

**Additional file 2 - Raw data for Experiment 2**

The table shows the raw data from the ten mice (n = 10) in Experiment 2. Shown are the mean concentrations in pg/ml (Mean), the coefficient of variation (%CV) and the standard error of the mean (SEM) for each of the 23 cytokines measured in the types of samples: serum (Serum), EDTA-plasma (EDTA) and the heparin-coated tubes that were either non-spiked ("Hep"), spiked with 1 µl ("Hep1") or 10 µl ("Hep10") of 5,000 IU/ml heparin in Experiment 2. OOR> states out of range above the standard curve.

Experiment 2						
Cytokine		Serum	Hep	Hep1	Hep10	EDTA
<b>IL-1α</b>	<b>Mean</b>	80.5 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	80.4 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	56.4 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	91.1 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	91.0 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
	<b>%CV</b>	11.6	5.75	5.85	27.5	9.76
	<b>SEM</b>	782	11.9 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	13.8 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	946	23.7 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
<b>IL-1β</b>	<b>Mean</b>	60.9 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	66.7 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	98.4 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	48.7 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	87.5 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
	<b>%CV</b>	3.54	2.49	4.00	3.91	11.7
	<b>SEM</b>	15.2 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	42.1 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	25.7 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	46.2 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	20.4 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
<b>IL-2</b>	<b>Mean</b>	42.0 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	40.3 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	52.1 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	45.8 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	49.8 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
	<b>%CV</b>	8.17	4.16	4.05	2.10	9.61
	<b>SEM</b>	49.3 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	62.8 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	14.0 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	41.0 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	11.7 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
<b>IL-3</b>	<b>Mean</b>	90.0 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	97.8 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	15.3 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	13.9 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	19.6 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
	<b>%CV</b>	7.11	5.07	7.07	1.92	6.09
	<b>SEM</b>	13.7 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	17.3 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	46.1 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	13.0 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	11.0 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
<b>IL-4</b>	<b>Mean</b>	OOR>	OOR>	OOR>	OOR>	OOR>
	<b>%CV</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>SEM</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>IL-5</b>	<b>Mean</b>	OOR>	OOR>	OOR>	OOR>	OOR>
	<b>%CV</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>SEM</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>IL-6</b>	<b>Mean</b>	68.6 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	74.5 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	12.7 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	81.6 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	96.1 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
	<b>%CV</b>	2.40	2.59	4.29	2.71	9.33
	<b>SEM</b>	299	717	29.4 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	456	16.1 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
<b>IL-9</b>	<b>Mean</b>	74.9 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	38.9 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	53.6 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	21.0 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	36.7 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
	<b>%CV</b>	5.82	25.7	13.3	22.6	29.8
	<b>SEM</b>	11.4 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	856	28.5 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	110	869
<b>IL-10</b>	<b>Mean</b>	72.5 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	52.1 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	77.7 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	36.2 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	14.9 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
	<b>%CV</b>	7.31	4.57	8.05	3.16	8.15
	<b>SEM</b>	410	278	21.4 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	395	26.1 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
<b>IL-12p40</b>	<b>Mean</b>	12.5 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	38.2 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	52.1 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	30.9 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	16.0 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
	<b>%CV</b>	7.55	6.10	6.28	5.65	4.67
	<b>SEM</b>	812	193	14.3 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	342	28.1 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
<b>IL-12p70</b>	<b>Mean</b>	18.6 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	11.8 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	13.6 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	57.6 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	27.4 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
	<b>%CV</b>	9.45	17.3	11.8	10.5	2.15
	<b>SEM</b>	13.6 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	11.8 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	32.8 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	682	47.2 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
<b>IL-13</b>	<b>Mean</b>	16.7 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	18.2 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	30.9 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	16.8 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	29.5 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
	<b>%CV</b>	8.85	5.25	7.28	3.70	10.5
	<b>SEM</b>	361	14.1 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	85.3 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	16.2 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	56.3 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
<b>IL-17A</b>	<b>Mean</b>	18.2 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	10.7 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	16.8 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	93.5 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	45.9 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
	<b>%CV</b>	5.05	2.42	9.51	2.06	8.19
	<b>SEM</b>	37.3 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	13.4 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	46.9 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	640	76.0 × 10 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Eotaxin</b>	<b>Mean</b>	17.8 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	80.6 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	12.5 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	32.5 × 10 <sup>2</sup>	16.5 × 10 <sup>3</sup>

	<b>%CV</b>	9.93	10.9	18.8	22.9	15.7
	<b>SEM</b>	$23.1 \times 10^2$	$14.9 \times 10^2$	$43.3 \times 10^2$	552	$28.9 \times 10^2$
<b>G-CSF</b>	<b>Mean</b>	$13.2 \times 10^3$	$18.7 \times 10^3$	$32.3 \times 10^3$	$20.4 \times 10^3$	$24.5 \times 10^3$
	<b>%CV</b>	3.01	2.54	3.01	2.25	8.77
	<b>SEM</b>	682	$11.1 \times 10^2$	$92.5 \times 10^2$	$15.8 \times 10^2$	$54.1 \times 10^2$
<b>GM-CSF</b>	<b>Mean</b>	00R>	00R>	00R>	00R>	00R>
	<b>%CV</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>SEM</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>IFN-<math>\gamma</math></b>	<b>Mean</b>	$11.0 \times 10^3$	$13.3 \times 10^3$	$21.2 \times 10^3$	$14.1 \times 10^3$	$20.9 \times 10^3$
	<b>%CV</b>	2.13	3.26	3.22	2.05	8.26
	<b>SEM</b>	640	898	$64.3 \times 10^2$	737	$46.7 \times 10^2$
<b>KC</b>	<b>Mean</b>	$28.9 \times 10^3$	730	605	202	$30.4 \times 10^3$
	<b>%CV</b>	1.00	7.51	8.16	7.39	9.29
	<b>SEM</b>	$26.2 \times 10^2$	124	92.4	15.3	$53.9 \times 10^2$
<b>MCP-1</b>	<b>Mean</b>	$60.1 \times 10^2$	$23.5 \times 10^2$	$28.3 \times 10^2$	$11.3 \times 10^2$	$76.2 \times 10^2$
	<b>%CV</b>	5.28	9.19	10.7	5.25	7.64
	<b>SEM</b>	244	154	692	108	$12.7 \times 10^2$
<b>MIP-1<math>\alpha</math></b>	<b>Mean</b>	$13.3 \times 10^3$	$10.8 \times 10^3$	$11.3 \times 10^3$	$99.8 \times 10^2$	$18.8 \times 10^3$
	<b>%CV</b>	8.21	3.71	13.9	0.99	10.5
	<b>SEM</b>	$13.9 \times 10^2$	$14.7 \times 10^2$	$36.3 \times 10^2$	672	$32.5 \times 10^2$
<b>MIP-1<math>\beta</math></b>	<b>Mean</b>	$10.7 \times 10^3$	$38.5 \times 10^2$	$53.2 \times 10^2$	$20.9 \times 10^2$	$18.0 \times 10^3$
	<b>%CV</b>	12.2	4.76	10.6	5.11	10.3
	<b>SEM</b>	$17.7 \times 10^2$	281.5	$15.3 \times 10^2$	193	$29.5 \times 10^2$
<b>RANTES</b>	<b>Mean</b>	872	451	498	200	$18.8 \times 10^2$
	<b>%CV</b>	9.38	12.7	11.8	4.91	9.51
	<b>SEM</b>	131	56.4	117.2	11.7	377.8
<b>TNF-<math>\alpha</math></b>	<b>Mean</b>	$19.8 \times 10^3$	$18.4 \times 10^3$	$24.2 \times 10^3$	$18.0 \times 10^3$	$30.7 \times 10^3$
	<b>%CV</b>	7.71	5.60	5.71	4.60	7.17
	<b>SEM</b>	$27.1 \times 10^3$	$21.3 \times 10^2$	$66.1 \times 10^2$	$16.0 \times 10^2$	$60.9 \times 10^2$