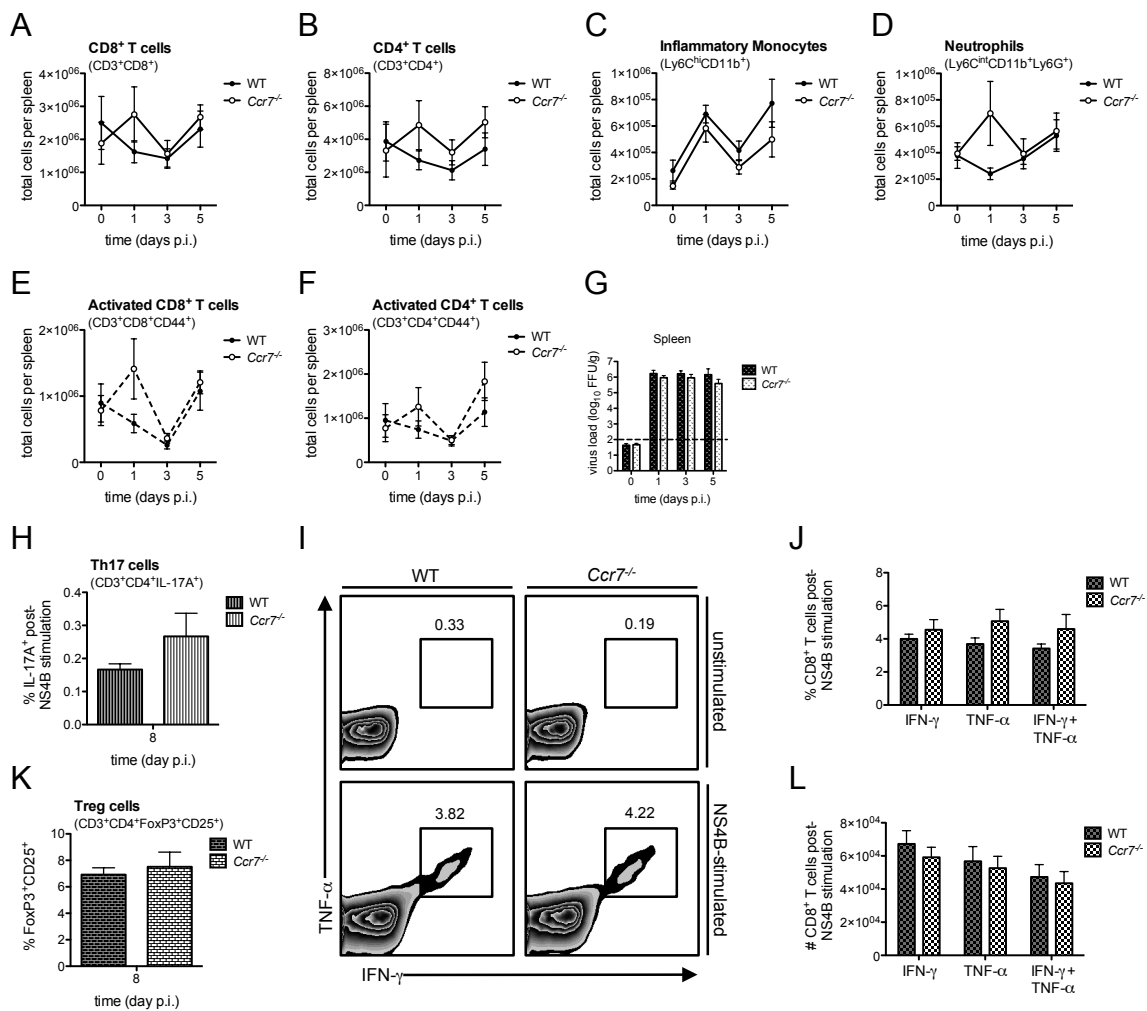


Supplementary Figure S1. Loss of *Ccr7* does not impact leukocyte accumulation or T cell priming in the spleen during WNV infection. (A-F) Following FSC/SSC and UV⁻ gating for live cells, total cell numbers of mDC (MHCII^{hi}CD11c⁺), CD8⁺ T cells (CD3⁺CD8⁺), CD4⁺ T cells (CD3⁺CD4⁺), activated CD8⁺ T cells (CD3⁺CD8⁺CD44⁺), and activated CD4⁺ T cells (CD3⁺CD4⁺CD44⁺) were assessed by flow cytometry on days 0, 1, 3, and 5 p.i. from the spleen of WT and *Ccr7*^{-/-} mice. (G) Viral load was assessed from the spleen of WT and *Ccr7*^{-/-} mice by an FFU assay. (H) The percentage of CD3⁺CD4⁺ T cells expressing IL-17, after stimulation *ex vivo* for 8 hours with an immunodominant Db-restricted WNV NS4B peptide and gating on FSC/SSC and UV⁻ for live cells, from the spleen of day 8 WNV-infected WT and *Ccr7*^{-/-} mice was assessed by flow cytometry. (K) The total number of Treg cells from the spleen of day 8 WNV-infected WT and *Ccr7*^{-/-} mice is shown and were gated on FSC/SSC, UV⁻ for live cells, CD3⁺CD4⁺, and FoxP3⁺CD25⁺ by flow cytometry analysis. (I-J and L) Splenocytes from day 8 WNV-infected WT and *Ccr7*^{-/-} mice were stimulated *ex vivo* for 8 hours with an immunodominant D^b-restricted WNV NS4B peptide and intracellular cytokine expression of IFN- γ and/or TNF- α was assessed by flow cytometry analysis with the dot plots, percentages, and total numbers shown. Gating strategy: FSC/SSC UV⁻CD3⁺CD8⁺ followed by IFN- γ and/or TNF- α expression. Data are shown as mean \pm SD for n=3-9 mice per genotype and time point from two independent experiments.



Supplementary Figure S2. Cytokines are elevated in the CNS of *Ccr7*-deficient mice. (A-H) Protein levels of IL-1 β , IL-12, IL-22, Ccl3, Ccl4, Ccl5, Ccl2, and Ccl7 in the CNS of WT and *Ccr7*^{-/-} mice at days 0, 8, 10, and 12 p.i. were measured by multiplex ELISA. Data are shown as mean \pm SD for n=3-9 mice per genotype and time point from two independent experiments. *, P < 0.05 and ***, P < 0.001.

