## **Supporting Information**

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## **SI Materials and Methods**

Immunoprecipitation and Immunoblotting. Cells were lysed with Nonidet P-40 lysis buffer [1% Nonidet P-40, 20 mM Tris·HCl, (pH 7.5), 150 mM NaCl, 5 mM EDTA, 50 mM NaF, 2 mM Na<sub>3</sub>VO<sub>4</sub>, and 10  $\mu$ g/mL each of aprotinin and leupeptin) or with 1× SDS sample buffer [50 mM Tris·HCl (pH 6.8), 100 mM DTT, 2% SDS, and 10% glycerol]. Cell lysates were adjusted to 0.1% Nonidet P-40 and incubated with anti-FLAG M2 agarose beads (Sigma-Aldrich) for 4 h at 4 °C. The immune complexes were recovered by low-speed centrifugation, and the beads were washed extensively

with the binding buffer with 0.1% Nonidet P-40 and then eluted with buffer containing 20 mM Tris·HCl (pH 8.0) and 2% SDS. Immunoprecipitated proteins were separated by SDS/PAGE and transferred to nitrocellulose membrane (Bio-Rad). Membranes were visualized by Western blot analysis with the enhanced chemiluminescence detection system (ECL; GE Healthcare). When necessary, membranes were stripped by incubation in stripping buffer (Thermo Fisher Scientific) for 15 min with constant agitation, washed, and then reprobed with various other antibodies.



**Fig. S1.** IFN- $\gamma$  production of ubiquitin-specific protease 9X (USP9X) shRNA-expressing chimeric mice. IFN- $\gamma$  production by control and USP9X shRNA-expressing CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells was stimulated with anti-CD3 + anti-CD28 for 48 h and analyzed by intracellular cytokine staining (A) or ELISA (B). The data are compiled from three independent experiments. Error bars indicate mean  $\pm$  SD. \*P < 0.05, two-tailed unpaired t test.



**Fig. S2.** Phenotypic analysis of USP9X shRNA-expressing chimeric mice. (A) Flow cytometry analysis of thymocytes in control or USP9X shRNA-expressing chimeric mice stained with anti-CD4 and anti-CD8 (n = 5 per group). (B and C) Flow cytometry analysis of splenocytes in control or USP9X shRNA-expressing chimeric mice stained with anti-CD4 and anti-CD8 (B) or with anti-CD3 and anti-B220 (C) (n = 5 per group). (D) Expression of CD62L and CD44 on CD4-gated splenic T cells from control or USP9X shRNA-expressing chimeric mice (n = 5 per group).



**Fig. S3.** T-cell activation in USP9X-deficient T cells. (A) IL-2 production by ovalbumin (OVA)-specific CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in vitro. Splenocytes from OVA-specific, MHC class II restricted TCR (OT-II) transgenic mice were stimulated with concanavalin A (1.5  $\mu$ g/mL) for 24 h and then transduced with control or shUSP9X-expressing retroviruses. At 2 d after transduction, splenocytes were stimulated with OVA<sub>323-339</sub> peptide for 8 h and analyzed by intracellular staining and flow cytometry (*Left*), or isolated OT-II CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were stimulated with OVA<sub>323-339</sub> peptide for 24 h and analyzed by ELISA (*Right*). The data are representative of and compiled from three independent experiments. Error bars indicate mean  $\pm$  SD. \**P* < 0.05, two-tailed unpaired *t* test. (*B*) Expression of activation markers in control or USP9X shRNA-expressing CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells. Purified CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were stimulated with anti-CD3 + anti-CD28 for 16 h and then analyzed for CD25 and CD69 expression by flow cytometry. The data are representative of three independent experiments.



**Fig. S4.** Immunoaffinity purification of Bcl10 and Malt1. (A) Immunoaffinity purification of the FLAG-Bcl10 complex was performed with anti-FLAG antibody in the presence or absence of anti-CD3 + anti-CD28 stimulation. The purified FLAG-Bcl10 samples were subjected to SDS/PAGE (gradient of 4–20% poly-acrylamide), visualized by silver staining, and immunoblotted with the indicated antibodies. Protein size markers (in kDa) are indicated on the left. The data are representative of two independent experiments. (*B*) Interaction between USP9X and Malt1. Jurkat cell line carrying SV40 large T antigen cells were transfected with Myc-Malt1 and USP9X and stimulated with anti-CD3 + anti-CD28 for the indicated times. Myc-Malt1 was immunoprecipitated with anti-Myc antibody. The immunoprecipitates were separated by SDS/PAGE and immunoblotted with indicated antibodies. The data are representative of two independent experiments.



**Fig. S5.** USP9X does not exert deubiquitinase activity on Malt1. TCR-induced ubiquitination of Malt1 in control and USP9X-shRNA expressing cells is shown. JE6.1 cells were left untreated or were stimulated with anti-CD3 + anti-CD28 for the indicated times. Cell lysates were generated by the addition of SDS lysis buffer (2% SDS) and immunoprecipitated with anti-Malt1 antibody. The whole-cell lysates (*Left*) and immunoprecipitates (*Right*) were subjected to SDS/PAGE and analyzed by immunoblotting with anti-ubiquitin antibody. The data are representative of two independent experiments.



**Fig. S6.** Nonproteasomal degradation of Bcl10 on TCR stimulation. (A) Jurkat (clone JE6.1) T cells were incubated with or without MG132 (25 μM) for 3 h. Then the cells were washed and stimulated with PMA + ionomycin (lono) for the indicated times. Cell lysates were subjected to immunoblotting with the indicated antibodies, with anti-Grb2 blot used as a loading control. The data are representative of two independent experiments. (*B* and C) JTAg cell lines stably expressing control or shUSP9X were transfected with CD28, Flag-El10, Myc-Malt1, and HA ubiquitin, and then incubated with or without MG132 for 3 h. Cells were washed and stimulated with PMA + lono. Cell lysates were immunoprecipitated with anti-Myc [first immunoprecipitation (IP)], and the immunoprecipitates were eluted by heating in the presence of SDS. The eluates were reimmunoprecipitated with anti-FLAG (second IP), and the immunoprecipitates were subjected to SDS/PAGE and analyzed by immunoblotting with anti-HA or anti-K48 polyubiquitin antibodies (*B*) or anti-K63 polyubiquitin antibody (C). \*IgG. The data are representative of two independent experiments.