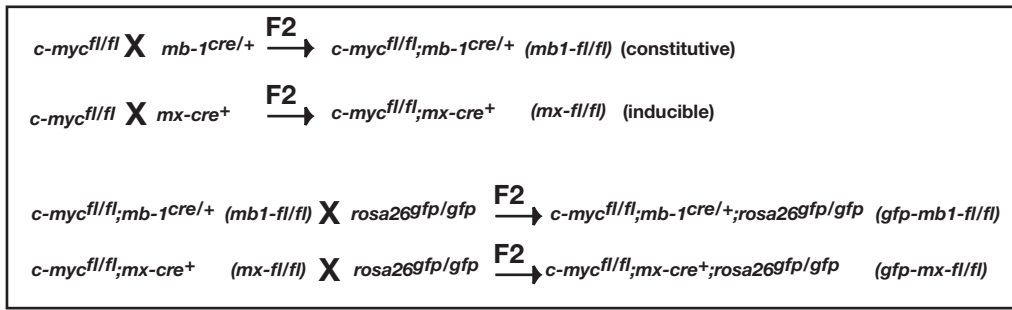
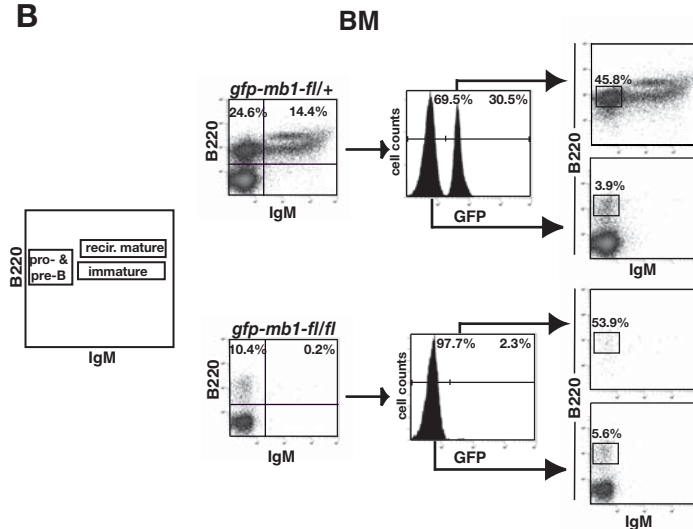


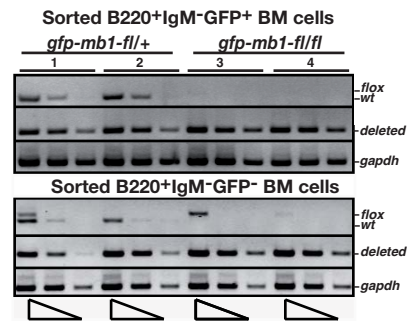
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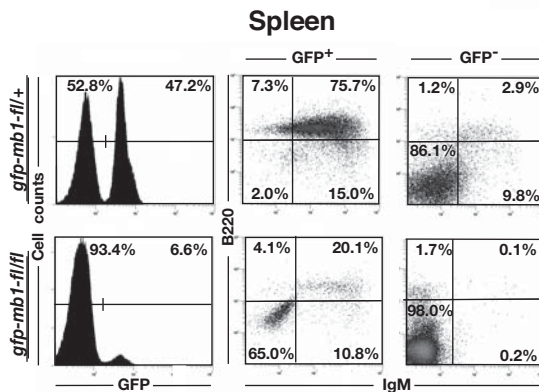
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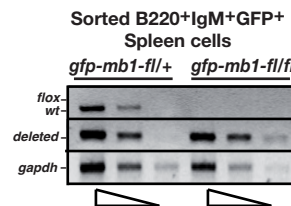


Fig. S1. Deletion of *c-myc* and induction of GFP expression in *gfp-mb1-fl/fl* and heterozygous *gfp-mb1-fl/+* mice. (A) Outline of breedings to generate the indicated mouse models. (B, C) Flow cytometry analysis of BM and spleen cells from mice of the indicated genotype. Experiment representative of at least three independent experiments. (D) Genomic PCR analysis of wt, deleted and flox alleles of *c-myc* from sorted B220+IgM- BM cells from the mice shown in (B). Numbers indicate individual mice. Experiment representative of two independent experiments with a total of 4 mice for each genotype. (E) Genomic PCR analysis of wt, deleted and flox alleles of *c-myc* from sorted B220+IgM+GFP+ spleen cells. *gfp-mb1-fl/fl* (*c-myc*^{fl/fl}; *mb1*^{cre/+}; *rosa269fp/gfp*). Experiment representative of three independent experiments with total of 3 mice for each genotype.

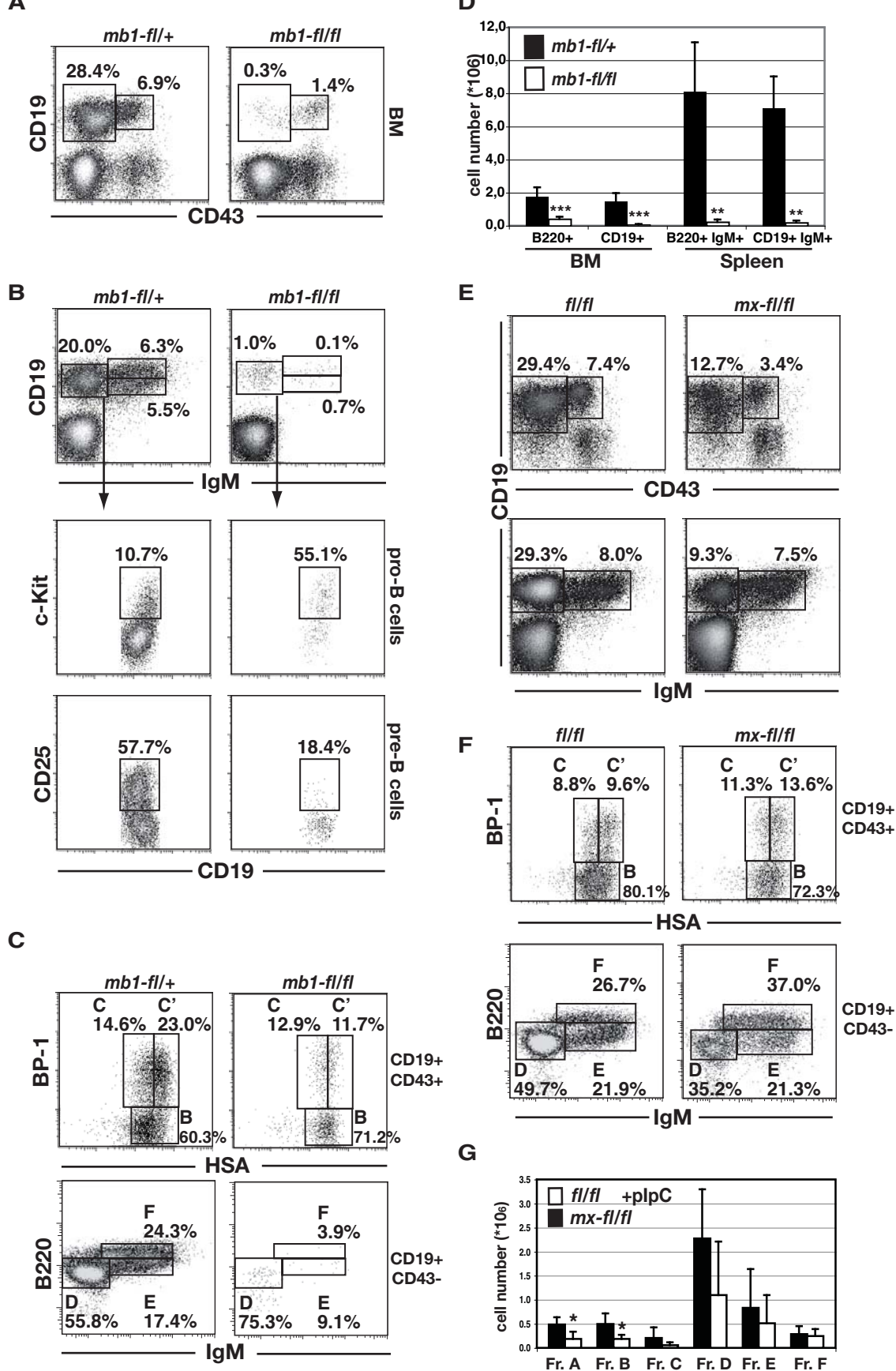


Fig. S2. c-Myc is necessary for B lymphocyte differentiation. *A*, *B*, and *C*. Flow cytometry analysis of B lymphocytes from BM of *mb1-fl/fl* and *mb1-fl/+* mice. Single-cell suspensions were prepared, stained and analyzed by flow cytometry (see methods). Cells were defined as (Ly6c-NK1.1-DX5-B220+c-Kit+IgM-) pro-B and (Ly6c-NK1.1-DX5-B220+CD25+IgM-) pre-B cells. *D*, Absolute numbers of B lymphocytes in *mb1-fl/fl* and control mouse BM (n=7) and spleen (n=3). *E*, *F* Flow cytometry analysis of B lymphocytes in BM of *mx-fl/fl* and *fl/fl* control mice. B cell populations were defined as in *A*, *B* and *C*. *G*, Absolute numbers of B cells in Hardy Fractions of pIpC-injected *mx-fl/fl* mice. n=4. Data represent one of ≥ 3 independent experiments. *p* values are ****p*<0.001, ***p*<0.01, **p*<0.05.

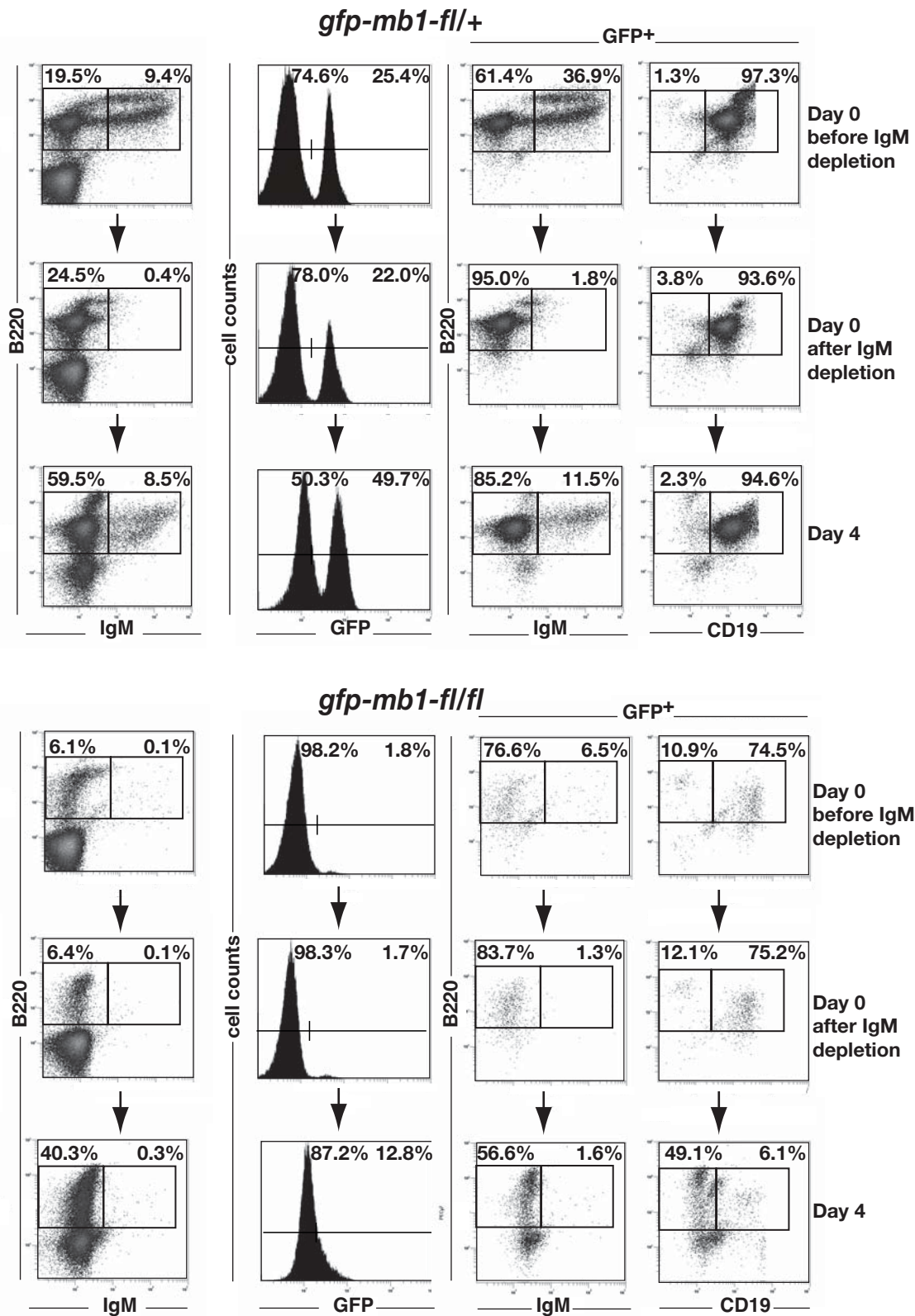
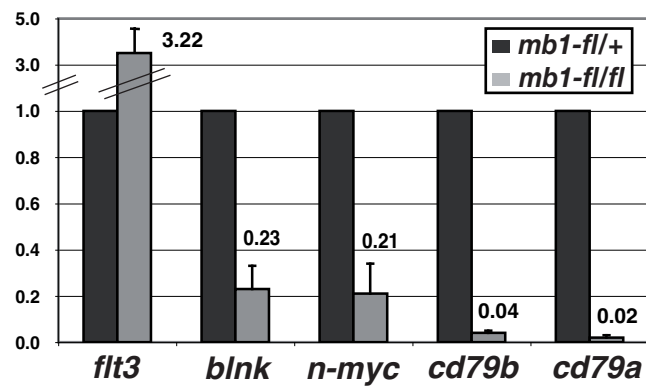
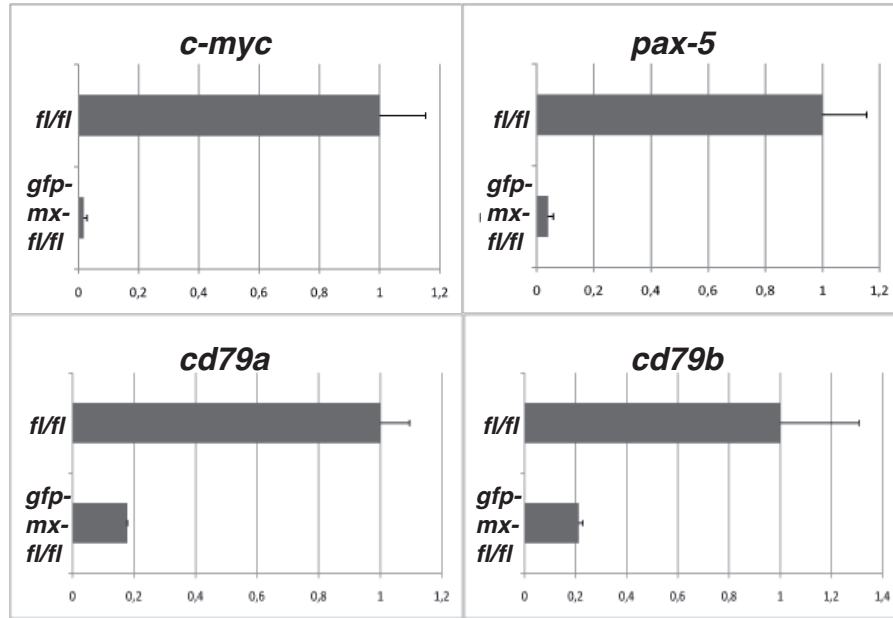


Fig. S3. BM B cell progenitors from *gfp-mb1-fl/fl* do not generate IgM⁺ cells *in vitro*. BM cells were depleted of IgM⁺ with beads and cultured with interleukin-7 for 4 days. Experiment representative of three independent experiments. B220⁺IgM⁻ cells were isolated from total BM after depletion of IgM⁺ cells using biotinylated anti-IgM antibody (Southern Biotechnologies) and streptavidin Dynabeads (Invitrogen). Purity of cells was >97% after magnetic separation, as confirmed by flow cytometry. Cells were cultured in 24-well plates (2 x 10⁶ cells/ml) and supplemented with recombinant murine stem cell factor (rSCF, 10 ng/ml), rFlt3 ligand (10 ng/ml) and recombinant murine IL-7 (10 ng/ml; all from Pepro-Tech). Cells were analyzed by flow cytometry at day 4.

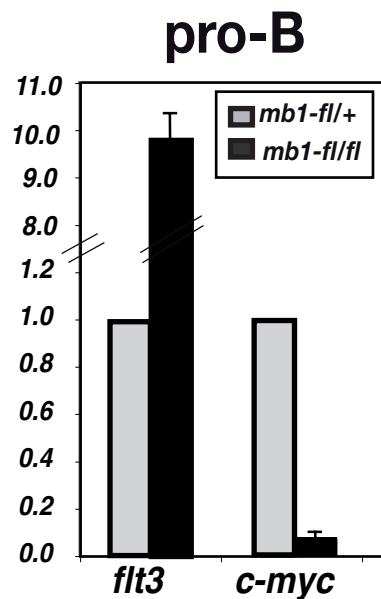
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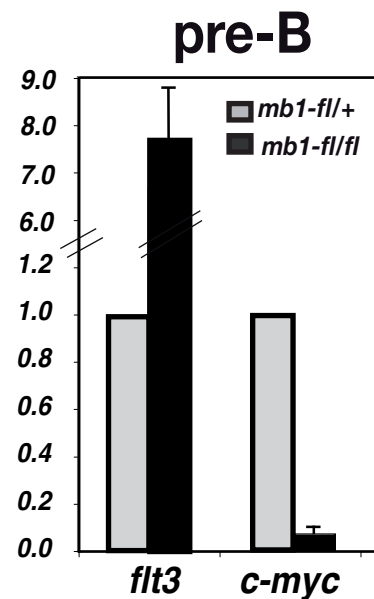


Fig. S4. (A) Gene expression by qPCR of sorted pro-B and pre-B cells ($B220^+IgM^-$) from *mb1 fl/fl* and *mb1-fl/+* control mouse BM (mean \pm SD for 3 mutant and 3 control mice); numbers indicate the x-fold change ($2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$). (B) Gene expression of $B220^+IgM^-GFP^+$ BM cells from pIpC-injected *GFP-MX-fl/fl* and control *fl/fl* mice. A pool of 3 mice was used for each genotype in two independent experiments. (C and D). *Flt3* and *c-myc* expression by qPCR of purified pro-B ($Ly6c-NK1.1-DX5-B220^+c-Kit+IgM^-$) and ($Ly6c-NK1.1-DX5-B220^+CD25+IgM^-$) pre-B cells. Experiment represents 3 mice of each genotype.

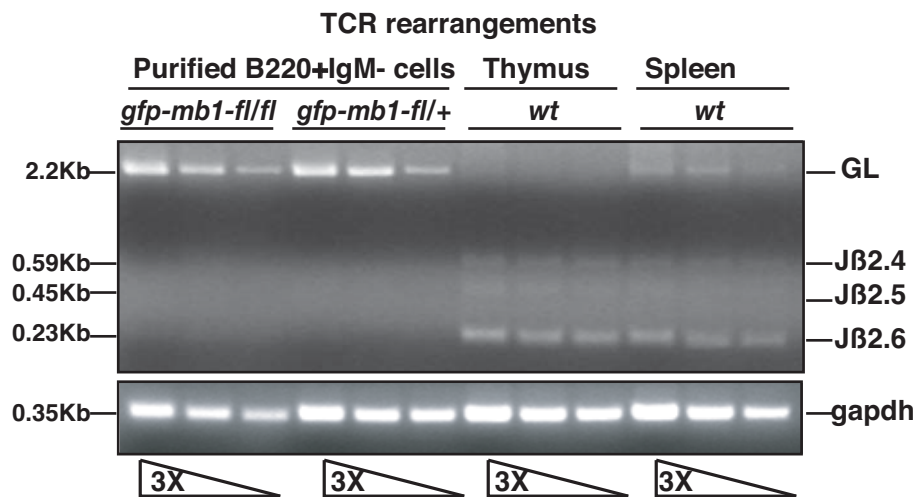


Fig. S5. c-Myc deficient pro- and pre-B lymphocytes do not rearrange the T cell Receptor loci. Sorted B220⁺IgM⁻GFP⁺ BM cells from *gfp-mb1-fl/fl*, and *gfp-mb1-fl/+* control mice were cultured in the presence of the OP9-DL-1 cell line. Subsequently, cells were subjected to genomic PCR analysis to detect TCR rearrangements. Thymus and spleen DNA were used as positive controls. Experiment representative of three independent experiments with a total of three mice of each genotype.

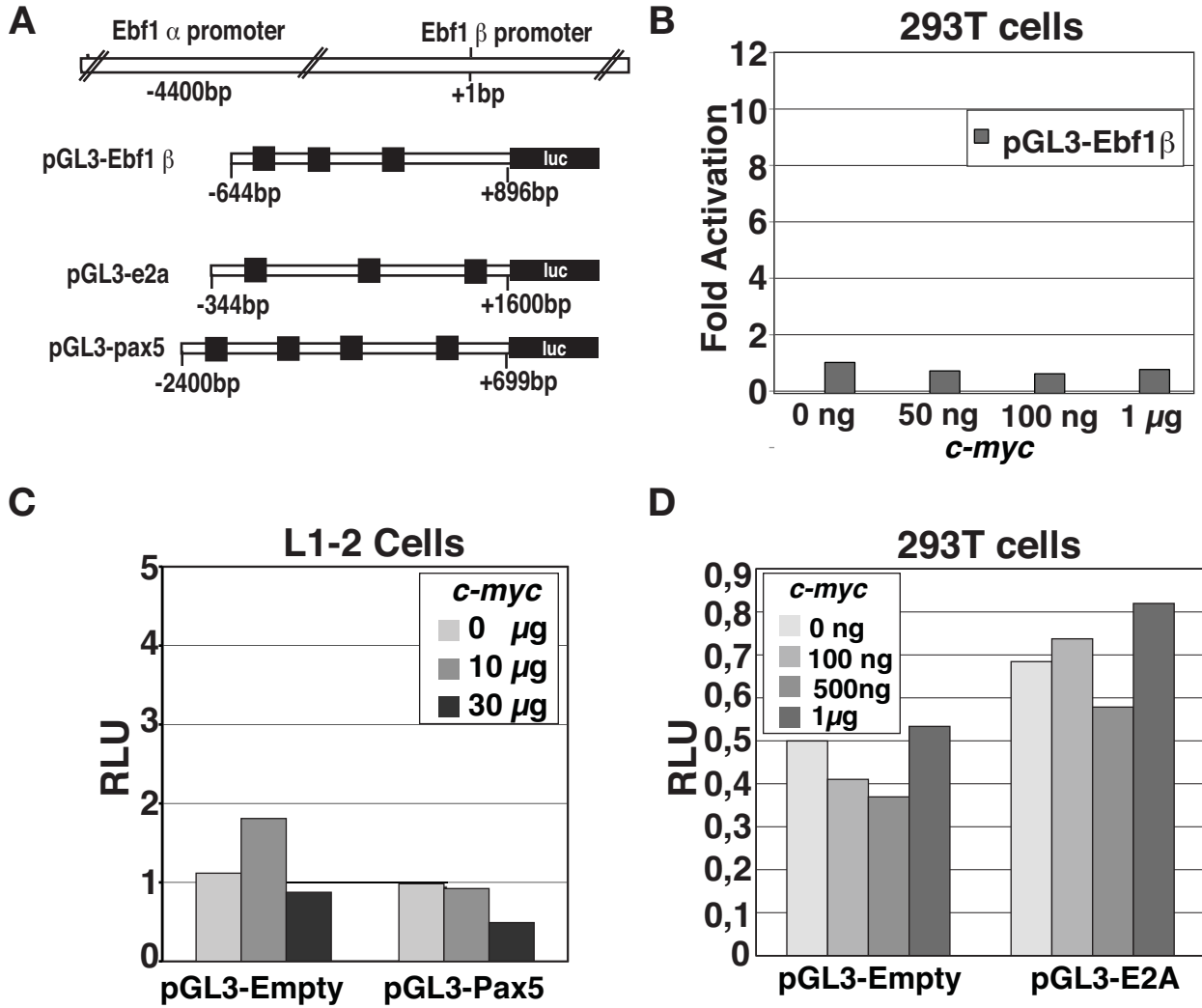


Fig. S6. Luciferase reporter assays. (A) Genomic locus of *ebf1* and *pGL3-ebf1* reporter constructs. (B, C, D) *ebf1β*, *e2a* and *pax-5* genomic loci do not respond to c-Myc. Black squares represent E-boxes. pGL3-E2A contains 2 conserved and one non-conserved E-Boxes. Data representative of three independent experiments.

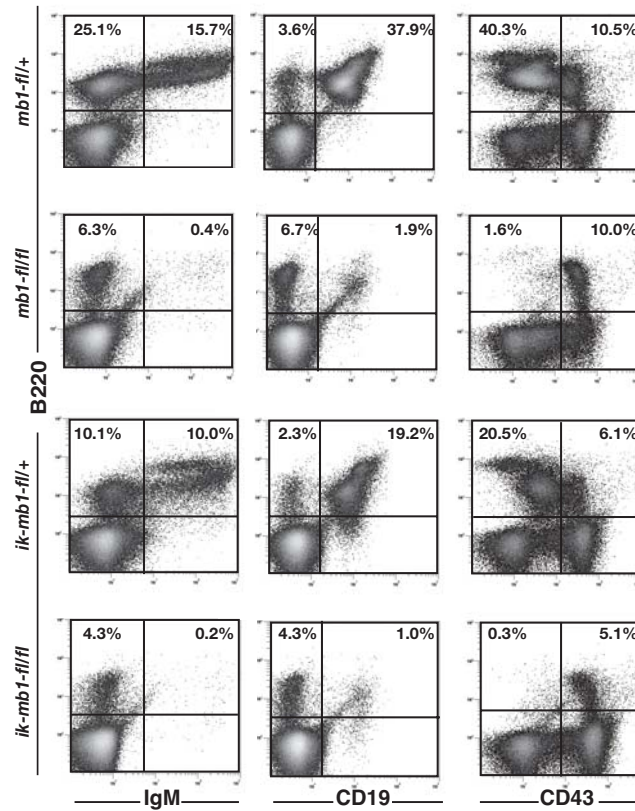
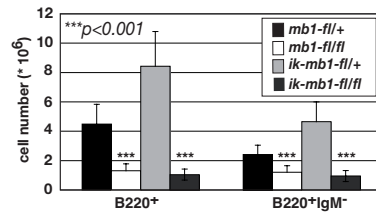
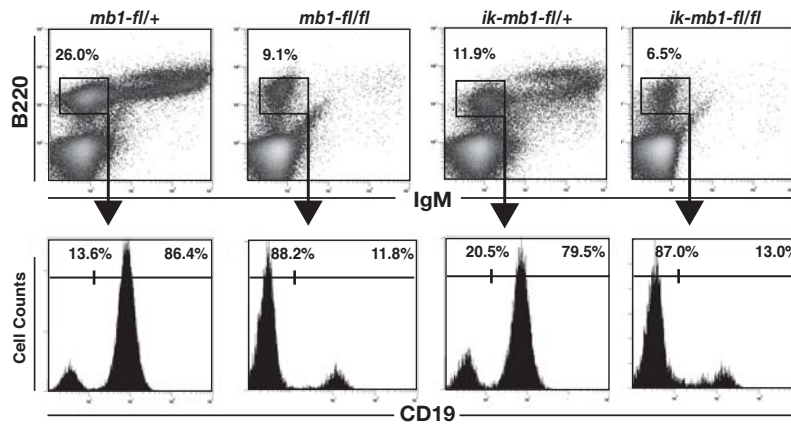
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Fig. S7. (A) Flow cytometry analysis of the BM of the mice with the indicated genotype. (B) BM cellularity. $n=5$ *** $p<0.001$. (C) CD19 surface expression in B220⁺IgM⁺ cells in the BM. Flow cytometry experiments are representative of at least three independent experiments.

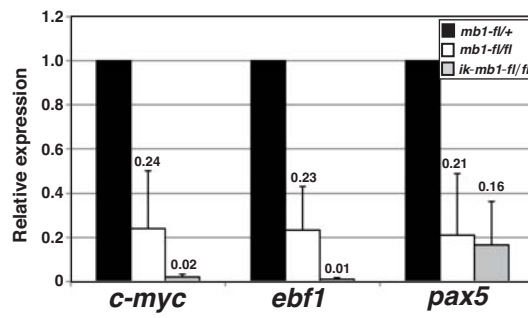


Fig. S8. qPCR of transcriptional levels of *pax5*, *ebf*, and *c-myc* in sorted B220⁺IgM⁻ from *ik-mb1-fl/fl*, *mb1-fl/+*, and *ik-mb1-fl/+* mice. 3 mice of each genotype were used.

