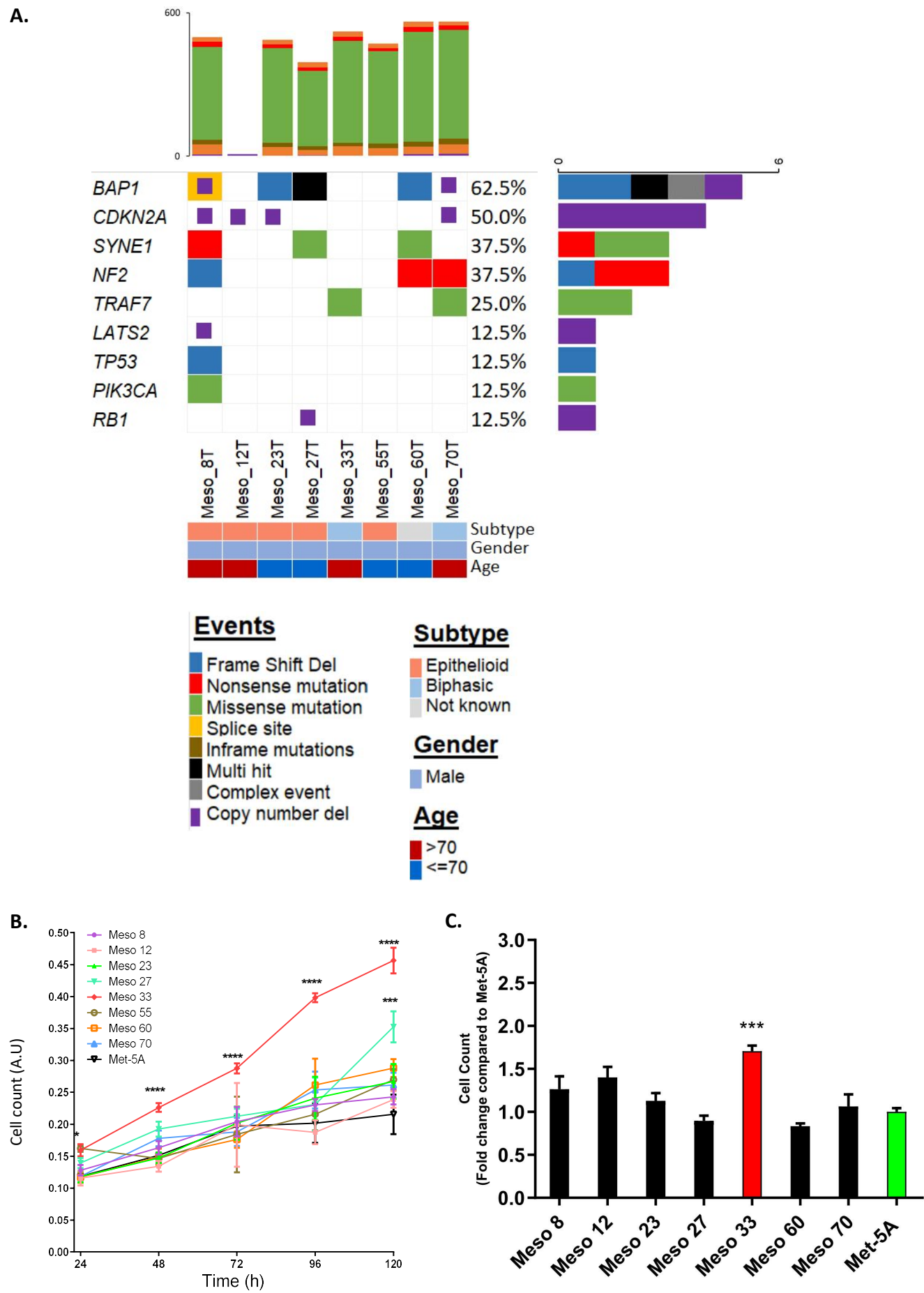
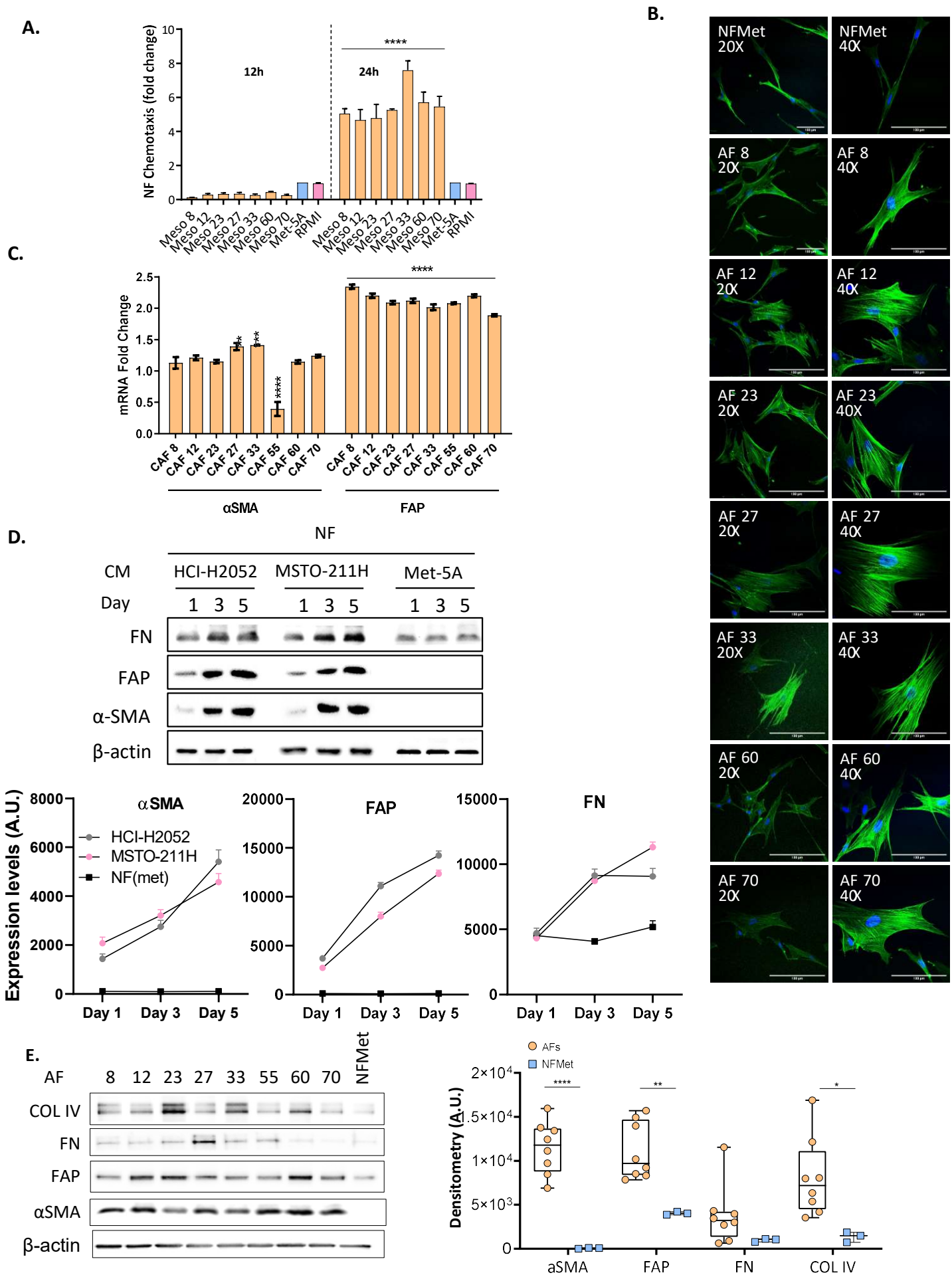


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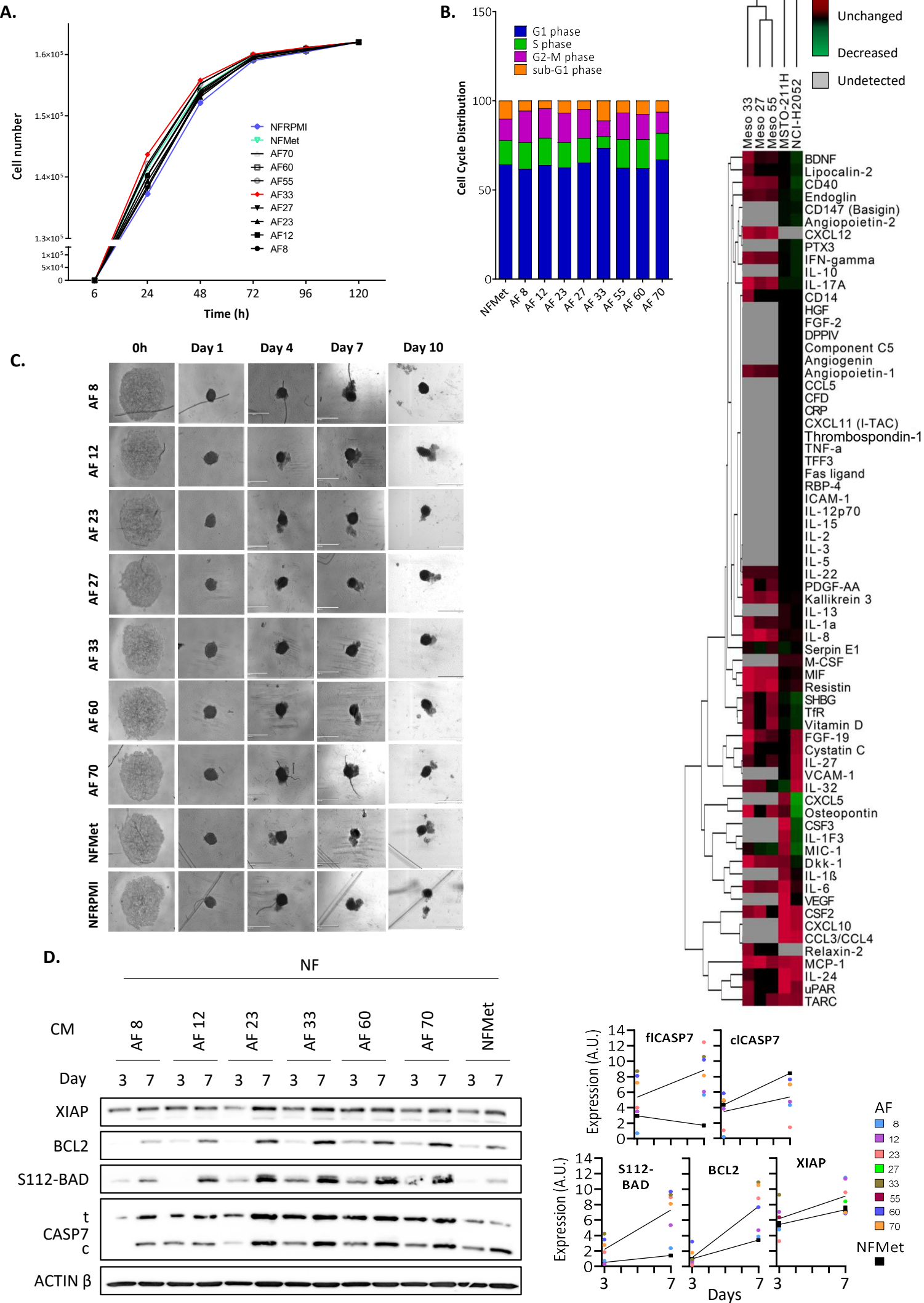


Supp Figure 1: (A) OncoPrint showing sub-type and genomic alterations for the patient-derived cell lines used in our study. **(B-C)** The indicated mesothelioma cell lines or mesothelial cells (Met-5A) were cultured in 2D (A) or 3D (B-D). **(B)** Cell growth was determined by Crystal Violet staining. **(C)** Microsphere growth at Day 10 was determined using the Cell Titer Glo assay with results normalised to those for Met-5A. Statistics: two-way ANOVA with multiple comparison (*; $p < 0.05$, ***; $p < 0.005$, ****; $p < 0.001$). Data represent mean $\pm$ SD of 3 biological replicates.



Supp Fig 2: (A) Fold change in the number of fibroblasts migrating towards secretions from the indicated cell type at two different timepoints. Non-conditioned medium (RPMI) was used as a control. Data represent the mean $\pm$ SD of 3 biological replicates normalised to results obtained for Met-5A conditions. **(B)** Representative confocal microscopy images of fibroblasts treated for 72 h with the conditioned media of the indicated cell lines (see number). NFMet; naïve fibroblasts treated with secretions from Met-5A cells. AF; activated fibroblasts. F-actin was stained with Alexa488-Phalloidin (green) and nuclear DNA with Hoechst (scale bar: 100 μ m). Images representative of 3 biological replicates. **(C)** 72h post seeding, RNA was extracted from the indicated AFs and the expression levels of α SMA and FAP determined by RT-qPCR. Results were normalised to those obtained for fibroblast exposed to conditioned medium from Met-5A cells. Data represent mean fold changes $\pm$ SEM of 3 independent experiments. **(D)** Fibroblasts were exposed to the conditioned medium (CM) of the indicated cell lines and proteins were extracted at various time points prior to analysis by SDS-PAGE/Western blotting. Lower panel: quantification over 3 biological replicates for the indicated protein normalised for β -actin used as loading control. **(E)** Following 72h of treatment with CM from MPM cell lines (see number) or Met-5A cells (Met), AFs or NFMets were collected, washed, and passaged twice in non-conditioned medium before protein extracts were analysed by Western-blotting. Right panel: quantification for the indicated protein normalised for β -actin used as loading control. Statistics: Two-way ANOVA with multiple comparisons (** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.005$, **** $P < 0.001$).

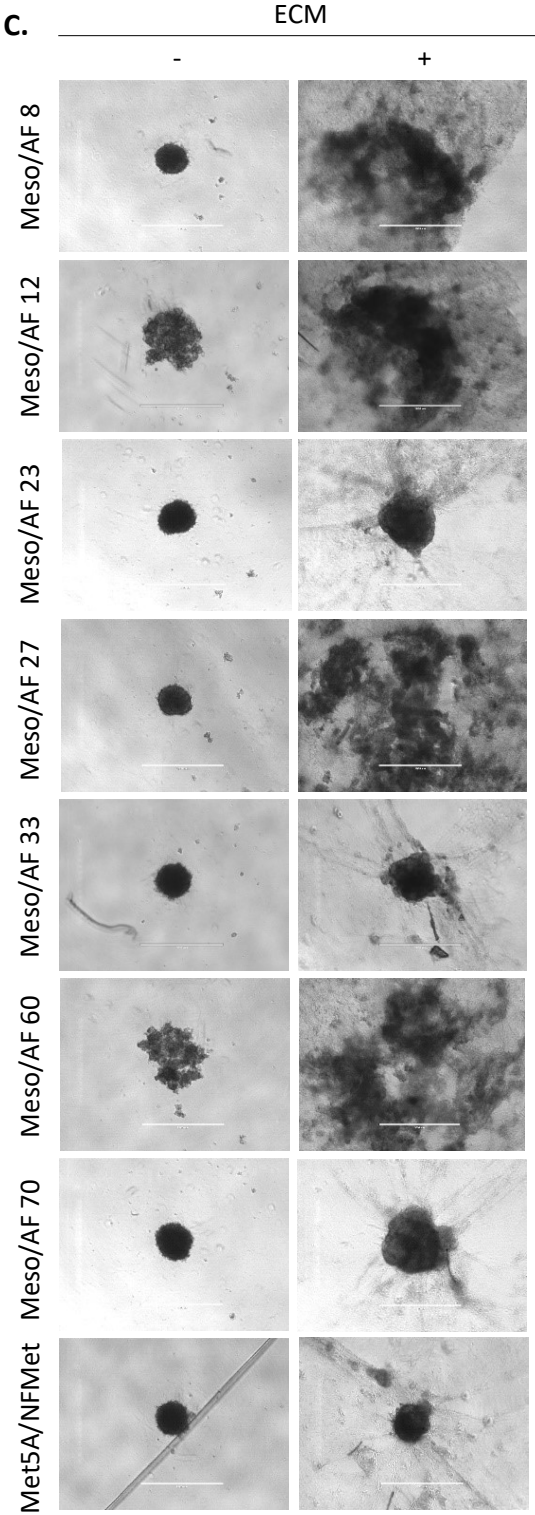
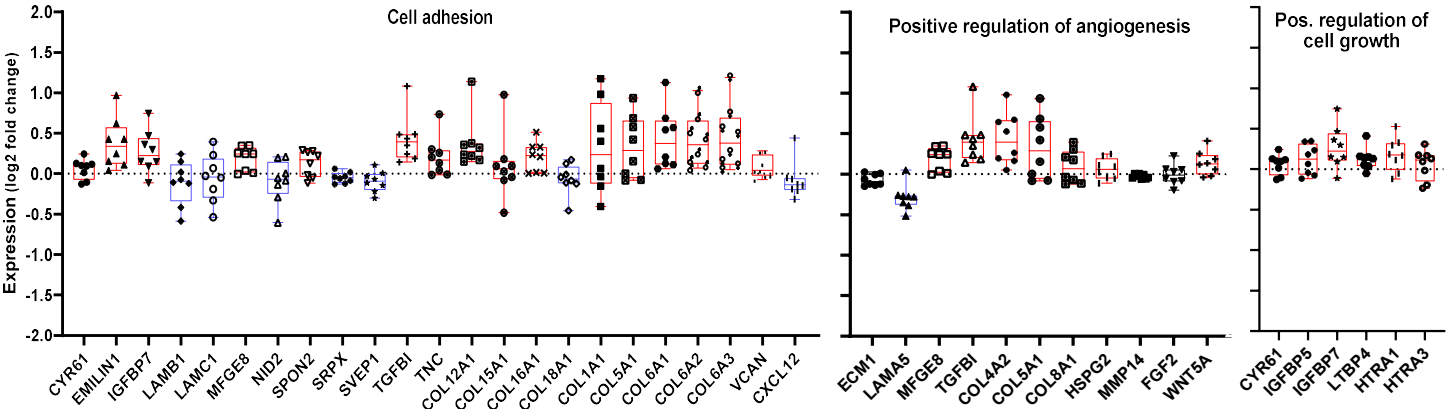
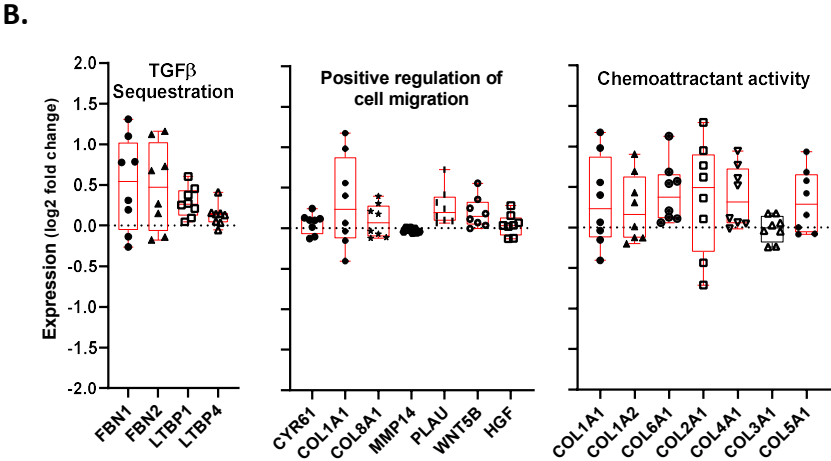
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Supp Figure 3: **(A)** The proliferation rate in 2D of AFs and naïve fibroblasts (NF) treated with conditioned medium from Met-5A cells (Met) or unconditioned complete medium (RPMI) at 72h was assessed by flow cytometry analysis following CFSE staining. Data are the mean $\pm$ SEM from 3 individual biological replicates. **(B)** The cell cycle distribution of AFs and NFMets was determined following PI staining and flow cytometry acquisition. Data are representative of 3 individual experiments. **(C)** The growth rate of 3D microspheres of MRC-5 fibroblasts treated with indicated conditioned medium or complete medium (RPMI) was monitored by microscopy. **(D)** Immunoblot for the expression of apoptosis regulators XIAP, BCL-2, phosphorylated BAD (Ser 112) and total (t) and cleaved (c) Caspase 7. Right panel: quantification over 3 biological replicates for the indicated protein normalised for β -actin used as loading control. **(E)** Comparison of cytokine expression profiling for fibroblasts activated for 72h using condition media of three of our patient-derived mesothelioma cell lines (Meso) and two commonly used commercially-available mesothelioma cell lines. Hierarchical clustering was performed using ClusterMaker under Cytoscape.

A.

GeneSet	Count	P-value	FDR
extracellular matrix organization	40	1.11E-16	5.38E-14
collagen fibril organization	14	1.11E-16	5.38E-14
cell adhesion	23	1.23E-13	3.96E-11
endodermal cell differentiation	7	3.03E-09	4.88E-07
proteolysis	14	1.17E-07	1.41E-05
cellular response to amino acid stimulus	7	1.34E-07	1.43E-05
extracellular matrix disassembly	7	7.88E-07	7.64E-05
angiogenesis	11	1.36E-06	1.20E-04
positive regulation of cell-substrate adhesion	5	2.55E-06	1.74E-04
dermatan sulfate biosynthetic process	4	2.72E-06	1.74E-04
sequestering of TGFbeta in extracellular matrix	3	4.69E-06	2.49E-04
negative regulation of angiogenesis	6	4.70E-05	1.52E-03
chondroitin sulfate biosynthetic process	4	4.75E-05	1.52E-03
positive regulation of cell migration	9	5.16E-05	1.56E-03
collagen biosynthetic process	3	5.20E-05	1.56E-03
response to mechanical stimulus	5	6.92E-05	1.94E-03
cellular response to transforming growth factor beta stimulus	5	6.92E-05	1.94E-03
collagen-activated tyrosine kinase receptor signaling pathway	3	9.39E-05	2.53E-03
integrin-mediated signaling pathway	6	9.89E-05	2.57E-03
negative regulation of endopeptidase activity	6	1.11E-04	2.79E-03
negative regulation of endodermal cell differentiation	2	1.17E-04	2.79E-03
basement membrane organization	3	1.53E-04	3.22E-03
supramolecular fiber organization	3	1.53E-04	3.22E-03
glycosaminoglycan biosynthetic process	4	1.72E-04	3.61E-03
cell migration	8	1.99E-04	3.99E-03
epithelial to mesenchymal transition	4	2.35E-04	4.46E-03
negative regulation of metallopeptidase activity	2	2.63E-04	4.73E-03
collagen catabolic process	4	3.42E-04	5.81E-03
negative regulation of cell adhesion	4	3.73E-04	6.35E-03
positive regulation of cell division	4	4.43E-04	6.97E-03
leukocyte chemotaxis involved in inflammatory response	2	4.65E-04	6.97E-03
response to drug	7	5.12E-04	7.68E-03
response to cytokine	4	6.08E-04	9.12E-03
cell-matrix adhesion	5	6.47E-04	9.70E-03



Supp Figure 4: (A) Gene ontology analysis for biological processes enriched in the functional interaction network shown in Fig 4B, performed in ReactomeFI under Cytoscape. Only gene sets with $FDR < 0.001$ are shown. **(B)** Expression of individual genes within the genesets from selected biological processes in (A) are shown. Dots represent individual ECM samples analysed and horizontal bar the median. Red boxes indicate conditions with median over and blue boxes samples with median under log2 fold change of 0. **(C)** Images of MPM/AF co-culture spheroids grown in the presence or absence of ECM derived from the corresponding AF cell line at 72h post seeding (4X magnification). Images are representative of 3 independent biological replicates.

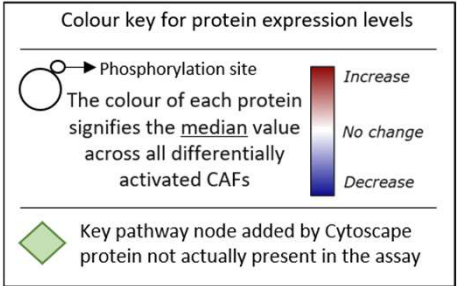
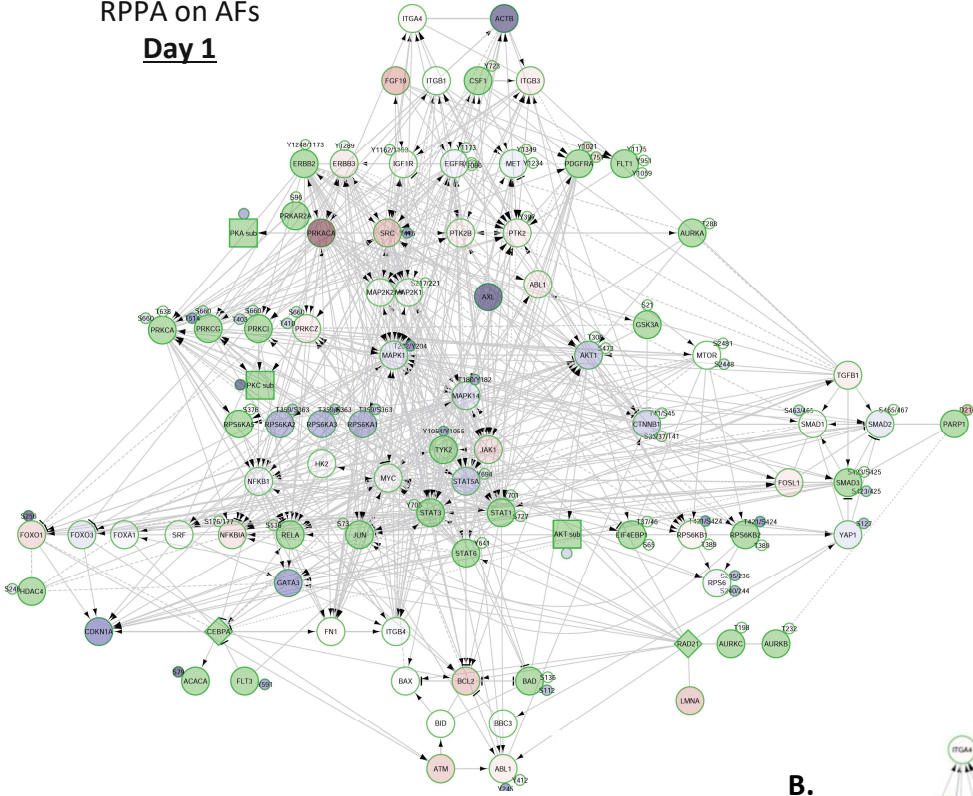
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Bak	Epitomics	1542-1	mTOR P Ser2481	Millipore (Upstate)	09-343SP
Bax	Epitomics	1063			GTX11058
Bcl-2	Epitomics	1017-1	NFkB p105/p50	GeneTex	5
beta-actin	Cell Signaling Technologies	4970	NFkB p65 Ser536	Cell Signaling Technologies	3033
beta-Catenin	Cell Signaling Technologies	9562	p21 CIP/WAF1	Cell Signaling Technologies	2946
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beta-Catenin P Thr41,Ser45	Cell Signaling Technologies	9565	p38 MAPK PThr180,Tyr182	Cell Signaling Technologies	9211
Bid	Abcam/Epitomics	ab32060	p44/42 MAPK (ERK1/2)	Cell Signaling Technologies	9102
Bim	Epitomics	1036	p44/42 MAPK (ERK1/2) P Thr202/Thr185,Tyr204/Tyr187	Cell Signaling Technologies	4370
c-Abl P Y245	Cell Signaling Technologies	2868	p70 S6 Kinase	Cell Signaling Technologies	9202
c-Abl P Y412 (247C7)	Cell Signaling Technologies	2865	p70 S6 Kinase P Thr389	Cell Signaling Technologies	9205S
c-Abl	Cell Signaling Technologies	2862	p70 S6 Kinase P Thr421,Ser424	Cell Signaling Technologies	9204
c-Jun P Ser73	Cell Signaling Technologies	9164	p90 S6 kinase (Rsk1-3)	Santa Cruz	sc-231
c-Myc	Cell Signaling Technologies	5605	p90 S6 kinase (Rsk1-3) P Thr359,Ser363	Cell Signaling Technologies	9344
EGFR (D38B1) XP ®	Cell Signaling Technologies	4267	PARP cleaved Asp214	Cell Signaling Technologies	9541
EGFR P Tyr1086		369700	PDGFR P Tyr751	Cell Signaling Technologies	4549
EGFR P Tyr1173	Cell Signaling Technologies	4407	PDGFR P Tyr1021	Cell Signaling Technologies	2227
EGFR P Y992	Cell Signaling Technologies	2235	PKA	Abcam	ab26322
ErbB-1/EGFR	Cell Signaling Technologies	2232	PKA RII P Ser96	Epitomics	1151-1
ErbB-2/Her2/EGFR P Tyr1248/Tyr1173	Cell Signaling Technologies	2244	PKA substrate P (RRXS/T) (100G7E)	Cell Signaling Technologies	9624
ErbB-3/Her3/EGFR	Cell Signaling Technologies	4754	PKC (pan) P Ser660 (beta-2)	Cell Signaling Technologies	9371
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Fibronectin [F14]	Abcam	ab45688	PKC-zeta/lambda P Thr410/403	Cell Signaling Technologies	9378
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FRA1 (R20)	Santa Cruz	sc-605	Smad1 (D59D7)	Cell Signaling Technologies	6944
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GSK-3-alpha/beta P Ser21/Ser9	Cell Signaling Technologies	9331	Smad2 (C86F7)	Cell Signaling Technologies	3122
HDAC4/5/6/7 P	Cell Signaling Technologies	3443	Smad2/3 P Ser465/Ser423,Ser467/Ser425	Cell Signaling Technologies	8828
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Supp Figure 5: Details of antibodies used in our RPPA.

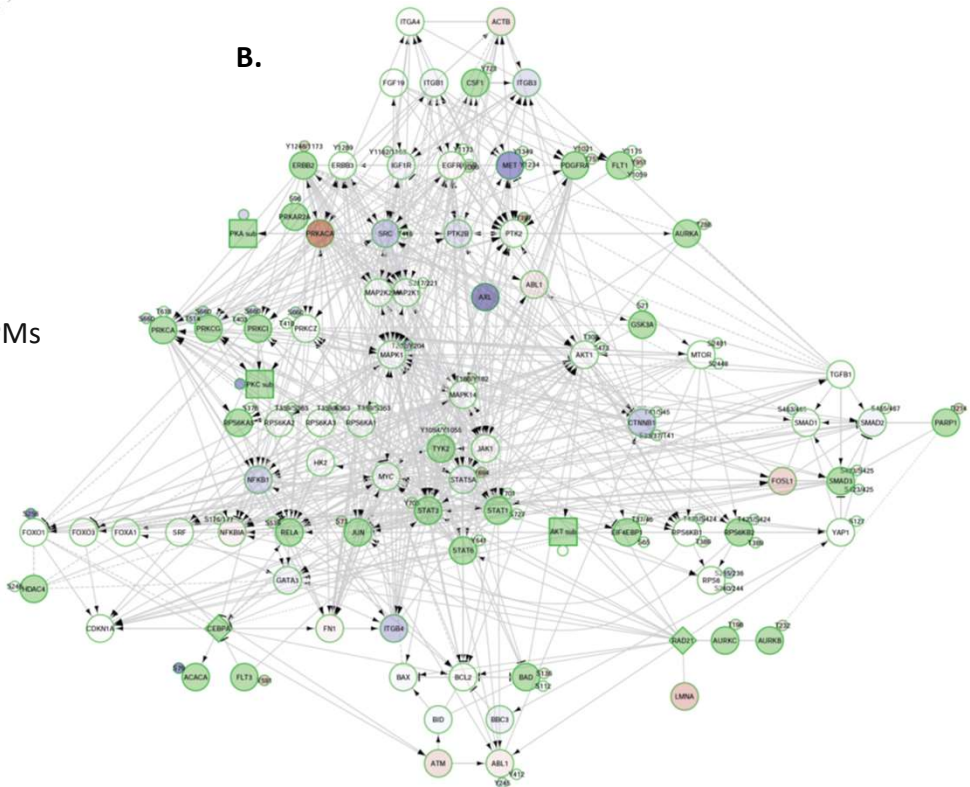
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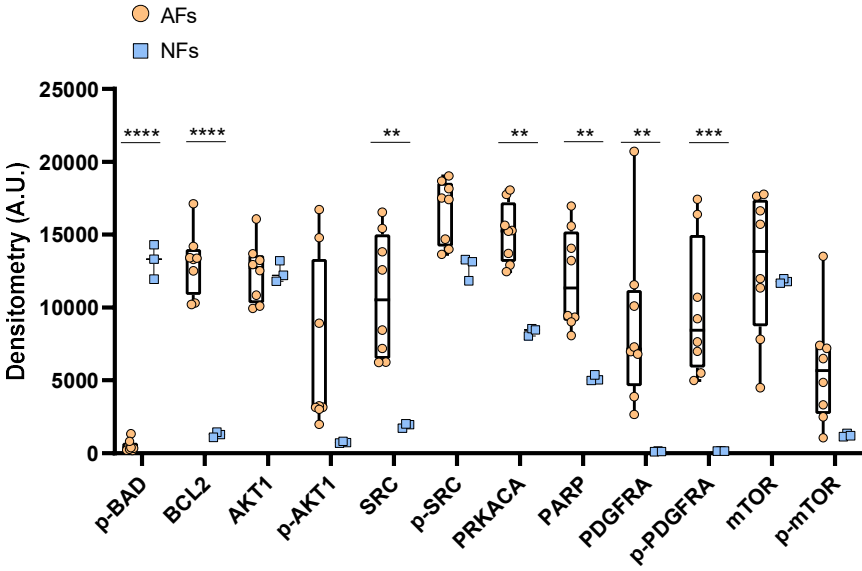


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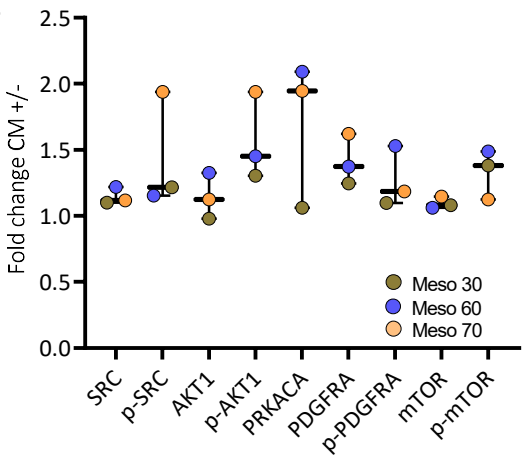
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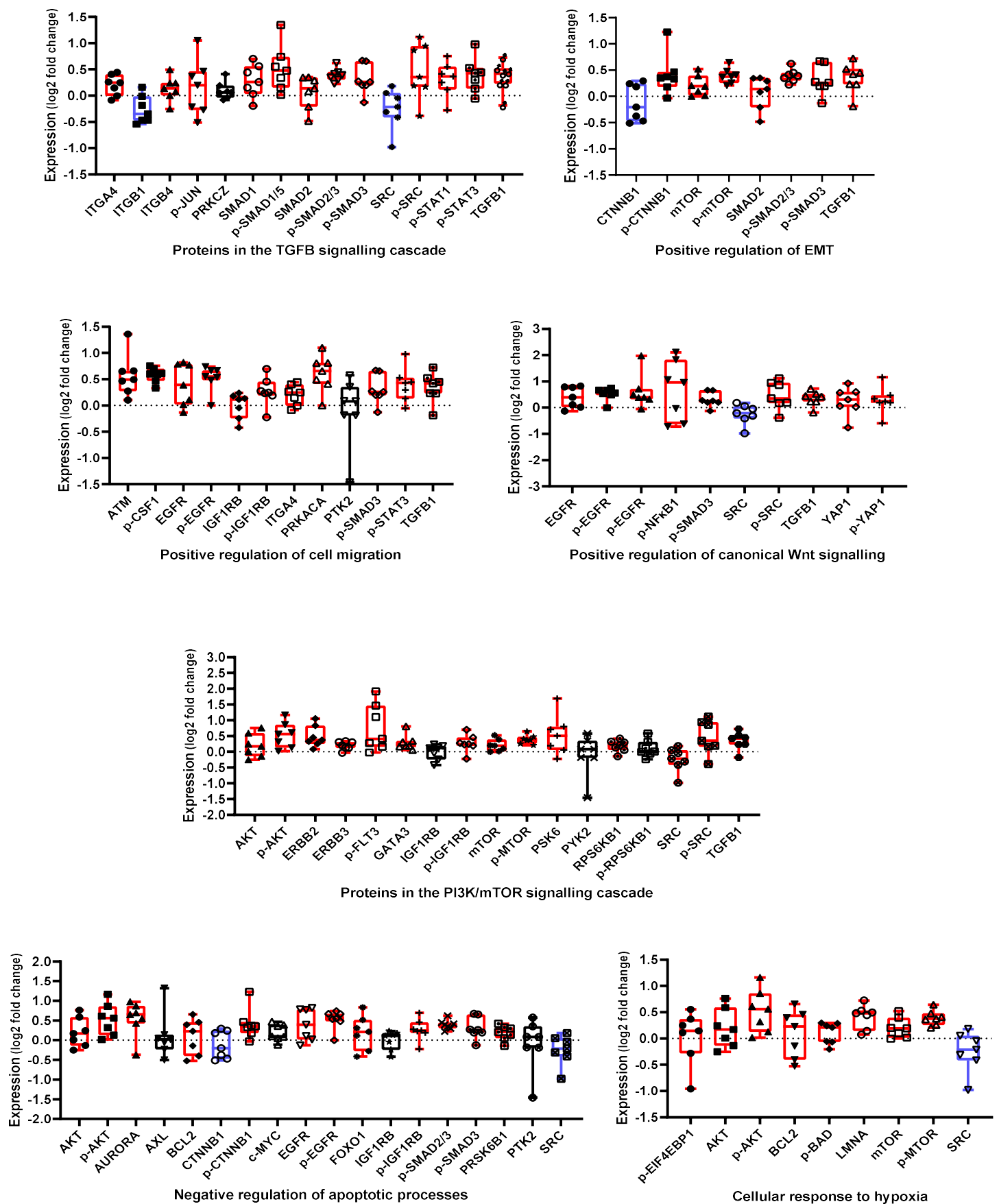


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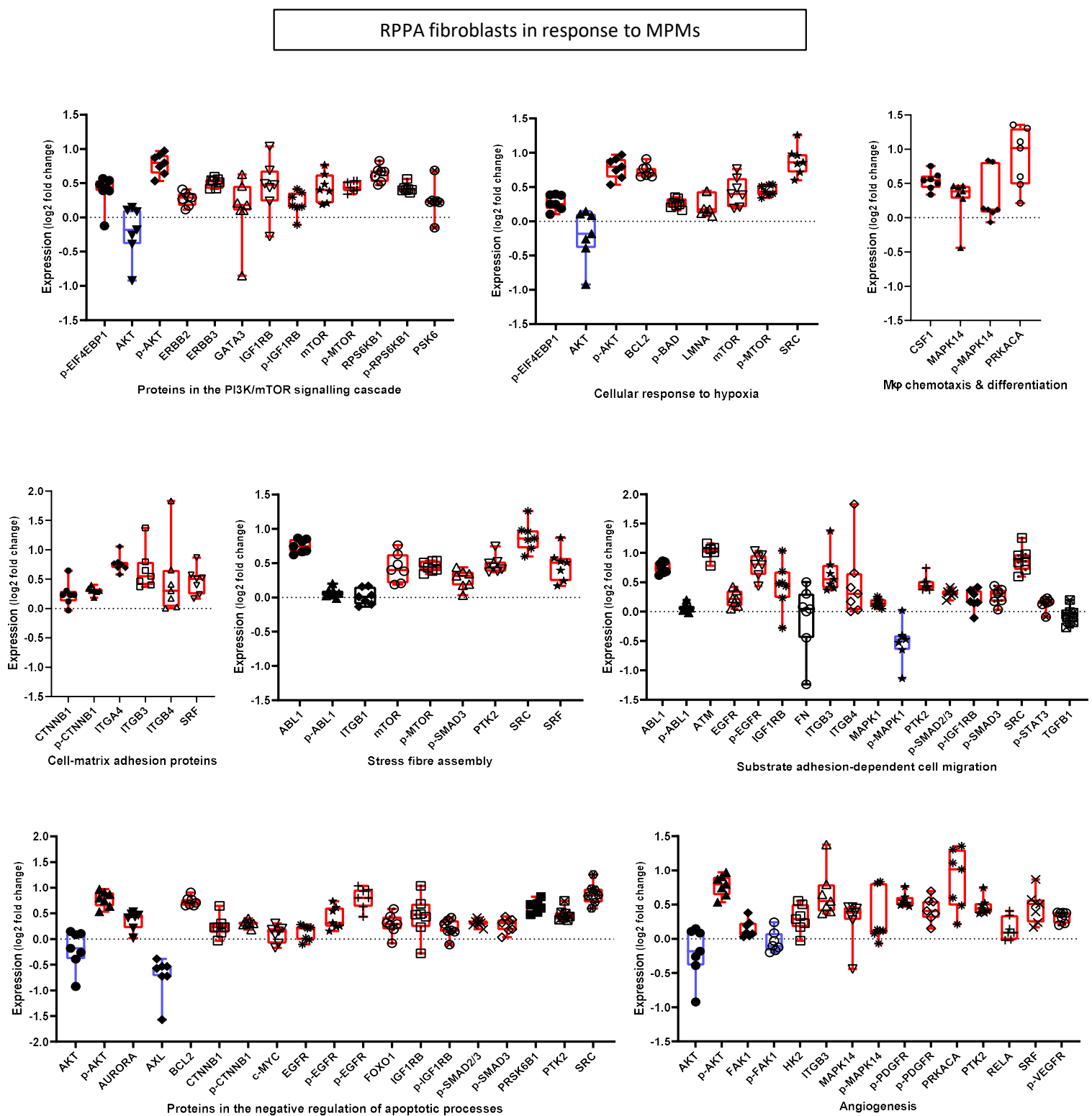


Supp Figure 6: (A-B) Lysates from NFs incubated for 24h with CM from MPM cells (A) or from MPM cells treated for 24h with CM of the corresponding AFs (B) were analysed by RPPA. Log2 fold changes in protein expression or post-translational modification over Met5A's CM-treated NF (A) or NF's CM-treated MPM cells (B) were averaged over all cell lines and data imported into Cytoscape to build a functional interaction network using the Reactome FI plugin. (C-D) Quantification of blots shown in Fig 5C-D. Dots represent the average over 3 biological replicates of cell types shown in corresponding Western blots. Signal for the indicated protein was normalised to that of VCL (C) or Actin B (D) used as loading control. Statistics: Two-way ANOVA (**P<0.01, ***P<0.005, ****P<0.001).

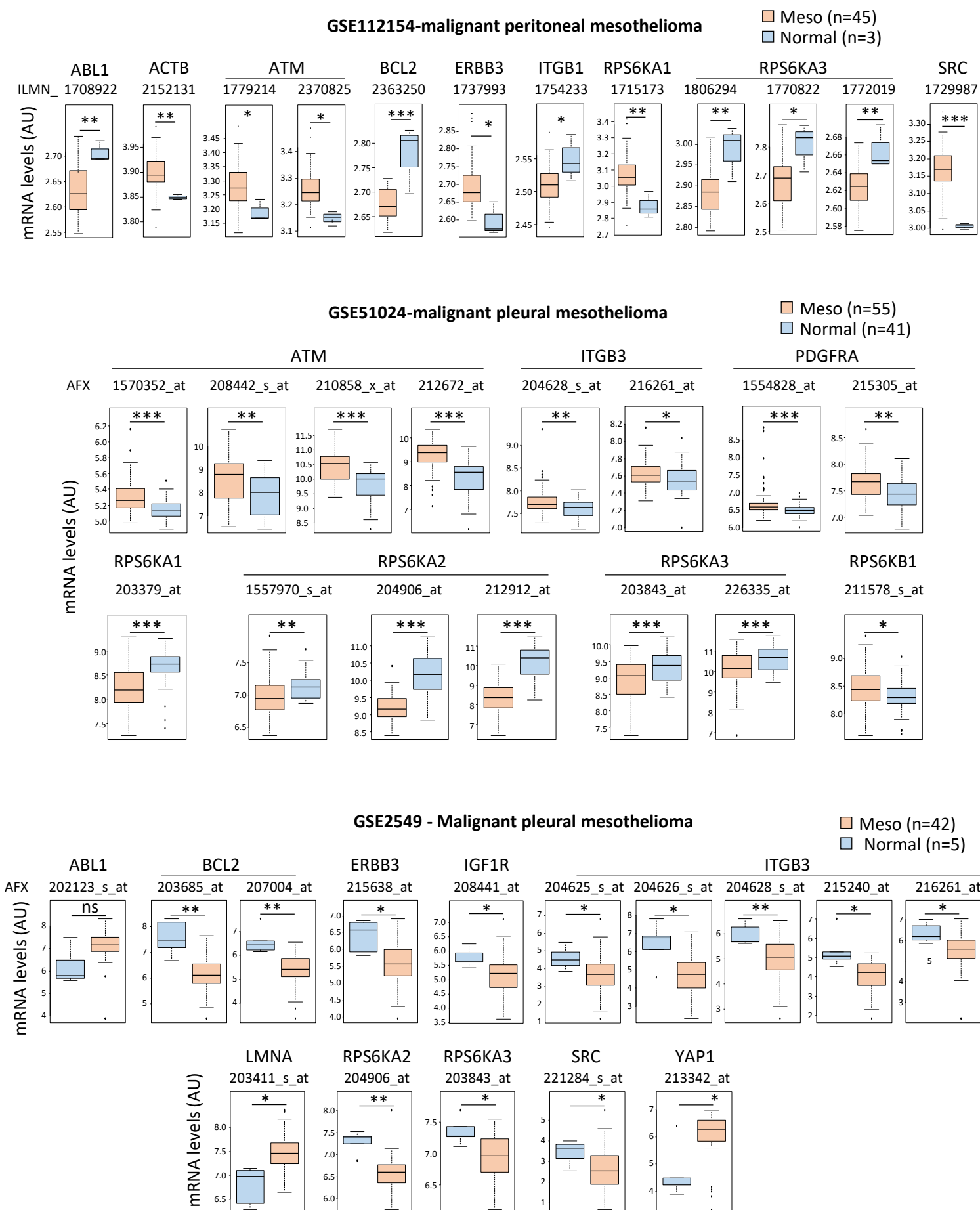
RPPA MPM in response to AFs



Supp Fig 7: Box plots show log2 fold change for genes in enriched biological processes gene sets revealed by gene ontology analysis of the network shown in Fig 5A using Reactome FI under cytoscape. Only processes with FDR<0.001 are shown. Dots represent individual samples analysed and horizontal bar is the median. Red boxes indicate conditions with median over and blue boxes samples with median under log2 fold change of 0.



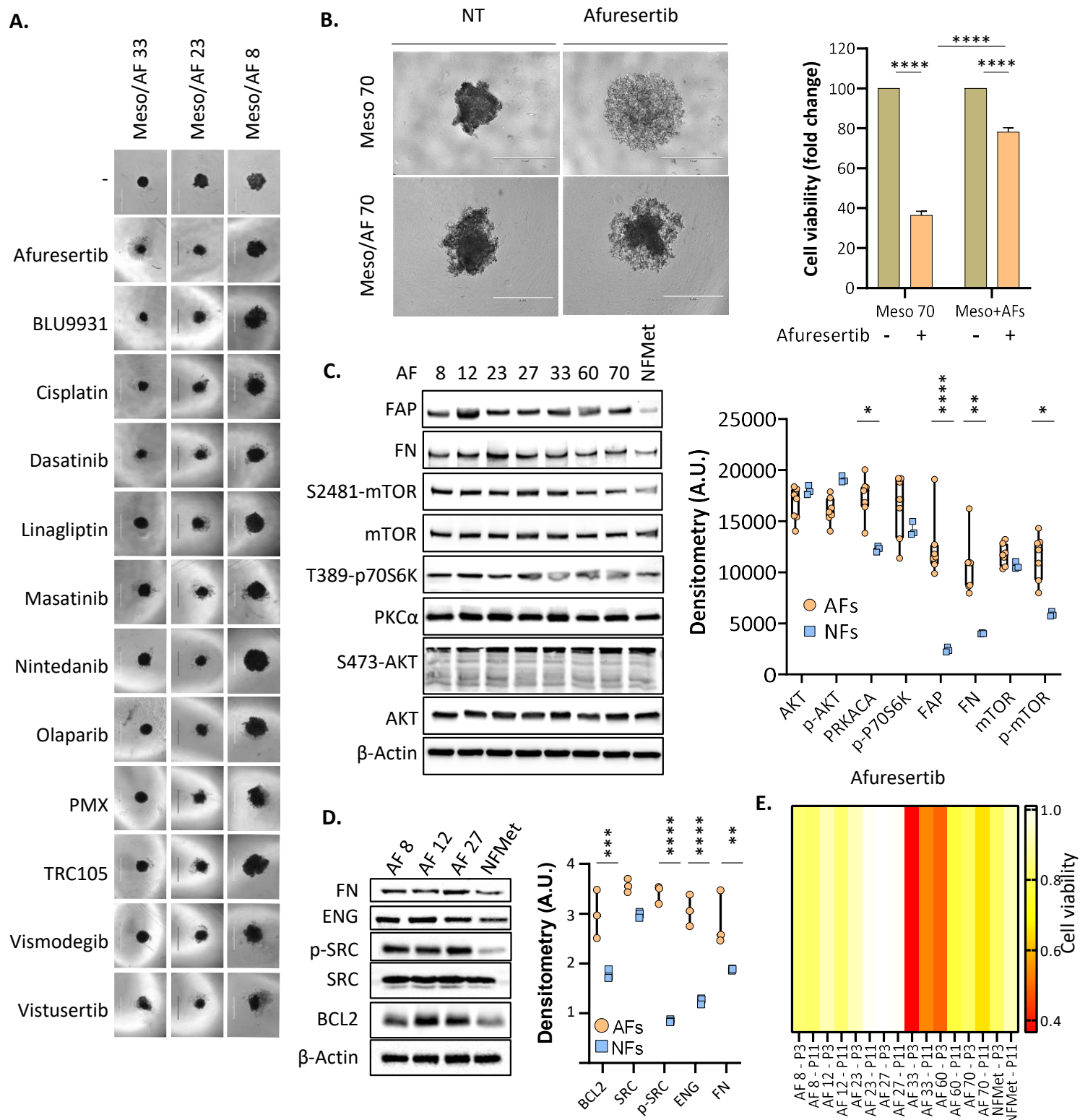
Supp Fig 8: Box plots show log₂ fold change for genes in enriched biological processes gene sets revealed by gene ontology analysis of the network shown in Fig 5B using Reactome FI under cytoscape. Only processes with FDR<0.001 are shown. Dots represent individual samples analysed and horizontal bar is the median. Red boxes indicate conditions with median over and blue boxes samples with median under log₂ fold change of 0.



Supp Fig 9: Public microarray datasets from the GEO database were analysed for changes in expression of the genes corresponding to the proteins found modulated in the network shown in Fig 5B following crosstalk between CAFs and mesothelioma cells. The datasets and associated short description, analysis platform (ILMN; Illumina, AFX; Affimetrix) and corresponding probes for the genes analysed are indicated. Statistics: t-test (* $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.005$).

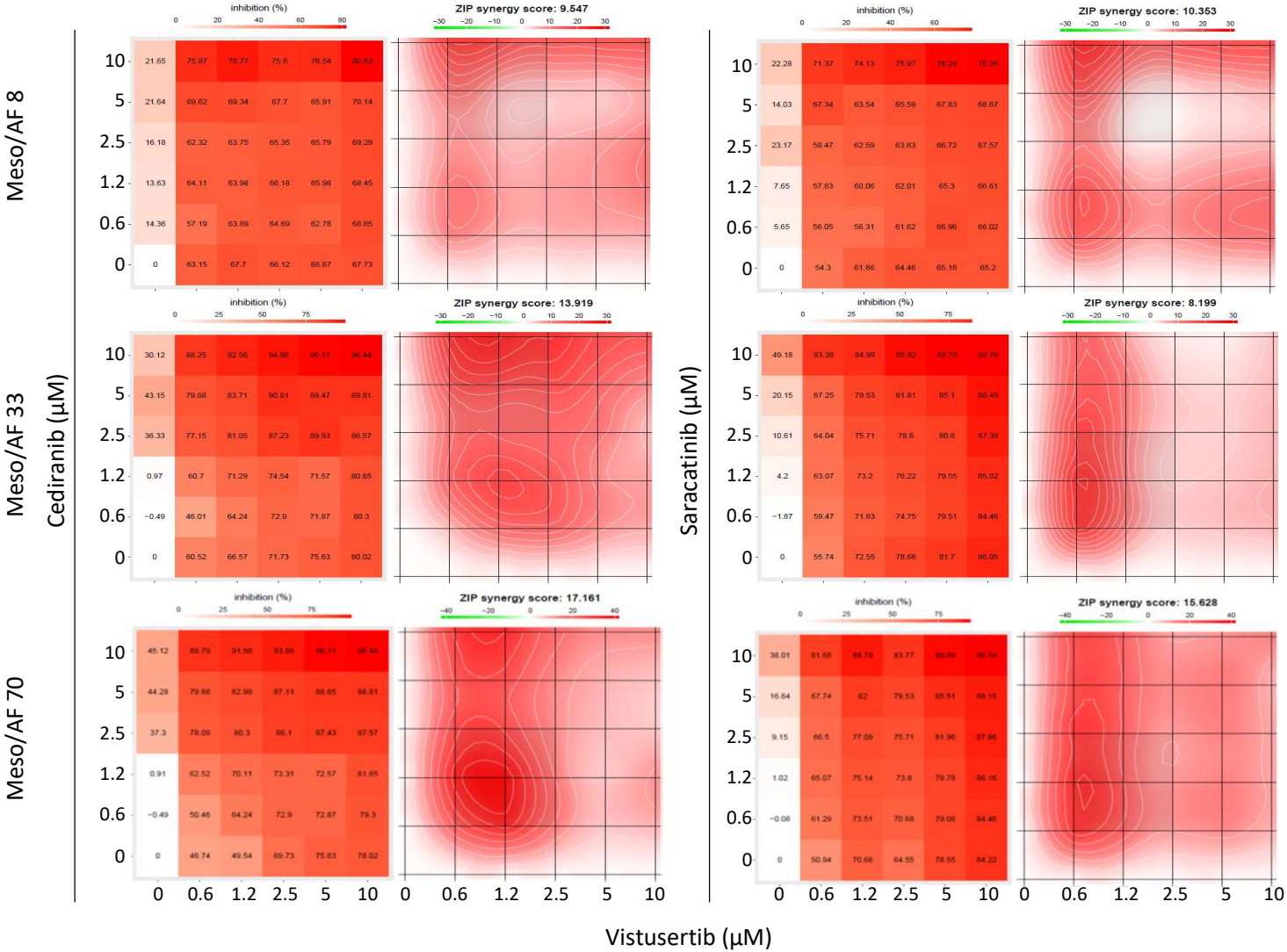
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Blu9931	FGFR4, [FGFR3]	-
Cediranib	PDGFRA, PDGFRB, [VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, FGFR1, BCL-ABL, SRC, c-KIT, EGFR, ERB2, CSF-1R]	Phase 2
Cisplatin	N-heterocyclic bases on DNA	Standard-of care in combination with pemetrexed
Dasatinib	SRC kinases, [BCL-ABL, LYN, FYN, YES, c-KIT, PDGFRA, PDGFRB, EPHA2]	Phase 2
Linagliptin	DPP4, [DPP2, DPP8, DPP9]	-
Masitinib	PDGFRA, PDGFRB, [ABL, LYN, c-KIT]	-
Nintedanib	FGFR1, FGFR2, FGFR3, [LCK, VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, FLT-3, CSF-1R]	Phase 2
Olaparib	PARP1, PARP2	Phase 2
Pemetrexed	DHFR, [TYMS]	Standard-of care in combination with cisplatin
Saracatinib	SRC kinases, [PDGFRA, PDGFRB, FGFR1, BCL-ABL, LYN, FYN, YES, c-KIT, EPHA2, FGR, VEGFR1, VEGFR2, VEGFR3, EGFR]	Phase 1/2
TRC105	ENG	-
Vismodegib	SMO, [SMO, PTCH, ABCG2, PGP, MRP-1, MDK]	-
Vistusertib	mTORC1, mTORC2 [PI3K $\alpha/\beta/\gamma/\delta$, pS6 (S235/236)]	-

Supp Fig 10: Drugs selected for our experiments based on targets showing changes in expression/phosphorylation in Fig 5A-B (intended targets). The table also shows secondary targets reported for these compounds as well as their state of clinical development in mesothelioma.



Supp Figure 11: (A) 3D microspheres composed of both AFs and MPM cells at a 1:1 ratio. Images representative of 4 independent experiments. **(B)** Comparison of cell viability measurements between Afuresertib-treated spheroids composed solely of Meso 70 cells and spheroids composed of equal number of MPM cells and AFs. Right panel; data show a representative of 4 independent biological replicates, with mean $\pm$ SEM of 3 technical replicates per condition. Statistics: two-way ANOVA with multiple comparisons (****; $P < 0.0001$). **(C-D)** The expression/phosphorylation of targets identified in Fig 5A and C in AFs was analysed by Western blotting after 11 passages in conditioned medium from the corresponding mesothelioma cell lines (left panel). Right panels; Blots were quantified and signal for the indicated proteins normalised to that of β -Actin used a loading control. **(E)** Comparison between cell viability measurements from drug-treated AF microspheres. AFs marked with P3 underwent 3 consecutive culturing passages, while AFs marked with P11 underwent 11 consecutive culturing passages (1.25 month) in conditioned medium from the corresponding MPM cell lines. Cell viability was measured 72h post drug treatment using Cell Titer Glo and the heatmap shows fold change normalized to the non-treated (NT) microsphere for the corresponding condition.

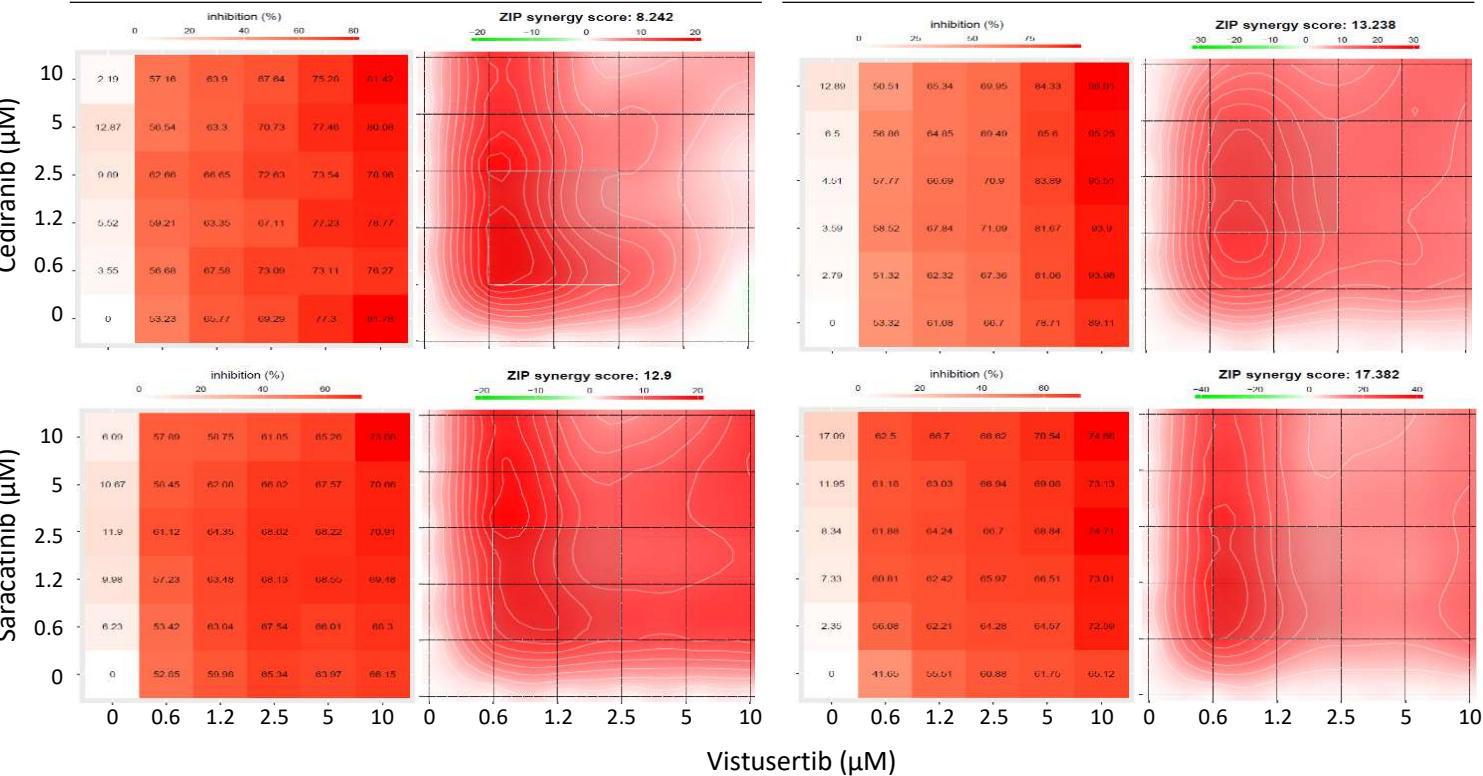
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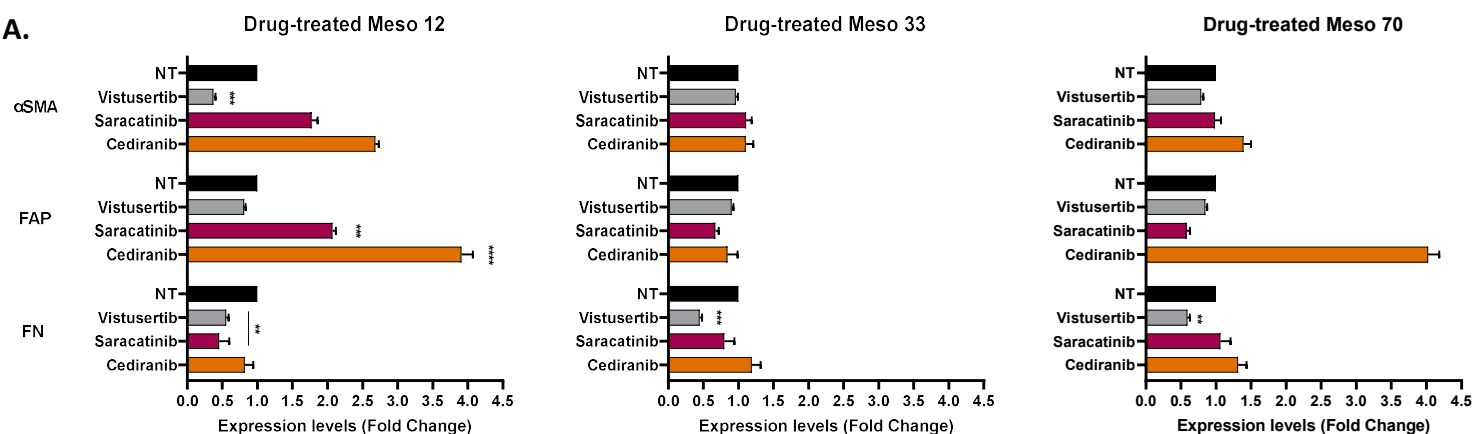
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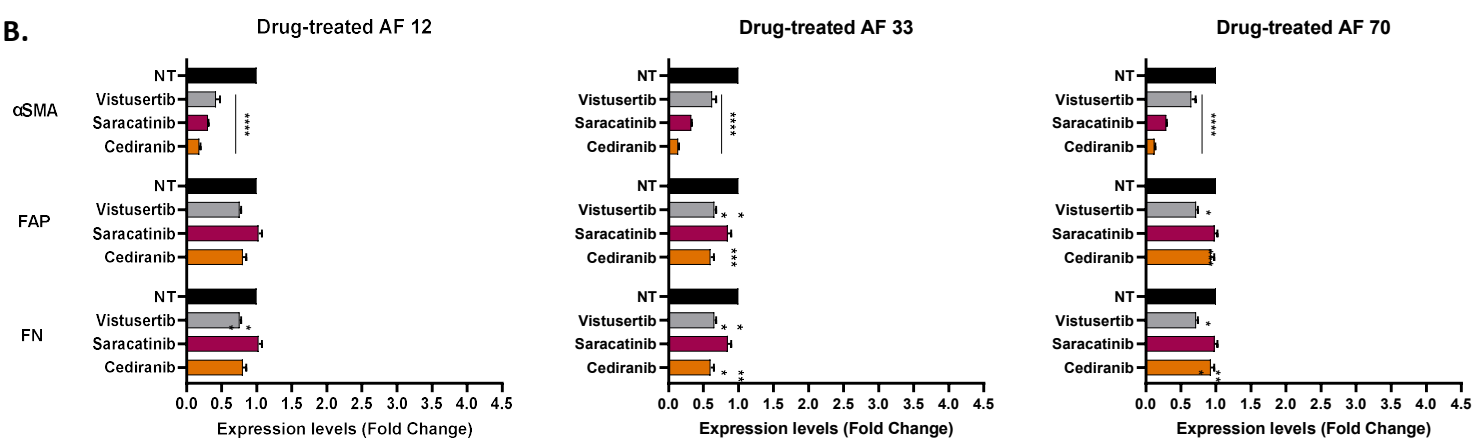


Supp Fig 12: Drug synergy analysis for combinations of cediranib or saracatinib with vistusertib using SynergyFinder 2.0. MPM/AF microspheres using AFs activated for 11 passages **(A)** or 20 passages **(B)** in conditioned medium from mesothelioma cells were treated with the indicated drugs for 72h before cell viability determination using Cell Titer Glo. Left panels represent cell viability with red colour intensity inversely correlating with survival. Right panels represent drug interaction as a function of concentration. Green to red continuous colour mapping corresponds to negative to positive synergy scores, respectively, with isolines delineating areas of equivalent drug interaction. The greyed squares highlight area of maximum drug synergy. Each graph is accompanied by the averaged ZIP synergy score for the overall drug interaction.

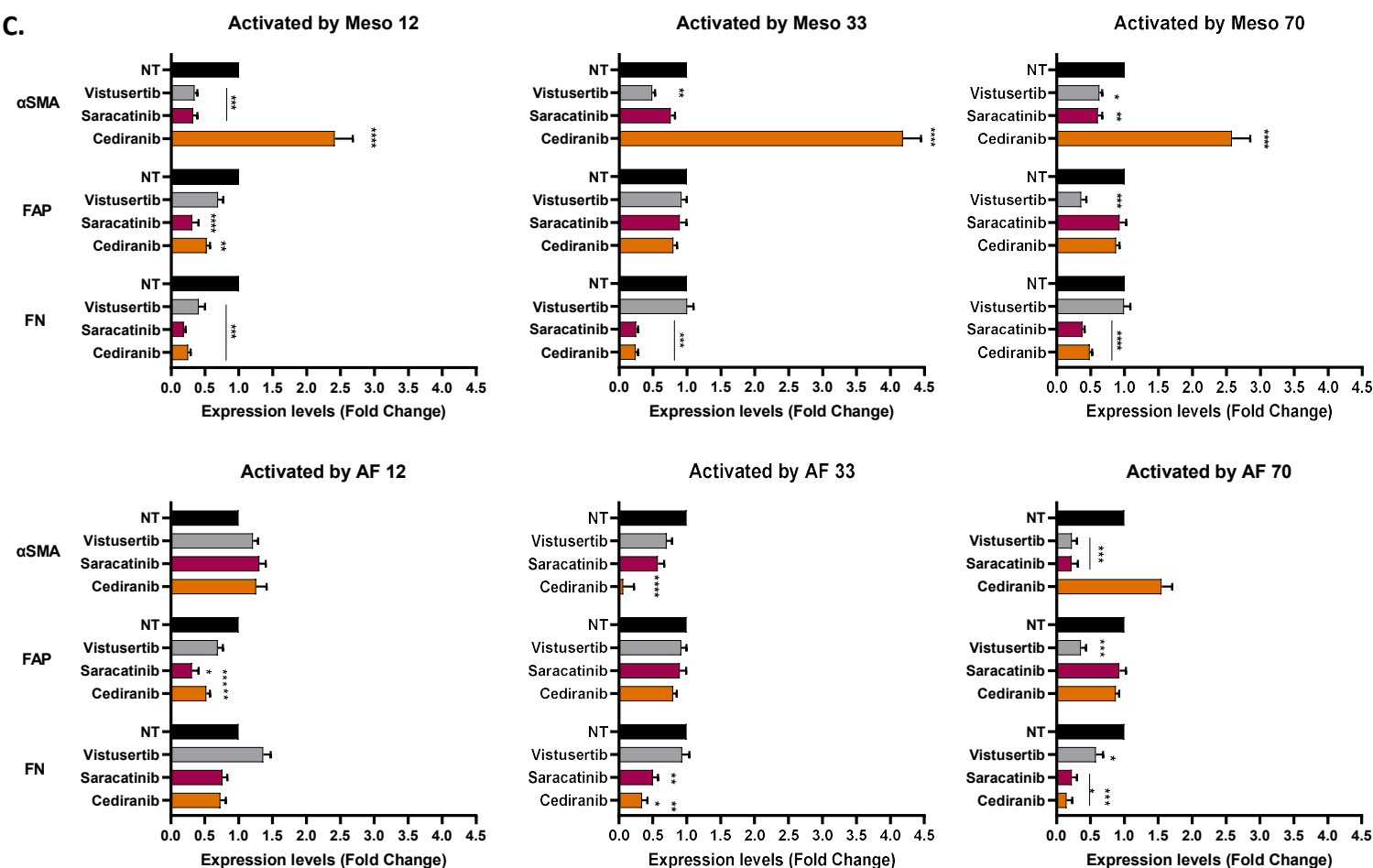
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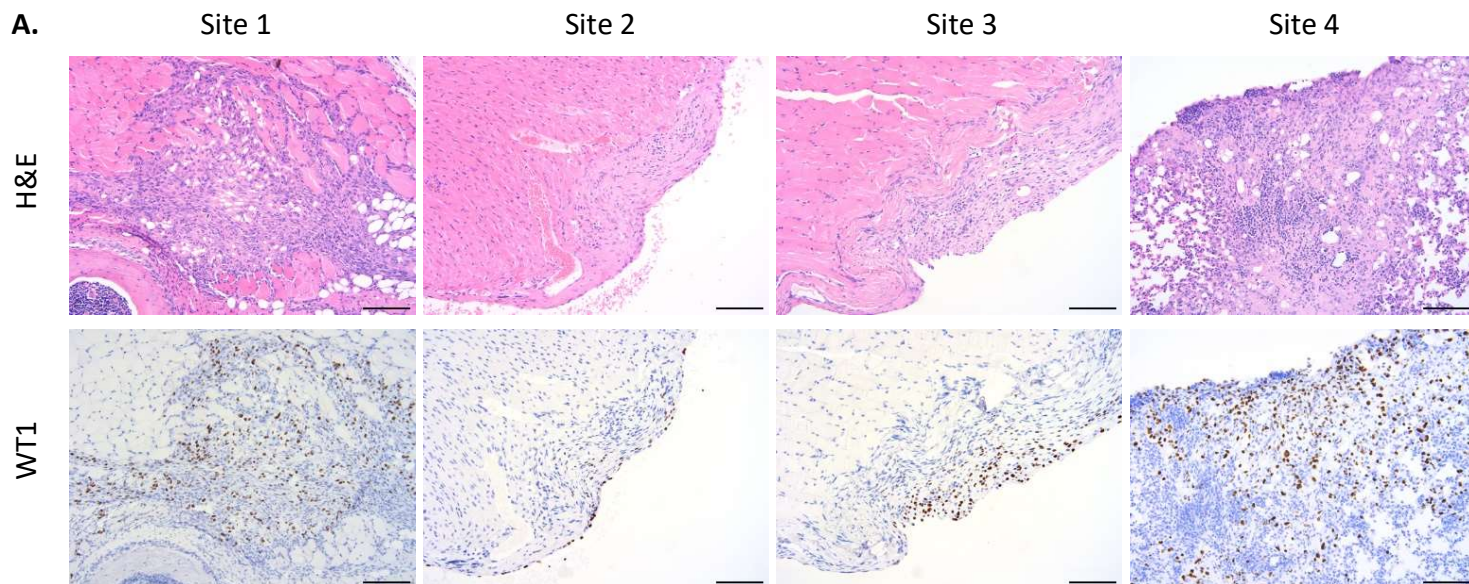
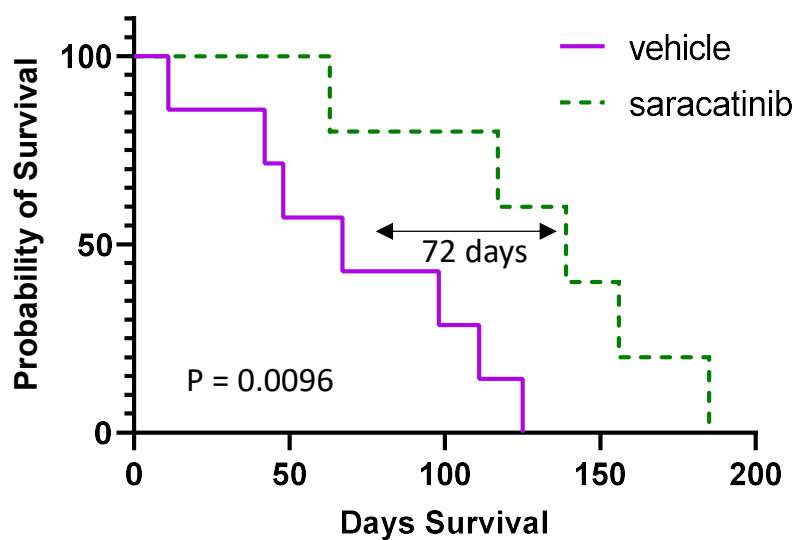
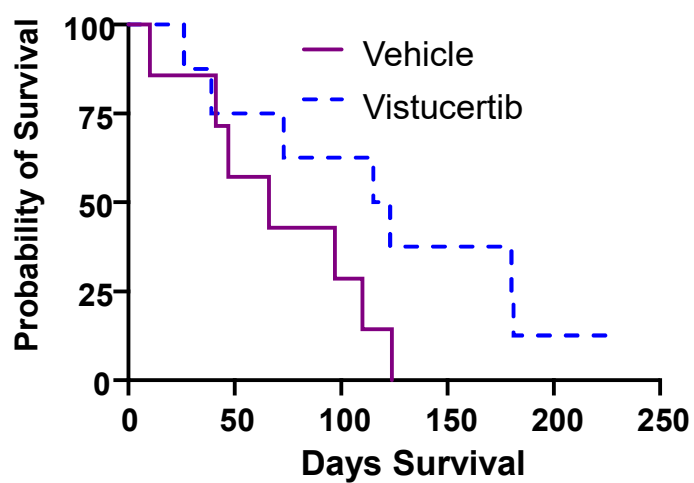
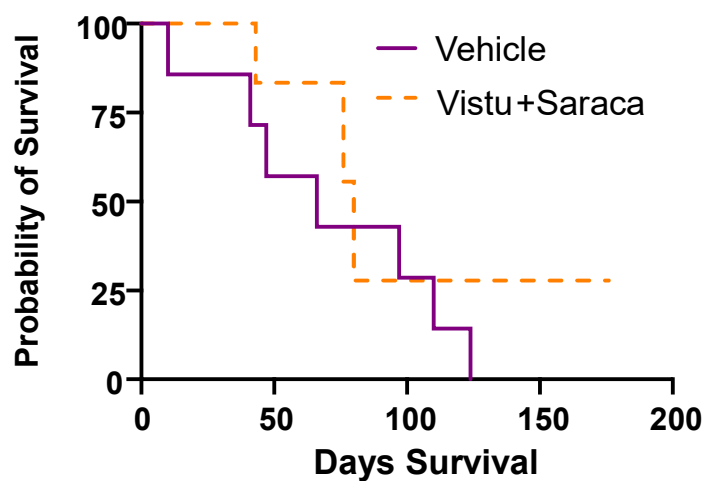
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Supp Fig 13: The impact of vistusertib, saracatinib and cediranib on activation of productive fibroblasts was tested. The indicated mesothelioma cell lines **(A)** or AFs **(B)** were treated with 10 μ M of individual drugs before their drug-devoid conditioned media was used to incubate naïve fibroblasts. **(C)** Naïve fibroblasts were treated with 10 μ M of individual drugs before being exposed to conditioned media from the indicated mesothelioma cells or AFs. (A-C) Cell lysates from incubated fibroblasts at 72h were analysed by SDS-PAGE/Western blotting for the indicated proteins. Three independent biological replicates were quantified by densitometry and the signal for the investigated proteins normalized to that of β -actin used as a loading control. The data show the mean $\pm$ SEM of 3 independent experiments. Statistics: One-way ANOVA (*; $P < 0.05$, **; $P < 0.01$, ***; $P < 0.005$ ****; $P < 0.001$).

**B.****C.****D.**

Supp Fig 14: (A) Pictures of H&E staining and WT1 immunohistochemistry of 4 tumour sites from a *Nf2/Bap1/Cdkn2a* triple-floxed mouse at 75 days post induction. Effect of saracatinib (B), vistucertib (15mg/kg/day) (C) or saracatinib/vistucertib (3.75mg/kg/day and 5mg/kg/day) combination (D) on the survival of *Nf2/Bap1/Cdkn2a* triple-floxed mice exposed to asbestos.