

Title: Direct Signaling of TL1A-DR3 on Fibroblasts Induces Intestinal Fibrosis *In Vivo*

Supplementary Information

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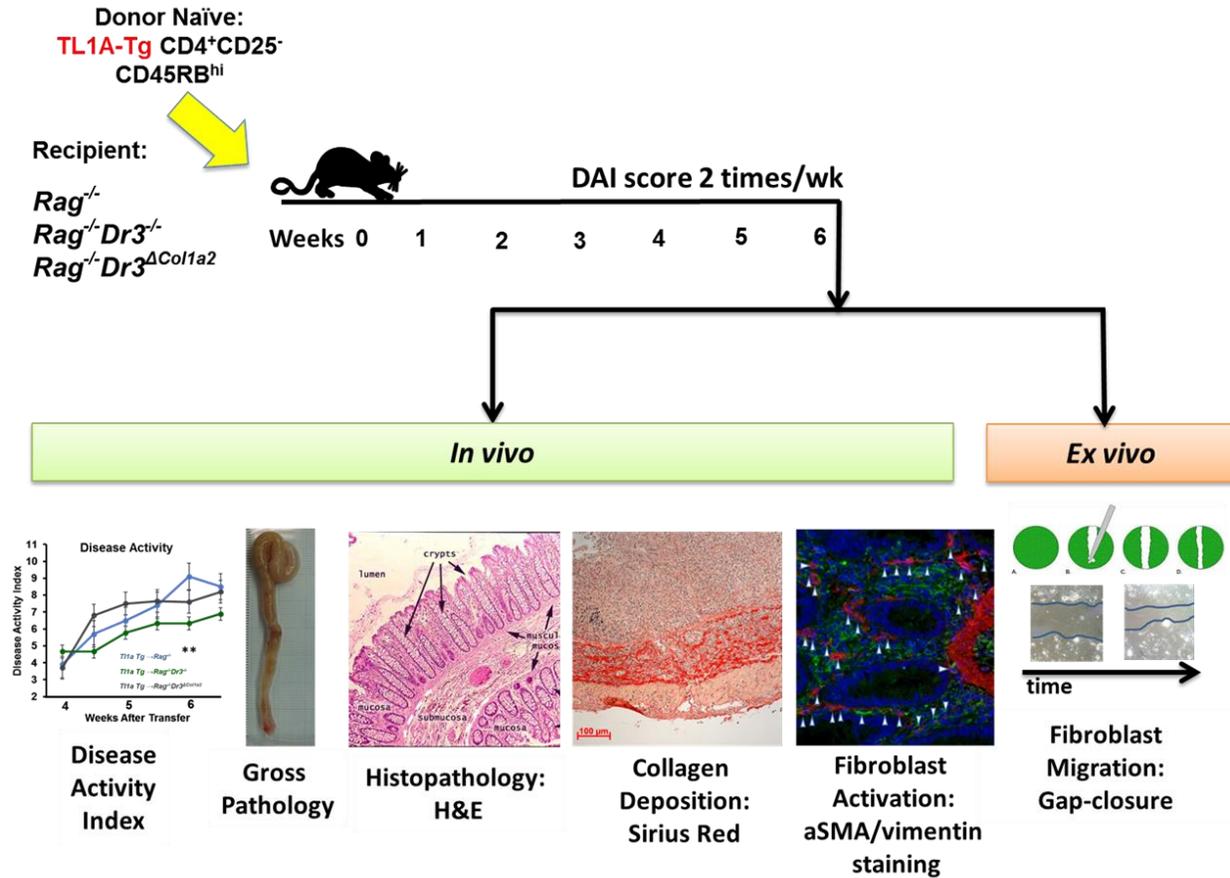
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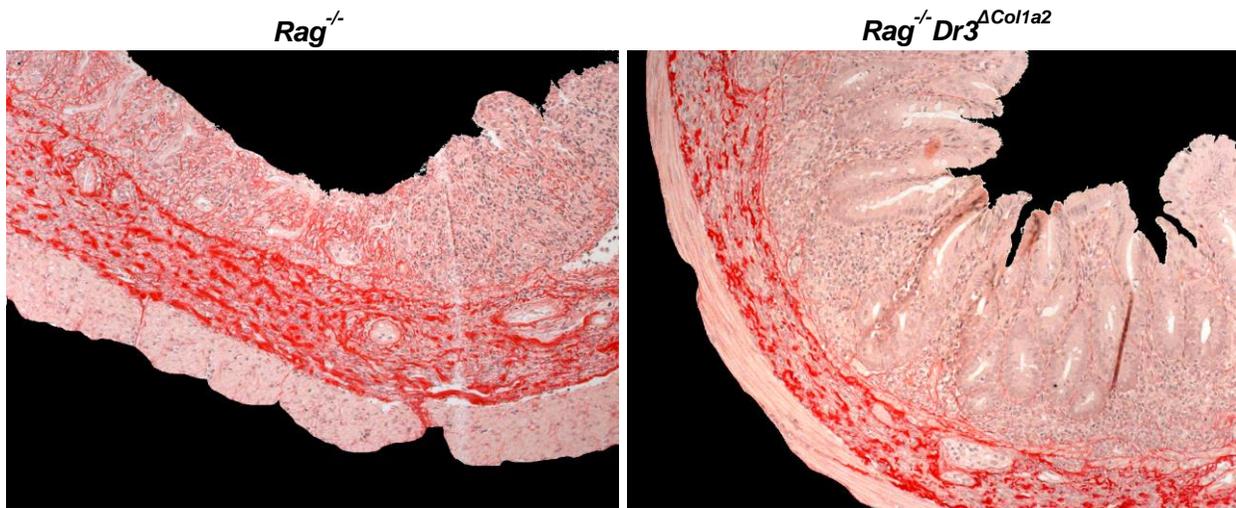
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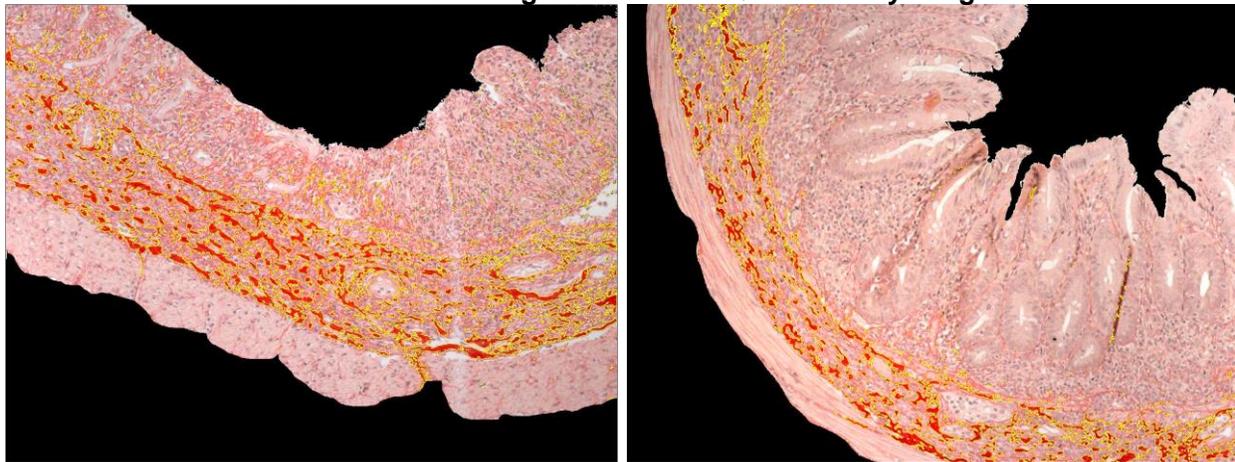
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Supplementary Figure 1. Schematic Diagram of Experimental Set-up: Using the adoptive T cell transfer model, transfers of TL1A over-expressing naïve T cells (*Tll1a-Tg*) were used to induce intestinal inflammation and fibrosis in $Rag^{-/-}$ mice; $Rag^{-/-}$ mice lacking DR3 in all cell types ($Rag^{-/-}Dr3^{-/-}$); or $Rag^{-/-}$ mice lacking DR3 only on fibroblasts ($Rag^{-/-}Dr3^{\Delta Col1a2}$) (n=6-9 mice/group). Disease activity index (DAI: weight loss, stool consistency, stool blood), gross pathology of the colon, intestinal inflammation (H&E), and degree of collagen deposition (Sirius red) were assessed. Fibroblast quantification and activation in colonic sections were calculated by immunofluorescent staining with anti-Vimentin and anti-alpha-Smooth-Muscle-Actin (α SMA). Fibroblasts were isolated from the colons of colitic mice and fibroblast migration was determined by rate of gap closure in response to simulated wounds.



Area of Sirius Red Staining Selected and Quantified by ImageJ Software



Supplementary Figure 2. Quantification of Sirius Red: Upper panels depict representative Sirius red staining of collagen deposition in cecal sections after being imported into ImageJ software. The area of Sirius red staining is then selected (surrounded in yellow), and quantified by ImageJ software, shown in lower panels (ImageJ v1.53a; imagej.nih.gov).

Supplementary Table 1. *Biological processes and associated genes upregulated by TL1A in primary intestinal fibroblasts:*

| Biological Process | Genes |
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| Rho protein signal transduction | RHOT1; ROCK1; ARHGAP5; CTNNAL1, ARHGEF6 |
| Protein localization to microtubule cytoskeleton | CRIP1; KIF20B |
| Regulation of cell-matrix adhesion | ROCK1; UTRN; GPM6B |
| Filopodium membrane | SYNE2; UTRN |
| Regulation of establishment of cell polarity | ROCK1; KIF20B |
| Regulation of adherens junction/actin filament-based processes | ROCK1; GPM6B |
| Carcinoma | LPP; SYNE2; RANBP2; AHNAK; FAT1; ATR; RNASEL; ROCK1; YTHDC2; CASC5; NCAPG; ARHGAP5; SKA3; TATDN1; XPO1; RHOT1; PDCD10; STAB1; SVEP1; CTNNAL1; CC2D2A; PITX1; CNTLN; HERC6; OFD1; VDR; STYK1; VPS13A; HAUS3; PARP14; MPEG1; ACVR2A; ASPM; KAT2B; VANGL2; MMP16; NOX4; CCDC66; UTRN; KIF20B; CDH19; ARHGEF6 |
| Microtubule organizing center | RANBP2; OFD1; KAT2B; HAUS3; KIF20B; CNTLN |
| Ras protein signal transduction | RHOT1; ROCK1; ARHGAP5; CTNNAL1 |
| Positive regulation of cell migration | SYNE2; PDCD10; KIF20B |
| Regulation of cell proliferation | KAT2B; NOX4; PDCD10; VDR; STYK1; KIF20B |