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Alterations in Phenotypes and Responses of T Cells within 6 Months of Recovery from COVID-19: A Cohort Study

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Fig. S1 Age and sex distribution of HD, SCR and LCR cohorts. In Fig. S1A, results are expressed as mean \pm S.D., statistical difference was calculated with one-way ANOVA. In addition, a chi-square test was used to analyze the difference in sex distribution of each cohort in Fig. S1B. ns, non-significant.



Fig. S2 Co-expression of INF- γ and IL-2, or IFN- γ and granzyme B on CD8⁺ T or CD4⁺ T cells in PBMCs of HD, SCR and LCR cohorts. PBMCs were stimulated with PMA and ionomycin for 4.5 h in the presence of BFA and monensin. After surface staining, PBMCs were intracellularly stained with mAbs specific to IFN- γ , IL-2 and granzyme B and then analyzed by flow cytometry. A Co-expression of INF- γ and IL-2 on CD8⁺ T or CD4⁺ T cells. **B** Co-expression of INF- γ and granzyme B on CD8⁺ T or CD4⁺ T cells. Results are shown as mean ± S.D. One-way ANOVA was used to analyze the statistical difference. ns, non-significant; *, *P* < 0.05; **, *P* < 0.01; ***, *P* < 0.001.

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Fig. S3 Frequency of IL-21⁺ cells in CD4⁺ T cells of PBMCs in HD, SCR and LCR cohorts. PBMCs were stimulated with PMA and ionomycin for 4.5 h in the presence of BFA and monensin, frequencies of IL-21⁺ CD4⁺ T cells were displayed. One-way ANOVA was used to analyze the statistical difference. ns, non-significant; ****, P < 0.0001.



Fig. S4 Categorical subsets of circulating Tfh (cTfh) cells in CD4⁺ T cells in PBMCs of HD, SCR and LCR cohorts. Frequencies of CXCR3⁺ CCR6⁻ cells (cTfh1), CXCR3⁻ CCR6⁻ cells (cTfh2) and CXCR3⁻ CCR6⁺ cells (cTfh17) in CD4⁺ T cells were shown. Results are shown as mean \pm S.D. One-way ANOVA was used to analyze the statistical difference. ns, non-significant; *, *P* < 0.05; ****, *P* < 0.0001.

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