Supplemental table 1

Blood Lineage Counts for the Reconstituted Mice

	Whole blood cells counts			
Parameter	ire l α ^{-/-}	$irel \alpha^{+/+}$	Control 1: rag2 ^{-/-}	Control 2: wild-type
	reconstituted mice	reconstituted mice	(non-irradiated)	C57B/129S mice
WBC (K/uL)	5.97 ± 2.1	7.12 ± 2.5	5.12 ± 1.7	14.0 ± 2.3
NE (K/uL; %)	4.2 ± 0.9 ;	3.92 ± 0.8 ;	3.93 ± 0.6 ;	3.59 ± 1.0 ;
	70.4 ± 2.4	55 ± 1.5	76.8 ± 3.5	25.6 ± 0.9
LY (K/uL; %)	1.44 ± 0.6 ;	2.75 ± 1.3 ;	0.73 ± 0.2 ;	10.10 ± 4.5 ;
	24.1 ± 3.7	38.7 ± 5.9	14.2 ± 1.3	72.3 ± 10.1
MO (K/uL; %)	0.13 ± 0.05 ;	0.29 ± 0.06 ;	0.22 ± 0.05 ;	0.13 ± 0.07 ;
	2.2 ± 0.3	4.1 ± 0.9	4.3 ± 0.8	0.9 ± 0.4
EO (K/uL; %)	0.16 ± 0.1 ;	0.14 ± 0.09 ;	0.18 ± 0.06 ;	0.12 ± 0.08 ;
	2.7 ± 1.7	1.9 ± 0.9	3.5 ± 1.7	0.9 ± 0.5
BA (K/uL; %)	0.04 ± 0.02 ;	0.02 ± 0.01 ;	0.06 ± 0.01 ;	0.04 ± 0.02 ;
	0.67 ± 0.3	0.3 ± 0.19	1.2 ± 0.4	0.3 ± 0.2
RBC (M/uL)	5.24 ± 1.2	8.17 ± 1.5	9.54 ± 1.9	8.80 ± 2.0
HB (g/dL)	5.3 ± 1.3	12.9 ± 2.4	14.9 ± 2.0	14.0 ± 2.6
PLT (K/uL)	403 ± 51	461 ± 55	608 ± 49	586 ± 67

Note: Mice whole blood counts were determined by using the Drew Scientific HEMAVET Multispecies Hematology Analyzer according to the manufacturer's instructions (Delta Scientific, Inc).

WBC, White blood cell or leukocyte count; NE, Neutrophil count and percent;

LY, lymphocyte count and percent; MO, monocyte count and percent;

EO, eosinophil count and percent; BA, basophil count and percent;

RBC, red blood cell and/or erythrocyte count;

HB, hemoglobin concentration; PLT, platelet and/or thrombocyte count

Legend for supplemental figure 1

The $ire1\alpha^{-1}$ fetal hematopoietic cells (4×10^6) and $rag2^{-1}$ bone marrow cells (2×10⁵) were co-transferred intravenously into lethally-irradiated rag2^{-/-} mice for longterm reconstitution. All the reconstituted mice survived more than 2 months after transplantation. Blood serum, splenocytes, thymocytes and genomic DNA of various organs from the reconstituted mice were collected for the following analysis. (A) Reconstitution of serum IgM and IgG1 in $ire1\alpha^{+/+}rag2^{-/-}$, $ire1\alpha^{+/-}rag2^{-/-}$ and $ire1\alpha^{-/-}rag2^{-/-}$ chimaeric mice. Blood serum samples were collected from snipped tails of reconstituted $rag2^{-/-}$ mice. Levels of serum IgM and IgG1 were determined by ELISA. The $ire1\alpha^{+/+}$ hematopoietic cells reconstituted significant levels of serum IgM and IgG1 in the rag2^{-/-} chimaeric mice. In contrast, no serum IgM and IgG1 was detected in the $irel \alpha^{-1}$ reconstituted rag2^{-/-} mice up to 2 months after transplantation. (B) FACS analysis with B220, IgM, CD4, and CD8 of splenocytes or thymocytes from the $irel \alpha^{+/+} rag 2^{-/-}$ and *irel* α^{-/-}rag2^{-/-} chimaeric mice. Neither B220⁺IgM⁺ splenic B cells nor CD4⁺ or CD8⁺ T cells were detected in the $irel \alpha^{-1}$ reconstituted mice. (C) Quantification of rates of engraftment of $irel \alpha^{-/-}$ or $irel \alpha^{+/-}$ cells in the peripheral lymphoid organs after two and half months of reconstitution by Southern blot analysis. The phenotypes of $irel \alpha^{+/-}$ reconstituted mice, including serum Ig levels and mature B and T cells in the peripheral lymphoid organs, were similar to those of $irel \alpha^{+/+}$ mice. Since both $irel \alpha^{-/-}$ and $irel \alpha^{+/-}$ cells have the $irel \alpha$ recombinant allele integrated in their genomes that can be detected by a specific probe (see methods), we utilized $irel \alpha^{+/-} rag 2^{-/-}$ chimaeric mice in place for

 $ire1\alpha^{+/+}rag2^{-/-}$ chimaeric mice in comparing the engraftment rates of external hematopoietic cells. The amounts of the reconstituted $irel \alpha^{-1}$ or $irel \alpha^{+1}$ cells in the reconstituted bone marrow, spleen and thymus were determined by quantification of $irel \alpha$ recombinant allele in the genomic DNA isolated from those organs. The engraftment rate of $irel\alpha^{-1}$ cells in bone marrow was comparable to that of $irel\alpha^{+1}$, while very few $irel \alpha^{-/-}$ cells could be detected in the spleen and thymus of the $irel \alpha^{-/-}$ reconstituted mice. Rec. allele, irel α recombinant allele; WT allele, wild-type irel α allele. For panels A-C, representative data from at least 3 separate experiments are

shown.

