

Supplementary Figure 1. Activation of RhoC downstream of ErbB-2 is mediated by Plexin-B1. HEK293 cells were transfected with VSV-Plexin-B1 as well as HA-RhoC and FLAG-PDZ-RhoGEF. Where indicated, cells were additionally transfected with wildtype ErbB-2 (ErbB-2 WT), or a Plexin-B1 deletion construct which lacks the intracellular domain (PlxB1 Δ C). After incubation without or with 150 nM Sema4D for 20 min, active RhoC was precipitated (pulldown) and precipitates were immunoblotted (IB) using an anti-HA-antibody.

Supplementary Figure 2. (A) Knockdown of ErbB-2 does not affect active R-Ras levels. BT-474 cells were transfected with control or ErbB-2 siRNA. 48h later, cells were lysed, active R-Ras was immunoprecipitated (pulldown) and precipitates were immunoblotted using an anti-R-Ras antibody. (B-C) Stable knockdown of Plexin-B1 impairs migration and invasion of BT-474 cells. Using a lentiviral system, BT-474 cells were stably transfected with control shRNA or shRNAs directed against Plexin-B1. (B) 24 h after seeding onto non-coated filters or (C) 48h after seeding onto Matrigel-coated filters, cells on the upper side of the filters were removed and cells on the bottom side of the filter were counted as described in Methods. (D) SiRNA-mediated knockdown of RhoA or RhoC reduces invasiveness of BT-474 cells. BT-474 cells transfected with control, RhoA or RhoC siRNA were seeded onto Matrigel-coated filters. 48h later, non-invading cells were removed and invading cells were counted. (E-H) The mouse monoclonal anti-Plexin-B1 antibody (clone #93) interferes with the interaction between ErbB-2 and Plexin-B1, but does not inhibit binding of Sema4D to Plexin-B1. Uncoupling of ErbB-2 and Plexin-B1 by the mouse monoclonal anti-Plexin-B1 antibody (clone #93)

or the soluble extracellular domain of Plexin-B1 (PlxB1ext) reduces tyrosine phosphorylation of Plexin-B1. **(E)** BT-474 cells were incubated with the indicated concentrations of a mouse monoclonal anti-Plexin-B1 antibody (anti-PlxB1; clone #93) for 60 min. Thereafter, cells were lysed, ErbB-2 was immunoprecipitated using an anti-ErbB-2 antibody (IP) and Plexin-B1 was immunoprecipitated using an anti-Plexin-B1 antibody (R&D Systems; IP). Precipitates were immunoblotted (IB) with antibodies directed against Plexin-B1 (R&D Systems), phospho-tyrosine (pTyr), or ErbB-2. **(F)** HEK293 cells were transfected with 3DA.Luc and plasmids encoding Plexin-B1 and PDZ-RhoGEF. 3DA.Luc represents a reporter plasmid expressing firefly luciferase under the control of a mutant serum response element (SRE) which is activated downstream of active RhoA. After incubation with the indicated concentrations of the mouse monoclonal anti-Plexin-B1 antibody (clone #93) for 60 min, cells were treated with 150 nM Sema4D for 4h and firefly luciferase activity corresponding to RhoA activity was determined as described in materials and methods. **(G)** MCF-7 cells expressing endogenous Plexin-B1 were incubated with the indicated concentrations of the mouse monoclonal anti-Plexin-B1 antibody (clone #93) for 1 hour. After washing with PBS, cells were treated with myc-Sema4D for 30 min. After removal of unbound myc-Sema4D by washing, cells were incubated with an HRP-conjugated anti-myc antibody for 30 min, washed, and HRP-activity was determined as described in materials and methods. **(H)** BT-474 cells were incubated with the indicated concentrations of the soluble extracellular domain of Plexin-B1 (PlxB1ext) for 45 min. Thereafter, cells were lysed, Plexin-B1 was immunoprecipitated using an anti-Plexin-B1 antibody (R&D

Systems; IP) and precipitates were immunoblotted (IB) with antibodies directed against Plexin-B1 (R&D Systems), phospho-tyrosine (pTyr), or ErbB-2.

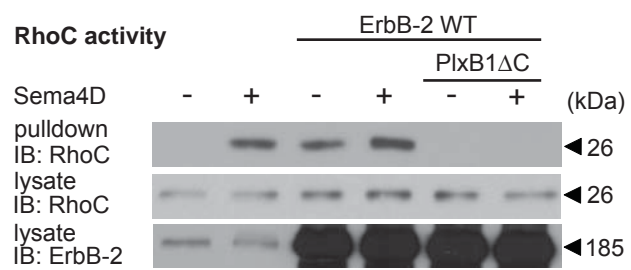
Supplementary Figure 3. Plexin-B1 promotes invasion of ErbB-2-overexpressing human ovarian cancer cells. **(A)** SK-OV-3 cells were incubated with the indicated concentrations of a mouse monoclonal anti-Plexin-B1 antibody (anti-PlxB1; clone #93) for 60 min. After cell lysis ErbB-2 was immunoprecipitated using an anti-ErbB-2 antibody (IP) and Plexin-B1 was immunoprecipitated using an anti-Plexin-B1 antibody (R&D Systems; IP). Precipitates were immunoblotted (IB) with antibodies directed against phospho-tyrosine (pTyr), ErbB-2 or Plexin-B1. **(B)** SK-OV-3 cells were incubated without or with a mouse monoclonal anti-Plexin-B1 antibody (anti-PlxB1; clone #93, 1.8 ng/ μ l) for 60 min. Thereafter, cells were lysed and the amounts of active RhoA and RhoC were determined as described (pulldown). **(C)** SK-OV-3 cells were seeded onto Matrigel-coated filters in the absence or presence of a mouse monoclonal anti-Plexin-B1 antibody (anti-PlxB1; clone #93, 1.8 ng/ μ l). 16h later, non-invading cells were removed, and invading cells were counted. Data are presented as mean \pm S.D. with statistical significances determined by t-test; **, $p \leq 0.01$.

Supplementary Figure 4. Analysis of MMTVneu primary tumors. **(A)** RNA from primary tumor and lung metastasis was isolated and reverse transcribed (RT, reverse transcriptase). PCR analysis was carried out using primers specific for Plexin-B1. Primers for beta-actin were used as control. **(B,C)** Apoptosis, **(D,E)** vascularization, **(F,G)** macrophage infiltration, **(H,I)** phospho-ErbB-2 score, **(J,K)** grading and **(L,M)** local

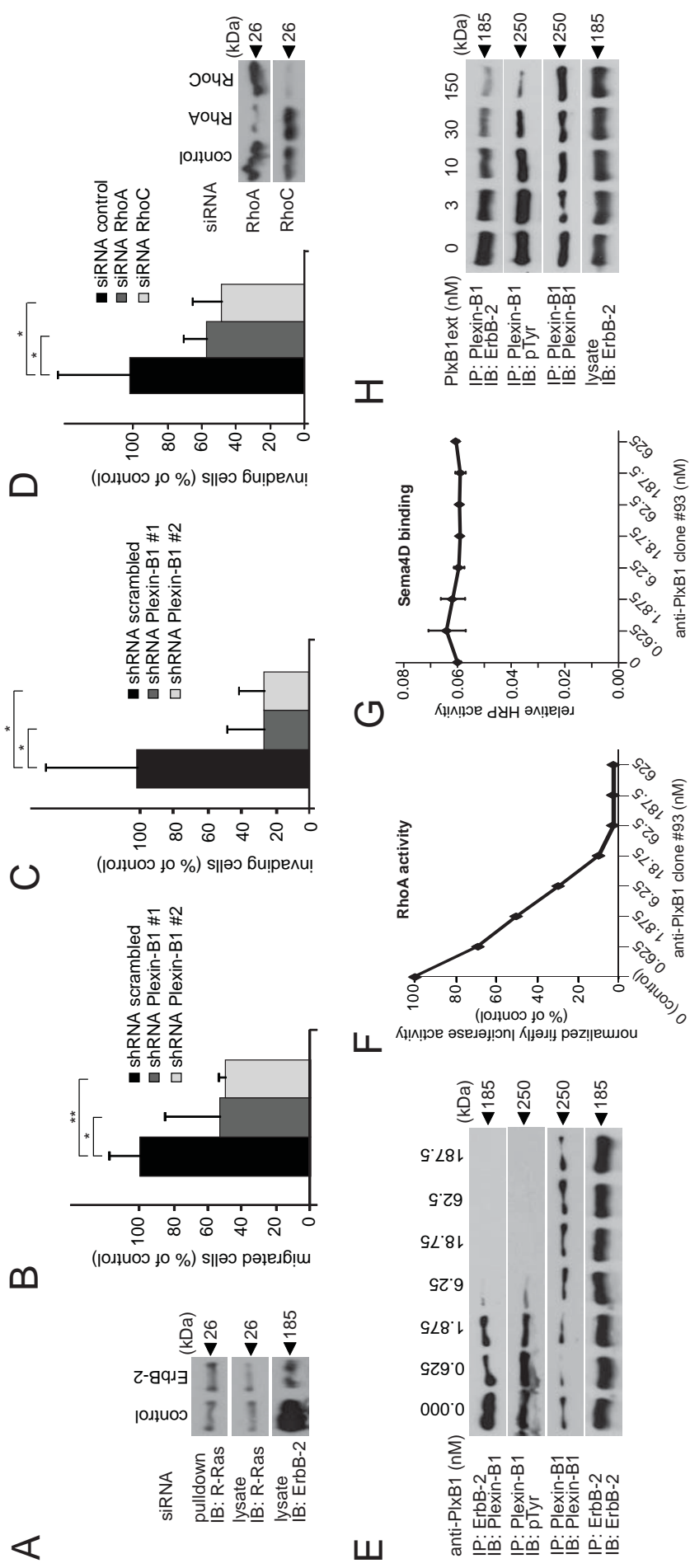
invasiveness (**Plexin-B1 WT, n = 7; Plexin-B1 KO, n = 13**) of MMTVneu primary tumors. Representative pictures are shown in (**B,D,F,H,J,L**), quantifications of the results are provided in (**C,E,G,I,K,M**). Arrows point to (**B**) apoptotic cells positive for cleaved-caspase-3 (blue), (**D**) CD-31-positive blood vessels (red), (**F**) Mac-3-positive macrophages (red), (**J**) mitotic figures. The invasion front is marked by white dashed lines in (**L**). Scale bars represent 200 μm in (**D**), 40 μm in (**H**), 20 μm in (**B,F,J,L**).

Supplementary Figure 5. Kaplan-Meier graphs representing the disease-free survival of patients with (**A**) ErbB-2-negative breast cancer (Plexin-B1 high: n=62, Plexin-B1 low: n=19), (**B**) ErbB-2-positive, ER-positive breast cancer (Plexin-B1 high: n=15, Plexin-B1 low: n=15), (**C**) ErbB-2-positive, ER-negative breast cancer (Plexin-B1 high: n=14, Plexin-B1 low: n=14). Black, high Plexin-B1 expression (Plexin-B1 high); grey, low Plexin-B1 expression (Plexin-B1 low). Statistical significances were tested by log-rank-test.

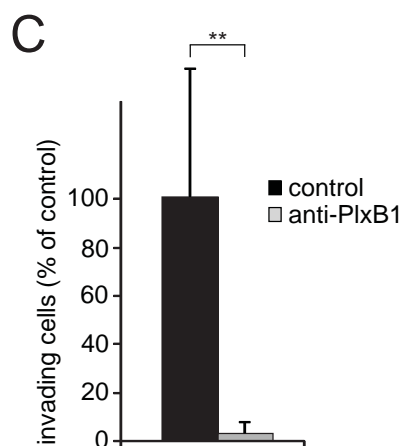
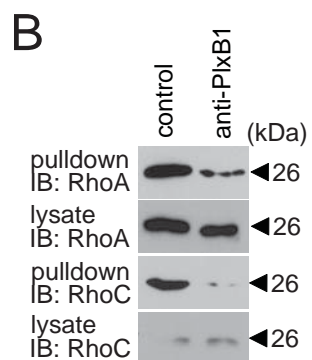
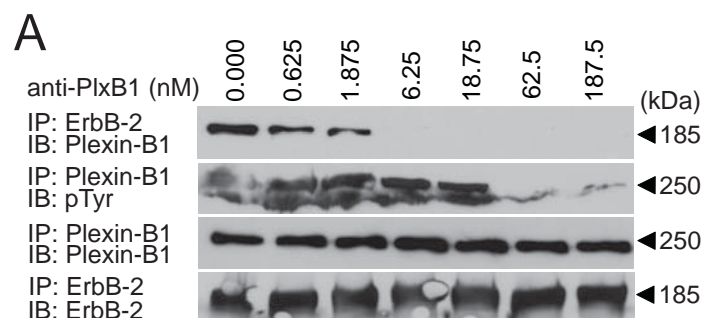
Supplementary Table 1. Characteristics of breast cancer patients of whom (**A**) frozen breast cancer tissue was obtained for RT-PCR, (**B**) paraffin-embedded breast cancer tissue was obtained for immunohistochemistry, (**C**) frozen breast cancer tissue was obtained for immunoprecipitation and Western Blot.



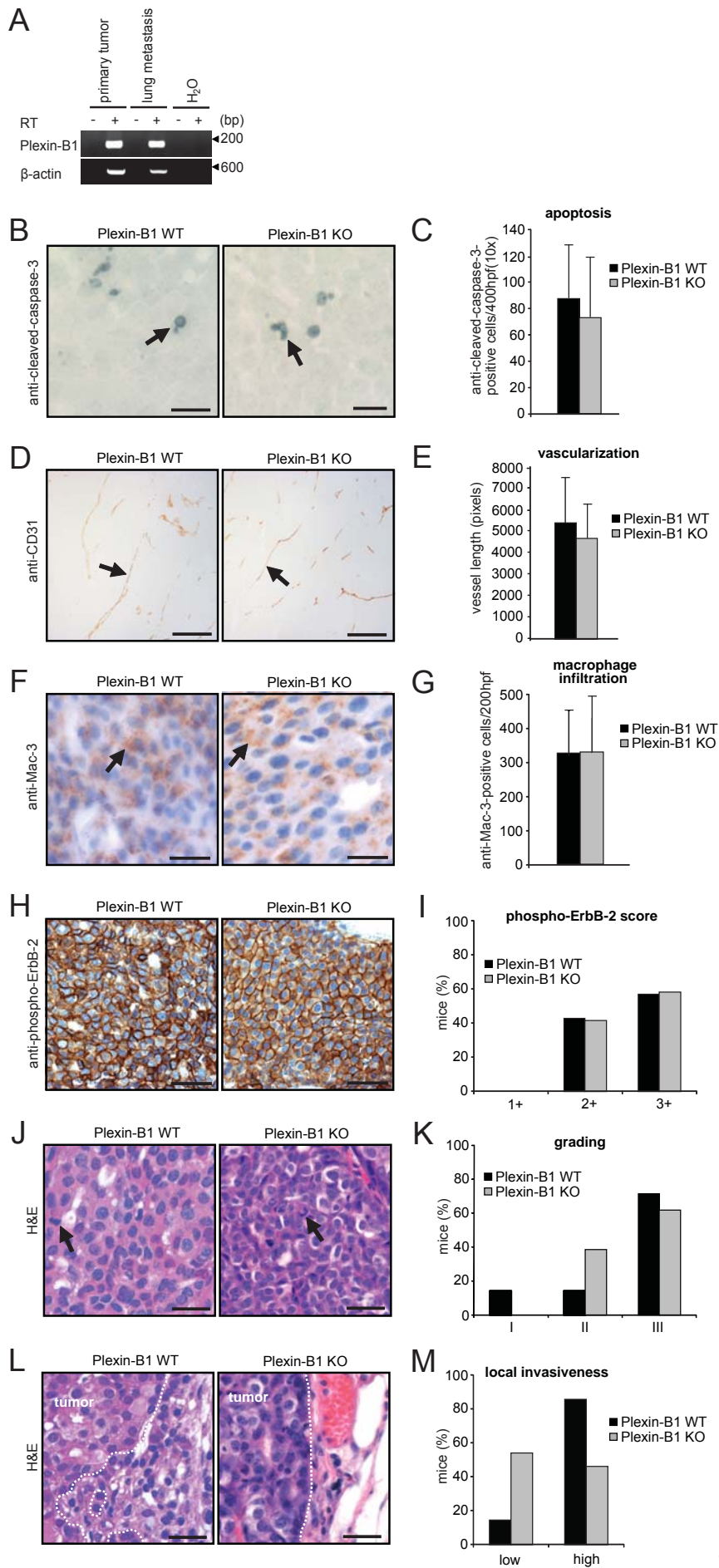
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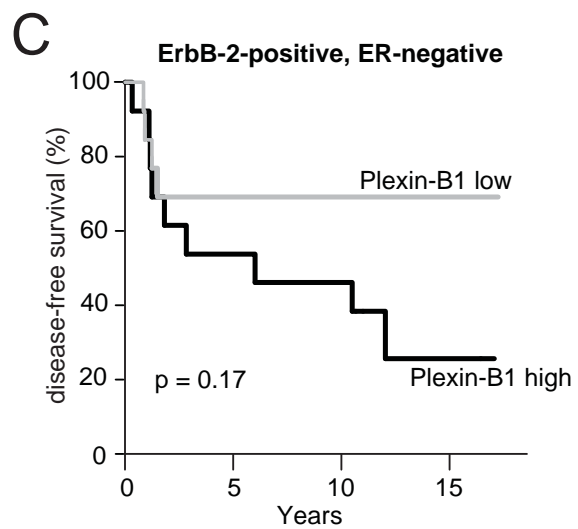
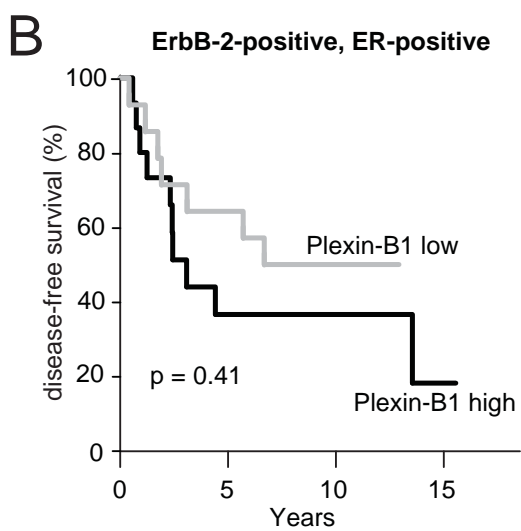
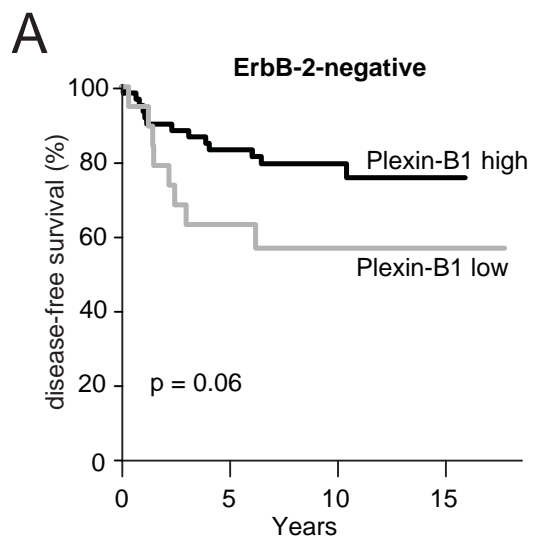
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patient ID	DOB	histopathology	T	N	grade	ErbB-2 score
2005	05/26/1954	invasive ductal carcinoma	1c	0 (0/19)	3	0
2030	03/13/1928	invasive ductal carcinoma	1c	0 (0/23)	1	0
2051	07/01/1930	invasive lobular carcinoma	3 (m)	2	3	0
1900	08/14/1941	invasive ductal carcinoma	2	0 (0/22)	3	3+
1935	06/14/1953	invasive ductal carcinoma	2	0 (0/21)	3	3+
2004	11/27/1940	invasive ductal carcinoma	2	1 bi (1/21)	3	3+

B

patient ID	histopathology	ErbB-2 score
3541	invasive ductal carcinoma	0
16897	invasive ductal carcinoma	3+

C

patient ID	histopathology	grade	ErbB-2 score
372	invasive lobular carcinoma	G2	0
664	invasive ductal carcinoma	G2	0
1635	invasive medullary carcinoma	G3	0
4738	invasive ductal carcinoma	G2	0
5499	invasive ductal carcinoma	G2	1+
654	invasive ductal carcinoma	G2	1+
3531	invasive ductal carcinoma	G2	2+
4353	invasive ductal carcinoma	G2	3+
1610	invasive medullary carcinoma	G3	3+
102	invasive ductal carcinoma	G2	0
934	invasive lobular carcinoma	G2	0
851	invasive ductal carcinoma	G2	0
5809	invasive ductal carcinoma	G2	0
3405	invasive mucinous carcinoma	G2	1+
1048	invasive ductal carcinoma	G3	1+
3156	invasive ductal carcinoma	G3	2+
5939	invasive ductal carcinoma	G2	3+
4017	invasive ductal carcinoma	G2	3+