

*Analyse der Genexpression und Signalwege bei  
der akuten *Campylobacter jejuni*-Enteritis in der  
humanen Dickdarmmukosa*

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- 1) RNA-Seq / Genexpression*
- 2) Pathway & Regulator Anlaysse (IPA)*
- 3) Pathway confirmation*

# Hintergrund

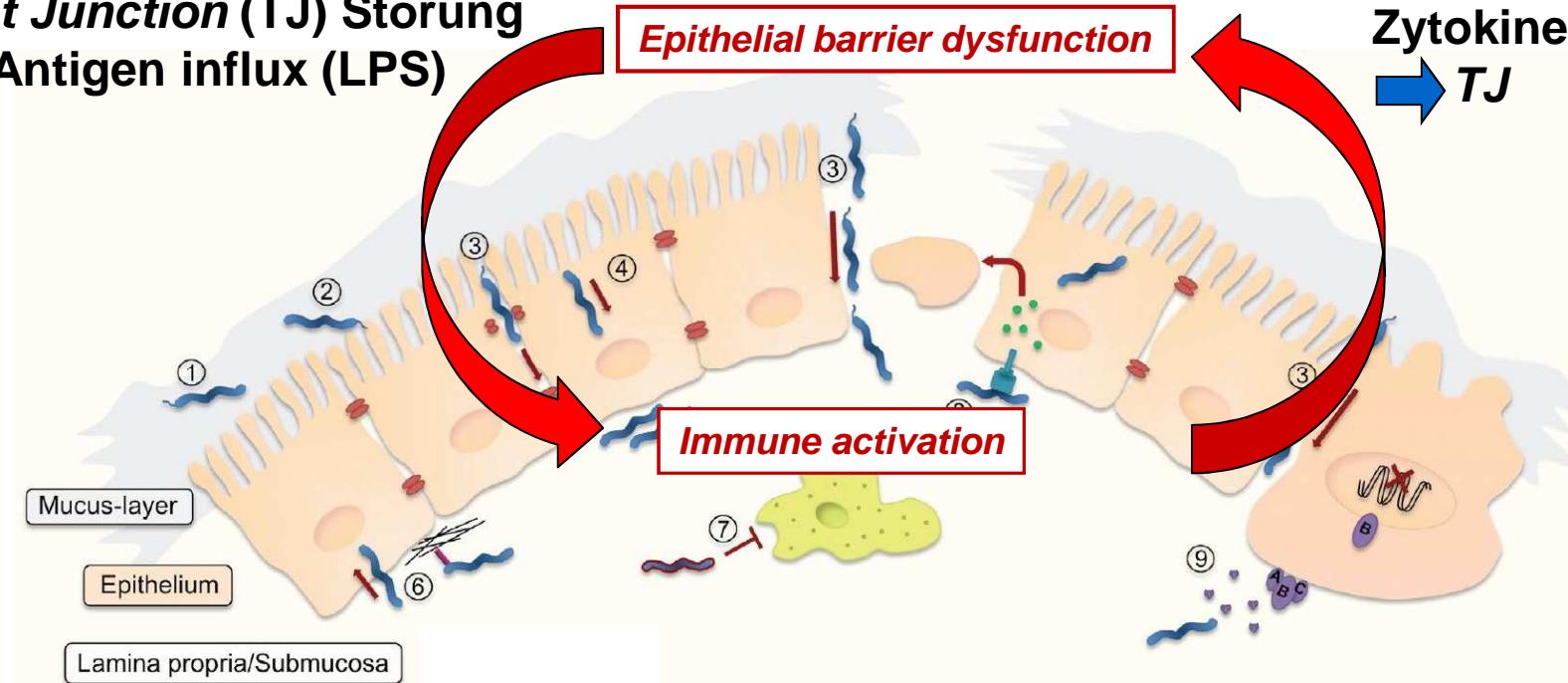
## Campylobacter jejuni Infektion

### Leaky Gut

**Tight Junction (TJ) Störung**  
→ Antigen influx (LPS)

*Epithelial barrier dysfunction*

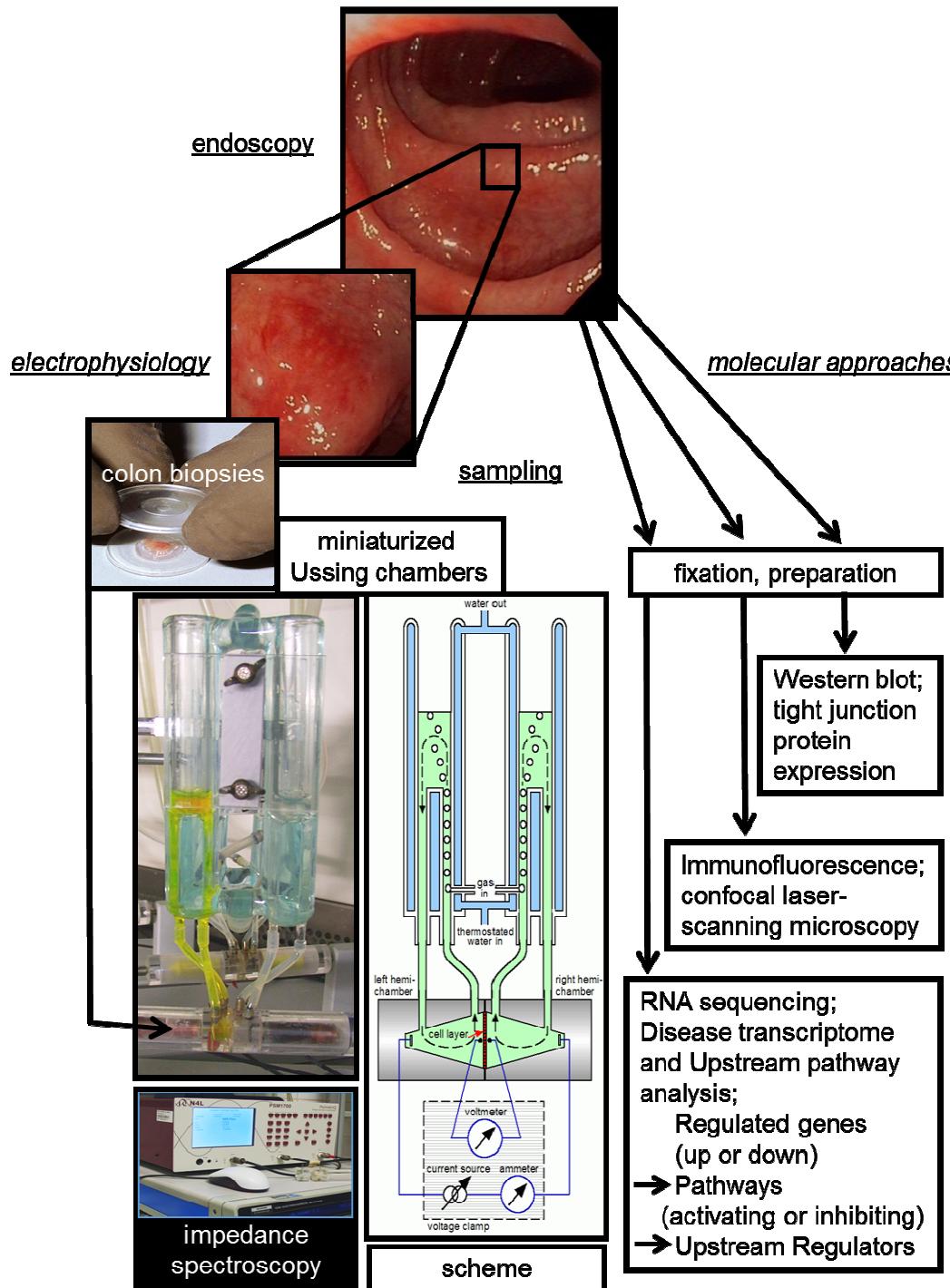
Zytokine  
→ TJ



**Komplikationen:**  
RDS CED RA

from: Sprenger, et al. Eur. J. Microbiol. Immunol. 2012

## Biopsy sampling (colonoscopy)



**C. jejuni-infected patients & controls**

**day 4-7 p.i. (n=4-6)**

# Ziele

## *Klinische Studie – Campylobacter-Enteritis*

- ▶ Identifizierung von Genen & Regulatoren, die das Epithel und mukosale Immunzellen modulieren (direkt in der Kolonmukosa von *C.j.* Patienten)
- ▶ Bestätigung von *Campylobacter*-induzierten Veränderungen der Signalwege / differentielle Genexpression konsistent mit beschriebenen Signalwegen
- ▶ Upstream regulators, Regulator effects (Bioinformatik/Vorhersagen)
- ▶ Identifizierung von potentiellen therapeutischen Substanzen

# Methoden

## RNA-Seq und Bioinformatik:

- RNA Extraktion aus humanen Kolonbiopsie mit Trizol
- cDNA library Preparation und Sequenzierung (Illumina HiSeq2500)
- Read mapping gegen humane Genom GRCh37/hg19 mittels STAR
- Statistik mit R software. 
- Upstream Regulators identifiziert mit Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) software (Qiagen Silicon Valley).



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PATHWAY ANALYSIS

RNA-Seq → CPM (counts per million) der einzelnen Gentranskripten

IPA Literatur-basierte Zell-Signal Netzwerk Platform

→ Canonical pathways

→ Upstream regulators



# Ergebnisse

**RNA-Seq:** In der *C. jejuni*-infizierten humanen Kolonmukosa waren  
2,988 Transkripte herunter-reguliert und 2,410 herauf-reguliert.

S100A8/9  
(calprotectin)

CXCL  
(chemokines)  
*Mellits et al. 2009*  
*BMC Microbio.*

SCNN1  
(ENaC subunit)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
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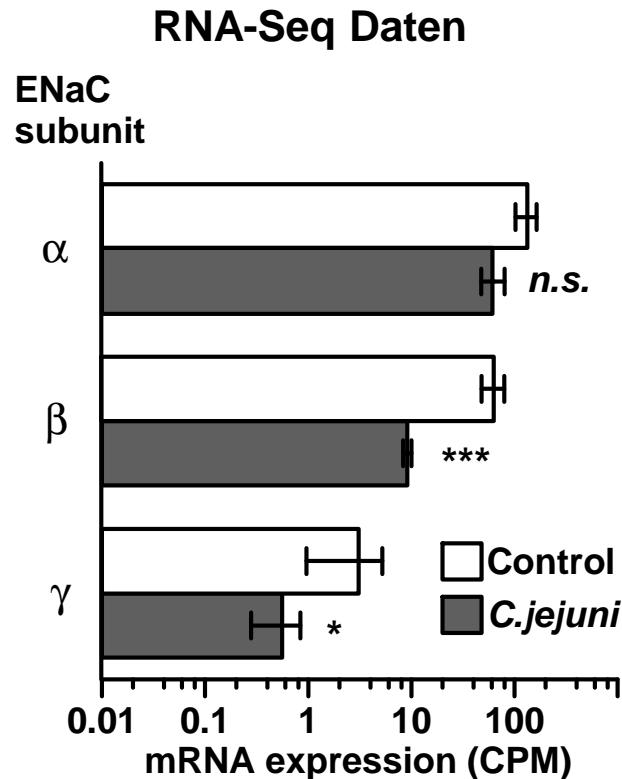
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RNA sequencing data deposited in NCBI's Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO), Accession code: GSE88710

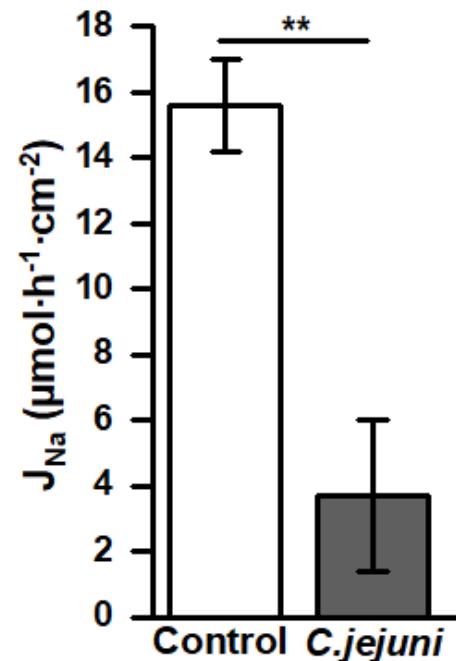
# Epithelialer Natrium Kanal (ENaC)

Kolon-Biopie aus *C. jejuni*-Patienten verglichen mit gesunden Kontrollen (n=4-6)



SCNN1 A / B / G  
(ENaC subunits α / β / γ)

ENaC Aktivität

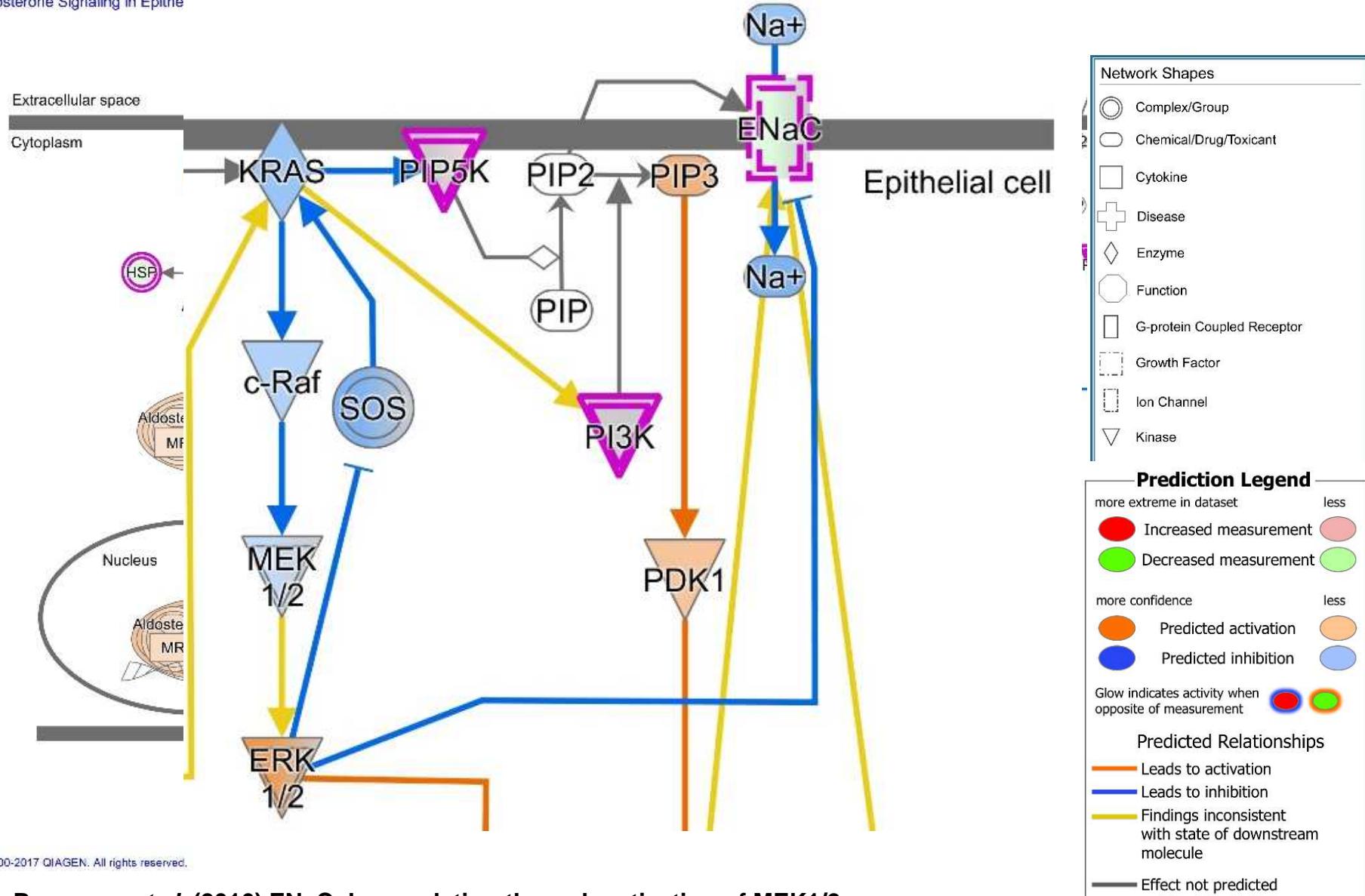


Ussing chamber (electrogenic Na<sup>+</sup> transport)

**Na<sup>+</sup> Malabsorption**

# Zytokin-induzierte ENaC Dysregulation?

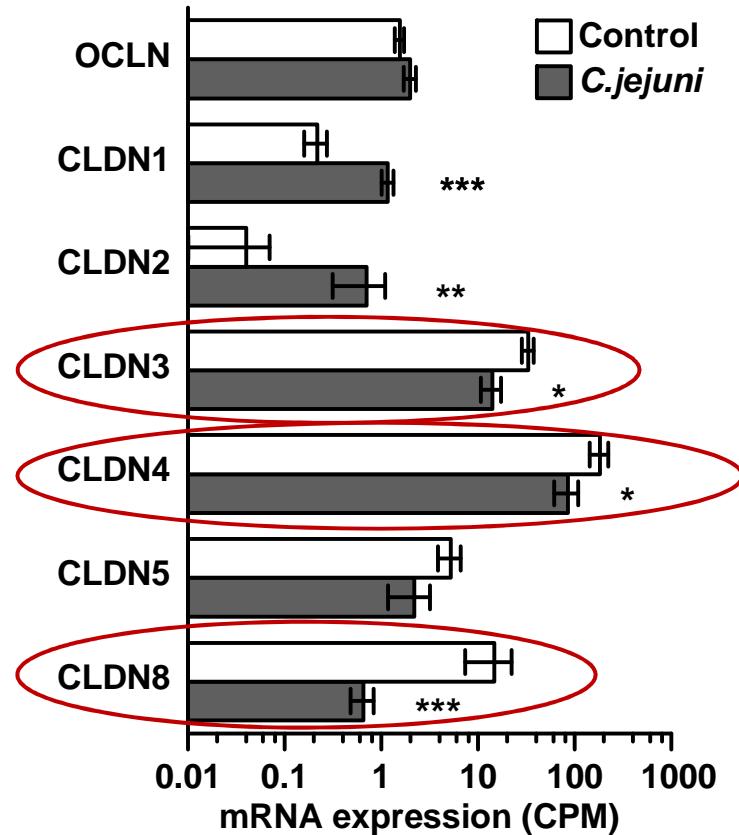
Aldosterone Signaling in Epithe



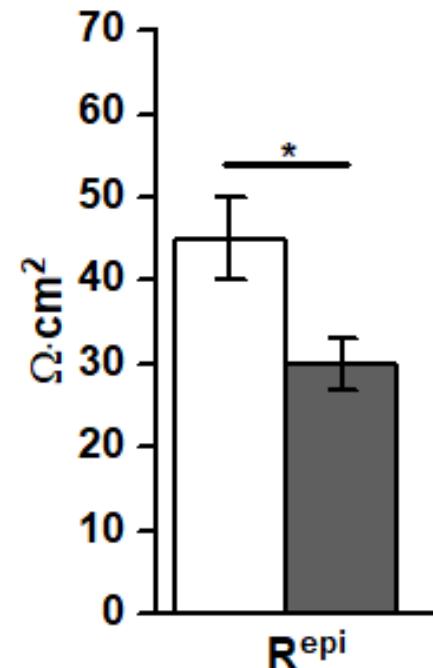
- Barmeyer et al. (2016) ENaC dysregulation through activation of MEK1/2 contributes to impaired Na<sup>+</sup> absorption in lymphocytic colitis. *Inflamm. Bowel Dis.*
- Dames et al. (2015) Interleukin-13 affects the intestinal epithelial sodium channel (ENaC) by coordinated modulation of STAT6 and p38 MAPK activity. *J. Physiol. (Lond.)*

# Tight Junction

RNA-Seq Daten



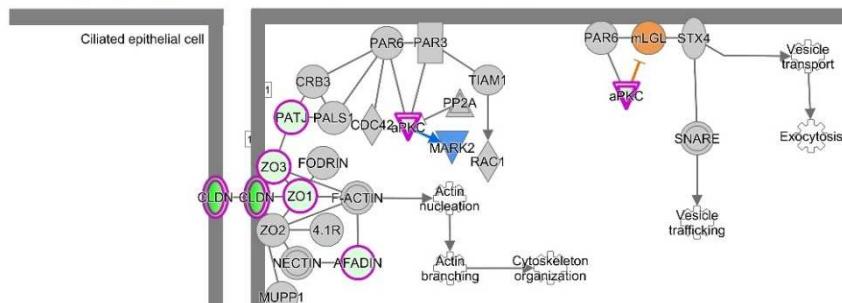
Epithelialer Widerstand



Ussing chamber (impedance spectroscopy)

OCLN = occludin  
CLDN = claudin

**Epitheliale Barriere-Dysfunktion**



## TJ Expressionsregulation der mRNA

**vorhergesagt: MLCK-abhängige Barrierestörung  
Zytokin-abhängige Effekte  
NF $\kappa$ B Aktivierung**

Mellits et al. 2002 *Microbiol.*



### Prediction Legend

more extreme in dataset	less
Increased measurement	(red circle)
Decreased measurement	(green circle)
more confidence	less
Predicted activation	(orange circle)
Predicted inhibition	(blue circle)
Glow indicates activity when opposite of measurement	(red and green circles)

### Predicted Relationships

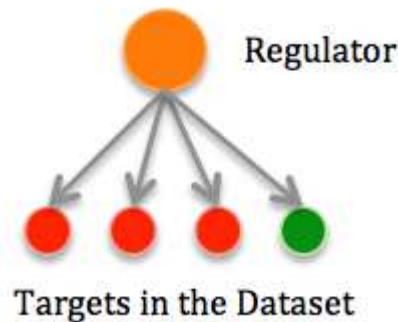
- Leads to activation
- Leads to inhibition
- Findings inconsistent with state of downstream molecule
- Effect not predicted

### Network Shapes

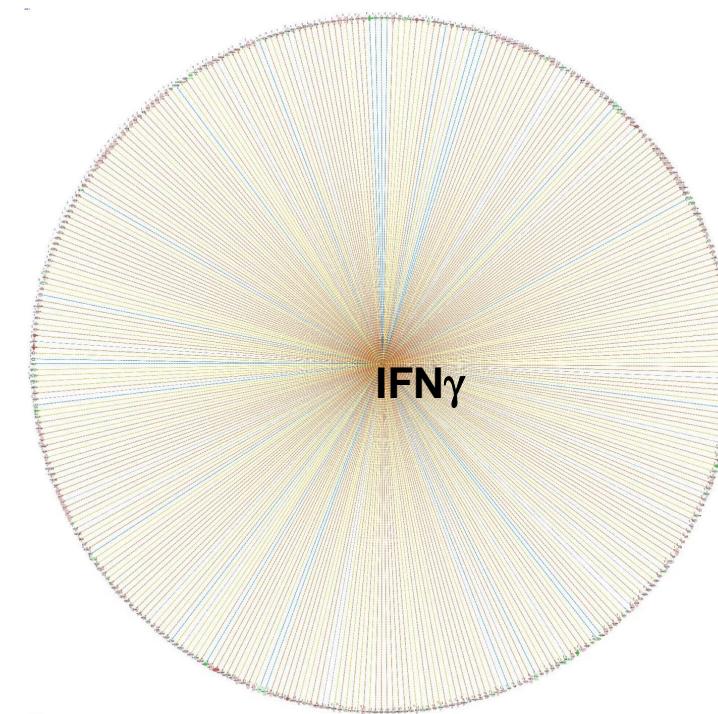
Complex/Group	(grey circle)
Chemical/Drug/Toxicant	(grey oval)
Cytokine	(white square)
Disease	(plus sign)
Enzyme	(diamond)
Function	(hexagon)
G-protein Coupled Receptor	(white square with diagonal)
Growth Factor	(square with dashed border)
Ion Channel	(square with horizontal bar)
Kinase	(purple inverted triangle)

# Upstream Regulators

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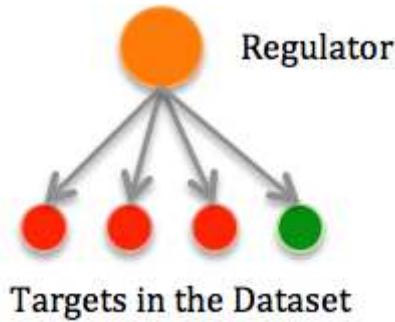


- Über 1,000 identifizierte *Upstream Regulatoren* mit signifikant veränderten *Downstream Targets* in der *C. jejuni*-infizierten humanen Mukosa
- Top *Upstream Regulators* mit am stärksten aktivierten Signalwegen sind proinflammatorische Zytokine **TNF $\alpha$ , IFN $\gamma$ , IL13, IL6, IL1 $\beta$ , GM-CSF (Granulocyte Macrophage-Colony Stimulating Factor)**
- Interaktion zwischen Zellen
- Chemische Regulatoren (Pharmaka)



# Upstream Regulators

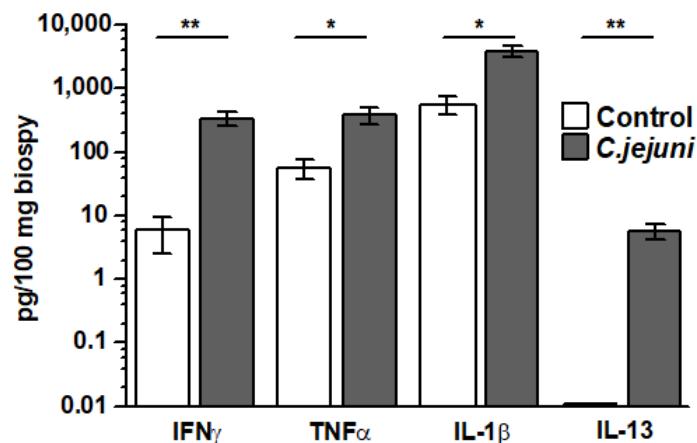
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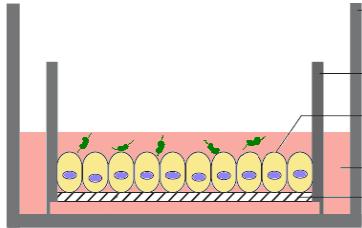
Most significant activating regulators → barrier dysfunction and immune activation

Upstream regulator	Overlap P-value	Activation z-score	Number of genes that have expression direction consistent with activation of the regulator
LPS	3.22E-66	11.94	343 (of 501 affected downstream targets)
IFN $\gamma$	3.95E-44	9.62	253 (of 370 affected downstream targets)
CSF2	2.58E-42	10.15	144 (of 182 affected downstream targets)
TNF $\alpha$	3.23E-41	9.00	279 (of 462 affected downstream targets)
IL6	1.18E-38	7.25	134 (of 236 affected downstream targets)
IL13	1.39E-30	2.12	87 (of 145 affected downstream targets)
IL1 $\beta$	1.54E-24	8.57	165 (of 236 affected downstream targets)

The activation z-score determines that an upstream transcription regulator has significantly more "activated" predictions ( $z>0$ ) than "inhibited" predictions ( $z<0$ ).

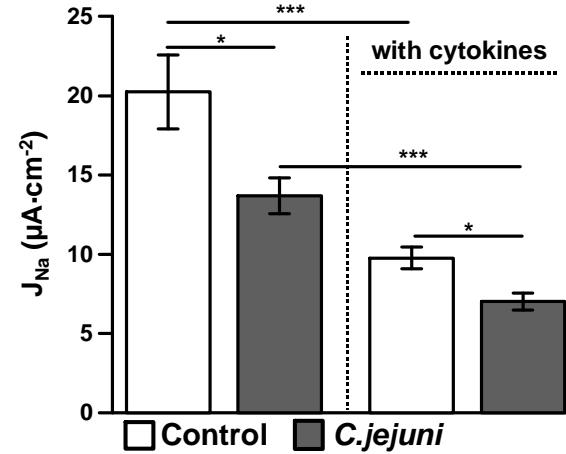


Cytometric bead array (CBA)  
Released cytokines in  
human mucosal supernatant

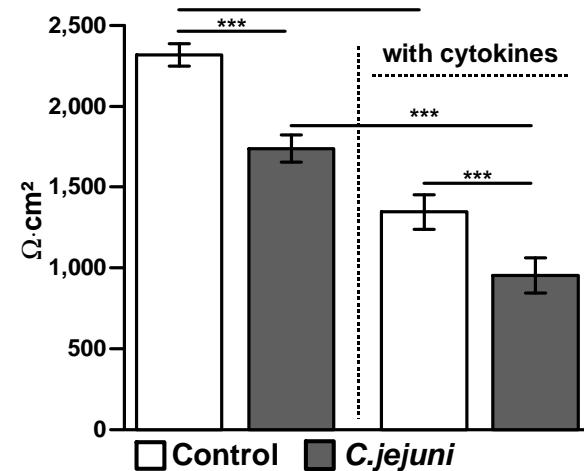


## Elektrophysiologische Analysen humaner intestinaler HT-29/B6 Zell Monolayer

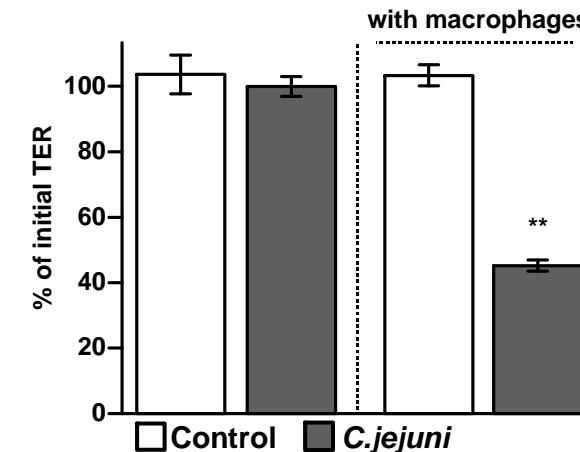
ENaC Aktivität



Epithelialer  
Widerstand



Co-culture model 24 h p.i.  
CSF2 (GM-CSF)  $\rightarrow$  M1 macrophages



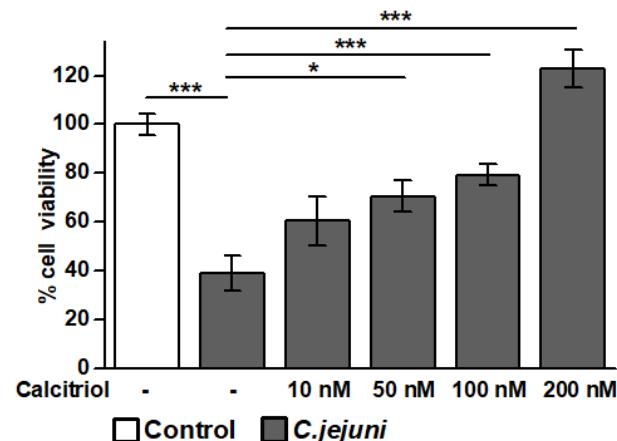
# Predicted Drugs

**Rapamycin  
(mTOR)**  
Sun et al. 2012  
*Gastroenterology*

**PI3K-Inhibitor**  
Hu et al. 2006  
*Microb. Pathogen.*

**Active vitamin D**

HT-29/B6 Zellen



Upstream Regulator	Predicted Activation State	p-value of overlap	Target molecules in dataset
LPS	Activated	3.22E-66	ABCB1,ABCC1,ABCC3,ABCC5,ABCC6,ABCG1,ACP5,ACVR2A,ADA,ADGRE1,...
IFN $\gamma$	Activated	3.95E-44	ABCA6,ABCB1,ABLIM3,ADIPOQ,AIF1,AIF1L,AIM2,ALOX5AP,APOBEC3G,...
CSF2	Activated	2.58E-42	ABCG1,ACP5,ADA,ADRBK2,ALOX5AP,ANLN,ANXA1,AOC1,AURKA,BCL2A1,...
TNF $\alpha$	Activated	3.23E-41	ABCC1,ABCC3,ABCG2,ABR,ABTB2,ACADS,ACADVL,ACKR2,ACP5,ADAMTS4,...
IL6	Activated	1.18E-38	ABCC1,ABCC3,ABCC5,ABCG2,ACKR2,ACVR2A,ADAMTS4,ADGRE1,AHNAK,...
IL13	Activated	1.39E-30	ACADVL,ADA,ALDH1A2,ALOX5AP,ARNTL2,BATF,BCL2A1,BID,BLVRA,C3AR1,...
calcitriol	Inhibited	8.97E-25	ABCB1,ABCC3,ACKR4,ADAM19,AGR2,ALDH1A2,ALPI,ANLN,APOA1,BIRC5,...
IL1 $\beta$	Activated	1.54E-24	ABCC3,ABCG2,ACHE,ACKR2,ACPP,ADAMTS4,AIF1,AKR1B1,ANXA1,APOE,...
sirolimus	Inhibited	3.03E-17	ABHD11,ACADVL,ADA,ANXA5,AQP3,ARHGDIb,ASS1,BCL2A1,BID,BIRC5,...
peptidoglycan	Activated	1.70E-14	BCL2A1,CCL18,CCL3,CCL3L3,CCL4,CD274,CD40,CD80,CD86,CORO1A,...
E. coli LPS	Activated	2.82E-13	ATG7,CCL3,CCL4,CCR7,CD40,CD80,CD83,CD86,CXCL1,CXCL10,CXCL2,...
LY294002	Inhibited	3.43E-11	ABCB1,ABCC1,ACSS2,ADH1C,APOE,AQP3,AURKA,AXIN1,BHLHE40,BIRC3,...
glucocorticoid	Inhibited	1.49E-09	ABCC8,ACHE,ANXA1,CCL3,CD163,CD2,CD69,CDK4,CLU,CSF1R,CSF3,...
vitamin D	Inhibited	5.46E-05	BIRC5,CCL3L3,CDK1,CYP24A1,CYR61,DEFB4A/DEFB4B,IFNG,IGFBP1,IL1B,...
quercetin	Inhibited	1.95E-05	ACPP,BIRC5,CXCL10,CXCL8,CYP2E1,EDN1,EGFR,FOS,HIF1A,HMGCS2,...
zinc	Affected	1.83E-04	ASPG,CCNB1,CD86,CDK4,CETP,ENO1,GUCA2B,IL17A,IL1B,IL6,KPNA2,LIPA,...

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# Zusammenfassung – Take home messages

## Klinische Studie – Campylobacter-Enteritis

- Diarrö der *C. jejuni* Infektion im Kolon basiert auf Na<sup>+</sup> Malabsorption (ENaC) und epitheliale Barrierestörung (TJs)
- Epithel-beeinflussende Zytokine (IFN $\gamma$ , TNF $\alpha$ , IL13, IL1 $\beta$ ) sind die Hauptregulatoren der pathophysiologischen Konsequenzen
- Signalwege von Immunzell - Epithelzell -Interaktionen sind potentielle Ziele für therapeutische Substanzen (Vit. D, ...)
- Verminderung des *Leaky Gut* → Reduktion von Komplikationen

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