

<u>Supplementary Figure 2</u>. Graphical overview of the protein structure of murine MOG, based on Kroepfl *et al.* (1) and Johns *et al.* (2). Although constituting only a minor part of the myelin sheath, MOG is a highly encephalitogenic protein capable of inducing EAE in rodents and primates (3). Moreover, MOG is a target antigen in human disease, as evidenced by the presence of MOG-directed T cell responses in MS patients (4, 5), as well as MOG antibodies in human demyelinating CNS diseases (6) and MS (5). This member of the Ig superfamily contains two hydrophobic membrane-associated domains, resulting in a large extracellular domain consisting of a signal sequence of 28 amino acids (AA), followed by a 128 AA extracellular domain. Purple lines represent boundaries between different domains. The preferential expression of MOG at the outer surface of the myelin sheath, accessible for autoimmune processes, is a possible explanation for its high encephalitogenicity (3, 7). Abbreviations used: N, N-terminus part of MOG; C, C-terminus part of MOG.

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