

Supporting Information

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SI Materials and Methods

Plasmid Constructs. The CMV promoter of the pIRES2-EGFP vector (Clontech Laboratories) was replaced with the tetO fragment of the pRevTRE vector (Clontech) to make p Δ CMV/(tetO)-IRES2-EGFP. Δ EGFR or kinase-defective Δ EGFR (DK) genes (1) were then cloned into the multiple-cloning site downstream of the Δ CMV/(tetO) promoter.

The human Δ E-1/KLHDC8A and mouse *klhdc8a* were PCR amplified by using the primers forward (F) 5'-GTCGACGCCCATGGAGGTGCCTAACGTCAAGGACT-3', reverse (R) 5'-GCGGCCGCTAGGAGTCAGAGACACACAGGGCC-3' and the primers forward (F) 5'-GTCGACGCCCATGGAGGTGCCAATGTCAAGGAC-3', reverse (R) 5'-GCGGCCGCTAGGAGTCAGAGACAAACAGTGCCTCTAC-3, respectively, and cloned into the pCR2.1-TOPO vector. After sequence verification, targeted fragments were excised from these vectors with Sall-NotI digestion, and subcloned into the pCI-neo vector (Promega), into which we had inserted a FLAG-epitope upstream of the multiple cloning site, thus creating FLAG-tagged Δ E1.

shRNA Expression Plasmid Construction. The shRNA-expressing ¹H retroviral system used for DNA vector-based shRNA synthesis, pSuper.retro.blasticidin, is derived from pSuper.retro.puro (Oligoengine) by replacing the puromycin resistance gene with blasticidin S deaminase. shRNA sequences incorporated into pSuper.retro.blasticidin were designed using the online design tool, siDESIGN Center (Dharmacon, www.dharmacon.com/DesignCenter/DesignCenterPage.aspx), or were based on published sequences and are as follows: Δ EGFR 5'-GAAAGGTAATTATGTGGTG-3' (2); human *KLHDC8A*, No. 1, 5'-GCAGCAGCACAATGATTA-3' or No. 2, 5'-AGCGAGAATTGGACATGAA-3'; human *GFP*, 5'-GCTGACCCTGAAGTTCATC-3'; negative control No. 1, 5'-AA TTCTCTGAACGTGTCAC-3' or No. 2, 5'-TTCTCTGAACGTGTCACGT-3' (3). The retroviral vector was digested with BglII and HindIII and ligated with the annealed oligos.

Retroviral Infection. The 293T packaging cell line was cotransfected with the retroviral constructs and pCL10A1 by using Lipofectamine 2000 (Invitrogen), following the manufacturer's instructions. Viral supernatants were harvested at 48 and 72 h after transfection, filtered (0.45 μ m), then used for overnight infections of U373MG cells in the presence of 8 μ g/mL polybrene. Cells were allowed to recover in fresh media and were then selected in media containing 400 μ g/mL neomycin (G418) at 50% activity, 1,100 ng/mL puromycin, or 2 mg/mL blasticidin S according to the drug resistant type of the retroviral plasmid.

Cell Proliferation Assay. Cell proliferation was assessed by measuring the conversion of the triazolium salt, WST-1, to formazan according to the manufacturer's instructions (TaKaRa Bio). Briefly, cells were seeded at 10,000 cells per well in 96-well microtiter plates in 100 μ L of growth medium. At indicated days, 10 μ L of WST-1 solution was added to each well, and the plates were incubated at 37 °C for 4 h, followed by absorbance measurement at 450 and 900 nm by using a GENios Pro microplate reader (Tecan).

Generation and Purification of Rabbit Polyclonal Antibodies to Δ E-1/KLHDC8A. Antibodies against Δ E-1/KLHDC8A were produced by using a synthesized peptide corresponding to amino acid residues Ile102 to Ala116 C(IDEKGWKRSMLREA) coupled to carrier protein KLH. Rabbits were immunized with the peptide-

KLH conjugate by following standard procedures, and polyclonal antibodies were purified by affinity chromatography using the synthetic antigen peptide.

Western Blotting. Western blotting was performed as described (1). Briefly, 10–30 μ g of protein samples were separated through polyacrylamide/SDS gels and electroblotted onto nitrocellulose membranes (Trans-Blot Transfer medium; Bio-Rad Laboratories). Primary antibodies used in this study were as follows, Anti-phosphotyrosine, clone 4G10 (Upstate/Millipore); EGFR, clone 13 (BD Transduction Laboratories); GFP, FL (Santa Cruz Biotechnology); Akt, 5G3 (Cell Signaling) pSer473 Akt (Cell Signaling); Stat1 (Cell Signaling); pTyr701 Stat1 (Upstate); Stat3 (Cell Signaling); pTyr705 Stat3 (Cell Signaling); CyclinA (Santa Cruz Biotechnology); CyclinE (Santa Cruz Biotechnology); CDK2 (BD Transduction Labs); CDK4 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology); CDK6 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology); p27 (BD Transduction Labs); Bcl-x_L (Cell Signaling); pT180/pY182 p38 MAPK (BD Transduction Labs); p38 MAPK (Santa Cruz Biotechnology); phospho-p42/44 MAPK (Cell Signaling); p42/44 MAPK (Cell Signaling); β -Actin, clone AC-15 (Sigma) was used as a loading control for each result.

TUNEL Assay. Apoptotic cells were detected by TUNEL using the In Situ Cell Death Detection Kit-Fluorescein (Roche Diagnostics) as described (1).

Oligonucleotide Array Experiments. For microarray analysis, U373MG cells engineered to express Δ EGFR or DK under regulation by doxycycline were serum starved for 36 h before sample collection. Indicated samples were cultured in medium containing 1 μ g/mL doxycycline for at least five days. Total RNA was isolated by using RNeasy Plus Mini Kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. High-density oligonucleotide arrays (GeneChip Human HG-U133 Plus 2.0 array, Affymetrix), which contain >47,000 transcripts and variants, were used. Biotin-labeled cRNA was synthesized from aliquots (5 μ g) of total RNA from each sample, and hybridization, washing, and detection of signals were carried out according to the vendor's protocol. Scanned images were visually inspected and analyzed by Microarray Analysis Suite (MAS) 5.0 software (Affymetrix) to generate the CEL files and define absent/present calls. CEL files were imported into DNA-Chip Analyzer (dChip 2006) (4) to compute a model-based expression index, which was normalized against the median intensity array with the perfect match minus mismatch method. For replicated arrays, expression values were pooled by dChip implementation.

Quantitative Real-Time PCR. RNA was extracted by using the RNeasy Plus Mini Kit (Qiagen). cDNA was synthesized from 2 μ g of total RNA by using an oligo-dT primer and the SuperScript first-strand synthesis system for RT-PCR (Invitrogen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Quantitative real-time PCR (qPCR) was performed by using the iCycler iQ Real-Time Detection System (Bio-Rad). Aliquots of cDNA were amplified for 40 cycles consisting of 10 seconds of denaturing at 95 °C, 45 seconds of annealing and extension at 60–68 °C and monitoring of the SYBR Green I dye intercalation signal. Each PCR was performed in triplicate. For each sample, relative expression of a gene to expression in a reference cDNA mixture of several cell lines and tissues was calculated, and the expression of each gene was then normalized using β -actin expression as an internal control. The following primer sets and annealing temperatures (T_m) were used: forward (F) 5'-AGAAGGAGATCACTGCCCTGGCACC-3',

reverse (R) 5'-CCTGCTTGCTGATCCACATCTGCTG-3' and Tm 68 °C for β -actin; (F) 5'-GGGGATGGGGCGGAAGG-GTGTCT-3', (R) 5'-GTGGGGCAACTGGTGGTGGCTGTG-3' and Tm 66 °C for *KLHDC8A*. The specificity of the amplification products was validated by using postamplification melt curve analysis. Differences of gene expression were tested by Kruskal-Wallis analysis.

Northern Blotting. Northern blotting was performed as described with minor modification (1). Briefly, 10 μ g of total RNA were electrophoresed on a 1% agarose formaldehyde gel and transferred onto a nylon filter (Hybond N⁺; Amersham). The filter was hybridized with ³²P-labeled human *KLHDC8A* 470-bp-long DNA fragment amplified by PCR. The primer sets, forward (F) 5'-GCCAGGCCATGGCAGGAAGAATC-3', reverse (R) 5'-GTGGGGCAACTGGTGGTGGCTGTG-3', were used for probe production.

Immunohistochemistry. Tumor cell proliferation was assessed by Ki-67 (clone MIB-1; Dako) immunohistochemistry by using formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues and angiogenesis was evaluated by CD31 (rat anti-mouse CD31 monoclonal antibody, BD Pharmingen) staining as described with minor modification (5). Microvessel areas (MVA) were determined by measuring the total amount of staining in each section. Captured digital images of the sections were analyzed with IMAGE PRO PLUS (version 4.5) software (Media Cybernetics) as described (5). Tissue microarray slides of human glioblastoma were obtained from US Biomax (array no. GL802). The TMA contains duplicate cores from 33 glioblastoma patients (30 adult, 3 pediatric). Immunohistochemistry for S Δ E1/*KLHDC8A* was performed using rabbit anti-S Δ E1 antibody to human S Δ E protein at a concentration of 1:1000 with 10' proteinase K retrieval. Detection was performed by using the Envision+ system (DAKO Cytomation). Testing of antibody specificity was performed by using Cos7 cells engineered to express S Δ E1 as well as S Δ E1-positive escaper clones. Scoring of staining was performed manually (K.L.L.) in

the TMAJ application (Johns Hopkins) from scanned images of the TMA slides (Ariol slide scanning system, Applied Imaging Systems Inc.). Scoring was performed by using the following scale: 0, no staining; 1, <10% of tumor cells positive; 2, 10–40% of tumor cells; 3, 40–70% of tumor cells positive; 4, >70% of tumor cells positive. Intensity of staining was also measured by pathologist visual estimation (0-no stain, 1 low, 2 med, 3 high) in addition to the Ariol scanning analysis.

Selection of Escaper-Specific Genes. Probes with less than two present calls (detected) in all samples, determined by the expression algorithm in MAS 5.0 software, were excluded because of low confidence of scarcely expressed genes. The variation filter selected for a coefficient of variation >0.5 across all samples, and yielded 1,024 genes. For selecting differentially expressed genes, Significance Analysis of Microarrays (SAM version 3.0) was used (6). SAM estimates the percentage of genes identified by chance as the false discovery rate (FDR) by using permutations of the repeated measurements. SAM also identifies genes with statistically significant changes and score q value, which is similar to the familiar " p value". The output criteria selected for SAM included genes with a fold change exceeding 2.5-fold between escapers and other samples, which have no Δ EGFR expression, and q value <0.05 (Delta value = 0.802). Estimated FDR in this analysis was 4.2%. Hierarchical clustering was performed by using the dChip software with centroid method for 48 probes selected by SAM analysis.

Clinical Samples. Tumor samples, kindly provided by Ryo Nishikawa, were obtained at the time of surgery after written informed consent from the Department of Neuro-Oncology, International Medical Center, Saitama Medical University, Japan. Frozen tumor samples were ground in liquid nitrogen and lysed in RIPA buffer for immunoblot analysis. Total RNA was isolated from frozen tumor samples by using RNeasy kit (QIAGEN), following the manufacturer's instructions. Use of commercially available glioma tumor microarrays is as described above.

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human $\Delta E-1 / KLHDC8A$. Ethidium bromide staining of 28S rRNA demonstrates similar loading of RNA in each lane. (D) qPCR analysis of $\Delta E-1 / KLHDC8A$ gene expression in normal brains and human glioblastomas. Each bar in A-C represents the mean \pm SD of three replicates. Y-axis represents the relative gene expression level ($p < 0.01$, Kruskal-Wallis test). (E) Western blot analysis using a rabbit polyclonal anti- $\Delta E-1 / KLHDC8A$ antibody. Cos7 cells were transfected with plasmid vector containing full length human $\Delta E-1 / KLHDC8A$ with/without Flag-tag or with mouse $\Delta E-1 / KLHDC8A$. Overexpressed proteins were detected with anti-Flag antibody. (F) Western blot analysis of whole cell lysates from GBM clinical samples. Antibodies used were as in panel D. (G) Immunohistochemistry for $\Delta E-1 / KLHDC8A$ using rabbit polyclonal anti- $\Delta E-1 / KLHDC8A$ antibody demonstrates expression within representative human GBM samples. Staining was noted to be heterogeneous with respect to percentage of tumor cells estimated to express $\Delta E-1 / KLHDC8A$ as well as the levels of expression within positive tumor cells. Each panel is an example of $\Delta E-1 / KLHDC8A$ expression, from low (+1) to high (+3) positivity. Arrows highlight rare cells with immunoreactivity.

Table S1. Genes up-regulated in escapers

Gene symbol	Gene	Mean fold change (\pm SD)	q value
	Regulation of transcription		
LASS6	<i>LAG1 homolog, ceramide synthase 6</i>	3.1 (0.1414)	0
SALL1	<i>sal-like 1</i>	2.7	0.03
TFAP2A	<i>transcription factor activating enhancer binding protein 2 alpha</i>	2.6	0
	G protein coupled receptor activity/protein signaling pathway		
LPHN3	<i>latrophilin 3</i>	2.7 (0.1000)	0
PTH1H	<i>parathyroid hormone-like hormone</i>	2.5	0.03
	Cell adhesion		
PCDH3	<i>protocadherin beta 3</i>	4	0
POSTN	<i>periostin, osteoblast specific factor</i>	3.3 (0.1414)	0.03
PCDH5	<i>protocadherin beta 5</i>	2.8	0
	Glycolysis		
PGK1	<i>phosphoglycerate kinase 1</i>	2.7	0.03
	Anti-apoptosis		
CLU	<i>clusterin</i>	2.6	0.03
	Lipid metabolism		
LPL	<i>lipoprotein lipase</i>	2.6	0.03
	Mitotic cell cycle, spindle organization		
AURKA	<i>aurora kinase A</i>	3.7	0
	Translation		
MRPS15	<i>mitochondrial ribosomal protein S15</i>	2.7	0.03
	Potassium ion transport		
KCTD4	<i>potassium channel tetramerisation domain containing 4</i>	4.55 (1.768)	0.03
	Nervous system development, cell proliferation		
LG11	<i>leucine-rich, glioma inactivated 1</i>	6.4	0.04
	Extracellular matrix structural constituent		
FBLN1	<i>fibulin 1</i>	2.95 (0.495)	0.03
	Cellular defense response		
PAGE1	<i>P antigen family, member 1 (prostate associated)</i>	4.2	0.03
	Other		
FAM76B	<i>family with sequence similarity 76, member B</i>	3.4	0.03
KLHDC8A	<i>kelch domain containing 8A</i>	4.6	0.03

Table S2. Genes down-regulated in escapers

Gene symbol	Gene	Mean fold change (\pm SD)	q value
	ATP binding		
PAPSS2	3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate synthase 2	0.24 (0.010)	0.03
ABCA13	ATP-binding cassette, sub-family A (ABC1), member 13	0.37	0.03
	Transcription repressor activity		
TSC22D4	TSC22 domain family, member 4	0.37	0
	G-protein coupled receptor activity/protein signaling pathway		
F2RL2	coagulation factor II (thrombin) receptor-like 2	0.39	0
	Receptor activity, signal transduction		
PLXNB3	plexin B3	0.38	0
	Rho GTPase binding, actin cytoskeleton organization		
FMNL1	formin-like 1	0.39	0.03
	Metallopeptidase activity		
ADAMTSL1	ADAMTS-like 1	0.37	0.03
	Fibronectin binding, extracellular matrix organization		
CCDC80	coiled-coil domain containing 80	0.29	0.03
	Other		
APCDD1	adenomatosis polyposis coli down-regulated 1	0.39	0.03
IER5L	immediate early response 5-like	0.37	0.03

Table S3. Δ E-1 expression in primary human glioblastoma

Patient	Tumor cells positive, %	Manual intensity	Automated intensity
1	4.0	3.0	135
2	4.0	2.5	156
3	3.5	2.5	132
4	3.0	3.0	147
5	3.0	3.0	131
6	3.0	3.0	146
7	3.0	2.5	154
8	2.5	3.0	145
9	2.5	1.5	160
10	2.0	3.0	153
11	2.0	3.0	117
12	2.0	2.5	149
13	2.0	2.5	160
14	2.0	2.5	154
15	2.0	2.0	150
16	2.0	2.0	156
17	2.0	1.5	156
18	1.5	2.5	150
19	1.5	2.5	162
20	1.5	2.5	155
21	1.5	2.0	150
22	1.5	2.0	162
23	1.5	1.5	164
24	1.5	0.5	155
25	1.0	3.0	143
26	1.0	1.5	157
27	1.0	1.0	160
28	1.0	1.0	160
29	0.5	1.5	148
30	0.5	1.0	163
31	0.5	0.5	169
32	0.5	0.5	159
33	0.5	0.5	155
Median	2.0	2.5	155

Summary of staining pattern in human GBM with respect to percentage of tumor cells positive, manual intensity of staining, and automated intensity.