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## Life sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

### Sample size

Animal group sizes are based on power analysis using the <https://homepage.univie.ac.at/robin.ristl/samplesize.php?test=fishtest> tool to see significant differences with a p value of 0.05 and power of 80%. Probabilities entered into the tool are based on previous work with these models.

### Data exclusions

no data was excluded

### Replication

samples were analyzed in duplicate or triplicate and data was reproduced successfully. In vivo studies were not repeated

### Randomization

study animals were divided into groups randomly

### Blinding

Histology was analyzed by individuals blinded towards study groups

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## Methods

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## Antibodies

Antibodies used	MAR1-5A3 (Leinco), anti-NK1.1 (Leinco), isotype mouse IgG2a antibody (Leinco), goat anti-mouse IgG antibody (Southern Biotech), Goat anti-mouse IgM, IgG1, IgG2b, IgG2c, and IgG3 (Southern Biotech), goat anti-mouse IgG AF488 (ThermoFisher), rabbit anti-GFP polyclonal antibody (Novus; NB600-303). In house antibodies: NP-Immune sera from mice, NHP, and humans, sham sera from mice, pre-immune sera from NHP
Validation	antibodies were purchased commercially and validated by manufacturers. In-house antibodies were validated by ELISA.

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)	ATCC or from collaborators Leo James and Dean Clift
Authentication	authenticated by STR profiling via ATCC (cell lines from collaborators were authenticated from ATCC test kits)
Mycoplasma contamination	cell lines were not tested for mycoplasma
Commonly misidentified lines (See <a href="#">ICLAC</a> register)	n/a

## Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals	MAVS <sup>-/-</sup> mice on the C57BL6/J background (gift from Michael Gale were from an in-house colony. C3 <sup>-/-</sup> mice on the C57BL6/J background (stock #029661), , and wild-type C57BL6/J (stock #00664) mice were purchased from Jackson Laboratories. Cryopreserved TRIM21 <sup>-/-</sup> on the C57BL6/J background (stock #010724) mice were recovered at Jackson Laboratories for an in-house colony established at Rocky Mountain Laboratories, NIAID, NIH. All animals ~8weeks
Wild animals	study did not involve wild animals
Reporting on sex	both M and F animals, in equal numbers, were used
Field-collected samples	no field collected samples were used
Ethics oversight	Animal work was approved by the Rocky Mountain Laboratories Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee in accordance with recommendations by the Guide for the Care and Use of laboratory Animals of the National Institutes of Health, the Office of Animal Welfare, the United States Department of Agriculture in an association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care-Accredited Facility

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## Plants

Seed stocks	n/a
Novel plant genotypes	n/a
Authentication	n/a

## Flow Cytometry

### Plots

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### Methodology

Sample preparation

To confirm NK, CD4+ T-cell and CD8+ T-cell depletions in mice treated with depletion antibodies, spleens were harvested on day 5 p.i. during planned necropsies. For a single-cell suspension, spleens were collected into RPMI-1640 media (ThermoFisher) complete with 10% FBS, benzonase, and HEPES buffered saline. Spleens were crushed against and passed through a 70-micron strainer and rinsed with additional RPMI complete. Splenocytes were pelleted and resuspended in ACK lysis buffer to lyse red blood cells. Lysis was suspended by addition of cold FACS buffer (PBS + 2% FBS) and splenocytes were pelleted, washed, and used for FLOW cytometry analyses. To assess depletion of NK cells, splenocytes were stained with ZombieAqua (Biolegend), anti-mouse NK1.1 PE (Clone PK136, Biolegend), anti-mouse CD45 BUV395 (Clone 30-F11, BD Sciences), anti-mouse CD3e BV421 (Clone 145-2C11, Biolegend), anti-mouse CD11b BV786 (Clone M1/70, Biolegend), and anti-mouse CD49b APC (Clone DX5, Biolegend). To assess depletion of CD4+ and CD8+ T-cells, splenocytes were stained with ZombieAqua (Biolegend), anti-mouse CD45 BUV805 (Clone 30-F11, BD Sciences), anti-mouse CD3 PE (Clone 145-2C11, Biolegend), anti-mouse CD4 PE/Cy7 (Clone RM4.4, Biolgened), and anti-mouse CD8a AF488 (Clone 53-6.7, BD Sciences). Cells were gated to exclude debris and non-viable cells. NK cells were defined as CD45+CD3-CD11b+CD49b+. T-cells were defined as CD45+CD3+ and CD4+ or CD8+.

Instrument	BD FACS Symphony A5
Software	FLOWJO
Cell population abundance	See Supplemental Figure 5.
Gating strategy	See Supplemental Figure 5.

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