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The autophagy gene Atg16l1 differentially regulates $\rm T_{reg}$ and $\rm T_{H}2$ cells to control intestinal inflammation

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Figure 1. Aged $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ mice develop intestinal inflammation. (A) FACS analysis of LC3⁺ autophagosome formation in CD4⁺ T cells from cLP of $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ mice after overnight activation with or without α -CD3 (5 µg/ml) and α -CD28 (1 µg/ml). (B) Western blot analysis of LC3 lipidation in naïve splenic CD4⁺ T cells isolated from $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ mice and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ mice after 3hr activation with α -CD3 (5 µg/ml) and α -CD28 (1 µg/ml) and α -CD28 (1 µg/ml) with or without chloroquine (CQ, inhibitor of lysosomal degradation, 50 µM). (C) Weight curves of $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. (D) Representative images of spleens and mesenteric lymph nodes (mLN) from aged $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates and (E) spleen weights of young and aged $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. (F,H) Representative photomicrographs of haemotoxilin and eosin (H&E) stained sections of (F) jejunum and (H) mid-colon from young and aged $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. Data are representative of at least three independent experiments (A-E, F, H) or combined from two (G) or three (I) independent experiments, with at least 3 mice per group. Data shown as mean ± s.e.m (A,C). Each dot represents *Figure 1 continued on next page*



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an individual mouse and horizontal bars denote means (**E**,**G**). In (**I**) each dot represents an individual crypt measurement and horizontal bars denote means. Statistical significance was determined using two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Bonferroni's correction for multiple comparisons (**C**) or the Mann–Whitney test (**E**,**G**,**I**), **p<0.01; ***p<0.001. SI LP– small intestine lamina propria, cLP – colonic lamina propria. Young mice: 8–12 weeks old, aged mice >5 months old.



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Figure 2. Atg16/1^{ΔCD4} mice exhibit reciprocal dysregulation of intestinal T_H2 and T_{reg} cells before the onset of intestinal inflammation. (A) Frequencies of CD4⁺ T cells as a proportion of live cells in young Atg16/1^{ΔCD4} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl} littermates. (B) Frequencies and (C) total numbers of IFN- γ^+ T_H1, IL-17A⁺ T_H17 and IL-13⁺ T_H2 cells isolated from cLP of young Atg16/1^{ΔCD4} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl} littermates (gated on CD4⁺ T cells). (D) Representative FACS plots of Gata3 and IL-13 (top) or IFN- γ and IL-17A (bottom) expression by cLP CD4⁺ T cells isolated from young Atg16/1^{fl/fl} littermates (gated on CD4⁺ T cells). (E) Frequencies of Gata3⁺ CD4⁺ T cells in young Atg16/1^{ΔCD4} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl} littermates (gated on CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ Foxp3⁻ live cells). (E) Frequencies of Gata3⁺ CD4⁺ T cells in young Atg16/1^{ΔCD4} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl} littermates (gated on CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ Foxp3⁻ cells). (F) Representative FACS plots and (G) frequencies of Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells in young Atg16/1^{ΔCD4} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl} littermates (gated on CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ cells). Data are combined from three or more independent experiments with at least two mice per group (A, B, D, E, G) or are representative of four independent experiments with at least four mice per group (D, F). Each dot represents an individual mouse and horizontal bars *Figure 2 continued on next page*



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Figure 2—figure supplement 1. Characterization of immune cell compartments in young $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ mice. (A) Frequencies and (B) representative FACS plots of single positive CD4⁺, single positive CD8⁺, double positive (DP) CD4⁺ CD8⁺ and double negative (DN) CD4⁻ CD8⁻ thymocytes in young $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. (C) Frequencies of CD8⁺ T cells in young $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. (D) Total numbers of CD4⁺ T cells in spleen, mLN, and cLP of young $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. Data are combined from (A,C,D) or representative of (B) two or three independent experiments with at least 4 mice per group. Each dot represents an individual mouse and horizontal bars denote means. Numbers indicate percentage of cells in quadrants. Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney test, *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001. cLP – colonic lamina propria, mLN - mesenteric lymph nodes. Young mice: 8–12 weeks old. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.12444.005



Figure 2—figure supplement 2. $Atg16/1^{\Delta CD4}$ mice have increased susceptibility to T-cell-mediated experimental IBD. Cohorts of young $Atg16/1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16/1^{fl/fl}$ littermates were infected with *Helicobacter hepaticus* by oral gavage (three feeds of 1×10^8 CFU) and treated with anti-IL-10R mAb (1mg/mouse *i.p.* given weekly; $H.h + \alpha IL10R$) or left untreated (Ctr). Two weeks post-infection mice were sacrificed for analyses. (A) Caecum and colon histopathology scores in $H.h + \alpha IL10R$ -treated $Atg16/1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16/1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. (B) Representative photomicrographs of H&E stained caecum of untreated Ctr (left panels) or $H.h + \alpha IL10R$ -treated (middle and right panels) $Atg16/1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16/1^{fl/fl}$ littermates, scale bar 150 µm. (C) Total lamina propria leukocyte numbers and (D,E) frequencies of (D) neutrophils (Gr1^{hi} CD11b⁺) and (E) CD4⁺ T cells in cLP isolated from untreated Ctr or $H.h + \alpha IL10R$ -treated $Atg16/1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. Data are combined from two or three independent experiments with at least two mice per group. Each dot represents an individual mouse and horizontal bars denote means. Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney test, *p<0.05; **p<0.01. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.12444.006



Figure 2—figure supplement 3. Elevated type 2 innate responses in $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ mice. (A) Frequencies of eosinophils (Ly6C^{low} Ly6G^{low} CD11b⁺ F4/80⁻) in spleen and mLN of young $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. (B) Serum MCPT-1 levels in young $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates were measured by ELISA. Data are combined from (A) or representative of (B) two or three independent experiments with at least four mice per group. Each dot represents an individual mouse and horizontal bars denote means. Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney test, *p<0.05; **p<0.01. mLN - mesenteric lymph nodes. Young mice: 8–12 weeks old.



Figure 2—figure supplement 4. Characterization of Atg16l1-deficient T_{reg} cells. (A) Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cell numbers in spleen, mLN, cLP and SI LP of young $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. (B) Frequencies of Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} in the thymus of young $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates (gated on single positive CD4⁺ TCR β^+ cells). (C) Frequencies of Neuropilin-1⁺ (Nrp1⁺) Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells in the cLP and SI LP of young $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates (gated on CD4⁺ TCR β^+ cells). (D) Frequencies of Helios⁺ Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells in the cLP of young $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates (gated on CD4⁺ TCR β^+ regules in the cLP of regulation of CD4⁺ TCR β^+ T cells). (E) Frequencies of IL-17A⁺ or IFN- γ^+ of Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells in the cLP and SI LP of young $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates (gated on Foxp3⁺ T cells). (F) Expression of CD103, CTLA4, CD25, CD69 and KLRG1 by cLP Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells from young $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates (gated on Foxp3⁺ CD4⁺ TCR β^+ T cells). (I) Mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) of phospo-S6 (P-S6) in Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells in cLP of young $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates (gated on Foxp3⁺ CD4⁺ TCR β^+ T cells). (I) Mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) of phospo-S6 (P-S6) in Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells in cLP of young $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates (gated on Foxp3⁺ CD4⁺ TCR β^+ T cells). (I) Mean fluorescence intensity from two independent experiments with at least four mice per group (A,B,E), are representative from two independent experiments with *Figure 2—figure supplement 4 continued on next page*

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at least four mice per group (C,F-H), or are from one experiment (D,I). Each dot represents an individual mouse and horizontal bars denote means. Numbers indicate percentage of cells in gates. Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney test, *p<0.05; **p<0.01. mLN - mesenteric lymph nodes, SI LP– small intestine lamina propria, cLP – colonic lamina propria. Young mice: 8–12 weeks old. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.12444.008



Figure 3. Atg16/1^{Δ CD4} mice develop elevated T_H2-associated antibodies against intestinal luminal antigens. (A) Serum IgE concentrations in cohorts of young and aged Atg16/1^{Δ CD4} and Atg16/1^{$fl/fl}</sup> littermates were measured by ELISA. (B) Serum antibody IgG₁, IgG_{2b}, IgG_{2c}, IgA and IgM isotype levels in aged Atg16/1^{<math>\Delta$ CD4} and Atg16/1^{$fl/fl}</sup> littermates were measured by ELISA. (C) Representative photomicrographs of H&E stained sections of Peyer's patch (PP) in the SI (jejunum) of aged Atg16/1^{<math>\Delta$ CD4} and Atg16/1^{$fl/fl}</sup> littermates, scale bar 150 µm. (D) Serum levels of Soy-specific IgA, IgG₁, IgG_{2b}, IgG_{2c} antibodies in aged Atg16/1^{<math>\Delta$ CD4} and Atg16/1^{$fl/fl}</sup> littermates were measured by ELISA. (E) Young Atg16/1^{<math>\Delta$ CD4} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl}</sup> littermates were measured by ELISA. (E) Young Atg16/1^{Δ CD4} and Atg16/1^{$fl/fl}</sup> littermates were fed with ovalbumin (OVA) alone or with cholera toxin (CT) as described in methods and levels of OVA-specific serum IgE were measured 8 weeks after first challenge by ELISA. (F) Levels of CBir1-specific IgA, IgG₁, IgG_{2b} and IgG_{2c} antibodies in serum of aged Atg16/1^{<math>\Delta$ CD4} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl}</sup> littermates were measured by ELISA. (F) Levels of CBir1-specific IgA, IgG₁, IgG_{2b} and IgG_{2c} antibodies in serum of aged Atg16/1^{Δ CD4} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl}</sup> littermates were measured by ELISA. (F) Levels of CBir1-specific IgA, IgG₁, IgG_{2b} and IgG_{2c} antibodies in serum of aged Atg16/1^{Δ CD4} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl}</sup> littermates were measured by ELISA. (F) Levels of CBir1-specific IgA, IgG₁, IgG_{2b} and IgG_{2c} antibodies in serum of aged Atg16/1^{fl/fl}</sup> and Atg16/1^{fl/fl}</sup> littermates were measured by ELISA. (F) Levels of CBir1-specific IgA, IgG₁, IgG_{2b} and IgG_{2c} antibodies in serum of aged Atg16/1^{fl/fl} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl}</sup> littermates were measured by ELISA. (F) Levels of CBir1-specific IgA, IgG₁, IgG_{2b} and IgG_{2c} antibodies in serum of aged Atg16/1^{fl/fl} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl}</sup> littermates were measured by ELISA. (F) </sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup></sup>



Figure 3—figure supplement 1. Dysregulated humoral responses in young Atg16/1^{ΔCD4} mice. (A) Serum antibody IgA and IgG₁ isotype levels in young $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates were measured by ELISA. (B) Frequencies of B cells (B220⁺), germinal center B cells (GC: B220⁺ GL7⁺ CD95⁺), memory B cells (B220⁺ GI7⁻ IgM⁻ IgG^+) and plasma cells (CD138⁺) in the spleen and mLN of young Atg16/1^{ΔCD4} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl} littermates (gated on live CD45⁺ cells). (C) Serum levels of Soy-specific IgA, IgG₁, IgG_{2b}, IgG_{2c} antibodies in young $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ and Atg16/1^{fl/fl} littermates were measured by ELISA. (**D**) Cohorts of young Atg16/1^{Δ CD4} and Atg16/1^{fl/fl} littermates were infected with Helicobacter hepaticus by oral gavage (three feeds of 1x10⁸ CFU) and levels of serum Helicobacterspecific IgG_1 , IgG_{2c} and IgA antibodies were determined three weeks later by ELISA. (E) Cohorts of young Atg16l1^{ACD4} and Atg16l1^{fl/fl} littermates were orally infected with Trichuris muris (200 eggs) and levels of T. murisspecific IgG1 in serum were determined 34 days later by ELISA. Data are from one experiment with at least three mice per group (A-D) or representative from two independent experiments with five mice per group (E). Each dot represents an individual mouse and horizontal bars denote means (B,C) or data represent mean \pm s.e.m (A,D,E). Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney test (A,C) or two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Bonferroni's correction for multiple comparisons (B,D,E): statistical significance was determined between infected groups (b,c), *p<0.05; **p<0.01. mLN - mesenteric lymph nodes. Young mice: 8–12 weeks old. Figure 3—figure supplement 1 continued on next page

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Figure 4. Atg16l1 promotes survival of T_{reg} cells and limits T_{H2} cell survival. (A,B) Atg16l1^{ΔCD4} or Atg16l1^{fl/fl} naïve CD4⁺ T cells were cultured in T_{H0} , T_{reg} , or T_{H2} polarizing conditions for 48 hr and analyzed by FACS. Representative FACS plots show (A) Foxp3 and (B) Gata3 expression (gated on CD4⁺ T CRβ⁺ T cells). (C) Frequencies of T_{reg} cells (Foxp3⁺) and T_{H2} cells (Gata3⁺) arising from Atg16l1^{ΔCD4} or Atg16l1^{fl/fl} naïve CD4⁺ T cells cultured in T_{reg} or T_{H2} polarizing conditions for 5 days. (D) Atg16l1^{ΔCD4} or Atg16l1^{fl/fl} T_{reg} cells were cultured with anti-CD3 (3 µg/ml) and anti-CD28 (1 µg/ml) for 48 hr, then maintained in the presence of IL-4 and IL-13 for a further 5 days before FACS analysis of Foxp3 and CD25 expression of live CD4⁺ T cells. (E,F) Naïve Atg16l1^{ΔCD4} or Atg16l1^{fl/fl} CD4⁺ T cells were cultured with (E) 1 µg/ml or (F) 5 µg/ml anti-CD3 glus anti-CD28 (1 µg/ml) for 48 hr in T_{reg} or T_{H2} polarizing conditions, then maintained in polarizing conditions for a further 5 days before FACS analysis of cell survival. Histograms show gates and frequencies of live CD4⁺ T cells. (G) Representative FACS plots of viability dye and Annexin V staining of T_{reg} cells and T_{H2} cells from the cLP of young Atg16l1^{ΔCD4} and Atg16l1^{fl/fl} littermates, gated on CD4⁺ T CRβ⁺ Foxp3⁺ (left panel), or CD4⁺ T CRβ⁺ Gata3⁺ (right panel). Data are representative from two (D,G) or three independent experiments (A,B,E,F), or are combined from three independent experiments (C). Each dot represents an individual cell culture (C) or data are shown as mean \pm s.e.m (A,B,D-F). Numbers indicate percentage of cells in quadrants (G). cLP – colonic lamina propria. Young mice: 8–12 weeks old. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.12444.011



Figure 5. Autophagy contributes to the elevated T_H2 responses in $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ mice in a cell-intrinsic manner. Young $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ mice (CD45.2⁺) were adoptively transferred with 4-5x10⁶ naïve WT CD4⁺ T cells (CD45.1⁺) and analyzed 3 months later. (A) Frequencies of WT (CD45.1⁺) and Atg16l1-deficient (CD45.2⁺) CD4⁺ T cells in the spleen, mLN and cLP. (B) Frequencies of WT (CD45.1⁺) and Atg16l1-deficient (CD45.2⁺) Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells in the spleen, mLN and cLP (gated on CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ T cells). (C) Representative FACS plots showing gating of WT (CD45.1⁺) and Atg16l1-deficient (CD45.2⁺) T_H2 (IL-13⁺), T_H1 (IFN- γ^+) and T_H17 (IL-17A⁺) cells among CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ Foxp3⁻ T cells in the cLP. (E) Frequencies of WT (CD45.1⁺) and Atg16l1-deficient (CD45.2⁺) Gata3⁺ CD4⁺ T cells in the spleen, mLN and cLP (gated on CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ Foxp3⁻ T cells). (F) SI lengths and (G) representative photomicrographs of jejunum of control untreated $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ littermates and reconstituted $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ mice, scale bar 150 μ m. (H) Serum IgE concentrations in control untreated $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ littermates and adoptively transferred Figure 5 continued on next page

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 $Atg16l1^{\Delta CD4}$ mice were measured by ELISA. Data are representative of two independent experiments with at least four mice per group (A-E,G) or combined from two independent experiments (F,H). Each dot represents cells coming from the donor or the hosts within the individual transferred mouse (A,B,D,E) or each dot represents an individual mouse (F,H), horizontal bars denote mean. Numbers indicate percentage of cells in gates. Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney test, *p<0.05; **p<0.01. mLN - mesenteric lymph nodes, cLP – colonic lamina propria. Young mice: 10–12 weeks old. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.12444.012

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Figure 6. Aged $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ mice develop spontaneous multi-organ inflammation. (A) LC3⁺ autophagosome formation by Foxp3⁻ CD4⁺ T cells and Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells from cLP and mLN of WT mice in unstimulated cells or after overnight activation with α -CD3 (5 µg/ml) and α -CD28 (1 µg/ml). (B) Representative LC3 staining of unstimulated cells (gated on Foxp3⁺ CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ T_{reg} cells or Foxp3⁻ CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ T cells). (C) Weight curves and (D) spleen weights and representative images of spleen and mLN of aged $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. (E) Representative photomicrographs of H&E stained sections of liver, spleen, stomach, SI (jejunum), proximal colon and mid-colon of aged $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates, scale bar 150 µm. (F) Quantification of SI length. Data are combined from two to four independent experiments with two to five mice per group (A,D,F) or are representative of two to three independent experiments with two to five mice per group (A,D,F). Data shown as mean ± s.e.m (C). Statistical significance was determined using two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with Bonferroni's correction for multiple comparisons (C) or using the Mann–Whitney test (A,D,F), *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001. mLN - mesenteric lymph nodes, SI – small intestine lamina propria, cLP – colonic lamina propria. Aged mice >5 months old.



Figure 6—figure supplement 1. Impaired reconstitution of mixed bone marrow chimeras by Atg16l1-deficient T cells. (A) Experimental design for the generation of mixed bone marrow (BM) chimeras. BM cells isolated from WT (CD45.1⁺) and Atg16l1^{fl/fl} or Atg16l1^{ΔCD4} (CD45.2⁺) mice were injected at a 1:1 ratio into lethally irradiated (1100 Rad) $Rag1^{-/-}$ recipients (total of 1x10⁷ cells per mouse). (B) Representative FACS plots showing frequencies of Atg16l1^{ΔCD4} or Atg16l1^{fl/fl} (CD45.2⁺) and WT (CD45.2⁻) CD4⁺ T cells in the thymus, spleen and cLP of mixed BM chimeras (gated on CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ T cells). (C) Frequencies of Atg16l1^{ΔCD4} or Atg16l1^{fl/fl} (CD45.2⁺) CD4⁺ T cells in mixed BM chimeras (shown as percentage of total CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ T cells). (D) Representative FACS plots and (E) frequencies of Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells derived from Atg16l1^{ΔCD4} or Atg16l1^{fl/fl} (CD45.2⁺) cells in mixed BM chimeras (gated on CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ T cells). Highlighted top right quadrants indicate T_{reg} cells derived from Atg16l1^{fl/fl} orAtg16l1^{ΔCD4} BM. Data are representative from two independent experiments with at least seven mice per group. Each dot represents an individual mouse and horizontal bars denote means. Numbers indicate percentage of cells in gates. Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney test, **p<0.01; ***p<0.001. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.12444.015



Figure 6—figure supplement 2. Analysis of Atg16l1 expression in $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ mice. (A) qPCR analysis of Atg16l1 exon 3 levels in sorted CD4⁺ Foxp3⁻ T cells and Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells from spleen and cLP of $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Foxp3^{Cre}$ mice. Data are representative from two independent experiments with 5 mice per group. Atg16l1 exon 3 levels are shown as mean \pm s.e.m of three technical replicates, normalised to expression of *hprt*. cLP – colonic lamina propria.

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Figure 7. $Atg16/1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ mice cannot control pro-inflammatory T_H effector responses. (A) Representative immunofluorescence images of small intestine and proximal and mid colon of aged $Atg16/1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Atg16/1^{1/H}$ littermates stained for CD3 (red), β -catenin (green) and DAPI (blue). (B) Frequencies and (C) total numbers of cLP CD4⁺ TCR β^+ T cells in aged $Atg16/1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Atg16/1^{1/H}$ littermates. (D) Frequencies of effector (CD44⁺CD62L⁻) CD4⁺ T cells in the mLN and cLP of aged $Atg16/1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Atg16/1^{1/H}$ littermates (gated on CD4⁺ TCR β^+ Foxp3⁻ T cells). (E) Frequencies and (F) total numbers of T_H1 (IFN- γ^+), T_H17 (IL-17A⁺), T_H2 (IL-13⁺) T cells in the cLP of aged $Atg16/1^{1/H}$ littermates (gated on CD4⁺ TCR β^+ Foxp3⁻ T cells). (G) Frequencies of Gata3⁺ CD4⁺ T cells in aged $Atg16/1^{1/H}$ and $Atg16/1^{1/H}$ littermates (gated on CD4⁺ TCR β^+ Foxp3⁻ T cells). (H) Serum IgE concentrations in $Atg16/1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Atg16/1^{1/H}$ littermates were measured by ELISA. Data are combined from two to four independent experiments with two to five mice per group (B-H) or are representative of two independent experiments with two to five mice per group (A). Each dot represents an individual mouse and horizontal bars denote means. Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney test *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ****p<0.001. mLN - mesenteric lymph nodes, cLP – colonic lamina propria. Young mice: 8–12 weeks old, aged mice >5 months old. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.12444.017



Figure 7—figure supplement 1. Additional characterization of $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ mice. (A) Representative FACS plots of CD44 and CD62L expression by CD4⁺ T cells from cLP of aged $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates (gated on CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ Foxp3⁻ T cells). (B) Frequencies of T_H1 (IFN- γ^+), T_H17 (IL-17A⁺), T_H2 (IL-13⁺) T cells in the cLP of young $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates (gated on CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ Foxp3⁻ T cells). (C) Serum antibody IgA, IgG₁, IgG_{2c} isotype levels in aged $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. Data are combined from three independent experiments with two to five mice per group (B) or are representative from two to three independent experiments with two to five mice per group (A,C). Each dot represents an individual mouse and horizontal bars denote means. Numbers indicate percentage of cells in gates. Data shown as mean ± s.e.m (C). Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney test, *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001. mLN - mesenteric lymph nodes, cLP – colonic lamina propria. Young mice: 8–12 weeks old, aged mice >5 months old. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.12444.018



Figure 8. Cell-intrinsic autophagy is required for metabolic adaptation and survival of intestinal Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells. (A) Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cell frequencies among CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ T cells in $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates and (**B**) representative FACS plots of Foxp3 expression in cLP CD4⁺ T cells from young $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates (gated on CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ T cells). (**C**) qPCR analysis of glycolytic gene levels in sorted Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells from spleen and cLP of young $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Foxp3^{Cre}$ mice (sorted for CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ YFP⁺). (**D**) qPCR analysis of FAS and FAO gene levels in Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells from the spleen and cLP of young $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Foxp3^{Cre}$ mice (sorted for CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ YFP⁺). (**D**) qPCR analysis of FAS and FAO gene levels in Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells from the spleen and cLP of young $Atg16l1^{\Delta Foxp3}$ and $Foxp3^{Cre}$ mice (sorted for CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ YFP⁺). FAS: fatty acid synthesis, FAO: fatty acid oxidation, Glut1: glucose transporter 1, Slc16ac: solute carrier family 16 member 3 (lactic acid and pyruvate transporter), Tpi1: triosephosphate isomerase 1, Pgk1: Phosphoglycerate kinase 1, Acc1: acetyl-COA carboxylase 1, Acc2: acetyl-COA carboxylase 2, Srebf1: sterol regulatory element binding transcription factor 1, Srebf2: sterol regulatory element binding transcription factor 2, *Figure 8 continued on next page*

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Fdft1: farnesyl-diphosphate farnesyltransferase 1, Fabp: Fatty acid-binding protein. Data are representative from two (C,D) or three independent experiments (A,B). Each dot represents individual mouse (A) or data are shown as mean \pm s.e.m (C,D). Gene expression levels are shown as mean \pm s.e.m of three technical replicates (C,D). Numbers indicate percentage of cells in gates (B). cLP – colonic lamina propria. Young mice: 8–12 weeks old. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.12444.019







Figure 8—figure supplement 2. Increased lipid uptake by intestinal T_{reg} cells. (A,B) $Atg1611^{fl/fl}$ and $Atg1611^{\Delta CD4}$ littermates were injected i.p. with 50 µg of fluorescent 16-carbon fatty acid analog BODIPY C-16 and culled 1 hr later and tissue was collected for analysis by flow cytometry. (A) Representative FACS plots and (B) quantification of C16-Bodipy uptake by Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells in the spleen, mLN and cLP (gated on Foxp3⁺ CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ T cells). (C) Representative FACS plots and (D) quantification of CD36 expression by Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells in the spleen, mLN and cLP of $Atg1611^{fl/fl}$ and $Atg1611^{ACD4}$ littermates (gated on Foxp3⁺ CD4⁺ TCRβ⁺ T cells). Data are combined from (B,D) or are representative of (A,C) two independent experiments with 3–5 mice per group. Each dot represents an individual mouse and horizontal bars denote means. Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney test, *p<0.05. mLN - mesenteric lymph nodes, cLP – colonic lamina propria. Young mice: 8–12 weeks old. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.12444.021



Figure 8—figure supplement 3. T_H2 cells exhibit an enhanced glycolytic metabolic profile that is independent of autophagy. (A) Representative FACS plot and quantification of the cell size (FSC-H) of naïve (CD4⁺ CD62L⁺) CD4⁺ T cells from the spleen of $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ or $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates. (B) Basal level of oxygen consumption rate (OCR) and extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) in naïve (CD44⁻ CD62L⁺) unstimulated CD4⁺ T cells isolated from the spleen of $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ or $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ littermates measured using the Seahorse metabolic flux analyzer. (C,D) Expression of c-Myc (C) and cell size (D) was analyzed by FACS in $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ or $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ CD4⁺ T cells that were cultured in T_H2 or T_{reg}-polarizing conditions for 3 days and rested for one day in the presence of polarizing cytokines. (E) Basal level of OCR and ECAR were measured by Seahorse metabolic flux analyzer in $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ or $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ CD4⁺ T cells cultured in T_H2 or T_{reg}-polarizing conditions for 3 days and rested for 3 days and rested for 2 days in the presence of polarizing cytokines. (F) qPCR analysis of glycolytic gene levels in $Atg16l1^{ACD4}$ or $Atg16l1^{fl/fl}$ CD4⁺ T cells cultured in T_H2 or T_{reg} polarizing conditions for 3 days and rested for 1 day in the presence of polarizing cytokines. Data are combined from two independent experiments (A), or are representative of two independent *Figure 8—figure supplement 3 continued on next page*

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experiments (B-D), or are from one experiment (E,F). Each dot represents an individual mouse (A) or individual cell culture (D). ECAR and OCAR data represent mean \pm s.e.m values of T cell populations that were assayed in triplicates or quadruplicates (B,E). Gene expression data of triplicate cultures represent normalized expression values for each gene that were scaled to a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1 (F). Statistical significance was determined using the Mann–Whitney test (A) or unpaired Student's t –test (B,D,E), **p<0.01; **p<0.001. DOI: 10.7554/eLife.12444.022