Epithelial derived TGF-β1 acts as a pro-viral factor in the lung during influenza A infection

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Supplementary Figure legends

Supplementary Figure 1: Epithelial cell CCSP expression and BAL cell composition. (a) Levels of bioactive TGF-b in the airways 12hrs post influenza infection in epTGFbKO and control mice. (b) CCSP mRNA expression from epithelial cells recovered from tracheal brushings from epTGFbKO and control mice at day 1 post influenza infection. (c) Cellular composition of the BAL including airway macrophages (AMs) (CD64⁺ CD11c⁺ SiglecF⁺), neutrophils (Ly6G⁺ CD11b⁺) and other CD45⁺ leukocytes at 12hrs and day 1 post infection. (d-e) *Tgfb1* mRNA levels in (d) epithelial cells and (e) airway leukocytes 12hrs post infection from control and epTGFbKO mice. (f) *Tgfb1* mRNA levels in epithelial cells and airway leukocytes 1 day post infection from control and epTGFbKO mice. Data shown are representative of two independent experiments with a total of N≥8 mice per group. Box and whisker plots depict the median and IQR and minimum and maximum values, Bar charts depict the median.

Supplementary Figure 2: Flow cytometry gating strategy for myeloid cells. FSC^{low} SSC^{low} lymphocytes and CD45 negative cells were excluded before identifying airway macrophages as Siglec F⁺ CD11c⁺ and CD64⁺. Of the SiglecF negative cells, neutrophils were identified as

Ly6G⁺ CD11b⁺ and infiltrating monocytes and macrophages were identified as CD64⁺ CD11b⁺ Ly6G^{neg} and CD11c^{neg}. The inflammatory monocyte and macrophage gate contained cells with a range of Ly6C and MHCII expression. Representative plots shown from a control mouse BAL 3 days post influenza infection.

Supplementary Figure 3: Immune response in the lung and airways after influenza infection in epTGFbKO and control mice. (a-b) Percentage of airway macrophages (CD64+ CD11c⁺ SiglecF⁺) expressing (a) MHC-II and (b) CD11b after influenza infection of epTGFbKO and control mice at day 1, 3, 6 post infection. (c) Number of airway IFN-g⁺ NK cells (NK1.1⁺CD3^{neg}) (d) Number of ILC1s in the lung (IFN-g⁺ICOS⁺CD45⁺Lin^{neg}) where lineage cocktail comprises (CD3, CD45R, CD11b, TER-119, Ly6G/GR1). (e) IFN-g⁺ CD8 T cells (CD8⁺CD3⁺) in the airways. (f) IFN-g⁺ CD4 T cells (CD4⁺CD3⁺) in the airways. (g) IL-17⁺ CD4 T cells (CD4⁺CD3⁺) in the airways. (h-i) Tregs (Foxp3⁺CD25⁺CD4⁺) in the (h) airways and (i) lung. (j) Levels of IL-1b in the BAL. (k) IL-10 levels in the lung tissue. Data shown is pooled from two independent experiments with a total of N≥11 mice per group. Box and whisker plots depict the median and IQR and minimum and maximum values. *p < 0.05, and **p < 0.01.

Supplementary Figure 4: Enhanced early IFNb response in epTGFbKO airway leukocytes.

(a) X31 RNA levels in epithelial cells and airway leukocytes at 0, 12 and 24hrs post infection in epTGFbKO and control mice. (b) Graph shows correlation of IFN-b levels in the airways and lung viral titres at day 1 post infection. (c-d) mRNA levels of *Oas2* at (c) 12hrs and (d) 1 day post infection in epitheial cells and airway leukocytes from control and epTGFbKO mice. (e-f) mRNA levels of (e) *Irf7* and (f) *Ifitm3* in airway leukocytes 1 day post infection from

control and epTGFbKO mice. Data representative of two independent experiments total N \geq 8. Bar charts depict the median. Spearman correlation. **p < 0.01.

Supplementary Figure 5: IFNb response at day 1 post RSV infection. (a) Concentration of IFN-b in the airways of epTGFbKO mice and control mice after RSV infection at day 0, 1, 3 and 7 post infection. Limits of detection were 7.25 pg/ml. (b-c) mRNA levels of *Ifnb1* in (b) epithelial cells and (c) airway leukocytes 1 day after RSV infection. (d-e) mRNA levels of *Oas2* in (d) epithelial cells and (e) airway leukocytes 1 day after RSV infection. Data representative of two independent experiments $N \ge 4$. Bar charts depict the median. Box and whisker plots depict the median and IQR and minimum and maximum values and bar charts depict the median.

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Leukocytes

Cells







