

## **Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signaling induces MLL to create epigenetic changes in salivary gland tumors**

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**Abstract**

We show that activation of Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and attenuation of Bmp signals, by combined gain- and loss-of-function mutations of  $\beta$ -catenin and *Bmpr1a*, respectively, results in rapidly growing, aggressive squamous cell carcinomas (SCC) in the salivary glands of mice. Tumors contain transplantable and hyper-proliferative tumor propagating cells, which can be enriched by FACS. Single mutations stimulate stem cells, but tumors are not formed. We show that  $\beta$ -catenin, CBP and Mll promote self-renewal and H3K4 tri-methylation in tumor propagating cells. Blocking  $\beta$ -catenin-CBP interaction with the small molecule ICG-001 and siRNAs against  $\beta$ -catenin, CBP or Mll abrogate hyper-proliferation and H3K4 tri-methylation, and induce differentiation of cultured tumor propagating cells into acini-like structures. ICG-001 decreases H3K4me3 at promoters of stem cell-associated genes in vitro and reduces tumor growth in vivo. Remarkably, high Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and low Bmp signaling also characterize human salivary gland SCC and head and neck SCC in general. Our work defines mechanisms by which  $\beta$ -catenin signals remodel chromatin and control induction and maintenance of tumor propagating cells. Further, it supports new strategies for the therapy of solid tumors.

## Introduction

Tumor propagating cells or cancer stem cells exhibit stem cell- or progenitor-like properties, i.e. they are able to either self-renew or to differentiate into multiple cell types (Barker *et al.*, 2009; Ben-Porath *et al.*, 2008; Sneddon & Werb, 2007). Understanding molecular mechanisms that regulate tumor propagating cells may help to develop rational therapies. Canonical Wnt signaling maintains many embryonic and adult stem cell types; this signaling system also contributes to the generation of tumor propagating cells (Clevers, 2006; Grigoryan *et al.*, 2008; Malanchi *et al.*, 2008; Wend *et al.*, 2010). Conversely, Bmp signaling inhibits the tumorigenic potential of cancer stem cells of the brain (Piccirillo *et al.*, 2006).

Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signals control transcription and gene expression through Wnt response elements (WRE) that are recognized by the  $\beta$ -catenin-LEF/TCF complex, and modulate chromatin structure (Behrens *et al.*, 1996; Molenaar *et al.*, 1996; Mosimann *et al.*, 2009). Hallmarks of chromatin states are modifications on the tails of core histones: tri-methylation of lysines 4, 9 and 27 of histone H3 (H3K4me<sub>3</sub>, H3K9me<sub>3</sub> and H3K27me<sub>3</sub>) are associated with active chromatin, heterochromatin, and repressed chromatin, respectively (Albert & Peters, 2009; Goldberg *et al.*, 2007). Various chromatin modifiers are recruited to the C-terminus of  $\beta$ -catenin (Mosimann *et al.*, 2009). In *Drosophila*,  $\beta$ -catenin recruits CBP; the histone acetyltransferase (HAT) activity of CBP acetylates chromatin over wide regions surrounding particular WRE (Parker *et al.*, 2008).  $\beta$ -Catenin also interacts with histone methyltransferase MLL that promotes H3K4 tri-methylation (Sierra *et al.*, 2006).

The developing salivary glands of human and mice are complex secretory organs, which in mice begin to develop from a simple epithelial bud around embryonic day (E)11.5-12.5 (Tucker, 2007). The mature glands include luminal ductal, acinar and intercalated duct cells that intermingle with stem cells, which express CD24 and CD29 surface markers (Hisatomi et al, 2004; Nanduri et al, 2011). Salivary gland stem cells contribute to maintenance and regeneration of the adult salivary glands in rodents and can amend the function of irradiated salivary glands after stem cell transplantation (Lombaert et al, 2008; Man et al, 2001; Nanduri et al, 2011). Regeneration of mouse salivary glands was recently found to depend on Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signals (Hai et al, 2010).

Head and neck carcinomas in humans amount to 6% of all cancers (Stewart & Kleihues, 2003), the majority being squamous cell carcinomas (SCC). SCC may originate from epithelial stem or progenitor cells of the epidermis or the mucous membranes. Subpopulations of cells from human head and neck SCC with tumor propagating cell properties have recently been isolated, based on the markers CD44 and ALDH (Clay et al, 2010; Prince et al, 2007). Salivary gland carcinomas constitute only a fraction of head and neck cancers, and 8% are SCC, which often arise in the glandula parotis (Speight & Barrett, 2002). Salivary gland SCC are aggressive, produce early lymphogenic metastases, and have a poor prognosis (Ying et al, 2006).

This study demonstrates that high-grade salivary gland SCC and head and neck SCC in general rely on high Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and low Bmp signaling for proliferation and self-renewal. In SCC, tumor propagating cells depend on the  $\beta$ -catenin-CBP complex but also MLL for the generation of an open chromatin state and the induction of a

stem cell-associated gene signature. Knowing that specific Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin inhibition can revert the chromatin state and lead to differentiation and tumor remission in vivo provides a step to safely eradicate tumor propagating cells.

## Results

### *Head and neck squamous cell carcinomas in humans and mice display high Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and attenuated Bmp signals*

18 human salivary gland SCC and 29 other head and neck cancer of the SCC subtype were examined for Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and Bmp signaling activity (Supplementary Table 1). The majority of tumors exhibited nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin, a hallmark of high canonical Wnt signals (Behrens et al, 1996; Grigoryan et al, 2008), and were negative for nuclear p-Smad 1/5/8 (Whitman, 1998), indicating that Bmp signals were low (Fig. 1A). Nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin accumulated at tumor fronts (arrows on the left) (Fodde & Brabletz, 2007), whereas nuclear p-Smad persisted in differentiated central areas (arrow in inset on the right). 75% of grade 3 salivary gland SCC (SG-SCC), the most aggressive cancers, displayed nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin and were negative for p-Smad, whereas only 25% of grade 2 tumors displayed these characteristics (Fig. 1B, upper left; tumor grading criteria were as defined in (Barnes et al, 2005)). Similarly, two thirds of grade 3 head and neck SCC (HN-SCC) showed high nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin and low p-Smad staining (Fig. 1B, upper right). Cells with nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin at the tumor fronts also co-expressed cytokeratin (CK)10, which is a marker for squamous cell carcinoma (Chu & Weiss, 2002) (Supplementary Figure 1A). A subset of nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin-positive cells from human SG-SCC and HN-SCC co-expressed the marker CD24 (Fig. 1A\*,C, left; quantifications are shown in B, lower panels, percentages

refer to all tumor cells) (Monroe et al, 2011; Visvader & Lindeman, 2008) and the marker CD44, which is specific for tumor propagating cells in HN-SCC (Fig. 1C, right; quantifications for grade 2 and grade 3 tumors are depicted in yellow letters below insets) (Prince et al, 2007; Visvader & Lindeman, 2008).

To gain mechanistic insights into the relevance of  $\beta$ -catenin and BMP signals in tumor formation of salivary gland SCC, we created a mouse model. Combined  $\beta$ -catenin gain-of-function ( $\beta$ -cat<sup>GOF</sup>) and Bmp receptor 1a loss-of-function (Bmpr1a<sup>LOF</sup>) mutations were introduced by Cre recombinase driven by the Keratin 14 gene, referred to as double mutants (Harada et al, 1999; Huelsken et al, 2001; Mishina et al, 2002) (see breeding scheme in Supplementary Fig. 1F). K14-Cre activity was confirmed by using a LacZ indicator mouse line; recombination occurred in ductal cells of the salivary glands (Supplementary Fig. 1B-E,G). Aggressive tumors appeared rapidly in the salivary glands of the double mutants (Fig. 1D, a schematic view of the normal mouse salivary glands is provided on <http://www.informatics.jax.org/cookbook/figures/figure45.shtml>). Kaplan-Meier plots show that double mutants succumbed to tumors rapidly, dying between postnatal day (P)75 and P90 (Fig. 1E). After full necropsy, a pathologist (C.L.) determined that these tumors exclusively arose from the submandibular salivary glands. The tumors were classified as SG-SCC by histopathological criteria, contained keratin pearls and expressed high levels of CK10 (Supplementary Fig. 2A, right, see also inset) (Barnes et al, 2005; Chu & Weiss, 2002). Moreover, consistent with the human tumors, mouse SG-SCC also showed high Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and low Bmp signals, as determined by staining for  $\beta$ -catenin, the Wnt target gene Axin2 and pSmad1/5/8 (Supplementary Fig. 2B). Neither single  $\beta$ -cat<sup>GOF</sup> nor Bmpr1a<sup>LOF</sup> mutant mice did develop tumors

(Fig. 1E, Supplementary Fig. 2A, middle panels). Gene expression profiling and gene set enrichment analysis at P1 and P90 revealed that in double mutant salivary glands, genes associated with proliferation as *c-myc* and differentiation/apoptosis as *Loricrin* or *Fas* were up-regulated and down-regulated, respectively, when compared to  $\beta$ -cat<sup>GOF</sup> tissues (Supplementary Fig. 2C, Supplementary Tables 2 and 3, see also below). Other K14-expressing tissues of double mutants did not develop tumors; while epithelia of the esophagus and forestomach showed no significant histological changes, we observed excessive supernumerary hair follicles in the skin, when compared to wildtype mice (Supplementary Fig. 2D). Taken together, the fast accumulation of salivary gland SCC in the double mutant mice was the net result of strong proliferation and reduced differentiation and apoptosis.

#### *Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and Bmp signals control tumor propagating cells in salivary gland SCC*

In order to characterize cells that are specific and essential for tumor formation in double mutant salivary glands, we isolated CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells by fluorescence activated cell sorting (FACS) from glands of the different genotypes; these surface markers have been previously used to enrich for stem cells of salivary glands (Hisatomi *et al.*, 2004; Nanduri *et al.*, 2011; Visvader & Lindeman, 2008). The proportion of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells increased 3-fold and 10-fold in single and double mutants, respectively, compared to controls (Fig. 2A, Supplementary Figure 3A-C). Enrichment of CD24<sup>+</sup> cells could be confirmed by immunofluorescence analysis (Fig. 2B). Isolated CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells were collected by cytopsin and their proliferation was assessed using Ki67 antibody staining (Fig. 2C). CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from double mutant salivary glands were hyper-proliferative: over 80% were Ki67<sup>+</sup> (Fig. 2D),

compared to 13% non-sorted cells (Fig. 2E). High proliferation was confirmed by FACS for Ki67, which showed that over 90% of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells were highly proliferating (P1 cells in Supplementary Fig. 4A,B). Another strongly proliferative CD24<sup>-</sup> subpopulation (up to 40% Ki67<sup>+</sup>) was identified, but these were not epithelial cells and instead expressed stromal markers (P4 cells, Supplementary Fig. 4A,B, and data not shown). The salivary gland tumors stained weakly for Sca-1 or c-kit (not shown) (Hisatomi et al, 2004), and the CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> subpopulation co-expressed the marker CD44 only at low levels (Supplementary Figure 3D,E). To examine the tumor-propagating potential, CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells of double mutants and various control cell populations were injected into the back skin of NOD/SCID mice (Fig. 2F) (Visvader & Lindeman, 2008). As few as 500 CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from double mutant glands produced fast-growing tumors, while cells that expressed only high CD24 or CD29 did not produce fast-growing tumors (Fig. 2F,G, Supplementary Figure 4C). Unsorted cells from double mutant glands were only moderately tumorigenic, at 10<sup>5</sup> but not 10<sup>4</sup> injected cells (Fig. 2F). Tumors arising from transplanted cells co-expressed the SCC markers CK10 and CK14, and contained differentiated and undifferentiated areas (Supplementary Figure 4D,E). Transplanted tumors maintained stable subpopulations of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells in serial transplantations that retained high tumor propagating potential (Supplementary Figure 4F,G). From these results, we conclude that CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from double mutant salivary gland SCC are highly enriched for tumor propagating cells.

*Salivary gland tumor propagating cells are characterized by a stem cell-associated gene signature and specific chromatin marks*



To elucidate mechanisms that potentiate the self-renewal of tumor propagating cells, we examined stem cell-associated genes that were co-expressed with activated Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin (Ben-Porath *et al.*, 2008; Wend *et al.*, 2010). Remarkably, tumor propagating cells of double mutants expressed embryonic-type SSEA1<sup>+</sup> (Fig. 3A) (Read *et al.*, 2009). The SSEA1 expression specifically characterized cells with high Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signals since >90% of the CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup>SSEA1<sup>+</sup> triple-sorted cells exhibited nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin, which was not found in other subpopulations (Fig. 3B, and data not shown). CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells were also characterized by low pSmad1/5/8 intensity, as compared to unsorted tumor cells (Supplementary Figure 5A,B). Gene expression profiling of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells revealed that a number of genes associated with the pluripotent state were highly expressed (Supplementary Fig. 5C,D, Supplementary Table 4). Among those were Nr5a2, which can replace Oct4 in reprogramming of iPS cells (Heng *et al.*, 2010), the ES-cell associated Snf2-like helicase Hells (Xi *et al.*, 2009), the stem cell marker Dppa5 (Ware *et al.*, 2009) and the stem cell-associated chromatin modifiers Ash2, Mll (Dou *et al.*, 2005) and Rnf2 (de Napoles *et al.*, 2004). A GSEA analysis confirmed that genes important for pluripotent stages in organism development were enriched in double-mutant tumor propagating cells (Supplementary Table 3). Treatment for 24 hours with ICG-001, an inhibitor of canonical Wnt signaling that blocks  $\beta$ -catenin-CBP interaction (Emami *et al.*, 2004), and siRNA-mediated down-regulation of  $\beta$ -catenin significantly suppressed these genes (Fig. 3C).

Previous research has shown that the maintenance of pluripotency is linked to the epigenetic state of cells (Albert & Peters, 2009; Surani *et al.*, 2007; Wend *et al.*, 2010). Remarkably, sorted CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells from double mutant salivary glands showed a marked increase of H3K4me3, as assessed by

immunohistological analysis of cytopins, which was low in CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from wildtype and single mutant tissue (Fig. 3D, quantified in E). H3K4me3 generally characterizes transcriptionally active promoters, but high enrichment is also indicative of stem cell promoters (Albert & Peters, 2009; Gaspar-Maia et al, 2011; Wend et al, 2010). In contrast, CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from double mutants showed a low level of H3K27me3, compared to CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from wildtype and single mutants (Fig. 3D,E), whereas the H3K9me3 levels were similar in all genotypes (Fig. 3E, Supplementary Fig. 5E). These epigenetic marks in CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from double mutants require high Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin: after 24 hrs of ICG-001 treatment, the numbers of H3K4me3-positive cells declined by more than 60% (Fig. 3F). Similar changes in H3K4me3 and H3K27me3, but not H3K9me3, were also observed by Western blot analysis of extracts from salivary glands of control and mutant mice, and in tumors that arose from transplanted cells (Supplementary Fig. 5F). Thus, the specific alterations in chromatin-associated histone marks suggest that the overall epigenetic makeup has changed in the tumor propagating cells of the salivary glands. Further, tumor propagating cells are distinguished by the expression of a gene signature that is associated with pluripotency.

To examine whether activated canonical Wnt signaling affects human salivary SCC in a similar manner, we assessed H3K4me3 and nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin levels in human tumors, which could be detected preferentially at the invasive tumor fronts (Supplementary Fig. 5G). We also investigated several tumor cell lines of human head and neck SCC. Endogenous Wnt signaling activity in these cells was variable, as assessed by the expression of the Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin target gene Axin2 (Grigoryan et al, 2008; Lustig et al, 2002). Typically, cell lines with high and low Wnt activity (e.g.,

HN-SCCUM-03T and HN-SCCUM-02T) displayed opposite, i.e., low and high pSmad1/5/8 levels, respectively (Supplementary Fig. 6A). HNSCCUM-03T cells with high Wnt activity were treated with ICG-001, which down-regulated the expression of stem cell-associated signature genes *NR5A2*, *ABCB1B*, *LRRC34*, *DNAJC6* and of the genes encoding chromatin modifiers *HELLS*, *MLL* and *ASH2* (Supplementary Fig. 6B). Conversely, CHIR 99021, a Wnt activator (Ring et al, 2003), up-regulated the expression of these genes in HNSCCUM-02T cells that display low endogenous Wnt signals (Supplementary Fig. 6B). Interestingly, a large number of HNSCCUM-03T cells with high Wnt co-expressed CD44, a stem cell marker of human SCC tumors, as well as CD24, whereas HNSCCUM-02T cells with low Wnt only co-expressed CD24 and CD44 after Wnt activation, i.e., 48 hrs exposure to CHIR 99021 (Supplementary Fig. 6A,C) (Monroe et al, 2011). Collectively, mouse salivary gland and human head and neck SCC cells depend on high canonical Wnt signals to create a permissive epigenetic environment that allows the expression of a stem cell-associated gene signature. This includes the human-specific stem cell marker CD44 (Gires, 2011).

*ICG-001 treatment leads to tumor remission and reprograms salispheres to form differentiated acini-like structures*

CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells from the tumors of double mutant salivary glands were cultured. Remarkably, the canonical Wnt inhibitor ICG-001 strongly blocked proliferation of the CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells (Fig. 4A). We then performed a therapy experiment in NOD/SCID mice, which were transplanted with CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells that were forming tumors (see Fig. 2F): ICG-001 significantly reduced the size of the growing tumors (Fig. 4B).

Stem cells from organs and tumors can often be expanded as non-adherent, sphere-like aggregates, which reflects their self-renewal capacity (Lombaert et al, 2008; Monroe et al, 2011; Visvader & Lindeman, 2008). Whereas CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland cells from wildtype or single mutant mice did not grow as spheres, CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from double mutants could be propagated as salispheres in the presence of hepatocyte growth factor, HGF (Fig. 4C, left panel) (Brinkmann et al, 1995). In such salispheres, cells formed loose, net-like aggregates, i.e., displayed undifferentiated structures (Fig. 4D, left, see also below). Remarkably, in the presence of ICG-001, salispheres formed instead glandular structures that resemble salivary gland acini (Fig. 4C, second panel, Fig. 4D, right, the quantification of differentiation is in E). Light and electron microscopy demonstrated the formation of lumen, secretory granules and tight junctions in the acini-like structures but not in the undifferentiated salispheres (Supplementary Fig. 6E,F, and data not shown). ICG-001 treatment also up-regulated the expression of the gene encoding Amylase 1, an enzyme of differentiated salivary glands (Supplementary Fig. 6G). Thus, CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells from salivary gland tumors of double mutant mice exhibit unrestricted self-renewal in salisphere culture that depends on canonical Wnt signaling. We next analyzed the effect of the HDAC inhibitor Valproic acid (VPA) and the DNA methylation inhibitor 5-azacytidine (Aza) (Ware et al, 2009) on ICG-001-elicited responses in salispheres. Inhibition of proliferation by ICG-001 was not seen in the presence of VPA or Aza, but differentiation was blocked (Fig. 4C, right panels, quantitation in Fig. 4E, Supplementary Fig. 6H). Furthermore, ICG-001 treatment of human HNSCCUM-03T cells with high endogenous Wnt strongly reduced their ability to form spheres (Supplementary Fig. 6D). ICG-001 has been shown to inhibit the growth of Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin-dependent human tumor cells (Emami

et al, 2004; Wend et al, 2013). Conversely, CHIR 99021 enhanced the capacity of HNSCCUM-02T cells with low endogenous Wnt to form spheres (Supplementary Fig. 6D). Thus, unrestricted self-renewal of tumor propagating cells of mouse salivary glands and of human SCC tumor cell lines in sphere culture depends on continuous Wnt signaling and on the maintenance of their specific epigenetic state.

*Wnt/β-catenin signals exploit MLL-dependent H3K4 histone methylation activity to establish and maintain salivary gland tumor propagating cells*

To learn about the significance of Wnt/β-catenin-dependent epigenetic regulation, we examined whether blocking β-catenin-CBP by ICG-001 leads to changes of histone modifications at gene promoters of stem cell-associated genes. Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) using anti-H3K4me3 antibodies was performed with CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from mouse salivary gland tumors and with human HNSCCUM-03T tumor cells that display high Wnt activity. We detected high enrichments of H3K4me3 at sequences, which are in close proximity to the promoters of *Mll*, *Hells*, *Ash2* and *c-myc* genes, but not at promoter-far sequences in the mouse and human cells (Fig. 5A,B). ICG-001 significantly decreased the enrichment of H3K4me3 at promoter-proximal sequences. We also examined the sequential order of changes in H3K4me3 and in gene expression of mouse CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells that depend on ICG-001. H3K4me3 down-regulation could be detected 12h after ICG-001 treatment (Fig. 5C). In contrast, expression changes of genes of the stem cell-associated gene signature or of the differentiation marker Amylase occur later, 24h after ICG-001 treatment (Figure 5D). These data show that the β-catenin-CBP-interfering substance ICG-001 elicits changes in H3K4me3 at target promoters, and that the epigenetic changes precede transcriptional changes.

We next addressed the question of how abrogation of Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signals might produce the shift of epigenetic marks. Remarkably, treating CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from double mutant tumors with ICG-001 resulted in a significant translocation of  $\beta$ -catenin out of the nucleus and in cytoplasmic accumulation (Fig. 6A, protein quantifications are shown above the blots). Concomitantly, Mll, a known binding partner of nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin with histone methyltransferase towards H3K4 (Sierra *et al.*, 2006), disappeared from the nuclear fraction (Fig. 6B). Two protein products of the stem cell signature, Hells and Nr5a2, were also downregulated (Supplementary Fig. 7A). Conversely, activating Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin with CHIR 99021 lead to an increase of nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin and nuclear Mll (Figure 6A,B). The increase of  $\beta$ -catenin might be due to the product of the remaining wildtype allele in the double mutant mice (see Supplementary Figure 1F,G). Nuclear exclusion of  $\beta$ -catenin by inhibiting with ICG-001 could also be detected in the human high Wnt HNSCCUM-03T cells (Supplementary Fig. 7B). Collectively, these data show that nuclear Mll and the expression of the stem cell-associated gene signature are dependent on the presence of high Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signals.

We next examined the potential role of Mll in the CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells of salivary gland tumors by performing siRNA-mediated down-regulation of  $\beta$ -catenin, CBP and Mll. These treatments resulted in a strong reduction of the numbers of H3K4me3<sup>+</sup> and Ki67<sup>+</sup> cells (Fig. 6C, Supplementary Fig. 7C). Down-regulation of another histone methyltransferase, Ash1, had no effect on H3K4me3 and Ki67 levels. ICG-treatment and siRNA against Mll or  $\beta$ -catenin also profoundly reduced the proliferation of tumor propagating cells, while siRNA against Dppa5 had no effect (Fig. 6D) (Kim *et*

al, 2005). Mll is strongly expressed in the tumor propagating cells of salivary glands; nuclear Mll was found to be associated with the rare CD24<sup>+</sup> cells (Supplementary Fig. 7E, arrows). Remarkably, knockdown of  $\beta$ -catenin and Mll by siRNA treatment resulted in acini formation in sphere culture, i.e., forced a large fraction of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells into differentiation, whereas Ash1 siRNA had no effect (Fig. 6E). siRNA treatments did not affect all cells, in contrast to ICG-001, possibly due to incomplete transfection efficacy (Fig. 6C-E, Supplementary Fig. 7D). In order to show that  $\beta$ -catenin and MLL are relevant in human salivary gland tumors, we evaluated the association of the gene products in the collection of 13 human SG-SCC specimens: nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin was associated with nuclear MLL, and both products significantly correlated with high grade tumors (Fig 6F,G, Supplementary Fig. 7F,G; n=13). This may also lead to an up-regulation of other stem cell-associated genes, as exemplified for NR5A2 (Supplementary Fig. 7H). These data show that the association of nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin with nuclear MLL is of clinical relevance in human SG-SCC. Collectively, our data suggest that in both, murine and human tumors, the  $\beta$ -catenin/CBP/MLL axis drives self-renewal and fends off differentiation of tumor propagating cells via epigenetic mechanisms.

## Discussion

Here we report that mice with increased Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and attenuated Bmp signaling in Keratin 14-expressing tissues rapidly develop salivary gland SCC, from which we can enrich tumor propagating cells by FACS. The importance of canonical Wnt signaling in tumor propagating cells is known (Barker et al, 2009; Malanchi et al, 2008; Wend et al, 2010). We provide evidence that  $\beta$ -catenin activation leads to an

induction and stabilization of MLL, and that  $\beta$ -catenin, CBP and MLL are required to trigger H3K4 trimethylation at promoters of self-renewal genes in tumor propagating cells (Summary scheme in Fig. 7A).

Tumor propagating cells from salivary gland SCC of double mutants were enriched by FACS using high expression of the CD24 and CD29 surface antigens as markers, and 500 of sorted cells produced tumors upon serial transplantation in immune-compromised mice. Such serial transplantation experiments with low numbers of injected cells define tumor propagating cells, also called cancer stem cells (Gires, 2011; Nanduri et al, 2011; Prince et al, 2007; Visvader & Lindeman, 2012). The tumor propagating cells of salivary gland SCC retained the capacity to differentiate following transplantation, akin to cancer stem cells (Visvader & Lindeman, 2008). In our hands, other markers and marker combinations failed to isolate cells that could be used to generate tumors at this low number of injected cells. We also compared the tumor propagating cells from the double mutants with CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells of wildtype and single mutant salivary glands; this revealed that proliferation was significantly higher in double mutant cells than in cells obtained from single mutants or control mice. Remarkably, 13% of the unsorted cells of tumors but 80-90% of the CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells were Ki67-positive in the double mutant tissue. In conclusion, constitutive activation of Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signals strongly increase self-renewal of tumor propagating cells, while repression of BMP signals inhibits apoptosis, which in combination leads to permanently hyper-proliferating salivary gland tumor cells.

$\beta$ -Catenin and CBP can tether MLL to promoters, where histone methyltransferase activity toward H3K4 is promoted (Arai et al, 2010; Dou et al, 2006; Emami et al,



2004; Mosimann *et al.*, 2009; Taki *et al.*, 1997). The trithorax-related MLL has been linked with gene activation and confers stem cell-like properties to hematopoietic cancer cells (Krivtsov & Armstrong, 2007; Schuettengruber *et al.*, 2011; Visvader & Lindeman, 2008). Similarly, specific mutations of  $\beta$ -catenin bestow self-renewal properties to chronic myeloid leukemia cells (Jamieson *et al.*, 2004). MLL can exist in high molecular weight complexes with other methyltransferase components such as ASH2, which can enhance the activity of the MLL core complex (Southall *et al.*, 2009). We found that high levels of nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin increase not only MLL, but also ASH2 levels in tumor propagating cells. Likewise, HELLS is up-regulated in a Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin-dependent manner in CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells. It is noteworthy that MLL expression depends on HELLS in prostate cancers (von Eyss *et al.*, 2011). This suggests that the expression of a network of chromatin-associated proteins might be amplified by a feed-forward mechanism, ensuring that  $\beta$ -catenin-CBP-MLL has ample trithorax-related activity to maintain high H3K4me3 levels at target promoters. Further, differentiation of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells is restored by down-regulation of canonical Wnt signaling, i.e., by ICG-001 or siRNA-mediated down-regulation of  $\beta$ -catenin, CBP or MLL (scheme in Fig. 7B). The temporal coordination of epigenetic reshaping and target gene expression in the differentiation of salivary gland tumor propagating cells supports the hypothesis that the tumor cells depend on Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin-MLL-mediated epigenetic changes to suppress salivary gland differentiation. Finally, ICG-001-mediated differentiation of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells cannot occur in the presence of the HDAC-inhibitor valproic acid or the DNA methylation inhibitor 5-azacytidine, indicating that chromatin remodeling is also critical for differentiation (scheme in Fig. 7B).

The strong effects of ICG-001 on tumor propagating cells might support new strategies for the development of rational therapies of solid tumors. Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signaling inhibitors eliminated stem cells in non-solid tumors, and ICG-001 eradicated drug-resistant leukemic cancer stem cells *in vitro* and *in vivo* (Takahashi-Yanaga & Kahn, 2010). We show here that ICG-001 enforces differentiation of salivary gland tumor propagating cells in the mouse model, providing an efficient approach to target salivary gland cancer and potentially head and neck cancer in general. High Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and low Bmp signaling also correlate with the aggressiveness of human head and neck cancer and with the potential of the human tumor cells to self-renew. Moreover, the data with human cancers illustrate that nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin is significantly correlated with nuclear MLL and high tumor grade. It will be important to test whether human head and neck cancers also respond to Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin inhibitors.

## Materials and methods

### Mouse strains

*K14Cre*( $\Delta$ neo),  $\beta$ -catenin<sup>loxEx3</sup>, *Bmpr1a*<sup>lox</sup> alleles and Cre-inducible lacZ reporter mice have been described, and mutant mice were analyzed for genotype and recombination by PCR (Harada et al, 1999; Huelsken et al, 2001; Mishina et al, 2002; Thorey et al, 1998). The conditional gain-of-function mutation of  $\beta$ -catenin was produced by crossing homozygous mice carrying the  $\beta$ -catenin<sup>lox(ex3)</sup> allele to *K14-cre* mice. The loss-of function mutation of *Bmpr1a* was produced by crossing homozygous mice carrying *Bmpr1a*<sup>lox</sup> alleles to *K14-cre* mice that were homozygous for the *BmpRIA*<sup>lox</sup> allele. To obtain the compound mutants, homozygous mice

carrying the  $\beta$ -catenin<sup>lox(ex3)</sup> gain-of-function and the *BmpRIA*<sup>lox</sup> loss-of-function allele were crossed with *K14-Cre* mice that were homozygous for the *Bmpr1a*<sup>lox</sup> allele (a breeding scheme is shown in Supplementary Fig. 1F). Animal experiments were performed according to the EU and national institutional regulations.

#### *Immunodetection and other stainings*

Immunohistochemistry, immunofluorescence and H&E staining were performed on frozen or formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissue sections as described (Huelsen et al, 2001). Human tumor samples were obtained from the Institute of Pathology, Charité-UKBF Berlin, Germany, and from the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, University Hospital Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany (for patient data see Supplementary Table 1). Immunoblotting of Westerns was performed using standard protocols: cells were lysed in HNTG buffer (20 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 1% (w/v) Triton X-10, 10% (w/v) glycerol). Histone extraction was performed according to the technical instructions from Abcam. Protein lysates were subjected to SDS-PAGE and transferred to PVDF membranes. Membranes were incubated with specific antibodies, and Western blots were developed using the chemiluminescence method (PerkinElmer). The following primary antibodies were used for immunodetection: mouse-anti  $\beta$ -catenin (from BD Transduction Laboratories), rabbit-anti phospho-Smad1/5/8, rabbit-anti cleaved caspase-3, mouse-anti CD44, rabbit-anti Axin2, rabbit-anti tri-methyl histone H3 (Lys4) (Cell Signaling), mouse-anti CK10 and rabbit-anti CK14 (Covance), Phycoerythrin (PE)-conjugated rat-anti CD24 (BD Pharmingen), biotinylated goat-anti CD29 (R&D Systems), rabbit-anti phospho-histone H3 (Upstate), rabbit-anti tri-methyl histone H3 (Lys9; Abcam), rabbit-anti tri-

methyl histone H3 (Lys27) (Millipore), rabbit-anti MLL1 (Bethyl), rabbit-anti Lamin (Santa Cruz) and mouse-anti  $\alpha$ -Tubulin (Sigma).

#### *Quantitative real-time PCR and microarray profiling*

Isolation of total RNA, cDNA synthesis and qRT PCR were performed using standard protocols: briefly, total RNA of tissue samples was isolated using Trizol (Invitrogen), and 5  $\mu$ g total RNA was reverse-transcribed using MMLV reverse transcriptase (Promega) according to the instructions by the manufacturers. qRT PCR was performed using the iCycler IQTM 5 multicolor real-time detection system (Bio-Rad) with absolute SYBR green fluorescein (ABgene). PCR was carried out following a standard protocol: primer sequences used for qRT PCR can be found in Supplemental Table 5. Microarray profiling was performed using GeneChip Mouse Genome 430 2.0 arrays (Affymetrix), following the protocol of the manufacturer. Profiling experiments are from salivary gland tissues of three mice in each group for the analysis at P1 and for the analysis of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> stem cells at P90 (each n=3). Processing and statistical analysis of microarray data was performed using Genespring software.

#### *Bioinformatics and gene set enrichment analysis of gene expression data and mouse survival statistics*

Analysis of Affymetrix array data conformed to MIAME structure (<http://www.mged.org>). Log of ratio normalized expression data were analyzed using a cross-gene error model and normalized according to the manufacture protocol (GeneSpring software, Agilent). Assessment of differential expression was based on the highest achieved fold change and the lowest achieved p-value (Welch's t-test) and

1-way-ANOVA with p-value cutoff of 0.05. No assumption of equality of variance was made, and Benjamini and Hochberg false discovery rates were used. A cut-off of 1.5-fold or greater expression difference was set to compare samples. Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) was performed following the authors guidelines (Subramanian et al, 2005). We made use of gene sets representing biological pathways or gene ontology categories for biological processes, molecular functions, and cellular compartments (<http://www.broadinstitute.org/gsea/msigdb/>). Each gene set was converted from human to mouse using the orthology mapping from The Jackson Laboratory (<http://bioinf.wehi.edu.au/software/MSigDB>). Kaplan-Meier survival curves of mice were calculated using SPSS 12.0 software (SPSS, Chicago), and differences in survival were assessed by the log rank test. Survival analysis curves are representative of at least 21 mice for each genotype.

#### *Cell preparation and FACS analysis*

Salivary glands and primary tumor samples were collected, minced, and incubated for 90 min at 37°C with digestion buffer containing DMEM/F12 1:1 (Invitrogen), 1.67 mg/ml collagenase (Invitrogen) and 1.33 mg/ml hyaluronidase (Sigma). The partly digested tissues were further treated for 60 minutes at 37°C with dispersion buffer containing DMEM/F12 (Invitrogen) and 1.67 mg/ml dispase (Invitrogen). Cell suspensions were passed through a stainless filter (70 µm) and centrifuged at 900g for 5 minutes at 4°C. Pellets were suspended in 10 ml Dulbecco's modified Eagle/F12 1:1 medium and washed three times with PBS containing 10% fetal bovine serum (Invitrogen). After lysis of red blood cells in ice-cold 0.8% NH<sub>4</sub>Cl (PBS), cells were washed three times with staining buffer (1% FBS/PBS) and incubated for 20 minutes with Fc receptor antibody (anti-mouse CD16/CD32; BD Pharmingen). Cells were

washed three times with staining buffer and incubated with surface antigen antibodies for 45 minutes at 4°C. Primary antibodies were Phycoerythrin (PE)-conjugated rat-anti CD24 (BD Pharmingen), biotinylated goat-anti CD29 (R&D Systems), Allophycocyanin (APC) conjugated CD29 (R&D Systems), mouse-anti CD44 (Cell Signaling), and mouse-anti SSEA-1 antibody (R&D Systems). Samples were washed and incubated for 30 minutes at 4°C with secondary antibody, streptavidin-APC (Invitrogen) or Cy5 (BD Pharmingen). Cells were sorted using FACS Aria (BD Biosciences), and surface antigens of cells were analyzed using a FACS caliber (BD Biosciences). Data were analyzed using CELLQuest (BD Biosciences). Apoptotic cells were excluded by elimination of Dapi-positive cells. Gates were set to exclude 99.9% of cells labelled with isoform-matched control antibodies conjugated with the corresponding fluorochromes. Cytocentrifuge preparations were fixed in 4% formaldehyde and stained.

#### *Xenograft and regeneration experiments*

CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup>-sorted and unsorted cells were transplanted at different dilutions subcutaneously into the back skin of NOD/SCID mice. Inhibition by ICG-001 in the NOD/SCID mouse xenograft model was investigated (each group n=3) as described (Emami et al, 2004).

#### *Cell culture*

Mouse cells were cultured in DMEM/F12 medium supplemented with 20% KSR, nonessential minimal amino acids, penicillin/streptomycin, L-glutamine and  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol (Invitrogen). Human head and neck carcinoma cell lines HNSCCUM-02T and HNSCCUM-03T were cultured as described (Welkoborsky et

al, 2003). Cell proliferation was determined using the WST-1 cell proliferation assay (Roche) according to the instructions of the manufacturers. To test for non-adherent spheroid formation, cells were cultivated in a three-dimensional Matrigel (Invitrogen) layer for 24 hours with culture medium and HGF at a concentration of 100 U/ml. Recombinant HGF was prepared as described (Brinkmann et al, 1995). After 24 hours, cells were treated with ICG-001 (Emami et al, 2004), Valproic acid (Enzo Life Sciences), 5-azacytidine (Sigma-Aldrich) or CHIR 99021 (Axon Medchem). For siRNA treatments, 30 pmol of various small interfering RNA (siRNA) (Dharmacon) were transfected by Lipofectamin (Invitrogen) according to the manufacturer's protocol. Cells were used for further experiments 48 hours after transfection. All siRNA oligonucleotides were purchased from Dharmacon and used as pools of four specific oligos (SMARTpool). RNAi oligonucleotide sequences are provided in Supplemental Table 6.

#### *Time course experiment*

Salivary gland tumor propagating cells were plated at day 0. Starting from day 1, 25  $\mu$ M of ICG-001 was added into culture medium at different time points allowing cells at different time points to be collected together and subjected to RT-PCR and Western blot analysis. Cells at 0, 6, 12 and 24 h were incubated with equivalent concentration of compound vehicle (DMSO, 1:1000) before treated with ICG-001 to exclude the impact of vehicle on the cells.

#### *Chromatin-immunoprecipitation (ChIP)*

$10^6$  cells were lysed and nuclear extracts prepared. These were incubated with 5  $\mu$ g of antibody (rabbit-anti tri-methyl histone H3 [Lys4; Cell Signaling] and 20  $\mu$ l Protein A

Sepharose beads (Invitrogen) in 500 µl PBS, 5 mg/ml BSA over night at 4°C. The beads were re-suspended in 100 µl PBS and 5 mg BSA per ml chromatin, and the chromatin was incubated at 4°C on a rotating wheel. The beads were washed successively with 1 ml sonication buffer (50 mM Hepes pH 7.9, 140 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% Triton X-100, 0.1% Na-deoxycholate, 0.1% SDS, 0.25 mM PMSF and protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche), with 1 ml high salt buffer (same as sonication buffer except 500 mM NaCl) and with 1 ml LiCl wash buffer (20 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 250 mM LiCl, 0.5% NP-40, 0.5% Na-deoxycholate, 0.25 mM PMSF, protease inhibitor cocktail. All washing steps were repeated twice and performed on a rotating wheel at 4°C. The chromatin was eluted with 50 mM Tris, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 1% SDS, 50 mM NaHCO<sub>3</sub> at 65°C for 30 min. Primer sequences used for qRT PCR of CHIP samples are provided in Supplemental Table 7.

*Ultrastructural analysis of cells by electron microscopy.* Cells were fixed with 4% formaldehyde, post-fixed with 1% OsO<sub>4</sub> for 45 min and contrasted with tannic acid and uranyl acetate. Specimens were dehydrated in a graduated ethanol series and embedded in PolyBed (Polysciences Europe GmbH). After polymerization, blocks were cut at 60–80 nm, contrasted with lead citrate and analyzed in a LEO 906E TEM (Zeiss SMT) equipped with a Morada camera (SIS).

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## Figure Legends

**Figure 1.** *High Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and low Bmp signaling characterize head and neck squamous cell carcinoma of humans and mice.* **(A)** Serial sections of human salivary gland SCC, as analyzed by immunohistochemistry for  $\beta$ -catenin and pSmad1/5/8 or by H&E-staining; at tumor fronts,  $\beta$ -catenin is located in nuclei (black arrows) and at cell junctions in differentiated, central tumor areas (inset), whereas phospho-Smad1/5/8 staining is low (inset shows nuclear pSmad1/5/8 staining in tubular cells from a differentiated, central area of the same tumor, see arrow). **(A\*)** Immunofluorescence for CD24 (in red) and  $\beta$ -catenin (in green, DAPI in blue); CD24 co-localizes with nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin. st, stroma; tu, tumor. **(B)** Upper graphs: the specific combination of nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin and negative pSmad 1/5/8 was detected in 75% of aggressive, grade 3 human salivary gland SCC (SG-SCC) and in 63% of grade 3 head and neck SCC (HN-SCC). **(C)** Sections of human HN-SCC, as analyzed by immunofluorescence for the stem cell markers CD24 and CD44 (in red) and  $\beta$ -catenin (in green, DAPI in blue). CD24 and CD44 co-localize with nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin in head and neck SCC (quantitation is in B, lower graph, and in C, right panel, in yellow letters for grade 2 and grade 3 tumors: the number of double positive cells for nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin and CD24 was up-regulated in grade 3 SG-SCC and HN-SCC; percentages refer to all tumor cells). The bars give means and standard deviations (\* $p < 0.05$ , Student's t-test). P values are as compared with grade 2 tumors. **(D)** Side view of control (wt) and K14Cre; $\beta$ -cat<sup>GOF</sup>:Bmpr1a<sup>LOF</sup> double mutant mice at P90 (arrow marks a salivary gland tumor). **(E)** Kaplan Meier survival plot of double mutant tumor mice, compared to control and single mutant mice without tumors (each group n=21). Bar, 200  $\mu$ m in A and 50  $\mu$ m in A\*,C.

**Figure 2.** *Wnt/β-catenin and Bmp signaling control tumor propagating cells in salivary glands of mice.* **(A)** FACS analysis of control (wt) and mutant salivary gland cells. High CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> expressing cells are marked by squares (insets), and quantification is shown above the squares (details on isotype control staining are shown in Supplementary Fig. 3). **(B)** Sections of control and mutant salivary glands stained by immunofluorescence for CD24 (in red, DAPI in blue). **(C,D)** Identification of proliferating cells within the CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland cell populations of all genotypes by immunofluorescence of cytopins for Ki67 (in red, DAPI in blue). Staining of double mutant cells is shown in C, quantification for all genotypes is shown in D (n=3). The bars give means and standard deviations (\*p < 0.05, Student's t-test). P values are as compared with wildtype cells. Bar, 25 μm. **(E)** Quantification of proliferation in salivary gland cells of control and mutant mice, as determined by immunofluorescence for Ki67 (n=3). The bars give means and standard deviations (\*p < 0.05, Student's t-test). P values are as compared with wildtype cells. **(F)** Tumor outgrowths produced from subcutaneous injections of different cell numbers of unsorted or sorted CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from β-cat<sup>GOF</sup>;Bmpr1a<sup>LOF</sup> double mutant glands into the back skin of NOD/SCID mice (each group n=3, details on serial transplantations are provided in Supplementary Fig. 4F,G). **(G)** Tumor formation capacity of other sorted subpopulations of cells of β-cat<sup>GOF</sup>;Bmpr1a<sup>LOF</sup> double mutant glands (each group n=3). Single CD24<sup>+</sup> or CD29<sup>+</sup> or CD24<sup>-</sup>/CD29<sup>-</sup> cells did not produce tumors.

**Figure 3.** *Salivary gland tumor propagating cells of double mutant mice are characterized by stem cell-associated gene expression and specific chromatin marks.* **(A)** FAC-sorted CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland tumor propagating cells were further sorted for



CD24 and SSEA-1 expression (high or low expressing cells are gated, insets). **(B)** Immunofluorescence of triple-sorted SSEA-1<sup>+</sup> and SSEA-1<sup>-</sup> cells for nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin (in red, DAPI in blue). **(C)** qRT-PCR of highly expressed genes in sorted CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells at P75-80, which were identified by Affymetrix microarray analysis (details shown in Supplementary Fig. 5B,C and Table S4), and down-regulation following treatment with the Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin inhibitor ICG-001 or  $\beta$ -catenin siRNA (n=4). **(D)** Analysis of histone trimethylation patterns by immunofluorescence for H3K4me3 and H3K27me3 of cytopins of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland cells (in red, DAPI in blue, quantification is shown in E). **(E)** Histone trimethylation revealed a profound switch of chromatin marks in the double mutant tumor propagating cells. Immunofluorescence for H3K9me3 is shown in Supplementary Fig. 5D. **(F)** H3K4me3 (in red, DAPI in blue) is suppressed in tumor propagating cells upon treatment with ICG-001 at 25 $\mu$ M (for quantification of H3K9me3 and H3K27me3 after ICG-001 see E). The vertical bars give means and standard deviations (\*p < 0.05, Student's t-test). P values are as compared with controls (C,F). Bars of magnifications in B, D and F; 25  $\mu$ m.

**Figure 4.** *Salivary gland tumor propagating cells grow in non-adherent spheres (salispheres) and respond to Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and HDAC and DNA methylation inhibitors.* **(A)** Proliferation of tumor propagating cells and treatment with the Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin inhibitor ICG-001, at 25 $\mu$ M in 1% DMSO (n=3). **(B)** Tumor growth of transplanted tumor propagating cells in NOD/SCID mice, and inhibition after intraperitoneal administration of ICG-001 at 200 mg/kg (n=5). Red triangles indicate ICG-001 administration. **(C, left panel)** Phase contrast images of undifferentiated salispheres in Matrigel cultures containing HGF, or differentiated cultures following

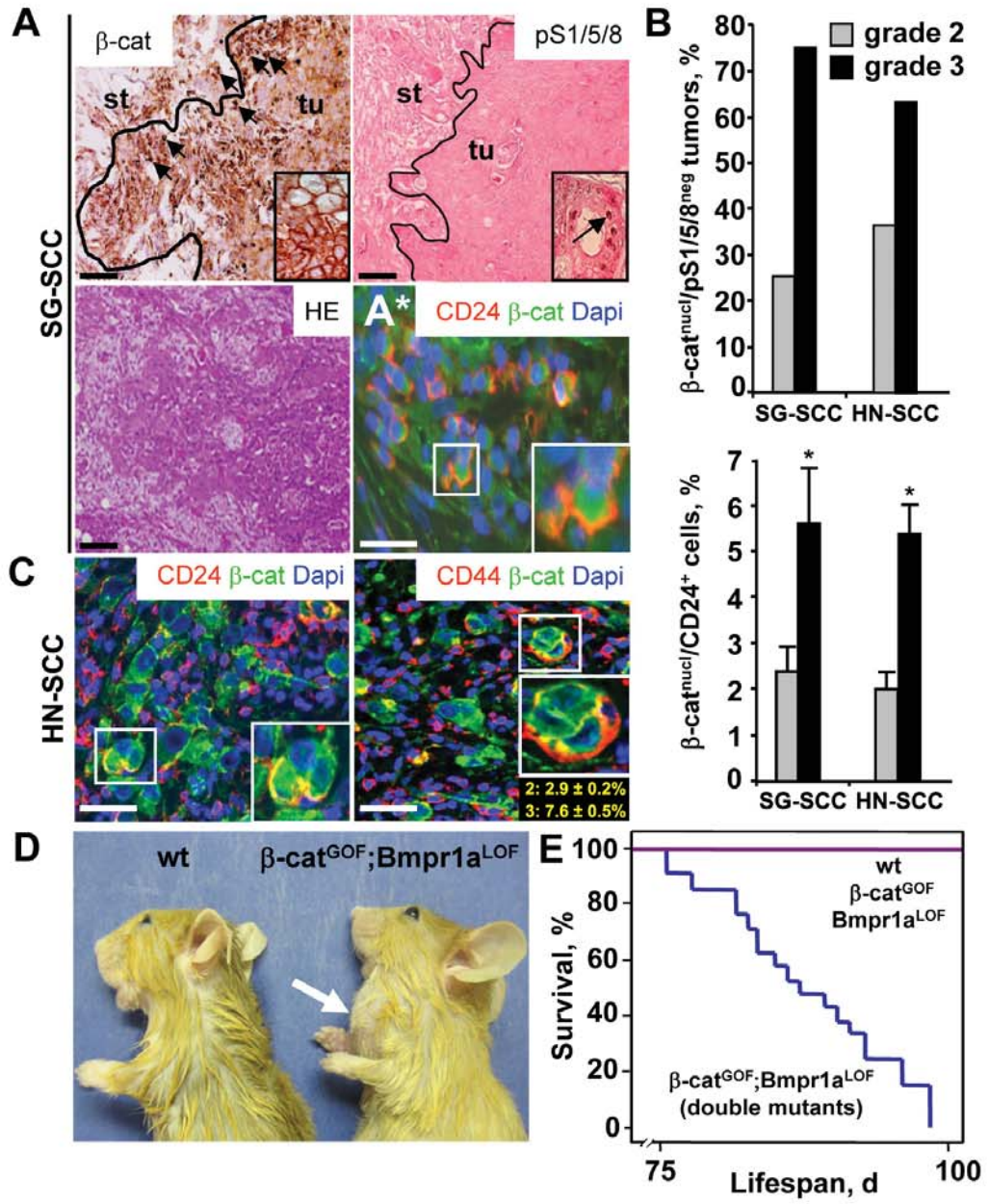
additional treatment with ICG-001. **(C, right panel)** Reversion of differentiation of sphere cultures in the presence of additional valproic acid (VPA) or 5-azacytidine (Aza) (controls are shown in Supplementary Fig. 6H). **(D)** Phalloidin staining (in green; DAPI in blue) of salispheres (left) and differentiated, gland-like structures after 72 hrs treatment with ICG-001 (right). **(E)** Quantifications of differentiation of spheres from (C) at 72 hrs. In A, B and E, means and standard deviations are shown (\* $p < 0.05$ , Student's t-test for A,B; ANOVA for E). P values are as compared with control cells or with cells that received combined treatment. Bar in C and D; 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Figure 5.** *Chromatin immunoprecipitation of promoters of chromatin-modifying or Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin target genes. ICG-001-induced downregulation of H3K4me3 precedes changes in gene expression in mouse tumor propagating cells and human HN-SCC tumor cells. (A,B) H3K4me3 enrichment at the promoters of *Mll*, *Hells*, *Ash2*, *Myc*, and *GAPDH* or *actin* genes assessed by chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) of mouse  $\beta\text{-cat}^{\text{GOF}}$ ;  $\text{Bmpr1a}^{\text{LOF}}$  tumor propagating cells and human head and neck tumor cells (HNSCCUM-03T) upon ICG-001 treatment (n=3, I+IV: amplicons from promoter-far regions; II+III: amplicons from promoter-near regions). (C) Western blot analysis of H3K4me3 in a time course experiment of ICG-001-treated mouse  $\beta\text{-cat}^{\text{GOF}}$ ;  $\text{Bmpr1a}^{\text{LOF}}$  tumor propagating cells. Protein ratios depict H3K4me3 signal intensities, normalized to H3, which served as loading control. (D) qRT-PCR analysis of samples from the time course experiment depicted in C. Expression changes in the differentiation-associated gene *Amy1* or *Mll*, *Hells*, *Ash2* and *Myc* (genes analyzed by ChIP in A) were quantified (n=3). In A,B,D, means and standard deviations are shown (\* $p < 0.05$ , Student's t-test). P values are as compared with control cells.*

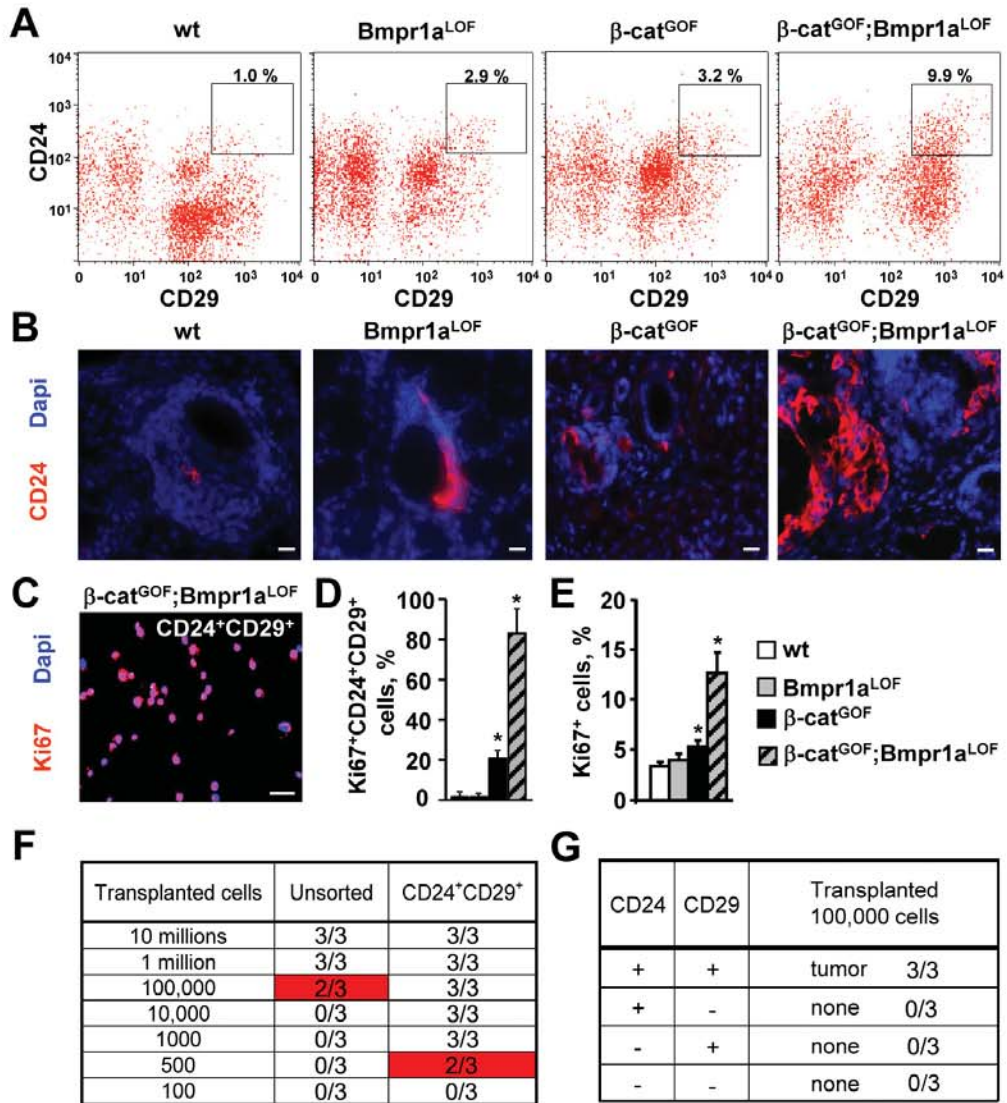
**Figure 6.** *Wnt/β-catenin signaling exploits a MLL-dependent H3K4 activity to establish and maintain salivary gland tumor propagating cells. Co-expression of nuclear β-catenin and nuclear MLL is associated in human salivary gland SCC. (A)* Western blot analysis of β-catenin in cytoplasmic and nuclear fractions from untreated (w/o), CHIR- or ICG-001-treated CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland tumor propagating cells. **(B)** Western blot analysis of MLL in nuclear fractions of untreated (Ctr), CHIR- or ICG-001-treated tumor propagating cells. α-Tubulin and Lamin in A, B are the cytoplasmic or nuclear loading controls, respectively. Protein ratios in A, B depict β-catenin or MLL signal intensities, normalized to the corresponding loading controls. **(C)** Analysis of histone trimethylation pattern and proliferation by immunofluorescence for H3K4me3 (in red) and Ki67 (in green, DAPI in blue), using cytopins of tumor propagating cells upon siRNA-induced knockdown of *Mll*, *β-catenin*, *CBP* and *Ash1*, or treatment with the Wnt/β-catenin inhibitor ICG-001 at 25μM in 1% DMSO (n=3). Quantifications are shown on the right (siCtr, control siRNA). **(D)** Proliferation of tumor propagating cells upon siRNA-induced knockdown of *Dppa5a*, *Mll* and *β-catenin*, or treatment with ICG-001 (n=3). **(E)** Quantifications of differentiation of tumor propagating cells in 3D-Matrigel cultures upon siRNA-induced knockdown of *β-catenin*, *Mll* and *Ash1*, or treatment with ICG-001 (n=4). **(F)** Immunofluorescence analysis for β-catenin (green) and MLL (red, DAPI in blue) of human salivary gland SCC (n=13). Two representative tumors are shown to distinguish high β-catenin<sup>nucl</sup>/MLL<sup>nucl</sup> from low β-catenin<sup>nucl</sup>/MLL<sup>nucl</sup> tumors. White arrows highlight cells co-expressing nuclear β-catenin and nuclear MLL. **(G)** Nuclear β-catenin correlates with nuclear MLL expression and both markers correlate with grade 3 human salivary gland SCC. β-Catenin and MLL expression was determined by immunofluorescence analysis in 13 SG-SCC.

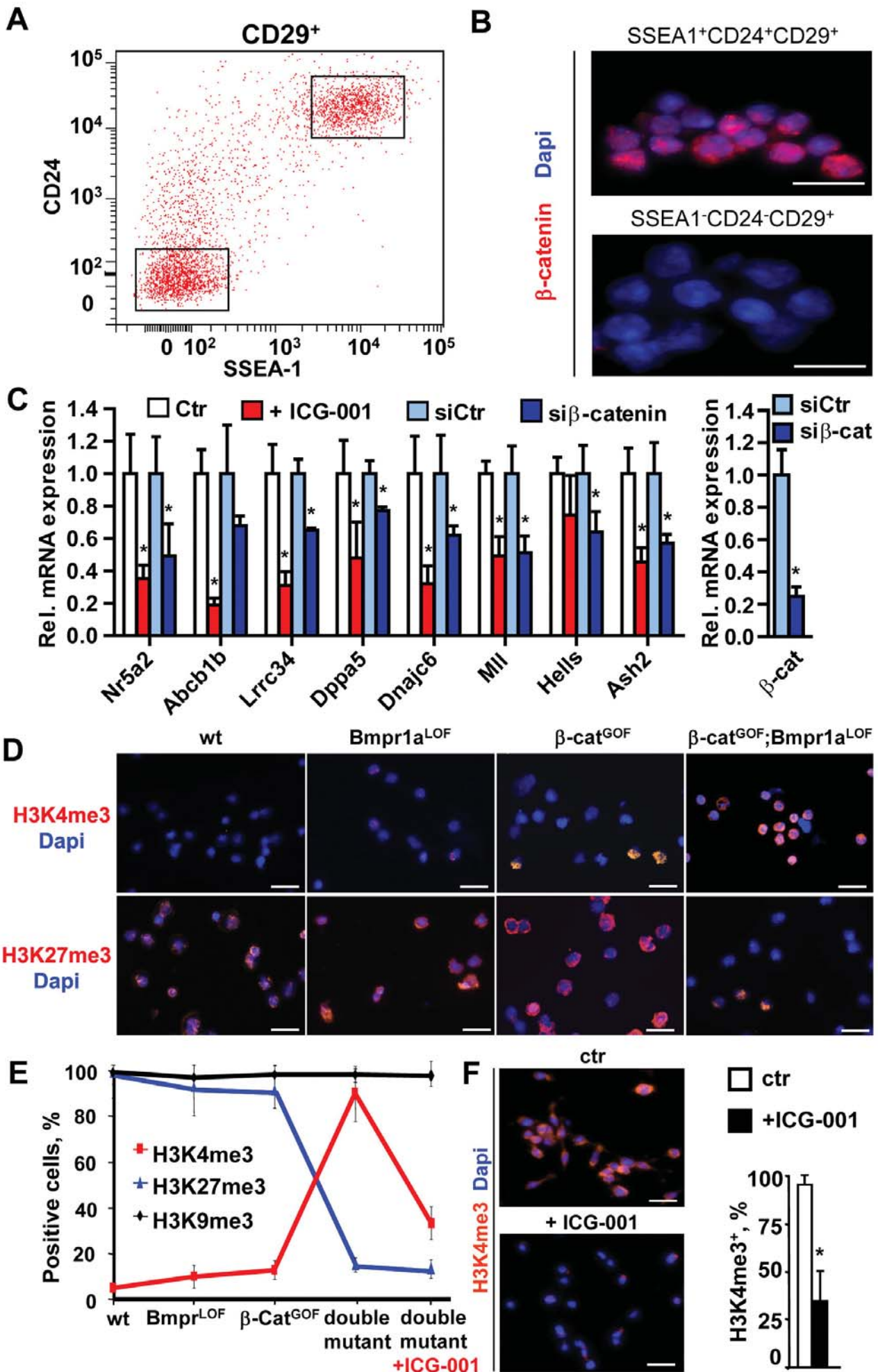
Associations were determined on an ordinal scale and evaluated using Kendall's Tau coefficient. P-values and patient numbers (n) are indicated. For details see Supplementary Fig. 7F,G, Supplementary Table 1 and Materials and Methods. In C-E, means and standard deviations are shown (\*p < 0.05, Student's t-test). P values are as compared with control cells. Bar in C,F; 25  $\mu$ m.

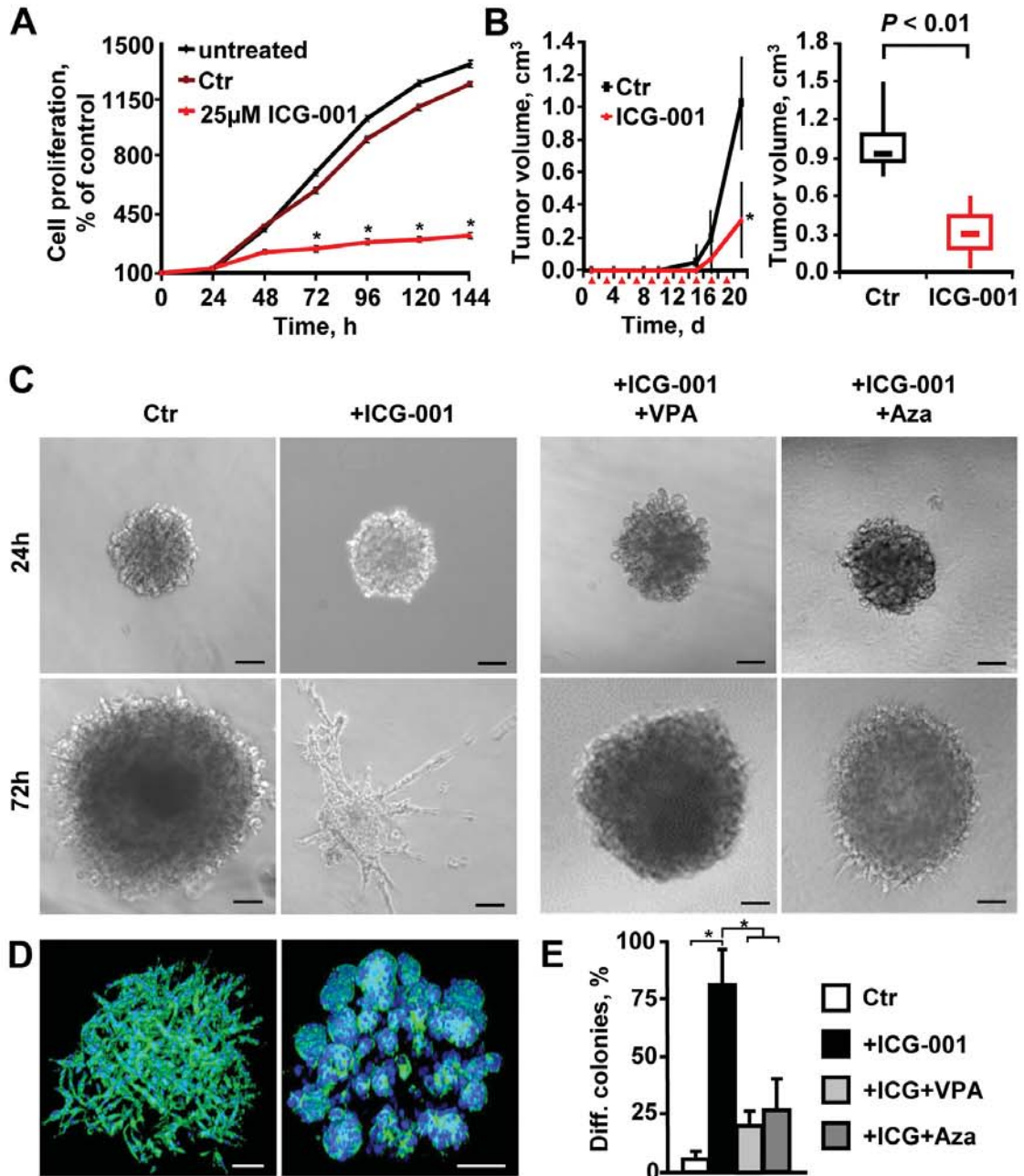
**Figure 7.** *Model of self-renewal and differentiation of tumor propagating cells in salivary gland SCC. (A)* Self-renewal depends on active Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signals, permissive chromatin, and expression of specific target genes, e.g., pluripotency-associated genes. Potential histone methyltransferases (HMT; MLL) and histone acetyltransferases (HAT; CBP) bound to the C-terminus of  $\beta$ -catenin are shown. Genetic ablation of  $\beta$ -catenin or siRNAs against *Mll* inhibits interaction at Wnt-responsive elements (WRE). ICG-001 blocks association of CBP with  $\beta$ -catenin. **(B)** In contrast, differentiated tumor propagating cells exhibit inactive Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signaling, repressive chromatin, and down-regulation of pluripotency-associated genes. Instead of  $\beta$ -catenin and associates, Groucho and DNMT may be bound to the WRE.



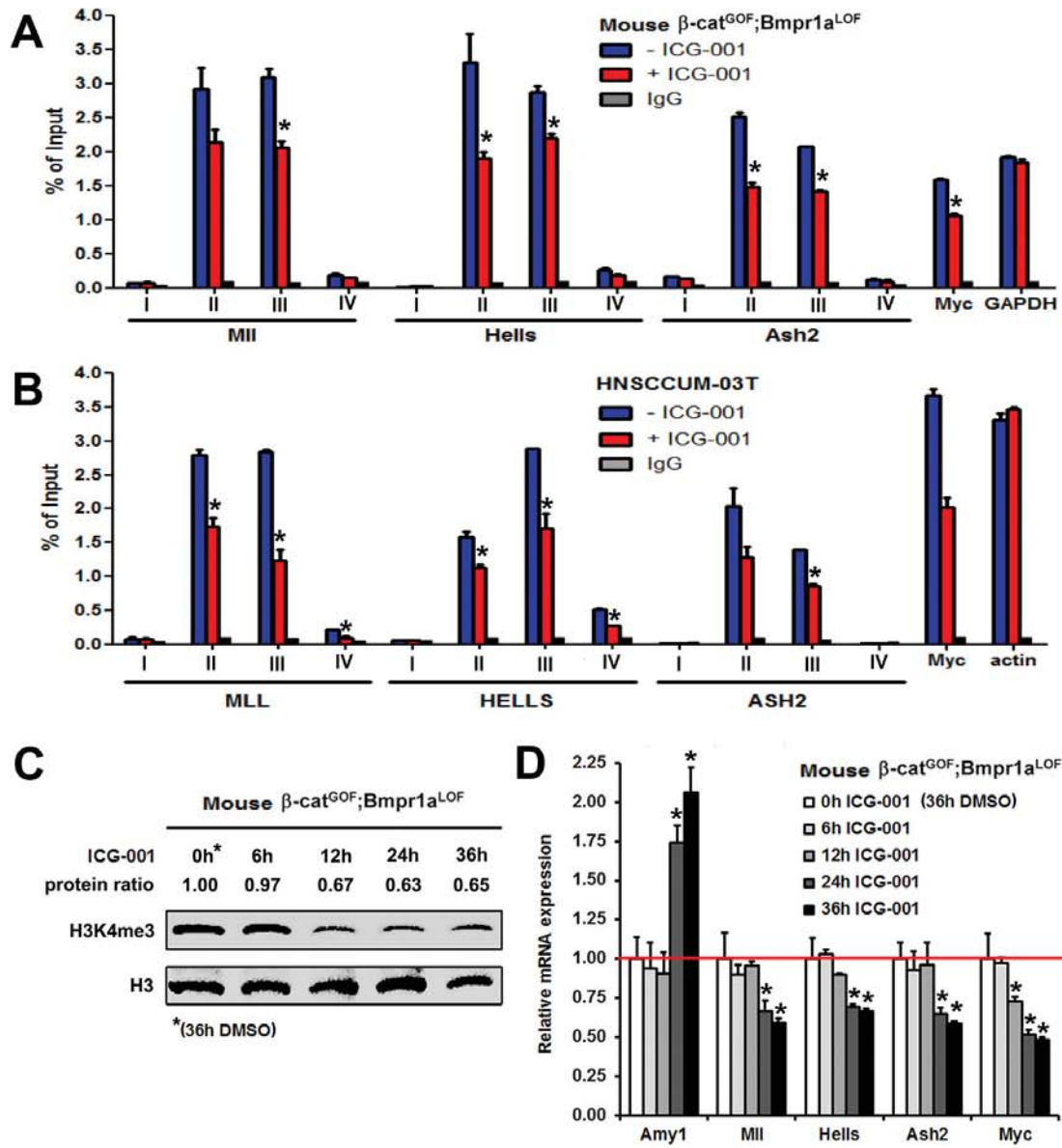
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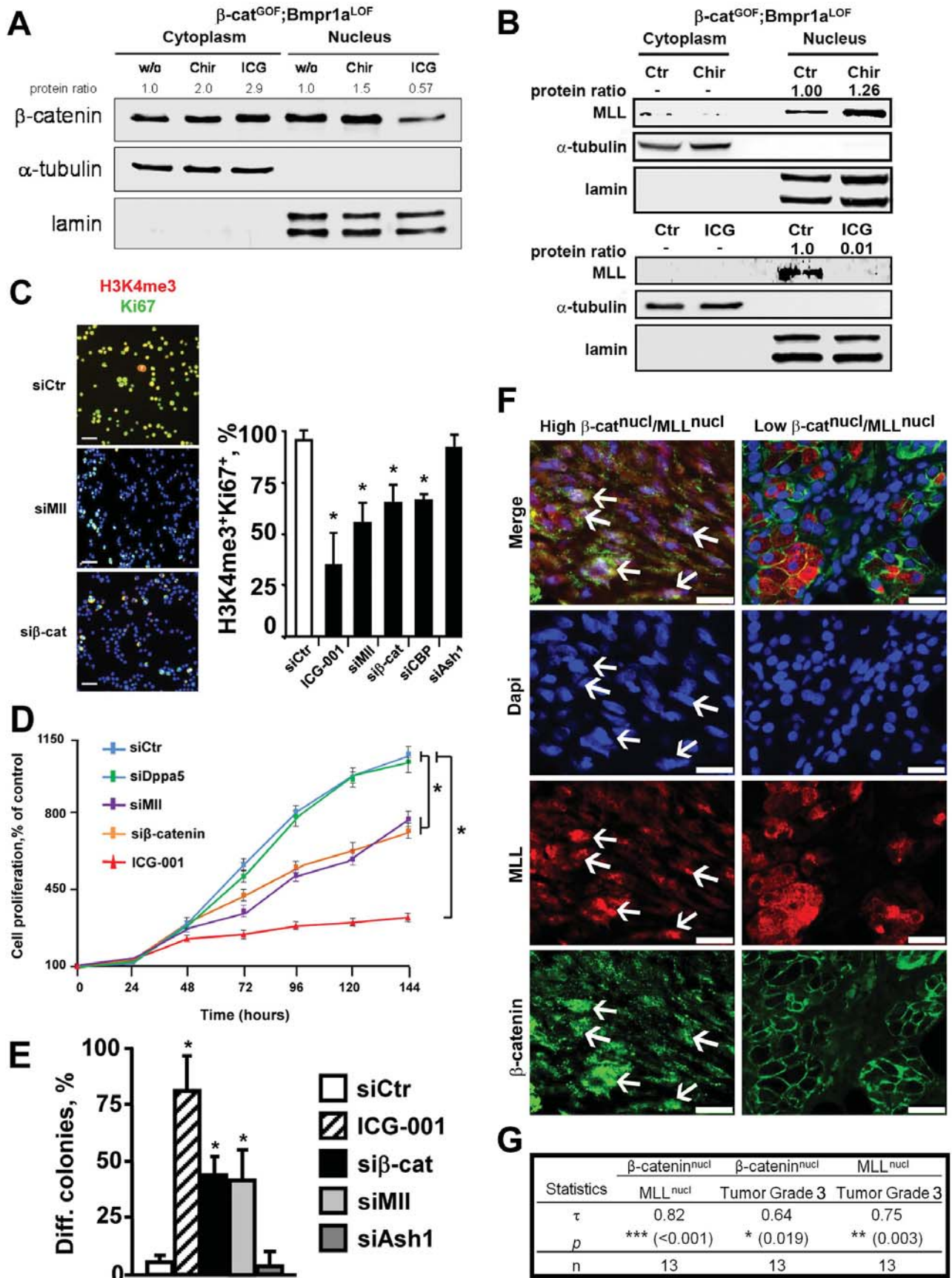














**Supplementary Information**

**“Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signaling induces MLL to create epigenetic changes in salivary gland tumors”**

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## Supplemental Figure Legends

**Figure S1.** *Co-expression of Keratin 10 and nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin in tumor cells at the invasive front of human salivary gland tumors. Anatomy and K14-Cre activity in mouse salivary glands. Scheme of breeding and verification of gene recombination. (A)* Sections of representative human salivary gland tumors (Tu1, Tu2) stained by immunofluorescence for cytokeratin 10 (in red) and  $\beta$ -catenin (in green, DAPI in blue). White dashed lines indicate tumor fronts. White arrow highlight cells co-expressing CK10 and nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin; white stars highlight CK10<sup>negative</sup>/nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin cells. st; stroma, tu; tumor. **(B)** Structure of the salivary gland (AC; acinar cells, MEC; myoepithelial cells, IDC; intercalated duct cells, DC; ductal cells). **(C)** Keratin14-Cre-mediated expression of LacZ can be detected in ductal but not in acinar cells of the mouse salivary gland at P1. **(D,E)** Verification of K14 expression in salivary gland ducts by *in situ* hybridization. **(F)** Breeding scheme for the generation of compound mutant mice. **(G)** K14-Cre-mediated recombination of the BmpR1a and  $\beta$ -catenin genes was evaluated by recombination-specific PCR in wildtype, single mutant and double mutant (tumor) cells. Bars in A; 50  $\mu$ m. Bars in C,D 200  $\mu$ m.

**Figure S2.** *Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin and Bmp signaling in the regulation of proliferation, apoptosis, and differentiation in mouse salivary glands at P90. Phenotypes in other K14-expressing tissues, and cytokeratin 10 expression in transplanted tumors. (A)* Histological analysis of wildtype, single (K14Cre;Bmpr1a<sup>LOF</sup> or K14Cre; $\beta$ -cat<sup>GOF</sup>) and tumorigenic double mutant (K14Cre; $\beta$ -cat<sup>GOF</sup>:Bmpr1a<sup>LOF</sup>) salivary glands as revealed by H&E staining and immunohistochemistry for cytokeratin 10 (marker for squamous cell carcinoma; insets) (Chu and Weiss, 2002). Bars; 250  $\mu$ m. **(B)** Serial sections of double mutant mouse SG-SCC, as analyzed by immunohistochemistry for  $\beta$ -catenin (i) and pSmad1/5/8 (iii) and *in situ* hybridization for the Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin target gene Axin2 (ii). Bars; 100  $\mu$ m. At tumor fronts,  $\beta$ -catenin is located in nuclei and at cell junctions in central differentiated tumor areas (inset);

whereas phospho-Smad1/5/8 staining is low (inset shows nuclear pSmad1/5/8 staining in tubular cells from a differentiated, central area of the same tumor). **(C)** Left: quantification of apoptosis in salivary glands of wildtype and mutant mice, as determined by immunofluorescence for cleaved caspase 3. Middle and right: quantitative real-time PCR for the expression of genes important for proliferation (*c-myc* and *CK6*), apoptosis (*Fas*), and differentiation (*Loricrin*). Means and the standard deviations are shown (n=3, \*p < 0.05, Student's t-test). P values are as compared with wildtype cells. **(D)** Sections of skin, esophagus and forestomach of wildtype and double mutant mice at P90, as analyzed by H&E staining. Bars; 250  $\mu$ m.

**Figure S3.** *Characterization of expression patterns of CD24, CD29 and CD44 in salivary gland cells.* **(A,B)** FACS of wt and mutant salivary gland cells for the expression of CD24 (A) and CD29 (B), as indicated by the open histograms and the corresponding isotype controls (filled histograms). **(C)** Overlay of CD24 and CD29 signal intensities of wt and mutant salivary gland cells, as analyzed by FACS (single staining are shown in A,B). **(D,E)** FACS of CD44 expression in double mutant CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells. Note that CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells weakly express CD44. CT26 cells (a mouse colon carcinoma cell line) served as positive control for high CD44 expression.

**Figure S4.** *Proliferative activity in different subpopulations of double mutant salivary gland tumor cells, growth kinetics and cytokeratin expressions in transplanted tumors, and tumor propagating cells in secondary and tertiary tumor transplants.* **(A)** Freshly isolated tumor cells from double mutant mice were analyzed by FACS for the expression of CD24 and CD29 (profiles shown in black) and the proliferation marker Ki67 (profile indicated in red). **(B)** Quantification of proliferation in different CD24/CD29 subpopulations of double mutant tumor cells (of samples shown in A). Note that proliferation is highest in the high

CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> expressing tumor propagating cell population (P1) and in CD24<sup>low</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells (P4). **(C)** Tumor growth kinetics of transplants generated from different numbers of unsorted or sorted CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland tumor cells after subcutaneous injection in the back skin of NOD/SCID mice (n=3). **(D)** Sections of tumors generated by injection of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells of the salivary gland of double mutant mice into back skin of NOD/SCID mice. Cytokeratin 10 was highly expressed in differentiated but not in dedifferentiated parts of the tumors, as revealed by immunofluorescence analysis (CK10 in red, DAPI nuclei staining in blue). **(E)** Sections of tumors generated by injection of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells of the salivary gland of double mutant mice into back skin of NOD/SCID mice. CK10 and CK14 are co-expressed by the tumor cells as revealed by immunofluorescence analysis (CK10 in red, CK14 in green, DAPI nuclear staining in blue). **(F)** FACS of salivary gland tumor cells from double mutant mice from secondary (2<sup>nd</sup>) and tertiary (3<sup>rd</sup>) transplanted tumors. High CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> expressing cells are marked by squares (insets), and quantification is shown above the squares (details on isotype control staining are shown in Supplementary Fig. 3). **(G)** Tumor outgrowths produced from subcutaneous injections of different cell numbers of unsorted or sorted CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> cells from secondary and tertiary tumors from double mutant glands into the back skin of NOD/SCID mice (each group n=3). Bar in D,E; 100  $\mu$ m.

**Figure S5.** *Salivary gland CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells show increased expression of genes associated with maintenance of pluripotency and exhibit an increase in permissive and a decrease in repressive chromatin marks.* **(A)** Determination of active Bmp signaling by immunofluorescence for phospho-Smad 1/5/8 (in red; DAPI in blue) of cytopins of unsorted and CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> double-mutant mouse salivary gland squamous cell carcinoma cells (SG-SCC). Images from the analysis of two representative SG-SCC are shown. Quantifications are shown in **(B)**. Means and the standard deviations are shown and the P value is depicted (n=3,

Student's t-test). **(C)** qRT-PCR of sorted CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland cells from single mutant and double mutant mice at P80 to validate the salivary gland tumor propagating cell gene signature shown in Fig. 3C, which was identified by Affymetrix microarray analysis (n=3, \*p < 0.05, ANOVA, P values are as indicated by brackets, details shown in Supplementary Fig. 5D and Table S4). **(D)** Gene signature enriched in salivary gland tumor propagating cells of double mutant mice as determined by microarray profiling. Detailed expression is shown in Tables S2 and S4. **(E)** Immunofluorescence analysis for H3K9me3 of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland cells (red, DAPI in blue) from wt, single mutant (*Bmpr1d*<sup>LOF</sup> or *β-cat*<sup>GOF</sup>) and double mutant mice. **(F)** Western blot analyses of tri-methylated H3K4, H3K27 and H3K9 from wt, single and double mutant mice (dm1, dm2) and from transplanted tumors (T1, T2). Histone 3 (H3) served as loading control. **(G)** Section of human salivary gland squamous cell carcinoma (SG-SCC) stained by immunofluorescence for H3K4me3 (in red) and β-catenin (in green, DAPI in blue). H3K4me3 co-localizes with nuclear β-catenin at the tumor fronts (white dotted line). Bars in A,D,F; 50 μm.

**Figure S6.** *The impact of high Wnt/β-catenin and low Bmp signaling on the expression of stem cell markers and self-renewal in human head and neck cancer. Salispheres of mouse tumor propagating cells respond to Wnt/β-catenin, HDAC and DNA methylation inhibitors.*

**(A)** Human head and neck SCC cells (HNSCCUM-03T and HNSCCUM-02T) were analyzed by Western blotting for the expression of Axin2, pSmad1/5/8 and CD44. α-Tubulin served as a loading control. **(B)** Confirmation of the salivary gland tumor propagating cell-gene signature in human head and neck cancer cells, and effects on gene expression following treatment with either the Wnt/β-catenin activator CHIR or with the inhibitor ICG-001, as determined by qRT PCR. **(C)** Quantification of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD44<sup>+</sup> cell populations in 03T and 02T cells treated with ICG-001 or CHIR, as determined by FACS. **(D)** Quantification of sphere formation of 03T and 02T cells treated with ICG-001 or CHIR. **(E)** H&E staining of a



differentiated salisphere; inset shows magnified duct-like structures. **(F)** Differentiated salispheres show lumen formation in electron microscopy. The magnification highlights secretory granules (asterisk) and tight junctions (arrow). **(G)** Induction of *Amylase 1* (*Amy1*) expression in differentiated salispheres, as detected by qRT PCR (n=3). **(H)** Phase-contrast images of salispheres in Matrigel cultures treated with valproic acid (VPA) and 5-azacytidine (Aza). In B,C,D and G, the means and the standard deviations are shown (n=3, \*p < 0.05, Student's t-test). P values are as compared with controls. Bars in E,H; 100  $\mu$ m, in F; 5  $\mu$ m.

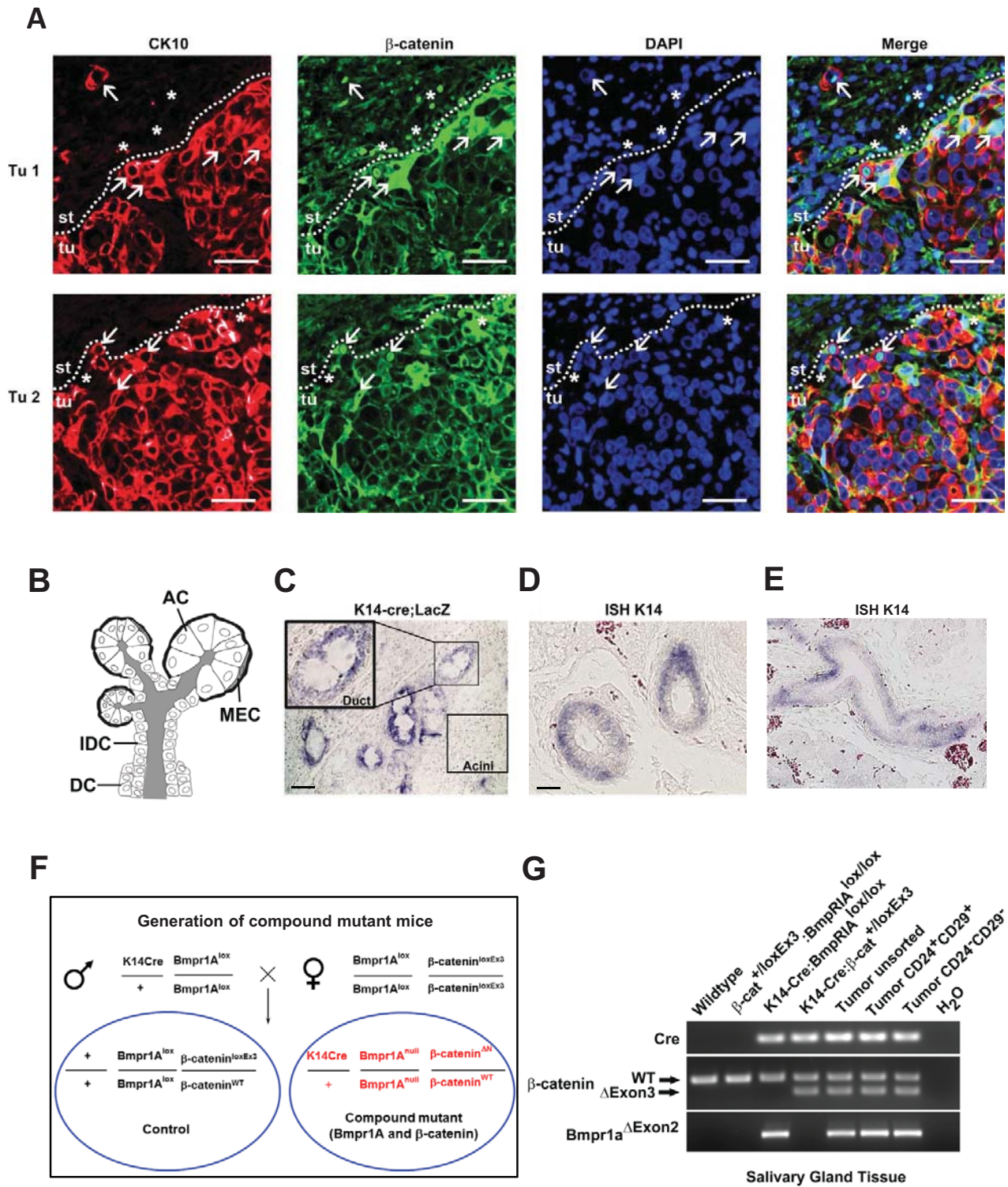
**Figure S7.** *High Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin signals correlate with increased expression of HELLS, NR5A2 and MLL in both salivary gland tumor propagating cells of double-mutant mice and high grade human head and neck tumors.* **(A)** Western blot analyses of HELLS and NR5A2 from salivary gland tumor propagating cells from double mutant mice after treatment with ICG-001. Tubulin served as loading control. **(B)** Human head and neck SCC cells (03T and 02T) were analyzed by immunofluorescence for nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin (in green, DAPI in blue) and changes in  $\beta$ -catenin localization were determined upon treatment with the Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin inhibitor ICG-001 at 25 $\mu$ M. **(C)** Quantification of H3K4me3-positive tumor propagating cells upon siRNA-induced knockdown of *Mll*,  *$\beta$ -catenin*, *CBP* and *Ash1* or treatment with the Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin inhibitor ICG-001 at 25 $\mu$ M, as analyzed by immunofluorescence in Figure 6C. The means and the standard deviations (SD) are specified (n=3). **(D)** siRNA efficacy in double mutant ( *$\beta$ -cat<sup>GOF</sup>;Bmpr1a<sup>LOF</sup>*) salivary gland tumor propagating cells. The effect of transiently transfected siRNA pools was analyzed by qPCR. Results are normalized for  $\beta$ -actin. **(E)** Immunofluorescence analysis for CD24 (in green) and MLL (in red, DAPI in blue) in salivary glands from wt, single mutant (*Bmpr1a<sup>LOF</sup>* or  *$\beta$ -cat<sup>GOF</sup>*) and double mutant mice. High power insets and separate channels are shown. **(F,G)** Associations between nuclear  $\beta$ -catenin, nuclear MLL and the clinical parameter “tumor grade” were measured on an ordinal scale and evaluated using Kendall's Tau (for  $\tau$  and p-values see Figure 6F,G, further details

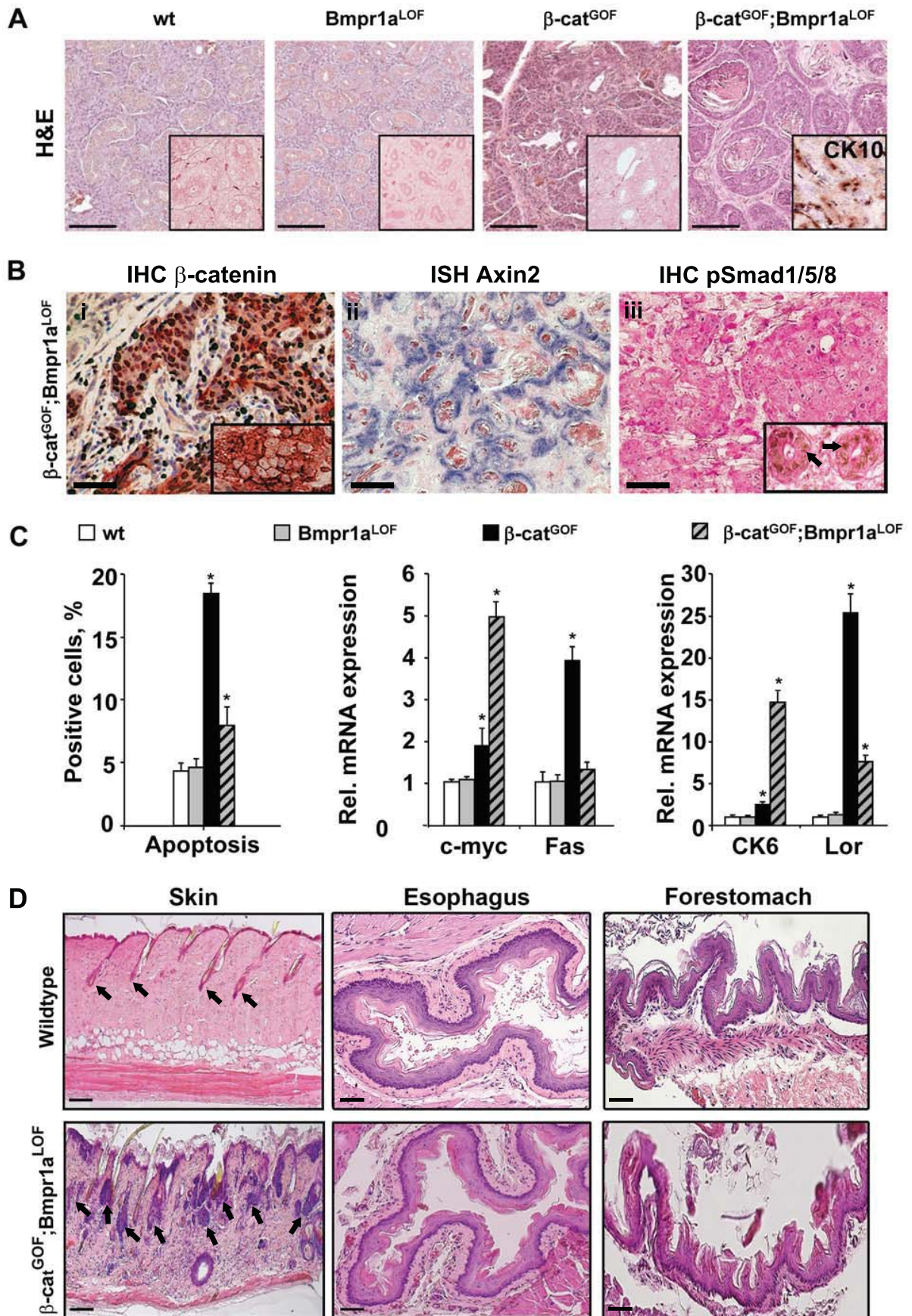
are shown in Supplementary Table 1 and Materials and Methods).  $\beta$ -catenin and MLL expressions were determined by immunofluorescence analysis of human SG-SCC (n=13). **(H)** Quantification of NR5A2 expression in human head and neck cancer revealed increased levels in high grade tumors, as determined by immunohistochemistry (n=29, and data not shown). The bars give the means and standard deviations (\*\*p < 0.001, \*p < 0.05, Student's t-test). P values are as compared with siCtr-transfected cells (D) or grade 2 tumors (H). Bars in B, E; 25  $\mu$ m.

### **Supplemental Reference**

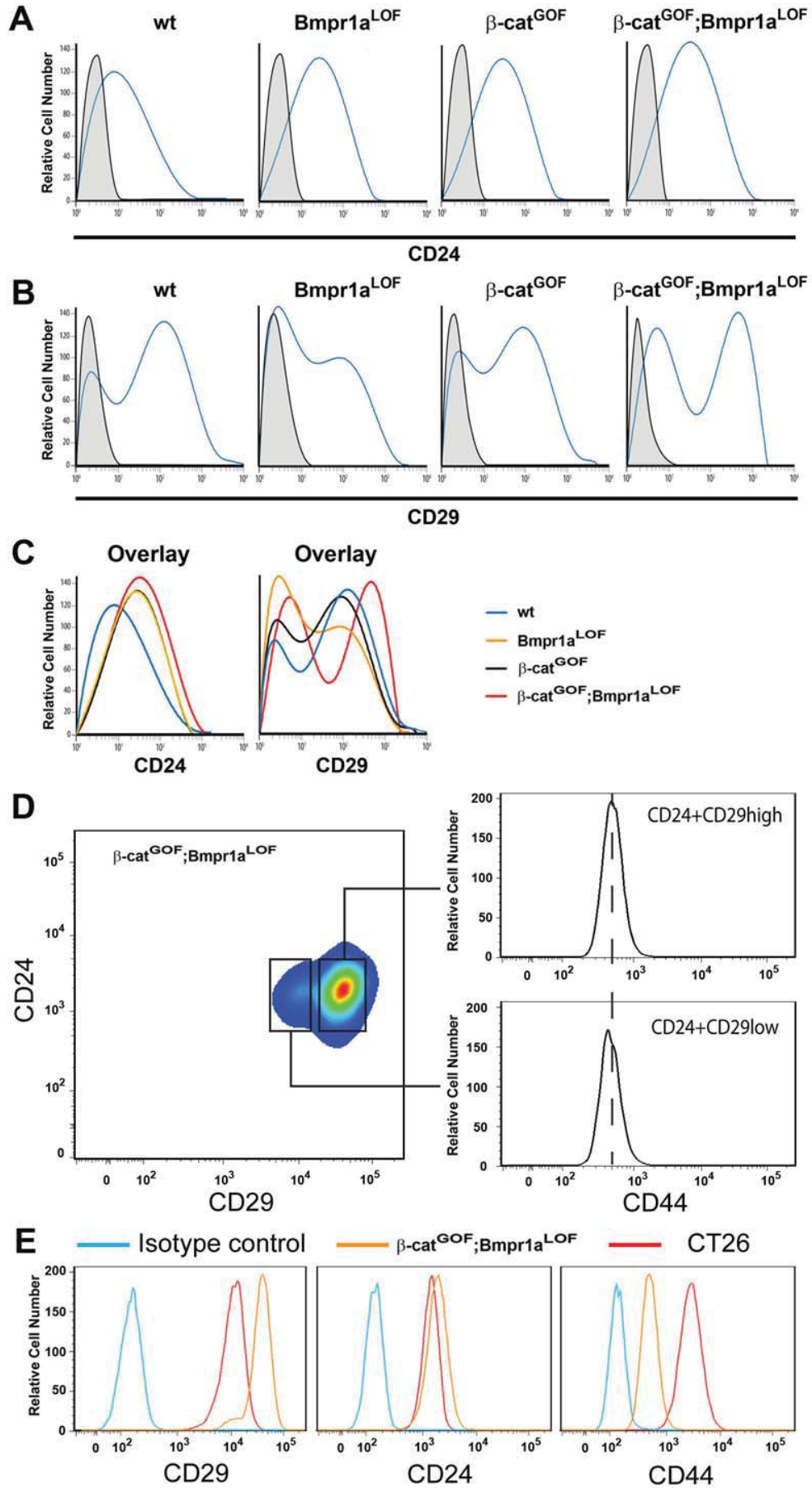
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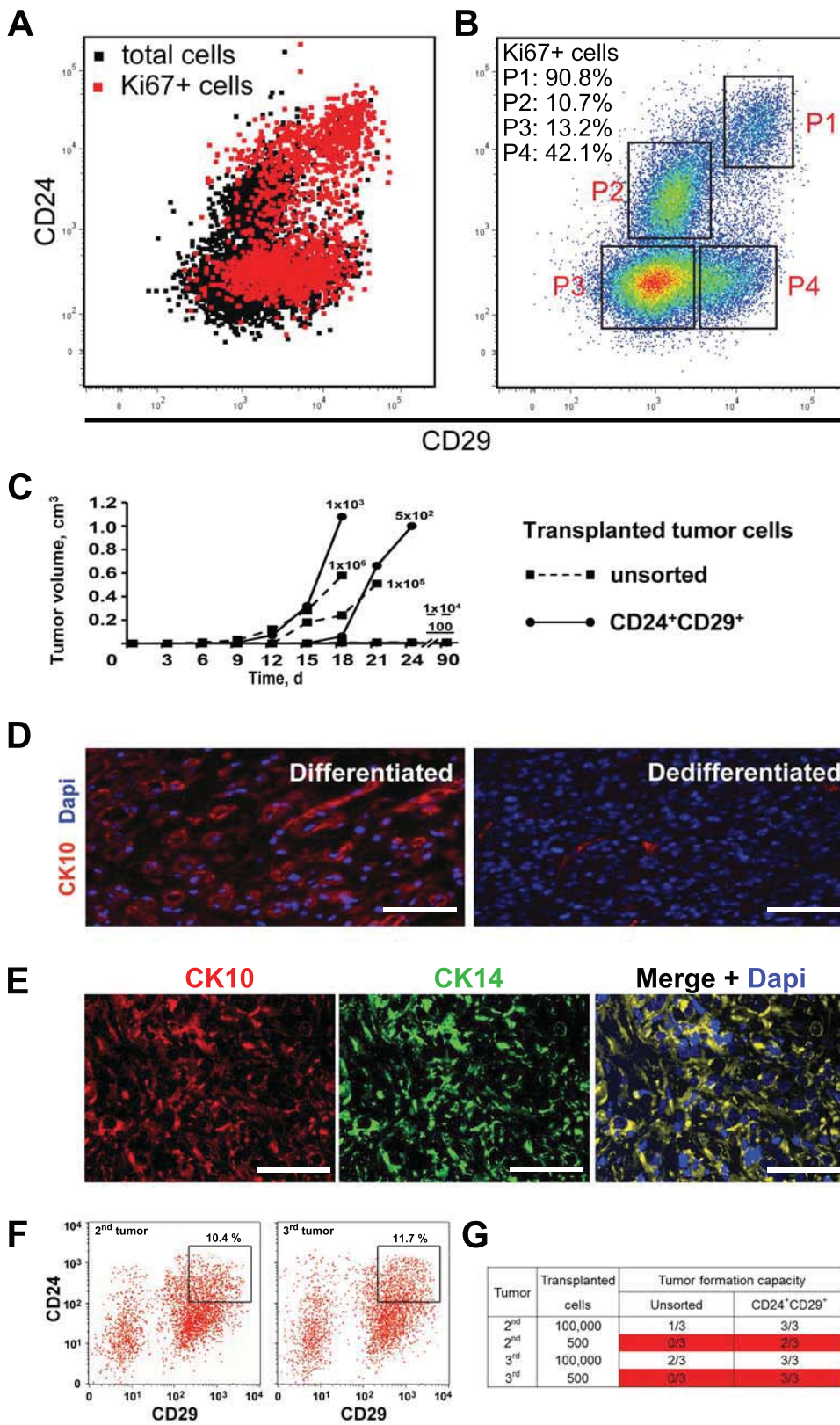




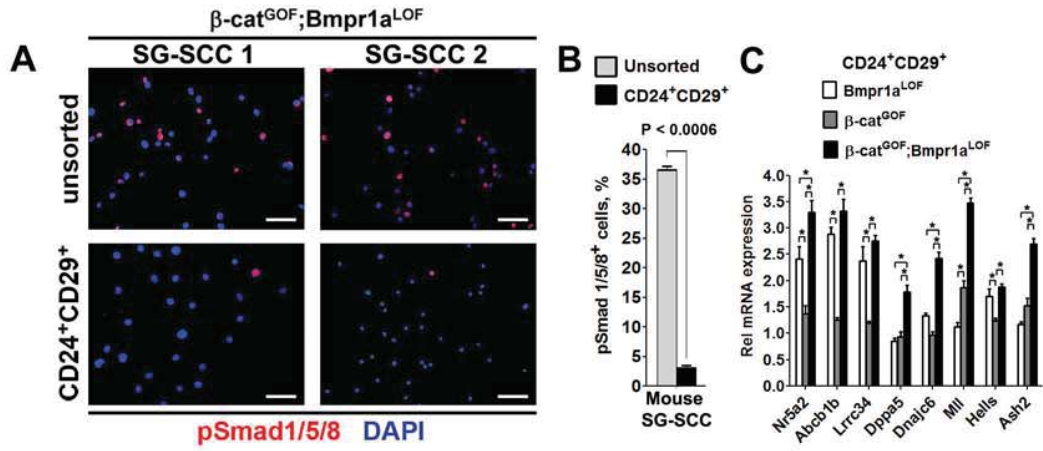
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**D** Affymetrix gene profiling of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland cells at P80. Gene signature of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cells of the salivary gland.

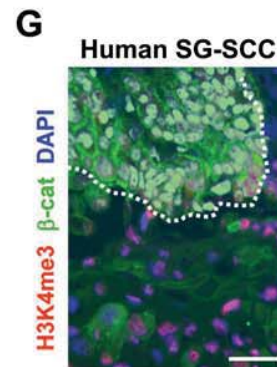
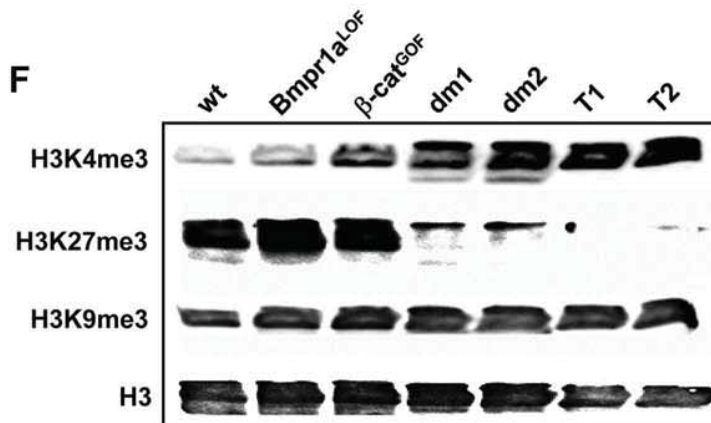
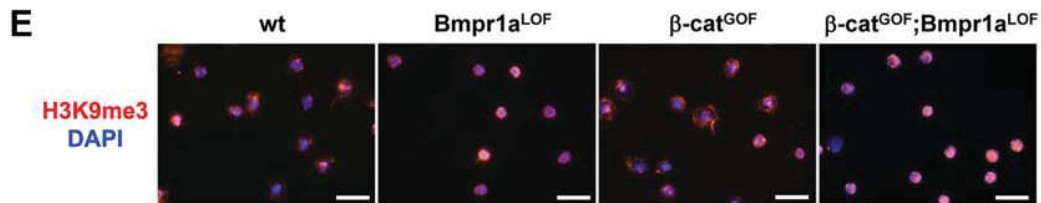
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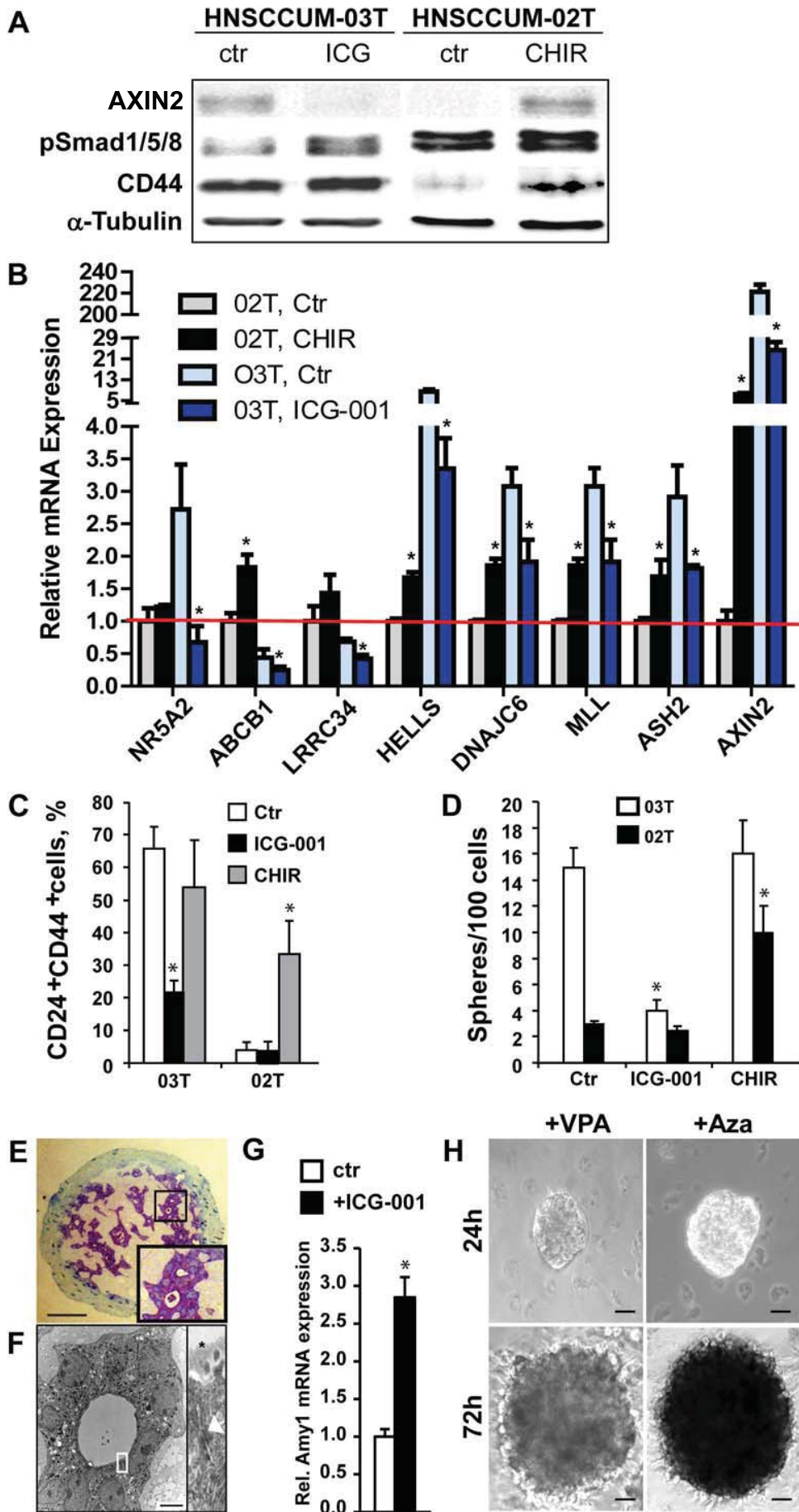
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Lrrc34	1,159	4,60E-04	2,309	1,19E-04
Hells	1,103	1,41E-05	1,515	6,14E-05
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Affymetrix gene profiling of salivary glands at P1.

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Rnf2	1,626	2,80E-05
Ash2	1,626	1,07E-05







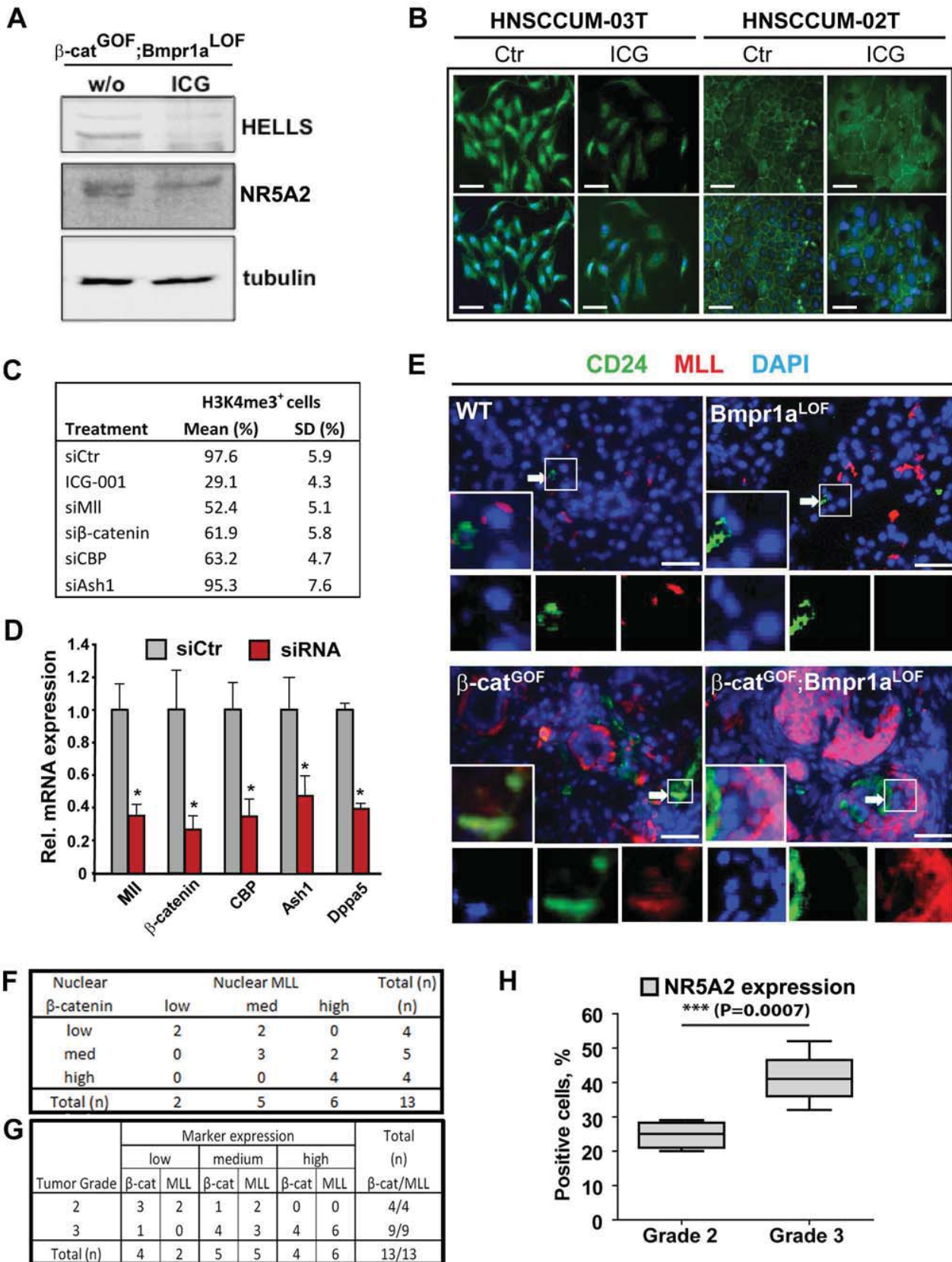


Table S1: Characteristics of human salivary gland and head and neck SCCs.<sup>1</sup>

#	Origin	SG-SCC <sup>2</sup> #	Sex	Age at diagnosis (years)	Site	Grade	IHC $\beta$ -catenin <sup>3</sup>	IHC pS1/5/8 <sup>3</sup>	IHC MLL <sup>3</sup>
1	Ch Berlin <sup>4</sup>	1	M	32	parotid	3	n (n-high)	-	high
2	Ch Berlin	2	M	55	parotid	2	n (n-med)	-	med
3	Ch Berlin	3	F	64	parotid	3	n (n-med)	-	med
4	Ch Berlin	4	F	71	parotid	3	n (n-high)	-	high
5	Ch Berlin	5	F	74	parotid	3	n (n-med)	-	high
6	Ch Berlin	6	M	76	parotid	3	n (n-med)	-	high
7	Ch Berlin	7	F	76	parotid	2	m (n-low)	+	med
8	Ch Berlin	8	F	76	parotid	3	n (n-med)	-	med
9	Ch Berlin	9	M	76	parotid	3	n (n-high)	-	high
10	Ch Berlin	10	F	79	sublingual	3	m (n-low)	+	med
11	Ch Berlin	11	M	80	parotid	3	n (n-high)	-	high
12	Ch Berlin	12	F	83	parotid	2	m (n-low)	+	low
13	Ch Berlin	13	F	94	parotid	2	m (n-low)	+	low
14	UH Düss <sup>5</sup>	14	M	61	parotid	2	n	-	n.d.
15	UH Düss	15	F	74	parotid	2	m	+	n.d.
16	UH Düss	16	M	76	parotid	2	m	+	n.d.
17	UH Düss	17	M	84	parotid	2	m	+	n.d.
18	UH Düss	18	F	90	parotid	3	m	+	n.d.
				$\bar{\text{O}} 73.4$ $\bar{\text{O}}\text{F} 78.1$ $\bar{\text{O}}\text{M} 67.5$					
		HN-SCC <sup>6</sup> #							
19	UH Düss	1	M	47	mandible	2	n	-	n.d.
20	UH Düss	2	M	49	pharynx	2	m	+	n.d.
21	UH Düss	3	F	49	tongue	2	n	-	n.d.
22	UH Düss	4	M	51	tongue	3	n	-	n.d.
23	UH Düss	5	F	52	larynx	3	m	+	n.d.
24	UH Düss	6	M	54	mouth floor	3	n	-	n.d.
25	UH Düss	7	M	57	glottis	2	n	-	n.d.
26	UH Düss	8	M	58	pharynx	1	m	+	n.d.
27	UH Düss	9	M	58	pharynx	2	m	+	n.d.
28	UH Düss	10	M	58	tonsil	2	m	+	n.d.
29	UH Düss	11	M	59	larynx	2	m	+	n.d.
30	UH Düss	12	M	59	larynx	2	n	-	n.d.
31	UH Düss	13	M	60	pharynx	2	n	-	n.d.
32	UH Düss	14	F	60	pharynx	2	m	+	n.d.
33	UH Düss	15	M	61	pharynx	2	n	-	n.d.
34	UH Düss	16	M	61	tongue	2	m	+	n.d.
35	UH Düss	17	M	65	larynx	1	m	-	n.d.
36	UH Düss	18	M	65	mouth floor	2	m	+	n.d.
37	UH Düss	19	M	66	larynx	2	m	+	n.d.
38	UH Düss	20	M	68	pharynx	2	n	-	n.d.
39	UH Düss	21	M	68	mouth floor/tongue	2	n	-	n.d.
40	UH Düss	22	M	71	pharynx	2	m	+	n.d.
41	UH Düss	23	M	73	tonsil	2	m	+	n.d.
42	UH Düss	24	M	73	larynx	2	m	+	n.d.
43	UH Düss	25	M	73	tongue	2	m	+	n.d.
44	UH Düss	26	M	74	glottis/larynx	2	n	-	n.d.
45	UH Düss	27	M	77	pharynx	2	m	+	n.d.
46	UH Düss	28	M	78	pharynx	2	m	+	n.d.
47	UH Düss	29	M	80	glottis	2	m	-	n.d.
				$\bar{\text{O}} 62.9$ $\bar{\text{O}}\text{F} 53.7$ $\bar{\text{O}}\text{M} 64.0$					

<sup>1</sup>Tumor specimens from 47 patients with primary salivary gland and head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) were evaluated. Cases with possible metastatic origin were stringently excluded. Tumour staging and grading was performed according to current clinical and pathological classifications (Barnes et al, 2005).

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<sup>2</sup>SG-SCC, salivary gland squamous cell carcinoma. Tumors with mucoepidermoid or adenoid origin were stringently excluded by our collaborating pathologists.

<sup>3</sup>Scoring was based on intensity and percentage of positively stained cells by immunohistochemistry (IHC) for  $\beta$ -catenin (intracellular localization as analyzed for Fig. 1A: n, nuclear in  $\geq 20\%$  of the cells; m, membrane; cp, cytoplasmic. Nuclear score "n" [in brackets] as analyzed for Fig. 6F,G: low;  $\leq 5\%$ , medium; 5-25%, high;  $\geq 25\%$ ), p-Smad 1/5/8 (as analyzed for Fig. 1A: -/detectable in  $\leq 10\%$  of the cells; +/detectable in  $\geq 10\%$  of the cells), and MLL (Nuclear score as analyzed for Fig. 6F,G: low;  $\leq 5\%$ , medium; 5-20%, high;  $\geq 20\%$ ). n.d.; not determined.

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<sup>6</sup>HN-SCC, head and neck squamous cell carcinoma.

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Barnes L, Eveson JW, Reichart P, Sidransky D (2005) World Health Organization Classification of Tumours, Pathology & Genetics of Head and Neck Tumours. *IARC Press, Lyon*

**Suppl. Table 2: Affymetrix gene profiling of salivary glands at P1.\*****[1] =  $\beta$ -cat<sup>GOF</sup>****[2] =double mutant**

Probe ID	Symbol/Description	fc [2]/[1]	p
1420347_at	palate, lung, and nasal epithelium carcinoma associated	66.667	8.22E-06
1447360_at	TSC22-related inducible leucine zipper 1b (Tilz1b)	35.211	6.87E-05
1425447_at	dickkopf homolog 4 ( <i>Xenopus laevis</i> )	16.807	3.02E-06
1441172_at	AF4/FMR2 family, member 3 (Aff3), mRNA	12.594	5.09E-04
1437894_at	prospero-related homeobox 1	6.024	2.93E-04
1429856_at	tetraspanin 18	5.464	3.94E-04
1450781_at	high mobility group AT-hook 2	5.291	2.06E-04
1446269_at	high mobility group box transcription factor 1	5.291	6.53E-06
1423635_at	bone morphogenetic protein 2	4.505	4.22E-05
1422833_at	forkhead box A2	4.484	2.23E-04
1422912_at	bone morphogenetic protein 4	3.968	3.32E-07
1428816_a_at	GATA binding protein 2	3.953	2.18E-04
1416693_at	forkhead box C2	3.817	6.93E-05
1441165_s_at	calsyntenin 2	3.717	4.91E-05
1420085_at	fibroblast growth factor 4	3.717	5.74E-05
1448877_at	distal-less homeobox 2	3.676	6.14E-06
1427489_at	integrin alpha 8	3.676	4.72E-04
1417278_a_at	naked cuticle 1 homolog ( <i>Drosophila</i> )	3.676	3.60E-05
1421299_a_at	lymphoid enhancer binding factor 1	3.623	1.99E-05
1416101_a_at	histone 1, H1c	3.584	5.13E-07
1445123_at	Chromobox homolog 1 ( <i>Drosophila</i> HP1 beta) (Cbx1), mRNA	3.460	2.56E-05
1419735_at	casein kappa	3.425	6.93E-05
1435950_at	hairless	3.390	3.00E-04
1439663_at	Patched homolog 1 (Ptch1), mRNA	3.390	1.22E-04
1420017_at	tetraspanin 8	3.390	6.35E-05
1449559_at	homeo box, msh-like 2	3.289	9.60E-05
1418471_at	placental growth factor	3.257	1.94E-04
1452240_at	bruno-like 4, RNA binding protein ( <i>Drosophila</i> )	3.165	8.21E-05
1431166_at	chromodomain helicase DNA binding protein 1	3.058	5.07E-05
1416003_at	claudin 11	2.950	3.31E-06
1425425_a_at	Wnt inhibitory factor 1	2.874	4.74E-05
1422914_at	trans-acting transcription factor 5	2.865	2.56E-04
1449470_at	distal-less homeobox 1	2.857	3.92E-07
1435790_at	olfactomedin 2	2.817	3.11E-04
1449863_a_at	distal-less homeobox 5	2.725	1.43E-04
1437060_at	olfactomedin 4	2.674	5.24E-04
1453131_at	CD300 antigen like family member G	2.591	5.74E-05
1443227_at	basic leucine zipper and W2 domains 2	2.584	7.53E-05
1421677_at	fibroblast growth factor 20	2.558	1.01E-05
1422655_at	patched homolog 2	2.532	5.69E-06
1451629_at	limb-bud and heart	2.494	1.07E-06
1437419_at	BMP2 inducible kinase	2.469	3.54E-04
1423671_at	delta/notch-like EGF-related receptor	2.421	5.97E-05
1441350_at	fibroblast growth factor 3	2.410	1.66E-06
1434559_at	syntaxin 3	2.398	5.66E-05
1450135_at	frizzled homolog 3 ( <i>Drosophila</i> )	2.387	3.41E-05
1440274_at	CAMP-GEFII	2.370	9.77E-06
1449049_at	toll-like receptor 1	2.364	1.60E-04
1459720_x_at	Timeless interacting protein (Tipin), mRNA	2.353	2.61E-06
1443087_at	CDC23 (cell division cycle 23, yeast, homolog)	2.304	5.15E-06
1450475_at	distal-less homeobox 3	2.304	6.01E-04
1422985_at	frizzled homolog 1 ( <i>Drosophila</i> )	2.273	3.29E-07
1424446_at	armadillo repeat containing 7	2.257	1.73E-04

1435521_at	Musashi homolog 2 (Drosophila)	2.252	3.75E-04
1433471_at	transcription factor 7, T-cell specific	2.252	1.68E-07
1422537_a_at	inhibitor of DNA binding 2	2.227	6.08E-04
1427328_a_at	CLIP associating protein 2	2.217	1.42E-04
1456746_a_at	Cd99 antigen-like 2	2.203	1.91E-05
1428014_at	histone 1, H4h	2.203	1.38E-04
1423259_at	inhibitor of DNA binding 4	2.193	6.03E-05
1431053_at	M-phase phosphoprotein 9	2.169	1.04E-04
1454086_a_at	LIM domain only 2	2.160	1.16E-05
1448886_at	GATA binding protein 3	2.151	8.15E-05
1416552_at	Dppa5a, developmental pluripotency associated 5A, Esg1, ecat2	2.139	1.99E-04
1428424_at	polycomb group ring finger 3	2.137	1.25E-04
1434593_at	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 5A2	2.128	1.26E-04
1456341_a_at	Kruppel-like factor 9	2.128	4.53E-04
1441339_at	chromodomain helicase DNA binding protein 9	2.123	2.81E-06
1421341_at	axin2	2.114	1.81E-05
1425611_a_at	cut-like 1 (Drosophila)	2.105	1.48E-04
1429217_at	zinc finger protein 655	2.075	4.04E-04
1450082_s_at	ets variant gene 5	2.066	1.33E-05
1436218_at	leucine-rich repeat-containing G protein-coupled receptor 6	2.066	4.98E-06
1445315_at	WNK lysine deficient protein kinase 2	2.066	6.16E-04
1430216_at	zinc finger protein 292	2.058	9.40E-05
1449317_at	CASP8 and FADD-like apoptosis regulator	2.053	4.70E-05
1427540_at	ZW10 interactor	2.045	9.09E-06
1448925_at	twist homolog 2 (Drosophila)	2.033	3.61E-04
1419380_at	zinc finger protein 423	2.024	3.69E-06
1441938_x_at	Cdk5 and Abl enzyme substrate 1	2.020	4.31E-05
1455280_at	Fras1 related extracellular matrix protein 1	2.016	2.64E-05
1440086_at	ring finger protein 182	2.000	4.71E-04
1437904_at	developmentally regulated RNA binding protein 1	1.965	4.06E-04
1446259_at	CD180 antigen (Cd180), mRNA	1.961	3.54E-05
1437395_at	zinc finger, CCHC domain containing 11	1.961	1.08E-04
1427526_at	FGFR1 oncogene partner 2	1.949	1.02E-04
1455823_at	Bardet-Biedl syndrome 4 homolog (human)	1.942	2.27E-04
1438815_at	histone 2, H2aa2	1.927	5.80E-04
1419848_x_at	toll-like receptor 7	1.927	3.30E-06
1460725_at	xeroderma pigmentosum, complementation group A	1.927	5.50E-05
1448158_at	syndecan 1	1.923	5.95E-06
1416129_at	ERBB receptor feedback inhibitor 1	1.919	1.82E-05
1448742_at	snail homolog 1 (Drosophila)	1.916	6.53E-05
1443962_at	transcription factor Dp 2	1.916	2.60E-04
1452021_a_at	hairy and enhancer of split 6 (Drosophila)	1.908	4.75E-06
1425895_a_at	inhibitor of DNA binding 1	1.905	5.82E-04
1457276_at	SNF1-like kinase 2	1.894	4.21E-06
1453688_at	CWF19-like 2, cell cycle control (S. pombe)	1.890	1.17E-04
1457586_at	RAS p21 protein activator 2 (Rasa2), mRNA	1.873	5.35E-05
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1434196_at	DnaJ (Hsp40) homolog, subfamily A, member 4	1.862	4.81E-05
1455717_s_at	dishevelled associated activator of morphogenesis 2	1.859	1.78E-04
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1437162_at	GPI-anchored membrane protein 1 (Gpiap1), mRNA	1.855	2.13E-05
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1459910_at	tankyrase, TRF1-interacting ankyrin-related ADP-ribose polymerase	1.845	3.65E-05
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1424614_at	FGF receptor activating protein 1	1.818	4.43E-05
1429634_at	zinc finger protein 580	1.815	1.05E-04
1443002_at	zinc finger RNA binding protein	1.805	2.92E-04
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1457327_at	SNF2 histone linker PHD RING helicase	1.786	7.95E-07
1457038_at	Fras1 related extracellular matrix protein 2	1.783	2.94E-05
1443471_at	zinc finger and BTB domain containing 20	1.783	2.02E-04
1425107_a_at	leukemia inhibitory factor receptor	1.779	2.04E-05

1451281_at	zinc finger protein 96	1.779	2.41E-05
1422031_a_at	zinc finger, A20 domain containing 3	1.779	2.10E-04
1422470_at	BCL2/adenovirus E1B 19kDa-interacting protein 1, NIP3	1.776	2.68E-06
1419816_s_at	ERBB receptor feedback inhibitor 1	1.776	1.02E-04
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1424074_at	basic transcription factor 3-like 4	1.767	7.20E-08
1419716_a_at	POU domain, class 2, transcription factor 1	1.764	2.12E-04
1456351_at	bromodomain containing 8	1.761	2.27E-04
1448662_at	frizzled homolog 6 (Drosophila)	1.754	3.08E-04
1425464_at	GATA binding protein 6	1.751	2.84E-04
1418176_at	vitamin D receptor	1.748	8.72E-07
1429399_at	ring finger protein 125	1.745	4.02E-05
1441467_at	Tetraspanin 5 (Tspan5), mRNA	1.730	9.28E-05
1417958_at	tetraspan 1	1.727	2.04E-07
1455188_at	Eph receptor B1	1.724	3.03E-05
1443240_at	Glypican 3, mRNA (cDNA clone MGC:35964 IMAGE:4973409)	1.724	3.22E-04
1423040_at	basic leucine zipper and W2 domains 1	1.721	1.81E-04
1428253_at	chromatin modifying protein 2B	1.715	2.73E-05
1419144_at	CD163 antigen	1.712	1.82E-06
1440341_at	Colony stimulating factor 1 receptor (Csf1r), mRNA	1.712	3.25E-04
1434033_at	transducin-like enhancer of split 1, homolog of Drosophila E(spl)	1.712	2.02E-05
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1444667_at	bromodomain, testis-specific	1.675	9.94E-05
1448789_at	aldehyde dehydrogenase family 1, subfamily A3	1.667	2.33E-05
1417182_at	DnaJ (Hsp40) homolog, subfamily A, member 2	1.664	3.22E-04
1438239_at	midline 1	1.661	1.63E-05
1448147_at	tumor necrosis factor receptor superfamily, member 19	1.661	6.21E-05
1428396_at	SMAD specific E3 ubiquitin protein ligase 1	1.658	1.14E-04
1447944_at	zinc finger with KRAB and SCAN domains 1	1.658	2.19E-04
1419368_a_at	ring finger protein 138	1.656	1.03E-04
1457441_at	early B-cell factor 1	1.647	3.28E-06
1426152_a_at	kit ligand	1.647	7.29E-07
1451191_at	cellular retinoic acid binding protein II	1.639	1.13E-04
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1426151_a_at	syntaxin 3	1.634	5.37E-05
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1441042_at	fibroblast growth factor 1	1.626	2.01E-04
1421412_at	goosecoid	1.626	6.17E-06
1420615_at	ash2 (absent, small, or homeotic)-like (Drosophila)	1.626	1.07E-05
1458450_at	zinc finger RNA binding protein	1.623	1.21E-05
1423702_at	H1 histone family, member 0	1.621	5.80E-06
1422932_a_at	vav 1 oncogene	1.621	5.27E-07
1418671_at	calpain 5	1.616	4.40E-04
1422021_at	sprouty homolog 4 (Drosophila)	1.613	5.05E-05
1448366_at	syntaxin 1A (brain)	1.613	6.67E-06
1440585_at	syntaxin 6	1.613	1.76E-04
1460441_at	zinc finger, X-linked, duplicated A	1.613	6.27E-06
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1416111_at	CD83 antigen	1.603	6.06E-07
1427941_at	Dicer1, Dcr-1 homolog (Drosophila)	1.603	1.48E-06
1427454_at	homeo box C6	1.603	7.72E-05
1451739_at	Kruppel-like factor 5	1.603	5.55E-08
1417839_at	claudin 5	1.600	3.16E-04
1425555_at	CDC2-related kinase 7	1.597	8.02E-06
1441544_at	Cyclin M3 (Cnm3), mRNA	1.597	2.81E-07
1421298_a_at	homeodomain interacting protein kinase 1	1.597	1.29E-04
1446349_at	zinc finger protein 78	1.597	4.09E-06
1421943_at	transforming growth factor alpha	1.595	2.78E-06
1446048_at	Cadherin 11 (Cdh11), mRNA	1.592	5.51E-05

1427618_at	cadherin 9	1.592	2.44E-06
1435903_at	CD300A antigen	1.592	1.17E-05
1416895_at	ephrin A1	1.592	7.44E-06
1454880_s_at	Bcl2 modifying factor	1.590	1.52E-04
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1416511_a_at	CDC42 effector protein (Rho GTPase binding) 4	1.563	2.55E-04
1418285_at	ephrin B1	1.563	2.82E-05
1417394_at	Kruppel-like factor 4 (gut)	1.563	1.25E-05
1455658_at	CGG triplet repeat binding protein 1	1.560	3.24E-05
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1439079_a_at	ErbB2 interacting protein	1.558	3.88E-06
1448765_at	Fyn proto-oncogene	1.555	1.46E-05
1418478_at	LIM domain only 1	1.555	2.93E-06
1426981_at	proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 6	1.550	4.61E-06
1428034_a_at	tumor necrosis factor receptor superfamily, member 9	1.548	7.45E-06
1424298_at	zinc finger protein 282	1.548	4.77E-06
1419474_a_at	ets homologous factor	1.546	2.94E-07
1424638_at	cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 1A (P21)	1.543	4.10E-04
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1418581_a_at	LIM motif-containing protein kinase 2	1.543	9.36E-05
1437657_at	zinc finger protein 291	1.543	7.10E-06
1454305_at	chromobox homolog 3 (Drosophila HP1 gamma)	1.541	7.20E-04
1455368_at	zinc finger, DHHC domain containing 3	1.541	4.87E-05
1423805_at	disabled homolog 2 (Drosophila)	1.538	5.69E-07
1453848_s_at	zinc finger, BED domain containing 3	1.538	6.44E-06
1421005_at	centrosomal protein 1	1.536	1.13E-05
1457577_at	Ephrin B2 (Efnb2), mRNA	1.536	7.94E-05
1424127_at	eyes absent 2 homolog (Drosophila)	1.536	2.93E-06
1441635_at	Germ cell nuclear factor protein (Nr6a1)	1.536	2.42E-05
1455725_a_at	H3 histone, family 3B	1.536	5.76E-05
1419654_at	transducin-like enhancer of split 3, homolog of Drosophila E(spl)	1.536	3.29E-05
1428634_at	TWIST neighbor	1.536	1.89E-04
1456639_at	zinc finger protein 398	1.536	1.56E-05
1451696_at	zinc finger protein 64	1.536	2.78E-08
1449126_at	zinc finger protein 90	1.536	1.66E-06
1425092_at	cadherin 10	1.534	3.09E-05
1439019_at	Fraser syndrome 1 homolog (human)	1.531	1.02E-05
1431993_a_at	ring finger protein 38	1.531	1.60E-04
1444246_at	chromodomain helicase DNA binding protein 2	1.527	9.26E-07
1433507_a_at	high mobility group nucleosomal binding domain 2	1.527	2.05E-07
1450267_at	toll-like receptor 8	1.527	2.62E-05
1428378_at	zinc finger CCCH type, antiviral 1	1.527	7.87E-06
1452504_s_at	chitinase, di-N-acetyl-	1.524	2.97E-05

1426124_a_at	CDC-like kinase 1	1.522	4.48E-04
1423203_a_at	centrin 1	1.520	3.93E-05
1453415_at	zinc finger CCCH type containing 6	1.520	3.85E-05
1419307_at	tumor necrosis factor receptor superfamily, member 13c	1.517	1.26E-05
1435071_at	zinc finger, FYVE domain containing 1	1.517	5.08E-05
1439080_at	ErbB2 interacting protein	1.515	2.55E-04
1435608_at	zinc and ring finger 3	1.515	7.58E-06
1434236_at	zinc finger, DHHC domain containing 20	1.515	3.33E-06
1437201_at	leucine rich repeat containing 4C	1.513	1.23E-06
1419369_at	ring finger protein 138	1.513	6.77E-05
1456912_at	zinc finger protein 691	1.513	2.30E-05
1420745_a_at	cyclin D-type binding-protein 1	1.511	3.78E-04
1445635_at	Eph receptor A7, mRNA (cDNA clone MGC:14056 IMAGE:3991628)	1.508	4.73E-07
1449295_at	transcriptional regulator protein	1.508	2.84E-05
1434651_a_at	claudin 3	1.506	6.78E-05
1421604_a_at	Kruppel-like factor 3 (basic)	1.506	1.12E-05
1425635_at	tyrosine kinase, non-receptor, 1	1.506	3.03E-04
1420675_at	zinc finger protein 113	0.664	3.65E-04
1429111_at	talin 2	0.663	1.39E-06
1448837_at	villin 1	0.663	8.08E-06
1416757_at	Zwilch, kinetochore associated, homolog (Drosophila)	0.663	1.95E-04
1459009_at	Utrophin	0.662	3.35E-07
1424789_at	GLI-Kruppel family member HKR2	0.661	3.29E-04
1434824_at	bromodomain adjacent to zinc finger domain, 1B	0.661	4.18E-04
1459589_at	crystallin, lamda 1	0.658	4.71E-04
1419979_s_at	cAMP responsive element binding protein 3	0.657	4.54E-04
1433592_at	calmodulin 1	0.657	1.00E-06
1419573_a_at	lectin, galactose binding, soluble 1	0.656	4.00E-05
1445534_at	Filamin, beta, mRNA (cDNA clone IMAGE:3488025)	0.655	8.48E-05
1438861_at	basonuclin 2	0.654	1.49E-07
1420631_a_at	bladder cancer associated protein homolog (human)	0.654	3.66E-05
1449233_at	basic helix-loop-helix domain containing, class B, 8	0.652	3.29E-04
1438498_at	zinc finger, MYND domain containing 15	0.652	3.31E-04
1423505_at	transgelin	0.651	2.61E-05
1451537_at	chitinase 3-like 1	0.651	3.94E-06
1452968_at	collagen triple helix repeat containing 1	0.650	1.38E-04
1448594_at	WNT1 inducible signaling pathway protein 1	0.648	8.58E-06
1417067_s_at	chaperone, ABC1 activity of bc1 complex like (S. pombe)	0.648	7.80E-06
1422748_at	zinc finger homeobox 1b	0.647	2.61E-06
1441198_at	zinc finger protein 39	0.647	2.92E-05
1458141_at	CAMP specific phosphodiesterase 7B (PDE7B gene)	0.646	7.38E-05
1416246_a_at	coronin, actin binding protein 1A	0.646	4.05E-06
1421251_at	zinc finger protein 40	0.646	2.28E-04
1456405_at	death inducer-obliterator 1	0.645	3.87E-05
1450416_at	chromobox homolog 5 (Drosophila HP1a)	0.641	1.26E-04
1452265_at	CLIP associating protein 1	0.641	8.21E-06
1417457_at	CDC28 protein kinase regulatory subunit 2	0.641	8.39E-05
1422308_a_at	lectin, galactose binding, soluble 7	0.641	1.36E-04
1438817_at	DNA2 DNA replication helicase 2-like (yeast)	0.640	3.07E-06
1426808_at	lectin, galactose binding, soluble 3	0.640	3.30E-05
1424698_s_at	grancalcin	0.639	4.38E-04
1438833_at	cancer susceptibility candidate 5	0.638	7.64E-07
1437643_at	centromere protein J	0.638	1.63E-04
1428460_at	synapsin II	0.637	3.34E-05
1416265_at	calpain 10	0.637	1.61E-04
1448289_at	collapsin response mediator protein 1	0.637	6.31E-05
1420863_at	dynactin 4	0.637	4.92E-05
1423691_x_at	keratin complex 2, basic, gene 8	0.637	1.20E-05
1427884_at	procollagen, type III, alpha 1	0.635	6.14E-06
1435781_at	cullin associated and neddylation disassociated 1	0.632	1.20E-06
1456483_at	zinc finger protein 9	0.629	4.69E-04
1424629_at	breast cancer 1	0.627	1.67E-05



1430139_at	helicase, lymphoid specific	0.627	5.52E-06
1439436_x_at	inner centromere protein	0.626	2.64E-05
1439945_at	zinc finger protein 449	0.626	2.08E-05
1418133_at	B-cell leukemia/lymphoma 3	0.626	4.41E-05
1441375_at	Leucine-rich repeats and immunoglobulin-like domains 1 (Lrig1), mRNA	0.623	7.33E-05
1422279_at	Friend virus susceptibility 1	0.622	2.81E-06
1418495_at	zinc finger CCCH type containing 8	0.620	3.50E-06
1433623_at	zinc finger protein 367	0.620	1.09E-04
1422481_at	keratin complex 2, basic, gene 1	0.620	1.36E-07
1454849_x_at	clusterin	0.618	4.51E-05
1427290_at	keratin complex 2, basic, gene 19	0.614	5.50E-05
1434201_at	Chordin-like 1 (Chrdl1), mRNA	0.612	1.76E-07
1450536_s_at	keratin associated protein 12-1	0.612	4.51E-06
1425356_at	zinc finger protein 142	0.612	2.80E-05
1439407_x_at	transgelin 2	0.611	8.05E-07
1437788_at	trans-acting transcription factor 6	0.609	2.49E-04
1439631_at	zinc finger, CCHC domain containing 11	0.608	1.70E-05
1450842_a_at	centromere autoantigen A	0.604	9.42E-05
1439030_at	GDP-mannose pyrophosphorylase B	0.604	1.01E-05
1428503_a_at	NFKB inhibitor interacting Ras-like protein 1	0.598	1.20E-04
1416083_at	zinc finger, A20 domain containing 2	0.597	1.56E-05
1418735_at	keratin complex 2, basic, gene 4	0.597	6.76E-05
1436095_at	chromodomain helicase DNA binding protein 5	0.596	7.68E-05
1428650_at	tensin 1	0.596	1.99E-04
1448467_a_at	tangerin	0.595	8.37E-07
1421460_at	desmocollin 1	0.593	1.00E-04
1427366_at	keratin associated protein 3-1	0.593	1.01E-05
1437355_at	zinc finger, CCHC domain containing 5	0.592	1.31E-04
1451484_a_at	synapsin I	0.585	4.82E-06
1437685_x_at	fibromodulin	0.580	1.25E-06
1451637_a_at	mucin 10, submandibular gland salivary mucin	0.579	1.02E-04
1451997_at	zinc finger protein 426	0.578	3.35E-06
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1444043_at	GLI-Kruppel family member GLI3 (Gli3), mRNA	0.569	6.45E-06
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1455113_at	armadillo repeat containing 8	0.562	9.25E-07
1427348_at	zinc finger CCCH type containing 12A	0.562	1.07E-04
1417878_at	E2F transcription factor 1	0.561	2.93E-05
1429347_at	Bcl2-like 14 (apoptosis facilitator)	0.558	2.01E-05
1426471_at	zinc finger protein 52	0.557	1.19E-04
1424407_s_at	chromobox homolog 6	0.555	2.19E-05
1417917_at	calponin 1	0.554	9.53E-06
1425705_a_at	ERO1-like beta (S. cerevisiae)	0.554	1.60E-05
1418091_at	transcription factor CP2-like 1	0.553	5.57E-05
1415948_at	cellular repressor of E1A-stimulated genes 1	0.549	1.78E-04
1439040_at	centromere protein E	0.549	3.95E-06
1430669_at	keratin associated protein 4-7	0.547	5.97E-05
1457571_at	zinc finger protein 68	0.546	3.41E-07
1447812_x_at	filamin C, gamma (actin binding protein 280)	0.544	1.82E-05
1423809_at	transcription factor 19	0.542	2.08E-05
1417552_at	fibroblast activation protein	0.540	1.44E-04
1422747_at	CHK2 checkpoint homolog (S. pombe)	0.536	5.71E-07
1448788_at	Cd200 antigen	0.532	4.32E-04
1433862_at	extra spindle poles-like 1 (S. cerevisiae)	0.532	6.56E-08
1427179_at	keratin complex 1, acidic, gene 3	0.528	4.73E-06
1451611_at	HRAS like suppressor 3	0.526	9.14E-07
1422582_at	leptin	0.525	3.82E-04
1452166_a_at	keratin complex 1, acidic, gene 10	0.519	1.51E-04
1455642_a_at	tetraspanin 17	0.519	3.56E-06
1424218_a_at	cAMP responsive element binding protein 3-like 4	0.518	9.73E-06
1419295_at	cAMP responsive element binding protein 3-like 1	0.517	6.05E-06
1418063_at	keratocan	0.515	7.97E-05

1436186_at	E2F transcription factor 8	0.515	2.98E-06
1433681_x_at	calpain 3	0.515	2.94E-05
1460082_at	inhibitor of growth family, member 3	0.512	9.59E-05
1448835_at	E2F transcription factor 6	0.505	1.37E-05
1457275_at	desmuslin	0.501	3.13E-04
1442140_at	tenascin N	0.500	1.10E-05
1418440_at	procollagen, type VIII, alpha 1	0.499	4.76E-07
1422954_at	zinc finger protein 60	0.497	5.33E-06
1440770_at	B-cell leukemia/lymphoma 2	0.494	2.40E-05
1434573_at	TRAF3 interacting protein 3	0.494	1.51E-05
1442542_at	eyes absent 4 homolog (Drosophila)	0.493	2.16E-04
1446636_at	tensin 3	0.492	2.19E-05
1418804_at	succinate receptor 1	0.491	1.27E-06
1424567_at	tetraspan 2	0.490	2.87E-05
1427161_at	centromere autoantigen F	0.480	2.36E-05
1443931_at	Zinc finger protein 617 (Zfp617), mRNA	0.478	8.22E-07
1418093_a_at	epidermal growth factor	0.473	1.73E-04
1425262_at	CCAAT/enhancer binding protein (C/EBP), gamma	0.469	2.45E-04
1417268_at	CD14 antigen	0.469	5.95E-04
1419521_at	zinc finger protein 94	0.464	4.15E-04
1431035_at	dishevelled associated activator of morphogenesis 1	0.464	1.75E-05
1417644_at	sarcospan	0.464	6.85E-05
1457424_at	eyes absent 1 homolog (Drosophila)	0.462	3.80E-05
1426180_a_at	submaxillary gland androgen regulated protein 2	0.462	5.01E-08
1445256_at	Vinculin, mRNA (cDNA clone MGC:6134 IMAGE:3495710)	0.460	6.82E-06
1421355_at	transglutaminase 3, E polypeptide	0.456	5.05E-05
1429067_at	calpain, small subunit 2	0.444	3.33E-04
1428052_a_at	zinc finger, MYM domain containing 1	0.444	4.19E-05
1437095_at	tetraspanin 18	0.442	3.24E-06
1454884_at	BTB (POZ) domain containing 4	0.439	4.01E-04
1435005_at	centromere protein E	0.433	5.74E-06
1425237_at	keratin associated protein 16-8	0.421	2.05E-05
1420358_at	keratin associated protein 13	0.418	2.25E-08
1445032_at	Death associated protein kinase 1 (Dapk1), mRNA	0.418	3.63E-05
1416025_at	fibrinogen, gamma polypeptide	0.416	9.41E-06
1431727_at	submandibular gland protein C	0.411	1.39E-05
1417686_at	lectin, galactose binding, soluble 12	0.407	3.79E-04
1422814_at	asp (abnormal spindle)-like, microcephaly associated (Drosophila)	0.404	2.19E-05
1456228_x_at	myelin basic protein	0.404	7.48E-05
1416658_at	frizzled-related protein	0.401	1.78E-04
1460218_at	CD52 antigen	0.397	3.00E-05
1416342_at	tenascin C	0.391	1.18E-04
1449919_at	keratin associated protein 6-2	0.382	6.36E-06
1455519_at	desmoglein 1 beta	0.375	1.56E-06
1423010_at	sacsin	0.358	2.16E-04
1421691_at	keratin associated protein 16-7	0.357	9.29E-07
1420466_at	salivary protein 2	0.351	1.37E-05
1424528_at	cell growth regulator with EF hand domain 1	0.347	1.28E-05
1421855_at	fibrinogen-like protein 2	0.342	7.62E-05
1450633_at	calmodulin 4	0.342	9.47E-06
1429540_at	cornifelin	0.339	2.71E-06
1430731_at	keratin associated protein 2-4	0.336	5.41E-07
1424531_a_at	transcription elongation factor A (SII), 3	0.331	3.45E-06
1449073_at	filamin C, gamma (actin binding protein 280)	0.317	1.27E-06
1422640_at	protocadherin beta 9	0.315	6.16E-04
1459897_a_at	suprabasin	0.313	2.81E-06
1424529_s_at	cell growth regulator with EF hand domain 1	0.309	1.40E-06
1422837_at	sciellin	0.308	1.19E-04
1455900_x_at	transglutaminase 2, C polypeptide	0.302	3.11E-06
1443745_s_at	dentin matrix protein 1	0.291	8.52E-06
1416455_a_at	crystallin, alpha B	0.287	1.11E-05
1421589_at	keratin complex 1, acidic, gene 1	0.286	7.06E-08

1420183_at	Loricrin (Lor), mRNA	0.273	4.86E-07
1431255_at	calreticulin 3	0.244	5.08E-05
1426043_a_at	calpain 3	0.218	3.23E-07
1418314_a_at	ataxin 2 binding protein 1	0.212	2.01E-04
1417979_at	tenomodulin	0.207	1.70E-04
1435649_at	nexilin	0.203	2.10E-08
1423253_at	myelin protein zero	0.201	1.11E-04
1422588_at	keratin complex 2, basic, gene 6b	0.198	5.57E-05
1458000_at	desmoglein 1 alpha	0.197	6.25E-06
1422654_at	sarcoglycan, alpha (dystrophin-associated glycoprotein)	0.186	2.34E-05
1445824_at	zinc finger protein 458	0.186	8.34E-06
1416776_at	crystallin, mu	0.180	3.79E-05
1420751_at	keratin associated protein 6-1	0.180	2.99E-07
1422529_s_at	calsequestrin 2	0.167	1.99E-05
1448168_a_at	salivary protein 1	0.164	9.03E-05
1427735_a_at	actin, alpha 1, skeletal muscle	0.162	2.09E-07
1418413_at	caveolin 3	0.157	1.55E-06
1459266_at	ARP3 actin-related protein 3 homolog (yeast) (Actr3), mRNA	0.130	1.94E-04
1418951_at	taxilin beta	0.129	9.86E-07
1427211_at	keratin associated protein 8-1	0.128	1.06E-04
1436867_at	sarcalumenin	0.122	7.54E-06
1448745_s_at	loricrin	0.110	1.13E-04
1423238_at	integrin beta 1 binding protein 2	0.109	8.05E-06
1448932_at	keratin complex 1, acidic, gene 16	0.109	4.43E-06
1435191_at	corneodesmosin	0.108	5.84E-04
1460185_at	keratin complex 2, basic, gene 18	0.104	2.37E-06
1418742_at	keratin complex 1, acidic, gene 4	0.104	9.74E-05
1428007_at	keratin associated protein 13-1	0.099	2.53E-06
1422598_at	calsequestrin 1	0.098	2.19E-04
1420409_at	keratin complex 1, acidic, gene 24	0.093	2.35E-08
1420884_at	sarcolipin	0.077	3.79E-06
1448327_at	actinin alpha 2	0.070	3.40E-05
1425382_a_at	aquaporin 4	0.068	2.93E-04
1418677_at	actinin alpha 3	0.067	1.57E-04
1427751_a_at	keratin complex 1, acidic, gene 5	0.054	4.32E-05
1447456_x_at	demilune cell and parotid protein ; cDNA sequence BC005655	0.050	9.98E-06
1435585_at	transcription elongation factor A (SII)-like 7	0.049	4.59E-06
1451551_at	keratin complex 2, basic, gene 16	0.049	4.73E-05
1452957_at	keratin associated protein 3-3	0.041	9.06E-06

\*List of differentially expressed genes that distinguish between salivary gland tissue from double mutant mice and single mutant  $\beta$ -cat<sup>GO</sup> mice according to gene chip analysis. Affymetrix probe set ID (Probe ID), gene description, fold change (fc), and p-value (p) are shown. Grey-marked genes were specifically discussed in the text.

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Table S3: Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA)<sup>1</sup>

<b>Double-mutant salivary glands vs. single mutant beta-catenin glands at P1</b>						
Gene Set name		Size	ES	NES	FDR (q-val)	Gene Set Description
Wnt target gene sets	WNT_TARGETS	17	-0.79	-2.19	0.0035	Wnt up-regulated genes in Wnt homepage (Nusse lab)
	WNT_Signaling	45	-0.36	-1.99	0.0524	Wnt target genes from literature (curated by GEMM)
	Sansom_APC_LOSS4_UP	115	-0.69	-2.39	0.0013	Up-regulated in the mouse small intestine 4 d after Apc loss
Cell Cycle-related	CELL_Cycle	67	-0.61	-1.77	0.0019	Cell cycle genes (defined by Broad Institute)
	BRENTANI_CELL_CYCLE	73	-0.62	-1.98	0.0278	Cancer-related genes involved in cell cycle
	G1_TO_S_CELL_CYCLE_REACTOME	59	-0.49	-1.82	0.0675	Genes involved in G1 to S progression of cell cycle
Apoptosis	REACTOME_APOPTOSIS	102	0.59	1.62	0.0481	Genes involved in Apoptosis
Differentiation	STRUCTURAL_MOLECULE_ACTIVITY	243	0.36	1.89	0.0512	Structural integrity of a complex or assembly within or outside a cell
<b>Double-mutant tumor-propagating CD24+CD29+ cells vs. single mutant beta-catenin CD24+CD29+ cells at P90</b>						
Gene Set name		Size	ES	NES	FDR (q-val)	Gene Set Description
	MULTICELLULAR_ORGANISM_DEVELOPMENT	78	-0.45	-2.03	0.0751	Early organism development

<sup>1</sup>Table includes gene sets strongly enriched in double-mutant salivary glands at P1 and double-mutant tumor-propagating cells compared to single mutant beta-catenin glands at P90, as determined by gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA). Gene sets were generated and published in the Molecular Signature Database (MsigDB; Broad Institute, <http://www.broad.mit.edu/gsea/msigdb>). Size indicates number of genes included in each gene set. Enrichment score (ES) and normalized enrichment score (NES) and FDR were calculated by GSEA. Negative ES, negative NES, and FDR<0.2 indicate significant enrichment of a specific gene set in double-mutant salivary glands compared to single mutant beta-catenin glands.

Suppl Table 4: Affymetrix gene profiling of CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland cells at P80<sup>+</sup>Salivary gland CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> tumor propagating cell-gene signature[1] = Bmpr1a<sup>LOF</sup>[2] =  $\beta$ -cat<sup>GOF</sup>

[3] =double mutant

Probe ID	Symbol	UniGene	fc [3] / [1]	Regulation [3] / [1]	p [3] / [1]	fc [3] / [2]	Regulation [3] / [2]	p [3] / [2]
1425642 at	Cep290	Mm.229114	3.891	up	8.30E-05	5.098	up	6.83E-04
1420411 a at	Pi4k2b	Mm.248647	3.571	up	3.82E-04	2.638	up	1.60E-05
1420330 at	Clec4e	Mm.248327	3.369	up	3.82E-06	1.580	up	1.32E-05
1437689 x at	Clu	Mm.200608	2.663	up	3.27E-04	2.354	up	1.36E-05
1451798 at	Ii1m	Mm.882	2.310	up	3.76E-04	1.584	up	1.73E-06
1447084 at	Nfatc1	Mm.329560	2.216	up	8.39E-04	1.026	up	1.42E-06
1449254 at	Spp1	Mm.288474	2.184	up	2.37E-04	1.306	up	5.46E-05
1421473 at	Ii1a	Mm.15534	2.155	up	1.10E-04	1.549	up	2.78E-07
1447669 s at	Gng4	Mm.215394	2.066	up	9.23E-05	1.533	up	1.68E-04
1449984 at	Cxcl2	Mm.4979	2.050	up	3.79E-04	1.130	up	1.34E-04
1442376 at	Ablim1	Mm.217161	1.967	up	2.93E-06	2.951	up	3.42E-07
1421341 at	Axin2	Mm.71710	1.930	up	3.41E-04	1.898	up	8.07E-05
1436826 at	Tmtc3	Mm.296805	1.824	up	4.05E-04	2.548	up	1.35E-05
1433596 at	Dnajc6	Mm.76494	1.816	up	5.75E-04	2.491	up	2.97E-06
1421492 at	Ptgs2	Mm.442454	1.663	up	9.28E-05	2.135	up	8.43E-06
1433966 x at	Asns	Mm.2942	1.634	up	3.88E-08	2.939	up	1.37E-05
1428748 at	Zfp826	Mm.100056	1.583	up	4.01E-04	2.229	up	7.11E-05
1420549 at	Gbp1	Mm.457978	1.534	up	5.81E-05	2.697	up	1.51E-06
1448595 a at	Bex1	Mm.422943	1.513	up	2.37E-06	2.557	up	1.63E-04
1442282 at	Vmn2r84	Mm.359168	1.407	up	1.64E-06	2.165	up	2.75E-04
1433781 a at	Cldn12	Mm.40132	1.381	up	8.04E-05	2.766	up	3.81E-05
1420410 at	Nr5a2	Mm.16794	1.373	up	7.95E-05	2.409	up	3.09E-05
1425964 x at	Hspb1	Mm.13849	1.365	up	1.30E-05	2.023	up	4.61E-04
1425454 a at	Ii12a	Mm.103783	1.346	up	7.81E-04	2.685	up	6.30E-07
1460603 at	Samd9l	Mm.196013	1.331	up	1.29E-05	2.187	up	1.12E-04
1433374 at	Supt7l	Mm.164187	1.319	up	1.53E-05	2.698	up	6.33E-05
1423626 at	Dst	Mm.336625	1.296	up	2.29E-04	2.292	up	5.73E-05
1449211 at	Bpnt1	Mm.227549	1.294	up	5.63E-05	2.281	up	4.04E-06
1430744 at	Napsa	Mm.383181	1.290	up	2.75E-04	2.072	up	9.02E-07
1436865 at	Slc26a11	Mm.31869	1.239	up	8.74E-06	2.549	up	3.95E-06
1457769 at	H60a	Mm.387042	1.234	up	1.01E-05	2.969	up	7.54E-06
1422873 at	Prg2	Mm.142727	1.198	up	7.80E-04	2.471	up	1.67E-06
1455521 at	Klf12	Mm.458816	1.163	up	5.93E-07	2.049	up	1.06E-06
1429366 at	Lrrc34	Mm.45373	1.159	up	4.60E-04	2.309	up	1.19E-04
1455164 at	Cdgap	Mm.370848	1.158	up	1.03E-04	9.923	up	9.34E-07
1435203 at	Man2a2	Mm.269245	1.142	up	2.19E-04	2.153	up	5.46E-05
1425521 at	Paip1	Mm.132584	1.125	up	3.54E-05	3.036	up	1.04E-05
1424748 at	Galnt11	Mm.425232	1.121	up	5.39E-05	2.129	up	5.17E-05
1430139 at	Hells	Mm.57223	1.103	up	1.41E-05	1.515	up	6.14E-05
1459253 at	Arrdc3	Mm.423137	1.086	up	8.80E-06	3.616	up	3.11E-05
1452855 at	Ly6k	Mm.273319	1.080	up	2.75E-07	2.204	up	4.84E-05
1418872 at	Abcb1b	Mm.146649	1.075	up	5.07E-04	2.655	up	2.63E-05
1418148 at	Abhd1	Mm.389615	1.060	up	7.17E-05	2.775	up	1.36E-05
1418645 at	Hal	Mm.13000	1.060	up	5.56E-06	2.599	up	8.49E-05
1438239 at	Mid1	Mm.34441	1.049	up	2.41E-04	3.717	up	3.42E-06
1457936 at	Mapk8	Mm.21495	1.016	up	4.56E-05	6.864	up	4.96E-05
1450897 at	Arhgap5	Mm.35059	1.015	up	2.78E-05	2.256	up	2.14E-06
1426753 at	Phf17	Mm.286285	1.008	up	1.68E-04	2.227	up	1.80E-06
1451704 at	Abpd	Mm.389857	17.022	down	2.60E-07	1.026	up	1.35E-05
1427380 at	Klk1b3	Mm.439740	12.599	down	6.00E-07	1.002	up	3.08E-06
1420770 at	Klk1b24	Mm.444308	10.713	down	6.26E-04	1.082	up	9.67E-08
1421587 at	Klk1b27	Mm.445911	9.346	down	7.61E-07	1.019	up	9.93E-05
1419675 at	Ngf	Mm.1259	3.273	down	6.00E-04	1.003	up	7.25E-07
1433769 at	Als2cl	Mm.86338	3.143	down	2.89E-04	1.201	up	6.35E-05
1451637 a at	Muc10	Mm.200411	2.670	down	1.60E-07	1.658	up	9.91E-06
1448962 at	Myh11	Mm.250705	2.391	down	2.05E-04	1.134	up	6.04E-04
1420700 s at	Folr4	Mm.86738	2.353	down	4.08E-04	1.097	up	1.39E-04
1453568 at	Dapl1	Mm.275769	2.275	down	1.51E-05	1.351	up	8.10E-07
1449191 at	Wfdc12	Mm.6433	2.190	down	3.29E-04	1.581	up	4.55E-06
1426044 a at	Prkcq	Mm.329993	2.122	down	2.05E-05	1.038	up	1.17E-05
1418353 at	Cd5	Mm.779	2.116	down	7.78E-05	1.197	up	1.71E-05
1416454 s at	Acta2	Mm.213025	2.046	down	9.14E-06	1.047	up	2.54E-06
1418612 at	Slnf1	Mm.10948	2.028	down	1.92E-04	1.202	up	2.66E-05
1427532 at	Trat1	Mm.167298	2.023	down	2.63E-04	1.344	up	3.91E-06
1446675 at	Adk	Mm.188734	1.527	down	5.26E-05	2.049	up	1.29E-05
1439843 at	Camk4	Mm.222329	1.455	down	3.83E-05	2.411	up	2.24E-04
1417459 at	Dcpp1	Mm.371556	1.359	down	4.85E-04	3.931	up	7.87E-06
1435462 at	Plcx2	Mm.380993	1.221	down	2.98E-06	11.585	up	1.09E-08
1425764 a at	Bcat2	Mm.24210	1.202	down	1.22E-04	2.147	up	5.28E-06
1431708 a at	Tia1	Mm.423551	1.149	down	1.10E-04	2.069	up	3.77E-05
1452406 x at	Erdr1	Mm.391385	1.129	down	3.51E-04	2.299	up	1.83E-05

1436796	at	Matr3	Mm.215034	1.128	down	2.35E-07	2.333	up	7.21E-05
1447517	at	Skiv2l2	Mm.291029	1.107	down	7.18E-07	23.144	up	2.06E-05
1421628	at	Il18r1	Mm.253664	1.074	down	2.17E-04	2.775	up	1.98E-08
1437308	s at	F2r	Mm.24816	1.037	down	5.36E-05	3.819	up	1.08E-05
1420505	a at	Sbxbp1	Mm.278865	1.037	down	3.03E-05	2.911	up	8.93E-05
1448712	at	Chm	Mm.257316	1.036	down	1.98E-05	2.772	up	3.83E-05
1450837	at	Prp2	Mm.333439	2.478	up	2.44E-04	1.141	down	9.62E-04
1449153	at	Mmp12	Mm.2055	2.386	up	3.71E-06	1.013	down	1.82E-04
1431035	at	Daam1	Mm.87417	2.128	up	1.46E-04	2.076	down	1.52E-04
1429443	at	Cpne4	Mm.326240	2.047	up	7.83E-05	1.055	down	5.16E-07
1450680	at	Rag1	Mm.828	1.524	up	2.77E-04	3.785	down	2.66E-05
1439426	x at	Lyz1	Mm.177539	1.265	up	6.09E-04	2.372	down	5.72E-05
1419394	s at	S100a8	Mm.21567	1.129	up	1.25E-05	3.532	down	8.09E-06
1423547	at	Lyz2	Mm.45436	1.126	up	8.46E-05	2.102	down	1.75E-05
1424339	at	Oasl1	Mm.95479	1.090	up	4.93E-05	2.018	down	9.74E-06
1445305	at	Slc10a7	Mm.334631	1.074	up	5.25E-05	2.014	down	6.07E-05
1448756	at	S100a9	Mm.2128	1.073	up	8.26E-04	2.582	down	5.41E-04
1441228	at	Apold1	Mm.296104	1.011	up	4.04E-06	2.082	down	5.97E-04
1452592	at	Mgst2	Mm.24679	1.011	up	6.31E-05	2.763	down	7.82E-08
1420398	at	Rgs18	Mm.253927	1.006	up	1.31E-06	2.893	down	1.62E-07
1453644	at	Obp1a	Mm.430771	57.487	down	3.72E-05	1.137	down	4.07E-05
1437432	a at	Trim12	Mm.458309	24.627	down	3.56E-05	1.012	down	8.10E-06
1421803	at	Apbh	Mm.6205	21.606	down	1.19E-04	1.043	down	1.09E-04
1419090	x at	Klk1b26	Mm.439663	11.300	down	3.47E-06	3.415	down	1.88E-04
1420490	at	Klk1b16	Mm.440887	9.701	down	4.05E-04	1.279	down	2.57E-06
1425144	at	Klk1b11	Mm.443378	9.173	down	2.09E-05	2.075	down	5.38E-05
1418093	a at	Egf	Mm.252481	8.961	down	7.72E-05	1.401	down	2.55E-04
1420701	at	Klk1b1	Mm.447819	8.958	down	6.41E-05	1.387	down	1.54E-07
1449313	at	Klk1b5	Mm.443373	7.628	down	1.38E-05	2.216	down	1.62E-04
1451607	at	Klk1b21	Mm.443292	7.373	down	1.31E-04	1.387	down	1.86E-04
1421372	at	Klk1b4	Mm.440886	7.294	down	4.40E-05	1.251	down	2.88E-04
1449463	at	Klk1b8	Mm.435488	7.244	down	3.78E-06	1.403	down	4.35E-05
1449838	at	Crisp3	Mm.14138	6.279	down	6.35E-05	1.537	down	1.15E-07
1416325	at	Crisp1	Mm.16781	6.068	down	5.28E-05	2.469	down	5.72E-05
1421490	at	Prpmp5	Mm.441627	5.010	down	3.26E-06	3.225	down	7.50E-05
1424592	a at	Dnase1	Mm.440565	4.112	down	2.73E-05	1.889	down	1.73E-07
1424857	a at	Trim34	Mm.326945	4.070	down	8.92E-05	1.371	down	2.05E-05
1449447	at	Cst10	Mm.117117	3.625	down	5.36E-05	1.834	down	2.33E-04
1419595	a at	Ggh	Mm.20461	3.237	down	2.09E-04	2.913	down	1.56E-04
1416456	a at	Chia	Mm.46418	3.116	down	8.13E-04	1.284	down	3.00E-05
1420492	s at	Smr3a	Mm.431303	3.069	down	7.04E-08	1.528	down	2.05E-06
1454608	x at	Ttr	Mm.2108	2.790	down	4.79E-05	1.348	down	1.78E-04
1453752	at	Rpl17	Mm.276337	2.611	down	9.84E-05	1.210	down	1.98E-05
1448626	at	Cdk5rap1	Mm.289427	2.573	down	1.05E-05	2.330	down	3.05E-06
1417023	a at	Fabp4	Mm.582	2.559	down	3.43E-04	1.474	down	4.62E-06
1448998	at	Lpo	Mm.41236	2.549	down	5.32E-05	1.173	down	4.46E-05
1428010	at	Timm9	Mm.207767	2.522	down	1.05E-06	1.766	down	8.99E-05
1437614	x at	Zdhhc14	Mm.476811	2.379	down	6.32E-05	3.162	down	4.49E-06
1425505	at	Mylk	Mm.33360	2.375	down	2.91E-04	1.139	down	4.14E-04
1450136	at	Cd38	Mm.249873	2.358	down	2.88E-07	2.442	down	3.85E-06
1449526	a at	Gdpd3	Mm.246881	2.284	down	1.95E-04	2.029	down	1.26E-04
1449212	at	Pip	Mm.214755	2.270	down	1.09E-04	1.128	down	6.60E-05
1417765	a at	Amy1	Mm.439727	2.245	down	2.86E-04	1.252	down	1.30E-04
1430465	at	Raly	Mm.221440	2.219	down	1.58E-04	1.884	down	1.92E-04
1444322	at	Lcn11	Mm.27838	2.211	down	8.38E-07	1.421	down	2.29E-06
1423450	a at	Hs3st1	Mm.12559	2.128	down	3.87E-05	3.962	down	2.70E-05
1428402	at	Zcchc3	Mm.427626	2.111	down	1.34E-04	2.168	down	2.70E-04
1440582	at	Itch	Mm.208286	2.090	down	2.37E-07	2.001	down	1.45E-07
1423110	at	Col1a2	Mm.277792	2.078	down	2.26E-05	1.570	down	1.02E-04
1415837	at	Klk1	Mm.142722	2.064	down	1.70E-04	2.372	down	1.67E-05
1423608	at	Itm2a	Mm.193	2.029	down	2.39E-04	1.322	down	1.36E-04
1419814	s at	S100a1	Mm.24662	2.020	down	6.75E-06	1.132	down	1.07E-04
1444416	at	Cenpa	Mm.290563	2.012	down	2.98E-06	11.798	down	4.69E-05
1419764	at	Chi3l3	Mm.387173	1.822	down	2.85E-05	4.038	down	8.12E-06
1426278	at	Ifi27	Mm.271275	1.703	down	7.11E-06	3.049	down	5.01E-06
1418967	a at	St7	Mm.12051	1.699	down	6.33E-06	4.363	down	1.72E-06
1428820	at	Mapre1	Mm.143877	1.593	down	4.95E-07	2.286	down	3.13E-04
1450753	at	Nkg7	Mm.34613	1.513	down	4.39E-06	2.205	down	4.58E-05
1436107	at	Lsm8	Mm.275158	1.512	down	2.60E-05	5.470	down	5.19E-06
1457458	at	Zc3h4	Mm.333594	1.489	down	5.68E-05	2.534	down	5.98E-04
1450883	a at	Cd36	Mm.18628	1.485	down	8.83E-05	2.425	down	9.15E-06
1426166	at	Mup5	Mm.445286	1.472	down	2.42E-05	3.399	down	7.27E-06
1460241	a at	Sl3gal5	Mm.38248	1.435	down	2.00E-04	2.156	down	1.27E-04
1434572	at	Hdac9	Mm.310551	1.431	down	1.33E-04	2.116	down	5.97E-07
1436485	s at	Whrn	Mm.300397	1.384	down	1.30E-05	2.210	down	1.98E-06
1449015	at	Retnla	Mm.441868	1.344	down	1.93E-04	3.434	down	3.70E-05
1427306	at	Ryr1	Mm.439745	1.336	down	8.50E-06	2.035	down	1.85E-07
1422824	s at	Eps8	Mm.235346	1.310	down	4.58E-05	2.085	down	2.20E-04
1449465	at	Reln	Mm.425236	1.300	down	6.19E-05	3.672	down	4.72E-05
1418722	at	Ngp	Mm.236225	1.296	down	3.99E-07	5.603	down	7.82E-08
1432026	a at	Herc5	Mm.297393	1.293	down	6.54E-04	2.016	down	2.20E-05
1424775	at	Oasl1a	Mm.14301	1.279	down	1.17E-07	2.827	down	2.65E-05
1428490	at	C1galt1	Mm.102752	1.264	down	1.88E-04	2.100	down	2.44E-06
1442107	at	Flnb	Mm.475646	1.251	down	2.09E-05	4.390	down	2.60E-04
1429359	s at	Rbpms	Mm.323997	1.211	down	4.58E-05	2.334	down	1.31E-05
1453196	a at	Oasl2	Mm.228363	1.205	down	4.08E-06	2.012	down	2.48E-05
1455359	at	Ptpn14	Mm.4498	1.204	down	5.86E-06	2.062	down	1.15E-06
1419691	at	Camp	Mm.3834	1.189	down	7.69E-07	2.971	down	3.10E-05
1437874	s at	Hexb	Mm.27816	1.133	down	3.19E-04	2.373	down	2.70E-04

1425908_at	Gnb1	Mm.2344	1.122	down	4.27E-06	9.115	down	5.58E-05
1423555_a_at	Ifi44	Mm.30756	1.032	down	2.29E-06	2.300	down	5.93E-05

\*List of differentially expressed genes that distinguish between CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland tumor propagating cells of double mutant mice and CD24<sup>+</sup>CD29<sup>+</sup> salivary gland cells of single mutant mice according to gene chip analysis. Affymetrix probe set ID (Probe ID), gene symbol (Symbol), Unigene ID, gene description, fold change (fc) and p-value (p) are shown. Grey-marked genes were specifically discussed in the text.

**Supplemental Table 5.** Oligo sequences used for quantitative Real-Time PCR.

<b>Gene</b>	<b>Primer sequence</b>
mc-myc forward	5'-TCCTGAAGCAGATCAGCAACAACC-3'
mc-myc reverse	5'-TGCTTGAATGGACAGGATGTAGGC-3'
mFas forward	5'-AGTGCAAACCAGACTTCTACTGCG-3'
mFas reverse	5'-AAGGATGGTCAACAACCATAGGCG-3'
mCK6 forward	5'-AGAGAGGGGTTCGCATGAACT-3'
mCK6 reverse	5'-TCATCTGTTAGACTGTCTGCCTT-3'
mLoricrin forward	5'-TTGTGGAAAGACCTCTGGTGGAGG-3'
mLoricrin reverse	5'-AACCACCTCCATAGGAACCACCG-3';
mAxin2 forward	5'-AACTGAAACTGGAGCTGGAAAGCC-3'
mAxin2 reverse	5'-TTTGTGGGTCTCTTCATAGCTGC-3'
mLef-1 forward	5'-TGATGCCCAATATGAACAGCGACC-3'
mLef-1 reverse	5'-TTGCTTGGAGTTGACATCTGACGG-3'
mBmp4 forward	5'-AGAAGAATAAGAACTGCCGTCGCC-3'
mBmp4 reverse	5'-ATGGCATGGTTGGTTGAGTTGAGG-3'
mMsx2 forward	5'-AAATCTGGTTCAGAACC GAAGGG-3'
mMsx2 reverse	5'-CATGGTAGATGCCATATCCAACCG-3'
m $\beta$ -actin forward	5'-TCGTGCGTGACATCAAAGAGAAGC-3'
m $\beta$ -actin reverse	5'-ATGGATGCCACAGGATTCCATACC-3'
mDppa5 forward	5'-GAAATATCTGTTTGGCCCACAGGG-3'
mDppa5 reverse	5'-GCCATGGACTGAAGCATCCATTTAGC-3'
mDkk1 forward	5'-TGTTGTGCAAGACACTTCTGGTCC-3'
mDkk1 reverse	5'-TGTGGAGCCTAGAAGAATTGCTGG-3'
mNr5a2 forward	5'-ACACAGAAGTTCGCGTTCAACAACC-3'
mNr5a2 reverse	5'-TAGTTGCAAACCGTGTAGTCCAGC-3'
mLrrc34 forward	5'-TCAAGGGAATAAACCTGAACCGGC-3'
mLrrc34 reverse	5'-ATTGCAGCTGACATCAAGGTAGCG-3'
mDnaj1 forward	5'-TACAGCTGGTTGAAGCATTGTGCG-3'
mDnaj1 reverse	5'-TCATATGGCCGACGGTATATTGGC-3'
mPdpn forward	5'-CACAGAGAACACGAGAGTACAACC-3'
mPdpn reverse	5'-ACGCCAACTATGATTCCAACCAGG-3'
mCdgap forward	5'-ATTGCCGGATTGGAAGAGAAAGCC-3'
mCdgap reverse	5'-ACGGTTGCTAAGTTCAGTTGTGG-3'
mAbcb1b forward	5'-TTATGCTGCTTGTTCGCGTTCGG-3'
mAbcb1b reverse	5'-TTTGGCTTTCGCATAGTCAGGAGC-3'
mGeminin forward	5'-ATCTCAGACTTCAAGCTGTGGTCC-3'
mGeminin reverse	5'-TTTATTCTCCTTCTCAGGCGGGC-3'
mKlf5 forward	5'-ACGTCAATGAAACAGTTCAGGGC-3'
mKlf5 reverse	5'-TTGGGTGTGAATCGCCAGTTTGG-3'
mFgf5 forward	5'-TCCTTGCTCTTCCTCATCTTCTGC-3'
mFgf5 reverse	5'-ACTGGAAACTGCTATGTTCCGAGC-3'
mKlk1b3 forward	5'-ACCGATTTGTCAGCAAAGCCATCC-3'
mKlk1b3 reverse	5'-AATTTGGTGGGTGTAATGCTGCC-3'



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m <i>Dnajc6</i> forward	5'-TCATTTGCCAGCAAACCTACCACC-3'
m <i>Dnajc6</i> reverse	5'-AAGCTCACGTTGTAATTGGGTCCG-3'
m <i>Klf3</i> forward	5'-GAA GCC CAA CAA ATA TGG GGT-3'
m <i>Klf3</i> reverse	5'-GGA CGG GAA CTT CAG AGA GG-3'
m <i>Tbx6</i> forward	5'-GGCAGCTCCATCTGTACCAT-3'
m <i>Tbx6</i> reverse	5'-ACCGAGGCTCAGTACATTGG-3'
m <i>Trim2</i> forward	5'-TGGACAGTTCAAAAGTCGTTTCG-3'
m <i>Trim2</i> reverse	5'-AATGCTAACCCACTTGTTGTCAT-3'
m <i>Ctnnb1</i> forward	5'-TGATTCGAAACCTTGCCCTTTGCC-3'
m <i>Ctnnb1</i> reverse	5'-TTACAATCCGGTTGTGAACGTCCC-3'
m <i>Mll1</i> forward	5'-AACAAAGCATGGATCTCCCAATGCC-3'
m <i>Mll1</i> reverse	5'-ACATGTAGCAACCAATGCCCTTGC-3'
m <i>Cbp</i> forward	5'-ACCACAAGTCCATTTGGACAACCC-3'
m <i>Cbp</i> reverse	5'-TTCCCACTGATGTTTGCAACTGGG-3'
m <i>Ash1</i> forward	5'-AGTTGAAGCTATGCAACGCCAAGC-3'
m <i>Ash1</i> reverse	5'-TTCAATTCCGGGCTGACAAACTGG-3'
m <i>Ash2</i> forward	5'-AAATGGTGTCAATCAGGGTGTGGC-3'
m <i>Ash2</i> reverse	5'-ACATCAGCCAGTGTGTGTTCTACC-3'
m <i>Hells</i> forward	5'-TTCGGAAATGTAATGGACAGC-3'
m <i>Hells</i> reverse	5'-GGGCCACATACAAGAAAAGG-3'
m <i>Amy1</i> forward	5'-ACATGTGGCCTGGAGACATAAAGG-3'
m <i>Amy1</i> reverse	5'-ATCCCACTTGCGCATAACTTTGCC-3'
h <i>NR5A2</i> forward	5'-TCATGGCCTATTTGCAGCAAGAGC-3'
h <i>NR5A2</i> reverse	5'-ACCACTTGTCGGTAAATGTGGTTCG-3'
h <i>ABCB1B</i> forward	5'-AAGGCCTAATGCCGAACACATTGG-3'
h <i>ABCB1B</i> reverse	5'-TTTGCCATCAAGCAGCACTTTCCC-3'
h <i>LRRC34</i> forward	5'-TAATGATATTGGGCCCGAAGGTGG-3'
h <i>LRRC34</i> reverse	5'-TTGCATTCCCAGATCACAGTCACC-3'
h <i>HELLS</i> forward	5'-AAGGCATGGAATGGCTTAGGATGC-3'
h <i>HELLS</i> reverse	5'-CCAGTTAGGAAGTGTAGACAAAGGGC-3'
h <i>DNAJC6</i> forward	5'-ATCGAACTGCCAAGTTTCACAGCC-3'
h <i>DNAJC6</i> reverse	5'-ACCAACCAGAATTGATGATGCCGC-3'
h <i>MLL1</i> forward	5'-AGCAAGGTCATGGCAACAATCAGG-3'
h <i>MLL1</i> reverse	5'-AGCTGCATTGGAAATCTGAGACGG-3'
h <i>ASH2</i> forward	5'-ATGGTTCACGGCTGACACATTTGG-3'
h <i>ASH2</i> reverse	5'-TTCGGATGTTTCATCCTGTGTTCCGG-3'
h <i>AXIN2</i> forward	5'-TTCGGATGTTTCATCCTGTGTTCCGG-3'
h <i>AXIN2</i> reverse	5'-TGGTGCAAAGACATAGCCAGAACC-3'
h <i>β-ACTIN</i> forward	5'-TGGCACCACACCTTCTACAATGAGC-3'
h <i>β-ACTIN</i> reverse	5'-GCACAGCTTCTCCTTAATGTCACGC-3'

**Supplemental Table 6.** Oligonucleotide sequences used for transient RNAi.

Gene	Oligo No.	Target Sequence
<i>β-catenin</i>	1	5'-GCUGAAACAUGCAGUUGUAUU-3'
	2	5'-GAUAAAGGCUACUGUUGGAUU-3'
	3	5'-CCACUAAUGUCCAGCGUUUUU-3'
	4	5'-ACAAGUAGCUGAUUAUUGAUUU-3'
<i>Mll1</i>	1	5'-CGCCAAAUGGAGCGAGUUU-3'
	2	5'-CCACCAAACCCACGAAGAA-3'
	3	5'-AGACAAAGCCCUCGAAGGA-3'
	4	5'-GCACAGUGGUCUCACGAUU-3'
<i>Dppa5a</i>	1	5'-GUUACAUCCUAGCAAGUA-3'
	2	5'-AGUCGCUGGUGCUGAAAUA-3'
	3	5'-CCACAGGGAUCUCGAAUGU-3'
	4	5'-CGAAGAACUUAUCGAGGUC-3'
<i>Crebbp</i> (CBP)	1	5'-GGACAGCUGUUUACCAUGA-3'
	2	5'-GGAAUGAAGUCAAGGUUUG-3'
	3	5'-GAAAGCAGCUGUGUACAAU-3'
	4	5'-GCACAAGGAGGUAUUCUUU-3'
<i>Ash1l</i>	1	5'-GCGAAACAAUGGACAAUUA-3'
	2	5'-CAAGUAAGCUCGAGUCUGA-3'
	3	5'-GCUUAAGUAUUGAGUGUAA-3'
	4	5'-UAGUUGGACUGGUUAAUAA-3'
Control	1	5'-UGGUUUACAUGUCGACUAA-3'
	2	5'-UGGUUUACAUGUUGUGUGA-3'
	3	5'-UGGUUUACAUGUUUUCUGA-3'
	4	5'-UGGUUUACAUGUUUCCUA-3'

Supplemental Table 7. Oligo sequences used for quantitative Real-Time PCR of ChIP samples.

Gene	Primer sequence	Amplicon
mMll1 forward_I	5'-ACATTCAATGGGAGAGTGCTTGCC-3'	chr9:44692191+44692323
mMll1 reverse_I	5'-AAAGAATCTCTCTCAGTGCCTCCC-3'	
mMll1 forward_II	5'-AGCGTCGCCAATTGATTCTATGC-3'	chr9:44689986+44690098
mMll1 reverse_II	5'-AAAGAGCTCCAAGCGTGAAGATGG-3'	
mMll1 forward_III	5'-ACTGCCCTAGGAGTAACACATCTGC-3'	chr9:44688508+44688616
mMll1 reverse_III	5'-TTCACAGATTACCTCATCCGAGCC-3'	
mMll1 forward_IV	5'-AGCACCAACTCCATGCAAGTAACC-3'	chr9:44686793+44686890
mMll1 reverse_IV	5'-TAAGCTGACAACACAGATCCCAGG-3'	
mHells forward_I	5'-AGCACCAGAATCAAAGGTGTGTGC-3'	chr19:39003188+39003313
mHells reverse_I	5'-TGTTGGCCTCCAACCTCAGAAATCC-3'	
mHells forward_II	5'-ACCTACCGAAAGGACAGGTATTGG-3'	chr19:39005106+39005195
mHells reverse_II	5'-TAATGATGGTCCCGAGTTGTTCCGG-3'	
mHells forward_III	5'-ACTTGAATCCCGTTCTGAAAGCCC-3'	chr19:39005840+39005941
mHells reverse_III	5'-AGCATGGCTGGAGTAATCACCG-3'	
mHells forward_IV	5'-TGTGTGTGTGAGTGTGAGATGTCC-3'	chr19:39007011+39007138
mHells reverse_IV	5'-TGCAGAGGTACCAGGTTTGTTC-3'	
mAsh2 forward_I	5'-ATAGCCATCACTTCATGGCACAGG-3'	chr8:26952740+26952888
mAsh2 reverse_I	5'-ACGCAGAGATTGGTAACTGTGGG-3'	
mAsh2 forward_II	5'-AAGCATATGGGTGGGCTCTAAACC-3'	chr8:26951979+26952076
mAsh2 reverse_II	5'-TACATGCGCACACATCCGTAAAGC-3'	
mAsh2 forward_III	5'-AAGCAAGACAAATGTGTTCGCGGC-3'	chr8:26950689+26950787
mAsh2 reverse_III	5'-CTTGCAATGCTTGGTCCTGAAAGC-3'	
mAsh2 forward_IV	5'-AACAGCAGCATGGAAGTGTAAGCC-3'	chr8:26948631+26948773
mAsh2 reverse_IV	5'-ACCATAGCTAATGCAAGACCAGGG-3'	
mMyc forward	5'-TGCCAGTCAACATAACTGTACGACC-3'	chr15:61816229+61816317
mMyc reverse	5'-AGAGCCACTTAGGGATAAACAGCC-3'	
mGapdh forward	5'-ACGGCGGTTTCATTCATTCCTTCC-3'	chr6:125114819+125114915
mGapdh reverse	5'-TGCATACCTTTGCGCATCATCTCC-3'	
hMll1 forward_I	5'-TCTTCCTTCTTTCTGCTGCCTTGC-3'	chr11:118304931+118305068
hMll1 reverse_I	5'-TGTGTCAACAGATTTCTTCCCGCC-3'	
hMll1 forward_II	5'-TTCGGGCTAACCCATCTTGTATCC-3'	chr11:118306634+118306727
hMll1 reverse_II	5'-AGAGCAGCTTCCAGTATAACGCGG-3'	
hMll1 forward_III	5'-ACCTCCTTCCCTCTGAAGATAACGG-3'	chr11:118309754+118309845
hMll1 reverse_III	5'-AGAACTGTAGCCCTGTAAGACGG-3'	
hMll1 forward_IV	5'-CCATGTAGTTGGAGAACCAAAGGC-3'	chr11:118309754+118309845
hMll1 reverse_IV	5'-CAACTCACATTTAAGCACCAACTCC-3'	
hHELLS forward_I	5'-TAACTATCCTGTGAGATTGGGCGAGG-3'	chr10:96304154+96304293
hHELLS reverse_I	5'-ATTAGCCTGGAATGGGCTAATGTCCG-3'	
hHELLS forward_II	5'-GGCGCCTTGCAAAGTATTAACAGC-3'	chr10:96305252+96305370
hHELLS reverse_II	5'-TAACTATCCTGTGAGATTGGGCGAGG-3'	
hHELLS forward_III	5'-GGGAGAAAGGCTGTTTCTTGTGG-3'	chr10:96306052+96306164

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hHELLS reverse_III	5'-AGTTGTTCAACCATTGCTGGAGCC-3'	
hHELLS forward_IV	5'-TTGGGTGCCACAGTTGGTAAATGG-3'	chr10:96307516+96307632
hHELLS reverse_IV	5'-ACGGAAGGAGTATTACTGGAGTGG-3'	
hASH2 forward_I	5'-TAGAAGCAAGTCACTGAGTCCAGC-3'	chr8:37960686+37960777
hASH2 reverse_I	5'-GATTACAGGAGTGAGCCATCATGC-3'	
hASH2 forward_II	5'-ACCAGCTACTGTTGATGACTTCCC-3'	chr8:37962357+37962438
hASH2 reverse_II	5'-ATGTAGACAAGTTTGGTGCCAGC-3'	
hASH2 forward_III	5'-AAGCTGCAGGAGTATGAAGTTCGG-3'	chr8:37963787+37963923
hASH2 reverse_III	5'-ACCGCTTACATCGACCAAGTTTGC-3'	
hASH2 forward_IV	5'-AATGGCAGGATCACAGCTTTCTGC-3'	chr8:37965508+37965626
hASH2 reverse_IV	5'-ATAAAGGAAAGCTGGGTGTGGTGG-3'	
hMYC forward	5'-GCGCCCATTAATACCCCTTCTTCC-3'	chr8:128747818+128747989
hMYC reverse	5'-ATAAATCATCGCAGGCGGAACAGC-3'	
hACTIN forward	5'-TGCAGAAAGTGCAAAGAACACGGC-3'	chr7:5568420+5568576
hACTIN reverse	5'-TGTGGGTGTAGGTACTAACACTGG-3'	