Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions: none

Minor Essential Revisions: The paper should be checked for minor errors and consistency. For example, in Table 5 the authors have used 5 asterisks to denote a B cell population while there are only 4 B cell subsets defined in the table footer.

In Figure 1 the flow plot labels are different colours and font styles are are difficult to see when printed in black and white.

Discretionary Revisions: none

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I declare that I have no competing interests