

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

The coronary artery disease risk-associated *Plpp3* gene and its product lipid phosphate phosphatase 3 regulate experimental atherosclerosis

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Major Resources Tables

Animals (in vivo studies)

Species	Vendor or Source	Background Strain	Sex
Mice	The Jackson Laboratory	Ldlr-/- B6.129S7-Ldlrtm1Her/J Stock No: 002207	Both
Mice	The Jackson Laboratory	MX1-Cre B6.Cg-Tg(Mx1- cre)1Cgn/J Stock No: 003556	Male
Mice	The Jackson Laboratory	LysM-Cre B6.129P2- Lyz2tm1(cre)lfo/J Stock No: 004781	Male
Mice	The Jackson Laboratory	B6.Cg-Tg(Tagln- cre)1Her/J Stock No: 017491	Male
Pig	The Francis Owen Blood Research Laboratory at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Spotted Poland/China and Yorkshire crosses; Male and female pigs from the following two genotypes were used: normocholesterolemic or heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemic	Both

Animal breeding

	Species	Vendor or Source	Background Strain	Other Information
Parent - Male	Mice	The Jackson Laboratory; Bar Harbor, ME	Ldlr-/-	Plpp3fl/fl animals (fl/fl) with or without the MX1-Cre or SMC- 22 Cre transgene were crossed to Ldlr- /- mice ⁸ .
Parent - Female	Mice	The Jackson Laboratory; Bar Harbor, ME	Ldlr-/-	Plpp3fl/fl animals (fl/fl) with or without the MX1-Cre or SMC- 22 Cre transgene were crossed to Ldlr- /- mice ⁸ .
Parent - Male	Mice	The Jackson Laboratory; Bar Harbor, ME	C57BL/6	To simulate LDL receptor deficiency, mice lacking Lpar49

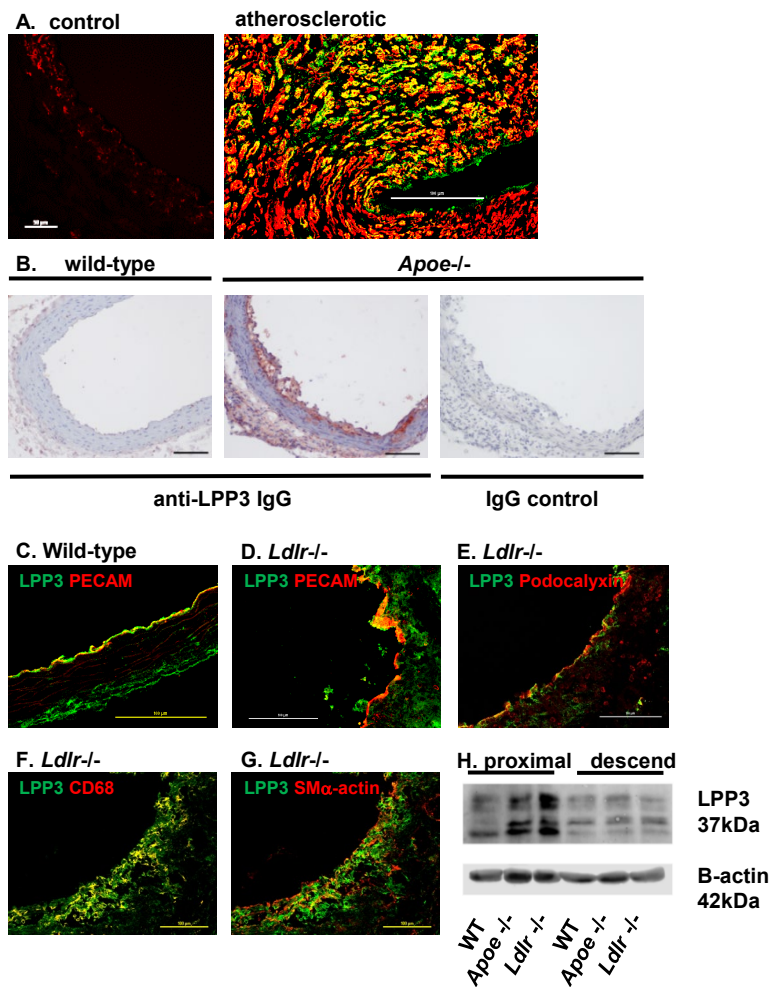
				were backcrossed to C57BL/6 background, and then bred to generate Lpar4Y/+ and Lpar4 Y/- mice ⁹ .
Parent - Female	Mice	The Jackson Laboratory; Bar Harbor, ME	C57BL/6J	To simulate LDL receptor deficiency, mice lacking Lpar49 were backcrossed to the C57BL/6J background, and then bred to generate Lpar4Y/+ and Lpar4 Y/- mice ⁹ .

Antibodies

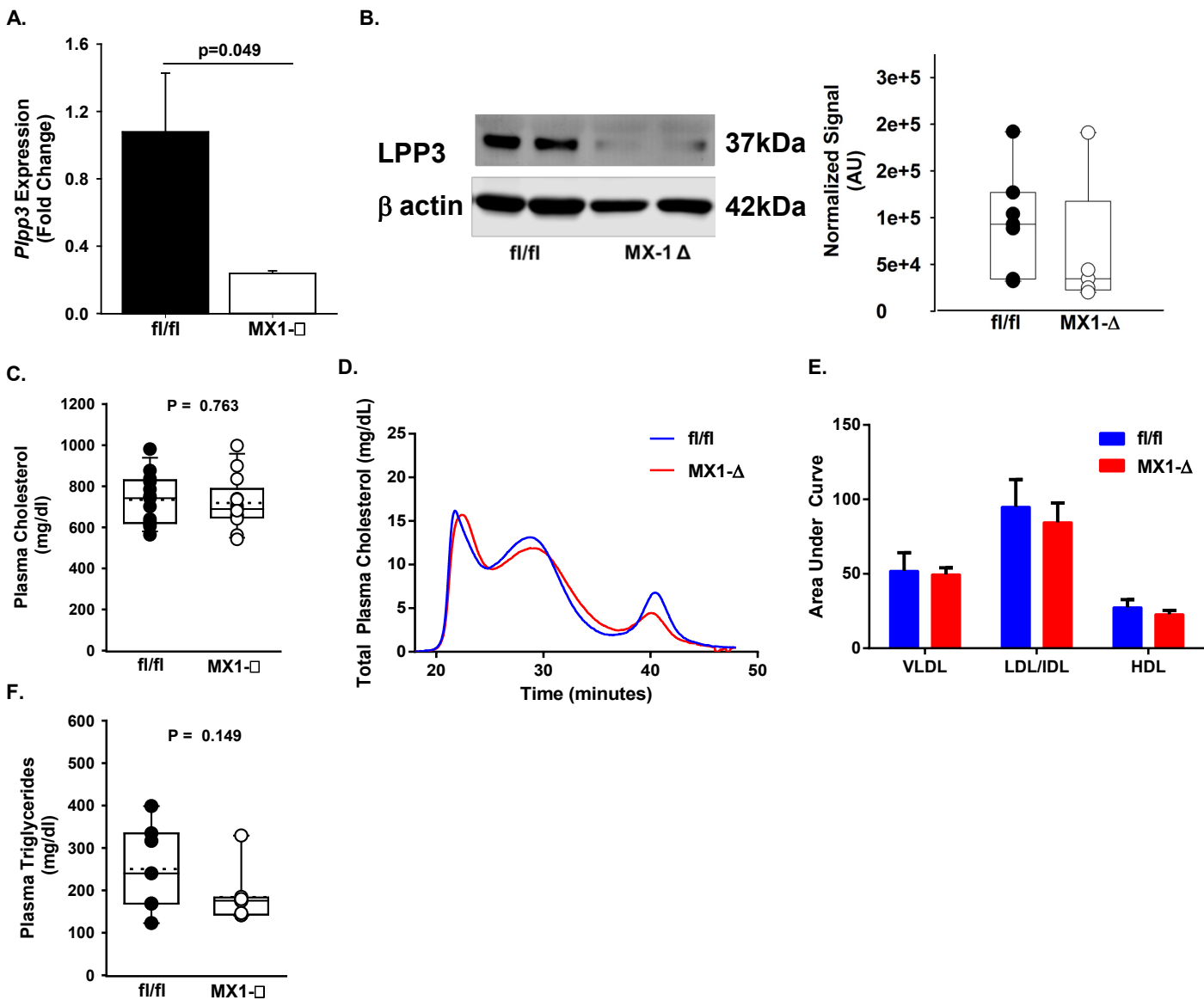
Target antigen	Vendor or Source	Catalog #	Working concentration	Lot # (preferred but not required)
LPP3 (PPAP2B)	A peptide corresponding to residues 2–17 (QNYKYDKA-IVPESKNG) of the sequence of human PAP2b was synthesized. Rabbits were immunized, and antibody titers were determined by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay using the individual peptide antigen as the solid phase ¹² .	n/a	1µg/mL	
Smooth muscle alpha-actin	Abcam	AB5694	2µg/mL	
CD68	Abcam	AB53444	10µg/mL	
PECAM1	BD Biosciences	553370	5µg/mL	
Podocalyxin	R&D Syatems	AF1556	2µg/mL	

Cultured Cells

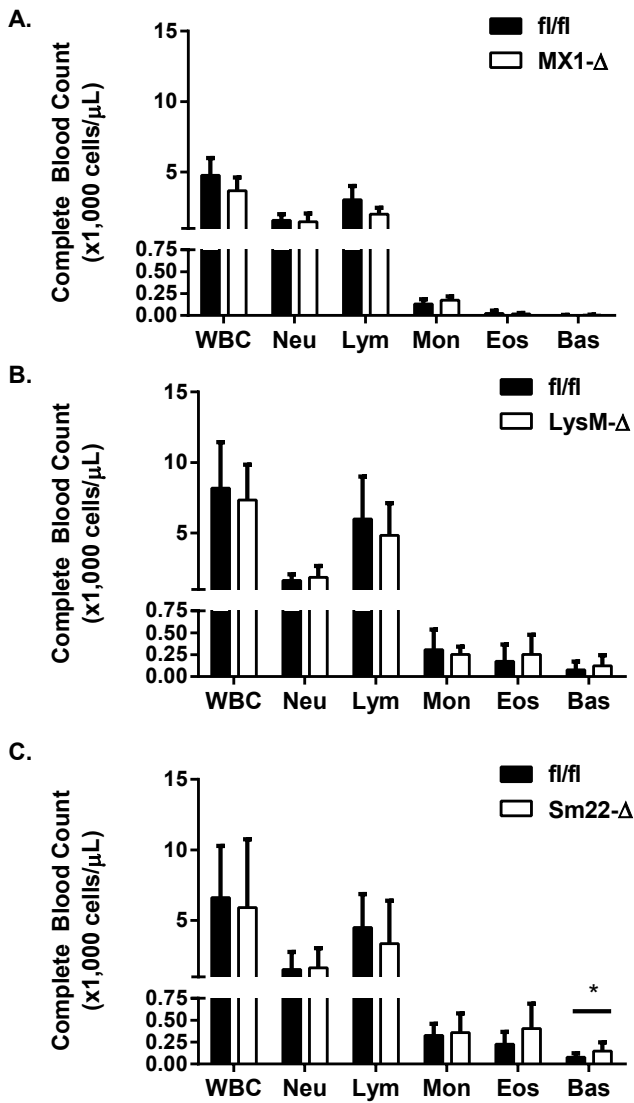
Name	Vendor or Source	Sex (F, M, or unknown)
Bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDM)	Femur and tibia.	Both
SMC	Aorta	Both
SMC-derived foam cells	Primary human coronary artery SMC (Clonetics™, Lonza, Allendale, NJ)	unknown



Supplemental Figure 1. Upregulation of LPP3 expression during experimental atherosclerosis. **A)** Immunofluorescence staining of LPP3 (green) and SMC α -actin (red) in cross-sections of healthy (left) and atherosclerotic (right) porcine coronary arteries. Pigs are the result of crosses between Spotted Poland/China and Yorkshire animals. The heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemic pigs have a recessive inheritance pattern as the result of a mutation in the LDL receptor that results in an arginine₉₄ to cysteine₉₄ mutation, located in the region that corresponds to exon 4 in the human ligand binding domain. The FH pigs are normocholesterolemic at baseline and only exhibit hypercholesterolemia when fed a high fat diet. Scale bar = 100 μ m **B)** Immunohistochemical staining with anti-LPP3 IgG (left and middle) or control rabbit anti-IgG (right) of sections of aortic root from C57BL/6J wildtype mice and Apoe^{-/-} mice that were fed Western diet for 12 weeks. Scale bar = 300 μ m **C)** Immunofluorescence staining of LPP3 (green) and PECAM (red) in cross-sections of aortic root from C57BL/6J mice and **C) Ldlr^{-/-}** mice fed Western diet for 12 weeks. Co-localization of LPP3 expression (green) in atherosclerotic Ldlr^{-/-} aortic root sections with **E)** podocalyxin (red), **F)** CD68 (red), and **G)** SMC α -actin (red). Scale bar = 100 μ m. **H)** Immunoblot of LPP3 and β -actin tissue lysates from the proximal and descending aorta of WT, Apoe^{-/-}, and Ldlr^{-/-} mice fed Western diet for 12 weeks.



Supplemental Figure 2. Plasma Characterization in mice with MX1-mediated global reductions of *Plpp3*. **A)** *Plpp3* gene expression (fold change; mean \pm SD) determined by qRT-PCR analysis of RNA from bone marrow cells from *fl/fl* and *MX1-Δ* mice (n=3-5/group). **B)** Quantification of LPP3 expression normalized to β -actin in proximal aortas from *fl/fl* and *MX1-Δ* mice on the *Ldlr*^{-/-} background after 12 weeks on Western diet (right panel; data displayed as arbitrary relative units; median and IQR), as determined by immunoblotting (left panel). **C)** Total plasma cholesterol (mg/dl; median and IQR) from *fl/fl* and *MX1-Δ* mice on the *Ldlr*^{-/-} background 12 weeks after Western diet. **D)** Representative plasma cholesterol content of fast protein liquid chromatography (FPLC) fractionated lipoproteins. **E)** Area under the curve analysis of plasma cholesterol distribution determined by FPLC (N=4/genotype; mean \pm SD). **F)** Total plasma triglycerides (mg/dL; mean \pm SEM) (n=16/group).



Supplemental Figure 3. Complete Blood Counts. Complete blood counts performed on whole blood from **A)** *fl/fl* and *MX1- Δ* ; **B)** *fl/fl* and *LysM- Δ* ; and **C)** *fl/fl* and *SM22- Δ* mice on the *Ldlr*^{-/-} background fed Western diet for 12 weeks. * $P < 0.05$