

Supplemental Figure 1. Effect of withdrawal versus long-term anti-angiogenic therapy. Mean aggregate tumor weight (A) and number of tumor nodules (B) of tumors induced by intraperitoneal injection of HeyA8 human ovarian cancer cells into nude mice after indicated treatments. Number of tumor nodules (C) and amount of ascites in ml (D) of 2774 intraperitoneal tumors after withdrawal or long-term treatment with bevacizumab. (A-D) n=8-10 mice per group. \*\*\**P* < 0.001, \*\**P* < 0.01, \**P* < 0.05 (1-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey's multiple comparison post-hoc test in A-D). Averaged data are presented as the mean ±SEM.



**Supplemental Figure 2. Platelet infiltration in vivo and platelet effect on cancer cells in vitro.** (**A**) Higher magnification of respresentative tumor sections showing platelets attached to the vessel wall and at the point of extravasation (white arrowheads) or extravasated (white arrows) into tumor microenvironment. Platelets and tumor vessels were stained with antibodies against GPIb and CD31, respectively. Representative pictures of tumors from at least 5 mice per group. (**B**) Electron microscopy picture of a platelet (PLT - black dashed line) extravasating between two endothelial cells (EC, red dashed line). RBC=red blood cell. Scale bar 1μm. Representative picture of tumors from at least 5 mice. (**C**) Evaluation of P-selectin and CD41/CD61 (active form) surface expression in GPIbβ-positive platelets as evidence of platelet activation by cancer cells. Thrombin stimulation (0.5U/ml) of platelets was used as positive control (n=3). (**D**) Number of apoptotic SKOV3 ovarian cancer cells (in %) under normoxic or hypoxic conditions with or without the addition of 20 million platelets (n=3). (**E**) Indirect effect of platelets on SKOV3 invasiveness under normoxic and hypoxic conditions (no. of invaded cells, n=3). \*\*\**P* < 0.001, \*\**P* < 0.01, \**P* < 0.05 (1-way ANOVA followed by a Dunnett's multiple comparison post-hoc test in **C**; two-tailed Student's t-test in **D-E**). Averaged data are presented as the mean ±SEM.



**Supplemental Figure 3. Effect of platelets on tumor growth.** (A) Platelet counts in blood of mice with A2780 intraperitoneal ovarian cancer at the time of necropsy after twice weekly injection with anti-platelet antibody (APA) or platelet transfusions (n=3 mice per group). (B) Mean aggregate tumor weight in mice harboring intraperitoneal SKOV3ip1 ovarian tumors after twice weekly injection with APA or platelet transfusions (n=8 mice per group). (C) YFP-labelled platelets inside the tumor microenvironment after i.v. transfusion. Scale bar 50µM. Representative images of tumors from at least 5 mice. (D) Rate of proliferation of HeyA8 cells in vitro after direct or indirect (with endothelial cell monolayer on transwell as separation) platelet exposure or HeyA8 cells exposed to platelet releasate (n=3). (E) Mean aggregate tumor weight of A2780ip2 intraperitoneal tumors in control mice, mice treated with APA (started on day 1) or APA plus one week of bevacizumab with subsequent withdrawal (n=5 per group). (F) Mouse angiogenesis array of isolated platelet proteins from A2780ip2 tumor bearing mice of indicated groups (n=2). \*\*\**P* < 0.001, \**P* < 0.05 (1-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey's multiple comparison post-hoc test in **A, B, D, E**). Averaged data are presented as the mean ±SEM.



**Supplemental Figure 4. siRNA-mediated knockdown of FAK.** (**A**) Efficiency of mouse-specific siRNA tested in the human ovarian cancer cell line HeyA8 (100nM f.c.) and mouse ovarian endothelial cells (40nM and 100nM f.c.). Beta-actin was used as loading control (n=2). Proliferation (**B**) and apoptosis (**C**) of HeyA8 cells 48 and 72 hours after transfection of mouse-specific FAK siRNA (n=3). (**D**, **E**) Mean aggregate tumor weight (**D**) and average number of nodules (**E**) of intraperitoneal HeyA8 tumors after withdrawal of bevacizumab treatment, twice weekly injection of mouse-specific siRNA and combination of both (n=9-10 mice per group). \*\*\**P* < 0.001, \*\**P* < 0.01, \**P* < 0.05 (two-tailed Student's t-test in **B**, **C**; 1-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey's multiple comparison post-hoc test in **D**, **E**). Averaged data are presented as the mean ±SEM.



**Supplemental Figure 5. Platelet-specific KO of FAK.** (**A**) Schema of platelet-specific FAK KO mice using Pf4 as a tissue specific promotor. Validation of absence of FAK expression in platelet protein lysates. qRT-PCR analysis for FAK expression in CD19+ B-cells, CD3+ T-cells and F4/80+ macrophages, isolated from the spleen of WT and *Fak fl/fl; Pf4-cre*+ mice (n=2). (**B**) Average number of nodules in WT and *Fak fl/fl;Pf4-cre*+ mice after withdrawal or long-term treatment with B20 antibody (7-10 mice per group). (**C**) Extravasated platelets in WT and FAK KO tumors. Representative images of tumors from at least 5 mice per group. (**D**) Platelet counts in WT and KO mice in indicated groups (n=3). (**E**) Proliferation and (**F**) apoptosis rates of ID8-VEGF mouse ovarian cancer cells co-incubation with WT or FAK-/- plts (n=3). \*\*\*P < 0.001, \*\*P < 0.01, \*P < 0.05 (two-tailed Student's t-test in **A**; 1-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey's multiple comparison post-hoc test in **B**, **D-F**). Averaged data are presented as the mean ±SEM.



**Supplemental Figure 6. Effect of the FAK inhibitor GSK2256098 on ovarian cancer growth.** (**A**) Western blot analysis and densitometry for p(Y397) and total FAK in SKOV3ip1 cells treated with GSK2256098 (n=2).  $\beta$ -actin was used as loading control. (**B**) Western blot analysis and densitometry for p(Y397) and total FAK in HeyA8 cells treated with GSK2256098 (n=2).  $\beta$ -actin was used as loading control. (**C**) Number of extravasated platelets in SKOV3ip1 control tumors and tumors treated with GSK2256098 (quantification in tumors of at least 5 mice per group). Mean aggregate tumor weight (**D**) and average number of tumor nodules (**E**) of HeyA8 intraperitoneal tumors after treatment with GSK2256098 (FAKi), pazopanib or a combination of both drugs (n=5-6 mice per group in **D**, **E**). \*\*\*P < 0.001, \*\*P < 0.01, \*P < 0.05 (two-tailed Student's t-test in **C**; 1-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey's multiple comparison post-hoc test in **D**, **E**). Averaged data are presented as the mean ±SEM.



Supplemental Figure 7. Effect of FAK inhibition of tumor outgrowth after withdrawal of anti-angiogenic therapy. (A) Average number of nodules of orthotopic SKOV3ip1 tumors after anti-angiogenic therapy (Paz; pazopanib or Bev; bevacizumab) alone or in combination with the FAK inhibitor GSK2250698 (FAKi). Mean aggregate tumor weight (B) and average number of tumor nodules (C) of orthotopic HeyA8 tumors after anti-angiogenic therapy (Paz; pazopanib or Bev; bevacizumab) alone or in combination with the FAK inhibitor GSK2250698 (FAKi). Mean aggregate tumor weight (B) and average number of tumor nodules (C) of orthotopic HeyA8 tumors after anti-angiogenic therapy (Paz; pazopanib or Bev; bevacizumab) alone or in combination with the FAK inhibitor GSK2250698 (FAKi) (n=6-9 mice per group in A-C). \*\*\*P < 0.001, \*\*P < 0.01, \*P < 0.05 (1-way ANOVA followed by a Tukey's multiple comparison post-hoc test in A-C). Averaged data are presented as the mean ±SEM.