| Antigen | Fluorophore      | Manufacturer | Clone           |
|---------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| CCR7    | BV421            | BD           | 150503          |
| CD27    | BV480            | BD           | L128            |
| CD28    | PE-Cy7           | BD           | CD28.2          |
| CD28    | APC              | eBiosciences | CD28.2          |
| CD28    | PE-Cy7           | BD           | CD28.2          |
| CD4     | APC              | eBioscience  | RPA-T4          |
| CD4     | V500             | BD           | RPA-T4          |
| CD4     | BUV737           | BD           | SK3             |
| CD45    | V500             | BD           | HI30            |
| CD45    | AF700            | BioLegend    | HI30            |
| CD45    | BUV395           | BD           | HI30            |
| CD45RA  | FITC             | eBioscience  | HI100           |
| CD45RO  | PerCP-<br>eFl710 | eBioscience  | UCHL1           |
| CD57    | PE               | BioLegend    | QA17A04         |
| CD57    | BB515            | BD           | NK-1            |
| CD80    | PerCP-eF710      | eBioscience  | 2D10.4          |
| CD86    | BV421            | Biolegend    | IT2.2           |
| CD8a    | APC-eFl780       | eBioscience  | SK1             |
| CD8a    | BUV496           | BD           | RPA-T8          |
| CD90    | PerCP-Cy5.5      | eBioscience  | eBio5E10        |
| HLA-DR  | APC              | Miltenyi     | REA805          |
| ICAM-1  | APC/Fire<br>750  | BioLegend    | HA58            |
| KLRG1   | RY586            | BD           | Z7-<br>205.rMAb |
| LFA-3   | BV421            | BD           | 1C3             |
| PD-1    | BV421            | BioLegend    | EH12.2H7        |
| PD-L1   | APC              | eBioscience  | MIH1            |
| PD-L2   | PE               | eBioscience  | MIH18           |
| VCAM-1  | PE-Cy7           | eBioscience  | STA             |

Supplementary Table 1. Flow cytometry antibodies.

## Supplementary Table 2. Primers.

| Gene         | Primer Sequence (5'-3') |
|--------------|-------------------------|
| GAPDH fwd*   | GCAGGGGGGGGGGCCAAAAGGG  |
| GAPDH rev*   | TGCCAGCCCCAGCGTCAAAG    |
| GAPDH fwd    | GAAGGTGAAGGTCGGAGTC     |
| GAPDH rev    | GAAGATGGTGATGGGATTTC    |
| PTGS2 fwd    | TGAGCATCTACGGTTTGCTG    |
| PTGS2 rev    | TGCTTGTCTGGAACAACTGC    |
| IDO1 fwd     | GCCAGCTTCGAGAAAGAGTTG   |
| IDO1 rev     | TGACTTGTGGTCTGTGAGATGA  |
| CD274 fwd    | GGCATCCAAGATACAAACTCAA  |
| CD274 rev    | CAGAAGTTCCAATGCTGGATTA  |
| PDCD1LG2 fwd | GAGCTGTGGCAAGTCCTCAT    |
| PDCD1LG2 rev | GCAATTCCAGGCTCAACATTA   |
| PDCD1 fwd    | CGTGGCCTATCCACTCCTCA    |
| PDCD1 rev    | ATCCCTTGTCCCAGCCACTC    |
| ICAM1 fwd    | ATGCCCAGACATCTGTGTCC    |
| ICAM1 rev    | GGGGTCTCTATGCCCAACAA    |

\* Conventional PCR



Supplementary Figure 1 MSCs inhibit unmodified T cell proliferation. PBMCs from two healthy donors (D1 and D2) were cultured with or without  $5x10^3$  irradiated (30 Gy) allogeneic MSCs from six healthy donors (MSC1-6) at a PBMC:MSC ratio of 100:1 and stimulated with anti-CD3/CD28 antibody-coated beads. Cultures of unstimulated PBMCs and MSC monocultures were also prepared. After 5 days, <sup>3</sup>H-radiolabelled thymidine was added and the cultures were incubated for an additional 18h. Cells were harvested and <sup>3</sup>H-thymidine incorporation was measured via  $\beta$ -counter, with a readout given in Counts per minute. Data are presented as the mean of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD. Asterisks represent statistically significant differences (\*\*\*\* p≤0.0001)



**Supplementary Figure 2** MSCs modulate the inflammatory capabilities ROR1-reactive CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell clones. Antigenspecific ROR1-reactive CD8<sup>+</sup> CTL clones were incubated with target K562 cells pulsed with ROR1 peptide in the presence or absence of  $2.5 \times 10^4$  allogeneic MSCs from 3 healthy donors (MSC1-3) at a E:T:MSC ratio of 2:10:1. Target cells pulsed with irrelevant HIV Gag-Pol peptides served as a negative control (Control-HIV). After 4h, coculture supernatant was collected and analyzed for the indicated inflammatory cytokines (a) and cytotoxicity effector molecules (b) via ELISA (presented as mean concentration of technical triplicates  $\pm$  SD)

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**Supplementary Figure 3** MSCs interfere with the proliferative and inflammatory capabilities of CD123-targeting CAR T cells without affecting cytotoxicity. In the apical chamber of the Transwell cell culture system, eGFP<sup>+</sup> CAR T cells were redirected with an anti-CD123 target module (+TM, 0.5nM) against eFluor670-labelled CD123<sup>+</sup> AML blasts in the presence or absence in the basolateral chamber of 7.5x10<sup>3</sup> MSCs from three allogeneic healthy donors (MSC1-3) or an allogeneic AML-derived donor (AML-MSC) at a E:T:MSC ratio of 16:16:3. Cultures without TM (-TM) served as a negative control. Additional eFluor670<sup>+</sup> blasts were added on day 2 (1.2x10<sup>5</sup>) and day 5 (variable at an E:T of 1:1.2). Surviving CAR T cells (PI<sup>-</sup>eGFP<sup>+</sup>) and blasts (PI<sup>-</sup>eFluor670<sup>+</sup>) were quantified via flow cytometry at 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 days of culture. Data points are presented as the mean of technical triplicates ± SD. Asterisks represent statistically significant differences (\*\*\*\* p≤0.0001; *n.s.* not significant). **a** CAR T cell proliferation assessed as PI<sup>-</sup>eGFP<sup>+</sup> cells/mL over time. **b and c** Supernatant was collected on days 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 and assessed for IFN $\gamma$  and IL-2 concentration via ELISA. D) AML blast killing kinetics after the third round of CAR T cell stimulation on day 5 at a E:T of 1:1.2. Data points represent cumulative loss of target cells relative to the initial population on Day 5

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**Supplementary Figure 4** MSCs remain viable after 1-MT treatment. In the apical chamber of the Transwell cell culture system, switchable CAR T cells were redirected with an anti-CD123 TM (+TM, 0.5nM) against MOLM-13 cells in the presence or absence in the basolateral chamber of  $7.5 \times 10^3$  MSCs from three allogeneic healthy donors at a E:T:MSC ratio of 16:16:3. Cultures were treated with 0.2mM NaOH or 0.2mM 1-MT/NaOH. Additional MOLM-13 cells were added on day 2 ( $6.2 \times 10^4$ ). On day 5, MSCs were recovered and assessed for viability via Annexin V and 7AAD staining, as determined by flow cytometry. Data are presented as the mean of 3 biological replicates  $\pm$  SD

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**Supplementary Figure 5** MSCs induce senescence of CAR T cells, as characterized by loss of CD28. In the apical chamber of the Transwell cell culture system, eGFP<sup>+</sup> switchable CAR T cells were redirected with an anti-CD123 TM (+TM, 0.5nM) against eFluor670-labelled MOLM-13 cells in the presence or absence in the basolateral chamber of  $7.5 \times 10^3$  MSCs from two allogeneic healthy donors (MSC2 and MSC3) at a E:T:MSC ratio of 16:16:3. Additional eFluor670-labelled MOLM-13 cells were added on day 2 ( $1.2 \times 10^5$ ) and day 5 (variable at E:T of 1:2). On day 7, surviving CAR T cells (DAPI'eGFP<sup>+</sup>CD45<sup>+</sup>) were assessed for CD28 cell surface expression by flow cytometry within the global CD4<sup>+</sup> (left) and CD8<sup>+</sup> (right) subpopulations. Results are presented as median fluorescence intensity (MFI) of CD28 and are representative of two independent experiments

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**Supplementary Figure 6** MSCs induce senescence of unmodified T cells, as characterized by loss of CD28 and gain of CD57. Example contour plots assessing CD28 and CD57 cell surface expression within the central memory populations (CD45RA<sup>-</sup>CCR7<sup>+</sup>CD45RO<sup>+</sup>) of CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells for direct co-cultures (above) and indirect co-cultures (below). Outliers are shown as dots

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Supplementary Figure 7 MSCs induce senescence of unmodified T cells via paracrine interactions, as characterized by loss of CD28 and CD27, and gain of CD57 and KLRG1. Healthy donor PBMCs (apical chamber) were cultured with or without  $5 \times 10^4$  allogeneic MSCs (basolateral chamber) from 3 healthy donors (MSC1-3) at a PBMC:MSC ratio of 5:1 and stimulated with anti-CD3/CD28 antibody-coated beads. After 6 days, cells were harvested and analyzed by flow cytometry. T cell senescence (CD28<sup>lo</sup>, CD27<sup>lo</sup>, CD57<sup>+</sup>, KLRG1<sup>+</sup>) was assessed within the global CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell populations (Global; DAPI<sup>-</sup>CD45<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> and DAPI<sup>-</sup>CD45<sup>+</sup>CD8<sup>+</sup>), as well as within further T cell memory subpopulations: Naïve (N; CD45RA+CCR7+CD45RO-), Stem Cell Memory (SCM; CD45RA<sup>+</sup>CCR7<sup>+</sup>CD45RO<sup>+</sup>), Central Memory (CM; CD45RA<sup>-</sup>CCR7<sup>+</sup>CD45RO<sup>+</sup>), Effector Memory (EM; CD45RA<sup>-</sup>CCR7<sup>-</sup>CD45RO<sup>+</sup>) and Terminal Effector (TE; CD45RA<sup>+</sup>CCR7<sup>-</sup>CD45RO<sup>-</sup>). a Above: Fraction size of CD28<sup>hi</sup> cells within the global and memory stages of CD4<sup>+</sup> (blue) and CD8<sup>+</sup> (red) T cell population in direct MSC co-cultures relative to the control. Below: Median fluorescence intensity (MFI) of CD28 within the global and memory stages of CD4<sup>+</sup> (above) and CD8<sup>+</sup> (below) T cell populations for control (black) MSC co-cultures (green). Data are presented as the mean of biological triplicates  $\pm$  SD.  $\varphi$  indicates lack of sufficient number of events for assessment. b Fraction size of CD28<sup>lo</sup>CD57<sup>+</sup> cells within the global and memory stages of the CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell population in direct MSC co-cultures relative to the control. Results are representative of three independent experiments. c Fraction size of each senescence marker within the global  $CD4^+$  (above) and  $CD8^+$  (below) populations for control (black) and MSC co-cultures (red). d Fraction size based on the number of co-expressed senescence indicators within the global CD4<sup>+</sup> (above) and CD8<sup>+</sup> (below) populations for control (black) and MSC co-cultures (green). Data are presented as the mean of biological triplicates  $\pm$  SD

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**Supplementary Figure 8** MSCs induce senescence of unmodified T cells, as characterized by loss of CD28 and CD27, and gain of CD57 and KLRG1. Contour plots assessing CD28, CD57, CD27 and KLRG1 cell surface expression within CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell populations in direct co-cultures with MSCs

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**Supplementary Figure 9** MSCs induce senescence of unmodified T cells via paracrine interactions, as characterized by loss of CD28 and CD27, and gain of CD57 and KLRG1. Contour plots assessing CD28, CD57, CD27 and KLRG1 cell surface expression within CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell populations in indirect co-cultures with MSCs

![](_page_11_Figure_0.jpeg)

**Supplementary Figure 10** MSCs can express HLA-DR, but not the CD28 ligands CD80 and CD86, in response to activated PBMCs. In the apical chamber of the Transwell cell culture system, CD3/CD28-stimulated healthy donor PBMCs were cultured in the presence in the basolateral chamber of  $5\times10^4$  allogeneic MSCs from 3 healthy donors (MSC1-3) at a PBMC:MSC ratio of 5:1. After 6 days, the MSCs were recovered and assessed for cell surface expression of CD80, CD86 and HLA-DR by flow cytometry. Data are presented as contour plots with outliers as dots

## List of Abbreviations

| 1-MT     | 1-methyl-L-tryptophan                            |
|----------|--|
| AML      | Acute myeloid leukemia                           |
| CAR      | Chimeric antigen receptor                        |
| COX-2    | Cyclooxygenase 2                                 |
| CTL      | Cytotoxic T cell                                 |
| DAPI     | 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole                    |
| E:T      | Effect-to-target ratio                           |
| ELISA    | Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay                |
| FACS     | Fluorescence-associated cell sorting             |
| FBS      | Fetal bovine serum                               |
| GAPDH    | Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase         |
| ICAM-1   | Intercellular adhesion molecule 1                |
| IDO1     | Indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase 1                    |
| IFNγ     | Interferon gamma                                 |
| IL-2     | Interleukin 2                                    |
| KLRG-1   | Killer cell lectin-like receptor G1              |
| LFA-3    | Lymphocyte function-associated antigen 3         |
| MSC      | Mesenchymal stromal cell                         |
| PBMC     | Peripheral blood mononuclear cells               |
| PD-1     | Programmed cell death 1                          |
| PDCD1LG2 | Programmed cell death 1 ligand 2                 |
| PD-L     | Programmed death-ligand                          |
| PGE2     | Prostaglandin E2                                 |
| PI       | Propidium iodide                                 |
| PTGS2    | Prostaglandin-endoperoxide synthase 2            |
| ROR1     | Tyrosine-protein kinase transmembrane receptor 1 |
| sFasL    | Soluble Fas ligand                               |
| TM       | Target module                                    |
| TGFβ     | Tumour growth factor beta                        |
| TNFα     | Tumour necrosis factor alpha                     |
| VCAM-1   | Vascular cell adhesion protein 1                 |
| WT1      | Wilm's tumour protein 1                          |