

1 **Supplementary Figure 1. Expression of LXR in endometrial cancer.** The expression of LXR
2 (antibody identified both isoforms) was assessed by immunohistochemistry in endometrial cancer
3 tissue sections from well, moderate and poorly differentiated cancers. LXR was expressed throughout
4 the tissue and localised to the nuclei of both stromal and epithelial cells (brown) in all cancer grades.
5 Although staining was most intense in the nuclei, cytoplasmic staining was also detected possibly as a
6 result of altered nuclear-cytoplasmic shuttling in cancer tissues. Cytoplasmic staining was not
7 detected using immunofluorescence (Figure 2). Images representative of at least 3 different patients
8 per cancer grade. Nuclear counterstain Haematoxylin (blue), scale bar 100µm.

9 **Supplementary Figure 2. Expression of ER α and the proliferation marker Ki67 in endometrial**
10 **cancer.** The expression of ER α and the proliferation marker Ki67 was assessed by
11 immunohistochemistry in endometrial cancer tissue sections. In well- and moderately-differentiated
12 cancers (**1614, 871; 931, 739**), ER α was expressed throughout the tissue and localised to the nuclei of
13 both stromal and epithelial cells (green staining). Nuclear immunoeexpression of Ki67 (red staining)
14 was detected and co-localised with ER α expression although some Ki67-positive cells were ER α -
15 negative. In poorly differentiated cancers (**910, 2178**), ER α was not detected but Ki67 was abundantly
16 expressed. Images representative of at least 3 different patients per cancer grade, samples collected
17 and processed as described in *Collins et al. BMC Cancer 2009, 9:330*. Nuclear counterstain DAPI
18 (blue).

19 **Supplementary Figure 3. Endometrial epithelial cancer cells lines express both isoforms of LXR**
20 **and enzymes required for regulation of 27HC.** Expression of LXR α (A) and LXR β (B) protein was
21 assessed by Western blot; mRNA expression of LXR isoforms; C *NR1H3* (LXR α) and D *NR1H2*
22 (LXR β) and the enzymes; E *CYP27A1* and F *CYP7B1* relative to internal control *CYC* was assessed
23 by qPCR in endometrial cancer cell lines; Ishikawa (ISH; n=4-5), RL95 (n=2-4) and MFE280 (n=3-
24 4), representative of well-, moderately- and poorly-differentiated cancer respectively. Western
25 blotting was performed using 20µg/lane total cell lysates; membranes were probed with mouse anti-
26 LXR α (Green, Predicted molecular weight: 50 kDa; abcam ab41902), mouse anti-LXR β (Green,
27 Predicted molecular weight: 50 kDa; Invitrogen 418400), loading control was goat anti-actin (Santa-

28 Cruz biotech sc-1616; predicted molecular weight 43kDa; red). Membranes were incubated with
29 species-specific fluorescent-conjugated secondary antibodies and visualised using the Licor Odyssey
30 system (Licor). ** $p < 0.01$. Kruskal-Wallis test with multiple comparisons. Statistically significant
31 comparison RL95 vs MFE280. All data are presented as mean \pm SEM.

32 **Supplementary Figure 4. Endometrial epithelial cancer cells lines express both ER isoforms.**

33 Expression mRNAs encoding ER isoforms; **A** *ESR1* ($ER\alpha$) and **B** *ESR2* ($ER\beta$) relative to internal
34 control *CYC* was assessed by qPCR in endometrial cancer cell lines; Ishikawa (ISH; $n=3$), RL95
35 ($n=3$) and MFE280 ($n=3$), representative of well-, moderately- and poorly-differentiated cancer
36 respectively. ** $p < 0.01$, **** $p < 0.0001$. Kruskal-Wallis test with multiple comparisons. Statistical
37 comparisons relative to Ishikawa (ISH). All data are presented as mean \pm SEM.

38 **Supplementary Figure 5. Endometrial epithelial cancer cells lines differentially express RXR**

39 **isoforms.** mRNA expression of RXR isoforms; **A** *NR2B1* ($RXR\alpha$) and **B** *NR2B2* ($RXR\beta$) and **C**
40 *NR2B3* ($RXR\gamma$) relative to internal control gene *CYC* was assessed by qPCR in endometrial cancer
41 cell lines; Ishikawa (ISH; $n=6$), RL95 ($n=2$) and MFE280 ($n=4$), representative of well-, moderately-
42 and poorly-differentiated cancer respectively. All data are presented as mean \pm SEM.