

## **Supplementary Materials and methods**

### **Reverse Transcriptase PCR**

Semiquantitative RT-PCR was performed to detect specific FOXM1 splicing isoforms. The following primers were used:

Fox-F2 (5'-GCGACTCTCGAGCATGGAGAATTGTCACCTG-3') and

Fox-R2, (5'-GCGCTACTCGAGTTGGTTTGATGGT-3'), encompassing A1 exon;

Fox-F3 (5'-GGCGCACGGCGGAAGATGAA-3') and

Fox-R3 (5'-CCACTTCCAAGGAGGGCTC-3'), encompassing A2 exon.

Quantitative RT-PCR was applied to study FOXM1 target genes; amplifiers and annealing temperatures were as follows:

Plk1-F: 5'-AAGAGATCCCGGAGGTCTA-3';

Plk1-R: 5'-GGCTTGAGCAGCAGAGACTT-3' (annealing temperature: 60°C);

cyclin B1-F: 5'-GCTCTGGGGACATTGGTAA-3';

cyclin B1-R: 5'-TCTGGCACTGGATCAGACAC-3' (annealing temperature: 60°C);

aurora B-F: 5'-CCTATGCCGCATCGTCAAG-3' ;

aurora B-R: 5'-GCAGCACCCCTCGAGAGTTG-3' (annealing temperature: 60°C);

Skp2-F: 5'-GGTGTGTAAGAGGTGGTATCGC-3';

Skp2-R: 5'-CACGAAAAGGGCTGAAATGTT-3' (annealing temperature: 60°C);

uPA-F: 5'-CCAAAGGCAGCAATGAACCTT-3';

uPA-R: 5'-CCCCTCATAGCAGGTTTTG-3' (annealing temperature: 60°C)