

Supplemental methods

Cell culture and transfection

All glioblastoma cell lines used in this study were procured from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC). Specifically, U87 cells were cultured and maintained in Minimal Essential Medium (MEM) supplemented with one mM sodium pyruvate, one mM non-essential amino acids (NEAA), 10 ml of 7.5% sodium bicarbonate, 1% penicillin/streptomycin, and 10% fetal bovine serum. A172 and 293T cells were cultured in DMEM high glucose medium supplemented with 1% penicillin/streptomycin and 10% fetal bovine serum. Glioblastoma stem cells, GSC-34, were from Cleveland Clinic, and GSC-28 were obtained from MD Anderson Cancer Center. These stem cells were cultured following a previously published protocol (25). The culture medium for stem cells consisted of 2.5 ml of N-2 (0.5X), 5 ml of B27 (0.5X), 50 ng/ml EGF, 50 ng/ml FGF, 0.5 mM glutamine, and 1% penicillin/streptomycin. Regular maintenance included dissociation using an accutase solution when the neurospheres reached a specific size. The primary astrocytes were from Lonza Bioscience and were cultured in growth medium kit from Lonza Bioscience. All cells were cultured at 37°C in a humidified incubator with a 5% CO₂ atmosphere to maintain cell viability. Both glioblastoma and GSCs were transiently transfected with either 30 nM of a scrambled negative control miRNA, target-specific mimic primary miRNA (ThermoFisher, hsa-miR-340, Catalog # AM17100, hsa-miR-382, Catalog # AM17100), or 30-50 nM of a miRNA inhibitor (ThermoFisher, hsa-miR-17 Inhibitor Catalog # 4464084), using the Lipofectamine RNAiMax reagent (ThermoFisher). Following transfection, the culture

medium was replaced with a complete growth medium after 6-8 hours. Subsequently, cells were harvested 48 hours post-transfection for various analyses, including RNA isolation, cDNA synthesis, qPCR, and cell lysate preparation for immunoblot analysis to validate miRNA targets.

3'UTR reporter assay

We conducted luciferase reporter assays to investigate miRNA interactions with specific target genes according to the previously published literature (25). First, we PCR amplified the 3'-UTRs (3' untranslated regions) targeted by miR-340, miR-382 and miR-17 from genomic DNA. These amplified sequences were then cloned into the psiCheck2 vector, which had been digested with BamH1 and Not1 restriction enzymes. The primers used for amplifying genomic DNA are shown in **Supplementary Table 1**. All reporter plasmids were subjected to Sanger sequencing and verification to ensure sequence accuracy. for the reporter assay, we co-transfected the primary miRNAs along with 1 µg of the psiCheck2 reporter plasmid into our cells of interest. After 48 hours of transfection, we lysed the cells using 1X passive lysis buffer. Subsequently, we performed a luciferase reporter assay using a Promega dual luciferase reporter assay kit. Firefly luciferase activity served as an internal control to normalize the luciferase signal, allowing us to assess the interaction of miRNAs on the regulation of specific target genes.

Invasion assay

To evaluate the effects of miRNAs on cellular invasion, we followed a previously published protocol (66). In brief, transwell invasion chambers were coated with 75 µl of a

250 µg/ml collagen IV solution. After 48 hours of miRNA transfection, cells were counted, and 1×10^5 cells were re-suspended in 300 µl of 1% serum-containing, antibiotic-free medium. The cells were then added to each transwell chamber, with 750 µl of fetal bovine serum-containing medium in the bottom chamber, creating a gradient that stimulates cell invasion through the collagen IV-coated membrane. Following 6-8 hours of incubation, the invaded cells were stained with crystal violet, and five random fields were captured and counted using ImageJ software.

Gel electrophoresis and immunoblot analysis

Immunoblot assay was performed according to previously published protocols (67). After 48 hours of miRNA transfection, cells were harvested and cell lysis was performed using RIPA buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 5 mM EDTA, 0.1% SDS, and 1X protease and phosphatase inhibitor). The protein concentration in the lysates was determined using the Bradford method. Subsequently, 40-100 µg of cell lysates were loaded onto each lane, separated via 4-12% SDS-PAGE, and transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane. To prevent non-specific binding, the membrane was blocked with 5% skim milk and then incubated overnight at 4°C with primary antibodies targeting specific proteins, including CD44 (1:1000, Catalog#37259, Cell Signaling Technology), TOP2A(1:500, Catalog#sc-3659, Santa Cruz Biotechnology), ANKRD11(1:1000, Catalog# sc-81049, Santa Cruz Biotechnology), ZBTB4(1:1000, Catalog#sc-514883, Santa Cruz Biotechnology), EPHA4(1:1000, Catalog#sc-365503, Santa Cruz Biotechnology), EHD3(1:1000, Catalog#sc-100723, Santa Cruz Biotechnology), GAPDH(1:2000, Catalog#sc-166545, Santa Cruz Biotechnology), MDM2(1:1000,

Catalog#OP115, Sigma Aldrich), RHOC(1:1000, Catalog# 10632-1-AP, Thermo Fisher Scientific), HMGA2(1:1000, Catalog#8179, Cell Signaling Technology), PLAU(1:1000, Catalog# 17968-1-AP, Thermo Fisher Scientific), NUSAP1(1:1000, Catalog#H00051203-B01P). After primary antibody incubation, the membrane was probed with horseradish peroxidase-conjugated secondary antibodies (goat anti-mouse or rabbit) at room temperature for 1 hour. Detection was achieved using a pico-sensitive ECL reagent (Thermo Scientific), and images were captured using an Amersham 600 imager.

Cell proliferation assay

2X10⁴-5X10⁴ U87 and U251 cells were seeded and transfected with 30 nM of either scrambled negative control miRNA or primary mimic miR-340, miR-382, or miR-17 inhibitor. After a transfection period of 48 hours, the cells were trypsinized and counted at various time points for seven days. The resulting cell counts were then used to generate growth curves.

RNA isolation, cDNA synthesis, and qPCR

Total RNA was extracted from primary astrocytes, U87, A172, U251, GSC-28 and GSC-34 cells using the Qiagen miRNeasy kit following the manufacturer's protocol. GBM tissue samples were homogenized, and total RNA was isolated using the same kit. Subsequently, 100 ng to 1 µg of total RNA was employed for cDNA synthesis utilizing either the miRscript or miRCURY LNA RT kit. The miRCURY LNA SYBR Green PCR kit was used to assess the expression levels of mature miRNAs. The miRNA fold change

was calculated using the delta-delta Ct method, with primary astrocytes used as a control sample to normalize the fold change.

Neurosphere assay

The neurosphere assay was conducted according to a previously published protocol (66). Briefly a 6-well plate was initially coated with a poly-ornithine solution and incubated at 37°C in a tissue culture incubator for one hour. Afterward, the plates were washed twice with 1X PBS. Glioblastoma stem cells GSC-34 and GSC-28 were dissociated and seeded onto the coated plate. Transfection with the scrambled negative control and the primary mimic miR-340, miR-382, and inhibitor against miR-17 was conducted using the Lipofectamine RNAiMax reagent. After 48 hours of transfection, glioblastoma stem cells were dissociated using an accutase solution and cultured in a neurobasal growth medium for another seven days. The number of neurospheres was quantified both manually and also with ImageJ software based on their size classification (large, medium, and small) and represented in a bar graph.

In vivo effects of miRNA expression

To assess the impact of miRNA overexpression or inhibition in vivo, a mouse xenograft model was employed. Six-week-old athymic nude mice were obtained from the Jackson Laboratory. U87 cells (3×10^5) were seeded in a 6-well plate and transfected with 30 nM of either scrambled negative control miRNA or precursor mir-340, miR-382, or mir-17 inhibitor. After 48 hours of transfection, the cells were trypsinized, counted, and utilized for intracranial injection. All mouse experiments were conducted following the University

of Virginia Institutional guidelines. The transfected cell (3×10^5) were intracranially injected and stereotactically implanted into the striata of immunodeficient mice, according to a previously established protocol (66, 67). After three weeks, MRI imaging was used to visualize and quantify tumor growth. To enhance tumor signal intensity, gadopentetate dimeglumine was intraperitoneally injected. Imaging was conducted using T1-weighted coronal sections with a field size of 2.5 mm $\times$ 2.5 mm and a resolution of 256 $\times$ 256 pixels. Osirix lite software was used to calculate tumor volume using MRI tumor images.

Microbubbles preparation

Gas microbubbles were produced in-house using a method previously described (68) involving sonication of decafluorobutane gas. The process begins with distearoyl phosphatidylcholine (Lipoid, Germany, or Avanti Polar Lipids, Alabama) and PEG150 monostearate (obtained from Stepan Kessco, Illinois) being dispersed in normal saline at a concentration of 2 mg/ml for each component. This mixture is then sonicated at 20 KHz and 30% power using a Q700 Sonicator (Qsonica, Newton, CT) for 3 minutes to ensure the formation of a submicron micellar dispersion.

To introduce decafluorobutane into the mixture, the headspace of a vial was filled with the gas via a teflon capillary tubing that sparged the gas through the aqueous medium. Sonication was then continued at maximum power for an additional 30 seconds to disperse the gas into the medium and form microbubbles. Following sonication, the sample was allowed to cool and then floated at normal gravity to remove any bubbles larger than 5 μ m, in accordance with the guidelines similar to those in {Klibanov, 2004

#104}. The prepared microbubbles were then dispensed into individual vials under a decafluorobutane atmosphere and the vials were stoppered and stored under refrigeration, ensuring they were not frozen. These gas microbubbles are characterized by their neutral nature.

Supplementary Figure Legends

Figure S1: Identification of miRNA targets through PAR-CLIP in glioblastoma cells:

A) U87 cells stably expressing Flag-tagged AGO1, AGO2, AGO3 were immunoprecipitated with Flag antibody and immunoblotted with Flag antibody to detect Ago1, Ago2, and Ago3. Supernatant and input were examined to assess pull-down efficiency. The bands at the labeled AGO position show successful pulldown of Ago1, Ago2 and Ago3 respectfully. B) Radiolabeled RNA fragments purified from AGO1, AGO2, AGO3-RNA immuno-complexes were separated on a 15% polyacrylamide gel, and regions of 19-35 bp were excised and purified for 3' and 5' adaptor ligation reactions. C, D) 3' (C) and 5' (D) adaptor ligation reactions were conducted as described in the materials and methods section which shown successful incorporation of adaptors. E) The ligated RNA fragments were reverse transcribed, and libraries were generated for AGO1, AGO2, AGO3 samples. The libraries from AGO1, AGO2, AGO3 were subjected to amplification at different cycles to prevent saturation. F) Heatmaps displaying all the miRNA targets identified in U87 cells by AGO1, AGO2, AGO3 through PAR-CLIP which show that each miRNA exhibits numerous targets across the different AGOs. G-I) Venn diagram showing the distribution of identified targets in 5'-UTR (G), Coding (H) and Intronic (I) regions from AGO1, AGO2 and AGO3 PAR-CLIP

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161 **Figure S2: Expression of miR-340 and miR-382 targets in TCGA glioma and GTEx**
162 **normal brain samples.** A–G) Expression levels of validated miR-340 and miR-382
163 targets — *TOP2A*, *CD44*, *RHOC*, *MDM2*, *HMGA2*, *NUSAP1*, and *PLAU* — were analyzed
164 using the GEPIA online tool in TCGA glioma and GTEx normal brain samples. All targets
165 were significantly upregulated in tumor samples (red bars) compared to normal samples
166 (gray bars). $^* = P < 0.05$.

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168 **Figure S3: Quantification of target repression and validation of direct miRNA**
169 **binding by 3'UTR luciferase assays with seed-site mutations.** (A–I) Quantification of
170 immunoblot analyses following transfection of glioblastoma cell lines A172, U87, U251,
171 and patient-derived glioma stem cell lines GSC-28 and GSC-34 with scrambled negative
172 control, miR-340, or miR-382. Protein levels of TOP2A (A), RHOC (B), CD44 (C), HMGA2
173 (D), MDM2 (E), CD44 (F), NUSAP1 (G), PLAU (H), and HMGA2 (I) were normalized to
174 GAPDH and quantified by densitometry. Bar graphs represent relative protein expression
175 compared to scrambled control, demonstrating significant downregulation of target
176 proteins following miR-340 or miR-382 transfection. (J,K) Quantification of 3'UTR
177 luciferase reporter assays in U87 cells co-transfected with miR-340 (J) or miR-382 (K)
178 and psiCheck2 constructs containing either wild-type or seed-sequence–mutated 3'UTRs
179 of the indicated targets. For miR-340, targets included CD44, RHOC, HMGA2, MDM2,
180 EGFR, and PDGFRA. For miR-382, targets included PLAU, CD44, NUSAP1, and MDM2.
181 miR-340 and miR-382 significantly reduced luciferase activity of wild-type 3'UTR

constructs, whereas mutation of the predicted miRNA binding sites abrogated this repression, confirming direct targeting. Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SEM from independent experiments.

Figure S4: Expression of miR-17 targets in TCGA glioma and GTEx normal brain samples. A–D) Expression analysis of miR-17 targets — *ZBTB4*, *ANKRD11*, *EHD3*, and *EPHA4* — using GEPIA shows significant downregulation in glioma samples relative to normal brain tissues. $*=P < 0.05$.

Figure S5: Quantification of miR-17–mediated target regulation and validation of direct binding by seed-sequence mutation. A–D) Densitometric quantification of immunoblots shown in Figure 3 following transfection of A172, U251, GSC-28, and GSC-34 cells with a miR-17 inhibitor. Protein levels of *ZBTB4*, *ANKRD11*, *EHD3*, and *EPHA4* were normalized to GAPDH. Bar graphs represent relative protein expression compared to negative control, confirming significant upregulation of target proteins upon miR-17 inhibition. E,F) Luciferase reporter assays in U87 cells co-transfected with miR-17 or anti-miR-17 and psiCheck2 constructs containing either wild-type or seed-sequence–mutated 3'UTRs of *ANKRD11*, *EHD3* and *EPHA4*. Inhibition of miR-17 increased luciferase activity of wild-type 3'UTR reporters, whereas mutation of the predicted miR-17 binding sites abolished this effect, confirming direct and sequence-specific targeting. Data are presented as mean $\pm$ SEM from independent experiments.

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204 **Figure S6: Kaplan–Meier survival analysis of tumor-suppressive miR-340 and miR-**
205 **382 targets in TCGA primary glioma patients.** A–G) Survival analysis was conducted
206 using the GEPIA tool based on TCGA glioma cohorts. Patients were stratified into high
207 and low expression groups for each target gene. High expression of the target gene (red
208 line) was significantly associated with poor prognosis ($P < 0.05$).

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210 **Figure S7: Kaplan–Meier survival analysis of miR-340 and miR-382 targets in CGGA**
211 **primary glioma patients.** A–G) Using the CGGA glioma dataset, high expression of the
212 validated tumor-suppressive targets of miR-340 and miR-382 (red line) was significantly
213 associated with poor prognosis ($P < 0.05$).

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215 **Figure S8: Kaplan–Meier survival analysis of oncogenic miR-17 targets in TCGA**
216 **primary glioma patients.** A,B) Survival analysis of selected miR-17 targets in TCGA
217 glioma cohorts. High expression of the target gene (red line) was significantly associated
218 with better prognosis ($P < 0.05$).

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220 **Figure S9: Kaplan–Meier survival analysis of oncogenic miR-17 targets in CGGA**
221 **primary glioma patients.** A,B) Kaplan–Meier analysis of selected miR-17 targets in

CGGA glioma samples showed that high expression (red line) was associated with improved survival ($P < 0.05$).

Figure S10: Kaplan–Meier survival analysis of miR-340 and miR-382 targets in CGGA primary glioma recurrent patients. (A–G) High expression of validated tumor-suppressive targets of miR-340 and miR-382 (red lines) was significantly associated with poor prognosis in the CGGA recurrent glioma dataset ($P < 0.05$).

Figure S11. Kaplan–Meier survival analysis of the oncogenic miR-17 target EHD3 in recurrent glioma patients from the CGGA primary glioma dataset. Patients were stratified into high and low EHD3 expression groups using the CGGA online analysis tool. High EHD3 expression was significantly associated with improved overall survival in recurrent glioma ($P < 0.05$).

Figure S12: miR-340 and miR-382 regulate cancer pathways: A–F) Targets identified for miR-340 and miR-382 through PAR-CLIP and The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA), were utilized as input for pathway analysis involving Gene Ontology (GO) terms for Biological Processes (BP), Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG), and gene set enrichment analysis. The significant pathways are highlighted by red dots.

Figure S13: Endogenous expression of miR-340, miR-382, and miR-17 in different glioblastoma cell lines and tissues: A,B) Total RNA was extracted from various glioblastoma tissue samples, followed by cDNA synthesis using the Qiagen miScript RT kit. One microgram of RNA was utilized for cDNA synthesis. The cDNA samples were diluted, and RT-qPCR was conducted with miRNA primers against miR-340 (A), miR-382 (B). Normal brain samples (NB) were used as controls, and U6 was employed as an internal control for normalization. MiR-340 and miR-382 showed decreased expression compared to normal brain samples. C,D) Different glioblastoma cell lines, including A172, T98G, LN18, U251, U87, SNB19, and patient-derived glioblastoma cell lines (GSC-28, GSC-20, GSC-34, GSC-627, GSC-267) were cultured, and cells were harvested for total RNA isolation using the Qiagen miRNeasy kit. Normal human astrocytes (NHA) were used as normal controls. One microgram of total RNA was used for cDNA synthesis with the miRCURY kit, followed by qPCR with primers against miR-340 (C), miR-382 (D). MiR-340 and miR-382 showed decreased expression compared to normal human astrocytes. E) Total RNA was extracted from different glioblastoma tissue samples followed by cDNA synthesis with miScript RT kit using miR-17 primer set. MiR-17 showed elevated expression in all the glioblastoma tissue samples. F) Expression of miR-17 in various glioma cell lines and patient derived glioma stem cell lines by qPCR. miR-17 showed elevated expressed compared to normal human astrocytes. Results are from three independent experiments. * =P < 0.05.

Figure S14: FUS-MB-BPN Delivery of miR-340 and miR-382 reduces the growth of GSC-derived xenografts (a longitudinal analysis): A-D) In patient-derived glioma stem

cell (GSC-34) intracranial xenografts, the MRI-guided focused ultrasound with microbubbles (MRIgFUS-MB)–assisted BPN delivery protocol was applied using Scrambled (A), mir-340(B) and mir-382(C). MRI analysis performed at day 4 and day 7 post-FUS demonstrated a progressive reduction in tumor volume over time in treated groups (D). Statistical significance was determined using a two-tailed Student's t-test (*=P < 0.05).

Figure S15: BPN-Conjugated miRNAs without FUS show no significant impact on Tumor Growth: A-F) To assess the effect of BPN-conjugated miRNAs in the absence of FUS, BPN particles carrying either scrambled miRNA (A, B), miR-340 (C, D), or miR-382 (E, F) were intravenously injected via the tail vein into tumor-bearing mice. Tumor volumes were monitored by MRI at day 4 and day 7 post-injection. No significant changes in tumor volume were observed in mice treated with miR-340- or miR-382-conjugated BPNs compared to the scrambled miRNA control group. G) Tumor fold-change analysis further demonstrated no significant reduction in tumor growth in either the miR-340- or miR-382-treated groups relative to scrambled controls. H) Kaplan–Meier survival analysis showed that treatment with miR-340 or miR-382 delivered via BPNs alone did not result in a significant improvement in overall survival compared to the scrambled miRNA control group.

**Figure S16: Magnetic Resonance-guided Focused Ultrasound (MRgFUS)–
microbubbles and brain penetrating nanoparticle (FUS-MB-BPN) mediated delivery
of miRNA into mouse brain tumors does not induce toxicity.**

A) Panel A illustrates the delivery of BPN-conjugated miR-142-3p into the mouse brain using MRgFUS, followed by harvesting of various organs under both FUS and non-FUS conditions, with subsequent H&E staining. B) Panel B presents a table summarizing toxicity assessments by an experienced neuropathologist across different organs Liver, Kidney, Brain, Heart, Spleen, Lung, Lymph nodes, Pancreas which showed there was no apparent off-target toxicity to the organs.

Table S1: AGO1–3 PAR-CLIP Binding Sites Overlapping miRNA Seed Sequences and annotated Target Transcripts.

Table S2: Tumor Suppressor and Oncogenic Scores of miRNAs Derived from Integrated AGO1–3 PAR-CLIP Target Analysis.

Table S3: Integrated AGO1–3 Scoring of Oncogenic and Tumor Suppressor miRNAs with Consolidated Unique Target Genes.

Table S4: Integrated AGO1–3 Cumulative Scoring and Consolidated Target Analysis of Tumor Suppressor miRNAs and Corresponding Top 10 Hits.

Table S5: Integrated AGO1–3 Cumulative Scoring and Consolidated Target Analysis of Oncogenic miRNAs and Corresponding Top 10 Hits.

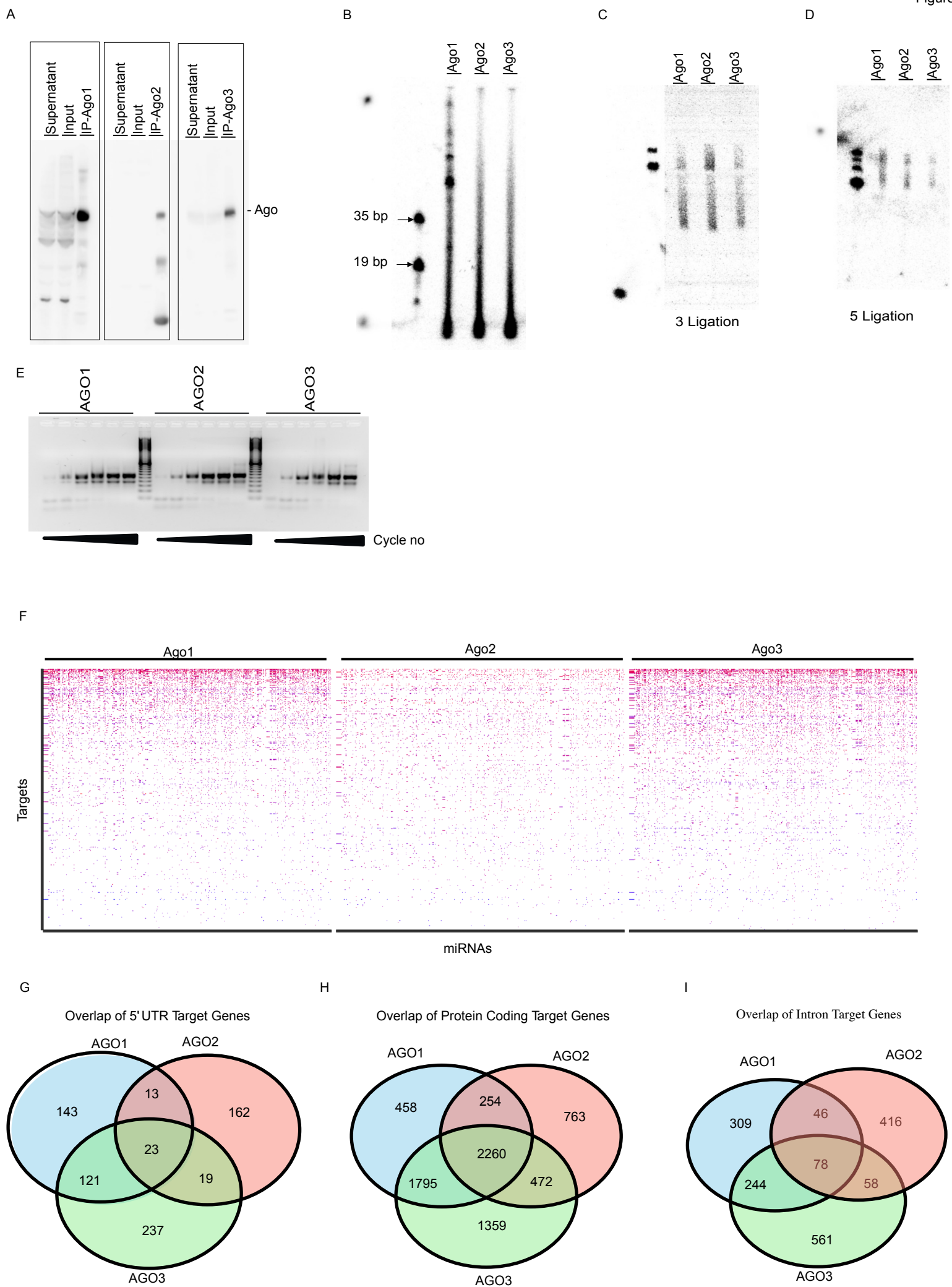
Table S6: Summary of Tumor Suppressive miRNAs and Their Oncogenic Target Scores

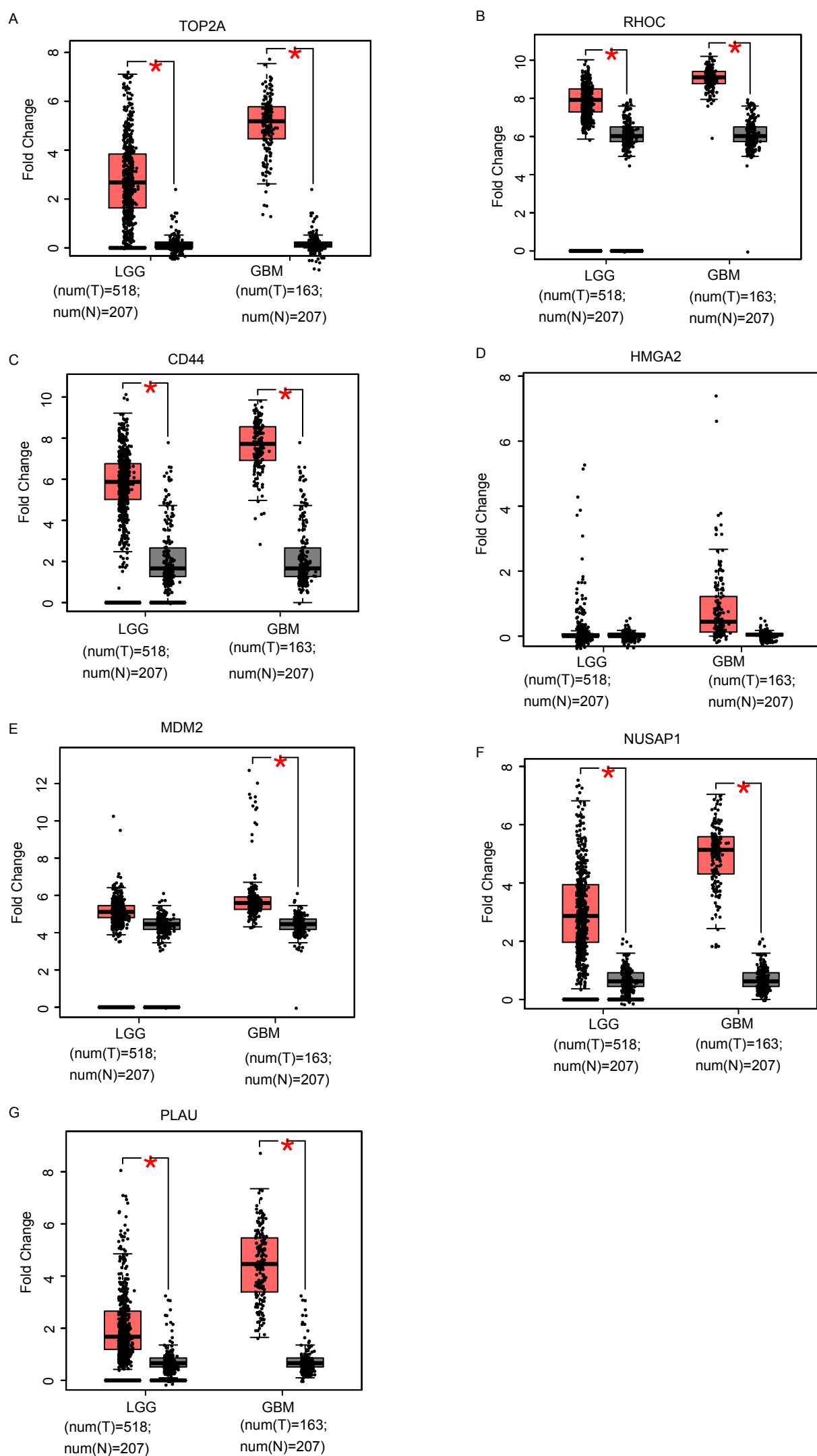
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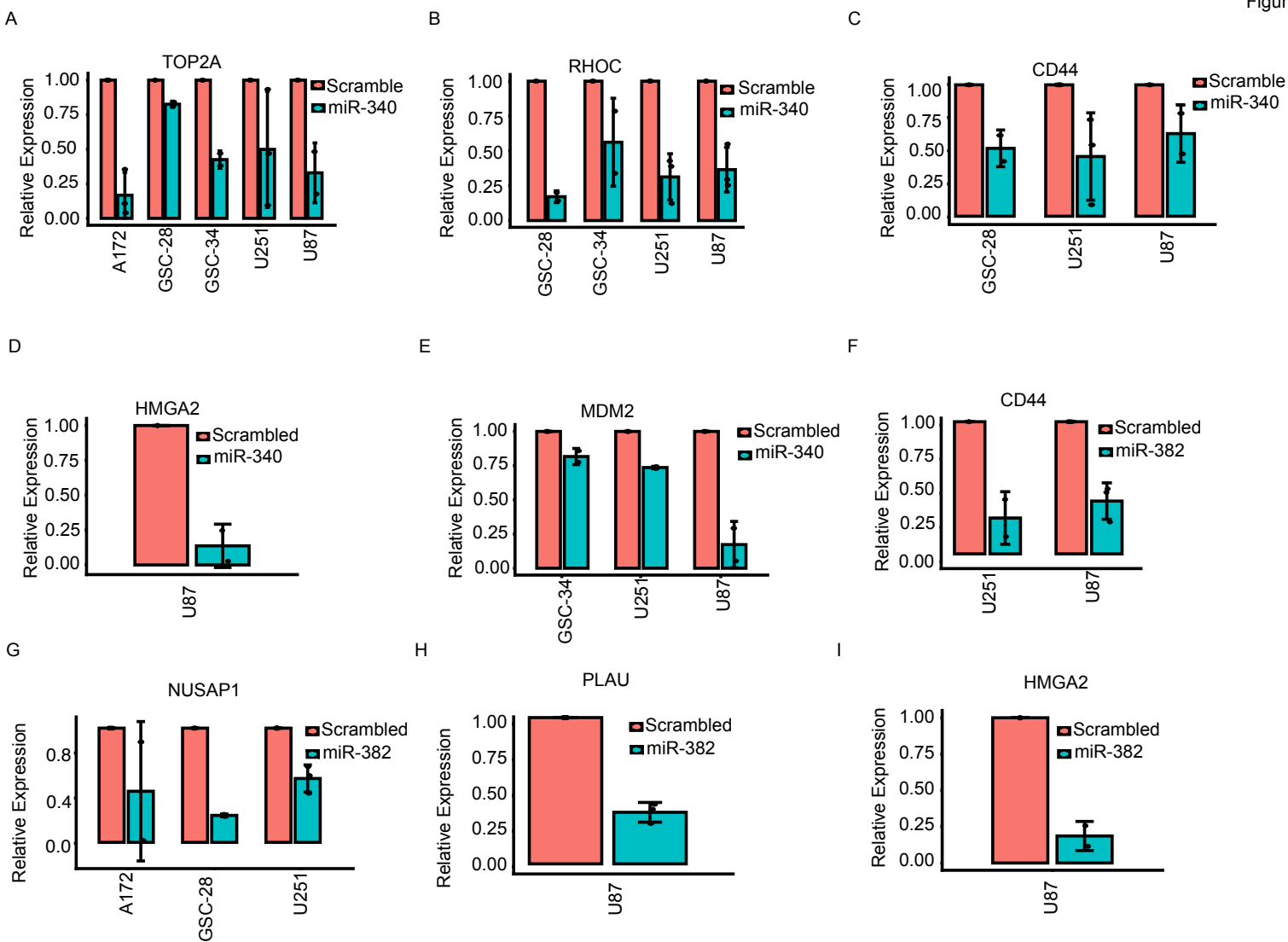
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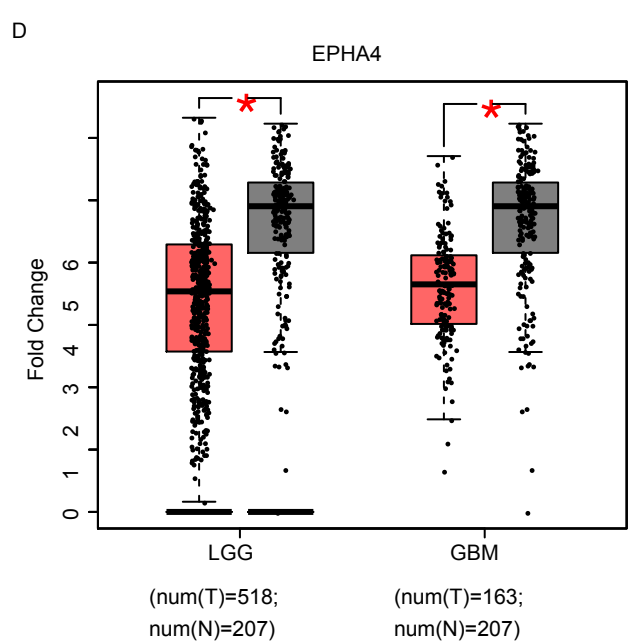
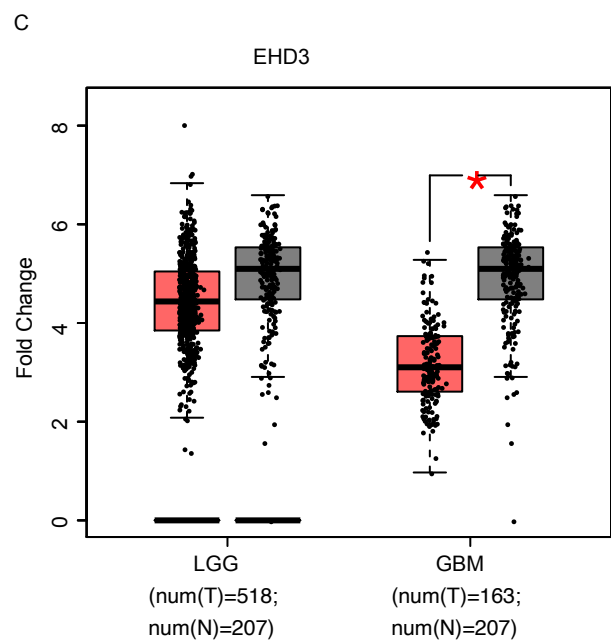
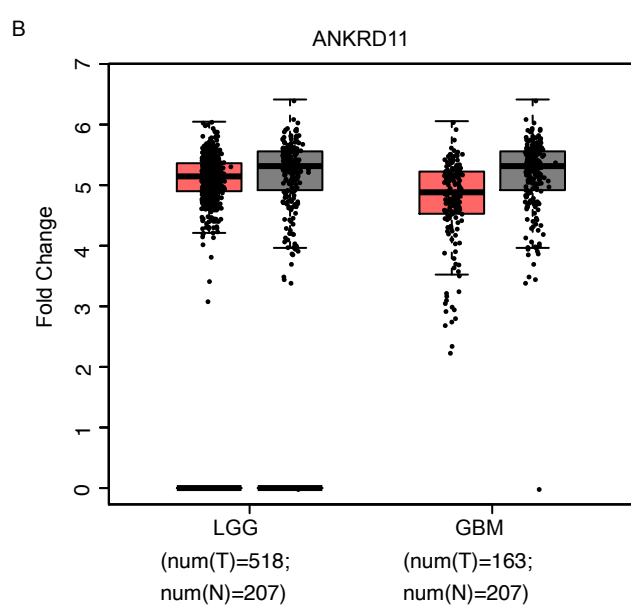
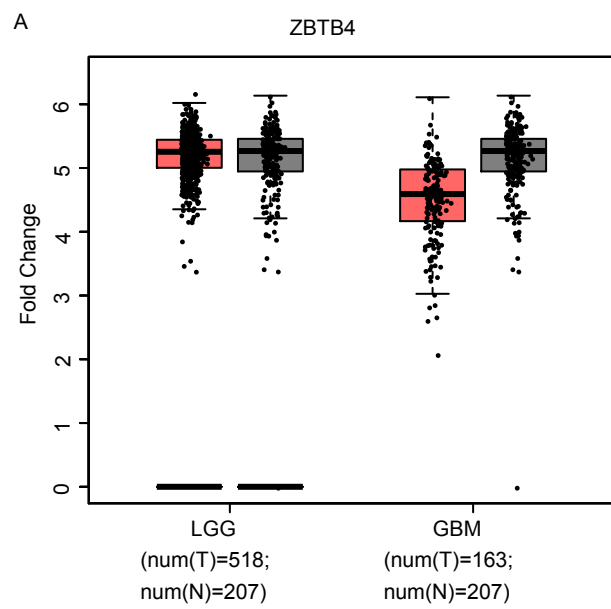
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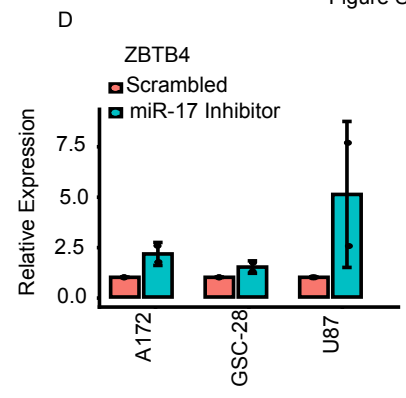
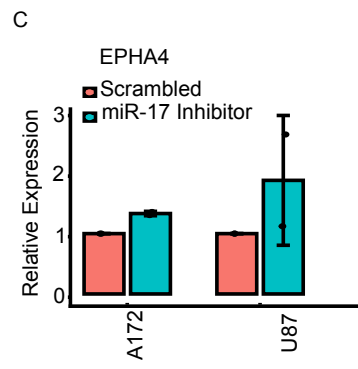
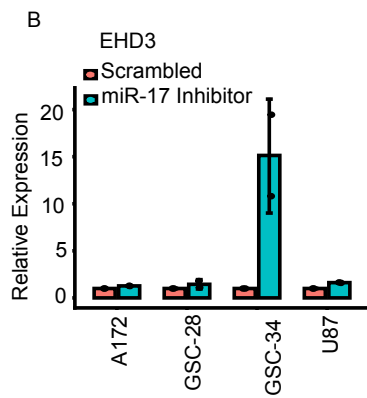
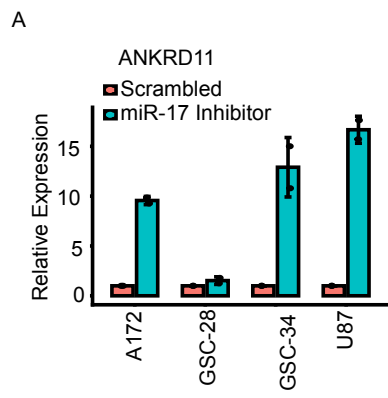
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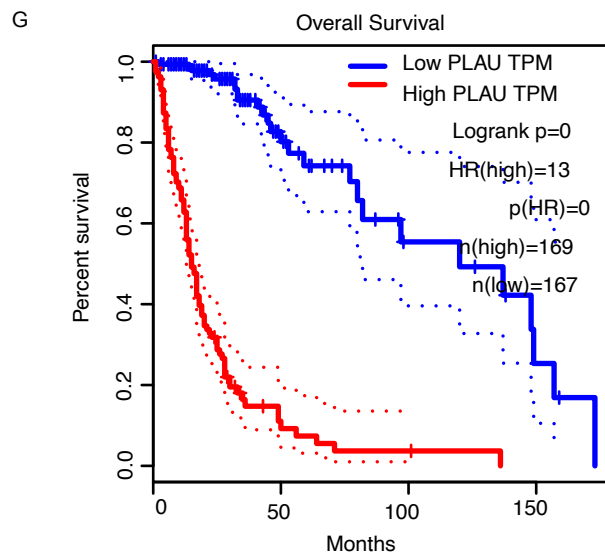
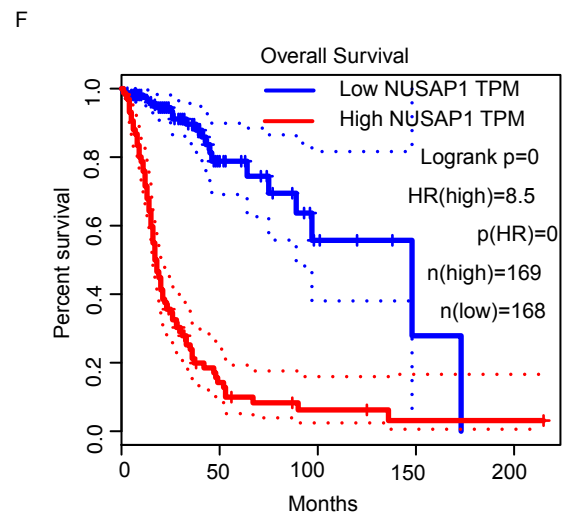
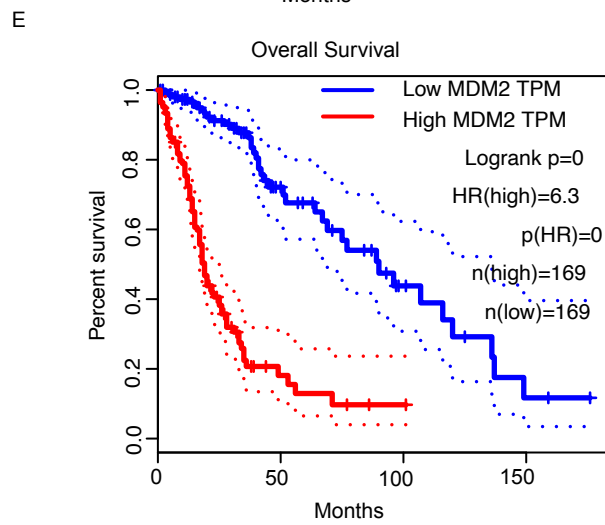
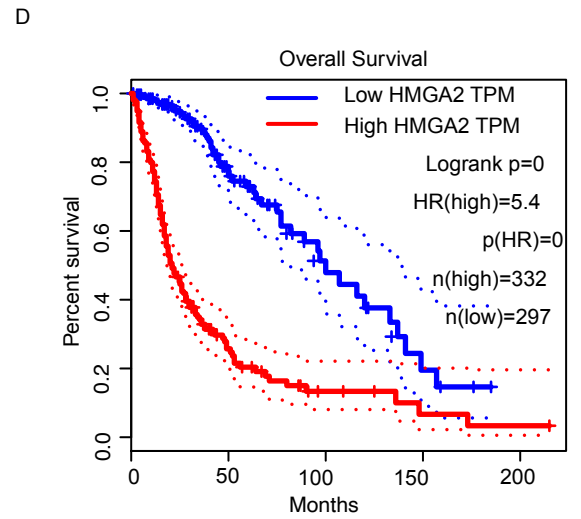
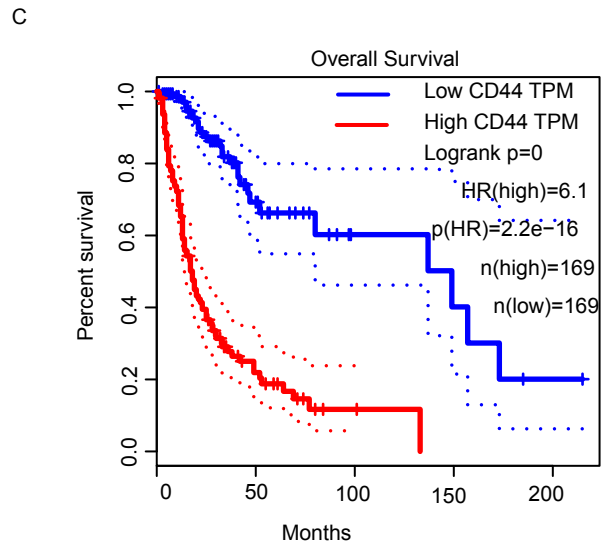
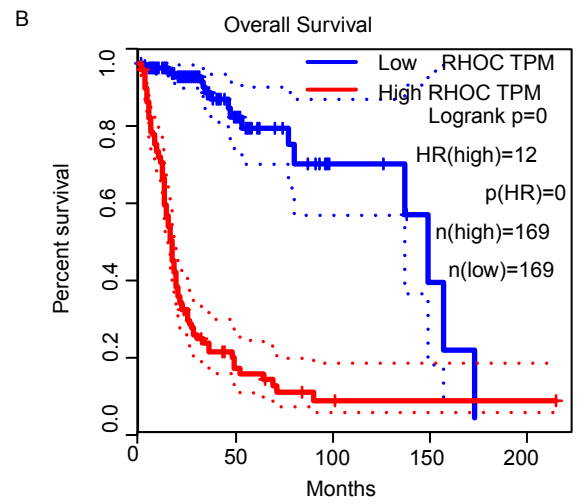
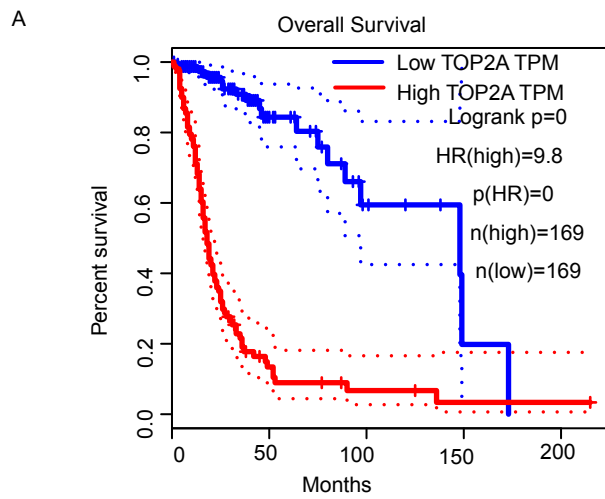




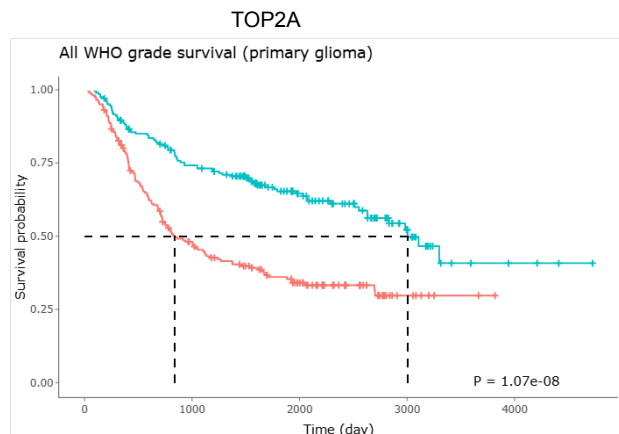




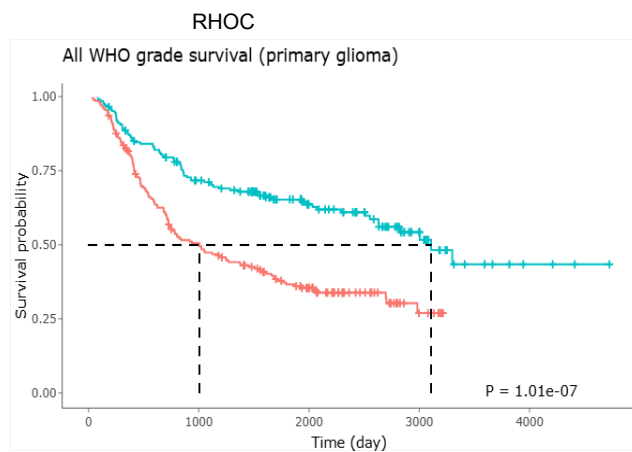




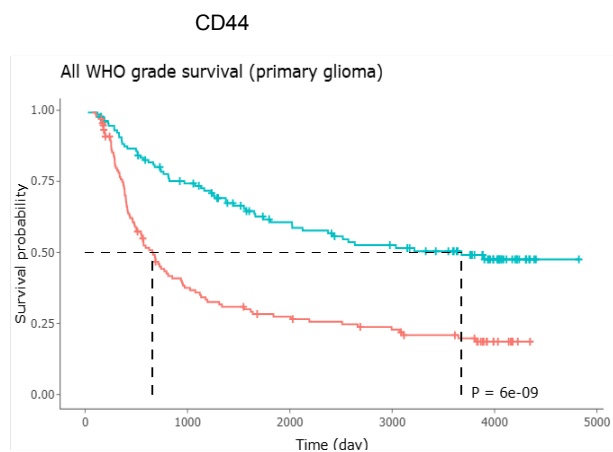
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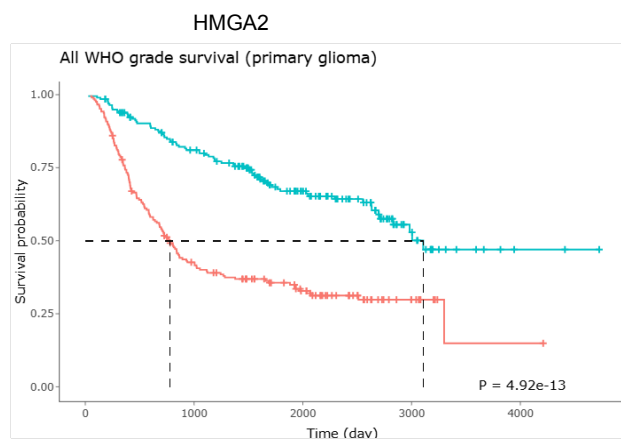
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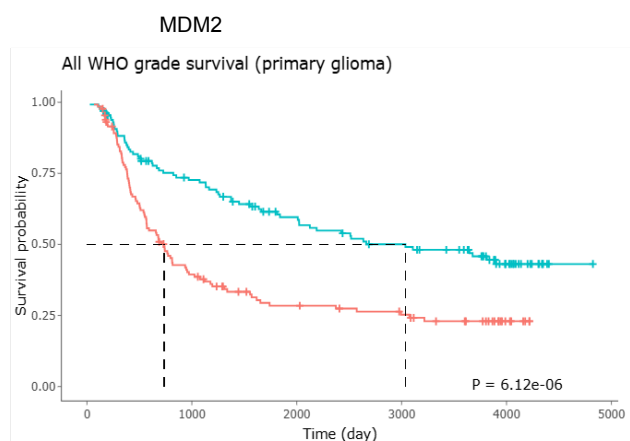
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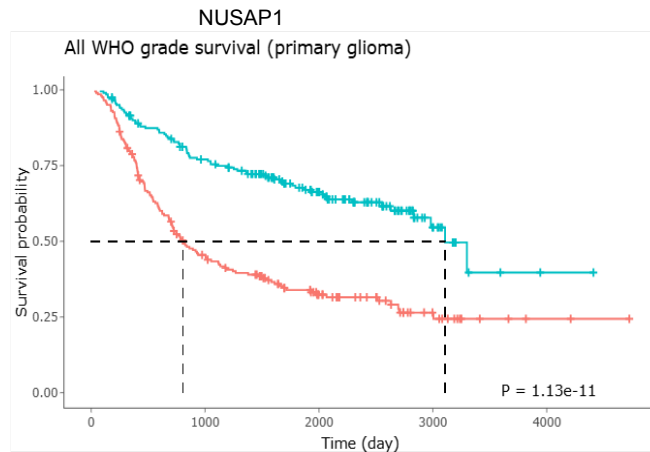
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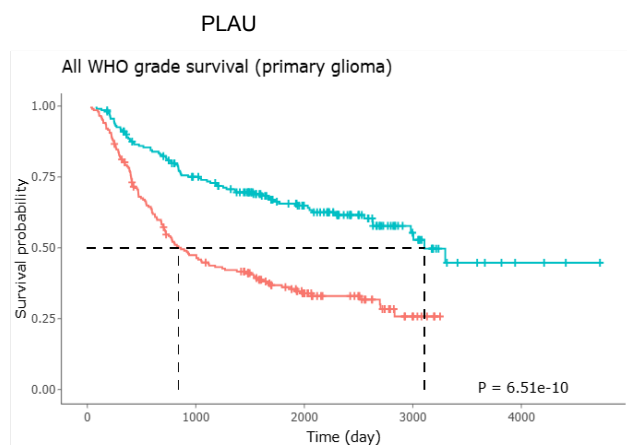
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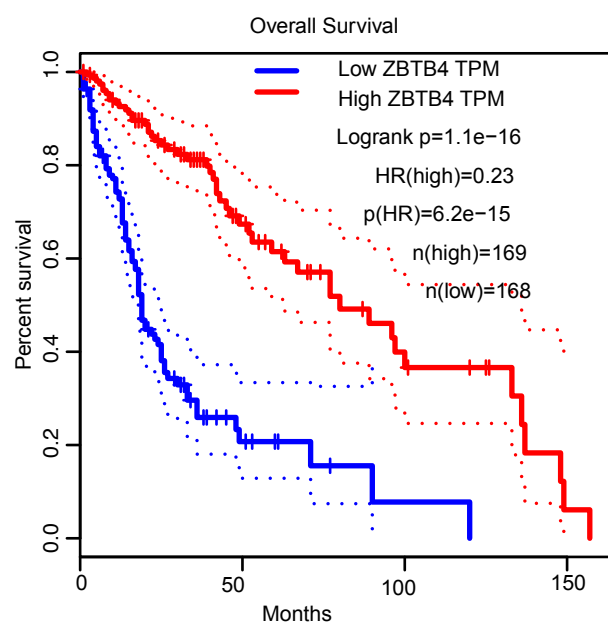
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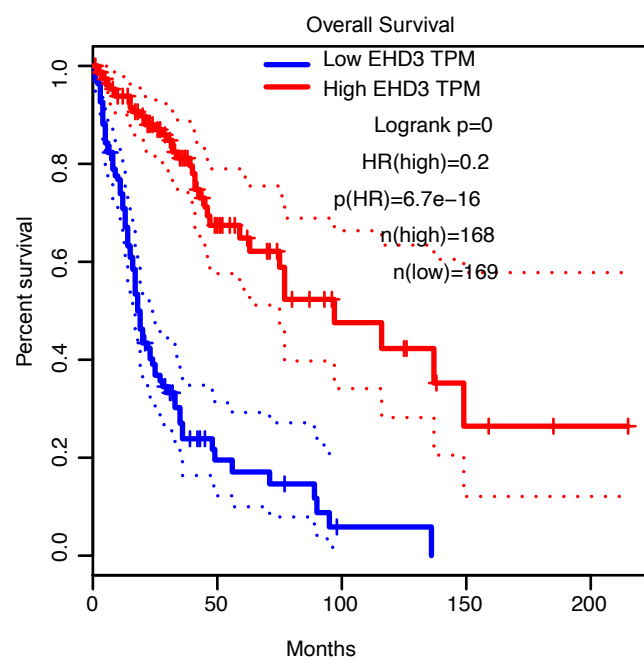
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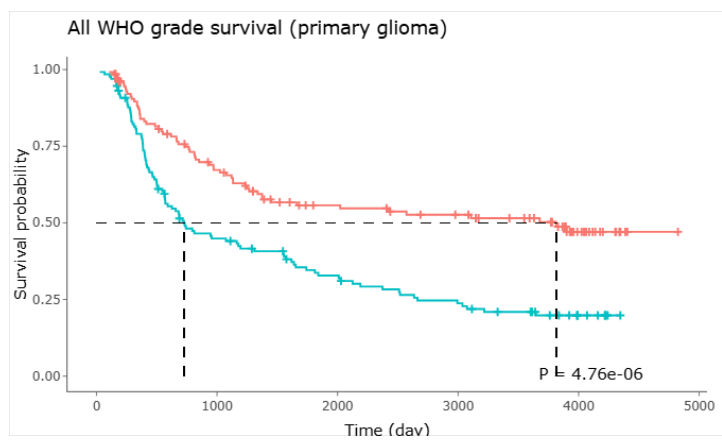


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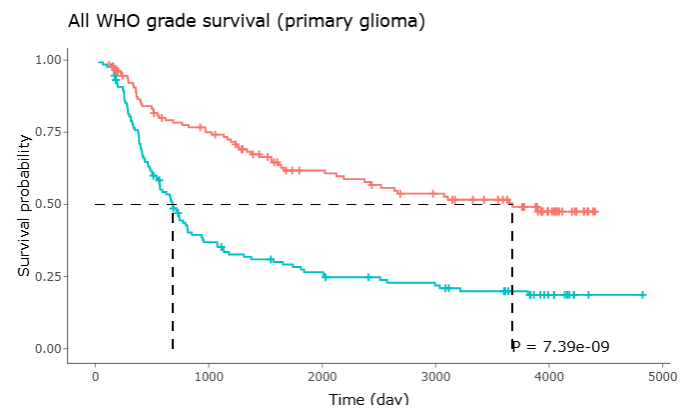
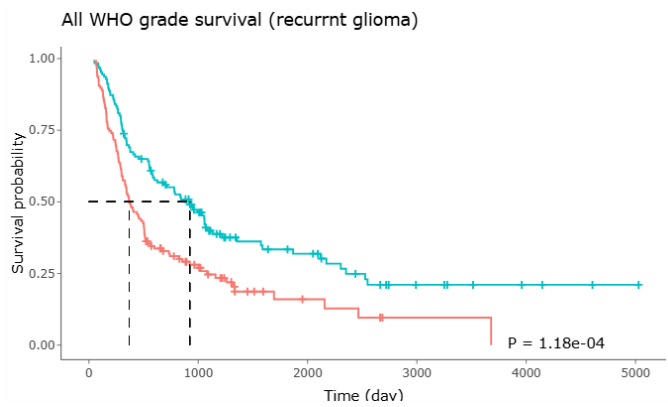


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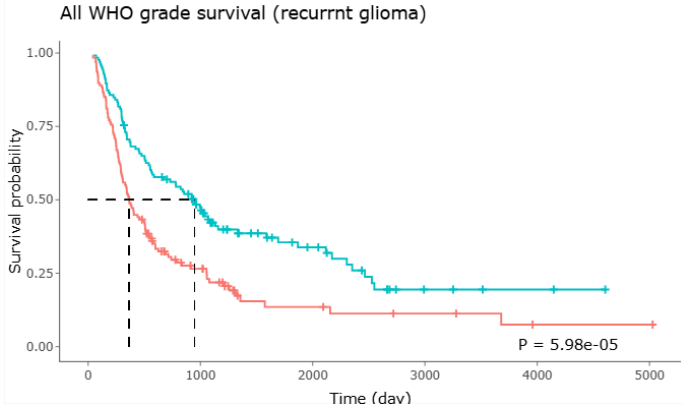
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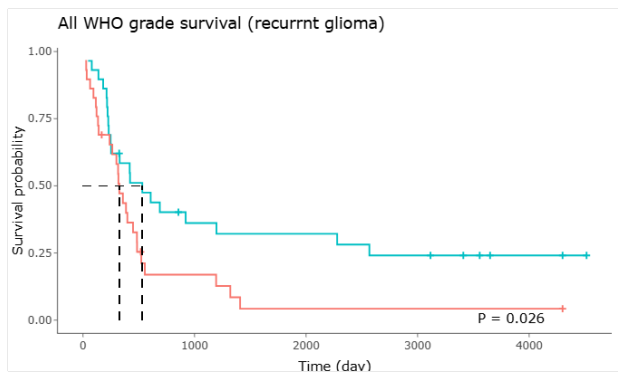
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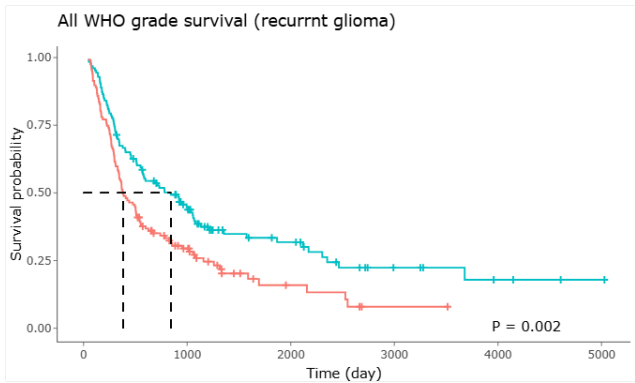
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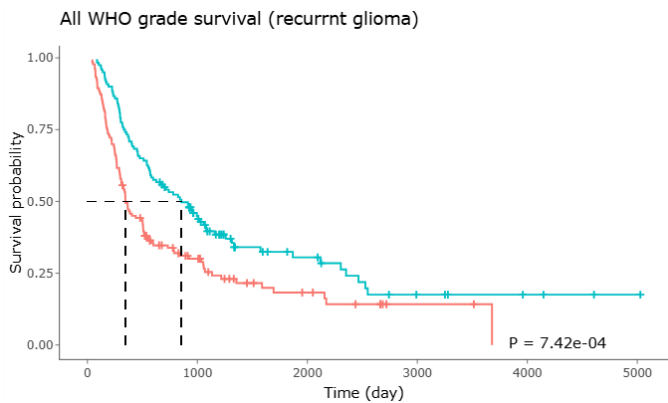
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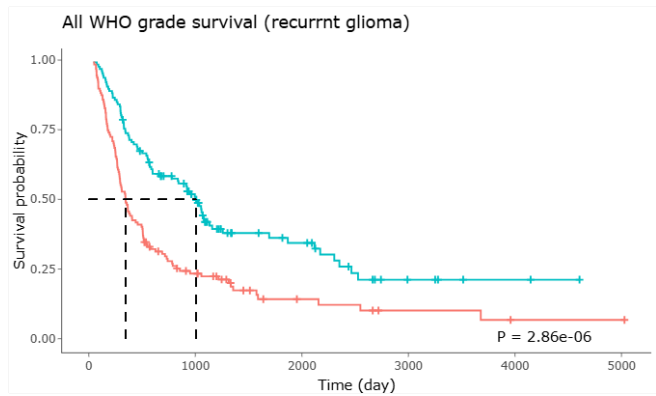
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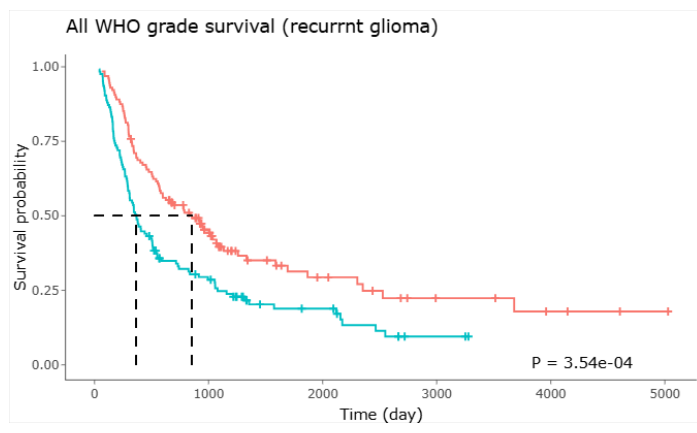
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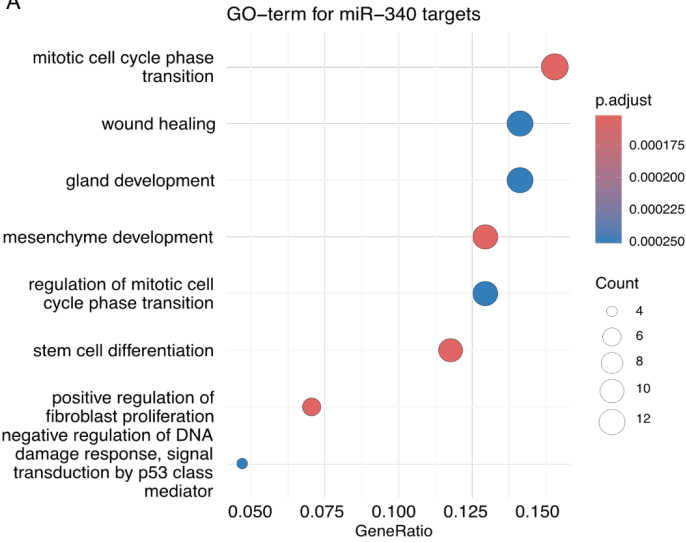
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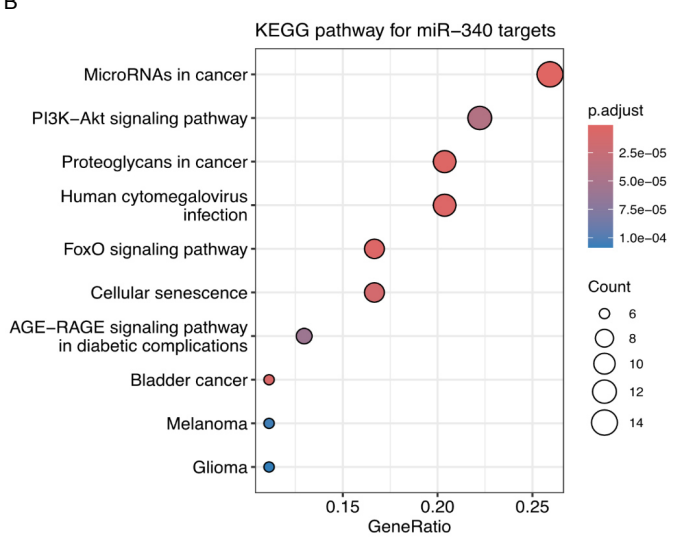




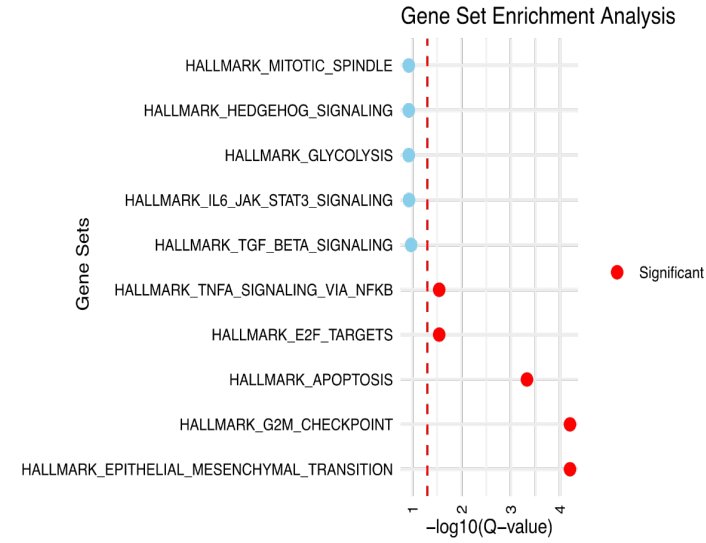
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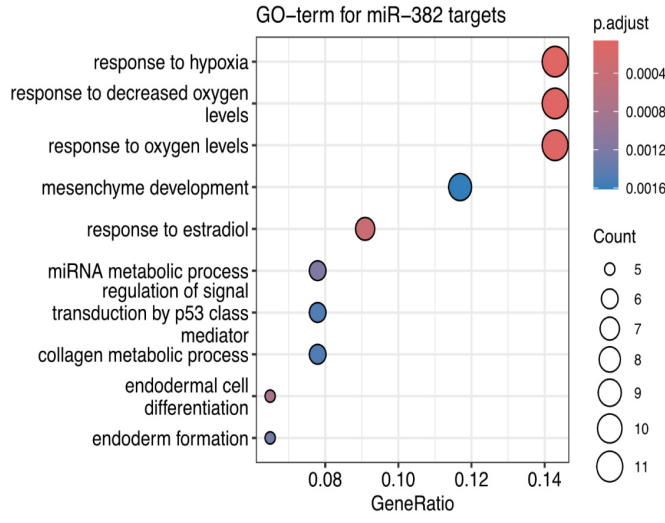
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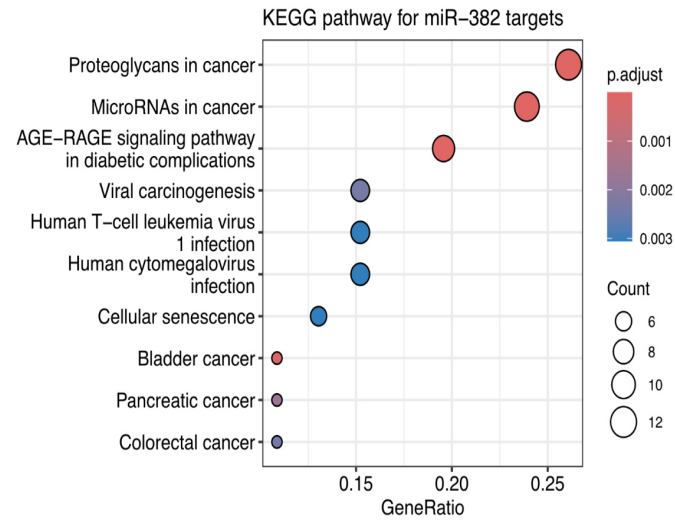
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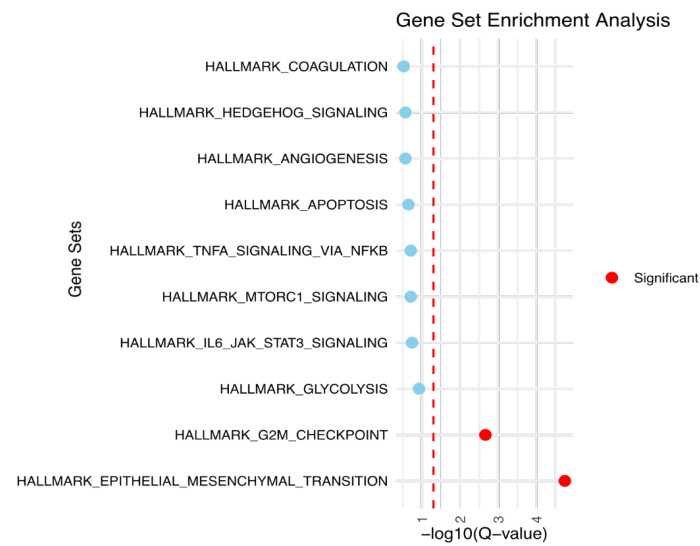
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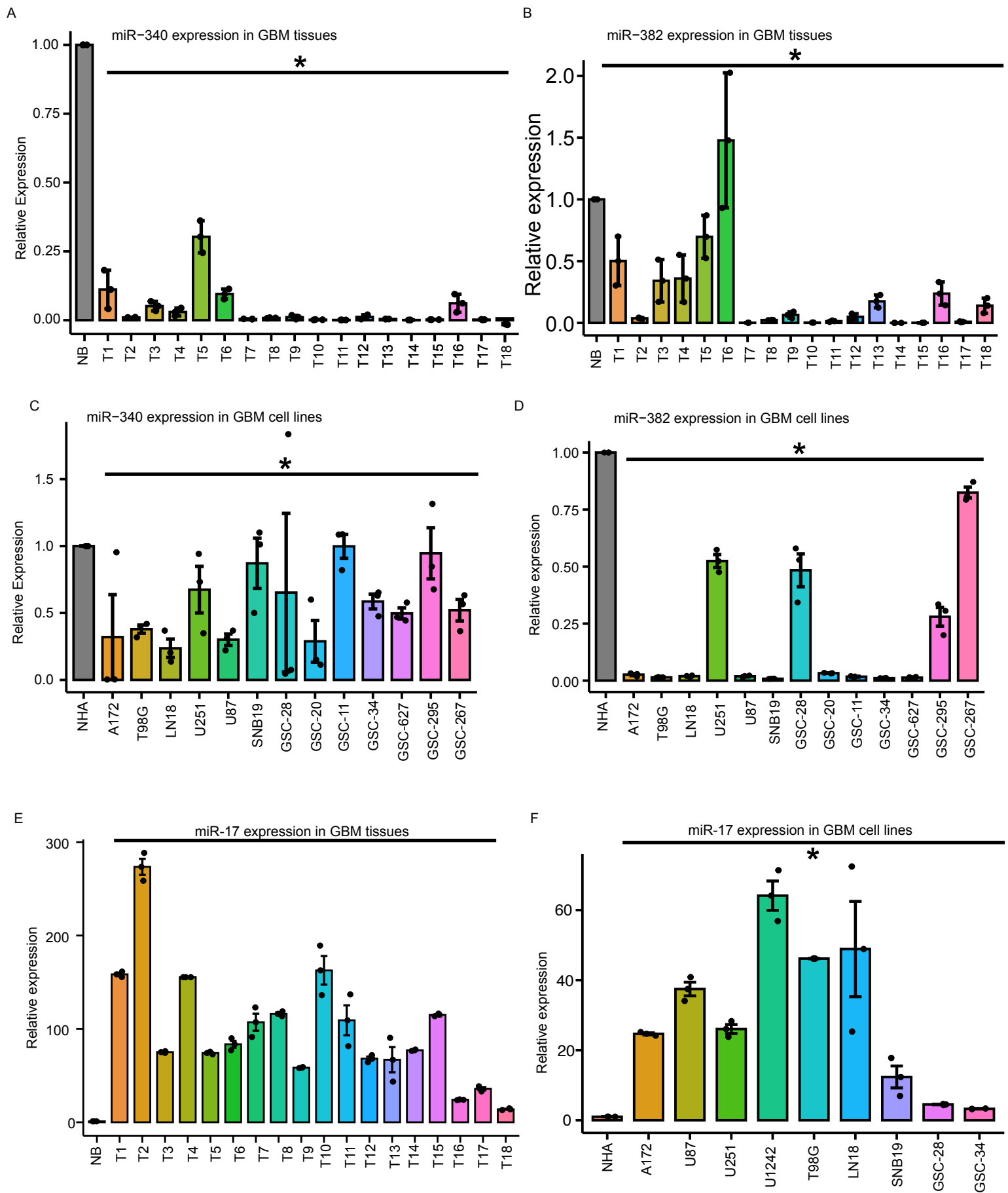


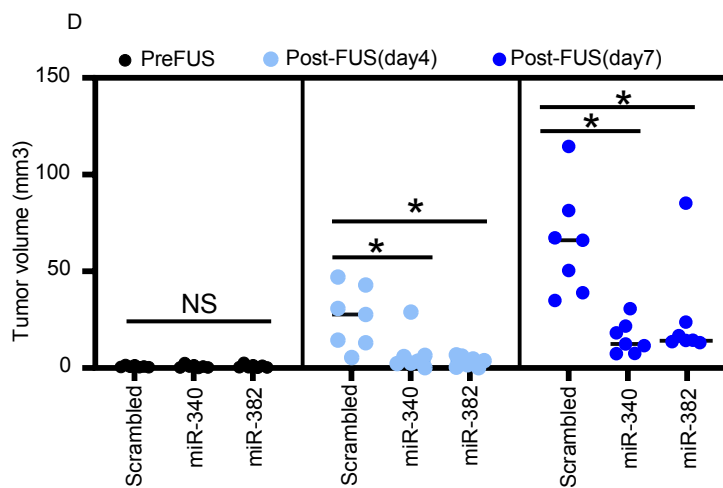
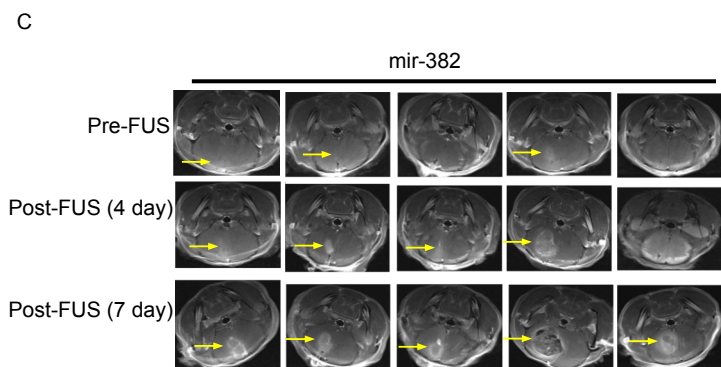
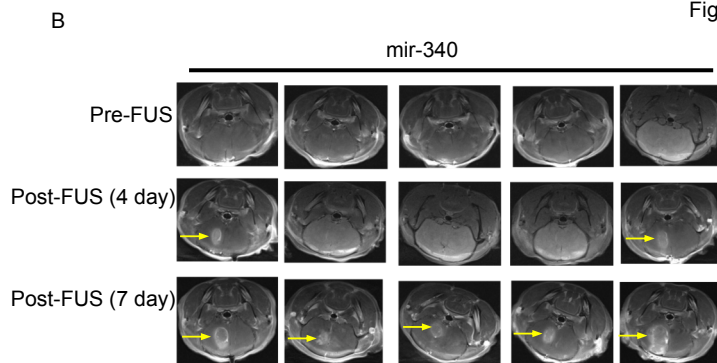
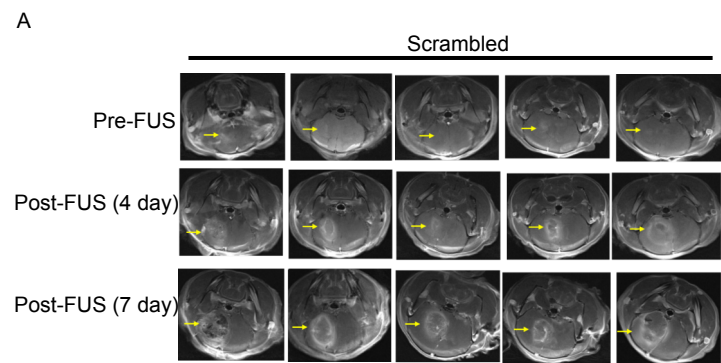
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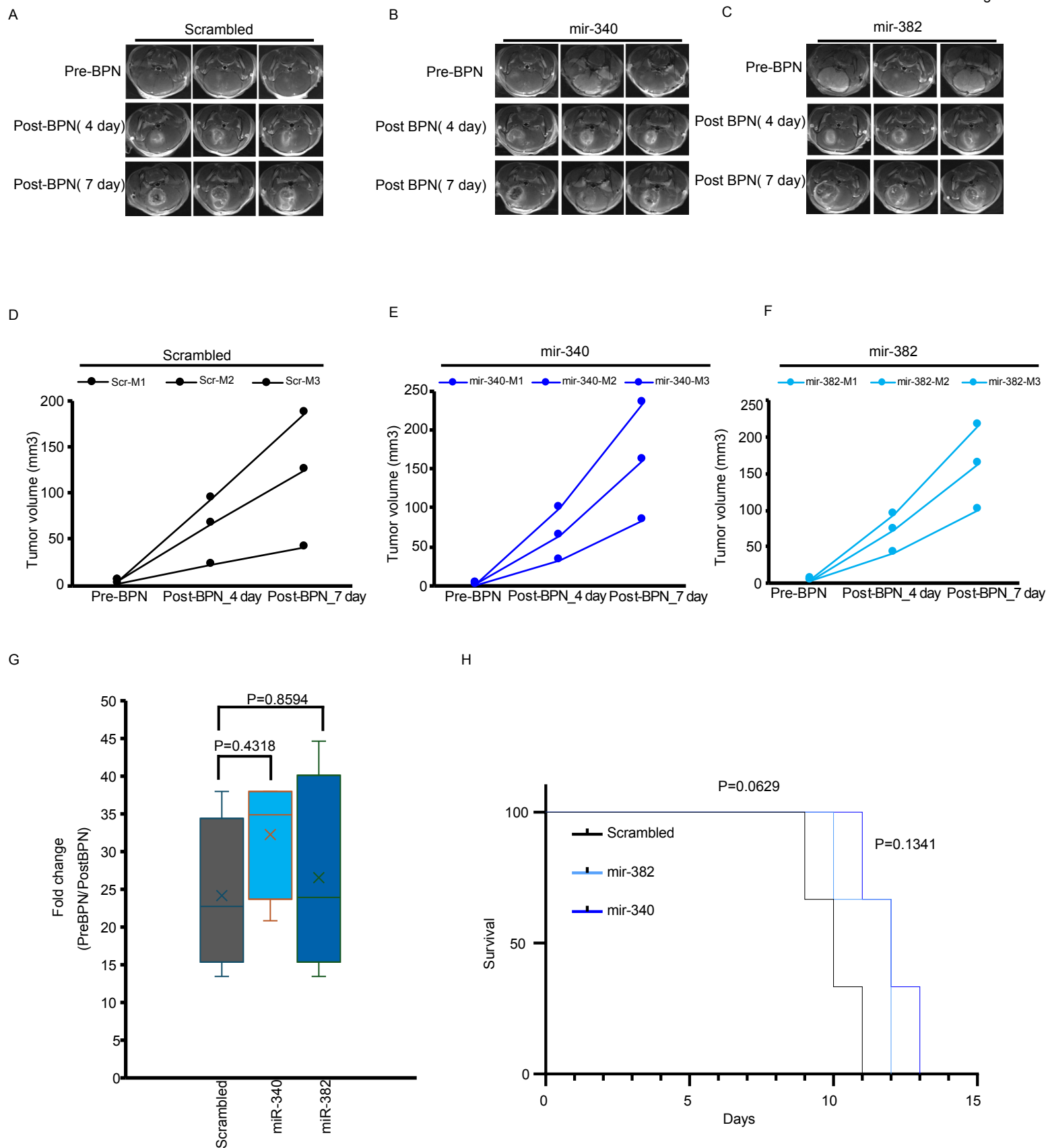


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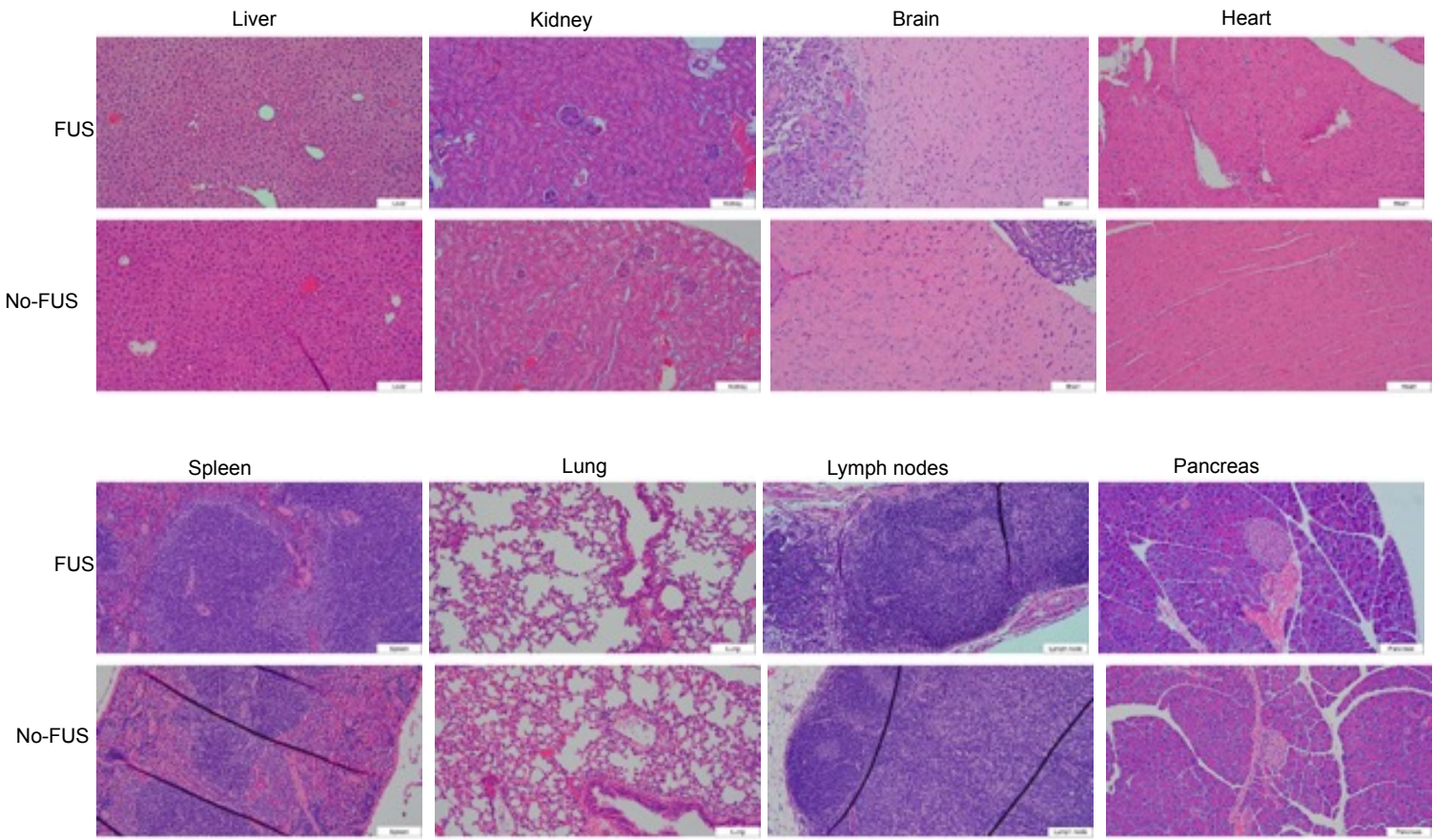








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B

Organ	FUS	No FUS
Pancreas	No injury	No injury
Lymph nodes	No injury	No injury
Kidneys	No injury	No injury
Liver	No injury	No injury
Spleen	No injury	No injury
Heart	No injury	No injury
Lungs	No injury	No injury
Brain	Tumor, no injury	Tumor, no injury