

# 1    Constitutive androstane receptor directs T cell adaptation to 2    bile acids in the small intestine

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28    **Abbreviations:** MDR1, multidrug resistance 1; TNF $\alpha$ , tumor necrosis factor alpha; IFN $\gamma$ , interferon  
29    gamma; IL-10, interleukin-10; IL-17, interleukin-17; TCR, T cell receptor; *Abcb1a*, ATP-binding  
30    cassette subfamily B, member 1a; *Abcb1b*, ATP-binding cassette subfamily B, member 1b; *Rag1*,  
31    recombination-activating gene 1; *Rag2*, recombination-activating gene 2.

32 **Bile acids (BAs) are fundamental lipid emulsifying metabolites synthesized in hepatocytes and**  
33 **maintained *in vivo* through enterohepatic circulation between the liver and small intestine<sup>1</sup>. As**  
34 **detergents, BAs can cause toxicity and inflammation in enterohepatic tissues<sup>2</sup>, and several nuclear**  
35 **receptors have evolved to detoxify BAs in hepatocytes and enterocytes<sup>3</sup>. By contrast, it is unclear**  
36 **how mucosal immune cells protect themselves from high BA concentrations in the small intestine.**  
37 **We previously reported that CD4<sup>+</sup> T effector (Teff) cells upregulate expression of the xenobiotic**  
38 **transporter MDR1 in the ileum to prevent BA toxicity and suppress Crohn's disease-like small**  
39 **bowel inflammation<sup>4</sup>. Here, we identify the nuclear xenobiotic receptor, constitutive androstane**  
40 **receptor (CAR/NR1I3), as a transcriptional regulator of MDR1 expression in mucosal T cells.**  
41 **CAR promoted large-scale transcriptional reprogramming in Teff cells infiltrating the small**  
42 **intestine lamina propria (siLP), but not the colon. CAR activation by non-BA components in bile**  
43 **not only induced expression of detoxifying enzymes and transporters in siLP T cells, as in**  
44 **hepatocytes, but also the key anti-inflammatory cytokine, *Il10*. Accordingly, CAR-deficiency in T**  
45 **cells exacerbated, whereas pharmacologic CAR activation suppressed, BA-driven ileitis in T cell-**  
46 **reconstituted *Rag*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. These data suggest that CAR acts locally in small intestinal T cells to**  
47 **direct a unique transcriptional response that detoxifies BAs and fosters inflammation-resolution.**  
48 **Pharmacologic activation of this program offers an unexpected strategy to treat small bowel**  
49 **Crohn's disease.**

50 In seeking to define transcriptional mechanisms that promote MDR1 upregulation in siLP Teff  
51 cells to safeguard small bowel immune homeostasis in the presence of BAs<sup>4</sup>, we considered the ligand-  
52 regulated nuclear receptors (NRs), which act as environmental sensors to regulate diverse gene  
53 expression programs important for immunity, inflammation, metabolism and gastrointestinal  
54 physiology<sup>5</sup>. To test the contribution of each of the 49 mouse NRs to MDR1 regulation in siLP Teff  
55 cells, we performed a pooled *in vivo* RNAi screen using MDR1-dependent rhodamine 123 (Rh123)  
56 efflux<sup>6</sup> as a readout. Naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells on the FVB/N (FVB) background were activated and transduced  
57 *in vitro* with a library of 258 mouse retroviruses carrying shRNAmirs against 70 genes together with the  
58 fluorescent reporter, ametrine (**Fig. 1a**). In addition to NRs, this library included shRNAmirs against 10  
59 major NR co-activators and co-repressors, the aryl hydrocarbon receptor (AhR), the cell-surface BA  
60 receptor Takeda G-coupled protein receptor 5 (Tgr5; encoded by *Gpbar1*)<sup>7</sup> and its downstream  
61 transcription factor (*Creb1*), as well as a number of positive (*Abcb1a*, *Abcb1b*) and negative (*Cd8a*,  
62 *Cd19*, *EGFP*, *RFP*) control genes (Supplemental Table 1). Separately-transduced T cells were pooled,  
63 FACS-sorted for ametrine expression and transplanted into syngeneic *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Six-weeks later,  
64 transduced Teff cells were recovered by FACS-sorting from spleen or siLP, and portions of these cells

65 were sub-divided into MDR1<sup>hi</sup> or MDR1<sup>lo</sup> subsets based on *ex vivo* Rh123 efflux; relative shRNAmir  
66 abundances within each cell pool were quantified by DNA-seq (**Fig. 1a**).

67 Three sets of shRNAmirs—against thyroid hormone receptor alpha (*Thra*), estrogen related  
68 receptor alpha (*Esrra*), and constitutive androstane receptor (CAR/*Nrl3*)—were most strongly and  
69 consistently enriched in MDR1<sup>lo</sup> *vs.* MDR1<sup>hi</sup> Teff cells from both spleen and siLP, similar to shRNAmirs  
70 against MDR1 (*Abcb1a*) itself, and after excluding 36 shRNAmirs that either markedly reduced Teff cell  
71 persistence *in vivo* or that were poorly represented (before and after *in vivo* transfer) (**Fig. 1b**; Extended  
72 Data Fig. 1a-b). This suggested that *Thra*, *Esrra* and CAR/*Nrl3* might each be positive regulators of  
73 MDR1 expression, although none have known functions in T cells. We prioritized CAR for validation  
74 because of its reported roles in protecting hepatocytes from drug- and BA-induced toxicity<sup>8</sup>, which  
75 include promoting hepatic MDR1 expression<sup>9</sup>. Individual shRNAmir expression experiments confirmed  
76 that 3 of the 5 shRNAmirs against CAR reduced MDR1-dependent Rh123 efflux in Teff cells recovered  
77 from transferred *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (**Fig. 1c**, Extended Data Fig. 1c-d). These same three constructs diminished  
78 MDR1 (*Abcb1a*) and CAR (*Nrl3*) gene expression, as judged by qPCR, as well as expression of the  
79 signature CAR transcriptional target gene, *Cyp2b10*<sup>10</sup> (Extended Data Fig. 1e).

80 CAR binds to DNA and regulates transcription as a heterodimer with retinoid X receptors  
81 (RXR $\alpha/\beta/\gamma$ )<sup>11</sup>. However, RXRs also dimerize with many other NRs, including retinoic acid receptors  
82 (RAR $\alpha/\beta/\gamma$ ), peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors (PPAR $\alpha/\delta/\gamma$ ) and vitamin D receptor (VDR),  
83 all of which regulate diverse aspects of T cell function *in vivo*. Consistent with this broader function of  
84 RXRs, shRNAmir-mediated depletion of RXR $\alpha$ —the major RXR isoform expressed in T cells—did not  
85 selectively regulate MDR1 expression in mucosal T cells, but rather impaired the persistence of  
86 circulating Teff cells (Extended Data Fig. 1f). Depletion of the CAR-related xenobiotic-sensor, pregnane  
87 X receptor (PXR)<sup>12</sup>, influenced neither mucosal MDR1 expression nor Teff cell persistence *in vivo* (**Fig.**  
88 **1b**; Extended Data Fig. 1f). In line with this result, Teff cells from C57BL/6 (B6)-derived CAR-deficient  
89 (*Nrl3*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice displayed lower MDR1 expression and function than those from PXR-deficient (*Nrl2*<sup>-/-</sup>  
90 ) mice, after co-transfer into *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice together with CD45.1 wild type cells; Teff cells lacking both  
91 CAR and PXR showed equivalently low MDR1 expression and function as those lacking only CAR  
92 (Extended Data Fig. 1g-i). These data implicate CAR in the regulation of mucosal T cell function *in*  
93 *vivo*.

94 shRNAmir-mediated CAR depletion in FVB wild type T cells exacerbated T cell transfer-  
95 induced weight loss in *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice, and did so in a manner that correlated directly with the degree of  
96 MDR1 down-regulation in these cells (**Fig. 1d-e**; Extended data Fig. 1c-d). This result was consistent

97 with our prior studies showing that transfer of FVB T cells lacking MDR1 (*Abcb1a*<sup>-/-</sup>*Abcb1b*<sup>-/-</sup>) into  
98 syngeneic *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice produces more severe weight loss than that of wild type counterparts—due to  
99 induction of both colitis and BA-driven ileitis<sup>4</sup>—and is distinct from wild type naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, which  
100 induce only colitis in immunodeficient hosts<sup>13</sup>. Naive T cells from B6-derived CAR-null (*Nrl13*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice  
101 also precipitated more severe weight loss and ileitis, but equivalent colitis, compared with wild type  
102 counterparts, after transfer into *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice that were co-housed to normalize microflora (**Fig. 1f-h**).  
103 Therapeutic administration of the BA sequestering resin, cholestyramine (CME)<sup>14</sup>, which binds BAs in  
104 the lumen of the small intestine and prevents reabsorption into the ileal mucosa, normalized weight loss  
105 and ileitis between *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice receiving CAR-sufficient or CAR-deficient T cells (Extended Data Fig.  
106 2a-b); as did ablation of the ileal BA reuptake transporter, Apical sodium-dependent BA transporter  
107 (*Asbt/Slc10a2*)<sup>15</sup> in *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> T cell recipients (Extended Data Fig. 2c-d). Neither genetic nor  
108 pharmacological inhibition of ileal BA reabsorption affected the severity of T cell transfer-induced  
109 colitis (Extended Data Fig. 2b, 2d). These results suggest that CAR acts in T cells selectively to promote  
110 small bowel immune homeostasis, and that loss of CAR in T cells exacerbates ileitis that is not  
111 transmissible by microbiota and requires BA reabsorption.

112 To elucidate CAR-dependent transcriptional programs in mucosal T cells, we used RNA-seq to  
113 analyze the transcriptomes of wild type and CAR-deficient Teff cells from spleen, siLP and colon lamina  
114 propria (cLP) of congenically co-transferred *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice—where CD45.1 CAR-sufficient and CD45.2  
115 CAR-deficient Teff cells were present as tissue bystanders in the same animals (**Fig. 2a**). Wild type Teff  
116 cell gene expression differed substantially in spleen, siLP and cLP, whereas CAR-deficiency most  
117 conspicuously altered T cell gene expression in siLP (**Fig. 2b**). siLP Teff cells lacking CAR failed to  
118 upregulate dozens of ‘siLP-signature’ genes (*i.e.*, genes increased in wild type siLP Teff cells, compared  
119 to those from either spleen or colon), and acquired transcriptional features of wild type Teff cells from  
120 the colon (**Fig. 2c-d**). CAR-dependent siLP-signature genes included chaperones, receptors and enzymes  
121 involved in lipid binding, transport and metabolism (*e.g.*, *Apold1*, *Pex26*, *Dgkh*, *Ldlr*, *Phyhd1*, *Lclat1*;  
122 **Fig. 2c**), and were enriched for genes previously found to be induced by CAR in mouse hepatocytes, by  
123 RNA-seq, after *in vivo* administration of the synthetic CAR agonist ligand, 1,4-Bis(3,5-Dichloro-2-  
124 pyridinyloxy) benzene (TCPOBOP, or simply TC)<sup>16</sup> (Extended Data Fig. 3a-b). Genes displaying CAR-  
125 dependent expression in both siLP Teff cells and hepatocytes were enriched for loci at which TC-  
126 inducible binding of a GFP-tagged mouse CAR protein was previously determined in hepatocytes by  
127 ChIP-seq<sup>17</sup> (Extended Data Fig. 3c). As expected, these presumed CAR target genes included  
128 MDR1/*Abcb1a* and *Cyp2b10*, but also other ABC-family transporters (*e.g.*, *Abcb4*) and cytochrome  
129 P450 enzymes (*e.g.*, *Cyp2r1*) (Extended Data Fig. 3d), consistent with induction of a BA detoxification

130 program. CAR-deficient Teff cells showed reduced persistence in reconstituted *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice, relative to  
131 co-transferred CD45.1 wild type cells; this was most pronounced in siLP (Extended Data Fig. 4a-c), and  
132 trended towards being rescued by ablation of Asbt-dependent BA reabsorption in *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> recipients  
133 (Extended Data Fig. 4d-f).

134 Preferential CAR activity in mouse siLP Teff cells suggested that CAR might also regulate  
135 human T cell function in the small intestine. Therefore, we analyzed the expression and function of CAR  
136 in human peripheral blood T cell subsets expressing the small bowel-homing receptors,  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrin  
137 and CCR9<sup>18</sup>, which are more likely to have recently recirculated from the intestinal mucosa. A small but  
138 reliable subset of  $\alpha 4^+\beta 7^+CCR9^+$  Teff cells (~ 1-5%) was detected in peripheral blood of healthy adult  
139 donors (Extended Data Fig. 5a-c). Expression of these receptors was absent on naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, as  
140 expected, and reduced among circulating CD25<sup>+</sup> T regulatory (Treg) cells (Extended Data Fig. 5a-c),  
141 suggesting that Treg cells may be more efficiently retained in the intestinal mucosa than Teff cells. Given  
142 the lack of specific CAR antibodies, we assessed CAR expression and function based on predicted  
143 transcriptional outputs, beginning with MDR1. MDR1-dependent Rh123 efflux was undetectable in  
144 circulating CD4<sup>+</sup> naïve and Treg cells, but increased progressively as human Teff cells acquired  
145 expression of  $\alpha 4$  integrin,  $\beta 7$  integrin, and CCR9 (Extended Data Fig. 5d-e).  $\alpha 4^+\beta 7^+CCR9^+$  Teff cells  
146 also displayed increased *ex vivo* expression of *ABCB1*, as judged by qPCR, as well as of CAR (*NR1I3*)  
147 and *CYP2B6*—the human ortholog of mouse *Cyp2b10* and hallmark CAR transcriptional target<sup>19</sup>—  
148 compared with naïve, Treg or  $\alpha 4\beta 7^-CCR9^-$  Teff cells (Extended Data Fig. 5f). Most importantly, only  
149  $\alpha 4^+\beta 7^+CCR9^+$  Teff cells responded to *ex vivo* treatment with the human CAR agonist ligand, 6-(4-  
150 Chlorophenyl)imidazo[2,1-b][1,3]thiazole-5-carbaldehyde O-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl) oxime (CITCO)<sup>19</sup> by  
151 upregulating *CYP2B6* and *ABCB1* (Extended Data Fig. 5g-h).  $\alpha 4^+\beta 7^+CCR9^+$  Teff cells were enriched  
152 for CCR6<sup>+</sup>CXCR3<sup>hi</sup>CCR4<sup>lo</sup> “Th17.1” cells (Extended Data Fig. 5i-l), which display both Th17 and Th1  
153 effector functions, as well as elevated MDR1 expression<sup>20</sup>. Nonetheless, combined expression of  $\alpha 4$   
154 integrin,  $\beta 7$  integrin, and CCR9 increased the proportion of MDR1-expressing Th17.1 cells, as well as  
155 of MDR1-expressing Th17 (CCR6<sup>+</sup>CXCR3<sup>lo</sup>CCR4<sup>hi</sup>) and Th1 (CCR6<sup>+</sup>CXCR3<sup>hi</sup>CCR4<sup>lo</sup>) cells, compared  
156 with lineage counterparts lacking one or more small bowel-homing receptors (Extended Data Fig. 5m-  
157 n). These data suggest that CAR is preferentially active in both mouse and human small intestinal Teff  
158 cells.

159 Enhanced CAR function in siLP Teff cells could involve local activation by endogenous  
160 metabolites. Consistent with this possibility, bile (from gallbladder), as well as sterile, soluble small  
161 intestine lumen content (siLC) from wild type B6 mice—but not colon lumen content (cLC) or serum—

162 induced *Abcb1a* and *Cyp2b10* upregulation in *ex vivo*-stimulated wild type, but not CAR-deficient, Teff  
163 cells from spleens of reconstituted *Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* mice (**Fig. 2e**; Extended Data Fig. 6a). CAR-dependent gene  
164 expression in this *ex vivo* culture system was also induced by TC, inhibited by the CAR inverse agonist,  
165 5 $\alpha$ -Androstan-3 $\beta$ -ol<sup>8</sup>, and unaffected by the PXR agonist, 5-Pregnen-3 $\beta$ -ol-20-one-16 $\alpha$ -carbonitrile  
166 (PCN)<sup>12</sup> (**Fig. 2e**; Extended Data Fig. 6a). The same dilutions of bile and siLC that enhanced CAR-  
167 dependent gene expression in Teff cells also promoted recruitment of a co-activator peptide (PGC1 $\alpha$ ) to  
168 recombinant CAR-RXR $\alpha$  ligand-binding domain (LBD) heterodimers, but not to RXR $\alpha$  LBD  
169 homodimers, in time-resolved fluorescence resonance energy transfer (TR-FRET) experiments (**Fig. 2f-g**;  
170 Extended Data Fig. 7a-b). Since CAR is thought to indirectly sense, but not directly bind, major BA  
171 species<sup>21</sup>, these data suggested that components of bile other than BAs might activate the CAR LBD;  
172 bile consists of mixed micelles containing BAs, phospholipids, cholesterol, fatty acids and bile pigments  
173 (e.g., bilirubin)<sup>1</sup>. Consistent with a BA-independent mechanism of CAR activation, siLC-mediated  
174 CAR-RXR $\alpha$  LBD heterodimer activation was not affected by CME-mediated depletion of free BAs  
175 (Extended Data Fig. 7c), and no major primary or secondary BA species was sufficient to activate CAR-  
176 RXR $\alpha$  LBD heterodimers in TR-FRET experiments, or to stimulate CAR-dependent gene expression in  
177 *ex vivo*-cultured Teff cells (Extended Data Fig. 7d, data not shown). CAR-RXR $\alpha$  LBD heterodimers  
178 were also activated by siLC from germ-free (GF) wild type mice (Extended Data Fig. 7c, data not  
179 shown). Thus, host-derived, non-BA constituents of bile may directly enhance CAR transcriptional  
180 activity in siLP Teff cells.

181 To further explore CAR immunoregulatory functions, we used gene set enrichment analysis  
182 (GSEA) to examine the impact of CAR-deficiency on gene expression previously associated with major  
183 pro- and anti-inflammatory T helper cell lineages. Unexpectedly, siLP Teff cells lacking CAR displayed  
184 reduced gene expression ascribed to type 1 regulatory (Tr1) cells<sup>22</sup>, a key subset of FoXP3<sup>+</sup>IL-10<sup>+</sup> T cells  
185 recognized for suppressing mucosal inflammation in humans and mice (**Fig. 3a-c**)<sup>23</sup>. Consistent with  
186 this, CAR was strictly required for the expression of both a Thy1.1-expressing *Il10*-reporter allele<sup>24</sup>  
187 (10BiT; **Fig. 3d-e**) and endogenous IL-10 protein (Extended Data Fig. 8a-e) in Teff cells re-isolated  
188 from transferred *Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* mice. Conversely, TC, as well as bile and siLC from wild type mice, induced  
189 CAR-dependent *Il10* upregulation in *ex vivo*-stimulated Teff cells (**Fig. 3f**; Extended Data Fig. 6), akin  
190 to *Abcb1a* and *Cyp2b10* (**Fig. 2e**). Colon lumen content acted on both wild type and CAR-deficient Teff  
191 cells to enhance *Il10* expression (**Fig. 3f**), suggesting that non-overlapping CAR-dependent and CAR-  
192 independent pathways may modulate *Il10* expression in mucosal T cells in the small and large intestines,  
193 respectively. CAR-dependent IL-10 expression in the *Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* T cell transfer model was transient—

194 peaking 2-weeks after T cell engraftment and waning thereafter—and followed the kinetics of both T  
195 cell infiltration into siLP and *ex vivo* CAR (*Nrl13*), MDR1 (*Abcb1a*) and *Cyp2b10* gene expression  
196 (Extended Data Fig. 8f-h). CAR was also required for IL-10 expression in endogenous siLP effector and  
197 regulatory T cell subsets from intact mice, but only after injection of soluble anti-CD3 antibodies to  
198 induce acute intestinal inflammation<sup>23</sup> (Extended data Figure 9a-c). In addition, CAR/*Nrl13* expression  
199 was upregulated during the *in vitro* development of Tr1 cells, where naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were activated  
200 and expanded in the combined presence of IL-27—a cytokine that promotes Stat3-dependent IL-10  
201 expression<sup>22</sup>—and the synthetic corticosteroid, dexamethasone<sup>25</sup> (Fig. 3g). Loss of CAR restricted IL-  
202 10 production by these *in vitro*-polarized Tr1 cells (Fig. 3h-i). By contrast, CAR expression was not  
203 induced during the *in vitro* development of other conventional effector (e.g., Th1, Th2, Th17) or  
204 regulatory (e.g., induced (i)Treg) lineages, compared with naïve T cells, and loss of CAR had no bearing  
205 on the *in vitro* development of these cells (Fig. 3g, Supplemental Table 2). These data reveal a novel and  
206 essential function for CAR in *Il10* gene regulation, whether direct or indirect, which may synergize with  
207 the CAR-dependent BA detoxification program in mucosal T cells to foster resolution of small bowel  
208 inflammation.

209 Gene expression associated with Th17 cells—an important lineage of ROR $\gamma$ t<sup>+</sup> pro-inflammatory  
210 T cells implicated in the pathogenesis of inflammatory bowel diseases<sup>26</sup>—was reciprocally increased in  
211 siLP Teff cells lacking CAR (Fig. 3b), and reduced IL-10 expression in Teff cells lacking CAR  
212 paralleled their accumulation as ROR $\gamma$ t<sup>+</sup>IL-17A<sup>-</sup> ‘poised’ Th17 cells<sup>27,28</sup> in siLP of transferred *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup>  
213 mice (Extended Data Fig. 9d-e). However, this phenotype was recapitulated by *Il10*<sup>-/-</sup> Teff cells replete  
214 for CAR (Extended Data Fig. 9f-g), suggesting that CAR might suppress the development and/or  
215 accumulation of mucosal Th17 cells indirectly, via IL-10 induction. Other effector and regulatory T cell  
216 gene signatures were unaffected by loss of CAR *in vivo* (Fig. 3b).

217 Finally, we reasoned that if CAR-deficiency in Teff cells exacerbates BA-driven small bowel  
218 inflammation, pharmacologic CAR activation might be protective. A single administration of the  
219 selective CAR agonist, TC, to *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice reconstituted with a mixture of CD45.1 wild type and CD45.2  
220 CAR-deficient T cells was sufficient to induce *Abcb1a*, *Cyp2b10* and *Il10* upregulation in wild type, but  
221 not CAR-deficient, Teff cells within 72 hr (Fig. 4a). Weekly TC administration reduced ileitis, but not  
222 colitis, in *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice reconstituted with only wild type T cells and fed a standard 0.2% cholic acid  
223 (CA)-supplemented diet to increase the size of the circulating BA pool and promote small bowel injury<sup>28</sup>  
224 (Fig. 4b-c); CA-feeding increased morbidity and mortality in *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice receiving wild type T cells,  
225 but had no obvious effects on *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice in the absence of T cell transfer (Fig. 4b, data not shown). As

226 expected, therapeutic effects of TC were abolished in CA-fed *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice reconstituted with CAR-  
227 deficient T cells (Extended Data Fig. 10). These data suggest that BA-supplementation promotes,  
228 whereas CAR activation in T cells suppresses, experimental ileitis. Although additional effects of TC-  
229 mediated CAR activation in parenchymal tissues could not be discerned from these studies, the results  
230 reveal an unexpected new strategy for the treatment of small bowel Crohn's disease.

231 BAs have emerged as important and pleotropic signaling metabolites that have both pro- and  
232 anti-inflammatory effects in the gastrointestinal tract via dynamic interactions with germline-encoded  
233 host receptors and the microbiota<sup>1</sup>. Whereas low (micromolar) concentrations of secondary BAs in the  
234 colon—produced via bacterial metabolism—appear to support mucosal immune tolerance by activating  
235 and expanding colonic *Foxp3*<sup>+</sup> Treg cells<sup>29,30</sup>, the higher (millimolar) concentrations of primary BAs  
236 present in the small intestine—due to active reuptake during enterohepatic circulation—may be more  
237 pro-inflammatory and cytotoxic. Our study suggests that the BA- and xenobiotic-sensing nuclear  
238 receptor, CAR/Nr1i3, reprograms mucosal T cell gene expression in the small intestine to counter BA-  
239 induced toxicity and inflammation (Fig. 4d). The additional contribution of non-BA components in bile  
240 to CAR activation in small intestinal T cells suggests more direct, extensive and compartmentalized  
241 interplay between mucosal T cells and hepatic metabolism than previously recognized. Pharmacologic  
242 CAR activation not only offers a new and more targeted approach to treat small bowel Crohn's disease;  
243 it also opens new avenues for exploring lymphocyte specialization across the intestinal tract.

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## 246 Experimental procedures

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### 248 Mice

249 C57BL/6 (B6)-derived wild type (Stock No: 000664), CD45.1 (Stock No: 002014), *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> (Stock  
250 No: 002216), *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> (Stock No: 008449) and *Il10*<sup>-/-</sup> (Stock No: 004368) mice were purchased from The  
251 Jackson Laboratory. Wild type FVB/N mice were purchased from Taconic. B6-derived *Nr1i2*<sup>-/-</sup>, *Nr1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>  
252 and *Nr1i2*<sup>-/-</sup>*Nr1i3*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were provided by D. Moore (Baylor College of Medicine, BCM). FVB-  
253 derived *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were a gift of Dr. Allan Bieber (Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN). B6-derived BAC  
254 *Il10*-Thy1.1 transgenic reporter (10BiT) mice were provided by C. Weaver (University of Alabama-  
255 Birmingham, UAB) and have been described previously<sup>24</sup>. B6-derived *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were crossed with  
256 *Slc10a2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (gift of Dr. Paul Dawson, Emory University) in the Sundrud lab to generate *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice  
257 lacking the Asbt transporter as in<sup>4</sup>. Lumen contents (colon, small intestine) were harvested (see below)

258 from specific pathogen-free (SPF) or germ-free wild type B6 mice housed at the University of Alabama-  
259 Birmingham (UAB; courtesy of Dr. Weaver). All breeding and experimental use of animals was  
260 conducted in accordance with protocols approved by IACUC committees at Scripps Florida, BCM or  
261 UAB.

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263 **Human blood samples**

264 Human blood samples were collected and analyzed in accordance with protocols approved by  
265 Institutional Review Boards at Scripps Florida and OneBlood (Orlando, Florida). Blood was obtained  
266 following informed written consent, and consenting volunteers willingly shared clinical history and  
267 demographic information prior to phlebotomy. Institutional Review Boards at OneBlood and Scripps  
268 Florida approved all procedures and forms used in obtaining informed consent, and all documentation  
269 for consenting volunteers is stored at OneBlood.

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271 **CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell isolation and culture**

272 Purified CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup> T cells were magnetically isolated from spleen and peripheral lymph node  
273 mononuclear cells using an EasySep magnetic T cell negative isolation kit (Stem Cell Technologies,  
274 Inc.) with addition of a biotin anti-mouse CD25 antibody (0.5 µg/mL; BioLegend). Magnetically-  
275 enriched CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were cultured in (DMEM) supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine  
276 serum, 2mM L-glutamine (Gibco), 50uM 2-mercaptoethanol (Amresco), 1% MEM vitamin solution  
277 (Gibco), 1% MEM non-essential amino acids solution(Gibco), 1% Sodium Pyruvate(Gibco), 1%  
278 Arg/Asp/Folic acid (Gibco), 1% HEPES (Gibco), 0.1% gentamicin (Gibco) and 100u/ml Pen-Strep  
279 (Gibco). For *Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* transfer experiments, magnetically enriched CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup> T cells were FACS-sorted  
280 to obtain pure naïve T cells (CD3<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup>CD62L<sup>hi</sup>CD44<sup>lo</sup>). For *ex vivo* isolation of mononuclear  
281 cells from tissues of T cell-reconstituted Rag-deficient mice, single cell suspensions were prepared from  
282 spleen, peripheral lymph nodes, or mesenteric lymph nodes (MLN) by mechanical disruption passing  
283 through 70 µm nylon filters (BD Biosciences). For intestinal tissues, small intestines and colons were  
284 removed, rinsed thoroughly with PBS to remove the fecal contents, and opened longitudinally; Peyer's  
285 patches were removed from small intestines. Tissues were incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature  
286 in DMEM media without phenol red (Genesee Scientific) plus 0.15% DTT (Sigma-Aldrich) to eliminate  
287 mucus layer. After washing with media, intestines were incubated for 30 minutes at room temperature  
288 in media containing 1 mM EDTA (Amresco) to remove the epithelium. Intestinal tissue was digested in  
289 media containing 0.25 mg/mL liberase TL (Roche) and 10 U/mL RNase-free DNaseI (Roche) for 15-25

290 minutes at 37 °C. Lymphocyte fractions were obtained by 70/30% Percoll density gradient centrifugation  
291 (Sigma-Aldrich). Mononuclear cells were washed in complete T cell media and resuspended for  
292 downstream FACS analysis or sorting.

293 *Naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell activation and polarization:* magnetically enriched CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup> T cells were seeded  
294 (at 4x10<sup>5</sup> cells/cm<sup>2</sup> and 1x10<sup>6</sup> cells/mL) in 96- or 24-well flat bottom plates pre-coated for 1-2 hr at 37  
295 °C with goat-anti-hamster whole IgG (50 µg/mL; Invitrogen). Activation was induced by adding  
296 hamster-anti-mouse CD3ε (0.3 or 1 µg/mL; BioLegend) and hamster-anti-mouse CD28 (0.25 or 0.5  
297 µg/mL; BioXcell). After 48 hr, cells were removed from coated wells and re-cultured at 1x10<sup>6</sup> cells/mL  
298 in media with or without 10 U/mL recombinant human IL-2 (rhIL-2) (NIH Biorepository), depending  
299 on the experiment (see below). For polarization studies, cells were activated in the presence of the  
300 following sets of cytokines and/or neutralizing antibodies (all from R&D Systems): Th0—media alone;  
301 Th1—recombinant human (rh)IL-12 (5 ng/mL) plus anti-mouse IL-4 (5 µg/mL); Th2—rhIL-4 (10  
302 ng/mL) plus anti-mouse IFNγ (5 µg/mL); non-pathogenic (np)Th17—recombinant mouse (rm)IL-6 (40  
303 ng/mL) plus rhTGFβ1 (1 ng/mL), anti-mouse IFNγ (5 µg/mL) and anti-mouse IL-4 (5 µg/mL);  
304 pathogenic (p)Th17—rmIL-6 (40 ng/mL) plus rhTGFβ1 (1 ng/mL), rhIL-23 (10 ng/mL) anti-mouse  
305 IFNγ (5 µg/mL) and anti-mouse IL-4 (5 µg/mL); induced T regulatory (i)Treg—rhTGFβ1 (5 ng/mL)  
306 plus rhIL-2 (10 U/mL), anti-mouse IFNγ (5 µg/mL) and anti-mouse IL-4 (5 µg/mL). For Tr1 cultures,  
307 cells were activated in the presence of rhIL-27 (100 ng/mL) and/or dexamethasone (100 nM; Sigma-  
308 Aldrich). Cytokine, antibodies and/or Dex were added at the time of activation (day 0), and re-added to  
309 expansion media between days 2-4 of culture. Cells were analyzed for intracellular expression of  
310 transcription factors and/or cytokines, to confirm polarization, on day 4 after re-stimulation with phorbol  
311 12-myristate 13-acetate (PMA; 10nM; Life Technologies) and ionomycin (1uM; Sigma-Aldrich) for 3-4  
312 hr in the presence of brefeldin A (BFA; 10ug/mL; Life Technologies).

313 *Ex vivo-stimulation of FACS-sorted effector/memory (Teff) cells from reconstituted Rag1<sup>-/-</sup> mice:* 30,000  
314 CD45.1 (wild type) or CD45.2 (*Nrl1i3<sup>-/-</sup>*) cells—FACS-purified from spleens of B6.*Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* 2-3 weeks  
315 post naïve T cell transfer—were activated in round-bottom 96-well plates with mouse anti-CD3/anti-  
316 CD28 T cell expander beads (1 bead/cell; Life Technologies) in complete media containing 10 U/mL  
317 recombinant human (rh) IL-2 for 24 hr in the presence or absence of synthetic or endogenous CAR  
318 agonists (see ‘compound and tissue extracts’ below).

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320 **Retroviral plasmids and transductions**

321 shRNAmirs against mouse nuclear receptors were purchased (TransOMIC) or custom synthesized using  
322 the shERWOOD algorithm<sup>41</sup>. For cloning into an ametrine-expressing murine retroviral vector (LMPd)  
323 containing the enhanced miR-30 cassette<sup>42,43</sup>, shRNAmirs were PCR amplified using forward (5'-  
324 AGAAGGCTCGAGAAGGTATTGC-3') and reverse (5'-GCTCGAATTCTAGCCCCCTTGAAGTC  
325 CGAGG-3') primers containing XhoI and EcoR1 restriction sites, respectively. All retroviral constructs  
326 were confirmed by sequencing prior to use in cell culture experiments. Retroviral particles were  
327 produced by transfection of Platinum E (PLAT-E) cells with the TransIT-LT1 transfection reagent  
328 (Mirus) in Opti-MEM I reduced serum medium. Viral supernatants containing 10 µg/mL polybrene were  
329 used to transduce CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup> T cells 24 hr post-activation (anti-CD3/anti-CD28; as above).  
330 Transductions were enhanced by centrifugation at 2000 rpm for 1 hr at room temperature, and incubation  
331 at 37 °C until 48 hr post-activation. Transduced cells were expanded in complete media containing 10  
332 U/mL rhIL-2.

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### 334 **Cell lines**

335 PLAT-E cells, derived from the HEK-293 human embryonic kidney fibroblasts and engineered for  
336 improved retroviral packaging efficiency, were provided by M. Pipkin (Scripps Florida). All cell lines  
337 were tested to be mycoplasma free, and cultured in DMEM plus 10% FBS, 2 mM L-glutamine, 50 uM  
338 2-mercaptoethanol, 1% HEPES, 0.1% gentamicin and 100u/ml Pen-Strep.

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### 340 **T cell transfer colitis**

341 For experiments using B6-derived wild-type or CAR-deficient (*Nrl1i3<sup>-/-</sup>*) T cells, 0.5 x 10<sup>6</sup> FACS-sorted  
342 naïve T cells (sorted as CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup>CD62L<sup>hi</sup>CD44<sup>lo</sup> at Scripps Florida; CD4<sup>+</sup>CD45RB<sup>hi</sup> at BCM) were  
343 injected intraperitoneally (i.p.) into syngeneic *Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* (at Scripps Florida) or *Rag2<sup>-/-</sup>* (at BCM) recipients  
344 and analyzed between 2-6 weeks post-transfer. For mixed congenic T cell transfers, FACS-purified naïve  
345 T cells (CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup>CD62L<sup>hi</sup>CD44<sup>lo</sup>) from CD45.1 wild type and CD45.2 CAR-deficient (*Nrl1i3<sup>-/-</sup>*),  
346 PXR-deficient (*Nrl1i2<sup>-/-</sup>*), CAR- and PXR-deficient (*Nrl1i2<sup>-/-</sup>Nrl1i3<sup>-/-</sup>*) or *Il10<sup>-/-</sup>* mice were mixed in a 1:1:  
347 ratio and transferred together (0.5 x 10<sup>6</sup> total cells). For transfers of shRNAmir-expressing T cells,  
348 magnetically enriched CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup> T cells from FVB/N (FVB) wild-type mice, activated and transduced  
349 as above, were expanded until day 5 in media containing rhIL-2 and transferred into syngeneic *Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>*  
350 mice (0.5 x 10<sup>6</sup> total cells). All *Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* recipients were weighed immediately prior to T cell transfer to  
351 determine baseline weight, and then weighed twice weekly after T cell transfer for the duration of the  
352 experiment. Mouse chow diets containing 2% Cholestyramine (CME) (Sigma-Aldrich) or 0.2% Cholic

353 Acid (CA) (Sigma-Aldrich) and control diets were custom made (Teklad Envigo, Madison, WI) and fed  
354 to mice as follows: CME-supplemented diets were started 3 weeks after T cell transfer and continued for  
355 3 weeks; cholic acid diet was started within 3 days post-T cell transfer and continued for 6 weeks (or  
356 until mice died). TCPOBOP (TC; Sigma-Aldrich) was initially reconstituted in sterile DMSO, stored at  
357 -20 °C, and diluted in sterile saline and sonicated immediately prior to injections. 3 mg/kg TC was  
358 injected intra-peritoneal (i.p.) weekly as indicated. Transferred *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> or *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice were euthanized  
359 upon losing 20% of pre-transfer baseline weight. All *Rag*<sup>-/-</sup> mice receiving different donor T cell  
360 genotypes were co-housed to normalize microflora exposure.

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### 362 **Anti-CD3-induced intestinal injury**

363 Wild-type (B6) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) mice were injected i.p. with 15 ug of soluble, Ultra-LEAF  
364 purified anti-CD3 (clone: 145-2C11) or IgG isotype control (clone: HTK888) (BioLegend) twice over  
365 48 hr. Animals were euthanized, and T cells analyzed 4 hr after the second injection.

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### 367 **Histology**

368 Colon (proximal, distal) or small intestine (proximal, mid, distal/ileum) sections (~1 cm) were cut from  
369 euthanized *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> or *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice 6 weeks post-T cell transfer. In some experiments, 10 cm segments  
370 of distal small intestine and whole colon were dissected from mice and fixed intact. All tissues were  
371 fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin, embedded into paraffin blocks, cut for slides at 4-5 microns, and  
372 stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H&E). H&E-stained sections were analyzed and scored blindly by  
373 a pathologist with GI expertise using an Olympus BX41 microscope and imaged using an Olympus  
374 DP71 camera. Colons and ilea were histologically graded for inflammation severity using a combination  
375 of previously-reported grading models published by Kim, et al.<sup>31</sup> and by Berg et al.<sup>32</sup>. The scheme  
376 published by Kim, et al grades 5 different descriptors which include crypt architecture (normal, 0 - severe  
377 crypt distortion with loss of entire crypts, 3), degree of inflammatory cell infiltration (normal, 0 – dense  
378 inflammatory infiltrate, 3), muscle thickening (base of crypt sits on the muscularis mucosae, 0 - marked  
379 muscle thickening present, 3), goblet cell depletion (absent, 0- present, 1) and crypt abscess (absent, 0-  
380 present, 1). Berg et al uses a grade 0 through 4 model of overall severity with grade 1 being normal and  
381 grade 4 showing diffuse intestinal involvement with transmural inflammation, marked epithelial  
382 hyperplasia, marked mucin depletion with abscesses and ulcers.

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### 384 **Flow cytometry**

385 Cell surface and intracellular FACS stains were performed at 4 °C for 30 minutes, washed with phosphate  
386 buffered saline (PBS) and acquired on a flow cytometer. Analysis of Rh123 efflux was performed as in<sup>4</sup>.  
387 Background Rh123 efflux was determined by the addition of the MDR1 antagonist, elacridar (10 nM),  
388 to Rh123-labelled cells prior to the 37 °C efflux step. Anti-mouse antibodies used for FACS analysis  
389 included: Alexa Fluor 700 anti-CD45, APC anti-CD45.1, BV711 anti-CD4, BV510 anti-CD25, BV650  
390 anti-CD3, Percp-Cy5.5 anti-CD62L, PE-CY7 anti-CD44, BV605 anti-CD62L, PE anti- $\alpha$ 4 $\beta$ 7, Alexa  
391 Fluor700 anti-CD4, FITC anti-CD44, BV421 anti-CD44, e450 anti FOXP3, BV605 anti-TNF, Percp-  
392 Cy5.5 anti-Il-17a, BV711 anti-INF $\gamma$ , PE anti-Il-4, PE-CY7 anti-IL-10, PE anti-Thy1.1, FITC anti-CD3,  
393 Percp-Cy5.5 anti-Thy1.1, PE anti-CD3, PE anti-TCR $\beta$ , APC anti-INF $\gamma$ , FITC anti-CD45.2, PE anti-  
394  $\alpha$ 4 $\beta$ 7 (from BioLegend); and BUV395 anti-CD3, PE-CF594 anti-CD25, FITC anti-Ki-67, PE-CF594  
395 anti-ROR $\gamma$ t (from BD). Anti-human antibodies used for FACS analysis included: APC anti-CD3, PE  
396 anti-CD4, PE-Cy7 anti-CD45RO, BV711 anti-CD49a (integrin  $\alpha$ 4), APC-Fire 750 anti-integrin  $\beta$ 7,  
397 BV421 anti-CCR9, and Percp-Cy5.5 anti-CCR7, BV605 anti-CCR2, PE anti-CRTH2, PE anti-CCR10,  
398 PE-Cy7 anti-CCR4, Percp-Cy5.5 anti-CXCR3, APC anti-CCR6, BV605 anti-CD4, PE-CF594 anti-  
399 CD25 (from BD). Vital dyes include: fixable viability eFluor® 506, eFluor® 660 and eFluor® 780 (all  
400 from eBioscience). Rh123 and elacridar were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. All FACS data was  
401 acquired on LSRII or FACSCanto II instruments (BD), and analyzed using FlowJo 9 or FlowJo 10  
402 software (TreeStar, Inc.). (We're probably missing a bunch).

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#### 404 **FACS sorting**

405 Cells stained with cell-surface antibodies, as above, were passed through 70  $\mu$ m nylon filters,  
406 resuspended in PBS plus 1% serum, and sorted on a FACS ArialII machine (BD Biosciences). Sorted  
407 cells were collected in serum-coated tubes containing PBS plus 50% serum. Gates used to sort MDR1 $^{+/-}$   
408 T cells, based on Rh123 efflux, were set using background Rh123 efflux in elacridar-treated cells. For  
409 human T cell sorts, Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) were isolated using Ficoll-Plaque PLUS  
410 (GE Healthcare) from 25 mL of enriched buffy coats (OneBlood). CD4 $^{+}$  T cells were enriched using the  
411 Human total CD4 T cell Negative Isolation kit (EasySep), followed by enrichment of either  
412 effector/memory T cells (Human Memory CD4 T cell Enrichment kit; EasySep) or Treg cells (Human  
413 CD4 $^{+}$ CD127 $^{lo}$ CD49d $^{-}$  Treg Enrichment Kit; EasySep) (all from StemCell Technologies). Enriched cells  
414 were stained with anti-human FACS antibodies (listed above) for 20 minutes on ice. Stained cells were  
415 filtered through sterile 40  $\mu$ m mesh filters and re-suspended in PBS with 5% FBS and 0.1% DNase. In  
416 cases where RNA was isolated after sorting, 100,000 cells were sorted into 200  $\mu$ L PBS with 1  $\mu$ M DTT

417 and 5 uL RNase Inhibitor Cocktail (Takara); for *ex vivo* culture experiments, 0.4-1.2 x10<sup>6</sup> cells were  
418 sorted into complete T cell media.

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420 **Pooled *in vivo* shRNAmir screen**

421 Two independent pooled screens were performed. Briefly, PLAT-E cells were cultured in 96 well plates  
422 with 5 x 10<sup>4</sup> per well in 100uL complete medium and transfected as described above. Magnetically  
423 enriched CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup> T cells from spleens of 7- to 8-week old female FVB/N (FVB) mice were activated  
424 with anti-CD3 and anti-CD28 in 96 well plates and transduced 24 hr post-activation. Transduction  
425 efficiency of each individual shRNA was determined on day 4; transduced cells were pooled and FACS-  
426 sorted for ametrine<sup>+</sup> on day 5 and adoptively transferred (i. p.) into 10 FVB.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. An aliquot of  
427 sorted cells was saved for genomic DNA isolation and used for input reference. Six weeks post-transfer,  
428 live (viability dye<sup>-</sup>) transduced (ametrine<sup>+</sup>) Rh123<sup>hi</sup> (Mdr1<sup>-</sup>) or Rh123<sup>lo</sup> (Mdr1<sup>+</sup>) effector/memory T cells  
429 (Teff; CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup>CD62L<sup>lo</sup>CD44<sup>hi</sup>) were FACS-sorted from the spleen or small intestine lamina propria  
430 of FVB.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> recipients. High quality genomic DNA was isolated using PureLink® Genomic DNA  
431 Mini Kit (Invitrogen) and 100 ng of DNA was used for library preparation. gDNA derived from  
432 transduced and sorted T cells were quantified with Qubit DNA assay. 75ng of gDNA were used as  
433 template in duplicate reactions to add the Ion adapter sequences and barcodes. Based on previous data,  
434 28 cycles of PCRs were used to amplify the libraries using primers with Ion P1 miR30 loop sequence  
435 (5'-CCTCTCTATGGGCAGTCGGTGATTACATCTGTGGCTTCACTA-3') and Ion A miR-30 (5'-  
436 CCATCTCATCCCTGCGTGTCTCCGACTCAGXXXXXXXXXGCTCGAGAAGGTATATTGCT-  
437 3') sequences. The miR-30 loop (PI) and miR-30 (A) annealing sequences are underlined. The IonXpress  
438 10 nt barcode is depicted with a string of X's. Sequencing libraries were purified with 1.6X Ampure XP  
439 beads (Beckman Coulter), quantified with Qubit DNA HS assay (Invitrogen), and visualized on the  
440 Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies, Inc.). Individually-barcoded libraries were pooled at  
441 equimolar ratios and templated on to Ion spheres at 50 pM loading concentration using the Ion Chef  
442 (Life Technologies) with the Ion PI IC 200 kit. The templated Ion spheres (ISPs) were quantified using  
443 AlexaFluor sequence-specific probes provided in the Ion Spehere quality control kit (Life Technologies).  
444 The percent templated ISPs within 10-20% were taken forward to loading on the Ion PI V2 chips and  
445 then run on the Ion Proton with 200 bp reads. Libraries were sequenced using the Ion Torrent technology  
446 from Life Technologies following the manufacturer's instructions. Sequencing reads were aligned to the  
447 reference library using BLAST with default settings and raw counts were normalized with DESeq2.  
448 Normalized reads of shRNAmirs displaying  $\leq$  10-fold change between input and *ex vivo* spleen samples  
449 were considered for downstream analysis. The relative enrichment or depletion of shRNAmirs from each

450 population was determined by median log<sub>2</sub> fold-change in abundance of shRNAmirs in Mdr1<sup>hi</sup> vs. Mdr1<sup>lo</sup>  
451 siLP Teff cells.

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#### 453 Compounds and tissue extracts

454 10 or 20 uM 1,4-Bis-[2-(3,5-dichloropyridyloxy)]benzene, 3,3',5,5'-Tetrachloro-1,4-bis(pyridyloxy)  
455 benzene (TC), 10 uM 5 $\alpha$ -Androstan-3 $\beta$ -ol (And), 10 uM 5-Pregnen-3 $\beta$ -ol-20-one-16 $\alpha$ -carbonitrile  
456 (PCN) (all from Sigma-Aldrich)—or serum, bile (from gallbladder), sterile soluble small intestine lumen  
457 content (siLC), or sterile soluble colon lumen content (cLC) from wild type (B6) mice—were added to  
458 mouse naïve or effector/memory (Teff) cells stimulated with anti-CD3/anti-CD28 antibodies as above.  
459 For preparation of mouse tissue extracts, mouse small intestinal lumen content (siLC) or colon lumen  
460 content (cLC) was extracted from whole tissue into a sterile tube. Contents were weighed, diluted with  
461 an equal volume of sterile PBS, vortexed vigorously for 30 sec, and then supernatants were collected  
462 after sequential centrifugation steps: (i) 10 min at 930 x g; and (ii) 10 min at 16 x g. Cleared supernatants  
463 were finally sterile-filtered using 0.22  $\mu$ m filters and aliquots were frozen at -20° C. Serum was collected  
464 in EDTA coated tubes and centrifuged for 5 min at 2.4 x g. Due to small sample size, serum and  
465 gallbladder bile were used directly without filter sterilization after harvesting. Equal volumes of sterile  
466 vehicles (DMSO for TC, And; ethanol for PCN; PBS for sterile mouse content) served as negative  
467 controls. For human T cell culture experiments, healthy adult donor PBMC were FACS-sorted for the  
468 following subsets: (i) naïve CD4 $^{+}$  T cells (CD4 $^{+}$ CD25 $^{-}$ CD45RO $^{-}$ CCR7 $^{hi}$ ); (ii) Treg cells (CD4 $^{+}$ CD25 $^{hi}$ );  
469 (iii)  $\alpha$ 4 $^{-}$ CCR9 $^{-}$  effector/memory cells (Teff; CD4 $^{+}$ CD25 $^{-}$ CD45RO $^{+}$ ); and (iv)  $\alpha$ 4 $^{+}$ CCR9 $^{+}$   
470 effector/memory cells (Teff; CD4 $^{+}$ CD25 $^{-}$ CD45RO $^{+}$ ). Note that all  $\alpha$ 4 $^{-}$ CCR9 $^{-}$  Teff cells are integrin  $\beta$ 7 $^{-}$   
471 and all  $\alpha$ 4 $^{+}$ CCR9 $^{+}$  Teff cells are integrin  $\beta$ 7 $^{+}$ . For all subsets, 30,000 purified cells were stimulated in  
472 round-bottom 96-well plates with human anti-CD3/anti-CD28 T cell expander beads (1 bead/cell;  
473 ThermoFisher) in complete media containing 10 U/mL rhIL-2 with or without 10 or 20 uM 6-(4-  
474 Chlorophenyl)imidazo[2,1-b][1,3]thiazole-5-carbaldehyde O-(3,4-dichlorobenzyl)oxime (CITCO)  
475 (Sigma-Aldrich); an equal volume of DMSO served as the negative control.

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#### 477 qPCR

478 RNA was isolated from cultured or ex vivo-isolated cells using RNeasy Mini columns with on-column  
479 DNase treatment (Qiagen); RNA was used to synthesize cDNA via a high capacity cDNA reverse  
480 transcription kit (Life Technologies). Taqman qPCR was performed on a StepOnePlus real time PCR  
481 instrument (Life Technologies/Applied Biosystems) using commercial Taqman primer/probe sets (Life

482 Technologies). Probes for mouse genes included: *Abcb1a* (Mm00607939\_s1), *Nr1i3*  
483 (Mm01283981\_g1), *Cyp2b10* (Mm01972453\_s1), *Il10* (Mm01288386\_m1) and *Actin b*  
484 (*Mm00607939\_s1*); probes for human genes included: *NR1I3* (Hs00901571\_m1), *ABCB1*  
485 (Hs00184500\_m1), *CYP2B6* (Hs04183483), *IL10* (Hs00961622\_m1), and *ACTIN B* (Hs0160665\_g1).  
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#### 487 **Bioinformatics analyses**

488 *ChIP-seq*: Raw sequencing reads for CAR were downloaded from Gene Expression Omnibus  
489 (GSE112199)<sup>17</sup>, aligned to USC mm10 with Bowtie2<sup>33</sup> and analyzed with MACS<sup>34</sup> using base settings.  
490 Biological replicate reads files were merged into a single file and bigwig files were generated and  
491 visualized with Integrated Genome Viewer (IGV)<sup>35</sup>. Peaks were filtered to remove reads with alternative  
492 annotations, mitochondrial DNA, or blacklist regions in R using GenomeInfoDb and GenomicRanges  
493 package.

494 *RNA-seq*: Next-generation RNA-sequencing (RNA-seq) was performed on FACS-sorted B6 wild type  
495 and CAR-deficient effector/memory T cells (Teff cells: viability dye<sup>-</sup>CD45<sup>+</sup>CD3<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup>CD44<sup>hi</sup>)  
496 from spleen, small intestinal lamina propria, and colon lamina propria of *Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* mice injected 3-weeks  
497 prior with congenic mixtures of CD45.1 wild type and CD45.2 *Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>* naïve T cells, approximately 500  
498 sorted cells were processed directly to generate cDNA using the Clontech SMART-Seq v4 Ultra Low  
499 Input Kit (Clontech, Inc.) on three biologically-independent replicates. The generated cDNA was size  
500 selected using beads to enrich for fragments > 400 bp. The enriched cDNA was converted to Illumina-  
501 compatible libraries using the NEBNext Ultra II DNA kit (New England Biolabs, Inc.) using 1ng input.  
502 Final libraries were validated on the Agilent 2100 bioanalyzer DNA chips and quantified on the Qubit  
503 2.0 fluorometer (Invitrogen, Life Technologies). Barcoded libraries were pooled at equimolar ratios and  
504 sequenced using single-end 75 bp reads on a NextSeq 500 instrument (Illumina). Raw sequencing reads  
505 (fastq files) were mapped to the mm10 transcriptome and transcript abundance in terms of Transcripts  
506 Per Million (TPM) were quantified using Salmon<sup>48</sup>. PCA was performed and projected in R-studio.  
507 Differentially expressed genes (DEG) were determined using DESeq2 ( $P < .05$ ) for CAR-deficient  
508 (B6.*Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>*) vs. wild type (B6) Teff cells from spleen (296 up; 285 down), siLP (472 up; 523 down), or  
509 cLP (350 up; 228 down) and  $\log_2$  fold-change was used as the ranking metric to generate input ranked  
510 lists for gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) (<https://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/index.jsp>); these  
511 genes were compared against both customized and curated gene sets (the latter from the Molecular  
512 Signature Database (MSigDB)) for enrichment—quantified as normalized enrichment score (NES)—  
513 and visualized using ggplot2 package in R. Differentially expressed genes of wild type (B6) Teff cells  
514 from the spleen, siLP, or cLP determined by DESeq2 were used to generate tissue-specific Teff gene

515 sets: (i) up in B6 spleen Teff, genes selectively expressed in spleen *vs.* either siLP or cLP wild type (B6)  
516 Teff cells; (ii) up in B6 siLP Teff, genes selectively expressed in siLP *vs.* either spleen or cLP wild type  
517 (B6) Teff cells; and (iii) up in B6 cLP Teff, genes selectively expressed in cLP *vs.* either spleen or siLP  
518 wild type (B6) Teff cells. RNA-seq data of pharmacological activation of CAR or PXR in hepatocytes  
519 *in vivo* from mice treated with the CAR agonist, TCPOBOP (TC), the PXR agonist, PCN, or vehicle  
520 (corn oil) (GSE104734)<sup>16</sup> were analyzed to generate the gene sets: Up in Hep + TC, genes selectively  
521 induced by the CAR agonist, TCPOBOP (TC), compared with either vehicle (corn oil) or the PXR  
522 agonist, PCN, in hepatocytes from mice treated with compounds *in vivo*; and Up in Hep + PCN, genes  
523 selectively induced by the PXR agonist, PCN, compared with either vehicle (corn oil) or the CAR  
524 agonist, TC, in hepatocytes from mice treated with compounds *in vivo*. Differential gene expression of  
525 *in vitro*-differentiated Tr1 (GSE92940)<sup>22</sup> and Th17 cells (GSE21670)<sup>36</sup> were determined using the  
526 Limma package in R (for microarray data)<sup>37</sup> to generate the gene sets: Tr1-signature, genes selectively  
527 expressed in *in vitro*-differentiated Tr1 cells, compared with non-polarizing conditions; and Th17-  
528 signature, genes selectively expressed in *in vitro*-differentiated Th17 cells, compared with non-  
529 polarizing conditions. Th1-signature, Th2-signature, induced (i)Treg-signature (GSE14308)<sup>38</sup>, or T  
530 follicular helper (Tfh)-signature (GSE21379)<sup>39</sup>, genes selectively induced in these *vs.* other T cell  
531 subsets, as curated on MSigDB (<https://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/msigdb/index.jsp>).  
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### 533 **TR-FRET co-regulator recruitment assay**

534 The DNA sequences encoding mouse (m)CAR ligand-binding domain (LBD; residues 109 – 358) were  
535 amplified by PCR reaction and inserted into modified pET24b vectors to produce pET24b-mCAR-LBD.  
536 pACYC-Duet1-RXR-LBD, an expression plasmid for untagged human (h)RXR $\alpha$  LBD was provided by  
537 Dr. Eric Xu<sup>40</sup>. Purification of the mCAR-hRXR $\alpha$  LBD heterodimer, as well as hRXR $\alpha$  homodimer, was  
538 achieved by nickel-affinity chromatography, followed by size-exclusion chromatography in an Akta  
539 explorer FPLC (GE Healthcare). Briefly, pET24b-mCAR-LBD and pACYC-Duet1-RXR-LBD were co-  
540 transformed into BL21 (DE3) for mCAR-hRXR $\alpha$  heterodimer and pET46-RXR $\alpha$ -LBD was transformed  
541 into BL21 (DE3) for RXR $\alpha$  homodimer. The cells were grown in 4 x 900 mL of LB media at 37 °C until  
542 the OD600 reached a value of 0.6–0.7. Overexpression was induced by 0.3 mM of IPTG and the cells  
543 were grown further for 22 hr at 18 °C. The harvested cells were resuspended in sonication buffer (500  
544 mM NaCl, 10 mM HEPES, 10 mM imidazole, pH 8.0, and 10% glycerol), sonicated on an ice-water  
545 bath for 20 min at 18 W output, and centrifuged for 25 min at 50,000 x g. The proteins were isolated  
546 from the sonicated supernatant by applying to a 2 mL His Select column and eluted with linear gradient

547 from 10 mM to 300 mM imidazole in sonication buffer. The elution fractions containing the proteins  
548 concentrated while exchanging buffer to gel filtration buffer (300 mM NaCl, 20 mM HEPES, 1 mM  
549 DTT, 5 % glycerol). The proteins were purified further by gel filtrations through a Superdex 200 26/60  
550 column (GE Healthcare) equilibrated with gel filtration buffer. Fractions containing the proteins were  
551 pooled and concentrated to ~ 8 mg/mL each with 30 kDa cutoff ultrafiltration units (Millipore). Time-  
552 resolved fluorescence resonance energy transfer (TR-FRET) assays were performed in low-volume  
553 black 384-well plates (Greiner) using 23  $\mu$ L final well volume. Each well contained the following  
554 components in TR-FRET buffer (20 mM KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>/K<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>, pH 8, 50 mM KCl, 5 mM TCEP, 0.005%  
555 Tween 20): 4 nM 6xHis-CAR/RXR $\alpha$  LBD heterodimer or 6xHis-RXR $\alpha$ /RXR $\alpha$  homodimer LBD, 1 nM  
556 LanthaScreen Elite Tb-anti-His Antibody (ThermoFisher #PV5895), and 400 nM FITC-labeled PGC1 $\alpha$   
557 peptide (residues 137–155, EAEEPSLLKKLLLAPANTQ, containing an N-terminal FITC label with a  
558 six-carbon linker, synthesized by Lifetein). Pure ligand (TC, 9-cis RA) or tissue extracts (see above)  
559 were prepared via serial dilution in vehicle (DMSO or PBS, respectively), and added to the wells along  
560 with vehicle control. Plates were incubated at 25 °C for 1 hr and fluorescence was measured using a  
561 BioTek Synergy Neo plate reader (Promega). The terbium (Tb) donor was excited at 340 nm, its emission  
562 was monitored at 495 nm, and emission of the FITC acceptor was monitored at 520 nm. Data were  
563 plotted as 520/340 nM ratios using Prism software (GraphPad); TC data were fit to a sigmoidal dose  
564 response curve equation.

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## 566 **Quantification and Statistical Analyses**

567 Statistical analyses were performed using Prism (GraphPad). *P* values were determined by paired or  
568 unpaired student's *t* tests, Log-rank test, one-way ANOVA, and two-way ANOVA analyses as  
569 appropriate and as listed throughout the Figure legends. Statistical significance of differences (\* *P* <  
570 0.05, \*\**P* < 0.01, \*\*\**P* < 0.001, \*\*\*\**P* < 0.0001) are specified throughout the Figure legends. Unless  
571 otherwise noted in legends, data are shown as mean values  $\pm$  S.E.M.

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## 573 **Data availability**

574 RNA-seq data for wild type and CAR-deficient effector CD4 $^{+}$  T cells from spleen, small intestine lamina  
575 propria or colon lamina propria of congenically co-transferred *Rag1* $^{-/-}$  mice, as well as from human  
576 peripheral blood  $\alpha$ 4 $^{+}$  $\beta$ 7 $^{+}$ CCR9 $^{+}$  memory CD4 $^{+}$  T cells stimulated *ex vivo* in the presence or absence of  
577 the human CAR agonist, CITCO, are available on the NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO)  
578 repository (accession ID: GSE149220).

579 **Figure legends**

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581 **Fig. 1. A pooled *in vivo* RNAi screen identifies CAR as a transcriptional regulator of MDR1**  
582 **expression in mucosal T cells.** **(a)** Naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells from spleens of wild type FVB/N mice (FVB  
583 Tnaive), were activated and transduced in 96-well plates with a library of 258 retroviruses expressing  
584 unique shRNAmirs against 70 genes together with the retroviral reporter, Ametrine (one shRNAmir  
585 clone per well; see supplementary online information for details of the screening library). Transduced  
586 cells were expanded until day 5, after which cells were pooled, FACS-sorted (as Ametrine<sup>+</sup> cells), and  
587 transferred as a pool into FVB.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> recipients; an aliquot of the pooled and sorted “input” cells (*i.e.*,  
588 prior to *in vivo* transfer) was frozen for subsequent analysis. Viable transduced (Ametrine<sup>+</sup>)  
589 effector/memory (Teff; CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>-</sup>CD62L<sup>lo</sup>CD44<sup>hi</sup>) cells were re-isolated by FACS-sorting 6-weeks  
590 post-T cell transfer from spleen or small intestine lamina propria (siLP). Total transduced spleen Teff  
591 cells were collected, and both spleen and siLP Teff cells were further sub-divided into Mdr1<sup>hi</sup> and Mdr1<sup>lo</sup>  
592 subsets, based on efflux of the Mdr1 fluorescent substrate, Rh123. gDNA from all 6 Teff cell pools were  
593 subjected to DNA-seq to quantify shRNAmir abundance. **(b)** Median log<sub>2</sub> fold-change in abundance of  
594 shRNAmirs in Mdr1<sup>hi</sup> *vs.* Mdr1<sup>lo</sup> siLP Teff cells. Dashed horizontal lines indicate 2-fold changes. Data  
595 incorporates shRNAmir abundance, determined by DNA-seq, in 2-independent screens using pooled  
596 spleens and siLP from 10 transferred FVB.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice per screen. **(c)** Diagram of the *Nr1i3*/CAR locus.  
597 Seed sequence positions for each of the 5 shRNAmirs targeting CAR (*shNr1i3s*) are shown; 5' and 3'  
598 untranslated regions (UTR) are indicated; filled boxes depict exons. **(d)** Mean weight loss ( $\pm$  SEM) in  
599 co-housed FVB.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice injected with FVB wild type CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells transduced *in vitro* with a  
600 negative control shRNAmir against CD8 (*shCd8a*;  $n = 11$ ), or the indicated shRNAmirs against CAR  
601 (*shNr1i3s*); *shNr1i3.1* ( $n = 7$ ), *shNr1i3.2* ( $n = 7$ ), *shNr1i3.3* ( $n = 7$ ), *shNr1i3.4* ( $n = 7$ ), *shNr1i3.5* ( $n = 7$ ).  
602 \*\*\*  $P < .001$ , \*\*\*\*  $P < .0001$ , Two-way ANOVA. **(e)** Correlation between mean weight loss induced  
603 by Teff cells in FVB.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> recipients (at 6-weeks post-T cell transfer; as in [d]) and mean percent of  
604 Mdr1-dependent Rh123 efflux in *ex vivo*-isolated spleen Teff cells (determined by flow cytometry as in  
605 Extended Data Fig. 1c-d). \*\*  $P < .01$ , Pearson ( $r$ ) correlation test. **(f)** Mean weight loss ( $\pm$  SEM) in  
606 B6.*Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice transplanted with naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells from spleens of C57BL/6 wild type (B6; blue;  $n =$   
607 7) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>; red;  $n = 9$ ) mice. \*\*  $P < .01$ , Two-way ANOVA. **(g)** H&E-stained  
608 sections of colons or terminal ilea from co-housed B6.*Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice 6-weeks after transfer of wild-type  
609 (B6) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells as in (f). Representative of 7-9 mice per group  
610 from 2-independent experiments. **(h)** Mean histology scores ( $\pm$  SEM) for colons or terminal ilea from

611 co-housed B6.*Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice injected with wild-type (B6;  $n = 7$ ) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>;  $n = 9$ )  
612 naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells as in (f-g). \*\*  $P < .01$ , two-tailed Mann-Whitney test.  
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614 **Fig. 2. CAR reprograms T cell gene expression in the small intestine.** (a) Equal numbers of CD45.1  
615 wild type (B6; blue) and CD45.2 CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>; red) naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were transferred  
616 together into B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Resulting T effector (Teff) cells were FACS-purified 3-weeks later from  
617 spleen, small intestine lamina propria (siLP), or colon lamina propria (cLP) and transcriptional profiles  
618 were assessed by RNA-seq. (b) Principle component analysis (PCA) of gene expression in *ex vivo*-  
619 isolated wild type (B6) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) Teff cells from spleen, siLP, or cLP of  
620 congenically co-transferred B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice as in (a). (c) *Top*, overlap, presented as Venn diagrams,  
621 between genes expressed significantly higher in B6 wild type effector/memory (Teff) cells re-isolated  
622 from spleen, small intestine lamina propria (siLP) or colon lamina propria (cLP) of week 3 T cell-  
623 reconstituted B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (as in [a]), compared with each other. Genes expressed significantly higher  
624 in spleen-, siLP- or cLP-derived wild type Teff cells, compared with wild type counterparts from the  
625 other two tissues—referred to here as spleen, siLP or cLP Teff signature (sig) genes—were used for  
626 downstream analyses. *Bottom*, differential genes expression, determined by DEseq2 and presented as  
627 volcano plots, between wild type (B6) and CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) Teff cells from the spleen, siLP  
628 or cLP of week 3 T cell-reconstituted B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (as in [a]). Numbers of differentially-expressed  
629 genes (Up; Down) are indicated in grey text for each comparison; examples of wild type siLP-signature  
630 genes showing reduced expression in CAR-deficient vs. wild type Teff cells are annotated in green text.  
631 (d) *Left*, gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) showing that siLP B6 wild type Teff cell signature genes  
632 (siLP B6 Teff sig; determined as in [c]) are significantly enriched within those expressed lower in  
633 B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup> vs. wild type siLP Teff cells. Normalized enrichment score (NES) and  $P$  value is indicated.  
634 *Right*, GSEA summary plot showing enrichment of tissue-specific (spleen, siLP, cLP) wild type Teff  
635 cell signature genes (determined as in [c]; x-axis) within genes differentially expressed between CAR-  
636 deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) and wild type (B6) Teff cells from spleen, siLP or cLP (y-axis). Circle sizes are  
637 proportional to  $-\log_{10}$  adjusted  $P$  (Padj) values; color represents directionality of enrichment, based on  
638 NES. (b-d) Mean normalized gene expression values, expressed as TPM, are shown from 3-independent  
639 experiments using Teff cells purified from pooled tissues of 5 congenically co-transferred B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup>  
640 mice per experiment. (e) Mean relative expression ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 3$ ) of *Abcb1a* or *Cyp2b10*, determined  
641 by qPCR, in wild type (B6) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) Teff cells re-isolated from spleens of  
642 congenically co-transferred B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (as in [a]) and stimulated *ex vivo* with anti-CD3/anti-CD28  
643 antibodies in the presence or absence of tissue extracts isolated from wild type (B6) mice. Veh, vehicle;

644 TC, CAR agonist TCPOBOP; siLC, small intestine lumen content; bile, from gallbladder; cLC, colon  
645 lumen content. \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*  $P < .01$ , \*\*\*  $P < .001$ , One-way ANOVA with Dunett's correction for  
646 multiple comparisons. NS, not significant. (f) Mean activation ( $\pm$  SEM; triplicate samples) of  
647 recombinant mouse (m)CAR-human (h)RXR $\alpha$  ligand-binding domain (LBD) heterodimers, determined  
648 by time-resolved fluorescence resonance energy transfer (TR-FRET), in the presence of the mCAR  
649 agonist, TCPOBOP (TC; blue) or the hRXR $\alpha$  agonist, 9-cis retinoic acid (RA; red). Median effective  
650 concentrations (EC $_{50}$ 's) of TC-dependent bi-phasic mCAR:hRXR $\alpha$  LBD heterodimer activation are  
651 indicated. Representative of more than 5-independent experiments. (g) Mean activation ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 3$ )  
652 of mCAR:hRXR $\alpha$  LBD heterodimers, determined by TR-FRET as in (f), in the presence of titrating  
653 concentrations of siLC, bile, cLC or serum from wild type B6 mice. The 4 bars for each tissue extract  
654 are (*left to right*): (1) diluent (PBS) alone; (2) 0.01%, (3) 0.1%, and (4) 1%. Data are shown from 3-  
655 independent experiments using extracts from different wild type mice; each concentration from each  
656 individual mouse was run in triplicate. \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*\*\*  $P < .0001$ , one-way ANOVA with Tukey's  
657 correction for multiple comparisons. NS, not significant.

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659 **Fig. 3. CAR promotes *Il10* gene expression in T cells.** (a) Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA)  
660 showing enrichment of genes previously associated with type 1 regulatory (Tr1) cells<sup>21</sup> amongst those  
661 expressed at lower levels in CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) vs. wild type (B6) small intestine lamina propria  
662 (siLP) Teff cells (as in Fig. 2a-d). Normalized enrichment score (NES) and  $P$  value are listed. (b) GSEA  
663 summary plot showing enrichment of gene sets previously assigned to major effector and regulatory T  
664 cell lineages (see methods for details) within genes differentially expressed between CAR-deficient  
665 (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) and wild type (B6) Teff cells from spleen, siLP or cLP (y-axis). Circle sizes reflect -log<sub>10</sub>  
666 adjusted  $P$  (Padj) values; color represents directionality of enrichment, based on NES. (c) *Ex vivo* *Il10*  
667 gene expression, displayed as transcripts per million (TPM) and determined by RNA-seq ( $n = 3$ ), in *ex*  
668 *vivo*-isolated wild type (B6; blue) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>; red) Teff cells from spleen, siLP, or  
669 cLP of congenically transferred B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (as in Fig. 2a).  $P$  values (paired two-tailed student's *t*  
670 test) are indicated. (d) *Left*, equal numbers of CD45.1 CAR-sufficient (10BiT; blue) and CD45.2 CAR-  
671 deficient (*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup> 10BiT; red) *Il10*-Thy1.1 reporter naïve CD4 $^{+}$  T cells were transferred together into  
672 B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Expression of the *Il10* reporter (10BiT) allele in Teff cells from spleen, siLP, or cLP  
673 was analyzed after 2 weeks by *ex vivo* flow cytometry analysis of Thy1.1 expression. *Right*, *Il10*  
674 expression, identified by Thy1.1 staining, in CD45.1 $^{+}$  CAR-sufficient or CD45.1 $^{-}$  (CD45.2) CAR-  
675 deficient Teff cells from spleen, siLP, or cLP of week 2 reconstituted *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Representative of 4

676 mice analyzed over 2-independent experiments. **(e)** Mean percentages ( $n = 4$ ;  $\pm$  SEM) of Thy1.1 (*Il10*)-  
677 expressing wild type (B6, blue) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) spleen, siLP, or cLP Teff cells,  
678 determined by *ex vivo* flow cytometry as in (d). \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*  $P < .01$ , One-way ANOVA with Tukey's  
679 correction for multiple comparisons. **(f)** Mean relative *Il10* expression ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 3$ ), determined by  
680 qPCR, in wild type (B6) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) Teff cells re-isolated from spleens of  
681 congenically co-transferred B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (as in Fig. 2a, 2e) and stimulated *ex vivo* with anti-CD3/anti-  
682 CD28 antibodies in the presence or absence of tissue extracts isolated from wild type (B6) mice. Veh,  
683 vehicle; TC, CAR agonist TCPOBOP; siLC, small intestine lumen content; bile, from gallbladder; cLC,  
684 colon lumen content. \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*  $P < .01$ , \*\*\*  $P < .001$ , One-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction  
685 for multiple comparisons. NS, not significant. **(g)** Mean relative CAR/*Nr1i3* gene expression ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n$   
686 = 2), determined by qPCR, in B6 wild type naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells cultured for 4 days in polarizing  
687 conditions to generate effector or regulatory T cell subsets. Tr1 conditions included cells activated and  
688 expanded in the presence of IL-27 alone, dexamethasone (Dex) alone, or both together. npTh17, non-  
689 pathogenic Th17 cells; pTh17, pathogenic Th17 cells. **(h)** IL-10 and IFN $\gamma$  expression in CD45.1 wild  
690 type (B6) or CD45.2 CAR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) T cells activated and expanded together for 4 days in  
691 media alone, IL-27 alone, dexamethasone (Dex) alone, or IL-27 plus Dex. Cytokine expression was  
692 analyzed by intracellular cytokine staining after restimulation with PMA and ionomycin (see methods);  
693 representative of 5 experiments. Numbers indicate percentages. **(i)** Mean percentages ( $n = 5$ ;  $\pm$  SEM) of  
694 IL-10-expressing wild type (B6) or CD45.2 CAR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) T cells after 4-day co-culture  
695 as in (h). \*  $P < .05$ , paired two-tailed student's *t* test.  
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697 **Fig. 4. Pharmacologic CAR activation suppresses bile acid-induced experimental ileitis.** **(a)** Mean  
698 relative expression ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 3$ ) of *Abcb1a*, *Cyp2b10*, or *Il10*, determined by qPCR, in wild type (B6;  
699 blue) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>; red) Teff cells isolated from spleens of congenically co-transferred  
700 B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice 72 hr after a single dose of either the CAR agonist, TCPOBOP (TC), or vehicle. Data  
701 are shown as relative expression in Teff cells from TC- vs. vehicle-treated mice; individual data points  
702 reflect 3-independent TC treatment experiments in which wild type or CAR-deficient Teff cells were  
703 isolated from a pool of 5 spleens isolated from identically treated animals. \*  $P < .05$ , paired two-tail  
704 student's *t* test. **(b)** Mean weight loss ( $\pm$  SEM) of co-housed *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice transplanted with wild-type  
705 naïve T cells and maintained on a CA-supplemented diet with (red;  $n = 18$ ) or without (blue;  $n = 16$ ) TC  
706 treatment. CA-fed *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice not reconstituted with T cells (no T cells; grey;  $n = 10$ ), or *Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup> mice  
707 transplanted with wild type T cells and left on control chow diet treated with vehicle (black,  $n = 17$ ) are

708 also shown. Weights are presented relative to the start of TC treatment (3-weeks post-T cell transfer). \*

709  $P < .05$ , \*\*  $P < .01$ , Two-way ANOVA. **(c)** *Top*, H&E-stained sections of terminal ilea or colons from

710 control or CA-fed *Rag2<sup>-/-</sup>* mice reconstituted with wild type T cells and treated +/- TC as in (b).

711 Representative of 3-4 mice/group. *Bottom*, mean histology scores ( $\pm$  SEM) for colons ( $n = 3-4$ ) or

712 terminal ilea ( $n = 3$ ) as in (c). \*  $P < .05$ , one-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction for multiple

713 comparisons. NS, not significant. **(d)** Model of CAR-dependent mucosal T cell regulation in the small

714 intestine. Bile acids reabsorbed by enterocytes in the ileum expressing the Apical sodium-dependent bile

715 acid transporter (Asbt) accumulate in the lamina propria, inducing stress and inflammation, which may

716 increase CAR expression in mucosal Teff cells. Other (non-BA) metabolites in bile directly activate the

717 CAR ligand-binding domain (LBD), leading to increased expression of at least two discrete, yet

718 functionally synergistic gene sets, which serve to detoxify BAs (e.g., MDR1Abcb1a, cytochrome P450

719 enzymes [CYPs]), suppress inflammation via IL-10 and support small bowel immune homeostasis.

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## 721 Extended Data Figure Legends

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723 **Extended Data Figure 1. Nuclear receptor-dependent regulation of effector T cell persistence and**

724 **MDR1 expression *in vivo*.** **(a)** *Top*, abundance of shRNAmirs in *ex vivo*-isolated spleen and *in vitro*-

725 transduced (input) Teff cells. shRNAmirs with  $\leq 1$  normalized read in both *ex vivo* spleen and input Teff

726 cell pools were considered 'poorly represented' (highlighted green). Well-represented shRNAmirs

727 displaying  $\leq 10$ -fold change between *ex vivo* spleen and input Teff cell pools (between blue lines) were

728 considered for downstream analysis. *Bottom*, abundance of shRNAmirs, filtered for minimal effects on

729 *in vivo* Teff cell persistence, in *ex vivo*-isolated *Mdr1<sup>hi</sup>* (Rh123<sup>lo</sup>) and *Mdr1<sup>lo</sup>* (Rh123<sup>hi</sup>) siLP Teff cells.

730 **(b)** Log<sub>2</sub> fold-change in abundance ( $\pm$  SEM) of shRNAmirs against *Cd19* ( $n = 3$ ), *Abcb1a* ( $n = 2$ ), *Nr1i3*

731 ( $n = 5$ ), *Thra* ( $n = 6$ ), and *Esrra* ( $n = 3$ ) in FVB wild type Rh123<sup>lo</sup> (MDR1<sup>hi</sup>) vs. Rh123<sup>hi</sup> (MDR1<sup>lo</sup>)

732 effector/memory T cells (Teff; sorted as in Fig. 1a) recovered from spleens or small intestine lamina

733 propria (siLP) of transferred FVB.*Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* mice. (a-b) Data incorporates shRNAmir abundance,

734 determined by DNA-seq, in 2-independent screens using pooled spleens and siLP from 10 transferred

735 FVB.*Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* mice per screen. **(c)** *Ex vivo* Rh123 efflux, determined by flow cytometry, in FVB wild type

736 Teff cells expressing a control shRNAmir against CD8 (*shCD8a*) or 1 of 5-independent shRNAmirs

737 against CAR (*shNr1i3*) isolated from spleens of transferred FVB.*Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* mice 6-weeks post-transfer.

738 Rh123 efflux in transduced (Ametrine pos.; blue) cells is overlaid with that in congenically-transferred

739 untransduced (Ametrine neg.; red) Teff cells from the same mouse. Background Rh123 efflux in

740 untransduced Teff cells treated with the MDR1 inhibitor, elacridar, is shown in gray. Representative of  
741 63 mice analyzed over 3-independent experiments. **(d)** Mean normalized *ex vivo* Rh123 efflux ( $\pm$  SEM)  
742 in FVB wild type spleen Teff cells expressing control (*shCd8a*;  $n = 11$ ) or CAR-targeting (*shNr1i3*)  
743 shRNAmirs; *shNr1i3.1* ( $n = 10$ ), *shNr1i3.2* ( $n = 10$ ), *shNr1i3.3* ( $n = 12$ ), *shNr1i3.4* ( $n = 10$ ), *shNr1i3.5*  
744 ( $n = 10$ ), determined by flow cytometry as in (c). Rh123 efflux was normalized to control *shCd8a*-  
745 expressing Teff cells after calculating the change ( $\Delta$ ) in Rh123 mean fluorescence intensity (MFI)  
746 between congenically-transferred transduced (ametrine pos.) *vs.* untransduced (ametrine neg.) Teff cells.  
747 \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*\*\*  $P < .0001$ , One-way ANOVA with Dunnett's correction for multiple comparisons. **(e)**  
748 Mean relative *Abcb1a*, *Nr1i3*, and *Cyp2b10* expression ( $\pm$  SEM), determined by qPCR, in FVB spleen  
749 Teff cells FACS-sorted from FVB.*Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* recipient mice expressing either a negative control shRNAmir  
750 against CD8 (*shCd8a*;  $n = 8$ ), or the indicated shRNAmirs against CAR (*shNr1i3s*); *shNr1i3.1* ( $n = 8$ ),  
751 *shNr1i3.2* ( $n = 8$ ), *shNr1i3.3* ( $n = 8$ ), *shNr1i3.4* ( $n = 8$ ), *shNr1i3.5* ( $n = 8$ ). \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*  $P < .01$ , \*\*\*  $P <$   
752 .001, \*\*\*\*  $P < .0001$ , One-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction for multiple comparisons. **(f)** Median  
753 log<sub>2</sub> fold change in shRNAmir abundance between FVB wild type *ex vivo*-isolated spleen *vs.* *in vitro*-  
754 transduced (input) Teff cells. (a, d) shRNAmir abundance reflects the mean number of normalized reads,  
755 by DNA-seq, in the indicated Teff subsets obtained in 2-independent screens, each using cells transferred  
756 into 10 FVB.*Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* mice. **(g)** *Ex vivo* Rh123 efflux, determined by flow cytometry, in CD45.1 wild type  
757 (B6; red) or CD45.2 CAR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>*), PXR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i2<sup>-/-</sup>*) or CAR/PXR double-  
758 deficient (B6.*Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>Nr1i2<sup>-/-</sup>*) effector/memory T cells (Teff; gated as in Extended Data Fig. 8a; blue)  
759 isolated from spleens of B6.*Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* mice 6-weeks post-naïve T cell congenic co-transfer. Background  
760 Rh123 efflux in CD45.1 B6 Teff cells treated with the MDR1 inhibitor, elacridar, is shown in gray.  
761 Representative of a total of 22 mice analyzed over two-independent T cell transfer experiments. **(h)**  
762 Mean normalized Rh123 efflux ( $\pm$  SEM) in congenically-transferred CD45.1 wild type (B6;  $n = 7$ ) or  
763 CD45.2 CAR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>*;  $n = 7$ ), PXR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i2<sup>-/-</sup>*;  $n = 7$ ) or CAR/PXR double-  
764 deficient (B6.*Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>Nr1i2<sup>-/-</sup>*;  $n = 7$ ) spleen Teff cells, determined by flow cytometry as in (g). \*  $P < .05$ ,  
765 One-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction for multiple comparisons. **(i)** Mean relative *Abcb1a*  
766 expression ( $\pm$  SEM), determined by *ex vivo* qPCR, in CD45.1 wild type (B6;  $n = 5$ ) or CD45.2 CAR-  
767 deficient (B6.*Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>*;  $n = 5$ ), PXR-deficient (B6.*Nr1i2<sup>-/-</sup>*;  $n = 4$ ) or CAR/PXR double-deficient  
768 (B6.*Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>Nr1i2<sup>-/-</sup>*;  $n = 5$ ) spleen Teff cells (sorted as in Extended Data Fig. 8a) from spleens of  
769 congenically-transferred B6.*Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* as in (a). \*  $P < .05$ , One-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction for  
770 multiple comparisons.

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772 **Extended Data Figure 2. Inhibition of bile acid reabsorption rescues ileitis induced by CAR-  
773 deficient T cells in reconstituted *Rag*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. (a)** Mean weight loss ( $\pm$ SEM) of co-housed B6.*Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup>  
774 mice transplanted with wild type (B6; blue;  $n = 15$ ) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>; red;  $n = 13$ ) naïve  
775 CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and treated with 2% (w:w) cholestyramine (CME) beginning at 3-weeks post-T cell  
776 transfer. NS, not significant. **(b)** *Top*, H&E-stained sections of colons or terminal ilea from B6.*Rag2*<sup>-/-</sup>  
777 mice reconstituted with wild type or CAR-deficient T cells and treated +/- CME as in (a). Representative  
778 of 12 mice/group. *Bottom*, mean histology scores ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 12$ ) for colons or terminal ilea as in (a).  
779 NS, not significant. **(c)** Mean weight loss ( $\pm$ SEM) of co-housed B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice with or without the  
780 Apical sodium-dependent bile acid transporter (Asbt; gene symbol *Slc10a2*) after transplantation with  
781 wild type (B6; blue) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>; red) naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells. **(d)** *Top*, H&E-stained  
782 sections of terminal ilea or colons from control or Asbt-deficient B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice reconstituted with wild  
783 type or CAR-deficient T cells as in (c). Representative of 5 mice/group. *Bottom*, mean histology scores  
784 ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 5$ ) for colons or terminal ilea as above. \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*  $P < .01$ , \*\*\*  $P < .001$ , One-way  
785 ANOVA with Tukey's correction for multiple comparisons. NS, not significant.  
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787 **Extended Data Figure 3. Shared features of CAR-dependent gene expression in mucosal T cells  
788 and hepatocytes. (a)** Overlap, presented as Venn diagrams, between genes induced in B6 wild type  
789 mouse hepatocytes by *in vivo* treatment with either the mouse CAR agonist, TCPOBOP (TC) or the  
790 mouse PXR agonist, PCN, relative to vehicle (CO, corn oil). **(b)** Summary gene set enrichment analysis  
791 (GSEA) plot showing that genes induced by TC, but not PCN, treatment in mouse hepatocytes (as in  
792 [a]), are enriched within those expressed at lower levels in CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) vs. wild type  
793 (B6) siLP Teff cells from week-3 congenically co-transferred *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (as in Fig. 2a-c). Normalized  
794 enrichment scores (NES) and  $P$  values are indicated by circle color and size, respectively. **(c)** Differential  
795 gene expression, determined by DEseq2 and shown as a volcano plot, between CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>)  
796 and wild type (B6) siLP Teff cells re-isolated from transferred B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice, as in Fig. 2a. Genes  
797 induced by TC, but not PCN, treatment in mouse hepatocytes (as in [a]; purple), bound by CAR in ChIP-  
798 seq analysis of hepatocytes from TC-treated mice (blue), or both (red) are highlighted. Chi-square  $P$   
799 values are indicated. **(d)** CAR-occupancy, determined by ChIP-seq, at representative loci whose  
800 expression is regulated by CAR in both mucosal T cells and hepatocytes within mouse hepatocytes  
801 ectopically expressing epitope-tagged mouse (m) or human (h) CAR proteins and re-isolated from mice  
802 after treatment with the mCAR agonist, TCPOBOP (TC), or the hCAR agonist, CITCO. \*  $P < 0.00001$ ;  
803 significant binding peaks were called in MACS using base settings.

805 **Extended Data Figure 4. CAR promotes effector T cell persistence in the presence of small**  
806 **intestinal bile acids. (a)** Percentages of live CD44<sup>hi</sup> wild type (B6; CD45.1<sup>+</sup>; blue) or CAR-deficient  
807 (B6.Nrl*i3*<sup>-/-</sup>; CD45.1<sup>-</sup>; red) effector/memory (Teff) cells, determined by flow cytometry and gated as in  
808 Extended Data Fig. 8a, in tissues of reconstituted B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice over time. Numbers indicate  
809 percentages; representative of 5 mice per tissue and timepoint. **(b)** Fitness, defined as mean log<sub>2</sub> fold-  
810 change (F.C.) of CAR-deficient (B6.Nrl*i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) vs. wild type (B6) Teff cell percentages ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 5$ ) in  
811 tissues of congenically co-transferred *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice over time, determined by flow cytometry as in (a).  
812 **(c)** Percentage of wild type (B6, CD45.1<sup>+</sup>; blue) and CAR-deficient (B6.Nrl*i3*<sup>-/-</sup>, CD45.1<sup>-</sup>; red) naïve  
813 (CD62L<sup>hi</sup>) CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells after sorting and mixing, and prior to *in vivo* transfer into *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice (input  
814 Tnaive); representative of 3 mixtures used for analyzing resulting Teff cells at 2- 4- or 6-weeks post-  
815 transfer. **(d)** Equal numbers of CD45.1 wild type (B6; blue) and CD45.2 CAR-deficient (B6.Nrl*i3*<sup>-/-</sup>;  
816 red) naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were transferred together into co-housed *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice with or without the ileal  
817 bile acid reuptake transporter, Asbt (gene symbol *Slc10a2*). Resulting effector (Teff) cells from small  
818 intestine lamina propria (siLP) were analyzed 2-weeks post- T cell transfer via flow cytometry. **(e)**  
819 Percentages of live CD44<sup>hi</sup> wild type (B6; CD45.1<sup>+</sup>; blue) or CAR-deficient (B6.Nrl*i3*<sup>-/-</sup>; CD45.1<sup>-</sup>; red)  
820 effector/memory (Teff) cells, determined by flow cytometry and gated as in Extended Data Fig. 8a, in  
821 siLP of week-2 reconstituted B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Numbers indicate percentages; representative of 8-10  
822 mice analyzed over two-independent experiments. **(f)** Mean absolute numbers ( $\pm$  SEM) of live CD45.1  
823 wild type (B6; *left*) or CD45.2 CAR-deficient (B6.Nrl*i3*<sup>-/-</sup>; *right*) Teff cells, determined by *ex vivo* flow  
824 cytometry as in (e), from siLP 2-weeks after mixed T cell transfer into control (Asbt<sup>+/+</sup>; blue;  $n = 8$ ) or  
825 Asbt-deficient (Asbt<sup>-/-</sup>; red;  $n = 10$ ) *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> recipients. Fold-changes in cell numbers recovered from  
826 Asbt-deficient *vs.* control recipients, as well as *P* values (two-tailed unpaired student's t test) are  
827 indicated.

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829 **Extended Data Figure 5. Preferential CAR expression and function in human effector/memory T**  
830 **cells expressing small bowel homing receptors. (a)** FACS-based identification of human CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell  
831 subsets in PBMC from healthy adult human donors. Expression of integrin  $\alpha 4$  ( $\alpha 4$  int.) in gated naïve  
832 (gray), T regulatory (Treg; blue), or effector/memory (Teff; red) T cells is shown at right. **(b)** Expression  
833 of integrin  $\beta 7$  ( $\beta 7$  int.) and CCR9 in total naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells, or in  $\alpha 4$  int.+/- Treg or Teff subsets (gated  
834 as in (a)). Representative of 13-independent experiments using PBMC from different donors. **(c)**  
835 Percentages (%) of  $\alpha 4^+ \beta 7^+ \text{CCR9}^+$  Tnaive, Treg, or Teff cells, determined by flow cytometry as in (a-b).  
836 Individual data points for the 13 independent experiments are shown and connected by grey lines. \*\* *P*

837 < .01, One-way ANOVA with Holm-Sidak's correction for multiple comparisons. **(d)** *Ex vivo* Rh123  
838 efflux in CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell subsets (gated as in a-b) in the presence (gray) or absence (red) of the selective  
839 MDR1 inhibitor, elacridar. Representative of 8 experiments. **(e)** Mean percentages ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 7$ ) of  
840 Rh123<sup>lo</sup> (MDR1<sup>+</sup>) Teff subsets, determined by flow cytometry as in (d). \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*  $P < .01$ , \*\*\*  $P <$   
841 .001, One-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction for multiple comparisons. **(f)** Mean ( $\pm$  SEM) *ex vivo*  
842 expression, determined by qPCR, of CAR/NR1I3 ( $n = 12$ ), MDR1/ABCB1 ( $n = 12$ ) or CYP2B6 ( $n = 10$ )  
843 in  $\alpha 4\beta 7$ CCR9<sup>-</sup> or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$ CCR9<sup>+</sup> Tnaive, Treg or Teff cells, FACS-sorted as in (a-b). (e-f) \*  $P < .05$ ,  
844 \*\*  $P < .01$ , One-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction for multiple comparisons. **(g)** Mean relative  
845 CYP2B6 expression ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 5$ ), determined by qPCR, in CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell subsets (as in (f)) activated *ex*  
846 *vivo* with anti-CD3/anti-CD28 antibodies in the presence or absence of titrating concentrations of the  
847 human CAR agonist, CITCO. Gene expression was analyzed 24 hr post-activation. \*\*\*  $P < .001$ , Two-  
848 way ANOVA. **(h)** Mean normalized MDR1/ABCB1 or CYP2B6 expression ( $\pm$  SEM), determined by  
849 RNA-seq and presented as transcripts per million (TPM), in FACS-sorted  $\alpha 4\beta 7$ CCR9<sup>+</sup> Teff cells  
850 stimulated *in vitro* (anti-CD3/anti-CD28) for 24 hr in the presence or absence of CITCO. Data from 4  
851 replicate RNA-seq experiments are shown; \*\*  $P < .001$ , paired two-tailed student's *t* test. **(i)**  
852 Identification of CD4<sup>+</sup> naive (Tnaive; CD25<sup>-</sup>CD45RO<sup>-</sup>; grey) or effector/memory (Teff; CD25<sup>-</sup>  
853 CD45RO<sup>+</sup>; red) cells, by flow cytometry, from healthy adult human PBMC. For improved purity of Th1,  
854 Th2, Th17 and Th17.1 cells, CCR10-expressing Th22 cells were excluded. CCR6 expression in Tnaive  
855 (grey) or non-Th22 Teff cells (red) is shown at right; CCR6<sup>+</sup> or CCR6<sup>-</sup> Teff cells were gated to enrich  
856 for Th17 or non-Th17 lineages, respectively. **(j)** Expression of CCR4 and CXCR3 in CCR6<sup>-</sup> (non-Th17;  
857 *left*) or CCR6<sup>+</sup> (Th17; *right*) Teff cells identifies enriched CCR6<sup>-</sup>CCR4<sup>lo</sup>CXCR3<sup>hi</sup> (Th1; orange), CCR6<sup>-</sup>  
858 CCR4<sup>hi</sup>CXCR3<sup>lo</sup> (Th2; blue), CCR6<sup>+</sup>CCR4<sup>hi</sup>CXCR3<sup>lo</sup> (Th17; green), and CCR6<sup>+</sup>CCR4<sup>lo</sup>CXCR3<sup>hi</sup>  
859 (Th17.1; red) subsets. **(k)** Expression of integrin  $\alpha 4$  ( $\alpha 4$  int.; *top*) in Th2, Th1, Th17 and Th17.1 human  
860 Teff cells gated as in (a-b). Expression of integrin  $\beta 7$  ( $\beta 7$  int.) and CCR9 within  $\alpha 4$  int (*middle*) or  $\alpha 4$   
861 int<sup>+</sup> (*bottom*) Th2, Th1, Th17 or Th17.1 cells gated as above. (a-c) Representative of 9-independent  
862 experiments using PBMC from different healthy adult donors. **(l)** Percentages ( $n = 9$ ) of  $\alpha 4\beta 7$ CCR9<sup>+</sup>  
863 cells within *ex vivo* Th1, Th2, Th17, or Th17.1 Teff cells gated as in (a-c). Data from independent donors  
864 are connected by red lines. **(m)** MDR1-dependent Rh123 efflux in the indicated Th1, Th2, Th17, or  
865 Th17.1 Teff subsets gated based on expression of  $\alpha 4$  int.,  $\beta 7$  int., and/or CCR9 in the presence (grey) or  
866 absence (red) of elacridar. Representative of 8 independent experiments using PBMC from different  
867 donors. **(n)** Mean percentages ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 8$ ) of Rh123<sup>lo</sup> (MDR1<sup>+</sup>) cells within Th1, Th2, Th17, or  
868 Th17.1 Teff subsets gated based on expression of  $\alpha 4$  int.,  $\beta 7$  int., and/or CCR9 as in (e). \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*  $P$

869 < .01, \*\*\*  $P < .001$ , One-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction for multiple comparisons. ND, not  
870 detectable; NS, not significant.

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872 **Extended Data Figure 6. TCPOBOP promotes CAR-dependent gene expression in *ex vivo*-isolated**  
873 **effector T cells. (a)** *Top left*, equal numbers of CD45.1 wild type (B6; blue) and CD45.2 CAR-deficient  
874 (B6.Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>; red) naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were transferred together into B6.Rag1<sup>-/-</sup> mice. Resulting effector  
875 (Teff) cells were FACS-purified from spleen after 3 weeks. *Right*, sequential gating strategy for re-  
876 isolating wild type and CD45.2 CAR-deficient spleen Teff cells is shown. *Bottom left*, mean relative  
877 *Abcb1a*, *Cyp2b10*, or *Il10* expression ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 4$ ), determined by qPCR, in *ex vivo*-isolated wild type  
878 (B6) or CAR-deficient (B6.Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>) spleen Teff cells. These cells were used for *ex vivo* cell culture  
879 experiments in the presence or absence of small molecule ligands ([b-c] below). \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*  $P < .01$ ,  
880 paired two-tailed student's *t* test. **(b)** Mean relative expression ( $\pm$  SEM) of *Abcb1a* ( $n = 4$ ), *Cyp2b10* ( $n$   
881 = 4), or *Il10* ( $n = 3$ ), determined by qPCR, in wild type (B6) or CAR-deficient (B6.Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>) Teff cells  
882 isolated from transferred *Rag1<sup>-/-</sup>* mice (as in [a]), and stimulated *ex vivo* with anti-CD3/anti-CD28  
883 antibodies (for 24 hr) in the presence or absence of the mouse (m)CAR agonist, TCPOBOP (TC; 10  
884  $\mu$ M), the mCAR inverse agonist, 5 $\alpha$ -Androstan-3 $\beta$ -ol (And; 10  $\mu$ M), or both. \*\*  $P < .01$ , \*\*\*  $P < .001$ ,  
885 \*\*\*\*  $P < .0001$ , one-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction for multiple comparisons. **(c)** Mean relative  
886 *Abcb1a*, *Cyp2b10*, or *Il10* expression ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 5$ ), determined by qPCR, in wild type (B6) or CAR-  
887 deficient (B6.Nr1i3<sup>-/-</sup>) Teff cells isolated and stimulated as in (a-b) in the presence or absence of TC (10  
888  $\mu$ M) or the mouse PXR agonist, PCN (10  $\mu$ M). Data are presented as fold-change in mRNA abundance  
889 relative to vehicle-treated cells (DMSO for TC; ethanol for PCN). \*\*\*\*  $P < .0001$ , one-way ANOVA  
890 with Dunnett's correction for multiple comparisons. NS, not significant.

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892 **Extended Data Figure 7. Characteristics of endogenous intestinal metabolites that activate the**  
893 **CAR ligand-binding domain. (a)** Mean activation ( $\pm$  SEM; triplicate samples) of recombinant human  
894 (h)RXR $\alpha$  ligand-binding domain (LBD) homodimers, determined by time-resolved fluorescence  
895 resonance energy transfer (TR-FRET), in the presence of the mCAR agonist, TCPOBOP (TC; blue) or  
896 the hRXR $\alpha$  agonist, 9-*cis* retinoic acid (RA; red). Median effective concentration (EC<sub>50</sub>) of 9-*cis* RA-  
897 dependent hRXR $\alpha$  LBD homodimer activation is indicated. Representative of more than 5-independent  
898 experiments. **(b)** Mean activation ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 3$ ) of hRXR $\alpha$  LBD homodimers, determined by TR-  
899 FRET as in (a), in the presence of titrating concentrations of siLC, bile, cLC or serum from wild type B6  
900 mice. \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*\*\*  $P < .0001$ , one-way ANOVA with Tukey's correction for multiple comparisons.

901 NS, not significant. **(c)** Mean activation ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 3$ ) of CAR:RXR LBD heterodimers, determined  
902 by TR-FRET, in the presence of titrating concentrations of siLC isolated from conventionally-housed  
903 (Conv) or germ-free (GF) wild type B6 mice pre-treated with or without cholestyramine (CME) to  
904 deplete free bile acids. \*\*\*  $P < .001$ , \*\*\*\*  $P < .0001$ , One-way ANOVA with Dunnett's correction for  
905 multiple comparisons. (a-c) The bars for each tissue extract indicate dilution series (*left to right*): (1)  
906 diluent (PBS) alone; (2) 0.01%, (3) 0.1%, and (4) 1%. Data are shown from 3-independent experiments  
907 using extracts from different wild type mice, with each concentration from each individual mouse run in  
908 triplicate. **(d)** Mean TR-FRET signals ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 3$ ) of CAR:RXR LBD heterodimers in the presence  
909 of titrating concentrations of individual bile acid (BA) species. NS, not significant, one-way ANOVA  
910 with Dunnett's correction for multiple comparisons. The bars for BAs indicate concentrations (*left to*  
911 *right*): (1) vehicle (DMSO); (2) 10  $\mu$ M; (3) 100  $\mu$ M; and (4) 1000  $\mu$ M. Data are shown from 3-  
912 independent experiments, where each BA concentration was run in triplicate.  
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914 **Extended Data Figure 8. CAR is required for a transient wave of IL-10 production by mucosal T**  
915 **cells early after naïve T cell transfer into *Rag*<sup>−/−</sup> mice. (a)** Equal numbers of CD45.1 wild type (B6;  
916 blue) and CD45.2 CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>−/−</sup>; red) naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were transferred together into  
917 *Rag*<sup>−/−</sup> mice. Resulting effector (Teff) cells were analyzed—using surface and intracellular flow  
918 cytometry after *ex vivo*-stimulation with phorbol myristate acetate (PMA) and ionomycin—at 2- 4- and  
919 6-weeks from spleen, mesenteric lymph node (MLN), small intestine lamina propria (siLP), or colon  
920 lamina propria (cLP). Gating hierarchy is shown from a representative sample of MLN mononuclear  
921 cells at 2-weeks post-T cell transfer. **(b)** Intracellular IL-10 and IFN $\gamma$  expression, determined by flow  
922 cytometry, in wild type (B6, blue; *left*) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>−/−</sup>, red; *right*) non-Th17 Teff cells,  
923 gated as in (a), from tissues of T cell-reconstituted B6.*Rag*<sup>−/−</sup> mice over time. Numbers indicate  
924 percentages; representative of 5 mice per tissue and time point. Mean percentages **(c)** or numbers **(d)** ( $\pm$   
925 SEM;  $n = 5$ ) of IL-10-expressing wild type (B6, *left*) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>−/−</sup>, *right*) Teff cells,  
926 determined by *ex vivo* flow cytometry as in (a-b), from tissues of transferred B6.*Rag*<sup>−/−</sup> mice over time.  
927 **(e)** Specificity of IL-10 intracellular staining, as validated by analysis of IL-10 production by CD45.1  
928 wild type (B6; blue) or CD45.2 *Il10*<sup>−/−</sup> (red) Teff cells isolated from spleen or siLP of congenically co-  
929 transferred *Rag*<sup>−/−</sup> mice. Representative of 6 mice analyzed over 2-independent experiments. **(f)**  
930 Percentages of CD3<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells in tissues of *Rag*<sup>−/−</sup> mice transplanted with congenic mixtures of wild  
931 type and CAR-deficient naïve CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells over time, determined by flow cytometry as in Extended  
932 Data Fig. 11a. Representative of 5 mice per tissue and time point. **(g)** Mean absolute numbers of

933 CD3<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T helper (T<sub>H</sub>) cells ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 5$ ) in tissues of transferred B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice over time,  
934 determined by flow cytometry as in (a). **(h)** Mean relative *ex vivo* CAR (*Nrl1i3*), MDR1 (*Abcb1a*),  
935 *Cyp2b10*, or *Il10* gene expression ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 3$ ), determined by qPCR, in wild type (B6) CD4<sup>+</sup>  
936 effector/memory (Teff) cells (sorted as in Extended Data Fig. 9a) from spleens of transferred B6.*Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup>  
937 mice over time.

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939 **Extended Data Figure 9. CAR is required for anti-CD3-induced IL-10 expression in mucosal**  
940 **effector and regulatory T cell subsets and suppresses Th17 cell accumulation in the *Rag*<sup>-/-</sup> transfer**  
941 **model. (a)** *Top row*, expression of Foxp3 and ROR $\gamma$ t, determined by intracellular staining after *ex vivo*  
942 (PMA+ionomycin) stimulation, in CD4<sup>+</sup>CD44<sup>hi</sup> cells from spleen (*left*) or small intestine lamina propria  
943 (siLP, *right*) of wild type (B6, blue) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>, red) mice injected with or without  
944 isotype control (IgG) or anti-CD3 antibody. *Bottom 4 rows*, expression of IL-10 and IL-17A in wild type  
945 or CAR-deficient spleen or siLP T cell subsets from mice treated +/- isotype control (IgG) or anti-CD3  
946 antibodies. Cells were gated and analyzed by flow cytometry as above. Numbers indicate percentages;  
947 representative of 3 mice per group and genotype analyzed over 2-independent experiments. **(b-c)** Mean  
948 percentages of IL-10-expressing T cell subsets ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 3$ ), gated and analyzed by *ex vivo* flow  
949 cytometry as in (a), in spleen **(b)** or siLP **(c)** T<sub>H</sub> cell subsets from wild type (B6, blue) or CAR-deficient  
950 (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>, red) mice injected with or without isotype control (IgG) or anti-CD3 antibody. \*  $P < .05$ ,  
951 one-unpaired student's *t* test; some  $P$  values are listed directly. **(d)** Expression of ROR $\gamma$ t and IL-17A,  
952 determined by intracellular FACS analysis as in Extended Data Figure 8a, in wild type (B6) or CAR-  
953 deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>) CD4<sup>+</sup> effector/memory (Teff) cells from tissues of reconstituted *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice 2-  
954 weeks post-mixed T cell transfer. Numbers indicate percentages; representative of 5 mice per tissue and  
955 time point. **(e)** Mean percentages of ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 5$ ) of wild type (B6; blue) or CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3*<sup>-/-</sup>; red)  
956 ROR $\gamma$ t<sup>+</sup>IL-17A<sup>-</sup> Teff cells, determined by intracellular flow cytometry as in (a). \*  $P < .05$ , paired  
957 two-tailed student's *t* test. **(f)** Expression of ROR $\gamma$ t and IL-17A, determined by intracellular FACS  
958 analysis, in wild type (B6) or *Il10*<sup>-/-</sup> Teff cells from tissues of reconstituted *Rag1*<sup>-/-</sup> mice 2-weeks post-  
959 mixed T cell transfer. Numbers indicate percentages; representative of 5 mice per tissue and time point.  
960 **(g)** Mean percentages of ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 7$ ) of wild type (B6; blue) or *Il10*<sup>-/-</sup> (red) ROR $\gamma$ t<sup>+</sup>IL-17A<sup>-</sup> Teff  
961 cells, determined by intracellular flow cytometry as in (c). \*  $P < .05$ , \*\*  $P < .01$ , paired two-tailed  
962 student's *t* test. MLN, mesenteric lymph nodes; siLP, small intestine lamina propria; cLP, colon lamina  
963 propria.

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965 **Extended Data Figure 10. TCPOBOP protection against bile acid-induced ileitis requires CAR**  
966 **expression in T cells.** **(a)** Mean weight loss ( $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 5$ /group) of co-housed B6.*Rag2<sup>-/-</sup>* mice  
967 transplanted with CAR-deficient (B6.*Nrl1i3<sup>-/-</sup>*) CD4 $^{+}$  naïve T cells and maintained on a CA-supplemented  
968 diet with or without TC treatment. Weights are shown relative to 3-weeks post-transfer when TC  
969 treatments were initiated. NS, not significant; two-way ANOVA. **(b)** H&E-stained sections of terminal  
970 ilea or colons from B6.*Rag2<sup>-/-</sup>* mice reconstituted with CAR-deficient T cells and treated as above and  
971 as indicated. Representative of 5 mice/group. **(c)** Mean histology scores ( $\pm$  SEM) for colons or terminal  
972 ilea as in (b). NS, not significant; paired student's *t* test.

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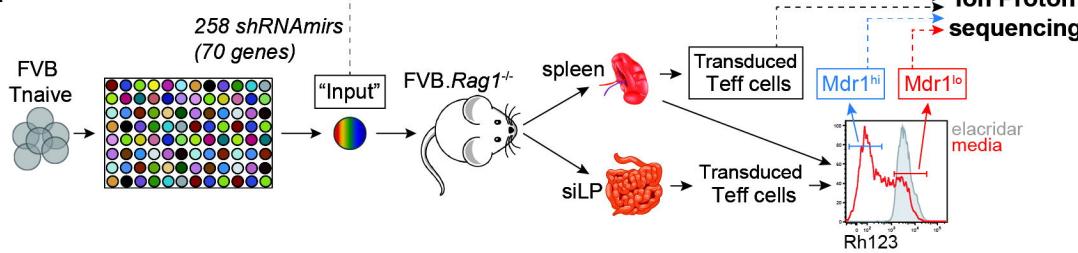
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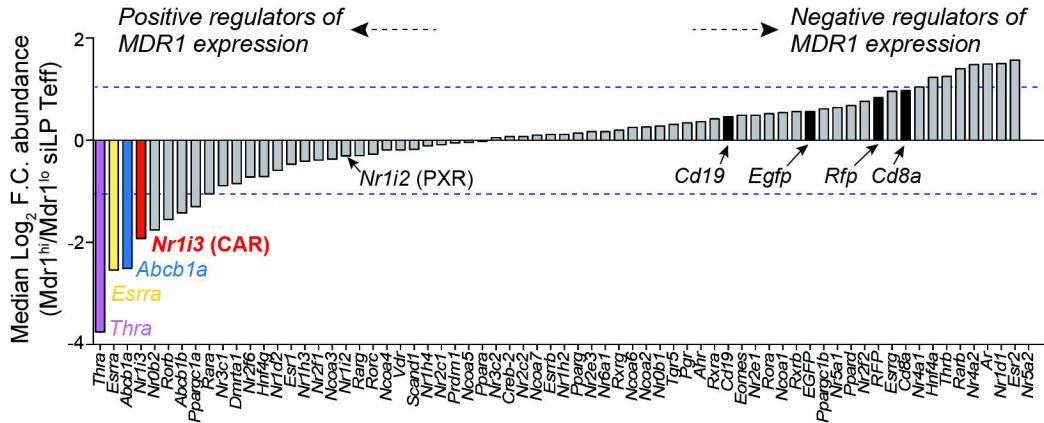
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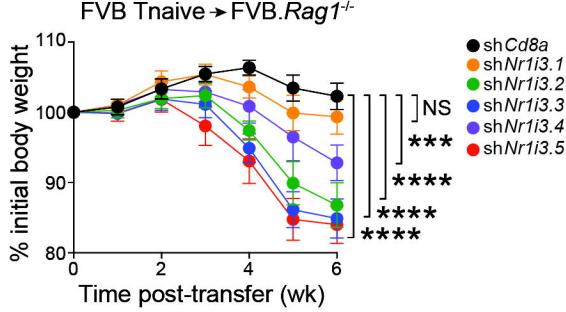
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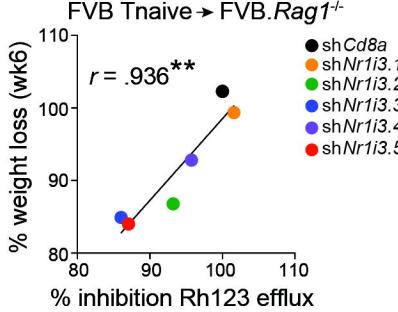
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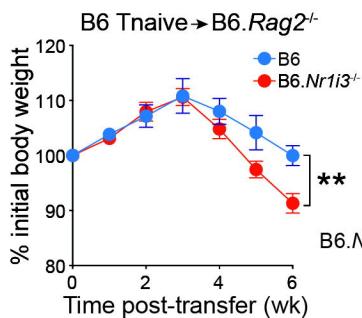
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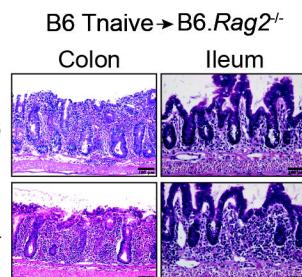
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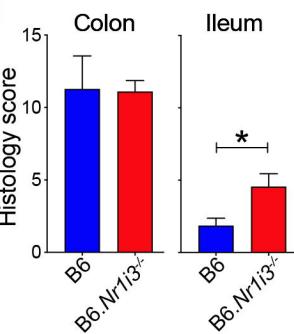
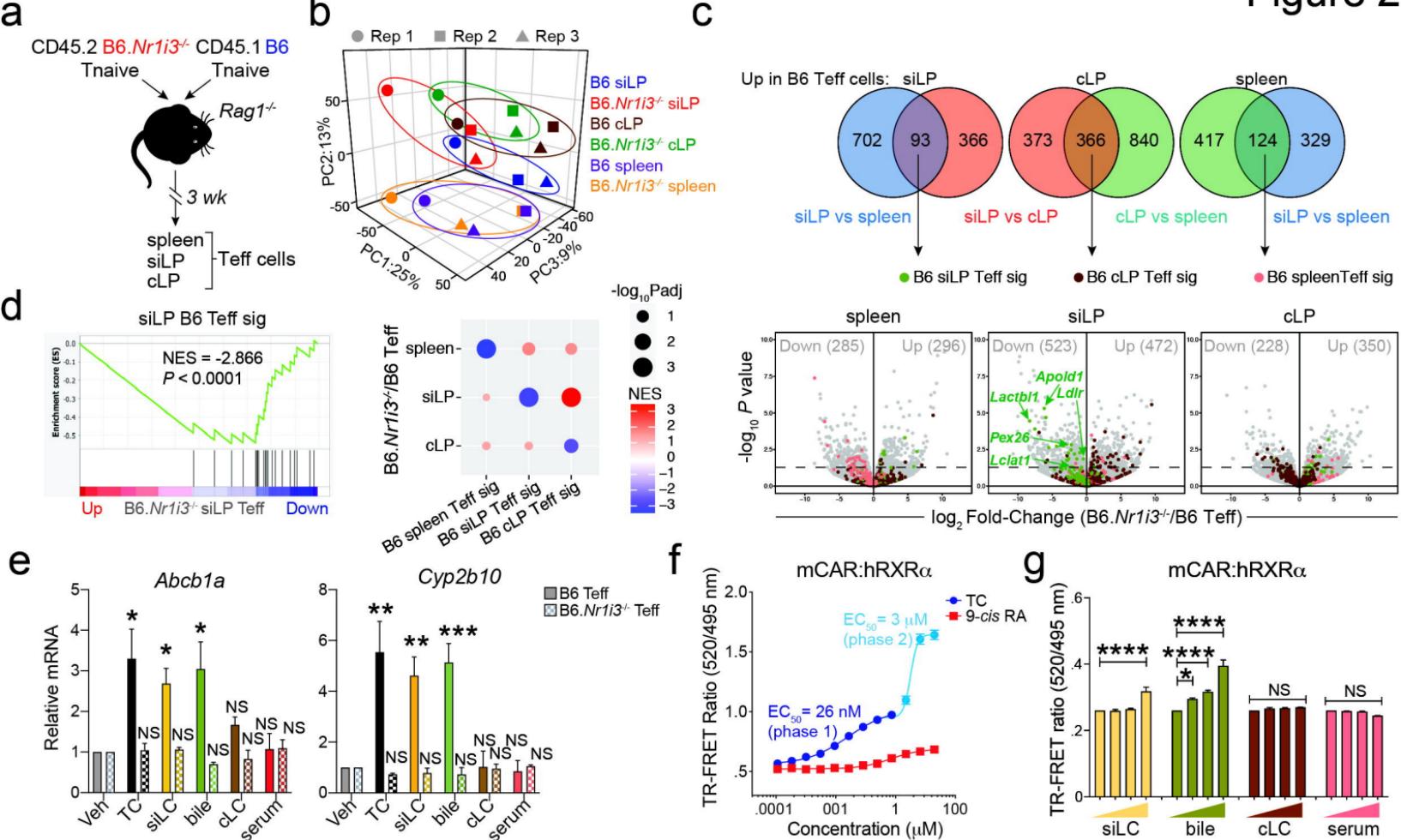
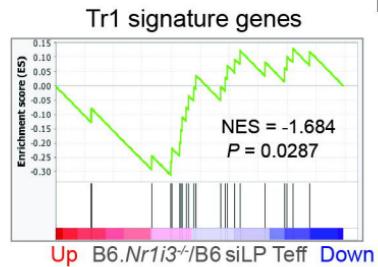
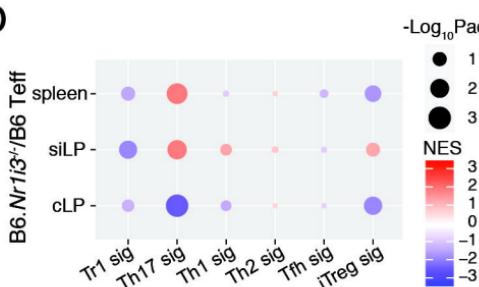
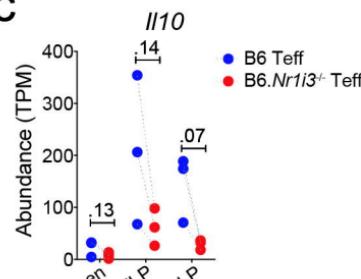
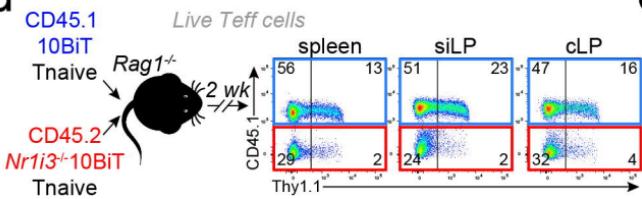
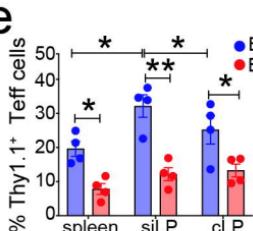
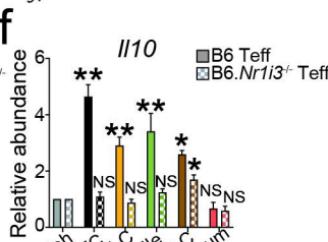
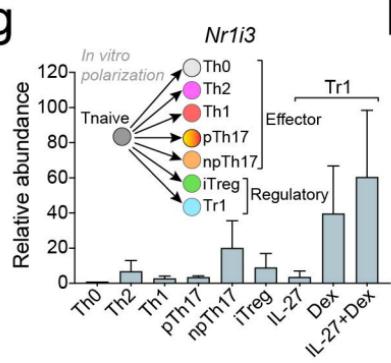
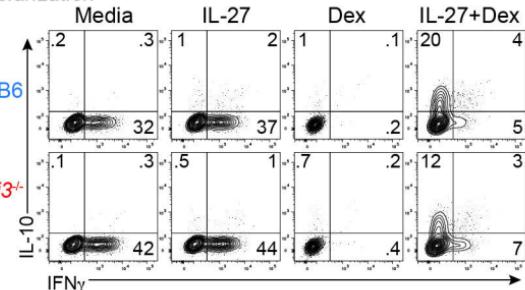
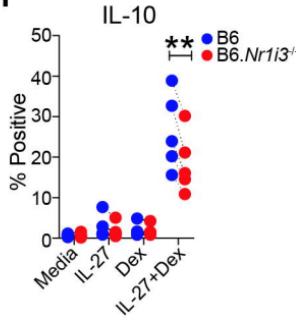
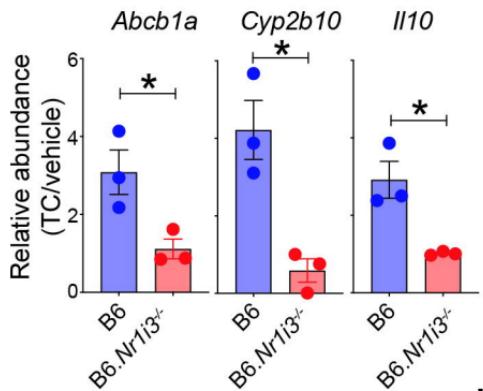
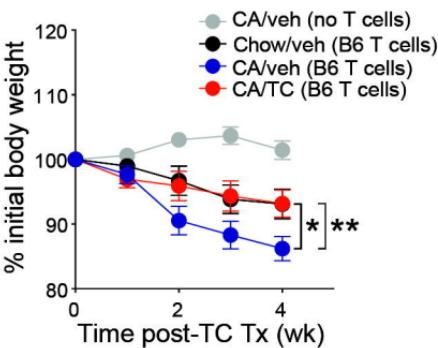
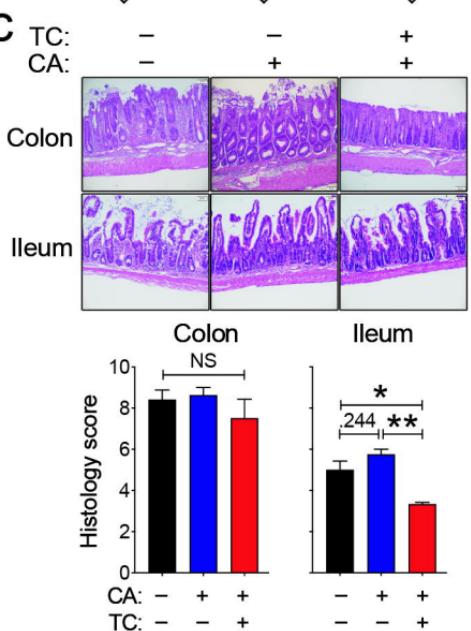


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