

**Expanded View Figures** 

**Figure EV1. Pro-inflammatory cytokine gene expression is up-regulated in the colon of Atx**<sup> $\Delta$ ME/ $\Delta$ ME</sub>;**II10**<sup>-/-</sup>**mice compared to Atx**<sup>+/+</sup>;**II10**<sup><math>-/-</sup> **mice.** The mRNA level of pro-inflammatory cytokine genes was evaluated through qPCR with the full-thickness colon of Atx<sup> $\Delta$ ME/ $\Delta$ ME</sup>;**II10**<sup>-/-</sup> and Atx<sup>+/+</sup>;**II10**<sup>-/-</sup> mice. *n* = 6/group. The data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM. \*\**P* < 0.01 (Mann–Whitney *U*-test).</sup></sup>



## Figure EV2. Atx $^{\Delta ME/\Delta ME}$ ;II10 $^{-/-}$ mice exhibit no pathologic phenotype in the liver and kidney.

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Age (8 weeks old)- and sex-matched  $Atx^{\Delta ME/\Delta ME}$ ;  $I10^{-/-}$  mice and  $Atx^{+/+}$ ;  $I110^{-/-}$  littermates were examined.

- A Albumin and total protein were measured in the blood serum of the mice (n = 12/group).
- B Gross images of the spleen (left) and spleen weight (right) were presented. Each line on a ruler represents a millimeter (mm).
- Presented are representative photographs of H&E-stained sections of the liver and kidney. Scale bar indicates 100 µm. С
- The level of alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and aspartate aminotransferase (AST) protein was measured from the mouse blood serum. \*\*P < 0.01 (Mann–Whitney U-D test). not significant (n.s.).

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Atx<sup>+/+</sup>; II10<sup>-/-</sup>

Atx<sup>ΔME/ΔME</sup>; II10<sup>-/-</sup>

Figure EV3. Altered fecal microbiome of Atx<sup> $\Delta$ ME/ $\Delta$ ME</sub>; $||10^{-/-}$  mice signifies the microbial manifestation of mouse colitis. Fecal microbiome of age (8 weeks old)-matched, co-housed Atx<sup> $\Delta$ ME/ $\Delta$ ME</sup>; $||10^{-/-}$  mice and Atx<sup>+/+</sup>; $||10^{-/-}$  littermates (n = 6/group) was analyzed by 16S rRNA gene sequencing.</sup>

- A A dual hierarchal dendrogram was generated based on the predominant genera using Ward's minimum variance clustering and Manhattan distances. More similar microbial populations between Atx<sup>ΔME/ΔME</sup>;||10<sup>-/-</sup> and Atx<sup>+/+</sup>;||10<sup>-/-</sup> mice were mathematically clustered closer together. The samples with a more similar consortium of genera cluster closer together with the length of connecting lines (top of heatmap) related to the similarity; shorter lines between two samples indicate closely matched microbial consortia. The heatmap represents the relative percentages of each genus. The legend for the heatmap is provided in the upper left corner. The predominant genera are represented along the right Y-axis. Atx<sup>ΔME/ΔME</sup>;||10<sup>-/-</sup> mouse is indicated by "k", while "c" stands for Atx<sup>+/+</sup>;||10<sup>-/-</sup> mice.
- B Principal coordinates analysis (PCoA) plot of weighted UniFrac metrics was generated. PCoA plots represent the three (PC1, PC2, and PC3) highest discriminating axes, explaining 87.3 percent of the variation between the groups (*P* = 0.003).
- C The major species identified in the fecal samples of Atx<sup>AME/AME</sup>; $|100^{-/-}$  mice (k) and Atx<sup>+/+</sup>; $|100^{-/-}$  littermates (c) were analyzed to compare the abundance at the species level. The abundance of *Bacteroides* was dramatically increased in the fecal samples of Atx<sup>AME/AME</sup>; $|100^{-/-}$  mice compared to Atx<sup>+/+</sup>; $|100^{-/-}$  mice. Results are means  $\pm$  SD, \**P* < 0.05, \*\**P* < 0.01 (Mann–Whitney *U*-test).



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Figure EV4. Altered anti-bacterial responses in the colon of Atx<sup>AME/AME</sup>;II10<sup>-/-</sup> mice compared to Atx<sup>+/+</sup>;II10<sup>-/-</sup> littermates.

- A The expression of anti-bacterial response-focused genes was evaluated using the full-thickness colon tissues of  $Atx^{\Delta ME/\Delta ME}$ ;  $II10^{-/-}$  mice and  $Atx^{+/+}$ ;  $II10^{-/-}$  littermates. An array of gene expression revealing a significant difference was visualized in the heatmap.
- B Representative gene expression exhibiting a significant difference was independently confirmed by qPCR. n = 5/group. Error bars indicate  $\pm$  SEM. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01 (Mann–Whitney U-test). not significant (n.s.).

## Figure EV5. Atx $^{\Delta ME/\Delta ME}$ mice have elevated levels of bacteria in the intestinal mucosa.

- A, B The bacterial load in the intestinal mucosa of Atx<sup> $\Delta$ ME/ $\Delta$ ME</sub> and Atx<sup>+/+</sup> mice was evaluated by Fluorescent*In Situ*Hybridization (FISH) using FITC-labeled pan $bacterial EUB probe (A) and FITC-labeled pan-bacterial F27 probe (B). Scale bar is 30 <math>\mu$ m. Graph indicates the count of FITC-positive signals quantified from three or more independent experiments (n = 3-4 per group). The data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM. Small Intestine (SI).</sup></sup>
- C Electron micrographs of intact cell-to-cell adhesion in the colonic epithelium from age (8 weeks)-matched Atx<sup>AME/AME</sup> mice and Atx<sup>+/+</sup> littermate. Tight junction (TJ), Adherens junction (AJ), Desmosome (DSM). Scale bar indicates 500 nm.

Data information: All images presented are the representative from at least three independent experiments. \*P < 0.05, \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001 (one-tailed unpaired *t*-test).





