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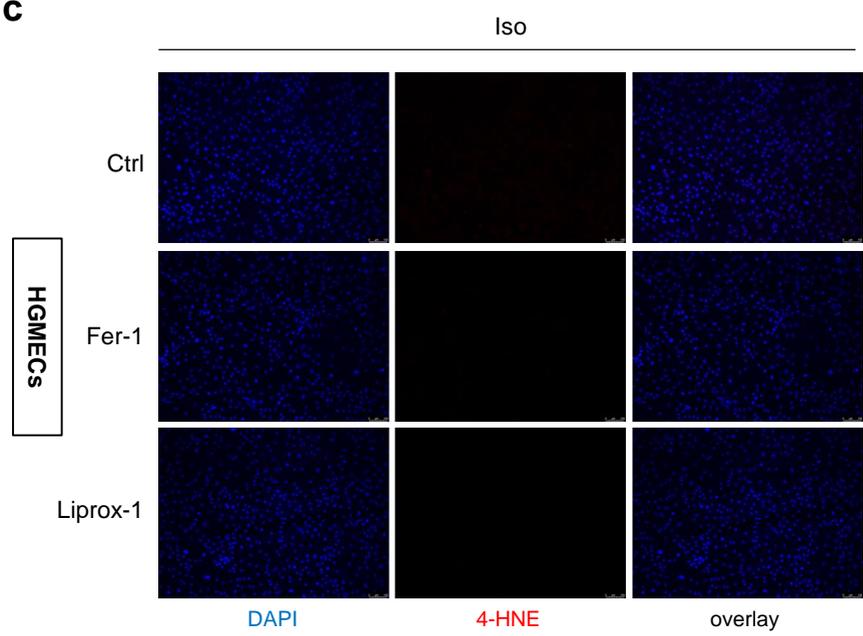
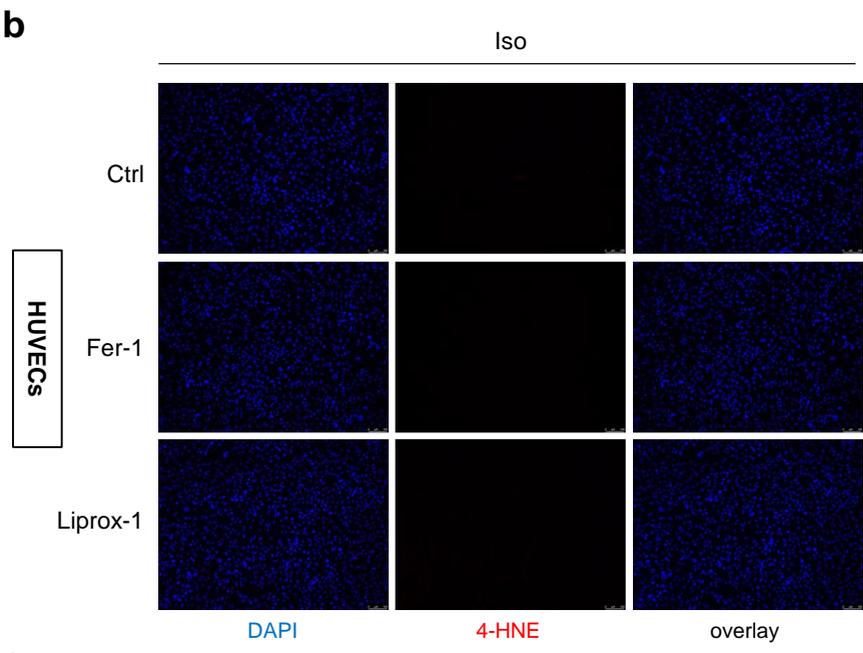
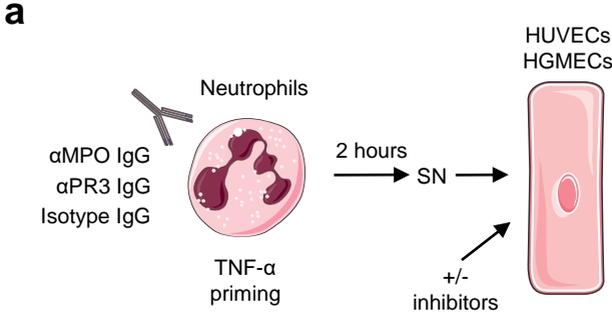
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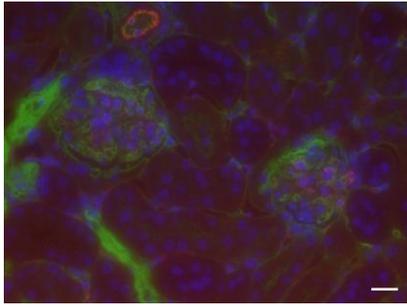
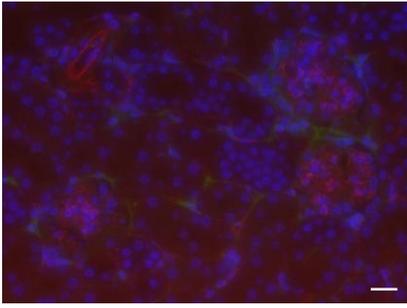


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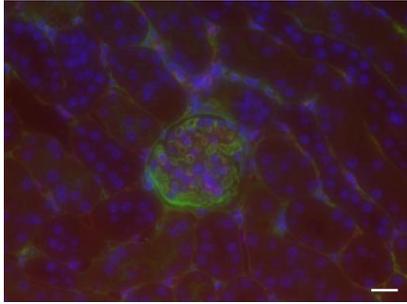
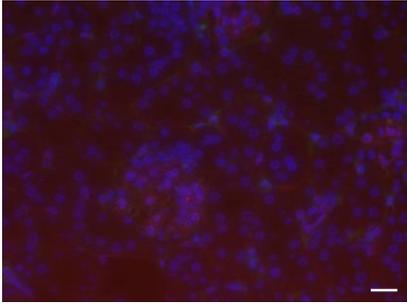
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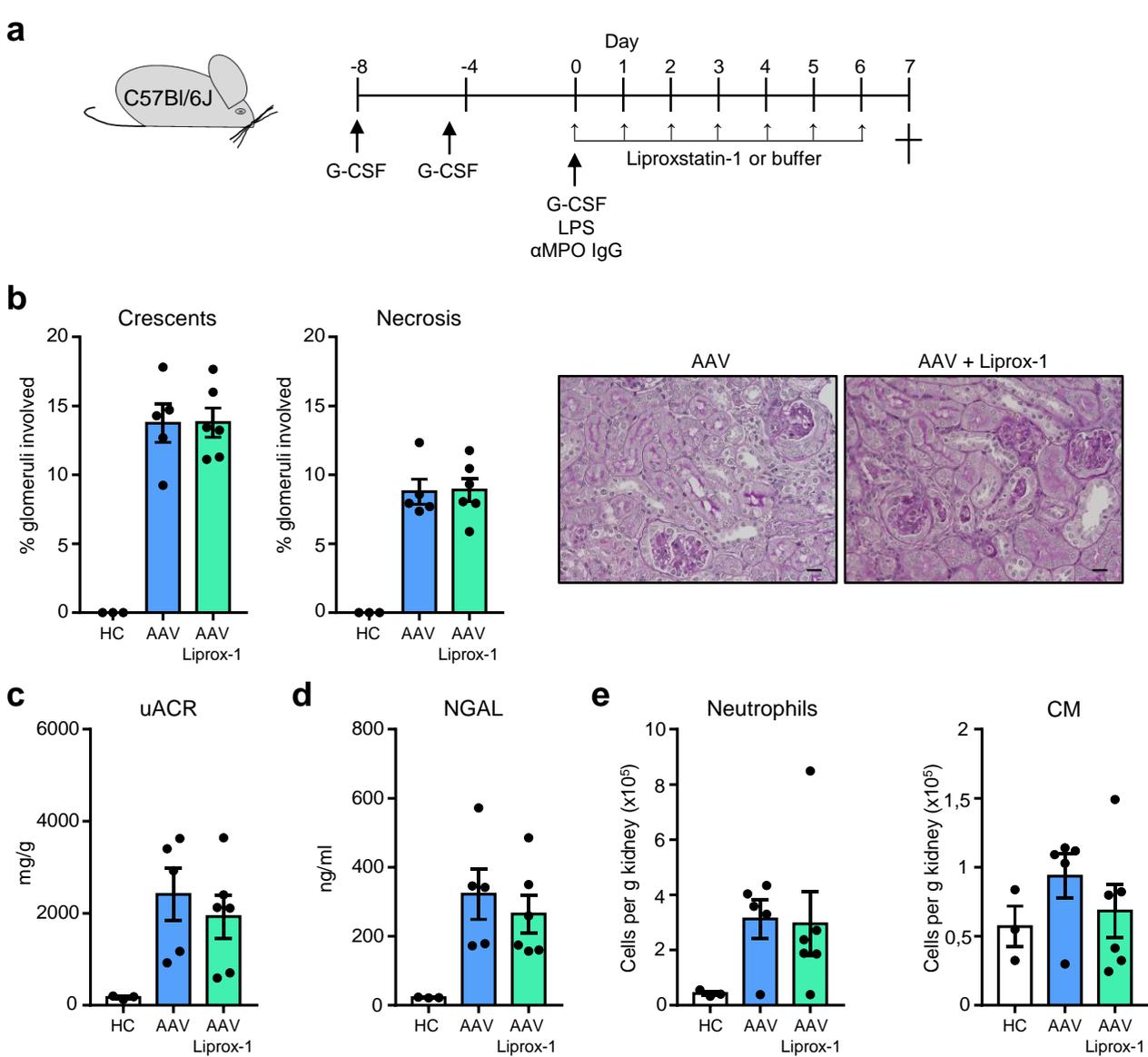


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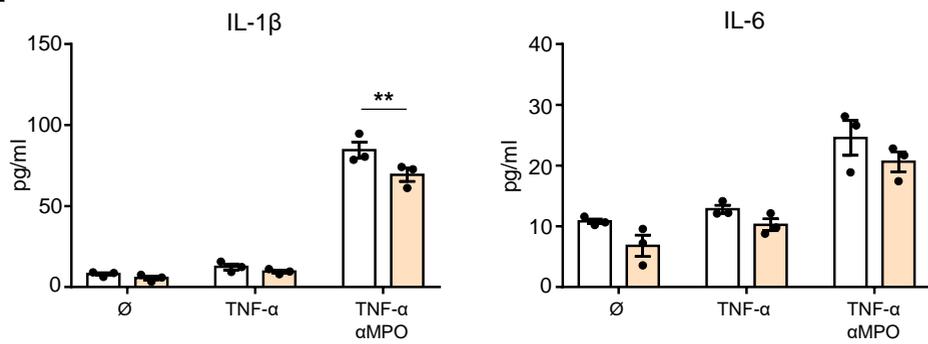
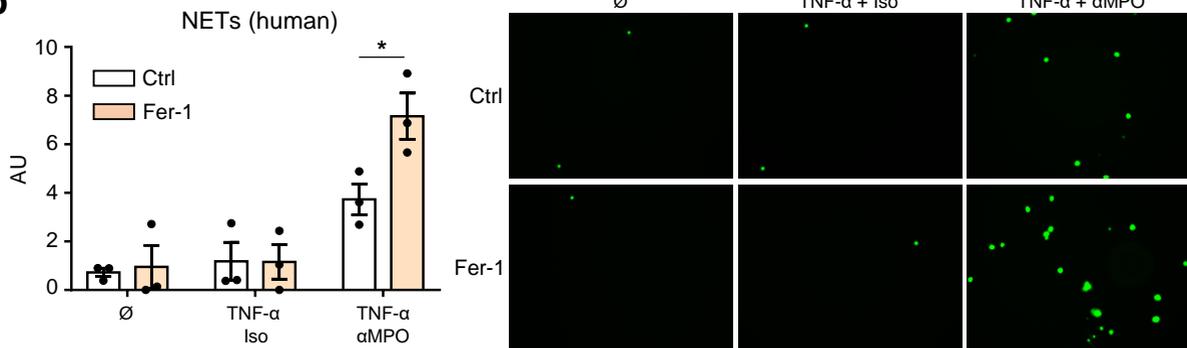
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Biolegend. Dead cells were excluded using the LIVE/DEAD Fixable Near-IR Dead Cell Stain Kit (ThermoFisher Scientific, Rockford, IL).

To identify T<sub>H</sub>17 T cell subset, isolated CD4<sup>+</sup> cells and renal cell suspensions were stimulated for 4 hours with phorbol 12-myristate 13-acetate (50 ng/ml) and ionomycin (1 µg/ml) in the presence of 5µg/ml Brefeldin A (Biolegend) in RPMI. Cells were washed and incubated 15 minutes on ice with anti-mouse CD16/32 antibody cells and further stained 20 minutes with the following antibodies: anti-CD45 (30F11), anti-CD3 (17A2), anti-CD4 (GK1.5), and anti-CD8 (53-6-7) from Biolegend. After washing, cells were fixed and permeabilized with the BD cytofix/cytoperm™ fixation/permeabilization solution kit. For intracellular staining, cells were incubated 30 minutes at 4°C with anti-IL-17A (TC11-18H10.1) and anti-IFN $\gamma$  (XMG12) from Biolegend. Cells were then washed, resuspended in PBS and analyzed by flow cytometry.

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Histologic stains for 4-hydroxynonenal/4-HNE (#46545, Abcam), malondialdehyde/MDA (ab243066, Abcam), transferrin receptor protein 1/CD71 (MABC1765, Merck) and CD31 (Dia-310, Dianova, Hamburg, Germany) were performed on 3-mm thick paraffin-embedded sections. Briefly, sections were dewaxed in xylene and rehydrated through a series of decreasing concentrations of ethanol. Antigen retrieval was performed by heating sections in 10 mM sodium citrate buffer (pH 6.0) in a steamer for 20 minutes. Afterward, sections were blocked with 10% normal donkey serum and incubated with primary antibodies against 4HNE, MDA, CD71, and CD31 at 4°C overnight. After washing, sections were incubated with Alexa Fluor™ 488 anti-mouse (Invitrogen, ThermoFisher Scientific), Alexa Fluor™ 555 anti-rat (Biolegend) or Alexa Fluor™ 488 anti-rabbit (Invitrogen) secondary antibodies for 1h at room temperature. Nuclei were counterstained with DAPI and sections mounted in Faramount aqueous mounting medium from Agilent Technologies. This protocol was adapted to stain for 4-HNE and DAPI in endothelial cells in culture. Kidney sections and endothelial cells were assessed by fluorescence microscopy using a Keyence BZ-9000 microscope (Osaka, Japan).

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Isolated human neutrophils were primed for 15 minutes with 2 ng/ml human TNF- $\alpha$  and further stimulated for 2 hours with either 10 $\mu$ g/ml IgG1 Isotype Control, anti-PR3 or anti-MPO antibodies. After centrifugation 2min at 6000 rpm, cell-free supernatants were immediately used or frozen at -80°C.

### **Isolation of murine neutrophils**

For the isolation of bone marrow neutrophils, mice were sacrificed, femurs and tibias were dissected, and the bone marrow was flushed with ice-cold sterile PBS without calcium and magnesium. Neutrophils were further isolated by Ficoll-Hypaque (GE Healthcare, Little Chalfont, United Kingdom) density gradient centrifugation. Red blood cells in the neutrophil fraction were lysed by incubation with hypotonic saline for 15 seconds. Neutrophils were resuspended in RPMI medium and used for further experiments.

### **Isolation of murine monocytes**

Monocytes were isolated from bone marrow of C57BL/6J mice using the Monocyte Isolation Kit (BM) from Miltenyi Biotec (Bergisch Gladbach, Germany), following the manufacturer's instructions. Monocytes were primed in RPMI medium for 15 minutes with 5 ng/ml of TNF $\alpha$  and subsequently stimulated with or without anti-MPO IgG for 4 hours at 37°C. Unstimulated cells were used as negative control. In some conditions, monocytes were pre-incubated 30 minutes with 10 ng/ml Ferrostatin-1. At the end of the experiment, supernatants were collected after centrifugation, stored at -20°C and used for co-culture with CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and for chemokine detections.

### **Endothelial cell culture**

HUVECs were cultured in VascuLife® Basal Medium and supplements from the VascuLife VEGF LifeFactors Kit (Lifeline Cell Technology, Cell Systems). HGMECs were cultured in complete classic medium kit with culture boost from Cell Systems. All experiments were performed until passage 6. Cell cultures were maintained at 37°C in a humidified environment of 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Cells were detached with 0.05% Trypsin-EDTA 1 × (Sigma Aldrich) at 37°C for approximately 2 min and split to new plates according to the experimental procedures.

### **Detection of endothelial cell necrosis**

HUVECs and HGMECs were plated in 24-well plates until the formation of a confluent monolayer. Once confluent, cells were incubated for 16 h at 37°C with neutrophil supernatants. In some conditions, endothelial cells were pre-incubated with either 10 μM Ferrostatin-1 (Fer-1), 2 μM Liproxstatin-1 (Liprox-1), 25 μM Necrostatin-1s (Nec-1s), 5 μM Necrosulfonamide (NSA) or 10 μM Z-VAD-fkm for 1 hour. At the end of the experiments, both supernatants and endothelial cells (detached with Trypsin-EDTA as described above) were collected and centrifuged 5 min at 1200 rpm. Cell pellets were incubated with APC-labeled Annexin V (BD Bioscience) and propidium iodide (Sigma Aldrich) in 1x Annexin V binding buffer (BD Bioscience), and incubated at room temperature for 15 min, in the dark. After incubation, cells were washed with annexin V binding buffer and analyzed by flow cytometry.

### **Detection of lipid peroxidation in endothelial cells**

Confluent HUVECs and HGMECs were incubated for 12 h at 37°C with neutrophil supernatants. In some conditions, endothelial cells were pre-incubated with either 10 μM Ferrostatin-1 (Fer-1), 2 μM Liproxstatin-1 (Liprox-1), 25 μM Necrostatin-1s (Nec-1s), 5 μM Necrosulfonamide (NSA) or 10 μM Z-VAD-fkm for 1 hour. HUVECs and HGMECs were incubated with 2 μM C11-Bodipy 581/591 (D3861, Invitrogen), for the last 20 min at 37°C in the dark. At the end of the experiments, both supernatants and HUVECs (detached with Trypsin-EDTA as described above) were collected and centrifuged 5 min at 1200 rpm. Cell pellets were then washed, resuspended in PBS and analyzed by flow cytometry. Detection of lipid peroxidation in isolated murine CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells was performed following the same procedure.

### **LDH detection**

LDH in culture medium from HUVECs and HGMECs was detected using the CytoTox96® Non-Radioactive Cytotoxicity Assay from Promega (Walldorf, Germany) following the supplier's protocol.

### **Detection of endothelial cell permeability**

Endothelial cell permeability was assessed as previously described.<sup>6</sup> In brief, HUVECs were seeded at a density of  $1 \times 10^4$  cells per well in culture medium onto fibronectin-coated transwell chamber (0.4  $\mu$ M pore size, 6.5 mm diameter from Corning, Amsterdam, Netherlands) placed in 24-well plate. Confluent HUVECs were pretreated with 10  $\mu$ M Fer-1, 10  $\mu$ M Z-VAD-fmk or 25  $\mu$ M Nec1s. After 24 h incubation, transwells were washed with prewarmed medium before BSA-FITC (Sigma Aldrich) was added for 1h at 37°C. Cells were then washed and incubated with neutrophil supernatants for 4 hours at 37°C. After washing, albumin flux to the lower chamber was measured using a SpectraMax5 plate reader (Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA, USA). The basal albumin flux obtained from an EC monolayer incubated with BSA-FITC and buffer alone was subtracted.

### **Transfection of endothelial cells**

HUVECs were transfected with 20 nM small interfering ribonucleic acid (siRNA) using Lipofectamine RNAi MAX transfection reagent (Invitrogen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Scramble siRNA and siRNA against ACSL4 and MLKL were purchased from OriGene Technologies GmbH (Herford, Germany). After 48 hours transfection, HUVECs were washed and used for either western blot to confirm ACSL4 knockdown or incubated with neutrophil supernatants.

### **CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell proliferation and polarization**

CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were isolated from spleens of WT mice after erythrocyte lysis with RBC lysing buffer Hybri-Max (Sigma-Aldrich) using the CD4<sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit (Miltenyi Biotec, Bergisch Gladbach, Germany), following the manufacturer's instructions. For proliferation assays, cells were stained with carboxy-fluorescein succinimidyl ester (Thermo Fisher Scientific), washed and seeded onto 96-well plate ( $2.5 \times 10^5$  cells/well) in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% FBS, 50  $\mu$ M 2-mercaptoethanol. Cells were cultivated with Dynabeads Mouse T-Activator CD3/CD28 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) at a bead/cell ratio of 1:2 together with supernatant from stimulated monocytes (to a final monocyte:T cell ratio of 5:1) or Fer-1 at day 0. After 3 days in culture, cells were labeled with anti-CD3

and anti-CD4 antibodies and cell proliferation was analyzed by flow cytometry. Dead cells were excluded using the LIVE/DEAD Fixable Near-IR Dead Cell Stain Kit (ThermoFisher Scientific).

For polarization assays, isolated CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were seeded in 96-well plate as described above with Dynabeads at a bead/cell ratio of 1:1. Cells were cultured in medium described above and supplemented with cytokines (IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-6, IL-23, TGF- $\beta$ ) and antibodies (anti-IFN $\gamma$ , anti-IL-2 and anti-IL-4) from the CytoBox T<sub>H</sub>17 Kit (Miltenyi Biotec) following the manufacturer's instructions. Supernatants from stimulated monocytes (to a final monocyte:T cell ratio of 5:1) or Fer-1 were added at day 0 and 3. After 7 days in culture, cells were labeled with anti-CD45, anti-CD3, anti-CD4, anti-IL-17A, and anti-IFN $\gamma$  antibodies and T<sub>H</sub> cell subsets were characterized by flow cytometry. Dead cells were excluded as described above.

### **Neutrophil extracellular trap (NET) formation**

Isolated human neutrophils were stained with SYTOX green (Invitrogen), primed for 15 minutes with 2 ng/ml human TNF- $\alpha$ , and stimulated with either 10  $\mu$ g/ml isotype or monoclonal anti-MPO antibodies. Isolated mouse neutrophils were stained with SYTOX green (Invitrogen), primed for 15 minutes with 5 ng/ml murine TNF- $\alpha$ , and stimulated with 150  $\mu$ g/ml polyclonal anti-MPO antibodies. For ferroptosis inhibition, cells were pre-treated 30 minutes with 10  $\mu$ M Fer-1. Human and mouse NETs were observed by microscopy after 1.5- and 3-hour incubation, respectively. For NET quantification, SYTOX positive area were measured using ImageJ processing software (NIH) and expressed as arbitrary unit.

### **Detection of Chemokines**

Chemokines were measured in monocyte supernatants using the mouse IL-1 $\beta$ /IL-1F2 and IL-6 DuoSet ELISA from R&D Systems following the manufacturer's instructions.

### **SDS-PAGE and Western Blot**

Whole cell and organ lysates were prepared in RIPA buffer (50mM Tris-HCl, pH7.5, 150mM NaCl, 1% NP40, 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate [SDS], 0.5% sodium deoxycholate) supplemented with complete protease and phosphatase inhibitor cocktails (Roche and Sigma, respectively). Protein lysates were loaded on SDS polyacrylamide gel and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes by electrophoresis. The

membranes were blocked in 5% non-fat dry milk for 1h and incubated overnight with the following antibodies: rabbit anti-Glutathione Peroxidase 4 (GPX4) antibody, rabbit anti-FACL4/ACSL4 (Abcam), rabbit anti-MLKL (Merck Millipore), rabbit anti- $\beta$ -actin (Cell Signaling Technology, Frankfurt am Main, Germany). Horseradish peroxidase-labeled donkey anti-rabbit IgG (GE Healthcare) was used as secondary antibody. Thermo Scientific SuperSignal West Dura Chemiluminescent Substrate (Thermo Fisher Scientific) was used for detection.

### **RNA isolation and real-time PCR**

Whole-kidney RNA was extracted with the RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) following the manufacturer's instructions and reverse transcription was performed with the SuperScript III One-Step RT-PCR System (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Renal Gpx4 and Acsl4 gene expression was determined by quantitative RT-PCR using the QuantStudio 3 instrument (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and primers synthesized by BioTeZ Berlin-Buch GmbH (Berlin, Germany).

### **Statistical analysis**

Results were expressed as means  $\pm$  SEM. All statistical analyses were performed with the GraphPad Prism 5 software (GraphPad Software, Inc., La Jolla, CA). A t-test was used for comparison between two groups, and one-way or two-way analysis of variance with *post hoc* analysis was used for multiple comparisons.  $P < 0.05$  was considered statistically significant.

### **Supplementary figures**

**Supplementary Figure S1. Experimental protocol and 4-HNE staining in human endothelial cells *in vitro*.** (a) Experimental protocol describing the generation of cell-free neutrophil supernatants (cf-SN) and their incubation together with HUVECs and HGMECs in culture pre-treated with different cell death inhibitors. (b) Following incubation with supernatants from isotype (Iso)-stimulated neutrophils, HUVECs and (c) HGMECs were washed, stained for lipid peroxidation (4-HNE) and nuclei (DAPI) and observed by microscopy. Ferrostatin (Fer-1) and Liproxstatin-1 (Liprox-1) pre-treatment were used

for ferroptosis inhibition. Representative images of 3 independent experiments are presented. Scale bar represent 100 $\mu$ m.

**Supplementary Figure S2. Increased ferroptosis markers in kidneys from mice with AAV.**

Representative immunofluorescence images (40x magnification) for CD71 (green, upper panel) and MDA (green, lower panel) show increased ferroptosis in kidney from mice with  $\alpha$ MPO-induced NCGN (AAV) compared to control mice (Ctrl). CD31 (red) was used to stain endothelial cells and DAPI (blue) to stain nuclei. Scale bar represent 20 $\mu$ m.

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**Supplementary Figure S4. Ferroptosis markers and infiltrating T cells in kidneys from mice with AAV.**

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HUVECs [and HGMECs](#) were plated in 24-well plates (~~4 × 10<sup>5</sup> cells/well~~) until the formation of a confluent monolayer. Once confluent, ~~HUVECs- cells~~ were incubated for 16 h at 37°C with neutrophil supernatants. In some conditions, [endothelial cells HUVECs](#) were pre-incubated with either 10 μM Ferrostatin-1 (Fer-1), [2 μM Liproxstatin-1 \(Liprox-1\)](#), 25 μM Necrostatin-1s (Nec-1s), [5 μM Necrosulfonamide \(NSA\)](#) or 10 μM Z-VAD-fmk for 1 hour. At the end of the experiments, both supernatants and ~~HUVECs endothelial cells~~ (detached with Trypsin-EDTA as described above) were collected and centrifuged 5 min at 1200 rpm. Cell pellets were incubated with APC-labeled Annexin V (BD Bioscience) and propidium iodide (Sigma Aldrich) in 1x Annexin V binding buffer (BD Bioscience), and incubated at room temperature for 15 min, in the dark. After incubation, cells were washed with annexin V binding buffer and analyzed by flow cytometry.

### Detection of lipid peroxidation in endothelial cells

Confluent HUVECs [and HGMECs](#) were incubated for [4, 12](#) h at 37°C with neutrophil supernatants. In some conditions, ~~HUVECs endothelial cells~~ were pre-incubated with either 10 μM Ferrostatin-1 (Fer-1), [2 μM Liproxstatin-1 \(Liprox-1\)](#), 25 μM Necrostatin-1s (Nec-1s), [5 μM Necrosulfonamide \(NSA\)](#) or 10 μM Z-VAD-fmk for 1 hour. HUVECs [and HGMECs](#) were incubated with 2 μM C11-Bodipy 581/591

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(D3861, Invitrogen), for the last 20 min at 37°C in the dark. At the end of the experiments, both supernatants and HUVECs (detached with Trypsin-EDTA as described above) were collected and centrifuged 5 min at 1200 rpm. Cell pellets were then washed, resuspended in PBS and analyzed by flow cytometry. Detection of lipid peroxidation in isolated murine CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells was performed following the same procedure.

### **LDH detection**

LDH in culture medium from HUVECs and HGMECs was detected using the CytoTox96® Non-Radioactive Cytotoxicity Assay from Promega (Walldorf, Germany) following the supplier's protocol.

### **Detection of endothelial cell permeability**

Endothelial cell permeability was assessed as previously described.<sup>6</sup> In brief, HUVECs were seeded at a density of 1x10<sup>4</sup> cells per well in Endothelial Cell Growth Basal Medium-2 (Lonza, Bioscience) culture medium onto fibronectin-coated transwell chamber (0.4 µm pore size, 6.5 mm diameter from Corning, Amsterdam, Netherlands) placed in 24-well plate. Confluent HUVECs were pretreated with 10 µM Fer-1, 10 µM Z-VAD-fmk or 25 µM Nec1s. After 24 h incubation, transwells were washed with prewarmed medium before BSA-FITC (Sigma Aldrich) was added for 1h at 37°C. Cells were then washed and incubated with neutrophil supernatants for 4 hours at 37°C. After washing, albumin flux to the lower chamber was measured using a SpectraMax5 plate reader (Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA, USA). The basal albumin flux obtained from an EC monolayer incubated with BSA-FITC and buffer alone was subtracted.

### **Transfection of endothelial cells**

HUVECs were transfected with 20 nM small interfering ribonucleic acid (siRNA) using Lipofectamine RNAi MAX transfection reagent (Invitrogen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Scramble siRNA and siRNA against ~~for~~ ACSL4 and MLKL were purchased from OriGene Technologies GmbH (Herford, Germany). After 48 hours transfection, HUVECs were washed and used for either western blot to confirm ACSL4 knockdown or incubated with neutrophil supernatants.

### **CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell proliferation and polarization**

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CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were isolated from spleens of WT mice after erythrocyte lysis with RBC lysing buffer Hybri-Max (Sigma-Aldrich) using the CD4<sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit (Miltenyi Biotec, Bergisch Gladbach, Germany), following the manufacturer's instructions. For proliferation assays, cells were stained with carboxy-fluorescein succinimidyl ester (Thermo Fisher Scientific), washed and seeded onto 96-well plate (2.5x10<sup>5</sup> cells/well) in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% FBS, 50 μM 2-mercaptoethanol. Cells were cultivated with Dynabeads Mouse T-Activator CD3/CD28 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) at a bead/cell ratio of 1:2 together with supernatant from stimulated monocytes (to a final monocyte:T cell ratio of 5:1) or Fer-1 at day 0. After 3 days in culture, cells were labeled with anti-CD3 and anti-CD4 antibodies and cell proliferation was analyzed by flow cytometry. Dead cells were excluded using the LIVE/DEAD Fixable Near-IR Dead Cell Stain Kit (ThermoFisher Scientific).

For polarization assays, isolated CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were seeded in 96-well plate as described above with Dynabeads at a bead/cell ratio of 1:1. Cells were cultured in medium described above and supplemented with cytokines (IL-1β, IL-6, IL-23, TGF-β) and antibodies (anti-IFNγ, anti-IL-2 and anti-IL-4) from the CytoBox T<sub>H</sub>17 Kit (Miltenyi Biotec) following the manufacturer's instructions. Supernatants from stimulated monocytes (to a final monocyte:T cell ratio of 5:1) or Fer-1 were added at day 0 and 3. After 7 days in culture, cells were labeled with anti-CD45, anti-CD3, anti-CD4, anti-IL-17A, and anti-IFNγ antibodies and T<sub>H</sub> cell subsets were characterized by flow cytometry. Dead cells were excluded as described above.

### Neutrophil extracellular trap (NET) formation

Isolated human neutrophils were stained with SYTOX green (Invitrogen), primed for 15 minutes with 2 ng/ml ~~murine~~ human TNF-α, and stimulated with either 10 μg/ml isotype or monoclonal anti-MPO antibodies. ~~Isolated mouse neutrophils were stained with SYTOX green (Invitrogen), primed for 15 minutes with 5 ng/ml murine TNF-α, and stimulated with 150 μg/ml polyclonal anti-MPO antibodies. For ferroptosis inhibition, cells were pre-treated 30 minutes with 10 μM Fer-1. After 1.5 hours, neutrophil extracellular traps (Human and mouse NETs) were observed by microscopy after 1.5- and 3-hour incubation, respectively.~~ For NET quantification, SYTOX positive area were measured using ImageJ processing software (NIH) and expressed as arbitrary unit.

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### **Detection of Chemokines**

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Chemokines were measured in monocyte supernatants using the mouse IL-1beta/IL-1F2 and IL-6 DuoSet ELISA from R&D Systems following the manufacturer's instructions.

### **SDS-PAGE and Western Blot**

Whole cell and organ lysates were prepared in RIPA buffer (50mM Tris-HCl, pH7.5, 150mM NaCl, 1% NP40, 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate [SDS], 0.5% sodium deoxycholate) supplemented with complete protease and phosphatase inhibitor cocktails (Roche and Sigma, respectively). Protein lysates were loaded on SDS polyacrylamide gel and transferred to nitrocellulose membranes by electrophoresis. The membranes were blocked in 5% non-fat dry milk for 1h and incubated overnight with the following antibodies: rabbit anti-Glutathione Peroxidase 4 (GPX4) antibody, rabbit anti-FACL4/ACSL4 (Abcam), rabbit anti-MLKL (Merck Millipore), rabbit anti- $\beta$ -actin (Cell Signaling Technology, Frankfurt am Main, Germany). Horseradish peroxidase-labeled donkey anti-rabbit IgG (GE Healthcare), Little Chalfont, United Kingdom) was used as secondary antibody. Thermo Scientific SuperSignal West Dura Chemiluminescent Substrate (Thermo Fisher Scientific) was used for detection.

### **RNA isolation and real-time PCR**

Whole-kidney RNA was extracted with the RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) following the manufacturer's instructions and reverse transcription was performed with the SuperScript III One-Step RT-PCR System (Thermo Fisher Scientific). Renal Gpx4 and Acsl4 gene expression was determined by quantitative RT-PCR using the QuantStudio 3 instrument (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and primers synthesized by BioTeZ Berlin-Buch GmbH (Berlin, Germany).

### **Statistical analysis**

Results were expressed as means  $\pm$  SEM. All statistical analyses were performed with the GraphPad Prism 5 software (GraphPad Software, Inc., La Jolla, CA). A t-test was used for comparison between two groups, and one-way or two-way analysis of variance with *post hoc* analysis was used for multiple comparisons.  $P < 0.05$  was considered statistically significant.

## Supplementary figures

### **Supplementary Figure S1. Experimental protocol and 4-HNE staining in human endothelial cells**

**in vitro.** (a) Experimental protocol describing the generation of cell-free neutrophil supernatants (cf-SN) and their incubation together with HUVECs and HGMECs in culture pre-treated with different cell death inhibitors. (b) Following incubation with supernatants from isotype (Iso)-stimulated neutrophils, HUVECs and (c) HGMECs were washed, stained for lipid peroxidation (4-HNE) and nuclei (DAPI) and observed by microscopy. Ferrostatin (Fer-1) and Liproxstatin-1 (Liprox-1) pre-treatment were used for ferroptosis inhibition. Representative images of 3 independent experiments are presented. Scale bar represent 100µm.

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### **Supplementary Figure S2. Increased ferroptosis markers in kidneys from mice with AAV.**

Representative immunofluorescence images (40x magnification) for CD71 (green, upper panel) and MDA (green, lower panel) show increased ferroptosis in kidney from mice with  $\alpha$ MPO-induced NCGN (AAV) compared to control mice (Ctrl). CD31 (red) was used to stain endothelial cells and DAPI (blue) to stain nuclei. Scale bar represent 20µm.

### **Supplementary Figure S3. Ferroptosis inhibition with Liproxstatin-1 does not protect mice from the development of ANCA-associated NCGN.**

(a) Experimental settings describing the induction of NCGN in WT mice induced by G-CSF (30µg/mouse), LPS (5µg/g body weight) and  $\alpha$ MPO IgG (50µg/g body weight) injection. Ferroptosis inhibition was mediated by daily injection of Liproxstatin-1 (Liprox-1, 10µg/g body weight) from day 0 until sacrifice at day 7. (b) Liprox-1 treatment led to similar renal damage compared to mice without treatment. Representative images of kidney sections stained with PAS at high (40x) magnification and quantitative analyses of glomeruli with crescents and necrosis are shown for each group. Scale bar represent 20µm. Data from 3 healthy mice are provided for comparison. (c) The urine albumin-creatinine ratio (uACR) and (d) NGAL urine levels determined by ELISA were

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similar in both groups. **(e)** Myeloid cell infiltration was analyzed by flow cytometry. Infiltration of CD11b<sup>+</sup>Ly6G<sup>+</sup> neutrophils and CD11b<sup>+</sup>Ly6G<sup>-</sup>Ly6C<sup>+</sup> classical monocytes (CM) was similar in both groups. Error bars indicate means ± SEM.

**Supplementary Figure S42. Ferroptosis markers and infiltrating T cells in kidneys from mice with AAV.** **(a)** Representative immunofluorescence images (20x magnification) for MDA (green, lower panel) show similar ferroptosis in kidney from mice with αMPO-induced NCGN (AAV) compared to control mice (Ctrl). CD31 (red) was used to stain endothelial cells and DAPI (blue) to stain nuclei. Scale bar represent 50µm. **(b)** Gating strategy for the characterization of renal T cell subsets per flow cytometry.

**Supplementary Figure S5. Murine monocyte supernatants and human NETs.** **(a)** Murine monocytes were isolated from the bone marrow, primed with TNF-α and stimulated with anti-MPO IgG. In some conditions, cells were pre-treated 30 min with Ferrostatin-1 (Fer-1). Unstimulated cells were used as negative controls. IL-1β and IL-6 levels in culture medium were determined by ELISA. **(b)** Isolated human neutrophils were primed with TNFα and subsequently stimulated with either isotype or anti-MPO IgG for 90 min. In some conditions, cells were pre-treated 30 min with Ferrostatin-1 (Fer-1). Viable cells were stained with SYTOX green to detect neutrophil extracellular traps (NETs) by microscopy (20X magnification). The corresponding statistical analysis of the amount of SYTOX green positive area (NET-producing neutrophils) expressed as arbitrary unit (AU) from three independent experiments with different neutrophil donors is shown. Error bars indicate means ± SEM. \*P<0.05; \*\*P<0.01.

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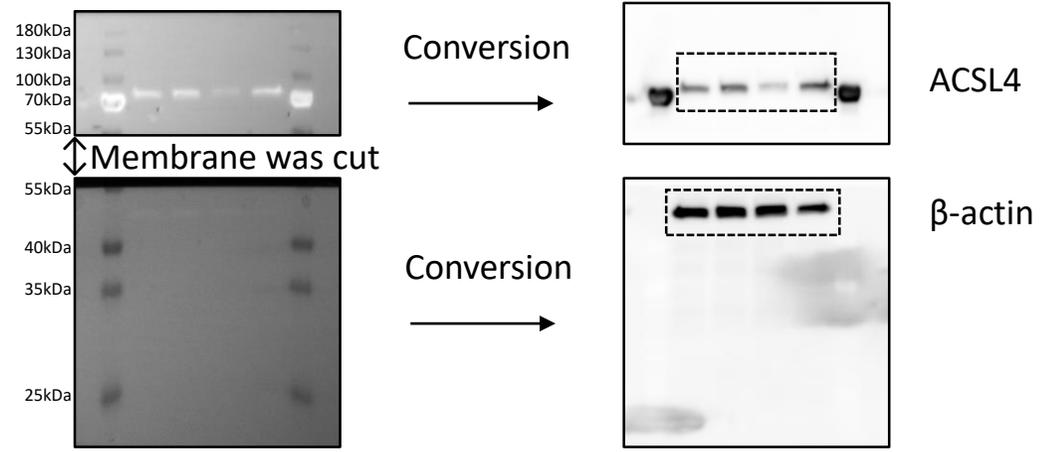
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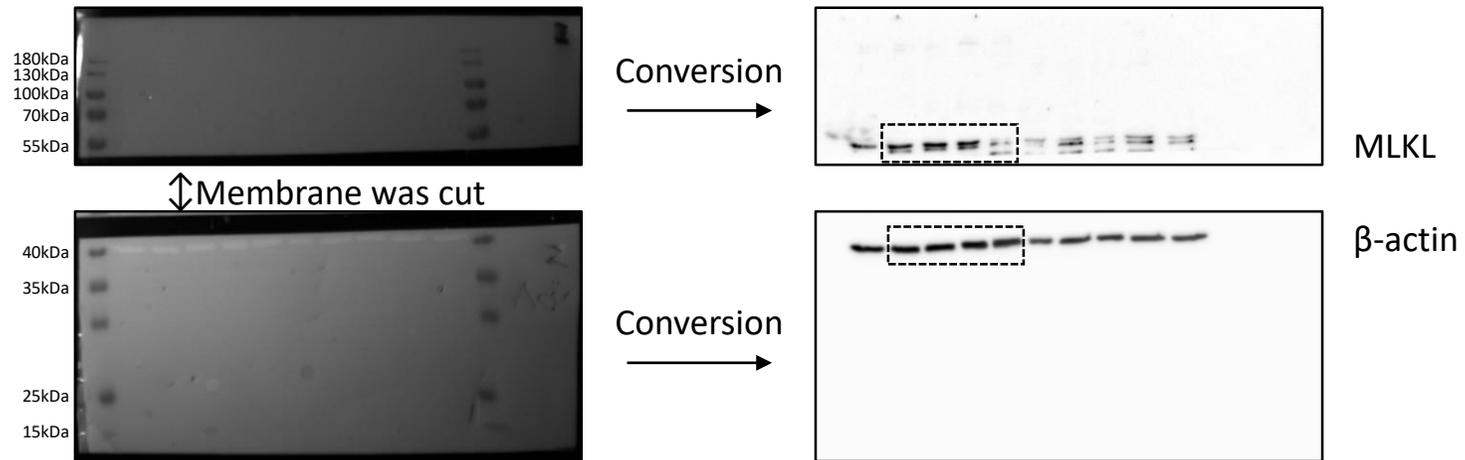
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**Figure 3a**



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**Figure 3b**

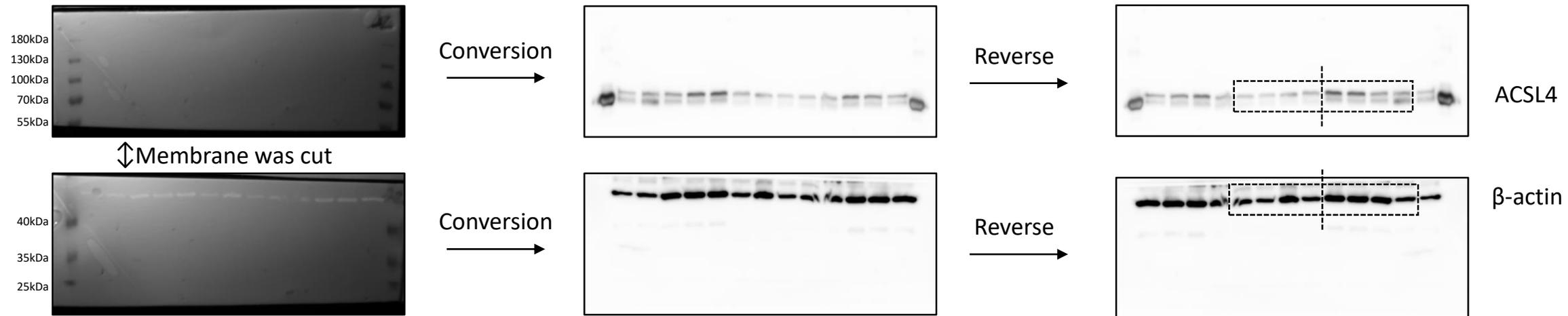


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