



Figure S2. Efferocytosis by macrophages from infected mice. Efferocytosis by PECs from *T. cruzi*-infected mice in (a-b) cytopspins (18-22 dpi) and (c-f) flow cytometry. (a) DAPI/MGL1 staining and bright field (b) panoptic staining. Inset: arrow indicates an apoptotic body and arrow head points to a *T. cruzi* parasite. (c-f) Macrophages bearing CD8⁺ events. PECs were first stained for surface markers (APC-CD8, F4/80, MGL1/rat IgG2a), permeabilized, and then stained with PE-labeled anti-CD8 or rat IgG2a). (c) F4/80⁺ macrophages were evaluated for intracellular PE-CD8 staining. Gate was based on isotype control mAb (PE-IgG2a, 7 %). (d) Extracellular (APC⁺) CD8 cells and APC^{neg} cells were further analyzed in e for intracellular PE⁺ CD8 staining. (e) Intracellular CD8⁺ events in MGL1⁺ macrophages. APC⁺ CD8 T cells stains with PE-anti-CD8 and were used as a positive control (red line). Intracellular CD8⁺ events within APC^{neg} cells (blue line) were gated and further analyzed for MGL-1 expression (red line) or control AF-IgG2a mAb (blue line) in bottom panel. (f) zVAD reduces lymphocyte apoptosis and efferocytosis by macrophages. Purified CD8 T cells (4 x 10⁶/well) were treated with zVAD (80 μM or DMSO (0.4 %)) and washed before coculture with PECs (1.5 x 10⁶/well) from infected mice. Cocultures were stimulated or not with plate-bound anti-CD3 in triplicates. Upper panel depicts extracellular CD8 T cells and bottom panel shows intracellular CD8⁺ events, evaluated as above. Significant differences are indicated (*) as analyzed by t test.