

Supplementary materials

Supplementary materials and methods

Tissue microarray (TMA) and immunohistochemical analysis of disks large-associated protein 5 (DLGAP5)

The TMA contains well-documented follow-up and clinicopathological information, all of which were obtained with patient informed consent. The use of clinical samples was approved by the local Ethics Committee. TMA and ethical approval documentation were provided by Shanghai Outdo Biotech. The expression of DLGAP5 was analyzed using a TMA, which contained 51 cases of primary pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) tissues and 36 cases of matched adjacent noncancerous tissues with 1 point for each tissue. Standard immunohistochemistry (IHC) procedures were performed on the TMA slide using DLGAP5 antibody (#sc-377004, 1:100; Santa Cruz Biotechnology). The staining intensity score was determined as no staining (score = 0), light yellow (score = 1), yellow (score = 2), and dark brown (score = 3), while the percentage score of positive cells was determined as < 5% (score = 0), 5%–25% (score = 1), 26%–50% (score = 2), 51%–75% (score = 3), and > 75% (score = 4)¹. The IHC_{DLGAP5} score was determined by multiplying the intensity score and the percentage score. IHC_{DLGAP5} scores were classified as follows: negative (0); weakly positive (1 to 2); moderately positive (3 to 5); and strongly positive (6 to 12), and were independently evaluated by 2 pathologists blinded to the clinical information.

ELISA of serum IFN-stimulated gene 15 (ISG15)

Briefly, the standard was reconstituted with 1.0 mL of sample diluent. The reconstitution produced a stock solution of 50 ng/mL and diluted standard solutions of 25 ng/mL, 12.5 ng/mL, 6.25 ng/mL, 3.12 ng/mL, 1.56 ng/mL, and 0.78 ng/mL. The high standard had a concentration of 50 ng/mL. The zero standard had a concentration of 0 ng/mL. A total of 100 µL of standard and serum samples were added to 96-well plates and incubated in the dark at 37 °C for 2 h. After removing the liquid from each well, 100 µL of biotin-antibody (1×) was added to each well and then incubated in the dark at the same temperature for another 1 h. A total of 96 wells were dried and washed 3 times. After drying, 100 µL of horseradish peroxidase-avidin (1×) was added to each well and then incubated in the dark at the same temperature for another 1 h; then, each well was washed and dried 5 times. Then, 90 µL of 3,3',5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine substrate was added to each well and incubated in the dark at the same temperature for another 15 min to 30 min. A total of 50 µL of stop solution was added to each well, and the absorbance of each well was then measured at 450 nm within 5 min using a microplate reader (BioTek, Winooski, VT, USA). We used known standards, including the high standard, the diluted standards, and the zero standard, to generate a calibration curve. The protein expression levels of ISG15 were calculated by comparing absorbance readings against the calibration curve. The detection range of serum ISG15 was 0.78 ng/mL to 50 ng/mL. Samples that yielded readings outside the detection upper limit were further diluted. The readings below the lower limit of detection were all less than or equal to 0.78 ng/mL. All samples and standards were tested in duplicate. All tests were blind to the disease status.

Table S1 GO and KEGG pathway enrichment analyses of 752 DEGs

| Term | Description | Count in gene set | P-value | FDR |
|--------------------|---|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Biological process | | | | |
| GO:0030198 | Extracellular matrix organization | 40 | 6.22e-17 | 2.00e-13 |
| GO:0060337 | Type I interferon signaling pathway | 24 | 1.63e-16 | 2.00e-13 |
| GO:0007155 | Cell adhesion | 60 | 2.15e-15 | 3.81e-12 |
| GO:0030574 | Collagen catabolic process | 20 | 3.85e-12 | 6.96e-09 |
| GO:0030199 | Collagen fibril organization | 15 | 1.52e-10 | 2.75e-07 |
| GO:0009615 | Response to virus | 22 | 2.40e-09 | 4.33e-06 |
| GO:0035987 | Endodermal cell differentiation | 11 | 4.74e-08 | 8.57e-05 |
| GO:0051607 | Defense response to virus | 25 | 4.79e-08 | 8.65e-05 |
| GO:0042060 | Wound healing | 17 | 9.73e-08 | 1.76e-04 |
| GO:0045071 | Negative regulation of viral genome replication | 12 | 3.30e-07 | 5.96e-04 |
| GO:0050900 | Leucocyte migration | 20 | 4.05e-07 | 7.32e-04 |
| GO:0001525 | Angiogenesis | 26 | 3.81e-06 | 6.88e-03 |
| Molecular function | | | | |
| GO:0005178 | Integrin binding | 20 | 2.69e-08 | 4.22e-05 |
| GO:0005518 | Collagen binding | 15 | 6.59e-08 | 1.04e-04 |
| GO:0005201 | Extracellular matrix structural constituent | 14 | 1.87e-06 | 2.93e-03 |
| GO:0043236 | Laminin binding | 9 | 3.47e-06 | 5.45e-03 |
| Cell component | | | | |
| GO:0070062 | Extracellular exosome | 215 | 1.38e-24 | 1.95e-21 |
| GO:0005615 | Extracellular space | 127 | 3.99e-21 | 5.67e-18 |
| GO:0031012 | Extracellular matrix | 48 | 1.13e-16 | 1.55e-13 |
| GO:0005578 | Proteinaceous extracellular matrix | 41 | 2.21e-13 | 3.14e-10 |
| GO:0005925 | Focal adhesion | 50 | 4.07e-13 | 5.78e-10 |
| GO:0009986 | Cell surface | 58 | 7.66e-12 | 1.09e-08 |
| GO:0005576 | Extracellular region | 113 | 6.28e-10 | 8.92e-07 |
| GO:0005604 | Basement membrane | 16 | 3.13e-07 | 4.45e-04 |
| GO:0005886 | Plasma membrane | 216 | 6.22e-07 | 8.84e-04 |
| GO:0005856 | Cytoskeleton | 36 | 1.22e-06 | 1.74e-03 |
| GO:0045121 | Membrane raft | 25 | 1.61e-06 | 2.28e-03 |
| GO:0005788 | Endoplasmic reticulum lumen | 24 | 1.63e-06 | 2.32e-03 |
| GO:0005887 | Integral component of plasma membrane | 90 | 3.59e-06 | 5.10e-03 |
| KEGG pathway | | | | |
| Hsa04512 | ECM-receptor interaction | 22 | 1.67e-10 | 2.16e-07 |
| Hsa05146 | Amoebiasis | 21 | 4.35e-08 | 5.62e-05 |
| Hsa04510 | Focal adhesion | 28 | 5.44e-07 | 7.02e-04 |
| Hsa04145 | Phagosome | 22 | 3.60e-06 | 4.65e-03 |

GO, Gene Ontology; KEGG, Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes; DEGs, differentially expressed genes; FDR, false discovery rate; ECM, extracellular matrix.

Table S2 GO and KEGG pathway enrichment analyses of hub genes in the most densely connected module

| Term | Description | Genes | P-value | FDR |
|--------------------|---|--|----------|----------|
| Biological process | | | | |
| GO:0060337 | Type I interferon signaling pathway | <i>IFITM1, BST2, IFITM2, OAS3, HLA-A, RSAD2, OAS1, OAS2, HLA-B, STAT1, PSMB8, IFI35, ISG20, HLA-F, IRF9, IFIT3, IFIT1, IFI27, ISG15, XAF1, MX1, MX2, GBP2, IFI6</i> | 2.07e-42 | 2.90e-39 |
| GO:0051607 | Defense response to virus | <i>IFITM1, BST2, IFITM2, OAS3, RSAD2, OAS1, IFI44L, OAS2, IFI16, STAT1, ISG20, IFIT3, IRF9, IFIT1, ISG15, DDX60, MX1, MX2, GBP1</i> | 8.90e-23 | 1.25e-19 |
| GO:0009615 | Response to virus | <i>IFIT3, IFIT1, BST2, IFITM1, IFITM2, DDX60, OAS3, RSAD2, OAS1, IFI44, OAS2, MX1, MX2, ISG20</i> | 4.78e-17 | 6.70e-14 |
| GO:0045071 | Negative regulation of viral genome replication | <i>IFIT1, ISG15, BST2, IFITM1, IFITM2, OAS3, RSAD2, OAS1, IFI16, MX1, ISG20</i> | 8.28e-17 | 1.55e-13 |
| GO:0060333 | Interferon-γ-mediated signaling pathway | <i>IRF9, OAS3, HLA-A, OAS1, OAS2, HLA-B, STAT1, GBP2, GBP1, HLA-F</i> | 2.31e-12 | 3.24e-09 |
| GO:0035456 | Response to interferon-β | <i>BST2, IFITM1, IFITM2, XAF1, STAT1</i> | 1.59e-08 | 2.24e-05 |
| GO:0000070 | Mitotic sister chromatid segregation | <i>MAD2L1, NEK2, ZWINT, NUSAP1, NDC80, SMC4</i> | 2.08e-08 | 2.92e-05 |
| GO:0051301 | Cell division | <i>CCNB1, FAM83D, CDK1, MAD2L1, NEK2, ZWINT, CKS2, CENPF, NDC80, PTTG1, CCNA2, SMC4</i> | 2.62e-08 | 3.67e-05 |
| GO:0007067 | Mitotic nuclear division | <i>FAM83D, CDK1, NEK2, CENPF, NDC80, ANLN, PTTG1, CEP55, CCNA2, ASPM</i> | 1.64e-07 | 2.30e-04 |
| GO:0000281 | Mitotic cytokinesis | <i>CKAP2, NUSAP1, ANLN, CEP55, RACGAP1</i> | 2.85e-06 | 4.01e-03 |
| GO:0035455 | Response to interferon-α | <i>BST2, IFITM1, IFITM2, MX2</i> | 4.61e-06 | 6.48e-03 |
| Molecular function | | | | |
| GO:0005515 | Protein binding | <i>PRC1, IFITM1, NEK2, OAS3, RSAD2, OAS1, CEP55, OAS2, PTTG1, IFI35, FAM83D, ISG15, DDX60, MX1, TOP2A, CCNA2, MX2, CDK1, BST2, DTL, DLGAP5, GMNN, HLA-A, CENPF, NUSAP1, UBE2L6, NDC80, IFI16, RACGAP1, CENPK, STAT1, ECT2, PSMB8, SMC4, IFIT3, CCNB1, IRF9, IFIT1, MAD2L1, RRM2, ZWINT, CKS2, CENPU, KPNA2, GBP2, IFI6, MELK, GBP1</i> | 1.85e-07 | 2.11e-04 |
| Cell component | | | | |
| GO:0005829 | Cytosol | <i>PRC1, NEK2, OAS3, OAS1, OAS2, PTTG1, IFI35, ISG15, XAF1, MX1, MX2, CDK1, GMNN, CENPF, UBE2L6, NDC80, IFI16, RACGAP1, CENPK, STAT1, ECT2, PSMB8, SMC4, IRF9, CCNB1, IFIT3, IFIT1, MAD2L1, RRM2, ZWINT, CENPU, KPNA2, GBP2, GBP1</i> | 4.72e-11 | 5.33e-08 |
| GO:0005737 | Cytoplasm | <i>PRC1, NEK2, OAS3, IFI44L, OAS1, OAS2, PTTG1, ISG20, FAM83D, DDX60, MX1, TOP2A, CCNA2, MX2, ASPM, CKAP2, CDK1, BST2, DTL, DLGAP5, GMNN, CENPF, NUSAP1, IFI44, IFI16, RACGAP1, STAT1, ECT2, PSMB8, SMC4, IRF9, CCNB1, IFIT3, IFIT1, RRM2, ZWINT, KPNA2</i> | 1.19e-07 | 1.35e-04 |
| GO:0030496 | Midbody | <i>CDK1, PRC1, NEK2, CENPF, CEP55, RACGAP1, ECT2, ASPM</i> | 1.68e-07 | 1.90e-04 |
| GO:0005634 | Nucleus | <i>PRC1, NEK2, OAS1, OAS2, PTTG1, IFI35, ISG20, XAF1, MX1, TOP2A, CCNA2, MX2, ASPM, CDK1, DTL, DLGAP5, GMNN, CENPF, NUSAP1, NDC80, IFI16, RACGAP1, CENPK, STAT1, ECT2, PSMB8, SMC4, IRF9, CCNB1, MAD2L1, RRM2, ZWINT, CENPU, KPNA2, MELK</i> | 4.39e-06 | 5.00e-03 |

Table S2 Continued

| Term | Description | Genes | P-value | FDR |
|--------------|----------------------------------|---|----------|----------|
| GO:0005654 | Nucleoplasm | <i>CDK1, PRC1, DTL, GMNN, OAS3, UBE2L6, CENPF, IFI44L, ANLN, IFI16, RACGAP1, CENPK, STAT1, PSMB8, SMC4, ISG20, IRF9, CCNB1, ISG15, RRM2, CENPU, TOP2A, CCNA2, KPNA2</i> | 5.87e-06 | 6.63e-03 |
| GO:0000777 | Condensed chromosome kinetochore | <i>MAD2L1, NEK2, ZWINT, NDC80, CENPU, CENPK</i> | 8.29e-06 | 9.37e-03 |
| KEGG pathway | | | | |
| Hsa05168 | Herpes simplex infection | <i>IRF9, CDK1, IFIT1, OAS3, HLA-A, OAS1, OAS2, HLA-B, STAT1, HLA-F</i> | 1.22e-09 | 1.15e-06 |
| Hsa05164 | Influenza A | <i>IRF9, OAS3, RSAD2, OAS1, OAS2, MX1, STAT1, KPNA2</i> | 5.06e-07 | 4.76e-04 |

GO, Gene Ontology; KEGG, Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes; FDR, false discovery rate.

Table S3 Some hub genes were related to immune cell infiltration

| Genes | Tumor purity | | B cells | | CD8+ T cells | | CD4+ T cells | | Macrophages | | Neutrophils | | Dendritic cells | |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | P-value | Correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>ISG15</i> | 0.064 | -0.142 | 0.035 | -0.072 | 0.069 | -0.140 | 4.0e-05 | 0.311 | 0.688 | -0.031 | 4.0e-04 | 0.270 | 0.020 | 0.178 |
| <i>IFI6</i> | 0.036 | -0.160 | 0.235 | -0.091 | 0.223 | -0.094 | 0.002 | 0.240 | 0.694 | -0.030 | 0.002 | 0.235 | 0.173 | 0.105 |
| <i>RSAD2</i> | 3.0e-04 | -0.271 | 0.036 | 0.161 | 9.0e-05 | 0.296 | 0.005 | 0.214 | 2.0e-08 | 0.415 | 2.9e-15 | 0.556 | 6.0e-14 | 0.534 |
| <i>NUSAP1</i> | 0.688 | -0.031 | 0.003 | 0.228 | 0.022 | 0.176 | 0.003 | -0.227 | 0.812 | -0.018 | 0.077 | 0.136 | 0.004 | 0.218 |
| <i>DTL</i> | 0.928 | 0.007 | 0.025 | 0.171 | 0.017 | 0.182 | 0.002 | -0.235 | 0.667 | 0.033 | 0.339 | 0.074 | 0.006 | 0.211 |
| <i>CENPK</i> | 0.547 | 0.046 | 0.053 | 0.148 | 0.063 | 0.142 | 0.027 | -0.170 | 0.745 | -0.025 | 0.085 | 0.132 | 0.012 | 0.191 |
| <i>OAS1</i> | 0.110 | -0.122 | 0.414 | 0.063 | 0.116 | 0.121 | 0.675 | 0.032 | 0.537 | 0.048 | 5.9e-05 | 0.302 | 0.015 | 0.185 |
| <i>CDK1</i> | 0.801 | -0.019 | 0.304 | 0.079 | 0.385 | 0.067 | 0.001 | -0.245 | 0.266 | -0.086 | 0.472 | 0.055 | 0.116 | 0.121 |
| <i>CCNA2</i> | 0.552 | 0.046 | 0.009 | 0.199 | 0.104 | 0.125 | 9.0e-04 | -0.254 | 0.662 | -0.034 | 0.606 | 0.040 | 0.006 | 0.211 |
| <i>CENPF</i> | 0.728 | 0.027 | 0.103 | 0.125 | 0.052 | 0.149 | 2.0e-04 | -0.282 | 0.683 | 0.031 | 0.442 | 0.059 | 0.045 | 0.154 |
| <i>TOP2A</i> | 0.954 | 0.004 | 0.008 | 0.202 | 0.002 | 0.231 | 1.0e-04 | -0.294 | 0.182 | 0.103 | 0.118 | 0.120 | 0.001 | 0.250 |
| <i>DLGAP5</i> | 0.920 | -0.008 | 0.022 | 0.175 | 0.052 | 0.149 | 0.005 | -0.215 | 0.928 | -0.007 | 0.199 | 0.099 | 0.003 | 0.230 |
| <i>PRC1</i> | 0.953 | -0.005 | 0.046 | 0.153 | 0.055 | 0.147 | 7.0e-04 | -0.258 | 0.972 | 0.003 | 0.423 | 0.062 | 0.021 | 0.177 |
| <i>ASPM</i> | 0.685 | 0.031 | 0.031 | 0.165 | 0.043 | 0.155 | 0.001 | -0.246 | 0.989 | 0.001 | 0.310 | 0.078 | 0.024 | 0.173 |
| <i>NDC80</i> | 0.966 | 0.003 | 0.012 | 0.193 | 0.042 | 0.156 | 0.116 | -0.121 | 0.130 | 0.116 | 0.019 | 0.179 | 0.001 | 0.244 |
| <i>CEP55</i> | 0.844 | -0.015 | 0.276 | 0.084 | 0.220 | 0.094 | 9.0e-04 | -0.253 | 0.397 | -0.065 | 0.401 | 0.065 | 0.037 | 0.160 |
| <i>DDX60</i> | 0.054 | -0.147 | 0.002 | 0.234 | 3.0e-06 | 0.350 | 0.865 | 0.013 | 0.002 | 0.239 | 6.6e-10 | 0.450 | 9.0e-08 | 0.396 |
| <i>RACGAP1</i> | 0.801 | -0.019 | 0.006 | 0.210 | 3.0e-04 | 0.276 | 0.002 | -0.234 | 0.013 | 0.191 | 0.052 | 0.149 | 5.0e-04 | 0.265 |
| <i>ECT2</i> | 0.597 | -0.041 | 0.017 | 0.183 | 0.023 | 0.174 | 3.0e-04 | -0.272 | 0.732 | 0.026 | 0.106 | 0.124 | 0.009 | 0.199 |
| <i>CKS2</i> | 0.329 | 0.075 | 0.428 | 0.061 | 0.716 | 0.028 | 0.003 | -0.227 | 0.128 | -0.117 | 0.821 | 0.017 | 0.198 | 0.099 |
| <i>ANLN</i> | 0.904 | 0.009 | 0.097 | 0.127 | 0.014 | 0.187 | 3.0e-04 | -0.275 | 0.333 | 0.074 | 0.474 | 0.055 | 0.008 | 0.203 |
| <i>NEK2</i> | 0.646 | 0.035 | 0.178 | 0.103 | 0.496 | 0.052 | 1.0e-04 | -0.295 | 0.219 | -0.095 | 0.781 | -0.021 | 0.326 | 0.076 |
| <i>BST2</i> | 0.009 | -0.198 | 0.063 | 0.143 | 0.090 | 0.130 | 0.001 | 0.252 | 0.076 | 0.136 | 1.3e-07 | 0.390 | 2.0e-06 | 0.352 |
| <i>CCNB1</i> | 0.922 | -0.007 | 0.089 | 0.130 | 0.259 | 0.087 | 0.015 | -0.187 | 0.508 | -0.051 | 0.431 | 0.061 | 0.046 | 0.153 |
| <i>CENPU</i> | 0.875 | -0.012 | 0.030 | 0.167 | 0.325 | 0.076 | 0.022 | -0.176 | 0.249 | -0.089 | 0.584 | 0.042 | 0.050 | 0.150 |

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| Genes | Tumor purity | | B cells | | CD8+ T cells | | CD4+ T cells | | Macrophages | | Neutrophils | | Dendritic cells | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | P-value | Correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Ckap2</i> | 0.980 | 0.002 | 2.0e-04 | 0.279 | 3.0e-07 | 0.381 | 0.028 | -0.169 | 8.0e-05 | 0.297 | 0.020 | 0.178 | 2.0e-07 | 0.384 |
| <i>Fam83d</i> | 0.825 | -0.017 | 0.069 | 0.139 | 0.001 | 0.248 | 0.019 | -0.181 | 0.023 | 0.174 | 0.059 | 0.145 | 0.003 | 0.228 |
| <i>Gbp1</i> | 7.0e-05 | -0.298 | 2.0e-07 | 0.386 | 1.0e-12 | 0.509 | 0.003 | 0.232 | 2.0e-15 | 0.558 | 1.1e-20 | 0.635 | 4.0e-27 | 0.706 |
| <i>Gbp2</i> | 0.062 | -0.143 | 4.0e-05 | 0.310 | 9.0e-09 | 0.422 | 0.271 | 0.085 | 3.0e-04 | 0.275 | 1.5e-07 | 0.388 | 6.0e-11 | 0.473 |
| <i>GmnN</i> | 0.127 | -0.117 | 0.345 | 0.073 | 0.205 | 0.097 | 0.260 | -0.087 | 0.452 | -0.058 | 0.813 | 0.018 | 0.573 | 0.043 |
| <i>Hla-A</i> | 0.202 | -0.098 | 0.006 | 0.210 | 0.462 | -0.057 | 7.0e-05 | 0.301 | 0.764 | 0.023 | 7.0e-04 | 0.257 | 5.0e-04 | 0.265 |
| <i>Hla-B</i> | 0.084 | -0.132 | 2.0e-05 | 0.317 | 0.020 | 0.178 | 2.0e-05 | 0.322 | 2.0e-04 | 0.285 | 9.9e-13 | 0.510 | 1.0e-13 | 0.528 |
| <i>Hla-F</i> | 0.179 | -0.103 | 2.0e-06 | 0.354 | 0.851 | 0.014 | 3.0e-06 | 0.348 | 0.934 | -0.006 | 2.9e-06 | 0.349 | 8.0e-06 | 0.335 |
| <i>Ifi16</i> | 0.052 | -0.148 | 8.0e-07 | 0.366 | 4.0e-10 | 0.456 | 0.005 | 0.213 | 4.0e-17 | 0.586 | 4.3e-19 | 0.614 | 5.0e-20 | 0.627 |
| <i>Ifi27</i> | 0.030 | -0.166 | 0.349 | 0.072 | 0.947 | -0.005 | 0.184 | 0.103 | 0.546 | -0.046 | 0.003 | 0.228 | 0.011 | 0.195 |
| <i>Ifi35</i> | 0.005 | -0.214 | 0.220 | 0.094 | 0.611 | 0.039 | 0.002 | 0.235 | 0.878 | 0.012 | 2.9e-05 | 0.314 | 0.001 | 0.242 |
| <i>Ifi44</i> | 0.008 | -0.201 | 0.213 | 0.096 | 0.012 | 0.191 | 4.0e-05 | 0.311 | 0.004 | 0.222 | 2.4e-11 | 0.482 | 6.0e-06 | 0.338 |
| <i>Ifi44L</i> | 0.002 | -0.232 | 0.069 | 0.139 | 0.001 | 0.251 | 7.0e-04 | 0.257 | 0.001 | 0.245 | 2.3e-11 | 0.483 | 1.0e-06 | 0.364 |
| <i>Ifi71</i> | 0.001 | -0.242 | 0.683 | 0.031 | 0.012 | 0.191 | 0.002 | 0.237 | 0.003 | 0.229 | 1.5e-08 | 0.417 | 3.0e-05 | 0.315 |
| <i>Ifi73</i> | 2.0e-04 | -0.280 | 0.085 | 0.132 | 1.0e-04 | 0.288 | 0.010 | 0.199 | 2.0e-04 | 0.283 | 2.0e-13 | 0.524 | 4.0e-10 | 0.454 |
| <i>Ifitm1</i> | 0.031 | -0.165 | 0.025 | 0.171 | 0.087 | 0.131 | 5.0e-05 | 0.307 | 0.007 | 0.204 | 5.2e-11 | 0.475 | 1.0e-08 | 0.421 |
| <i>Ifitm2</i> | 0.126 | -0.117 | 0.219 | 0.095 | 0.872 | -0.012 | 6.0e-06 | 0.341 | 0.098 | 0.127 | 5.0e-04 | 0.264 | 0.023 | 0.174 |
| <i>Irfg9</i> | 0.012 | -0.191 | 0.031 | 0.165 | 0.005 | 0.213 | 0.020 | 0.179 | 0.034 | 0.162 | 3.1e-07 | 0.379 | 5.0e-06 | 0.342 |
| <i>ISG20</i> | 0.681 | -0.032 | 0.020 | 0.177 | 0.129 | -0.116 | 0.005 | 0.217 | 0.258 | -0.087 | 0.022 | 0.175 | 0.026 | 0.171 |
| <i>Kpna2</i> | 0.392 | -0.066 | 8.0e-04 | 0.254 | 0.001 | 0.245 | 0.641 | -0.036 | 7.0e-04 | 0.255 | 0.004 | 0.219 | 1.0e-06 | 0.361 |
| <i>Mad2l1</i> | 0.554 | 0.045 | 0.011 | 0.194 | 0.040 | 0.157 | 3.0e-05 | -0.316 | 0.996 | < 0.001 | 0.658 | 0.034 | 0.002 | 0.234 |
| <i>Melk</i> | 0.792 | 0.020 | 0.090 | 0.130 | 0.654 | 0.034 | 0.051 | -0.150 | 0.693 | -0.030 | 0.724 | 0.027 | 0.094 | 0.129 |
| <i>Mx1</i> | 0.004 | -0.218 | 0.078 | 0.135 | 0.140 | 0.113 | 2.0e-04 | 0.287 | 0.076 | 0.136 | 2.0e-08 | 0.413 | 9.0e-06 | 0.333 |
| <i>Mx2</i> | 0.070 | -0.158 | 0.014 | 0.187 | 0.118 | 0.120 | 0.001 | 0.252 | 0.033 | 0.163 | 4.4e-08 | 0.404 | 6.0e-06 | 0.340 |
| <i>Oas2</i> | 0.004 | -0.219 | 0.007 | 0.204 | 0.005 | 0.214 | 0.007 | 0.208 | 0.001 | 0.245 | 3.7e-13 | 0.519 | 1.0e-08 | 0.418 |

Table S3 Continued

| Genes | Tumor purity | | B cells | | CD8+ T cells | | CD4+ T cells | | Macrophages | | Neutrophils | | Dendritic cells | |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | P-value | Correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation | P-value | Partial correlation |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>OAS3</i> | 0.017 | -0.182 | 0.036 | 0.160 | 3.0e-04 | 0.273 | 0.196 | 0.100 | 0.001 | 0.247 | 5.3e-11 | 0.475 | 7.0e-08 | 0.399 |
| <i>PSMB8</i> | 0.113 | -0.121 | 6.0e-07 | 0.372 | 0.516 | 0.050 | 0.052 | 0.150 | 0.534 | -0.048 | 0.004 | 0.218 | 3.0e-05 | 0.311 |
| <i>PTTG1</i> | 0.335 | 0.074 | 0.593 | 0.041 | 0.266 | -0.086 | 0.076 | -0.137 | 0.010 | -0.197 | 0.860 | 0.014 | 0.262 | 0.086 |
| <i>RRM2</i> | 0.989 | -0.001 | 0.031 | 0.165 | 0.176 | 0.104 | 0.022 | -0.176 | 0.677 | -0.032 | 0.402 | 0.065 | 0.004 | 0.220 |
| <i>SMC4</i> | 0.675 | -0.032 | 5.0e-05 | 0.305 | 6.0e-09 | 0.427 | 0.026 | -0.172 | 7.0e-05 | 0.300 | 9.3e-05 | 0.294 | 1.0e-08 | 0.418 |
| <i>STAT1</i> | 0.004 | -0.221 | 3.0e-04 | 0.275 | 3.0e-12 | 0.501 | 0.084 | 0.133 | 3.0e-10 | 0.458 | 1.6e-16 | 0.577 | 9.0e-19 | 0.609 |
| <i>UBE2L6</i> | 4.0e-04 | -0.266 | 7.0e-05 | 0.300 | 9.0e-11 | 0.470 | 0.011 | 0.195 | 2.0e-07 | 0.388 | 1.2e-17 | 0.594 | 8.0e-19 | 0.610 |
| <i>XAF1</i> | 0.071 | -0.138 | 0.050 | 0.150 | 0.086 | 0.132 | 5.0e-05 | 0.307 | 0.004 | 0.218 | 2.6e-10 | 0.459 | 3.0e-05 | 0.311 |
| <i>ZWINT</i> | 0.868 | -0.013 | 0.134 | 0.115 | 0.997 | < 0.001 | 0.043 | -0.156 | 0.055 | -0.147 | 0.699 | 0.030 | 0.160 | 0.108 |

CKAP2, GBP1, IFI16, IRF9, OAS2, RSAD2, SMC4 and UBE2L6 were significantly correlated with the infiltration levels of all 6 immune cells (B cells, CD4+ T cells, CD8+ T cells, macrophages, neutrophils, and dendritic cells) (*P*-value < 0.05).

Table S4 Differential mRNA expression of *HLA-A*, *IFI27*, *ISG15*, and *KPNA2* in PA vs. normal pancreatic tissues from the Oncomine database

| Genes | PA, n | Normal, n | Fold change | t-test, T | P-value | Gene rank | Reference |
|--------------|-------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| <i>HLA-A</i> | 11 | 6 | 2.587 | 6.086 | 1.10e-05* | 82 (top 1%) | 2 |
| | 12 | 5 | 4.754 | 6.566 | 3.01e-05* | 137 (top 1%) | 3 |
| | 39 | 39 | 2.362 | 6.178 | 7.49e-08* | 1,937 (top 10%) | 4 |
| | 10 | 5 | 6.203 | 9.179 | 1.94e-04* | 270 (top 6%) | 5 |
| | 36 | 16 | 1.852 | 3.854 | 5.46e-04* | 2,453 (top 13%) | 6 |
| | 8 | 6 | 1.342 | 1.352 | 0.104 | 3,550 (top 23%) | 7 |
| | 11 | 11 | 1.979 | 1.029 | 0.162 | 5,641 (top 32%) | 8 |
| | 24 | 25 | -1.163 | -1.835 | 0.964 | 17,218 (top 97%) | 9 |
| <i>IFI27</i> | 12 | 5 | 5.076 | 6.292 | 7.87e-06* | 81 (top 1%) | 3 |
| | 36 | 16 | 10.237 | 8.083 | 1.24e-09* | 103 (top 1%) | 6 |
| | 39 | 39 | 4.912 | 7.547 | 9.74e-11* | 584 (top 3%) | 4 |
| | 11 | 11 | 8.843 | 2.685 | 0.009* | 403 (top 3%) | 8 |
| | 10 | 5 | 765.104 | 4.045 | 0.008* | 778 (top 15%) | 5 |
| | 11 | 6 | 4.937 | 3.780 | 0.001* | 1,004 (top 8%) | 2 |
| | 8 | 6 | 1.311 | 0.626 | 0.274 | 5,727 (top 37%) | 7 |
| | 24 | 25 | 1.013 | 0.063 | 0.475 | 10,397 (top 59%) | 9 |
| <i>ISG15</i> | 12 | 5 | 4.646 | 7.856 | 5.48e-07* | 19 (top 1%) | 3 |
| | 39 | 39 | 3.726 | 8.032 | 1.21e-11* | 397 (top 3%) | 4 |
| | 36 | 16 | 4.965 | 6.164 | 3.10e-07* | 413 (top 3%) | 6 |
| | 11 | 11 | 4.546 | 2.458 | 0.012* | 539 (top 4%) | 8 |
| | 10 | 5 | 2.462 | 3.394 | 0.003* | 562 (top 11%) | 5 |
| | 11 | 6 | 3.717 | 3.020 | 0.006* | 1,827 (top 15%) | 2 |
| | 24 | 25 | 1.110 | 0.393 | 0.348 | 8,233 (top 47%) | 9 |
| | 8 | 6 | -1.367 | -2.451 | 0.985 | 14,198 (top 91%) | 7 |
| <i>KPNA2</i> | 11 | 6 | 4.194 | 6.322 | 7.03e-06* | 65 (top 1%) | 2 |
| | 36 | 16 | 2.485 | 4.740 | 7.30e-05* | 1,497 (top 8%) | 6 |
| | 39 | 39 | 2.644 | 6.451 | 2.16e-08* | 1,587 (top 9%) | 4 |
| | 10 | 5 | 2.816 | 3.186 | 0.014* | 933 (top 18%) | 5 |
| | 24 | 25 | 1.428 | 1.911 | 0.031* | 1,122 (top 7%) | 9 |
| | 12 | 5 | 2.588 | 2.914 | 0.013* | 1,832 (top 13%) | 3 |
| | 11 | 11 | 2.042 | 1.465 | 0.084 | 3,220 (top 19%) | 8 |
| | 8 | 6 | -1.449 | -3.619 | 0.998 | 15,091 (top 96%) | 7 |

Differential mRNA expression of *HLA-A* with a *P-value < 0.05 was found in 5 datasets. Differential mRNA expression of *IFI27* with a *P-value < 0.05 was found in 6 datasets. Differential mRNA expression of *ISG15* with a *P-value < 0.05 was found in 6 datasets. Differential mRNA expression of *KPNA2* with a *P-value < 0.05 was found in 6 datasets. PA, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; n, number; Ref., references.

Table S5 Relationship between ISG15 protein levels and the clinical characteristics of PA patients from the TMA

| Clinicopathologic variable | ISG15 | | <i>P</i> -value |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Low, n (%) | High, n (%) | |
| Age (y) | | | 0.738 |
| ≥ 63 | 9 (50.0) | 9 (50.0) | |
| < 63 | 10 (58.8) | 7 (41.2) | |
| Gender | | | 0.727 |
| Male | 11 (50.0) | 11 (50.0) | |
| Female | 8 (61.5) | 5 (38.5) | |
| Grade | | | 1.000 |
| I-II | 12 (52.2) | 11 (47.8) | |
| III | 7 (58.3) | 5 (41.7) | |
| T stage | | | 0.139 |
| T2 | 4 (40.0) | 6 (60.0) | |
| T3 | 14 (70.0) | 6 (30.0) | |
| N stage | | | 0.724 |
| N0 | 13 (59.1) | 9 (40.9) | |
| N1 | 6 (50.0) | 6 (50.0) | |
| M stage | | | 0.209 |
| M0 | 12 (60.0) | 8 (40.0) | |
| M1 | 2 (28.6) | 5 (71.4) | |

Pathological diagnosis was confirmed according to the Staging Manual of the American Joint Committee on Cancer staging system, 8th edition. PA, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; TMA, tissue microarray; *n*, number; y, years; T, tumor; N, node; M, metastasis.

Table S6 Relationship between DLGAP5 expression and the clinical characteristics of PA patients from the TMA

| Clinicopathologic variable | DLGAP5 | | <i>P</i> -value |
|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| | Negative, n (%) | Weakly positive, n (%) | |
| Age (y) | | | 0.716 |
| ≥ 66 | 17 (58.6) | 12 (41.4) | |
| < 66 | 14 (63.6) | 8 (36.4) | |
| Gender | | | 0.244 |
| Male | 15 (53.6) | 13 (46.4) | |
| Female | 16 (69.6) | 7 (30.4) | |
| Grade | | | 0.008* |
| I | 5 (100.0) | 0 (0.0) | |
| II | 25 (64.1) | 14 (35.9) | |
| III | 1 (14.3) | 6 (85.7) | |
| T stage | | | 0.415 |
| T1 | 2 (100.0) | 0 (0.0) | |
| T2 | 10 (55.6) | 8 (44.4) | |
| T3 | 18 (66.7) | 9 (33.3) | |
| N stage | | | 0.847 |
| N0 | 17 (60.7) | 11 (39.3) | |
| N1 | 11 (57.9) | 8 (42.1) | |
| M stage | | | 0.279 |
| M0 | 28 (59.6) | 19 (40.4) | |
| M1 | 3 (100.0) | 0 (0.0) | |

Pathological diagnosis was confirmed according to the Staging Manual of the American Joint Committee on Cancer staging system, 8th edition. PA, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; TMA, tissue microarray; *n*, number; y, years; T, tumor; N, node; M, metastasis;

**P*-value < 0.05.

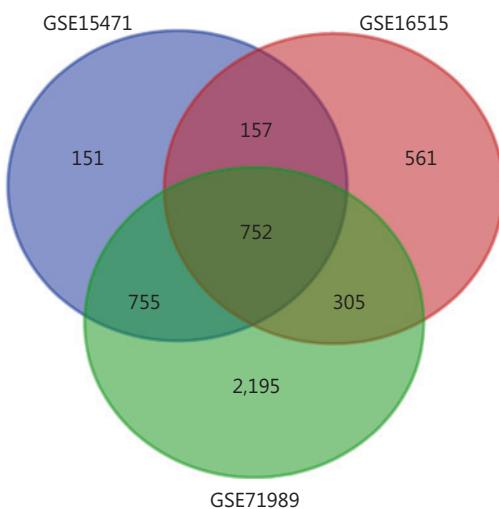


Figure S1 Venn diagram showing 752 overlapping DEGs from 3 datasets of GEO. DEGs were screened with a $|\log FC| > 1$ and adjusted P -value < 0.01 among the datasets of the mRNA expression profiles (GSE15471, GSE16515 and GSE71989). DEGs, differentially expressed genes; GEO, Gene Expression Omnibus; FC, fold change.

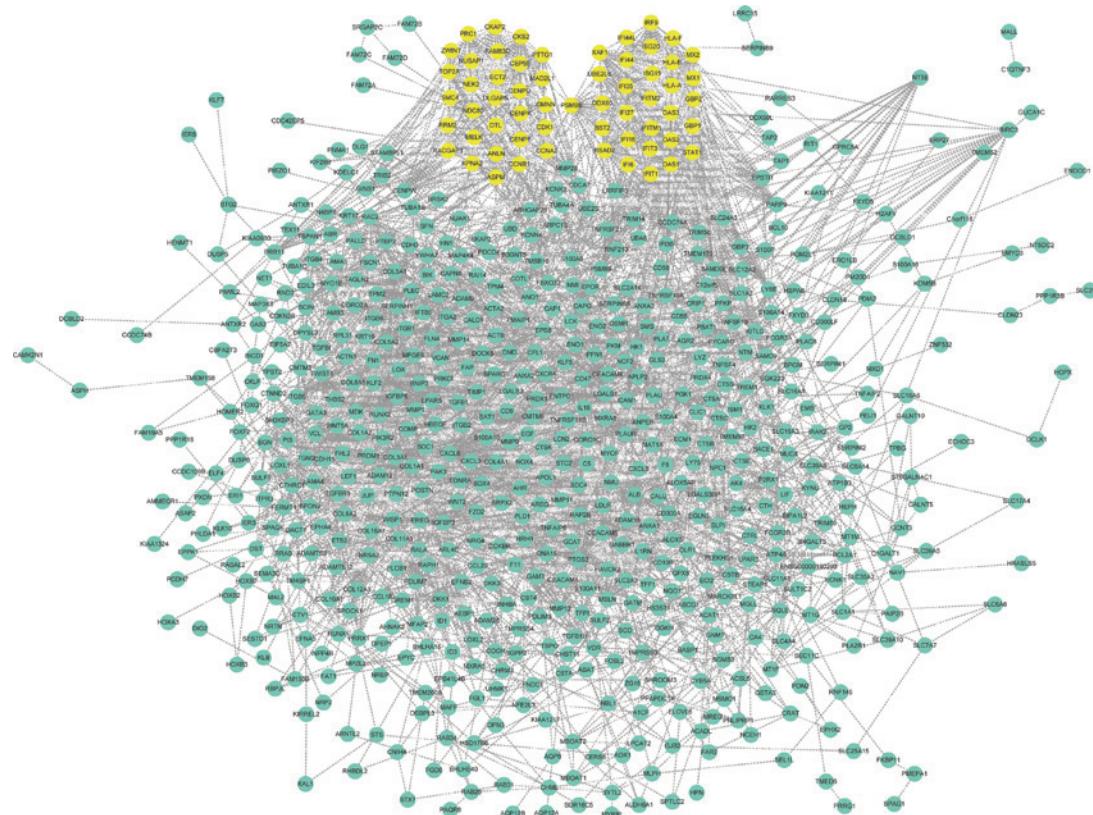


Figure S2 The PPI network of 752 DEGs. The network was visualized using Cytoscape. The yellow module is the most densely connected module from this PPI network. The yellow module was magnified as shown in **Figure 3**. DEGs, differentially expressed genes; PPI, protein-protein interaction.

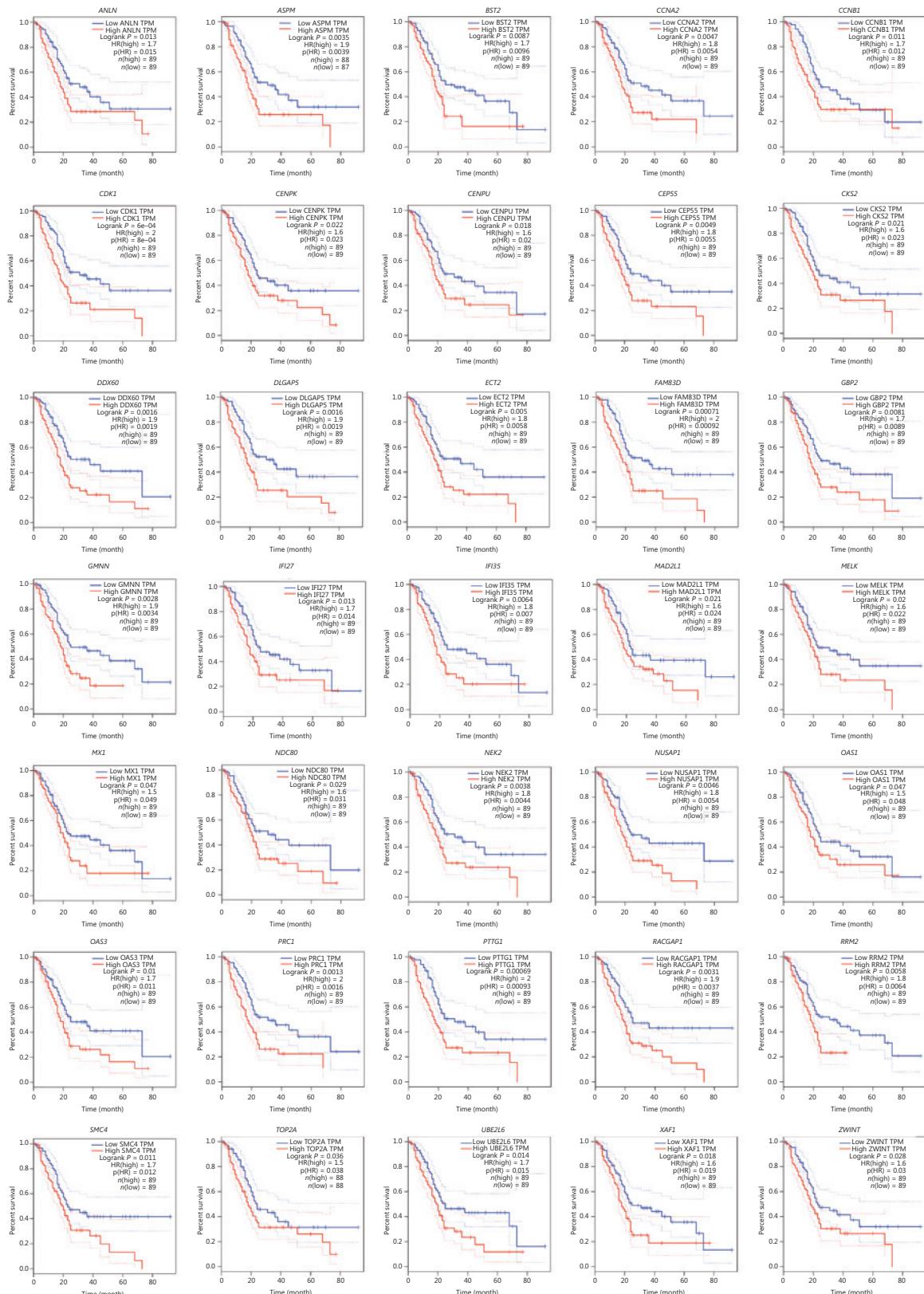


Figure S3 Correlation of high expression levels of individual hub genes with poor OS of PA patients. Kaplan-Meier survival curves were generated using the online GEPIA platform. The OS curve for patients with high expression levels of hub genes is indicated by a red solid line.

The OS curve for patients with low expression levels of hub genes is indicated by a blue solid line. The 95% confidence interval is shown by a dashed line. $P < 0.05$ in the log-rank test was considered statistically significant. OS, overall survival; PA, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; GEPiA, Gene Expression Profiling Interactive Analysis.

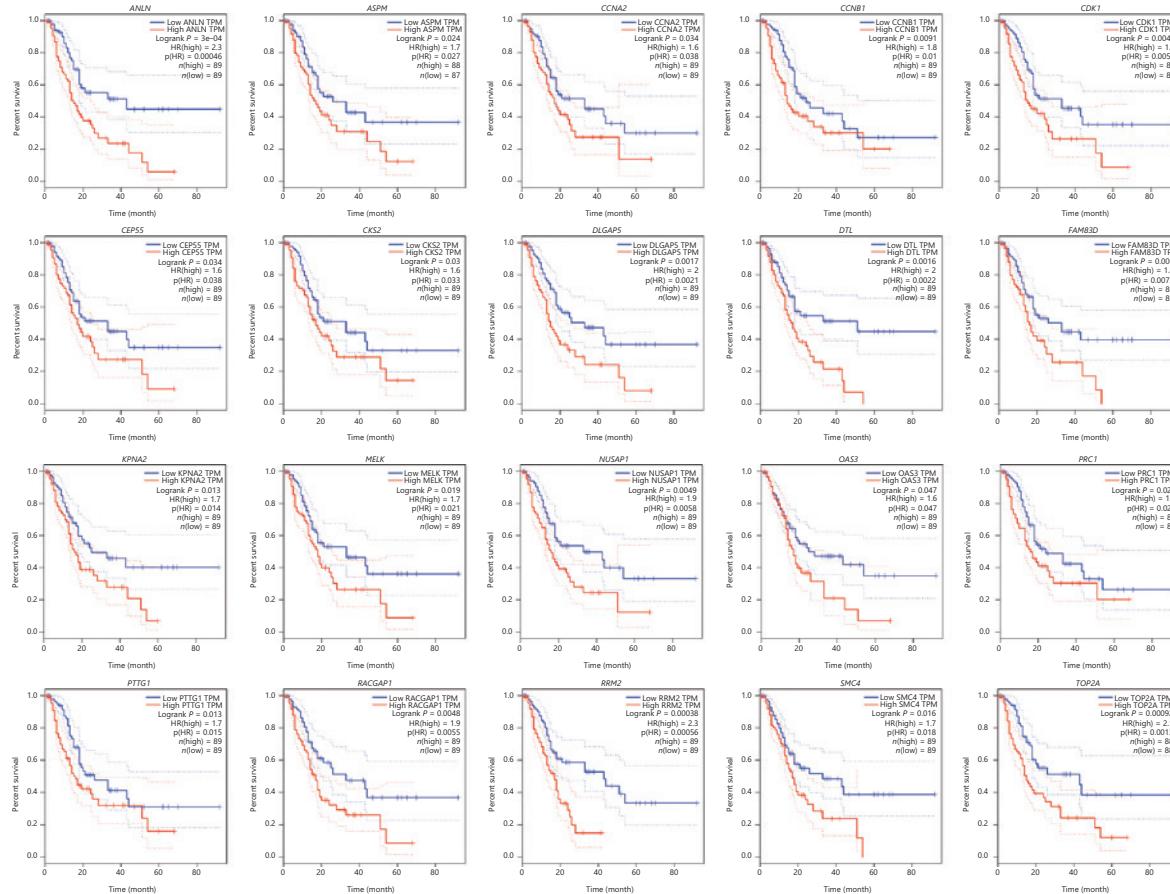


Figure S4 Correlation of high expression levels of individual hub genes with poor DFS of PA patients. Kaplan-Meier survival curves were generated using the online GEPiA platform. The DFS curve for patients with high expression levels of hub genes is indicated by a red solid line. The DFS curve for patients with low expression levels of hub genes is indicated by a blue solid line. The 95% confidence interval is shown by a dashed line. $P < 0.05$ in the log-rank test was considered statistically significant. DFS, disease-free survival; PA, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; GEPiA, Gene Expression Profiling Interactive Analysis.

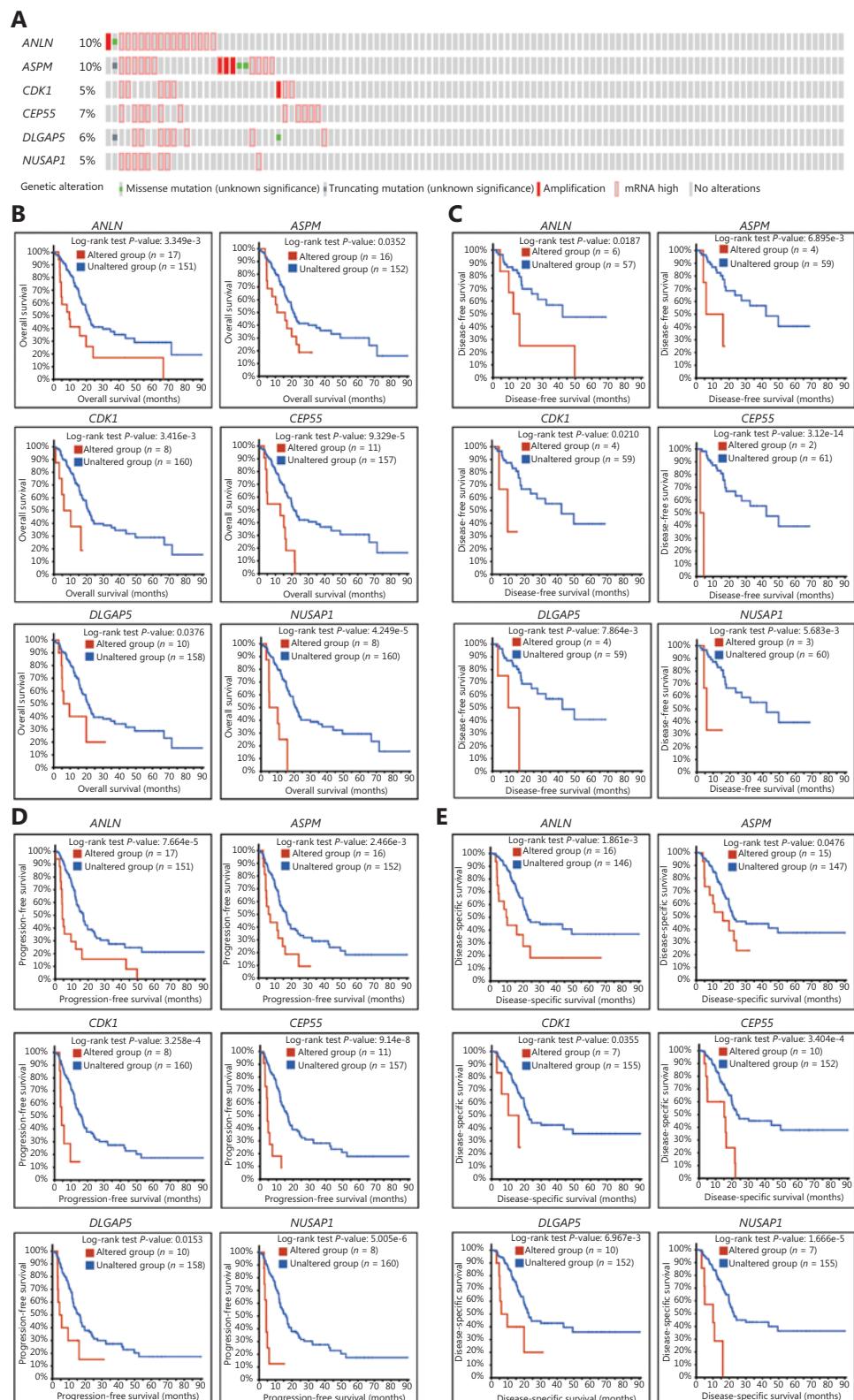


Figure S5 Survival analyses of hub genetic alterations performed using cBioPortal. (A) Hub genetic alterations in PA. *ANLN* was altered in 17 (10%) of 168 PA patients/samples. The alterations in *ANLN* consisted of amplifications, missense mutations, and high mRNA expression levels. *ASPM* was altered in 16 (10%) of 168 PA patients/samples. The alterations in *ASPM* consisted of amplifications, truncating mutations,

missense mutations, and high mRNA expression levels. *CDK1* was altered in 8 (5%) of 168 PA patients/samples. The alterations in *CDK1* consisted of amplification and high mRNA expression levels. *CEP55* was altered in 11 (7%) of 168 PA patients/samples. The alterations in *CEP55* consisted of high mRNA expression levels. *DLGAP5* was altered in 10 (6%) of 168 PA patients/samples. The alterations in *DLGAP5* consisted of truncating mutations, missense mutations and high mRNA expression levels. *NUSAP1* was altered in 8 (5%) of 168 PA patients/samples. The alterations in *NUSAP1* were high mRNA expression levels. (B) Altered individual hub genes were related to worse OS of PA patients. $P < 0.05$ in the log-rank test was considered statistically significant. Overall indicates overall patient survival status. (C) Altered individual hub genes were related to worse DFS of PA patients. $P < 0.05$ in the log-rank test was considered statistically significant. Disease-free survival indicates the DFS of patients since initial treatment. (D) Altered individual hub genes were related to worse PFS of PA patients. $P < 0.05$ in the log-rank test was considered statistically significant. Progression-free survival indicates the PFS of patients. (E) Altered individual hub genes were related to worse DSS of PA patients. $P < 0.05$ in the log-rank test was considered statistically significant. The time period of DSS usually starts at the time of PA diagnosis or at the beginning of treatment and ends at the time of death. PA, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; *n*, number; OS, overall survival; DFS, disease-free survival; PFS, progression-free survival; DSS, disease-specific survival.

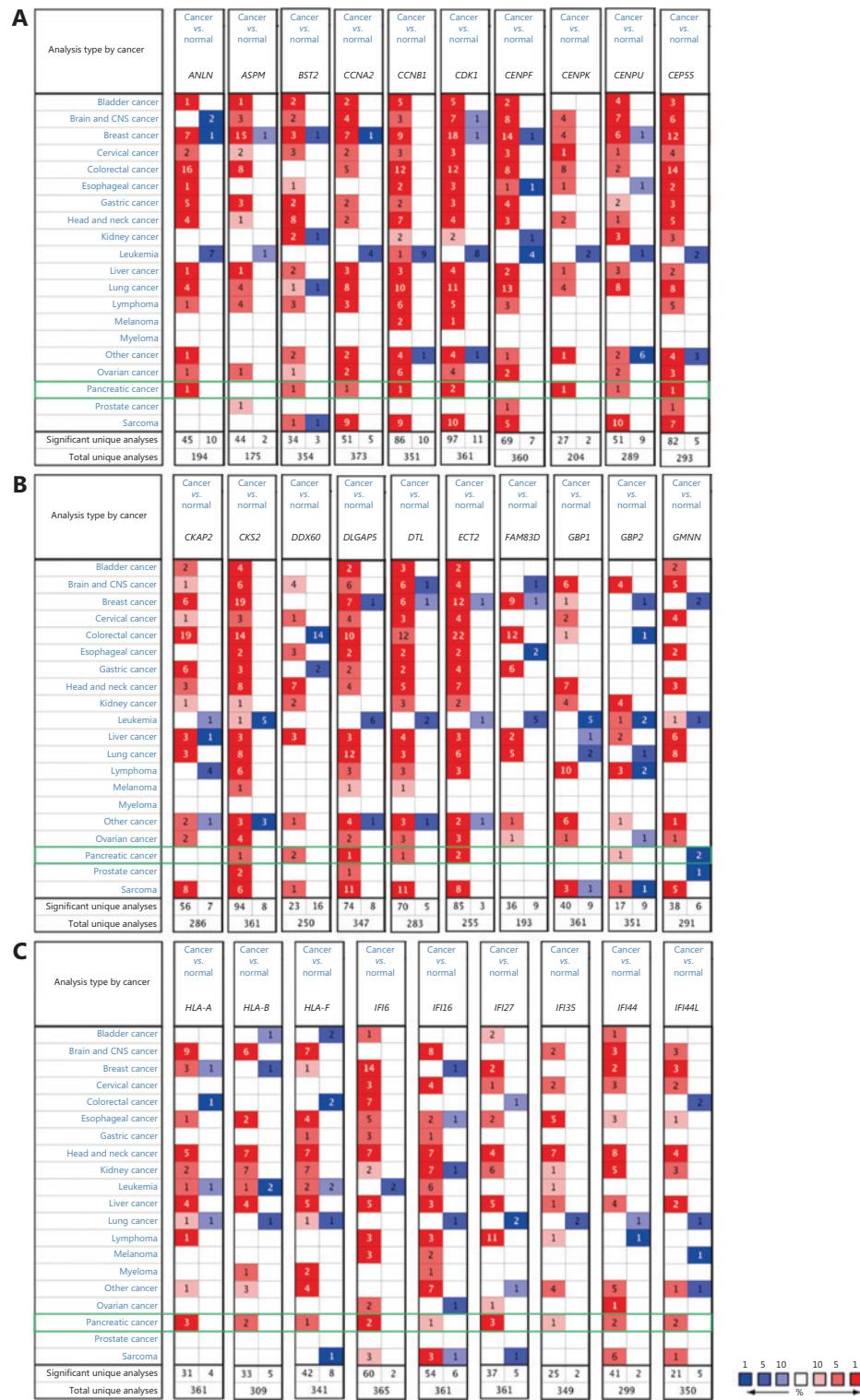


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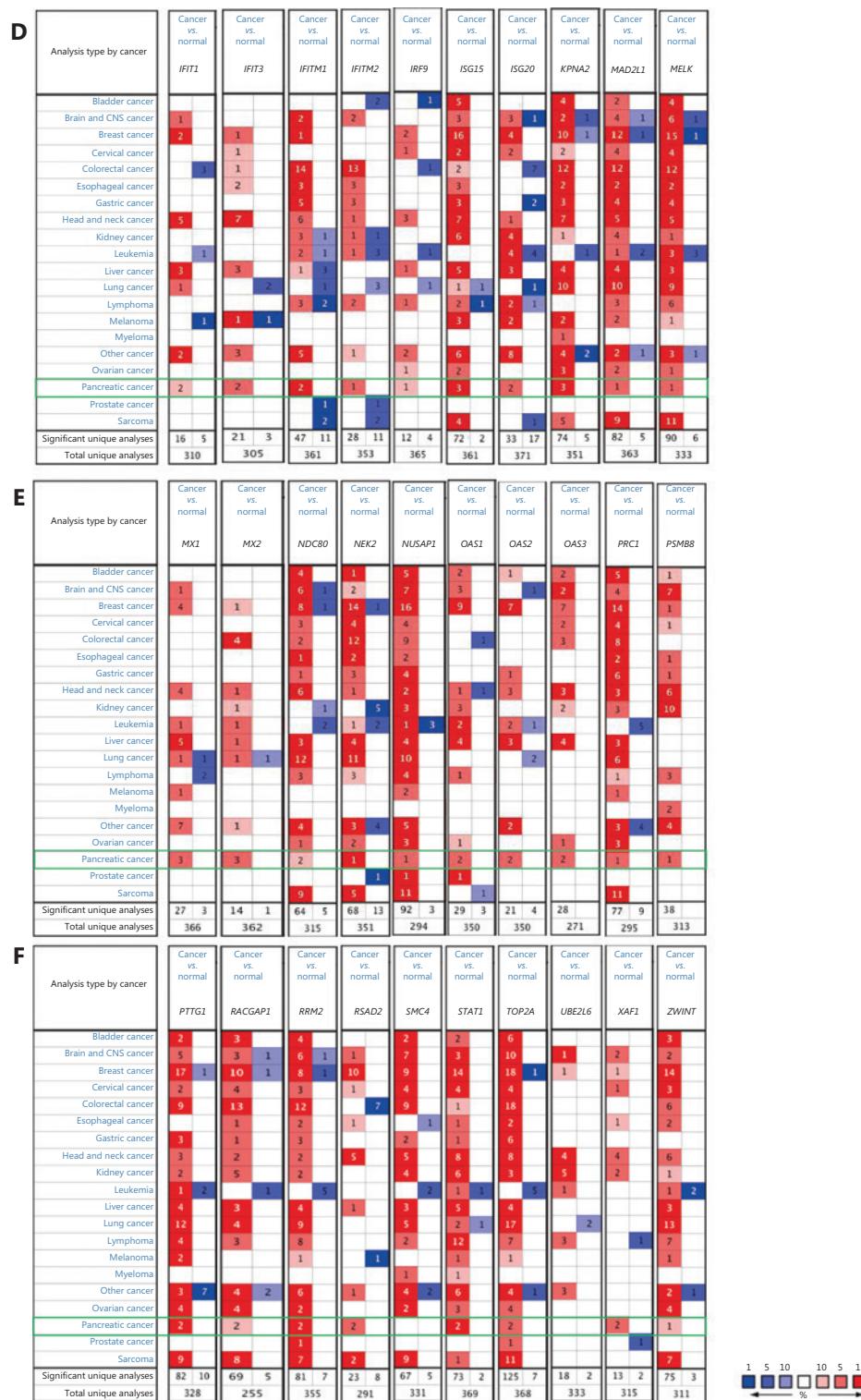


Figure S6 Heat maps of differential mRNA expression of individual hub genes in cancer vs. normal tissues from the Oncomine database. The thresholds ("P-value of 1E-4", "2-fold change", and "top 10% genes in gene rank") were used for screening up- and down-regulated expression of hub genes, which are shown in red and blue cells, respectively. The number in each cell represents the number of datasets that meet the filter criteria. The differential expression levels of the hub genes in PA are shown in the green frame. Color depth in the cell indicates the best gene rank percentile between the top 1% and top 10%. The differential expression levels of *ANLN*, *ASPM*, *BST2*, *CCNA2*, *CCNB1*, *CDK1*, *CENPF*,

CENPK, CENPU, and CEP55 with different depth of color in the cell are shown in (A). The differential expression levels of *CKAP2, CKS2, DDX60, DLGAP5, DTL, ECT2, FAM83D, GBP1, GBP2, and GMNN* with different depth of color in the cell are shown in (B). The differential expression levels of *HLA-A, HLA-B, HLA-F, IFI6, IFI16, IFI27, IFI35, IFI44, and IFI44L* with different depth of color in the cell are shown in (C). The differential expression levels of *IFIT1, IFIT3, IFITM1, IFITM2, IRF9, ISG15, ISG20, KPNA2, MAD2L1, and MELK* with different depth of color in the cell are shown in (D). The differential expression levels of *MX1, MX2, NDC80, NEK2, NUSAP1, OAS1, OAS2, OAS3, PRC1, and PSMB8* with different depth of color in the cell are shown in (E). The differential expression levels of *PTTG1, RACGAP1, RRM2, RSAD2, SMC4, STAT1, TOP2A, UBE2L6, XAF1, and ZWINT* with different depth of color in the cell are shown in (F). PA, pancreatic adenocarcinoma.

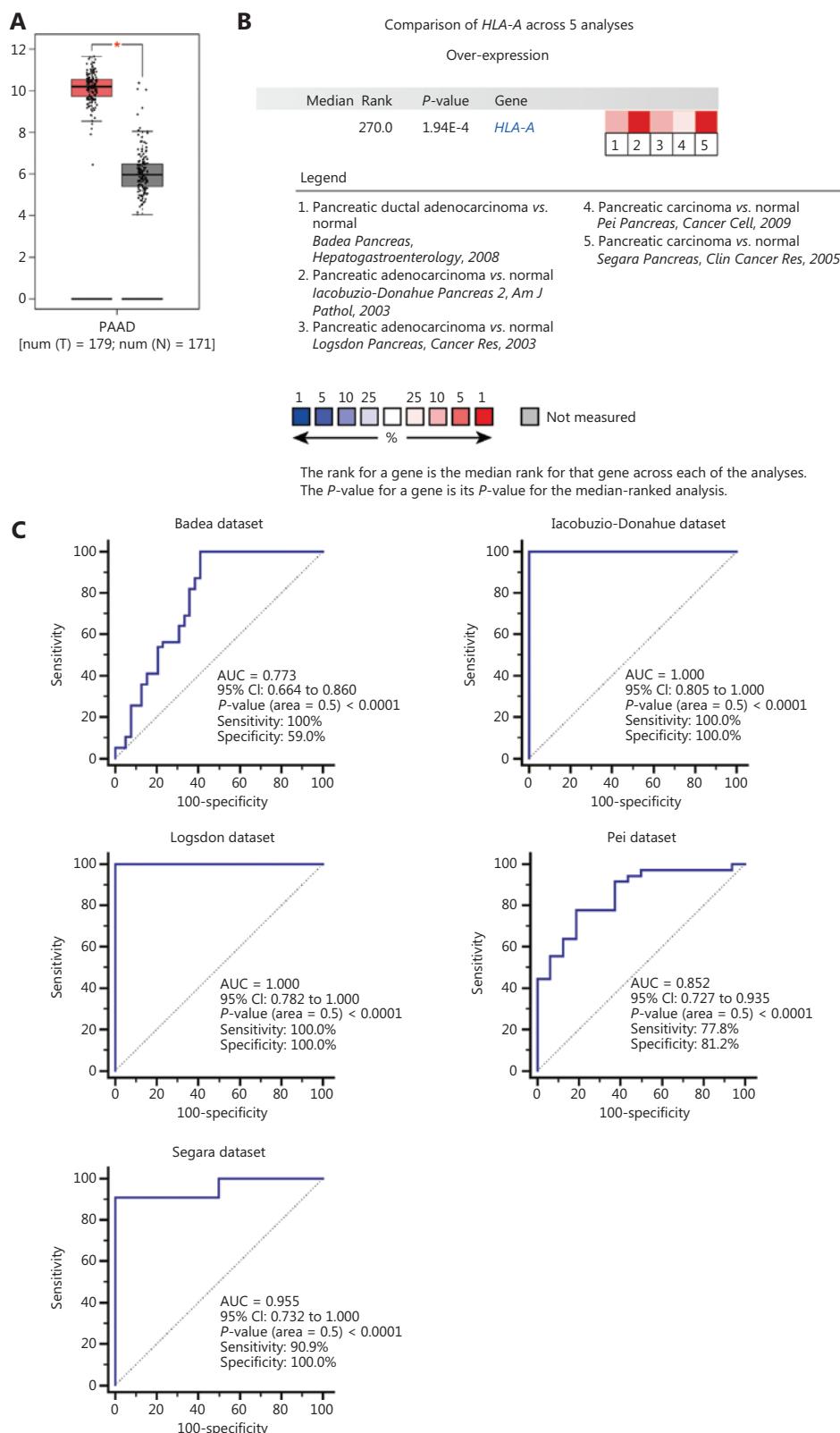


Figure S7 Analyses of *HLA-A* mRNA expression in PA vs. normal pancreatic tissues for diagnosis. (A) Analysis of *HLA-A* mRNA expression in PA vs. normal pancreatic tissues from TCGA and GTEx datasets. The following settings were used for the analysis: “expression on box plots”, “gene = *HLA-A*”, “|log₂(FC)| cut-off = 1”, “P-value cut-off = 0.01”, “datasets = PAAD”, “log scale = log₂(TPM + 1)”, “jitter size = 0.4”, and “matched

TCGA normal and GTEx data". (B) Heat map of *HLA-A* expression in PA vs. normal tissues with a *P*-value < 0.05 from 5 independent datasets from Oncomine. The 5 datasets include the Badea dataset⁴, Iacobuzio-Donahue dataset³, Logsdon dataset⁵, Pei dataset⁶, and Segara dataset². (C) ROC curve analysis of *HLA-A* expression with a *P*-value < 0.05 was used to diagnose PA from the 5 independent datasets from Oncomine. PA, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; T, tumor; N, normal; **P*-value < 0.01; TCGA, The Cancer Genome Atlas; GTEx, Genotype-Tissue Expression; FC, fold change; PAAD, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; TPM, transcripts per million; ROC, receiver operating characteristic; AUC, area under the ROC curve; CI, confidence interval.

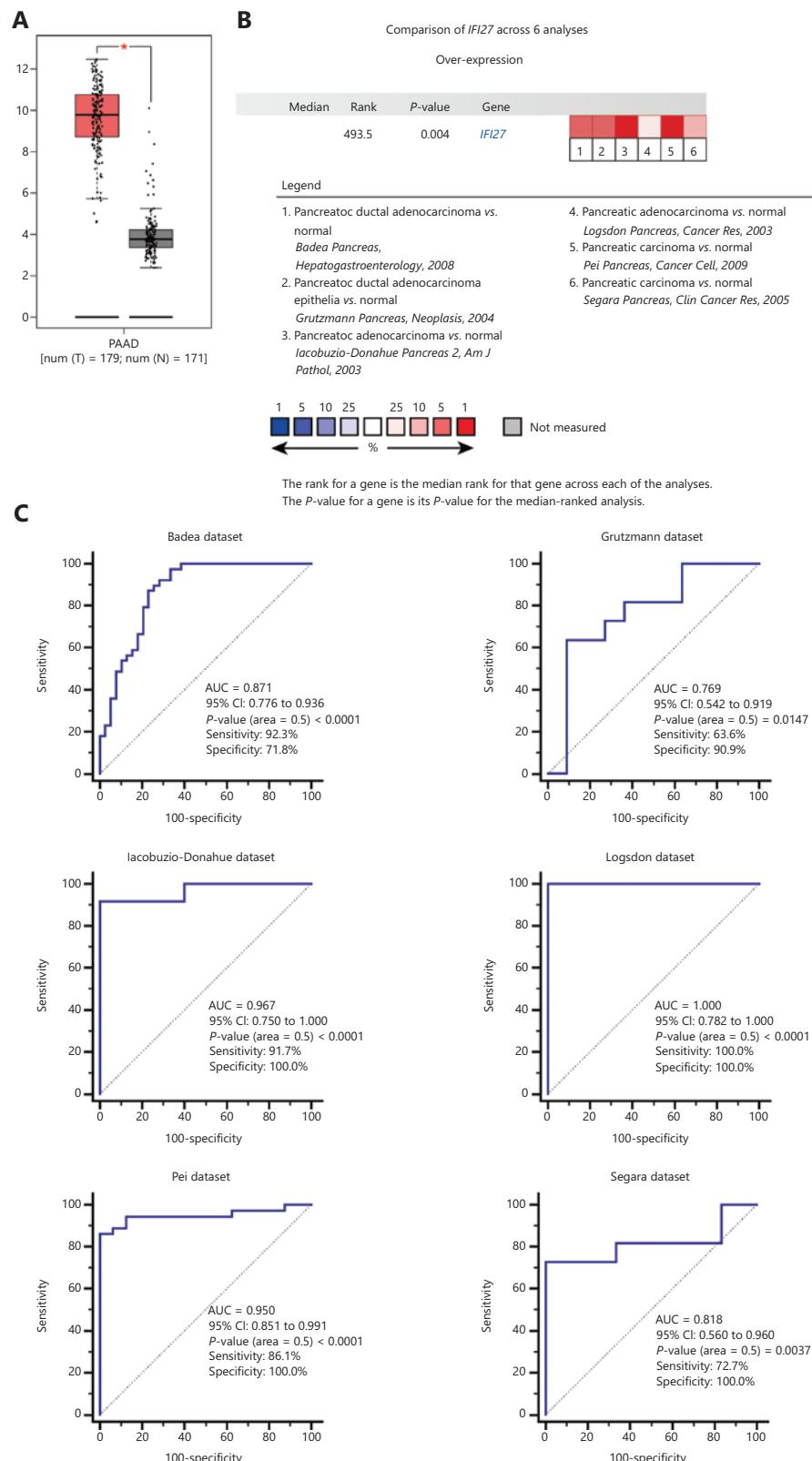


Figure S8 Analyses of *IFI27* mRNA expression in PA vs. normal pancreatic tissues for diagnosis. (A) Analysis of *IFI27* mRNA expression in PA vs. normal pancreatic tissues from TCGA and GTEx datasets. The following settings were used for the analysis: “expression on box plots”, “gene = *IFI27*”, “ $|\log_2(\text{FC})|$ cut-off = 1”, “P-value cut-off = 0.01”, “datasets = PAAD”, “log scale = $\log_2(\text{TPM} + 1)$ ”, “jitter size = 0.4”, and “matched TCGA

normal and GTEx data". (B) Heat map of *IFI27* expression in PA vs. normal tissues with a *P*-value < 0.05 from 6 independent datasets from Oncomine. The 6 datasets include the Badea dataset⁴, Grutzmann dataset⁸, Iacobuzio-Donahue dataset³, Logsdon dataset⁵, Pei dataset⁶, and Segara dataset². (C) ROC curve analysis of *IFI27* expression with a *P*-value < 0.05 was used to diagnose PA from the 6 independent datasets from Oncomine. PA, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; T, tumor; N, normal; **P*-value < 0.01; TCGA, The Cancer Genome Atlas; GTEx, Genotype-Tissue Expression; FC, fold change; PAAD, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; TPM, transcripts per million; ROC, receiver operating characteristic; AUC, area under the ROC curve; CI, confidence interval.

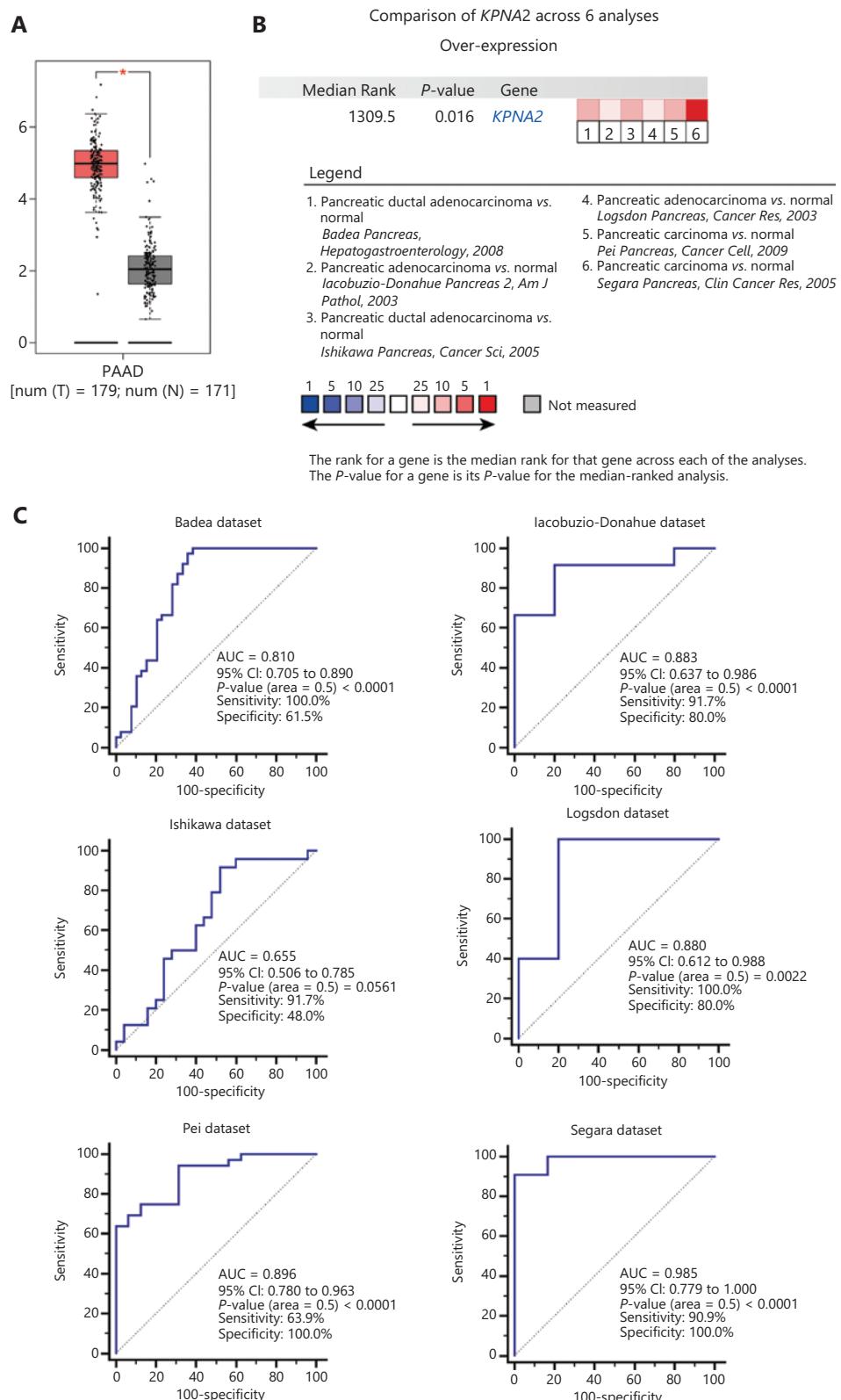


Figure S9 Analyses of KPNA2 mRNA expression in PA vs. normal pancreatic tissues for diagnosis. (A) Analysis of KPNA2 mRNA expression in PA vs. normal pancreatic tissues from TCGA and GTEx datasets. The following settings were used for the analysis: “expression on box plots”, “gene = KPNA2”, “ $|\log_2(\text{FC})|$ cut-off = 1”, “P-value cut-off = 0.01”, “datasets = PAAD”, “log scale = $\log_2(\text{TPM} + 1)$ ”, “jitter size = 0.4”, and

"matched TCGA normal and GTEx data". (B) Heat map of *KPNA2* expression in PA vs. normal tissues with a *P*-value < 0.05 from 6 independent datasets from Oncomine. The 6 datasets include the Badea dataset⁴, Iacobuzio-Donahue dataset³, Ishikawa dataset⁹, Logsdon dataset⁵, Pei dataset⁶, and Segara dataset². (C) ROC curve analysis of *KPNA2* expression with a *P*-value < 0.05 was used to diagnose PA from 5 of 6 independent datasets from Oncomine. ROC analysis of *KPNA2* expression with a *P*-value > 0.05 in the Ishikawa dataset was considered not statistically significant for diagnosis. PA, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; T, tumor; N, normal; **P*-value < 0.01; TCGA, The Cancer Genome Atlas; GTEx, Genotype-Tissue Expression; FC, fold change; PAAD, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; TPM, transcripts per million; ROC, receiver operating characteristic; AUC, area under the ROC curve; CI, confidence interval.

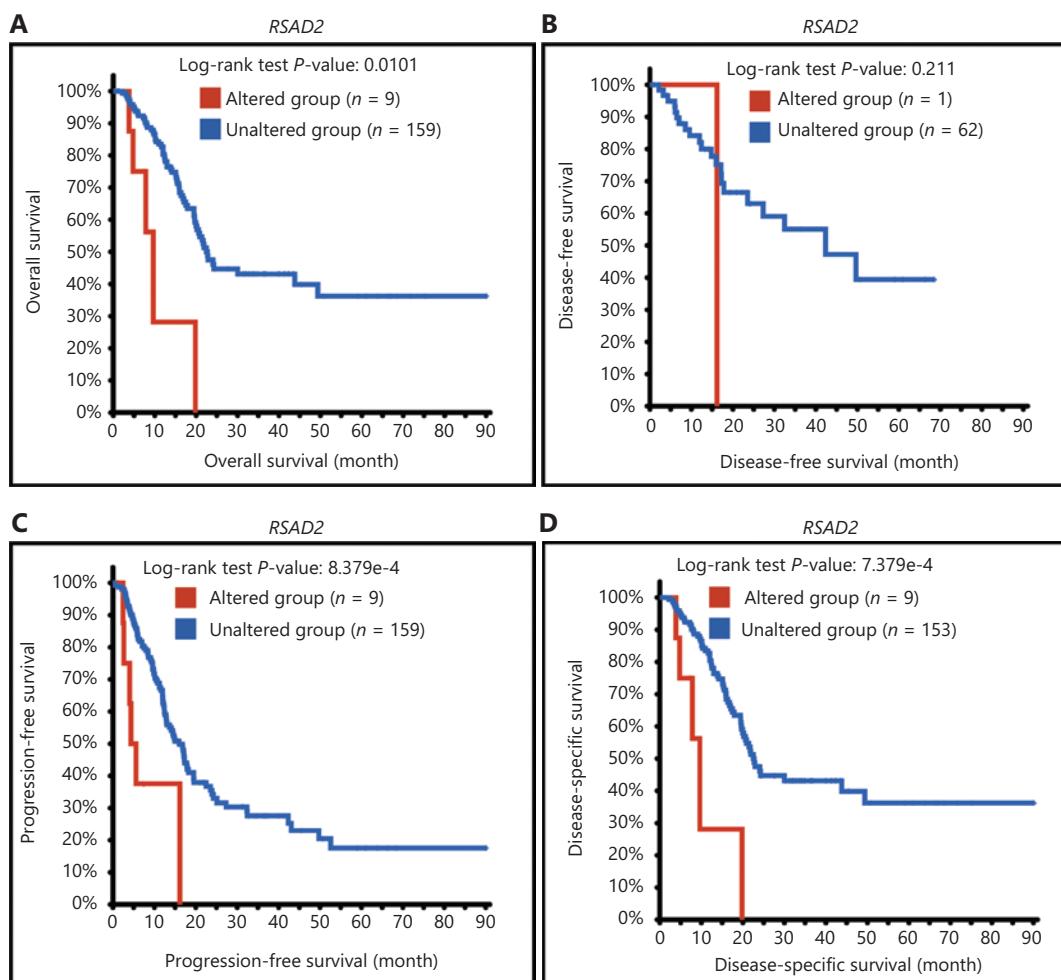


Figure S10 Survival analyses of *RSAD2* alteration performed using cBioPortal. (A) Alterations in *RSAD2* were associated with worse OS (*P* < 0.05). (B) Alterations in *RSAD2* were not associated with worse DFS (*P* > 0.05). (C) Alterations in *RSAD2* were associated with worse PFS (*P* < 0.05). (D) Alterations in *RSAD2* were associated with worse DSS (*P* < 0.05). *n*, number; OS, overall survival; DFS, disease-free survival; PFS, progression-free survival; DSS, disease-specific survival.

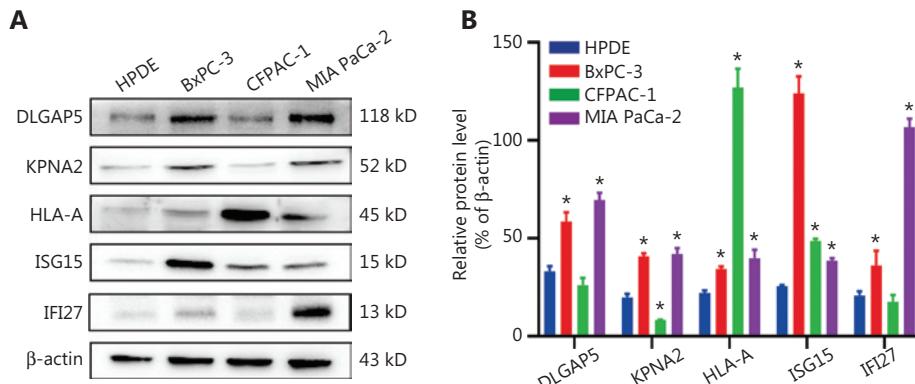


Figure S11 The protein levels of DLGAP5, KPNA2, HLA-A, ISG15, and IFI27 in PA cells. (A) Cell lysates were extracted from a normal pancreatic cell line (HPDE) and 3 PA cell lines (BxPC-3, CFPAC-1, and MIA PaCa-2) and examined by western blot analysis. The results are representative of 3 independently repeated experiments. (B) The relative protein levels (% of β-actin) of DLGAP5, KPNA2, HLA-A, ISG15, and IFI27 in pancreatic cells (cancer vs. normal cells). The protein levels of β-actin were detected as the endogenous control. Data are expressed as the means and standard deviations ($n = 3$). The asterisk indicates that the P -value is less than 0.05. PA, pancreatic adenocarcinoma; n , number.

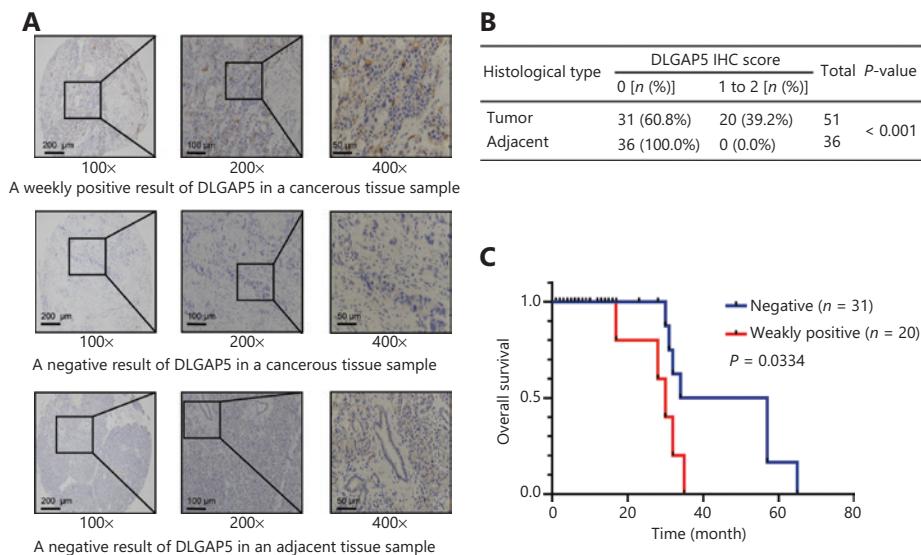


Figure S12 The protein expression of DLGAP5 in PDAC and adjacent noncancerous tissues by IHC. (A) Representative images of IHC staining for DLGAP5 were magnified 100-fold, 200-fold, and 400-fold in the TMA (scale bars: 200 μm, 100 μm, and 50 μm from left to right). (B) Correlation between the protein level of DLGAP5 and histological type. The staining intensity score was determined as no staining (score = 0), light yellow (score = 1), yellow (score = 2), and dark brown (score = 3), while the percentage score of positive cells was determined as < 5% (score = 0), 5%–25% (score = 1), 26%–50% (score = 2), 51%–75% (score = 3), and > 75% (score = 4). An IHC score (staining percentage \times intensity) = 1 or 2 was considered a weakly positive result of DLGAP5, while an IHC score = 0 was considered a negative result of DLGAP5. (C) Kaplan-Meier survival analysis of 51 PDAC patients based on negative results or weakly positive results of DLGAP5 expression in tumor tissues. A P -value < 0.05 was considered to be statistically significant. PDAC, pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma; IHC, immunohistochemistry; TMA, tissue microarray; n , number.

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