Supplementary Materials for

Arf6 exacerbates allergic asthma through cell-to-cell transmission of ASC inflammasomes

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Supplemental Figure 2. OVA uptake by dendritic cells for antigen presentation in mLNs.

Alexa Fluor 488-conjugated OVA (100 μg) was intranasally administered to OVA-sensitized mice at day 7 after the last immunization. At day 1 after the OVA challenge, the single cell suspensions were obtained from isolated mediastinal lymph nodes (mLN) and were stained with anti-CD45 and anti-CD11c antibodies. The total number of Alexa Fluor 488-positive dendritic cells in mLNs was shown (n = 3 mice per group). Each symbol represents one mouse. n/s; not significant.
Supplemental Figure 3. The amount of IL-13+ ILC2 cells in OVA-challenged WT and Mφ-<i>Arf6</i> cKO mice.

Cell suspensions were prepared from lungs of WT and Mφ-<i>Arf6</i> cKO mice after OVA challenge. CD45<sup>+</sup>Lin<sup>-</sup>CD44<sup>+</sup>CD90<sup>+</sup>ST2<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup> cells were isolated from the lung cells as ILC2 cells. The isolated ILC2 cells were incubated with Golgi STOP protein transport inhibitor (BD) at 37°C for 4 h and subjected to immunostaining with anti-IL-13 antibody after 4% PFA fixation. The percentages of IL-13<sup>+</sup> ILC2 cells to total ILC2 cells were shown. Each symbol represents one mouse (n = 4 to 5 mice per group). The combined results from two independent experiments are shown.
Supplemental Figure 4. Isolation of airway macrophages from WT and Mϕ-<i>Arf6</i> cKO mice.

(A) Airway macrophages in BALF obtained from WT and Mϕ-<i>Arf6</i> cKO mice were isolated and the number of CD11b<sup>+</sup> (Mac-1) cells were counted by flow cytometry. Data are representative of three independent experiments. (B) At 36 h post treatment of 200 ng/ml LPS and 250 µg/ml alum, total RNAs were purified from WT and <i>Arf6</i>−/− macrophages and subjected to real-time PCR with primers specific for <i>Arf6</i> mRNA. Mean ± SD from four independent experiments are shown. n/s; not significant, ***<i>P</i> < 0.001; two-tailed Student’s t-test.
Supplemental Figure 5. Purification of extracellular GFP-ASC specks.

At 48 h post treatment of 200 ng/ml LPS and 250 µg/ml alum, the supernatants of THP-1 macrophages constitutively expressing GFP-ASC was centrifuged to remove cell debris and then subjected to a Percoll gradient to purify extracellular GFP-ASC specks. It was confirmed that there is no contamination of THP-1 cells in the bright field images. Representative images of cell-free purified extracellular GFP-ASC specks are shown.
Supplemental Figure 6. Extracellular ASC specks-mediated IL-1β production in neutrophils.

Neutrophils were isolated from bone marrow cells by Neutrophil isolation kit (Milteny Biotec; 130-097-658) according to the manufacturer's instruction. (A) The expression level of Arf6 in neutrophils isolated from WT and Mϕ-<sup>Arf6</sup> cKO mice was examined. (B) IL-1β production in neutrophils isolated from WT and Mϕ-<sup>Arf6</sup> cKO mice was examined by ELISA at 6 h post treatment of 5 × 10<sup>4</sup> particles of purified extracellular ASC specks.
Supplemental Figure 7. Effect of SecinH3 on allergic inflammation in Mϕ-Arf6 cKO mice.

OVA-immunized Mϕ-Arf6 cKO mice were intranasally injected with OVA at day 7 after the last immunization. After a 1-day incubation, the mice were intranasally administered with 50 nmol/head SecinH3 (SH3) and then challenged with OVA at days 10 and 13 after the last immunization. The amount of IL-5 (A) and the number of Siglec-F+ granulocytes (B) in BALF were examined at day 1 after the last OVA challenge by ELISA and FACS, respectively (n = 5 to 6 mice per group). Each symbol represents one mouse. n/s; not significant.