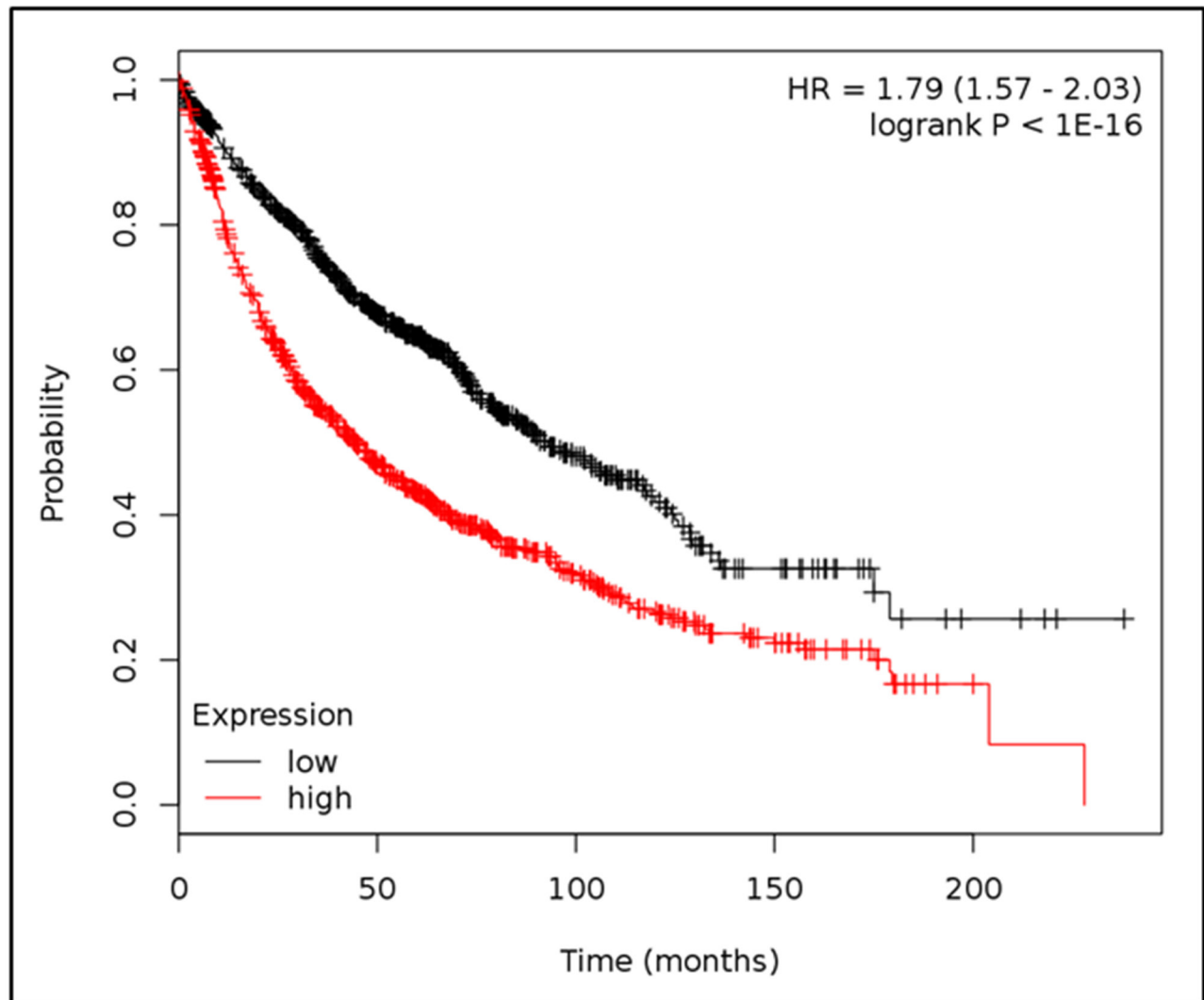
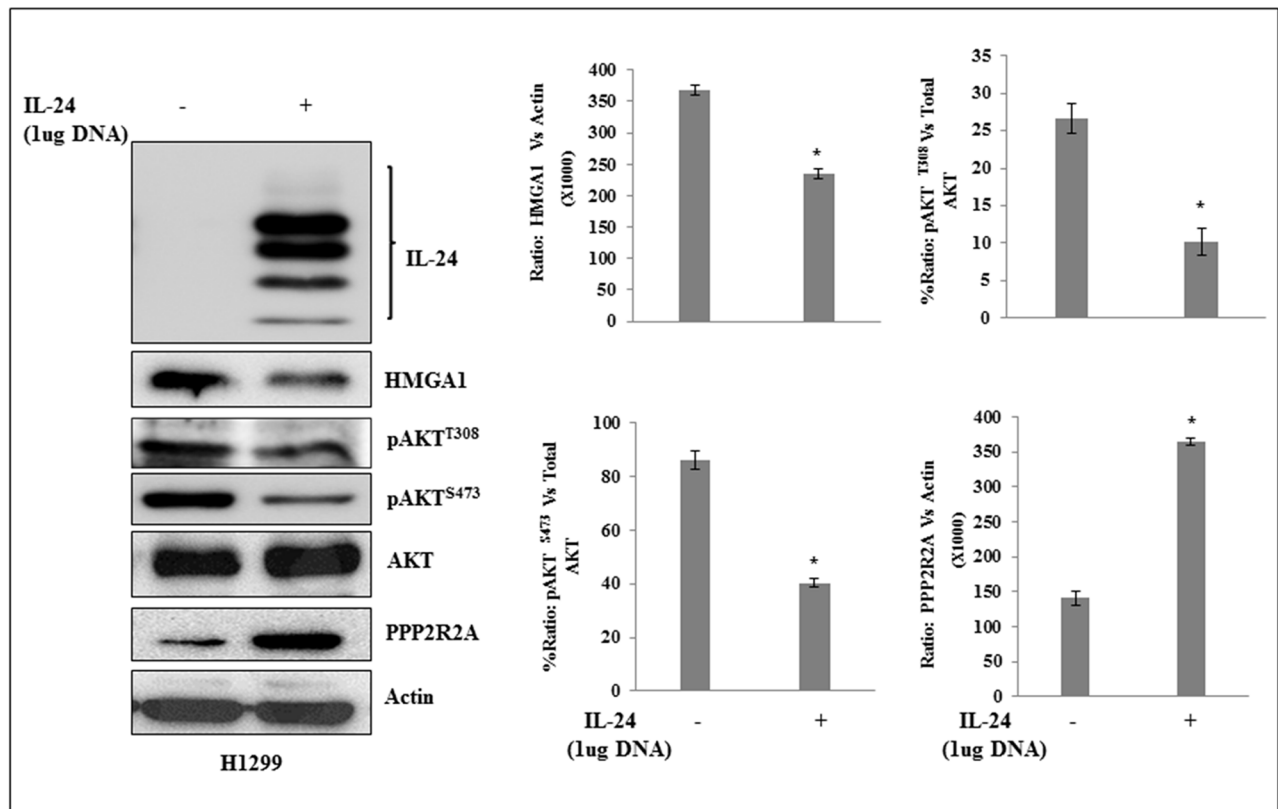


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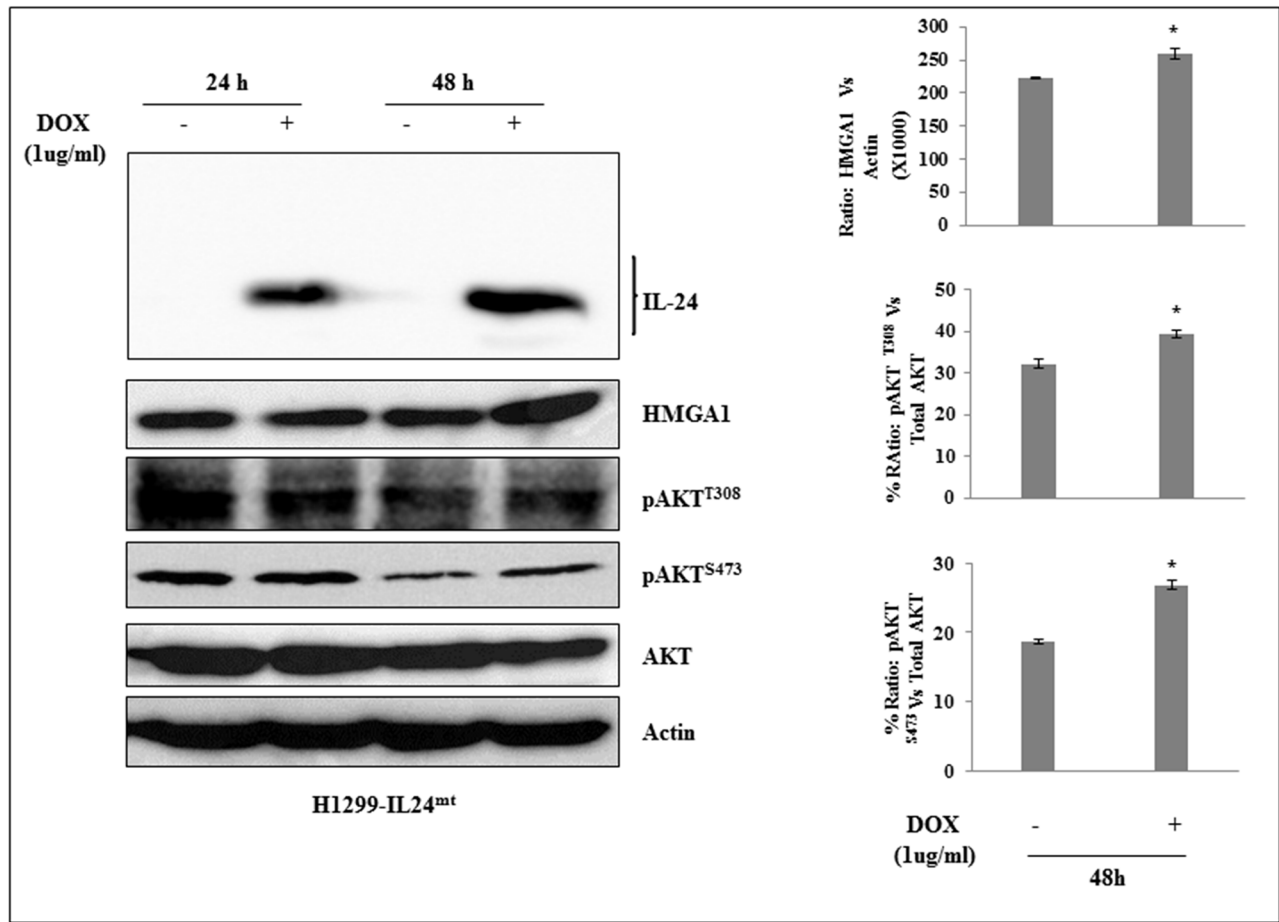
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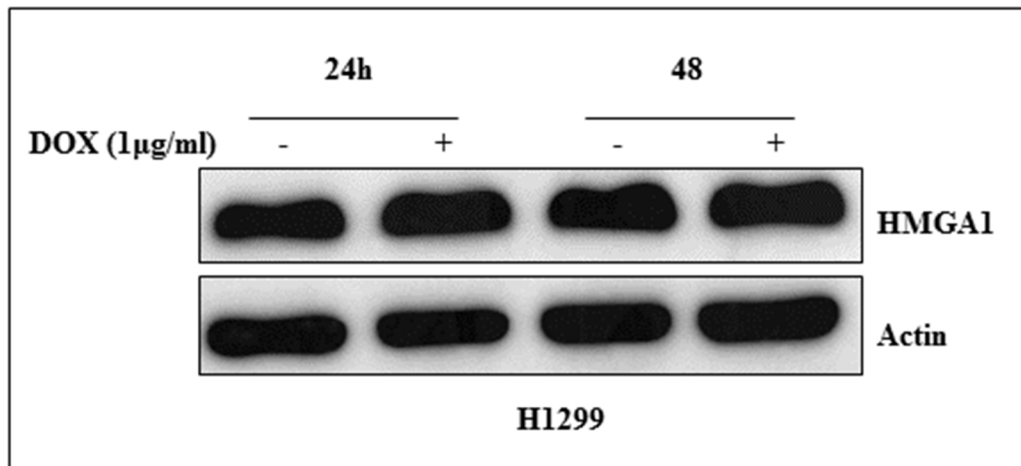
Supplementary Figure S1: HMGA1 expression correlates with overall survival of lung cancer patients. Correlation between HMGA1 gene expression and overall survival was determined in 1926 lung cancer patients using the K-M plot. Kaplan-Meier survival curve show patients with low HMGA1 expression had a higher overall survival than those with high expression (logrank $p < 1E-16$).



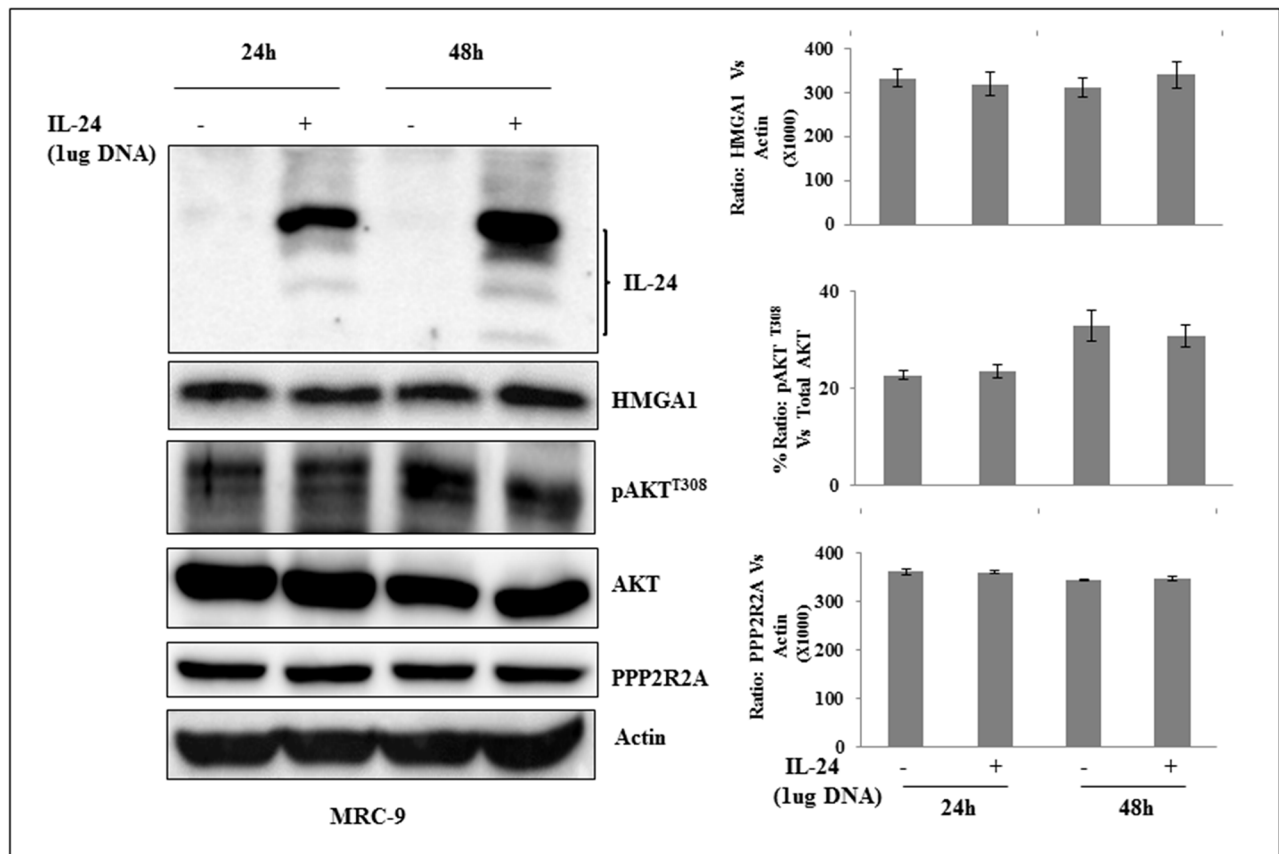
Supplementary Figure S2: Transient transfection of IL-24^{wt} plasmid inhibits HMGA1 and its downstream targets in H1299 cells. Transient transfection of IL-24^{wt} plasmid DNA reduced the expression of HMGA1, phosphorylated (p) AKT^{T308}, and pAKT^{S473}, and increased PPP2R2A expression in naïve H1299 cells compared with their respective non-transfected cells. Beta-actin was used as a protein loading control. Differences in the expression of the proteins were determined by semi-quantitative analysis and are presented in graphical format ($p < 0.05$). Bars denote standard deviation (SD).



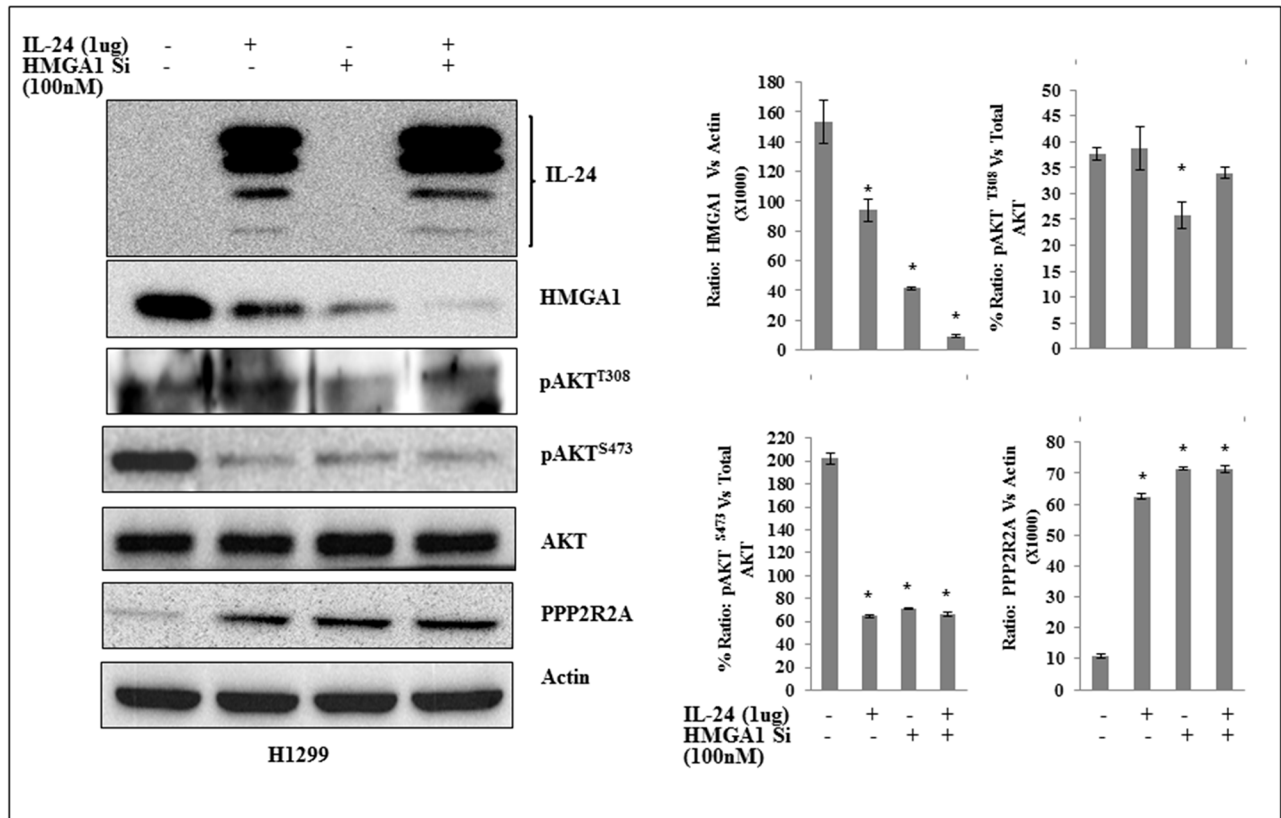
Supplementary Figure S3: IL-24 wild-type, but not mutant, suppressed HMGA1 expression in H1299-IL24^{wt} cells. Western blotting analysis showed that IL-24^{wt} protein expression in H1299-IL24 cells did not reduce the expression of HMGA1, phosphorylated (p) AKT^{T308}, or pAKT^{S473} at 24 h, but expression was markedly increased at 48 h after doxycycline treatment, compared with untreated control ($p < 0.01$). Beta-actin was used as a protein loading control.



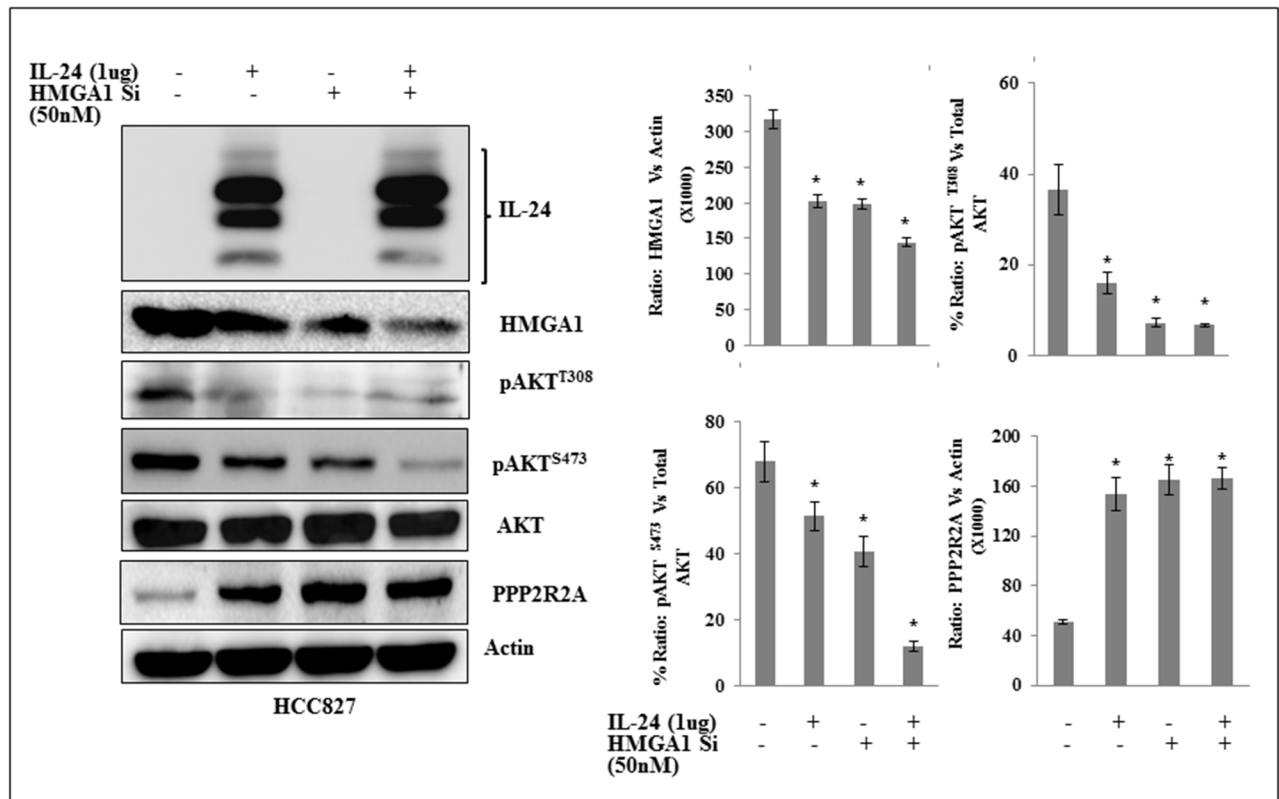
Supplementary Figure S4: Doxycycline alone does not inhibit HMGA1 expression in H1299 cells. The effect of doxycycline on HMGA1 expression was determined by treating naïve H1299 cells with 1 µg/ml doxycycline. Untreated cells served as controls. No significant HMGA1 inhibition was observed in doxycycline-treated cells compared with controls at 24 h or 48 h. Beta-actin was used as a protein loading control.



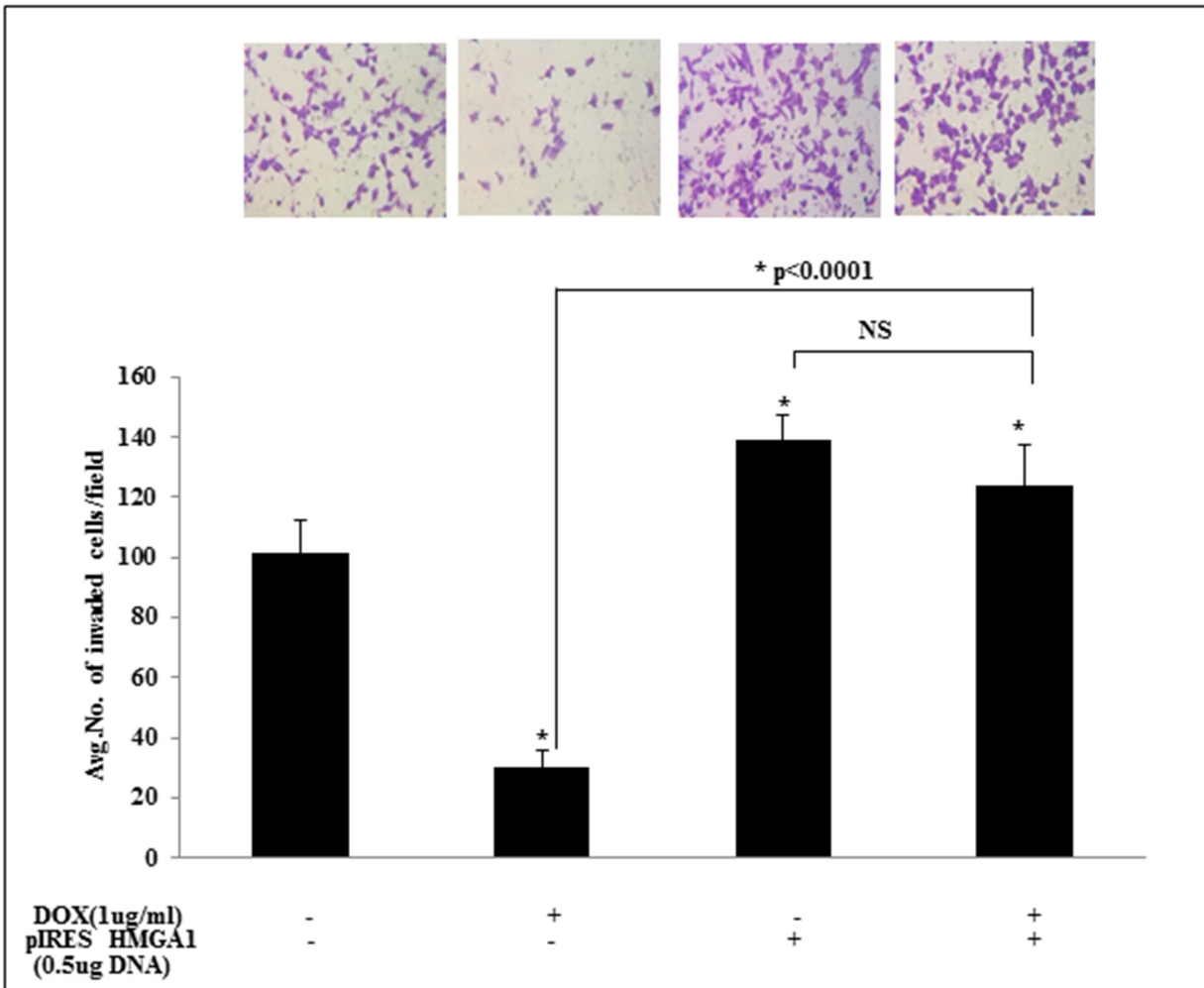
Supplementary Figure S5: Effect of IL-24^{wt} treatment on the HMGA1 axis in normal human lung fibroblast cells (MRC-9). Transient transfection of IL-24^{wt} plasmid DNA produced no noticeable change in the expression of HMGA1, pAKT^{T308}, or PPP2R2A in MRC-9 cells compared with their respective non-transfected cells. Beta-actin was used as a protein loading control.



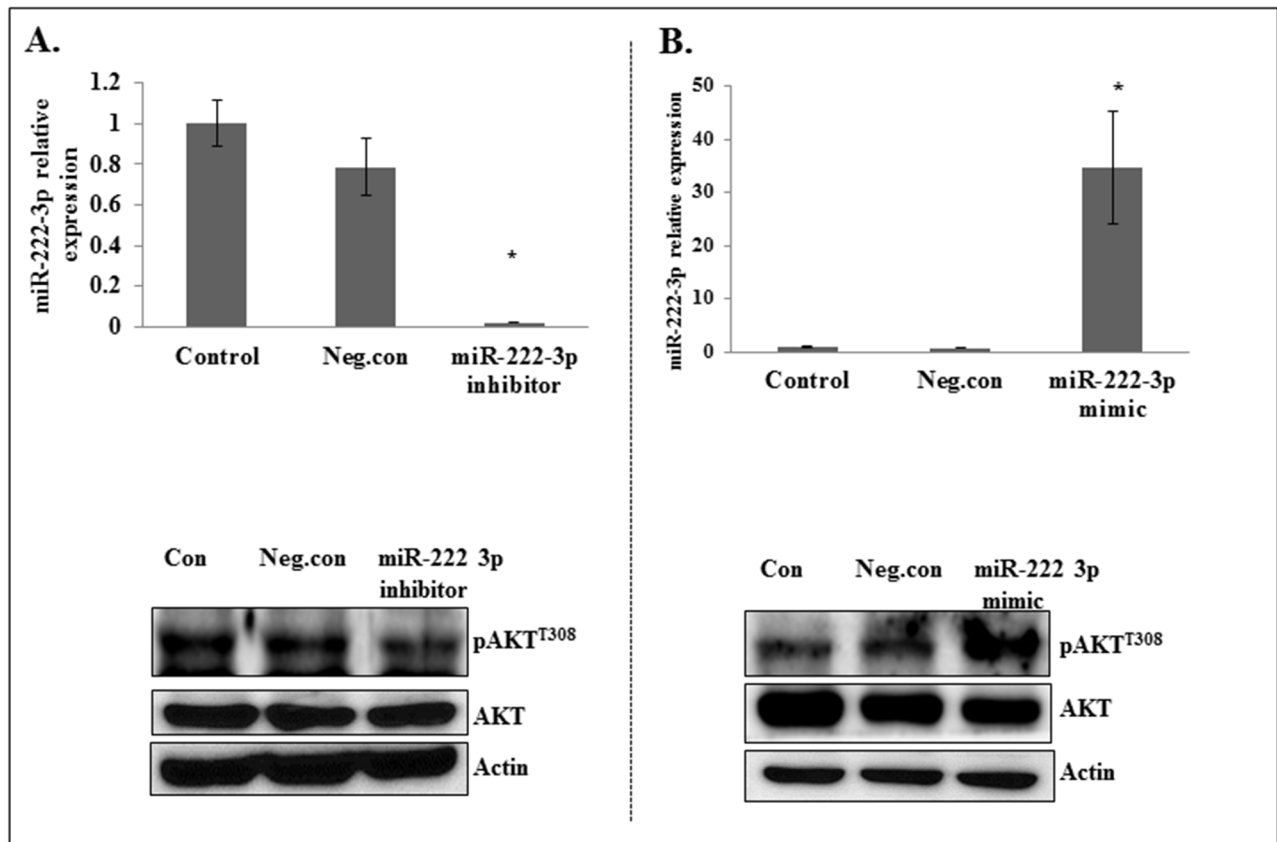
Supplementary Figure S6: A combination of IL-24 and HMGA1-siRNA showed greater inhibition of AKT activation in H1299 cells. Western blotting showed that all treatment groups showed reduction in the expression of HMGA1. Change in pAKT^{T308}, and pAKT^{S473}, and PPP2R2A expression was also observed in all three treatment groups compared with control. Beta-actin was used as a protein loading control. Differences in the expression of the proteins compared with untreated control were determined by semi-quantitative analysis and are presented in graphical format ($p < 0.05$). Bars denote standard deviation (*SD*).



Supplementary Figure S7: The combination of IL-24 and HMGA1-siRNA showed greater inhibition of AKT activation in HCC827 cells. Western blotting showed that the combination of transient transfection of IL-24^{w1} plasmid and HMGA1 siRNA produced greater reduction in the expression of HMGA1, and pAKT^{S473} than was observed with all other treatments. Beta-actin was used as a protein loading control. Differences in the expression of the proteins compared with untreated control were determined by semi-quantitative analysis and are presented in graphical format ($p < 0.05$). Bars denote standard deviation (SD).



Supplementary Figure S8: HMGA1 overexpression rescues IL-24^{wt}-mediated inhibition on cell invasion. Overexpression of HMGA1 using the pIRES-HMGA1 expression plasmid in H1299-IL-24^{wt} cells resulted in significant abrogation of the IL-24^{wt}-mediated inhibitory activity on cell invasion ($p < 0.05$). NS denotes “not significant”.



Supplementary Figure S9: miR-222-3p inhibitor and mimic are target-specific. **A.** RT-PCR and western blot analysis showed that the miR-222-3p inhibitor which was used to inhibit miR-222-3p expression in H1299- IL-24^{wt} cells was target-specific when compared with untreated and negative controls. Asterisk denotes significance ($p < 0.0001$). **B.** RT-PCR and western blot analysis showed that the miR-222-3p mimic which was used to mimic miR-222-3p expression in H1299- IL-24^{wt} cells is target-specific in H1299-IL-24^{wt} cells, when compared with untreated and negative controls. Asterisk denotes significance ($p < 0.001$). Beta-actin was used as a protein loading control ($p < 0.05$).