

S1. Similar like that of *LdWT* parasites, add back parasites (*Ldp27*^{-/-}*AB*, *LdCen*^{-/-}*AB*) significantly abrogated the pro-inflammatory cytokines along with the up regulation of the anti-inflammatory cytokine in BMDM *in vitro* compared to live attenuated parasite infection

The pattern of pro-inflammatory cytokines (TNF- α , IFN- γ , IL-12) (S1A-C) and anti-inflammatory cytokine (IL-10) production (S1D) by BMDM infected with add back parasites was similar to those infected with *LdWT* parasites in response to LPS or r-IFN γ . These data indicate that increased pro-inflammatory response and attenuated anti-inflammatory response by *Ldp27*^{-/-} and *LdCen1*^{-/-} parasite infection is related to deficiency of *Ldp27* and *Centrin1* genes respectively.

Methods:

Cytokine enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA):

The conditioned medium of macrophage culture after infection with *LdWT*, live attenuated and add back parasites were assayed for mouse cytokines with use of the sandwich ELISA kit (ebioscience). The assay was performed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Figure S1

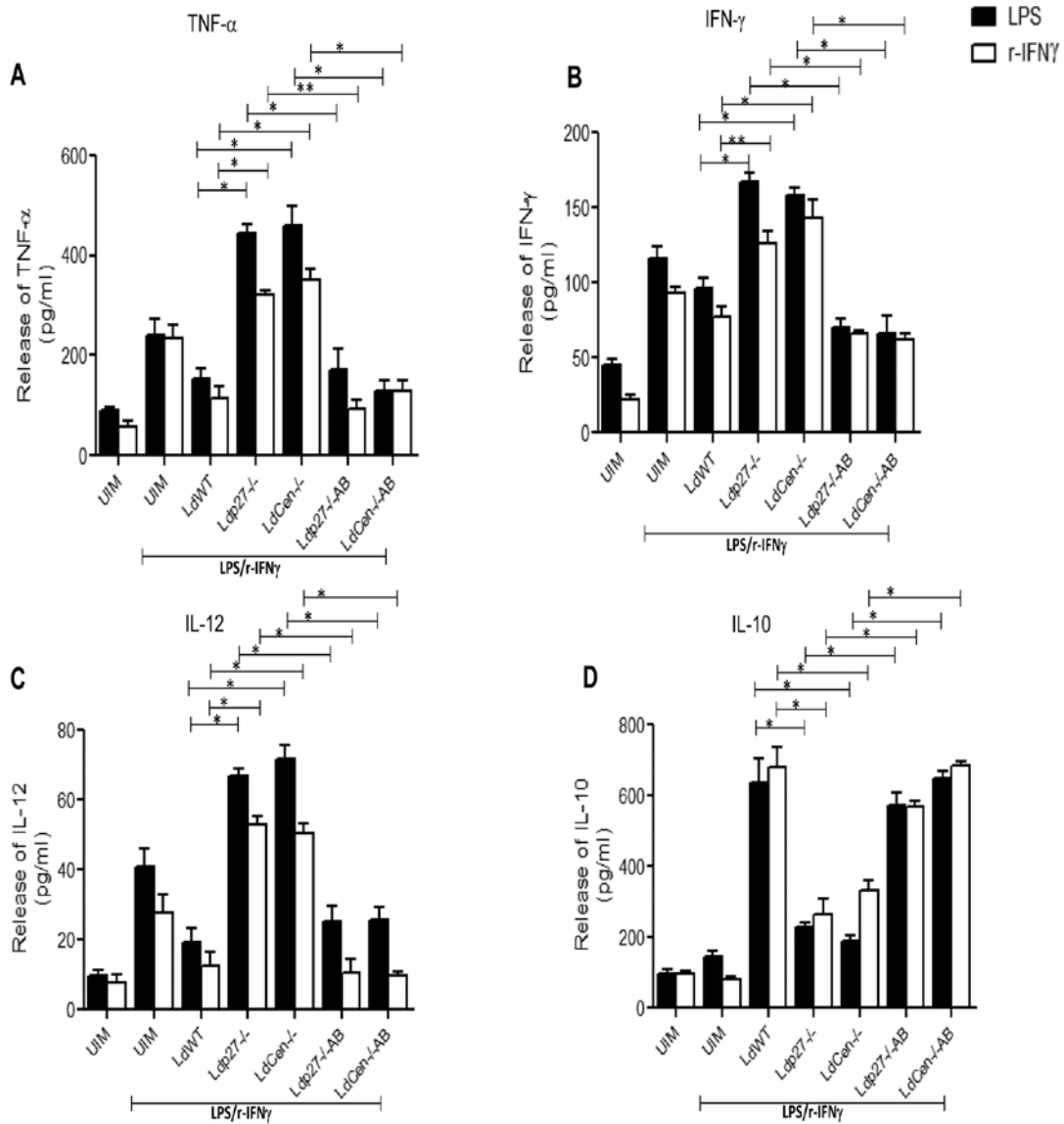


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S1. Similar like that of *LdWT* parasites, gene complemented add back parasites (*Ldp27*^{-/-}*AB*, *LdCen*^{-/-}*AB*) down-regulate the pro-inflammatory cytokine generation in BMDM thereby reversing the effects of live attenuated parasites (*Ldp27*^{-/-}, *LdCen*^{-/-})

BMDM were either left uninfected or infected with opsonized *LdWT*, live attenuated parasites (*Ldp27*^{-/-}, *LdCen*^{-/-}) or gene complemented add back parasites (*Ldp27*^{-/-}*AB*, *LdCen*^{-/-} *AB*) (5:1, parasite to macrophage ratio), washed after 6h and treated with or without LPS at a dose of 1µg/ml or r-IFN γ (100U/ml) for 24h. After 24h the levels of (A) TNF- α (B) IL-12 (C) IFN- γ (D) IL-10 in the culture supernatant was evaluated by sandwich ELISA. ELISA data are expressed as means \pm SD of values from triplicate experiments that yielded similar results. *P<0.05, **P<0.005.