

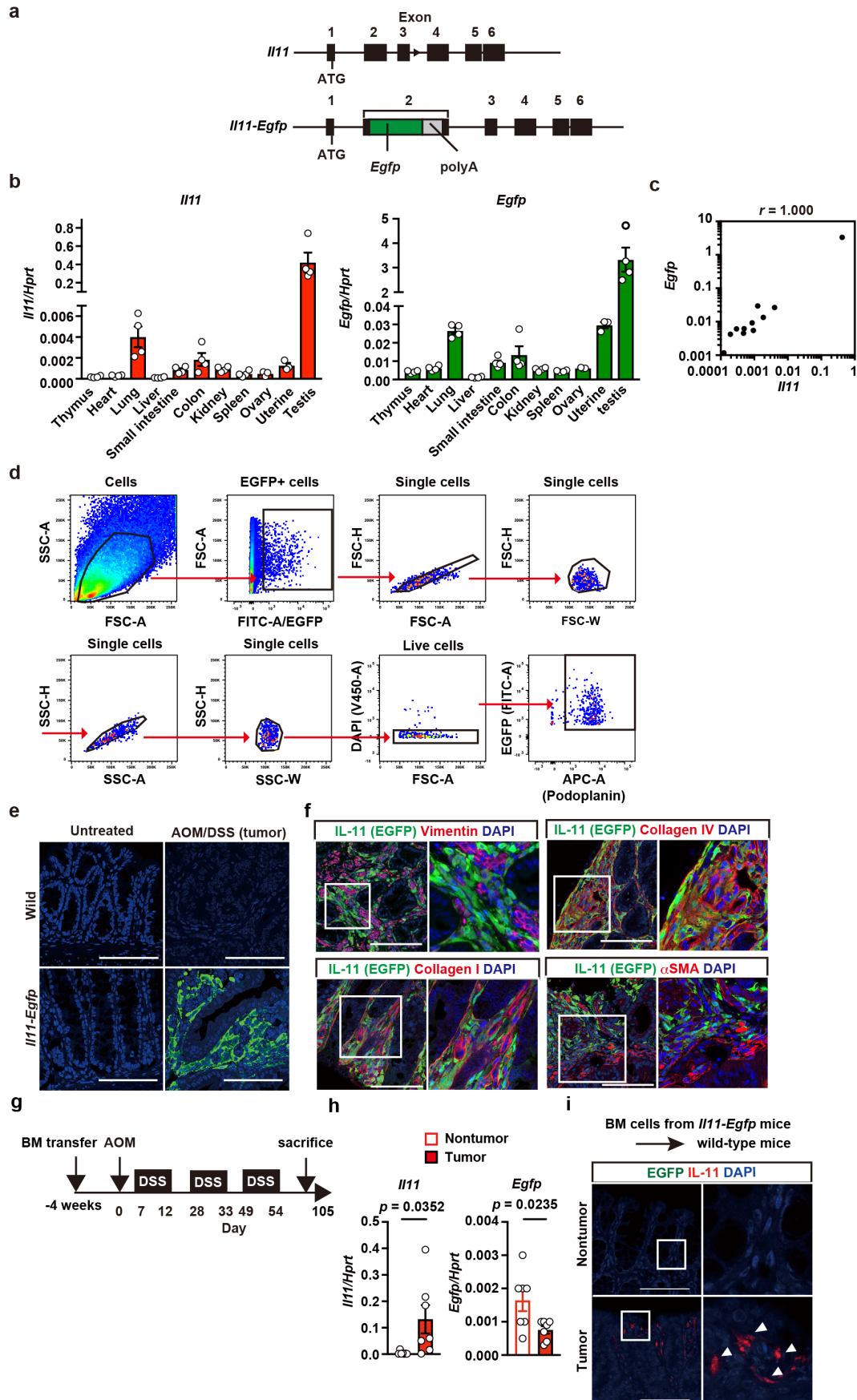
## **Supplementary Information**

### **Interleukin-11-expressing fibroblasts have a unique gene signature correlated with poor prognosis of colorectal cancer**

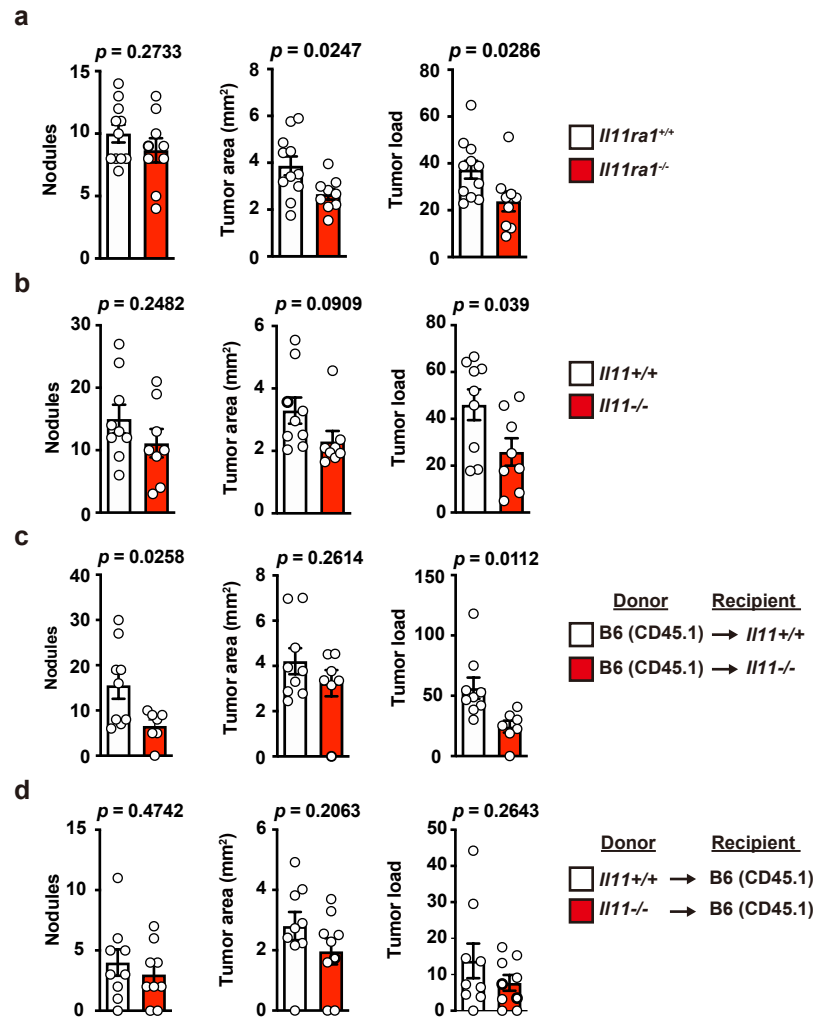
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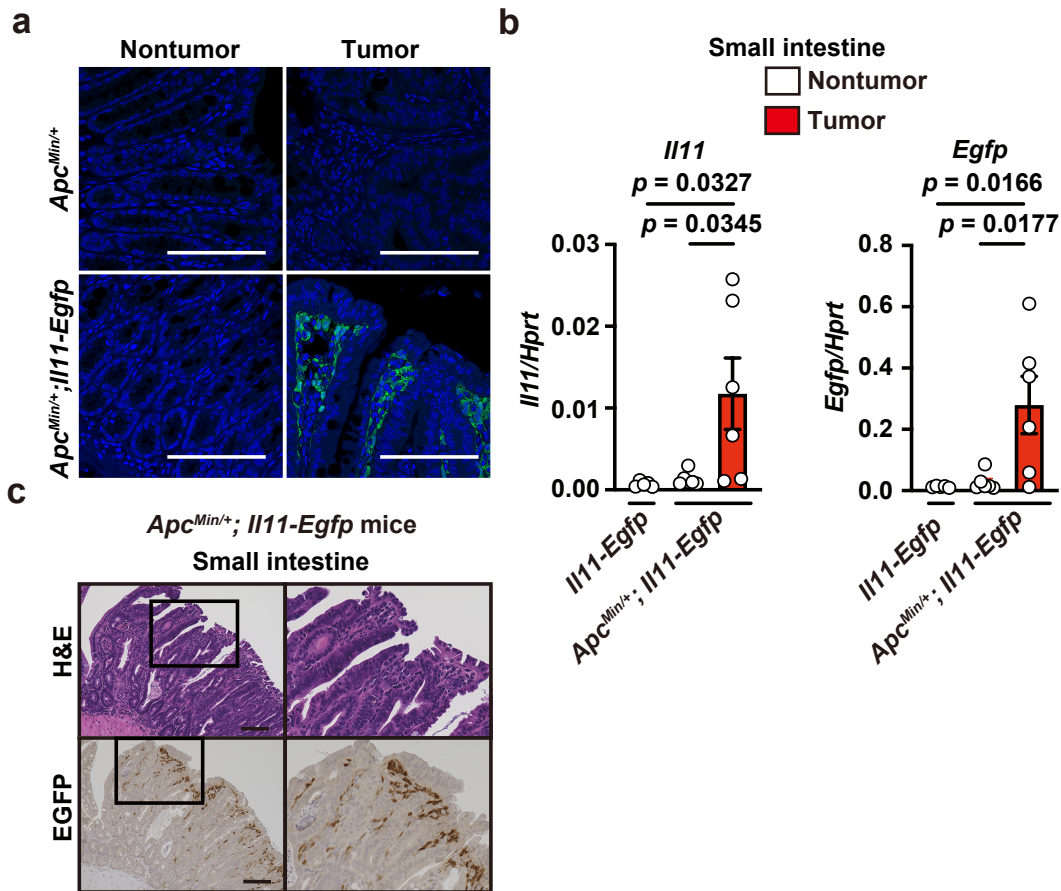
**Supplementary Fig. 1.** Characterization of IL-11<sup>+</sup> cells in CAC using *Il11-Egfp* reporter mice. **a** Diagram of the vector used to construct *Il11-Egfp* reporter mice. The upper panel is the organization of the murine *Il11* gene. An in-frame insertion of an *Egfp-polyA* cassette into the second exon of the *Il11* gene resulted in the expression of EGFP with three additional N-terminal amino acids (lower panel). **b, c** *Il11* and *Egfp* expression in various tissues of *Il11-Egfp* reporter mice. Total RNA was prepared from the indicated mouse tissues from *Il11-Egfp* reporter mice, and *Il11* and *Egfp* expression were determined by qPCR (**b**). Results are mean  $\pm$  SEM.  $n = 4$  except for ovary or uterine where  $n = 3$  mice. Correlation between *Egfp* and *Il11* expression levels (**c**). *Egfp* and *Il11* expression levels were plotted on the X and Y axis, respectively, and the correlation coefficient ( $r$ ) and  $p$ -value (two-tailed) were calculated using the Pearson correlation test.  $P = 0.0001$ . **d** Gating strategy to analyze EGFP<sup>+</sup> cells. **e, f** WT and *Il11-Egfp* mice were untreated or treated with AOM/DSS as in Fig. 1a; colon tissue (**e**, left panels) or tumor tissue sections (**e**, right panels and **f**) were immunostained with anti-GFP (**e**) ( $n = 2$  mice) or the indicated antibodies (**f**).  $n = 4$  (upper panels) and 3 (lower panels) mice. Results are merged images, and the right panels are enlarged images of the boxes. Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m. **g** Protocol for induction of AOM/DSS-induced CAC in BM-transferred mice. BM cells from 8-week-old *Il11-Egfp* mice were transferred to lethally irradiated 4- to 5-week-old wild-type mice. One month following reconstitution, mice were treated with AOM/DSS as in Fig. 1a. **h, i** Expression of *Egfp* is not elevated in tumor tissues of BM-transferred mice. Tumor and non-tumor tissues were removed from BM-transferred mice after treatment with AOM/DSS, and *Il11* and *Egfp* expression levels were determined using qPCR (**h**). Results are mean  $\pm$  SEM ( $n = 7$  mice). Pooled data from two independent experiments. Statistical significance was determined using the two-tailed unpaired Student's  $t$ -test.  $*P < 0.05$ . Tumor tissue sections were stained with anti-IL-11 and anti-GFP antibodies (**i**). Results are merged images, and the right panels are enlarged images of the boxes ( $n = 4$  mice). White arrowheads indicate IL-11<sup>+</sup> EGFP<sup>-</sup> cells. Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



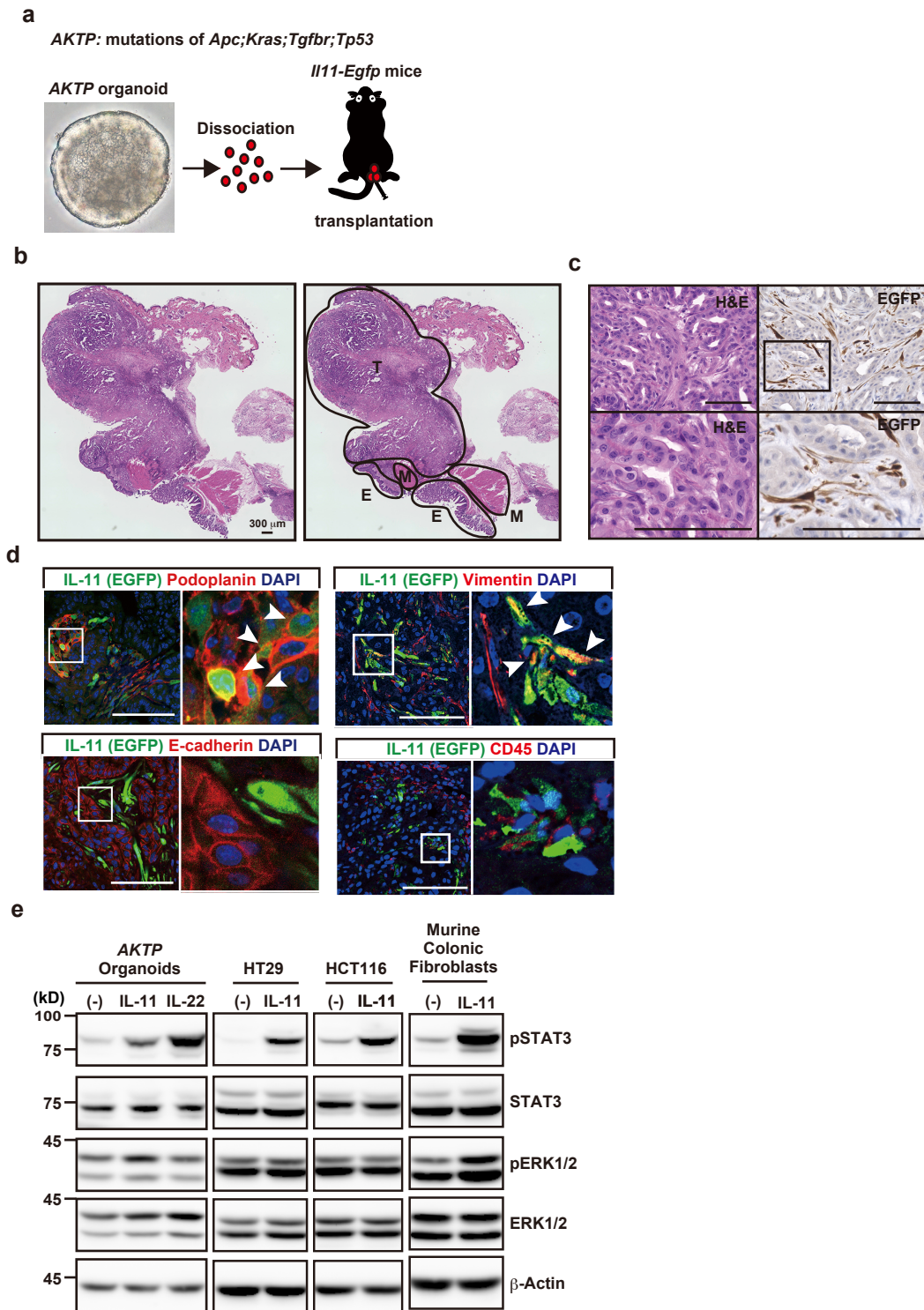
**Supplementary Fig. 2.** Attenuated CAC development in *III1ra1*<sup>-/-</sup> and *III1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. **a** *III1ra1*<sup>+/+</sup> and *III1ra1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were treated as in Fig. 1a. On day 84 to 98 after AOM/DSS treatment, mice were sacrificed, and tumor numbers and areas were determined. Tumor load was calculated as described in the methods, and tumor numbers, average tumor area, and the tumor load of an individual mouse are shown. Results are mean ± SEM.  $n = 11$  (*III1ra1*<sup>+/+</sup>) or 9 (*III1ra1*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice; pooled data from four independent experiment. **b** *III1*<sup>+/+</sup> and *III1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were treated as in Fig. 1a and analyzed as in Supplementary Fig. 2a. Results are mean ± SEM.  $n = 9$  (*III1*<sup>+/+</sup>) or 8 (*III1*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice; pooled data from two independent experiment. **c, d** Deletion of *III1* in non-hematopoietic cells attenuates the development of CAC in mice. BM cells from mice of the indicated genotypes were prepared and transferred to the indicated mice that had been lethally irradiated. At 2 months after BM transfer, mice were treated as in Fig. 1a and analyzed as in Supplementary Fig. 2a. Results are mean ± SEM (**c**).  $n = 9$  (B6 to *III1*<sup>+/+</sup>) or 7 (B6 to *III1*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice; pooled data from two independent experiment. **d**,  $n = 9$  (*III1*<sup>+/+</sup> to B6) or 9 (*III1*<sup>-/-</sup> to B6) mice; pooled data from three independent experiment. Statistical significance



was determined using the two-tailed unpaired Student's *t*-test (**a-d**). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

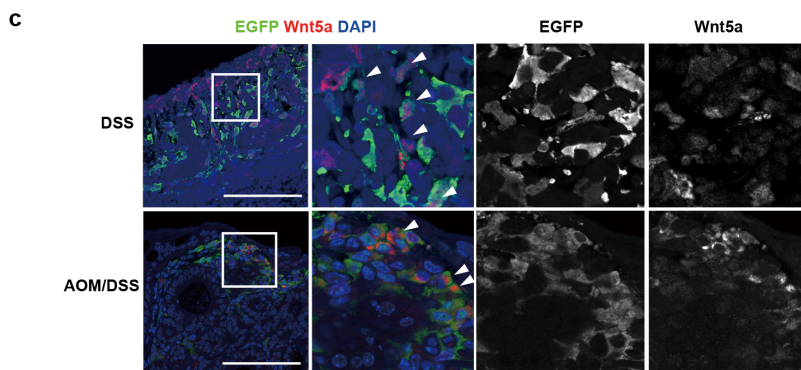
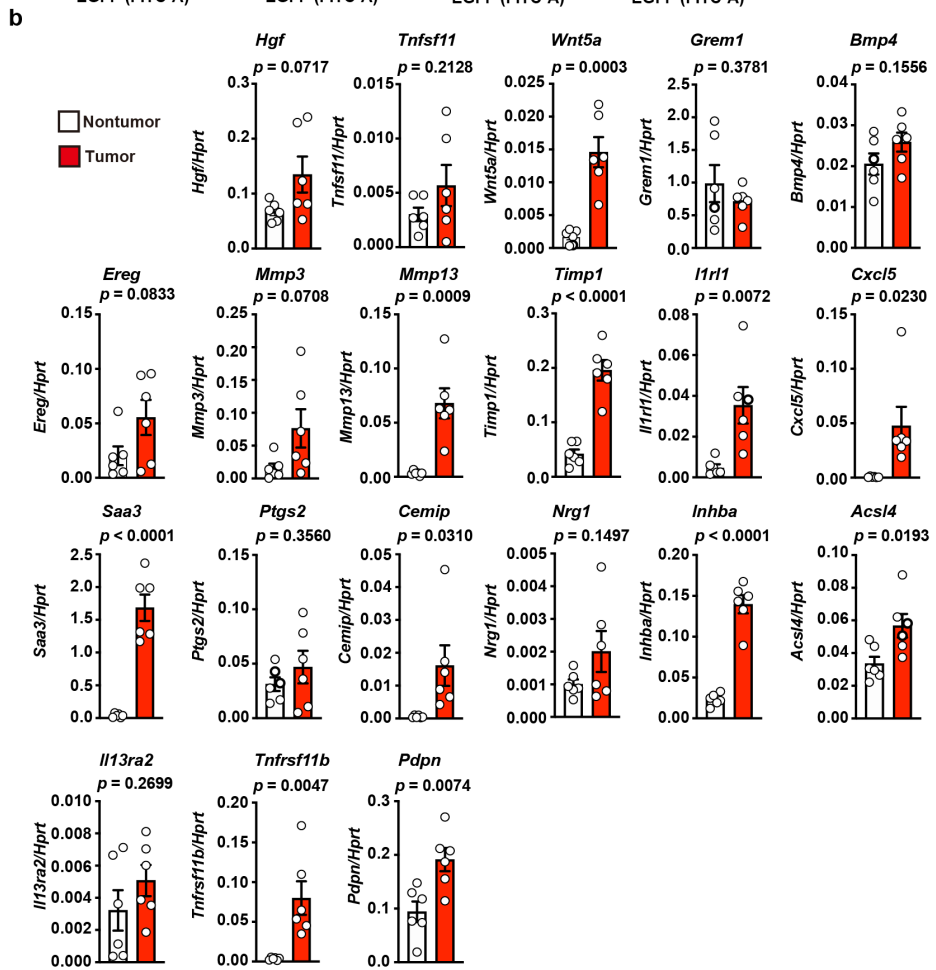
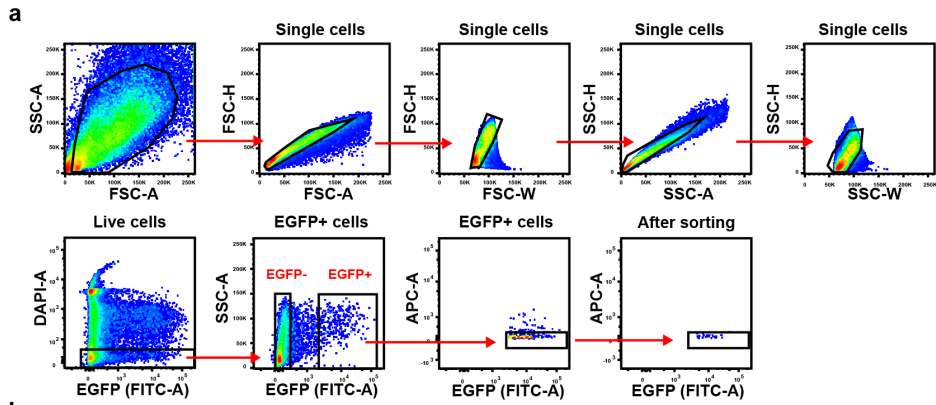


**Supplementary Fig. 3.** IL-11<sup>+</sup> cells also appear in tumor tissues in the small intestine of *Apc<sup>Min/+</sup>; Il11-Egfp* reporter mice. **a** Colon sections from *Apc<sup>Min/+</sup>* mice and *Apc<sup>Min/+</sup>; Il11-Egfp* reporter mice were stained with anti-GFP antibody ( $n = 2$ ). Scale bar, 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . **b** *Il11* and *Egfp* expression is elevated in tumors, but not in nontumor tissues in the small intestine from 20- to 24-week-old *Apc<sup>Min/+</sup>; Il11-Egfp* reporter mice, or in normal small intestine from *Il11-Egfp* reporter mice. *Il11* and *Egfp* mRNA expression levels were determined using qPCR. Results are mean  $\pm$  SEM.  $n = 5$  (*Il11-Egfp*) or 6 (nontumor or tumor of *Apc<sup>Min/+</sup>; Il11-Egfp*) mice. Pooled results from two independent experiments. Statistical significance was determined using the one-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparison. **c** Tumor sections in the small intestine from *Apc<sup>Min/+</sup>; Il11-Egfp* reporter mice were stained with H&E (upper panels) or anti-GFP antibody (lower panels) ( $n = 6$  mice). The right panels show enlargements of the black boxes from the left panels. Scale bar, 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

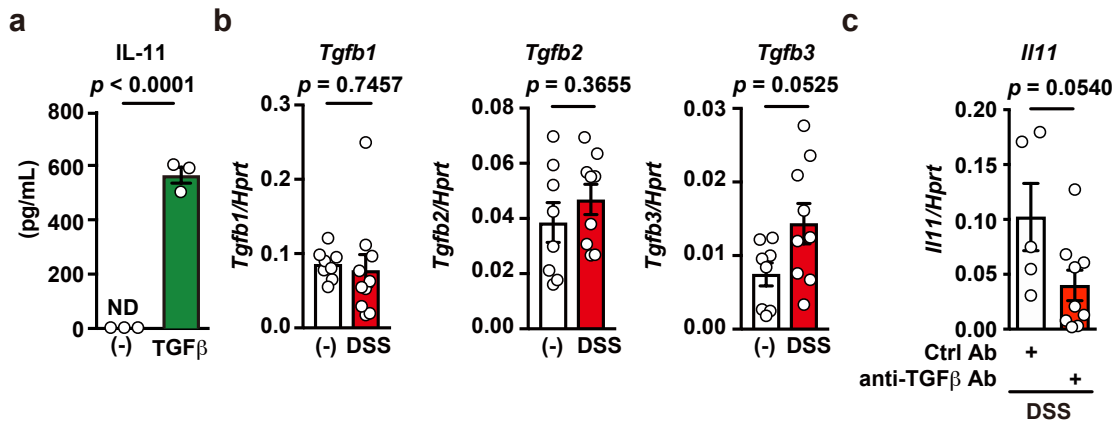


**Supplementary Fig. 4.** Transplantation of tumor organoids induces IL-11<sup>+</sup> fibroblasts. **a** Schema of transplantation of the tumor organoids derived from *AKTP* mice. The tumor organoids from *AKTP* mice were expanded using as a standard procedure. After dissociation, cells were transplanted into the rectums of *Il11-Egfp* reporter mice. **b, c** Tumor organoids developed large tumors, and IL-11<sup>+</sup> fibroblasts appeared in the tumors.

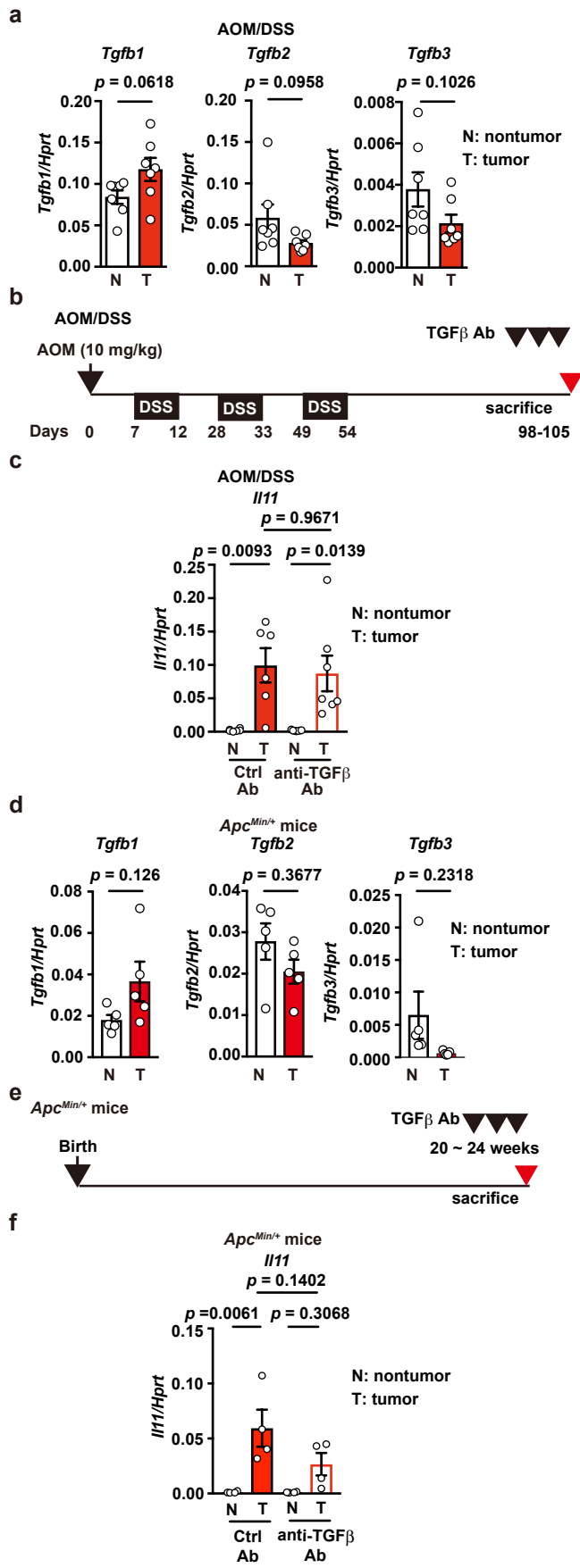
A representative of the whole tumor image with adjacent normal tissues in the rectum (**b**). E, M, and T indicate normal epithelial cells, muscles, and tumor tissues, respectively. Colon tumor sections were stained with H&E or anti-GFP antibody (**c**). Scale bar, 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . **d** Tumor sections were stained with the indicated antibodies ( $n = 4$ ). White arrowheads indicate EGFP<sup>+</sup> cells expressing podoplanin or vimentin. Scale bar, 100  $\mu\text{m}$ . **e** Colon tumor organoids derived from *AKTP* mice, human colon cancer cell lines (HT29 and HCT116), and colon fibroblasts from wild-type mice were untreated or stimulated with 100 ng/mL of murine IL-11, murine IL-22, or human IL-11. Cell lysates were analyzed by immunoblotting with the indicated antibodies. Results are representative of two independent experiments.



**Supplementary Fig. 5.** The expression of genes enriched in IL-11<sup>+</sup> fibroblasts is elevated in colon tumor tissues of mice. **a** Sorting strategy to isolate EGFP<sup>+</sup> cells from the colon of *Il11-Egfp* reporter mice. *Il11-Egfp* reporter mice were treated as in Fig.4. Ter119<sup>+</sup> CD45<sup>+</sup> CD31<sup>+</sup> EpCAM<sup>+</sup> cell populations were depleted using MojoSort Mouse anti-APC Nanobeads (BioLegend) and MojoSort Magnet (BioLegend), and then sorted by BD FACSAria™ III Cell Sorter (BD Biosciences). **b** *Il11-Egfp* reporter mice were treated as in Fig.1a. mRNAs were prepared from tumors and nontumor colon tissue of mice on day 98–105 after AOM/DSS treatment, and the expression levels of the indicated genes were determined using qPCR. Results are mean ± SEM ( $n = 6$  mice). Representative results of two independent experiments. Statistical significance was determined using the two-tailed unpaired Student's *t*-test. **c** IL-11<sup>+</sup> fibroblasts co-express Wnt5a. *Il11-Egfp* reporter mice were treated with DSS or AOM/DSS as described in Figs. 1a and 3a. Colon tissue (upper panels) or colon tumor sections (lower panels) were stained with the indicated antibodies ( $n = 3$  mice). Right-hand panels show enlarged images of the white boxes on the left. White arrowheads indicate IL-11<sup>+</sup> fibroblasts expressing Wnt5a. Scale bar, 100 μm. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

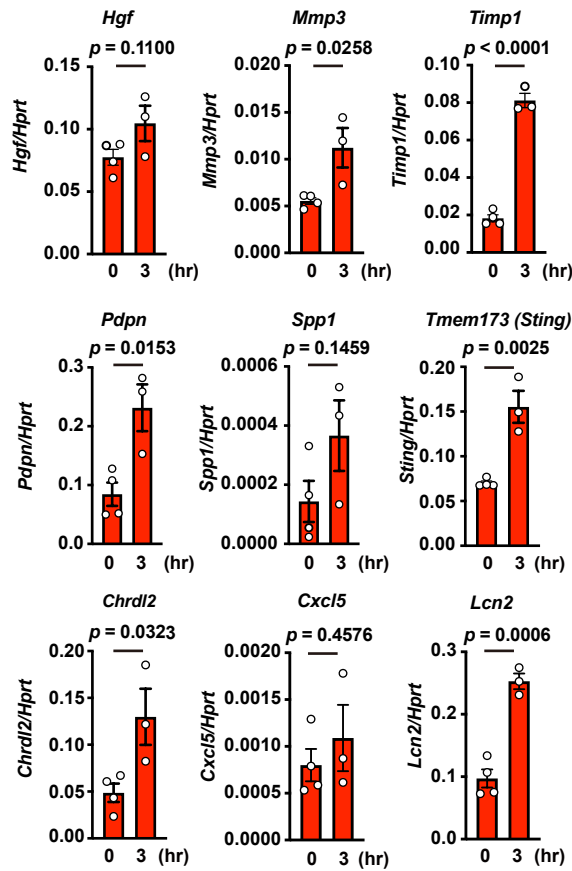


**Supplementary Fig. 6.** TGF $\beta$  is not involved in the upregulation of colon *I111* expression in DSS-treated mice. **a** TGF $\beta$  induces IL-11 production by colon fibroblasts. Colon fibroblasts were prepared from wild-type mice and left untreated or stimulated with TGF $\beta$  (100 ng/mL) for 16 hours. Concentrations of TGF $\beta$  in the culture supernatant were determined using ELISA. Results are mean  $\pm$  SD of triplicate samples and representative of two independent experiments. **b** WT mice were treated with 1.5% DSS as in Fig. 3a. Expression of *Tgfb1-3* in the colon of mice on day 5 after DSS treatment was determined using qPCR. Results are mean  $\pm$  SEM.  $n = 8$  (untreated), 10 (*Tgfb1*, DSS), or 9 (*Tgfb2* and *Tgfb3*, DSS) mice. Pooled data from two independent experiments. **c** WT mice were intraperitoneally administered 100  $\mu$ g control IgGs or anti-TGF $\beta$  antibody on days 2 and 4 after DSS administration and sacrificed on day 5. Expression of *I111* in the colon was determined using qPCR. Results are mean  $\pm$  SE.  $n = 5$  (control Ab) or 9 (anti-TGF $\beta$  Ab) mice. Pooled data from two independent experiments. Statistical significance was determined using the unpaired two-tailed Student's *t*-test (**a**, **b**) or two tailed Whitney *U* test (**c**). ND, not detected. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

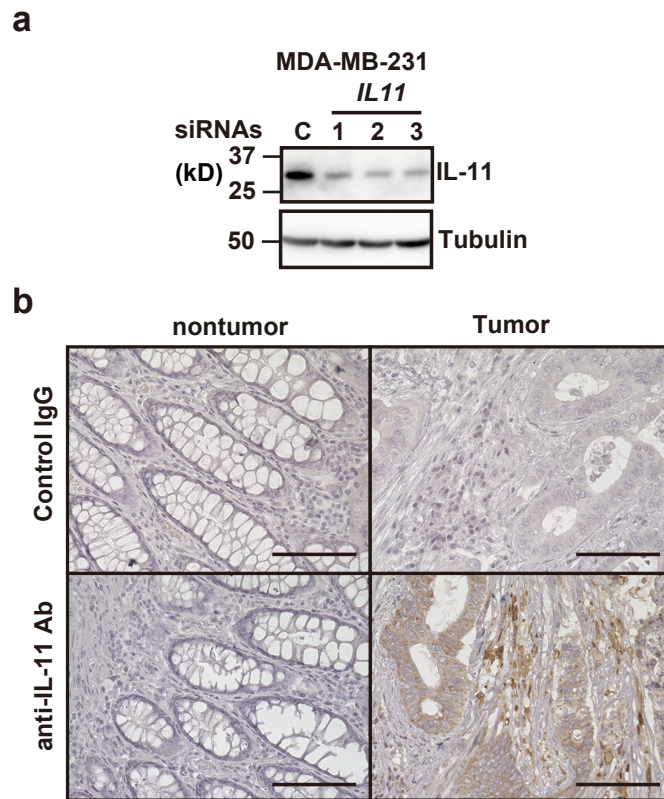




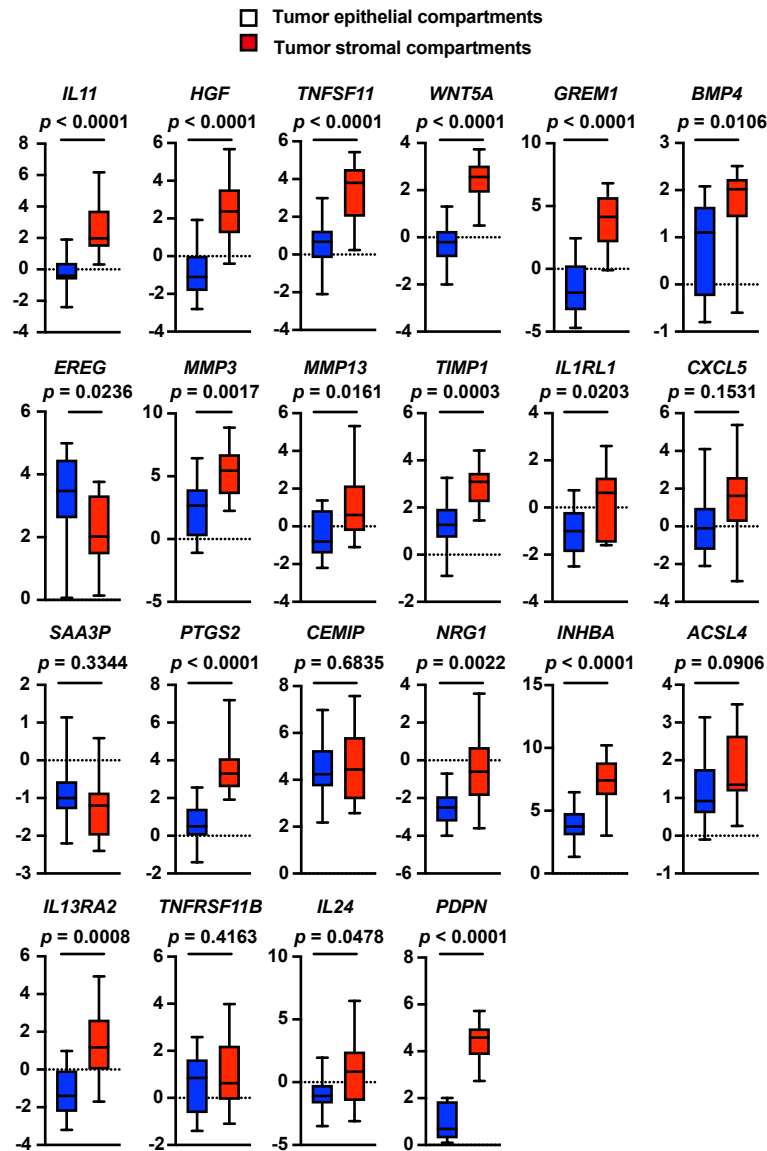
**Supplementary Fig. 7.** TGF $\beta$  is not involved in the upregulation of colon *Illi* expression in AOM/DSS-treated mice and *Apc*<sup>Min/+</sup> mice. **a** *Tgfb1-3* expression in tumors and nontumor tissues in colon from AOM/DSS-treated mice. On day 98–105 after AOM injection, mRNA was extracted from tumor (T) and non-tumor tissues (N), and the expression levels of *Tgfb1-3* were determined using qPCR. Results are mean  $\pm$  SEM ( $n = 7$  mice). Results are representative of two independent experiments. **b, c** After induction of colorectal tumors after AOM/DSS treatment, mice were treated with control IgGs or anti-TGF $\beta$  antibody on days  $-1$ ,  $-3$ , and  $-5$  (before sacrifice) (**b**). *Illi* expression was determined using qPCR (**c**). Results are mean  $\pm$  SEM.  $n = 6$  (control Ab) or 7 (anti-TGF $\beta$  Ab) mice; pooled data from two independent experiments. **d** *Tgfb1-3* expression levels in tumors and nontumor tissues in colon from *Apc*<sup>min/+</sup> mice were determined using qPCR. Results are mean  $\pm$  SEM ( $n = 5$  mice). Results are representative of two independent experiments. **e, f** *Apc*<sup>min/+</sup> mice were given intraperitoneal injections of control mouse IgGs or anti-TGF $\beta$  antibody (days  $-1$ ,  $-3$ ,  $-5$ ) before sacrifice (**e**). *Illi* expression in tumors and nontumor tissues was determined using qPCR (**f**). Results are mean  $\pm$  SE ( $n = 4$  mice). Pooled data from three independent experiments. Statistical significance was determined using the two-tailed unpaired Student's *t*-test (**a, d**) or two-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparison test (**c, f**). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Fig. 8.** Administration of an IL-11R agonist induces expression of a set of genes enriched in IL-11<sup>+</sup> fibroblasts in whole colon in wild-type mice. **a** Wild-type mice were treated with an IL-11R agonist as in Fig. 6c for 3 hours. Expression of the indicated genes of the whole colon was determined using qPCR. Results are mean  $\pm$  SEM.  $n = 4$  (untreated) or 3 (IL-11R agonist-treated) mice. Statistical significance was determined using the two-tailed unpaired Student's *t*-test. Results are representative of two independent experiments. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



**Supplementary Fig. 9.** The specificity of anti-IL-11 antibody used in this study. **a** Verification of anti-IL-11 antibody used in this study by Western blotting. MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with control (C) or three different siRNAs against human *IL11*, and IL-11 expression in cell lysates was analyzed by Western blotting with anti-IL-11 and anti-tubulin antibodies. Results are representative of two independent experiments. **b** Tissues of nontumor and advanced colorectal cancers were stained with anti-IL-11 antibody or control rabbit IgG ( $n = 2$  human samples). Scale bar, 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Supplementary Fig. 10.** The expression of some enriched genes in IL-11<sup>+</sup> fibroblasts is elevated in human tumor stromal compartments compared with tumor epithelial compartments. From the data set (GSE35602) that includes gene expression data of epithelium and stroma isolated from normal and colon cancer tissues using laser-micro dissection, we retrieved the expression levels of the genes enriched in IL-11<sup>+</sup> fibroblasts. The LOWESS normalized signaling intensities of each gene in tumor stromal compartments and tumor epithelial compartments are normalized with the average of normal epithelial compartment intensities. Average signaling intensities of non-tumor epithelial compartments were adjusted to be 0. Normalized intensities of each gene are shown by box-and-whisker plots. Boxes and whiskers show the 25th–75th percentile with the median and the minimum–maximum, respectively ( $n = 13$ ).

Statistical significance was determined using the two-tailed unpaired Student's *t*-test. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

**Supplementary Table 1.** Clinical information of human colorectal tumor samples.

	Adenoma	Early	Advanced
Age (years)	67.9 ± 9.5	69.5 ± 10.9	68.1 ± 8.4
Sex	Male 9, female 2	Male 7, female 3	Male 8, female 2
Stages	Adenoma	T1b (10)	T1 (1), T3 (6), T4 (3)
Differentiation		Moderate ~ highly differentiated	Moderate ~ highly differentiated

**Supplementary Table 2.** Genotypes, ages, and genders of mice used in the experiments.

Figures		Treatment	Genotypes	Ages	Sex
Figure 1	a-l	AOM/DSS	Il11-Egfp mice	9-15-week-old	female
Figure 2	a-g	untreated	ApcMin/+; Il11-Egfp mice	20-24-week-old	female and male
	l, j	untreated	ApcMin/+; Il11+/- mice ApcMin/+; Il11-/- mice	20-24-week-old 20-24-week-old	female and male female and male
Figure 3	a	DSS	B6 mice	12-15-week-old	male
	b	DSS	Il11-Egfp mice	12-13-week-old	male
Figure 4		DSS	Il11-Egfp mice	13-15-week-old	male
Figure 5	a	DSS + NAC	B6 mice	10-12-week-old	male
	b	DSS + Abx	B6 mice	10-12-week-old	male
	c	DSS + NAC	B6 mice	10-12-week-old	male
	d	DSS + Abx	B6 mice	12-14-week-old	male
	e	DSS + Trametinib	B6 mice	8-10-week old	male
Figure 6		AOM/DSS	B6 mice	14-15-week-old	female and male
Figure 7b		NAC, Abx, Trametinib	ApcMin/+ mice	20-24-week-old	female and male
Supple. Fig. 1	b	untreated	Il11-Egfp mice	8-15 week-old	female and male
	e-f	untreated, AOM/DSS	B6, Il11-Egfp mice	9-15-week-old	female
Supple. Fig. 2	h	AOM/DSS/BM transfer	B6 mice	4-5-week-old	female
		AOM/DSS	Il11ra1+/, Il11ra1-/- mice	9-15-week-old	female
			Il11+/, Il11-/- mice	9-15 week-old	female
			WT BM to Il11+/- or Il11-/- mice	6-week-old	female
			Il11+/- or Il11-/- BM to B6 mice	6-week-old	female
Supple. Fig. 3	b	untreated	ApcMin/+, ApcMin/+; Il11-Egfp	20-24-week-old	female and male
Supple. Fig. 4	a	Tumor implantation	Il11-Egfp mice	7-9-week-old	male
Supple. Fig. 5		AOM/DSS	Il11-Egfp mice	15-16-week-old	female
Supple. Fig. 6	b	DSS	B6 mice	10-12-week-old	male
	c	DSS + TGFb Ab	B6 mice	11-14-week-old	male
Supple. Fig. 7	a	AOM/DSS	Il11-Egfp mice	15-16-week-old	female
	c	AOM/DSS + TGFb	Il11-Egfp mice	15-16-week-old	female
	d	untreated	ApcMin/+ mice	20-24-week-old	female and male
	f	anti-TGFb	ApcMin/+ mice	20-24-week-old	female and male
Supple. Fig. 8		IL11-R agonist	B6 mice	8-week-old	female

**Supplementary Table 3.** Primer list used in this study.

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<i>Cxcl5</i> :	5' - GTTCCATCTCGCCATTCATGC - 3' 5' - GCGGCTATGACTGAGGAAGG - 3'
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