

Supplemental Figure 1. Comparison of lipid dyes demonstrates that Nile Red is the most suitable for spinal cord homogenate-based *in vitro* phenotypic assay. (A) Representative images comparing lipid dyes Nile Red, BODIPY, and Oil Red O (all pseudo-colored in green) in cells treated with media, 0.1, 0.5, 1.0 and 2.0% spinal cord homogenate. Cell mask (red) and nuclei (blue). Scale bar=50 µm. (A) Mean spot intensity per cell at each percent homogenate in cells stained with Nile Red, BODIPY, Oil Red O (n=10 technical replicates, error bars=SEM). (C) 4-parameter nonlinear regression fit for homogenate dose response in cells stained with Nile Red, BODIPY, Oil Red O (n=10 technical replicates, error bars=SEM. Goodness of fit assessed by R-square value and linearity of response calculated by Hill's Slope (1.0=perfectly linear), x-axis in logarithmic scale. (D) *Z*' factor calculations between positive (1% homogenate) and negative (media only) controls for lipid droplet intensity (n=5 technical replicates).



Supplemental Figure 2. Comparisons between MBP Het and KO BMDMs and uninjured spinal cord. (A)

Representative images from macrophages obtained from MBP Het and MBP KO treated with 0, 0.01, 0.1, 0.5, and 1% wildtype homogenate Neutral lipid droplets stained with Nile Red (green), cell membrane with Cell Mask (red), and nuclei with DAPI (blue), scale bar=50 μ m. (B) Mean lipid droplet spot intensity in MBP Het and MBP KO macrophages treated with 0, 0.01, 0.1, 0.5, and 1% wildtype homogenate (n=3 technical replicates per group, two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni multiple comparisons, error bars SEM). (C) Inflammatory cytokine expression in uninjured MBP Het and MBP KO spinal cord homogenate. (n=3 biological replicates per group, *p≤0.05 compared to MBP Het, Two-tailed Student's t-test per cytokine, error bars=SEM) (D) Representative images from wildtype macrophages treated with MBP Het and KO homogenates at 0.1% and 0.5% concentrations Neutral lipid droplets stained with Nile Red (Kroner et al.), cell membrane with Cell Mask (red), and nuclei with DAPI (blue). (E) Lipid droplet intensity in macrophages treated with 0.1% MBP Het homogenate (n=5 technical replicates per condition, error bars=SEM). Wildtype cells treated with 0.1% MBP Het homogenate exhibited similar fluorescence to wildtype cells treated with 0.5% MBP KO homogenate.



Supplemental Figure 3. Oil Red O stained lipids localize to interior of CD11b+ cells. (A) Representative confocal images including orthogonal projections from the SCI injury site in MBP Het and MBP KO mice at 7 days (A) and 28 days (B) post injury (dpi). Lipid droplets stained with Oil Red O (red), myeloid cells labeled with CD11b (green) and nuclei with DAPI (blue). Lower magnification scale bar=30 μ M in (A) and 200 μ m in (B), higher magnification scale bar 20 μ M. Representative images from two animals from Figure 4 are shown.