

Supplementary figure: the purity of CD138+ ASCs isolated from the spleens of NZB/W mice and Balb/c mice immunized with OVA by MACS was checked by FACS. The graphs show a typical example of the high purity of the CD138+ cells (about 98%). The low-level contamination (about 2%) was mainly due to B220+ B cells, while CD3+ T cells were barely detectable.