

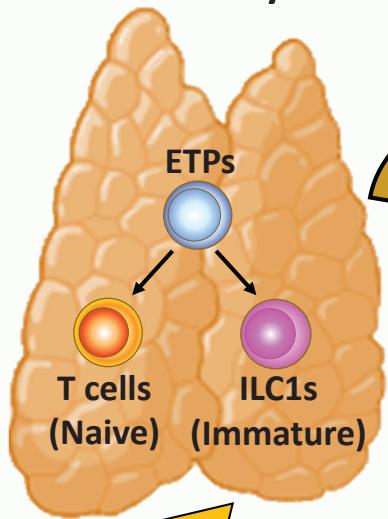
# Type 1 immunity enables neonatal

## thymic ILC1 production



### Homeostatic cytokines

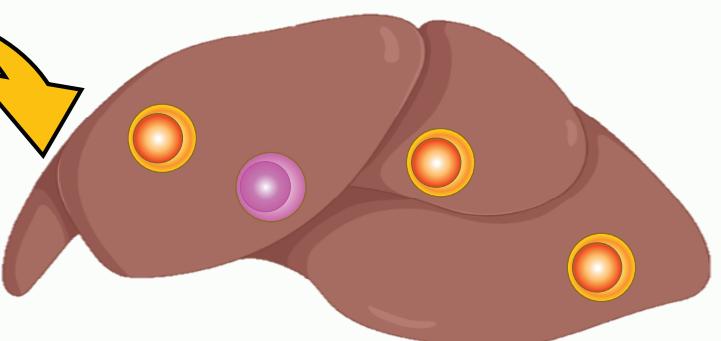
#### Neonatal thymus



#### Liver homing

KLRG1<sup>-</sup> ILC1s

#### Liver



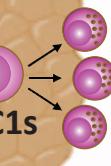
IL-12 +  
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### Type 1 Immunity



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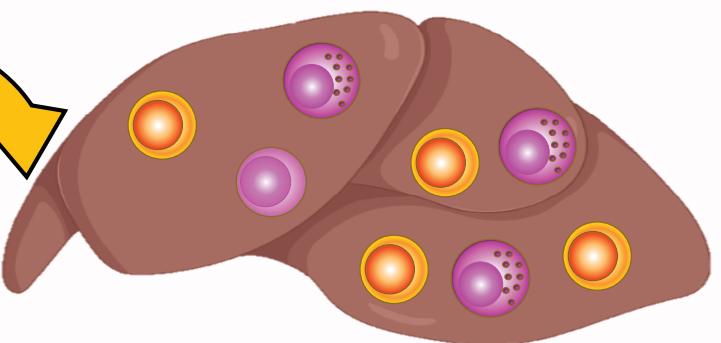
ETPs



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Thymus atrophy  
(Thymocyte cell death)



1 **Type 1 immunity enables neonatal thymic ILC1 production**

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24 **Abstract**

25 Thymic atrophy occurs following type 1 inflammatory conditions like viral infection and sepsis,  
26 resulting in cell death and disruption of T-cell development. However, it remains undetermined  
27 whether the thymus actively contributes to the immune response. Thus, we cultured neonatal  
28 thymus *ex vivo* with the type 1 cytokines IL-12 plus IL-18, resulting in a rapid shift from steady-state T-  
29 cell development to the production, expansion, and thymic exit of CXCR6<sup>+</sup>CD62L<sup>-</sup> type 1 innate  
30 lymphoid cells (ILC1s). Single-cell RNA-sequencing and functional assays identified these cells as  
31 embryonic-wave-derived KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s that mainly differentiated from immature neonatal thymic  
32 ILC1s. Confocal 3D imaging confirmed neonatal thymic ILC1 expansion during MCMV infection.  
33 Furthermore, thymic grafts revealed *in vivo* thymic ILC1 egress and type 1 inflammation-induced  
34 homing of thymus-derived KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s to the liver and peritoneal cavity. Altogether, our data reveal  
35 a novel thymic function where type 1 immunity enables the production and peripheral homing of  
36 thymic-derived ILC1s.

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38 The type 1 immunity-inducing cytokines IL-12 and IL-18 are critical in viral infection<sup>1,2</sup> and sepsis<sup>3,4</sup>.  
39 Human and murine cytomegalovirus (CMV) infections are associated with increased production of IL-  
40 12 and IL-18<sup>2,5,6</sup>, while congenital and perinatal human CMV infections can result in morbidity or life-  
41 long neurological complications<sup>7,8</sup>. Although neonatal CMV infection rarely results in long-term  
42 complications, preterm infants can develop serious sepsis-like syndrome<sup>8,9</sup>. During viral infection and  
43 sepsis, the thymus undergoes acute thymic atrophy<sup>10,11</sup>, where T cell development is disrupted but can  
44 recover when the inflammation is resolved<sup>12,13</sup>. Acute thymic atrophy differs from age-related thymic  
45 involution, where the thymic tissue is slowly replaced with adipose tissue<sup>14</sup>. Although infection-  
46 induced thymic atrophy is an evolutionarily conserved process<sup>11,15</sup>, the underlying causality and  
47 selective advantage for the host have not been determined.

48 Group-1 innate lymphoid cells (ILCs) comprise ILC1s and conventional NK (cNK) cells. ILC1s primarily  
49 reside in the tissues and mediate an early response against viral infections and cancer, whereas cNK  
50 cells circulate and act throughout the immune response<sup>16-18</sup>. ILC1s are seeded in the body during  
51 several perinatal waves<sup>19,20</sup> and, in mice, they constitute the main population of group-1 ILCs across  
52 tissues at birth<sup>19</sup>. Nevertheless, the ontogeny of the different peripheral ILC1 waves remains  
53 elusive<sup>19,21</sup>. cNK cells originate from the bone marrow and develop postnatally to become the  
54 dominant group-1 ILC population in the spleen and bone marrow within the first two weeks of life<sup>19</sup>.  
55 Thymic group-1 ILCs are recognized as a rare population, distinct from other peripheral group-1  
56 ILCs<sup>22,23</sup>, and can develop from early thymic progenitors (ETPs)<sup>24-27</sup>. Unlike cNK cells, thymic group-1  
57 ILC development depends on IL-7 and the transcription factor GATA3<sup>22</sup>, similar to ILC1s, ILC2s, and  
58 ILC3s<sup>28</sup>. ILC1 numbers increase in all examined tissues during perinatal development in mice from  
59 embryonic day 14.5 (E14.5) until postnatal day 3 (P3)<sup>19</sup>. The only exception is the thymus, where ILC1  
60 cell numbers reach maximum levels on the day of birth and decrease between P1 and P3<sup>19</sup>. Whether  
61 this thymic-specific decrease in postnatal ILC1s signifies cell death or egress to peripheral tissues  
62 remains to be determined.

63 ILC1s and cNK cells express classical pan-NK cell markers, such as NKp46, CD122, and NK1.1, while  
64 being negatively delineated for T- and B-cell lineage markers<sup>19,28,29</sup>. Most ILC1s are CD49a<sup>+</sup>CD49b<sup>+</sup>  
65 double positive at birth, with CD49b expression decreasing gradually in the first weeks of life<sup>19</sup>. During  
66 viral infection and in cancer models in adult mice, cNK cells acquire “ILC1-like” features, such as tissue  
67 residency and enhanced cytokine production<sup>30–32</sup>. Despite their phenotypical overlap, ILC1s and cNK  
68 cells are considered separate lineages with no developmental interconversion<sup>19,29,33–35</sup>. ILC1s that  
69 display a high capacity for cytokine production and low levels of granzyme have been coined “helper-  
70 like” ILC1s based on the parallels with CD4 helper T cells<sup>29,36</sup>. Moreover, IL-7R<sup>+</sup> helper-like ILC1s  
71 represent a less mature state of ILC1s that can differentiate into Granzyme-B<sup>+</sup>IL-7R<sup>–</sup> “cytotoxic” ILC1s  
72 (Friedrich *et al.*, *Nature Immunology* (2021)). This observation challenges the classical delineation  
73 between ILC1s and cNK cells based on their respective capacity for cytokine production and cytotoxic  
74 killing<sup>19,36</sup>.

75 Here, we investigated the effect of acute inflammation on the neonatal thymus by *in vivo* murine  
76 cytomegalovirus (MCMV) infection and during sterile inflammation by administering combined IL-12  
77 plus IL-18. We document that MCMV infection and IL-12+IL-18 injections both result in acute thymic  
78 atrophy in neonatal mice. Using neonatal thymus organ cultures (NTOCs), we show that the combined  
79 administration of IL-12+IL-18 results in the expansion of thymic-exiting KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s that primarily  
80 differentiates from immature thymic ILC1s. Fate-mapping *Ncr1*-tdTomato mice were used to visualize  
81 the *in situ* expansion of these ILC1s in the thymus of MCMV-infected neonates, and subcapsular kidney  
82 grafting shows that thymic ILC1s can egress the thymus and upon *in vivo* administration of type 1  
83 cytokines expand rapidly and home to the liver and peritoneal cavity. Altogether, our results  
84 demonstrate a novel thymic function where type 1 immunity enables the thymus to rapidly produce  
85 peripheral homing ILC1s. Thereby, revealing that the thymus can produce other peripheral homing  
86 lymphocytes than T cells.

87 **Results**

88 **Type-1 inflammation induces thymus-exiting ILC1s during NTOC.** Infecting neonatal mice with MCMV  
89 results in acute thymus atrophy within five days (**Figures 1A-1B**). MCMV infection rapidly induces high  
90 levels of the type-1 cytokines IL-12 and IL-18<sup>2</sup>. Since acute thymic atrophy is associated with conditions  
91 with enhanced cytokine responses<sup>10,11,37</sup>, we investigated whether the injection of IL-12 and IL-18 could  
92 cause thymic atrophy during sterile inflammation. Similarly to MCMV infection (**Figures 1A-1B**), i.p.  
93 injection of IL-12 and IL-18 in both neonatal and adult mice for three consecutive days resulted in  
94 severe acute thymus atrophy, here shown on Day 5 (**Figures 1C-1D and S1A-S1B**). To investigate the  
95 direct effect of IL-12+IL-18 on the thymus, we cultured neonatal thymic lobes in a neonatal thymic  
96 organ culture (NTOC) in the presence of the two cytokines (**Figure 1E**). Similar to what was observed  
97 *in vivo*, IL-12+IL-18 administration resulted in cell loss as compared to the vehicle condition (**Figures 1F**  
98 **and S1C**). Surprisingly, we observed a large population of group-1 ILCs (either ILC1s or cNK cells) exiting  
99 into the supernatant of the organ culture within six days and comprising approximately 25% of the  
100 thymus-exiting cells. Furthermore, various myeloid subsets were also observed exiting from the  
101 thymus into the supernatant in all four conditions (**Figures 1F and S1C-D**). The group-1 ILCs expressed  
102 CD122<sup>+</sup>IL-18R $\alpha$ <sup>+</sup>NK-1.1<sup>+</sup> and were lineage-negative (Lin-: TCR $\beta$ <sup>-</sup>TCR $\gamma\delta$ <sup>-</sup>CD3e<sup>-</sup>CD4<sup>-</sup>CD8 $\beta$ <sup>-</sup>Ly-6G<sup>-</sup>CD19<sup>-</sup>  
103 CD115<sup>-</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>) (**Figures 1F and S1C**). As ILC1s express CD49b at birth, it is not an exclusive cNK cell  
104 marker<sup>19</sup>, but ILC1s are CD49a<sup>+</sup>CD62L<sup>-</sup><sup>19,21,28</sup>. Thus, when comparing the NTOC-exiting group-1 ILCs with  
105 eight-week-old adults and P0.5 neonatal thymic group-1 ILCs (CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup> cells), we confirmed  
106 them as ILC1s based on their CD49a<sup>+</sup>CD62L<sup>-</sup> phenotype. The neonatal thymus ILC1s had a similar  
107 CD49a<sup>+</sup>CD62L<sup>-</sup> phenotype as the NTOC-derived ILC1 population. Only a minority of the adult thymic  
108 group-1 ILCs had the CD49a<sup>+</sup>CD62L<sup>-</sup> ILC1 phenotype observed in neonatal mice (**Figure 1G**). Although  
109 Eomes and CD49a are co-expressed in some ILC1 subsets, like the salivary gland ILC1s, Eomes and  
110 CD49a expression are mutually exclusive for hepatic cNKs and ILC1s, respectively<sup>21,36</sup>. Thus to uniformly  
111 identify ILC1s and cNK cells across tissues in neonates and adult mice, we gated on CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>  
112 cells and defined ILC1s as (CD49a<sup>+</sup>CD62L<sup>-</sup>) and cNK cells as (CD49b<sup>+</sup>CD49a<sup>-</sup>), verifying this definition

113 based on intracellular Eomes expression (**Figures S1E and S1F**). Apart from ILC1s and cNK cells, a subset  
114 of NK cells in the adult thymus could be defined as (CD49b<sup>+</sup>CD49a<sup>+</sup>CD62L<sup>+</sup>) and displayed high Eomes  
115 expression (**Figures S1E and S1F**), as previously described<sup>23</sup>. Contrary to adult thymus ILC1s, both the  
116 neonatal thymus ILC1s and NTOC-derived ILC1s had a low expression of Eomes (**Figure S1E**). Kinetic  
117 measurements revealed that most of the initial exit and expansion of thymic-derived ILC1s in the  
118 supernatant of IL-12+IL-18-treated NTOC occurred rapidly in the first three days after the organ culture  
119 was set up (**Figure 1H**). Electron microscopy of sorted ILC1s and T cells from NTOC supernatant  
120 revealed a distinct morphology of the thymic-exiting ILC1s (**Figure 1I**). After six days, protein  
121 measurement of the cytokines secreted in the NTOC supernatant revealed high levels of IFN- $\gamma$ , TNF- $\alpha$ ,  
122 CCL3, and GM-CSF following IL-12+IL-18 stimulation (**Figure S1G**). We performed intracellular flow  
123 cytometry on IL-12+IL-18-treated NTOC supernatant cells showed enhanced production of IFN- $\gamma$ , TNF-  
124  $\alpha$ , GM-CSF and Granzyme B in the ILC1 population, verifying them as cytokine-producing (**Figure S1H**).  
125 To further determine if the thymus-exiting ILC1s had cytotoxic capacity, we sorted ILC1s from IL-12+IL-  
126 18-treated NTOC. NTOC ILC1s exhibited a dose-dependent killing of YAC-1 target cells, indicating these  
127 cells to be cytotoxic ILC1s (**Figure 1J**). Finally, to further investigate the NTOC-exiting ILC1s, cellular  
128 indexing of transcriptomes and epitopes by sequencing (CITE-seq) analysis was performed on viable  
129 cells from the supernatant following six days of NTOC (**Figure 1K**). Twenty-three cell populations were  
130 identified from the four conditions of NTOC-exiting cells (Vehicle, IL-12, IL-18, and IL-12+IL-18) (**Figures**  
131 **S1I-S1K**). Based on the top log-fold differentially expressed (DE)-genes and manually curated genes  
132 (**Figures S1I and S1J**), we identified the overall cell type of each of the thymus-derived populations  
133 (**Figures 1L and S1K**). The lack of *Cd3e*, *Trdc*, *Trac* and *Bcl11b* expression further confirmed the  
134 expanded NTOC population as ILC1s rather than T cells. The expression of *Ncr1*, *Tbx21*, *Cxcr6*, *Gzmb*,  
135 *Il2rb*, and the absence of *Sell* (encoding CD62L) corroborated their ILC1 identity along with their  
136 cytotoxic phenotype (**Figure S1J**). The single-cell data showed a large population of thymic-derived  
137 ILC1s exiting the NTOC in response to IL-12+IL-18 stimulation (**Figure 1M**). Along with the ILC1s, several  
138 large populations of granulocytes, monocytes and macrophages were also observed to exit the NTOC

139 lobes (**Figure 1L**), confirming findings by flow cytometry (**Figures 1M, S1I, and S1J**). In addition, CITE-  
140 seq antibody labeling revealed the group-1 ILC differentiation marker KLRG1<sup>38</sup> to be highly expressed  
141 on the thymic-exiting ILC1s following IL-12+IL-18 stimulation (**Figure S1L**).

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143 **KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s differentiate and expand from immature thymic ILC1s.** Neonatal thymus lobes from  
144 *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup>OTI TCR-transgene mice still showed NTOC expansion of ILC1s (**Figure S2A**), thereby confirming  
145 the ontogenesis of thymic-derived ILC1s being independent from T cell development<sup>24</sup>. Furthermore,  
146 we confirmed high expression of the differentiation marker KLRG1<sup>38</sup> (KLRG1<sup>hi</sup>) following IL-12+IL-18  
147 stimulation, whereas vehicle control and *ex vivo* extracted ILC1s display a more immature  
148 CD27<sup>+/low</sup>KLRG1<sup>-</sup> phenotype (**Figure 2A**). Thymus seeding ETPs have multipotent potential<sup>39</sup>. However,  
149 it has not been clarified whether ETP-derived group-1 ILCs are ILC1s or cNK cells. Thus, we hypothesize  
150 that the KLRG1<sup>hi</sup> ILC1s either differentiate directly from ETPs, uncommitted double negative 2a (DN2a)  
151 cells, or from immature thymic ILC1s (**Figure 2B**). Thus, we sorted ETPs (CD117<sup>hi</sup>CD44<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>), DN2a  
152 (CD117<sup>hi</sup>CD44<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>) and the rare ILC1s (CD122<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>) from *ex vivo* neonatal (P0.5) thymus. From  
153 each of these sorted cell populations, 1000 cells were co-cultured on OP9-DL1 cells with different  
154 combinations of the common  $\gamma$ -chain cytokines (IL-2, IL-7, and IL-15) in the presence or absence of IL-  
155 12+IL-18 to reveal the precursor of the KLRG1<sup>hi</sup> expanding ILC1s (**Figure 2C**). We found that ETPs could  
156 develop into group-1 ILCs in a highly IL-7-dependent manner (**Figure 2D**), confirming previous  
157 findings<sup>22,24,26</sup>. Their ILC1 identity was confirmed by their CD122<sup>+</sup>CD49a<sup>+</sup>CD62L<sup>-</sup> phenotype, and  
158 neonatal DN2a seeded cells consistently only produced few ILC1s (**Figures 2D and S2B**), indicating a  
159 notable loss of ILC1-potential compared to ETPs. ETP-derived ILC1s primarily displayed a KLRG1<sup>-</sup>CD27<sup>+</sup>  
160 phenotype, both in the presence and absence of IL-12+IL-18 (**Figures 2D and 2E**). Finally, seeding  
161 neonatal thymic ILC1s followed by six days of OP9-DL1 culture with IL-2+IL-7+IL-15 mainly yielded an  
162 expansion of the immature KLRG1<sup>-</sup>CD27<sup>+</sup> ILC1s. However, the addition of IL-12+IL-18 primarily resulted  
163 in the differentiation to KLRG1<sup>+</sup>CD27<sup>-</sup> ILC1s (**Figure 2D, third panel and Figure 2E**). These results

164 indicate that most of the observed NTOC-exiting KLRG1<sup>hi</sup> ILC1s are likely differentiating and expanding  
165 from immature KLRG1<sup>-</sup> thymic ILC1s rather than ETPs.

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167 **Neonatal thymic ILC1s shift expression from CX3CR1 to CXCR6 upon IL-12+IL-18 stimulation.** To  
168 compare the NTOC-derived ILC1s with other group-1 ILCs, we performed scRNASeq on group 1 ILC-  
169 enriched cells from the liver, spleen, bone marrow, and thymus from P0.5 neonates and 8-week-old  
170 adult mice. Group-1 ILCs were identified based on their *Ncr1<sup>+</sup>Cd3e<sup>-</sup>* phenotype. All cells co-localizing  
171 with the group-1 ILCs (ILC precursors, ILC2s and ILC3s) were included in the downstream comparison.  
172 ILC1s from NTOC supernatant (**Figure 1M**) were included along with two internal control clusters (CD4  
173 T cells and  $\gamma\delta$ T17 cells) (**Figure 3A**) to avoid proliferation genes confounding the clustering only non-  
174 proliferating cells were included from the NTOC supernatant. After integration, UMAP and marker  
175 gene expression revealed six major groups of cells as indicated by color (**Figures 3B, 3C, and S3A**).

176 Next, all group-1 ILCs (ILC1s and cNK cells) were divided based on their organ of origin and compared  
177 to the three NTOC clusters identified in the cells from the supernatant at day 6 (ILC1s,  $\gamma\delta$ T17 cells, and  
178 CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells). The group-1 ILCs from all organs shared expression of *Id2*, *IL2rb*, *Ncr1*, *Nkg7* and *Klrk1*  
179 (**Figure 3D**). Strikingly, there was a clear dichotomy in the expression profile between adult and  
180 neonatal-derived group-1 ILCs. The neonatal and NTOC group-1 ILCs expressed the ILC1-specific<sup>19,36</sup>  
181 markers *Itga1*, *Klra5*, *Cd3g*, and *Cxcr6*. However, they did not express the cNK cell-specific<sup>36</sup> markers  
182 *Sell*, *Klra8*, *S1pr5*, or *Cma1*, thus reaffirming that neonatal group-1 ILCs primarily consist of ILC1s  
183 (**Figures 3D-3E**). Interestingly, neonatal thymic ILC1s showed high expression of several markers which  
184 were not correspondingly expressed in the other tissue-derived group-1 ILCs, such as *Il7r*, *Itgae*, and  
185 *Cx3cr1*. In contrast, IL-12+IL-18-activated NTOC ILC1s showed high expression of *Il2ra*, *Klrg1*, *Tnfrsf9*,  
186 *Pecam1*, *Cxcr6*, *Ifng*, *Prf1*, *Gzmb*, and *Gzmc* (**Figures 3E and S3B**). Flow cytometry experiments  
187 validated these findings and showed that the majority of neonatal thymic ILC1s could be defined as  
188 CX3CR1<sup>+</sup>CD103<sup>+</sup>CD122<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>. Conversely, following stimulation with IL-12+IL-18, NTOC-derived ILC1s

189 showed reduced CX3CR1 and no CD103 expression, shifting to the expression of CXCR6 and CD31  
190 (**Figure 3F**). The shift of thymic ILC1s going from *in situ* CX3CR1 expression to CXCR6 expression  
191 following IL-12+IL-18 stimulation could indicate a changed homing capacity in response to type 1  
192 cytokine activation.

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194 **Steady-state neonatal thymic ILC1s display a unique and highly immature phenotype.** Following the  
195 Harmony integration, the UMAP of adult, neonatal and NTOC-derived cells were divided into 20  
196 clusters (**Figures 4A and S4A**). Several populations were found to cluster according to cell state rather  
197 than cell type or tissue imprinting; Cluster 1 contains dying cells (**Figures S4B and S4C**), cluster 2  
198 contains a high expression of interferon-stimulated genes (ISG) (**Figure S4A**), and clusters 9 and 11  
199 comprise proliferating cells (**Figure S4A**). To further focus the downstream analysis on the cell type  
200 and tissue-specific imprinting, we selected the remaining eleven group-1 ILC clusters and one cluster  
201 of ILC precursors (**Figures 4B, 4C, S4A, and S4D**). Based on the gene expression in the different clusters,  
202 we divide ILC1s into Helper-like and Cytotoxic ILC1s (**Figure 4D**). As shown in the perinatal liver<sup>19,36</sup>, the  
203 neonatal liver group-1 ILCs (Cluster 12) mainly comprised cytotoxic ILC1s. A small population were  
204 identified as adult ILC1s (Cluster 17) with higher gene expression similarity to neonatal ILC1s than adult  
205 cNK cells. Interestingly, the neonatal thymic ILC1s (Cluster 18) displayed an immature helper-like  
206 phenotype and expressed higher levels of associated markers (*Tox*, *Tcf7*, *Cd27*, and *Il7r*), than other  
207 neonatal ILC1 clusters (**Figures 4E and S4D**). Accordingly, analysis of group-1 ILC transcription factors  
208 revealed that the thymic ILC1s and cNK cells expressed the highest levels of stem-like markers<sup>36,40</sup> such  
209 as *Tcf7*, *Batf3*, and *Tox* among group-1 ILC clusters, along with high expression of Hobit (*Zfp683*), *Gata3*,  
210 and *Ikzf2* in the thymic ILC1s compared to the other ILC1 clusters (**Figure S4E**). The vast majority of the  
211 adult group-1 ILCs were identified as cNK cells. Based on previous single-cell studies<sup>19</sup>, the genes (*Tcf7*,  
212 *Cd27* and *Emb*) decreased while the genes (*Itgam*, *Klrg1*, *Prf1*, *Gzmb*, *Zeb2*, *Cma1*, and *S1pr5*),  
213 increased according to cNK maturation level. They were therefore used to divide cNK cells into early,

214 mid, and late developmental stages (**Figures 4E and S4D**). The Ly49 family genes (*Klra1* - *Klra8*) allowed  
215 the separation of the adult group-1 ILCs and neonatal ILC1s (**Figure S4F**), confirming previous results  
216 showing *Klra5* as a specific embryonic-wave ILC1 marker, indicating neonatal thymic ILC1s deriving  
217 from fetal liver precursors<sup>19,20</sup>. In conclusion, the steady-state thymus primarily contains ILC1s with a  
218 unique embryonic-wave phenotype and displays higher levels of helper-like ILC1 genes than other  
219 neonatal ILC1 clusters.

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221 ***In situ* imaging of ILC1s reveals expansion in neonatal thymus following MCMV infection.** The *Ncr1*<sup>iCre</sup>  
222 and Rosa26-tdTomato mouse lines were crossed to create “*Ncr1*-tdTomato” mice, used for group-1  
223 ILCs fate-mapping<sup>41</sup>. Thus, enabling the visualization of the expanding ILC1s in the neonatal thymus.  
224 We performed confocal 3D imaging of the entire thymic lobe. Following MCMV infection on P2, an  
225 expansion of *Ncr1*-tdTomato<sup>+</sup> cells was observed in the cortex and capsular region of the thymus five  
226 days after (P7). This expansion did not occur in sham control thymic lobes. Furthermore, most *Ncr1*<sup>+</sup>  
227 cells did not show overlap with CD3e-expressing cells (**Figure 5, rows 1-2**). Similarly, NTOCs using *Ncr1*-  
228 tdTomato thymic lobes revealed enhanced production of *Ncr1*<sup>+</sup> cells on Day 3 following exposure to IL-  
229 12+IL-18 stimulation compared to the vehicle condition (**Figure 5, rows 3-4**). These data substantiate  
230 the previous results by both showing ILC1 expansion during type 1 immunity.

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232 **KLRG1<sup>+</sup> thymic ILC1s home to the liver and the peritoneal cavity.** The NTOC cultures revealed ILC1  
233 exit and expansion from thymic lobes as well as high CXCR6 expression, which may indicate a capacity  
234 for liver homing<sup>36,42</sup>. Thus, we wanted to document whether exit and expansion would be associated  
235 with homing of thymus-derived ILC1s to peripheral compartments *in vivo*. Thus, we established a  
236 thymic kidney capsule implantation model<sup>43</sup>, where P0.5 neonatal thymic lobes from *Ncr1*-tdTomato  
237 mice were grafted under the kidney capsule of *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup>/*Il2rg*<sup>-/-</sup> mice, which lack T cells, B cells and ILCs.  
238 Thus all T cells and tdTomato<sup>+</sup> ILC1s observed in these transplanted mice are derived from the neonatal

239 thymus graft. IL-2 is critical for the IL-12+IL-18-synergy<sup>44,45</sup>, and due to their lack of T cells, *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup>*Il2rg*<sup>-/-</sup> mice have severely impaired IL-2 production<sup>46</sup>. Therefore, IL-2 was either administered alone, as a control, or in combination with IL-12+IL-18. Following three days of vascularization of the grafted thymus, the mice were injected with cytokines IP every 24 hours for a further three consecutive days, and mice were analyzed on Day 6 after grafting (**Figures 6A and 6B**). We examined the thymus graft, spleen, liver, and peritoneal cavity by flow cytometry for the presence of thymic graft-derived T-cells and tdTomato<sup>+</sup> ILC1s. We confirmed the successful grafting by repopulating CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in the spleen (**Figure S6A**). We further observed a substantial influx of neonatal tdTomato<sup>+</sup> ILC1s into the liver, peritoneal cavity, and spleen after administration of IL-2. Interestingly, only homing of ILC1s in the liver and peritoneum was enhanced by the administration of IL-12+IL-18 compared to IL-2 injected mice (**Figures 6C and S6B**). This reveals that thymic-derived ILC1s develop and are exported in the absence of type-1-induced inflammation. In both conditions, low numbers of ILC1s remained in the thymic graft, indicative of the thymic ILC1 exit (**Figure S6C**). Moreover, we observed that the homing of thymus-graft-derived CD4 T cells was not significantly changed by the different conditions (**Figure S6D**). Thus, to evaluate the KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s homing efficiency in the six days following the grafting, we determined the ratios of CD27<sup>+</sup>KLRG1<sup>-</sup> and KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s to the amount of CD4 T cells in each organ. Both CD27<sup>+</sup>KLRG1<sup>-</sup> and KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s showed a much higher homing to the peritoneal cavity and liver than the spleen. However, CD27<sup>+</sup>KLRG1<sup>-</sup> ILC1s did not show any difference in homing capacity between conditions, whereas in the IL-2+IL-12+IL-18-condition KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s and CD4 T cells entered the peritoneal cavity and the liver approximately in a 1:1 ratio and a 1:2 ratio, respectively (**Figures 6D, 6E, S6E, and S6F**). The KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s thereby displays a high preferential ILC1-homing to these two compartments during type 1 immunity. This indicates that the IL-12+IL-18-induced KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s differentiation results in an increased capacity for tissue homing from the thymus. Finally, to visualize the thymus-derived Ncr1-tdTomato exit and homing to the periphery, we performed confocal imaging on the liver of these mice. Similar to flow cytometry results, we found a clear homing and tissue

264 localization of *Ncr1*-tdTomato ILC1s inside the liver, which was exacerbated in mice receiving IL-12+IL-  
265 18 (**Figure 6I**).

266 **Discussion**

267 Group-1 ILCs can develop from early thymic progenitors (ETPs) in mice and humans<sup>24-27</sup>, though the  
268 relationship between thymic group-1 ILCs and peripheral group-1 ILCs remains unresolved<sup>23</sup>. To  
269 illuminate unexplored areas of group-1 ILC ontogeny, Sparano et al. (2022) used fate-mapping and  
270 scRNASeq by describing different embryonic and neonatal waves of ILC1s and cNK cells in the liver and  
271 bone marrow, showing that the vast majority of group-1 ILCs are ILC1s rather than cNK cells at birth<sup>19</sup>.  
272 Our scRNASeq data shows that ILC1s from the neonatal thymus display unique markers compared to  
273 ILC1s from bone marrow, spleen, or liver, identifying them as a distinct ILC1 subset. Interestingly, most  
274 neonatal thymic ILC1s exhibit embryonic-wave characteristics (*Klra5*-expression) and an immature  
275 helper-like ILC1 phenotype (*Tcf7*<sup>(hi)</sup>*Il7r*<sup>(hi)</sup>*Tox*<sup>+</sup>*Cd27*<sup>+</sup>)<sup>19,20,36</sup>. As many aspects of ILC1 ontogeny remain  
276 unknown, this finding opens the possibility for some subsets of embryonic-wave-seeded peripheral  
277 ILC1s to originate from the perinatal thymus.

278 In parallel to ILC1s, ILC2s can also develop from progenitors in the thymus<sup>47,48</sup>. A study on the  
279 intrathymic transcriptional checkpoints revealed that *Rora* expression in embryonic thymic progenitors  
280 repressed T cell fate and promoted thymic ILC2 commitment<sup>47</sup>. However, although *Rora* expression  
281 was highly increased in the thymus-exiting ILC1 population, it remains unknown whether thymic ILC1s  
282 have an analogous *Rora* dependency as thymic ILC2. Similar to previous findings<sup>24,26</sup>, we show that  
283 perinatal ETPs have a substantial group-1 ILC potential, even in T cell-skewing OP9-DL1 conditions.  
284 Furthermore, we find that the developing group-1 ILCs are ILC1s rather than cNK cells, as previously  
285 believed. These ILC1s lack the differentiation marker KLRG1 following six days of culture, despite the  
286 presence of IL-12+IL-18 in the culture. Only after seeding immature neonatal thymic-derived ILC1s and  
287 stimulating with IL-12+IL-18 do the ILC1s acquire the terminal differentiation marker KLRG1<sup>38</sup>, similar  
288 to the NTOC-exiting ILC1s. These data indicate that the expanding cytotoxic ILC1s observed in the NTOC  
289 supernatant mainly derive from the immature ILC1s already present in the neonatal thymus rather  
290 than inducing their *de novo* development from the ETPs. Although group-1 ILCs can develop from

291 human thymic progenitors following *in vitro* culture, direct *in situ* group-1 ILC development in the  
292 human thymus has yet to be confirmed<sup>25,27</sup>. Whether infection or inflammatory triggers are required  
293 to perturb steady-state thymic development to allow *in situ* group-1 ILC development remains to be  
294 determined.

295 Upon activation with IL-12+IL-18, the ILC1s downregulated CX3CR1 and upregulated CXCR6 and CD31.  
296 CXCR6 expression on ILC1s is associated with liver homing<sup>36,42</sup>, and CD31 has been associated with  
297 trans-endothelial migration in multiple immune subsets<sup>49</sup>, which may be important for entering  
298 peripheral tissues. Thus, the shift from CX3CR1 to CXCR6/CD31 expression reflects an apparent change  
299 in the homing capacity of the thymic-derived ILC1s. Accordingly, we used subcapsular thymic kidney  
300 grafts to track ILC1s from the P0.5 neonatal thymus. Despite ILC1s being a rare population in the  
301 thymus, a substantial ILC1 population was observed in all examined tissues six days after grafting,  
302 indicative of more peripheral ILC1 homing from the thymus graft than can be explained by the small  
303 number of thymic ILC1s present at birth. In addition, we compared the number of ILC1s and CD4 T cells  
304 entering the tissues and surprisingly found that the presence of thymic graft-derived ILC1s and CD4+ T  
305 cells in the liver and peritoneal cavity were relatively similar in both tissues. However, unlike the liver  
306 and peritoneal cavity, the amount of thymic-derived ILC1s was 75-120 times lower in the spleen  
307 compared to CD4 T cells. These results and the proportional rarity of thymic ILC1s indicate a  
308 preferentially homing of thymic ILC1s towards the liver and the peritoneal cavity. TCRa-KO thymus  
309 grafts were previously used to show group-1 ILCs homing to the spleen<sup>22</sup>. However, to our knowledge,  
310 peripheral homing of thymic group-1 ILCs has not been shown in wild-type thymus grafts. Thymic-  
311 derived ILC1 homing to the liver and peritoneum increased substantially in response to IL-12+IL-18  
312 compared to IL-2-injected control mice and consisted primarily of differentiated KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s.

313 Although the underlying causality for infection-induced thymus atrophy is poorly understood<sup>11</sup>,  
314 infection with murine roseolovirus has been shown to disrupt central tolerance in the thymus<sup>50</sup>. Here  
315 we show that acute thymus atrophy is not only a process where developing T cells passively die but

316 that type-1 inflammation actively mediates *in situ* thymic ILC1 expansion. Our results contribute to  
317 existing evidence that the thymus is not only a T cell-producing organ but can also produce peripheral  
318 homing ILC1s, which is augmented during acute type-1 inflammation. Although we do not definitively  
319 show that embryonic ILC1s derive from the thymus, this work is the first to show that peripheral ILC1s  
320 can derive from the thymus and that some subsets of embryonic-wave ILC1s are likely to have a thymic  
321 origin.

322 In conclusion, we show that MCMV infection and IL-12+IL-18-induced sterile inflammation result in  
323 thymus atrophy in neonatal mice. *Ex vivo* culturing of neonatal thymic lobes with IL-12+IL-18 results in  
324 a substantial expansion and thymic exit of KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s. We confirm that these thymus exiting KLRG1<sup>+</sup>  
325 ILC1s have an embryonic wave phenotype and differentiate from immature CX3CR1-expressing thymic  
326 ILC1s. NTOC-derived ILC1s show enhanced CXCR6 expression following IL-12+IL-18 stimulation.  
327 Furthermore, 3D confocal imaging shows ILC1 expansion in the thymus of MCMV-infected neonates.  
328 Finally, using fate-mapping neonatal thymus grafts, we found that ILC1s could exit the neonatal thymus  
329 to the periphery and that type-1 inflammation enhanced the preferential homing of thymic-derived  
330 KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s to the liver and peritoneal cavity. The results reveal a novel thymic function by  
331 contributing to type 1 immune responses through the rapid production of peripheral homing ILC1s.

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361 **Online Methods**

362 ***Mice and Ethical considerations***

363 C57BL/6N mice were used in all experiments except for the transgene mice and their wild-type  
364 controls, which were on a C57BL/6J background. Transgene mice: *Ncr1*<sup>iCre</sup> mice (*Ncr1*<sup>tm1.1(icre)Viv</sup>) were  
365 generously provided by E. Vivier<sup>41</sup> and crossed with ROSA26-flox-stop-flox-tdTomato mice (B6.Cg-  
366 Gt(ROSA)26Sortm14(CAG-tdTomato)Hze/J) to create *Ncr1*-tdTomato mice. *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup>OTI (B6.129S6-  
367 *Rag2*<sup>tm1Fwa</sup> Tg(*TcraTcrb*)1100Mjb), and *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup>*Il2ry*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (C;129S4-*Rag2*<sup>tm1.1Flv</sup> *Il2rg*<sup>tm1.1Flv</sup>/J). Purchased  
368 time-mated pregnant females were bought from Janvier. All transgene mice were bred and kept in-  
369 house at the VIB Center for Inflammation Research under specific pathogen-free (SPF) under specific  
370 pathogen-free (SPF) conditions. All mice were kept in individually ventilated GM500 cages  
371 (Techniplast) with a 14/10-hour light/dark cycle in a temperature-controlled (21°C). Mice were  
372 provided water and food ad libitum. All mouse experiments were conducted according to institutional,  
373 national, and European animal regulations. Ghent University's Ethics Committee approved all  
374 experimental animal procedures. Experiments were conducted in agreement with the European  
375 Parliament's Directive 2010/63/EU and the 22-09-2010 Council on the protection of animals used for  
376 scientific purposes.

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378 ***Genotyping***

379 Genotyping of the different transgene mouse lines was performed by PCR. *Ncr1*-tdTomato mice:  
380 *tdTomato*<sup>f1/f1</sup> mice were genotyped using the PCR primers: wild-type forward primer  
381 CAGCTTCTTGTAAATCGGGGA, wild-type reverse primer GCGAGGAGGTCATCAAAGAG, Transgene  
382 forward primer TGGCTTCTGAGGACCGCCCTGGGC; Transgene reverse  
383 primer CACCTGTTCAATTCCCCTGCA. Yielding a 160bp wild-type DNA band is at 160bp and a transgene  
384 DNA band of 245bp. *Ncr1*<sup>iCre</sup> mice were genotyped using the PCR primers: Forward-1 primer  
385 ACCGCCTGATCTATGGTGCC, Forward-2 primer GGGTGGGTGTAGCCTCTATC, Reverse primer

386 CACTCCTACCCCTTCATTTCTGA. Yielding a 350bp wild-type DNA band and a transgene DNA band of 280-  
387 300bp. *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> *OT-I* mice (B6.129S6-*Rag2*<sup>tm1Fwa</sup> Tg(TcraTcrb)1100Mjb) were genotyped using the PCR  
388 primers. *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup>: Forward-1 primer CAGGGTCGCTCGGTGTTC, Forward-2 primer  
389 CTTGCCAGGAGGAATCTCTG, Reverse primer GTTTCCCATGTTGCTTCCA, yielding a 200bp wild-type DNA  
390 fragment and a 388bp knockout DNA fragment. *OT-I*: *OT-I* TCR Forward CAGCAGCAGGTGAGACAAAGT,  
391 *OT-I* TCR Reverse GGCTTATAATTAGCTTGGTCC, *OT Int Ctrl* Forward CAAATGTTGCTTGTCTGGTG, *OT Int*  
392 *Ctrl Reverse* GTCAGTCGAGTGCACAGTTT. Yielding a 200bp wild-type DNA band and a 300bp transgene  
393 DNA band. *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> *Il2ry*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were genotyped using the same *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> primers described above and  
394 *Il2ry*<sup>-/-</sup>: Common Forward GTGGGTAGCCAGCTTCAG, wild-type reverse CCTGGAGCTGGACAACAAAT,  
395 and knockout reverse GCCAGAGGCCACTTGTGTAG. Yielding a 269 bp wild-type DNA fragment and a  
396 349 bp knockout DNA fragment.

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### 398 ***Cytokines***

399 The following cytokines were used: Recombinant murine IL-2 (Protein core VIB, Ghent, Belgium).  
400 Recombinant murine IL-7 (Cat# 217-17, Peprotech, Rocky Hill, NJ). Recombinant murine IL-12 (Cat#  
401 210-12, Peprotech, Rocky Hill, NJ). Recombinant murine IL-15 (Cat#, 210-15, Peprotech). Recombinant  
402 murine IL-18 (Cat# P70380, R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN). All lyophilized cytokines were  
403 reconstituted in PBS with 0.1% BSA before storing at -80°C. The concentration of BSA in all vehicle  
404 control conditions corresponded to the highest concentration within the specific experiment.

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### 406 ***Neonatal thymic organ cultures (NTOC)***

407 Neonates were euthanized by decapitation at P0.5 and thymic lobes were extracted, and cleaned  
408 before setup. Three neonatal thymus lobes were cultured per well unless otherwise stated. Only intact  
409 neonatal thymic lobes were cultured on top of a 0.8 µm IsoporeTM Membrane Filter (Cat# ATTP01300,

410 Merck Millipore), which was suspended on top of 2 mL NTOC medium in 12-well plates and cultured  
411 at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Cytokines were used at the following concentrations: IL-12 [4 ng/mL], and IL-18  
412 [40 ng/mL]. The NTOC medium was composed of DMEM (Cat# 31330-038, GIBCO) supplemented with  
413 20 % FCS (Lot# 71133 and 90439, Brand: TICO EUROPE, Greiner and Int Medical), 20μM L-glutamine,  
414 50 μM β- mercapto-ethanol, 0.8 % penicillin-streptomycin (#Cat P4333, Sigma-Aldrich), 0.4 mM Na  
415 pyruvate (#Cat S-8636, Sigma-Aldrich), 1x non-essential amino acids (#Cat M7145, Sigma-Aldrich).  
416 Different types of FCS were tested for optimal cellular output of the NTOC to ensure it supported ILC1  
417 development.

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419 ***OP9-DL1 co-cultures***

420 1,000 OP9-DL1 engineered bone marrow stromal cells were plated in 96 well plates 24 hours prior to  
421 co-culture. We sorted the population of interest: Early thymic progenitors (ETPs) [CD44<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup>c-  
422 Kit<sup>high</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>], DN2a [CD44<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup>c-Kit<sup>high</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>] and immature ILCs [CD44<sup>+</sup>CD122<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>] in a Symphony A5  
423 FACS sorter (BD Biosciences). Co-cultures were initiated by seeding 1,000 cell-sorted  
424 precursors/immature ILC1s cells were seeded and treated with cytokines. Cytokines were used at the  
425 following concentrations: IL-2 [20 ng/mL]; IL-7 [20 ng/mL]; IL-15 [20 ng/mL], IL-12 [4 ng/mL], IL-18 [40  
426 ng/mL] in a final volume of 200μL. The OP9-DL1 cell line and co-cultures were maintained at 37°C with  
427 5% CO<sub>2</sub>, in αMEM (Cat#: 22571-020, GIBCO Gibco) medium containing 20% FCS (TICO), 20μM L-  
428 glutamine, 50 μM 2-mercaptoethanol, 0.8 % penicillin-streptomycin (Cat#: P4333, Sigma-Aldrich,  
429 P4333), 0.4 mM Na-pyruvate (Cat#: S-8636, Sigma-Aldrich, S-8636), 1x non-essential amino acids  
430 (Cat#: M7145, Sigma-Aldrich, M7145). At Day 7 the outcome was analyzed by flow cytometry in a  
431 Symphony A5 (BD Biosciences) device.

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433 ***YAC-1 killing assay***

434 YAC-1 target cells were stained with eFluor 670 dye (Cat# 65-0840-85, ThermoFisher) and 5000 stained  
435 YAC-1 cells were seeded in each well of a 96-well U-bottomed plate. Effector cells were sorted from IL-  
436 12+IL-18 NTOC supernatant; Group-1 ILCs (CD122+Lin-), and from Vehicle NTOC; non-cytotoxic cellular  
437 controls (CD8 $\beta$  $^-$ CD122 $^-$ ). An increasing number of effector cells were added to the wells with the freshly  
438 seeded YAC-1 cells to create different Effector:Target ratios with a constant amount of target cells.  
439 Cells were centrifuged (300g, 2min, RT) immediately after both effector and target cells were added  
440 and incubated at 37°C with 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Dose-dependent killing was determined by flow cytometry  
441 following 4 hours of co-culture, by DAPI staining (0.1  $\mu$ g/mL) and counting the percentage of dying  
442 DAPI $^+$  cells. YAC-1 and co-cultured cells were maintained in RPMI medium (#Cat R1780-500ML, Sigma-  
443 Aldrich) containing 10% FCS (Grenier), 50  $\mu$ M 2-mercaptoethanol, 0.8 % penicillin-streptomycin (#Cat  
444 P4333, Sigma-Aldrich) and split at least two times before seeding.

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446 ***Neonatal thymus grafts***

447 The neonatal thymic grafts were performed as previously described<sup>43</sup>. Adult Rag2 $^-/-$ Il2ry $^-/-$  male mice  
448 were provided analgesia in drinking water the day before the grafting procedure. Mice were  
449 anaesthetized in an isoflurane box and placed in an isoflurane gas mask on a 37° heat plate. The mice  
450 were shaven on the left dorsal side at the height of the kidney and disinfected with 70% ethanol,  
451 followed by iso-betadine and another round of 70% ethanol. A 1.5 cm longitudinal incision in skin and  
452 muscle was made at the height of the right kidney, and the kidney was exposed. A small horizontal  
453 incision was made in the kidney capsule on the caudal kidney pole with a 18G needle. A subcapsular  
454 space was created underneath the kidney capsule by gently moving a blunt forceps underneath the  
455 capsule in the presence of sterile PBS. Subsequently, two thymus lobes from neonatal Ncr1-tdTomato  
456 mice were inserted in the subcapsular space and gently pushed to the cranial pole of the kidney. The  
457 grafted kidney was placed back in its original location, the muscles were sutured, and the skin was  
458 closed with clips and disinfected with iso-betadine. The mice recovered, and the grafted thymus was

459 allowed to vascularize to the ample kidney vasculature for three days. The thymus-grafted mice then  
460 received three intraperitoneal injections of cytokines or vehicle with a 24-hour interval. The mice were  
461 euthanized six days after grafting.

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463 ***Cytokine injections***

464 Adult and neonatal mice were randomly assigned to their group. All mice received three  
465 intraperitoneal injections of cytokines or vehicle with a 24-hour interval. Neonates were injected  
466 intraperitoneally with cytokines diluted in DMEM in a total volume of 20 $\mu$ l using a 29G needle. The  
467 needle opening was facing towards the animal upon injection to avoid abdominal fluid exiting during  
468 the procedure. In neonates, the cytokine concentrations per injection were: 10 ng [IL-12]; 100 ng [IL-  
469 18]. The cytokine injection in adult C57BL/6N mice was modified from a systemic inflammatory IL-  
470 12+IL-18-model in BALB/c mice<sup>51</sup>. In the adult thymus-grafted Rag2<sup>-/-</sup>Il2ry<sup>-/-</sup> mice, the model was  
471 adapted to an IL-2+IL-12+IL-18 model, considering the lacking IL-2 production in Rag2<sup>-/-</sup>Il2ry<sup>-/-</sup> mice<sup>46</sup>.  
472 For all adult mice, the cytokines were diluted in, PBS and each mouse was injected intraperitoneally  
473 with a total volume of 0.2mL. In adult mice, the cytokine concentrations per injection were: 100.000  
474 IU [IL-2]; 150 ng [IL-12]; 750 ng [IL-18].

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476 ***Neonatal Murine Cytomegalovirus (MCMV) infection***

477 C57BL/6N and Ncr1-tdTomato mice neonates were injected once intraperitoneally with 10  $\mu$ L of  
478 MCMV diluted in DMEM (Cat# 31330-038, GIBCO) on postnatal day 3 (P3) using 0.5 mL 29G BD  
479 Microfine<sup>TM</sup> (Cat# 324824, BD Biosciences). The needle opening was facing towards the animal upon  
480 injection to avoid abdominal fluid exiting during the procedure. The MCMV batch was obtained by  
481 infecting MCMV susceptible BALB/c mice and harvesting salivary glands as described<sup>52</sup>. Mice were  
482 either Sham injected (DMEM) or infected with a sublethal dose 300 pfu/ $\mu$ L (3000pfu in total). To avoid

483 cross-infection, the infected neonates and sham neonates were caged separately with their biological  
484 mothers. All MCMV-infected mice were kept in a BL2 animal facility in the VIB-IRC, and all handling of  
485 the virus and tissues were performed in a BL2 facility.

486

487 ***Electron microscopy***

488 Thymic CD4+ T cells (TCRb+CD4+CD8b-), and ILC1s (CD122+CD4-CD8b-TCRb-TCRgd-CD19-Ly-6G-  
489 MHCII-CD11c-) were sorted from NTOC supernatant Day 6 treated with vehicle and IL-12+IL-18  
490 respectively. Sorted cells were fixed in 4% PFA and 2.5% glutaraldehyde in 0.1 M NaCacodylate buffer,  
491 pH 7.2 and centrifuged at 1500 rpm. Low melting point-agarose was used to keep the cells  
492 concentrated for further processing. Cells were fixed for 4h at RT followed by fixation O/N at 4°C after  
493 replacement with fresh fixative. After washing in buffer, they were gaardpost-fixed in 1% OsO4 with  
494 1.5% K3Fe(CN)6 in 0.1 M NaCacodylate buffer at room temperature for 1h. After washing, cells were  
495 subsequently dehydrated through a graded ethanol series, including a bulk staining with 1% uranyl  
496 acetate at the 50% ethanol step, followed by embedding in Spurr's resin. Ultrathin sections of a gold  
497 interference color were cut using an ultra microtome (Leica EM UC6), followed by a post-staining in a  
498 Leica EM AC20 for 40 min in uranyl acetate at 20°C and for 10 min in the lead stain at 20°C. Sections  
499 were collected on Formvar-coated copper slot grids. Grids were viewed with a JEM 1400plus  
500 transmission electron microscope (JEOL, Tokyo, Japan) operating at 80 kV.

501

502 ***Confocal 3D imaging***

503 Confocal imaging on the liver and thymic lobes was performed using the Ce3D clearing method<sup>53</sup>.  
504 Briefly, adult Ncr1-tdTomato thymus-grafted mice were perfused with PBS with 1% Heparin and the  
505 liver (Specifically: *lobus sinister medialis hepatis*) was fixed in 4% PFA. In addition, Ncr1-tdTomato  
506 thymic lobes from MCMV-infected neonates, controls, and NTOC lobes were fixed with PLP buffer<sup>53</sup>.

507 All organs were incubated at room temperature under gentle shaking (150–220 rpm) with primary and  
508 secondary antibodies for five days each, followed by three days of Ce3D clearing solution, then  
509 mounted on glass slides and 2x2 or 3x3 tiles were imaged using a Zeiss LSM 880 AiryScan (Zaventem,  
510 Belgium) on Fast Airy mode with a Plan-Apochromat 10x/0.45, at a z-interval between 7-15  $\mu$ m. Images  
511 were processed using ZEN software. Montages were made with Fiji (NIH, Bethesda, Maryland, USA),  
512 and cell quantifications in thymic lobes were performed using Arivis (Rostock, Germany). Antibodies  
513 used for 3D imaging can be found in **Table S1**.

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515 ***Multiplex ELISA***

516 The customizable multiplex U-PLEX ELISA (MSD, Rockville, MD)) was used to measure protein  
517 concentrations of cytokines in the supernatant of NTOC culture. Murine cytokines measured: IFN $\gamma$ ,  
518 TNF $\alpha$ , GM-CSF, CCL3. NTOC supernatant was centrifuged at 10,000g to remove cells and cell debris  
519 from samples before assay measurements.

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521 ***Tissue preparation for flow cytometry and cell sorting***

522 NTOC supernatant cells were harvested by repeated pipetting of the NTOC well and filtered after the  
523 lobes were removed from the well. Preparation of thymic lobes and spleen for single-cell suspension  
524 used for flow cytometry and cell sorting (scRNASeq analysis and OP9-DL1 co-culture) were obtained by  
525 smashing organ through a 70  $\mu$ m cell strainer, the strainers were washed with 2% FCS in PBS. Perfusion  
526 was performed to remove erythrocytes from adult liver samples. The mice were anesthetized  
527 (ketamin/xylazine), and blood was extracted by retro-orbital puncture followed by cardiac perfusion  
528 with 15ml of PBS with 1% heparin, using a perfusion pump. Leucocytes were extracted from adult and  
529 neonatal livers by mincing using a gentleMACS<sup>TM</sup> Dissociator (Miltenyi Biotec, Cat# 130-093-235).  
530 Followed by collagenase treatment with pre-warmed RPMI containing 1 mg/mL Collagenase A (Cat#

531 11088793001, Merck). The resulting tissue homogenate was centrifugated on top of a 5mL 37.5%  
532 Percoll (Cat# P1644-1L, Merck) gradient (700g, 10min, 4C, break 1/acceleration 4). Adult bone marrow  
533 cells were acquired by cutting the knee-end of tibia and fibula, placing the open end downward in the  
534 tube and using centrifugal force to extract cells from bones (1 min, 1900 g, RT). Neonatal bone marrow  
535 was acquired by isolating femurs and humeri from neonates, crushing the cleaned bones with mortar  
536 and pestle, and filtering cells through a 70  $\mu$ m cell strainer. To further enrich for lymphocytes, the red  
537 blood cells were lysed using ACK buffer (Lonza, Cat# 10-548E) for 2 min at RT before antibody staining.  
538 Subsequent flow cytometry or FACS prep was performed on ice. Antibody staining was performed  
539 30min in the dark. For intracellular staining of transcription factors, cells were fixed after extracellular  
540 staining using eBioscience™ Foxp3 / Transcription Factor Staining Buffer Set (Cat# 00-5523-00,  
541 ThermoFisher). For intracellular cytokine measurements, cells were first extracted from each tissue as  
542 mentioned above and incubated with [1.5 uM] Brefeldin A (Cat# B6542-25MG, Sigma) and Monensin  
543 solution 1000x (#Cat 420701, Biolegend) for 4 h, followed by extracellular staining. The cells were then  
544 fixed and permeabilized using BD Cytofix/Cytoperm™ (Cat# 554714, BD Biosciences), and intracellular  
545 stained. Cell counts (Figure 2, 3, and 6) were derived by flow cytometry by adding Precision count  
546 beads to the sample after single cell suspension according to the manufacturer's instructions  
547 (Biolegend, Cat# 424902), and to acquire absolute NTOC cell counts (Figure 1), they were counted on  
548 a FACSVerse using volume metrics and counting of viable and (DAPI) death cells for 15 sec immediately  
549 following single cell suspension. Fixable Viability Dye eFluor™ 780 (FVD-eF780;Cat# 65- 0865-14,  
550 ThermoFisher) was used to exclude dead cells in all flow cytometry and cell sorting experiments unless  
551 otherwise stated. All antibodies used for flow cytometry and cell sorting are shown in **Table S1**. All flow  
552 cytometry antibodies were validated by supplier. Sorting of viable NTOC cells (DAPI negative) for CITE-  
553 seq and electron microscopy was performed on a BD FACSaria™ III Cell Sorter. Sorting of cell types *ex*  
554 *vivo* for scRNAseq (tissues) and for OP9-DL1 cultures was performed on the BD FACSymphonyTM S6  
555 cell sorter. All flow cytometry was performed on a FACSymphony A5 Cell Analyzer. Data were analyzed  
556 with FlowJo software, version 10.8.

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558 **Single-cell RNA seq and Cellular Indexing of Transcriptomes and Epitopes by Sequencing (CITE-seq)**

559 **CITE-seq (Figure 1):** All viable (DAPI negative) cells from **Day 6 NTOC supernatant** (Figure 1) treated  
560 with (1) Vehicle, (2) IL-12, (3) IL-18, and (4) IL-12+IL-18 were sorted (Aria III, BD Biosciences) and  
561 pelleted by centrifugation at 400g for 5 min at 4°C. When CITE-seq was to be performed, cells were  
562 then stained with CD16/CD32 mAb (Cat# 553142, BD Bioscience) to block nonspecific Fc receptor  
563 binding of CITE-seq antibodies for 20mins at 4°C, before being washed in excess PBS with 2% FCS used  
564 directly in downstream CITE-seq analysis. **Single-cell RNA seq (Figures 3 & 4):** For the scRNAseq  
565 experiment comparing **tissue** group-1 ILCs from adult 8-weeks-old *Adult* and P0.5 *Neonatal* mice from  
566 *ex vivo* extracted thymus, liver, spleen, and bone marrow, the following samples were used; Adult  
567 mice: 12 thymus, 4 spleens, 12 perfused livers, and bone marrow was collected from two hind legs  
568 (tibia and fibia) of 4 mice. For all adult organs, an equal number of male and female mice were used.  
569 Neonatal mice: 90 thymus, 45 spleen, 45 bone marrow samples (arm- and leg bones from 45  
570 neonates), 30 livers. Following single-cell suspension as described in previous paragraph, type 1 ILCs  
571 were enriched by negative selection using magnetic beads (MagniSort™ Mouse NK cell Enrichment Kit;  
572 ThermoFisher, Cat# 8804-6828-74). The samples were then sorted to enrich for viable Group-1 ILCs  
573 (CD122+Lin-: 50%), DN1-DN2 cells (CD44+Lin-: 25%), and DN3-DN4 cells (CD44-Lin-: 25%) for parallel  
574 comparison of group-1 ILCs and progenitor cells across tissues (Lin-: CD4<sup>-</sup>CD8a<sup>-</sup>CD5<sup>-</sup>TCR $\beta$ <sup>-</sup>TCR $\gamma$  $\delta$ <sup>-</sup>Ter-  
575 119<sup>-</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>F4/80<sup>-</sup>Ly-6G<sup>-</sup>Ly-6C<sup>-</sup>). Following sorting, both the NTOC supernatant cells and *ex vivo* tissue  
576 comparison cells were stained with mouse cell surface protein TotalSeq-A antibodies panels containing  
577 9 isotype controls and 77 (NTOC) or 174 (tissue) oligo-conjugated antibodies (TotalSeq-A, Biolegend)  
578 (**Tables S2 and S3**). The sorted single-cell suspensions were resuspended at a final estimated conc. of  
579 1500 and 1100 cells/ $\mu$ l for NTOC and tissues, respectively. The cells were loaded on a Chromium  
580 GemCode Single Cell Instrument (10x Genomics) to create single-cell gel beads-in-emulsion (GEM). The  
581 scRNA-Seq libraries were prepared using GemCode Single Cell 3' Gel Bead and Library kit, version 3

582 (NTOC) and version NextGEM 3.1 (tissue) (10x Genomics) according to the manufacturer's instructions  
583 with the addition of amplification primer (3 nM, 5'CCTTGGCACCCGAGAATT\*C\*C) during cDNA  
584 amplification to enrich the TotalSeq-A cell surface protein oligos. Size selection with SPRIselect Reagent  
585 Kit (Beckman Coulter, B23318) was applied to separate the amplified cDNA molecules for 3' gene  
586 expression and cell surface protein construction. TotalSeq-A protein library construction including  
587 sample index PCR using Illumina's Truseq Small RNA primer sets and SPRIselect size selection was  
588 performed according to the manufacturer's instructions. The cDNA content of pre-fragmentation and  
589 post-sample index PCR samples was analyzed using 2100 BioAnalyzer (Agilent). Sequencing libraries  
590 were loaded on a HiSeq4000 flow cell (NTOC) and an Illumina NovaSeq flow cell (tissue) at VIB  
591 Nucleomics core with sequencing settings according to the recommendations of 10x Genomics, pooled  
592 in a 90:10 ratio for the combined 3' gene expression and cell surface protein samples respectively. The  
593 Cell Ranger pipeline (10x Genomics, version 3.1.0) was used to perform sample demultiplexing and to  
594 generate FASTQ files for read 1, read 2 and the i7 sample index for the gene expression and cell surface  
595 protein libraries. Read 2 of the gene expression libraries was mapped to the mouse reference genome  
596 (GRCm38.99). Subsequent barcode processing, unique molecular identifiers filtering and gene  
597 counting were performed using the Cell Ranger suite. CITE-seq reads were quantified using the feature-  
598 barcoding functionality. The average mean reads per cell across the NTOC libraries and tissue libraries  
599 were 13268 and 28039, respectively, with an average sequencing saturation of 22.9% and 51.76%,  
600 respectively, calculated by Cell Ranger (version 3.1.0). In total 4 NTOC libraries and 8 tissue libraries  
601 were created in this study, entailing 61501 and 88947 cells, respectively.

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### 603 ***scRNA-seq and CITE-seq processing and analysis***

604 The aggregaton of NTOC samples was done using the Cell Ranger Aggr software from 10x Genomics.  
605 Preprocessing of the data was done by the SCAN and Scater R packages<sup>40</sup>. Outlier cells were identified  
606 based on three metrics (library size, number of expressed genes and mitochondrial proportion), and

607 cells were tagged as outliers when they were a certain median absolute deviation (MAD) away from  
608 the median value of each metric across all cells. The outliers were determined with a setting of three  
609 MADs for library size and the number of expressed genes and four MADs for mitochondrial proportion.  
610 The low-quality cells (low/high UMI counts, low/high number of genes, high % mitochondrial genes)  
611 were removed from the analysis. Genes expressed in less than 3 cells and cells expressing less than  
612 200 genes were removed. The raw counts were processed with the Seurat R package (v 3.2.3)<sup>54</sup> using  
613 the following functions with default parameters unless stated otherwise: NormalizeData,  
614 FindVariableFeatures, ScaleData, RunPCA, FindNeighbors, FindClusters (resolution: 0.8), RunUMAP  
615 (dims = 1:25). The tissue libraries were merged and processed with the Seurat package (v 4.1.1) using  
616 the following functions with default parameters unless stated otherwise: NormalizeData,  
617 FindVariableFeatures, ScaleData, RunPCA, FindNeighbors (dims = 1:30), FindClusters (resolution: 0.3),  
618 RunUMAP (dims = 1:30). Subsets were made of both datasets (NTOC dataset was filtered on ILC1s,  
619  $\gamma\delta$ T17 cells and CD4 T cells; tissue dataset was filtered on Ncr1<sup>+</sup>CD3e<sup>-</sup> cells). These subsets were  
620 integrated and batch corrected with the Harmony package (v 0.1.0)<sup>55</sup> using the following pipeline:  
621 NormalizeData, FindVariableFeatures, ScaleData, RunPCA (npcs = 150), RunHarmony, FindNeighbors  
622 (dims = 1:50), FindClusters (resolution: 1.8), RunUMAP (dims = 1:50). Clusters were further manually  
623 curated. Figures were made using the VlnPlot, DimPlot, FeaturePlot and DotPlot functions of the Seurat  
624 package.

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### 626 ***Statistical analysis***

627 In all mouse experiments, the mice were randomly assigned a group. GPower3.1 software was used to  
628 predetermine sample sizes in mouse models based on mean variances of previous experiments. In case  
629 of no prior experience with the animal model a minimum of three biological replicates were sampled.  
630 The differences in variances between treatment-groups were tested with F-test, and when the F-test  
631 showed differences between conditions, statistics was performed on Log2-transformed values. In case  
632 the variances remained different on log2 transformed data a non-parametric test was used. The

633 specific test used to evaluated differences between conditions groups are specified in the figure  
634 legend. Statistical analyses were carried out using GraphPad Prism version 9.4.1 (Graphpad Software  
635 Inc., La Jolla, CA).

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637 **Data availability**

638 Source data from this work has been deposited at (<https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.22133480>).  
639 The single cell sequencing data will be deposited in the Gene Expression Omnibus. Further information  
640 on research design is available in the Nature Research Reporting Summary.

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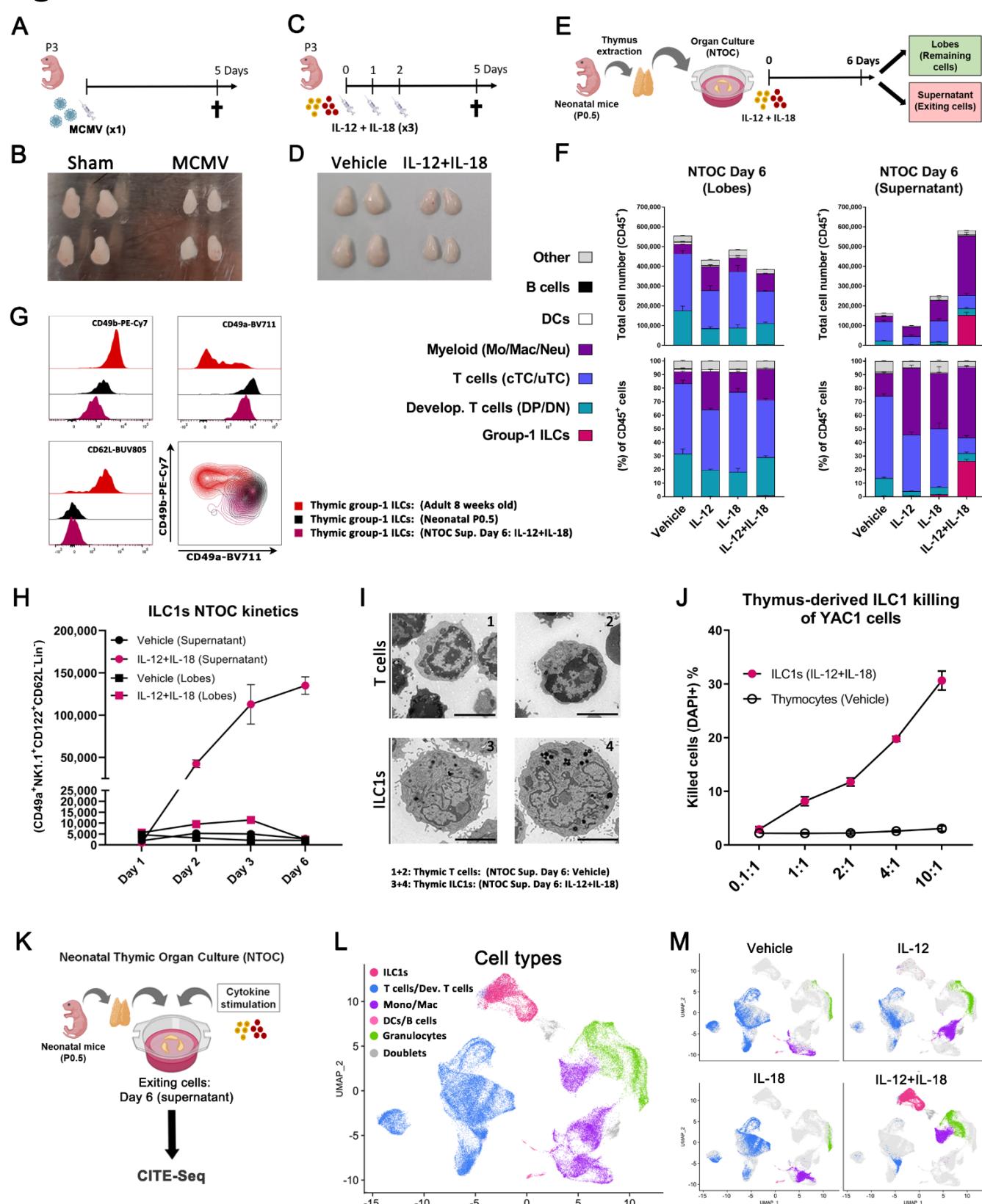
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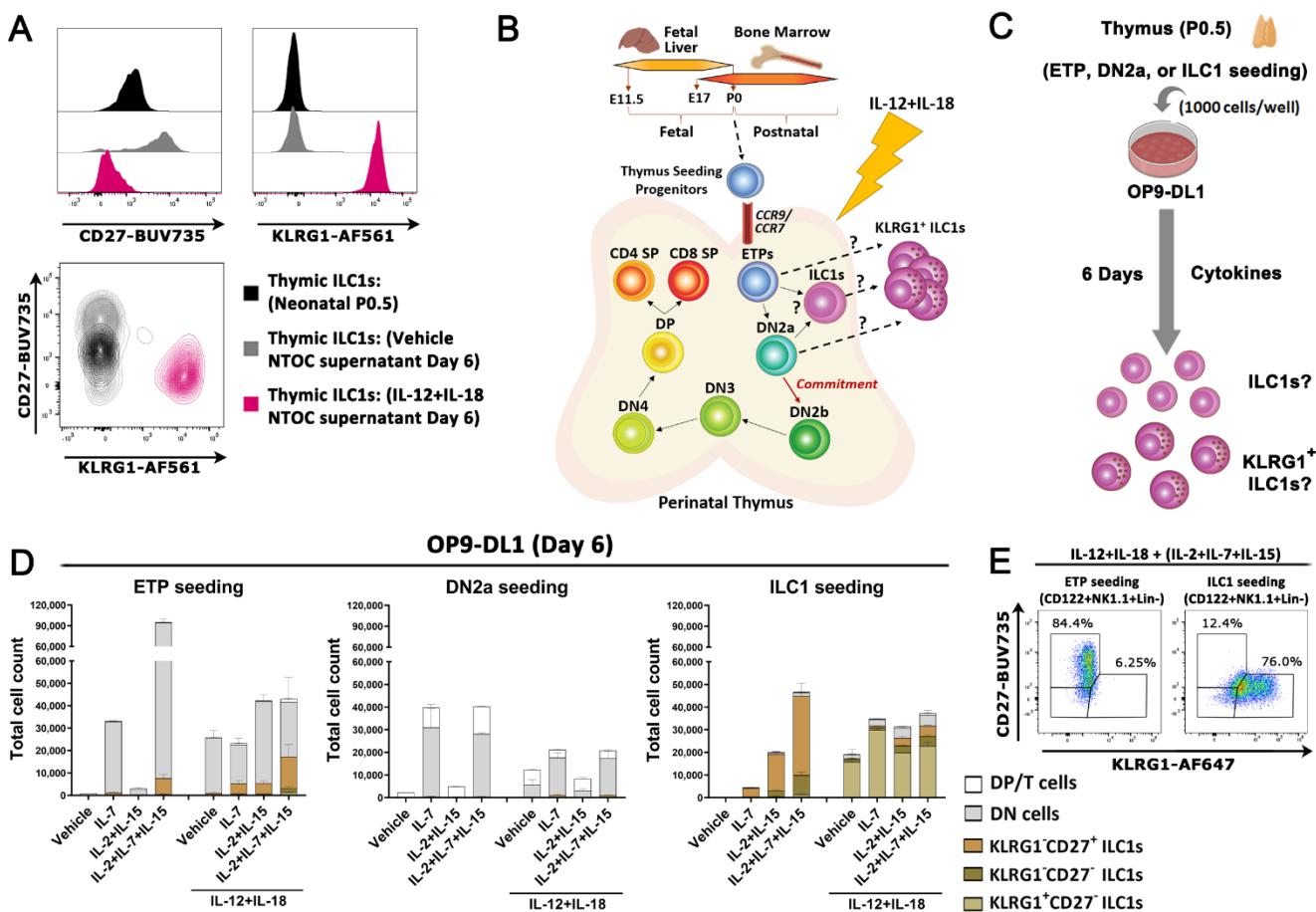
## Figures



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764 **Figure 1: Type-1 inflammation induces expansion of thymic-exiting ILC1s from NTOC. (A)** Schematic of mice  
765 infected once on perinatal day 3 (P3) with 3000 pfu MCMV and terminated after 5 days. **(B)** As shown in A, pictures  
766 of thymic lobes 5 days after infection with MCMV or Sham are representative of four independent experiments. **(C)**  
767 Schematic of mice injected three times from P3 to P5 with IL12+IL-18 and terminated 5 days after the first injection.

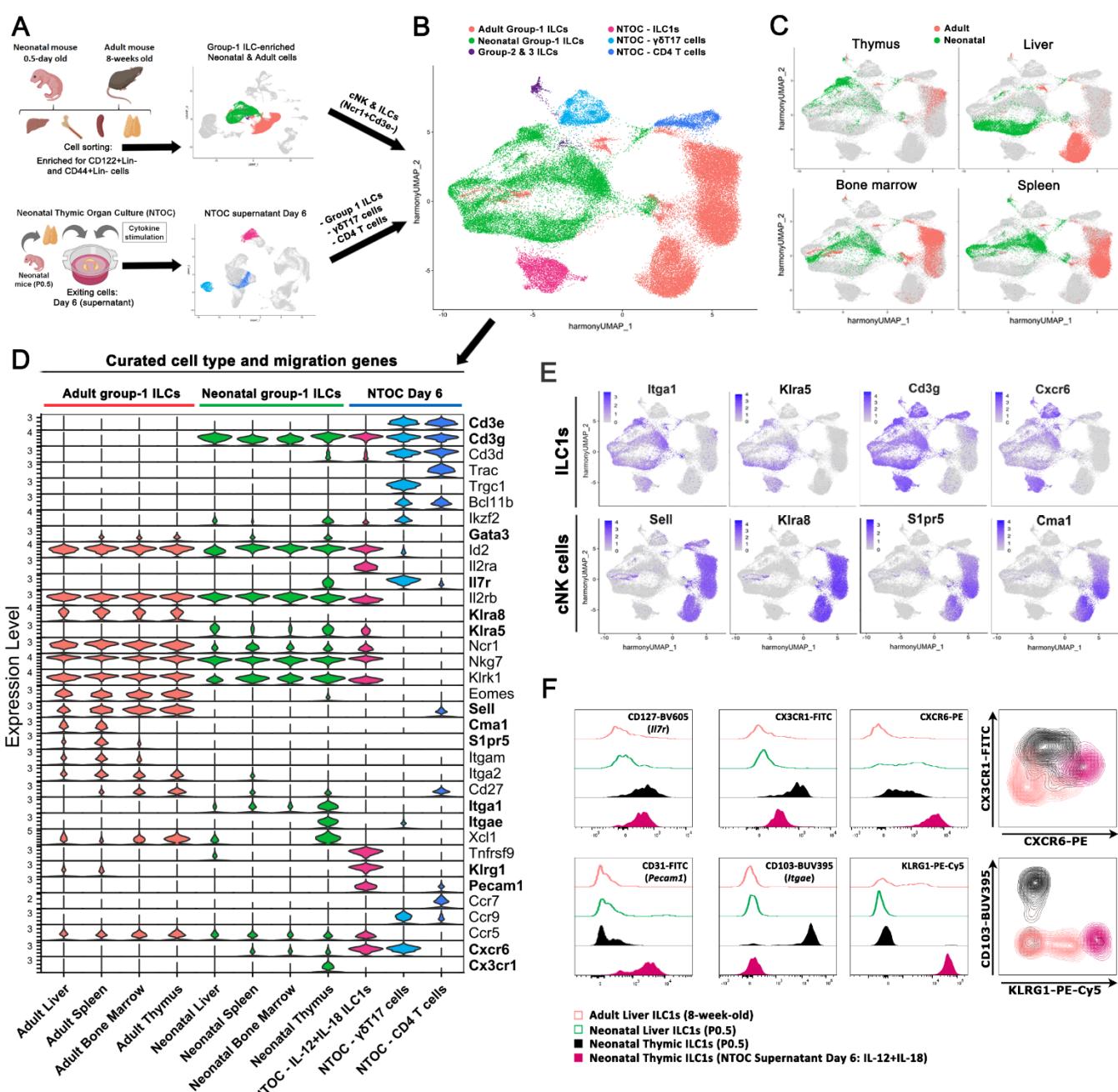
768 **(D)** As shown in **C**, a picture of both thymic lobes from two neonates 5 days after the first injection with IL-12+IL-18  
769 or Vehicle representative of three independent experiments. **(E)** Schematic of NTOC-strategy used to analyze cells  
770 in **F**, using intact neonatal thymus lobes cultured on a floating filter and stimulated with cytokines followed by  
771 analyzing the cells inside the lobes and the cells that exited into the supernatant. **(F)** Stacked bar plot of neonatal  
772 thymic organ culture (NTOC) performed as illustrated in **E**, showing the total number (upper) and percentage (lower)  
773 of CD45<sup>+</sup> cell types inside the thymic lobes (left) and the cells that have exited the lobes into the supernatant (right).  
774 **(G)** Flow cytometry comparison of using ILC1 and cNK cell markers on group-1 ILCs (CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>) from the  
775 thymus in adults (8-weeks-old), neonates (P0.5), and IL-12+IL-18-stimulated NTOC supernatant (Day 6). Thymus-  
776 derived group-1 ILCs are shown as histograms and density plots (showing outliers down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> percentile). **(H)**  
777 Kinetic overview of the ILC1 expansion in the NTOC inside the lobes and in the supernatant, comparing Vehicle  
778 control with IL-12+IL-18 stimulation from NTOC Days 1, 2, 3, and 6. **(I)** Representative transmission electron  
779 microscopy (TEM) pictures of cell sorted NTOC-derived CD4 T cells (1 and 2; Vehicle supernatant) or ILC1s (3 and 4;  
780 IL-12+IL-18 supernatant). The bars in the bottom right corner are 2  $\mu$ m. **(J)** YAC1 killing assay, showing dose-  
781 dependent killing with increasing cell numbers of sorted effector cells (ILC1s or control thymocytes) and constant  
782 amount of target cells (YAC1 cells). Killing was shown as DAPI<sup>+</sup> YAC1 cells after 4 hours of co-culture. **(K)** Schematic  
783 of Day 6 NTOC supernatant cells used for CITE-seq. DAPI- cells were sorted from the supernatant from four  
784 conditions: **1)** Vehicle, **2)** IL-18, **3)** IL-12, **4)** IL-12+IL-18. **(L)** UMAP plot of scRNAseq data, dividing the cells into major  
785 cell types observed. **(M)** Split UMAPs of the four conditions applying the same cell type colors as the overview in **L**.  
786 **(F and H)** Error bars in results are shown as SEM from three biological replicates ( $n=3$ ) and representative of at least  
787 five independent experiments. **(G)** Results representative of six biological replicates from two independent  
788 experiments. **(J)** Results are shown as SEM from three technical replicates ( $n=3$ ) and representative of three  
789 independent experiments. **Abbreviations:** CITE-seq = Cellular Indexing of Transcriptomes and Epitopes by  
790 Sequencing. Lin<sup>-</sup> = Lineage negative, defined as **(F)** TCR $\beta$ <sup>-</sup>TCR $\gamma\delta$ <sup>-</sup>CD3e<sup>-</sup>CD4<sup>-</sup>CD8 $\beta$ <sup>-</sup>Ter-119<sup>-</sup>Ly-6G<sup>-</sup>CD19<sup>-</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>CD115<sup>-</sup>,  
791 and **(G and H)** TCR $\beta$ <sup>-</sup>TCR $\gamma\delta$ <sup>-</sup>CD3e<sup>-</sup>CD4<sup>-</sup>CD8 $\beta$ <sup>-</sup>Ter-119<sup>-</sup>Ly-6G<sup>-</sup>CD19<sup>-</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>F4/80<sup>-</sup>. MCMV = Murine cytomegalovirus,  
792 pfu = Plague forming units. NTOC = neonatal thymic organ culture. UMAP = Uniform Manifold Approximation and  
793 Projection.



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795 **Figure 2: IL-12+IL-18-induced thymic ILC1s expand from immature ILC1s. (A)** Flow cytometry comparison of  
 796 neonatal thymic ILC1s from Day 4 NTOC or *ex vivo* P0.5 and their expression of CD27 and KLRG1. Data are either  
 797 shown as histograms or density plots (showing outliers down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> percentile). **(B)** Schematic of thymic  
 798 development and T cell commitment at the DN2b stage, visualizing hypothesized precursors for the KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s.  
 799 **(C)** Schematic of OP9-DL1 organ culture setup to test the hypothesis illustrated in **B**, where 1000 cell sorted  
 800 progenitor cells were added to each 96-well on top of OP9-DL1 cells to determine whether the rapidly expanded  
 801 KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s derived from neonatal (P0.5) early thymic progenitors (ETPs) or immature ILC1s. DL1 notch-ligand-  
 802 expressing OP9 cells were used to simulate T cell promoting thymic environment, to make sure T cell development  
 803 remained possible. **(D)** Stacked bar plots showing developing T cells or ILC1s based on their expression of KLRG1  
 804 and CD27 following 6 days of OP9-DL1 co-culture for ETPs (CD117<sup>(hi)</sup>CD44<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup>CD122<sup>-</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>), DN2a  
 805 (CD117<sup>(hi)</sup>CD44<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup>CD122<sup>-</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>), or ILC1s (CD122<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>) from the neonatal thymus, stimulated with IL-2, IL-7, IL-15  
 806 with or without IL-12+IL-18 DP/T cells (CD3e<sup>+</sup>/CD4<sup>+</sup>/CD8b<sup>+</sup>), DN (CD122<sup>-</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>), ILC1s gated on (CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>). **(E)**  
 807 Gating on KLRG1 and CD27 expression in CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>-gated ILC1s following six days of culture in ETP and ILC1-  
 808 seeded conditions. Gating on KLRG1 and CD27 positive and negative ILC1s were defined based on the expression in  
 809 all samples analyzed. **(A)** Data is representative of 9 biological replicates from 3 independent experiments. **(D)** Data

810 are shown as Bars with SD from two technical replicates ( $n=2$ ) and representative of three independent experiments  
811 (without IL-12+IL-18) and two independent experiments (IL-12+IL-18-induced KLRG1 $^{+}$  ILC1s). **Abbreviations:** Lin $^{-}$  =  
812 Lineage negative, defined as TCR $\beta$ TCR $\gamma\delta$  $^{-}$ CD3e $^{-}$ CD4 $^{-}$ CD8 $\beta$  $^{-}$ . DN = Double negative, ETP = Early Thymic progenitors,  
813 E10.5 = Embryonic day 10.5, ETP = Early Thymic Progenitors, P0 = Postnatal day 0 (day of birth), SP = Single positive.



816 **Figure 3: Neonatal thymic ILC1s shift expression from CX3CR1 to CXCR6 upon IL-12+IL-18 stimulation. (A)**

817 Schematic of scRNA-seq strategy to extract liver, bone marrow, spleen, and thymus from P0.5 neonates and 8-

818 week-old adult mice. Cell enrichment was performed, and CD122<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup> cells and CD44<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup> cells were sorted for

819 unbiased enrichment of group-1 ILCs (ILC1s and cNK cells) and progenitor cells from each of the organs. The

820 resulting eight scRNAseq data sets were combined, and from these, the central grouping of cells primarily containing

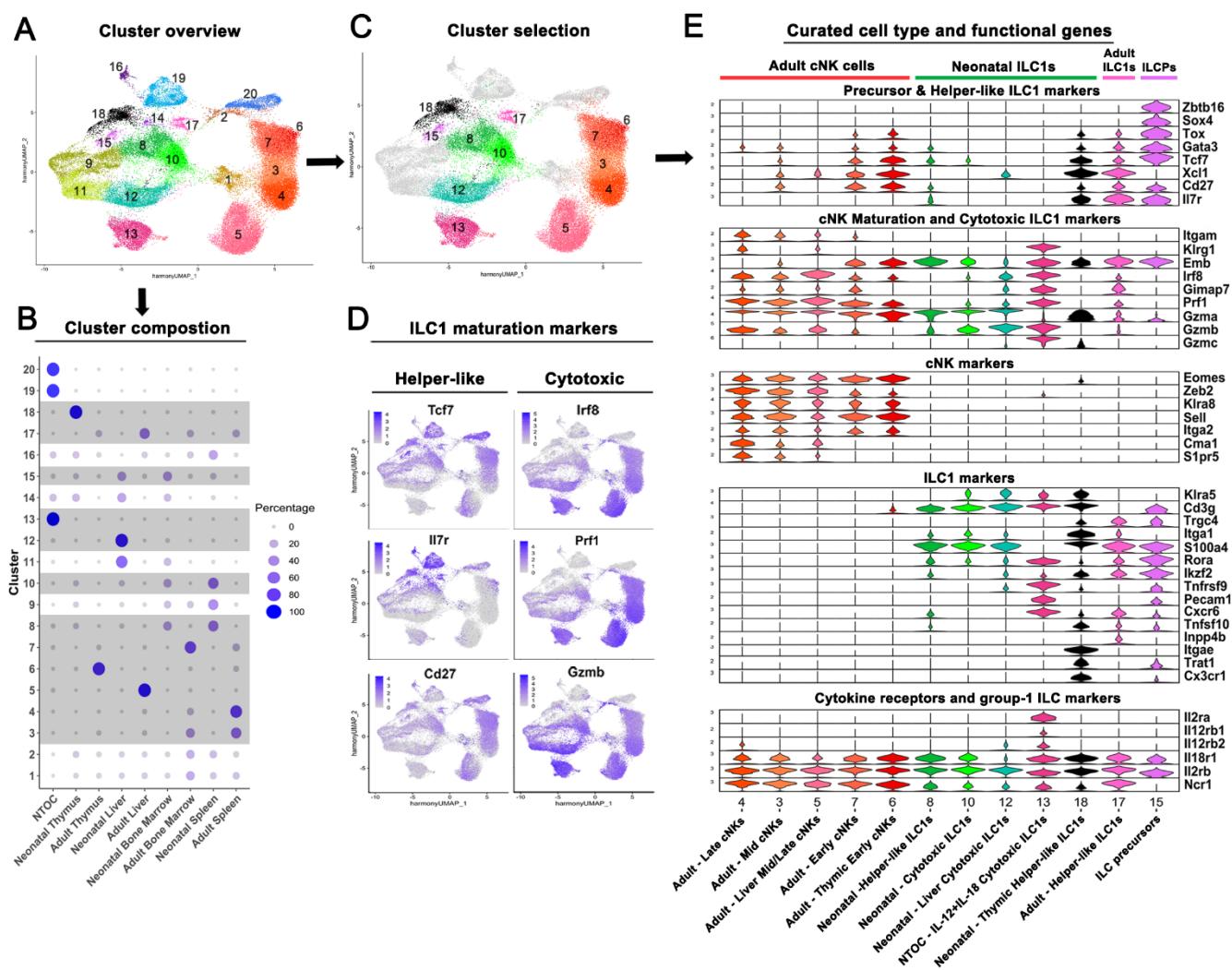
821 ILC1s and cNK cells (identified by *Ncr1*<sup>+</sup>*Cd3e*<sup>-</sup> expression) were selected for downstream analysis. Additionally, three

822 clusters from the scRNAseq data in Figure 2 were selected from the combined four conditions of NTOC supernatant

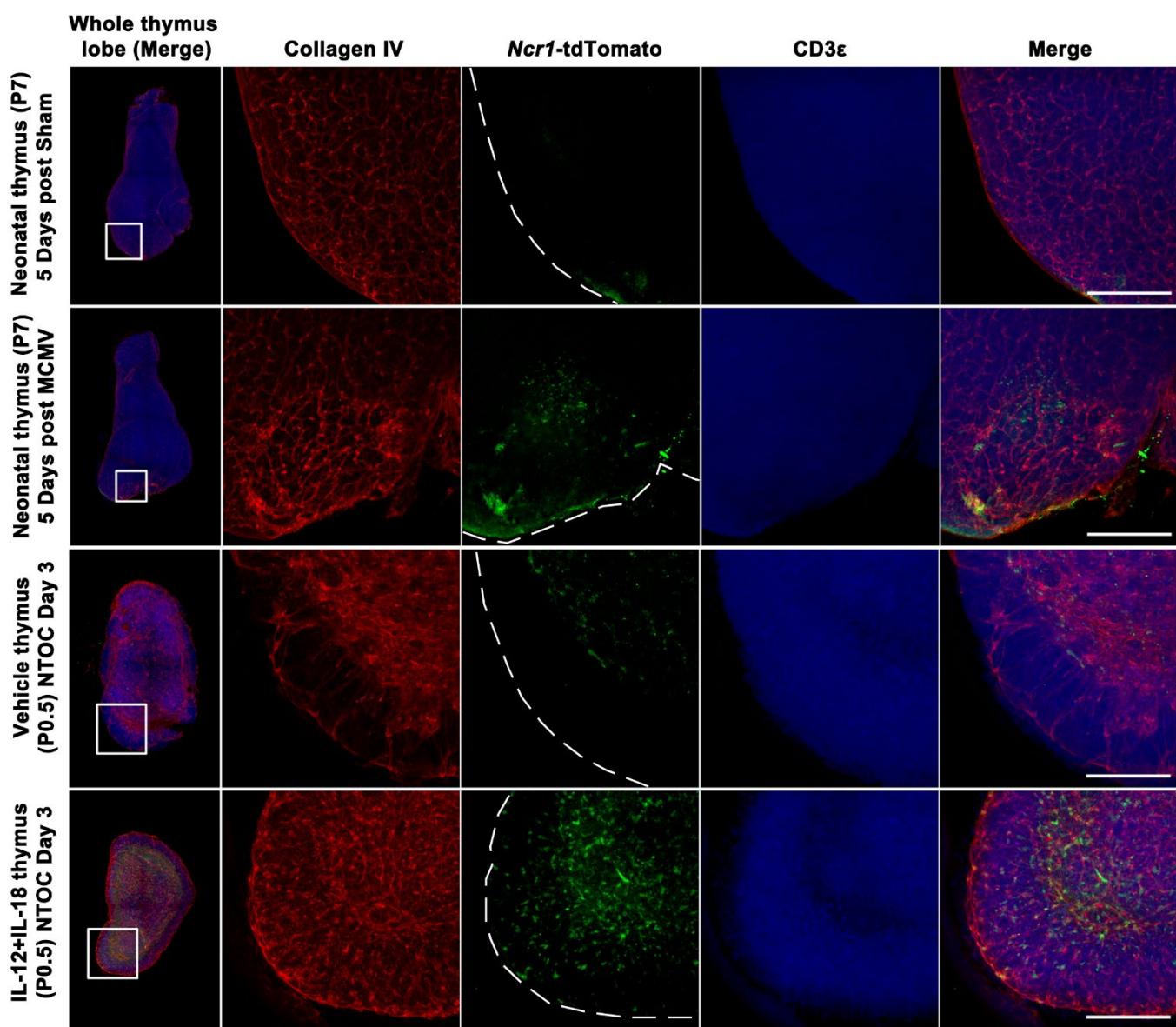
823 for integration with new single-cell data: **1) ILC1s (IL-12+IL-18), 2)  $\gamma\delta$ T17 cells, 3) and CD4 T cells.** The two T cell

824 clusters were chosen as internal controls. **(B)** UMAP of Harmony integrated data explained with the same colors as

825 in **A**, showing the resulting 6 major groupings divided based on sample origin, and in the case of Group-2 & 3 ILCs  
826 gene expression. **(C)** UMAP visualization of cells derived from the four tissues green (neonates) and red (adults). **(D)**  
827 Violin plots showing gene expression of curated genes with colors based on **B**, showing the group-1 ILCs and the  
828 eight different tissues of origin and the three NTOC clusters. **(E)** Feature plots of ILC1 markers (top row) and cNK  
829 cell markers (bottom row). **(F)** Flow cytometry comparison of ILC1s ( $CD122^+NK1.1^+CD49a^+CD62L^-Lin^-$ ) from adult the  
830 liver (8-weeks-old), neonatal liver and thymus (P0.5), and IL-12+IL-18-stimulated NTOC supernatant (Day 6),  
831 displayed as histograms with thymus-derived ILC1s (closed) and liver ILC1s (open) or density plots (showing outliers  
832 down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> percentile). Data are representative of 6 biological replicates (CD127; CX3CR1; CXCR6; CD103;  
833 KLRG1) or 3 biological replicates (CD31). **Abbreviations:** Lin<sup>-</sup>: Lineage negative, defined as  $TCR\beta^-TCR\gamma\delta^-CD3e^-CD4^-$   
834  $CD8\beta^-Ter-119^-Ly-6G^-F4/80^-CD19^-CD11c^-$ . NTOC = neonatal thymic organ culture. UMAP = Uniform Manifold  
835 Approximation and Projection.



838 **Figure 4: Neonatal thymic ILCs have a unique phenotype ex vivo. (A)** UMAP overview of all 20 clusters in  
 839 Harmony-integrated scRNASeq comparison of group-1 ILCs in 8-weeks-old adult and P0.5 neonatal mice across  
 840 tissues (Thymus, Liver, Spleen, Bone marrow) and NTOC clusters. **(B)** Cluster composition overview, showing the  
 841 tissue distribution of each of the 20 clusters, with the selected clusters from **C** shown with gray background. **(C)**  
 842 UMAP overview of selected clusters in group-1 ILC comparison. **(D)** Feature plots showing gene signatures  
 843 associated with Helper-like ILC1s (Left column), and Cytotoxic-like ILC1s genes (Right column). **(E)** Violin plot  
 844 showing gene expression of curated group-1 ILC genes in selected clusters. Cluster order is based on similarity in  
 845 visualized gene expression between clusters. **Abbreviations:** ILCPs = Innate lymphoid cell precursors. NTOC =  
 846 neonatal thymic organ culture. UMAP = Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection.



848 **Figure 5: In situ imaging shows altered localization of neonatal thymus ILC1s during MCMV infection. (Column 1)**

849 Confocal 3D imaging of neonatal thymic lobes expressing Ncr1-tdTomato. A whole thymic lobe imaged showing the

850 zoomed-in section used in the other four columns. **(Column 2-4)** Single colors and **(Columns 1 and 5)** merged overlay

851 of all colors are shown as maximum projection intensity: Red (Collagen IV), Green (Ncr1-tdTomato), and Blue (CD3).

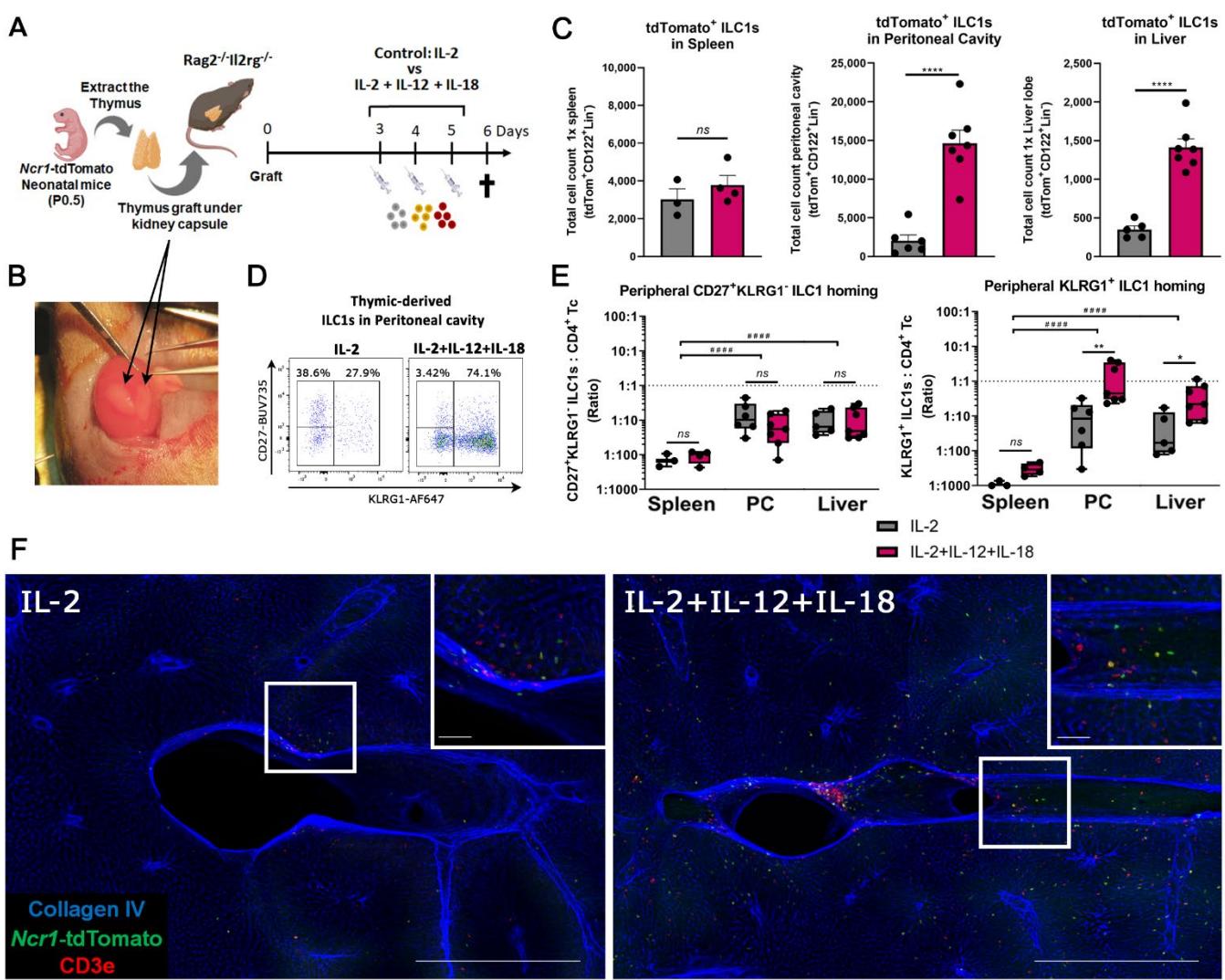
852 **(Rows 1 and 2)** Neonatal thymus from Sham or MCMV infected mice was extracted 5 days after infection (injected

853 intraperitoneally with 3000pfu on P2). **(Rows 3 and 4)** Thymic lobes from Day 3 vehicle or IL-12+IL-18 stimulated

854 NTOC. The bars in the right corner are all 200  $\mu$ m. Images are representative of 3-5 biological replicates (Sham:  $n=$

855 3; MCMV:  $n=5$ ; Vehicle NTOC:  $n=3$ ; IL-12+IL-18 NTOC:  $n=4$ ) from two independent experiments. **Abbreviations:**

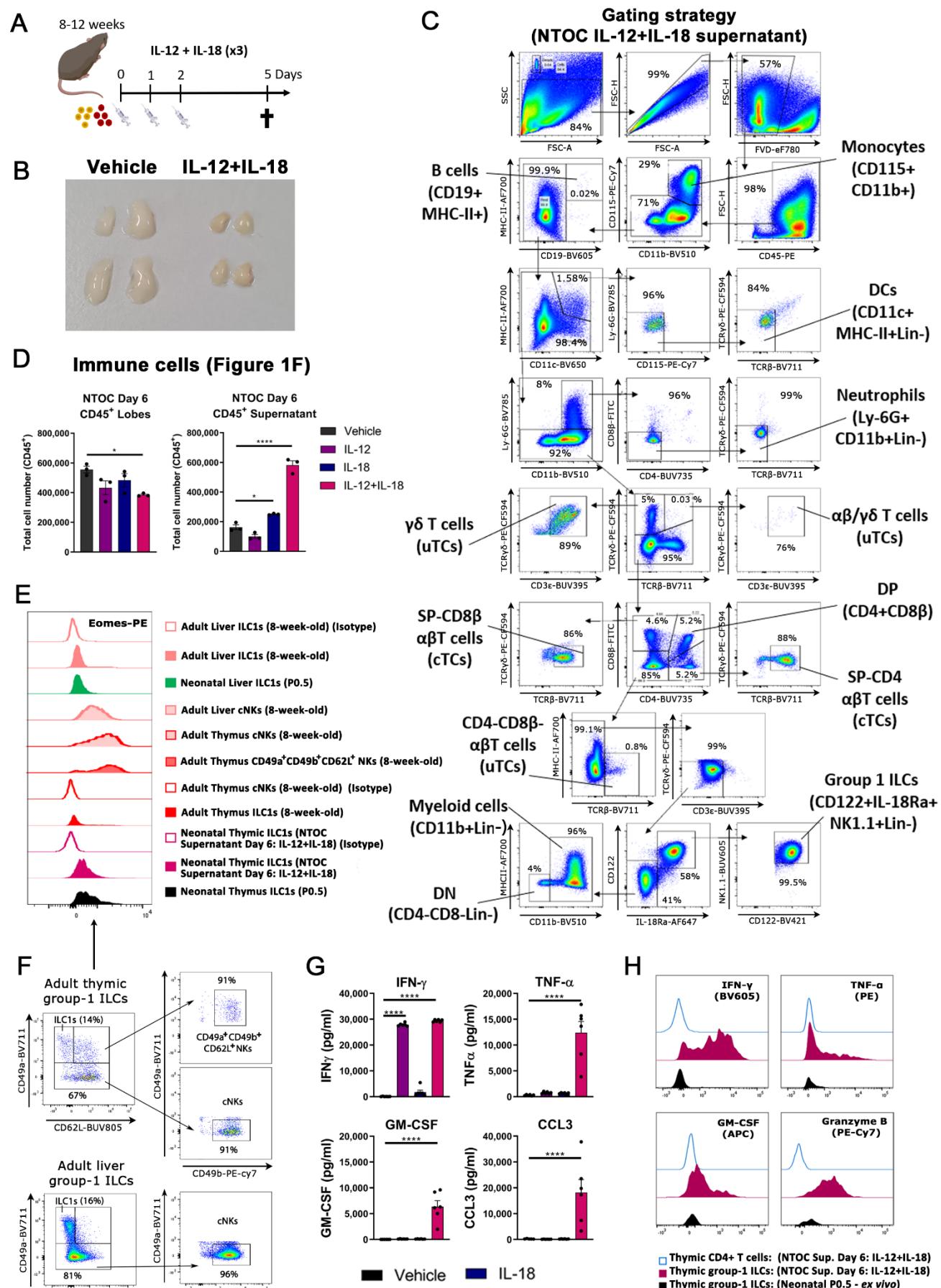
856 NTOC = neonatal thymic organ culture. MCMV = Murine cytomegalovirus.



857 **Figure 6: IL-12+IL-18 activated thymic ILC1s home to the liver and peritoneal cavity. (A)** Schematic of neonatal  
858 thymus graft experiment, where *Ncr1*-tdTomato thymus was grafted under the kidney capsule of in *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup>/*Il2rg*<sup>-/-</sup>  
859 deficient mice. From Day 3 after grafting, mice were injected three times with either IL-2 (control) or IL-2+IL-12+IL-  
860 18 with 24h in between each injection. Mice were terminated six days after grafting. **(B)** Picture of the kidney with  
861 two recently grafted neonatal thymic lobes. **(C)** Bar plots of thymus-graft-derived tdTomato<sup>+</sup> ILC1s in the spleen,  
862 peritoneal cavity, and liver. **(D)** Flow plots showing the gating strategy of KLRG1 and CD27 in thymus graft-derived  
863 tdTomato-expressing ILC1s in two conditions, shown from the peritoneal cavity. **(E)** Box plots, showing the count  
864 ratio on a Log10-scale between thymus-graft-derived ILC1s and CD4 T cells in the spleen, peritoneal cavity (PC), and  
865 liver, **Left:** CD27<sup>+</sup>KLRG1<sup>-</sup>ILC1s : CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (Ratio), and **Right:** KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s : CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (Ratio). **(F)** Confocal 3D  
866 imaging of 500 μm thick liver samples from *Ncr1*-tdTomato thymus-grafted mice six days after grafting,  
867 representative pictures for each condition are shown as maximum projection intensity, Blue (Collagen IV), Green  
868 (*Ncr1*-tdTomato), Red (CD3), the bar in the bottom right corner is 500 μm, and bar in left corner of zoomed section  
869 is 50 μm, representative of three-four biological replicates (IL-2: n=4; IL-2+IL-12+IL-18: n=3). **(C)** Error bars are shown  
870 as SEM and **(E)** Box and whiskers plots with Min and Max, displaying median and 25<sup>th</sup> to 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles. **(C and E)**

872 each dot represents a separate thymus-grafted mouse (spleen:  $n=3-4$ ; peritoneal cavity:  $n=6-7$ , Liver:  $n=5-7$ ), and  
873 data are combined from two independent experiments. Statistics; **(C)** F test showed equal variances for treatment  
874 found no difference in variance between treatments. **(E)** F test showed equal variances on the log2-transformed  
875 scale for the conditions. Thus differences were evaluated by Two-anova (Using Sidak's Multiple comparisons test)  
876 on log2-transformed data, which showed significant differences between the two treatments for PC ((effect size  
877 (4.133); t-value (4.095); df (26); Adjusted  $p$ -value (0.0011)), and for Liver ((effect size (3.167); t-value (2.990); df  
878 (26); Adjusted  $p$ -value (0.0180)). There was no significant difference between the treatments for the spleen ((effect  
879 size (2.147); t-value (1.549); df (26); Adjusted  $p$ -value (0.3492)). **(C)** Unpaired T test (two-tailed) and **(E)** Two-way  
880 anova between treatments: \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\*\*  $p < 0.0001$ , ns = Not significant. **(E)** Two-way anova between  
881 tissues: #####  $p < 0.0001$ . **Abbreviations:** Lin-: Lineage negative, defined as TCR $\beta$  TCR $\gamma\delta$  CD3e $^-$  CD4 $^-$  CD8 $\beta^-$  Ter-119 $^-$  Ly-  
882 6G $^-$ . PC = peritoneal cavity, Tc = T cell.

## Extended Data Figures



885 Figure S1.1: Type-1 inflammation induces expansion of thymic-exiting ILC1s from NTOC. (A) Schematic of cytokine  
886 injection model where adult mice are injected three times with IL12+IL-18 and terminated 5 days after the first

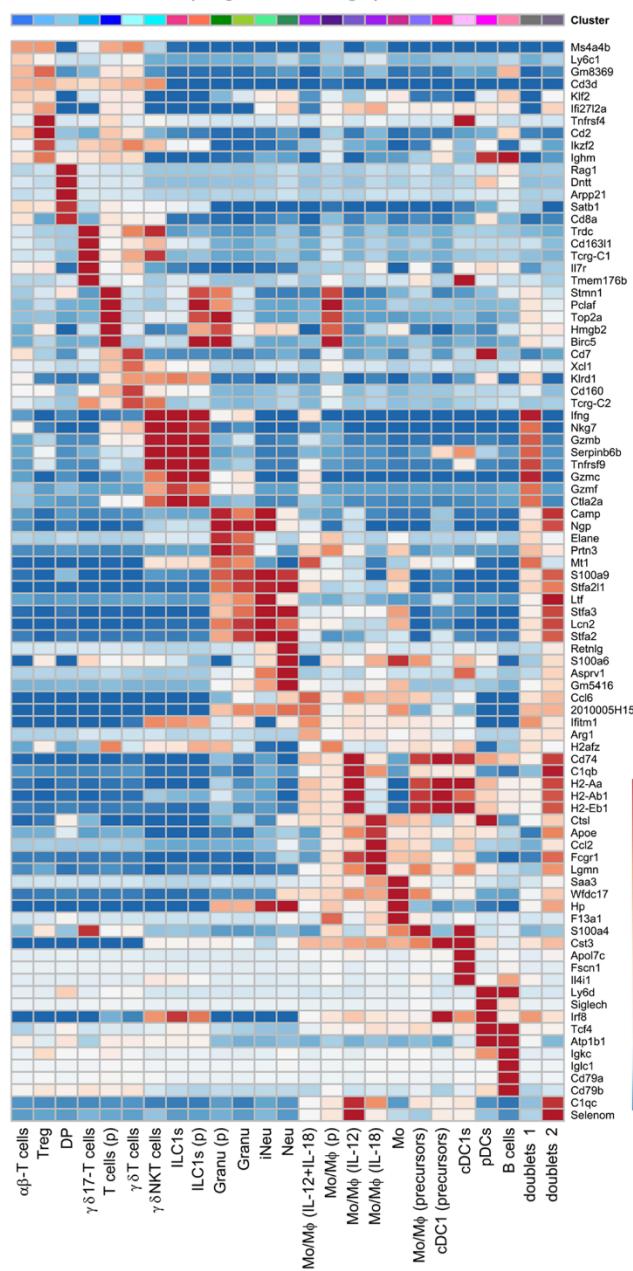
887 injection. **(B)** As shown in **A**, a picture of both thymic lobes from two 8-week-old mice 5 days after the first injection  
888 with IL-12+IL-18 or Vehicle and representative of at least three independent experiments. **(C)** Flow cytometry gating  
889 strategy for figure 1E. **(D)** CD45<sup>+</sup> cells in vehicle control conditions and cytokine stimulatory conditions in lobes and  
890 supernatant from three biological replicates ( $n=3$ ) per condition. **(E)** Intracellular Eomes expression shown as  
891 representative histograms on ILC1s (CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>CD49a<sup>+</sup>CD62L<sup>-</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>) and cNK cells (CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>CD49b<sup>+</sup>CD49a<sup>-</sup>  
892 Lin<sup>-</sup>) from the liver and thymus (adults and neonates), and IL-12+IL-18 NTOC supernatant with corresponding isotype  
893 controls (open histograms), as well as unconventional adult thymic NK (CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>CD49a<sup>+</sup>CD49b<sup>+</sup>CD62L<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>),  
894 gating shown in Figure S1F and representative of 5-6 biological replicates from two independent experiments. **(F)**  
895 Gating strategy from CD122<sup>+</sup>NK1.1<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup> gate used for differentiation of adult and neonatal ILC1s, cNK cells, and  
896 unconventional CD49a<sup>+</sup>CD49b<sup>+</sup>CD62L<sup>+</sup> adult thymic NK cells in Figure S1E. **(G)** Protein measurements of cytokines  
897 in the supernatant after 6 days of NTOC, measured by multiplex ELISA from six biological replicates ( $n=6$ ) per  
898 condition combined from three independent NTOC experiments with error bars shown as SEM. **(H)** Histograms of  
899 intracellular flow cytometry, visualizing IFNy, TNF $\alpha$ , GM-CSF, and Granzyme B in NTOC-derived ILC1s compared to  
900 *ex vivo* P0.5 ILC1s and internal negative control (NTOC CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells) 4 hours after Brefeldin A & Monensin block and  
901 no further stimulation and representative of 3 biological replicates ( $n=3$ ). Statistics: **(E)** One-way Anova, F test  
902 showed equal variances in treatments. Thus differences were evaluated between Vehicle and other treatments by  
903 One-way Anova (with Dunn's multiple comparisons test), which showed significant differences between vehicle and  
904 IL-12+IL-18 lobes (effect size (170373); q-value (3.507); df (8); Adjusted p-value (0.0200)), Vehicle and IL-18  
905 supernatant (effect size (-87923); q-value (3.419); df (8); Adjusted p-value (0.0227)), and Vehicle and IL-12+IL-18  
906 supernatant (effect size (-419423); q-value (16.31); df (8); Adjusted p-value (<0.0001)), the enhanced thymus  
907 atrophy in NTOC IL-12+IL-18 lobes and increased supernatant cells in the IL-12+IL-18 condition is representative of  
908 at least five independent experiments. **(G)** F test showed equal variances on the log2-transformed scale for the  
909 conditions for TNF- $\alpha$  and CCL3. Thus differences were evaluated by One-way Anova (with Dunn's multiple  
910 comparisons test) on log2-transformed data, which showed significant differences between treatments for TNF- $\alpha$   
911 (effect size (-5.437); q-value (15.94); df (20); Adjusted p-value (<0.0001)), and for CCL3 (effect size (-6.047); q-value  
912 (12.40); df (19); Adjusted p-value (<0.0001)) – one Vehicle sample (CCL3) produced no data. F test showed unequal  
913 variances on the log2-transformed scale for the conditions for IFN- $\gamma$  and GM-CSF. Thus differences were evaluated  
914 by non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test (with Dunn's multiple comparisons test): For IFN- $\gamma$  (Kruskal-Wallis statistic  
915 (21.15), Mean rank diff. (-17.67), Z-value (4.327), Adjusted p-value (<0.0001)), and for GM-CSF (Kruskal-Wallis

916 statistic (19.68), Mean rank diff. (-18.00), Z-value (4.409), Adjusted p-value (<0.0001)). \* p < 0.05, \*\*\*p < 0.0001.

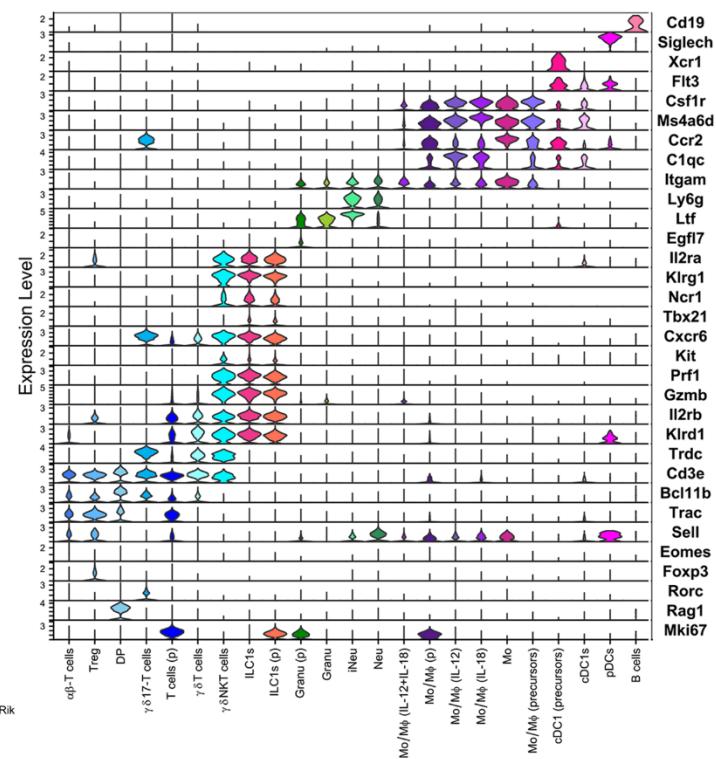
917 **Abbreviations:** cTC = Conventional T cells; uTC = Unconventional T cells; DC = Dendritic cell; DN = Double negative

918 (CD4 and CD8 negative thymocytes); DP = Double positive (CD4 and CD8 positive thymocytes).

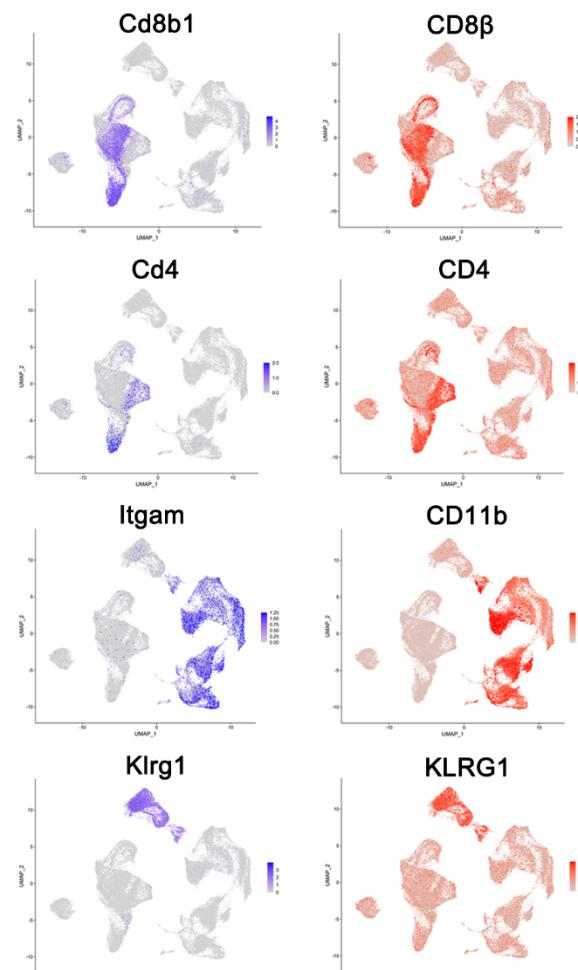
**I Top 5 upregulated DE-gene in each cluster (Log-fold change)**



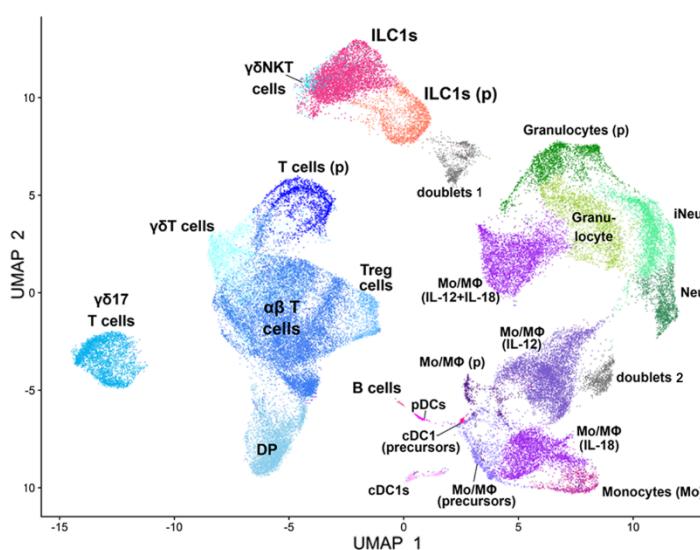
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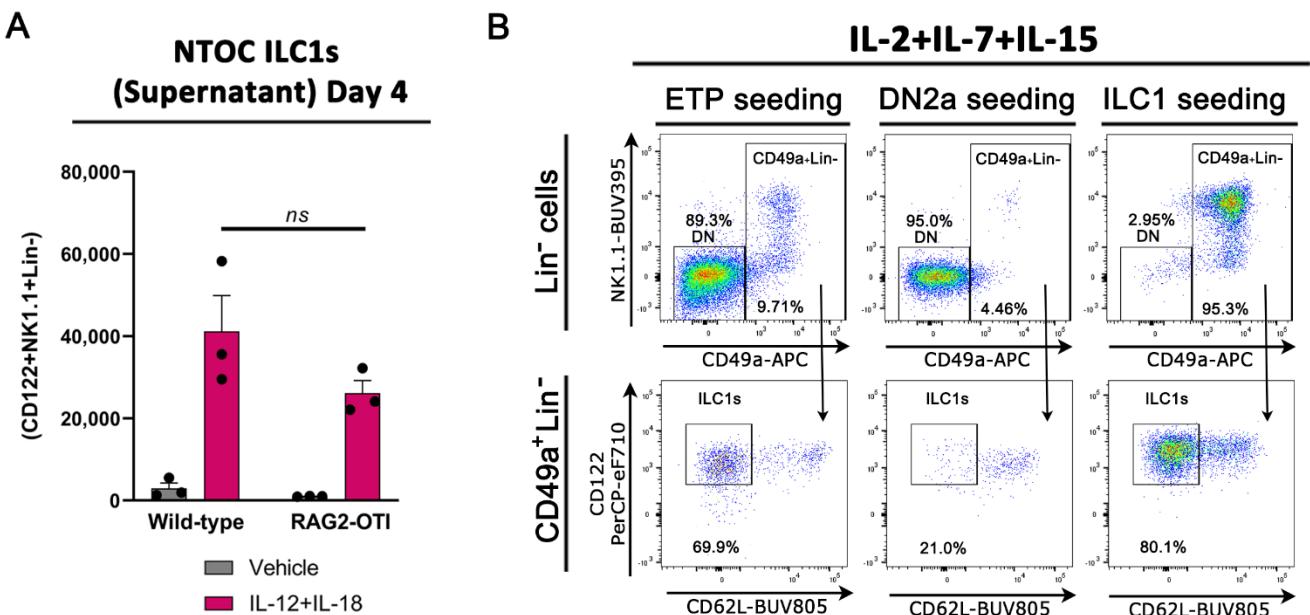
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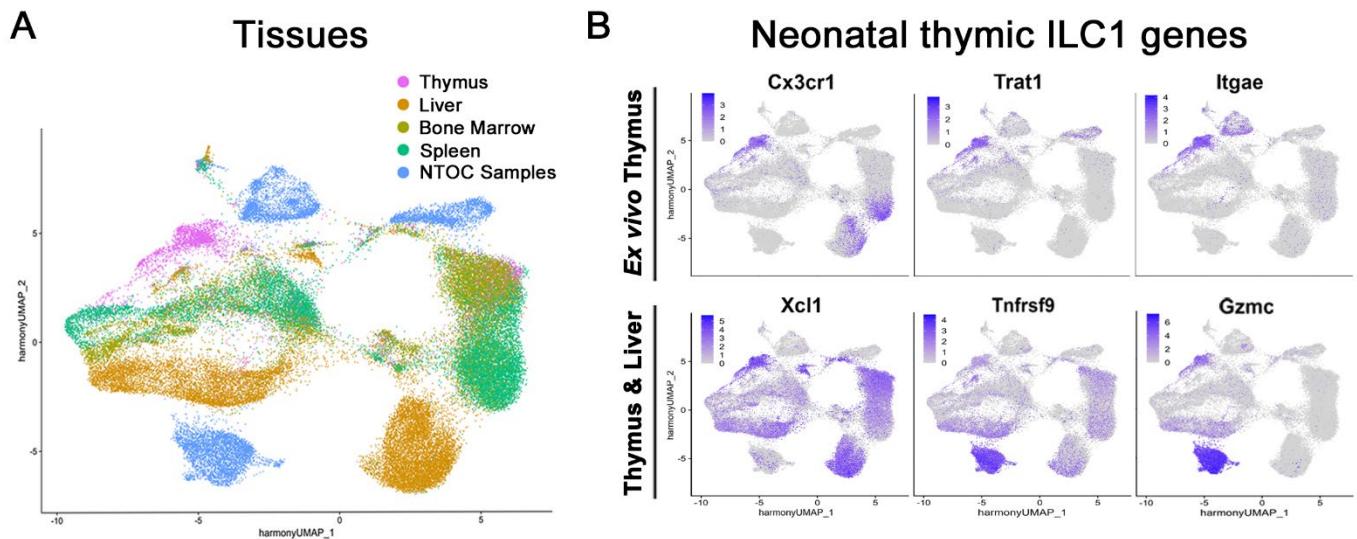


920 **Figure S1.2: Type-1 inflammation induces expansion of thymic-exiting ILC1s from NTOC. (I)** Heatmap showing top-  
921 5 upregulated DE-genes for each of the 23 scRNAseq clusters and doublets. **(J)** Violin plot of 23 scRNAseq clusters  
922 showing genes used for cell type and cell state identification (proliferation marker: *Mki67*). **(K)** UMAP plot of  
923 scRNAseq data, dividing the cells into 23 clusters and two clusters of doublets. **(L)** UMAP feature plots of CITE-seq  
924 data showing gene expression (mRNA) and corresponding surface protein (Abs) based on CITE-seq antibodies.  
925 **Abbreviations:** (p) = proliferating, Tc = T cell, Treg = Regulator T cell, DP = Double positive, Granu = Granunolcytes,  
926 iNeu = immature neutrophils, Neu = Neutrophils, Mo/MΦ = Monocytes/Macrophages, cDC1 = conventional type 1  
927 DCs, pDC = plasmacytoid DCs, Bc = B cells, DE-gene = Differentially expressed gene.



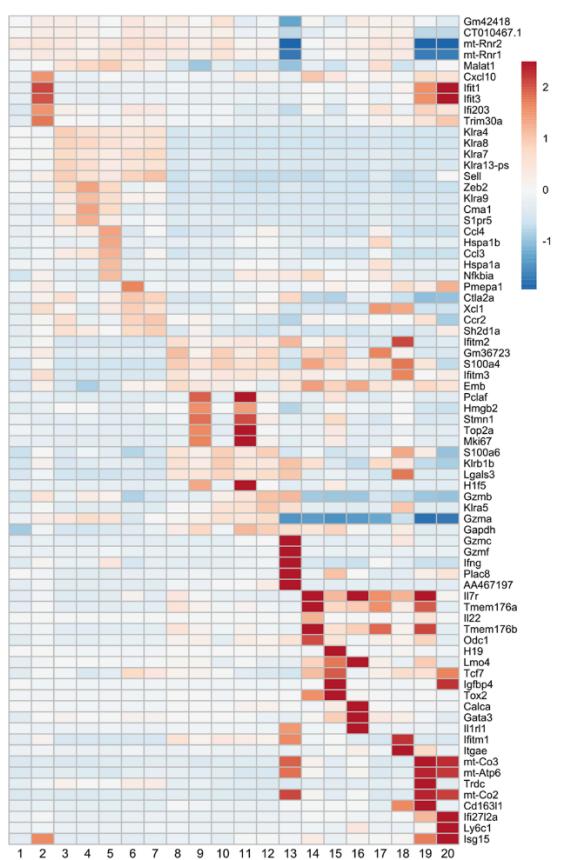
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929 **Figure S2: IL-12+IL-18-induced thymic ILC1s expand from immature ILC1s in a Notch-dependent manner. (A) ILC1s**  
930 exiting NTOC into the supernatant after 4 days of culture with two lobes per condition. Thymic lobes derived from  
931 either wild-type or *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> OTI TCR transgene mice and error bars are shown as SEM with three biological replicates  
932 ( $n=3$ ) combined from two independent experiments. **(B)** Flow plots showing ILC1s (CD122+CD49a+CD62L-lin-)  
933 developing and expanding from (ETPs and ILC1) seeded cells following 6 days of OP9-DL1 co-culture for ETPs  
934 ( $CD117^{(hi)}CD44^+CD25^-CD122^-Lin^-$ ), DN2a ( $CD117^{(hi)}CD44^+CD25^+CD122^-Lin^-$ ), or ILC1s ( $CD122+Lin^-$ ) from the neonatal  
935 thymus and representative of three biological replicates ( $n=3$ ). **(A)** Statistics; F test showed equal variances  
936 between conditions. Thus Two-way Anova was performed and found no difference between the two genotypes  
937 for the same treatment, *ns* = not significant. **Abbreviations:** DN = Double negative, ETP = Early Thymic progenitors,  
938 ns: not significant; Lin-: Lineage negative, defined as TCR $\beta$ TCR $\gamma$  $\delta$ CD3e $^-$ CD4 $^-$ CD8 $\beta$ Ly-6G F4/80 $^-$ CD19 $^-$ CD11c $^-$ .

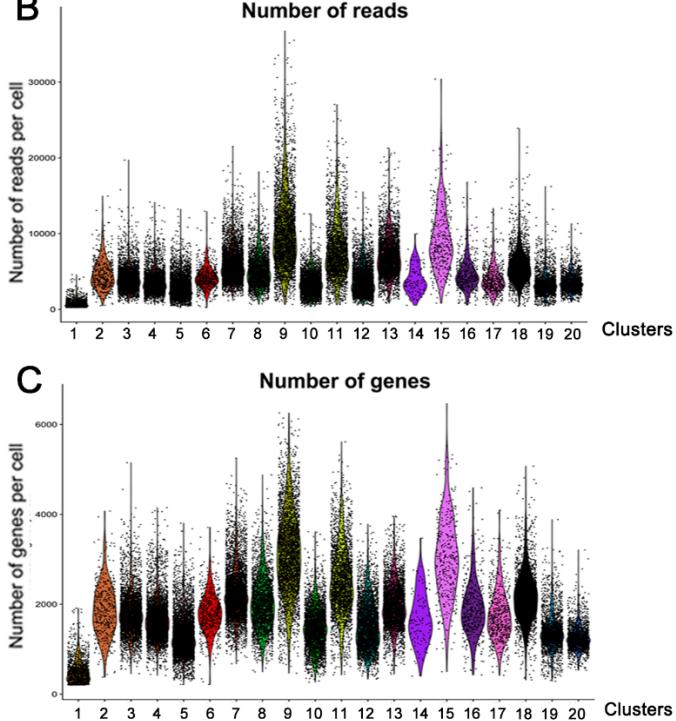


940 **Figure S3: Neonatal thymic ILC1s shift expression from CX3CR1 to CXCR6 upon IL-12+IL-18 stimulation. (A)** UMAP  
941 of Harmony integrated data from **(3A)**, showing an overview of the different tissues illustrated in **3C** (showing the  
942 neonatal and adult tissues with the same color). **(B)** UMAP feature plots of prominent curated DE-genes from  
943 neonatal thymus ILC1s.

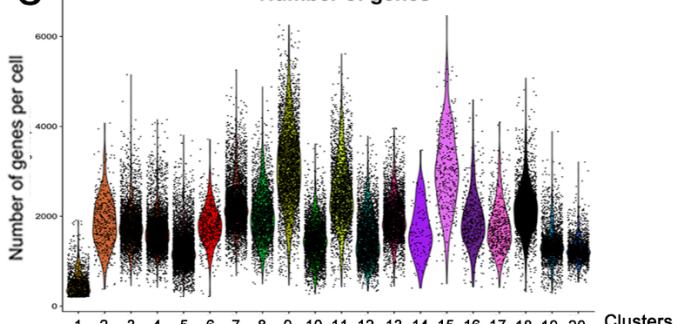
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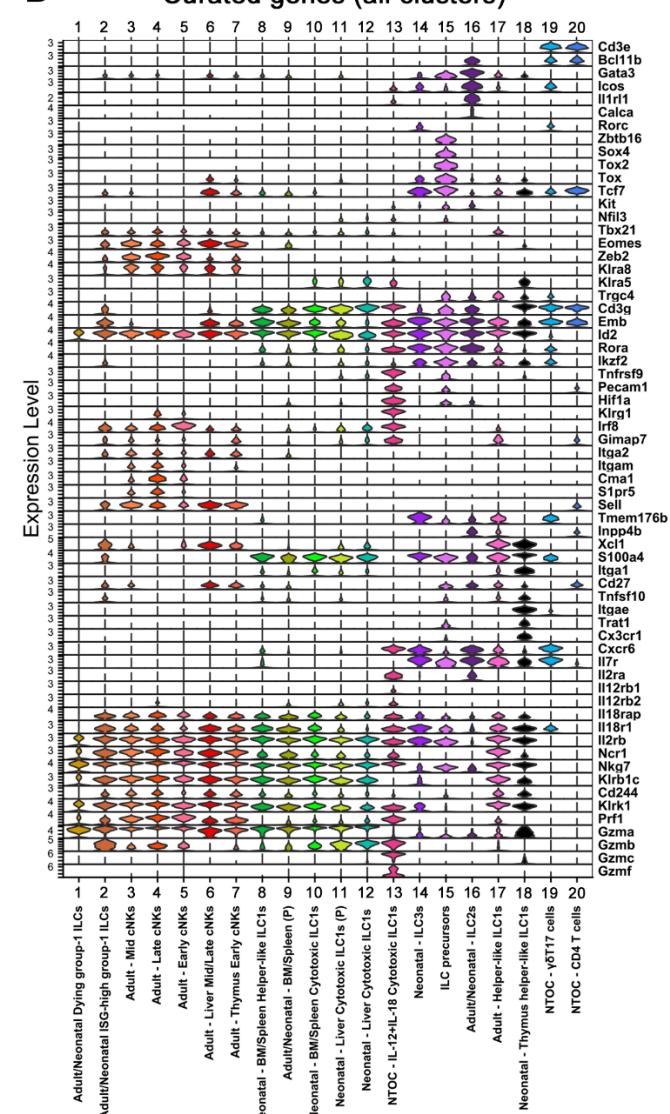
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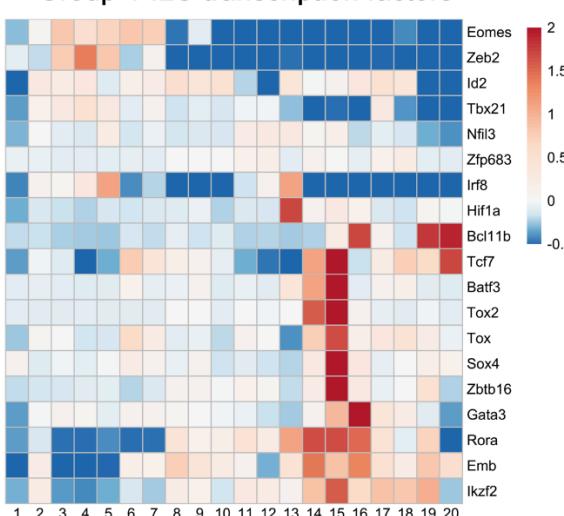
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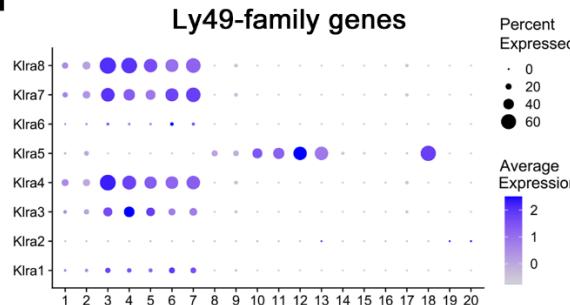
### D Curated genes (all clusters)



### E Group-1 ILC transcription factors



### F Ly49-family genes



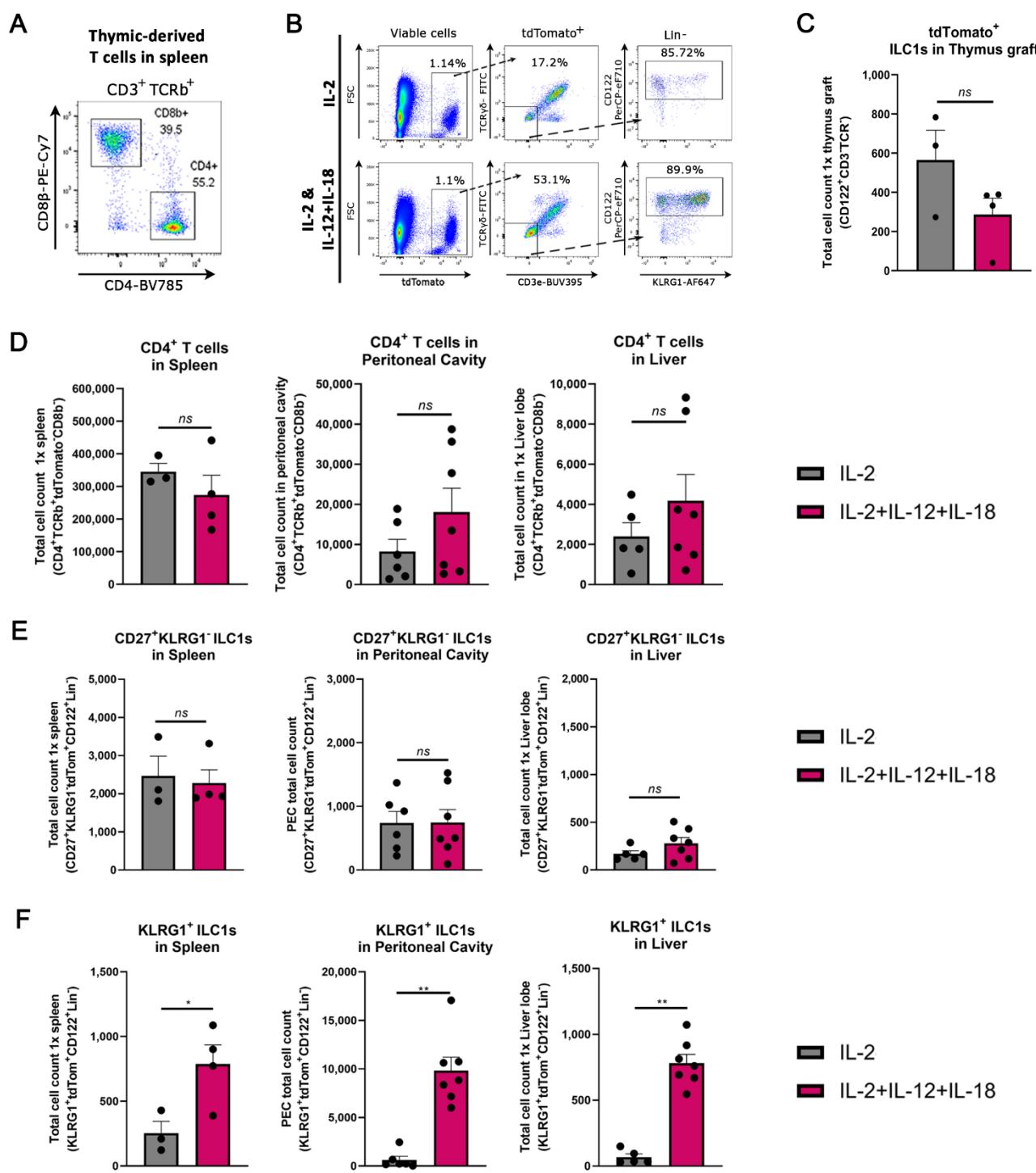
945 **Figure S4: Neonatal thymic ILC1s have a unique phenotype *ex vivo*. (A)** Top-5 upregulated DE-genes in all clusters.

946 **(B)** Number of reads/cell for each cluster. **(C)** Number of genes/cell for each cluster. **(D)** Violin plot of gene

947 expression in all 20 clusters with an extended list of curated genes visualizing markers for cell type, maturation, and

948 function. **(E)** Heatmap of group-1 ILC transcription factors in all clusters. **(F)** Expression of Ly49-family genes in all

949 clusters. **Abbreviations:** DE-gene = Differentially expressed gene.



951 **Figure S6: IL-12+IL-18 activated thymic ILC1s home to the liver and peritoneal cavity. (A)** Flow plot showing splenic  
952 reconstitutions of CD4 and CD8 T cells in IL-2 injected mice 6 days after grafting representative of five biological  
953 replicates. **(B)** Gating strategy showing important gating steps for tdTomato<sup>+</sup> ILC1s in IL-2 injected vs IL-2+IL-12+IL-  
954 18 injected cells from the peritoneal cavity as shown in Figure 6C. **(B)** Bar plots of tdTomato<sup>+</sup> ILC1s in thymus graft.  
955 **(C)** Bar plots of thymus-graft-derived CD4 T cells in the spleen, peritoneal cavity and liver are combined from two  
956 independent experiments. **(F)** Bar plots of thymus-graft-derived CD27<sup>+</sup>KLRG1<sup>-</sup> ILC1s in the spleen, peritoneal cavity,  
957 and liver. **(G)** Bar plots of thymus-graft-derived KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s in the spleen, peritoneal cavity, and liver. Statistics;  
958 (C-F) F test showed unequal variances on the log2-transformed scale for the conditions for (KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s in PC and

959 Liver) Thus differences were evaluated by a non-parametric Mann-Whitney test (two-tailed), KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s in PC  
960 (effect size (8614); p-value (0.0012)) and KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s in Liver (effect size (725); p-value (0.0025)). All other  
961 conditions were evaluated by a T test (two-tailed), KLRG1<sup>+</sup> ILC1s in spleen (effect size (787.5); p-value (0.0380)): \* p  
962 < 0.05, \*\* p < 0.01, ns = Not significant. **Abbreviations:** Lin-: Lineage negative, defined as: TCR $\beta$ <sup>-</sup>TCR $\gamma\delta$ <sup>-</sup>CD3e<sup>-</sup>CD4<sup>-</sup>  
963 CD8 $\beta$ <sup>-</sup>Ter-119<sup>-</sup>Ly-6G<sup>-</sup>.

964 **Supplementary Information.**

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966 **Supplementary Table 1: Flow cytometry and cell sorting antibodies**

Antigen	Fluorochrome	Clone	Source	Cat#	Dilution (1:X)	Notes
CD49b	FITC	DX5	ThermoFisher	11-5971	1/200	
CD122	BV421	TM-β1	BD Biosciences	752988	1/50	
CD49a	BV711	Ha31/8	BD Biosciences	564863	1/100	
NK-1.1	BUV615	PK136	BD Biosciences	751111	1/100	
CD62L	BUV805	MEL-14	BD Biosciences	741924	1/400	
CD27	BUV737	LG.3A10	BD Biosciences	612831	1/100	
KLRG1	PE-Cy5	2F1	ThermoFisher	15-5893-80	1/400	
CD8β	BV510	YTS156.7.7	BioLegend	126631	1/400	For Lineage
Ter-119	BV785	TER-119	BioLegend	116245	1/200	For Lineage
Ly-6G	BV785	1A8	BioLegend	127645	1/200	For Lineage
F4-80	BV785	BM8	BioLegend	123141	1/200	For Lineage
CD11c	BV785	N418	BioLegend	117336	1/200	For Lineage
CD19	BV785	6D5	BioLegend	115543	1/100	For Lineage
CD19	AF700	1D3	ThermoFisher	56-0193-82	1/100	For Lineage
TCRγδ	PE-CF594	GL3	BD Biosciences	563532	1/200	For Lineage
TCRβ	PE-CF594	H57-597	BD Biosciences	562841	1/100	For Lineage
CD3e	BUV395	145-2C11	BD Bioscience	563565	1/100	For Lineage
CD4	BUV615	RM4-5	BD Biosciences	751486	1/200	For Lineage
CD4	BUV737	GK1.5	BD Bioscience	612761	1/200	For Lineage
B220	AF700	RA3-6B2	BioLegend	103232	1/200	
CXCR6	PE	SA051D1	BioLegend	151103	1/100	
CX3CR1	FITC	SA011F11	BioLegend	149020	1/50	
CD127	BV605	A7R34	BioLegend	135041	1/50	
CD103	BUV395	M290	BD Bioscience	740238	1/100	
CD49b	PE-Cy7	DX5	BioLegend	108921	1/100	

Eomes	PE	Dan11mag	ThermoFisher	12-4875-82	1/100	
Rat IgG2a-k Isotype Control	PE	eBR2a	ThermoFisher	12-4321-42	1/100	Eomes Isotype control
Eomes	AF647	W17001A	Biolegend	157703	1/100	Intracellular
CD31 (PECAM-1)	FITC	390	ThermoFisher	11-0311-82	1/100	
CD200R	PE	OX-110	BioLegend	123907	1/100	
Ki-67	BV605	16A8	BioLegend	652413	1/50	Intracellular
T-bet	PE-Cy7	4B10	ThermoFisher	25-5825-82	1/50	Intracellular
IFN-γ	BV605	XMG1.2	Biolegend	505839	1/100	Intracellular
GM-CSF	APC	MP1-22E9	ThermoFisher	17-7331-82	1/100	Intracellular
TNF-α	PE	MP6-XT22	ThermoFisher	12-7321-81	1/100	Intracellular
Granzyme B	PE-Cy7	NGZB	ThermoFisher	25-8898-80	1/100	Intracellular
Collagen IV	Rabbit IgG (non-conjugated)	Polyclonal	Abcam	ab19808	1/100	Used in 3D imaging
Secondary Rabbit-IgG	Dylight488	Polyclonal	ThermoFisher	SA5-10038	1/500	Used in 3D imaging
CD3e	AF647	17A2	Biolegend	100209	1/100	Used in 3D imaging
CD16/32	purified	2.4G2	BD Biosciences	553142	1/100	For Fc-Receptor blocking
Ly-6G	FITC	1A8	BD Bioscience	551460	1/100	
KLRG1	BV605	2F1	BioLegend	138419	1/400	
KLRG1	AF561	2F1	ThermoFisher	505-5893-82	1/400	

CD11c	BV650	N418	BioLegend	117339	1/100	
TCRβ	BV711	H57-597	BioLegend	109243	1/100	
MHC-II	BV786	2G9	BD Biosciences	743875	1/800	
IL-18Ra	AF647	BG/IL18RA	Biolegend	132903	1/100	
CD45	PE	30-F11	BioLegend	103105	1/300	
CD11b	PE-Cy5	M1/70	ThermoFisher	15-0112-81	1/800	
CD115	PE-Cy7	AFS98	BioLegend	135523	1/100	
CD115	BV650	AFS98	BD Biosciences	750891	1/100	
MHC-II	AF700	M5/114.15.2	BioLegend	107622	1/600	
CD19	BV605	6D5	BioLegend	115540	1/200	
CD11b	BV510	M1/70	BD Biosciences	562950	1/600	
NKp46	BUV737	29A1.4	BD Bioscience	612805	1/50	
CD117	BB515	2B8	BD Biosciences	564481	1/100	Not available from supplier anymore
CD117	FITC	2B8	BD Biosciences	564481	1/100	
CD127	BV421	A7R34	BioLegend	135027	1/100	
CD25	BV605	PC61	BD Bioscience	563061	1/400	
CD4	APC	GK1.5	BioLegend	100426	1/200	
CD44	PE	IM7	BD Biosciences	553134	1/400	
CD28	PE-Cy7	E18	Biolegend	122014	1/100	
KLRG1	AF647	2F1	ThermoFisher	51-5893-82	1/200	
NK-1.1	PE-Cy7	PK136	BD biosciences	552878	1/100	
CD4	BV510	RM4-5	Biolegend	100559	1/200	
NK-1.1	APC	PK136	BioLegend	108710	1/100	
CD4	FITC	GK1.5	BD Biosciences	557307	1/200	
CD122	PerCP-eFluor710	TM-b1 (TM-beta1)	ThermoFisher	46-1222-82	1/100	
CD8β	PE-Cy7	YTS156.7.7	Biolegend	126616	1/200	
CD19	APC	1D3	BioLegend	152410	1/200	

CD11c	APC	HL3	BD Biosciences	550261	1/200	
CD11b	BV605	M1/70	BD Horizon	563015	1/400	
MHC-II	PE	M5/114.15.2	ThermoFisher	12- 5321-81	1/600	

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A	0001	CD4	RM4-5	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0002	CD8a	53-6.7	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0003	CD366	RMT3-23	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0004	CD279	RMP1-30	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0012	CD117	2B8	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0013	Ly-6C	HK1.4	Rat IgG2c, κ
A	0014	CD11b	M1/70	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0015	Ly-6G	1A8	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0070	CD49f	GoH3	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0073	CD44	IM7	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0074	CD54	YN1/1.7.4	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0076	CD15	MC-480	Mouse IgM, κ
A	0077	CD73	TY/11.8	Rat IgG1, κ
A	0078	CD49d	R1-2	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0079	CD200	OX-90	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0090	IgG1, κ Isotype Ctrl	MOPC-21	Mouse (BALB/c) IgG1, Cε <sup>l</sup>
A	0091	IgG2a, κ Isotype Ctrl	MOPC-173	Mouse IgG2a, Cε <sup>l</sup>
A	0092	IgG2b, κ Isotype Ctrl	MPC-11	Mouse IgG2b, Cε <sup>l</sup>
A	0095	IgG2b, κ Isotype Ctrl	RTK4530	Rat IgG2b, Cε <sup>l</sup>
A	0097	CD25	PC61	Rat IgG1, λ
A	0098	CD135	A2F10	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0104	CD102	3C4 (MIC2/4)	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0106	CD11c	N418	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0107	CD21,CD35	7E9	Rat IgG2a, κ

A	0108	CD23	B3B4	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0110	CD43	S11	Rat IgG2b
A	0112	CD62L	MEL-14	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0114	F4/80	BM8	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0115	FcεRIα	MAR-1	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0117	I-A/I-E	M5/114.15.2	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0118	NK-1.1	PK136	Mouse IgG2a, κ
A	0119	Siglec H	551	Rat IgG1, κ
A	0120	TCR β chain	H57-597	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0121	TCR γ/δ	GL3	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0122	TER-119	TER-119	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0130	Ly-6A/E	D7	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0171	CD278	C398.4A	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0184	CD335	29A1.4	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0190	CD274	MIH6	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0191	CD27	LG.3A10	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0192	CD20	SA275A11	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0193	CD357	DTA-1	Rat IgG2b, λ
A	0194	CD137	17B5	Syrian Hamster IgG
A	0195	CD134	OX-86	Rat IgG1, κ
A	0197	CD69	H1.2F3	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0198	CD127	A7R34	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0200	CD86	GL-1	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0201	CD103	2E7	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0203	CD150	TC15-12F12.2	Rat IgG2a, λ
A	0204	CD28	37.51	Syrian Hamster IgG
A	0209	TCR Vγ1.1	2.11	Armenian Hamster IgG

A	0210	TCR V $\gamma$ 3	536	Syrian Hamster IgG
A	0211	TCR V $\gamma$ 2	UC3-10A6	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0212	CD24	M1/69	Rat IgG2b, $\kappa$
A	0214	Integrin $\beta$ 7	F1B504	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0225	CD196	29-2L17	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0226	CD106	429 (MVCAM.A)	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0227	CD122	5H4	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0228	CD183	CXCR3-173	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0229	CD62P	RMP-1	Mouse IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0230	CD8b	YTS156.7.7	Rat IgG2b, $\kappa$
A	0232	MAdCAM-1	MECA-367	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0235	TCR V $\beta$ 8.1,8.2	KJ16-133.18	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0236	IgG1, $\kappa$ Isotype Ctrl	RTK2071	Rat IgG1, $\text{OE}^{\text{f}}$
A	0237	IgG1, $\lambda$ Isotype Ctrl	G0114F7	Rat IgG1, $\text{OE}^{\text{a}}$
A	0238	IgG2a, $\kappa$ Isotype Ctrl	RTK2758	Rat IgG2a, $\text{OE}^{\text{f}}$
A	0240	Rat IgG2c, $\kappa$ Isotype Ctrl	RTK4174	Rat IgG2c, $\text{OE}^{\text{f}}$
A	0241	IgG Isotype Ctrl	HTK888	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0250	KLRG1	2F1/KLRG1	Syrian Hamster IgG
A	0354	TCR V $\beta$ 5.1, 5.2	MR9-4	Mouse IgG1, $\kappa$
A	0376	CD195	HM-CCR5	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0377	CD197	4B12	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0378	CD223	C9B7W	Rat IgG1, $\kappa$
A	0379	CD62E	RME-1/CD62E	Mouse IgG1, $\kappa$
A	0381	Panendothelial Cell Antigen	MECA-32	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0388	CD152	UC10-4B9	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0554	CD309	89B3A5	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$

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A	0004	CD279	RMP1-30	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0012	CD117	2B8	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0013	Ly-6C	HK1.4	Rat IgG2c, κ
A	0014	CD11b	M1/70	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0015	Ly-6G	1A8	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0070	CD49f	GoH3	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0074	CD54	YN1/1.7.4	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0075	CD90.2	30-H12	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0076	CD15	MC-480	Mouse IgM, κ
A	0077	CD73	TY/11.8	Rat IgG1, κ
A	0078	CD49d	R1-2	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0079	CD200	OX-90	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0090	IgG1, κ Isotype Ctrl	MOPC-21	Mouse (BALB/c) IgG1, ΟΕ]
A	0091	IgG2a, κ Isotype Ctrl	MOPC-173	Mouse IgG2a, ΟΕ]
A	0092	IgG2b, κ Isotype Ctrl	MPC-11	Mouse IgG2b, ΟΕ]
A	0093	CD19	6D5	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0095	IgG2b, κ Isotype Ctrl	RTK4530	Rat IgG2b, ΟΕ]
A	0097	CD25	PC61	Rat IgG1, λ
A	0098	CD135	A2F10	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0103	CD45R/B220	RA3-6B2	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0104	CD102	3C4 (MIC2/4)	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0105	CD115	AFS98	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0106	CD11c	N418	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0107	CD21,CD35	7E9	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0108	CD23	B3B4	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0109	CD16/32	93	Rat IgG2a, λ

A	0110	CD43	S11	Rat IgG2b
A	0111	CD5	53-7.3	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0112	CD62L	MEL-14	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0113	CD93	AA4.1	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0114	F4/80	BM8	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0115	FcεRIα	MAR-1	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0117	I-A/I-E	M5/114.15.2	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0118	NK-1.1	PK136	Mouse IgG2a, κ
A	0119	Siglec H	551	Rat IgG1, κ
A	0120	TCR β chain	H57-597	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0121	TCR γ/δ	GL3	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0122	TER-119	TER-119	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0130	Ly-6A/E	D7	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0134	CD146	P1H12	Mouse IgG1, κ
A	0171	CD278	C398.4A	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0173	CD206	C068C2	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0182	CD3	17A2	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0184	CD335	29A1.4	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0190	CD274	MIH6	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0191	CD27	LG.3A10	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0192	CD20	SA275A11	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0193	CD357	DTA-1	Rat IgG2b, λ
A	0194	CD137	17B5	Syrian Hamster IgG
A	0195	CD134	OX-86	Rat IgG1, κ
A	0197	CD69	H1.2F3	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0198	CD127	A7R34	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0200	CD86	GL-1	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0201	CD103	2E7	Armenian Hamster IgG

A	0202	CD64	X54-5/7.1	Mouse IgG1, κ
A	0203	CD150	TC15-12F12.2	Rat IgG2a, λ
A	0204	CD28	37.51	Syrian Hamster IgG
A	0209	TCR Vγ1.1	2.11	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0210	TCR Vγ3	536	Syrian Hamster IgG
A	0211	TCR Vγ2	UC3-10A6	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0212	CD24	M1/69	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0214	Integrin β7	FIB504	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0222	ERK1	W15133A	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0223	ROR $\gamma$	2F7-2	Mouse IgG2a, κ
A	0225	CD196	29-2L17	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0226	CD106	429 (MVCAM.A)	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0227	CD122	5H4	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0228	CD183	CXCR3-173	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0229	CD62P	RMP-1	Mouse IgG2a, κ
A	0230	CD8b	YTS156.7.7	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0232	MAdCAM-1	MECA-367	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0235	TCR Vβ8.1,8.2	KJ16-133.18	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0236	IgG1, κ Isotype Ctrl	RTK2071	Rat IgG1, OE <sup>j</sup>
A	0237	IgG1, λ Isotype Ctrl	G0114F7	Rat IgG1, OE <sup>a</sup>
A	0238	IgG2a, κ Isotype Ctrl	RTK2758	Rat IgG2a, OE <sup>j</sup>
A	0239	IgG2a	#N/A	#N/A
A	0240	Rat IgG2c, κ Isotype Ctrl	RTK4174	Rat IgG2c, OE <sup>j</sup>
A	0241	IgG Isotype Ctrl	HTK888	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0249	IRF4	IRF4.3E4	Rat IgG1, κ
A	0250	KLRG1	2F1/KLRG1	Syrian Hamster IgG

A	0354	TCR V $\beta$ 5.1, 5.2	MR9-4	Mouse IgG1, $\kappa$
A	0376	CD195	HM-CCR5	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0377	CD197	4B12	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0378	CD223	C9B7W	Rat IgG1, $\kappa$
A	0379	CD62E	RME-1/CD62E	Mouse IgG1, $\kappa$
A	0380	CD90/CD90.1	OX-7	#N/A
A	0381	Panendothelial Cell Antigen	MECA-32	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0388	CD152	UC10-4B9	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0415	P2RY12	S16007D	Rat IgG2b, $\kappa$
A	0416	CD300LG	ZAQ5	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0417	CD163	S15049I	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0421	CD49b	HM $\alpha$ 2	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0422	CD172a (SIRPa)	P84	Rat IgG1, $\kappa$
A	0424	CD14	Sa14-2	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0426	CD192 (CCR2)	SA203G11	Rat IgG2b, $\kappa$
A	0429	CD48	HM48-1	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0434	ReceptorD4	#N/A	#N/A
A	0435	GABRB3	#N/A	#N/A
A	0437	CD207_mh	4C7	Mouse IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0438	KCC2	#N/A	#N/A
A	0439	CD201	RCR-16	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0440	CD169	3D6.112	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0441	CD71	RI7217	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0442	Notch 1	HMN1-12	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0443	CD41	MWReg30	Rat IgG1, $\kappa$
A	0444	CD184	L276F12	Rat IgG2b, $\kappa$
A	0448	CD204	1F8C33	Rat IgG2a
A	0449	CD326	G8.8	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0450	IgM	RMM-1	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$
A	0551	CD301a	LOM-8.7	Rat IgG2a, $\kappa$

A	0552	CD304	3E12	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0554	CD309	89B3A5	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0555	CD36	HM36	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0556	CD370	7H11	Rat IgG1, κ
A	0557	CD38	90	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0558	CD55	RIKO-3	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0559	CD63	NVG-2	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0560	CD68	FA-11	Rat IgG2a
A	0561	CD79b	HM79-12	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0562	CD83	Michel-19	Rat IgG1, κ
A	0563	CX3CR1	SA011F11	Mouse IgG2a, κ
A	0564	Folate Receptor β	10/FR2	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0565	MERTK	2B10C42	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0566	CD301b	URA-1	Rat IgG2a, λ
A	0567	Tim-4	RMT4-54	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0568	XCR1	ZET	Mouse IgG2b, κ
A	0570	CD29	HMβ1-1	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0571	IgD	11-26c.2a	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0573	CD140a	APA5	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0595	CD11a	M17/4	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0596	ESAM	1G8/ESAM	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0807	CD200R	OX-110	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0808	CD193	J073E5	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0809	CD200R3	Ba13	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0810	CD138	281-2	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0811	CD317	927	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0812	CD105	MJ7/18	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0813	CD9	MZ3	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0824	P2X7R	1F11	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0825	CD371	5D3/CLEC12A	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0827	CD22	OX-97	Rat IgG1, κ
A	0834	CD39	Duha59	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0835	CD314	CX5	Rat IgG1, κ

A	0836	DR3	4C12	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0837	IL-33Ra	DIH9	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0839	Ly49H	3D10	Mouse IgG1, κ
A	0841	Ly49D	4E5	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0846	CD185	L138D7	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0848	TIGIT	1G9	Mouse IgG1, κ
A	0849	CD80	16-10A1	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0850	CD49a	HMα1	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0851	CD1d	1B1	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0852	CD226	10E5	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0857	CD34	HM34	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0875	TLR4 (CD284)/MD2 Complex	MTS510	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0876	CD300c/d	TX52	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0877	JAML	4E10	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0881	CD272	6A6	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0882	PIR-A/B	6C1	Rat IgG1, κ
A	0883	CD26	H194-112	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0884	DLL1	HMD1-3	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0885	CD270	HMHV-1B18	Armenian Hamster IgG
A	0890	CD137L	TKS-1	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0891	ENPP1	YE1/19.1	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0892	CD2	RM2-5	Rat IgG2b, λ
A	0895	Mac-2	M3/38	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0904	CD31	390	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0905	CD107a	1D4B	Rat IgG2a, κ
A	0916	CD124	I015F8	Rat IgG2b, κ
A	0917	CD95 (Fas)	SA367H8	Mouse IgG1, κ

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