# CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell-derived NGAL mediates ischemia reperfusion-induced AKI

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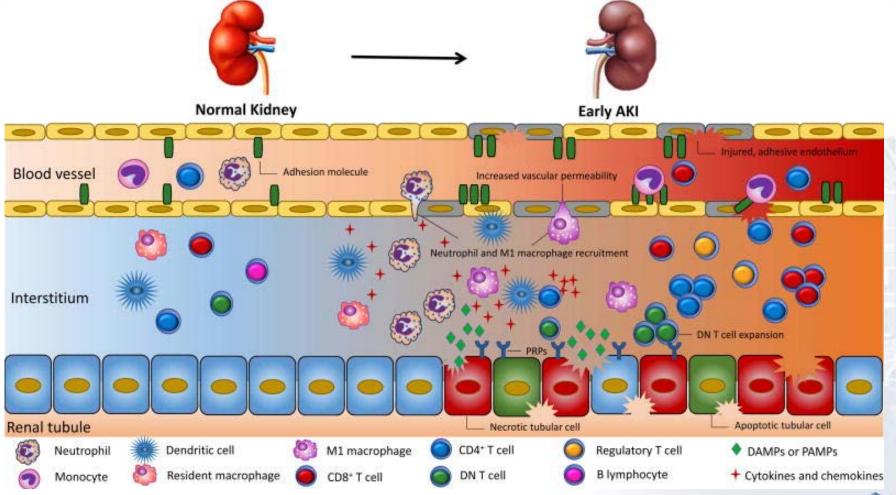
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### Background

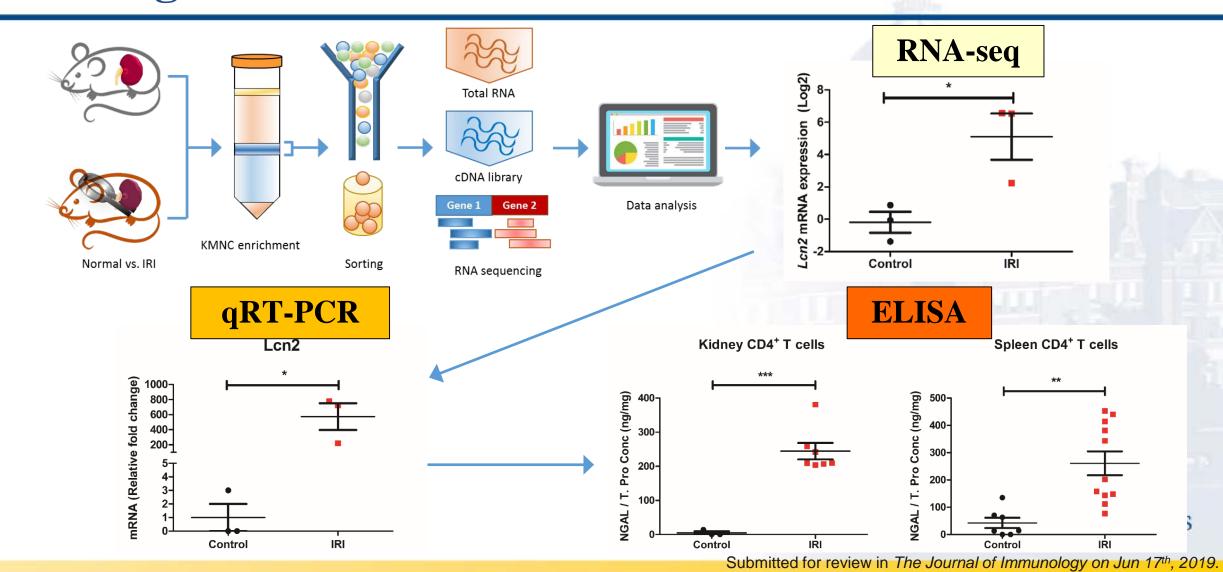








## Lcn2/NGAL markedly increases in kidney CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells following IR-induced AKI

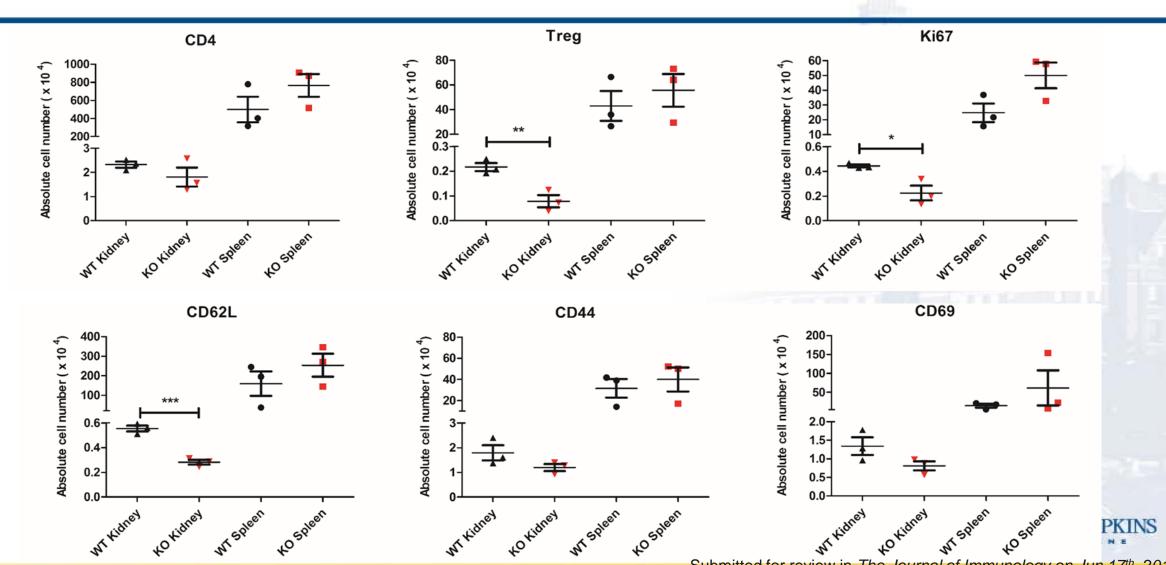


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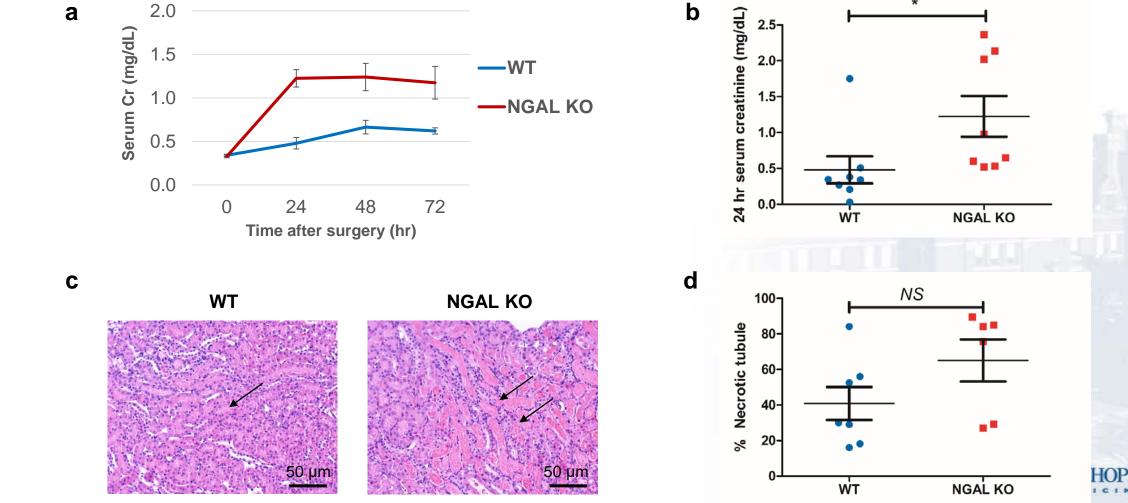




### Comparison of kidney & spleen CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells from WT and NGAL KO mice



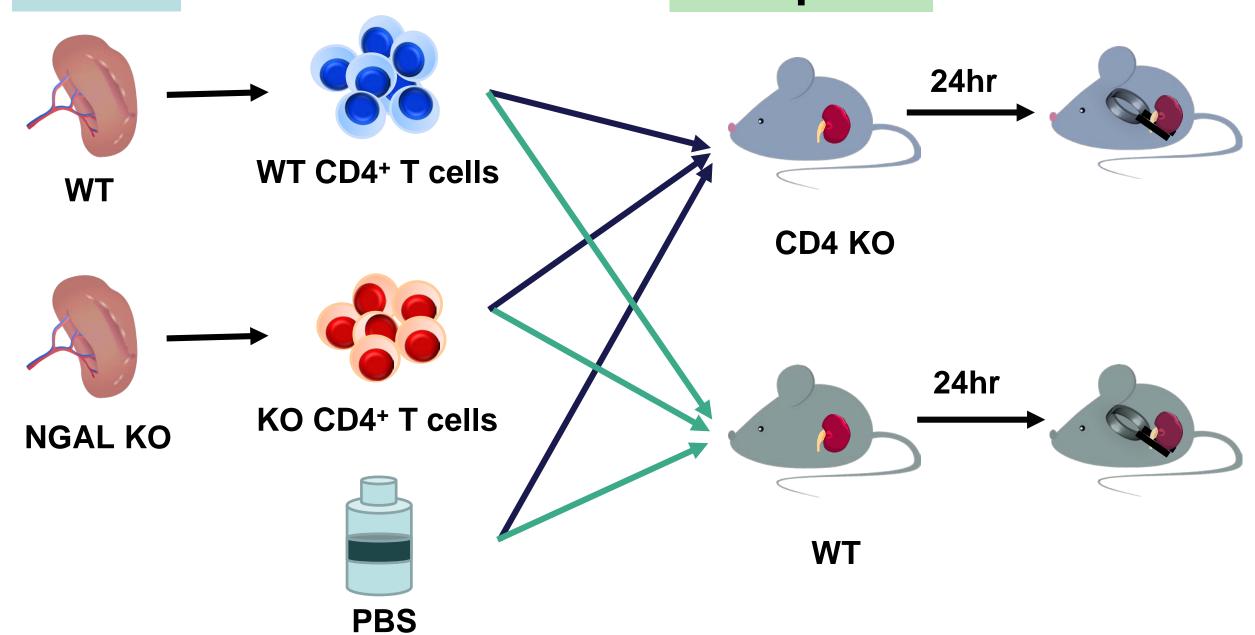
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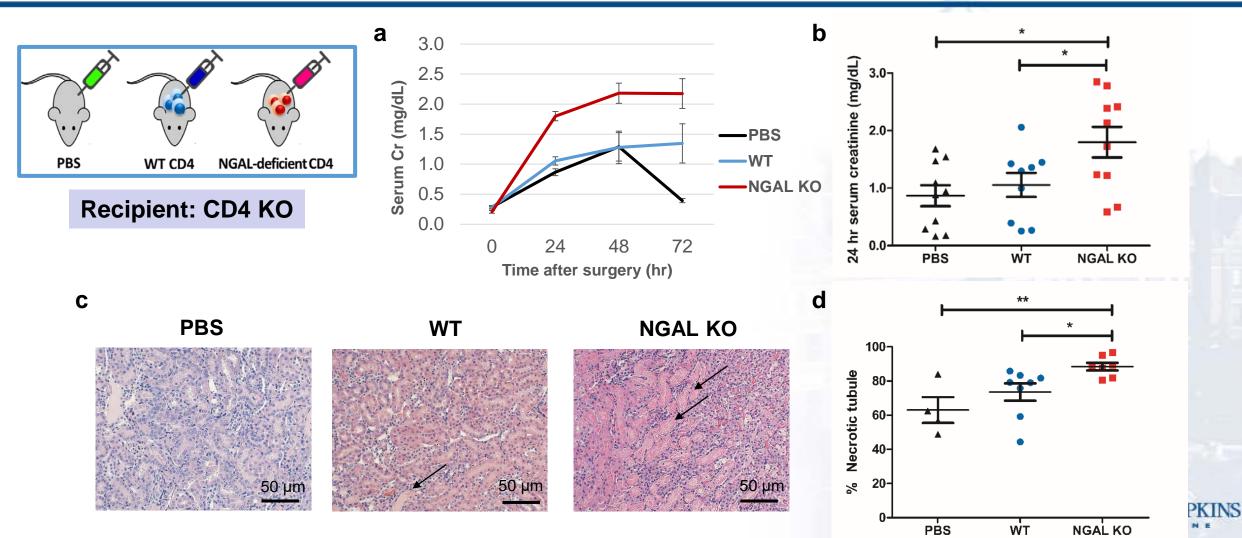
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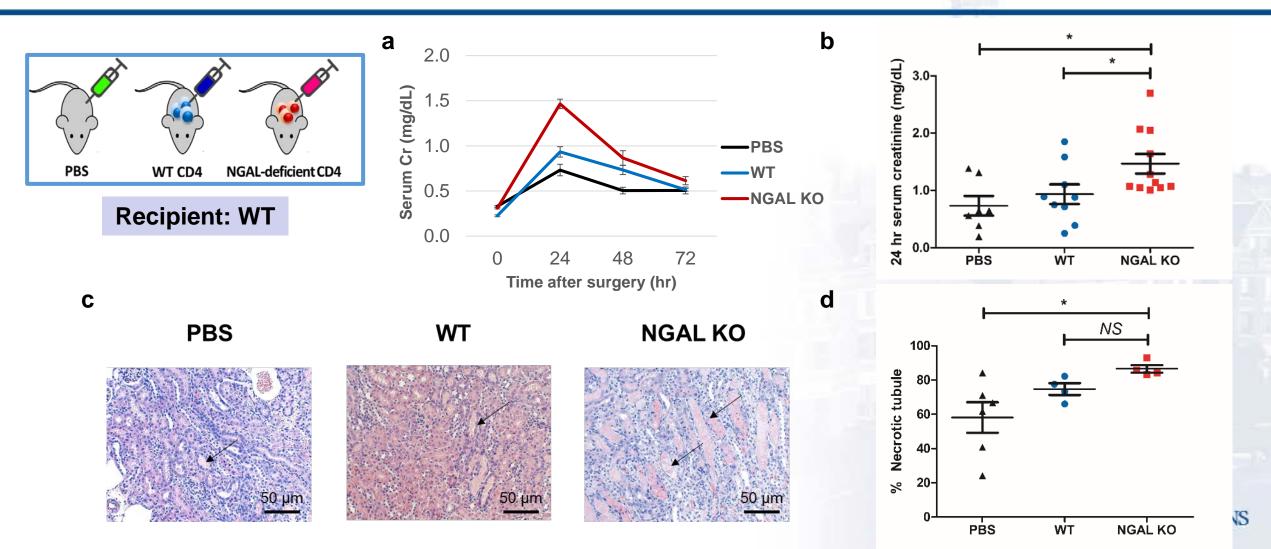


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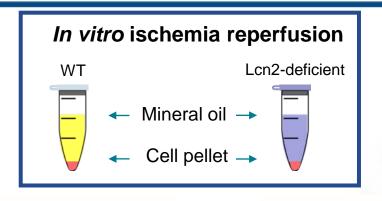


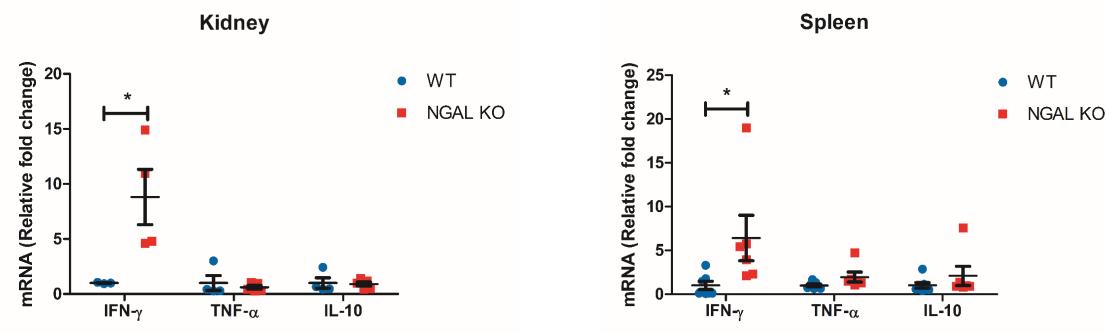
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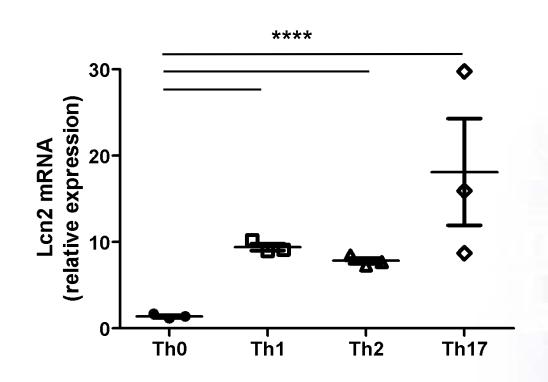
### *In vitro* ischemia reperfusion induces higher *IFN-y* in *Lcn2*-deficient CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells





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### In vitro CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell differentiation shows increased Lcn2 expression in Th1, Th2, and Th17 cells







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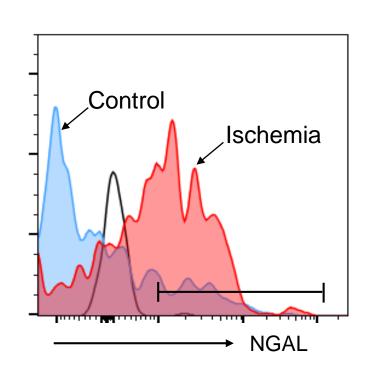
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Q4. Is this finding reproducible in HUMAN kidney as well

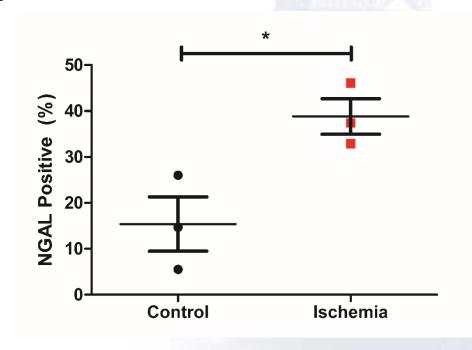


## Human kidney CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells increase expression of NGAL after ischemic injury

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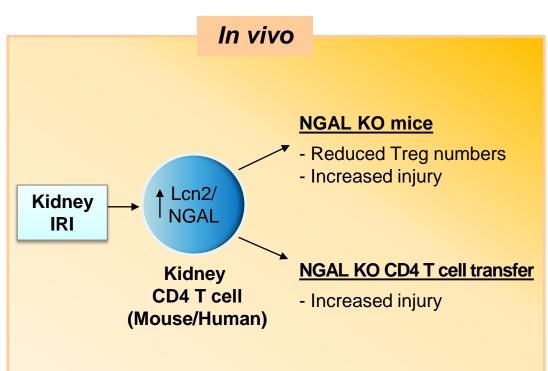
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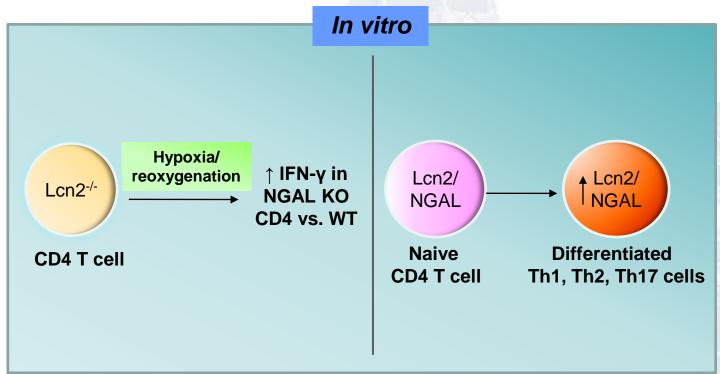






#### Summary









#### Conclusions

- CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell-derived NGAL is an important underlying mechanism by which immune cells mediate AKI.
- Our study extends the importance of NGAL in AKI beyond diagnostics.
- Further exploration needs to be followed to find out the biological role of CD4 + T cell-derived NGAL in renal injury.



