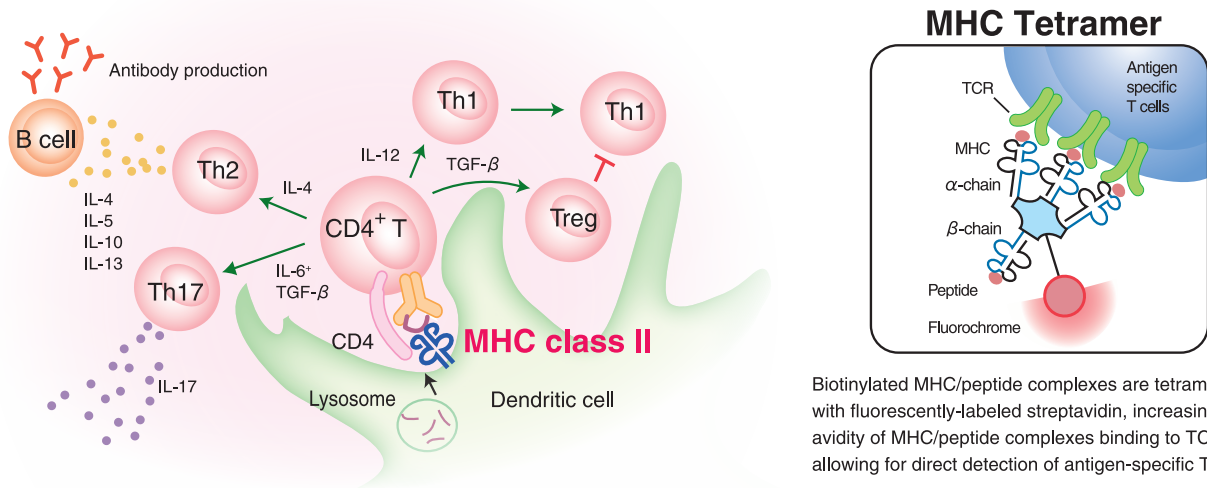


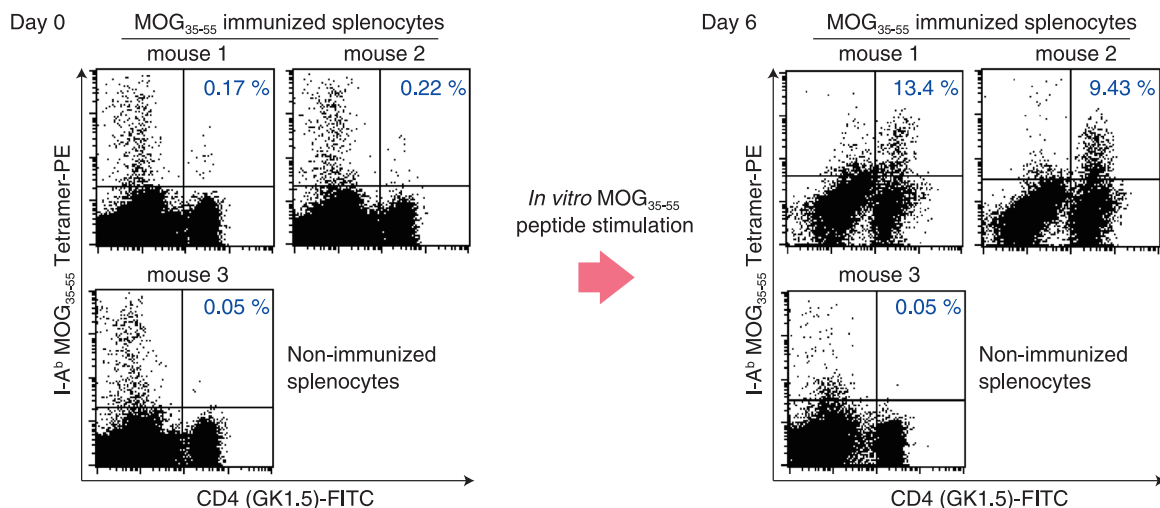
# Mouse MHC class II Tetramer

MHC class II tetramers can be used for direct detection of antigen-specific CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells.



## I-A<sup>b</sup> MOG<sub>35-55</sub> tetramer-PE

Experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (EAE), a mouse model of multiple sclerosis induced by immunization with MOG<sub>35-55</sub> peptide, is a widely used experimental model of autoimmune disease. It has been reported that regulatory T (Treg) cells and Th17 cells are involved in the onset of disease, suggesting that the immune balance of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells is important in EAE pathogenesis.



C57BL/6 mice were immunized intraperitoneally twice with 100 nmol of I-A<sup>b</sup>-restricted MOG<sub>35-55</sub> peptide (MEVGWYRSPFSRVVHLYRNGK) and 10 μg cholera toxin in Freund's Complete Adjuvant. Eleven days later, splenocytes were isolated and stained with I-A<sup>b</sup> MOG<sub>35-55</sub> tetramer-PE (MBL code no. TS-M704-1; Day 0). An aliquot of splenocytes was stimulated with 10 μg/mL MOG<sub>35-55</sub> peptide for 6 days *in vitro* and then stained with MHC class II tetramer (Day 6). *In vitro* stimulation with I-A<sup>b</sup> MOG<sub>35-55</sub> resulted in increased tetramer-positive CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells from immunized mice (mouse 1 and 2), but not from naive mouse (mouse 3).

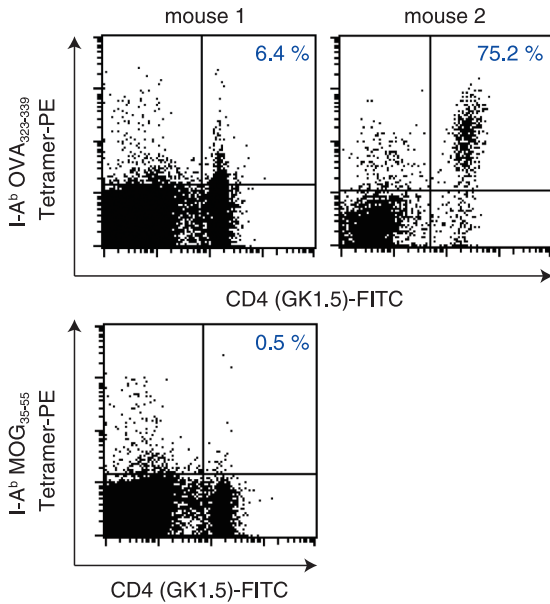
Code no.	Product	Size
TS-M704-1	T-Select I-A <sup>b</sup> MOG <sub>35-55</sub> Tetramer-PE	20 tests

Code no.	Product	Clone	Isotype	Size
D341-4	Anti-CD4 (Mouse) mAb-FITC	GK1.5	Rat IgG2b κ	1 mL (100 tests)

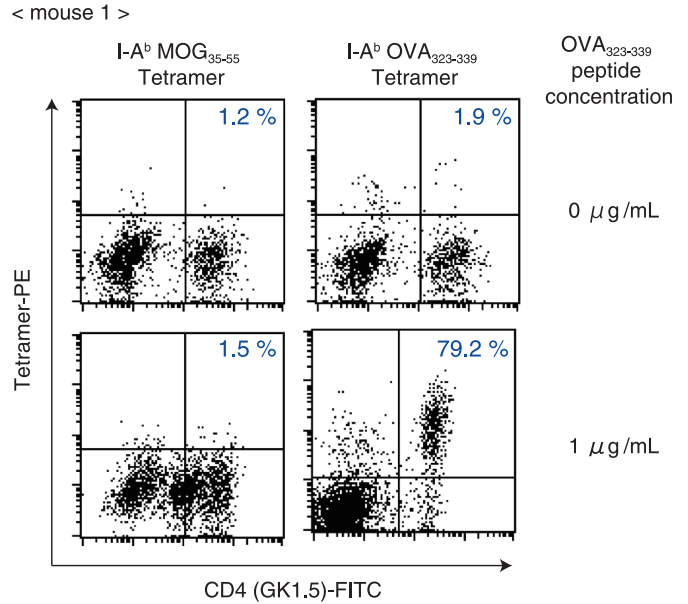
# I-A<sup>b</sup> OVA<sub>323-339</sub> tetramer-PE

OVA is a model antigen commonly used to study immune responses in mice. OT-II transgenic mice express TCR specific for OVA<sub>323-339</sub> epitope (ISQAVHAAHAEINEAGR) in the context of I-A<sup>b</sup> and serve as an important tool to study differentiation and activation of CD4 T cells. I-A<sup>b</sup> OVA<sub>323-339</sub> tetramer can be used to monitor antigen-specific CD4 T cell responses in OT-II mice and in various experimental systems using OT-II cells for adoptive transfer.

**Figure 1-1: I-A<sup>b</sup> OVA<sub>323-339</sub> tetramer staining of freshly isolated OT-II splenocytes**

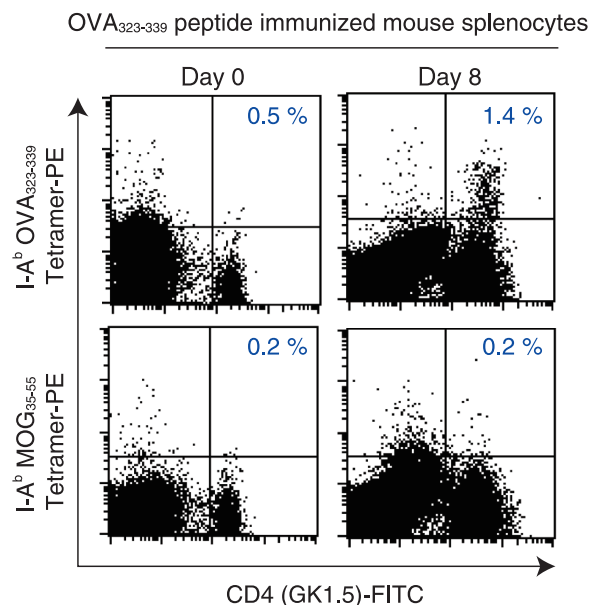


**Figure 1-2: I-A<sup>b</sup> OVA<sub>323-339</sub> tetramer staining of peptide-stimulated OT-II splenocytes (Day 6)**



Reactivity of I-A<sup>b</sup> OVA<sub>323-339</sub> tetramer reagent was assessed using freshly isolated spleen cells from OT-II mice. The majority of CD8 T cells were tetramer positive in mouse 2, but not in mouse 1 (Figure 1-1). *In vitro* stimulation with specific peptide significantly increased the number of tetramer positive cells (Figure 1-2).

**Figure 2: I-A<sup>b</sup> OVA<sub>323-339</sub> tetramer staining of splenocytes from peptide-immunized mice**

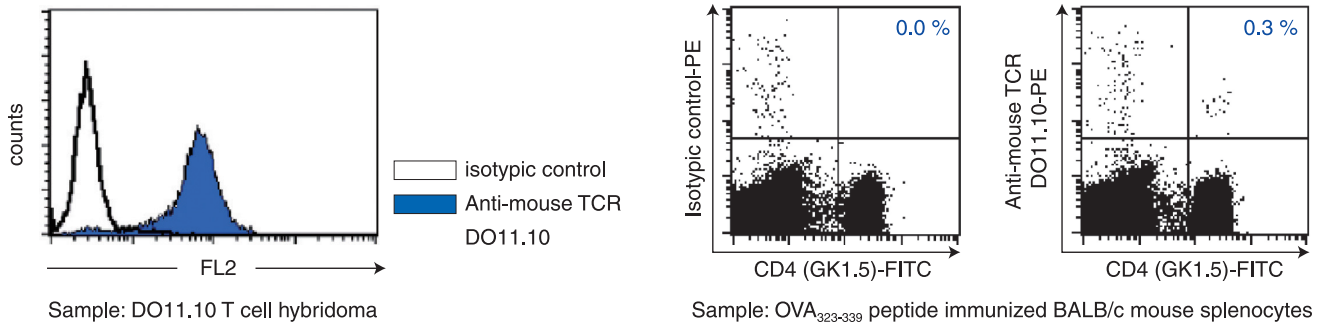


OVA-specific CD4 T cells can also be induced in wild-type mice. C57BL/6 mice were immunized twice IP with a mixture of 100 nmol of OVA<sub>323-339</sub> peptide and 10 μg of cholera toxin emulsified with adjuvant. After 11 days, spleen cells were harvested and cultured with a final concentration of 1 μg/mL OVA<sub>323-339</sub> peptide for 8 days. Cells were tested on days 0 and 8 of culture for OVA tetramer reactivity. In mice immunized with OVA<sub>323-339</sub> peptide, induction of specific T cells by *in vitro* peptide stimulation was confirmed using I-A<sup>b</sup> OVA<sub>323-339</sub> tetramer. I-A<sup>b</sup> MOG<sub>35-55</sub> tetramer, used as a negative control, showed no specific staining.

# Antibody recognizing Mouse I-A<sup>d</sup> / OVA<sub>323-339</sub> specific TCR

Anti-Mouse TCR DO11.10 (clone KJ1.26) is an antibody that binds to the TCR specific for OVA<sub>323-339</sub> presented in the context of I-A<sup>d</sup>. This antibody can be used to identify OVA<sub>323-339</sub>-specific CD4 T cells derived from I-A<sup>d</sup> mice. OVA<sub>323-339</sub> peptide (ISQAVHAAHAEINEAGR) is often used as a helper peptide for induction of antigen-specific CTL in I-A<sup>d</sup>-expressing mice.

## Flow cytometry with Anti-mouse TCR DO11.10 mAb



## I-A alleles of mouse strains:

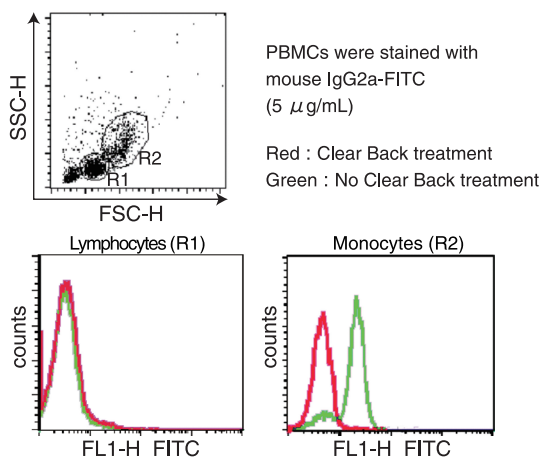
I-A allele	I-A <sup>b</sup>	I-A <sup>d</sup>	I-A <sup>k</sup>	I-A <sup>s</sup>
Mouse strains	C57BL/-, BXSB/Mp, 129/-	BALB/c, DBA/2	C3H/He	SJL/J, B10.S

## Clear Back blocking reagent for tetramer staining

When a very rare cell population is detected by a tetramer reagent, it is important to reduce non-specific and Fc-specific staining. Clear Back (MBL code no. MTG-001) is a reagent that blocks non-specific binding to both human and murine cells in flow cytometry and fluorescence microscopy experiments. As shown in Figure 1, Clear Back reduced Fc-specific staining of monocytes by a mouse IgG2a. Clear Back also reduced background staining of peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) with HLA-A\*24:02 EBV BRLF1 tetramer in the tetramer-positive CD8-negative region (Figure 2).

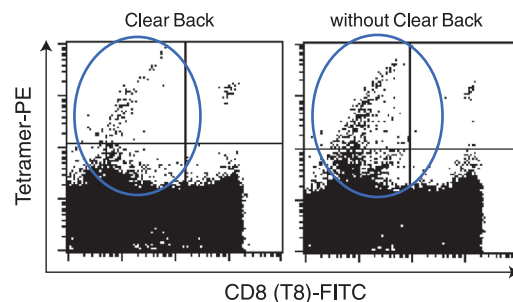
## Effect of Clear Back on PBMCs

Figure 1



Non-specific binding of antibody was not detected on lymphocyte (R1). Clear Back treatment reduced unwanted Fc-specific staining of monocyte (R2) by a mouse IgG2a.

Figure 2



Clear Back treatment reduced non-specific binding of a tetramer reagent to tetramer-positive CD8-negative cell population.

Code no.	Product	Size
MTG-001	Clear Back (Human Fc receptor blocking reagent)	1 mL (50 tests)x2

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## ■ Mouse MHC class II Tetramer

Antigen	MHC	Sequence	Location (aa)	PE-labeled 20 tests	APC-labeled 20 tests
MOG <sub>35-55</sub>	I-A <sup>b</sup>	MEVGWYRSPFSRVVHLYRNGK	35-55	TS-M704-1	Contact us
FMLV	I-A <sup>b</sup>	EPLTSLTPRCNTAWNRLKL	123-141	TS-M705-1	
E $\alpha$ <sub>52-68</sub>	I-A <sup>b</sup>	ASFEAQGALANIAVDKA	52-68	TS-M706-1	
ESAT-6	I-A <sup>b</sup>	MTEQQWNFAGIEAAASAIQG	1-20	TS-M707-1	
OVA	I-A <sup>b</sup>	ISQAVHAAHAEINEAGR	323-339	TS-M710-1	
OVA	I-A <sup>d</sup>	ISQAVHAAHAEINEAGR	323-339	TS-M703-1	TS-M703-2

## ■ Mouse MHC class I OVA Tetramer

Antigen	MHC	Sequence	Location (aa)	PE-labeled 50 tests	APC-labeled 50 tests
OVA	H-2K <sup>b</sup>	SIINFEKL	257-264	TS-5001-1C	TS-5001-2C
OVA E1	H-2K <sup>b</sup>	EIINFEKL	257-264	TS-M541-1	TS-M541-2
OVA G4	H-2K <sup>b</sup>	SIIGFEKL	257-264	TS-M542-1	TS-M542-2
OVA Q4H7	H-2K <sup>b</sup>	SIIQFEHL	257-264	TS-M543-1	TS-M543-2

## ■ Mouse CD1d Tetramer

Product	PE-labeled 50 tests	APC-labeled 50 tests
T-Select Mouse CD1d Tetramer	TS-MCD-1	TS-MCD-2

## ■ Antibody

Code no.	Product	Clone	Isotype	Size
D341-4	Anti-CD4 (Mouse) mAb-FITC	GK1.5	Rat IgG2b $\kappa$	1 mL (100 tests)
M090-4	Rat IgG2b (isotype control)-FITC	3G8	Rat IgG2b $\kappa$	50 $\mu$ g/1 mL
M076-3	Mouse IgG2a (isotype control)	6H3	Mouse IgG2a $\kappa$	100 $\mu$ g/100 $\mu$ L
M076-5	Mouse IgG2a (isotype control)-PE	6H3	Mouse IgG2a $\kappa$	10 $\mu$ g/1 mL

## ■ Reagent

Code no.	Product	Size
MTG-001	Clear Back (Human Fc receptor blocking reagent)	1 mL (50 tests)x2

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