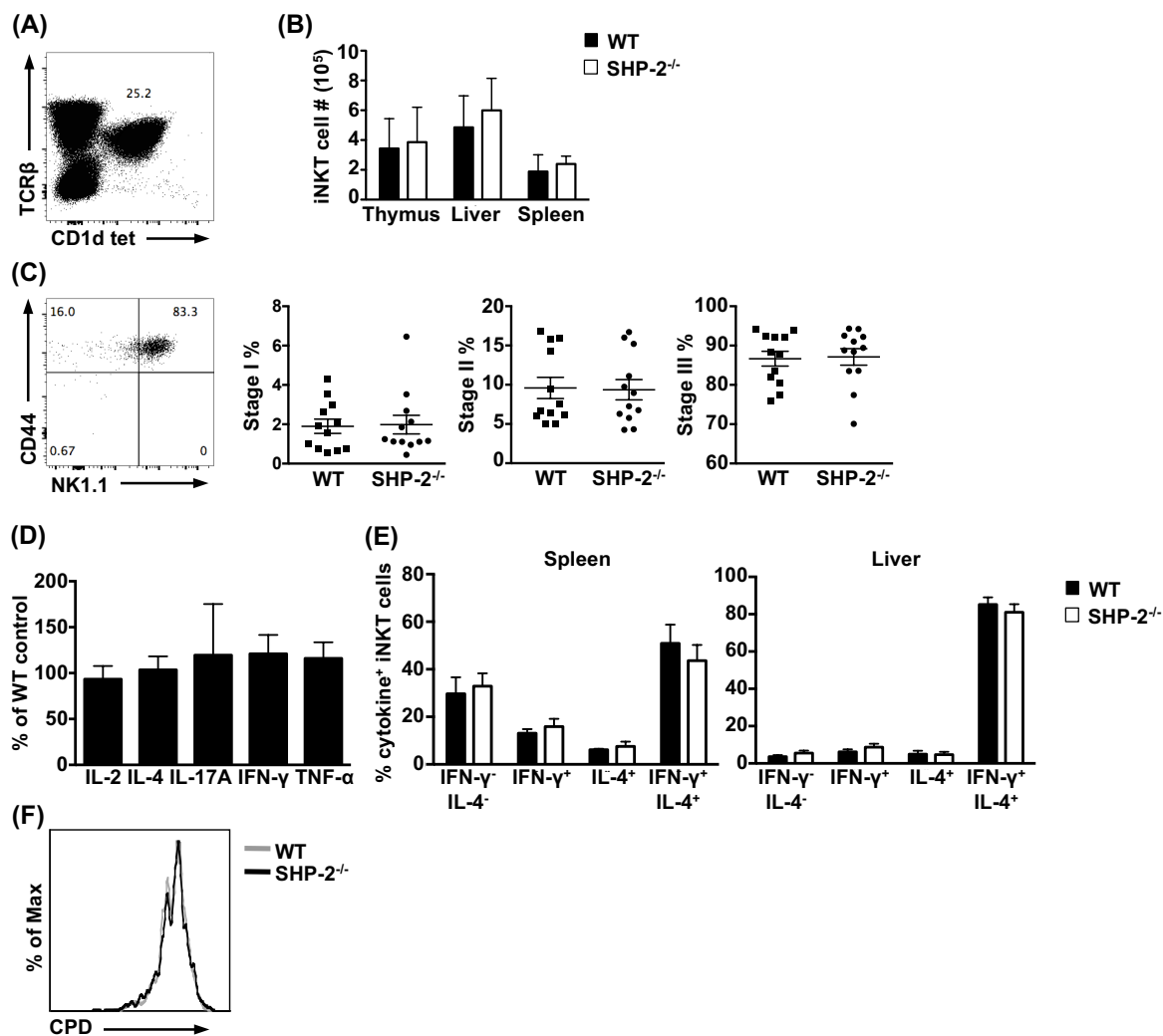


Supplementary Figure 2



Supplementary Figure 2. SHP-2 deficiency does not affect iNKT cell development and functions. (A) Representative FACS plot shows hepatic iNKT cells in a WT mouse. (B) Absolute numbers of iNKT cells in WT and SHP-2^{-/-} mice were determined by flow cytometry and cell counting. iNKT cells were defined as HSA^{lo}CD1tet⁺ lymphocytes in the thymus and TCR β ⁺CD1tet⁺ lymphocytes in the liver and spleen. n = 12 WT and 12 SHP-2^{-/-} mice over four independent experiments. Graphs show mean. (C) Representative FACS plot shows thymic iNKT cell maturation in a WT mouse. Thymic iNKT cell maturation can be divided into three stages. Stage I (CD44^{lo}NK1.1⁻), Stage II (CD44^{hi}NK1.1⁻), and Stage III (CD44^{hi}NK1.1⁺) of development is shown in WT and SHP-2^{-/-} mice. n = 12 WT and 12 SHP-2^{-/-} mice over four independent experiments. Graphs show mean. (D) *In vitro* cytokine production was measured by CBA Flex Set after TCR cross-linking with α -CD3 ϵ and α -CD28 antibodies for 24 hours. Graph shows mean and standard deviation of three independent experiments normalized to controls. (E) *In vivo* cytokine production was measured by intracellular cytokine staining at 2 hours post-injection with 2 μ g/mouse α -GalCer. n = 3 WT and 3 SHP-2^{-/-} mice. Graphs show mean and standard deviation. (F) The proliferative capacity of iNKT cells was determined by injecting cells into a leukopenic environment. Representative FACS plot shows proliferation of SHP-2^{-/-} (CD45.2⁺, black) and WT (CD45.1⁺, grey) iNKT cells (CD1tet⁺TCR β ⁺) in the liver.