

**Supplementary figure 2.** MBL deficiency does not increase susceptibility to pneumococcal infection.

Ten-week old female MBL-null mice (open squares) and sex and age-matched WT C57BL/6 controls (crosses) were infected intranasally with  $1x10^6$  cfu *S. pneumoniae* D39 and the course of the infection monitored for one week. There was no significant difference in mortality between the groups (n=10 per group; p>0.05, Mantel-Cox log-rank test).