



Supplementary figure 3 Major thymocyte and thymic APC subsets are not altered in *Kcnk18*^{-/-} mice. a

Flow cytometry analysis of thymocyte subsets (DN = double negative (CD3⁺CD4⁻CD8⁻), stage 1: CD44⁺CD25⁻, stage 2: CD44⁺CD25⁺, stage 3: CD44⁻CD25⁺, stage 4 : CD44⁺CD25⁻, DP = double positive (CD3⁺CD4⁺CD8⁺), CD4⁺CD8⁺TCR⁻, CD4⁺CD8⁺TCR^{low}, CD4⁺CD8⁺TCR^{high}, SP = single positive: SP4 – CD4⁺CD8⁻TCR^{high}, SP8 – CD4⁻CD8⁺TCR^{high}, in the thymus isolated from WT and *Kcnk18*^{-/-} mice. (n = 6)

b Frequencies of different antigen-presenting cell (APC) subsets (thymic resident cDC_{thy} = CD11c^{hi}CD11b⁻CD8a^{hi}SIRPα⁻, recirculating cDC_{rec} = CD11c^{hi}CD11b⁺CD8a^{lo}SIRPα⁺, plasmacytoid pDCs = CD11c^{int}B220⁺, Eo = CD11c^{int}, CD11b⁺, SIRPα⁺, mTEC = CD45⁺EpCAM⁺BP-1^{lo}) in the thymus analysed by flow cytometry. (n = 4)

c Schematic overview of different tT_{reg} developmental stages in the thymus identified by indicated marker combinations. Highlighted are developmental stages with reduced cell numbers in *Kcnk18*^{-/-} compared to WT mice.

d Gating strategy for tT_{reg} developmental stages shown in c, quadrants A-G correspond to the respective subsets in c. Data are represented as mean ± SEM. * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001.