Supplemental Information

Primary Mesenchymal Stem and Progenitor Cells from Bone Marrow Lack Expression of CD44

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Supplemental data:

Figure S1: related to Figure 3; Figure S2: related to Figure 4A; Figure S3: related to Figure 4B; Figure S4: related to Figure 7; Figure S5: related to Figure 7; Table S1-S3, related to Figure 4B.

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Antibodies used for flow cytometry.

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Fig. S1. (Qian, et al)



Supplemental Figure 1. FACS analysis of STRO1, CD73, CD29, CD105 and CD106 expression on the CD44⁻ mesenchymal cells of human bone marrow. The stromal cells were first enriched by MACS using CD45 and CD235 microbeads. The enriched cells were stained with fluorochrome conjugated antibodies against CD45, CD235, CD31, CD44, CD271 and the respective cell surface markers. The CD44⁺ and CD44⁻ cells were gated within CD45⁻CD235⁻ CD31⁻ live cells. The data were from 3 independent experiments with 3 healthy young adult donors. The numbers in the panels are mean % of the CD44⁺ or CD44⁻ cells.

Fig. S2. (Qian, et al)

	CD44⁺ a	CD44⁺ b	CD44⁺ a1	CD44⁺ b1	CD44 ⁻ a	CD44 ⁻ a1	CD44 ⁻ b	CD44 ⁻ b1	Genes	Fold changes
	8	6	6	7	202	442	38	35	AMOTL2	27
	5	6	5	5	103	275	22	11	PGF	21
	23	27	24	24	963	2643	53	26	PRG2	38
	6	7	7	7	804	1312	50	67	S100P	82
	3	3	4	4	237	614	48	205	CSPG2	48
	15	15	24	23	536	1798	154	314		37
	78	79	77	76	267	1420	160	231	STAT2	7
	7	13	9	15	357	1611	137	213	MXRA5	53
	5	5	5	5	38	464	31	81	ECM2	30
	4	3	3	4	69	741	41	24	BCL6	60
	24	29	24	25	515	112	41	72	ALDH2	7
	18	17	15	12	525	26	74	10	EGFR	10
	11	11	8	12	720	45	29	24	SVEP1	20
	21	14	16	15	204	44	49	17	ITGB7	5
	17	16	17	14	149	28	50	27	HLXB9	4
	3	4	4	5	102	128	29	41	COL14A1	18
	8	6	6	8	3153	2943	482	541	SPARC	252
	18	21	~	24	4003	3623	610	580	CEBPD	125
	25	20	23	25	1966	2191	330	504	LIBP2	54
	15	25	21	20	2046	2070	617	672		200
	5	4	5	6	5320	6443	236	384	S100A8	623
	23	22	27	28	583	721	29	41	IFR3	14
	16	16	13	23	877	1158	63	65	SLPI	32
	14	16	10	20	223	281	33	32	FZD1	10
	7	9	11	12	520	648	60	58	EFEMP2	33
	12	10	11	12	118	133	23	17	MMP2	7
	6	7	8	6	639	749	97	72	IGFBP3	59
	33	29	26	24	3159	3661	758	434	RASD1	71
	10	12	10	9	92	99	25	18	NAV1	6
	17	18	19	13	479	348	42	230	LGALS1	16
	4	3	4	5	189	100	78	43	SPARCL	1 26
	53	55	37	53	6417	5142	1365	903	FOSB	70
	10	10	14	21	970	604	145	151		20
	126	157	208	228	0/9	3/08	55	710	MCL1	30
	7	7	5	6	179	145	17	18	PDGERI	15
	, 41	35	35	35	1736	1369	158	179	IGFBP7	23
	23	23	20	24	840	632	158	181	ANXA2	20
	3	3	3	3	479	327	75	58	APP	82
	10	14	11	20	2915	1830	426	322	FOS	100
	296	378	241	245	5595	3801	1127	748	JUND	10
	10	14	10	13	4470	2850	747	342	VCAM1	177
	95	111	111	116	3050	1815	157	208	IER2	12
	8	7	7	8	1273	603	34	25	MPO	65
	72	107	112	94	3136	1584	505	281	CEBPB	14
	6	9	8	8	1599	646	230	269	FMO2	87
	9	10	9	8	1818	641	141	71	EGR1	75
	13	9	11	8	192	79	40	23	PDGFRB	8
ļ	-30 -4	5 20	15 1	0.05	0 05	10 16	20 2	5 20		

Supplemental Figure 2. Up-regulation of MSC-related genes, oncogenes and anti-apoptotic genes in the CD44⁻ cells. dCHIP analysis of global gene expression in the freshly sorted CD44⁺ cells and CD44⁻ cells from normal human BM. Clustering shows some of the genes being up-regulated more than 4-fold in the CD44⁻ cells compared to the CD44⁺ cells. Red represents high and blue low expression. Data were from 2 independent sorting experiments, 4 microarray experiments. The numbers in the heat map are expression values of each indicated genes, normalized by dCHIP software. Related to Figure 4.

Fig. S3 (Qian, et al,.)



Supplemental Figure 3. GSEA analysis of cell-cycle regulator genes in the CD44⁻ cells.

(A) Plot of p values versus normalized enrichment scores (NES) shows the number of enriched gene sets that are significantly different between the two cell populations. False discovery rate (FDR)-q value is the estimated probability that the normalized enrichment score represents a false positive finding. NES is the enrichment score for the gene set after it has been normalized across analyzed gene sets. (B-C) Enrichment of cell cycle genes in the CD44⁺ cells. (B) Enrichment of the gene set for M phase mitotic cell cycle. (C) Enrichment of genes in the gene set

of cell cycle checkpoint in the CD44⁺ cells. The green curves plot the ES. Black vertical dashed lines specify the maximum ES scores. Within each gene set, the farther the position of a gene to the left (red) implies a higher correlation with CD44 negative phenotype, and the farther to the right (blue) implies a higher correlation with genes down-regulated upon CD44 expression. Significantly enriched data sets are defined according to GSEA default settings (p < 0.001 and FDR < 0.25). The heatmap shows expressions of the genes in the leading edge subsets (only the top 40 genes were shown for clarity if more than 40 genes in the leading edge subsets). Data were from 8 microarray platforms and 2 independent experiments. The data were normalized by RMAExpress software. Related to Figure 4.

Fig. S4 (Qian, et al,.)



Supplemental Figure 4. The biological pathways analysis of the genes in culture-expanded human BM MSCs. The genes from microarray data that are more than 5-fold upregulated in the culture-expanded MSCs compared to the freshly sorted CD44⁻ cells were used for mapping KEGG pathways using the Database for Annotation, Visualization and Integrated Discovery (DAVID) Bioinformatics resources v6.7 (http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/tools.jsp). (A), WNT signal pathway. (B) Focal adhesion pathway. Red stars indicate the genes are more than 5 fold increase in the cultured MSCs compared to the freshly sorted CD44⁻ cells.

Fig. S5 (Qian, et al,.)



Supplemental Figure 5. Upregulation of the genes in MAPK pathway in culture-expanded human BM MSCs. The genes from microarray data that are more than 5-fold upregulated in the culture-expanded MSCs compared to the freshly sorted CD44⁻ cells were used for mapping MAPK signal pathway analyzed using the DAVID Bioinformatics resources v6.7. Red stars indicate the genes are more than 5 fold increase in the cultured MSCs compared to the freshly sorted CD44⁻ cells.

Supplemental Table 1. GSEA analysis of enrichment of gene sets that are positively correlated to CD44⁻ phenotype. Related to Figure 4.

NAME	SIZE	ES	NES	NOM p-value	FDR q-value
RESPONSE_TO_WOUNDING	180	0.28	1.74	0.00	0.15
HSA04510_FOCAL_ADHESION	194	0.20	1.72	0.00	0.15
EXTRACELLULAR_REGION	425	0.30	1.77	0.00	0.15
EXTRACELLULAR_MATRIX_STRUCTURAL_CONSTITUENT	25	0.49	1.74	0.00	0.15
POSITIVE_REGULATION_OF_METABOLIC_PROCESS	213	0.11	1.75	0.00	0.16
CATION_HOMEOSTASIS	103	0.23	1.78	0.00	0.16
HSA00641_3_CHLOROACRYLIC_ACID_DEGRADATION	15	0.54	2.02	0.00	0.16
AMINE_RECEPTOR_ACTIVITY	34	0.46	1.74	0.00	0.16
TRANSMEMBRANE_RECEPTOR_PROTEIN_KINASE_ACTIVITY	51	0.38	1.72	0.00	0.16
POSITIVE_REGULATION_OF_CYTOKINE_BIOSYNTHETIC_PROCESS	25	0.37	1.77	0.00	0.16
EXTRACELLULAR_REGION_PART	321	0.30	1.74	0.00	0.17
CENTRAL_NERVOUS_SYSTEM_DEVELOPMENT	112	0.21	1.61	0.00	0.17
CELL_JUNCTION	76	0.30	1.61	0.00	0.17
CHEMICAL_HOMEOSTASIS	146	0.19	1.67	0.00	0.17
NERVOUS_SYSTEM_DEVELOPMENT	360	0.21	1.62	0.00	0.17
ANATOMICAL_STRUCTURE_MORPHOGENESIS	359	0.19	1.79	0.00	0.17
WOUND_HEALING	53	0.31	1.77	0.00	0.17
POSITIVE_REGULATION_OF_CELLULAR_PROTEIN_METABOLIC_PROCESS	69	0.18	1.62	0.00	0.17
REGULATION_OF_CYTOKINE_BIOSYNTHETIC_PROCESS	37	0.35	1.67	0.00	0.17
RESPONSE_TO_BACTERIUM	27	0.38	1.62	0.00	0.17
TRANSMEMBRANE_RECEPTOR_ACTIVITY	402	0.30	1.67	0.00	0.17
HSA04742_TASTE_TRANSDUCTION	45	0.27	1.66	0.00	0.18
NEURITE_DEVELOPMENT	53	0.30	1.62	0.00	0.18
HOMEOSTATIC_PROCESS	196	0.14	1.67	0.00	0.18
EXTRACELLULAR_SPACE	234	0.29	1.62	0.00	0.18
POSITIVE_REGULATION_OF_CELLULAR_METABOLIC_PROCESS	206	0.11	1.70	0.00	0.18
BASOLATERAL_PLASMA_MEMBRANE	31	0.32	1.60	0.00	0.18
HSA04940_TYPE_I_DIABETES_MELLITUS	41	0.36	1.79	0.00	0.18
CELLULAR_MORPHOGENESIS_DURING_DIFFERENTIATION	49	0.32	1.60	0.00	0.18
RHODOPSIN_LIKE_RECEPTOR_ACTIVITY	129	0.31	1.60	0.00	0.18
SECOND_MESSENGER_MEDIATED_SIGNALING	151	0.27	1.67	0.00	0.18
ENDOPEPTIDASE_ACTIVITY	110	0.19	1.63	0.00	0.18
TRANSMEMBRANE_RECEPTOR_PROTEIN_TYROSINE_KINASE_ACTIVITY	43	0.37	1.59	0.00	0.19
HSA04080_NEUROACTIVE_LIGAND_RECEPTOR_INTERACTION	250	0.35	1.69	0.00	0.19
ADHERENS_JUNCTION	22	0.46	1.67	0.00	0.19
NEGATIVE_REGULATION_OF_CELL_DIFFERENTIATION	27	0.34	1.59	0.00	0.19
G_PROTEIN_SIGNALINGCOUPLED_TO_CYCLIC_NUCLEOTIDE_SECOND_MESSENGE	100	0.32	1.65	0.00	0.19
ION_HOMEOSTASIS	121	0.22	1.80	0.00	0.19
CELL_MATRIX_JUNCTION	17	0.43	1.59	0.00	0.19
PHOSPHOINOSITIDE_MEDIATED_SIGNALING	46	0.30	1.59	0.00	0.19
NEURON DIFFERENTIATION	73	0.30	1.59	0.00	0.19
G_PROTEIN_COUPLED_RECEPTOR_ACTIVITY	183	0.30	1.68	0.00	0.19
CYTOKINE METABOLIC PROCESS	40	0.32	1.64	0.00	0.19
G PROTEIN SIGNALING COUPLED TO IP3 SECOND MESSENGER PHOSPHOLIPASI	43	0.29	1.58	0.00	0.19
CYTOKINE BIOSYNTHETIC PROCESS	39	0.34	1.68	0.00	0.19
HSA01430 CELL COMMUNICATION	123	0.32	1.67	0.00	0.19
AXONOGENESIS	43	0.38	1.64	0.00	0.19
CYCLIC_NUCLEOTIDE_MEDIATED_SIGNALING	102	0.31	1.64	0.00	0.19
POSITIVE REGULATION OF PROTEIN METABOLIC PROCESS	71	0.17	1.58	0.00	0.19
HSA04610 COMPLEMENT AND COAGULATION CASCADES	66	0.34	1.58	0.00	0.19
CELL_MIGRATION	93	0.26	1.81	0.00	0.19

FDR-q value: the estimated probability that the normalized enrichment score represents a false positive finding; NES: Normalized enrichment score; the enrichment score for the gene set after it has been normalized across analyzed gene sets; Size: Number of genes in the gene set after filtering out those genes not in the expression dataset; The more interesting gene sets achieve the maximum enrichment score near the top or bottom of the ranked list;

Supplemental Table 2. Enrichment of gene sets that are negatively correlated to CD44⁻ **phenotype.** Related to Figure 4.

NAME	SIZE		ES	NES	NOM p-value FDR q-value
CELL_CYCLE_ARREST_GO_0007050		55	-0.22	-1.66	0.00 0.23
NUCLEOBASENUCLEOSIDE_AND_NUCLEOTIDE_METABOLIC_PROCESS		49	-0.35	-1.49	0.00 0.23
CELLULAR CATABOLIC PROCESS		198	-0.27	-1.46	0.00 0.23
REGULATION OF CYCLIN DEPENDENT PROTEIN KINASE ACTIVITY		42	-0.32	-1.66	0.00 0.23
CATABOLIC PROCESS		210	-0.26	-1.46	0.00 0.23
MICROTUBULE CYTOSKELETON ORGANIZATION AND BIOGENESIS		34	-0.46	-1.49	0.00 0.23
CELLULAR CARBOHYDRATE METABOLIC PROCESS		123	-0.12	-1.44	0.00 0.23
HSA00240 PYRIMIDINE METABOLISM		85	-0.43	-1.51	0.00 0.23
NUCLEOTIDYLTRANSFERASE ACTIVITY		45	-0.46	-1.48	0.00 0.23
MICROTUBLILE BINDING		29	-0.37	-1.45	0.00 0.23
CELLULAR PROTEIN COMPLEX ASSEMBLY		31	-0.34	-1.51	0.00 0.23
BIOSYNTHETIC PROCESS		433	-0.21	-1.51	0.00 0.23
UNFOLDED PROTEIN BINDING		41	0.21	1.15	0.00 0.23
ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANELLE LOCALIZATION		17	0.51	1.46	0.00 0.23
NUCLEAR CHROMOSOME DART		32	0.35	1.52	0.00 0.23
		226	-0.55	1.12	0.00 0.23
NNA_DINDING VIA TRANSESTEDIEICATION DEACTIONS		230	-0.40	-1.40	0.00 0.23
ATDASE ACTIVITY COUDLED		32 97	-0.37	-1.52	0.00 0.23
SECRETION BY CELL		102	-0.50	-1.00	0.00 0.23
SECRETION_BI_CELL		103	-0.10	-1.55	0.00 0.23
HSA00450_SELENOAMINO_ACID_METABOLISM		28	-0.37	-1.53	0.00 0.23
SPINDLE_MICKOTUBULE		10	-0.70	-1.53	0.00 0.23
RNA_SPLICING_FACTOR_ACTIVITYTRANSESTERIFICATION_MECHANISM		18	-0.72	-1.53	0.00 0.22
RESPONSE_TO_DNA_DAMAGE_STIMULUS		151	-0.39	-1.66	0.00 0.22
UBIQUITIN_CYCLE		46	-0.32	-1.54	0.00 0.22
DNA_DIRECTED_RNA_POLYMERASE_II_HOLOENZYME		22	-0.53	-1.54	0.00 0.22
PHOSPHOINOSITIDE_METABOLIC_PROCESS		27	-0.41	-1.66	0.00 0.22
GLYCEROPHOSPHOLIPID_BIOSYNTHETIC_PROCESS		26	-0.44	-1.65	0.00 0.22
RESPONSE_TO_ENDOGENOUS_STIMULUS		187	-0.34	-1.65	0.00 0.22
NUCLEOSIDE_TRIPHOSPHATASE_ACTIVITY		195	-0.22	-1.55	0.00 0.21
SMALL_NUCLEAR_RIBONUCLEOPROTEIN_COMPLEX		21	-0.73	-1.55	0.00 0.21
PHOSPHOINOSITIDE_BIOSYNTHETIC_PROCESS		20	-0.47	-1.63	0.00 0.21
CELL_CYCLE_PHASE		158	-0.34	-1.57	0.00 0.21
HSA04110_CELL_CYCLE		110	-0.45	-1.56	0.00 0.21
PURINE_NUCLEOTIDE_BINDING		199	-0.15	-1.57	0.00 0.21
MRNA_PROCESSING_GO_0006397		68	-0.57	-1.56	0.00 0.21
HSA00564_GLYCEROPHOSPHOLIPID_METABOLISM		67	-0.18	-1.63	0.00 0.21
LIPID_BIOSYNTHETIC_PROCESS		89	-0.23	-1.55	0.00 0.21
HYDROLASE_ACTIVITYACTING_ON_ACID_ANHYDRIDES		211	-0.22	-1.61	0.00 0.21
NUCLEAR_LUMEN		342	-0.42	-1.64	0.00 0.21
RNA_PROCESSING		161	-0.58	-1.63	0.00 0.21
NUCLEOTIDE_BIOSYNTHETIC_PROCESS		19	-0.38	-1.64	0.00 0.20
DNA_DEPENDENT_DNA_REPLICATION		53	-0.49	-1.65	0.00 0.20
DNA_INTEGRITY_CHECKPOINT		21	-0.48	-1.58	0.00 0.20
SPLICEOSOME		46	-0.65	-1.61	0.00 0.20
COENZYME_METABOLIC_PROCESS		35	-0.53	-1.63	0.00 0.20
HSA00440_AMINOPHOSPHONATE_METABOLISM		15	-0.62	-1.63	0.00 0.20
DAMAGED_DNA_BINDING		20	-0.59	-1.64	0.00 0.20
MRNA_METABOLIC_PROCESS		79	-0.54	-1.57	0.00 0.20
HSA00563_GLYCOSYLPHOSPHATIDYLINOSITOL_ANCHOR_BIOSYNTHESIS		22	-0.44	-1.65	0.00 0.20
CHROMOSOMAL_PART		89	-0.46	-1.62	0.00 0.20
ENDOPLASMIC_RETICULUM		271	-0.22	-1.64	0.00 0.20
ORGANELLE_LUMEN		410	-0.42	-1.61	0.00 0.20
DNA_DEPENDENT_ATPASE_ACTIVITY		19	-0.61	-1.62	0.00 0.20
CELL_CYCLE_PROCESS		181	-0.36	-1.62	0.00 0.20
MEMBRANE_ENCLOSED_LUMEN		410	-0.42	-1.61	0.00 0.20
CHROMATIN		34	-0.37	-1.60	0.00 0.19
PYROPHOSPHATASE_ACTIVITY		209	-0.21	-1.59	0.00 0.19
GENERAL_RNA_POLYMERASE_II_TRANSCRIPTION_FACTOR_ACTIVITY		24	-0.51	-1.59	0.00 0.19
DNA_REPLICATION_INITIATION		16	-0.60	-1.59	0.00 0.19
NUCLEOTIDE_BINDING		212	-0.16	-1.60	0.00 0.19
HSA00100_BIOSYNTHESIS_OF_STEROIDS		24	-0.43	-1.60	0.00 0.19
CHROMOSOME		115	-0.45	-1.60	0.00 0.19
DOUBLE_STRAND_BREAK_REPAIR		23	-0.49	-1.59	0.00 0.19
COFACTOR_METABOLIC_PROCESS		49	-0.51	-1.60	0.00 0.19
PURINE_RIBONUCLEOTIDE_BINDING		194	-0.15	-1.60	0.00 0.19

Supplemental Table 3. A full list of the ECM and growth factor genes in the leading edge subsets enriched in the CD44⁻ cells. FDR-q value: the estimated probability that the normalized enrichment score represents a false positive finding; NES: Normalized enrichment score; the enrichment score for the gene set after it has been normalized across analyzed gene sets; Size: Number of genes in the gene set after filtering out those genes not in the expression dataset; The more interesting gene sets achieve the maximum enrichment score. The ranking metric measures a gene's correlation with a phenotype. A positive value indicates correlation with the CD44 negative phenotype. Related to Fig.4B.

Supplemental materials:

Antibodies used for flow cytometry.

Antigen	Conjugates	Clone	Isotype	Sources
Rat TER-119	Purified	TER-119		Biolegend
Rat CD45	Purified	30-F11		Biolegend
Rat B220	Purified	RA3-6B2		Biolegend
Rat CD4	Purified	GK1.5		Biolegend
Rat CD8	Purified	53-6.7		Biolegend
Rat CD11B	Purified	M1/70		Biolegend
Rat GR1	Purified	RB6-8C5		Biolegend
Rat CD19	APC	1D3		Imgenex
Rat B220	PECY7	RA3-6B2		Biolegend
Rat CD45	PECy5	30-F11		eBioscience
Rat CD31	PECY7	390		eBioscience
Rat CD44	APCCY7	IM7	Rat IgG2b, k	eBioscience
Rat TER-119	PECY5	TER-119		eBioscience
Rat CD51	PE	RMV-7	Rat IgG1,k	Biolegend
Rat SCA1	PE	D7	Rat IgG2a, k	BD
Rat SCA1	Pacific blue	D7	Rat IgG2a, k	eBioscience
Rat KI67	PE	B56	Mouse IgG1	BD
Rat CD32/16	Purified	93		eBioscience
Goat anti-rat IgG (H+L) polyclonal	PECY5	CLCC40106		Cedar Lane laboratory

Antibodies used for flow cytometry (continued).

Antigen	Conjugates	Clone	Isotype	Sources
Rat CD140/PDGFRa	APC	APA5	Rat IgG2a, k	eBioscience
Rat CD19	PECY5	1D3		Biolegend
Rat B220	PECY5	RA3-6B2		Biolegend
Mouse anti-rat/mouse CD90.1	Alexa Fluor® 647	OX-7	Mouse IgG1, κ	Ebioscience
Mouse CD45	eFluor® 450	2D1	Mouse IgG1, κ	Ebioscience
Mouse CD235	eFluor® 450	6A7M	Mouse IgG1, κ	Ebioscience
Mouse CD31	APC	WM59	Mouse IgG1, κ	Ebioscience
Mouse CD146	PE	SHM-57	Mouse IgG2a, к	Biolegend
Mouse CD271	FITC	ME20.4	Mouse IgG1, κ	Biolegend
Mouse CD19	eFluor® 450	HIB19	Mouse IgG1, κ	Ebioscience
Rat CD105	PE	MJ7/18	Rat IgG2a, k	eBioscience
Rat CD106	APC	429	Rat IgG2a, k	Biolegend
Mouse CD31	PE-CY7	WM-59	Mouse IgG1, k	eBioscience
Mouse STRO-1	Alexa Fluor® 647	STRO-1	Mouse IgM, λ	Biolegend
Mouse CD105	Alexa Fluor® 647	43A3	Rat IgG1, k	Biolegend
Mouse CD106	PECY5	STA	Rat IgG1, k	Biolegend
Mouse CD29	APC	TS2/16	Rat IgG1, k	Biolegend
Mouse CD73	APC	AD2	Rat IgG1, k	Biolegend

List of the probes used for Q- RT-PCR.

Gene name	Assay ID	Full name
Fmod	Mm00491215_m1	Fibromodulin
Angptl1	Mm00472259_m1	Angiopoietin-Like 1
Collal	Mm00801666_g1	Collagen, Type I, alpha 1
Igf1	Mm00439560_m1	Insulin-Like Growth Factor 1
p27	Mm00438168_m1	p27/cdkn1b
p21 CIP1	Mm00432448_m1	p21/cdkn1a
Nov	Mm00456855_m1	Nephroblastoma overexpressed gene
Nes	Mm00450205_m1	nestin
Cdk6	Mm00438163_m1	Cyclin-dependent kinase 6
Hprt	Mm00446968_ml	hypoxanthine guanine phosphoribosyl transferase