

Figure S1

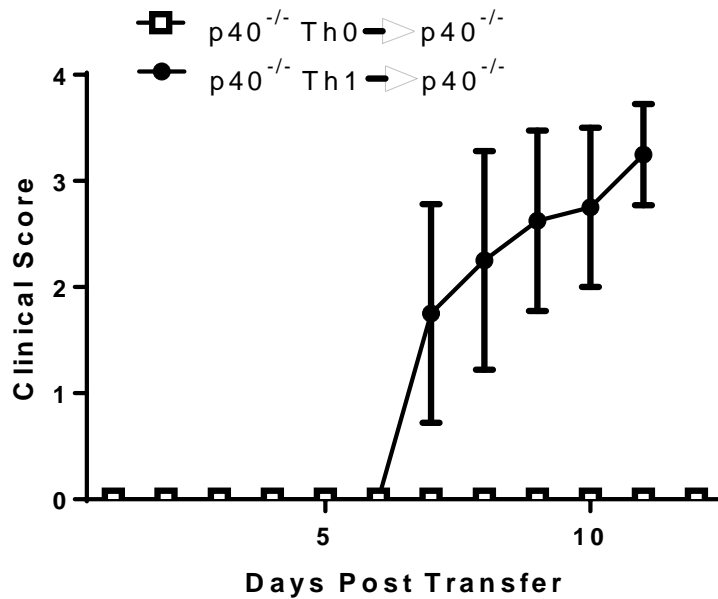


Figure S1 – MOG-primed T cells derived from IL-12p40^{-/-} donors fail to acquire encephalitogenic properties following ex vivo under neutral conditions.

LNC from MOG/CFA-immunized IL-12p40^{-/-} mice were cultured for 4 days with antigen under Th1 (IL-12 and IFN- γ) or neutral Th0 (anti-IL-12p40) polarizing conditions. Purified CD4⁺ T cells were then purified and adoptively transferred into naïve IL-12p40^{-/-} hosts. n=3-4 mice per group. Data are shown as mean \pm SEM.

Figure S2

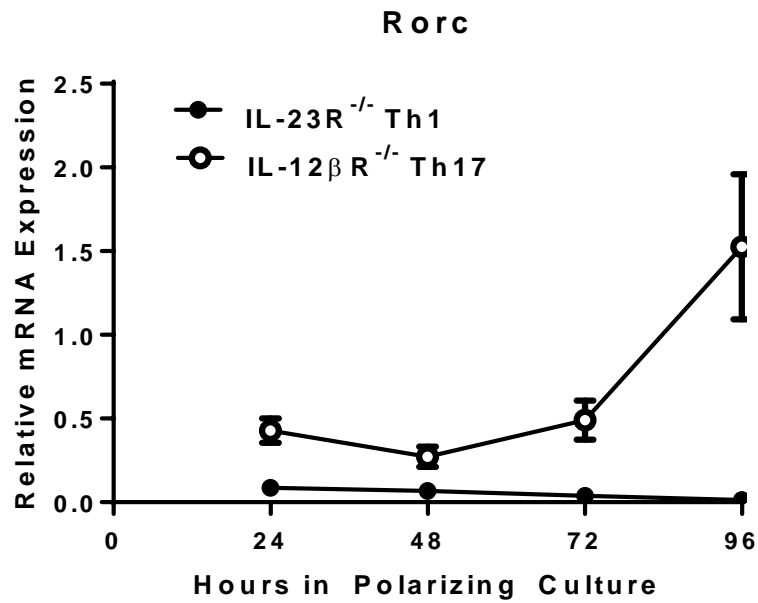


Figure S2 – Rorc expression during polarizing culture

LNC harvested from MOG/CFA-immunized IL-23R^{-/-} or IL-12Rβ2^{-/-} mice were cultured with antigen under Th1 or Th17 polarizing conditions, respectively. Cultured cells were collected at the indicated time points for RNA extraction. *Rorc* expression was measured by quantitative RT-PCR and normalized to *gapdh*. Replicates reflect separate cultures from pooled mice, and data are shown as mean ± SEM.

Figure S3

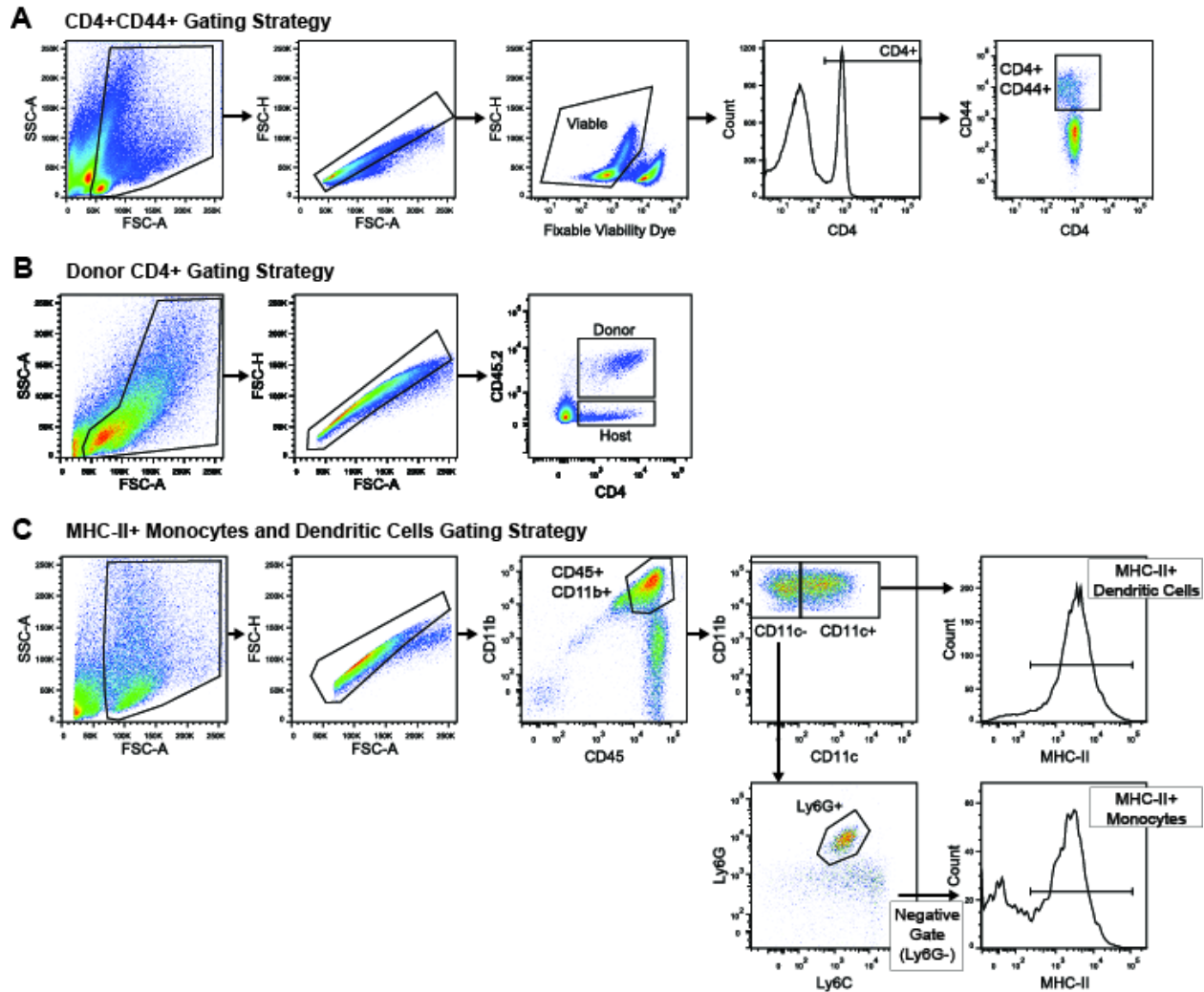


Figure S3 – Gating strategies for flow cytometry

(A) Gating strategy for CD4⁺CD44⁺ T cells analyzed post-culture. Following doublet exclusion, CD44⁺ cells are identified among viable CD4⁺ T cells. **(B)** Gating strategy for donor CD4⁺ T cells isolated from the CNS. Following doublet exclusion, CD4⁺ donor cells are distinguished from host cells by expression of CD45.2. **(C)** Gating strategy for MHC-II⁺ monocytes and dendritic cells. Following doublet exclusion, CD45⁺CD11b⁺ myeloid cells are assessed for expression of CD11c. Dendritic cells are identified as CD11c⁺. Neutrophils are excluded from the CD11c⁻ population by gating out Ly6G⁺ cells; CD11c⁻ Ly6G⁻ cells are classified as monocytes.