Supplemental Data

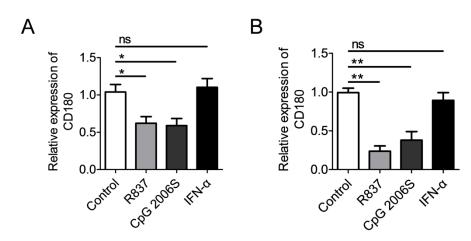


Figure S1 $\,$ The effect of TLR ligands and human IFN- $\!\alpha$ on expression of CD180 in human PBMCs

Human PBMCs were stimulated with R837 (1 μ g/ml), CpG 2006S (0.5 μ M) and human IFN- α . Q-PCR analysis of the expression of CD180 at 6 hours (**A**) and 12 hours (**B**). The data shown represent the means of three independent experiments and the error bars represent the S.E.M. * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, as determined by ANOVA tests; ns denotes p > 0.05.

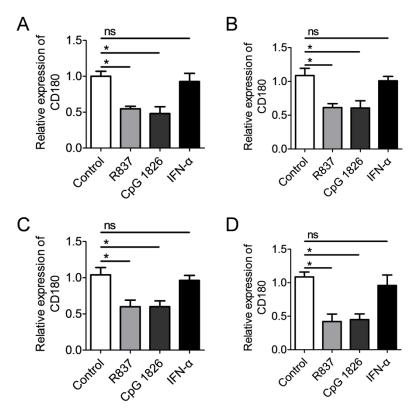


Figure S2 The effect of TLR ligands and murine IFN- α on expression of CD180 in BMDMs and BMDCs

Murine BMDMs and BMDCs were stimulated with R837 (1 µg/ml), CpG 1826 (0.5 µM) and murine IFN- α . (**A,B**) Q-PCR analysis of the expression of CD180 on BMDMs at 6 hours (**A**) and 12 hours (**B**). (**C,D**) Q-PCR analysis of the expression of CD180 on BMDCs at 6 hours (**C**) and 12 hours (**D**). The data shown represent the means of three independent experiments and the error bars represent the S.E.M. * p < 0.05, as determined by ANOVA tests; ns denotes p > 0.05.

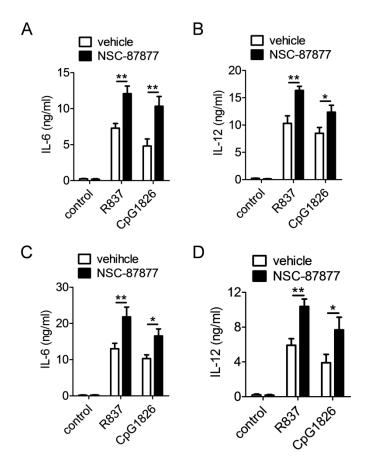


Figure S3 Effect of NSC-87877 on R837 and CpG 1826 induced expression of proinflammatory cytokines in BMDMs and BMDCs

Murine BMDMs and BMDCs were pretreated with NSC-87877 (1 μ M) followed by stimulation of R837 (1 μ g/ml) and CpG 1826 (0.5 μ M) for 6 hours. (**A,B**) Q-PCR analysis of the expression of IL-6 (**A**) and IL-12 (**B**) in BMDMs. (**C,D**) Q-PCR analysis of the expression of IL-6 (**C**) and IL-12 (D) in BMDCs. The data shown represent the means of three independent experiments and the error bars represent the S.E.M. * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, as determined by ANOVA tests.

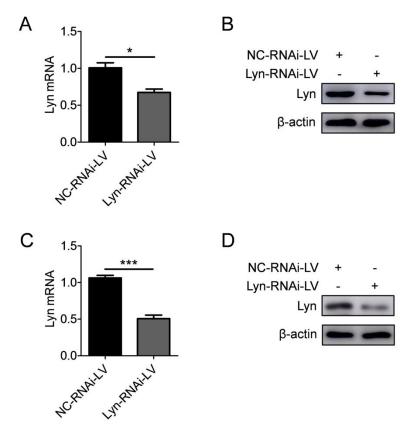


Figure S4 Knockdown effect of Lyn in BMDMs and BMDMs

(A) Q-PCR analysis of the expression of Lyn in BMDMs infected with lentivirus expressing negative control-RNAi (NC-RNAi-LV) or Lyn-specific RNAi (Lyn-RNAi-LV). (B) Western blot analysis of Lyn expression in BMDMs infected with NC-RNAi-LV or Lyn-RNAi-LV. (C) Q-PCR analysis of the expression of Lyn in BMDCs infected with lentivirus expressing negative control-RNAi (NC-RNAi-LV) or Lyn-specific RNAi (Lyn-RNAi-LV). (D) Western blot analysis of Lyn expression in BMDCs infected with NC-RNAi-LV or Lyn-RNAi-LV. The data shown represent the means of three independent experiments and the error bars represent the S.E.M. * p < 0.05, *** p < 0.001, as determined by t-test.

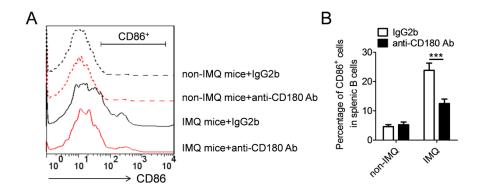


Figure S5 Effect of anti-CD180 Ab treatment on the activation of splenic B cells in IMQ-treated mice.

(A,B) Flow cytometric analysis of CD86 expression on splenic B cells in all groups of mice. The data are shown as the means \pm SEM (n=7 mice/group). *** p < 0.001, as determined by ANOVA tests.

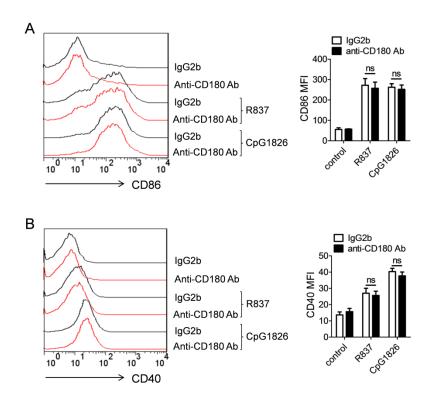


Figure S6 Effect of anti-CD180 Ab treatment on the activation of B cells in vitro.

Splenic B cells isolated from C57BL/6 mice were pretreated with anti-CD180 antibody (0.2 μ g/ml) followed by stimulation of R837 (1 μ g/ml) and CpG 1826 (0.5 μ M). Flow cytometric analysis of CD86 (**A**) and CD40 (**B**) expressions at 24 hours. The data shown represent the means of three independent experiments and the error bars represent the S.E.M. ns denotes p > 0.05.

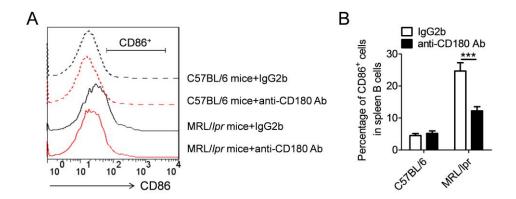


Figure S7 Effect of anti-CD180 Ab treatment on the activation of splenic B cells in MRL/lpr mice.

(A, B) Flow cytometric analysis of CD86 expression on splenic B cells in all groups of mice. The data are shown as the means \pm SEM (n=7 mice/group). *** p < 0.001, as determined by ANOVA tests.