

# Immunity to the microbiota and tissue physiology



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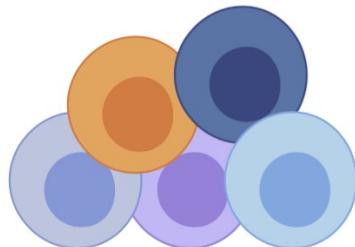


## Microbiot

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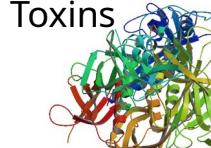
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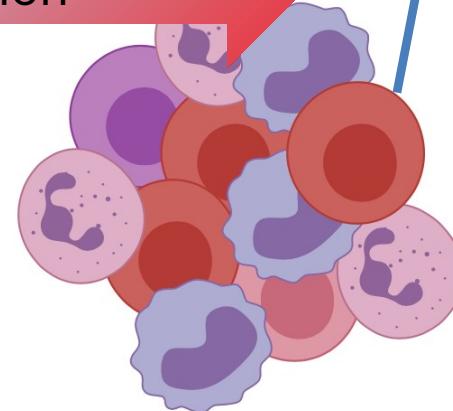
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Toxins

Tissue damage



Pathogen control  
Immunopathology

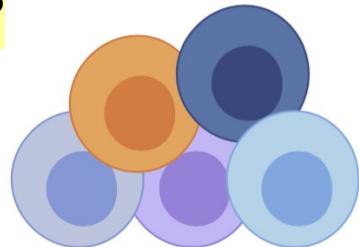


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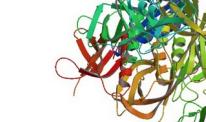
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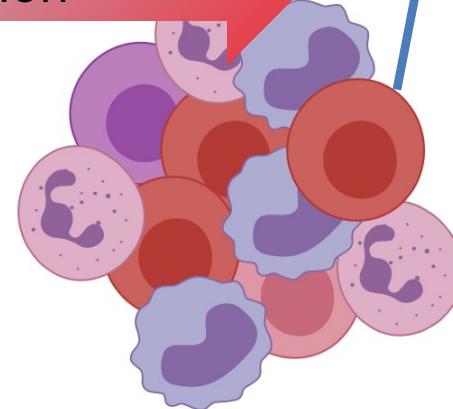


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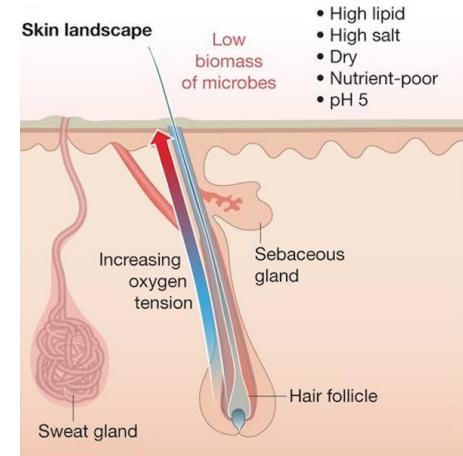
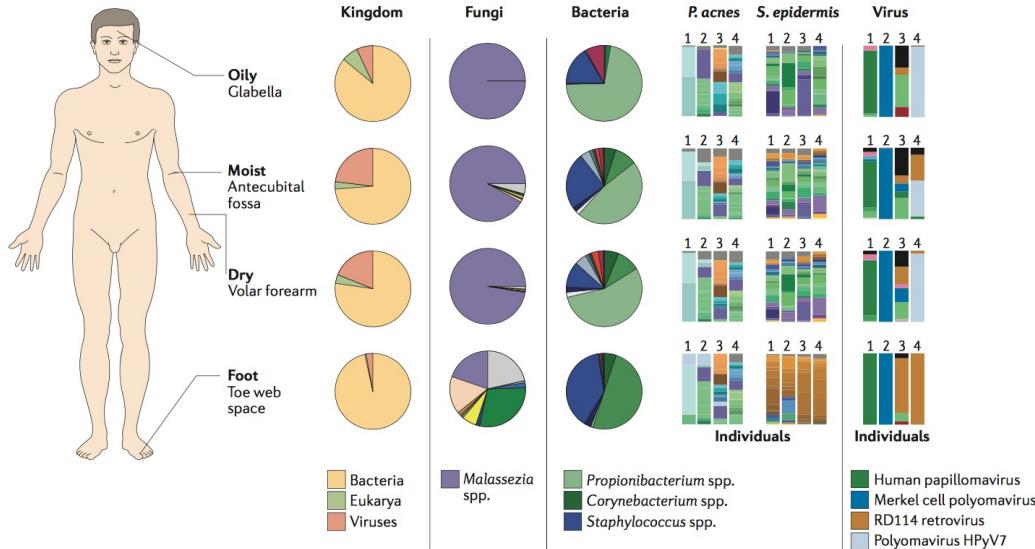


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## Skin microbiota control tissue immunity

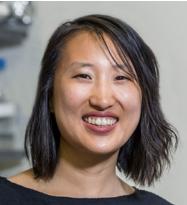
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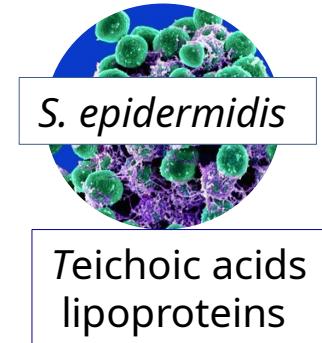
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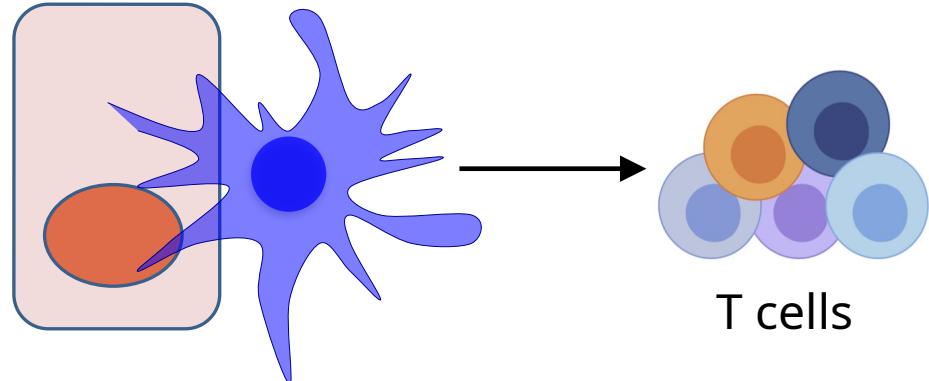
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Teichoic acids  
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TLR2/Dectin1

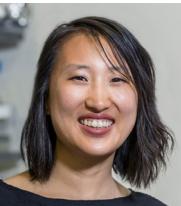


T cells

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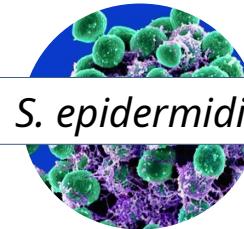
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**Endogenous retrovirus**

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*S. epidermidis*

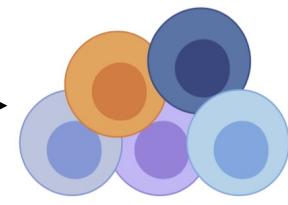
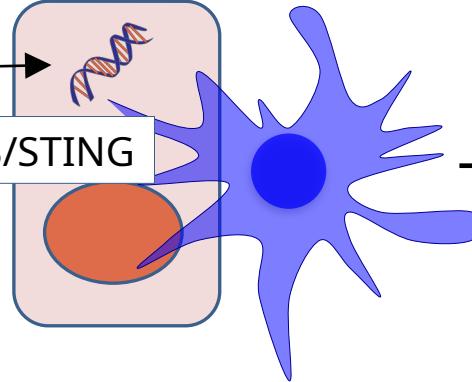
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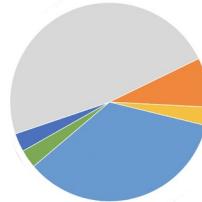
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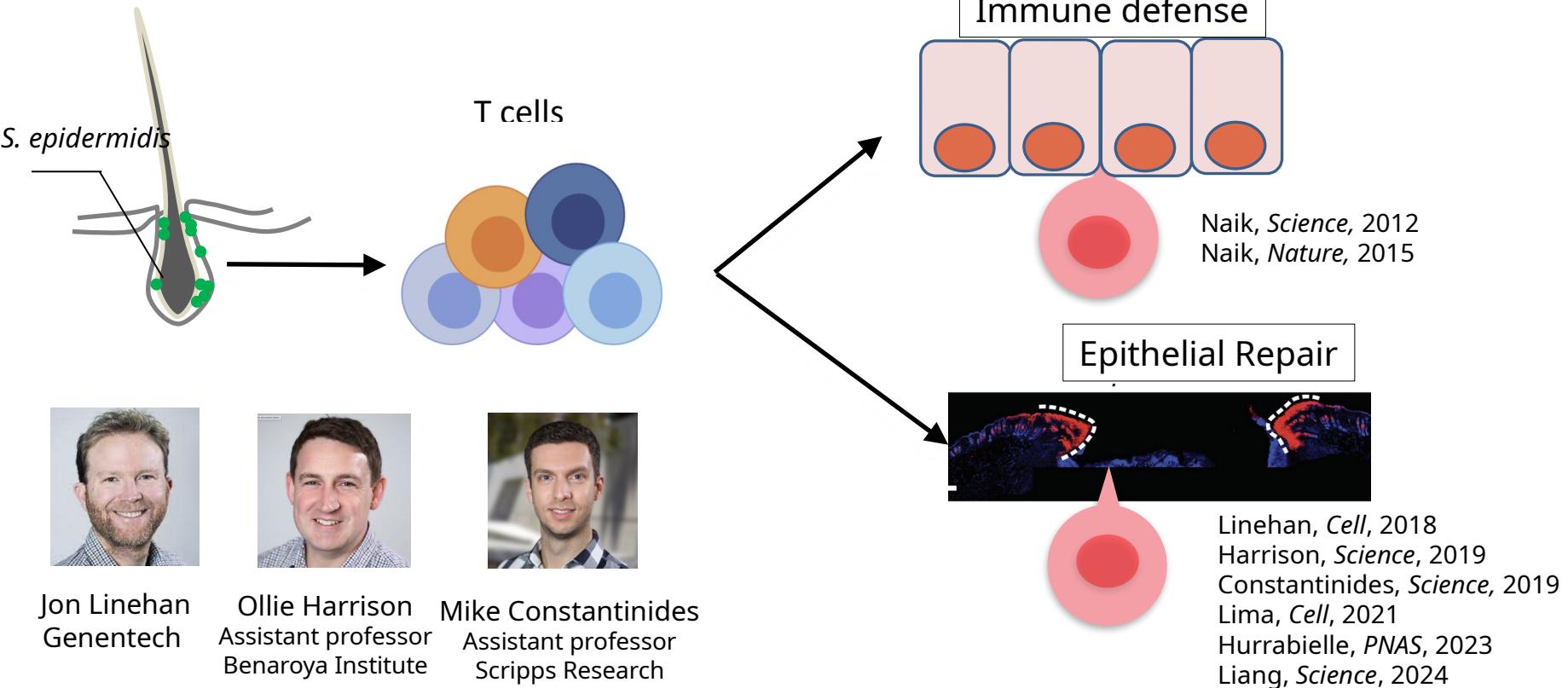
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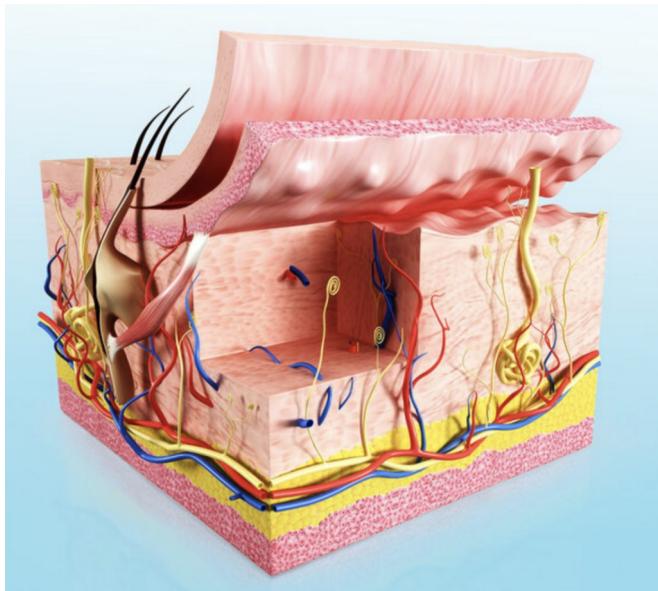
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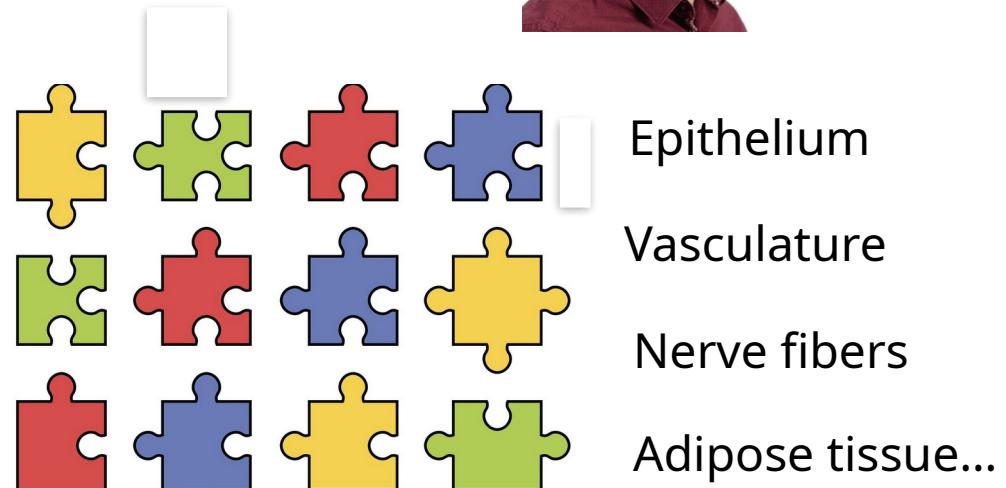
# Skin microbiota-specific T cells promote antimicrobial defense and tissue repair



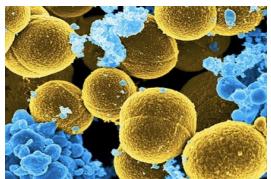
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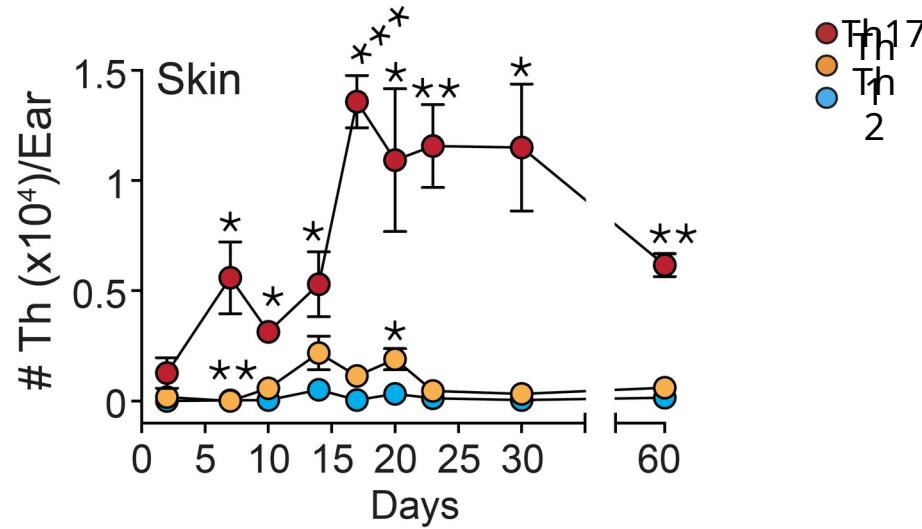
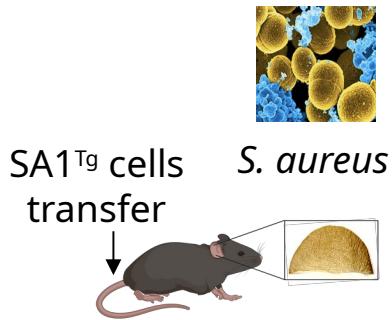
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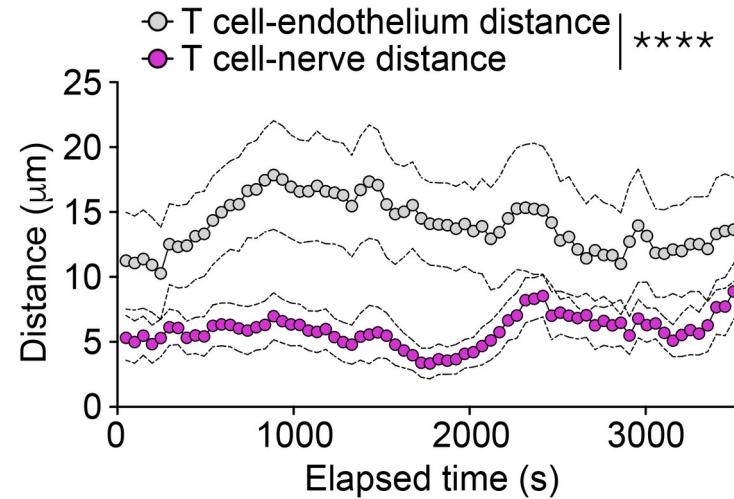
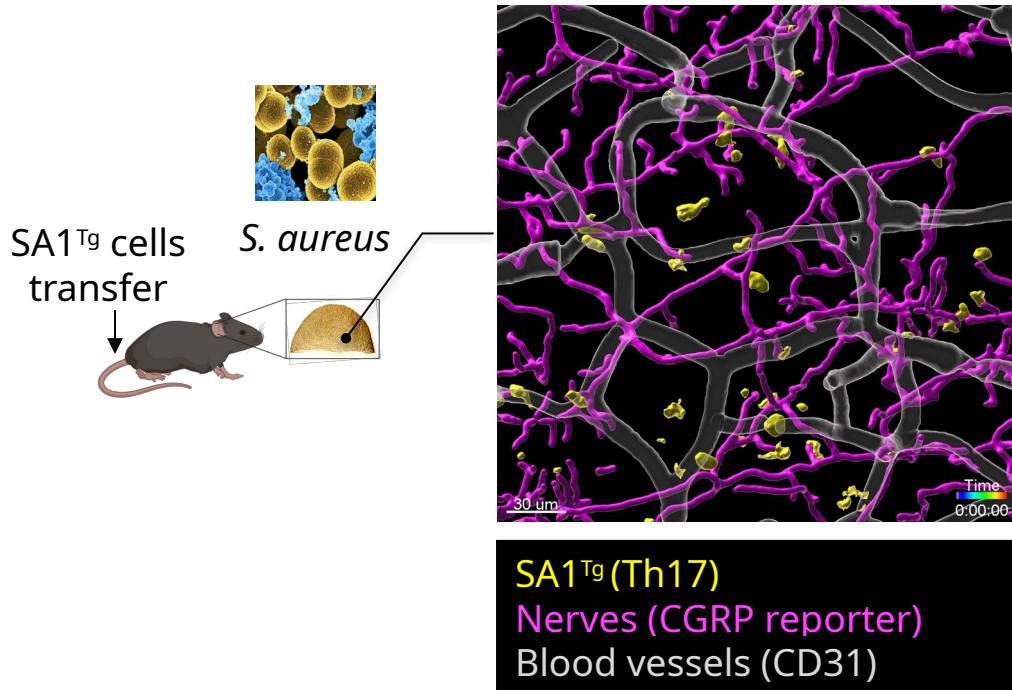
# *Staphylococcus aureus*



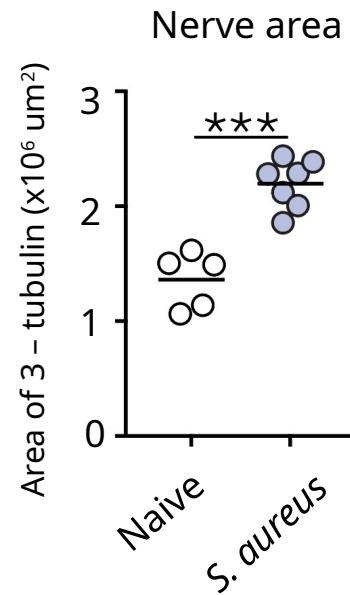
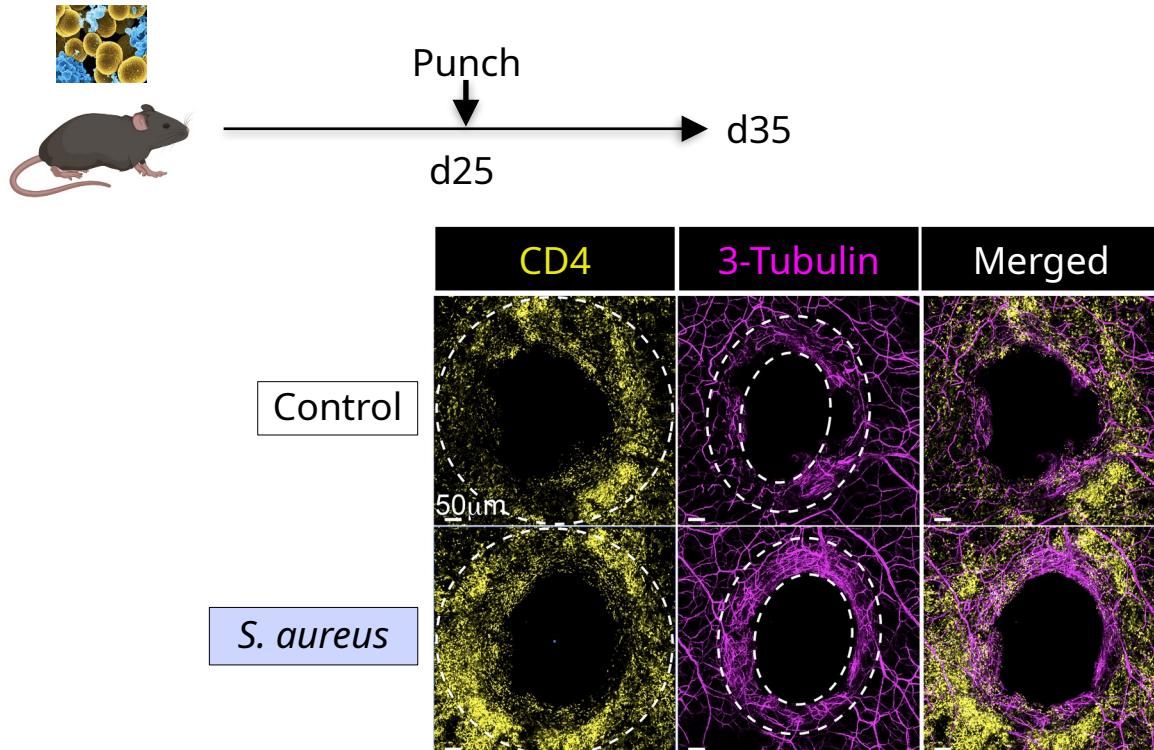
# *Staphylococcus aureus* association promotes Th17 response



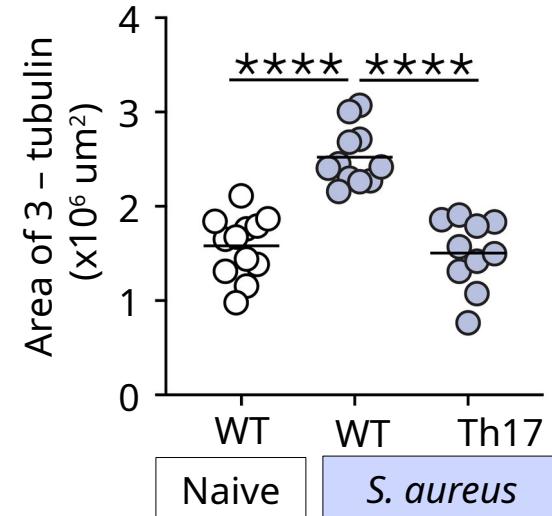
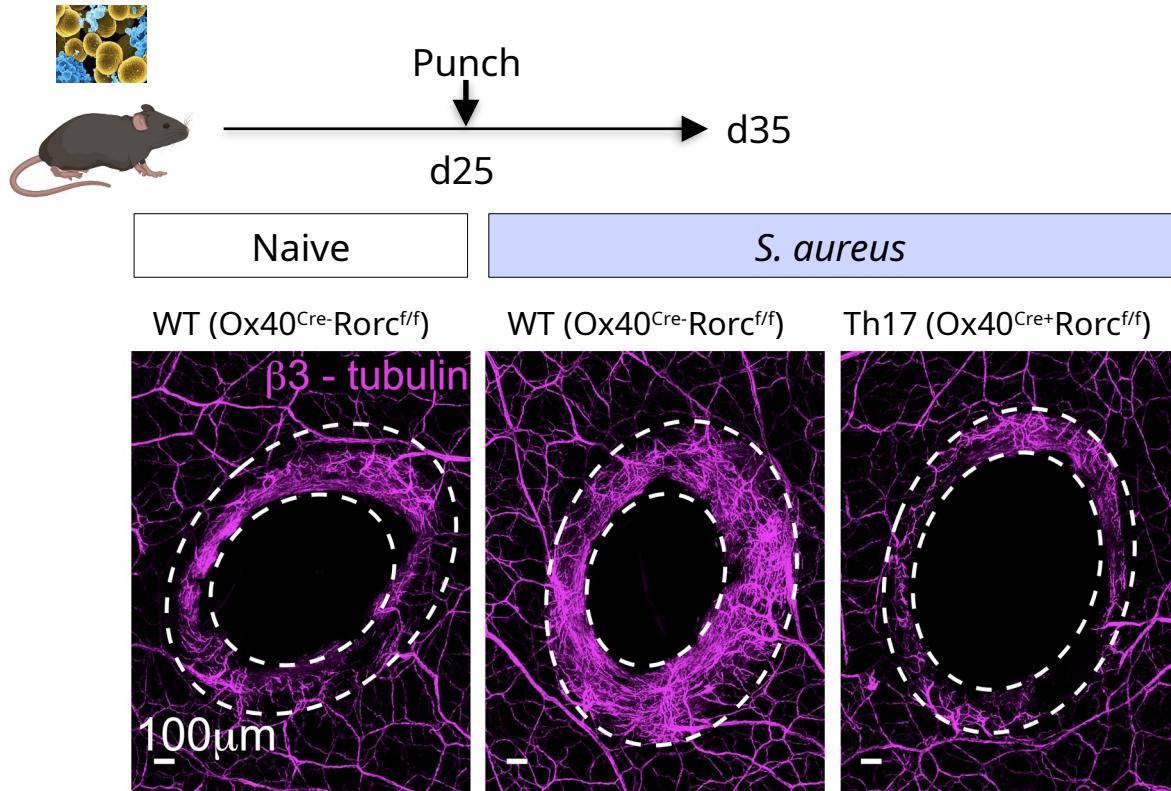
# *Staphylococcus aureus* specific T cells are in close proximity to sensory neurons

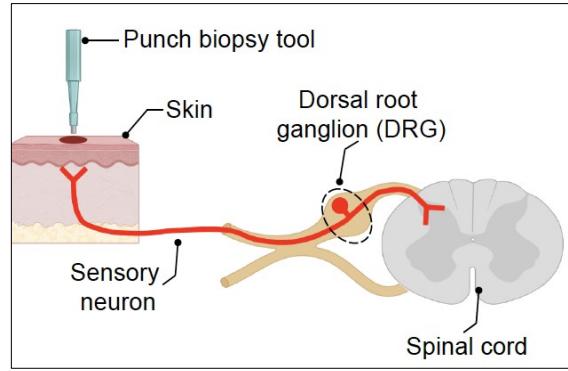


# *S. aureus* association promotes local nerve regeneration

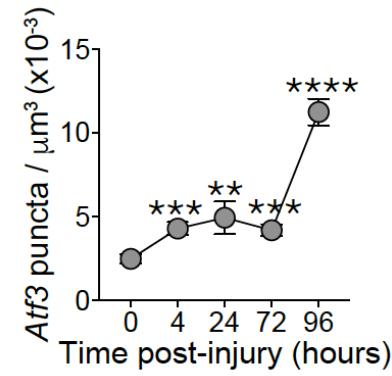
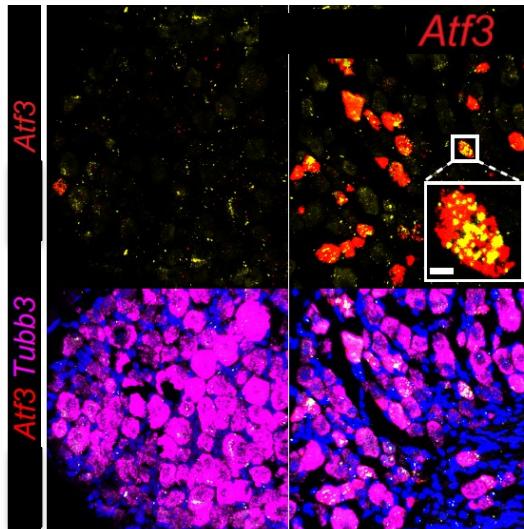


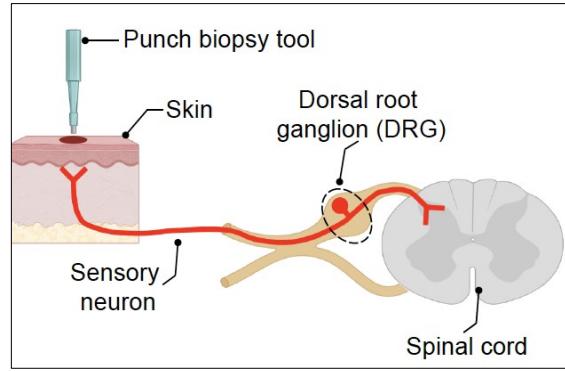
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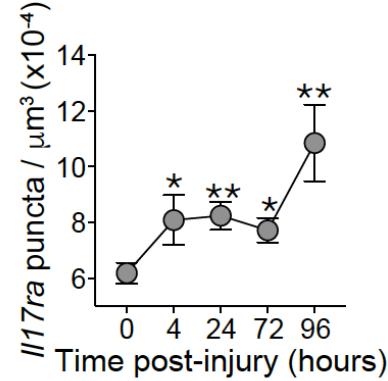
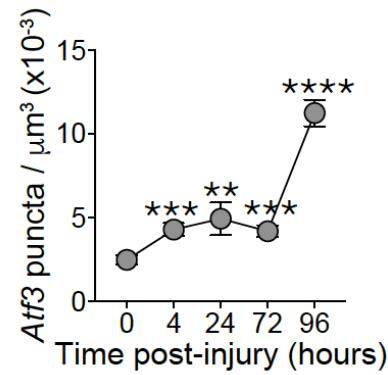
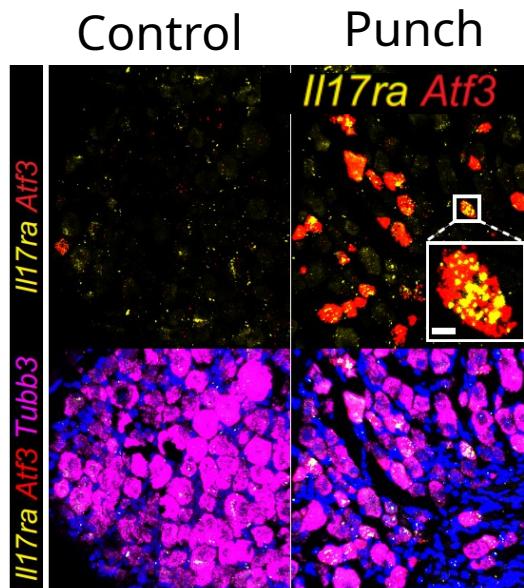


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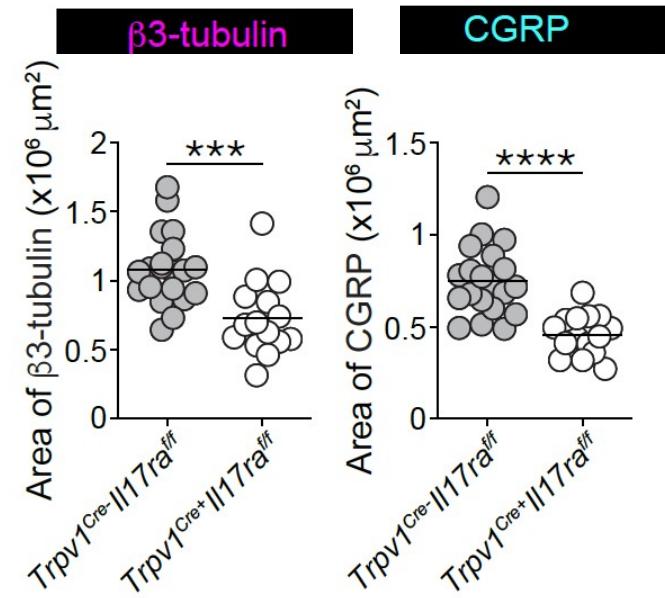
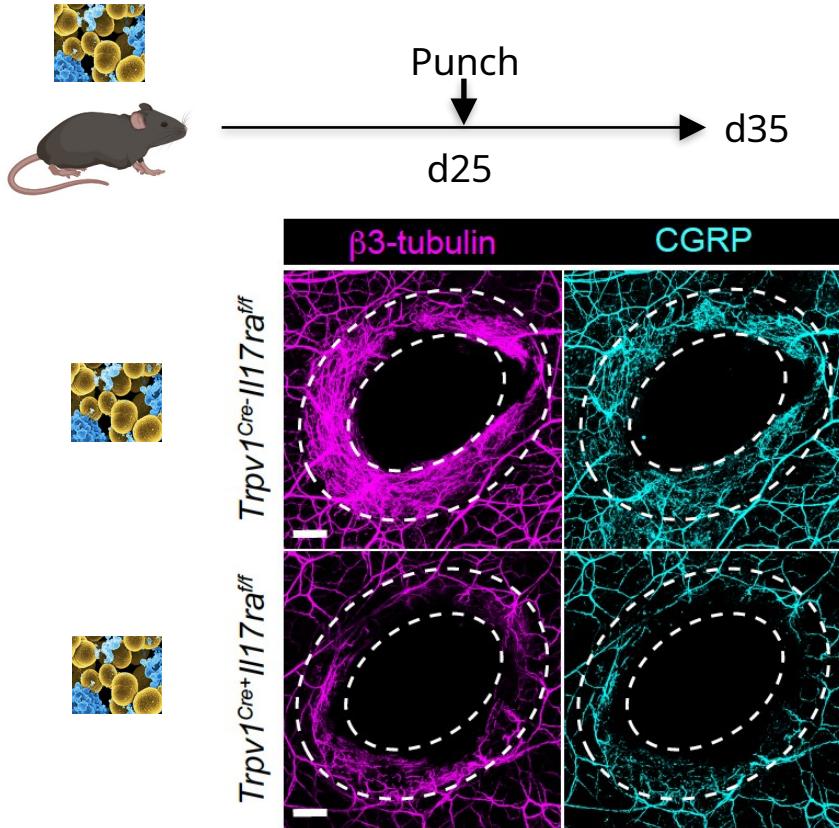




# Injured neurons upregulate IL17RA

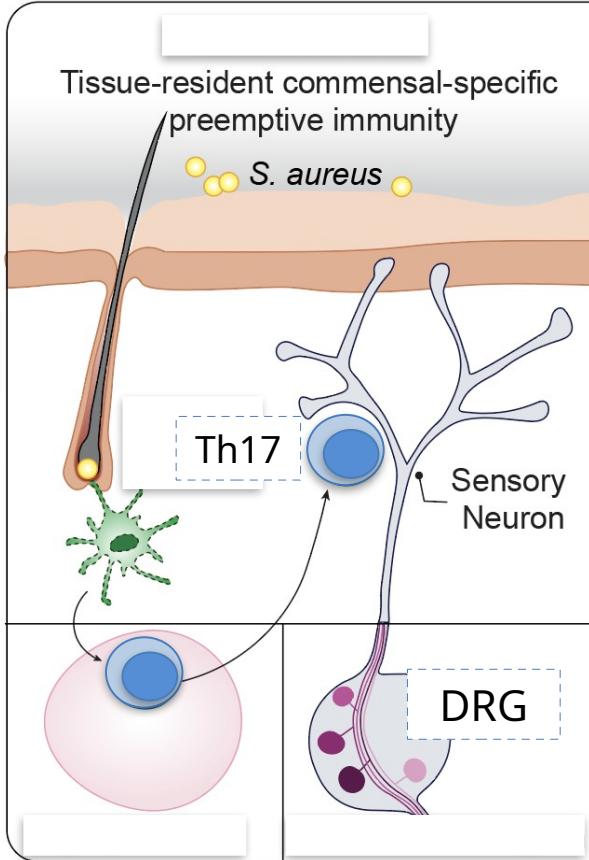


# IL-17A directly promotes sensory neuron regeneration



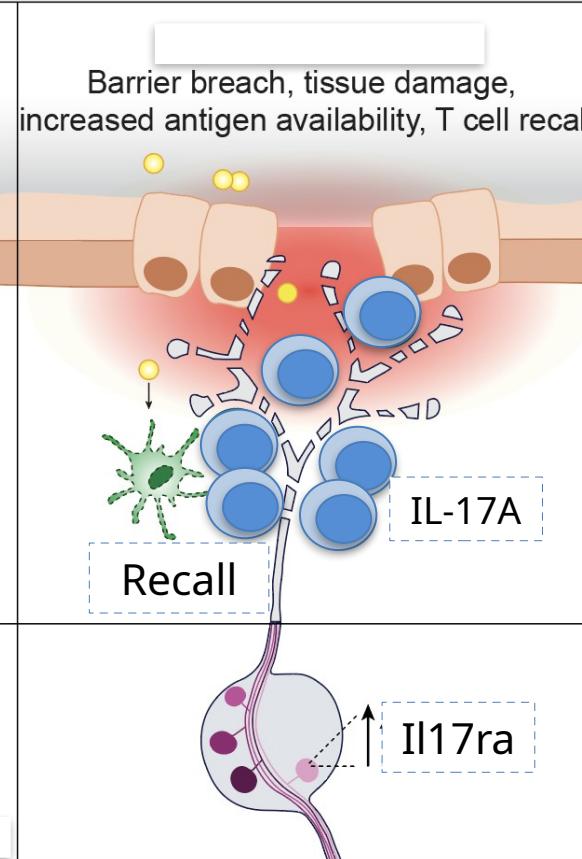
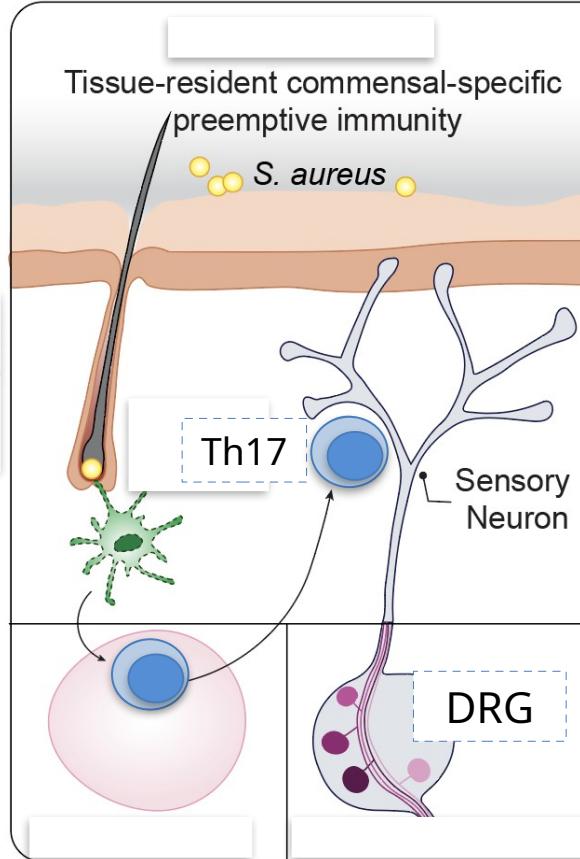
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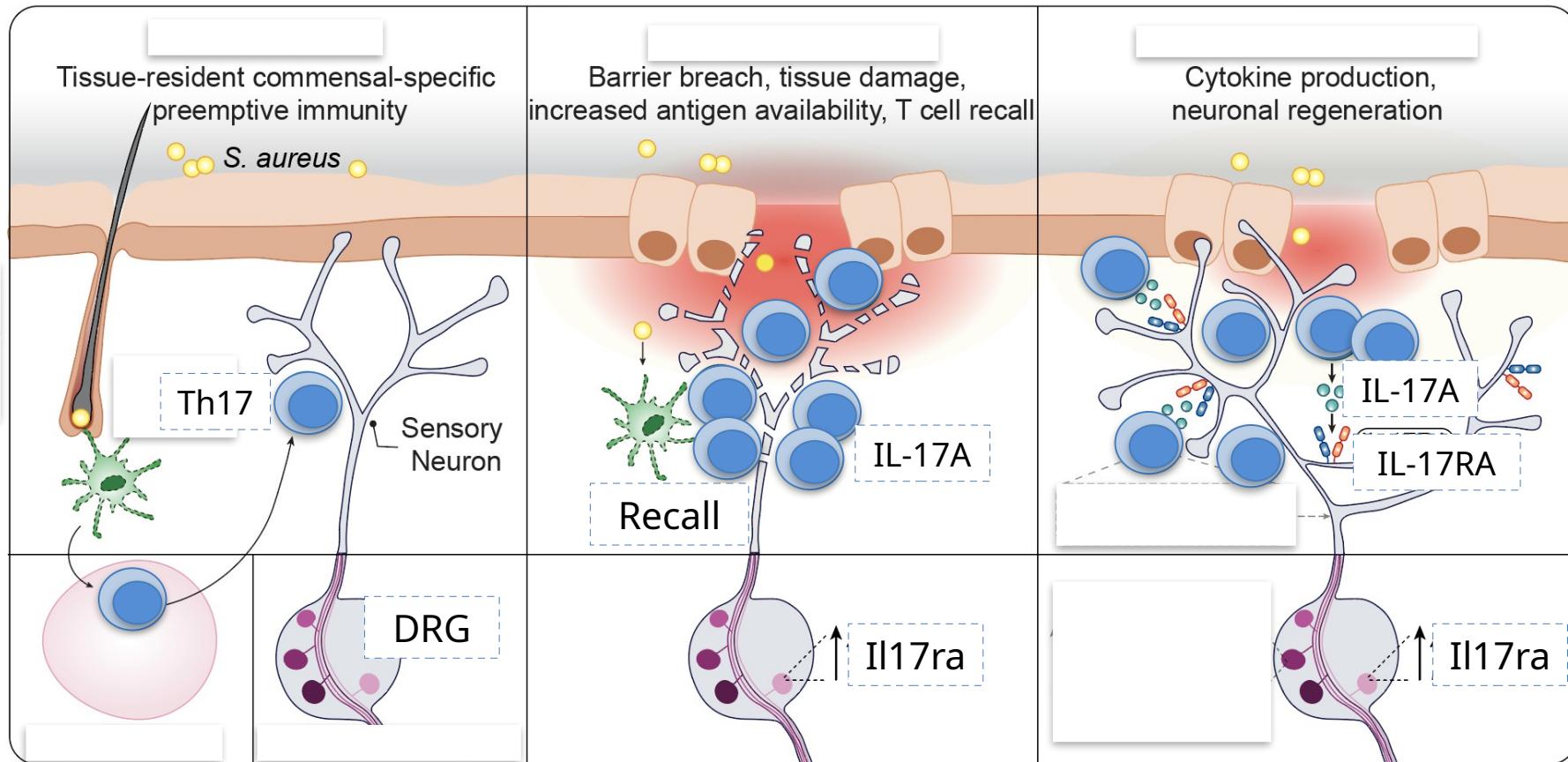
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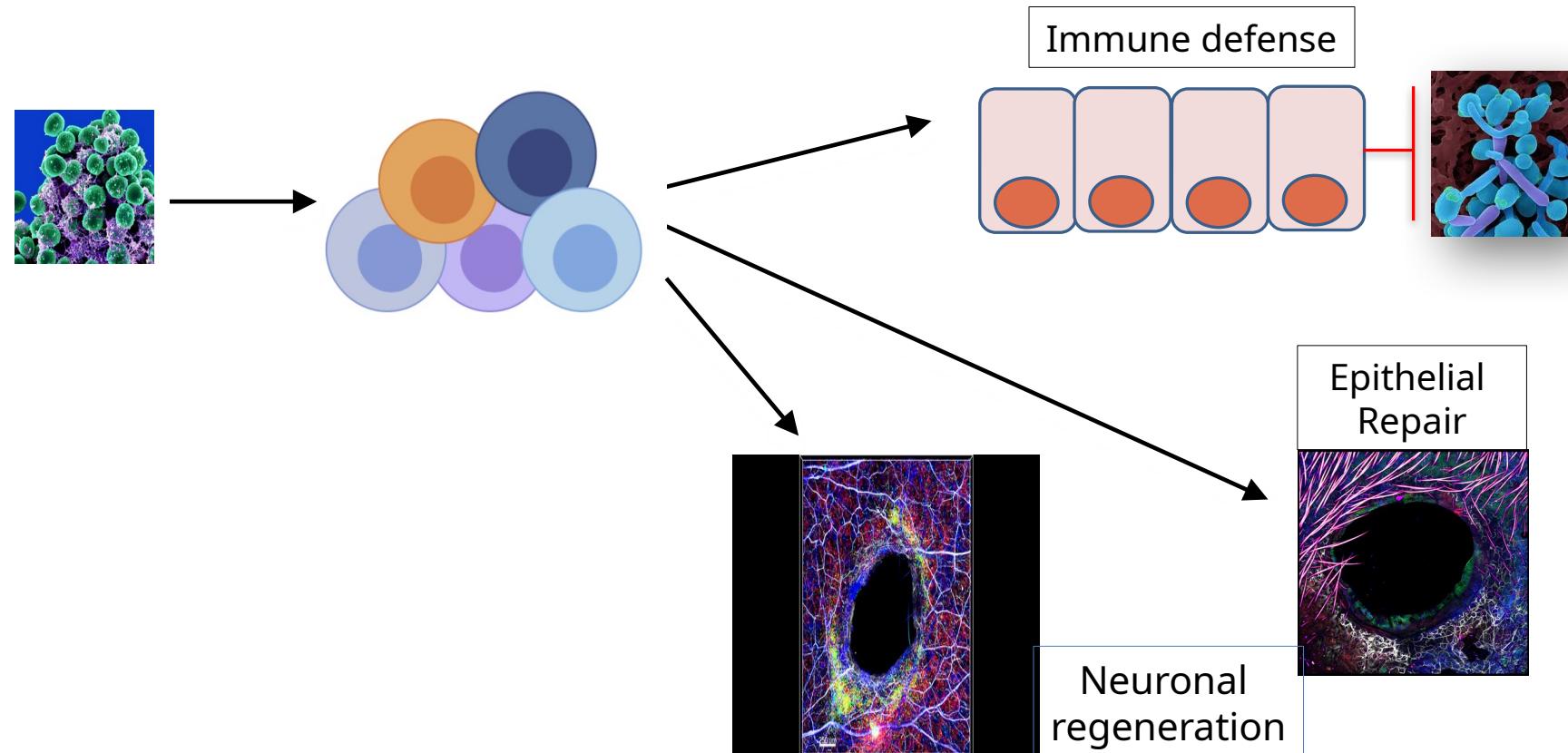
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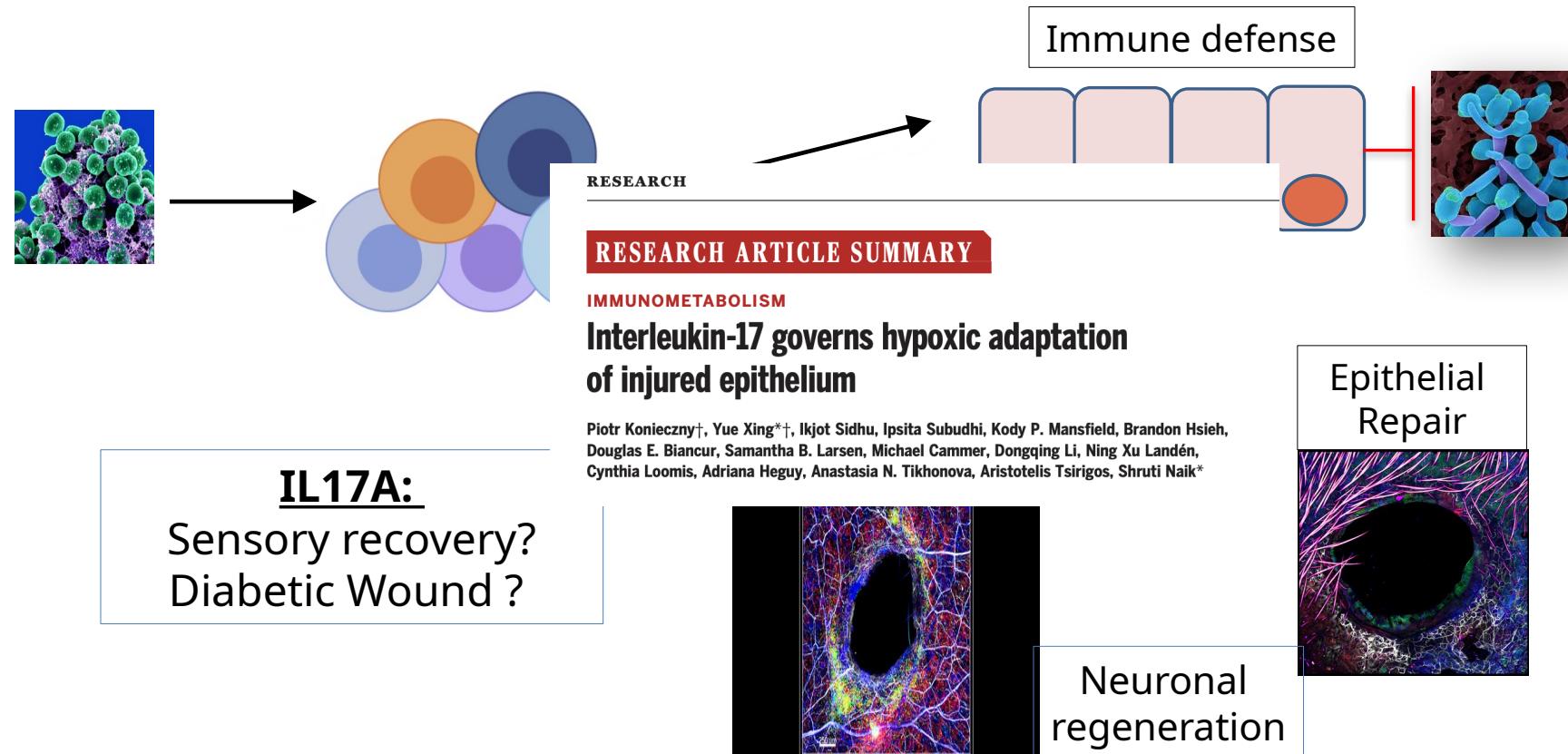
## REPAIR



# Microbiota-specific T cells promote tissue physiology



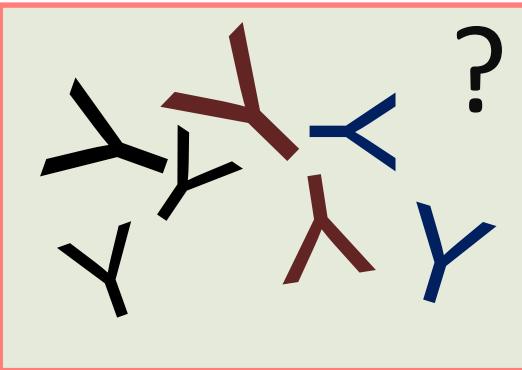
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# Skin Microbiota

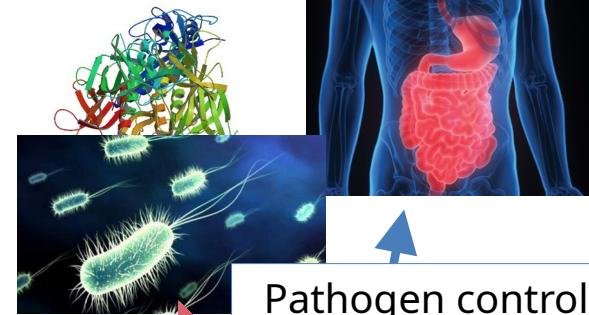


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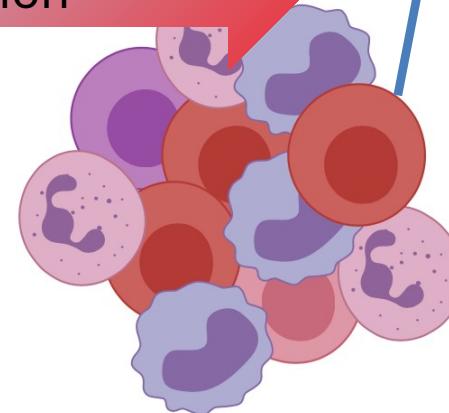


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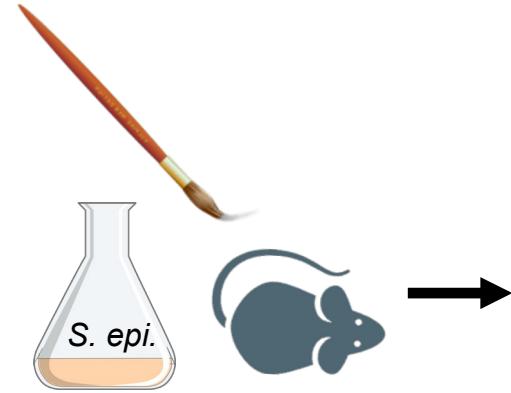
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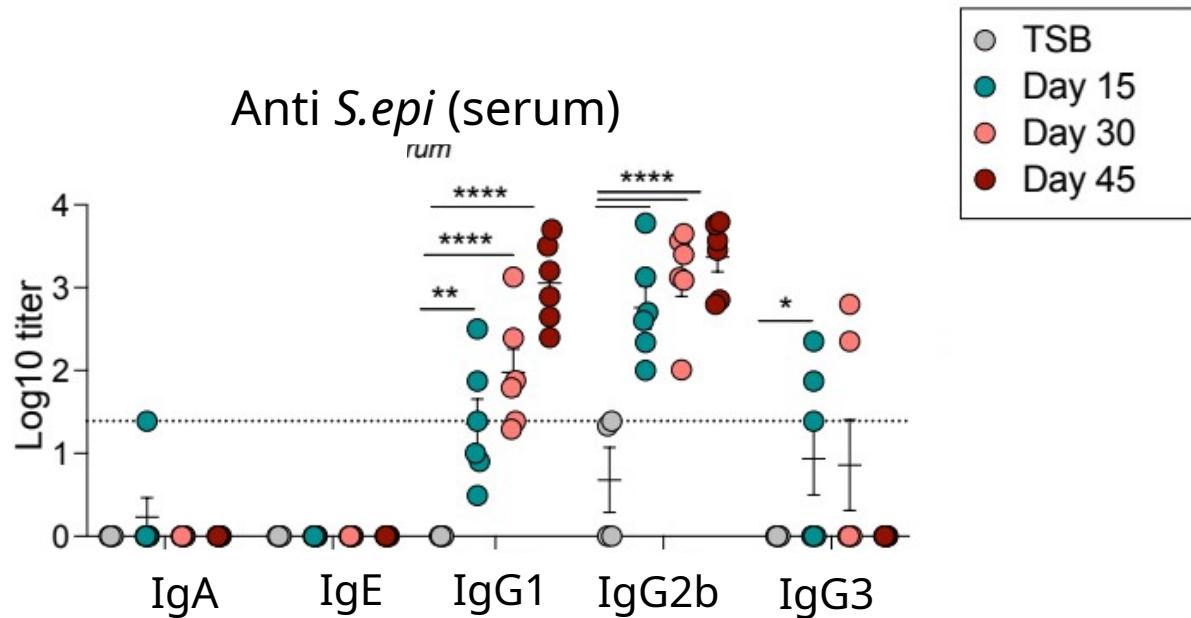
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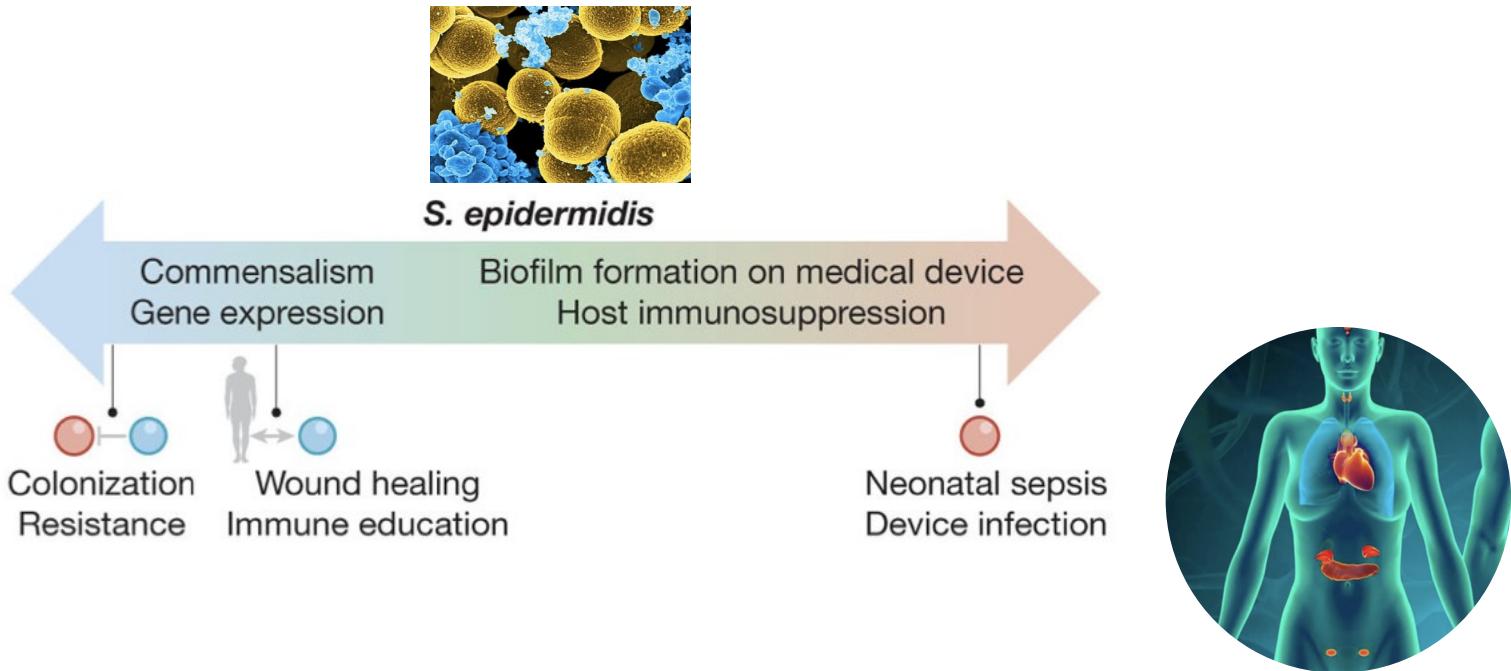
# Topical association with a new commensal promotes antibody production



Topical association

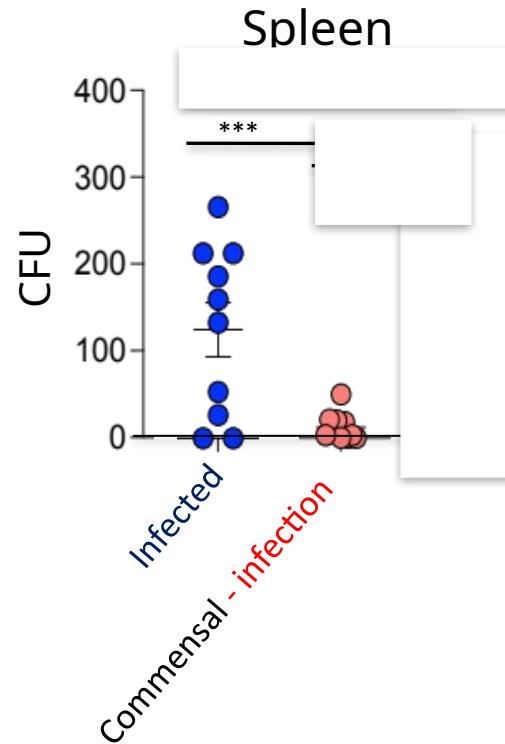
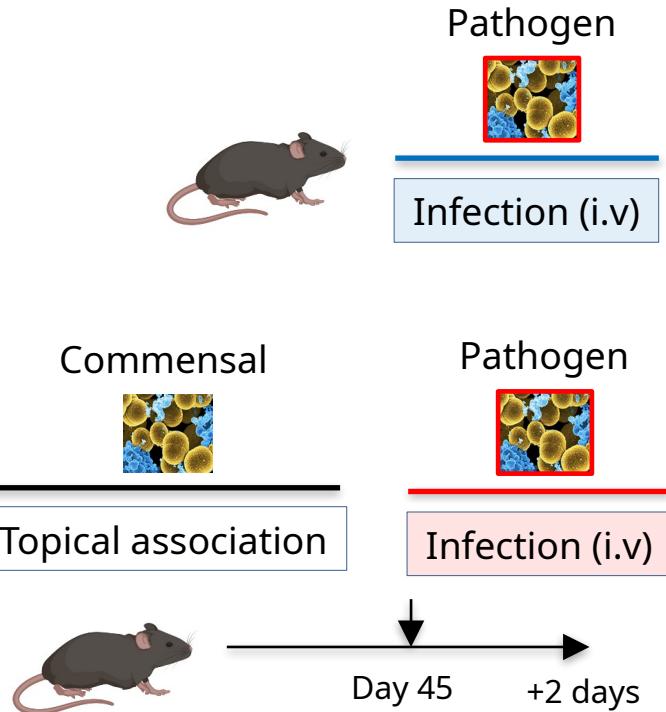


# Role of skin commensal antibody responses ?

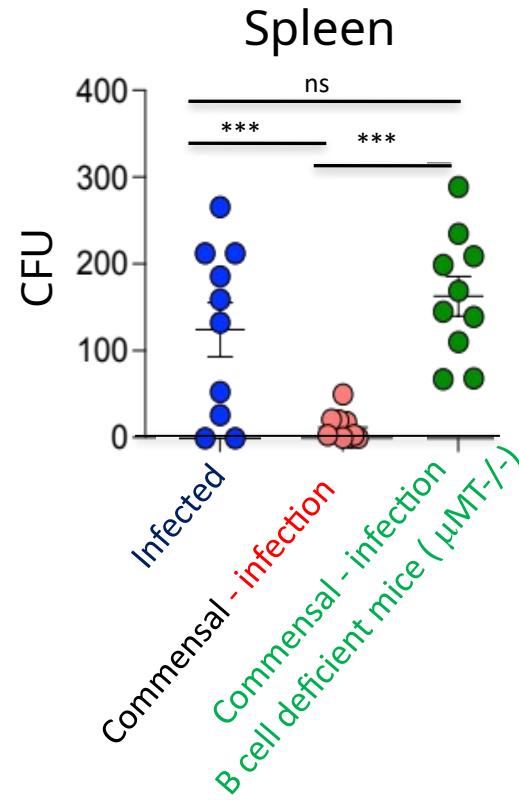
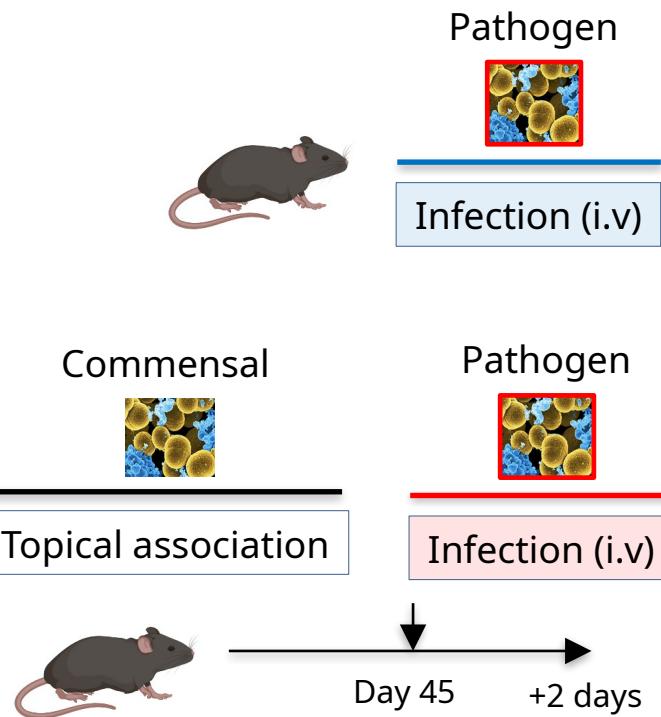


**Systemic response:**  
Control of infection?

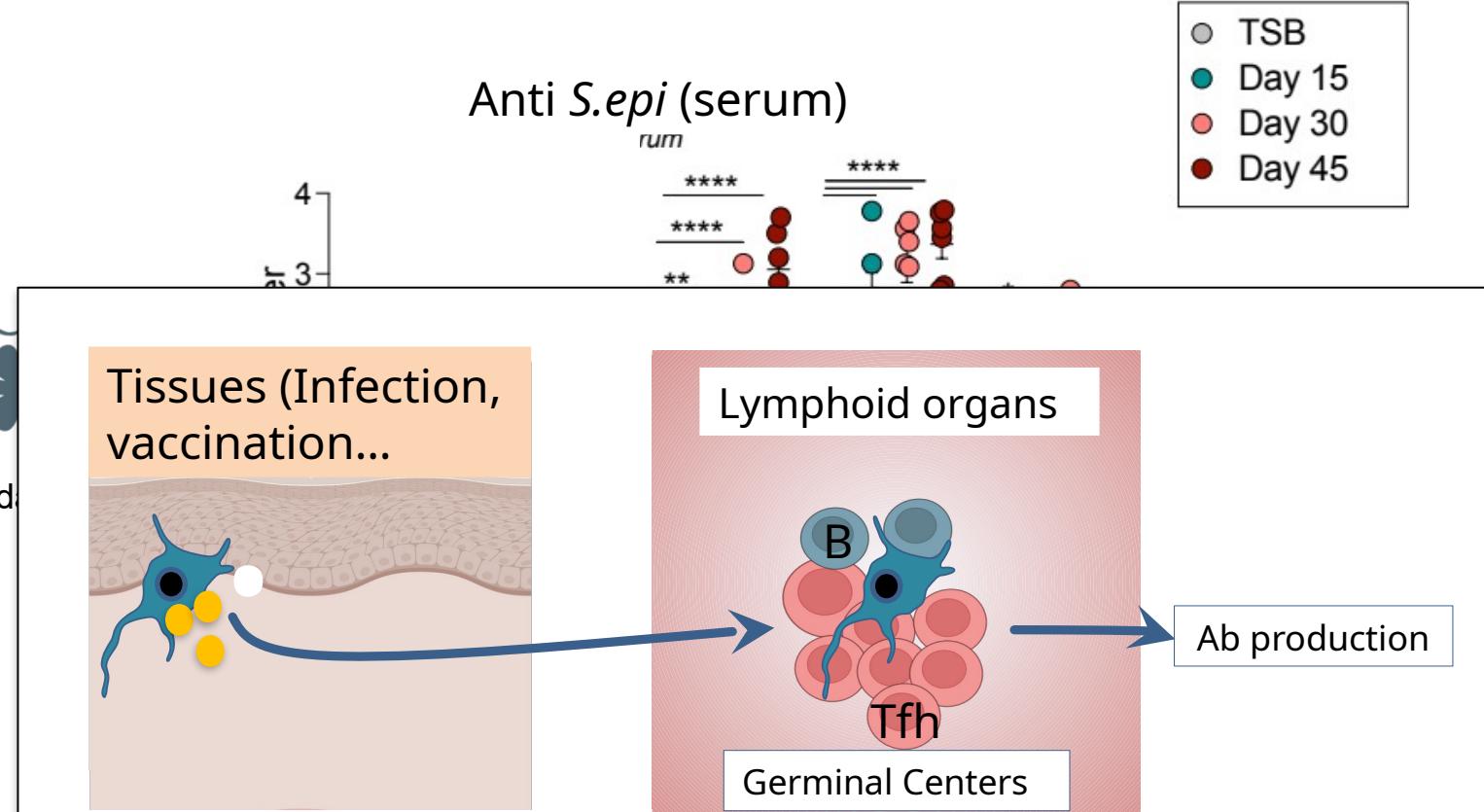
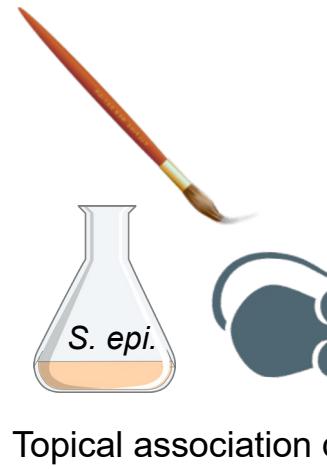
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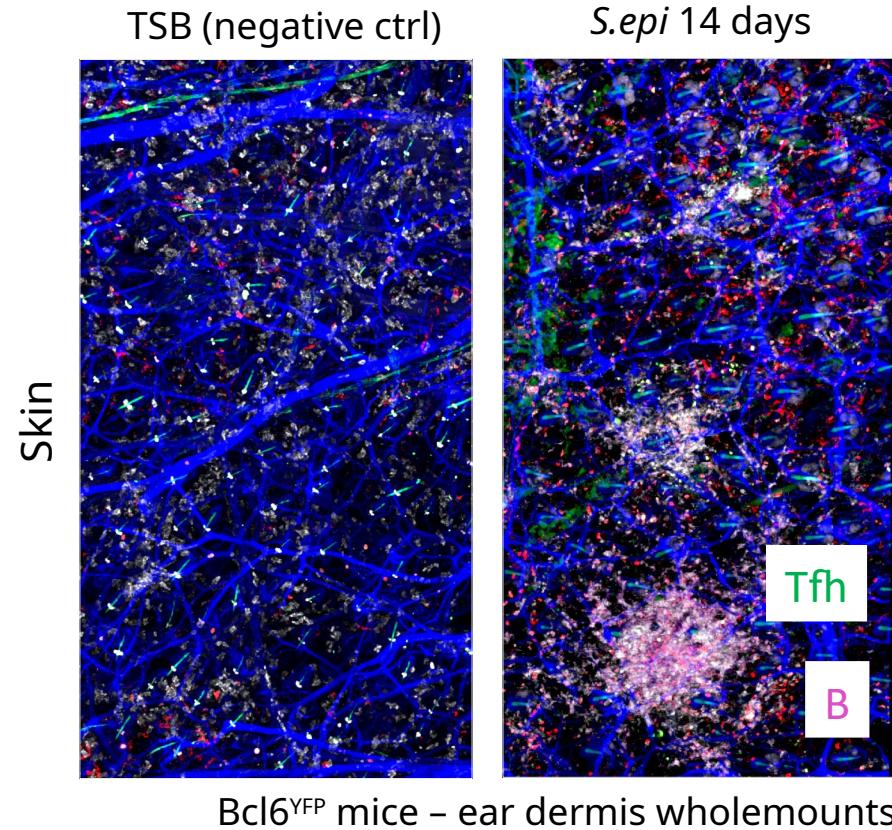
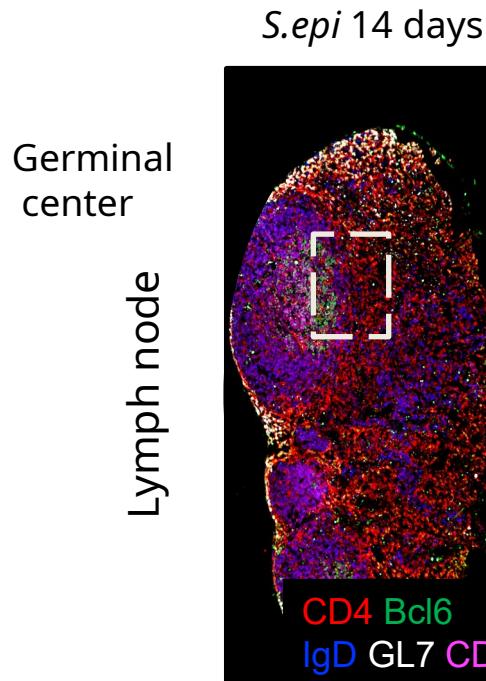
# Exposure to a microbe as a commensal protects against subsequent infection in an antibody dependent manner



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# *S.epidermidis* association promotes the formation cutaneous tertiary lymphoid organs (TLO)

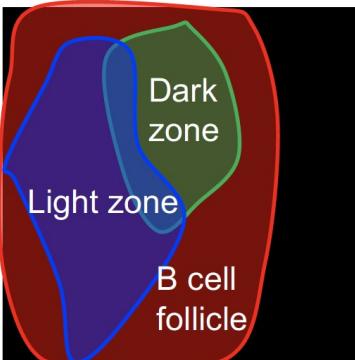
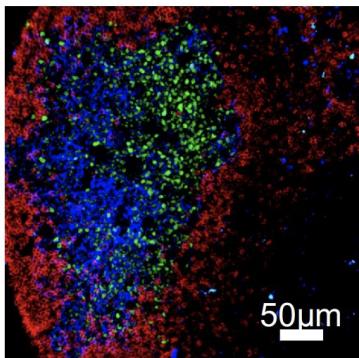


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Lymph node

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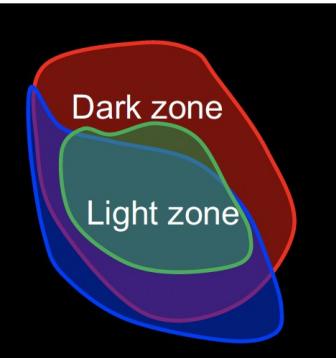
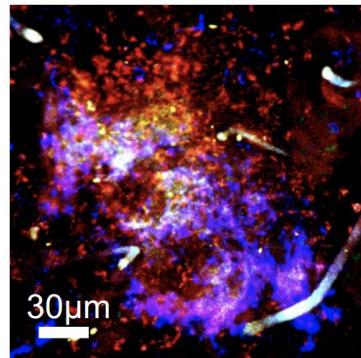
cLN cross-section, 11 $\mu$ m thickness; GC



Skin

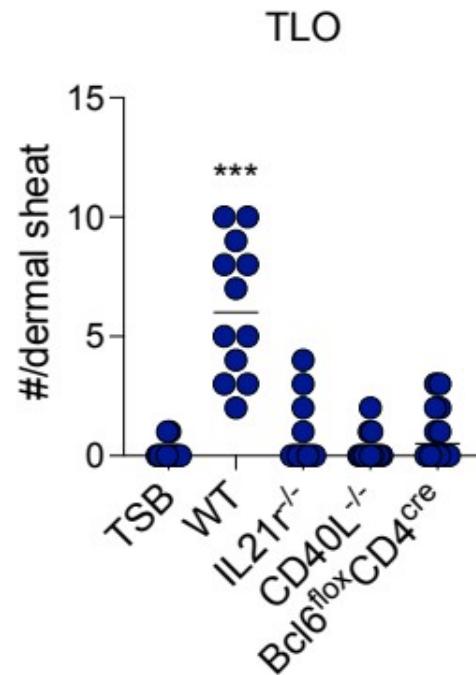
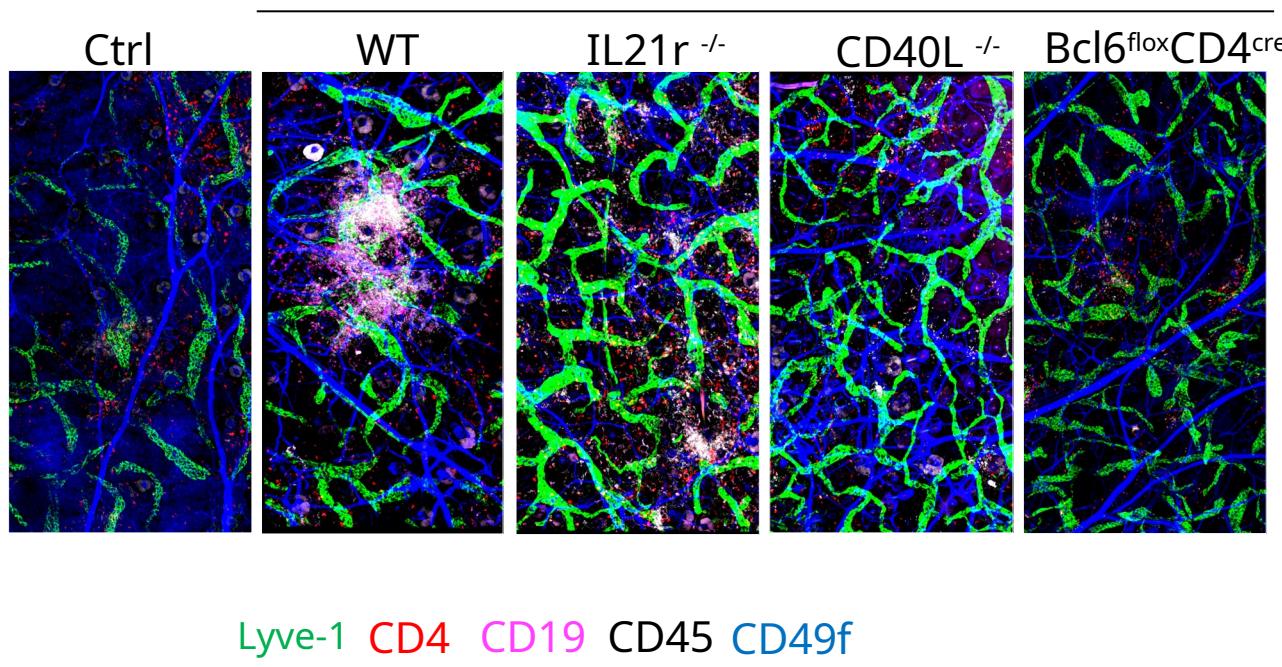
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Scheme  
Ear dermis wholemount 21 days post-TA



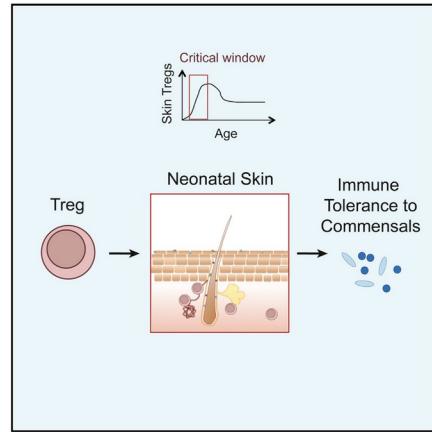
# Skin Tertiary Lymphoid Structures (TLO) formation depends on Germinal Center factors

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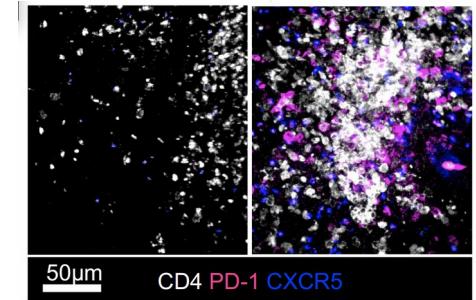
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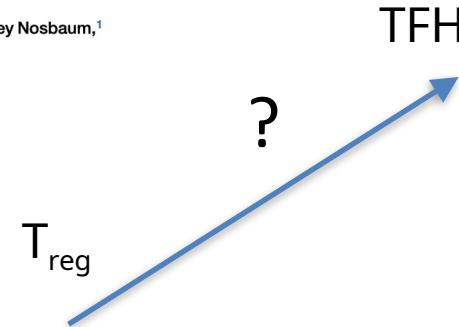
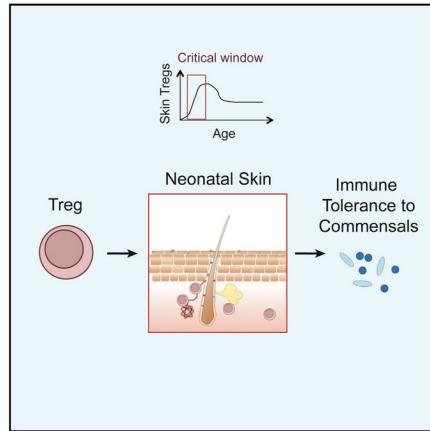
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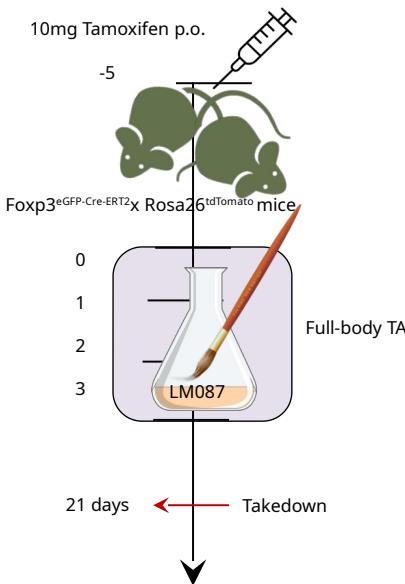


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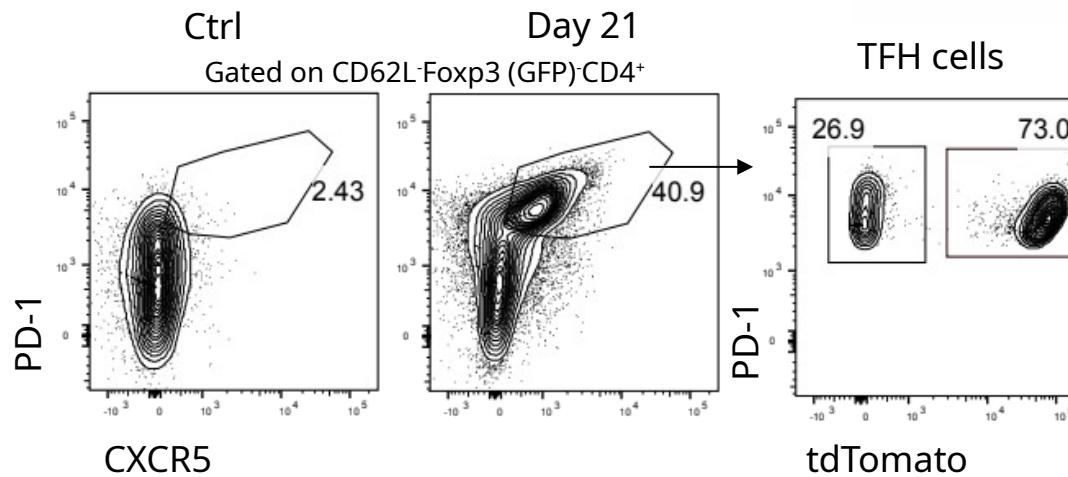
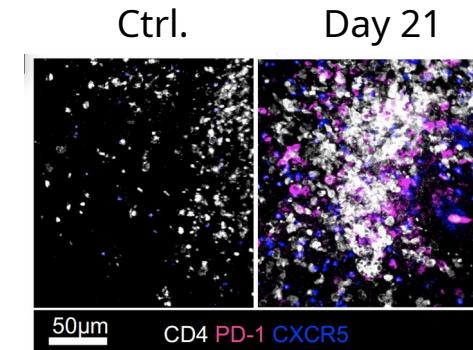
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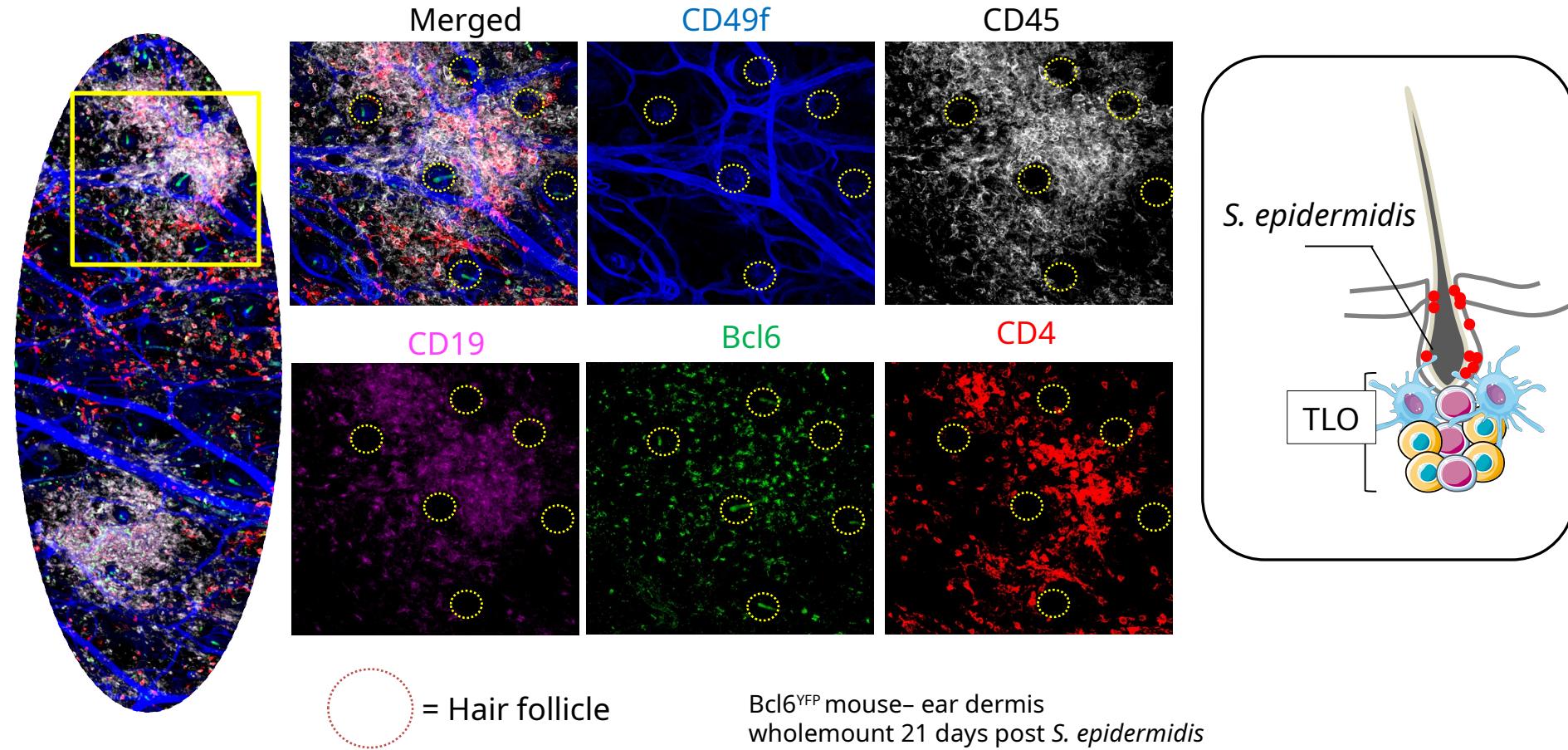
# *S. epidermidis*-induced T follicular helper cells derive from regulatory T cells



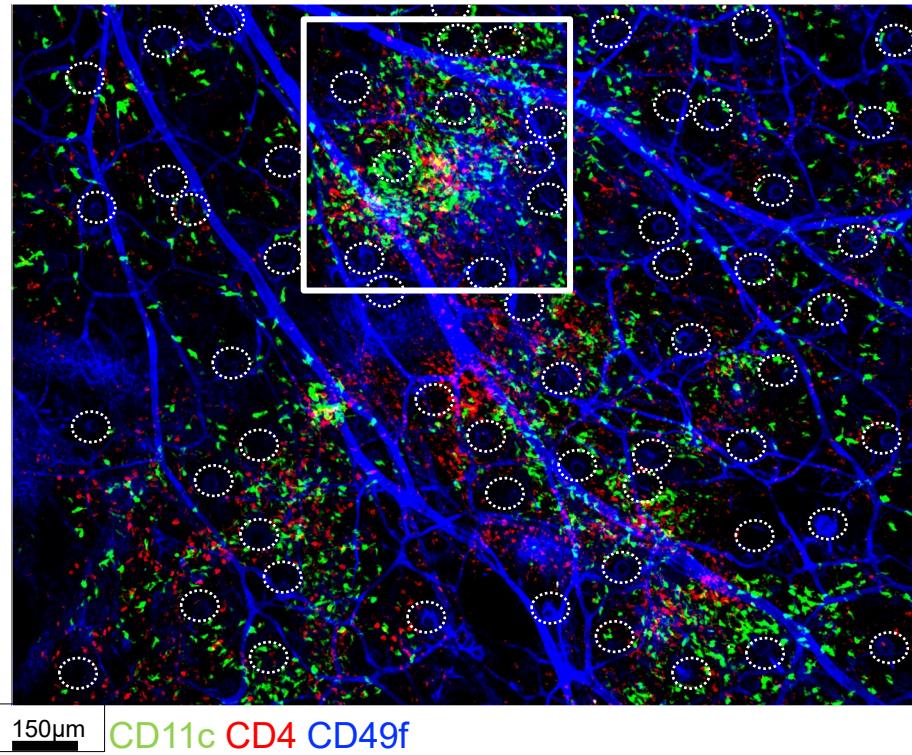
Tamoxifen-treated Foxp3<sup>eGFP-Cre-ERT2</sup> x  
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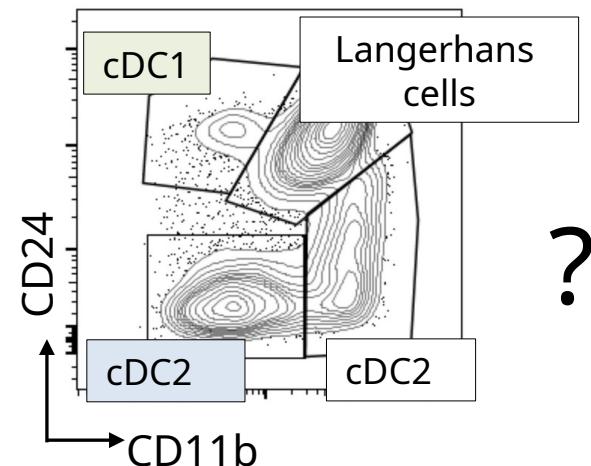
# *S. epidermidis* induced TLO surround hair follicles

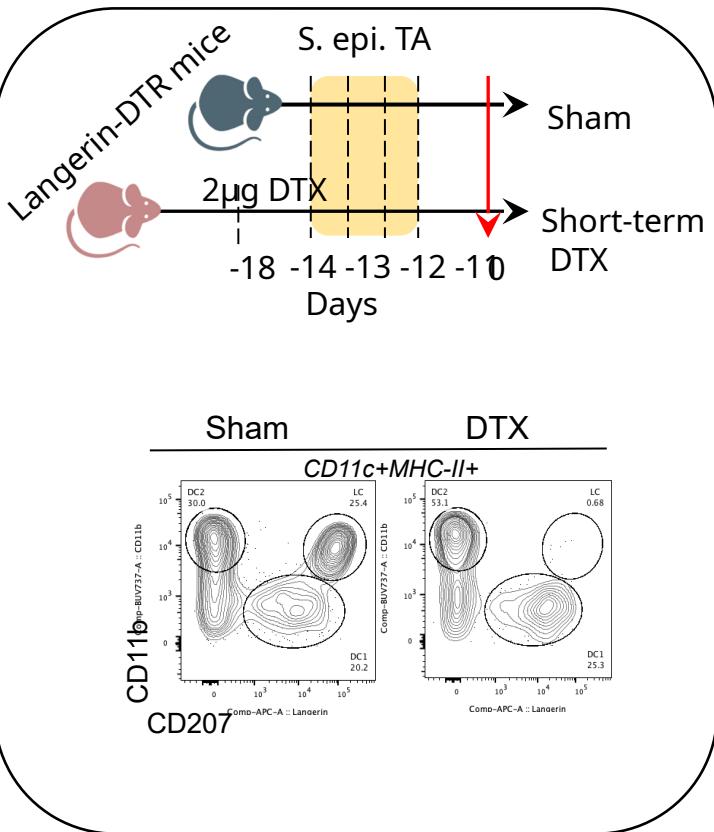


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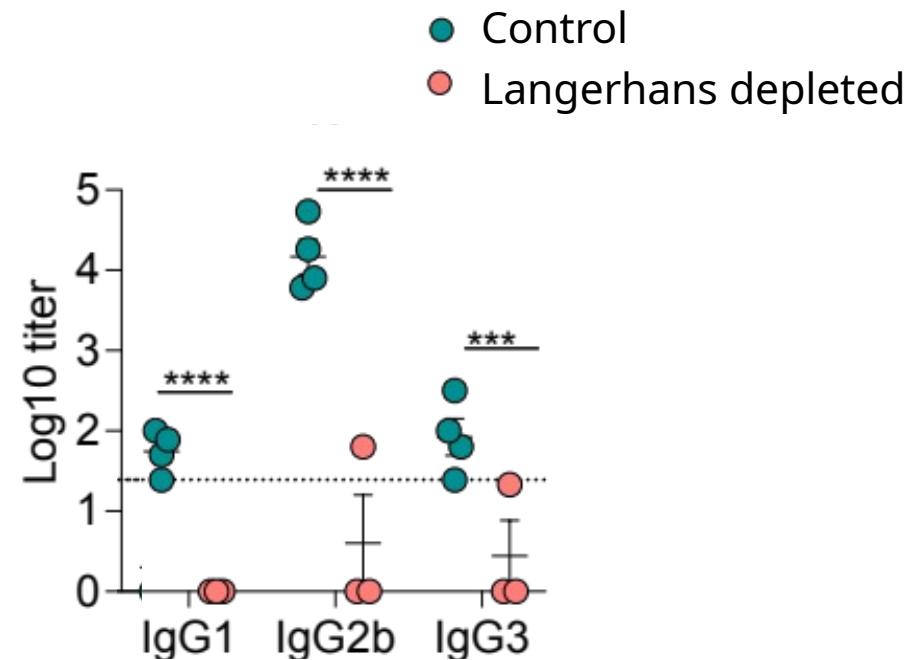
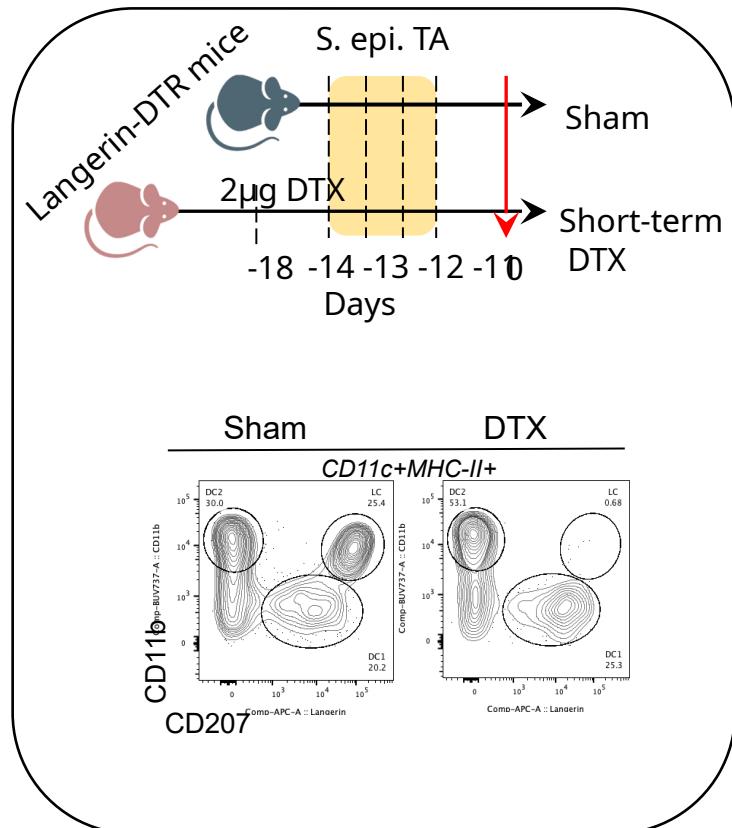


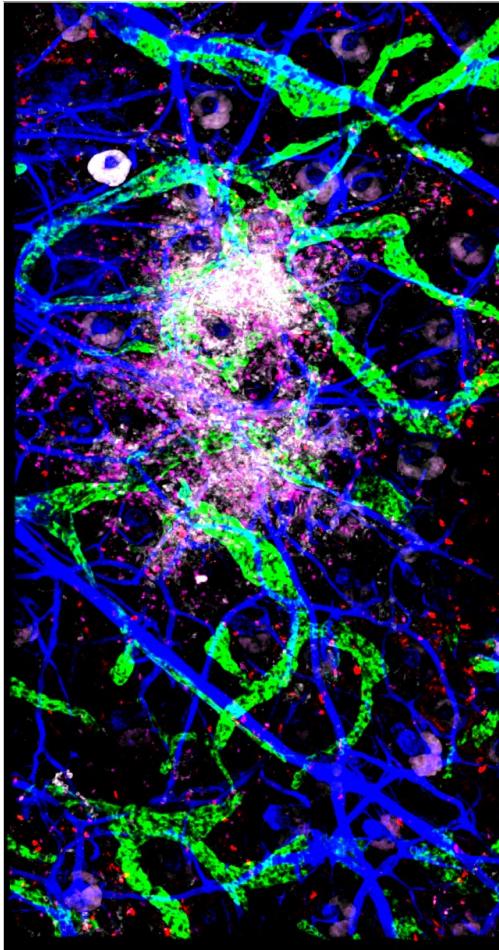
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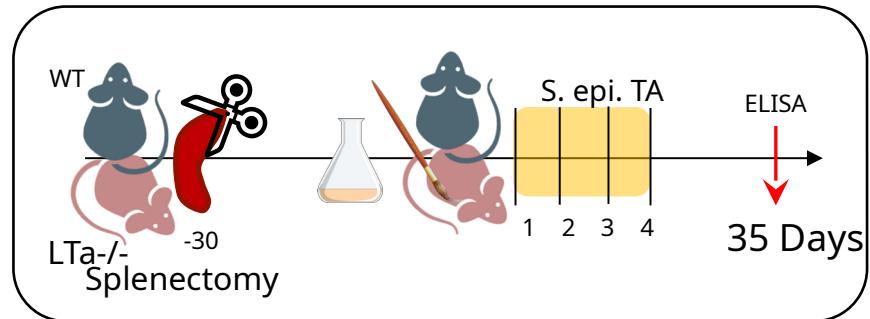


# Langerhans cells are required for humoral immunity to skin microbiota

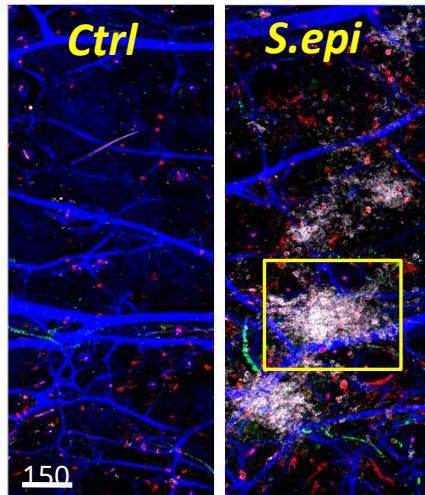
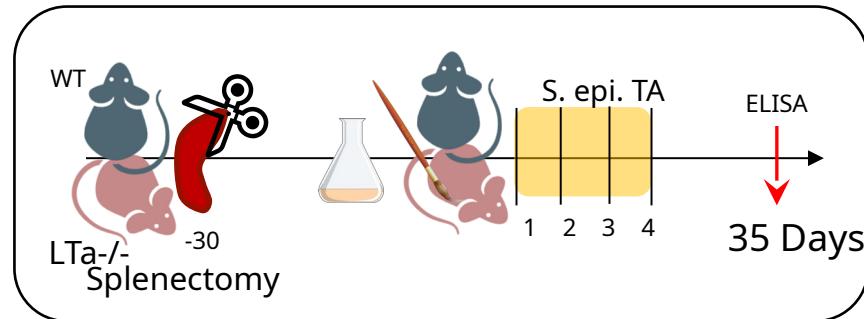




Can the skin microbiota promotes antibody production independently of lymphoid structures ?

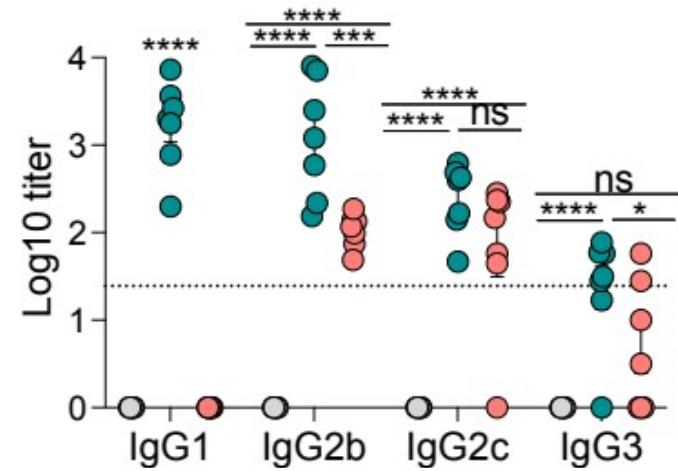


# *S. epidermidis* association promotes antibody production independently of lymphoid organs



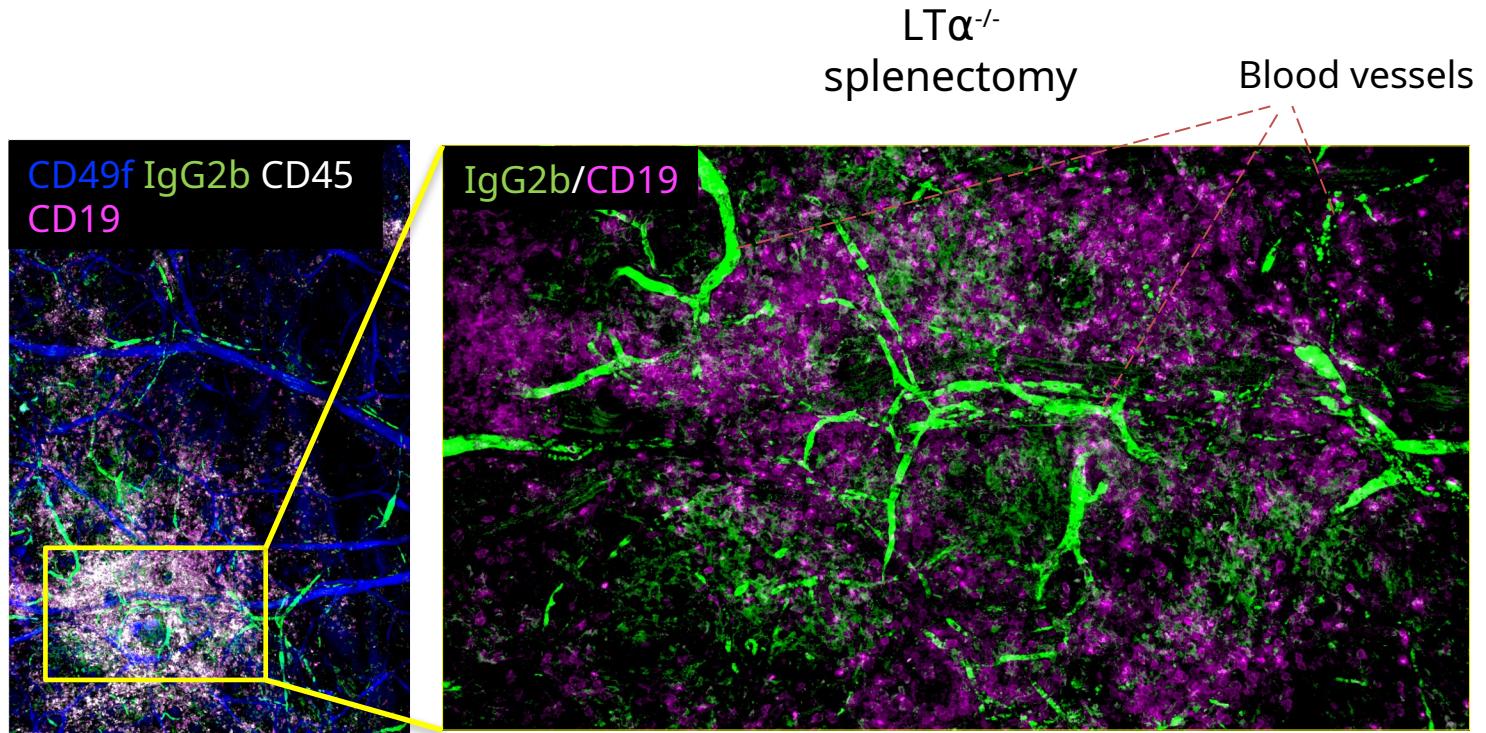
LT $\alpha^{-/-}$  splenectomy

- TSB
  - WT Sham
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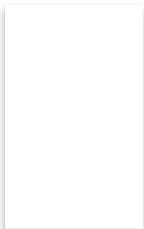
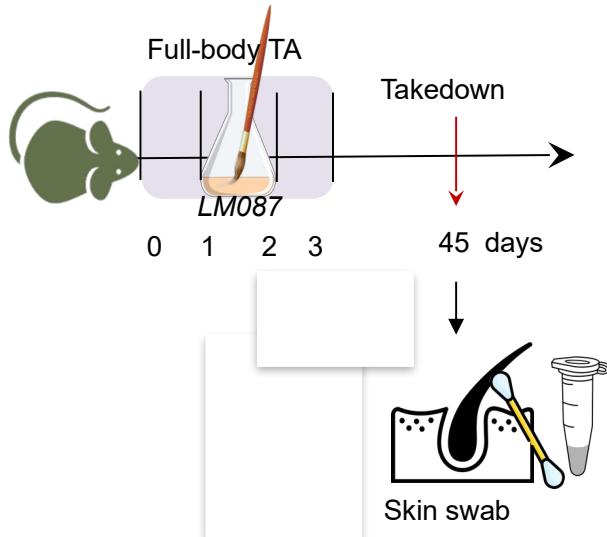


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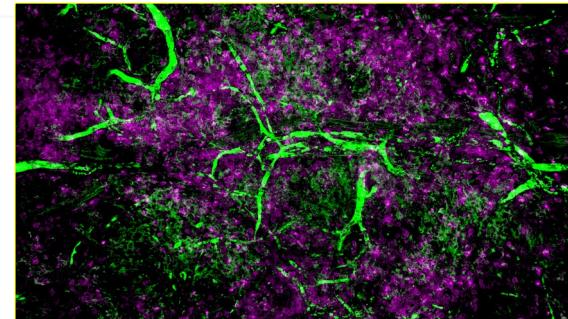
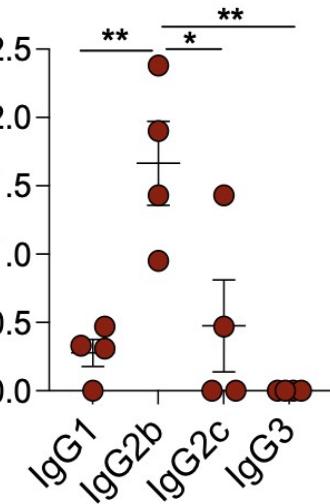
# Dermal TLOs secrete IgG2b independently of lymphoid structures



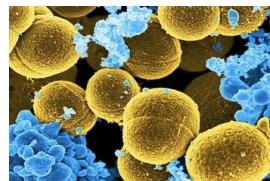
# *S. epidermidis* specific antibodies are released at the surface of the skin



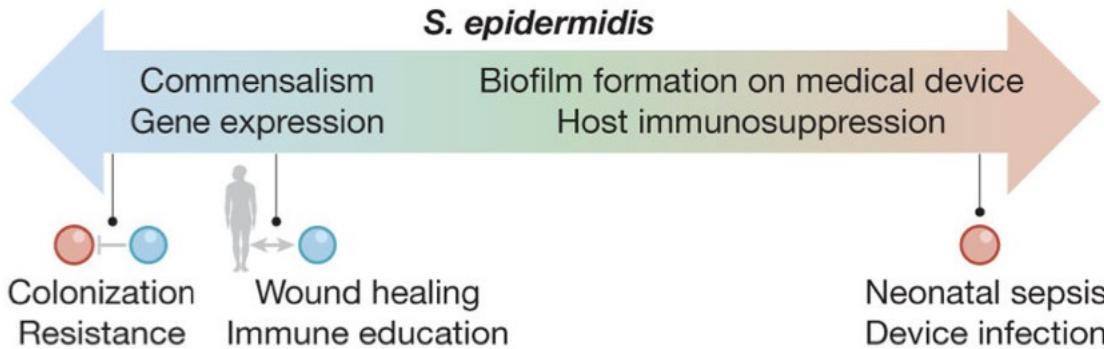
anti-*S. epidermidis*  
Skin swab; WT mice



# Role of skin commensal local antibody responses ?



*S. epidermidis*

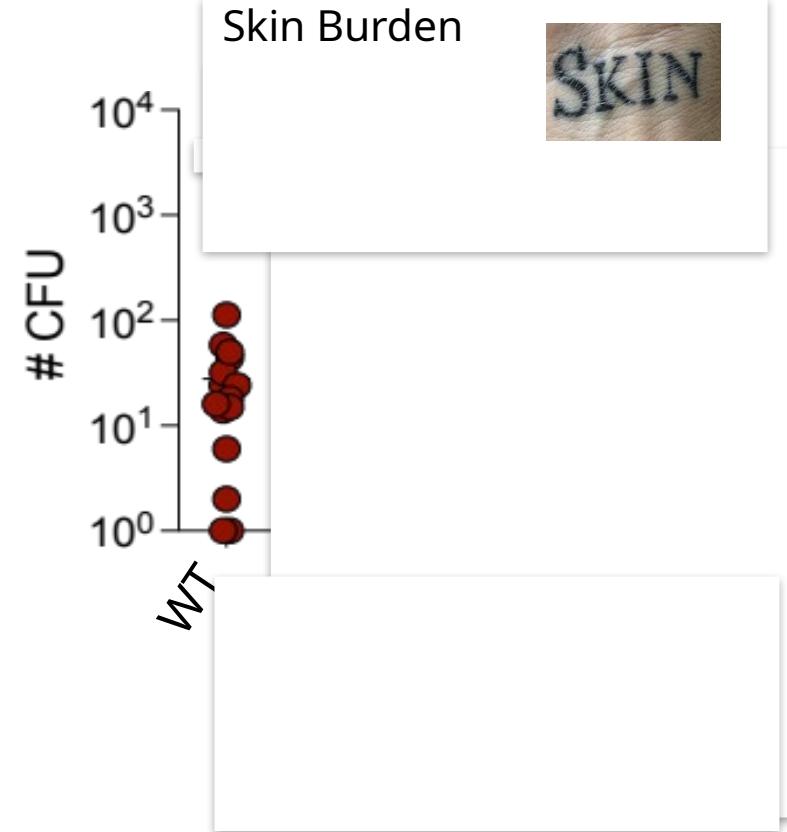
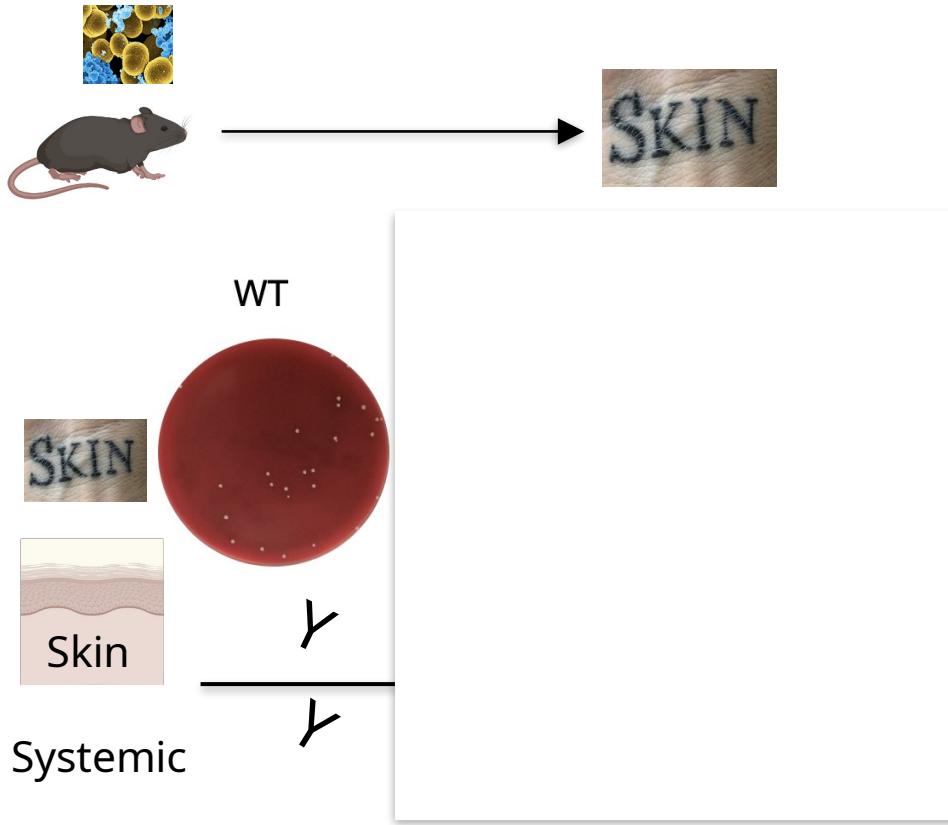


**Local antibody response:**  
Control of symbiotic relationship ?



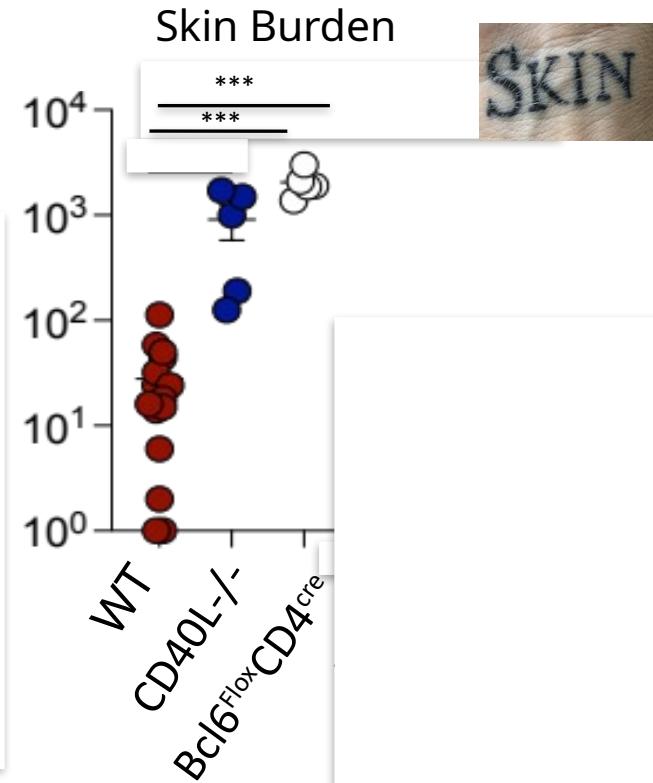
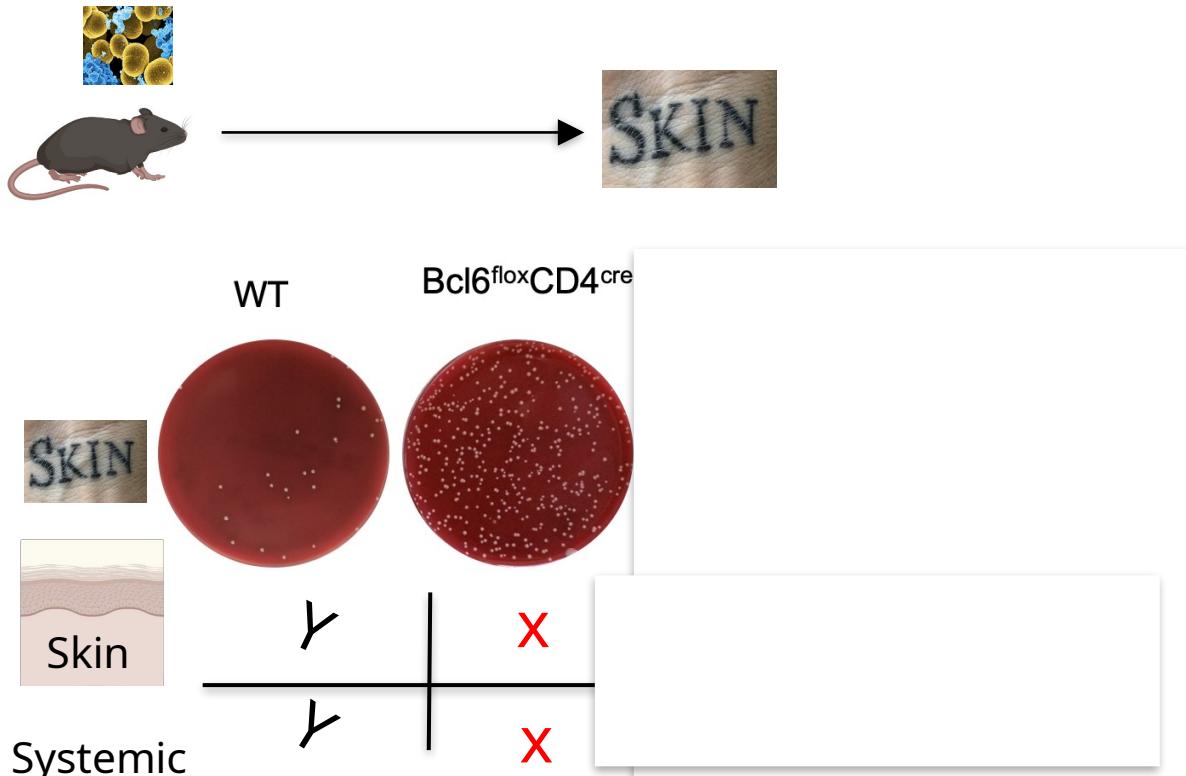
**Systemic response:**  
Control of Infection

## Topical association



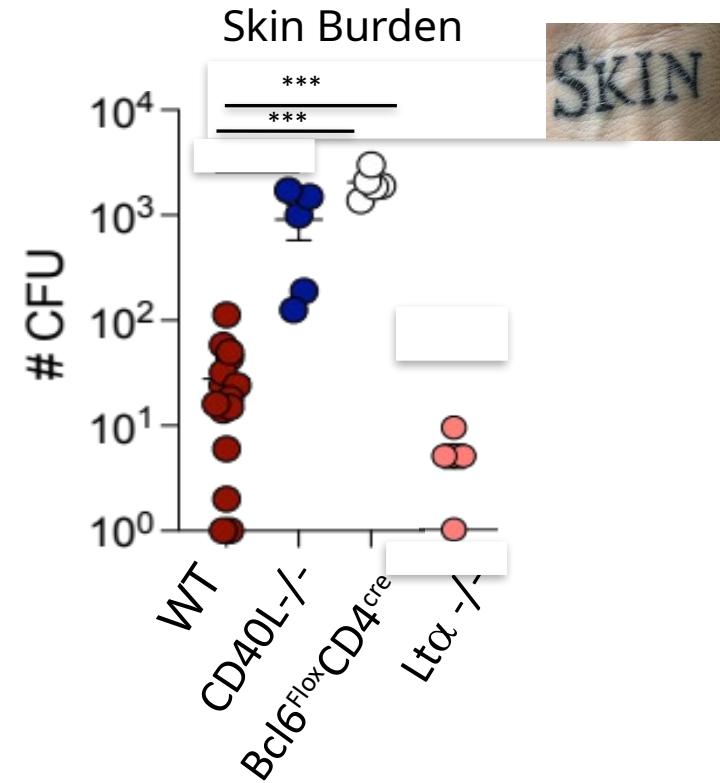
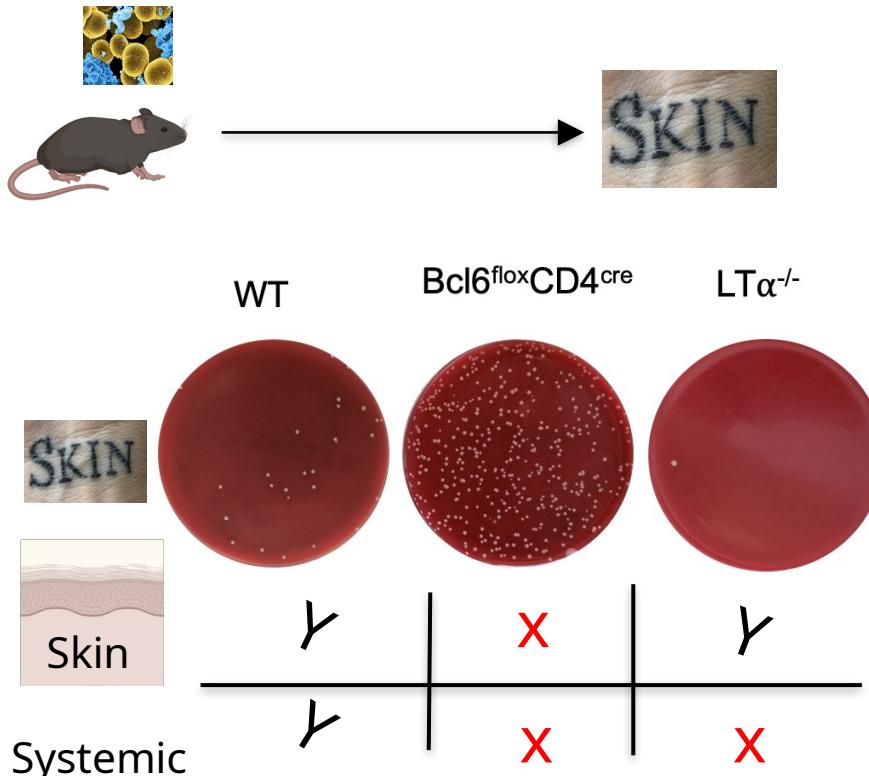
# Antibodies are required to limit microbiota burden in the skin

## Topical association

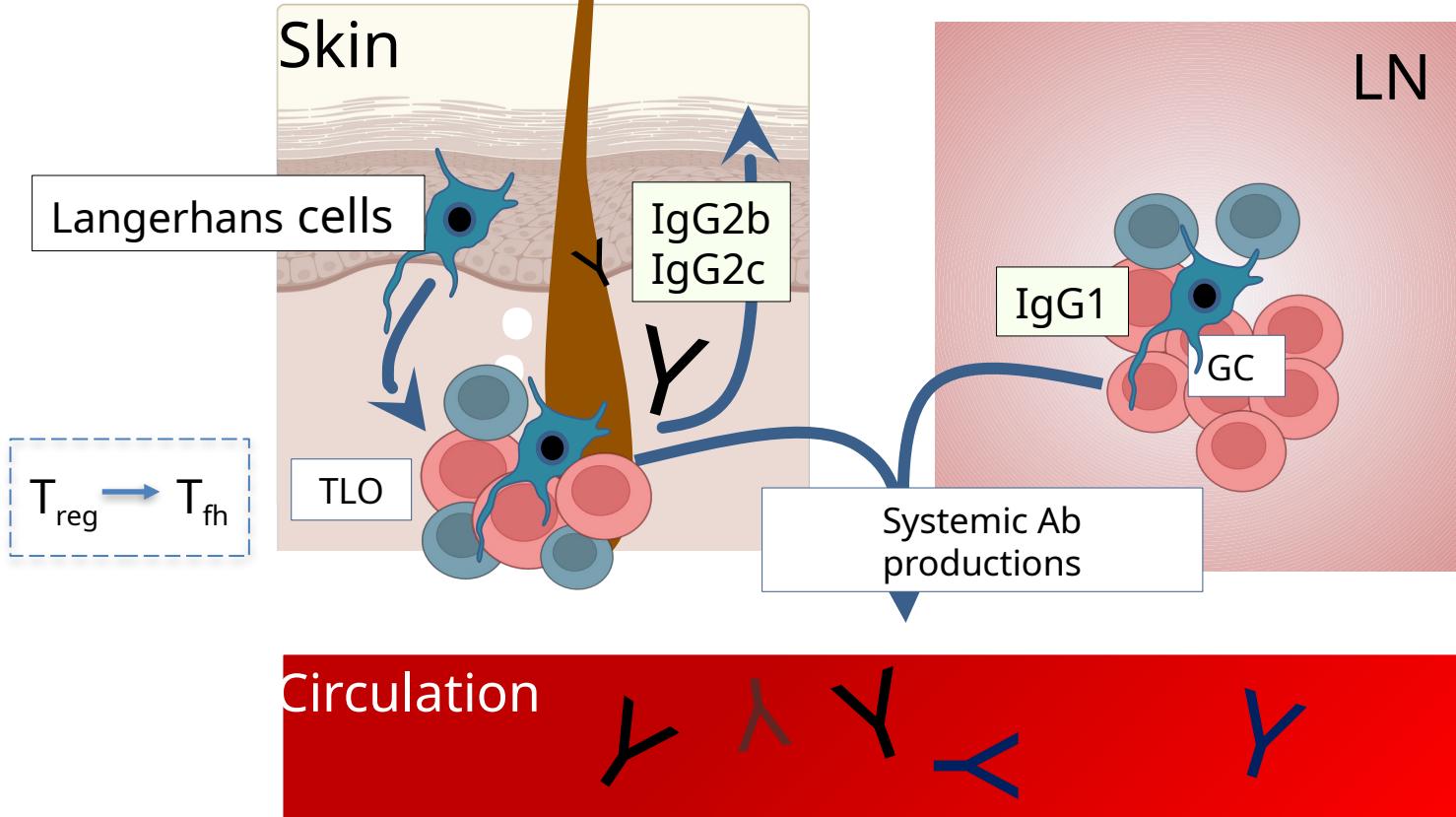


# Skin autonomous production of antibodies is sufficient to control microbiota burden

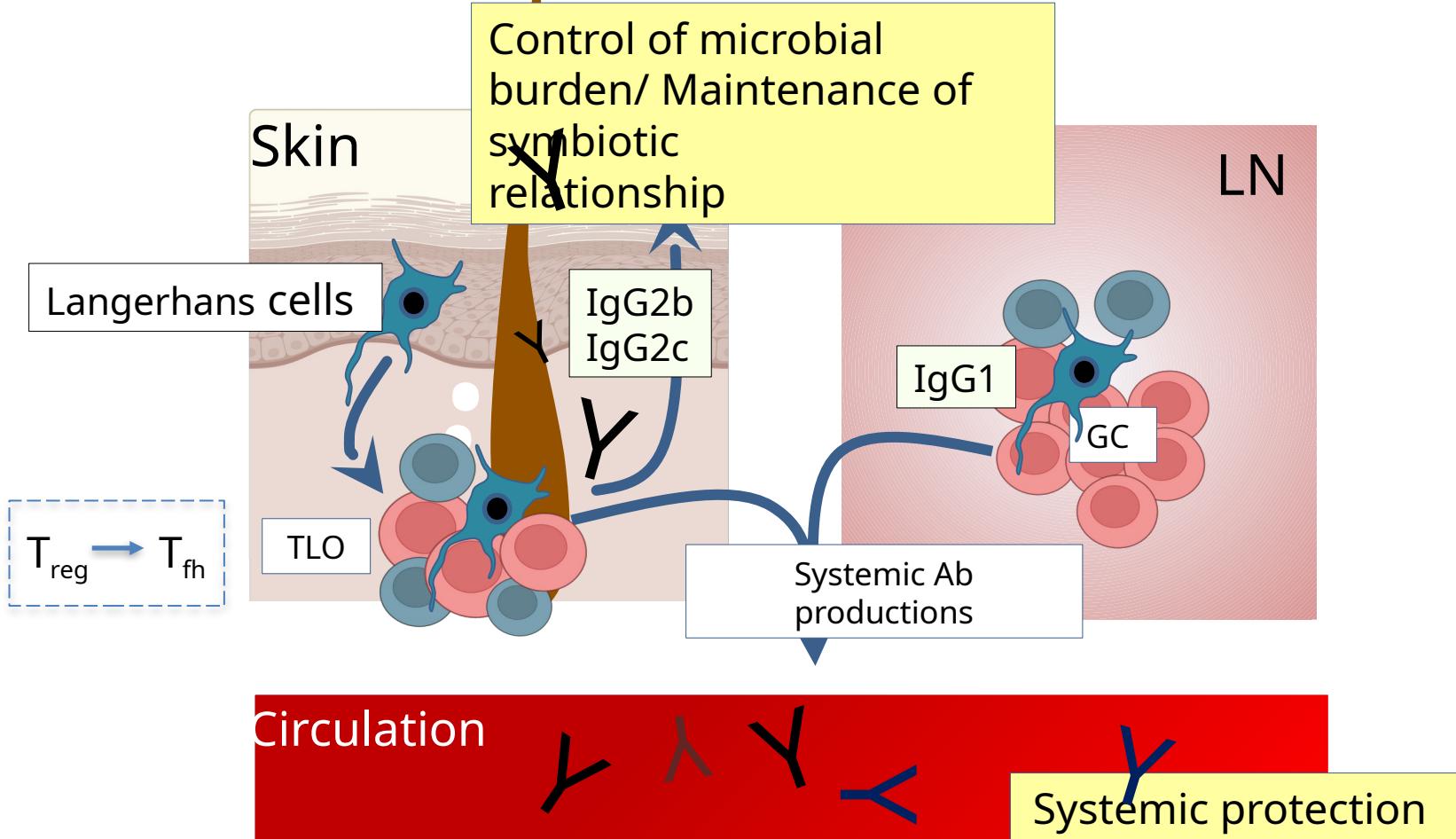
Topical association

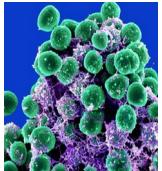


# Compartmentalized immunity to the microbiota

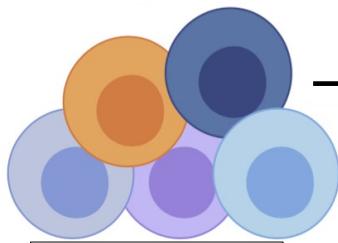


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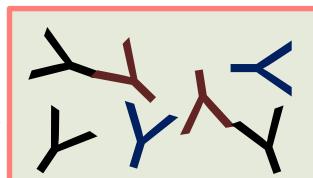




Homeostatic immunity



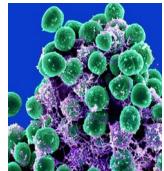
Epithelial  
Repair



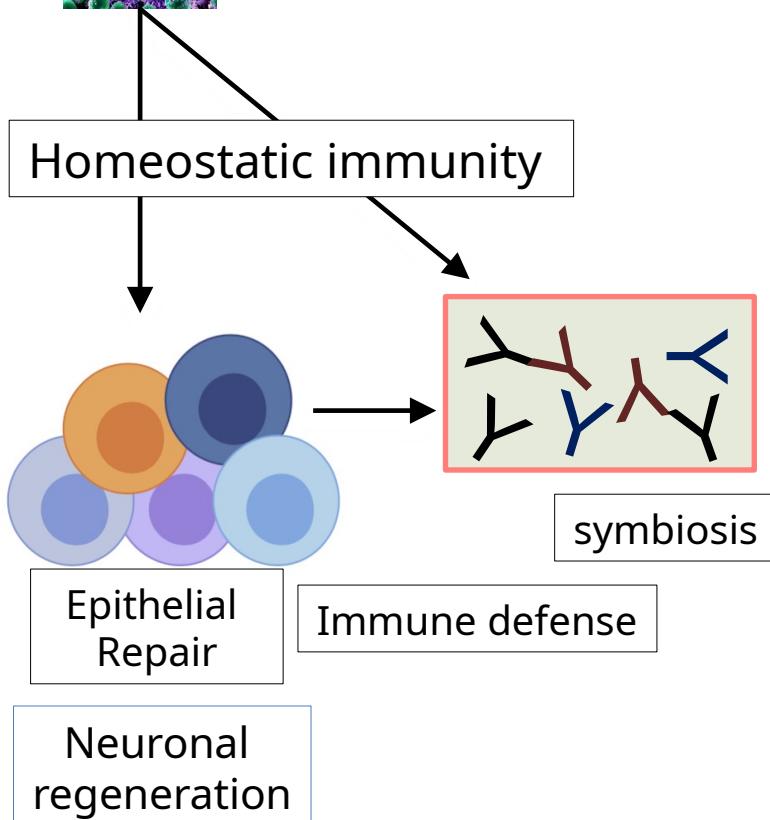
symbiosis

Immune defense

Neuronal  
regeneration



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