## **Supporting Information**

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**Fig. S1.** Properdin concentration in WT and complement-deficient mice. After immunoprecipitation following by Western blotting, gels were scanned by densitometry. Properdin was normalized to WT controls. Western blots of mouse Ig heavy chain were used as a loading control for the C3, fB, and C4 blots. Number of mice in each group analyzed is noted. Mean  $\pm$  SEM. A shows complement regulator/receptor deficient mice; B shows complement component deficient mice.



Fig. 52. Properdin concentration in Crry<sup>-/-</sup>C3<sup>-/-</sup>, Crry<sup>-/-</sup>fB<sup>-/-</sup>, and Crry<sup>-/-</sup>fD<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Representative of four Crry<sup>-/-</sup>C3<sup>-/-</sup>, four Crry<sup>-/-</sup>fB<sup>-/-</sup>, and two Crry<sup>-/-</sup>fD<sup>-/-</sup> mice.



Fig. S3. C3 and fB are absent in their respective knockout mice by Western blot analysis. Representative of >10 C3-/- and 10 fB-/- mice.



**Fig. 54.** Properdin reconstitution following serum infusion. WT serum (250  $\mu$ L) was transferred to *Crry SKO* or *C3<sup>-/-</sup>* mice. After 2 h, samples were harvested from the recipient mice. Representative of three experiments. Densitometric scanning of the results at multiple time points from a similar experiment to that shown here are presented in Fig. 4*B*. The IgHc represents variable elution of the primary Ab used to pull down properdin (also Fig. S9).



**Fig. S5.** Western blot analysis of C3 in *Crry SKO* (*A*) and C3<sup>-/-</sup> (*B*) mice following WT serum transfer. WT serum (200 μL) was infused i.v. into *Crry SKO* and C3<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Sera were then collected at the time points indicated. Each time-point represents a different mouse. Representative of two experiments.



Fig. S6. Genotype of bone marrow chimeric mice. C3 alleles were examined using DNA derived from peripheral blood leukocytes of W7, C3<sup>-/-</sup>, and C3<sup>-/-</sup> mice reconstituted with WT bone marrow. Representative of two experiments.



**Fig. 57.** Processing by the spleen of immune complexes (IC) that activate complement. (A) A kinetic analysis of IC deposition in the spleen of  $fB^{-/-}$  mice, which is dependent upon classical pathway activation. ICs are FITC labeled. Representative of three experiments. (B) IC deposition on splenic marginal zone B cells of WT,  $C3^{-/-}$ ,  $Cr2^{-/-}$ , and  $fB^{-/-}$  mice. Splenocytes were isolated 30 min post-IC injection. FACS was used to analyze trapping of IC by marginal zone B cells. PE-B220 and FITC-anti-rabbit IgG antibodies were used to identify B lymphocytes and ICs, respectively. An IC trapping defect in B cells was observed in  $C3^{-/-}$  and  $Cr2^{-/-}$  but not in  $fB^{-/-}$  or WT mice. Representative of two experiments.



**Fig. S8.** Dynamics of IC deposition in the spleen. (*A*) IC deposition in *WT* mice. Note the migration of the IC (green) from marginal zone to the follicular areas, a complement-dependent process. The Moma-1 positive macrophages are labeled with a PE-conjugated antibody (red). (*B*) IC deposition on splenic marginal zone B cells of *WT*,  $C1q^{-/-}$ , and  $C4^{-/-}$  mice. Splenocytes were isolated 30 min post-IC injection. FACS was used to analyze trapping of IC by marginal zone B cells. PE-B220 and FITC-anti-rabbit IgG antibodies were used to identify B lymphocytes and ICs, respectively. A partial IC trapping defect in B cells was observed in  $C1q^{-/-}$  mice. Representative of three separate experiments.



Fig. S9. Effect of immune complexes and zymosan on properdin release in  $B^{-/-}$  mice. Samples to measure properdin were obtained at 3 h.



**Fig. S10.** Lack of a role for C3aR and/or C5aR in properdin release. (*A*) Properdin concentration in  $C3aR^{-/-}$  mice. (*B*) Properdin concentration in  $C3aR^{-/-}$  mice. (*C*) Properdin concentration in  $C3aR^{-/-}$  mice. (*D*) Properdin concentration in *B10.WT* control and  $C5^{-/-}$  mice treated daily for 3 d with a C3aR antagonist (500 µg/mouse, SB 290157; Calbiochem). (*E*) Effect of C3aR antagonist on immune complex-induced properdin release in  $fB^{-/-}$  mice.  $fB^{-/-}$  mice were treated with C3aR antagonist at a dose of 500 µg/mouse. After 30 min, ICs were infused intravenously. Serum samples were then collected at 10 or 30 min. Each lane represents a different mouse.