

Supplemental information

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Mice

TiRP-10B;Ink4a/Arf flox/flox mice (Huijbers et al 2006) backcrossed to the B10.D2 strain (B10.D2/nOlaHsd, H-2d) Harlan (Gannat, France)) for more than 10 generations and hereafter called TiRP mice were previously described (Soudja et al 2010). TiRP mice devoid of adaptive immune components were established after crossing with Rag-1 KO B10.D2 (RagKO) mice (Soudja et al 2010), and are hereafter called TiRP RagKO mice. Treatment of TiRP mice with 4OH-tamoxifen (Sigma) was as previously described (Huijbers et al 2006). Mice were housed under specific pathogen-free conditions.

Melanoma cell lines

Established in culture from Amela melanomas developing in TiRP and TiRP RagKO mice as described (Huijbers et al 2006), melanoma cell lines were further cultured in DMEM complete medium (GibcoRL), supplemented with 10% FCS, enriched with glutamine, penicillin-streptomycin, HEPES and Sodium pyruvate.

RNA labeling and hybridization

These steps were performed by the “Plate-Forme Transcriptome, Nice-Sophia Antipolis” under direction of Dr. Pascal Barbry (CNRS-UMR6097, Nice-Sophia-Antipolis, France) as described (Le Brigand et al 2006). Briefly, 1 μ g total RNA was amplified and labeled with Cy3 and Cy5 fluorochromes using the Amino Allyl MessageAmp aRNA kit according to the manufacturer’s (Ambion) protocol. Cy3-and Cy5-labeled cRNAs were fragmented using Fragmentation Buffer (Agilent), dissolved in Hybridization Buffer (Agilent) and hybridized to pan-genomic mouse micro arrays of the RNG/MRC resource (<http://www.microarray.fr>). These micro arrays harbor 24109 50mer oligonucleotides (Le Brigand et al 2006).

Data analysis

Fluorescence intensity measurements were subjected to automatic background subtraction. The Cy3/Cy5 ratios were normalized to the value of the median ratio of all spots in the array and bad spots were excluded from the analysis, as described (Le Brigand et al 2006). All ratio values were log-transformed (base 2), and duplicated spots in the array were averaged. A single value for each gene was obtained. For our purposes, expression of a gene was deemed to be up regulated or down regulated if there was at least a 2-fold difference in the expression and if the P value was <0.001. The regulated genes were functionally classified manually on the basis of exhaustive searches in Pubmed and gene ontology. The open source R software

package (<http://www.r-project.org>) and tools from the Bioconductor project (<http://www.bioconductor.org>) Gene Cluster, TreeView, and Excel were used for processing and analysis of the micro array data. Data from each hybridization were maintained in a database for analysis.

Quantitative reverse transcriptase chain-reaction

cDNA was generated using the superscript first-strand synthesis system for RT-PCR according to the manufacturer's instruction (Invitrogen). Quantitative real time PCR was performed with a Prism 7500 fast real time PCR system using Sybr green PCR Master Mix (Applied Biosystem). The thermal cycle conditions were as follows: hold for 10 min at 95° C followed by two steps PCR for 40 cycles at 95°C for 15 s and at 60°C for 1 min. Optimal annealing temperature was predetermined to ensure single amplified product. All samples were performed in duplicate. The β -actin gene was used as control. Threshold cycle (Ct) was assigned to various products according to the cycle number at which fixed, low fluorescence intensity was achieved. $\Delta Ct = Ct(\text{target}) - Ct(\text{actin})$, the difference between the Ct value of the target gene and the Ct value of the reference gene (actin). The fold increase of the target gene mRNA was calculated according to the expression $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$, where $2^{-\Delta\Delta Ct}$ is the difference between ΔC (experimental sample) and ΔC (control sample).

Primers:

Gene		Primer sequence 5'---3'	Product size (bp)
β -Actin	F ^a :	GACGGCCAGGTCATCACTATTG	72
	B ^b :	CAAGAAGGAAGGCTGGAAAAGA	
E-Cadherin	F:	GTCAGATCTCCCTGAGTTCG	392
	B:	GCACCCACACACATACTC	
Brn2	F:	CGGCGGTTTGCTCTATTC	118
	B:	ATGGTGTGGCTCATCGTG	
Hmga2	F:	AGCAAAAACAAGAGCCCCCTCTA	94
	B:	ACGACTTGTTGTGGCCATTTC	
Id2	F:	AAAACAGCCTGTCGGACCAC	121
	B:	CTGGGCACCAGTTCCTTGAG	
Snail	F:	ACCCCCGCCGGAAGCCCAACT	128
	B:	AGCGGCGGGGTTGAGGACCTC	
Twist	F:	CGGGTCATGGCTAACGTG	243
	B:	CAGCTTGCCATCTTGAGTC	

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F: GCCTTGTTTATGGTGCCTTC

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B: GTCCTCCTCCCTCTACTTTCTGT

a: F:forward b: B:Backward

Active TGF β measurement

The MFBF11 TGF-reporter cells expressing a plasmid containing SMAD-binding elements driving the expression of secreted alkaline phosphatase (SEAP), kindly provided by Ina Tesseur (Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA), were treated as described (Tesseur et al. 2006). Amela cells and reporter cells (MFBF11) were seeded at 1×10^5 cells/well in 24-well flat-bottom tissue culture plates (BD Falcon, San Jose, CA). After overnight incubation, cells were washed twice with PBS and incubated in 1 ml serum-free DMEM supplemented with Penicillin/streptomycin (DMEM/P/S). 500 μ l of these Amela cells supernatant were either acid-activated by adding 50 μ l 1M HCl at room temperature for 10min followed by neutralization to pH 7.4 with 1M NaOH or non-activated by addition of 100 μ l NaCl 0.5M. Treated supernatants were added to reporter cells. SEAP activity was measured using Great EscAPe SEAP Reporter system 3 (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA) with a Lmax plate photometer (Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA). The same assay was performed using reporter cell lines expressing the green fluorescent protein (SBE-GFP) (Stuelten et al. 2007). Expression of GFP was measured by flow cytometry (CANTO II-BD Biosciences) and data were analyzed using FlowJoTM software (Tree Star).

Cell transduction with lentiviral reporter constructs for fluorescence tracking of Smad3 signaling

Amela and B16 cell lines were transduced with Lentiviral vectors encoding the reporter SBE-GFP (Stuelten et al 2007), kindly provided by Dr. Christina Stuelten (NCI, NIH, Bethesda, MD). Cells were seeded at 1×10^4 cells/well in 96-well flat-bottom tissue culture plates, lentiviral particles were added to the cells in the presence of polybrene (0.8mg/ml). Infected cells were selected on the basis of GFP expression in the presence of TGF β using a FACS.

Supplemental legend to Table 3.

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Supplemental figure legends.

Figure S1. Unsupervised Hierarchical Clustering of melanoma tumors and healthy skin samples.

Each row represents a gene, and each column represents a sample. Each experimental sample is represented by 2 or 3 values associated to 2 or 3 different hybridizations. The expression level of each gene in a single tumor is relative to its median abundance across all tumors and is depicted according to a color scale in which red and green expression levels are, respectively, above and below the median. The magnitude of deviation from the median is represented by the color saturation. The dendrogram of samples (matrix on top) represents overall similarities in gene expression profiles. Four clusters are shown: - clusters of genes highly expressed selectively in Amela (A) or in Mela (B) tumors; - clusters of genes which expression is up-regulated (C) or down-regulated (D) in both tumors as compared to healthy skin.

Figure S2. Heatmap output for the 80 most differentially expressed transcripts between Amela and Mela tumors.

Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample. Each experimental sample is represented by 2 or 3 values associated to 2 or 3 different hybridizations. Expression values are represented as colors, where the range of colors (red, pink, light blue, dark blue) shows the range of expression values (high, moderate, low, lowest). These genes were provided in the GSEA plots shown in Fig.2.

Figure S3. EMT signature gene expression in Amela tumors.

Snail expression in Amela and Mela tumors was analyzed by immunohistology on *ex-vivo* tumors sections. It shows Topro-3 blue staining for nuclei (Blue) and anti-Snail antibody staining (red) together with anti-CD45 antibody staining for leukocytes (green). Scale bars: 10- μ m.

Figure S4. Analysis of the TGF β 3 pathway in melanoma lines and tumors.

A. Supernatants from Amela^C and Amela^I cell lines incubated in serum-free DMEM were either acid treated (acid) or not (no treatment) and were tested for TGF β using a reporter line expressing SBE-GFP (see Methods). The mean of GFP fluorescence intensity is represented. Bars represent means \pm s.e.m. of triplicate wells in one representative experiment. Serum-free DMEM (no TGF- β) was used for baseline measurement. B. Control staining of Amela and Mela tumors analyzed by immunohistology in Fig.4A in the presence of secondary goat anti-Rat fluorescent (Alexa546) antibody, but in the absence of Rat anti-Phospho-Smad3L antibody. Anti-CD45 mAb and Sytox blue staining are as in Fig.4A.

Table S1. Genes involved in pigmentation, differentiation and development of melanocytes down-regulated or up-regulated in Amela versus Mela tumors as shown in Figure 1A.

Table S2. Genes characterizing immune response components or chemotaxis that show higher expression in Amela vs Mela tumors but are expressed at lower level in Amela lines in culture than in Amela tumors.

Table S3. Table representing the genes highly expressed in Amela tumors having one or multiple conserved Smad binding sites in their promoter (in silico analysis). For each gene, the conserved Smad binding sites (CAGA), their number and their p values are represented.

Table S1. Genes involved in pigmentation, differentiation and development of melanocytes differentially expressed by Mela versus Amela tumors.

Gene Symbol	Gene name	^(b) Log2 ratio Amela/Mela
^(a) Up-regulated in Mela		
Dct	Dopachrome tautomerase	-5.985
Sox9	SRY-box containing gene 9	-5.646
Tyrp1	Tyrosinase related protein 1	-5.392
Si	Silver	-5.373
Mlana	Melan-A	-5.262
Slc45a2	Solute carrier family 45, member 2	-4.564
S100b	S100 calcium binding protein B	-3.506
Mc1r	Melanocortin 1 receptor	-3.027
Mcoln3	Mucolipin 3	-2.976
Mitf	Microphthalmia transcription factor	-2.310
Sox10	SRY-box containing gene 10	-2.095
Pax3	Paired box gene 3	-2.045
Kit	Kit oncogene	-1.808
Mlph	Melanophilin	-1.412
Psen2	Presenilin 2	-1.408
Snai2	Snail homolog 2 (drosophila)	-0.897*
ErbB2	V-erb-b2 erythroblastic leukemia viral oncogene homolog 2	-0.755*
^(c) Up-regulated in Amela		
Pou3f2	POU domain, class 3, transcription factor 2	1.31

(a) Genes involved in pigmentation, differentiation and development of melanocytes that show higher expression in Mela versus Amela ex vivo tumors

(b) Ratio of gene expression as \log_2 Amela/Mela < -1 with p values < 0.05 ;

* Ratio of gene expression as \log_2 Amela/Mela between -1 and 0 with p values < 0.05

(c) Ratio of gene expression as \log_2 Amela/Mela > 1 with p value < 0.05 .

Table S2. Amela tumor-expressed genes characterizing tumor-infiltrating leukocytes.

Gene symbol	Gene name	^(b) Log2 ratio Amela/Line	^(c) Log2 ratio Amela/Mela
<i>^(a)Immune response and chemotaxis</i>			
Emr1	EGF-like module containing, mucin-like, hormone receptor-like sequence 1	5.94	0.13
Ly86	Lymphocyte antigen 86	5.72	1.09
Mrc1	Mannose receptor, c type 1	5.60	1.12
Fcgr3	Fc gamma receptor 3	4.86	0.84*
Fbn1	Fibrilin 1	4.77	1.16
Msr2	Fc receptor-like S, scavenger receptor	4.60	1.12
Ccl12	Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 12	4.19	1.71
Mmp3	Matrix metalloproteinase 3	4.18	2.05
Cd72	CD72 antigen	4.10	1.85
C1qa	Complement component 1, q subcomponent, A chain	4.08	1.39
Cx3cr1	Chemokine (C-X3-C) receptor 1	3.90	1.51
Mmp23	Matrix metalloproteinase 23	3.62	1.27
C1qr1	CD93 antigen	3.35	1.81
Csf1r	Colony stimulating factor 1 receptor	2.93	1.10
Slamf9	SLAM family member 9	2.86	1.05
Ltbp2	Latent transforming growth factor beta binding protein 2	2.78	1.16
Ccr1	Chemokine (C-C motif) receptor 1	2.61	2.07
Tgfbr2	Transforming growth factor, beta receptor II	2.24	0.96*
Lsp1	Lymphocyte specific 1	2.19	1.28
Tlr1	Toll like receptor 1	2.18	1.18
Cfh	Complement component factor h	2.01	2.15
Ltbp3	Latent transforming growth factor beta binding protein 3	1.57	0.96*
Mmp2	Matrix metalloproteinase 2	1.34	0.91*

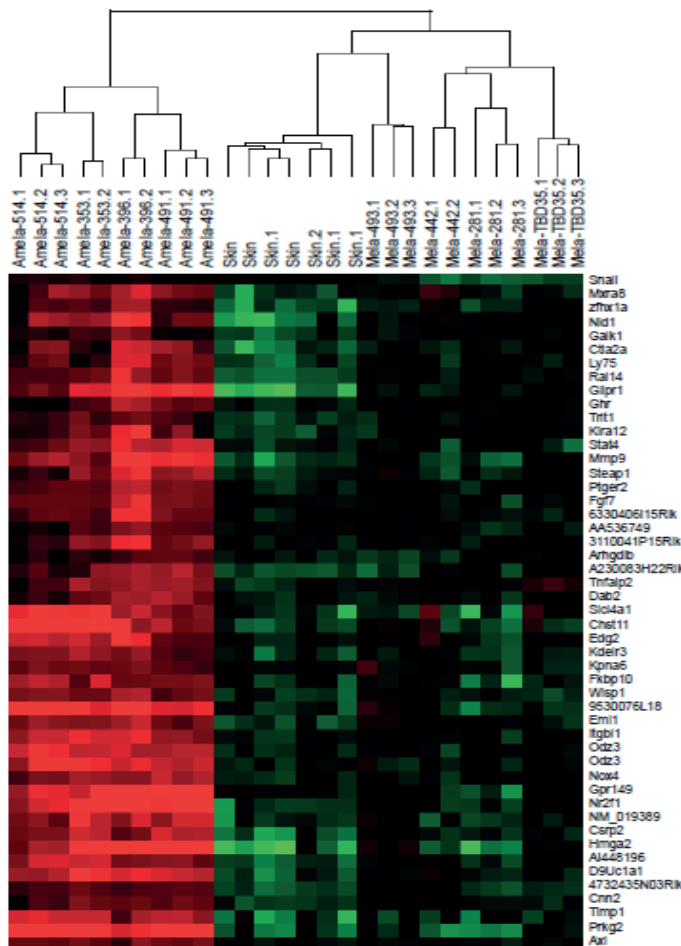
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(b) Ratio of gene expression as Log2 Amela/Cultured Amela line > 1 with p value < 0.001;

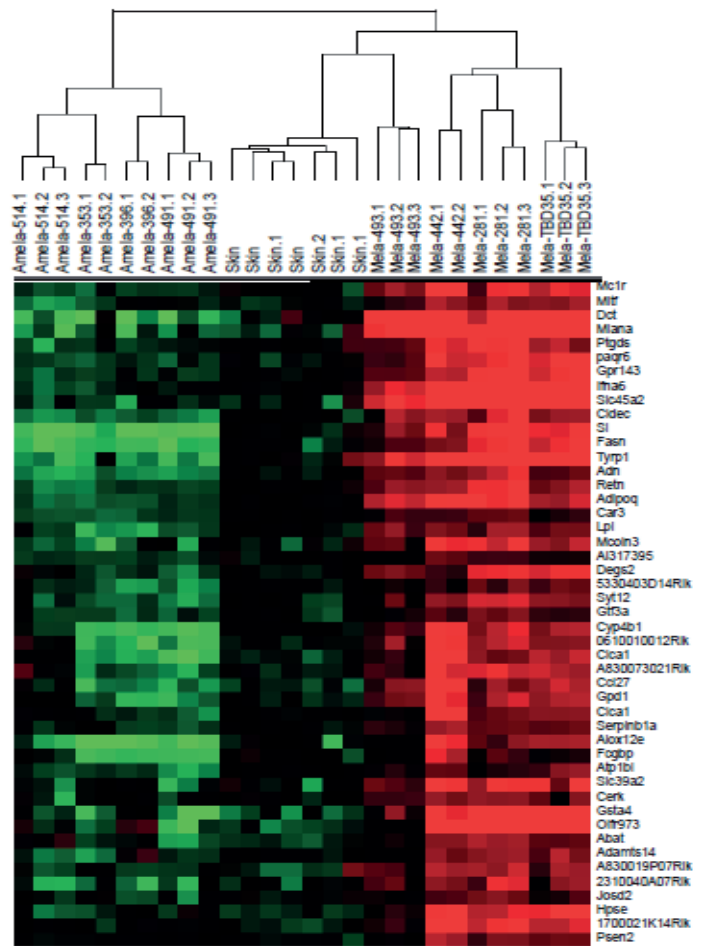
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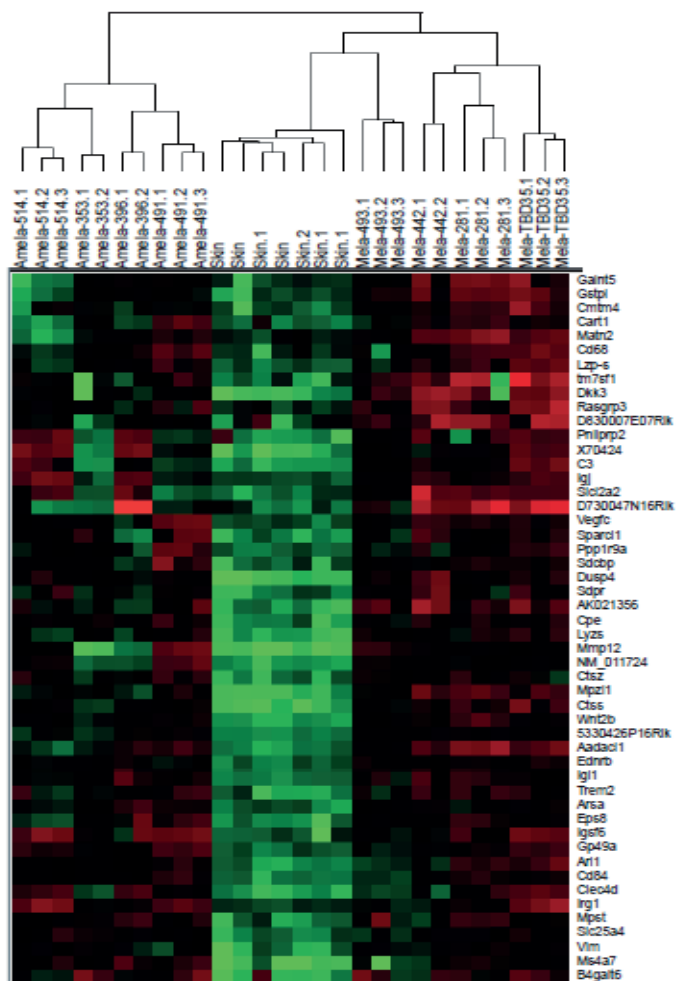
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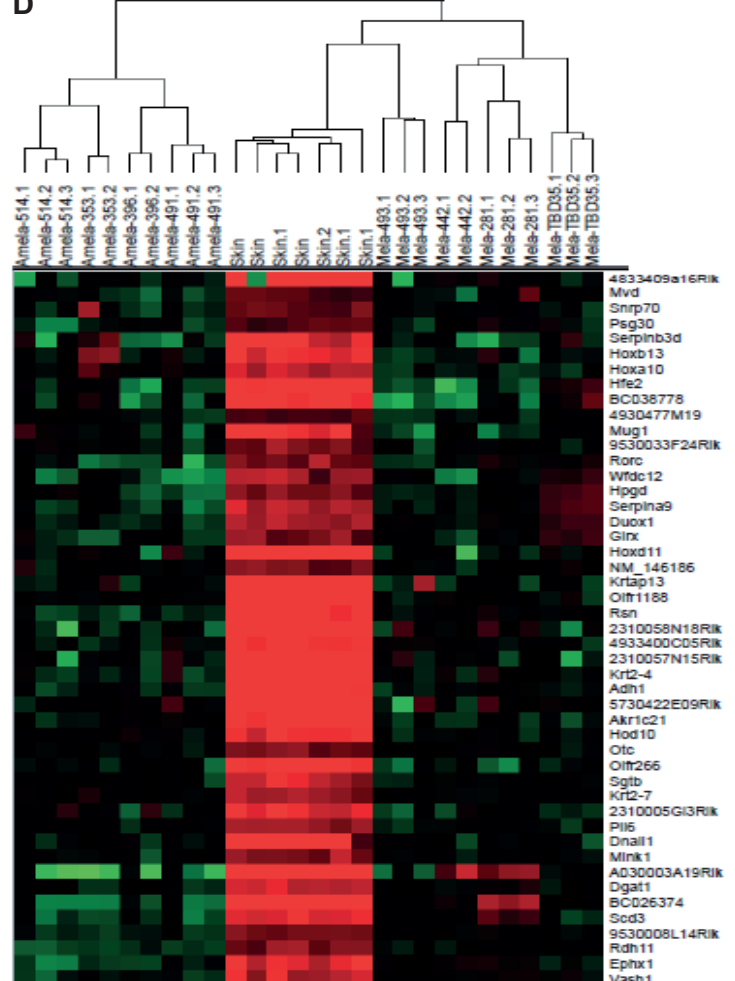


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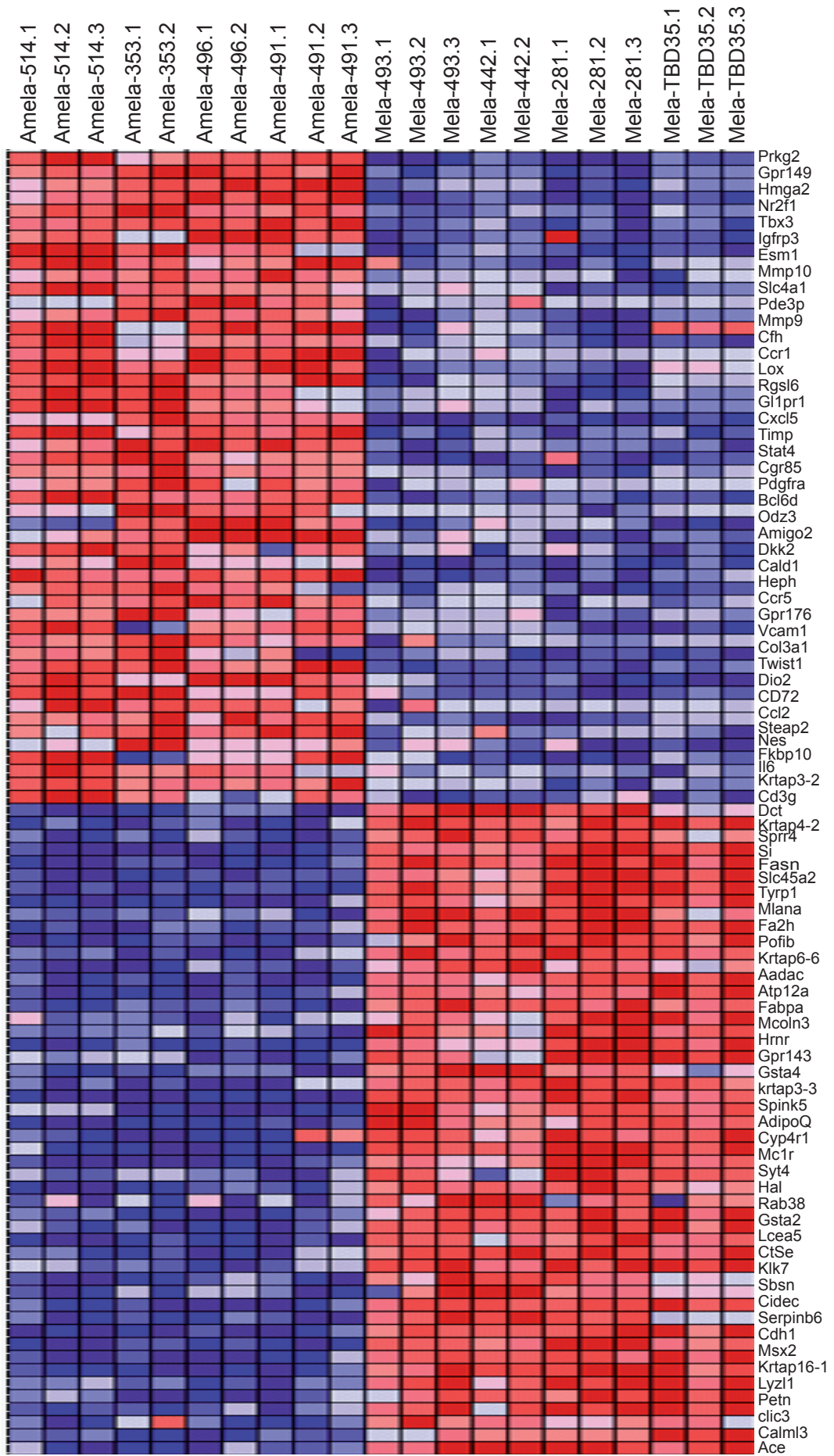


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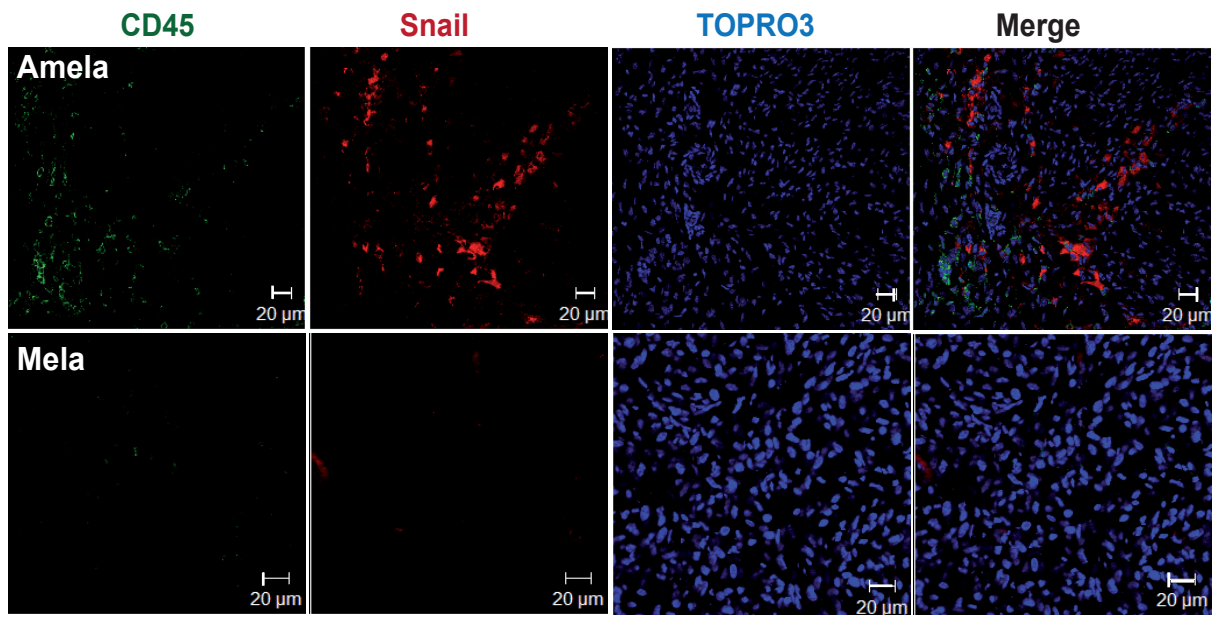
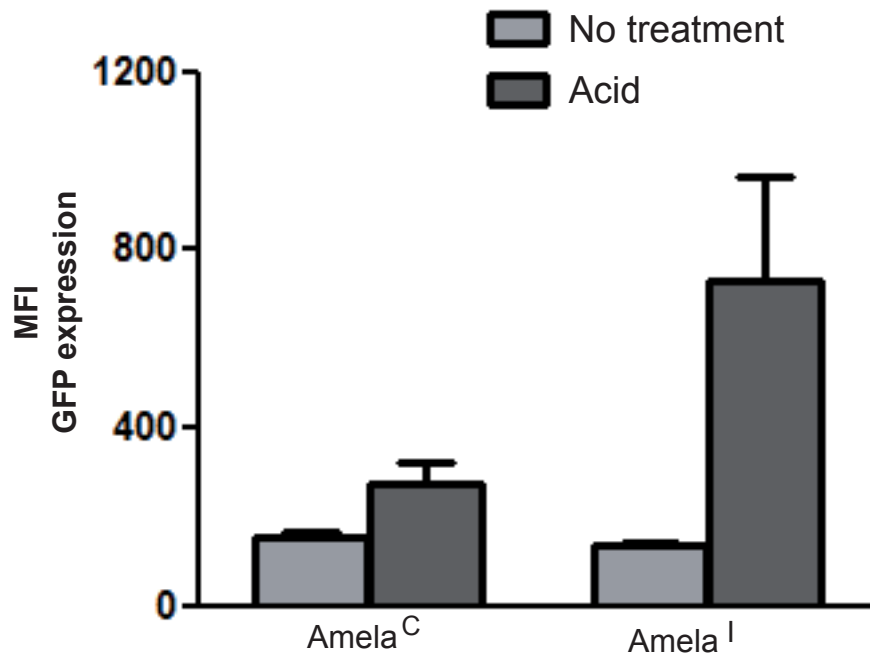


Figure S3

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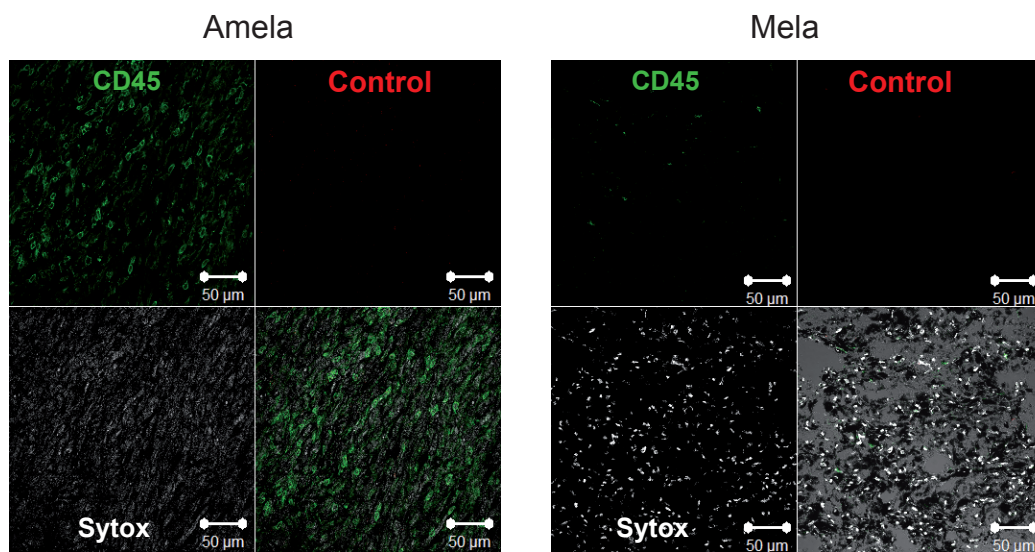


Figure S4