $*=P<0.05$.

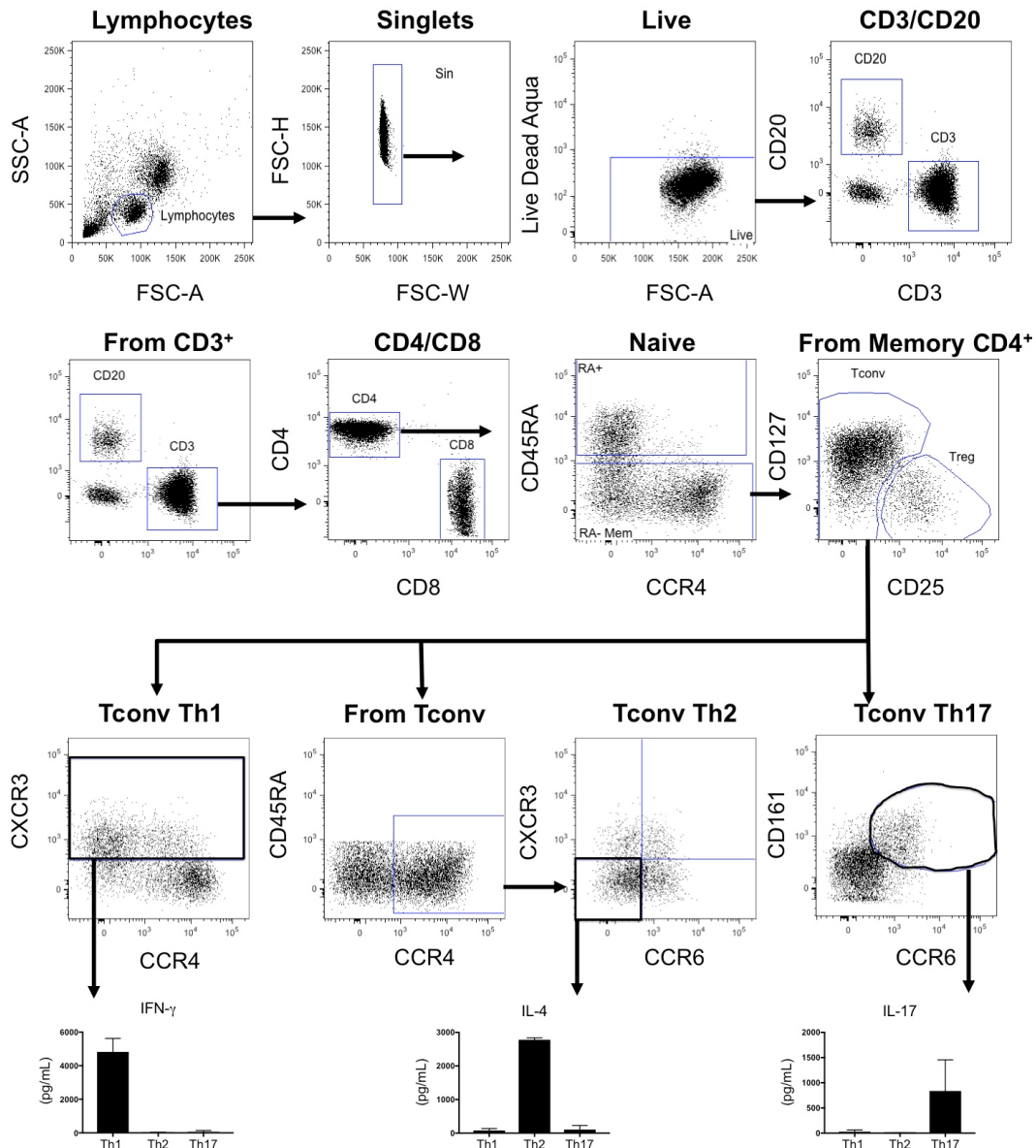


Figure S3: Gating strategy to identify T cell subsets. Lymphocytes were identified by forward and size scatter after which doublets and dead cells were excluded from the analysis. T cells and B cells were identified per their expression of CD3 and CD20, respectively. CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells were then subgated from the CD3⁺ population. Naïve and memory T cells were distinguished per their expression of CD45RA from the total CD4⁺ T cells. In the CD45RA⁻ memory population, Tregs were identified as CD4⁺CD25^{hi}CD127^{lo} with all other CD4⁺CD45RA⁻ cells being classified non Tregs or conventional effector memory T cells. From the CD4⁺CD45RA⁻ conventional memory CD4⁺T cells, Th1 cells were identified as CXCR3⁺, Th2 cells as

CCR4⁺CCR6⁻CXCR3⁻ and Th17 cells as CD161⁺ CCR6⁺. The T helper phenotype of all analysed subsets was confirmed by measuring cytokine production after TCR activation.

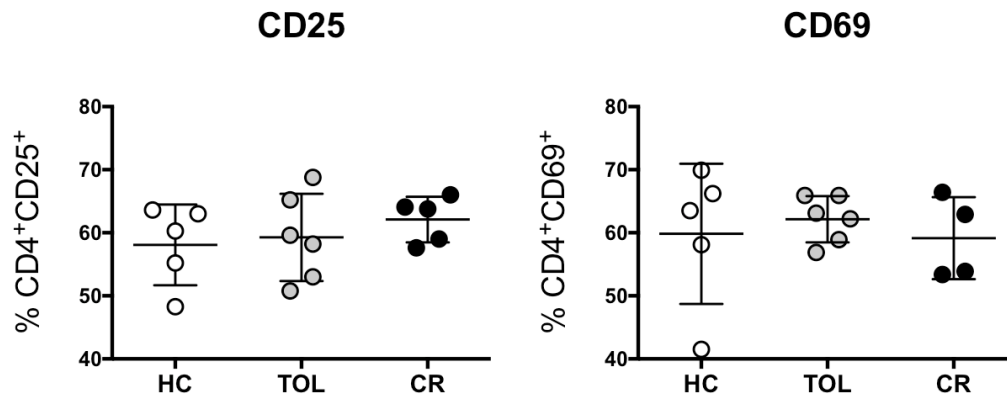


Figure S4: CD25 and CD69 expression in patient-derived and healthy control CD4⁺T cells following activation. CD4⁺T cells from tolerant recipients (TOL), recipients with chronic rejection (CR) and healthy volunteers (HC) were activated with anti-CD3/28 beads (1:2 bead:cell ratio) for 24 hours after which the expression of CD25 and CD69 was measured by flow cytometry.

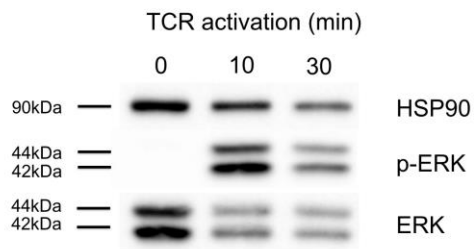


Figure S5: Standardization of TCR signalling in CD4⁺T cells. ERK phosphorylation (p-ERK) was measured in healthy donor-derived CD4⁺T cells (2×10^5 cells per condition) which were activated with 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ plate bound anti-CD3/28 for 0, 10 and 30 minutes, via western blot. HSP90 was used as a loading control. Only time point 10 minutes was performed for Figure 3B due to low number of cells obtained from patient samples.

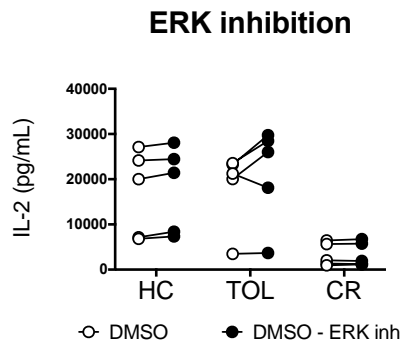


Figure S6: IL-2 secretion by CD4⁺T cells in the presence of an ERK inhibitor. IL-2 produced by CD4⁺T cells activated with anti-CD3/28 (1:5 bead:cell ratio) in the presence of a Th17 polarization cocktail and 0.1 μg/mL of an ERK inhibitor or carrier DMSO was measured. Statistical significance was determined using RM 2-Way ANOVA, but not differences reached statistical significance ($P < 0.05$).