

Supporting Information

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A simple version of the MiDReG program is available at the following web site: <http://genepyramid.stanford.edu/microarray/MiDReG/>.

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Table S1. Predicted B-cell genes

Human gene	Affymetrix ID	Mouse gene	Affymetrix ID
<i>ARHGAP4</i>	204425_at	<i>Arhgap4</i>	1419296_at
<i>BACH2</i>	227173_s_at	<i>Bach2</i>	1441657_at
<i>BLK</i>	206255_at	<i>Blk</i>	1422775_at
<i>BTLA</i>	236226_at	<i>Btla</i>	1455656_at
<i>CCR6</i>	206983_at	<i>Ccr6</i>	1450357_a_at
<i>CCR7</i>	206337_at	<i>Ccr7</i>	1423466_at
<i>CD180</i>	206206_at	<i>Cd180</i>	1421547_at
<i>CD22</i>	217422_s_at	<i>Cd22</i>	1419769_at, 1419768_at
<i>CD53</i>	242946_at	<i>Cd53</i>	1459744_at
<i>CD72</i>	215925_s_at	<i>Cd72</i>	1426112_a_at
<i>CD79A</i>	205049_s_at, 1555779_a_at	<i>Cd79a</i>	1418830_at
<i>CD80</i>	1554519_at	<i>Cd80</i>	1427717_at, 1432826_a_at
<i>CD84</i>	211192_s_at, 211190_x_at	<i>Cd84</i>	1446505_at
<i>CD86</i>	205686_s_at, 205685_at	<i>Cd86</i>	1420404_at, 1449858_at
<i>CENTB1</i>	205213_at	<i>Centb1</i>	1455125_at, 1434874_x_at
<i>CLEC2D</i>	220132_s_at, 233500_x_at, 235522_at	<i>Clec2d</i>	1419477_at
<i>DENND1C</i>	221080_s_at	<i>Dennd1c</i>	1431840_at
<i>DOK3</i>	223553_s_at, 220320_at	<i>Dok3</i>	1418096_at
<i>FAIM3</i>	221602_s_at	<i>Faim3</i>	1429889_at
<i>FCER2</i>	206759_at, 206760_s_at	<i>Fcer2a</i>	1422122_at
<i>FCRLM1</i>	235372_at, 235401_s_at, 235400_at	<i>Uqcrb</i>	1419908_at
<i>FLT3LG</i>	206980_s_at	<i>Flt3l</i>	1422115_a_at
<i>GCET2</i>	235310_at	<i>Gcet2</i>	1442582_at
<i>GPR132</i>	223887_at	<i>Gpr132</i>	1444233_at
<i>IL12RB1</i>	1552584_at	<i>Il12rb1</i>	1418166_at
<i>IL21R</i>	221658_s_at, 219971_at	<i>Il21r</i>	1450456_at
<i>IRF4</i>	204562_at, 216986_s_at	<i>Irf4</i>	1421173_at
<i>ITGA4</i>	205884_at, 205885_s_at	<i>Itga4</i>	1450155_at
<i>ITGB7</i>	205718_at	<i>Itgb7</i>	1418741_at
<i>KIAA0674</i>	76897_s_at	<i>C430014M02Rik</i>	1441486_at
<i>KYNU</i>	204385_at, 210663_s_at	<i>Kynu</i>	1451903_at, 1430570_at
<i>LAT2</i>	221581_s_at	<i>Lat2</i>	1426169_a_at
<i>LCK</i>	204890_s_at	<i>Lck</i>	1457917_at
<i>LNPEP</i>	207904_s_at	<i>Lnpep</i>	1443907_at
<i>LY9</i>	210370_s_at, 231124_x_at	<i>Ly9</i>	1449156_at
<i>MAP4K2</i>	204936_at	<i>Map4k2</i>	1434833_at
<i>MGC10986</i>	218600_at	<i>0610025L06Rik</i>	1460738_at
<i>NCOA3</i>	209062_x_at	<i>2010305B15Rik</i>	1448027_at
<i>NUP153</i>	1559064_at	<i>Nup153</i>	1441689_at
<i>PAX5</i>	221969_at	<i>Pax5</i>	1459916_at
<i>PIK3R5</i>	227645_at, 220566_at	<i>Pik3r5</i>	1434980_at
<i>PTPRCAP</i>	204960_at	<i>Ptprcap</i>	1448511_at
<i>RAB8B</i>	219210_s_at	<i>Rab8b</i>	1446103_at
<i>RAC2</i>	207419_s_at	<i>Rac2</i>	1440208_at
<i>RHOF</i>	1554539_a_at, 222812_s_at	<i>LOC330189</i>	1441510_at
<i>SLAMF1</i>	206181_at	<i>Slamf1</i>	1425571_at
<i>SLAMF7</i>	234306_s_at	<i>Slamf7</i>	1453472_a_at
<i>SP100</i>	210219_at	<i>Sp100</i>	1451821_a_at
<i>SP110</i>	208392_x_at	<i>5031415C07Rik</i>	1429562_at, 1429563_x_at
<i>SPI-B</i>	205861_at	<i>Spi-b</i>	1460407_at
<i>SYK</i>	209269_s_at	<i>Syk</i>	1457239_at
<i>Sept1</i>	227552_at	<i>Sept1</i>	1449898_at
<i>Sept6</i>	212415_at, 241093_at, 212413_at	<i>Sept6</i>	1445665_at
<i>TBC1D1</i>	1568713_a_at	<i>Tbc1d1</i>	1447016_at
<i>TBX21</i>	220684_at	<i>Tbx21</i>	1449361_at
<i>TRAF1</i>	205599_at	<i>Traf1</i>	1423602_at
<i>TRAF3IP3</i>	205804_s_at	<i>Traf3ip3</i>	1434573_at
<i>TREML2</i>	219748_at	<i>Trem12</i>	1444718_at
<i>WASPIP</i>	202665_s_at	<i>Waspip</i>	1446905_at
<i>ZC3H12D</i>	1559263_s_at	<i>Zc3h12d</i>	1458504_at
<i>ZC3HAV1</i>	220104_at	<i>Zc3hav1</i>	1431909_at
<i>ZNFN1A3</i>	221092_at	<i>Zfn1a3</i>	1441088_at, 1453378_at, 1436649_at

This table lists all 62 predicted B-cell precursor genes using MiDRoG with their Affymetrix ID in human U133 Plus 2.0 and mouse 430 2.0 platform.

Table S2. Knockout phenotypes show defects in B-cell function and differentiation

<i>Bach2</i>	Failed to undergo efficient class-switch recombination (1)
<i>Ccr6</i>	B-cell numbers are reduced in Peyer's patches from <i>Ccr6</i> ^{-/-} mice (2)
<i>Ccr7</i>	Impaired migration of lymphocytes (3)
<i>Cd180</i>	Impaired proliferative and humoral immune responses of <i>RP105</i> -deficient B cells to LPS (4)
<i>Cd22</i>	B cells from <i>Cd22</i> -deficient mice exhibited the cell surface phenotype and augmented intracellular calcium responses characteristic of chronically stimulated B cells, as occurs in <i>SHP1</i> -defective mice (5)
<i>Cd72</i>	In the bone marrow of <i>Cd72</i> ^{-/-} mice, there was a reduction in the number of mature recirculating B cells and an accumulation of pre-B cells (6)
<i>Cd79a</i>	In the absence of Ig-alpha, B-cell development does not progress beyond the progenitor stage (7)
<i>Cd80</i>	Provide costimulatory signal (8, 9)
<i>Cd86</i>	Mice lacking only <i>B7-1</i> or <i>B7-2</i> mounted high-titer antigen-specific IgG responses when immunized in complete Freund's adjuvant (10)
<i>Dok3</i>	<i>Dok-3</i> restricts the intensity of Ca ²⁺ signaling in B cells (11)
<i>Fcer2a</i>	<i>Fcer2a</i> -deficient mice show exaggerated IgE responses and airway hyper-responsiveness (12)
<i>Flt3l</i>	Significantly reduced numbers of myeloid and B-lymphoid progenitors were noted in the bone marrow of <i>Flt3l</i> ^{-/-} mice (13)
<i>Gpr132</i>	Abnormal expansion of both T and B lymphocytes (14)
<i>Il21r</i>	Mice deficient in the receptor for <i>Il-21</i> (<i>Il-21r</i>) have normal lymphoid development; after immunization, these animals have higher production of the immunoglobulin IgE (15)
<i>Irf4</i>	<i>Irf4</i> -deficient B cells had impaired expression of activation-induced deaminase and lacked class-switch recombination (16, 17)
<i>Itgb7</i>	Lymphocyte trafficking to the gut (18, 19)
<i>Lck</i>	Reduced threshold for B-cell receptor (BCR) signaling in B1 cell (20, 21)
<i>Ncoa3</i>	<i>Ncoa3</i> -deficient mice have B-cell and T-cell hyperproliferative disorder, have hyperactivated NF-κB, and develop B-cell lymphomas (22)
<i>Pax5</i>	Complete block of early B-cell differentiation and altered patterning of the posterior midbrain in mice lacking <i>Pax5/BSAP</i> (23)
<i>Ptprcap</i>	T and B lymphocytes showed reduced proliferation in response to antigen receptor stimulation (24)
<i>Rac2</i>	<i>Rac2</i> knockout mice show decreased B-cell lymphopoiesis, reduced BCR signaling, and reduced chemotaxis (25, 26)
<i>Spi-B</i>	<i>Spi-B</i> ^{-/-} mice exhibit severe abnormalities in B-cell function. <i>Spi-B</i> is essential for antigen-dependent expansion of B cells (27)
<i>Syk</i>	<i>Syk</i> -deficient fetal liver showed a block in B-cell development at the pro-B to pre-B-cell transition (28–31)
<i>Tbx21</i>	<i>Tbx21</i> knockout mice show abnormal IgG2a class switching and IFN-gamma production (32, 33)
<i>Waspip</i>	Both <i>Wip</i> -deficient T and B cells show a profound defect in their subcortical actin filament networks. <i>Wip</i> is important for immunologic synapse formation and T-cell activation (34)
<i>Zfn1a3</i>	Aiolos-null mice have hyperactivated B cells (35)

41 genes were knocked out in mice out of the total 62 predicted B-cell precursor genes. Comprehensive review of the literatures identified 26 genes whose knockout phenotype show defects in B-cell function and differentiation. A short summary of this phenotype is listed here for each of the 26 genes.

Table S3. Detailed classification of predicted B-cell genes

Gene	Mouse knockout	B-cell phenotype	Category	Pubmed	Comment
<i>ARHGAP4</i>			Signal transducer	12181357,12115726, 18489790	<i>ARHGAP4</i> can inhibit <i>MEKK1</i> , which can activate NF- κ B-mediated cell survival (36–38)
<i>BACH2</i>	Yes	Yes	Transcription factor	15152264	Failed to undergo efficient class-switch recombination (1)
<i>BLK</i>	Yes		Signal transducer	14662906, 10648608	Involved in signaling downstream of the pre-BCR (39, 40)
<i>BTLA</i>	Yes		Cell surface receptor	19155498, 12796776, 19342624, 15128774	<i>BTLA</i> regulates B-cell receptor signaling by targeting <i>Syk</i> and <i>BLNK</i> (41–44)
<i>CCR6</i>	Yes	Yes	Cell surface receptor	10843382	B-cell numbers are reduced in Peyer's patches from <i>CCR6</i> ^{-/-} mice (2)
<i>CCR7</i>	Yes	Yes	Cell surface receptor	10520991	Impaired migration of lymphocytes (3)
<i>CD180 (RP105)</i>	Yes	Yes	Cell surface receptor	10880523	Impaired proliferative and humoral immune responses of <i>RP105</i> -deficient B cells to LPS (4)
<i>CD22</i>	Yes	Yes	Cell surface receptor	8986715	B cells from <i>CD22</i> -deficient mice exhibited the cell surface phenotype and augmented intracellular calcium responses characteristic of chronically stimulated B cells, as occurs in <i>SHP1</i> -defective mice (5)
<i>CD53</i>			Cell surface receptor	17429843	<i>CD53</i> is a genetic target for early B-cell factor (45)
<i>CD72</i>	Yes	Yes	Cell surface receptor	10549631	In the bone marrow of <i>CD72</i> ^{-/-} mice, there was a reduction in the number of mature recirculating B cells and an accumulation of pre-B cells (6)
<i>CD79A</i>	Yes	Yes	Cell surface receptor	12097390	In the absence of Ig-alpha, B-cell development does not progress beyond the progenitor stage (7)
<i>CD80</i>	Yes	Yes	Cell surface receptor	11169445, 7694362	Provide costimulatory signal (8, 9)
<i>CD84</i>			Cell surface receptor	12115647	<i>CD84</i> is expressed in B cells. Member of the <i>CD2</i> subset of the Ig superfamily (46)
<i>CD86</i>	Yes	Yes	Cell surface receptor	9075931	Mice lacking only <i>B7-1</i> or <i>B7-2</i> mounted high-titer antigen-specific IgG responses when immunized in complete Freund's adjuvant (10)
<i>CENTB1</i>			Metabolic process	16256741, 17005562	Inhibits NF- κ B and activates <i>Itgb1</i> recycling to control cell migration (47, 48)
<i>CLEC2D</i>	Yes		Cell surface receptor	18453569, 18782774	Expressed in B cells and can be stimulated through <i>TLR9</i> , surface Ig, or <i>CD40</i> . Possible role in B cells (49, 50)
<i>DENND1C</i>			Unknown		No known function for this gene
<i>DOK3</i>	Yes	Yes	Signal transducer	17290227, 17363732	<i>Dok-3</i> restricts the intensity of Ca ²⁺ signaling in B cells (11)
<i>FAIM3</i>			Signal transducer	19703010	Inhibits Fas-mediated apoptosis (51). GC B cells are sensitive to Fas-mediated cell death. Indirectly connected to B cells
<i>FCER2</i>	Yes	Yes	Cell surface receptor	8041705, 8176203	<i>FCER2A</i> -deficient mice show exaggerated IgE responses and airway hyper-responsiveness (12)
<i>FCRLM1</i>			Cell surface receptor	12202404	Whereas no function is known for this, it appears to be only expressed in B cells. Previously predicted to have a B-cell function (52)
<i>FLT3LG</i>	Yes	Yes	Cytokine activity	10828034	Significantly reduced numbers of myeloid and B-lymphoid progenitors were noted in the bone marrow of <i>flt3L</i> ^{-/-} mice (13)
<i>GCET2</i>	Yes		Metabolic process	17489982, 16493007	Expressed in GC B cells and a very useful marker of B-cell lymphoma (53, 54)
<i>GPR132</i>	Yes	Yes	Cell surface receptor	11371358	Abnormal expansion of both T and B lymphocytes (14)
<i>IL12RB1</i>	Yes		Cell surface receptor	8977288, 9257825	Previously predicted to have a functional role in B cells. May have a functional role in IL12 signaling during the B-cell response (55, 56)
<i>IL21R</i>	Yes	Yes	Cell surface receptor	12446913	Mice deficient in the receptor for <i>IL-21</i> (<i>IL-21R</i>) have normal lymphoid development; after immunization, these animals have higher production of the immunoglobulin IgE (15)
<i>IRF4</i>	Yes	Yes	Transcription factor	16767092, 8999800	<i>IRF4</i> -deficient B cells had impaired expression of activation-induced deaminase and lacked class-switch recombination (16, 17)

Table S5. Antibodies used

Antigen	Clone	Conjugate	Source	Population
Ly6c	AL-21	FITC	BD Pharmingen	CLP, Fr.A, B
Flk2	A2F10	PE	eBioscience	CLP, Fr.A, B
CD19	1D3	PECy5.5	eBioscience	CLP, Fr.A, B
B220	6B2	PECy7	eBioscience	CLP, Fr.A, B
CD27	LG.7F9	APC	eBioscience	CLP, Fr.A, B
CD11c	N418	Alexa750-APC	eBioscience	CLP, Fr.A, B
BP-1 (Ly51)	6C3	Biotin	BD Pharmingen	CLP, Fr.A, B
IL7Ra	A7R34	Biotin	House	CLP, Fr.A, B
NK1.1	PK136	PECy5	eBioscience	CLP, Fr.A, B
	PK136	PECy7	eBioscience	CLP, Fr.A, B
IgD	11-26c	FITC	eBioscience	Fr.C, D, E
CD43	1B11	PE	BD Pharmingen	Fr.C, D, E
IgM		APC	eBioscience	Fr.C, D, E
CD23	B3B4	PE	eBioscience	T1, T2, mature B
IgM	II/41	PECy5	eBioscience	T1, T2, mature B
CD93 (AA4.1)	AA4.1	APC	eBioscience	T1, T2, mature B
CD3	2C11	PECy5	eBioscience	T1, T2, mature B
CD4	GK1.5	Pacific Blue	House	T1, T2, mature B
CD8	53.6.7	Pacific Blue	House	T1, T2, mature B
Ter119	TER119	Pacific Blue	House	T1, T2, mature B
CD11b		Pacific Blue	House	T1, T2, mature B
Gr1		Pacific Blue	House	T1, T2, mature B
Mac1	M1/70	PECy5	eBioscience	T1, T2, mature B
GL7	GL-7	biotin	eBioscience	GC
CD38	90	APC	eBioscience	GC
NP	NP	PE	Biosearch	GC
ckit	2B8	PECy7	eBioscience	HSC, MPP
	2B8	APCCy7	eBioscience	HSC, MPP
Sca1	E13-161-7	Alexa680	House	HSC, MPP
CD34	RAM34	Biotin	House	HSC, MPP
	RAM34	FITC	House	HSC, MPP
Streptavidin		Qdot605	Invitrogen	
Goat anti-rat		Alexa488	Invitrogen	

House: conjugates made within the Weissman lab.

Table S6. Primers used for real-time PCR

Gene name	Forward primer (5' to 3')	Reverse primer (5' to 3')
<i>Beta-actin</i>	GTCTGAGGCCTCCCTTTT	GGGAGACCAAAGCCTTCATA
<i>Aicda</i>	GGGAAAGTGGCATTACCTA	GAACCCAATTCTGGCTGTGT
<i>Arhgap4</i>	CCAGTCTGAGGCAGCTTACC	GCTGAGGTGAAGCAATAGGC
<i>Bach2</i>	CAGCCAAACTGTTCCAGTGA	GGTGATTATAAGCGCCTGGA
<i>Cd19</i>	TAGGTTACAGGTCCCAAGG	ATCACCCCTTGCCTAAGACC
<i>Cd53</i>	CTGACTTGCTTAAAGGAAAAGTGG	TTCCTATAGAGCACCACGAA
<i>Cd72</i>	CTACGGCCTGCCAATTTTTA	AGAGTGAGGGAGTGCTGGAG
<i>cKit</i>	CATCCATCCAGCACAAATCAG	TGACAAAGTCGGGATCAATG
<i>Fcrlm1</i>	GAAGCTGCATCTGGTGATGA	CACAGAAGCTTCGCTCCTC
<i>Il21r</i>	ATGTGTCCATGTCCAGACCA	ATTTGCAAAGGAAGGGGACT
<i>Itga4</i>	CAGAGCCACACCCAAAAGTT	GGGCCACGTTCTCATCTTTA
<i>Itgb7</i>	GTACAGGCGCTTTGAGAAGG	TGTTGCTGCTTCCAGTTG
<i>Ly9</i>	AAAAGAGCGGCACAAACACC	GGTAGGGGCTTTCAGGGAC
<i>Nup153</i>	ATACTGGGGAGTTGGTGCTG	GGGCTTCTCAACATGAGAAA
<i>Pax5</i>	TTGGAGGATCCAAACCAAAG	CTGATCTCCAGGCAAACAT
<i>Ptprcap</i>	CCCATGCATGTTATGGTGAA	TGATGTAAGGGTGGGGTGAC
<i>Sept6</i>	TGCAGTCACAGAAGGGTTGA	AGGCCAACCATGAAAATGAT
<i>Spi-B</i>	CATGGGGTTGCAAAGAGTTT	GCAGAATCAGAACCCAGAGC
<i>Syk</i>	CCTCTCTGCACCCAGACTA	ATCTGCAGTGGGTCAGTGTG
<i>Tbc1d1</i>	TGGGGAGTAATGAGGAAACG	CCCCCTTAAGTCCCAAATTC
<i>Traf3ip3</i>	TCTGAAGGAGGACTGGAGGA	GCTCTCCAGCTCTCTGTGCT
<i>Waspi</i>	CTCCAGCAGGGAGAAGATGA	CATTGCACATTTGGATCGTC
<i>Zc3h12d</i>	AGGCACCAAGAATGGATCAG	CAAGGCCGGCAAGTTACTA
<i>Ebf1</i>	CCCTCCAATGCAAGTAGCTC	TCTGACAACTGGTGCGAAAG
<i>Pax5</i>	TTGGAGGATCCAAACCAAAG	CTGATCTCCAGGCAAACAT
<i>VpreB</i>	CATGCTGCTGGCCTATCTCA	TACAGGAGAGGCGGATGGTG
<i>Rag1</i>	GAGGTTCCGCTACGACTCTG	TCTTGGGATCTCATGCCTTC
<i>Lambda5</i>	TGCTGCTGTTGGGTCTAGTG	CAGCTCTGCTCCTTTCTGCT
<i>E2A</i>	ACGTTCTGGATGAGACAGG	AAGCAGGGAGCTGTTCACTG

Cells were sorted into TRIzol (Invitrogen Life Technologies), and RNA was isolated according to manufacturer's instruction. cDNA was synthesized by using the Superscript III kit (Invitrogen Life Technologies) using random hexamers. Amplifications were performed by using SYBR Green PCR core reagents (Applied Biosystems), and transcript levels were quantified by using an ABI 7900 Sequence Detection Systems (Applied Biosystems). The mean ct value of triplicate reactions was normalized against the mean ct value of β -actin. Primers were used at 400 nM.