

Figure S1. Alignment of cGAS protein sequences across 4 species. The GenBank accession numbers are: NP_612450 (human cGAS); XP_013840602.1 (porcine cGAS); NP_775562.2 (mouse cGAS); XP_419881.4 (chicken cGAS). The alignment was generated by software Clustal X and drawn by BoxShade (https://embnet.vitalit.ch/software/BOX_form.html). Black shading indicates aa identity; gray shading indicates aa similarity (50%). The conserved functional sites for mutations were marked by arrows and line, respectively.

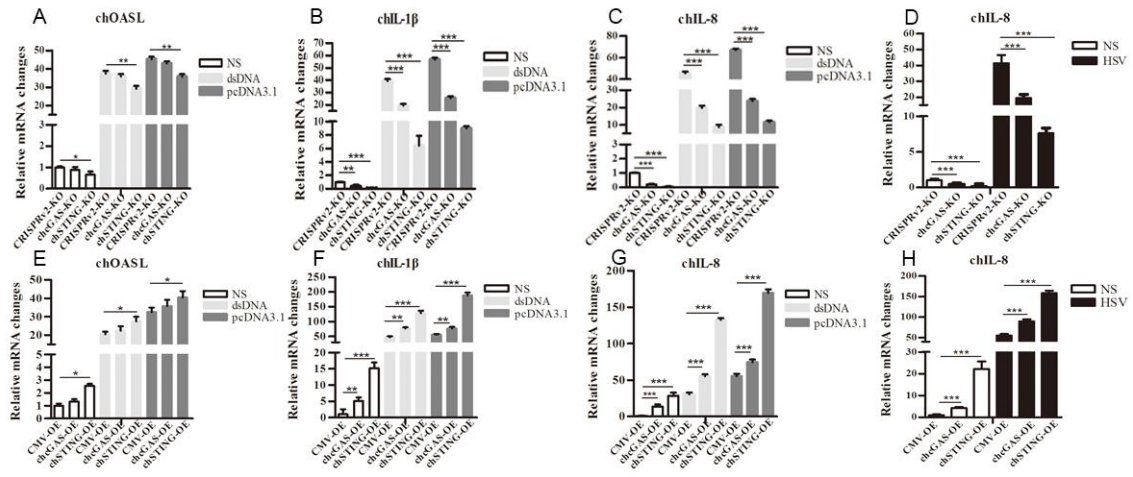


Figure S2 (to Figure 5). The chcGAS KO, chSTING KO and pCRISPRv2 control HD11 cells in 12-well plates were stimulated with dsDNA (0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$), pcDNA3.1 (0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) for 8–12 h (A–C) and HSV-1 (0.01 MOI) for 8–12 h (D). The chcGAS OE, chSTING OE and pCMV control HD11 cells in 12-well plates were stimulated with dsDNA (0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$), pcDNA3.1 (0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) for 8–12 h (E–G) and HSV-1 (0.01 MOI) for 8–12 h (H). The cells were analyzed by RT-qPCR for cellular gene transcriptions. “*”, “**”, “***” denote $p < 0.05$, $p < 0.01$ and $p < 0.001$, respectively.

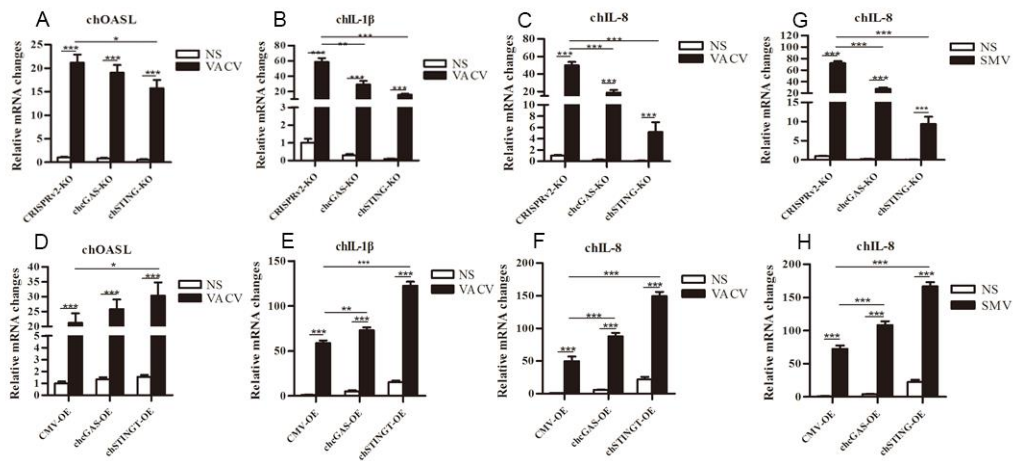


Figure S3 (to Figure 6). HD11 KO and OE stable cells in 12-well plate (2×10^5 cells/well) were infected with VACV (0.01 MOI) for 20 h and 20 h, respectively (A–F). HD11 KO and OE stable cells in 12-well plate (2×10^5 cells/well) were infected with SMV (0.01 MOI) for 20 h and 20 h, respectively (G–H). The cells were analyzed by RT-qPCR for cellular gene transcriptions. “*”, “**”, “***” denote $p < 0.05$, $p < 0.01$ and $p < 0.001$, respectively.

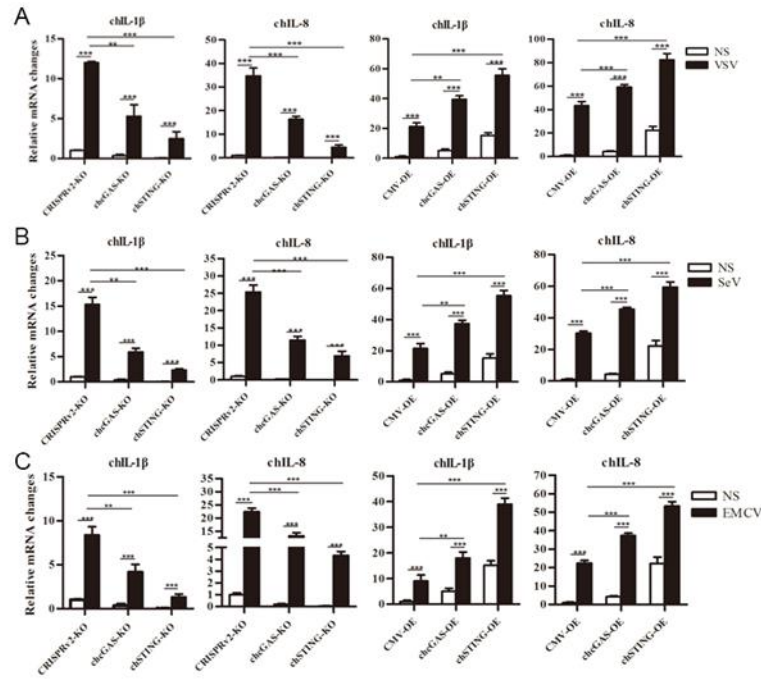


Figure S4. (to Figure 7–9). HD11 KO and OE stable cells in 12-well plate (2×10^5 cells/well) were infected with VSV-GFP (0.01 MOI) for 14 h and 18 h, respectively (A), SeV-GFP (0.01 MOI) for 14 h and 18 h, respectively (B), and EMCV (0.01 MOI) for 14 h and 14 h, respectively (C). The cells were analyzed by RT-qPCR for cellular gene transcriptions. “**”, “***” denote $p < 0.01$ and $p < 0.001$, respectively.

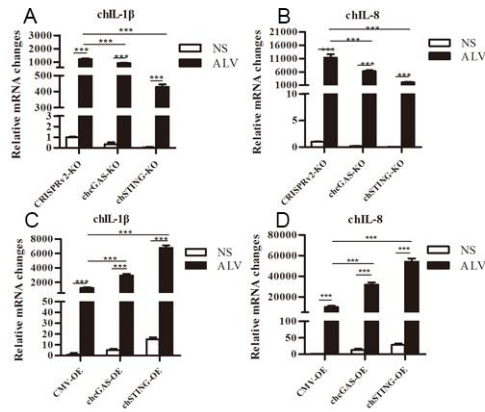


Figure S5 (to Figure 11). HD11 KO (A–B) and OE (C–D) stable cells in 12-well plate (2×10^5 cells/well) were infected with ALV-A (0.01 MOI) for 14 h and 14 h, respectively. The cells were analyzed by RT-qPCR for cellular gene transcriptions. “***” denotes $p < 0.001$.

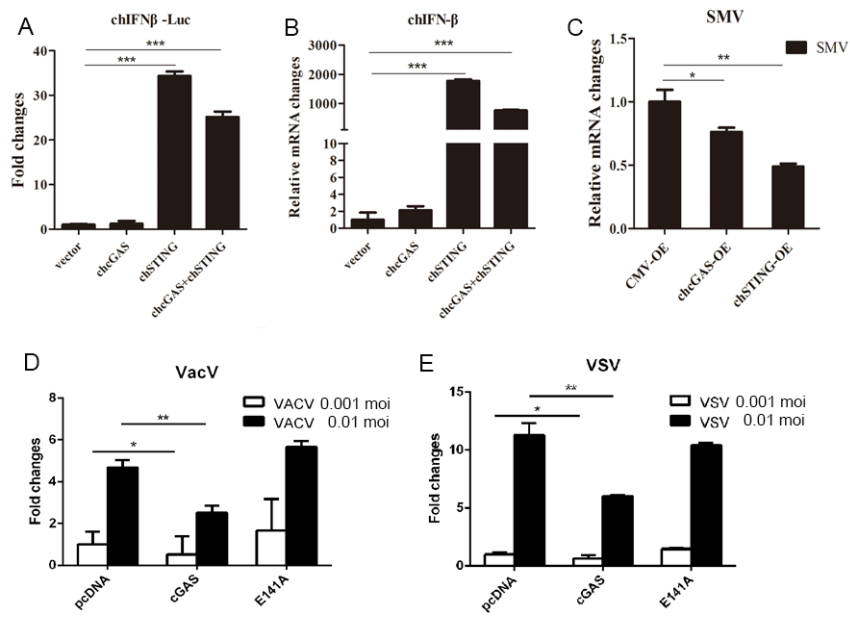


Figure S6. The chcGAS anti-viral activity in DF-1 cells and the role of signaling essential site E141. (A) DF-1 cells in 96-well plate were transfected as in 293T cells and the chIFN β Luc was measured. (B) DF-1 cells in 24-well plate were transfected with chcGAS and/or chSTING using TransIT-LT1 reagent, 24 h later the cells were analyzed for IFN β by RT-qPCR. (C) The above transfected DF-1 cells were infected with SMV (0.01 MOI) for 16h. The SMV C11R gene transcription were measured by RT-qPCR. (D–E) HD11 cells in 12-well plate were transfected with chcGAS WT, E141A or pcDNA vector (0.75 μ g each) using TransIT-LT1 reagent, 24 h later the cells were infected with VACV and VSV for another 12h. The viral gene expressions were measured by RT-qPCR. “*”, “**”, “***” denote $p < 0.05$, $p < 0.01$ and $p < 0.001$, respectively.

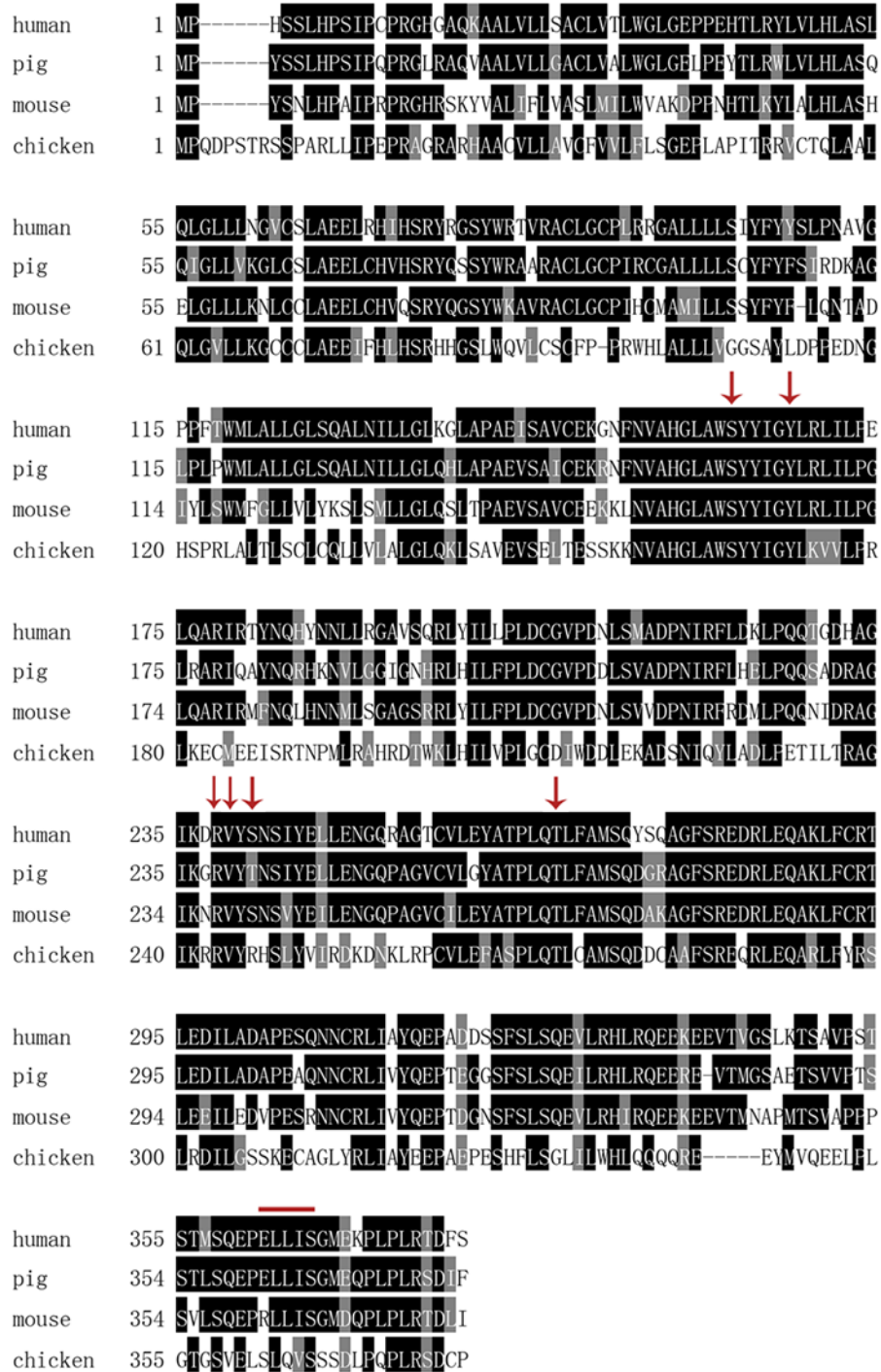


Figure S7. Alignment of STING protein sequences across 4 species. The GenBank accession numbers are: NP_938023.1 (human STING); NP_001136310.1 (porcine STING); NP_082537.1 (mouse STING); NP_001292081.1 (chicken STING). The alignment was generated by software Clustal X and drawn by BoxShade. Black shading indicates aa identity; gray shading indicates aa similarity (50%). The critical CDN binding amino acids and the C-terminal pLxIS motif of STING are marked with arrows and line, respectively.

Table S1. Primer sequences used for cloning and colony-PCR.

Genes Amplified	Primer Names	Primer Sequences (5'→3')	Amplicon Sizes (bp)
chcGAS	chcGAS-F	GAGGCCCATGGAGGAGACCG	1332
	chcGAS-R	CCCGCCCCGGGCACCTGGTCAAAT ACTGGGAATCCATTGTTC	
	chcGAS-f	AAAGGAAAAAGCGTGGAAAGCCC	253
	chcGAS-r	GAGAAAGAGAGTCGCCAGGTGT	
chSTING	chSTING-F	CCCGCGTCGACATGCCCCAGGACC CGTCAAC	1159
	chSTING-R	CCCGCGATATCGGGGCAGTCACTG CGCAG	
	chSTING-f	AAGAGATCAGCAGGACCAACCC	436
	chSTING-r	AAGAAGTGGCTCTCAGGCTCTG	

Note: The F/R denotes cloning primers with the underlined bases as restriction enzyme cut sites. The f/r denotes the colony-PCR primers for detection.

Table S2. Primer sequences used for mutation PCR of chcGAS.

chcGAS Mutation Sites	hcGAS Sites	Primer Names	Primer Sequences (5'–3')
S129	S213	S ₁₂₉ A-F	GTGCTCGTAGTAGGGCGCCGGCTCCCAGC
		S ₁₂₉ A-R	GCTGGGAGCCGGCGCCTACTACGAGCAC GCATTACAAGCATGATATCAAACGCATTTG
E141	E225	E ₁₄₁ A-F	GTTTCAGATATCTTGACG
		E ₁₄₁ A-R	CGTCAAGATATCTGAACCAAATGCGTTTGA TATCATGCTTGTAAATGC
D143	D227	D ₁₄₃ A-F	TAACAGGCATTACAAGCATGATAGCAAAC TCATTIGGTTTCAGATATC
		D ₁₄₃ A-R	GATATCTGAACCAAATGAGTTTGCTATCAT GCTTGTAAATGCCTGTTA
D239	D319	D ₂₃₉ A-F	TCCAAAGCCAAGATGATGGCCACTGATAT TTCTGCTG
		D ₂₃₉ A-R	CAGCAGAAATATCAGTGGCCATCATCTTG GCTTTGGA
E303	E383	E ₃₀₃ A-F	CTCTTTCTCGCATATCGCGAAGGCCATGCT GAACA
		E ₃₀₃ A-R	TGTTTCAGCATGGCCTTCGCGATATGCGAGA AAGAG
N309	N389	N ₃₀₉ A-F	GTCTTTATGCTGCCGTGGGCGTTCAGCATG GCCTTCTC
		N ₃₀₉ A-R	GAGAAGGCCATGCTGAACGCCACGGCAG CATAAAGAC
H310	H390	H ₃₁₀ A-F	GGCCATGCTGAACAACGCCGGCAGCATAA AGACG
		H ₃₁₀ A-R	CGTCTTTATGCTGCCGGCGTTGTTTCAGCAT GGCC
C317	C397	C ₃₁₇ A-F	TTCACTCCATCGGATTCAGCGCACGTCTTT ATGCTGCC
		C ₃₁₇ A-R	GGCAGCATAAAGACGTGCGCTGAATCCGA TGGAGTGAA

C324	C404	C ₃₂₄ A-F	GAGACAATCTTTCCTGCAAGCCTTCACTCC ATCGGATTCA
		C ₃₂₄ A-R	TGAATCCGATGGAGTGAAGGCTTGCAGGA AAGATTGTCTC
K334	K414	K ₃₃₄ R-F	TTTTAAGTCGCTCTAGAAGATACCTCAGAA GTTTGAGACAATCTTTC
		K ₃₃₄ R-R	GAAAGATTGTCTCAAACCTTCTGAGGTATCT TCTAGAGCGACTTAAAA CATGAATGGAAAAAGGCAGTACAAAATTT TTCC
S353-K357	S435-K439	ΔS ₃₅₃ -K ₃₅₇ -F	AATTCTTTTGCATGTTTCATTTTAAAG
		ΔS ₅₃ -K ₃₅₇ -R	CTTAAAATGAAACATGCAAAAAGAATTGGA AAAATTTTGTACTGCCTTTTCCATTCATG

Table S3. CRISPR gRNA encoding DNA sequences (primers).

Target Genes	gRNA Names	gRNA Primer Sequences (5'→3')
chcGAS	gchcGAS-1-F	CACCGTCGGCCGAGGCTTCCCGCG
	gchcGAS-1-R	AAACCGCGGGAAGCCTCGGCCGAC
	gchcGAS-2-F	CACCGTCCGCGCCGAGAGGGTTCGG
	gchcGAS-2-R	AAACCCGAACCCTCTCGGCGCGGAC
	gchcGAS-3-F	CACCGTCCCCCGAACCCCTCTCGGCG
	gchcGAS-3-R	AAACCGCCGAGAGGGTTCGGGGGAC
	gchcGAS-4-F	CACCGAGGACGTGTCTGGAGGCGTCC
	gchcGAS-4-R	AAACCGACGCCTCCGACACGTCCTC
chSTING	gchSTING-1-F	CACCGTGAGCCGCCGACAAGGAGCA
	gchSTING-1-R	AAACTGCTCCTTGTCGGCGGCTCAC
	gchSTING-2-F	CACCGGTAGGCTGAGCCGCCGACA
	gchSTING-2-R	AAACTGTCGGCGGCTCAGCCTACC
	gchSTING-3-F	CACCGAGCCTACCTGGACCCACCGG
	gchSTING-3-R	AAACCCGGTGGGTCCAGGTAGGCTC
	gchSTING-4-F	CACCGTGTGCCCATTTGCCTCCGGT
	gchSTING-4-R	AAACACCGGAGGACAATGGGCACAC

Table S4. The qPCR primers for cellular downstream genes and viral genes.

Genes Amplified	Primer Names	Primer Sequences (5'→3')
hIFN- β	qhIFN- β -F	TGGGAGGATTCTGCATTACC
	qhIFN- β -R	CAGCATCTGCTGGTTGAAGA
hISG56	qhISG56-F	CGCTATAGAATGGAGTGTCCA
	qhISG56-R	TTTCCTCCACACTTCAGCA
hISG60	qhISG60-F	AGTCTAGTCACTTGGGGAAAC
	qhISG60-R	ATAAATCTGAGCATCTGAGAGTC
hIL-1 β	qhIL-1 β -F	TGAGGAAGATGCTGGTTCCTG
	qhIL-1 β -R	CCAGGAAGACGGGCATGTTTTTC
hIL-8	qhIL-8-F	GTTTTTGAAGAGGGCTGAGAATTC
	qhIL-8-R	CATGAAGTGTTGAAGTAGATTGCTTG
hIL-12	qhIL-12-F	CAGCAGTTGGTCATCTCTTGG
	qhIL-12-R	GGTCCAGGTGATACCATCTTCT
hRPL	qhRPL-F	CAACATTGGTTATGGAAGCAACA
	qhRPL-R	TGACGTTGTGGACCAGGAACT
chIFN- β	qchIFN- β -F	ATCTTCGTCACCAGGATGCCAA
	qchIFN- β -R	CGTGCCTTGGTTTACGAAGCAT
chOASL	qchOASL-F	CTGTCCTTCGGAGTCAGCATCA
	qchOASL-R	TCAGCAGCTCCAGTGCATACTT
chIL-1 β	qchIL-1 β -F	GTTTTTGAGCCCGTCACCTTCC
	qchIL-1 β -R	CGGTAGAAGATGAAGCGGGTCA
chIL-8	qchIL-8-F	GGACGCTGGTAAAGATGGGGAA
	qchIL-8-R	CAGAATTGAGCTGAGCCTTGGC

chGAPDH	qchGAPDH-F	AGGGTGGTGCTAAGCGTGTTAT
	qchGAPDH-R	CAGCAGCCTTCACTACCCTCTT
VACV and SMV	qVWRC11-F	TCTGATGTTGTTGTTTCGCTGCT
	qVWRC11-R	TCCATCTCCCTCTGGACCGCAT
VSV	qVSV-F	TGCAAGGAAAGCATTGAACAA
	qVSV-R	GAGGAGTCACCTGGACAATCACT
SeV	qSeV-F	GCAACATCCTGGGGCACAAGCT
	qSeV-R	TCGCCGACCACTACCAGCAGAA
EMCV	qEMCV-F	TCACCGTGAAGTCCGGCAGT
	qEMCV-R	TGTCAGACGCTGTGGCCTGA
NDV	qNDV-F	GGTCAATCATAGTCAAGTTGCTCC
	qNDV-R	AACCCCAAGAGCTACACTGCC
ALV	qALV-F	CTTTGGATTACATGGGCCGACC
	qALV-R	GAGACCTTCCGATAAGTGAGGG

Note: the hRPL and chGAPDH are the internal control genes in human and chicken cells, respectively.