An alternatively spliced STING isoform localizes in the cytoplasmic

membrane and directly senses extracellular cGAMP

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Supplemental Data:

Supplementary table 1. The sequence of primers and siRNAs used in this study.

Primer or siRNA	Sequence (5'->3')
Mouse Tmem173 forward	GCTGTGCCATGTCCAGTC
Mouse Tmem173 reverse	CAACCGCAAGTACCCAAT
Human TMEM173 forward	TCTCCTCGTCATCATCCAG
Human TMEM173 reserve	AGGAGGATGTTCAGTGCC
negative control	UUCUCCGAACGUGUCACGUTT
	ACGUGACACGUUCGGAGAATT
si-cGAS-mus-660	GGCCGAGACGGUGAAUAAATT
	UUUAUUCACCGUCUCGGCCTT
si-cGAS-mus-892	GGAAAUCCGCUGAGUCAUUTT
	AAUGACUCAGCGGAUUUCCTT
si-cGAS-mus-1032	CCCUGCUGUAACACUUCUUTT
	AAGAAGUGUUACAGCAGGGTT
si-SLC19A1-1	CCAAGGAGCAGGUGACUAATT
	UUAGUCACCUGCUCCUUGGTT
si-SLC19A1-2	UAAGUGAACUGGUGGAAAATT
	UUUUCCACCAGUUCACUUATT
si-SLC19A1-3	CCAGGAAACUAGAUCGCAUTT
	AUGCGAUCUAGUUUCCUGGTT

Supplemental Figures



Supplemental Figure 1. Extracellular cGAMP activates T and B lymphocytes. Related to Figure 1. (A) The expression of CD69 was detected by flowcytometry in WT and $Tmem173^{gt}$ CD4+ T cells treated with vehicle or cGAMP. (B) The expression of CD69 was detected by flowcytometry in WT and $Tmem173^{gt}$ CD8+ T cells treated with vehicle or cGAMP. (C) The expression of CD69 was detected by flowcytometry in WT and $Tmem173^{gt}$ CD8+ T cells treated with vehicle or cGAMP. (D) The expression of CD86 was detected by flowcytometry in WT and $Tmem173^{gt}$ B cells treated with vehicle or cGAMP. (D) The expression of CD86 was detected by flowcytometry in WT and $Tmem173^{gt}$ B cells treated with vehicle or cGAMP.



Supplemental Figure 2. An alternatively spliced isoform of mouse STING. Related to Figure 3. (A) cDNA sequence of both STING isoforms in mice splenocytes. (B) Both STING isoforms have been detected by Western Blot in different tissues of mice. (C) Both STING isoforms have been validated by PCR in different tissues of mice.



Supplemental Figure 3. Mouse pmSTING directly senses extracellular cGAMP and promotes IFN production. Related to Figure 4. (A) The expression of cGAS in B16^{*Tmem173-/-*} cells transfected with three different siRNAs targeting cGAS was detected by western blot. (B) B16^{*Tmem173-/-*} cells stably expressing alkaline phosphatase to monitor interferon activity were transfected with erSTING-FLAG or pmSTING-FLAG after knocking down cGAS. The alkaline phosphatase was detected in these cells after treated with vehicle or cGAMP (n=3). ** represents p<0.01; NS means not significant, by 2-tailed, paired Student's *t* test. (C) The expression of SLC19A1 in B16^{*Tmem173-/-*} cells transfected with three different siRNAs targeting SLC19A1 was detected by western blot. (D) B16^{*Tmem173-/-*} cells stably expressing alkaline phosphatase to monitor interferon activity were transfected with three different siRNAs targeting SLC19A1 was detected by western blot. (D) B16^{*Tmem173-/-*} cells stably expressing alkaline phosphatase to monitor interferon activity were transfected with erSTING-FLAG or pmSTING-FLAG after knocking down SLC19A1. The alkaline phosphatase to monitor interferon activity were transfected with vehicle or cGAMP (n=3). * represents *p*<0.05, ** represents *p*<0.01, NS means not significant, by 2-tailed, paired Student's *t* test.



Supplemental Figure 4. The cDNA sequence of both human STING isoforms in PBMCs. Related to figure 6.



Supplemental Figure 5. Mouse pmSTING translocates from plasma membrane into the cytoplasm upon stimulating by the extracellular cGAMP. (A) The distribution of pmSTING-EGFP in 293T cells with or without extracellular cGAMP treatment using confocal microscopy. Scale bars: 50 μ m. (B) B16^{Tmem173-/-}cells were transfected with pmSTING-FLAG and treated with or without cGAMP. An antibody against FLAG was used to detect the distribution of pmSTING-FLAG in B16^{Tmem173-/-} cells using confocal microscopy. Scale bars: 20 μ m.







Mouse Spleenocyte

Figure 3B Figure 3C Mouse 1 Mouse 2 Mouse 3 Marker Thymus Spleen Marker STING isoform1 STING isoform2

STING



Figure 3E



Figure 4B













Figure 4C

IP:Flag erSTING Input Input Flag IgG Flag IgG cGAMP + GFP -Flag-

B16-KO-STING-ISG-Blue





Figure 4C

Full unedited gel for Figure 4

IP:Flag pmSTING Input Input Flag IgG Flag lgG cGAMP + ÷ GFP -Flag-**B16-KO-STING-ISG-Blue**





Figure 4D



B16-KO-STING-ISG-Blue

Figure 4D



















Figure 6B













HEK293T

Figure 6C







Figure 6C







Figure 6D







Figure 6D







Figure 6E







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B16-KO-STING-ISG-Blue