Blocking P2X Purinoceptor 4 Signalling Alleviates Cigarette Smoke-Induced Pulmonary Inflammation

Primer Sequences:

human *b2m*: Forward: 5'-GATAGTTAAGTGGGATCGAGACATG-3'

Reverse: 5'-AAAAGCAAGCAAGCAGAATTTGG-3'

Probe: 5'-FAM-AATGCGGCATCTTCAAACCTCCATGAT-Tamra-3'

human *P2RX4*: Forward: 5'-ATCCGCAGCCGCAAAGTG-3'

Reverse: 5'-CACGGAGTCAGTTTCCTGGTAG-3'

Probe: 5'-FAM-AATGCGGCATCTTCAAACCTCCATGAT-Tamra-3'

<u>murine b2m:</u> Forward: 5'-GCAGAGTTAAGCATGCCAGTAT-3'

Reverse: 5'-GGTTCAAATGAATCTTCAGAGCATC-3'

Probe: 5'-FAM-TGATGCTTGATCACATGTCTCGATCCCAGTA-Tamra-3'

<u>murine *P2rx4*:</u> Forward: 5'-AACACTTCTCAGCTTGGATTCCG-3'

Reverse: 5'-TTCACGGTGACGATCATGTTGG-3'

Probe: 5'-FAM-AGTTTTCCTCCTGAGCTGGGACCACATAGTC-Tamra-3'

murine *P2rx7*: Forward: 5'-AAGTGGGTCTTGCACATGATC-3'

Reverse: 5'-ATGCCTTTGACCTTGGTGTG-3'

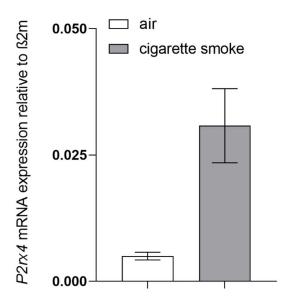
Probe: 5'-FAM-TCTTTTCCTACATTAGCTTTGCTTTGGTGAGC-Tamra-3'

Supplementary Table 1: Descriptive statistics of BALF donors

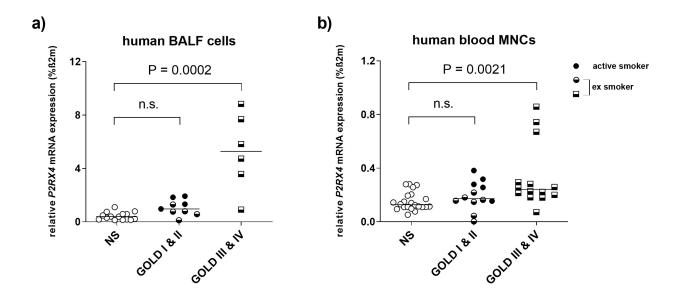
	GOLD I & II	GOLD III & IV	Total COPD patients	Non-smokers
No. of Patients	9	6	15	15
Age in years (mean ±SD)	62.2 ± 9.3	69.0 ± 5.3	64.9 ± 8.6	36.9 ± 11.3
Male in %	77.8	50.0	66.7	40.0
GOLD ratio	4 / 5	3 / 3	-	-

Supplementary Table 2: Descriptive statistics of MNCs donors

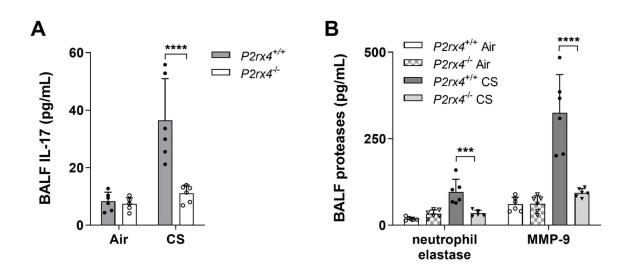
	GOLD I & II	GOLD III & IV	Total COPD patients	Non-smokers
No. of Patients	12	14	26	22
Age in years (mean ±SD)	58.8 ± 10.1	59.5 ± 6.6	59.2 ± 8.4	28.9 ± 4.3
Male in %	83.3	42.9	61.5	50.0
GOLD ratio	5 / 7	9 / 5	-	-



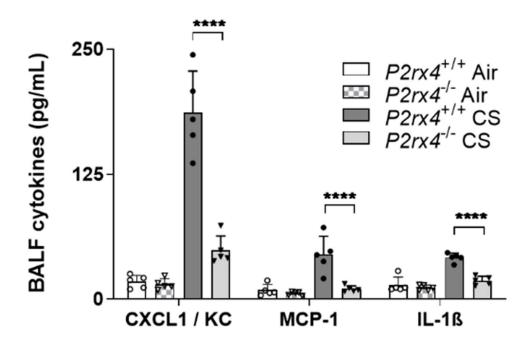
Relative P2rx4 expression in pooled BALF cells from 6 wild type mice per group. The P2rx4 mRNA expression is quantified relative to $\beta2$ microglobulin mRNA ($\beta2m$) levels and presented as mean \pm SD of the triplicate assay.



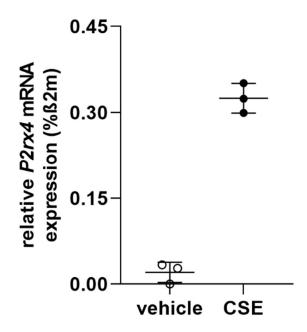
Relative P2RX4 expression in a) BALF cells and b) peripheral blood MNCs of COPD patients stratified for GOLD classification into mild-moderate (GOLD I & II) and severe (GOLD III & IV) and compared to healthy never-smoking individuals (NS). P2X4 mRNA expression is quantified relative to $\beta 2$ microglobulin mRNA ($\beta 2m$) levels. Median expression levels are presented as horizontal lines. Each symbol represents a subject (BALF: n=6-15, monocytes: n=12-22). Shapes completely black represent current smokers and half-filled shapes represent the ex-smokers among the COPD patients. Data was analyzed using Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's post-hoc test to correct for multiple comparison. P is depicted in the corresponding graph and was considered statistical significant when ≤ 0.5 . n.s. = non-significant



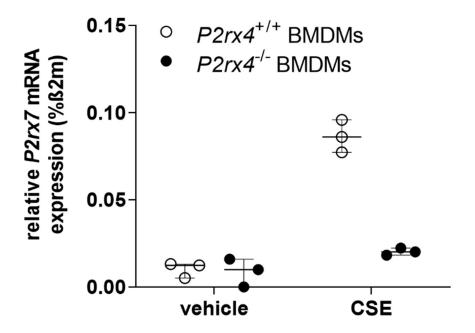
Concentration of A) IL-17, B) neutrophil elastase and MMP-9 in the BALF of P2rx4-deficient mice $(P2rx4^{-/-})$ after cigarette smoke (CS) exposure for three consecutive days compared to wild type animals $(P2rx4^{-/-})$. Each animal is represented by an individual symbol (n=6). Data is presented as mean +SD and was analysed applying two-way ANOVA corrected for multiple comparison using Tukey test. *** P<0.001, **** P<0.0001



Concentration of proinflammatory cytokines including CXCL1 / KC, IL-1ß and IL-6 in the BALF of P2rx4-deficient mice ($P2rx4^{-/-}$) after exposure with the smoke of 5 cigarettes per day, five days a week for four months compared to wild type animals ($P2rx4^{+/+}$). Each animal is represented by an individual symbol (n=5). Data is presented as mean +SD and was analysed applying two-way ANOVA corrected for multiple comparison using Tukey test. **** P<0.0001



P2rx4 expression quantified relative to $\beta2$ microglobulin mRNA ($\beta2m$) levels of bone marrow derived macrophages isolated from either wild type mice after vehicle or 5 % cigarette smoke extract stimulation. Mean \pm SD expression levels of the triplicate assay are presented as horizontal lines and the range is indicated by the error bars.



P2rx7 expression quantified relative to B2 microglobulin mRNA (B2m) levels of bone marrow derived macrophages isolated from either P2rx4-deficient or wild type mice after vehicle or 5 % cigarette smoke extract stimulation. Mean \pm SD expression levels of the triplicate assay are presented as horizontal lines and the range is indicated by the error bars.