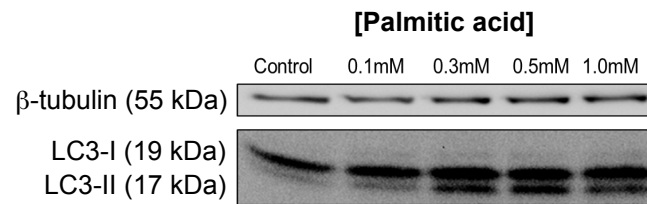


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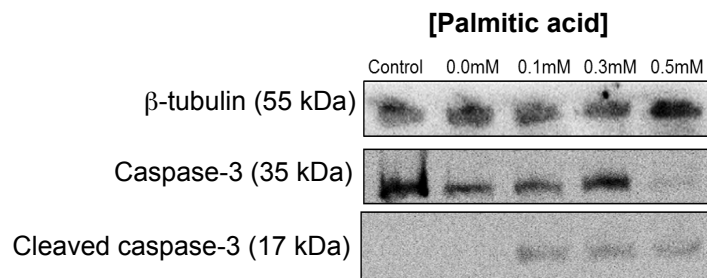
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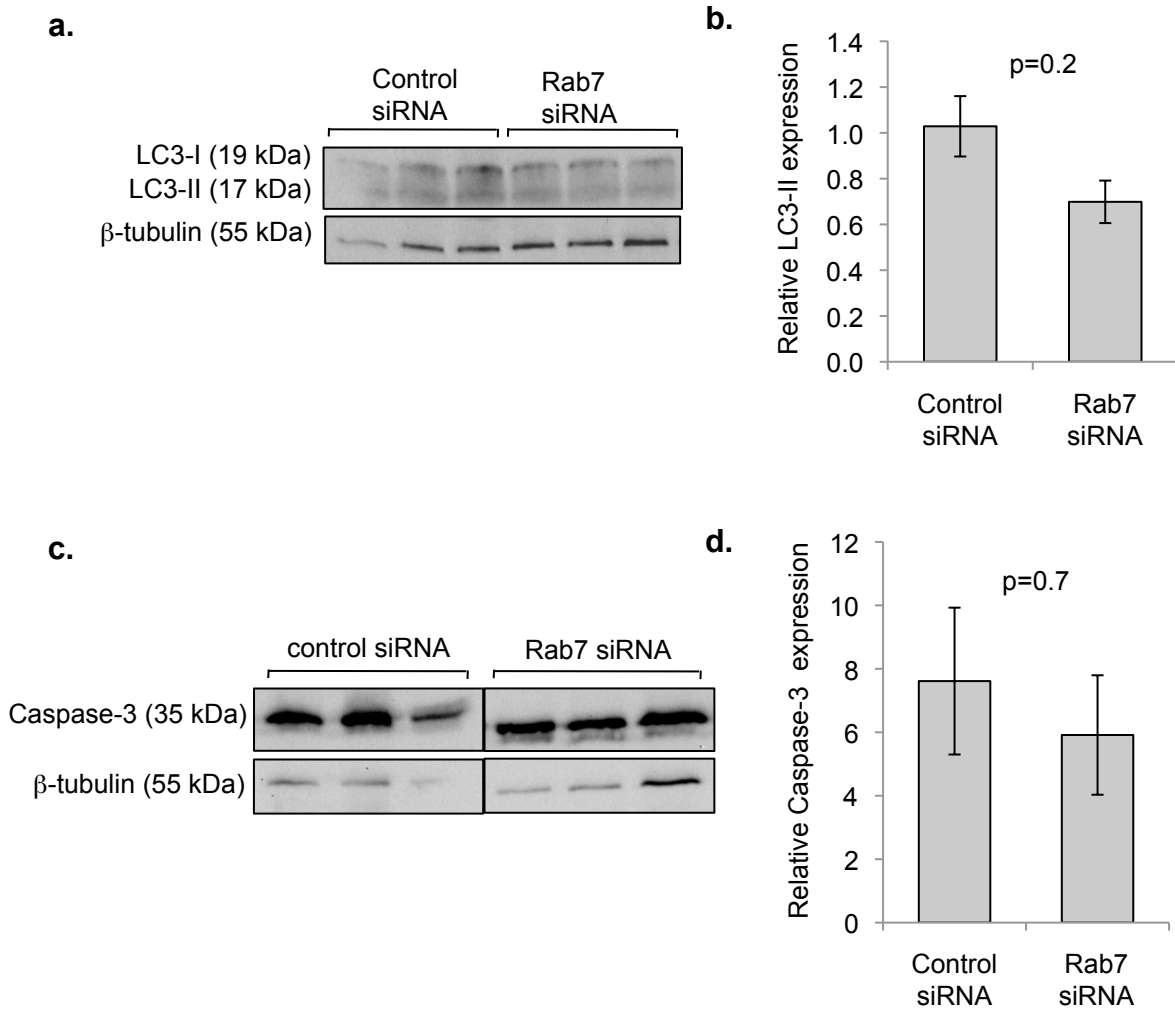


b.



**Supplementary Figure 1: Palmitic acid induces activation of both autophagy and apoptosis pathways.** INS-1 cells were seeded at  $1 \times 10^5$  cells/ml in 24 well plates in standard 10% FBS medium and allowed to adhere overnight before treatment with the indicated concentration of palmitic acid. Lysates were then analysed by western blot using antibodies to the autophagy marker LC3-I/II (a) and the apoptosis marker Caspase-3 (b). The active cleaved form of Caspase-3 was only detected following treatment with at least 0.1mM palmitic acid.

## Supplementary Figure 2.



**Supplementary Figure 2: Rab7 siRNA knockdown does not affect expression of autophagy and apoptosis markers in unstressed conditions.** INS-1 cells were seeded at  $1 \times 10^5$  cells/ml in 24 well plates and transfected with control- or Rab7a-siRNA for 72 hours in standard 10% FBS medium, before preparing lysates for western blot using antibodies to the autophagy marker LC3 (a&b) and the apoptosis marker Caspase-3 (c&d). No cleaved caspase-3 was observed in the absence of palmitic acid. Graphs in B&D shown mean relative expression standardised to  $\beta$  tubulin,  $\pm$  SEM, from 3 independent experiments.

**Uncropped blots, Hewawasam et al.**

Figure 1

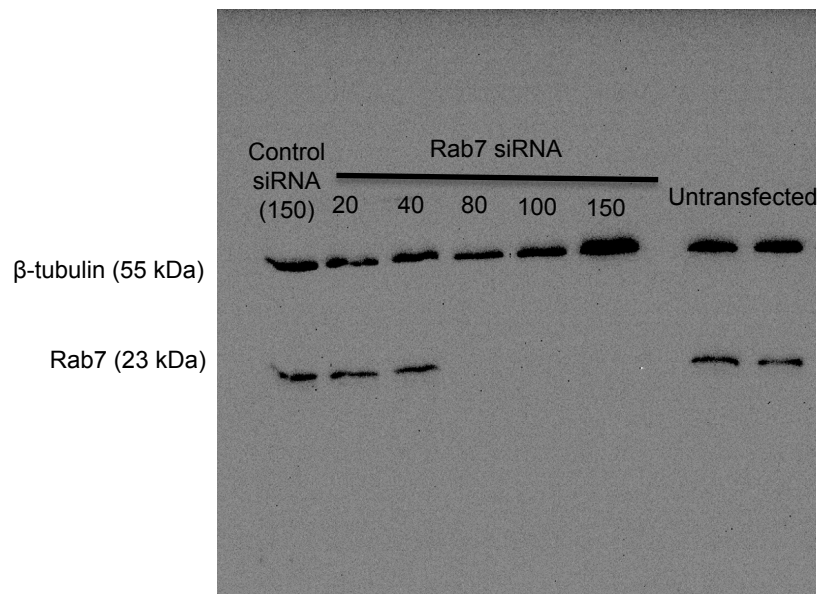


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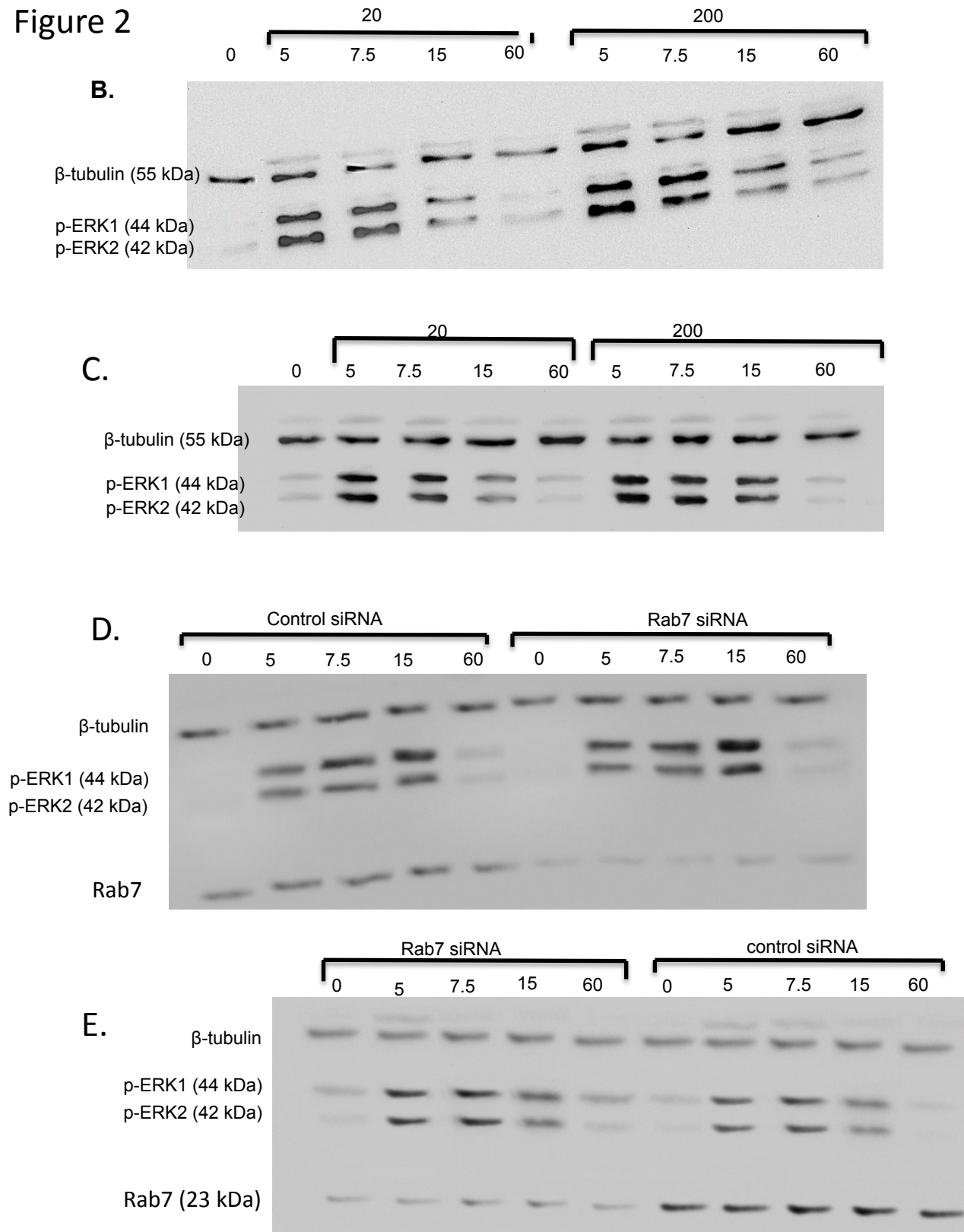


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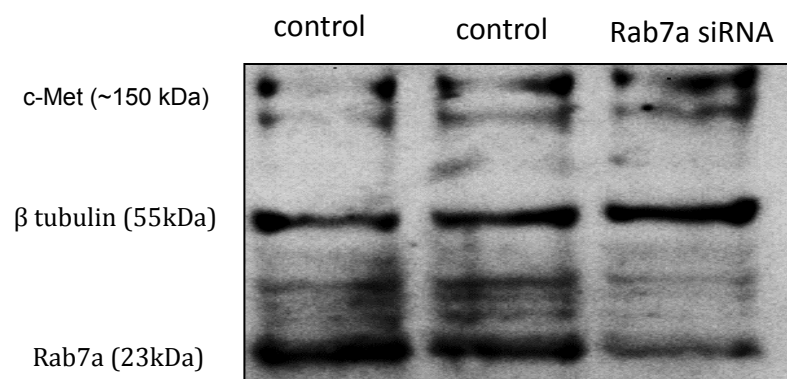
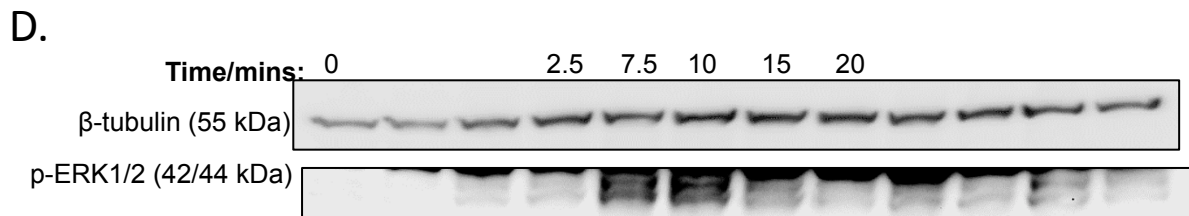
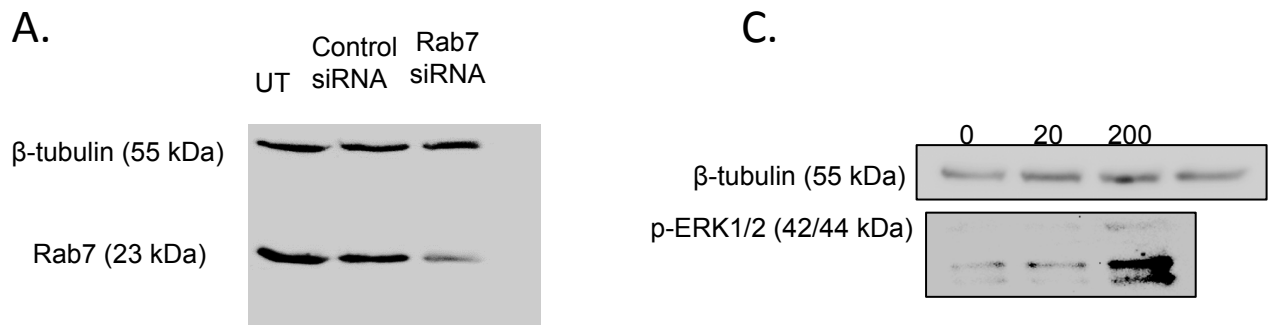
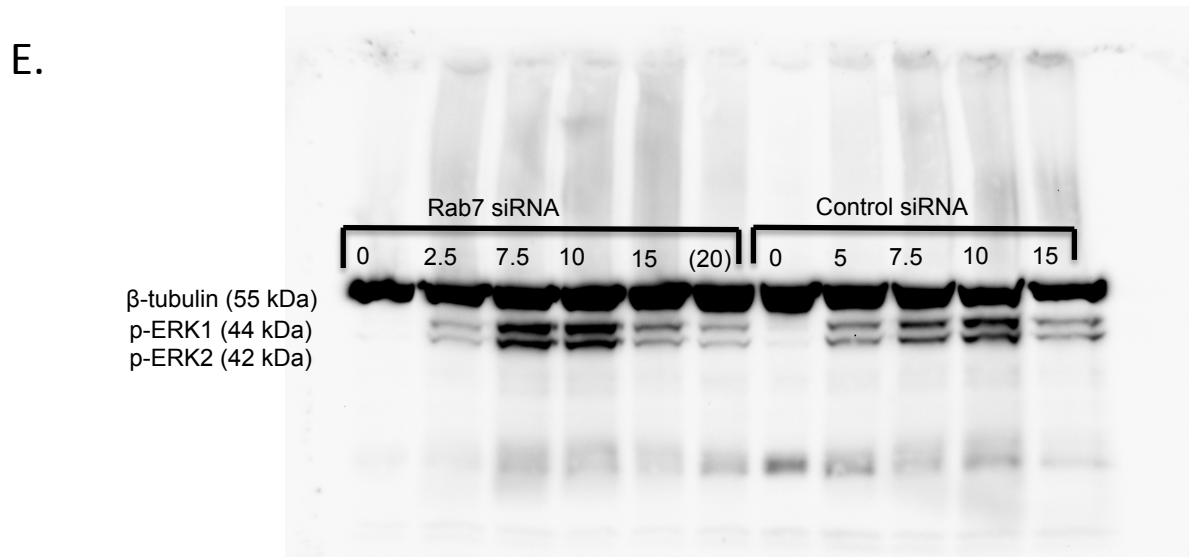


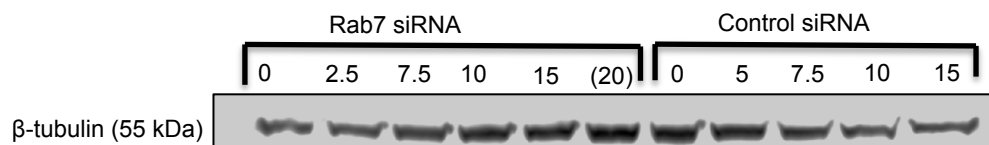
Figure 4



*Fully uncropped blots for validation data in (C&D) to determine optimum concentration and time of stimulation could not be located.*



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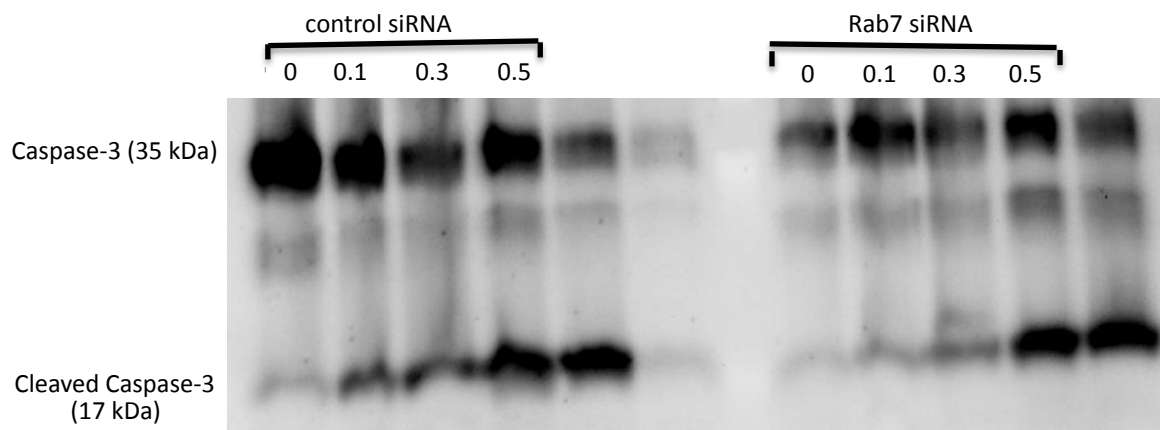


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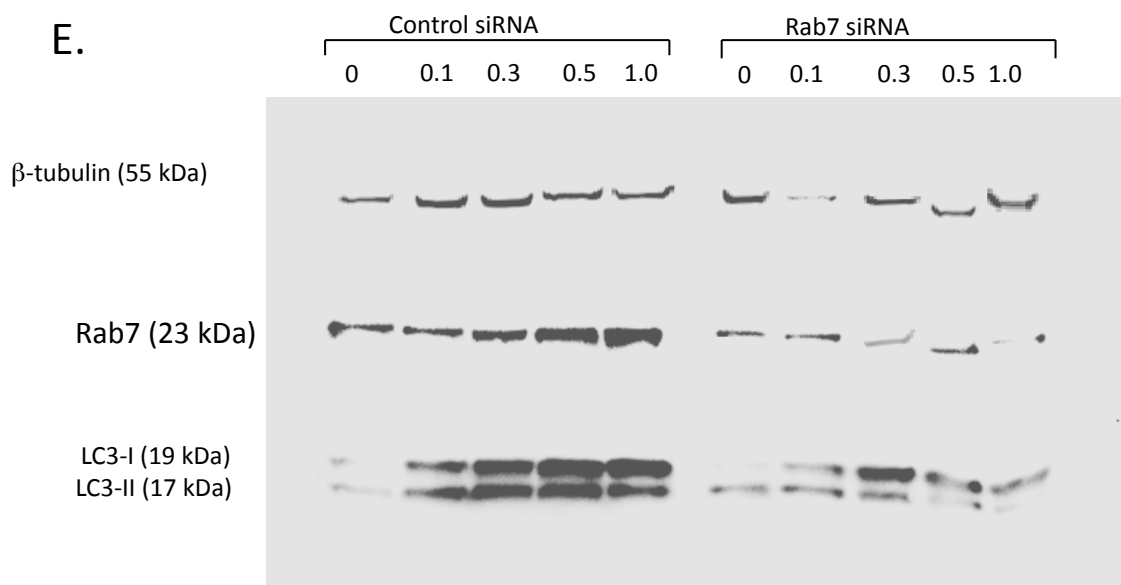
Figure 6

C.



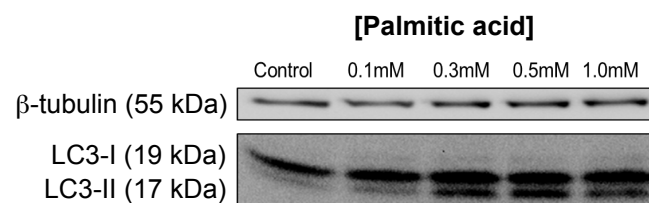
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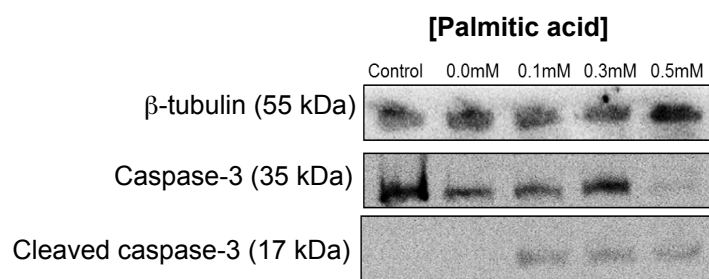


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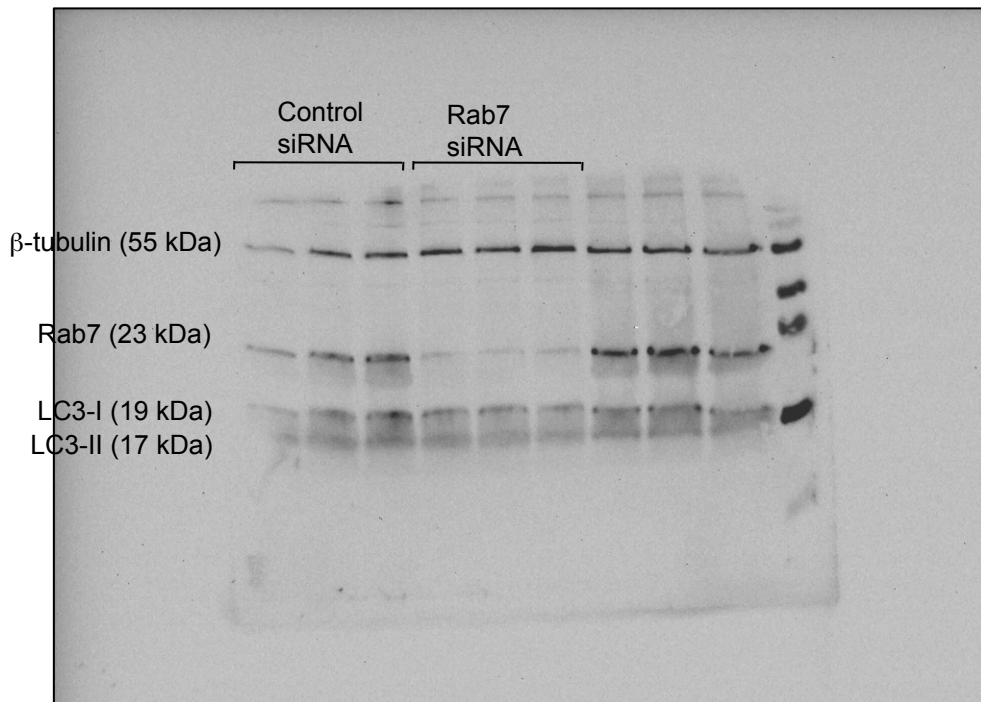
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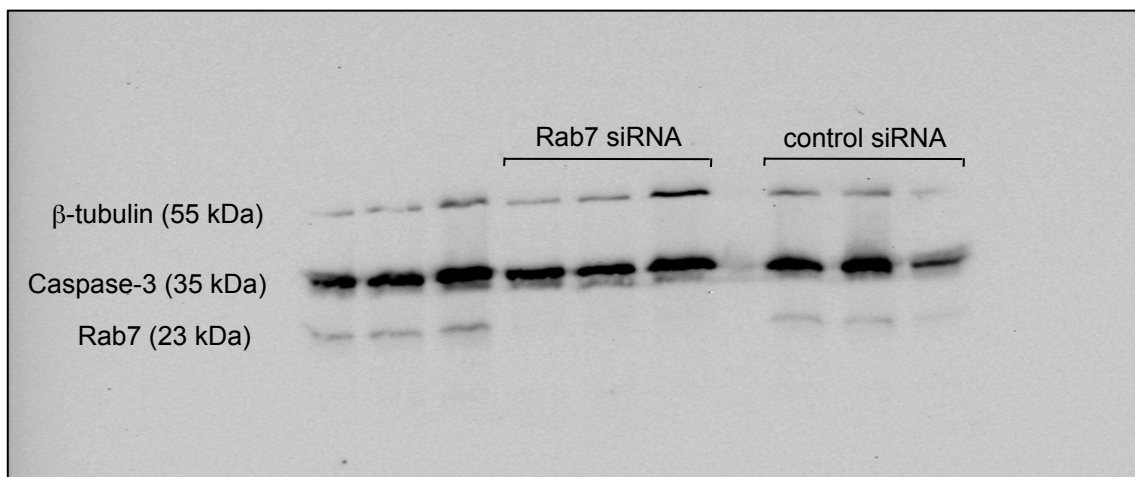
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## Supplementary Figure 2

**A.**



**C.**



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