

Figure S1. Healy*, Boege*, Hodder* et al.

1 **Figure S1: Characterisation of *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice.** (A) Tissue specific PCR illustrating *Mcl1*
2 deletion is specific to the intestine of *Mcl1*^{fl/fl} *Vil1*-cre^{tg/wt} (*Mcl1*^{ΔIEC}) mice and not *Mcl1*^{fl/fl} *Vil1*-
3 cre^{wt/wt} (wild type) mice. (B) Real time PCR from whole colon tissue homogenates
4 demonstrates that levels of calprotectin were inversely correlated to levels of *Mcl1* expression
5 within 2-month-old *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice (n=15). (C) Representative images from the small intestine
6 of 2-month-old wild type control mice compared with *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} littermate mice showing impaired
7 intestinal architecture (H&E), increased IEC apoptosis (cl. casp. 3), and hyperproliferation (Ki-
8 67) (scale bars: 100μm, 25μm for inserts). (D) Blinded histological scoring showing increased
9 histological score in the small intestine of 2-month-old *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice compared with wild type
10 control mice (n=5). (E) Representative images of western blot analysis from IEC isolated from
11 2-month-old wild type and *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice and analysed for markers of proliferation, apoptosis,
12 as well as other BCL2 family members. (F) Representative images from western blot analysis
13 showing no evidence of increased expression of the necroptosis markers MLKL or pMLKL in
14 IEC isolated from 2-month-old *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice suggesting that IEC death observed in *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC}
15 mice is mediated through apoptosis rather than necroptosis. Tubulin was used as a loading
16 control. Data presented as either bar charts or scatter plot graph show mean values ± s.e.m.
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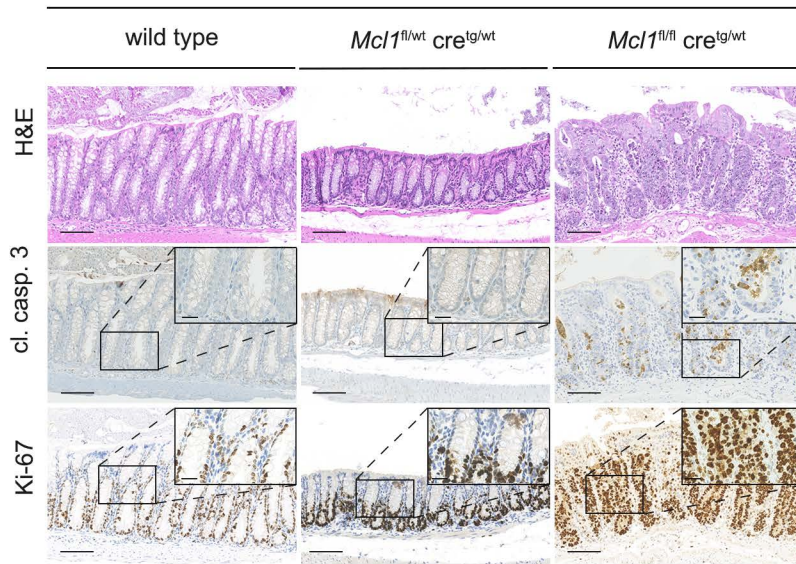
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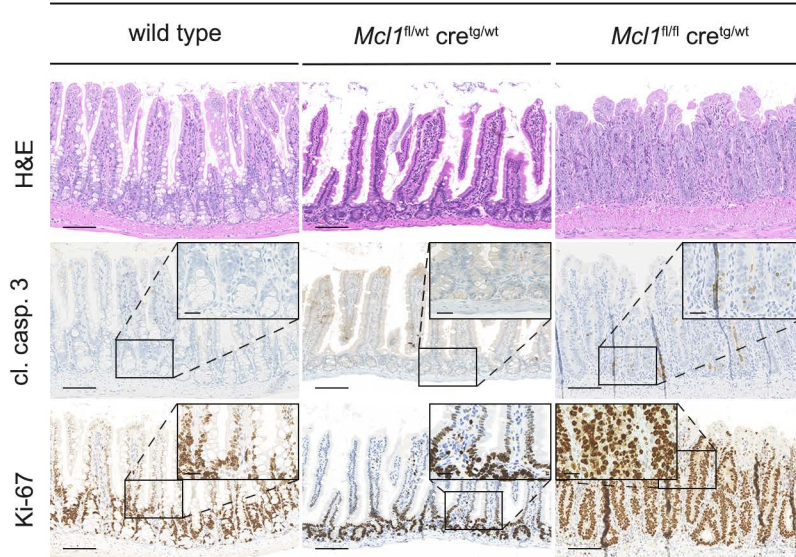
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26 **Figure S2: *Mcl1*^{fl/wt} *cre*^{tg/wt} mice morphologically resemble wild type control mice.** (A)
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28 with wild type control and *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} (*Mcl1*^{fl/fl} *cre*^{tg/wt}) littermates showing normal intestinal
29 architecture (H&E), no basal IEC apoptosis (cl. casp. 3), and normal levels of proliferation (Ki-
30 67) (scale bars: 100μm, 25μm for inserts). (B) Representative images from the small intestine
31 of 2-month-old *Mcl1*^{fl/wt} *cre*^{tg/wt} control mice compared with wild type control and *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} (*Mcl1*^{fl/fl}
32 *cre*^{tg/wt}) littermates showing normal intestinal architecture (H&E), no basal IEC apoptosis (cl.
33 casp. 3), and normal levels of proliferation (Ki-67) (scale bars: 100μm, 25μm for inserts).

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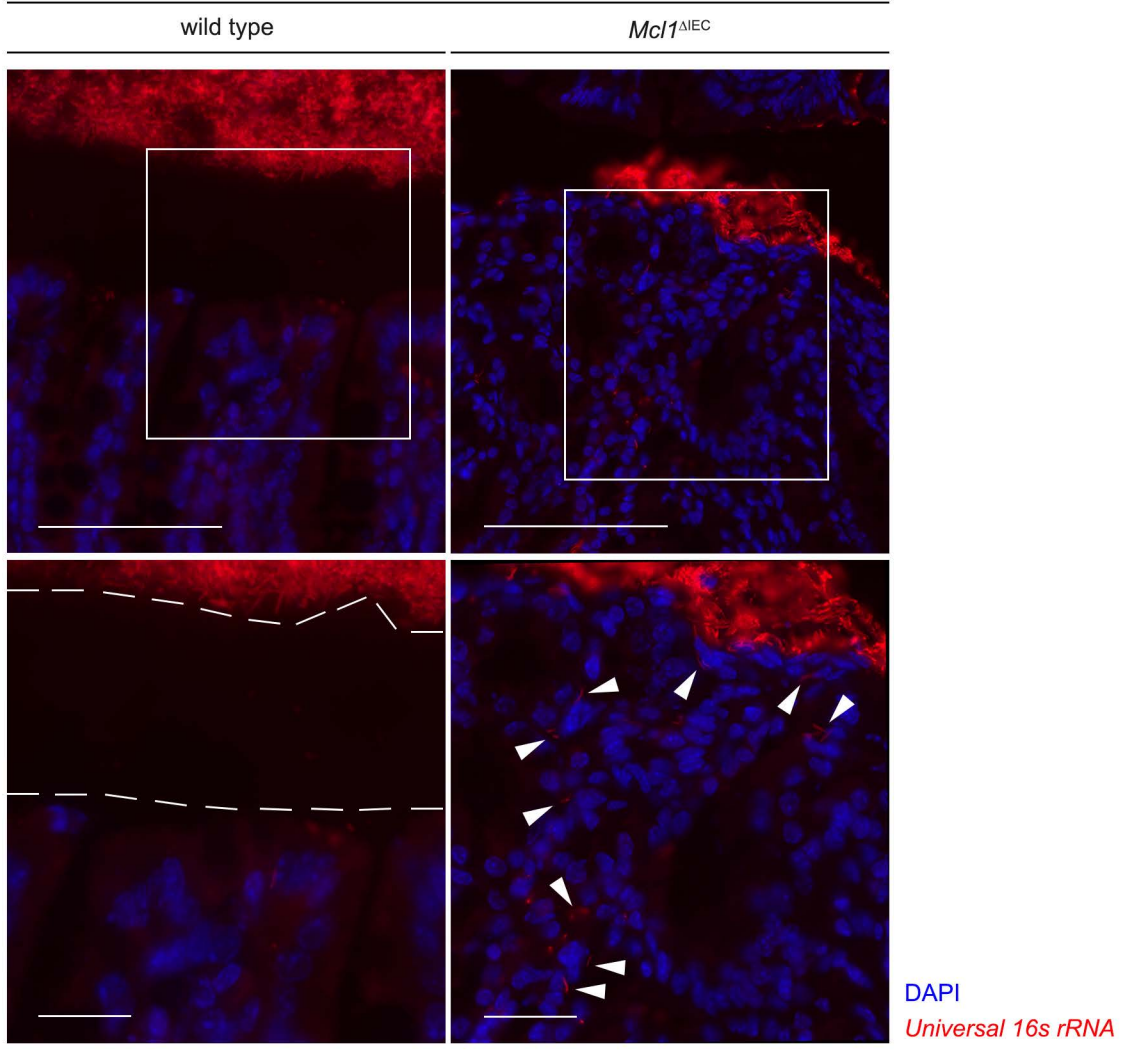


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49 **Figure S3: Characterisation of *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice.** (A) Representative images from FISH analysis
50 illustrating *Universal Bacterial 16S* rRNA staining (red) in colon of 2-month-old wild type and
51 *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice. Dashed lines illustrate the sterile mucosal barrier (intact in wild type mice)
52 preventing bacteria from entering the mucosa. This protective mucosal layer is lost in *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC}
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54 mucosal layer via the impaired epithelial barrier in *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice (scale bars: 100μm scale for
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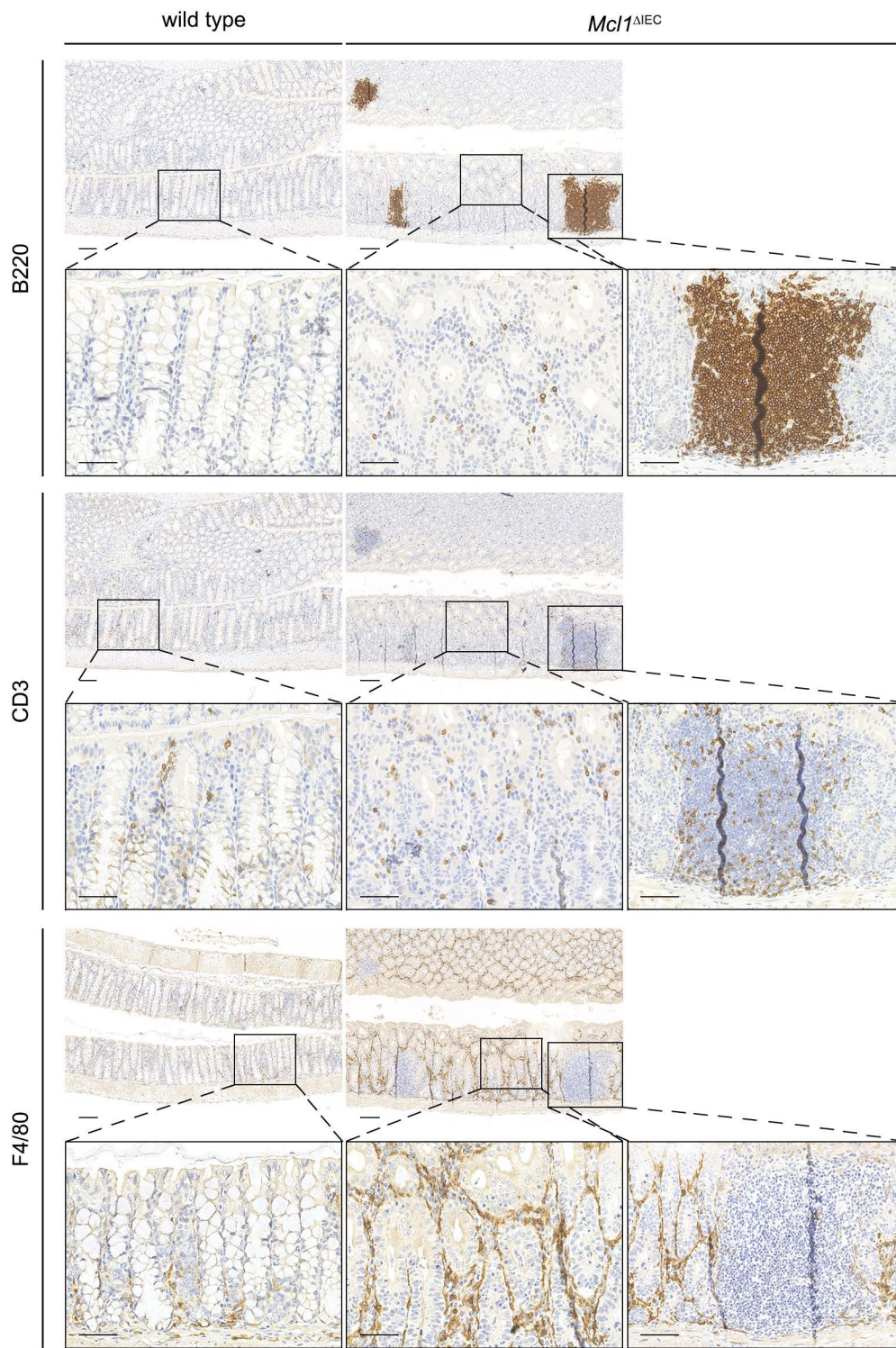
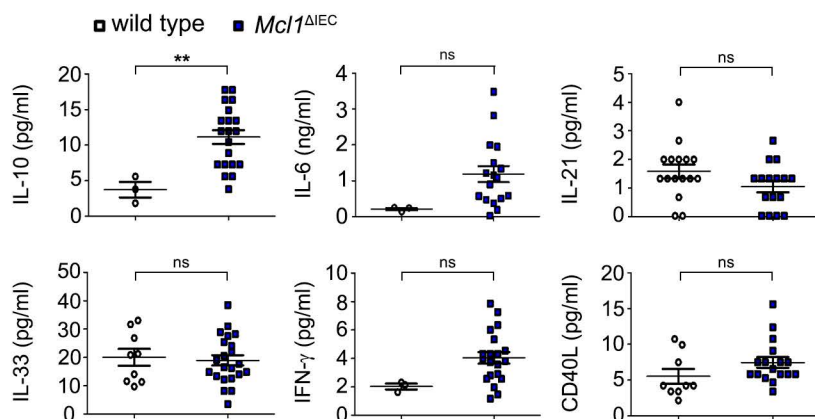
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72 **Figure S4: Characterisation of *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice.** (A) Immunohistochemical characterisation of
73 lymphocyte infiltrates in the colon of 2-month-old wild type control mice compared with *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC}
74 littermates showing increased B cells (B220), T cells (CD3) and macrophages (F4/80) in
75 *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice. High magnification images show infiltrating immune cells within the lamina
76 propria or lymphoid follicles that were present throughout the small intestine and colon of
77 *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice (scale bars: 100μm for lower magnification, 50μm for higher magnification
78 images). (B) Ex vivo colon cultures established from 2-month-old mice and analysed for IL-10,
79 IL-6, IL-21, IL-33, IFN-γ and CD40L expression using multiplex analysis (minimum n=10 per
80 group). Data presented as scatter plot graphs show individual data points ± s.e.m. Statistical
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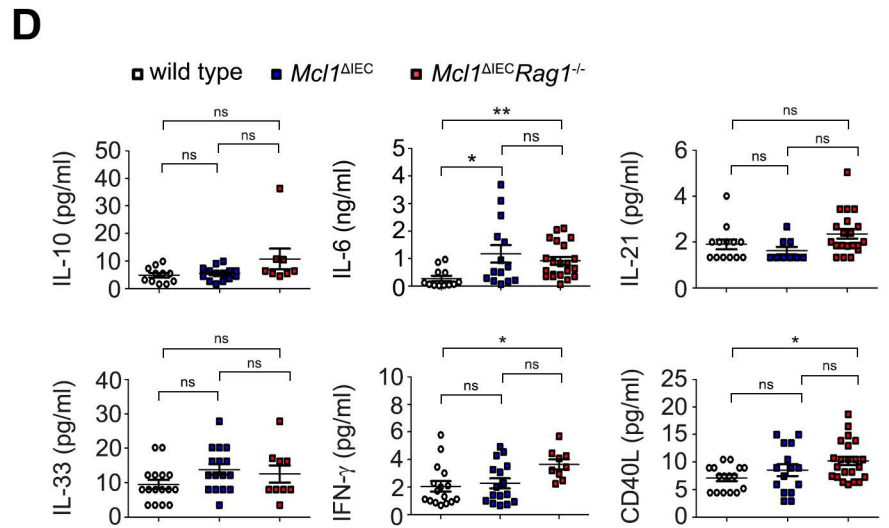
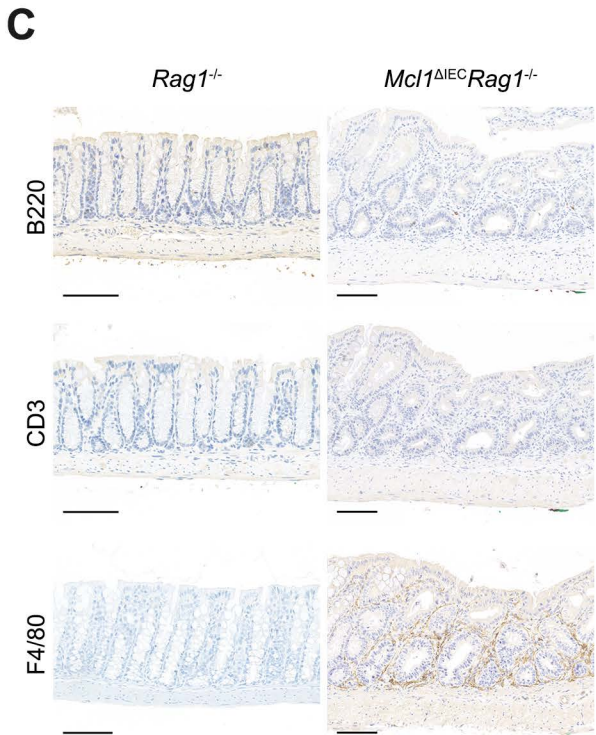
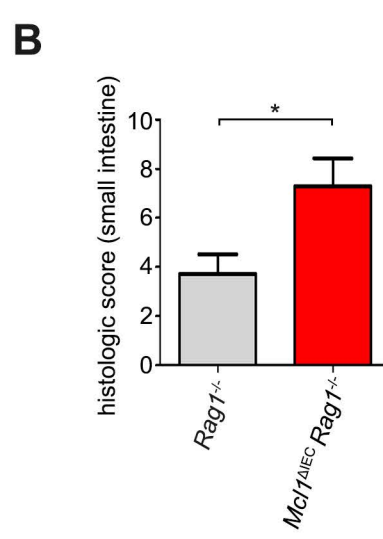
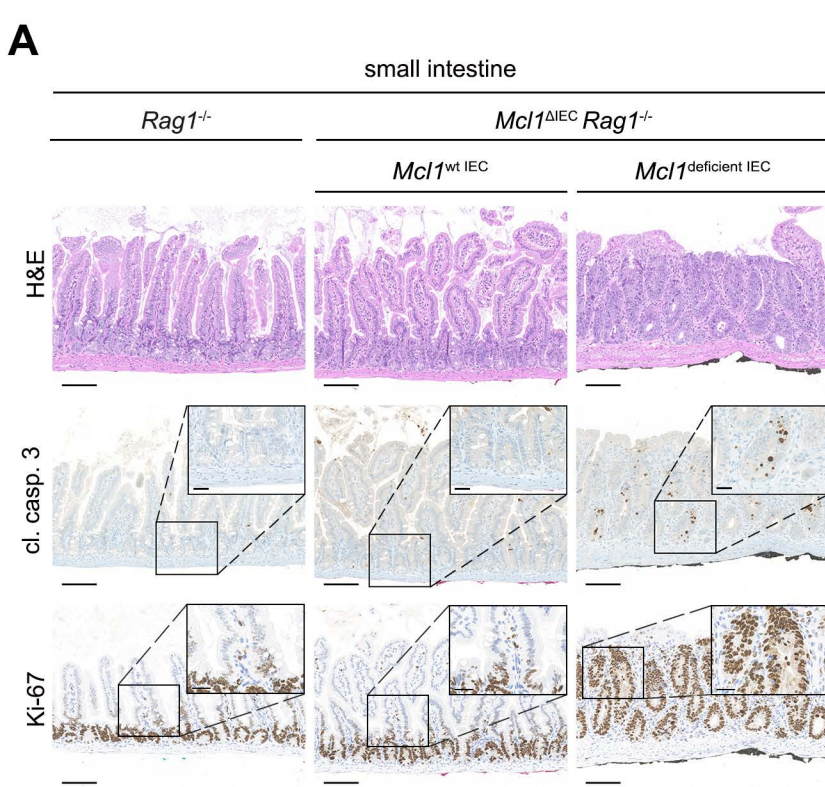
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95 **Figure S5: Inflammation in *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice is independent of T and B cells.** (A)
96 Representative images from the small intestine from 2-month-old *Rag1*^{-/-} control mice
97 compared with age-matched *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC}*Rag1*^{-/-} mice illustrating impaired intestinal architecture
98 (H&E), increased IEC apoptosis (cl. casp. 3) and hyperproliferation (Ki-67) (scale bars: 100μm,
99 25μm for inserts). (B) Blinded histological score of small intestine samples from 2-month-old
100 *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC}*Rag1*^{-/-} mice compared with age-matched *Rag1*^{-/-} control mice show significantly
101 increased pathology in *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC}*Rag1*^{-/-} mice (n=5). (C) 2-month-old *Rag1*^{-/-} control mice and
102 age-matched *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC}*Rag1*^{-/-} mice were stained for B cell (B220), T cell (CD3) and
103 macrophage (F4/80) expression using IHC to confirm the lack of mature T and B cells (scale
104 bar: 100μm). (D) Ex vivo colon cultures were established from 2-month-old mice and analysed
105 for IL-10, IL-6, IL-21, IL-33, IFN-γ and CD40L expression using multiplex analysis (minimum
106 n=9 per group). Data presented as either bar charts or scatter plot graph show mean values ±
107 s.e.m. Statistical analyses were conducted by Mann-Whitney test (B) or one-way ANOVA with
108 Bonferroni correction (D) where * $p \leq 0.05$, ** $p \leq 0.01$.

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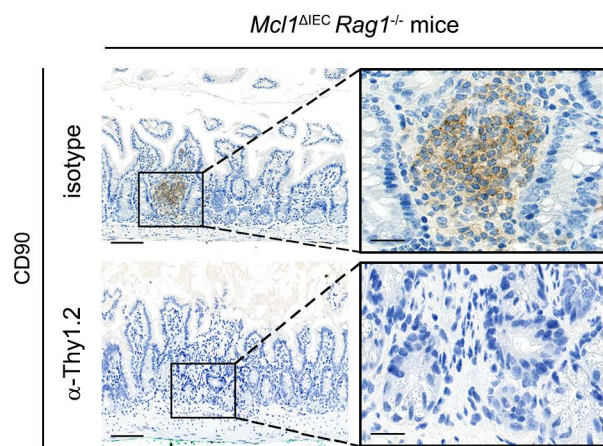
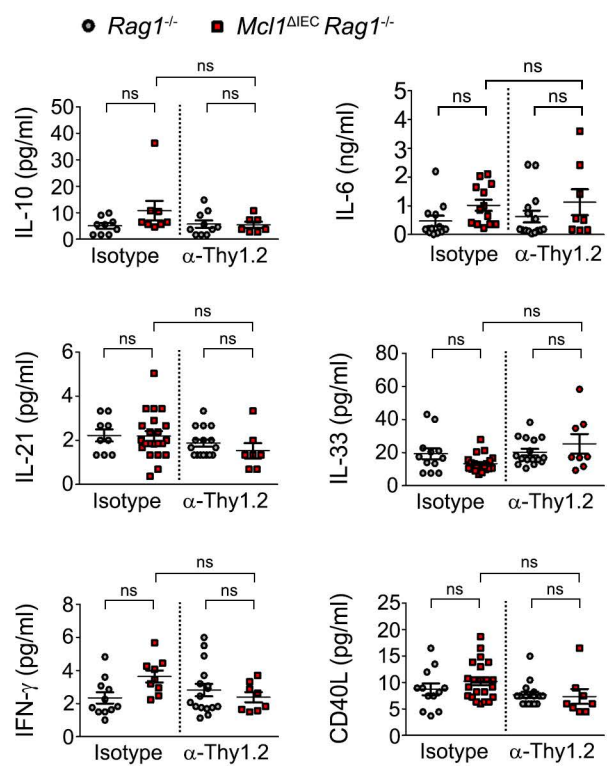
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118 **Figure S6: ILC depletion eliminates pro-inflammatory cytokine production.** (A) 2-month-
119 old *Mcl1^{ΔIEC}Rag1^{-/-}* mice were treated with either isotype control or α -Thy1.2 depleting antibody
120 for 4 weeks. Immunohistochemistry shows CD90 (Thy1) positive cells in the 3-month-old
121 isotype control treated mice, which are not present in the mice that received α -Thy1.2 depleting
122 antibody, thus indicating efficient depletion of ILC (scale bars: 100 μ m (left images), 25 μ m (right
123 images)). (B) Ex vivo colon cultures established from 3-month-old mice and analysed for IL-
124 10, IL-6, IL-21, IL-33, IFN- γ and CD40L expression using multiplex analysis (minimum n=8 per
125 group). Data presented as scatter plot graph show mean values \pm s.e.m. Statistical analysis
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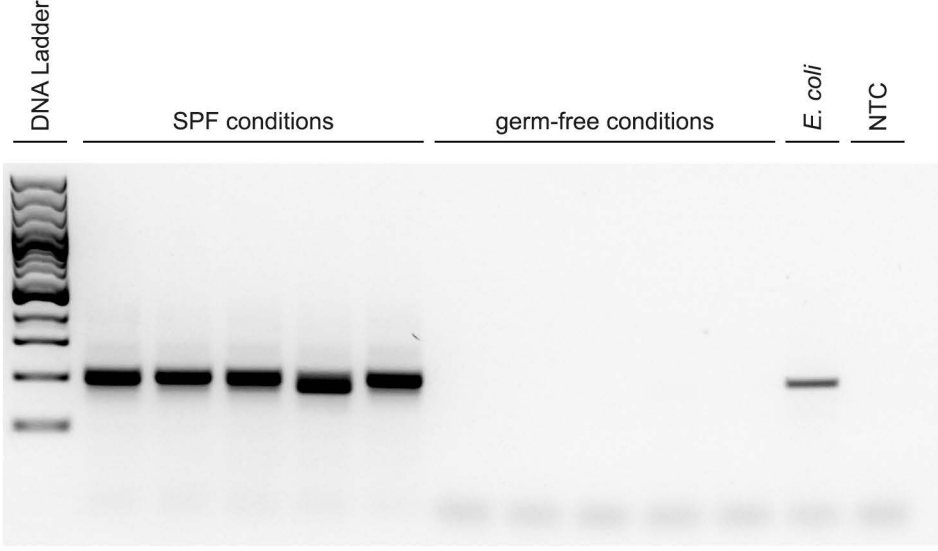
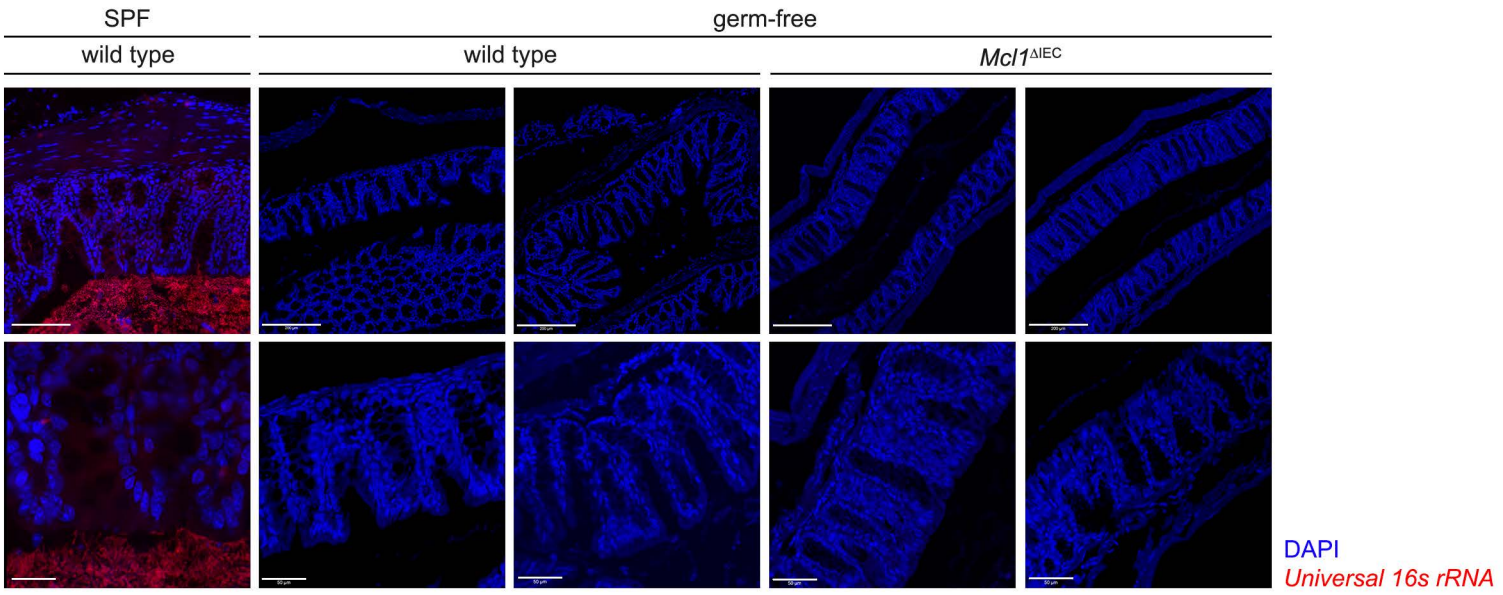
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141 **Figure S7: *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} raised under germ-free conditions are completely void of commensal**
142 **bacteria.** (A) PCR analysis showing the presence of bacterial 16s DNA isolated from the
143 faeces of wild type and *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice raised under SPF conditions. Samples isolated from the
144 faeces of wild type and *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice raised under germ-free conditions showed no bacterial
145 16s. *E. coli* was used as a positive control. NTC: no-template control. (B) Representative
146 images from FISH analysis illustrating Universal Bacterial 16S rRNA staining (red) in colon of
147 a 2-month-old wild type control mouse raised under SPF conditions. No positive FISH signal
148 was recorded in either wild type control mice or *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice raised under germ-free
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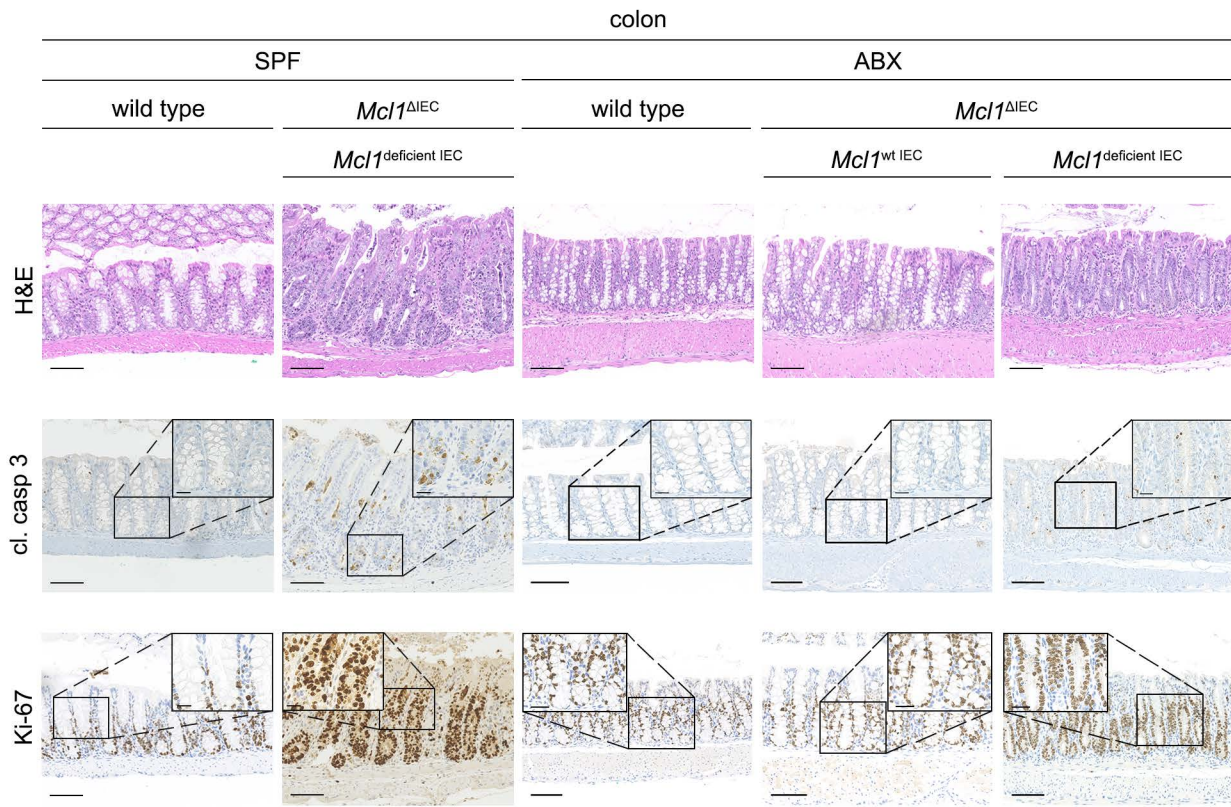
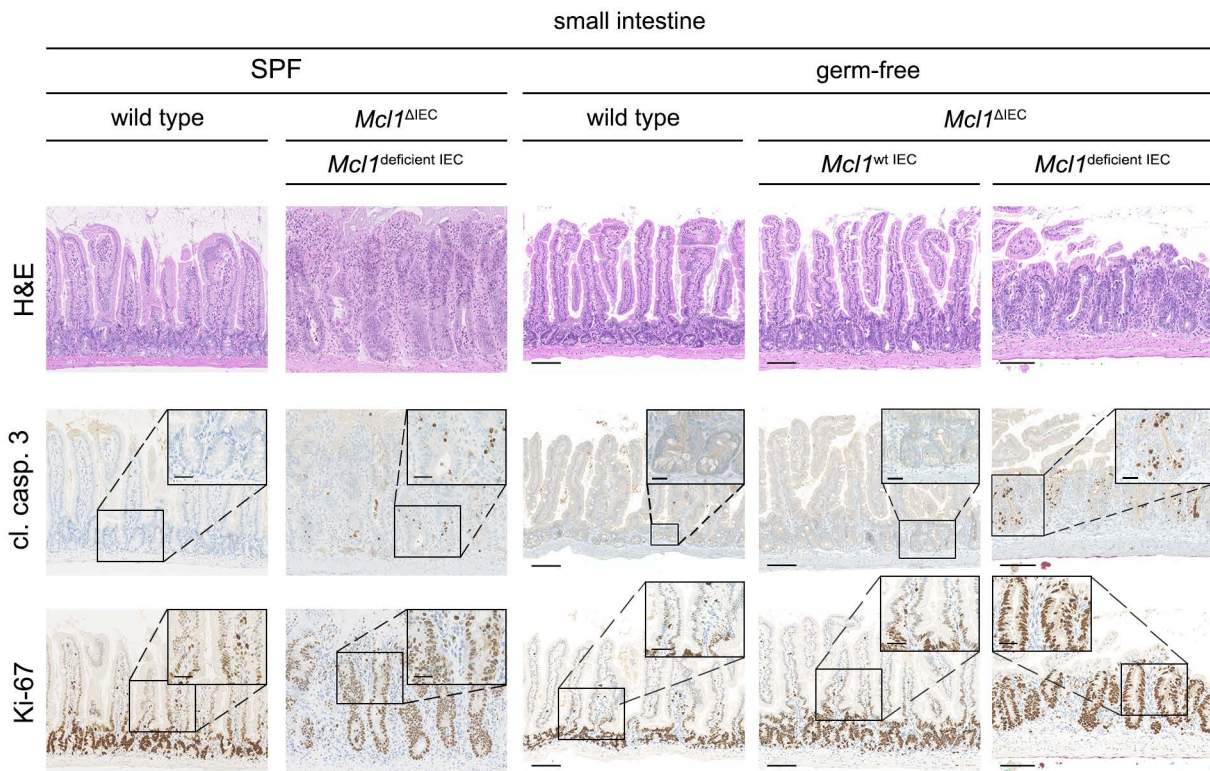
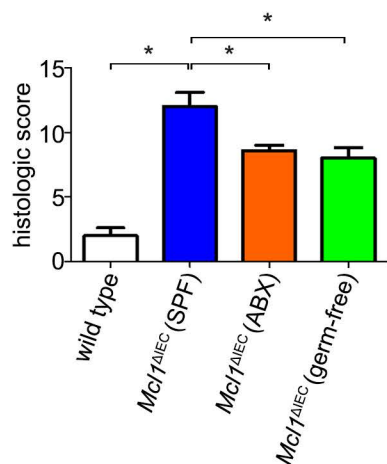
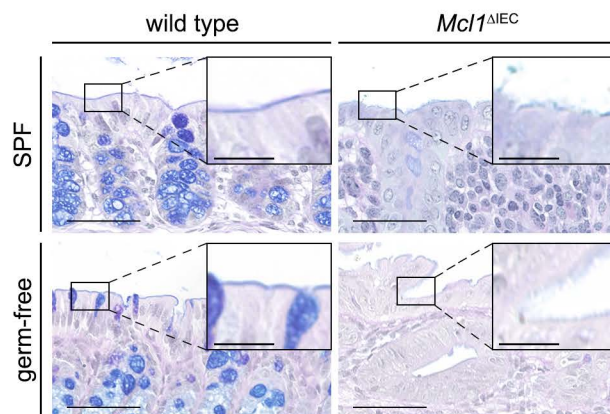
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163 **Figure S8: Increased apoptosis, hyperproliferation and impaired differentiation are a**
164 **direct consequence of MCL1 deficiency.** (A) Representative images taken from colons of 2-
165 month-old wild type and *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice following ABX treatment illustrating retained IEC
166 apoptosis (cl. casp 3) and hyperproliferation (Ki-67) (scale bars 100μm, 25μm for inserts). (B)
167 Representative images from the small intestine from 2-month-old germ-free wild type control
168 mice compared with germ-free *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice illustrating that increased apoptosis (cl. casp. 3)
169 and hyperproliferation (Ki-67) caused by MCL1 deficiency are also observed under germ-free
170 conditions (scale bars: 100μm, 25μm for inserts). (C) Blinded histological scoring illustrating
171 significantly reduced histological score in the small intestine of ABX treated 2-month-old
172 *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice and 2-month-old germ-free *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice compared with age-matched *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC}
173 mice housed under SPF conditions (n=5). (D) Representative images illustrating the defective
174 intestinal epithelial barrier in *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice, irrespective of whether these mice were housed
175 under SPF or germ-free conditions (scale bars: 100μm for top images, 25μm for bottom). Data
176 presented as scatter plot graph show mean values ± s.e.m. Statistical analyses were evaluated
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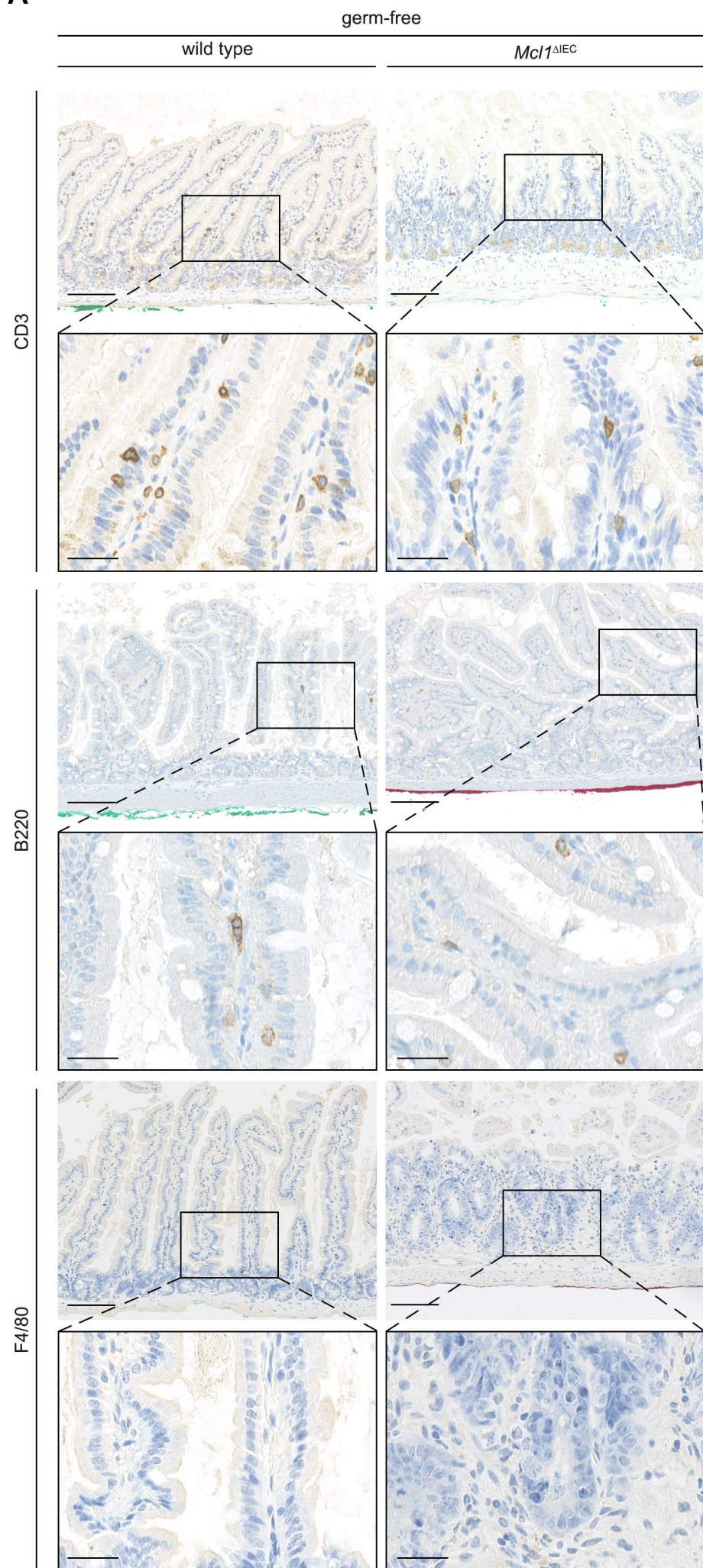
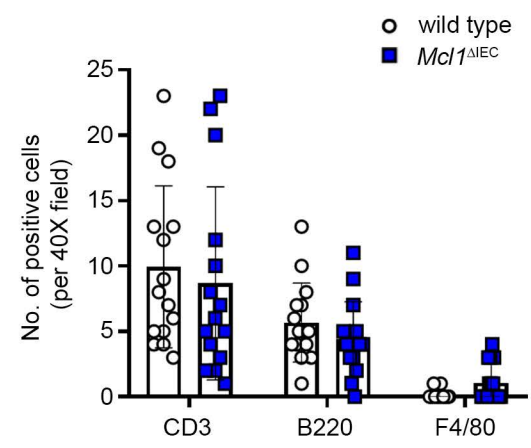
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188 **Figure S9: *Mcl1* deletion does not result in intestinal inflammation under germ-free**
189 **conditions.** (A) Immunohistochemical characterisation of lymphocytes in the colon of 2-
190 month-old germ-free wild type control mice compared with *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} littermates showing no
191 increase in infiltrating T cells (CD3), B cells (B220) or macrophages (F4/80) in germ-free
192 *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice (scale bar: 100μm). (B) Quantification of infiltrating T cells, B cells and
193 macrophages in germ-free *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice compared with littermate controls. Data presented as
194 scatter plot graph show mean values ± s.e.m. Statistical analyses were evaluated by Mann-
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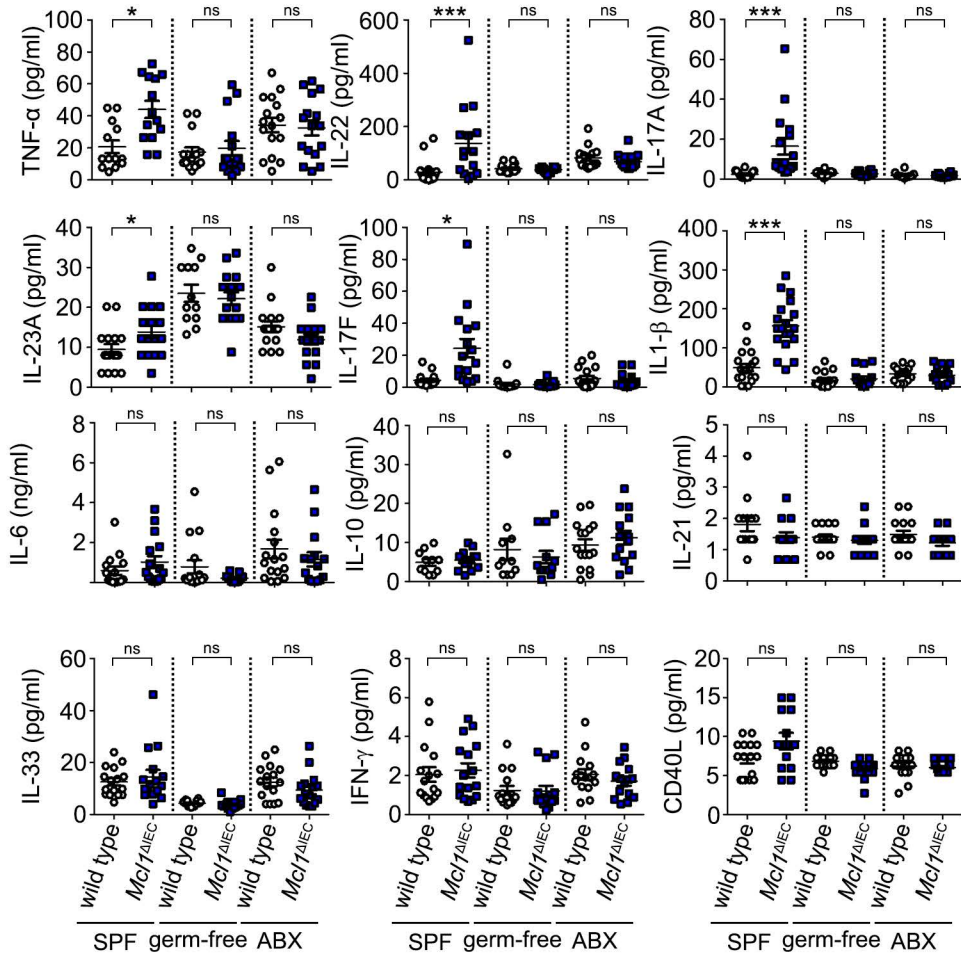
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211 **Figure S10: Chronic inflammation observed in *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice is an immune response**
212 **against disseminating commensal bacteria.** (A) Ex vivo colon cultures were established
213 from 2-month-old mice and analysed for TNF- α , IL-22, IL-23A, IL17A, IL-17F, IL-1 β , IL-10, IL-
214 6, IL-21, IL-33, IFN- γ and CD40L expression using multiplex analysis (minimum n=12 per
215 group). Data presented as scatter plot graph show mean values \pm s.e.m. Statistical analyses
216 were evaluated by one-way ANOVA with Bonferroni correction (A) where * $p \leq 0.05$, ** $p \leq 0.01$,
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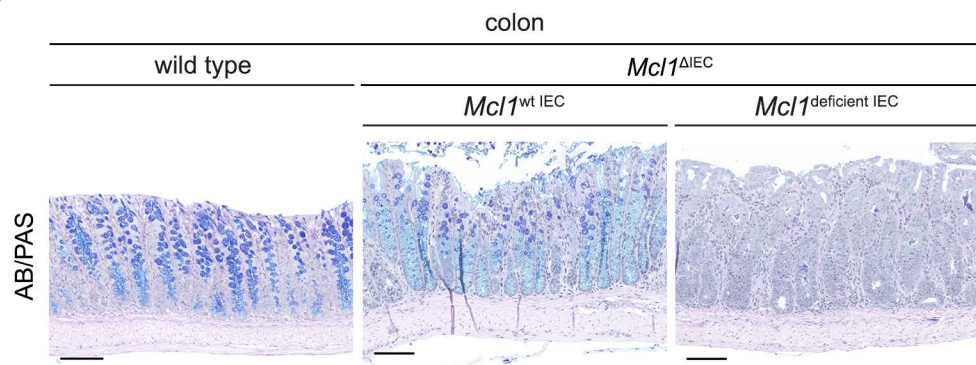
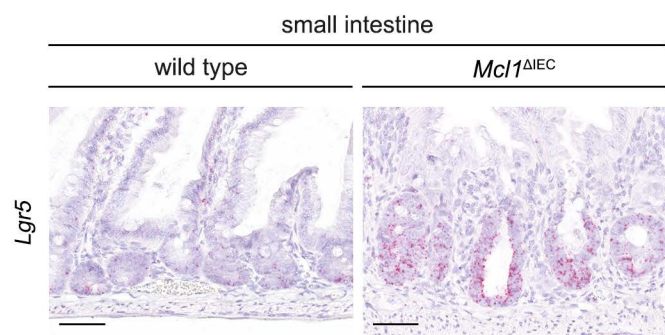
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234 **Figure S11: MCL1 is essential for ISC differentiation to secondary secretory lineages**
235 **and protection from DNA damage.** (A) Representative images taken from colons of 2-month-
236 old wild type and *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice illustrating the impaired ISC differentiation to goblet cells
237 (AB/PAS) (scale bar: 100μm). (B) Representative images from the small intestine from 2-
238 month-old germ-free wild type control mice compared with *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} littermate mice illustrating
239 expansion of the *Lgr5*⁺ ISC compartment by *in situ* hybridization (scale bar: 50μm).

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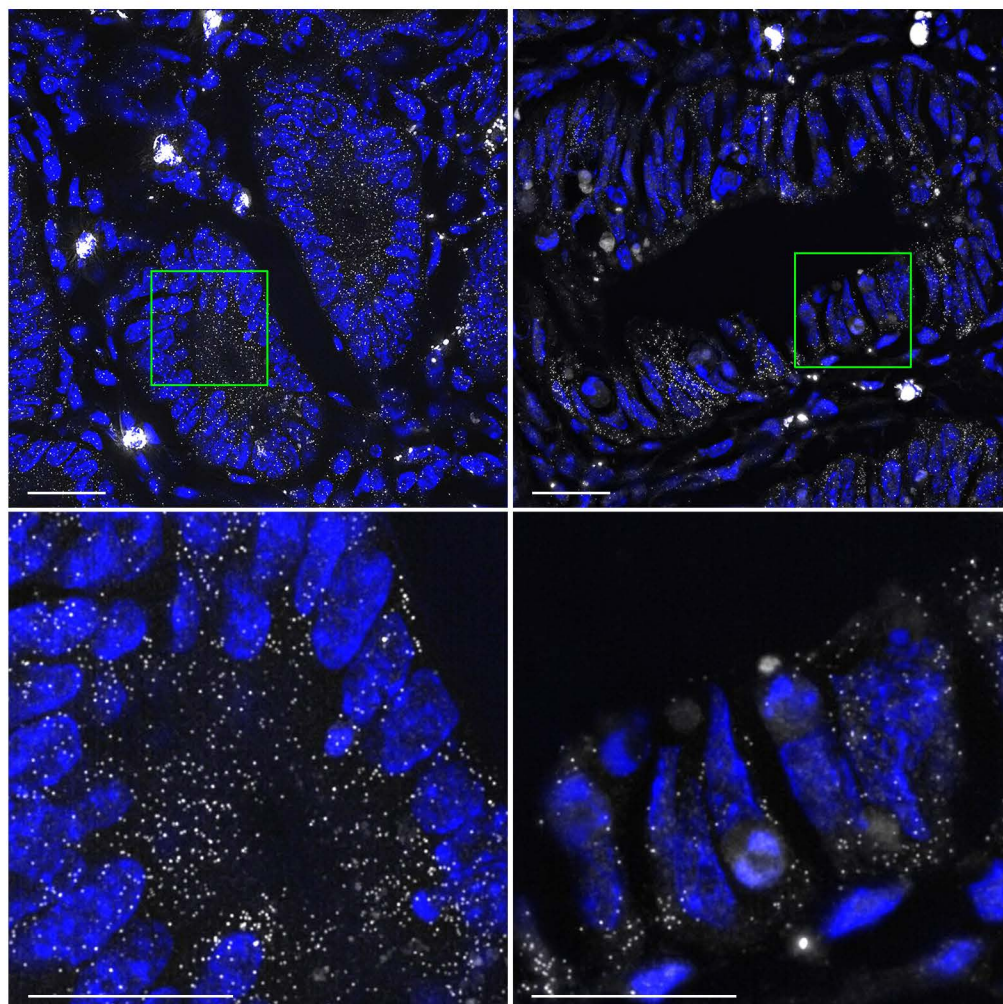
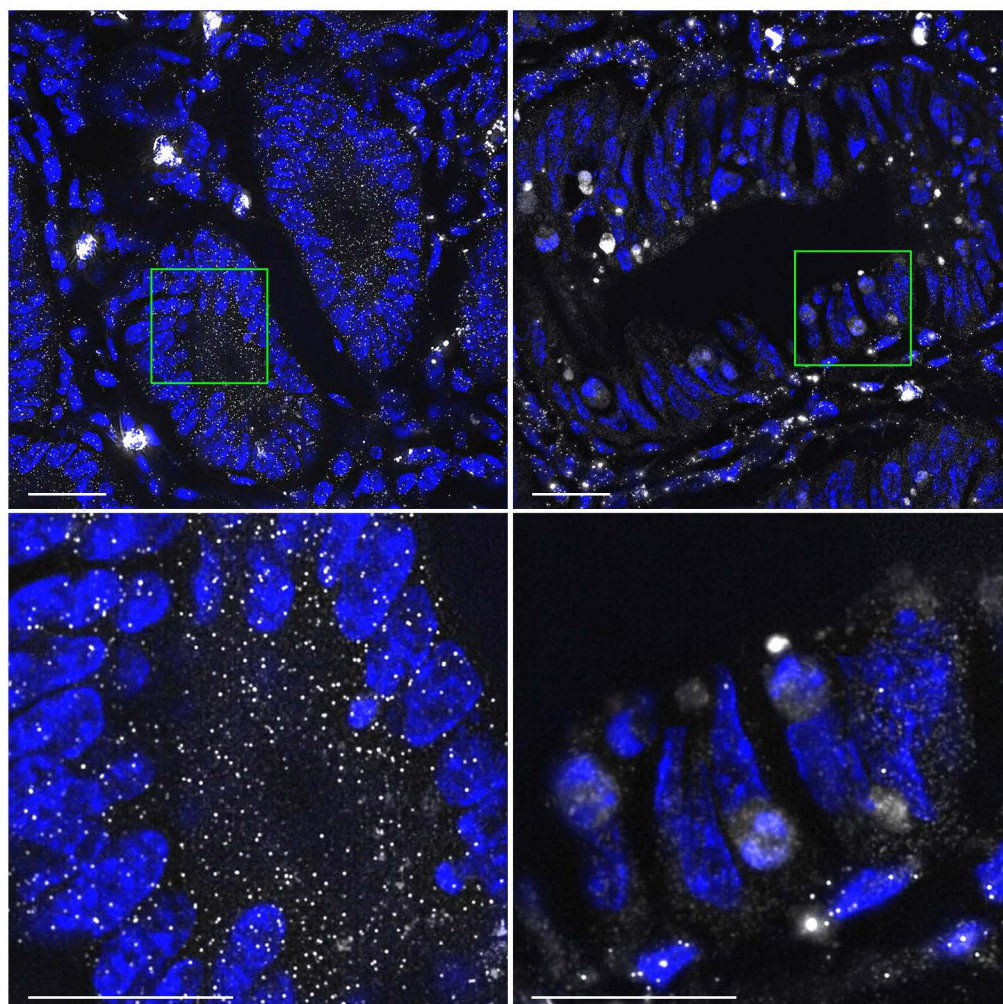
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256 **Figure S12: *Mcl1* deficiency correlates with a marked reduction of *Atoh1* expression in**
257 **intestinal crypts.** (A) Corresponding single colour control images from Figure 4D. *Atoh1*
258 expression levels in *Mcl1*-positive versus *Mcl1*-deficient IEC visualized using smFISH. White
259 dots represents single molecules of *Atoh1*. Green boxes mark the areas shown in higher
260 magnification in the image directly below (scale bars: 25 μ m for top images, 10 μ m for bottom
261 images). (B) Corresponding single colour control images from Figure 4D. *Mcl1* expression
262 levels in *Mcl1*-positive versus *Mcl1*-deficient IEC visualized using smFISH. White dots
263 represents single molecules of *Mcl1*. Green boxes mark the areas shown in higher
264 magnification in the image directly below (scale bars 25 μ m for top images, 10 μ m for bottom
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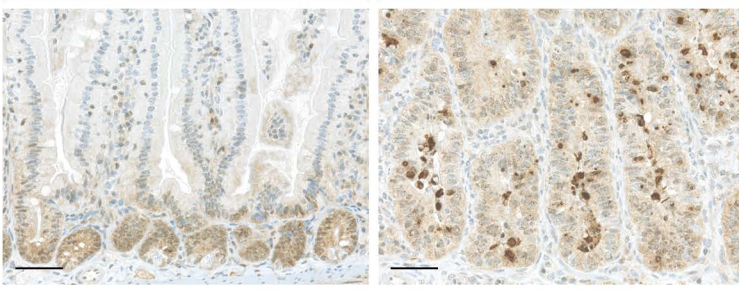
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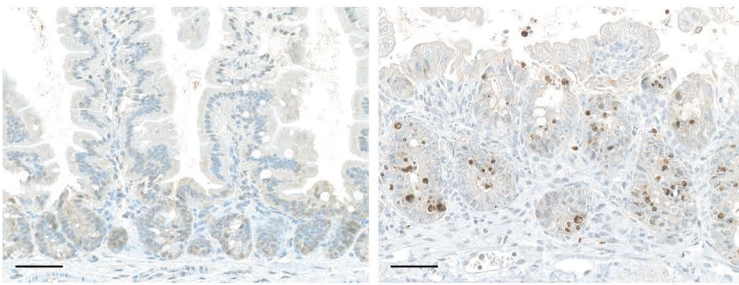


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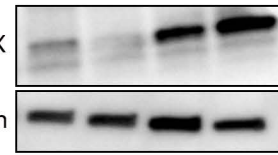
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γH2AX

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280 **Figure S13: Mcl1 protects IEC from the accumulation of DNA damage.** (A) IHC comparing
281 γ H2AX positivity in 2-month-old *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice with littermate controls (scale bar: 50 μ m). (B)
282 Western blot analysis corroborating the marked increase in γ H2AX levels in *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice
283 compared to littermate controls.

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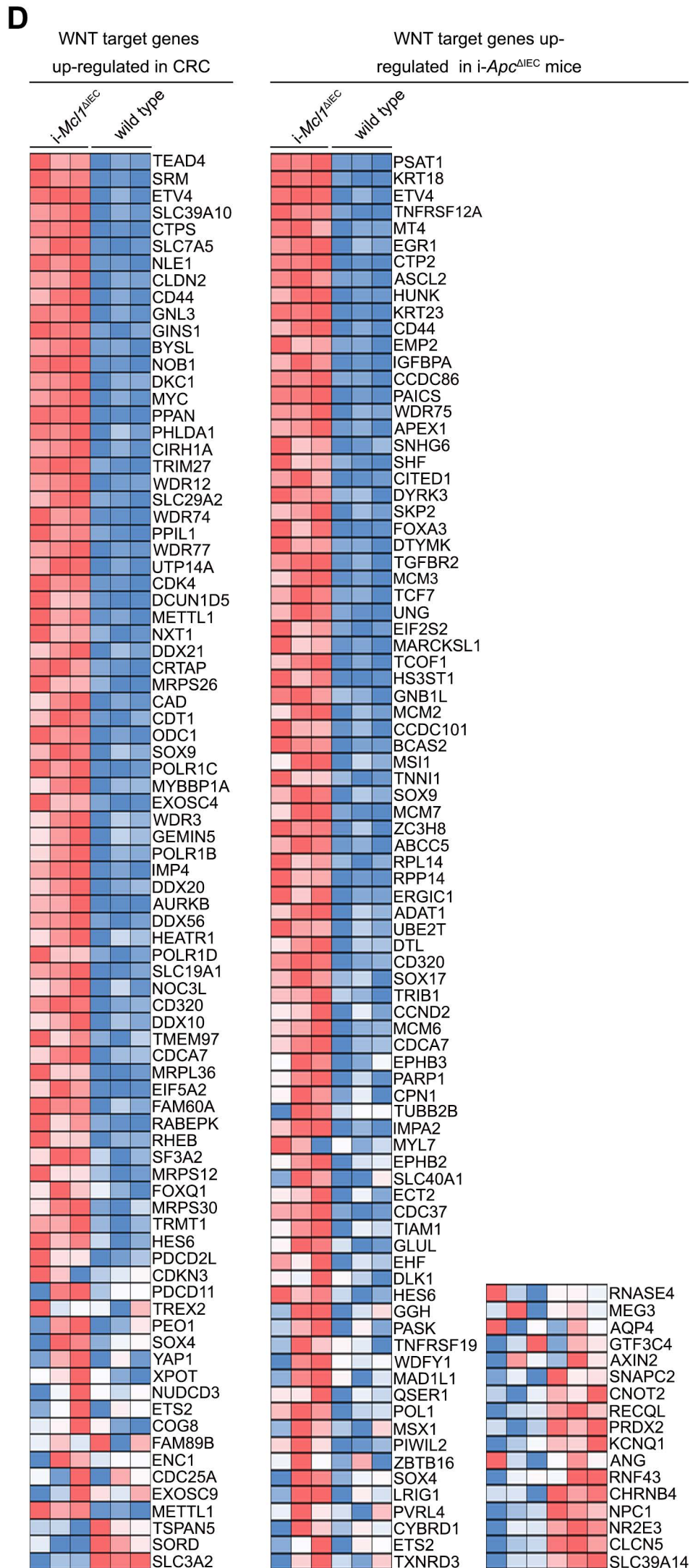
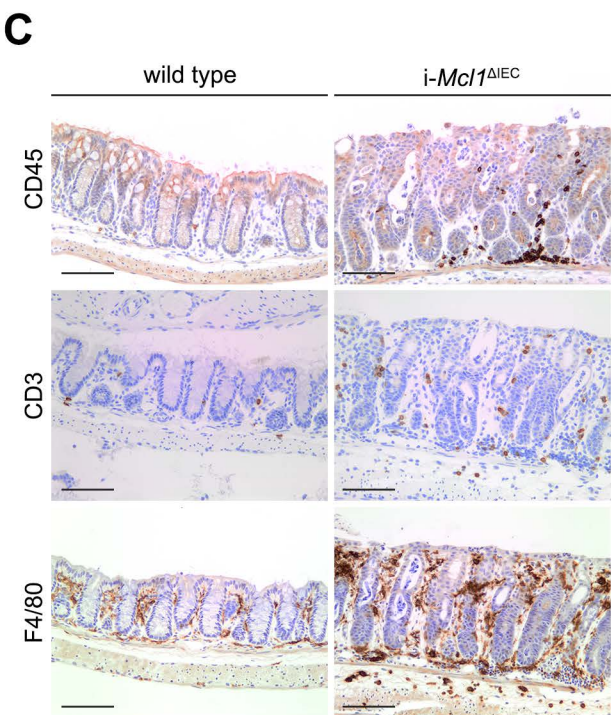
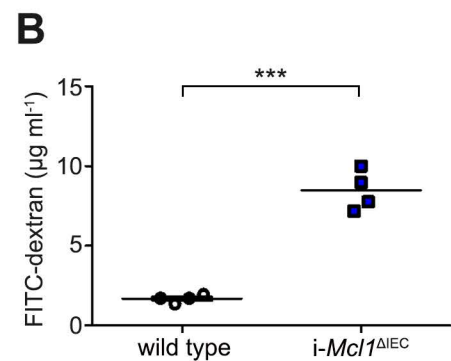
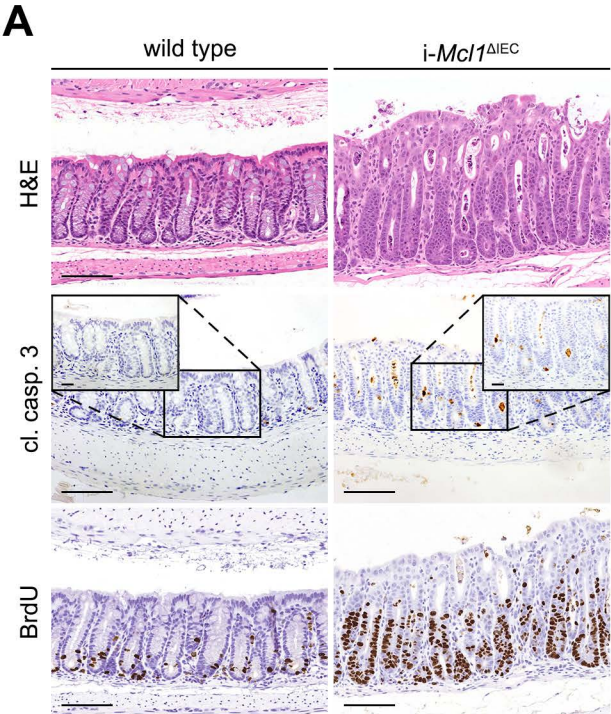


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301 **Figure S14: IEC MCL1 deficiency results in activation of WNT signalling pathways.** (A)
302 Representative images from the colon of wild type control and *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice showing crypt
303 hyperplasia (H&E), increased apoptosis (cl. casp. 3) and hyper-proliferation (BrdU) in *i-*
304 *Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice sampled 4 days post induction, mirroring results observed in the *Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice
305 (scale bars: 100μm, 25μm for insert). (B) Serum analysis indicating increased FITC-dextran *i-*
306 *Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice compared with age-matched wild type controls 4 hours after oral administration
307 (2 days after induction, n=4). (C) Immunohistochemical characterisation of lymphocyte
308 infiltrates in the colon of wild type control mice compared with *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* littermates showing
309 increased lymphocytes (CD45), T cells (CD3) and macrophages (F4/80) in the lamina propria
310 of *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice (2 days after induction) (scale bars: 100μm). (D) Expression of genes as
311 analysed by RNA sequencing of small intestine tissue from *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice compared with wild
312 type control mice illustrated in heat maps and captured in the GSEA signatures. WNT target
313 genes commonly upregulated in human CRC (left), and genes enriched in *i-Apc^{ΔIEC}* mice
314 (right). Red boxes represent high expression while blue boxes represent low expression. Data
315 presented as scatter plot graph represents mean values ± s.e.m. Statistical analysis was
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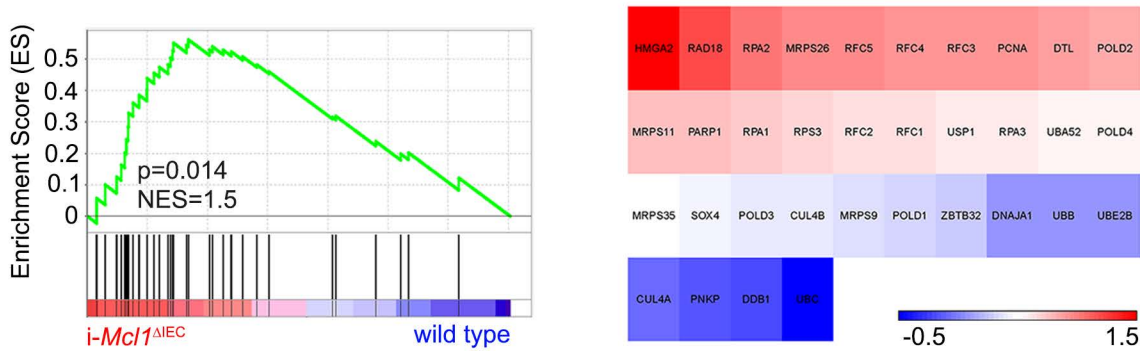
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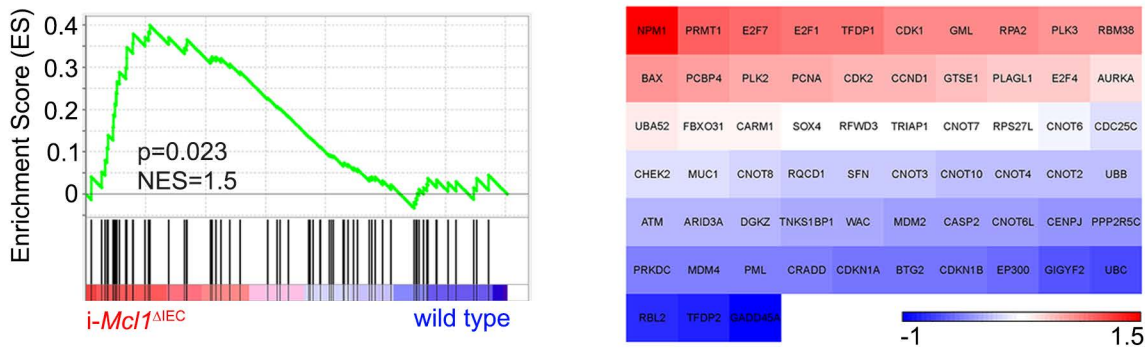
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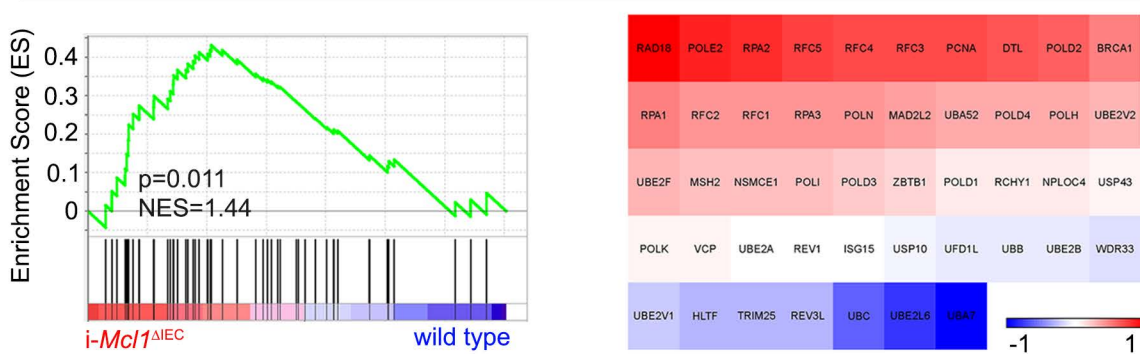
Genes up-regulated during DNA damage response upon detection of DNA damage



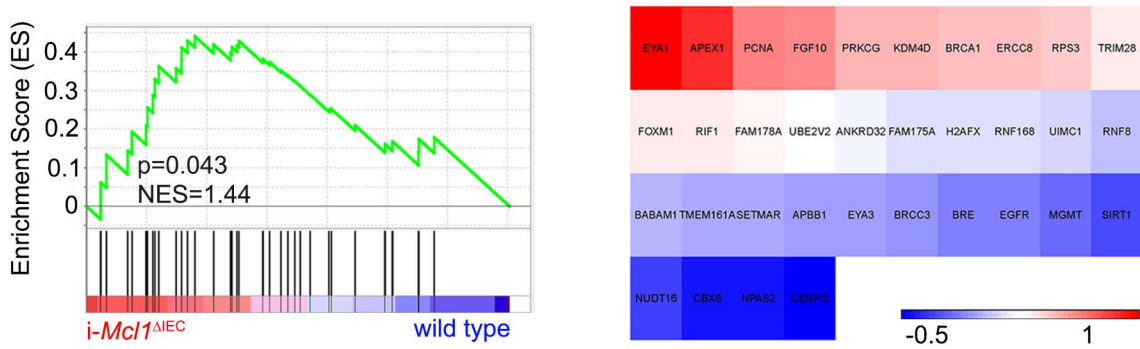
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Genes up-regulated during positive regulation of DNA repair



325 **Figure S15: IEC MCL1 deficiency results in up-regulation of DNA damage associated**
326 **genes.** (A) GSEA plots derived from G0 term gene sets by RNA sequencing analysis of small
327 intestine tissue from *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice (samples 3 days after induction) compared with wild type
328 control mice and corresponding heat maps illustrating increased expression of DNA damage
329 response associated gene sets in *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice. Red boxes represent increased expression
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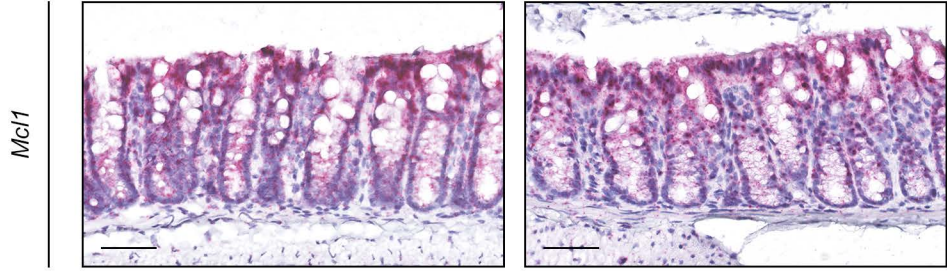
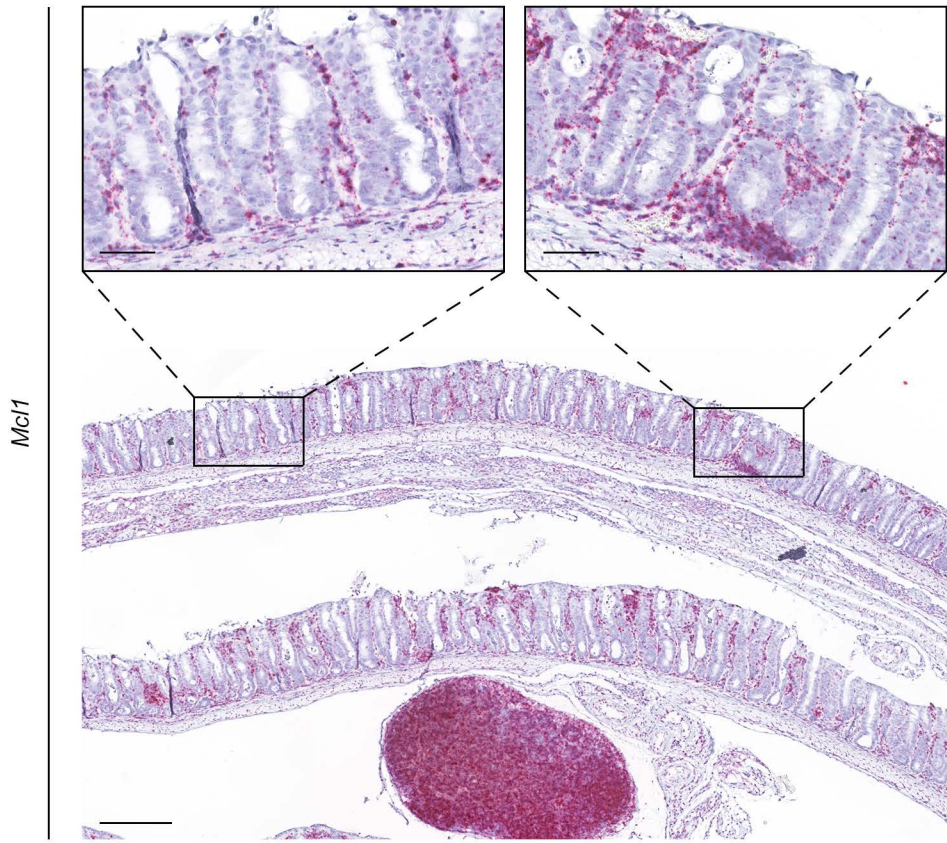
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348 **Figure S16: i-*Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice show complete recombination of *Mcl1* throughout the entire**
349 **intestinal tract.** (A) Representative images illustrating *Mcl1* expression in the colon (red stain)
350 of non-recombined wild type control mice (top panel) compared to i-*Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice (lower panel)
351 as demonstrated using *in situ* hybridization (scale bars: 250μm for low magnification image,
352 50 μm for high magnification images).

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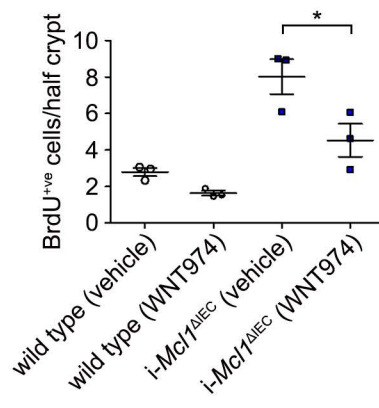
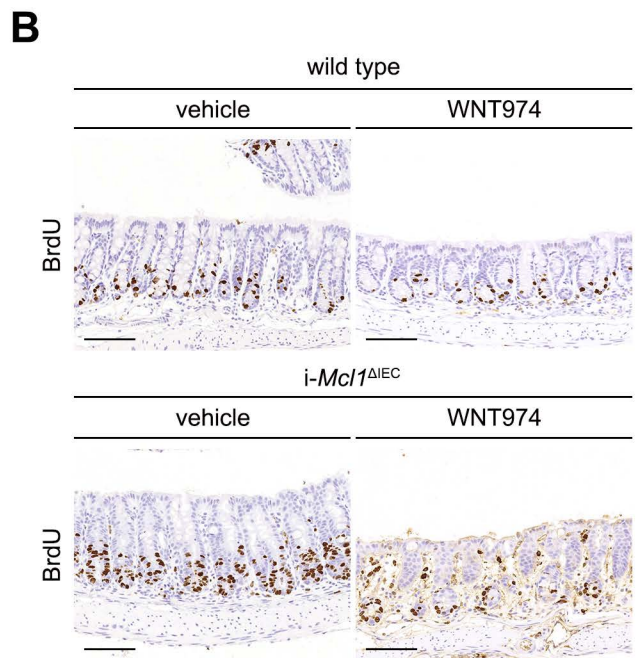
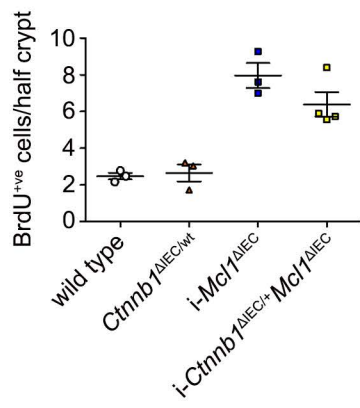
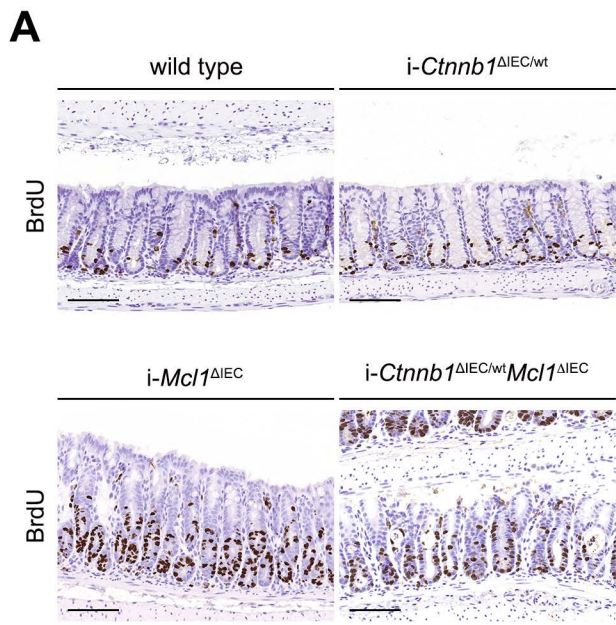
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370 **Figure S17: MCL1 deficiency-induced hyperproliferation is dependent on WNT**
371 **signaling.** (A) BrdU staining from the colon of wild type, *i-Ctnnb1^{ΔIEC/+}*, *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* and *i-*
372 *Mcl1^{ΔIEC}Ctnnb1^{ΔIEC/+}* mice, sampled 4 days after induction, indicating increased epithelial cell
373 proliferation following *Mcl1* deletion is partially rescued in *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}Ctnnb1^{ΔIEC/+}* mice (scale
374 bars: 100μm). Quantitative analysis of BrdU positive cells/half crypt is shown below (n=3 or 4
375 per group). (B) BrdU staining from the colons of vehicle treated wild type and *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice
376 compared with WNT974 treated wild type and *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice, sampled 3 days post induction,
377 (scale bars: 100μm) as well as quantitative analysis of BrdU positive cells/half crypt illustrating
378 inhibition of epithelial cell proliferation following WNT974 treatment (n=3 per group) (below).
379 Data presented as scatter plot graph represents mean values ± s.e.m. Statistical analysis was
380 conducted by Mann-Whitney test (A-B) where * $p \leq 0.05$.

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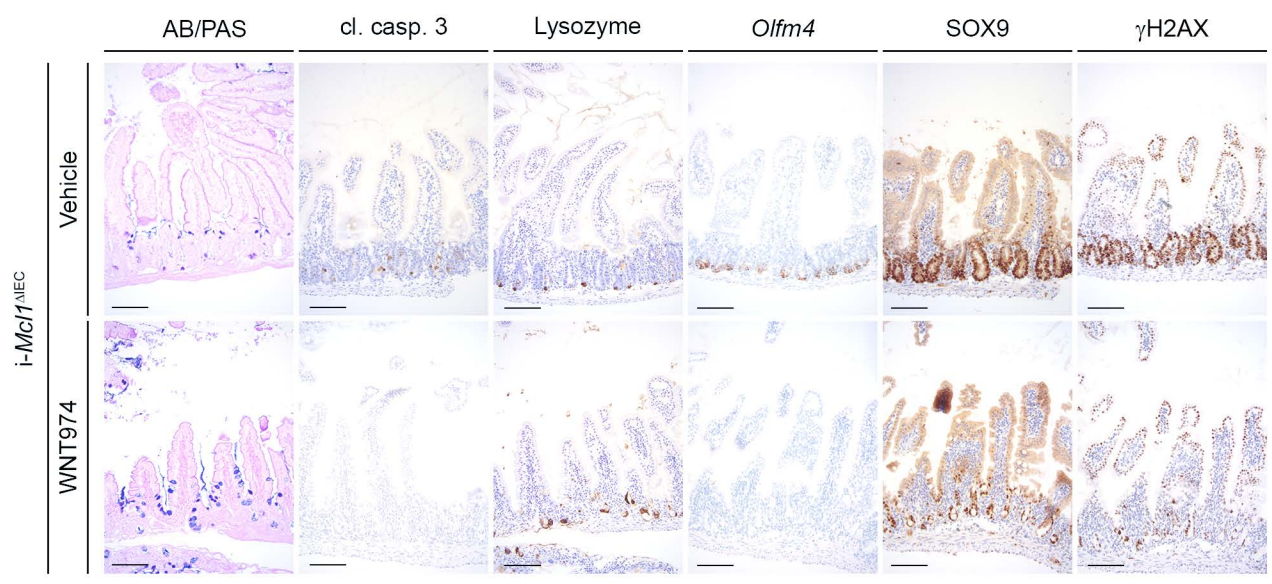
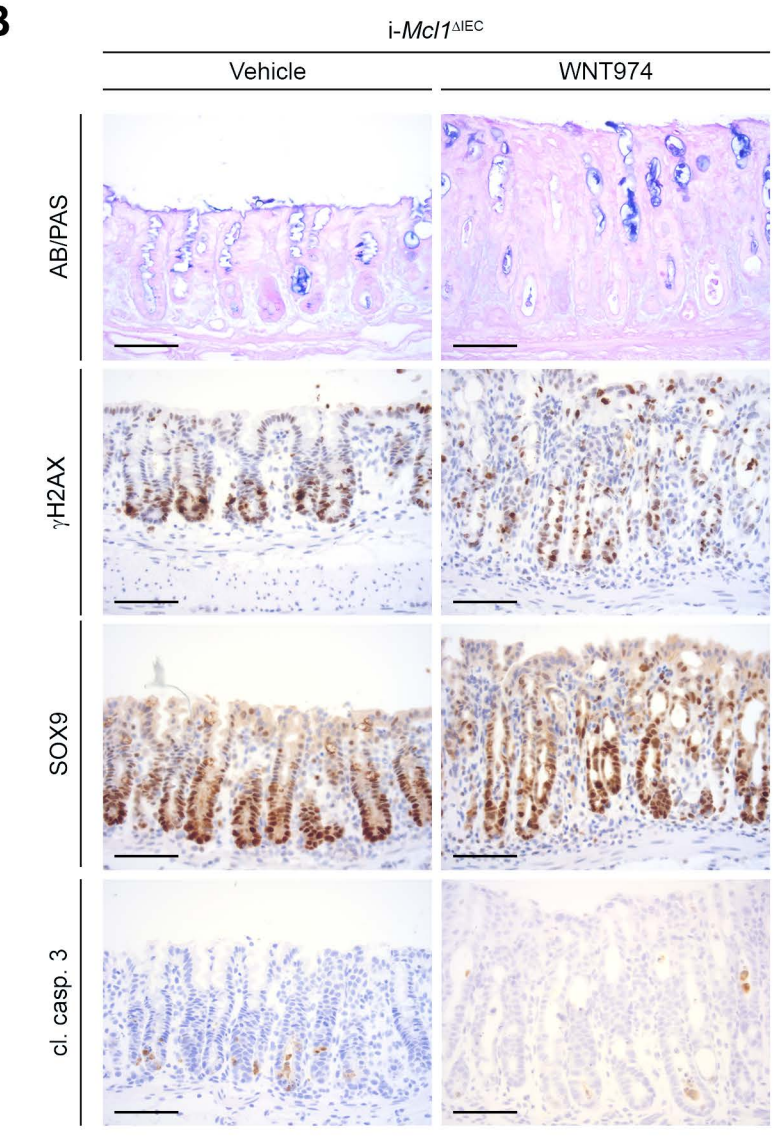
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Figure S18. Healy*, Boege*, Hodder* et al.

394 **Figure S18: MCL1-deficiency induced hyperproliferation is dependent on WNT**
395 **signaling.** (A) Representative images from the small intestine of wild type control and i-
396 *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice following treatment with WNT974 or vehicle control, 3 days post induction.
397 Images show the effect of WNT974 on ISC differentiation (AB/PAS, Lysozyme), apoptosis (cl.
398 caps. 3), ISC populations (*Olfm4*, SOX9) and DNA damage (γ H2AX) (scale bars: 100 μ m). (B)
399 Representative images from the colon of wild type control and i-*Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice following
400 treatment with WNT974 or vehicle control, 3 days post induction. Images show the effect of
401 WNT974 on ISC differentiation (AB/PAS), apoptosis (cl. caps. 3), ISC populations (SOX9) and
402 DNA damage (γ H2AX) (scale bars: 100 μ m).

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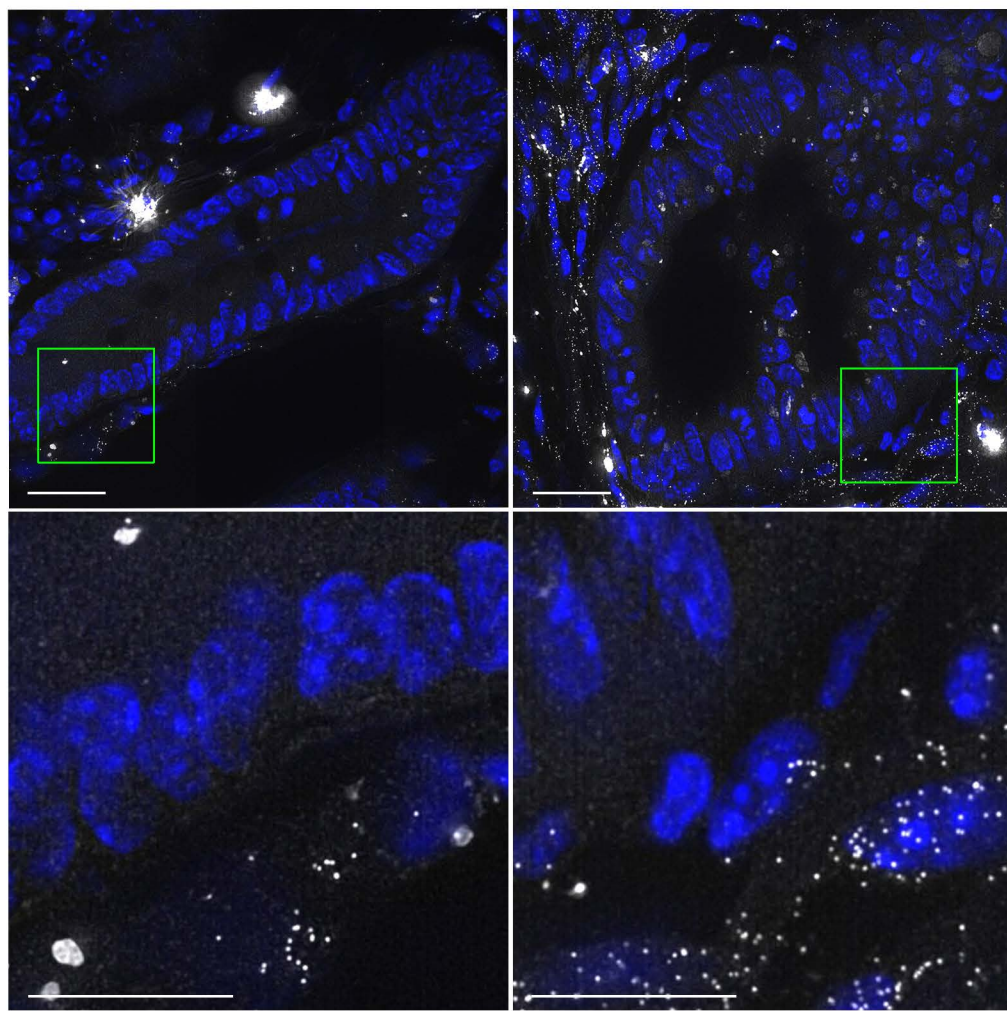
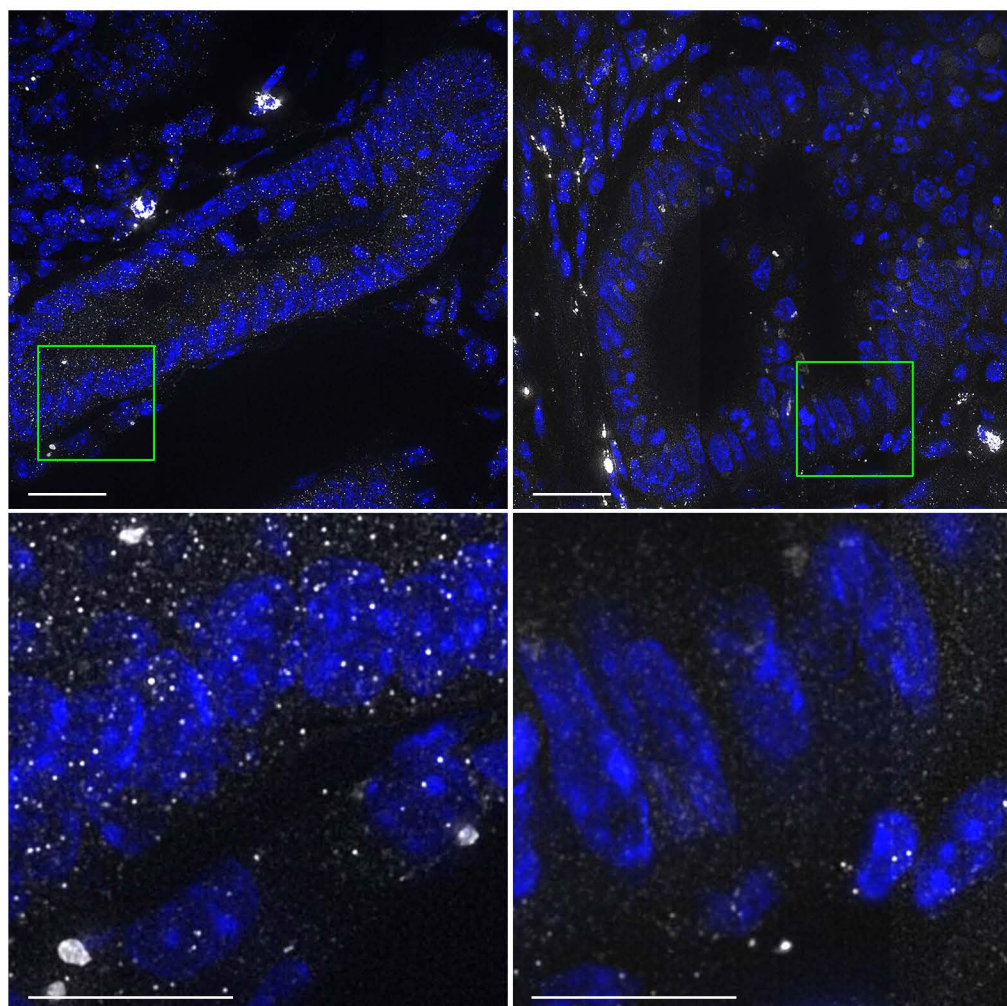
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417 **Figure S19: Increased *Wnt2b* expression is not directly linked to *Mcl1* deficiency.** (A)
418 Corresponding single colour control images from Figure 5G. *Wnt2b* expression levels in *Mcl1*-
419 positive versus *Mcl1*-deficient IEC visualized using smFISH. White dots represents single
420 molecules of *Atoh1*. Green boxes mark the areas shown in higher magnification in the image
421 directly below (scale bars: 25 μ m for top images, 10 μ m for bottom images). (B) Corresponding
422 single colour control images from Figure 5G. *Mcl1* expression levels in *Mcl1*-positive versus
423 *Mcl1*-deficient IEC visualized using smFISH. White dots represents single molecules of *Mcl1*.
424 Green boxes mark the areas shown in higher magnification in the image directly below (scale
425 bars: 25 μ m for top images, 10 μ m for bottom images).

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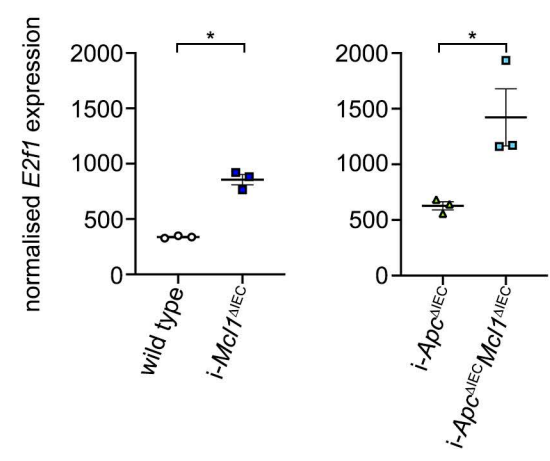
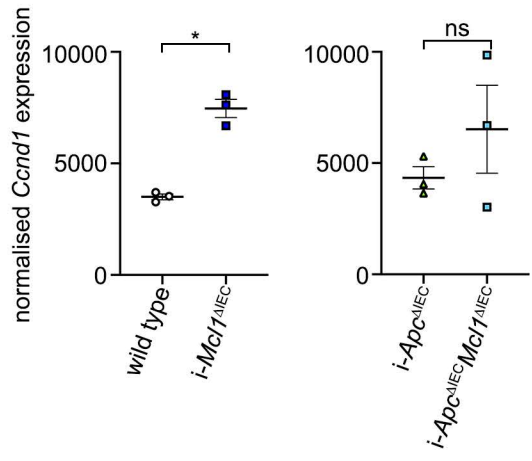
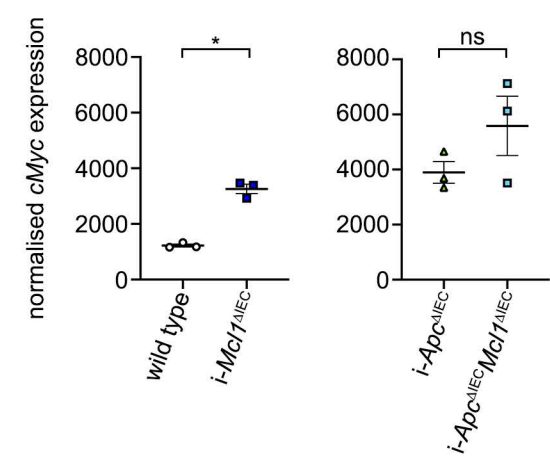
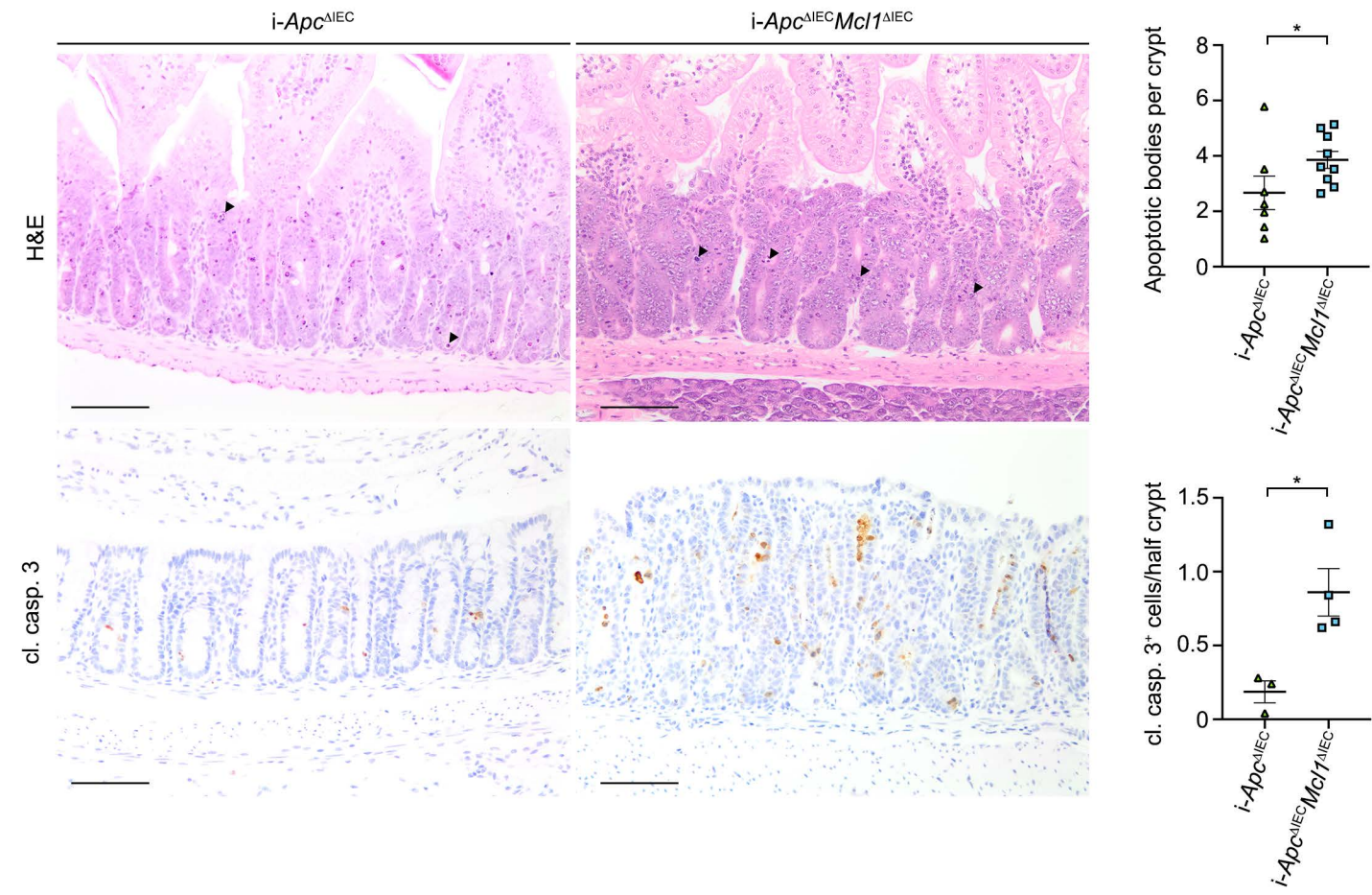
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440 **Figure S20: MCL1 is an essential regulator of IEC proliferation.** Normalised expression
441 levels of *E2f1* (A), *Ccnd1* (B) and *cMyc* (C) compared between non-recombined wild type
442 controls and *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice as well as *i-Apc^{ΔIEC}* compared to *i-Apc^{ΔIEC}Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice as
443 analysed by RNAseq (n=3 per group). (D) Representative H&E images showing apoptotic
444 bodies (upper panel) and cleaved caspase 3 staining (lower panel) of *i-Apc^{ΔIEC}* mice
445 compared to age-matched *i-Apc^{ΔIEC}Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice. Results from the quantification of apoptotic
446 bodies (top graph) in *i-Apc^{ΔIEC}* mice (n=7) versus *i-Apc^{ΔIEC}Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice (n=9) as well as
447 cleaved caspase 3 positive IEC (bottom graph) in *i-Apc^{ΔIEC}* mice (n=3) versus *i-Apc^{ΔIEC}Mcl1^{ΔIEC}*
448 mice (n=4) are also shown (scale bars: 100μm). Statistical analysis was conducted by Mann-
449 Whitney test (A-D) where * $p \leq 0.05$.

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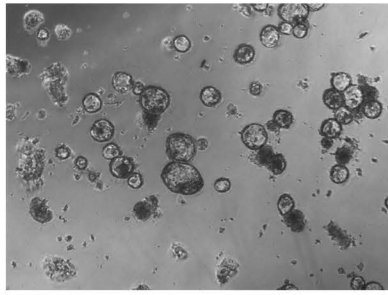
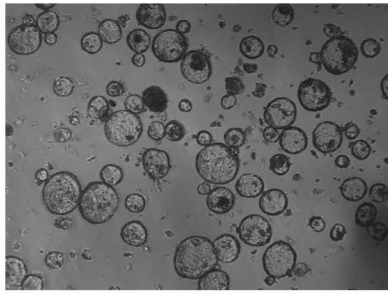
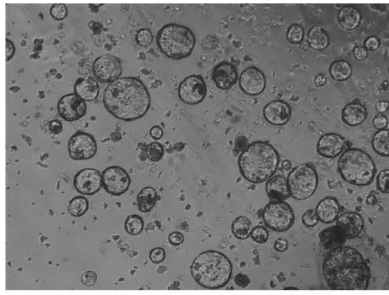
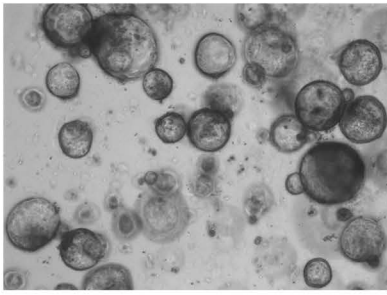
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463 **Figure S21: Carcinoma development in *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice follows the Vogelstein model of**
464 **colorectal cancer development. (A) Representative images of small intestine derived**
465 **organoids from *i-Apc*^{ΔIEC} mice or *i-Apc*^{ΔIEC}*Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice (40x) in vitro (≥5 passages).**

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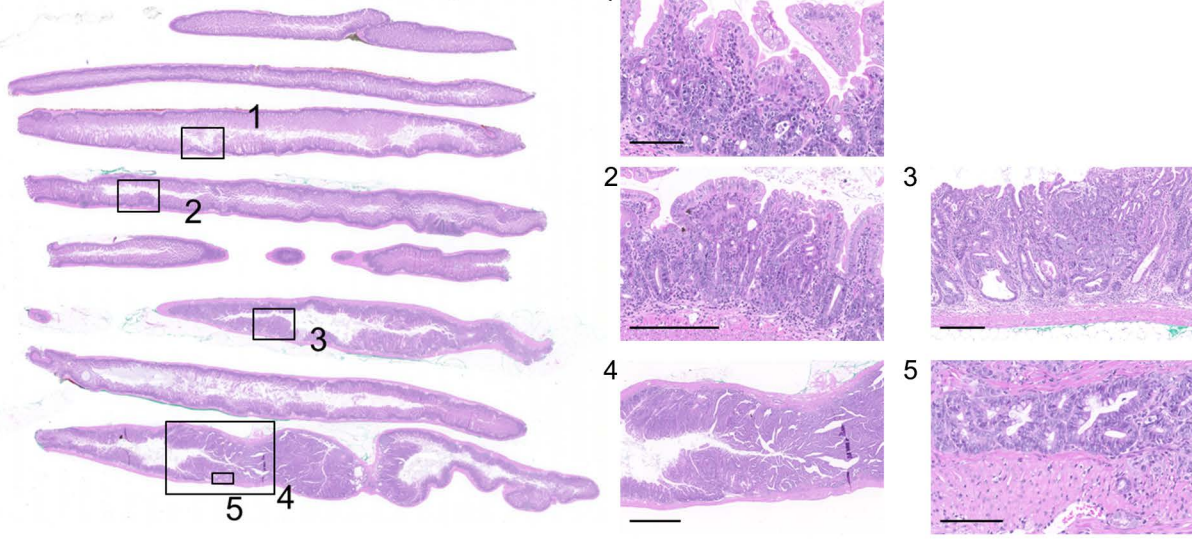
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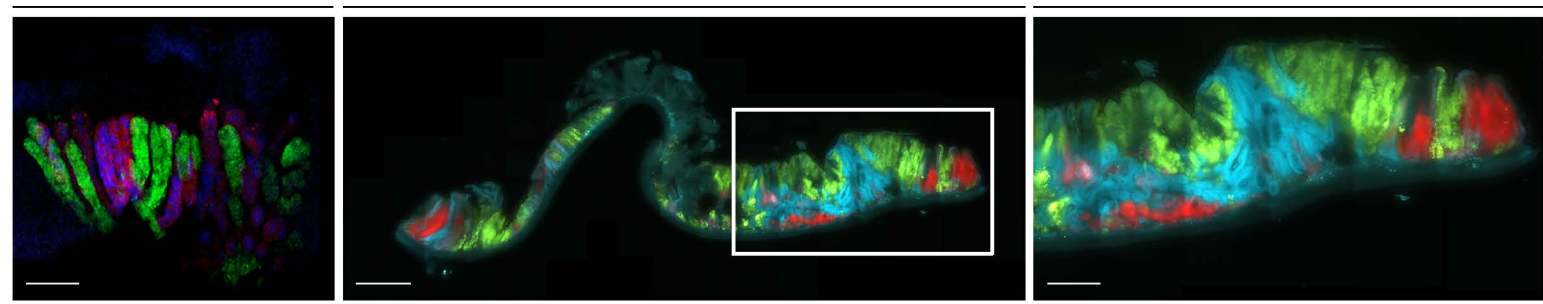
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A**B***Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} Confetti^{tg/+} mice

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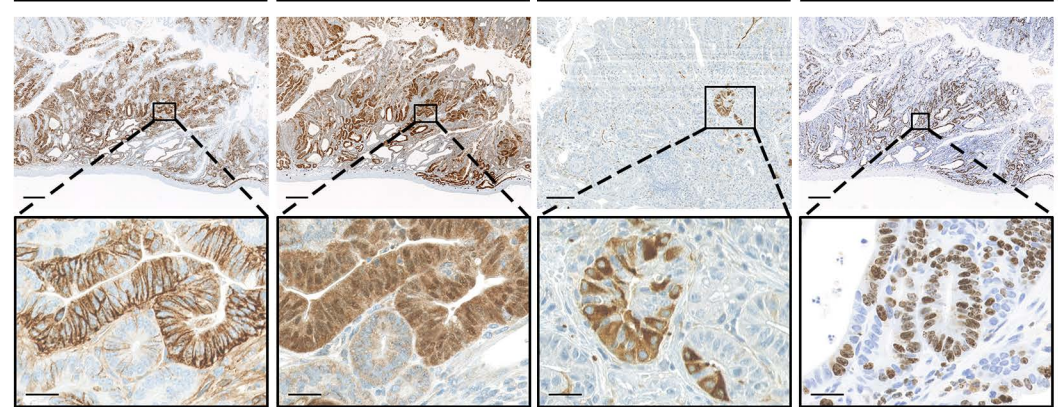
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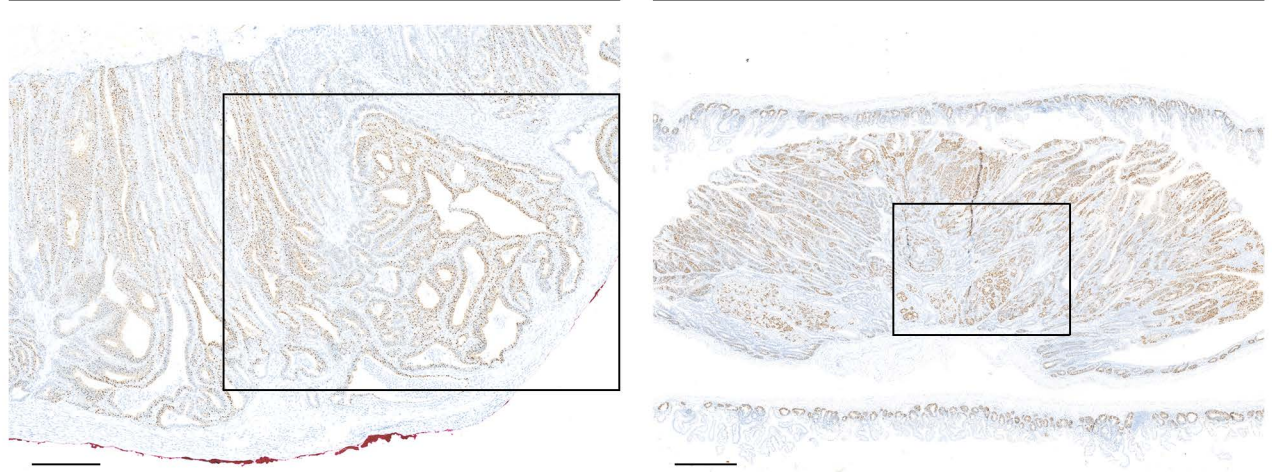


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484 **Figure S22: Carcinoma development in *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice follows the Vogelstein model of**
485 **colorectal cancer development.** (A) Examples of MCL1 deficient tumor qualities used to
486 determine tumor classification in 12-month-old *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice (Fig. 7B). Image 1 illustrates
487 hyperplasia within intestinal crypt cells (scale bar: 100μm), 2 illustrates representative low
488 grade adenoma (LGA) (scale bar: 250μm), 3 illustrates representative high grade adenoma
489 (HGA) (scale bar: 250μm) while images 4 and 5 illustrate representative carcinoma under low
490 (scale bar: 1mm) and high (scale bar: 100μm) magnification. (B) Tumor heterogeneity
491 illustrated by representative images of tumors observed in 12-month-old *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} *Confetti*^{tg/wt}
492 mouse (scale bars: 100μm-left, 250μm-centre and 100μm-right). (C) Heterogeneous
493 differentiation within carcinoma showing CD44, CDX2, synaptophysin and Ki-67 (scale bars
494 250μm for upper panel images, 50μm for lower panel images). (D) Strong *Axin2* expression
495 in tumors isolated from 12-month-old *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mouse irrespective of whether mice were
496 housed under spf or germ-free conditions determined using *in situ* hybridization (scale bars:
497 250μm-left, 500μm-right). Areas marked with black boxes represent the areas shown under
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Gene	Chr:Pos	REF	ALT	Codon variant	Functional Variant	Mucosa, wt	Hyperplasia/LGD 1 spf	Hyperplasia/LGD 2 gf	Carcinoma 1 spf	Carcinoma 2 spf	Carcinoma 3 spf	Carcinoma 4 gf	Carcinoma 5 gf
<i>Apc</i>	chr18:34312747	C	T	c.2695C>T	p.Gln899*	./.	./.	./.	./.	C/T (38,41)	./.	./.	./.
<i>Apc</i>	chr18:34316309	A	G	c.6257A>G	p.Asp2086Gly	A/G (50,52)	A/G (32,20)	A/G (27,23)	./.	./.	A/G (37,32)	./.	A/G (22,18)
<i>Lrp5</i>	chr19:3659357	C	T	c.372G>A	p.Thr124Thr	./.	C/T (19,21)	./.	./.	./.	C/T (29,14)	./.	./.
<i>Fbxw7</i>	chr3:84903756	A	G	c.187A>G	p.Asn63Asp	./.	./.	G/G (1,19)	./.	./.	./.	./.	./.
<i>Fbxw7</i>	chr3:84903911	A	G	c.342A>G	p.Glu114Glu	./.	./.	./.	./.	G/G (1,22)	./.	G/G (1,33)	./.
<i>Fbxw7</i>	chr3:84954904	A	G	c.540A>G	p.Glu180Glu	./.	./.	./.	./.	./.	./.	G/G (2,75)	./.
<i>Pole</i>	chr5:110299343	A	C	c.2081A>C	p.Lys694Thr	./.	./.	./.	A/C (18,10)	./.	./.	./.	./.
<i>Arid1a</i>	chr4:133689170	ATA TAC	A	c.3289_3293delTATAC	p.Gln1096fs	./.	./.	./.	./.	./.	ATATAC/A (62/24)	./.	./.
<i>Ctnnb1</i>	chr9:120950606	C	A	c.98C>A	p.Ser33Tyr	./.	./.	./.	./.	./.	C/A (23,5)	./.	./.
<i>Ctnnb1</i>	chr9:120950630	C	T	c.122C>T	p.Thr41Ile	./.	./.	C/T (23,14)	C/T (12,6)	./.	./.	./.	./.
<i>Ctnnb1</i>	chr9:120950642	C	T	c.134C>T	p.Ser45Phe	./.	./.	./.	./.	./.	./.	./.	C/T (11,6)

	pathogenic
	potentially pathogenic
	functionally irrelevant
	wild type

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508 **Figure S23: MCL1-deficiency associated carcinoma show a number of pathogenic**
509 **mutations in key WNT signalling regulating genes.** (A) Selected mutations detected by
510 whole-exome sequencing and variant filtration. Missense mutations in the genes of interest
511 are displayed by allelic state. The coverage of the position for each allele is given in
512 brackets."./." is the wild type sequence. Exome data were aligned to the *Mus musculus*
513 reference genome (GRCm38/mm10) and codon variants are displayed according to the
514 following transcript references: *Apc* - ENSMUST00000079362, *Lrp5* -
515 ENSMUST00000176867, *Fbxw7* - ENSMUST00000107678, *Pole* - ENSMUST00000007296,
516 *Arid1a* - ENSMUST00000105897, *Ctnnb1* - ENSMUST00000145093. Abbreviations: Chr:Pos
517 = Position in reference genome; REF = reference allele; ALT = alternative allele; LGD = low
518 grade dysplasia. The color code illustrates the clinical significance of the homolog mutation in
519 humans (see Supplementary Tables S7 – S12 for more information).

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532 **Supplemental Information:**

533 **Mice**

534 Housing and experimental procedures of all animals were performed in accordance with the
535 Cantonal Veterinary Office (Zurich, Switzerland) under the license numbers ZH217/12 and
536 ZH166/15 or the UK Home Office regulations (licence 70/8646) as well adhering to ARRIVE
537 guidelines. Animals were maintained under specific pathogen free (SPF) conditions at the
538 University of Zurich, Switzerland, or at the CRUK Beatson Institute, Glasgow, Scotland. Germ-
539 free housing of mice was performed within the Clean Mouse Facility of the University of Bern
540 via embryo transfer ¹.

541 Mice with an IEC specific deletion of *Mcl1*, *Mcl1^{flox/flox}* mice ^{2,3} were crossed with mice expressing
542 Cre-recombinase under the enterocyte-specific villin promoter, to generate IEC-specific *Mcl1*
543 knockout mice (*Mcl1^{flox/flox} Vil1cre^{tg/+}*) (*Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice). *Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice were backcrossed onto the
544 *Rag1^{-/-}* background (Jackson Laboratories, mouse strain 002216) to generate *Mcl1^{ΔIEC} Rag1^{-/-}*
545 mice. Confetti^{tg/+} mice (Jackson Laboratories, mouse strain 017492) were intercrossed to
546 *Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice to generate *Mcl1^{ΔIEC} Confetti^{tg/+}* mice. These mouse lines were generated at the
547 University of Zurich. Both male and female mice were used for each experiment. Age-matched
548 and littermate mice that did not carry the Villin-Cre transgene were used as wild type control
549 mice.

550 Mice with an IEC-specific inducible deletion of *Mcl1* (*i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice), *Ctnnb1* (*i-Ctnnb1^{ΔIEC}*
551 mice), *Apc* (*i-Apc^{ΔIEC}* mice) as well as double knockout mice (*i-Ctnnb1^{ΔIEC} Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice and *i-*
552 *Apc^{ΔIEC} Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice) were generated at the CRUK Beatson Institute, Glasgow. Genetic
553 depletion in these mice was typically induced between 6 and 12 weeks of age when weighing
554 over 20g. Genetic alleles used were: *Vil-Cre-ER^{T2}* ⁴, *Mcl1^{fl}* ⁵, *Ctnnb1^f* ⁶ and *Apc* ⁷.
555 Recombination was induced using a single intra-peritoneal (IP) injection of 2mg tamoxifen for
556 two consecutive days. A brief overview of each mouse line can be found in Table S1.

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Table S1. Description of mouse strains

Mouse strain	Genotype	Housing Location	Description
wild type	$Mcl1^{fl/fl} Vil1\text{-cre}^{wt/wt}$	University of Zurich University of Bern (Germ Free)	Both <i>Mcl1</i> alleles are floxed but mice are Cre negative. No recombination of <i>Mcl1</i> .
$Mcl1^{fl/wt} cre^{Tg/+}$	$Mcl1^{fl/wt} Vil1\text{-cre}^{tg/wt}$	University of Zurich	One floxed <i>Mcl1</i> allele and one wild type allele. Mice retain one wild type copy of <i>Mcl1</i> .
$Mcl1^{\Delta IEC}$	$Mcl1^{fl/fl} Vil1\text{-cre}^{tg/wt}$	University of Zurich University of Bern (Germ Free)	Intestinal Epithelial Cell (IEC) specific deletion of <i>Mcl1</i>
$Rag1^{-/-}$	$Rag1^{-/-}$	University of Zurich	Immune deficient (lack conventional B and T cells)
$Mcl1^{\Delta IEC} Rag1^{-/-}$	$Mcl1^{fl/fl} Vil1\text{-cre}^{tg/wt}$ $Rag1^{-/-}$	University of Zurich	Immune deficient (lack conventional B and T cells) IEC specific deletion of <i>Mcl1</i>
i- $Mcl1^{\Delta IEC}$	$Mcl1^{fl/fl} Vil1\text{-cre-ER}^{T2}$	CRUK Beatson Institute	Tamoxifen inducible IEC specific deletion of <i>Mcl1</i>
i- $Apc^{\Delta IEC}$	$Apc^{fl/fl} Vil1\text{-cre-ER}^{T2}$	CRUK Beatson Institute	Tamoxifen inducible IEC specific deletion of <i>Apc</i>
i- $Ctnnb1^{\Delta IEC/wt}$	$Ctnnb1^{fl/wt} Vil1\text{-Cre-ER}^{T2}$	CRUK Beatson Institute	Tamoxifen inducible IEC specific deletion of one copy <i>Ctnnb1</i>
i- $Ctnnb1^{\Delta IEC/wt} Mcl1^{\Delta IEC}$	$Ctnnb1^{fl/wt} Vil1\text{-Cre-ER}^{T2}$ $Mcl1^{fl/fl} Vil1\text{-Cre-ER}^{T2}$	CRUK Beatson Institute	Tamoxifen inducible IEC specific co-deletion of <i>Mcl1</i> and one copy of <i>Ctnnb1</i>
i- $Apc^{\Delta IEC} Mcl1^{\Delta IEC}$	$Apc^{fl/fl} Vil1\text{-Cre-ER}^{T2}$ $Mcl1^{fl/fl} Vil1\text{-Cre-ER}^{T2}$	CRUK Beatson Institute	Tamoxifen inducible IEC specific co-deletion of <i>Mcl1</i> and <i>Apc</i>
$Mcl1^{\Delta IEC} Confetti^{tg/+}$	$Mcl1^{fl/fl} Vil1\text{-cre}^{tg/wt}$ Confetti $Cre^{tg/wt}$	University of Zurich	Genetic IEC specific co-deletion of <i>Mcl1</i> and expression of Confetti

560 **In situ Hybridization**

561 RNA ISH was performed on FFPE tissues according to the manufacturer`s protocol using five
562 commercially available probes. 1) A probe designated Mm-Mcl1 (by Advanced Cell
563 Diagnostics (ACD); ACD catalog number #317241), and targeting nucleotides 495-1678 of
564 murine Mcl1 gene. 2) A probe designated Mm-Lgr5 (by Advanced Cell Diagnostics (ACD);
565 ACD catalog number #312171), and targeting nucleotides 2165-3082 of murine Lgr5 gene. 3)
566 A probe designated Mm-Olfm4 (by Advanced Cell Diagnostics (ACD); ACD catalog number
567 #311838), and targeting nucleotides 25-1043 of murine Olfm4 gene. 4) A probe designated
568 Hs-MCL1 (by Advanced Cell Diagnostics (ACD); ACD catalog number #588851), and targeting
569 nucleotides 1514-3532 of human Mcl1 gene. 5) A probe designated Hs-OLFM4 (by Advanced
570 Cell Diagnostics (ACD); ACD catalog number #311048) targeting nucleotides 1111-2222 of
571 human OLFM4 gene.

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573 **Bacterial DNA isolation**

574 Bacterial DNA was isolated from stool samples that were previously stored at -80°C. DNA was
575 isolated using the PureLink Microbiome DNA purification kit (Invitrogen, A29789) according to
576 the manufacturer`s protocols.

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578 **PCR for bacterial DNA**

579 The 16S PCR was performed as described previously⁸ with some modifications. Reactions
580 were performed in a final volume of 50 µl containing 10 ng of fecal DNA template⁹, 200 nM
581 dNTP, 200 nM of each primer, 1 U HotStarTaq polymerase (Qiagen), and 1-fold CoralLoad
582 PCR Buffer (Qiagen). “Universal” primers were used to amplify the genes encoding 16S rRNA
583 from all bacterial groups: Forward primer (5'- ACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGCAGT -3') and
584 reverse primer, (5'- ATTACCGCGGCTGCTGGC -3')⁸, resulting in an 197 bp amplicon. PCR
585 assays were performed in a C1000 Touch Thermal Cycler (Biorad) using the following

586 program: 95°C for 5 min, then 25 cycles of 94°C for 60 sec, 55°C for 90 sec and 72°C for 60
587 sec. These cycles were followed by 72°C for 10 minutes, and storage at 4°C. Amplified
588 products were separated on a 2% (m/v) agarose (Invitrogen) gel in Tris/acetate/EDTA buffer
589 (National diagnostics) containing 1-fold GelRed Nucleic Acid Gel Stain (Biotium).

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591 **FISH for Bacterial 16s rRNA**

592 5µm tissue sections of paraffin-fixed colon samples were deparaffinated in xylol to ethanol
593 baths in decreasing ratios. Tissue sections were permeabilized in hybridization buffer
594 containing PBS 0.9M NaCl, 20mM Tris-HCl, and 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate for 10 mins at
595 50°C. Hybridization was performed with an Alexafluor-647 labeled universal 16s rRNA
596 bacterial probe (5'-[AF 647] GCTGCCTCCCGTAGGAGT-3'; Eurofin genomics, 10nM per
597 section) diluted in hybridization buffer for 4 hours at 50°C, followed by two washing steps using
598 the PBS 0.9M NaCl and 20mM Tris-HCl. DAPI was applied diluted in the washing buffer for 5
599 mins at RT, followed by one washing step. Samples were mounted with Vectashield (Vector
600 laboratories) and stored in the dark at 4°C. Images were recorded with an LCI laser scanning
601 confocal microscope (Zeiss) or a panoramic 250 flash II scanner (3DHISTECH).

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603 **Western blot**

604 Colon tissue was isolated from 2-month-old mice immediately after euthanasia and placed in
605 ice-cold PBS containing phosphatase inhibitor cocktail tablets (PhosStop, Roche
606 #04906837001) and protease inhibitor cocktail tablets (cOMplete EDTA-free tabs, Roche
607 #11873580001). Intestinal tissue was opened longitudinally and the epithelial layer was
608 scraped directly into 200µl of ice-cold complete RIPA lysis buffer. All antibodies used for
609 western blot analysis can be found in Table S2. Samples were run on 4-20% Mini-PROTEAN®
610 TGX Stain-Free™ gels (Bio-Rad Laboratories, #456-8093) and were developed using a
611 ChemiDoc™ XRS+ imaging machine (Bio-Rad Laboratories) with Image Lab™ software.

612 **Organoid Isolation and Culturing**

613 In brief, small intestinal tissue was dissected, flushed with PBS and opened longitudinally, with
614 villi and mucous layers then removed mechanically by scraping. The resulting intestinal
615 samples were washed with PBS, incubated with 2mM EDTA at 4°C for 30 minutes followed by
616 further washing and filtration through a 70µm mesh in order to isolate intestinal crypts. These
617 isolated crypts were suspended in growth factor reduced Matrigel® (Corning), plated in 10-
618 20µl droplets, and incubated at 37°C in 5% CO₂. *i-Apc^{ΔIEC}* or *i-Apc^{ΔIEC}Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* organoids were
619 maintained in Advanced DMEM/F12 growth media (Thermo), supplemented with 2mM L-
620 glutamine, 10mM HEPES, 12.5% (w/v) BSA, 100ng/ml murine NOGGIN, 50ng/ml murine EGF,
621 and 1 x proprietary B27 and N2 supplements (Thermo). Wild type control or *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}*
622 organoids were maintained in the same media, supplemented with 0.5µg/ml murine R-
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Table S2. Table of antibodies

Antibody Name	Company	Catalogue Number
Anti-CD90 / Thy1 antibody (IBL-6/23)	Abcam	Cat# ab3105; RRID: AB_2287350
Anti-MLKL (phospho S345) antibody	Abcam	Cat# ab196436; RRID: AB_2687465
CDX2 antibody (EPR2764Y) (IHC)	Abcam	Cat# ab76541; RRID: AB_1523334
Synaptophysin antibody (YE269) (IHC)	Abcam	Cat# ab32127; RRID: AB_2286949
BrdU antibody (IHC)	BD Biosciences	Cat# 347580; RRID: AB_400326
CD45R/B220 antibody (IHC)	Becton Dickinson	Cat# 553084; RRID: AB_394614
Rat Anti-Mouse F4 / 80 (Macrophages) Monoclonal Antibody (IHC)	BMA Biomedicals	Cat# T-2006; RRID: AB_1227368
BAK Antibody	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 3814S; RRID: AB_2290287
BAX Antibody	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 2772S; RRID: AB_10695870
BCL2 Antibody	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 2876S; RRID: AB_2064177
BCL-xL Antibody	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 2762S; RRID: AB_329920
BID Antibody (Mouse Specific)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 2003S; RRID: AB_10694562
BIM (C34C5) Rabbit mAb	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 2933S; RRID: AB_1030947
Caspase-8 Antibody (Mouse Specific)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 4927S; RRID: AB_10694563
Caspase-9 (C9) Mouse mAb	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 9508S; RRID: AB_2068620
Cleaved Caspase-3 (Asp175) (5A1E) Rabbit mAb	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 9664P; RRID: AB_2070042
Cleaved Caspase-3 (Asp175) Antibody (IHC)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 9661; RRID: AB_2341188
GAPDH (D16H11) XP Rabbit mAb antibody	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 5174S; RRID: AB_10622025
MCL1 (D35A5) Rabbit mAb	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 5453P; RRID: AB_10828726
Olfm4 (D6Y5A) Rabbit mAb (Mouse Specific) (IHC)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 9718S; RRID: AB_2118009
Pan-Keratin (C11) Mouse mAb	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 4545S; RRID: AB_490860
PCNA (PC10) Mouse mAb	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 2586S; RRID: AB_2160343
Rabbit Anti-beta-Catenin Monoclonal Antibody (IHC)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 9582S; RRID: AB_823447
Polyclonal Rabbit Anti-Cytokeratin (IHC)	DAKO	Cat# Z0622; RRID: AB_2650434
Polyclonal Rabbit Anti Human Lysozyme EC 3.2.1.17 antibody (IHC)	DAKO	Cat# A0099; RRID: AB_2341230
SOX9 (EP317) Rabbit Monoclonal Antibody	Epitomics	Cat# AC-0284RUO
Rabbit Anti-Human CD3 Monoclonal Antibody, Unconjugated, Clone SP7 (IHC)	Lab Vision	Cat# RM-9107-S; AB_149922
Rabbit Anti-Human Ki67 (Ki-67) Monoclonal Antibody, Unconjugated, Clone SP6 (IHC)	Lab Vision	Cat# RM-9106-S; RRID: AB_149707

Rabbit Anti-Gamma H2AX, phospho (Ser139) Polyclonal Antibody (IHC)	Novus Biologicals	Cat# NB100-384; RRID: AB_350295
Rabbit Anti-MCL1 Antibody	Rockland	Cat# 600-401-394; RRID: AB_2266446
CD44 (HCAM) (IM7) Antibody (IHC)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Cat# sc-18849; RRID: AB_2074688
MLKL Antibody (Y-14)	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	Cat# sc-165025; RRID: AB_10839183
Anti- α -Tubulin antibody, Mouse monoclonal	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# T8203-25UL; RRID: AB_1841230
Mouse Anti-Actin, alpha-Smooth Muscle Monoclonal Antibody (IHC)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# A2547; RRID: AB_476701

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654 **Histological Scoring**

655 Histological scoring was performed by a pathologist in a blinded fashion by analysing H&E
656 stained slides from 2-month-old wild type control, *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC}, *Rag1*^{-/-} or *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC}*Rag1*^{-/-} mice.
657 Histological scores were attributed independently to the small intestine and colon of each
658 mouse. Histological scoring was based on architectural changes (crypt hyperplasia and
659 villin/crypt ratio length), inflammatory changes (neutrophil and lymphoplasmocyte infiltration),
660 epithelial damage (epithelial surface damage) and cell death (apoptosis) using a modified
661 established scoring system ¹⁰ designed to discriminate between normal tissue (score = 0) and
662 mild (score = 1), moderate (score = 2) or severe (score = 3) pathology. Detailed criteria for
663 each category are provided in Table S3 and representative images of each scoring criteria are
664 displayed as Supplementary Data 1. Histological score was determined using 5 mice per
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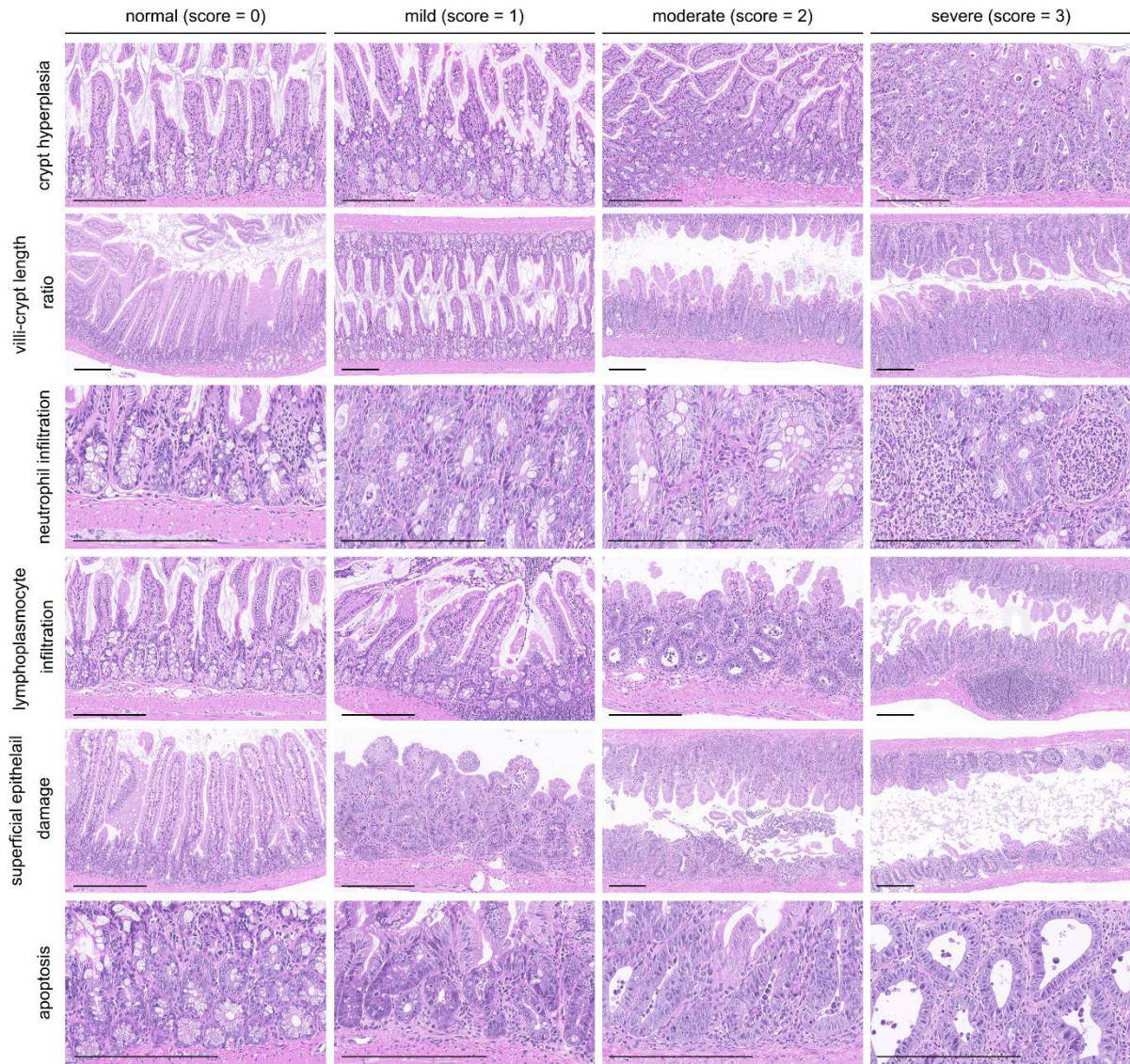
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Table S3. Histological scoring criteria

	Normal (score = 0)	Mild (score = 1)	Moderate (score = 2)	Severe (score = 3)
<u>Architectural changes:</u>				
Crypt hyperplasia	Parallel crypts separated with stroma	Increased amount, decreased diameter, elongation irregular shape of the crypts, enlarged epithelial cells	Increased amount, decreased diameter, elongation irregular shape of the crypts, crypts located "back to back", branched crypts, enlarged epithelial cells OR multi-layered epithelium in the crypts	Increased amount, decreased diameter, elongation irregular shape of the crypts, crypts located "back to back", branched crypts, enlarged epithelial cells AND multi-layered epithelium in the crypts
Villi/crypt length ratio (small intestine only)	Between 3:1 and 5:1	Approximately 2:1	Approximately 1:1	Blunted or flat villi
<u>Inflammatory changes:</u>				
Neutrophils	0-3 cells per high power field	5-10 cells per high power field	>10 cells per high power field	Abscess
Lymphoplasmocytes	1 lymphocyte per 4-5 epithelial cells within the crypt. discrete lymphoplasmocytes in lamina propria, isolated lymphoid follicles	Mildly increased amount of inflammatory cells in the epithelium or lamina propria,	Lamina propria expansion by a mixed inflammatory infiltrate, increased amount of lymphoid follicles	Lamina propria expansion by a mixed inflammatory infiltrate, AND multiple or large reactive lymphoid follicles
<u>Epithelial damage</u>				
Superficial damage	Normal epithelium	Changes in cytoplasm and nuclei (accumulation and vacuolization), goblet cells reduction	Changes in cytoplasm and nuclei (accumulation and vacuolization), goblet cells reduction AND isolated erosions	Changes in cytoplasm and nuclei (accumulation and vacuolization), goblet cells reduction AND multiple erosions or ulceration
Apoptosis	No apoptosis	Numerous apoptotic bodies in the crypt epithelium	Apoptotic bodies in the crypt's lumen	Dilated crypts with flattened epithelium (cystic dilated crypts)



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680 **Supplementary Data 1.** Representative H&E images of small intestine which illustrate the

681 criteria needed to be considered wild type (score = 0), mild (score = 1), moderate (score = 2)

682 or severe (score = 3) in relation to crypt hyperplasia, neutrophil or lymphoplasmacyte

683 infiltration, epithelial damage, villi-crypt length ratio and apoptosis during histological scoring

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689 **Sanger Sequencing and Whole Exome Sequencing**

690 Genomic DNA was isolated from FFPE tissue blocks using Machery & Nagel's NucleoSpin
691 FFPE Kit and analysed by either Sanger Sequencing or Whole Exome Sequencing. For both,
692 regions of normal tissue, hyperplasia, low-grade hyperplasia, high-grade hyperplasia or
693 carcinoma were identified based on previously described criteria ¹¹. For Sanger Sequencing,
694 AmpliTaq Gold polymerase was used to amplify 296bp of the *Ctnnb1* gene (exon 2) following
695 the manufacturer's recommendations (Primer sequences obtained from Huang et al. ¹² fwd:
696 5'- TACAGGTAGCATTTTCAGTTC AC -3'; rev: 5'- TAGCTTCCAAACACAAATGC -3'). PCR
697 products were sequenced at Microsynth, Balgach, Switzerland. Sequences were aligned
698 against the reference NC_000075.6 (chr9:120950522-120950749 *Mus musculus* strain
699 C57BL/6J). Codon changes were outlined according to transcript reference NM_000076.5.

700 For array Comparative Genomic Hybridization (aCGH) and Synteny analysis, regions of
701 healthy tissue, hyperplasia or carcinoma were identified based on previously described criteria
702 ¹¹. Genomic DNA was isolated from FFPE tissue blocks using Macherey & Nagel's NucleoSpin
703 FFPE Kit before aCGH and Synteny analysis were performed as previously described ¹³.

704 Whole exome sequencing of tumor and non-tumor tissue was performed on genomic DNA
705 isolated from formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) samples at Ontogenetic Corporations,
706 Atlanta (GA, USA). Samples were chosen according to previously published criteria ^{11, 14} to
707 distinguish between normal tissue, hyperplastic tissue, low grade adenoma, high grade
708 adenoma and carcinoma. Tissue samples matching these criteria were punched out of the
709 FFPE blocks and genomic DNA was extracted with the NucleoSpin FFPE kit (Macherey &
710 Nagel). Sequencing data have been deposited at the European Nucleotide Archive under the
711 accession number PRJEB20295.

712 Enrichment of the whole exome (Agilent SureSelect Mouse All Exon kit) and subsequent
713 Illumina sequencing on a HighSeq2500 (125bp PE) was performed at Ontogenetic
714 Corporations, Atlanta (GA, USA). Ontogenetic Corporations processed the sequence reads on
715 the DNAnexus platform (Mountain View, CA, USA) using the advanced mouse exome analysis

716 pipeline. Quality filtered reads were aligned against the mouse reference genome
 717 (GRCm38/mm10) using BWA¹⁵. After removing PCR duplicates (PicardTools: Mark duplicates
 718 (Broad Institute)) GATK's Unified Genotyper was used to call variants after realignment and
 719 base quality score recalibration ¹⁶.

720 Raw variants were filtered based on GATK's recommendations. Variants were divided into
 721 SNPs and INDELS to apply different parameters during the filtration step. For retaining SNPs
 722 in the dataset the criteria were "QD > 2.0 & FS < 60.0 & MQ > 40.0 & MQRankSum > -12.5 &
 723 ReadPosRankSum > -8.0". The selected INDELS have to fulfill "QD > 2.0 & FS < 200.0 &
 724 ReadPosRankSum > -20.0" to be selected. Afterwards the SNP and INDEL dataset per sample
 725 was combined and variant filtration steps for depth and genotype quality can be applied
 726 (DP>=10; QUAL>=30). Variants were annotated and functional effects were predicted with
 727 SNPEff ¹⁷. The exome datasets were filtered for the WNT, TGF- β , PI3K, RTK-RAS and P53
 728 signaling pathways. A full list of target genes can be found in Table S4 to S9.

729 An exome coverage of 38.93x – 124.87x was achieved containing ~ 9000 – 15000 filtered
 730 variants (see Table S7). This low level of variance in the whole exome was unsurprising, since
 731 the strain used in this mouse model is of a pure inbred background (C57BL/6), as was used to
 732 prepare the *Mus musculus* reference genome (for detailed information and discussion see
 733 Fairfield 2015) ¹⁸.

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735 **Table S4.** Results after SNP calling by GATK's Unified Genotyper.

Sample	coverage (exome)	Variants	n SNPs	n Insertions	n Deletions	n Complex
Carcinoma 1 spf	48.72x	20337	18100	526	1690	21
Carcinoma 2 spf	82.52x	25047	22023	629	2361	34
Carcinoma 4 gf	109.09x	28720	24509	1080	3053	78
Mucosa, wt	124.87x	18491	15245	600	2615	31
Hyperplasia/LGD 1 spf	66.87x	19465	16769	621	2045	30
Carcinoma 3 spf	78.45x	21328	18284	694	2321	29
Carcinoma 5 gf	38.93x	18920	16627	629	1647	17
Hyperplasia/LGD 2 gf	70.18x	24584	21150	842	2543	49

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737 **Table S5.** Variant statistics after individual filtration of SNPs and INDELs (parameters are
 738 mentioned in the text).

Sample	coverage (exome)	Variants	n SNPs	n Insertions	n Deletions	n Complex
Carcinoma 1 spf	48.72x	11034	9319	338	1359	18
Carcinoma 2 spf	82.52x	13334	10998	397	1913	26
Carcinoma 4 gf	109.09x	15429	12308	677	2382	62
Mucosa, wt	124.87x	11388	8679	454	2233	22
Hyperplasia/LGD 1 spf	66.87x	12576	10329	474	1746	27
Carcinoma 3 spf	78.45x	13730	11200	530	1975	25
Carcinoma 5 gf	38.93x	9189	7600	337	1238	14
Hyperplasia/LGD 2 gf	70.18x	12457	9966	506	1950	35

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740 **Table S6.** Variants after applying the filters for depth and genotype quality (DP
 741 ≥ 10 , QUAL ≥ 30).

Sample	coverage (exome)	Variants	n SNPs	n Insertions	n Deletions	n Complex
Carcinoma 1 spf	48.72x	9199	7532	323	1326	18
Carcinoma 2 spf	82.52x	11332	9047	380	1879	26
Carcinoma 4 gf	109.09x	13651	10578	667	2344	62
Mucosa, wt	124.87x	10136	7457	445	2212	22
Hyperplasia/LGD 1 spf	66.87x	10992	8800	458	1707	27
Carcinoma 3 spf	78.45x	12042	9554	515	1948	25
Carcinoma 5 gf	38.93x	7949	6406	323	1206	14
Hyperplasia/LGD 2 gf	70.18x	11057	8617	489	1916	35

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WNT signalling pathway						
19	30545863	30549665	<i>Dkk1</i>	3802	-	dickkopf WNT signaling pathway inhibitor 1
3	132085292	132180304	<i>Dkk2</i>	95012	-	dickkopf WNT signaling pathway inhibitor 2
7	112116017	112159057	<i>Dkk3</i>	43040	-	dickkopf WNT signaling pathway inhibitor 3
8	22624043	22627547	<i>Dkk4</i>	3504	+	dickkopf WNT signaling pathway inhibitor 4
19	3584828	3686564	<i>Lrp5</i>	101736	-	low density lipoprotein receptor-related protein 5
6	134446476	134566965	<i>Lrp6</i>	120489	-	low density lipoprotein receptor-related protein 6
5	128600844	128604093	<i>Fzd10</i>	3249	-	frizzled class receptor 10
X	95420318	95444872	<i>Amer1</i>	24554	-	APC membrane recruitment 1 (Fam123b)
11	108920349	108950783	<i>Axin2</i>	30434	+	axin 2
18	34220924	34318608	<i>Apc</i>	97684	+	adenomatosis polyposis coli
9	120929216	120960507	<i>Ctnnb1</i>	31291	+	catenin (cadherin associated protein), beta 1
19	55741820	55933654	<i>Tcf7l2</i>	191834	+	transcription factor 7 like 2, T cell specific, HMG box
3	84815268	84979198	<i>Fbxw7</i>	163930	+	F-box and WD-40 domain protein 7
4	133679008	133756769	<i>Arid1a</i>	77761	-	AT-rich interactive domain-containing protein 1A
11	52252371	52283014	<i>Tcf</i>	30643	-	transcription factor 7, T cell specific
15	61985391	61990374	<i>Myc</i>	4983	+	myelocytomatosis oncogene
3	131110471	131224356	<i>Lef1</i>	113885	-	lymphoid enhancer binding factor 1
5	144767732	144859778	<i>Trrap</i>	92046	+	transformation/transcription domain-associated protein
6	72626378	72789254	<i>Tcf7l1</i>	162876	-	transcription factor 7 like 1 (T cell specific, HMG box)
TGF-beta signalling						
4	47353222	47414931	<i>Tgfr1</i>	61709	+	transforming growth factor, beta receptor I
9	116087698	116175363	<i>Tgfr2</i>	87665	-	transforming growth factor, beta receptor II
2	48814109	48903269	<i>Acvr2a</i>	89160	+	activin receptor IIA
15	101174067	101213679	<i>Acvr1b</i>	39612	+	activin A receptor, type 1B
18	76241580	76305731	<i>Smad2</i>	64151	+	SMAD family member 2
9	63646767	63757994	<i>Smad3</i>	111227	-	SMAD family member 3
18	73639009	73703780	<i>Smad4</i>	64771	-	SMAD family member 4
PI3K signalling						
7	142650766	142666816	<i>Igf2</i>	16050	+	insulin-like growth factor 2
7	67952827	68233668	<i>Igf1r</i>	280841	+	insulin-like growth factor I receptor
8	10984681	11008458	<i>Irs2</i>	23777	-	insulin receptor substrate 2
13	101680563	101768217	<i>Pik3r1</i>	87654	-	phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase, regulatory subunit, polypeptide 1
3	32397671	32466107	<i>Pik3ca</i>	68436	+	phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase, catalytic, alpha polypeptide
19	32757497	32826160	<i>Pten</i>	68663	+	phosphatase and tensin homolog
RTK-RAS signalling						
11	98412470	98437716	<i>ErbB2</i>	25246	+	erb-b2 receptor tyrosine kinase 2
10	128567523	128589652	<i>ErbB3</i>	22129	-	erb-b2 receptor tyrosine kinase 3
6	145216699	145250239	<i>Kras</i>	33540	-	Kirsten rat sarcoma viral oncogene homolog
3	103058285	103067914	<i>Nras</i>	9629	+	neuroblastoma ras oncogene
6	39603237	39725463	<i>Braf</i>	122226	-	Braf transforming gene
5	142484839	142551098	<i>Radil</i>	66259	-	Ras association and DIL domains
P53 signalling						
11	69580359	69591873	<i>Trp53</i>	11514	+	transformation related protein 53
9	53439149	53536740	<i>Atm</i>	97591	-	ataxia telangiectasia mutated
additional genes of interest						
5	116439275	116591817	<i>Srrm4</i>	152542	-	serine/arginine repetitive matrix 4
6	39592574	39603382	<i>Ndufb2</i>	10808	+	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 beta subcomplex, 2
6	64729125	64731245	<i>Atoh1</i>	2120	+	atonal bHLH transcription factor 1
7	83642825	83745726	<i>Il16</i>	102901	-	interleukin 16
9	106892825	107231909	<i>Dock3</i>	339084	-	dedicator of cyto-kinesis 3
15	81585351	81652077	<i>Ep300</i>	66726	+	E1A binding protein p300
11	112782224	112787760	<i>Sox9</i>	5536	+	SRY (sex determining region Y)-box 9
5	110286306	110337474	<i>Pole</i>	51168	+	polymerase (DNA directed), epsilon
9	111228228	111271791	<i>Mlh1</i>	43563	-	mutL homolog 1
12	85234529	85270591	<i>Mlh3</i>	36062	-	mutL homolog 3
17	87672330	87723713	<i>Msh2</i>	51383	+	mutS homolog 2
13	92211872	92355003	<i>Msh3</i>	143131	-	mutS homolog 3
17	87975050	87990883	<i>Msh6</i>	15833	+	mutS homolog 6
5	143909964	143933968	<i>Pms2</i>	24004	+	postmeiotic segregation increased 2 (<i>S. cerevisiae</i>)

Gene	Chr:Pos	REF	ALT	Codon variant	Functional Variant	Functional Consequence	Ensembl Transcript	rs ID	Mucosa, wt	Hyperplasia /LGD 1 spf	Hyperplasia /LGD 2 gf	Carcinoma 1 spf	Carcinoma 2 spf	Carcinoma 3 spf	Carcinoma 4 gf	Carcinoma 5 gf
<i>ErbB3</i>	chr10:128570846	T	C	c.3192+90A>G		intron_variant(MODIFIER)						0/1:7:3:10				
<i>ErbB3</i>	chr10:128571949	T	C	c.2687-158A>G		intron_variant(MODIFIER)						0/1:13:4:17				
<i>ErbB3</i>	chr10:128575875	CAT	C	T		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000082069	rs228017517		0/1:35:13:49	0/1:18:11:30	0/1:3:10:15	0/1:0:10:58	0/1:26:14:41	0/1:0:11:89	0/1:12:11:24
<i>ErbB3</i>	chr10:128584505	T	A	c.422-69A>T		intron_variant(MODIFIER)										0/1:9:4:13
<i>ErbB3</i>	chr10:128584507	C	A	c.422-71G>T		intron_variant(MODIFIER)										0/1:10:4:14
<i>ZNF2</i>	chr11:108931615	CG	C	c.956+37delG		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000082915		0/1:41:16:61							
<i>SOX9</i>	chr11:112785794	GC	C	c.432-14delC		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000000579		0/1:9:6:20							
<i>Msh3</i>	chr13:92306459	CT	C	-		downstream_gene_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000190462		0/1:0:6:66	0/1:10:17:35	0/1:21:12:45					
<i>Erbp30</i>	chr15:81623853	AT	A	c.134+29delT		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000068387	rs237317619	0/1:0:8:206		0/1:35:21:78			0/1:18:12:41	0/1:29:28:77	0/1:12:12:31
<i>Erbp30</i>	chr15:81636274	CT	C	c.3725+41delT		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000000079	rs255017404	0/1:18:29:51		0/1:0:11:126			0/1:0:10:155		0/1:39:12:54
<i>Msh2</i>	chr17:87679692	TA	T	c.367-107delA		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST000000024867			0/1:17:20:40						
<i>Apc</i>	chr18:34312747	C	T	c.2895C>T	p.Gln898*	stop_gained(HIGHCONSEQUENCE)	ENSMUST00000007962	rs47505115	0/1:50:52:102	0/1:32:20:52	0/1:27:23:50			0/1:38:41:79		
<i>Apc</i>	chr18:34316309	A	G	c.6257A>G	p.Asp2096G	missense_variant(MODERATE)	ENSMUST000000007962	rs47505115	0/1:50:52:102	0/1:32:20:52	0/1:27:23:50			0/1:37:32:69		0/1:22:18:40
<i>Lp5</i>	chr19:3659357	C	T	c.372G>A	p.Thr124Thr	synonymous_variant(LOWSEQUENCE)	ENSMUST00000176867			0/1:19:21:40						
<i>Acrv2a</i>	chr2:4893385	CT	C	c.817-121delT		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000063868	rs233268672	0/1:14:17:42					0/1:17:11:32	0/1:12:13:28	
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<i>Pik3ca</i>	chr3:32449854	CT	C	c.1060-74A>T		intron_variant(MODIFIER)							0/1:31:11:42			
<i>Pik3ca</i>	chr3:32449854	CT	C	c.1747-54delT		intron_variant(MODIFIER)				0/1:22:9:32			0/1:28:12:45			
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<i>Fbxw7</i>	chr3:84954904	A	G	c.540A>G	p.Glu180Glu	synonymous_variant(LOWSEQUENCE)	ENSMUST00000107678	rs30008104								
<i>Fbxw7</i>	chr3:84967383	AT	A	A		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000107678	rs231049948	0/1:42	0/1:32	0/1:2:39	0/2:16				0/2:15
<i>Fbxw7</i>	chr3:84977650	GA	G	c.110delA		3_prime_UTR_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000107678	rs238194117						1/1:2:22:33	1/1:3:31:39	1/1:1:12:18
<i>Nras</i>	chr3:103063308	G	GTT	c.451-21_451-20insTT		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000029445	rs242625067						0/1:26:16:46	0/1:29:15:58	
<i>Lef1</i>	chr3:131189251	GT	GTT	c.871-83delT		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000098611	rs242625067	0/1:43		0/1:31					
<i>And1a</i>	chr4:133689170	ATATAC	A	c.2081A>C	p.Gln1096fs	frameshift_variant(HIGH)	ENSMUST00000007296	rs263841953		0/1:62:24:88			0/1:9:4:13			
<i>Pole</i>	chr5:110293954	A	C	c.801+159A>C		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST000000007296	rs263841953								
<i>Pole</i>	chr5:110299343	A	C	c.2081A>C	p.Lys694Thr	missense_variant(MODERATE)	ENSMUST000000007296	rs263841953								
<i>Srrm4</i>	chr5:116467875	GGA	G	n.187+9899delG		upstream_gene_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000126953	rs257407124						0/1:4:6:13		
<i>Srrm4</i>	chr5:142544859	CAG	C	c.23+32_23+33delCT		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000085758			0/1:8:14:52						
<i>Trrap</i>	chr5:144780182	C	T	c.450+129C>T		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST0000000085758					0/1:23:8:31				
<i>Trrap</i>	chr5:144780196	C	T	c.450+129C>T		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST0000000085758					0/1:17:6:23				
<i>Trrap</i>	chr5:144780210	C	T	c.450+143C>T		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST0000000085758					0/1:12:5:18				
<i>Ndufb2</i>	chr6:39596677	AT	A	n.364+83delT		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000024900	rs239777375								0/1:9:6:21
<i>Ndufb2</i>	chr6:39598377	GT	GTT	n.460+18_460+19insT		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000024900	rs249436801								0/2:42
<i>Braf</i>	chr6:39648311	GAA	GGA	c.1123+137_1123+138delTT		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000101497	rs216953796		0/2:33				0/2:31	0/1:46	
<i>Braf</i>	chr6:39648327	G	A	c.1123+123C>T		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000101497	rs216953796		0/1:27:5:32	0/1:33:8:41					
<i>Dock3</i>	chr8:108929844	TCA	T	c.4107+74_4107+75delTG		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000044532	rs256120015	0/1:25:13:45	0/1:8:7:18	0/1:7:7:16		0/1:23:9:38		0/1:29:14:45	0/1:6:6:17
<i>Mln1</i>	chr9:11253013	CA	C	n.694+2614delT		intron_variant(MODIFIER)	ENSMUST00000155218		0/1:59:25:110	0/1:39:19:74			0/1:30:20:65		0/1:0:7:141	
<i>Ctmb1</i>	chr9:120950606	C	A	c.98C>A	p.Ser33Tyr	missense_variant(MODERATE)	ENSMUST00000145093									
<i>Ctmb1</i>	chr9:120950630	C	T	c.122C>T	p.Thr41Ile	missense_variant(MODERATE)	ENSMUST00000145093									
<i>Ctmb1</i>	chr9:120950642	C	T	c.134C>T	p.Ser45Phe	missense_variant(MODERATE)	ENSMUST00000145093					0/1:23:14:37				

Table S8. Identified variants per sample within the gene regions of interest. Variants were filtered to a depth of 10 and genotype quality of 30.

768 The clinical significance of particular SNV was determined by searching several databases.
 769 After annotation we checked UniProt¹⁹ for functional consequences of an amino acid change.
 770 Additionally, we performed a protein BLAST to identify the homologous protein and position of
 771 the functional change in humans to check the clinical association in the COSMIC database ²⁰.

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773 **Table S9.** Classification of functional consequences of detected amino acid changes.

Gene	Chr:Pos	REF	ALT	Codon variant	Functional Variant	Functional Consequence	UniProt	BLAST human (homolog position)	COSMIC Annotation
<i>Apc</i>	chr18:34312747	C	T	c.2695C>T	p.Gln899*	stop_gained(HIGH NONSENSE)	-	Q901*	Pathogenic (score 0.91)
<i>Apc</i>	chr18:34316309	A	G	c.6257A>G	p.Asp2086Gly	missense_variant(MODERATE)	no functional significance	D2087G	not annotated
<i>Fbxw7</i>	chr3:84903756	A	G	c.187A>G	p.Asn63Asp	missense_variant(MODERATE MISSENSE)	no functional significance	without homology at this position	not annotated
<i>Fbxw7</i>	chr3:84903911	A	G	c.342A>G	p.Glu114Glu	synonymous_variant(LOW SILENT)	no functional significance	E114E	not annotated
<i>Fbxw7</i>	chr3:84954904	A	G	c.540A>G	p.Glu180Glu	synonymous_variant(LOW SILENT)	no functional significance	E180E	not annotated
<i>Pole</i>	chr5:110299343	A	C	c.2081A>C	p.Lys694Thr	missense_variant(MODERATE MISSENSE)	no record	K694T	not annotated
<i>Arid1a</i>	chr4:133689170	ATATAC	A	c.3289_3293delTATAC	p.Gln1096fs	synonymous_variant(LOW SILENT)	no record	Q1096fs	not annotated
<i>Ctnnb1</i>	chr9:120950606	C	A	c.98C>A	p.Ser33Tyr	missense_variant(MODERATE MISSENSE)	target for HIPK2 phosphorylation/ proteasomal degradation	S33Y	Pathogenic (score 0.97)
<i>Ctnnb1</i>	chr9:120950630	C	T	c.122C>T	p.Thr41Ile	missense_variant(MODERATE MISSENSE)	target for GSK3 phosphorylation	T41I	Pathogenic (score 0.98)
<i>Ctnnb1</i>	chr9:120950642	C	T	c.134C>T	p.Ser45Phe	missense_variant(MODERATE MISSENSE)	target for secondary GSK3 phosphorylation	S45F	Pathogenic (score 0.98)

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783 **Single molecule FISH (smFISH)**

784 Mice were sacrificed and the small intestine was removed and flushed with cold PBS. Small
785 intestine tissue was opened longitudinally and spread on whatman filter paper. Flat tissue was
786 then fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA, Santa Cruz Biotechnology, sc-281692) in PBS for 3
787 hours and subsequently incubated in a 30% sucrose, 4% PFA in PBS solution at 4°C overnight
788 with gentle agitation. Fixed tissues were then embedded in Tissue-Tek OCT Compound
789 (Sakura, 4583) and stored at -80°C. 7µm thick sections of fixed tissue were sectioned onto
790 poly L-lysine coated coverslips and used for smFISH staining. Probe libraries were designed
791 using the Stellaris FISH Probe Design Software (Biosearch Technologies), see Tables S10-
792 S12 for complete list of smFISH probes. Probe libraries were coupled to Cy5 (*Mcl1*) or
793 Alexa594 (*Atoh1* or *Wnt2b*). Tissue sections were hybridized with smFISH probe sets based
794 on a previously published protocol²¹. smFISH imaging was performed on a Leica THUNDER
795 Imager 3D Cell Imaging system using the following THUNDER Computational Clearing
796 Settings, Feature Scale (nm): 383, Strength (%): 97.75, Deconvolution settings: Auto and
797 Optimization: High. Objective: 100X/1.4. Quantification of smFISH was performed as
798 previously described using the TransQuant software²². *Atoh1* smFISH quantification was
799 performed by selecting 7 *Mcl1* expressing and 7 *Mcl1* deficient crypts from the small intestines
800 of 3 different *Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice. Individual epithelial cells were identified within each crypt and
801 quantification was performed by determining the amount of single RNA molecules per epithelial
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Table S10. *Mcl1* probes for smFISH

<i>Mcl1</i>	
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _1	caggccaaacatggtcggac
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _2	tacaggttcaagccgatgac
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _3	caagtagcgcgagatgatct
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _4	atcgcccttcgtttttaatgt
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _5	agtttgttacgccatctttg
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _6	attgcactcacaaggctatc
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _7	tggctggagctttaagagtc
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _8	cacatgttttcacagatgca
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _9	cagacagtgactcttccagg
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _10	cactctgagcagagtaatgg
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _11	ttctagtcacatcgtttggtga
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _12	acagggctaaaagtcctgag
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _13	tcaagtactttttggccatc
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _14	aatcgaggctgttcagtttt
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _15	aggctctgcatatacactag
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _16	ccctgcatagttataaatct
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _17	tcttacatctatctacctgt
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _18	tgtaagtcaacaggggatca
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _19	taagactctagcctgcttta
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _20	taaaccagtgatagcacc
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _21	caccaggtataaacttgtgt
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _22	cttggcaatccttagtagac
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _23	acgccaacagtaaaggaagt
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _24	ataggggaactgggagcata
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _25	gggaggaagtgtagacgact
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _26	aaaatggccagtgaagagca
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _27	ggctcaaagagcaagtgttc
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _28	gtaacaatggaaagcatgcc
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _29	ggaccttgatgtttttctt
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _30	ccaacctttgaaattcccaa
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _31	acacagtcatactggagca
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _32	tttgtaaccgagtttagca
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _33	aataccttcagttaccagtg
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _34	gattcctgcctatttttatc
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _35	acttcttccctattacattc
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _36	caggtacaaatcactcccaa
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _37	aagtgctctgaagtccgaag
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _38	agaggctaaccttttagtca
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _39	gaagtcaggctcctagtaaa
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _40	ttcatttcaccctttgtgag
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _41	ccctggacctaaaataccta
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _42	catctagtcagcactcagac
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _43	gatgcttgaagactgcatgt
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _44	tgttcaccagatagaatgt
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _45	aggtgctctaccagaatgaa
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _46	ctttcgggaacagctgttaa
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _47	taacttgcagttggtcctaa
mus_ <i>Mcl1</i> _48	aggggaacatttacaacca

811 **Table S11. *Atoh1* probes for smFISH**

<i>Atoh1</i>	
mus_Atoh1_1	gatttttttctctcctcct
mus_Atoh1_2	ttcctagtctcttctgcaag
mus_Atoh1_3	cccgaacaacaacaacaaaa
mus_Atoh1_4	cagttcaacgaaggggataa
mus_Atoh1_5	ttttacctcagcccactctt
mus_Atoh1_6	tatccaggagggacagttct
mus_Atoh1_7	tgcaaagtgggagtcagcca
mus_Atoh1_8	agaatgcagcagatactggg
mus_Atoh1_9	tctccttaccagctcaccct
mus_Atoh1_10	agctgttcccgtactttgac
mus_Atoh1_11	acaaccccacccttcagctt
mus_Atoh1_12	attcacctgtttgctggaag
mus_Atoh1_13	agcctcctttgcttctgtac
mus_Atoh1_14	ttgaaggacgggataacggt
mus_Atoh1_15	ttggacagcttcttgtcgt
mus_Atoh1_16	ttgatgtagatctgggcat
mus_Atoh1_17	attgggagctctgcagcaact
mus_Atoh1_18	attttgcaggaagctgtgg
mus_Atoh1_19	tgtgccatcatcgctgtag
mus_Atoh1_20	tttgtggtgtcctcctgta
mus_Atoh1_21	ttctgtgggatctgggagat
mus_Atoh1_22	taatgagagtgggggaaaa
mus_Atoh1_23	aactggcctcatcagagtca
mus_Atoh1_24	tttcaggagctggtgcctt
mus_Atoh1_25	aagggcatttggtgtctca
mus_Atoh1_26	aaggggtgcaggatatttgt
mus_Atoh1_27	cgatcaccacagacaaaaa
mus_Atoh1_28	gaagtcaagtcgctgctaac
mus_Atoh1_29	taggaggaaggggattggaa
mus_Atoh1_30	ctacatacagaggaaggaga
mus_Atoh1_31	gatgccacgtaaaggtacat
mus_Atoh1_32	atattggcagcatggacat
mus_Atoh1_33	cagagatacagacattttagc
mus_Atoh1_34	taagtgaacccagaccaga
mus_Atoh1_35	ggatgaaactccaaggtata
mus_Atoh1_36	atgtgtgagtgagcgcaaca
mus_Atoh1_37	ggggaacaacttcattgac
mus_Atoh1_38	aaagtacccaatgcgggtct
mus_Atoh1_39	caacacaatagtcctggttc
mus_Atoh1_40	cttatctgccctgcatttt
mus_Atoh1_41	ggtgtctaagctctacagat
mus_Atoh1_42	tagacacactgctggacaca
mus_Atoh1_43	atgaagtgcgtgtattctgg
mus_Atoh1_44	ttgagtttcttcaaggcggc
mus_Atoh1_45	aaaagttgctctgcattggc
mus_Atoh1_46	ccaaatgcctttgacactac
mus_Atoh1_47	gaaatgggtccaatacgc
mus_Atoh1_48	cgatctcgagtagaaaatgt

<i>Wnt2b</i>	
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _1	ggatggtgtcacagatcact
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _2	tactgagcgcgatgatgtctg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _3	atagcatagacgaacgctgc
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _4	atggatggtgtcactacagc
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _5	ttgtgtaagtccatgagggc
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _6	agtagacaagatcagtccgg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _7	tagaagtcttgctgcagacg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _8	aacacatgatttcacaccca
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _9	gtggaatttgactcacact
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _10	atgtgtggacatccacagtg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _11	ttgtgcttttgagtcaagg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _12	ggattgagggtagaggaagg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _13	cgtgacagaagccatagcag
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _14	taaatccatcccctatcaac
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _15	ccttgacttagtgcaactca
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _16	tgcaagcaaaggggaggatg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _17	gcatacccaaagaggatcag
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _18	tcaaacacggaagctacctc
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _19	gacaggcagttttatctctg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _20	actatggcctaagattgtct
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _21	taacccatctagctatctca
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _22	atgtggagccttgttcaatg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _23	ccactactttataagctgcg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _24	agagcattgtgattttcctc
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _25	ggcacagagaatgtgtatct
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _26	gtaagaatttgaccactgc
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _27	attctctcacaatcctgttc
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _28	cgaatctccggaatagtgga
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _29	gctgaagatcctcaagaact
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _30	aaggccttataggatgtttg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _31	tagttaacagttggacctgg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _32	ctgtttaagtcgatcgtgga
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _33	cagtagcacagagagaacct
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _34	ctagaccatcaaggtttgga
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _35	aagatgaccattgtcgaggt
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _36	tgatgacgtctatcagtcgg
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _37	acagccctaaatcagaaggt
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _38	gaatctagtctgtgtctgc
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _39	agaattccttggtgaaagcct
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _40	tgctccacaaacatctgaga
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _41	caaatcccctcaccaaaaga
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _42	gactagctcatgttttgtgt
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _43	ctactctgagaggaagacat
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _44	aaactcctctctccaagag
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _45	accgtaactggatgttctc
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _46	aagtagatttacctcaggct
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _47	gagatgtcacagatgtctgc
mus_ <i>Wnt2b</i> _48	atcagctagaatttgagacc

815 **RNASeq**

816 For RNASeq analysis, RNA was extracted from small intestinal tissue that had been frozen in
817 RNeasy Lysis Buffer (Qiagen); taken from mice sacrificed 3 or 4 days post induction. RNA
818 extraction and DNA digestion was performed on homogenised tissue using QIAGEN RNeasy
819 Mini Kit (QIAGEN, #74104) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The quality of the
820 purified RNA was tested on an Agilent 2200 TapeStation using RNA screentape. Libraries for
821 cluster generation and RNA sequencing were prepared following an adapted method from
822 Fisher *et al.*, 2011²³ using an Illumina TruSeq RNA LT Kit v2. Libraries were run on the Illumina
823 NextSeq 500 using the High Output 75 cycles kit (2x36cycles, paired end reads, single index)
824²⁴. Quality control of the raw RNASeq data files was performed by fastqc
825 (<http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastqc/>) and fastq_screen
826 (http://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/fastq_screen/). Next, RNASeq reads
827 were aligned to the mouse genome (GRCm38.75) using TopHat2 (tophat2), and gene level
828 counts were determined from the resulting bam files using htseq_count ([http://www-](http://www-huber.embl.de/users/anders/HTSeq/doc/count.html)
829 [huber.embl.de/users/anders/HTSeq/doc/count.html](http://www-huber.embl.de/users/anders/HTSeq/doc/count.html)) with default settings. Differential
830 expression analysis and data normalisation was performed using the R package DESeq2, with
831 statistically significant differences in gene expression defined using a false discovery rate
832 (FDR) of 5% or 10%. A detailed list of signaling pathways enriched in *i-Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice compared
833 with wild type control mice is shown in Table S13. A table of linked toxic pathologies associated
834 with up-regulated genes detected in *i-Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice are listed in Table S14.

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836 GSEA analysis was performed using the GSEA v2.0 software (Broad Institute). The reference
837 gene sets were obtained from published sources as follows; genes upregulated following APC
838 loss²⁵ & WNT target genes commonly upregulated in human colorectal cancer²⁶.

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841 **Table S13.** Pathways enriched in *i-Mcl1*^{ΔIEC} mice compared with wild type control mice.

#	Pathways Enriched in <i>i-Mcl1</i> ^{ΔIEC} mouse small intestine	p-value	FDR
1	Cell cycle_Start of DNA replication in early S phase	1.249E-10	1.123E-07
2	Cell cycle_Nucleocytoplasmic transport of CDK/Cyclins	2.142E-07	8.790E-05
3	Apoptosis and survival_Role of IAP-proteins in apoptosis	3.307E-07	8.790E-05
4	Cell cycle_Regulation of G1/S transition (part 1)	4.557E-07	8.790E-05
5	Cell cycle_Role of SCF complex in cell cycle regulation	6.619E-07	8.790E-05
6	CAR signaling via cross-talk / Human Version	6.844E-07	8.790E-05
7	Cell cycle_Regulation of G1/S transition (part 2)	6.844E-07	8.790E-05
8	CAR signaling via cross-talk / Rodent version	1.325E-06	1.489E-04
9	Regulation of metabolism_Bile acids regulation of glucose and lipid metabolism via FXR	1.535E-06	1.533E-04
10	Development_Regulation of telomere length and cellular immortalization	3.090E-06	2.558E-04
11	Transcription_Epigenetic regulation of gene expression	3.345E-06	2.558E-04
12	Cytoskeleton remodeling_TGF, WNT and cytoskeletal remodeling	3.414E-06	2.558E-04
13	Development_EGFR signaling pathway	6.640E-06	4.592E-04
14	ATP/ITP metabolism	8.389E-06	5.387E-04
15	Cell cycle_Cell cycle (generic schema)	1.064E-05	6.375E-04
16	GTP-XTP metabolism	1.195E-05	6.581E-04
17	Development_WNT signaling pathway. Part 2	1.244E-05	6.581E-04
18	Development_Prolactin receptor signaling	1.767E-05	8.827E-04
19	Cell cycle_ESR1 regulation of G1/S transition	3.214E-05	1.521E-03
20	Transcription_Ligand-dependent activation of the ESR1/SP pathway	4.102E-05	1.844E-03

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852 **Table S14.** Toxic pathologies associated with genes enriched in *i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}* mice compared with
853 wild type control mice.

#	Toxic pathologies in <i>i-Mcl1^{ΔIEC}</i> mouse small intestine	p-value	FDR
1	Small intestine, intestinal epithelium injury	7.194E-09	1.743E-05
2	Small intestine, mucosa-degeneration	6.027E-08	5.141E-05
3	Jejunum, mucosa-degeneration	6.473E-08	5.141E-05
4	Jejunum-degeneration	1.156E-07	5.141E-05
5	Jejunum, mucosa, intestinal epithelium injury	1.252E-07	5.141E-05
6	Small intestine-degeneration	1.352E-07	5.141E-05
7	Intestinal epithelium injury	1.489E-07	5.141E-05
8	Intestine-regeneration	1.697E-07	5.141E-05
9	Intestine-degeneration	2.613E-07	7.034E-05
10	Small intestine, mucosa injury	3.871E-07	9.380E-05
11	Liver-centrilobular regeneration	5.995E-07	1.321E-04
12	Jejunum, mucosa injury	9.324E-07	1.883E-04
13	Jejunum injury	1.852E-06	3.045E-04
14	Large intestine-regeneration	1.885E-06	3.045E-04
15	Colon-regeneration	1.885E-06	3.045E-04
16	Small intestine, mucosa-apoptosis	2.907E-06	4.402E-04
17	Colon, mucosa-regeneration	3.785E-06	5.095E-04
18	Large intestine, mucosa-regeneration	3.785E-06	5.095E-04
19	Small intestine injury	4.707E-06	6.003E-04
20	Small intestine-apoptosis	5.326E-06	6.391E-04

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