

## Supplementary Information

### Supplementary Methods

#### SEPT2 and AKAP8 shRNA constructs

Lentiviral shRNA vectors (pLKO.1 backbone) targeting *AKAP8* (TRCN0000218647 and TRCN0000229896, denoted as sh-A and sh-B respectively) and *SEPT2* (TRCN0000062153 and TRCN0000062154, denoted as sh-C and sh-D respectively) were obtained from Mission Sigma.

#### Real-Time Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction

The knockdown confirmation of *AKAP8* and *SEPT2* was performed by measuring the mRNA expression level by real-time quantitative PCR. Reactions were performed on LightCycler 96 Real-Time PCR system (Roche) using TaqMan assay probes (*AKAP8*: Hs00935915\_m1; *SEPT2*: Hs01565417\_m1) obtained from ThermoFisher Scientific. *B2M* ( $\beta$ 2-microglobulin) was used as endogenous control (Hs99999907\_m1, ThermoFisher Scientific) and relative mRNA expression levels were calculated by using  $\Delta\Delta C_T$  method.

#### Cell Growth Assay

On day 7 of culture, transduced cells were seeded in 96 well plates (2000 cells). Cell viability was assessed by using CellTiter-Glo® Luminescent Cell Viability Assay (Promega) from day 7 to day 13 of differentiation. Luminescent signal was detected using a SpectraMax i3x plate reader (molecular devices).

#### Flow Cytometry

Erythroid differentiation on day 11 and day 14 was evaluated using flow cytometry. Differentiation of erythroid cells was assessed by using antibodies against CD36 (PE anti-human CD36, clone 5-271, Biolegend), CD71 (PE-Cyanine7, clone OTK-9, eBiosciences) and CD235a (APC, clone HIR2, eBiosciences). DAPI (Sigma Aldrich) was used as viability dye. Cells were incubated with antibodies for 30 mins at 4°C in dark. Further, cells were washed with FACS buffer (PBS with 1% Bovine serum albumin) and resuspended in FACS buffer with DAPI for flow cytometry analysis. DAPI negative (viable) cells were used for subsequent analysis.

Cell cycle analysis was performed on ethanol-fixed cells. Fixed cells were washed with PBS and treated with RNase (40µg/ml) and PI (10µg/ml) for 30 mins at room temperature. Cell cycle analysis using Flow cytometry.

All flow cytometry was performed using an LSRII flow cytometer (BD Biosciences) and data analyzed by using FlowJO VX software.

#### Colony-Forming Cell Assay

Colony-forming cell assay was performed by plating 3000 transduced cells on day 7 of differentiation on methylcellulose (MethoCult H4434 Classic, Stemcell Technologies) containing 0.65µg/ml puromycin according to the manufacturer's protocol. Plates were incubated in a humidified incubator at 37°C and 5% CO<sub>2</sub>. Colonies were counted after 14 days of incubation.

#### Hierarchical clustering using aberrantly spliced events identified in SFmut MDS

Hierarchical clustering was performed using rMATS-calculated inclusion levels of the 245, 236 and 287 aberrantly spliced events identified in *SF3B1*mut, *SRSF2*mut and *U2AF1*mut MDS cases. Hierarchical clustering heatmap plots were generated using the ClustVis tool (<https://biit.cs.ut.ee/clustvis/>).

#### Annotation of NMD sensitive and insensitive aberrantly spliced events identified in SFmut MDS

rMATS output files were converted to bed files using the DASEResultConvertor.jar tool available from the Alternative Splicing Encyclopedia (ASpedia; <http://combio.snu.ac.kr/aspedia/>). Bed files were subsequently used to map splicing events to Ensembl transcript ID using the multiple AS event query in ASpedia. Finally, transcript IDs were annotated as NMD sensitive or insensitive using the Ensembl BioMart tool (<https://www.ensembl.org/biomart/martview>).

#### Gene Ontology Analysis

To identify splicing factor mutant specific effects, we investigated the overlapping significant GO themes for each of the splicing factor (*SF3B1*, *SRSF2* and *U2AF1*) mutant MDS versus healthy controls, and versus splicing factor wildtype MDS.

REVIGO (<http://revigo.irb.hr/>)<sup>1</sup>, which removes redundant GO terms, treemap function was used to visualize the important biological process (BP) ontology themes affected by the splicing factor mutations.

#### Analysis of genes involved in heme metabolism and iron processing

For the investigation of aberrantly spliced genes involved in heme metabolism and iron processing in SFmut MDS, a total of 200 genes involved in heme metabolism and 150 genes involved in iron homeostasis and transport were analyzed. The lists of genes were obtained from relevant gene sets within the Molecular Signatures Database (MSigDB; <http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/msigdb/index.jsp>). Specifically, for the genes involved in heme metabolism, the HALLMARK\_HEME\_METABOLISM gene set was used. For the genes involved in iron homeostasis and transport, genes from Lane et al (2015)<sup>2</sup> and from the following gene sets were used: GO\_CELLULAR\_IRON\_ION\_HOMEOSTASIS, GO\_IRON\_COORDINATION\_ENTITY\_TRANSPORT, GO\_IRON\_ION\_IMPORT, GO\_IRON\_ION\_TRANSPORT, and GO\_IRON\_ION\_HOMEOSTASIS.

#### Clinical association of splicing factor mutation status in MDS

To identify the respective association of splicing factor mutations with continuous (hemoglobin, Hb; white blood cell counts, WBC; absolute neutrophil count, ANC; platelet count, Plt; BM blasts; and age) and categorical (gender, IPSS and transfusion dependency) clinical variables, a two-tailed Mann-Whitney non-parametric test and Fisher's exact test was performed.

#### Pathway analysis heatmaps

We investigated the overlapping significant pathways for each of the splicing factor (*SF3B1*, *SRSF2* and *U2AF1*) mutant MDS versus healthy controls, and versus splicing factor wildtype MDS. Significant pathways were determined by a  $-\log p\text{-value} \geq 1.3$  ( $p\text{-value} < 0.05$ ). Heatmaps from collapsed IPA-generated  $-\log p\text{-values}$  were created using using R (<http://www.R-project.org>) and graphical CRAN package pheatmap (<https://cran.r-project.org/package=pheatmap>). Values were collapsed by the comparison (vs Healthy control or vs SFWT) that had the lowest  $-\log p\text{-values}$  (highest p value) and only significant values were plotted. To identify the converging pathways with the lowest p-value across all the splicing factor mutant MDS (*SF3B1*, *SRSF2* and *U2AF1*), pathways were ranked by the

minimum enrichment -log p-values (highest p value) identified in the *SF3B1*, *SRSF2* and *U2AF1* mutant MDS IPA analysis.

### Bioinformatics analysis

Computational analysis and statistical testing was conducted using the R statistical programming language (<http://www.R-project.org>), with the following packages used: ggplot2 (<https://cran.r-project.org/package=ggplot2>), survminer (<https://cran.r-project.org/package=survminer>), biomaRt,<sup>3</sup> RWebLogo (<https://github.com/omarwagih/RWebLogo>), DESeq2<sup>4</sup> and UpSetR.<sup>5</sup>

### AKAP8 and SEPT2 downregulation splicing factor mutant MDS

Down-regulation of *AKAP8* in *SRSF2* mutant MDS, and *SEPT2* in *SF3B1* mutant MDS was determined using the R language Bioconductor package DESeq2. Differential expression was determined using the default Wald test and adjusted for multiple hypothesis testing using Benjamini-Hochberg correction across all genes tested. Specific gene expression boxplots for *AKAP8* and *SEPT2* expression were generated using ggplot2.

### Validation of aberrant splicing events identified using semi-quantitative PCR

Total RNA was extracted using TRIzol (Thermo Scientific, UK) with a linear acrylamide carrier, treated with DNase I (Life technologies) and purified using Agencourt RNAClean XP beads (Beckman Coulter). DNase-free RNA was converted to cDNA using a High-Capacity cDNA Reverse Transcription Kit (Thermo-Fisher). Long and short isoforms of *AKAP8*, *SEPT2*, *PFKM* and *METTL17* were amplified using primers flanking the region of interest in a PCR reaction using maxima hotstart PCR mastermix (Thermo-Fisher). PCR products were separated using DNA 1000 chips (Agilent). PCR long:short ratios were calculated using band intensities as quantified by the 2100 Expert software (Agilent). Statistical significance was determined by Kruskal-Wallis one-way analysis of variance followed by Dunn's post hoc test. Primers used are presented in the Table below:

Gene	Primer direction	Sequence (5'-3')
<i>SEPT2</i>	Forward	GAGTCATACCTGGAGCAGCA
	Reverse	TAGCTTGACCCCTCGCTCTT
<i>AKAP8</i>	Forward	AGGGTGAGGATGAACTCTGC
	Reverse	GCATACAGAACAGGCAAACCTGA

<i>PFKM</i>	Forward	ATCATTGTGGCTGAGGGTGC
	Reverse	TCCCCTCCAAAAGTGCCATC
<i>METTL17</i>	Forward	TCAGGTGCAAACACTGACCA
	Reverse	TGCTCCACGAAGTTTCTCCTC

### Analysis of 3' splice site and RI properties

For analysis of 3' splice site (ss) properties, we collected data sets from the A3SS rMATS output on the basis of FDR <0.05. For events with IncLevelDifference >0.1 (>0.15 in the case of *SF3B1* mutant analysis) the upstream A3SS was classified as cryptic and the downstream A3SS as associated canonical A3SS. Likewise, for events IncLevelDifference <-0.1 (<-0.15 in the case of *SF3B1* mutant analysis), the downstream A3SS was classified as cryptic A3SS and the upstream one associated canonical.

Human sequences around A3SS and upstream introns were retrieved from UCSC (hg19, Feb. 2009) using R and the Bioconductor packages: Genomic Ranges, Genomic Features, biomaRt and BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19. Graphical outputs were generated ggplot2. Statistical analysis comparing sequences properties between data sets were done using Two-tailed Mann-Whitney test in R.

Sequence logos were produced using RWebLogo. For that 35nt upstream and 3nt downstream were extracted for each A3SS as mentioned above and used as input for the program.

Density plots: For each pair of A3SS, the distance between was calculated as the difference of its chromosomal coordinates, and the log<sub>2</sub> of the difference was plot using density plot in ggplot2.

### Survival effects of isoform expression

MDS: Kaplan-Meier survival curves were constructed using the surviner and survival packages in R. Statistical testing of differences between survival curves used Cox proportional hazards multivariate modelling. Initial exploratory survival analysis used a full dataset with covariates including splice factor mutation status, karyotype and confounding mutations – none of these covariates were identified as statistically significant and a minimal model was used for definitive testing with age, gender, IPSS, and isoform expression high or low (median split) as covariates.

TCGA: We analyzed expression levels of isoforms in the publicly available RNA sequencing data generated by the TCGA Research Network (<http://cancergenome.nih.gov/>). Filtered and

log 2 normalized RNA isoform expression data along with all available clinical data were downloaded from the GDAC firehose database (run: stddata\_\_2015\_06\_01) for each gene of interest from the AML dataset. Survival analysis was performed using the survminer and survival R packages. Kaplan-Meier estimated survival curves were constructed using the TCGA clinical data. Statistical testing of differences between survival curves used Cox proportional hazards modelling as above.

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Table S2: The splicing factor mutations identified in the CD34+ MDS cohort.

ID	Specific Splicing factor Mutations in cohort			
	SF3B1	SRSF2	U2AF1	ZRSR2
A153	E622D			
A142	E622D			
A190	E622D			
A178	E622D			
A166	H662Q			
A123	H662Q			
A205	K666N			
A172	K700E			
A199	K700E			
A118	K700E			
A149	K700E			
A125	K700E			
A127	K700E			
A116	K700E			
A150	K700E			
A185	K700E			
A128	K700E			
A147	K700E			
A181	K700E			
A170	K700E			
A158	K700E			
A197	K700E			
A112	K700E			
A196	K700E			
A167	K700E			
A183	K700E			
A154	R625L			
A151	R625L			
A119		P95H		
A192		P95_R102dePPDSHHSR		
A156		P95H		
A207		P95H		
A208		P95H		
A122		P95H		
A186		P95H		
A177		P95L		
A180			Q157P	
A161			Q157P	
A200			Q157R	
A187			R156H	
A191			S34F	
A114			S34F	
A160		P95H		H191Y
A174		P95R		V253fs*36



Table S3: Clinical details and mutation status of the 11 patients used in the study of bone marrow monocytic, granulocytic and erythroid precursors.

ID	Disease Subtype	Age	Cell population present (1=yes, 0=no)			Mutation status (1=yes, 0=no)								
			MON	GRA	ERY	SF3B1	SRSF2	TET2	CBL	IDH2	ASXL1	JAK2	PHF6	NPM1
MDS142	RA	76	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
MDS152	RARS	64	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
MDS155	MDS/AML	72	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
MDS163	MDS/AML	76	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MDS166	RAEB2	44	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
MDS168	MDS/AML	71	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
MDS177	RAEB2	81	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MDS178	RARS	63	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
MDS189	RARS	81	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MDS191	RA	83	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MDS218	RA	87	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

Table S4: Top 40 significant aberrant splicing events in SF3B1mut, SRSF2mut and U2AF1mut MDS.

SF3B1 mutant MDS						SRSF2 mutant MDS						U2AF1 mutant MDS					
Event ID	Gene	Event type	Chr	Strand	Start - End position	Event ID	Gene	Event type	Chr	Strand	Start - End position	Event ID	Gene	Event type	Chr	Strand	Start - End position
7506	TMEM91	A3SS	19	+	41889619-41889988	743	PPII3	MXE	2	-	201747064-201747158	33174	ANKRD12	SE	18	+	9204473-9204542
7507	TMEM91	A3SS	19	+	41889465-41889988	19440	MX1	SE	21	+	42802459-42802535	27516	RAD51C	SE	17	+	56783849-56783969
518	ERCC3	RI	2	-	128046912-128047400	20608	RIMKLB	SE	12	+	8932630-8932708	17455	CRYZ	SE	1	-	75172786-75172888
4728	NICN1	RI	3	-	49462381-49462871	23987	TIA1	SE	2	-	70455475-70455594	1940	AC084018.1	RI	12	-	122233172-122234148
2362	SNRPN	A3SS	15	+	25219434-25219603	26349	C6orf25	SE	6	+	31691918-31692009	6163	RNF216	A3SS	7	-	5778906-5779252
3211	QTRT1	RI	19	+	10822836-10823304	28447	LST1	SE	6	+	31555725-31555743	3301	AP1G2	RI	14	-	24031712-24032847
5420	RPRD1A	RI	18	-	33605560-33607038	28455	LST1	SE	6	+	31555720-31555743	4380	ZWINT	RI	10	-	58117198-58118220
5429	TMEM91	RI	19	+	41888676-41889988	34068	GGCT	SE	7	-	30540151-30540297	3880	SLC35B1	A3SS	17	-	47783565-47783696
5375	COASY	RI	17	+	40714168-40714505	36368	C8orf59	SE	8	-	86131464-86131592	30413	APLP2	SE	11	+	130007150-130007186
1520	SNRPN	A5SS	15	+	25212175-25212387	36371	C8orf59	SE	8	-	86131464-86131589	17704	AC005154.6	SE	7	-	30591715-30591795
2359	SNRPN	A3SS	15	+	25219457-25219603	1758	LST1	MXE	6	+	31555417-31555510	4147	GUCY1A3	A3SS	4	+	156617907-156618274
2896	AMT	RI	3	-	49454210-49455151	28445	LST1	SE	6	+	31555417-31555510	30841	PCBP2	SE	12	+	53861588-53861627
6153	ABCC5	A3SS	3	-	183703091-183703243	34270	GMPR2	SE	14	+	24703312-24703447	13212	MRPS28	SE	8	-	80940929-80941031
4975	GPR108	A3SS	19	-	6730997-6731122	28	S100A13	RI	1	-	153598795-153600074	12249	INTS3	SE	1	+	153733495-153733585
3305	AP1G2	RI	14	-	24031170-24031624	2457	RNF34	SE	12	+	121840544-121840610	3122	RRP12	RI	10	-	99118293-99118767
33241	DPHS	SE	1	-	101458192-101458296	17455	CRYZ	SE	1	-	75172786-75172888	14132	YPEL5	SE	2	+	30371110-30371407
6131	SUGP1	A3SS	19	-	19414532-19414852	37277	MPI	SE	15	+	75189351-75189560	1076	DHRS1	RI	14	-	24761389-24761990
2380	ABTB1	RI	3	+	127396307-127396686	1389	CRYZL1	A3SS	21	-	34971455-34971591	20633	GUCY1A3	SE	4	+	156617907-156618001
2437	SEPT6	A3SS	X	-	118759297-118759359	14189	RP11-354E11.2	SE	10	-	20013855-20013910	2872	ZNF83	RI	19	-	53115630-53118050
30228	ABCC5	SE	3	-	183703091-183703166	29831	SLC25A26	SE	3	+	66286967-66287124	4410	SCYL1	RI	11	+	65305740-65306175
30229	ABCC5	SE	3	-	183703091-183703243	5801	LST1	A3SS	6	+	31556294-31556686	4427	C1orf43	SE	1	-	154192311-154192413
1579	SERBP1	A3SS	1	-	67890570-67890660	6154	VTI1A	SE	10	+	114208139-114208247	27002	ARID2	SE	12	+	46298124-46298181
6376	UXS1	A3SS	2	-	106781191-106781255	2935	MAP2K2	RI	19	-	4094450-4095447	2935	MAP2K2	RI	19	-	4094450-4095447
3372	DYNLL1	RI	12	+	120933915-120934356	5601	IMMP1L	SE	11	-	31477806-31477933	30796	PTCHD3P1	SE	10	+	29747202-29747449
7563	PPOX	A3SS	1	+	161137128-161137276	11281	TSEN2	SE	3	+	12574160-12574272	6164	RNF216	A3SS	7	-	5780603-5781446
4127	THOC1	A3SS	18	-	224083-224200	5602	IMMP1L	SE	11	-	31484718-31484852	13912	HMGXB4	SE	22	+	35659974-35660089
5460	TCEA2	A3SS	20	+	62703210-62703294	35758	FES	SE	15	+	91434211-91434421	24105	BAZ1A	SE	14	-	35255331-35255427
14165	MZB1	SE	5	-	138725015-138725109	17810	DGUOK	SE	2	+	74166036-74166149	32492	NICN1	SE	3	-	49463315-49463429
6157	ERGC3	A3SS	20	+	34144725-34144880	28446	LST1	SE	6	+	31555417-31555510	22516	AP1G2	SE	14	-	24035770-24035895
11475	SNRPN	SE	15	+	25212175-25212299	35711	TEX30	SE	13	-	103419622-103419828	3500	PNPLA7	RI	9	-	140355085-140356072
11476	SNRPN	SE	15	+	25212175-25212387	649	GPBP1L1	SE	1	-	46151247-46151292	22809	TRA2A	SE	7	-	23561750-23562051
1071	CDC27	A3SS	17	-	45229171-45229302	2391	BDH2	RI	4	-	104006505-104007697	14563	LAT2	SE	7	+	73629151-73629429
28927	ICA1	SE	7	-	8267267-8267481	17539	NHP2L1	SE	22	-	42083725-42084331	9625	NR2C2AP	SE	19	-	19313278-19313384
697	METTL5	A3SS	2	-	170668966-170669034	29515	PFKM	SE	12	+	48529073-48529166	16107	ELK3	SE	12	+	96591803-96591920
4277	LARP4	A3SS	12	+	50822699-50822873	2560	WDR75	A3SS	2	+	190313970-190315694	29817	POLE2	SE	14	-	50121501-50121556
4070	ZNF410	A3SS	14	+	74360478-74360635	32534	TAMM41	SE	3	-	11886364-11886570	22811	TRA2A	SE	7	-	23561739-23562051
4415	ANAPC5	A3SS	12	-	121766118-121766300	25161	C12orf73	SE	12	-	104347191-104347312	3852	MBD2	SE	18	-	51714083-51714207
4520	FOXRED1	A3SS	11	+	126143210-126143349	8830	BRD8	SE	5	-	137502206-137502416	22808	TRA2A	SE	7	-	23561972-23562051
4363	SEPT2	A3SS	2	+	242275373-242275513	331	SMOX	RI	20	+	4162735-4163495	24415	POLDIP3	SE	22	-	42997975-42998062
252	PSME2	RI	14	-	24614918-24615449	27873	CASP8	SE	2	+	202139611-202139676	25132	GOLGA2	SE	9	-	131035063-131035144

Table S5: Biological pathways identified by IPA as significant in SF3B1mut MDS versus Healthy control and Splicing factor wildtype MDS (SFWT).

Ingenuity Canonical Pathways	Versus Healthy Control		Versus SFWT	
	-log(p-value)	Genes found/ Genes in pathway (No. Genes found)	-log(p-value)	Genes found/ Genes in pathway (No. Genes found)
Oxidative Phosphorylation	3.82	0.441 (30)	8.01	0.522 (36)
Sirtuin Signaling Pathway	3.47	0.35 (63)	4.01	0.33 (60)
Mitochondrial Dysfunction	2.47	0.35 (41)	6.08	0.407 (48)
Protein Ubiquitination Pathway	4.37	0.362 (71)	2.13	0.284 (57)
TCA Cycle II (Eukaryotic)	2.24	0.526 (10)	2.04	0.474 (9)
Heme Biosynthesis II	2.51	0.75 (6)	1.89	0.625 (5)
Heme Biosynthesis from Uroporphyrinogen-I	1.88	1 (3)	2.04	1 (3)
BER pathway	1.83	0.6 (6)	2.09	0.6 (6)
EIF2 Signaling	1.76	0.312 (49)	4.74	0.352 (57)
Regulation of eIF4 and p70S6K Signaling	1.65	0.322 (37)	1.8	0.295 (36)
Methionine Degradation I (to Homocysteine)	1.37	0.467 (7)	1.47	0.438 (7)
Spermine and Spermidine Degradation I	1.36	0.75 (3)	1.51	0.75 (3)

Table S6: Biological pathways identified by IPA as significant in SRSF2mut MDS versus Healthy control and Splicing factor wildtype MDS (SFWT).

Ingenuity Canonical Pathways	Versus Healthy Control		Versus SFWT	
	-log(p-value)	Genes found/ Genes in pathway (No. Genes found)	-log(p-value)	Genes found/ Genes in pathway (No. Genes found)
EIF2 Signaling	4.22	0.39 (60)	4.87	0.312 (50)
Sirtuin Signaling Pathway	3.37	0.362 (64)	3.59	0.28 (51)
Mitochondrial Dysfunction	3.15	0.386 (44)	5.14	0.345 (40)
Oxidative Phosphorylation	2.8	0.418 (28)	4.29	0.377 (26)
Heme Biosynthesis II	3.45	0.875 (7)	2.24	0.625 (5)
Heme Biosynthesis from Uroporphyrinogen-I	1.82	1 (3)	2.27	1 (3)
Protein Ubiquitination Pathway	1.77	0.317 (60)	1.54	0.229 (46)
Hypoxia Signaling in the Cardiovascular System	1.44	0.364 (20)	1.82	0.298 (17)
Antigen Presentation Pathway	3.47	0.577 (15)	1.36	0.321 (9)

Table S7: Biological pathways identified by IPA as significant in U2AF1mut MDS versus Healthy control and Splicing factor wildtype MDS (SFWT).

Ingenuity Canonical Pathways	Versus Healthy Control		Versus SFWT	
	-log(p-value)	Genes found/ Genes in pathway (No. Genes found)	-log(p-value)	Genes found/ Genes in pathway (No. Genes found)
Sirtuin Signaling Pathway	3.24	0.366 (64)	3.37	0.282 (51)
Heme Biosynthesis II	3.38	0.875 (7)	2.19	0.625 (5)
Oxidative Phosphorylation	1.71	0.373 (25)	3.32	0.353 (24)
Mitochondrial Dysfunction	1.68	0.342 (39)	3.31	0.308 (36)
EIF2 Signaling	1.65	0.327 (51)	2.03	0.256 (41)
Colanic Acid Building Blocks Biosynthesis	1.95	0.571 (8)	1.57	0.429 (6)
Protein Ubiquitination Pathway	1.49	0.314 (60)	1.53	0.234 (47)
Tetrapyrrole Biosynthesis II	1.79	0.8 (4)	1.36	0.6 (3)
Galactose Degradation I (Leloir Pathway)	1.79	0.8 (4)	1.36	0.6 (3)
Estrogen Receptor Signaling	2.71	0.398 (35)	1.3	0.253 (23)

Table S8: Aberrantly spliced genes involved in suppression/regulation of R-loop formation and in the DNA damage response in SFmut MDS.

<i>Gene</i>	<b>Aberrantly spliced (1=yes) versus SF-WT MDS and Healthy Control</b>		
	<i>SF3B1mut</i>	<i>SRSF2mut</i>	<i>U2AF1mut</i>
AID	0	0	0
AQR	0	0	0
AQR	0	0	0
ASF	0	0	0
ATM	0	0	0
ATR	1	1	0
BRCA1	0	0	0
BRCA2	0	0	0
CHEK1	0	1	0
ERCC1	0	0	0
ERCC1	0	0	0
ERCC2	0	0	0
ERCC3	1	0	0
ERCC4	0	0	0
ERCC4	0	0	0
ERCC5	0	0	0
ERCC5	0	0	0
ERCC6	0	0	0
ERCC8	0	0	1
FANCA	0	0	0
FANCC	0	0	0
FANCD2	0	0	0
FANCE	0	0	0
FANCF	0	0	0
FANCG	0	0	0
FANCI	1	0	0
FANCL	0	0	0
FANCM	0	0	1
FIP1L1	0	0	0
FTO	0	0	0
MUS81	0	0	0
PIF1	0	0	0
RAD51	0	0	0
RAD52	0	0	0
RANBP2	0	0	0
RRM3	0	0	0
S100A9	0	0	0
SETX	1	1	0
TOP1	0	0	0
TOP3B	0	0	0
TPR	0	0	0

Table S9: Differences of clinical variables between SFmut MDS and SFwt MDS patients in our cohort. Details of statistical tests performed are provided in the Supplementary methods. \* = p<0.05, \*\* = p< 0.01, \*\*\* = p< 0.001

Group	Continuous variables					Categorical variables		
	Hb	WBC	ANC	Plt.	Blast %	Gender	IPSS	Transfusion Dependency
SF3B1mut	ns	**	***	***	***	ns	*	ns
SRSF2mut	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
U2AF1mut	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns

Table S10: Multivariate Cox proportional hazard modeling for 14 aberrantly spliced isoforms that predict survival in MDS.

Gene	Transcript	p-value							Hazard Ratio						
		Transcript level Low	Age	Sex Male	IPSS High	IPSS Int-1	IPSS Int-2	IPSS Low	Transcript level Low	Age	Sex Male	IPSS High	IPSS Int-1	IPSS Int-2	IPSS Low
AHSA2	ENST00000493310	0.029	0.407	0.103	0.979	0.027	0.172	0.006	-1.90	-0.02	0.88	-0.03	-2.31	-1.63	-3.13
CAP1	ENST00000424977	0.004	0.472	0.089	0.152	0.207	0.703	0.022	1.70	0.02	0.89	1.67	-1.07	-0.36	-2.24
CD46	ENST00000480003	0.039	0.791	0.149	0.077	0.582	0.879	0.097	-1.19	-0.01	0.77	2.16	-0.50	0.16	-1.65
CRTC2	ENST00000487235	0.035	0.669	0.046	0.368	0.120	0.667	0.021	1.13	0.01	1.04	0.99	-1.30	-0.40	-2.24
DPH5	ENST00000477293	0.026	0.510	0.103	0.255	0.190	0.701	0.021	-1.38	-0.02	0.84	1.27	-1.10	0.39	-2.22
FCGR2A	ENST00000482233	0.016	0.259	0.019	0.130	0.215	0.888	0.036	1.44	0.03	1.37	1.67	-1.04	0.14	-2.07
IFI44	ENST00000446486	0.012	0.542	0.062	0.347	0.245	0.796	0.021	-1.38	0.01	0.98	1.03	-0.98	-0.25	-2.27
IFI44L	ENST00000462041	0.009	0.689	0.066	0.865	0.021	0.242	0.003	-1.60	0.01	0.96	-0.22	-2.37	-1.32	-3.58
MECR	ENST00000464915	0.022	0.951	0.109	0.265	0.265	0.920	0.030	-1.27	0.00	0.83	1.23	-0.95	-0.10	-2.10
MECR	ENST00000493928	0.022	0.632	0.081	0.179	0.225	0.561	0.019	-1.29	0.01	0.96	1.47	-1.01	-0.59	-2.31
NASP	ENST00000472408	0.014	0.605	0.041	0.475	0.112	0.655	0.017	-1.42	0.01	1.15	0.82	-1.44	-0.47	-2.41
PABPC4	ENST00000525669	0.036	0.646	0.085	0.319	0.181	0.974	0.030	-1.10	0.01	0.90	1.09	-1.12	-0.03	-2.10
PFDN5	ENST00000552341	0.042	0.597	0.115	0.132	0.637	0.872	0.171	-1.51	-0.01	0.85	1.70	-0.43	0.17	-1.42
PPOX	ENST00000466452	0.031	0.409	0.129	0.116	0.406	0.740	0.073	-1.24	0.02	0.81	1.81	-0.71	-0.34	-1.76
PTPRC	ENST00000413409	0.050	0.697	0.192	0.828	0.046	0.392	0.006	-1.11	0.01	0.72	0.27	-1.87	-0.90	-3.00
PTPRC	ENST00000571847	0.050	0.697	0.192	0.828	0.046	0.392	0.006	-1.11	0.01	0.72	0.27	-1.87	-0.90	-3.00
PTPRC	ENST00000530727	0.009	0.300	0.021	0.439	0.257	0.806	0.016	-1.51	0.03	1.26	0.87	-0.97	-0.23	-2.37
PTPRC	ENST00000575923	0.009	0.300	0.021	0.439	0.257	0.806	0.016	-1.51	0.03	1.26	0.87	-0.97	-0.23	-2.37

Table S11: Biological pathways identified by IPA as significant in ZRSR2 mutant MDS (with co-mutation of SRSF2) versus Healthy control and SRSF2mut MDS.

Ingenuity Canonical Pathways	Versus Healthy Control		Versus SRSF2mut MDS	
	-log(p-value)	Genes found/ Genes in pathway (No. Genes found)	-log(p-value)	Genes found/ Genes in pathway (No. Genes found)
Sirtuin Signaling Pathway	2.2	0.221 (38)	1.73	0.198 (34)
Galactose Degradation I (Leloir Pathway)	1.59	0.6 (3)	1.67	0.6 (3)
Protein Ubiquitination Pathway	1.5	0.2 (37)	1.56	0.191 (35)
Colanic Acid Building Blocks Biosynthesis	1.35	0.357 (5)	2.3	0.462 (6)

**Figure S1: Mutational landscape of MDS patient samples.** **A**, Mutations identified in the cohort of 84 MDS cases. Of these, 28 had *SF3B1* mutations, 8 had *SRSF2* mutations, 6 had *U2AF1* mutations and 2 had *ZRSR2* mutations (with co-mutation of *SRSF2*). **B**, Mutations identified in the 11 patients used for the study of granulocytic, monocytic and erythroid precursors.

**Figure S2: Gene expression levels of nonsense-mediated mRNA decay (NMD)-sensitive and NMD-insensitive events associated with splicing factor mutant MDS.** **A-D**, Tukey box plots of the expression levels of NMD-sensitive and NMD-insensitive aberrant splicing events identified in *SRSF2*mut MDS (**A**), *U2AF1*mut MDS (**B**), and *SF3B1*mut MDS (**C**, all event types and **D**, A3SS events).

**Figure S3: GO characteristics in splicing factor mutant MDS.** **A**, REVIGO treemap of overlapping significant BP GOs identified in *SF3B1* mutant and *SRSF2* mutant CD34+ MDS patients. **B**, REVIGO treemap of BP GOs identified as significant in only the *SF3B1* mutant CD34+ MDS patients. REVIGO panel sizes are inversely proportional to enrichment p values.

**Figure S4: Sirtuin pathway dysregulation in splicing factor mutant MDS.** Example Sirtuin pathway map and genes found to be aberrantly spliced in *SF3B1* mutant MDS. The pathway map was generated from IPA and the aberrantly spliced genes are denoted by red fills.

**Figure S5: Aberrant splice site usage in splicing factor mutant MDS.** **A**, Sequence logos for upstream and downstream cryptic 3' splice sites (top left and lower right sequence logos respectively) along with their associated canonical sites (top right and lower left sequence logos respectively) in *SF3B1* mutant MDS. **B**, Density plot showing the distance (log<sub>2</sub>) between pairs of competing 3' splice sites. **C**, Sequence logos showing the 5'SS and 3'SS usage in *U2AF1* mutant patients harbouring S34 (top) and R156/Q157 variants (bottom). **D**, Sequence logos showing the 5'SS and 3'SS usage in *SRSF2* mutant MDS. **E**, kmer frequency plot showing showed enrichment of CCNG motifs in cassette exons upregulated in *SRSF2* mutant cells, while GGNG motifs were enriched in downregulated exons.

**Figure S6: Examples of decreased intron retention in *SF3B1* mutants.** **A**, *NICN1* intron 4. **B**, *ERCC3* intron 10 shows decreased intron retention in association with significant upregulation of an upstream cryptic A3SS. **C**, *DOM3Z* intron 3 shows decreased retention of an intron using an upstream A3SS. In this case, the change in A3SS usage was non-significant. All intron retention events are shown 5' to 3' in reverse orientation (from right to left)

**Figure S7: Additional gene isoforms predictive of MDS patient survival.** **A-F**, Kaplan-Meier survival plots of isoforms from 6 genes: *AHSA2* (**A**), *DPH5* (**B**), *CAP1* (**C**), *IFI44* (**D**), *MECR* (**E**), and *NASP* (**F**).

**Figure S8: Aberrant splicing events and dysregulated pathways in  $CD34^+$  cells of *ZRSR2*mut MDS patients.** **A**, Venn Diagram showing the aberrant splicing events identified in *ZRSR2* mutant MDS patients (with co-mutation of *SRSF2*) versus healthy controls and versus *SRSF2*mut MDS patients. **B**, Ranked heatmap, as determined by significance across both comparisons of *ZRSR2*mutant MDS patients versus healthy controls and versus *SRSF2*mut MDS patients, showing the significant dysregulated pathways.

**Figure S9: Principal component analysis (PCA) of bone marrow cell populations of *SFmut* MDS.** Monocytic (MON), granulocytic (GRA), and erythroid (ERY) precursors isolated from the bone marrow of *SF3B1* mutant and *SRSF2* mutant MDS patients and healthy controls showing strong clustering by precursor cell population.

**Figure S10: Aberrant splicing in BM cell populations of *SFmut* MDS.** **A-B**, UpSet plots showing the overlap of aberrant splicing events identified in  $CD34^+$  cells, and in monocyte (MON), granulocyte (GRA) and erythroid (ERY) precursor cell populations isolated from *SF3B1* (**A**) and *SRSF2* (**B**) mutant MDS patient samples.

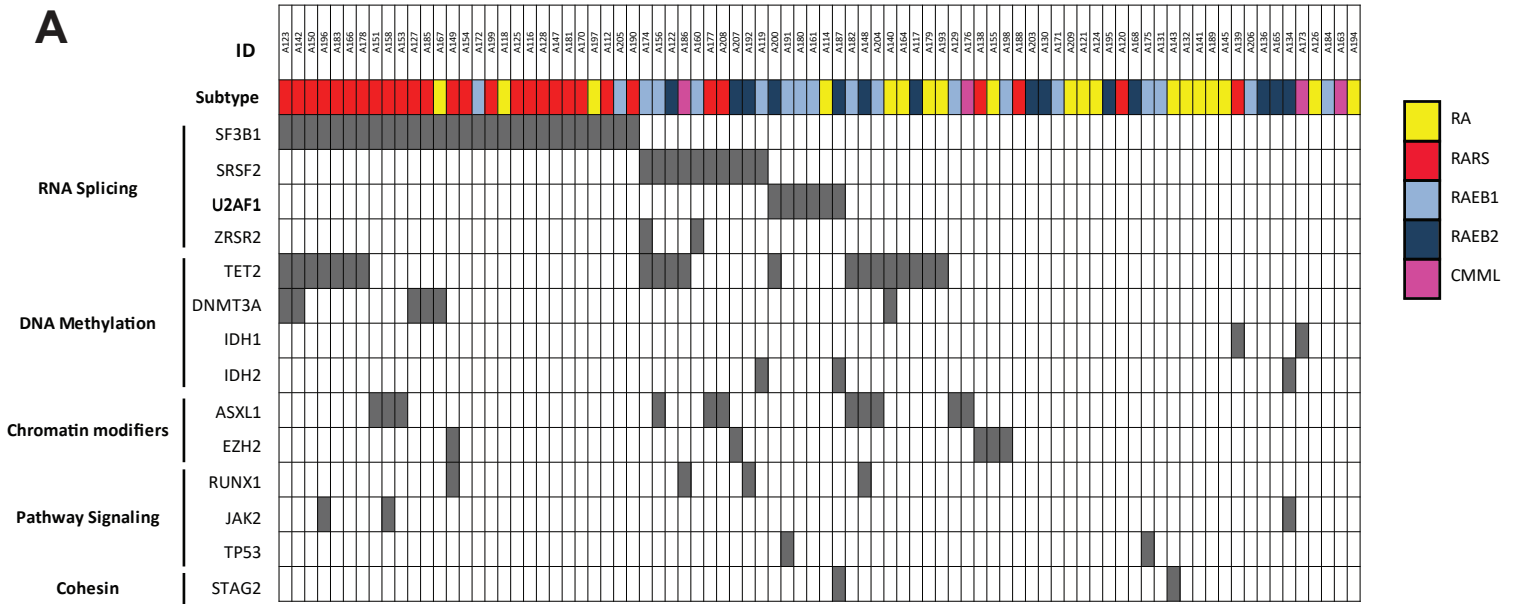
**Figure S11: Validation of aberrant splicing events identified in splicing factor mutant MDS.** **A**, Sashimi plot showing the *AKAP8* SE event in *SRSF2* mutant MDS patient samples which results in the inclusion of an exon containing a premature termination codon (PTC). **B**, *AKAP8* downregulation in  $CD34^+$  cells of *SRSF2* mutant MDS patients (RNA-seq data). **C-D**, PCR band isoform ratio quantification (**C**) and semi-quantitative band visualization using an Agilent 2100 bioanalyzer (**D**) of the aberrant splicing event in *AKAP8* measured in  $CD34^+$



cells of *SRSF2* mutant MDS patient samples, SF-WT MDS patient samples and healthy controls. **E**, Sashimi plot showing the *SEPT2* A3SS event in *SF3B1* mutant MDS patient samples which results in a frameshift and generation of a PTC. **F**, *SEPT2* downregulation in CD34<sup>+</sup> cells of *SF3B1* mutant MDS patients (RNA-seq data). **G-H**, PCR band isoform ratio quantification (**G**) and semi-quantitative band visualization using an Agilent 2100 bioanalyzer (**H**) of the aberrant splicing event in *SEPT2* measured in CD34<sup>+</sup> cells of *SF3B1* mutant MDS patient samples, SF-WT MDS patient samples and healthy controls. **I-J**, PCR band ratio quantification plots for aberrant splicing events identified in *METTL17* (**I**) and *PFKM* (**J**) in *SRSF2* mutant MDS, measured in CD34<sup>+</sup> cells of *SRSF2* mutant MDS patient samples, SF-WT MDS patient samples and healthy controls. All PCR band ratio quantification plots are generated with a minimum of 5 samples per group and data are represented as mean  $\pm$  SEM. For PCR band ratio quantification plots (**C**, **G**, **I** and **J**), p-values were obtained from a one-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-test (for normally distributed data with groups of equal variance), or a non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis with Dunn's post-test. For *AKAP8* and *SEPT2* expression plots (**B** and **F**) statistical significance was obtained from DESeq2. \*p<0.05, \*\*p< 0.01, \*\*\*p< 0.001.

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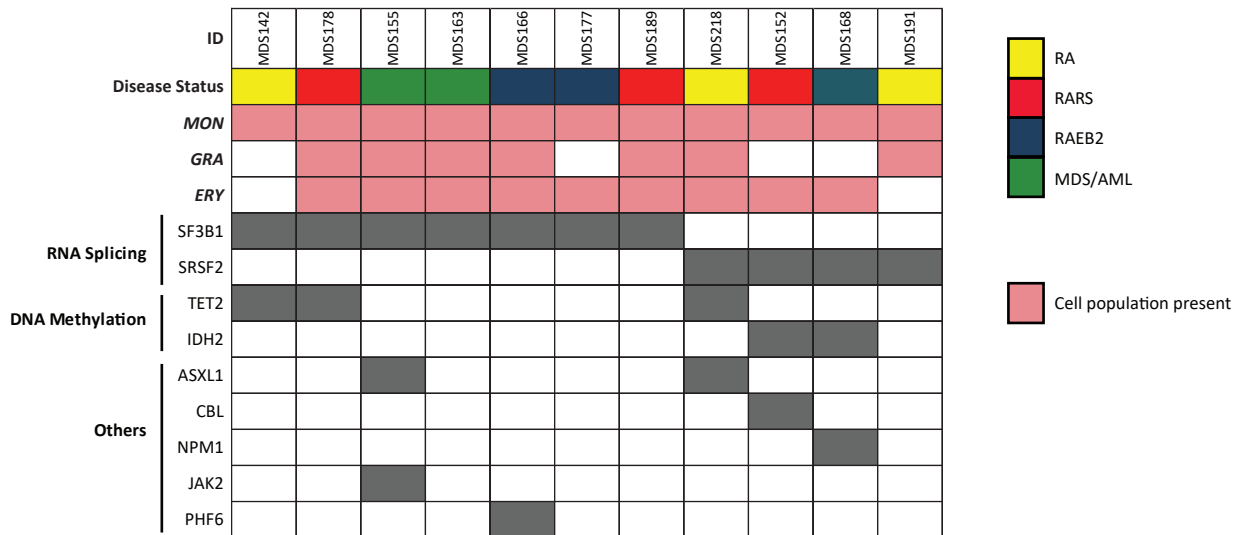
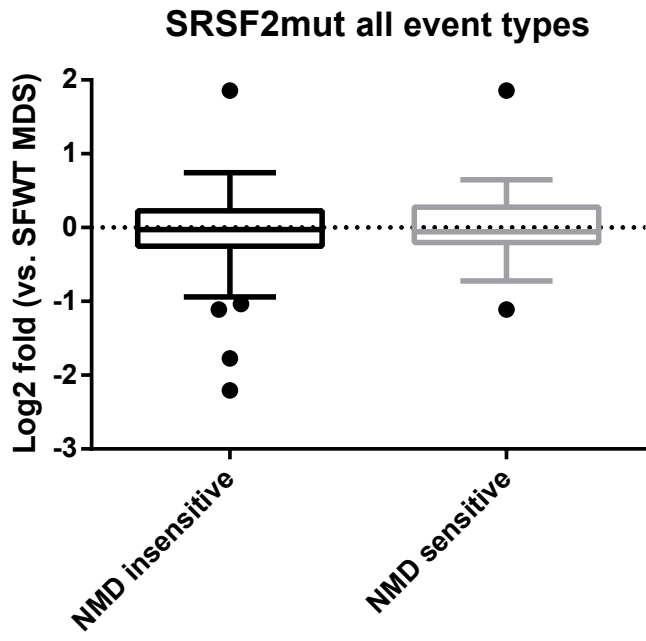
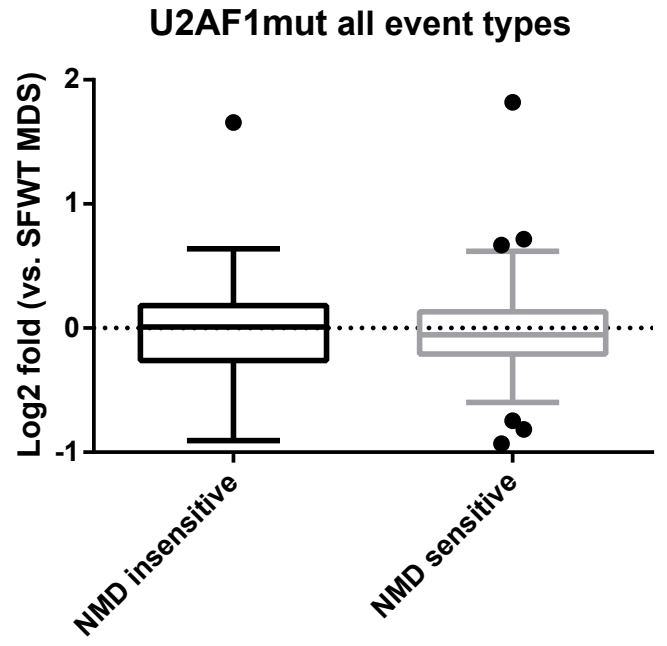


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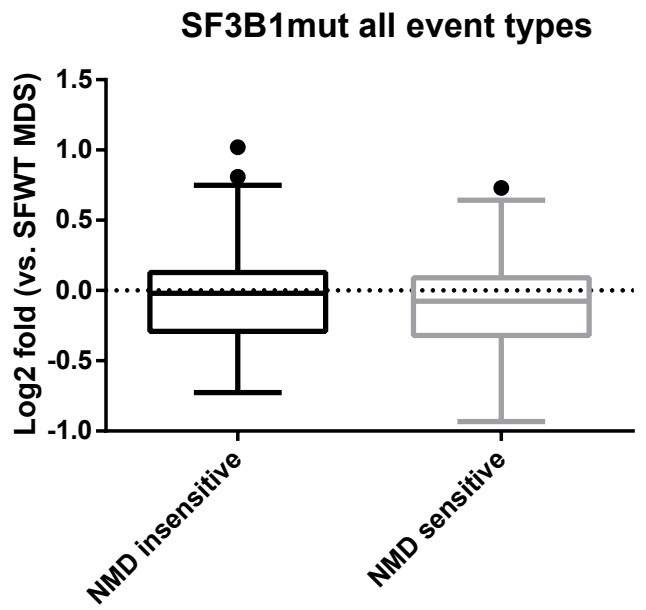
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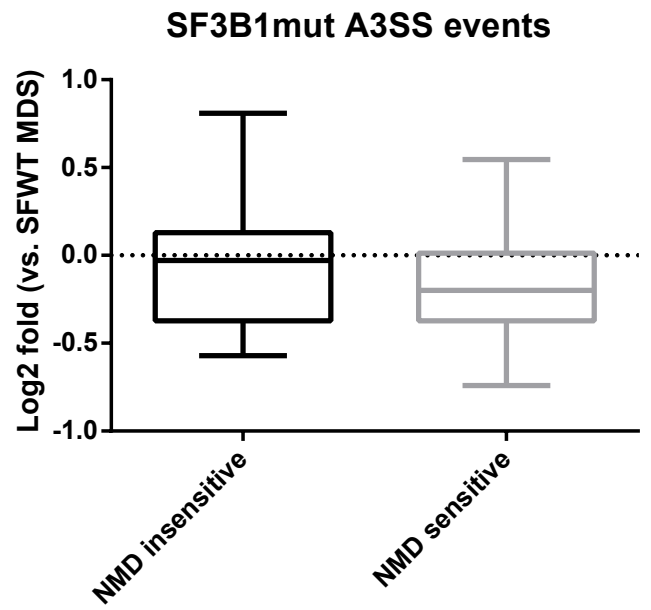
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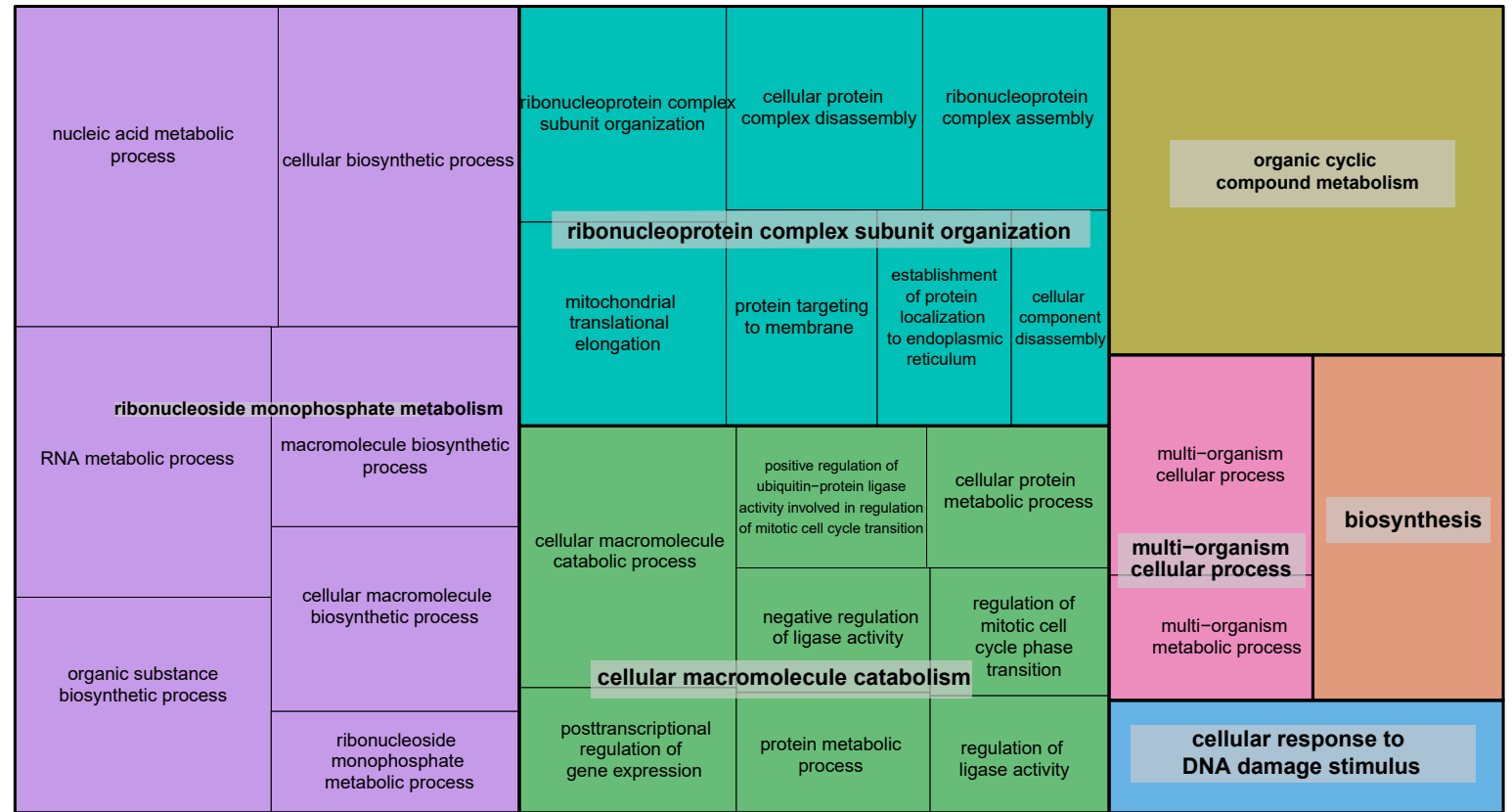


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**Figure S3**

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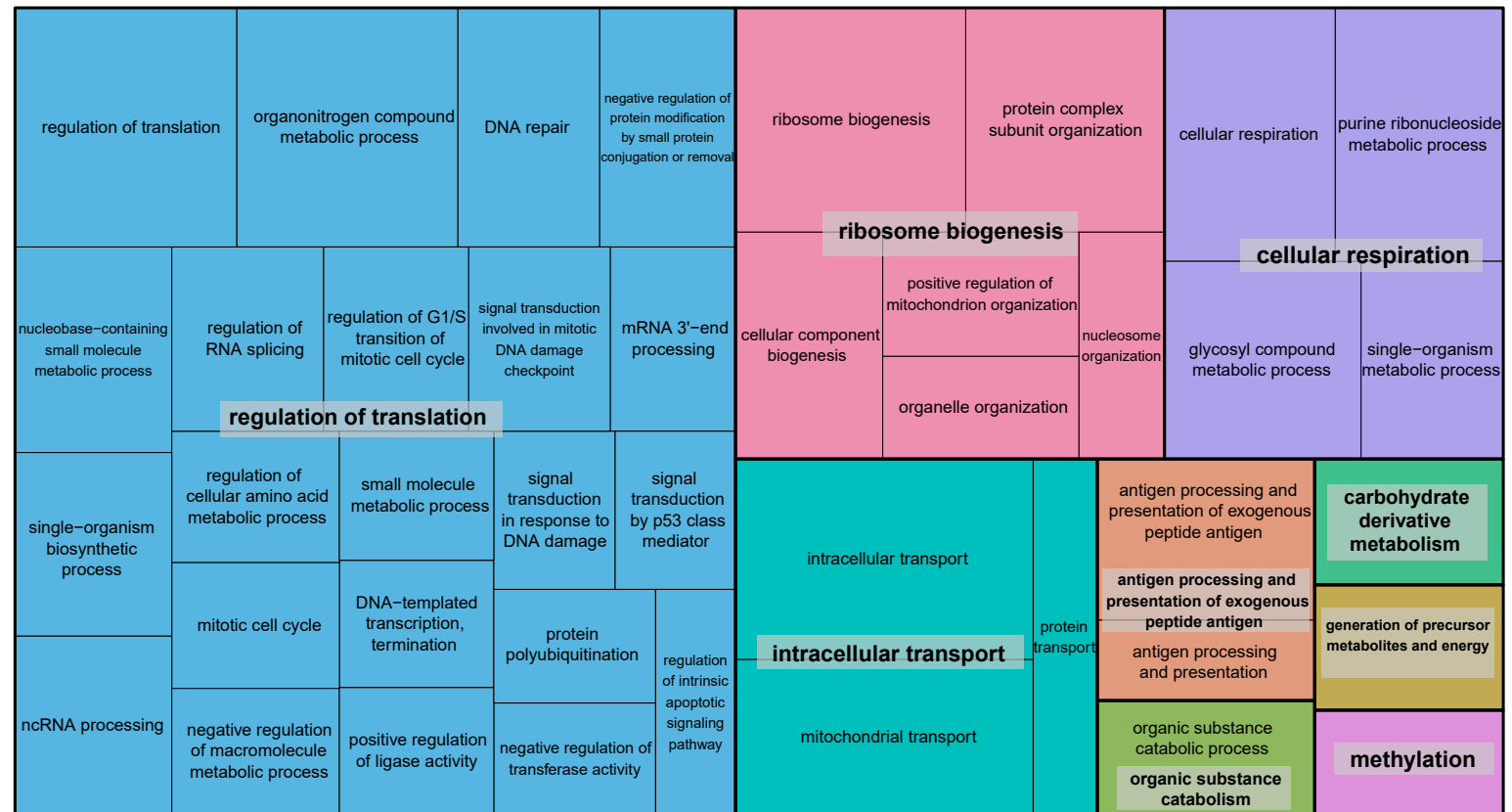
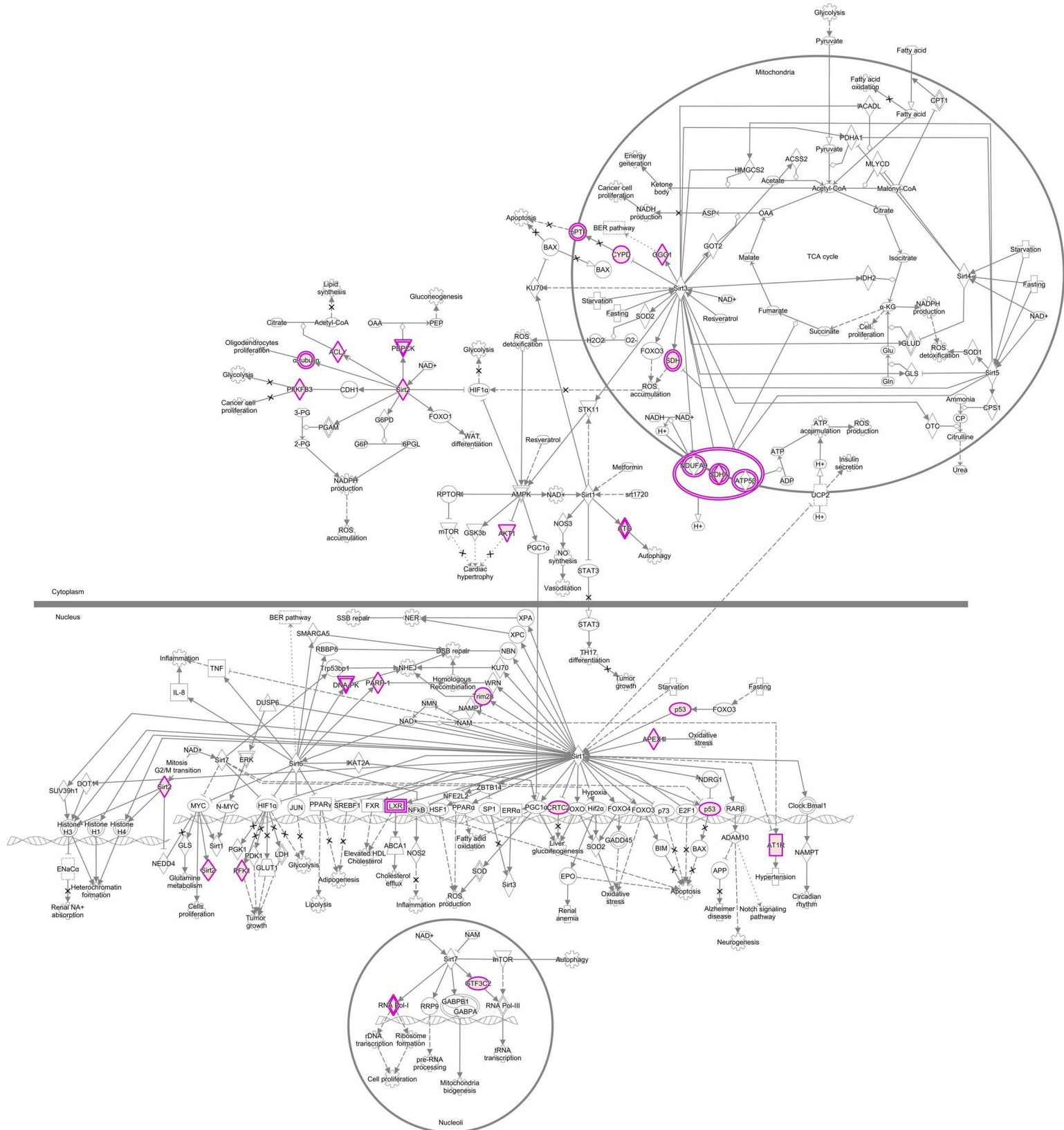


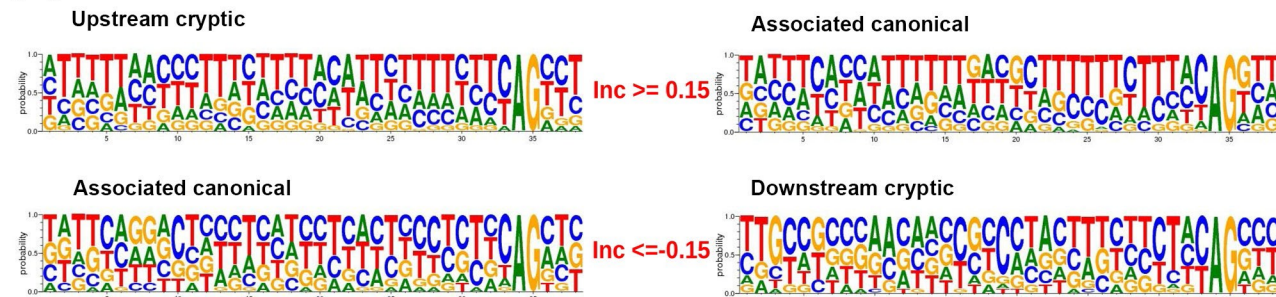
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Sirtuins are class III histone deacetylase enzymes that use NAD<sup>+</sup> as a co-substrate for their enzymatic activities. In mammals, there are 7 sirtuin members (SIRT1-7), which play important roles in aging, metabolism, cancer, inflammation, DNA repair and cellular responses to stress.

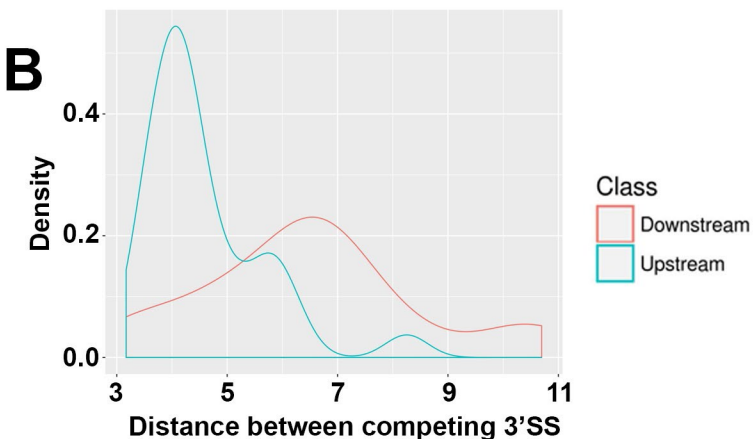


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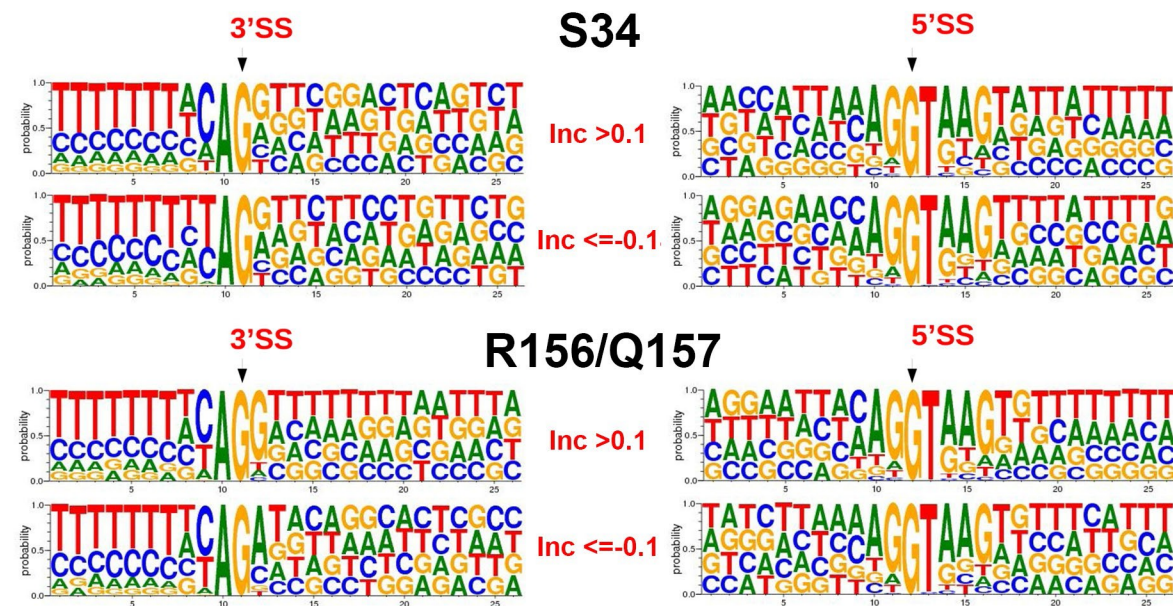
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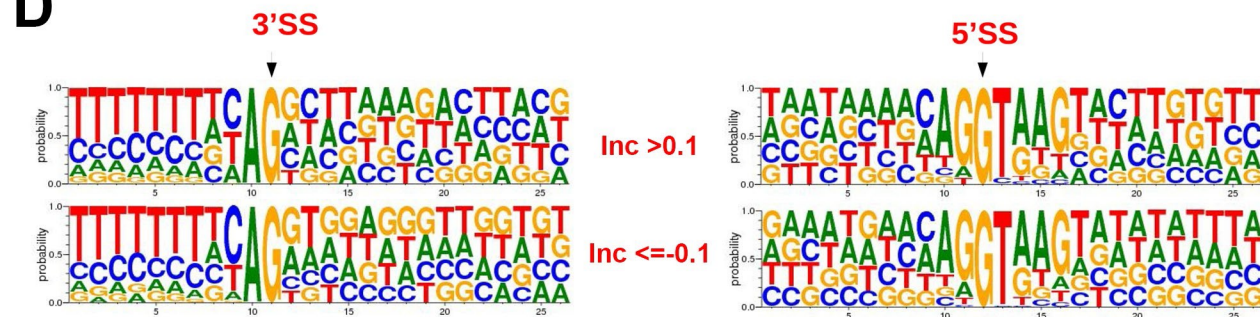
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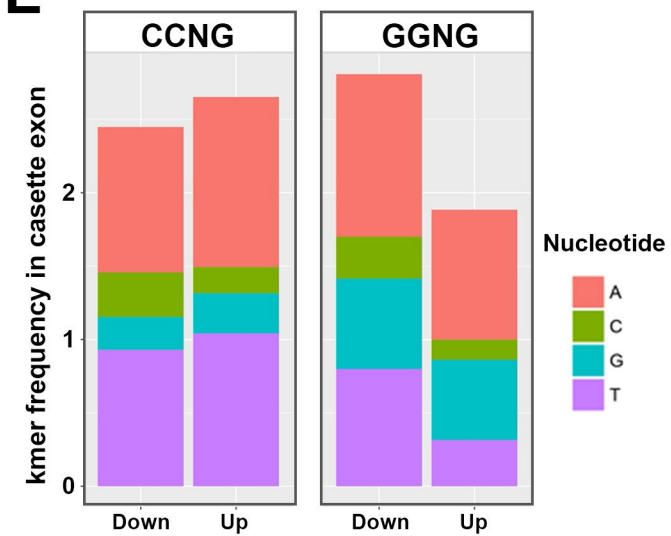
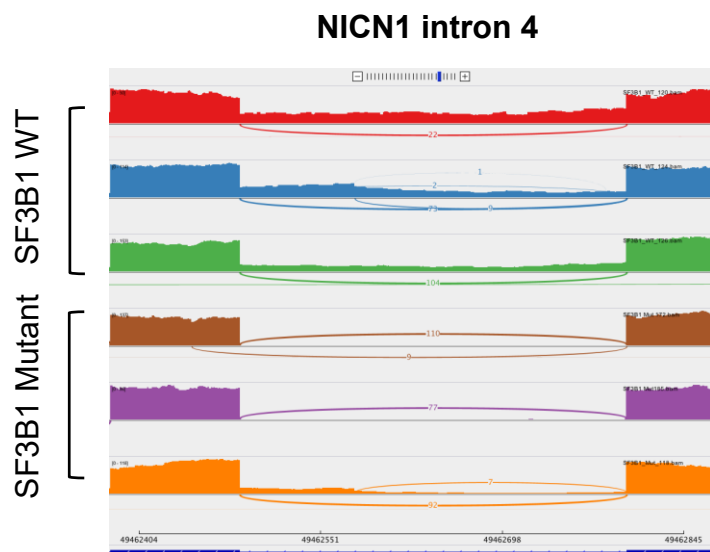


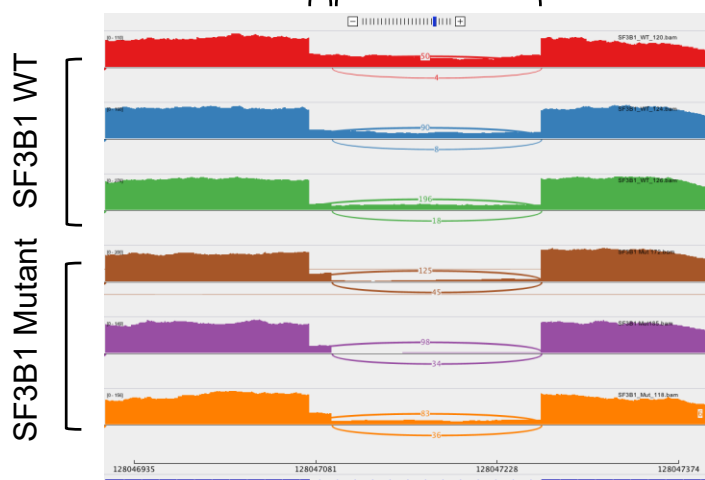
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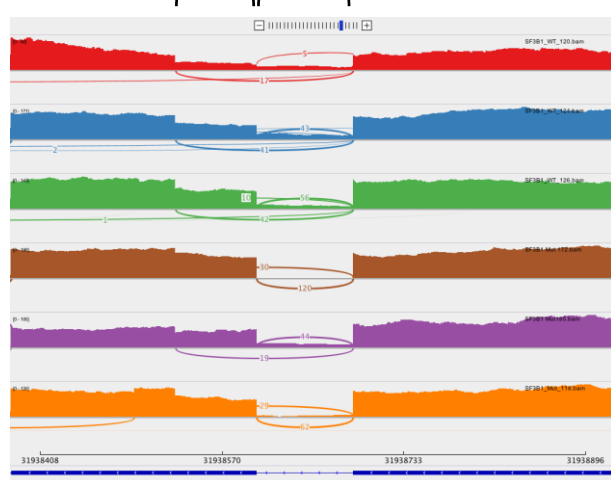
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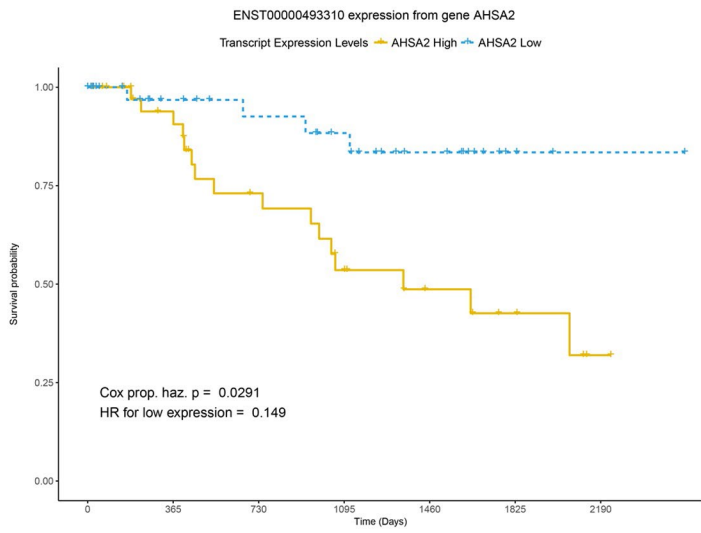
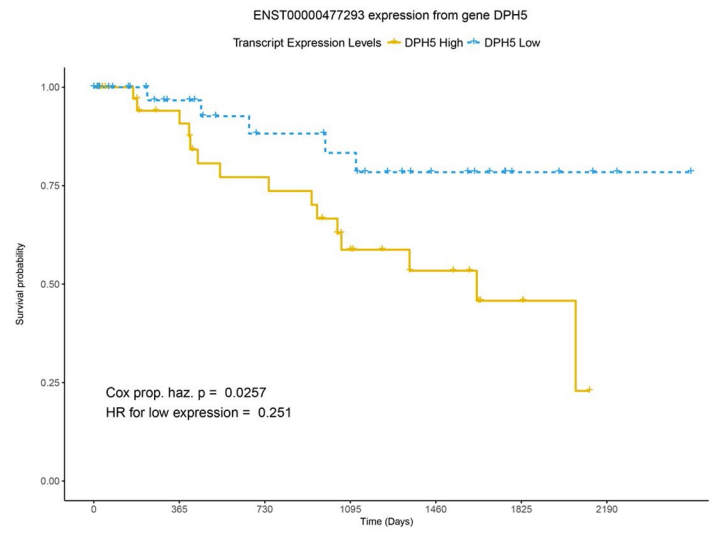
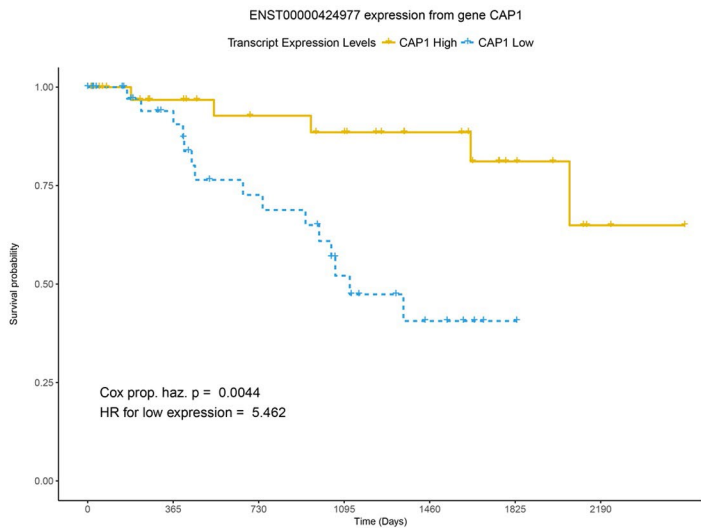
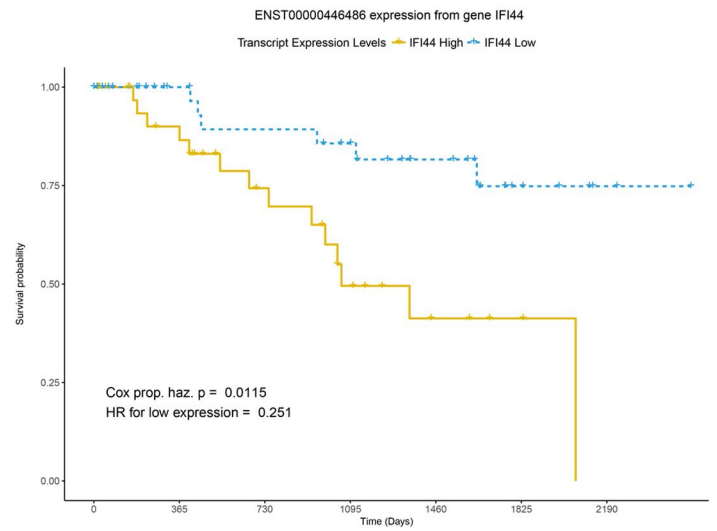
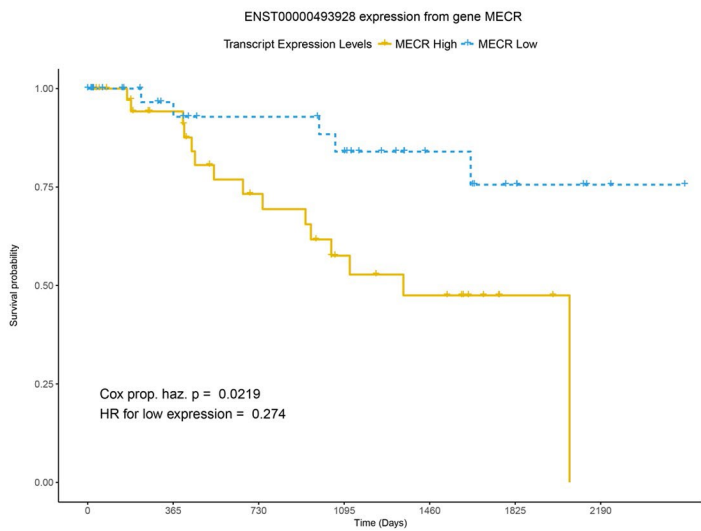
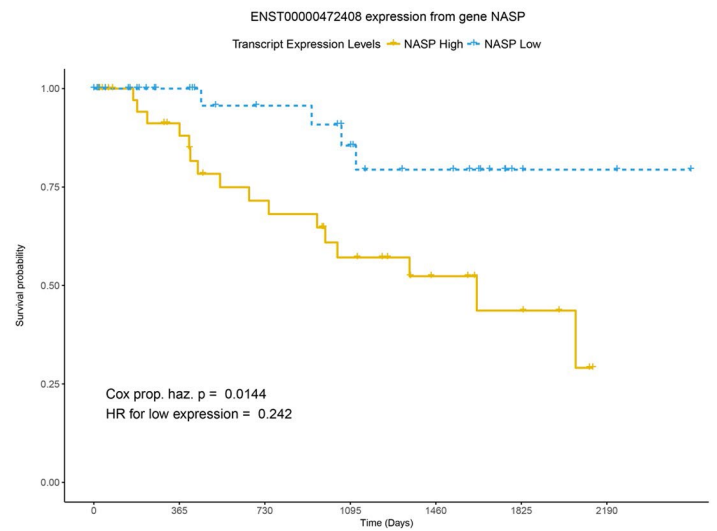


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# Figure S7

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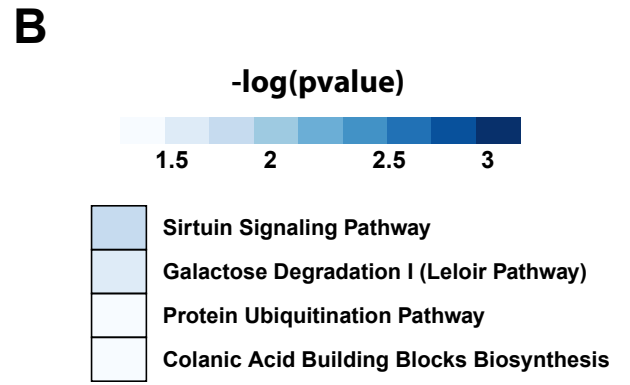
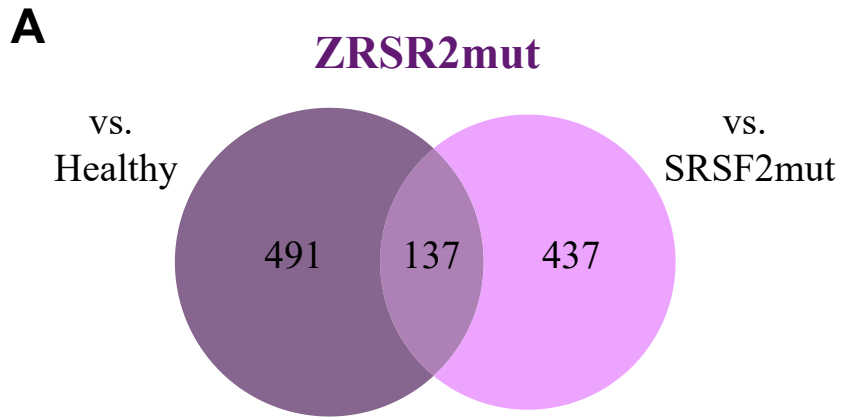
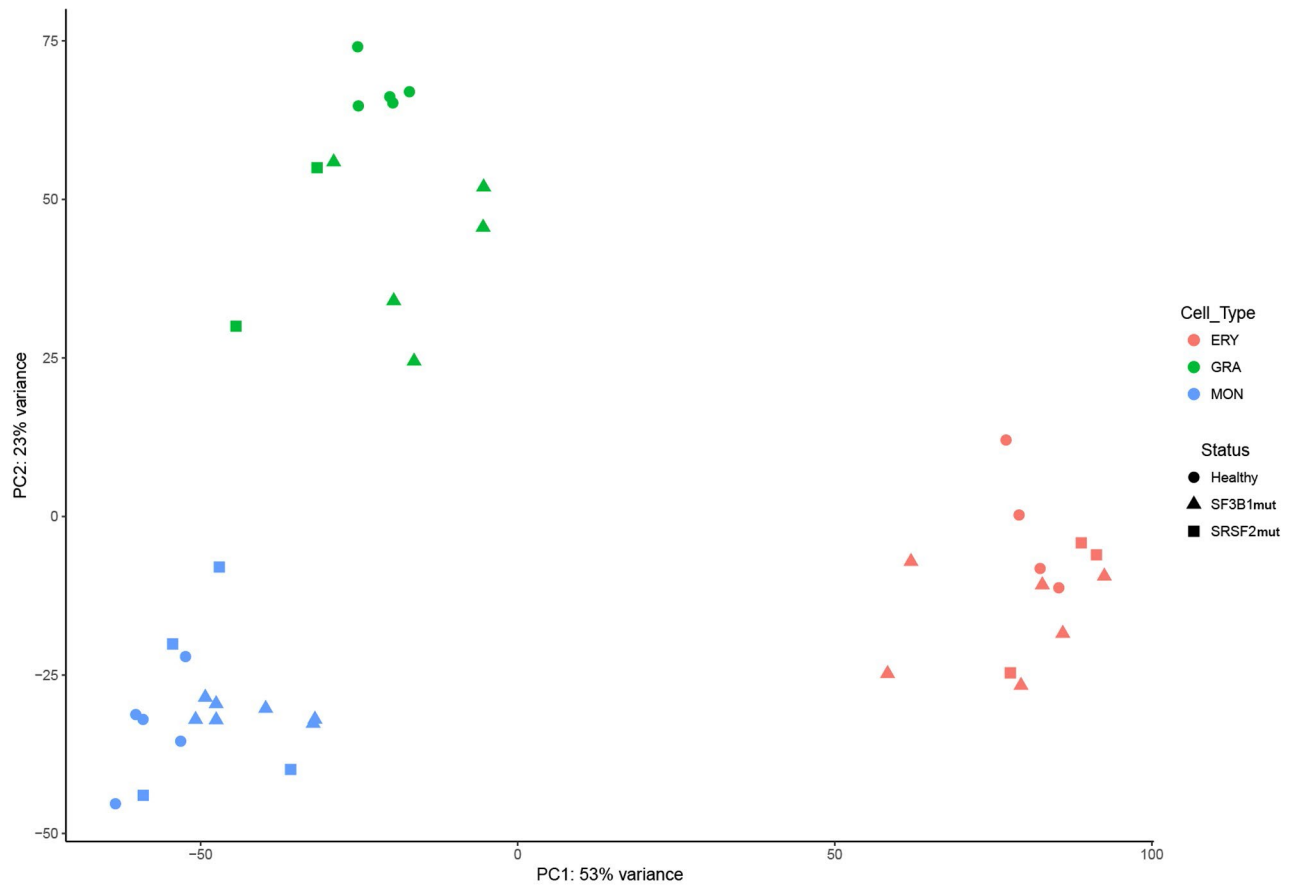
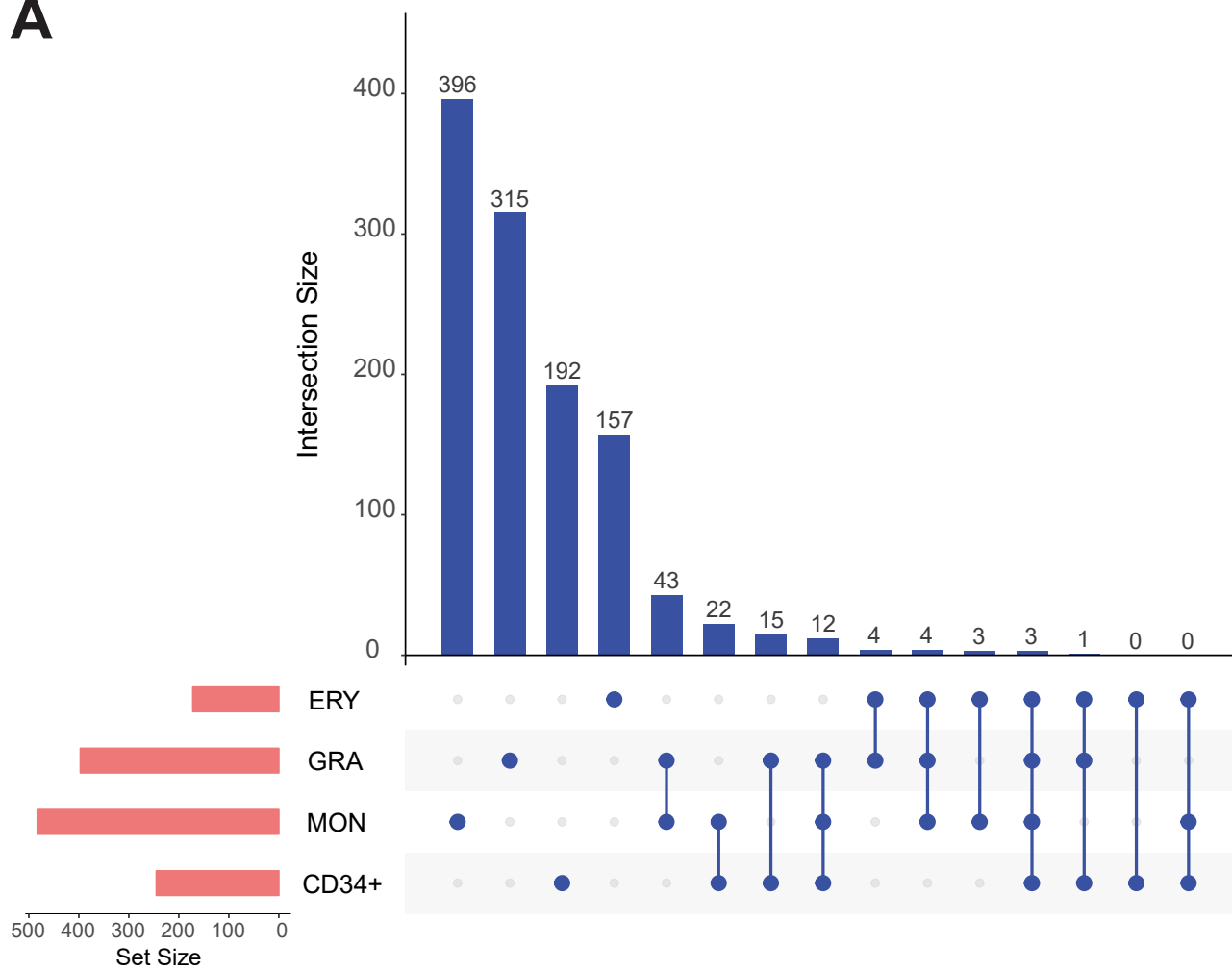


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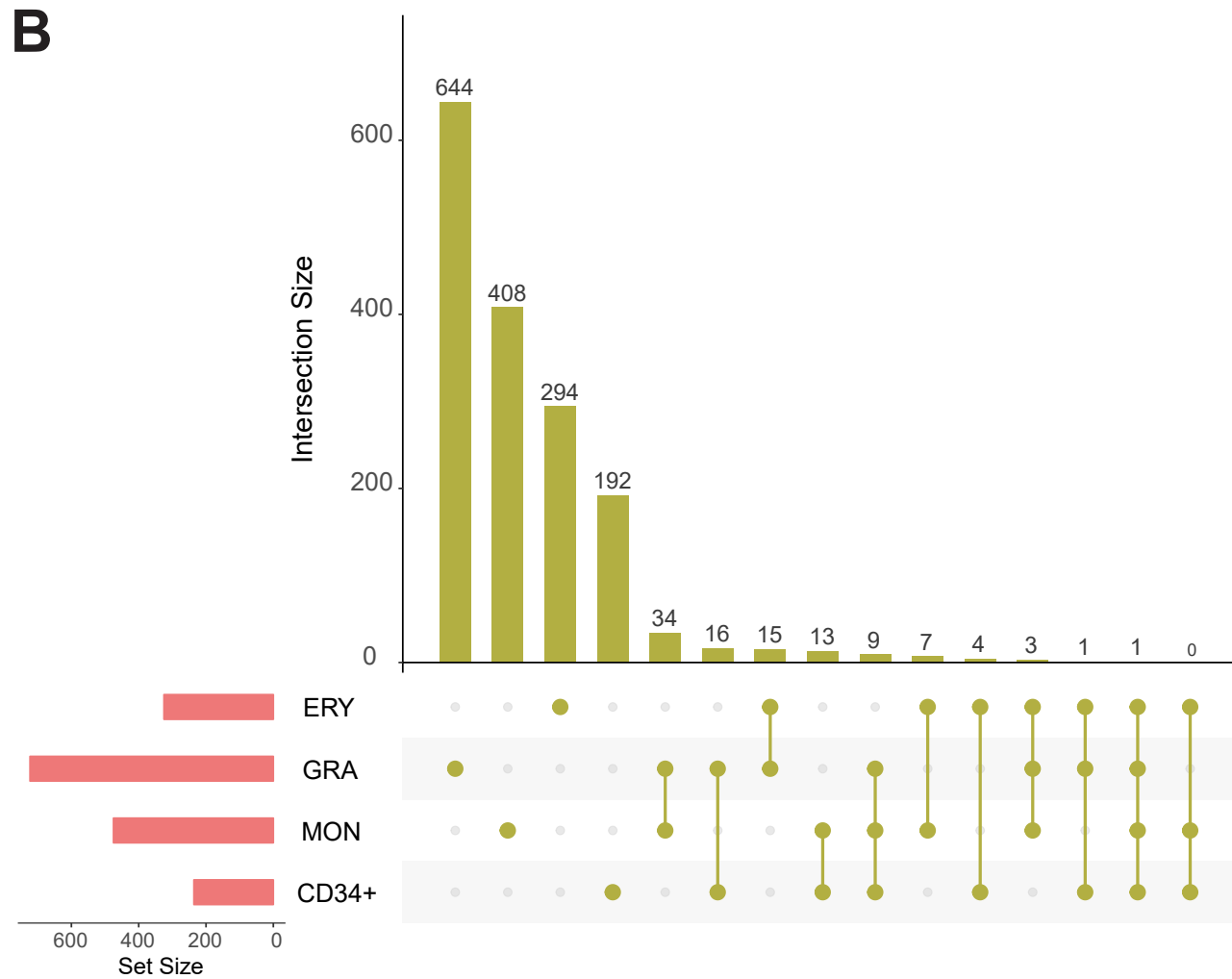


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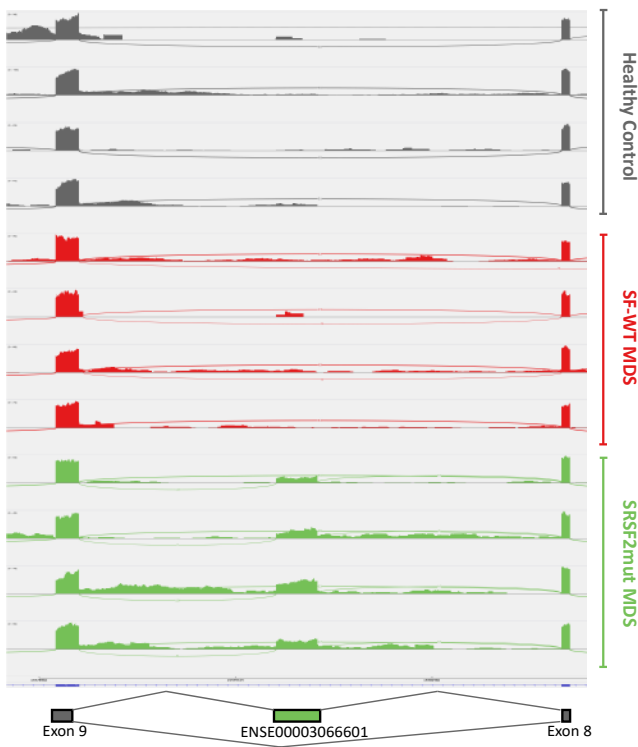


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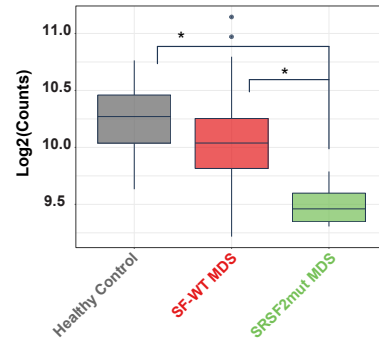


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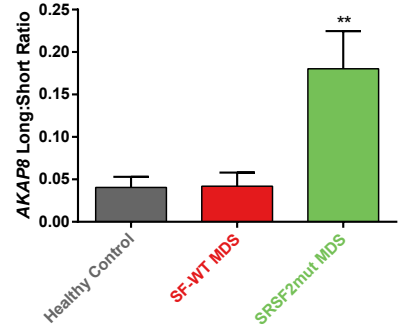
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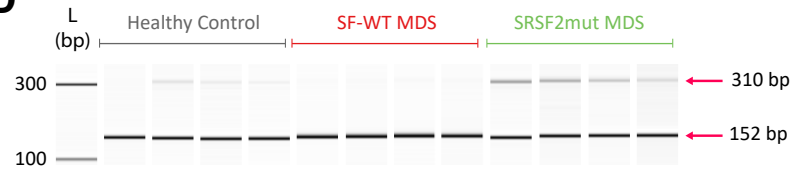
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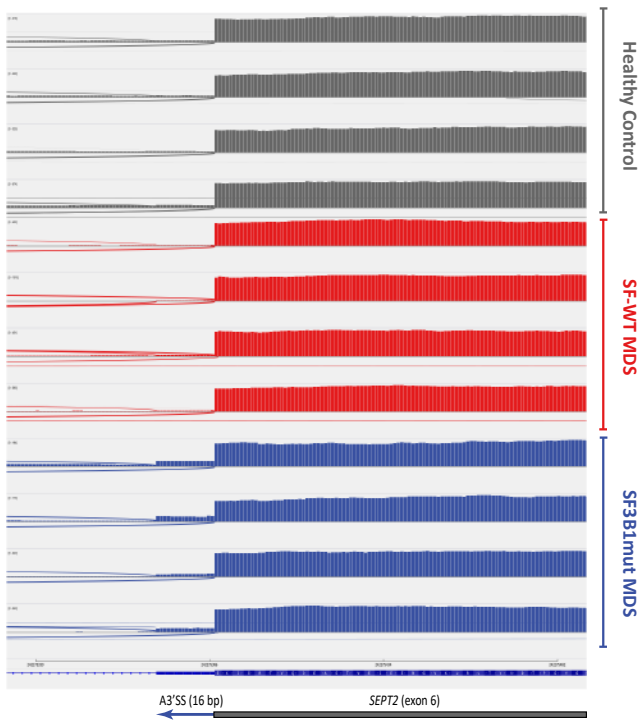
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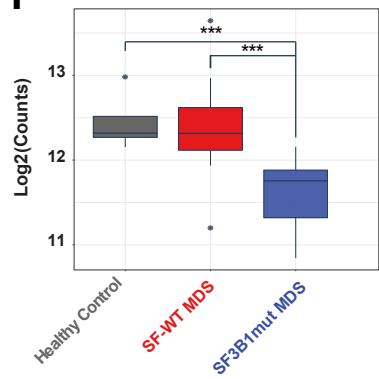
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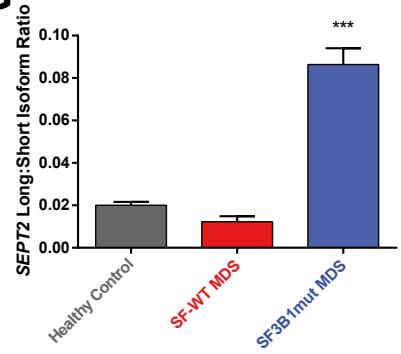
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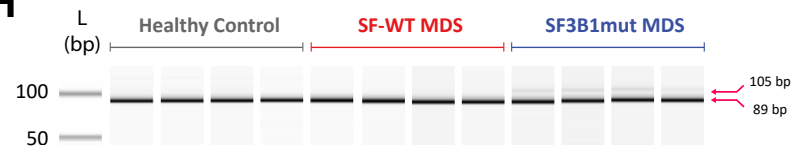
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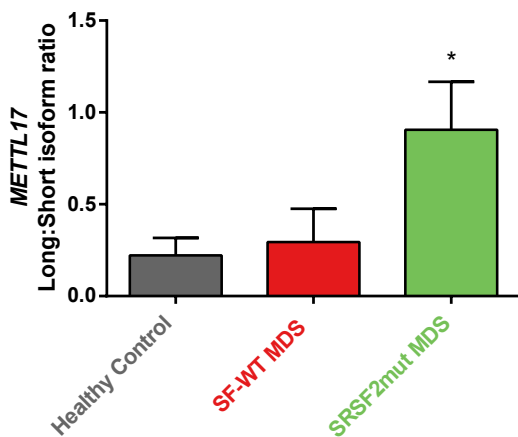
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