

Figure S1. Phenotyping of naive and effector lymphocyte populations. BALB/c mice were infected with *Hp* or remained naive and the mesLN were analyzed 2 weeks later by flow cytometry. (A) FACS plots are gated on CD4⁺, CD8⁺, and CD19⁺ cells as indicated and analyzed for CD44 and CD62L expression. Consistent with the commonly classification applied to T lymphocytes CD44^{lo}CD62L^{hi} cells were consider naive and CD44^{hi}CD62L^{lo} cells were consider effector/effector memory cells. (B) The CD44/CD62L classification was validated for B lymphocytes since naive phenotype CD44^{lo}CD62L^{hi} CD19⁺ cells were homogenously IgD⁺ whereas CD44^{hi}CD62L^{lo} cells were IgD⁻. (C) Furthermore, IgD⁺ cells did not express the proliferation marker Ki67, were IgM⁺ and had not switched to IgG1.

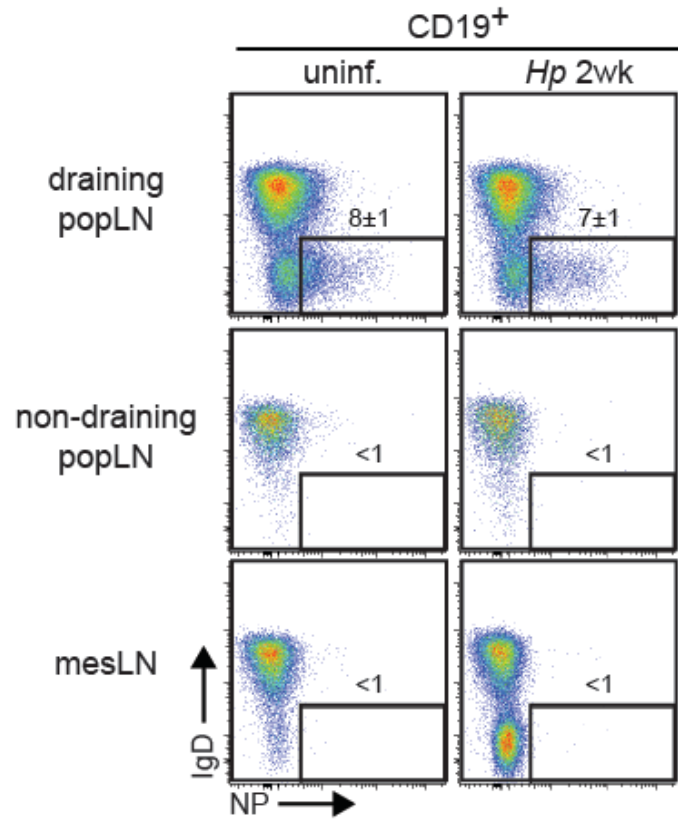


Figure S2. The NP-specific B cell response to s.c immunization with NP-KLH in alum.

BALB/c mice were infected with *Hp* or remained naive as described in Figure 6A, B. Three weeks later the animals were immunized into one footpad with the T-dependent antigen NP-KLH in alum adjuvant. Ten days after immunization (31 days post-infection), the frequency of IgD⁻ isotype switched NP-specific B cells in the draining popliteal LN (popLN), the non-draining popLNs, and the mesLN were determined by flow cytometry.

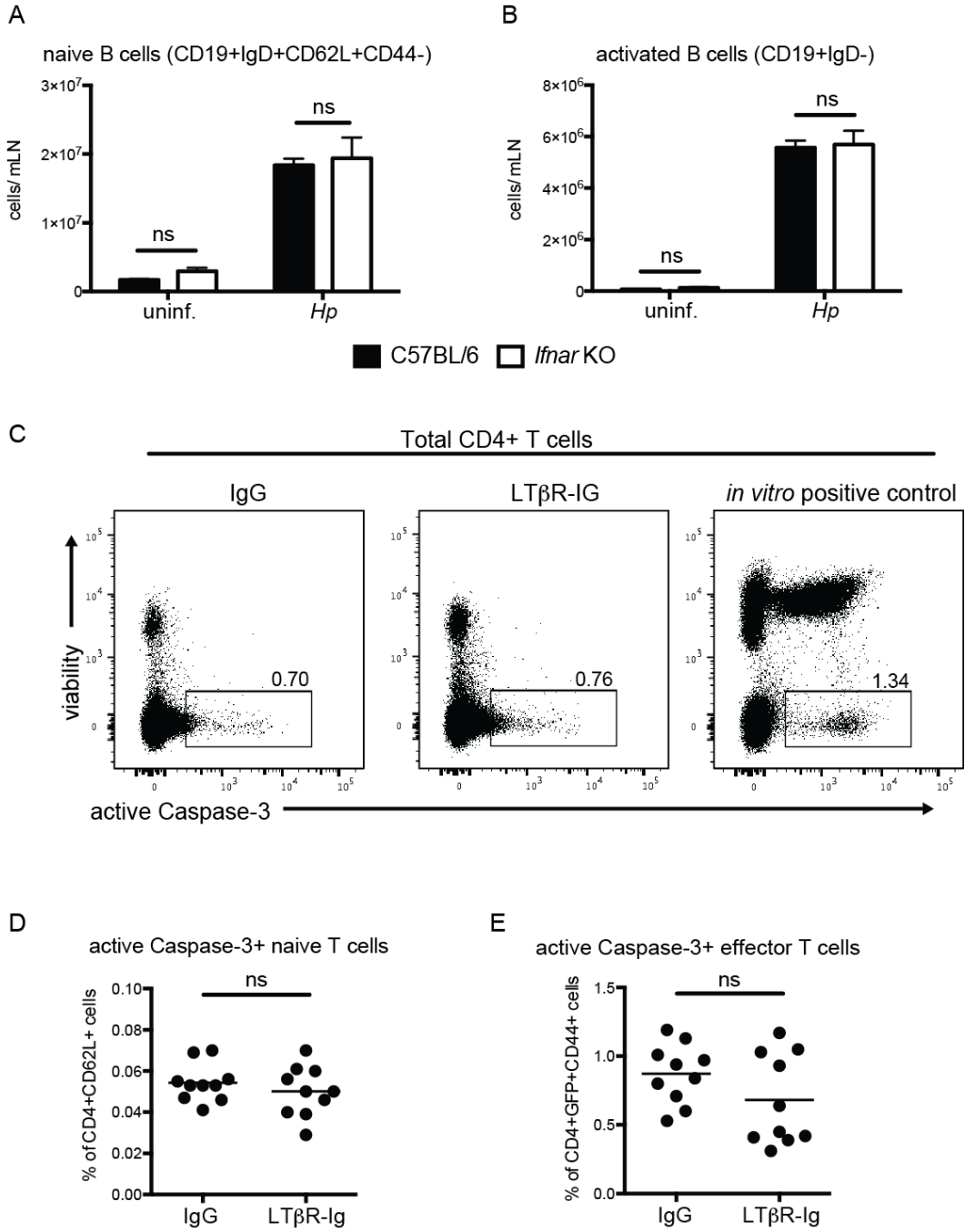


Figure S3. Regulation of B cell accumulation and T cell survival by IFN α R and LT β R signals, respectively. (A, B) C57BL/6 or *Ifnar*-deficient mice were infected with *Hp* or remained naive and the mesLN were analyzed 2 weeks later by flow cytometry. (A) and (B) indicate the number of naïve or activated B cells from the mesLN of the indicated mice, respectively. (C-E) C57BL/6 4get mice were infected with *Hp* and LT β R-Ig or control human IgG was administered i.p. on days 7 and 10 after infection. (C) Representative dot plots of the total mesLN CD4⁺ T cell population at 2 wks post-*Hp* infection. Numbers indicate the frequency of active Caspase-3⁺ cells assessed *ex vivo*. As a positive staining control for active Caspase-3, some mesLN were cultured overnight in complete media prior to staining. (D) and (E) indicated the percent of naïve or effector CD4⁺ T cells that are active Caspase-3⁺, respectively. All the data shown is pooled from two independent experiments with 3-5 mice/group. ns, not significant.