## Musashi-1 regulates AKT-derived IL-6 autocrinal/paracrinal malignancy and chemoresistance in glioblastoma

## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES AND TABLE



Supplementary Figure S1: Musashi-1 enhanced cell viability and colony formation under ATO treatment in GBM cells. A-B. Cells were treated with a dose-course ATO (from 0 to 20  $\mu$ M) for 16 hours, and the cell viability was determined by MTT assay. C-D. Cells were treated with a dose-course ATO for 16 hours, followed by a colony formation assay incubated for 10 days allowing the survived cells forming colonies. Data represent the mean ± S.D. of three independent experiments performed in triplicate. \* *P*<0.05 vs control cells. E. The formation of colonies in C and D was photographed.



**Supplementary Figure S2: Musashi-1 mitigated ATO-induced apoptosis in GBM cells.** MSI-overexpressed (A-C) and knockdown (B-F) cells were treated by a dose-course of ATO for 16 hours. The apoptotic cells were identified by the staining of AnnxinV (A, D), TUNEL assay (B, E), and activated caspase-3 (C, F), and quantified by flow cytometer. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  S.D. of three independent experiments performed in triplicate. \* P<0.05 vs control cells.



**Supplementary Figure S3: Musashi-1 enhanced AKT phosphorylation and reduced the levels of cleaved-caspase-3 and cleavage-PARP under DDP treatment.** A-C. 05MG-FlagMSI1 and 05MG-Flag cells were treated with different concentration of ATO for 16 hours. Total lysates were analyzed by Western blot to assess the level of phosphorylated and total AKT. **B.** Relative ratio of p-AKT308/AKT was quantified and presented in the bar chart. **C.** Relative ratio of p-AKT473/AKT. **D.** The same experiment as described in A was performed to assess the expression level of cleaved PARP and Caspase-3. **E.** Relative ratio of cleaved-PARP/actin. **F.** Relative ratio of cleaved-Caspase-3/actin. Data represent the mean ± S.D. of three independent experiments performed in triplicate. \* P<0.05.



Supplementary Figure S4: Inhibition of AKT activity blocked the suppressive effect of MSI1 on ATO-induced apoptosis. 05MG-FlagMSI1 and 05MG-Flag cells were pretreated with 50  $\mu$ M of LY294002 or vehicle for 3 hours, followed by 10  $\mu$ M ATO treatment for additional 16 hours. A. Total cellular extracts were analyzed by Western blot analysis. B. Quantified cleaved PARP protein levels in A were standardized with actin level. C. Quantified cleaved Caspase-3 protein levels in A were standardized with actin level. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  S.D. of three independent experiments performed in triplicate. \* P<0.05. D-F. Percentage of apoptotic cells were quantified by Flow cytometry in Annexin V (D), TUNEL (E), and Caspase-3 (F) assay. Data represent the mean  $\pm$  S.D. of three independent experiments performed in triplicate.

| Gene Name | Forward               | Reverse               |
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| IL-6      | GAACTCCTTCTCCACAAGCG  | CTGAAGAGGTGAGTGGCTGTC |
| IL-7      | AACTGCACTGGCCAGGTTAAA | GGATGCAGCTAAAGTTCGTGT |
| IL-17     | CCTTGGAATCTCCACCGCAA  | GACAATCGGGGTGACACAGG  |
| BICR3     | CCAAGTGGTTTCCAAGGTGTG | TAAAGCCCATTTCCACGGCA  |
| CXCR4     | GGTTACCATGGAGGGGATCAG | GGTGCAGCCTGTACTTGTCC  |
| CXCL3     | TGTGAATGTAAGGTCCCCCG  | ACCCTGCAGGAAGTGTCAAT  |

Supplementary Table S1: List of primers used in quantitative real-time PCR