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The absence of confirmed signal in dark matter (DM) direct detection (DD) may suggest a weak coupling between DM and the first generation quarks. In this work we consider a real scalar dark matter S which has new Yukawa interactions with charm c and top quark t via a vector-like fermion mediator  $\psi$ . By setting the Higgs portal to be negligible, we focus on the new Yukawa interactions. Since there is no valence c, t quark in nucleons, DM-gluon scattering at loop level becomes important. We found that renormalization group equation (RGE) effects are crucial in calculating the DM-nucleon scattering rate at  $\mu_{had} \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$  if one constructs the effective theory at  $\mu_{EFT} \sim m_Z$ . For the perturbative benchmark couplings we choose, combined results from relic abundance requirement  $\Omega h^2 = 0.12$ , direct/indirect detection constraints, 13 TeV LHC data have excluded a thermal relic DM with  $m_S < m_t/2$  in this model. FCNC processes of top quark can be generated at both tree level  $t \rightarrow \psi^{(*)}S \rightarrow cSS$  and loop level  $t \rightarrow c + \gamma/g/Z$ , of which the branching fractions are usually below  $10^{-9}$  after passing the other constraints, which are still safe from the current top quark width measurements.

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