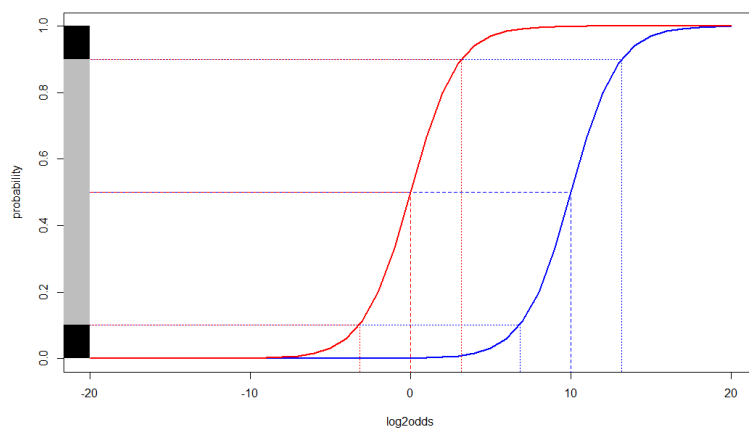


## SUPPLEMENT

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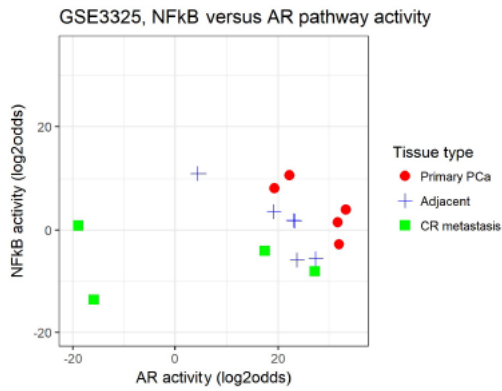
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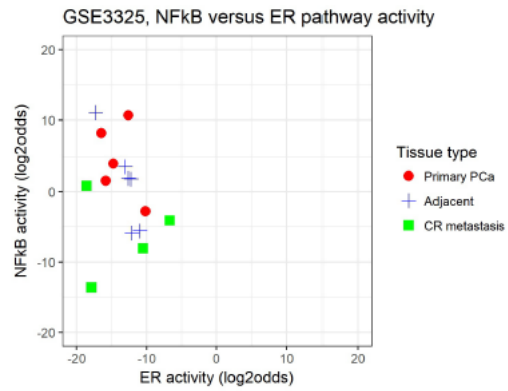


**Supplement Figure 1.** The relationship between Pathway Activity score, calculated as  $\log_2\text{odds}$  (x-axis) and *probability* (y-axis). The direct output of the model calculation is the probability ( $p$ ) that the transcription factor is active; this can be used to calculate the odds  $\{\text{odds}=p/(1-p)\}$  and the  $\log_2\text{odds}$  pathway score.

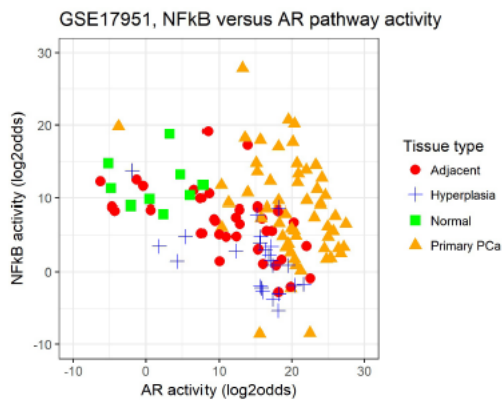
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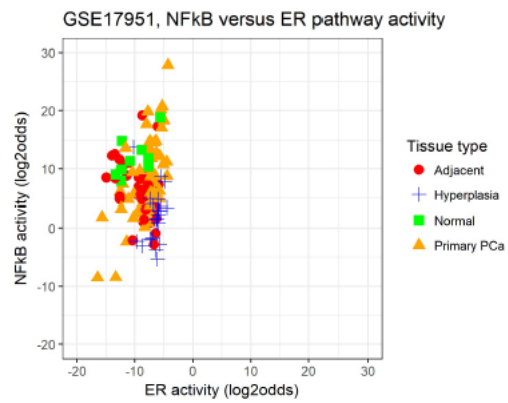
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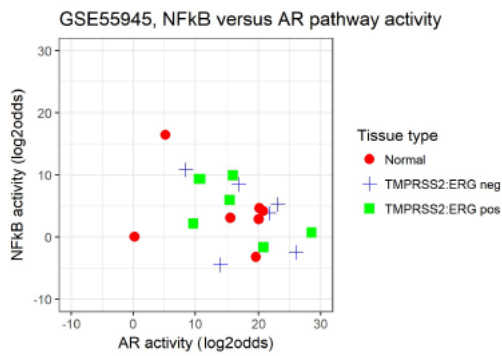
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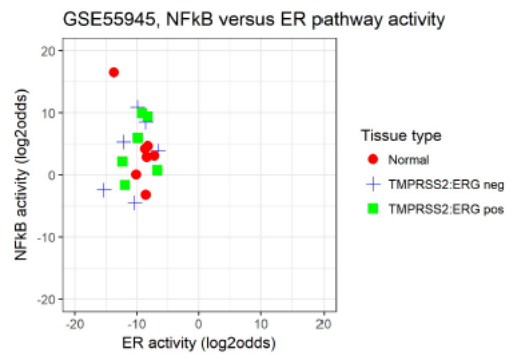
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### Supplement Figure 2.

Correlation plots for NFkB pathway activity versus AR pathway activity (A,C,E) and ER pathway activity (B,D,F) in cancer-adjacent tissue, benign hyperplasia and primary prostate cancer samples from GEO datasets GSE3325, GSE17951, GSE55945

**Supplement Table 1****QC results on GEO datasets**

Dataset	Figure	# of samples analyzed	# QC passed	# QC failed	ID QC failed samples
GSE7553	1A	19	19	0	
GSE39612	1B	66	66	0	
GSE29316	1C	6	6	0	
GSE37418	1D	76	61	15	GSM918579, GSM918580, GSM918581, GSM918585, GSM918599, GSM918617, GSM918623, GSM918628, GSM918631, GSM918632, GSM918635, GSM918648, GSM918649, GSM918652, GSM918653
GSE49243	1E	73	71	2	GSM1195809, GSM1195844
GSE17708	2A	6	6	0	
GSE43700	2B	8	8	0	
GSE7568	2C	15	15	0	
GSE6653	2D	8	8	0	
GSE14491	2E	16	16	0	
GSE59771	2F	4	4	0	
GSE84500	2G	24	24	0	
GSE12195	3A	23	23	0	
GSE12195	3B	113	111	2	GSM476262, GSM476276
GSE72642	3C	18	18	0	
GSE58096	3D	9	9	0	
GSE60028	3E	47	39	8	GSM1463949, GSM1463953, GSM1463962, GSM1463966, GSM1463974, GSM1463981, GSM1463983, GSM1463984
GSE43657	3F	6	6	0	
GSE38010	3G	5	4	1	GSM931818
GSE7868	4A	9	9	0	
GSE7708	4B	8	8	0	
GSE21887	4C	12	12	0	
GSE33316	4D	10	10	0	
GSE32982	4E	9	9	0	
GSE34620	5A	117	115	2	GSM852014, GSM852036
GSE87385	5B	4	4	0	
GSE66354	5C	55	53	2	GSM1620217, GSM1620239
GSE17951	6A	154	125	29	GSM449148, GSM449211, GSM449261, GSM449266, GSM449278, GSM449256, GSM449258, GSM449270, GSM449273, GSM449275, GSM449281, GSM449286, GSM449287, GSM449288, GSM449238, GSM449242, GSM449295, GSM449300, GSM449175, GSM449180, GSM449221, GSM449229, GSM449231, GSM449232, GSM449233, GSM449237, GSM449248, GSM449263, GSM449265
GSE55945	6B	19	19	0	
GSE45016	6C	11	10	1	GSM1095880
GSE3325	6D/6F	15	15	0	
GSE28403	6E	13	13	0	

### Supplement List with GEO datasets used.

Numbers/GEO links of datasets from the GEO database that were used for model calibration and validation purposes, and associated publications.

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## **Supplemental Reference-based selection of pathway model target genes**

### **Pathway target gene selection**

Potential target genes were selected based on literature (PubMed), and scored according to available target gene evidence:

1. The gene promoter/enhancer region contains a response (enhancer) element motif.
2. The pathway-associated transcription factor (TF) (differentially) binds to the promoter/enhancer region of the gene in question, e.g. demonstrated by EMSA (electrophoretic mobility shift assay) or CHIP (chromatin immunoprecipitation).
3. The enhancer/promoter binding motif is proven to be functional, e.g., by means of a transient transfection assay in which the specific motif is linked to a reporter gene.
4. The gene is differentially transcribed when the pathway is active, demonstrated by for example fold enrichment of the mRNA of the gene as measured by real time PCR, or expression microarray.
5. The gene is differentially transcribed when the pathway is active in the presence of cycloheximide (preventing indirect translated protein-mediated effects)
6. Transcriptional regulation of the target gene is as specific as possible for the pathway of interest.

**AR, TGFβ, HH, and NFκB pathway target gene selection, Affymetrix U133 Plus2.0 probeset lists, references for target gene selection**

***1A. AR pathway target gene probeset list***

Gene	Probeset	Gene	Probeset
ABCC4	1554918_a_at	KLK3	204582_s_at
	1555039_a_at		204583_x_at
	203196_at	LCP1	208885_at
APP	200602_at	LRIG1	211596_s_at
	211277_x_at		238339_x_at
	214953_s_at	NDRG1	200632_s_at
AR	211110_s_at	NKX3-1	209706_at
	211621_at		211497_x_at
	226192_at		211498_s_at
CDKN1A	202284_s_at	NTS	206291_at
CREB3L4	226455_at	PLAU	205479_s_at
DHCR24	200862_at		211668_s_at
EAF2	1568672_at	PMEPA1	217875_s_at
	1568673_s_at		222449_at

	219551_at		222450_at
ELL2	214446_at	PPAP2A	209147_s_at
	226099_at		210946_at
	226982_at	PRKACB	202741_at
FGF8	208449_s_at		202742_s_at
FKBP5	204560_at		235780_at
	224840_at	PTPN1	202716_at
	224856_at		217686_at
GUCY1A3	221942_s_at	SGK1	201739_at
	227235_at	TACC2	1570025_at
	229530_at		1570546_a_at
	239580_at		202289_s_at
IGF1	209540_at		211382_s_at
IGF1	209541_at	TMPRSS2	1570433_at
	209542_x_at		205102_at
	211577_s_at		211689_s_at
	KLK2		1555545_at
KLK2	209854_s_at	UGT2B15	207392_x_at
	209855_s_at		216687_x_at
	210339_s_at		



## 1B. AR target gene literature evidence and associated references

#	Gene Name	AR binds to regulatory region, Experiment type [References]	ARE motif in regulatory region, Motif type[Reference]	mRNA transcription Experiment type [References]	Other
1	KLK3	AR CHIP/PCR [1]–[4] AR CHIP/seq [5], [6] <sup>ARmo/hi</sup> , [2] literature [7] AR database[8]	confirmed experimentally, upstr. TSS: - AG <u>A</u> ACAgcaAGT <u>G</u> GCT[7], [9] <sup>lit</sup> - AG <u>G</u> ACAgtaAG <u>C</u> AAG[7] <sup>lit</sup> - GG <u>A</u> ACAtatTGTATC[7],[9] <sup>lit</sup> - AG <u>A</u> TCAaagAG <u>A</u> TAA[7] <sup>lit</sup> - GGATCAgggAGTCTC[9] <sup>lit</sup> NI [3] <sup>Luc</sup> , AR database[8] <sup>4/2mut</sup>	PCR [5], [5] <sup>PT</sup> , [10], [11] <sup>up ctr/nt AR siRNA</sup> PCR [12] <sup>xen</sup> microarray [6] <sup>lit</sup> , [1], [2], [7], [9], [10] Northern blot [7] RNA PolII CHIP/PCR [1] [3] AR database[8] <sup>19up/1down</sup>	Forkhead, GATA, and OCT motif[3]
2	KLK2	AR CHIP/PCR [1] AR CHIP/CHIP [2] AR CHIP/seq [5] literature [7] AR database[8]	confirmed experimentally, upstr. TSS: - GG <u>A</u> ACAgcaAGT <u>G</u> GCT [7] [9] <sup>lit</sup> - tgggGGAACAtatTGTATTtatt[13] <sup>CAT/mut</sup> AR database[8] <sup>1/1mut</sup>	PCR [5], [5] <sup>PT</sup> , [12] <sup>xenogr.</sup> microarray [1], [7], [9], [10] RNA PolII CHIP/PCR [1] AR database[8] <sup>12up</sup>	
2	TMPRSS2	AR CHIP/PCR[1], [3], [4] AR CHIP/CHIP [3] AR CHIP/seq [2] AR database[8] <sup>3</sup>	confirmed experimentally, upstr. TSS: A <u>C</u> AACA 8 TGTCTT [3] <sup>Luc/mut</sup> putative: up. TSS: AG <u>C</u> AGAttcTGGTCT [7]	PCR [5], [5] <sup>PT</sup> , [3] microarray [1], [2] <sup>&lt;5h</sup> , [3], [7] Northern blot [7] RNA PolII CHIP/PCR [1], [3] AR database[8] <sup>10up/1down</sup>	GATA and OCT motif[3]
2	FKBP5	AR CHIP/PCR[4] AR CHIP/PCR [14] <sup>mice</sup> AR CHIP/CHIP[15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup> AR CHIP/seq [5] [2] [6] <sup>ARmo/hi</sup> AR database[8]	confirmed experimentally, downstr. TSS: AGAACAgggTGTCT [14] <sup>Luc/mut</sup>	PCR [5],[10], [15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup> microarray [6] <sup>lit</sup> , [1], [2] <sup>&lt;5h</sup> , [7], microarray [9] <sup>up 10nM/down 1nM</sup> , microarray [10] <sup>PT</sup> , [15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup> RNA PolII CHIP/PCR [2] immunohistochemistry [10] <sup>PT</sup>	

#	Gene Name	AR binds to regulatory region, Experiment type [References]	ARE motif in regulatory region, Motif type[Reference]	mRNA transcription Experiment type [References]	Other
5	GUCY1A3	AR CHIP/PCR [16] AR CHIP/seq [6] <sup>ARmo/hi</sup> , [2] AR database[8]	confirmed experimentally: downtsr. TSS: ...GTACAAATCTCCT...[16] <sup>Luc</sup>	AR database[8] <sup>14up</sup> PCR/western blot[16] immunohistochemistry [16] <sup>PT</sup> microarray [6] <sup>lit</sup> , [2], [7], [9], [10] AR database[8] <sup>5up</sup>	expression increases with PC stage [16] <sup>PT</sup>
6	ABCC4	AR CHIP/PCR [17] AR CHIP/seq [6] <sup>ARmo</sup> , [2]	putative: AGACCAgccTGAGCA [18]	PCR [17], [19]; microarray [6] <sup>lit</sup> , [1], [2], [7] RNA PolII CHIP/PCR [2] AR database[8] <sup>5up</sup> western blot [19]	
7	NDRG1	AR CHIP/CHIP [15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup> AR CHIP/seq [5], [6] <sup>ARhi</sup> , [2] AR database[8]	putative, uptsr. TSS: - TGATT AaacTGTTCT [7] - AATACaccTGTTCC [9] - AATAGAttgTGTATT[9]	PCR [5], [1], [9], [15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup> microarray [6] <sup>lit</sup> , [2], [7], [9], [10] Northern blot [9] RNA PolII CHIP/PCR [2] AR database[8] <sup>10up</sup>	
8	IGF1	AR CHIP/PCR [4], [20]	confirmed experimentally, uptsr. TSS: ATATCTTATTCCTCTTTG, GGCACATAGTAGAGCTCA, or half sites, [8] <sup>lit</sup> , [20] <sup>Luc/EMSA</sup>	PCR [20] microarray [1] <sup>3h down/6-48h up</sup> AR database[8] <sup>2up</sup>	
9	CDKN1A	AR CHIP/PCR [4] literature [7] AR database[8]	confirmed experimentally, uptsr. TSS: AGCACGcgaGGTTCC [21] <sup>EMSA/mut</sup> , [7] <sup>lit</sup> , [22] <sup>Luc*</sup> , [8] <sup>lit</sup>	Northern/Western blot [21] AR database[8] <sup>4up/2down</sup>	SP1 motif binds [22]
10	SGK1	AR CHIP/CHIP [15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup> AR CHIP/seq [6] <sup>ARmo/hi</sup> , [2] AR database[8] <sup>5</sup>	putative, uptsr. TSS: GGCTATcccTGTTCT [8] <sup>lit</sup>	PCR/microarray [15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup> microarray [6] <sup>lit</sup> , [1],[2] <sup>&lt;5h</sup> , [7] RNA PolII CHIP/PCR [2]; AR database[8] <sup>5up</sup>	
11	DHCR24	AR CHIP/CHIP [15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup>	putative,	Microarray [1], [2], [7], [10]	

#	Gene Name	AR binds to regulatory region, Experiment type [References]	ARE motif in regulatory region, Motif type[Reference]	mRNA transcription Experiment type [References]	Other
		AR CHIP/seq [2] AR database[8]	uptsr. TSS: AGAACAtcct <b>ATTCC</b> [7]	Northern blot [7] AR database[8] <sup>5up</sup>	
12	NKX3_1	AR CHIP/seq [2] AR database[8]	putative, uptsr. TSS: AGAAC <b>CattTGATGT</b> [7]	microarray [1], [7], [9] AR database[8] <sup>11up</sup>	
13	APP	AR CHIP/PCR [23] AR CHIP/CHIP [23]	confirmed experimentally, - promoter: AGAACAtgaAGCTAC [23] <sup>Luc/mut</sup> - intron 1: GGTACTgacTGATT [23] <sup>Luc</sup>	PCR [23] <sup>up&gt;12 h</sup> microarray [10] <sup>down</sup> PolII CHIP/PCR[23] AcH3 CHIP/PCR[23] AcH3 CHIP/CHIP[23] PCR [11] <sup>up ctr/nt AR siRNA</sup>	Cancer marker [23]
14	AR	literature [7]	confirmed experimentally: -exon D: <b>CTTCT</b> gaa <b>TGTCCT</b> [7] <sup>lit</sup> -exon E: AGTACTcct <b>GGATGG</b> [7] <sup>lit</sup> AR database[8] <sup>3lit</sup>	AR database[8] <sup>5up/8down</sup> microarray[1] <sup>3h up/6-48h down</sup> , [2] <sup>down</sup> , [7] PCR [15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup>	
15	PMEPA1	AR CHIP/CHIP [15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup> , [6] <sup>ARmo/hi</sup> AR database [8] <sup>2</sup>	putative, uptsr. TSS: <b>TGAAG</b> AatgTGTCT [7]	microarray [6] <sup>lit</sup> , [2] <sup>&lt;5h</sup> , [7], AR database[8] <sup>7up/2down</sup>	
16	LCP1	AR CHIP/seq [6] <sup>ARmo/hi</sup> , [2] AR database [8]		microarray [6] <sup>lit</sup> , [2], [9] RNA PolII CHIP/PCR [2] AR database[8] <sup>4up</sup>	
17	LRIG1	AR CHIP/seq [2], [6] <sup>ARmo/hi</sup>		microarray [6] <sup>lit</sup> , [1], [2], [11] <sup>ctr</sup> AR database[8] <sup>2up</sup>	
18	PTPN1	AR CHIP/seq [2]		microarray [1] <sup>down</sup> , [2] <sup>down</sup> , [10] <sup>down</sup> RNA PolII CHIP/PCR [2]	
20	ELL2	AR CHIP/CHIP [15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup>		PCR [15] <sup>HPr1AR</sup> , [12] <sup>xen</sup> , [14] <sup>mice</sup> microarray [1], [2] <sup>&lt;5h</sup> , [7], [9], [10] AR database [8] <sup>6up</sup>	
19	UGT2B1 5	AR database[8]		microarray [10] <sup>down</sup> AR database [8] <sup>1up/9down</sup>	

#	Gene Name	AR binds to regulatory region, Experiment type [References]	ARE motif in regulatory region, Motif type[Reference]	mRNA transcription Experiment type [References]	Other
21	PPAP2A	AR CHIP/seq [6] <sup>ARmo/hi</sup>		microarray [6] <sup>lit</sup> , [1] <sup>3h down/6-48h up</sup> , [2], [7] AR database [8] <sup>3up</sup>	
22	TACC2	AR CHIP/seq [5], [6] <sup>ARhi</sup> , [2]		microarray [6] <sup>lit</sup> , [2] RNA PolII CHIP/PCR [2]	
23	EAF2	AR CHIP/seq [2]		microarray [1], [2] <sup>&lt;5h</sup> RNA PolII CHIP/seq [2]	
24	FGF8	AR database [8]	putative: gcaGGGCCTggcTGTGCTgct [8]	AR database [8] <sup>2up</sup>	
25	PLAU	AR CAT assay [24] AR database [8]		PCR/microarray [15] <sup>HPr1AR, down</sup> northern blot [24] <sup>PC3-AR down, CHX</sup> western blot [24] <sup>PC3-AR down</sup> AR database [8] <sup>5down</sup>	
26	CREB3L4			microarray [1] <sup>3-6h down/12-48h up</sup> Northern blot [25] <sup>up, chx down, PT</sup> Immunostaining [25] <sup>PT up</sup> , [26] AR database [8] <sup>1up</sup>	Indirect gene [25]
27	PRKACB			PCR/ microarray [27], immunoblot [27], [27] <sup>PT</sup> AR database [8] <sup>1up</sup>	
28	NTS			Northern blot [28] <sup>down</sup> microarray [2] <sup>down</sup>	
NA	DRG1				

(PT): measured in primary tumor; (up): up regulated- only indicated if needed; (down): down regulated; (#): number of references cited;

(#h) exposure time; (#nM) concentration; (nt AR siRNA): not differentially expressed when AR is silenced;

(ctr): in control siRNA experiment; (CHX): in cycloheximide

(ARmo): LNCaP cell line moderately overexpressing AR; (AR /hi): LNCaP cell line highly one\overexpressing AR; (PC3-AR) PC3 cell line expressing AR;

(lit): from analysis of public microarray data;

(HPr1AR): normal PC cell line overexpressing AR; (xen) measured in xenograft; (mice) measured in mice;  
TSS: Transcription site start



## 2A. TGFβ pathway target gene probeset list

Gene	Probeset	Gene	Probeset
ANGPTL4	223333_s_at	PDGFB	204200_s_at
	221009_s_at		216061_x_at
CDC42EP3	209286_at		217112_at
	209288_s_at		217430_x_at
	225685_at		PTHLH
209287_s_at	206300_s_at		
CDKN1A	202284_s_at	SERPINE1	1556773_at
	1555186_at		211756_at
CDKN2B	236313_at		202627_s_at
	207530_s_at		1568765_at
CTGF	209101_at		202628_s_at
GADD45A	203725_at	SGK1	201739_at
GADD45B	207574_s_at	SKIL	206675_s_at
	209305_s_at		225227_at
	209304_x_at		215889_at
HMGA2	208025_s_at	SMAD4	202526_at
	1567224_at		202527_s_at
	1568287_at		1565703_at
	1558683_a_at		235725_at
	1561633_at	SMAD5	225223_at
	1559891_at		235451_at
	1558682_at		225219_at
ID1	208937_s_at		205187_at
IL11	206924_at		205188_s_at
	206926_s_at	SMAD6	207069_s_at
INPP5D	203331_s_at		209886_s_at
	1568943_at	SMAD7	204790_at
	203332_s_at	SNAI1	219480_at
JUNB	201473_at	SNAI2	213139_at
MMP2	1566678_at		
	201069_at	VEGFA	210513_s_at
MMP9	203936_s_at		210512_s_at
NKX2-5	206578_at		212171_x_at
OVOL1	206604_at		211527_x_at
	229396_at		

## 2B. TGFβ pathway target gene selection, literature evidence and associated references

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ChIP: Chromatin Immuno Precipitation

EMSA: Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assay

DE: differential expression between samples with active and inactive pathway

Score: cumulative score

Target genes	Reference	RE	PR	ChIP	DE	Score
ANGPTL4	[29],[30],	1			1	2
CDC42EP3	[31]	1			1	2
CDKN1A	[31],[32],[33]	1			1	2
CDKN2B	[31];[32],[34]	1				1
CTGF	[31],[35], [36],[37],[29]	1			1	2
GADD45A	[31]	1			1	2
HMGA2	[29],[38],[39]	1	1	1	1	3
ID1	[40],[41],[29]	1	1		1	2
IL11	[35],[42]				1	1
INPP5D	[43]				1	1
JUNB	[44],[45],[46],[39]	1	1		1	3
MMP2	[47],[48]				1	1
MMP9	[47],[48]				1	1
NKX2-5	[49]	1			1	2
OVOL1	[31]	1			1	2
PDGFB	[31],[29]	1			1	2
PTHLH	[50],[35],[29]	1			1	2
SERPINE1	[37],[36],[51]	1			1	2
SGK1	[31]	1			1	2
SKIL	[52]				1	1
SMAD4	[33]	1			1	2
SMAD5	[53]	1				1
SMAD7	[54],[33],[51]	1			1	2
SNAI1	[39],[29]	1			1	2
TIMP1	[48]				1	1
VEGFA	[29],[29],[55],[35]	1	1		1	4

*Additional general references: [56];[57];[58];[59],[60]*



### 3A. Hedgehog pathway target gene probeset list

Gene	Probeset	Gene	Probeset
BCL2	203684_s_at	HHIP	1556037_s_at
	203685_at		223775_at
	207004_at		237466_s_at
	207005_s_at	IGFBP6	203851_at
CCND1	208711_s_at	IL1R2	205403_at
	208712_at		211372_s_at
	214019_at	JAG2	209784_s_at
CCND2	200951_s_at	JUP	32137_at
	200952_s_at		201015_s_at
	200953_s_at		
	231259_s_at	MYCN	209756_s_at
CFLAR	208485_x_at	MYLK	209757_s_at
	209508_x_at		211377_x_at
	209939_x_at		234376_at
	210563_x_at	MYLK	1563466_at
	210564_x_at		1568770_at
	211316_x_at		202555_s_at
	211317_s_at		224823_at
	211862_x_at	NKX2-2	206915_at
	214486_x_at	NKX2-8	207451_at
	214618_at	PITRM1	205273_s_at
	235427_at	PTCH1	1555520_at
	239629_at		208522_s_at
	224261_at		209815_at
			209816_at
CTSL	202087_s_at		
FOXA2	210103_s_at	PTCH2	221292_at
	40284_at	RAB34	1555630_a_at
FOXF1	205935_at		224710_at
FOXL1	216572_at	S100A7	205916_at
	243409_at	S100A9	203535_at
FOXM1	202580_x_at	SPP1	209875_s_at
FST	204948_s_at	TCEA2	203919_at
	207345_at		238173_at
	226847_at		241428_x_at
FYN	1559101_at	TOM1	202807_s_at
	210105_s_at	TSC22D1	215111_s_at
	212486_s_at		243133_at
	216033_s_at		239123_at
GLI1	206646_at		

GLI3	1569342_at
	205201_at
	227376_at
H19	224646_x_at
	224997_x_at

### 3B. Hedgehog pathway target gene selection, literature evidence and references

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EMSA: Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assay

DE: differential expression between samples with active and inactive pathway

CHX: differential expression in the presence of cycloheximide

TF: transcription factor

Score: cumulative score

NAME	REFERENCES	PR	RE	EMSA	CHIP	DE	CHX	stable trans- fection TF	SCORE
<i>GLI1</i>	[61],[62],[63],[64],[65]		1	1	1	1			4
<i>PTCH1</i>	[61],[62],[63],[64],[65]		1		1	1			3
<i>PTCH2</i>	[61], [62]		1		1	1			3
<i>HHIP</i>	[62]		1		1				2
<i>SPP1</i>	[61]		1	1		1		1	3
<i>TSC22D1</i>	[61]					1		1	2
<i>H19</i>	[61]					1		1	2
<i>IGFBP6</i>	[61]		1	1		1		1	4
<i>TOM1</i>	[61]					1		1	2
<i>JUP</i>	[61],[63]		1	1		1			3
<i>nkx2-2</i>	[62],[63]		1		1				2
<i>nkx2-8</i>	[62]		1		1				2
<i>FoxA2</i>	[62]				1				1

<i>Rab34</i>	[62]		1		1			2
<i>GLI3</i>	[62]				1			1
<i>FST</i>	[66]	1	1	1		1		4
<i>BCL2</i>	[67],[68]	1	1	1		1		4
<i>CTSL</i>	[67]					1		1
<i>TCEA2</i>	[67]					1		1
<i>MYLK</i>	[67]					1		1
<i>FYN</i>	[67]					1		1
<i>PITRM1</i>	[67]					1		1
<i>CFLAR</i>	[69],[70]	1	1	1		1		4
<i>IL1R2</i>	[67]	1	1					2
<i>S100A7</i>	[67]	1	1					2
<i>S100A9</i>	[67]	1	1					2
<i>CCND1</i>	[67]	1	1					2
<i>JAG2</i>	[67]	1	1					2
<i>FOX M1</i>	[71]					1		1
<i>Foxf1</i>	[72]	1	1	1	1	1		5
<i>FoxL1</i>	[70]		1	1	1	1		4
<i>CCND2</i>	[63],[70]		1		1			2
<i>MYCN</i>	[73],[70]		1			1	1	3

#### 4A. NFkB pathway target gene selection, Affymetrix probeset selection, and associated references

RE: Response element (enhancer element/binding motif)

PR: promoter reporter (e.g. luciferase) experiment

ChIP: Chromatin Immuno Precipitation

EMSA: Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assay

DE: differential expression between samples with active and inactive pathway

CHX differential expression in the presence of cycloheximide

Score: cumulative score

Gene	Probeset	RE	PR	ChIP	EMSA	DE	CHX	Score	REFERENCES
PTGS2	1554997_a_at	1	1	1		1		4	[74],[75],[76],[77],[78],[79],[80]
	204748_at								
IL8	202859_x_at	1	1	1		1		2	[80],[81],[82],[78],[83]
	211506_s_at								
NFKBIE	203927_at	1	1	1		1	1	5	[83],[84] [82]
IL6	205207_at	1		1		1		3	[76],[85],[86],[84]
MMP9	203936_s_at	1		1				2	[78]
TNF	207113_s_at	1	1		1	1		4	[76],[78],[82], [81]
ICAM1	202637_s_at	1	1	1		1		4	[80], [86],[85], [78],[77]

	202638_s_at								
	215485_s_at								
CCL2	216598_s_at	1			1	1		3	[82],[86],[77],[87]
CCL5	1405_i_at	1	1		1	1		4	[78],[84],[81],[88]
	1555759_a_at								
	204655_at								
NFKB2	207535_s_at	1		1		1		3	[88],[76],[78],[89],[84], [84],[82]
	209636_at								
	211524_at								
TNIP1	207196_s_at	1		1	1	1	1	5	[83],[88],[76],[89]
VCAM1	203868_s_at	1	1			1		3	[86],[77],[75]
SELE	206211_at	1				1		2	[77],[85],[82]
CCL22	207861_at	1		1				2	[81],[88]
BCL2L1	206665_s_at				1	1		2	[88],[75],[79]
	212312_at								
	215037_s_at								
	231228_at								

NFKBIA	201502_s_at	1				1		2	[76],[84],[82],[81]
	231699_at								
IRF1	202531_at	1		1		1		3	[88],[76],[78]
	238725_at								
CCL20	205476_at	1				1		2	[76],[86],[82]
CX3CL1	203687_at	1				1		2	[88],[77],[86]
	823_at								
CXCL2	1569203_at	1		1	1	1		4	[77],[76],[75]
	209774_x_at								
	230101_at								
CXCL3	207850_at	1		1	1	1		4	[83],[76],[78],[86]
	205114_s_at								
CXCL1	204470_at	1		1		1		3	[75],[84],[86],[78],[76]
IL1B	205067_at	1	1		1	1		4	[78],[82],[87]
	39402_at								
CCL4	204103_at	1		1		1		3	[78],[87]
BIRC3	210538_s_at	1			1	1		3	[88],[89],[79],[86],[82]
	230499_at								

TNFAIP2	202509_s_at	1			1	1	1	4	[81]
	202510_s_at								
STAT5A	203010_at	1		1		1		3	[88],[78]
TRAF1	205599_at	1		1		1		3	[88],[76],[77],[78],[79]
	235116_at								
CCL3	205114_s_at	1		1		1		3	[88],[76]

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## **Comparison between Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) and Pathway analysis on two groups of samples in a dataset**

GEO dataset GSE8671 contains Affymetrix HG-U133Plus2.0 data of 64 patient samples: 32 colon adenomas and 32 matched normal colon samples. The Wnt pathway is known to be the dominant signaling pathway that is active in colon adenoma and carcinoma (e.g. work of Hans Clevers, e.g. Bienz M, Clevers H, Cell. 2000 Oct 13;103(2):311-20; Radtke F, Clevers H, Science. 2005 Mar 25;307(5717):1904-9.)

Analysis of individual sample data with our pathway analysis approach, revealed the Wnt pathway as the most prominently active pathway, with the Wnt pathway active in colon adenoma samples and inactive in normal colon samples; the other dominant pathway was the PI3K pathway, which was found active in the majority of the colon adenoma samples, and not in the normal tissue samples (Verhaegh et al., Cancer Res. 2014 Jun 1;74(11):2936-45; and van Ooijen et al. [Am J Pathol.](#) 2018 Sep;188(9):1956-1972).

GSEA was performed on the two groups of samples (colon adenoma versus normal colon) resulting in the Wnt pathway showing up for the first time at rank 87, with a false-discovery rate corrected p-value of 0.038, while other Wnt-related pathways were not significantly upregulated (see Table A below). The PI3K pathway did not show up as a significantly upregulated (Table D). In contrast, many other pathways were listed in the top 10 up- or downregulated pathways without any clear biological relation to colon adenomas vs. normal colon (Tables B-C).

### Results GSEA:

#### A. Ranks of upregulated Wnt-related 'pathways' as reported by GSEA:

Rank	Name	NOM p-val	FDR q-val	FWER p-val
87	REACTOME_SIGNALING_BY_WNT	0.027	0.038	0.772
176	KEGG_WNT_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	0.350	0.583	1.000
194	BIOCARTA_WNT_PATHWAY	0.481	0.672	1.000
199	WNT_SIGNALING	0.518	0.691	1.000
216	ST_WNT_BETA_CATENIN_PATHWAY	0.675	0.801	1.000

#### B. Top 10 pathways that were 'upregulated' in colon adenoma according to GSEA:

Rank	Name	NOM p-val	FDR q-val	FWER p-val
1	REACTOME_TRANSCRIPTION_OF_THE_HIV_GENOME	0.000	0.024	0.025
2	REACTOME_RNA_POLYMERASE_II_TRANSCRIPTION	0.000	0.018	0.035

3	REACTOME_LATE_PHASE_OF_HIV_LIFE_CYCLE	0.000	0.012	0.035
4	REACTOME_FORMATION_AND_MATURATION_OF_MRNA_TRANSCRIPT	0.000	0.016	0.060
5	KEGG_UBIQUITIN_MEDIATED_PROTEOLYSIS	0.000	0.016	0.071
6	REACTOME_DNA_REPAIR	0.000	0.015	0.079
7	REACTOME_GENE_EXPRESSION	0.000	0.014	0.090
8	KEGG_RNA_DEGRADATION	0.002	0.014	0.096
9	REACTOME_HIV1_TRANSCRIPTION_INITIATION	0.000	0.013	0.099
10	REACTOME_HIV1_TRANSCRIPTION_ELONGATION	0.000	0.012	0.106

C. Top 10 'pathways' that were 'downregulated' in colon adenoma according to GSEA:

Rank	Name	NOM p-val	FDR q-val	FWER p-val
1	REACTOME_TCR_SIGNALING	0.016	1.000	0.863
2	BIOCARTA_TFF_PATHWAY	0.025	1.000	0.878
3	REACTOME_INTEGRIN_CELL_SURFACE_INTERACTIONS	0.002	1.000	0.929
4	KEGG_DRUG_METABOLISM_OTHER_ENZYMES	0.008	1.000	0.948
5	KEGG_INTESTINAL_IMMUNE_NETWORK_FOR_IGA_PRODUCTION	0.008	1.000	0.958
6	KEGG_FC_GAMMA_R_MEDIATED_PHAGOCYTOSIS	0.032	1.000	0.959
7	KEGG_GLYCOSPHINGOLIPID_BIOSYNTHESIS_LACTO_AND_NEOLACTO_SERIES	0.010	1.000	0.959
8	REACTOME_GS_ALPHA_MEDIATED_EVENTS_IN_GLUCAGON_SIGNALLING	0.002	1.000	0.969
9	REACTOME_DOWNSTREAM_TCR_SIGNALING	0.045	1.000	0.969
10	BIOCARTA_AKT_PATHWAY	0.027	1.000	0.970

D. PI3K-related pathway analysis with GSEA on GSE8671:

<b>Upregulated in colon adenomas</b>				
Rank	Name	NOM p-val	FDR q-val	FWER p-val
151	REACTOME_PI3K_AKT_SIGNALLING	0.192	0.336	1.000
<b>Downregulated in colon adenomas</b>				



Rank	Name	NOM p-val	FDR q-val	FWER p-val
26	REACTOME_G_BETA_GAMMA_SIGNALLING_THROUGH_PI3KGAMMA	0.018	0.829	0.997
147	REACTOME_PI3K_CASCADE	0.116	0.431	1.000
296	REACTOME_CD28_DEPENDENT_PI3K_AKT_SIGNALING	0.432	0.604	1.000