Supplementary Figure 4



Supplementary Figure 4. T-eff and T-reg dynamics and function during the first disease episode in PLP₁₃₉₋₁₅₁ induced EAE. (a) SJL mice were crossed with *Foxp3gfp*.KI-mice and back-crossed onto the SJL genetic background for at least four generations (SJL *Foxp3gfp*.KI). In these mice, the expression of Foxp3 was linked to the expression of GFP as described for the original *Foxp3gfp*.KI-mice. EAE was induced by immunization with PLP₁₃₉₋₁₅₁/CFA and the disease course was followed for 20 days (n=9, +SD). (b) Splenocytes and CNS mononuclear cells were isolated from female SJL *Foxp3gfp*.KI-mice at the peak of disease (d14) and during recovery (d19) and stained for CD4. The percentages of CD4⁺Foxp3/GFP⁻ T-cells (T-eff) and CD4⁺Foxp3/GFP⁺ T-cells (T-reg) within the mononuclear cell populations of the spleen and the CNS are shown. (c, d) Mononuclear cells were prepared from SJL *Foxp3gfp*.KI-mice at the peak of disease and during recovery, stimulated *ex vivo* with PMA/ionomycin and stained for CD4 and intracellular cytokines. (c) Cytokine expression (percentages) in the T-reg gate (CD4⁺Foxp3/GFP⁺). (e) T-eff (CD4⁺Foxp3/GFP⁻) and T-reg (CD4⁺Foxp3/GFP⁺) were isolated by FACS-sorting from the spleen and the CNS of SJL *Foxp3gfp*.KI-mice at the peak of disease (d14). Splenic T-eff and CNS-T-eff were compared for their susceptibility to suppression by spleen-derived or CNS-derived T-reg in anti-CD3-driven and PLP₁₃₉₋₁₅₁-specific proliferation assays. Mean 3[H]-thymidine-incorporation of triplicate cultures (+SD). **P*<5x10⁻⁵, ***P*<3x10⁻⁵, t-test.