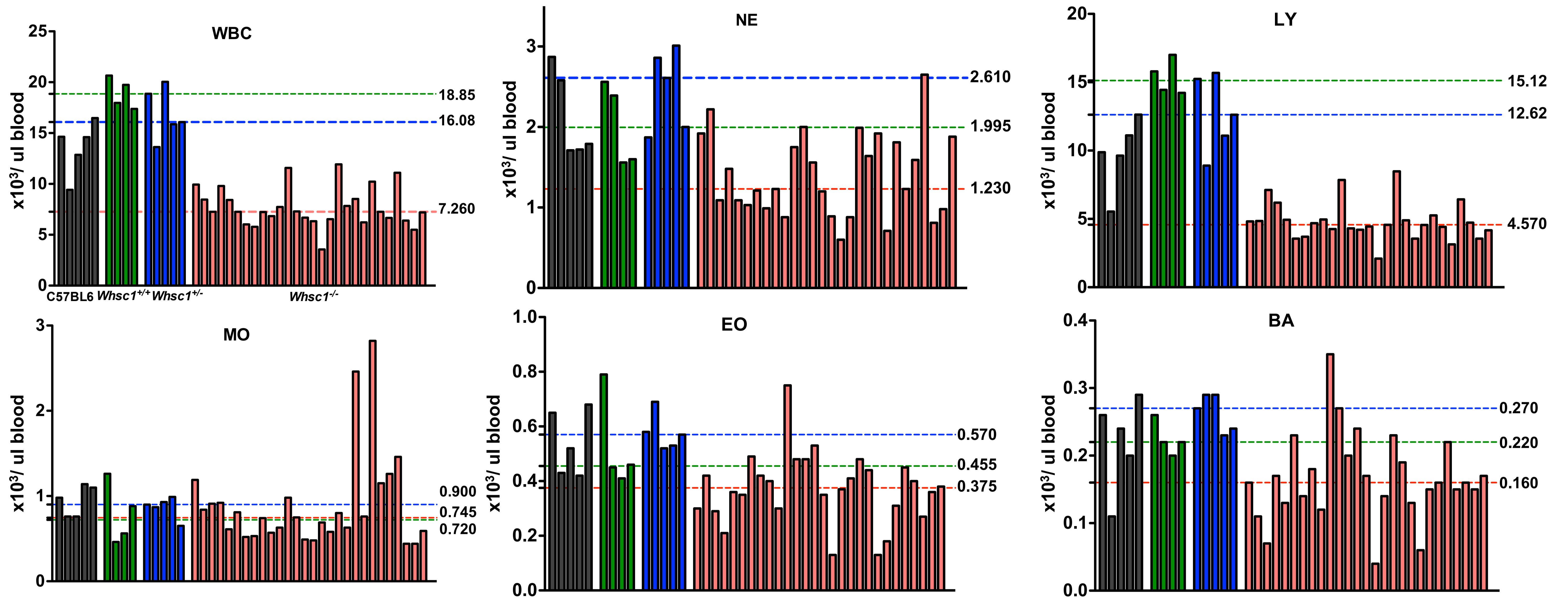


Figure S1 (related to Figure 1) **(A)** Absence of major alterations in the hematopoietic development of young *Whsc1*^{+/-} mice. The graphs represent the percentages, as determined by FACS, of the indicated cellular populations in the BM (left) and spleen (right) of either WT (black circles) or *Whsc1*^{+/-} (blue squares) 6 month-old littermate mice. A total of 6 WT and 6 *Whsc1*^{+/-} mice were analyzed. p values refer to a two-sided Student's t test. **(B)** Rescue of the disadvantage of *Whsc1*^{+/-} hematopoietic cells in a competitive BM reconstitution assay. The vertical axis shows the percentage of contribution of the indicated *Whsc1*^{+/-} cell types to the peripheral blood of recipient mice injected with a 1:4 mix of WT:*Whsc1*^{+/-} cells, as determined by flow cytometry of peripheral blood samples at the times indicated on the "x" axis. *Whsc1*^{+/-} myeloid cells behave similarly to WT cells and are maintained at the ratio of injection, while the 5-fold impairment of *Whsc1*^{+/-} cells (see also **Figure 1B**) can be rescued by increasing the percentage of competing cells. Mean ± SEM are shown. **(C)** Percentage of contribution of the indicated *Whsc1*^{+/-} myeloid cell types to the indicated hematopoietic organs of recipient mice injected with a 1:1 mix of WT:*Whsc1*^{+/-} cells, 3-6 months after injection. n = 5 mice for each time point. Mean ± SD are shown. **(D)** Vertical axis shows the drastically reduced percentage of contribution of the indicated *Whsc1*^{+/-} cell types to the peripheral blood of recipient mice injected with either a 1:20 mix of WT:*Whsc1*^{+/-} cells, as determined by flow cytometry of peripheral blood samples at the weeks indicated on the "x" axis. Mean ± SEM are shown. **(E, F)** Percentage of contribution of the indicated *Whsc1*^{+/-} cell types to the indicated hematopoietic organs of recipient mice injected with a 1:20 mix of WT:*Whsc1*^{+/-} cells, 3 **(E)** or 7 **(F)** months after injection. The panels show how myeloid compartments are unaffected relative to the BM LSK percentages. n = 2 or 5 mice (3 and 7 months, respectively). Mean ± SD are shown.

A

Primary Transplant Recipients (8 weeks after FLT)

White Blood Cells



Red Blood Cells

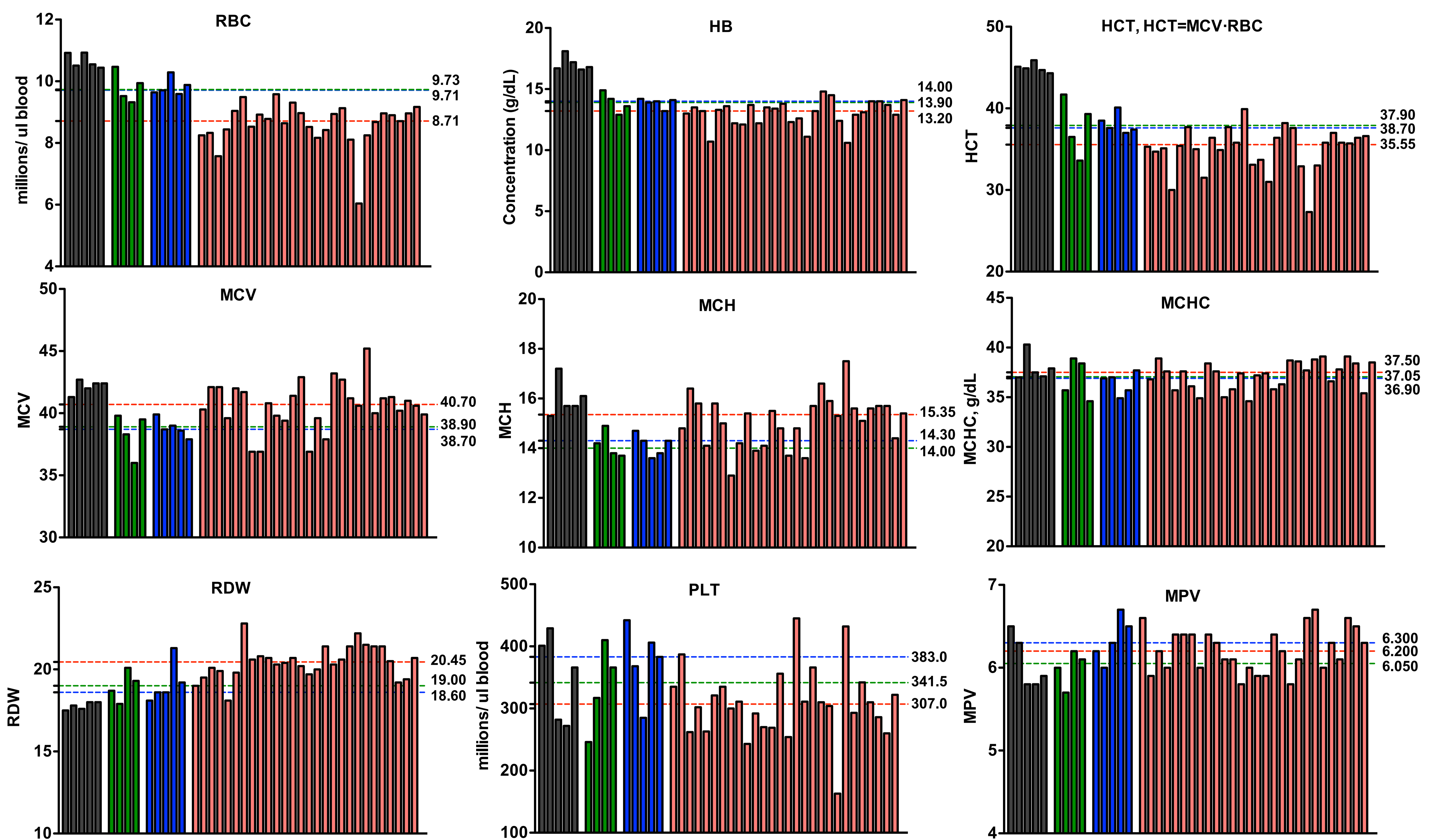


Figure S2 (related to Figure 1). Full hematimetric analysis of recipients of a primary fetal liver transplant, showing the absolute numbers of the different blood cell types. Non-transplanted, WT C57Bl/6 mice were used as controls (leftmost bars, in black). Each bar represents an individual mouse. Green, blue and red dotted lines represents the median value for *Whsc1*^{+/+}, *Whsc1*^{+/-} and *Whsc1*^{-/-} recipients, respectively.

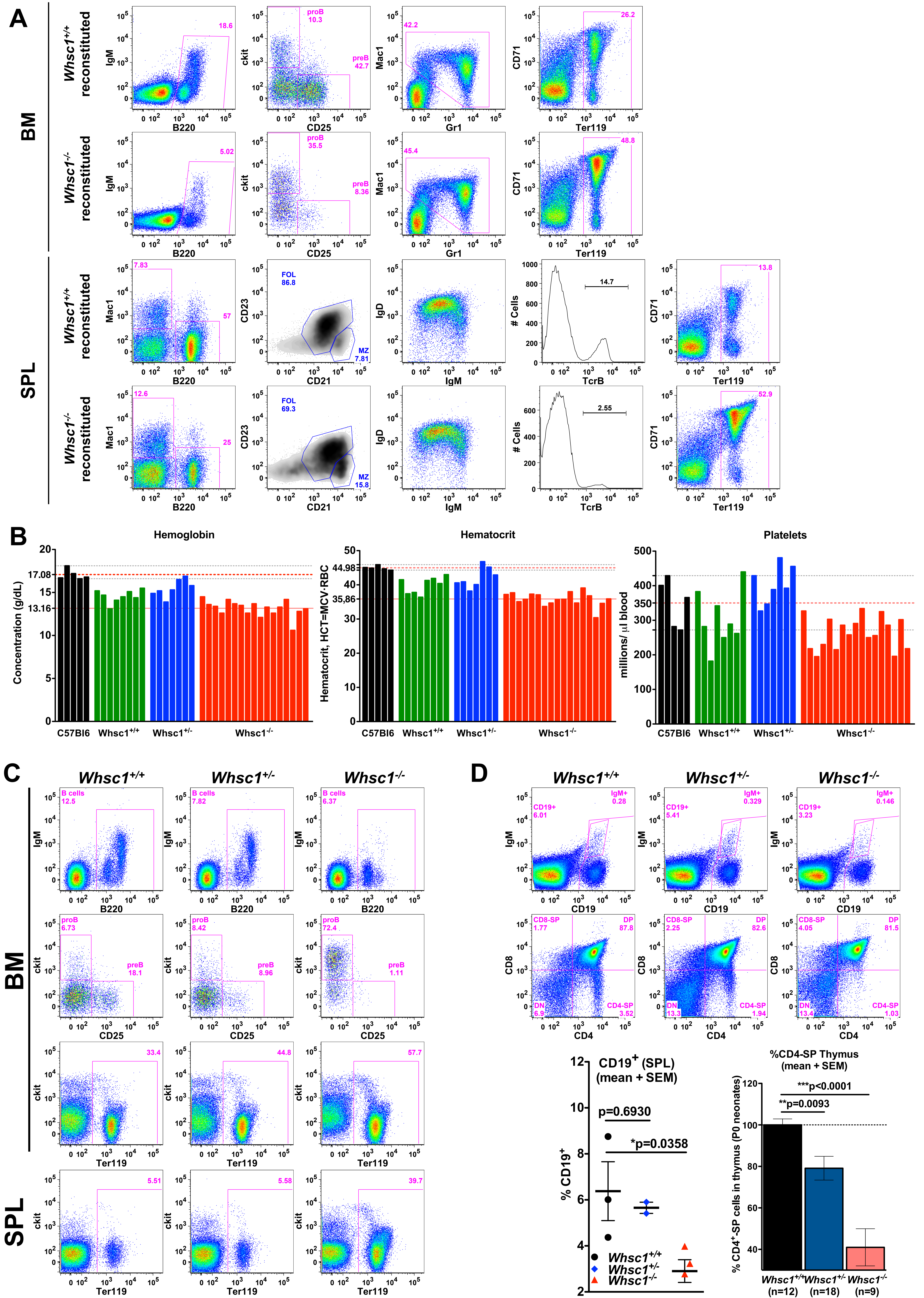
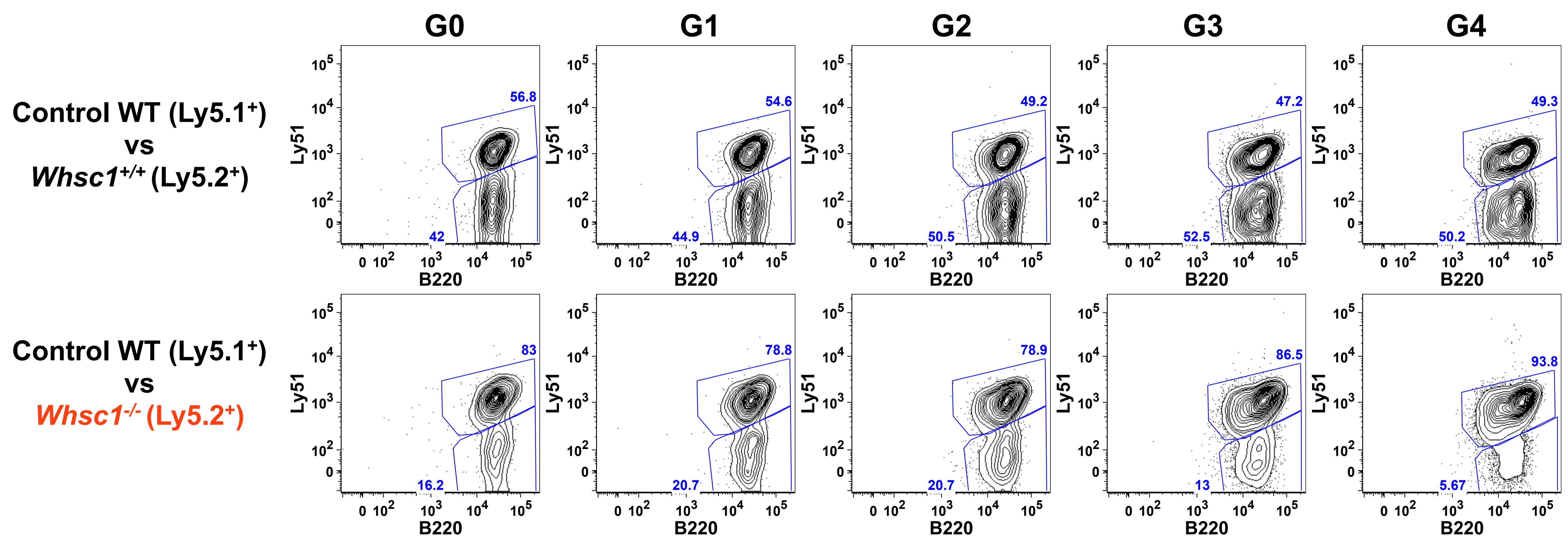


Figure S3 (related to Figures 1 and 3) **(A)** Representative FACS plots of hematopoietic organs from mice primary reconstituted with either WT or *Whsc1*^{-/-} FL cells, 3-6 months after FL transplant. **(B)** Absolute numbers of total blood erythrocytes, hemoglobin, hematocrit and platelets from mice reconstituted with a secondary serial transplant of either *Whsc1*^{+/+}, *Whsc1*^{+/-}, or *Whsc1*^{-/-} cells, 6 weeks after transplant, as measured by automatic hematic biometry. Non-transplanted, WT C57Bl/6 mice were used as controls (leftmost bars). **(C)** Strengthening of the developmental block beyond the proB cell stage and presence of increased splenic erythrocytes in secondary recipients of *Whsc1*^{-/-} cells. BM of the recipients of the indicated genotypes was analyzed 6 months after transplant. Data shown are representative FACS plots, out of 6 independently analyzed *Whsc1*^{-/-} recipients, 4 *Whsc1*^{+/-} recipients, and 4 *Whsc1*^{+/+} **(D)** Hematopoietic alterations in *Whsc1*^{-/-} embryos. FACS analysis of fetal spleen (upper row) and fetal thymi (lower row) of *Whsc1*^{-/-} E21 embryos and their WT and heterozygous littermates. Lower left graph: percentages of CD19⁺ cells in fetal spleens of the indicated genotypes. Lower right bar graph: percentages of CD4-SP T cells in fetal thymi of the indicated genotypes. n= number of embryos analyzed.

A

Experimental reconstituted B cell contribution through proliferation, *ex vivo*.
72h under LPS stimulation



B

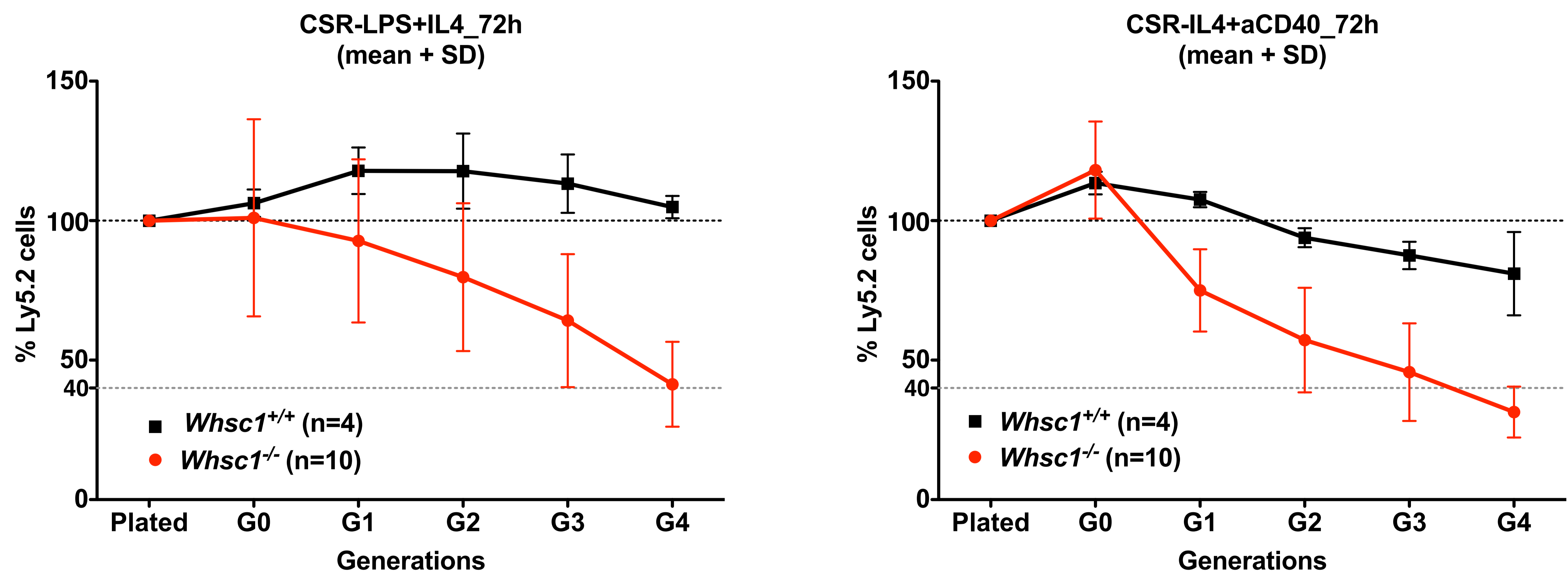


Figure S4 (related to Figure 4) **(A)** Deconvolution of an ex vivo LPS-stimulation experiment, performed in competition, into the different cellular generations (G0 to G4) as identified by CellTrace dilution. The upper row shows a control experiment in which WT Ly5.1 cells compete with WT-reconstituted Ly5.2 cells, showing the even distribution of cells (approximately 50:50) throughout the generations. The lower row shows the competition of WT Ly5.1 cells with *Whsc1*^{-/-} Ly5.2 cells (also 50:50), where the rapid and progressive reduction in the contribution of the latter can be clearly appreciated after 72 hours. **(B)** Evolution of the percentage of either WT or *Whsc1*^{-/-} ex vivo stimulated Ly5.2 B cells, in competition against WT Ly5.1 B cells, along the different generations, and relative to the initial percentage when plated, with different stimulations. Mean \pm SD are shown.

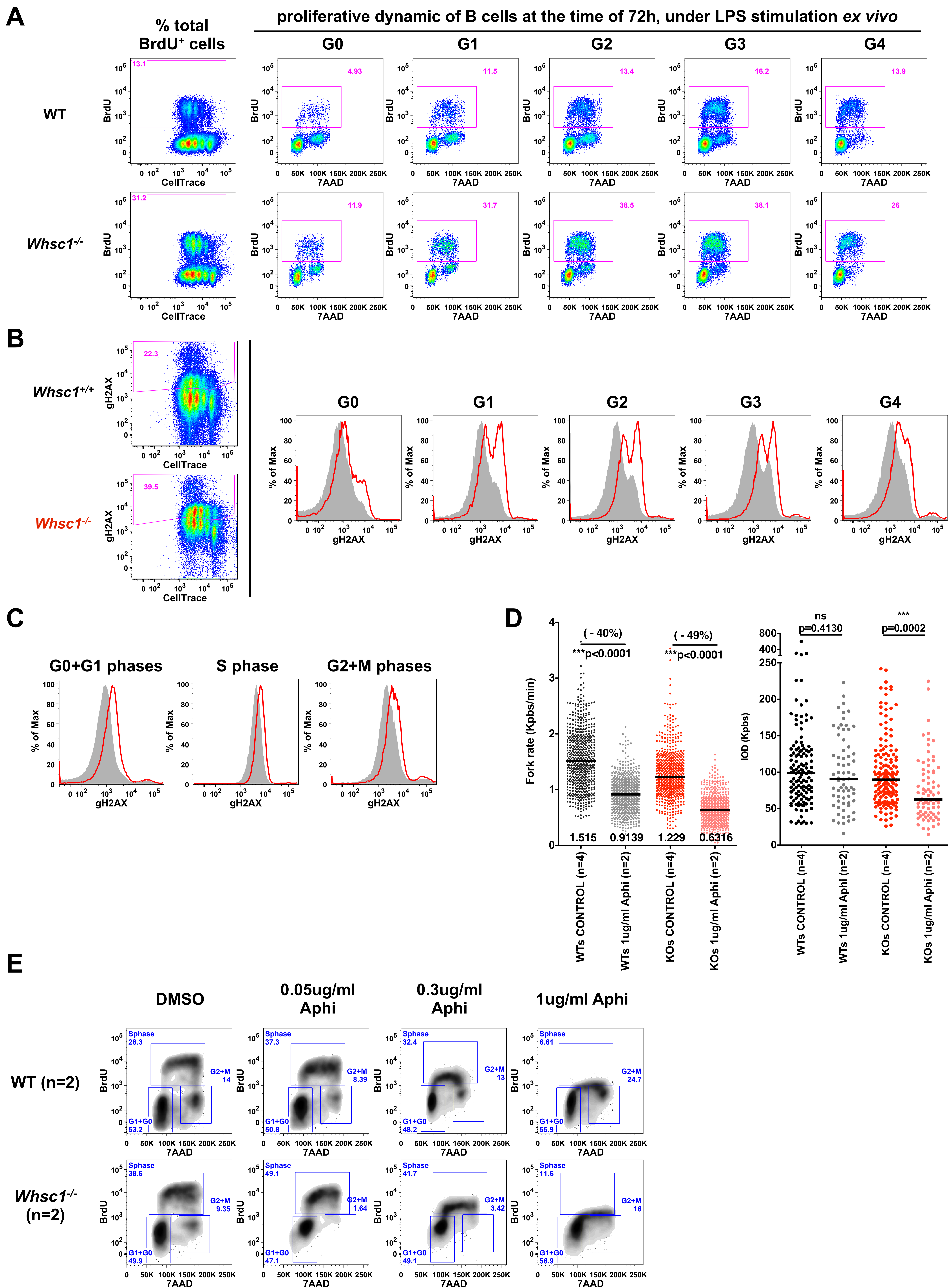


Figure S5 (related to Figures 5 and 6) **(A)** Deconvolution of the population of LPS-stimulated, BrdU-labelled B cells into the different generations according to the dilution of the CellTrace dye. Cell cycle profile (BrdU vs. 7AAD) are shown for all the different generations (G0-G4) of cells, showing the generalized 3-fold increased percentage of *Whsc1*^{-/-} cells in the S phase. Representative plots of two out of 10 mice analyzed. Four representative panels from this figure were selected for display in main Figure 5a **(B)** Deconvolution of the population of LPS-stimulated B cells into the different generations according to the dilution of the CellTrace dye, showing the progressive accumulation of γ H2AX in *Whsc1*^{-/-} cells along all the different generations (G0-G4). Representative plots of two out of 7 mice analyzed. **(C)** Increased γ H2AX accumulation is distributed throughout all the stages of cell cycle in LPS-stimulated *Whsc1*^{-/-} B cells. **(D)** DNA fiber analysis of MEFs in the presence of aphidicolin. Fork rate (left panel) in Kbps/min, and Inter Origin Distance, (IOD, right panel) in Kpbs were measured for WT (black or grey) or *Whsc1*^{-/-} (red or pink) MEFs in the absence (black or red) or presence (grey or pink) of aphidicolin. n= number of different clones. Horizontal bar represents the median for each data column. **(E)** Flow cytometry cell cycle analysis of LPS-stimulated WT or *Whsc1*^{-/-} B cells in the presence of increasing concentrations of aphidicolin. To avoid interference with accumulating apoptotic cells in the total population, the plots represent the second generation of dividing cells, as deconvoluted using the CellTrace dilution signal. The experiment was repeated twice.

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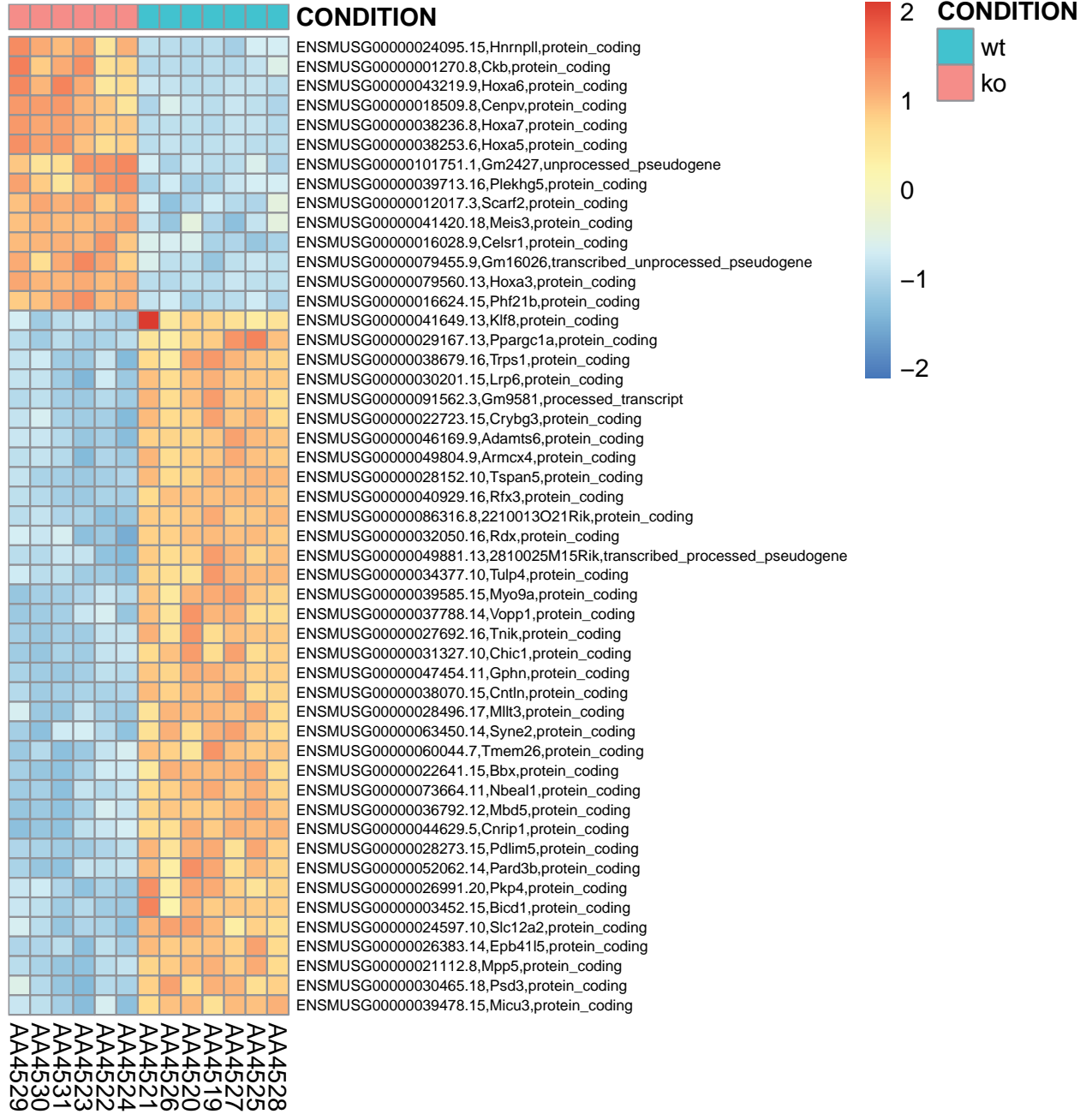


Figure S6 (1st part) (related to Figure 6) Differential expression analyses based on RNA-seq experiments of GC B cells. (A) Heatmap of the top 50 Differentially Expressed genes between WT and *Whsc1*^{-/-} cells. (see [Figure 6B](#)).

CELL CYCLE

BCR_SIGNALLING

DNA REPLICATION

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DNA REPAIR (cont)

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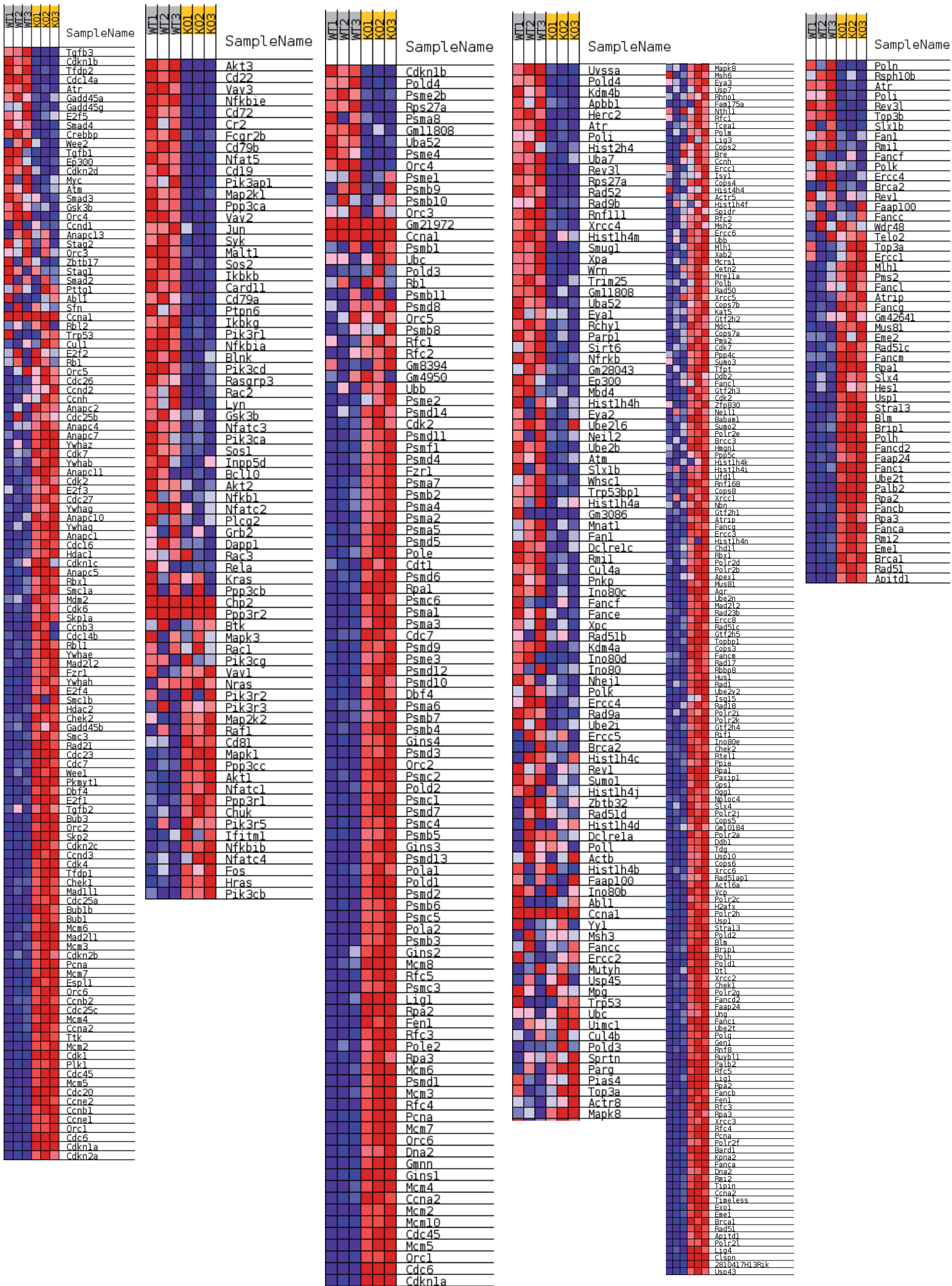


Figure S6 (2nd part) (related to Figure 6) Differential expression analyses based on RNA-seq experiments of GC B cells. **(B)** Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) heatmap plots for the indicated genesets (see [Figure 6B](#)).

Figure S7 (1st part) (related to Figure 7) Differential expression analyses based on RNA-seq experiments of BM proB cells **(A)** Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) heatmap plots for the indicated genesets affecting basic cellular processes (see [Figure 7A](#)). **(B)** GSEA heatmap plots for the Ebf1 and Pax5 up- or down-regulated genesets (see [Figure 7B,C](#)). **(C)** GSEA analysis and heatmap showing the general downregulation of immunoglobulin genes in *Whsc1*^{-/-} proB cells. **(D)** Sorting strategy and purity of sorted proB cells.

Figure S7 (2nd part) (related to Figure 7) Differential expression analyses based on RNA-seq experiments of BM proB cells. **(B)** GSEA heatmap plots for the Ebf1 and Pax5 up- or down-regulated genesets (see [Figure 7B,C](#)). **(C)** GSEA analysis and heatmap showing the general downregulation of immunoglobulin genes in *Whsc1*^{-/-} proB cells. **(D)** Sorting strategy and purity of sorted proB cells.

SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Antibodies. The antibodies used in this study were:

	Clone	Fluorochrome	Reference*
Streptavidin		FITC	554060
Anti-BrdU		FITC	347583
CD8a	53-6.7	FITC	Inmunostep-M8AF-05MG
CD4	GK1.5	FITC	553729
CD19	1D3	FITC	553785
CD23	B3B4	FITC	553138
CD44	IM7	FITC	553133
CD71	C2 (=C2F2)	FITC	553266
B220/CD45R	RA3-6B2	FITC	553088
Gr1/Ly6G	RB6-8C5	FITC	553127
IgM	II/41	FITC	553437
IgD	11-26c.2a	FITC	553439
Ly5.1 (CD45.1)	A20	FTIC	553775
Streptavidin		PE	554061
CD3ε	145-2c11	PE	553064
CD4	GK1.5	PE	557308
CD5	53-7,3	PE	552023
CD8a	53-6.7	PE	553033
CD11c	HL3	PE	553802
CD19	1D3	PE	553786
CD21	7G6	PE	552957
CD95/FAS	Jo2	PE	554258
B220/CD45R	RA3-6B2	PE	553090
Gr1/Ly6G	RB6-8C5	PE	553128
Mac1/CD11b	M1/70	PE	553311
Pan-NK cells/CD49b	DX5	PE	553858
TCR-gamma_delta	GL3	PE	553178
Ter119	Ter119	PE	553673
IgM	II/41	PE	eBioscience 12-5790
Anexina V		PE	559763 (kit apoptosis)
Streptavidin		APC	554067
CD8a	53-6.7	APC	553035
CD25	PC61	APC	557192
CD44	IM7	APC	559250
CD117/c-Kit	2B8	APC	553356
B220/CD45R	RA3-6B2	APC	553092
IgD	11-26c	APC	eBioscience 17-5993
IgM	II/41	APC	550676
Mac1/CD11b	M1/70	APC	553312

Ly5.1 (CD45.1)	A20	APC	558701
Ly5.2 (CD45.2)	104	APC	558702
TcrB	H57-597	APC	553174
Streptavidin		PerCP-Cy5.5	551419
B220/CD45R	RA3-6B2	PerCP-Cy5.5	552771
CD25	PC61	PerCP-Cy5.5	551071
CD117/c-Kit	2B8	APCeFluor780	eBioscience 47-1171
Sca1/(Ly-6A/E)	D7	PE-Cy5	eBioscience 15-5981
IL7R α /CD127	A7R34	PE-Cy7	eBioscience 25-1271
Streptavidin		APC-Cy7	554063
B220/CD45R	RA3-6B2	Pacific Blue	558108
CD4	RM4-5 (L3T4)	Pacific Blue	558107
c-Kit(CD117)	2B8	Violet V-450	560558
c-Kit (CD117)	2B8	Brilliant Violet 421	Biolegend 105827
CD23	B3B4	BIOTIN	553137
CD138/Syndecan	281-2	BIOTIN	553713
Flt3/CD135/Flk2/Ly72	A2F10	Biotin	eBioscience 13-1351
IgA	C10-1	Biotin	556978
IgE	R35-118	Biotin	553419
IgG1	A85-1	Biotin	553441
IgG2a[b]	5.7	Biotin	553504
IgG2b	RMG2b-1	Biotin	Biolegend 406704
IgG3	R40-82	Bitin	553401
IgM	II/41	BIOTIN	553436
Ly5.2 (CD45.2)	104	BIOTIN	553771
Anexina V		BIOTIN	556418 (kit apoptosis)
7-AAD			559763 (Kit apoptosis)
Propidium Iodide, PI			Sigma P4170
CD16/CD32 FcBlock	2.4G2	Purified	553142
PNA (Peanut agglutinin)		FITC	Vector Labs. FL-1071

* BD Biosciences, except otherwise specified

Surface Markers of Hematopoietic Cell types.

Hematopoietic Population	Organ	Markers	Additional information
Hematopoietic Stem/Progenitor Cells (HS/PC)	Bone Marrow	Lin ⁻ Sca1 ^{hi} c-Kit ^{hi}	Lineage (Lin) [1]: B220, CD19, CD3 ϵ , CD4, CD8a, DX5,

			Gr1, Mac1, CD11b, and Ter119
Common Lymphoid Progenitors (CLP)	Bone Marrow	Lin ⁻ , Sca1 ^{int} , c-Kit ^{int} , FLT3 ⁺ , IL7 ⁺	Lin [1]
Common Myeloid Progenitors (CMP)	Bone Marrow	Lin ⁻ , Sca1 ^{neg} , c-Kit ^{hi}	Lin [1]
proB cells	Bone Marrow	B220 ⁺ cKit ⁺	
preB cells	Bone Marrow	B220 ⁺ CD25 ⁺ IgM ⁻	
Immature B cells	Bone Marrow	B220 ^{int} IgM ⁺ IgD ⁻	
Recirculating B cells	Bone Marrow	B220 ⁺ IgM ^{hi} IgD ^{low/-}	
NK cells	Bone Marrow Spleen	DX5 ⁺ , TcrB ⁻	
Immature B cells	Spleen	B220 ^{int} IgM ⁺ IgD ^{med}	
Transitional B cells	Spleen	B220 ⁺ IgM ^{hi} IgD ^{hi}	
Mature B cells	Spleen Lymph Nodes	B220 ⁺ IgM ^{lo} IgD ^{hi}	
Marginal Zone B cells	Spleen	B220 ⁺ CD21 ^{hi} CD23 ^{lo}	
Follicular B cells	Spleen Lymph Nodes	B220 ⁺ CD21 ^{int} CD23 ^{hi}	
Germinal Center B cells	Spleen Lymph Nodes	B220 ⁺ FAS ^{hi} PNA ^{hi}	Additionally if needed, IgG1 ⁺ or IgG3 ⁺
Double negative thymocytes	Thymus	Lin ⁻	Lin [2]: CD4, CD8a, Mac1, Gr1, B220, Ter119
Double negative DN1 thymocytes	Thymus	CD44 ⁺ CD25 ⁻ c-Kit ⁺ Lin ⁻	Lin [2] Además son CD3ε ⁻
Double negative DN2 thymocytes	Thymus	CD44 ⁺ CD25 ⁺ c-Kit ⁺ Lin ⁻	Lin [2] Además son CD3ε ⁻
Double negative DN3 thymocytes	Thymus	CD44 ⁻ CD25 ⁻ c-Kit ⁻ Lin ⁻	Lin [2]
Double negative DN4 thymocytes	Thymus	CD44 ⁻ CD25 ⁻ c-Kit ⁻ Lin ⁻	Lin [2]
Double positive DP thymocytes	Thymus	CD4 ⁺ CD8 ⁺	Also TCRβ ⁺ CD3ε ⁺ DX5α ⁻
T lymphocytes CD8-SP	Thymus [Médula] Spleen Lymph Nodes Peripheral Blood	CD4 ⁻ CD8 ⁺	Also TCRβ ⁺ CD3ε ⁺ DX5α ⁻

T lymphocytes CD4-SP	Thymus Spleen Lymph Nodes Peripheral Blood	CD4 ⁺ CD8 ⁻	Also TCRβ ⁺ CD3ε ⁺ DX5α ⁻
Granulocytes	Bone Marrow Spleen	Gr1 ^{hi} Mac ^{hi}	
Monocytes/ macrophages	Bone Marrow Spleen	Gr1 ^{low/int} Mac1 ^{hi}	

Sheep Red Blood Cell (SRBC) immunizations. Mice were immunized with 200 µl/mouse of SRBCs (Oxoid SR0051C) resuspended in 1X PBS at a concentration of 10⁹ cells/ml, by intraperitoneal injection. SRBCs were washed on 1X PBS at least 3 times before counting them used a handheld automated cell counter, Scepter™ [Millipore®, 40µm tips].

Mouse Embryo Fibroblasts (MEFs) preparation and culture. MEFs were prepared and isolated as previously described (Bermejo-Rodriguez et al., 2006). Each MEF preparation was genotyped by PCR at the moment of obtention (considered passage 1, P1) and the genotype was confirmed at passage 2, when some cells were frozen down. Cells were counted using a handheld automated cell counter, Scepter™ [Millipore®, 60µm tips]. Cell growth curve was measured while keeping the cells at exponential growth and at an under-confluence state. DNA damage response assays were performed by exposing the cells to gamma irradiation at P2 passage.

GC B cells stranded mRNA library preparation and sequencing. MACS-sorted CD43⁻ splenic B cells were LPS-stimulated for 72h. Cells were not sorted for B cell subpopulations; WT cell samples contained 1.3-fold more follicular B cells than *Whsc1*^{-/-} cells (mean WT FO B cells: 62.07%, SD: 9.61; mean *Whsc1*^{-/-} FO B cells: 46.05%, SD: 9.67; total of n=7 WT vs. n=6 *Whsc1*^{-/-} independent biological replicates were studied). The libraries from the mouse total RNA were prepared using the TruSeq®Stranded mRNA LT Sample Prep Kit (Illumina Inc., Rev.E, October 2013) according to manufacturer's protocol. Briefly, 0.5 µg of total RNA was used for poly-A based mRNA enrichment with oligo-dT magnetic beads. The mRNA was fragmented (resulting RNA fragment size was 80-250nt, with the major peak at 130nt). The second strand cDNA synthesis was performed in the presence of dUTP instead of dTTP, this allowed to achieve the strand specificity. The blunt-ended double stranded cDNA was 3'adenylated and Illumina indexed adapters were ligated. The ligation product was enriched with 15 PCR cycles and the final library was validated on an Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer with the DNA 7500 assay. The libraries were sequenced on HiSeq2000 (Illumina, Inc) in paired-end mode with a read length of 2x76bp using TruSeq SBS Kit v3-HS. We generated about 50-70 million paired-end reads for each sample in a fraction of a sequencing flowcell lane, following the manufacturer's protocol. Image analysis, base calling and quality scoring of the run were processed using the manufacturer's software Real Time Analysis (RTA 1.13.48) and followed by generation of FASTQ sequence files by CASAVA. Data reported in the manuscript are tabulated in the Supplemental information Tables 1-3 and are available at GEO (GSE84878).

Sorted proB cells mRNA library preparation and sequencing (low input RNA-seq)

RNA sequencing libraries were prepared following the SMARTseq2 protocol (Picelli et al., 2013) with minor modifications. Briefly, RNA was quantified using the Qubit RNA HS Assay Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and 3.2-30.6 ng of RNA was used for cDNA synthesis. Reverse transcription was performed using SuperScript II (Invitrogen) in the presence of oligo-dT₃₀VN (1µM; 5'-AAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGTACT₃₀VN-3'), template-switching oligonucleotides (1µM) and betaine (1M). The cDNA was amplified using the KAPA Hifi Hotstart ReadyMix (Kappa Biosystems), 100 nM ISPCR primer (5'-AAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGT-3') and 20 cycles of amplification. Following purification with Agencourt Ampure XP beads (1:1 ratio; Beckmann Coulter), product size distribution and quantity were assessed on a Bioanalyzer using a High Sensitivity DNA Kit (Agilent). 200 ng of the amplified cDNA was fragmented for 10 min at 55 °C using Nextera® XT (Illumina) and amplified for 12 cycles with indexed Nextera® PCR primers. Products were purified twice with Agencourt Ampure XP beads (0.8:1 ratio) and quantified again on a Bioanalyzer using a High Sensitivity DNA Kit. Sequencing of Nextera® libraries was carried out using fraction of a sequencing lane on a HiSeq2000 (Illumina inc.) using TruSeq SBS Kit v3-HS, and between 74-80 million paired-end reads

were generated for each sample. The read length was 101bp with TruSeq Dual Index of 8bp+8bp. Images analysis, base calling and quality scoring of the run were processed using the manufacturer's software Real Time Analysis (RTA 1.13.48) and followed by generation of FASTQ sequence files by CASAVA 1.8. are reported in the manuscript are tabulated in the Supplemental information Tables 4-6 and are available at GEO (GSE88970)

Bioinformatic analyses. *Alignment and quantification.* RNA-seq reads were aligned to the mouse reference genome (GRCm38) using STAR (version 2.5.1b)(Dobin et al., 2013) with default ENCODE parameters. For female samples the Y chromosome was removed from the reference before the mapping. Genes were quantified using RSEM (version 1.2.28)(Li and Dewey, 2011) with default parameters. Mouse gene annotation file was downloaded from gencode release vM9 (<http://www.gencodegenes.org/>). *Differential gene expression.* RSEM gene counts was used as input for the DESeq2 R package (version 1.10.1)(Love et al., 2014) for WT vs KO comparison adding sex as a covariate in the model. DESeq2 was run with default parameters. Genes with FDR<5% were considered significant.

Enrichment Analyses. Gene ontology for biological processes and KEGG pathway enrichment analysis were performed with DAVID db (Huang da et al., 2009). Gene Set Enrichment Analysis was performed with GSEA (Broad Institute) (Subramanian et al., 2005) using the data obtained after normalization and quantification. The use of non-preranked data allows the obtention of heatmaps for the different genesets employed. Preranked analysis was also performed and it corroborated the results obtained (data not shown). For simplicity, only three WT and three *Whsc1*^{-/-} RNA-sequenced samples were used in the GSEA analysis of GC B cells. Normalized Enrichment Scores (NES) and corrected False Discovery Rates (FDR) values are indicated in each plot.

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