

1 **Supplementary Materials and Methods**

2 **Cell culture**

3 BMDMs were isolated from the femur and tibia of 4–6-week-old mice and
4 differentiated into macrophages in DMEM (ThermoFisher, C11995500BT)
5 supplemented with 10% FBS (GIBCO, 10099-141), 1% penicillin/streptomycin
6 (Vivacell, C3420-0100), and 30% L929 (from ATCC) cell culture supernatant for 7
7 days. iBMDMs (from National Institute of Biological Sciences, Beijing, China) and
8 HEK-293T cells (from ATCC) were cultured in DMEM supplemented with 10% FBS
9 and 1% penicillin/streptomycin. The cells were cultured in an incubator (Thermo Fisher,
10 US) at 37 °C and under a 5% CO₂ environment. We acknowledge Dr. Feng Shao
11 (National Institute of Biological Sciences, Beijing, China) for the generous gifts of
12 iBMDMs.

13 **Bacterial culture**

14 *P. aeruginosa* (ATCC19660) and *S. aureus* (ATCC43300) were cultured in Luria–
15 Bertani medium overnight, and the bacterial cells were collected by centrifugation at
16 5000 ×g for 10 min. The bacterial count was estimated by measuring the optical density
17 (OD) at 600 nm using a NanoDrop2000 spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher, US; S.A.:
18 $OD_{600}1.0 = 1 \times 10^9$ CFU/mL; P.A.: $OD_{600}1.0 = 8 \times 10^8$ CFU/mL). The LB medium was
19 prepared as follows: 10 g tryptone (Solarbio, T8490), 5 g yeast extract (Solarbio,
20 Y8030), and 10 g NaCl (Sigma-Aldrich, V90BV020058, 150 mM) were dissolved in 1
21 L ultrapure water, followed by autoclave sterilization before use.

22 **BMDMs Differentiation**

23 Bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDMs) were generated via standard 7-day
24 differentiation in complete DMEM supplemented with 30% L929 supernatant (as a

25 source of M-CSF) (1). Briefly, bone marrow was flushed from tibiae and femora of 4-
26 6-week-old 14-3-3 $\epsilon^{f/f}$ or 14-3-3 $\epsilon^{f/f}$ Ly22 Cre mice using a 1-mL syringe with 25G needle.
27 Erythrocytes were lysed with RBC lysis solution (Solarbio, China) for 3 min at room
28 temperature. Nucleated cells were cultured in complete DMEM (10% FBS, 1%
29 penicillin/streptomycin) supplemented with 30% L929 cell-conditioned medium.
30 Medium was replaced on day 3 and 5 of differentiation. Mature BMDMs were
31 harvested on day 7 of differentiation and subsequently used for functional assays.

32 **siRNA Transfection in BMDMs**

33 BMDMs were generated by culturing bone marrow cells in 6-well plates containing
34 L929 cell-conditioned medium, allowing differentiation until reaching approximately
35 80% confluence. Following differentiation, the medium was exchanged for 1 mL of
36 fresh BMDM culture medium supplemented with 10% FBS and maintained without
37 penicillin-streptomycin. Then, 15 μ L si-NC or si-14-3-3 ϵ (20 μ M) was mixed with 15
38 μ L INVI DNA RNA transfection reagent (Invigentech, US) and incubated at room
39 temperature for 15 min. The resulting complexes were then added to BMDMs cultures
40 and maintained for 24 hours. Next, medium was replaced with fresh medium, and
41 incubation continued for 24 additional hours. Then the cells were collected for further
42 experiments. The siRNA target 14-3-3 ϵ was listed in Supplemental Table 3.

43 **Plasmid construction and transient transfection**

44 The cDNA sequences encoding mouse NLRP3 with a C-terminal Flag tag, mouse
45 NLRP3 with a C-terminal HA tag, mouse NLRP3 with a C-terminal Myc tag, mouse
46 14-3-3 ϵ with a C-terminal Flag tag were amplified by reverse transcription PCR. These
47 fragments were then subcloned into the pcDNA3.1(+) vector following the
48 manufacturer's protocol (GenScript). NLRP3 lacking the PYD (Δ PYD), NACHT

49 (Δ NACHT), or LRR (Δ LRR) domain were generated by deleting the PYD domain(1-
50 91Aa), the NACHT domain(136-532Aa), or the LRR domain(739-1033Aa). Segmental
51 and deletion clones were subcloned from the full-length NLRP3 plasmid. The
52 mutations of NLRP3 at S194 and S291 were synthesized and constructed by JinsiruiBio
53 Company (Nanjing, China). Cells were transiently transfected with plasmids or blank
54 vector using Lipofectamine 2000 (Invitrogen, Thermo Fisher Scientific) as a previously
55 described (2).

56 **Co-IP and western blot analyses**

57 For co-IP, cells were lysed in RIPA lysis buffer (pH 7.4) containing Tris (Fude, FD2010,
58 50 mM), NaCl (Sigma-Aldrich, V900058, 150 mM), NP-40 (Biosharp, BS205, 1%),
59 and a protease inhibitor cocktail (Selleck, B14001, 1%) on ice and the lysate was
60 centrifuged at $10,000 \times g$ for 10 min at 4 °C. After centrifugation, the supernatant was
61 incubated overnight at 4 °C with protein A/G beads (Merck Millipore, LSKMAGAG02)
62 and the corresponding antibodies. The beads were then washed five times with RIPA
63 buffer and boiled with 5 \times SDS-PAGE loading buffer (Fude, FD002) at 100 °C for 10
64 min to release the proteins. To detect the exogenous association, HEK-293T cells were
65 transfected with the indicated plasmids and the cell lysate was incubated overnight at
66 4 °C with EZview™ Red Anti-HA Affinity Gel (Sigma-Aldrich, E6779), anti-Flag M2
67 affinity beads (Sigma-Aldrich, M8823), or EZview™ Red Anti-c-myc Affinity Gel
68 (Sigma-Aldrich, E6654). Western blot analysis was performed according to methods
69 described in previous studies (3) using the indicated antibodies. Primary and secondary
70 antibodies were employed with the following specifications: anti-Caspase-1 (p20,
71 AdipoGen, AG-20B-0042, 1 μ g/mL); anti-NLRP3 antibody (AdipoGen, AG-20B-0014,
72 1 μ g/mL); anti-NLRP3 antibody (Abcam, ab270449, 1 μ g/mL); anti-IL-1 β (R&D,
73 BAF401, 1 μ g/mL); anti-14-3-3 ϵ antibody (Novus, NBP1-89827, 1 μ g/mL); anti-beta-

74 actin (Cell Signaling Technology, 4970, 1µg/mL); anti-ASC antibody (Cell Signaling
75 Technology, 67824, 1µg/mL); anti-HA antibody (Cell Signaling Technology, 3724,
76 1µg/mL); anti-FLAG M2 antibody (Cell Signaling Technology, 14793, 1µg/mL);
77 anti-Myc antibody (Cell Signaling Technology, 2276, 1µg/mL); anti-GAPDH antibody
78 (Abcam, ab181602, 1µg/mL); anti-Ubiquitin antibody (Cell Signaling Technology,
79 43124, 1µg/mL); anti-β-tubulin (Cell Signaling Technology, 2146S, 1µg/mL); anti-Cox-
80 1 antibody (Cell Signaling Technology, 9896, 1µg/mL); anti-VDAC antibody (Cell
81 Signaling Technology, 4661, 1µg/mL); anti-mitofusin-2 antibody (Cell Signaling
82 Technology, 9482, 1µg/mL); anti-Calnexin antibody (Novus, NB100-1965, 1µg/mL);
83 anti-FACL4 antibody (Abcam, ab205199, 1µg/mL); Goat Anti-Mouse IgG-HRP
84 Conjug (BIO-RAD, 1706516, 1:2000); Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG-HRP Conjug (BIO-RAD,
85 1706515, 1:2000).

86 **Protein structure prediction and molecular docking**

87 The protein sequences (NLRP3: Q8R4B8; 14-3-3ε: P62259) were obtained from the
88 UniProt database. The structure prediction of the protein complex was accomplished
89 using AlphaFold3. The binding free energy of the best conformation was calculated
90 using the MOE software version 2019.0102. Molecular visualization and residue
91 interaction analyses were performed using PyMOL version 2.5.5.

92 **ELISA**

93 ELISA kit for detecting the levels of 14-3-3ε in human plasma were purchased from
94 Huayun Biotechnology. ELISA kit for detecting the levels of IL-1β in human plasma
95 were purchased from Dakewei Biotechnology. ELISA kit for detecting the levels of
96 mouse IL-1β, IL-1α and LDH were purchased from MEIMIAN. ELISA kit for detecting
97 the levels of IL-6 in mouse serum were purchased from Thermo Fisher.

98 **qPCR assay**

99 Cells were lysed with TRIzol (ThermoFisher, 15596018) and RNA was isolated and
100 amplified as previously reported (3, 4). qPCR was performed using GoTaq qPCR
101 Master Mix (Promega, A6002) on a Bio-Rad CFX96 real-time PCR system (Bio-Rad,
102 US). The list of primers is included in Supplemental Table 2.

103 **Immunofluorescence staining**

104 For staining HEK-293T cells and BMDMs, the cells were seeded in disposable confocal
105 dishes and processed accordingly. For ASC speck staining, peritoneal macrophages
106 were seeded in the wells of 12-well plates with cell climbing slices and stimulated with
107 LPS (Sigma-Aldrich, L8274, 400 ng/mL) for 5 hours. Thereafter, the cells were
108 stimulated with Nig (Macklin, N849347, 20 μ M) for 30 min or left unstimulated. The
109 cells were fixed with paraformaldehyde and permeabilized using 0.3% Triton X-100
110 (Biosharp, BS084) in 5% bovine serum albumin (BSA, Biotechnology, BW0332)
111 solution, and subsequently incubated with the primary antibodies overnight at 4 °C. The
112 cells were then washed three times with PBS and incubated with the corresponding
113 secondary antibodies coupled with fluorophores at 37°C for 1 h. The cells were then
114 stained with DAPI (Solarbio, C0065) for 5 min and viewed using a confocal microscope
115 (Zeiss LSM 880, Germany). Primary and secondary antibodies were employed with the
116 following specifications: anti-NLRP3 antibody (Abcam, ab270449, 5 μ g/mL); anti-
117 ASC antibody (Cell Signaling Technology, 67824, 5 μ g/mL); anti-FLAG Tag antibody
118 (Novus, NBP1-06712SS, 1 μ g/mL); anti-HA antibody (Cell Signaling Technology,
119 3724, 5 μ g/mL); anti-FACL4 antibody (Abcam, ab205199, 5 μ g/mL); anti-14-3-3 ϵ
120 antibody (Thermo Fisher Scientific, MA5-49207, 5 μ g/mL); Goat Anti-Rat IgG H&L
121 (Alexa Fluor® 594, Abcam, ab150160,1:500); Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (Alexa
122 Fluor® 594, Abcam, ab150080,1:500); Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG H&L (Alexa Fluor® 488,

123 Abcam, ab150077,1:500); Goat anti-Mouse IgG (H+L) Cross-Adsorbed Secondary
124 Antibody Alexa Fluor 594 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, A-11020, 1:500).

125 **Inflammasome activation**

126 Induced BMDMs or iBMDMs were seeded at a density of 5×10^5 cells/well in 12-well
127 plates. Once adherent, the culture medium was replaced with Opti-MEM[®] I Reduced
128 Serum Medium (Thermo Fisher, US). Thereafter, the cells were treated with 200 ng/mL
129 LPS for 3 h and then were stimulated separately with Nig (10 μ M) for 30 min or ATP
130 (TargetMol, T20089, 50 μ M) for 50 min, or with poly (dAdT, InvivoGen, ttrl-patn, 2
131 μ g/mL) transfection for 6 h, or flagelin (Macklin, F879697, 1 μ M) transfection for 6 h.
132 The supernatant and whole-cell lysate were collected. The supernatant was mixed with
133 methanol (Aladdin, M116118) and chloroform (Guangzhou, GSSA02-TD) at a ratio of
134 4:4:1 to separate the proteins. The mixture was then centrifuged at $10,000 \times g$ for 15
135 min at 4 $^{\circ}$ C. The supernatant was discarded, and the pellet was washed three times with
136 methanol. After drying at room temperature for 15 min, the protein pellet was dissolved
137 in 50 μ L RIPA lysis buffer for western blot.

138 **ASC oligomer crosslinking**

139 BMDMs were stimulated with LPS (200 ng/mL) for 3 h and stimulated with 20 μ M
140 Nig or 50 μ M ATP for 1 h. The cells were lysed with a Triton-X buffer containing 50
141 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 0.5% TritonX-100, and EDTA-free protease
142 inhibitor cocktail, and the lysate was centrifuged at $6000 \times g$ for 15 min at 4 $^{\circ}$ C. The
143 soluble fraction was mixed with 5 \times loading buffer (Fude, FD002) and denatured by
144 heating at 95 $^{\circ}$ C for 10 min and the insoluble fraction was crosslinked with 2 mM
145 disuccinimidyl suberate (DSS, Thermo Scientific, 21655) for 30 min at 37 $^{\circ}$ C. After
146 centrifugation at $6000 \times g$ for 15 min at 4 $^{\circ}$ C, the crosslinked pellet was obtained and

147 resuspend in Triton-X buffer. The mixture was then mixed with 5× loading buffer and
148 denatured by heating at 100 °C for 10 min.

149 **SDD-AGE**

150 BMDMs transfected with si-NC or si-14-3-3ε were lysed with a lysis buffer containing
151 0.5% Triton X-100, 50 mM Tris-HCl, 150 mM NaCl, 10% glycerol (Macklin, G6201),
152 and 1% protease inhibitor. The cell suspension was homogenized by passing it through
153 21-gauge needles 20 times and resuspended in 5× sample buffer (0.5× Tris-Borate-
154 EDTA, TBE, Beyotime, ST718, 10% glycerol, 2% SDS, Acme, 151-21-3, and 0.0025%
155 bromophenol blue, Macklin, B802654). The lysate was loaded onto a 1.5% agarose gel.
156 After electrophoresis in the running buffer (1× TBE comprising 89 mM Tris, pH 8.3,
157 89 mM boric acid, and 2 mM EDTA, Macklin, E809068 and 0.1% SDS) at a stable
158 voltage of 80 V for 1 h, the proteins were transferred onto a PVDF membrane (Merck
159 Millipore, IPVH00010) and the membranes were blocked and incubated with anti-
160 NLRP3 antibody (Abcam, ab270449, 5μg/mL); followed by incubation with HRP-
161 conjugated secondary antibodies.

162 **Membrane flotation**

163 The membrane flotation experiments were performed according to the previous studies
164 (5, 6). Briefly, the treated cells were digested and resuspended using 1mL lysis buffer
165 containing 10mM Tris-HCl (EcoTop Bio, ES-8066); 10mM KCl (Aladdin, P656969),
166 and 5mM MgCl₂ (Sinopharm, 10012818) and were lysed with a 25-gauge needle and
167 syringe 20 times and were incubated on ice for 20 min. Cell suspension was centrifuged
168 at 1,000 × g for 5 min at 4 °C. After centrifugation, the supernatant was mixed with
169 3mL hypotonic lysis buffer containing 50mM Tris-HCl, 25mM KCl, 5mM MgCl₂, and
170 72% sucrose (Macklin, S818049). Subsequently, 4 mL of hypotonic lysis buffer

171 containing 55% sucrose and 1.5 mL of hypotonic lysis buffer containing 10% sucrose
172 were slowly added to obtain a delaminated mixture. Samples were centrifuged at 38000
173 rpm for 14 hours at 4 °C. After centrifugation, gradients were fractionated from the top
174 into 8 equal fractions (about 1.2mL/fraction). 0.8mL of hypotonic lysis buffer was
175 added to every fraction and the mixture was concentrated by ultrafiltration tubes
176 (Beyotime, FUF051) for western blot.

177 **Organelle isolation**

178 The organelle isolation experiments were performed according to the previous studies
179 (7, 8). Briefly, the treated cells were digested and resuspended using a lysis buffer 1
180 containing 225mM D-mannitol (Beyotime, ST2362), 75mM sucrose, 0.1mM EDTA
181 (Macklin, E809068), 30mM Tris-HCl; and were lysed with a 25-gauge needle and
182 syringe 20 times. The homogenate was centrifuged at $600 \times g$ for 5 min to remove
183 unbroken cells. Then the supernatant was centrifuged at $7,000 \times g$ for 10 min, and the
184 cell supernatant (S1) and pellet (P1) were collected. The supernatant (S1) was incubated
185 on ice for 1.5 hours and was centrifuged at $20,000 \times g$ for 30 min, then the new
186 supernatant was then transferred to new tubes and ultracentrifuged at $100,000 \times g$ for 1
187 hour at 4 °C to collect ER (pellet) and cytosol (supernatant). The pellet (P1) were
188 washed twice times with the lysis buffer 1 and resuspended in a lysing buffer 2
189 containing 250mM D-mannitol, 5mM HEPES (Sigma-Aldrich, 7365-45-9), 0.5mM
190 EDTA. This mixture was added on top of percoll medium (Sigma-Aldrich, P4937)
191 containing 250mM D-mannitol, 25mM HEPES, 1mM EDTA, 30% percoll, then lysing
192 buffer 2 was added to the upper layer. After centrifugation at $95,000 \times g$ for 30 min, the
193 liquid was divided into three layers. The middle-layer and lower-layer liquid were
194 collected and mixed with lysing buffer 2. The middle-layer mixture was centrifuged at
195 $100,000 \times g$ for 1 hour, the precipitated were collected and extracted as MAMs fraction.

196 The lower-layer mixture was centrifuged at 6,300×g for 10 min,
197 the resulting precipitate was the mitochondrial fraction.

198 **CLP mouse model**

199 The mice were anesthetized with pentobarbital via intraperitoneal injection. The mice
200 were fixed, with abdomen facing upwards, and the abdomen was disinfected with 75%
201 alcohol. A longitudinal midline incision was made using a scalpel to expose the cecum,
202 which is located on the left side of the abdomen. The cecum was ligated midway
203 between the distal pole and the cecum base, followed by one needle puncture. A few
204 fecal pellets were squeezed out of the perforation sites, the cecum was returned to the
205 abdomen, and the incision was closed with sutures and skin staples. For the sham
206 surgery, cecal ligation, cecal perforation, and fecal extrusion were omitted. After 24 h,
207 serum was collected for biochemical detection using an automatic biochemical analyzer,
208 the lung sections were used for H&E staining, cells in peritoneal lavage were collected
209 for flow cytometric analysis, and PET and CT were performed using a nanoScan
210 PET/CT 82s scanner.

211 **Flow cytometry**

212 Flow cytometry was performed as previously described (4). Mouse peritoneal lavage
213 fluid was centrifuged at 800 ×g for 5 min to obtain cell pellets. Human peripheral blood
214 neutrophils and monocytes were isolated using a human peripheral blood neutrophil
215 isolation kit (Solarbio, P9040). For surface molecule staining, cells were blocked with
216 PBS containing 1% BSA, stained with the corresponding fluorescent antibody, washed,
217 and fixed with a 1% paraformaldehyde solution (Biosharp, BL539A30525-89-4). For
218 14-3-3ε staining, the cells were fixed with a IC Fixation Buffer (Invitrogen, 00-8222-
219 49) and permeabilized using a permeabilization buffer (Invitrogen, 00-8333-56) after

220 the surface molecules were stained. Subsequently, cells were stained with 14-3-3e
221 antibody (Invitrogen, MA5-49207, 1µg/mL) at 4 °C for 30 min. After washing, cells
222 were stained with a PE-conjugated secondary antibody (Southern Biotech, 114409) for
223 30 min and fixed with a 1% paraformaldehyde solution. All flow cytometric assays
224 were performed using a Cyto-FLEX Flow cytometer (BECKMAN COULTER Life
225 Sciences, US). Antibodies were employed with the following specifications: APC anti-
226 mouse F4/80 (BioLegend, 123115); FITC anti-mouse/human CD11b (BioLegend,
227 101206); PE anti-mouse I-A/I-E (BioLegend, 107608); PE/Cyanine7 anti-mouse Ly-
228 6G (BioLegend, 127618), APC anti-Mouse CD11c(Proteintech, APC-65130). Pacific
229 Blue anti-human CD14 (BioLegend, 325615); APC-Cy7 anti-human CD16 (BD,
230 560248); PE/Cyanine7 anti-human CD15 (BioLegend, 323029); PE anti-mouse
231 IgG2b(BioLegend, 406708).

232 **Plate count to evaluate phagocytosis and intracellular killing of P.A.**

233 BMDMs were differentiated using L929 supernatant and then infected with P. A. at an
234 MOI of 25. Cells in the BV02 treatment group were pretreated with 5 µg/mL BV02 for
235 4 hours prior to infection. After 1 hour of infection, gentamicin (300µg/mL) was added
236 to the culture medium and incubated for 30 min to eliminate extracellular bacteria.
237 Subsequently, cells were washed three times with PBS to remove extracellular P. A.,
238 followed by lysis with 0.1% Triton X-100. The number of phagocytosed viable bacteria
239 was quantified using colony counting assays. The phagocytosis efficiencies were
240 quantified as colony-forming units (CFU) per cell [CFU (1 h)]. To determine the
241 intracellular bactericidal activity against P. A., extracellular bacteria were removed 1
242 hour by gentamicin treatment. After an additional 1-hour incubation, cells were lysed
243 and plated for colony counting assays to quantify viable bacteria, with results expressed
244 as CFU per cell [CFU (2h)]. The intracellular killing rate was determined by the

245 following formula: Intracellular bacterial killing = [CFU (1 h) – CFU (2 h)]/CFU
246 (1 h) × 100%.

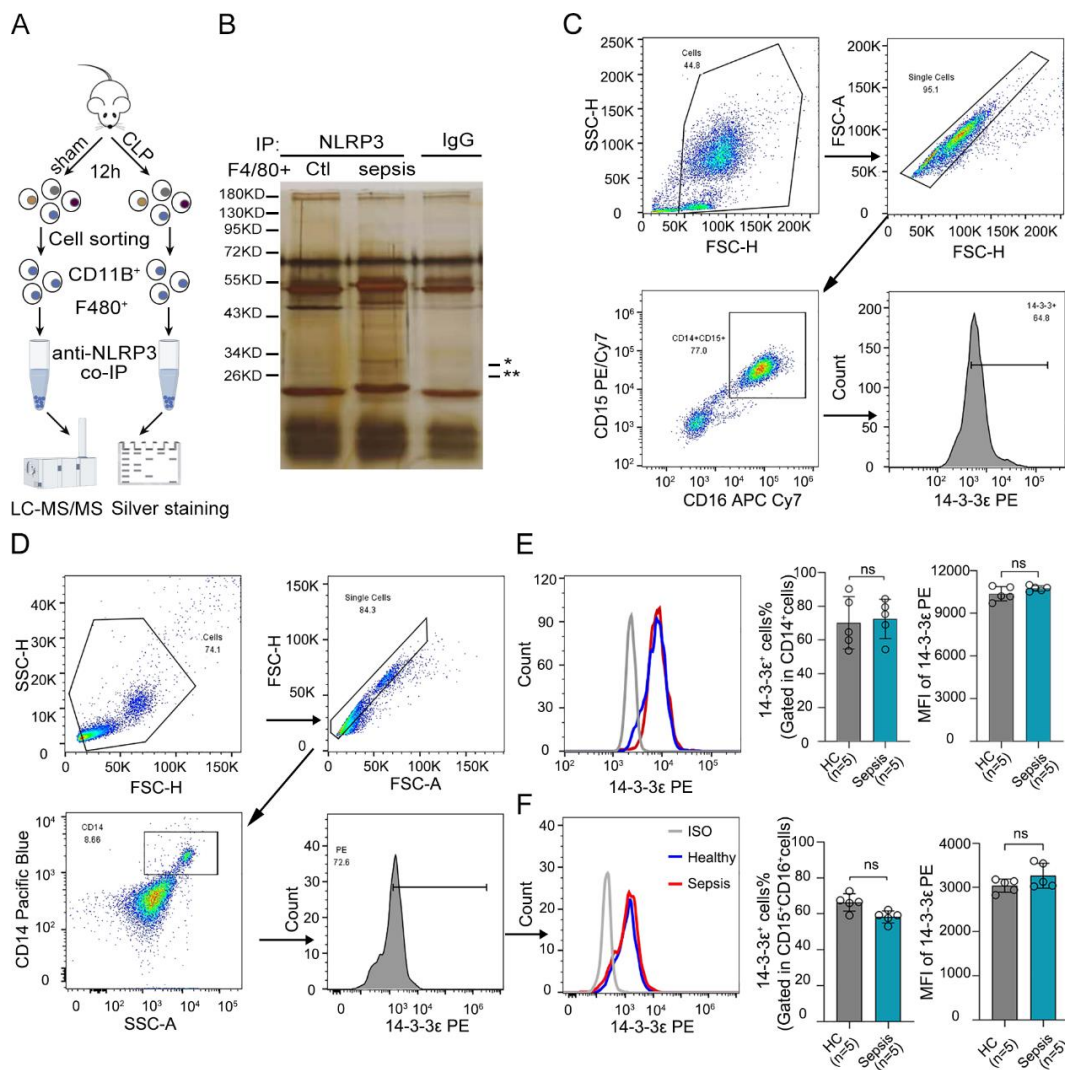
247 **IC50 assay**

248 IC50 assay was performed by detecting LDH release into culture supernatants. In brief,
249 BMDMs were seeded into a 6-well plate at a density of 5×10^5 cells per well. Then,
250 BV02 was diluted with fresh medium at a gradient concentration of 0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5 and
251 2.0 μ M, and added into the cells. Following 12 hours LPS and Nig stimulation,
252 supernatants were centrifuged (4000 \times g, 5 min) and assayed for LDH activity using
253 ELISA. The highest LDH concentration was set to 100% for each experiment, and other
254 concentrations are normalized relative to this value. The IC50 value was calculated by
255 GraphPad Prism 8.0 (GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA, USA).

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258 **Supplementary Figures**



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260 **Supplemental Figure 1. Expression levels of 14-3-3ε in sepsis.** (A) The flowcharts of

261 LC-MS/MS analysis and silver staining. (B) The representative silver-stained gel

262 image of silver staining, differential bands are marked by asterisk (*). (C, D) Gating

263 strategy for 14-3-3ε expression in CD15⁺CD16⁺ neutrophils and CD14⁺ monocytes

264 from peripheral blood of healthy controls and patients with sepsis. (E, F) The

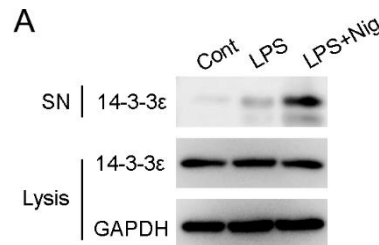
265 percentage of 14-3-3ε-positive cells, mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) of 14-3-3ε, and

266 representative 14-3-3ε expression histograms in neutrophils and monocytes from

267 peripheral blood of healthy controls (n=5) and patients with sepsis (n=5). Data are

268 presented as mean \pm SD and were analyzed using unpaired Student's t-test (E, F). ns,
 269 nonsignificant.

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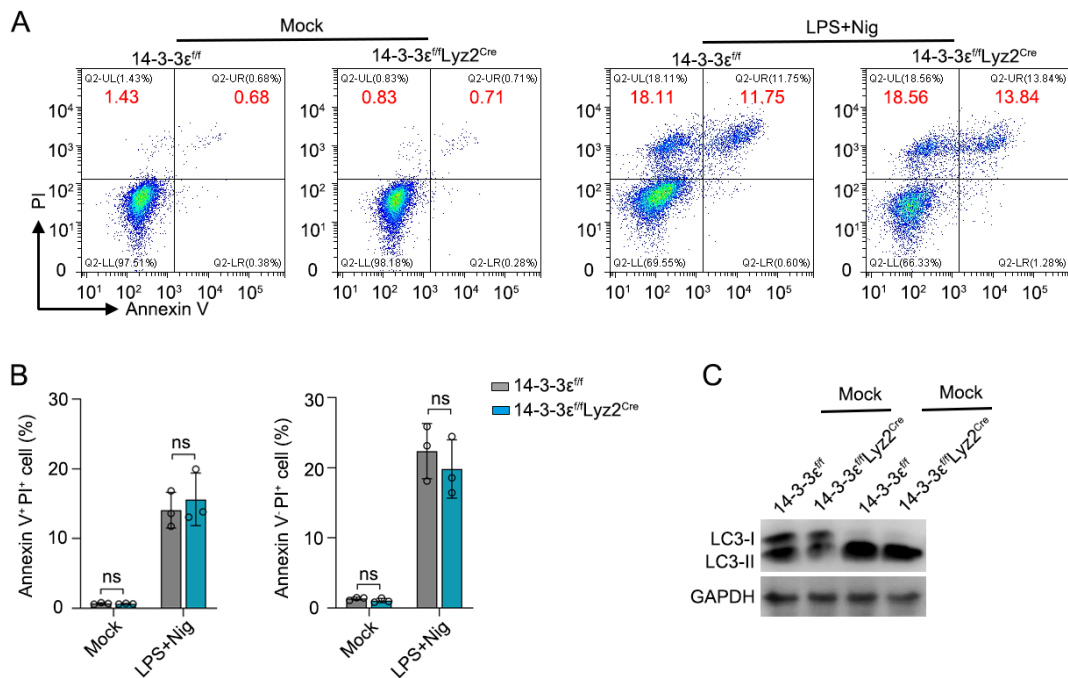


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273 **Supplemental Figure 2. The expression level of 14-3-3ε in cell culture supernatants.**

274 (A) Western blot analysis of 14-3-3ε expression levels in the supernatants of BMDMs
 275 treated with LPS alone or LPS combined with Nig.

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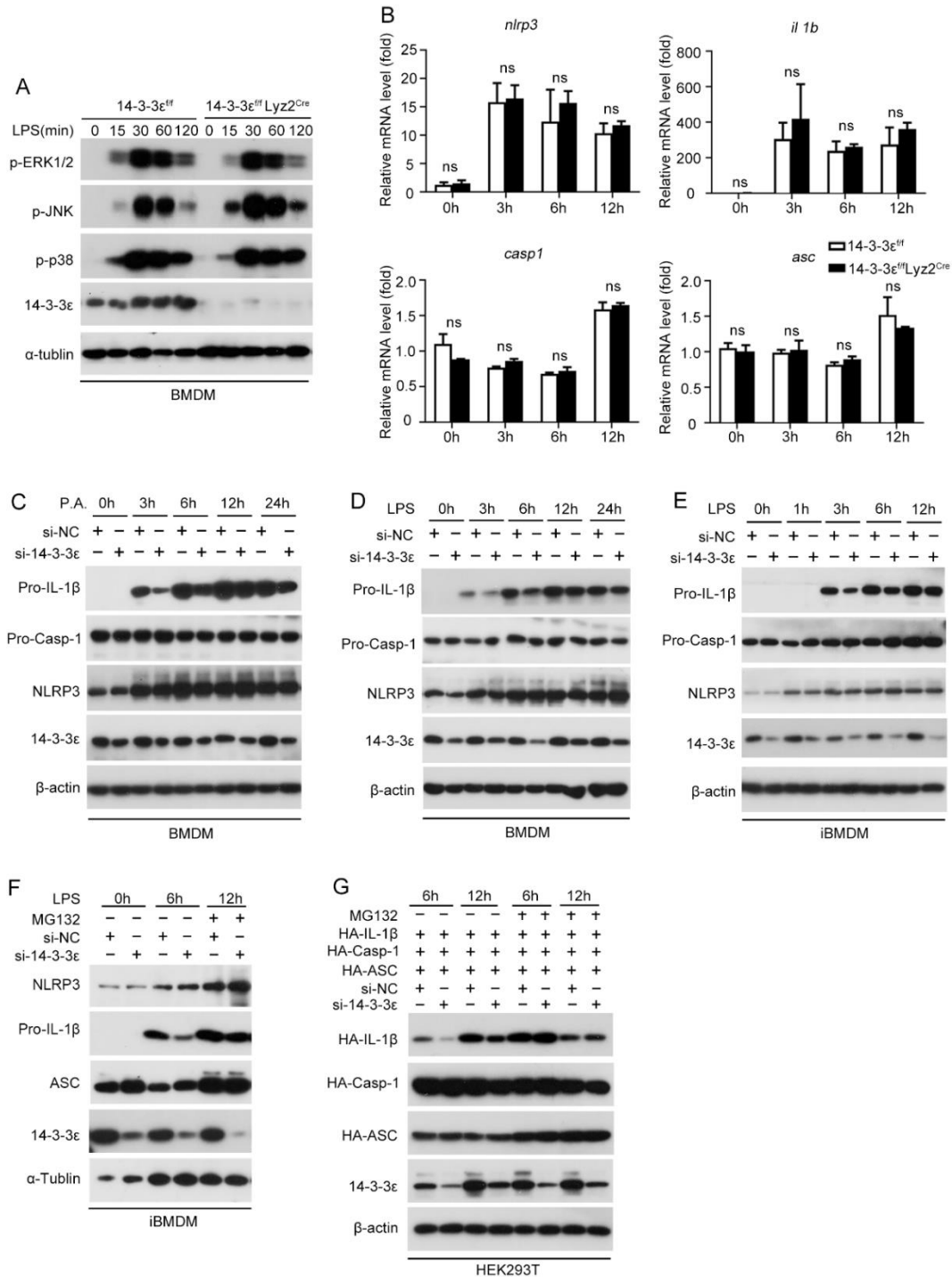
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278 **Supplemental Figure 3. 14-3-3ε did not affect macrophage apoptosis, necrosis, or**
 279 **autophagy under LPS and Nig treatment.** (A) Representative flow cytometry plots

280 of Annexin V/PI staining in LPS and Nig-treated 14-3-3ε^{f/f} and 14-3-3ε^{f/f}Lyz2^{Cre}

281 BMDMs. (B) Quantitative analysis of cell apoptotic and necrotic cell populations. (C)

282 Representative Western blot images of LC3 in LPS and Nig-treated 14-3-3^{fl/fl} and 14-3-
283 3^{fl/fl}Ly2^{Cre} BMDMs. Data are presented as mean \pm SD and were analyzed using two-
284 way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple-comparison test (A). ns, nonsignificant.
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287 **Supplemental Figure 4. 14-3-3ε does not affect NLRP3 protein levels but promotes**

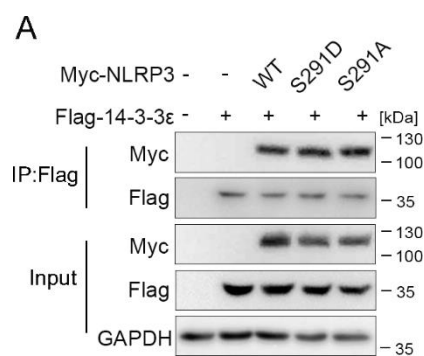
288 **IL-1β expression via inhibiting ubiquitin-mediated degradation.** (A) Western blot

289 analysis of phosphorylated signaling molecules of the MAPKs signaling pathways in

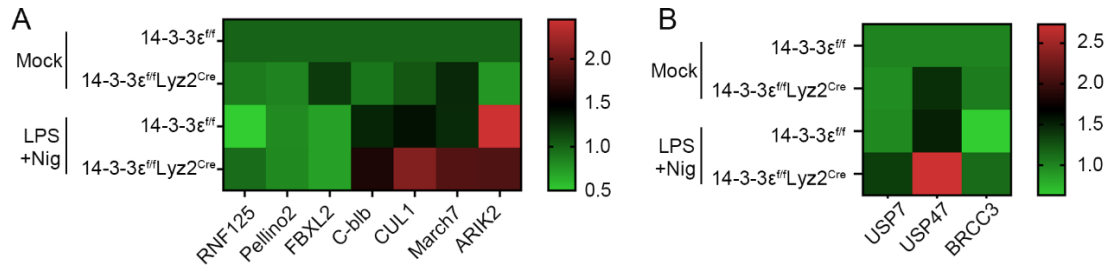
290 BMDMs from 14-3-3^{fl/fl} or 14-3-3^{fl/fl} Lyz2^{Cre} mice after stimulation with LPS for the

291 indicated time periods. (B) The mRNA levels of *nlrp3*, *il1b*, *caspase1*, and *asc* in

292 BMDMs from 14-3-3 $\epsilon^{f/f}$ mice or 14-3-3 $\epsilon^{f/f}$ Lyz2^{Cre} mice and treated with LPS for
 293 different time points. (C) Western blot analysis of 14-3-3 ϵ , NLRP3, pro-IL-1 β , and pro-
 294 caspase1 in si-NC- or si-14-3-3 ϵ -transfected BMDMs with P.A. infection at the
 295 indicated time points. (D, E) Western blot analysis of 14-3-3 ϵ , NLRP3, pro-IL-1 β , and
 296 pro-casp-1 in si-NC- or si-14-3-3 ϵ -transfected BMDMs and iBMDMs with LPS
 297 treatment at the indicated time points. (F) Western blot analysis of 14-3-3 ϵ , NLRP3,
 298 pro-IL-1 β , pro-casp-1 in si-NC- or si-14-3-3 ϵ -transfected iBMDMs with LPS treatment
 299 at the indicated time points following MG132 treatment. (G) Western blot analysis of
 300 14-3-3 ϵ , NLRP3, pro-IL-1 β , pro-casp-1 in si-NC- or si-14-3-3 ϵ -transfected HEK-293T
 301 cells, which were transfected with HA-tagged IL-1 β , caspase 1, and ASC and treated
 302 with MG132. Data are presented as mean \pm SD and were analyzed using two-way
 303 ANOVA with Tukey's multiple-comparison test (B). ns, nonsignificant.
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 306 **Supplemental Figure 5. 14-3-3 ϵ -NLRP3 interaction does not depend on NLRP3**
 307 **phosphorylation at S291 position.** (A) Co-IP analysis of the interaction between 14-
 308 3-3 ϵ and S291A/S291D NLRP3 proteins in HEK-293T cells by transfecting with the
 309 expression plasmids corresponding to the indicated proteins.
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312 **Supplemental Figure 6. RNA expression levels of ubiquitin and de-ubiquitin**

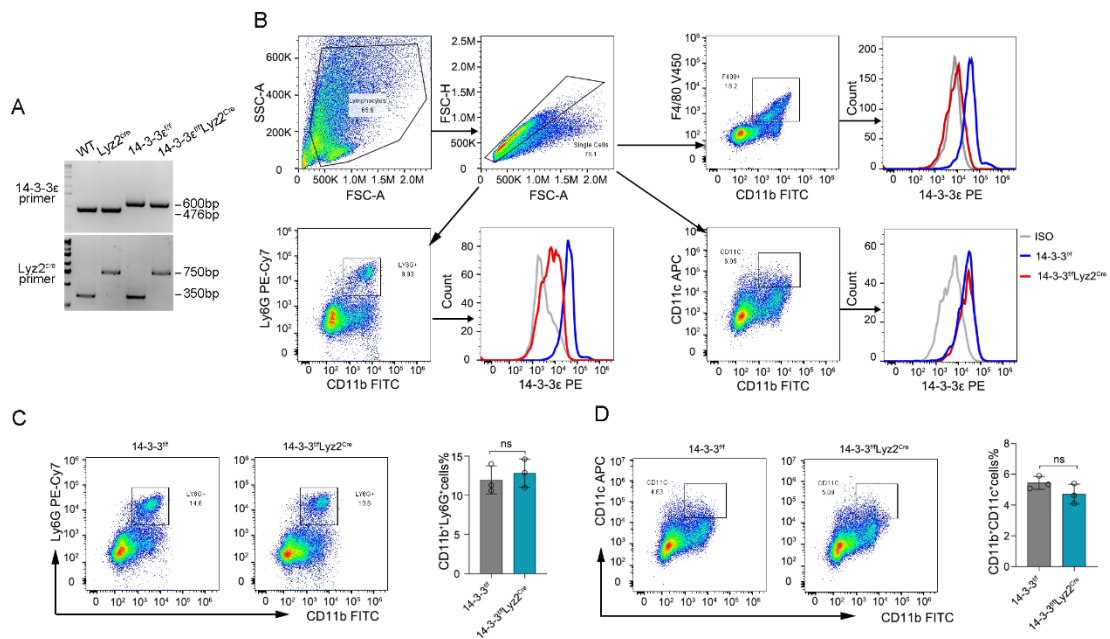
313 **ligases.** BMDMs from 14-3-3ε^{ff/ff} mice or 14-3-3ε^{ff/ff}Lyz2^{Cre} mice were primed with LPS

314 and stimulated with Nig, and the RNA expression levels of indicated (A) ubiquitin

315 ligases and (B) de-ubiquitin ligases were detected by q-PCR.

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319 **Supplemental Figure 7. 14-3-3ε^{ff/ff}Lyz2^{Cre} conditional knockout did not affect the**

320 **recruitment of neutrophils and DCs into peritoneal cavities of septic mice. (A)**

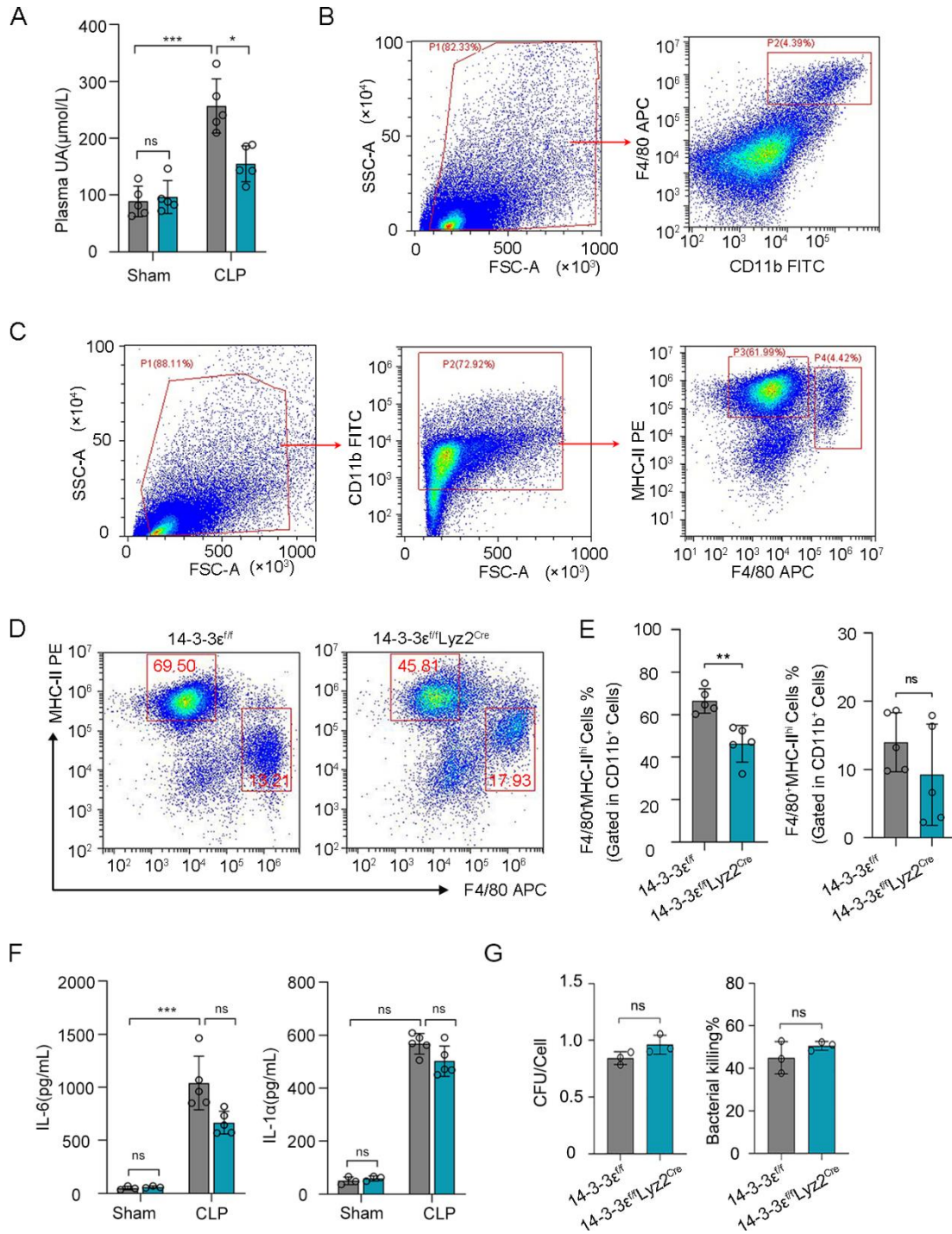
321 Genotypes of WT, Lyz2^{Cre}, 14-3-3ε^{ff/ff} and 14-3-3ε^{ff/ff}Lyz2^{Cre} mice were detected by PCR

322 amplification on genomic DNA extracted from mouse tails. (B) Flow cytometric

323 analysis of 14-3-3ε expression levels in peritoneal macrophages (CD11b⁺F4/80⁺),

324 neutrophils(CD11b⁺LY6G⁺), and DCs (CD11b⁺CD11c⁺) from CLP-modeled 14-3-3ε^{f/f}
325 and 14-3-3ε^{f/f}Lyz2^{Cre} mice. (C, D) Flow cytometry analysis of the proportions of
326 neutrophil(CD11b⁺LY6G⁺) and DCs (CD11b⁺CD11c⁺) in peritoneal lavage fluid from
327 CLP-modeled mice. Data are presented as mean ±SD and were analyzed using unpaired
328 Student's t-test (C, D). ns, nonsignificant.

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331 **Supplemental Figure 8. 14-3-3 $\epsilon^{fl/fl}$ Lyz2^{Cre} conditional knockout reduced small**

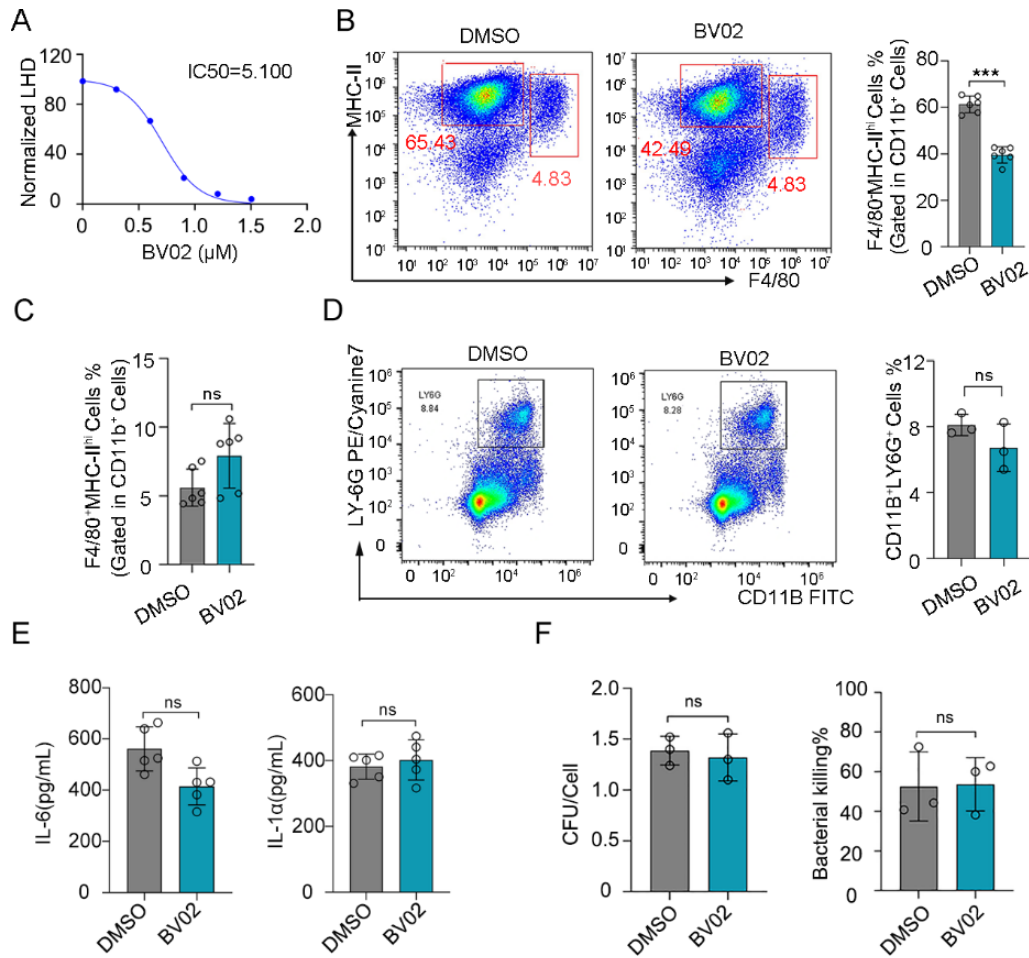
332 **peritoneal macrophages. (A) UA in mice serum after 24 h of sham or CLP surgery**

333 **was quantified using an automated biochemistry analyzer. (B) The gating strategy for**

334 **macrophage (CD11b⁺F4/80⁺). (C) The gating strategy for large peritoneal macrophages**

335 **(F4/80^{hi}MHC-II^{lo}) and small peritoneal macrophages (F4/80^{lo}MHC-II^{hi}).** (D, E) Flow

336 cytometric analysis of large peritoneal macrophages and small peritoneal macrophages
337 from the peritoneal cavity after 24 h of sham or CLP surgery. (F) IL-6 and IL-1 α levels
338 in mouse serum were measured by ELISA. (G) Efficiency of phagocytosis and
339 intracellular killing of P. A. by BMDMs from 14-3-3 $\epsilon^{f/f}$ mice or 14-3-3 $\epsilon^{f/f}$ Lyz2^{Cre} mice.
340 Data are presented as mean \pm SD and were analyzed using two-way ANOVA with
341 Tukey's multiple-comparison test (A, F) and unpaired Student's t-test (E, G). ns,
342 nonsignificant; *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001.
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345 **Supplemental Figure 9. BV02 treatment reduced small peritoneal macrophages**

346 **but did not affect bacterial phagocytosis.** (A) BV02 concentration–inhibition curves

347 obtained for LDH release in BMDMs treated with LPS and Nig; BV02 IC50 was

348 5.1 μM . (B–D) Mice were treated with BV02 or DMSO (n=5 per group) at 12 h post-

349 CLP, and peritoneal cells were analyzed 12 h after injection. Flow cytometry analysis

350 of (B, C) large peritoneal macrophages and small peritoneal macrophages and (D)

351 neutrophils (CD11b⁺Ly6G⁺). (E) IL-6 and IL-1 α levels in mouse serum were measured

352 by ELISA. (F) Efficiency of phagocytosis and intracellular killing of P. A. by DMSO

353 treated- or BV02 treated- BMDMs. Data are presented as mean \pm SD and were analyzed

354 using unpaired Student's t-test (B–F). ns, nonsignificant; ***p<0.001.

355 **Supplemental Table1.** Top 20 bonded proteins in mass spectrometry analysis.

No.	Accession	-10lgP	Area N3Mock	Area N3Sepsis	#Peptides	Avg. Mass	Gene
1	Q8R4B8	259.94	1.07E+08	1.89E+08	28	118275	Nlrp3
2	P48678	232.48	1.72E+07	2.17E+07	18	74238	Lmna
3	P35700	231.81	1.13E+08	1.10E+08	14	22176	Prdx1
4	Q8VDD5	227.9	8.68E+06	4.62E+06	29	226370	Myh9
5	P20029	223.12	6.16E+07	7.81E+07	14	72422	Hspa5
6	P62259	217.96	5.38E+07	6.83E+07	14	29174	Ywhae
7	P38647	206.3	2.37E+07	3.80E+07	12	73461	Hspa9
8	E9Q555	203.64	9.67E+06	1.02E+07	23	584265	Rnf213
9	P29341	199.27	1.84E+07	2.05E+07	13	70671	Pabpc1
10	O70133	197.01	3.18E+06	6.24E+06	11	149474	Dhx9
11	P52480	192.76	2.67E+07	2.82E+07	12	57845	Pkm
12	Q99P91	191.89	2.57E+07	1.95E+07	8	63676	Gpnmb
13	Q8VDP4	188.62	1.61E+07	1.66E+07	10	103002	Ccar2
14	P62960	184.96	8.93E+06	1.14E+07	5	35730	Ybx1
15	P62908	182.33	2.19E+07	3.06E+07	9	26674	Rps3
16	P54987	182.06	1.19E+07	2.08E+07	9	53759	Acod1
17	Q03265	178.72	8.85E+06	1.24E+07	10	59753	Atp5f1a
18	Q9JKF1	176.96	4.39E+06	5.49E+06	9	188741	Iqgap1
19	P99024	176.6	2.30E+06	2.06E+06	9	49671	Tubb5
20	P63017	175.27	6.58E+06	8.55E+06	10	70871	Hspa8

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Supplemental Table 2 The characteristics of healthy controls and sepsis patients

Variables	Healthy controls	Sepsis Patients
Sample size (no.)	29	60
Sex-no. (%)		
Male	15 (51.72)	30 (50)
Female	14 (48.28)	30 (50)
Age (years)		
Mean \pm SD	62.69 \pm 11.42	66.65 \pm 14.44
Median (IQR)	61.0 (54, 70)	68.0(59.75, 72.25)
Range	42-90	21-96
Blood cells		
Platelets ($\times 10^9$ / L)	257.83 \pm 53.16	184.53 \pm 148.49
Granulocyte ($\times 10^9$ / L)	6.43 \pm 1.37	16.37 \pm 7.83
Lymphocyte ($\times 10^9$ / L)	2.11 \pm 0.60	0.65 \pm 0.27
Serum biochemical indexes		
Fibrinogen (g/L)	3.81 \pm 0.72	5.03 \pm 1.57
CRP (mg/L)	/	149.39 \pm 91.54
ALT (U/L)	17.96 \pm 9.93	55.9 \pm 84.32
Urea (mmol/L)	6.03 \pm 5.41	12.55 \pm 8.93
PT (s)	13.27 \pm 1.49	18.20 \pm 9.4

359 Abbreviations: CRP, C-reactive protein; PT, prothrombin time; ALT, alanine

360 aminotransferase. All data are shown as Mean \pm SD.

361 **Supplemental Table3 Sequences of q-PCR primers and siRNA.**

Primer	Sequence
Primer: <i>nlrp3</i> Forward	TCACAACCTCGCCCAAGGAGGAA
Primer: <i>nlrp3</i> Reverse	AAGAGACCACGGCAGAAGCTAG
Primer: <i>il-1b</i> Forward	TGGACCTTCCAGGATGAGGACA
Primer: <i>il-1b</i> Reverse	GTTCATCTCGGAGCCTGTAGTG
Primer: <i>caspase1</i> Forward	GGCACATTTCCAGGACTGACTG
Primer: <i>caspase1</i> Reverse	GCAAGACGTGTACGAGTGGTTG
Primer: <i>asc</i> Forward	CTGCTCAGAGTACAGCCAGAAC
Primer: <i>asc</i> Reverse	CTGTCCTTCAGTCAGCACACTG
Primer: <i>beta actin</i> Forward	GATTACTGCTCTGGCTCCTAGC
Primer: <i>beta actin</i> Reverse	GACTCATCGTACTCCTGCTTGC
14-3-3ε-siRNA	UGUACAUCCAGAAUGUCACAACAGA

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