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Supplemental information

**A diagnostic and predictive lncRNA *lnc-MPEG1-1*
promotes the proliferation and metastasis of papillary
thyroid cancer cells by occupying miR-766-5p**

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Supplementary Table 1 Differentially expressed lncRNAs in the discovery stage

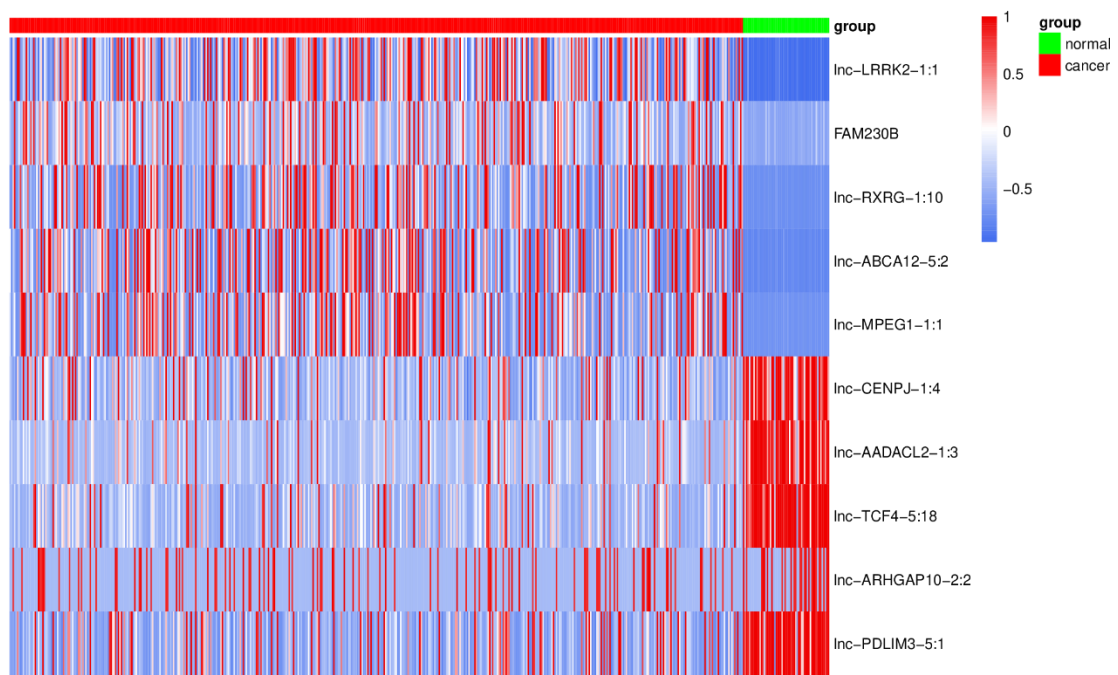
Supplementary table 2. Univariate and multivariate logistic regression analysis of the hub lncRNA and other clinicopathological factors for LN metastasis in TCGA cohort

| Risk factors | Univariate analysis | | Multivariate analysis | |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | OR(95%CI) | P value | OR(95%CI) | P value |
| Age | 0.99(0.98–1.00) | 0.04 | 0.98(0.96–0.99) | 2.60×10^{-3} |
| T stage | | | | |
| T1 | | | | |
| T2 | 1.71(1.05–2.81) | 0.03 | 1.96 (1.14–3.40) | 0.02 |
| T3 | 3.03(1.87–4.97) | 8.07×10^{-6} | 3.37(1.96–5.87) | 1.33×10^{-5} |
| T4 | 8.90(3.10–32.24) | 1.77×10^{-4} | 10.43(3.35–40.23) | 1.60×10^{-4} |
| Histological type | | | | |
| Papillary adenocarcinoma | | | | |
| Papillary carcinoma, columnar cell | 1.26(0.63–2.60) | 0.52 | 0.87(0.40–1.93) | 0.72 |
| Papillary carcinoma, follicular variant | 0.17(0.09–0.31) | 2.47×10^{-8} | 0.38(0.18–0.78) | 9.72×10^{-3} |
| lnc-LRRK2-1:1 | | | | |
| Low | | | | |
| High | 4.49(2.47–8.67) | 2.30×10^{-6} | | |
| FAM230B | | | | |
| Low | | | | |
| High | 3.95(2.28–7.13) | 2.01×10^{-6} | | |
| lnc-RXRG-1:10 | | | | |
| Low | | | | |
| High | 4.44(2.78–7.27) | 1.01×10^{-9} | | |
| lnc-MPEG1-1:1 | | | | |
| Low | | | | |
| High | 4.02(2.71–6.03) | 8.65×10^{-12} | 1.79(1.04–3.09) | 3.61×10^{-2} |
| lnc-ABCA12-5:2 | | | | |
| Low | | | | |
| High | 6.26(3.94–10.23) | 3.80×10^{-14} | 2.84(1.51–5.40) | 1.28×10^{-3} |

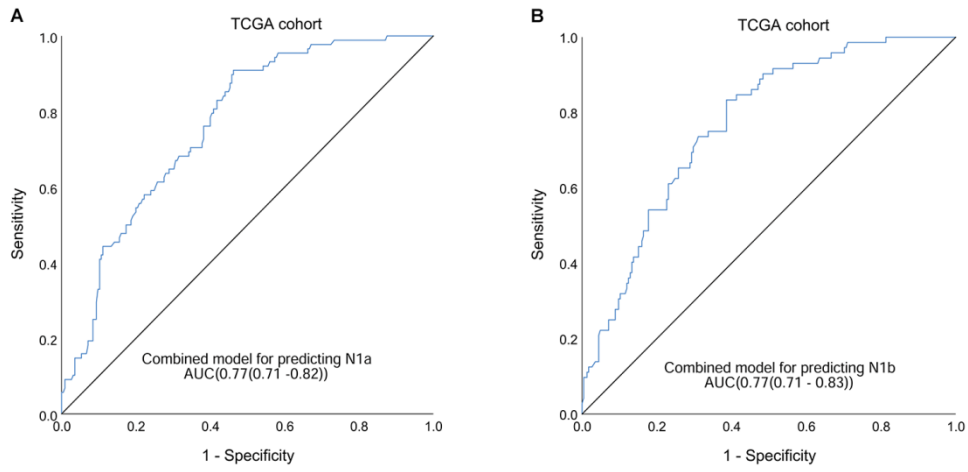
Supplementary table 3. The sequences of all primers in RT-qPCR assay

| ID | Sequence (5' - 3') |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| GAPDH (Forward) | TGTTTCGTCATGGGTGTGAAC |
| GAPDH (Reverse) | ATGGCATGGACTGTGGTCAT |
| U6 F | CTCGCTTCGGCAGCACA |
| U6 R | AACGCTTCACGAATTTGCGT |
| Lnc-MPEG1-1 F | CTCTTCCACTTAATGCCTGTT |
| Lnc-MPEG1-1 R | GTTTGAATCCCTGCTCCAC |
| FAM230B.F | GCACACCAACCAGTGTAGGA |
| FAM230B.R | AGAGTGGGCTGAAGCTTGTC |
| lnc-RXRG-1:10.F | AATCCTGGCACTGTTACTT |
| lnc-RXRG-1:10.R | CCTTCCCTATGTCTTTCG |
| LNC-MPEG1-1:1.F | TCTGAATTCGCTTGCTC |
| LNC-MPEG1-1:1.R | AGGTTTGGTGGATGTCTT |
| lnc-ABCA12-5:2.F | AGAGCCCGTGCATTCCT |
| lnc-ABCA12-5:2.R | TGCCTCTGCTGGTCTTTC |
| lnc-CENPJ-1:4.F | CTCCCGGTTCAAGTGATT |
| lnc-CENPJ-1:4.R | TCTCCGAGTGCGAGTTTT |
| LNC-AADAACL2-1:3.F | CTCATAGAAGACCCAGAT |
| LNC-AADAACL2-1:3.R | GTATTCCCTACAGAACCT |
| lnc-TCF4-5:18.F | TCCTCGCCTACTCCACAT |
| lnc-TCF4-5:18.R | GTTACGCCATTCTCCTG |
| lnc-ARHGAP10-2:2.F | TGCTCACCGATCTCTCAATCTG |
| lnc-ARHGAP10-2:2.R | CTGGCCTTGGAACGTCACCTA |
| lnc-PDLIM3-5:1.F | CAAAAGCCACTCCGACAACA |
| lnc-PDLIM3-5:1.R | TCCTTGGCTCAGACCGAAAT |
| Fibronectin F | CGGTGGCTGTCAGTCAAAG |
| Fibronectin R | AAACCTCGGCTTCCTCCATAA |
| ITGB1 F | CCTACTTCTGCACGATGTGATG |

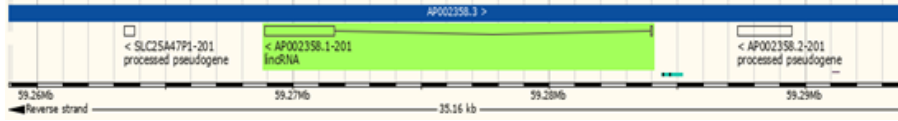
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| ITGB1 R | CCTTTGCTACGGTTGGTTACATT |
| E-cadherin F | ATTTTTCCCTCGACACCCGAT |
| E-cadherin R | TCCCAGGCGTAGACCAAGA |
| Vimentin F | AGTCCACTGAGTACCGGAGAC |
| Vimentin R | CATTTACGCATCTGGCGTTC |
| N-cadherin F | TGCGGTACAGTGTAAGTGGG |
| N-cadherin R | GAAACCGGGCTATCTGCTCG |
| β -catenin F | GCAGTTCGCCTTCACTATGG |
| β -catenin R | ATGTGCACGAACAAGCAACT |
| miR-766-5p RT | CTCAACTGGTGTCGTGGAGTCGGCAATTCAGTTGAGAA GACCAG |
| miR-766-5p F | ACACTCCAGCTGGGAGGAGGAATTGGTGCTGG |
| miR-670-5p RT | CTCAACTGGTGTCGTGGAGTCGGCAATTCAGTTGAGCA CCACAT |
| miR-670-5p F | ACACTCCAGCTGGGGTCCCTGAGTGTATGT |
| miR-579-3p RT | CTCAACTGGTGTCGTGGAGTCGGCAATTCAGTTGAGAAT CGCGG |
| miR-579-3p F | ACACTCCAGCTGGGTTCATTTGGTATAAACCGC |
| miR-644-3p RT | CTCAACTGGTGTCGTGGAGTCGGCAATTCAGTTGAGTGT AGGCT |
| miR-644-3p F | ACACTCCAGCTGGGTTCATTTGCCTCCCAGCC |



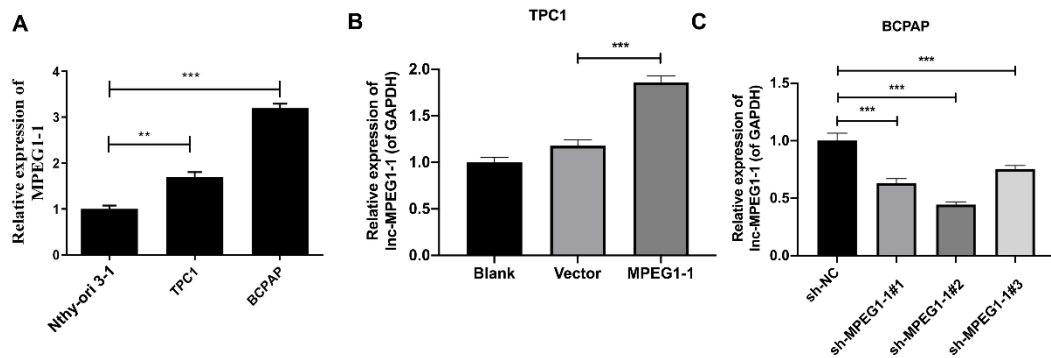
Supplementary Figure 1 Verification of the ten differential expressed lncRNA in TCGA data



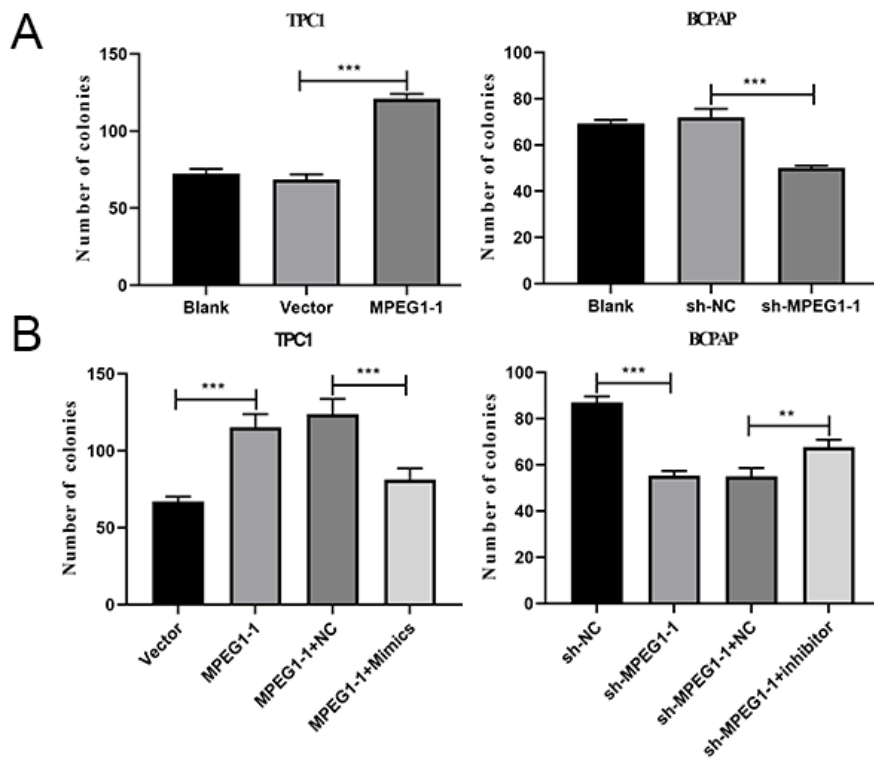
Supplementary Figure 2 Predictive performance of combined model for lymph node metastasis (N1a and N1b) of papillary thyroid cancer in TCGA data. (A) for N1a; (B) for N1b.



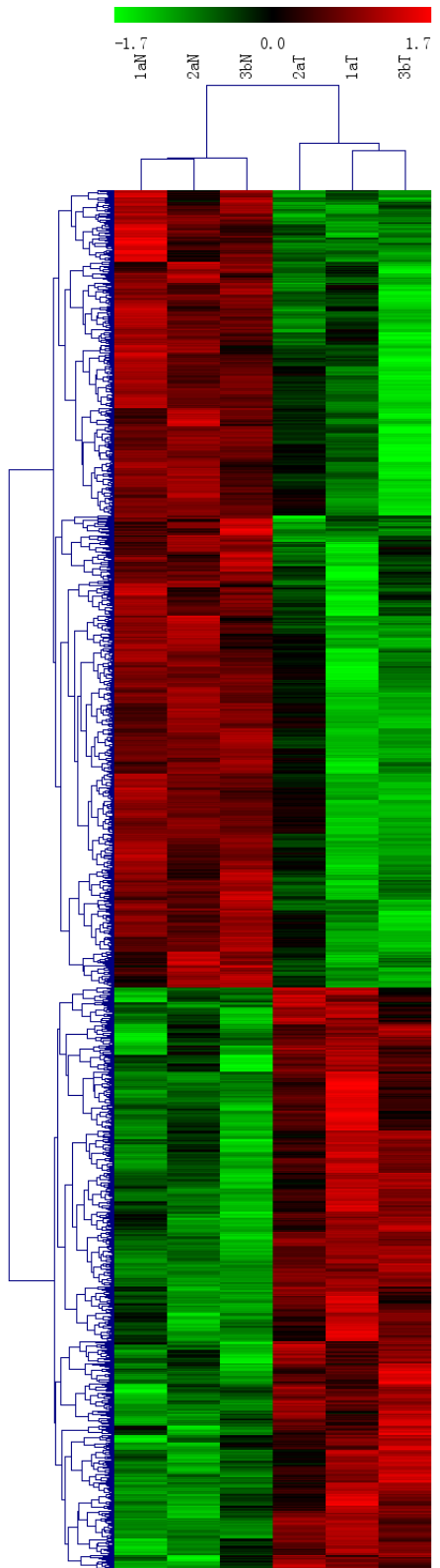
Supplementary Figure 3 lnc-MPEG1-1:1 is located in the intergenic region of the genome, and there is no coding protein gene upstream and downstream (retrieved from <http://asia.ensembl.org/>; lnc-MPEG1-1:1 (also named ap002358.1-201))



Supplementary Figure 4 MPEG1-1 was successfully overexpressed and silenced in PTC cells by transfection. (A) Expression of MPEG1-1 was verified with RT-qPCR analysis in Nthy-ori 3-1 and 2 PTC cell lines (TPC1 and BCPAP). (B) TPC1 cells were transfected with MPEG1-1-overexpressed plasmid or vector (control), and the overexpression effect of MPEG1-1 was determined with RT-qPCR. (C) After transfection with MPEG1-1 shRNAs (sh-MPEG1-1#1, sh-MPEG1-1#2, and sh-MPEG1-1#3), the respective transfection effects were verified through RT-qPCR analysis in BCPAP cells. *** $P < 0.001$.



Supplementary Figure 5 Cell vitality in each group was determined by colony number analysis. (A) Colony number analysis was utilized to evaluate the colony-forming capacity of MPEG1-1-overexpressed on TPC1 cells and MPEG1-1-silenced on BCPAP cells. (B) The effect of MPEG1-1+mimics on TPC1 cell and sh-MPEG1-1+ inhibitor on BCPAP cells were analyzed by clone number analysis. All experiments were performed in triplicate and data are presented as the mean \pm SD. ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.



Supplementary Figure 6 Hierarchical clustering revealed distinct lncRNA expression profiles between the samples detected by microarray in the discovery stage