

Supplemental Tables 1a and b

Supplemental Table 1a :Characteristics of male and female *Cav-I^{+/+ Apoe^{-/-}}* and *Cav-I^{-/- Apoe^{-/-}}* mice

	<i>Cav-I^{+/+ Apoe^{-/-}}</i>	<i>Cav-I^{-/- Apoe^{-/-}}</i>	<i>Cav-I^{+/+ Apoe^{-/-}}</i>	<i>Cav-I^{-/- Apoe^{-/-}}</i>
	Male		female	
plaque size ($\mu\text{m}^2 \times 10^5$)	0.47 ± 0.12	0.07 ± 0.02	0.53 ± 0.19	0.17 ± 0.08
individual plaque area ($\mu\text{m}^2 \times 10^5$)	0.15 ± 0.04	0.04 ± 0.01	0.12 ± 0.04	0.07 ± 0.02
plaque number / aortic arch	2.10 ± 0.21	1.30 ± 0.14	2.10 ± 0.26	2.00 ± 0.41
CD3⁺ cells (% of total cells)	4.15 ± 0.81	3.96 ± 1.57	7.26 ± 2.57	7.88 ± 4.36
Mac3⁺ cells (% of total cells)	49.7 ± 3.85	47.8 ± 6.64	56.7 ± 5.97	31.9 ± 11.4
Plasma cholesterol content (mmol/l)	12.4 ± 0.79	16.7 ± 1.44	11.2 ± 1.84	13.5 ± 4.54

All values are mean ± SEM. No significant differences have been observed between male and female mice.

Supplemental Table 1b: Raw data of plasma CCL-2

levels	<i>CavI^{+/+ Apoe^{-/-}}</i>	<i>CavI^{-/- Apoe^{-/-}}</i>
sample	<i>CavI^{+/+ Apoe^{-/-}}</i>	<i>CavI^{-/- Apoe^{-/-}}</i>
1	84.00	98.43
2	63.57	87.43
3	68.43	53.00
4	87.29	17.29
5	55.71	392.43
6	56.14	57.14
7		86.29
8		83.29
9		39.14
mean ± SEM	69.19 ± 28.24	101.60 ± 33.87