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**Targeting DGAT1 Ameliorates Glioblastoma
by Increasing Fat Catabolism and Oxidative Stress**

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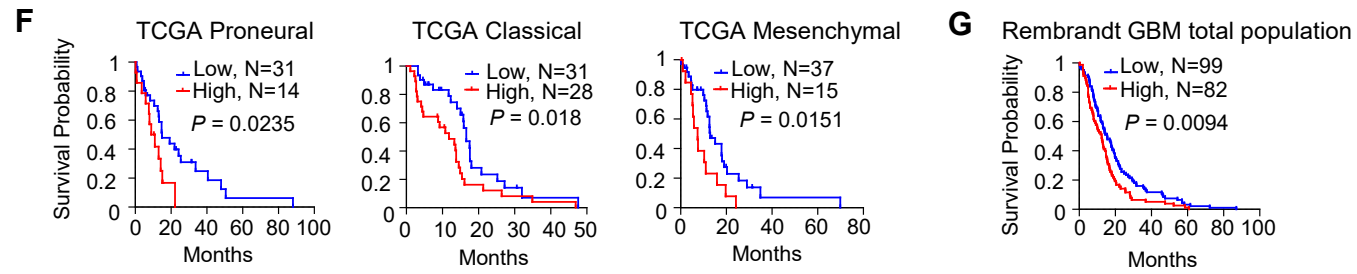
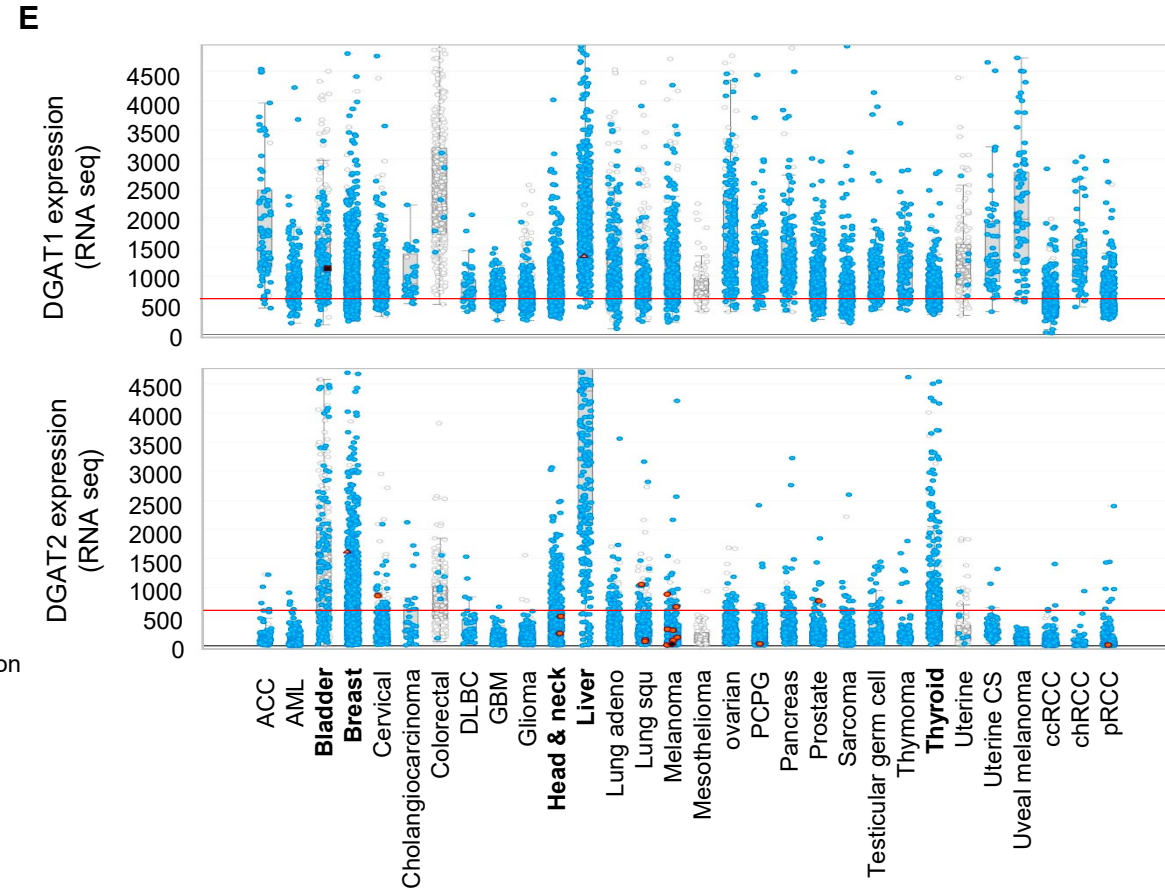
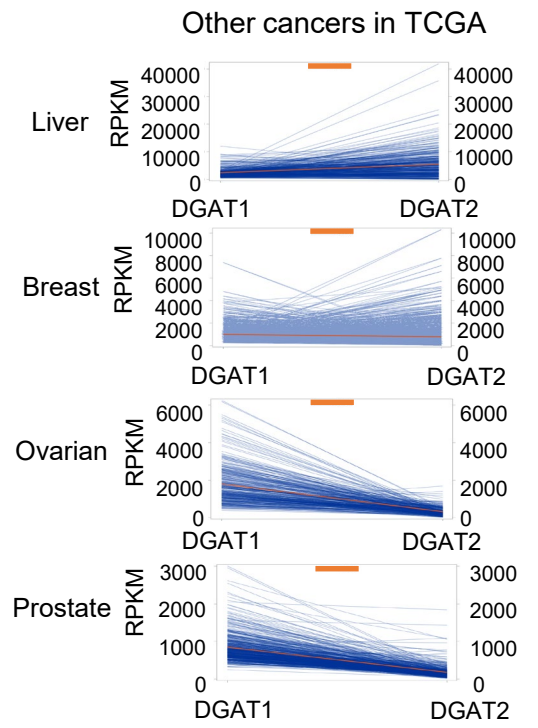
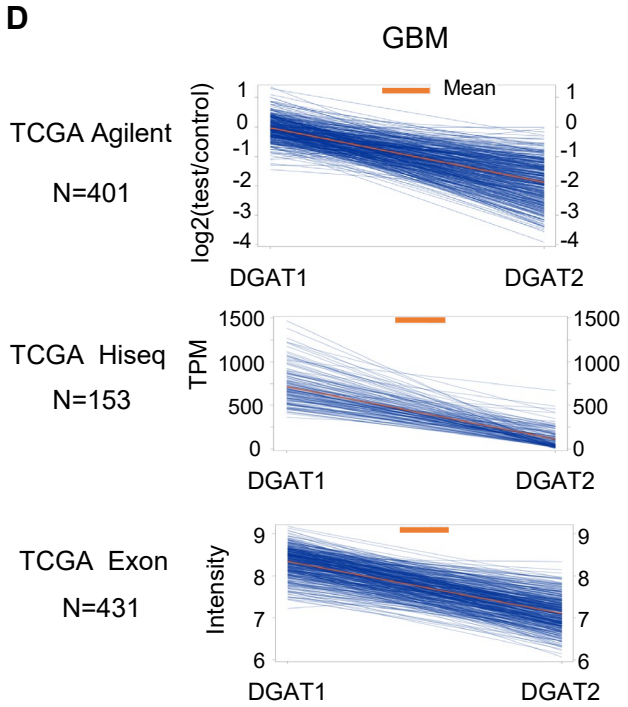
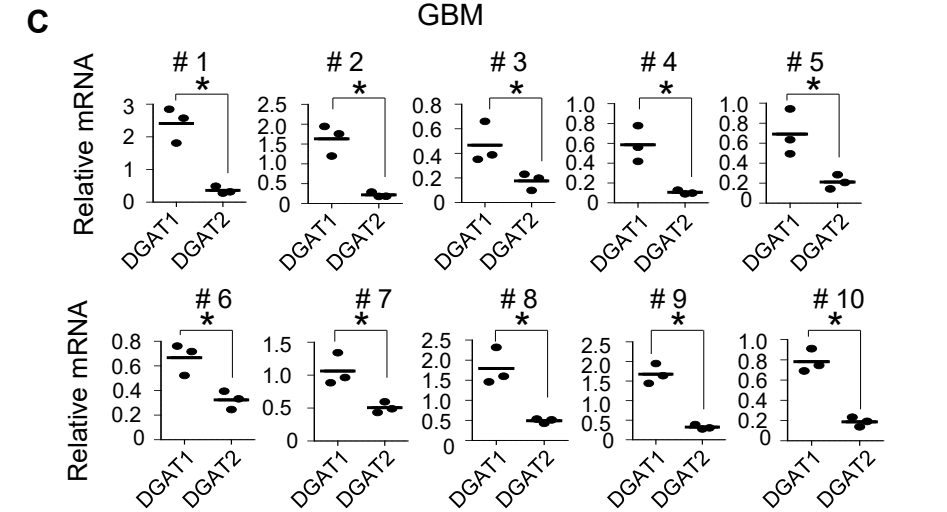
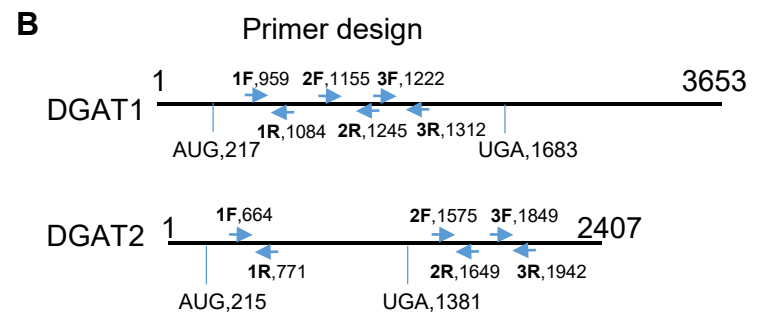
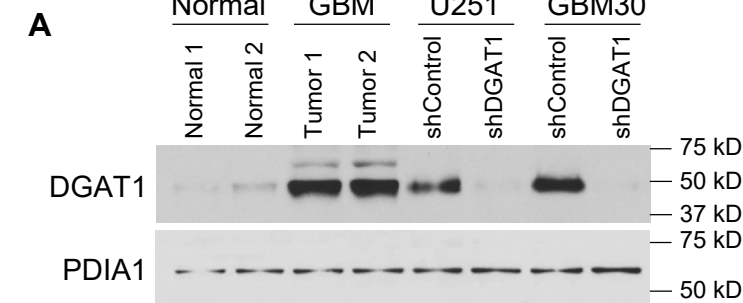
Fig. S1

Figure S1. DGAT1 is highly expressed in GBM and is inversely correlated with patient overall survival (Related to Figure 1)

- (A) A representative Western blot ($n = 2$ blots in total) of DGAT1 expression in human normal brain, tumor tissues from individuals with GBM, and GBM cell lines that were infected with shControl or shDGAT1 lentivirus (48 hr). PDIA1 (protein disulfide isomerase family A, member 1), an ER-resident protein, was used as an internal control.
- (B) Schematic diagram showing the primer design for detection of *DGAT1* and *DGAT2* gene expression using RT-qPCR.
- (C) RT-qPCR analysis of *DGAT1* vs. *DGAT2* mRNA levels in individuals with GBM ($n = 10$) using three separate primers as shown in panel B. The expression was normalized to the average DGAT1 expression. $*P < 0.001$
- (D) Paired profiles of *DGAT1* vs. *DGAT2* gene expression in tumor tissues from individuals with GBM and other cancers in the TCGA database. TPM, transcripts per million; FPKM, fragments per kilobase million; RPKM, reads per kilobase million.
- (E) *DGAT1* (top) vs. *DGAT2* (bottom) gene expression pattern in 30 cancer types in the TCGA database from cBioPortal.
- (F and G) Kaplan-Meier plot of patient survival in GBM subtypes (F) or total patient population (G) based on *DGAT1* expression levels in the GBM TCGA RNAseq (F) or Rembrandt (G) databases using optimal cutoff. The cutoff is 9.711 for the proneural subtype, 9.436 for the classical and 9.471 for the mesenchymal subtypes. Rembrandt GBM cutoff is 8.109. Significance was analyzed by Log-rank test.

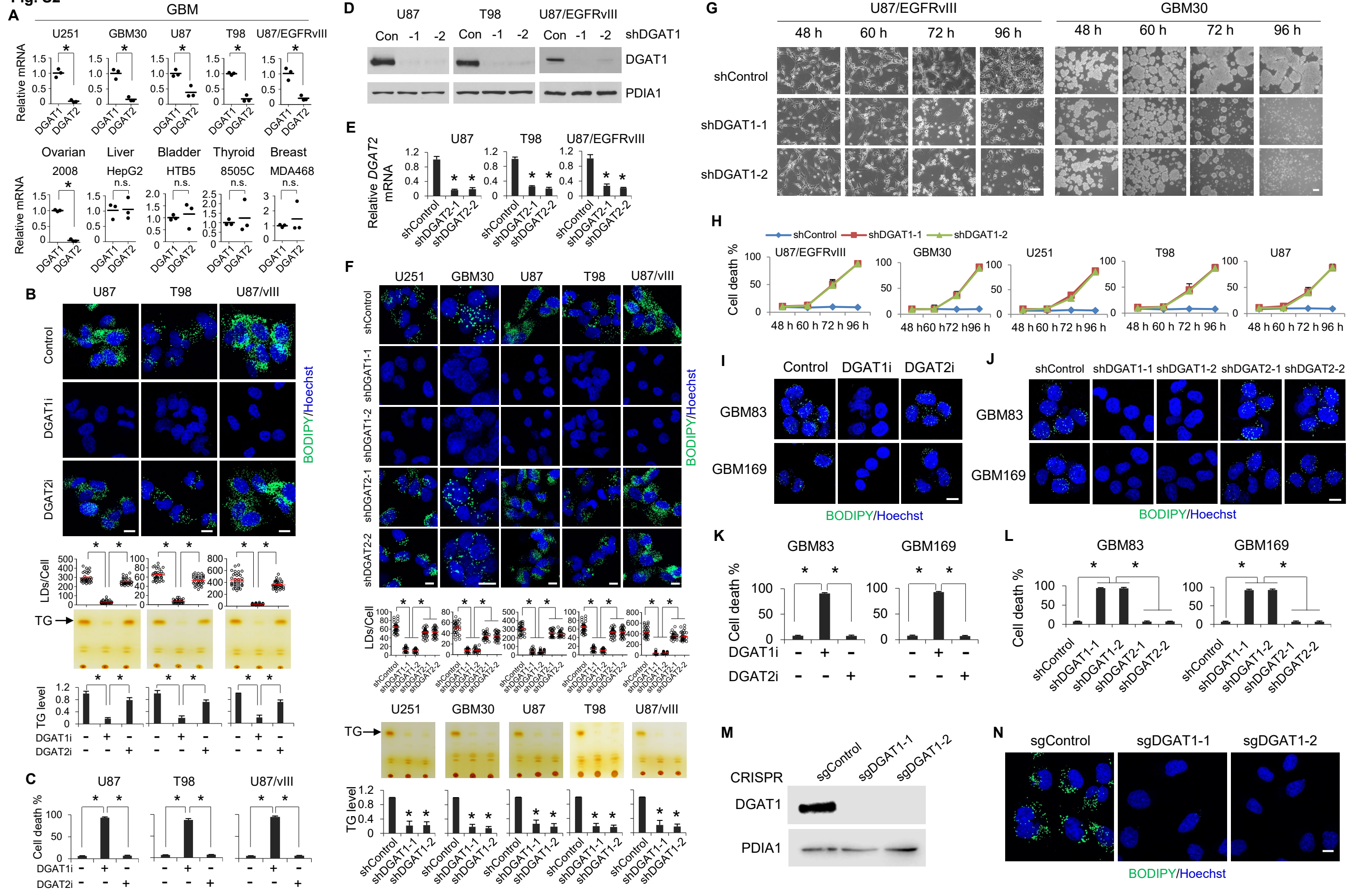
Fig. S2

Figure S2. Inhibition of DGAT1, but not DGAT2, significantly suppresses TG and LD formation and induces GBM cell death (Related to Figure 2)

(A) RT-qPCR analysis of *DGAT1* vs. *DGAT2* mRNA levels in multiple types of cancer cell lines using 3 pairs of different primers showing in Figure S1B. The expression was normalized to the average DGAT1 expression. * $P < 0.01$.

(B) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of LDs stained with BODIPY 493/503 (green) (upper panels) and TLC analysis ($n = 3$) of TG levels (lower panels) in GBM cells after treatment with DGAT1 inhibitor A-922500 (20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) or DGAT2 inhibitor PF-06424439 (20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) for 24 hr. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar: 10 μm . LDs were quantified by the ImageJ software in more than 30 cells in each treatment group. TG levels were quantified by the ImageJ software and normalized to control group (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$). * $P < 0.001$; # $P < 0.05$.

(C) Percentage of dead GBM cells after treatment for 3 days with the DGAT1 or DGAT2 inhibitors as in panel B. * $P < 0.0001$.

(D) A representative Western blot ($n = 3$ blots in total) of DGAT1 expression in GBM cancer cells after infection with shRNA lentivirus against DGAT1 for 48 hr.

(E) RT-qPCR analysis of *DGAT2* mRNA levels in GBM cells after infection with shDGAT2 lentivirus for 48 hr. The expression level was normalized to shControl and shown as mean \pm SD ($n = 3$). * $P < 0.001$.

(F) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of LDs stained with BODIPY 493/503 (green) (upper panels) and TLC analysis ($n = 3$) of TAG levels (lower panels) in GBM cells after infection with two independent clones of shDGAT1 or shDGAT2 lentivirus for 48 hr. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). * $P < 0.0001$. TLC analysis of TG levels in GBM cells infected with two independent clones of shDGAT1 lentivirus for 48 hr. * $P < 0.01$.

(G and H) Percentage of dead GBM cells after infection with shDGAT1 lentivirus at 48, 60, 72, and 96 hr. The significance was determined by one-way ANOVA (mean \pm SD, $n = 3$). * $P < 0.0001$.

(I and J) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of LDs stained with BODIPY 493/503 (green) in primary GBM83 and GBM169 cells after treatment with DGAT1 or DGAT2 inhibitors as in panel B for 24 hr (I), or infected with two independent clones of shDGAT1 or shDGAT2 lentivirus for 48 hr (J). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm .

(K and L) Dead cell percentage primary GBM83 and GBM169 after treatment for 3 days with DGAT1 or DGAT2 inhibitors (K) or infection with shRNA lentivirus for 4 days (L). * $P < 0.0001$.

(M) A representative Western blot ($n = 2$ blots in total) of DGAT1 in U251 cells after infection with sgControl- or sgDGAT1 CRISPR lentivirus for 6 days.

(N) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of LDs stained with BODIPY 493/503 (green) in U251 cells infected with sgControl or sgDGAT1 for 7 days. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm .

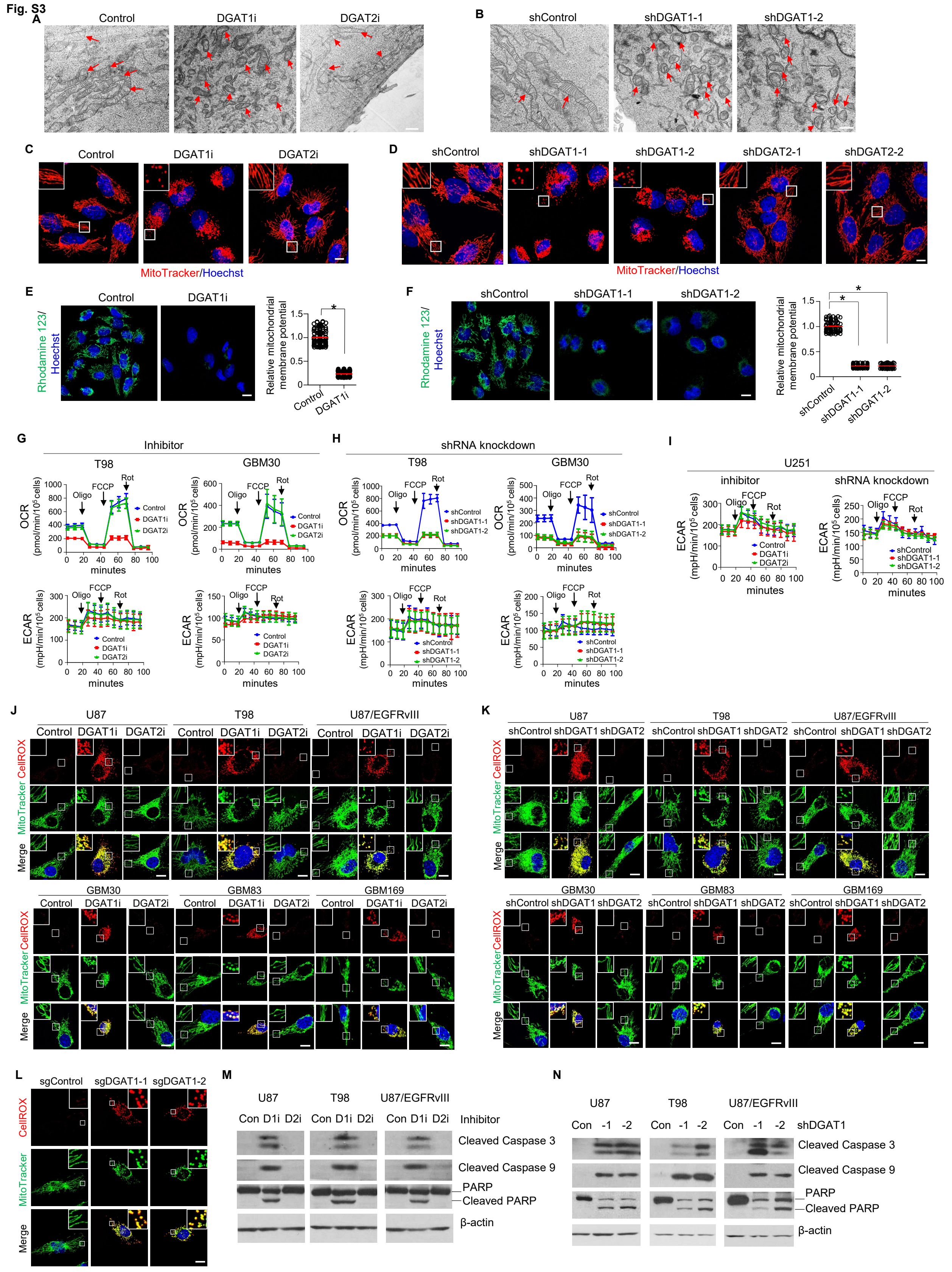


Figure S3. Inhibition of DGAT1 causes severe mitochondria damage, membrane potential reduction, high levels of ROS and apoptosis in GBM cells (Related to Figure 3)

(A and B) Transmission electron microscopy analysis ($n = 20$ images in total) of the mitochondrial structure in U251 cells treated with DGAT1 inhibitor A-922500 (20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) or DGAT2 inhibitor PF-06424439 (20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) for 24 hr (A) or infected with shDGAT1 lentivirus for 48 hr (B). Scale bar, 500 nm. Mitochondria are indicated by red arrows.

(C and D) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of mitochondria (red) stained with MitoTracker Red in U251 cells treated with DGAT1 or DGAT2 inhibitors (C) or infected with shRNA lentivirus (D). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm .

(E and F) Representative fluorescence image ($n = 12$ images in total) of mitochondrial membrane potential (green) stained with Rhodamine123 in U251 cells treated with DGAT1 inhibitor for 24 hr or infected with shDGAT1 lentivirus for 48 hr. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm . Rhodamine123 staining was quantified by ImageJ software in more than 100 cells. $*P < 0.0001$.

(G-I) Analysis of mitochondrial activity by measuring oxygen consumption rate (OCR) and extracellular acidification rate (ECAR) in GBM cells treated with DGAT1 inhibitor or DGAT2 inhibitor as in panel A for 24 hr, or infected with shDGAT1 or shDGAT2 lentivirus for 48 hr. Data represent the mean \pm SD from three independent experiments. Oligo, oligomycin; FCCP, carbonyl cyanide 4-trifluoromethoxy-phenylhydrazone; Rot, rotenone.

(J and K) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of ROS production (red) stained with CellROX Deep Red and mitochondria (green) stained with MitoTracker Green in GBM cells treated with DGAT1 inhibitor or DGAT2 inhibitor as in panel A for 24 hr (J) or infected with shDGAT1 or shDGAT2 lentivirus for 48 hr (K). Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm .

(L) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of ROS production (red) stained with CellROX Deep Red and mitochondria (green) stained with MitoTracker Green in U251 cells infected with sgControl or sgDGAT1 CRISPR lentivirus for 7 days. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm .

(M and N) A Western blot ($n = 3$ blots in total) of apoptosis markers in multiple GBM cells treated with DGAT1 inhibitor or DGAT2 inhibitor as in panel A for 24 hr (M) or shDGAT1 lentivirus for 72 hr.

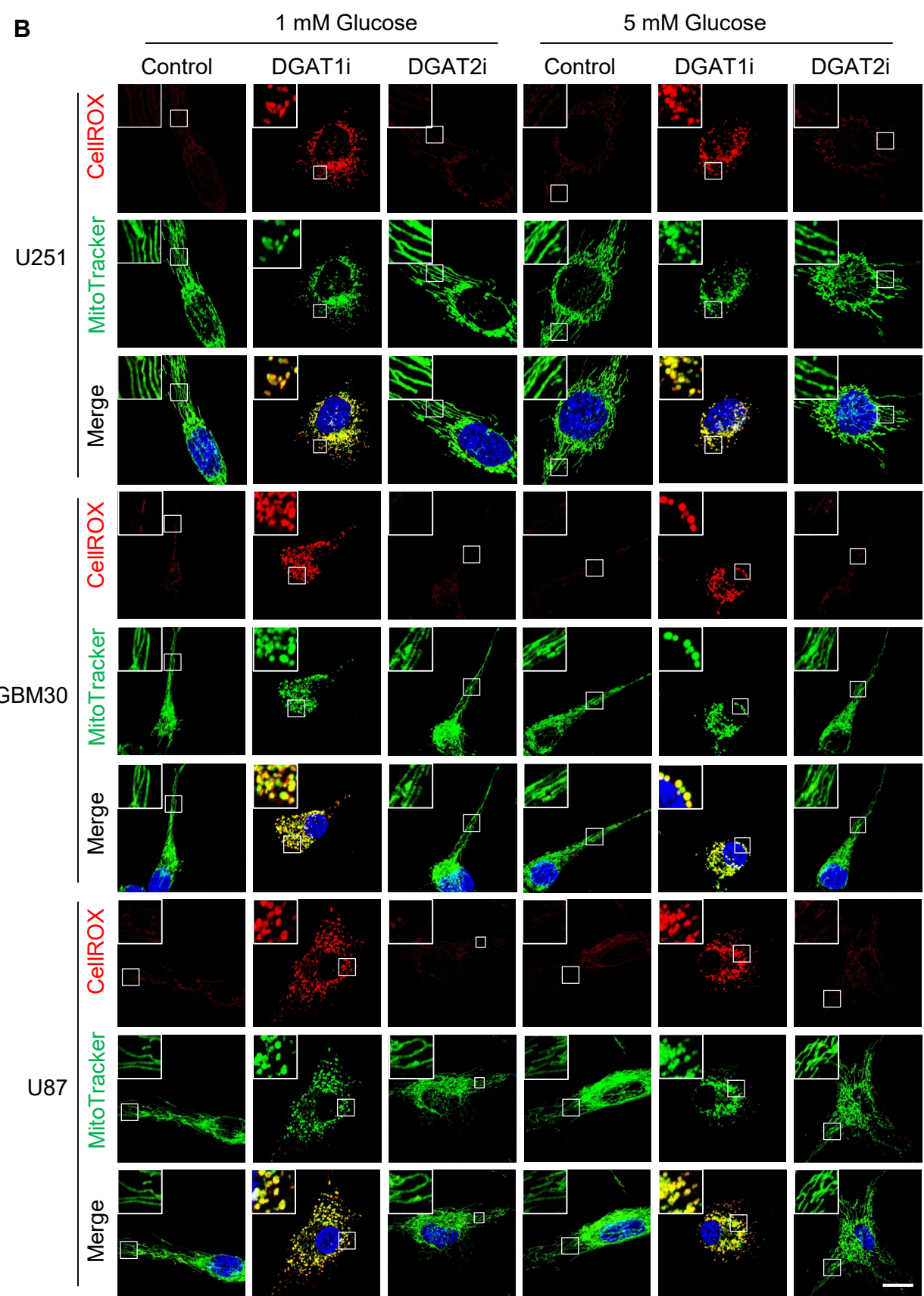
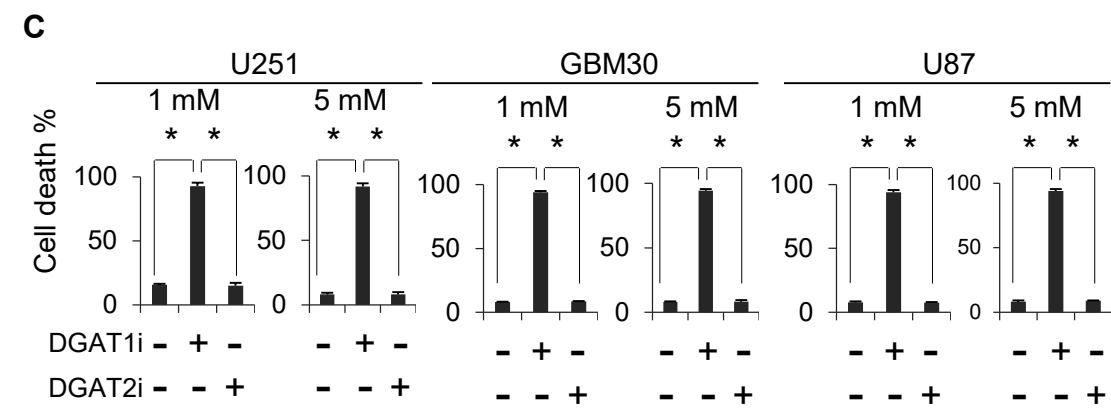
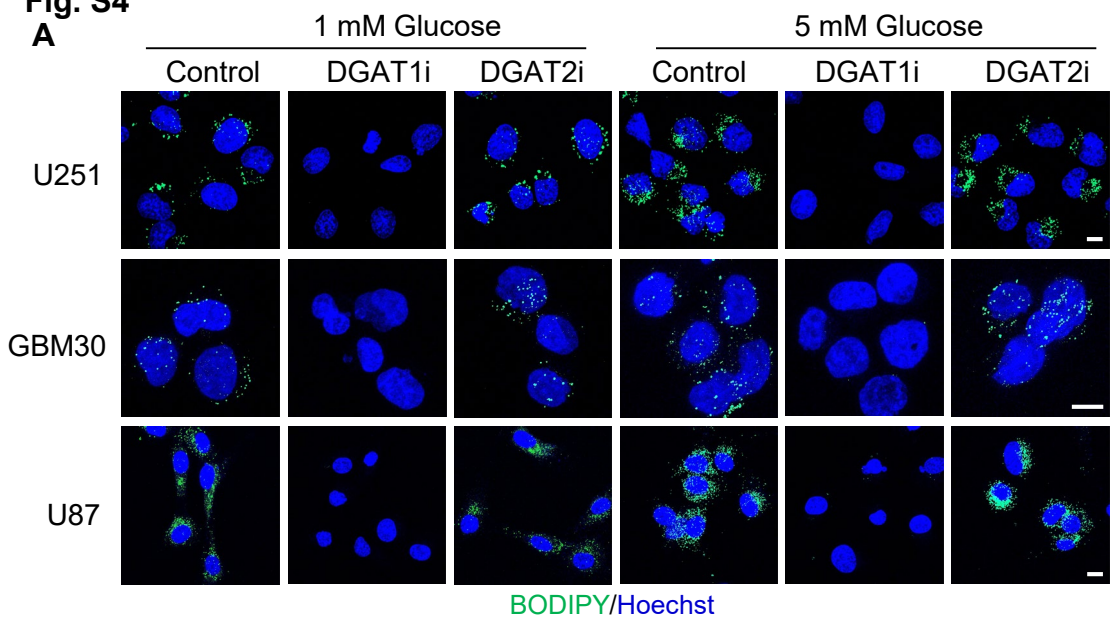
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Figure S4. DGAT1 inhibition blocks LD formation, induces high level of ROS, triggers mitochondria damage and GBM cell death under low glucose condition (Related to Figure 3)

(A) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of LDs stained with BODIPY 493/503 (green) in GBM cells after treatments with DGAT1 inhibitor A-922500 (20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) or DGAT2 inhibitor PF-06424439 (20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) in 1 mM or 5 mM glucose for 24 hr. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm .

(B) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of ROS (red) detected by CellROX Deep Red and mitochondria (green) detected by MitoTracker Green in GBM cells treated with DGAT1 inhibitor or DGAT2 inhibitor as in panel A in 1 mM or 5 mM glucose. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm .

(C) Percentage of dead GBM cells after treatment with DGAT1 inhibitor or DGAT2 inhibitor as in panel A in 1 mM or 5 mM glucose. $*P < 0.0001$.

Fig. S5

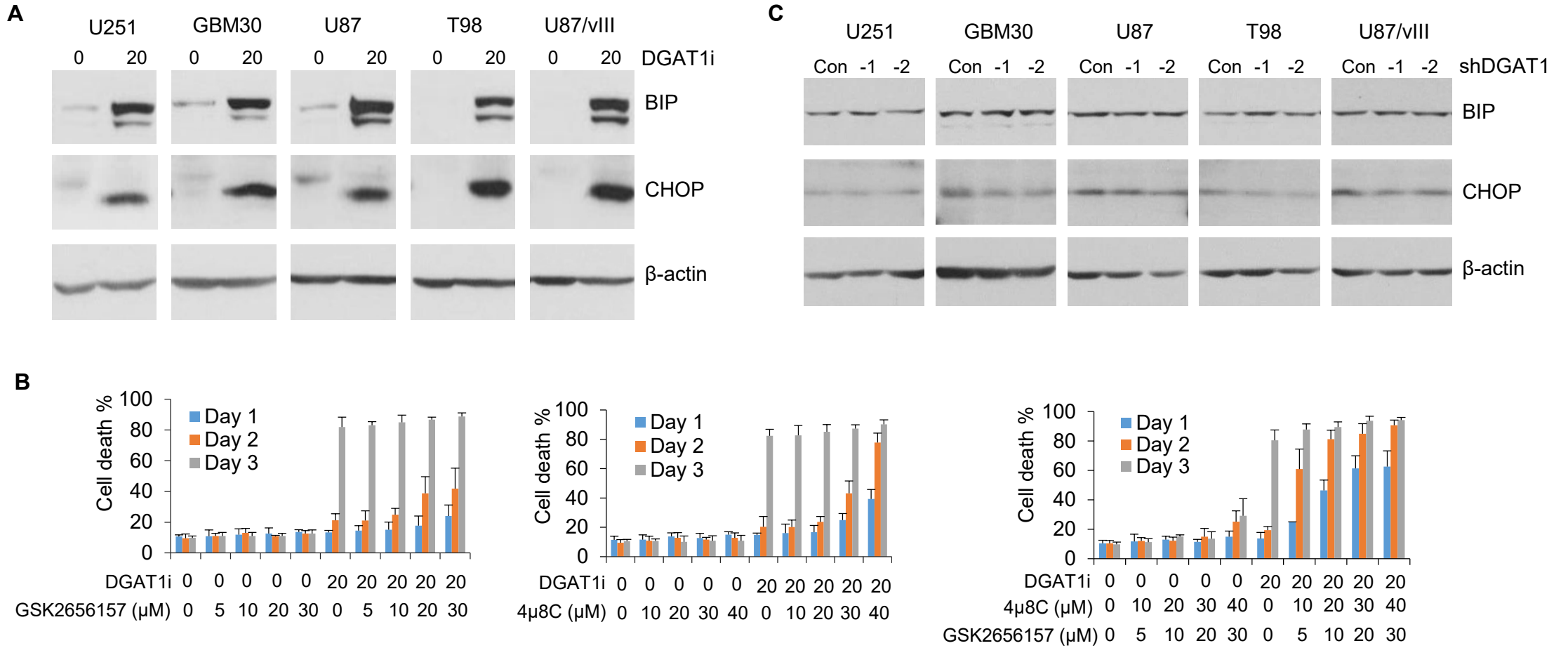


Figure S5. Pharmacological inhibition of DGAT1 induces ER stress (Related to Figure 3)

(A) A representative Western blot ($n = 3$ blots in total) of ER stress protein markers BIP and CHOP expression in GBM cells treated with the DGAT1 inhibitor A-922500 (20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) for 24 hr.

(B) Percentage of cell death in U251 cells treated with the ER stress pathway PERK inhibitor GSK2656157 or IRE1a inhibitor 4 μ 8C at indicated concentration, alone or in combination with the DGAT1 inhibitor A-922500 (20 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ml}$) for 3 days.

(C) A representative Western blot ($n = 3$ blots in total) of expression of ER stress protein markers BIP and CHOP in GBM cells infected with shDGAT1 lentivirus for 48 hr.

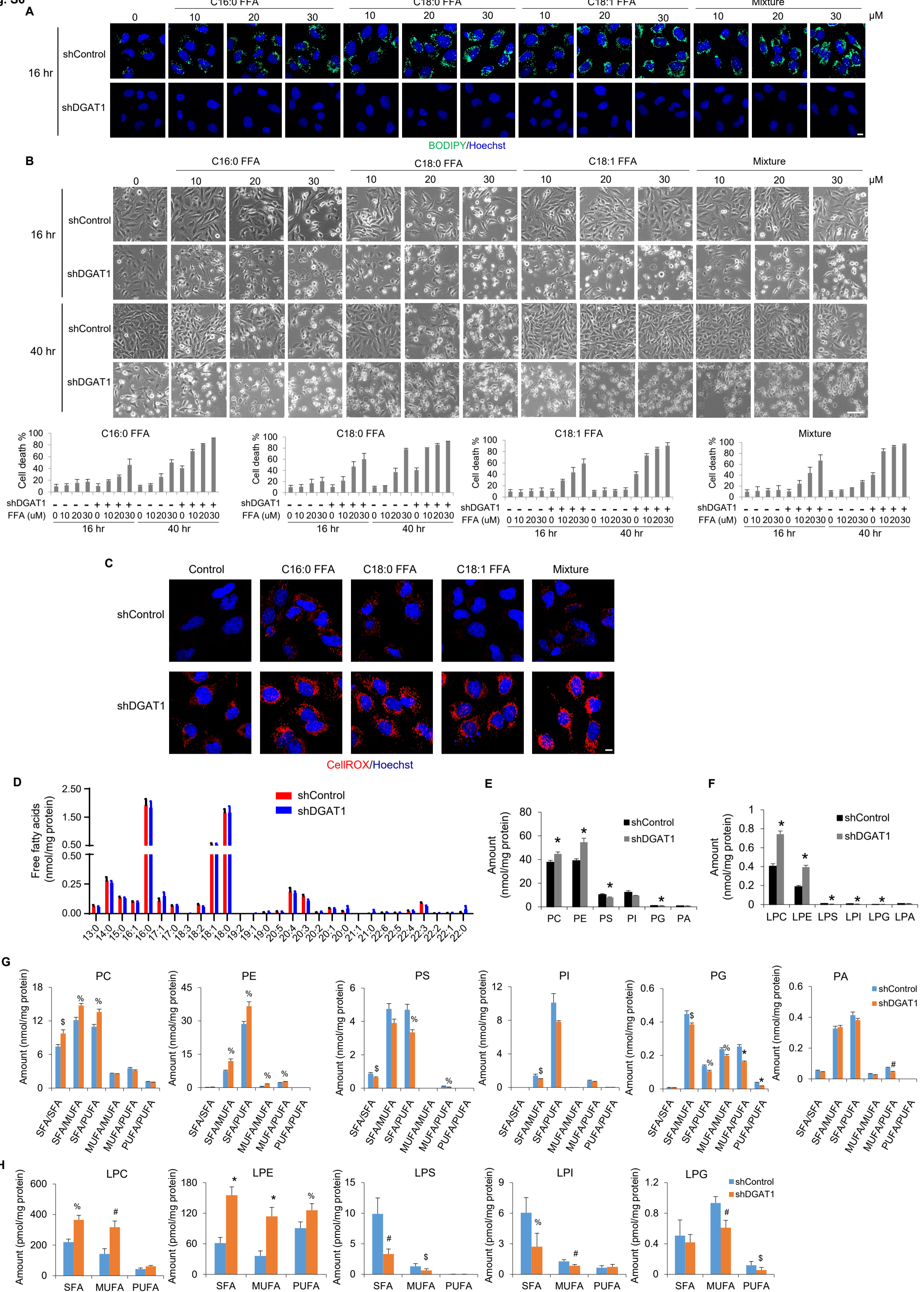
Fig. S6

Figure S6. Blocking the storage of free fatty acids upon DGAT1 inhibition disrupts lipid homeostasis and triggers marked cytotoxicity in GBM cells (Related to Figure 4)

- (A) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of LDs in U251 cells cultured in charcoal-stripped FBS media supplemented with the indicated free fatty acids alone or in mixture for 16 hr after DGAT1 shRNA knockdown for 32 hr. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm .
- (B) Representative cell morphology ($n = 6$ images in total) and percentage of cell death in U251 cells cultured in charcoal-stripped FBS media supplemented with the indicated free fatty acids alone or in mixture for 16 hr and 40 hr after DGAT1 shRNA knockdown for 32 hr. Scale bar, 50 μm .
- (C) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of ROS stained by CellROX Deep Red in U251 cells cultured in charcoal-stripped FBS media supplemented with the indicated free fatty acids alone or in mixture for 16 hr after DGAT1 shRNA knockdown for 32 hr. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm .
- (D) The profiling of free fatty acids in U251 cells after shRNA knockdown (60 hr) of shDGAT1 vs. shControl cells ($n = 5$).
- (E and F) The levels of different phospholipids (E) or lysophospholipids (F) ($n = 5$) in U251 cells with shDGAT1 knockdown in comparison with shControl cells. Statistical significance was determined by Student's *t*-test. * $P < 0.05$. Phosphatidylcholine (PC), Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE), Phosphatidylserine (PS), Phosphatidylinositol (PI), Phosphatidylglycerol (PG), Phosphatidic acid (PA), Lysophosphatidylcholine (LPC), Lysophosphatidylethanolamine (LPE), Lysophosphatidylserine (LPS), Lysophosphatidylinositol (LPI), Lysophosphatidylglycerol (LPG), Lysophosphatidic acid (LPA).
- (G and H) Comparison of the components of fatty acids with saturated and unsaturated species in membrane structural lipids, i.e., glycerolphospholipids (PS, PG, PI, PC, PE and PA) and lysophospholipids (LPS, LPG, LPI, LPC and LPE) ($n = 5$) in U251 cells after shRNA knockdown of DGAT1 vs. control cells. SFA, saturated fatty acid; MUFA, monounsaturated fatty acid; PUFA, polyunsaturated fatty acids. * $P < 0.0001$; # $P < 0.001$; % $P < 0.01$; \$ $P < 0.05$.

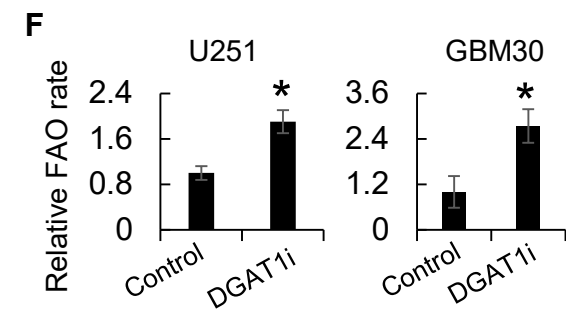
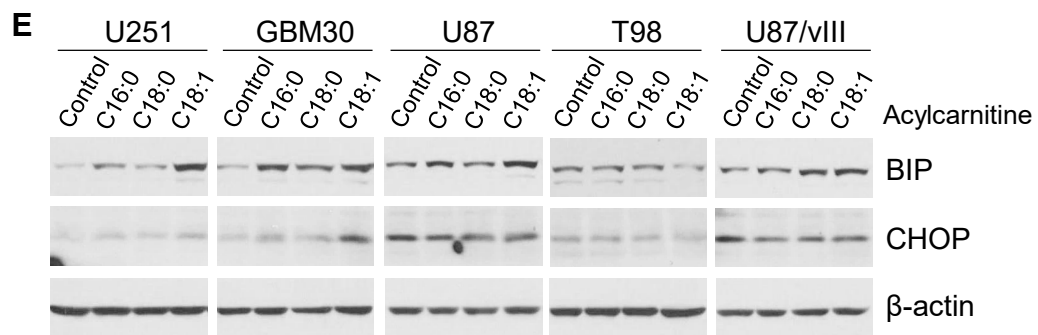
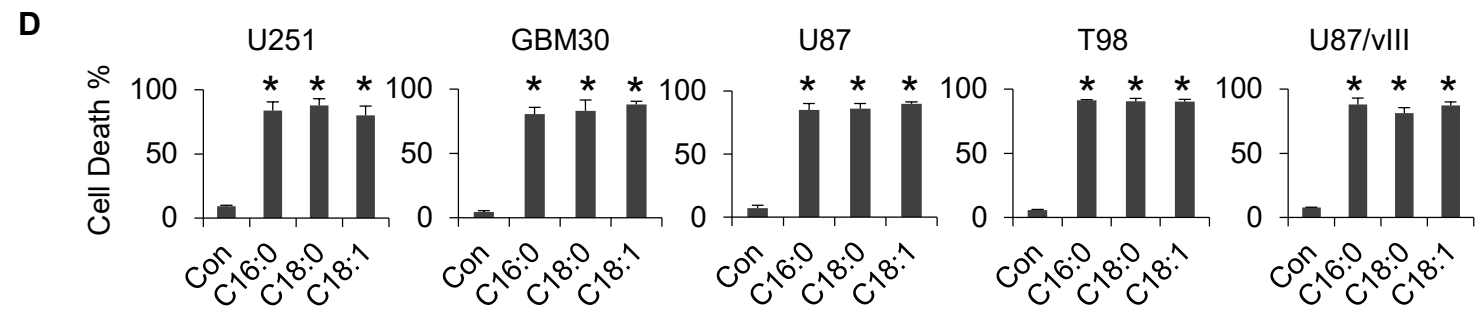
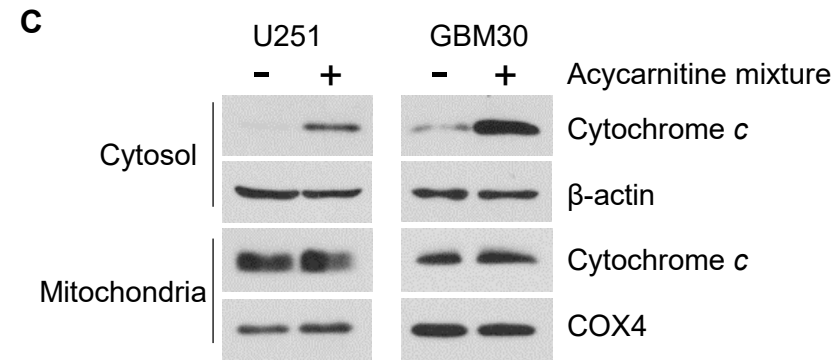
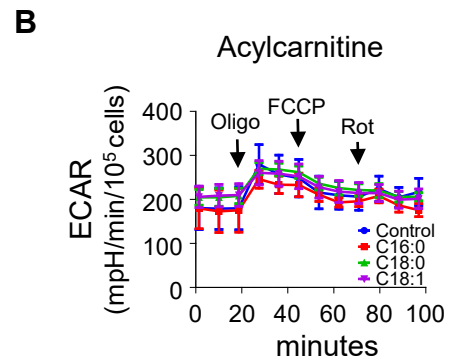
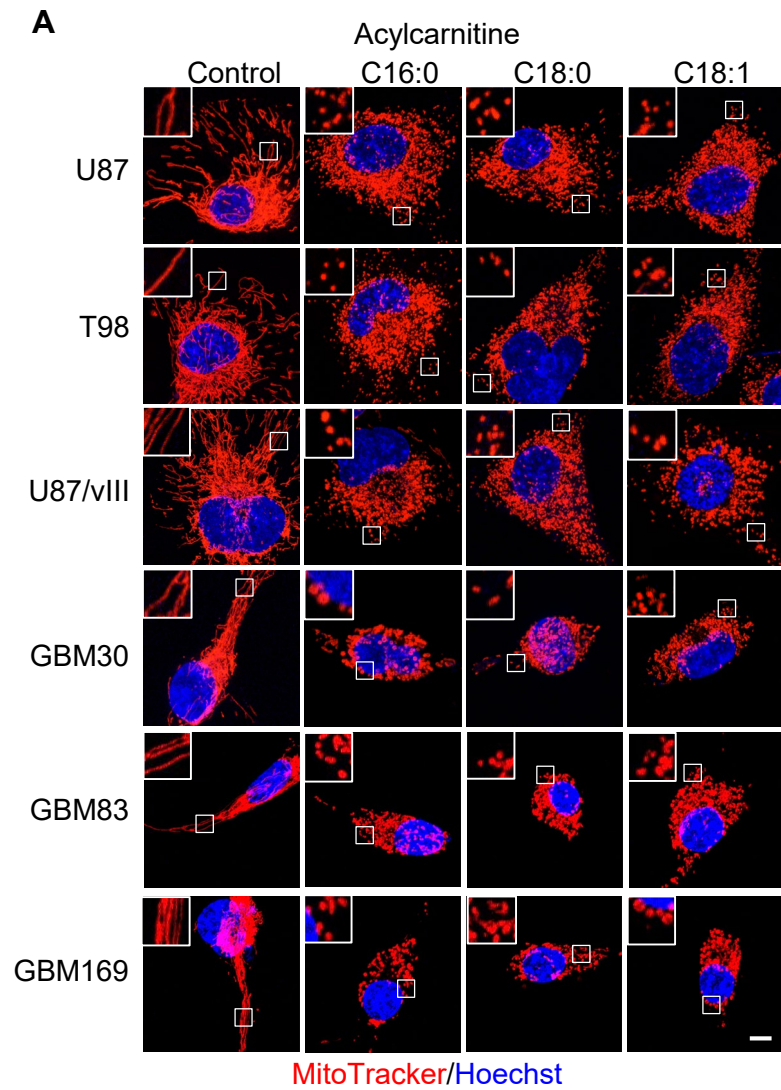
Fig. S7

Figure S7. Supplementing GBM cells with acylcarnitines results in mitochondria damage and marked GBM cells death, but had only minor effects on ER stress (Related to Figure 5)

(A) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of mitochondria (red) stained with MitoTracker Red in GBM cells treated with different acylcarnitines (20 μM) for 24 hr. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm .

(B) Analysis of ECAR ($n = 3$) by Seahorse in U251 cells treated with different acylcarnitines (20 μM) for 24 hr. Oligo, oligomycin; FCCP, carbonyl cyanide 4-trifluoromethoxy-phenylhydrazone; Rot, rotenone.

(C) A representative Western blot ($n = 3$ blots in total) of cytochrome c levels in the cytosol and mitochondria in GBM cells treated with an acylcarnitine mixture (C16:1-, C18:0- and C18:1-carnitines; 20 μM) for 24 hr.

(D) Percentage of dead GBM cells ($n = 3$) after supplementation with C16:1-, C18:0-, or C18:1-carnitine (20 μM) for 48 hr. $*P < 0.0001$.

(E) A representative Western blot ($n = 3$) of ER stress protein markers BIP and CHOP expression in GBM cells supplemented with different acylcarnitines as in panel A for 24 hr.

(F) Relative fatty acid β -oxidation (FAO) rate ($n = 3$) in GBM cells treated with control or DGAT1 inhibitor for 24 hr. $*P < 0.01$.

Fig. S8

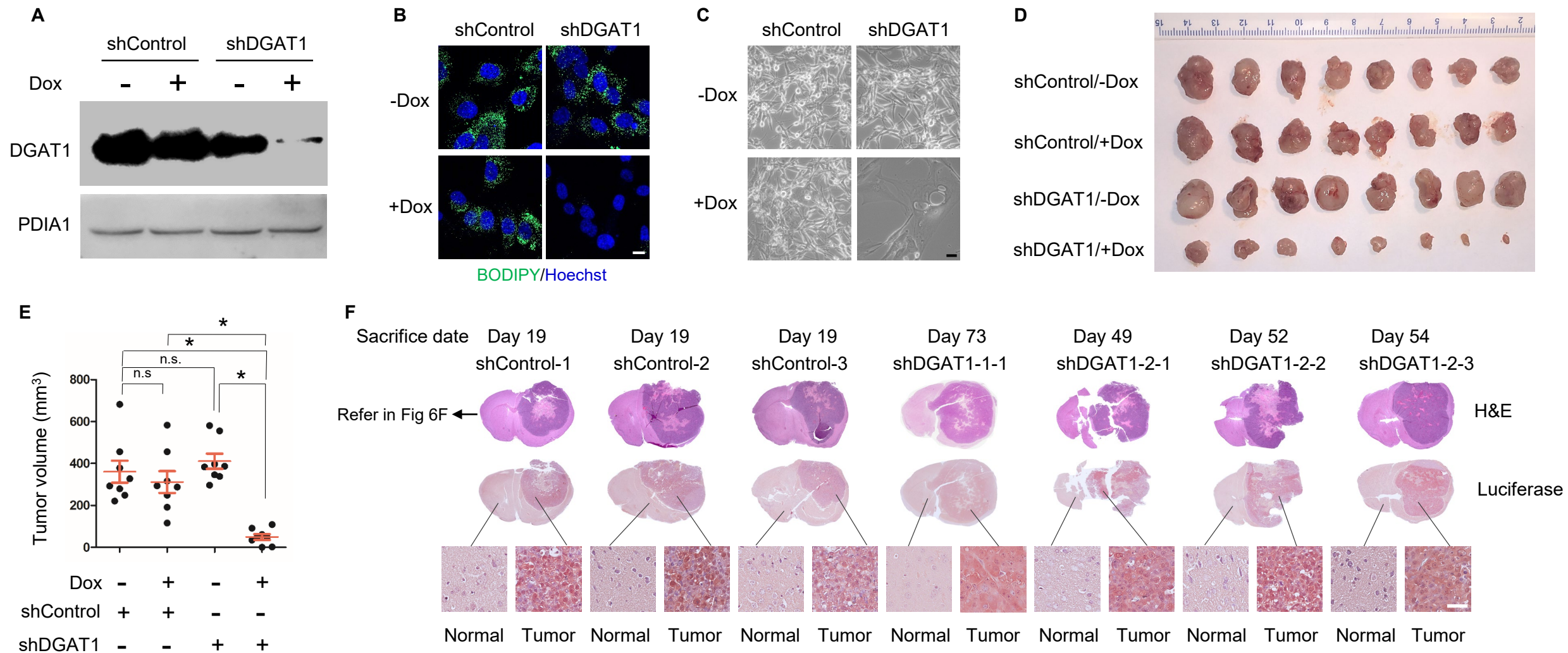


Figure S8. Doxycycline-inducible shRNA knockdown of DGAT1 significantly inhibits GBM growth *in vitro* and *in vivo* (Related to Figure 6)

- (A) A representative Western blot ($n = 3$) of knockdown efficiency of inducible shDGAT1 in U87/EGFRvIII cells after treatment with doxycycline (Dox, 5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) for 4 days.
- (B) Representative fluorescence imaging ($n = 6$ images in total) of LDs stained with BODIPY 493/503 (green) in U87/EGFRvIII Dox-inducible shControl or shDGAT1 cells after treatment with Dox (5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) for 7 days. Nuclei were stained with Hoechst 33342 (blue). Scale bar, 10 μm .
- (C) Representative cell morphology images ($n = 6$ images in total) of U87/EGFRvIII Dox-inducible shControl or shDGAT1 cells after treatment with Dox (5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$) for 7 days. Scale bar, 100 μm .
- (D and E) Dox-inducible knockdown of DGAT1 dramatically suppressed tumor growth in U87/EGFRvIII cells-derived subcutaneous model as compared with control group ($n = 8$). Tumors were excised from mice at day 18 post implantation. $*P < 0.001$.
- (F) H&E and luciferase staining ($n = 5$) of whole brain sections from GBM intracranial xenograft mice. Gross image of the H&E staining and luciferase staining of mouse brains from GBM30-luciferase intracranial xenografts with shControl or shDGAT1 knockdown after implantation. Mouse brains were stained for luciferase by IHC. The image of H&E staining of shControl-1 is used as the representative shControl in Figure 6F. Scale bar, 50 μm .

Fig. S9

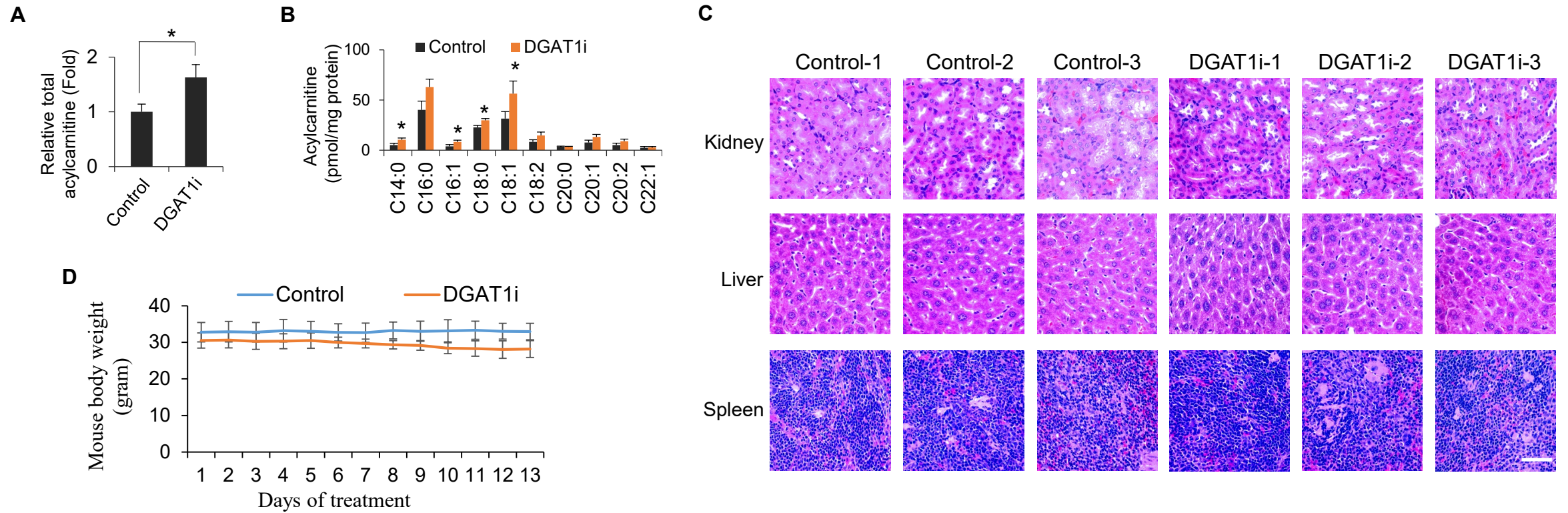


Figure S9. No obvious toxic effects in kidney, liver and spleen or weight loss are observed in mice treated with DGAT1 inhibitor A-922500 (Related to Figure 7)

(A and B) The relative total acylcarnitine levels in tumor tissues ($n = 3$) from the GBM30 xenograft model treated with the DGAT1 inhibitor A-922500 (120 mg/kg/day, oral gavage) for 13 days as compared with vehicle treatment group (control) (A). The levels of different types of acylcarnitine are shown in B. * $P < 0.05$.

(C) The H&E staining ($n = 5$) of the liver, kidney and spleen of mice treated with the vehicle (Control) or DGAT1 inhibitor A-922500 for 13 days. Scale bar, 50 μm .

(D) Body weight of mice ($n = 6$) treated with vehicle (Control) or DGAT1 inhibitor A-922500 (120 mg/kg/day, oral gavage) for 13 days.

Table S1. Primers for RT-qPCR (Related to Figures 1, 2, S1 and S2).

Gene	Primer name	Sequence
<i>DGAT1</i>	DGAT1-1F	5'-CCTACCGCGATCTCTACTACTT-3'
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<i>DGAT1</i>	DGAT1-2F	5'-CATGGACTACTCACGCATCAT-3'
<i>DGAT1</i>	DGAT1-2R	5'-GTGGAAGAGCCAGTAGAAGAAG-3'
<i>DGAT1</i>	DGAT1-3F	5'-CATGGACTACTCACGCATCAT-3'
<i>DGAT1</i>	DGAT1-3R	5'-GTGGAAGAGCCAGTAGAAGAAG-3'
<i>DGAT2</i>	DGAT2-1F	5'-GCTGACCACCAGGAACTATATC-3'
<i>DGAT2</i>	DGAT2-1R	5'-GGGAACTTCTTGCTCACTTCT-3'
<i>DGAT2</i>	DGAT2-2F	5'-CTGTTCTAGGTGGTGGCTAAAT-3'
<i>DGAT2</i>	DGAT2-2R	5'-CACTTCAGGAAGGGAAGAAGAG-3'
<i>DGAT2</i>	DGAT2-3F	5'-AACTGCAGGACCAGTTTCTC-3'
<i>DGAT2</i>	DGAT2-3R	5'-GAGCATTCCAGATGCCTACTAC-3'
<i>36B4</i>	36B4-F	5'-AATGGCAGCATCTACAACCC-3'
<i>36B4</i>	36B4-R	5'-TCGTTTGTACCCGTTGATGA-3'

Table S2. Synthesized oligos for constructing inducible shRNA plasmids (Related to STAR Methods and Figure S8).

Oligo name	Sequence
shDGAT1-top	5'-CCGGTGTGCTACGAGCTCAACTTTCCTCGAGGAAAGTTGAGCTCGTAGCACATTTTT-3'
shDGAT1-bottom	5'-AATTAAAAATGTGCTACGAGCTCAACTTTCCTCGAGGAAAGTTGAGCTCGTAGCACA-3'
shControl-top	5'-CCGGCAACAAGATGAAGAGCACCAACTCGAGTTGGTGCTCTTCATCTTGTTGTTTT-3'
shControl-bottom	5'-AATTAAAAACAACAAGATGAAGAGCACCAACTCGAGTTGGTGCTCTTCATCTTGTTG-3'