

1 **Online Methods**

2 **Cell lines.** HUH7 and Hep3B cells were obtained from Japanese Collection of Research
3 Bioresources (JCRB) and ATCC, respectively. RIL175 cells were kindly provided by Prof.
4 Simon Rothenfußer (Center of Integrated Protein Science Munich (CIPS-M) and Division of
5 Clinical Pharmacology, Department of Internal Medicine IV, Klinikum der Universität
6 München). For the cultivation of HUH7 and RIL175 DMEM (PAN Biotech GmbH, Aidenbach,
7 Germany) supplemented with 10% FCS (Biochrom AG, Berlin, Germany) was used, while
8 Hep3B cells were cultured in MEM Eagle (PAN Biotech GmbH, Aidenbach, Germany)
9 supplemented with 10% FCS. All cells were cultured at 37 °C with 5% CO₂ in constant
10 humidity in an incubator. Before cell seeding, all culture flasks, multiwell-plates and dishes
11 were coated with collagen G (0.001% in PBS, Biochrom AG, Berlin, Germany).

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13 **Compounds.** (R)-Roscovitine was obtained from Sigma-Aldrich. Sorafenib was obtained
14 from Enzo Life Sciences. Dinaciclib and Gefitinib was obtained from Selleckchem. LGR1407
15 was kindly provided by Libor Havlíček (Institute of Experimental Botany AS CR, Prague,
16 Czech Republic) (1).

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18 **Transfection experiments – Cdk5 shRNA.** For the transduction of HUH7 and Hep3B cells
19 with Cdk5 shRNA and nt shRNA, Cdk5 MISSION® shRNA Lentiviral Transduction Particles
20 (Vector: pLKO.1-puro; SHCLNV-NM_004935; Clone ID: (1) TRCN0000021465, (2)
21 TRCN0000021466, (3) TRCN0000021467, (4) TRCN0000194974, (5) TRCN0000195513;
22 Sigma-Aldrich, Taufkirchen, Germany) and MISSION® pLKO.1-puro Non-Mammalian
23 shRNA Control Transduction Particles (SHC002V; Sigma-Aldrich, Taufkirchen, Germany) as
24 a non-targeting control were used according to the manufacturer's protocol. Both cell lines
25 were transduced with a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of one. Successfully transduced cells
26 were selected by adding 2 µg/ml puromycin (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) to the
27 medium. After the initial selection, puromycin concentration was reduced to 1 µg/ml for

28 further cultivation to ensure the stable transfection with Cdk5 and nt shRNA. By using
29 Western Blot analysis the most efficient and well tolerated clones were selected.

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31 **Genome engineering using the CRISPR/Cas9 system.** For the knockout of Cdk5 in murine
32 RIL175 cells the CRISPR-Cas9 system was used as described previously (2). In short, we
33 decided to introduce an InDel-mutation in exon 2 of Cdk5. Therefore we sequenced the
34 genomic region of interest (Cdk5 sequencing primer: 5'-GAGTTTATGGCAGATTCTCC-3')
35 and designed single guide RNAs (sgRNAs) as described previously (3). The three top-
36 ranked sgRNAs were used for further experiments and were inserted into the
37 eCas9_Puro2.0 plasmid using the T4 DNA ligase protocol provided by the manufacturer
38 (New England BioLabs, Frankfurt a.M., Germany). After transformation into competent
39 DH5 α -E.coli, plasmids were isolated using the QIAGEN Plasmid Maxiprep Kit (Qiagen,
40 Hilden, Germany) according to the manufacturer's protocol and sequenced starting from the
41 U6 promotor to validate the correct insertion. RIL175 wild-type cells were then transfected
42 with the respective plasmids using Lipofectamine™ 3000 reagent (Invitrogen, Hilden,
43 Germany) as described by the manufacturer. After selection with puromycin, genome
44 targeting efficiency was checked using T7 DNA endonuclease I as described by the
45 manufacturer (New England BioLabs, Frankfurt a.M., Germany). Cells transfected with the
46 most efficient sgRNA (Cdk5 sgRNA top: 5'-CACCGGCTCTGAAGCGTGTCAGGC-3'; bottom:
47 5'-AAACGCCTGACACGCTTCAGAGCC-3') were diluted for clonal selection. Gene knockout
48 in identified clones was confirmed with sequencing and Western blot. Sequencing services,
49 sequencing primers, cloning oligomers and PCR primers were provided by Eurofins
50 Genomics GmbH (Ebersberg, Germany).

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52 **Proliferation assay.** The proliferation of HCC cells was evaluated using the xCELLigence
53 system (Roche Diagnostics, Mannheim, Germany). The respective cell lines were seeded at
54 the given density in 100 μ l growth medium in equilibrated 16-well E-plates (HUH7: 2 x 10³
55 cells per well; Hep3B: 4 x 10³ cells per well). After an initial incubation of 24 h without any

56 compounds, cells were either treated with different substances for 72 h or left untreated as a
57 control (4 wells per experimental condition). Through impedance measurement, the
58 xCELLigence system evaluates the cell index, a dimensionless parameter, which is
59 proportional to the cell number and recorded every hour. In each figure, the cell index is
60 displayed as one representative experiment. After normalizing the cell index to the start
61 point of treatment, the doubling time was evaluated by the xCELLigence software and served
62 for statistical evaluation. Doubling time was calculated from at least three independent
63 experiments.

64 For the evaluation of synergism, two separate methods were used. First, the Combination
65 Subthresholding approach was used where synergy is assumed, if both single treatments
66 alone show no significant benefit over the untreated control, while the combination of both
67 treatments shows a significant effect (4). Secondly, synergism was calculated using the Bliss
68 Independence model (5). Therefore, the Bliss Value (BV) was evaluated by comparing the
69 effects of drug A (E_A) and drug B (E_B) with the effect of the combination of both drugs (E_{AB})
70 according to the following formula:

$$71 \quad BV = \frac{E_{AB}}{(E_A + E_B) - (E_A \times E_B)}$$

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73 Synergistic effects were assumed with $BV > 1$, antagonistic effects with $BV < 1$ and additive
74 effects with $BV = 1$.

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76 **Clonogenic assay.** For the evaluation of long term cell survival, cells were seeded into 6-
77 well plates and treated with the respective compounds for 24 h. After the incubation, cells
78 were trypsinized and reseeded at a density of 1×10^4 cells per well into a 6-well plate. After
79 incubation for 7 d, viable cells were stained with crystal violet solution for 10 min (RT). Bound
80 dye was solubilized by adding 1 ml dissolving buffer and the absorbance at 550 nm was
81 measured using a SpectraFluor Plus™ plate reader (Tecan, Crailsheim, Germany).

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84 **Immunohistochemistry.** 5 μm sections of paraffin embedded tumors from the xenograft
85 mouse model were used for IHC. Therefore the slides were first deparaffinized and
86 rehydrated. Thereafter the sections were boiled in sodium citrate buffer (10 mM sodium
87 citrate, 0.05% Tween 20, pH 6.0) for antigen retrieval, before endogenous peroxidase was
88 blocked by incubation in 7.5% hydrogen peroxide for 10 min. As an indicator for proliferating
89 cells a primary antibody against Ki67 (1:100, Abcam, ab15580) was applied for 1 h at room
90 temperature. The Vectastain[®] Universal Elite ABC Kit (Vector Laboratories, Burlingame, CA)
91 was used for antibody detection according to the manufacturer's protocol and AEC (Thermo
92 Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) was used as a chromogen. The slides were then
93 counterstained with hematoxylin (Sigma Aldrich, Taufkirchen, Germany) for 1 min before
94 being washed with distilled water. The sections were embedded in FluorSave[™] Reagent
95 mounting medium and covered with glass coverslips. Images were collected with an
96 Olympus BX41 microscope and an Olympus DP25 camera (Olympus, Hamburg, Germany).

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98 **Cell cycle and apoptosis analysis.** Cell cycle analysis and evaluation of apoptosis rates
99 was performed as described by Nicoletti et. al. (6). In detail, cells were seeded at a density
100 of 8×10^4 cells per well into 24 well plates and treated with Sorafenib (5 μM , 24, 48 and 72
101 h). After incubation cells were trypsinized, washed with PBS and centrifuged (600 g, 4°C, 10
102 min). Further cells were permeabilized and stained by adding fluorochrome solution (FS)
103 containing propidium iodide (Sigma Aldrich, Taufkirchen, Germany). After an overnight
104 incubation at 4 °C, cells were analysed by flow cytometry on a FACSCalibur (Becton
105 Dickinson, Heidelberg, Germany). For the determination of cell populations in different cell
106 cycle phases and the percentage of apoptotic cells the FlowJo 7.6 analysis software (Tree
107 Star Inc., Ashland, USA) was used.

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109 **Migration/invasion assays.** To examine the migratory ability of HCC cells under the
110 influence of various compounds, cells were first seeded into 6-well plates and either left
111 untreated or pretreated with the indicated agent for 24 h. After pretreatment, cells were

112 trypsinized, centrifuged (1000 rpm, 5 min, RT) and resuspended in DMEM or DMEM
113 containing chemotherapeutic agents. 1×10^5 cells per condition were seeded into collagen G
114 coated Transwell® Permeable Supports (8 μm pore polycarbonate inserts, Corning Inc., New
115 York, NY), which were then placed into a 24-well plate containing 700 μl DMEM (negative
116 control) or DMEM containing 10% FCS per well. Cell were allowed to migrate for 16 h
117 (HUH7) or 24 h (Hep3B) before being stained with crystal violet. Migrated cells were counted
118 in 5 fields under a 10-fold objective lense of a Zeiss Axiovert 25 microscope (Zeiss, Jena,
119 Germany) and imaged with a Canon 450D camera (Canon, Krefeld, Germany). Cell counting
120 was performed by using the particle counter plugin of the ImageJ software. For the
121 evaluation of invasive capabilities the Transwell® Permeable Supports were coated with
122 Matrigel® (Corning Inc., New York, NY) to simulate extracellular matrix.

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124 **Proteomic analysis via LC-MS/MS.**

125 *Treatment of cells.* Nt shRNA and Cdk5 shRNA HUH7 cells were seeded at a density of 0.35
126 $\times 10^6$ cells per well into 6-well plates and treated with Sorafenib (0.5 μM , 5 μM , 24h). After
127 incubation cells were washed five times with PBS and detached with trypsin/EDTA. To
128 remove excessive trypsin/EDTA cells were centrifuged (1000 rpm, 5 min, 4°C). Cell pellets
129 were resuspended in 100 μl ice-cold PBS and stored at -80°C until further processing.

130 *Sample processing.* Per 1×10^5 cells 20 μl of 8 M urea / 0.4 M NH_4HCO_3 was added. Cells
131 were lysed using an ultrasonic device (Sonoplus GM3200 with BR30 cup booster, Bandelin,
132 Berlin, Germany) applying 10,000 kJ. For further homogenization, samples were centrifuged
133 through QIA-Shredder devices (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany). Protein concentrations were
134 determined by Bradford assays and adjusted to 0.6 mg/ml with 8 M urea/0.4 M NH_4HCO_3 . To
135 cleave bisulfide bonds, 25 μg of total protein was incubated with DTE at a concentration of
136 4.5 mM for 30 min and free sulfhydryl residues were blocked with iodoacetamide (final
137 concentration 10 mM) for 30 min in the dark. After dilution with water to a concentration of 1
138 M urea, 0.5 μg porcine trypsin (Promega, Madison, WI, USA) was added and incubated
139 overnight at 37 °C.

140 *Liquid-chromatography mass spectrometry.* Chromatography of peptides was performed on
141 an EASY-nLC 1000 chromatography system (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA) coupled to an
142 Orbitrap XL instrument (Thermo Scientific). 2.5 µg of peptides diluted in 0.1 % formic acid
143 (FA) were transferred to a trap column (PepMap100 C18, 75 µm x 2 cm, 3 µm particles,
144 Thermo Scientific) and separated at a flow rate of 200 nL/min (Column: PepMap RSLC C18,
145 75 µm x 50 cm, 2 µm particles, Thermo Scientific) using a 260 min linear gradients from 5 %
146 to 25 % solvent B (0.1 % formic acid, 100 % ACN) and a consecutive 60 min linear gradient
147 from 25 % to 50 % solvent B. For data acquisition, a top five data dependent CID method
148 was used.

149 *Proteomic data processing.* For the quantitative analysis of the data obtained from the mass
150 spectrometry screen the MaxQuant and Perseus software packages (provided by Max
151 Planck Institute of Biochemistry, Munich) were used.

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153 **Quantitative real-time PCR analysis.** For the isolation of mRNA from cell culture samples
154 the Qiagen RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) was used according to the
155 manufacturer's protocol. Concentration of mRNA in each sample was determined with the
156 NanoDrop® ND-1000 spectrophotometer (Nanodrop Technologies, Erlangen, Germany). For
157 the creation of cDNA templates from mRNA by reverse transcription the High-Capacity cDNA
158 Reverse Transcription Kit (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) was used as described by
159 the manufacturer. The Real-Time-Polymerase chain reaction was performed with the ABI
160 7300 Real Time PCR System (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA) using SYBR Green
161 Master Mix (ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) and respective primers. Actin was used
162 as a housekeeping gene. In order to evaluate changes in mRNA levels the $\Delta\Delta\text{CT}$ method
163 was used as described earlier (7).

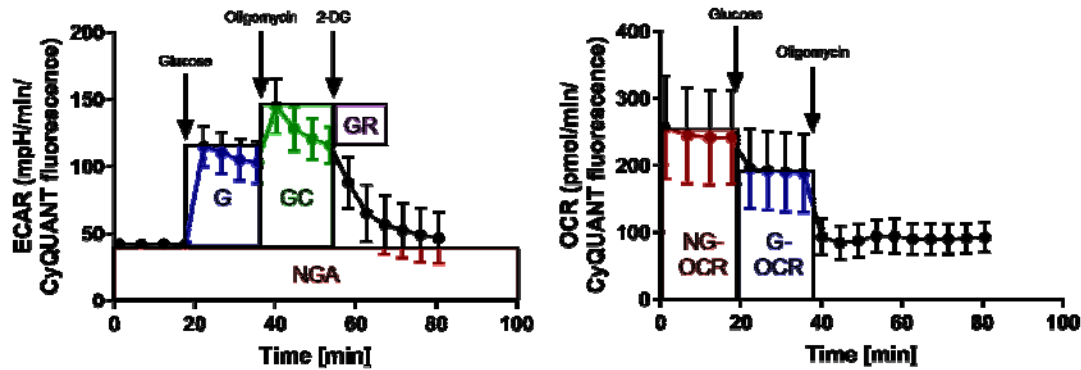
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165 **Western blot analysis and antibodies.** Proteins were separated on a SDS-PAGE gel,
166 transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane (Hybond-ECL™, Amersham Bioscience) and
167 incubated with a primary antibody overnight at 4 °C. The following antibodies were used:

168 pAkt (Ser473) (1:500, Cell Signaling Technologies, 9271), Akt (1:1000, Cell Signaling
169 Technologies, 9272), pErk (Thr202/Tyr204) (1:1000, Cell Signaling Technologies, 9106), Erk
170 (1:1000, Cell Signaling Technologies, 9102), pEGFR (Tyr1068) (1:1000, Cell Signaling
171 Technologies, 2234), EGFR (1:1000, Cell Signaling Technologies, 2239), pH2A.X (1:1000,
172 Cell Signaling Technologies, 2577), actin (1:1000, Merck Millipore, MAB1501),
173 p62/Sequestosome1 (1:1000, Cell Signaling Technologies, 8025), LC3 (1:1000, Cell
174 Signaling Technologies, 4108), FTH1 (1:1000, Sigma Aldrich, F5012), LIN28B (1:1000, Cell
175 Signaling Technologies, 4196), CA2 (1:1000, ThermoFisher Scientific, PA5-28267), Vimentin
176 (1:1000, Cell Signaling Technologies, 5741). As loading control, the stain-free technology
177 (Bio Rad) was used. This technique enables a quantification of the whole lane protein, and
178 therefore can be used for the normalization of protein bands (8). Proteins were visualized
179 using horseradish peroxidase coupled secondary antibodies and ECL solution containing 2.5
180 mM luminol. Chemiluminescence was detected with the Chemidoc™ Touch Imaging system
181 (Bio-Rad, Munich, Germany).

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183 **Glycolysis Stress Test.** nt and Cdk5 shRNA HUH7 cells were seeded at a density of $1.5 \times$
184 10^4 into a XF^e96 microplate and grown for 24 h prior to Sorafenib treatment (0.5 μ M, 5 μ M,
185 24 h). The Seahorse Glycolysis Stress Test Kit was used in combination with the Seahorse
186 XFe96 Analyzer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA) as described by the manufacturer.
187 Results were normalized to DNA content measured with CyQuant® GR dye solution
188 (ThermoFisher Scientific, Waltham, MA) according to the manufactures protocol. Data
189 analysis was performed with Wave 2.3.0 software and Seahorse XF Glycolysis Stress Test
190 Report Generator (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA). For statistical analysis the
191 following parameters were calculated from the respective graphs:
192 ECAR: Non-glycolytic acidification (NGA), glycolysis (G), glycolytic capacity (GC) and
193 glycolytic reserve (GR) (Table 2); OCR: Non-glycolytic OCR (NG-OCR) and glycolytic OCR
194 (G-OCR) (Table 3).



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196 Figure 1 – Seahorse glycolysis stress test parameters for ECAR (left panel) and OCR
 197 (right panel).

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199 **Human HCC microarrays.** Tissue microarrays (TMA), containing human HCC samples and
 200 matched surrounding non-tumor tissue were produced. The TMAs included 115 patients
 201 which had been treated with liver transplantation or partial hepatectomy at the University
 202 Clinic Munich Großhadern between 2008 and 2013. The formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded
 203 blocks were cut into 2 mm thick slices and mounted on SuperFrost Plus microscope slides
 204 (Menzel Gläser, Braunschweig, Germany). After deparaffinization and rehydration all slides
 205 were Hematoxilien-Eosin stained in a standard manner (Vector Laboratories, Burlingame,
 206 CA, USA). Several blank-slides were set aside for immunohistochemical stainings.

207 Staining for EGFR was performed by using a Ventana Benchmark XT autostainer using the
 208 XT UltraView diaminobenzidine kit (Ventana Medical Systems). The Ventana EGFR-antibody
 209 clone 3C6 (ready to use) was used.

210 EGFR-staining of the TMA section was assessed using the immunoreactive score as
 211 described previously (9): 0 – absent; 1-4 –weak; 5-8 – moderate; 9-12 – strong expression.

212 Images were obtained with a digital network microscope Leica DMD108 (Leica Biosystems
 213 Nussloch, Germany).

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215 **Statistical analysis.** All listed experiments were conducted at least three times unless
 216 otherwise indicated in the figure legends. The given data is presented as mean \pm SEM and

217 statistical significance was considered if $P \leq 0.05$. The statistical analysis was performed with
218 GraphPad Prism software version 7.0 (GraphPad Software, San Diego, USA).

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244 **Table 1 – PCR Primer**

Gene	forward primer	reverse primer
ABCB1	5'-TCGTAGGAGTGTCCGTGGAT-3'	5'-ATGTGCCACCAAGTAGGCTC-3'
AKR7A2	5'-TTCTACCTACACGCACCTGAC-3'	5'-ATAGTTGGAGAGGCCAAGCTC-3'
ANPEP	5'-ATCCCTGTCATCAATCGGGC-3'	5'-GTTGGGGTGGATCGGGTTAT-3'
APOB	5'-AATGGCCCCGTTTACCATGA-3'	5'-GGTCTTGAGTTTCCAGGTGC-3'
ARF5	5'-TGAGCGAGCTGACTGACAAG-3'	5'-GAAACCCAGATCCCTGCTCC-3'
CA2	5'-GTACGGCAAACACAACGGAC-3'	5'-CTGTAAGTGCCATCCAGGGG-3'
CARHSP1	5'-AGAACGGATTGCAGGGTCA-3'	5'-TCCCACAAGCACAGGACAAG-3'
CLDN1	5'-GCTGGGCTTCCCTAGATGTC-3'	5'-GAGGTGGGCAGTCCTTTGTT-3'
DDT	5'-GCCCTGACCCAGAAACGACT-3'	5'-CAGCTCCTCAGATGTCCGTG-3'
EGFR	5'-GGCCTAAGATCCCGTCCATC-3'	5'-TGGCTTTCGGAGATGTTGCT-3'
ENTPD5	5'-AAATTGCCTCTGCAGGTGTG-3'	5'-GCTGTCCTGGCATTCTTCTGC-3'
FABP5	5'-AGGAGTGGGAATAGCTTTGCG-3'	5'-GCTGAACCAATGCACCATCT-3'
FAM115A	5'-GCGGGGCAAACAAAACCAATA-3'	5'-GGGAACGTGAACAGAACCCT-3'
FTH1	5'-TCAACAGTGCTTGGACGGAA-3'	5'-GTCCTGGTGGTAGTTCTGGC-3'
FTL	5'-GCTCCTTCTTGCCAACCAAC-3'	5'-GCCCAGAGAGAGGTAGGTGT-3'
G6PD	5'-TCCTGCATGAGCCAGATAGG-3'	5'-TGCGGTAGATCTGGTCCTCA-3'
GLDC	5'-AGAAACATCTCGCCCCGTTT-3'	5'-TCCGTCTTCCAACCATCAGC-3'
H2AFY	5'-GGCCCGGAAATCCAAGAAGA-3'	5'-ACACTTGTCTGCACCCCAAA-3'
HGD	5'-AGAGAGGAATGCGGTTTACGC-3'	5'-TTGCCTCATAGTGACCTCGG-3'
HPRT1	5'-AGGCGAACCTCTCGGCTTTC-3'	5'-AATCCGCCCAAAGGGAACTG-3'
HSD17B11	5'-TGCAAAGAAGGTGAAGGCAGAA-3'	5'-TGAAGACTGCCAAAGCCTCA-3'
HTATIP2	5'-CAGGGAAGGTGGGATGCTC-3'	5'-CCATTCACCTGGGCGAGATT-3'
IDI1	5'-CTTTCGGATTGGGAGGGCTT-3'	5'-GCCAATCACGCTTTCGATCC-3'
KPNA2	5'-TCGAGGTGGACCCTTTGAAC-3'	5'-TGGGGCACAACCTCCTGTTTT-3'
LGAL3	5'-GCCAACGAGCGGAAAATGG-3'	5'-CAGGCCATCCTTGAGGGTTT-3'

LIN28B	5'-GGAAAGCACATTAGACCATGCG-3'	5'-TATCCAAGGGGCTTCCCTCT-3'
NCEH1	5'-CGAAGAGCCACTGAAACGCA-3'	5'-GACCAGGACGCACTTGCACT-3'
P4HA1	5'-CAGTACATGACCCTGAGACTGG-3'	5'-CGTGCAAAGTCAAAATGGGGT-3'
PSMD12	5'-GCTAGCCAAGGAAGGAAGACT-3'	5'-CATCCGTTGCAGGACTCTCA-3'
PYCR1	5'-CCCTCTCCCCGTACTTTTCC-3'	5'-CCCATCTTCACACCCCATC-3'
RAB10	5'-ATTTTGTCCCGACCGACTCC-3'	5'-ACGAAAAGGACGCAGGTCT-3'
RBX1	5'-GTACTGTGCGCATGGGGAGTC-3'	5'-ACTCTGCCTTGAGCTGTTGG-3'
RCN1	5'-ATGTTTGTGCGGAAGCCAAGC-3'	5'-TCACTGGACTGGATGGGACA-3'
S100P	5'-AGTTCATCGTGTTCTGGCT-3'	5'-CACTTTTGGGAAGCCTGGGA-3'
SCARB1	5'-GTCCATCTACCCACCCAACG-3'	5'-CCCTACAGTTTTGCTTCTGC-3'
SCFD1	5'-GAAAGGCAGACAGTGGCTTTG-3'	5'-TAAGGGCCTCTGGAAGCTGA-3'
SDCBP	5'-AACCTGCCAATCCAGCAAT-3'	5'-GGTCTTGCTACCAACTGCC-3'
SFN	5'-ACTACGAGATCGCCAACAGC-3'	5'-CAGTGTGAGTTGTCTCGCA-3'
SQSTM1	5'-CTCCGCGTTCGCTACAAAAG-3'	5'-TCCTCGTCACTGGAAAAGGC-3'
SULT2A1	5'-AGTGAAACGGAGAGTCCACG-3'	5'-GGCATCCAGCCATGAATGTG-3'
TF	5'-GAGTATGCGAACTGCCACCT-3'	5'-GCTGTAGGGAAAGACCAGACG-3'
TOP2A	5'-GCGGGCTAAAGGAAGTTCAA-3'	5'-ACTAAACAGGCAGGACCCCA-3'
TPD52L2	5'-AGTGACCCAGTCAGACCTCTA-3'	5'-AGCTGCTGAGGGTCAGTTTC-3'
VIM	5'-CGGCGGGACAGCAGG-3'	5'-TCGTTGGTTAGCTGGTCCAC-3'

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246 **Table 2 – ECAR Parameters**

ECAR Parameter	Rate Measurement Equation	Abbreviation
Non-Glycolytic Acidification	Last rate measurement before glucose injection (Maximum rate measurement before Oligomycin injection) - (Last rate measurement before Glucose injection)	NGA G
Glycolysis	(Maximum rate measurement after Oligomycin injection) - (Last rate measurement before Glucose injection)	GC
Glycolytic Capacity	(Glycolytic Capacity) - (Glycolysis)	GR

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248 **Table 3 – OCR Parameters**

OCR Parameter	Rate Measurement Equation	Abbreviation
Non-Glycolytic OCR	Last rate measurement before glucose injection	NG-OCR
Glycolytic OCR	Minimum rate measurement before Oligomycin injection	G-OCR

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Supplementary Fig. 1. Combination of Cdk5 inhibition and Sorafenib.

(A) Western Blot showing Cdk5 protein levels in non-targeting (nt) and Cdk5 shRNA HUH7 cells. (B) Western Blot showing Cdk5 protein levels in non-targeting (nt) and Cdk5 shRNA Hep3B cells (C) Western Blot showing Cdk5 protein levels in RIL175 wild-type cells and RIL175 Cdk5 knockout (Cdk5 KO) cells generated via the CRISPR-Cas9 method. (D) Clonogenic survival of HUH7 cells treated with either Sorafenib (5 μ M), roscovitine (10 μ M) or combination of both is shown. One Way ANOVA, Tukey $**P < 0.01$, $n=3$. (E) Clonogenic survival of HUH7 cells treated with Sorafenib is shown. t-test $*P < 0.05$, $n=3$.

Supplementary Fig. 2. Combination of Cdk5 inhibition and Sorafenib does not affect DNA damage, cell cycle and apoptosis

(A) Immunoblot of non-targeting (nt) and Cdk5-1/4 shRNA HUH7 cells treated with Sorafenib and probed for phosphorylated H2A.X is shown. (B) Apoptosis of Sorafenib treated non-targeting (nt) and Cdk5 shRNA HUH7 cells is shown. One Way ANOVA, Tukey $*P < 0.05$, $n=3$. (C) Cell cycle analysis of non-targeting (nt) and Cdk5 shRNA HUH7 cells after treatment with Sorafenib is shown. The bar graph displays respective quantitative evaluations. ns: not significant; unpaired t-test, $n=3$

Supplementary Fig. 3. Proteomic analysis of Cdk5 knockdown cells treated with Sorafenib

(A) Table of proteins showing alterations of protein abundance ($P < 0.05$; log2-fold change $> |0.6|$) between non-targeting (nt) and Cdk5 shRNA HUH7 cells treated with Sorafenib together with their respective gene names, x-fold changes (nt 5 μ M Sorafenib vs. Cdk5 5 μ M Sorafenib) and P -values. (B) Volcano Plot visualizing the protein hits given in A is shown. (C) Protein interaction map of protein hits given in A created with string-db.org. (protein-protein interaction enrichment P -value: 1.57×10^{-6}).

Supplementary Fig. 4. Analysis of targets from the proteomic screen

Bar graphs display mRNA expression of selected proteins yielded from the proteomic analysis of untreated (A) or Sorafenib treated (B) nt and Cdk5 shRNA HUH7 cells. Paired t-test, $*P < 0.05$, $**P < 0.01$, $***P < 0.001$, $****P < 0.0001$, $n=3$. (C) Representative immunoblots of nt and Cdk5 shRNA HUH7 cells treated with Sorafenib and probed with antibodies against proteins of interest (Carbonic Anhydrase 2 (CA2), Lin28B, Ferritin Heavy Chain (FTH), Vimentin) from the proteomics screen are shown.

Supplementary Fig. 5. Sorafenib affects the metabolism of HCC cells

Glycolysis Stress Test of non-targeting (nt) and Cdk5 shRNA HUH7 cells that were pre-treated with Sorafenib before consecutive exposure to D-glucose, oligomycin and 2-DG is shown. ECAR and OCR were recorded using a Seahorse XFe96 Analyzer and normalized with CyQUANT® GR dye. (A-E) Normalized ECAR (upper left) and OCR (upper right) of untreated and Sorafenib treated non-targeting (nt) and Cdk5 shRNA HUH7 cells are compared. For statistical analysis the following parameters were compared for ECAR (lower left): NGA (non-glycolytic acidification), G (glycolysis), GC (glycolytic capacity), GR (glycolytic reserve) and for OCR (lower right): NG-OCR (non-glycolytic oxygen consumption rate), G-OCR (glycolytic oxygen consumption rate). Multiple t-tests, ns: not significant $n=3$.

Supplementary Fig. 6. Cdk5 inhibition prevents compensatory EGFR activation in Hep3B cells after Sorafenib treatment.

49 Immunoblots from non-targeting (nt) and Cdk5 shRNA Hep3B cells treated with Sorafenib
50 probed with antibodies for phosphorylated EGFR (p-EGFR), EGFR (A), phosphorylated Akt
51 (p-Akt) and Akt (B), phosphorylated Erk (p-Erk), Erk (C), are shown. n=2.

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53 **Supplementary Fig. 7. EGFR protein levels are high in human HCC.**

54 (A) Immunostaining of patient tissue for EGFR (red) in HCC tissue and healthy liver tissue is
55 shown. (B) Percentage of EGFR positive cells in HCC tissue is shown. (C) Staining intensity
56 of EGFR in HCC tissue is shown. (D) Immunoreactive score for EGFR in HCC tissue is
57 shown.

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59 **Supplementary Table 1. Correlation of EGFR staining with clinical parameters**

60 Contingency tables correlating percentage of EGFR positive cells, EGFR staining intensity
61 and EGFR IRS with r-classification (R0: no residual tumor, R1: residual tumor, X: N/A) (A),
62 frequency of recurrence (0: no tumor recurrence, 1: tumor recurrence) (B), cause of death
63 (C), tumor stage (D) and tumor grading (E) are shown.

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65 **Supplementary Video 1.**

66 Live cell imaging of nt shRNA (left) and Cdk5 shRNA (right) HUH7 cells expressing eGFP-
67 EGFR is shown.

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69 **Supplementary Video 2.**

70 Live cell imaging of nt shRNA (left) and Cdk5 shRNA (right) Hep3B cells expressing eGFP-
71 EGFR is shown.

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73 **Supplementary Video 3.**

74 Live cell imaging of nt shRNA (left) and Cdk5 shRNA (right) HUH7 cells expressing eGFP-
75 Integrin $\alpha 5$ (ITGA5) is shown.

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77 **Supplementary Video 4.**

78 Live cell imaging of nt shRNA (left) and Cdk5 shRNA (right) Hep3B cells expressing eGFP-
79 Integrin $\alpha 5$ (ITGA5) is shown.

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81 **Supplementary Video 5.**

82 Live cell imaging of nt shRNA (left) and Cdk5 shRNA (right) HUH7 cells expressing eGFP-c-
83 Met is shown.

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85 **Supplementary Video 6.**

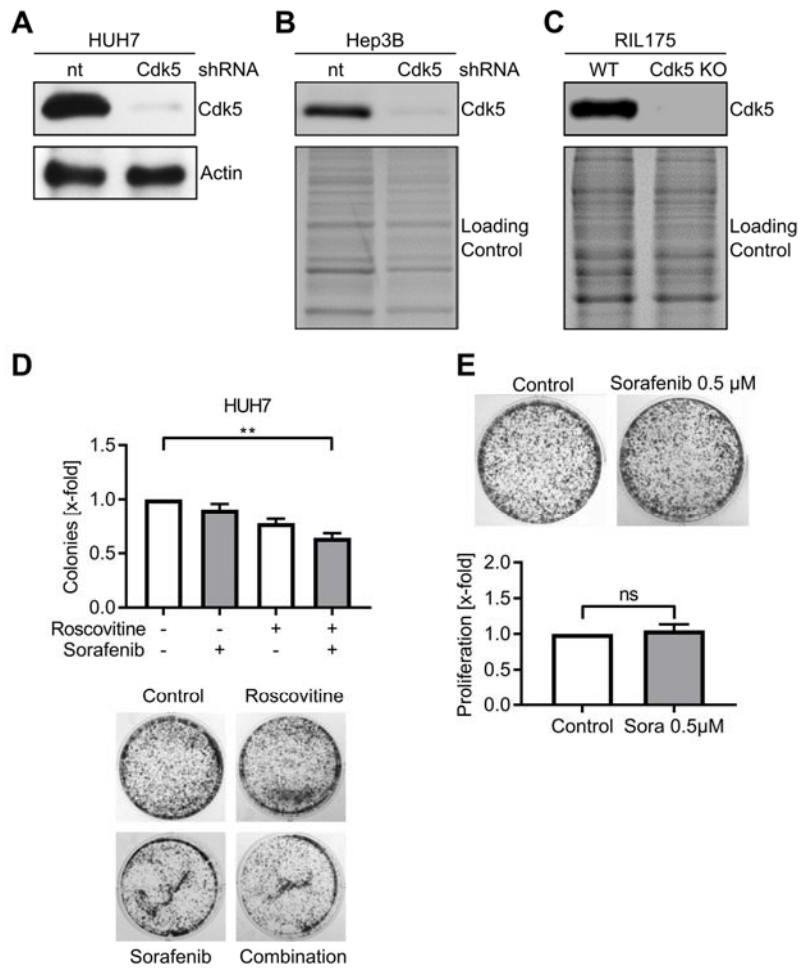
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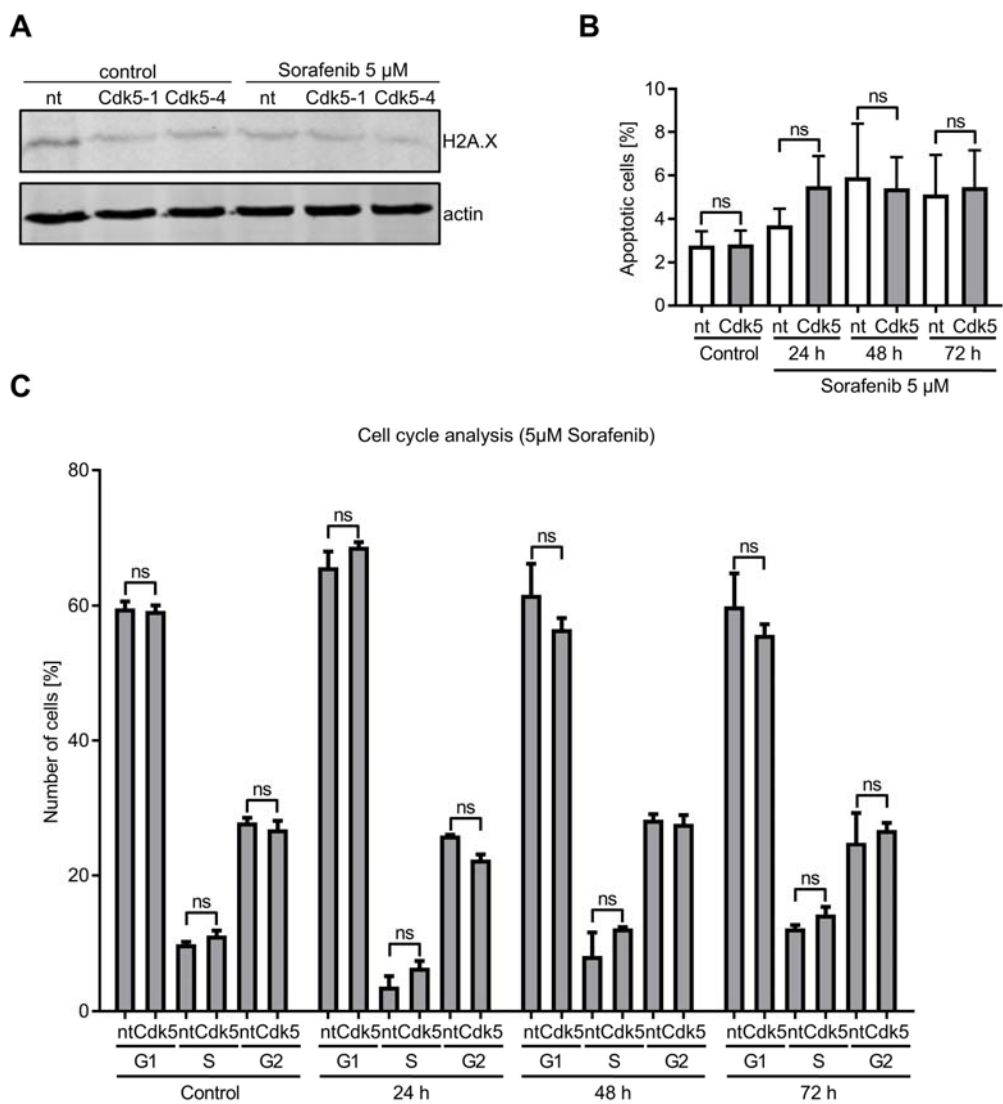
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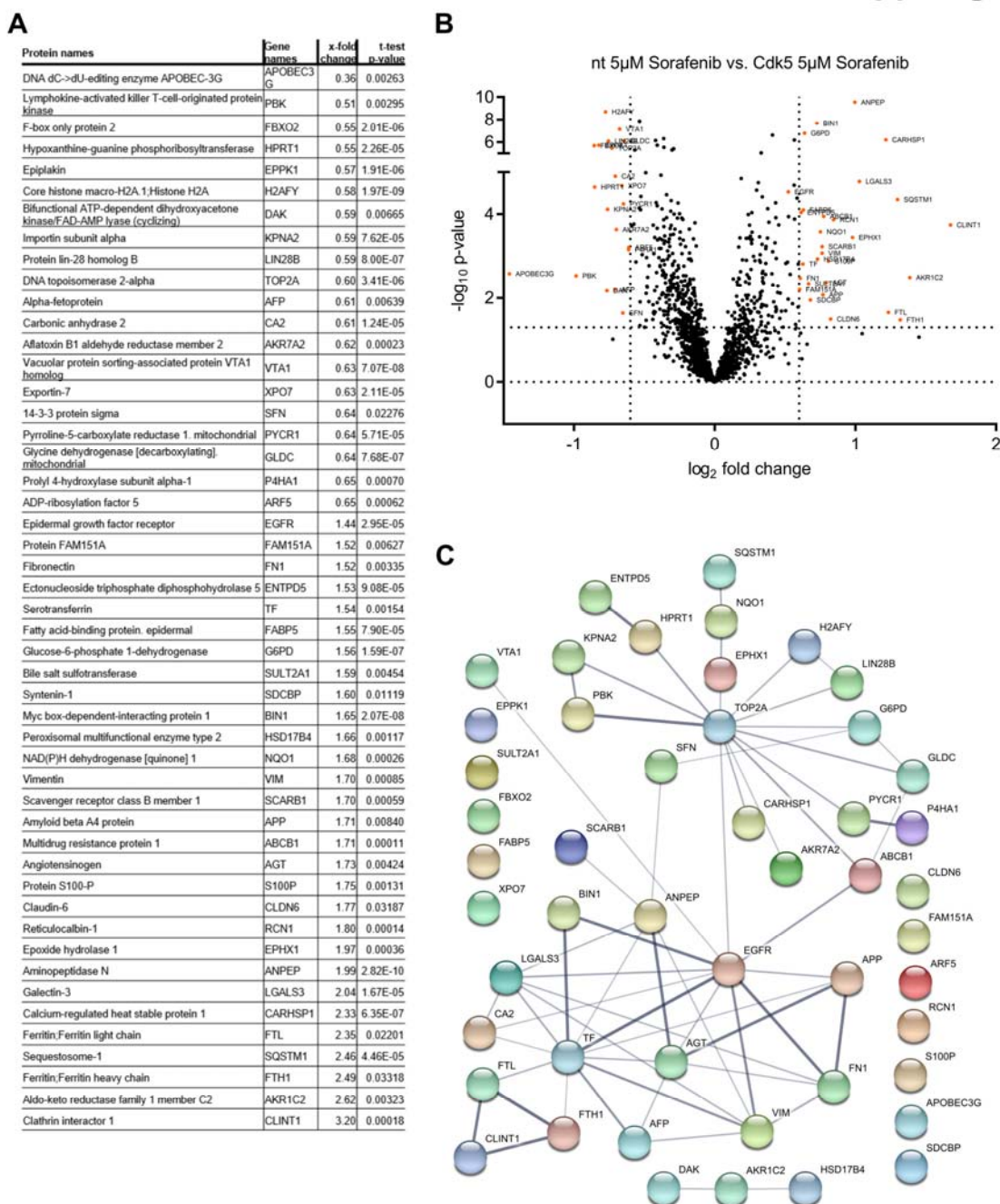
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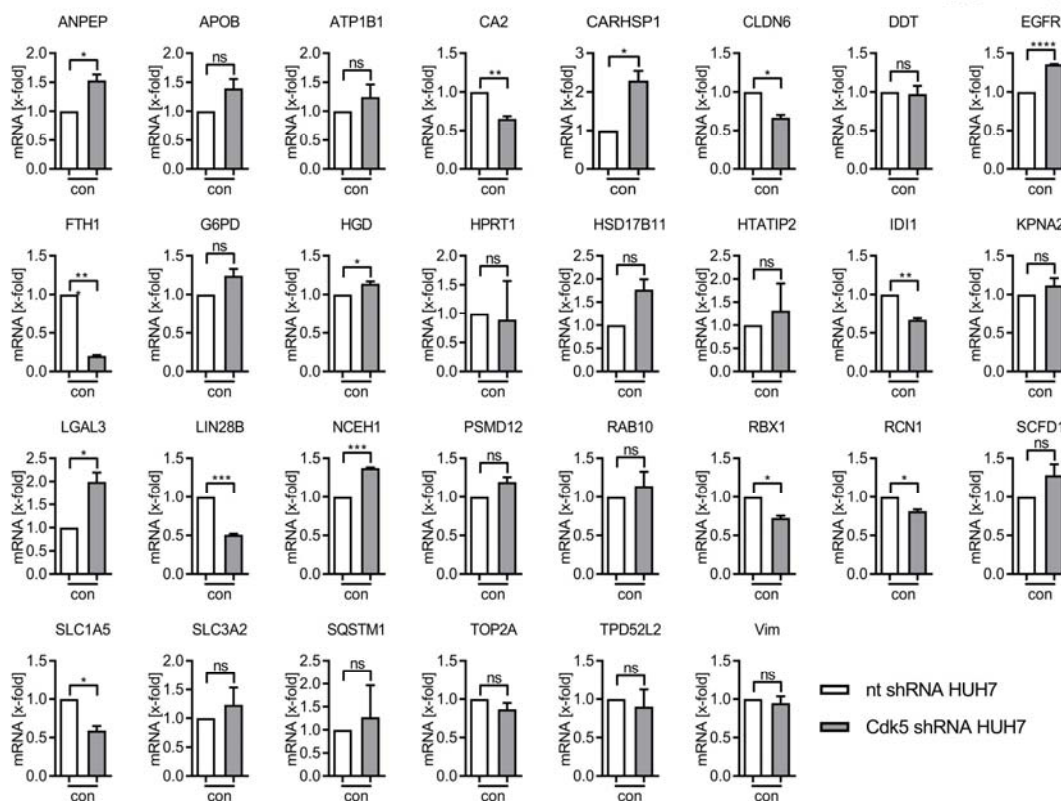


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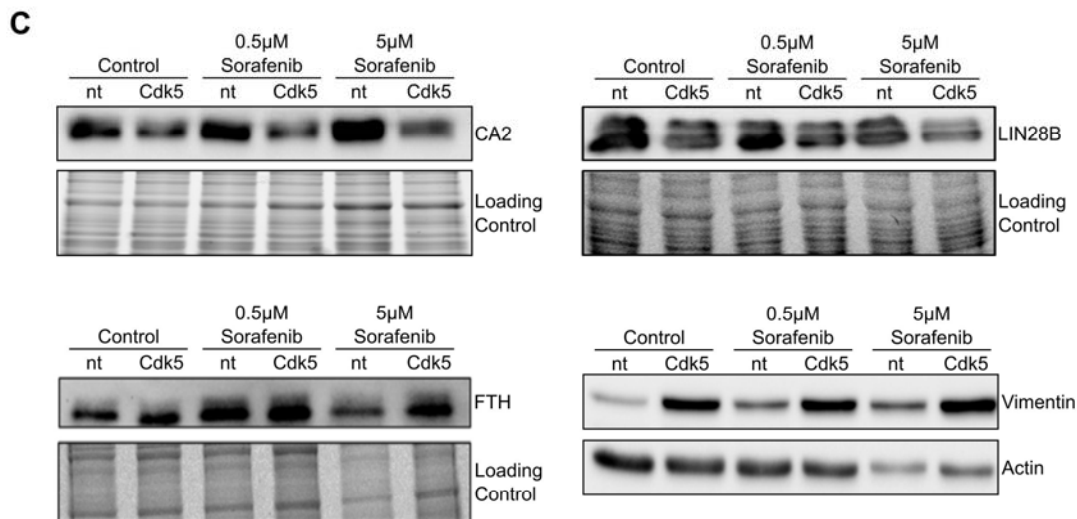
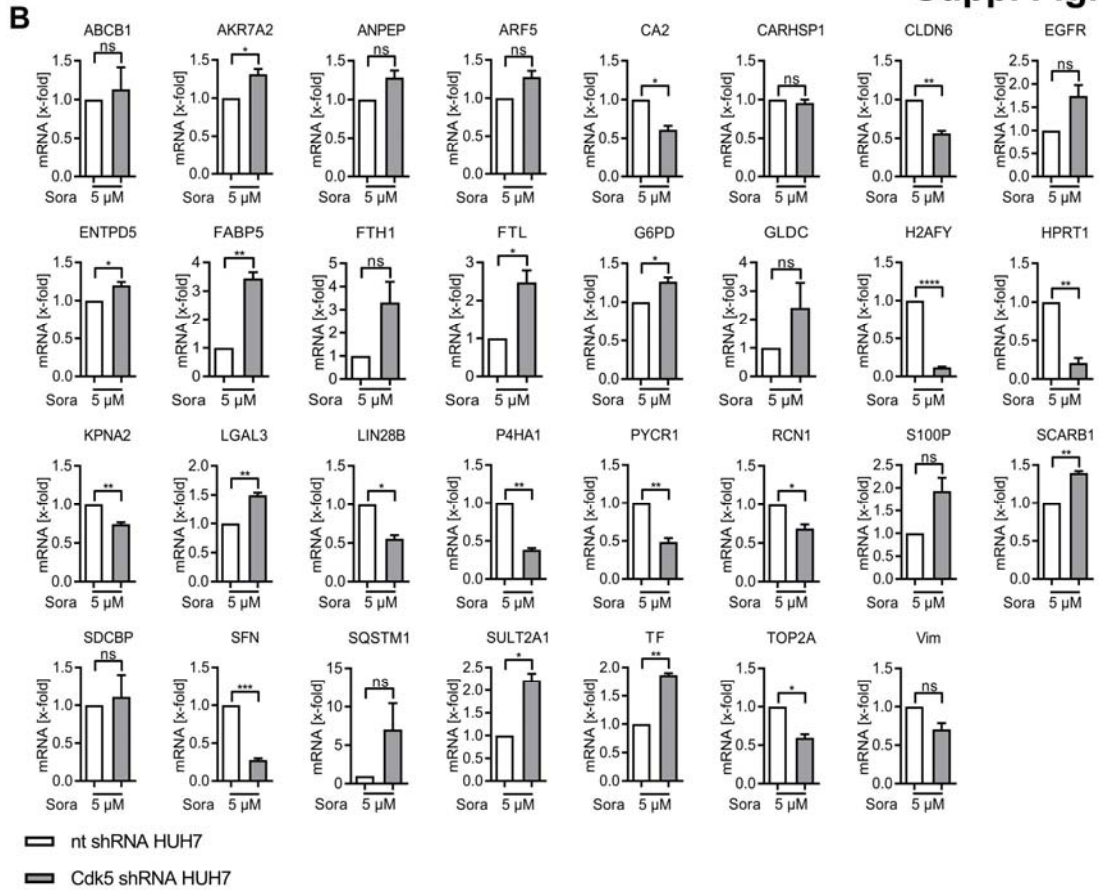


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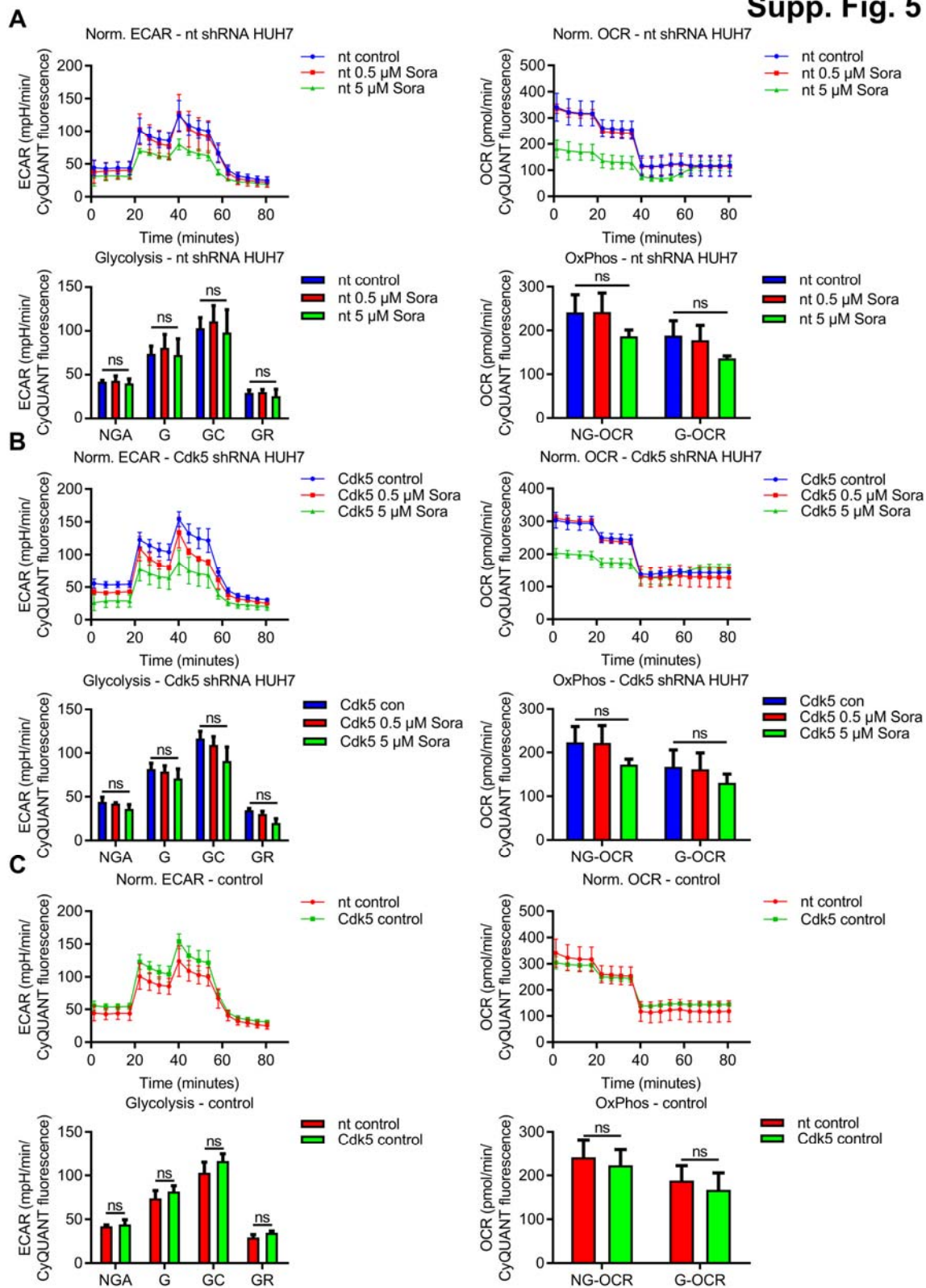
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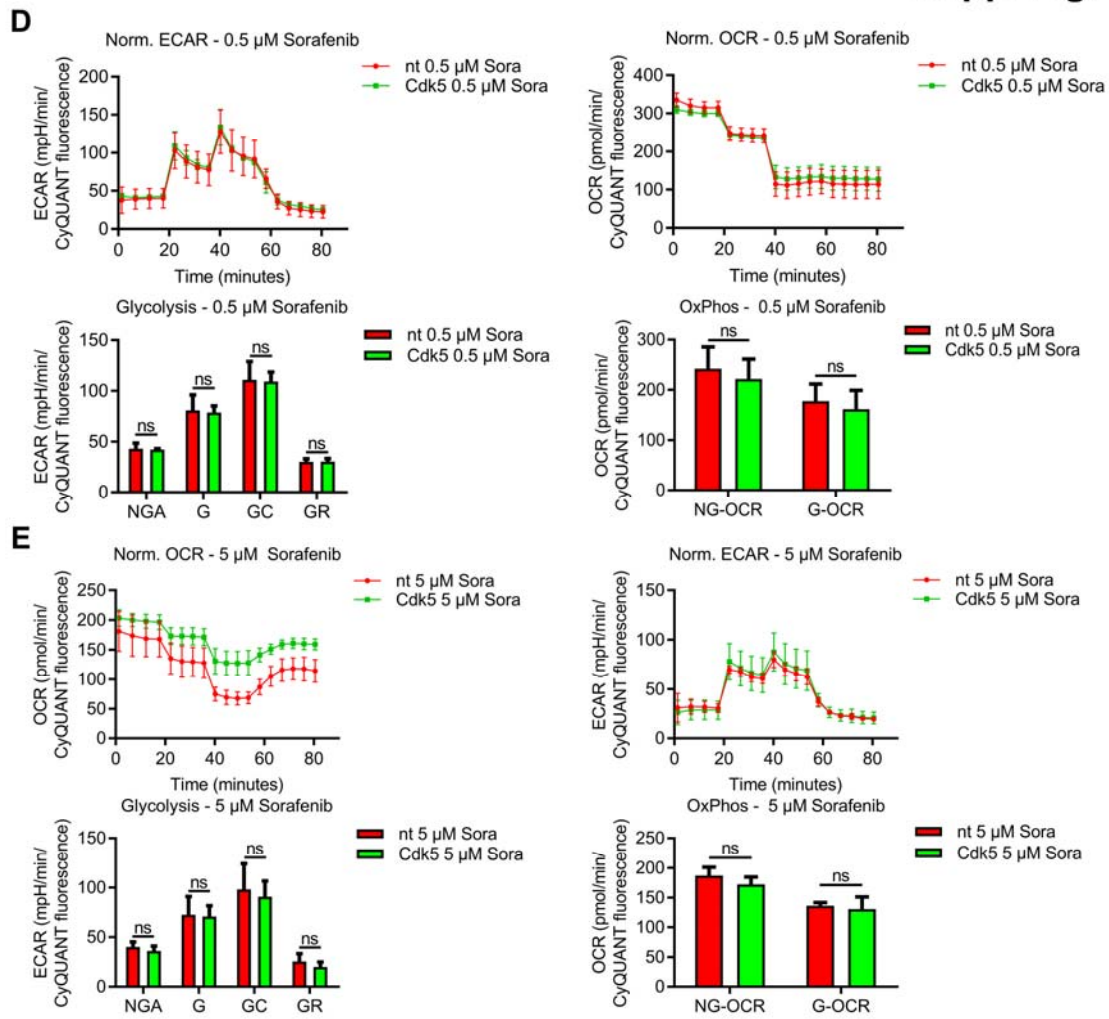
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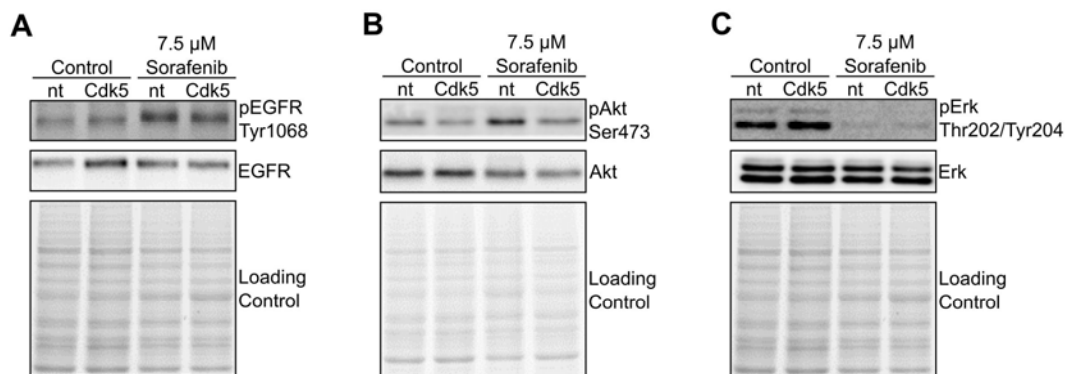
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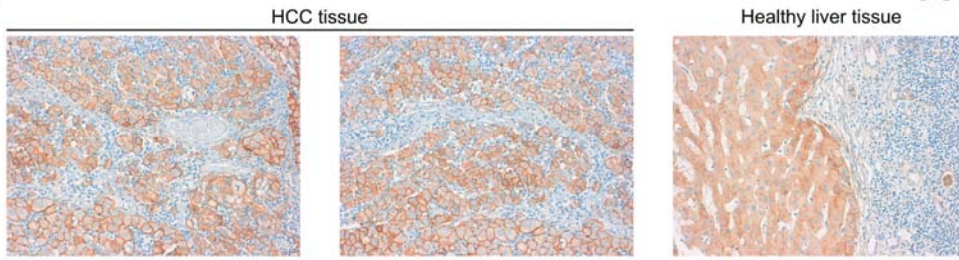


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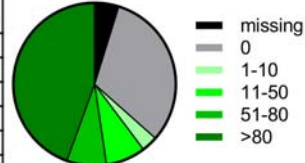
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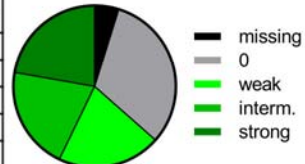
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EGFR percentage					
		frequency	percentage	valid percentage	cumulated percentage
valid	negative	20	31.7	31.7	31.7
	1-10%	2	3.2	3.2	34.9
	11-50%	5	7.9	7.9	42.9
	51-80%	5	7.9	7.9	50.8
	>80%	28	44.4	44.4	95.2
	missing	3	4.8	4.8	100
total		63	100	100	



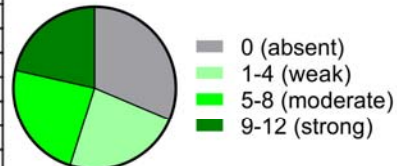
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EGFR intensity					
		frequency	percentage	valid percentage	cumulated percentage
valid	0	20	31.7	31.7	31.7
	weak	13	20.6	20.6	52.4
	interm.	13	20.6	20.6	73
	strong	14	22.2	22.2	95.2
	missing	3	4.8	4.8	100
	total	63	100	100	



D

EGFR – IRS					
		frequency	percentage	valid percentage	cumulated percentage
valid	0	20	31.7	31.7	31.7
	1	1	1.6	1.6	33.3
	2	5	7.9	7.9	41.3
	4	9	14.3	14.3	55.6
	5	3	4.8	4.8	60.3
	6	3	4.8	4.8	65.1
	8	9	14.3	14.3	79.4
	9	2	3.2	3.2	82.5
	12	11	17.5	17.5	100
	total	63	100	100	



A

Supp. Table 1

R-classification					
		frequency	percentage	valid percentage	cumulated percentage
valid	R0	54	85.7	85.7	85.7
	R1	5	7.9	7.9	93.7
	X	4	6.3	6.3	100
	total	63	100	100	

R-classification * EGFR percentage of positive cells - contingency table								
number								
		EGFR percentage of positive cells						total
		negative	< 10%	11-50%	51-80%	> 80%	missing	
R-classification	R0	17	2	4	5	23	3	54
	R1	2	0	0	0	3	0	5
	X	1	0	1	0	2	0	4
total		20	2	5	5	28	3	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	4.058 ^a	10	0.945
Likelihood-Quotient	5.302	10	0.87
Number of valid cases	63		

a. 16 cells (88.9%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.13.

R-classification * EGFR staining intensity – contingency table							
number							
		EGFR staining intensity					total
		0	weak	intermediate	strong	missing	
R-classification	R0	17	11	13	10	3	54
	R1	2	1	0	2	0	5
	X	1	1	0	2	0	4
total		20	13	13	14	3	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	5.306 ^a	8	0.724
Likelihood-Quotient	7.081	8	0.528
Number of valid cases	63		

a. 11 cells (88.9%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.19.

Supp. Table 1

r-classification * EGFR IRS – contingency table											
		number									
		EGFR – IRS									
		0	1	2	4	5	6	8	9	12	total
R- classification	R0	17	1	4	8	3	3	9	2	7	54
	R1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	5
	X	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
total		20	1	5	9	3	3	9	2	11	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two- sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	10.252 ^a	16	0.853
Likelihood- Quotient	12.064	16	0.74
Number of valid cases	63		
a. 23 cells (85.2%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.06.			

B

Supp. Table 1

Frequency of recurrence					
		frequency	percentage	valid percentage	cumulated percentage
valid	0	40	63.5	63.5	63.5
	1	17	27	27	90.5
	n.s.	6	9.5	9.5	100
	total	63	100	100	

Frequency of recurrence * EGFR percentage of positive cells - contingency table								
		number						total
		EGFR percentage of positive cells						
		negative	< 10%	11-50%	51-80%	> 80%	missing	
frequency of recurrence	0	12	2	5	4	16	1	40
	1	7	0	0	1	8	1	17
	n.s.	1	0	0	0	4	1	6
total		20	2	5	5	28	3	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	8.881 ^a	10	0.543
Likelihood-Quotient	11.031	10	0.355
Number of valid cases	63		

a. 14 cells (77.8%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.19.

Frequency of recurrence * EGFR staining intensity – contingency table							
		number					total
		EGFR staining intensity					
		0	weak	intermediate	strong	missing	
frequency of recurrence	0	12	9	11	7	1	40
	1	7	4	1	4	1	17
	n.s.	1	0	1	3	1	6
total		20	13	13	14	3	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	9.829 ^a	8	0.277
Likelihood-Quotient	10.602	8	0.225
Number of valid cases	63		

a. 10 cells (66.7%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.29.

Supp. Table 1

Frequency of recurrence * EGFR IRS – contingency table											
		number									total
		EGFR – IRS									
		0	1	2	4	5	6	8	9	12	
frequency of recurrence	0	12	1	5	5	1	2	8	2	4	40
	1	7	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	4	17
	n.s.	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	6
total		20	1	5	9	3	3	9	2	11	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	18.742 ^a	16	0.282
Likelihood-Quotient	23.109	16	0.111
Number of valid cases	63		

a. 22 cells (81.5%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.10.

C

Supp. Table 1

cause of death					
		frequency	percentage	valid percentage	cumulated percentage
valid	not determined	42	66.7	66.7	66.7
	tumor unrelated	2	3.2	3.2	69.8
	tumor related	14	22.2	22.2	92.1
	n.s.	5	7.9	7.9	100
	total	63	100	100	

cause of death * EGFR percentage of positive cells - contingency table								
		number						total
		EGFR percentage of positive cells					missing	
		negative	<10%	11-50%	51-80%	> 80%		
cause of death	not determined	11	1	4	5	19	2	42
	tumor unrelated	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
	tumor related	7	1	1	0	4	1	14
	n.s.	1	0	0	0	4	0	5
total		20	2	5	5	28	3	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	9.241 ^a	15	0.865
Likelihood-Quotient	11.348	15	0.728
Number of valid cases	63		

a. 21 cells (87.5%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.06.

cause of death * EGFR staining intensity – contingency table							
		number					total
		EGFR staining intensity					
		0	weak	intermediate	strong	missing	
cause of death	not determined	11	11	10	8	2	42
	tumor unrelated	1	0	0	1	0	2
	tumor related	7	2	2	2	1	14
	n.s.	1	0	1	3	0	5
total		20	13	13	14	3	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	10.536 ^a	12	0.569
Likelihood-Quotient	11.373	12	0.497
Number of valid cases	63		

a. 16 cells (80.0%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.1.

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cause of death * EGFR IRS – contingency table											
		number									
		EGFR – IRS									total
		0	1	2	4	5	6	8	9	12	
cause of death	not determined	11	1	3	8	2	3	7	2	5	42
	tumor unrelated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
	tumor related	7	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	14
	n.s.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	5
total		20	1	5	9	3	3	9	2	11	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	17.557 ^a	24	0.824
Likelihood-Quotient	19.047	24	0.749
Number of valid cases	63		
a. 32 cells (88.9%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.03.			

D

Supp. Table 1

tumor score					
		frequency	percentage	valid percentage	cumulated percentage
valid	1	27	42.9	42.9	42.9
	2	17	27.0	27.0	69.8
	2a	2	3.2	3.2	73.0
	2b	2	3.2	3.2	76.2
	3	1	1.6	1.6	77.8
	3a	6	9.5	9.5	87.3
	3b	1	1.6	1.6	88.9
	4	1	1.6	1.6	90.5
	X	6	9.5	9.5	100.0
total		63	100	100.0	

tumor score * EGFR percentage of positive cells - contingency table								
		number						total
		EGFR percentage of positive cells					missing	
		negative	< 10%	11-50%	51-80%	> 80%		missing
valid	1	10	1	1	2	12	1	27
	2	5	1	3	1	6	1	17
	2a	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
	2b	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	3a	1	0	0	0	5	0	6
	3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	X	2	0	1	0	3	0	6
total		20	2	5	5	28	3	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	44.017 ^a	40	0.305
Likelihood-Quotient	29.305	40	0.894
Number of valid cases	63		
a. 50 cells (92.6%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.03.			

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tumor score * EGFR staining intensity – contingency table							
number							
		EGFR staining intensity					total
		0	weak	intermediate	strong	missing	
valid	1	10	5	5	6	1	27
	2	5	3	6	2	1	17
	2a	0	0	1	1	0	2
	2b	1	0	1	0	0	2
	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
	3a	1	3	0	2	0	6
	3b	1	0	0	0	0	1
	4	0	0	0	1	0	1
	X	2	2	0	2	0	6
total		20	13	13	14	3	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	40.619 ^a	32	0.141
Likelihood-Quotient	29.875	32	0.575
Number of valid cases	63		

a. 40 cells (88.9%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.05.

tumor score * EGFR IRS – contingency table											
number											
		EGFR – IRS									total
		0	1	2	4	5	6	8	9	12	
valid	1	10	1	1	3	1	0	5	2	4	27
	2	5	0	3	2	1	1	3	0	2	17
	2a	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	3a	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	6
	3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	X	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	6
total		20	1	5	9	3	3	9	2	11	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	67.241 ^a	64	0.367
Likelihood-Quotient	45.01	64	0.966
Number of valid cases	63		

a. 79 cells (97.5 %) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.02.

E

Supp. Table 1

tumor grading					
		frequency	percentage	valid percentage	cumulated percentage
valid	no grading or missing	6	9.5	9.5	9.5
	Well-differentiated	11	17.5	17.5	27.0
	moderately-differentiated	29	46.0	46.0	73.0
	poorly-differentiated	17	27.0	27.0	100.0
	total	63	100	100	

tumor grading * EGFR percentage of positive cells - contingency table								
		number						
		EGFR percentage of positive cells						
		negative	<10%	11-50%	51-80%	> 80%	missing	total
valid	no grading or missing	1	1	1	0	3	0	6
	Well-differentiated	2	0	1	2	6	0	11
	moderately-differentiated	10	1	3	2	12	1	29
	poorly-differentiated	7	0	0	1	7	2	17
	total	20	2	5	5	28	3	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	13.227 ^a	15	0.585
Likelihood-Quotient	14.112	15	0.517
Number of valid cases	63		
a. 20 cells (83.3%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.19.			

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tumor grading * EGFR staining intensity – contingency table							
number							
		EGFR staining intensity					total
		0	weak	intermediate	strong	missing	
valid	no grading or missing	1	3	0	2	0	6
	Well-differentiated	2	2	6	1	0	11
	moderately-differentiated	10	6	4	8	1	29
	poorly-differentiated	7	2	3	3	2	17
	total	20	13	13	14	3	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	17.287 ^a	12	0.139
Likelihood-Quotient	16.752	12	0.159
Number of valid cases	63		

a. 15 cells (75.0%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.29.

tumor grading * EGFR IRS – contingency table											
number											
		EGFR – IRS									total
		0	1	2	4	5	6	8	9	12	
valid	no grading or missing	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	6
	Well-differentiated	2	0	1	1	0	2	4	0	1	11
	moderately-differentiated	10	0	3	5	1	0	2	2	6	29
	poorly-differentiated	7	0	0	2	2	1	3	0	2	17
	total	20	1	5	9	3	3	9	2	11	63

chi-squared test			
	value	df	Asymptotic significance (two-sided)
Chi-squared (Pearson)	32.283 ^a	24	0.12
Likelihood-Quotient	29.759	24	0.193
Number of valid cases	63		

a. 33 cells (91.7%) have an expected frequency of 5 or less. The smallest expected frequency is 0.10.