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SI Figure 2 | Uncropped immunoblots from Extended Data Figures. **a**, Immunoblots for Extended Data Fig. 5b showing that *Lepr^{null}* PDVC57 SCC cells (Clone 2) generated by targeted CRISPR/CAS9 technology have a complete loss of LEPR, which was selected for the study. GAPDH is used as the loading control. They were run on the same gel. **b**, Immunoblots for Extended Data Fig. 5d showing *Lepr^{null}* SCC cells transduced with either *TRE-Lepr^{FL}* or *TRE-Lepr^{ΔSig}* are validated with pan-LEPR analyses. α -Tubulin is used as the loading control. They were run on the same gel.

SI Figure 3 | FACS gating strategies for SCC cells for scRNAseq. FACS strategies for isolating basal progenitors from papilloma and SCCs, respectively ($\alpha 6^{\text{hi}}\beta 1^{\text{hi}}\text{CD}44^+$) that are either high or negative for TGF β reporter mCherry. Papillomas and SCCs were analysed according to timing and pre-screened for pathology prior to FACS.

SI Figure 4 | FACS gating strategies for normal and cancer basal cells. FACS strategies for isolating basal progenitors from (top) normal telogen-phase skin ($\alpha 6^{\text{hi}}\beta 1^+$), inclusive of interfollicular epidermal SCs, upper hair follicle and sebaceous gland SCs and bulge HFSCs; and from (middle and bottom) papilloma and SCCs, respectively ($\alpha 6^{\text{hi}}\beta 1^+\text{CD}44^+$). Papillomas and SCCs are analysed according to timing and prescreened for pathology prior to FACS. For high throughput RNA sequencing, two independent replicates of FACS-isolated cells are used for each condition. Note also that for all other experiments performed on FACS-purified cells, the gating stringency is raised to 5×10^3 for CD29 ($\beta 1$) and CD49f ($\alpha 6$).

Supplementary Table 1 to 5 (uploaded as separate Excel files)

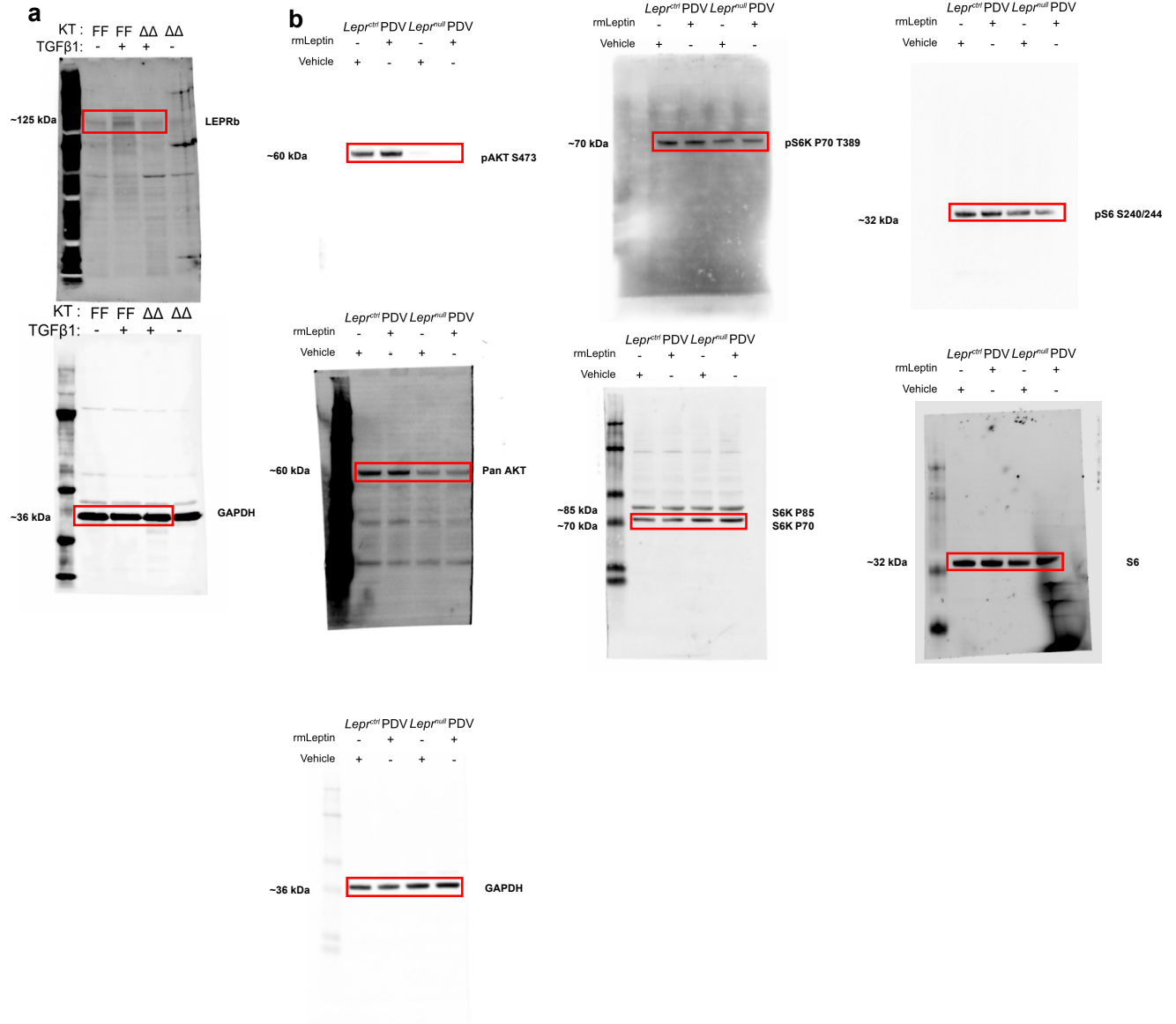
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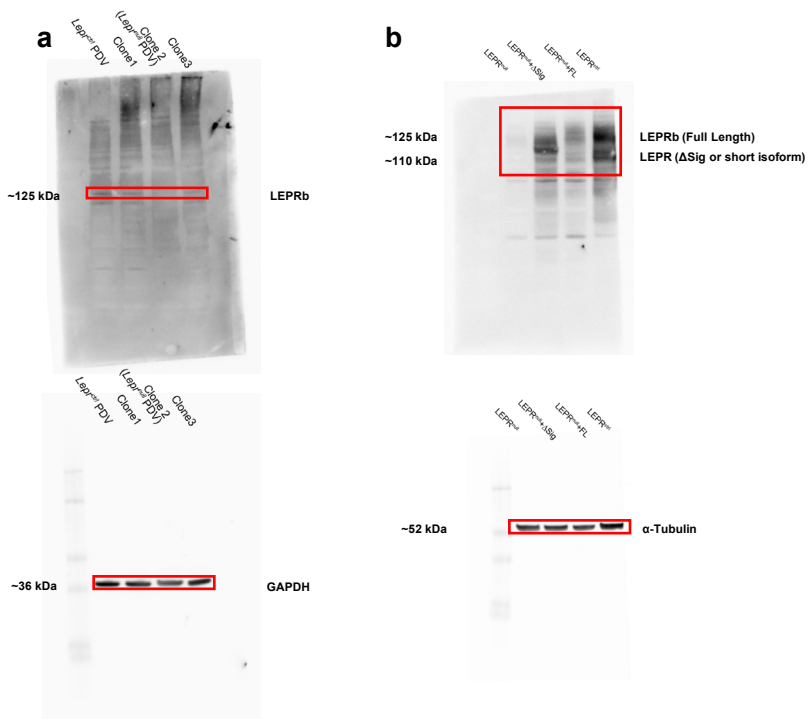
Supplementary Table 3: Genes enriched for cluster C2 expression (relative to clusters C1 and C3) as TPMs

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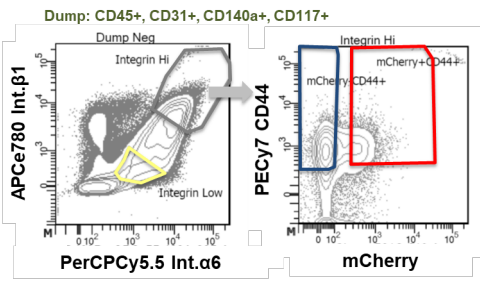
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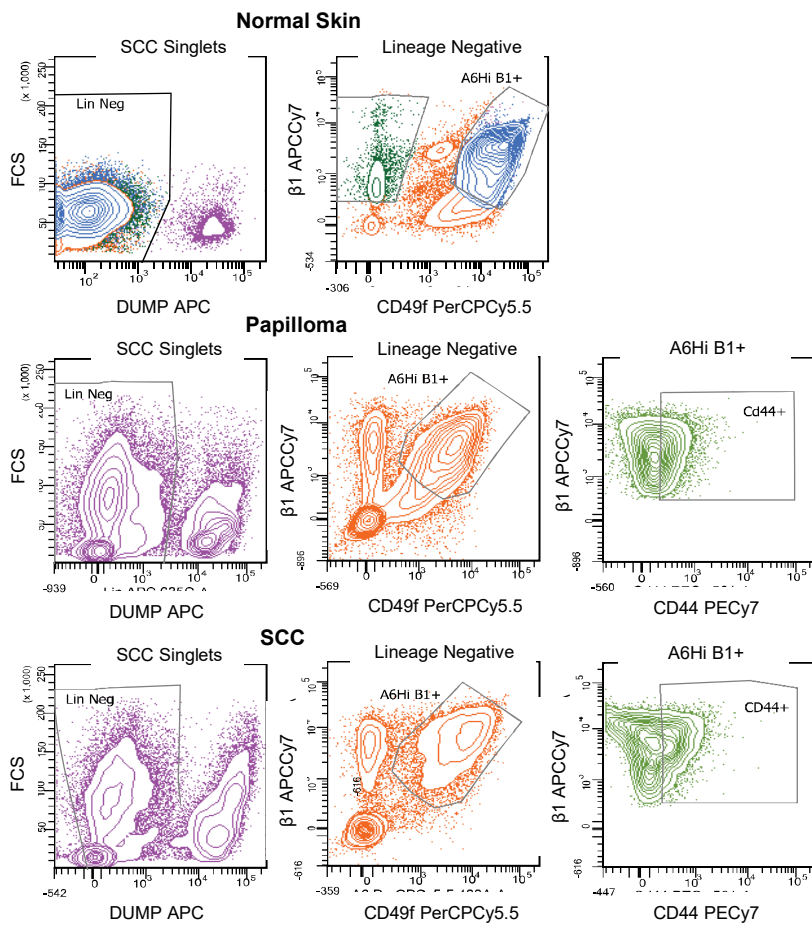
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