SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

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Figure S1. *CDX2* gene expression level in 566 human colon cancers and 19 nontumoral samples of the GSE39582 dataset. (A) Boxplot of the level of *CDX2* expression in the 443 samples of the discovery set organized in the four subtypes of the consensus molecular classification of CRC (Guinney et al., 2015). Data are given \pm SD. *CDX2* is down-regulated in the mesenchymal subtype (CMS4) and significantly different from the other subtypes (P = 9.77×10^{-7}). (B) Same as A in the 123 samples of the validation set. (C) Disease-free survival comparing CDX2^{high} versus CDX2^{low} CRC in the CMS4 subtype. CDX2^{low} patients exhibit a significantly reduced disease-free survival (P = 0.0004). P-values were calculated with the log-rank test.





Figure S2. Validation of the lineage tracing approach and implementation to mixed tumors analysis. (A) Identical pattern of Tomato in a cecal section of an $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $RosaCAG^{tdTomato}$ mouse, detected first by direct fluorescence emission after the deparaffinization step, and second by indirect fluorescence after subsequent immunolabeling with Tomato antibody. Bars, 100 µm. (B) Mutually exclusive patterns of Tomato and Cdx2 in the small intestine of $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $RosaCAG^{tdTomato}$ mice treated with β NF+Tam. Tomato was detected by direct fluorescence emission, and Cdx2 and β -catenin, by indirect immunofluorescence labeling with Cdx2 and β -catenin antibodies. Bars, 50 µm. (C) Demonstration of the maintenance of transcriptional activity at the *Rosa26* locus in the tumor cells of small intestinal adenomas of $Apc^{+/\Delta 14}$:: $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $RosaCAG^{tdTomato}$ mice. Tomato was detected by direct fluorescence emission, and Cdx2 and β -catenin, by indirect immunofluorescence labeling with Cdx2 and β -catenic activity at the *Rosa26* locus in the tumor cells of small intestinal adenomas of $Apc^{+/\Delta 14}$:: $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $RosaCAG^{tdTomato}$ mice. Tomato was detected by direct fluorescence emission, and Cdx2 and β -catenin, by indirect immunofluorescence labeling with Cdx2 and β -catenin antibodies. The cytoplasmic and nuclear localization of β -catenin demonstrates the transformed nature of the cells. Bars, 100 µm. Results were obtained in n = 3, 4, and 4 mice in A, B, and C, respectively.



Figure S3. Surface localization of cells undergoing constitutive activation of the Wnt pathway in mixed tumors. Immunofluorescence staining of β -catenin and Cdx2 in 8 consecutive sections (6 µm each) at the surface of one cecal mixed tumor of an $Apc^{+/\Delta 14}$:: $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $Cdx^{//f}$ mouse treated with β NF+Tam. The surface sheet of the epithelium shows nontransformed cells identified by membranous localization of β -catenin, as well as groups of cells with constitutive activation of the Wnt pathway labeled by cytoplasmic/nuclear β -catenin. In the consecutive sections, the transformed cells are located in invaginated structures of the surface sheet (arrowheads); in these cells, Cdx2 levels are reduced compared with the levels in adjacent cells with membranous β -catenin. Open squares point to Cdx2-depleted glands. Bar, 50 µm. Data were obtained in n = 3 mice.



Tables S1 and S2 are provided as Word files. Table S1 shows genes differentially expressed by RNA sequencing in the cecal lesions of $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $Cdx2^{f/f}$ mice compared with the cecum of wild-type mice; fold change (FC) > 2; q < 0.01. Sheet 1 (pages 1–59) is the total list of differentially expressed genes. Sheet 2 (page 60) lists examples of intestinal- versus gastric-type genes differentially expressed in the cecal lesions of $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $Cdx2^{f/f}$ mice compared with normal cecum; the cecal lesions of $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $Cdx2^{f/f}$ mice compared with normal cecum; the cecal lesions of $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $Cdx2^{f/f}$ mice compared with normal cecum; the cecal lesions of the cecal heteroplasia of $Cdx2^{+/-}$ mice compared with normal cecum; and the cecal heteroplasia of $Cdx2^{+/-}$ mice compared with normal cecum; the cecal lesions of Ah cre^{ERT}:: $Cdx2^{f/f}$ mice compared with normal cecum. Sheet 3 (pages 61 and 62) list genes of the stem cell signature, according to Muñoz et al. (2012), which are differentially expressed in the cecal lesions of Ah-cre^{ERT}:: $Cdx2^{f/f}$ mice compared with normal cecum. Sheet 4 (page 63) lists genes encoding extracellular matrix proteins differentially expressed in the cecal lesions of $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $Cdx2^{f/f}$ mice compared with normal cecum. Sheet 5 (page 64) lists genes encoding cytokines differentially expressed in the cecal lesions of $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $Cdx2^{f/f}$ mice compared with normal cecum.

Table S2 lists genes differentially expressed by RNA sequencing; fold change (FC) > 2; q < 0.05. Sheet 1 (pages 1–4) show cecal mixed tumors of $Apc^{+/\Delta 14}$:: $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $Cdx2^{f/f}$ mice compared with cecal lesions of $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $Cdx2^{f/f}$ mice. Sheet 2 (pages 5–17) list small intestinal mixed tumors of $Apc^{+/\Delta 14}$:: $AhCre^{ERT}$:: $Cdx2^{f/f}$ mice compared with adenomas of $Apc^{+/\Delta 14}$ mice.

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