

Suppl. Fig. 1. 8-wk-old GF K/BxN mice were shipped to the Boston SPF facility and their sera collected. Titers of anti-GPI autoAbs of the isotypes indicated were measured by ELISA. Closed triangles: values for individual SPF-housed K/BxN mice. Open circles: values for individual GF K/BxN mice.

Suppl. Fig. 2. Effect of GF environment on K/BxN lymphocyte compartments.

Splenocytes (A-C) or thymocytes (D-F) of GF or SPF BxN or K/BxN mice were isolated, stained with mAbs recognizing the indicated markers, and analyzed by flow cytometry. Pregated as delineated. Values indicate the % of cells in the indicated gate in whole spleen (A,B,C,E,F) or thymus (D). In panel B: mature B cells = $\text{IgD}^{\text{hi}}\text{IgM}^{\text{lo}}$, transitional type 1 (T1) B cells = $\text{IgD}^{\text{lo}}\text{IgM}^{\text{hi}}$, transitional type 2 (T2) B cells = $\text{IgD}^{\text{hi}}\text{IgM}^{\text{hi}}$. For panel F, B cells = $\text{CD21}^+\text{CD23}^+$ and marginal zone B cells = $\text{CD21}^{\text{hi}}\text{CD23}^{\text{lo}}$. (G) Responder T cells from SPF K/BxN mice were cultured alone or in the presence of GF or SPF Tregs at various ratio (shown as responder:Treg). Each symbol represents the percent of proliferation, which was calculated by dividing the cpm values of co-cultured cells (responder + suppressor) by the cpm values of responder cells cultured alone (Stim.). Data combined from two independent experiments.

Suppl. Fig. 3. Ankle thickening was measured on SPF-housed K/BxN mice carrying the *Ifng*-null mutation in homozygous or heterozygous state, bi-weekly from weaning to 8 wks of age.





