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# Effector Memory Immune Cell

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A population of long-lived antigen-specific immune cells, usually T-lymphocytes expressing CD8 and effector cytokines, that are maintained by the immune system. Upon subsequent exposure to their target antigen, these cells rapidly become effector cells.