

Figure 1. CD11c⁺ NK cells are the main producers of IFN- γ amongst IL-12 stimulated NK cells.

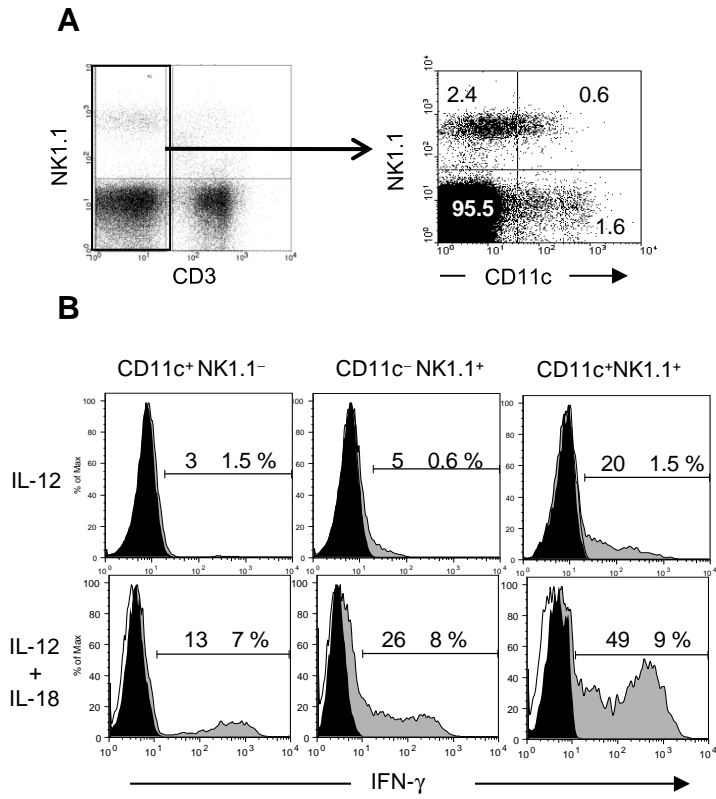
A. WT mouse splenocytes were stained with mAbs to NK1.1, CD3 and CD11c and analyzed by FACS. NK1.1⁺ CD3⁻ were gated and analyzed for the expression of CD11c. The numbers show percentages of cells in each quadrant. **B.** WT spleen cells were cultured with or without 1 ng/ml IL-12 or IL-12 and 1 ng/ml IL-18 overnight, stained for CD3, NK1.1, CD11c and intracellular IFN- γ . Cell populations identified by NK1.1 and CD11c expression as in (A) were gated and analyzed for intracellular IFN- γ . Black histograms show staining with isotype matched control antibody, grey histograms show IFN- γ . The data are representative of three independent experiments, mean % \pm SD shown.

Figure 2. B cells do not promote NK cell cytotoxicity against YAC-1 cells in IL-12 stimulated splenocytes.

WT or BKO splenocytes were cultured at 4×10^6 cells/ml and stimulated with 1 ng/ml of IL-12 overnight. These cells were used as effector cells and cultured with CFSE (carboxyfluorescein diacetate succinimidyl ester, Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) labeled YAC-1 cells as targets at E:T (effector:target) ratios of 12.5:1, 25:1, and 50:1. After a 4 h incubation, samples were stained with 7-AAD (Invitrogen) and analyzed on a flow cytometer. Killed targets were identified as CFSE⁺ and 7-AAD⁺. There is no significant difference between WT or BKO killing ability (p=0.21, ANOVA).

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Figure 2.

