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Correction: SMARCA4 controls state plasticity in small cell lung cancer through regulation of neuroendocrine transcription factors and REST splicing

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using the Cancer Cell Line Encyclopedia (CCLE). Bars indicate the median expression per tumor type. **B** *SMARCA4* mRNA levels in LUAD and SCLC specimens retrieved from Quintanal Villalonga et al. [27]. Student's two-tailed unpaired t test. ***p*<0.01. **C** Spearman correlation of *SYP, CHGA, INSM1, YAP1* and *REST* with *SMARCA4* mRNA levels in Rudin et al. and George et al. databases and CCLE[25, 26]. **D** *SMARCA4* mRNA expression in low and high NE SCLC tumors in cell lines (CCLE) and clinical specimens (Rudin et al. and George et al.) [25, 26]. One-way ANOVA test followed by Bonferroni post-hoc test. *****p*<0.0001, ****p*<0.001, ***p*<0.01. **E** Western blotting of ASCL1, NEUROD1, SYP and CHGA in isogenic cell lines derived from H82 and H146 expressing diferent combinations of shRNAs against *SMARCA4* and/or *SMARCA2*. Expression of shRNAs from **E** was conditional of doxycycline treatment. Protein collection and blotting was performed after 14 days of doxycycline treatment. See also Fig. S1

Fig. 2 SMARCA4 inhibition suppresses the NE phenotype in SCLC. **A** Hockey-stick plots of DEGs in FHD-286-treated cells after 14 days (100 nM) versus control, untreated cells. (See Table S1). **B** Dot plots showing negative enrichment in selected neuronal and NE pathways analyzed by GSEA in RNAseq data from H82 and H146 cell lines treated with FHD-286 versus untreated. (See Table S1). **C** GSEA applying Zhang et al. NE gene signature [28] in H82 cell line treated with FHD-286 versus untreated. **D** Heatmaps showing the most signifcant confdent targets (top 25 with TPMs>2) of NEUROD1 (left) and ASCL1 (right) [7], in H82 (left) and H146 (right) bulk RNAseq (FHD-286 treated vs untreated). **E** Log₂ fold change of Hippo pathway genes from data in A. Student's two-tailed unpaired t test. ***p<0.001, **p<0.01. The mean ±SD is shown. **F** Log₂ fold change of NOTCH pathway genes from data in **A**. Student's two-tailed unpaired t test. ****p*<0.001, **p*<0.05. The mean±SD is shown. **G** Western blotting of H524 (SCLC-N), H82 (SCLC-N), HCC33 (SCLC-N), H69 (SCLC-A), SHP77 (SCLC-A) and H146 (SCLC-A) cells after treatment with 100 nM of FHD-286 for 7 and 14 days. **H** t-SNE of Zhang NE signature and *SMARCA4* levels applied to public scRNAseq data of 4 myc-driven murine (RPM) tumors [6]. **I** Scoring for Zhang NE signature and *SMARCA4* projected in a pseudotime trajectory from early to late time points in a tumor from a Myc-driven murine SCLC model showing subtype plasticity [6]. See also Figs. S2, S3 and Table S1

Fig. 3 SMARCA4 inactivation alters chromatin accessibility in NE-high SCLC. **A** Heatmap showing ATACseq chromatin accessibility changes (FDR:0.01, FC>1.5) in H82 and H146 cells after treatment with FHD-286 (100 nM, 14 days). **B** Enrichment of neuronal and NE HOMER transcription factor-binding DNA motifs in ATAC-seq peaks lost after treatment with FHD-286 (100 nM, 14 days). The percentage indicates the amount of target sequences with motif. **C** Genomic localization of lost and gained accessible sites upon FHD-286 treatment in H82 and H146 cells. **D** ATACseq genome tracks of *NEUROD1*, *SYP* and *CHGA* in H82 and H146 cells after treatment with FHD-286. Peaks with a signifcant reduction in chromatin accessibility are indicated with arrows. **E** Enrich analysis applied to all genes with lost sites (across all gene body) following FHD-286 treatment. Top 10 GO Biological processes enriched are shown. See also Fig. S4

Fig. 4 SMARCA4 binds to neuronal and NE lineage TF genes in SCLC. **A** Heatmap and metaplot showing*SMARCA4* binding profle determined by ChIP-seq in 4 NE SCLC PDXs and a pooled input. The range under the map indicates the ChIP-seq signal intensity. **B** Metaplots of *ASCL1* and *NEUROD1* in all PDXs and input. Heatmaps showing the binding of SMARCA4 to ASCL1 and NEUROD1 gene bodies. The range indicates the normalized enrichment along the respective gene regions. **C** NE lineage TFs and gene promoter proximal regions (within 1 kb of TSS) bound by SMARCA4 in NE SCLC PDXs. **D** Dot plot of Poly-Enrich analysis applied to SMARCA4 ChIP-seq peaks. Fold enrichment refers to the fold increase in the signal for a particular gene relative to the background signal. The counts refer to the number of genes detected in the ChIP-seq data that are part of the indicated pathways. **E** Enrich analysis of 617 consensus genes selected by combining RNAseq from Fig. [2](#page-2-0) and ChIP-seq data. See also Fig. S5E. **F** Enrichment analysis of TF-binding motifs in the SMARCA4 ChIP-seq data identifed with HOMER. See also Figs. S5, S6 and Table S3

Fig. 5 SMARCA4 regulates SRRM4 expression to control splicing and activation of REST. **A** Venn diagram of ASCL1 and NEUROD1 published binding targets from Borromeo et al. [7] overlapping with genes downregulated by FHD-286 in H146 and H82 cells. **B** Western blots of H82 and H146 cells treated with FHD-286 for 14 days. **C** Metaplot of SMARCA4 ChIP-seq showing SMARCA4 binding to *SRRM4* in 4 NE SCLC PDXs. Range indicates the fold enrichment with respect the input. ChIP-seq genome tracks at SRRM4 TSS. Graphs were obtained from IGV. **D** Correlation of *SMARCA4* and *SRRM4* mRNA levels in SCLC patients' database. Spearman correlation. **E** Correlation analysis of *SRRM4* and *SMARCA4* in cancer cell lines retrieved from CCLE. Cell lines with both high *SMARCA4* and *SRRM4* mRNA levels are highlighted. **F** Merged ATAC-seq tracks of H82 and H146 parentals cells and FHD-286 treated cells (day 14) at SRRM4 gene locus visualized with IGV. **G** Graphical representation of REST genomic regions and spliced isoforms with the binding location of the diferent primers used for PCR. **H** PCR analysis of *REST* splicing isoforms using two pairs of primers (E2F1+E4R1 and E1F1+E4R1) that span N3c. **I** RT-qPCR of REST4 isoforms (S3, S7, S12) in H82, H146 and H524 treated with FHD-286 (14 days) versus untreated cells. The pair of primers E3N3c and E4R2 that recognizes all isoforms including exon N3c was used. Student's two-tailed unpaired t test. ****p*<0.001. The mean±SD is shown. **J** Enrich analysis applied to commonly and signifcantly downregulated genes in both H146 and H82 (n=904) cell lines identifed in the bulk-RNAseq (Fig. [2\)](#page-2-0). See also Fig. S7

Fig. 6 SMARCA4/2 inhibition by FHD-286 induces ERBB signaling and sensitivity to afatinib in SCLC. **A** Proliferation curves of SCLC-A, -N, -P and -Y SCLC cell lines treated with FHD-286 for 96 h. The mean±SD is shown. **B** Tumor growth of Lx151 and Lx95 SCLC PDXs implanted in NSG mice and treated with 1.5 mg/kg BID p.o. of FHD-286. Student's two-tailed unpaired t test. ****p* < 0.001. C IPA analysis on significantly upregulated genes in FHD-286-treated cells versus control untreated cells. **D** Immunoblot of ERBB family proteins in H146 and H82 cells after treatment with 100 nM of FHD-286 for 14 days. **E** Western blots of FHD-286 (100 nM) treated cells at the indicated times. **F** Synergy plots of FHD-286 and afatinib in NE SCLC cell lines. **G** Cell death quantifcation by fow cytometry at day 5 of H146 and H82 cells after treatment with FHD-286, afatinib or both. One way ANOVA followed by Bonferroni comparison test. ****p* < 0.001, *****p* < 0.0001. **H** Normalized tumor growth of Lx1042 (SCLC-N), Lx1322 (SCLC-P), Lx151 (SCLC-A) and Lx95 (SCLC-A) relative to day 1 of treatment. Two-way ANOVA followed by Bonferroni comparison test. **p*<0.05, ***p*<0.01, ****p*<0.001. **I** Schematic representation of the role of SMARCA4 in sustaining the NE phenotype in SCLC

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