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Recruitment	n/a
Ethics oversight	n/a

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Life sciences study design

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Sample size	For the in vivo studies, 3-5 mice per group were used.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded.
Replication	The in vivo studies were done in 2-5 independent experiments. Ex vivo antigen presentation studies were done in 2-3 independent experiments, each one done in triplicates.
Randomization	No randomization performed
Blinding	No blinding performed

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Antibodies

Antibodies used	Description of commercial antibodies used with clone, company and catalogue number is provided in the Methods. Description of in-house antibodies used with clone name is provided in the Methods.
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Validation

All commercial antibodies were validated by their manufacturer
 All antibodies made by Walter and Eliza Hall Antibody Facility were titrated in house prior to using in experiments.
 The antigen-conjugated anti-DEC205 and anti-Clec9A antibodies used for vaccination were tested in house on cells that over-express the target and on primary dendritic cells.

Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s)

MutuDC 1940 cells were a gift from Hans Acha-Orbea, HEK293T cells for lentivirus production were sourced from ATCC

Authentication

Cell lines were authenticated by flow cytometry for expression of expected markers, and morphological analysis.

Mycoplasma contamination

All cell lines were routinely tested for mycoplasma and were negative.

Commonly misidentified lines
(See [ICLAC](#) register)

None were used

Animals and other research organisms

Policy information about [studies involving animals; ARRIVE guidelines](#) recommended for reporting animal research, and [Sex and Gender in Research](#)

Laboratory animals

C57BL/6, Fcgrt^{-/-}, B6.CH-2bm-1 (BM-1), Ly5.1, OT-I x Ly5.1 and OT-II x Ly5.1, age and sex matched (either female or male) were used at 6-12 weeks of age.

Wild animals

Did not involve wild animal

Reporting on sex

Sex was not considered in study design

Field-collected samples

Did not involve field-collected samples

Ethics oversight

Experimental procedures were approved by the Animal Ethics Committee of the University of Melbourne (protocol no. 20150 and 21410).

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Plants

Seed stocks

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Authentication

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Flow Cytometry

Plots

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Methodology

Sample preparation

Described in the methods section of the manuscript

Instrument	BD LSR Fortessa
Software	FlowJo version 10
Cell population abundance	For sorted cDCs for western blot analysis and ex vivo antigen presentation assays, the purity was > 95%. The purity of OT-I and OT-II cells used in antigen presentation assays was > 90%. The purity of B cells used for western blot analysis was > 95%.
Gating strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. SSC-A vs FSC-A to exclude cell debris.2. FSC-H vs FSC-A to include single cells.3. Viability dye (Propidium iodide) vs Fsc-A to exclude dead cells.4. Further gating is described in Supplementary Figure XXX

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