

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Supplementary Materials and Methods

Real-time quantitative PCR analysis

Total RNA was isolated from lung cancer cells using TRIzol reagent (MDBio; Taipei, Taiwan). RNA (1 µg) was reverse-transcribed into cDNA with oligo-DT primer, according to the manufacturer's procedure (Invitrogen; Carlsbad, CA, USA). qPCR was performed using SYBR Green with sequence-specific primers (Invitrogen; Carlsbad, CA, USA). qPCR assays were performed with StepOnePlus (Applied Biosystems; Foster City, CA, USA) [1, 2].

Western blot

Lung cancer cells were treated with RIPA buffer. Isolated proteins were subjected to SDS-PAGE and transferred to polyvinylidene difluoride membranes (Merck; Darmstadt, Germany) [3, 4]. The membranes were blocked with 5% non-fat milk, treated with primary antibodies, then washed and treated with secondary antibodies, before being visualized using the ImageQuant™ LAS 4000 biomolecular imager [5–7].

Tumor xenograft study

Lung cancer cells (5×10^6) were transplanted subcutaneously into the right flanks of BALB/c-nu mice (4-week-old males), following a previously detailed method [8]. After 4 weeks, the mice were sacrificed by CO₂ inhalation and the tumors were removed. All animal work was carried out in accordance with a protocol approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee of China Medical University (Taichung, Taiwan).

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