

Supplemental material

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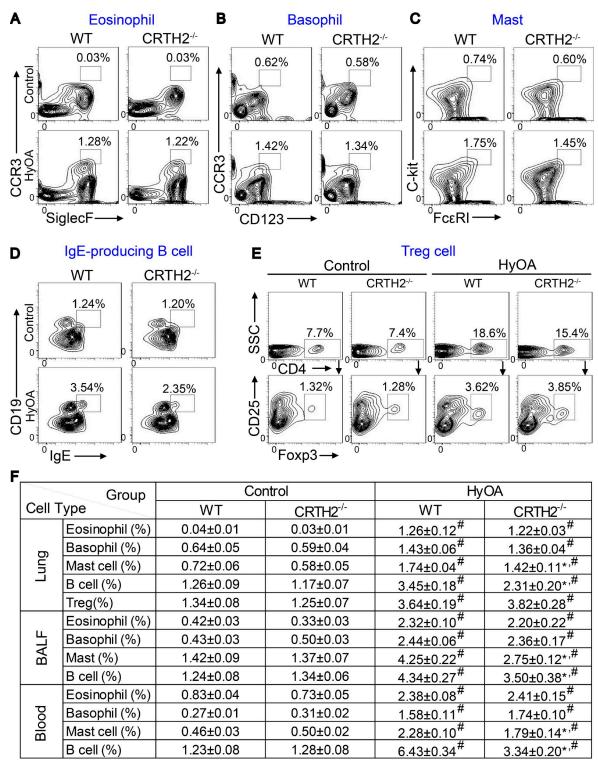


Figure S1. Effect of CRTH2 deficiency on Th2 response-associated cell response in lung tissue, BALF, and peripheral blood in HyOA-induced mice. (A–E) Representative flow cytometry charts of the frequency of eosinophils (CCR3*SiglecF*; A), basophil (CCR3*CD123*; B), mast cells (c-kit*FcɛRI*; C), IgE-producing B cells (CD19*IgE*; D), and T reg cells (CD4*CD25*FoxP3*; E) in lung tissues of HyOA-treated mice. (F) Quantification of the frequency of eosinophils, basophils, mast cells, IgE-producing B cells, and T reg cells in lung tissues, BALF, and peripheral blood of HyOA-treated WT and CRTH2-/- mice. n = 6–8 mice per group. *, P < 0.05 versus WT; #, P < 0.05 versus control. All graphs are shown as mean ± SEM. Data are representative of at least two independent experiments. Statistical significance was determined using two-way ANOVA followed by a Bonferroni post hoc test and unpaired Student's t tests.



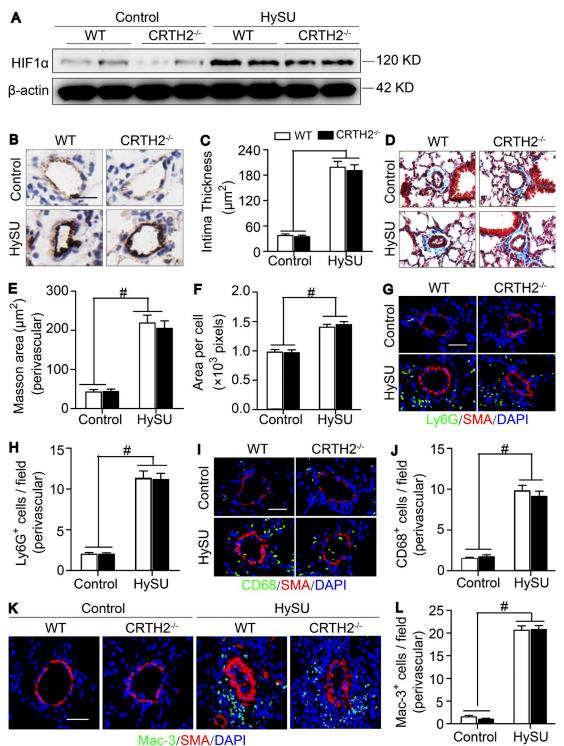


Figure S2. **Pathological characterization of HySU-induced PAH in CRTH2**^{-/-} **mice. (A)** Western blot analysis of HIF-1α protein level in lung tissues of HySU-induced mice. **(B)** Representative images of immunohistochemical staining of von Willebrand factor in lung tissues from HySU-treated WT and CRTH2^{-/-} mice. Bar, 20 μm. **(C)** Quantification of the thickness of the intima of PAs by Image-Pro Plus in B. **(D)** Representative images of Masson's trichrome staining of lung tissues from HySU-treated WT and CRTH2^{-/-} mice. Bar, 20 μm. **(E)** Quantification of the perivascular collagen area in D by Image-Pro Plus. **(F)** Quantification of cell size of PASMCs in PAs from HySU-treated WT and CRTH2^{-/-} mice. **(G)** Representative images of Ly6G immunostaining of lung sections from HySU-treated mice. Bar, 20 μm. **(H)** Quantification of neutrophils (Ly6G⁺ cells) in perivascular areas shown in G. **(I)** Representative images of CD68 immunostaining of lung sections from HySU-treated mice. Bar, 20 μm. **(J)** Quantification of macrophage (CD68⁺ cells) in perivascular areas shown in K. In A–K, *n* = 8–10 mice per group. #, P < 0.05 as indicated. All data are expressed as mean ± SEM and are representative of at least two independent experiments. Statistical significance was determined using two-way ANOVA followed by a Bonferroni post hoc test and unpaired Student's *t* tests.



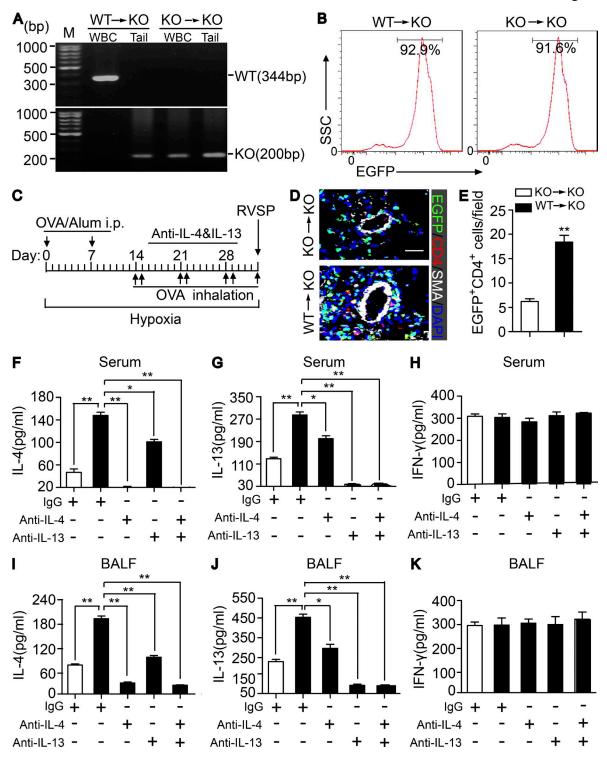


Figure S3. CRTH2*/* BM reconstruction enhances Th2 immune response in the lungs in HyOA-treated CRTH2*/- mice. (A) Confirmation of BMT by means of genotyping. (B) The efficacy of BM reconstitution in CRTH2*/- mice by flow cytometry. (C) Schematic representation of the protocol for administration of BM-reconstructed mice to induce PAH. (D) Representative immunofluorescence images of EGFP (green), CD4 (red), and SMA (white) in lung tissues from BM-reconstructed mice. Bar, 20 μm. (E) Quantification of perivascular EGFP*CD4* cells in lung tissues from BM-reconstructed mice as shown in D. (F-K) Quantification of IL-4 (F and I), IL-13 (G and J), and IFN-γ (H and K) levels in the serum (F-H) and BALF (I-K) from HyOA-treated KO→KO and WT→KO mice with or without dual neutralization of IL-4 and IL-13. In A-K, n = 8-10 mice per group. *, P < 0.05; ***, P < 0.01 as indicated. Representative data are shown as mean ± SEM derived from at least two independent experiments. Statistical significance was determined using unpaired Student's t tests. SSC, side scatter; WBC, white blood cell.



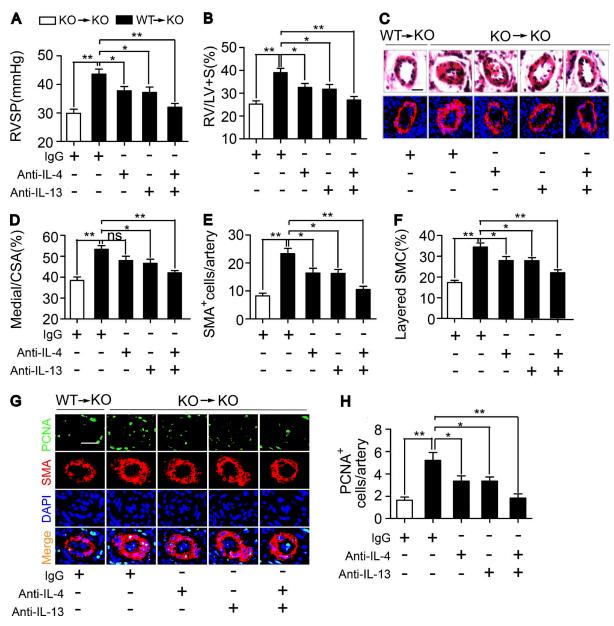


Figure S4. CRTH2*/* BMT aggravates HyOA-induced PAH in CRTH2*/- mice by increasing IL-4 and IL-13 secretion. (A and B) Effect of CRTH2*/+ BMT on RVSP (A) and RV/LV + S ratio (B) in HyOA-treated CRTH2*/- mice with or without dual neutralization of IL-4 and IL-13. (C) Representative images of H&E staining and SMA (red) immunostaining of PAs of BM-reconstituted mice with or without dual neutralization of IL-4 and IL-13. Bar, 20 μ m. (D) Quantification of the ratio of pulmonary arterial medial thickness to total vessel size (media/CSA) for the BM-reconstructed mice. (E and F) Quantification of the number (E) and percentages (F) of layered SMCs in PAs from BM-reconstructed mice. (G) Representative PCNA (green) and α -SMA (red) immunostaining of lung sections from BM-reconstructed mice. Bar, 20 μ m. (H) Quantification of PCNA* cells in PAs. In A-H, n = 8-10 mice per group. *, P < 0.05; **, P < 0.01 as indicated. All data are shown as mean \pm SEM and are representative of at least two independent experiments. Statistical significance was determined using unpaired Student's t tests.



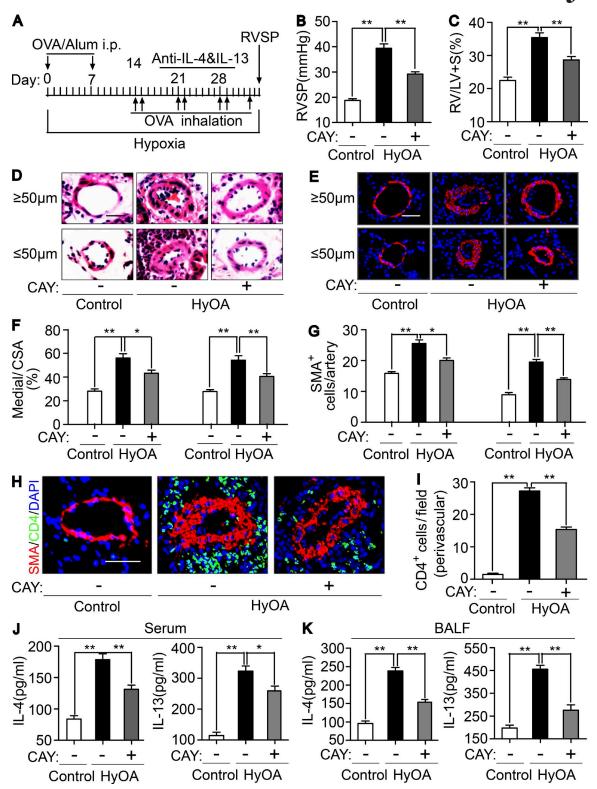


Figure S5. Pharmacological inhibition of CRTH2 ameliorates HyOA-induced PAH in mice. (A) Protocol for administration of CRTH2 inhibitor CAY10595 to HyOA-challenged mice. (B and C) Effect of CAY10595 administration on RVSP (B) and RV/LV + S ratio (C) of HyOA-treated mice. CAY, CAY10595. (D and E) Representative images of H&E staining (D) and SMA (red) immunostaining (E) of lung sections of HyOA-challenged mice treated with CAY10595 or equivalent volume of vehicle. Bars, 20 μm. (F and G) Quantification of the ratio of pulmonary arterial medial thickness to total vessel size (media/CSA; F) and the number of SMA+ cells in PAs (G) from HyOA-challenged mice with CAY10595 treatment. (H) Representative images of CD4 (green) and SMA (red) immunostaining of lung tissues from HyOA-challenged mice treated with CAY10595. Bar, 20 μm. (I) Quantification of perivascular infiltration of CD4+ cells in the lungs in HyOA-challenged mice after CAY10595 treatment. (J and K) Quantification of secretion levels of IL-4 and IL-13 in the serum (J) and BALF (K) from HyOA-challenged mice after CAY10595 treatment. In A–K, n = 10–12 mice per group. *, P < 0.01; ***, P < 0.01 as indicated. Data are presented as mean ± SEM derived from at least two independent experiments. Statistical significance was determined using unpaired Student's t tests.