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CRISPR screens unveil signal hubs for nutrient licensing of T cell immunity

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Abstract

Nutrients are emerging regulators of adaptive immunity¹. Selective nutrients interplay with immunological signals to activate mTORC1, a key driver of cell metabolism²⁻⁴, but how these environmental signals are integrated for immune regulation remains unclear. Here, we use genome-wide CRISPR screening combined with protein–protein interaction (PPI) networks to identify regulatory modules that mediate immune receptor- and nutrient-dependent signaling to

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mTORC1 in regulatory T (T_{reg}) cells. Sec31a is identified to promote mTORC1 activation, by interacting with the GATOR2 component Sec13 to protect it from Skp1-dependent proteasomal degradation. Accordingly, loss of Sec31a impairs T cell priming and T_{reg} suppressive function. In addition, the SWI/SNF complex restricts expression of the amino acid sensor Castor1, thereby enhancing mTORC1 activation. Moreover, we reveal the Ccdc101-associated SAGA complex as a potent inhibitor of mTORC1, which limits expression of glucose and amino acid transporters and maintains T cell quiescence *in vivo*. Specific deletion of Ccdc101 in T_{reg} cells results in uncontrolled inflammation but improved antitumour immunity. Collectively, our results establish epigenetic and posttranslational mechanisms that underpin how nutrient transporters, sensors and transducers interplay with immune signals for three-tiered regulation of mTORC1 activity, and their pivotal roles in licensing T cell immunity and immune tolerance.

T cells are pivotal for adaptive immunity against pathogens and tumours. Activation of T cells requires conventional immune signals, namely T cell receptors (TCR), co-stimulation and cytokines. Moreover, nutrients are emerging as crucial regulators of T cell immunity, in part, by licensing mTORC1 activation^{1,4,5}, but the regulation and signaling basis of nutrient transporters and sensors remain largely elusive. We also lack integrative, systems-level information of the regulatory circuits that transmit physiological signals to mTORC1. Here we address these questions by integrating CRISPR-based genetic screening, PPI network analysis, and *in vivo* functional dissection.

Integration of CRISPR screening with PPI network analysis

To establish a system for pooled screening of physiological regulators of mTORC1 activity, we measured mTORC1-dependent phosphorylation of S6 (p-S6)²⁻⁴ in effector and induced T_{reg} cells following TCR stimulation under nutrient-replete conditions. Cells differentiated under T_H1 and T_{reg} conditions were selected for analysis, as they contained a more homogenous population than other effector cells (Extended Data Fig. 1a). Further, T_{reg} cells showed TCR-mediated strong and bimodal induction of p-S6 (Extended Data Fig. 1b). Nutrients license TCR-dependent mTORC1 signaling^{1,5}, and upon amino acid or glucose deprivation, TCR-induced mTORC1 activation and proliferation of T_{reg} cells were severely impaired (Extended Data Fig. 1c, d). Therefore, T_{reg} cells represent a faithful system for TCR- and nutrient-dependent mTORC1 activation.

To perform pooled CRISPR screening (Fig. 1a), we transduced Cas9-expressing T cells activated with T_{reg} -polarizing cytokines with the genome-wide lentiviral CRISPR library⁶, followed by stimulation with two separate doses of α -CD3 under nutrient-replete conditions. T_{reg} cells with the highest (p-S6^{hi}) and lowest (p-S6^{lo}) levels of p-S6 were enriched for library preparation (Extended Data Fig. 1e). Fold change (FC)/FC plot analysis showed that both TCR stimulation conditions identified known mTORC1 positive regulators including GATOR2 (Sec13, Mios, Seh11, Wdr24 and Wdr59)^{2,3}, and negative regulators including Tsc1/2 and GATOR1 (Npr12, Npr13 and Depdc5)^{2,3} (Fig. 1b, Supplementary Table 1). Using two computational analyses (see Methods), we identified 292 positive and 125 negative mTORC1 regulators. Secondary CRISPR screening using a focused library targeting these 417 genes (Supplementary Table 2) revealed that 83% of the candidate genes (286 positive

and 60 negative regulators) showed consistent enrichments between the two screens (Fig. 1c, Supplementary Table 3).

We validated the respective inhibitory and stimulatory roles of GATOR1 and GATOR2 for mTORC1 activation in T cells (Extended Data Fig. 2a, b). We next developed a dual-color co-culture system with non-targeting control (NTC) ‘spike’ cells to examine cell-intrinsic effects of targeting a candidate gene on mTORC1 activation (Extended Data Fig. 2c), where expression of distinct fluorescent proteins did not impact mTORC1-dependent parameters (p-S6, cell size and CD71 expression)⁷ (Extended Data Fig. 2d). Using this strategy, we validated 63 positive and 21 negative candidate regulators for mTORC1 (Extended Data Fig. 2e), including previously uncharacterized regulators.

Functional enrichment analysis of the 346 high-confidence regulators of mTORC1 revealed the enrichment of diverse mTORC1-associated signaling processes (Fig. 1d). To reconstruct the mTORC1 signaling network, we integrated these high-confidence hits with composite PPI databases^{8,9}, and identified multiple functional modules (Extended Data Fig. 2f). One module contained components of the SWI/SNF complex (Extended Data Fig. 2f, Supplementary Table 1), which regulates Foxp3 expression in T_{reg} cells¹⁰. As the role of SWI/SNF in mTORC1 signaling is unknown, we validated that loss of Smarcb1, Smarca4, Arid1a, or Dpf2 significantly reduced mTORC1-dependent parameters (Extended Data Fig. 3a). Smarcb1-null cells also had reduced amino acid-induced mTORC1 activation and lysosome-associated mTOR⁵ (Fig. 1e, Extended Data Fig. 3b), indicating that Smarcb1 interplays with amino acids to regulate mTORC1.

Transcriptome profiling showed that *Castor1*, an arginine sensor that binds GATOR2 to inhibit mTORC1 upon nutrient deprivation^{2,3}, was upregulated in Smarcb1-null cells (Fig. 1f, Extended Data Fig. 3c and Supplementary Table 5), which was verified by real-time PCR and immunoblot analyses (Extended Data Fig. 3d, e). The defective mTORC1 activation in Smarcb1-null cells is mediated by enhanced *Castor1*, as co-deletion of Smarcb1 and *Castor1* reversed the defect (Fig. 1g). Furthermore, overexpression of *Castor1* suppressed mTORC1 activation (Extended Data Fig. 3f). Therefore, the SWI/SNF complex represses *Castor1* to promote mTORC1 activation in T_{reg} cells.

Sec31a mediates nutrient and GATOR2-dependent mTORC1

We identified a functional module containing multiple GATOR1 and GATOR2 components^{2,3}, as well as Sec31a¹¹ (Extended Data Fig. 2f). We found that Sec31a interacted with several GATOR2 components, especially Sec13, in T cells (Fig. 2a, Extended Data Fig. 4a). Further, deletion of Sec31a markedly impaired amino acid- or glucose-mediated mTORC1 activation (Extended Data Fig. 4b, c), and TCR-induced p-S6 level, cell size and CD71 expression (Extended Data Fig. 4d). Therefore, Sec31a is essential for integrating nutrient and immune signals to activate mTORC1.

Immunofluorescence staining revealed that Sec31a-null cells had decreased lysosome-associated mTOR and were unresponsive to amino acid stimulation (Fig. 2b). We next performed epistasis assays between Sec31a and the established mTORC1 regulators.

Expression of constitutively active Rag GTPase (RagA^{Q66L}) or deletion of Nprl2 rectified the defective mTORC1 activation and localization in Sec31a- or Sec13-null cells (Extended Data Fig. 4e-g). Thus, Sec31a, like Sec13, functions upstream of GATOR1 and RagA to activate mTORC1. Accordingly, loss of Sec31a impaired *in vivo* T_{reg} cell proliferation upon transfer into immunodeficient *Rag1*^{-/-} mice (Extended Data Fig. 5a), and the ability of T_{reg} cells to inhibit the accumulation of conventional T cells (Extended Data Fig. 5b). Antigen-specific T cell response following LCMV infection was also diminished (Fig. 2c), consistent with the roles of mTORC1 for activation and function of both T_{reg} and conventional T cells^{1,7,12}.

mTORC1 activity is dynamically regulated upon T cell activation via poorly understood mechanisms^{1,7}. We found that mTORC1 activity, as indicated by p-S6K1, and expression of Sec13 and Sec31a (but not Tsc2), were increased up to 48 h after TCR stimulation but declined by 72 h (Extended Data Fig. 5c). Deletion of Sec31a or Sec13 led to a respective reduction of Sec13 or Sec31a expression, but not other GATOR2 components, while Mios deficiency did not have such effects (Fig. 2d). Moreover, loss of Sec31a or Sec13 disrupted integrity of GATOR2 complex, as shown by dampened interaction of Wdr24 with other GATOR2 components (Extended Data Fig. 5d). Thus, Sec31a and Sec13 are important for their reciprocal expression and contribute to the integrity of GATOR2. Further, overexpression of Sec13 fully restored defective mTORC1 activity in Sec31a-null cells, albeit without effects in the wild-type (WT) context (Fig. 2e), indicating that Sec13 is necessary but not sufficient for mTORC1 activation. Collectively, these results indicate a critical role of Sec31a in orchestrating Sec13 abundance and GATOR2 complex integrity.

Sec31a protects Sec13 from proteasomal degradation

We determined the mechanisms for Sec31a-mediated regulation of Sec13 abundance. This effect was unlikely due to mRNA regulation, as *Sec13* mRNA was slightly elevated in Sec31a-null cells (Extended Data Fig. 6a). Cycloheximide-chase analysis¹³ revealed that Sec13 half-life was reduced by half in Sec31a-null cells (Extended Data Fig. 6b), but blocking proteasomal degradation via MG132 restored Sec13 expression in these cells (Fig. 3a). In T cells with prolonged TCR stimulation, blocking proteasomal degradation also upregulated Sec13 and Sec31a levels (Extended Data Fig. 6c). To examine the mechanistic basis of proteasomal degradation, we expressed Sec13 together with wild-type ubiquitin (WT-Ub) or mutant ubiquitin that cannot undergo K48-linked (K48R-Ub) or K63-linked poly-ubiquitylation (K63R-Ub). Pulldown assay showed that Sec13 was efficiently labelled by WT-Ub or K63R-Ub, but had reduced labelling with K48R-Ub (Extended Data Fig. 6d), revealing that Sec13 mainly undergoes K48-linked poly-ubiquitylation. Upon loss of Sec31a, more Sec13 poly-ubiquitylation was observed (Extended Data Fig. 6e), suggesting that Sec31a prevents proteasomal degradation and poly-ubiquitylation of Sec13.

We determined the specific lysine residue(s) in Sec13 (16 in total) that mediate such poly-ubiquitylation. We found that the Sec13 K260R and K256R/K260R mutants had much higher abundance compared to WT Sec13 (Extended Data Fig. 7a), with the K260R mutant showing enhanced stability in both WT and Sec31a-null cells (Fig. 3b). Unlike WT Sec13, the Sec13 K260R mutant was not labelled by the K48-only Ub (Extended Data Fig. 7b).

Further, poly-ubiquitylation of WT Sec13, but not Sec13 K260R mutant, was increased upon prolonged TCR stimulation, consistent with the elevated expression of Sec13 K260R mutant in T cells (Fig. 3c). Thus, lysine-260 mediates poly-ubiquitylation of Sec13 for degradation. We next tested the functional effects of the degradation-resistant Sec13 K260R mutant. Specifically, we transduced T cells with sg*Sec31a* (or sgNTC) retrovirus (Ametrine⁺) together with WT or K260R mutant Sec13-expressing retrovirus (GFP⁺), and sorted the Ametrine⁺GFP^{lo} population for TCR stimulation. While Sec13 WT protein expressed at the low level (i.e. GFP^{lo}) had a very modest but trending rescue effect at restoring p-S6 and p-S6K1 in Sec31a-null cells, Sec13 K260R mutant fully rescued mTORC1 activity (Extended Data Fig. 7c), indicating a gain-of-function effect and the functional importance of Sec13 degradation.

Using quantitative interaction proteomics (interactome) analysis^{5,14}, we identified Skp1, the essential adaptor protein of the SCF E3 ligase complex¹⁵, as among the top-enriched Sec13-interacting proteins (Extended Data Fig. 7d), which was subsequently validated by immunoprecipitation–immunoblot analysis (Extended Data Fig. 7e, f). Upon deletion of Sec31a, enhanced Sec13–Skp1 interaction was observed (Extended Data Fig. 7g), revealing Sec31a-dependent inhibition of this interaction. In α -CD3/CD28-stimulated T cells, the endogenous interaction between Skp1 and Sec13 was increased at 72 compared to 48 h (Extended Data Fig. 7h), in line with the upregulated Sec13 poly-ubiquitylation at 72 h (Fig. 3c). Thus, TCR stimulation leads to dynamic changes in Sec13 abundance and poly-ubiquitylation, and Sec13–Skp1 interaction.

Deletion of Skp1 increased the abundance of Sec13 but not other GATOR2 components (Extended Data Fig. 7i) or mTORC1 activity (Fig. 3d). However, co-deletion of Skp1 and Sec31a rectified the defective mTORC1 activation and Sec13 expression in Sec31a-null cells (Fig. 3d, e). Such co-deletion also restored the defective proliferation of Sec31a-null cells *in vitro* (Extended Data Fig. 7j), indicating the role of Skp1 in Sec13 degradation. Furthermore, upon adoptive transfer (Extended Data Fig. 7k), loss of Sec31a modestly reduced T cell accumulation (Extended Data Fig. 7l), but following LCMV infection, a pronounced defect in antigen-specific T cell expansion was observed (Fig. 3f). These effects of Sec31a deletion were largely rectified by co-deletion of Skp1 (Fig. 3f, Extended Data Fig. 7l). Moreover, Sec31a-null cells had reduced extracellular acidification rate (ECAR), a measure of aerobic glycolysis, which was also rescued by Skp1 co-deletion (Extended Data Fig. 7m). Collectively, these data indicate that Sec31a protects Sec13 from Skp1-dependent proteasomal degradation, thereby contributing to mTORC1 activation, glycolytic metabolism, and *in vivo* T cell priming.

Ccdc101 suppresses nutrient transporters and mTORC1

We also investigated mechanisms that suppress mTORC1 activity. Loss of Ccdc101 or Taf6l, components of chromatin-modifying SAGA complex^{10,16}, increased TCR-induced mTORC1 activity (Extended Data Fig. 8a). Also, compared to WT cells, Ccdc101-null cells showed markedly elevated mTORC1 activity upon stimulation with glucose or amino acids (Fig. 4a, Extended Data Fig. 8b), indicating an inhibitory role of SAGA complex in TCR- and nutrient-induced mTORC1 activation. Transcriptome profiling of *Ccdc101*-null

cells revealed significantly upregulated expression of transporters for glucose (*Slc2a1*, which encodes Glut1) and amino acids (*Slc16a10* and *Slc43a1*) (Fig. 4b, Extended Data Fig. 9a, b and Supplementary Table 6). Glut1 protein expression was also increased in *Ccdc101*-null cells (Extended Data Fig. 9c), associated with enhanced glucose uptake (Extended Data Fig. 9d). To determine the functional effects, we deleted *Slc2a1*, *Slc43a1* or *Slc16a10* from *Ccdc101*-null cells. Co-deletion of *Slc2a1* (Fig. 4c), and to a lesser extent, *Slc16a10* or *Slc43a1* (Extended Data Fig. 9e, f), partially blocked the elevated p-S6 levels in *Ccdc101*-null cells, indicating the functional importance of nutrient transporters, especially Glut1. Additionally, deletion of RagA or Sec13 substantially dampened the excessive mTORC1 activity in *Ccdc101*-null cells (Fig. 4d), suggesting that *Ccdc101* functions upstream of GATOR2 and RagA. Therefore, *Ccdc101* represses nutrient transporter expression and downstream GATOR2–RagA signaling to restrain mTORC1 activity.

ATAC-seq revealed discrete chromatin accessibility profiles between sgNTC- and sg*Ccdc101*-transduced cells (Extended Data Fig. 9g). Transcription factor motif searches on differentially accessible chromatin regions identified downregulated motifs corresponding to Sp3 binding sites in *Ccdc101*-null cells (Extended Data Fig. 9h, i). Also, the promoter region of *Sp3* showed reduced accessibility (Extended Data Fig. 9j), associated with reduced Sp3 expression (Extended Data Fig. 9k). To test the functional effects, we overexpressed Sp3 and found decreased Glut1 levels and mTORC1 activity (Fig. 4e). Thus, Sp3, whose expression is contingent upon *Ccdc101* function, limits Glut1 expression and mTORC1 signaling.

Excessive mTORC1 activation is associated with increased apoptosis and metabolism of T cells¹⁷. Accordingly, sg*Ccdc101*-transduced cells had increased active caspase-3 and fixable viability dye (FVD) staining (Extended Data Fig. 10a, b), as well as elevated ECAR (Extended Data Fig. 10c), indicating increased apoptotic cell death and glycolytic metabolism. Consistent with the role of *Ccdc101* in preventing mTORC1 hyperactivation through repressing Glut1 expression, co-deletion of Glut1 blocked the increased cell death and ECAR in *Ccdc101*-null cells (Extended Data Fig. 10a-c).

To further establish the *in vivo* physiological function of *Ccdc101*, we generated *Cd4^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice to delete *Ccdc101* specifically in T cells (Extended Data Fig. 10d). Consistent with the results above, naïve T cells isolated from *Cd4^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice had higher expression of p-S6 (Fig. 4f) and CD71 (Extended Data Fig. 10e) than WT cells. *Cd4^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice had no overt defects in thymocyte development (Extended Data Fig. 10f). In contrast, T cells from *Cd4^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice had features of mTORC1 hyperactivation¹⁷, including a reduction of CD8⁺ but not CD4⁺ T cells in the spleen (Extended Data Fig. 10g), increased CD44^{hi}CD62L^{lo} effector/memory populations (Fig. 4g), and accumulation of semi-activated (CD44^{hi}CD122^{hi}) CD8⁺ T cells (Extended Data Fig. 10h). Thus, *Ccdc101*-deficient conventional T cells display loss of quiescence *in vivo*. Hyperactivation of mTORC1 is also associated with decreased lineage stability of T_{reg} cells¹⁸. In line with this, *Ccdc101*-deficient T_{reg} cells had reduced Foxp3 expression (Fig. 4h), associated with increased mTORC1 activity (Fig. 4i). Thus, *Ccdc101* is a crucial negative regulator of mTORC1 to maintain T cell homeostasis and lineage stability.

Ccdc101 in immune tolerance and antitumour immunity

To investigate the specific role of Ccdc101 in T_{reg} cells *in vivo*, we generated *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice, with specific deletion of *Ccdc101* in T_{reg} cells resulting in elevated p-S6 and reduced Foxp3 expression (Extended Data Fig. 11a, b). *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice had increased effector/memory populations and IL-2⁺ and IFN- γ ⁺ cells (Fig. 5a, Extended Data Fig. 11c, d), and aged animals developed systemic inflammatory disorders, including inflammation in the periportal areas in the liver, perivascular/peribronchiolar locations in the lung, and interepithelial mucosal mast cells in the colon (Fig. 5b). Thus, *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice show altered immune homeostasis and spontaneous inflammation.

T_{reg} cells serve as a major barrier to antitumour immunity¹⁹. Indeed, tumour growth was strongly inhibited in *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice following MC38 tumour challenge (Fig. 5c), suggesting possibly impaired immunosuppressive function of Ccdc101-deficient T_{reg} cells. To test this notion and the effects on the tumour microenvironment (TME), we used single-cell RNA-sequencing (scRNA-seq) to unbiasedly profile CD45⁺ immune cells in tumour-bearing mice (Fig. 5d). *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice contained increased proportions of total CD8⁺ T cells (Fig. 5d), especially effector-like CD8⁺ T cells, in the TME (Extended Data Fig. 11e-g). Flow cytometry analysis verified these results (Fig. 5e, Extended Data Fig. 11h). Also, tumours from *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice had higher percentages of IFN- γ ⁺ and TNF- α ⁺ CD8⁺ T cells (Extended Data Fig. 11i), indicating enhanced effector cell function.

Moreover, scRNA-seq and flow cytometry analyses of Ccdc101-null T_{reg} cells from tumours revealed reduced expression of T_{reg} cell suppressive markers *Icos*, *Tnfrsf18* (encoding GITR) and *Ctla4* (Extended Data Fig. 11j, k). In contrast, Ccdc101-null T_{reg} cells had increased expression of IFN- γ (Extended Data Fig. 11j, l), consistent with the role of T_{reg} cell-derived IFN- γ in antitumour immunity^{18,20}. Moreover, T_{reg} cell percentage and Foxp3 expression were dampened in intratumoural Ccdc101-null T_{reg} cells (Fig. 5f). Collectively, these results reveal a crucial role of Ccdc101 in maintaining T_{reg} cell fitness and suppressive function in tumours.

Here, we systemically identify the regulatory network for mTORC1 signaling in primary T cells, and uncover mechanisms of how nutrients license mTORC1 activity and adaptive immunity^{5,21}. We establish the three-tier regulatory modules mediating nutrient transport, sensing and transduction that act in concert with immunological signals for shaping mTORC1 signaling in primary T cells (Extended Data Fig. 12). We also reveal TCR-mediated regulation of nutrient signaling processes, including the downregulation of mTORC1 activity and degradation of Sec13 upon prolonged TCR stimulation, and the active suppression of Glut1 expression by Ccdc101 in TCR-stimulated cells. Our findings support and expand upon the emerging concept of bidirectional metabolic signaling in adaptive immunity¹ by establishing the connections between conventional immunological cues (antigens and costimulation or signals 1 and 2, and possibly cytokines or signal 3) and nutrient signals (emerging as signal 4) in programming immunometabolism and T cell function. Moreover, the integration of these signals by mTORC1 serves as a fundamental mechanism for connecting microenvironmental cues with T cell metabolism and activation

state. The context-specific programming observed in primary T cells likely extends to other physiological processes. The identification of regulatory modules in mTORC1 signaling provides important insight into therapeutic targeting of nutrient signaling processes for infectious diseases and other immune-mediated disorders.

Methods

Data reporting

No statistical methods were used to predetermine sample size. The experiments were not randomized and the investigators were not blinded to allocation during experiments and outcome assessment.

Cell lines and mice

HEK293T cell line was purchased from ATCC. The Plat-E cell line was kindly provided by Yun-Cai Liu. Cell lines used in this study were not independently authenticated or tested for mycoplasma contamination. Both cell lines were cultured in DMEM (Gibco) supplemented with 10% (vol/vol) FBS and 1% (vol/vol) penicillin-streptomycin. C57BL/6, *Rag1*^{-/-22}, *Cd4*^{Cre23}, *Foxp3*^{YFP-Cre24}, SMARTA²⁵ TCR transgenic, and *Rosa26-Cas9* knockin mice²⁶ were purchased from The Jackson Laboratory. We crossed *Rosa26-Cas9* knockin mice with SMARTA TCR transgenic mice to express Cas9 in antigen-specific CD4⁺ T cells (SMARTA-Cas9 CD4⁺ T cells). *Depdc5*^{fl/fl} and *Ccdc101*^{fl/fl} mice were purchased from Infrafrontier. *Cd4*^{Cre}*Depdc5*^{fl/fl}, *Cd4*^{Cre}*Ccdc101*^{fl/fl} and *Foxp3*^{Cre}*Ccdc101*^{fl/fl} mice were used at 7–10 weeks old unless otherwise noted. All genetic models were on the C57BL/6 background. Both male and female mice were used in experiments. To generate ‘retrogenic’ mice expressing sgNTC or sg*Sec31a*, lineage-negative (Lin⁻) bone marrow (BM) cells from Cas9-expressing or SMARTA-Cas9-expressing mice were isolated with a lineage cell depletion kit (Miltenyi Biotec). Lin⁻ BM cells were cultured in DMEM with 20% (vol/vol) FBS, 50 ng/ml recombinant stem cell factor (PeproTech), 20 ng/ml murine IL-3 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) and 50 ng/ml murine IL-6 (BD Biosciences) in non-tissue culture-treated plates. After 2 d of culture, retroviral transduction was performed by spin-infection at 900 × *g* at 25 °C for 3 h followed by additional cell culture for 48 h. *Rag1*^{-/-} recipient mice were sub-lethally irradiated (5.5 Gy) 6 h prior to Lin⁻ BM cell transfer. Transduced Lin⁻ BM cells (5 × 10⁵) were injected via tail vein. Mice were given antibiotic (Baytril) water for 3 weeks and reconstitution was determined by flow cytometry analysis of blood at 5–6 weeks post Lin⁻ BM cell transfer. All mice were kept in a specific pathogen-free facility in the Animal Resource Center at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Mice were kept with 12-hour light/dark cycles that coincide with daylight in Memphis, TN, USA. The St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital Animal Resource Center housing facility was maintained at 30–70 % humidity and 20–25 °C. Animal protocols were approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

T cell purification and viral transduction

Naïve Cas9-expressing CD4⁺ T cells were isolated from the spleen and peripheral lymph nodes (PLNs) of Cas9 mice using naïve (CD25⁻CD44^{lo}CD62L^{hi}) CD4⁺ T cell isolation kit (Miltenyi Biotec) according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Purified naïve CD4⁺

T cells were activated *in vitro* for 20 h with 10 µg/ml α-CD3 (2C11; Bio X Cell, BE0001-1) and 5 µg/ml α-CD28 (37.51; Bio X Cell, BE0015-1) antibodies before viral transduction. Viral transduction was performed by spin-infection at 900 × *g* at 25 °C for 3 h with 10 µg/ml polybrene (Sigma), followed by continued culture under the polarizing conditions described below (see *in vitro* T cell differentiation). sgRNAs were designed by using the online tool (<https://portals.broadinstitute.org/gppx/crispick/public>) and subsequently cloned into retroviral or lentiviral vector²⁷⁻²⁹. sgRNAs used for validation in this study were listed in Supplementary Table 4 (two independent sgRNAs per gene; data for the second guide for certain genes are consistent with those from the first guide and are not shown). Retroviral sgRNA vector was co-transfected into Plat-E cells with the helper plasmid pCL-Eco (12371; Addgene) to produce retrovirus. Lentiviral sgRNA vector was co-transfected into HEK293T cells with the helper plasmid psPAX2 (12260; Addgene) and pCAG4-Eco (35617; Addgene) to produce lentivirus. The coding sequences of *Sec13* (46332; Addgene) and *Sp3* (NM_001018042.3) were subcloned into pMIG-II retroviral vector (52107; Addgene), which was co-transfected into Plat-E cells with the helper plasmid pCL-Eco (12371; Addgene) to produce retrovirus. Epistasis and rescue experiments were performed through double or triple transduction of Cas9-expressing T cells with Ametrine-, GFP-, and/or mCherry-expressing retroviral vectors (different color combinations were used to identify cells that had undergone successful dual or triple transduction), followed by flow cytometry or immunoblot analysis.

***In vitro* T cell differentiation**

For T_H0, T_H1 or induced T_{reg} cell differentiation, naïve CD4⁺ T cells were stimulated with 5 µg/ml each of plate-bound α-CD3/CD28 antibodies in the presence of human IL-2 (100 U/ml; PeproTech) for T_H0 polarizing; human IL-2 (100 U/ml) plus mouse IL-12 p40 (0.5 ng/ml; BD Biosciences) for T_H1 polarizing; or human IL-2 (100 U/ml) plus human TGF-β (0.5 ng/ml; PeproTech) for T_{reg} polarizing for 2.5 d, and rested in complete Click's medium (IrvineScientific) supplemented with 10% (vol/vol) FBS and 1% (vol/vol) penicillin-streptomycin and the cytokine combinations indicated above for 3 d. For T_H2 or T_H17 cell differentiation, naïve CD4⁺ T cells were stimulated with 2 µg/ml each of soluble α-CD3/CD28 antibodies and irradiated antigen presenting cells (T cell-depleted splenocytes) in the presence of human IL-2 (100 U/ml), mouse IL-4 (10 ng/ml; R&D systems) and anti-IFN-γ antibody (10 µg/mL; Bio X Cell) for T_H2 polarizing; or human TGF-β (2 ng/ml; PeproTech) plus mouse IL-6 (20 ng/m; BD Biosciences) for T_H17 polarizing in complete Click's medium for 5.5 d.

Adoptive transfer and LCMV infection

For analysis of effects of *Sec31a* and *Rptor* deletion on antigen-specific T cell expansion *in vivo*, naïve SMARTA-Cas9 CD4⁺ T cells were isolated from 'retrogenic' mice as indicated above (CD45.1⁺Ametrine⁺). sgRNA-expressing SMARTA-Cas9 CD4⁺ T cells were co-adoptively transferred at a 1:1 ratio (5 × 10⁵ each) with non-transduced SMARTA (CD45.1⁺Ametrine⁻ 'spike') cells into naïve hosts (CD45.2⁺) followed by LCMV infection. Alternatively, SMARTA-Cas9 CD4⁺ T cells (CD45.1⁺; 5 × 10⁵) that were transduced with sgNTC (mCherry⁺; 'spike') *in vitro* were mixed at a 1:1 ratio with SMARTA-Cas9 CD4⁺ T cells (CD45.1⁺) transduced with sgNTC (Ametrine⁺), sg*Sec31a* (Ametrine⁺), sg*Skp1*

(Ametrine⁺), sg*Sec31a+Skp1* (GFP⁺ and Ametrine⁺), and adoptively transferred into naïve WT mice (CD45.2⁺) ($n = 5$ mice per group). The mice were left either uninfected or challenged with LCMV infection, and were analyzed at d 7–8 after transfer by flow cytometry analysis³⁰. For LCMV infection, 2×10^5 plaque-forming units (PFU) of LCMV Armstrong strain virus were injected intraperitoneally.

Tumour model and tumour-infiltrating lymphocyte isolation

MC38 colon adenocarcinoma cells were cultured in RPMI 1640 medium supplemented with 10% (v/v) fetal bovine serum (FBS) and 1% (v/v) penicillin plus streptomycin. WT (included both *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{+/+}* or *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/+}* mice) and *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice were injected subcutaneously with MC38 colon adenocarcinoma cells (5×10^5 cells) into the right flank. Tumours were measured every two days with digital calipers and tumour volumes were calculated by the formula: Length \times Width \times [(Length \times Width) [^] 0.5] \times $\pi/6$. Tumour size limits were approved to reach a maximum of 3,000 mm³ or 20% of body weight (whichever was less) by the IACUC at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Tumour infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs) were prepared with mechanical dissociation and enzymatic [1 mg/ml Collagenase IV (Roche) + 200 U/ml Dnase I (Sigma)] disruption for 1 h at 37 °C, and then passed through 70 μ m cell strainers to remove residual undigested tumour tissues. TILs were isolated by density-gradient centrifugation over Percoll (GE Healthcare).

Flow cytometry

For analysis of surface markers, cells were stained in PBS (Gibco) containing 2% (wt/vol) BSA (Sigma). Surface proteins were stained for 30 min on ice. For phospho-flow cytometry analysis, to preserve the fluorescent proteins, cells were fixed with 2% paraformaldehyde for 30 min at room temperature, followed by permeabilization with 90% ice-cold methanol for 30 min and then stained in 1 \times Permeabilization Buffer (eBioscience) for 30 min at room temperature. Transcription factor staining was performed with Foxp3/transcription factor staining buffers, according to the manufacturer's instructions (eBioscience). Intracellular staining for cytokines was performed with a fixation/permeabilization kit (BD Biosciences). Active caspase-3 staining was performed using the instructions and reagents from the 'Active Caspase-3 Apoptosis Kit (BD Biosciences). 7AAD (Sigma) or fixable viability dye (eBioscience) was used for dead cell exclusion. The following antibodies were used: α -CD4 (1:200, RM4-5, 100557), α -IFN- γ (1:200, XMG1.2, 505814), α -IL-4 (1:200, 11B11, 504109), α -IL-17A (1:200, TC11-18H10.1, 506916), α -CD25 (1:200, PC61.5, 102038), α -CD44 (1:200, IM7, 103047), α -CD71 (1:200, RI7217, 113808), α -CD122 (1:200, TM-b1, 123210), anti-TNF- α (1:200, MP6-XT22, 506314), α -CTLA-4 (1:200, UC10-4B9, 106310) (all from Biolegend); α -active caspase-3 (1:75, C92-605, 560626), α -Foxp3 (1:400, MF23, 560401) (all from BD Biosciences); α -TCR β (1:400, H57-597, 1105961-82), α -ICOS (1:200, 7E.17G9, 17-1942-82), α -GITR (1:200, DTA-1, 12-5874-82); α -IL-2 (1:200, JES6-5H4, 11-7021-82) (all from eBioscience); α -p-S6 (1:200, D57.2.2E, 5316S) (from Cell Signaling Technology); α -CD8 α (1:200, 53-6.7, 1103605) (from SONY); α -CD62L (1:400, MEL-14, 25-0621-U025) (both from TONBO Biosciences). To monitor cell division, cells were labelled with 5 μ M CellTrace Violet (CTV; ThermoFisher; C34557). Glucose uptake was measured by staining with the glucose analog, 2-(*N*-(7-Nitrobenz-2-oxa-1,3-diazol-4-yl)Amino)-2-

Deoxyglucose (2-NBDG)³⁰ (Thermo Fisher Scientific; N13195), which was dissolved in 100% ethanol and used at 10 μ M in complete DMEM. Flow cytometry data were acquired on an LSR II or LSR Fortessa (BD Biosciences) via the BD FACSDiva software 8 and analyzed using Flowjo 9.9.4 (Tree Star).

Lentiviral sgRNA Brie library CRISPR–Cas9 mutagenesis screening

Lentiviral and retroviral sgRNA vector design—The lentiviral and retroviral sgRNA vectors were previously described²⁷. Briefly, the lentiviral sgRNA vector was modified from lentiGuide-puro vector by replacing the EF-1 α -PuroR fragment with a mouse PGK promoter-driven Ametrine (or GFP or mCherry) fluorescent protein. The retroviral sgRNA vector was modified from pLMPd-Amt vector³¹ by replacing the miR30 shRNA cassette with the U6 promoter-driven gRNA cassette from the lentiGuide-puro vector.

Primary genome-wide p-S6 CRISPR screening using Brie sgRNA library—Lentiviral Brie library plasmid⁶ was co-transfected into HEK293T cells with the helper plasmid psPAX2 (12260; Addgene) and pCAG4-Eco (35617; Addgene) to produce lentivirus. At 48 h after transfection, virus was harvested and frozen at -80 °C. 2×10^8 naïve CD4⁺ T cells were purified from Cas9 mice, transduced at a MOI of 0.3 to achieve ~20% transduction efficiency, followed by puromycin selection, and differentiated into T_{reg} cells (two biological replicates were performed). At d 6 of differentiation, dead cells were removed by Percoll centrifugation, and 5×10^7 transduced cells were saved as input (~630 \times cell coverage per sgRNA), or were stimulated with 0.25 or 4 μ g/ml of α -CD3 antibody for 3 h. Cells were incubated with the live/dead dye 7AAD during the last 20 min of α -CD3 stimulation, and then were fixed and permeabilized according to manufacturer's (eBioscience) instructions, namely fixation in the Fixation/Permeabilization buffer for 30 min, followed by treatment with the permeabilization buffer for another 30 min. The cells were washed twice and then incubated with antibodies against Foxp3 and p-S6. For cell sorting, we first gated on singlets, and then 7AAD⁻ cells, followed by gating of Foxp3⁺ cells and sorting of the top 10% of populations with the highest (p-S6^{hi}) and lowest (p-S6^{lo}) levels of p-S6 for library preparation by following a similar strategy used in a previous study (i.e. the top 10% or 5–15% of TNF- α ^{hi} and TNF- α ^{lo} populations)³². About $3\text{--}9 \times 10^6$ T_{reg} cells per sample (38–113 \times cell coverage per sgRNA) were recovered for further analysis.

Sequencing library preparation—Genomic DNA was extracted by using the DNeasy Blood & Tissue Kits (69506; Qiagen). Primary PCR was performed by using the KOD Hot Start DNA Polymerase (71086; Millipore) and the following pair of Nextera NGS primers (Nextera NGS-F:

TCGTCGGCAGCGTCAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAGTTGTGGAAAGGACGAAACACC
G; Nextera NGS-R:

GTCTCGTGGGCTCGGAGATGTGTATAAGAGACAGCCACTTTTTCAAGTTGATAACG
G). Primary PCR products were purified using the AMPure XP beads (A63881; Beckman).

A second PCR was performed to add adaptors and indexes to each sample. Hi-Seq 50-bp single-end sequencing (Illumina) was performed. To minimize false positive candidates, deep sequencing data were analyzed by two independent pipelines as detailed below. We superimposed the top-enriched genes (550 positive and 300 negative mTORC1 regulators)

consistently captured by these two independent computational analyses and applied additional filters [$|z\text{-score}| > 1.96$; $|\log_2 \text{fold change (FC)} (p\text{-S6}^{\text{hi}}/p\text{-S6}^{\text{lo}})| > 0.5$; and $\log_2 \text{FC} (p\text{-S6}^{\text{lo}}/\text{input}) > 0.2$ for positive regulator or $\log_2 \text{FC} (p\text{-S6}^{\text{hi}}/\text{input}) > 0.2$ for negative regulator], resulting in the identification of a total of 292 positive and 125 negative mTORC1 regulators.

Data processing pipeline #1: As described previously²⁷, for data analysis, FASTQ read files obtained after sequencing were demultiplexed using the Hi-Seq analysis software (Illumina). The 50-bp single-end reads were trimmed and quality-filtered using the CLC Genomics Workbench v11 (Qiagen) and matched against sgRNA sequences from the genome-scale sgRNA Brie library (primary screening, 78,637 sgRNAs from 19,642 genes and 1,000 non-targeting control sgRNAs). Read counts for sgRNAs were normalized against total read counts across all samples for each screening. For each sgRNA, the fold change [$\log_2 \text{FC}$] for enrichment was calculated between each of the two (primary screening) biological replicates and the input experiment before the stimulation. The difference of $\log_2 \text{FC}$ between p-S6^{hi} and p-S6^{lo} populations was then calculated, and the gene level difference was further summarized by averaging four sgRNAs for each gene.

Data processing pipeline #2: As described previously³³, for data analysis, we first demultiplexed, and quality-filtered all raw FASTQ read files using an in-house mapping pipeline. Single-end reads were trimmed and matched against sgRNA sequences from the Brie sgRNA library. Read counts were normalized to count per million across all samples, and then \log_2 transformed prior to the downstream analysis. The hit identification at the gene and sgRNA levels was analyzed by ScreenBEAM³³, a Bayesian hierarchical modeling approach for meta-analysis of large-scale functional genomics analyses that minimizes the false positive rates of hit identification. Gene ranking was based on z-score and $\log_2 \text{FC}$ outputted from the 'DRAGeneLevel' function in ScreenBEAM R package, comparing p-S6 altered samples with input samples, by integrating 4 sgRNAs across 2 biological replicates. Any sgRNA with median count less than 8 was filtered out when calculating the statistics for gene ranking. sgRNA ranking was also based on z-score and $\log_2 \text{FC}$ calculated by the 'DRashRNAlevel' function in ScreenBEAM R package across 2 biological replicates.

Lentiviral sgRNA focused library CRISPR-Cas9 mutagenesis screening

Focused sgRNA library construction—To generate the focused library based on the candidates from the primary screening, a list of all sgRNA sequences found in the mouse Brie⁶ and GeCKO v2³⁴ whole genome sgRNA libraries was compiled. These libraries contain duplicate sgRNAs, as well as sgRNAs that bind to more than one site in the genome and may lead to off-target effects. Therefore, after duplicate sgRNAs were removed, a subsequent off-target analysis was performed, and up to six sgRNAs per gene, which have unique target sites in the genome, were selected. sgRNAs were manually designed for several genes for which no adequate sgRNAs could be found from the compiled libraries. The resulting oligo library was designed as described³⁵ and synthesized (Twist Bioscience). Library amplification, Gibson Assembly into the pLentiPuro backbone (39481; Addgene) and library plasmid prep validation were performed as described³⁵.

Secondary p-S6 CRISPR screening using focused sgRNA library and data processing—Lentiviral focused sgRNA plasmid was co-transfected into HEK293T cells with the helper plasmid psPAX2 (12260; Addgene) and pCAG4-Eco (35617; Addgene) to produce lentivirus. At 48 h after transfection, virus was harvested and frozen at -80°C . 1×10^8 naïve CD4^+ T cells from Cas9 mice were transduced at a MOI of 0.3 to achieve ~20% transduction efficiency, followed by puromycin selection, and differentiated into T_{reg} cells (three biological replicates were performed). At d 6 of differentiation, dead cells were removed by Percoll centrifugation, and 3×10^6 transduced cells were saved as input ($> 1,000\times$ cell coverage per sgRNA), or were stimulated with 0.25 or 4 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of $\alpha\text{-CD3}$ antibody for 3 h to sort the p-S6^{hi} and p-S6^{lo} populations (less than 10%). About $2\text{--}3 \times 10^6$ cells per sample ($> 700\times$ cell coverage per sgRNA) were recovered for further analysis. Data processing was performed as described above, using both pipelines #1 and #2.

Gene expression profiling

Induced T_{reg} cells were analyzed using microarray analysis (Affymetrix Mouse Clariom S Assay), which were collected in the following three batches: (a) sgNTC- and sg*Ccdc101*-transduced cells ($n = 3$ replicates each group) without stimulation (no $\alpha\text{-CD3/CD28}$ antibodies); (b) sgNTC- and sg*Ccdc101*-transduced cells ($n = 4$ replicates each group) stimulated with $\alpha\text{-CD3/CD28}$ antibodies for 20 h; and (c) sgNTC- and sg*Smarchb1*-transduced cells ($n = 4$ replicates each group) stimulated with $\alpha\text{-CD3/CD28}$ antibodies for 3 or 20 h. For microarrays, the expression signals were analyzed by Affymetrix Expression Console v1.1, followed by differential expression analysis performed using R package limma v.3.34.9. All the plots were generated using R packages ggplot2 v.2.2.1 and ComplexHeatmap v2.6.2. Differentially expressed transcripts were identified by ANOVA (Partek Genomics Suite version 6.5), and the Benjamini-Hochberg method was used to estimate the false discovery rate (FDR) as described¹². Differentially expressed (DE) genes were defined by $\text{llog}_2 \text{FCI} > 0.5$; $\text{FDR} < 0.05$. Microarray data have been deposited into the GEO series database (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE160598>, token for access: ghokkuyrhyphux) and will be made available to public upon manuscript publication.

ATAC-seq and data analysis

Library preparation—Induced T_{reg} cells ($n = 4$ biological replicates each group) were stimulated with $\alpha\text{-CD3/CD28}$ antibodies for 20 h. sgNTC- and sg*Ccdc101*-transduced cells ($n = 4$ replicates each group) were collected. To prepare ATAC-seq library, a total of 5×10^4 cells were incubated in 50 μl ATAC-seq lysis buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.4, 10 mM NaCl, 3 mM MgCl_2 , 0.1% IGEPAL CA-630) on ice for 10 min. Resulting nuclei were pelleted at 500 g for 10 min at 4°C . Supernatant was carefully removed with a pipette and discarded. The pellet was resuspended in 50 μl transposase reaction mix (25 μl $2\times$ TD buffer, 22.5 μl nuclease-free water, 2.5 μl Transposase) and incubated for 30 min at 37°C . After the reaction, the DNA was cleaned up using the Qiagen MinElute kit. The barcoding reaction was run using the NEBNext HiFi kit based on manufacturer's instructions and amplified for 5 cycles as described³⁶ using the same primers. Ideal cycle numbers were determined from 5 μl (of 50 μl) from the previous reaction mix using KAPA SYBRFast (Kapa Biosystems) and 20 cycles of amplification on an Applied Biosystems 7900HT. Optimal cycles were

determined from the linear part of the amplification curve, and the remaining 45 μ l of PCR reaction was amplified in the same reaction mix using the optimal cycle number.

Data analysis—ATAC-seq analysis was performed as described previously^{27,36}. Briefly, 2×50 -bp paired-end reads obtained from NovaSeq were trimmed for Nextera adaptor by trimmomatic (v0.36, paired-end mode, with parameter LEADING:10 TRAILING:10 SLIDINGWINDOW:4:18 MINLEN:25) and aligned to mouse genome mm9 downloaded from gencode release M1 (<https://www.gencodegenes.org/mouse/releases.html>) by BWA (version 0.7.16, default parameters)³⁶. Duplicated reads were then marked with Picard (v2.9.4) and only non-duplicated proper paired reads have been kept by samtools (parameter '-q 1 -F 1804' v1.9)³⁶. After adjustment of Tn5 shift (reads were offset by +4 bp for the sense strand and -5 bp for the antisense strand), we separated reads into nucleosome-free, mononucleosome, dinucleosome and trinucleosome as previously described³⁷ by fragment size and generated '.bigwig' files by using the centre 80-bp of fragments and scaled to 30×10^6 nucleosome-free reads. We observed reasonable nucleosome-free peaks and a pattern of mono-, di- and tri-nucleosomes on IGV (v2.4.13)³⁶. All samples in this study had approximately 1×10^7 nucleosome-free reads, indicative of good data quality. Next, peaks were called on nucleosome-free reads by MACS2 (v2.1.1.20160309, with default parameters with '-extsize 200-nomodel')³⁶. To assure reproducibility, we first finalized nucleosome-free regions for each sample and retained a peak only if it called with a higher cut-off (MACS2 -q 0.05). We further generated consensus peaks for each group by keeping peaks that were present in at least 50% of the replicates and discarding the remaining, non-reproducible peaks. The reproducible peaks were further merged between sgNTC- and sg*Ccdc101*-transduced samples if they overlapped by 100-bp and then we counted nucleosome free reads from each of the 8 samples by bedtools (v2.25.0)³⁶. To identify the differentially accessible open chromatin regions (OCRs), we first normalized raw nucleosome-free read counts per million (CPM) followed by differential accessibility analysis by implementation of the negative binomial model in the DESeq2 R package³⁶. FDR-corrected P value < 0.05 , \log_2 FCI > 0.5 were used as cut-offs for more- or less-accessible regions in sg*Ccdc101*-transduced samples compared to their sgNTC-transduced 'spike' cells. Principal component analysis was performed using function prcomp in R. We then assigned the differentially accessible OCRs in the ATAC-seq data for the nearest genes to generate a list of DA genes using HOMER³⁶. This analysis identified 25,646 open chromatin regions (OCRs) with differential expression in *Ccdc101*-null versus control cells (FDR < 0.05 ; \log_2 FC (sg*Ccdc101*/sgNTC) > 0.5). Raw and processed ATAC-seq data have been deposited into the GEO series database (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE160598>, token for access: ghokkuyrhyphux) and will be made available to public upon manuscript publication.

Motif analysis and footprinting of transcription factor binding sites—For motif analysis, we further selected 1,000 unchanged regions \log_2 FC < 0.5 and FDR-corrected P value > 0.5 as control regions. FIMO from MEME suite (v4.11.3, '-thresh 1e-4-motif-pseudo 0.0001')³⁸ was used for scanning motif (TRANSFAC database release 2019, only included Vertebrata and not 3D structure-based) matches in the nucleosome-free regions and two-tailed Fisher's exact test was used to determine whether a motif was

significantly enriched in differentially accessible compared to the control regions. To perform footprinting analysis of transcription factor binding site, the RGT HINT application was used to infer transcription factor activity and to plot the results³⁹.

Single-cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq) and data analysis

Library preparation—WT (included a mixture of *Foxp3*^{Cre}*Ccdc101*^{+/+} or *Foxp3*^{Cre}*Ccdc101*^{fl/+} mice) and *Foxp3*^{Cre}*Ccdc101*^{fl/fl} mice were challenged with MC38 colon adenocarcinoma cells, and T_{reg} cells (CD45⁺CD4⁺YFP⁺), non-T_{reg} immune cells (CD45⁺YFP⁻CD11b⁻) and myeloid cells (CD45⁺CD11b⁺) in the tumour tissues were sorted on a Reflection cell sorter (iCyt) at 19 d after tumour challenge⁴⁰ and mixed at 1:2:1 ratio ($n = 2$ biological replicates, pooled from 3-4 mice, per group). The cells were counted and examined for viability using a Luna Dual Fluorescence Cell Counter (Logos Biosystems). Samples were pelleted using centrifuge at 2,000 rpm for 5 min. The supernatant was discarded, and cells were resuspended in 100 μ l of 1 \times PBS (Thermo Fisher Scientific) with 0.04% BSA (Amresco). A Luna Dual Fluorescence Cell Counter (Logos Biosystems) was then used to count the cell numbers and examine cell viability. Cell counts were approximately 1×10^6 cells/ml and cell viability was above 98%. Single-cell suspensions were loaded onto the Chromium Controller based on their respective cell counts to generate 8,000 single-cell gel beads in emulsion per sample. Each sample was loaded into a separate channel. Libraries were generated using the Chromium Next GEM Single Cell 3' v.3.1 Library and Gel Bead Kit (10X Genomics). A high sensitivity D5000 ScreenTape with a TapeStation (Agilent Technologies) was used to quantify and quality-check the cDNA content of each sample after cDNA amplification of 12 cycles and determine the number of PCR amplification cycles for preparing a sufficient sequencing library. After library quantification and quality-checking using D5000 ScreenTape (Agilent Technologies), samples were diluted to 3.5 nM for loading onto the HiSeq 4000 (Illumina) with a 2 \times 100-bp paired-end kit using the following read length: 28-bp read 1, 10-bp i7 index, 10-bp i5 index, and 90-bp read 2. An average of 1.8×10^8 reads per sample were obtained (approximately 5.8×10^4 reads per cell).

Alignment, barcode assignment and unique molecular identifier (UMI)

counting—The Cell Ranger v6.0 Single-Cell software suite (10X Genomics) was implemented to process the raw sequencing data from the Illumina HiSeq run. This pipeline performed demultiplexing, alignment (using the mouse genome mm10 from ENSEMBL GRCm38) and barcode processing to generate gene–cell matrices. Seurat R package (v4.0) was used for downstream analysis. Specifically, data from CD45⁺YFP⁺ T_{reg} cells, CD45⁺YFP⁻CD11b⁻ non-T_{reg} immune cells and CD45⁺CD11b⁺ myeloid cells in the tumour tissues, isolated from WT and *Foxp3*^{Cre}*Ccdc101*^{fl/fl} mice ($n = 2$ biological replicates per group), were combined into one dataset for consistent filtering. Cells with low unique molecular identifier (UMI) counts (potentially dead cells with broken membranes) or high UMI counts (potentially two or more cells in a single droplet) were filtered. Potential dead cells with high percent (> 6%) of mitochondrial reads were also removed. Residual CD45⁻ contaminants introduced by cell sorting and doublets were further removed. A total of 10,202 cells (WT mice, 5,281; *Foxp3*^{Cre}*Ccdc101*^{fl/fl} mice, 4,921) were captured, with an average of 2,266 mRNA molecules (UMIs, median: 6,862; range: 522–29,984). We

normalized the expression level of each gene to 1e6 UMIs per cell and log-transformed them by adding 1 to the expression matrix.

Data visualization—To identify different clusters in tumour immune cells, data were further analyzed using Seurat and visualized by UMAP (Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection), which partitioned cells into 14 unsupervised clusters based on their transcriptomes using resolution = 0.5 in FindClusters function. Twelve immune cell types were further identified based on prior knowledge and markers highly expressed in each unsupervised cluster. Curated violin plots that represent the expression level of genes were generated by VlnPlot function in Seurat R package. CD8⁺ T cells were further clustered into 4 subtypes, including central memory-like (T_{cm}), effector memory-like (T_{em}), effector-like (T_{eff}) and exhausted-like (T_{ex}) CD8⁺ T cells.

Immunoprecipitation and cell-based ubiquitylation assays

Immunoprecipitation-immunoblot analysis—For immunoprecipitation, 1×10^8 transduced cells were lysed in 100 μ l CHAPS lysis buffer (0.3% CHAPS, 40 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 120 mM NaCl, 20 mM NaF, 1 mM EDTA). About 2–4 μ g of the indicated antibodies were bound to 5 μ l of protein A/G agarose (sc-2003; Santa Cruz) and then added to the cleared cellular lysates and incubated with rotation for 2 h. Immunoprecipitates captured with protein A/G agarose were washed three times with the CHAPS lysis buffer and eluted with 2 \times sample reducing buffer (39000; ThermoFisher), followed by immunoblot analysis. The following antibodies or antibody-conjugated beads were used for immunoprecipitation: α -Sec31a (17913-1-AP; ProteinTech), α -Sec13 (GTX101055; GeneTex), α -Skp1 (12248; Cell Signaling Technology), α -Wdr24 (20778-1-AP; ProteinTech), and α -HA magnetic beads (88837; ThermoFisher).

Cell-based ubiquitylation assay—As described⁴¹, HEK293T cells transfected with the indicated combination of plasmids for HA-tagged Sec13 together with (His-tagged wild-type (WT) ubiquitin (WT-Ub) or mutant ubiquitin that cannot undergo K48-linked poly-ubiquitylation (K48R-Ub) or K63-linked poly-ubiquitylation (K63R-Ub) were treated with MG132 for 6 h to facilitate the accumulation of ubiquitin-labelled target proteins. Cells were lysed in 1 ml denaturing buffer (6 M guanidine-HCl, 0.1 M Na₂HPO₄/NaH₂PO₄, 10 mM imidazole pH 8.0) and passed through 23 G needle for 10 times, followed by sonification to shear the genomic DNA. After centrifugation at 20,000 $\times g$ for 30 min, cellular extracts were then incubated with 10 μ l Ni-NTA His-Bind-Resin (70666; Millipore Sigma) for 3 h, washed 2 times with the denaturing buffer and buffer T1 (25 mM tris-Cl, 20 mM imidazole pH 6.8), and subjected to immunoblot analysis. Ni-NTA bead-based pulldown of His-tagged ubiquitin under denaturing conditions allows only for the pulldown of proteins that are covalently modified by ubiquitin (or unbound, free ubiquitin). To examine the K48-only ubiquitylation, HA-tagged WT or K260R mutant Sec13 were transfected into HEK293T cells together with the K48-only His-Ub, as described⁴². At 36 h after transfection, cells were treated with MG132 for 6 h and lysed in CHAPS buffer, followed by immunoprecipitation of Sec13-HA with anti-HA antibody. The immunoprecipitated proteins were assessed by immunoblot analysis for His-tagged Ub. To detect whether TCR triggered ubiquitylation of Sec13, T cells pre-activated with overnight TCR stimulation

were retrovirally transduced with HA-tagged WT or K260R mutant Sec13, stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 for a total of 48 or 72 h (cells were treated with MG132 for the last 6 h of stimulation), followed by immunoprecipitation with anti-HA antibody and immunoblot analysis with an antibody against Ubiquitin.

T_{reg} suppression and proliferation assays

In vivo T_{reg} suppression assay—sgNTC-, sg*Sec31a*-, and sg*Rptor*-transduced induced T_{reg} cells (CD45.1⁺; 0.5×10^6) were sorted and mixed with 2×10^6 conventional CD4⁺ T cells (CD45.2⁺), and transferred into *Rag1*^{-/-} mice at a 1:4 ratio, as described⁴³. At 7 d after transfer, recipients were euthanized for flow cytometry analysis to quantify the accumulation of conventional T cells in the spleen.

In vivo T_{reg} cell proliferation—induced T_{reg} cells transduced with retrovirus were sorted and labelled with CTV at 37 °C for 15 min, followed by 3× washes with complete Click's medium and 1× wash with PBS. 2×10^6 cells were transferred into immunodeficient *Rag1*^{-/-} mice, as described¹⁸. At 7 d after transfer, recipient mice were euthanized to assess the CTV dilution in T_{reg} cells by flow cytometry analysis.

Protein extraction and immunoblot analysis

Cells were lysed in RIPA buffer (89900; ThermoFisher). Lysates were mixed with 5× Reducing Sample Buffer and resolved in 4–12% Criterion™ XT Bis-Tris Protein Gel (3450125; Bio-Rad) and transferred to PVDF membrane (1620177; Bio-Rad). Membranes were blocked using 5% BSA for 1 h and then incubated for overnight with α -p-S6 S235/236 (1: 5,000; 4858), α -S6 (1: 5,000; 2217), α -p-S6K1 T389 (1: 1,000; 9205), α -S6K1 (1: 1,000; 2708), α -Mios (1: 1,000; 13557), α -Skp1 (1: 1,000; 12248), α -Tsc2 (1: 1,000; 4308), α - β -Actin (1: 5,000; 3700), α -p53 (1: 1,000; 2524), α -HA (1: 5,000; 3724), α - β -Tubulin (1: 1,000; 2128), α -Wdr59 (1: 1,000; 53385), α -Sec23a (1: 1,000; 8162) (all from Cell Signaling Technology); α -Glut1 (1: 1,000; ab652), α -Seh1l (1: 5,000; ab218531) (from Abcam); α -Hsp90 (1: 10,000; 13171-1-AP), α -Sec31a (1: 3,000; 17913-1-AP), α -Ccnc101 (1: 1,000; 24061-1-AP), α -Wdr24 (1: 3,000; 20778-1-AP), α -His-tag (1: 1,000; 66005-1-Ig) (all from ProteinTech); α -Sec13 (1: 3,000; sc-514308), α -Sp3 (1: 1,000; sc-28305), α -Smarcb1 (1: 1,000; sc-166165), α -Castor1 (1: 1,000; sc-377385) and α -Ubiquitin (1: 1,000; sc-8017) (all from Santa Cruz). Membranes were washed 6 times with TBST and then incubated with 1:5,000 diluted HRP-conjugated α -mouse IgG (1: 10,000; W4021; Promega), HRP-conjugated α -rabbit IgG (1: 10,000; W4011; Promega), HRP-conjugated mouse α -rabbit IgG (conformation specific) (1: 3,000; 5127; Cell Signaling Technology) or HRP-conjugated α -mouse IgG (light chain specific) for immunoblotting after immunoprecipitation (1: 2,000; 115-035-174; Jackson Immuno Research) for 2 h. Following another 6 times of washes with TBST, the membranes were imaged using the ODYSSEY Fc Analyzer (LI-COR). To measure protein stability via cycloheximide (CHX) treatment, transfected HEK293T cells were treated with 30 μ g/ml CHX for 0, 3, 6 or 9 h to block protein synthesis. Cells were then harvested for immunoblot analysis to examine the expression level of relevant proteins.

Immunofluorescence imaging

sgRNA-transduced cells were sorted and stimulated with surface-bound α -CD3 antibody using Ibidi chamber cover glasses (80426; Ibidi) in complete media for 3 h at 37 °C, followed by amino acid starvation for 40 min and full amino acid refeed for 20 min. Select lanes were washed 5 \times with amino acid free media, followed by amino acid starvation for 40 min at 37 °C. Selected lanes were subjected to refeeding with amino acid replete media for an additional 30 min at which time all samples were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde in PBS. Cells were washed and permeabilized with 0.1% Triton X-100 for 3 min, and blocked with 1% BSA in PBS for 10 min at room temperature. Cells were subsequently stained with rabbit α -mTOR (7C10; Cell Signaling Technologies) and rat α -LAMP1 (1D4B; eBiosciences) antibodies overnight at 4 °C, followed by detection with AlexaFluor 555-conjugated donkey α -rabbit (A32794; ThermoFisher) and AlexaFluor 647-conjugated donkey α -rat (712-605-153; Jackson ImmunoResearch) secondary antibodies, while F-actin was detected with AlexaFluor 488-conjugated phalloidin (A12379; ThermoFisher). Samples were visualized using a Marianas confocal microscope (Intelligent Imaging Innovations) equipped with a CSU-W (Yokogawa) spinning disk to facilitate super resolution via optical reassignment (SoRA) imaging, in combination with a 100 \times 1.45 NA oil objective and Prime 95B camera detection. Images were subsequently quantified using Slidebook software (Intelligent Imaging Innovations), $n > 700$ cells per condition.

RNA isolation and real-time PCR

sgRNA-transduced cells (2×10^5) were sorted and RNA was isolated using the RNeasy Micro Kit (74004; Qiagen) following the manufacturer's instructions. RNA was converted to cDNA using the High-Capacity cDNA Reverse Transcription Kit (4368813; ThermoFisher) according to manufacturer's instructions. Real-time PCR was performed on the QuantStudio 7 Flex System (Applied Biosystems) using the PowerSYBR Green PCR Master Mix (4367659; ThermoFisher) and the following primers: *Slc2a1*-F: CAGTTCGGCTATAACACTGGTG, *Slc2a1*-R: GCCCCGACAGAGAAGATG; *Slc43a1*-F: CTGAGAACAGGACCAATACCAC, *Slc43a1*-R: CAAGGCCATTAGAGTGCAGGA; *Slc16a10*-F: AGGTGCTCTTCATGTGCATTG, *Slc16a10*-R: TGGAGGTAGACCTTCTTCACAC; *Castor1*-F: CAGAACCGCTTTTGTGTCCTCAC, *Castor1*-R: GGAGAAAGCGAAGAACGGAATGG; *Sec13*-F: GAACACTGTGGACACCTCTCA, *Sec13*-R: CTCCATTCCGCACATCGAAAA.

Site-directed mutagenesis

We individually mutated all of the 16 lysine residues in Sec13 to arginine and ectopically expressed each of the lysine mutants of Sec13 (with the C-terminal HA tag, Sec13-HA) in HEK293T cells to screen for the lysine residue(s) that alter Sec13 expression or degradation. Site-Directed Mutagenesis of Sec13 was performed using the QuikChange XL Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit (ThermoFisher), according to the manufacturer's instructions using the primers listed in Supplementary Table 7.

Seahorse metabolic assay

Extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) was measured by following the manufacturer's instructions of Seahorse XF Cell Mito Stress Test Kit (Agilent). In brief, 2.5×10^5 transduced induced T_{reg} cells were stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h and suspended in XF medium and then plated in a poly-L-lysine-coated XF96 plate. The ECAR under baseline condition or in response to 1 μ M oligomycin, 1.5 μ M fluoro-carbonyl cyanide phenylhydrazone (FCCP) and 500 nM rotenone was measured using an XF96 Extracellular Flux Analyzer (Seahorse Bioscience).

Affinity purification–mass spectrometry (AP–MS) and data analysis

AP–MS analysis combining tandem mass tag (TMT) labelling and two-dimensional liquid chromatography–tandem mass spectrometry was carried out as described previously to enable highly sensitive and unbiased analysis of PPI networks^{5,14}. Briefly, immunoprecipitated proteins were digested by trypsin (V5113; Promega) and the resulting tryptic peptides were labelled by TMT pro reagents (A44520; ThermoScientific) and pooled together following the manufacturer's instructions. Mixed TMT-labelled peptides were loaded on basic pH reversed phase LC for fractionation⁴⁴. Each fraction was dried and reconstituted for online LC–MS/MS analysis using an optimized platform⁴⁵. Protein database search, quantification and computational analyses were performed using the JUMP^{46,47} software (Version 1.13.003) suite as previously described⁴⁸. In brief, spectra were searched against the Uniprot mouse database (52,490 protein entries; downloaded in February 2015) and filtered to achieve 1% FDR at unique protein (for whole proteome) level. To minimize redundancy, protein identifications from shared peptide sequences were grouped into unique proteins according to the principle of parsimony. TMT intensities were extracted, filtered, normalized and summarized into peptide and protein quantification. Contaminate proteins from the CRAPome database that are commonly detected by IP–MS were removed⁴⁹. For Sec13 interactome analysis, TMT intensities were \log_2 transformed. Student's *t*-test was used to identify DE events between HA–Sec13 versus empty vector control by the threshold of *P* value < 0.05, \log_2 FCI > 1. Volcano plot depicting \log_2 FC and $-\log_{10}$ (*P* value) was plotted and top 20 enriched proteins by \log_2 FC were highlighted.

Protein–protein interaction (PPI) network analysis

The analysis was performed using our in-house JUMPn software (Version 0.19.006) as previously described^{8,9,44}. Briefly, the 346 mTORC1 regulatory candidates were superimposed onto a composite PPI database [combines STRING (v10)⁵⁰, BioPlex⁵¹, and InWeb_IM⁵²] with edge confidence scores filtered by best fitting the scale-free network property⁵³. The PPI network was then visualized by Cytoscape V3.7.2⁵⁴. Main protein modules were then identified by MCODE algorithm⁵⁵ in Cytoscape app clusterMaker²⁵⁶ and annotated by core enriched categories.

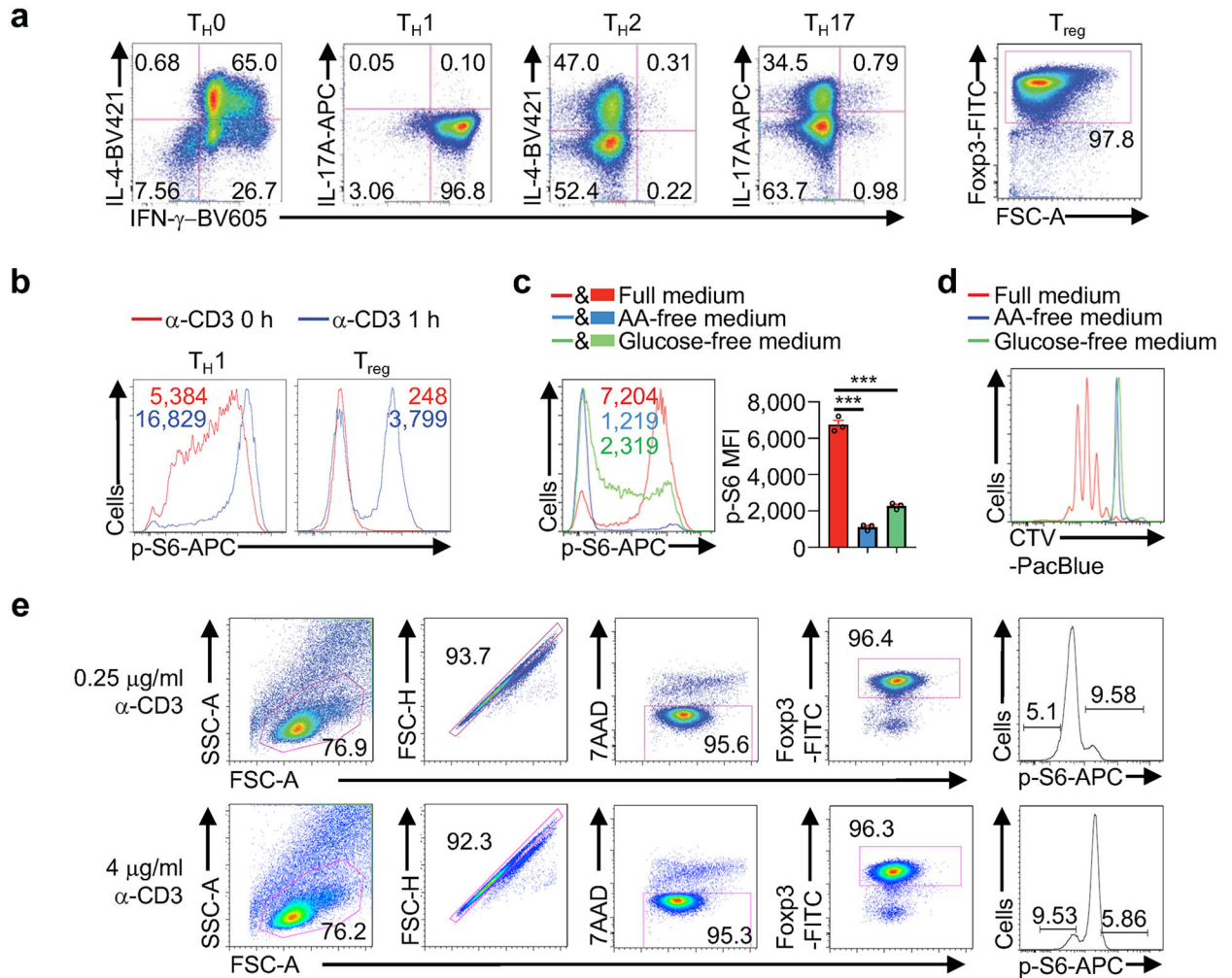
Histology

Mouse tissues were fixed by 10% (vol/vol) neutral buffered formalin solution, embedded in paraffin, sectioned and stained with hematoxylin and eosin; the clinical signs of inflammation were analyzed by an experienced pathologist (P. Vogel)⁴⁰.

Statistical analysis for biological experiments

For biological experiment (non-omics) analyses, data were analyzed using Prism 8 software (GraphPad) by two-tailed unpaired Student's *t*-test, Two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test, one-way ANOVA with Newman-Keuls's test, or two-way ANOVA. $P < 0.05$ was considered significant. Data are presented as mean \pm s.e.m.

Extended Data



Extended Data Figure 1 (to Figure 1). Two rounds of pooled CRISPR screening to identify novel regulators of nutrient and mTORC1 signaling.

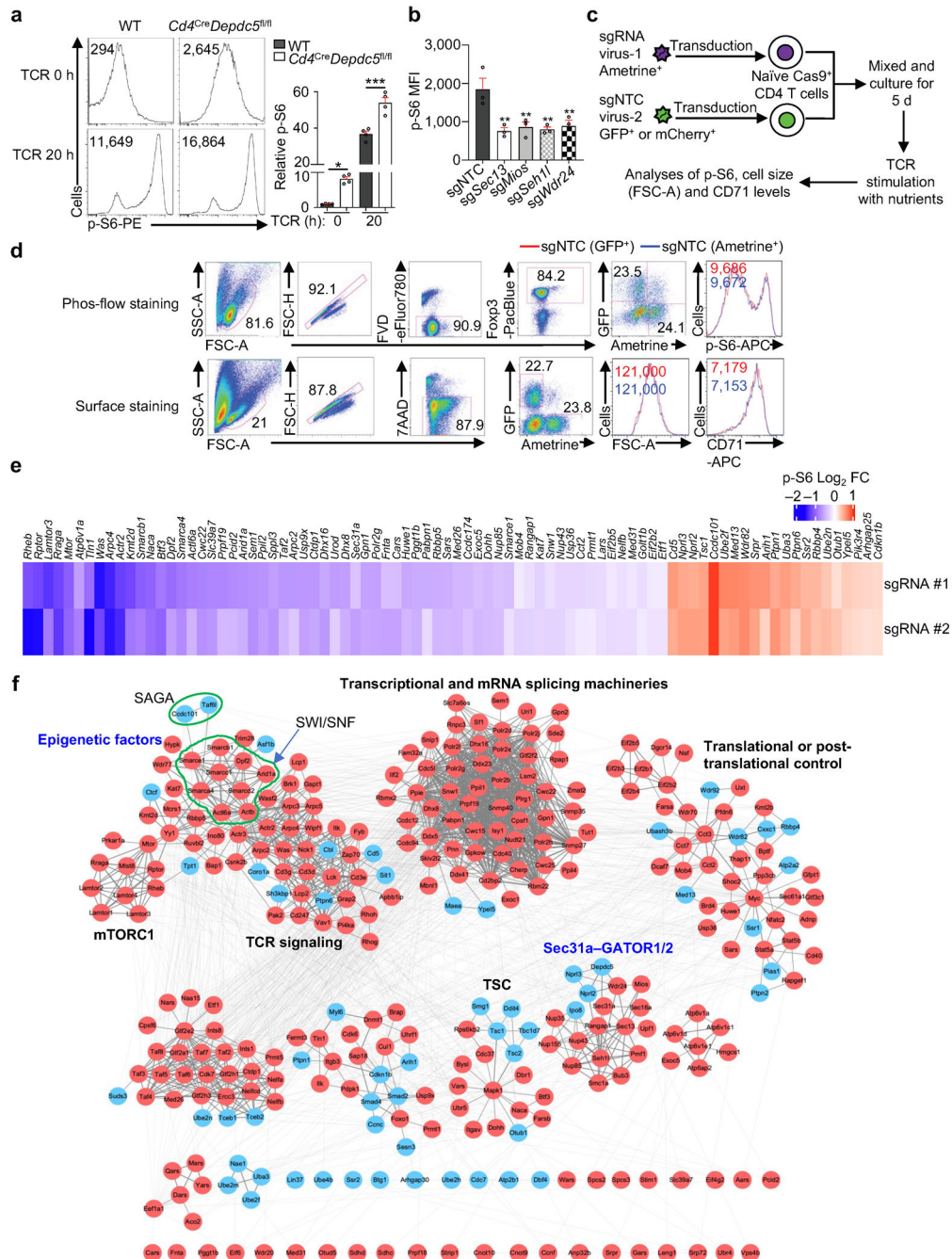
(a) Flow cytometry analysis of IFN- γ , IL-4, IL-17A or Foxp3 expression in cells cultured in T_H0-, T_H1-, T_H2-, T_H17- or induced T_{reg}-polarizing condition ($n = 3$ samples each group).

(b) Flow cytometry analysis of p-S6 in T_H1 and T_{reg} cells with TCR stimulation for 0 or 1 h ($n = 3$ samples each group).

(c) Induced T_{reg} cells were stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies in the presence or absence of amino acids (AA) or glucose for 3 h followed by flow cytometry analysis and quantification of p-S6 level [based on mean fluorescence intensity (MFI)] ($n = 3$ samples each group).

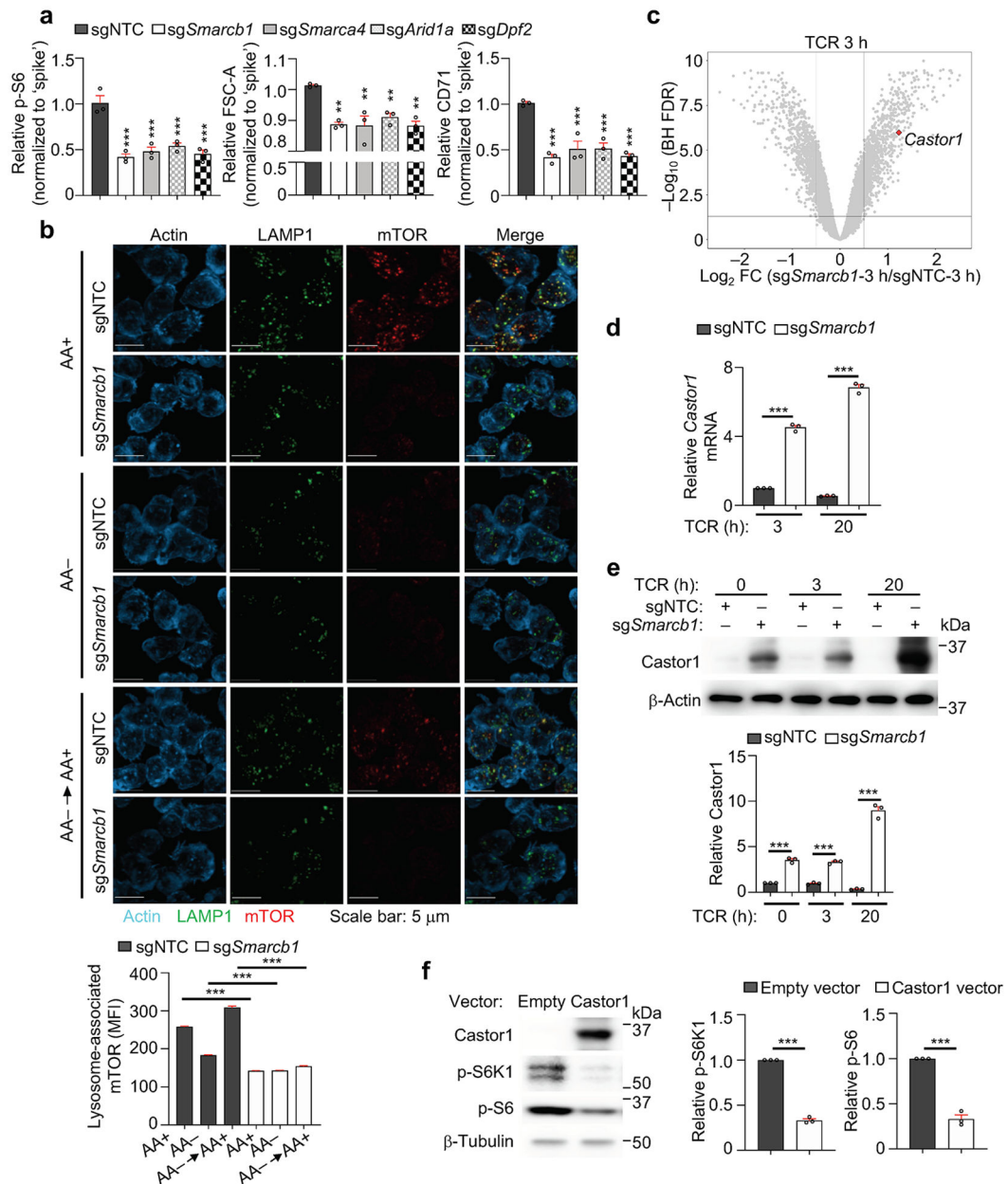
(d) Induced T_{reg} cells were labelled with CellTrace Violet (CTV) and stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies in the presence or

absence of AA or glucose for 3 d, followed by flow cytometry analysis of CTV dilution ($n = 3$ samples each group). (e) Gating strategy used for sorting cells with the 10% highest (p-S6^{hi}) and 10% lowest (p-S6^{lo}) levels after stimulation with 0.25 or 4 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ of $\alpha\text{-CD3}$ antibody for 3 h ($n = 2$ samples each group). Mean \pm s.e.m. (c). *** $P < 0.001$; one-way ANOVA (c). Data are representative of two (b–d) or three (a) experiments.



Extended Data Figure 2 (to Figure 1). Validation of individual candidate mTORC1 regulators.

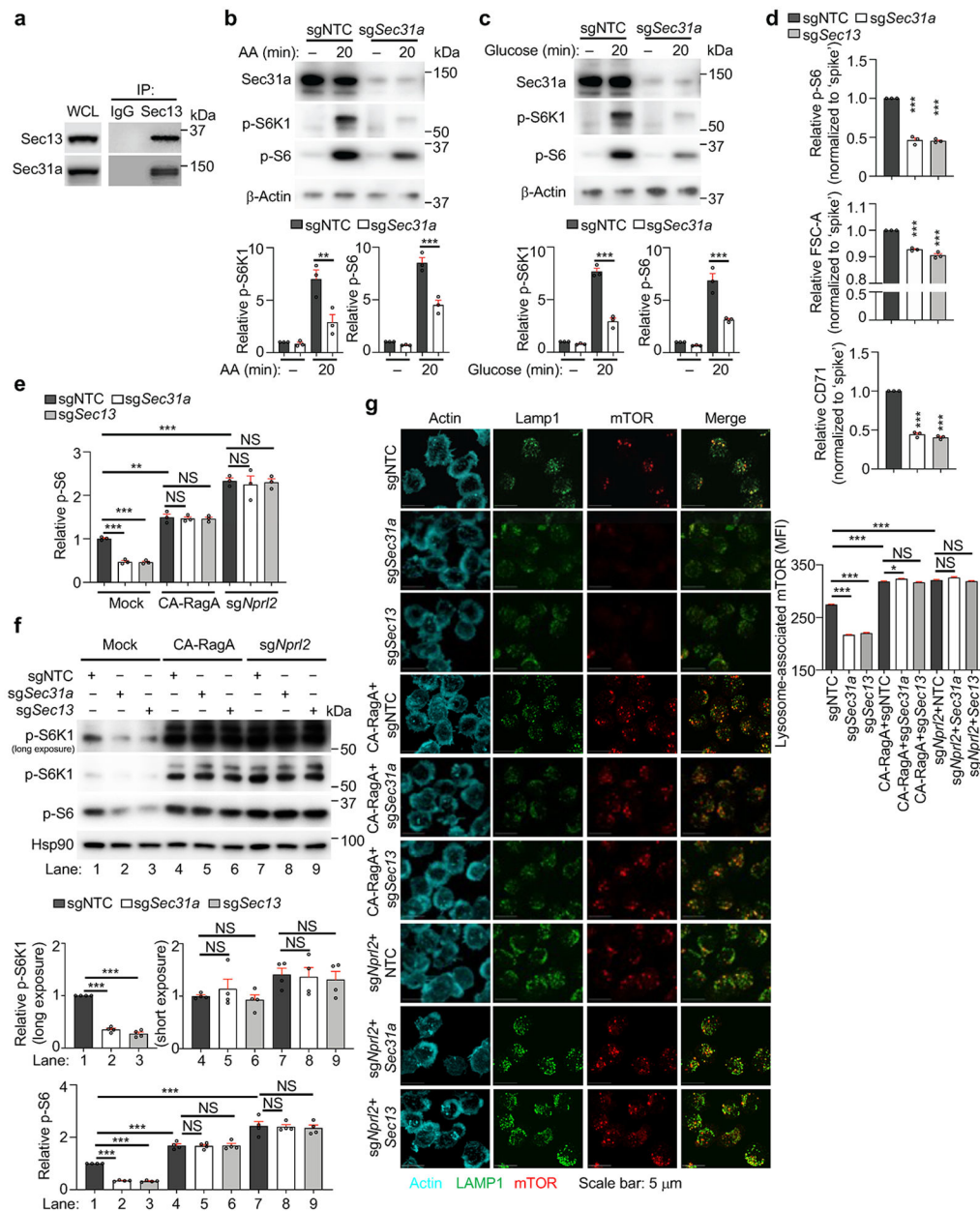
(a) Flow cytometry analysis and quantification of p-S6 level [based on mean fluorescence intensity (MFI)] in naïve or activated WT and *Depdc5*-deficient CD4⁺Foxp3⁻ T cells ($n = 4$ samples each group). Naïve CD4⁺ T cells among freshly isolated splenocytes from WT and *Cd4^{Cre}Depdc5^{fl/fl}* mice were gated (indicated as TCR 0 h), or naïve CD4⁺ T cells were sorted and stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies overnight for flow cytometry analysis of p-S6 level. **(b)** Quantification of relative p-S6 level in induced T_{reg} cells transduced with sgNTC, sg*Sec13*, sg*Mios*, sg*Seh11*, or sg *Wdr24* (all Ametrine⁺) were stimulated with TCR for 3 h ($n = 3$ samples each group). **(c)** Diagram of dual-color co-culture system to examine cell-intrinsic effects of deletion of a candidate gene on TCR-induced p-S6, cell size and CD71 expression. Specifically, Cas9⁺ cells transduced with sgNTC (mCherry⁺ or GFP⁺; ‘spike’) were mixed with those transduced with those targeting a specific gene (Ametrine⁺), and stimulated with α -CD3 antibody for 3 h (for p-S6) or with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h (for cell size and CD71). **(d)** Validation of dual-color co-culture system by using two sgNTC-expressing vectors with different fluorophores. Cells transduced with sgNTC (GFP⁺; ‘spike’) were mixed with those transduced with sgNTC (Ametrine⁺), and stimulated with α -CD3 antibody for 3 h to examine p-S6 (see phos-flow staining), or stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h ($n = 3$ samples each group) to measure cell size and CD71 expression (see surface staining). **(e)** Heatmap summary of log₂ FC (p-S6^{hi}/p-S6^{lo}) for individually validated candidate genes (63 positive and 21 negative regulators) including positive (*Rheb*, *Rptor*, *Lamtor3*, *Rraga* and *Mtor*) and negative (*Cd5*, *Nprl3*, *Nprl2* and *Tsc1*) control genes (2 sgRNAs for each candidate). Specifically, Cas9-expressing CD4⁺ T cells transduced with sgRNA for target genes (Ametrine⁺) or non-targeting control sgRNA (sgNTC) (mCherry⁺; ‘spike’) were mixed and differentiated into induced T_{reg} cells. These cells were then stimulated with α -CD3 antibody for 3 h ($n = 3$ samples each group). Relative p-S6 level (normalized to ‘spike’) was analyzed by flow cytometry. **(f)** Analysis of protein–protein interaction (PPI) networks of high-confidence regulators. Specifically, 286 positive and 60 negative high-confidence hits were integrated with the composite PPI databases that encompass STRING, BioPlex and InWeb_IM databases for the inference of functional modules. Red and blue circles represent genes whose deletion represses and promotes mTORC1 activity, respectively. Mean \pm s.e.m. **(a, b)**. * $P < 0.05$; ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; one-way ANOVA **(a, b)**. Data are representative of one **(f)** or three **(d, e)**, or pooled from two **(a)** or three **(b)** experiments.



Extended Data Figure 3 (to Figure 1). SWI/SNF complex represses expression of nutrient sensor *Castor1* to support mTORC1 activation.

(a) Quantification (normalized to 'spike') of relative p-S6 level, cell size (FSC-A) and CD71 expression in induced T_{reg} cells transduced with indicated sgRNAs followed by stimulation with α -CD3 antibody for 3 h to measure p-S6 level, or with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h to measure cell size (FSC-A) and CD71 expression by flow cytometry ($n = 3$ samples each group). (b) Imaging analysis and quantification of lysosome-associated mTOR [based on mean fluorescence intensity (MFI)] in sgNTC- or sgSmcarb1-transduced cells that were stimulated with α -CD3 antibody for 3 h, starved of amino acids (AA), and refed AA for 20 min ($n > 230$ cells per condition). (c) Volcano plots of expression levels of transcripts, including *Castor1*, in sgNTC or sgSmcarb1 (both Ametrine⁺)-transduced cells that were

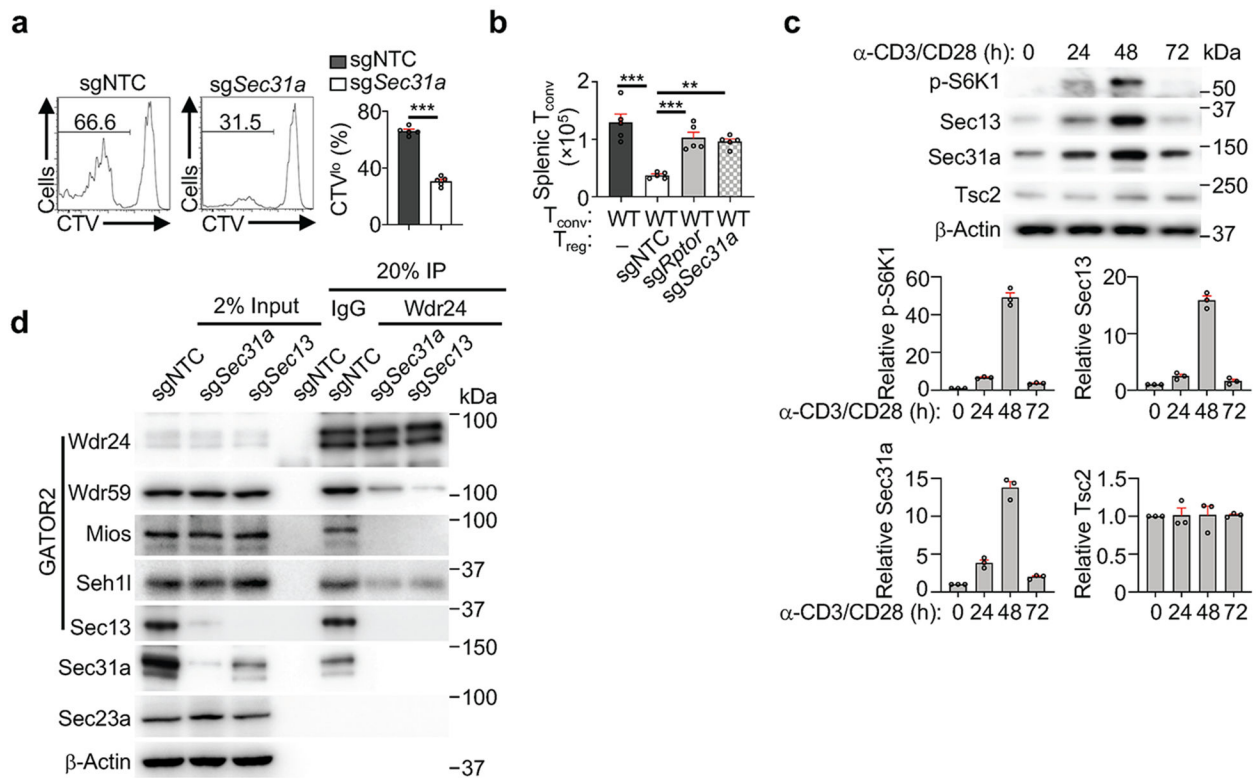
stimulated with CR for 3 h ($n = 4$ samples each group). **(d)** *Castor1* mRNA expression in sgNTC- or sg*Smarb1* (both Ametrine⁺)-transduced cells were stimulated with α -CD3 antibody for 3 h or with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h ($n = 3$ samples per group). **(e)** sgNTC or sg*Smarb1* (both Ametrine⁺)-transduced cells were left unstimulated (indicated by 0 h) or stimulated with α -CD3 antibody for 3 h or α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h. Immunoblot analysis and quantification of relative *Castor1* expression ($n = 3$ samples each group). **(f)** Immunoblot analysis and quantification of relative p-S6K1 and p-S6 levels in cells transduced with empty vector or vector expressing *Castor1*, followed by stimulation with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 2 d ($n = 3$ samples each group). Mean \pm s.e.m. **(a, b, d–f)**. ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; two-tailed unpaired Student's t -test **(f)**; one-way ANOVA **(a, b, d, e)**. Data are representative of one **(c)** or two **(b)**, or pooled from two **(d, e)** or three **(a, f)** experiments.



Extended Data Figure 4 (to Figure 2). Sec31a is required for mTORC1 activation.

(a) Interaction of endogenous Sec13 with Sec31a in induced T_{reg} cells as assessed by immunoprecipitation (IP)–immunoblot analysis. (b, c) sgNTC- or *sgSec31a*-transduced cells were starved of and refed amino acids (AA, b) or glucose (c) for 20 min, followed by immunoblot analysis of Sec31a, p-S6K1, p-S6 and β-Actin. Lower, quantification of relative p-S6K1 and p-S6 levels (*n* = 3 samples each group). (d) Cells transduced with the indicated sgRNAs (all Ametrine⁺) were mixed with sgNTC (mCherry⁺; ‘spike’)-transduced cells, and stimulated with α-CD3 antibody for 3 h to measure p-S6 level or with α-CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h to measure cell size (FSC-A) and CD71 expression by flow cytometry (normalized to ‘spike’) (*n* = 3 samples each group). (e–g) sgNTC-, *sgSec31a*- or *sgSec13* (all Ametrine⁺)-transduced cells were co-transduced with constitutively active RagA^{Q66L}

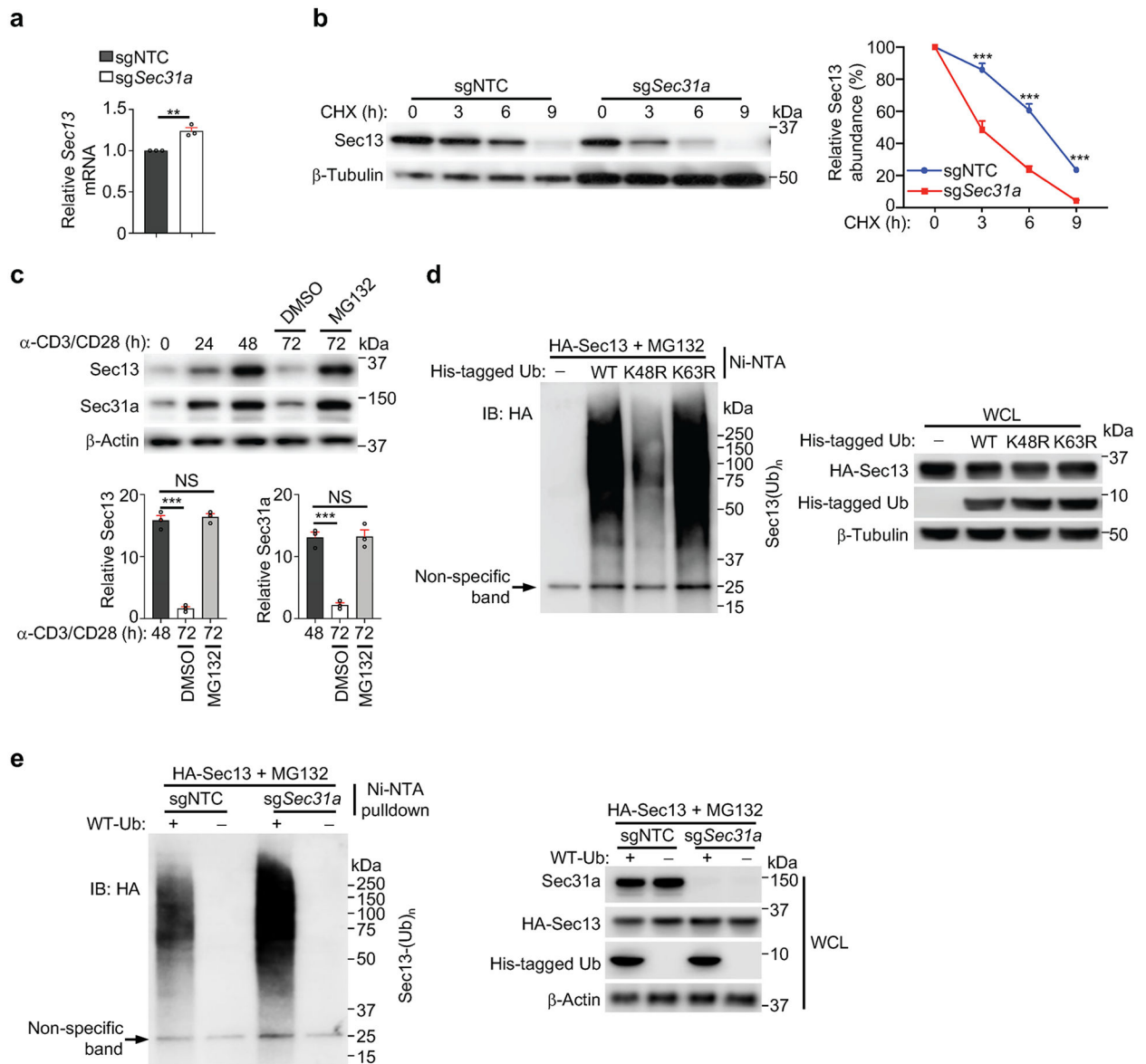
(CA-RagA)-expressing retrovirus (GFP⁺) or *sgNpr12* (GFP⁺), followed by stimulated with TCR for 3 h to examine relative p-S6 level by flow cytometry ($n = 3$ samples each group) (e), p-S6K1 and p-S6 levels by immunoblot analysis ($n = 4$ samples each group) (f), or lysosomal localization of mTOR [based on mean fluorescence intensity (MFI)] ($n > 700$ cells per condition) (g). In f, two different exposures for p-S6K1 were included to account for the differential intensities between mock and CA-RagA or *sgNpr12* conditions, and relative p-S6K1 level was quantified from long exposure for mock and short exposure for CA-RagA or *sgNpr12* conditions (middle). Lower, quantification of p-S6 level. Mean \pm s.e.m. (b–g). NS, not significant; ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; one-way ANOVA (b–g). Data are representative of two (e–g) or four (a), or pooled from three (b–d) experiments.



Extended Data Figure 5 (to Figure 2). Sec31a–Sec13 axis promotes mTORC1 activation and cell proliferation *in vivo*.

(a) Cells transduced with sgNTC or *sgSec31a* (both Ametrine⁺) were labelled with CellTrace Violet (CTV) and transferred into *Rag1*^{-/-} mice. Flow cytometry analysis of CTV dilution, and quantification of percentage of proliferated (CTV^{lo}) cells at 7 d after transfer ($n = 5$ samples each group). (b) WT, Raptor- and Sec31a-null T_{reg} cells (all CD45.1⁺Ametrine⁺) were mixed with conventional CD4⁺ T cells (T_{conv}; CD45.2⁺) at a 1:4 ratio and transferred into *Rag1*^{-/-} mice. Quantification of the accumulation of conventional T cells in the spleen at 7 d after transfer ($n = 5$ samples each group). (c) Naïve CD4⁺ T cells were stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 0, 24, 48 or 72 h followed by immunoblot analysis of the indicated protein expression, and quantification of p-S6K1, Sec13, Sec31a, and Tsc2 ($n = 3$ samples each group). (d) sgNTC-, *sgSec31a*- and *sgSec13*-transduced cells were sorted and lysed with CHAPS buffer for immunoprecipitation (IP) with an antibody

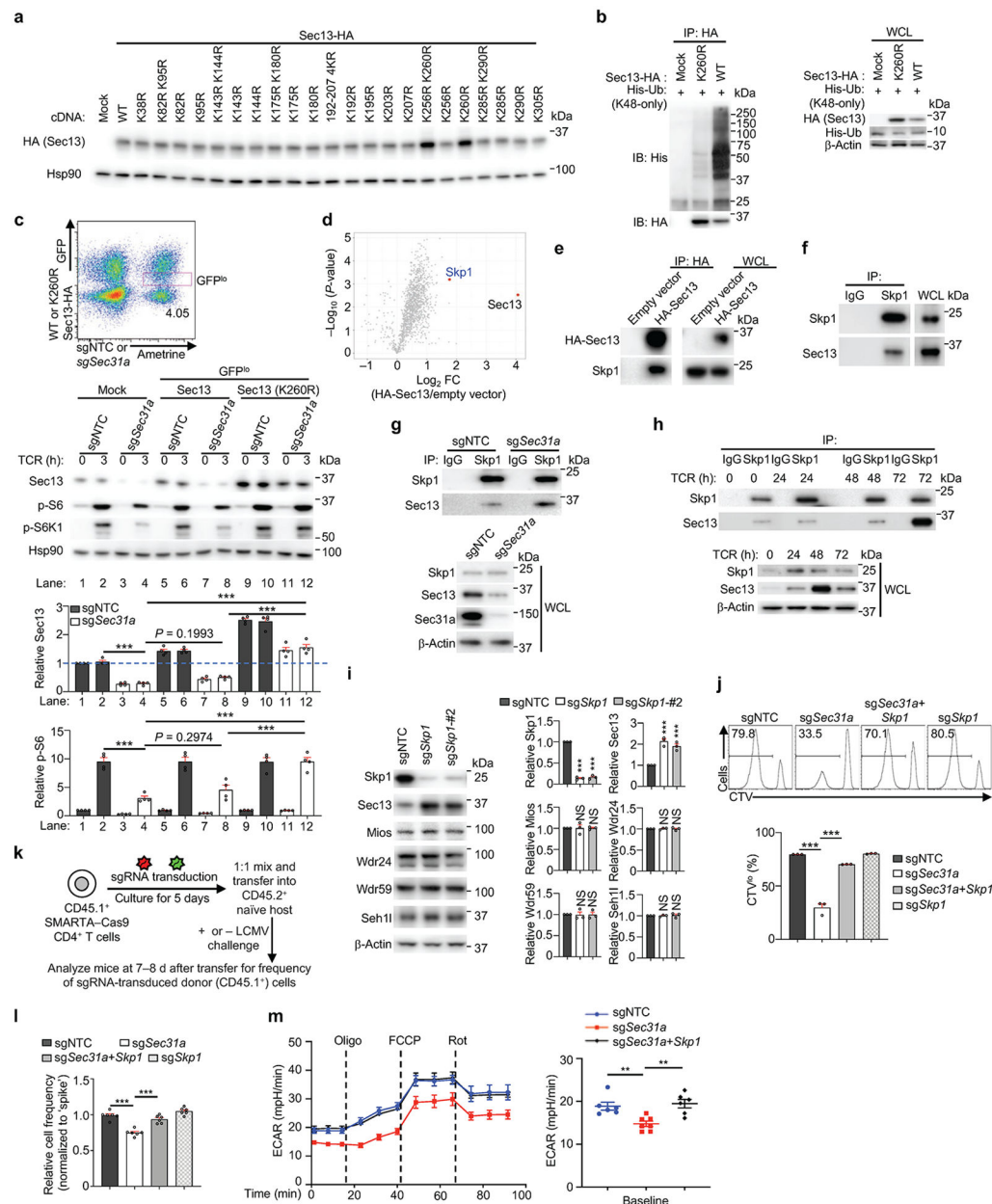
against Wdr24. The immunoprecipitated proteins were analyzed by immunoblot for Wdr24, Wdr59, Mios, Seh11, Sec13, Sec31a, Sec23a and β -Actin. Mean \pm s.e.m. (a–c). ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; two-tailed unpaired Student's t -test (a); one-way ANOVA (b). Data are representative of one (a, b) or two (c, d) experiments.



Extended Data Figure 6 (to Figure 3). Sec31a protects Sec13 from proteasomal degradation to sustain mTORC1 activation.

(a) *Sec13* mRNA expression in sgNTC- or sg*Sec31a*-transduced induced T_{reg} cells ($n = 3$ samples each group). (b) sgNTC- or sg*Sec31a*-transduced induced T_{reg} cells were sorted and treated with cycloheximide (CHX) for the indicated times. Total protein extracts of cells transduced with sgNTC (5 μ g) or sg*Sec31a* (12.5 μ g; more protein was loaded to equalize basal Sec13 amount between these cells) were used for immunoblot analysis and quantification of relative Sec13 abundance ($n = 4$ samples each group). (c) Naïve CD4⁺

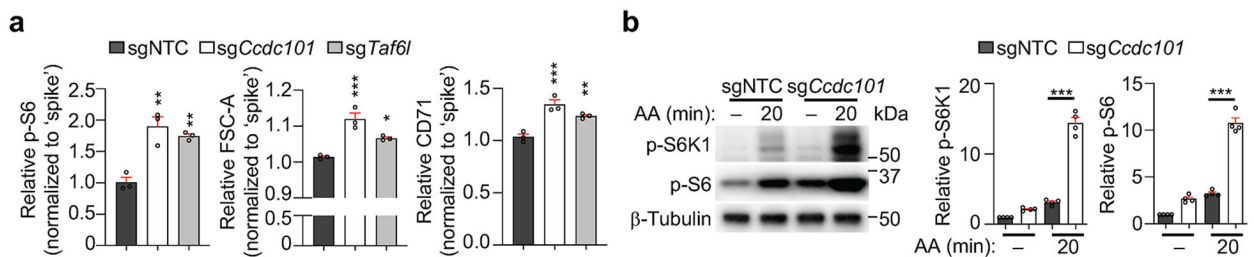
T cells were stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 0, 24, or 48 h and then treated with DMSO or MG132 at 48–72 h of stimulation, followed by immunoblot analysis and quantification of Sec13 and Sec31a expression ($n = 3$ samples each group). **(d)** HEK293T cells were transfected with HA-tagged Sec13 and 6 \times His-tagged WT-, K48R- or K63R-ubiquitin and treated with MG132 for 6 h. Ni-nitrilotriacetic acid (Ni-NTA) bead-based pulldown and immunoblot analysis of HA-Sec13. Lower, expression of indicated proteins in whole cell lysates (WCL). **(e)** sgNTC- or sg*Sec31a*-transduced HEK293T cells were transfected with HA-tagged Sec13 and 6 \times His-tagged WT ubiquitin (His-tagged Ub), and treated with MG132 for 6 h. Left, Ni-NTA bead-based pulldown of His-tagged Ub-labelled proteins followed by immunoblot analysis for HA-Sec13. Right, immunoblot analysis of WCL for expression of endogenous Sec31a or HA-Sec13, His-tagged Ub, and β -Actin. Mean \pm s.e.m. **(a–c)**. NS, not significant; ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; two-tailed unpaired Student's *t*-test **(a)**; two-way ANOVA **(b)**; one-way ANOVA **(c)**. Data are representative of two **(d, e)** or three **(a)**, or pooled from two **(b)** or three **(c)** experiments.



Extended Data Figure 7 (to Figure 3). Sec31a protects Sec13 from Skp1-mediated proteasomal degradation and supports T cell functional fitness.

(a) HA-tagged WT or the indicated lysine mutant constructs of Sec13 were transfected into HEK293T cells individually. Immunoblot analysis of HA and Hsp90. (b) HA-tagged WT or K260R mutant Sec13 was transfected into HEK293T cells together with the K48-only His-Ub followed by MG132 treatment and anti-HA immunoprecipitation (IP). Immunoblot analysis for HA, His-Ub and β -Actin. WCL, whole cell lysate. (c) Cas9-expressing CD4⁺ T cells were transduced with sgNTC or sgSec31a retrovirus (Ametrine⁺) together with WT or K260R mutant Sec13-expressing retrovirus (GFP⁺). Ametrine⁺GFP^{lo} cells (see gating on flow cytometry plot, upper) were stimulated with TCR for 0 or 3 h. Immunoblot analysis and quantification of relative Sec13 and p-S6 levels ($n = 4$ samples each group).

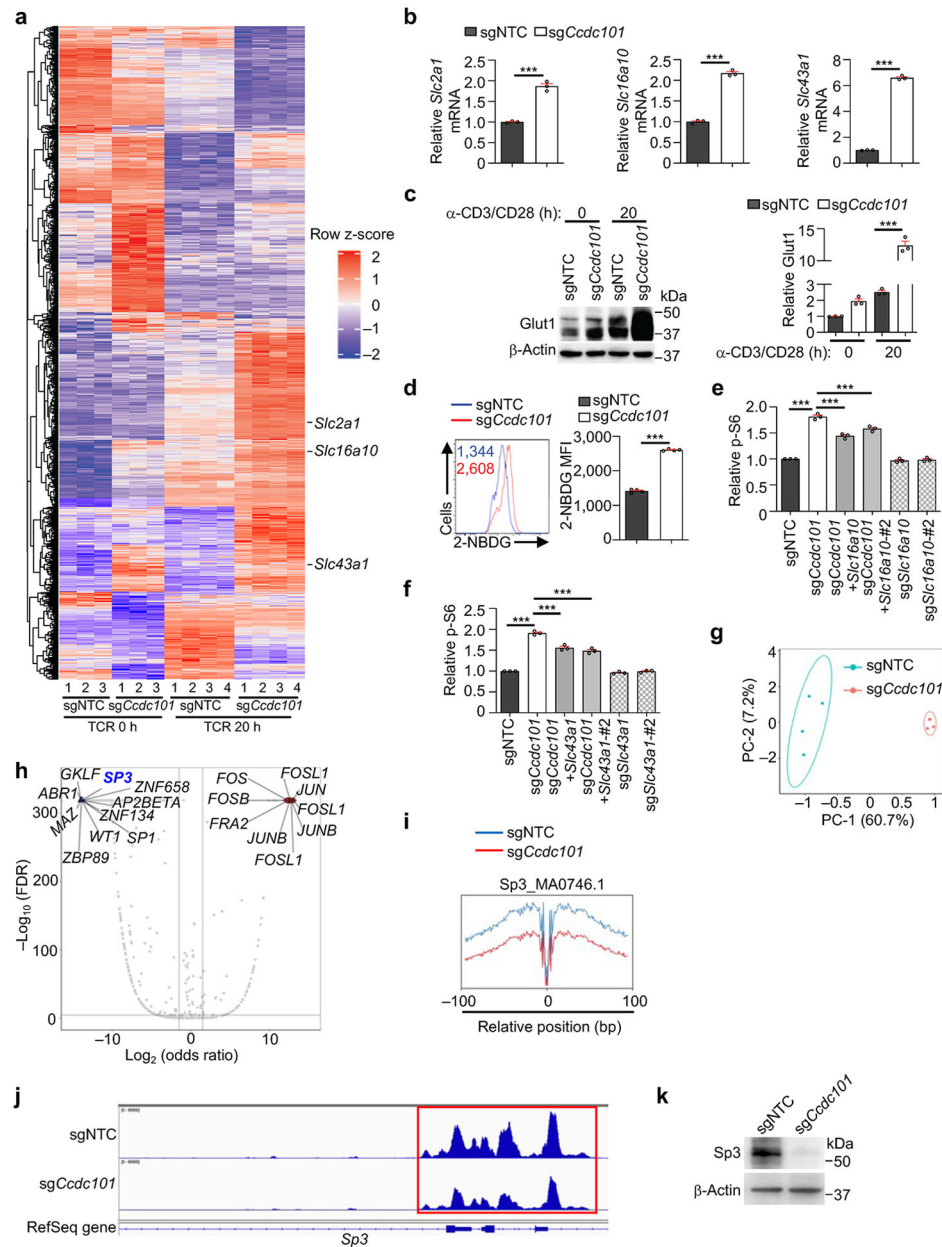
(d) Volcano plot of proteins, including Skp1, that interact with HA-Sec13 in induced T_{reg} cells as identified by mass spectrometry ($n = 3$ samples each group). (e) Induced T_{reg} cells transduced with HA-tagged-Sec13- or empty vector-expressing retrovirus were lysed with CHAPS buffer followed by α -HA immunoprecipitation (IP) and immunoblot analysis of HA and Skp1. (f) Induced T_{reg} cells were lysed with CHAPS buffer followed by immunoprecipitation of endogenous Skp1 and immunoblot analysis of Skp1 and Sec13. (g) Interaction of endogenous Skp1 with Sec13 in sgNTC- or sg*Sec31a*-transduced cells. (h) Naïve $CD4^+$ T cells were stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 0, 24, 48 or 72 h. Immunoblot analysis of anti-Skp1 immunoprecipitants and WCL for Skp1, Sec13, and β -Actin ($n = 2$ samples per group). (i) Immunoblot analysis and quantification of relative expression of indicated proteins in sgNTC- or sg*Skp1* (both Ametrine⁺)-transduced cells ($n = 3$ samples per group). (j) Indicated sgRNA-transduced cells were labelled with CellTrace Violet (CTV), and stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 72 h, followed by flow cytometry analysis and quantification of CTV dilution ($n = 3$ samples each group). (k) Diagram of SMARTA T cell transfer and LCMV infection system. Briefly, SMARTA-Cas9 $CD4^+$ T cells ($CD45.1^+$) transduced with sgRNA for candidate genes ($CD45.1^+$ Ametrine⁺) and mixed with sgNTC ($CD45.1^+$ mCherry⁺; ‘spike’)-transduced cells at a 1:1 ratio, and adoptively transferred into naïve (unchallenged; $CD45.2^+$) mice that were left uninfected (see l) or challenged with LCMV infection (see Fig. 3f). (l) Quantification of the relative proportion (normalized to ‘spike’) of donor-derived ($CD45.1^+$) T cells in the spleen of uninfected mice at 7 d after transfer ($n = 6$ mice per group). (m) Cells transduced with sgNTC (Ametrine⁺), sg*Sec31a* (Ametrine⁺) or sg*Sec31a-Skp1* (GFP⁺ and Ametrine⁺) were sorted and stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h ($n = 6-7$ samples per group), followed by the measurement of extracellular acidification rate (ECAR). Oligo, oligomycin; FCCP, fluoro-carbonyl cyanide phenylhydrazine; Rot, rotenone. Mean \pm s.e.m. (c, i, j, l, m). ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; one-way ANOVA (c, i, j, l, m, right); two-way ANOVA (m, left). Data are representative of one (d, j, l, m) or two (a, b, e–h), or pooled from two (c) or three (i) experiments.



Extended Data Figure 8 (to Figure 4). SAGA complex suppresses mTORC1 activation.

(a) Quantification (normalized to ‘spike’) of relative p-S6 level, cell size (FSC-A) and CD71 expression in induced T_{reg} cells transduced with sgRNA for *Ccdc101* or *Taf6l*, followed by stimulation with α -CD3 antibody for 3 h to measure p-S6 level (left) or with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h to measure cell size (FSC-A; middle) and CD71 (right) expression by flow cytometry ($n = 3$ samples each group). (b) Immunoblot analysis and quantification of relative p-S6K1 and p-S6 expression in sgNTC- or sg*Ccdc101*-transduced cells that were starved of and refed amino acids (AA) for 20 min ($n = 4$ samples each group). Mean \pm s.e.m.

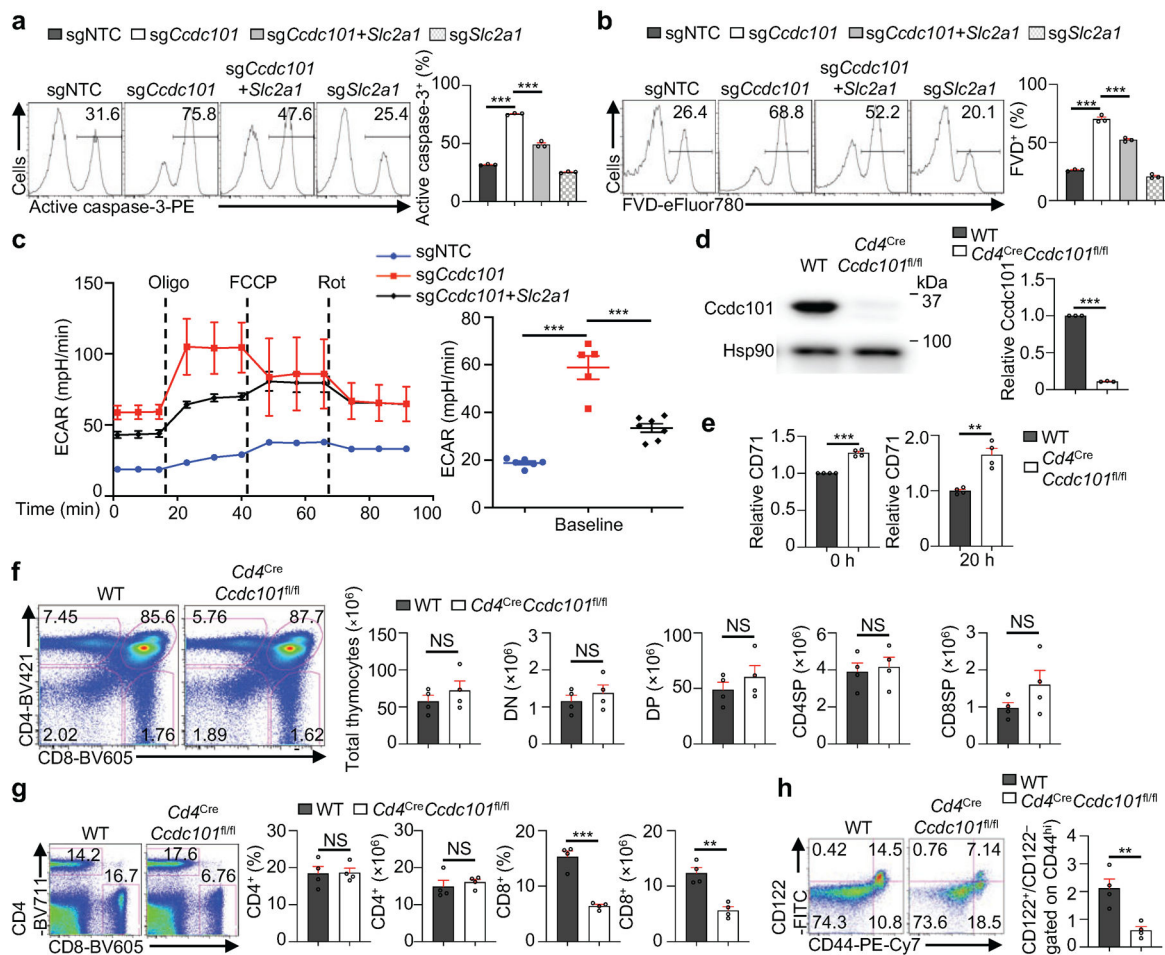
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Extended Data Figure 9 (to Figure 4). SAGA complex represses the expression of nutrient transporters and mTORC1 activation.

(a) Heatmap of differentially expressed genes in Ccdc101-null Treg cells stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 0 h (n = 3 samples each group) or 20 h (n = 4 samples each group). (b) *Slc2a1*, *Slc16a10* or *Slc43a1* mRNA expression in sgNTC- or sgCcdc101-transduced cells at steady state (n = 3 samples each group). (c) Immunoblot analysis and quantification of relative Glut1 expression in sgNTC- or sgCcdc101-transduced cells that were stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 0 or 20 h (n = 3 samples each group). (d) Flow cytometry

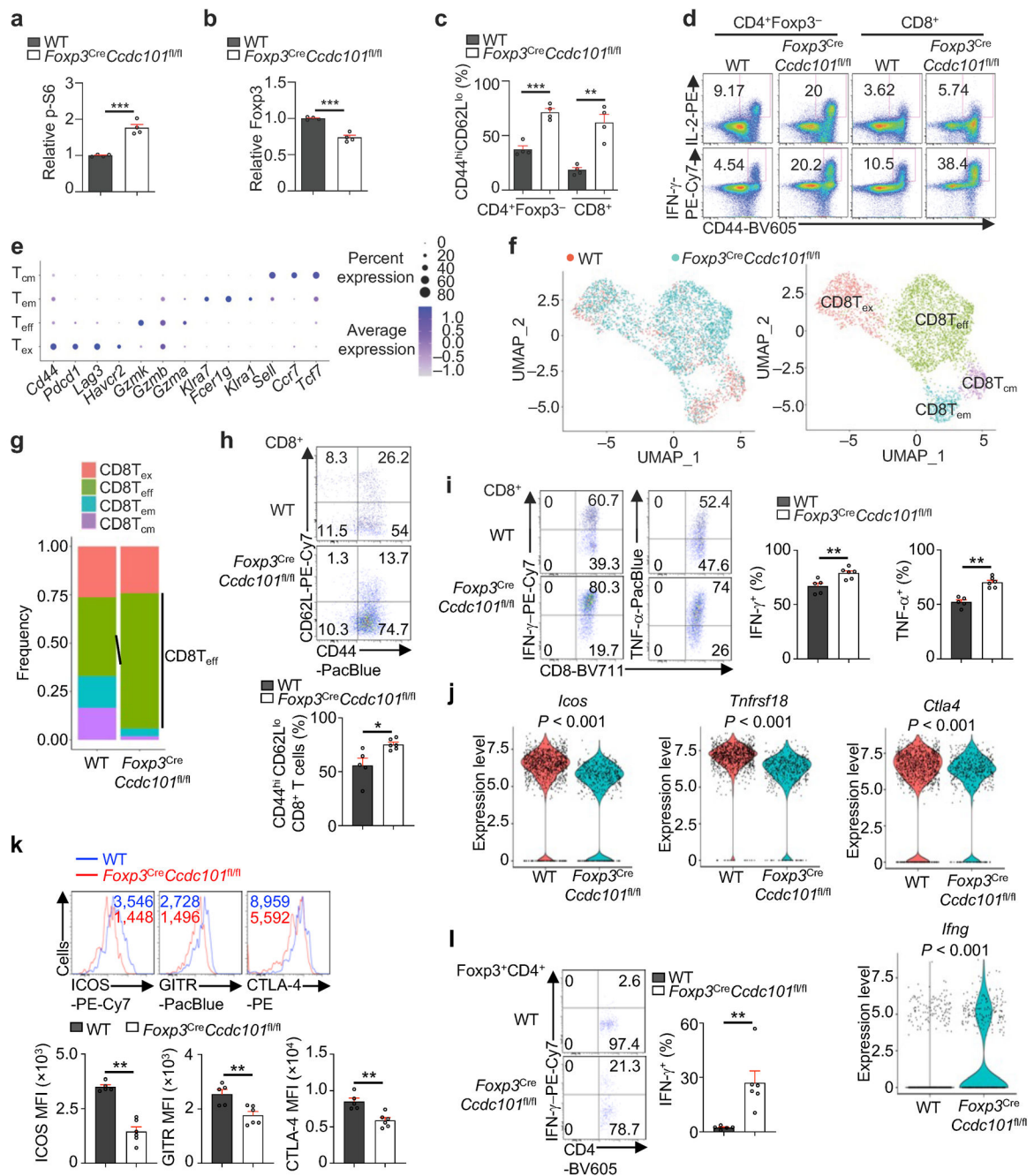
analysis and quantification of 2-NBDG uptake in sgNTC or sg*Ccdc101* (both Ametrine⁺)-transduced cells were stimulated with α-CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h (*n* = 4 samples each group). (e, f) Quantification of relative p-S6 level in cells transduced with the indicated sgRNAs that were stimulated with TCR for 3 h (*n* = 3 samples each group). (g) Principal component analysis (PCA) of ATAC-seq for cells transduced with sgNTC (*n* = 4 samples) or sg*Ccdc101* (both Ametrine⁺) (*n* = 3 samples) and stimulated with α-CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h. (h) Motif enrichment analysis of ATAC-seq of sgNTC- and sg*Ccdc101*-transduced cells (*n* = 4 samples each group). (i) Footprinting analysis of *Sp3* binding in ATAC-seq. (j) Accessibility of the *Sp3* locus in sgNTC- and sg*Ccdc101*-transduced cells as identified by ATAC-seq. Highlighted peaks in the red box indicate differential accessible regions. (k) Immunoblot analysis of *Sp3* expression in sgNTC- or sg*Ccdc101* (both Ametrine⁺)-transduced cells. Mean ± s.e.m. (b–f). ****P* < 0.001; two-tailed unpaired Student’s *t*-test (b, d); one-way ANOVA (c, e, f). Data are representative of one (a, g–j), two (b, e, f, k), or pooled from two (c, d) experiments.



Extended Data Figure 10 (to Figure 4). SAGA complex prevents mTORC1 hyperactivation to enforce immune homeostasis *in vivo*.

(a, b) Induced T_{reg} cells transduced with indicated sgRNAs were stimulated with α-CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h (*n* = 3 samples each group). Flow cytometry analysis and

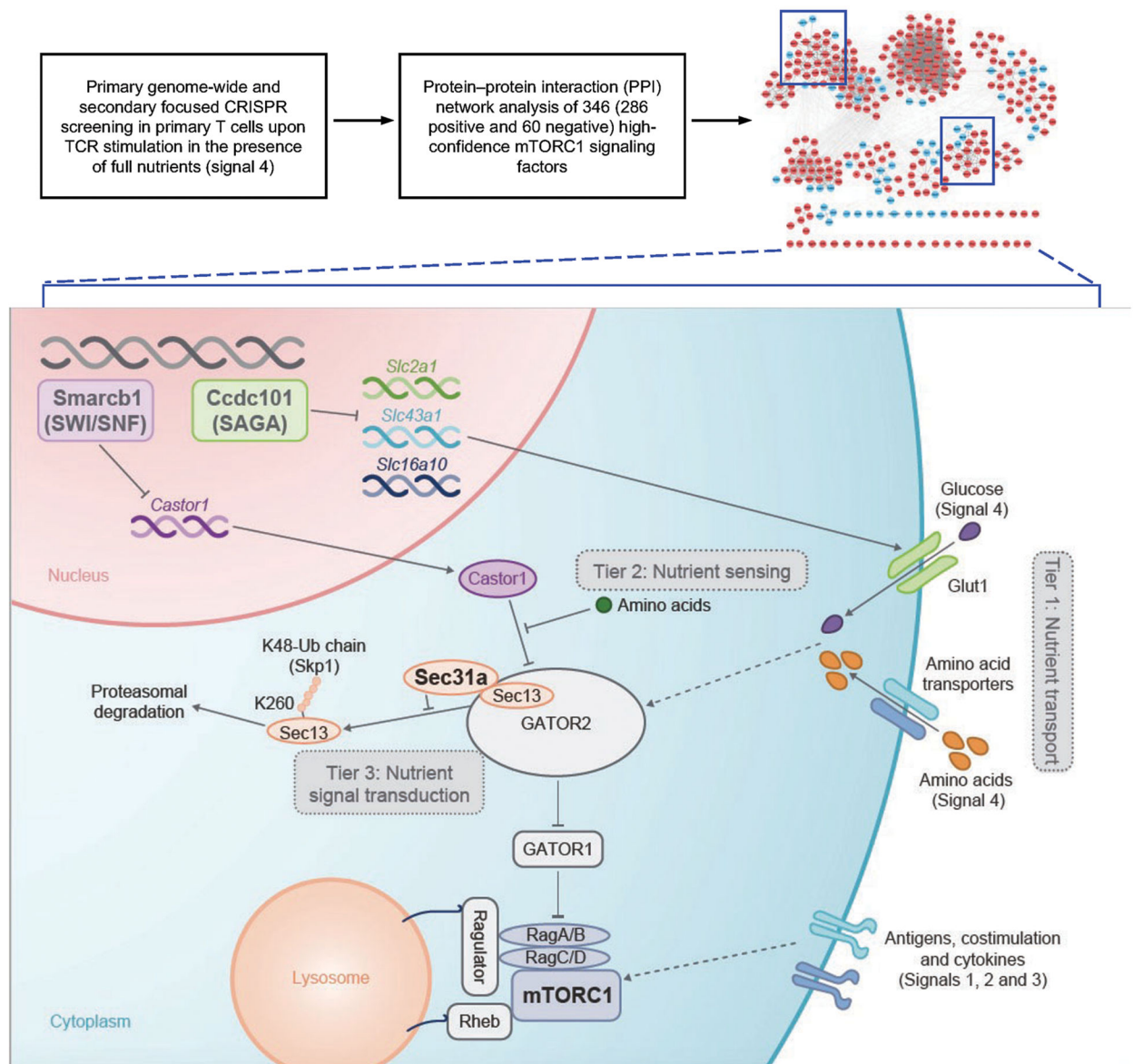
quantification of staining with active caspase-3 (**a**) and fixable viability dye (FVD, **b**) ($n = 3$ per group). (**c**) Cells transduced with indicated sgRNAs were stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h ($n = 5-7$ samples per group), followed by the measurement of extracellular acidification rate (ECAR). Oligo, oligomycin; FCCP, fluoro-carbonyl cyanide phenylhydrazone; Rot, rotenone. (**d**) Immunoblot analysis and quantification of *Ccdc101* expression in naïve CD4⁺ T cells from WT and *Cd4^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice ($n = 3$ mice per group). (**e**) Quantification of CD71 expression on naïve or activated WT and *Ccdc101*-deficient CD4⁺ T cells. Naïve CD4⁺ T cells among freshly isolated splenocytes from WT and *Cd4^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice ($n = 4$ mice per group) were gated (indicated as 0 h), or naïve CD4⁺ T cells were stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 antibodies for 20 h. (**f**) Flow cytometry analysis and quantification of numbers of total, double-negative (DN), double-positive (DP), CD4 single-positive (CD4SP), and CD8 single-positive (CD8SP) thymocytes from WT and *Cd4^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice ($n = 4$ mice each group). (**g**) Flow cytometry analysis and quantification of proportions and numbers of splenic CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells from WT and *Cd4^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice ($n = 4$ mice each group). (**h**) Flow cytometry analysis and normalized ratio of CD122⁺ versus CD122⁻ cells among CD44^{hi} populations (gated on splenic CD8⁺ T cells) from indicated mice ($n = 4$ mice each group). Mean \pm s.e.m. (**a-h**). NS, not significant; ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; two-tailed unpaired Student's *t*-test (**d-h**); one-way ANOVA (**a, b, c, right**); two-way ANOVA (**c, left**). Data are representative of one (**c**) or two (**a, b**), or pooled from three (**d-h**) experiments.



Extended Data Figure 11 (to Figure 5). T_{reg}-specific deletion of Cdc101 disrupts immune homeostasis and boosts antitumour response.

(a) Quantification of relative p-S6 level in splenic CD4⁺Foxp3⁺ cells from WT and *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* (~8 weeks old) mice (*n* = 4 mice per group). (b) Quantification of relative Foxp3 expression (gated on splenic Foxp3⁺CD4⁺ T cells) from WT and *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice (*n* = 4 mice per group). (c) Quantification of percentages of effector/memory (CD44^{hi}CD62L^{lo}) subsets in splenic CD4⁺Foxp3⁻ and CD8⁺ T cells from WT and *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* (~8 weeks old) mice (*n* = 4 mice each group). (d) Representative flow cytometry analysis of IL-2⁺ or IFN- γ ⁺ population of splenic

CD4⁺Foxp3⁻ and CD8⁺ T cells from WT and *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* (~8 weeks old) mice. (e–g) WT and *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice were inoculated with MC38 colon adenocarcinoma cells. T_{reg} cells (CD45⁺CD4⁺YFP⁺), non-T_{reg} immune cells (CD45⁺YFP⁻CD11b⁻) and myeloid cells (CD45⁺CD11b⁺) were isolated and sorted from tumours, and mixed at a 1:2:1 ratio for scRNA-seq analysis (2 biological replicates, pooled from 3–4 mice each, per group) at 19 d after tumour inoculation. Dot plot showing the differentially expressed marker genes for 4 subclusters of CD8⁺ T cells in the MC38 tumours (e; see Methods for details). UMAP embeddings of CD8⁺ T cells grouped by genotype (f, left) and indicated subclusters (f, right). Frequencies of the indicated subclusters were quantified for each genotype (g). T_{eff}-like, effector-like CD8⁺ T cells; T_{ex}-like, exhaustion-like CD8⁺ T cells; T_{cm}-like, central memory-like CD8⁺ T cells; T_{em}-like, effector/memory-like CD8⁺ T cells. (h) Flow cytometry analysis and quantification of the percentages of CD44^{hi}CD62L^{lo} intratumoural CD8⁺ T cells from WT and *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice (*n* = 5 per group). (i) Flow cytometry analysis and quantification of IFN-γ⁺ and TNF-α⁺ cells among intratumoural CD8⁺ T cells from WT and *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice (*n* = 5 per group). (j) Violin plots of scRNA-seq data depicting *Icos*, *Tnfrsf18*, *Ctla4* and *Ifng* expression in intratumoural T_{reg} cells. (k) Flow cytometry analysis and quantification of ICOS, GITR and CTLA-4 for intratumoural T_{reg} cells from WT and *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice (*n* = 5 per group). (l) Flow cytometry analysis and quantification of IFN-γ expression in intratumoural T_{reg} cells from WT and *Foxp3^{Cre}Ccdc101^{fl/fl}* mice (*n* = 5 per group). Mean ± s.e.m. (a–c, h, i, k, l). **P* < 0.05; ***P* < 0.01; ****P* < 0.001; two-tailed unpaired Student's *t*-test (a–c, h, i, k, l); Two-sided Wilcoxon rank sum test in j. Data are representative of one (e–l) or two (d), or pooled from two (a–c) experiments.



Extended Data Figure 12 (to Figure 5). Schematic of applying CRISPR screening and integrative analyses to dissect nutrient and mTORC1 signaling in primary T cells.

With two rounds of genome-wide and focused CRISPR screenings, we identify 346 high-confidence mTORC1 signaling factors, including many novel activators and inhibitors, as well as known regulators (identified in other systems) that have not been studied in primary T cells. Notably, using analysis of protein–protein interaction (PPI) networks and unbiased functional and proteomic approaches, we further establish the epigenetic and posttranslational mechanisms underpinning the three-tier regulatory modules of nutrient signaling, composed of nutrient transporters (e.g. via affecting expression of Glut1 and other transporters by SAGA complex), sensors (e.g. via epigenetic regulation of Castor1 expression by SWI/SNF complex) and transducers (e.g. via shaping GATOR2 complex stability by Sec31a; regulating Sec13 ubiquitination at lysine 260), which transmit

immunological and nutrient cues to mTORC1 signaling for proper regulation of T cell activity *in vivo* and *in vitro*.

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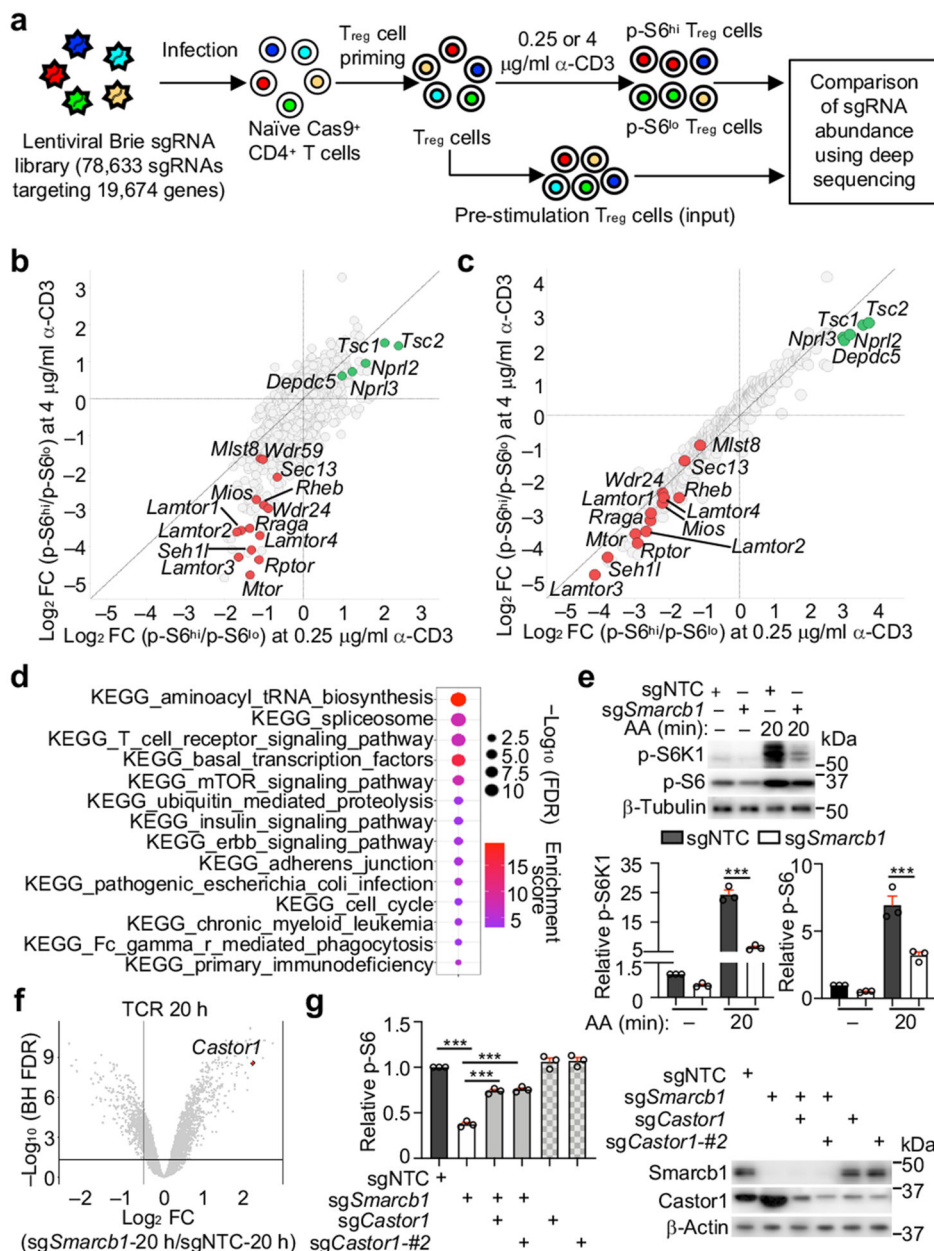


Figure 1. Genome-wide CRISPR screening uncovers mTORC1 regulatory networks in T_{reg} cells. (a) Genome-wide CRISPR screening approach. (b, c) Fold change (FC)/FC plot for primary (b) or secondary CRISPR screening (*n* = 6 sgRNAs per gene) (c). Positive (red) and negative (green) regulators. (d) Functional enrichment plot of genes validated by secondary CRISPR screening. (e) Immunoblot analysis and quantification of relative p-S6K1 and p-S6 in TCR-stimulated sgNTC- and sg*Smarcb1*-transduced cells after amino acid (AA) stimulation (*n* = 3 samples each group). (f) Gene expression profiles in sgNTC- or sg*Smarcb1*-transduced cells at 20 h of TCR stimulation (*n* = 4 samples each group). (g) Cells expressing indicated sgRNAs were stimulated with TCR for 3 h. Quantification of relative p-S6 level and immunoblot analysis of Smarcb1 and Castor1 expression (*n* = 3 samples each group). Mean

\pm s.e.m. (**e**, **g**). *** $P < 0.001$; one-way ANOVA (**e**, **g**). Data are representative of one (**b–d**, **f**) or two (**g**), or pooled from three (**e**) experiments.

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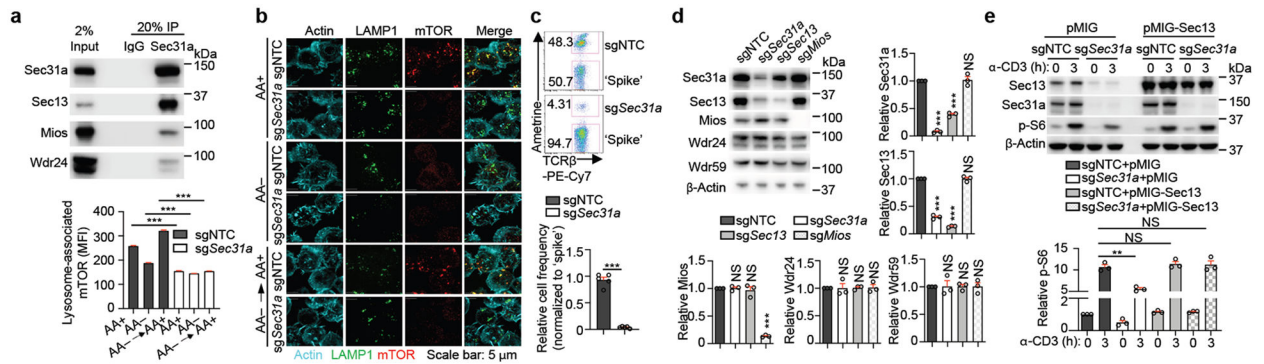


Figure 2. Sec31a is crucial for nutrient and GATOR2-dependent mTORC1 activation and the abundance of Sec13.

(a) Interaction of endogenous Sec31a with indicated proteins in induced T_{reg} cells. (b) Images and quantification of lysosome-associated mTOR [calculated as mean fluorescence intensity (MFI)] for sgNTC- and sg*Sec31a*-transduced cells after amino acid (AA) starvation and refeeding ($n = 700$ cells per condition). (c) Naïve SMARTA–Cas9 T cells (Ametrine⁺CD45.1⁺) from sgNTC or sg*Sec31a*-transduced ‘retrogenic’ mice were co-transferred with ‘spike’ (Ametrine⁻CD45.1⁺) naïve SMARTA cells (1:1 ratio) into naïve (CD45.2⁺) mice, followed by LCMV infection. Flow cytometry analysis and quantification of relative percentage of indicated cells ($n = 5$ mice per group). (d) Immunoblot analysis and quantification of indicated protein expression in indicated sgRNA-transduced cells ($n = 3$ samples each group). (e) sgNTC- or sg*Sec31a* (both Ametrine⁺)-transduced cells were co-transduced with Sec13-overexpressing or empty vector (both GFP⁺) retrovirus. Immunoblot analysis of indicated proteins, and quantification of relative p-S6 level ($n = 3$ samples each group). Mean \pm s.e.m. (b–e). NS, not significant; ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; two-tailed unpaired Student’s *t*-test (c) or one-way ANOVA (b, d, e). Data are representative of two (b, c) or five (a), or pooled from three (d, e) experiments.

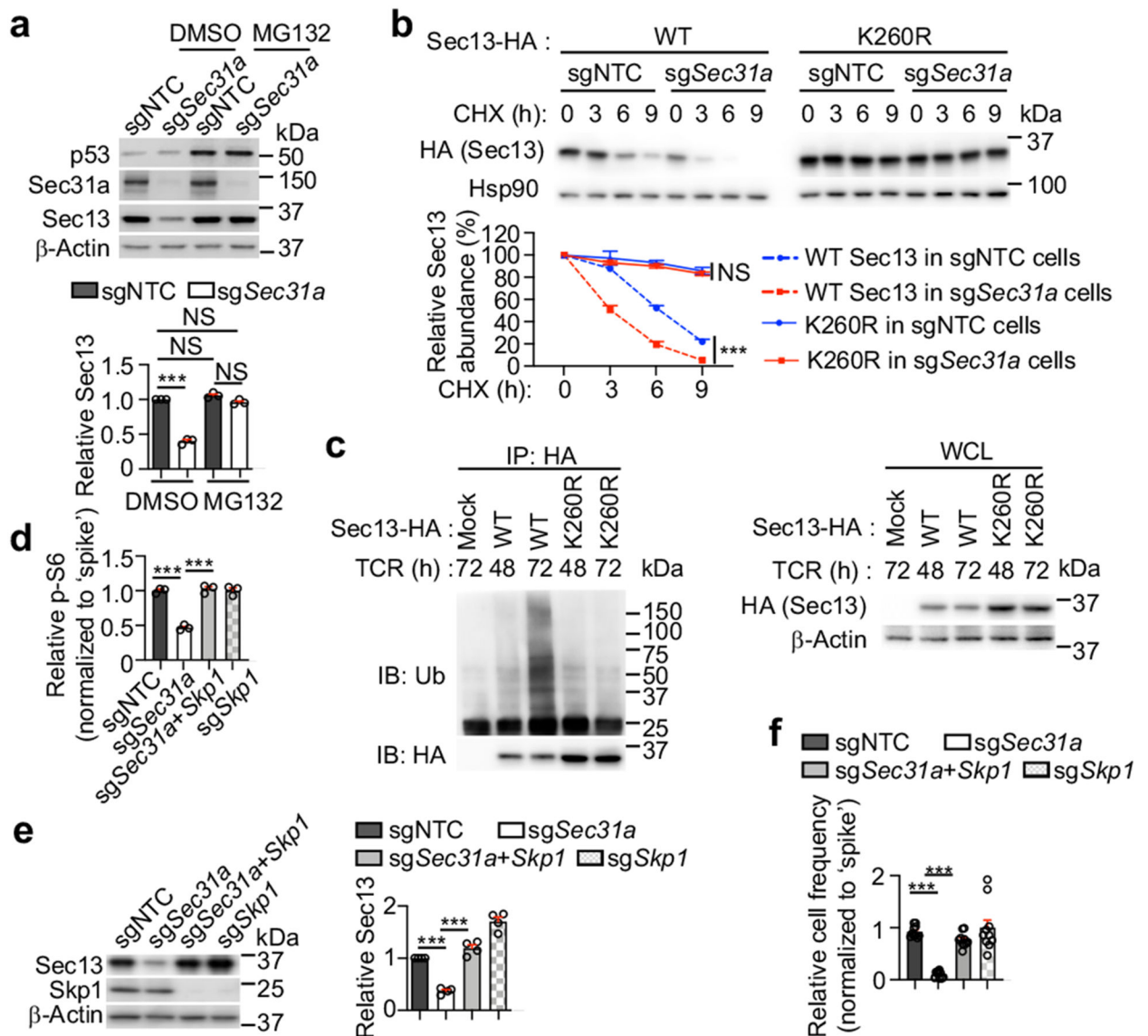


Figure 3. Sec31a protects Sec13 from Skp1-mediated proteasomal degradation.

(a) Immunoblot analysis of indicated protein expression in sgNTC- or sgSec31a-transduced cells treated with MG132 or DMSO for 9 h. Lower, quantification of relative Sec13 expression ($n = 3$ samples each group). (b) Control (sgNTC)- or Sec31a-null HEK293T expressing HA-tagged WT or K260R mutant Sec13 were treated with cycloheximide (CHX) for indicated times. Immunoblot analysis of HA and Hsp90 and quantification of relative Sec13 abundance ($n = 3$ samples each group). (c) T cells expressing HA-tagged WT or K260R mutant Sec13 were stimulated with α -CD3/CD28 for 48 or 72 h (with MG132 treatment for the last 6 h), followed by immunoprecipitation with anti-HA antibody. Immunoblot analysis for HA and β -Actin. (d) Indicated sgRNA-transduced cells were mixed with sgNTC (mCherry⁺; 'spike')-transduced cells, and stimulated with TCR for 3 h. Quantification of relative p-S6 level ($n = 3$ samples each group). (e) Immunoblot analysis of indicated protein expression and quantification of relative Sec13 abundance in indicated sgRNA-transduced cells ($n = 4$ samples each group). (f) Quantification of relative proportion

of donor-derived (CD45.1⁺) T cells in the spleen of LCMV-infected mice (CD45.2⁺) at 7 d post-infection. See also Extended Data Fig. 7k ($n = 10$ mice per group). Mean \pm s.e.m. (**a**, **b**, **d-f**). NS, not significant; *** $P < 0.001$; one-way ANOVA (**a**, **d-f**); two-way ANOVA (**b**). Data are representative of two (**b-d**) or three (**e**), or pooled from two (**f**) or three (**a**) experiments.

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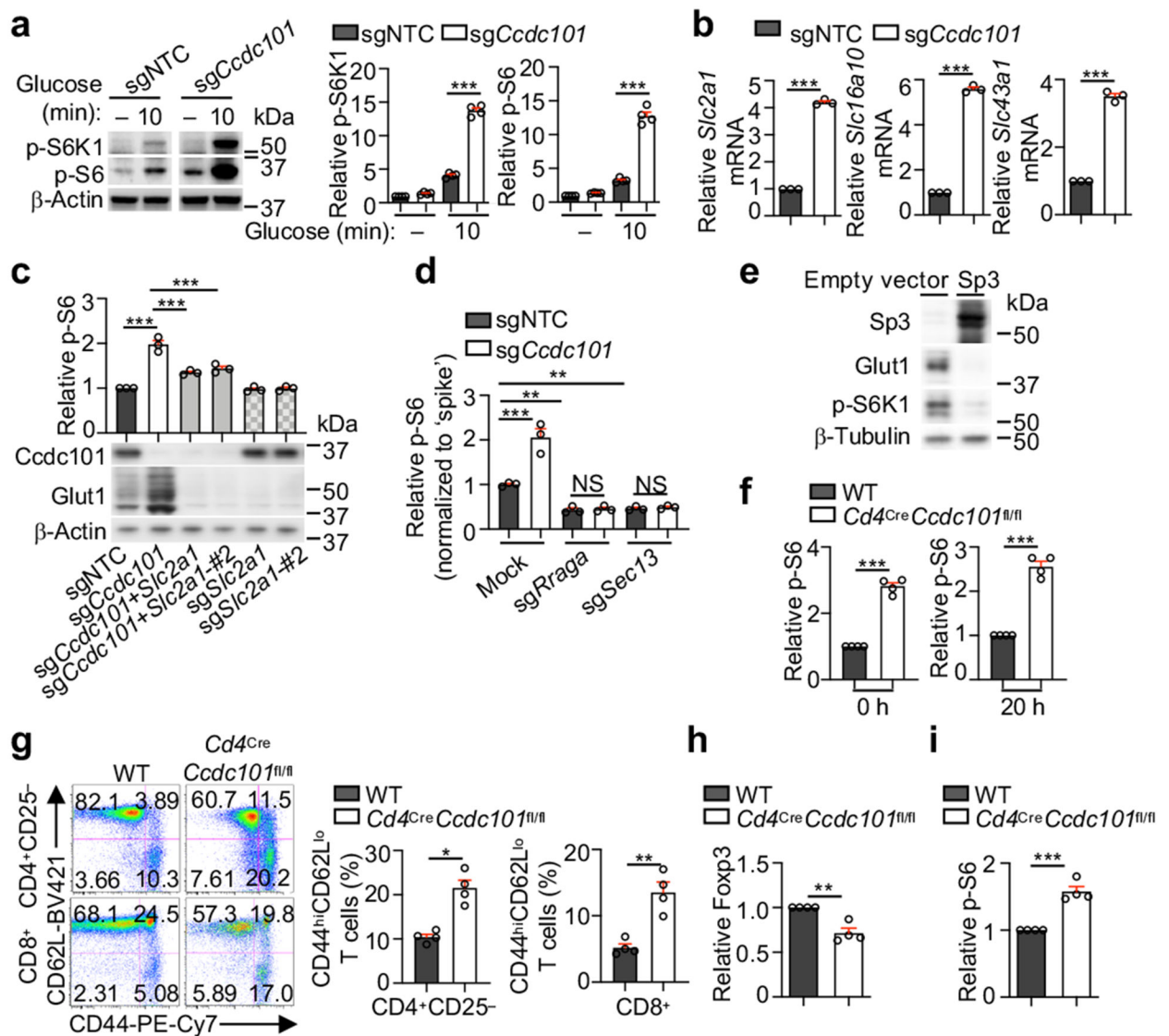


Figure 4. SAGA complex suppresses nutrient transporter expression and mTORC1 activation.

(a) Immunoblot analysis and quantification of relative p-S6K1 and p-S6 in sgNTC- or sgCcdc101-transduced cells after glucose stimulation ($n = 4$ samples each group). (b) *Slc2a1*, *Slc16a10* or *Slc43a1* mRNA expression in sgNTC- and sgCcdc101-transduced cells after α -CD3/CD28 stimulation for 20 h ($n = 3$ samples each group). (c) Indicated sgRNA-transduced cells were stimulated with TCR for 3 h to quantify relative p-S6 level. Lower, immunoblot analysis of Ccdc101 and Glut1 expression ($n = 3$ samples each group). (d) sgNTC- or sgCcdc101 (both Ametrine⁺)-transduced cells were co-transduced with sgRraga or sgSec13 (both GFP⁺), mixed with sgNTC (mCherry⁺; ‘spike’)-transduced cells, and stimulated with TCR for 3 h to examine relative p-S6 level ($n = 3$ samples each group). (e) Immunoblot analysis of indicated protein expression in induced T_{reg} cells transduced with indicated retrovirus. (f) Quantification of relative p-S6 level in freshly-isolated naïve (0 h) or α -CD3/CD28-stimulated (20 h) WT and Ccdc101-deficient CD4⁺ T cells ($n = 4$ mice per group). (g) Flow cytometry analysis and quantification of frequencies of effector/memory

(CD44^{hi}CD62L^{lo}) subsets in splenic CD4⁺Foxp3⁻ and CD8⁺ T cells from indicated mice ($n = 4$ mice per group). **(h, i)** Quantification of relative Foxp3 expression **(h)** or p-S6 levels **(i)** in splenic CD4⁺Foxp3⁺ T_{reg} cells from indicated mice ($n = 4$ mice per group). Mean \pm s.e.m. **(a–d, f–i)**. NS, not significant; * $P < 0.05$; ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; two-tailed unpaired Student's t -test **(b, f–i)** or one-way ANOVA **(a, c, d)**. Data are representative of two **(b–e)**, or pooled from two **(a)** or three **(f–i)** experiments.

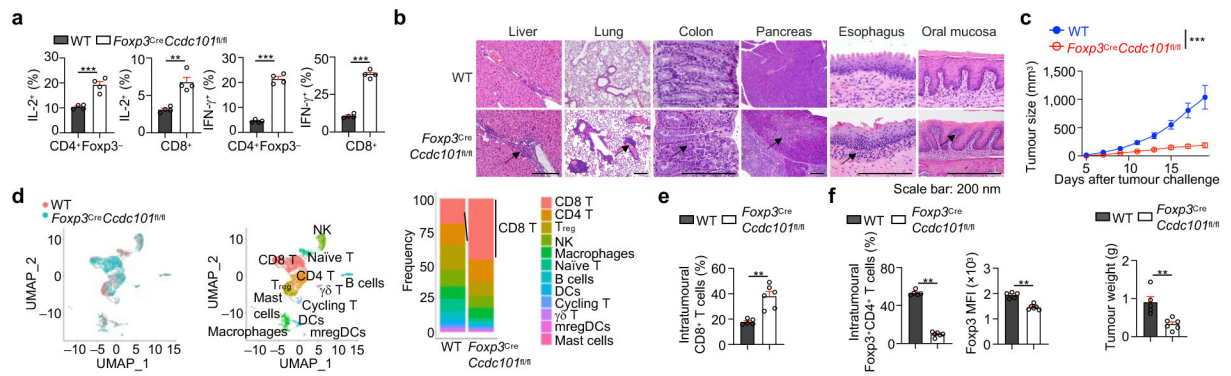


Figure 5. Steady state and tumour challenge phenotypes of *Foxp3*^{Cre}*Cdc101*^{fl/fl} mice.

(a) Quantification of IL-2⁺ or IFN- γ ⁺ populations of splenic CD4⁺Foxp3⁻ and CD8⁺ T cells from indicated mice (~8 weeks old) ($n = 4$ mice each group). **(b)** H&E staining of indicated tissues from indicated mice (> 4 months old) ($n = 5$ mice each group). Arrows indicate various inflammatory features. **(c-f)** Indicated mice were inoculated with MC38 colon adenocarcinoma cells. **(c)** Tumour size and end point tumour weight ($n = 5$ mice per group). **(d)** Intratumoural T_{reg} cells, non-T_{reg} immune cells, and myeloid cells were sorted at 19 d after tumour challenge, followed by scRNA-seq analysis (see Methods) ($n = 2$ replicates). UMAP embeddings of CD4⁺ immune cells grouped by genotype (left) and indicated immune cell subclusters (middle). Right, frequencies of indicated immune cell subclusters. **(e, f)** Quantification of the percentage of tumour-infiltrated CD8⁺ T **(e)** or T_{reg} cells **(f, left)**, and Foxp3 mean fluorescence intensity (MFI; gated on CD4⁺Foxp3⁺ cells; **f, right**) at 19 d after tumour challenge ($n = 5$ mice per group). Mean \pm s.e.m. (**a, c, e, f**); ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$; two-tailed unpaired Student's t -test (**a, c, lower; e, f**); two-way ANOVA (**c, upper**). Data are representative of one (**b, d-f**) or two (**a, c**) experiments.