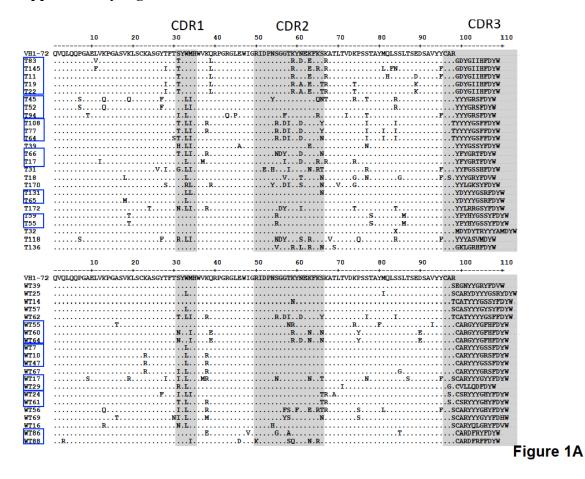
#### **Supplementary Data**

#### **Supplementary Figures**



**Figure 1A:** Localization of amino acid substitutions in distinct clones encoding **VH1-72 heavy chains of anti-NP monoclonal antibodies obtained from wild type and TACI-deficient mice**. Shown are independent VH sequences compared to the germline VH1-72 (indicated above each group). The boxed sequences correspond to the same clone, defined by the V(D)J junction. CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3, defined according to Kabat are shadowed. Sequences shown are all IgG1.

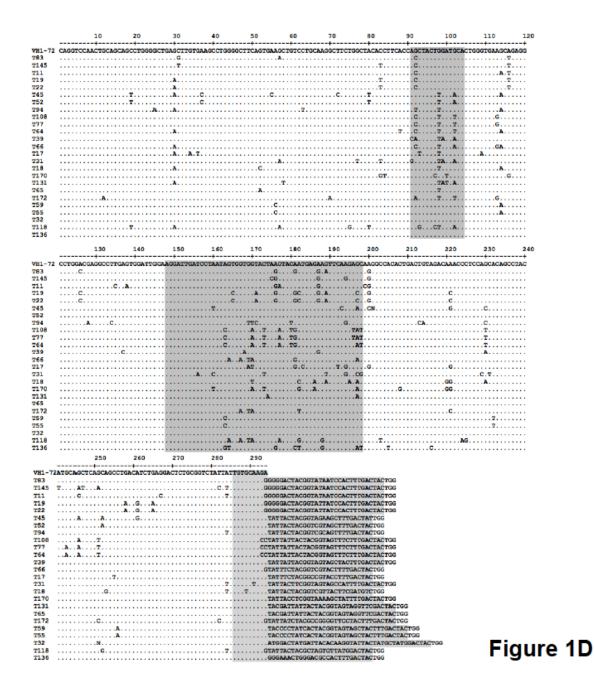
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# Figure 1B

Figure 1B: Localization of amino acid substitutions in distinct clones encoding Ig light chains of anti-NP monoclonal antibodies obtained from wild type and TACIdeficient mice. Shown are independent VL (V $\lambda$ 1 or V $\lambda$ 2) sequences compared to the germline (indicated above and below each group). CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3, defined according to Kabat are shadowed. The VL frequency of mutations was the same (1.7%) in clones derived from wt or from TACI-deficient mice.

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Figure 1C



**Figures 1C and 1D: Nucleotide sequences of VH1-72 heavy chains of anti-NP monoclonal antibodies obtained from wild type and TACI-deficient mice**. Shown are independent VH sequences compared to the germline VH1-72 (indicated above each group, 1C, TACI-ko, 1D, wt). CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3, defined according to Kabat are shadowed. Sequences shown correspond to the aminoacid sequences shown in figure 1A.

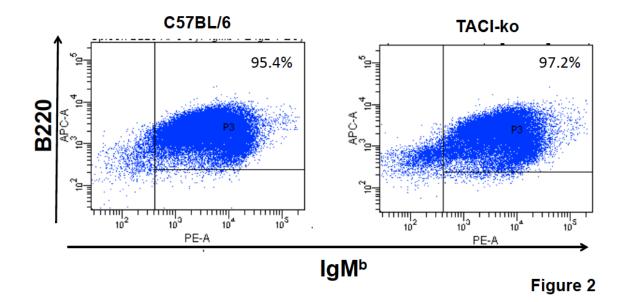
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## Figure 1F

**Figures 1E and 1F: Nucleotide sequences of Light chains of anti-NP monoclonal antibodies obtained from wild type and TACI-deficient mice**. The VL sequences compared to the germline V (indicated above each group, 1E, TACI-ko, 1F, wt). CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3, defined according to Kabat are shadowed. Sequences shown correspond to the aminoacid sequences shown in figure 1B.



**Figure 2:** Flow Cytometer analysis of splenocytes obtained from wild type or TACIdeficient mice 10 days after re-infection with C. rodentium. Y-axis depicts staining with anti-B220 antibody; the X-axis depicts staining with anti-IgM<sup>b</sup> antibody. Since IgM<sup>b</sup> is the IgM allotype expressed by B cells of C57BL/6 mice, the figure indicates that B cells express the C57BL/6 IgM allotype.

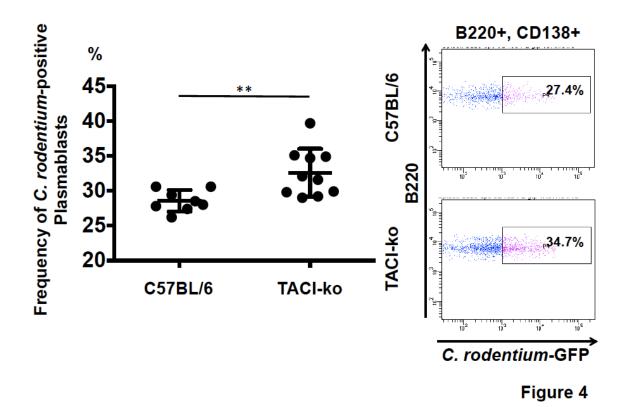
Germinal center B cell clones from	C,	. rodentium infected mice
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#### C57BL/6

## TACI-ko

Clone	lgH chain	Strain	Junction	Clone	lgH chain	Strain	Junction
BL6_E08	Musmus IGHV1-18*01 F	C57BL/6	CARITYNSREFPYW	CI D09	Musmus IGHV1-19*01 F	C57BL/6	CALGSSSFDYW
BL6_H07	Musmus IGHV1-18*01 F	C57BL/6	CARWRNGYFDVW	CI E02		C57BL/6	CARSFAYW
BL6_C02	Musmus IGHV1-31*01 F	C57BL/6	CARSITTAPFDYW	CI_A09	Musmus IGHV1-19*01 F	C57BL/6	CARDSSGYAYW
BL6_C07	Musmus IGHV1-54*01 F	C57BL/6	CARSFMITKAMDYW	CI_D01	Musmus IGHV1-19*01 F	C57BL/6	CATPDGYYGYFDVW
BL6_D03	Musmus IGHV1-64*01 F	C57BL/6	CARRGLYGSSPYYFDYW	CI_C01	Musmus IGHV1-20*01 F	C57BL/6	CARTGTTYFDYW
BL6_F03	Musmus IGHV1-7*01 F	C57BL/6	CARGDGYYPPYYAMDYW	/ CI_D04	Musmus IGHV1-39*01 F	C57BL/6	CARTLYYFDYW
BL6_G01	Musmus IGHV1-7*01 F	C57BL/6	CARGYYYGSSYGYFDVW	CI_H02	Musmus IGHV1-50*01 F	C57BL/6	CARYDGYLGYFDYW
BL6_H09	Musmus IGHV1-72*01 F	C57BL/6	CTRGFYDGFSSWFAYW	CI_H12	Musmus IGHV1-52*01 F	C57BL/6	CARWGLRRSYAMDYW
BL6_E02	Musmus IGHV1-81*01 F	C57BL/6	CARVYYAMDYW	CI_C12	Musmus IGHV1-52*01 F	C57BL/6	CARFHYWYFDVW
BL6_E06	Musmus IGHV1-81*01 F	C57BL/6	CAREDGSSSWFAYW	CI_E11	Musmus IGHV1-53*01 F	C57BL/6	CARGGVITTVVARYWYFDV
BL6_A06	Musmus IGHV1-81*01 F	C57BL/6	CAREGDYSFAYW	CI_H10	Musmus IGHV1-53*01 F	C57BL/6	CARTAQATWGVFDYW
BL6_B02	Musmus IGHV1-81*01 F	C57BL/6	CARWTAQATCYW	CI_F03	Musmus IGHV1-64*01 F	C57BL/6	CARGYGSIYWYFDVW
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BL6_E12	Musmus IGHV1-9*01 F	C57BL/6	CARRGGAYW		Musmus IGHV1-81*01 F	C57BL/6	CARYYYGSSFFDYW
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					Musmus IGHV5-17*01 F	C57BL/6	CAMGGYSAWFAYW
					Musmus IGHV5-17*01 F	C57BL/6	CARNWVDYW
					Musmus IGHV5-4*01 F	C57BL/6	CARNDYRCFYDAXDYXGQ
				TACI_B01	Musmus IGHV5-6*01 F	C57BL/6	CARLAYYSNYGWYFDVW
							Figure 3

**Figure 3:** Identification of VH genes and V(D)J junctions of B cell clones isolated from the spleen of mice infected with *C. rodentium* 10 days earlier. Figure shows that all VH genes isolated match best to C57BL/6 germline alleles. Germinal center B cells (CD19+, GL7+ and Fas+) were isolated by single cell sorting from wt or TACIdeficient mice. CDN, amplification and sequencing were done according to (1).



**Figure 4:** Identification of *C. rodentium* binding B cells. The figure shows flow cytometry analysis of splenocytes obtained from mice infected twice with *C. rodentium* with a month interval. Cells were analyzed 10 days after second infection. The left panel shows the frequency (Y-axis) of plasmablasts that bind to GFP-expressing *C. rodentium*. Panels on the right show representative dot plots (from N=10/strain) of splenocytes stained with anti-B220 antibody (Y-axis), anti-CD138 antibody and incubated with GFP-expressing *C. rodentium* (X-axis). Cells shown are both B220+ and CD138+ (plasmablasts). Rectangles depict the population that stains positively (above background) with the GFP-labeled *C. rodentium*.

### Supplementary methods:

Primers for real-time PCR:

CTATTACGTGGATCGCAATGATGA(cIAP1-F),TCTCCAGGGCCAAAATGCACCACT(cIAP1-R);CGGGACATCTTGACGGAC(BCL6-F),CAGGGCTGATTTCAGGATCTA(BCL6-R);CATTCTGCCCCAAAGATCAGT (TACI-F), TGGTGCCTTCCTGAGTTGTCT (TACI-R);AGCCCATCACCATCTTCCAGGAG(GAPDH-F),CCTCTCGCCACAGCTTTCCA (GAPDH-R)

Primers for sequencing:

Forward Primers:

V1-72 (IMGT) (2, 3)) specific forward primer

(CTTGACCCAGATGTCCCTTCTTCTCCAGCAGG);

Universal forward primers (AGGTSMARCTGCAGSAGTCWGG),

(GGGAATTCGAGGTGCAGCTGCAGGAGTCTGG) and

(SARGTNMAGCTGSAGSAGTC);

Reverse primers:

J4 reverse primer (TTCCTTGACCCCAGTAGTCCA).

Nested PCR:

The nested PCR was done using the same forward primer and one of several reverse

primers located on J1-J2 intron (ATGGCCTGACATGGGGAGATCTG), J2-J3 intron

# (GGGTCTAG AGGTGTCCCTAGTCCTTCATGACC) or J3-J4 intron (GGGTCTAG AGGTGTCCCTAGTCCTTCATGACC).

Amplification and sequencing of VH and VL exons from single sorted germinal center B cells isolated from mice infected with *C. rodentium* were done according to (1). Primers for amplifying and sequencing  $\lambda 1$  and  $\lambda 2$  light chain exons from hybridomas were according to (1)

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