Supplementary Information for

The long noncoding RNA *SChLAP1* promotes aggressive prostate cancer and antagonizes the SWI/SNF complex

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Development of a SChLAP1 ISH assay

To optimize an ISH assay for *SChLAP1*, we first employed a panel of samples previously analyzed for *SChLAP1* expression by qPCR. For this, we validated our ISH assay on 9 FFPE samples (3 PCAs positive for *SChLAP1*, 3 PCAs negative for *SChLAP1*, and 3 benign tissues) with matched qPCR data, and we observed high concordance between our qPCR and ISH results (**Supplementary Fig. 4a**). Following this confirmation of our method, we used ISH to analyze a tissue microarray (TMA) repressing 22 metastatic PCAs and 8 localized PCAs (**Supplementary Fig. 4b**). These data were used to generate the images used in **Fig. 1**.

Development of prostate cancer gene signatures from RNA-Seq data

To analyze the clinical significance of *SChLAP1*, we evaluated its association to aggressive gene signatures. We used publically available data from the Oncomine database to extract prostate cancer clinical concepts. Next, we evaluated the statistical association between each dataset in our clinical concept compendium with the gene signatures derived from correlation analysis. For this analysis, we also included signatures from our RNA-Seq cohort delineating localized cancer vs. benign tissues, high grade localized prostate cancer (Gleason ≥ 8 vs. Gleason 6), and metastatic vs. primary tumors (**Supplementary Fig. 5** and **Supplementary Table 3**). Here, we used statistical modeling to identify genes that distinguish these sample sets from each other. To evaluate the overlap of the *SChLAP1* gene signature with these clinical gene signatures, we computed odds ratios, p-values, and q-values for each comparison (one-sided Fisher's exact test, **Methods**).

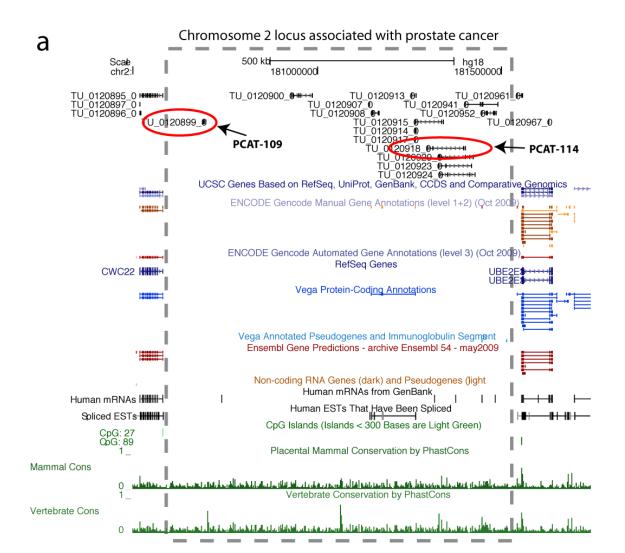
SChLAP1 as a prognostic biomarker

Our analysis of *SChLAP1* utilizes a clinical cohort of patients with high-risk features, such as highly elevated PSA levels. Thus, our data suggest that *SChLAP1* expression retains its prognostic utility for defining a subgroup of patients more likely to experience BCR, CP, and PCSM even in high-risk patients, where most individuals experienced disease recurrence within ten years post-prostatectomy. We further noted that *SChLAP1* expression is a particularly strong prognostic indicator for CP and PCSM, which is important, as it is known that patients who develop BCR do not necessarily progress further to lethal or clinically significant recurrent disease: that is, many patients who experience BCR nevertheless die with prostate cancer but not from it^{1,2}. As such, CP and PCSM represent more stringent criteria to define aggressive prostate cancer. Thus, our data suggest that *SChLAP1* is a powerful biomarker of lethal disease.

Note on human research samples

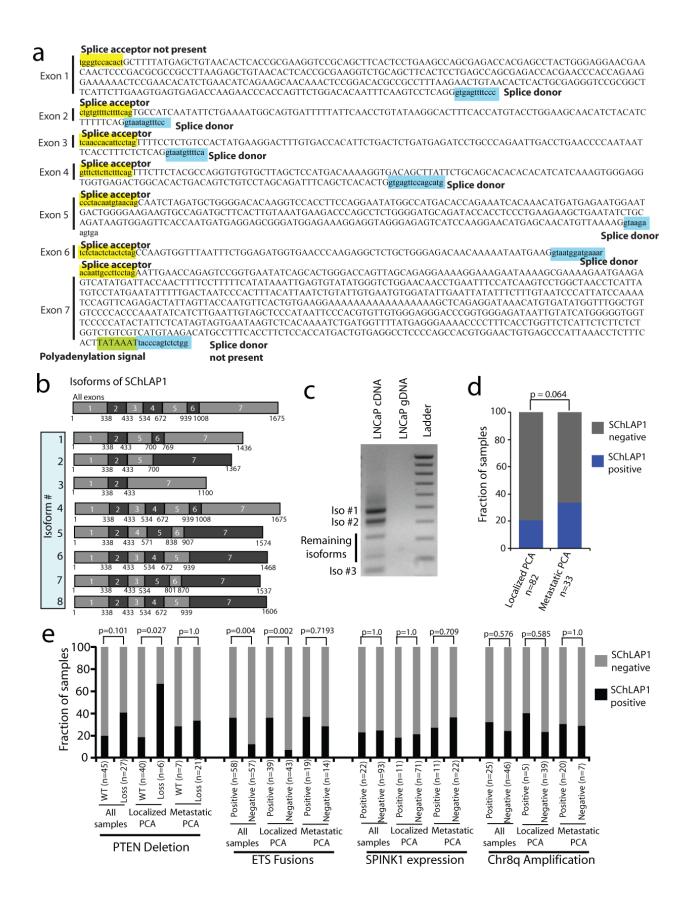
We employed two sets of prostate cancer samples for this study. For the University of Michigan cohort, patients provided informed consent and enabled biomedical research using their tissue samples according to an institutional review board-approved protocol as detailed in the Methods section. Metastatic prostate cancer samples were obtained through the Rapid Autopsy Program operated through the University of Michigan Prostate Cancer Specialized Program Of Research Excellence (S.P.O.R.E.).

For the Mayo Clinic cohort, eligible patients provided informed consent according to an institutional review board-approved protocol as detailed in the Methods section. Briefly, men with high risk disease were selected for the current student as defined by cancer histology, PSA values, and local invasion of adjacent structures by the cancer.

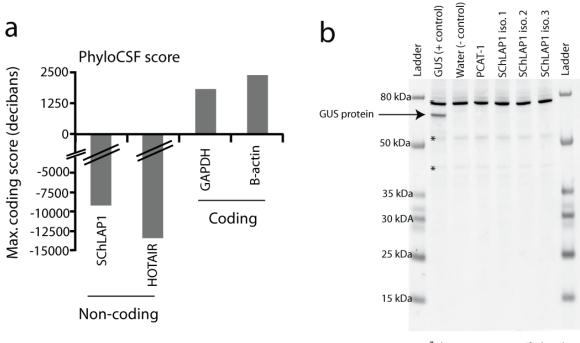


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b	Gene	Score	Location	Freq. (%)	(min, max)	> 2RPKM?	mets?
	PCAT-109	123.542	chr2:180689090-180696402	17.74	0, 93.6	No	Yes
	PCAT-114	112.710	chr2:181297540-181400892	24.19	0, 91.2	Yes	Yes
	PCAT-113	68.357	chr1:20685471-20686432	9.68	0, 1374.2	Yes	Yes
	PCAT-115	60.918	chr10:42652247-42653596	27.42	0, 64.8	No	No
	PCAT-118	55.844	chr2:180926864-180985967	14.52	0, 66.7	No	Yes
	PCAT-29	53.883	chr15:67764259-67801825	30.65	0, 88	Yes	Yes
	TU_0102399	46.665	chr9:35759438-35761676	27.42	0, 178.7	Yes	Yes
	PCAT-68	44.507	chr13:33918267-33935946	32.26	0, 14.2	No	Yes
	PCAT-1	41.420	chr8:128138926-128140075	30.65	0, 37.7	No	Yes
	TU_0108439	39.132	chr15:19293567-19296333	29.03	0, 26.8	No	Yes
	TU_0030420	38.715	chrX:112642982-112685485	14.52	0, 62	No	Yes
	TU_0098644	36.779	chr8:81204784-81207034	33.87	0, 34.9	No	Yes
	TU_0050712	34.231	chr4:170217424-170228463	12.90	0, 64.6	Yes	Yes
	TU_0001173	31.823	chr6:26385234-26386052	35.48	0, 70.3	Yes	Yes
	PCAT-76	31.010	chr20:55779532-55780817	17.74	0, 25.7	Yes	Yes

Supplementary Figure 1: Nomination of *SChLAP1.* (a) A gene desert on chr2q31 between *CWC22* and *UBE2E3* contains multiple transcripts that are upregulated in prostate cancer, including the predicted outliers *PCAT-109* and *PCAT-114*. These transcripts are unannotated in major gene annotation databases. (b) A comparison of lncRNA outliers nominated by COPA, including their location, frequency in clinical samples, their expression in tissues and cell lines, and whether they occur in metastatic prostate samples.



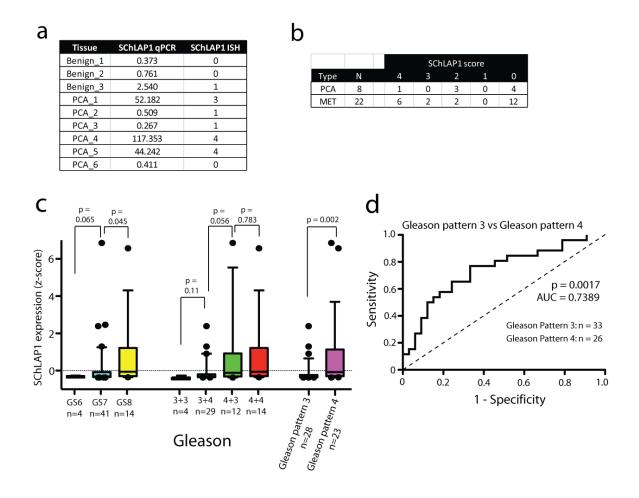
Supplementary Figure 2: Characterization of SChLAP1 and its expression. (a) The sequences of the seven exons found in the SChLAP1 gene are detailed here, indicating the presence of splice donor and splice acceptor sites. Interestingly, the promoter for SChLAP1 lacks a CpG island but instead has remnants of a long terminal repeat from an ancestral retrovirus. Nucleotides comprising the SChLAP1 gene are capitalized, whereas genomic non-SChLAP1 basepairs are in lower case font. (b) A schematic summarizing the observed SChLAP1 isoforms. A total of 8 isoforms were observed, with isoform #1 and isoform #2 accounting for >90% of transcripts. (c) Abundance of SChLAP1 isoforms by RT-PCR in LNCaP cells. Isoforms 1, 2, and 3 were cloned for experimental use. (d) Prevalence of SChLAP1 expression in localized prostate cancer tissues and metastatic prostate cancer tissues. P value was determined by one-sided Fisher's exact test. (e) SChLAP1 prevalence in molecular subtypes of prostate cancer. Prostate cancer samples were stratified by available data for SPINK1 expression (determined by qPCR), PTEN deletion or Chr8q amplification (determined by array CGH or ETS fusions (ERG and ETV1 determined by break-apart FISH). Data have been previously published in³⁻⁵. SChLAP1 demonstrates a significant association with ETS fusion status and PTEN deletion status in localized but not metastatic prostate cancer. SChLAP1 demonstrates no association with Chr8q amplification of SPINK1 expression. P values determined by a two-sided Fisher's exact test.



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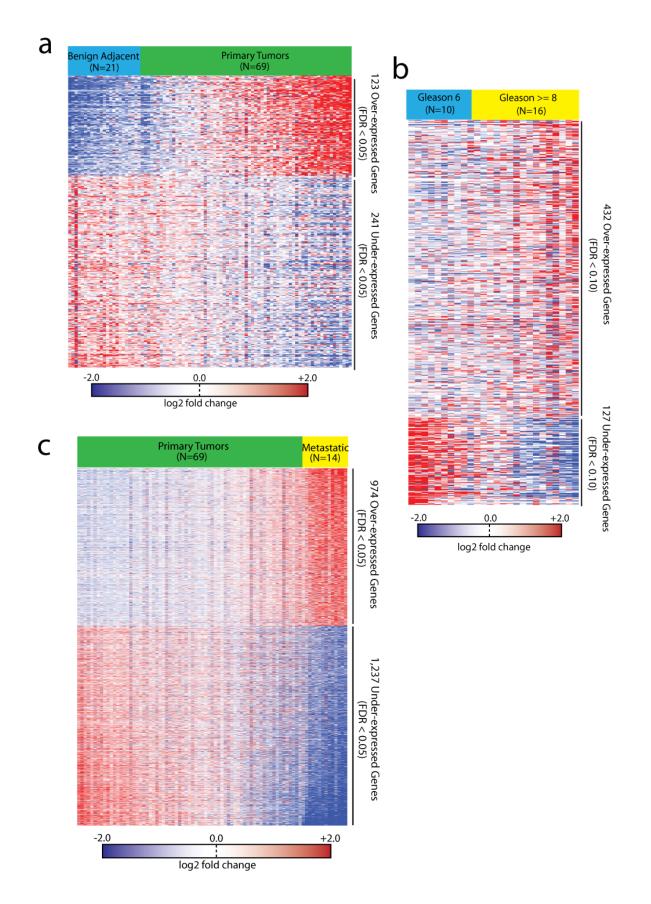
Supplementary Figure 3: SChLAP1 is a non-coding gene.

(a) Analysis of the coding potential for the *SChLAP1* sequence across 29 mammals in all 3 reading frames using PhyloCSF. *HOTAIR* serves as a control non-coding gene. *GAPDH* and *B-actin* serve as control coding genes. Scores above 0 suggest coding potential whereas scores below 0 suggest no coding potential. (b) *In vitro* translation assays for *SChLAP1*. Three isoforms of *SChLAP1* were cloned and tested for protein-coding capacity using an *in vitro* translation assay. GUS is used as a positive control. *PCAT-1* and water serve as negative controls. Non-specific bands are indicated with an asterisk. *SChLAP1* isoforms do not generate a protein in this assay.



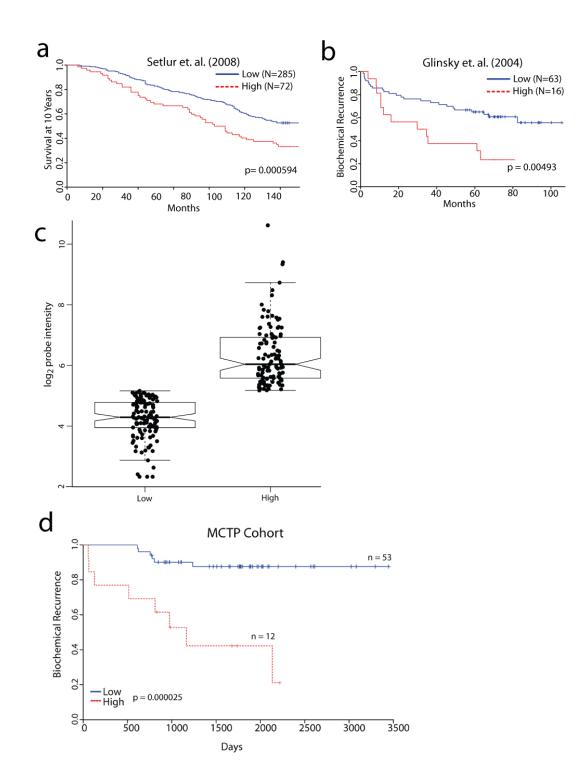
Supplementary Figure 4: SChLAP1 expression is associated with cancer histology.

(a) Concordance between *SChLAP1* in situ hybridization data and *SChLAP1* qPCR data for 9 tissue samples. A cut-off of 5 was used to determine positivity of *SChLAP1* by qPCR and a cut-off of 3 was used to determine *SChLAP1*-positive samples by ISH. (b) *In situ* hybridization data for *SChLAP1* a panel of 8 localized prostate cancers and 22 metastatic prostate cancers. (c) Boxplot analysis of SChLAP1 expression in Gleason score. *Left*, SChLAP1 expression in Gleason 6, 7 or 8 samples. *Middle*, SChLAP1 expression in Gleason 7 is subdivided into 3+4 and 4+3 histology. *Right*, SChLAP1 expression in Gleason 3+3 and 3+4) compared to Gleason pattern 4 cancers (Gleason 4+3 and 4+4). P values determined by Mann-Whitney U test.
(d) ROC analysis demonstrating the ability for SChLAP1 to discriminate between Gleason pattern 3 and Gleason pattern 4 prostate cancer.



Supplementary Figure 5: Generation of prostate cancer gene signatures from RNA-Seq data.

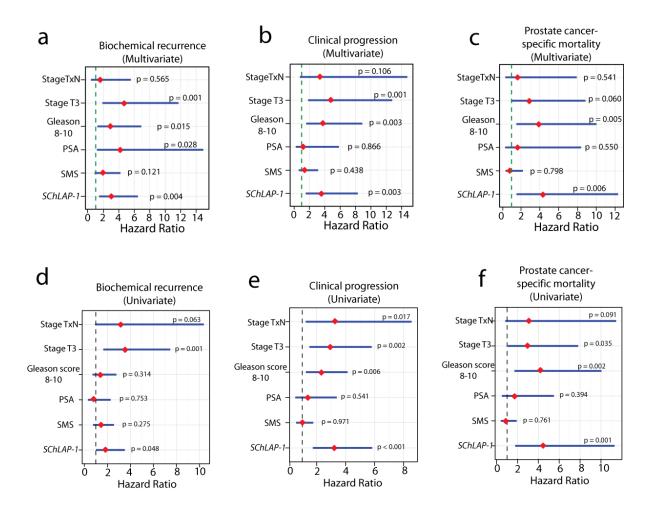
(a) Heatmap analysis defines a gene expression signature from RNA-seq data distinguishing benign prostate tissues and localized prostate cancer tissues. (b) Heatmap analysis defines a gene expression signature from RNA-seq data distinguishing low grade from high grade localized prostate cancer tissues. (c) Heatmap analysis defines a gene expression signature from RNA-seq data distinguishing localized prostate cancer tissues from metastatic cancers.



Supplementary Figure 6: *SChLAP1* expression stratifies prostate cancer patient outcomes.

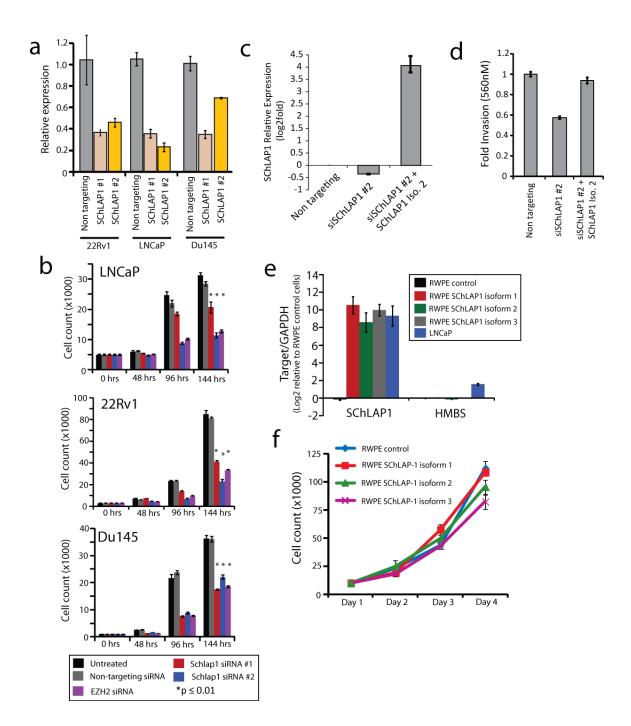
(a) Kaplan-Meier analysis of prostate cancer outcomes. Patients were stratified according to their *SChLAP1* signature score. Signature scores at or above the 80th percentile were

deemed 'High', and the rest 'Low'. Statistical significance was determined by the log rank test. Analysis of the 10-year overall survival probability for prostate cancer patients from the Setlur *et al.* study⁶. (b) As in (a), Analysis of the biochemical recurrence probability for prostate cancer patients from the Glinksy *et al.* study⁷. (c) *SChLAP1* expression in the Mayo Clinic cohort. Prostate cancer tissue samples were analyzed for gene expression using Affymetrix Human Exon 1.0 ST GeneChips and probe 2518129 was used as representative of the *SChLAP1* gene. PAM unsupervised analysis (see **Methods**) of the expression data clustered samples into *SChLAP1*-low and *SChLAP1*-high expression cohorts. Notches indicate 95% confidence intervals for each group. (d) *SChLAP1* expression was measured using qPCR on a cohort of fresh-frozen prostate cancer tissue samples from radical prostatectomy patients for whom follow-up for biochemical recurrence was available. Statistical significance was determined by the log-rank test.



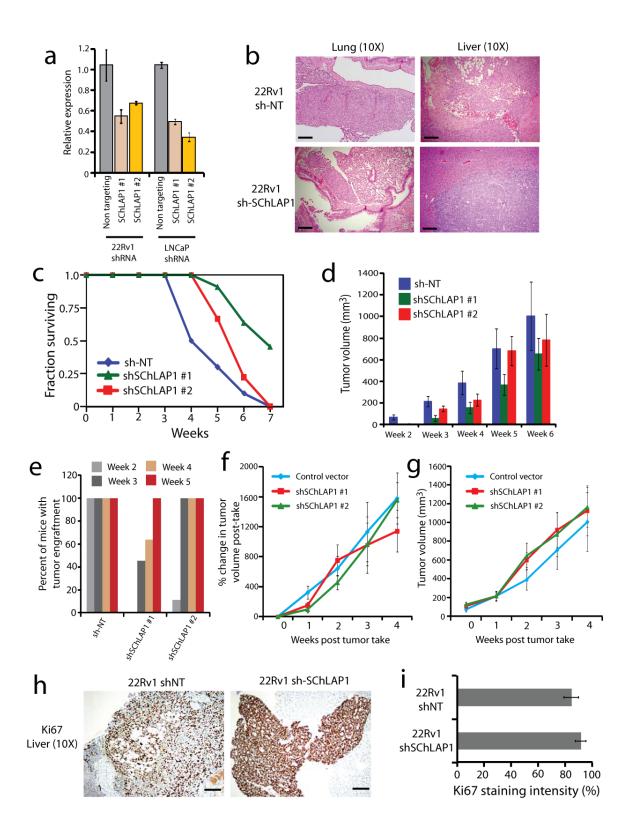
Supplementary Figure 7: *SChLAP1* expression is an independent predictor of patient clinical parameters. (a-f) Multivariate and univariate analyses for *SChLAP1* and disease outcomes. (a-c) Multivariate survival analyses demonstrate that *SChLAP1* is an independent predictor of prostate cancer biochemical recurrence (a), clinical progression (b), and prostate cancer-specific mortality (c) following radical prostatectomy. (d-f) Univariate survival analyses for *SChLAP1* for biochemical recurrence (d), clinical progression (e), and prostate cancer-specific mortality (f) as in (a-c). For these analyses, clinical significance was adjusted for confounding adjuvant

treatment, and Gleason score was dichotomized between those samples $\leq 7 \geq 8$. Red diamonds indicate the median hazard ratio for each factor and blue lines indicate the 95% confidence interval.



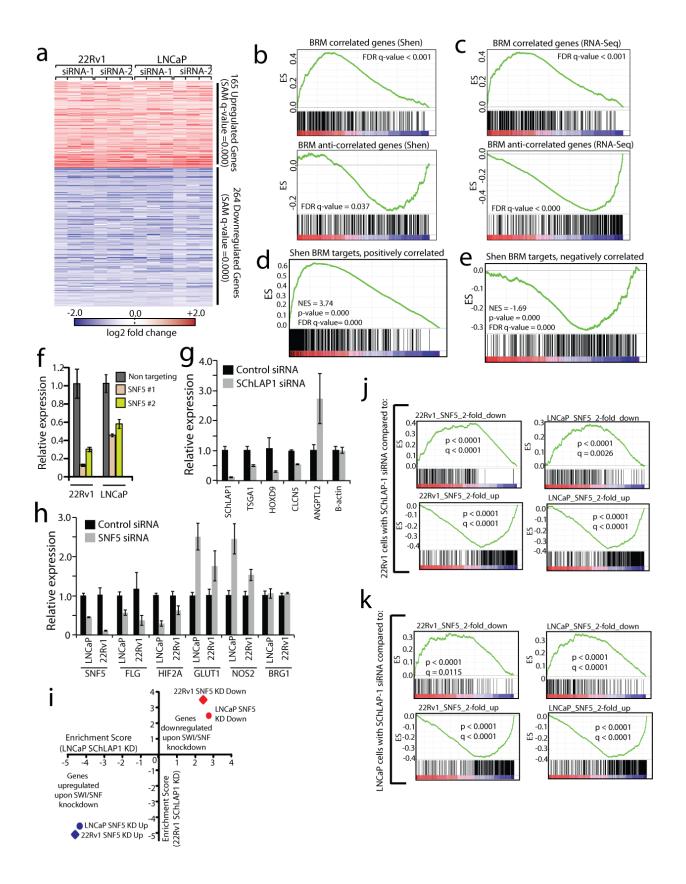
Supplementary Figure 8: *In vitro* knockdown and overexpression of *SChLAP1*. (a)
22Rv1, LNCaP, and Du145 cells were treated with siRNAs against *SChLAP1*. qPCR indicates relative knockdown efficiency in these cell lines. Error bars represent S.E.M.
(b) Cell proliferation assays for LNCaP, 22Rv1, and Du145 treated with *SChLAP1*

siRNAs or non-targeting negative controls. *EZH2* siRNA serves as a positive control. Error bars indicate S.E.M. An asterisk (*) indicates p < 0.05 by Student's t-test. Error bars represent S.E.M. (c) Expression of *SChLAP1* in 22Rv1 cells treated with nontargeting, siRNA #2 for *SChLAP1*, or siRNA #2 with exogenous overexpression of *SChLAP1* isoform 2. (d) Boyden chamber invasion assay data for 22Rv1 cells treated with non-targeting, siRNA #2 for *SChLAP1*, or siRNA #2 with exogenous overexpression of *SChLAP1* isoform 2. Data are represented as absorbance at 560nM. Error bars represent S.E.M. (e) Overexpression of *SChLAP1* isoforms 1-3 in RWPE cells was confirmed using qPCR, which demonstrated that the overexpression resulted in comparable levels of *SChLAP1* transcript to LNCaP cells that express this gene endogenously. HMBS serves as a negative control. Error bars represent S.E.M. (f) Cell proliferation assays for RWPE cells overexpressing *SChLAP1* isoforms. No significant change in cell proliferation is observed. Error bars represent S.E.M.



Supplementary Figure 9: Knockdown of *SChLAP1* delays tumor engraftment but not tumor growth kinetics. (a) Knockdown efficiencies for the shRNA knockdown of *SChLAP1* in LNCAP and 22Rv1 cells. Error bars indicate S.E.M. (b) Histolopathology

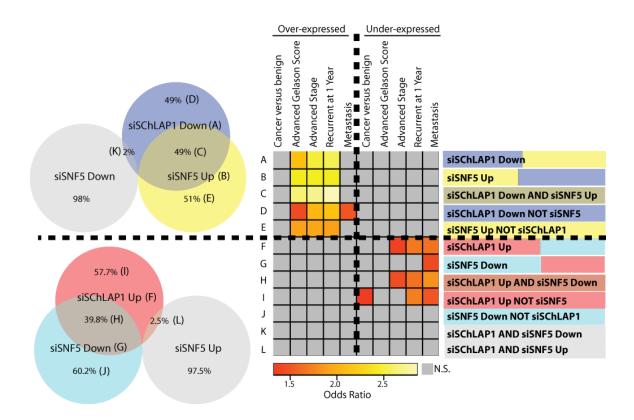
of murine tumors formed by intracardiac injection of 22Rv1 shNT or 22Rv1 sh-SChLAP1 cells. Images are taken from the lungs and livers or mice with tumors. Slides are stained with H&E. (c) The fraction of mice surviving following subcutaneous injection of the 22Rv1 cell lines. This plot represents tumor-specific death of mice sacrificed when the tumor volume reached the maximum allowable volume. (d) 22Rv1 cells infected with lentivirus for shNT, sh-SChLAP1 #1, and sh-SChLAP1 #2 were injected subcutaneously in mouse flanks and tumor growth was monitored by caliper measurements. N = 10 mice for shNT cells, n = 12 mice for sh-SChLAP1 #1 cells, n = 9 mice for sh-SChLAP1 #2 cells. Absolute tumor volume for 22Rv1 shNT, sh-SChLAP1 #1 and sh-SChLAP1 #2 cells. Errors bars represent S.E.M. (e) Percent of mice with tumor engraftment over time. Knockdown of SChLAP1 delays the onset of tumor engraftment. (f) The percent change in tumor volume per cell line normalized to the time of tumor engraftment. Errors bars represent S.E.M. (g) Tumor volume normalized to the time of tumor engraftment. Errors bars represent S.E.M. (h) Immunohistochemistry staining for Ki67 in 22Rv1 shNT and sh-SChLAP1 liver metastases. (i) Summary of Ki67 tumor staining for 22Rv1 shNT and sh-SChLAP1 murine tumors show significant difference in Ki67 staining intensity.



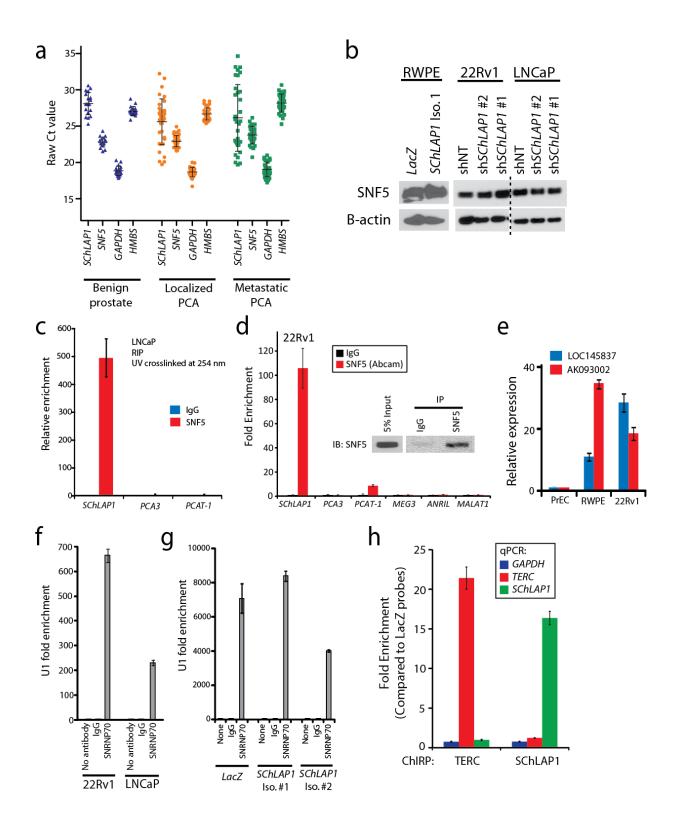
Supplementary Figure 10: SChLAP1 and the SWI/SNF complex regulate gene expression in an opposing manner. (a) Transcriptome profiling following SChLAP1 knockdown in vitro. Differentially expressed genes were determined by SAM analysis and represented as a heatmap. (b-c) Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) of LNCaP and 22Rv1 cells treated with SChLAP1 siRNAs. GSEA results indicate that SChLAP1 knockdown results are inversely correlated with SWI/SNF-associated genes using data from Shen et al. (b) or using RNA-seq data (c). (d) Comparison of positively correlated BRM-associated gene signatures in prostate cancer. The BRM-derived signature from RNA-seq samples was compared to the Shen et al. signature by GSEA. A highly significant overlap between the signatures is observed. (e) Comparison of negatively correlated BRM-associated gene signatures in prostate cancer. The BRM-derived signature from RNA-seq samples was compared to the Shen et al. signature by GSEA. A highly significant overlap between the signatures is observed. (f) Knockdown efficiency of SNF5 siRNAs in 22Rv1 and LNCaP. Error bars represent S.E.M. (g) Gene expression changes nominated by microarray analysis of SChLAP1 knockdown samples are confirmed by qPCR in LNCaP cells treated with SChLAP1 siRNA #1. B-actin serves as a control. (h) Gene expression changes nominated by microarray analysis of SNF5 knockdown samples are confirmed by qPCR in LNCaP and 22Rv1 cells. BRG1 serves as a control. (i) GSEA analysis of SChLAP1 and SNF5 knockdowns. Across two cell lines (LNCaP and 22Rv1), SChLAP1 knockdown had the opposite effect on gene expression as knockdown of SNF5. Here, a positive GSEA normalized enrichment score (NES) indicates genes up-regulated upon SChLAP1 knockdown, and a negative GSEA NES indicates genes down-regulated upon SChLAP1 knockdown. (j) GSEA results from

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comparisons of *SChLAP1* and *SNF5* knockdown in 22Rv1 cells. *SChLAP1* was knockeddown using siRNAs in 22Rv1 cells. Gene expression changes were compared using GSEA to expression changes observed using *SNF5* siRNAs in LNCaP or 22Rv1 cells. The enrichment plots of these comparisons are shown. (k) GSEA results from comparisons of *SChLAP1* and *SNF5* knockdown in LNCaP cells. *SChLAP1* was knocked-down using siRNAs in LNCaP cells. Gene expression changes were compared using GSEA to expression changes observed using *SNF5* siRNAs in LNCaP or 22Rv1 cells. The enrichment plots of these comparisons are shown.

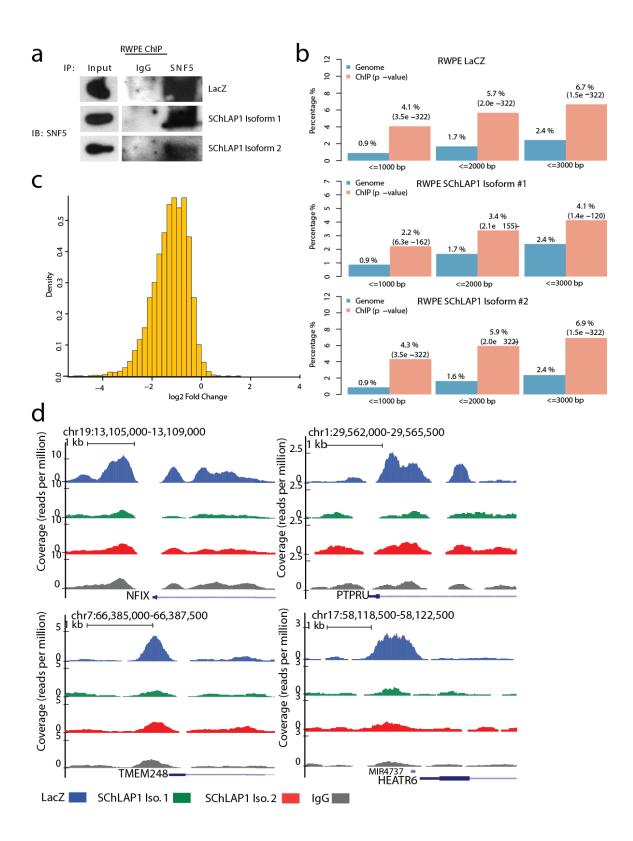


Supplementary Figure 11: *SChLAP1* and *SNF5* co-regulate genes associated with prostate cancer aggressiveness. The top 10% of up- or down-regulated genes for SNF5-knockdown or SChLAP1-knockdown microarrays in 22Rv1 and LNCaP were intersected to generate an overlapping gene signature for these knockdown experiments. This signature was analyzed for overlap with the Taylor Prostate 3 Oncomine Concept⁸ for disease aggressiveness. *Left*, Venn diagrams demonstrating overlap of SChLAP1 and SNF5-knockdown experiments. *Right*, a heatmap visualization showing statistical (q < 0.05) overlap of gene signatures from the SNF5 and SChLAP1 knockdowns with prostate cancer aggressiveness concepts from Oncomine. Odds ratios from the comparisons with q-values <0.05 are shown. One-sided Fisher's exact tests were used for significance.

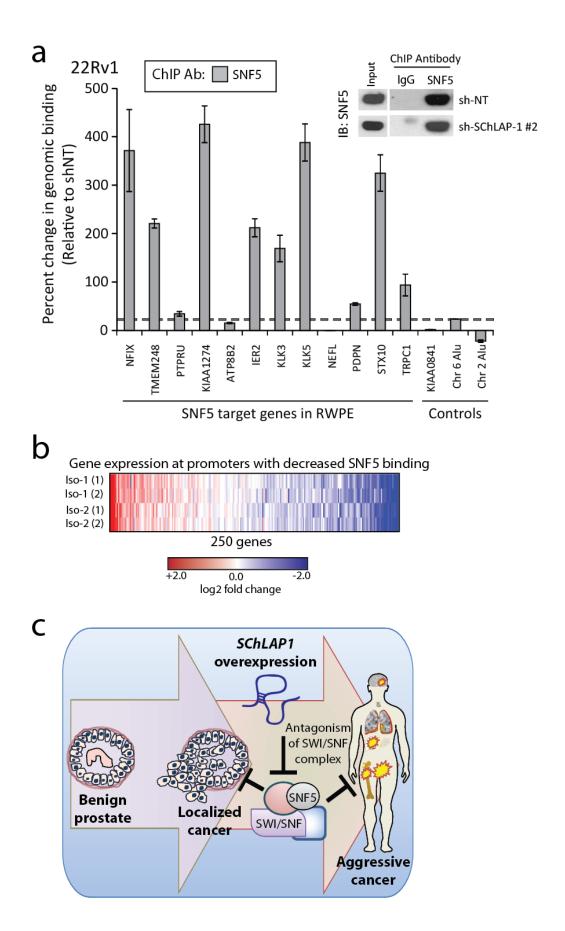


Supplementary Figure 12: *SChLAP1* and SNF5 expression level and RNA-protein binding of *SChLAP1* with SNF5. (a) Relative abundance of SChLAP1 compared to the SWI/SNF complex in human prostate tissues. qPCR cycle threshold (Ct) values for

SChLAP1, SNF5, GAPDH, and HMBS are shown. SChLAP1-positive samples display Ct values in the low 20s, which is consistent with the abundance of SNF5. (b) Western blot analysis of SNF5 protein abundance in prostate cancer cells either overexpressing SChLAP1 (RWPE) or with stable knockdown of SChLAP1 (22Rv1, LNCaP). (c) SChLAP1 binding to SNF5 protein by UV-crosslinked RIP assays using UV at 254nM. (d) Co-immunoprecipitation of SChLAP1 with SNF5 using a second independent antibody. The inset Western blot confirms efficiency of the SNF5 immunoprecipitation. (e) Expression of AK093002 and LOC145837 in prostate cell lines. qPCR data were normalized to the average of GAPDH + B-actin and compared to PREC primary nonimmortalized prostate cells. Error bars indicate S.E.M. Expression of these genes in RWPE is comparable to their expression in 22Rv1. (f) RNA-IP experiments for SNRNP70 in LNCaP and 22Rv1 shows binding of SNRNP70 to the U1 ncRNA, indicating specificity of the RNA-IP experiments. Error bars indicate S.E.M. (g) Control SNRNP70 experiments in the RWPE-SChLAP1 overexpression models. Enrichment of U1 is shown as a control for SNRNP70 IP experiments. (h) Pulldown of SChLAP1 RNA. RWPE-SChLAP1 isoform #1 cells were treated with biotinylated SChLAP1, TERC or LacZ RNA probes according to the ChIRP protocol⁹. Quantification of RNA pulldown efficiency by qPCR is shown. Error bars indicate S.E.M.



Supplementary Figure 13: *SChLAP1* **expressed disrupts genomic binding of SNF5. (a)** ChIP for SNF5 protein followed by Western blot. **(b)** Bar plots showing enrichment for SNF5 ChIP-Seq reads at RefSeq gene promoters across the RWPE-*LacZ*, RWPE-*SChLAP1*-Isoform-1 and RWPE-*SChLAP1*-Isoform-2 samples. Blue bars indicate percentage of genomic DNA and red bars indicate percentage of all ChIP-Seq reads in each sample along with the p-value corresponding to the statistical significance of the difference between the blue and red bars. The CEAS software was used to generate these plots and compute the enrichment. **(c)** Histogram showing the relative log₂ fold-change between RWPE-*LacZ* and RWPE-*SChLAP1* (average of both isoforms) coverage across 6,235 genome-wide peaks. **(d)** Example ChIP-Seq binding sites for SNF5 on gene promoters. SNF5 binding is higher at gene promoters in RWPE-*LacZ* cells and decreased upon *SChLAP1* overexpression.



Supplementary Figure 14: Confirmation of SNF5 target genes by ChIP.

(a) ChIP for SNF5 in 22Rv1 shNT and 22Rv1 sh-SChLAP1 #2. ChIP-PCR for 9 of 12 target genes of SNF5 in RWPE demonstrates an increase in SNF5 binding upon SChLAP1 knockdown. KIAA0841, Chr6 Alu, and Chr 2 Alu serve as negative controls. Data are represented as percent change in genomic binding relative to shNT after being normalized to IgG controls. The inset western blot indicates immunoprecipitation efficiency for SNF5. (b) Heatmap showing the showing the gene expression of RWPE-*SChLAP1* cells (Isoform 1 is labeled as Iso-1 and Isoform 2 is labeled as Iso-2) across 250 genes that exhibited a >2-fold decrease in SNF5 binding upon *SChLAP1* overexpression. Gene expression is shown as log_2 fold-change relative to RWPE-*LacZ.* (c) A schematic of SChLAP1 function in prostate cancer.

Tables

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