

**Deficiency of the base excision repair enzyme NEIL3 is associated with increased lymphocyte apoptosis, autoantibodies and predisposition to autoimmunity**

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	<b>A</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>WT</b>	35.53 ± 2.31	19.26 ± 3.36	21.73 ± 1.09	23.48 ± 2.35	100
<b><i>Neil3</i><sup>-/-</sup></b>	30.65 ± 3.98	31.01 ± 2.56	19.70 ± 0.579	18.70 ± 2.15	100
<b><i>p</i></b>	0.35	0.05	0.17	0.21	

Germinal center B cells were FACS-sorted from the Peyer's patches of 3 WT and 3 *Neil3*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. The J558V<sub>H</sub>FR3-J<sub>H</sub>4 and 3' intron segments of the *IgH* locus were amplified, cloned in the TOPO-TA cloning vector, and 200 clones from each mouse were Sanger-sequenced. A 551 bp fragment from each clone that excluded the V regions was analyzed for the presence of mutations, and compared to the reference sequence of the C57BL/6J strain. The data are presented as percentage of mutations at A, C, G, and T out of the total mutations detected.

**Supplemental Table 2.** Spectra of mutation in the J558V<sub>H</sub>FR3-J<sub>H</sub>4 and 3' intron segments in pooled sequences from Peyer's patches germinal center B cells of the indicated genotypes.

WT		To				
		A	C	G	T	Total
From	A		7.2 ± 0.9	17.6 ± 1.2	10.1 ± 1.1	34.9
	C	3.4 ± 0.4		4.3 ± 0.8	15.4 ± 2.6	23.1
	G	10.2 ± 1.0	6.3 ± 1.1		4.0 ± 0.4	20.5
	T	6.1 ± 0.81	11.0 ± 1.1	4.5 ± 0.4		21.6

<i>Neil3</i> <sup>-/-</sup>		To				
		A	C	G	T	Total
From	A		7.6 ± 1.1	13.9 ± 2.4	8.4 ± 0.14	29.9
	C	5.8 ± 1.1		7.3 ± 0.6*	17.4 ± 0.9	30.5
	G	10.7 ± 2.4	7.8 ± 2.3		2.5 ± 1.0	21.0
	T	6.3 ± 1.3	9.7 ± 1.8	2.7 ± 0.6		18.7

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The data are presented as percentage of mutations, corrected for the base composition of the 551 bp segment. Base composition is as follows: A, 26.68%; C, 15.79%; G, 27.22%; T, 30.31%.

**Supplemental Table 3.** Primers used to amplify and mutagenize full length human *NEIL3* that was used for the immunoprecipitation-coupled glycosylase activity assays.

Primers	Sequences
NEIL3FL_For	5' CCGGGATCCATCATGGTGGGAAGGTCCAGGCTGTACTC 3'
NEIL3FL_Rev	5' ATAAGAATGCGGCCGCTTTAAGCGTAGTCTGGGACGTCGTATG 3'
D132V_For	5' GATTTGATTTGTTTCTTTGTGTCATCAGTAGAACTCCG 3'
D132V_Rev	5' CGGAGTTCTACTGATGACACAAAGAAACAAATCAAATC 3'

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NEIL3FL\_For, sense primer used to PCR full-length the human *NEIL3* cDNA.

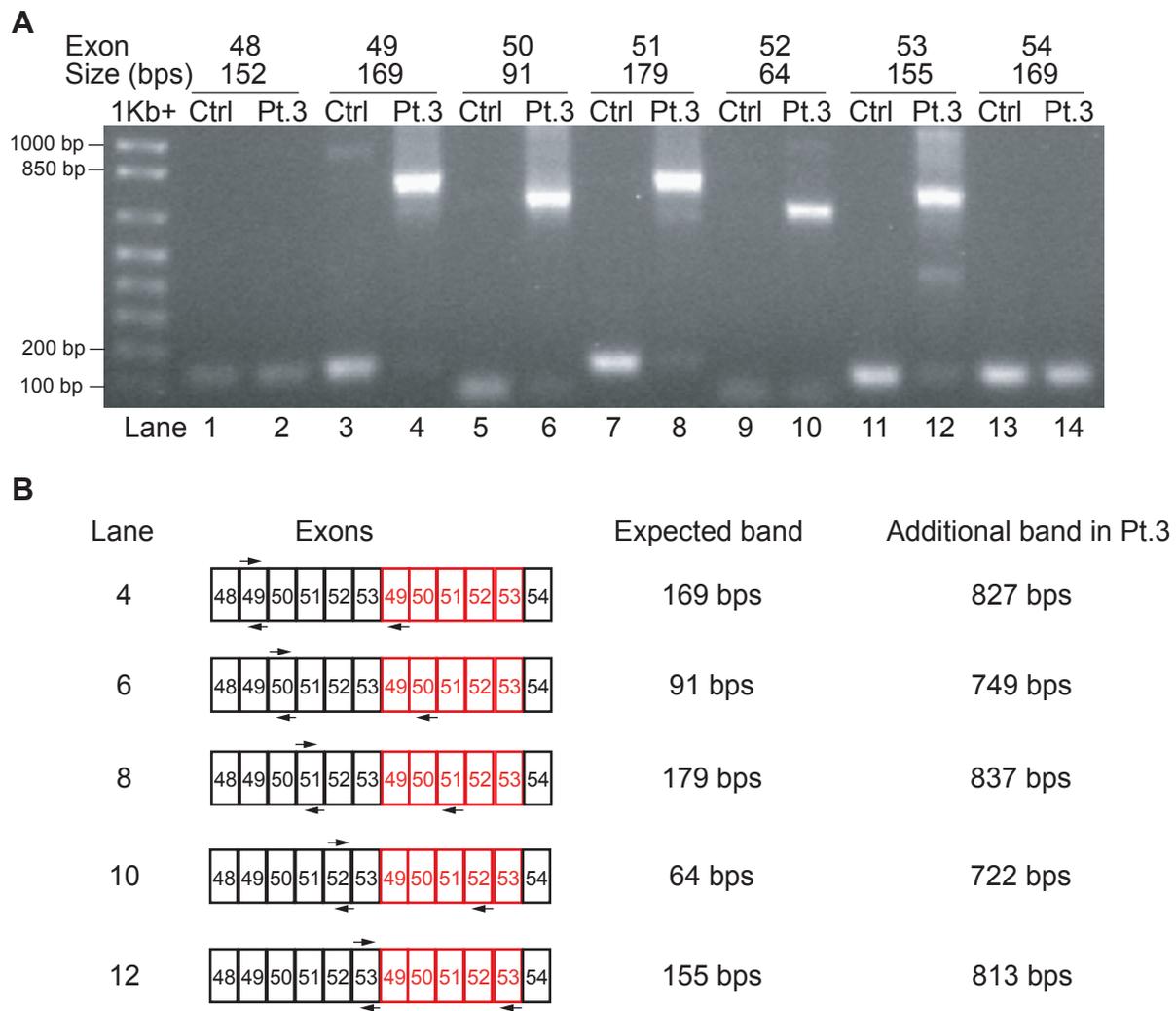
NEIL3FL\_Rev, anti-sense primer used to PCR the full-length human *NEIL3* cDNA.

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Exon	Sense primer	Antisense primer
Exon 1-28	5' TGCATTGCGTGTGTTGTGCTCA 3'	5' TATCCATGTCCTGTAGAAGCCT 3'
Exon 23-58	5' GATGTTTCCAATGTTGCTACAGA 3'	5' TGATGCTCCAGGTACTIONTCTGCT 3'
Exon 48	5' AGTTGATCCCTGAATTTTATTATCT 3'	5' CAATCTGTTTATGTGAACAAATTCT 3'
Exon 49	5' GCCCTGGAGAGTGAATTTGTT 3'	5' CTCTCTCAACACAGGATCAGT 3'
Exon 50	5' GCTGTTGAAGCTCAAATCCGA 3'	5' CACTTGCATGGCAGAACCTCT 3'
Exon 51	5' AGTCCATTGATGTTACAGACA 3'	5' CAGGAAGGTTGTGCCATTTGT 3'
Exon 52	5' CTCATCAAGGTGCTGTACAAGA 3'	5' CTATGAGAGGATCGATTTCCA 3'
Exon 53	5' CCAGCAATACAGGAATGCACA 3'	5' CTGTGTCTGTAGAATAGACTCT 3'
Exon 54	5' GAAGATTGATCCAAGTGGTGT 3'	5' TGCCTGGGTTATCTCCAATCCCA 3'



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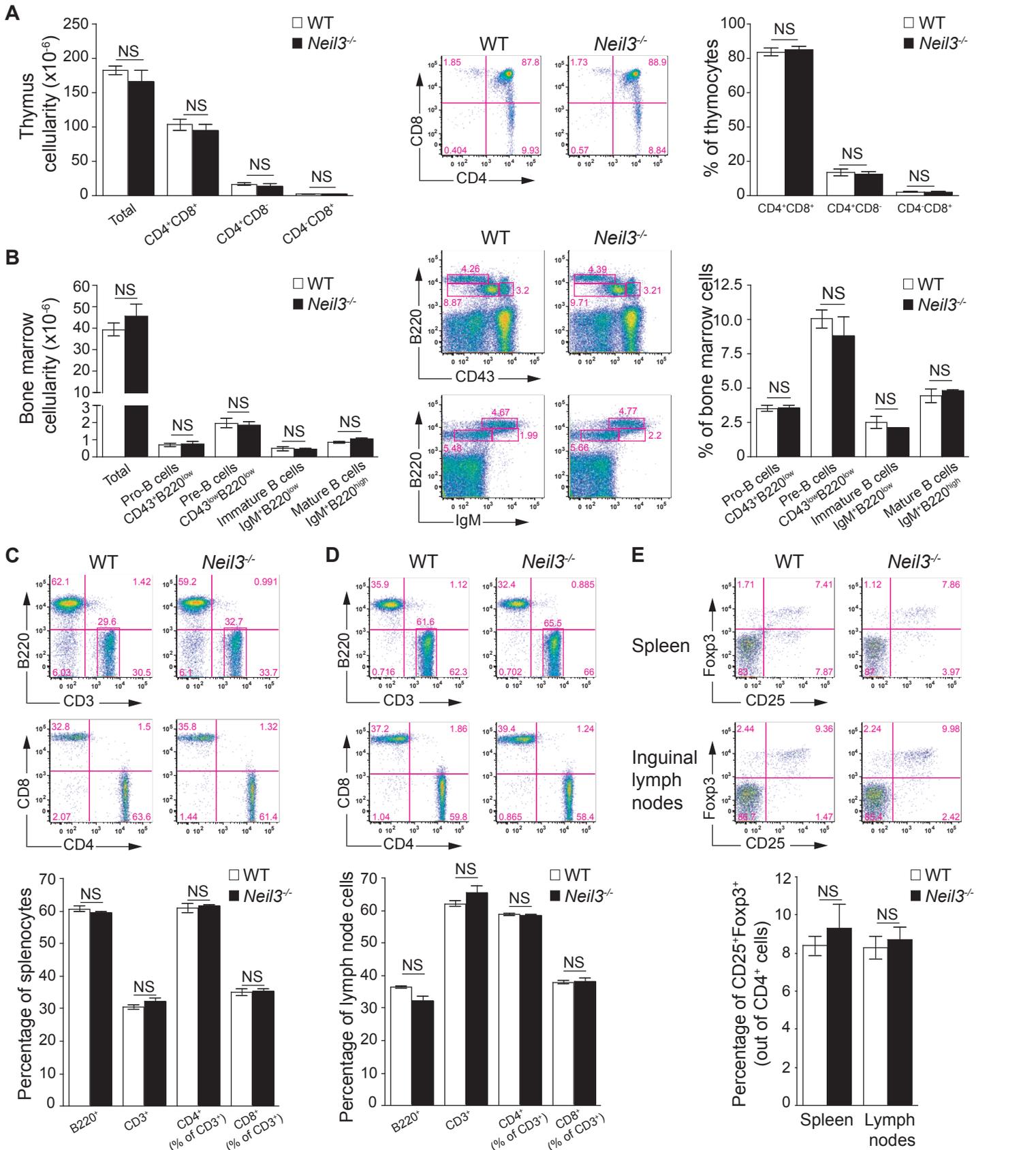
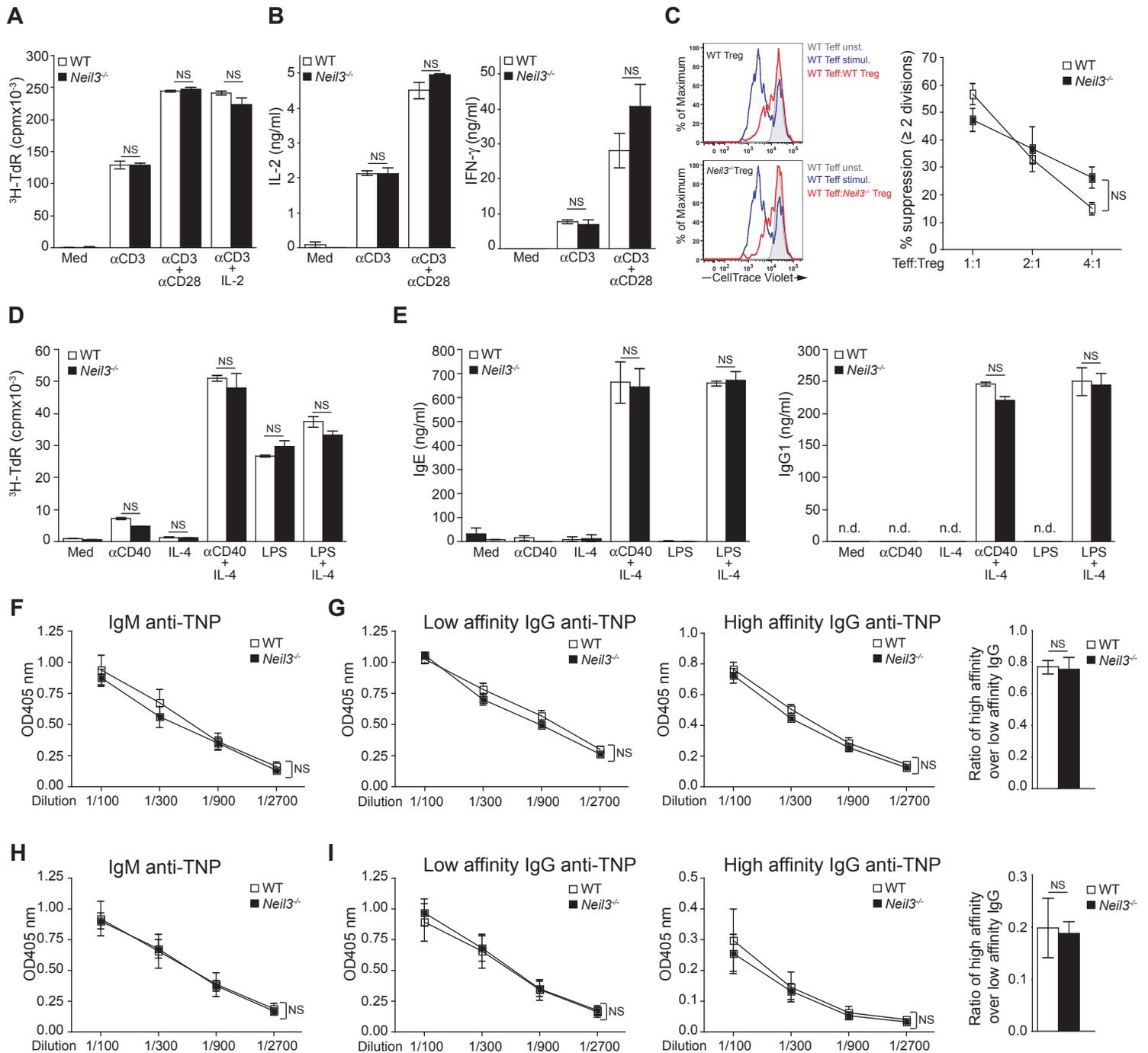
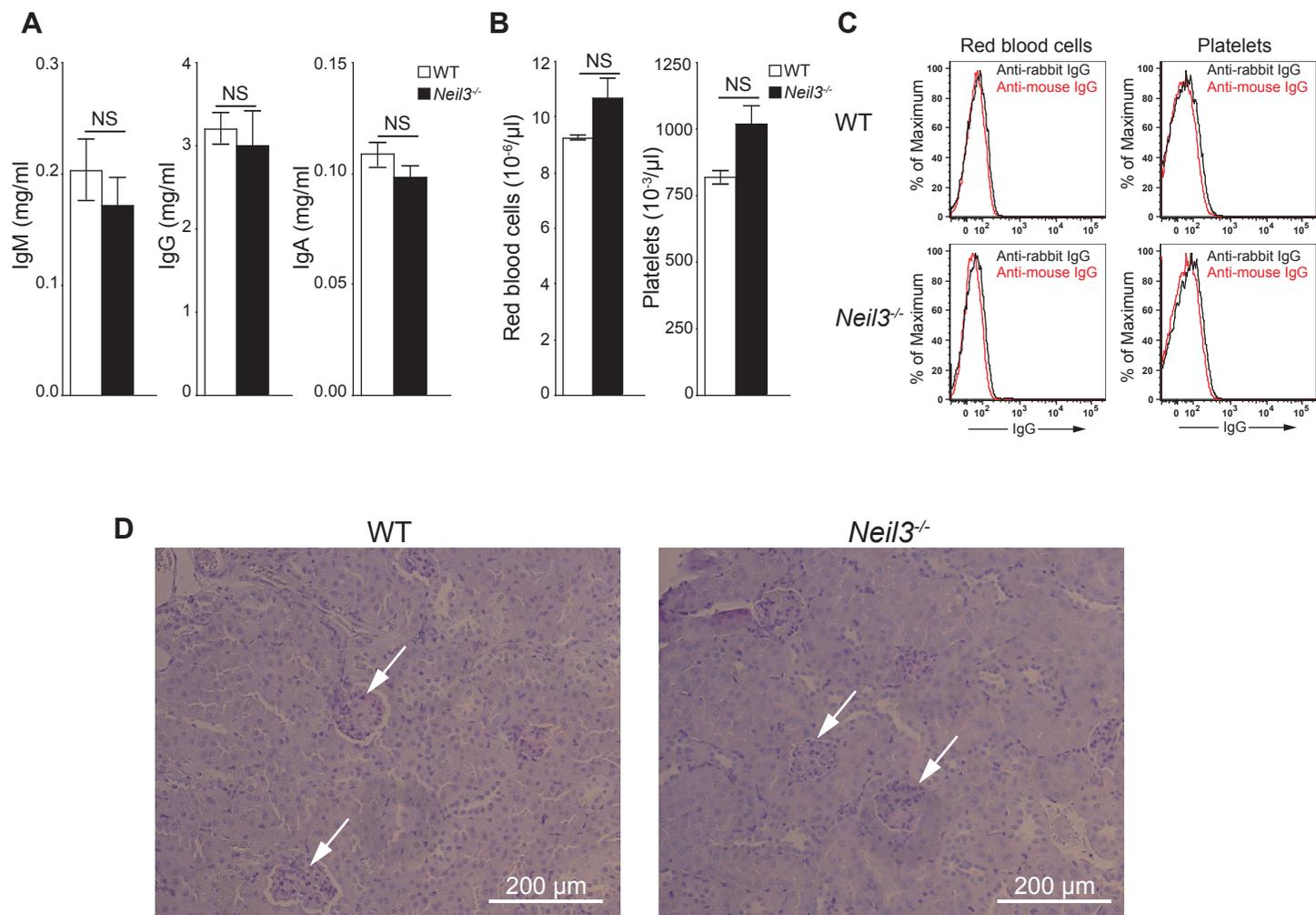


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