Low-dose rIL-15 protects from nephrotoxic serum nephritis via CD8$^+$ T cells

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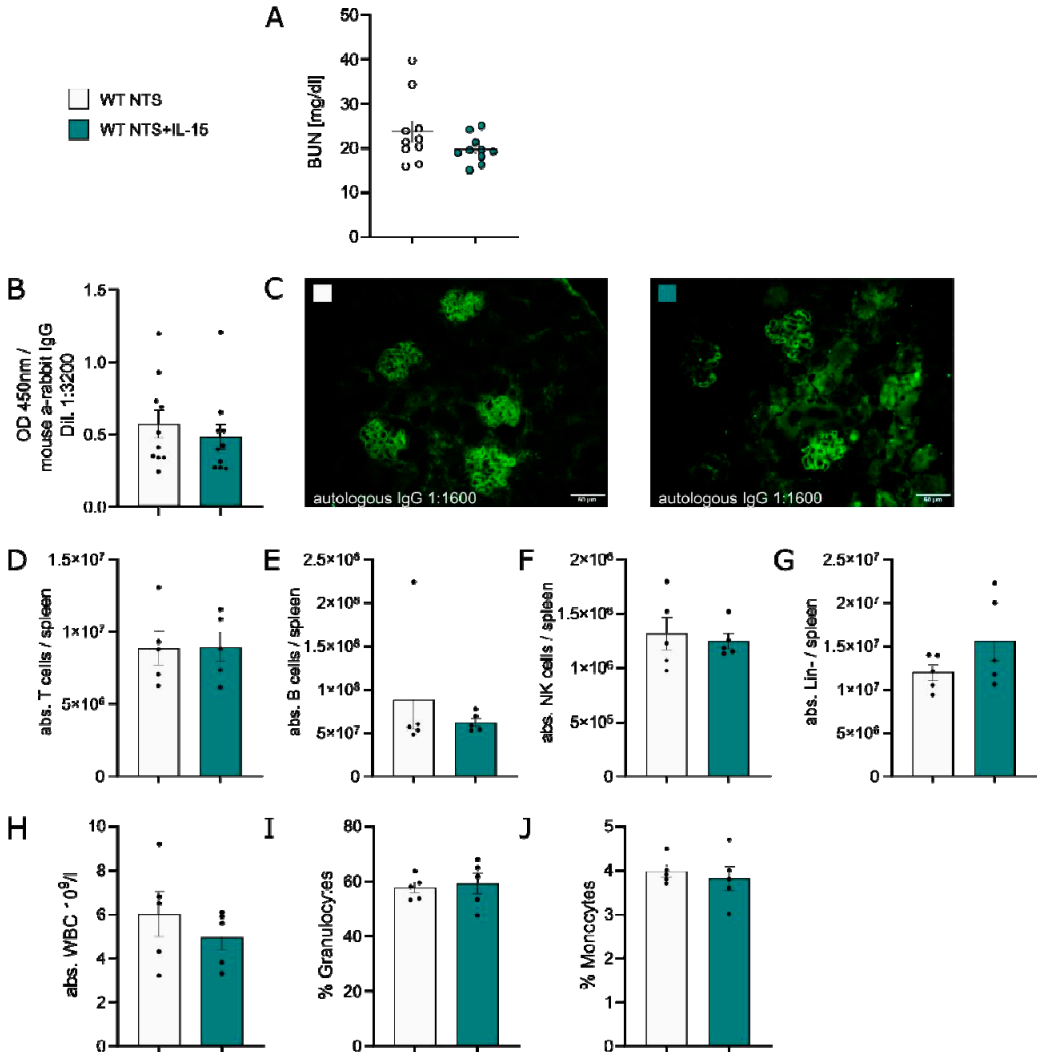

Figure S1. Serum blood urea nitrogen, autologous antibody response, immune cell quantification in the spleen and peripheral blood in mice 7 days after NTS induction treated with low-dose rIL-15 or vehicle. Data represent day 7 of NTS. **(A)** Quantification of blood urea nitrogen in serum. **(B)** Optical density of circulating mouse anti-rabbit IgG in serum and **(C)** representative staining of autologous IgG deposits in kidney tissue. Quantification of **(D)** $CD45^+CD3^+CD90.2^+$ T cells, **(E)** $CD45^+CD19^+$ B cells, **(F)** $CD45^+NK1.1^+$ NK cells, and **(G)** $CD45^+CD19^-CD3^-CD90.2^-NK1.1^-$ Lineage negative cells in spleen. **(H)** White blood cell count and analysis of **(I)** granulocyte and **(J)** monocyte frequencies in peripheral blood. Statistical analysis used was Student's t-test or Mann-Whitney test. All data are mean ± SEM.

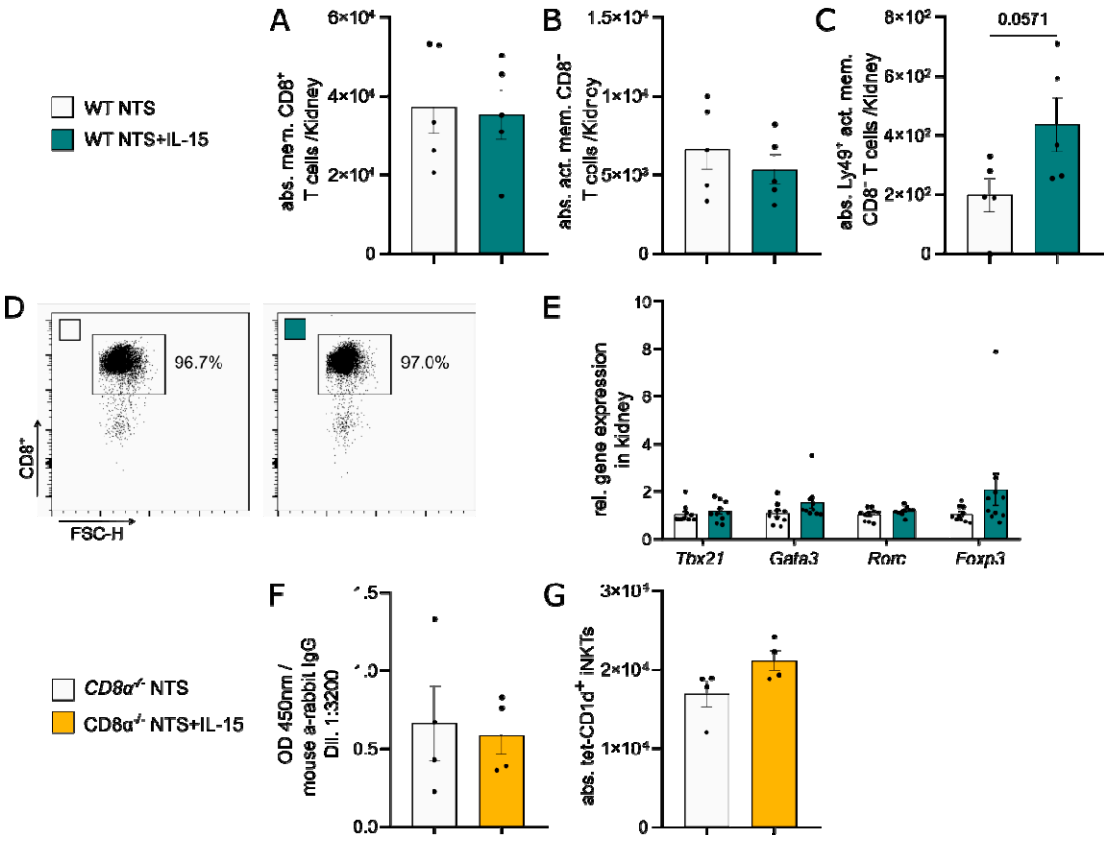

Figure S2. Quantification of CD8 memory subpopulations in the kidney, purity of transferred CD8 T cells, gene expression of T cell transcription factors in the kidney of mice 7 days after NTS induction treated with low-dose rIL-15 or vehicle. Autologous antibody response and iNKT cell quantification in kidney tissue in *CD8α*$^{-/-}$ mice 7 days after NTS induction and treated with or without rIL-15. Data represent day 7 of NTS. Quantification of **(A)** CD44^{+}CD8^{+} memory T cells, **(B)** CD122^{+} memory CD8^{+} T cells, and **(C)** Ly49^{+}CD122^{+} memory CD8^{+} T cells in kidney tissue. **(D)** Dot plots showing purity of sorted CD8α^{+} cells from lymph nodes of NTS mice treated with control or IL-15, used for gene expression studies. Plots represent concatenated data of all samples per group. **(E)** Relative gene expression of *Tbx21*, *Gata3*, *Rorc*, and *Foxp3* in kidney tissue. **(F)** Optical density of circulating mouse anti-rabbit IgG in serum and quantification of **(G)** CD45^{+}CD19^{-}CD3^{-}tet-CD1d^{+} iNKT cells in kidney tissue of *CD8α*$^{-/-}$ mice. Statistical analysis used was Student's t-test or Mann-Whitney test. All data are mean ± SEM.