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Data collection

Accuri C6 software (BD Biosciences; version 1.0.264.21), LAS AF X Core Suite (version 2.7.3.9723)-confocal colocalization statistics (Leica Microsystems), qPCR (BioRad; iQ5TM 2.0 Standard Edition Optical System Software), BreakingCas server (CNB, Madrid, Spain) sgRNA design (no version available), GenePix Pro 6.0 software for GenePix 4000B microarray scanner, PrimerBank Primer Search on-line tool (no version available)

Data analysis

Microsoft Excel 1902, GraphPad Prism 7.04, ScanProsite tool (Expasy, Bioinformatics Resource Portal; no version available)

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Source data and uncropped versions of the most relevant Western-blot images for all main and supplementary figures (except Supplementary Figure 17) are provided as a Source Data file. Details on the gating and quantification strategies are provided in Supplementary Figure 17. The database of human Type-I transmembrane proteins used to search for the WDD-binding motif is available as Supplementary Data 5 in a Fasta format. Information about how to retrieve this database from the public Uniprot sequence bank is provided in the Methods section (under Prosite Comparisons). All relevant data are available from the authors upon reasonable request.

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## Life sciences study design

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Sample size	Sample sizes were chosen based on the general practice in the field indicating that at least triplicate experimental replicas (for STAT3-luciferase IL-10 signalling studies; Gemelli et al. BBA, 1843:955. 2014), n=20 cells (intracellular trafficking analyses; Boada-Romero et al. Nat. Commun. 7:11821. 2016) and n=3 mice (studies of IL-10 anti-inflammatory activity in macrophages; Kuwata et al. Blood, 102:4123. 2003; Nakamura et al. Nat. Commun. 6:7847. 2015) suffice to reveal significant differences in similar studies. Sample sizes that we chose throughout our manuscript were considered sufficient as long as the differences/no differences detected were statistically solid (significant) and reproducible
Data exclusions	Some Western-blot images were excluded owing to poor quality. Some of the datasets involving isolation and experimentation with BMDMs were excluded because the final population did not show induction of pro-inflammatory cytokines by Lps and/or no inhibition provided by IL-10 in wild-type cells. This occurred mainly during the initial optimization of the technique, and we think it was due to our initial lack of expertise in purification and handling (in vitro differentiation) of BMDM samples
Replication	All results were replicated at least three times with similar results
Randomization	Mice were chosen randomly as long as the experimental groups (WT and E320) were comparable in terms of sex and age
Blinding	Numbers of intracellular vesicles were blindly scored by counting the relevant events on confocal pictures. For all other experiments, group allocation and data collection were also performed blindly

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## Antibodies

### Antibodies used

Antibodies, their suppliers, references and dilutions are provided in the Methods section:

Western blotting:

anti-GST (1/1000, rabbit polyclonal, Cell Signaling 2622), anti-HA (1/1000, 16B12, mouse mAb, Babco Biologend 901501), anti-AU1 (1/1000, rabbit polyclonal, Thermo PA1-26548), anti-Flag (1/1000, M2, mouse mAb, Sigma F3165), anti-GFP (1/5000, B34, mouse mAb, BioLegend 902601), anti-ATG16L1 (1/2000, 1F12, mouse mAb, MBL M150-3), anti-IL-10RA (1/500, A3, mouse mAb, Santa Cruz sc-365374), anti-IL-10RB (1/500, F6, mouse mAb, Santa Cruz sc-271969), anti-phospho-STAT3-Y705 (1/1000, rabbit polyclonal, Cell Signaling 9131), anti-STAT3 (1/1000, mouse mAb, Cell Signaling 9139), anti-IL-10 (1/1000, D13A11, rabbit mAb, Cell Signaling 12163), anti-Histone-3 (1/1000, D1H2, rabbit mAb, Cell Signaling 4499), anti-LC3 (1/1000, mouse mAb, MBL M186-3), anti-p62 (THPs, 1/1000, mouse mAb, BD 610833; MEFs 1/1000, rabbit polyclonal, MBL PM045), anti-Rubicon (1/1000, D9F7, rabbit mAb, Cell Signaling 8465), anti-GAPDH (1/10000, 6C5, mouse mAb, Abcam ab8245)

Immunoprecipitation:

Anti-Flag (1/150, D6W5B, rabbit mAb, Cell Signaling 2368), anti-IL-10RB (1/50, F6, mouse mAb, Santa Cruz sc-271969), anti-ATG16L1 (1/100, rabbit polyclonal, MBL PM-040)

Immunofluorescence:

anti-Flag (in most cases rabbit polyclonal (1/2000, Cell Signaling 2368); mouse monoclonal (1/100, Sigma F3165) for co-staining with anti-EEA1), anti-EEA1 (1/750, EPR4245, rabbit mAb, Abcam ab109110), anti-LC3 (1/200, 5F10, mouse mAb, NanoTools 0231-100), anti-LAMP1 (1/200, EPR21026, rabbit mAb, Abcam, ab208943), anti-Rab7 (1/100, EPR7589, rabbit mAb, Abcam, ab137029).

Validation Suppliers and antibodies were chosen based on how much validation information was available in their website. Antibodies were not systematically validated in-house, but all of them provided predictable results in terms of molecular weight of the recognized bands, patterns of intracellular staining and so on. Anti-IL-10R antibodies did not recognize any band in cells lacking IL-10Rs. Anti-ATG16L1 antibodies did not recognize any relevant band in ATG16L1<sup>-/-</sup> cells. Anti-IL10 and P-STAT3 antibodies did not recognize any bands in untreated cells.

## Eukaryotic cell lines

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Cell line source(s) ATCC (HEK-293T, HeLa, THP-1). The ATG16L1<sup>-/-</sup> HCT116 cell line was obtained from Dr. David Boone (Indiana University School of Medicine, South Bend, Indiana, USA), and Atg16L1<sup>-/-</sup> MEFs were kindly shared by Dr. Ramnik Xavier (Broad Institute MIT and Harvard, USA).

Authentication Cell lines were not authenticated in house. We trusted the supplier (ATCC). We validated ATG16L1 deficiency of ATG16L1<sup>-/-</sup> HCT116 and MEFs by anti-ATG16L1 Western-blotting

Mycoplasma contamination Cells were tested for mycoplasma contamination and none of them was found to be contaminated

Commonly misidentified lines (See [ICLAC](#) register) No commonly misidentified cell lines were used in this study

## Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals Mus musculus (laboratory mice), C54BL/6, males and females between 4-8 weeks old. Mice were maintained in ventilated racks in a Specific Pathogen-Free facility under controlled temperature (23° C), humidity (50%) and light/dark cycle (12 h/12 h) conditions, strictly following European Union regulations

Wild animals No wild animals were used in this study

Field-collected samples No field collected samples were used in this study

Ethics oversight All procedures were evaluated and approved by the Ethics and Animal Wellbeing Committees of the University of Salamanca and the Junta de Castilla y Leon local government.

Note that full information on the approval of the study protocol must also be provided in the manuscript.

## Flow Cytometry

### Plots

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### Methodology

Sample preparation MEFs, THP1 and BMDMs were detached using the trypsin-free Accutase Solution (Sigma), resuspended in culture medium containing 0.1% azide and a 1:100 dilution of mouse or rat immunoglobulins (Sigma) as blocking agents, and incubated for 30 min on ice. The specific antibodies were then added to the cell suspension at a 1:100 dilution, and an additional incubation was carried out on ice for 30 min. Cells were then washed and analysed in an Accuri C6 (BD BioSciences) flow cytometer. For isolation of BMDMs, mice were sacrificed using a CO2 chamber and immediately dissected to isolate bone marrow cells by flushing the tibias and femurs with a 23G syringe filled with cold complete culture medium containing 20% FCS. Cells were washed, plated at a density of approximately 2x10<sup>6</sup> cells/ml and treated with 20 ng/ml M-CSF for 6 days, with a medium change at day 3. Adherent cells were then harvested using a cell scraper and plated in complete medium containing 20% FCS and lacking M-CSF for 16 h. Cells were incubated the next day for 5 h in DMEM/1% FCS before staining for flow cytometry.

Instrument Accuri C6 (BD BioScience)

Software Accuri C6 software version 1.0-264.21 (BD BioScience)

Cell population abundance MEF and THP1 samples were pure in the sense that no other cell types were present in the populations analyzed by flow

cytometry. BMDMs were differentiated in vitro from crude bone marrow cultures. Non-adherent cells and debris were eliminated in 2-3 washing steps performed along the differentiation process. By the time differentiation was finished, the culture appeared rather clean, and the purity of the resulting macrophage population was established by flow cytometry using anti-CD11b and anti-F4/80 markers (see Supplementary Fig. 16a)

#### Gating strategy

Cells were gated in the FS/SS window to exclude dead cells and debris. The percentage of events selected in this window for further analysis of surface expression was always 80-90% for MEFs and THP1 cells, and around 70% for BMDMs. The gating strategies to define positive and negative populations are described in the respective figure legends, and a scheme for each strategy is provided in Supplementary Figure 17.

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