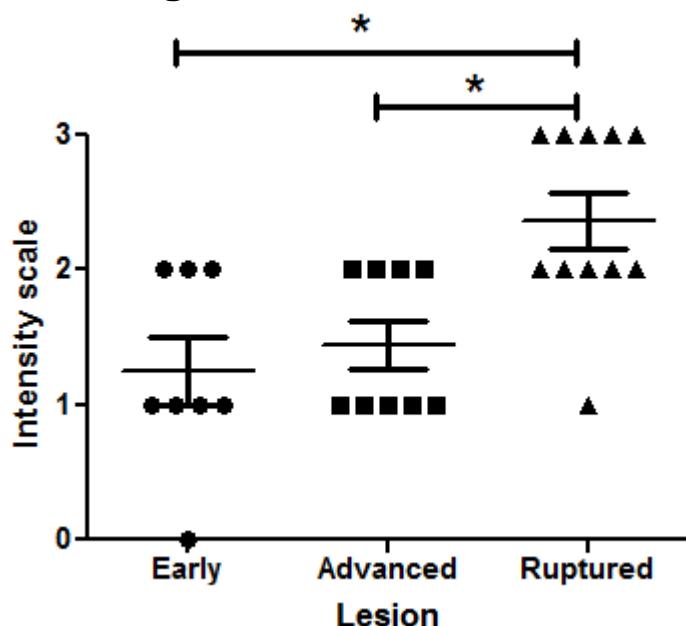


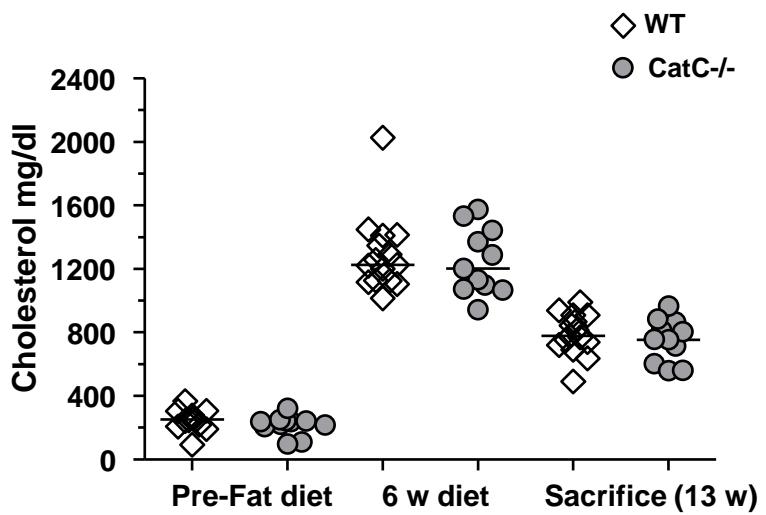
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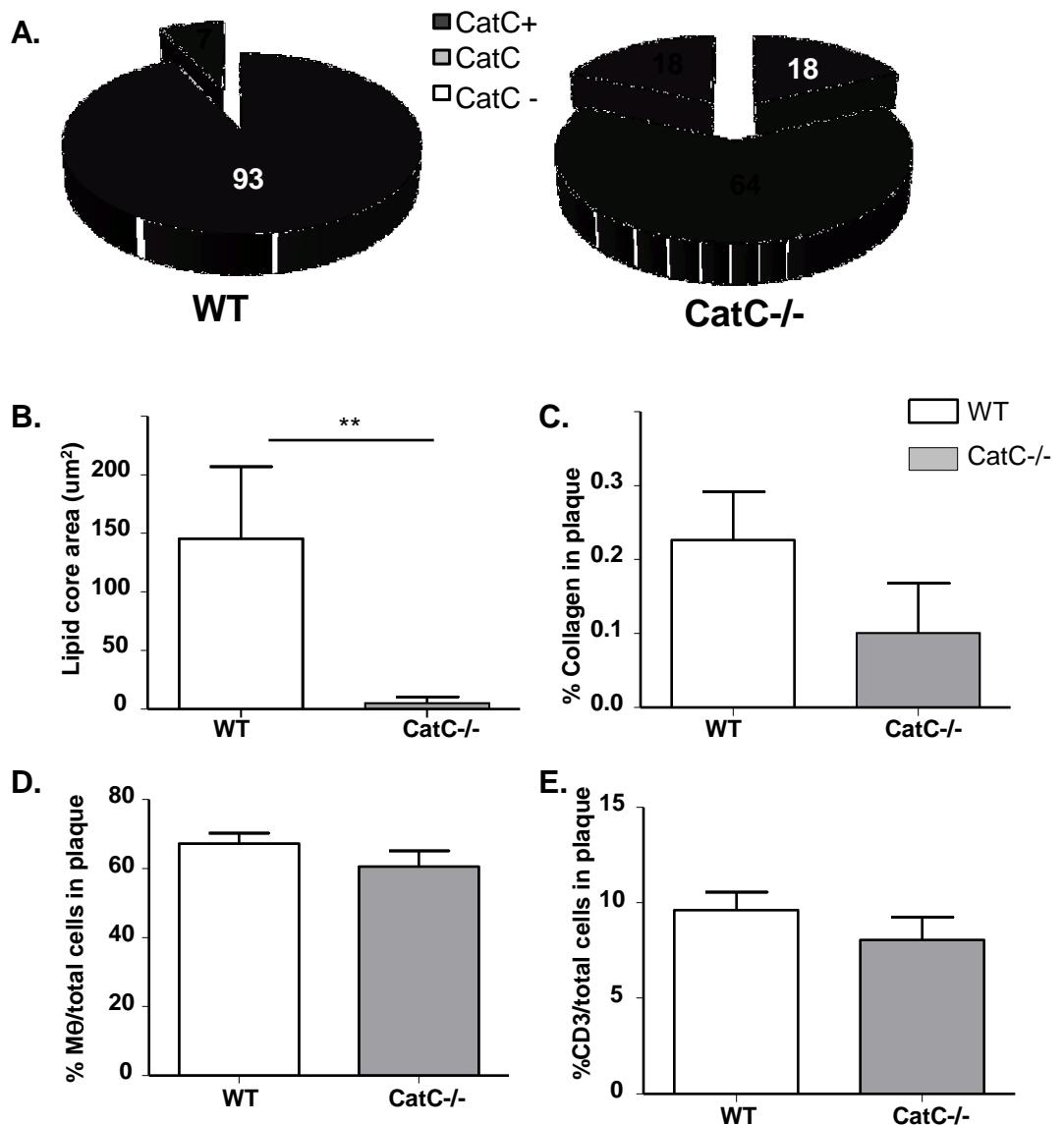
Legend Supplemental Fig. I: Semi-quantitative analysis of CatC expression in early, stable and ruptured human lesions as determined by immunohistochemistry. * = p<0.05.

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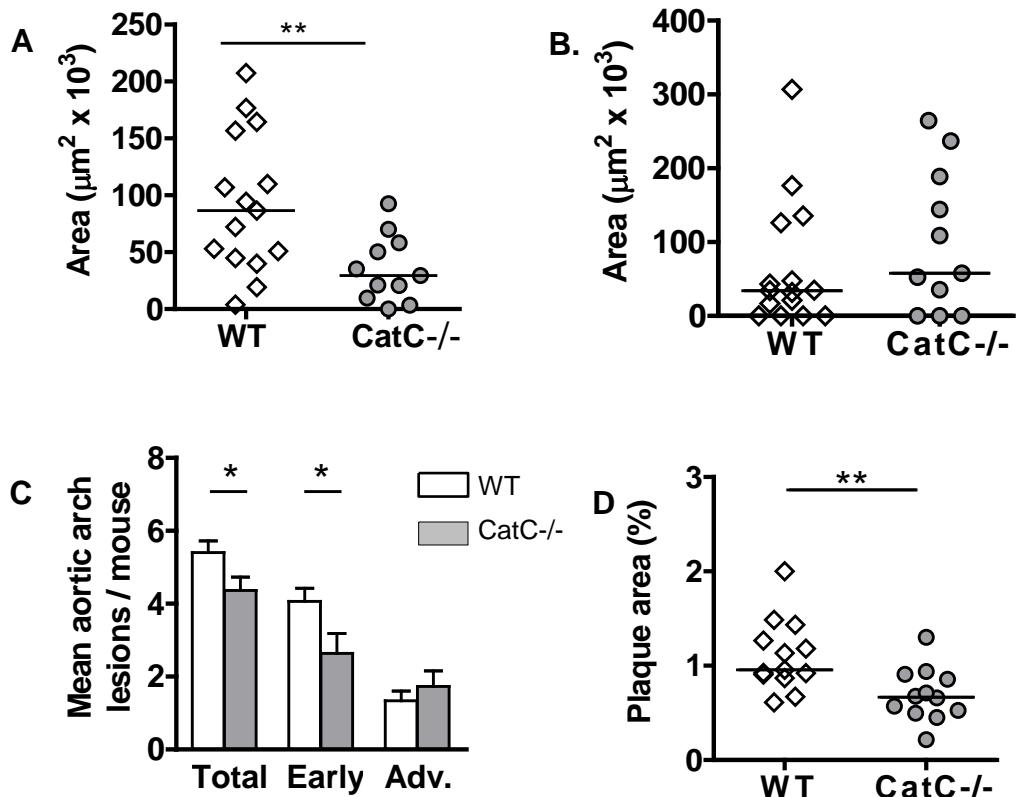
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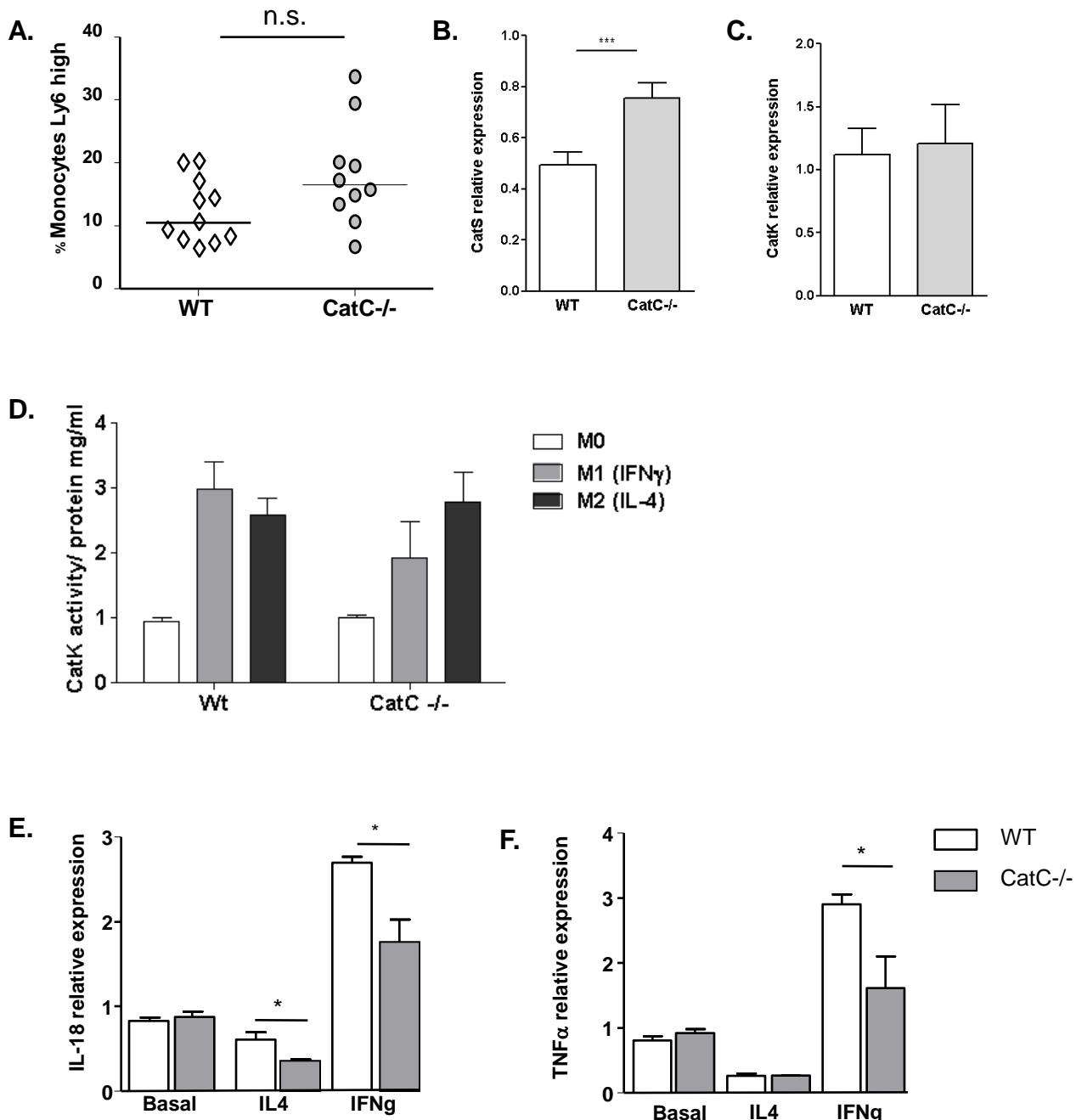
Legend Supplemental Fig. III: Further analysis of the collar-induced atherosclerotic lesions in the carotid artery, A: Contribution of hematopoietic CatC to total plaque CatC expression in WT and CatC^{-/-} mice. Further analysis of plaque components is shown in B: Lipid core area, C: Collagen content, D: Macrophage content and E: CD3+ cells

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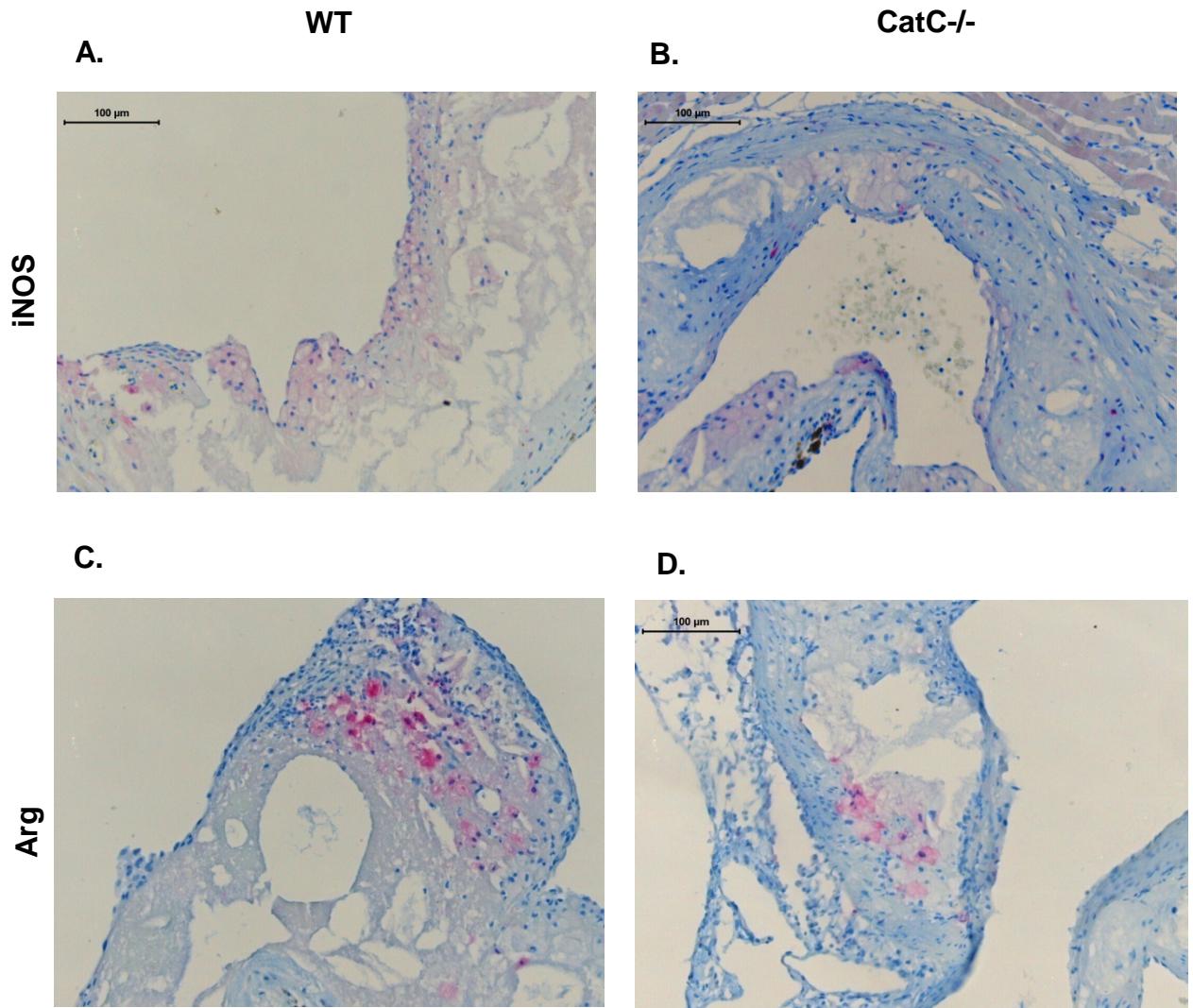
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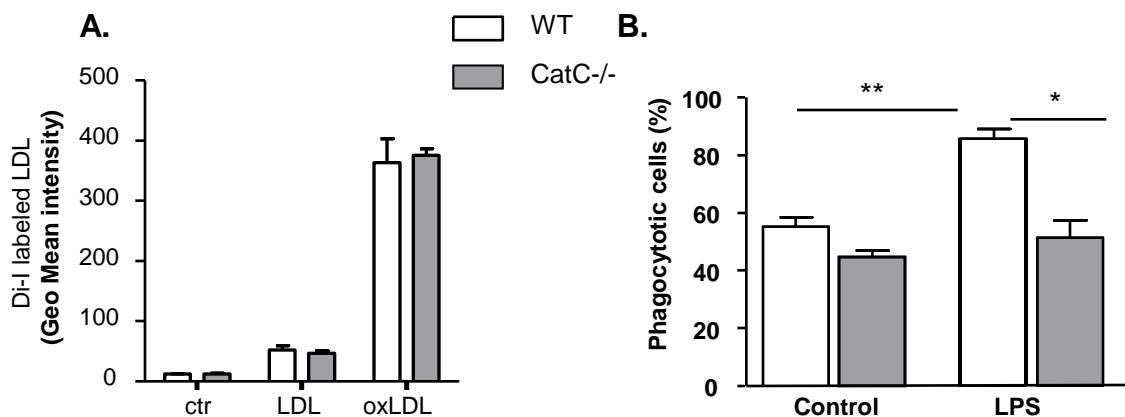
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Supplemental Fig. VI



Legend Supplemental Fig. VI. Immunohistochemical staining of aortic root atherosclerotic lesions of WT (panel A, C) and CatC-/- chimera mice (panel B, D) for iNOS (M1 marker, panel A-B) and Arg-1(M2 marker, panel C-D)

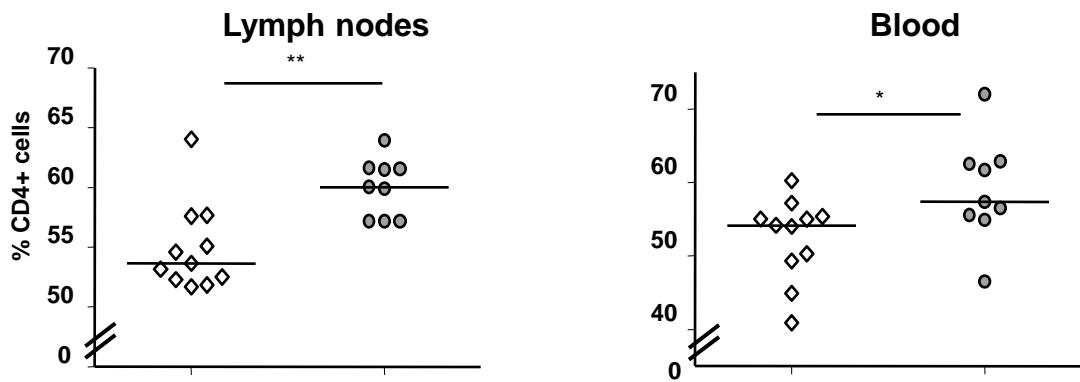
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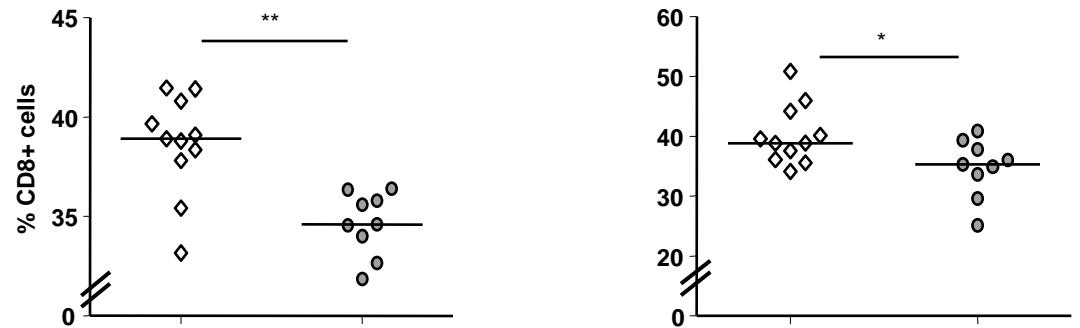
Legend Supplemental Fig. VII. A.: Uptake of Dil labeled LDL and ox-LDL in BMDM of WT (n=4) and CatC-/- mice (n=3), B: Uptake of apoptotic cells by BMDM in basal and LPS-stimulated conditions (triplicate wells, from 3 pooled donor WT and CatC-/- mice, analysis of 4-6 photos/ well).

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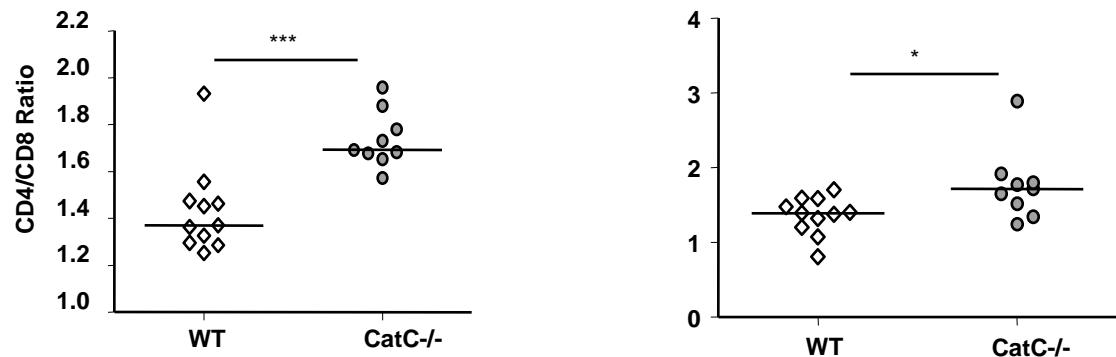
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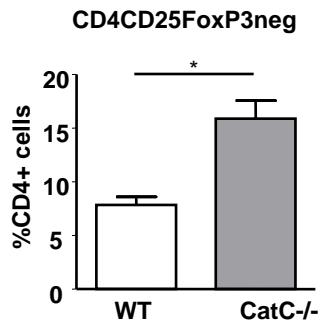
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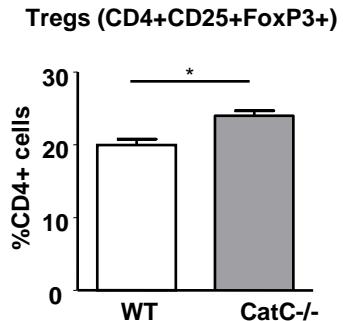
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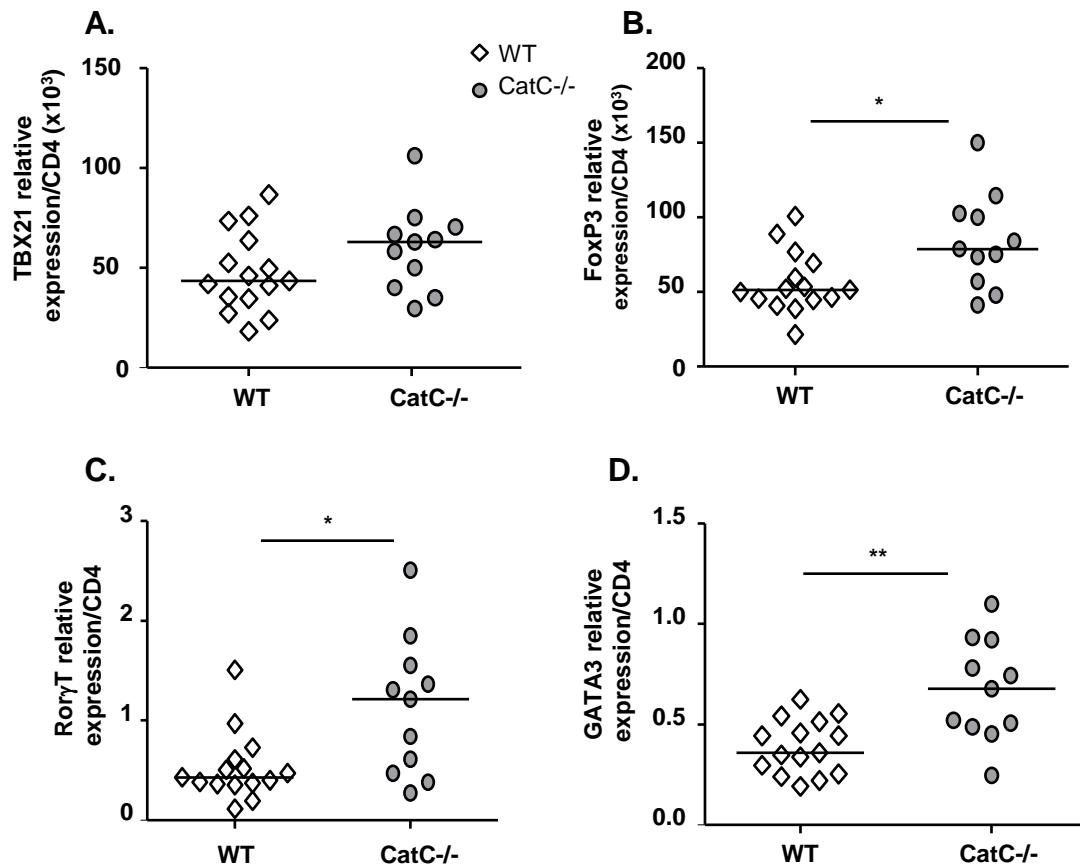


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Legend Supplemental Fig. VIII. A-C: shows FACS analysis of lymph nodes (left panels) and blood (right panels) in WT (n=11) and CatC^{-/-} chimeric mice (n=9), A: CD4+ T cells, B: CD8+ T cells, C: CD4/CD8 ratio. D-E: Analysis of splenic CD4 T cells subpopulations CD4CD25FoxP3neg (D) and CD4+CD25+FoxP3+ (E) in WT (n=4) and CatC^{-/-} mice (n=3). * = p<0.05, ** p=<0.01, *** = p<0.001.

Supplement Fig. IX



Legend Supplemental Fig. IX : A-D. Relative mRNA levels corrected for CD4 expression in spleen of TBX21 (A), FoxP3 (B), Ror γ T (C) and GATA3 (D) in WT (n=15) and CatC-/- chimeric mice (n=15)