TRPA1-expressing lamina propria mesenchymal cells regulate colonic motility

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Supplemental Table 1

| Gene | Accession No. | Туре | Sequence (5'-3') | | |
|--------|---------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| Trpa1 | AY496961 | sense antisense | 5'-CCCCACTACATTGGGCTGCA-3' 5'-CCGCTGTCCAGGCACATCTT-3' | | |
| Cox1 | U03388 | sense antisense | 5'-CTCTGAGGGGCTCTTCTGGA-3' 5'-CTTCTGAGTCACCCGCCAGA-3' | | |
| Cox2 | AF233596 | sense antisense | 5'-GGGTGTCCCTTCGCCTCTTT-3' 5'-GTTGCCGGTATCTGCCTTCA-3' | | |
| mPges1 | AB048730 | sense antisense | 5'-CCAGGCTGGCTAGCTGAGAT-3' 5'-GGCGAACTGGGCCAGAACAT-3' | | |

 Table 1. Sequence of primers used in ISHH

Supplemental Table 2

| Antigen | Host | Manufacturer | number | Dilution |
|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| CGRP | Rabbit | Amersham International plc | RPN 1842 | 1:2000 |
| COX1 | Rabbit | Cayman | 160109 | 1:5000 |
| COX2 | Rabbit | Cell Signaling Technology | 12282 | 1:2000 |
| Serotonin | Goat | ImmunoStar | 20079 | 1:5000 |
| SP | Rabbit | Incstar | 20064 | 1:2000 |
| TRPA1 | Rabbit | Alomone Labs | ACC-037 | 1:5000/1:1000/1:500* |
| Vimentin | Mouse | Millipore | MAB3400 | 1:5000 |
| αSMA | Mouse | Abcam | AB7817 | 1:200 |
| CD45 | Mouse | Bio-Rad | MCA340G | 1:1000 |
| CD31 | Mouse | Millipore | MAB1393 | 1:1000 |
| 4HNE | Rabbit | Abcam | AB46545 | 1:200 |
| PGP9.5 | Mouse | Abcam | AB8189 | 1:20 |
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Table 2. Primary antibodies used in immunostaining

^{a,} TRPA1 (1:500) was used for double immunostaining with PGP9.5; (1:5000) was used for other immunostaining for rat tissue; (1:1000) was used for human tissue.

Supplemental Table 3

| Antigen | Host | Manufacturer | number | Dilution | Conjugate |
|------------|--------|-----------------|--------|----------|-----------|
| Goat IgG | Donkey | Molecular Probe | A11058 | 1:5000 | Alexa 594 |
| Mouse IgG | Goat | Molecular Probe | A11029 | 1:5000 | Alexa 488 |
| Mouse IgG | Goat | Molecular Probe | A11032 | 1:5000 | Alexa 594 |
| Rabbit lgG | Goat | Molecular Probe | A11034 | 1:5000 | Alexa 488 |
| Rabbit lgG | Goat | Molecular Probe | A11037 | 1:5000 | Alexa 594 |
| Rabbit lgG | Donkey | Molecular Probe | A21206 | 1:5000 | Alexa 488 |

Table 3. Second antibodies used in immunostaining



Supplemental Figure 1.

Recording system and the response of intracolonic AITC administration induced colonic motility in naïve rats. (A) Schematic showing the method used to record rat colorectal motility. (B) A representative colorectal motility trace in naïve rats with vehicle treatment. The duration, depicted by a dotted line, shows the time of drug administration. The base pressure was maintained at 10 mmHg. Colorectal motility 15 min pre- and post-administration was used for analyses. (C) Colonic motility (> 20 mmHg) response before (pre) and after (post) drug administration. (D) Duration of colonic contraction (> 20 mmHg) before (pre) and after (post) drug administration. Intracolonic administration of allyl-isothiocyanate (AITC; 0.3, 1, and 3 mM) was performed in C and D. (E) The bar graphs show the agonist- or antagonist-induced visceral pain. The accumulated area under the curve (AUC) value over a 15-min period was calculated for visceromotor response analyses. The Δ AUC value indicates AUC changes after drug administration.



Supplemental Figure 2.

TRPA1 is expressed by fibroblasts but not EC cells, myofibroblasts, leukocytes, or endothelial cells in naïve rat colorectal tissue. (A) Immunofluorescence of TRPA1 antibody pretreated with its antigenic peptide in rat colorectal tissues. Note the lack of any positive staining. Tissues were counterstained with DAPI (blue). (B and C) Double immunofluorescence of TRPA1 (green) and serotonin (B) or vimentin (C) (magenta) in rat colorectal tissues. Arrows represent cells only expressing TRPA1. Asterisks represent cells only expressing serotonin or vimentin. (D) Co-expression of α -smooth muscle actin (SMA, magenta) with TRPA1 (green) in colorectal mucosa as assessed by double immunofluorescence. (E) Co-expression of CD45 (magenta) with TRPA1 (green) in colorectal mucosa as assessed by double immunofluorescence. (F) Co-expression of CD31 (magenta) with TRPA1 (green) in colorectal mucosa as assessed by double immunofluorescence. The tissue was counterstained with DAPI. Scale bars are 20 μ m.



Supplemental Figure 3.

TRPA1 is predominantly expressed by vimentin-positive cells in human colorectal tissue. Double immunofluorescence of TRPA1 (magenta) and vimentin (green) in human tissues. Arrowheads show co-expression. Arrows show cells only expressing TRPA1; asterisks show cells only expressing vimentin. Tissues were counterstained with DAPI (blue). Scale bars are 50 μ m.



Supplemental Figure 4.

PGE2 increased colorectal motility in naïve rats. (A) Representative traces showing colorectal motility after intraperitoneal administration of PGE2 (1.76 μ g·2.5 ml⁻¹·kg⁻¹). Saline with 0.8% DMSO was used as the vehicle. (B) Analyses showing the effect of PGE2 on colorectal contraction; *n* = 6 rats per group. **P* < 0.05 vs. vehicle group (student's *t* test).



Supplemental Figure 5.

COX2, 5-HT, substance P and CGRP are not expressed in vimentin-positive cells in colorectal tissue of naïve rats. (A) Expression of *Cox2* mRNA in colorectal mucosa as assessed by in situ hybridization. (B) The left and middle panels show double-labeling of *Cox2* mRNA and vimentin (brown) using in situ hybridization. The right panel shows the co-expression of COX2 (magenta) and vimentin (green) using double immunostaining. (C) Co-expression of serotonin (5-HT), substance P (SP), or calcitonin gene-regulated peptide (CGRP) (magenta) with vimentin (green) in colorectal mucosa as assessed by double immunofluorescence. The tissue was counterstained with H&E for single in situ hybridization or hematoxylin for double *in situ* hybridization with IHC experiments. The tissue was counterstained with DAPI for immunostaining experiments. Scale bars are 50 µm.



Supplemental Figure 6.

AITC and cinnamaldehyde activate TRPA1 in human colon fibroblastic CCD-18Co cells. (A) The dose-dependent curve of allyl-isothiocyanate (AITC) induced calcium response in CCD-18Co fibroblast cells. The EC₅₀ of AITC was found to be 34.4 μ M. *n* = 8 for each concentration. (B) The dose-dependent curve of cinnamaldehyde (CA) induced calcium response in CCD-18Co fibroblast cells. The EC₅₀ of CA was found to be 216.1 μ M. *n* = 6 for each concentration. (C) The effect of capsaicin (CAP, 1 μ M) on CCD-18Co fibroblast cells; *n* = 4.



Supplemental Figure 7

Colorectal distention induced pain response in mice using the current balloon apparatus. Colorectal distention was administered at 60 mmHg for 10 sec. The value of AUC (μ V·s) for 10 sec showed as pre or post was used for calculation. (A and B) Representative trace of electromyography recordings in WT (A) or *Trpa1*-KO (B) mice, respectively. Upper trace shows distension pressure (up to 60 mmHg); lower trace shows the EMG activity. Line charts show the individual area under the curve (AUC) value of electromyography before (Pre) and after (Post) distension. The circles and blank points represent electromyography of each mouse. The horizontal bars indicate averaged values. (C) Bar graph showing the difference AUC of EMG in WT and TRPA1^{-/-} mice. *n* = 9 mice per group. **P* < 0.05 vs. WT group (student's *t* test).



Supplemental Figure S8

TRPA1 is expressed in PGP9.5-positive cells in myenteric plexus and muscular layers but not in mucosa. Images showing double immunofluorescence of TRPA1 (magenta) and PGP9.5 (green) in rat colorectal tissues. Arrowheads show co-expression. Rat tissue frozen sections (25μ m) were blocked using 10% normal goat serum for 1 h and then incubated with an anti-TRPA1 antibody (Alomone Labs ACC-037, 1:500) and anti-PGP9.5 antibody (Abcam ab8189, 1:20) for 2 days at 4 °C. After incubation with Alexa 488-conjugated and 594-conjugated secondary antibodies overnight at 4 °C, sections were mounted with DAPI (Vector Laboratories). Images were acquired using a confocal laser-scanning microscope (FV10-ASW Version 03.01.02.02; Olympus Corporation) with a water Plan-Neofluar 20X objective lens. Scale bars are 50 μ m.