

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

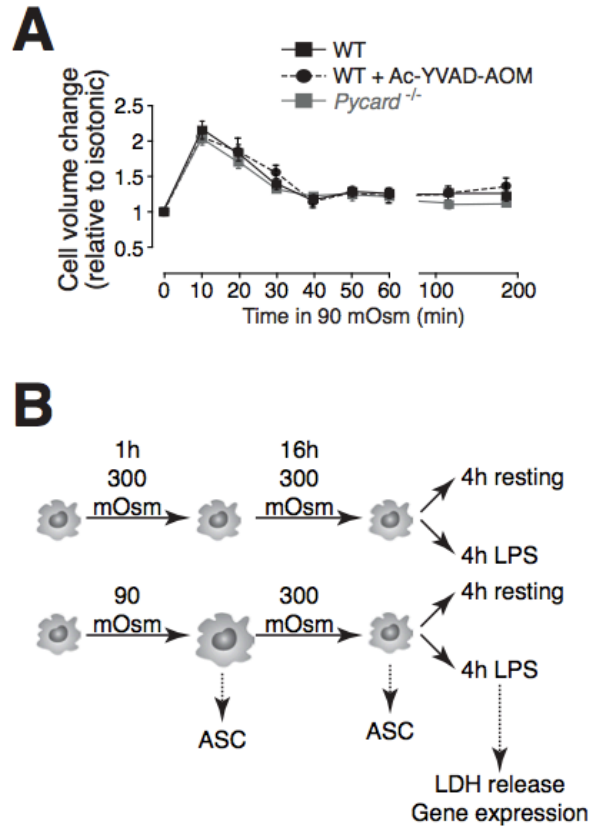


Figure S1. Cell swelling and RVD are independent on ASC or caspase-1 activity. **(A)** Relative cell area of immortalized bone marrow derived macrophages from wild type (WT) or ASC-deficient (*Pycard*^{-/-}) mice incubated in hypotonic solution in the presence or absence of caspase-1 inhibitor (Ac-YVAD-AOM). Average and s.e.m. of $n = 50$ cells/condition and representative of 3 independent experiments. **(B)** Experimental design to study long-term effects of ASC oligomerization.

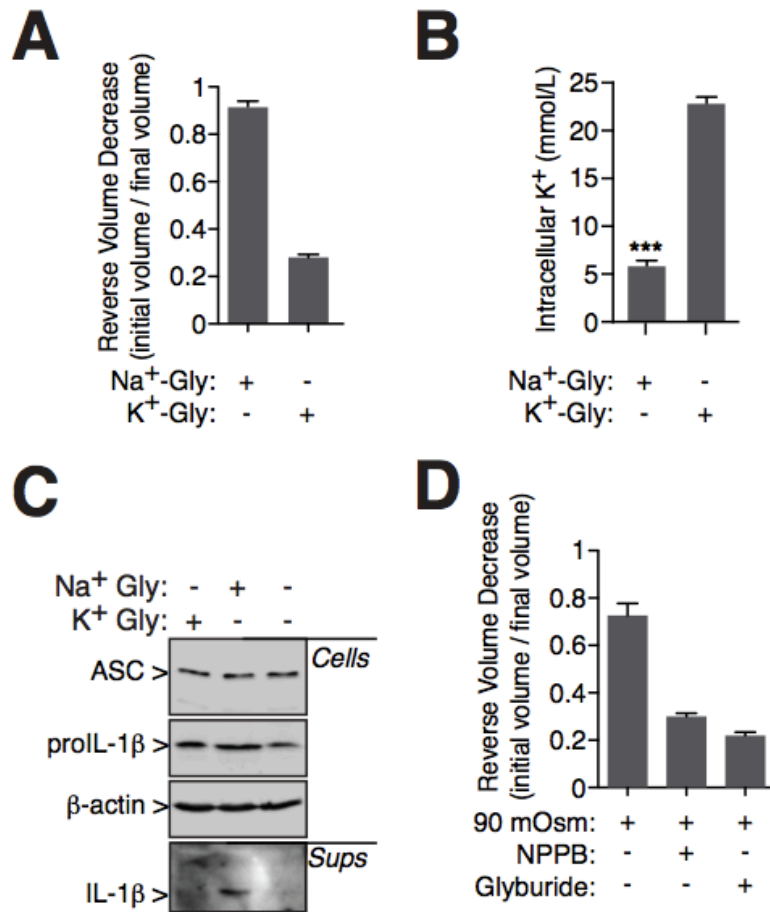


Figure S2. Regulatory volume decrease is blocked by high extracellular K⁺, NPPB and glyburide. **(A)** Regulatory volume decrease measured as the ratio of the initial cellular volume and the final cellular volume after 3 h treatment with different hypotonic solutions of THP-1 cells primed with LPS and IFN- γ (100 ng/ml each, 16 h); hypotonic solutions were composed with: 120 mM glycerol with 140 mM of NaCl (Na⁺-Gly) or 140 mM of KCl (K⁺-Gly). **(B)** Relative intracellular K⁺ concentration of THP-1 cells primed as in (A) but incubated for 1h in the presence of different solutions as indicated; data represent the average and s.e.m. of $n = 3$ independent experiments; *** $p < 0.001$. **(C)** Western blot analysis of the cleavage of pro-IL-1 β to its active p17 form (IL-1 β) and of ASC from THP-1 activated as in (A). *Cells*: cell lysates, *Sups*: supernatants; Western blot representative of 3 different experiments. **(D)** Regulatory volume decrease ratio of THP-1 cells primed with LPS and IFN γ (100 ng/ml each, 16 h) and incubated for 3 h with hypotonic solution in the presence or absence of NPPB (100 μ M) or Glyburide (100 μ M) as indicated. For (A) and (D), data represent average and s.e.m. of $n = 50$ cells/condition and representative of at least 3 independent experiments.

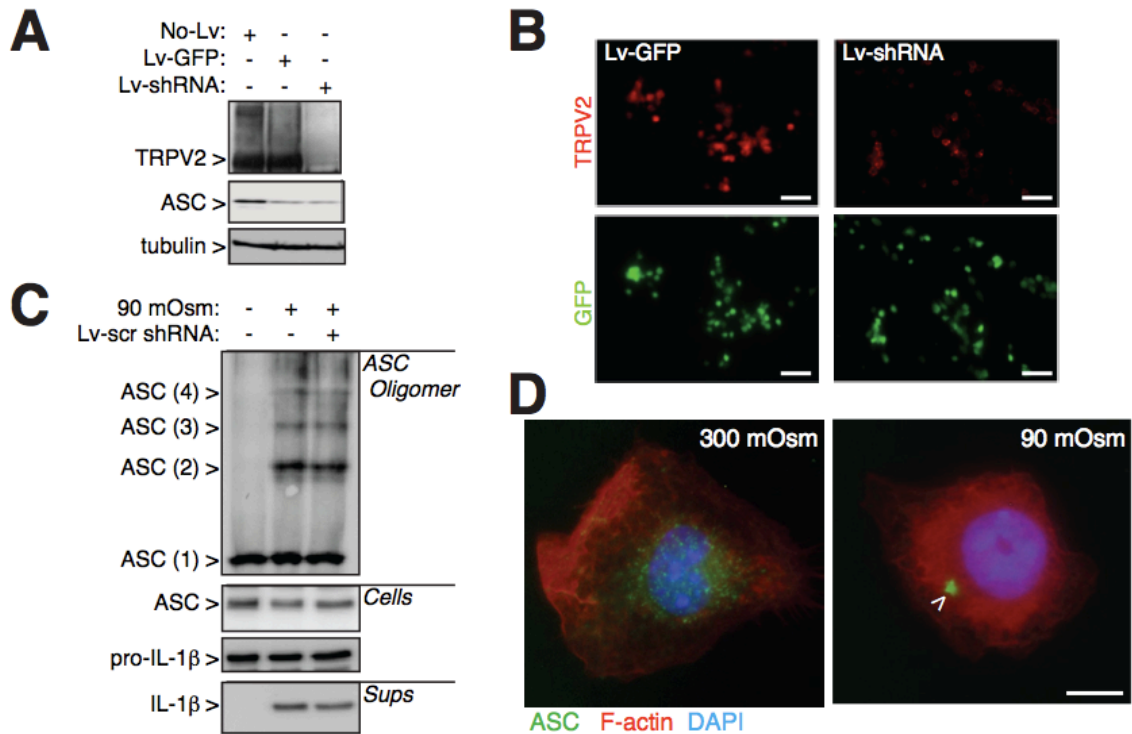


Figure S3. (A,B) Effective TRPV2 gene silencing in THP-1 cells. **(A)** Western blot for TRPV2, ASC and tubulin from THP-1 lysate of control non-infected cells (No-Lv), GFP-lentivirus infected cells (Lv-GFP) or cells infected with lentivirus coding for GFP and TRPV2 shRNA (Lv-shRNA). **(B)** TRPV2 immunostaining in THP-1 infected as in (A); scale bar 40 μ m. **(C)** ASC and IL-1 β Western blot from purified cross-linked ASC oligomer proteins (*ASC Oligomer*), total cell extracts (*Cells*) and cell supernatants (*Sups*) of THP-1 cells infected with lentivirus coding for scramble shRNA sequence primed with LPS and IFN- γ (100 ng/ml each, 16 h) and subsequently stimulated with 300 and 90 mOsm of extracellular osmolarity for 60 min. **(D)** Representative pictures of wild type murine peritoneal macrophages primed with LPS (1 μ g/ml for 4 h) and stained for ASC (green), actin (Phalloidin-Texas red, red) and nuclei (DAPI, blue) after incubation for 40 min in isotonic or hypotonic solution. Scale bar 10 μ m.