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**A Stk4-Foxp3-p65 transcriptional complex promotes T_{reg} cell activation
and homeostasis**

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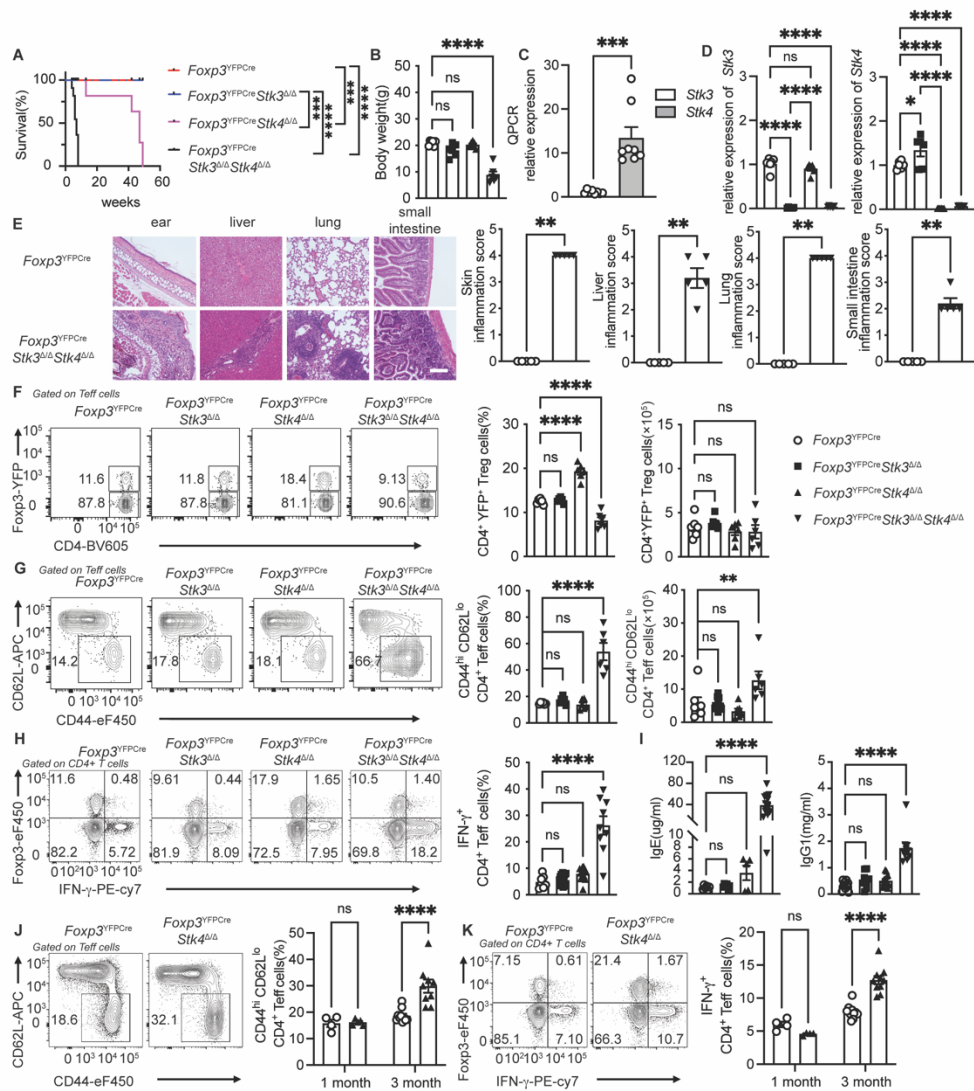


Fig. S1. *Stk3/4* deficiency in Treg cells causes fatal autoimmune lymphoproliferative disease. (A) Survival curve ($n=11$ per group) and **(B)** Body weight of *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}, *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3*^{Δ/Δ}, *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk4*^{Δ/Δ} and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3*^{Δ/Δ}*Stk4*^{Δ/Δ} mice at 25–28 d of age ($n=6$ per group). The results represent a pool of five independent experiments. **(C)** Relative expression of *Stk3* and *Stk4* in Treg cells of *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} mice quantified by qPCR ($n=8$ per group). **(D)** Relative expression of *Stk3* and *Stk4* in Treg cells of *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}, *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3*^{Δ/Δ}, *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk4*^{Δ/Δ} and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3*^{Δ/Δ}*Stk4*^{Δ/Δ}

mice determined by qPCR ($n=6$ per group). (E) Representative histological pictures of hematoxylin and eosin staining (original magnification; $\times 200$) and histological scores of the skin, lung, colon and liver from *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} ($n = 5$) and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3* ^{Δ/Δ} *Stk4* ^{Δ/Δ} mice ($n = 5$). The results represent a pool of three independent experiments. (F) Representative flow cytometric analysis, cell frequencies and cell number of splenic CD4⁺YFP⁺ Treg cells ($n=6$) from *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}, *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3* ^{Δ/Δ} , *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk4* ^{Δ/Δ} and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3* ^{Δ/Δ} *Stk4* ^{Δ/Δ} mice. (G) Representative flow cytometric analysis, cell frequencies and cell number of splenic CD62L^{lo}CD44^{hi} CD4⁺ Teff cells ($n=6-13$) from *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}, *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3* ^{Δ/Δ} , *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk4* ^{Δ/Δ} and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3* ^{Δ/Δ} *Stk4* ^{Δ/Δ} mice. (H) Representative flow cytometric analysis and cell frequencies of IFN γ ⁺ Teff cells from *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} ($n=7$), *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3* ^{Δ/Δ} ($n=17$), *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk4* ^{Δ/Δ} ($n=15$), *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3* ^{Δ/Δ} *Stk4* ^{Δ/Δ} ($n=9$) mice. The results represent pool of three independent experiments. (I) Total serum IgE ($n=5-13$) and IgG1 concentrations ($n=8-12$). in the respective groups. (J to K) Representative flow cytometric analysis of splenic CD62L^{lo}CD44^{hi} CD4⁺ Teff cells (J) and splenic IFN γ ⁺ Teff cells (K) from 3-month-old *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk4* ^{Δ/Δ} mice. Cell frequencies of splenic CD62L^{lo}CD44^{hi} CD4⁺ Teff cells (J), splenic IFN γ ⁺ Teff cells (K) from 1-month-old *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} ($n=4$ for CD62L^{lo}CD44^{hi} CD4⁺ Teff cells; $n=4$ for IFN γ ⁺ Teff cells) and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk4* ^{Δ/Δ} ($n=5$ for CD62L^{lo}CD44^{hi} CD4⁺ Teff cells; $n=4$ for IFN γ ⁺ Teff cells) mice and 3-month-old *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} ($n=10$ for CD62L^{lo}CD44^{hi} CD4⁺ Teff cells; $n=10$ for IFN γ ⁺ Teff cells) and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk4* ^{Δ/Δ} ($n=9$ for CD62L^{lo}CD44^{hi} CD4⁺ Teff cells; $n=10$ for IFN γ ⁺ Teff cells) mice. Each point represents one mouse. Error bars indicate the standard error of the means (S.E.M.). Statistical tests: ns: Not significant. ** $P<0.01$, ***, $P<0.005$, ****,

Foxp3^{YFPCre}*Stk3*^{Δ/Δ}*Stk4*^{Δ/Δ} mice. (**C** and **D**) Representative flow cytometric analysis and cell frequencies of splenic AnnexinV⁺ Viability dye⁺ Treg cells (**C**), splenic Ki67⁺ Treg cells (**D**) from *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} (*n*=5 for AnnexinV⁺ Viability dye⁺ Treg cells; *n*=12 for Ki67⁺ Treg cells), *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3*^{Δ/Δ} (*n*=5 for AnnexinV⁺ Viability dye⁺ Treg cells; *n*=15 for Ki67⁺ Treg cells), *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk4*^{Δ/Δ} (*n*=5 for AnnexinV⁺ Viability dye⁺ Treg cells; *n*=7 for Ki67⁺ Treg cells) and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3*^{Δ/Δ}*Stk4*^{Δ/Δ} mice (*n*=5 for AnnexinV⁺ Viability dye⁺ Treg cells; *n*=10 for Ki67⁺ Treg cells) mice. Each point represents one mouse. Error bars indicate the standard error of the means (S.E.M.). Statistical tests: ns: Not significant. ***P*<0.01, ****P*<0.005, *****P*<0.0001. two-way ANOVA with post-test analysis (**A**) or one-way ANOVA with post-test analysis (**B** to **D**). ns: Not significant, **P*<0.05, ****P*<0.005, *****P*<0.0001.

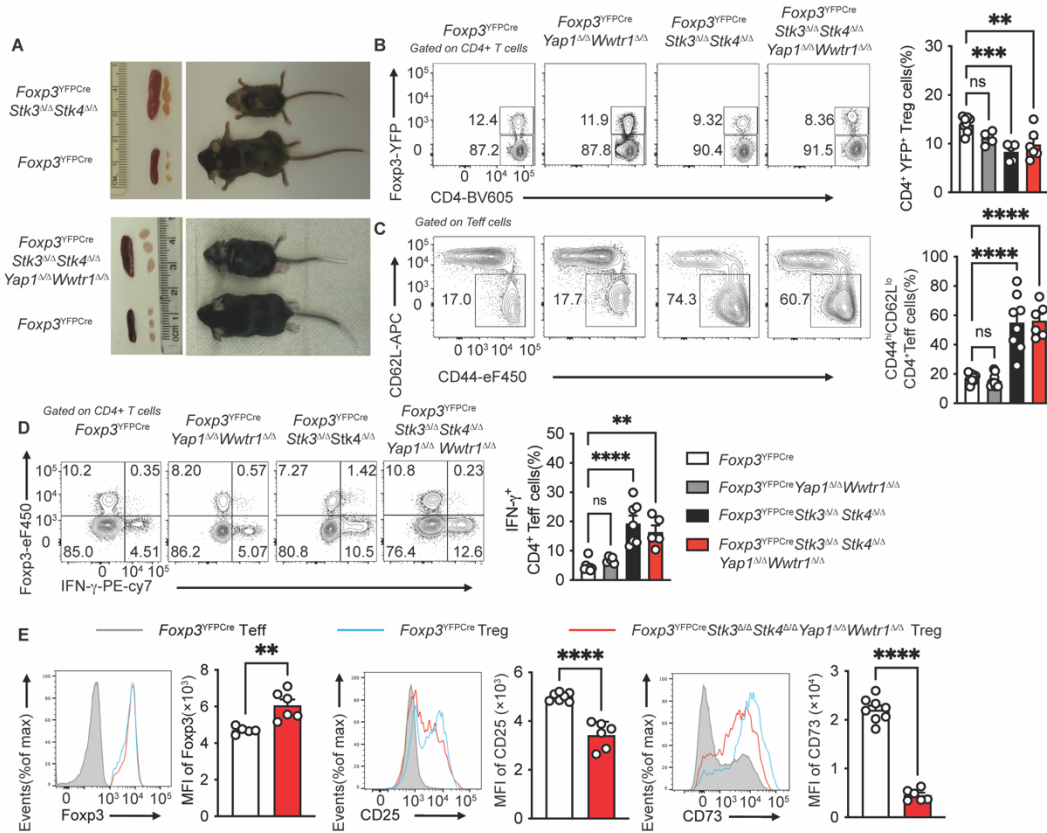


Fig. S3. Treg cell-specific inactivation of the Hippo pathway does not rescue the phenotype of *Foxp3^{YFPcre} Stk3^{Δ/Δ} Stk4^{Δ/Δ}* mice. (A) Gross appearance of *Foxp3^{YFPcre} Stk3^{Δ/Δ} Stk4^{Δ/Δ}*, *Foxp3^{YFPcre} Stk3^{Δ/Δ} Stk4^{Δ/Δ} Yap1^{Δ/Δ} Wwtr1^{Δ/Δ}* and control littermate mice, and their respective spleens and peripheral lymph nodes. (B) Representative flow cytometric analysis and cell frequencies of CD4⁺YFP⁺ Treg cells from *Foxp3^{YFPcre}* (n=9); *Foxp3^{YFPcre} Yap1^{Δ/Δ} Wwtr1^{Δ/Δ}* (n=5); *Foxp3^{YFPcre} Stk3^{Δ/Δ} Stk4^{Δ/Δ}* (n=5); *Foxp3^{YFPcre} Stk3^{Δ/Δ} Stk4^{Δ/Δ} Yap1^{Δ/Δ} Wwtr1^{Δ/Δ}* (n=6) mice. (C) Representative flow cytometric analysis and cell frequencies of CD62L^{lo}CD44^{hi} CD4⁺YFP⁻ Teff cells of *Foxp3^{YFPcre}* (n=8), *Foxp3^{YFPcre} Yap1^{Δ/Δ} Wwtr1^{Δ/Δ}* (n=10), *Foxp3^{YFPcre} Stk3^{Δ/Δ} Stk4^{Δ/Δ}* (n=8) and *Foxp3^{YFPcre} Stk3^{Δ/Δ} Stk4^{Δ/Δ} Yap1^{Δ/Δ} Wwtr1^{Δ/Δ}* (n=6) mice. (D) Flow cytometric analysis and

cell frequencies of splenic $\text{IFN}\gamma^+$ Teff cells from $\text{Foxp3}^{\text{YFP/Cre}}$ ($n=7$), $\text{Foxp3}^{\text{YFP/Cre}}\text{Yap1}^{\Delta/\Delta}\text{Wwtr1}^{\Delta/\Delta}$ ($n=5$), $\text{Foxp3}^{\text{YFP/Cre}}\text{Stk3}^{\Delta/\Delta}\text{Stk4}^{\Delta/\Delta}$ ($n=7$) and $\text{Foxp3}^{\text{YFP/Cre}}\text{Stk3}^{\Delta/\Delta}\text{Stk4}^{\Delta/\Delta}\text{Yap1}^{\Delta/\Delta}\text{Wwtr1}^{\Delta/\Delta}$ mice ($n=5$). (E) Flow cytometric analysis and scatter plot representation of Foxp3 ($n=5-6$), CD25 ($n=6-7$) and CD73 ($n=6-8$) MFI in splenic Treg cells of $\text{Foxp3}^{\text{YFP/Cre}}$ and $\text{Foxp3}^{\text{YFP/Cre}}\text{Stk3}^{\Delta/\Delta}\text{Stk4}^{\Delta/\Delta}\text{Yap1}^{\Delta/\Delta}\text{Wwtr1}^{\Delta/\Delta}$ mice. Each point represents one mouse. Error bars indicate the standard error of the means (S.E.M.). Statistical tests: one-way ANOVA with post-test analysis (B to D) or Student's unpaired two tailed t test (E). ns: Not significant, **, $P<0.01$, ***, $P<0.005$, ****, $P<0.0001$.

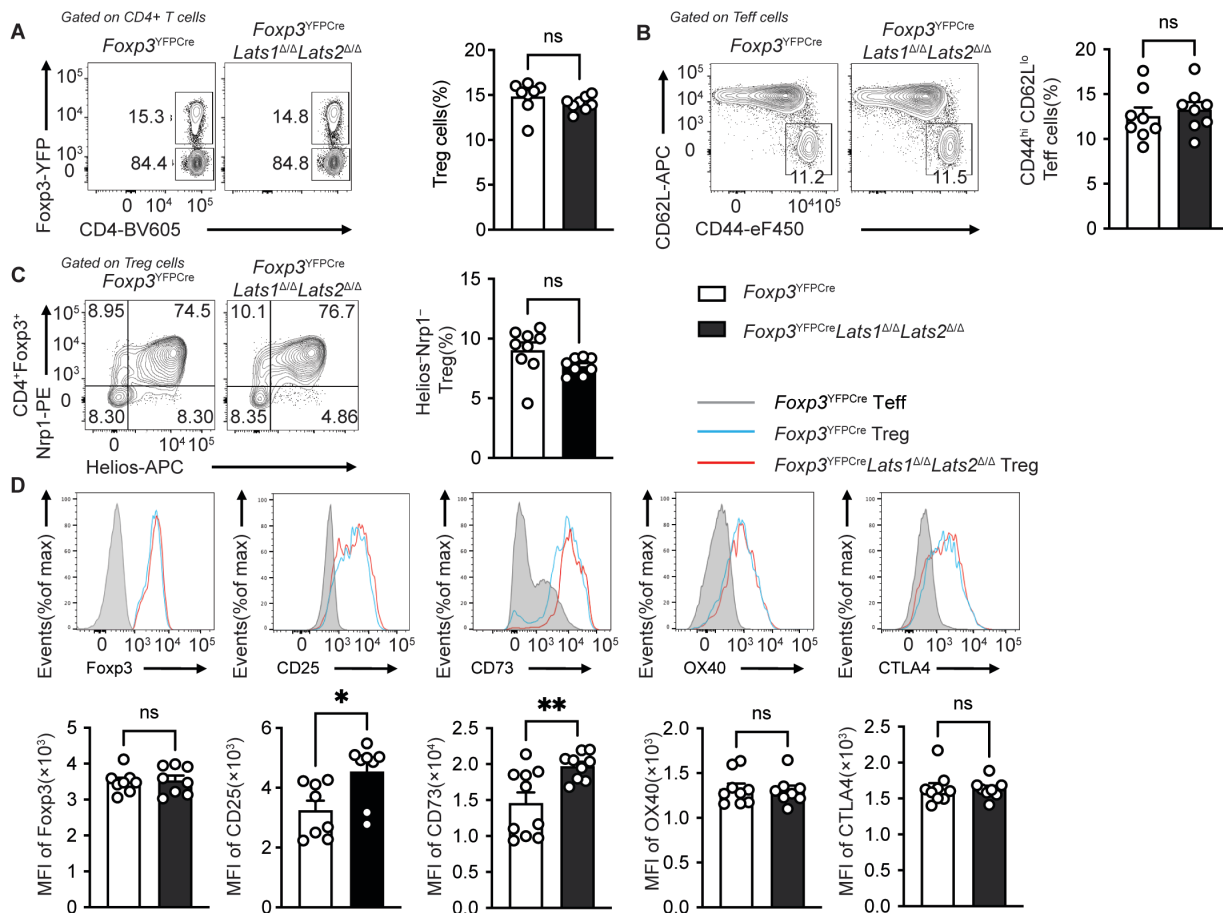


Fig. S4. Mice with Treg cell specific activation of the Hippo pathway do not

phenocopy *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3*^{Δ/Δ}*Stk4*^{Δ/Δ} mice. (A) Flow cytometric analysis and scatter plot representation of splenic Treg cells of *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} (*n*=8) and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Lats1*^{Δ/Δ}*Lats2*^{Δ/Δ} mice (*n*=8). **(B)** Flow cytometric analysis and scatter plot representation of CD44^{hi} CD62L^{lo} splenic Teff cells of *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} (*n*=8) and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Lats1*^{Δ/Δ}*Lats2*^{Δ/Δ} mice (*n*=8). **(C)** Flow cytometric analysis and scatter plot representation of splenic Helios⁻ Nrp1⁻ Treg cells of *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} (*n*=9) and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Lats1*^{Δ/Δ}*Lats2*^{Δ/Δ} mice (*n*=8). **(D)** Flow cytometric analysis and scatter plot representation of Foxp3 (*n*=8 per group), CD25 (*n*=8 per group), CD73 (*n*=9-10 per group), OX40 (*n*=8-9), CTLA-4 (*n*=8-9) MFI in splenic Treg cells of *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} and *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Lats1*^{Δ/Δ}*Lats2*^{Δ/Δ} mice. Each point represents one mouse. Error bars indicate the standard error of the means (S.E.M.). Statistical tests: Student's unpaired two tailed *t* test **(A to D)**. ns: Not significant, *, *P*<0.05, ***P*<0.01.

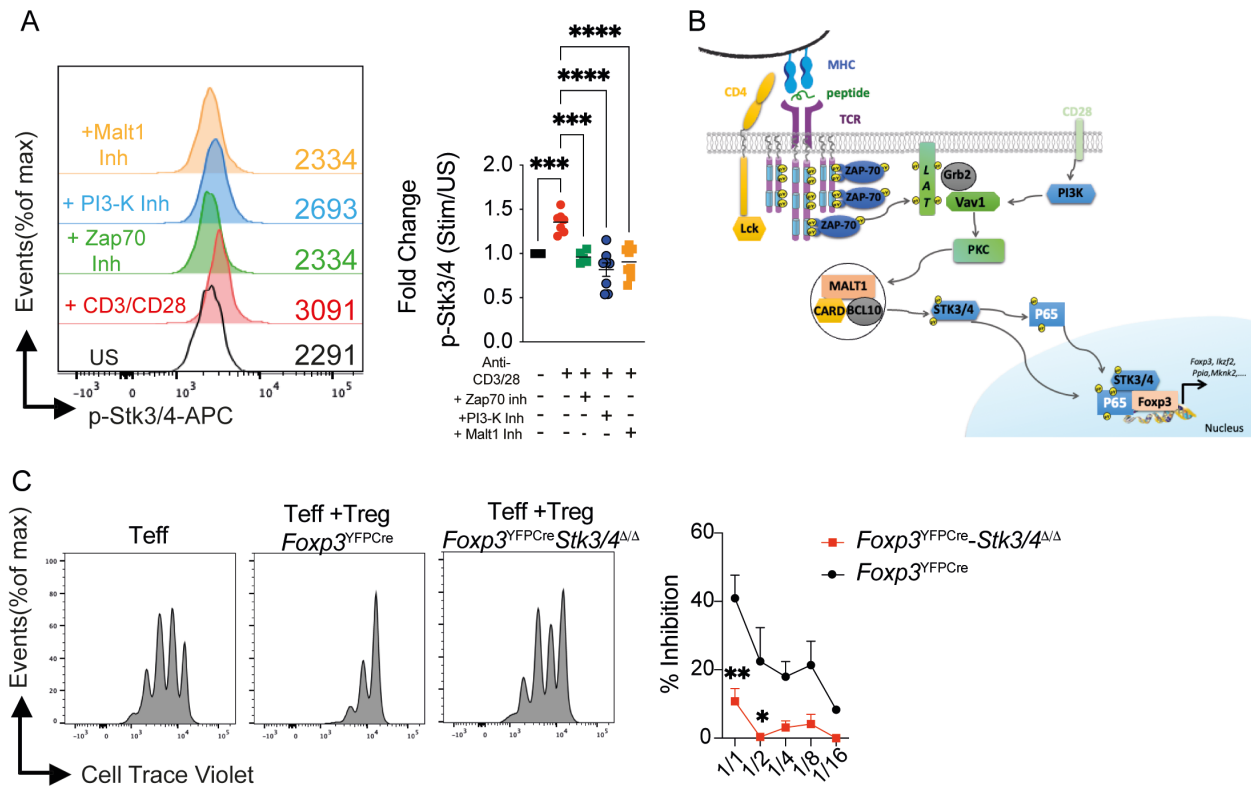


Fig. S5. TCR/CD28 signaling activates Stk4 by a Zap70, PI3K and Malt1-dependent mechanism to promote Treg suppressive function. (A) Representative histogram and Fold change (Stim/US) of phospho-MST1 expression on Treg cells in the respective treatment groups. **(B)** Proposed scheme of Stk4 activation following TCR stimulation. **(C)** *In vitro* suppression of WT CD4⁺ Teff cell proliferation of by *Foxp3*^{YFPCre} or *Foxp3*^{YFPCre}*Stk3/4*^{Δ/Δ} Treg cells. Left: Representative histograms of the proliferation of Teff cells either alone or in the presence of Treg cells of the indicated genotypes at a 1:1 ratio; Right: Percent inhibition of Teff cell proliferation at different Treg cell/Teff cell ratios (n=3 replicates per point). ***p<0.001, ****p<0.0001 by one-way ANOVA and post-test analysis (A); **p<0.01 by repeat measure two-way ANOVA (C).

the top panel (C). (D) Top: Immunoblot analysis of p-Mob1 in HEK293T cells transfected with the $Stk4^{WT}$, $Stk4^{K59R}$, or $Stk4^{NLS}$ -encoding plasmids. Cell lysates were immunoblotted with the indicated antibodies. Bottom: densitometric analysis of immunoblots of p-Mob1 shown in the top panel. Each point represents one cell (A), one independent cell culture each from one mouse (B) or one immunoprecipitation (C and D). Error bars indicate the standard error of the means (S.E.M.). Statistical tests: Two-way ANOVA with post-test analysis (A), One way ANOVA with post-test analysis (B to D). ns: Not significant, **, $P < 0.01$, ***, $P < 0.001$, ****, $P < 0.0001$.

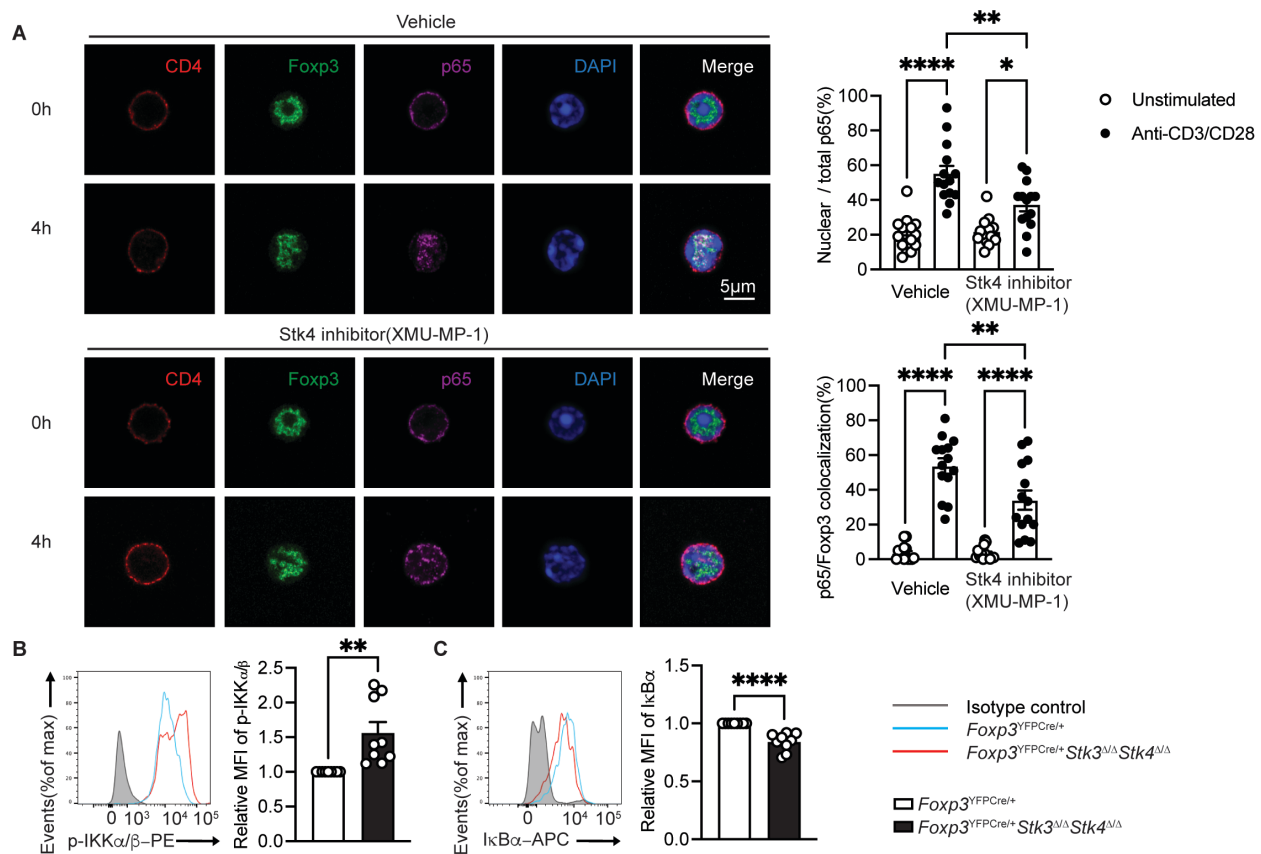


Fig. S7. Inhibition of Stk4 kinase activity attenuates the nuclear translocation of p65. (A) Confocal microscopic analysis of CD4, Foxp3, p65, DAPI and Merge and ratios of nuclear/total Stk4 in $Foxp3^{YFP^{Cre}}$ Treg cell cultures either unstimulated or stimulated

with anti-CD3/CD28 mAbs without or with the Stk4 kinase inhibitor XMU-MP-1 ($n=14$ per group). (**B** to **C**) Representative flow cytometric analysis and scatter plot representation of p-IKK α/β ($n=9$ per group), I κ B α MFI ($n=9$ per group) in *Foxp3*^{YFP^{Cre/+} and *Foxp3*^{YFP^{Cre/+}*Stk3* ^{Δ/Δ} *Stk4* ^{Δ/Δ} YFP⁺ Treg cells. Results represent pool of 3 independent experiments. Each point represents one mouse. Error bars indicate the standard error of the means (S.E.M.). Statistical tests: Student's unpaired two tailed *t* test (**B** and **C**) and two-way ANOVA with post-test analysis (**A**). ns: Not significant, *, $P<0.05$, **, $P<0.01$, ****, $P<0.0001$.}}

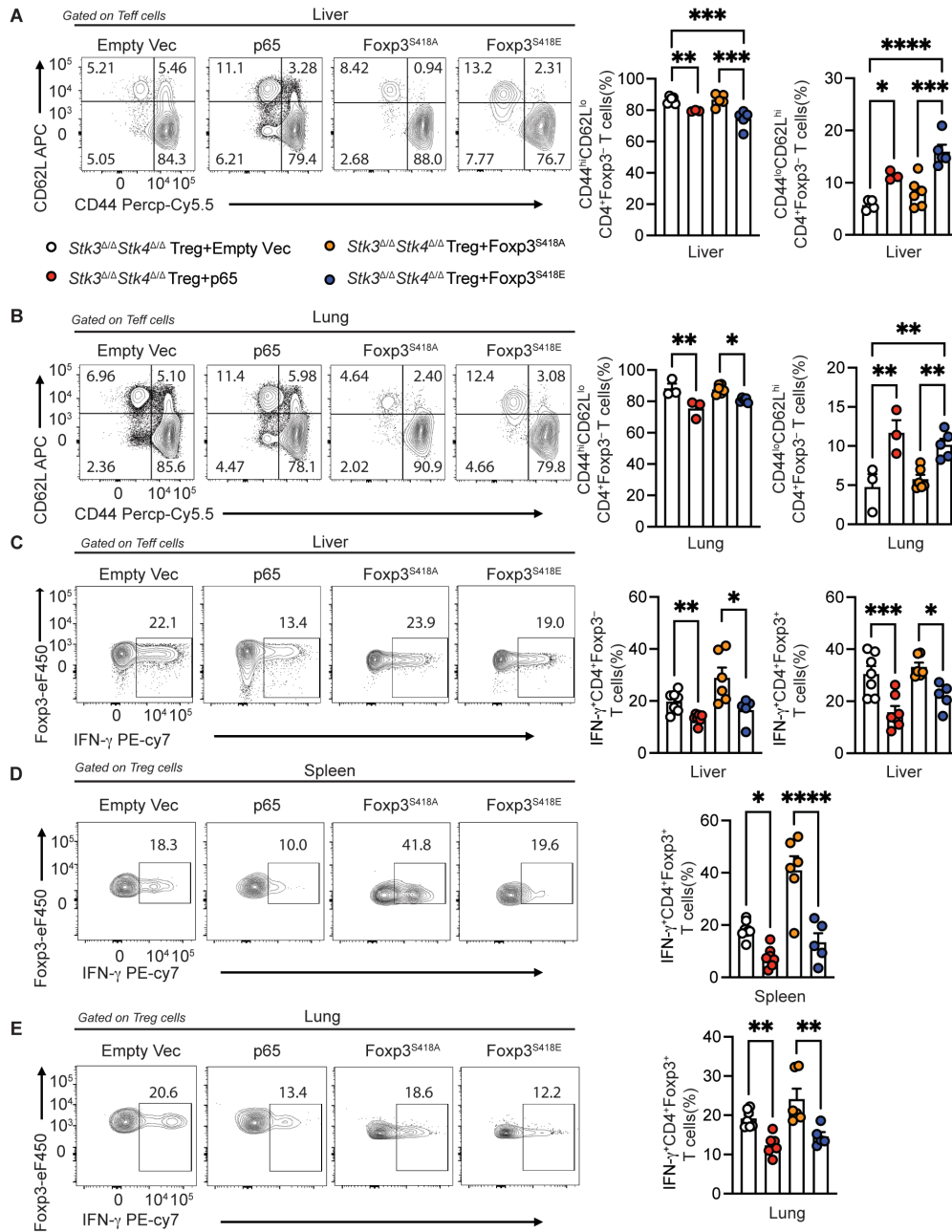


Fig. S8. p65 and Foxp3^{S418E}-transduced Treg cells ameliorate the disease of Foxp3^{ΔEGFPiCre} mice. (A and B) Representative flow cytometric analysis and cell frequencies of CD62L^{lo}CD44^{hi} CD4⁺Foxp3⁻ Teff cells and CD62L^{hi}CD44^{lo} CD4⁺Foxp3⁻ Teff cells from livers ($n=5$ for empty vector group; $n=3$ for p65 group; $n=6$ for Foxp3^{S418A} group; $n=5$ for Foxp3^{S418E} group) (A) and lungs ($n=3$ for empty vector group; $n=3$ for p65

group; $n=6$ for $Foxp3^{S418A}$ group; $n=5$ for $Foxp3^{S418E}$ group) (B) of $Foxp3^{\Delta EGFPiCre}$ mice injected with the respectively transduced $Foxp3^{YFPiCre}Stk3^{\Delta/\Delta}Stk4^{\Delta/\Delta}$ Treg cells. The results were pooled from three independent experiments. (C to E) Representative flow cytometric analysis and cell frequencies of liver $IFN\gamma^+ CD4^+Foxp3^-$ Teff cells and $IFN\gamma^+ CD4^+Foxp3^+$ Treg cells (C), splenic $IFN\gamma^+ CD4^+Foxp3^+$ Treg cells (D) and lung $IFN\gamma^+ CD4^+Foxp3^+$ Treg cells from lungs (E) of each group ($n=7$ for empty vector group; $n=7$ for p65 group; $n=6$ for $Foxp3^{S418A}$ group; $n=5$ for $Foxp3^{S418E}$ group). The results were pooled from three independent experiments. Each point represents one mouse. Error bars indicate the standard error of the means (S.E.M.). Statistical tests: Student's unpaired two tailed t test (A to C) and one-way ANOVA with post-test analysis (C to E). ns: Not significant, *, $P<0.05$, ** $P<0.01$.

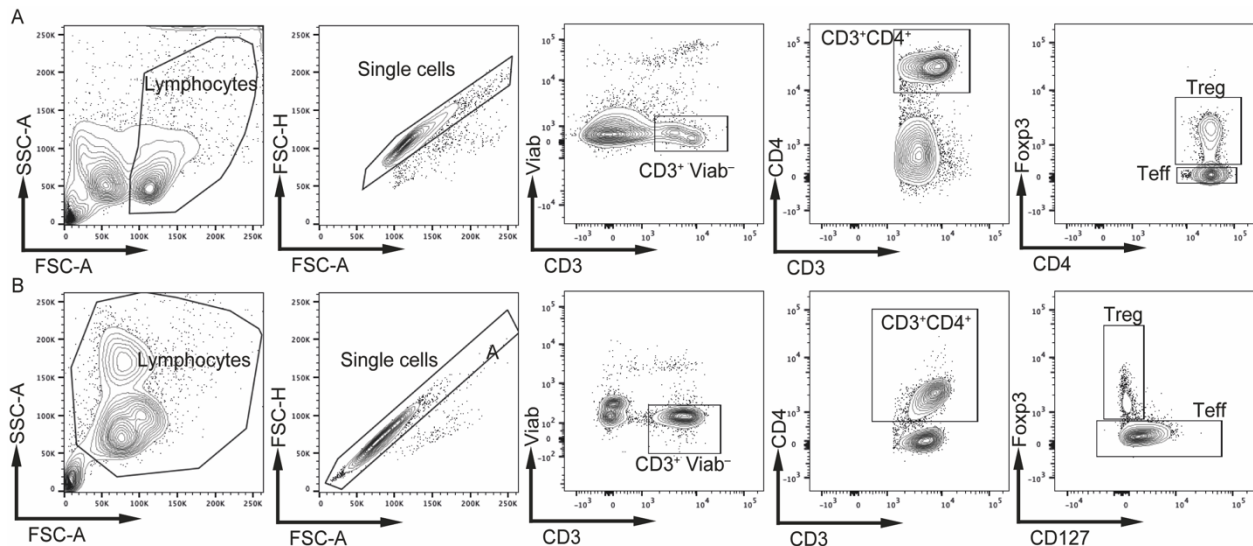


Fig. S9. Gating strategies for human and mouse Treg and Teff cell discrimination.

(A) Mouse lymphocyte gating. Forward and side scatter (FSC and SSC) analysis of mouse splenocytes was followed by CD3 versus viability Dye (Viab) gating on single cells, then CD3 versus CD4 gating on $CD3^+ Viability\ Dye^-$ cells, and finally Foxp3 versus CD4

staining gated on CD3⁺CD4⁺ cells. (B) Human lymphocyte gating. Forward and side scatter (FSC and SSC) analysis of human mononuclear cells (PBMCs) was followed by CD3 versus viability Dye gated on single cells, then CD3 versus CD4 gated on CD3⁺ Viability Dye⁻ cells, then Foxp3 versus CD127 staining, gated on CD3⁺CD4⁺ cells.

Table S1. Listing of flow cytometry antibodies used.

| Marker | Fluorochro | clone | compagny | dilution | Staining |
|--|------------|--------------|----------------|----------|---------------|
| Foxp3 | eF450 | FJK-16S | eBioscience | 1/500 | Intracellular |
| | AF488 | FJK-16S | eBioscience | 1/500 | Intracellular |
| CTLA4 | PE | UC10-4B9 | eBioscience | 1/300 | Intracellular |
| Helios | APC | 22F6 | eBioscience | 1/300 | Intracellular |
| IFN- γ | APC | XMG1.2 | Biolegend | 1/500 | Intracellular |
| IL-17A | PE-Cy7 | TC11-18H10.1 | Biolegend | 1/500 | Intracellular |
| | APC | TC11-18H10.1 | Biolegend | 1/500 | Intracellular |
| IL-4 | PE | 11B11 | Biolegend | 1/300 | Intracellular |
| IL-10 | AF700 | JES5-16E3 | eBioscience | 1/300 | Intracellular |
| CD4 | BV605 | GK1.5 | Biolegend | 1/500 | Surface |
| | PE | GK1.5 | Biolegend | 1/500 | Surface |
| CD8 | PE | 53-6.7 | eBioscience | 1/500 | Surface |
| CD62L | APC | MEL-14 | Biolegend | 1/300 | Surface |
| CD44 | eF450 | IM7 | eBioscience | 1/300 | Surface |
| CD90.2 | APC-Cy7 | 30-H12 | Biolegend | 1/500 | Surface |
| CD90.1 | APC-Cy7 | OX-40 | Biolegend | 1/500 | Surface |
| CD25 | eF450 | PC61 | Biolegend | 1/500 | Surface |
| ICOS | PE | 7E.17G9 | eBioscience | 1/300 | Surface |
| Nrp1 | PE | 3DS304M | eBioscience | 1/300 | Surface |
| CD73 | APC | TY/11.8 | Biolegend | 1/300 | Surface |
| Phospho-p65(Ser536) | PE | 93H1 | Cell Signaling | 1/300 | Intracellular |
| NF- κ B p65 | Alexa 647 | D14E12 | Cell Signaling | 1/500 | Intracellular |
| Phospho-IKK α/β (Ser176/180) | PE | 16A6 | Cell Signaling | 1/500 | Intracellular |
| I κ B α | Alexa 647 | L35A5 | Cell Signaling | 1/500 | Intracellular |
| Viability dye | eFluor506 | | Biolegend | 1/1000 | Surface |

Table S2. Listing of immunoblotting antibodies used.

| Marker | Source | clone | compagny | dilution |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Foxp3 | Mouse | Polyclonal | MBL | 1/500 |
| Foxp3 | Mouse | 150D/E4 | ebioscience | 1/1000 |
| NF- κ B p65 | Rabbit | D14E12 | Cell signaling | 1/1000 |
| Phospho- NF- κ B p65(Ser536) | Rabbit | 93H1 | Cell signaling | 1/1000 |
| Anti-Phosphoserine/threonine | Mouse | 22A/pSer/Thr | BD | 1/500 |
| Phospho-FOXP3(S418) | Rabbit | Polyclonal | abgent | 1/1000 |
| MST1 | Rabbit | D8B9Q | Cell signaling | 1/1000 |

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|----------------|--------|------------|----------------|--------|
| β -actin | Rabbit | 13E5 | Cell signaling | 1/5000 |
| V5 | Mouse | Polyclonal | biolegend | 1/1000 |
| DYKDDDDK | Rabbit | D6W5B | Cell signaling | 1/1000 |
| c-Myc | Mouse | C-33 | Santa Cruz | 1/1000 |
| Rabbit IgG-HRP | Goat | RPA-T4 | Cell signaling | 1/5000 |
| Mouse IgG-HRP | Horse | NA | Cell signaling | 1/5000 |

Table S3. Listing of software, package and tools used.

| Software/Package/Tools | Version | Source |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| Bedtools | v2.27.1 | https://github.com/arq5x/bedtools2/releases/tag/v2.27.1 |
| Bowtie2 | v2.3.4.3 | https://github.com/BenLangmead/bowtie2/releases/download/v2.3.4.3/bowtie2-2.3.4.3-linux-x86_64.zip |
| ChIPseeker | v1.22.1 | https://bioconductor.org/packages/ChIPseeker/ |
| Cutadapt | v1.9.1 | https://pypi.org/project/cutadapt/1.9.1/ |
| ngs.plot | v2.63 | https://github.com/shenlab-sinai/ngsplot |
| ENCODE blacklist regions | | https://github.com/Boyle-Lab/Blacklist/ |
| FastQC | v0.11.9 | http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/fastq%0Ac_v0.11.5.zip |
| MACS2 | v2.2.7.1 | https://pypi.org/project/MACS2/ |
| MultiQC | v1.9 | https://pypi.org/project/multiqc/1.9/ |
| Picard tools | v2.25.4 | https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/ |
| Python | v.2.7/3.7 | https://www.python.org/ftp/python/3.7.6/Python-3.7.6.tgz |
| R | v3.6.3 | http://cran.r-project.org/src/base/R-3/R-3.6.3.tar.gz |
| Rstudio | v1.2.133 | https://download1.rstudio.org/desktop/xenial/amd64/rstudio-%0A5.1.2.1335-amd64.deb |
| Samtools | v1.9 | https://sourceforge.net/projects/samtools/files/samtools/1.9/sa%0Atools-1.9.tar.bz2/download |
| TxDb.Mmusculus.UCSC.m m10.ensGene | v3.4.0 | https://bioconductor.org/packages/TxDb.Mmusculus.UCSC.mm10.ensGene/ |
| UCSC genome browser | | https://genome.ucsc.edu/index.html |