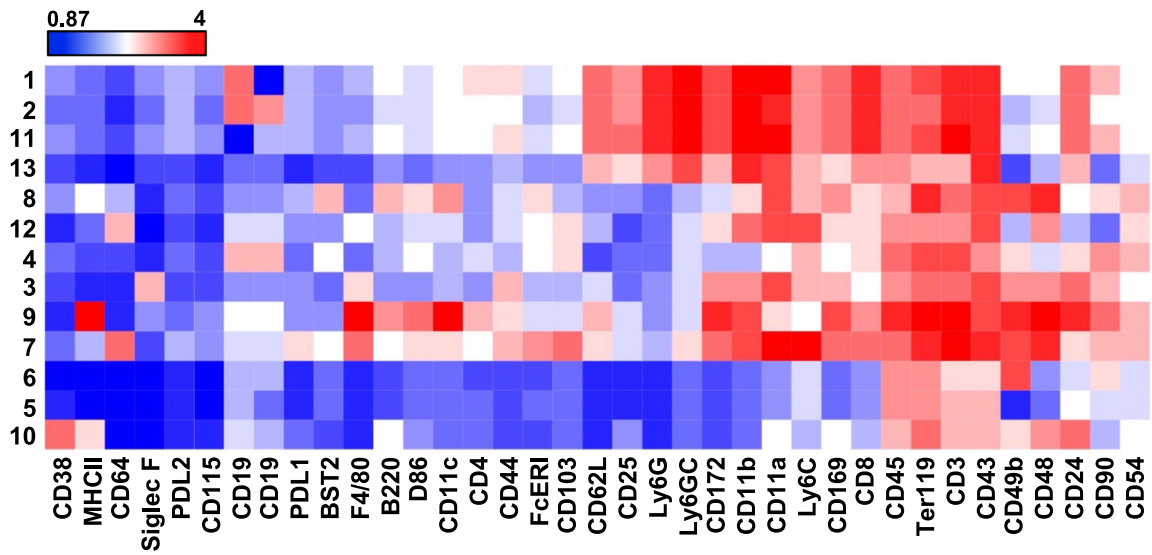


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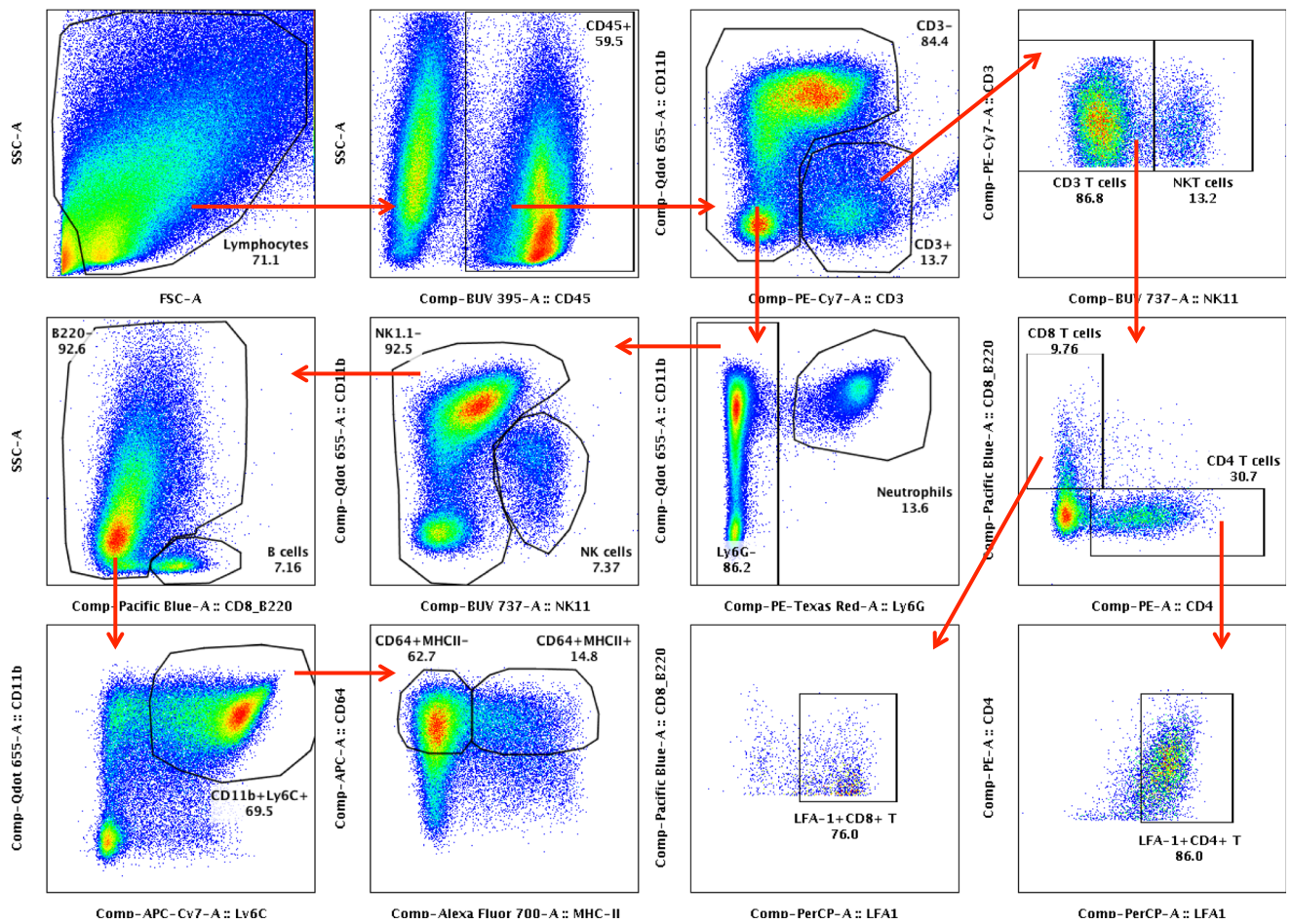
Figure EV1. High-dimensional analysis of mass cytometry data and Immunophenotyping gating strategy.

(A) Cluster ID annotation with heatmap. Cluster IDs are indicated in rows, while surface marker expression levels are indicated by the columns. The color represents the relative mean signal intensity of a surface marker. Blue and red represent low and high intensity, respectively. (B) Cellular infiltrates in the CHIKV-infected joint-footpad at 6 days post-infection (dpi) were determined with flow cytometry. Briefly, live CD45⁺ immune cells were gated out before the CD3⁺ (inclusive of CD4⁺ and CD8⁺) T cells, CD3⁺NK1.1⁺ NKT cells, CD11b⁺Ly6G⁺ neutrophils, NK1.1⁺ NK cells, CD11b⁺Ly6C⁺ monocytes and CD64⁺ macrophages were identified. Plots shown are representative of a single CHIKV-infected mouse.

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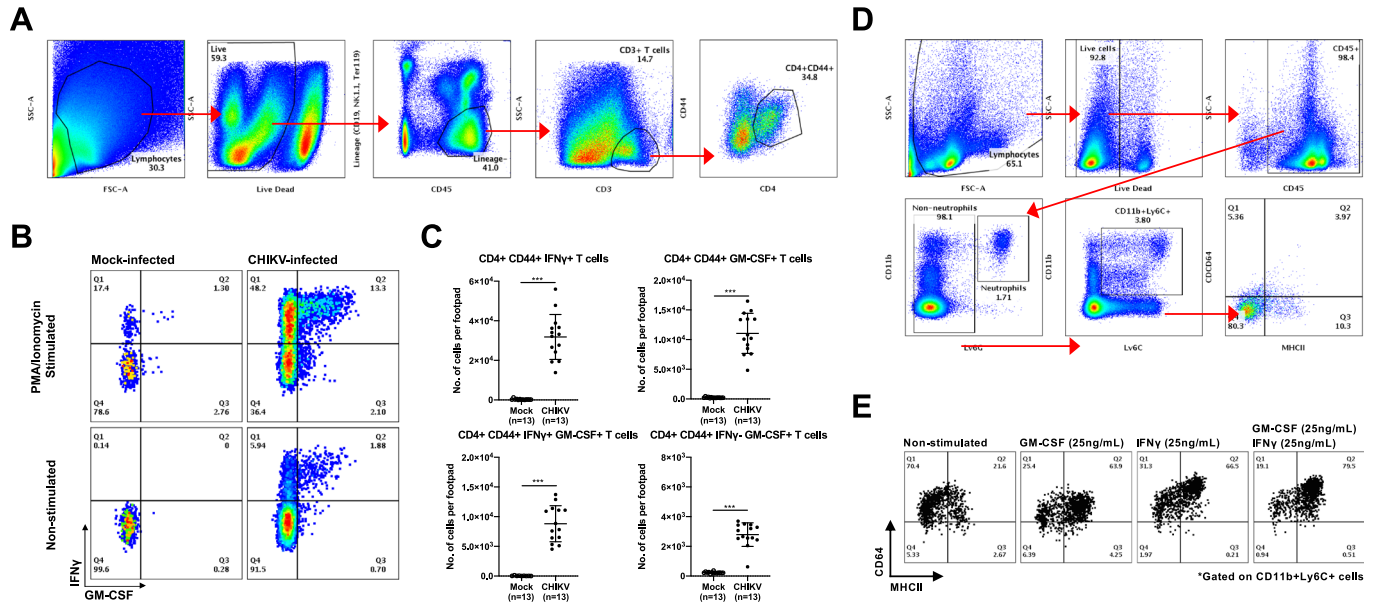


Figure EV2. Intracellular staining reveals presence of IFN γ - and GM-CSF-producing CD4⁺CD44⁺ T cells during CHIKV infection.

(A) Joint-footpad cells from non-infected and CHIKV-infected animals were harvested at 6 dpi and were subjected to stimulation with ionomycin and Phorbol Myristate Acetate (PMA) for 4 h. Stimulated cells were subsequently stained for the presence of GM-CSF and IFN γ in CD4⁺CD44⁺ memory/effector T cells. Representative electronic gating strategy to isolate CD4⁺CD44⁺ T cells from joint-footpad cells. Plots shown are concatenated from CHIKV-infected samples. (B) Representative flow cytometry plot illustrating the gating strategy in the identification of GM-CSF and IFN γ within the CD4⁺CD44⁺ T cells. (C) Dotplots showing the numbers of the various identified subsets within the joint-footpads. Data were from biological replicates obtained from two independent experiments. All data are presented as mean \pm SD. Data comparisons between the groups were performed with non-parametric Mann-Whitney *U* test (two-tailed). IFN γ ⁺ T cells, ****P* = 0.0000000499; GM-CSF⁺ T cells, ****P* = 0.0000000499; IFN γ ⁻GM-CSF⁺ T cells, ****P* = 0.0000000499; IFN γ ⁻GM-CSF⁻ T cells, ****P* = 0.0000000499. (D) Fresh blood was obtained from non-infected animals. Red blood cells were subsequently lysed and live cells were stained with a commercially available live/dead dye before being stained with a cocktail of antibodies targeting surface markers CD45, CD11b, Ly6G, Ly6C, CD64, and MHCII. Live CD45⁺ cells were firstly identified, and non-neutrophils were gated next. CD11b⁺Ly6C⁺ monocytes were identified from the non-neutrophils and were shown to be low in CD64 and MHCII expression (Q4). Plots shown are representative of a single non-infected mouse. (E) Peripheral whole blood was obtained from non-infected animals and were subjected to GM-CSF and IFN γ stimulation after removal of the red blood cells. Stimulated cells were harvested 24 h later and stained for the identification of monocytes and macrophage subsets. Representative flow cytometry plots showing the gating strategy used to identify CD64⁺MHCII⁺ cells among the precursor CD11b⁺Ly6C⁺ monocytes.

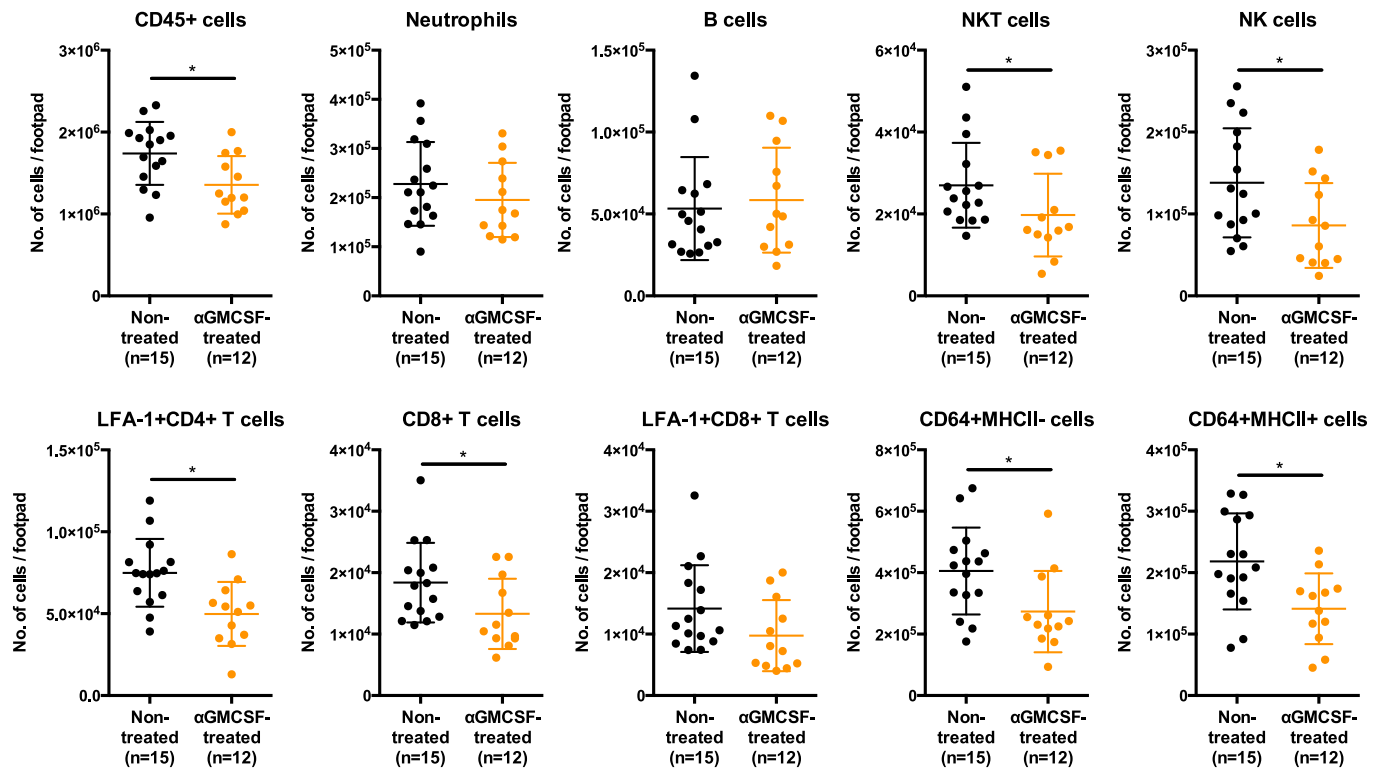


Figure EV3. Depletion of GM-CSF alters the numbers of immune cells infiltrating the joint-footpad.

CHIKV infection (1×10^6 PFU) was performed in the right footpad of wild-type animals. Four days post-infection (dpi), anti-GM-CSF antibodies were given intraperitoneally. Subsequently, numbers of infiltrating CD45⁺ cells, neutrophils, B cells, NKT cells, NK cells, LFA-1⁺CD4⁺ T cells, CD8⁺ T cells, LFA-1⁺CD4⁺ T cells, CD11b⁺Ly6C⁺ cells, CD64⁺MHCII⁻ cells and CD64⁺MHCII⁺ cells were obtained following immunophenotyping of the joint-footpad at 6 days post-infection (dpi). Data were from biological replicates obtained from two independent experiments. All data are presented as mean \pm SD. Data comparisons between the groups were performed with non-parametric Mann-Whitney *U* test (two-tailed): CD45⁺, **P* = 0.0139; NKT, **P* = 0.0469; NK, **P* = 0.0214; LFA-1⁺CD4⁺ T, **P* = 0.031; CD8⁺ T, **P* = 0.0281; CD64⁺MHCII⁻, **P* = 0.0186; CD64⁺MHCII⁺, **P* = 0.0161.

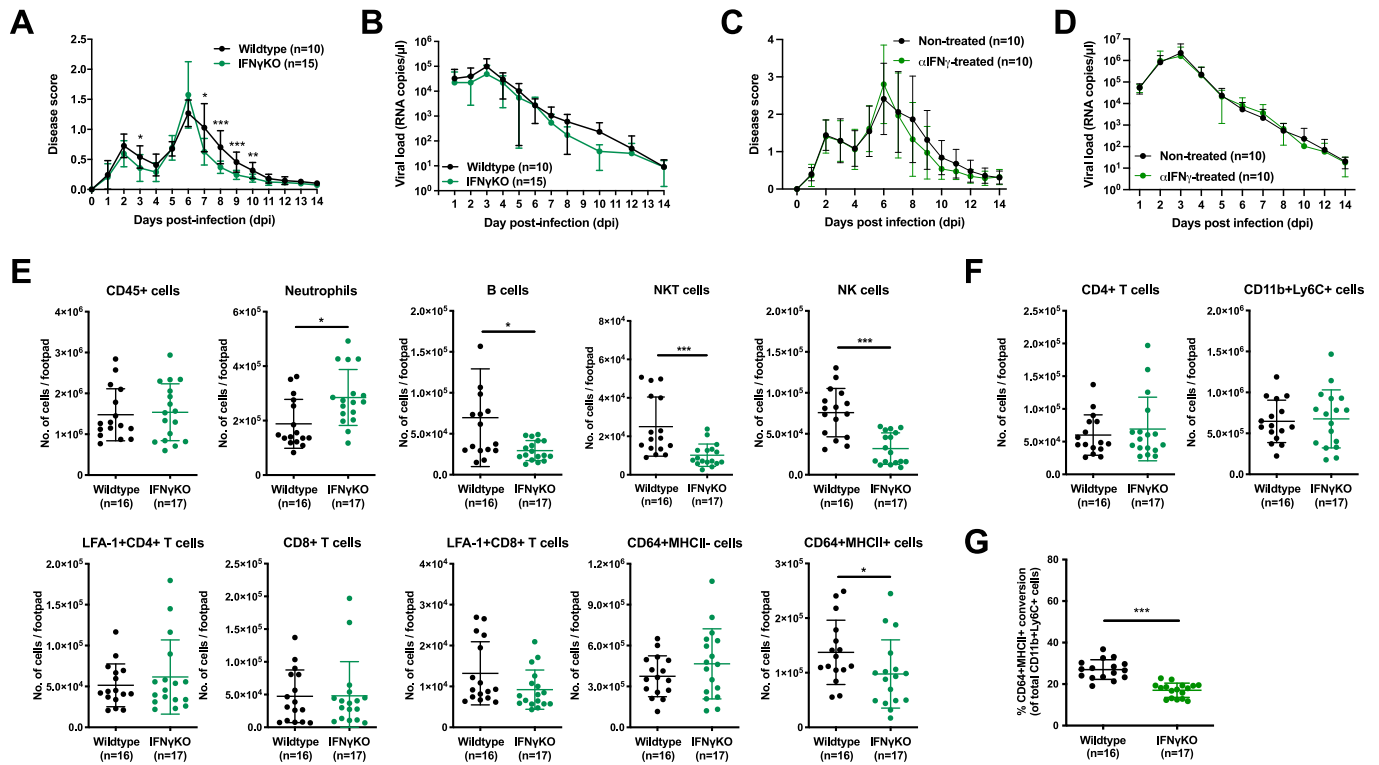


Figure EV4. Absence of IFN γ alters the conversion of CD64⁺MHCII⁺ macrophages in the joint-footpad.

(A,B) IFN γ KO animals were infected with 1×10^6 PFU of CHIKV in the right footpad. Joint-footpad swelling (A) and viral RNA load (B) were monitored over 14 days. Data were from biological replicates obtained from two independent experiments and presented as mean \pm SD. Comparisons between the groups were performed with non-parametric Mann-Whitney *U* test (two-tailed). For footpad swelling: 3 dpi, **P* = 0.0395; 7 dpi, **P* = 0.0216; 8 dpi, ****P* = 0.0000214; 9 dpi, ****P* = 0.0003; 10 dpi, ***P* = 0.0051. (C,D) Wild-type animals were infected with 1×10^6 PFU of CHIKV in the right footpad and were treated with anti-IFN γ antibodies at 0-, 2- and 4-days post-infection (dpi). Joint-footpad swelling (C) and viral RNA load (D) were monitored over 14 days. Data were from biological replicates obtained from two independent experiments and presented as mean \pm SD. (E-G) Immunophenotyping of IFN γ KO joint-footpad was performed at 6 dpi to determine the numbers of infiltrating CD45⁺ cells, neutrophils, B cells, NKT cells, NK cells, LFA-1⁺CD4⁺ T cells, CD8⁺ T cells, LFA-1⁺CD8⁺ T cells, CD64⁺MHCII⁺ cells and CD64⁺MHCII⁺ cells (E). Numbers of joint-footpad infiltrating CD4⁺ T cells and CD11b⁺Ly6C⁺ monocytes in CHIKV-infected wild type or IFN γ KO animals is shown (F). Percentage differentiation of CD11b⁺Ly6C⁺ monocytes into CD64⁺MHCII⁺ macrophages in CHIKV-infected wild type or IFN γ KO animals is shown (G). Data were from biological replicates obtained from two independent experiments and presented as mean \pm SD. Comparisons between the groups were performed with non-parametric Mann-Whitney *U* test (two-tailed). For neutrophils, **P* = 0.0136; B cells, **P* = 0.0136; NKT, ****P* = 0.0002; NK, ****P* = 0.0001; CD64⁺MHCII⁺, **P* = 0.0207; for % CD64⁺MHCII⁺ conversion (G), ****P* = 0.00000105.

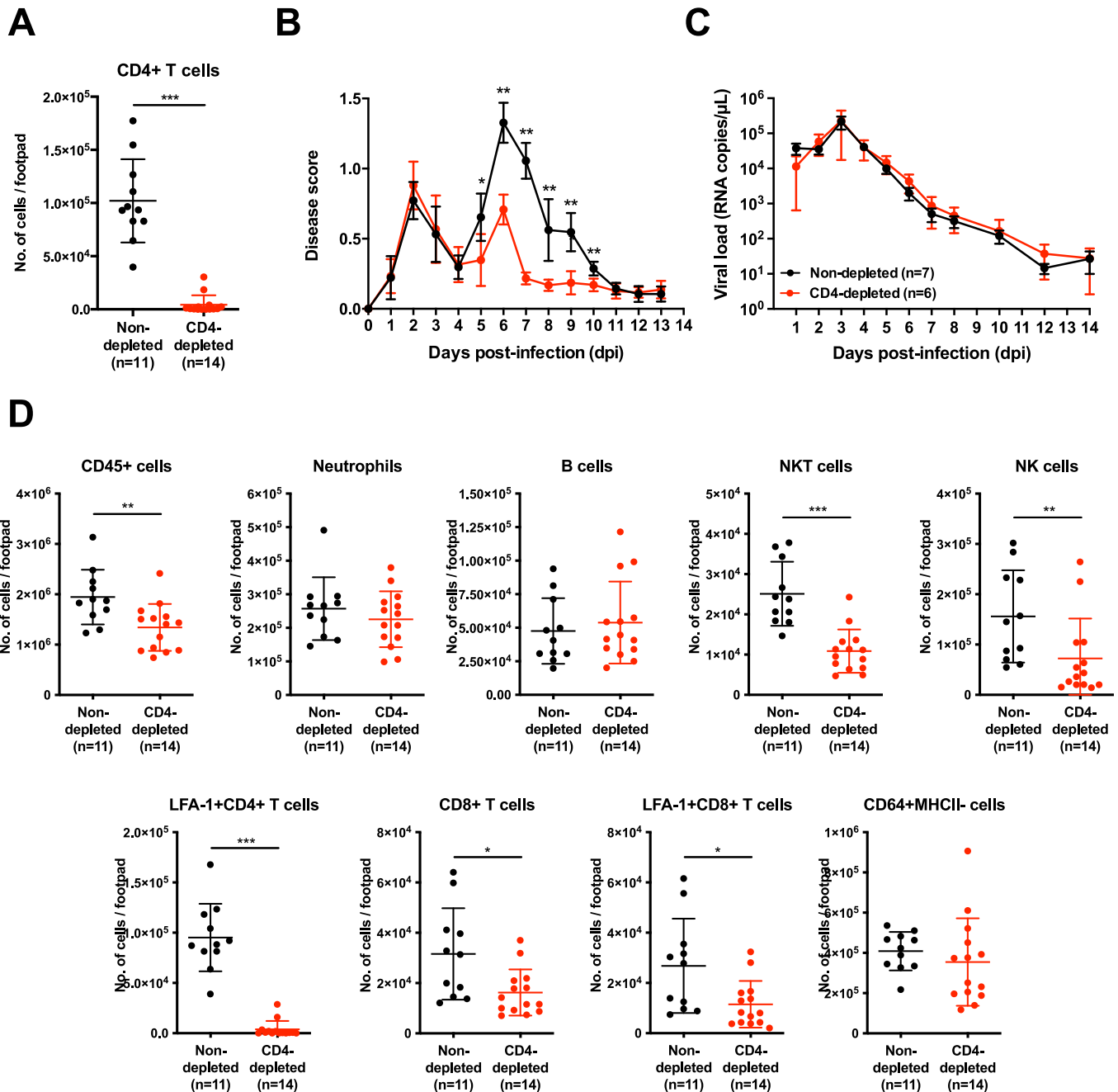


Figure EV5. CD4-depletion reduces CHIKV disease severity.

(A) Wild-type animals were infected with 1×10^6 PFU of CHIKV in the right footpad and anti-CD4 antibodies were given intraperitoneally at -1 and 4 days post-infection (dpi). Immunophenotyping of joint-footpad was performed at 6 dpi to determine the numbers of infiltrating CD4⁺ T cells. Data were from biological replicates obtained from two independent experiments and presented as mean \pm SD. Data comparisons between the groups were performed with non-parametric Mann-Whitney *U* test (two-tailed). CD4⁺ T cells, ****P* = 0.000000449. (B,C) Joint-footpad swelling (B) and viral RNA load (C) of CHIKV-infected animals with or without administration of anti-CD4 antibodies, over a period of 14 days. Data were from biological replicates obtained from two independent experiments and presented as mean \pm SD. Data comparisons between the groups were performed with non-parametric Mann-Whitney *U* test (two-tailed). For footpad swelling: 5 dpi, **P* = 0.0192; 6 dpi, ***P* = 0.0012; 7 dpi, ***P* = 0.0012; 8 dpi, ***P* = 0.0012; 9 dpi, ***P* = 0.0012; 10 dpi, ***P* = 0.0023. (D) Numbers of infiltrating CD45⁺ cells, neutrophils, B cells, NKT cells, NK cells, LFA-1⁺CD4⁺ T cells, CD8⁺ T cells, LFA-1⁺CD8⁺ T cells, CD11b⁺Ly6C⁺ cells and CD64⁺MHCII⁻ cells were determined following immunophenotyping of the joint-footpad at 6 dpi (A). Data were from biological replicates obtained from two independent experiments and presented as mean \pm SD. Data comparisons between the groups were performed with non-parametric Mann-Whitney *U* test (two-tailed). CD45⁺, ***P* = 0.0042; NKT, ****P* = 0.0000306; NK, ***P* = 0.0075; LFA-1⁺CD4⁺ T, ****P* = 0.000000449; CD8⁺, **P* = 0.0108; LFA-1⁺CD8⁺ T, **P* = 0.0179.