Supporting Information for

Alcohol consumption induces murine osteoporosis by downregulating natural killer T-like cell activity

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Supporting Information Figure S1. Identification and distribution of immune cells in the spleen, BM, and bone. Representative flow cytometric analysis of macrophages, DCs, CD8⁺ T cells, CD4⁺ T cells, NK cells, and NK1.1⁺CD3⁺ cells and the percentages of these cells among viable CD45⁺ cells in the spleen, BM, and bone. The full gating strategies are presented in Supporting Information 2 (bone), 3 (BM), and 4 (spleen). Data represent the mean \pm S.D. (7 mice/group), and were pooled from six independent experiments. **P* < 0.05; one-way ANOVA followed by Bonferroni post-tests.



Supporting Information Figure S2. Representative gating strategies of flow cytometric analysis for the detection of macrophages, DCs, CD8⁺ T cells, CD4⁺ T cells, NK cells, iNKT cells, and NKT-like cells in bone. Macrophages were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, F4/80⁺, and CD11b⁺. DCs were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, F4/80⁻, and CD11c⁺. CD8⁺ T cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, and CD8⁺. CD4⁺ T cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, and CD8⁺. CD4⁺ T cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, and CD8⁺. CD4⁺ T cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, and CD4⁺. NK cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, and NK1.1⁺. iNKT cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, NK1.1⁺, and α -GalCer–loaded CD1d tetramer⁺. NKT-like cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, NK1.1⁺, and α -GalCer–loaded CD1d tetramer⁻.



Supporting Information Figure S3. Representative gating strategies of flow cytometric analysis for the detection of macrophages, DCs, CD8⁺ T cells, CD4⁺ T cells, NK cells, iNKT cells, and NKT-like cells in BM. Macrophages were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, F4/80⁺, and CD11b⁺. DCs were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, F4/80⁻, and CD11c⁺. CD8⁺ T cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, and CD8⁺. CD4⁺ T cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, and CD4⁺. NK cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, and CD4⁺. NK cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁻, and NK1.1⁺. iNKT cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, NK1.1⁺, and α -GalCer–loaded CD1d tetramer⁺. NKT-like cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, NK1.1⁺, and α -GalCer–loaded CD1d tetramer⁻.



Supporting Information Figure S4. Representative gating strategies of flow cytometric analysis for the detection of macrophages, DCs, CD8⁺ T cells, CD4⁺ T cells, NK cells, iNKT cells, and NKT-like cells in spleen. Macrophages were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, F4/80⁺, and CD11b⁺. DCs were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, F4/80⁻, and CD11c⁺. CD8⁺ T cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, and CD8⁺. CD4⁺ T cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, and CD8⁺. CD4⁺ T cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, and CD4⁺. NK cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁻, and NK1.1⁺. iNKT cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, NK1.1⁺, and α -GalCer–loaded CD1d tetramer⁺. NKT-like cells were identified as Zombie⁻, CD45⁺, CD19⁻, CD3⁺, NK1.1⁺, and α -GalCer–loaded CD1d tetramer⁻.



Supporting Information Figure S5. Alcohol consumption does not alter the distribution of immune cells in bone. The percentage of macrophages, DCs, CD8⁺ T cells, CD4⁺ T cells, NK cells, and NKT-like cells among viable CD45⁺ cells in bone obtained from alcohol- and water-treated B6 mice. NK1.1⁺CD3⁺ cells were defined as NKT-like cells. The femurs and tibiae were separated, and cells in these bones were analyzed via flow cytometry. Data represent the mean ± SD (6–8 mice/group), and were pooled from six independent experiments. Mann–Whitney test. n.s.: not significant.



Supporting Information Figure S6. Alcohol consumption does not alter the intracellular IFN-γ production in immune cells. (A) Intracellular IFN-γ levels in CD4⁺ T cells, NK cells, and NKT-like cells in bone analyzed via flow cytometry (5–6 mice/group). The data were pooled from five independent experiments. (B) Expression of T-bet in NKT-like cells analyzed by flow cytometry (5 mice/group). The data were pooled from five independent experiments. Grey: isotype control. Blue: water-treated B6 mice. Red: alcohol-treated B6 mice. Box plots: horizontal lines of boxes represent the medians, the boxes represent the interquartile ranges, and the whiskers extend to extreme values. Mann-Whitney test. n.s.: not significant.



Supporting Information Figure S7. Alcohol consumption does not alter the CD86 expression levels on APCs. CD86 expression on macrophages and DCs was analyzed by flow cytometry. Grey: isotype control. Blue: water-treated B6 mice. Red: alcohol-treated B6 mice. Box plots: horizontal lines of boxes represent the medians, the boxes represent the interquartile ranges, and the whiskers extend to extreme values (5 mice/group). The data were pooled from five independent experiments. Mann–Whitney test. n.s.: not significant.



Supporting Information Figure S8. Alcohol-induced osteoporosis is promoted in iNKT cell-deficient (Cd1d^{-/-}) mice, which possess NKT-like cells. (A) Representative flow cytometry of NK1.1⁺CD3⁺ cells and CD1d tetramer-positive cells among NK1.1⁺CD3⁺ cells in the spleen, BM, and bone obtained from Cd1d^{-/-} mice. (B) Trabecular and cortical BMD in alcohol-treated (red) and water-treated (blue) Cd1d^{-/-} mice. Box plots: horizontal lines of boxes represent the medians, the boxes represent the interquartile ranges, and the whiskers extend to extreme values (6 mice/group). The data were pooled from four independent experiments. *P < 0.05; Mann–Whitney test. n.s.: not significant.



Supporting Information Figure S9. Administration of OCH enhances IFN- γ production by NKT-like cells and iNKT cells obtained from the spleen, BM, and bone of alcohol-treated B6 mice. Alcohol-treated B6 mice received i.p. injections of OCH (red) or vehicle (blue) every 48 h from 9 to 13 weeks of age. Mice were killed 24 h after the last i.p. injection of OCH or vehicle. Intracellular IFN- γ production by NKT-like cells and iNKT cells were analyzed by flow cytometry (5 mice/group). The data were pooled from four independent experiments. Box plots: horizontal lines of boxes represent the medians, the boxes represent the interquartile ranges, and the whiskers extend to extreme values. *P < 0.05, **P <0.01; Mann–Whitney test. n.s.: not significant.

Supporting Information Table S1. Primer used for RT-qPCR

Gene	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Accesion no.
Nfatc1	CCCGTCACATTCTGGTCCAT	CAAGTAACCGTGTAGCTGCACAA	NM_01679.41
Rankl	TGAAGACACACTACCTGACTCCTG	CCCACAATGTGTTGCAGTTC	NM_011613.3
Bglap	AAGCAGGAGGGCAATAAGGT	GTTCTGGAGAGCAGCCAAAG	NM_001305448.1
Actb	GCGCAAGTTAGGTTTTGTCAAAG	TGGATCAGCAAGCAGGAGTAC	NM_007393.5

Nfatc1; nuclear factor of activated T cells, cytoplasmic, calcineurin dependent 1, *Rankl*; receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa B ligand, *Bglap*; bone gamma-carboxyglutamate protein, *Actb*; Actin beta

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Antibody	Clone	Source
CD3ε-FITC	145-2C11	BioLegend (San Diego, CA)
CD4-APC	RM4-5	BioLegend
CD8-APC	53-6.7	BioLegend
CD11b-FITC	M1/70	BioLegend
CD11c-APC	N418	BioLegend
CD19-BV785	6D5	BioLegend
CD45-BV510	30-F11	BioLegend
CD69-BUV395	H1.2F3	BD OptiBuild (San Jose, CA)
CD86-PE	GL-1	BioLegend
NK1.1-PE	PK136	BioLegend
F4/80-PE/Cy7	BM8	BioLegend
CD1d-BUV395	1B1	BD OptiBuild
α-GalCer loaded CD1d-tetramer-APC	code:E001-4B	Proimmune (Oxford, UK)
Mock loaded CD1d-tetramer-APC	code:E002-4A	Proimmune
IL-4-PE/Cy7	11B11	BD Pharmingen (San Jose, CA)
IFN-γ-PE/Cy7	XMG1.2	BD Pharmingen
IL-12/IL-23p40-PE/Cy7	C17.B	Invitrogen (Carlsbad, CA)
T-bet-PE	REA102	Miltenyi Biotec (San Diego, CA)
GATA3-PE	REA174	Miltenyi Biotec
REA control (I)-PE	REA293	Miltenyi Biotec

Supporting Information Table S2. Antibodies used in the study