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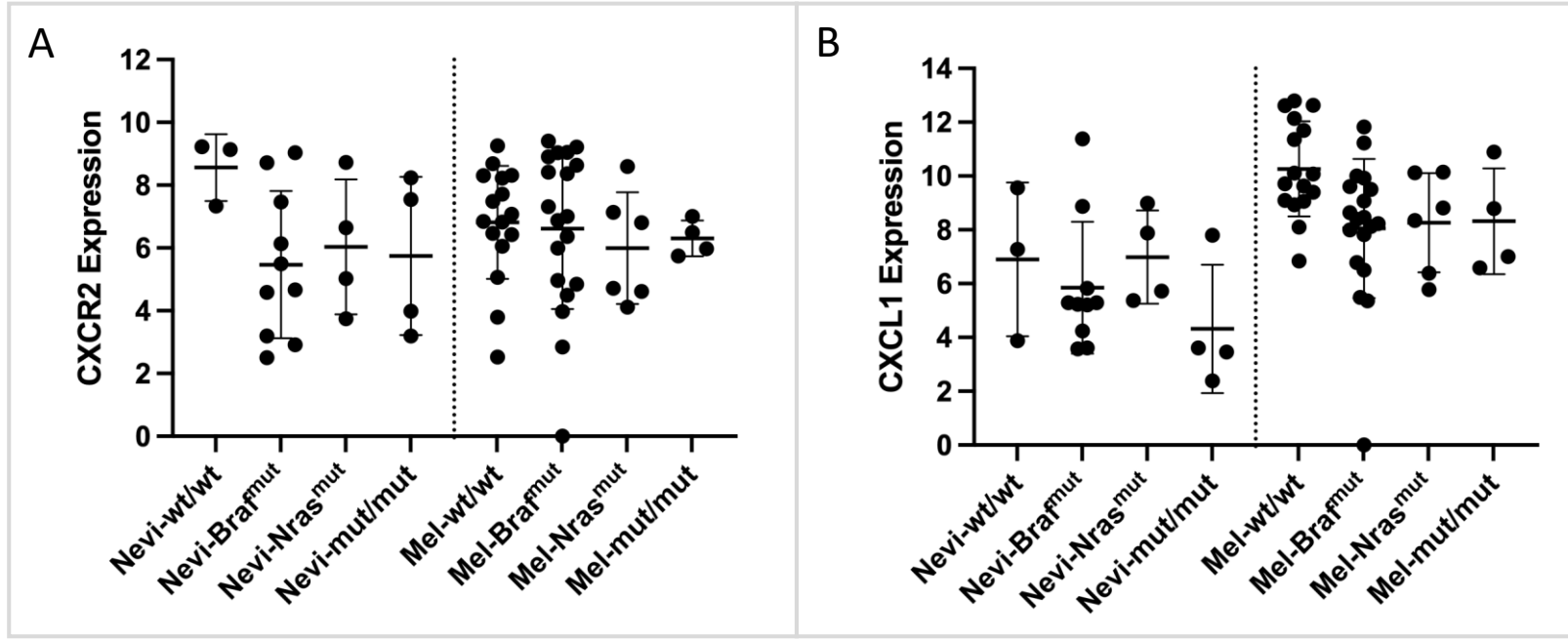


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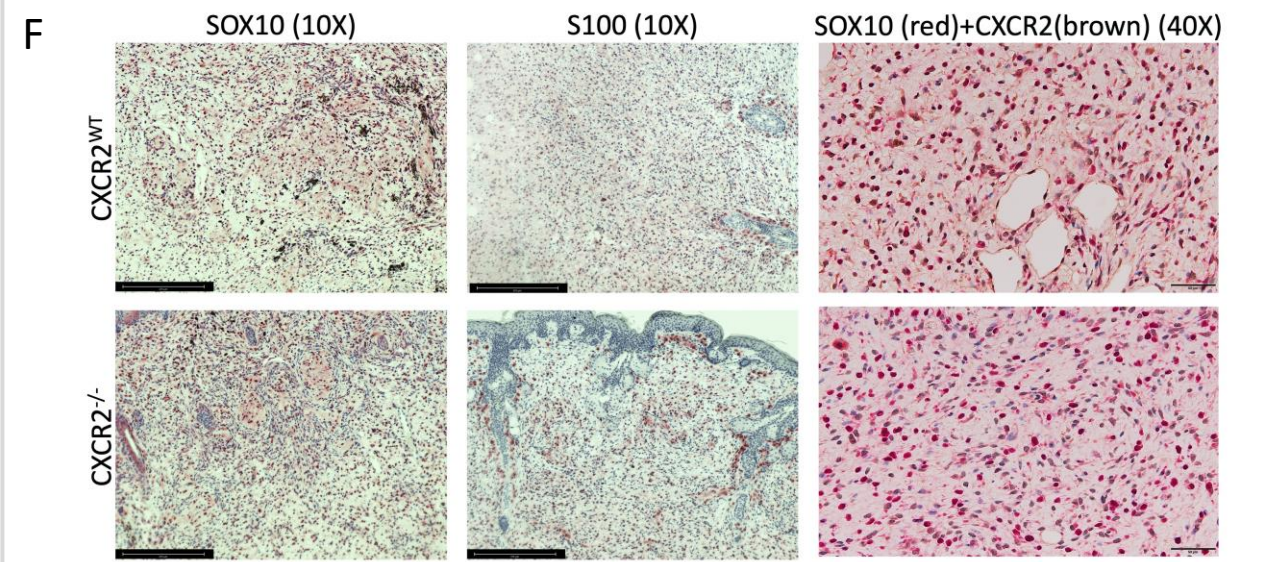
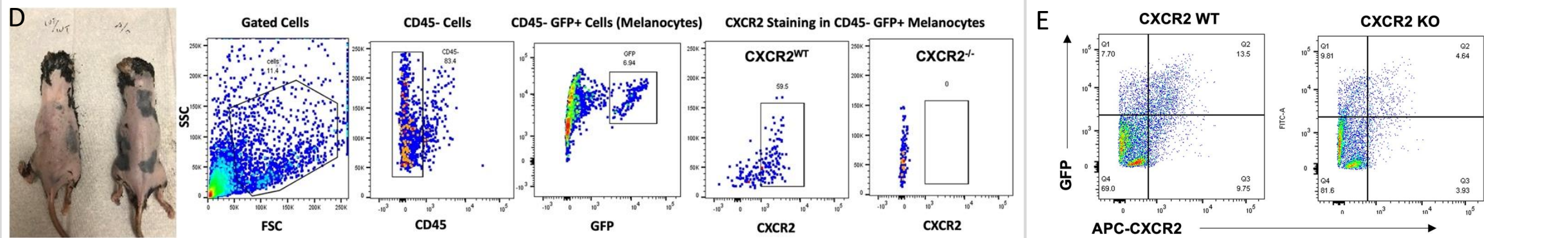
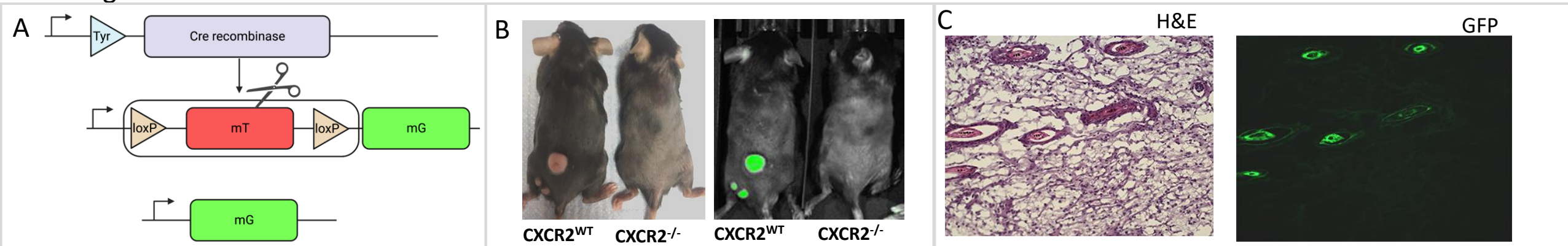


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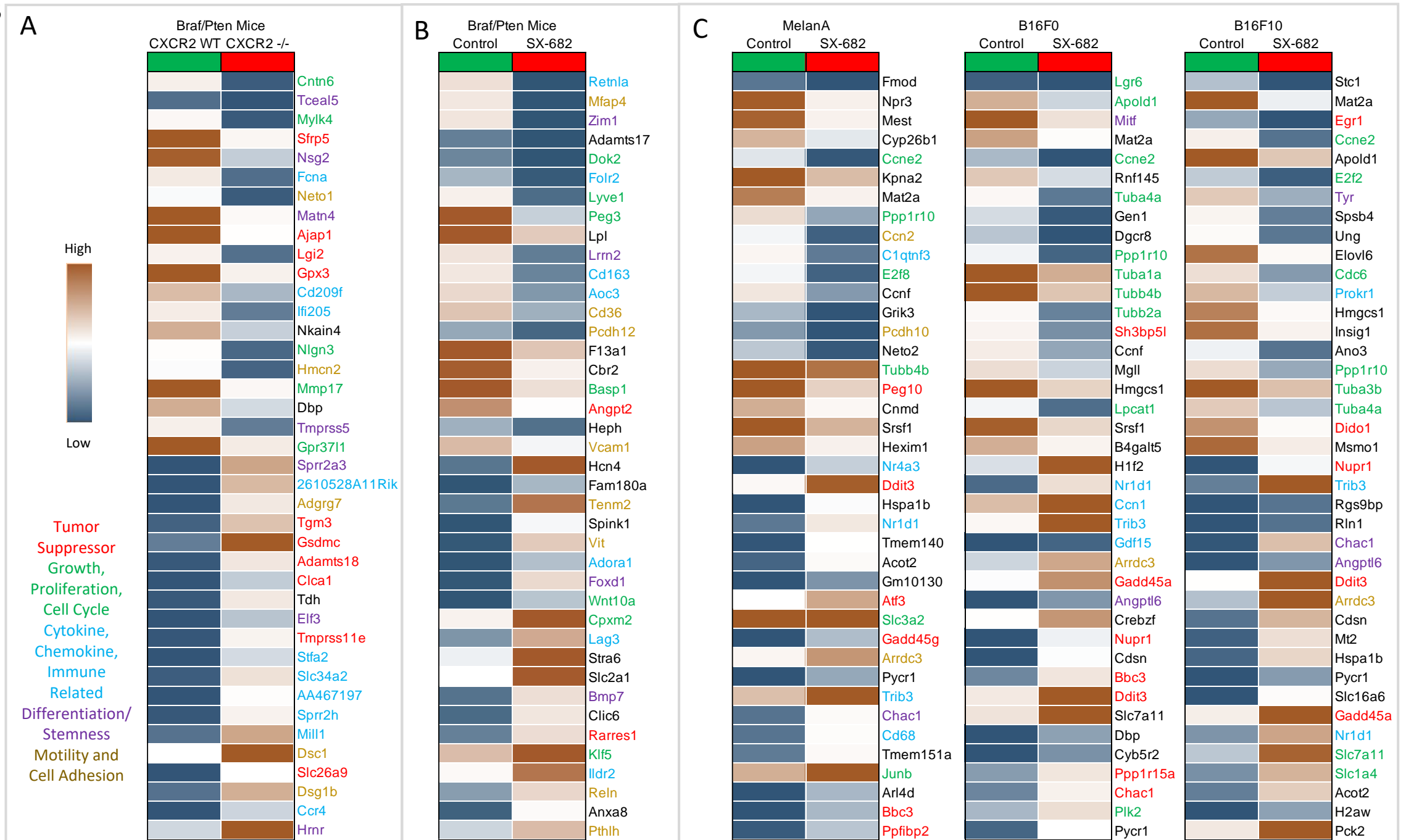


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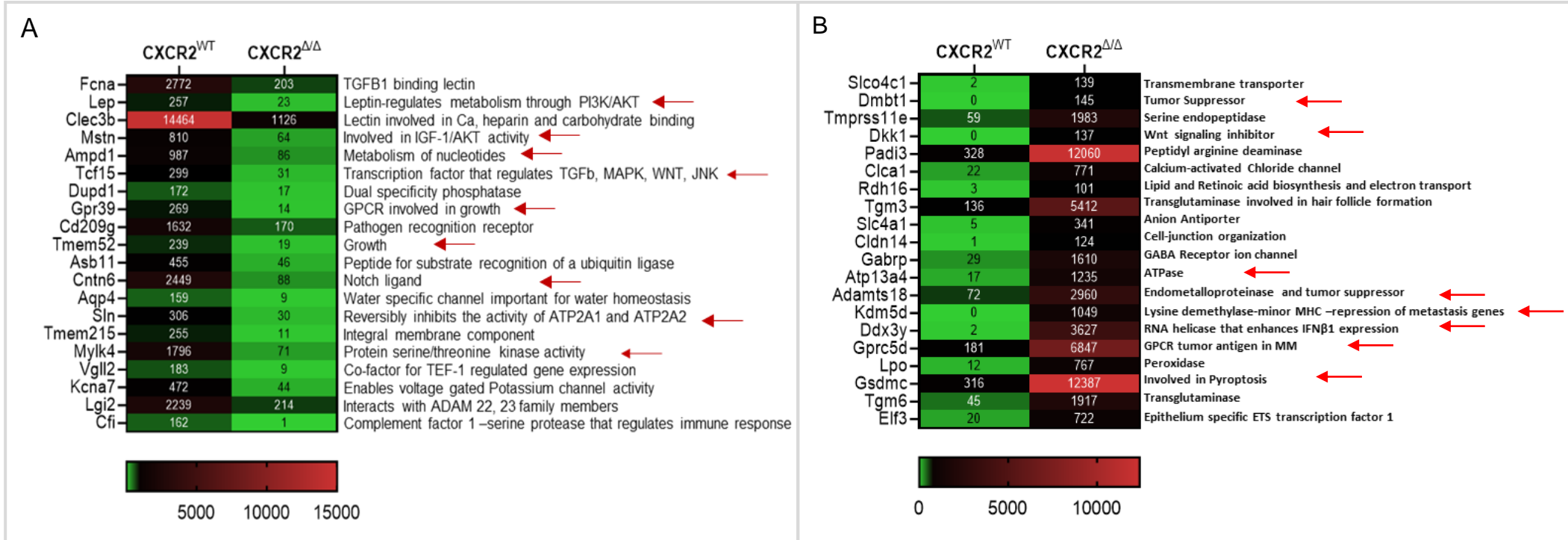


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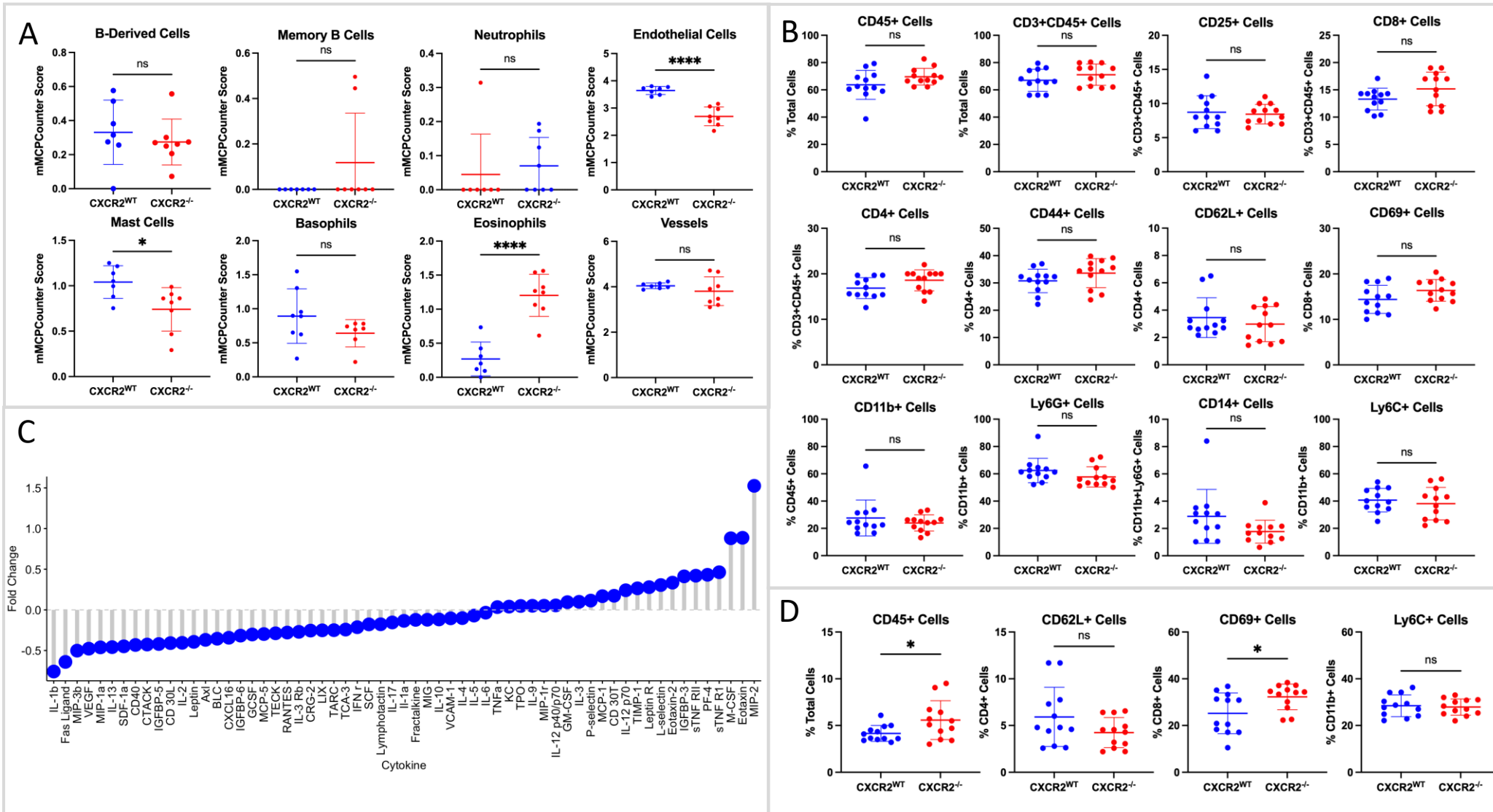


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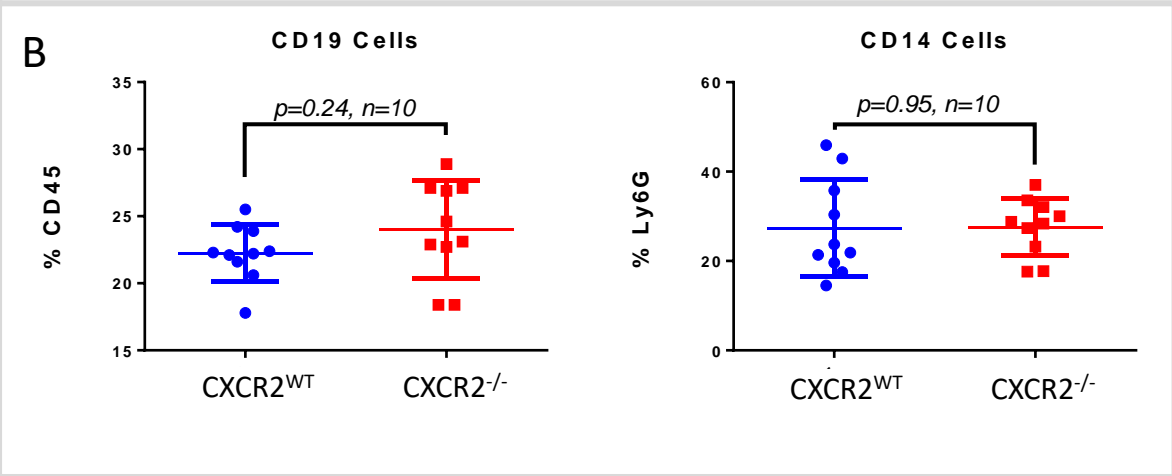
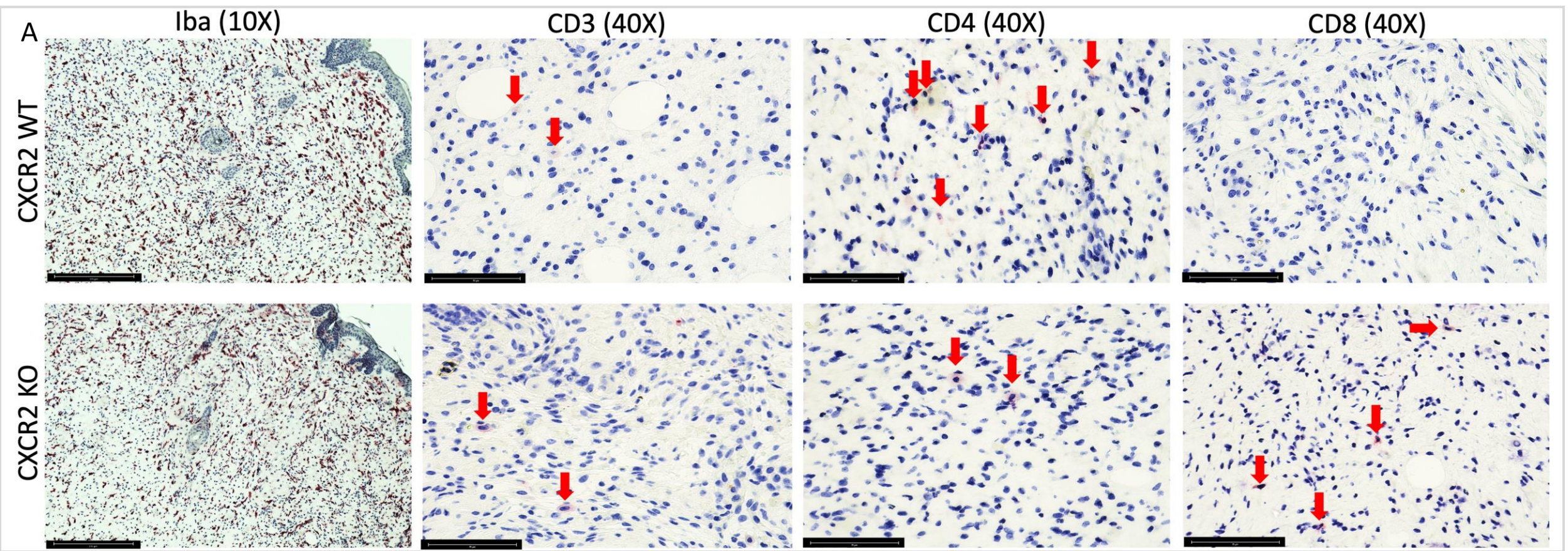


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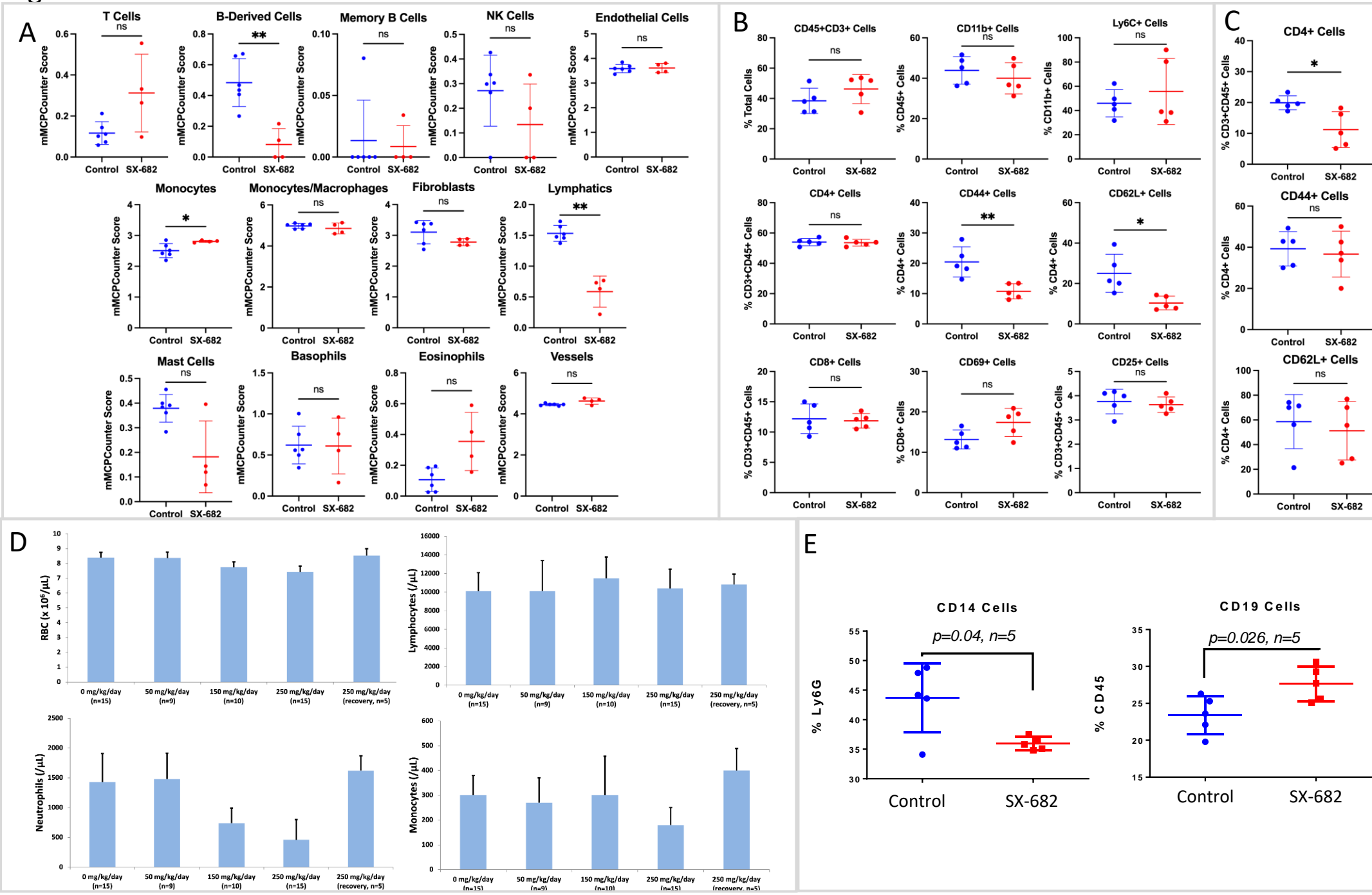


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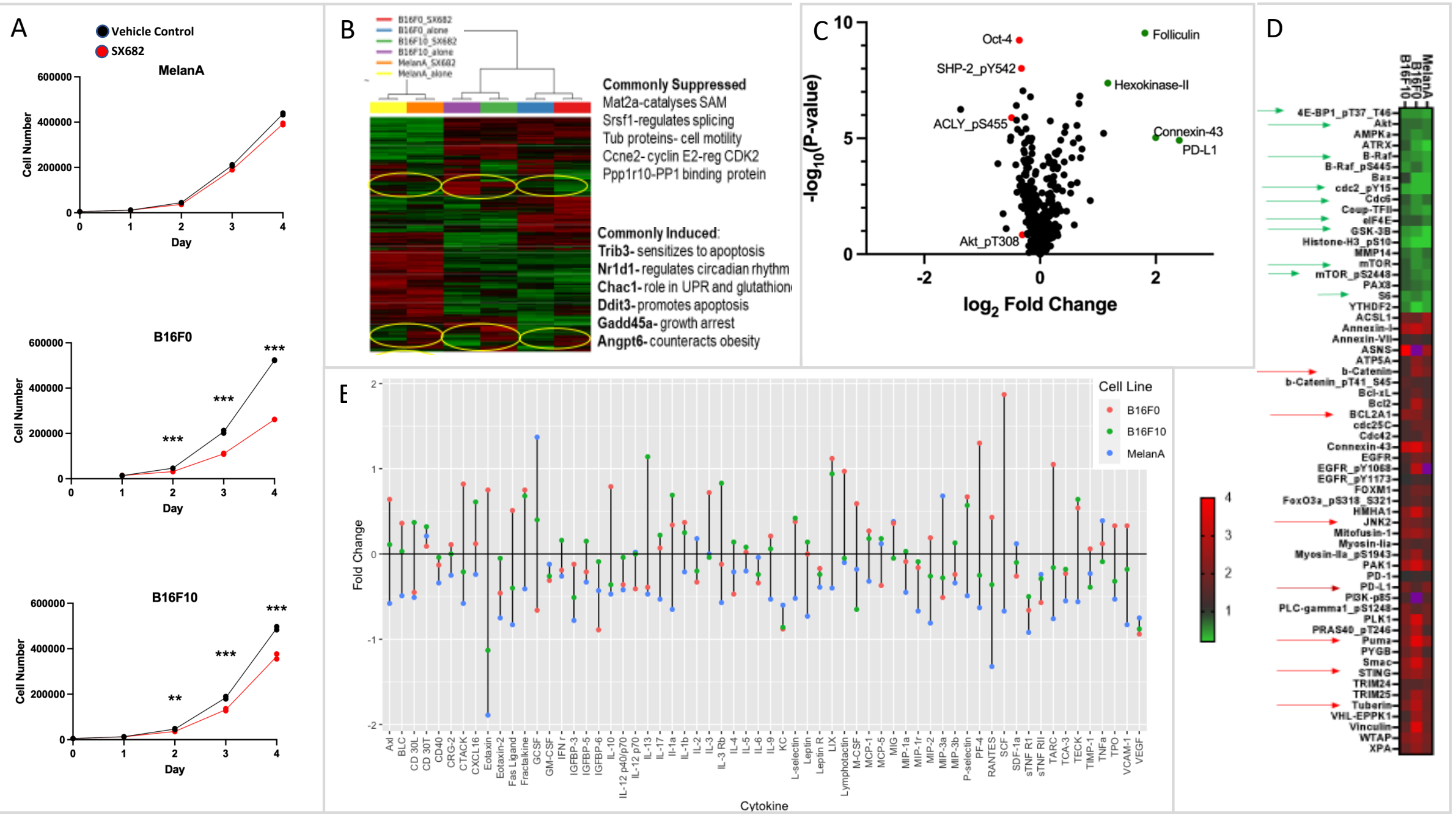
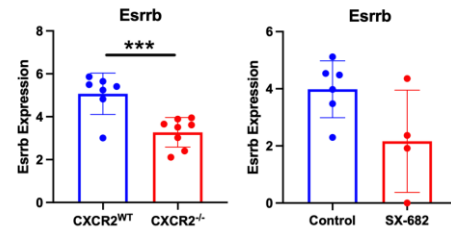
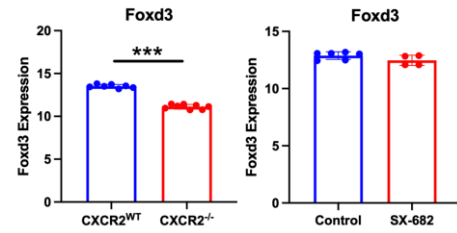


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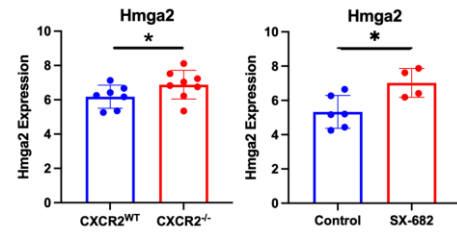
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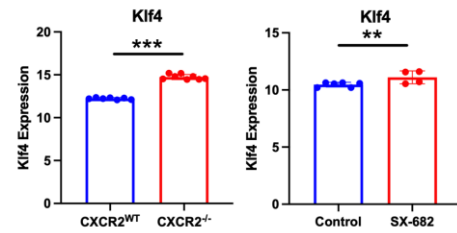
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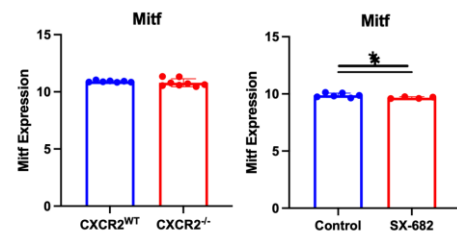
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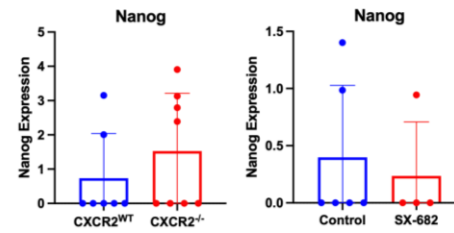
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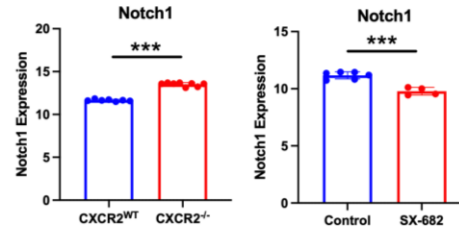
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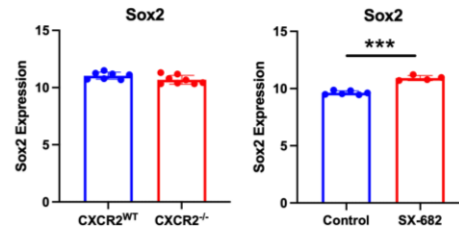
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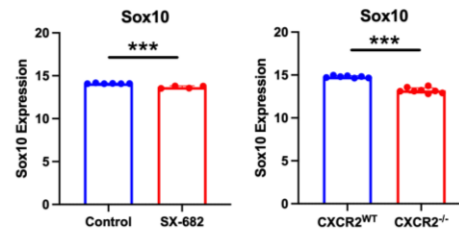
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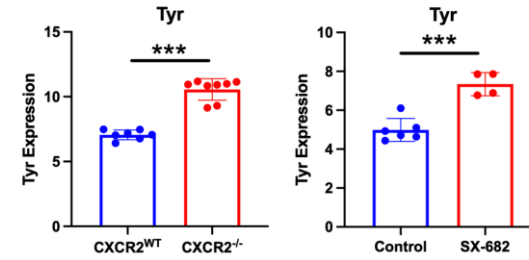
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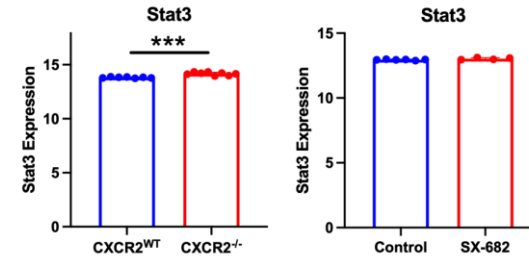
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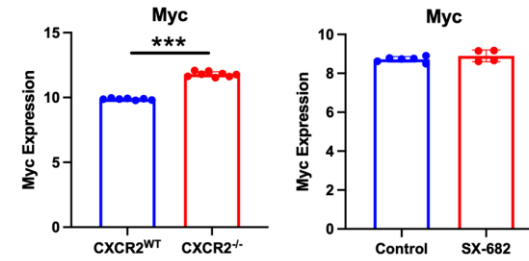


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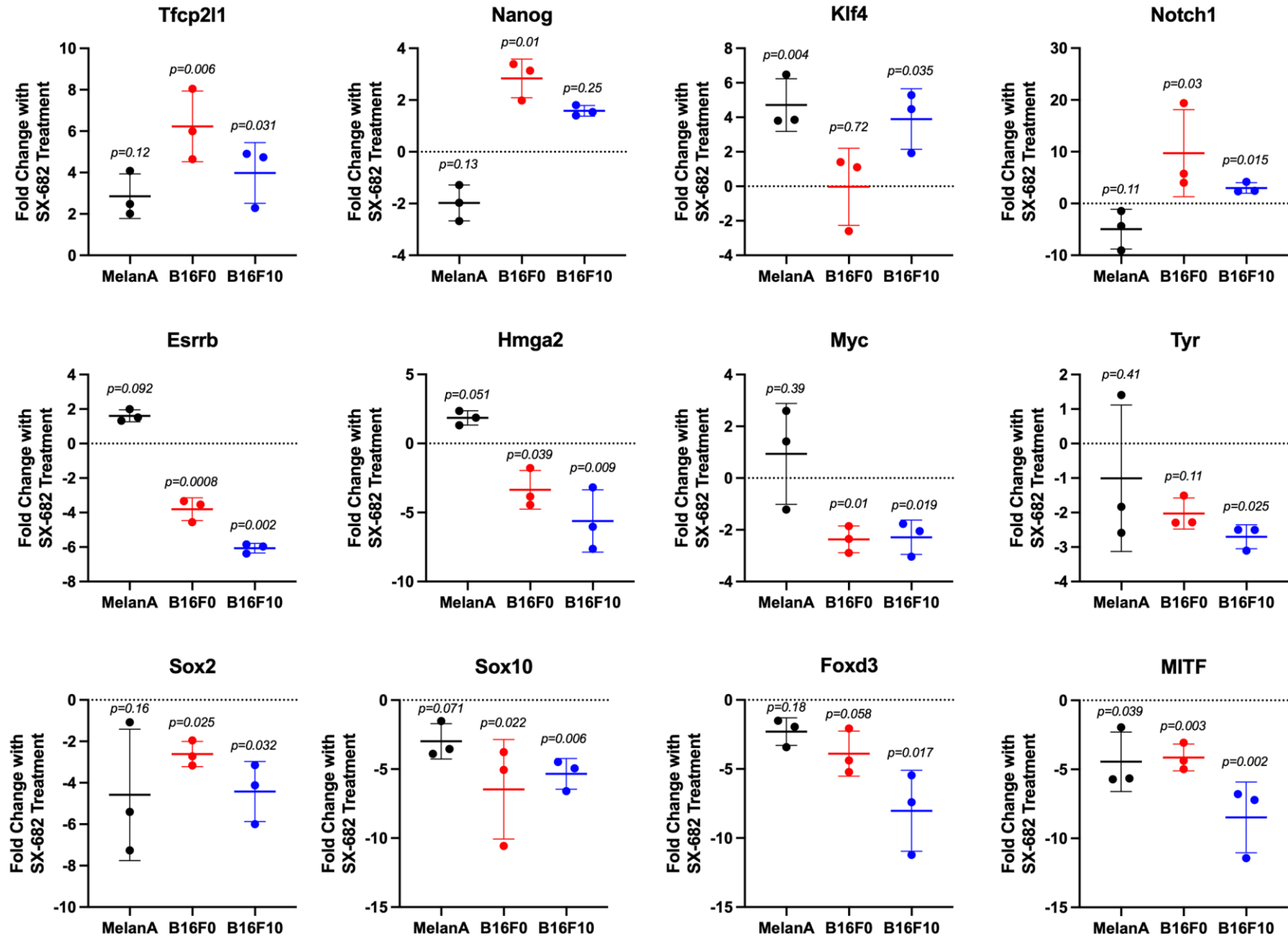


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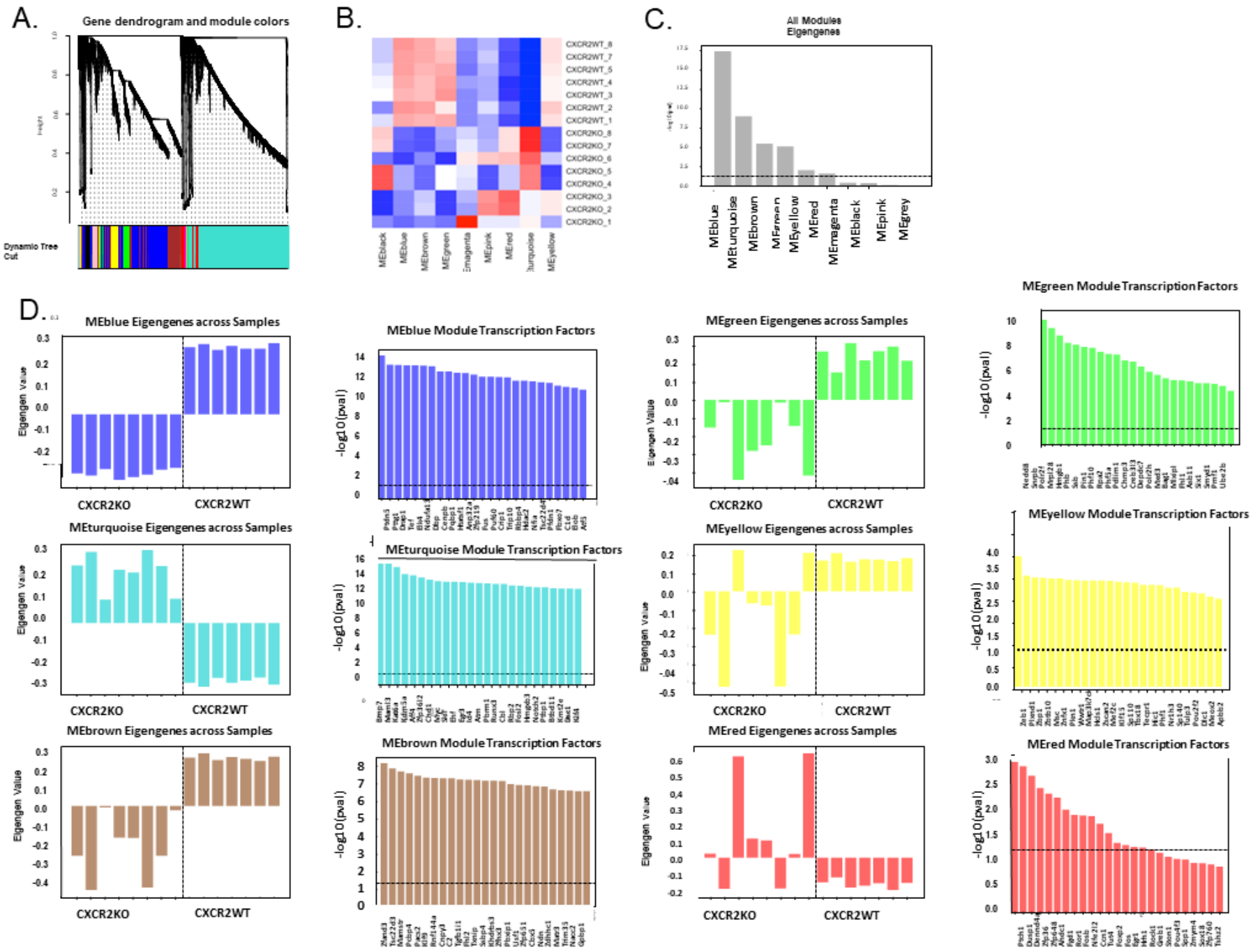
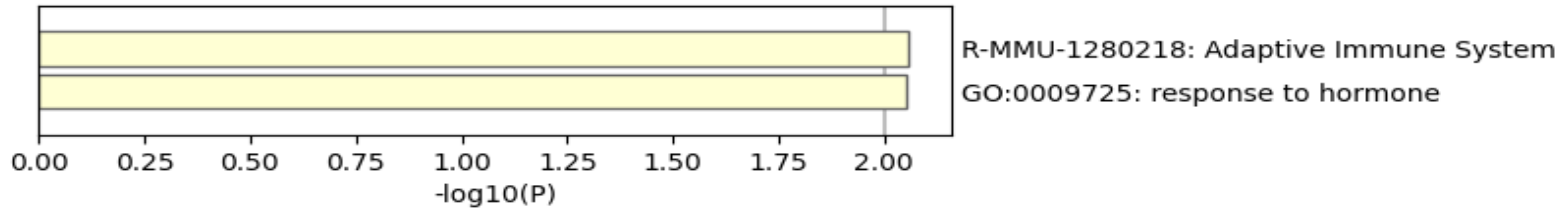
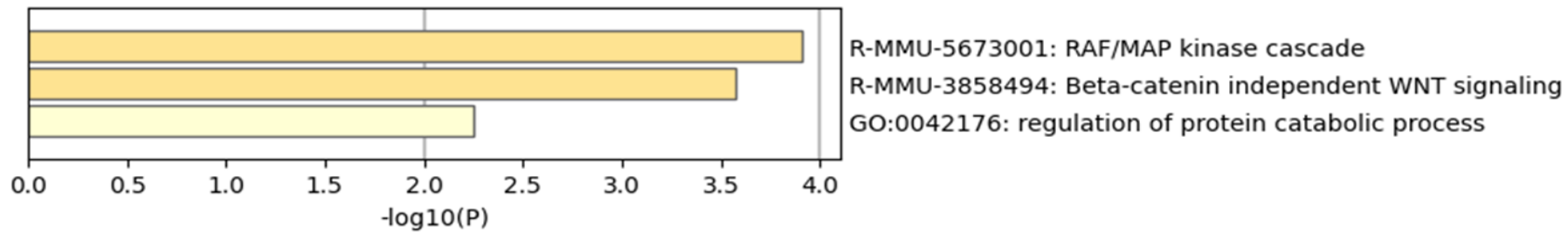


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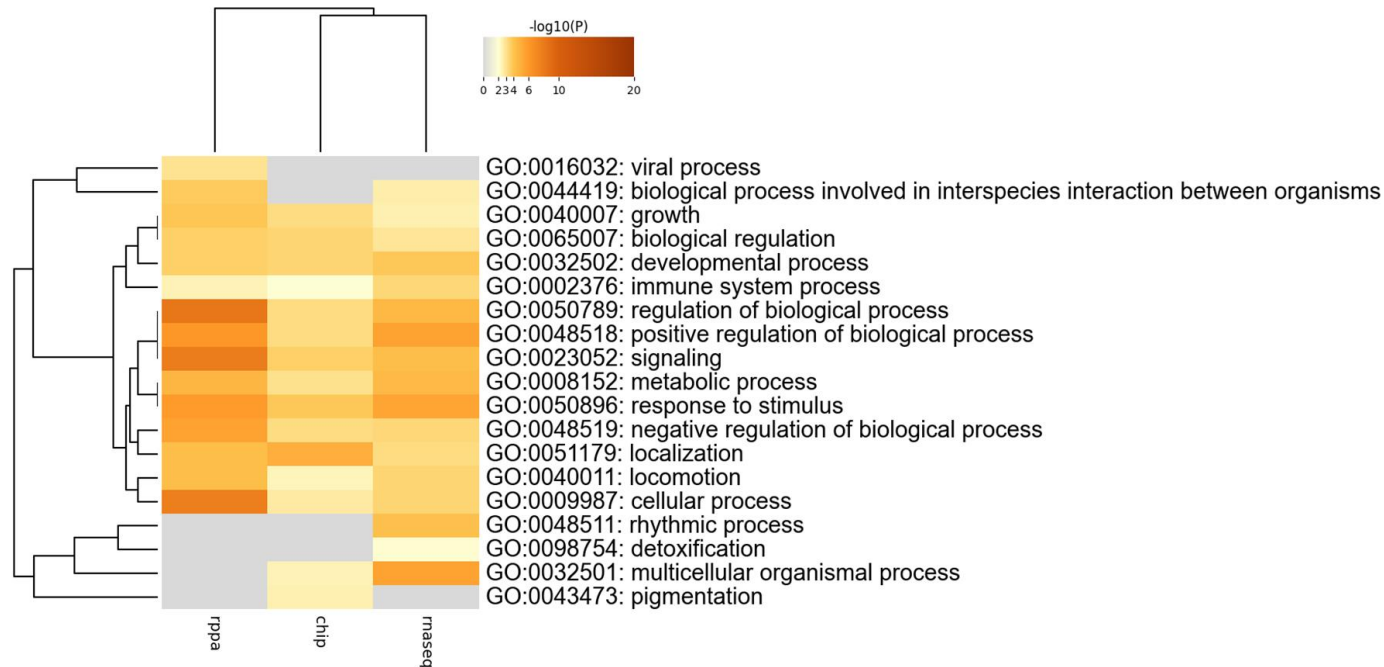
A. Terms from Genes with Increased Expression



B. Terms from Genes with Decreased Expression



C. Gene Overlap Analysis Heat Map of Selected GO Parent Files



Gene Overlap Analysis—Expanded via Shared Enriched Ontologies

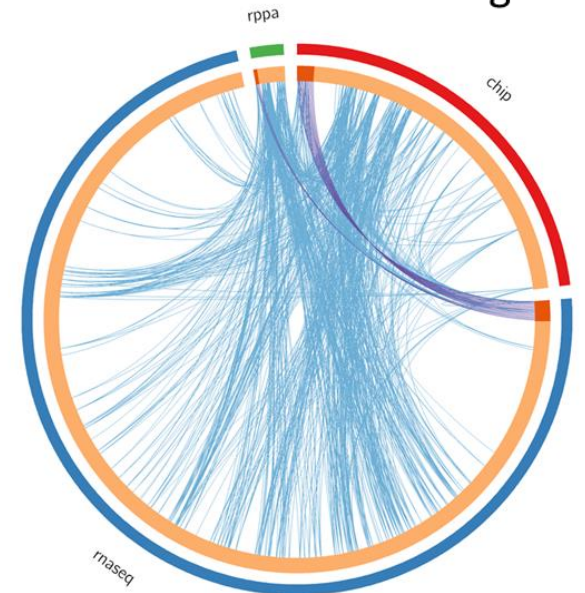


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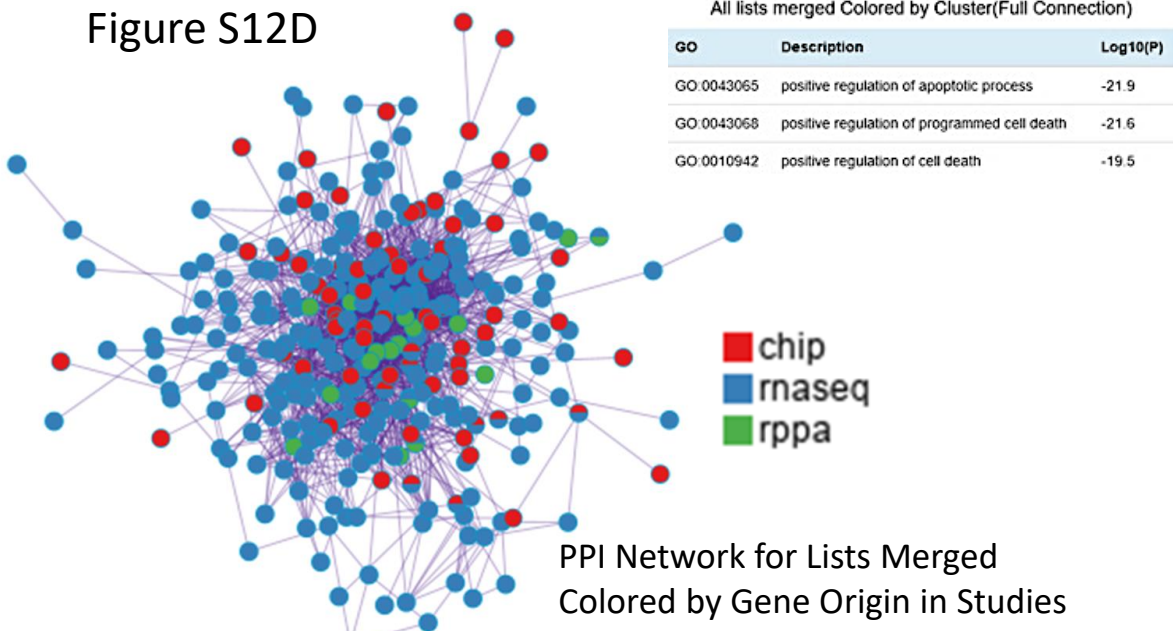
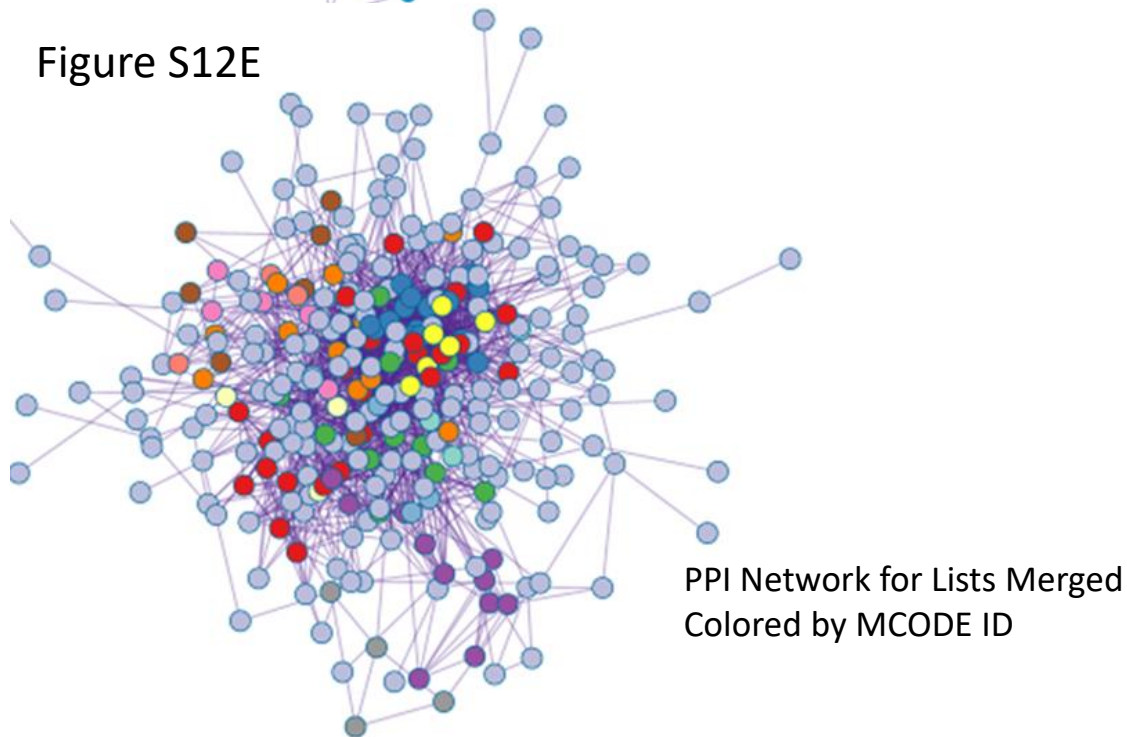


Figure S12E



All lists merged Colored by Cluster(Keep MCODE Nodes Only)

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Green	MCODE_3	GO:0097659	nucleic acid-templated transcription	-5.6
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Purple	MCODE_4	R-MMU-156590	Glutathione conjugation	-11.2
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Yellow	MCODE_6	GO:2000147	positive regulation of cell motility	-6.4
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Grey	MCODE_9	mmu00650	Butanoate metabolism - Mus musculus (house mouse)	-8.1
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Teal	MCODE_10	mmu05216	Thyroid cancer - Mus musculus (house mouse)	-8.3
Teal	MCODE_10	GO:1900744	regulation of p38MAPK cascade	-8.1
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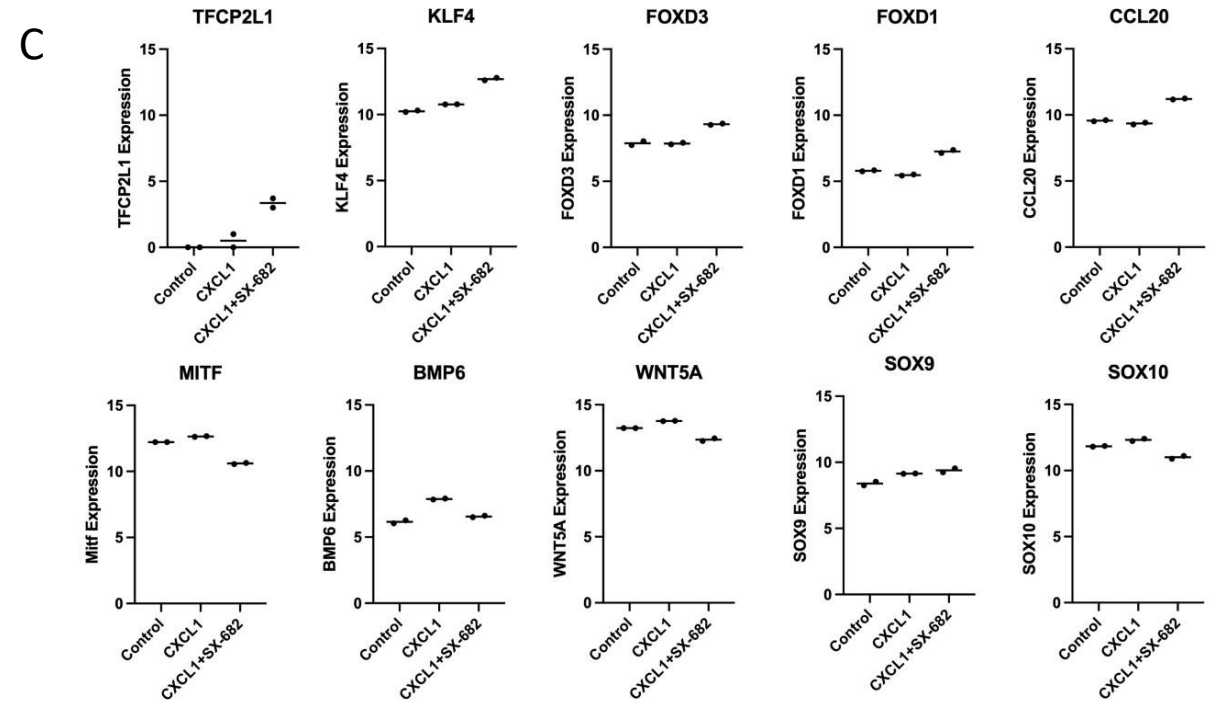
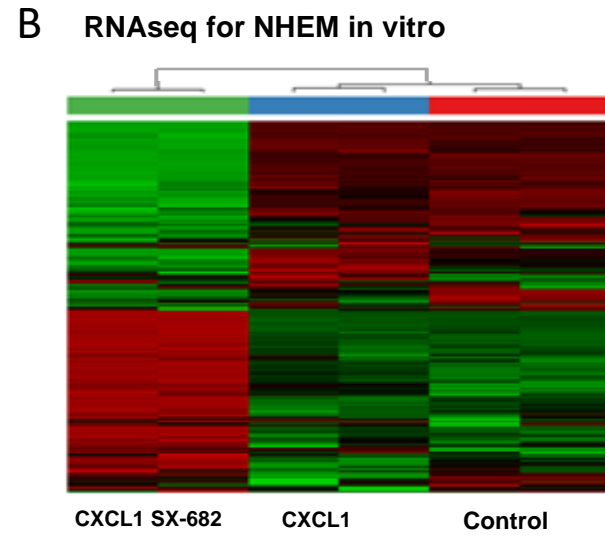
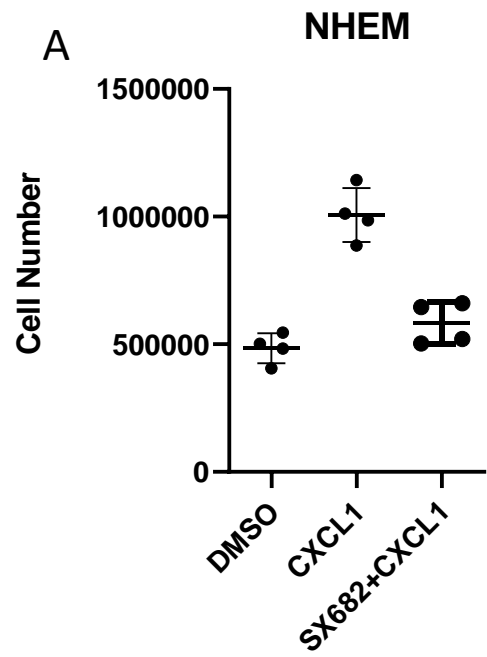


Table S1

Cytokines, Chemokines, and Interleukins		
Gene	CXCL1 vs. Control log2FC (adj. p value)	CXCL1 + SX-682 vs. CXCL1 alone log2FC (adj. p value)
CCL18	-0.388 (0.555)	-1.766 (9.67e-4)
CCL2	-0.426 (1.19e-22)	-6.537 (<1e-310)
CCL20	-0.298 (0.044)	1.612 (1.42e-68)
CCL7	-0.405 (0.052)	-9.397 (2.18e-10)
CCL8	0.009 (0.982)	-9.753 (4e-11)
CXCL1	-0.345 (2.9e-19)	-4.033 (<1e-310)
CXCL10	-1.476 (4.06e-9)	-1.471 (1.74e-4)
CXCL11	-1.425 (2.3e-5)	-0.482 (0.324)
CXCL12	0.710 (3.74e-18)	-6.13 (1.05e-232)
CXCL2	-0.002 (0.993)	-1.219 (2.24e-46)
CXCL3	-0.361 (0.001)	-1.384 (2.45e-28)
CXCL5	-0.62 (3.86e-36)	-1.604 (6.37e-181)
CXCL6	-0.386 (5.38e-15)	-5.928 (<1e-310)
CXCL8	-0.497 (7.99e-30)	-1.319 (5.89e-199)
IL11	1.001 (2.75e-23)	-0.285 (0.002)
IL11RA	0.011 (0.97)	-1.622 (2.51e-21)
IL12RB2	0.51 (0.041)	-1.288 (2.57e-9)
IL13RA1	-0.086 (0.233)	-0.358 (1.42e-12)
IL15RA	-0.37 (0.406)	1.693 (1.46e-14)
IL16	-0.267 (0.40)	-2.293 (1.01e-14)
IL17RB	0.019 (0.971)	0.739 (5.66e-4)
IL17RD	-0.190 (0.362)	-0.465 (0.003)
IL17RE	0.229 (0.718)	-0.794 (0.042)
IL18BP	0.052 (0.907)	0.704 (3e-4)
IL18R1	0.884 (0.025)	2.688 (4.89e-60)
IL1R1	0.293 (6.71e-11)	-2.017 (<1e-310)
IL1RL1	1.968 (5.41e-5)	3.916 (6.28e-141)
IL24	-0.123 (0.204)	-0.313 (1.38e-5)
IL27RA	-0.223 (0.316)	-0.601 (4.75e-4)
IL33	0.689 (0.037)	-4.154 (1.45e-21)
IL34	-1.609 (7.45e-13)	-0.166 (0.639)
IL4R	0.027 (0.791)	-0.494 (6.65e-22)
IL6	0.025 (0.771)	-0.82 (6.57e-77)
IL6R	0.089 (0.59)	-1.611 (4.21e-51)
IL7	-0.569 (0.023)	1.122 (3.5e-10)
IL7R	-0.259 (0.487)	-1.025 (4.34e-4)

Table S2

TNF Related Cytokines and Interferons		
Gene	CXCL1 vs. Control log2FC (adj. p value)	CXCL1 + SX-682 vs. CXCL1 alone log2FC (adj. p value)
C1QTNF1	-0.135 (0.008)	-1.446 (6.63e-243)
C1QTNF2	-1.013 (0.017)	-4.923 (7.33e-8)
C1QTNF6	0.142 (0.246)	-2.543 (4.08e-117)
TNFAIP1	0.011 (0.921)	-0.22 (2.66e-5)
TNFAIP2	-0.345 (0.004)	-1.283 (4.44e-24)
TNFAIP3	-0.261 (5.54e-6)	-1.066 (1.15e-79)
TNFAIP6	0.044 (0.873)	-2.854 (6.99e-50)
TNFAIP8	-0.707 (4.81e-18)	-1.323 (2.97e-38)
TNFAIP8L1	-0.334 (0.044)	-2.102 (1.8e-33)
TNFAIP8L3	-0.048 (0.696)	-0.894 (3.21e-36)
TNFRSF10A	0.051 (0.822)	0.307 (0.006)
TNFRSF10B	0.012 (0.899)	1.231 (4.85e-177)
TNFRSF10D	0.223 (0.001)	-1.663 (2.06e-136)
TNFRSF11B	-0.168 (0.235)	-2.937 (8.15e-91)
TNFRSF12A	-0.194 (0.428)	0.659 (8.34e-6)
TNFRSF14	0.245 (0.001)	0.047 (0.515)
TNFRSF18	-0.069 (0.942)	-2.208 (4.24e-4)
TNFRSF19	0.093 (0.344)	-2.891 (3.17e-230)
TNFRSF1A	0.294 (2.96e-11)	-0.989 (6.79e-127)
TNFRSF1B	-0.151 (0.0507)	-1.757 (3.73e-131)
TNFRSF21	0.094 (0.10)	-3.004 (<1e-310)
TNFSF11	0.898 (1.46e-55)	-3.465 (<1e-310)
TNFSF12	-0.315 (0.031)	-1.333 (2.23e-20)
TNFSF13B	0.291 (0.145)	-3.421 (1.04e-53)
TNFSF4	-0.493 (0.052)	1.161 (2.51e-11)
IFNAR1	-0.074 (0.346)	-0.785 (7.76e-49)
IFNAR2	0.132 (0.801)	-1.343 (2.31e-5)
IFNGR1	0.144 (0.026)	0.059 (0.309)
IFNGR2	-0.109 (0.193)	-0.612 (1.45e-22)
IFNLR1	-0.022 (0.963)	-1.212 (4.26e-6)

Table S3.

Cancer	Mouse tumor model	CXCR1/2 inhibitor	Single agent activity*	Initiation of SX-682 Tx (days)**	Combination activity*, added agent(s)	Reference
Prostate	G: CPPSML	SX-682	Yes	3 weeks	Yes, ICB1	Nature 2017 ¹
Melanoma	S: B16	SX-682	Yes	10 – 14	Yes, anti-PD1	Unpublished 2016
Melanoma	S: Rich1.1	SX-682	Yes	-7	Yes, anti-PD1	Cancer Immunol Res 2020 ²
H&N, Lung	S: MOC1, LLC	SX-682	No	10	Yes, anti-PD1, ET	JCI Insight 2019 ³
Lung	G: Pten ^{fl/fl} ; Lkb1 ^{fl/fl}	SX-682	No	30 weeks	Yes, anti-PD1	JCI Insight 2019 ⁴
Colon	S: MC38K	SX-682	Yes	7	Yes, anti-PD1	Cancer Cell 2020 ⁵
H&N	S: MOC2	SX-682	Yes	7	Yes, KIL	Clin Cancer Res 2020 ⁶
Breast	X: MDA-MB-231, S: 4T1	SX-682	Yes	7	Yes, bintrafusp	J Immunother Cancer 2020 ⁷
Colon	S: MC38-CEA	SX-682	NT	7	Yes, bintra, vacc	Cancers 2021 ⁸
Breast (DCIS)	G: caErbB2 lentivirus	SX-682	Yes	7	NT	Nat Commun 2021 ⁹
Lung	S: Kras ^{G12D} ;Trp53 ^{-/-}	SX-682	Yes	20 weeks	Yes, SHP099	Cancer Discov 2022 ¹⁰
Pancreatic	S: iKRAS, G: iKRAS	SX-682	Yes	>10	Yes, ICB2	Nature Cancer 2022 ¹¹

1 **Supplemental Figure Legends:**

2 Figure S1. Breakdown of CXCR2 (A) and CXCL1 (B) expression in nevi and melanoma
3 from TCGA, separated based on BRAF and NRAS mutation status. Data were analyzed
4 with a two-way ANOVA and no significant differences were found.

5 Figure S2. Diagram showing strategy for development of *Tyr-Cre^{ER}::Braf^{V600E}::Pten^{-/-}*
6 *::mT/mG^{fl/fl}::Cxcr2^{fl/fl}* and *Tyr-Cre^{ER+}::NRas^{Q61R}::Ink4a^{-/-}::Cxcr2^{fl/fl}* mice (A, B, figures
7 created using Biorender). Image of GFP-expressing *Braf^{V600E}/Pten^{-/-}* tumors *in vivo* and
8 via histology (C). Immediately after 4HT administration, single cells were isolated from
9 the mouse skin and stained with anti-CXCR2 for FACS analysis of CD45- GFP+ cells.
10 The loss of CXCR2 is apparent in the *Cxcr2^{fl/fl}* skin (D). FACS analysis of GFP+ cells after
11 tumors have formed indicates that ~30% of GFP+ cells in the *Cxcr2^{fl/fl}* tumors are positive
12 for CXCR2 staining, compared to ~65% in the *Cxcr2^{WT}* tumors (E). Immunohistochemistry
13 *Cxcr2^{WT}* and *Cxcr2^{-/-}* tumors shows approximately equivalent staining of the
14 melanocyte/melanoma markers SOX10 and S100 in both tumors. We also see that
15 membranous CXCR2 is higher in the *Cxcr2^{WT}* tumors.

16 Figure S3. Heat maps of the most differentially expressed genes in tumors from the
17 *Braf^{V600E}/Pten^{-/-}* mice with or without loss of CXCR2 in tumor cells (A), with control or SX-
18 682 treatment (B), and in MelanA, B16F0, and B16F10 cells treated with DMSO or SX-
19 682 (C). Tumor suppressive genes are listed in red, genes involved in growth are in green,
20 immune related genes are in blue, differentiation/stemness genes are in purple, and
21 motility and cell adhesion genes are in brown.

22 Figure S4. Heat map showing genes involved in growth that are suppressed (A) and
23 genes involved in growth suppression that are induced (B) in *Braf^{V600E}/Pten^{-/-}/Cxcr2^{-/-}*
24 melanoma tumors. Red arrows indicate genes involved in growth/oncogenes (A) and
25 inhibition of growth/tumor suppression (B).

26 Figure S5. Additional data from analysis of immune cells and cytokines expressed by
27 *Braf/Pten/Cxcr2^{-/-}* and *Braf/Pten/Cxcr2^{WT}* tumors. mMCPCounter predicted infiltrate of B-
28 derived cells, memory B cells, neutrophils, endothelial cells, mast cells, basophils,
29 eosinophils, and blood vessels (A). FACS analysis of peripheral blood CD45+ cells from
30 *Braf/Pten/Cxcr2^{-/-}* and *Braf/Pten/Cxcr2^{WT}* mice (B). Results of cytokine array of tumor
31 lysates from *Braf/Pten/Cxcr2^{-/-}* and *Braf/Pten/Cxcr2^{WT}* melanoma tumors, expressed as
32 fold change in *Cxcr2^{-/-}* compared to *Cxcr2^{WT}* (CCL20 removed and shown in Figure 3D to
33 allow proper visualization) (C). FACS analysis of CD45+ cells from *Braf/Pten/Cxcr2^{-/-}* and
34 *Braf/Pten/Cxcr2^{WT}* tumors (D). Statistical analyses: (A), (C), (D) Welch's t-test

35 Figure S6. Immunohistochemical staining was performed for Iba (a macrophage marker),
36 CD3+ (total) T cells, CD4+ T cells, and CD8+T cells. As seen in FACS analysis, IHC
37 indicates that there are approximately equal amounts of Iba+ macrophages and CD4+ T
38 cells between the genotypes, with an increase in CD8+ cells in *Braf/Pten/Cxcr2^{-/-}* tumors
39 (A). Peripheral blood from *Braf/Pten/Cxcr2^{-/-}* and *Braf/Pten/Cxcr2^{WT}* mice were analyzed
40 via FACS and revealed no baseline differences in immune cell populations (B). Statistical
41 analysis: (B) Welch's t-test

42 Figure S7. Additional data from analysis of immune cells from SX-682-treated
43 *Braf^{V600E}/Pten^{-/-}/Cxcr2^{WT}* tumors. mMCPCounter predictions for T cells, B-derived cells,
44 memory B cells, NK cells, endothelial, monocytes, macrophages, fibroblasts, lymphatics,

45 mast, basophils, eosinophils, and blood vessels (A). FACS analysis of peripheral blood
46 CD45+ cells from tumor-bearing mice fed SX-682 or control chow (B). FACS analysis of
47 CD45+ cells in SX-682 treated or control tumors (C).

48 To determine the hematological effects of SX-682, toxicology studies were performed at
49 the IIT Research Institute (Chicago, IL). This study was conducted in compliance with
50 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Good Laboratory Practice (GLP)
51 Regulations (Code of Federal Regulations Title 21 Part 58). SX-682 was administered
52 orally for 28 consecutive days (followed by 14 days of recovery) to male and female CD®
53 IGS rats. The study consisted of four groups: Group 1, vehicle control (19 rats/sex);
54 Group 2, 50 mg/kg/day SX-682 (17 rats/sex); Group 3, 150 mg/kg/day SX-682 (17
55 rats/sex); and Group 4, 250 mg/kg/day SX-682 (22 rats/sex). Ten rats/sex/group were
56 necropsied on Study Day 29 (terminal necropsy) and 5 rats/sex in Groups 1 and 4 were
57 necropsied on Study Day 43 (recovery necropsy). Rats subjected to plasma drug level
58 and toxicokinetic analyses (3 rats/sex in Group 1 and 6 rats/sex in Groups 2-4) were bled
59 at approximately 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, and 24 hours after the 1st and 28th dose. Consistent with
60 the expected mechanism of SX-682, there was a dose-dependent but reversible reduction
61 in absolute neutrophil count of no toxicological significance (D). C56BL/6 mice were treated
62 with 50mg/kg SX-682 daily via oral gavage for 4 days prior to analysis of peripheral blood
63 leukocytes via FACS. SX-682 reduced the percentage of Ly6G+ cells that were CD14+
64 ($p=0.04$) and increased the percentage of CD45+ Cells that were CD19+ ($p=0.026$) (E).

65 Statistical analyses: (A), (B), (C), (D) Welch's t-test

66 Figure S8. Effects of SX-682 on MelanA, B16F0, and B16F10 cell lines. MelanA, B16F0,
67 and B16F10 cells were treated with SX-682 (5 μ M) or DMSO, and cell number was

68 evaluated at days 1-4 post treatment. Data were analyzed on a natural log scale and
69 compared using two-way ANOVA with BH correction for multiple tests (A). Cell lines were
70 treated for 24 hours with SX-682 or DMSO prior to RNA isolation and sequencing. A heat
71 map shows that genes were commonly suppressed or induced in all three cell lines (B).
72 Reverse-phase phosphoproteome analysis (RPPA) was also performed on cells treated
73 for 24 hours with SX-682 or DMSO. Volcano plot showing phosphoproteins commonly
74 altered by SX-682 treatment in MelanA, B16F0, and B16F10 cells (C). A heat map
75 showing differential expression of commonly suppressed or induced phosphoproteins in
76 response to treatment with 5 μ M SX-682 for 24 hours (D). Cytokine array of cell lysates
77 from MelanA, B16F0, and B16F10 cells treated with SX-682 (5 μ M) for 24 hours as
78 compared to those treated with DMSO (E).

79 Figure S9. Expression of *Tfcp2l1*-related genes and tumor markers based on RNAseq
80 analysis in *Braf*^{V600E}/*Pten*^{-/-}/*Cxcr2*^{-/-} tumors, *Braf*^{V600E}/*Pten*^{-/-} tumors treated with SX-682,
81 compared to appropriate controls. Statistical analysis: Welch's t-test

82 Figure S10. Expression of *Tfcp2l1*-related genes based upon RT-PCR analysis. MelanA,
83 B16F0, and B16F10 cells were treated with SX-682 (5 μ M) for 24 hours prior to RNA
84 extraction, quantification, and RT-PCR using primers specific for *Tfcp2L1*, *Foxd3*, *Sox2*,
85 *Sox10*, *Notch1*, *Hmga2*, *Mitf*, *Klf4*, *Myc*, *Nanog*, *Esrrb* and *Tyr*. Data are plotted as fold-
86 change compared to DMSO treated cultures. Statistical analysis: Welch's t-test

87 Figure S11. WGCNA orders genes into a dendrogram by their co-expression profiles
88 across the samples. Gene modules at the bottom of the dendrogram show assignment
89 into distinct clusters of co-expressed genes (A). Module eigengene expression value
90 shown as a heatmap across WT and KO samples (B). Feature selection of modules by

91 ANOVA F-value (FDR-adjusted p-value). Six of 10 WGCNA gene modules can
92 distinguish between conditions (C). Eigengene expression value across WT and KO
93 samples shown as a bar-plot and significance of transcription factors (ordered by FDR-
94 adjusted p-value) within each module for the six significant gene modules from panel D:
95 blue, turquoise, brown, green, yellow, and red. These TFs are best at distinguishing
96 between KO and WT samples in each module (D).

97 Figure S12. ChIPseq analysis of changes in gene promoter binding of TFCP2L1 antibody
98 in B16F0 cells in response to SX-682 treatment. B16F0 cells were cultured overnight with
99 either DMSO or SX-682. Cell extracts were incubated with anti-IgG or anti-TFCP2L1,
100 cross-linked with a reversible cross-linker, and prepared and prepared for ChIP-seq
101 analysis. Metascape analysis was used to examine enriched terms across input gene lists
102 of SX-682 minus DMSO, colored by p-values. Top terms associated with TFCP2L1 bound
103 promoters where gene expression was increased (A) and decreased (B) were identified.
104 Metascape Analysis was used to compare the data sets from RPPA, ChIP, and RNAseq
105 analyses of B16F0 cells treated with SX-682 as compared to respective controls (C).
106 Cluster analysis of genes identified as regulated by SX-682 by ChIPseq, RNAseq, or
107 RPPA, with commonly enriched GO terms across all three methods (D). Genes in Cluster
108 analysis of S11D were colored by MCODE ID (E).

109 Figure S13. NHEM cells were cultured in melanocyte growth medium containing vehicle
110 or CXCL1 (100ng/ml), or CXCL1 (100ng/ml) with 5 μ M SX-682. After 5 days of culture,
111 the cell number was determined, and total RNA was extracted for RNAseq analysis.
112 Effects of SX-682 on cell growth in vitro (A). Heatmap for RNAseq on NHEM. Five days
113 after NHEMs were cultured with SX-682 and/or CXCL1, RNA was extracted and

114 subjected to RNAseq analysis(B). Expression values for key genes associated with
115 response to CXCL1 or CXCL1 and SX-682 (C).

116 Table S1. Comparison of Cytokine, Chemokine, and Interleukin Expression Following
117 CXCL1 or CXCL1+SX-682 Treatment. Key cytokines induced are highlighted in red and
118 reduced are highlighted in green.

119 Table S2. Comparison of TNF-Related Cytokines and Interferon Expression Following
120 CXCL1 or CXCL1+SX-682 Treatment. Key cytokines induced are highlighted in red and
121 reduced are highlighted in green.

122 Table S3. Preclinical validations. *Activity $P < 0.05$. **time after tumor initiation.
123 Abbreviations: CPPSML, PB-Cre+ PtenL/L p53L/L Smad4L/L mTmGL/+ LSL-LUCL/+,
124 develops age-dependent green fluorescent protein (GFP+)LUC+ prostate cancer; ET,
125 engineered T cells; G, genetically engineered; ICB1, immune checkpoint blockade (ICB)
126 with anti-PD1 and anti-CTLA-4 cocktail; ICB2, anti-LAG3 and agonist-41BB ; KIL, murine
127 NK cell line; MC38K and MC38-CEA, syngeneic MC38 colorectal cancer cell line with
128 enforced expression of KRASG12D and CEA, respectively, NT, not tested; S, syngeneic;
129 X, xenograft.

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1 **Supplementary Methods:**

2 **Analysis of patient sequencing data.**

3 RNA-Seq analysis of CXCL1, 2, 3, 5, and 8 from utilized patient nevi and melanoma
4 samples available at NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) under accession number
5 GSE112509, including human nevi (n=23) and melanoma (n=57) samples. Bulk RNA-
6 Seq analysis was performed as described previously (1). Differential mRNA gene
7 expression was determined and normalized with the DESeq2 tool (Love et al., 2014)
8 (Figure 1A, 1B). To analyze patient overall survival in reference to high or low CXCR2
9 expression, the Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) skin cutaneous melanoma (SKCM)
10 dataset was analyzed using the Gene Expression Profiling Interactive Analysis (GEPIA)
11 program. To generate the overall survival plot, the upper and lower quartiles of CXCR2
12 expression were used to stratify the groups (Figure 1C). For analysis of the CXCR2
13 expression level predictive value in therapeutic response to immune checkpoint blockade
14 in melanoma patients a Kaplan-Meier plot of overall survival was constructed by Tumor
15 Immune Dysfunction and Exclusion (TIDE, <http://tide.dfci.harvard.edu/>) platform in
16 patients with melanoma (2) stratified by CXCR2 z-scores of RNA-Seq normalized count.
17 The P value was calculated by testing the association between prediction scores and
18 overall survival with the two-sided Wald test in a Cox-PH regression (3) (Figure 1D, E).

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20 **Cell lines**

21 B16F0 (Catalog number: CRL-6322) and B16F10 (Catalog number: CCL-6475, ATCC)
22 are spontaneous murine melanoma cell lines derived from a C57BL/6J mouse. They are
23 tumorigenic and metastatic clones, respectively. Melan-A is a nontumorigenic murine cell

24 line that is syngeneic with B16 melanoma lines (Bennett et al., 1987). Normal human
25 epidermal melanocytes (NHEMs) were purchased from Lonza (#CC-2504) and cultured
26 in melanocyte growth medium including the MM-4 Bullet kit (Lonza, #CC-2349). To
27 examine the regulation of CXCL1/CXCR2 signaling in NHEM, these cells were stimulated
28 with either vehicle, CXCL1 (100ng/ml) or CXCL1+SX692 (5 μ M) for 24 hours. MelanA and
29 B16 cells were cultured in DMEM/F12 medium (Gibco, #11330-032) containing 10% FBS
30 (Sigma, PAA, A11-201). After 5 days of culture, the culture medium was removed, cells
31 were trypsinized, aspirated, and collected by centrifugation, resuspended in serum
32 containing medium, and the cell number was determined by Countess II (Invitrogen,
33 C10228). Simultaneously, aliquots of cells were permeabilized and stained with Pacific
34 Blue-KI67 and analyzed by flow cytometry. Experiments were conducted in duplicate and
35 repeated once. Data were statistically analyzed with the Student's t-test. In other
36 experiments, NHEMs were treated with CXCL1 (100ng/ml) or vehicle, or with SX-682 and
37 CXCL1 for 24 hours before RNA was extracted and processed for RNAseq analysis. All
38 cell lines are tested monthly for mycoplasma using a PCR detection system.

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40 **Mouse studies with the CXCR1/CXCR2 Inhibitor, SX-682**

41 To evaluate the effect of the dual CXCR1/CXCR2 inhibitor SX-682 on tumor growth,
42 *Braf*^{V600E}/*PTEN*^{-/-} mice were fed with either SX-682 chow (0.756 g/kg of SX-682, Syntrix
43 Pharmaceuticals, Inc) or control chow for two weeks prior to tumor induction via topical
44 administration of 2 μ l of 5mM 4-HT onto the dorsal skin of 4-week-old mice for three
45 successive days. The mice continued to be fed on the SX-682 chow or control chow until
46 tumors grew to a volume of 1.5 cm³ or required euthanasia due to ulceration or another

47 humane endpoint. *NRas*^{Q61R}/*Ink4a*^{-/-} mice pups exposed to 4-HT and UV irradiation were
48 weaned at 21 days and placed on SX-682 or control chow. Tumor volume was measured
49 by microcalipers and tumor number for each mouse was counted after a period of 5
50 months.

51 To define the impacts of SX-682 on the peripheral immune populations of non-tumor
52 bearing mice, 5 wildtype female C57BL/6 mice were treated daily with 50mg/kg SX-682
53 via oral gavage for 4 days prior to FACS analysis of peripheral immune populations as
54 described in the flow cytometry methods.

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56 **Evaluation of SX-682 Toxicity**

57 To determine the hematological effects of SX-682, toxicology studies were performed at
58 the IIT Research Institute (Chicago, IL). This study was conducted in compliance with the
59 U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Regulations
60 (Code of Federal Regulations Title 21 Part 58). SX-682 was administered orally for 28
61 consecutive days (followed by 14 days of recovery) to male and female CD® IGS rats.
62 The study consisted of four groups: Group 1, vehicle control (19 rats/sex); Group 2, 50
63 mg/kg/day SX-682 (17 rats/sex); Group 3, 150 mg/kg/day SX-682 (17 rats/sex); and
64 Group 4, 250 mg/kg/day SX-682 (22 rats/sex). Ten rats/sex/group were necropsied on
65 Study Day 29 (terminal necropsy) and 5 rats/sex in Groups 1 and 4 were necropsied on
66 Study Day 43 (recovery necropsy). Rats subjected to plasma drug level and toxicokinetic
67 analyses (3 rats/sex in Group 1 and 6 rats/sex in Groups 2-4) were bled at approximately
68 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, and 24 hours after the 1st and 28th dose.

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70 **Flow cytometry analysis and antibodies**

71 For flow cytometry analyses, tissues were minced on a programmable dissociator and
72 digested with an enzyme solution of collagenase 1 (1,500 CDU, CAT#234153,
73 Calbiochem), dispase II (1 mg/mL, CAT#13689500, Roche), and DNase 1 (0.1 mg/mL,
74 CAT#260913, Calbiochem). The details of staining and flow cytometry analyses protocols
75 can be found in our previous published methodology (4). Mouse tumors were cut into 1-
76 to 2-mm slices and digested in buffer containing 2 mg/mL collagenase and 0.1 mg/mL
77 DNase I. Digested tumors were passed through a 70- μ m strainer to obtain a single-cell
78 suspension. Mouse spleens were pressed through 40 μ m strainer using syringe plunger
79 to obtain a single-cell suspension. Red blood cells present in whole blood or cell
80 preparations were removed using ACK Lysing Buffer (CAT#RGF-3015, KD Medical) prior
81 to the staining. Cells were incubated with Ghost Dye TM Violet 510 (Tonbo Biosciences),
82 an amine reactive viability dye used to discriminate live/dead cells and washed with FACS
83 buffer (PBS containing 2% v/v FBS). After blocking Fc receptors with anti-mouse
84 CD16/CD32 mAb in FACS buffer for 15 minutes, cells were incubated with mAbs
85 (BioLegend) to mouse CD45-APC/Cy7, CD3-Alexa Fluor 594, CD4-FITC, CD8a-PE,
86 CD44-APC, CD62L-Alexa Fluor 700, CD25-Percep/Cy5.5, CD69-pacific blue; CD45-Alexa
87 Fluor 488, CD11b-PE, F4/80-Brilliant violet 421, Ly6C-APC, Ly6G-PE/Cy7, MHC II-Alexa
88 Fluor 700, CD206-Percep/Cy5.5, etc. 1 hour on ice.

89 For flow cytometric analysis of CXCR2 expression in melanocytes following 4HT
90 application or tumor formation, single cells were isolated from skins or tumors of mice and
91 stained with anti-CXCR2 Ab (MAB2164-sp, R&D Systems) at 1:1000 for 2h, followed by

92 secondary antibody application of Alexa Fluor 647-conjugated rabbit anti-rat IgG (#312-
93 605-003, Jackson ImmunoResearch Lab Inc) at 1:10,000 for 30 min.
94 Cells were washed twice in FACS buffer and data acquired with FACSCanto II (Becton
95 Dickenson). For intracellular staining after surface staining, cells were
96 fixing/permeabilizing using Transcription Factor Buffer Set (Cat:562674, BD Pharmingen)
97 per manufacture's protocol. FACS data were analyzed using FlowJo software (Version
98 10.1).

99 **Immunohistochemistry**

100 All slides were placed on the Leica Bond-Rx IHC stainer. All steps besides dehydration,
101 clearing and coverslipping are performed on the Bond-Rx. Slides are deparaffinized prior
102 to stain specific protocols:

103 CD3: Heat induced antigen retrieval was performed on the Bond Max using their Epitope
104 Retrieval 2 solution for 5 minutes. Slides were incubated with anti-CD3 (Cat. No# 019-
105 19741, FujiFilm, Madison, WI) for one hour at a 1:1000 dilution. The Bond Polymer Refine
106 Red Detection system (cat# DS9390, Leica Biosystems, Deerpark, IL) and DAKO/Agilent
107 Rabbit-HRP EnVision+ system was used for visualization.

108 CD4: Heat induced antigen retrieval was performed on the Bond Max using their Epitope
109 Retrieval 2 solution for 20 minutes. Slides were incubated with anti-CD4 (Cat. No.: HS-
110 360 117, Synaptic Systems GmbH, Goettingen, Germany) for one hour at a 1:1500
111 dilution and then incubated in a rabbit anti-rat secondary (BA-4001, Vector Laboratories,
112 Inc.) for 15mins at a 1:2000 dilution. The Bond Polymer Refine Red Detection system
113 (cat# DS9390, Leica Biosystems, Deerpark, IL) was used for visualization.

114 CD8: Heat induced antigen retrieval was performed on the Bond Max using their Epitope
115 Retrieval 2 solution for 20 minutes. Slides were incubated with anti-CD8 (Cat HS-361 003,
116 Synaptic Systems GmbH, Goettingen, Germany) for one hour at a 1:1000 dilution. The
117 Bond Polymer Refine Red Detection system (cat# DS9390, Leica Biosystems, Deerpark,
118 IL) was used for visualization.

119 CXCR2: Heat induced antigen retrieval was performed on the Bond Max using their
120 Epitope Retrieval 2 solution for 20 minutes. Slides were incubated with anti-CXCR2/IL-8
121 (Catalog #MAB2164, R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN) for one hour at a 1:200 dilution
122 and followed by a biotinylated anti-rat (Cat.# AI-4001-.5, Vector Laboratories, Inc.,
123 Burlingame, CA) for 15 minutes at a 1:2000 dilution. The Bond Polymer Refine detection
124 system was used for visualization.

125 S100: . Heat induced antigen retrieval was performed on the Bond Max using their
126 Epitope Retrieval 2 solution for 20 minutes. Slides were placed in a Protein Block (Ref#
127 x0909, DAKO, Carpinteria, CA) for 10 minutes. The sections were incubated with anti-
128 S100 (GA50461-2, Agilent(DAKO), Santa Clara, CA) at a dilution of 1:6000 for 60 minutes.
129 The Bond Polymer Refine Red Detection system (cat# DS9390, Leica Biosystems,
130 Deerpark, IL) was used for visualization.

131 SOX10: Heat induced antigen retrieval was performed on the Bond Max using their
132 Epitope Retrieval 2 solution for 10 minutes. Slides were incubated with anti-SOX10
133 (Catalog #104225-1-AP, Proteintech Group, Inc., Rosemont, IL) for one hour at a 1:1250
134 dilution. The Bond Polymer Refine Red Detection system (cat#DS9390, Leica Biosystems,
135 Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom) was used for visualization.

136 CXCR2-SOX10 Co-Staining: Heat induced antigen retrieval was performed on the Bond
137 Max using their Epitope Retrieval 2 solution for 20 minutes. Slides were incubated with
138 anti-CXCR2/IL-8 (Catalog #MAB2164, R&D Systems, Minneapolis, MN) for one hour at
139 a 1:200 dilution and followed by a biotinylated anti-rat (Cat.# AI-4001-.5, Vector
140 Laboratories, Inc., Burlingame, CA) for 15 minutes at a 1:2000 dilution. The Bond Refine
141 (DS9800, Buffalo Grove, IL, USA) detection system was used for visualization. The
142 sections were then incubated with anti-SOX10 (Catalog #104225-1-AP, Proteintech
143 Group, Inc., Rosemont, IL) for one hour at a 1:1250 dilution. The Bond Polymer Refine
144 Red Detection system (cat#DS9390, Leica Biosystems, Newcastle Upon Tyne, United
145 Kingdom) was used for visualization.

146 Iba1: Heat induced antigen retrieval was performed on the Bond Max using their Epitope
147 Retrieval 2 solution for 5 minutes. Slides were incubated with anti-Iba1 (Cat. No# 019-
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149 Red Detection system (cat# DS9390, Leica Biosystems, Deerpark, IL) used for
150 visualization.

151 All slides were then dehydrated, cleared, and coverslipped.

152 **Cytokine Array**

153 Tumor lysate or supernatant of cultured cells were prepared as previously described
154 (Yang et al., 2021). For cultured cell lines, 3×10^5 cells were plated per well into 6-well
155 plates and incubated overnight. Cells were then treated for 24 hours with 5 μ M SX-682
156 (Syntrix) or DMSO prior to supernatant collection. Supernatants were centrifuged to
157 remove cell debris prior to analysis, and both tumor lysates and cell supernatant were
158 subjected to analysis with the Raybio Mouse Cytokine Antibody Array G-Series 3 (Cat#

159 AAM-CYT-G3-8, RayBiotech) per manufacturer's protocol. The glass chip was scanned
160 on the Cy3 channel of a GenoPix 4000B scanner (Genopix 6.1, Molecular Devices,
161 Sunnyvale, CA). For each spot, the net density was determined by subtracting the
162 background. The relative fold difference in cytokine amount was determined in reference
163 to the amount present on the control samples.

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165 **RNA extraction and RNAseq analysis**

166 RNA was extracted from tumor tissues or cultured cells using the RNeasy Plus Mini Kit
167 (Cat#74134, Qiagen) per manufacturer's protocol. RNAseq was performed using an
168 Illumina next-generation sequencing platform at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center
169 VANTAGE (Vanderbilt Technologies for Advanced Genomics) Core Facility. Adapters
170 were trimmed by Cutadapt. After trimming, reads were mapped to the mouse
171 genome GRCm38.p6 using STAR and quantified by featureCounts. DESeq2 was used
172 to normalize expression prior to analysis unless otherwise stated. Data were analyzed
173 using GSEA (4.1.0). Gene sets analyzed include:

174 GOBP_CD4_POSITIVE_ALPHA_BETA_T_CELL_ACTIVATION, GOBP_LYMPHOCYTE_ACTIVATION,
175 GOBP_LEUKOCYTE_PROLIFERATION, GOBP_LYMPHOCYTE_ANERGY, GOBP_IMMUNE_
176 RESPONSE, GOBP_STEM_CELL_DIFFERENTIATION, GOBP_ADAPTIVE_IMMUNE_RESPONSE,
177 GOBP_STEM_CELL_DIVISION, GOBP_CD8_POSITIVE_ALPHA_BETA_T_CELL_ACTIVATION,
178 GOBP_T_CELL_MEDIATED_IMMUNE_RESPONSE_TO_TUMOR_CELL,
179 GOBP_IMMUNE_RESPONSE_TO_TUMOR_CELL, GOBP_ANTIGEN_PROCESSING_AND_
180 PRESENTATION, GOBP_CD8_POSITIVE_ALPHA_BETA_T_CELL_PROLIFERATION,
181 GOBP_T_CELL_MEDIATED_CYTOTOXICITY, GOBP_CELL_CYCLE_PROCESS,
182 GOBP_CELL_CYCLE, GOBP_CELL_CYCLE_G1_S_PHASE_TRANSITION, and
183 GOBP_MELANOCYTE_PROLIFERATION (Human Molecular Signatures Database-MSigDB).

184 For GSEA, 1000 permutations were performed and human orthologs were annotated with
185 Mouse_Gene_Symbol_Remapping_Human_ Orthologs_MSigDB.v2022.1.Hs.chip.
186 Phenotype permutation was used except when the sample size per phenotype was less
187 than 7. In this case, we follow the GSEA recommendation to use gene set permutation.

188 For expression plots, DESeq2 normalized counts were transformed by adding one to the
189 value (to retain 0s) and then taking the natural log to account for variance. Comparisons
190 were made using a Mann-Whitney test where appropriate.

191 For murine microenvironment cell population counter (mMCPcounter) analysis, each
192 count file of protein coding genes was normalized to transcripts per million (TPM) as
193 recommended by the program. TPM was calculated by determining rate as the raw counts
194 divided by the gene length, and then dividing each rate by the sum of all rates multiplied
195 by 1e6. Following TPM normalization, data were transformed utilizing $\log_2(\text{TPM}$
196 $\text{normalized expression} + 1)$. The mMCPcounter (v1.1.0) package was installed and the
197 function mMCPcounter.estimate was used to determine predicted immune cell infiltrate.

198 **Weighted gene co-expression network analysis (WGCNA)**

199 WGCNA (5) was performed on log-transformed, normalized RNA-seq data of 16382
200 genes from 15 mouse tumor samples (n = 7 WT mice and n = 8 KO mice) using the R
201 package "WGCNA." A signed network was generated, such that only positively correlated
202 genes were grouped into modules (negative correlations are given a score of 0), as
203 follows. The function pickSoftThreshold was used to determine the exponent of the
204 correlation coefficients matrix which, when used as weights of network connections, best
205 produces a scale-free network. A power value of 20 was chosen. A topological overlap
206 matrix of network adjacencies between genes was then generated with the adjacency

207 and TOMsimilarity functions, using the Pearson correlation function, which gave a
208 distance measure to be used with average-linkage hierarchical clustering. The WGCNA
209 function cutTreeDynamic was used, with minimum module size of 100, deepSplit = 2, and
210 pamRespectsDendro = FALSE, to generate modules of co-expressed genes.
211 Differentially expressed gene modules across WT and KO conditions were determined
212 using an ANOVA statistical test with FDR correction using the python function selectFDR
213 from the Sci-Kit Learn package. Six gene modules could significantly distinguish between
214 the WT and KO tumors (FDR-adjusted p-value < 0.05) (6).

215

216 **Identification of Transcription Factor Network Structure**

217 To determine the most important transcription factors (TFs) that both distinguish WT and
218 KO conditions and were central to a gene module, we calculated the module membership
219 value, or kME, for each TF, a measure of correlation of its gene expression with the
220 module eigengene from WGCNA. TFs were filtered to those with a significant FDR-
221 adjusted p-value for the ANOVA between WT and KO (< 0.05). We then chose the top
222 40 significant TFs by kME for each of the six significant gene modules to find the most
223 central TFs for each module.

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225 **Epigenome mapping by ChIPmentation for TCPF21**

226 ChIPmentation was performed as previously described (7,8) with some modifications.
227 Cells were treated with 5 μ M SX-682 or DMSO vehicle for 24 hours, collected by
228 trypsinization, and resuspended in PBS. Next, cells were fixed with fresh formaldehyde
229 at final concentration of 1% for 10 min at room temperature. Glycine was added to final

230 concentration of 0.125 M to quench the reaction. Cells were resuspended at 1×10^7 /ml in
231 sonication buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 2 mM EDTA pH 8.0, 1% SDS, with Protease
232 Inhibitor Cocktail (Roche) and PhosSTOP™ Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktail (Roche) and
233 sonicated for 25-30 sec with Diagenode One sonicator in a 50 ul Bioruptor® One
234 Microfluidic Chip till most DNA fragments were in the range of 200 to 700 bp. After
235 sonication, the lysate was adjusted to RIPA buffer conditions (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 1
236 mM EDTA pH 8.0, 140 mM NaCl, 1% Triton X-100, 0.1% SDS, 0.1% sodium deoxycholate,
237 with Protease Inhibitor Cocktail and PhosSTOP™ Phosphatase Inhibitor Cocktail). For
238 each immunoprecipitation, lysate from 2×10^6 cells and 6 µg of anti-TFCP2L1 antibody
239 (Boster Bio) were used. 6.0 µg of normal rabbit IgG was used as a control. 40µl
240 Dynabeads™ Protein A (Invitrogen) were used in each immunoprecipitation. After
241 immunoprecipitation, beads were washed twice with RIPA low-salt buffer, twice with RIPA
242 high-salt buffer, twice RIPA lithium-chloride buffer, and once with 10 mM Tris-HCl buffer
243 (pH 8.0). Illumina sequencing adapters were added on bead-bound DNA fragments via
244 tagmentation by using Illumina Tagment DNA TDE1 Enzyme and Buffer Kits (Illumina).
245 After tagmentation, bead-bound DNA fragments were extracted by reversing the crosslink
246 and proteinase K digestion. DNA fragments were purified with AMPure XP beads
247 (Beckman Coulter). qPCR was performed first with KAPA HiFi HotStart Ready Mix and a
248 pair of Nextera custom primers to determine the optimum number of PCR cycles for the
249 DNA library preparation for each immunoprecipitation. The final enriched DNA library for
250 each immunoprecipitation was created by PCR with KAPA HiFi HotStart Ready Mix and
251 Nextera custom primers using the optimum number of PCR cycles determined by qPCR.
252 The enriched DNA library was purified with AMPure XP beads, and size-selection was

253 performed by controlling the concentration of ethanol in the AMPure XP beads and DNA
254 mixture. Acquired DNA libraries were sequenced by the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 platform
255 at Vanderbilt Technologies for Advanced Genomics core laboratory. ChIPmentation
256 reads were aligned to the mouse reference genome mm10 using Bowtie2 (9). Peaks for
257 each sample were called by MACS2 with an FDR cutoff of 0.01 and the corresponding
258 IgG input as the control (10-12). Peaks were annotated using Homer
259 (<http://homer.ucsd.edu/homer/>) and assigned to their closest genes. Enriched motifs were
260 identified by the Homer command findMotifsGenome with the default region size and the
261 motif length (-size 200 and -len 8, 10, 12). Genes that had TFCEP2L1 bound to their 5'
262 promoter in the DMSO and SX-682-treated samples were selected and analyzed further
263 using Metascape software (13). Comparisons were made among RPPA, RNAseq, and
264 ChIPseq data sets for B16F0 cells using Metascape software to identify commonly
265 enriched pathways.

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267 **RT-qPCR**

268 B16F0, B16F10, and MelanA cells were treated with 5 μ M SX-682 or DMSO for 12 hours
269 prior to collection and RNA extraction with Trizol. cDNA was generated using a Reverse
270 Transcription kit (Catalog number M510A, Promega), and qPCR was performed using a
271 BioRad CFX-qPCR instrument and SsoAdvanced Universal SYBR Green Supermix (Cat:
272 172-5270, BioRad). Fold changes were calculated using the formula $2^{-(\Delta\Delta Ct)}$, where
273 $\Delta\Delta Ct = \Delta Ct^{(SX-682)} - \Delta Ct^{(DMSO)}$. The Ct is the cycle at which the threshold line is crossed.
274 Primers for β -actin, sense-ACATGGCATCATCACCAACTG and antisense-
275 AGAATCCAACACGATGCCGG. TFCEP2L1, sense-ACACTACAACCAGCACAACCTC and

276 antisense-TGGTACTCTGTG TACTGCAGC. Sox10, sense-
277 ACCTATCAGAGGTGGAGCTGAG and antisense-TGC TGTTCCCTTCTTGACCTTG.
278 MITF, sense-AGAGCAGCAGTTCTGCAGAGC and antisense-
279 ATGGCTGGTGTCTGACTCACG. Nanog, sense-TCTGCTACTGAGATG CTCTGC and
280 antisense-ACAGTCCGCATCTTCTGCTTC. FoxD3, sense-AGCGATA
281 TGCCGGCCAGACG and antisense-TGAGACTGGCCGTGATGAGCG. Notch1, sense-
282 TGACTGTACTGAGAGCTCCTG and antisense-AAGTACCATAGCTGTCTTGGC. TLF4,
283 sense-ATGGCTGTCAGCGACGCTCTG and antisense-TGTTACTGCTGCAAGCTG
284 CAC. Slc4A1, sense-ACTGGAGAACATAATAGGACAG and antisense-AAGGTCAGG
285 TAAGATAGATGTG. Esrrb, sense-AGTGCGAGTATATGCTTAATG and antisense-
286 TGAATTGTCCTCTTGAAGAAG. Sox2, sense-ATGATGGAGACGGAGCTGAAG and
287 antisense-TTGCTGATCTCCGAGTTGTGC. HMGA2, sense-TGCCACAGAAGCGAGGA
288 CGCG and antisense-TCCTAGGTCTGCCTCTTGGCC.

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290 **Protein extraction and RPPA analysis**

291 Melan-A, B16F0, and B16F10 cells were seeded at a density of 3×10^5 per well in a 6-well
292 plate overnight prior to 24-hour treatment with $5 \mu\text{M}$ SX-682. Cells were then lysed in a
293 buffer containing 1% Triton X-100, 50mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 150mM NaCl, 1mM EGTA,
294 100mM NaF, 1.5mM MgCl_2 , 10mM Na pyrophosphate, 1mM Na_3VO_4 , 10% glycerol,
295 and freshly added protease inhibitors (Cat# 05056489001, Roche) and
296 phosphatase inhibitors (Cat# 04906837001, Roche) in 2mL reinforced tubes (Cat#
297 P000943-LYSKO-A, Precellys). The homogenization sets at 5000 and goes for 10 sec for
298 cells and 30 sec for tissue in the Precellys 24 Tissue Homogenizer. Lysates were

299 centrifuged at 14,000rpm, 4°C for 2 minutes, and supernatants were collected. Protein
300 concentration was adjusted to 1.5mg/mL and samples were stored in sample buffer (40%
301 glycerol, 8% SDS, 0.25M Tris-HCL, pH 6.8. 10% β-mercaptoethanol is added just before
302 use.) Samples were stored at -80°C until they were submitted to MD Anderson Cancer
303 Center for processing and RPPA analysis of 480 proteins.

304 RPPA data were normalized and analyzed after a log₂ transformation. All comparisons
305 were performed using Welch's t-test. Changes in protein expression were considered
306 significant based upon two criteria: p-value < 0.05 and a log₂(fold change) of ±2
307 (equivalent to a fold change of ±4). Functional protein association networks are presented
308 using STRING version 11.5.

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310 **Statistical analysis**

311 Data were summarized in figures using either the mean ± standard deviation (SD) for
312 error bar charts or median with the first and third quartiles for boxplots. The mean of two
313 groups were compared using Welch's t-test. For a comparison of more than two group
314 means, the one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) with post-hoc Tukey's test was used.
315 The mean difference between two groups by the other factor was assessed in the context
316 of a two-way ANOVA. Pairwise differences between two groups were compared using
317 model-based mean comparisons. The Benjamini and Hochberg (BH) was used to adjust p-
318 value for multiple comparisons as noted in the text to control the within experiment false
319 discovery rate to less than 5%. Data was analyzed on a natural log scale or rank-based
320 scales to meet the normality assumptions of statistical tests as needed. Survival curves are
321 estimated using the Kaplan-Meier method and compared between two groups using

322 the log-rank test. Levels of statistical significance are denoted * for $p < 0.05$, ** for $p < 0.01$,
323 and *** for $p < 0.001$, respectively. The analyses were performed using R version 4.1.2 or
324 GraphPad Prism software. WGCNA statistical analysis was performed as described in
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