

SHANK3 in Vagal Sensory Neurons Regulates Body Temperature, Systemic Inflammation, and Sepsis

Linlin Zhang, Sangsu Bang, Qianru He, Megumi Matsuda, Xin Luo, Yong-Hui Jiang, and Ru-Rong Ji

Supplemental Figures 1-6

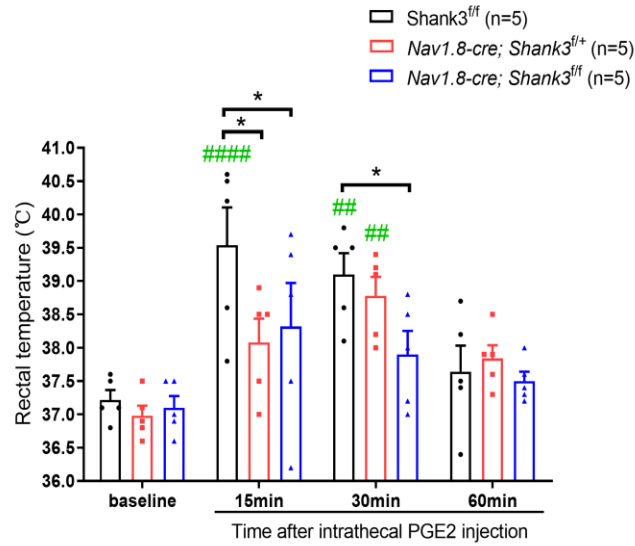


Figure S1: PGE₂-induced hyperthermia is abrogated after *Shank3* deficiency in sensory neurons of C57BL/6 mice.

Time course of rectal temperature after intrathecal (i.t.) injection of PGE₂ (200 ng) in *Shank3*^{f/f} mice, *Nav1.8-cre; Shank3*^{f/+} mice and *Nav1.8-cre; Shank3*^{f/f} mice. *Shank3* CKO mice were generated by crossing *Shank3*-floxed mice with *Nav1.8-Cre* mice, leading to specific loss of *Shank3* in Nav1.8-expressing sensory neurons. Data are expressed as mean ± SEM and analyzed by two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni *post hoc* test. ^{##}*p* < 0.01, ^{####}*p* < 0.0001 versus baseline. **p* < 0.05 versus *Shank3*^{f/f} mice. Sample sizes are indicated in brackets.

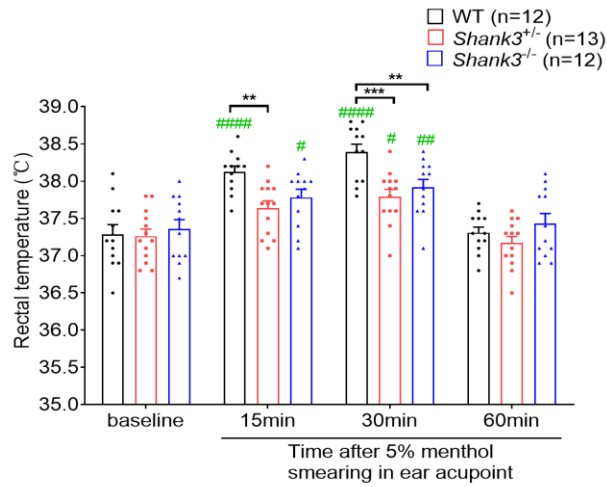
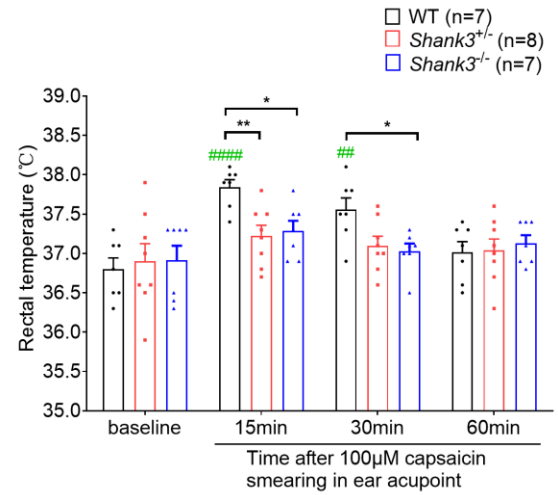
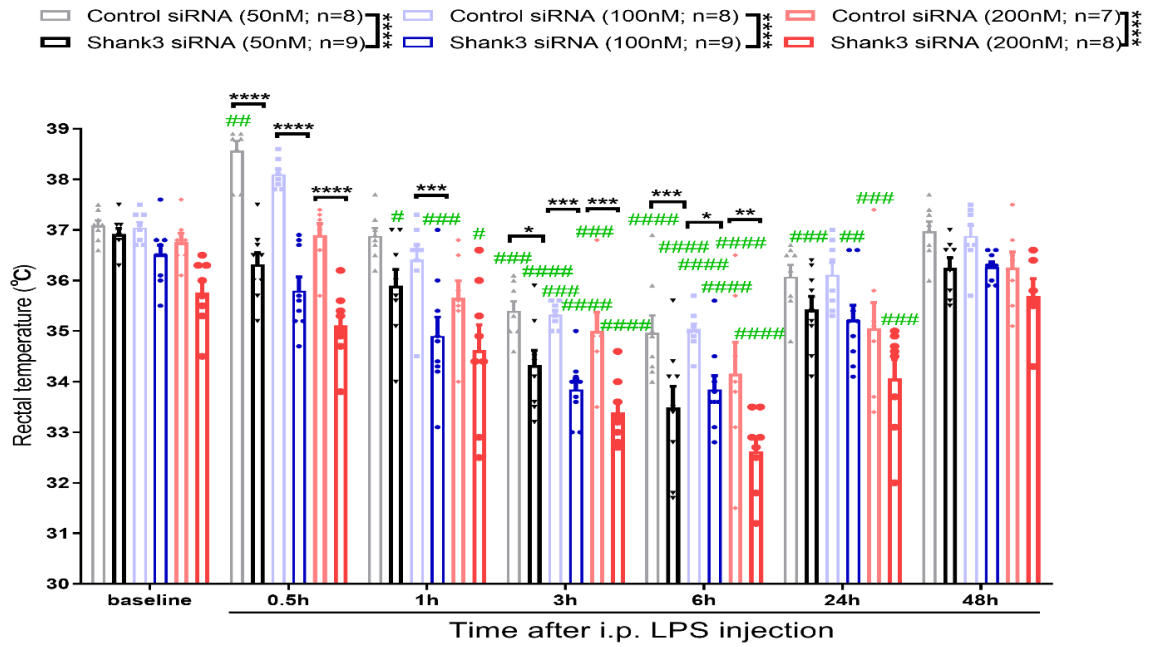
A**B**

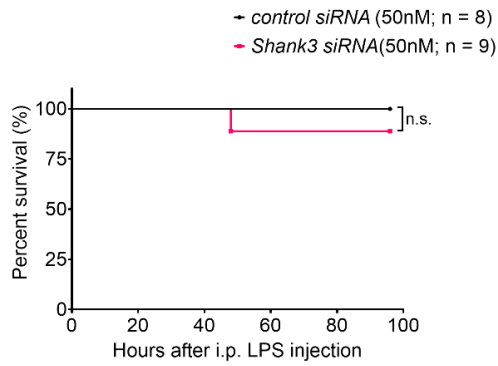
Figure S2: Menthol and capsaicin induced hyperthermia in WT and *Shank3* C57BL/6 GKO mice.

(A) Time course of rectal temperature after VNS by auricular painting of 5% menthol in Wild-type (WT) mice, heterozygous (*Shank3*^{+/-}) mice and homozygous (*Shank3*^{-/-}) mice. (B) Time course of rectal temperature after VNS by auricular painting of 100 μM capsaicin in three genotypes. Data are expressed as mean ± SEM and analyzed by two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni *post hoc* comparisons. #*p* < 0.01, ##*p* < 0.01, ####*p* < 0.001 versus baseline. **p* < 0.05, ***p* < 0.01, ****p* < 0.001 versus WT mice. Sample sizes are indicated in brackets.

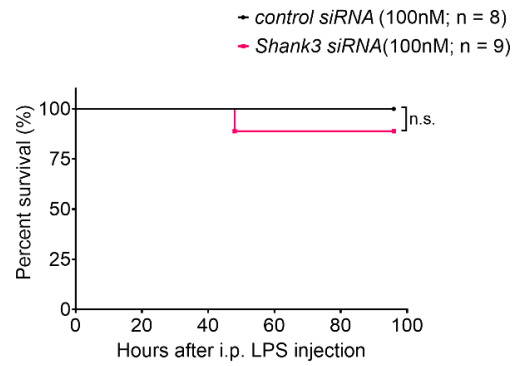
A



B



C



D

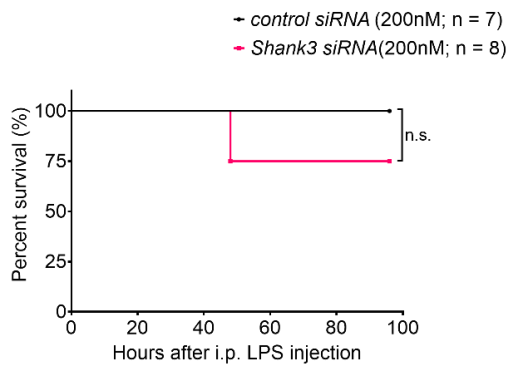


Figure S3: Effects of *Shank3* siRNA with different concentrations on LPS-induced hypothermia and mortality in CD1 mice.

(A) Time course of rectal temperature after LPS injection (1mg/kg, i.p.) in control siRNA and *Shank3* siRNA treated mice. (B-D) Survival curves after LPS exposure in mice treated with control siRNA and *Shank3* siRNA with different concentrations. Different concentrations (50 nM, 100 nM and 200 nM) of *Shank3* siRNA (mixed with RVG peptide, 1:10) were given by peri-neural injections to knockdown SHANK3 expression in vagal sensory neurons in NG in CD1 mice. Data are expressed as mean \pm SEM and analyzed by two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni *post hoc* test (A), and Mantel-Cox test (B-D). $^{\#}p < 0.05$, $^{\#\#}p < 0.01$, $^{\#\#\#}p < 0.001$, $^{\#\#\#\#}p < 0.0001$ versus baseline. $^*p < 0.05$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{***}p < 0.001$, $^{****}p < 0.0001$ versus mice treated control siRNA. Sample sizes are indicated in brackets. ns, not significant.

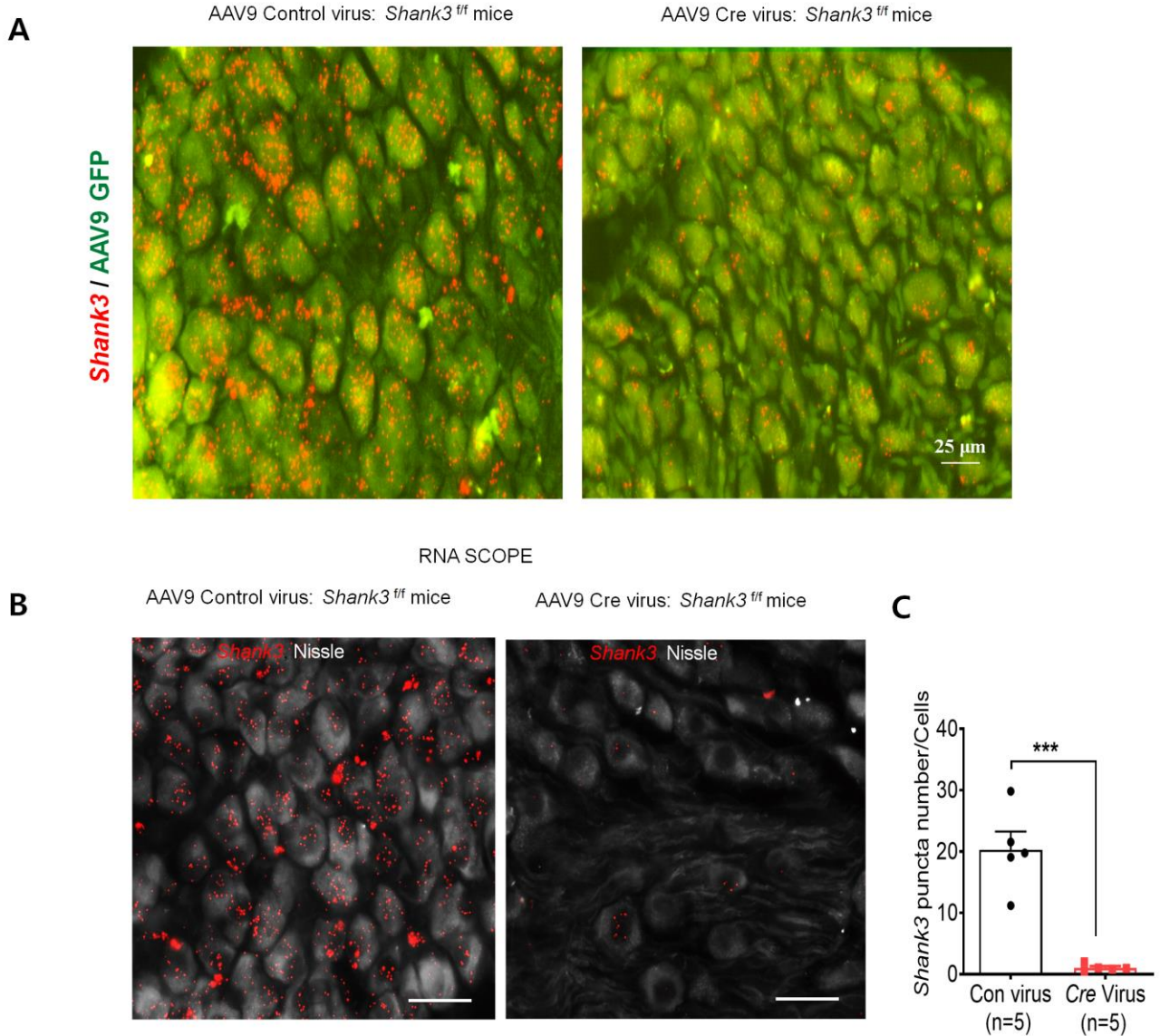


Figure S4: Peri-neural injection of Cre-AAV9 causes *Shank3* knockdown in GFP-expressing NG neurons of *Shank3*^{fl/fl} C57BL/6 mice.

(A and B) ISH images showing *Shank3* mRNA (red, A and B) and GFP (green, A) expression in NG vagal sensory neurons following peri-neural injection of AAV9 control virus and AAV9 *Cre* virus. Scale bar, 25 μ m. (C) Quantification of the number of *Shank3* puncta per neurons in NG. AAV9 virus containing *cre* was delivered by peri-neural injection to knockdown SHANK3 expression in NG vagal sensory neurons in *Shank3*^{fl/fl} mice. Data are expressed as mean \pm SEM and analyzed by unpaired two-tailed *t* test. *** $p < 0.001$ vs. control virus. Sample sizes are indicated in brackets.

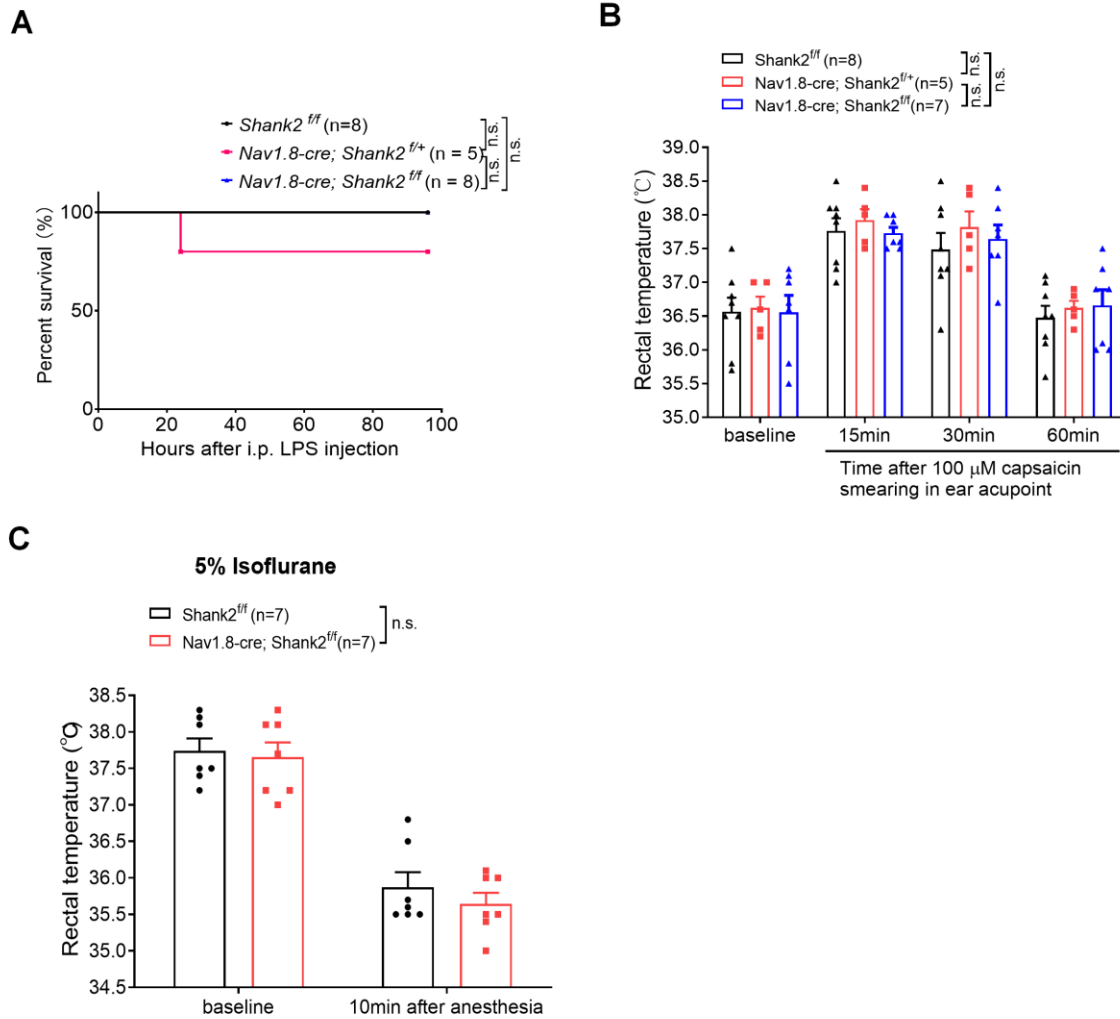


Figure S5: *Shank2* deficiency in sensory neurons has no significant contribution to LPS-induced death and capsaicin and isoflurane induced body temperature perturbations in C57BL/6 mice.

(A) Survival curves after LPS injection (1 mg/kg, i.p.) in *Shank2^{f/f}* mice, *Nav1.8-cre; Shank2^{f/+}* mice and *Nav1.8-cre; Shank2^{f/f}* mice. (B) Time course of rectal temperature after auricular VNS with 100 μ M capsaicin painting in three genotypes. (C) Time course of rectal temperature after brief anesthesia to isoflurane in two genotypes. Data are expressed as mean \pm SEM and analyzed by Mantel-Cox test (A), two-way ANOVA with Bonferroni *post hoc* test (B, C). Sample sizes are indicated in brackets. ns, not significant.

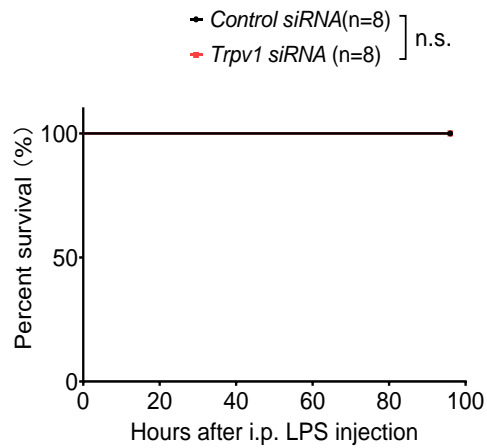


Figure S6: Effects of vagal *Trpv1* siRNA knockdown on LPS-induced mortality in CD1 mice.

Survival curve shows no effects of *Trpv1* siRNA on LPS-induced mortality. Peri-neural injection was conducted by delivery of 100 nM of *Trpv1* siRNA (5 μ l, mixed with RVG peptide, 1:10) to knockdown TRPV1 expression in NG vagal sensory neurons in CD1 mice. Data are analyzed by Mantel-Cox test. ns, not significant.