

## Supplementary Files

# Regulation of NK cell development, maturation, and anti-tumor responses by the nuclear receptor NR2F6

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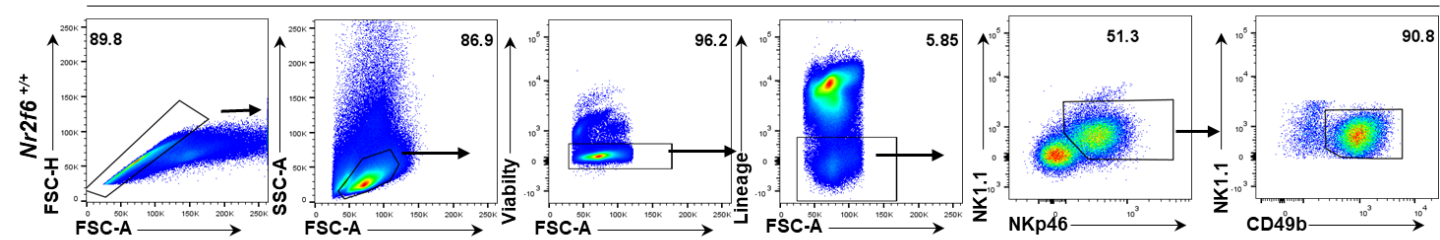
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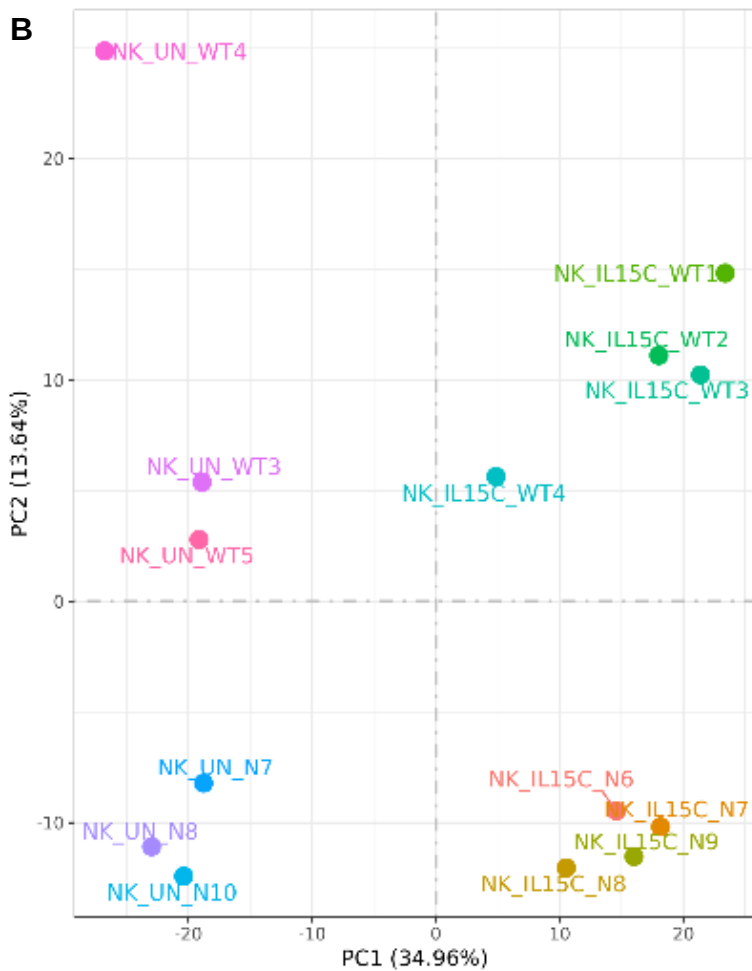
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## NK cell sorting scheme

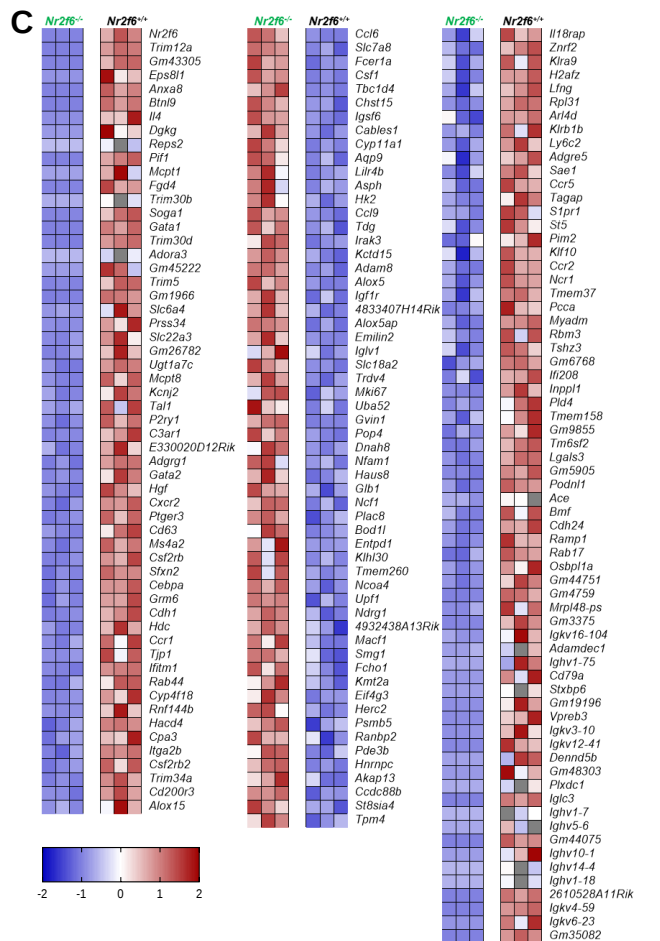
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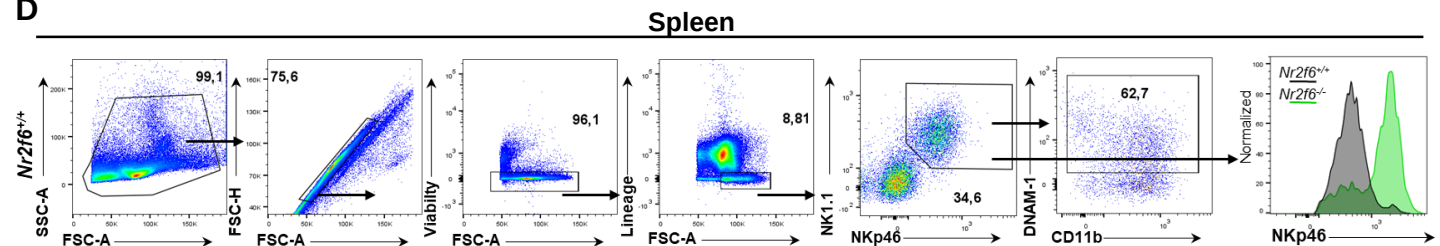
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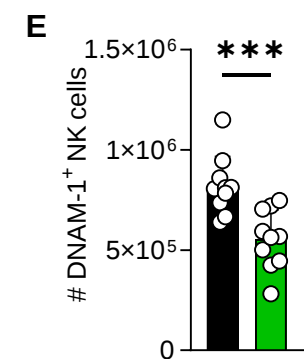
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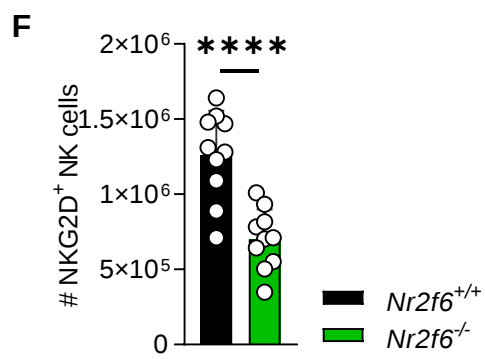
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### **Supplementary Figure 1: Characterization of *Nr2f6*-deficient NK cells via RNA-Seq analysis.**

**(A)** Gating strategy for splenic NK cell fluorescence-activated cell sorting from wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice. Single events were selected, debris was excluded, and only viable cells were included from total splenocytes. Lin<sup>+</sup> cells (CD3<sup>+</sup>CD19<sup>+</sup>) were excluded and NK cells were identified by NK1.1, NKp46 and CD49b expression.

**(B)** Principal component analysis (PCA) of sorted splenic NK cells **(A)** from healthy wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) and *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>), or IL-15C treated wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) and *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) (UN: n = 3, IL-15C: n = 4) mice.

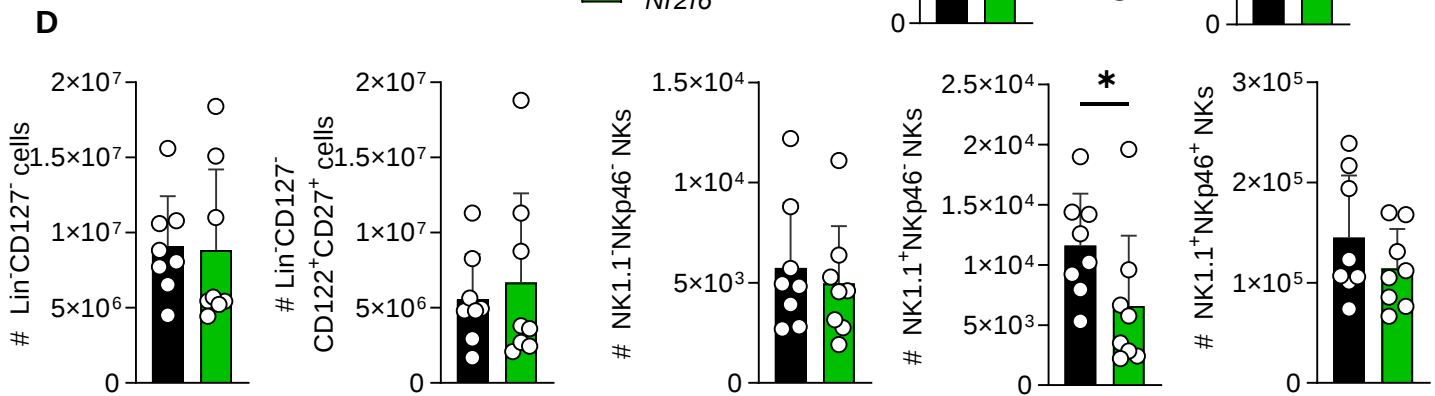
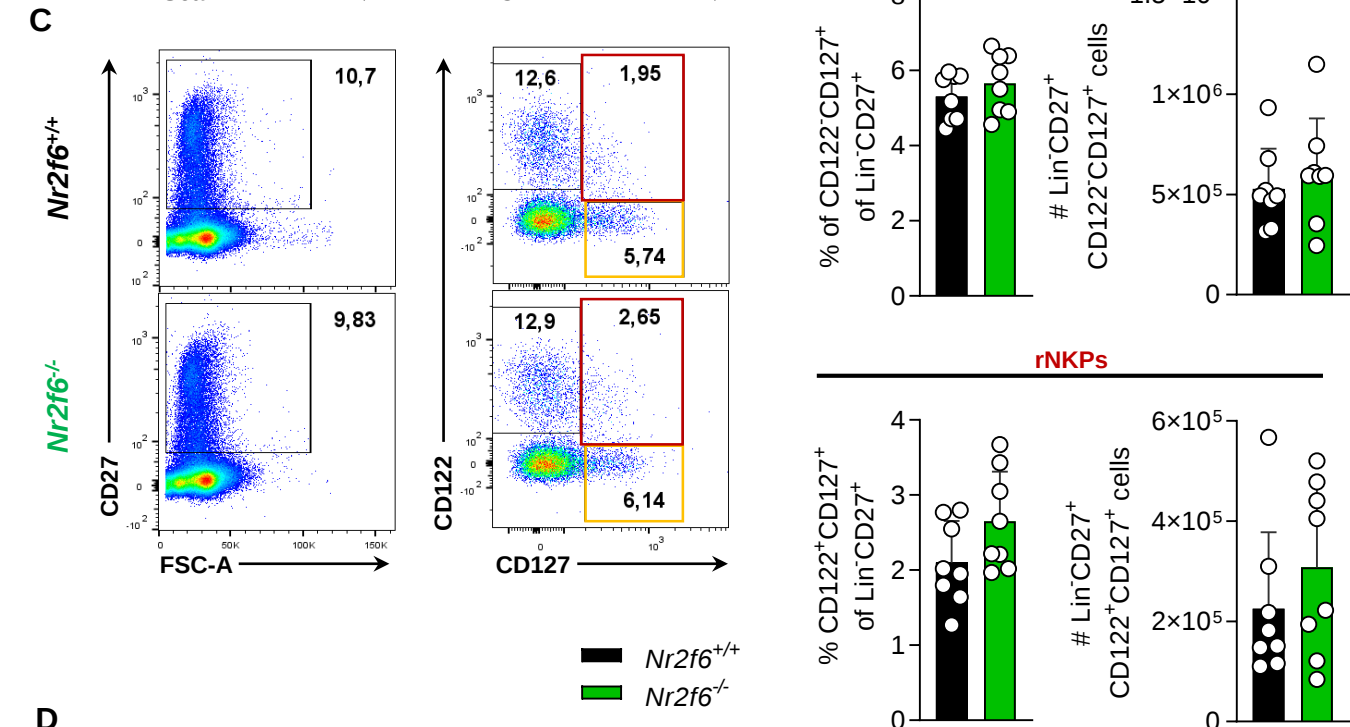
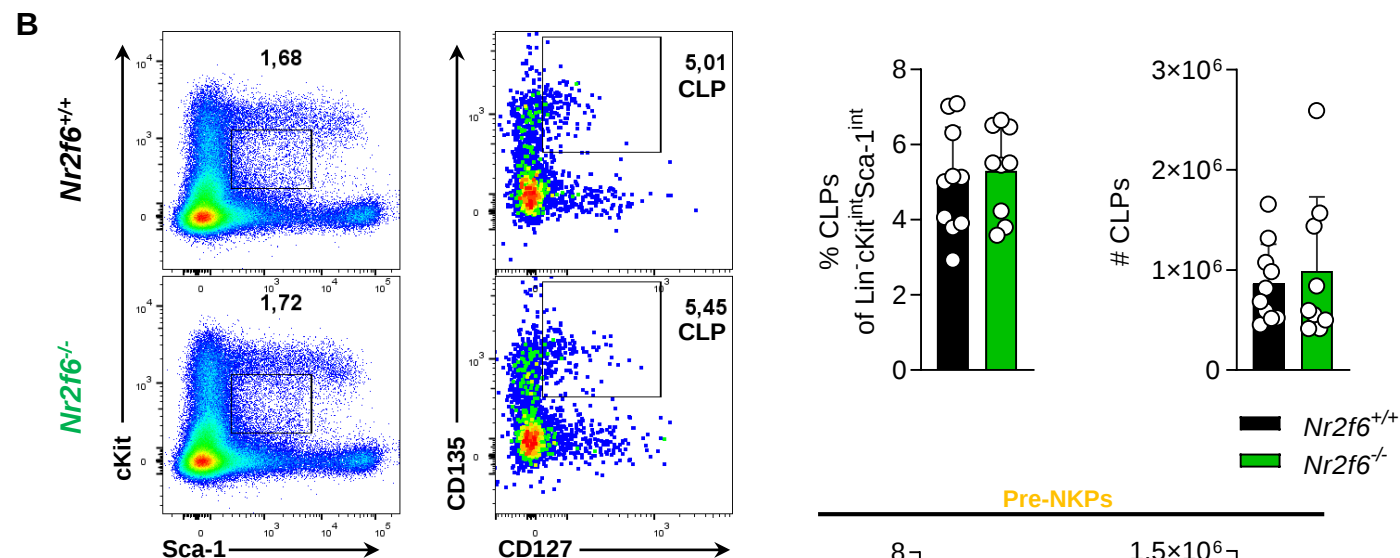
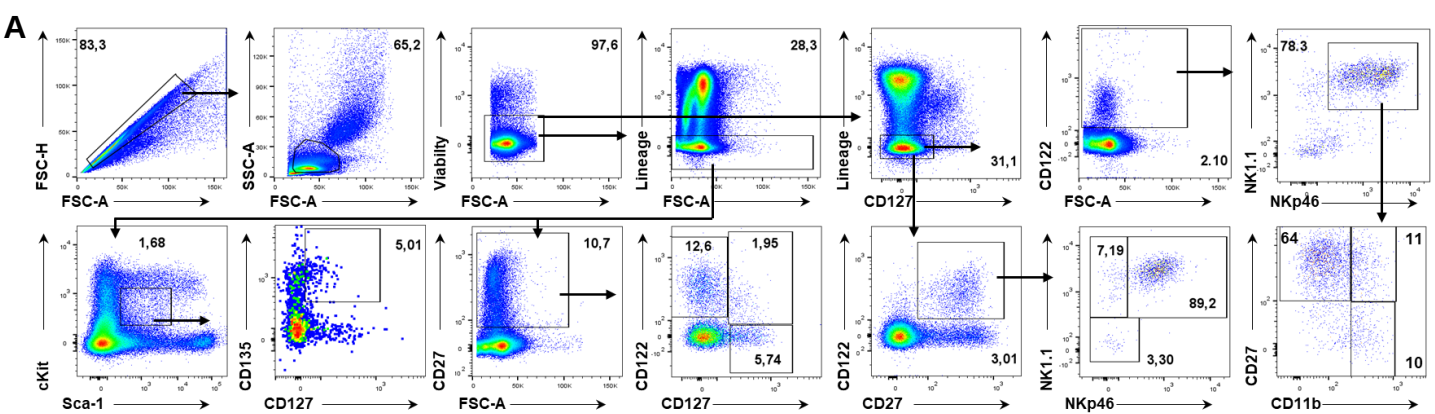
**(C)** Heatmap of differentially expressed genes (DEG) of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) splenic NK cells. All genes were z-score normalized, and DEGs were defined by DESeq2 (adjusted p-value (padj) < 0.05) (n = 3 per genotype).

**(D)** Gating strategy for splenic and blood NK cells from wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice. Debris was excluded, single events were selected and only viable cells were included from total splenocytes or blood lymphocytes. Lin<sup>+</sup> cells (CD3<sup>+</sup>CD19<sup>+</sup>) were excluded and NK cells were identified by expression of NK1.1 and NKp46. NK cells were further characterized by e.g., expression of NKp46, DNAM-1 or NKG2D.

**(E)** Quantification of total cell counts of DNAM-1<sup>+</sup> splenic NK cells (CD3<sup>+</sup>CD19<sup>-</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>) in wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice.

**(F)** Quantification of total cell counts of NKG2D<sup>+</sup> splenic NK cells (CD3<sup>+</sup>CD19<sup>-</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>) in wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice.

(A-C) RNA sequencing and all downstream analyses were performed on splenic NK cells from n=3 per genotype. (E, F) Representative data is shown as pooled experiments of at least three independent experiments n=10. Each dot represents the data of an individual mouse. Results are shown as mean ± SD. The normality of data was evaluated by the Shapiro-Wilk test. An asterisk indicates statistically significant differences between genotypes calculated using Student's t-test. A p-value < 0.05 was considered statistically significant. \*\*\*p < 0.001 \*\*\*\*p < 0.0001.



**Supplementary Figure 2: *Nr2f6*-deficient mice have normal NK cell development in the bone marrow.**

**(A)** Gating strategy from singlet, cells, live, lineage<sup>-</sup>, CLP (Lin<sup>-</sup>CD117<sup>int</sup>Sca1<sup>int</sup>CD135<sup>+</sup>CD127<sup>+</sup>), different NK progenitor (Lin<sup>-</sup>CD27<sup>+</sup>CD122<sup>-</sup>CD127<sup>+</sup>; Lin<sup>-</sup>CD27<sup>+</sup>CD122<sup>+</sup>CD127<sup>+</sup>), immature (Lin<sup>-</sup>CD127<sup>-</sup>CD122<sup>+</sup>CD27<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>-</sup>NKp46<sup>-</sup>; Lin<sup>-</sup>CD127<sup>-</sup>CD122<sup>+</sup>CD27<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>-</sup>) and mature NK (Lin<sup>-</sup>CD127<sup>-</sup>CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>CD27<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>-</sup>; Lin<sup>-</sup>CD127<sup>-</sup>CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>CD27<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup>; Lin<sup>-</sup>CD127<sup>-</sup>CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>CD27<sup>-</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup>) populations in the bone marrow from femur and tibia of healthy wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice.

**(B)** Representative dot plots, quantification of frequency of parent and total cell counts of CLP (CD135<sup>+</sup>CD127<sup>+</sup>) of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) bone marrow-derived Lin<sup>-</sup>CD117<sup>int</sup>Sca1<sup>int</sup> cells.

**(C)** Representative dot plots, quantification of the frequency of parent and total cell counts of CD122<sup>-</sup>CD127<sup>+</sup> pre-NK progenitors and CD122<sup>+</sup>CD127<sup>+</sup> refined NK progenitors (rNKPs) out of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) bone marrow-derived Lin<sup>-</sup>CD27<sup>+</sup> cells.

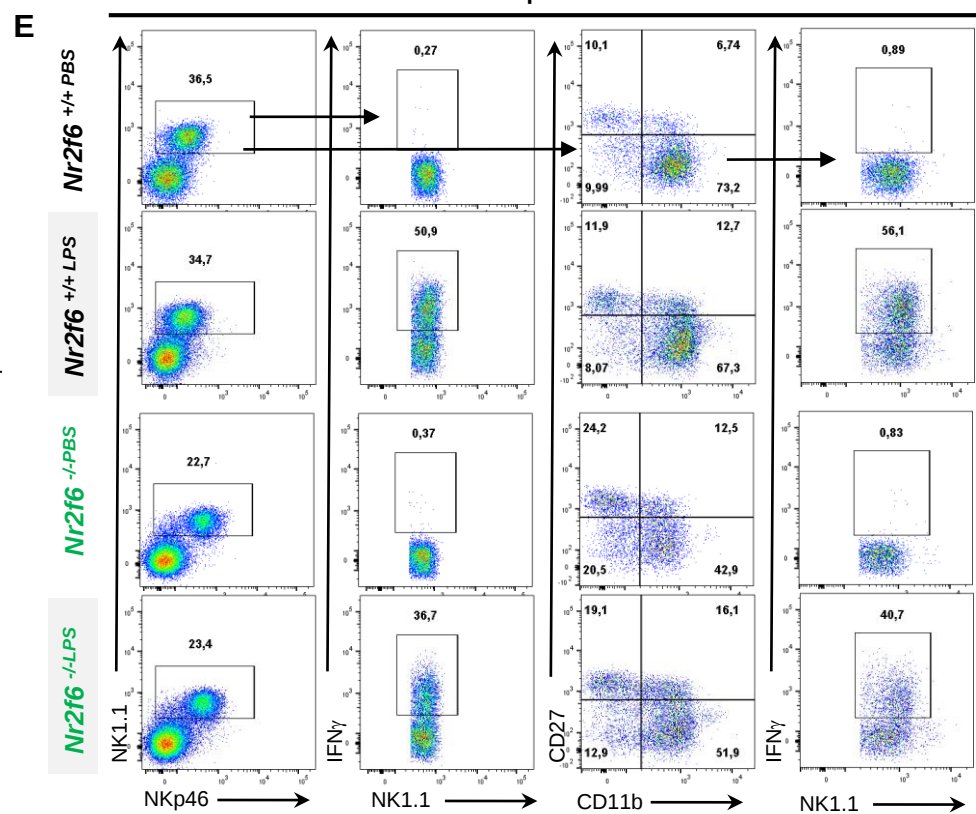
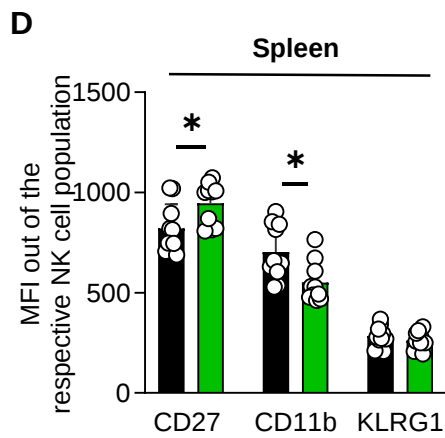
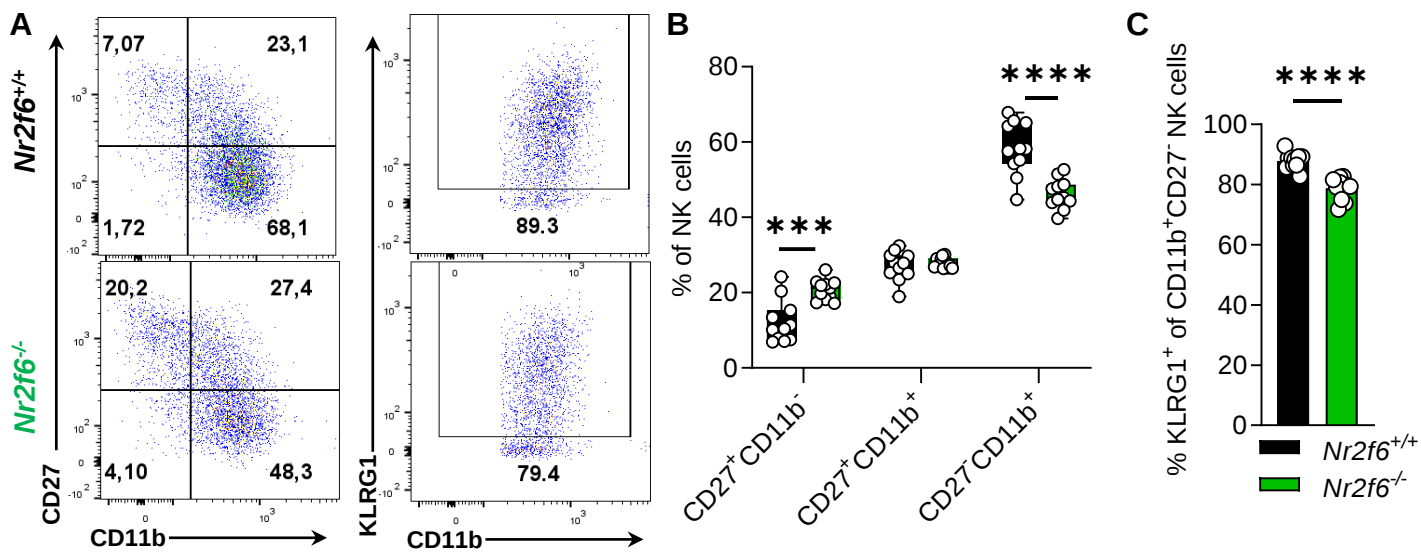
**(D)** Quantification of total cell counts of Lin<sup>-</sup>CD127<sup>-</sup> cells, Lin<sup>-</sup>CD127<sup>-</sup>CD122<sup>+</sup>CD27<sup>+</sup> NK-progenitors, Lin<sup>-</sup>CD127<sup>-</sup>CD122<sup>+</sup>CD27<sup>+</sup> stage A-C NK cells (NK1.1<sup>-</sup>NKp46<sup>-</sup>, NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>-</sup>, NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>) of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) bone marrow derived cells.

(B) Representative data is shown as pooled experiments of at least three independent experiments  $n=10$  (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) and  $n=9$  (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>)

(C, D) Representative data is shown as pooled experiments of at least three independent experiments  $n=8$ . Each dot represents the data of an individual mouse. Results are shown as mean  $\pm$  SD. An asterisk indicates statistically significant differences between genotypes calculated using Student's t-test or Mann-Whitney  $U$  test.

A  $p$ -value  $< 0.05$  was considered statistically significant.  $*p < 0.05$

# Blood



**Supplementary Figure 3: Terminal NK cell maturation block in the blood of *Nr2f6*-deficient mice.**

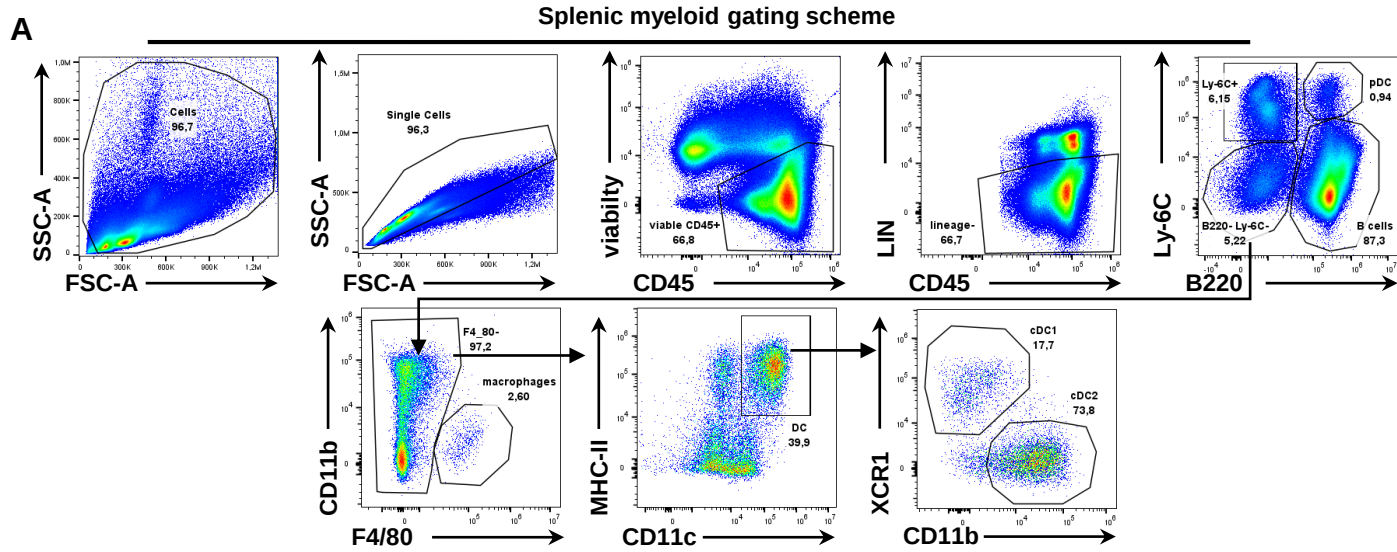
**(A)** Representative dot-plots of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>, CD27<sup>-</sup>CD11b<sup>-</sup>, CD27<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>-</sup>, CD27<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup>, mature CD27<sup>-</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup> and terminal mature CD11b<sup>+</sup>KLRG1<sup>+</sup> NK cell populations in the blood.

**(B)** Quantification of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>, CD27<sup>-</sup>CD11b<sup>-</sup>, CD27<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>-</sup>, CD27<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup>, mature CD27<sup>-</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup> and **(C)** terminal mature CD11b<sup>+</sup>KLRG1<sup>+</sup> blood derived NK cell frequencies.

**(D)** Quantification of the MFI of CD27, CD11b and KLRG1 in wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) splenic NK cells (CD3<sup>+</sup>CD19<sup>-</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>).

**(E)** Representative dot-plots of splenic NK cells (CD45<sup>+</sup>CD3<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>) and IFN $\gamma$ -producing NK cells in wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice after PBS or LPS injection.

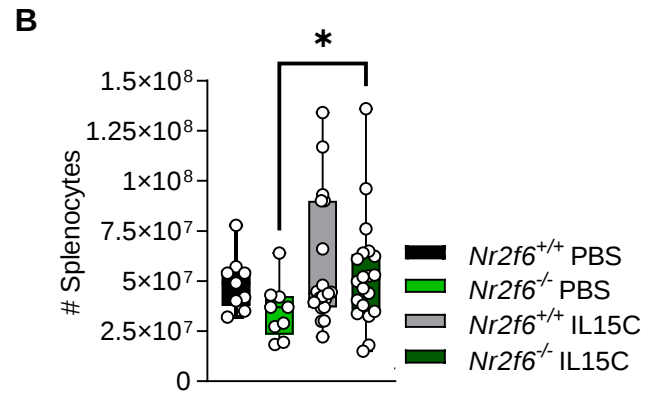
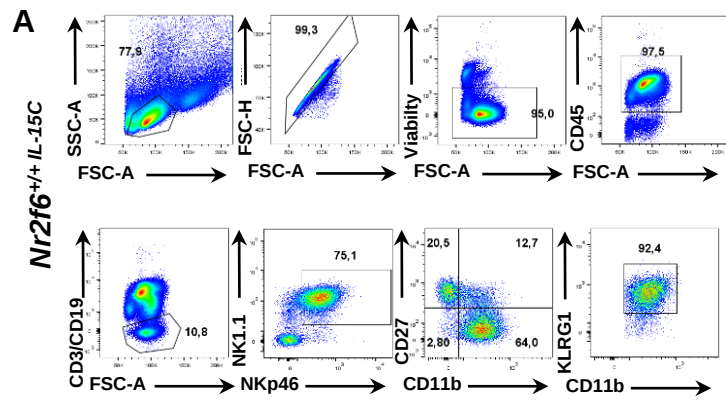
(B, C) Representative data is shown as pooled experiments of at least two independent experiments  $n = 11$ . (D) Representative data is shown as pooled experiments of at least two independent experiments  $n = 10$ . Each dot represents the data of an individual mouse. Results are shown as mean  $\pm$  SD. An asterisk indicates statistically significant differences between genotypes calculated using Student's t test. A p-value  $< 0.05$  was considered statistically significant. \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ ; \*\*\*\* $p < 0.0001$ .



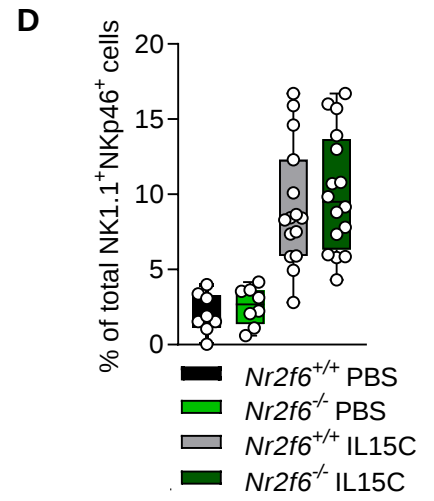
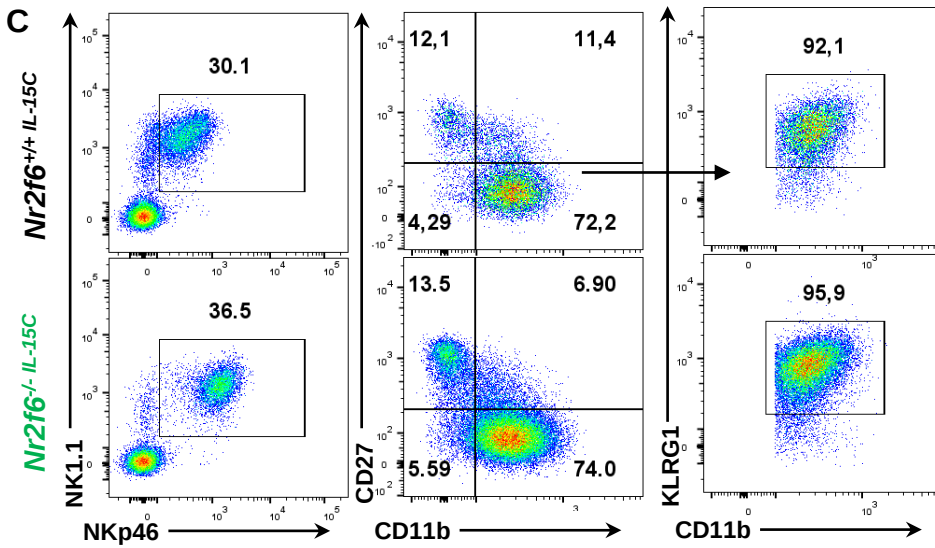
**Supplementary Figure 4:**

(A) Gating strategy of splenic derived myeloid cell populations. Single events were selected, debris was excluded, and only viable cells were included from total splenocytes.

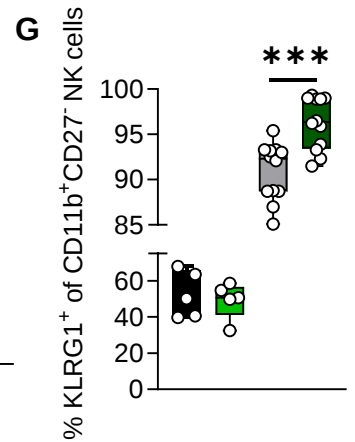
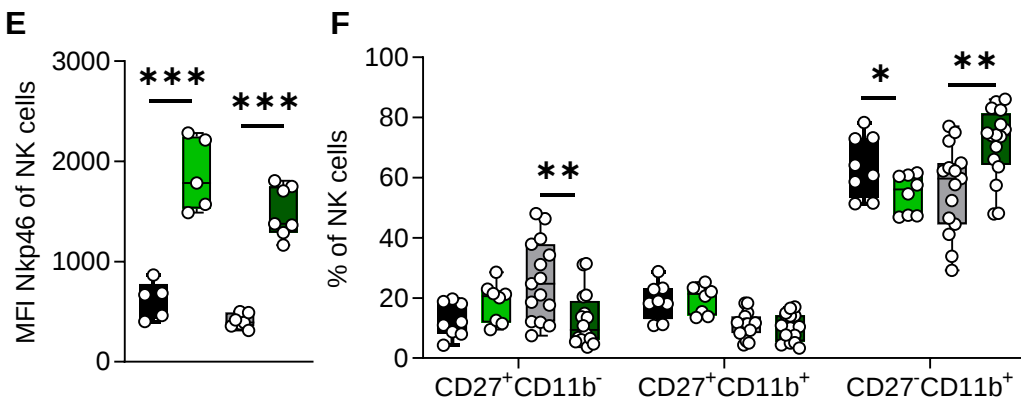
# Spleen



# Blood



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## Supplementary Figure 5: IL-15C treatment of *Nr2f6*-deficient mice rescues NK maturation and effector responses

**(A)** Gating strategy of NK cell maturation following IL-15C treatment in the spleen or blood of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice.

**(B)** Quantification of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) splenocyte numbers after PBS or 3 x IL-15/IL-15R $\alpha$ -complex treatment on day 9.

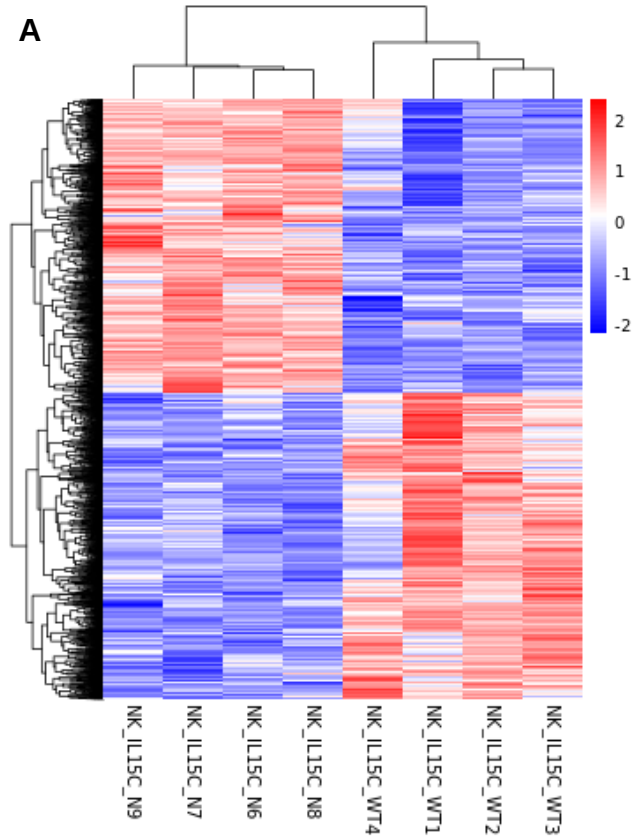
**(C)** Representative dot-plots of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>, CD27<sup>-</sup>CD11b<sup>-</sup>, CD27<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>-</sup>, CD27<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup>, mature CD27<sup>-</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup> and terminal mature CD11b<sup>+</sup>KLRG1<sup>+</sup> NK cell populations in the blood following 3 x IL-15/IL-15R $\alpha$ -complex or PBS treatment (out of CD45<sup>+</sup>CD3<sup>-</sup>CD19<sup>-</sup>) on day 9.

**(D)** Quantification of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup>, blood derived NK cell frequencies following 3 x IL-15/IL-15R $\alpha$ -complex or PBS treatment on day 9.

**(E)** Quantification of the MFI of NKp46 out of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) NK1.1<sup>+</sup>NKp46<sup>+</sup> NK cells in the blood either PBS or IL-15C treated.

**(F)** Quantification of blood derived CD27<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>-</sup>, CD27<sup>+</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup>, mature CD27<sup>-</sup>CD11b<sup>+</sup> and **(G)** terminal mature CD11b<sup>+</sup>KLRG1<sup>+</sup> NK cell frequencies of wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) following 3 x IL-15/IL-15R $\alpha$ -complex or PBS treatment (out of CD45<sup>+</sup>CD3<sup>-</sup>CD19<sup>-</sup>) on day 9.

(B) Representative data are shown as pooled experiments of five independent experiments  $n = 9$  (PBS treated wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice) and  $n=19$  (IL15C treated wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) mice) or  $n=20$  (IL-15C treated *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice). (D, F, G ) Representative data are shown as pooled experiments of four independent experiments  $n = 8$  (PBS treated wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice) and  $n=15$  (IL15C treated wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) mice) or  $n=16$  (IL-15C treated *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice). (E) The representative data shown are from two pooled experiments out of five replicative experiments, with  $n=2-7$  per group and experiment.  $n = 5$  (PBS treated wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice) and  $n=7$  (IL15C treated wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice). Each dot represents the data of an individual mouse. Results are shown as mean  $\pm$  SD. An asterisk indicates statistically significant differences between genotypes calculated using Student's t-test, or Mann-Whitney  $U$  test. A  $p$ -value  $< 0.05$  was considered statistically significant. \* $p < 0.05$ ; \*\* $p < 0.01$ ; \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ .



**Supplementary Figure 6: Characterization of *Nr2f6*-deficient NK cells following IL-15C treatment via RNA-Seq analysis.**

**(A)** Heatmap of differentially expressed genes (DEG) in splenic NK cells from IL-15C treated wild-type (*Nr2f6*<sup>+/+</sup>) or *Nr2f6*-deficient (*Nr2f6*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice. All genes were z-score normalized, and DEGs were defined by DESeq2 (adjusted p-value (padj) < 0.05) (n = 4 per genotype).

Table 1: Antibody list for flow cytometry and sorting

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| CD117                   | APC-Cy7       | 2B8       | BioLegend    | 105825       |
| CD11b                   | BV510         | M1/70     | BioLegend    | 101245       |
| CD11b                   | PerCP-Cy5.5   | M1/70     | BioLegend    | 101229       |
| CD11b                   | BV605         | M1/70     | BioLegend    | 101257       |
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| CD122                   | APC-Cy7       | TM-b1     | BioLegend    | 123221       |
| CD127 (IL-7Ra)          | PE            | SB/199    | BioLegend    | 121111       |
| CD127 (IL-7Ra)          | PE-Cy7        | A7R34     | BioLegend    | 135014       |
| CD135 (Flk2, Flt3)      | APC           | A2F10     | BioLegend    | 135310       |
| CD19                    | Biotin        | 6D5       | BioLegend    | 115503       |
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| CD226 (DNAM-1)          | PE-Cy7        | 10E5      | BioLegend    | 128811       |
| CD27                    | Pacific Blue  | LG.3A10   | BioLegend    | 124217       |
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| CD45                    | V500          | 30-F11    | BD           | 561487       |
| CD45                    | AF700         | 30-F11    | BioLegend    | 103127       |
| CD49b                   | PB            | DX5       | BD           | 563063       |
| F4/80                   | PE/Dazzle 594 | BM8       | BioLegend    | 123145       |
| GR1 (Ly6G Ly6C)         | Biotin        | RB6-8C5   | BioLegend    | 108404       |
| IL15 RA                 | AF647/APC     | 6B4C88    | BioLegend    | 153505       |
| KLRG1                   | PE-Cy7        | 2F1/KLRG1 | BioLegend    | 138415       |
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| Ly-6C                   | BV421         | HK1.4     | BioLegend    | 128032       |
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| Nkp46 (CD335)           | APC           | 29A1.4    | BioLegend    | 137607       |
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Supplementary Figure 7: Table 1: Antibody list for flow cytometry and sorting