Supplemental Materials

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3 MATERIALS AND METHODS

4 Peptides synthesis and stock preparation

R321 and R323 were synthesized on a Liberty Blue Microwave peptide synthesizer 5 (CEM Corporation) using Fmoc chemistry and low loading Rink Amide MBHA resin 6 (Merck). The following modifications have been introduced to the published protocol of 7 8 high efficiency peptide synthesis (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24456219): The coupling with N,N'-Diisopropylcarbodiimide (DIC)/ ethyl 2-cyano-2-(hydroxyimino) 9 acetate (OXYMA) was performed for 4 min at 90°C for all residue except for His, for 10 which the reaction was carried out for 10 min at 50°C. A 5-fold amino acid excess was 11 used on all cycles and all residues were double-coupled. All deprotection cycles were 12 13 conducted at room temperature to avoid racemization and aspartimide formation. Due to the high cost of Fmoc-NH-(PEG)₂₇-COOH (Merck), it was attached manually 14 overnight using 1.2-fold excess and HCTU as an activating agent. The peptides were 15 cleaved from the resin and deprotected with a mixture of 90.0% (v/v) trifluoroacetic acid 16 (TFA) with 2.5% water, 2.5% triisopropyl-silane, 2.5% 2,2'-(ethylenedioxy)diethanethiol 17 and 5% thioanisol. Peptides were purified on a preparative (25 mm × 250 mm) Atlantis 18 C3 reverse phase column (Agilent Technologies) in a 90 min gradient of 0.1% (v/v) 19 trifluoroacetic acid in water and 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid in acetonitrile, with a 10 mL/min 20 21 flow rate. The fractions containing peptides were analyzed on Agilent 6100 LC/MS spectrometer with the use of a Zorbax 300SB-C3 PoroShell column and a gradient of 22 5% acetic acid in water and acetonitrile. Fractions that were more than 95% pure were 23

combined and freeze dried. Peptides stock solution was prepared by dissolving in DMSO or DMSO-d₆ (for NMR experiments). Upon reconstitution in PBS, pH 7.2, the final concentration of DMSO was less than 1%. The solutions were sonicated, kept at room temperature overnight, centrifuged and stored at -20°C.

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29 Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS)

Peptides were resuspended in 100% DMSO to a concentration of 1 mM and then
further diluted in PBS to a final concentration of 10 µM. The hydrodynamic radius of the
peptides was measured on a DynaPro-801 (Protein Solutions, Charlottesville, VA)
molecular size detector and the data was analyzed with the provided software using an
aqueous buffer model.

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36 Chemotaxis Assays

Optimal concentrations of chemokines (12 nM CCL11, 25 nM CCL24, 100 nM CCL26, 37 and 1 µM platelet-activating factor, PAF) were used to induce cell chemotaxis.^{1, 2} 38 CCL11, CCL24, and CCL26 were purchased from BioLegend (San Diego, CA) and PAF 39 (C16) was purchased from Tocris Bioscience (Minneapolis, MN). Inhibitors or controls 40 41 were placed in both upper and lower chambers of transwell plates with 5 µm pore size 42 membranes (Corning, Kennebunk, ME). For assays used to determine the effect of R321 on the chemotaxis of human peripheral blood eosinophils toward PAF, a PAF 43 receptor inhibitor WEB 2086 was purchased from Tocris Bioscience (Minneapolis, MN) 44 and used at a concentration of 100 μ M as a positive control. A total of $1x10^5$ cells were 45

46 placed in each well and following 4h of migration cells were counted using flow

47 cytometry (Beckman Quanta SC, Beckman Coulter, Indianapolis, IN).

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49 CCL11-induced secretion of ECP

⁵⁰ Purified human peripheral blood eosinophils were resuspended in PBS + 0.1% BSA to a ⁵¹ final concentration of 1x 10^6 cells/mL and 100 µL were aliquoted per well. Cells were ⁵² pretreated for 30 min with 1 µM R321, R323, or vehicle, and stimulated with 12 nM ⁵³ CCL11 for 3h. Following stimulation, cells were centrifuged (1500 rpm, 10 min) and ⁵⁴ supernatants were collected for further analysis. ECP detection in supernatants was ⁵⁵ performed using a commercial ELISA kit (MesaCup ECP test, MBL, Woburn, MA).

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57 Detection of ERK 1/2 and AKT

AML14.3D10-CCR3 cells were serum starved for 4h, resuspended in RPMI 1640 + 58 0.1% BSA to a density of 1×10^7 cells/mL, and then pretreated with either vehicle control 59 (PBS + 1% DMSO) or 10 µM inhibitors (R321, R323, SB238437, or UCB35625) for 30 60 min at 37°C and 5% CO₂. Cell aliguots were taken before stimulation and 2.5, 5, 10, 15, 61 and 30 min after stimulation with 100 nM CCL11 and washed in ice cold PBS. Cell 62 pellets were lysed in RIPA lysis buffer (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Santa Cruz, CA) 63 containing 1mM PMSF, 1mM Na-orthovanadate, 30 mM NaF, and protease inhibitor 64 65 cocktail tablet (Roche, Indianapolis, IN). Cell lysate proteins were separated on 12% (w/v) SDS-PAGE gels (15µg/ lane) and transferred to PVDF membranes at 20V for 40 66 min. Membranes were blocked with 5% BSA for 2h at RT, and incubated overnight at 67 68 +4°C with rabbit anti-phospho-ERK 1/2 antibodies or rabbit anti-phospho-AKT

antibodies (Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA). The next day, membranes were 69 extensively washed and incubated for 1h at RT with secondary goat anti-rabbit IgG-70 HRP antibodies (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Dallas, TX). Western blots were visualized 71 using SuperSignal West Dura Extended Duration Substrate (Thermo Fisher Scientific, 72 Waltham, MA). For loading controls, membranes were stripped for 15 min in mild 73 stripping buffer (1.5% glycine, 0.1% SDS, 1% Tween-20, pH 2.2) and reprobed with 74 rabbit anti-ERK 1/2 antibodies or rabbit anti-AKT antibodies (Cell Signaling Technology, 75 Danvers, MA). Three independent experiments were performed. 76

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78 Gαi activation

GTP-bound Gai was detected using a commercial Gai assay kit (Abcam, Cambridge, 79 80 MA) with modifications. Briefly, AML14.3D10-CCR3 cells were serum-starved for 16h before being pretreated with 200 ng/ml pertussis toxin for 2h, 10 µM R321 for 30 min, or 81 with vehicle control. Pretreated cells were then stimulated with 8 nM CCL11 or medium 82 for 1 min. The reaction was stopped by adding and washing once in ice cold PBS. Ten 83 (10) million cells were used for each condition. Washed cells were lysed with 1x lysis 84 buffer following manufacturer instructions. For pull-down of active Gai, mouse anti-GTP 85 86 bound Gαi antibody was conjugated to Dynabeads Protein G (Life Technologies, 87 Carlsbad, CA) for 15 min at RT. Conjugated beads were washed 3 times with TBST and incubated with cell lysates for 20min at RT. After washing with TBST, bound proteins 88 were eluted by boiling the beads in 2x SDS sample buffer for 5 min. Eluates were 89 resolved by SDS-PAGE and immunoblotted using a polyclonal rabbit anti-total Gai 90 antibody (Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA). 91

92 CCR3 degradation

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AML14.3D10-CCR3 cells were resuspended in RPMI1640 + 0.1% BSA. Aliquots of 93 1x10⁶ cells were pretreated with 10 µM cycloheximide for 1h at 37°C. Some cells were 94 concurrently pretreated with 10 µM R321 for 30 min. Pretreated cells were stimulated 95 with 8 nM CCL11/eotaxin-1 or CCL5/RANTES for 3h to induce receptor degradation. 96 Cells were lysed in RIPA buffer and immunoblotted for CCR3 using a polyclonal rabbit 97 anti-CCR3 antibody (Abcam, Cambridge, MA) followed by goat anti-rabbit IgG-HRP 98 secondary antibody (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Santa Cruz, CA). 99 100 101 Immunofluorescence and Confocal Microscopy AML14.3D10-CCR3 cells were serum starved for 4h and then resuspended in RPMI 102 1640 + 0.1% BSA to a density of 1×10^6 cells/mL. Cells were pretreated with 10 μ M 103 104 inhibitors (R321, SB238437 or UCB35625) or R323 or vehicle controls for 30 min at 37°C and then stimulated with 100 nM CCL11. Aliquot s were taken before stimulation 105 and 30 min after chemokine addition. Cytospin preparations were made by 106 centrifugation of the treated cells at 300 rpm (10.16x g) for 5 min onto glass slides in a 107 cytocentrifuge (Cytospin 2, Shandon, Pittsburgh, PA). Cells were fixed in ice cold 108 methanol for 15 min at -20°C and washed 3 times in 0.1% Triton X-100 in PBS before 109 110 blocking in 10% normal goat serum in PBS for 2h at RT. The slides were incubated overnight at +4°C with primary antibodies diluted in 0.1% normal goat serum in PBS. 111 CCR3 was detected with 5 µg/mL mouse anti-human CCR3 antibody (Biolegend, San 112

(Cell Signalling Technology, Danvers, MA). After extensive washing in 0.1% Tween-

Diego, CA) and β -arrestin 2 with rabbit monoclonal anti-human β -arrestin 2 antibody

20, samples were incubated with appropriate AlexaFluor[®]488- or AlexaFluor[®]568-115 conjugated anti-mouse and anti-rabbit secondary antibodies (Cell Signaling 116 Technology, Danvers, MA) used at 1:500 dilution for 1h at RT. After washing, 117 coverslips were mounted on the glass slides with SlowFade Gold antifade reagent 118 with DAPI (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA). Images were collected with a Zeiss LSM 700 119 laser scanning confocal microscope and 100x/1.45 oil immersion objective using Zen 120 software (Carl Zeiss AG, Oberkochen, Germany) and further processed with Photoshop 121 CS5 (Adobe, San Jose, CA). Quantitative colocalization analysis was performed by 122 selecting single cells as regions of interest (n=50 per treatment group) and calculating 123 mean colocalization coefficients by Pearson's correlation method. Data is presented as 124 mean ± SEM. Statistical analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism software 125 (GraphPad, San Diego, CA) by two-way analysis of variance (ANOVA), followed by 126 127 Tukey post hoc analysis.

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129 Cell surface staining and gating strategy for mouse blood eosinophils

Mouse blood (900 µL) was collected by cardiac puncture into EDTA-coated tubes and 130 red blood cell lysis was performed via hypotonic shock with H₂O. White blood cells were 131 washed with PBS and resuspended to 1×10^6 cells/100 µL of flow cytometry buffer (PBS 132 + 0.1% BSA). Inhibition of non-specific binding to Fc receptors was performed using a 133 rat anti-mouse CD16/CD32 antibody for 5 min at room temperature (BD Biosciences, 134 San Jose, CA). Cells were subsequently stained for 30 min at RT in the dark with the 135 following antibodies: rat anti-mouse CCR3 fluorescein-conjugated antibody (R&D 136 Systems, Minneapolis, MN), PE-conjugated rat anti-mouse Siglec-F antibody (BD 137

Biosciences, San Jose, CA), and rat anti-mouse PerCP-Cyanine 5.5 Ly-6G (Gr1)
antibody (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA). Cells were washed 3x in PBS,
resuspended in 2% paraformaldehyde and analyzed immediately on a Quanta SC flow
cytometer (Beckman Coulter, Indianapolis, IN). Eosinophils were gated from live cells
as SSC^{hi}, Siglec F–CCR3 double positive, Gr1^{Lo-neg}. Results were analyzed using
FlowJo software (FlowJo LLC, Ashland, OR).

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145 Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL)

One day after the last DRA allergen or sham PBS challenge, mice were euthanized and
BAL cells were collected by lavage with 2 mL of cold PBS injected into the trachea via a
catheter. Total cell counts were performed using a Countess automated cell counter
(Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA). For differential BAL cell counts, cytospin
preparations were stained with Wright-Giemsa stain (Sigma- Aldrich, St. Louis, MO).
Cells were classified as macrophages, lymphocytes, neutrophils, and eosinophils by
standard morphology and staining. A minimum of 200 cells were counted per slide.

154 Determination of airway responsiveness to methacholine

155 Twenty-four hours after the last intranasal challenge, mice were anesthetized and

attached to the FlexiVent rodent ventilator/pulmonary mechanics analyzer (Scireq,

157 Montreal, Canada). Baseline respiratory parameters were measured as previously

described.³ Airway reactivity was assessed by measuring response to increasing doses

 $(0, 5, 10, 20, and 40 \ \mu g)$ of methacholine (Sigma, St Louis, MO) administered

160 intravenously via the jugular vein.

161 **Reductive Methylation of Membrane Preparations.**

ChemiSCREEN Chem-1 membrane preparations for recombinant human CCR3 162 (HTS008M) and negative control (HTS000MC1) CCR3-null membranes were 163 purchased from EMD Millipore. Membrane preparation storage buffer contained 50 mM 164 Tris pH 7.4, 10% glycerol and 1% BSA. Glycerol and BSA are important components for 165 the stability and integrity of the membranes, however BSA and Tris interfere with the 166 reductive methylation reaction. Therefore, ¹³C formaldehyde (catalog # 489417, Aldrich) 167 and borane-ammonia complex (Catalog #682098, Aldrich) were used in excess to 168 ensure labeling of all possible components of the membranes. Upon guenching the 169 170 reaction with excess Tris-HCI buffer, membrane fractions were separated by ultracentrifugation at 4°C and the membrane pellets were resuspended in PBS 171 containing 10% glycerol and 1% unlabeled BSA⁴. The latter step was repeated to 172 173 remove residual labeled components. Reductive methylation of the membrane preparations was performed as described previously ^{5, 6}. In brief, 20 µl of 1 M borane-174 ammonia complex (Catalog #682098, Aldrich) and 40 µl of 1 M ¹³C formaldehyde 175 (Catalog #489417, Aldrich) were added to 1 ml of membrane preparation. This mixture 176 was incubated with stirring for 2 h at 4°C. The add ition of borane-ammonia and 177 formaldehyde was repeated, and the mixture was incubated with stirring for 2 more 178 179 hours. The final 10 µl 1 M borane – ammonia complex was then added and the mixture was incubated at 4°C overnight with stirring. The r eaction was then stopped by adding 180 110 µl of 2 M Tris-HCI (pH 7.6). Thereafter, the membrane preparations were separated 181 by ultracentrifugation at 4°C and resuspended in PB S containing 10% glycerol and 1% 182 unlabeled BSA to be used for NMR experiments. 183

184 Heteronuclear Single Quantum Coherence (HSQC) NMR

Final samples (200 µl) contained 50% membrane preparation, 10% D₂O (Catalog 185 #151882, Aldrich), 2% DMSO-d₆ (Catalog #156914, Aldrich). CCL11 (eotaxin) was 186 added at a final concentration of 1 µM. The R321 peptide was added at final 187 concentrations of 0.05, 0.4, 2.0, and 10.0 µM. Peptide stocks were prepared in DMSO-188 d₆ and then diluted in PBS, left overnight and centrifuged before addition to the 189 membrane preparation. Samples were loaded into 3 mm NMR tubes (part # S-3-600-7, 190 Norell). ¹H-¹³C HSQC NMR experiments were carried out on a 900-MHz Bruker Avance 191 Spectrometer equipped with a cryogenic probe. Spectral widths in $\omega 1$ and $\omega 2$ were 192 8389.262 Hz and 3519.359 Hz, respectively, the transmitter offsets were positioned at 193 4.7 p.p.m for the ¹H dimension and 40 p.p.m. in the ¹³C dimension. ¹³C decoupling was 194 performed with a GARP sequence. 256 complex points with 168 scans per FID were 195 196 recorded, to ensure a 20.9-Hz resolution per point at 900 MHz before zero filling. The relaxation delay was set to 1.5 s and 32 steady-state scans preceded data acquisition. 197 Total collection time was 20 hours. Data were processed and analyzed using the 198 NMRPipe/NMRDraw software ⁷. For dissociation constant (K_d) determination, the data 199 were analyzed using Graph Pad Prism 5 non-linear regression saturation single binding 200 site equation. Mean values and standard deviations were calculated based on different 201 202 fitting approaches (regular fit, robust fit, and automatic outlier).

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227 FIGURE LEGENDS

- 228 Figure S1. R321 does not inhibit platelet-activating factor (PAF)-mediated
- chemotaxis of human blood eosinophils. Cells treated with 1µM R321, R323,
- UCB35625, or SB328437 did not exhibit statistically significant reduction of chemotaxis
- to 1µM PAF. In contrast, the specific PAF receptor inhibitor WEB 2086 achieved 83.18 ±
- 232 2.56% inhibition of PAF-mediated chemotaxis in blood eosinophils. Results are shown
- as percentage of vehicle chemotaxis and represent mean ± SEM from an experiment
- performed in triplicate. Compared to vehicle: p < 0.0001.
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Figure S2. R321 does not induce or promote degranulation with secretion of ECP in human blood eosinophils. CCL11 (12 nM) induces degranulation with secretion of ECP. R321 (1 μ M) alone does not induce a statistically significant increase in ECP secretion. Cells concurrently treated with CCL11 (12 nM) and 1 μ M R321, or R323, did not exhibit statistically significant increases in ECP secretion as compared to CCL11vehicle treated cells. ^{ns} not significant, **p* < 0.05.

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Figure S3. Representative confocal microscopy images of control cells. The first
two panels from the top show AML14.3D10-CCR3 cells stained without primary
antibodies or with isotype control of primary antibodies. The bottom panel is included as
a positive control and represents AML14.3D10-CCR3 cells stained for CCR3 and βarrestin 2 after 30 min of stimulation with 100nM CCL11.

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Figure S4. R321 promotes CCR3 internalization in AML14.3D10-CCR3 cells over a 249 prolonged incubation period. Cells were cultured with vehicle, inhibitors (1µM), and/ 250 or 12 nM CCL11 for a period of 72h. At 24h intervals cells were assessed for surface 251 expression of CCR3 by staining with PE-conjugated anti-CCR3 antibody and measuring 252 median fluorescence via flow cytometry. Results are shown as surface expression of 253 CCR3 as percentage of vehicle expression and represent mean ± SEM from an 254 experiment performed in triplicate. Compared to vehicle: n^{s} not significant, p < 0.05, 255 *****p* < 0.0001. 256

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Figure S5. Triple allergen (DRA) acute asthma model protocol in Balb/c mice.
Allergen sensitization/challenge protocol is indicated. Mice were challenged in their
airways with DRA allergen or PBS control on days 12-14 via intranasal insufflation
(black arrows). Treatment with CCR3 R321 peptide nanoparticles, scrambled R323
control peptide or vehicle was given: (A) Prophylactically starting on day 11 before the
i.n. allergen challenges on days 11–14 (blue arrows) or (B) Therapeutically starting on
day 14, after the last i.n. allergen challenge (red arrows).

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Figure S6. R321 and R323 treatment does not lead to significant changes in total numbers of macrophages, neutrophils, or lymphocytes in lung airways. Total macrophage, neutrophil, and lymphocyte cell numbers in the BAL fluid of triple-allergen (DRA) challenged mice remain unchanged at even the highest doses of R321 and R323. R323 was administered at 12 mg/kg. The mean ± SEM are shown for 6-7 mice/treatment group from 3 independent experiments.

Figure S7. R321 binds CCR3+ membrane preparations in the absence of CCL11. 272 (A) Overall strategy to label CCR3 membrane preparations using ¹³C labeled 273 formaldehyde and borane-ammonia complex. (B) 13 C HSQC spectra of 13 C-reductively 274 methylated CCR3 membrane preparations with signal designations indicated. (C) 275 Determination of the dissociation rate constant (K_d) for R321 (0.05-10 μ M) binding to 276 CCR3 membrane preparations in the absence of CCL11 shows that R321 affects the 277 intensities of signal 1 and signal 2 with $K_{_d}$ values of 1.604 \pm 0.010 μM and 0.014 \pm 278 0.001 µM, respectively, while having no effect on signals 3 and 4 that are present on 279 CCR3 null membranes. 280

Figure S8. Evaluation of CCL11 binding to CCR3 null membrane preparations. ¹³C HSQC spectra of ¹³C-reductively methylated CCR3 null membranes were recorded with 1 μ M CCL11. Spectral comparisons between reductively methylated CCR3 null membranes (CCR3-K-di¹³CH₃) (red) and CCR3 null membranes + CCL11 (blue) do not show any signal changes indicative of significant binding. Western blot analysis of membrane preparations from Chem-1 cells overexpressing CCR3 and CCR3 null cells shows the absence of CCR3 expression in the null membranes.

Figure S9. R321 induces concentration-dependent spectral changes in CCR3
membrane preparations. ¹³C HSQC spectra of ¹³C-reductively methylated CCR3
membrane preparations were recorded with R321 at 0.05, 0.4, 2.0, 10.0 μM. Spectral
comparisons are shown for CCR3 alone (CCR3-K-di¹³CH₃) (red) and CCR3 + R321
(blue) at (A) 0.05 μM, (B) 0.4 μM, (C) 2.0 μM, (D) 10.0 μM, show chemical shift

changes indicative of binding. Black arrows show significant changes in signal linewidths and chemical shifts.

Figure S10. Schematic of the CCR3 signaling pathway and proposed R321 295 296 mechanism of inhibition. (A) Agonist receptor binding leads to activation of the Gprotein dependent signaling cascade resulting in eosinophil chemotaxis, secretion and 297 298 degranulation. Upon prolonged exposure to agonist, CCR3 is desensitized and internalized via a β -arrestin mediated endocytic pathway. (B) R321 nanoparticles 299 dissipate upon contact with the cell membrane, allowing the R321 peptide monomer to 300 displace the CCR3 TM2 helix. R321 binding alters the CCR3 structure in a manner that 301 inhibits G-protein dependent signaling but not β-arrestin-mediated internalization 302 303 (endocytosis) and degradation of CCR3.

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B) R321 acts as a biased antagonist of CCR3