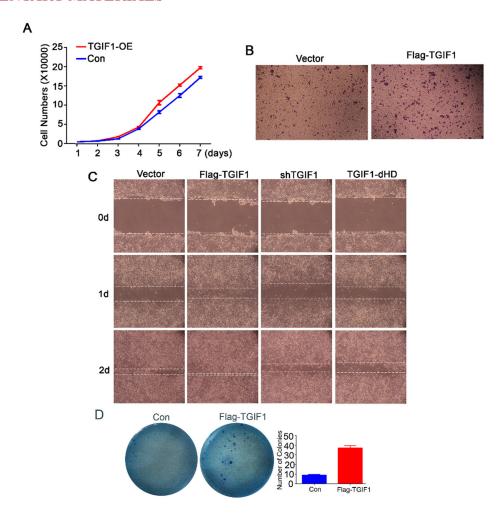
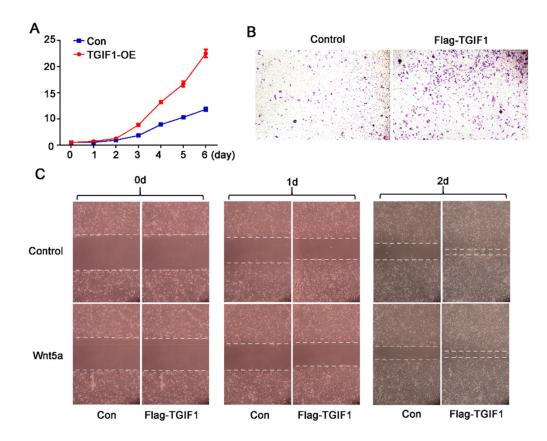
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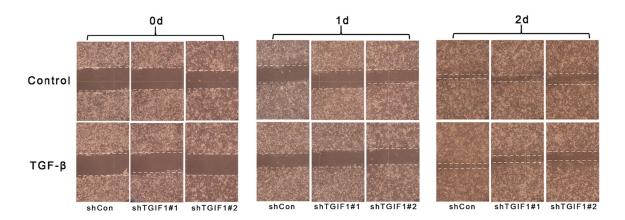
## **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS**



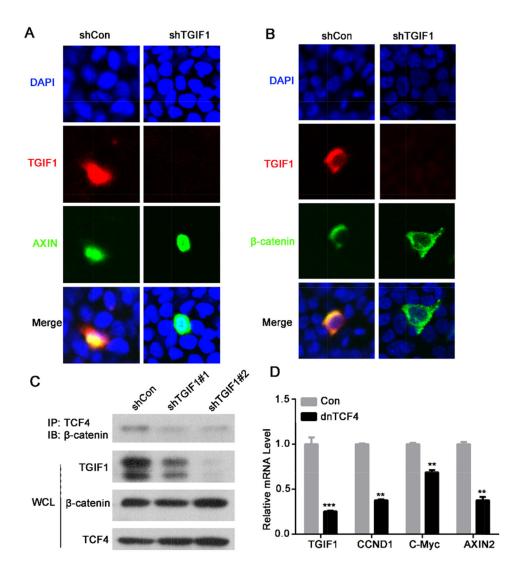
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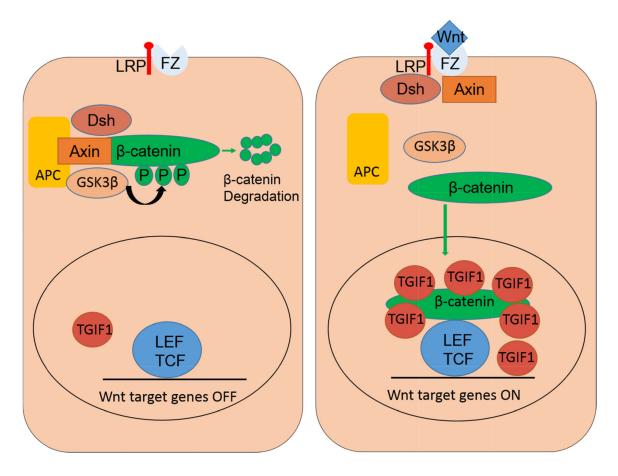
**Supplementary Figure 2: (A)** Growth curve of control and TGIF1 overexpressed CaCo-2 cells. **(B)** Transwell assay using control and TGIF1 overexpressed CaCo-2 cancer cells. After seeding cells for 24 hours, the number of migrated cells was quantified after staining with gentian violet. **(C)** Wound healing assay in control and TGIF1 overexpressed CaCo-2 cancer cells with Wnt5a treatment. Cells were photographed every 24h after scratching.



Supplementary Figure 3: Wound healing assay in control and TGIF1 knockdown LoVo cells under TGF- $\beta$  (100pM). Cells were photographed every 24h after scratching.



**Supplementary Figure 4: (A-B)** LoVo cells were harvested for anti-TGIF1/AXIN/β-Catenin immunostaining. **(C)** LoVo cell lyses were precipitated with anti-TCF4 antibody, followed by anti-β-catenin immunoblotting (IB) to detect the interaction between β-catenin and TCF4. **(D)** mRNA levels of Wnt target genes (*CCND1*, *c-Myc*, *AXIN2*) were examined by qRT-PCR in control and dominant TCF4 HCT116 cells.



Supplementary Figure 5: (Left) In the absence of Wnt stimulation,  $\beta$ -catenin levels are kept at a minimum through the destruction complex. (Right) In the presence of Wnt stimulation, the destruction complex is destabilized and TGIF1 upregulated, and  $\beta$ -catenin accumulates in the nucleus to activate transcription of Tcf target genes. In addition, TGIF1 could activate Wnt signaling through direct DNA binding, but more evidence waits to be provided.