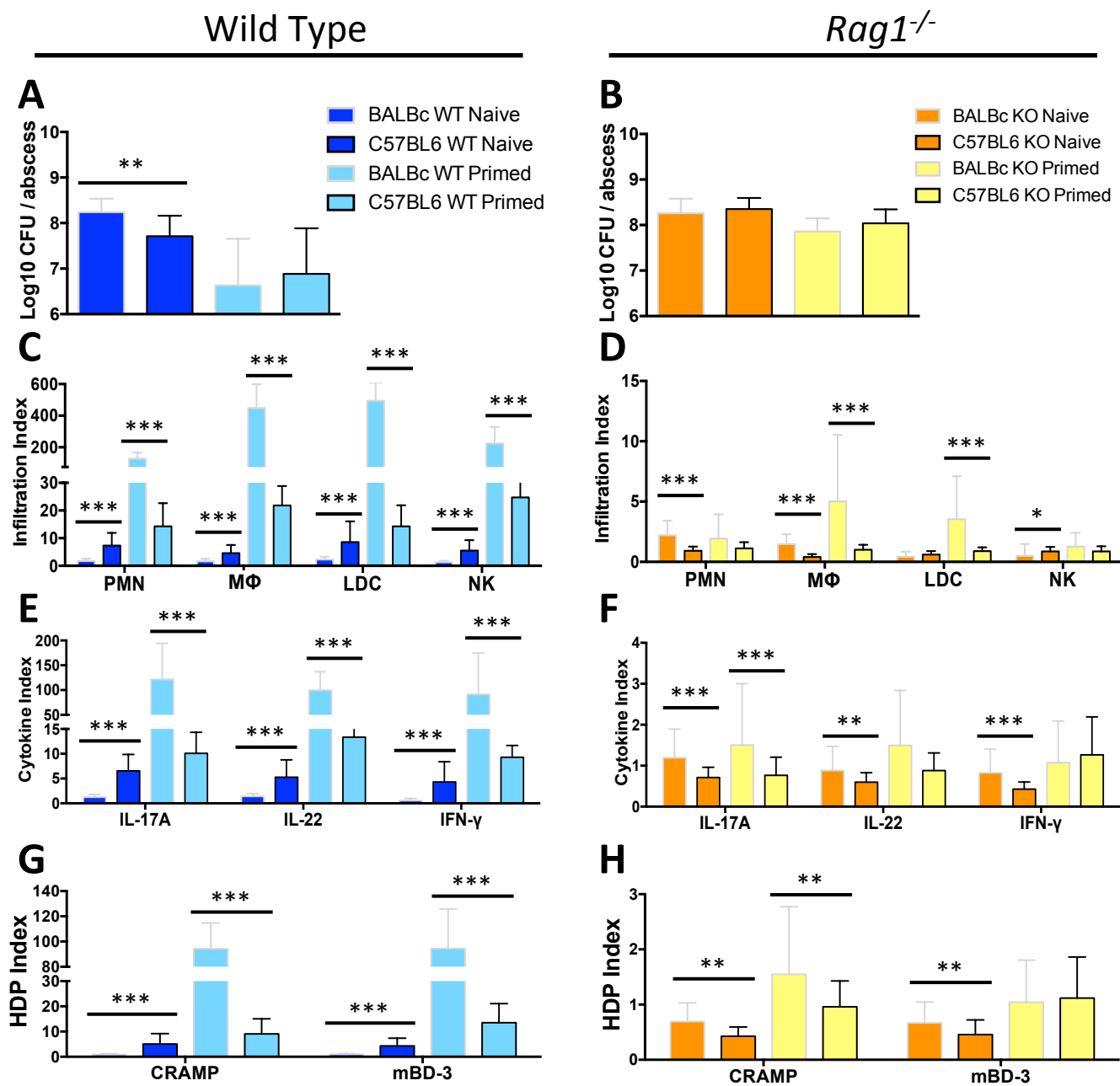


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Supplemental Figure 2. Mouse genetic background influences priming effects on host protection and pro-inflammatory responses. MRSA SSSI in BALB/c naïve mice resulted in greater bacterial burden in skin abscesses as compared to C57BL/6 naïve mice (A). No differences were found in *rag1*^{-/-} mice (B). $P < 0.01$ (**) vs. corresponding BALB/c mice (wild-type, $N \geq 16$; *rag1*^{-/-}, $N \geq 8$) using student's t-test. Data are represented as mean \pm SD. Immune cell infiltration (C-D), cytokine expression (E-F) and host defense peptide (HDP) induction (G-H) indices of BALB/c versus C57BL/6 were compared during primary and secondary MRSA SSSI. Pro-inflammatory responses were greater in wild-type C57BL/6 mice as compared to BALB/c mice during primary MRSA SSSI. However, BALB/c mice had greater pro-inflammatory responses during recurrent MRSA SSSI as compared to C57BL/6 mice (C, E, G). Pro-inflammatory responses in C57BL/6 mice were absent in the *rag1*^{-/-} background. Select host responses in the BALB/c background were induced in the absence of adaptive immunity (D, F, H). $P < 0.001$ (***) versus corresponding BALB/c mice via student's t test ($N \geq 10+$ images per sample). Cytokine index was calculated by taking expression levels of samples (% of uninfected control) normalized per 10^6 MRSA CFU in abscesses of corresponding samples as previously described (1). Data are represented as mean index \pm SD.