

Supplemental material

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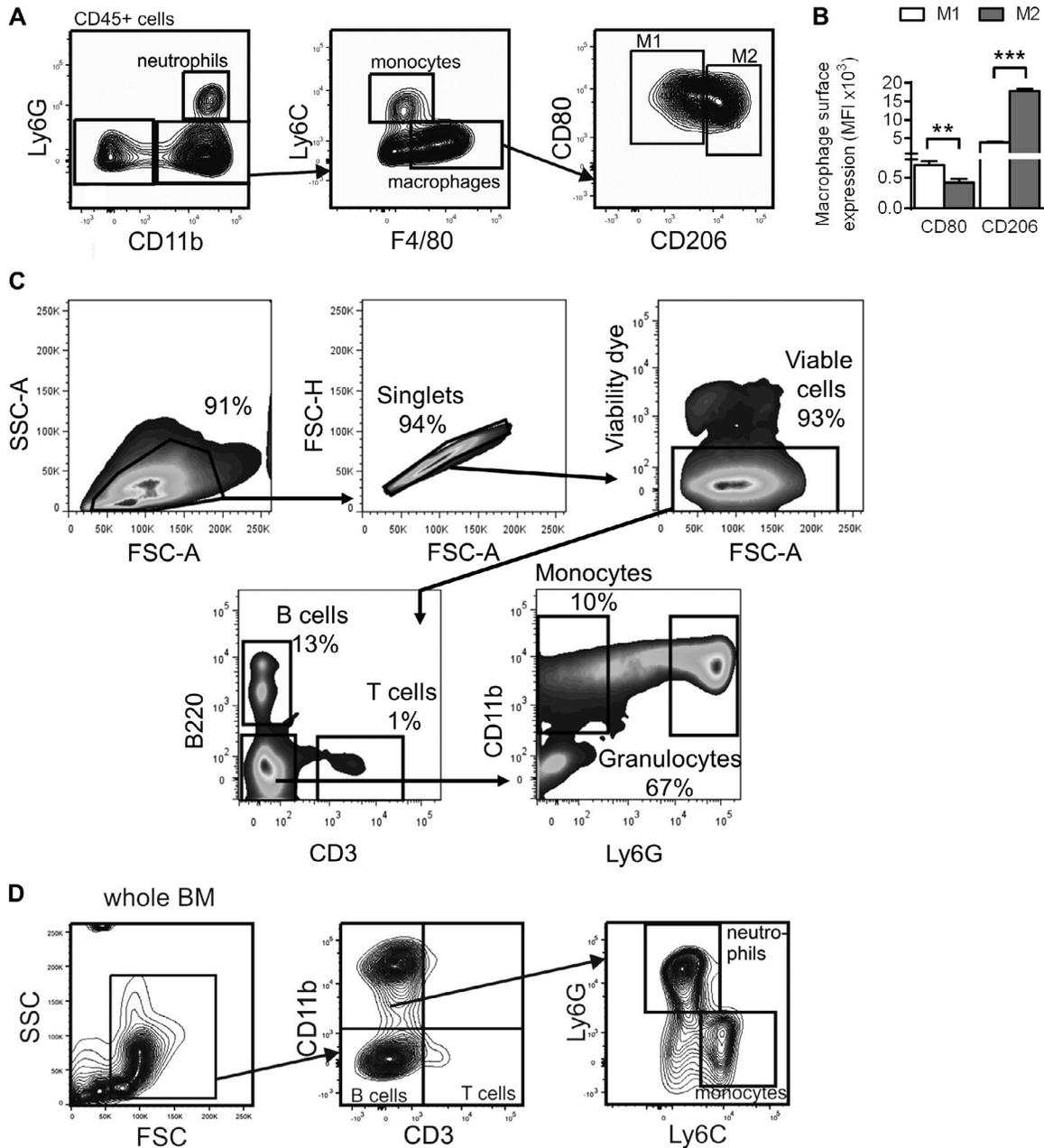


Figure S1. **Gating strategies for flow cytometry analyses.** (A) Infiltrated leukocytes were isolated from the ischemic thigh and calf muscles, 3 and 7 d after hindlimb ischemia induction. Live cells were gated on coexpression of CD45 and CD11b to identify myeloid cells; neutrophils (Ly6G⁺, Ly6C^{high}), monocytes (Ly6G⁻, Ly6C^{low}, F4/80⁺), macrophages (Ly6G⁻, Ly6C^{low}, F4/80⁺), M1-related macrophages (CD80^{high}, CD206^{low}), and M2-related macrophages (CD80^{low}, CD206^{high}). (B) Surface expression level of CD80 and CD206 in macrophages isolated from calf muscles after 3 d of hindlimb ischemia induction. *n* = 6 per group; error bars, SEM; **, *P* < 0.01; ***, *P* < 0.001 (Student's *t* test). (C) Gating strategy for flow cytometry-based isolation of BM-derived leukocytes. BM-derived cells were first gated on size and granularity followed by dye exclusion to identify live cells. Monocytes were defined as B220⁻, CD3⁻, CD11b⁺, and Ly6G⁻ and granulocytes as B220⁻, CD3⁻, CD11b⁺, and Ly6G⁺ cells. (D) Gating strategy for flow cytometry analysis of Transwell migration. BM-derived cells were first gated on size and granularity followed by expression of CD11b and CD3 to identify myeloid cells; neutrophils (CD3⁻ CD11b⁺ Ly6G^{high} Ly6C^{low}) and monocytes (CD3⁻ CD11b⁺ Ly6G^{low}, Ly6C^{high}).

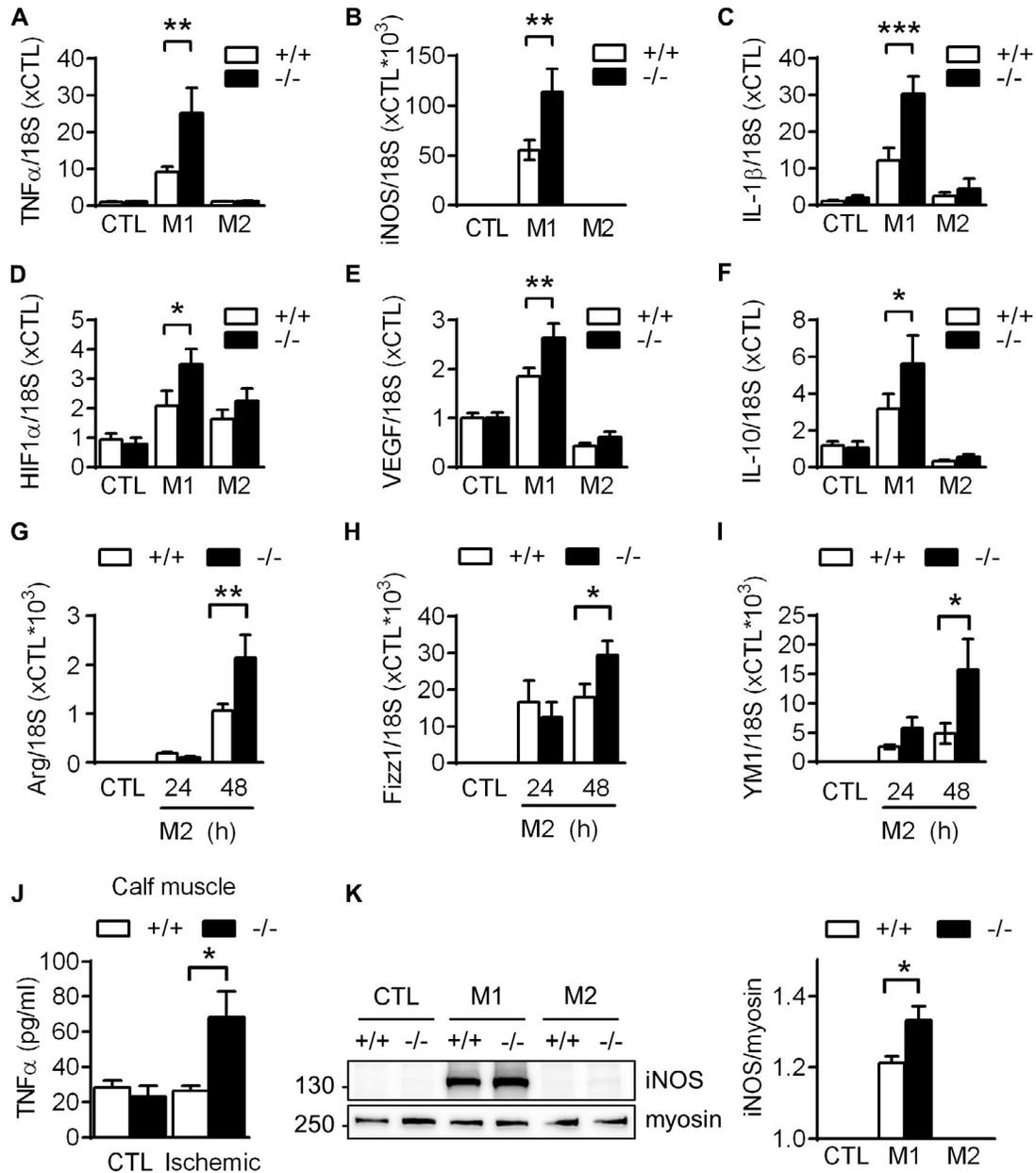


Figure S2. **VASP deletion increases M1 and M2 macrophage polarization in vitro.** (A-F) Expression of TNF α (A), iNOS (B), IL-1 β (C), HIF-1 α (D), VEGF (E), and IL-10 (F) in macrophages from WT (+/+) and VASP^{-/-} (-/-) mice after in vitro polarization to M1 with LPS (10 ng/ml) and IFN γ (1 ng/ml) for 24 h or to M2 with IL-4 (25 ng/ml) for 24 h; *n* = 12 cell batches per group. (G-I) Expression of Arg (G), Fizz1 (H), and YM1 (I) in macrophages from WT (+/+) and VASP^{-/-} mice after in vitro polarization to M2 with IL-4 (25 ng/ml) for 24 and 48 h; *n* = 6 cell batches per group. (J) VASP deletion increases TNF α protein levels in the ischemic calf muscle. 3 d after femoral artery excision, TNF α levels in the ischemic and CTL calf muscles were measured by cytometric bead array. *n* = 4 mice per group. (K) VASP deletion increases the iNOS protein levels in M1 macrophages in vitro. iNOS protein levels in BM-derived macrophages from WT and VASP^{-/-} mice were analyzed by Western blot. Macrophages were polarized to M1 (10 ng/ml LPS + 1 ng/ml IFN γ) or M2 (25 ng/ml IL-4) or left untreated (CTL) for 24 h. *n* = 5 animals per group. Error bars, SEM; two-way ANOVA/Bonferroni; *, *P* < 0.05; **, *P* < 0.01; ***, *P* < 0.001.

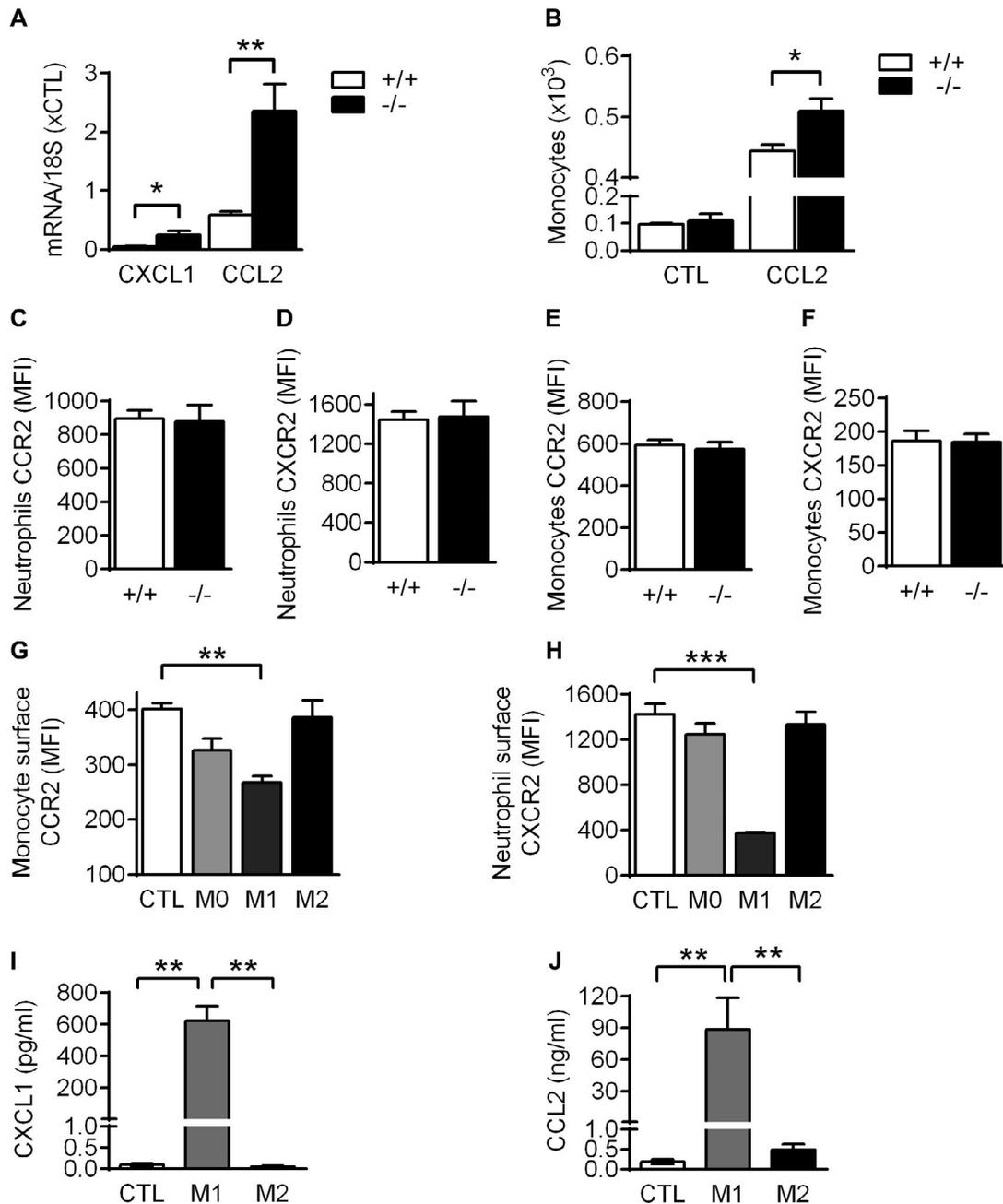


Figure S3. Expression levels of chemokines and chemokine receptors. (A) CXCL1 and CCL2 mRNA levels in ischemic calf muscles from WT (+/+) and VASP^{-/-} (-/-) mice, 3 d after ischemia; *n* = 4 mice per group; Student's *t* test. (B) VASP deletion promotes chemotaxis in response to CCL2. Migration of WT (+/+) and VASP^{-/-} (-/-) BM-derived monocytes through Transwell filters for 2 h using CCL2-supplemented RPMI medium as chemoattractant (50 ng/ml final concentration); *n* = 4; two-way ANOVA/Bonferroni. (C–F) Surface levels of CCR2 and CXCR2 receptors. FACS analysis (mean fluorescence intensity [MFI]) of surface CCR2 and CXCR2 chemokine receptor levels on WT (+/+) and VASP^{-/-} (-/-) neutrophils (C and D) and monocytes (E and F); *n* = 7. (G and H) Surface levels of CCR2 and CXCR2 receptors after stimulation. FACS analysis (MFI) of WT monocyte surface levels of CCR2 (G) and WT neutrophil surface levels of CXCR2 (H) after 5 min stimulation with conditioned medium from control, M1 and M2 macrophages. *n* = 4 different cell batches; one-way ANOVA/Tukey. (I and J) CXCL1 and CCL2 concentration in conditioned medium from control, M1-, or M2-polarized macrophages. BM-derived macrophages from WT mice were polarized to M1 (10 ng/ml LPS + 1 ng/ml IFN γ) or M2 (25 ng/ml IL-4) or left untreated (control, CTL). 24 h later, the conditioned media were collected and CXCL1 (I) and CCL2 (J) concentrations were analyzed by cytometric bead array. *n* = 6; one-way ANOVA/Tukey. Error bars, SEM; *, *P* < 0.05; **, *P* < 0.01; ***, *P* < 0.001.

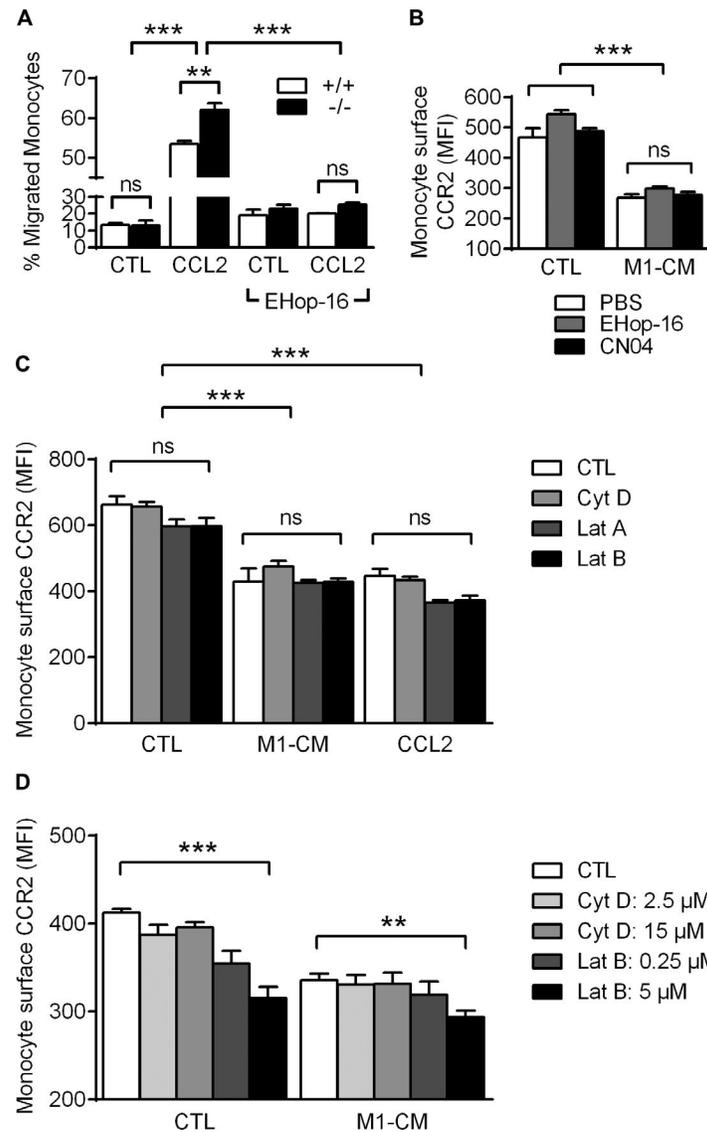


Figure S4. **Impact of Rac1 and actin dynamics on CCR2 internalization.** (A and B) CCR2 receptor internalization is largely independent of Rac1 activity. (A) CCL2-induced (50 ng/ml) migration of WT (+/+) and VASP^{-/-} (-/-) BM-derived monocytes through Transwell filters in the presence or absence of Rac1 inhibitor EHop-16 (10 μ M). (B) Surface levels of CCR2 chemokine receptor (mean fluorescence intensity [MFI]) in BM-derived monocytes after stimulation with M1 macrophage conditioned medium (M1-CM) for 5 min without or with 1-h preincubation with the Rac1 inhibitor EHop-16 (10 μ M) or the Rac1 activator CN04 (1 μ g/ml). $n = 4$ different mice per group. (C and D) Impact of actin inhibition on CCR2 surface levels. Surface levels of CCR2 chemokine receptors (MFI) in BM-derived monocytes after stimulation with M1 macrophage conditioned medium (M1-CM) or CCL2 (50 nM) for 5 min, with or without 30-min preincubation with cytochalasin D (Cyt D, 10 μ M), latrunculin A (Lat A, 0.5 μ M) or latrunculin B (Lat B, 0.5 μ M; C); or cytochalasin D (2.5 or 15 μ M) or latrunculin B (0.25 or 5 μ M; D). $n = 4$ different mice per group. Error bars, SEM; **, $P < 0.01$; ***, $P < 0.001$; ns = nonsignificant (two-way ANOVA/Bonferroni).

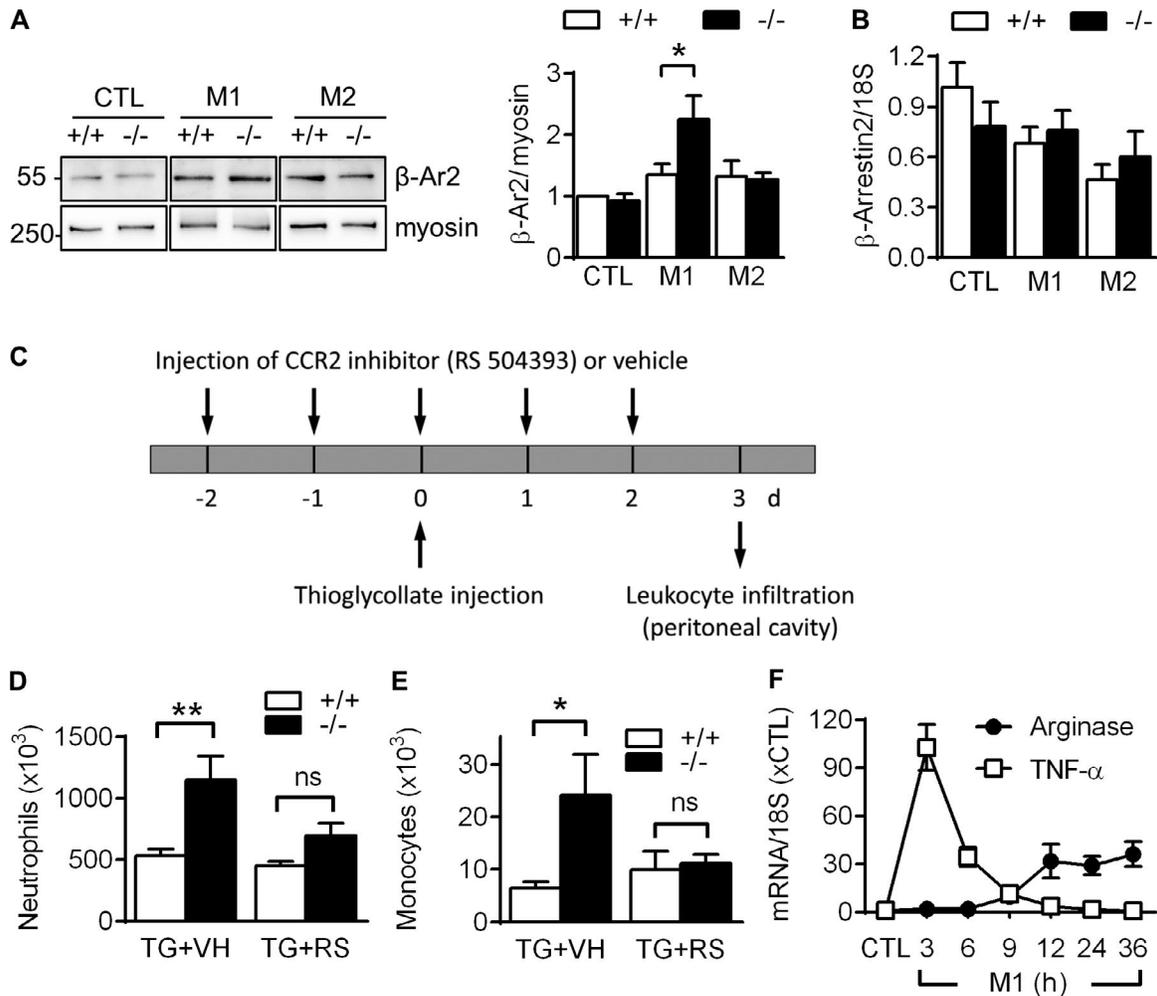
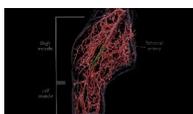


Figure S5. **(A and B)** VASP deletion increases β -arrestin 2 protein but not mRNA levels in M1 macrophages. BM-derived macrophages from WT (+/+) and VASP^{-/-} (-/-) mice were polarized to M1 (10 ng/ml LPS + 1 ng/ml IFN γ) or M2 (25 ng/ml IL-4) or left untreated (CTL), and β -arrestin 2 protein (A) and mRNA (B) levels relative to myosin or 18S rRNA were determined by Western blotting and qPCR, respectively. $n = 6$. **(C-E)** CCR2 inhibition blocks the increased leukocyte infiltration into the peritoneal cavity of VASP^{-/-} mice. **(C)** Time protocol showing the daily injection of the CCR2 inhibitor RS504393 (+RS; 4 mg/kg per day) or vehicle (+VH) from 2 d before until 2 d after thioglycollate (TG) injection to induce peritonitis. Leukocyte infiltration into the peritoneal cavity was analyzed by FACS 3 d after TG injection. **(D and E)** Quantification of leukocyte numbers isolated from peritoneal cavities 3 d after TG injection; neutrophils (D), monocytes (E). $n = 6$ individual animals per group. **(F)** Expression levels of early and late response genes after induction of M1 polarization. mRNA levels of TNF- α (early response of transcription) and arginase (late response of transcription) in WT macrophages were measured by qPCR at the indicated time points after induction of M1 polarization with 10 ng/ml LPS and 1 ng/ml IFN γ ; $n = 9$ different cell batches from WT mice. Error bars, SEM; *, $P < 0.05$; **, $P < 0.01$; ns = nonsignificant (two-way ANOVA/Bonferroni).



Video 1. μ CT images of a representative WT (+/+) mouse, 21 d after induction of hindlimb ischemia, were used to generate a 3D video of collateral vessel formation in the thigh muscle. The excised femoral artery is indicated in green; the corkscrew-like collaterals are shown in blue.



Video 2. μ CT images of a representative VASP^{-/-} (-/-) mouse, 21 d after induction of hindlimb ischemia, were used to generate a 3D video of collateral vessel formation in the thigh muscle. The excised femoral artery is indicated in green; the corkscrew-like collaterals are shown in blue.