Integrin $\alpha V\beta 3$ silencing sensitizes malignant glioma cells to temozolomide by suppression of homologous recombination repair

Supplementary Materials







Supplementary Figure S1: Integrin expression in malignant glioma cell lines. Histograms of expression of integrin heterodimers $\alpha 3\beta 1$, $\alpha 4\beta 1$, $\alpha V\beta 3$ and $\alpha V\beta 5$ in a panel of nine glioma cell lines, as determined by flow cytometry. Red line, no antibodies; green line, specific primary mouse monoclonal antibody plus secondary Alexa Fluor 488-coupled anti-mouse antibody.



Supplementary Figure S2: Sensitization to TMZ after specific integrin subunit silencing in U138MG cells. (A) U138MG cells were transfected with integrin αV -, $\alpha 3$ - $\alpha 4$ -, $\beta 3$ -, $\beta 5$ - or ns-siRNA (50 nM), 24 h later collected by trypsinization and seeded (1×10^4) for MTT. After another 24 h the cells were treated with increasing concentrations of TMZ, and after 6 days subjected to MTT staining The data are the mean of three independent experiments in quadruplicates \pm SD. (B) U138MG cells were seeded for colony formation assay (1×10^3 cells per 6-cm plate), 24 h later transfected with integrin $\alpha 3$ -, $\alpha 4$ -, $\beta 3$ -, $\beta 5$ - or ns-siRNA (50 nM) and exposed to TMZ (5–15 μ M). 14 days later the visible colonies were fixed, stained and counted. The data are the mean of three independent experiments \pm SD



Supplementary Figure S3: Sensitization to TMZ after specific integrin silencing in LN308 cells. LN308 cells were transfected with integrin $\alpha 4$ -, αV -, $\beta 3$ - or ns-siRNA (50 nM), 24 h later collected by trypsinization and seeded (1 × 10⁴) for cell viability assay (MTT). After another 24 h the cells were treated with increasing concentrations of TMZ, and 6 days later the MTT staining was conducted according to the protocol. The data are the mean of three independent experiments in quadruplicates ± SD.



Supplementary Figure S4: Sensitization to TMZ after specific integrin silencing in U87MG cells. U87MG cells were transfected with integrin β 3-, β 5-, α V- or ns-siRNA (50 nM), 24 h later collected by trypsinization and seeded (1 × 10⁴) for cell viability assay (MTT). After another 24 h the cells were treated with increasing concentrations of TMZ, and 6 days later the MTT staining was conducted according to the protocol. The data are the mean of three independent experiments in quadruplicates ± SD.



Supplementary Figure S5: Modulation of apoptosis induction by integrin silencing or pharmacological inhibition in LN308 cells. (A) LN308 cells were transfected with integrin β_3 -, α_V -, α_4 - or ns-siRNA (50 nM) and 48 h later exposed to 100 μ M TMZ. After 96, 120 and 144 h the cells were collected by trypsinization, incubated by RNAse and stained with PI for subG1 flow cytometric analysis. The data are the mean of two independent experiments in duplicates \pm SD. (B) LN308 cells were subjected to subG1 flow cytometric analysis. The data are the mean of two independent experiments in duplicates \pm SD. (B) LN308 cells were subjected to subG1 flow cytometric analysis. The data are the mean of two independent experiments in duplicates \pm SD.



Supplementary Figure S6: Modulation of apoptosis induction by integrin silencing or pharmacological inhibition in U138MG cells. (A) U138MG cells were transfected with integrin α^3 -, α^4 -, β^3 -, β^5 -, α^V - or ns-siRNA (50 nM) and 48 h later exposed to 100 μ M TMZ. After 96, 120 and 144 h the cells were collected by trypsinization, incubated by RNAse and stained with PI for subG1 flow cytometric analysis. The data are the mean of two independent experiments in duplicates \pm SD. (B) U138MG cells were subjected to subG1 flow cytometric analysis. The data are the mean of two independent experiments in duplicates \pm SD. (B) U138MG cells were subjected to subG1 flow cytometric analysis. The data are the mean of two independent experiments in duplicates \pm SD.



Supplementary Figure S7: Induction of caspase-3/7 activity by integrin silencing or pharmacological inhibition. (A, B.) LN308 and U138MG cells were transfected with integrin α_3 -, α_4 -, β_3 -, β_5 -, α_V - or ns-siRNA (50 nM) and 24 h later re-seeded in 96-well plates. After additional 24 h cells were exposed to 100 μ M TMZ. After 120 h appropriate substrate was added to the cells. Alternatively cells seeded in the 96-well plates were left unexposed or for 120 h exposed the the cyclo-RGD inhibitor (10 μ g/mL), 100 μ M TMZ or both. One hour after addition of caspase-3/7 peptide substrate, fluorometric signal was measured and the values of the integrin-specific siRNA transfected cells, that were set to 1. The data are the mean of two independent experiments in duplicates \pm SD.



Supplementary Figure S8: Induction of γ H2AX foci upon integrin silencing and TMZ treatment. U138MG cells were transfected with integrin α 3-, α 4-, β 3-, β 5-, α V- or ns-siRNA (50 nM) and exposed to 100 μ M TMZ. After 48–144 h, the cells were fixed on cover slips and stained with anti- γ H2AX antibody. Foci (in green) were automatically counted with Metafer4 software. The data are the mean of two independent experiments in duplicates \pm SD.



Supplementary Figure S9: HR efficiency assay. Melting curves of the qPCR samples calculated for homologous recombination (HR) efficiency (Norgen Biotek Corp., Canada). Cq for amplification of the positive control plasmid (+con) ~16, for the negative control (-con) showing unrepaired plasmid ~38. HR efficiency differs between the samples, showing Cq values ~22 for ns-si (light blue triangle), ~23 for β 3-si (dark blue triangle), ~25 for ns-si/TMZ & TMZ (orange triangle) and ~27 for β 3-si/TMZ (red triangle).



Supplementary Figure S10: : DNA-PK assay. LN229 cells were transfected with si(ns) or β 3-siRNA and 24 h later exposed to 100 μ M TMZ. DNA-PKcs activity using radioactive assay was performed in whole-cell extracts according to the manufacturer's protocol (Promega). n.s., not significant

Supplementary Table S1: Antibody list

Epitope	Antibody type / Source / Dilution
FAK ^{y397}	pAb/Abcam/1:2000
FAK	pAb/Abcam/1:2000
Src ^{y418}	pAb/Abcam/1:2000
Src	pAb/Abcam/1:2000
Rad51	pAb/Abcam/1:10000
γH2AX ^{S139}	mAb/Merck Millipore/1:1000 (IF) mAb/Abcam/1:1000 (WB)
H2AX	pAb/Merck Millipore/1:1500
Caspase-3 (p17/19)	pAb/Cell Signaling Technology/1:1000
Pro-caspase-2	mAb/Cell Signaling Technology/1:1000
RIP1	mAb/BD Transduction Laboratories/1:1000
Akt ^{\$473}	pAb/Cell Signaling Technology/1:1000
Akt	pAb/Cell Signaling Technology/1:1000
ΙκΒα	pAb/Cell Signaling Technology
XIAP	mAb/BD Pharmingen/1:1000
Survivin	mAb/R&D Systems/1:1000
Bcl-xL	mAb/ Santa Cruz Technology/1:1000
β-Actin	mAb/Santa Cruz Biotechnology/1:1000
Hsp90	mAb/Santa Cruz Biotechnology/1:1500
HRP-conjugated anti-mouse/rabbit	IgG/Rockland/1:2000
αVβ3	mAb/Merck Millipore/1:1000
αVβ5	mAb/Merck Millipore/1:1000
α3β1	mAb/Merck Millipore/1:1000
α4	mAb/Merck Millipore/1:1000
goat Alexa Fluor® 488 anti-mouse	mAb/Life Technologies/1:1000