

Generation of Rasa3 knockout mice. (A) Scheme of the targeting strategy. The Rasa3 targeting vector consists of an IRES/LacZ reporter and a promoter-driven neomycin selection marker (Neo) flanked bv FRT sites. inserted upstream of loxP-flanked exon а 3 (http://www.mousephenotype.org/martsearch ikmc project/martsearch/ikmc project/48704). The first allele to be generated was a non-expressive form (Rasa3) since the LacZ/Neo cassette has a strong polyadenylation signal that truncates the Rasa3 mRNA upstream of exon 3 (TERM). Chimeric mice bearing the Rasa3⁻ allele were crossed with germline deleter Flp mice to remove the LacZ/Neo cassette and create the conditional Rasa3 allele (Rasa3^{fl}) that restores wild type RASA3 expression. Subsequently conditional Rasa3^{+/fl} mice were crossed with mice expressing the Cre recombinase under the megakaryocyte-specific Pf4 promoter. Cre-mediated recombination results in excision of exon 3, a frameshift throughout exon 4, and the generation of a premature stop codon in exon 5 that leads to nonsense-mediated mRNA decay. (B) Genotyping of Rasa3 knockout mice. Genomic DNA isolated from tail snips of the indicated mice was analyzed by PCR using the primer pairs shown in (A). (C) Identification of the *hlb381* mutation. The mutation in *hlb381* was fine-mapped in an F2 intercross to an interval on mouse chromosome 8 that overlapped the scat critical interval. Following positive allele testing with scat, we sequenced Rasa3 in hlb381 homozygotes to identify the mutation. For sequencing, oligonucleotides were designed using public sequence data (Ensembl, http://www. ensembl.org; NCBI, http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). PCR amplification products were purified (AMPure; Agencourt Biosciences) and sequenced using the automated dye termination technique (ABI Prism Model 3700 genetic analyzer; Applied Biosystems). Sequences were analyzed with Sequencher 4.1 licensed software.



Lympho-venous junction of a *Rasa3^{fl/fl}PF4-Cre⁺* **embryo in the transverse plane.** Left: H&E stained section. Right: Sample stained for LYVE-1 (green) to label lymphatic vessels, and CD31 (red) to label blood vessels, along with DAPI staining (blue) and autofluorescent RBCs (yellow) reveals a physical connection between blood and lymphatic vessels allowing blood backflow into the thoracic duct. LVV, lympho-venous valve; TD, thoracic duct. Scale bars represent 100 µm.



Peripheral platelet counts in mice of the indicated genotypes. Note the severe thrombocytopenia in compound heterozygous $Rasa3^{hlb/scat}$ mice. Statistical significance was determined by 2-way ANOVA with Bonferroni posttest. (n=10 – 23).



Blood smears from $Rasa3^{+/+}$ and $Rasa3^{hlb/hlb}$ mice. The red arrows point to the few platelets observed in blood from $Rasa3^{hlb/hlb}$ mice. Scale bar = 5 µm. Results are representative of 3 independent experiments.



Reduced RASA3 expression in platelets from Rasa3^{+/hlb} **mice. (A)** Quantification of RASA3 protein expression relative to β -actin levels in platelets from the indicated genotypes. Note the marked reduction in the RASA3 level of platelets from Rasa3^{+/hlb} mice, comparable to that observed in Rasa3^{+/-} or Rasa3^{+/fl}PF4-Cre⁺ platelets. RASA3 expression in Rasa3^{+/+}PF4-Cre⁺ platelets was comparable to that in WT control platelets (not shown). Statistical significance was determined by 2-way ANOVA with Bonferroni posttest. (n = 5). **(B)** Representative Western blot for RASA3 and β -actin in platelet lysates from three *WT*, *Rasa3*^{+/-}, *Rasa3*^{+/-}, and *Rasa3*^{+/fl}PF4-Cre⁺ mice.



Expansion of mature megakaryocytes in spleen and bone of Rasa3^{*hlb/hlb*} **mice. (A)** H&E (Hematoxylin and Eosin) stained sections of spleens (upper panels) and femurs (lower panels) isolated from 3 month-old *Rasa3*^{*hlb/hlb*} mice; scale bar = 100 μ m. **(B)** Cryosections of spleens (upper panels) and bones (lower panels) stained for acetylcholinesterase. Arrows point to megakaryocytes; scale bar = 100 μ m. **(C,D)** No systematic differences in spleen megakaryocyte morphology (C; arrows point to megakaryocytes; scale bar = 50 μ m) and bone megakaryocyte ultrastructure (D; scale bar = 2 μ m) were observed. Images are representative for three independent experiments.



Platelet count and integrin activation response in *Rasa3*^{scat} and *Rasa3*^{hlb} mice. (A) Peripheral platelet count in *Rasa3*^{scat/scat} mice is partially restored by reducing CalDAG-GEFI expression. *Rasa3*^{scat/scat} mice were crossed with *Caldaggef1*^{-/-} mice and the platelet count was determined by flow cytometry in whole blood isolated from the indicated genotypes. Statistical significance was determined by 2-way ANOVA with Bonferroni posttest. *p<0.05, ***p<0.0001. (n = 6). (B,C) Agonist-induced αllbβ3 activation in RASA3 mutant platelets is insensitive to P2Y12 inhibition. Flow cytometry analysis of αllbβ3 activation (JON/A-PE binding) in *Caldaggef1*^{-/-} (*Cdg1-/-*, black bars), *Caldaggef1*^{-/-} *Rasa3*^{scat/scat} (blue bars) or *Caldaggef1*^{-/-} *Rasa3*^{hlb/hlb} (red bars) platelets stimulated with 250 μM PAR4p in the presence (checkered bar) or absence (solid bar) of 2-MeSAMP (100 μM). Statistical significance between platelets activated in the presence or absence of 2-MeSAMP was determined by student t-test. ***p<0.0001; ns: p>0.05. (n = 6).



Accumulation of Caldaggef1^{+/-}**Rasa3**^{hlb/hlb} **platelets in spleen and liver. (A)** Caldaggef1^{+/-}Rasa3^{hlb/hlb} (black bars) or Caldaggef1^{+/-}Rasa3^{+/+} control platelets (open bars) were radiolabeled with Copper-64 and transfused into WT recipient mice (n=3). Twenty-four hours post transfusion, organs were harvested and radioactivity was measured with a gamma-counter. Consistent with the increased clearance of *Rasa3* mutant platelets, platelet-associated radioactivity in blood samples at t=24 hrs was markedly lower in mice transfused with Caldaggef1^{+/-}Rasa3^{hlb/hlb} compared to controls (Caldaggef1^{+/-}Rasa3^{hlb/hlb} over Caldaggef1^{+/-}Rasa3^{+/+} = 0.45). To account for the blood remaining in the excised tissue, results were normalized to Copper-64 signals in peripheral blood of the respective mice. (B) Peripheral platelet counts at the indicated time points after splenectomy in *Rasa3*^{+/+} and *Rasa3*^{hlb/hlb} mice. (n=5).



Aggregation response of *wild type (WT)*, *Caldaggef1^{-/-}Rasa3^{hlb/hlb}* (Cdg1^{-/-}*Rasa3^{hlb/hlb}*) or *Caldaggef1^{-/-}* (Cdg1^{-/-}) platelets to increasing doses of Par4 agonist peptide (Par4p) in the presence of vehicle (black traces) or of the P2Y12 inhibitor 2-MeSAMP (light blue traces). Results are representative of three independent experiments. Note the very limited effect of the P2Y12 inhibitor 2-MeSAMP on the aggregation response of *Caldaggef1^{-/-}Rasa3^{hlb/hlb}* when compared to *WT* or *Caldaggef1^{-/-}* platelets. A similar result was observed when platelets were activated in the presence of the PI3-kinase inhibitor, wortmannin (not shown).

VIDEO CAPTIONS

Supplementary Video 1. Formation of a hemostatic plug in an injured venule of a *wild-type* mouse.

Supplementary Video 2. Formation of a hemostatic plug in an injured venule of a *Caldaggef1^{-/-}* mouse.

Supplementary Video 3. Formation of a hemostatic plug in an injured venule of a *Caldaggef1^{-/-} Rasa3^{hlb/hlb}* mouse.

Supplementary Video 4. Formation of a hemostatic plug in an injured venule of a *wild-type* mouse treated with clopidogrel bisulfate.

Supplementary Video 5. Formation of a hemostatic plug in an injured venule of a *Caldaggef1^{-/-}* mouse treated with clopidogrel bisulfate.

Supplementary Video 6. Formation of a hemostatic plug in an injured venule of a *Caldaggef1^{-/-} Rasa3^{hlb/hlb}* mouse treated with clopidogrel bisulfate.