

# Étude de la coopération entre les cellules dendritiques et les lymphocytes T dans les allergies aux produits chimiques – FPH42

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# Chemical allergy: major public health concern

## Chemical allergy

- 15-20 % of the general population suffer from allergic contact dermatitis.  
*Peiser et al. Cell Mol Life Sci, 2012*
- Major cause of occupational skin disease → estimated newly reported annual incident of 0.5-1.9 % in Europe.  
*Kaplan et al. Nat Rev Immunol, 2012*
- **Nickel** is the most frequent contact allergen (18.1%) followed by **cobalt** (5.9%) and chromium (3%) as diagnosed by patch testing.  
*Uter et al. J. Eur. Acad. Dermatol. Venereol, 2017*
- In Europe, an estimated 65 million people may be allergic to **nickel**.  
*Diepgen et al. Contact dermatitis, 2013*

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T-cell mediated reactions (*Gell-Coombs Type IV*)

Varying degrees of erythema, edema and vesiculation

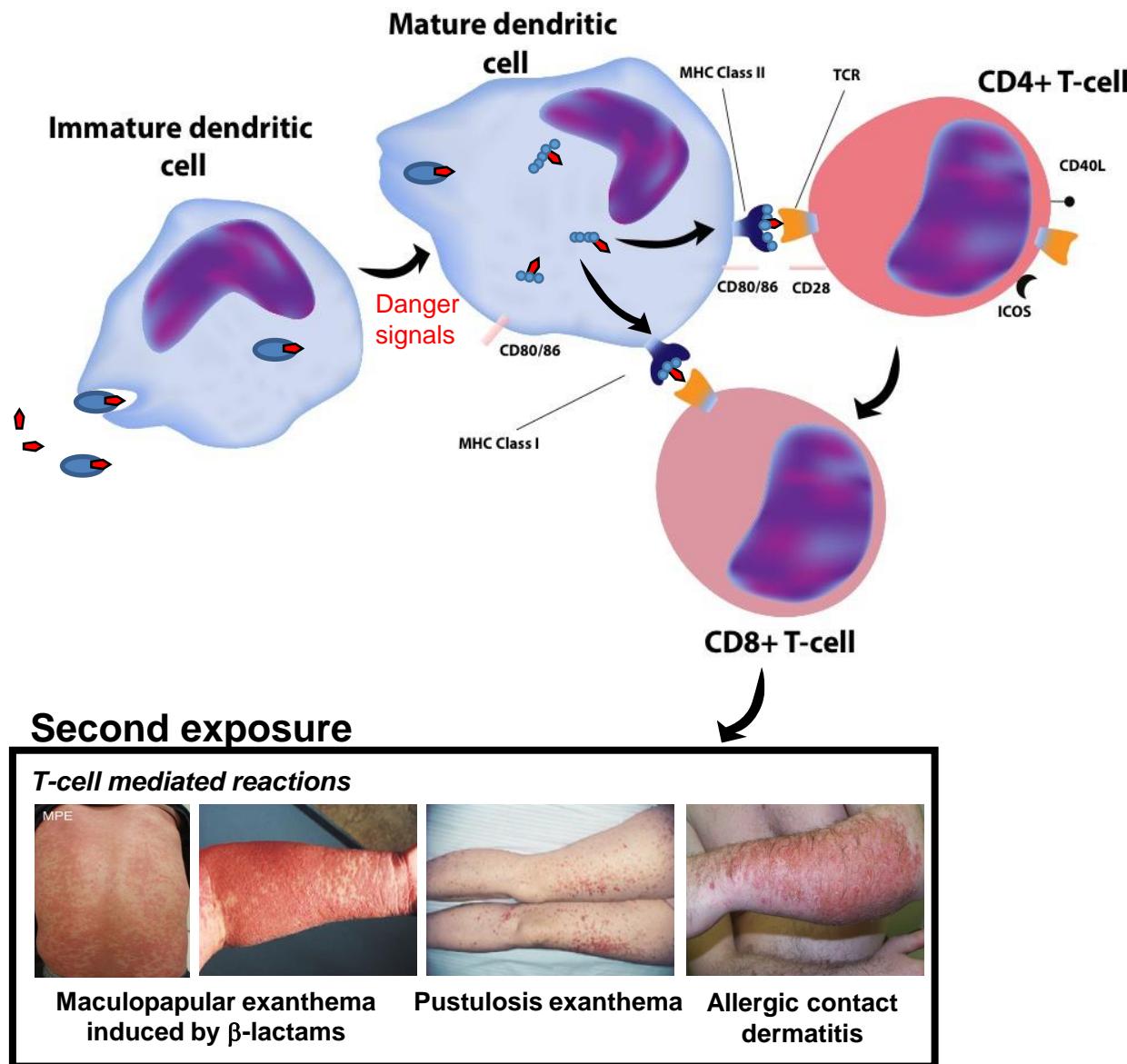


ACD caused by nickel / cobalt

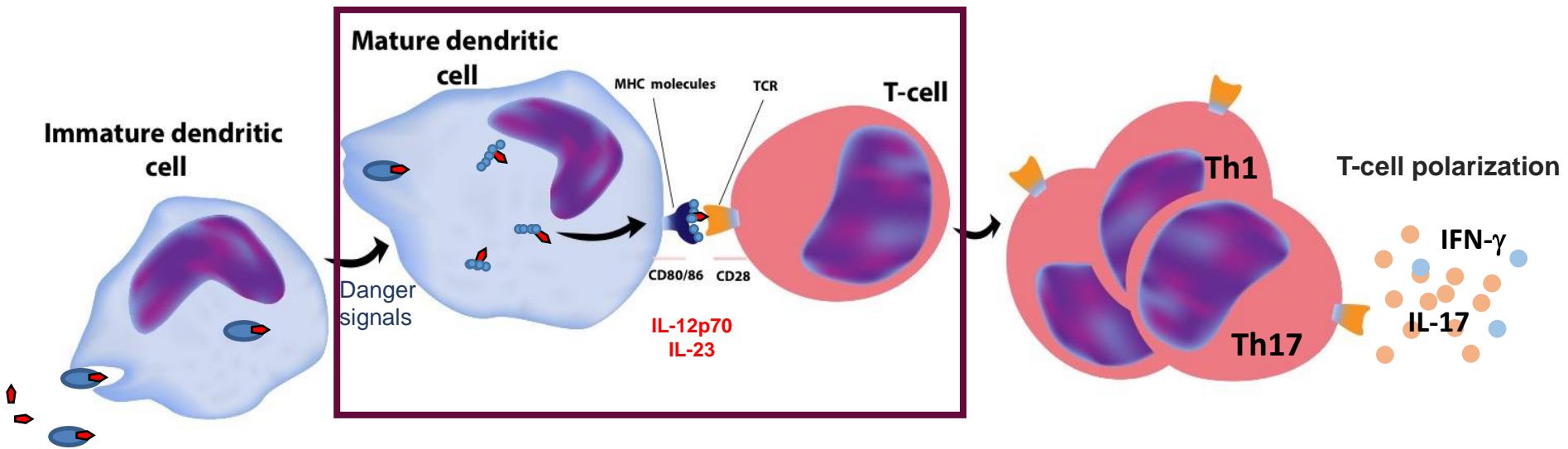


ACD caused by chromium

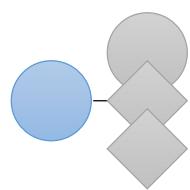
# Drug and chemical allergy: complex mechanism



# Dendritic cells and T-cells interaction

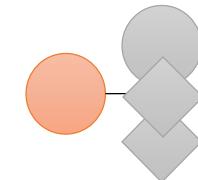


IL-12p70



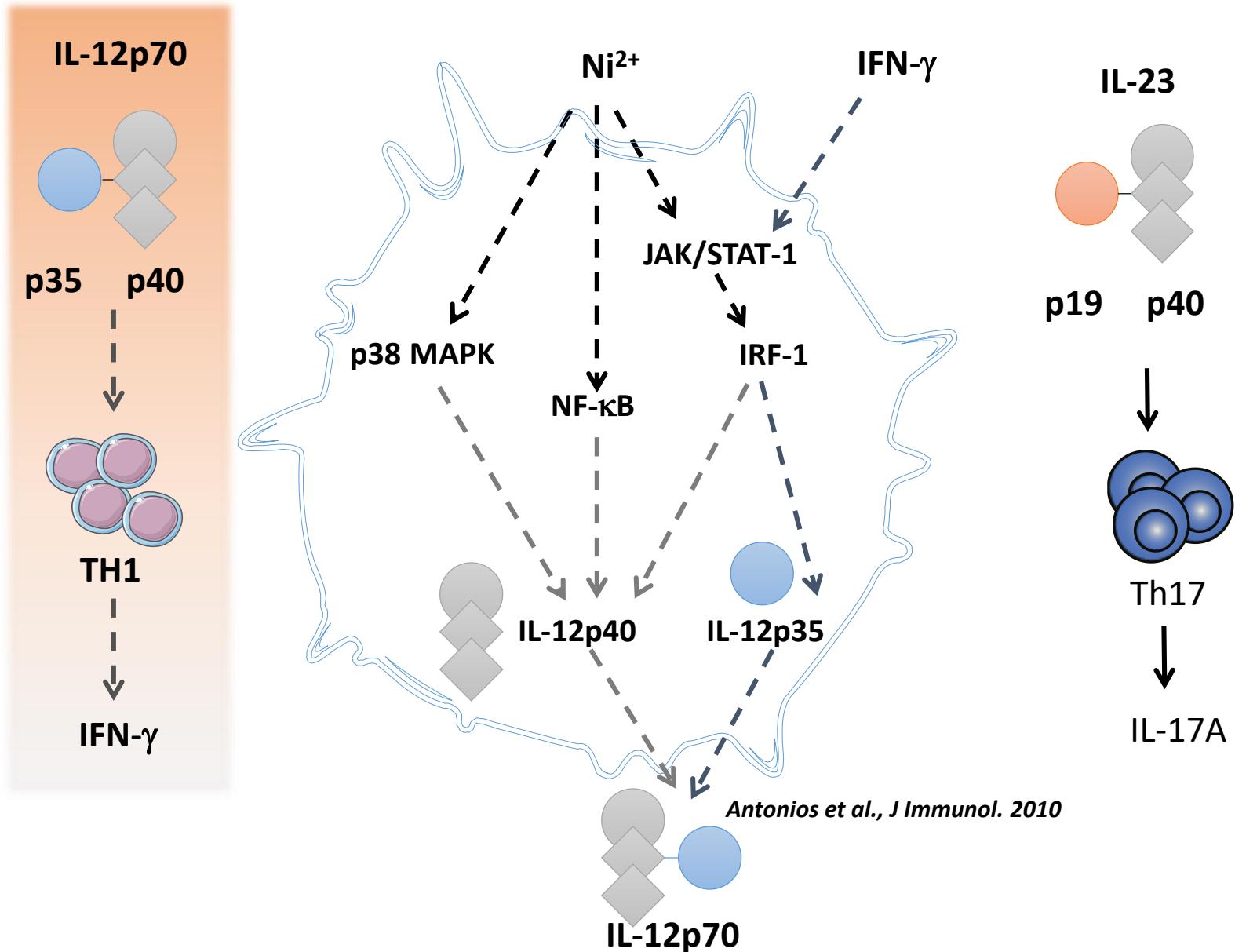
p35 p40

IL-23



p19 p40

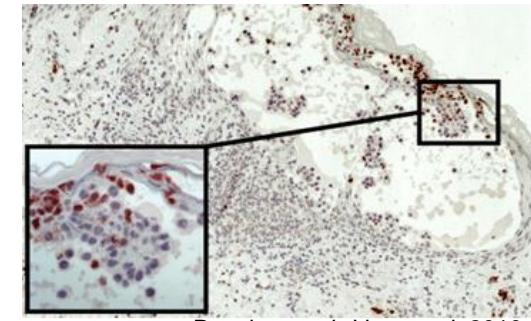
# Dendritic cells and T-cells interaction



## Background

- Nickel-specific Th1 and Th17 cells were found in the blood and skin of nickel allergic patients.

Peiser, Clin Dev Immunol, 2013  
Dyring-Andersen B et al. Contact dermatitis, 2013  
Pennino et al. J immunol, 2010  
Larsen et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol, 2009



Pennino et al. J immunol, 2010

- IL-17 amplifies allergic contact dermatitis:

- ACD clinical score correlated with the epidermal accumulation of IL-17A-producing T-cells.

Schmidt et al. Contact dermatitis, 2017

- IL-17 deficient mice demonstrated strongly reduced ear swelling response (CHS) to contact allergens

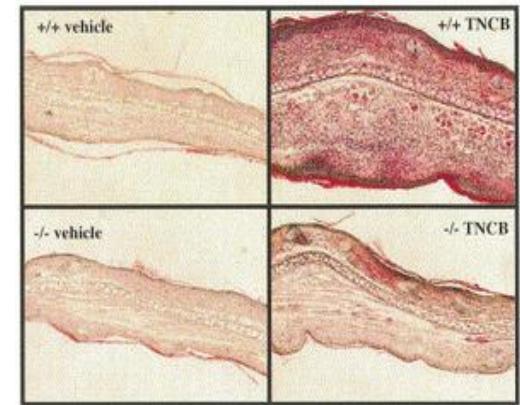
Nakae et al. Immunity, 2002  
He et al. J Immunol, 2006

- Induction of chemokines (CXCL-8, CXCL1) and cytokines (IL-6, IL-1) release from keratinocytes

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- Intensification of the ICAM-1-dependent keratinocyte-T cell interaction → promoting nonspecific T cell-induced keratinocyte apoptosis.

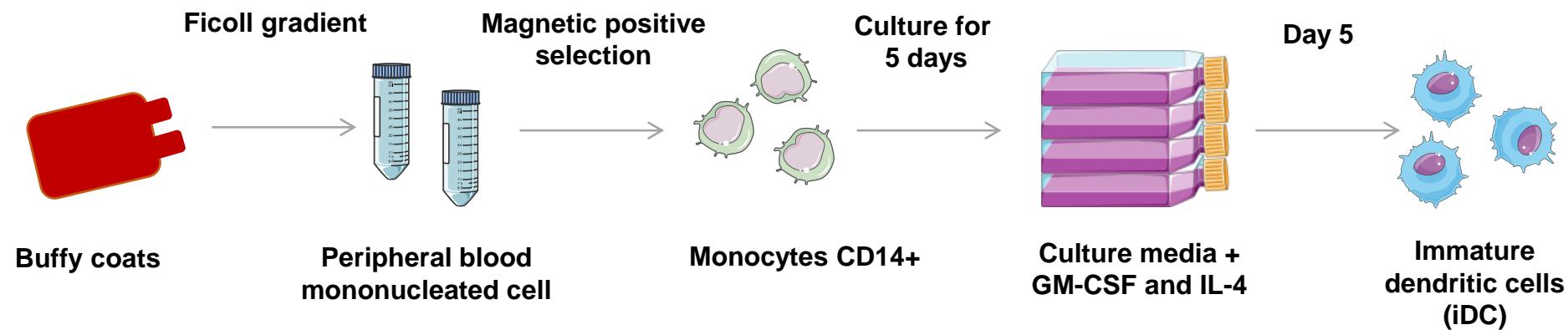
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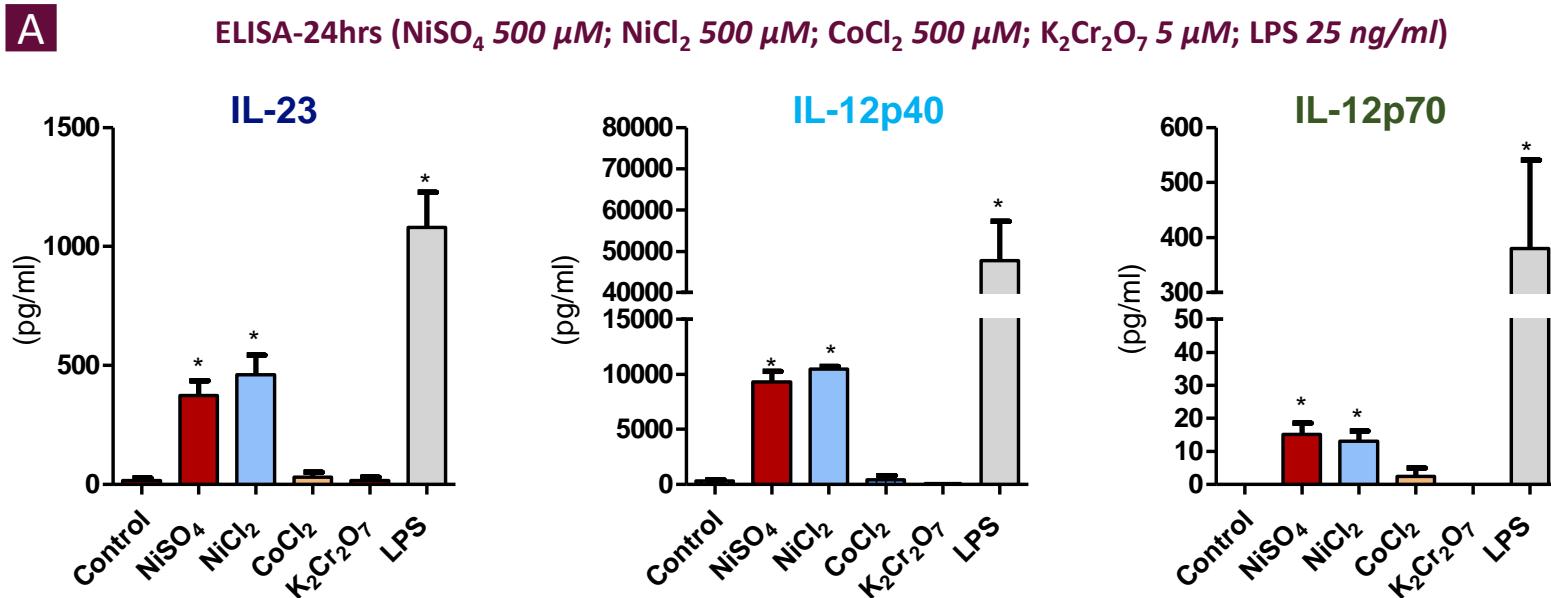
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What are the mechanisms behind nickel-induced Th17 cells development ?

# Generation of human monocyte-derived dendritic cells (MoDC)



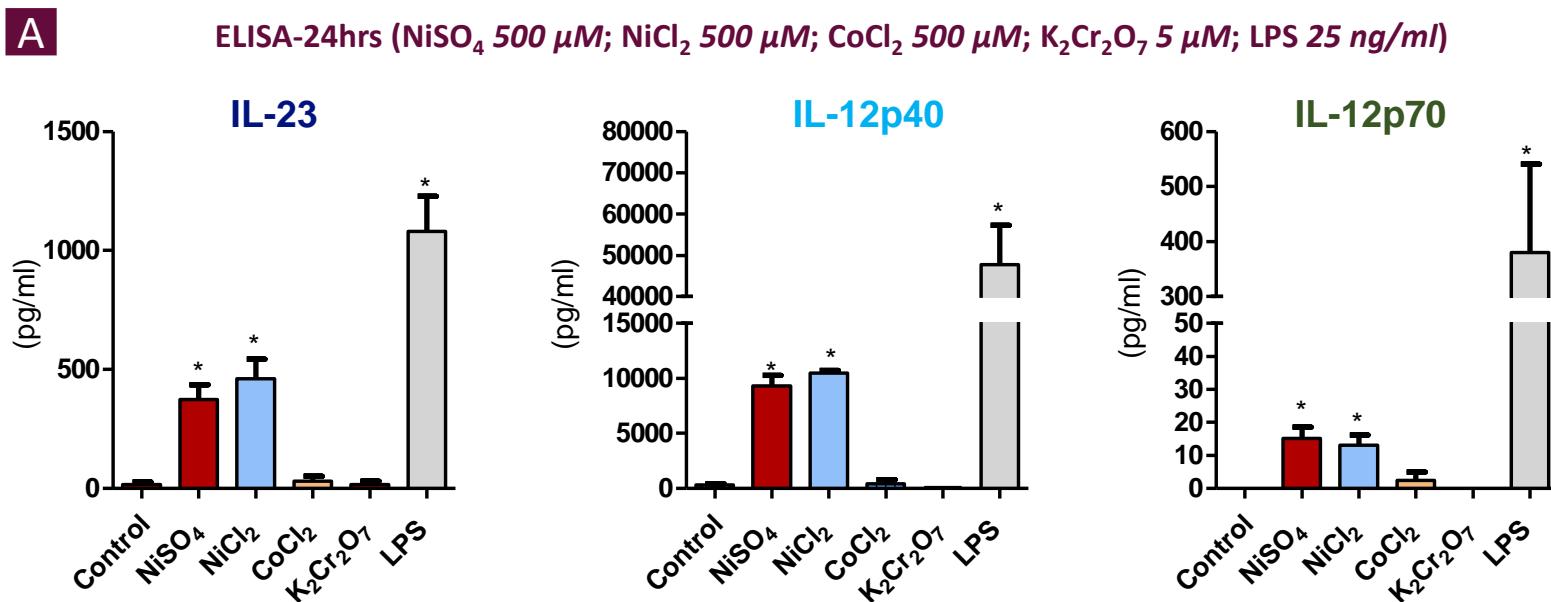
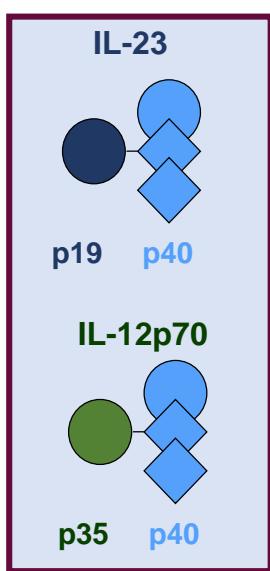
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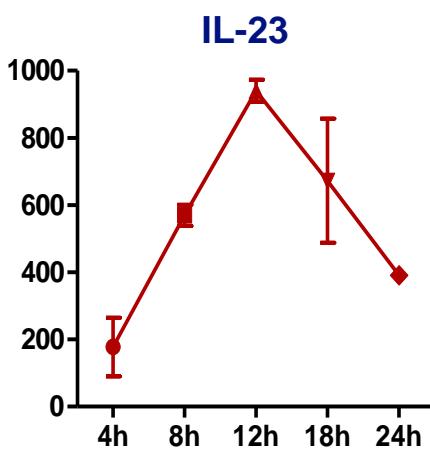
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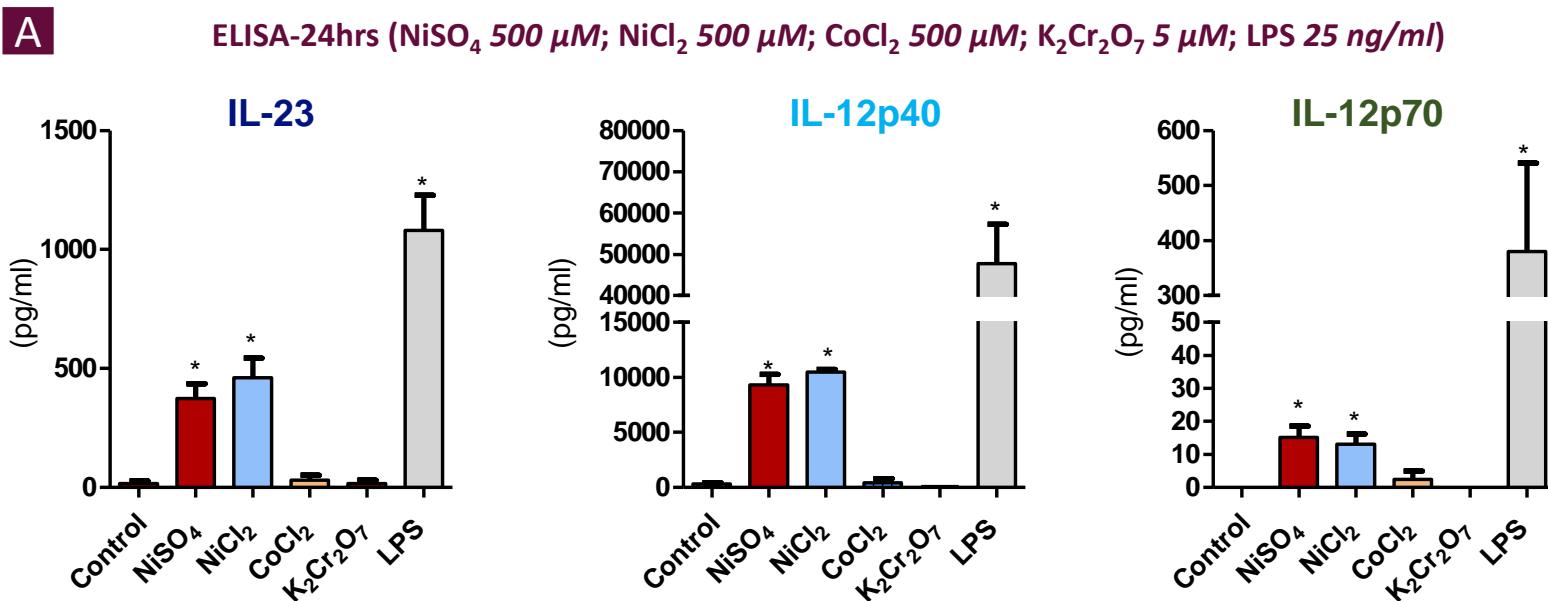
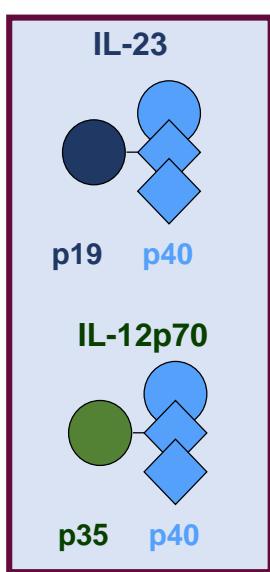


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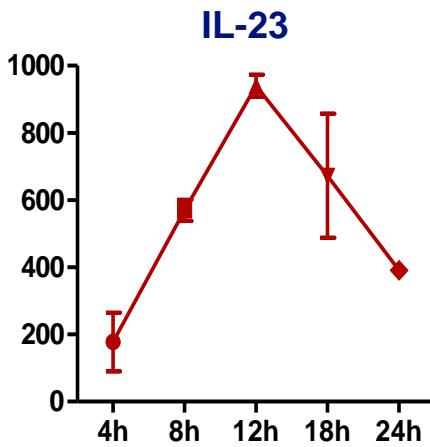


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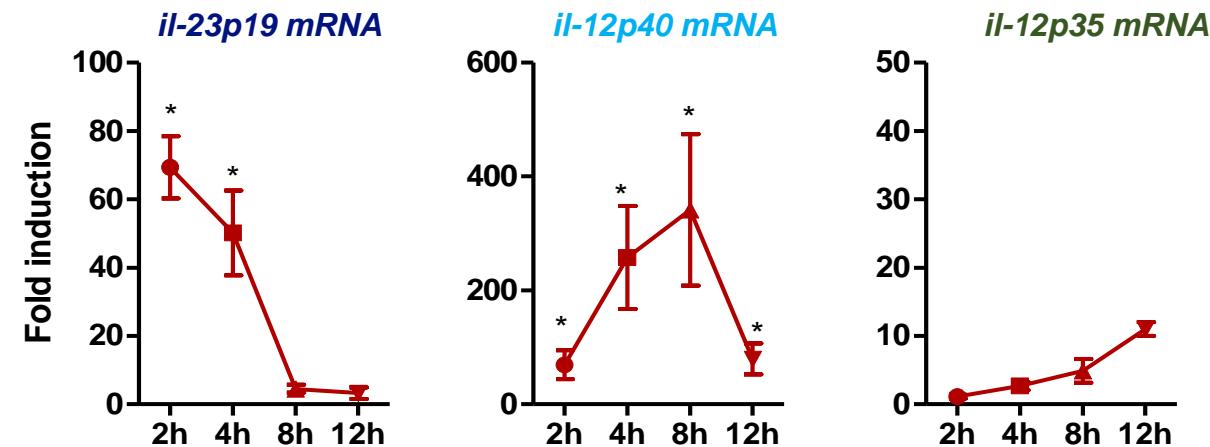
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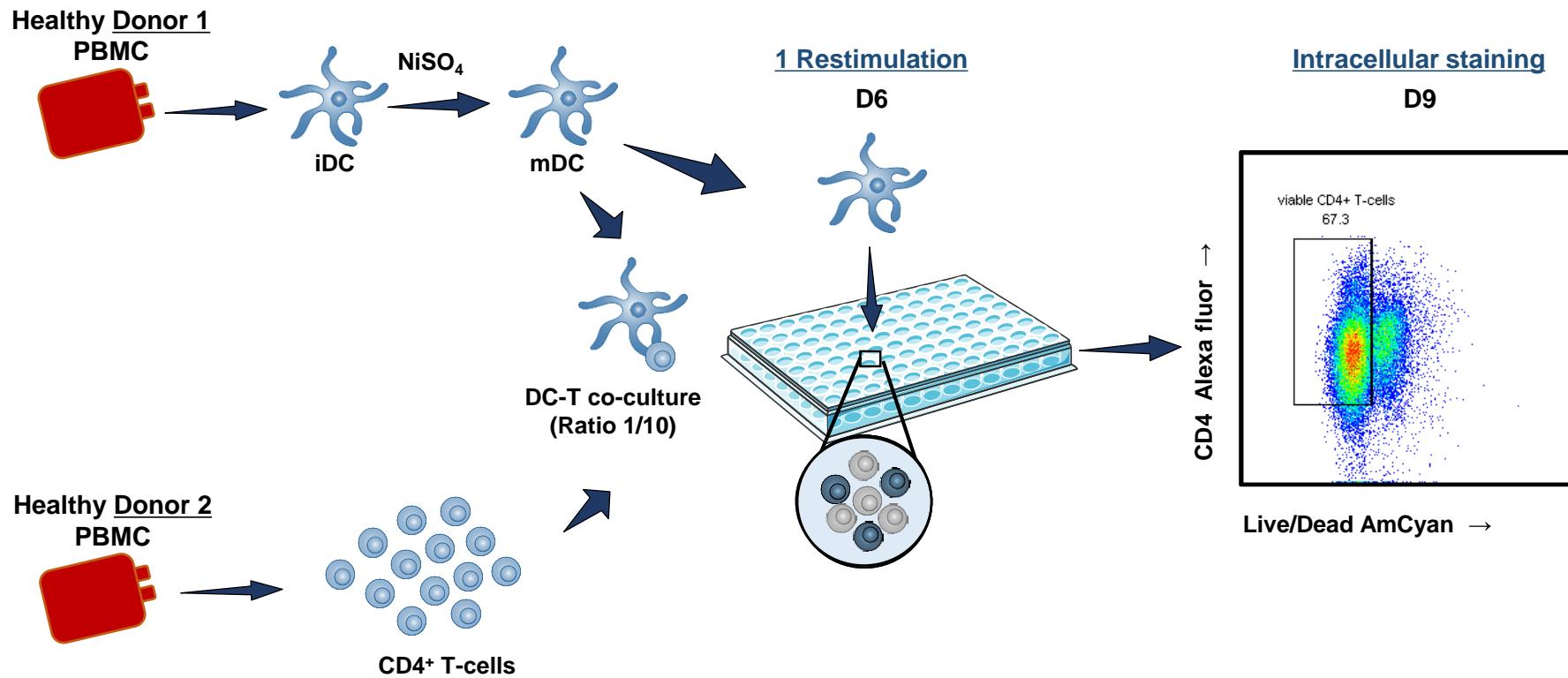


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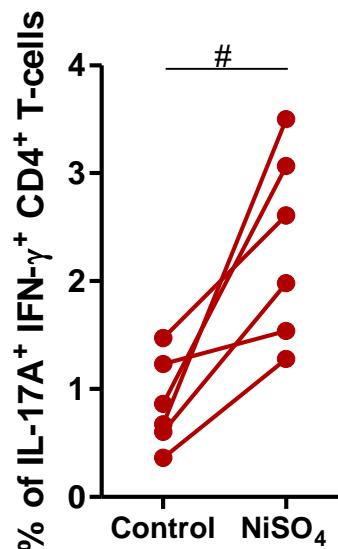
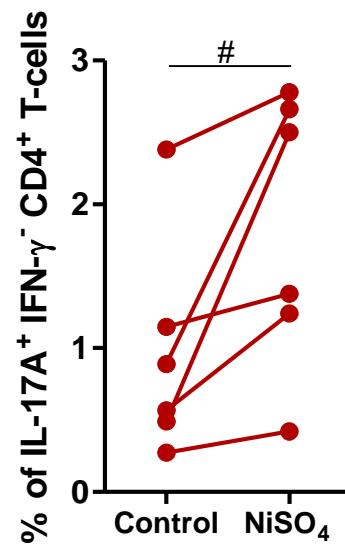
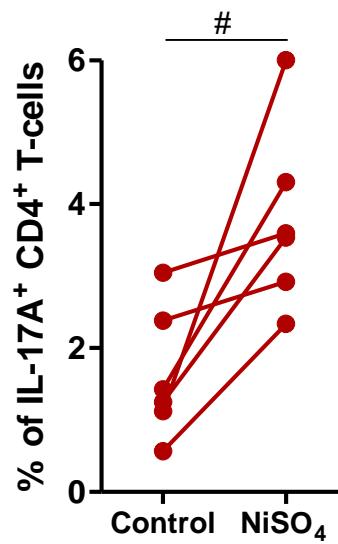
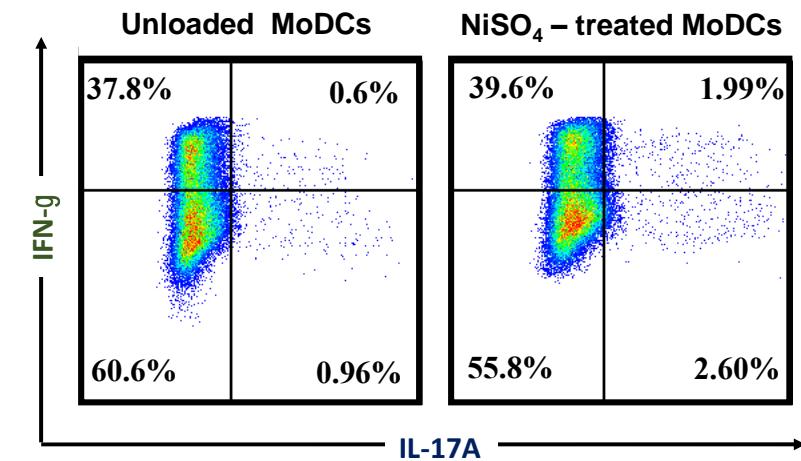


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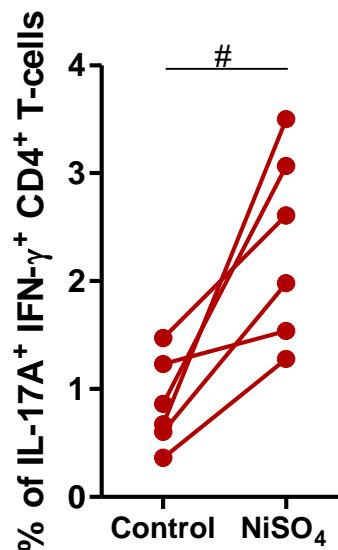
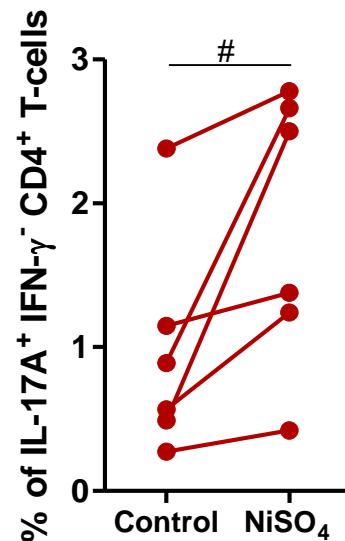
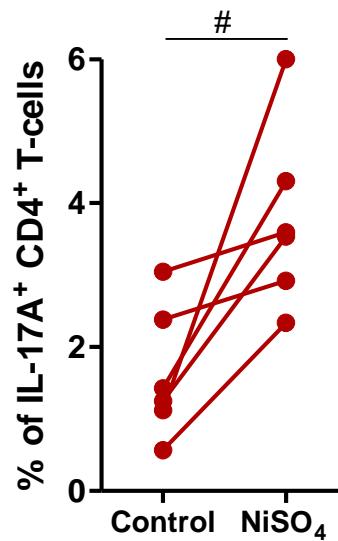
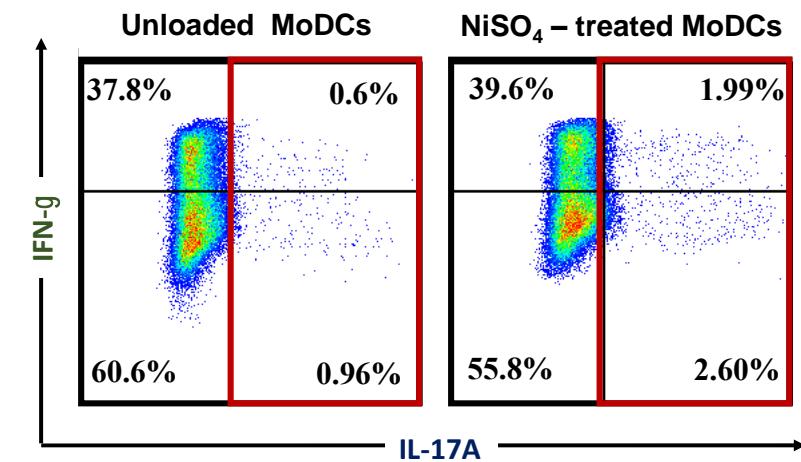
**Co-culture of MoDCs and allogeneic CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells (R=1/10) → Restimulation at Day 6  
→ Intracellular cytokine production at Day 9 after Ionomycin/PMA activation**

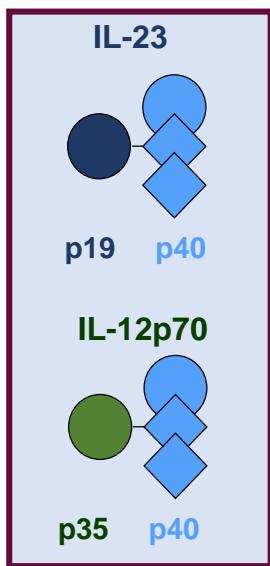


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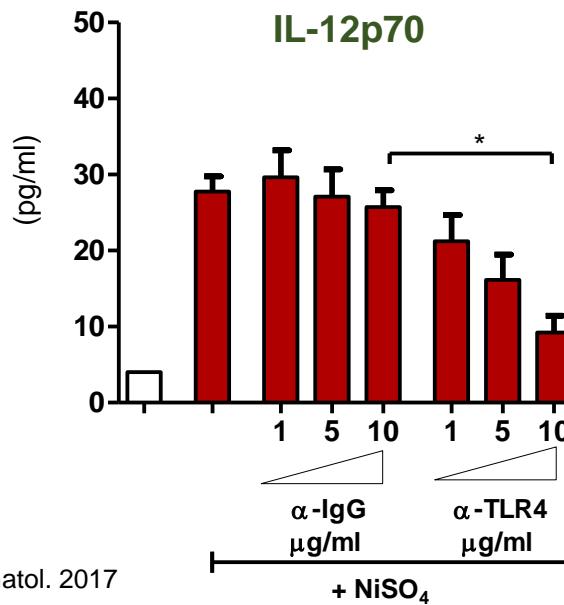
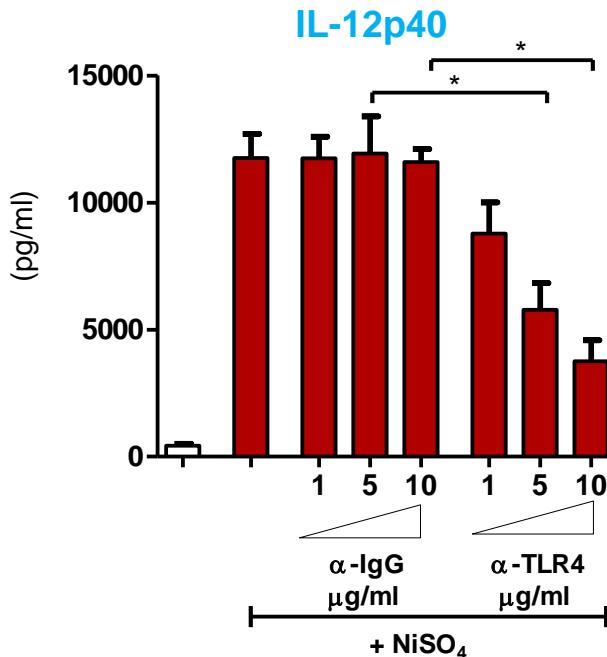
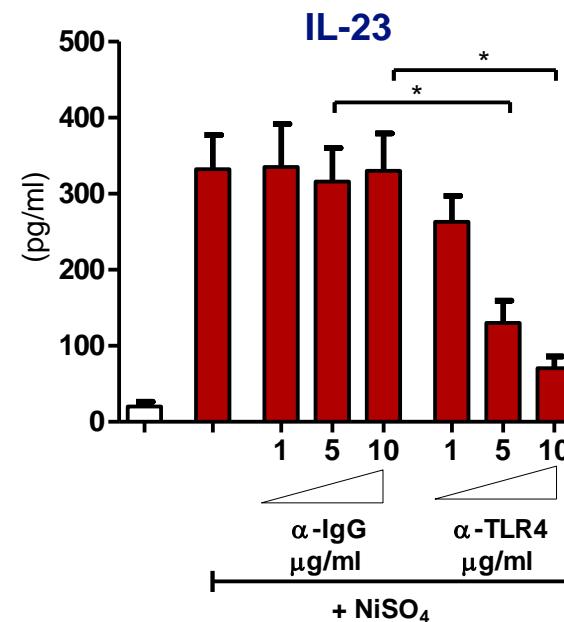


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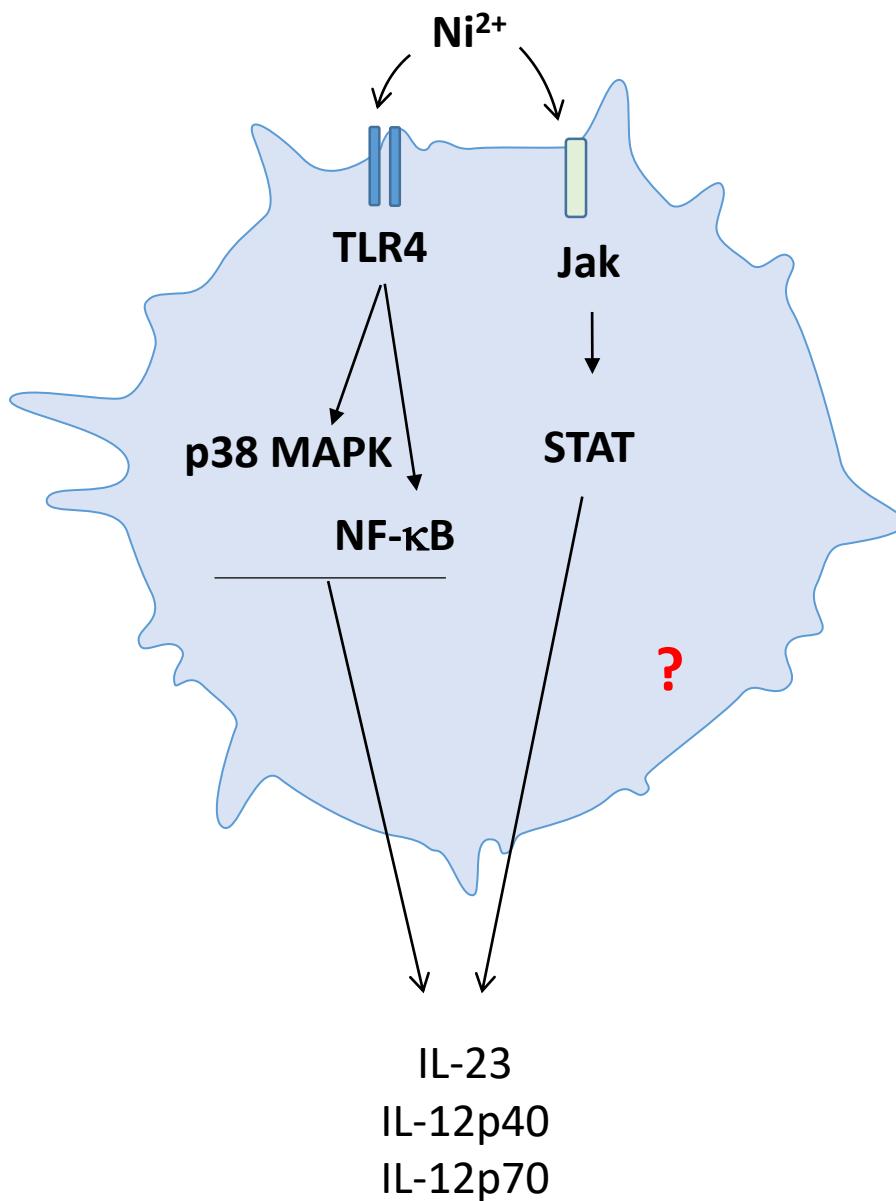


TLR4 pathway is implicated in NiSO<sub>4</sub>-induced IL-23, IL-12p40 and IL-12p70 production

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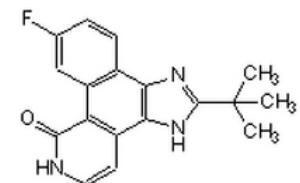


$\text{Ni}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{STAT-1} \rightarrow \text{IRF-1} \rightarrow \text{IL-12p35}$

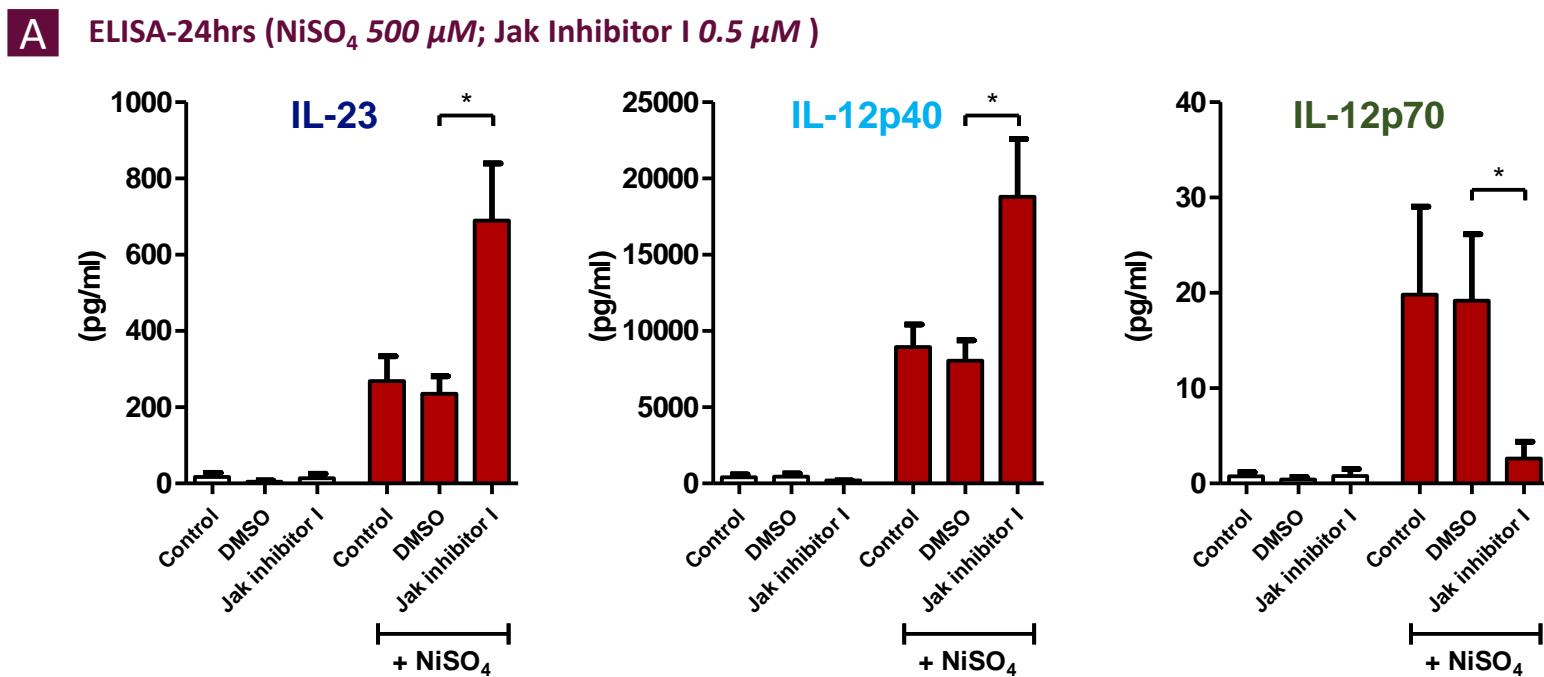
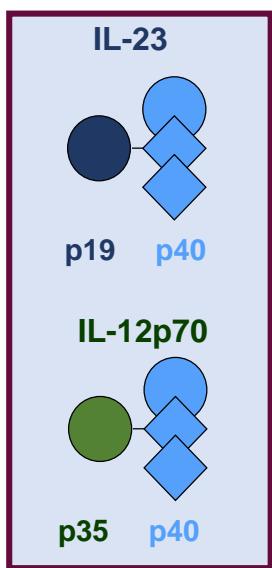
Antonios et al. J immunol. 2010

JAK Inhibitor I (0.5  $\mu\text{M}$ )

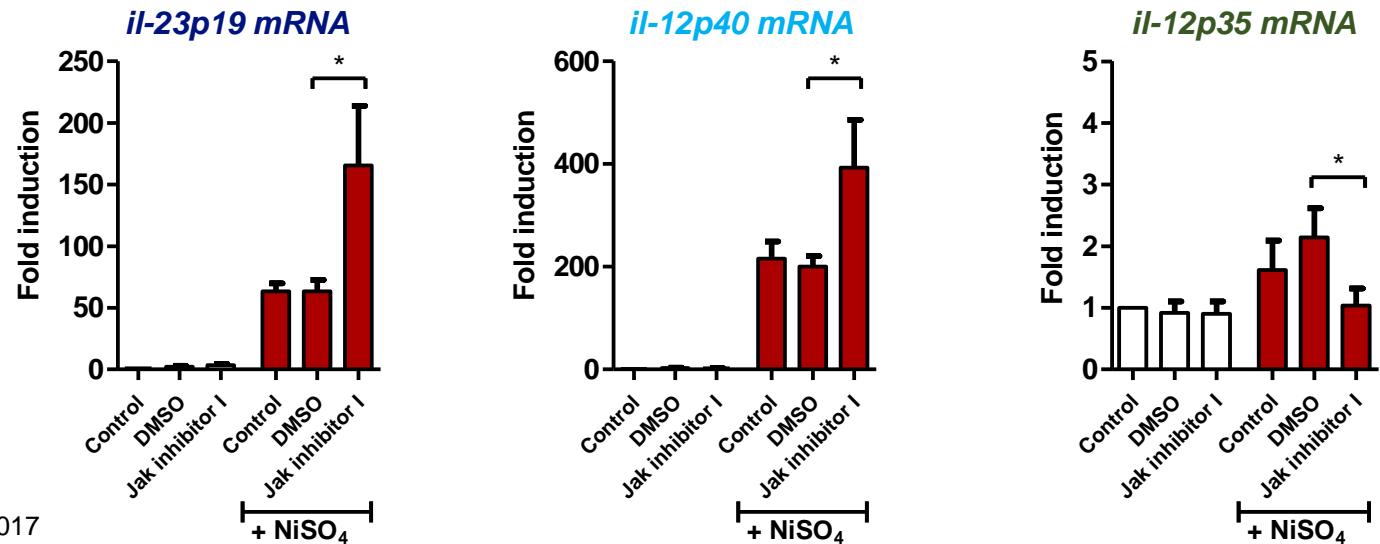
ATP-competitive inhibitor of Janus protein tyrosine kinases (JAKs).



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**B RT-qPCR-4hrs**  
(NiSO<sub>4</sub> 500 μM;  
Jak Inhibitor I 0.5 μM)

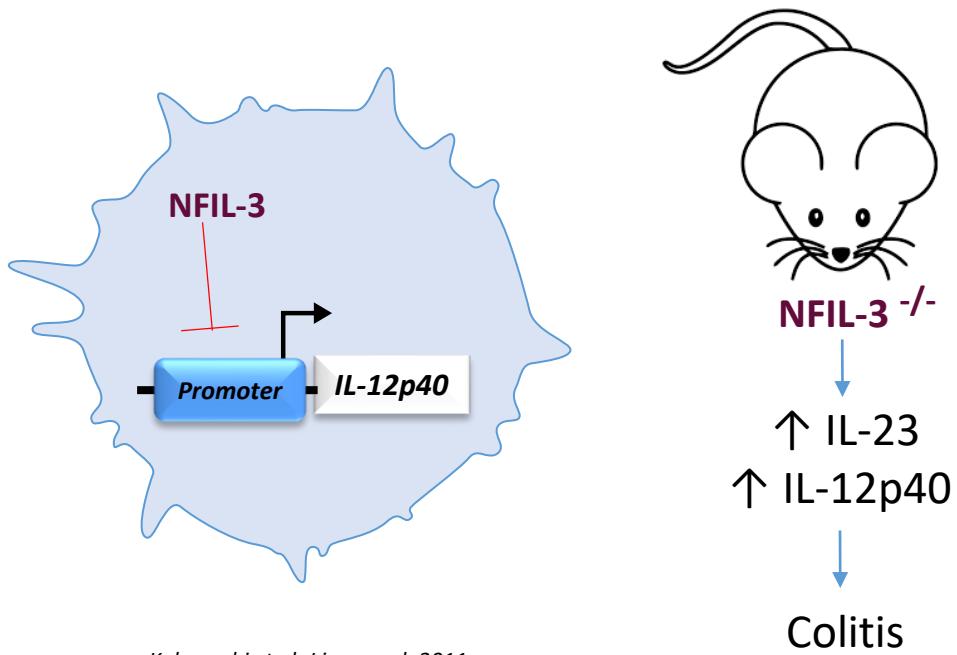


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# What are the mechanisms mediating the increase in NiSO<sub>4</sub>-induced IL-23 and IL-12p40 production following Jak-STAT inhibition?

- NFIL-3 (*Nuclear Factor, Interleukin 3 Regulated*) is a basic leucine zipper transcription factor.
- NFIL-3 serves as a key regulator in the development and functions of immune cells.
- NFIL-3 plays a crucial role in various immune-mediated diseases.



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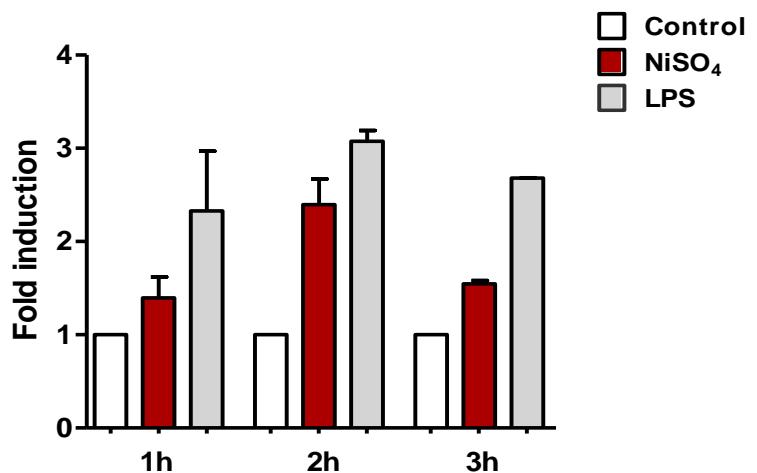
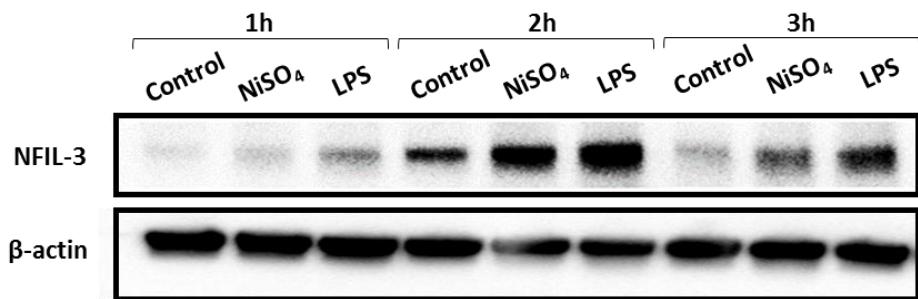
- NFIL-3 is a transcriptional repressor of IL-12p40 in macrophages and mucosal immunity
- NFIL-3-deficient macrophages expressed higher IL-12p40 and IL-23p19 compared to WT

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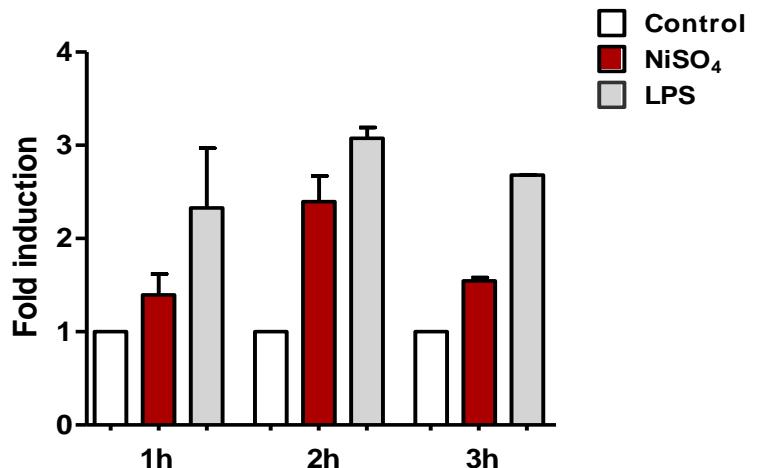
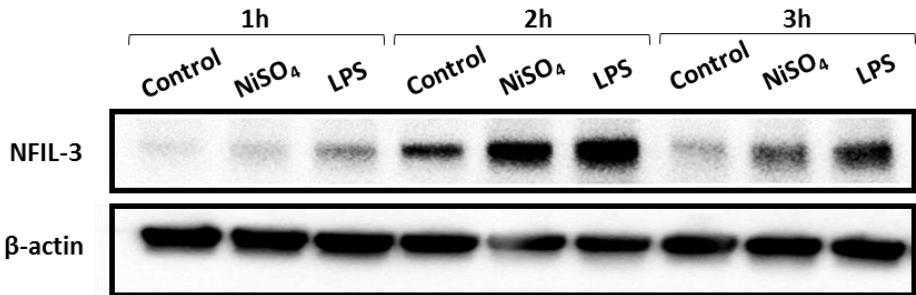
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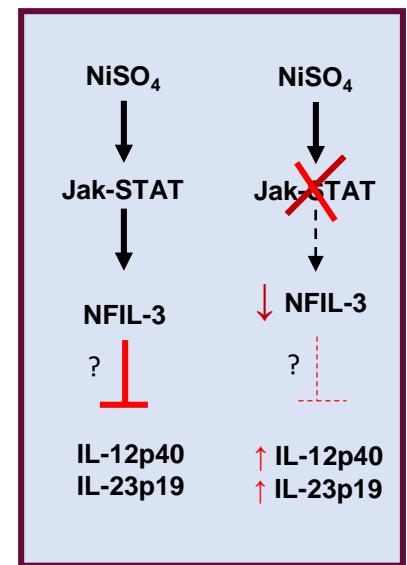
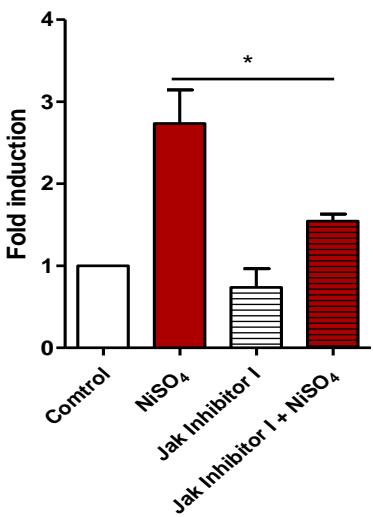
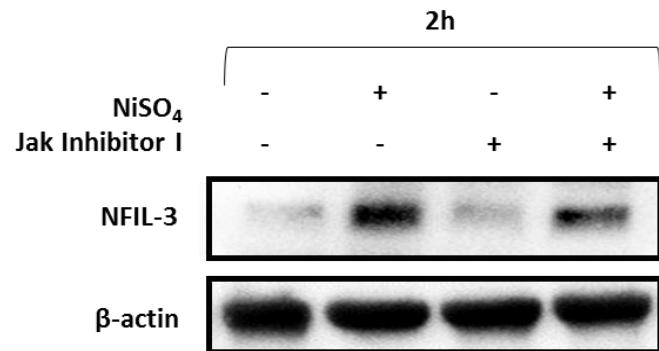


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## 2- NFIL-3 expression is mediated by the Jak-STAT pathway



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## Conclusions and perspectives

### -Conclusions:

- NiSO<sub>4</sub> induces the production of IL-23 and the expression of *il-23p19* and *il-12p40* mRNA,
- p38MAPK, NF-κB and TLR4 were involved in IL-23 production induced by nickel.
- Nickel contributes to NFIL-3 expression in human MoDCs and JAK/STAT limit the production of IL-23 by promoting Th1 polarization

### -Publications:

- Nickel Sulfate Promotes IL-17A Producing CD4+ T Cells by an IL-23-Dependent Mechanism Regulated by TLR4 and Jak-STAT Pathways.  
Bechara R, Antonios D, Azouri H, Pallardy M.  
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