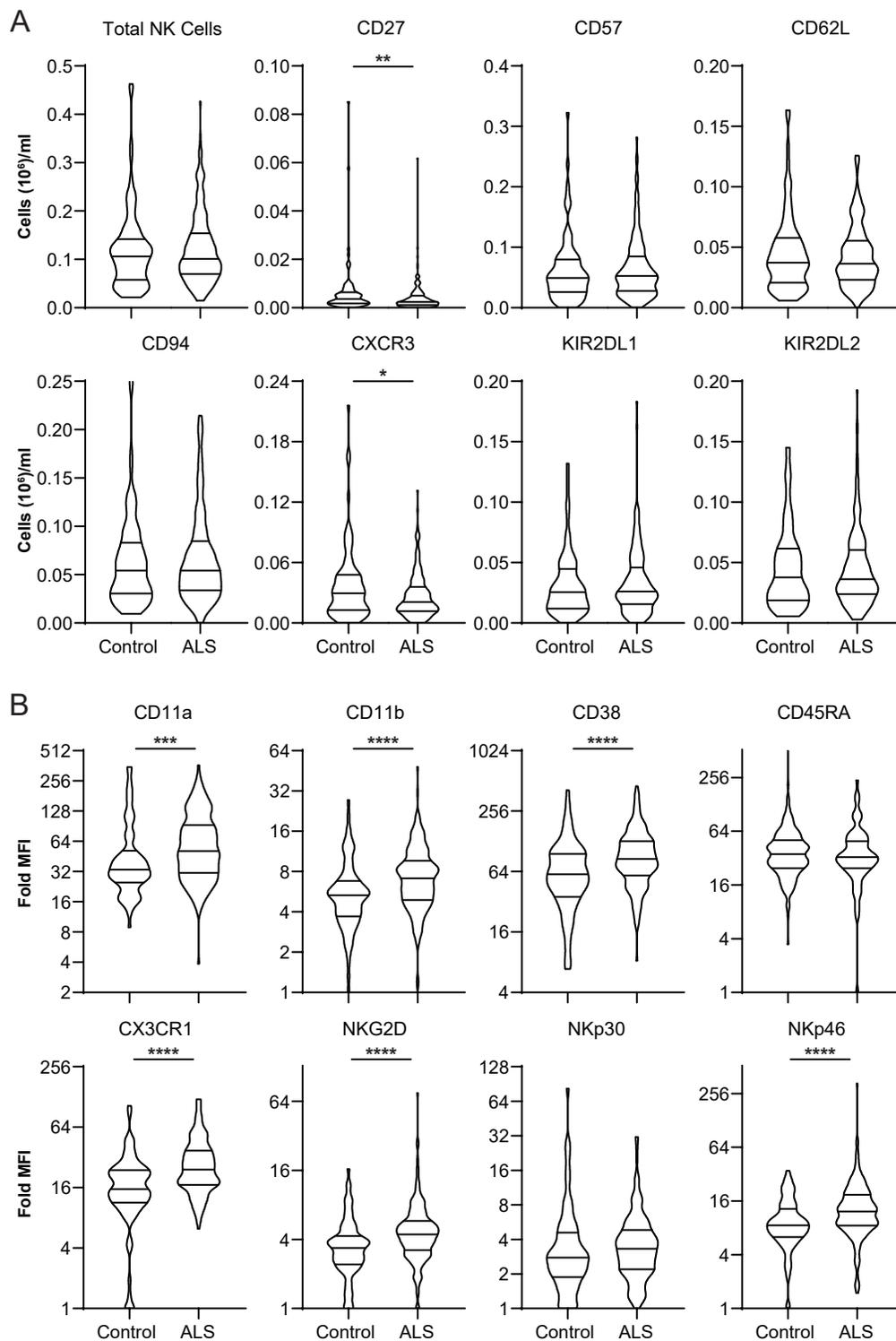
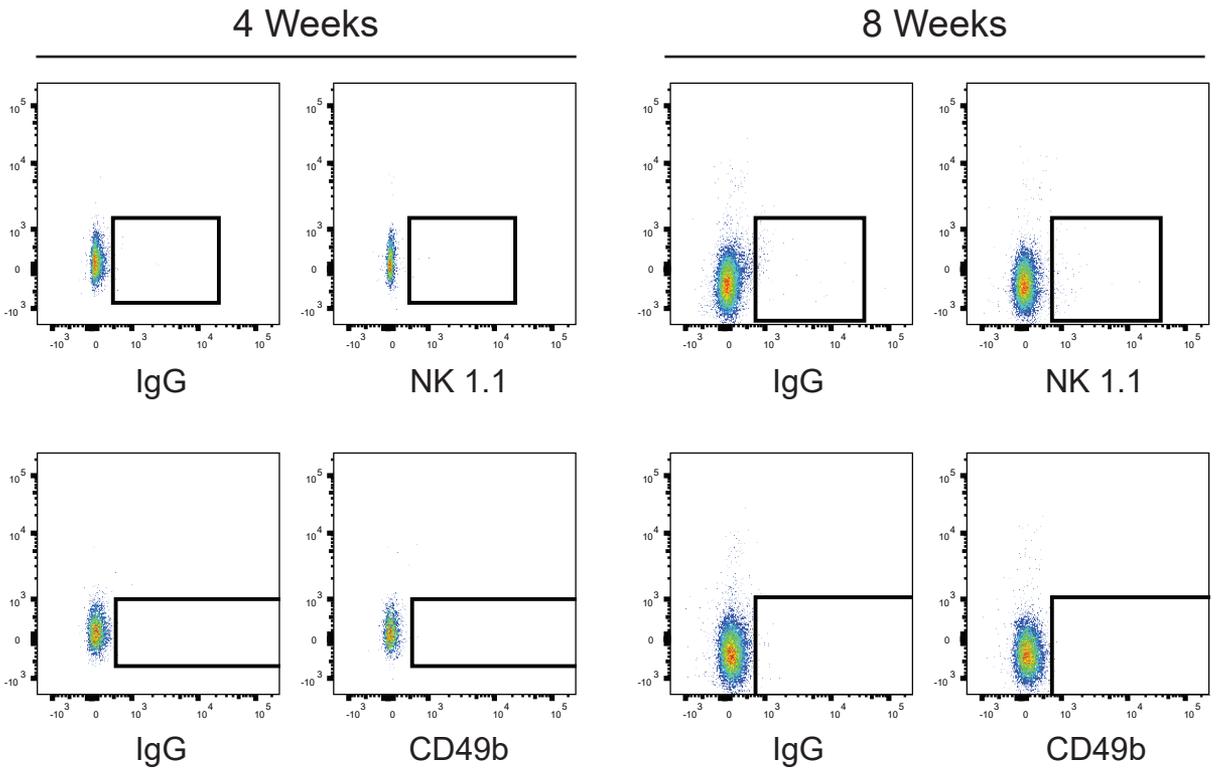


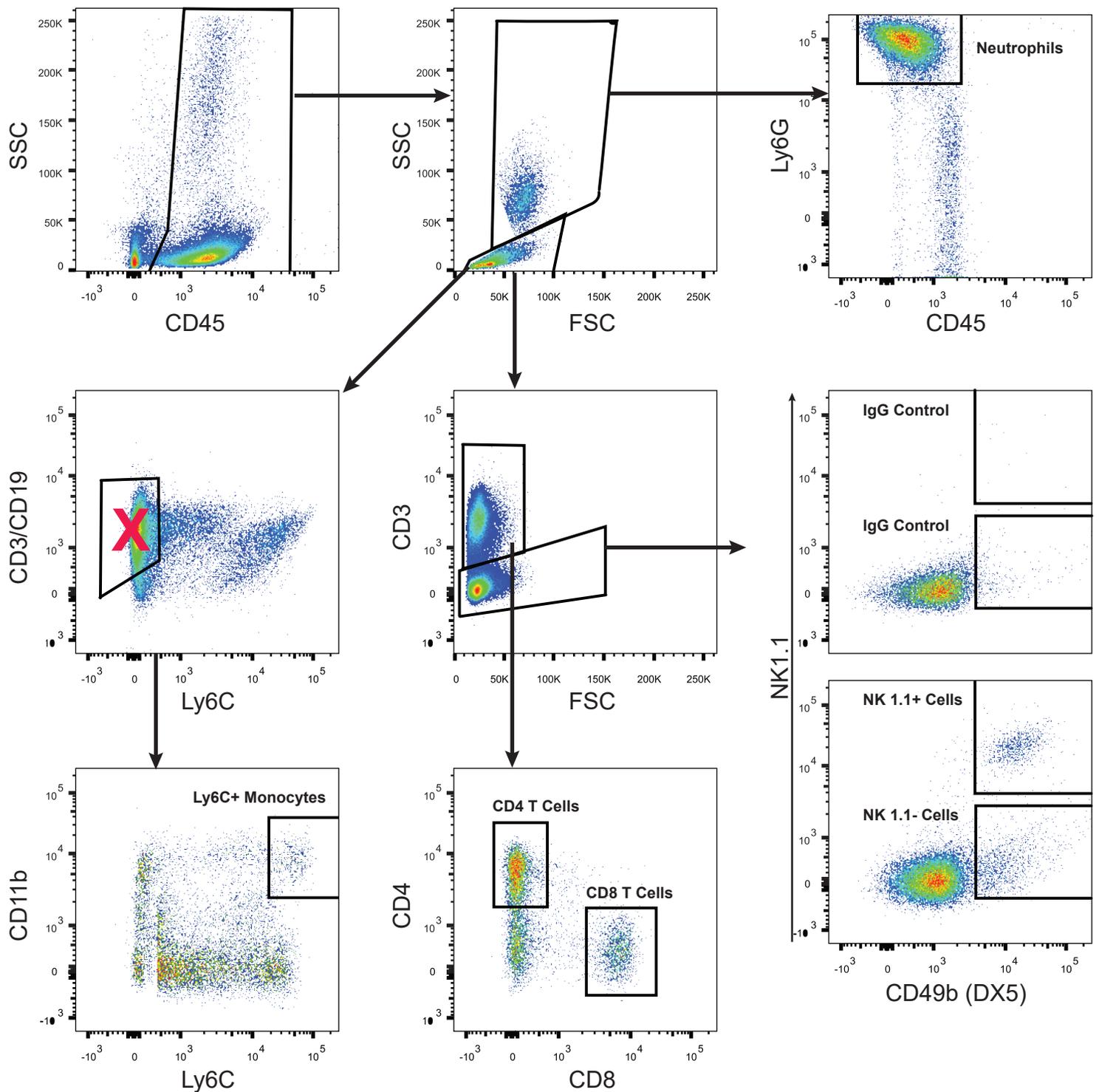
Supplementary Figure 1. NK cell depletion and CD49b⁺ NK cell levels in ALS mice. (A) A representative plot of NK cell NK1.1 and CD49b expression in control mice (Control), ALS mice receiving sham non-specific IgG control antibody (ALS IgG), and ALS mice receiving NK1.1-depleting antibody (Treatment group) is shown. (B) Quantification of peripheral NK1.1- CD49b⁺ NK cells in Control (black, n = 6), ALS IgG (red, n = 9), or Treatment (blue, n = 7) mice at end of life. Mean and SEM are displayed; ANOVA was used to assess significance.



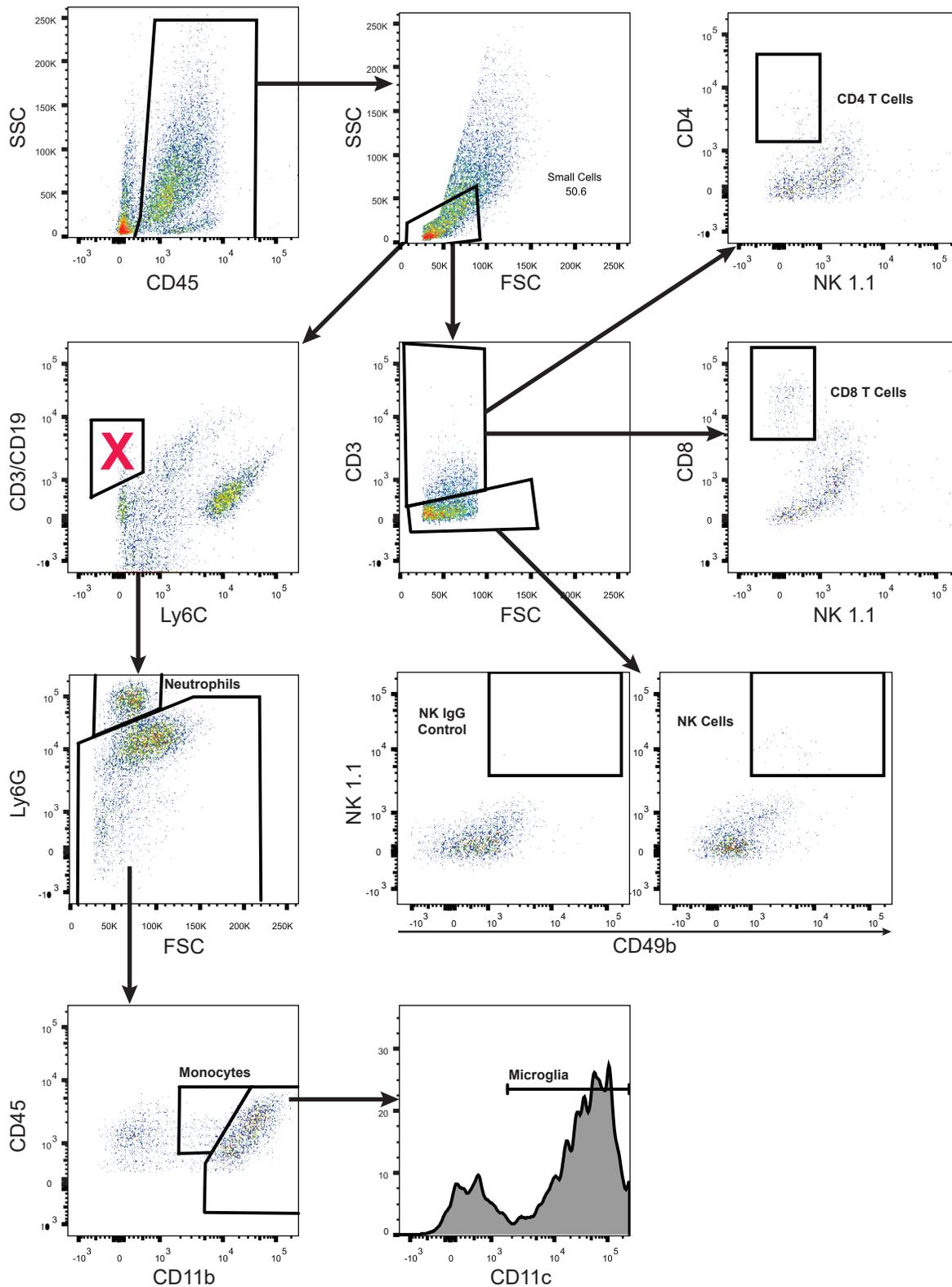
Supplementary Figure 2. NK cell populations and surface marker expression in the peripheral blood of control and ALS study subjects. (A) Total NK cell numbers and the numbers of specific NK cell subpopulations was examined in control (n = 94) and ALS (n = 205) subjects using flow cytometry. (B) Expression levels (MFI) of NK cell-associated surface markers was analyzed using flow cytometry in control (n = 94) and ALS (n = 205) subjects. MFI for each marker was normalized to the MFI of a non-specific IgG control to generate a fold-increase in MFI. Data are presented in log₂ for ease of interpretation. For ALS subjects who provided samples over multiple visits, data from all visits was averaged to generate a single value per subject. For both NK numbers and surface expression horizontal lines indicate mean and SEM. Control and ALS were compared using Mann-Whitney. *p < .05, **p < .01, ***p < .001, **** p < .0001



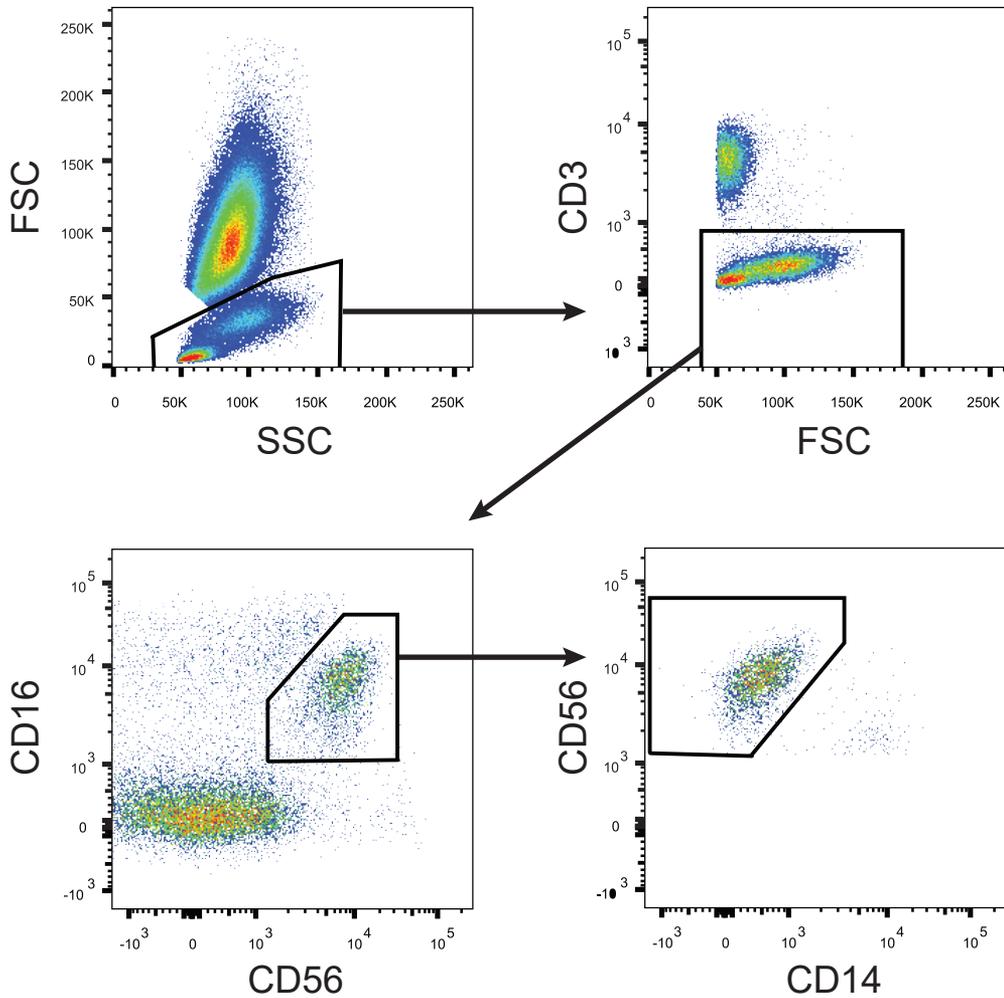
Supplementary Figure 3. NK cell depletion efficacy in C57BL/6 mice. C57BL/6 mice were treated for 4 and 8 weeks with NK1.1-specific depleting antibody and peripheral blood leukocyte expression of NK1.1+ and CD49b+ NK cells were assessed using flow cytometry. Non-specific control IgG expression is also shown. For each time point n = 3 mice; panels are representative for each time point.



Supplementary Figure 4. Gating strategy for leukocytes in peripheral blood in mice. Panels of fluorescently labeled antibodies were used to identify immune cell populations via flow cytometry. Following elimination of doublets, immune cells were identified using a combination of surface marker stains and forward scatter- and side-scatter profiles. CD45 was used to identify leukocyte populations and eliminate residual red blood cells. Neutrophils were then identified via side scatter profile and Ly6G expression. Forward scatter-low cells were used to identify other populations. After gating out CD3+ or CD19+ cells, monocyte populations were identified using CD11b and Ly6C. CD3+ cells were identified as either CD4 T cells or CD8 T cells. CD3- cells were examined for NK1.1 and CD49b expression to identify NK cells. A stain using control IgG was used to calculate and remove background counts.



Supplementary Figure 5. Gating strategy for leukocytes in spinal cord in mice. Panels of fluorescently labeled antibodies were used to identify immune cell populations via flow cytometry. Following elimination of doublets, immune cells were identified using a combination of surface marker stains and forward scatter- and side-scatter profiles. CD45 was used to identify leukocyte populations and eliminate residual red blood cells, astrocytes, and neuronal debris. Myeloid cells were identified by gating out CD3⁺ or CD19⁺ cells, monocyte populations were identified using CD11b and Ly6C. Neutrophils were then identified via side forward profile and Ly6G expression. Forward scatter-low cells were further analyzed for CD11b and CD45 expression to identify monocytes and microglia. Activated microglia were identified using CD11c. CD3⁺ cells were identified as either CD4 T cells or CD8 T cells. CD3⁻ cells were examined for NK1.1 and CD49b expression to identify NK cells. A stain using control IgG was used to calculate and remove background counts.



Supplementary Figure 6. Gating strategy for NK cells in peripheral blood in human participants. Panels of fluorescently labeled antibodies were used to identify immune cell populations via flow cytometry. Following elimination of doublets, NK cells were identified as side scatter-low, CD3⁻. Within this population, the NK cell population was CD56-mid, CD16⁺. CD14 staining was also used to eliminate monocyte contamination.

Supplemental Table 1. NK cell surface markers					
Marker	Function/Expression Pattern	MFI	Subgroups	Ref.	Antibody Catalogue #
CCR4	Trafficking; activation; subgroups	-	-	(1-3)	359407
CD11a	Cell adhesion; trafficking	+	-	(4)	301207
CD11b	Cell adhesion; trafficking; development	+	-	(4, 5)	301323
CD27	Subgroups; inhibition receptor	-	+	(6, 7)	124211
CD38	Activation receptor	+	-	(8, 9)	356603
CD40L	Cytotoxic activity	-	-	(10)	310823
CD45RA	Activation/activation history; development	+	-	(11, 12)	304129
CD57	Maturation; NK cell subgroup	-	+	(13-15)	322313
CD62L	Maturation; polyfunctionality; migration	-	+	(16)	304805
CD69	Activation	-	-	(17, 18)	310929
CD94	Inhibition receptor	-	+	(18-20)	305508
CX3CR1	Migration; adhesion	+	-	(3, 21-23)	341603
CXCR3	Migration; adhesion	-	+	(24)	353715
FasL	Cytotoxic activity	-	-	(25)	306406
KIR2D L1/S1/S3/S5	Activation receptor	-	+	(15, 26, 27)	339505
KIR2D L2/L3	Activation receptor	-	+	(15, 26, 27)	312611
NKG2D	Cytotoxic activity	+	-	(5, 28-30)	320821
Nkp30	Activation receptor	+	-	(31-33)	325209
Nkp44	Activation receptor	-	-	(5, 34)	325107
Nkp46	Activation receptor	+	-	(5, 33)	331913
TRAIL	Cytotoxic activity	-	-	(25)	308209
APC IgG	APC negative control	N/A	N/A		400120
BV421 IgG	Brilliant Violet 421 negative control	N/A	N/A		306721
PE IgG	PE negative control	N/A	N/A		400112
N/A = not applicable					

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