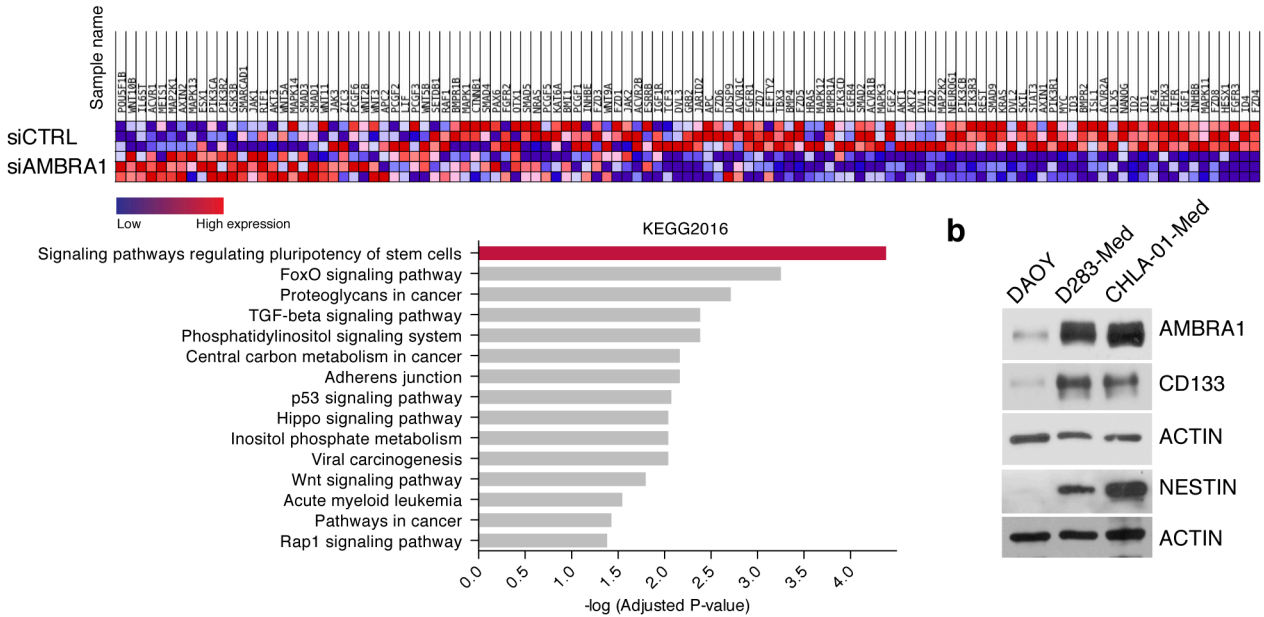
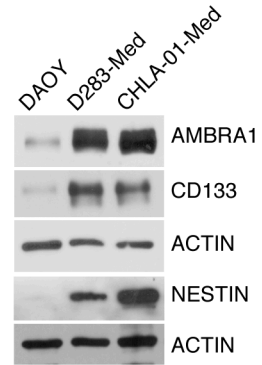


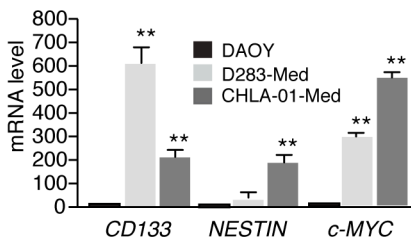
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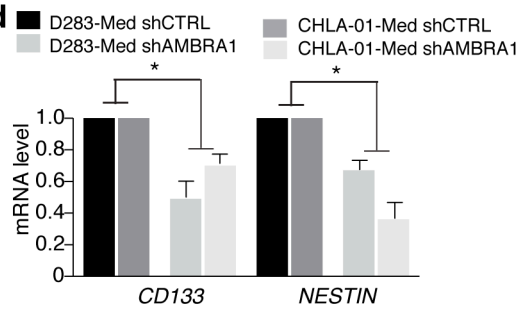
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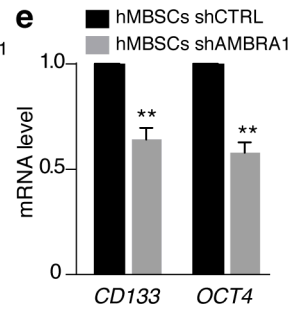
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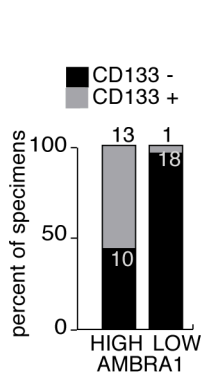
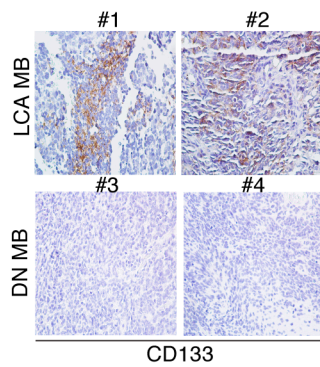
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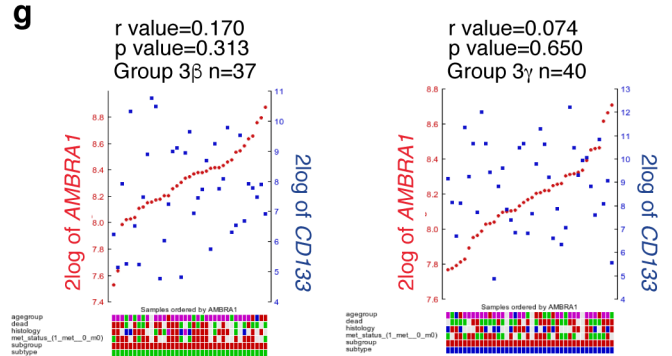
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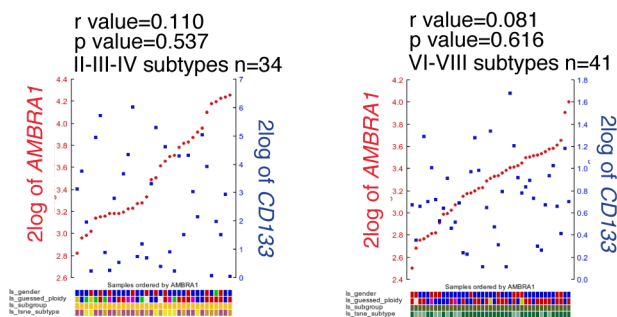
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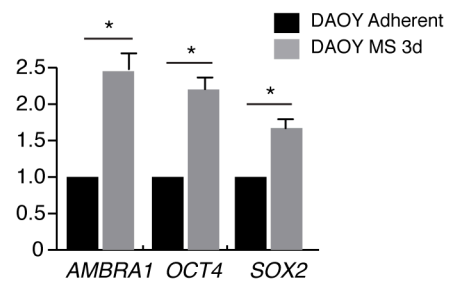
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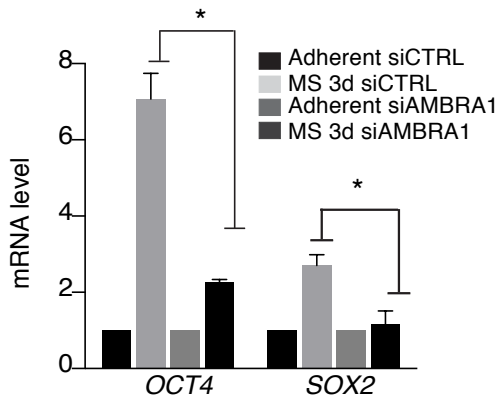
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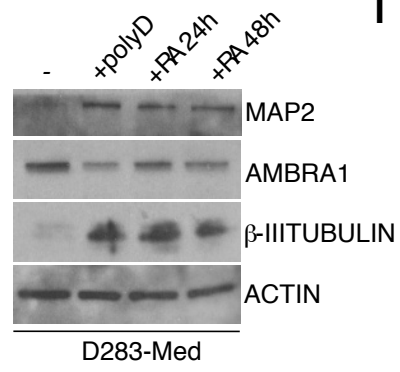
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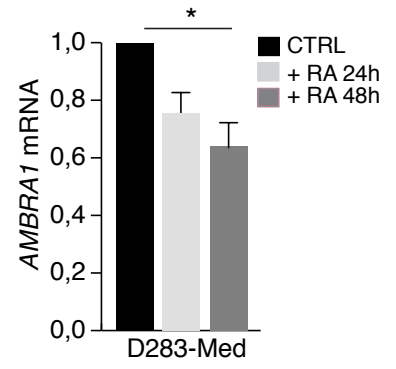
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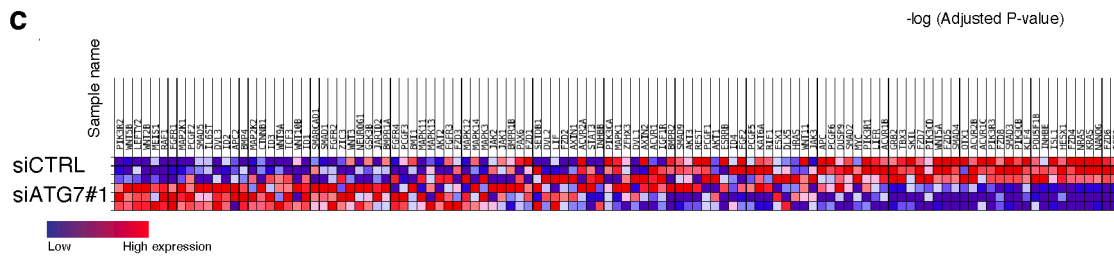
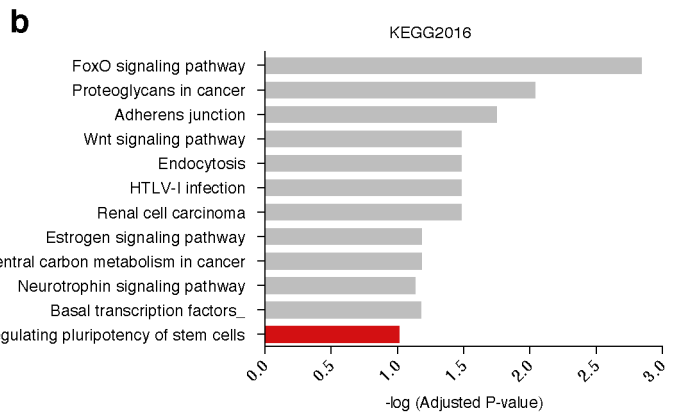
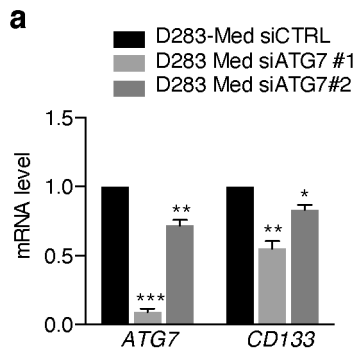


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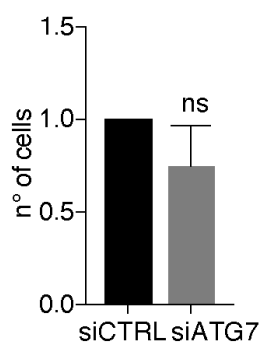


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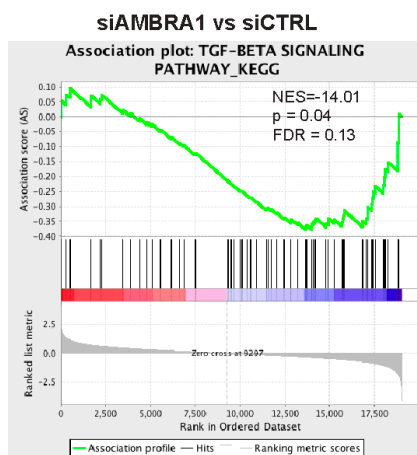
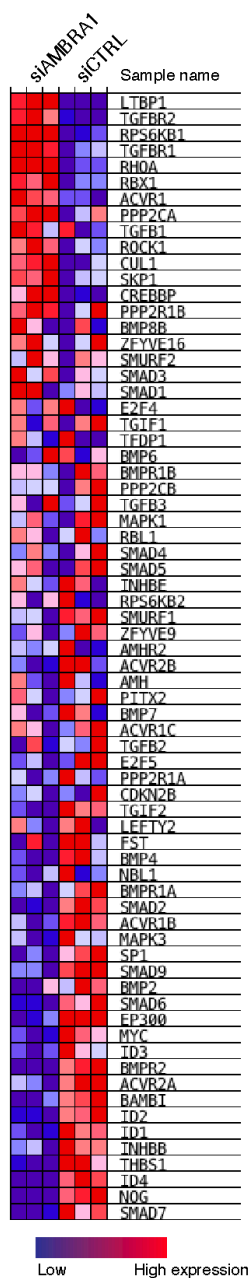




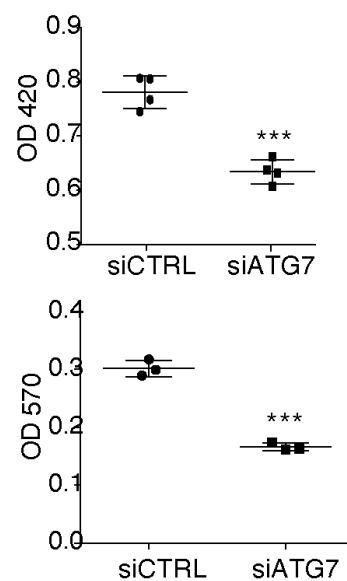
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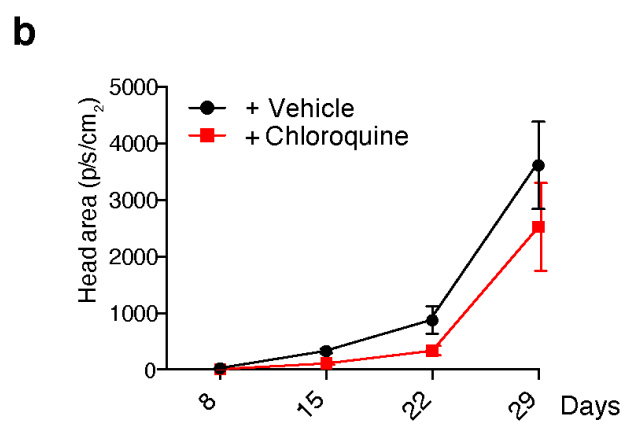
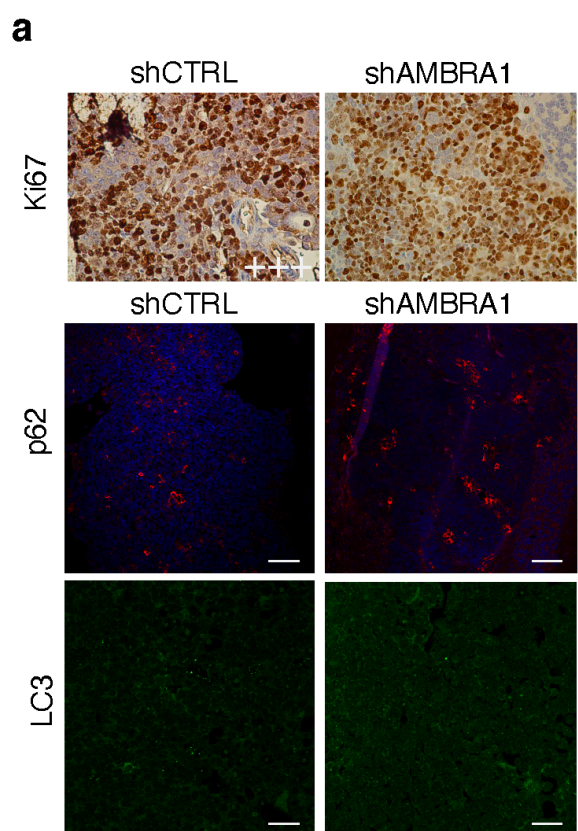


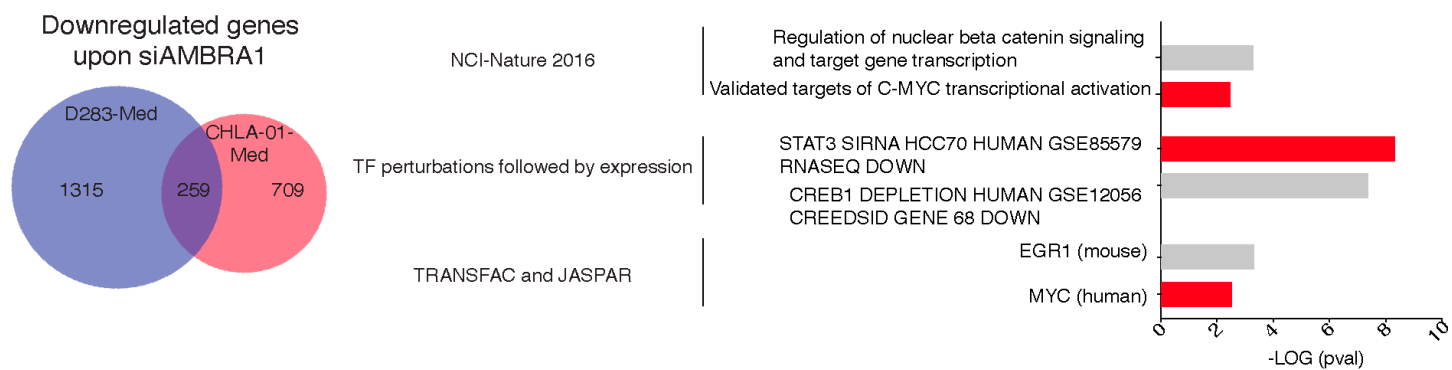
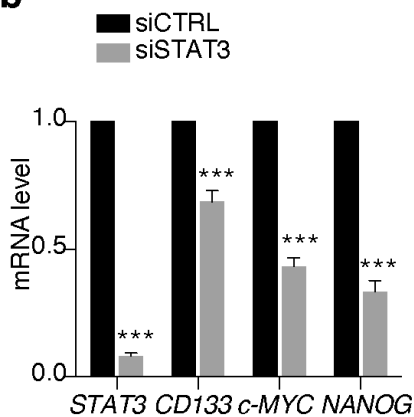
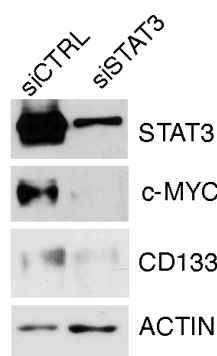
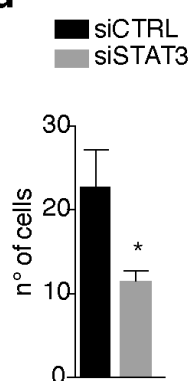
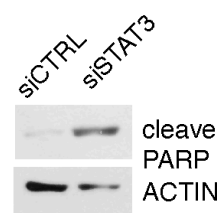
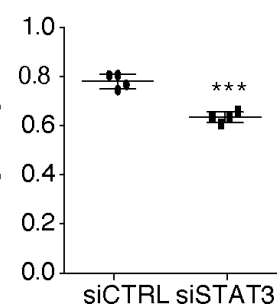
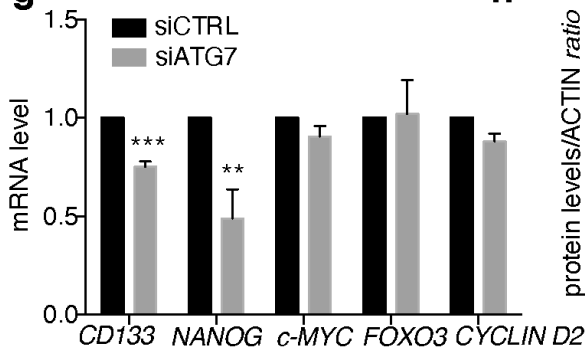
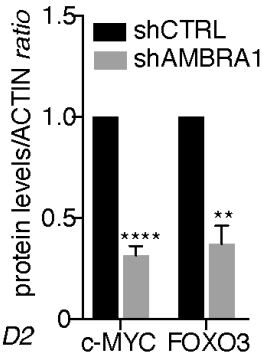
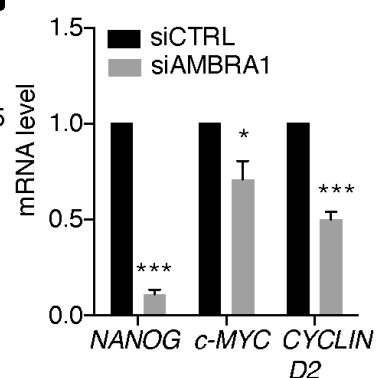
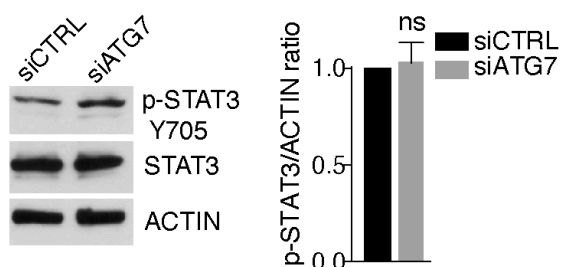
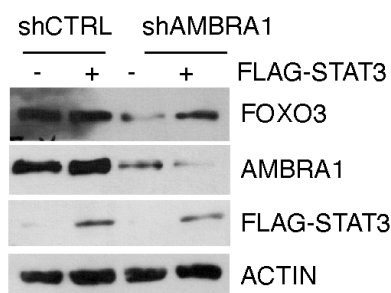
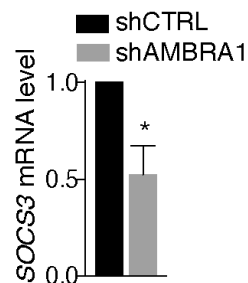
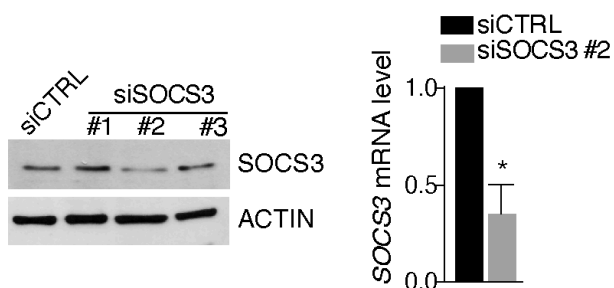
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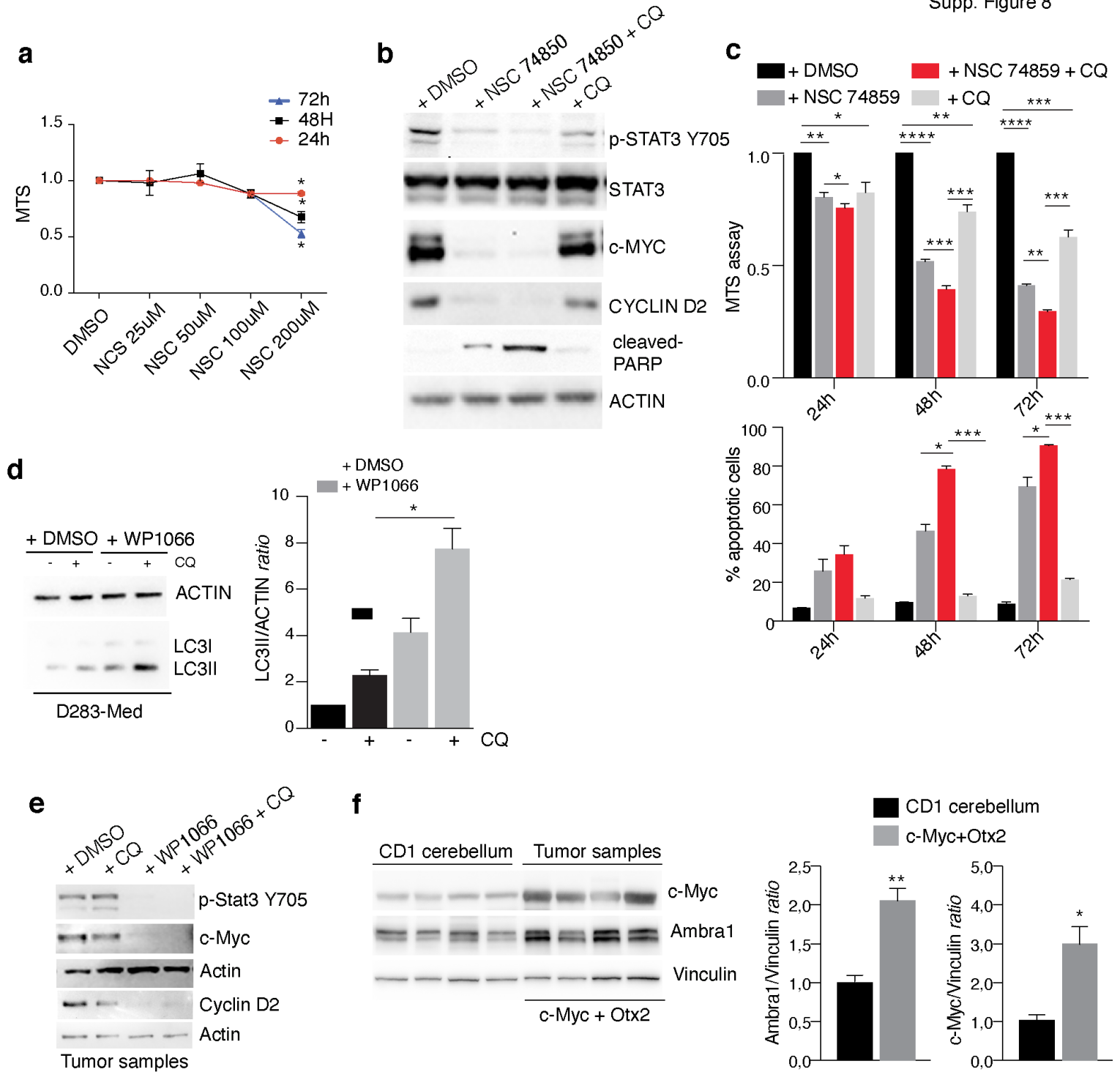


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Supplementary Figure legends

Supp. Figure 1: *AMBRA1* and *c-MYC* expression in MB tumour samples and cell lines

a) Neural stem cells (NSCs) were isolated from Medial Ganglionic Eminences at E14.5 while cerebellar NSCs (cNSCs) were obtained from postnatal 4-day-old wild-type mice (P4). Levels of Nestin, Ambra1, c-Myc and Actin were analysed by WB.

b) Cerebellar granule neuron precursors (GNPs) (prepared from 4-day-old mice) were isolated and treated with Shh (3 µg/ml) for up to 72 h. Levels of Ambra1, n-Myc and Actin were analysed by WB.

c) qPCR analysis of *AMBRA1* mRNA among adult and fetal cerebellum and in MB patients. Data are expressed as the mean value ± SEM. Data were analysed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey post-hoc test (**p<0.001).

d) RNA log₂ expression of *AMBRA1* derived from the publicly available dataset Pfister (167 samples, fpkm normalized, mb500rs1 chip), grouped according to the molecular subgroup disease variants. Data were analysed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey post-hoc test (*p<0.05, **p<0.001).

e) RNA log₂ expression of *AMBRA1* derived from the publicly available dataset Pfister (105 samples, fpkm normalized, mb500rs1 chip), grouped according to the 8 molecular subtypes disease variants. Data were analysed by non-parametric ANOVA test (Kruskal-Wallis test) (*p<0.05, **p<0.01).

f) RNA log₂ expression of *c-MYC* derived from two publicly available datasets: Cavalli (763 samples, fpkm normalized, mb500rs1 chip) and Pfister (167 samples, fpkm normalized, mb500rs1 chip), grouped according to the molecular subgroup disease variants. Data were analysed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey post-hoc test (**p<0.001).

g) Gene expression correlation analyses between transcripts for *AMBRA1* and *c-MYC* in MB samples from the Cavalli dataset (n=763 tumour samples). Statistically significant positive correlation is shown between these genes (r=0.316, p=3.7e-19).

h) Gene expression correlation analyses between transcripts for *AMBRA1* and *c-MYC* in MB samples from the Pfister dataset (I-VIII subtypes n=105). Statistically significant positive correlation is shown between these genes (r=0.338 p=4.23e-04).

i) Gene expression correlation analyses between transcripts for *AMBRA1* and *c-MYC* in MB samples from the Pfister dataset (I-V-VII subtypes n=30 respectively). Statistically significant positive correlation is shown between these genes (r=0.586 p=6.71e-04).

j) Cox proportional hazard regression was used to determine the independent effect of high-level of *AMBRA1* and *c-MYC* expression on overall survival (OS) in MB_{Group3} and in G3 α respectively from Cavalli dataset.

k) *AMBRA1* expression in G3 γ subtype (derived from Cavalli dataset), divided according to the *c-MYC* amplification status.

Supp. Figure 2: Role of c-MYC/MIZ-1 complex in regulating *AMBRA1* expression *in vitro*

a) *c-MYC* expression was downregulated in D283-Med cells using two different RNAi oligonucleotides (si-MYC#1,#2) or unrelated oligos as negative control (siCTRL). Levels of *c-MYC* and ACTIN were analysed by WB.

b) MIZ-1 expression was downregulated in D283-Med cells using specific RNAi oligonucleotides (siMIZ-1). Both *AMBRA1* and *MIZ-1* mRNA levels were analysed by qPCR. *GADPH* and *B2M* were used as internal control. Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM (n= 3). siCTRL was arbitrarily defined as 1.00. Data were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (**p<0.01, ***p<0.001).

c) D283-cells were transfected with empty, MIZ-1^{WT} or MIZ-1 ^{Δ POZ} plasmids respectively. Levels of *AMBRA1*, MIZ-1 and ACTIN were analysed by WB.

d) MIZ-1 expression was downregulated in CHLA-01-Med cells using specific RNAi oligonucleotides (siMIZ-1). Then, some of them were transfected with empty, MIZ-1^{WT} or MIZ-1 ^{Δ POZ} plasmids respectively. Levels of *AMBRA1*, MIZ-1 and ACTIN were analysed by WB. Densitometric analysis of *AMBRA1* levels over ACTIN is also shown. Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM (n= 4) and analysed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey post-hoc test (*p<0.05; ****p<0.01).

Supp. Figure 3: Analyses of *AMBRA1*-dependent role in MB stem potential

a) A heatmap showing the expression of representative pluripotency-related genes in D283-Med cells with or without *AMBRA1* knockdown (si*AMBRA1*). Data are generated from RNA-seq analysis. Below, KEGG enrichment analysis of differentially expressed pathways in *AMBRA1*-depleted cells. Data are generated from RNA-seq.

b) *AMBRA1*, CD133, NESTIN and ACTIN protein levels were analysed by WB respectively in different MB cell lines.

c) qPCR of *CD133*, *NESTIN* and *c-MYC* in different MB cell lines. Both *GADPH* and *B2M* are used as internal control. Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM (n= 3). Data

were analysed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey post-hoc test. (** $p < 0.01$).

d) qPCR analyses of *CD133* and *NESTIN* in both D283-Med and CHLA-01-Med depleted for *AMBRA1* (si*AMBRA1*). Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM ($n = 3$). Data were analysed unpaired Student's t-test

e) qPCR analyses of *CD133* and *OCT4* in primary human MBSCs after *AMBRA1* lentiviral downregulation (sh*AMBRA1*). Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM ($n = 3$). Data were analysed unpaired Student's t-test.

f) Representative IHC images in low magnification fields (40X) showed *CD133* expression in two human desmoplastic/nodular (DN) and large cell/anaplastic (LCA) MBs respectively. Graphical display of IHC data for high or low *AMBRA1* expression relative to level of *CD133* is also shown (right).

g-h) Gene expression correlation analyses between transcripts for *AMBRA1* and *CD133* in MB samples from both the Cavalli ($G3\beta$ and $G3\gamma$) and the Pfister (II+III+IV and VI+VIII subtypes) datasets respectively.

i) DAOY cells were cultured as MS for 3 days, *AMBRA1*, *OCT4* and *SOX2* mRNA levels were analysed by Real-time PCR. *GADPH* and *B2M* were used as internal control. Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM ($n = 3$) and analysed by unpaired Student's t-test ($*p < 0.05$).

j) *AMBRA1* expression was downregulated in DAOY cells using specific RNAi oligonucleotides (si*AMBRA1*) or unrelated oligos as negative control (siCTRL). After 24h, cells were cultured as medullospheres. Both *SOX2* and *OCT4* mRNA levels were analysed by qRT-PCR. *GADPH* and *B2M* were used as internal control. Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM ($n = 3$). Data were analysed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey post-hoc test. ($*p < 0.05$).

k) D283-Med cells were treated by retinoic acid (RA) for two different time points. Levels of *AMBRA1*, *MAP2*, β -III TUBULIN and *ACTIN* were analysed by WB.

l) D283-Med cells were treated as in (i). *AMBRA1* expression was analysed. *GADPH* and *B2M* were used as internal control. Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM ($n = 3$) and analysed by unpaired Student's t-test ($*p < 0.05$).

Supp. Figure 4: Correlation between autophagy and stem potential

a) qPCR analyses of *CD133* and *ATG7* in D283-Med cells after *ATG7* downregulation with two different specific siRNAs (*ATG7*#1,#2). Both *GADPH* and *B2M* were used as internal

control. Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM (n= 3). Data were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (*p<0.05, **p<0.01).

b) KEGG enrichment analysis of differentially expressed pathways in ATG7-depleted cells. Data are generated from RNA-seq.

c) A heatmap showing the expression of representative pluripotency-related genes in D283-Med cells with or without ATG7 knockdown. Data are generated from RNA-seq analysis.

Supp. Figure 5: Role of both AMBRA1 and autophagy in MB proliferation and migration

a) Proliferation was assessed by MTS assay in ATG7-depleted D283-Med cells. Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM (n= 3) and analysed by unpaired Student's t-test. ns= no significant.

b) A heatmap showing the expression of representative TGF- β signalling genes in D283-Med cells with or without AMBRA1 knockdown. Data are generated from RNA-seq analysis. Right, GSAA enrichment plot showing that loss of AMBRA1 in D283-Med cells (3 independent experiments) results in downregulation of TGF- β pathway.

c) D283-Med cells were treated as in (a) and then plated for both migration and invasion assay. Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM (n= 4). Data were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (**p<0.001).

Supp. Figure 6: Role of both AMBRA1 and autophagy in MB aggressiveness *in vivo*

a) Representative immunohistochemistry (40X) and immunofluorescence (20X) respectively with indicated antibodies of paraffin-embedded cerebellar tumours generated by implanting D283-Med-Luc cells (shCTRL or shAMBRA1) into the fourth ventricle of nude mice.

b) Tumour growth according to quantified photon emission (ph/s) from the region of interest of mice analysed in Figure 6f. Data are the mean \pm SEM (n= 5) and analysed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey post-hoc test.

Supp. Figure 7: Analysis of the crosstalk among STAT3, AMBRA1 and autophagy in MB_{Group3} cells

a) Left. Venn diagram for downregulated expressed genes (padj<0.05) in both D283-Med and CHLA-01-Med cells, after AMBRA1 downregulation by specific RNAi oligonucleotides (siAMBRA1). Right. We used the gene-set enrichment tool Enrichr to analyse common downregulated genes between the two cells lines, interrogating "TRANSFAC and JASPAR",

“Transcriptional factor perturbations Followed by Expression” and “NCI-Nature 2016” database. Per each group, only the two top results are shown.

b) *CD133*, *NANOG*, *c-MYC* and *STAT3* mRNA levels were analysed in D283-Med cells after *STAT3* downregulation by specific RNAi oligonucleotides (si*STAT3*) or unrelated oligos as negative control (siCTRL). Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM (n= 3). Data were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (* $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$).

c) D283-Med cells were treated as in **(b)**. Levels of *STAT3*, *c-MYC*, *CD133* and *ACTIN* were analysed by WB.

d) D283-Med cells were treated as in **(b)**. After 48h, cells were counted. Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM (n= 3). Data were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (* $p < 0.05$).

e) D283-Med cells were treated as in **(b)**. Levels of cleaved-PARP and *ACTIN* were analysed by WB.

f) D283-Med cells were treated as in **(b)** and then plated for migration assay. Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM (n= 4). Data were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (*** $p < 0.001$).

g) qPCR analyses of *CD133*, *NANOG*, *c-MYC*, *FOXO3*, and *CYCLIN D2* in D283-Med cells after *ATG7* downregulation (si*ATG7*). Both *GADPH* and *B2M* were used as internal control. Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM (n= 3). Data were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (* $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$).

h) Densitometric analyses (related to Fig. 7b) of both *c-MYC* and *FOXO3* over *ACTIN* are shown (right panel). Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM (n= 3) and analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$)

i) *AMBRA1* was downregulated by specific RNAi oligonucleotides (si*AMBRA1*) or unrelated oligos as negative control (siCTRL) in CHLA-01-Med cells. Levels of *STAT3*, p-*STAT3* and *ACTIN* were analysed by WB.

j) *NANOG*, *c-MYC* and *CYCLIN D2* mRNA levels were analysed in CHLA-01-Med cells after *AMBRA1* downregulation by specific RNAi oligonucleotides (si*STAT3*) or unrelated oligos as negative control (siCTRL). Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM (n= 3). Data were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (* $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.001$).

k) D283-Med cells were treated as in **(g)**. Levels of *STAT3*, p-*STAT3* and *ACTIN* were analysed by WB. Densitometric analysis of p-*STAT3* levels over *ACTIN* is also shown (right panel).

l) *AMBRA1* expression was downregulated by lentiviral infection (shRNA *AMBRA1*) or negative control (shRNA CTRL). Then, some of them were transfected with empty or

STAT3-FLAG plasmids respectively. Levels of AMBRA1, FOXO3, STAT3 and ACTIN were analysed by WB.

m) SOCS3 expression was analysed in AMBRA1-depleted D283-Med cells. Both *GADPH* and *B2M* were used as internal control. Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM (n= 3). Data were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (*p<0.05).

n) SOCS3 expression was downregulated in D283-Med cells using three different RNAi oligonucleotides (sic-SOCS3#1,#2, #3) or unrelated oligos as negative control (siCTRL). Levels of SOCS3 and ACTIN were analysed by WB. SOCS3 expression was analysed in SOCS3#2-depleted D283-Med cells. *GADPH* was used as internal control. Data are expressed as the mean value \pm SEM (n= 3). Data were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (*p<0.05).

Supp. Figure 8: Both STAT3 and autophagy inhibition affects MB cells survival and autophagy

a) D283-Med cells were treated with a range of NSC 74859 concentrations (NSC, 25 200 μ M) and proliferation was monitored by MTS assay. MTS assay. Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM (n= 3) and data were analysed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey post-hoc test. (*p<0.05)

b) D283-Med cells were treated with STAT3 inhibitor NSC 74859 (200 μ M), CQ (40 μ M) alone or in combination for 48h. Levels of p-STAT3 (Y705), STAT3, c-MYC, CYCLIN D2, PARP and ACTIN were analysed by WB.

c) D283-Med cells were treated as in **(b)** for different time periods and proliferation was monitored by MTS assay (upper panel) Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM (n= 6) and data were analysed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey post-hoc test. (*p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.001). Apoptosis was evaluated by flow-cytometry measuring Annexin V-Propidium iodure positive cells (bottom panel). Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM (n= 3) and data were analysed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey post-hoc test. (*p<0.05; ***p<0.001).

d) D283-Med cells were treated with WP1066 (10 μ M, 48h) in the presence of CQ for 1 h. Levels of LC3 and ACTIN were analysed by WB. Densitometric analysis of LC3II levels over ACTIN is also shown (right panel). Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM (n= 3) and data were analysed by one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by Tukey post-hoc test. (*p<0.05).

e) WB analyses of p-STAT3 (Y705), c-MYC, CYCLIN D2 and ACTIN were performed in cerebellar tumours obtained from mice shown in Fig. 8d.

f) WB analyses of c-Myc and Ambra1 were performed in both normal cerebellum and tumours obtained from mice shown in Fig. 8g. Data are expressed as the mean \pm SEM (n=4) and were analysed by unpaired Student's t-test (*p<0.05).

Table S1: Clinical features of the patients included in this study

The tumour samples were from patients enrolled at Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital between 2010 and 2018

Characteristic	Measure	N°	Total Population n (%) / datum
Total Patients		47	
Age at diagnosis (years)	Median	6,7	
	Range	0.5 - 16	
Gender	Male	24	
	Female	23	
	Male/Female ratio		
Histopathological variant	Classic	30	63,82 %
	Large cell/anaplastic	10	21,27 %
	Desmoplastic/Nodular	7	14,89 %
Molecular subtype	WNT	8	17,39%
	SHH	9	19,57%
	G3	13	28,26%
	G4	16	34,78%
Status	Alive	34	
	Dead of disease	13	

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S1: PRIMERS qPCR

Name	species	FW	RW
AMBRA1	H	5'-AACCCCTCACTGCGAGTTGA-3'	5'-TCTACCTGTTCCGTGGTTCTCC-3';
B2M	H	5'-CTCCGTGGCCTTAGCTGTC-3'	5'- TCTCTGCTGGATGACGTGAG-3
CD133	H	5'-CAGAGTACAACGCCAAACCA-3'	5'- AAATCACGATGAGGGTCAGC-3';
C-MYC	H	5'-TCTCCTTGCGAGCTGCTTAG-3'	5'- GTCGTAGTCGAGGTCATAG-3';
STAT3	H	5'-ACATTCTGGGCACAAACAC-3'	5'- CTCAGTCACAATCAGGGAAG-3'
FOXO3A	H	5'-AGATCTACGAGTGGATGGTG-3'	"5'-CTTGCCAGTTCCTCATTTC-3"; "
OCT-4	H	5'-TCTAGAAGTTAGGTGGGCAG-3'	"5'-CAATCTCCCCTTTCATTTCG
SOX2	H	5'-AGCTACAGCATGATGCAGGA-3',	"5'-GGTCATGGAGTTGTACTGCA-3';
NANOG	H	5'-TGAACCTCAGCTACAAACAG-3'	"5'-TGGTGGTAGGAAGAGTAAAG-3';
B-III TUBULIN	H	5'-CTCAGGGGCCTTTGGACATC-3'	"5'-CAGGCAGTCGCAGTTTTTCAC
ATG13	H	5'-CCCAGGACAGAAAGGACCTG-3'	5'-AACCAATCTGAACCCGTTGG-3'
GFAP	H	5'-TGGAAAGCCGAGAAACACT-3'	5'-CCTCCAGCGACTCAATCTTC-3'
SYP	H	5'-CCTCCAGCGACTCAATCTTC-3'	5'-AGCCTGTCTCCTTAAACACGAA-3'
SNAIL	H	5'-GCTGCAGGACTCTAATCCAG-3'	5'-ATCTCCGGAGGTGGGATG-3'
VIMENTIN	H	5'-TACAGGAAGCTGCTGGAAGG-3'	5'-ACCAGAGGGAGTGAATCCAG-3'
P62	H	5'-GGAGCAGATGAGGAAGATCG-3'	5'-TGGGTCCAGTCATCATCTCC-3'
MIZ-1	H	5'-CATGTCTTGGAACAGCTGAA-3'	5'-GCACTGCTTTATGAGCCTTA-3'
GADPH	H	5'-GCGAGATCCCTCCAAAATCAA-3'	5'-GTTACACCCATGACGAAACAT-3'
CYCLIN D2	H	5'-CACCGACTTTAAGTTTGCCA-3'	5'-TTGGTGATCTTAGCCAGCAG-3'
BECLIN1	H	5'-AAGAGTTGAGAAAGGCGAG-3'	5'-TGGGTTTTGATGGAATAGGAGC-3'
NESTIN	H	5'-ATCGCTCAGGTCCTGGAA-3'	5'-AAGCTGAGGGAAGTCTTGGA-3'
SOCS3	H	5'-CCTATGAGAAAGTCACCCAG-3'	5'-TGTGCTTGTGCCATGTG-3'
ATG7	H	5'-TGAGTTGACCCAGAAGAAGCT-3'	5'-CCCAGCAGAGTCACCATTGT-3'
ATG5	H	5'-ATGTGCTTCGAGATGTGGT-3'	5'-AGTATGGTCTGCTCCCTTCA-3'
WIPI2	H	5'-AATGCACCGATACGGAAGAT-3'	5'-GCAAACCTTTAGCTTCCTTGG-3'
LC3	H	5'-GATGTCGACTTATTCGAGAGC-3'	5'-TTGTTTTATCCAGAACAGGAAAGC-3'
ACTINA	H	5'-GTACCACTGGCATCGTGATGGACT-3'	5'-CCGCTCATTCCAATGGTGAT-3'
ULK1	H	5'-CAAGCTGCCGACTTCT-3'	5'-CTGGGAGCTGGGGGTCTT-3'