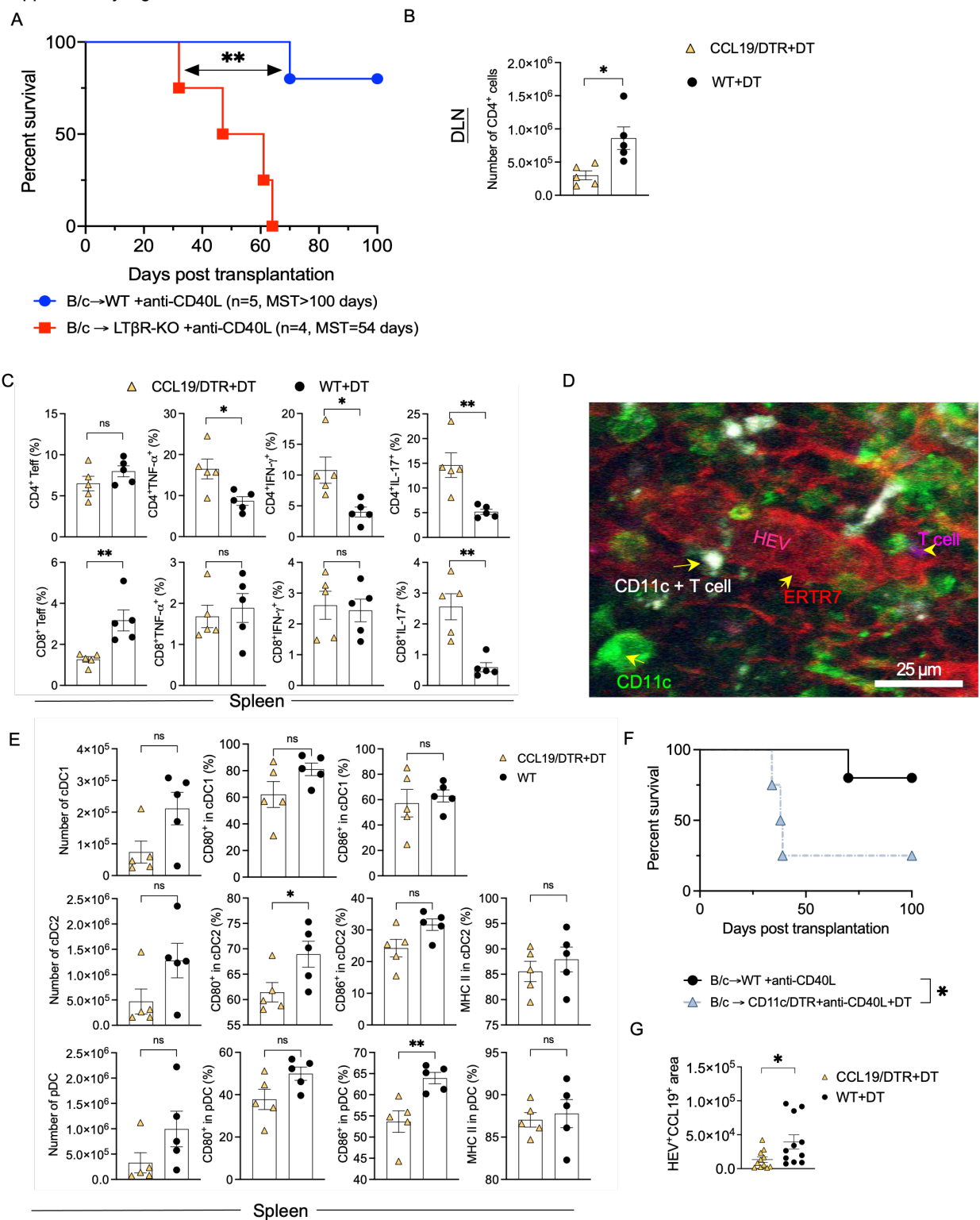


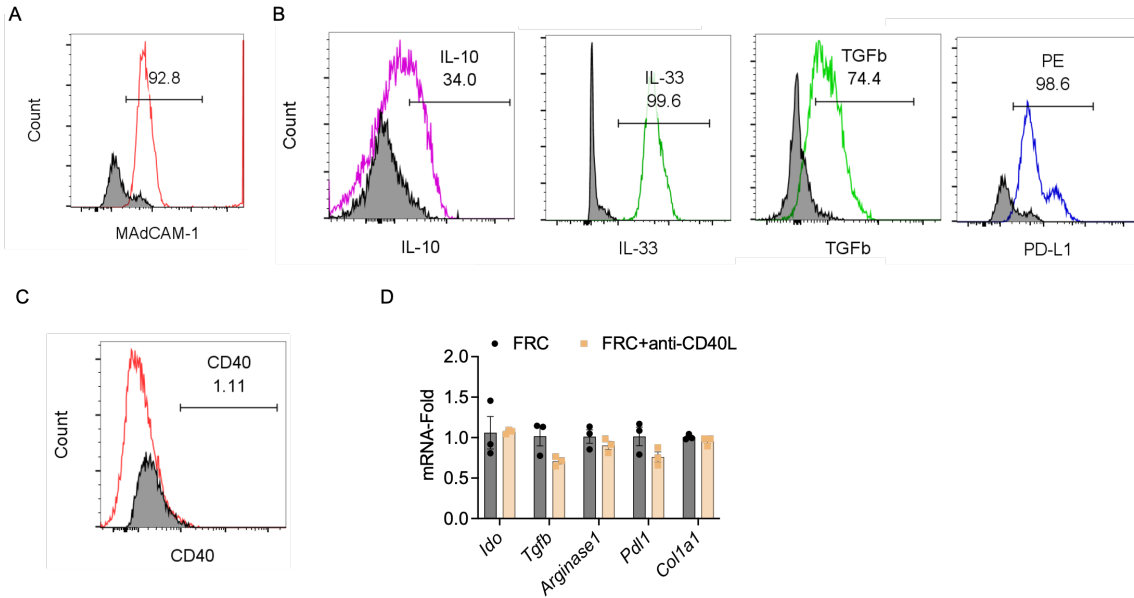
1 **Supplementary Figures and Figure legends:**

Supplementary Figure.1



Supplementary Figure 1. *LNs are critical to anti-CD40L-induced long-term heart allograft survival.* **(A)** Comparison of heart allograft survival between WT C57BL/6 (n=5 mice/group, MST>100 days) and LT β R-KO C57BL/6 recipients (n=4 mice/group, MST=54 days) of BALB/c hearts treated with high dose anti-CD40L. **(B)** Comparison between numbers of CD4⁺ cells in the DLNs of WT and CCL19/DTR recipients (n=4-5 mice/group). **(C)** Comparison between percentages of CD4⁺Teff, CD4⁺TNF α ⁺, CD4⁺IFN γ ⁺, CD4⁺IL-17⁺, CD8⁺Teff, CD8⁺TNF α ⁺, CD8⁺IFN γ ⁺ and CD8⁺IL-17⁺ cells in spleens of WT and CCL19/DTR recipients by flow cytometry (n=4-5 mice/group). **(D)** Anatomical position of FRCs, DCs, and T cells in the LN. **(E)** Comparison between numbers of cDC1, cDC2 and pDC and percentage of CD80⁺cDC1, CD86⁺cDC1, CD80⁺cDC2, CD86⁺cDC2, MHC II⁺cDC2, CD80⁺pDC2, CD86⁺pDC2, MHC II⁺pDC2 in spleens of WT and CCL19/DTR recipients by flow cytometry (n=4-5 mice/group). **(F)** Comparison between heart allograft survival of WT C57BL/6 (n=5 mice/group, MST>100 days) and CD11c/DTR C57BL/6 recipients (n=4 mice/group, MST=38.5 days) of BALB/c hearts treated with high dose anti-CD40L. **(G)** Comparison between HEV⁺CCL19⁺ areas in DLNs by IF (n=4-5 mice/group). Data presented as mean $\pm$ SEM, *p<0.05, ** p<0.01.

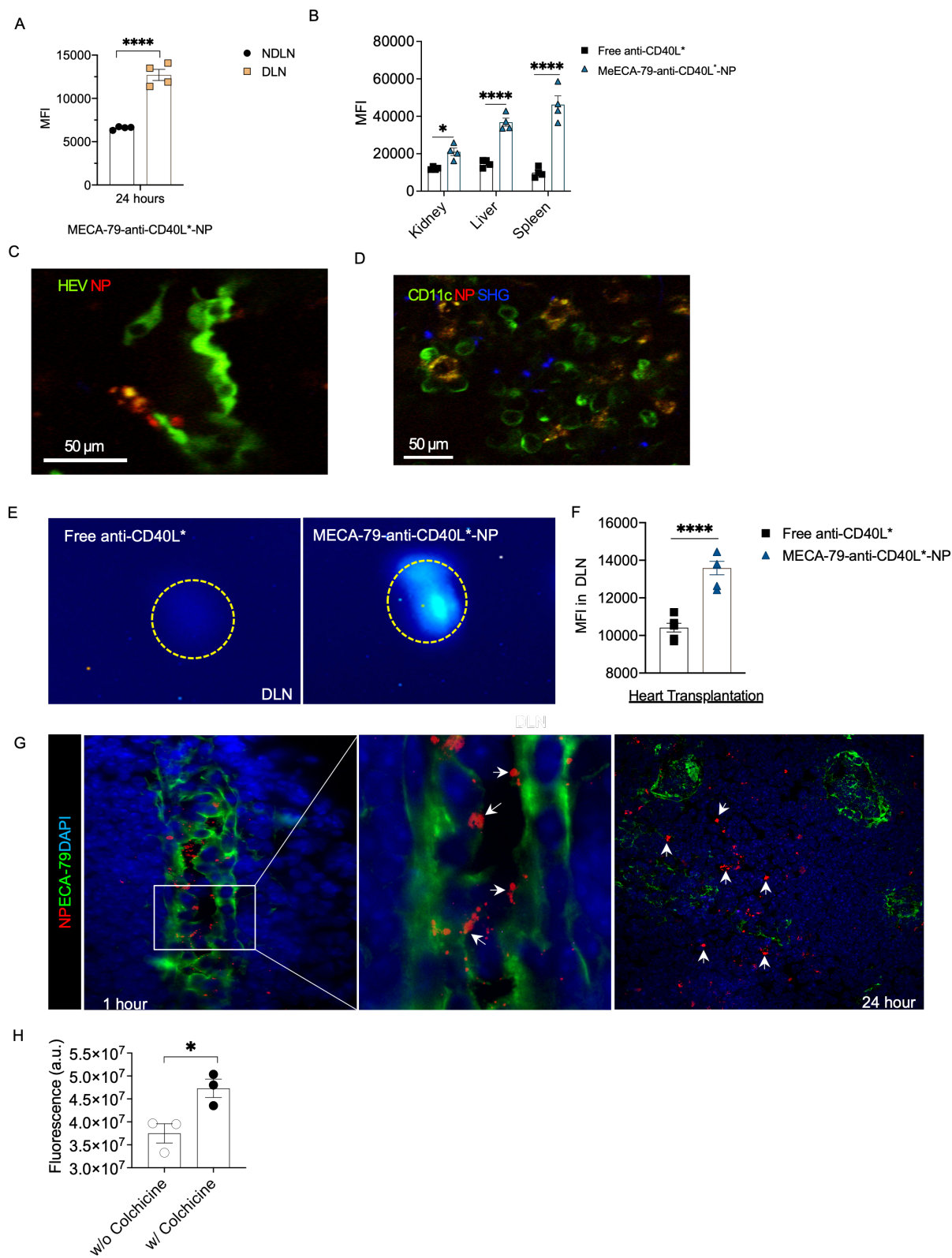
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20 Supplementary Figure 2. (A and B) Madcam1, IL-10, IL-33, TGF- β and PD-L1 expression on
 21 FRC by flow cytometry. (C) CD40 expression on Madcam1⁺ FRC line by flow cytometry. (D)
 22 mRNA level of *Ido*, *Tgfb*, *Arginase1*, *Pd1l* and *Col1a1* from FRC and FRC+ anti-CD40L groups
 23 by qPCR. Data presented as mean $\pm$ SEM.

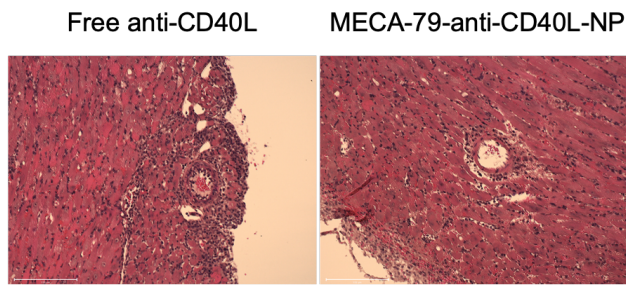
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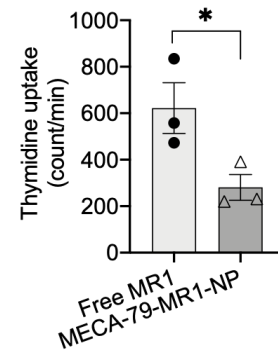
25 Supplementary Figure 3. *Characterization of anti-CD40L-NP and nanodelivery of anti-CD40L to*
 26 *DLNs. (A) Comparison of MFI of MECA-79-anti-CD40L*-NP in DLNs and NDLNs. (B)*
 27 *Comparison between MFIs from bioluminescence of kidney, liver and spleen of free anti-CD40L*-*
 28 *and MECA-79-anti-CD40L*-NP-injected groups. (C) Intravital imaging showing MECA-79-NP*
 29 *(Red) and HEVs (Green) in DLN. (D) Intravital imaging showing MECA-79-NP (Red) and*
 30 *CD11c⁺ DCs (Green) in DLN. (E) Live fluorescence imaging of DLNs 24 hours after*
 31 *administration (i.v.) of either free anti-CD40L* or MECA-79-anti-CD40L*-NP at day 8 post-*
 32 *transplantation. (F) Comparison of MFI by bioluminescence between DLNs of free anti-CD40L*-*
 33 *and MECA-79-anti-CD40L*-NP injected groups (n=3 mice/group). (G) IF staining of DLNs from*
 34 *mice 1 hour and 24 hours following injection of MECA-79-NP-Alexa594 (n=3 mice) (white*
 35 *arrows indicate NPs). (H) Fluorescence signal of MECA79-NP in PNAd⁺ CHO cells after*
 36 *exocytosis in presence or absence of colchicine treatment (n=3/group). Data presented as mean ±*
 37 *SEM, *p<0.05, *** p<0.001, ****p<0.0001.*

Supplementary Figure.4

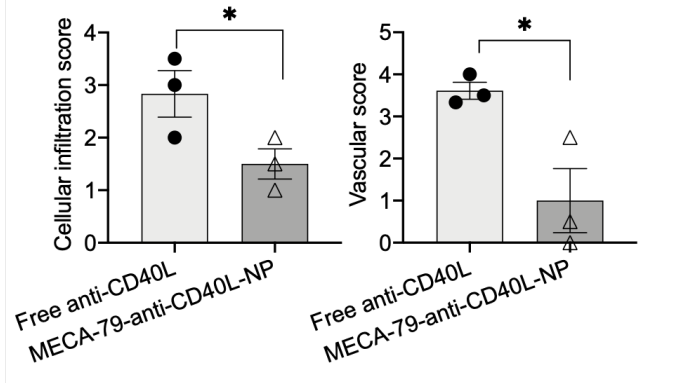
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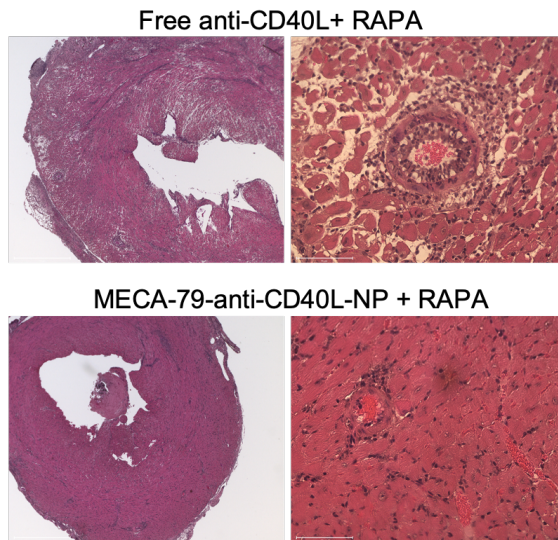
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39 Supplementary Figure 3. *Meca-79-anti-CD40L-NP* alone or in combination with rapamycin

40 induces long-term heart allograft survival in mice. (A) Representative light micrographs of H&E-

41 stained heart allograft sections at Day 7 from WT recipients treated with free anti-CD40L or

42 MECA-79-anti-CD40L-NP (Scale bar: 150 μ m). **(B)** Comparison of cellular infiltration and
43 vascular damage of the heart allografts in WT recipients following treatment with free anti-CD40L
44 or MECA-79-anti-CD40L-NP (n=3 mice/group). **(C)** Comparison of T cell proliferation between
45 free anti-CD40L or MECA-79-anti-CD40L-NP by MLR assay. **(D)** Representative light
46 micrographs of H&E-stained heart allograft sections at day 21 post-transplantation from WT
47 recipients treated with a combination of free anti-CD40L and RAPA or a combination of MECA-
48 79-anti-CD40L-NP and RAPA (Scale bar:750 μ m, 75 μ m). Data presented as mean $\pm$ SEM, *
49 p<0.05.