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Characterizing CD8⁺ TEMRA Cells in CP/CPSP Patients: Insights from Targeted Single-cell Transcriptomic and Functional Investigations

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Table S1| Conserved markers for the eight cell types.

Cell cluster	Gene ID
CD8+Naïve T	CXCR1, CXCL8, NAMPT, ITGAX, VNN2, DUSP1, TLR2, LAT2, IL32, C10orf54, CD52, CD3E, TRBC2, TRAC, CD3D, CD48, GAPDH, SELL, HLA.C, LCK, CCL5, CD6, CD69, CD2, ICAM1, CTSW, NKG7, RUNX3, HLA.DPB1, FYN, PIK3IP1, IL7R, ARL4C, LAT, CD5, TARP-refseq, LGALS1, GIMAP2, IL2RB, ITK, CD8A, DUSP2, TNFRSF1B, GZMH, FOSB, CD44, GZMA, ITGAL, LEF1, JUN, CD7, CD247, APOBEC3G, CST7, SELPLG, CBLB, SPOCK2, KLRK1, PRF1, ITGA4, HLA.DPA1, TNFSF10, CD27, CCR7, GNLY, KLRB1, ZAP70, TSPAN32, GZMB, IER5, CD300A, TRIB2, BAX, IFNGR1, PECAM1, S1PR1, TBX21, BCL6, TCF7, RORA, GIMAP5, NCR3, LAIR2, CXCR3, TNFRSF25, LGALS3, HLA.DRB3, TRAT1, KLRG1, CD4, CD8B, ICOS, IL23R, BCL11B, IL18R1, CD244, IER3, ZNF683, STAT4, STAT1, HLA.DQA1, CCND2, TIAF1, IFNG, CD3G, LTA, CLEC2D, FOXO1, TRDC, ITGAE, GZMK, STAT6, TXK, SLAMF1, DPP4, ANXA5, CNOT2, STAT3, GZMM, CX3CR1, IL6R, PASK, KLRC4, CCL4, CASP3, LAG3, TNF, IL4R, EGR1, CTLA4
CD8+TCM	LEF1, PIK3IP1, CCL5, CST7, NKG7, CD8B, GZMA, CCR7, GZMH, LGALS1, TARP-refseq, GNLY, SELL, CCR9, CD9, GZMB, PRF1, IFNG, TBX21, IL23R, HLA.DPA1, HLA.DPB1, TGFB3, KLRB1, CCL4, KLRK1, LAG3, FYB, BTLA, CD3E, BTG1, APOBEC3G, CD48, CD300A, CD27, KLRG1, EGR1, IL18RAP, ZNF683, KLRF1, TXK, ANXA5, TNF, SPOCK2, TNFRSF1B, GAPDH, PASK, TIGIT, IL7R, B3GAT1, IER5, KLRC3, LCK, FOXP1, ITK, TRBC2, CD7, IL2RB, ITGAM, TCF7, NCR3, NT5E, IL6R, ARL4C, CXCR4, ITGB2, CD8A, GZMK, RUNX3, IL12A, JUN, FYN, HLA.DRA, CCR2, DUSP4, HLA.DRB3, LAT, CD6, CCL20, CD4, PECAM1, BCL11B, CXCL8, CD244, IL15, HLA.DMA, TSPAN32, FOXP3, IER3, STAT6, CD160, CASP3, RORC, GIMAP2, FOXO1, CCND2, STAT4, CD40LG, NAMPT, TRDC, LAIR2, CTLA4, CD5, CX3CR1, LTA, KLRC4, FAS, BCL2, CXCR3, PRDM1, ITGAX, IFNGR1, NINJ2, SLAMF1, ZAP70, GIMAP5
CD8+TEM	HLA.DQB1, FOSB, RORA, GZMK, CCL5, CD52, CD4, LEF1, LGALS1, PASK, TRAC, IL12RB2, CCR7, DUSP2, TRBC2, TARP-refseq, LAIR2, SELL, FYB, ZNF683, KLRB1, PIK3IP1,

	IL18RAP, GZMB, TRDC, ICOS, ITK, CST7, ZBTB16, TRIB2, LTB, CD5, GNLY, TCF7, HMGB2, IL4R, GZMA, GZMH, IL23R, CD27, CTLA4, CD40LG, ITGAM, CLEC2D, LTA, TNFSF10, IL2RB, VNN2, BCL11B, KLRC3, BCL2, LAG3, ANXA5, HLA.DRB3, B3GAT1, CX3CR1, KLRG1, CD300A, JUN, IL18R1, NCR3, CD160, CCR5, TXK, FOXO1, HLA.DQA1, CBLB, HLA.DRA, CCL4, KLRC1, CCL3
CD8+TEMRA	GZMB, GZMH, GNLY, PRF1, TBX21, NKG7, TARP-refseq, CST7, CD8A, CTSW, CCL5, RUNX3, BTG1, DUSP1, CD48, LAT, JUNB, CD69, DUSP2, FYB, TRIB2, KLRB1, PIK3IP1, IL23R, IL7R, TNFRSF25, TRAT1, CD4, TCF7, GZMK, LTB, SELL, LEF1, CD27, CCR7, CD3E, PASK, TRBC2, HLA.DPB1, GZMA, CXCR4, LGALS1, ZNF683, GIMAP2, MYC, KLRK1, FOSB, CD7, GIMAP5, ITGAL, TNFSF10, TRAC, ITGAM, ICOS, STAT6, CX3CR1, HLA.DPA1, BCL11B, IL2RB, APOBEC3G, LCK, STAT5A, IL4R, B3GAT1, JUN, ITGAE, CD5, CD300A, ITK, SPOCK2, CD44, TXK, CD6, BAX, CNOT2, CD40LG, CCL4, C10orf54, DPP4, FOXP3, STAT1, KLRC3, BCL2, CCND2, KLRG1, VNN2, HMGB2, IFNG, CTLA4, LAP3, IFNGR1, KLRF1, LTA, LGALS3, SLAMF1, CD244, NAMPT, FOXO1, CHI3L2, KLRC4, LAIR2, IKZF2, HLA.DRB3, HLA.DQA1, TNF, LAG3, EGR1
CD4+TCM	CD4, LEF1, IL23R, SELL, FYB, IL7R, PIK3IP1, TRBC2, BTG1, TRAC, CD48, HLA.DPB1, HLA.DPA1, KLRG1, TBX21, CCL5, CD8B, GZMA, CTSW, KLRK1, PRF1, TARP-refseq, CST7, CD8A, ZNF683, CCL4, NKG7, GNLY, GZMB, GZMH, CX3CR1, CD300A, CD27, ITGAM, CCR7, CD3E, LGALS1, LAT, APOBEC3G, EGR1, TRIB2, IFNG, CD69, KLRC3, CD6, RUNX3, HLA.DRB3, JUNB, IL2RB, LCK, ITK, TCF7, TRAT1, HLA.DRA, B3GAT1, LTB, CD244, KLRC4, LAG3, TRDC, NCR3, GIMAP2, CD5, PASK, LAIR2, CD44, STAT6, GIMAP5, TNF, HLA.DQA1, TNFRSF25, IL18RAP, BCL11B, CXCR5, ICOS, GZMK, IL4R, SPOCK2, HLA.DQB1, KLRC1, MYC, HLA.DMA, TXK, KLRF1, GZMM, CD7, CD40LG, STAT5A, ARL4C, C10orf54, IL6R, RORA, TNFSF10, CCND2, TIAF1, FOXO1, LTA, LGALS3, CTLA4, FOXP3, CNOT2, STAT1, BCL2, S1PR1, SLAMF1, DPP4
Double negative TEMRA	FOSB, GIMAP2, CD7, IL2RB, HLA.DPA1, CD52, APOBEC3G, CD48, C10orf54, CD3D, GZMA, SELPLG, CD8B, CTSW, IL32,

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Note: TCM, T central memory cell; TEM, T effector memory cell; TEMRA, T effector memory RA cell

Table S2| Baseline information for enrolled healthy volunteers and CP-LS patients.

Variable	Overall (n=32)	Healthy control (n=16)	CP-LS (n=16)	Stat	P value
Age, median [IQR]	26.00 [24.00,28.00]	26.00 [24.00,27.00]	27.00 [25.00,30.00]	-1.04	0.304
BMI, median [IQR]	23.81 [21.97,24.73]	23.85 [22.60,24.54]	23.77 [21.46,25.06]	-0.40	0.706
Pain score, median [IQR]	5.00 [0.00,6.00]	/	6.00 [5.00,7.00]	-4.82	<0.001
NIH-CPSI Score, mean (\pm SD)	7.41 \pm 7.49	/	14.81 \pm 1.55	-37.01	<0.001

Note: CP-LS, chronic prostatitis-like symptoms; IQR, interquartile range; BMI, body mass index; NIH-CPSI, National Institutes of Health Chronic Prostatitis Symptom Index; SD, standard deviation.

Table S3| Antibodies used in the current study.

Antibody	Brand name	Item No.
FITC Mouse Anti-Human CD45RA (HI100)	BD Pharmingen	555488
PerCP-Cy™5.5 Mouse Anti-Human CD3 (UCHT1)	BD Pharmingen	560835
APC anti-human CD197 (CCR7) Clone G043H7	BioLegend	353214
BV605 Mouse Anti-Human CD4(RPA-T4)	BD Horizon	562658
APC-Cy™7 Mouse Anti-Human CD8	BD Pharmingen	557834
BV421 Mouse Anti-Human Perforin (δG9)	BD Horizon	563393
BV510 Mouse Anti-Human Granzyme B(GB11)	BD Horizon	563388
BV786 Mouse Anti-Human IFN-γ(4S.B3)	BD Horizon	563731
PE anti-human TNF-α (MAb11)	BioLegend	502909

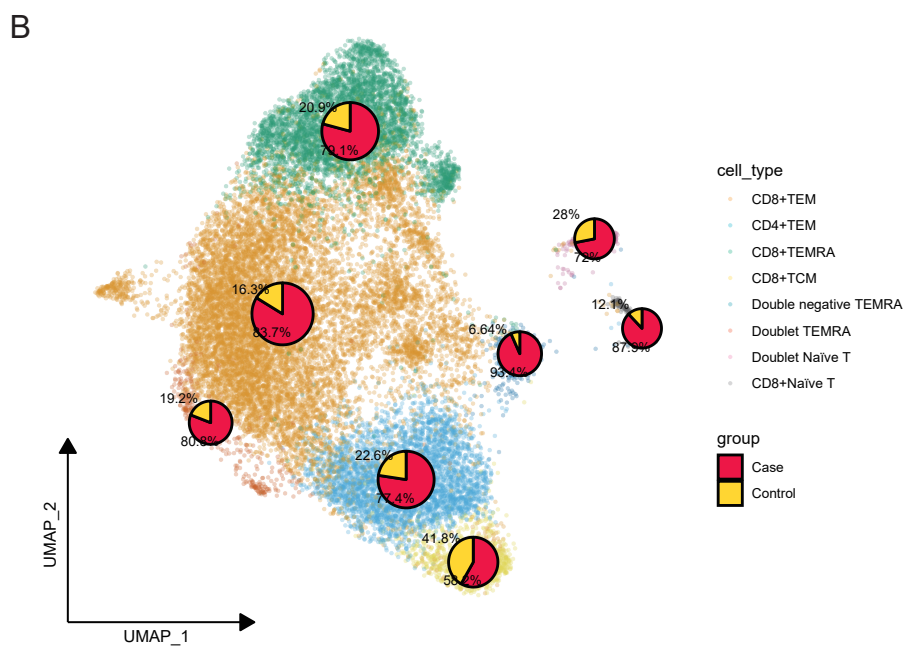
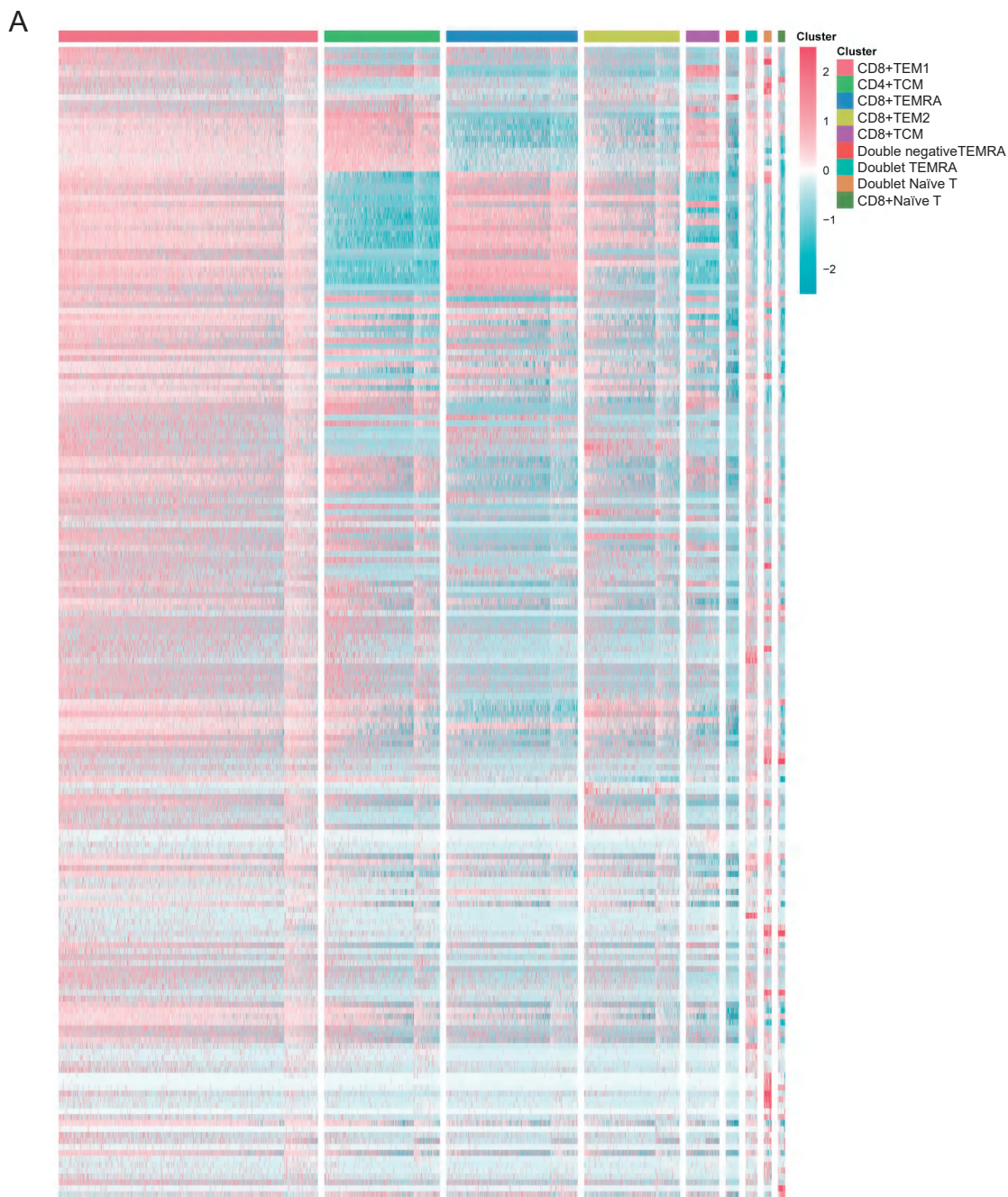


Fig. S1| The representative genes among different cell clusters, and the proportion of case and control in each cell clusters. A. Heatmap showed the representative genes of each cluster. **B.** The proportion of case and control in each cell cluster was displayed in Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection (UMAP).

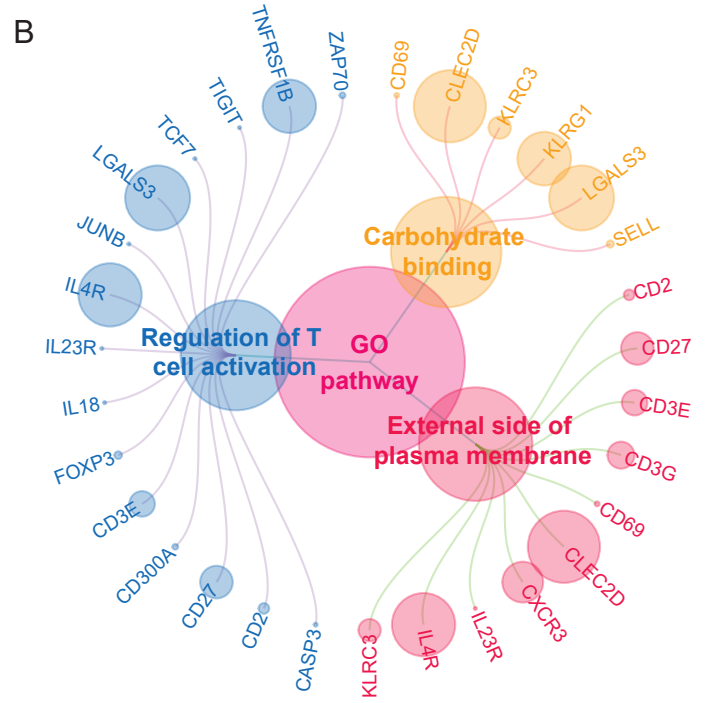
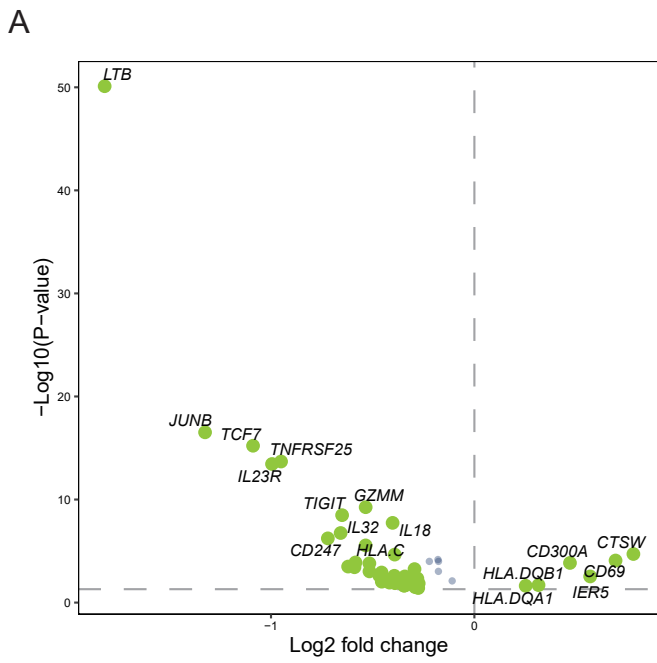


Fig. S2| DEGs filtration and pathway enrichment analysis. A. Significant DEGs between case and control groups. B. GO enrichment analysis. The top three GO pathway items were visualized.

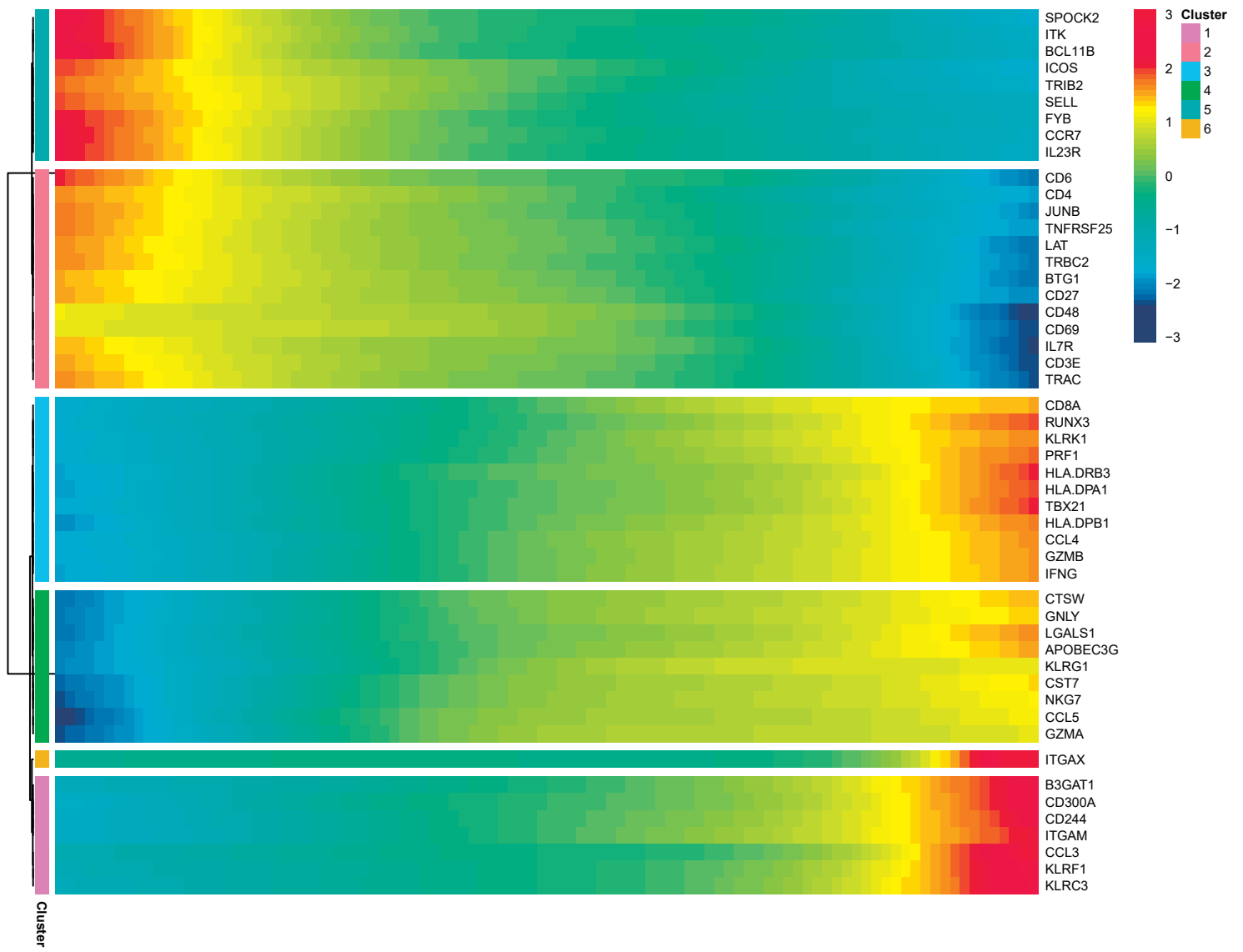
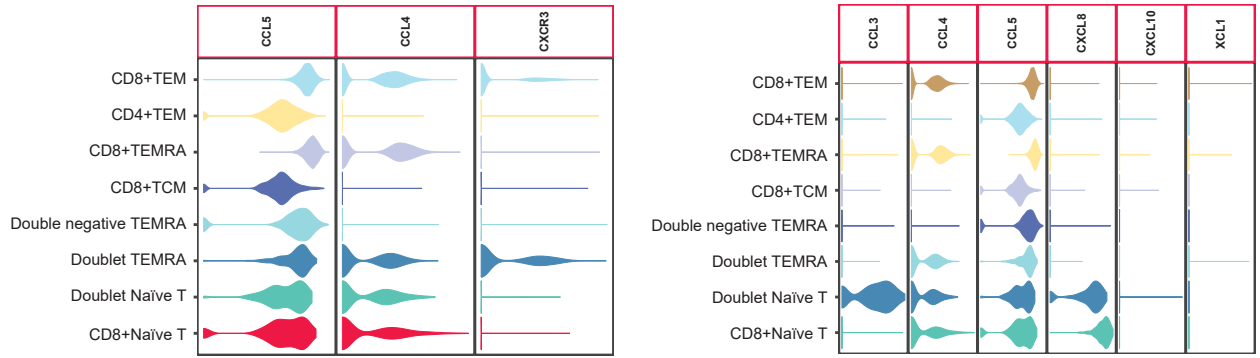
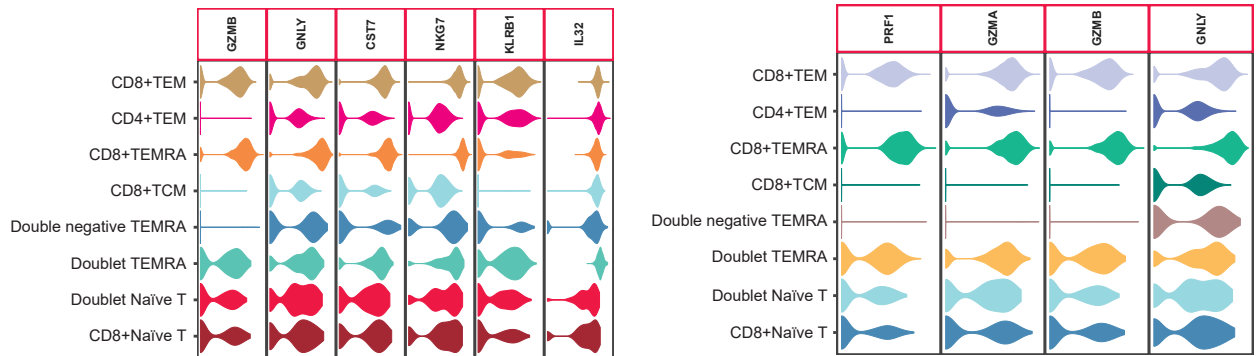


Fig. S3| Branch expression analysis modeling (BEAM analysis).

Tropic Chemokines



Classical cytotoxicity activation genes



Downregulated in Exhausted T cells Effector molecules

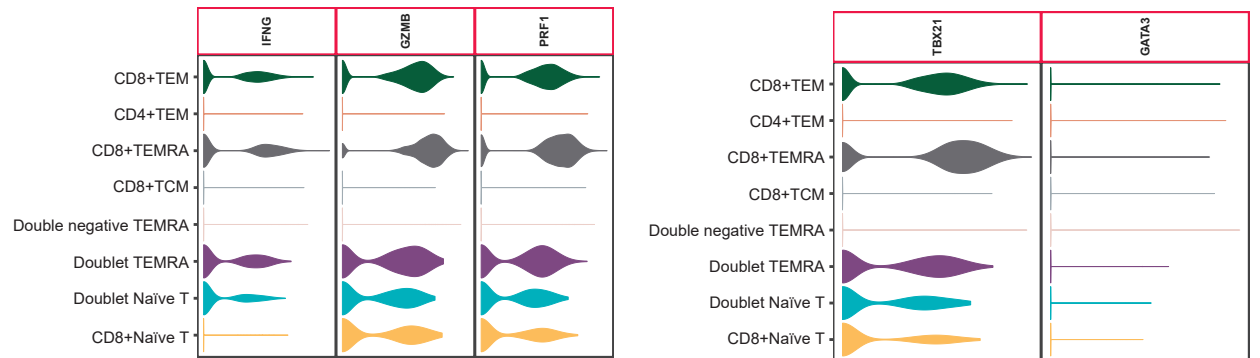


Fig. S4| Violin plot displayed the expression of selected tropic chemokines, classical cytotoxicity activation genes, and downregulated in Exhausted T cells Effector molecules in subtype clusters.

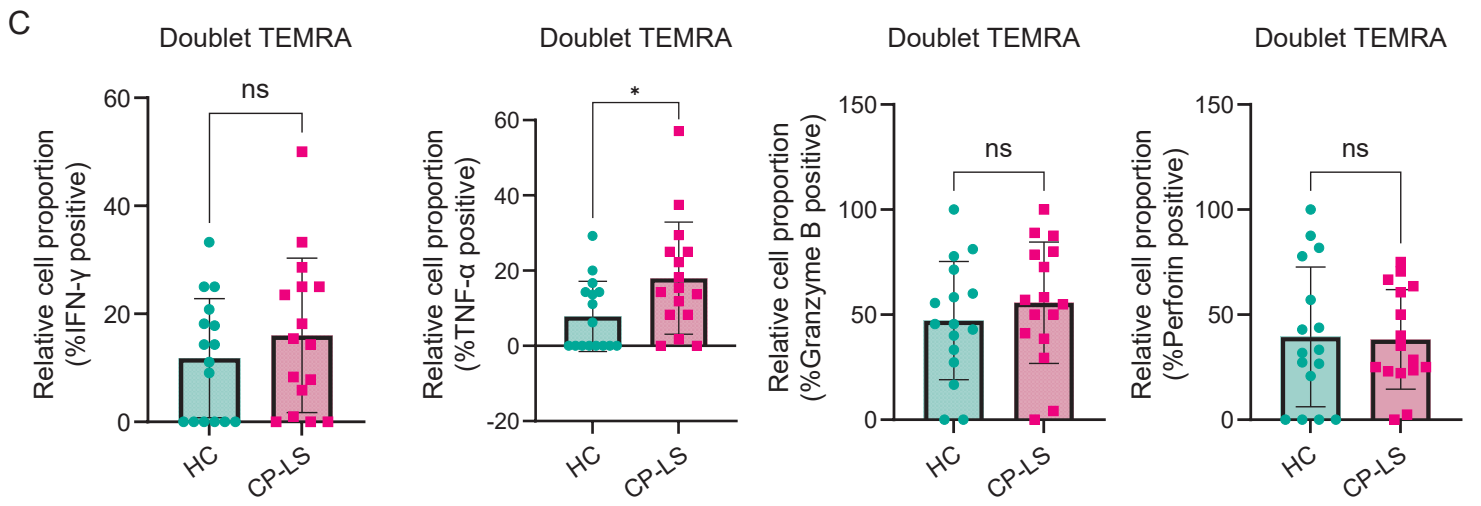
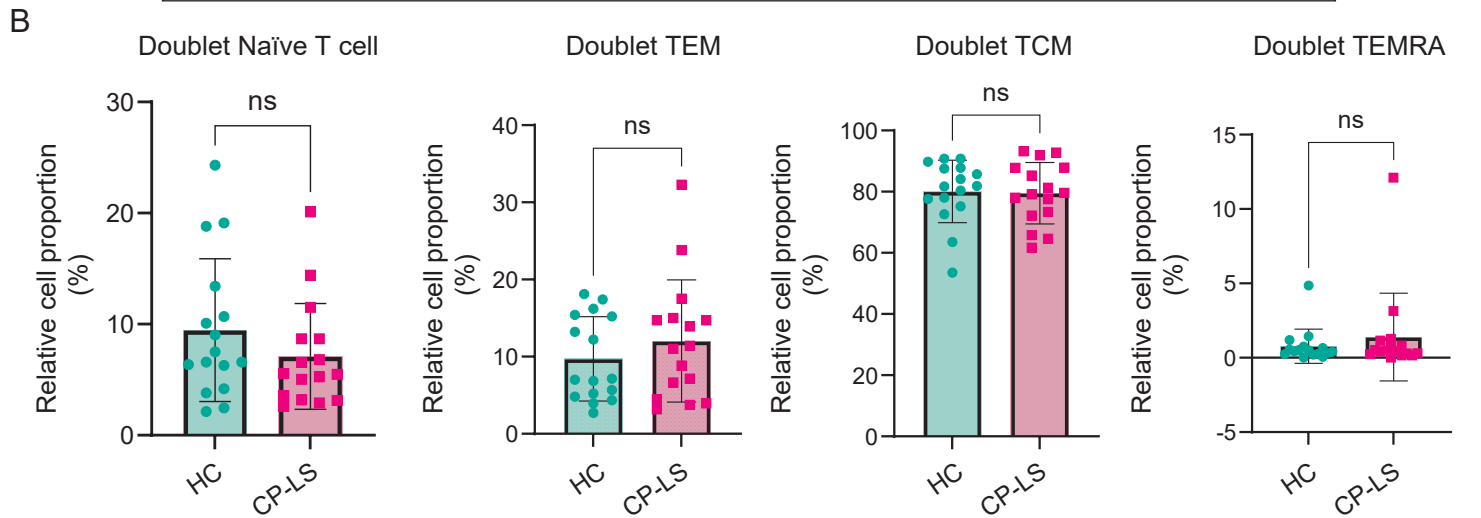
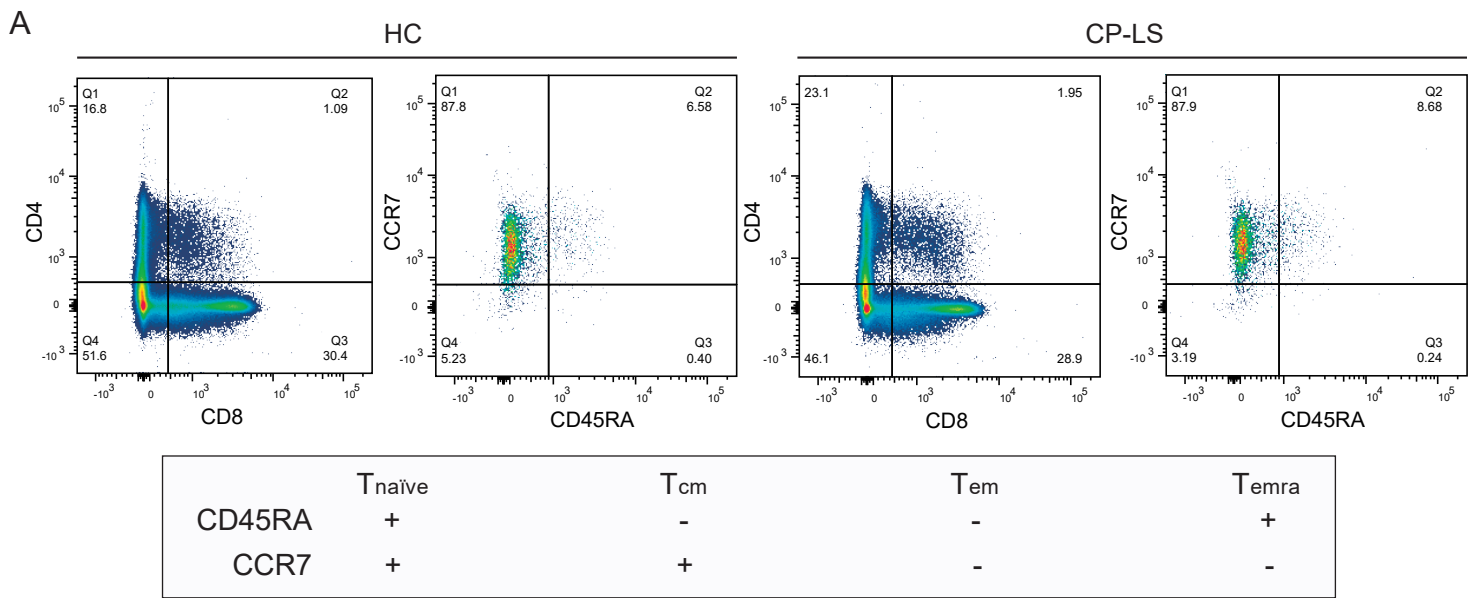


Fig. S5| Characterization of doublet TEMRA in CP-LS. PBMCs from patients with CP-LS and HCs were stimulated for 16 hours and analyzed with flow cytometry for intracellular IFN- γ , TNF- α , Granzyme B, and Perforin cytokine expression. (A) Representative flow cytometry dot plots of CD45RA and CCR7 expression to identify four CD4⁺CD8⁺ T-cell subsets in the PBMCs of a patient with CP-LS (right plot) and a HC (left plot); (B) Percentages of CD45RA⁺CCR7⁺ (T_{naive}), CD45RA⁻CCR7⁺ (T_{cm}), CD45RA⁻CCR7⁻ (T_{em}) and CD45RA⁺CCR7⁻ (T_{emra}) subsets within the CD4⁺CD8⁺T-cell population in PBMCs of patients with CP-LS (n=16) and HCs (n=16); (C) Percentages of IFN- γ ⁺, TNF- α ⁺, Granzyme B⁺, Perforin⁺ doublet TEMRA cells from patients with CP-LS (n=16) and HCs (n=16). **Note:** HC, healthy control; CP-LS, chronic prostatitis-like symptoms; TEM, T Effector Memory; TCM, T Central Memory; TEMRA, T Effector Memory RA. Values of *p<0.05 was considered significant; ns, not significant.

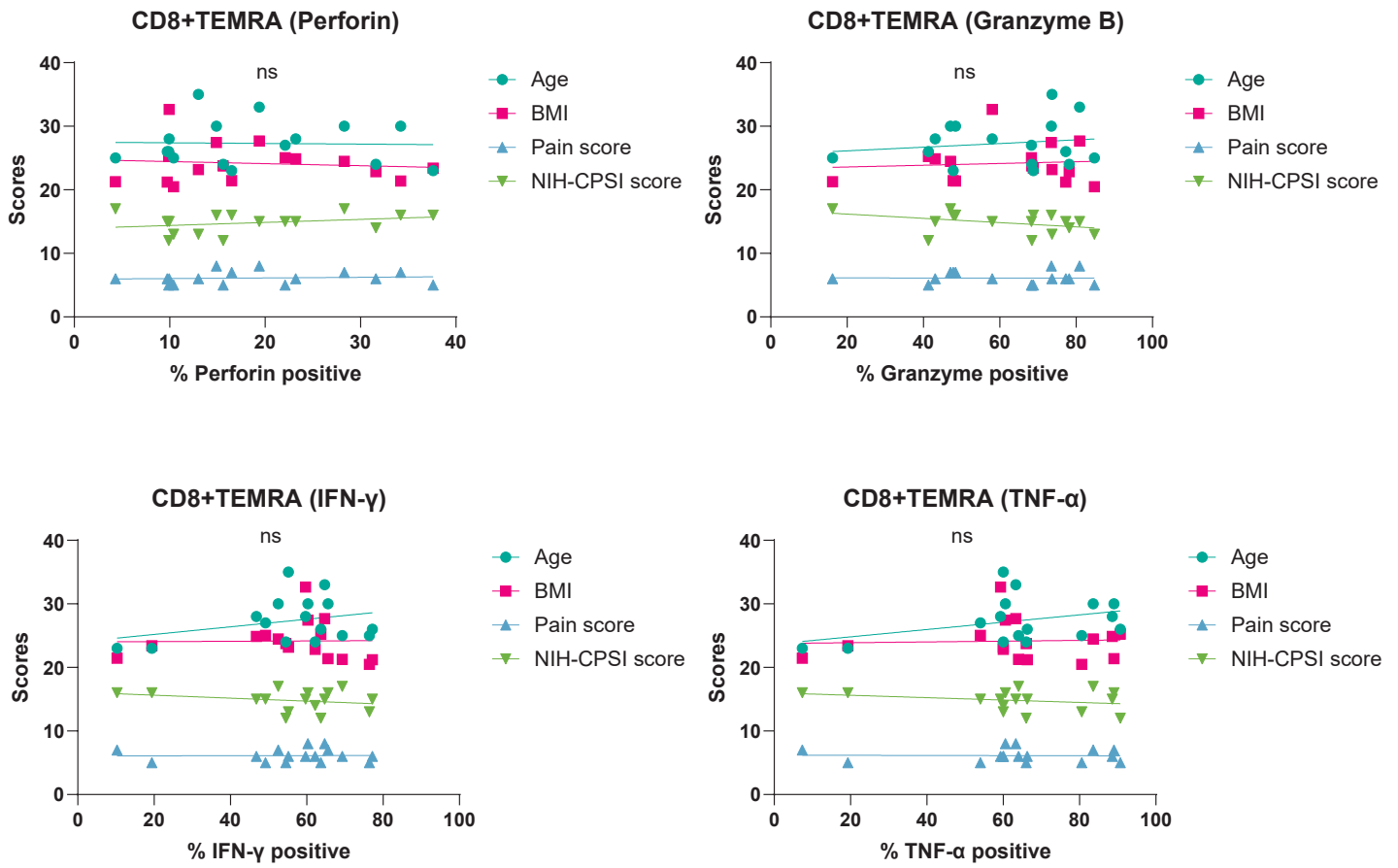


Fig. S6| Correlation between percent of Perforin/Granzyme B/IFN- γ /TNF- α positive cells and Age/ BMI/Pain score/NIH-CPSI score. Note: ns, not significant.