

tail) and the N terminus of cortical cytoskeleton-associated protein of ~23 kD (CAP23₂₀). We also assayed the kinase-associated 1 (KA1) domain from microtubule-associated protein–microtubule affinity–regulating kinase 1 (MARK1), which interacts nonspecifically with acidic lipids (23). In all cases, combined removal of PI4P and PI(4,5)P₂ caused depletion of the proteins from the PM (Fig. 4A and fig. S7), with little effect when either lipid was depleted alone (13). Proteins that retained a secondary membrane targeting motif, such as prenylated K-Ras tail, were still found in the PM but were no longer enriched there compared with the amounts in other [presumably negatively charged (22)] membranes (Fig. 4A and fig. S8A). These effects were due to nonspecific electrostatic interactions, because no effect was seen on the PS-specific lactadherin C2 domain (22) or the C terminus of H-Ras, which interacts with the membrane solely through its hydrophobic lipid moieties (Fig. 4A and fig. S7). Measuring K-Ras tail's PM dissociation rate by fluorescence recovery after photobleaching (24) after PI4P and/or PI(4,5)P₂ depletion revealed that the two lipids made similar contributions to the protein's electrostatic interactions with the PM in vivo (fig. S8).

PI(4,5)P₂ has been proposed to be a molecular switch that restricts the activity of several ion channels to the PM (25), a phenomenon that can be highly specific for PI(4,5)P₂ (1, 26–28). We wondered whether this is typical for all channels or whether some have a more general polyanionic lipid requirement, which can also be fulfilled by PI4P. For example, the heat and capsaicin-activated transient receptor potential vanilloid 1 (TRPV1) cation channel can be both inhibited and activated by PI(4,5)P₂ and possibly PI4P (29). Translocation of PJ-Sac or INPP5E had no effect on prolonged (Fig. 4, B to D) or repetitive (fig. S9) capsaicin activation of TRPV1, but it was inhibited when both PI4P and PI(4,5)P₂ were depleted by PJ (Fig. 4, B to D, and fig. S9). Therefore, it appears that either lipid is sufficient for TRPV1 channel activity. However, this does not apply to all lipid-activated cation channels. For example, the menthol-activated transient receptor potential melastatin 8 (TRPM8) channel is specifically dependent on PI(4,5)P₂ (12) and was inhibited by PI(4,5)P₂ depletion, but not by removing PI4P with PJ-Sac (Fig. 4, E to G).

Our results reveal an unanticipated role for PI4P at the PM of cells: Most of it is not required to support synthesis of PI(4,5)P₂. Rather, PI4P makes an autonomous contribution to the polyanionic lipid pool that defines the inner leaflet of the PM, a function it shares with PI(4,5)P₂. We suggest that PI4P fulfills the need of any PM functions that simply require polyvalent anionic lipids. This leaves PI(4,5)P₂ free to undergo rapid turnover and regulate its large repertoire of specific effector proteins, which may decrease its effective free concentration, without deleteriously perturbing the unique and defining electrostatic properties of the PM.

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Lineage Tracing Reveals Lgr5⁺ Stem Cell Activity in Mouse Intestinal Adenomas

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The concept that tumors are maintained by dedicated stem cells, the so-called cancer stem cell hypothesis, has attracted great interest but remains controversial. Studying mouse models, we provide direct, functional evidence for the presence of stem cell activity within primary intestinal adenomas, a precursor to intestinal cancer. By “lineage tracing” using the multicolor Cre-reporter *R26R-Confetti*, we demonstrate that the crypt stem cell marker Lgr5 (leucine-rich repeat–containing heterotrimeric guanine nucleotide–binding protein–coupled receptor 5) also marks a subpopulation of adenoma cells that fuel the growth of established intestinal adenomas. These Lgr5⁺ cells, which represent about 5 to 10% of the cells in the adenomas, generate additional Lgr5⁺ cells as well as all other adenoma cell types. The Lgr5⁺ cells are intermingled with Paneth cells near the adenoma base, a pattern reminiscent of the architecture of the normal crypt niche.

Intestinal tumorigenesis is thought to result from sequentially acquired mutations in specific genes, driving progression from premalignant

precursor lesions called adenomas to invasive malignancies (1). Adenomas are formed by mutational activation of the Wnt signaling pathway, most notably by loss of the *APC* (adenomatous polyposis coli) tumor suppressor gene (2). By using the knock-in allele *Lgr5^{EGFP-Ires-CreERT2}*, we have shown that the cell surface receptor Lgr5 (leucine-rich repeat–containing heterotrimeric guanine nucleotide–binding protein–coupled receptor 5) marks normal tissue stem cells in stomach, small intestine, colon, and hair follicles (3). This allele allows visualization of Lgr5⁺ stem cells by GFP (green fluorescent protein). Moreover,

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the coexpressed Cre fusion protein can be activated at will in these stem cells by tamoxifen injection and will then recombine two adjacent LoxP sites. When a so-called Cre reporter allele is crossed into the *Lgr5* knock-in mouse strain, tamoxifen injection can result in a visible change (e.g., a color) in an individual *Lgr5*⁺ cell that is inherited by all of its daughter cells. This strategy to document the behavior of stem cells is called lineage tracing. Although deletion of *Apc* in other cells of the intestinal epithelium does not lead to adenoma formation, we have shown that *Apc*-mutant *Lgr5*⁺ stem cells form progressively growing adenomas (4). Comparable adenomas were obtained by using another Cre driver (i.e., *CD133*^{CreERT2}) to induce *Apc* gene deletion in these same stem cells (5). We noted that macroscopic adenomas in these mice contained low numbers of *Lgr5*⁺ cells, suggesting the preservation of a stem cell hierarchy within the tumors (4).

To investigate the existence of such a cellular hierarchy in adenomas, we exploited the multicolor Cre reporter termed *R26R-Confetti* (6). When *R26R-Confetti* is crossed into the *Lgr5* knock-in mouse strain, tamoxifen injection will allow single *Lgr5*⁺ stem cells to randomly adopt one of the four fluorescent colors encoded in the *R26R-Confetti* allele. Of importance for the current study, two of the four colors remain in the *R26R-Confetti* allele after tamoxifen injection (blue with red or green with yellow). One of these is active, the other silent (Fig. 1A). In theory, a second tamoxifen injection can induce “flipping” from the active color to the silent color (here termed retracing). To test this, we globally activated *R26R-Confetti* in the intestinal epithelium by using the β -naphthoflavone-inducible *Ah-Cre* mouse strain (7). As hypothesized, the already rearranged *R26R-Confetti* reporter could be flipped to the remaining color by a second tamoxifen

injection (fig. S1). Spontaneous color conversions were never observed.

To study the behavior of *Lgr5*⁺ cells within *Apc*-mutant adenomas, we then crossed *Lgr5*^{EGFP-Ires-CreERT2}/*Apc*^{fl/fl} mice with the *R26R-Confetti* strain. Upon stochastic Cre induction by low-dose tamoxifen in adult mice, intestinal adenomas developed from *Apc*-deleted *Lgr5*⁺ stem cells. After 4 weeks, we observed large adenomas (fig. S2, A to C) that either uniformly expressed a single *Confetti* color or consisted of anatomically separate segments that were each marked uniformly in a single *Confetti* color (Fig. 1B). The latter result indicates that such large adenomas were derived from several independent *Apc*-mutant stem cells, most likely located in adjacent crypts. Indeed, such segmental oligo-clonality of adenomas has been described (8, 9). Of note, recombination of the floxed *Apc* allele was more efficient than the activation of *R26R-Confetti* in

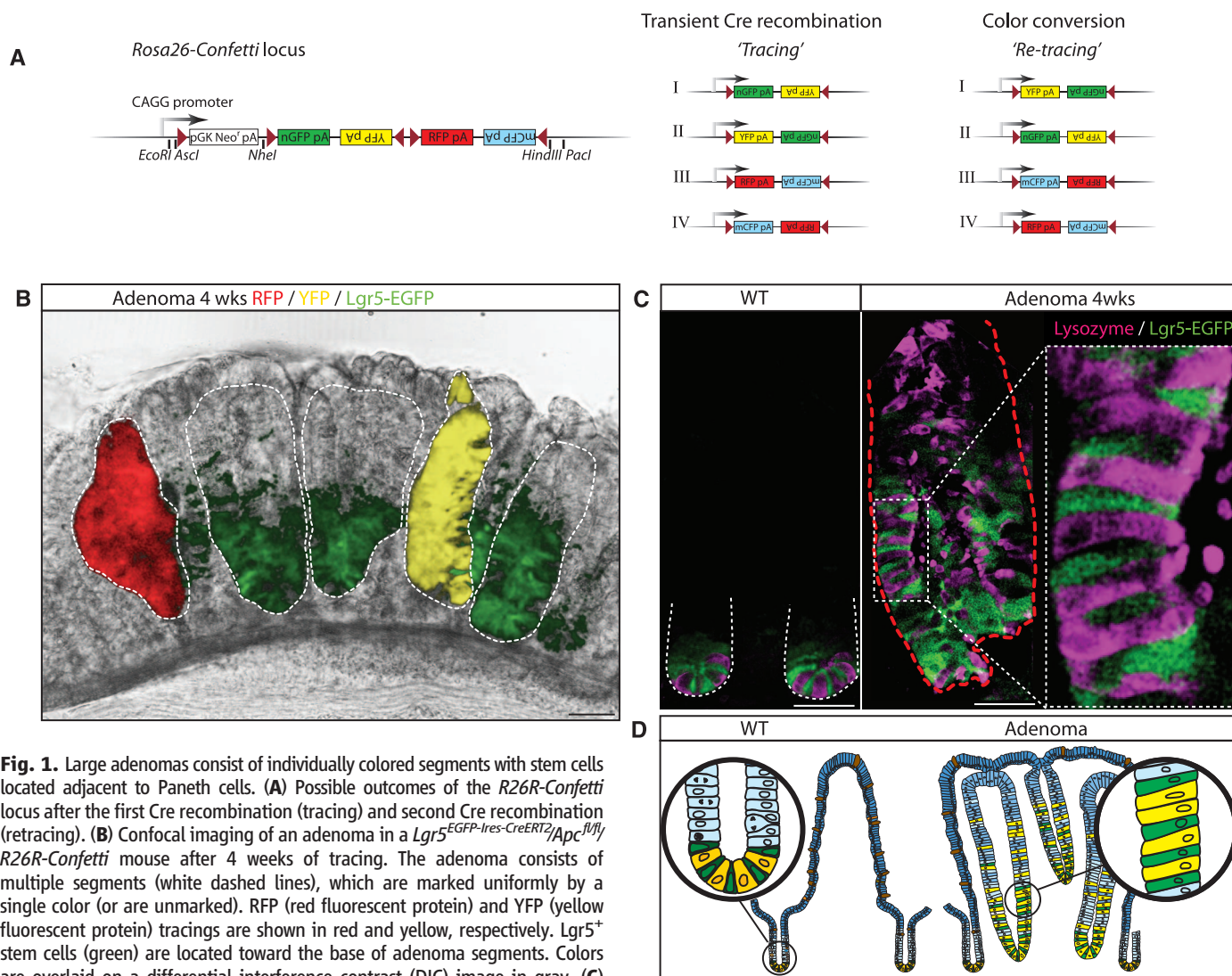


Fig. 1. Large adenomas consist of individually colored segments with stem cells located adjacent to Paneth cells. (A) Possible outcomes of the *R26R-Confetti* locus after the first Cre recombination (tracing) and second Cre recombination (retracing). (B) Confocal imaging of an adenoma in a *Lgr5*^{EGFP-Ires-CreERT2}/*Apc*^{fl/fl} *R26R-Confetti* mouse after 4 weeks of tracing. The adenoma consists of multiple segments (white dashed lines), which are marked uniformly by a single color (or are unmarked). RFP (red fluorescent protein) and YFP (yellow fluorescent protein) tracings are shown in red and yellow, respectively. *Lgr5*⁺ stem cells (green) are located toward the base of adenoma segments. Colors are overlaid on a differential interference contrast (DIC) image in gray. (C) Distribution of stem cells marked by *Lgr5*-GFP and Paneth cells, marked by lysozyme (purple) at the base of wild-type (WT) crypts (left). (Right) *Lgr5*⁺ stem cells (green) are located adjacent to Paneth cells (purple) toward the base of

an adenoma segment (indicated by the red dashed line). (D) Schematic representation of the intermingled stem cells and Paneth cells in wild-type crypts (left) and adenomas (right). Scale bars indicate 50 μ m.

the same stem cell, because not all adenomas or adenoma segments expressed a *Confetti* color. In normal small intestinal crypts, stem cells are always adjacent to Paneth cells. These Paneth cells serve as niche cells to the stem cells by producing signaling molecules such as Wnt, epidermal growth factor (EGF), and Notch ligands (10). The *Apc*-mutant adenomas contained Paneth cells (Fig. 1C) but typically lacked mature goblet cells and enterocytes (fig. S2, D and E). *Lgr5*⁺ adenoma cells were often located adjacent to adenoma Paneth cells, suggesting the existence of an adenoma stem cell niche (Fig. 1C). Indeed, these clusters of *Lgr5*⁺ cells and Paneth cells tended to be located toward the base of the wedge-shaped adenoma segments, a situation reminiscent of normal crypt architecture (Fig. 1D). We noted a similar arrangement in colon adenomas, in which areas of *Lgr5*⁺ cells coincided with the location of the colon-counterpart of the Paneth cell, the deep crypt secretory cell, marked by *Reg4* (10, 11) (fig. S3). To mimic the next step in the tumorigenic process, we additionally crossed in an allele of *K-ras* that can be oncogenically activated by Cre (*K-ras*^{LSL-G12D}) (12). We observed

a dramatic acceleration of the growth of these *Apc/Kras* mutant tumors compared with *Apc*-mutant adenomas. The mice became moribund within 7 to 10 days, yet the cryptlike architecture was preserved in the *Apc/Kras* double-mutant tumors (fig. S4). Next, we set out to determine the transcriptional profile of *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} cells in adenomas to allow comparison to normal crypt *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} stem cells. We sorted *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} and *Lgr5*-GFP^{lo} cells from 30-day-old adenomas and performed comparative gene expression analyses of the two populations. Gene set enrichment analyses demonstrated that the *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} stem cell signature determined for normal crypts (13) was strongly enriched in the *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} adenoma cells (Fig. 2). This observation suggested that the *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} adenoma cells retain stem cell properties. To substantiate this notion, we compared the clonogenic potential of *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} and *Lgr5*-GFP^{lo} adenoma cells in a defined culture system developed for normal tissue *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} stem cells (14, 15). In this assay, normal *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} cells grow out into crypt-villus organoids, whereas *Lgr5*-GFP^{lo} rarely grow out, consistent with the idea that *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi}

cells constitute multipotent stem cells. Analysis of the clonogenic potential of *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} and *Lgr5*-GFP^{lo} adenoma cells in this culture system recapitulated the observations made in normal tissue: The colony-forming efficiency of *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} adenoma cells was about 20 times greater than that of *Lgr5*-GFP^{lo} adenoma cells (Fig. 2, D and E). To trace the fate of *Lgr5*⁺ adenoma cells in vivo, we injected 10-week-old *Lgr5*^{EGFP-Ires-CreERT2}/*Apc*^{fl/fl}/*R26R-Confetti* mice with tamoxifen. After allowing *Confetti*-marked adenomas to develop for 24 days, we induced lineage retracing by a second tamoxifen injection. Adenomas were analyzed by confocal microscopy at different time points after the second Cre pulse. We observed rare retracings within large adenomas (~six color retracings per 100 adenoma segments), which invariably involved switching to the silent color in that particular adenoma. As an example, rare blue cells were observed within red adenomas early after lineage tracing (Fig. 3). Because we observed retracing events in only ~6% of *Confetti*-marked adenomas and these presented typically as a single cell at one day after the second tamoxifen

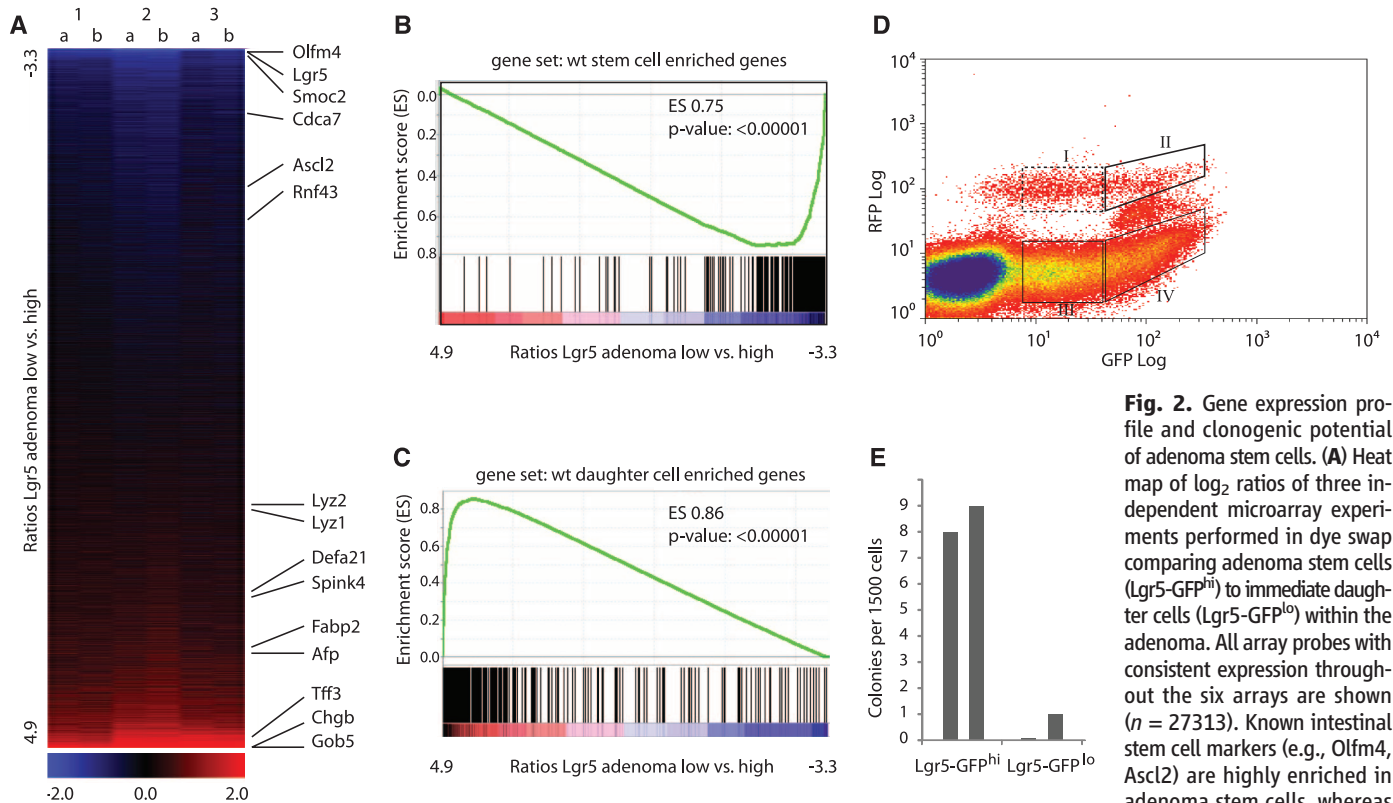


Fig. 2. Gene expression profile and clonogenic potential of adenoma stem cells. (A) Heat map of log₂ ratios of three independent microarray experiments performed in dye swap comparing adenoma stem cells (*Lgr5*-GFP^{hi}) to immediate daughter cells (*Lgr5*-GFP^{lo}) within the adenoma. All array probes with consistent expression throughout the six arrays are shown (*n* = 27313). Known intestinal stem cell markers (e.g., *Olfm4*, *Ascl2*) are highly enriched in adenoma stem cells, whereas their daughter cells express markers for the four cell lineages in the gut: goblet cells (*Gob5*, *Tff3*), enteroendocrine cells (*Chgb*), enterocytes (*Fabp2*, *Afp*), and Paneth cells (*Lyz1/2*, *Dfa21*). (B) Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA). Genes are ranked according to their differential expression between *Lgr5*-GFP^{lo} cells and *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} cells. Black bars below the graph depict the position of 291 genes significantly enriched in normal *Lgr5*⁺ intestinal stem cells [GEO data set GSE23672 (13)]. A highly significant enrichment of this gene set was detected toward the genes highly expressed in *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} adenoma cells. (C) GSEA analysis on the same data set as in (B), now analyzed for the top 500 genes significantly enriched in daughter cells of normal *Lgr5*⁺ stem cells. A highly significant enrichment of this gene set was detected toward the genes with higher expression in *Lgr5*-GFP^{lo} adenoma cells. ES, enrichment score. (D) Fluorescence-activated cell sorting profile of *Lgr5*-EGFP-Ires-CreERT2/*Apc*^{fl/fl}/*R26R-Confetti* mice 7 days after induction. Cells positive for RFP are adenoma cells. Gates I and II represent the *Lgr5*-GFP^{lo} and *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} adenoma cells, respectively. Gates III and IV represent WT *Lgr5*-GFP^{lo} and *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} cells. (E) Colony-forming efficiency of sorted adenoma cells. The outgrowth efficiency of *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} adenoma cells is about 20 times higher than that of *Lgr5*-GFP^{lo} adenoma cells.

injection (Fig. 3, D and E), we considered these to represent clonal retracing events. In other words, these cells were derived from a single adenoma stem cell. As expected, the blue cells were mostly located near the base of the wedge-shaped adenoma segments, the location of the *Lgr5*⁺ cells.

No spontaneous color conversion was observed in control mice that were not given a second Cre pulse, in a total of 107 adenomas analyzed 27 days after one pulse of tamoxifen.

Six days after retracing, the number of blue cells within red adenomas had increased. More-

over, the growing blue clones presented as ribbonlike structures emanating from the base of the segments and projecting toward to the intestinal lumen (Fig. 3B), thus resembling, in a crude and somewhat chaotic way, the more-organized tracing patterns observed in healthy intestinal tissue

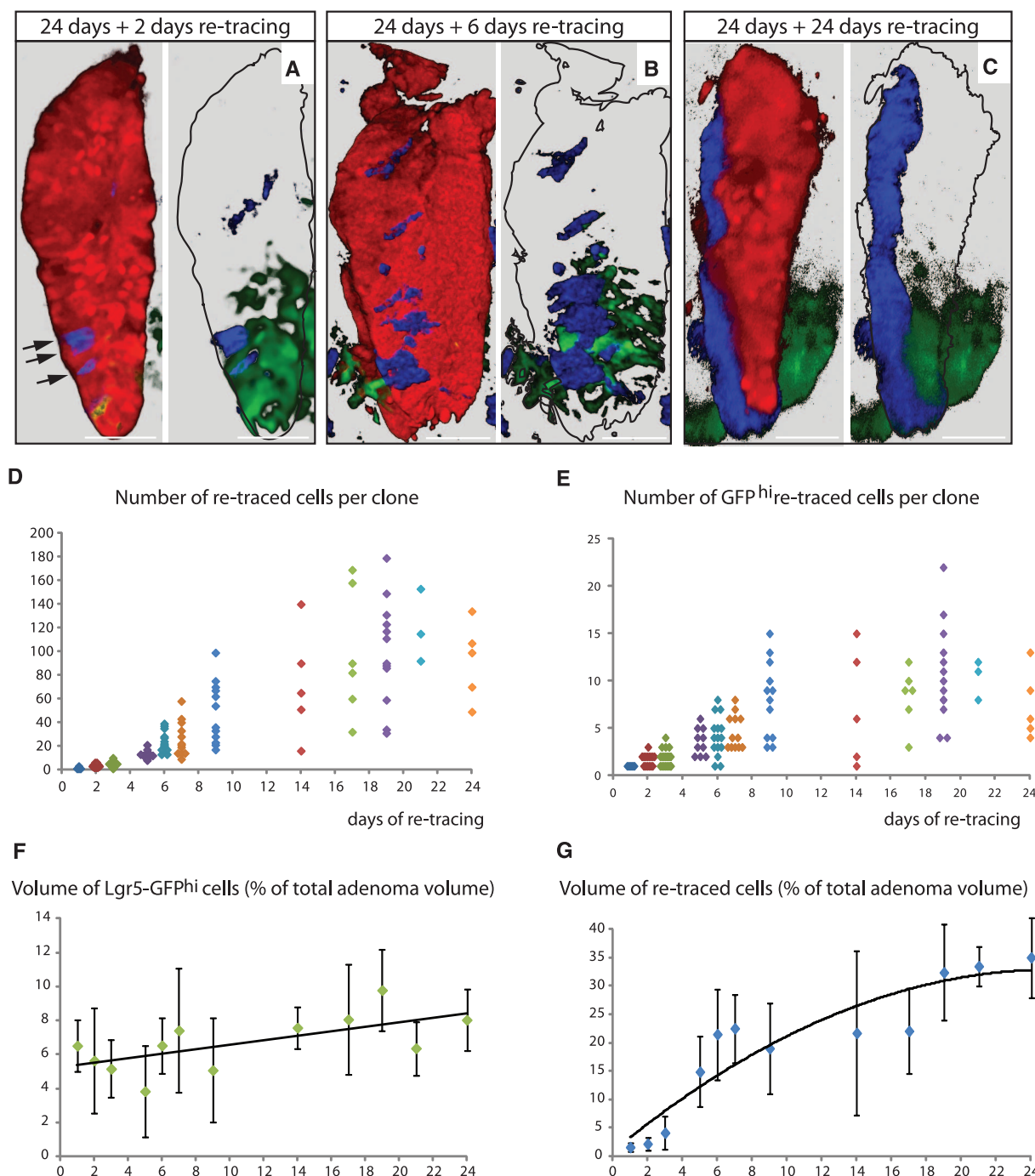
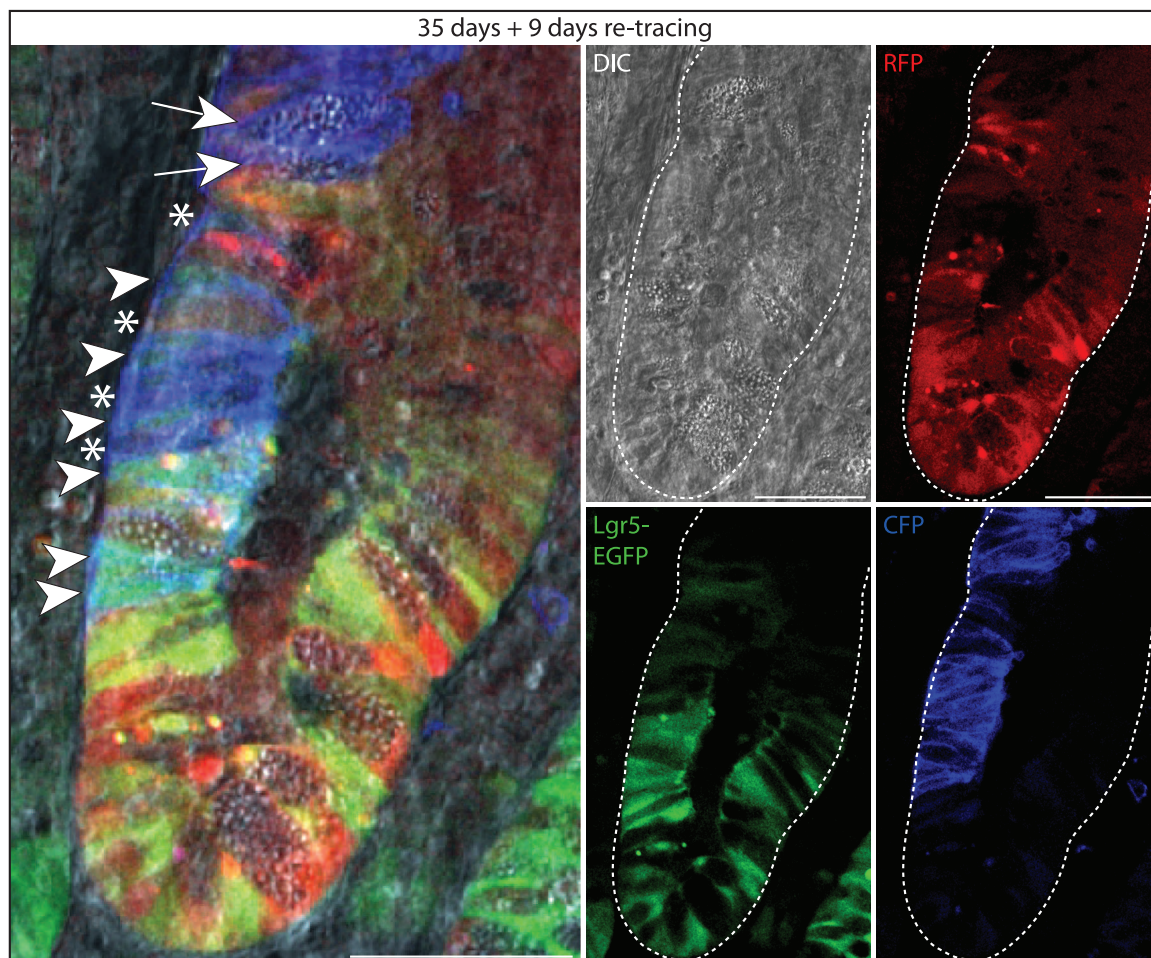


Fig. 3. Retracing of *Lgr5*⁺ adenoma cells. (A) *Apc*-deficient adenomas were allowed to develop for 24 days in *Lgr5-EGFP-Ires-CreERT2/Apc^{fl/y}/R26R-Confetti* mice before retracing of *Lgr5*⁺ adenoma cells was induced. Two days after retracing, CFP [cyan fluorescent protein (blue)]-positive cells (arrows) were observed at the bottom of a red adenoma segment. *Lgr5-EGFP* is shown in green. (B) Six days after retracing, blue ribbons of cells were present within red adenoma segments. (C) Twenty-four days after retracing, blue cells comprised

a large part of the adenoma. (D and E) Quantification of the total amounts of re-traced cells (D) and the amounts of *Lgr5*-GFP^{hi} re-traced cells (E) over time. (F) Calculated volume of GFP^{hi} cells as a percentage of the total volume of the adenoma segment. Error bars represent SEM. A linear trend line is given, $R^2 = 0.41$. (G) Calculated volume of the re-traced cells as a percentage of the total volume of the adenoma segment. Error bars represent SEM. A second-order polynomial trend line is given, $R^2 = 0.86$.

Fig. 4. $Lgr5^+$ adenoma cells expand and give rise to adenoma Paneth cells. A red adenoma segment retraced for 9 days after 35 days of adenoma development in a $Lgr5$ -EGFP-Ires-CreERT2/ $Apc^{fl/fl}/R26R$ -Confetti mouse. The left image is an overlay of four channels; DIC is shown in gray, the original segment in red, $Lgr5^+$ cells in green, and the retraced cells in blue. Within the red segment, a blue clone appears, originating at the $Lgr5$ -EGFP $^+$ base of the cryptlike structure. Multiple $Lgr5$ -GFP $^+$ adenoma cells occur within the clonal ribbon (arrowhead), demonstrating the expansion of $Lgr5^+$ adenoma cells. In addition, at least two blue Paneth cells (arrows) and multiple blue $Lgr5^-$ cells, resembling transit-amplifying cells (asterisks), are present. Scale bars, 50 μ m.



(3). From day 9 to day 24 after retracing, the blue cells expanded to compose up to 30% of the volume of the adenomas (Fig. 3, C and G). A quantification of clone size over time is given in Fig. 3D. The number of $Lgr5$ -GFP hi stem cells within the retraced population also increased over time, indicating that $Lgr5^+$ adenoma stem cells clonally expanded within established adenomas (Fig. 3E). The total number of $Lgr5$ -GFP hi cells comprised a minority of the adenoma cells. We found that around 5 to 10% of the adenoma cells were $Lgr5$ -GFP hi (Fig. 3F). This number is similar to that of normal crypts, which consist of 150 to 200 cells and harbor about 15 stem cells each, thus reinforcing the notion that adenomas retain characteristics of the crypt stem cell niche.

To address whether $Lgr5$ -GFP hi adenoma cells are able to generate all cell types of the adenoma, we studied the phenotype of individual cells within the clonal offspring of an $Lgr5^+$ adenoma cell. As an example, Fig. 4 depicts a red adenoma after 35 days of tracing, with a subsequent retracing for 9 days, in which an $Lgr5^+$ adenoma cell gave rise to a blue ribbonlike clone (see also fig. S5). Multiple $Lgr5$ -GFP $^+$ adenoma cells were observed within the clonal ribbon (arrowheads), demonstrating the production of additional $Lgr5^+$ adenoma cells within the ribbon. In addition, at least two blue Paneth cells

(arrows) and multiple blue $Lgr5^-$ cells, resembling transit-amplifying cells (asterisks), could be observed after 9 days of retracing within the clonal ribbonlike structure. These results indicate that $Lgr5^+$ adenoma cells give rise to the other cell types in the adenoma. Combined with the observation that large parts of an adenoma can emerge from a single $Lgr5^+$ adenoma cell, these observations qualify these cells as the multipotent stem cells of the adenoma.

The original studies that propose the existence of cancer stem cells in human colorectal cancer have their basis in transplantation of sorted cell populations into immunodeficient mice (16–18). The manipulations required for sorting, combined with the xenotransplantation setting, impose inherent limitations to the interpretation of the outcome of this assay (19). In an alternative approach, single-cell sorting of cultured primary colorectal cancers has been used to demonstrate that about 1 in 20 cells has the capacity in vitro of multilineage differentiation, considered an attribute of stem cells (20). In a follow-up study, this culture-based assay was combined with the classic xenograft approach to demonstrate that colon cancer stem cells display high Wnt pathway activity (21). The stem cell marker used in the current study, $Lgr5$, is encoded by a Wnt target gene and itself constitutes a Wnt receptor component (22).

Battle and colleagues used markers enriched in normal colon $Lgr5^+$ stem cells to visualize a stemlike cell population in human colon cancers, residing at the base of structures that resemble normal crypts (21). Indeed, the presence of $Lgr5^+$ stem cells and of all differentiated lineages within colon cancers was confirmed by single-cell polymerase chain reaction (23). These latter two studies imply that our current functional observations on $Lgr5^+$ stem cells in mouse adenomas extend to human colon carcinomas. Although adenomas represent only the first stage of intestinal tumorigenesis, the composition of these tumors, as revealed in this study, is fully compatible with the original notion of Pierce and Speers (24) that “carcinomas are caricatures of tissue renewal, in that they are composed of a mixture of malignant stem cells, which have a marked capacity for proliferation and a limited capacity for differentiation under normal homeostatic conditions, and of the differentiated, possibly benign, progeny of these malignant cells.”

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Closed-Loop Control of Epilepsy by Transcranial Electrical Stimulation

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Many neurological and psychiatric diseases are associated with clinically detectable, altered brain dynamics. The aberrant brain activity, in principle, can be restored through electrical stimulation. In epilepsies, abnormal patterns emerge intermittently, and therefore, a closed-loop feedback brain control that leaves other aspects of brain functions unaffected is desirable. Here, we demonstrate that seizure-triggered, feedback transcranial electrical stimulation (TES) can dramatically reduce spike-and-wave episodes in a rodent model of generalized epilepsy. Closed-loop TES can be an effective clinical tool to reduce pathological brain patterns in drug-resistant patients.

A successful, although not well-understood, therapy in drug-resistant cases of Parkinson's disease and depression is deep brain stimulation (1–3), in which high-frequency stimulation is applied continuously. In many diseases,

such as epilepsies, events recur unpredictably and often are separated by long interictal intervals (4–6). In such instances, a closed-loop, transient feedback control could abort seizure episodes without inducing detrimental side effects of

continuous stimulation (7–13). We attempted to achieve seizure control by means of closed-loop transcranial electrical stimulation (TES) in a rodent model of generalized (“petit mal”) epilepsy (14, 15) because previous experiments have shown that even very weak TES can reliably entrain neurons in widespread cortical areas (16–20).

We first demonstrated the effect of TES on cortical excitability. Local field potentials (LFPs) and multiple-unit activity (MUA) were recorded by chronically implanted tripolar electrodes (Fig. 1A) and placed in the deep and superficial layers of the frontal and parietal cortical areas (21). TES was applied either between the left and right

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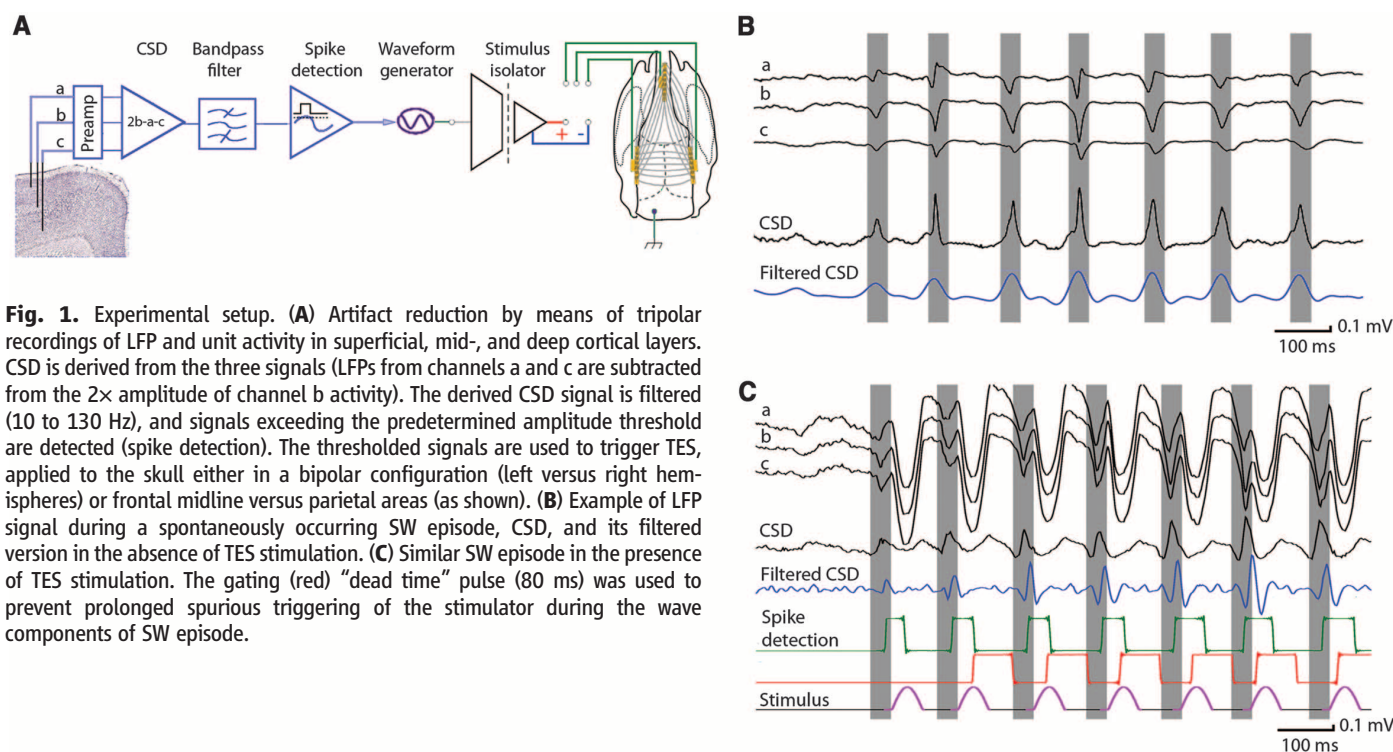


Fig. 1. Experimental setup. **(A)** Artifact reduction by means of tripolar recordings of LFP and unit activity in superficial, mid-, and deep cortical layers. CSD is derived from the three signals (LFPs from channels a and c are subtracted from the 2× amplitude of channel b activity). The derived CSD signal is filtered (10 to 130 Hz), and signals exceeding the predetermined amplitude threshold are detected (spike detection). The thresholded signals are used to trigger TES, applied to the skull either in a bipolar configuration (left versus right hemispheres) or frontal midline versus parietal areas (as shown). **(B)** Example of LFP signal during a spontaneously occurring SW episode, CSD, and its filtered version in the absence of TES stimulation. **(C)** Similar SW episode in the presence of TES stimulation. The gating (red) “dead time” pulse (80 ms) was used to prevent prolonged spurious triggering of the stimulator during the wave components of SW episode.

Lineage Tracing Reveals Lgr5⁺ Stem Cell Activity in Mouse Intestinal Adenomas

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Cancer Stem Cells in Color

One of the liveliest debates in contemporary cancer research centers on whether cancer stem cells (CSCs) exist and, if so, how these cells are defined phenotypically. CSCs are hypothesized to be a small population of cells within a tumor that are endowed with the unique capacity to drive tumor growth—a scenario that in principle would offer important therapeutic opportunities. By studying mice expressing multicolor reporter genes, **Schepers et al.** (p. 730, published online 1 August) were able to visualize and monitor the fate of a candidate stem cell for intestinal adenomas, an early stage of cancer. This "lineage tracing" analysis suggests that tumor cells expressing the intestinal crypt stem cell marker Lgr5 (leucine-rich repeat containing G protein-coupled receptor 5) are the cells that fuel the growth of intestinal adenomas.

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