

## Supplementary information, Figure S1

**Figure S1**  $\alpha$ 7nAChR is required for the inhibitory role of cholinergic agonists in cytokine production. (**A**) ELISA detection of IL-6 (left) and TNF- $\alpha$  (right) in the supernatant of peritoneal macrophages from  $\alpha$ 7nAChR<sup>+/+</sup> or  $\alpha$ 7nAChR<sup>-/-</sup> mice treated with 100 ng/ml LPS in the presence or absence of 5 mM nicotine for 9 h. (**B**) ELISA detection of IL-6 in the supernatant of RAW264.7 cells pre-incubated with vehicle, 5 mM nicotine, 5 mM nicotine in combination with 10  $\mu$ M MLA and then stimulated with 100 ng/ml LPS for 9 h. (**C**) ELISA detection of IL-6 in the supernatant of RAW264.7 cells incubated with the indicated doses of PNU for 10 min and then stimulated with 100 ng/ml LPS for 9 h. Data represent mean  $\pm$  S.D. (*n* = 3). NS, not significant; \*\**P* < 0.01 by Student's *t*-test.