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Skewed epithelial cell differentiation and premature aging of the thymus in the absence of vitamin D signaling

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fig S1. Altered T cell development and conventional T cell homeostasis in CypKO mice A. Thymic lobes from 2 WT (top) and KO (bottom) 4-week-old mice sex-matched mice. **B.** Total thymic cell number in 4-week-old WT versus KO mice. **C.** Frequency of naïve (CD62L⁺ CD44^{lo}) splenic CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells. **D.** Frequency of splenic FoxP3⁺ regulatory T cells. **E,F.** Representative flow cytometry plots of $\gamma\delta$ T-cells in WT vs KO mice (E) and summary data (F). **G,H.** Representative flow cytometry plots of NK cells in WT vs KO mice (G) and summary data (H). **I,H.** Representative flow cytometry plots of aGalCer tetramer⁺ iNKT cells in WT vs KO mice (G) and summary data (H). **K,L.** Representative flow cytometry plots of regulatory T cells in WT vs KO thymi (K) and summary data (L). **M.** Relative fluorescence intensity (RFI) of TCR signaling molecules on post-selection DP thymocytes, relative to average WT expression. All experiments were performed with age-matched (male and female) 6-10-week old mice. Each dot represents an individual mouse. Statistics: Unpaired parametric T tests. $p<0.05^*$, $p<0.01^{**}$, $p<0.001^{****}$.



fig S2. Defined medullary structures in CypKO thymi. A. Representative IF microscopy images of Aire (in white dashed lines) and the mTEC marker, UEA-1, staining in WT and CypKO thymi. B. Representative IF microscopy images of Aire, CD11c, and DAPI with distinctive medullary (Aire⁺ regions, white dashed lines) staining patterns in both WT and CypKO thymi. C. Flow cytometric-gating strategy for TEC populations. Experiments were performed with age-matched (male and female) 8-10-week old mice.



fig. S3. Impaired Aire expression and thymic development in VdrKO mice. A. Total thymic cell number in 5- or 8-9 week old WT and VdrKO littermates. *B,C.* Aire (B) and TRA (C) gene expression in WT versus VdrKO thymic samples. *D.E.* Representative flow cytometric gating of $mTEC^{hi}$ cells (*MHC-II^{hi}* CD80⁺) in WT and VdrKO thymi (D) and quantification of their frequencies (E) from three independent experiments. *F,G.* Representative flow cytometry plot of Aire expression in WT and VdrKO mTEC^{hi} cells (F), $mTEC^{lo}$ as staining control, and quantification from two independent experiments (G). Sex-matched (male and female) mice were used for figure A. Age- and sex-matched 8-10-week-old mice were used for figures B-G. Each dot represents an individual mouse. Statistics: Unpaired parametric T tests. $p<0.05^*$, $p<0.01^{**}$, $p<0.001^{***}$, $p<0.0001^{****}$.



fig S4. Systemic B cell lymphopenia in CypKO mice A,B. Representative flow cytometry plots of dendritic cells (DCs) in WT vs KO mice (A) and summary data (B). *C,D.* Representative flow cytometry plots of B cells in WT and KO thymi (C) and summary data (D). *E,F.* Representative flow cytometry plot of Aire expression in thymic B cells (E) and quantification of the relative fluorescence intensity (relative to average of WT expression) (F). *G.* Representative flow cytometry plots of thymic B cell subsets (IgD^+ IgM^+ ; "recirculating", IgM^+ $IgD^-/IgM^ IgD^-$; "resident"). *H.* Quantification of committed and "circulating" B cell subtypes in WT versus KO thymi. *I.* Splenic B cell (Live, single, CD19⁺ MHC-II⁺) frequencies. All experiments were performed with age-matched (male and female) 6-10-week old mice. Each dot represents an individual mouse. Statistics: Unpaired parametric T tests. $p<0.05^*$, $p<0.01^{***}$, $p<0.001^{****}$.



fig S5. Decreased thymocyte apoptosis in Cyp27b1 KO mice A. Thymic IF microscopy images showing co-staining of cleaved caspase 3 (small rings) with CD3⁺ thymocytes. **B,C.** Representative IF microscopy images showing cleaved caspase 3 staining in the thymic cortex (Aire⁻ regions)(B), and representative summary data (C) (c=cortex, m=medulla). **D.** Flow cytometry plot showing gating for CCR7⁺ and CCR7⁻ CD25⁻ populations. **E.** Flow cytometric gating strategy for "signaled" (CD5⁺ TCR β^{hi}) and "not signaled" (CD5⁻, TCR β^{lo}) DP thymocytes **F.** Summary of the frequency of cleaved caspase 3+ "signaled" and "not signaled" DP thymocytes in WT vs Cyp27b1 KO thymi. All experiments were performed with age-matched (male and female) 8-12-week old mice. Each dot represents an individual mouse. Statistics: Unpaired parametric T tests. $p<0.05^*$, $p<0.01^{**}$, $p<0.001^{****}$, $p<0.0001^{*****}$.



fig. S6. Mild inflammation in several CypKO mouse tissues. A. Representative H&E images of tissue from 26-weekold WT or CypKO mice (male). B-E. Representative confocal microscopy images of autoantibody staining of RagKO, WT, or CypKO serum samples on the indicated target organs and summary of phenotypic penetrance. Experiments were performed with male 26-week-old mice.



fig S7. Divergent mTEC differentiation in CypKO mice A. qPCR data from sequenced samples. B. Heatmap of 4 top 20 DEGs per cluster. C. UMAPs showing Aire expression in WT and KO samples. D. UMAPs showing Ccl21a expression in representative WT versus KO samples. E. qPCR validation of Ccl21a expression. Experiments in (E) were performed with age-matched (male and female) 8-12-week old mice. Each dot represents an individual mouse. Statistics: Unpaired parametric T tests. $p<0.05^*$, $p<0.01^{**}$, $p<0.001^{***}$.



fig S8. Increased "intertypical" TEC marker gene expression in CypKO mice A. Matrixplot of jTEC genes in all sequenced samples. B-D UMAPs showing decreased expression of "intertypical" TEC markers, II7, Lifr, Pdpn, in the Ccl21a+ cluster. E. UMAP showing increased Krt5 transcripts in KO Ccl21a⁺ TECs. F. RT/qPCR validation of "intertypical" TEC marker genes. Experiments in (F) were performed with age-matched 8-12-week old (male and female) mice. Each dot represents an individual mouse. Statistics: Unpaired parametric T tests. $p<0.05^*$, $p<0.01^{***}$, $p<0.001^{****}$.



fig S9. Trajectory analysis A. Velocity length (left) and velocity confidence (right) for WT. B. Velocity length (left) and velocity confidence (right) for CypKO. C. Pseudotime projection of a representative WT TEC sample. *D.* Pseudotemporal ordering of TEC clusters in a WT sample.



fig S10. Enrichment of aging pathways in CypKO A. Top canonical pathways in Cyp27b1 KO vs WT TECs. B. Comparison of downstream effects (Z-score 45.83%) between our dataset and a middle-aged mouse versus young mouse dataset. C. Comparison of upstream regulators (Z-score 51.30%) between our dataset and a middle-aged mouse versus young mouse dataset. D. Representative UMAPs of Crip3 expression in WT and KO TECs. E. Representative UMAPs of Mki67 expression in wildtype and KO TECs.



fig S11. Enhanced "intertypical" TEC gene signature in aging thymi. A. Average expression of "Intertypical" TEC and thymic involution-associated genes in TECs from 1-52-week-old mice. (Raw scRNA-seq data from Garan-Bale et al. eLife 2020 9:e56221) **B.** Fold change of "Intertypical" TEC and thymic involution associated genes in mTEC¹⁰ cells from 4-26-week-old mice. (Raw data by microarray from Ki S. et al. Cell Rep. 2014 Oct 9;9(1):402-415.) **C.** Fold change of "Intertypical" TEC and thymic involution-associated genes in TECs from 5-52-week-old mice. (Raw data by microarray from Lepletier A. et al. Cell Rep 2019 Jun 25;27(13):38873901.e4.) **D.** Cluster annotation of integrated scRNA-seq data from 1-52-week-old mouse TECs (Raw data from Garan-Bale et al. eLife 2020 9:e56221) **E.** UMAPs showing Ccl21a gene expression in TECs from 1–52-week-old mice. (Raw data from Garan-Bale et al. eLife 2020 9:e56221.)

mTEC ^{hi}			Ccl21a⁺, mTE	C ^{lo}	
Gene Name	avg_log2FC	p_val_adj	Gene Name	avg_log2FC	p_val_adj
Mt4	2.248	4.94E-213	Ccl21a	4.253	0
S100a8	2.080	8.96E-203	Apoe	2.998	0
Crhbp	1.997	0	Ifi27l2a	2.734	0
Fabp6	1.969	1.11E-79	Krt5	2.688	0
Lypd8	1.942	2.81E-57	TagIn	2.645	4.11E-250
Рср4	1.835	7.35E-61	Ccl11	2.629	6.02E-158
Obp2a	1.661	1.11E-205	Mgp	2.473	0
Sncg	1.648	4.52E-176	Krt14	2.450	1.67E-303
Руу	1.635	1.03E-73	Ctsl	2.325	0
Defb19	1.631	2.60E-101	Acta2	2.224	5.01E-105
S100a9	1.559	1.49E-82	lgfbp5	2.201	3.83E-230
Crip1	1.557	2.46E-135	Lifr	1.984	0
Tbc1d4	1.557	0	Socs3	1.978	1.09E-243
S100a6	1.556	2.73E-137	ld1	1.930	0
AW112010	1.552	3.30E-121	Gas1	1.898	0
Ccl27a	1.547	3.96E-195	Hpgd	1.864	1.96E-287
Calca	1.542	3.33E-97	Rbp1	1.681	9.30E-303
Fgf21	1.528	3.07E-203	lgfbp4	1.640	9.49E-235
Pomc	1.437	5.98E-107	Ascl1	1.639	4.29E-216
Nts	1.434	6.41E-15	Ly6a	1.488	8.29E-159
Crabp1	1.404	3.62E-28	lsg15	1.485	1.30E-182
Csn2	1.397	2.41E-239	Gpx3	1.477	4.27E-136
Lgals2	1.389	1.18E-67	Atf3	1.471	2.38E-85
Calca	1.369	7.16E-110	Fst	1.433	5.93E-254
Gal	1.369	0.015902959	lfit3	1.407	1.99E-165

table S1. List of differentially expressed genes by cluster.

?			Post-Aire		
Gene Name	avg_log2FC	p_val_adj	Gene Name	avg_log2FC	p_val_adj
Gm26917	2.48199085	9.91E-16	Calm4	4.487	1.22E-176
Wap	0.69027834	0.15482836	Krtdap	4.485	1.46E-201
Lifr	0.66283792	1.24E-57	Krt10	4.074	3.36E-209
Fgl2	0.50693686	1	Reg3g	3.955	1.68E-23
Snhg11	0.48815608	0.28274831	Sbsn	3.940	1.27E-222
Mt2	0.48398488	1	Wfdc2	3.927	6.95E-70
Clps	0.48309626	1	Dapl1	3.914	9.90E-239
Ccl8	0.4821778	1.89E-13	Lgals7	3.775	5.78E-160
Cbr2	0.4261964	1.44E-08	Krt16	3.773	2.39E-157
Krt5	0.42305376	3.32E-08	Crct1	3.506	2.83E-200
Gm8113	0.3991534	0.03279093	Dmkn	3.452	1.79E-212
Tchh	0.36997676	4.50E-16	Calml3	3.342	1.01E-197

Etv2	0.34005012	5.85E-22	Spink5	3.233	5.46E-155
Pou3f1	0.33716992	1.45E-30	Defb6	3.198	4.21E-140
Ccl25	0.33624516	0.00364013	Krt79	3.161	3.64E-173
Rgs4	0.33450063	3.64E-10	Scgb1a1	3.147	6.02E-19
Jchain	0.33320809	2.58E-34	Anxa1	3.143	1.66E-64
Pds5b	0.32924118	0.11136192	lfitm1	3.070	2.27E-44
Defb3	0.31870468	0.00181596	Ltf	3.038	3.71E-59
lgfbp5	0.31811168	1.29E-05	Spink1	3.025	4.64E-10
Ceacam10	0.31277888	3.63E-09	Gsto1	2.971	1.45E-36
Cd44	0.29337331	1.33E-17	Ly6g6c	2.854	8.40E-157
Fn1	0.29183855	8.00E-21	Cnfn	2.841	5.24E-182
F830016B08Rik	0.2889918	1	Gm94	2.805	2.29E-105
Ccl21a	0.27555925	2.22E-16	Spink5	2.796	7.91E-54

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Gene Name	avg_log2FC	p_val_adj	Gene Name	avg_log2FC	p_val_adj
Ccnd2	2.033	2.16E-173	Lrmp	3.668	4.93E-123
Tmem158	1.648	4.32E-116	Gnat3	3.039	1.57E-56
Ascl1	1.604	2.24E-144	Plac8	2.942	9.21E-71
Hes6	1.513	2.73E-142	Rgs13	2.937	6.22E-27
Stmn1	1.237	1.71E-117	Gng13	2.891	5.78E-66
Tubb5	1.135	2.01E-122	Avil	2.735	1.54E-78
Dut	1.074	1.81E-121	Plk2	2.538	8.37E-70
Nkx6-2	1.065	1.00E-99	Rgs2	2.522	1.46E-62
Fgf21	0.955	8.44E-78	Mctp1	2.498	2.20E-65
Vim	0.924	6.37E-95	Alox5ap	2.488	4.27E-43
H2afz	0.901	6.18E-67	Gnb3	2.435	2.21E-21
Hmgb2	0.853	1.41E-29	Fyb	2.333	2.13E-37
Olfm4	0.771	3.90E-63	Atp1a2	2.318	1.58E-70
Hist1h1b	0.763	3.51E-31	Trpm5	2.248	2.90E-44
Pclaf	0.739	1.94E-72	Atp2a3	2.239	2.04E-56
Ttn	0.716	1.02E-58	Aldh2	2.189	9.67E-41
Hells	0.677	2.25E-30	Ptpn18	2.184	6.79E-40
Hsp90aa1	0.665	1.93E-67	Bmx	2.126	4.98E-20
Ltb	0.652	2.48E-76	Dclk1	2.123	9.47E-10
Cks1b	0.651	5.34E-99	Ahnak2	2.119	5.12E-53
Wfdc18	0.635	5.70E-60	Ltc4s	2.097	6.54E-64
Tuba1b	0.587	1.86E-43	Plcb2	2.041	3.06E-39
Rgs5	0.564	5.33E-56	Ly6g6f	1.981	6.86E-97
Tyms	0.528	1.01E-50	Cd24a	1.924	2.12E-41
Uhrf1	0.510	1.28E-51	Cited2	1.919	3.33E-39
TAC-TECs			Hassall's corp	ouscles	
Gene Name	avg_log2FC	p_val_adj	Gene Name	avg_log2	FC p_val_a

Hmgb2	2.995	3.97E-200	Serpinb6a	5.027104	1.28E-111
Stmn1	2.586	3.65E-186	Ccl20	4.753318	1.03E-81
Hist1h1b	2.296	4.37E-134	Pglyrp1	4.599647	2.99E-71
Pclaf	2.252	5.95E-189	Lyz1	4.331567	6.32E-54
Tubb5	2.160	7.12E-173	Ccl9	4.249893	2.18E-122
Mki67	2.074	5.48E-189	Ccl6	4.176278	9.17E-89
Ube2c	2.031	1.54E-148	Wfdc17	3.974778	1.04E-70
H2afz	1.981	1.57E-180	Serpinb1a	3.879944	2.26E-110
Cdk1	1.966	1.47E-192	Wfdc18	3.795423	7.01E-54
Top2a	1.958	2.21E-152	Hamp	3.647744	1.69E-53
Cks2	1.897	7.40E-171	Gp2	3.269319	4.05E-55
Dut	1.837	1.07E-162	2200002D01Rik	3.191545	2.55E-106
Birc5	1.758	4.36E-199	Іарр	3.100513	3.57E-40
Tuba1b	1.744	1.22E-140	AW112010	3.014389	3.94E-84
Cks1b	1.728	1.54E-185	Cyp2a5	2.934383	4.58E-66
Hist1h2ae	1.632	3.60E-133	Tnfaip2	2.900161	4.60E-44
Cenpf	1.579	1.39E-138	Clu	2.876343	4.81E-56
Hist1h2ap	1.523	7.11E-75	Bcl2a1b	2.841082	7.48E-94
Tpx2	1.512	5.12E-148	Prg2	2.831532	1.13E-11
Cdca8	1.490	2.18E-186	H2-M2	2.793833	1.02E-57
H2afx	1.474	4.71E-153	Mmp7	2.785579	1.65E-64
Tyms	1.447	1.33E-159	Fxyd2	2.657434	2.48E-45
Hmmr	1.417	4.66E-109	Bcl2a1a	2.623822	1.26E-76
Cdc20	1.412	3.63E-115	Tnfrsf11b	2.572307	2.43E-61
Nusap1	1.339	1.07E-164	Reg3g	2.472904	9.93E-11
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Trbc2	5.289937099	2.94E-111	Cxcl9	2.702234	2.34E-24
Cd3g	4.09051625	1.28E-114	lfit2	2.546196	2.16E-33
Trbc1	4.080953087	6.02E-69	lfit3	2.523433	3.13E-31
Satb1	3.939927275	4.63E-92	lsg15	1.986724	1.00E-26
Cd3d	3.8210/6309	1.01E-111	Cxcl10	1.9/1/96	9.33E-28
ltm2a	3.61/64526/	5.05E-73	Krt/1	1.888625	0.000161
Ptprc	3.563212201	1.20E-112	lapp	1.81/4/4	7.41E-38
Let1	3.174798469	4.47E-66	lfit1	1.809088	9.12E-35
Rgs10	2.399626311	2.03E-51	lgtp	1.725054	3.41E-51
Ptpn18	2.276409979	7.53E-88	Рру	1.608623	5.23E-48
Dusp5	2.012075433	3.16E-69	Rsad2	1.590612	2.39E-36
Ccr7	1.92264816	3.69E-71	Руу	1.558592	8.62E-46
Ms4a4b	1.871074859	6.02E-64	Serpinb12	1.465139	2.43E-15
Nr4a1	1.796812002	6.81E-86	Ripply2	1.437128	0.000581
Hist1h1e	1.682397533	9.53E-29	lrgm1	1.409331	1.69E-36
Ltb	1.637667745	9.72E-27	Gbp4	1.37809	9.68E-42

Dusp2	1.635942709	1.41E-35	Psca	1.367316	2.66E-10
Nkg7	1.580126901	3.67E-74	Krt9	1.331516	0.536792
Fyb	1.483633168	2.39E-49	lfit3b	1.301972	6.70E-39
Klk8	1.44972444	1.06E-46	ligp1	1.281621	2.15E-31
lzumo1r	1.446498726	7.89E-39	F830016B08Rik	1.269348	1.19E-45
Rgs2	1.316672649	6.16E-17	Gbp2	1.225642	0.395441
Rgs1	1.22188448	2.11E-72	Oasl1	1.159475	1.88E-48
ll2rb	1.135570329	1.79E-75	ldo1	1.117974	2.64E-38
Vim	1.089528504	6.73E-29	Ccl5	1.107096	8.38E-34

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Gene Name	avg_log2FC	p_val_adj	Gene Name	avg_log2FC	p_val_adj
Prss16	5.058749	1.00E-82	Pth	8.983393	6.40E-41
Ctsl	4.714356	1.10E-76	Chga	7.102812	1.52E-40
Ccl25	4.200714	1.02E-74	Spink8	3.367312	5.52E-40
Cxcl12	4.12089	6.84E-82	Cacna2d1	3.15845	9.37E-52
Tbata	3.811822	4.05E-76	Rbp4	3.073776	8.74E-27
Fxyd2	3.538419	7.38E-64	Cryba2	2.940445	1
Psmb11	3.460467	5.64E-57	Aqp5	2.906813	1.81E-38
Ly75	3.217974	9.16E-68	Mt3	2.883257	1
Synm	2.970979	5.12E-60	lgfbp5	2.601551	4.51E-31
lsg20	2.630241	4.86E-47	Clca3b	2.601244	5.15E-10
Snhg11	2.612262	1.86E-28	Cd177	2.580144	7.25E-19
Lifr	2.596734	5.68E-47	Chga	2.488321	1.01E-43
Pltp	2.5237	3.42E-58	Ascl1	2.471709	3.93E-33
Hpgd	2.246505	1.92E-42	Mafb	2.325713	8.09E-10
Cbr2	2.185294	4.64E-40	Cited2	2.231279	1.15E-28
Cd83	2.031487	1.53E-42	Scg2	2.09946	5.17E-29
S100a10	1.909181	3.91E-34	Car8	1.948816	1.07E-13
lgfbp5	1.83543	5.30E-25	Bex1	1.940322	7.18E-38
Slc22a7	1.733237	4.48E-39	Fbxo2	1.906263	1.17E-34
Inmt	1.567906	0.036766	Tspan1	1.852305	1.10E-37
Mgll	1.530225	2.02E-37	Fam183b	1.839199	2.04E-21
Oat	1.523112	6.61E-31	Ceacam10	1.836163	1.69E-16
Oma1	1.445167	1.60E-13	Cd34	1.828835	0.238101
Crip3	1.429452	8.49E-24	Timp2	1.783631	3.30E-20
Nefm	1.324084	2.12E-42	Btg2	1.747824	1.69E-33

Ciliated cells			Hi S100A8/A9	Post-Aire	
Gene Name	avg_log2FC	p_val_adj	Gene Name	avg_log2FC	p_val_adj
Dynlrb2	3.153538	1.32E-44	ll1b	4.797871	1.92E-37
Тррр3	3.103299	3.07E-23	S100a9	4.583299	7.82E-05
Fam183b	3.094136	9.04E-38	Tyrobp	4.185418	5.12E-38
Hsp90aa1	3.034659	6.89E-37	Retnlg	3.491873	8.02E-26

Meig1	2.942893	2.93E-35	S100a8	3.219853	0.009796
Mlf1	2.792293	1.02E-41	Cxcl2	3.015568	2.32E-18
4933434E20Rik	2.782433	1.08E-32	Fcer1g	3.00803	1.28E-27
Nudc	2.670647	8.05E-40	Ccl17	2.895047	4.25E-20
Tubb4b	2.639933	8.94E-35	Cst3	2.719647	1.61E-17
Lrrc23	2.621714	1.94E-37	Ccl22	2.704525	3.46E-17
Ccno	2.609096	8.12E-37	Rgs1	2.517134	1.22E-26
Rsph1	2.571079	1.71E-31	G0s2	2.506569	1.33E-21
Tmem107	2.544863	7.47E-31	Lgals3	2.458862	1.10E-29
Tekt1	2.49657	1.39E-40	Lst1	2.452535	1.03E-31
Cks2	2.423038	1.45E-35	Samsn1	2.44638	5.97E-13
Deup1	2.371027	2.46E-31	Ptprc	2.42692	7.40E-39
Vpreb3	2.332935	2.49E-23	Gngt2	2.218463	1.36E-28
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Ccdc34	2.233768	3.49E-30	Bcl2a1b	2.006279	4.98E-13
Nme5	2.202569	3.86E-32	Cd44	1.908584	1.31E-22
1110017D15Rik	2.056407	9.52E-23	Nr4a1	1.87598	3.92E-24