

JAK/STAT blockade reverses the malignant phenotype of Hodgkin and Reed–Sternberg cells

Sara Fernández¹, Jose L Solórzano², Eva Díaz¹, Victoria Menéndez¹, Lorena Maestre^{3,7}, Sara Palacios¹, Mar López¹, Argentina Colmenero⁴, Mónica Estévez⁵, Carlos Montalbán⁵, Ángel Martínez⁶, Giovanna Roncador^{3,7}, and Juan F García^{1,2,7}.

- (1) Translational Research Laboratory, MD Anderson Cancer Center Madrid, Spain.
- (2) Department of Pathology, MD Anderson Cancer Center Madrid, Spain.
- (3) Monoclonal Antibodies Unit, Biotechnology Program, Spanish National Cancer Centre (CNIO), Madrid, Spain.
- (4) Flow Cytometry Unit, Eurofins-Megalab, MD Anderson Cancer Center Madrid, Spain.
- (5) Department of Hematology, MD Anderson Cancer Center Madrid, Spain.
- (6) Cytogenetic Unit, Eurofins-Megalab, MD Anderson Cancer Center Madrid, Spain.
- (7) Centro de Investigación Biomédica en Red de Cáncer (CIBERONC), Spain.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Supplemental Table 1. Clinical data.

Supplemental Table 2. All gene sets.

Supplemental Table 3. Significant TcGSA gene sets.

Supplemental Figure 1. Apoptosis and cell-cycle analyses.

Supplemental Figure 2. Whole-transcriptome changes during the time-course experiments.

Supplemental Figure 3. L428 transfection experiments.

Supplemental Figure 4. GSEA analyses of L428 and L1236 cell lines treated with 5-Aza-dC/decitabine

Supplemental Table 1. Clinical data.

cHL subtype			CSF3R-positive	CSF3R-negative	p
	NS	57	46	6	
	MC	28	24	4	
	LR	7	7	0	
	NC	12	4	1	
Stage					n.s.
	I-III	75	65	11	
	IV	30	26	4	
Age					0.027
	45	72	66	6	
	>45	31	23	8	
Gender					n.s.
	Male	45	35	8	
	Female	60	54	6	
IPS					n.s.
	3	32			
	>3	71			
Relapse					
	Yes	28	24	3	n.s.
	No	75	64	11	
Outcome					n.s.
	F	91	78	13	
	U	27	24	3	
Total		105	89	16	

Supplemental Table 2. All gene sets.

SOURCE	DATABASE	DESCRIPTION
BioCarta	BIOCARTA_BCELLSURVIVAL_PATHWAY	B-cell Survival Pathway
	BIOCARTA_BCR_PATHWAY	BCR Signaling Pathway
	BIOCARTA_BLYMPHOCYTE_PATHWAY	B Lymphocyte Cell Surface Molecules
	BIOCARTA_CACAM_PATHWAY	Ca ⁺⁺ / Calmodulin-dependent Protein Kinase Activation
	BIOCARTA_CASPASE_PATHWAY	Caspase Cascade in Apoptosis
	BIOCARTA_CD40_PATHWAY	CD40L Signaling Pathway
	BIOCARTA_CDC25_PATHWAY	cdc25 and chk1 Regulatory Pathway in response to DNA damage
	BIOCARTA_CELLCYCLE_PATHWAY	Cyclins and Cell Cycle Regulation
	BIOCARTA_CYTOKINE_PATHWAY	Cytokine Network
	BIOCARTA_FCER1_PATHWAY	Fc Epsilon Receptor I Signaling in Mast Cells
	BIOCARTA_G1_PATHWAY	Cell Cycle: G1/S Checkpoint
	BIOCARTA_G2_PATHWAY	Cell Cycle: G2/M Checkpoint
	BIOCARTA_GATA3_PATHWAY	GATA3 participate in activating the Th2 cytokine genes expression
	BIOCARTA_GRANULOCYTES_PATHWAY	Adhesion and Diapedesis of Granulocytes
	BIOCARTA_IFNA_PATHWAY	IFN alpha signaling pathway
	BIOCARTA_IFNG_PATHWAY	IFN gamma signaling pathway
	BIOCARTA_IL10_PATHWAY	IL-10 Anti-inflammatory Signaling Pathway
	BIOCARTA_IL12_PATHWAY	IL12 and Stat4-Dependent Signaling Pathway in Th1 Development
	BIOCARTA_IL17_PATHWAY	IL 17 Signaling Pathway
	BIOCARTA_IL2_PATHWAY	IL 2 signaling pathway
	BIOCARTA_IL22BP_PATHWAY	IL22 Soluble Receptor Signaling Pathway
	BIOCARTA_IL2RB_PATHWAY	IL-2 Receptor Beta Chain in T-cell Activation
	BIOCARTA_IL3_PATHWAY	IL 3 signaling pathway
	BIOCARTA_IL4_PATHWAY	IL 4 signaling pathway
	BIOCARTA_IL5_PATHWAY	IL 5 Signaling Pathway
	BIOCARTA_IL6_PATHWAY	IL 6 signaling pathway
	BIOCARTA_IL7_PATHWAY	IL-7 Signal Transduction
	BIOCARTA_INFLAM_PATHWAY	Cytokines and Inflammatory Response
	BIOCARTA_LYM_PATHWAY	Adhesion and Diapedesis of Lymphocytes
	BIOCARTA_LYMPHOCYTE_PATHWAY	Adhesion Molecules on Lymphocyte
	BIOCARTA_MCM_PATHWAY	CDK Regulation of DNA Replication
	BIOCARTA_MHC_PATHWAY	Antigen Processing and Presentation
BIOCARTA_NFKB_PATHWAY	NF-kB Signaling Pathway	
BIOCARTA_STAT3_PATHWAY	Stat3 Signaling Pathway	

	BIOCARTA_STRESS_PATHWAY	TNF/Stress-Related Signaling
	BIOCARTA_TCR_PATHWAY	T-cell Receptor Signaling Pathway
	BIOCARTA_TCYTOTOXIC_PATHWAY	T Cytotoxic Cell Surface Molecules
	BIOCARTA_TGFB_PATHWAY	TGF beta signaling pathway
	BIOCARTA_TH1TH2_PATHWAY	Th1/Th2 Differentiation
	BIOCARTA_THELPER_PATHWAY	T Helper Cell Surface Molecules
	BIOCARTA_TNFR1_PATHWAY	TNFR1 Signaling Pathway
	BIOCARTA_TNFR2_PATHWAY	TNFR2 Signaling Pathway
MSigDB Team	DIRMEIER_LMP1_RESPONSE_EARLY	Clusters 1 and 2: genes upregulated in B2264-19/3 cells (primary B lymphocytes) within 30-60 min of activation of LMP1 (oncogene encoded by Epstein-Barr virus, EBV)
	DIRMEIER_LMP1_RESPONSE_LATE_DN	Cluster 4: genes downregulated in B2264-19/3 cells (primary B lymphocytes) within 60-180 min of activation of LMP1 (oncogene encoded by Epstein-Barr virus, EBV)
	DIRMEIER_LMP1_RESPONSE_LATE_UP	Cluster 3: genes upregulated in B2264-19/3 cells (primary B lymphocytes) within 60-180 min after activation of LMP1 (oncogene encoded by Epstein-Barr virus, EBV)
	HADDAD_T_LYMPHOCYTE_AND_NK_PROGENITOR_DN	Genes downregulated in hematopoietic progenitor cells (HPC) of T lymphocyte and NK (natural killer) lineage
	HADDAD_T_LYMPHOCYTE_AND_NK_PROGENITOR_UP	Genes upregulated in hematopoietic progenitor cells (HPC) of T lymphocyte and NK (natural killer) lineage
	HALLMARK_INFLAMMATORY_RESPONSE	Genes defining inflammatory response
	JAIN_NFKB_SIGNALING	Genes abnormally regulated in response to CD40L and IL4 [GeneID=959;3565] stimulation of B lymphocytes from patients with a hypomorphic mutation of IKBKG [GeneID=8517]
	KLEIN_TARGETS_OF_BCR_ABL1_FUSION	Genes changed in pre-B lymphoblastic leukemia cells with BCR-ABL1 fusion [GeneID=613, 25] vs. normal pre-B lymphocytes
	WHITFIELD_CELL_CYCLE_LITERATURE	A list of known cell-cycle-regulated genes that was compiled from the literature by the authors
	ZHAN_EARLY_DIFFERENTIATION_GENES_DN	B lymphocyte early differentiation genes (EDG): top genes down-regulated in tonsil B lymphocytes (TBC) compared to the tonsil plasma cells (TPC)
	ZHAN_EARLY_DIFFERENTIATION_GENES_UP	B lymphocyte early differentiation genes (EDG): top genes up-regulated in tonsil B lymphocytes (TBC) compared to the tonsil plasma cells (TPC)
	ZHAN_LATE_DIFFERENTIATION_GENES_DN	B lymphocyte late differentiation genes (LDG): top genes down-regulated in plasma cells from tonsils (TPC) compared to those from bone marrow (BPC)

	ZHAN_LATE_DIFFERENTIATION_GENES_UP	B lymphocyte late differentiation genes (LDG): top genes upregulated in plasma cells from tonsils (TPC) compared to those from bone marrow (BPC)
Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes	KEGG_APOPTOSIS	Apoptosis
	KEGG_B_CELL_RECEPTOR_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	B-cell receptor signaling pathway
	KEGG_CALCIIUM_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	Calcium signaling pathway
	KEGG_CELL_CYCLE	KEGG cell cycle
	KEGG_CHEMOKINE_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	Chemokine signaling pathway
	KEGG_CYTOKINE_CYTOKINE_RECEPTOR_INTERACTION	Cytokine–cytokine receptor interaction
	KEGG_FC_EPSILON_RI_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	Fc epsilon RI signaling pathway
	KEGG_FC_GAMMA_R_MEDIATED_PHAGOCYTOSIS	Fc gamma R-mediated phagocytosis
	KEGG_JAK_STAT_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	JAK/STAT signaling pathway
	KEGG_NATURAL_KILLER_CELL_MEDIATED_CYTOTOXICITY	Natural killer cell mediated cytotoxicity
	KEGG_TGF_BETA_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	TGF-beta signaling pathway
Broad Institute	MODULE_122> Adhesion molecules	Adhesion molecules
	MODULE_169	MODULE_169_Immune response
	MODULE_170	MODULE_170_Immune response
	MODULE_223	Immune (defense) response
	MODULE_263	Chemotaxis (chemokines)
	MODULE_291	B-cell malignancies expression clusters
	MODULE_33	Immune / stress response genes
	MODULE_345	Immune response and Ag processing and presentation
	MODULE_358	MODULE_358_B lymphoma expression clusters
	MODULE_361	MODULE_361_B lymphoma expression clusters
	MODULE_362	Angiogenesis
	MODULE_456	MODULE_456_B lymphoma expression clusters
	MODULE_521	T-cell proliferation genes
	MODULE_522	Immune response genes
	MODULE_54	Cell cycle (expression cluster)
	MODULE_545	IL-1 signaling
	MODULE_56	Cell cycle (KEGG, GenMapp)
	MODULE_75	Immune response
	MODULE_76	Inflammatory response
MODULE_84	Immune (humoral) and inflammatory response	
Reactome	REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_CASPASES_THROUGH_APOPTOSOME_MEDIATED_CLEAVAGE	Activation of caspases through apoptosome-mediated cleavage

REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_NF_KAPPA_B_IN_B_CELLS	Activation of NF-kappaB in B-cells
REACTOME_ACTIVATION_OF_RAS_IN_B_CELLS	Activation of RAS in B-cells
REACTOME_ADAPTIVE_IMMUNE_SYSTEM	Adaptive Immune System
REACTOME_ANTIGEN_ACTIVATES_B_CELL_RECEPTOR_BCR_LEADING_TO_GENERATION_OF_SECOND_MESSENGERS	Antigen activates B-cell Receptor (BCR) leading to generation of second messengers
REACTOME_ANTIGEN_PRESENTATION_FOLDING_ASSEMBLY_AND_PEPTIDE_LOADING_OF_CLASS_I_MHC	Antigen Presentation: Folding, assembly and peptide loading of class I MHC
REACTOME_CA_DEPENDENT_EVENTS	Ca-dependent events
REACTOME_CA2_ACTIVATED_K_CHANNELS	Ca ²⁺ activated K ⁺ channels
REACTOME_CA2_PATHWAY	Ca ²⁺ pathway
REACTOME_CALCINEURIN_ACTIVATES_NFAT	Calcineurin activates NFAT
REACTOME_CD22_MEDIATED_BCR_REGULATION	CD22 mediated BCR regulation
REACTOME_CD28_CO_STIMULATION	CD28 co-stimulation
REACTOME_CD28_DEPENDENT_PI3K_AKT_SIGNALING	CD28 dependent PI3K/Akt signaling
REACTOME_CD28_DEPENDENT_VAV1_PATHWAY	CD28 dependent Vav1 pathway
REACTOME_CELL_CYCLE	Reactome Cell Cycle
REACTOME_CELL_CYCLE_CHECKPOINTS	Cell Cycle Checkpoints
REACTOME_CELL_CYCLE_MITOTIC	Cell Cycle, Mitotic
REACTOME_CHEMOKINE_RECEPTORS_BIND_CHEMOKINES	Chemokine receptors bind chemokines
REACTOME_CLASS_I_MHC_MEDIATED_ANTIGEN_PROCESSING_PRESENTATION	Class I MHC mediated antigen processing & presentation
REACTOME_CYTOKINE_SIGNALING_IN_IMMUNE_SYSTEM	Cytokine Signaling in Immune system
REACTOME_DOWNREGULATION_OF_TGF_BETA_RECEPTOR_SIGNALING	Downregulation of TGF-beta receptor signaling
REACTOME_DOWNSTREAM_SIGNALING_EVENTS_OF_B_CELL_RECEPTOR_BCR	Downstream signaling events of B-cell Receptor (BCR)
REACTOME_DOWNSTREAM_TCR_SIGNALING	Downstream TCR signaling
REACTOME_FC_EPSILON_RECEPTOR_FCERI_SIGNALING	Fc epsilon receptor (FCERI) signaling
REACTOME_G1_S_DNA_DAMAGE_CHECKPOINTS	G1/S DNA Damage Checkpoints
REACTOME_G1_S_SPECIFIC_TRANSCRIPTION	G1/S-Specific Transcription

REACTOME_G2_M_CHECKPOINTS	G2/M Checkpoints
REACTOME_G2_M_DNA_DAMAGE_CHECKPOINT	G2/M DNA damage checkpoint
REACTOME_G2_M_DNA_REPLICATION_CHECKPOINT	G2/M DNA replication checkpoint
REACTOME_G2_PHASE	G2 Phase
REACTOME_IL_6_TYPE_CYTOKINE_RECEPTOR_LIGAND_INTERACTIONS	IL-6-type cytokine receptor ligand interactions
REACTOME_IMMUNE_SYSTEM	Genes involved in Immune System
REACTOME_IMMUNOREGULATORY_INTERACTIONS_BETWEEN_A_LYMPHOID_AND_A_NON_LYMPHOID_CELL	Immunoregulatory interactions between a Lymphoid and a non-Lymphoid cell
REACTOME_INNATE_IMMUNE_SYSTEM	Innate Immune System
REACTOME_INTERFERON_GAMMA_SIGNALING	Interferon gamma signaling
REACTOME_INTERFERON_SIGNALING	Interferon Signaling
REACTOME_INTERLEUKIN_10_SIGNALING	Interleukin-10 signaling
REACTOME_INTERLEUKIN_4_AND_INTERLEUKIN_13_SIGNALING	Interleukin-4 and Interleukin-13 signaling
REACTOME_INTERLEUKIN_6_FAMILY_SIGNALING	Interleukin-6 family signaling
REACTOME_MHC_CLASS_II_ANTIGEN_PRESENTATION	MHC class II antigen presentation
REACTOME_RUNX1_REGULATES_TRANSCRIPTION_OF_GENES_INVOLVED_IN_BCR_SIGNALING	RUNX1 regulates transcription of genes involved in BCR signaling
REACTOME_SIGNALING_BY_RECEPTOR_TYROSINE_KINASES	Signaling by Receptor Tyrosine Kinases
REACTOME_SIGNALING_BY_THE_B_CELL_RECEPTOR_BCR	Signaling by the B-cell Receptor (BCR)
REACTOME_STAT5_ACTIVATION	STAT5 Activation
REACTOME_TCR_SIGNALING	TCR signaling
REACTOME_TNF_RECEPTOR_SUPERFAMILY_TNFSF_MEMBERS_MEDIATING_NON_CANONICAL_NF_KB_PATHWAY	TNF receptor superfamily (TNFSF) members mediating non-canonical NF-kB pathway
REACTOME_TNF_SIGNALING	TNF signaling
REACTOME_TNFR1_INDUCED_NFKAPPAB_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	TNFR1-induced NFkappaB signaling pathway
REACTOME_TNFR1_INDUCED_PROAPOPTOTIC_SIGNALING	TNFR1-induced proapoptotic signaling

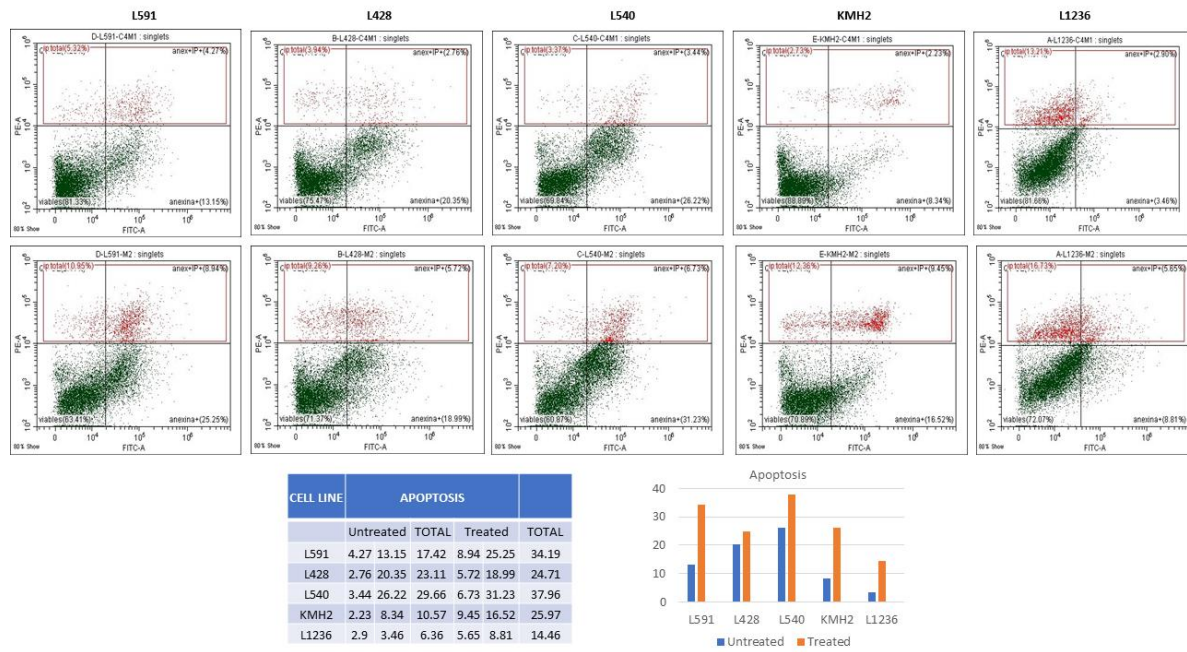
Supplemental Table 3. Significant TcGSA gene sets

Description	p	Public database gene set name	Contributor
Immune response	3.218E-34	MODULE_75	Broad Institute
Cytokine-cytokine receptor interaction	3.364E-30	KEGG_CYTOKINE_CYTOKINE_RECEPTOR_INTERACTION	Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes
Immunoregulatory interactions between a lymphoid and a non-lymphoid cell	5.837E-18	REACTOME_IMMUNOREGULATORY_INTERACTIONS_BETWEEN_A_LYMPHOID_AND_A_NON_LYMPHOID_CELL	Reactome
Calcium signaling pathway	9.750E-16	KEGG_CALCIUM_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes
JAK/STAT signaling pathway	2.653E-12	KEGG_JAK_STAT_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes
Adhesion molecules	2.653E-12	MODULE_122	Broad Institute
Chemotaxis (chemokines)	5.797E-12	MODULE_263	Broad Institute
Immune / stress response genes	1.355E-11	MODULE_33	Broad Institute
IL 17 signaling pathway	5.111E-10	BIOCARTA_IL17_PATHWAY	BioCarta
Inflammatory response	1.561E-08	MODULE_76	Broad Institute
Cell cycle, mitotic	1.646E-08	REACTOME_CELL_CYCLE_MITOTIC	Reactome
Immune (defense) response	4.210E-08	MODULE_223	Broad Institute
Chemokine receptors bind chemokines	2.031E-06	REACTOME_CHEMOKINE_RECEPTORS_BIND_CHEMOKINES	Reactome
Immune response	3.929E-06	MODULE_170	Broad Institute
Genes defining inflammatory response	7.035E-06	HALLMARK_INFLAMMATORY_RESPONSE	MSigDB Team
Signaling by receptor tyrosine kinases	2.356E-05	REACTOME_SIGNALING_BY_RECEPTOR_TYROSINE_KINASES	Reactome
Cell cycle: G2/M checkpoint	7.081E-05	BIOCARTA_G2_PATHWAY	BioCarta
Cytokine network	1.708E-04	BIOCARTA_CYTOKINE_PATHWAY	BioCarta
T-cell proliferation genes	2.637E-04	MODULE_521	Broad Institute
Chemokine signaling pathway	3.707E-04	KEGG_CHEMOKINE_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes
TNF signaling	8.846E-04	REACTOME_TNF_SIGNALING	Reactome
Natural killer cell mediated cytotoxicity	1.295E-03	KEGG_NATURAL_KILLER_CELL_MEDIATED_CYTOTOXICITY	Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes
Cell cycle checkpoints	2.703E-03	REACTOME_CELL_CYCLE_CHECKPOINTS	Reactome
Class I MHC-mediated antigen processing and presentation	5.412E-03	REACTOME_CLASS_I_MHC_MEDIATED_ANTIGEN_PROCESSING_PRESENTATION	Reactome
B-cell malignancies expression clusters	8.306E-03	MODULE_291	Broad Institute
Signaling by the B-cell receptor (BCR)	9.270E-03	REACTOME_SIGNALING_BY_THE_B_CELL_RECEPTOR_BCR	Reactome
IL-6-type cytokine receptor ligand interactions	1.220E-02	REACTOME_IL_6_TYPE_CYTOKINE_RECEPTOR_LIGAND_INTERACTIONS	Reactome
Downstream signaling events of B-cell receptor (BCR)	1.327E-02	REACTOME_DOWNSTREAM_SIGNALING_EVENTS_OF_B_CELL_RECEPTOR_BCR	Reactome
IL-1 signaling.	1.715E-02	MODULE_545	Broad Institute
Interleukin-10 signaling	2.798E-02	REACTOME_INTERLEUKIN_10_SIGNALING	Reactome

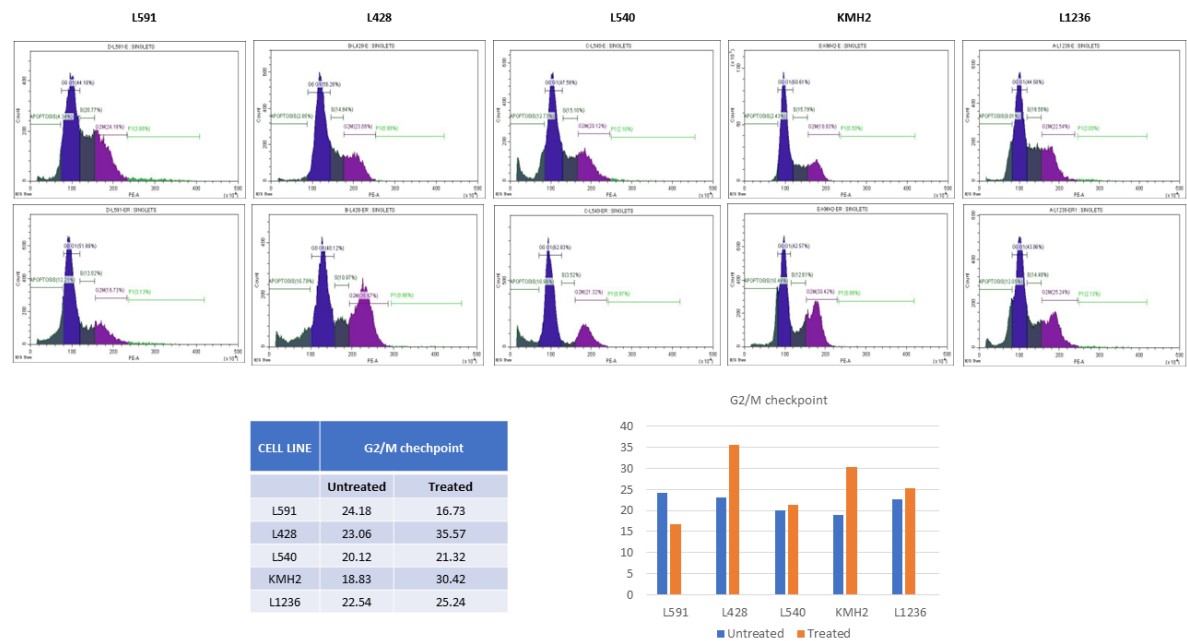
Interleukin-4 and Interleukin-13 signaling	3.227E-02	REACTOME_INTERLEUKIN_4_AND_INTERLEUKIN_13_SIGNALING	Reactome
MHC pathway. Antigen processing and presentation	3.230E-02	BIOCARTA_MHC_PATHWAY	BioCarta
Fc epsilon receptor (FCERI) signaling	3.322E-02	REACTOME_FC_EPSILON_RECEPTOR_FCERI_SIGNALING	Reactome
Genes downregulated in primary B lymphocytes after activation of LMP1	3.590E-02	DIRMEIER_LMP1_RESPONSE_LATE_DN	MSigDB Team
Downregulation of TGF-beta receptor signaling	3.590E-02	REACTOME_DOWNREGULATION_OF_TGF_BETA_RECEPTOR_SIGNALING	Reactome
Interleukin-6 family signaling	3.590E-02	REACTOME_INTERLEUKIN_6_FAMILY_SIGNALING	Reactome
Genes downregulated in hematopoietic progenitor cells (HPCs) of T lymphocyte and NK (natural killer) lineage	4.015E-02	HADDAD_T_LYMPHOCYTE_AND_NK_PROGENITOR_DN	MSigDB Team

Supplemental Figure 1. Apoptosis (A) and cell-cycle analyses (B) Percentage of apoptotic cells (% annexin V+) and G2/M fraction before (top panels) and after ruxolitinib treatment (bottom panels) (two-way ANOVA: *** p <0.001).

A)

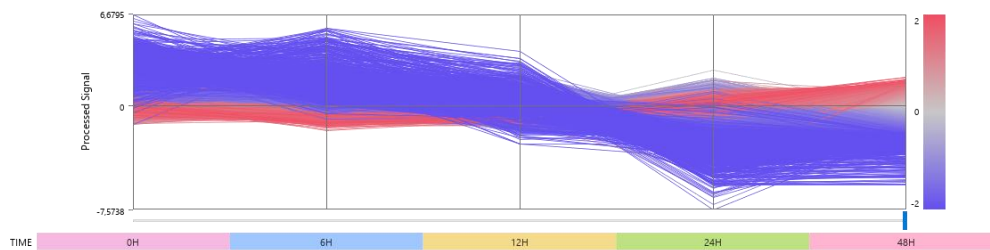


B)

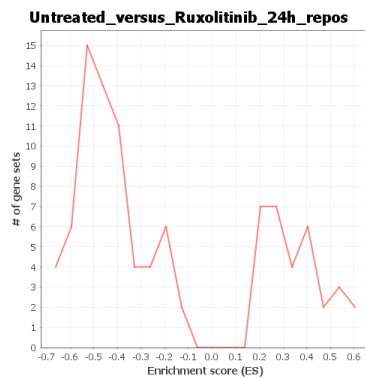


Supplemental Figure 2. A) Unsupervised analyses of whole transcriptome changes during the time-course experiments reveal massive transcriptional changes, affecting more than 18% of the transcriptome (average 5360 genes more than three-fold upregulated or downregulated, range 2460-7198 genes). B) GSEA, global enrichment score (ES) histogram confirms that most of the changes involved gene downregulation.

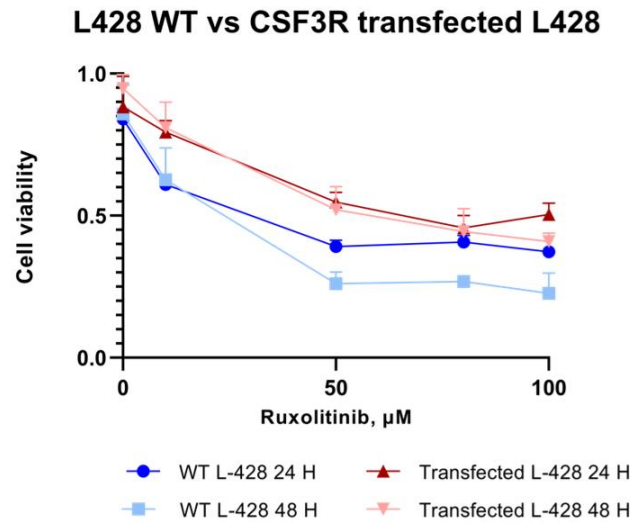
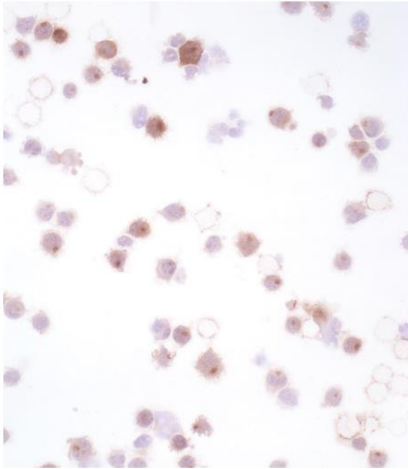
A)



B)



Supplemental Figure 3. L-428 transfection experiments using PCMV6-hCSF3R-Myc-DDK-tagged vector. Left: transfection efficiency is evaluated using IHC with anti-Myc mAb (CNIO). Right: viability assays confirming lower ruxolitinib-induced toxicity in L-428-transfected cells.



Supplemental Figure 4. GSEA analyses of L-428 and L-1236 cell lines treated with 5-Aza-dC/decitabine (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE86068>)³⁸ (top panel), compared with ruxolitinib (bottom panel), showing completely different modulation of pathways. The y-axis represents the enrichment score (ES), comparing phenotypes untreated and after 24 h of treatment. The bars correspond to gene sets upregulated in untreated cells (gene sets with a nominal value of $p < 0.05$ are marked with an asterisk).

