

Supplementary Materials for

A tuft cell - ILC2 signaling circuit provides therapeutic targets to inhibit gastric metaplasia and tumor development

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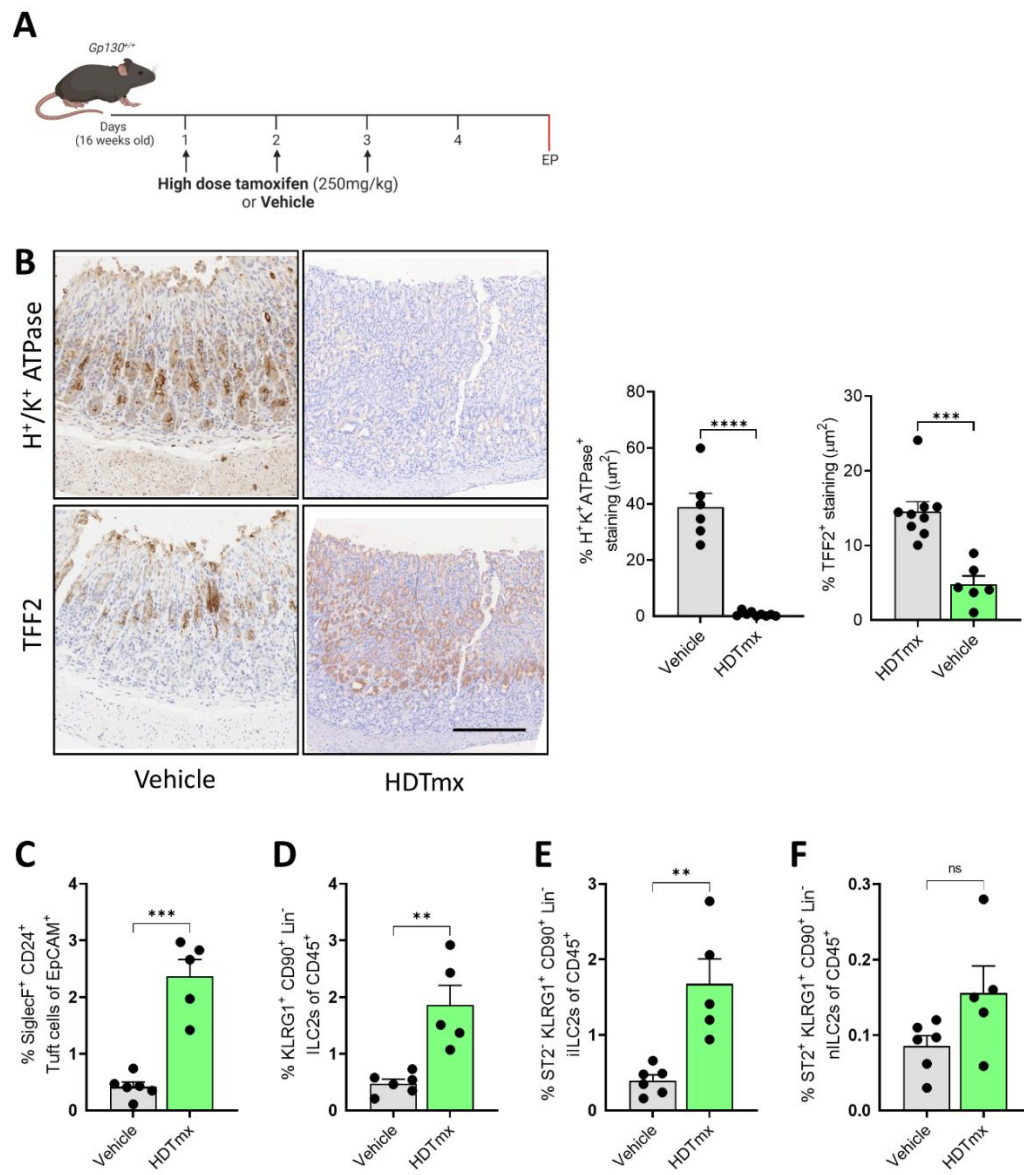


Fig. S1. Tuft cells and ILC2s are increased during Spasmolytic polypeptide-expressing metaplasia (SPEM), a precursor to gastric cancer

(A) Schematic of experimental SPEM model. 16-week-old *gp130^{+/+}* mice were treated with either a vehicle control or high dose of tamoxifen (HDTmx, 250 mg/kg) once daily for 3 consecutive days to induce loss of parietal cells and gastric spasmolytic polypeptide-expressing metaplasia (SPEM). EP = endpoint.

(B) Representative images and quantification of SPEM/TFF2 and H⁺/K⁺ ATPase-stained gastric mucosa of mice, treated as described in Fig. S1A. Scale bar = 300 μm.

(C) Flow-cytometry quantification of SiglecF⁺CD24⁺EpCAM⁺ tuft cells in stomachs of mice, treated as described in Fig. S1A.

(D) Flow-cytometry quantification of total ILC2s as KLRG1⁺ CD90.2⁺Lineage⁻CD45⁺ in stomachs of mice, treated as described in Fig. S1A.

(E) Flow-cytometry quantification of iILC2s as ST2⁻KLRG1⁺ CD90.2⁺Lineage⁻CD45⁺ in stomachs of mice, treated as described in Fig. S1A.

(F) Flow-cytometry quantification of nILC2s as ST2⁺KLRG1⁺ CD90.2⁺Lineage⁻CD45⁺ in stomachs of mice, treated as described in Fig. S1A.

Data represents mean ± SEM, p values from Student's t-test ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001, **** p < 0.0001, ns - not significant. Each symbol represents an individual mouse.

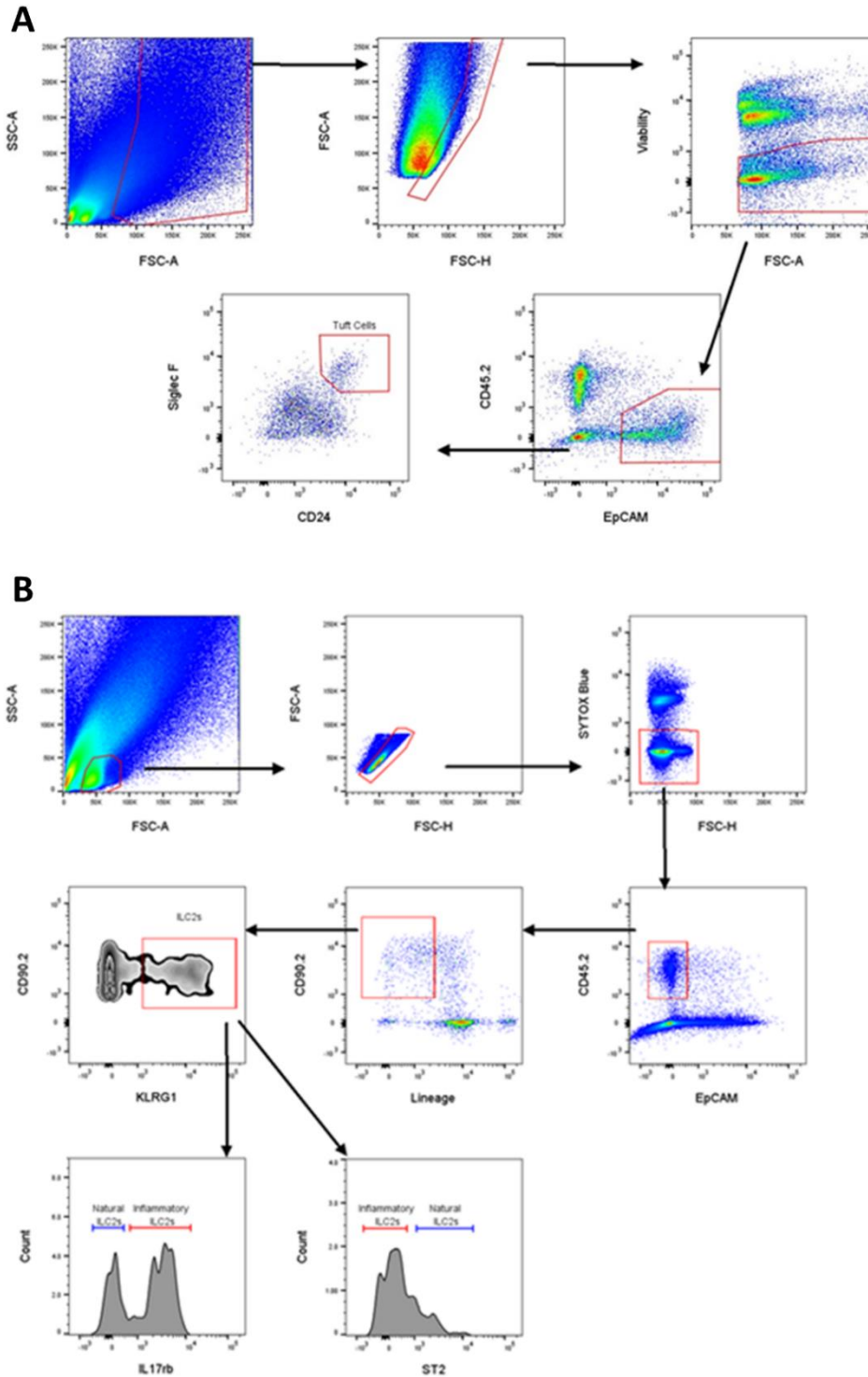


Fig. S2. Gating strategy for tuft cells and ILC2s

(A) Gating strategy used to identify and sort murine gastric tuft cells.

(B) Gating strategy used to sort ILC2s, as well as identify nILC2s and iILC2s subpopulations from mouse stomachs.

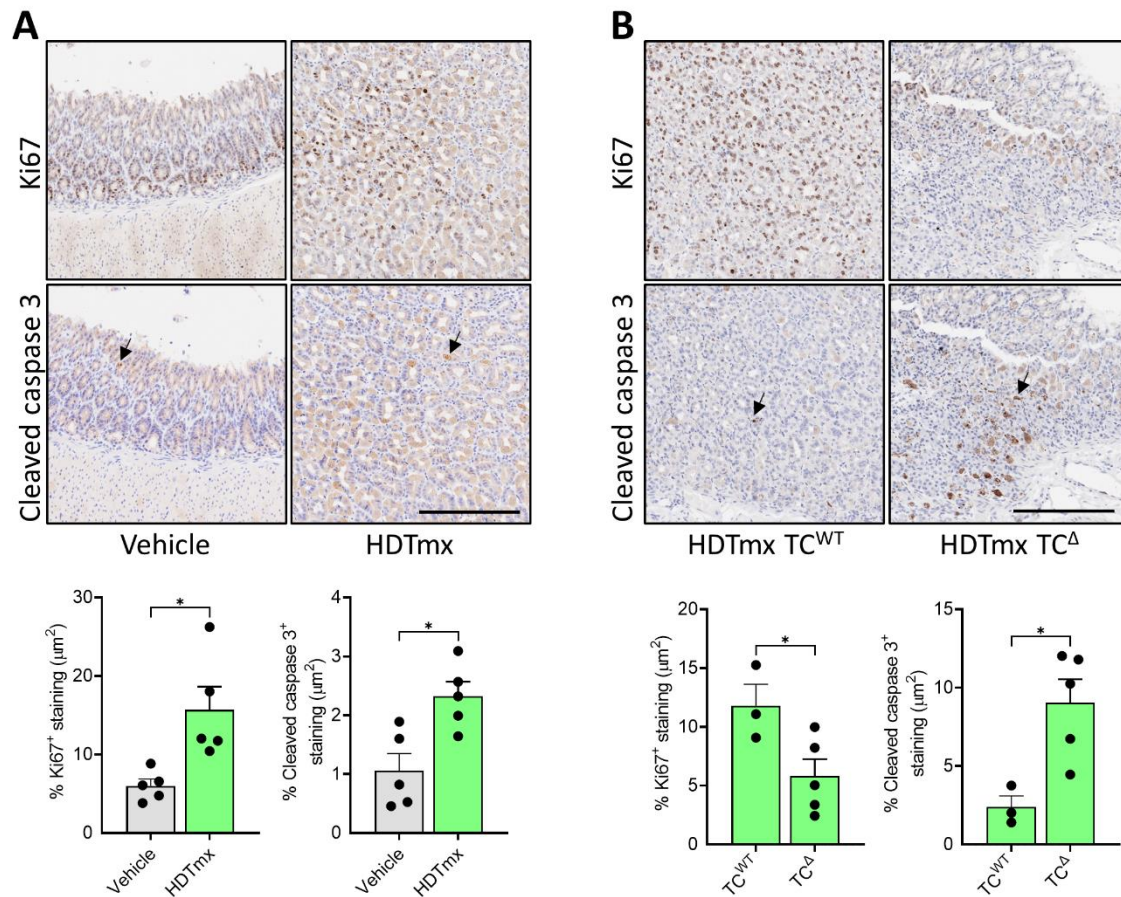


Fig. S3. In SPEM, proliferation is decreased and cell death is increased following tuft cell loss

(A) Representative images and quantification of Ki67 and Cleaved caspase 3 stained gastric mucosa of vehicle and HDTmx treated WT mice. Scale bar = 300 μm. Arrows indicate positive staining.

(B) Representative images and quantification of Ki67 and Cleaved caspase 3 stained gastric mucosa of HDTmx treated TC^{WT} and TC^Δ mice. Scale bar = 300 μm. Arrows indicate positive staining.

Data represents mean ± SEM, p values from Student's t-test * p < 0.05. Each symbol represents an individual mouse.

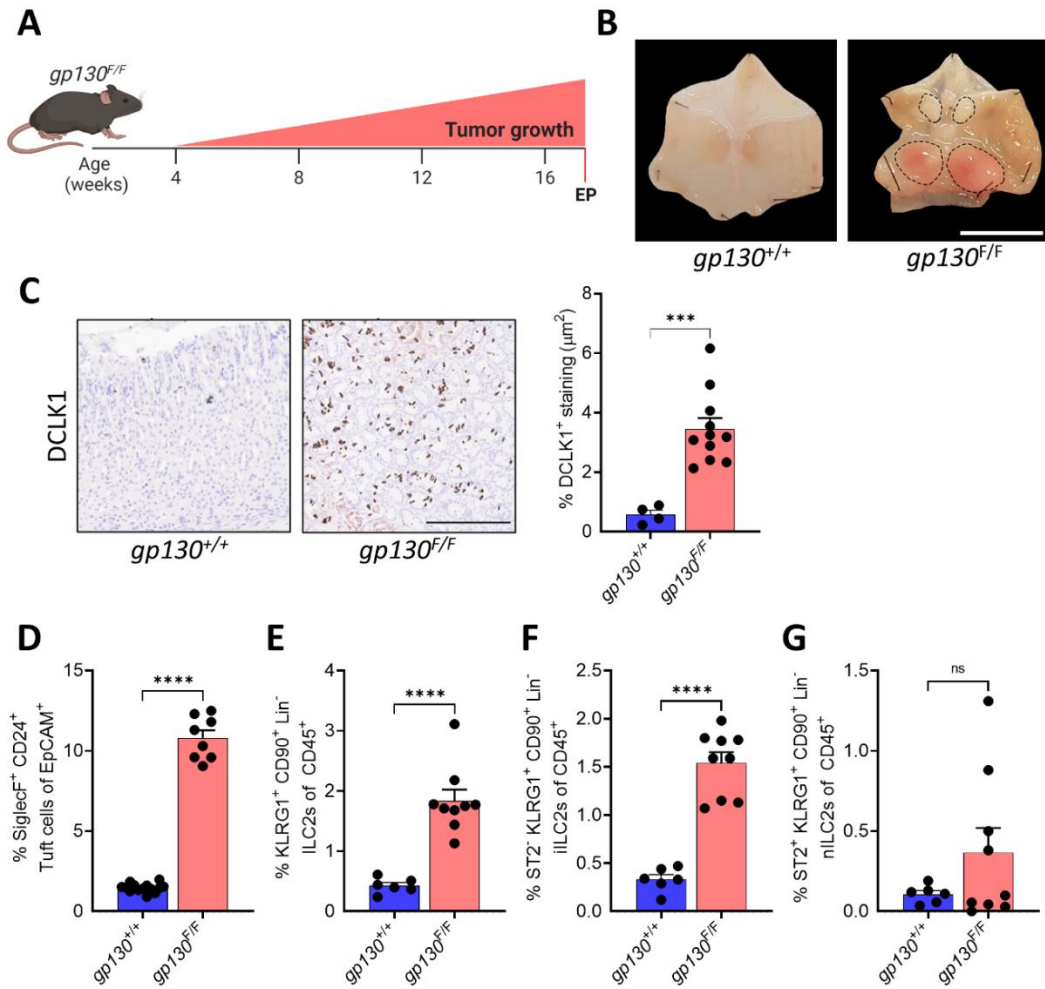


Fig. S4. Tuft cells and ILC2s are increased in during gastric tumor development

(A) Schematic of the *gp130^{F/F}* mouse model of gastric cancer, which spontaneously develops gastric adenomas from 4 weeks of age. EP = endpoint.

(B) Representative images of *gp130^{+/+}* and *gp130^{F/F}* stomachs at 17 weeks of age. Dotted circles indicate tumors, scale bar = 8 mm.

(C) IHC quantification of tuft cells (DCLK1⁺) in *gp130^{+/+}* and *gp130^{F/F}* mice. Scale bar = 300 mm.

(D) Flow-cytometry quantification of tuft cells as SiglecF⁺CD24⁺EpCAM⁺ cells in stomachs of *gp130^{+/+}* and *gp130^{F/F}* mice.

(E) Flow-cytometry quantification of total ILC2s as KLRG1⁺ CD90.2⁺Lineage⁻CD45⁺ cells in stomachs of *gp130^{+/+}* and *gp130^{F/F}* mice.

(F) Flow-cytometry quantification of iILC2s as ST2⁺KLRG1⁺ CD90.2⁺Lineage⁻ CD45⁺ cells in stomachs of *gp130^{+/+}* and *gp130^{F/F}* mice.

(G) Flow-cytometry quantification of nILC2s as ST2⁺KLRG1⁺ CD90.2⁺Lineage⁻CD45⁺ cells in stomachs of *gp130^{+/+}* and *gp130^{F/F}* mice.

Data represents mean $\pm$ SEM, p values from Student's t-test *** p < 0.001, **** p < 0.0001, ns - not significant. Each symbol represents an individual mouse.

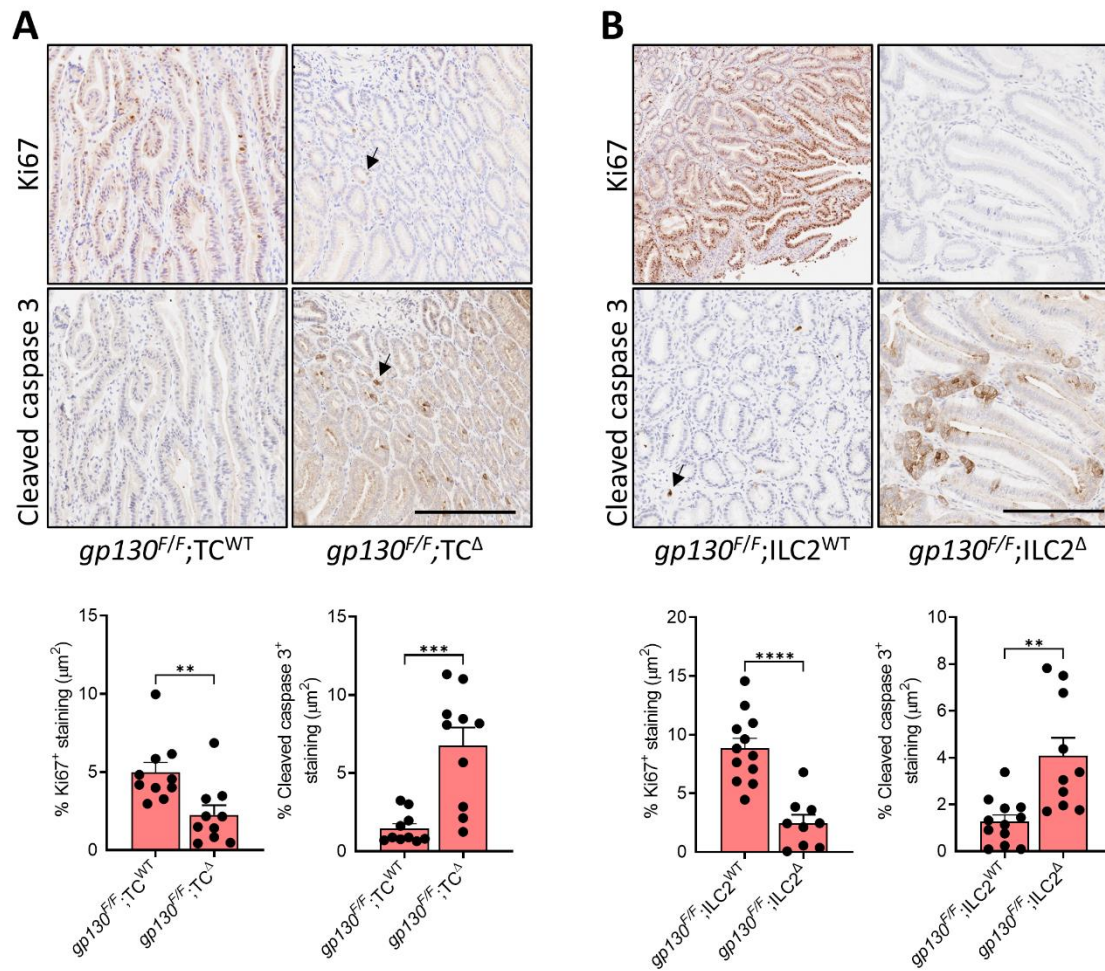
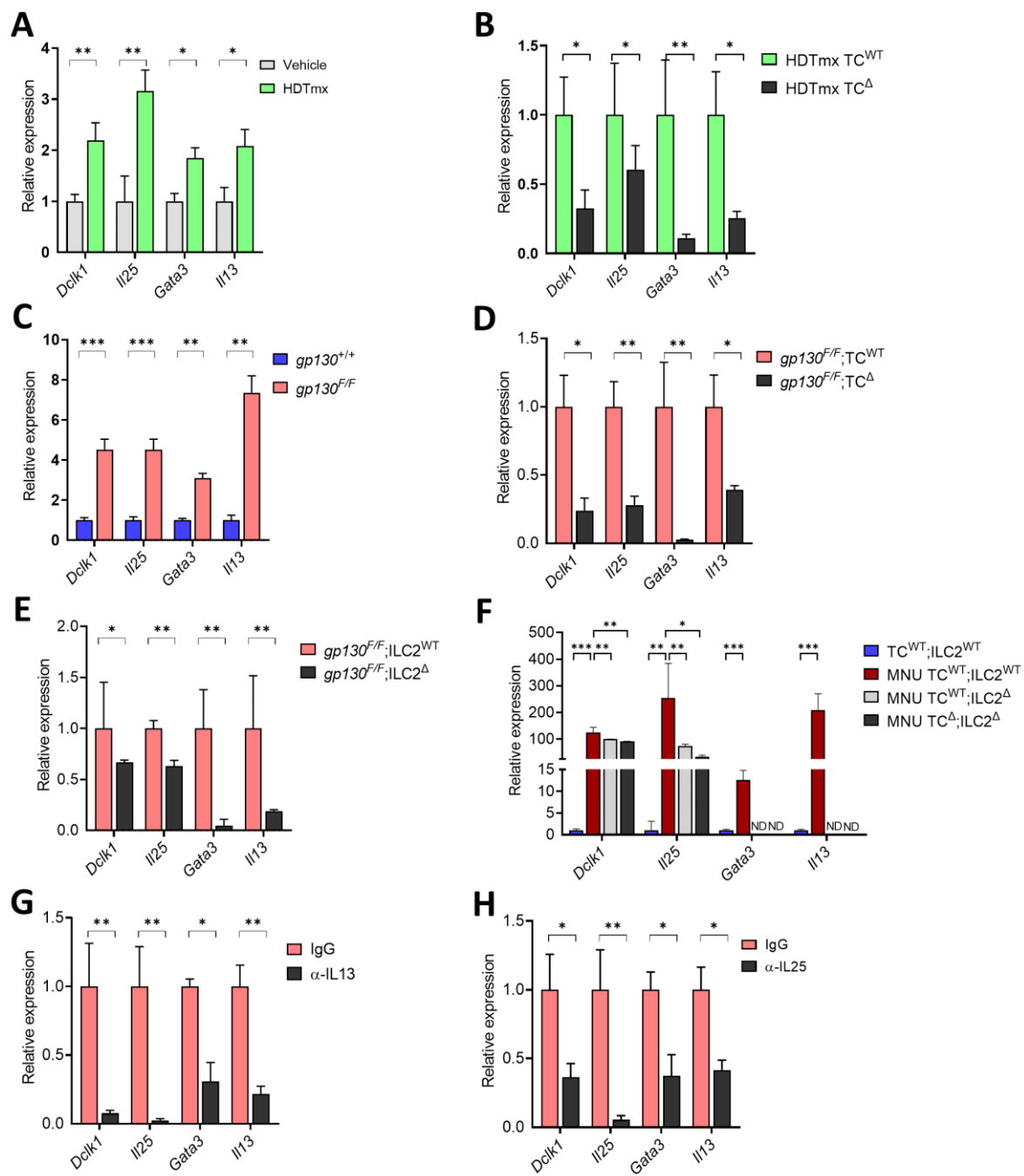


Fig. S5. In gastric tumors, proliferation is decreased and cell death is increased following loss of tuft cell and ILC2s

(A) Representative images and quantification of Ki67 and Cleaved caspase 3 stained gastric mucosa of *gp130^{F/F};TC^{WT}* and *gp130^{F/F};TC^Δ* mice. Scale bar = 300 μm. Arrows indicate positive staining.

(B) Representative images and quantification of Ki67 and Cleaved caspase 3 stained gastric mucosa of *gp130^{F/F};ILC2^{WT}* and *gp130^{F/F};ILC2^Δ* mice. Scale bar = 300 μm. Arrows indicate positive staining.

Data represents mean ± SEM, p values from Student's t-test ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001, **** p < 0.0001. Each symbol represents an individual mouse.



83 **Fig. S6. Tuft cell and ILC2 markers and cytokines are increased during early gastric**
84 **metaplasia and adenoma development**

85 qPCR analysis for tuft cell-specific (*Dclk1*, *Il25*), and ILC2-specific (*Gata3*, *Il13*) genes in stomachs
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87 (A) vehicle treated and HDTmx treated mice (n=6),
88 (B) HDTmx treated TC^{WT} and TC^Δ mice (n=10),
89 qPCR analysis for tuft cell-specific (*Dclk1*, *Il25*), and ILC2-specific (*Gata3*, *Il13*) genes in normal
90 gastric tissue or tumors of:

91 (C) 17-week-old *gp130*^{+/+} and *gp130*^{F/F} mice (n=6),
92 (D) 17-week-old LDTmx treated *gp130*^{F/F};TC^{WT} and *gp130*^{F/F};TC^Δ mice (n=6),
93 (E) 17-week-old *gp130*^{F/F};ILC2^{WT} and *gp130*^{F/F};ILC2^Δ mice (n=8),
94 (F) Age matched TC^{WT};ILC2^{WT}, as well as MNU treated TC^{WT};ILC2^{WT}, TC^Δ;ILC2^Δ and
95 TC^{WT};ILC2^Δ mice (n=6),
96 (G) IgG and α-IL13 treated *gp130*^{F/F} mice (n=4),
97 (H) IgG and α-IL25 treated *gp130*^{F/F} mice (n=4).

98 Data represents mean ± SEM, p values from Student's t-test or one-way ANOVA and Tukey's
99 multiple comparisons tests * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001, ns - not significant.

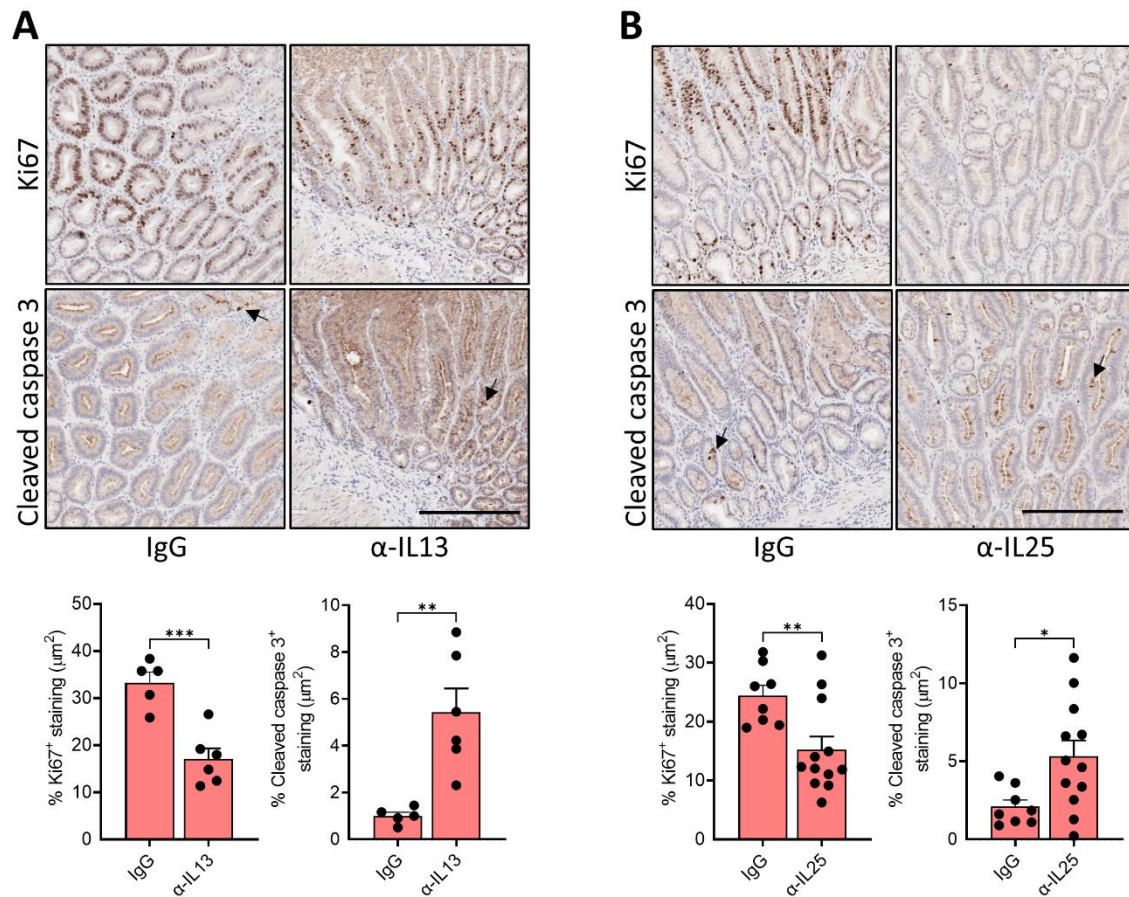


Fig. S7. In gastric tumors, proliferation is decreased, and cell death is increased following α -IL13 and α -IL25 treatment

(A) Representative images and quantification of Ki67 and Cleaved caspase 3 stained gastric mucosa of IgG and α -IL13 treated *gp130^{F/F}* mice. Scale bar = 300 μm . Arrows indicate positive staining.

(B) Representative images and quantification of Ki67 and Cleaved caspase 3 stained gastric mucosa of IgG and α -IL25 treated *gp130^{F/F}* mice. Scale bar = 300 μm . Arrows indicate positive staining.

Data represents mean $\pm$ SEM, p values from Student's t-test * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. Each symbol represents an individual mouse.

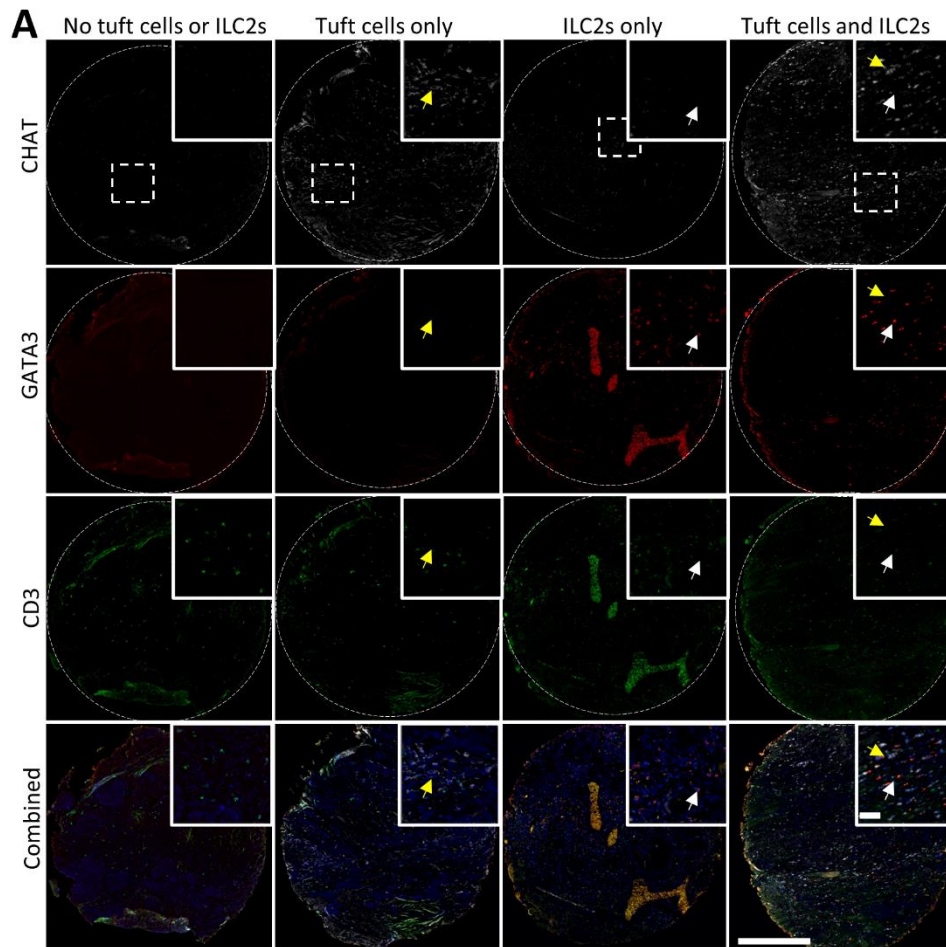


Fig. S8. Tuft cells and ILC2 are involved in human GC

(A) Representative IF stains for ChAT⁺ tuft cells and CD3⁺GATA3⁺ ILC2s in human intestinal-type GC tissue microarrays. Scale bar = 500 μ m for low magnification and =100 μ m for high magnification (dotted insets). Arrows indicate positive staining.

114 **Table S1.** Oligonucleotide sequences for SYBR Green qPCR

Gene	Forward primer	Reverse primer
<i>18S</i>	GTAACCCGTTGAACCCCAT	CCATCCAATCGGTAGTAGCG
<i>Dclk1</i>	TTCAACACAGGCCCAAG	TATCAAGAGCGGTGGTTGC
<i>Gapdh</i>	AAGAGGGATGCTGCCCTTA	TTTTGTCTACGGGACGAGGA
<i>Gata3</i>	TCGGCCATTCGTACATGGAA	GAGAGCCGTGGTGGATGGAC
<i>Il13</i>	CCTCTGACCCTTAAGGAGCTTAT	CGTTGCACAGGGGAGTCT
<i>Il13ra1</i>	TCACTTTGATGACCAACAGGAT	CAGGGGTAATTCCTCTTTACGA
<i>Il17rb</i>	GGACAGCCCTTCTTTGTCTG	TGCTTTTTATATTTTATTACGTGGTT
<i>Il25</i>	ACAGGGACTTGAATCGGGTC	TGGTAAAGTGGGACGGAGTTG

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116 **Table S2.** Primary antibodies for paraffin immunohistochemistry (IHC-P), Opal staining or paraffin
 117 immunofluorescence (IF)

Antibody	Reference	Manufacturer	Concentration
DCLK1	ab31704	Abcam	1/1000
GATA3	SC268	Santa Cruz Biotechnology	1/100
CD3	MA5-14524	Invitrogen	1/150
ChAT	AB144P	Millipore Sigma	1/50
TFF2	Pa5-80111	Invitrogen	1/500
H ⁺ /K ⁺ ATPase	Ab176992	Abcam	1/500
Ki67	IHC-00375	Bethyl Laboratories	1/200
Cleaved caspase 3	#9661S	Cell Signaling	1/500

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119 **Table S3.** Conjugated antibodies for flow cytometry.

Antibody	Reference	Manufacturer	Conjugate	Concentration
CD19	25-0193-81	Invitrogen	PEVio770	1/200
CD11c	25-0114-87	Invitrogen	PEVio770	1/200
CD11b	101216	BioLegend	PEVio770	1/200
CD3e	25-0031-82	Invitrogen	PEVio770	1/200
CD90.2	130-102-345	MACS	VioBlue	1/100
KLRG1	138407	BioLegend	PE	1/200
NK1.1	25-5941-81	Invitrogen	PEVio770	1/200
CD24	130-102-733	MACS	APC	1/50
SiglecF	562757	BD Bioscience	PE-CF594	1/200
CD45.2	103116	BioLegend	APC-Cy7	1/200
EpCAM	11-5791-82	Invitrogen	FITC	1/200
ST2	46-9335-82	Invitrogen	PerCP-eF710	1/200
LY6G	560601	BD Bioscience	PEVio770	1/200
FC Block CD16/CD32	14-0161-86	Invitrogen		1/100
Sytox Blue	S11348	Invitrogen		1/500
Fixable Viability Dye	65-0866-14	eBioscience	eF506	1/1000
IgG2 α	#400512	BioLegend	APC	1:200
IgG2 α	#400230	BioLegend	APC-CY7	1:200
IgG2 α	#400208	BioLegend	FITC	1:200
IgG2 α	#400908	BioLegend	PE	1:200
IgG2 α	#400522	BioLegend	PeCY7	1:200

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