

Model for maintenance of gut homeostasis by microbiota-induced epithelial PPAR-y signaling





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2 Figure S2: PPAR-y agonists repress iNOS synthesis in human colonic cancer epithelial 3 (Caco-2) cells. Caco-2 cells (N = 4) were treated with the indicated cytokines and/or the PPARy agonists butyrate or rosiglitazone. (A) NOS2 expression was determined by real-time PCR. 4 (B) Synthesis of iNOS was detected by Western blot (a representative image is shown in the 5 6 middle panel) using tubulin as a loading control (a representative image is shown in the bottom 7 panel). Quantification of the results is shown in the top panel. (C) Images showing expression of 8 actin (red fluorescence) and PPAR-y (green fluorescence) in Caco-2 cells grown in a 9 microfluidic chamber. Scale bars represent 50 µm.



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2 Figure S3: Effect of streptomycin treatment on the gut microbiota.

3 (A-D) Mice (N = 8) were mock-treated or treated with streptomycin. (A) The copy number of 16S 4 rRNA genes was determined in DNA isolated from colon contents. Bars represent geometric 5 means ± standard error. (B) Community composition at the class level was determined by 16S 6 profiling of DNA isolated from colon contents. (C) Relative abundances of OTUs from butyrate-7 producing families, plotted according to their class affiliation. (D) Normalized abundance of 8 families belonging to the class Clostridia in colon contents was determined by 16S profiling. 9 Boxes in whisker plots represent the second and third quartiles, while lines indicate the first and 10 fourth quartiles.



2 Figure S4: Treatment with a PPAR-y antagonist drives an iNOS-dependent expansion of 3 endogenous E. coli in mice from Charles River. (A) Nitrate reductase activity was 4 determined (N = 3) in E. coli Nissle 1917 wild type (wt), an isogenic napA narG narZ mutant, E. 5 coli JB2 and endogenous E. coli isolates from C57BL/6 mice purchased from Charles River. (B) 6 Mice from Charles River (N = 6) were mock-treated or inoculated with the PPAR-y antagonist 7 GW9662 and received aminoguanidine (AG) supplementation or vehicle control. (C) Groups (N 8 = 5) of mice lacking epithelial *Pparg* expression (*Pparg*) or littermate controls (WT) were 9 infected with E. coli strain JB2 and received either AG supplementation or vehicle control. (B 10 and C) The abundance of endogenous E. coli was determined by spreading dilutions on 11 McConkey agar. Bars represent geometric means \pm standard error. *, P < 0.05; **, P < 0.01; ns, 12 not statistically significantly different.



Figure S5: Abundance of Clostridia families in mice lacking epithelial PPAR- γ signaling and littermate control animals. Comparison of mice (N = 6) lacking epithelial PPAR- γ signaling ($Pparg^{fl/fl}Villin^{crel-}$) with their littermate controls ($Pparg^{fl/fl}Villin^{-l-}$). Normalized abundance of families belonging to the class Clostridia in colon contents was determined by 16S profiling.



2 Figure S6: Depletion of regulatory T cells in mice lacking epithelial PPAR-y signaling 3 increases growth of Salmonella by aerobic respiration. (A) Groups (N = 6) of streptomycin-4 treated or mock-treated mice were inoculated with a 1:1 mixture of *E. coli* strain MG1655 and an 5 isogenic cydA mutant. The competitive index (CI) was determined 2 days after inoculation. (B 6 and D) Levels of butyrate (B), acetate and propionate (D) were measured by gas 7 chromatography in the cecum of mice (N = 6) three days after treatment with streptomycin or 8 mock treatment. (C) Groups of mice (N = 6) receiving no supplementation or water 9 supplemented with 1% dextran sulfate sodium (DSS) were inoculated with E. coli indicator 10 strains five days later (see Fig. 2D) and colon length was determined after 8 days of DSS 11 treatment. (E and F) Groups of mice (N = 4) were treated with streptomycin (E) or with anti-12 CD25 antibody (F) and CD3⁺-enriched live colonic cells analyzed for expression of CD4 and 13 FOXP3 by flow cytometry. Representative flow panels are shown. Boxes indicate the gates set 14 for the detection of T_{reas} using fluorescence-minus-one controls. (G) Groups of mice (N = 6) 15 were treated with anti-CD25 antibody or isotype control and colon length was determined 14 days later. (H) Groups of mice (N = 6) were treated with anti-CD25 antibody or isotype control 16

and 10 days later inoculated with the indicated *Salmonella* indicator strains. Bacterial numbers were determined 4 days after infection. (I) Mice were infected with either the *E. coli* Nissle 1917 wild-type (wt) or an isogenic *cydA napA narG narZ* mutant and bacterial numbers recovered from colon contents four days after infection. *, P < 0.05; **, P < 0.01; ns, not statistically significantly different.



Figure S7: Gating strategy for analyzing colonic regulatory T cells. A cell suspension of the colon was enriched for T cells by high-affinity negative selection using a T cell enrichment column. (A) The resulting CD3+-enriched colonic cell suspension was gated for single cells using forward scatter pulse area (FSC-A) versus forward scatter pulse height (FSC-H). The CD3⁺-enriched colonic single cell suspension was gated for live cells (B), followed by gating for CD4⁺ cells (C). (D) Finally, FOXP3 expression was detected in CD3⁺-enriched CD4⁺ live colonic cells to identify regulatory T cells. (B-D) Gates were set using fluorescence-minus-one controls.