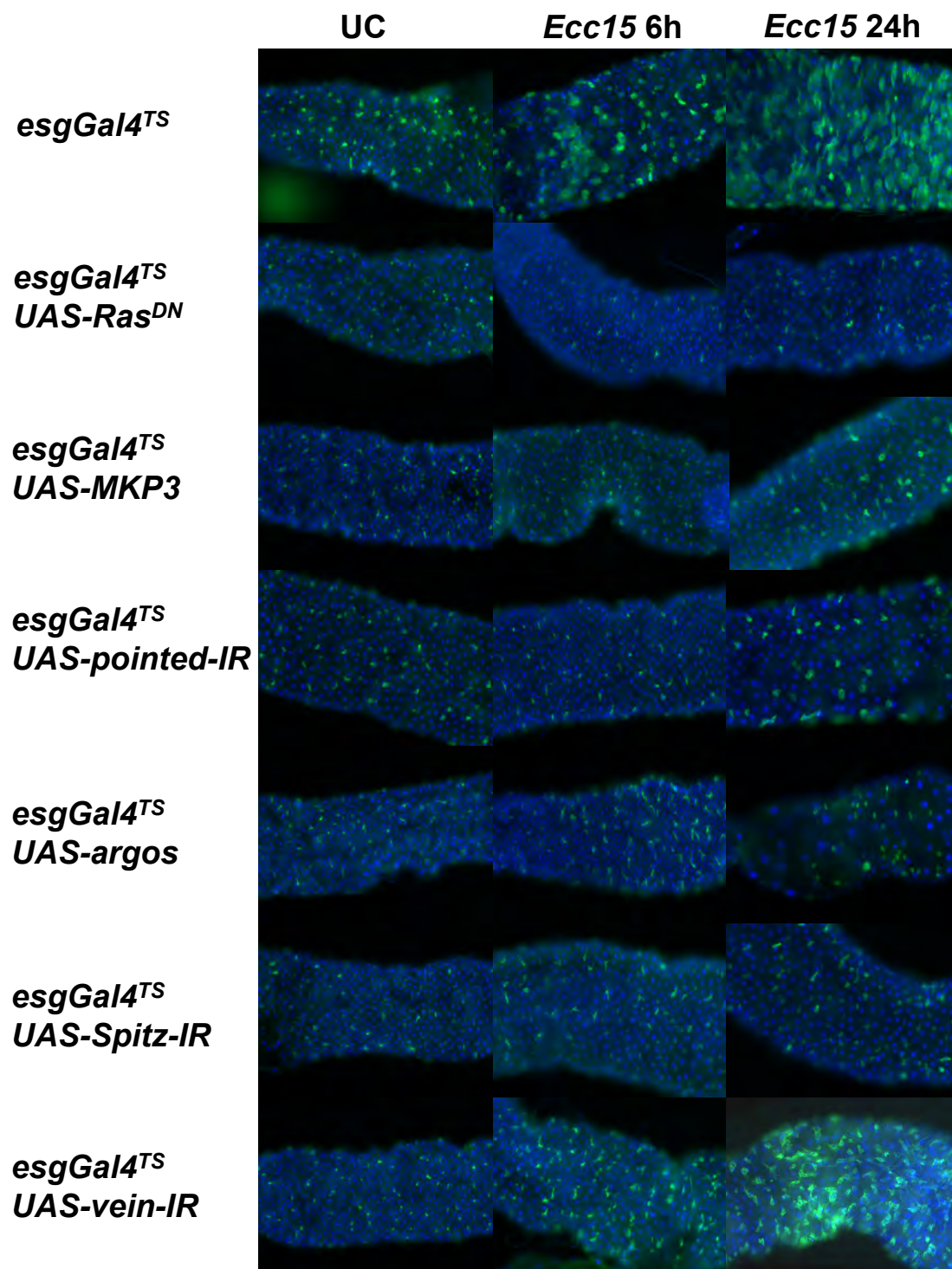
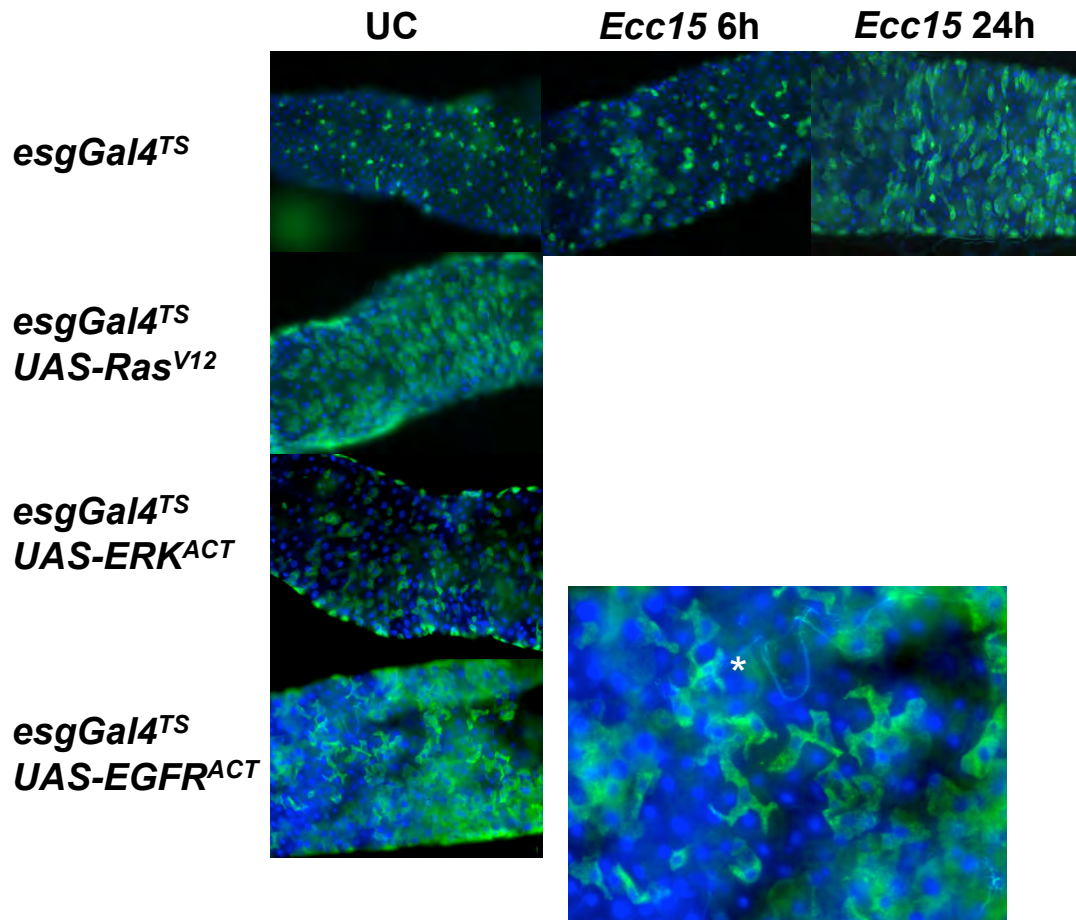


A



B

Additional file 6. The EGFR pathway is required in ISCs for the ISC proliferation induced by infection.

(A) Ingestion of *Ecc15* induced a marked increase in the number of *esgGal4^{TS} UAS-GFP*-positive cells (indicative of epithelium renewal), which was not observed when constructs inhibiting the EGFR pathway (*UAS-Ras^{DN}*, *UAS-MKP3*, *UAS-Pointed-IR*, or *UAS-argos*) were expressed in ISCs. Additionally, expression in ISCs of RNAi against the ligand *Spitz* (*UAS-Spitz-IR*), which is expressed in ISCs, reduced the number of *esgGal4^{TS} UAS-GFP*-positive cells. Epithelium renewal was induced to wild-type levels when RNAi against the ligand *Vein* (*UAS-vein-IR*) was expressed in ISCs. (B) Over-expression of activated forms of components of the EGFR pathway (*UAS-Ras^{V12}*, *UAS-EGFR^{ACT}* or *UAS-ERK^{ACT}* albeit to a much lesser extent) in ISCs was sufficient to induce a high level of epithelium renewal in the absence of infection. Interestingly, activation of EGFR pathway in ISCs generates a sub-population of cells with abnormal shape, which infiltrate the neighboring tissue (see * in the magnification).