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## Supplementary Materials for

### **PHF20L1 as a H3K27me2 reader coordinates with transcriptional repressors to promote breast tumorigenesis**

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## **Supplementary Materials and Methods**

### **EdU assays**

Briefly, breast cancer cells were incubated with EdU in medium (50 mM) for 2 h. Then, the cells were fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde for 10 min, permeabilized with 0.5% triton-X-100, and stained with Alexa Fluor® 488, according to the manufacturer's instructions of the Click-iT® EdU Alexa Fluor® 488 imaging Kit (Life Technologies). Then, cells were stained with DAPI (Sigma-Aldrich). Photographs of the cells were scanned independently using a multi-tracking mode with an OLYMPUS confocal microscope. EdU<sup>+</sup> cells were identified by ImagePro Plus software.

### **Cell flow cytometry**

MDA-MB-231 cells transfected with siRNA against PHF20L1 were synchronized using thymidine blockade for 12 h and then released for 12 h. After that, cells were blocked for another 12 h and released with 10% FBS for an appropriate period. Cells were then trypsinized, washed with PBS, and fixed in 70% ethanol at 4°C overnight. After washing with PBS, cells were incubated with RNase A (Sigma) in PBS for 30 min at 37°C and then stained with 50 mg/ml propidium iodide (PI). Cell cycle data were collected using FACS Calibur (Becton Dickinson) and analyzed with ModFit LT 3.0 (Verity Software House Inc., Topsham, ME).

### **FPLC chromatography**

HEK293T cells or HEK293T cells stably expressing FLAG-tagged PHF20L1 were washed twice with cold PBS, scraped, and collected by centrifugation at 1500 × *g* for 5 min. Nuclear and cytoplasmic proteins were extracted using a nuclear-cytosol extraction kit (Applygen Technologies Inc, Beijing, China). The supernatant (nuclear fraction) was collected by centrifugation at 13,000 × *g* for 30 min at 4°C. The protein concentration was determined using a BCA Pierce protein assay kit (Thermo Scientific), and 6 mg of nuclear proteins or FLAG-tagged PHF20L1-coupled proteins were used for the FPLC assay. The proteins were concentrated to 1 ml using a Millipore Ultra free centrifugal filter apparatus (10 kDa nominal molecular mass limit), and then applied to an 850 x 20 mm Superose size 6 exclusion column (Amersham Biosciences) that had been equilibrated with buffer D containing 1 mM dithiothreitol and calibrated with protein standards (blue dextran, 2,000 kDa; thyroglobulin, 669 kDa; ferritin, 440 kDa; catalase, 232 kDa; bovine serum albumin, 67 kDa; and RNase A, 13.7 kDa, all from Amersham Biosciences). The column was eluted at a flow rate of 0.5 ml/min and fractions were collected for further western blotting analysis.

**Supplementary Table S1. Mass spectrometry results of PHF20L1-containing protein complex in HEK293T cell.**

Description	Score	Coverage	Proteins	Unique Peptides	Peptides	PSMs	AAs
PHF20L1	1229.50	38.64	7	3	39	337	1017
Mi-2 $\beta$	905.69	25.88	8	47	55	334	1905
MTA2	645.63	52.99	2	28	33	226	668
GATAD2A	447.86	57.66	13	26	28	139	633
GATAD2B	369.55	53.79	1	28	30	115	593
MTA1	338.35	55.30	13	25	31	120	698
RBBP4	320.74	31.95	17	6	13	100	410
RBBP7	301.26	37.18	7	1	14	90	425
HDAC2	259.74	28.82	17	6	11	96	458
Mi-2 $\alpha$	255.28	13.15	6	17	25	114	2000
HDAC1	228.57	29.05	8	8	13	86	482
MTA3	195.26	37.16	8	11	19	70	514
MBD3	173.79	50.52	5	18	18	65	291
MTA2	44.66	11.23	2	5	7	21	668
EED	6.72	8.00	4	3	3	3	400
SUZ12	4.97	3.07	2	2	2	2	716
EZH2	2.12	1.46	5	1	1	1	707

**Supplemental Table S2. Mass spectrometry results of PHF20L1-containing protein complex in MDA-MB-231 cell.**

Description	Score	Coverage	Proteins	Unique Peptides	Peptides	PSMs	AAs
PHF20L1	441.45	52.21	7	3	55	211	1017
Mi-2 $\beta$	79.38	25.20	5	24	31	42	1905
MTA2	68.74	32.49	2	14	18	44	668
GATAD2A	60.62	41.45	13	13	15	33	633
GATAD2B	96.41	53.63	1	17	19	46	593
MTA1	66.92	33.52	10	14	20	35	698
RBBP4	115.03	54.10	12	8	11	33	410
RBBP7	105.94	56.00	7	9	12	32	425
HDAC2	124.52	48.57	15	10	16	53	458
Mi-2 $\alpha$	16.16	9.30	6	7	12	14	2000
HDAC1	114.12	36.31	6	7	13	50	482
MTA3	31.68	27.24	8	6	12	22	514
MBD3	24.21	41.58	3	10	11	26	291
MTA2	68.74	32.49	2	14	18	44	668
EED	5.80	12.67	6	4	4	5	400
SUZ12	6.00	4.55	2	3	3	4	716
EZH2	6.09	2.31	10	2	2	3	707

**Supplemental Table S3. siRNA and shRNA sequences.**

siRNA sequences	
PHF20L1#1	CUAUUACCCUGCCAAGAUAU
PHF20L1#2	UUGGACAGACUGUCGCUAU
PHF20L1#3	GCAAGAAUCUUCAGUACCA
SETDB1#1	CCCGAGGCUUUGCUCUUA
SETDB1#2	GCUGAGACACCAAACGUCA
TDRKH#1	UUAGAGGUUCCCUGAUUAU
TDRKH#2	GUACACAAAGGAUACGCAA
FXR1#1	CGAGCUGAGUGAUUGGUCA
FXR1#2	GAAACGGAAUCUGAGCGUA
LBR#1	UGAUUGGAUGGGUGGUUAU
LBR#2	AGCGUGUGCCCUACCGUAU
KDM4C#1	GCUUGAAUCUCCCAAGUAU
KDM4C#2	CAAAGUAUCUUGGAUCAA
SND1#1	GGUACCAUCCUUCAUCCAA
SND1#2	GGACAAGGCCGCAACUUU
FMR1#1	GUUUGGAGAGAUUACAAAU
FMR1#2	GCGUUUGGAGAGAUUACAA
UHRF2#1	CGUCUCUUCUCCAUUACA
UHRF2#2	GUAAUGUGGCUUAUCAUAU
PHF19#1	CUCGUGACUUUCGAAGUAU
PHF19#2	CCUCGUGACUUUCGAAGAU
MSL3#1	CAGUGAAUAUUCGUGGAA
MSL3#2	CCAGUCCGCCUUUGUUGAA
KDM4A#1	GUUGAGGAUGGUCUUAACCU

siRNA sequences	
KDM4A#2	GGACUUAGCUUCAUAACUA
SMNDC1#1	GCCAGGUAAAGAGGAGUAU
SMNDC1#2	GAAAGUGAAAUGGCAACAA
UHRF1#1	GGUCA AUGAGUACGUCGAU
UHRF1#2	CUUUGAUUCGUUCCUUCUU
TDRD6#1	GUUUAGGCAGCUACCAAUA
TDRD6#2	AGUGCACCCUGGCUGAUAU
ARID4B#1	AGAUAGAGGUACACCUAUU
ARID4B#2	ACCUUAGGGUGGCUUUAAU
MYC#1	ACUCGGUGCAGCCGUAUUU
MYC#2	CCUGAGACAGAUCAGCAAC
MYC#3	CAGGAACUAUGACCUCGAC
MYC#4	CCCAAGGUAGUUAUCCUUA
MTA1#1	UCACGGACAUUCAGCAAGA
MTA1#2	GGACCAAACCGCAGUAACA
EZH2#1	CGGCUCCUCUAACCAUGUU
EZH2#2	CCCAACAUAGAUGGACCAA
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shEZH2	GAGCTCCTCTGAAGCAAAT
shMTA1	TCACGGACATTCAGCAAGA

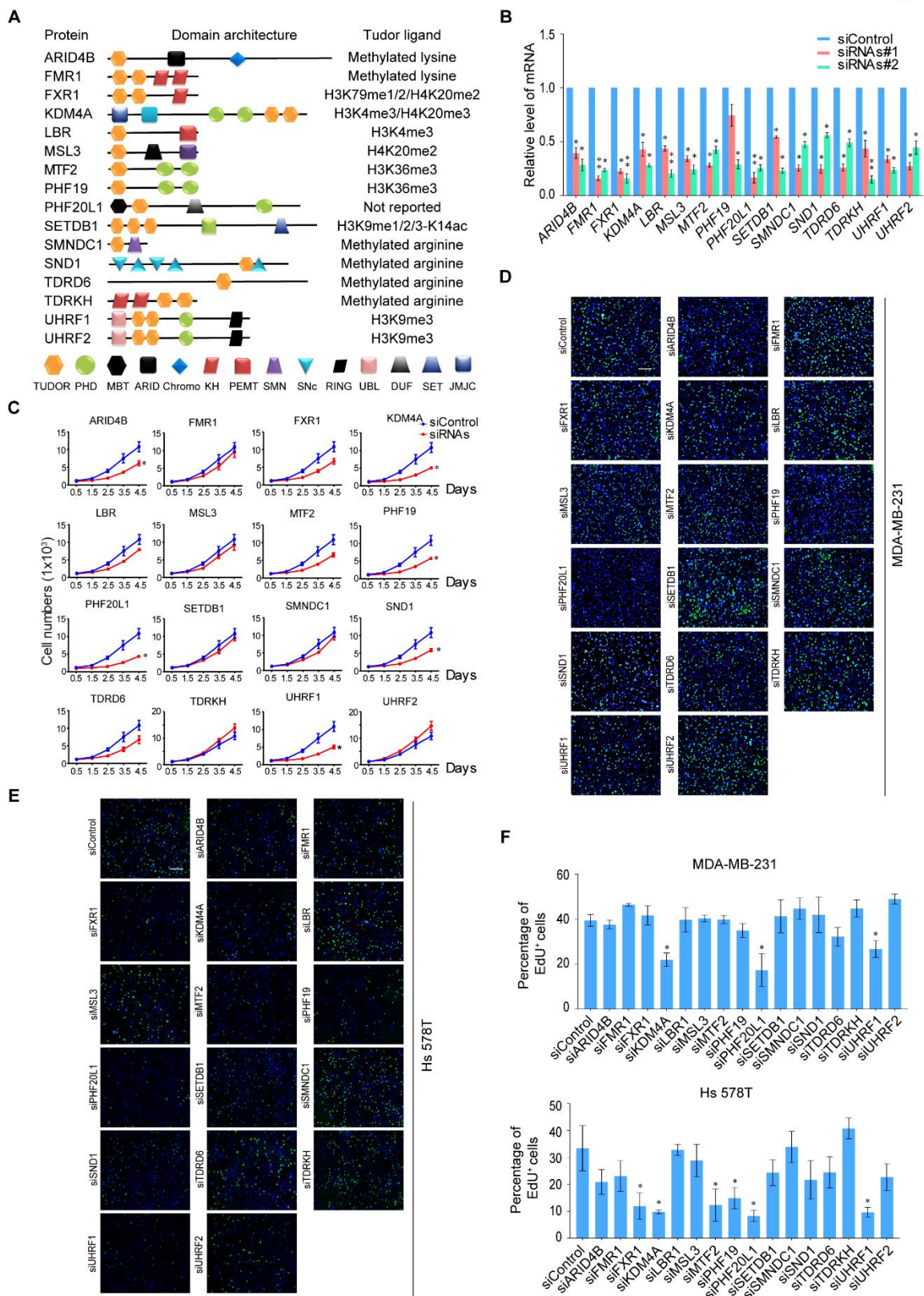
**Supplemental Table S4. The primers used in qRT-PCR and qChIP.**

<b>qRT-PCR primers</b>			
<b>Species</b>	<b>Genes</b>	<b>Forward Primer Sequences</b>	<b>Reverse Primer Sequences</b>
human	PHF20L1	GGGCAAGATGTTGGTCCATTT	TCTCAAGGGGTCGCAATCTAT
human	ACTB	CATGTACGTTGCTATCCAGGC	CCTTATCAAGATGCGAACTCACA
human	SETDB1	AGGAACTTCGGCATTTCATCG	TGTCCCGGTATTGTAGTCCCA
human	TDRKH	TCTACTGAACGGACTTCTTGGA	CTGCTTCCCTATACCTGCGG
human	FXR1	GAGAAGACGGTATGGTTCATTT	AGGCGTTCATTCTTAGCTGT
human	LBR	CGAGGGAGTCGATCAAGGTCA	CTTCAGAATCAGCGGAGTCAAT
human	KDM4C	CATGGAGTCTAAAGGAGCCCA	TGTAAGTGAACAGTCCTGA
human	SND1	CCTGAGCGGCAGATCAACC	AGGTAGATCATGCCATACTCTCG
human	FMR1	TATGCAGCATGTGATGCAACT	TTGTGGCAGGTTTGTGGGAT
human	UHRF2	ATTGAGGACGTGTCTCGCAA	GGTCTGGGCGAACTAGCAG
human	PHF19	ACTCGGGACTCCTATGGTGC	CCTCCGTCAGTTTGGACATCA
human	MSL3	AACAGGAGGAAACGGTTAGTGA	TGTGGCATAACGTGATGGTGA
human	KDM4A	ATCCCAGTGCTAGGATAATGACC	ACTCTTTTGGAGGAACAACCTTG
human	SMNDC1	AGCGGAGATTGAGGAGATAGATG	GGTTCAACAGTGGAGTCACTTC
human	UHRF1	GCCATACCCTCTTCGACTACG	GCCCCAATTCCGTCTCATCC
human	MTF2	GTCCACCTGGCCCATATACAA	CCGTGAAATCCACATCTGAGG
human	TDRD6	GACGTGCATCCCGATGTGAT	AGCAGGAAGACACGGCTCT
human	BRCA1	GAAACCGTGCCAAAAGACTTC	CCAAGGTTAGAGAGTTGGACAC
human	RASSF1	AGGACGGTTCTTACACAGGCT	TGGGCAGGTAAAAGGAAGTGC
human	FBXW7	GGCCAAAATGATTCCCAGCAA	ACTGGAGTTCGTGACACTGTTA
human	KISS1	AGCAGCTAGAATCCCTGGG	AGGCCGAAGGAGTTCAGT
human	HIC1	GTCGTGCGACAAGAGCTACAA	CGTTGCTGTGCGAACTTGC
human	LDHA	ATGGCAACTCTAAAGGATCAGC	CCAACCCCAACAACCTGTAATCT
human	PGK1	TGGACGTAAAGGGAAGCGG	GCTCATAAGGACTACCGACTTGG
human	SIRT1	TAGCCTTGTCAGATAAGGAAGGA	ACAGCTTCACAGTCAACTTTGT
human	ENO1	AAAGCTGGTGCCGTTGAGAA	GGTTGTGGTAAACCTCTGCTC
human	PKM	ATGTCGAAGCCCATAGTGAA	TGGGTGGTGAATCAATGTCCA
human	MYC	GGCTCCTGGCAAAAAGGTCA	CTGCGTAGTTGTGCTGATGT
human	MTA1	ACGCAACCCTGTCAGTCTG	GGGCAGGTCCACCATTTC

<b>qRT-PCR primers</b>			
<b>Species</b>	<b>Genes</b>	<b>Forward Primer Sequences</b>	<b>Reverse Primer Sequences</b>
human	EZH2	AATCAGAGTACATGCGACTGAGA	GCTGTATCCTTCGCTGTTTCC
human	TUBB	TGGACTCTGTTCGCTCAGGT	TGCCTCCTTCCGTACCACAT
mouse	Phf20l1	CGTCCTGGAATCACTTTTGAGA	TTGCTGTCCCAGTAAATCCAC
mouse	Ldha	CAAAGACTACTGTGTAACTGCGA	TGGACTGTACTTGACAATGTTGG
mouse	Pgk1	ATGTCGCTTTCCAACAAGCTG	GCTCCATTGTCCAAGCAGAAT
mouse	Gapdh	AGGTCGGTGTGAACGGATTTG	GGGGTCGTTGATGGCAACA
mouse	Eno1	TGCGTCCACTGGCATCTAC	CAGAGCAGGCGCAATAGTTTTA
mouse	Hk2	ATGATCGCCTGCTTATTCACG	CGCCTAGAAATCTCCAGAAGGG
mouse	Sirt1	TGATTGGCACCGATCCTCG	CCACAGCGTCATATCATCCAG
mouse	Pkm	CGCCTGGACATTGACTCTG	GAAATTCAGCCGAGCCACATT
<b>qChIP primers</b>			
<b>Species</b>	<b>Genes</b>	<b>Forward Primer Sequences</b>	<b>Reverse Primer Sequences</b>
human	PHF20L1#1	CAAGTGTCATTATTGGAAGACC	CAGTATTCAAGTTTCTGATGGT
human	PHF20L1#2	GAGGCTAGAACTTTAGCTGCAA	CTATGGAGATTTGGGTGCTGGA
human	PHF20L1#3	ACCTGGATGGTAGAGCAG	TAAAATGTAATTAGAAGTGAGA
human	PHF20L1#4	TGCTCAGTCTAGCTCAGTAGCT	TTTTCTCTTGGTTTCCACTGTA
human	PHF20L1#5	GTTTGGGAGGGTAGGTAT	TATTACTAAGATGTGTGTACGC
human	PHF20L1#6	AGTTTGCCAAGGGTCCTG	GGTACTGGAGGAAAGAACG
human	BRCA1	GGGGATTGGGACCTCTTC	TCTACCTGAGTTTGCCATAAAG
human	GATA2	CAATTACCGACTGTCAATCCCG	TCCTCCAGCCCTCTTCCT
human	GSTM2	TGAATCCCTGAGCACCAA	CCGCTGCACTCTAGGTTAG
human	HIC1	GGGCAGGACTTTTCCGAACT	CCTACCCGCAGGTTCCGCC
human	KISS1	ACATTTCACTGACACTTCT	GGACTTTCTCCTTCTTACCG
human	STMN3	CAGACCTGGACCCTGTTGG	AGATGAGCCCCATTCCCA
human	VILL	AAGTGCCAAGACATAACAA	GTTCAAGTGATCTTCCCGCT
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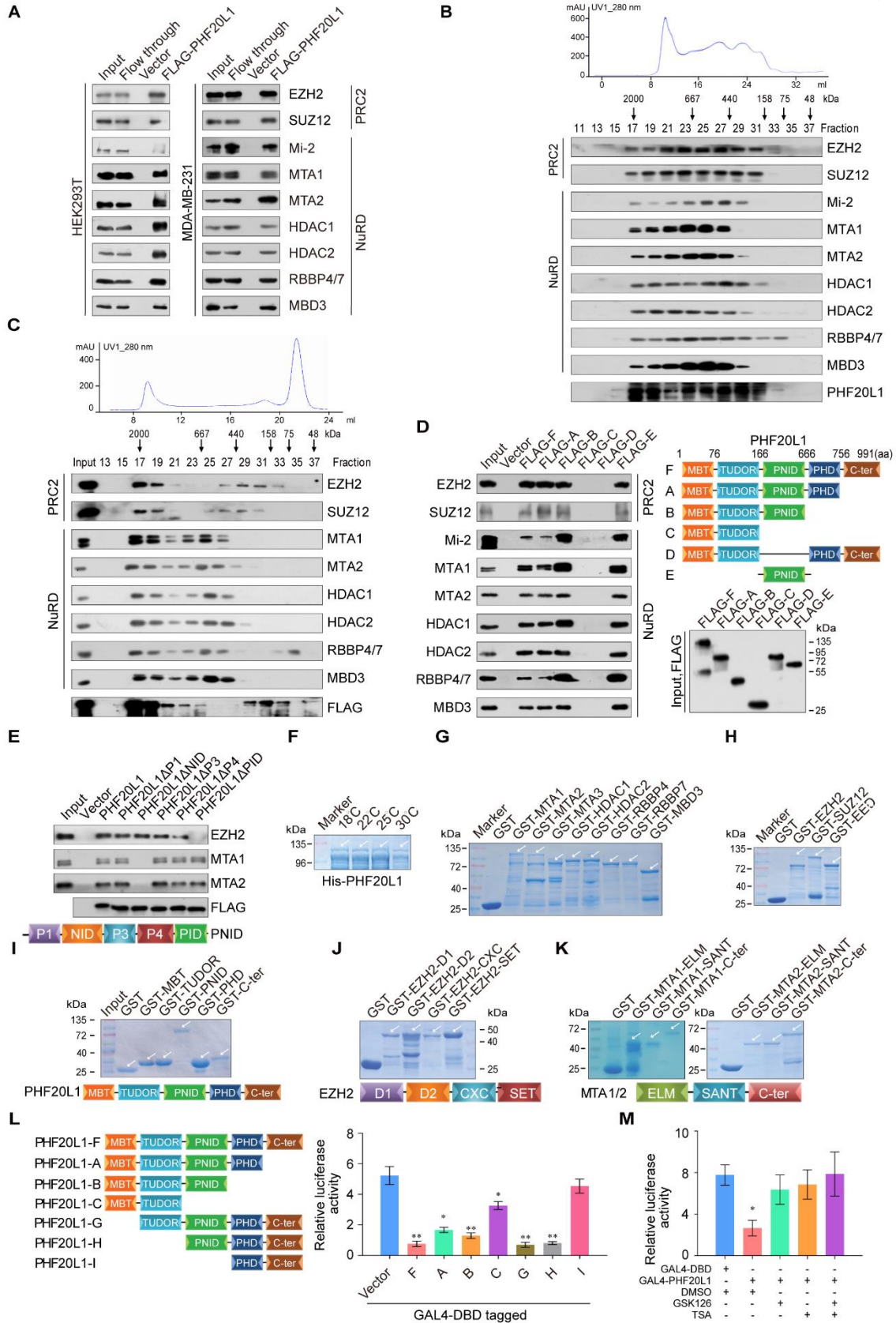


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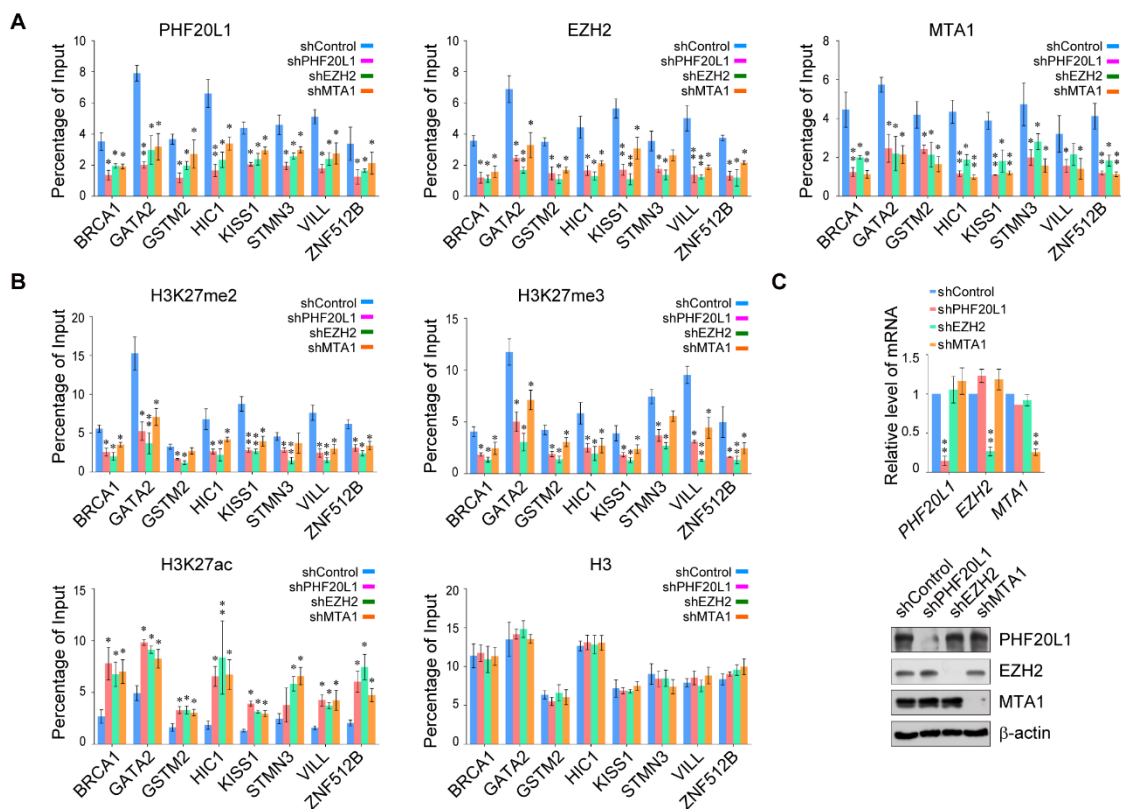
**Fig. S1. PHF20L1 is critical for breast cancer cell proliferation.** (A) Schematic representation of TDRDs and the TUDOR ligand involved. (B) The knockdown efficiency are measured by qRT-PCR in MDA-MB-231 cells. (C) Growth curve assays were performed in MDA-MB-231 cells transfected with siRNAs against the indicated TDRDs. The cell number was measured by Operetta CLS™ for biological triplicate experiments. Data represent the mean ± SD. Two-tailed unpaired t test, \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$  at the final day. (D and E) EdU assays were performed in TDRDs-deficient MDA-MB-231 or Hs 578T cells. Representative images are shown. Scale bar, 50 μm. (F) Statistical analysis of EdU assays in TDRDs-deficient MDA-MB-231 cells (upper panel) or Hs 578T cells (lower panel) are shown. Data represent the mean ± SD. Two-tailed unpaired t test, \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$  (B and F).

fig. S2



**Fig. S2. PHF20L1 is a transcriptional repressor that interacts with PRC2 and the NuRD complex.** (A) Column-bound proteins were analyzed using western blotting with antibodies against the indicated proteins, related to Fig. 3A. (B) Co-fractionation of PHF20L1, PRC2, and the NuRD complex by fast protein liquid chromatography. Nuclear extracts of HEK293T cells were fractionated on Superose 6 size exclusion columns. Chromatographic elution profiles and western blotting analysis of the chromatographic fractions are shown. (C) Co-fractionation of PHF20L1, PRC2, and the NuRD complex by fast protein liquid chromatography. FLAG-PHF20L1 multiprotein complexes were fractionated on Superose 6 size exclusion columns. Chromatographic elution profiles and western blotting analysis of the chromatographic fractions are shown. (D) Co-IP analysis of the molecular interaction between PRC2, NuRD and PHF20L1 with cellular lysates from HEK293T cells expressing FLAG-tagged full-length or deletions of PHF20L1. The conserved domains of PHF20L1 were divided into the MBT, TUDOR, PNID, PHD, and C-terminal domain. (E) Co-IP analysis of the molecular interaction between PNID domain and PRC2 or NuRD with cellular lysates from HEK293T cells expressing FLAG-tagged deletions of PHF20L1. The PNID domain of PHF20L1 were divided into P1, P2 (NID), P3, P4, and P5 (PID). (F-K) GST/His fused proteins purified from BL21 *Escherichia coli*. used in Fig. 3. (L) The PNID domain is responsible for the transcriptional repression activity of PHF20L1. HEK293T cells were transfected with the indicated Gal4-deletions and the Gal4 luciferase reporter activity was measured. (M) Effect of GSK126 and TSA treatment on PHF20L1 repressive activity. HEK293T cells were transfected as indicated constructs along with treatment of inhibitor against EZH2 or MTA1, and Gal4 luciferase reporter activity was measured. Data shown are mean  $\pm$  SD. Two-tailed unpaired t test. \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$  (L and M).

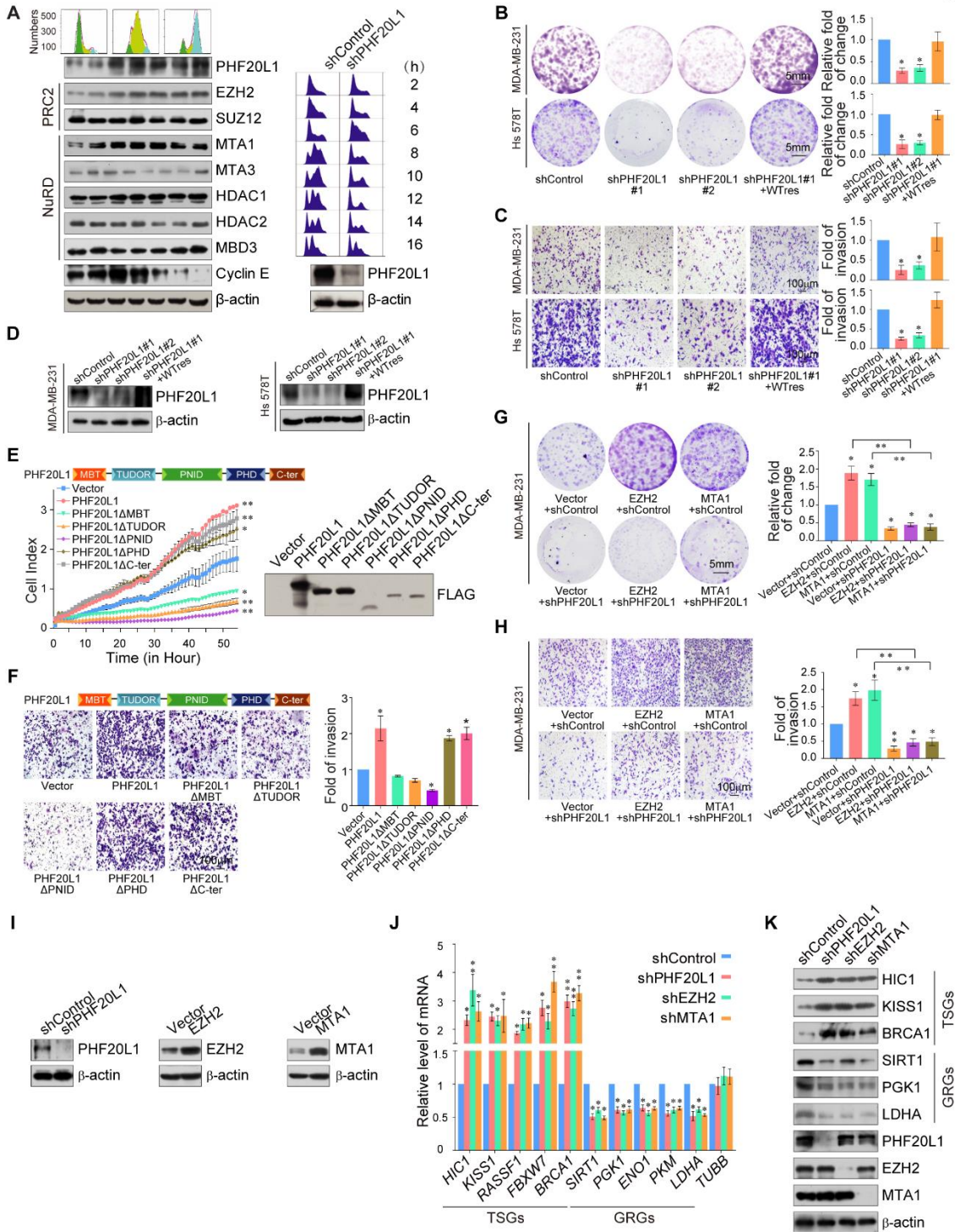
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**Fig. S3. PHF20L1 loss-of-function impairs the deposition of PRC2 and the NuRD complex.** (A and B) qChIP analysis using anti-PHF20L1, anti-EZH2, anti-MTA1, anti-H3K27me2, anti-H3K27me3, anti-H3K27ac, and anti-H3 antibodies in control, PHF20L1 KD, EZH2 KD and MTA1 KD MDA-MB-231 cells. (C) The knockdown of PHF20L1 could not affect the expression of EZH2 and MTA1 in MDA-MB-231 cells. Data shown are mean  $\pm$  SD. Two-tailed unpaired t test, \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$  (A-C).

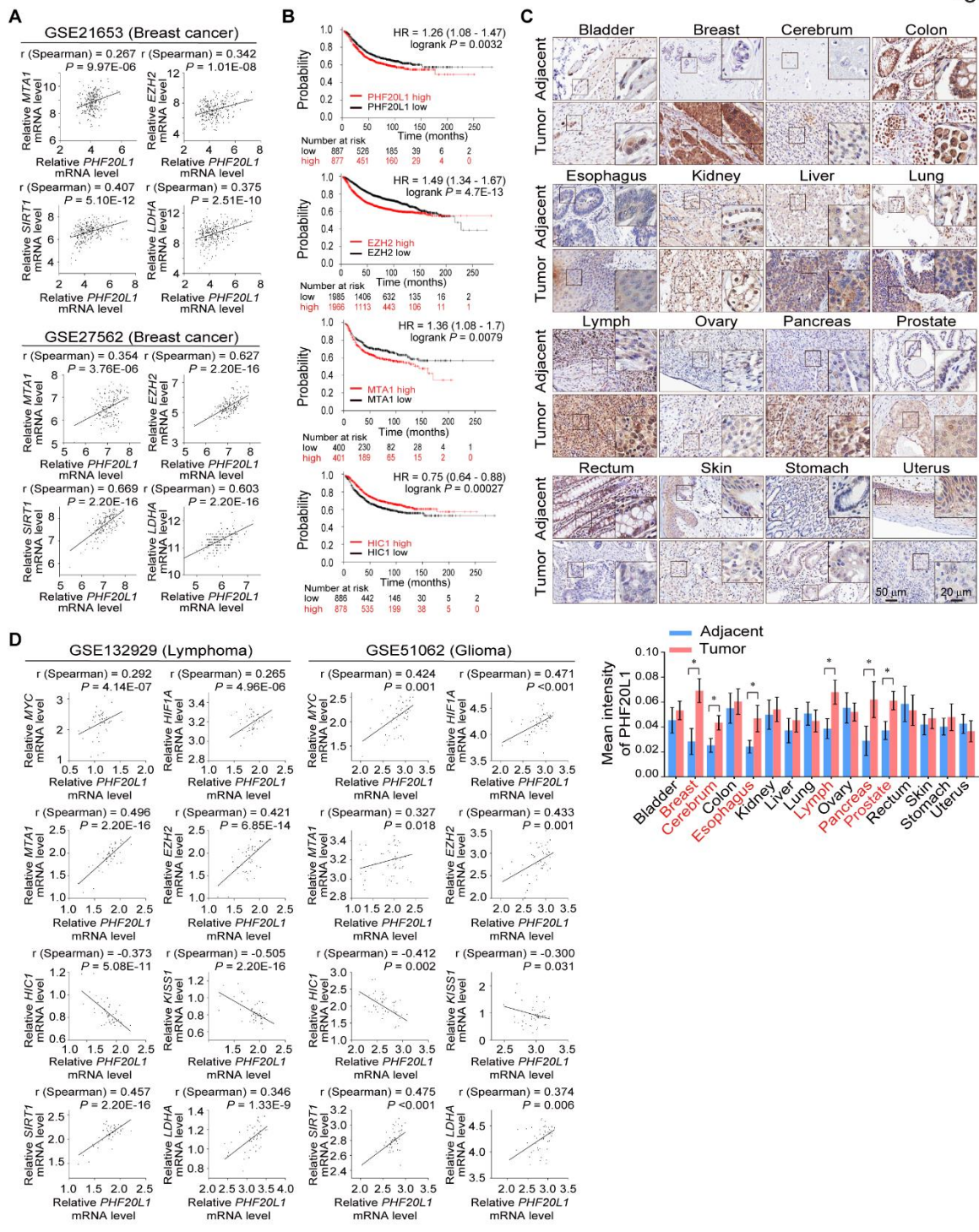


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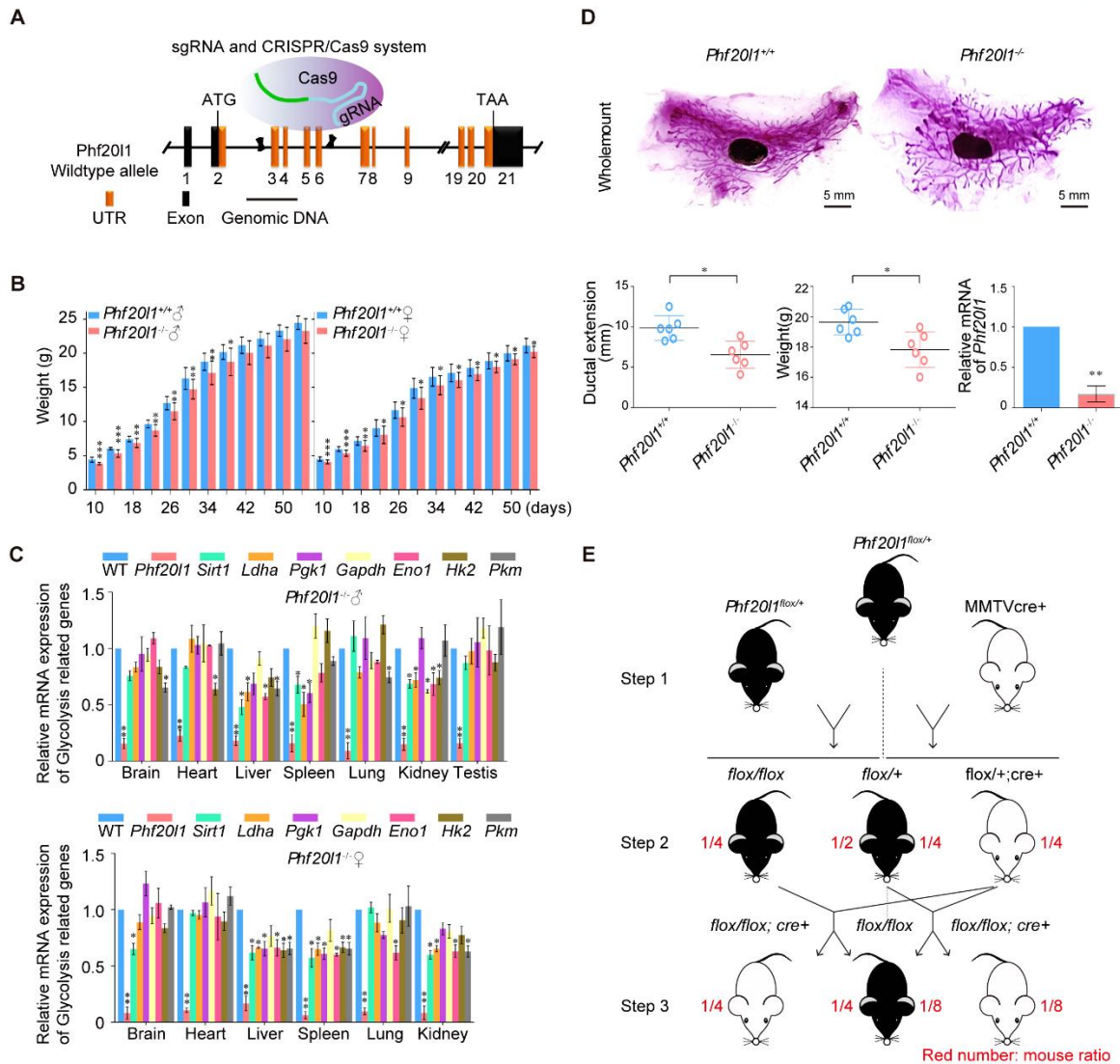
**Fig. S4. PHF20L1 acts in concert with its associated corepressor complexes to promote breast cancer carcinogenesis.** (A) Western blotting analysis of the expression of PHF20L1, PRC2, and NuRD subunits at different cell cycle stages (left panel). Propidium iodide FACS analysis of the cell cycle following PHF20L1 depletion in MDA-MB-231 cells are shown (right panel). (B) Colony formation assays were performed in control, PHF20L1 KD and PHF20L1 KD MDA-MB-231 or Hs 578T cells stably expressing shRNA-resistant PHF20L1 (WTres). (C) Transwell invasion assays were performed in cells as in (B). (D) Western blotting analysis of PHF20L1 in cells as in (B and C). (E) The growth curves were measured in MDA-MB-231 cells stably expressing vector, full-length PHF20L1 or deletion mutations of the MBT, TUDOR, PNID, PHD, and C-terminal domains. Data shown are mean  $\pm$  SD. Two-tailed unpaired t test, \* $p$  < 0.05, \*\* $p$  < 0.01 at the final minute. (F) Transwell invasion assays were performed in MDA-MB-231 cells as in (E). (G) MDA-MB-231 cells infected with lentiviruses carrying shControl, shPHF20L1, shControl + EZH2, shControl + MTA1, shPHF20L1 + EZH2, shPHF20L1 + MTA1, then colony formation assays were performed. (H) Transwell invasion assays were performed in cells as in (G). (I) Western blotting analysis of PHF20L1, EZH2 and MTA1 in cells as in (G and H). (J and K) The expression of the indicated tumor suppressor genes and glycolysis related genes were measured by qRT-PCR (J) and western blotting analysis (K) in control, PHF20L1 KD, EZH2 KD and MTA1 KD MDA-MB-231 cells. *TUBB* served as an irrelevant control gene. The mRNA levels were normalized to those of *ACTB*.  $\beta$ -actin served as loading control. All error bars represent mean  $\pm$  SD. Two-tailed unpaired t test. \* $p$  < 0.05, \*\* $p$  < 0.01 (B, C, F, G, H, and J).

fig. S5





**Fig. S5. Clinical relevance of the MYC/HIF1 $\alpha$ -(PHF20L1-EZH2-MTA1)-HIC1/KISS1 axis in cancers.** (A) Analysis of public datasets (GSE21653 and GSE27562) from breast cancer for the correlation of *MTA1*, *EZH2*, *SIRT1*, *LDHA*, and *PHF20L1*, related to Fig. 5K. (B) Kaplan-Meier survival analysis for the relationship between survival time and expression levels of PHF20L1, EZH2, MTA1, and HIC1 in breast cancer using the online tool (<http://kmplot.com/analysis/>). (C) Immunohistochemical staining of PHF20L1 in paired samples of multiple carcinomas versus adjacent normal tissues and values for the stainings were determined by ImagePro Plus software and are presented with statistical histogram. Representative images of 200-fold magnifications of each type of paired tumor section are presented. Data shown are mean  $\pm$  SD. Two-tailed unpaired t test. \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ . (D) Analysis of two published clinical datasets (GSE132929 and GSE51062) from lymphoma and glioma for the correlation of MYC, HIF1A, MTA1, EZH2, HIC1, KISS1, SIRT1, LDHA, and PHF20L1.



**Fig. S6. *Phf2011* deletion induces growth retardation and delay of mammary ductal outgrowth *in vivo*.** (A) Schematic of the depletion of the *Phf2011* gene using the CRISPR/Cas9 system. (B) Bodyweights of *Phf2011* KO and wild-type mice. n=15. (C) The expression profiles of glycolysis-related genes of various major organs in 4-week-old *Phf2011*-null mice or littermate wild-type mice. The expression levels of the indicated genes were measured by qRT-PCR. (D) Mammary ductal developmental defects in *Phf2011* knockout mice at about 8-week-old. (E) Strategy for the generation of *Phf2011*<sup>flox/flox</sup>; MMTV-Cre mice. All error bars represent mean  $\pm$  SD. Two-tailed unpaired t test, \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.001$  (B-D).