Supplementary Figure 1 (A-G)





Supplementary Figure 1 (H-K)



Supplementary Figure 1. Model the pathogenesis of diffuse gastric cancer

A, Spectrum of RHOA mutations in gastric cancers, compiled from TCGA and two contemporaneous reports identifying these alterations. Immunoblots of E-cadherin (**B**) and RHOA (**C**) in organoids treated with or without tamoxifen (2 μM) for 96 h (n = 3 independent experiments). **D**, Representative confocal immunofluorescence images of E-cadherin in the annotated organoids. Scale bar = 50 μm. **E**, Representative confocal images of GFP autofluorescence in the annotated organoids. Scale bar = 100 μm. **F**, Confocal immunofluorescence images of ZO-1 and α-SMA in the indicated organoids. Scale bar = 100 μm. **G**, Periodic acid-Schiff (PAS) staining of paraffin sections of the indicated organoids. Scale bar = 50 μm. **H**, Tumor volumes following NSG flank implantation of organoids with annotated genotypes, showing tumor formation only by *Cdh1-^{I-}RHOA*^{Y42C/+} organoids. Data are mean ± S.E.M., *****P*<0.0001, two-way ANOVA (*Cdh1-^{I-}RHOA*^{Y42C/+} versus other genotypes). **I**, Representative images of NSG flank tumors in panel (**H**).

J, Autochthonous tumor incidence in mice with annotated genotypes following 3 rounds of tamoxifen induction starting at 6-8 weeks of age. K, Representative H&E images of gastric tissue with autochthonous induction of distinct alleles. Samples obtained 14 months following tamoxifen induction. Red arrows: cells resembling signet-ring cells. Scale bar = $100 \mu m$.

Supplementary Figure 2



Supplementary Figure 2. Cellular and biochemical properties of RHOA^{Y42C}

Immunoblot analyses of NIH/3T3 fibroblasts stably expressing exogenous HA epitopetagged RHOA proteins, using anti-HA to detect HA-RHOA proteins and anti-GAPDH to monitor for equivalent loading of total cellular protein. Blot (**A**) is representative of n =3. Quantitation (**B**) shows mean data ± S.E.M. **C**, Plots showing the random migration tracks of HA-RHOA-expressing NIH/3T3 cells from Fig. 2G were captured by time lapse microscopy. Data are representative of n = 4 (25 cells per experiment). COS-7 cells transiently co-expressing HA-RHOA and/or EGFP-RHOGDI1 were used for immunoprecipitation analyses with anti-HA epitope-conjugated agarose beads to monitor the amount of co-precipitating GFP-RHOGDI using a GFP antibody. Blot (**D**) is representative of n = 3. Quantitation (**E**) shows mean data ± S.E.M. ns, not significant; unpaired two-tailed *t*-test. **F**, Immunofluorescence images of NIH/3T3 cells stably expressing HA-RHOA proteins. Images are representative of two independent experiments. Scale bar = 20 µm.

Supplementary Figure 3



Supplementary Figure 3. Expression analysis of RHOA and its regulators, and the mechanistic basis of RHOA^{Y42C}

(A) RhoGEF and RhoGAP expression data from TCGA. Median expression values for genes were plotted for tumors (n=415) and cancer adjacent normals (n=35) and ordered by median expression level in tumors. (B) Box plot of gene expression values for ECT2 in TCGA tumors and cancer-adjacent normal. (C) Kinetics of intrinsic and RhoGEF ECT2catalyzed RHOA nucleotide exchange on RHOA WT (left) and RHOA^{Y42C} (right). Data shown are representative of three independent experiments. Observed rates k_{obs} to determine kcat are in Fig. 3B. (D) Kinetics of the intrinsic and p190RhoGAP-stimulated GTP hydrolysis activities of RHOA WT (left panel) and RHOA^{Y42C} (right panel) of a representative GAP assay, using indicated GAP concentrations and the phosphate binding protein sensor. Observed rates k_{obs} to determine kcat are in Fig. 3G. (E) NIH/3T3 cells stably expressing HA-RHOA were used for metabolic ³²P labeling. HA-RHOA proteins were isolated by immunoprecipitation with anti-HA epitope-conjugated agarose beads. Incorporated ³²P signal of HA-RHOA bound GDP and GTP was detected by thin-layer chromatography and phosphor imaging (top). To monitor for equal HA-RHOA expression, cells were in parallel labeled with ³⁵S methionine, followed by immunoprecipitation of HA-RHOA and immunoblot analyses with anti-HA (bottom). Blots are representative of two independent experiments. (F) RHOA binding affinities to the RBDs of Rhotekin, ROCK and mDia (concentrations as indicated) were measured based on the observed rate k_{obs} of the inhibition of the mantGppNHp nucleotide dissociation (GDI effect, n = 3). Data are mean \pm S.E.M.

Supplementary Figure 4 (A-F)



Supplementary Figure 4 (G-P)



Orthotopic implantation of Cdh1-/- organoids

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Cdh1-/-RHOAY42C/+ organoids



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Orthotopic implantation of Cdh1-/- RHOAY42C/+ organoids







Supplementary Figure 4. *Cdh1* loss and RHOA-Y42C induces AKT and β -catenin activation

(A) Schematic for the generation of isogenic organoids with or without Cdh1 loss and engineered with lenti-EGFP-RHOA-Y42C or controls. (B) Representative immunoblotting for ectopic lenti-RHOA expression in isogenic organoids from panel (A) (n = 3 independent)experiments). (C) All antibodies from RPPA analysis of isogenic gastric organoids with annotated genotypes. $Cdhl^{+/+}$ and $Cdhl^{-/-}$ fold change values were calculated with respect to matched RHOA-EV controls per antibody. Resulting values were log2 changed and clustered using k-means clustering for antibodies. Confocal immunofluorescence images for E-cadherin and β -catenin in NSG stomach epithelium injected with *Cdh1*-/-*RHOA*^{Y42C/+} organoids (**D-E**) Models depicting proteins in RPPA antibody panel involved in (**D**) ROCK effector signaling and in (E) PI3K-AKT-mTORC1 signaling (see Fig. 4A). (F, G) Volcano plot representing RPPA results (F) comparing RHOAQ63L versus RHOAWT in Cdh1-null organoids or (G) comparing RHOA^{Q63L} versus RHOA^{Y42C} in Cdh1-null organoids. Significantly upregulated and downregulated proteins and phosphorylation sites are represented by pink and gold dots, respectively. Horizontal dotted line represents p-value threshold of 0.05. List of top hits is shown in Supplementary Table S1. (H) Bottom: native epithelium with normal E-cadherin and β-catenin in the cytoplasm. Top: epithelium replaced by Cdh1-/-RHOAY42C/+ organoids, with Ecadherin loss and β -catenin translocated into nucleus, scale bar= 50 µm, or injected by Cdh1^{-/-} organoids (I) or by $RHOA^{Y42C/+}$ organoids (J). Scale bar = 100 µm. (K) Immunoblotting for c-Myc and CyclinD1 in Cdh1-null organoids with lentiviral EGFP-RHOAY42C or controls (representative image from 3 independent experiments). (L) Immunoblots of $Cdh1^{-/-}$ organoids with ectopic expression of lenti-EGFP or lenti-PIK3CA (H1047R) (n = 3 independent experiments). (M) TOP/FOP Wnt/ β -catenin reporter assay in *Cdh1*-/-*RHOA*Y42C/+ cells treated with DMSO, PI3K inhibitor pictilisib (2 µM) or AKT inhibitor MK-2206 (2 µM) for 24 h. Data are mean \pm S.E.M. ***P*<0.01, ****P*<0.001, unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test. (N) Immunoblots of *Cdh1*^{-/-} organoids infected with lenti-EGFP or active YAP (S127A). Image is representative of n = 3 independent experiments. (O) Representative image of Alcian blue staining of the Cdh1-null organoids with ectopic expression of YAP(S127A) and β catenin(S33Y), Scale bar = 100 μ m. (P) Representative image of Alcian blue staining for the tumor from Fig. 4H. Scale bar = $100 \mu m$.



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Cdh1-/-RHOAY42C/+ organoids

MK-2206 + Verteporfin

YAP

TAZ

pAKT(S473)

Total AKT

β-actin

CG + Verteporfin

Verteporfin

ICG-001 DMSO

MK-2206

ICG-001(5 µM)

YAP

TAZ

Cdh1-/-RHOAY42C/+ flank injection

TCF4-DN

β-actin

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TCF-DN+YAP-DN

Trp53-/-KrasG12D/+ Organoids

TCF-DN+YAP-DN

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Verteporfin

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Normal Organoids

ICG-001+Verteporfin

Cdh1^{-/-}RHOA^{Y42C/+}



YAP-DN(S94A)





Cdh1-/-RHOAY42C/+ organoids

Supplementary Figure 5. Wnt and YAP pathways are both required for the transformation of *Cdh1-/-RHOA*^{Y42C/+} organoids

(A) Immunoblots of Cdh1-/-RHOAY42C/+ organoids infected with lenti-EGFP or dominant negative YAP (S94A). Image is representative of n = 3 independent experiments. (B) Immunoblots of $Cdh1^{-/-}$ RHOA^{Y42C/+} organoids infected with EV or dominant negative β catenin cofactor TCF4 [TCF-DN (aa 1-31 del)]. (C) In vitro proliferation (CellTiter-Glo) of Cdh1-/-RHOAY42C/+ organoids with ectopic expression of TCF4-DN (aa 1-31 del), YAP-DN (S94A) or combination. Data are mean ± S.E.M., ****P*<0.001, *****P*<0.001, NS: not significant, unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test. (D) Representative H&E images of Cdh1- $^{-}RHOA^{Y42C/+}$ organoids infected with EV, TCF-DN or YAP-DN. Scale bar = 100 µm. (E) Representative images of NSG flank tumors generated from *Cdh1^{-/-}RHOA*^{Y42C/+} organoids with EV, TCF4-DN or YAP-DN. (F) In vitro proliferation (CellTiter-Glo) of Trp53-/-Kras^{G12D/+} organoids with ectopic expression of TCF4-DN, YAP-DN or combination. Data are mean \pm S.E.M. Comparisons (no significance) were made between EV and genetic perturbation groups using unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test. Representative images of phase contrast (G) and H&E staining (H) of Cdh1-/-RHOAY42C/+ organoids treated for 48 h with DMSO, ICG-001 (antagonist of β-catenin/TCF4 binding, 5 μM), MK-2206 (AKT inhibitor, 2 µM), verteporfin (YAP inhibitor, 5 µM) or the indicated combinations. Scale bar = 100 μ m. (I) In vitro proliferation (CellTiter-Glo) of Cdh1^{-/-} RHOAY42C/+ or Trp53-/-KrasG12D/+ organoids treated for 48 h with DMSO or ICG-001 (5 μ M), MK-2206 (2 μ M) or verteporfin (5 μ M). Data are mean ± S.E.M. *P<0.05, **P < 0.01, unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test. (J) Representative immunoblots of Cdh1^{-/-} RHOA^{Y42C/+} organoids treated for 24 h with DMSO or ICG-001 (5 µM), MK-2206 (2 µM) or verteporfin (5 μ M), or the indicated combinations (n = 3 independent experiments). (K-L) In vitro proliferation (CellTiter-Glo) of Cdh1^{-/-} (K) or normal (L) organoids treated for 48 h with DMSO or ICG-001 (5 µM) combined with verteporfin (5 µM). Data are mean \pm S.E.M. No significance, unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test.

Supplementary Figure 6

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Supplementary Figure 6. PI3K-AKT inhibition and YAP inhibition specifically induces apoptosis of *Cdh1-/-RHOA*Y42C/+ organoids and inhibits cell proliferation

(A) Representative images of H&E staining of *Trp53-'-Kras*^{G12D/+} organoids (top) or *Cdh1-'-RHOA*^{Y42C/+} organoids (middle) and TUNEL staining (bottom) of *Cdh1-'-RHOA*^{Y42C/+} organoids treated for 48 h with verteporfin (5 μ M) combined with ICG-001 (5 μ M) or MK-2206 (2 μ M). For TUNEL staining, green: negative for apoptosis; brown: positive for apoptosis. (**B**) *In vitro* proliferation (CellTiter-Glo) of *Cdh1-'-RHOA*^{Y42C/+} organoids treated with DMSO or PI3K inhibitor pictilisib (2 μ M) for 48 h. Data are mean ± S.D. ****P*<0.001, unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test. (**C**) *In vitro* proliferation (pictilisib, 2 μ M; verteporfin, 5 μ M; ICG-001, 5 μ M; MK-2206, 2 μ M). *****P*<0.0001, two-way ANOVA (treatment groups versus DMSO). (**D**) Representative images of Ki67 staining of *Cdh1-'-RHOA*^{Y42C/+} organoid flank tumors treated with DMSO or pictilisib (75 mg/kg), verteporfin (100 mg/kg), or the combination. Scale bar = 100 μ m.

Supplementary Figure 7 (A-H)



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Cdh1^{-/-}RHOA^{Y42C/+} organoids DMSO PF-573228



Supplementary Figure 7 (I-R)



Supplementary Figure 7. FAK is required for $Cdh1^{-/-}RHOA^{Y42C/+}$ -induced transformation and for β -catenin and YAP activation.

(A-B) Quantitation of Fig.6B and Fig.6C, respectively. (C) Immunoblots for P110 α and AKT of *Cdh1-/-RHOA*^{Y42C/+} organoids immunoprecipitated with anti-FAK antibody (n = 3 independent experiments). (D) Quantitation of Fig.6F.

(E) Representative phase contrast images of $Cdh1^{-/-}$ RHOA^{Y42C/+} organoids or *Trp53^{-/-} Kras*^{G12D/+} organoids following *sh*RNA-mediated *Ptk2* (FAK) knockdown or nontargeting control. Scale bar = 100 µm. (F)) Quantitation of Fig.6G. (G-H) Confocal immunofluorescence images of (G) β -catenin and (H) active (non-phosphorylated) YAP in *Cdh1^{-/-}RHOA*^{Y42C/+} organoids treated as in panel (C). Scale bar = 50 µm.

(I) Phase contrast images of $Cdh1^{-/-}$ RHOA^{Y42C/+} organoids treated with DMSO or FAK inhibitor PF-573228 at the indicated doses. Scale bar = 100 μ m. (J) Representative images of Ki67 staining of *Cdh1-/-RHOA*Y42C/+ organoids treated for 48 h with DMSO or PF-573228 (5 μ M). Scale bar = 50 μ m. (K) In vitro proliferation (CellTiter-Glo) of Cdh1-/-RHOAY42C/+ organoids treated for the indicated days with DMSO or PF573228 (5 μ M). Data are mean \pm S.D. *****P*<0.0001, two-way ANOVA. (L-M) In vitro proliferation of (L) Trp53^{-/-}Kras^{G12D/+} or (M) normal organoids treated as in panel (K). No significance, two-way ANOVA (PF-573228 versus DMSO). Data are mean \pm S.D. (N) In vitro proliferation (CellTiter-Glo) of Cdh1^{-/-} organoids treated for the indicated days with DMSO or PF573228 (5 μ M). Data are mean \pm S.D. *P < 0.05, two-way ANOVA. (**O**) Representative immunoblotting of gastric organoids with noted genotypes (n = 3 independent experiments). (P) Immunoblots of $Cdhl^{-/-}$ RHOAY42C/+ organoids treated for 48 h with DMSO or FAK inhibitor defactinib (2.5 μ M or 5 μ M) (n = 3 independent experiments). (**O**) In vitro proliferation of Cdh1^{-/-} RHOAY42C/+ organoids treated for the indicated days with DMSO or defactinib (2.5 μ M). Data are mean \pm S.D. ****P<0.0001, two-way ANOVA. (**R**) In vitro proliferation of *Trp53^{-/-}Kras*^{G12D/+} organoids treated as in panel (I). No significance, two-way ANOVA (defactinib versus DMSO). Data are mean \pm S.D.

Supplementary Figure 8 (A-H)









Supplementary Figure 8-J



Supplementary Figure 8. FAK is activated in human diffuse gastric cancer

(A) Immunoblots for E-cadherin from MCF10 cells with CDH1-WT or CDH1-KO as the controls; DGC cell lines: SNU668, NUGC4 and FU97, and IGC lines SNU719 and KE39 (n = 3 independent experiments). (B) Representative immunoblots of FU97 and SNU668 cells with silencing of *RHOA* or Non-targeting (NT) control (n = 3 independent experiments). (C-D) Flow cytometry for the cell cycle analyses with SNU668 cells treated with DMSO or PF-573228 (5 μ M) for 48h (C) or with a dose treatment (D). (E) Representative images of H&E of tumors from Fig. 7G, Scale bar = 100 μ m. (F-H) Representative images of (F) Ki67 staining or (G) gama-H2A.X (S139) staining or (H) TUNEL staining of tumors from Fig.7F, Scale bar = 100 μ m. (I) Immunohistochemistry of p-FAK staining images for tumors from all the other 17 patients of diffuse gastric cancer and the percentage of positive staining of tumor cells for each sample. (J) Immunohistochemistry of p-FAK staining images for tumors from 8 patients of Non-DGC.