## 1 **Online supplement**

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- 3 Macrophage-inducible C-type lectin Mincle expressing dendritic cells contribute to
- 4 control splenic *Mycobacterium bovis* BCG infection in mice

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**Figure S1:** *M. bovis* derived TDM is a ligand for Mincle. NFAT-GFP reporter cells expressing FcR $\gamma$  only (FcR $\gamma$ ), or Mincle + FcR $\gamma$  were stimulated with the indicated amounts of plate-coated TDM derived from *M. bovis* for 18 h. Subsequently, cells were washed off the plates and induction of NFAT-GFP (1) was analyzed by flow cytometry. Data are shown as mean values of triplicate determinations, and the experiment was repeated two times with similar results.

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Figure S2: Quantification of splenic macrophages, neutrophils, and DC after intravenous *M. bovis* BCG infection of WT and Mincle KO mice. WT and Mincle KO mice were intravenously infected with *M. bovis* BCG ( $8x10^5$  CFU/mouse) and at indicated time points, numbers of splenic phagocytes were determined. Values are shown as mean ± SD of n = 3-5 mice per time point and treatment group. \* p < 0.05 (Mann-Whitney U test).



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32 Figure S3: Effect of adoptive transfer of bone marrow neutrophils on splenic 33 antimycobacterial immunity in *M. bovis* BCG infected Mincle KO mice. Mincle KO mice were intravenously infected with *M. bovis* BCG ( $8 \times 10^5$  CFU/mouse) and on day 34 0, 3, and 5 of infection, mice received bone marrow-derived WT or Mincle KO 35 neutrophils (5x10<sup>6</sup> cells/mouse i.v.). (A) On day 14 post infection, mycobacterial 36 37 loads were determined in the spleens of Mincle KO mice transfused with either 38 Mincle KO neutrophils (white bars), or WT neutrophils (black bars). (B, C) On day 7 post infection, splenic IFN- $\!\gamma$  producing CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells were 39 determined, as indicated. Values are shown as mean  $\pm$  SD of n = 3-6 mice per time 40 41 point and treatment group. The data are representative of at least two independently 42 performed experiments.

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47 Figure S4: Effect of adoptive transfer of WT bone marrow-derived monocytes on hepatic antimycobacterial immunity in Mincle KO mice. Mincle KO mice were infected 48 intravenously with *M. bovis* BCG (8x10<sup>5</sup> CFU/mouse) followed by adoptive transfer of 49 bone marrow-derived monocytes (5x10<sup>6</sup> cells/mouse) derived from transgenic 50 zDC<sup>+/DTR</sup> donor mice. Subsequently, mice were either treated i.p. with PBS or 51 52 diphtheria toxin, and on day 14 and 21 post infection, hepatic mycobacterial CFU (A), or numbers of IFN- $\gamma$  producing CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (**B**) or CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells (**C**) were determined. 53 The data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SD of n = 3-6 mice per time point and treatment 54 55 group. The experiment was repeated two times with similar results.

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