Notch inhibition stabilizes AAA progression and restores the structural integrity of aorta

(A) Representative ultrasound images showing luminal diameter of suprarenal aorta.
(B) Representative aorta showing external aortic diameter of suprarenal aorta.
(C) Quantification of suprarenal aortic diameter (n=16-18).
(D) Representative histological images showing HE staining in the experimental groups at 56 days of DAPT treatment.
(E) Representative TEM images showing collagen bundles/fibers and B-spacing.

*P<0.05; **P<0.001; Scale bar=50 μm in B and D and 50 nm in E.
From the front cover:

Courtesy of Dr Chetan Hans Laboratory:

Our overall objective is to determine if myeloid-specific Notch1 deficiency prevents or reverses AAA progression. My central hypothesis is that deficiency of Notch1 promotes differentiation of Mφ towards a M2-phenotype by a TGF-β2 dependent mechanism(s), which attenuates the inflammatory response and protects against AAA development. Successful completion of this project will provide insight into the cellular and molecular mechanisms by which loss of Notch1 signaling in macrophages prevents the progression of AAA, and ultimately may provide the basis for novel therapeutic approaches based on M2 differentiation of Mφ to treat AAA in humans.
From the Director

The Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center (DCRC) supports the objectives of the University of Missouri in its mission of teaching, research and service. Yet it is unique in its commitment to interdisciplinary collaborative research and teaching among various colleges, schools and departments across the Columbia campus. Under the auspices of DCRC, scientists from the fields of biochemistry, biological engineering, biological sciences, biomedical sciences, electrical engineering, medicine, pharmacology, physiology, physics, and veterinary medicine and surgery all come together and apply their particular expertise to research problems.

Our commitment to collaboration is grounded in the belief that interactions among scientists of diverse backgrounds will lead to multidisciplinary research producing meaningful, far-reaching results. Our commitment to collaboration is grounded in the belief that interactions among scientists of diverse backgrounds will lead to multidisciplinary research producing meaningful, far-reaching results. Research programs at DCRC include investigations into cardiac functions, cystic fibrosis, exercise, kidney failure, membrane transport, muscular dystrophy, neurohumoral control of the circulation, shock, vascular wall biology, diabetes, hypertension, biomedical engineering, protein-protein interactions, and tumor angiogenesis. Because the mission of DCRC is to promote interaction and collaboration, no single group completely defines the research activity of its members.

The center is committed to excellence in cardiovascular research and in the education of students and fellows. Our investigators provide service to the University, the State of Missouri, and the nation through memberships on committees, peer review panels and editorial boards of scientific journals.

The Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center is accredited by both the American Association for the Advancement of Laboratory Animal Care and the American Association of Laboratory Animal Sciences.

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**Interdisciplinary Research Interest Groups**

- Biomedical Engineering
- Microcirculation
- Exercise/Inactivity
- Vascular Biology
- Membrane Transport
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Tumor Angiogenesis
- Neurohumoral Control of Circulation
- Cardiac Muscle, Development & Disease

**Facilities**

- Erected 1967-1969
- 33,456 Square Feet
- 21 Research Labs
Image courtesy of Dr Shinghua Ding Laboratory, Resident Dalton Investigator

"NAD+ salvage pathway in mitochondria in neurons. Background shows an neurons transfec with mRFP in mitochondria."
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