Repetitive ischemic injuries to the kidneys result in lymph node fibrosis and impaired healing

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Supplementary Figure legend

Supplementary Figure 1. Acute effects of IRI on the kidney and KLN

A) Live image of KLN following injection of India ink (black arrow). B) CFSE-labeled CD4⁺ T cells injected into Rag1^{-/-} mice preferentially enter and proliferate within the KLN draining ischemic kidney (KLN: IRI^(D2)), in comparison to contralateral KLN draining non-ischemic kidney (KLN: Ctrl) and naïve KLN (KLN: Naïve). C) H&E staining of kidney section shows mild tubular injury 2 days following IRI (kidney: IRI^(D2)). 30 days following IRI, histologic signs of renal injury have resolved (kidney: IRI^{(D30}) by H&E and Masson's Trichrome stains. (Scale bar = 75μ m.) D) A single episode of IRI leads to prolonged changes in KLN. Sustained increases in ER-TR7, fibronectin, aSMA and Collagen I signals are present 30 days following IRI. A persistent increase in macrophage density is seen 30 days following IRI. Regression of lymphatic endothelium is sustained 30 days following IRI. Representative data of mean fluorescent signal (n=3-4/group, mean \pm SEM, student *t*-test; **p*<0.05). E) Increased staining for Collagen I and F4/80⁺ macrophages are seen in KLN both 2 days (KLN: IRI^(D2)) and 30 days (KLN: IRI^(D30)) following IRI, in comparison to KLN draining kidney without IRI (KLN: Ctrl). Senescence of cells in KLN does not increase following IRI, as assessed by p16^{INK4A} staining. Decreased Lyve1 signal indicates progressive lymphatic endothelial network regression by 30 days following IRI. (Scale bar = 200 μ for CollI+F4/80, 100 μ for p16^{INK4A} and Lyve1.)

Supplementary Figure 2. Repetitive IRI results in inflammation and fibrosis of kidney and KLN

A) H&E and Masson's trichrome stains of kidney tissue following repetitive IRI show interstitial fibrosis. (Scale bar = 75μ m.) B) Gene expression of kidney tissue shows significant increase in

pro-inflammatory cytokines and markers of fibrosis following repetitive IRI (n=3/group, mean \pm SEM, student's *t*-test, **p*<0.05, ***p*<0.01). C) Gene expression of KLN tissue shows significant increase in markers of fibrosis and macrophages following repetitive IRI (n=3/group, mean \pm SEM, student's *t*-test, **p*<0.05, ***p*<0.01).

Supplementary Figure 3. DT administration shows no morphologic changes in kidney

A) No structural change in the glomeruli or tubules was noted in H&E staining of CCL19^{Cre}x iDTR kidney tissue following DT administration. (Scale bar = 75µm.) B) PDPN and megalin staining of CCL19^{Cre}x iDTR kidney tissue shows intact glomeruli and tubules following DT administration. (Scale bar = 50µm.) C) As compared to KLN, the expression of CCL19 was almost undetectable in podocytes (n=4/group, mean ± SEM, student's *t*-test, ***p<0.01).













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