

Supplemental Materials and Methods

Histology and immunofluorescence staining

Mouse right ventricles were perfused with 1 ml PBS and the lungs were inflated with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA) at a constant pressure of 25 cm H₂O, and then fixed in 4% PFA overnight at 4°C. After fixation, the lungs were washed by cold PBS X 4 times in 2 hrs at 4°C, and dehydrated in a series of increasing ethanol concentration washes (30%, 50%, 70%, 95% and 100%). The dehydrated lungs were incubated with Xylene for 1 hr at RT and with paraffin at 65°C for 90 min X 2 times, and then embed in paraffin and sectioned. Antibodies used were rabbit anti-ACTA2 (1:200, Abcam, ab5694), rat anti-BrdU (1:200, Abcam, ab6326, Clone# BU1/75 (ICR1)), chicken anti-GFP (1:200, Aves Labs, GFP-1020), mouse anti-MSLN-Alexa Fluor 647 (1:50, Santa Cruz, sc-33672, Clone# K1), rabbit anti-SFTPC (1:250, Millipore, ab3786), goat anti-SCGB1A1 (1:500, Santa Cruz, sc-9772, Clone# T-18), rabbit anti-cleaved caspase-3 (1:200, CST, 9664T, Clone# 5A1E) and rabbit anti-MET (1:50, Santa Cruz, sc-10, Clone# C-12). LacZ staining of lungs was performed as previously described (58). For human lung slides, mouse anti-THY1-PE (1:200, R&D Systems, FAB2067P, Clone# Thy-1A1) and mouse anti-ITGA8 antibodies (1:200, Clone# YZ-3 recombinant antibody generated in the Yokosaki lab) (59) were utilized. X-gal staining was visualized with both light microscopy and confocal microscopy using excitation (633 nm)/emission range (650-770 nm) (60).

Western blotting

Mice lungs were lysed with tissue protein extraction buffer with protease and phosphatase inhibitor cocktail (Thermo). Western blotting analysis was performed as described previously (61). Antibodies used were mouse GAPDH (1:2000, Santa Cruz, sc-32233, Clone# 6C5), rabbit anti-MET (1:1000, Santa Cruz, sc-10, Clone# C-12) and rabbit anti-phospho-MET (1:1000, Invitrogen, 44-888G). Densitometry was quantified using Fiji software. See complete unedited blots in the supplemental material.

Bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (BALF) collection

BALF was obtained by inserting a 20-gauge catheter into the trachea through which 1 ml of cold PBS was flushed back and forth 3 times. Total white blood cells were quantified using a Coulter counter (Beckman Coulter), and the cell types were determined by cytopsin preparation (Cytospin 3; Thermo Electron Corp) and Diff-Quick staining.

Fluorescence activated cell sorting (FACS) and analysis

Whole mouse lung was dissected from adult animals and tracheally perfused with a digestion cocktail of Collagenase Type I (225 U/ml, Thermo Fisher), Dispase (15 U/ml, Thermo Fisher) and Dnase (50 U/ml, Sigma) and removed from the chest. For FACS analysis of immune cells, a digestion cocktail of Liberase TM (40 µg/mL, Sigma) and Dnase (50 U/ml, Sigma) in HBSS was used to dissociate the lung. The lung was further diced with razor blades and the mixture was incubated for 45 mins at 37 °C and vortexed intermittently. The mixture was then washed with FACS buffer (2% FBS in DMEM-F12). The mixture was passed through a 70 µm cell strainer and resuspended in RBC lysis buffer, before passing through a 40 µm cell strainer. Cells suspensions were incubated

with the appropriate antibodies in FACS buffer for 30 min at 4 °C and washed with FACS buffer. The following antibodies were used at 1:200 for staining: rat anti-CD45-PE-Cy7 (Thermo Fisher, 25-0451-82, Clone# 30-F11), rat anti-EPCAM-BV421 (Thermo Fisher, BDB563214, Clone# G8.8), rat anti-CD31-PerCP-eFluor 710 (Thermo Fisher, 46-0311-80, Clone# 390), mouse anti-ITGA8-APC (59), rat anti-LY6A-APC-Cy7 (Biolegend, 108126, Clone# D7), rat anti-LY6C-APC (Biolegend, 128016, Clone# HK1.4), rat anti-PDGFRa-APC (Thermo Fisher, 17-1401-81, Clone# APA5), Armenian hamster anti-CD3e-APC (Biolegend, 100312, Clone# 145-2C11), rat anti-CD4-BV711 (Biolegend, 100549, Clone# RM4-5), rat anti-CD19-PE/Dazzle 594 (Biolegend, 115554, Clone# 6D5), Armenian Hamster anti-CD11C-PE/Cy7 (Biolegend, 117318, Clone# N418), rat anti-CD11b-Pacific Blue (Biolegend, 101224, Clone# M1/70), rat anti-LY6G/LY6C-APC/Cy7 (Biolegend, 108424, Clone# RB6-8C5), rat anti-Siglec-F-BV786 (BD, 740956, Clone# E50-2440), mouse anti-NK-1.1-BV650 (Biolegend, 108736, Clone# PK136), and rat anti-CD45-BUV395 (BD, 564279, Clone# 30-F11). For human lung, a piece of it (~10 cm³) was dissected from the whole lung and washed with HBSS X 4 times in 15 min. The piece of lung was further diced with razor blades and was added into the digestion cocktail of Collagenase Type I (225 U/ml, Thermo Fisher), Dispase (15 U/ml, Thermo Fisher) and Dnase (100 U/ml, Sigma). The mixture was incubated for 2 h at 37 °C and vortexed intermittently. The mixture was then liquefied with a blender and passed through 4X4 gauze, a 100 µm and a 70 µm cell strainer. The mixture was resuspended in RBC lysis buffer, before passing through a 40 µm cell strainer. Cells suspensions were incubated with the appropriate antibodies in FACS buffer for 30 min at 4 °C and washed with FACS buffer. The following antibodies were used at 1:200 for staining: mouse anti-

CD45-APC-Cy7 (BioLegend, 3304014, Clone# HI30), mouse anti-CD31-APC-Cy7 (BioLegend, 303120-BL, Clone# WM59), mouse anti-CD11b-APC-Cy7 (BD Biosciences, 557754, Clone# ICRF44), mouse anti- EPCAM-APC-Cy7 (BioLegend, 324233, Clone# 9C4), mouse anti- EPCAM-PE (BioLegend, 324206, Clone# 9C4) mouse anti-THY1-PE (R&D Systems, FAB2067P, Clone # Thy-1A1) and mouse anti-ITGA8-APC (Clone# YZ-3) (59). DAPI (0.2 µg/ml) and DRAQ7 (CST, 1:1000) was used to exclude dead cells. Doublets and dead cells were excluded based on forward scatter, side scatter and DAPI/DRAQ7 fluorescence. Cells were sorted into FACS buffer. FACS analysis was performed by FACSDiva (BD Biosciences) and FlowJo (TreeStar) softwares.

Bulk RNA library preparation and HiSeq sequencing

The RNA was extracted by PicoPure RNA Isolation Kit (Applied Biosystems) from the sorted GLI2+ cells, and the amount and quality of extracted RNA was measured by RNA 6000 Pico Kit (Agilent). The downstream library preparation and sequencing was performed at GENEWIZ, LLC (South Plainfield, NJ, USA). RNA sequencing library preparation used the NEBNext Ultra RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina by following manufacturer's recommendations (NEB, Ipswich, MA, USA). Briefly, mRNA was first enriched with Oligod(T) beads. Enriched mRNAs were fragmented for 15 minutes at 94°C. First strand and second strand cDNA were subsequently synthesized. cDNA fragments were end repaired and adenylated at 3'ends, and universal adapter was ligated to cDNA fragments, followed by index addition and library enrichment with limited cycle PCR. Sequencing libraries were validated on the Agilent TapeStation (Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA, USA), and quantified by using Qubit 2.0 Fluorometer

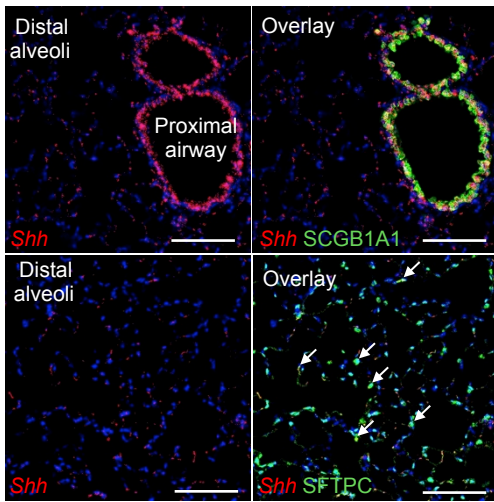
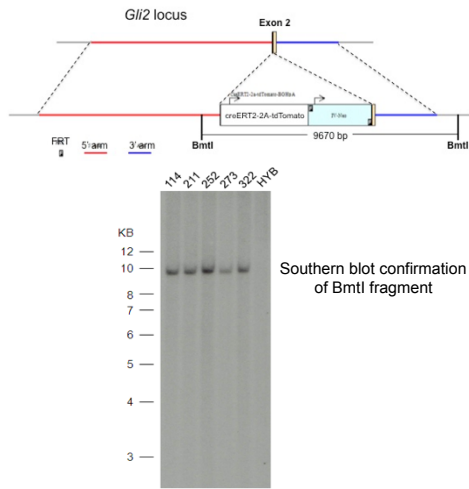
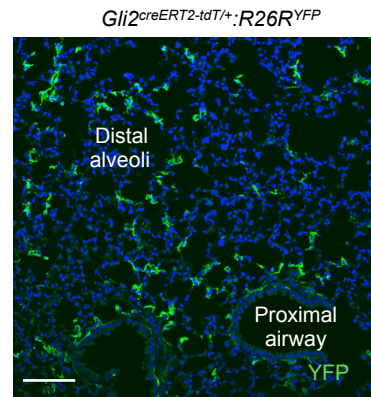
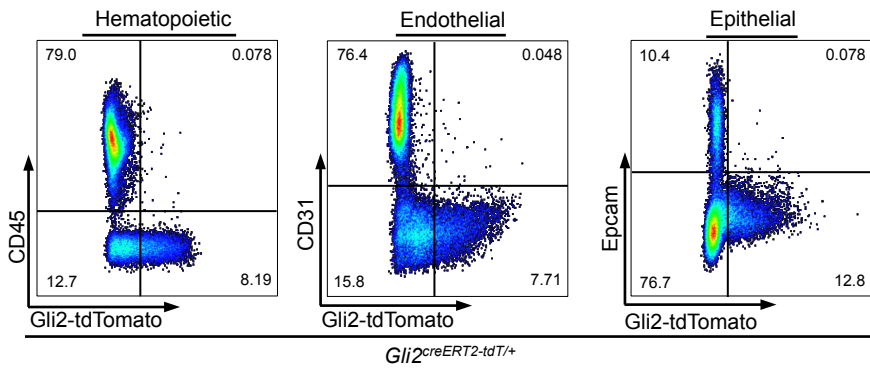
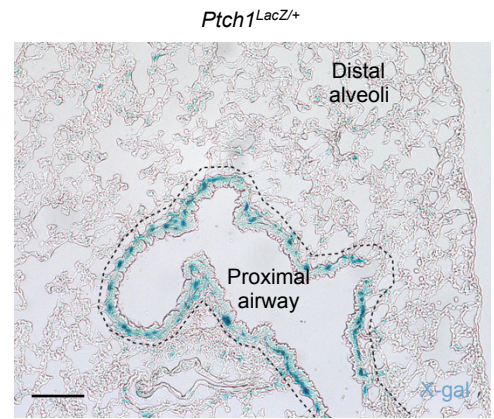
(Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA) as well as by quantitative PCR (Applied Biosystems, Carlsbad, CA, USA). The sequencing libraries were multiplexed and clustered on one lane of a flowcell. After clustering, the flowcell was loaded on the Illumina HiSeq instrument according to manufacturer's instructions. The samples were sequenced using a 2x150 Paired End (PE) configuration. Image analysis and base calling were conducted by the HiSeq Control Software (HCS). Raw sequence data (.bcl files) generated from Illumina HiSeq was converted into fastq files and de-multiplexed using Illumina's bcl2fastq 2.17 software. One mis-match was allowed for index sequence identification.

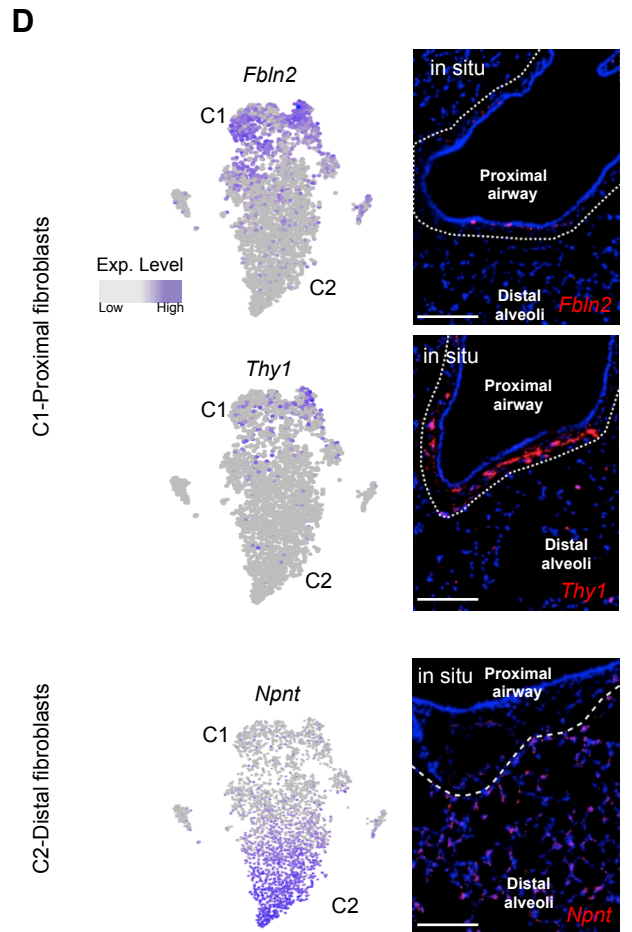
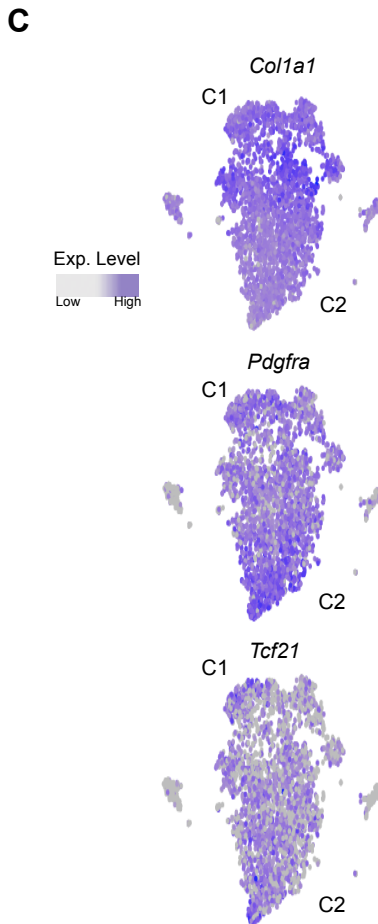
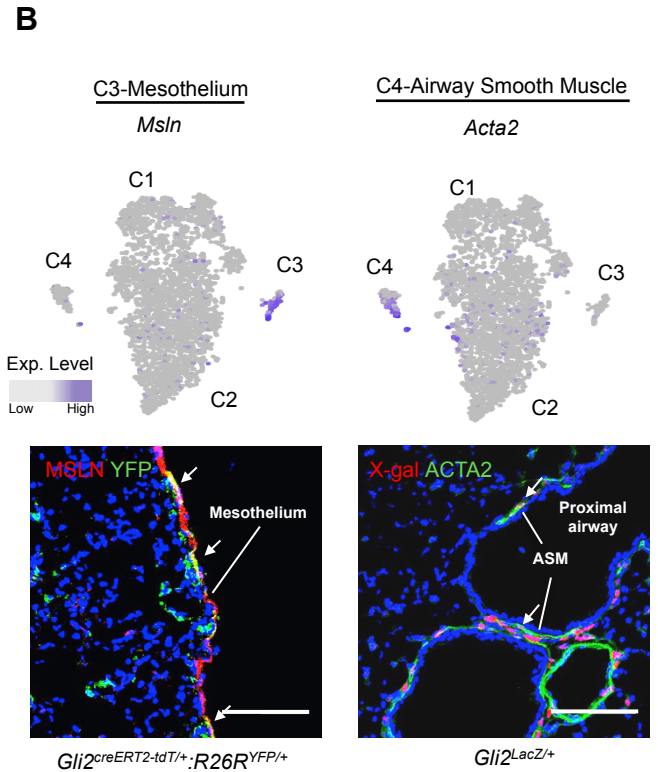
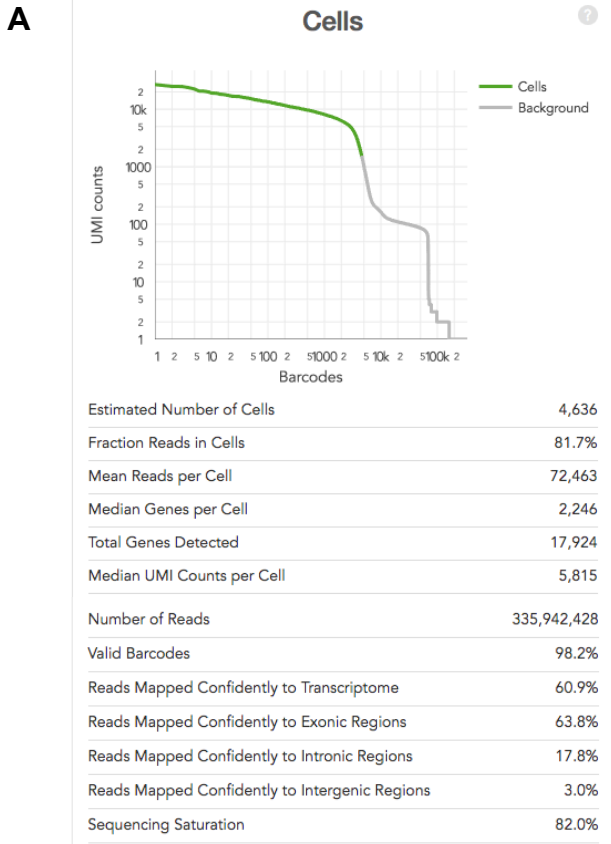
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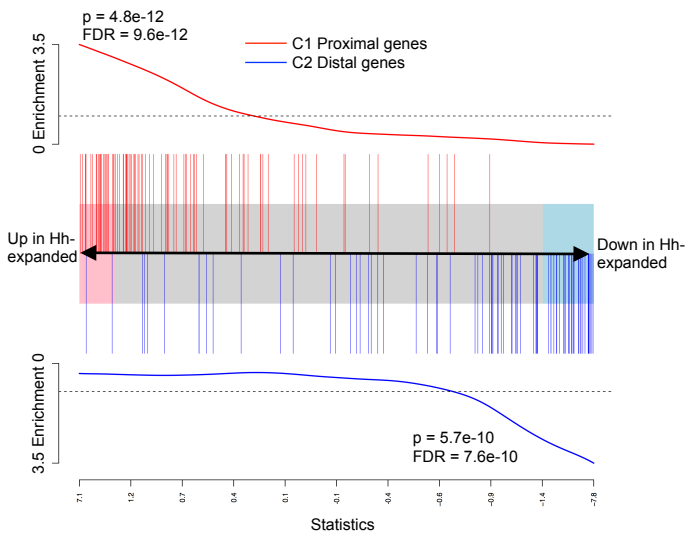
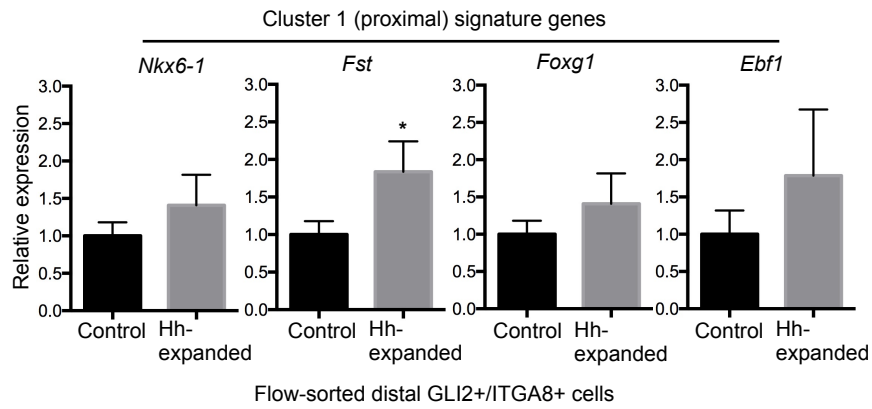
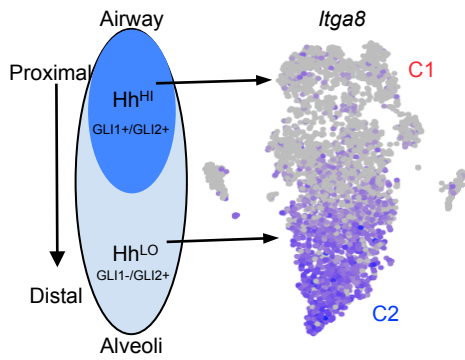
Total RNA was isolated from fresh sorted or cultured primary lung fibroblasts using the PicoPure RNA Isolation Kit (Applied Biosystems) or the RNeasy kit (QIAGEN), following the manufacturers' protocols. cDNA was synthesized from total RNA using the SuperScript Strand Synthesis System (Invitrogen). Quantitative real-time PCR (qPCR) was performed using the SYBR Green system (Thermo Fisher). Relative gene expression levels after qPCR were defined using the $\Delta\Delta C_t$ method and normalizing to GAPDH. Data are shown as the average of a minimum of three biological replicates for each genotype/condition \pm SEM. Statistical analysis was done using the Student's t-test. The mouse primers used in this study includes: *Mus_Dhh* (For: 5' AGCAACTTGTGCCTCTGCTA 3'; Rev: 5' TTGCAACGCTCTGTCATCAG 3'), *Mus_Ihh* (For: 5' CTCTTGCCTACAAGCAGTTCA 3'; Rev: 5' CCGTGTTCTCCTCGTCCTT 3'), *Mus_Shh* (For: 5' AAAGCTGACCCCTTTAGCCTA 3'; Rev: 5'

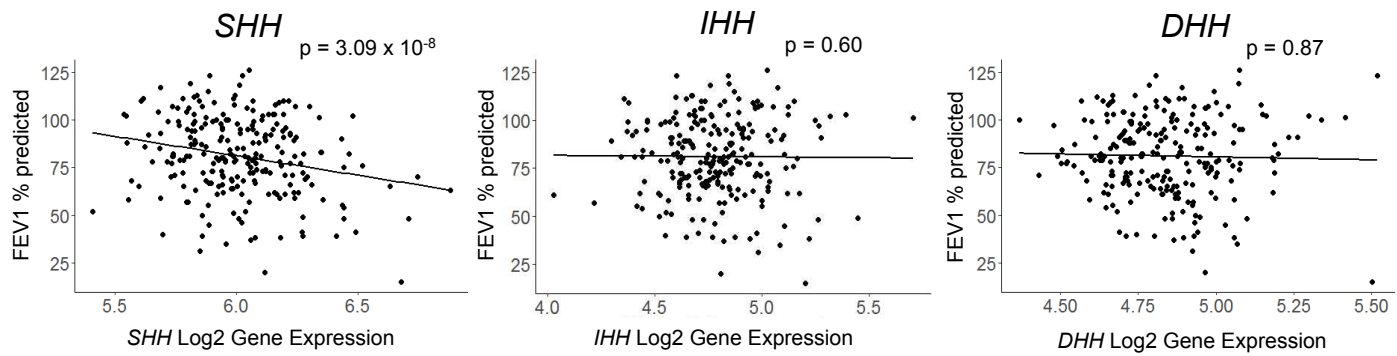
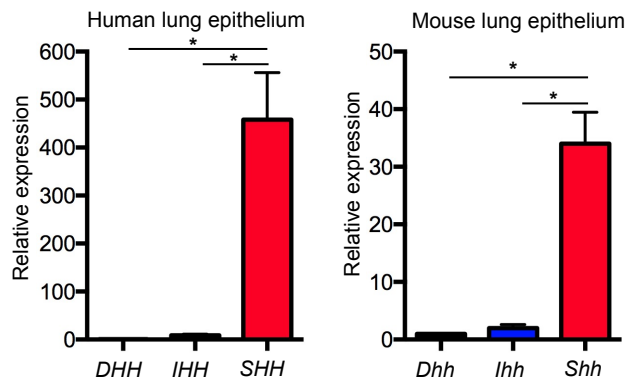
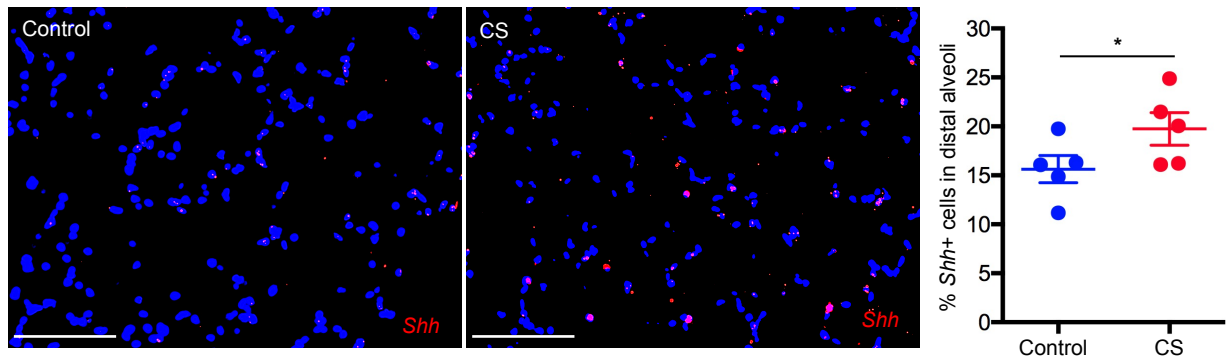
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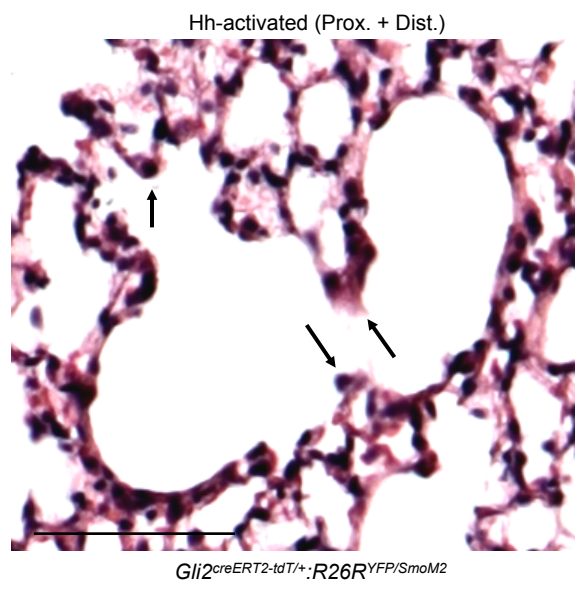
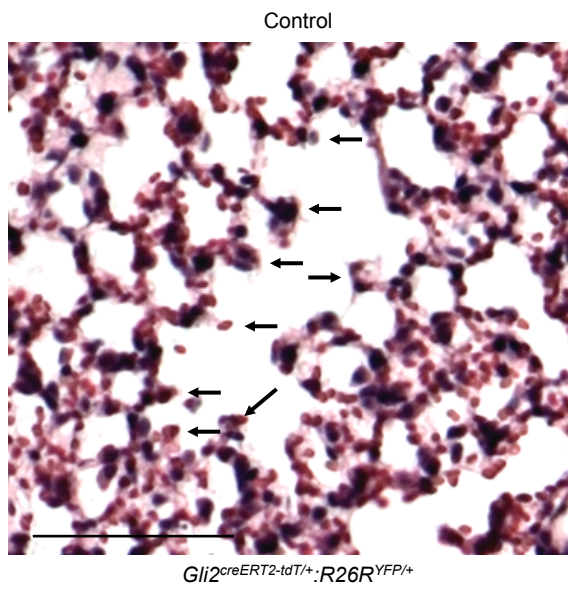
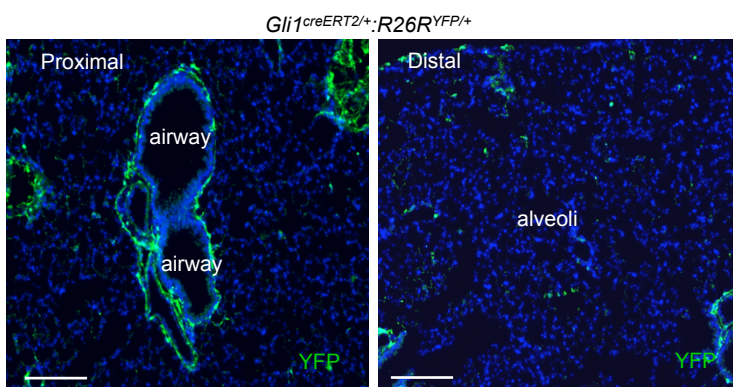
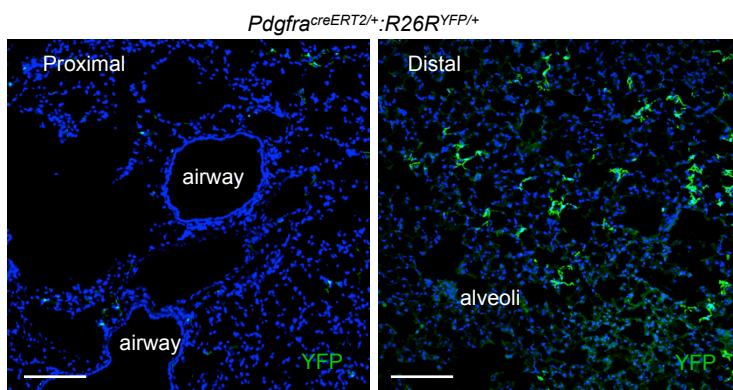
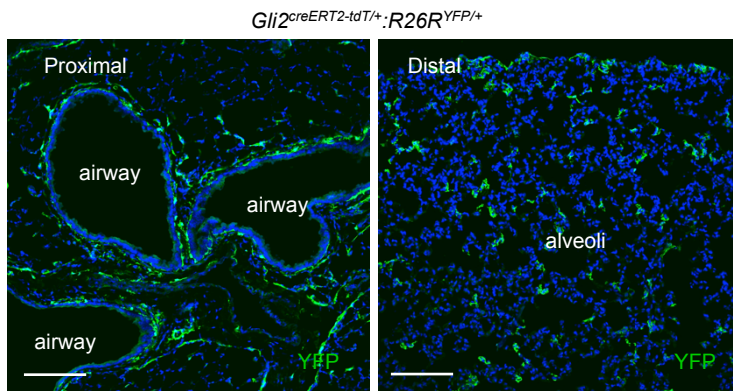
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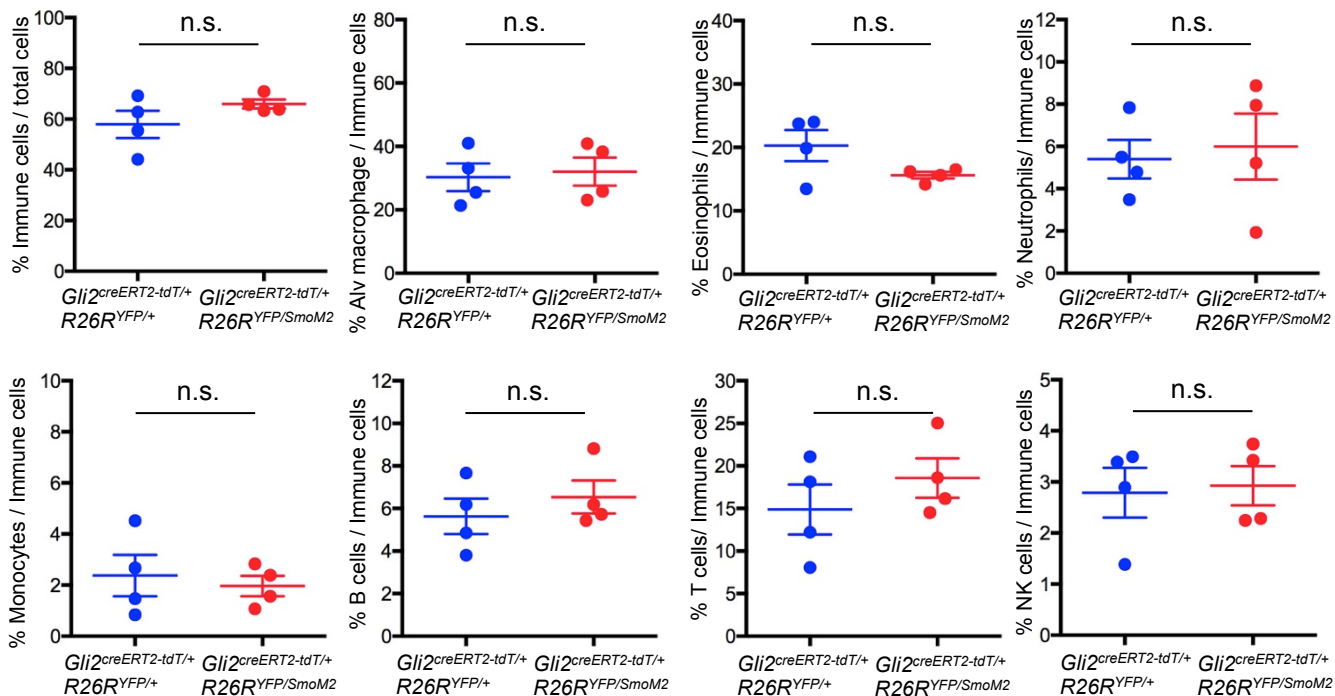
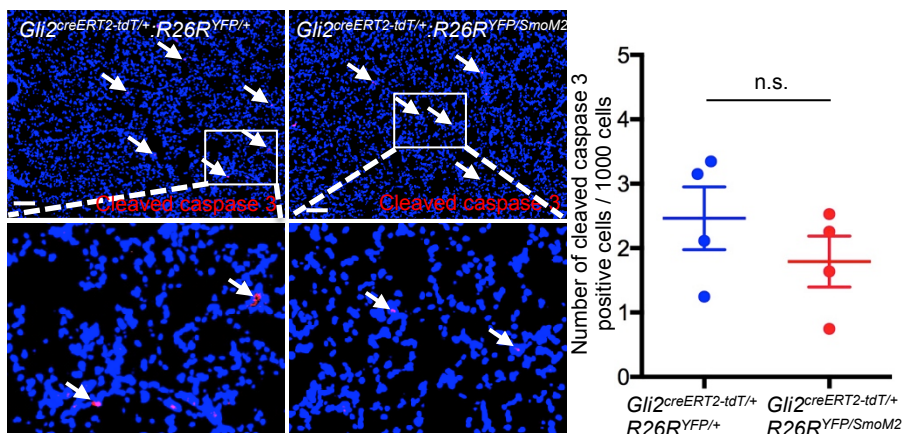
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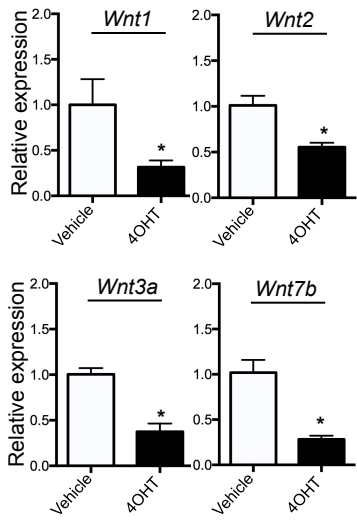


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