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1 **Supplementary Material and Methods**

2 **Clinical Trial.** A total of 80 patients were recruited to the clinical trial (MDACC IRB# 2013-0698) at  
3 four academic cancer centers (The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Dana-  
4 Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center, University of Michigan, Huntsman Cancer Institute). This  
5 study was sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and was initially approved by the  
6 Institutional Review Board (IRB) of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC) on  
7 01/27/2014. Participants were identified and recruited from the clinical cancer genetics and  
8 gastroenterology research registries.

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10 Eligible participants were men and women,  $\geq 18$  years of age diagnosed with Lynch Syndrome (LS) or  
11 Lynch-like Syndrome (LLS) defined as meeting any of the following: 1. Carriers or obligate carriers (by  
12 pedigree) of a pathogenic mutation in one of the four DNA mismatch repair (MMR) genes (i.e. *MLH1*,  
13 *MSH2/EPCAM*, *MSH6*, or *PMS2*); 2. patients with a personal history of a non-sporadic MMR deficient  
14 premalignant colorectal lesion or tumor, where "non-sporadic MMR deficient" was defined by the  
15 presence of MMR deficiency by either loss of expression of any of the MMR proteins by  
16 immunohistochemistry or high levels of microsatellite instability (MSI) assessed by MSI testing or both,  
17 but without evidence of *MLH1* promoter methylation and/or *BRAF*. This group of patients could have  
18 undergone germline MMR genetic testing showing either a variant of unknown significance, absence of  
19 pathogenic mutation or had declined germline MMR genetic testing. In addition, all participants had to be  
20 free of active/recurrent malignant disease in the 6 months previous to the enrollment, and at least 6  
21 months prior did not have any form of cancer-directed treatment; therefore, survivors and healthy carriers  
22 were both potentially eligible for the study, thus exploring the effects of naproxen for primary and  
23 secondary cancer prevention. Finally, participants were required to discontinue any NSAID or COX-  
24 Inhibitor during the trial.

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26 Exclusion criteria included the following: unwillingness to discontinue taking NSAIDs for the duration of  
27 the trial (including cardioprotective aspirin), absence of the use of effective birth control in women of  
28 childbearing age, pregnancy or breastfeeding, a white blood cell count of less than 3000/ $\mu$ L, a platelet  
29 count of less than  $100 \times 10^3/\mu$ L, a hemoglobin level of less than 10 g/dL, a serum creatinine level of more  
30 than 1.5 mg/dL, transaminases/bilirubin elevations 1.5- to 2-fold above the upper limit of normal,  
31 symptoms or features of active gastrointestinal bleeding, cardiovascular events in the previous 5 years,  
32 history of allergy or hypersensitivity to naproxen, history of cancer within the past 6 months, prior  
33 proctocolectomy, or prior cancer treatment within the preceding 6 months.

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35 Following informed consent, baseline testing, and pre-study evaluations participants were registered into  
36 the database of record with a unique Patient ID (PID) number. Baseline medical history, symptom  
37 assessment, use of concomitant medications, a physical examination and a serum pregnancy test in  
38 women of childbearing potential were completed prior to the endoscopy procedure. At the completion of  
39 the screening, eligibility was confirmed, and participants were randomized to receive placebo  
40 (microcrystalline cellulose NF, Avicel PH-102), naproxen sodium at 220 mg p.o. daily, or 440 mg p.o.  
41 daily for a total of 6 months. The randomization was done in blocks of 3 or 6. Upon enrollment, each  
42 participant was assigned a randomization number that corresponded to a treatment on a randomization list  
43 available only to the unblinded study pharmacist. Naproxen (FDA IND exempted) and identically  
44 appearing placebo tablets were provided by the NCI Division of Cancer Prevention.

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46 ***Colorectal mucosa biopsies and associated assessments.*** Participants were scheduled for a standard of  
47 care lower GI endoscopy (flexible sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy) with acquisition of a total of 15 jumbo  
48 tissue biopsies from the macroscopic normal colorectal mucosa of the rectosigmoid area. This  
49 requirement was enforced to limit the variability secondary to regional differences between the right and  
50 left side of the colon. In addition, collection of urine and blood was performed. Study participants were  
51 contacted within two weeks of initiating drug treatment, and then after 3 and 5.5 months to assess for

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52 potential side effects. After 6 months, study participants underwent a research flexible sigmoidoscopy  
53 with the same number of biopsies, urine, and blood collection. Participants returned the remainder of the  
54 study agent, so a pill count and a review of the agent diary could be performed.  
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56 In regards to the tissue biopsies, biopsy #1 was processed in all participants following standard pathology  
57 procedures to confirm the absence of neoplastic or dysplastic lesions in the area being biopsied (M.W.T.),  
58 and, in a subgroup of 48 participants, to perform a histomorphometry analysis that included the  
59 quantification of the number of intraepithelial lymphocytes (IELs) (surface and crypts of Lieberkühn),  
60 and also the assessment of the number and area of mucosa associated lymphoid tissue (MALT). In brief, a  
61 total of 48 formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) colorectal biopsy specimens were evaluated (30 pre-  
62 treatment and 18 post-treatment tissue samples). Note that these were specimens acquired from  
63 participants in only one of the four study sites of the trial. From the total of 48, two biopsy blocks were  
64 excluded due to artifacts and insufficient tissue for analysis. Two pathologists (L.S. and A.F.C.) evaluated  
65 the H&E slides, determined the quality of these sample, and performed the histomorphometric analysis.  
66 Slides were scanned using Aperio AT2 slide scanner (Leica Biosystems) at 20x objective magnification  
67 and then the resulting images were analyzed using HALO software v2.3.20089.52 (IndicaLab). This  
68 allowed automatic segmentation of the mucosa and epithelium, and the separation of the lamina propria  
69 compartment (Tissue Classifier module). The MALT compartment was manually segmented. Glass area,  
70 muscularis mucosae, and tissue artifacts were excluded for analysis. Then, automated cell number  
71 quantification was obtained per compartment (CytoNuclear module, v1.6) in order to calculate the  
72 epithelium and MALT cell densities (n/mm<sup>2</sup>, N=18 specimens). The IELs had to be manually quantified  
73 (Manual Click Counter Tool) to calculate the IELs cell density in the epithelial compartment and the  
74 IELs/epithelial cell ratio (N=46 specimens).  
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76 Biopsies #2, #3 and #4 were flash frozen and used for the determination of levels of prostaglandin E2  
77 (PGE2) and other prostaglandins (PGs); biopsies #5 and #6 were flash frozen and sent for determination

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78 of naproxen levels; biopsies #7 and #8 were kept in RNALater for mRNA extraction and sequencing  
79 studies; the rest of the biopsies were either flash frozen or kept in RNALater and stored centrally at  
80 MDACC for future analyses.

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82 ***Statistical analyses of clinical trial data.*** Participants' demographic characteristics have been  
83 summarized by descriptive statistics including mean, standard deviation (std), median, and range for  
84 continuous and frequency and proportion for categorical variables. The distributions of these  
85 characteristics for the entire cohort and the evaluable cohort have been compared among treatment arms  
86 by Wilcoxon rank sum test and chi-square/Fisher's exact test for continuous and categorical variables,  
87 respectively. The primary objective of this trial was evaluated by applying Wilcoxon rank sum test to  
88 compare the change in concentration of PGE2 levels in normal colorectal mucosa from baseline to 6  
89 months after treatment administration among the treatment arms (placebo vs low dose naproxen, placebo  
90 vs high dose naproxen, and low dose vs high dose naproxen). Initially, power calculations were  
91 performed for pairwise comparisons using two-sample t-test. However, upon completion of the trial it was  
92 evident that the PGE2, PGM-E and PGs data distribution was skewed and therefore we reasoned that a  
93 non-parametric test was more appropriate in this context. Bonferroni correction was considered for  
94 multiple comparison adjustment (to maintain the overall nominal significance level of 0.05, p-values are  
95 compared to  $0.05/3=0.0167$ ). PGE2 concentration level was summarized by mean and std at baseline and  
96 post-treatment. Response to treatment is defined as a 30% reduction in PGE2 level from pre-treatment to  
97 post-treatment. The point estimate and the 95% exact confidence interval for the response rate was  
98 calculated in each arm. Each patient's biomarker level at baseline, post-treatment and its change was  
99 plotted by treatment arm to evaluate the biomarker's distribution at each arm. Mean values of biomarkers  
100 and their standard error estimates are plotted as a function of time. Naproxen concentration in plasma and  
101 normal colorectal mucosa have been summarized by mean, std, median, and range for patients taking  
102 naproxen 220 mg, 440mg, or placebo after 6 months of therapy and compared using a two-sample t-test.  
103 The change in PG concentration level is compared between treatment arms by applying Wilcoxon rank

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104 sum test. The percentage of change in PGE was defined as  $100 * (\text{PGE (Post)} - \text{PGE (BL)}) / \text{PGE (BL)}$  and  
105 Pearson correlation was estimated between the percentage of change with naproxen level.  
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107 ***Quantification of PGs in tissue samples.*** Concentrations of PGs in tissue and urine were performed in the  
108 Eicosanoid Core Laboratory at Vanderbilt University Medical Center (supervised by GLM). Each tissue  
109 biopsy (#2, 3 and 4) was weighed and subsequently ground up manually with a mortar and pestle in the  
110 presence of 1mL of an ice cold methanolic solution containing the cyclooxygenase (COX) inhibitor,  
111 indomethacin. The grounded tissue was added to 5mL of ice cold methanol containing 1.0 ng of each of  
112 the following internal standards: [2H4]-15-F2t-IsoP ([2H4]-8-iso-PGF2 $\alpha$ ), [2H4]-PGD2, [2H4]-PGE2,  
113 [2H4]-11-dehydro-thromboxane B2 (11-dehydro-TxB2), and [2H4]-6-keto-PGF1 $\alpha$  (Cayman Chemicals,  
114 Ann Arbor, MI). Samples were vortexed to extract the lipids and then centrifuged for 10 minutes at 5000g  
115 to remove solid particulates. The liquid layer was transferred to another tube and the methanol dried  
116 under a stream of nitrogen. The residue was reconstituted in 10 mL of 0.01N HCl and then applied to a C-  
117 18 Sep-Pak column (Waters, Milford, MA) prewashed with 5 mL methanol and 5 mL H2O (pH 3). The  
118 cartridge was washed with 10 mL 0.01N HCl, followed by 10 mL heptane, and compounds were then  
119 eluted with 10 mL ethyl acetate:heptane (50:50, v/v). The eluate was evaporated under a stream of dry  
120 nitrogen. The residue then was taken up in 75  $\mu$ L acetonitrile for derivatization with methoxyamine HCl.  
121 300  $\mu$ L of a 3% solution of methoxyamine HCl in water was added to the solution and allowed to react for  
122 30 minutes. Analytes were next extracted from solution with 1 mL of ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate was  
123 evaporated and compounds are converted to the pentafluorobenzyl (PFB) esters by the addition of 40  $\mu$ L  
124 of a 10% solution of pentafluorobenzyl bromide in acetonitrile and 20  $\mu$ L of a solution of 10% di-  
125 isopropylethanolamine in acetonitrile and allowed to incubate for 30 min at 37°C. Reagents were dried  
126 under nitrogen and the residue reconstituted in 30  $\mu$ L chloroform and 20  $\mu$ L methanol and  
127 chromatographed on a silica TLC plate to the top of the plate in a solvent system of ethyl  
128 acetate:methanole (98:2, v/v). The methyl esters of PGF2 $\alpha$ , PGE2, and PGD2 were chromatographed on a  
129 separate plate as standards and visualized with 10% phosphomolybdic acid in ethanol by heating. The Rf

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130 values of these methyl ester standards in this solvent system are 0.12, 0.25, and 0.50, respectively. The  
 131 analyte PGD2 was removed from the TLC plates by scraping the region from 4mm to 2 cm above the  
 132 PGD2-methyl ester. The analyte was then extracted from the silica with 1 mL ethyl acetate and dried  
 133 under nitrogen. The analytes PGE2 and TxB2 were removed from the TLC plates by scraping the region  
 134 from 0.5cm above the PGE2-methyl ester standard to 4mm above the PGD2-methyl ester standard. The  
 135 analytes were then extracted from the silica with 1 mL ethyl acetate and dried under nitrogen. Finally,  
 136 PGF2 $\alpha$  and 6-keto-PGF1 $\alpha$  were removed from the TLC plates by scraping the region from the mid-point  
 137 of the PGF2 $\alpha$ -methyl ester standard to the mid-point of the PGE2-methyl ester standard. The analytes  
 138 were then extracted from the silica with 1 mL ethyl acetate and dried under nitrogen. At this point there  
 139 were three separate samples for analysis of PGD2, PGE2 and TxB2, and PGF2 and 6-keto-PGF1 in each  
 140 of the original starting samples. Following TLC purification, compounds were converted to trimethylsilyl  
 141 (TMS) ether derivatives by addition of 20  $\mu$ L N,O-bis(trimethylsilyl)trifluoroacetamide and 10  $\mu$ L  
 142 dimethylformamide. The samples were incubated at 37°C for 10 minutes and then dried under

Analyte	[2H0]-Ion	[2H3] or [2H4]-Ion
PGE2 & PGD2	524	528
-keto-PGF1 $\alpha$	614	618
TxB2	614	618
PGF2 $\alpha$	569	573

143 nitrogen. The residue was re-dissolved for  
 144 GC/MS analysis in 10  $\mu$ L undecane that has  
 145 been stored over a bed of calcium hydride.  
 146 GC/NICI-MS was carried out on an Agilent  
 147 5973 Inert Mass Selective Detector that was  
 148 coupled with an Agilent 6890n Network GC  
 149 system that was interfaced with an Agilent computer. The GC was performed using a 15 m, 0.25 mm film  
 150 thickness, DB-1701 fused silica capillary column (J and W Scientific, Folsom CA). The column  
 151 temperature is programmed from 190° to 300°C at 20°C per minute. The major ions generated in the NICI  
 152 mass spectrum of the PFB ester, TMS ether derivatives of the individual analytes are shown in this table.  
 153 Levels of endogenous eicosanoids in the biological samples were calculated from the ratio of intensities  
 154 of the [2H0]- and [2H4]-ions. The inter-day variability for each assay is < 10%. The precision for each  
 155 assay is  $\pm$ 5% while the accuracy for each assay is 95%.

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157 **Quantification of PGE-M in urine samples.** The methodology has been previously described<sup>1,2</sup>. In brief,  
158 urine was treated using methoximine HCl (16% w/v) in a 1.5 M sodium acetate solution, diluted in water,  
159 and adjusted to pH 3 with acetic acid. Samples were purified by extraction using a C18 SepPak, after  
160 which 12.4 ng of O- [2H6]methyloxime PGE-M internal standard was added. Urinary creatinine levels  
161 were measured using a test kit from Enzo Life Sciences. The urinary metabolite levels in each sample are  
162 normalized using the urinary creatinine level of the sample and expressed in ng/mg creatinine.

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164 **Quantification of Naproxen Levels in Normal Colorectal Tissue and Plasma.** Levels of naproxen were  
165 analyzed in plasma and colorectal mucosa biopsies #5 and #6 by the Eicosanoid Core Laboratory at  
166 Vanderbilt University Medical Center (supervised by L.J.M.) by modifying a method previously  
167 described<sup>3</sup>. In brief, samples were removed from -80C storage, colonic tissue was homogenized in a  
168 solution of methanol and phosphate buffered saline (PBS) and, plasma was aliquoted to 12x75 mm  
169 borosilicate test tubes. Naproxen-d3 was used as an internal standard. Samples were purified by SPE on a  
170 Phenomenex Strata C18 SPE cartridge as described by Vinci. The reconstituted samples were injected  
171 onto a RP LC-MS system, configured in a manner similar described by Vinci. Quantification of naproxen  
172 in the submitted plasma samples and tissue specimens was accomplished by comparing them against a  
173 standard curve that was prepared from blank human samples spiked with varying amounts of standard  
174 naproxen and processed in parallel with blinded samples.

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176 **mRNA-Seq Profiling Analysis of Normal Colorectal Tissue and Bioinformatics Analyses.** Biopsy  
177 specimens #7 and #8 were preserved in RNA-later, thawed on ice, and weighed for analysis. Samples  
178 were homogenized in TriZol using 5mm steel beads. We used the PureLink RNA Mini Kit (Invitrogen,  
179 San Diego, CA) according to manufacturer's instructions. A DNA digestion step was also performed  
180 using PureLink DNase kit. RNA was eluted in nuclease free water and, and concentration was measured  
181 using NanoDrop. Samples were stored in -80C. QC, Poly-A selection, and mRNA library prep was

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182 performed at the Genomics Core at Weill Cornell. A total of 106 samples were sequenced using  
183 HiSeq4000 distributed in 15 samples per lane and generating 75 bp paired-end reads.  
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185 In regards to the bioinformatics analysis, first sequencing quality was assessed in order to remove low-  
186 quality reads using *fastp*<sup>4</sup>. The remaining high-quality reads were aligned to ENSEMBLE GRCh38  
187 human genome reference using *STAR\_2.4.0e*<sup>5</sup>. Gene level counts according to ENSEMBLE GRCh38  
188 gene annotation were quantified using *htseq-count*<sup>6</sup>. We decided to exclude genes located on Y  
189 chromosome from downstream analyses after observing strong clustering patterns driven by gender.  
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191 Differential expression analyses of tissue specimens coming from patients allocated to placebo (PI), lose-  
192 dose (LD) and high-dose (HD) naproxen groups were performed separately using Bioconductor R  
193 package *DESeq2*<sup>7</sup>, in which a paired sample design was specified for comparing post- to pre-treatment  
194 samples. To explore and visualize the relative distribution between samples in relationship to  
195 clinical/biological variables of interest in a two-dimensional space, Principal Component Analysis (PCA)  
196 was performed using data normalized by Variance Stabilizing Transformation (VST). In LD and HD  
197 groups, significant genes with Benjamini-Hochberg (BH)-adjusted  $P\text{-value} \leq 0.05$  and absolute value of  
198  $\log_2\text{-Fold Change} \geq 0.5$  were highlighted and annotated with pathways of interest in volcano plots. Their  
199 expression patterns were displayed in an unsupervised hierarchical clustering heat map using  
200 Bioconductor R package *ComplexHeatmap*<sup>8</sup>.  
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202 For Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA), genes were pre-ranked by  $\log_2\text{-Fold Change}$  and analyzed  
203 with Bioconductor R package *fgsea*<sup>9</sup>, separately on HALLMARK, KEGG, and REACTOME gene sets  
204 obtained from the Broad Institute Molecular Signatures Database v6.0, as well as Colorectal Cancer  
205 (CRC) related pathway gene sets obtained from Guinney et al<sup>10</sup>. Significant LD- and HD-associated  
206 pathways were selected based on BH-adjusted  $P\text{-value} \leq 0.05$  in their respective naproxen group and also

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207 BH-adjusted  $P$ -value $>0.05$  in PL. Based on Normalized Enrichment Score (NES), the selected pathways  
208 with common (NES are both positive or both negative) and distinct (NES are one positive, the other  
209 negative) effects in LD and HD naproxen were comparatively displayed. We also performed pathway  
210 enrichment analysis combining together the LD and HD data sets (combined naproxen analysis).  
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212 For immune cell gene enrichment analysis, gene signatures were obtained from Nirmal et al<sup>11</sup>. The  
213 immune cell types vary in the number of gene markers defining each type with some cell types more  
214 extensively annotated than others, therefore providing more confidence in the calls of those. Sample-wise  
215 immune cell enrichment scores were calculated using raw read counts with Bioconductor R package  
216 *GSEA*<sup>12</sup>. The resulted enrichment scores of pre- and post-treatment samples in PL, LD and HD groups  
217 were compared separately using *limma*<sup>13</sup> by specifying a paired sample design. The immune cell types  
218 that met the following criteria were selected and displayed: 1. BH-adjusted  $P$ -value $\leq 0.2$  in HD; 2. No  
219 restriction on BH-adjusted  $P$ -value in LD; 3. If t-statistics in PL is the same direction as in HD, BH-  
220 adjusted  $P$ -value in PL must be  $>0.2$ ; 4. If t-statistics in placebo is the opposite direction to HD, there is  
221 no restriction on BH-adjusted  $P$ -value in PL.

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223 ***Co-clinical trial in two mouse cohorts of a Lynch syndrome model and assessment of whole genome***  
224 ***expression in mice intestinal samples.*** A total of six 6-week-old males and females *Msh2*<sup>LoxP/LoxP</sup>; *Villin-*  
225 *Cre*<sup>14</sup> mice were generously provided by Winfried Edelmann from Albert Einstein Medical College and  
226 were randomly assigned to treatment with naproxen at a dose of 30 mg/kg/day (N=3) or control (sesame  
227 oil, N=3). This dose is equivalent in a human (human equivalent dose, HED) of 70 kg of body weight to  
228 175 mg q.d. and thus comparable to the LD naproxen level. Treatment and control were administered by  
229 oral gavage (daily oral administration via oral canula) over a period of 24 weeks. Animals were weighed  
230 every two weeks and a weight loss  $\geq 20\%$  was an indication for early euthanasia. At the date of  
231 termination of the experiment, mice were euthanized, the gut was dissected, flushed with phosphate

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232 buffered saline, and stored in RNA-Later at -80C. Animal experiments were carried out in compliance  
233 and approved by the Animal Care and Use Committee at MDACC.

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235 Frozen samples preserved in RNALater were thawed on ice. RNA was extracted using Direct-zol RNA  
236 MiniPrep Plus kit (Zymo Research) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Column DNA digestion  
237 was performed using DNase I set (Zymo Research). RNA was eluted in nuclease free water and RNA  
238 concentration was measured using NanoDrop. Samples were stored in -80C until they were submitted for  
239 RNA-sequencing using Illumina HiSeq4000 instrument that generated 75-bp paired-end reads.

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241 In regards to the bioinformatic analysis of mice samples, intestinal samples were sequenced at the  
242 MDACC SMF using an Illumina Hiseq4000 instrument that generated paired-end 75-base pair (bp) reads.  
243 Overall sequencing quality was evaluated using *FastQC*. Gene expression level was quantified using  
244 *rsem-calculate-expression* in *RSEM v1.2.312<sup>15</sup>*, in which *STAR 2.5.2b<sup>5</sup>* was launched for aligning reads to  
245 NCBI GRCm38 mice genome reference. The gene level counts estimated according to GENCODE vM16  
246 gene annotation of all samples were combined for downstream analyses.

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248 Differential expression analysis between control and naproxen-treated mice samples was performed using  
249 Bioconductor R package *DESeq2<sup>7</sup>*. As in human mRNAseq analysis, PCA was performed. The significant  
250 genes with BH-adjusted p-value $\leq$ 0.05 and absolute value of log<sub>2</sub>-Fold Change $\geq$ 0.5 were highlighted and  
251 annotated with pathways of interest in a volcano plot.

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253 Another cohort of *Msh2<sup>LoxP/LoxP</sup>; Villin-Cre<sup>14</sup>* mice was used to perform a survival comparative analysis of  
254 naproxen, aspirin, and placebo. All mice were bred in a barrier facility according to IACUC guidelines  
255 and approved protocol by Weill Cornell Medical College and MD Anderson Cancer Center. Aspirin and  
256 naproxen were purchased from Spectrum Chemicals in powder form. Control mice were given pelleted  
257 plain RD Western Diet and treatment groups were given either aspirin 400 ppm (HED of 370 mg/day for

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258 a human of 70 kg of weight), or naproxen 166 ppm (HED of 150 mg/day) impregnated pelleted RD  
259 Western Diets (Research Diets Inc) at the age of weaning that were identical, except for the presence of  
260 aspirin or naproxen. We monitored closely the amount of diet given to mice and also checked the weights  
261 of the mice during the study that did not differ between control, aspirin or naproxen arms. Overall, the  
262 naproxen dose used is closer to the LD treatment arm in the human clinical trial. Each treatment arm was  
263 populated with 30-40 mice in total keeping the same ratio of males and females. *Msh2<sup>LoxP/LoxP</sup>; Villin-Cre<sup>14</sup>*  
264 mice sporadically develop intestinal tumors over their life time sporadically. Accordingly, the health  
265 condition of the animals deteriorates over time. Mice were monitored throughout their life span for the  
266 following signs for determination of euthanasia: (1) weight loss, (2) poor coat quality, (3) hunched  
267 posture, and (4) pale limbs (anemia). Following IACUC guidelines, mice presenting with any of these  
268 signs were euthanized by CO<sub>2</sub> inhalation. Subsequently, tissues were collected, and tumor burden (tumor  
269 multiplicity x weight) data were recorded. Histopathological evaluation was performed by an in-house  
270 pathologist and based on H&E staining of the tissues. All statistical analyses of survival were performed  
271 using GraphPad Prism 7.0. Survival data from the Kaplan-Meier (KM) survival curves were compared  
272 with the log-rank test and tumor burden plots were analyzed using Mann-Whitney non-parametric test. In  
273 all analyses, a value of  $P$ -value  $\leq 0.05$  was considered statistically significant.

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275 ***Derivation of patient derived organoids (PDO) for ex-vivo culture, treatment with Naproxen, whole***  
276 ***transcriptomic analysis and qPCR validation analyses.*** A total of six PDOs lines were derived from  
277 normal colorectal mucosa of the rectosigmoid of six LS patients recruited during their routine screening  
278 colonoscopy to an IRB-approved biospecimen protocol (MDACC IRB# PA12-0327). These participants  
279 were independent from the ‘Naproxen trial’ and did not overlap. The process to establish organoid  
280 cultures has been previously described<sup>16</sup>. In brief, tissue pieces were washed three times with 1x cold PBS  
281 to remove contaminants such as hair and feces. Then, tissue pieces were incubated in a chelating buffer  
282 containing 1x PBS (without Ca<sup>+</sup>/Mg<sup>+</sup>) and 2mM EDTA at 4 °C for 30 min on a rotating platform. Tissue  
283 pieces were then transferred to fresh cold 1xPBS and crypts were dissociated by vigorously shaking the

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284 tube ten times. Dissociated crypts were spun down at 300 g for 10 min at 4 °C. Whole crypts were  
285 suspended in Matrigel and seeded in a pre-warmed 24 well culture plate as 50ul drop per well.  
286 Polymerized matrigel domes were bathed in 500 µl of cocktail medium containing conditioned media for  
287 Wnt3a, R-Spondin, and Noggin recombinant proteins, and other growth factors essential for expansion  
288 and maintenance of the organoids.  
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290 All of the PDO lines were treated with either DMSO (control), 500 uM, and 1 mM naproxen for 48 hours  
291 in 24 well plates. The dose of 500 uM was selected based on the assessment of naproxen levels in plasma  
292 in participants to the ‘Naproxen trial’. HD naproxen participants had a plasma concentration of  
293 approximately 300 uM (**Table S8**, range 160 – 592 uM). However, since PDOs present cystic structures  
294 there were concerns for the drug reaching clinically significant concentrations in the inner epithelial  
295 layers. Therefore, two doses of 500 uM and the 1 mM were selected in order to achieve the targeted dose,  
296 to establish a dose-response pattern, and to assess cytotoxicity of the agent on normal colorectal epithelium.  
297 We did not observe cytotoxicity even at a concentration of 1 mM using a standard MTT assay. For each  
298 treatment, PDOs from at least six wells were treated. At the end of the treatment, organoids were  
299 micrographed using brightfield microscope. Culture medium was carefully removed and organoids were  
300 collected by pipetting several times in cell recovery solution and incubated for 45 min on ice to remove  
301 Matrigel by de-polymerization. Treated organoids were centrifuged at 300 g for 5 min and pellet is  
302 washed once with 10 ml ice cold basal culture medium (DMEM:F12). Upon centrifugation, Trizol reagent  
303 was added directly to the pellets and total RNA was isolated using RNA isolation kit (Ambion. Life  
304 Technologies). Six lines were used for mRNAseq and 4 were used for validation of specific genes using  
305 qRT-PCR.  
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307 In regards to mRNAseq analyses, PDOs samples were sequenced at the MDACC Sequencing and  
308 MicroArray Facility (SMF) using an Illumina HiSeq4000 instrument that generated paired-end 75-base  
309 pair (bp) reads. Overall sequencing quality was evaluated using *FastQC*. Gene expression levels were

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310 quantified using *rsem-calculate-expression* in *RSEM v1.2.212*<sup>15</sup>, in which *Bowtie*<sup>17</sup> by default was  
311 launched for aligning reads to UCSC hg19 human genome reference. Gene level counts estimated  
312 according to GENCODE v19 gene annotation of all samples were combined for downstream analyses.  
313 Differential expression analysis between DMSO (control) and naproxen-treated PDO was performed  
314 using Bioconductor R package *DESeq2*<sup>7</sup> by specifying a paired sample design. As in human mRNAseq  
315 analysis, PCA was performed first. Significant genes with BH-adjusted *P-value* ≤ 0.05 and an absolute  
316 value of log<sub>2</sub>-Fold Change ≥ 0.5 were highlighted and annotated with pathways of interest in volcano  
317 plots. Then, mRNA expression of key genes identified in mRNAseq and human data was validated by  
318 qRT-PCR analysis following previously described method for validation purposes<sup>18</sup>. Briefly, total RNA  
319 was isolated using Trizol and 200 ng of total RNA was reverse transcribed into cDNA using High  
320 capacity reverse transcriptase kit. Authenticated PCR primers were used for the qRT-PCR assay of  
321 selected genes using Applied Biosystems's Fast SYBR green mastermix on Applied Biosystems Viia 7  
322 Real-Time PCR System (Life Technologies Inc.) Data analysis was performed using Ct mean and  
323 expressed in  $2^{-\Delta Ct}$ . The data are expressed as means ± SD from three technical replicates and from four  
324 different organoid lines. Primer sequences are included in the **Supplementary Information (Table S3)**.  
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326 ***Comparative Analyses of LD and HD Naproxen in Human to Organoid and Mice Data Sets.*** Despite  
327 selecting the appropriate dose to treat human organoids and mice cohorts based on HED, we assessed the  
328 global correlation of the naproxen effects at the transcriptome level among human LD, HD, organoid and  
329 mice samples before proceeding to select the most adequate model for validating the LD and HD human  
330 signatures. Common genes present in all datasets were selected after converting mice ensemble gene IDs  
331 to human gene symbols using Bioconductor R package *biomaRt*<sup>19,20</sup>. Read counts of common genes in all  
332 datasets were combined and VST normalized using *DESeq2*<sup>7</sup>. Patient-wise fold change of genes in human  
333 datasets were calculated by dividing normalized expression in post-treatment samples by normalized  
334 expression in pre-treatment samples, while patient-wise fold change of genes in the organoid dataset were

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335 calculated by dividing normalized expression in naproxen treated samples to normalized expression in  
336 DMSO treated samples. Due to the unpaired nature of the design of the mice experiment, fold change of  
337 genes were calculated by dividing the mean normalized expression of naproxen treated samples by the  
338 mean normalized expression of control samples. Significant human LD and HD genes with BH-adjusted  
339  $P\text{-value}\leq 0.1$  were further selected from the resulted gene by patient fold change matrix to calculate  
340 patient-wise Pearson correlations, which were clustered and displayed in an unsupervised hierarchical  
341 clustering heat map using Bioconductor R package *ComplexHeatmap*<sup>8</sup>.

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343 In order to compare the effects of LD and HD naproxen in human to organoid and mice, the number of  
344 significant genes with BH-adjusted  $P\text{-value}\leq 0.1$  in LD and HD naproxen specimens with respect to  
345 organoid and mice were displayed separately in Venn diagrams.

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347 Finally, based on the results of Venn diagram and correlation analysis, LD significant genes that were  
348 annotated in the volcano plot and also significant in the organoid data set, HD significant genes that were  
349 annotated in the volcano plot and also significant in the mice data set (both with BH-adjusted  $P\text{-}$   
350  $values\leq 0.1$ ) were selected for unsupervised clustering of organoid and mice samples, respectively. The  
351 expression patterns of these genes in the organoid and mice data sets were displayed in unsupervised  
352 hierarchical clustering heat maps using Bioconductor R package *ComplexHeatmap*<sup>8</sup>.

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