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CCR2-positive monocytes contribute to the pathogenesis of early diabetic retinopathy in mice

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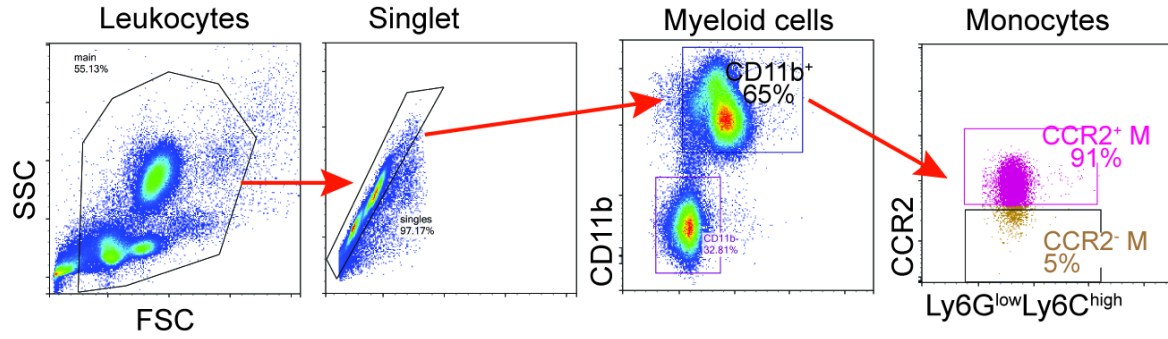
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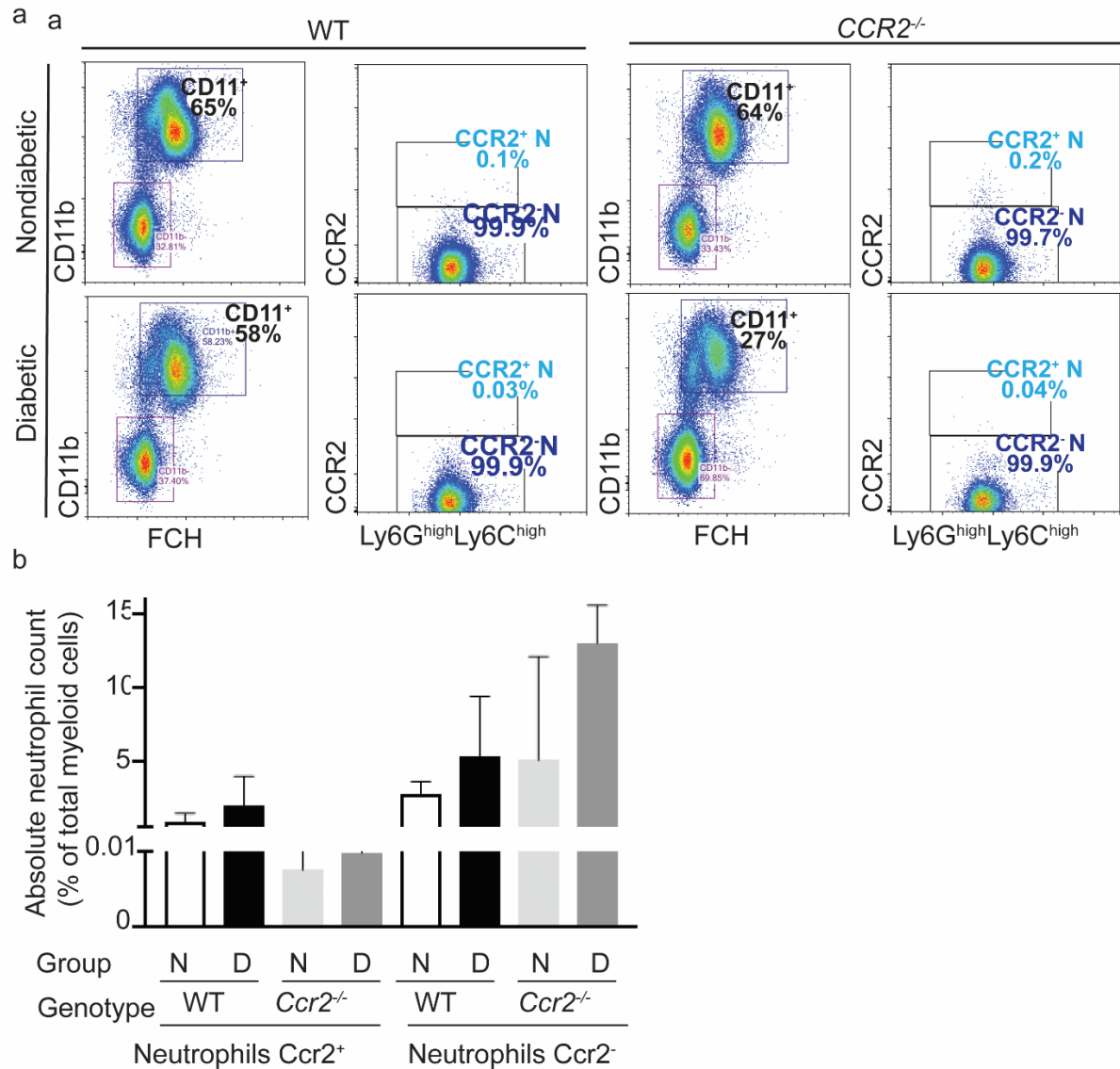
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ESM Fig.1 Gating strategy of the flow cytometry for identifying monocyte subsets. FSC and SSC identified total leukocytes, CD11b⁺ identified myeloid cells and CD11b, Ly6G and Ly6C staining identified monocytes as CD11b⁺Ly6G^{low}Ly6C^{high} and CCR2 further identified monocytes as CCR2⁺ or CCR2⁻. SSC, side scatter; FSC, forward scatter.



Supplementary Figure 2. Effect of *Ccr2* deficiency and diabetes on Neutrophils distribution. FSC and SSC identified total leukocytes, CD11b⁺ identified myeloid cells and CD11b, Ly6G^{hi} and Ly6C staining identified neutrophils as CD11b⁺Ly6G^{hi}Ly6C^{hi} and CCR2 further identified neutrophils as CCR2⁺ or CCR2⁻. Flow cytometry of the blood of nondiabetic and diabetic mice of WT and *Ccr2*^{-/-} mice (a). Absolute numbers of monocytes were normalized to the total number of myeloid cells (b). Mean \pm SD. N, nondiabetic; D, diabetic.