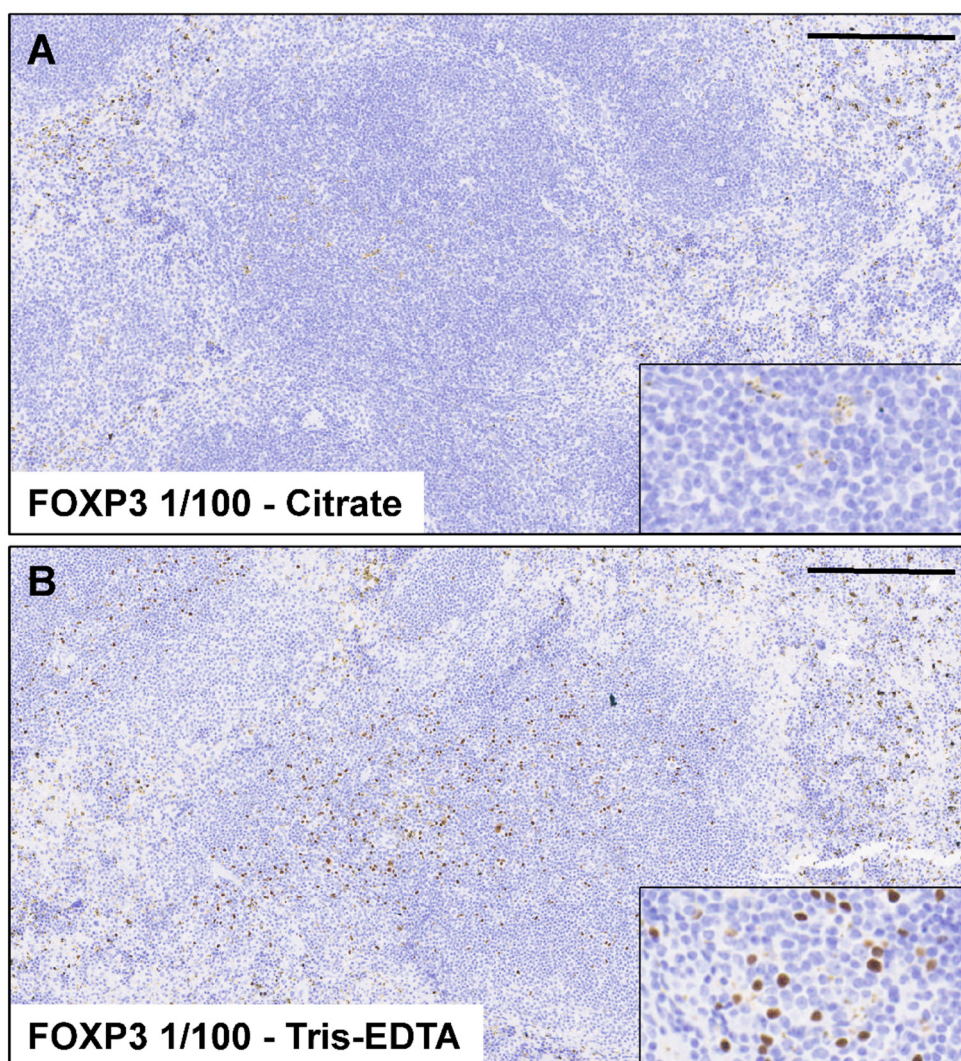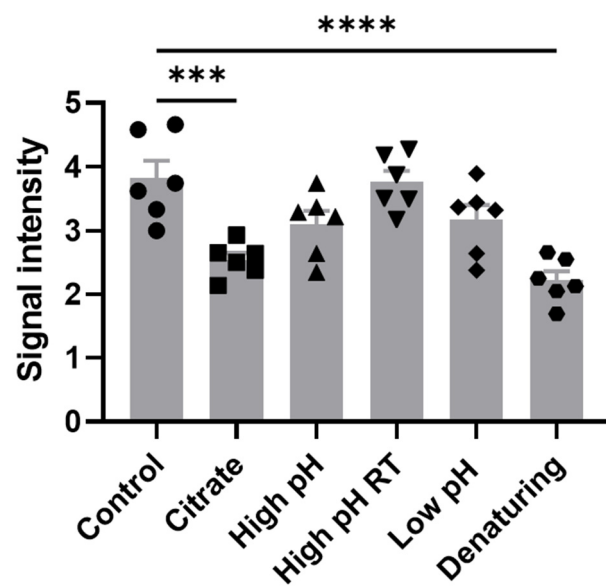**Supplementary Materials**

Supplementary Figure S1. FOXP3 staining requires antigen retrieval in Tris-EDTA buffer. Formalin-fixed paraffin embedded (FFPE) C57BL/6 mouse spleens were stained with an antibody specific against FOXP3 after antigen retrieval in either citrate buffer pH 6.0 (A) or Tris-EDTA buffer pH 9.0 (B), followed by counterstain with haematoxylin. Scale bar: 200μm.

Supplementary Figure S2. Comparison of signal intensity after each stripping method. Signal intensities for B220 staining were quantified using inform v2.5.0 and compared in sections pre and post stripping. Data are analysed using one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's multiple comparisons test and represented as mean ± SEM. *** $p < 0.001$; **** $p < 0.0001$.