## Supplementary Data

Supplementary Figures and Figure Legends



Supplementary figure 1. Myeloid cell populations in mouse aorta analyzed by flow cytometry (A). Total number of live CD45<sup>+</sup> leukocytes in aortas of 12 wks chow diet (CD) or western diet (WD)-fed *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* (n=7) and C57BL/6 (B6) (n=6) mice (B). Absolute number of live CD45<sup>+</sup>, CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>, CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup> and CD11b<sup>-</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup> cells in aortas from *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* and C57BL/6 mice on CD and WD, numbers of mice as in (A). (C) Total number of MHCII<sup>+</sup> CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>, CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup> cells in aortas of *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* (n=7) and C57BL/6(B6)(n=6) mice fed for 12 wks with CD or WD as indicated. \*p<0.05; \*\* p<0.01. (D). MHCII, CD205, Ly6G and F4/80 expression in CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>, CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup> and CD11b<sup>-</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup> cells in aortas of *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* fed with WD for 12 wks. All gates set by FMO. 2



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**Supplementary figure 2. (A).** Localization of CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup> (green), CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup> (yellow), and CD11b<sup>-</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup>(red), DAPI (blue) cells in aortic root of *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* mice fed with WD as seen by immunofluorescence. Dotted white lines indicate border of lamina muscularis; L-lumen; P-plaque; A-adventitia. **(B)** Aortic roots of *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* mice stained with secondary antibody only or isotype controls for CD11b and CD11c staining as seen by immunofluorescence of elastic lamina is visible.



**Supplementary figure 3. (A).** Expression of YFP among CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>, CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup> and CD11b<sup>-</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup> populations in aorta of CD11c<sup>YFP</sup>*Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* mice. **(B).** YFP expression in CD11b <sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>-</sup>, CD11b<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup> and CD11b<sup>-</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup> cells sorted from aortas and spleens as seen by fluorescence microscopy. **(C).** Distribution of CD11c<sup>YFP+</sup> cells between adventitia and the rest of the vessel (plaque+intima+media(P+M+I)). Representative of 2 independent experiments.



**Supplementary figure 4. (A).** Time lapse images of CD11c<sup>YFP+</sup>APC (green), displayed as maximum intensity projections along z axis (top view) through image stacks encompassing a volume of 760x760x160 mm (x, y, z) in the explanted aorta. (**B**). 3D projection of tracks (x, y and z) of four APC in the arterial wall. (**C**). Shapes of 3 APC tracked over 35 min (time color coded). See also supplementary movie 1. Representative images from at least four independent experiments.



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Supplementary figure 5. (A). Maximum intensity projection along z axis (top view) through image stacks (760x760x210 µm (x, y, z)). View from the adventitial side of explanted mouse aorta. CD11cYFP (green), SNARF-labeled OTII T cells (red). Interactions of APC and T cells in the adventitiain the presence of Ovalbumin (B). Time lapse images of interacting APC (green) and OTII T (red) cells in the presence of ovalbumin, displayed as maximum intensity projections along z axis (top view). Magnified from boxes. (C) Mean velocities of individual OTIL T cells in the absence or presence of ovalbumin. Average ± SEM is indicated by horizontal line. Representative data of 2 independent experiments. \*p<0.05



**Supplementary figure 6.** Mean migration velocities of individual OT II T cells or SMARTA T cells interacting with  $CD11c^{YFP+}$  APC in the presence of OVA peptide (A), SMARTA peptide (B), Ovalbumin (C) or Ovalbumin with anti-MHCII antibody (D). Aortas, explanted from *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* mice fed with WD for 12 weeks. Average ± SEM is indicated by horizontal lines. Representative data of 3 independent experiments. \*p<0.05



Supplementary figure 7. Two-photon imaging of antigen-specific T cell-APC interaction in paraaortic lymph node. (A) CD11c<sup>YFP</sup> APC (green), *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* T cells (blue), B6 T cells (red) in the paraaortic lymph node of atherosclerotic *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* mice. (B) Mean migration velocities of individual *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* T cells or B6 T cells. No exogenous antigen added. Lymph nodes, explanted from *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* mice fed with WD for 12 weeks. Average ± SEM is indicated by horizontal lines. Representative data of 3 independent experiments. \*p<0.05

## Supplementary materials:

**Supplementary Movie 1.** Z stack from top to bottom showing the localization of CD11c<sup>YFP</sup>DC in different compartments of the atherosclerotic arterial wall (top, adventitia; bottom, plaque). YFP<sup>+</sup>DC (green); second harmonic (blue); media autofluorescence (brown).

**Supplementary Movie 2**. Migration of CD11c<sup>YFP</sup>DC in the wall of explanted aorta. Displayed as maximum intensity projection along z axis. Adventitial localization of YFP<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup>DC. Representative movie of at least 10 independent experiments.

**Supplementary Movie 3.** Migration and interaction of CD11c<sup>+</sup>DC (green) with OT II T cells (red) in explanted aorta from CD11cYFP mouse in the presence of OVA peptide, maximum intensity projection along z axis through image stacks encompassing a volume of 760x760x210  $\mu$ m (x, y, z). Adventitial localization of YFP<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup>DC and CD4 T cells Representative movie of at least 5 independent experiments.

**Supplementary Movie 4.** Migration and interaction of YFP<sup>+</sup>DC (green) with OT II T cells (red) in explanted aorta from CD11c<sup>YFP</sup> mouse in the presence of ovalbumin, maximum intensity projection along z axis through image stacks encompassing a volume of 760x760x210  $\mu$ m (x, y, z). Adventitial localization of YFP<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup>DC and CD4 T cells Representative of 2 independent experiments.

**Supplementary Movies 5 and 6.** Migration and interaction of YFP<sup>+</sup>DC (green) with OT II T cells (red) or SMARTA speific T cells (blue) in the presence of OVA peptide (**movie S5**) or SMARTA peptide (**movie S6**). Explanted aortas from CD11c<sup>YFP</sup>/*Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* mice fed with WD for 12 weeks. Maximum intensity projection along z axis. Adventitial localization of YFP<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup>DC and CD4 T cells Representative of 3 independent experiments.

**Supplementary Movie 7.** Migration and interaction of YFP<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup>DC (green) with untreated *Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* CD4 T cells, labeled with SNARF (red) isolated from CD11c<sup>YFP</sup> /*Apoe<sup>-/-</sup>* fed 20 weeks with WD, but not with pre-stimulated OTII, labeled with CMRA (blue). No antigen added. Maximum intensity projection along z axis. Adventitial localization of YFP<sup>+</sup>CD11c<sup>+</sup>DC and CD4 T cells. Representative movie of 2 independent experiments.