

Supplementary Figure 1. Expression of TFF2 in splenic T cells. (a) Accumulation of CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells in spleen upon 2.5% DSS treatment. The values presented as mean \pm s.d. per each group at chosen time point (*n*=3-7 at each time point, day 19 **P<0.01, ***P<0.001, one-way ANOVA test following Sidak's multiple comparison test) (b) Tcells mitogen concanavalin A (con A) induced increase of Tff2 mRNA in splenocytes of wild-type mice. Data shown are the mean \pm s.e.m. of triplicates (Student's t-test, twotailed, **** P<0.0001, *** P<0.001). (c) Most Tff2 mRNA express in CD4⁺ T cells in normal spleen of wild-type mice. Data are shown is mean \pm s.e.m. of triplicate determinations, t-test, two-tailed, *P<0.05, **P<0.01. (d) Western blot analysis of TFF2 expression in splenic CD4⁺ T cells. CD4 T cells were isolated from DSS-treated mice (day 3) and stimulated with cell stimulation cocktail with bleferdin A. (e) TFF2 expression increases followed DSS treatment in naïve (CD44^{lo}CD69L^{hi}) and memory splenic CD4⁺ (CD44^{hi}CD69L^{lo}) T cells. TFF2-BAC-EGFP-Cre transgenic mice were given 3% DSS for 7 days and then splenocytes were analyzed for expression of EGFP by flow cytometry. (f) Splenic TFF2 response is lost in vagotomized (VTPP) compare with Sham mice. N=4 mice in each group, the values presented are the mean \pm s.e.m., t-test, two-tailed, *P<0.05)



Supplementary Figure 2. Characterization of CD2-Tff2 mice. (a) A scheme of Tff2 gene cloning into hCD2 cassette. (b) Detection of hCD2- Tff2 mRNA in spleen and thymus of CD2-Tff2 transgenic mice by RT- PCR analysis (top panel). WT (1, 2) and CD2-Tff2 (3-6) mice samples are shown: splenic (1, 3, 5) and thymic mRNA (2, 4, 6). Negative controls, reactions performed without mRNA template (H₂O) are shown in lanes (7, 8). Middle panel shows negative controls, an amplification of above samples but without RT reaction. Bottom panel shows positive controls, a presence of GAPDH amplification products in the tested samples. (c) TFF2 peptide is detected in stomach, spleen and thymus of unchallenged *CD2-Tff2* transgenic mice (lower panel), β -actin (5) minutes of exposure, middle panel), β -actin (25 minutes of exposure, upper panel). (d) CD2-Tff2 mice express a higher level TFF2 in spleen and thymus compared with wildtype counterparts. (e-f), unchallenged CD2-Tff2, wild-type and Tff2-null mice (7-9 weeks old) do not differ in numbers of $CD11b^+Gr-1^+$ cells in spleen, blood, bone marrow (e) $(n=5-9 \text{ mice per group, data present mean} \pm s.d., one-way ANOVA test following Holm-$ Sidak's test, ns, non-significant) and in numbers of CD4⁺, CD8⁺ T-cells, B-cells, natural killers (NK) and dendritic cells (f) in spleen (n=3-9 mice in each group, one-way)ANOVA test following Holm-Sidak's test, ns, non-significant). Data show the percentages of cell populations gated among single live CD45⁺ cells for B-, dendritic cells and natural killers (NK). $CD4^+$ and $CD8^+$ cells are shown among single live $CD3^+$ population.



Supplementary Figure 3. Susceptibility of WT, *CD2-Tff2* and *Tff2-null* mice to DSS treatment. **a**, Survival rate of *CD2-Tff2*, wild-type and *Tff2-null* mice upon continuous administration of 3% DSS (n=12 *TFF2-null*, n=8 wild-type, n=7 *CD2-Tff2* mice). *TFF2-null* mice showed a highest mortality rate (P=0.00033, hazard ratio=8, Log-rank (Mantel Cox) test). (**b**) No difference in body weight loss between all groups of mice upon DSS 3% treatment during 5 days, n=4-5 mice in each group, ns, non-significant, *P>0.5, one-way ANOVA test. (**c-d**). No difference in IL-6 (n=10 mice in each group) and IL-1 β (n=10 mice in each group) level between *CD2-Tff2* and wild-type mice, ns, non-significant, *P>0.05 and ***P<0.001, Kruskal-Wallis test after one-way ANOVA. (**e**) No TFF2 peptide was detected by western blot in colon from DSS and AOM/DSS-treated and untreated wild-type and *CD2-TFF2* mice. (**h**) colonic permeability does not differ between wild-type, *CD2-Tff2* and *Tff2-null* mice, two independent experiments, n=3-4 mice in each group: ns, non-significant, P>0.005, Kruskal-Wallis test after one-way ANOVA test.



Supplementary Figure 4. Accumulation of CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells in tumor-bearing mice. (a) Representative flow cytometry dot plots showing the percentage of CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells in spleen, bone marrow and blood from *Tff2*-null, wild-type and *CD2-Tff2* mice treated AOM/DSS and sacrificed 5 months later. CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells were evaluated as percentage of single live cells. Representative data from 4 independent experiments, n=3-6 mice in each group (b) Activation of β-catenin: nucleus localization of β-catenin in tumor vs. healthy tissues of colon from tumor-bearing *Tff2-null* mouse. Scale bar is 50 µm. (c) *TFF2* mRNA is high in the spleens of *CD2-Tff2* mice in AOM/DSS model. Data collected from 4-5 mice in each group, data are the mean \pm s.e.m. of triplicates (Student's t-test, **** P<0.0001). (d) CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells in colon tumor are shown among single live CD45⁺ cells. (e-f) Preponderance of Ly6G⁺ over Ly6C⁺ subset in colon tumor (e) and spleen (f) in AOM/DSS model. CD11b⁺Ly6C⁺ and CD11b⁺Ly6G⁺ cells were gated among single live CD45⁺ cells. Data collected from 5 mice.



Supplementary Figure 5. Phenotypic and functional characterization of CD11b⁺Gr- 1^+ cells from mice treated with AOM/DSS. (a) Phenotype of splenic CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells in mice at 5 months age after AOM/DSS treatment. Note that CD80 antigen is highly expressed by CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ splenic cells from tumor-bearing *Tff2-null* and wild-type mice in contrast to CD2-TFF2 transgenic mice. Cells were gated on single viable CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ population, and expression of respective markers was analyzed. Isotype control is shown as shaded and respective marker as unshaded histogram. (b) CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells from tumor of *Tff2-null* mice express PD-L1 and CD80 antigens from moderate to high. (c) CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells from *Tff2-null* and wild-type mice suppress INF- γ production by CD4⁺ T-cells stimulated with anti-CD3- and CD28- bound antibody. Data are mean \pm s.e.m. of triplicates, * P<0.05; ** P<0.01, unpaired t-test, two-tailed. (d) CD80 Ab abrogates suppressive effect of CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺CD80⁺ cells. Assay was performed in triplicate and data are mean± s.e.m. Representative data from two experiments, ** P < 0.01, unpaired t-test, two-tailed. (e, f) CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells from CD2-*Tff2* do not suppress $CD4^+$ T cells proliferation and INF- γ production, assay was performed in triplicate, and data are mean±s.e.m. of replicates, *P>0.05, ns, nonsignificant, unpaired *t*-test was used to determine significance. **g**, Arginase activity in the CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ from spleens of AOM/DSS treated CD2-Tff2, wild-type and Tff2-null mice (n=3 in each group). Assay was performed in triplicate; data d express µg of urea per sorted 10^6 cells. * P<0.05, ** P<0.01, ns, non-significant, Holm-Sidak's multiple comparison after Anova test. (**h**) Nitric oxide activity in splenic CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells from tumor-bearing mice. Assay was performed at triplicate and data are mean \pm s.e.m., *P < 0.05 unpaired two-tailored test. (i) CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ from spleen of tumor-bearing mice and colon tumor express high ROS activity. Data pulled out of three mice from each group, numbers represent Geometric mean to measure the shift in fluorescent intensity.



Supplementary Figure 6. Characterization of colon tissues from AOM/DSS treated mice. (a-b) higher accumulation of CXCR4-GFP cells in the colon tumor area (a) vs. non-tumor tissues (b). *Cxcr4-GFP* mice are treated with AOM/DSS, and sacrificed at 20 weeks. Scale bar is 100 μ m. (c-d) high level of pro-tumorigenic cytokines IL17A and IL-1â in tumor of wild-type and *Tff2-null* compare with *CD2-Tff2* mice, data are mean±s.d. pulled out from 3-5 mice in each group, **P*<0.05, ****P*<0.001, *****P*<0.0001, Holm-Sidak's multiple comparison test after one-way ANOVA test. Total mRNA was isolated from tumor colonic tissues and transcripts of IL17A (b) and IL-1a (c) were analyzed by real-time PCR in triplicates. (e) *CD2-Tff2* mice have higher numbers of dendritic cells in tumor compare with tumor in wild-type and *Tff2-null* mice, each dot represent one mouse, n=4-7 mice in each group, **P*<0.05, Sidak's multiple comparison test after one-way ANOVA test. (f) The *Tff2-null* mice with the greatest numbers of MDSCs had undetectable colonic CD8⁺ T cells. mRNA was isolated from paraffin sections of colon samples obtained from AOM/DSS- treated mice 6 months later (3-4 mice from each group). Data shown are the mean ± s.e.m. of triplicate determinations, **P*<0.05.



Supplementary Figure 7. TFF2 expressed in lymphohematopoietic compartment decreases systemic and colonic inflammation (DSS model) and tumor burden as well. (a-d) Wild-type mice were transplanted with the bone marrow from wild-type, *Tff2-null* and *CD2-Tff2* animals, subjected DSS protocol and analyzed on day 19. Note a highest weight loss (a), splenomegaly (b), colon shrinking (c) and increased level of IL- 1β (d) in chimaeras with bone marrow transplanted from *Tff2-null* while chimaeras with bone marrow from *CD2-Tff2* mice showed lowest body weight and normal spleen mass (6-7 mice in each group; ns, non-significant, * *P*<0.05, ***P*<0.01, ***P<0.001, Sidak's multiple comparison test after ordinary one-way Anova test). Representative data one from two experiments. (e) Wild-type mice with bone marrow transplanted from *Tff2-null* mice develop more tumors versus chimaeras with bone marrow from wild-type or *CD2-Tff2* transgenic mice in AOM/DSS model (*n*=3 per group, ANOVA test followed Sidak's-multiple comparison test, ***, *P*<0.001).



Supplementary Figure 8. TFF2 is directly responsible for the expansion of **IMC/MDSCs.** (a) Splenic CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells from *Tff2*-null mice show higher BrdU incorporation vs. IMCs from wild-type and *CD2-Tff2* mice. (b, c) rTFF2 down-regulates cyclin D1 (CCND1) along with cyclin E1 (CCNE1) in MDSC and in IMC in vitro. CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells were sorted from spleens of tumor-bearing mice and cultured in presence of rTFF2 (4 mice) (b) or DSS-treated mice (2 mice), each bar represents mean± s.e.m of triplicates from one mouse. (d) Increased number of GMP in spleen of wild-type and Tff2-null mice treated with DSS. Data collected from 3-4 mice in each group and present mean±s.d.. (e) Purified mouse rTFF2 is homogenous under nonreducing/reducing conditions. (f-g) Validation of microarray data for cyclin D1 (CCND1), cyclin E1 (*CCNE1*) down-regulation and up-regulation of *Nupr1* (f) and apolipoprotein E (ApoE) (g) by qRT-PCR. Data pulled out from 4 mice, each bar represents mean± s.e.m of triplicates from one mouse. h, ApoE loss did not reverse TFF2 phenotype. ApoE-/-, CD2-Tff2, ApoE-/-/CD2-Tff2 and WT mice were subjected standard AOM/DSS protocol and analyzed 5 months later. Combined data from two independent experiments, n=7-10 in each group, ns, nonsignificant, **P<0.01, ***, P<0.001, one-way ANOVA followed Holm-Sidak test (i) Expression of CXCR4 on CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ cells in spleen of untreated (left panel) and in tumor-bearing Tff2-null (right panel) and tumor CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ from *Cxcr4-GFP* mice (j) Cells were gated on single viable $CD45^+CD11b^+Gr-1^+$ cells, shaded histogram represents isotypic control, unshaded histogram represents CXCR4 expression. (k-m) proportion of MDSC in spleen (k), blood (l) and bone marrow (m) of wild-type mice with splenic denervation (SpDnx) and Sham mice. n=5-7 mice in each group; ns, non-significant, **P*<0.05, ***P*<0.01, unpaired t-test two-tailed.



Supplementary Figure 9. Adenovirus delivery of TFF2 suppresses colon tumorigenesis. (a) Diagram of mTFF2 adenoviral expression construct (left panel-diagram scheme of cloning, right panel- diagram of plasmid). (b) Secretion of TFF2 in the medium from cancer cell lines transfected with Ad-m*Tff2*. (c), representative data of FACS analysis of splenic, bone marrow and circulating MDSC in wild-type and *Tff2*-null mice treated with Ad-m*Tff2* versus control Ad-Fc. (d) TFF2 adenovirus delivery does not rescue $Rag2^{-/-}$ mice from AOM/DSS-induced tumorigenesis. N=5-8 mice in group, *P<0.05, unpaired t-test, two-tailed.



Supplementary Figure 10. Scheme of TFF2 action through the vagal antiinflammatory reflex. An impulse from the vagus nerve activates an adrenergic fiber within the celiac ganglion. In turn this releases noradenaline to activate memory T cells within the spleen. These T cells releases TFF2 that causes downregulation of cyclin D1 on IMCs/MDSCs via CXCR4. This inhibits their expansion releasing cytotoxic CD8 T cells from their suppression and allowing CD8⁺ T cells to suppress colonic carcinogenesis.



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| Mice Cell types | CD2-Tff2 | Wild-type | P* value |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Basophils | 5.59±7.23 | 2.09±1.13 | 0.9365 |
| Eosinophils | 14.32±6.11 | 27.52±18.4 | 0.5317 |
| Segmented | 592.95±319.81 | 667.61±12.23 | 0.4127 |
| Lymphocytes | 2024.3±815.17 | 3050.10±695.55 | 0.0556 |
| Monocytes | 130.99±47.77 | 196.014±58.40 | 0.0952 |
| WBC (x10 ³ /ul) | 2.79±1.14 | 3.94±0.85 | 0.2424 |
| RBC (x10 ⁶ /ul) | 10.3±0.67 | 9.24±0.26 | 0.0519 |
| platelets | 617.6±175.11 | 576.5±78.55 | 0.6494 |
| RDW (%) | 13.94±1.47 | 13.34±0.93 | 0.3896 |
| Reticulocytes (%) | 0 | 0.006±0.013 | 0.3466 |
| Hct (%) | 50.93±4.46 | 47.77±1.42 | 0.2581 |
| Hgb(g/dL) | 13.35±1.26 | 13.73±0.4263 | 13.73±0.4263 |

Supplementary Table 1. Characterization of *CD2-Tff2* mice. Blood count.

*, Mann-Whitney test, two-tailed

| Pl | henotype | CD2-Tff2 | Wild type | P* value |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Gender | | | | |
| Male weight | Body (g) | 22.6±1.04 (<i>n</i> =9) | 22.7±1.1 (<i>n</i> =9) | 0.9999 |
| | Spleen (mg) | 64.45±8.7 (<i>n</i> =6) | 67.75±5.8 (<i>n</i> =6) | 0.6753 |
| Female weight | Body (g) | 18.7±1.4 (<i>n</i> =9) | 19.0± 0.8 (<i>n</i> =7) | 0.6517 |
| | Spleen (mg) | 70.6±5.6(<i>n</i> =5) | 66.9±7.9(<i>n</i> =6) | 0.8095 |

Supplementary Table 2. Body and spleen weight of unchallenged wild-type and *CD2-Tff2* mice

*, Mann-Whitney test, two-tailed

| Symbol | Description | Fold Change |
|--------|--|-------------|
| Арое | apolipoprotein E | 89.8 |
| Mcpt8 | mast cell protease 8 | 72.5 |
| Cxcl5 | chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand 5 | 62.8 |
| СраЗ | carboxypeptidase A3, mast cell | 54.7 |
| II12a | interleukin 12a | 33.1 |
| F2r | coagulation factor II (thrombin) receptor | 30.8 |
| Ctsg | cathepsin G | 20.9 |
| Fcer1a | Fc receptor, IgE, high affinity I, alpha polypeptide | 19.9 |
| Ly86 | lymphocyte antigen 86 | -19.7 |
| Klrb1b | killer cell lectin-like receptor subfamily B member 1B | -19.3 |
| CcnD1 | Cyclin D1 | -8.3 |
| CcnE 1 | Cyclin E1 | -2.29 |
| Nupr1 | Nuclear protein 1 | 2.68 |

Supplementary Table 3. Selected genes regulated by TFF2 in CD11b+Gr-1+ cells