



S1 Fig. IL-17C mediates chronic neutrophilic inflammation. WT and *Il-17c*^{-/-} mice were exposed three times per week to NTHi at days 1, 3, and 5 within the first 4 weeks and once a week at day 1 in the following 8 weeks. (A) Numbers of total immune cells, neutrophils, macrophages, and lymphocytes were determined in BAL fluids 24 hours after the final exposure to NTHi (n=3-4 per group). (B) Representative lung histology (hematoxylin and eosin staining) and inflammatory score (n=4 per group, scale bar: 200 μm). Data were compared by unpaired Student's t-test and are shown as the mean \pm SD. *p < 0.05 and **p < 0.01.