

PPARD increases active β -catenin protein expression. A, Schematic diagram of villin-PPARD (PD) mice. Dash lines indicate the promoter region, followed by the PPARD gene coding region. **B**, WT and PD mice at 6 weeks were fed with a PPARD agonist GW501516 (50mg/kg) diet or a control diet for 4 weeks. PPARD and active β-catenin protein levels in IECs were analyzed by Western blot. C, The organoid-initiating capacity of IECs derived from PD mice and WT littermates at 10 weeks (n = 6 per group). Organoid numbers per well were presented. **D**, Active β -catenin protein level in HCT116 cells treated with wnt3a (100 µM) and/or PPARD agonist GW501516 (1 µM) for 24 hours, measured by Western blot. E, c-Myc mRNA expression levels in HCT116 WT and KO1 cells treated by PPARD agonist GW0742 (1 µM) and/or PPARD antagonist GSK3787 (1 µM) for 24 hours, measured by qRT-PCR. F, AngPTL4 mRNA expression levels in HCT116 cells treated by GW0742 and/or GSK3787 as described in panel E. G, PPARD mRNA level in human organoid cells transfected with control siRNA (Ctrl) or PPARD siRNA (siPPARD) for 48 hours. H, Schematic diagram of Apc⁴⁵⁸⁰-PD mice. PD mice were bred with Apc^{Δ 580}-flox; CDX2-Cre mice to generate Apc^{Δ 580}-flox;CDX2-Cre;PD (Apc^{Δ 580}-PD) mice. Dash lines indicate the promoter region, followed by the indicated gene coding regions. I, PPARD mRNA expression levels of colon and small intestinal (SI) IECs from Apc^{Δ580}-PD and Apc^{Δ580} mice were measured by qRT-PCR. J, Expression level of cyclin D1 mRNA in IECs from Apc⁴⁵⁸⁰ and Apc⁴⁵⁸⁰-PD-KO mice. K and L, Representative images of Ki-67 IHC (K) and corresponding colonic crypt proliferation zone lengths (L) of normal colons of the indicated mice. Data are shown as mean ± SEM. *P <0.05: **P <0.01; ***P <0.001; and ****P <0.0001.



Apc^{4580-TMX} Apc^{4580-TMX}-PD

PPARD promoted intestinal tumorigenesis in multiple APC mutant mouse models. **A**, Schematic diagram of the multiple transgenic mouse models. PD mice were bred with Apc^{min}, or Apc^{Δ580}-flox; CDX2-Cre or Apc^{Δ580}-flox;CDX2-Cre/ERT2 mice to generate Apc^{min}-PD (Row#1); Apc^{Δ580}-PD(Row#2); Apc^{Δ580}-T^{MX}-PD(Row#3) mice, respectively. PD-flox mice were bred with Apc^{Δ580}-flox; CDX2-Cre to generate Apc^{Δ580}-PD-KO (Row#4). Dash lines indicate the promoter region, followed by the indicated gene coding regions. **B-E**, Representative images of fresh colons (**B**, **top**), colonic tumor numbers per mouse (**B**, **bottom**), representative images of formalin-fixed distal small intestines (**C**), colon length (**D**) and weight (**E**) per mouse for wild type (WT), Apc^{Δ580} and Apc^{Δ580}-PD mice at age 14 weeks. **F and G**, Apc^{Δ580} mice at age 4 weeks were fed with GW501516 (50mg/kg) or control diet for 10 weeks. Representative images of fresh distal small intestines (**G**) for Apc^{Δ580}-TMX_PD littermates were treated with tamoxifen at age 6 weeks and then followed up for another 55 weeks. Representative images of fresh colons (left) and colonic tumor numbers per mouse (right) for Apc^{Δ580-TMX} and Apc^{Δ580-TMX}-PD mice. Data are shown as mean ± SEM. **P* <0.05; ***P* <0.01; and ****P* <0.001.



PPARD increases BMP7/active β-catenin expression. **A**, The BMP7 mRNA expression levels in HCT116 WT and KO1 cells from RNA-Seq data analysis. **B** and **C**, BMP7 (**B**) and p-TAK1(**C**) expressions were measured by immunohistochemistry staining in intestinal sections from WT and PD littermates at age 10 weeks. The average percentage of positively-stained p-TAK1 cells obtained from 20 glands were presented. **D**, Active β-catenin expression were measured by immunohistochemistry staining in intestinal sections from the Apc^{min} and Apc^{min}-PD mice at 8 weeks. **E**, BMP7, p-TAK1 and active β-catenin protein levels in IECs of Apc^{Δ580} mice fed with PPARD antagonist GSK3787 (200mg/kg) diet or control diet for 12 weeks were analyzed by Western blot. Data are shown as mean ± SEM. *****P* < 0.0001.



Figure S4

Active β -catenin expression in human colorectal cancer invasive fronts. **A**, Representative active β -catenin IHC staining images of human paired colorectal adenomas (Adenoma), CRC tumor centers (Tumor center), and cancer invasive fronts (Invasive front) of 2 patients. **B**, The percentage of positive nuclear active β -catenin staining for the paired adenomas, CRC tumor centers, and invasive fronts as described in Figure 4E (n = 41 patients). Data are shown as mean ± SEM. **P* <0.05.





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p-RPs6





HCT116 WT KO1 AKT1 p-RPs6(S235/236) β-actin

Figure S5

PPARD upregulated AKT1/p-rpS6 signaling pathway. **A and B**, AKT2 mRNA expression levels for IECs from WT and PD (**A**) or Apc^{Δ 580} and Apc^{Δ 580}-PD (**B**) mice were measured by qRT-PCR. **C and D**, IHC results of p-rpS6 (S235/236) for the intestines from WT and PD (**C**) or Apc^{Δ 580} and Apc^{Δ 580}-PD (**D**) mice. **E**, AKT1 and p-rpS6 (S235/236) protein expression levels in parental HCT116 WT and KO1 cells were measured by Western blot. Data are shown as mean ± SEM. n.s.: no significant difference.



Figure S6

rRNA expression in mouse intestinal tissues and CDK1 expression in human colorectal cancer invasive fronts. **A**, Immunofluorescence staining of rRNA using Y10b antibody (Green) for the intestinal tissues from PD and Apc^{$\Delta 580$}-PD mice and their corresponding control littermates. **B and C**, CDK1 expression in human colorectal cancer invasive front. **B**, Representative CDK1 IHC staining images of human paired colon adenomas, CRC tumor centers, and invasive fronts of 2 patients. **C**, The percentage of positive nuclear CDK1 staining for the paired adenomas, CRC tumor centers, and invasive fronts of 2 patients. **c**, The percentage of positive nuclear CDK1 staining for the paired adenomas, CRC tumor centers, and invasive fronts as described in Figure 4E (n = 41 patients). Data are shown as mean ± SEM. ****P* <0.001.



Figure S7

PPARD and BMP7 genetic alterations in colon cancer patients. **A**, PPARD genetic alterations in TCGA colorectal cancer databases. Querying 2395 samples in six studies. **B**, The heatmap of BMP7 genetic alteration analyses (e.g. amplification, mRNA upregulation) of TCGA Colorectal Provisional (629 cases) and Nature public (195 cases) databases. **C and D**, Comparison of the survival probability for the colon cancer patients with low and high expression of BMP7 from analyses of two public databases [**C** (GSE17536) and **D** (GSE24549)] in the PRECOG public database portal.