



Online supplement Fig. 2. Morphology and phenotype of mouse bone marrow-derived mast cells (BMMCs). Bone marrow cells (5×10^4 cells) were flushed from femurs and tibias from BALB/c mice and were cultured in the presence of WEHI-3B-conditioned medium as described in “Materials and Methods”. Cytospin slides were prepared at the period indicated and were stained by May Grunwald-Giemsa. (-) NGF or (+) NGF, cells cultured without or with NGF (10 ng/ml), respectively. wk, week. A, several cells in the same field; B, single BMMCs alone. Experiments were performed in blocks of three.