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Supplemental information

Reliance on *Cox10* and oxidative metabolism

for antigen-specific NK cell expansion

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Supplemental Figure 1. Sample flow gating for experiments and Cox activity, related to Figure 1. Sample flow gates shown for *Ncr1-WT* samples. A) Stimulation of splenocytes with cytokines to determine percentage of YFP+ NK cells producing IFN γ , gating on: lymphocytes by FSC/SSC \rightarrow CD3 negative viable cells \rightarrow NK1.1 positive cells \rightarrow YFP+NK1.1+ cells \rightarrow NK1.1 x IFN γ . B) Analysis of BRDU following MCMV infection (day 4) to determine percentage of YFP+ Ly49H+ or Ly49H- cells that were BRDU-positive, gating on: lymphocytes by FSC/SSC \rightarrow CD3 negative and NK1.1 positive \rightarrow NK1.1 and YFP positive cells \rightarrow NK1.1+ Ly49H negative or positive cells \rightarrow NK1.1 x BRDU. C) COX activity of FACS-purified YFP⁺ NK cells, COX activity slopes from *Ncr1*-WT and *Ncr1-Cox10*^{4/4} groups (unpaired two-tailed t-test, data shown from 2 separate experiments).



Supplemental Figure 2. NK cell phenotype of *cNcr1-Cox10*^{4/4} **mice, related to Figures 1 and 2.** NK-specific (*Ncr1*) transgenic Cre mice (Eckelhart et al., 2011) were crossed to YFP reporter and *Cox10*^{4/4} mice to produce constitutive NK-specific *Cox10* deficiency (*cNcr1-Cox10*^{4/4}). Mice were compared to *cNcr1*-WT reporter mice. A) Representative flow shows gating on CD3·NK1.1+YFP+ cells and equivalent induction of YFP in splenic cells (n=13/group, 6 separate experiments, unpaired t-test). B) There were similar numbers of YFP+ NK cells in different organs, n=7-10 mice/group in 4 experiments (unpaired t-test). C) NK maturation (of YFP+ NK cells) assessed by CD11b x CD27 was similar, black circles=WT, red squares=*cNcr1-Cox10*^{4/4} (n=5-8/group, 2 separate experiments, analyzed by two-way ANOVA, all comparisons p<0.05). D) Representative flow histograms of NK cell receptors on CD3·NK1.1+YFP+ splenocytes from WT (black) and *cNcr1-Cox10*^{4/4} (orange) mice.



Supplemental Figure 3. Functional testing of cNcr1-Cox10^{4/4} mice demonstrate impaired Ly49H-driven proliferation with MCMV infection, related to Figures 2 and 4. A) Similar production of IFN-γ by YFP+ cNcr1-Cox10^{4/4} NK cells compared to control after 6 hours activation via plate-bound receptor antibodies and cytokine stimulation in vitro. n=3-5/group (no significant differences by two-way ANOVA, comparisons between WT and Cox10 mice were p<0.05). B-C) Mice were infected with MCMV and on day 5 the percentage of Ly49H+ cells among YFP+ cells (Cre-induced) was lower in the spleen and blood of cNcr1-Cox104/a compared to controls. C) The number of Ly49H⁺ NK cells and total NK cells per spleen was decreased in *cNcr1-Cox10^{4/d}* mice. For B & C, n=8-9 individuals/group, 2 separate experiments for females (5e4 PFU MCMV), and n=7/group, 2 separate experiments for males (at 7.5e4 and 1.25e5 PFU) with pooled data shown. B analyzed by two-way ANOVA and C by unpaired t-test. D) Similar levels of IFN-y positive NK cells 1.5 days post-MCMV infection, n=3 mice/group in 2 experiments (two-way ANOVA, pooled data). E) Proliferation to IL-15 was similar between the two models. Splenocytes from Ncr1-YFP reporter (WT) and cNcr1-Cox10^{2/a} mice were labeled with cell trace violet and cultured in IL-15 at 10ng/mL or 100ng/mL for 5 days, percent proliferation shown (individual mice from pooled experiments, two-way ANOVA). F&G) cNcr1-WT and cNcr1-Cox10^{4/4}NK cells were co-transferred into Ly49H-deficient B6.Bxd8 mice and assessed weekly for expansion of Ly49H+ cells. F) Ratio of WT to Cox10-deficient NK cells. G) Percentage of all NK cells that were Ly49H+ (of host origin). (n=5-8 mice/group in 3 separate experiments. Two-way ANOVA with Sidak's multiple comparisons test for days 0-21, one-way ANOVAs with Tukey's multiple comparisons test were used to compare all groups in the spleen at day 28). *** p<0.0001. Graphed are means +/- SEM; error bars too small to be shown are present.



Supplemental Figure 4. ILC1 proliferation in *Ncr1-Cox10*^{A/A} **mice is similar to** *Ncr1***-WT during MCMV, related to Figure 2.** ILC1s were identified in the spleen on day 4 after MCMV infection by first gating on CD45⁺DX5⁺NKp46⁺ and Lin-negative (CD3/CD19/CD11c) cells (see Figure 3 for MCMV infection). A) Cells were gated on YFP+ and ILC1 cells identified as CD127⁺/CD49a⁺. B & C) YFP+ ILC1s from WT and Cox10-deficient NK cells had similar BRDU incorporation. N=14 WT and 15 Cox10-deficient from 4 separate experiments, student's unpaired t test.

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Ncr1-Cox10^{∆/∆} Resting

infection. Cluster 10 is largely

negative for both *Eomes* and *Tbx21*

Spp1, and Ly6a, genes upregulated

during MCMV infection in NK cells demonstrates expression in MCMV

clusters including Cluster 10.

C) Expression of Gzmb,

(Tbet).

Ncr1-Cox10^{∆/∆} +MCMV Ncr1-WT Resting

Ncr1-WT +MCMV

Expression

Klra8

(Ly49H)

Eomes

Tbx21

(T-bet)



Ly6a

5 0 UMAP_1



Supplemental Figure 6. Apoptosis, cell cycle analysis, and differentially expressed pathways of NK cells in Cluster 10 unique to *Cox10*-deficient NK cells, related to Figure 3. A&B) Dot plots showing percent of cells per sample expressing gene of interest (size) and average expression of gene (color) of A) pro- and B) anti-apoptotic genes in cluster 10 NK cells. C) Cell cycle analysis (CellCycleScoring, Seurat) of NK cells classified by expression of G1, S or G2/M-related genes. D) Expression of four pro-mitotic cell cycle genes in MCMV-responsive clusters 8, 9, and 10. Average expression level (normalized log fold-change) for each cluster. D) Genes that were significantly downregulated in Cluster 10, MCMV-induced cluster in *Ncr1-Cox10*^{Δ/Δ} NK cells. Differentially expressed genes (>0.25 log fold change, adjusted p<0.05) were analyzed for enrichment of GO biological process terms using Metascape; top 20 most significant results shown. Adjusted p value was calculated using Wilcoxon rank sum test with Bonferroni correction.