



Protein acylation and tumor progression

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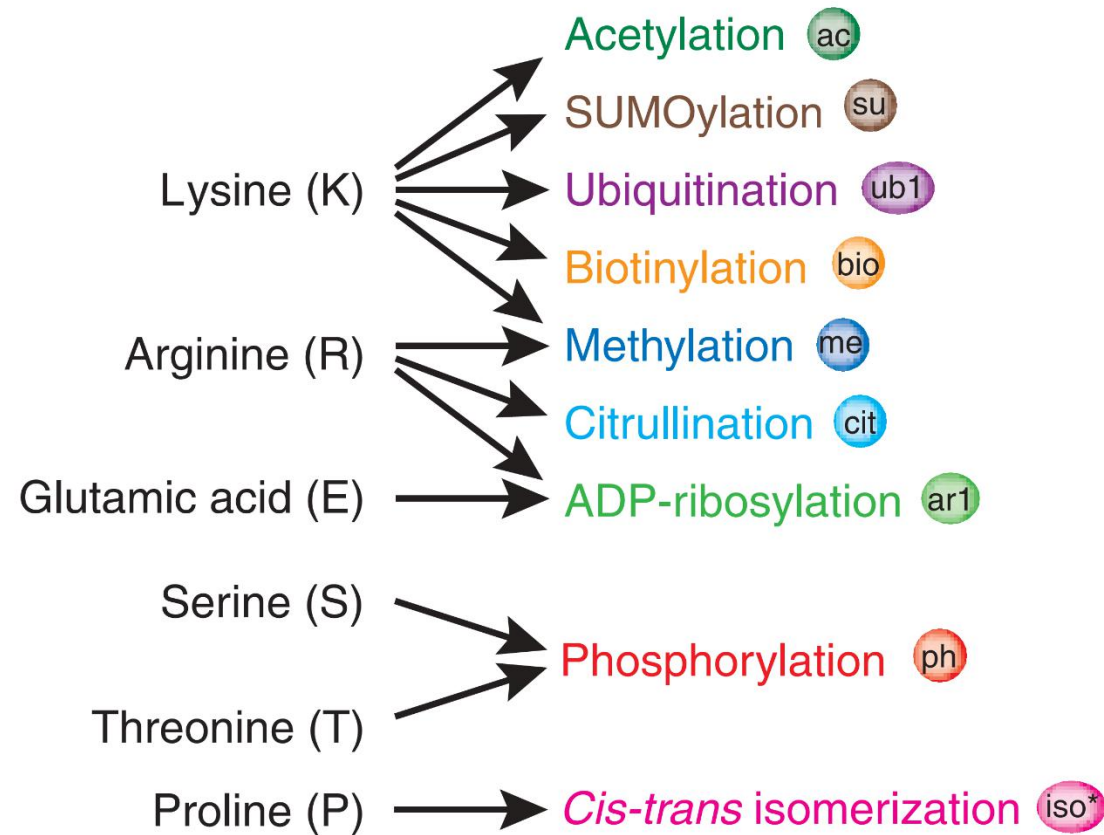
Modifications of Biomolecules

- DNA: <10
- RNA: >100
- Proteins: >500

Total modifications in human: $>10^{17}$

New chemical bonds formation

Commonly seen PTMS

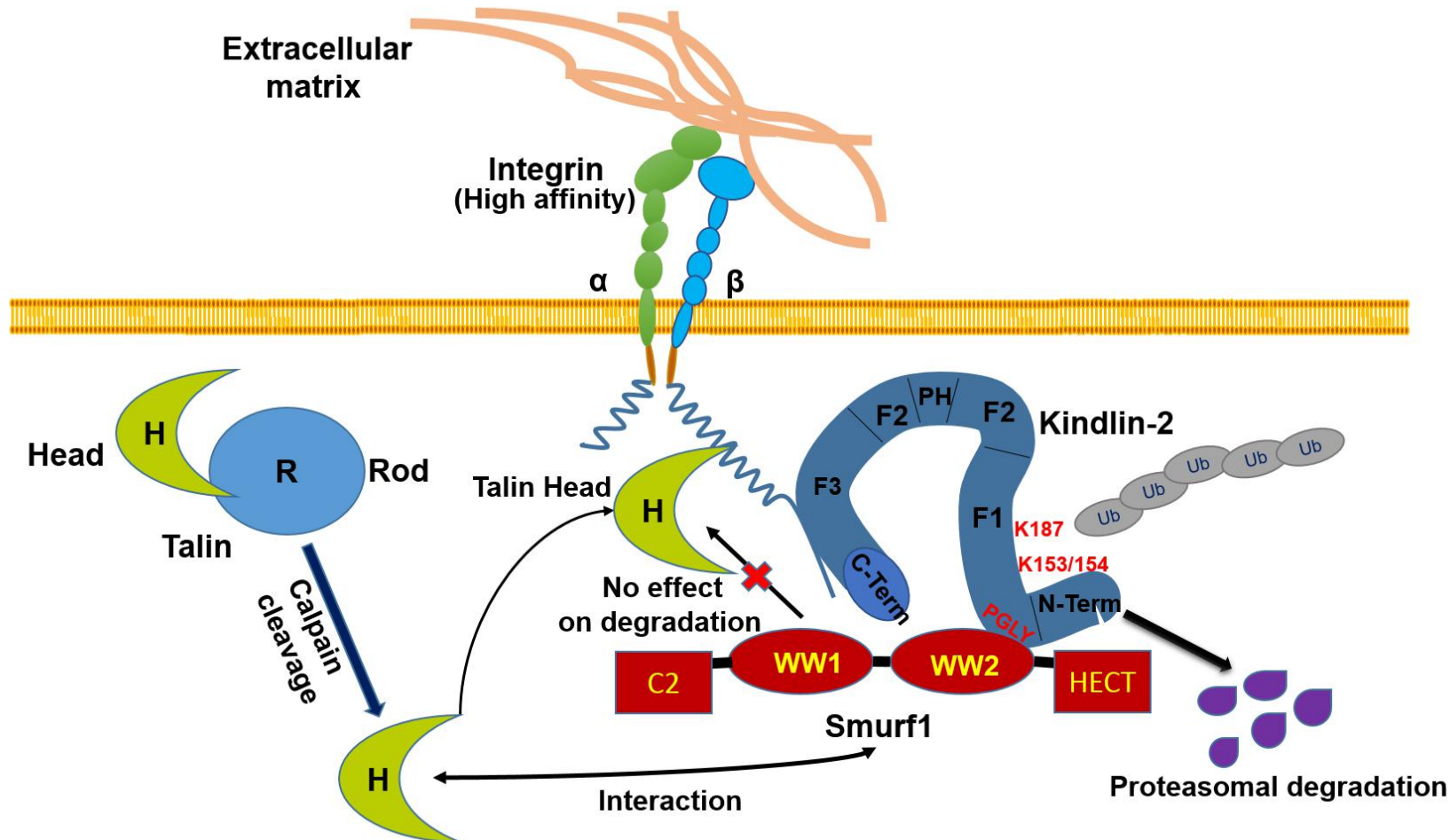


Part 1

**Protein PTMs change their structure, biological functions
and roles in the disease development**

Smurf1 inhibits integrin activation by controlling Kindlin-2 ubiquitination and degradation

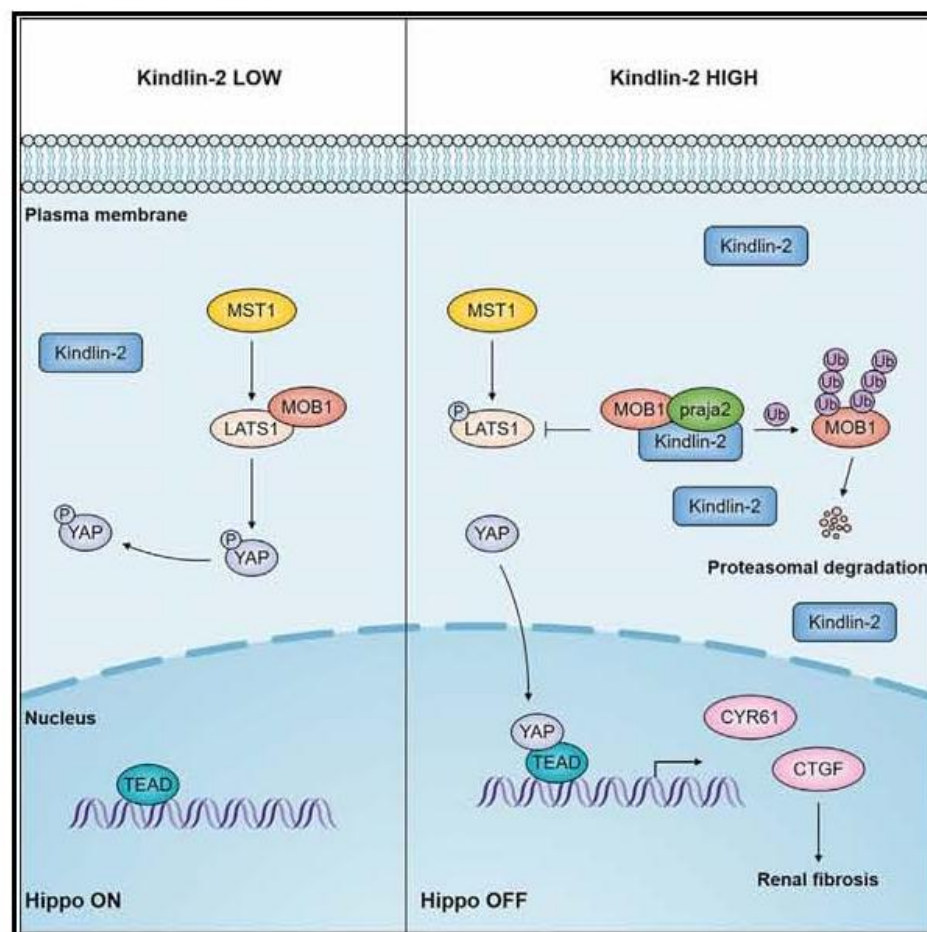
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Cell Reports

Kindlin-2 Inhibits the Hippo Signaling Pathway by Promoting Degradation of MOB1

Graphical Abstract



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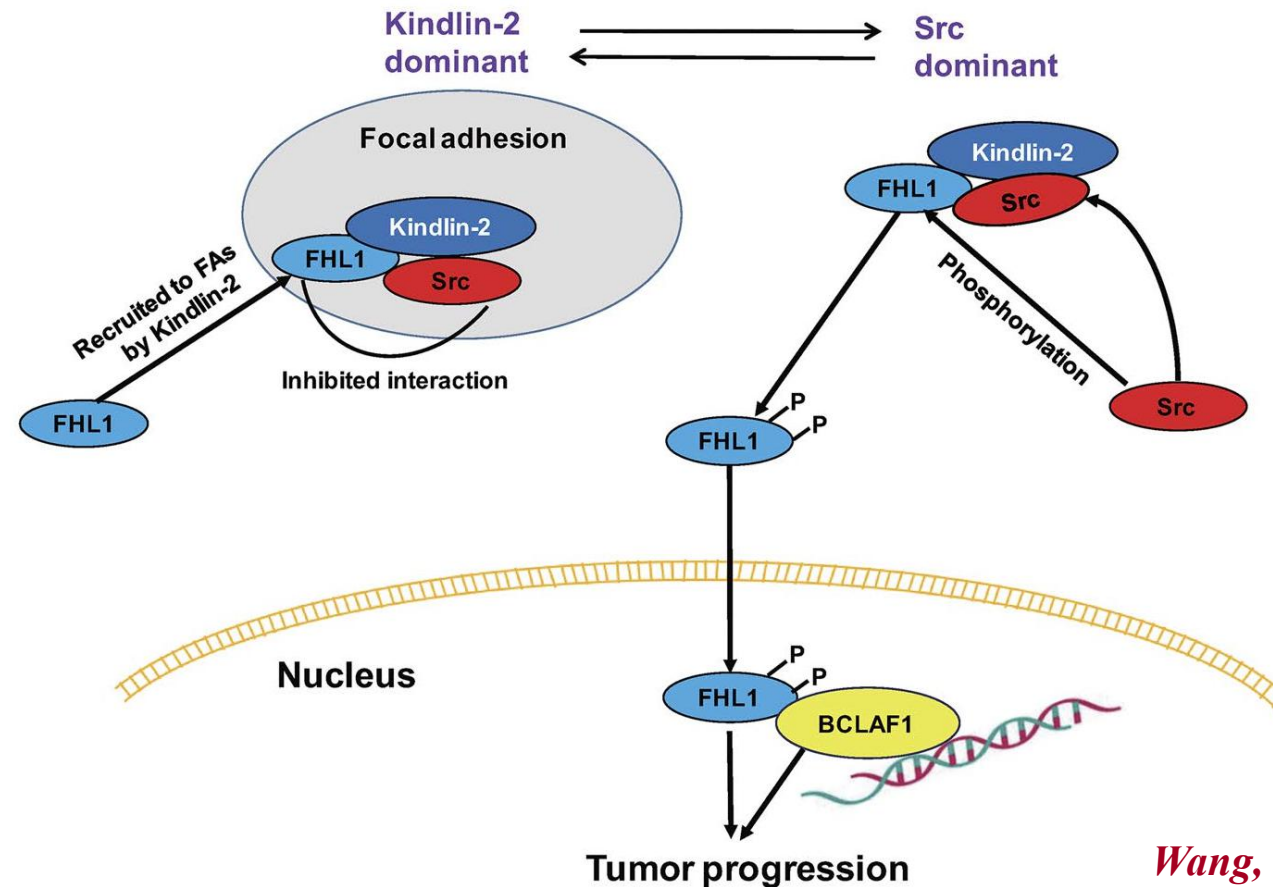
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In Brief

Song et al. demonstrate that Kindlin-2 inhibits Hippo pathway by enhancing the interaction between MOB1 and E3 ligase praja2 and promoting MOB1 degradation. Kindlin-2 depletion activates the Hippo pathway and alleviates renal fibrosis in UUO mouse model. A specific long-lasting siRNA against Kindlin-2 is of therapeutic value for renal fibrosis.

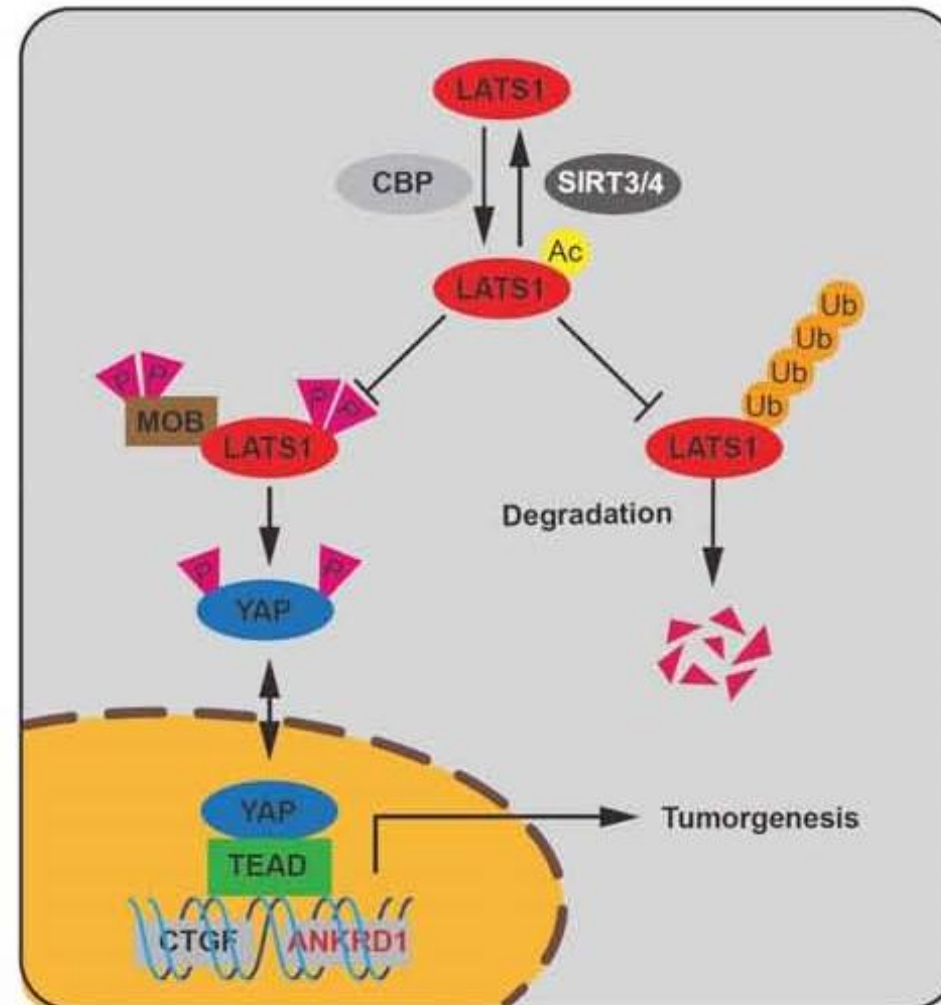
Src-mediated phosphorylation converts FHL1 from tumor suppressor to tumor promoter

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LATS1 K751 acetylation blocks activation of Hippo signalling and switches LATS1 from a tumor suppressor to an oncoprotein

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Part 2

Precise prognosis for cancer patients based on protein acetylation

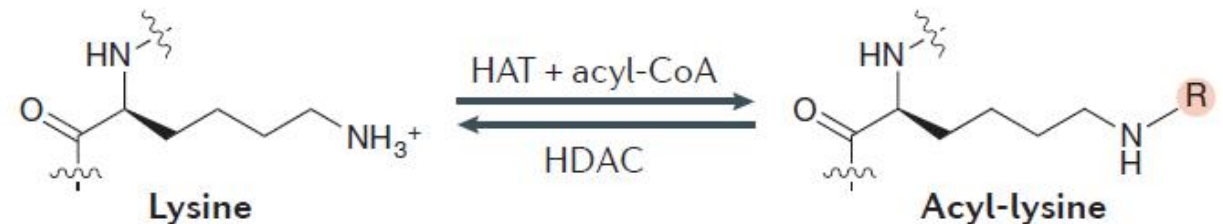
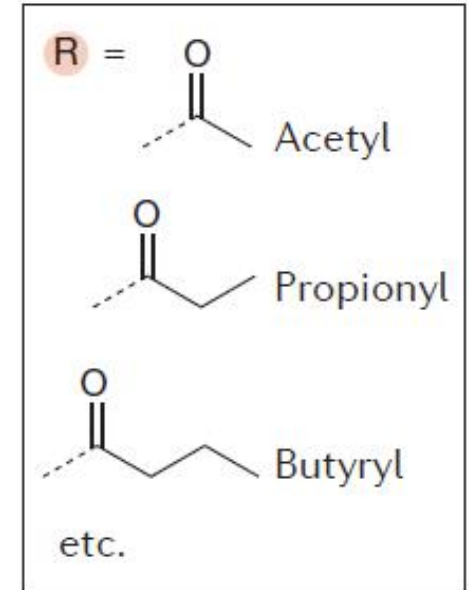
Acetylation of transcription factor HOXB9 inhibits lung adenocarcinoma progression



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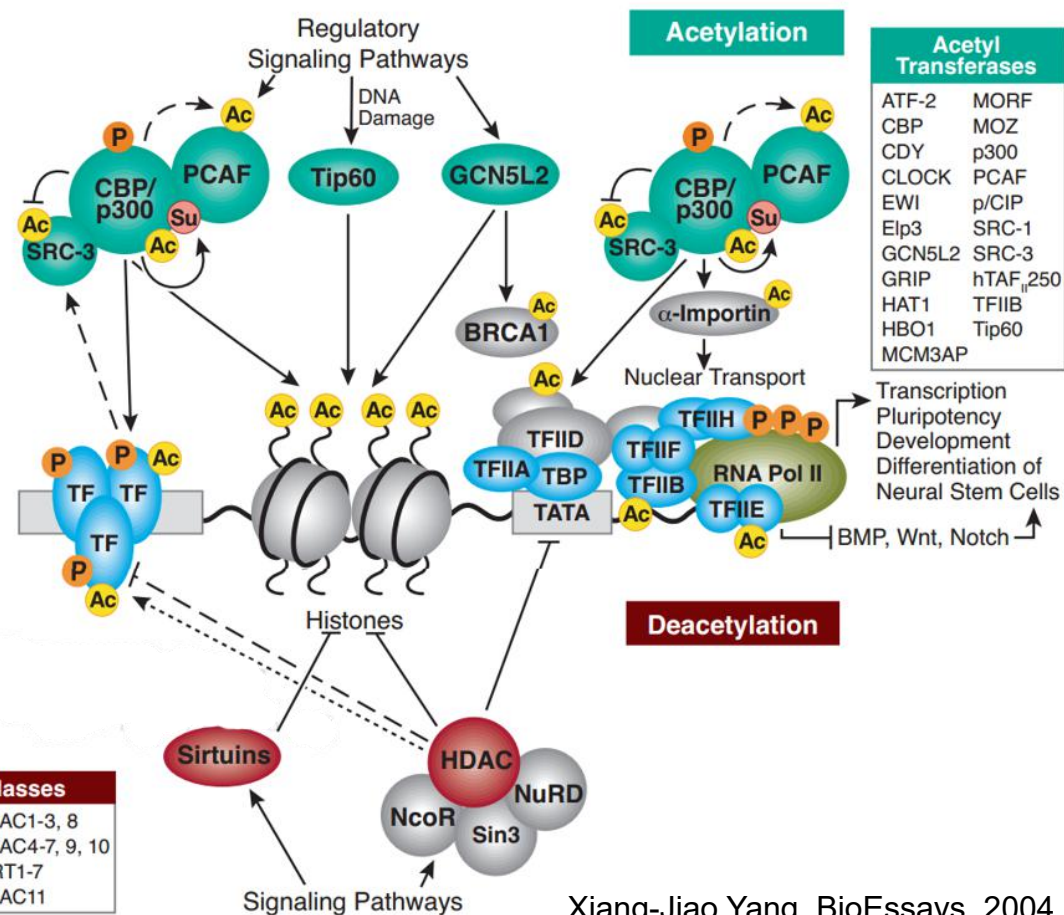
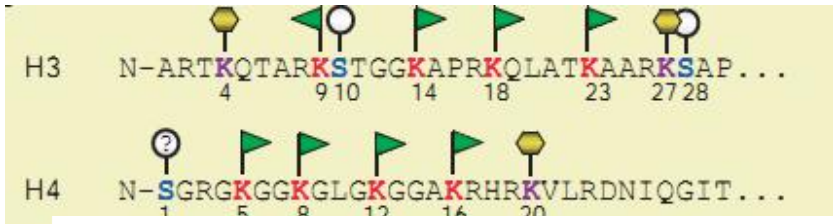
- Acetylation: 乙酰化
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- Butyrylation: 丁酰化
- Crotonylation: 巴豆酰化
- 2-Hydroxyisobutyrylation: 2-羟基异丁酰化
- β -Hydroxybutyrylation: β -羟基丁酰化
- Malonylation: 丙二酰化
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- Glutarylation: 戊二酰化



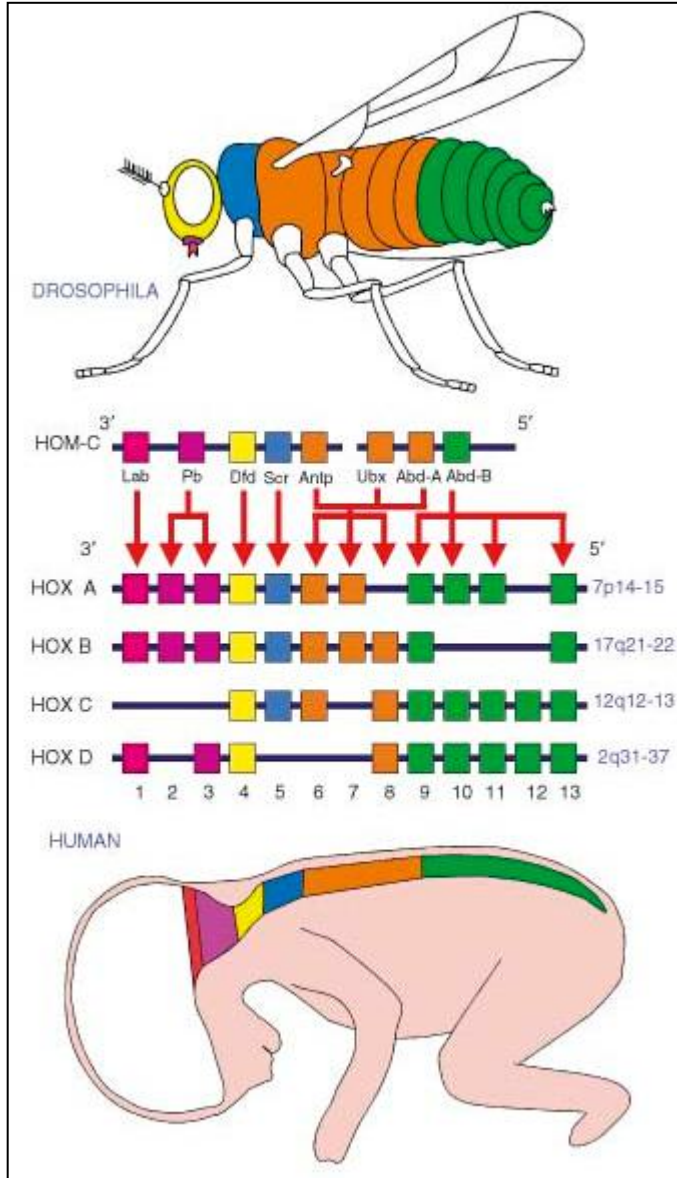
Acetylation

Histone

Non-Histone



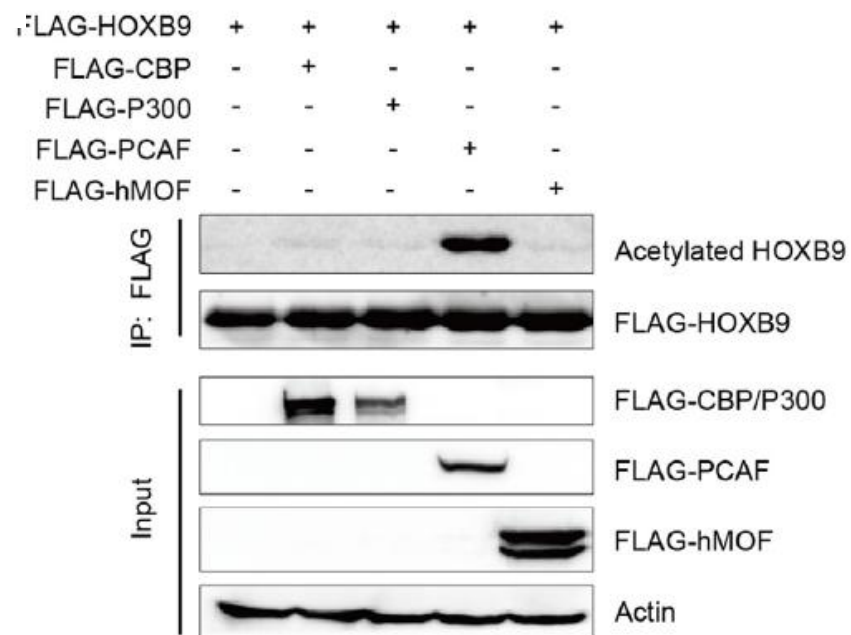
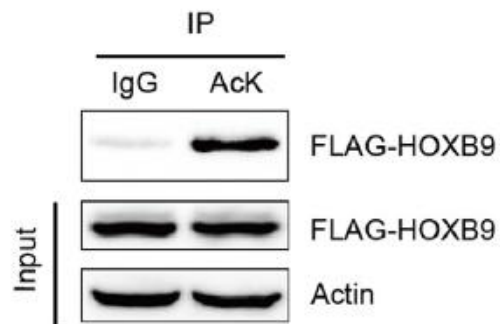
HOX gene family



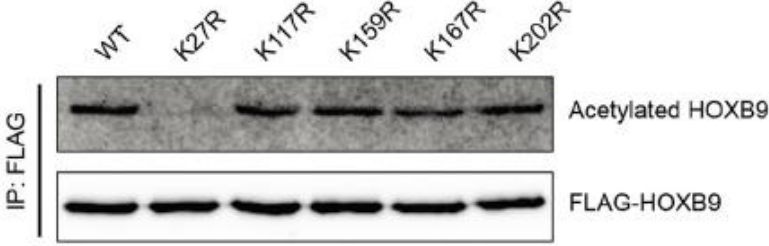
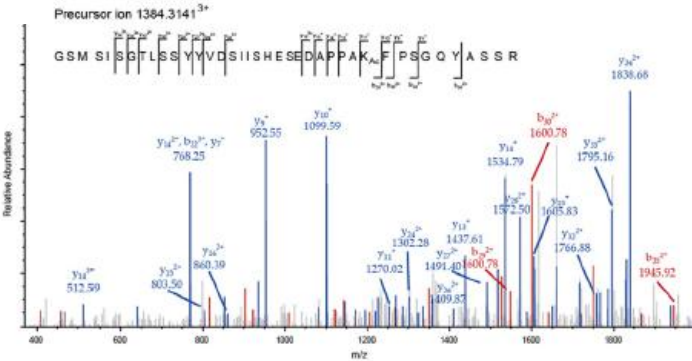
- In human, 39 HOX genes are found in four clusters assigned to 13 paralog groups in each cluster
- HOX genes are expressed in temporal and spatial collinearity
- HOX genes have crucial roles in development, regulating apoptosis, receptor signaling, differentiation, motility and angiogenesis

DG Grier et al. The pathophysiology of HOX genes and their role in cancer. J Pathol

HOXB9 interacts with and is acetylated by acetyltransferase PCAF

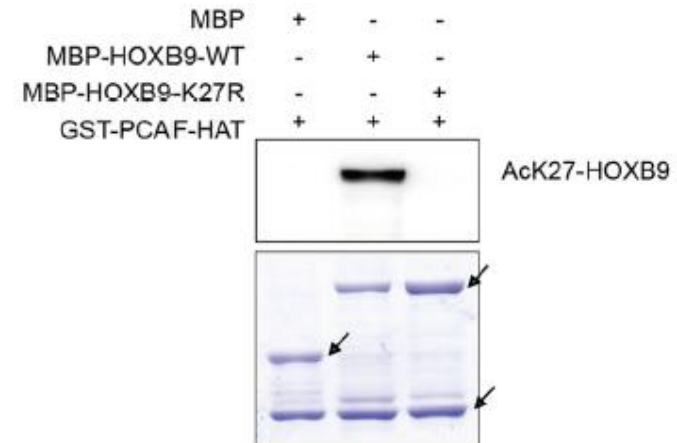
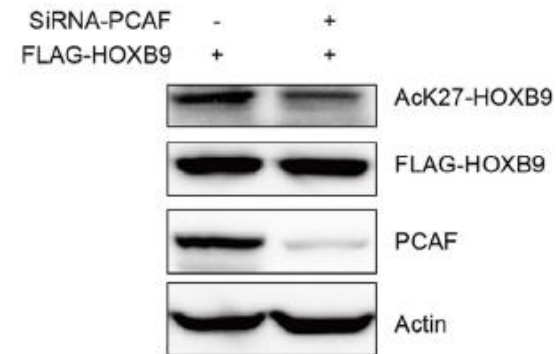
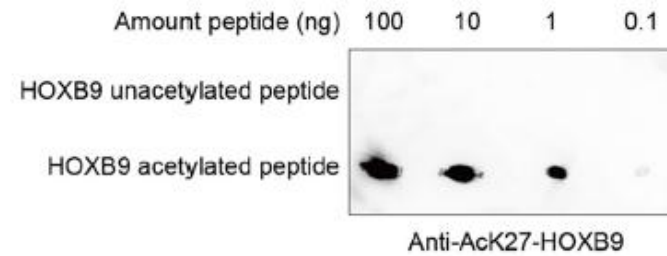


HOXB9 is acetylated at residue K27 by PCAF

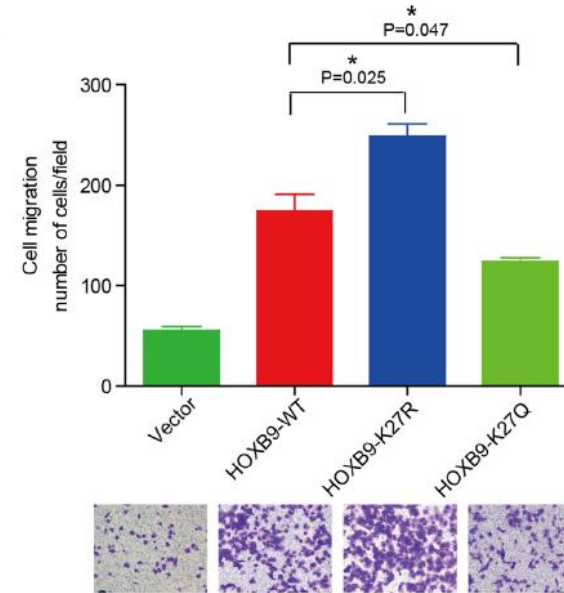
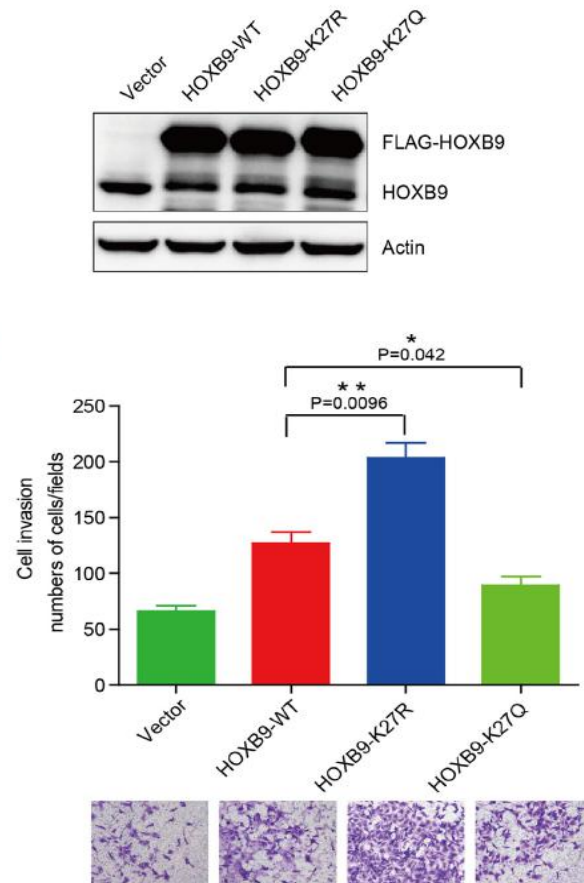


Homo sapiens (Human)	SEDAPPAKFPS	30
Ailuropoda melanoleuca (Giant panda)	SEDAPPAKFPS	30
Bos taurus (Bovine)	SEDAPPAKFPS	30
Canis familiaris (Dog)	SEDAPPAKFPS	30
Mus musculus (Mouse)	SEDAPPAKFPS	30
Rattus norvegicus (Rat)	SEDAPPAKFPS	30
Sus scrofa (Pig)	SEDAPPAKFPS	30
Xenopus laevis (African clawed frog)	TDETPAAKFSA	30

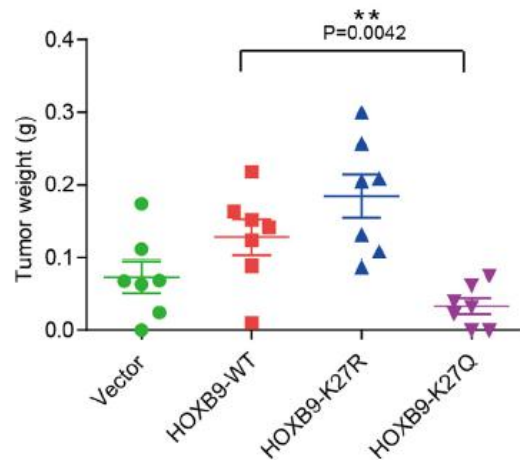
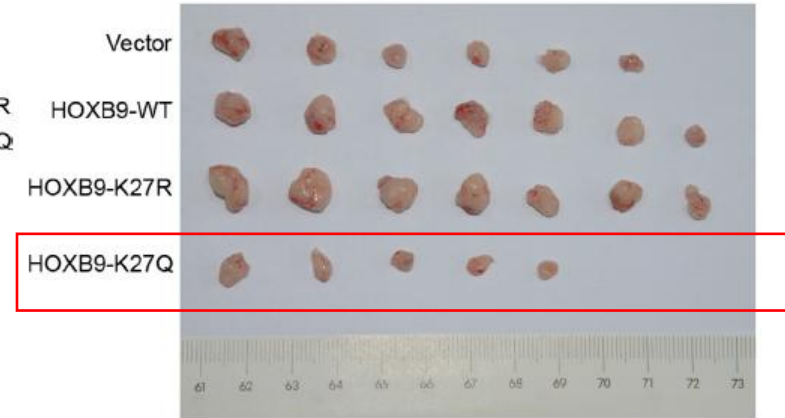
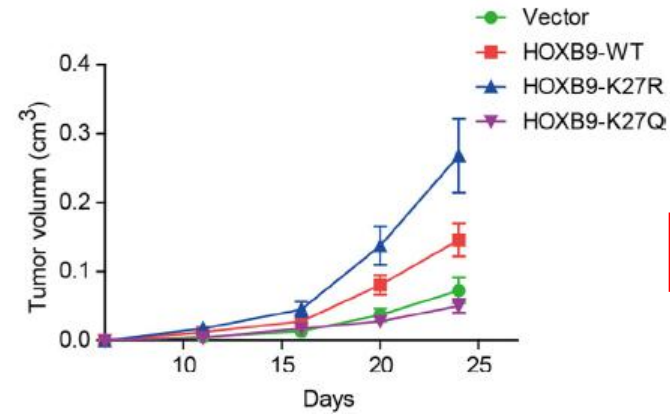
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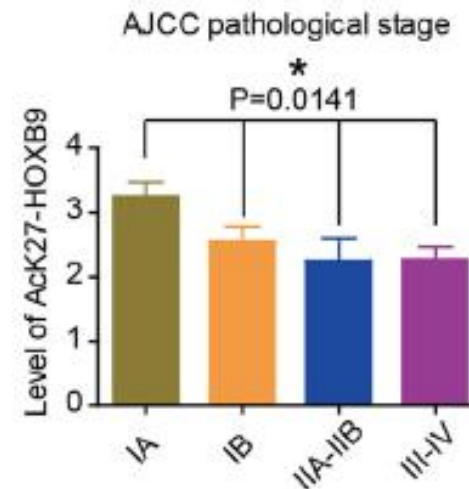
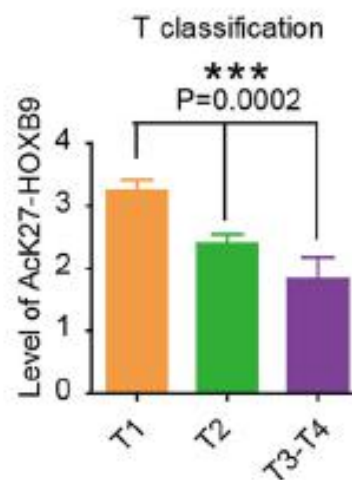
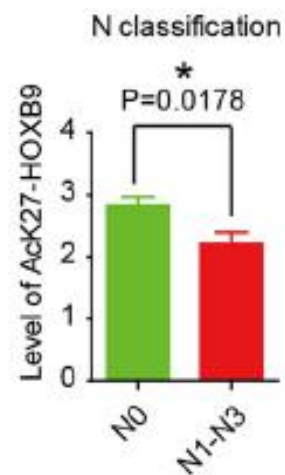
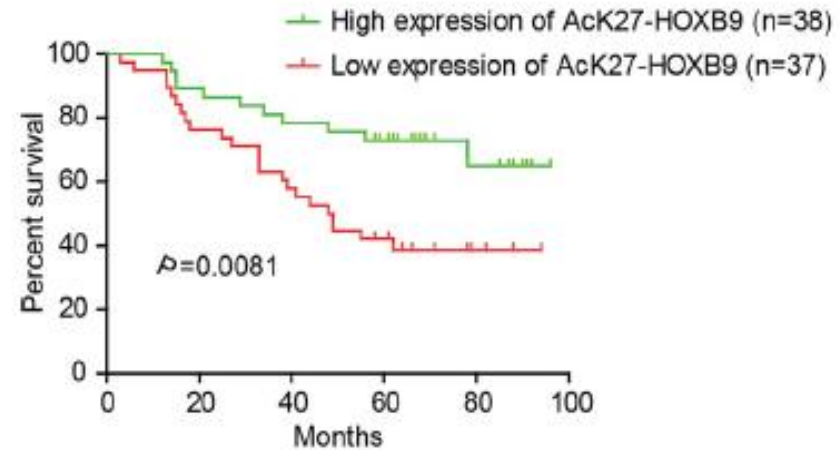
Acetylation of HOXB9 suppresses lung cancer cell migration and invasion



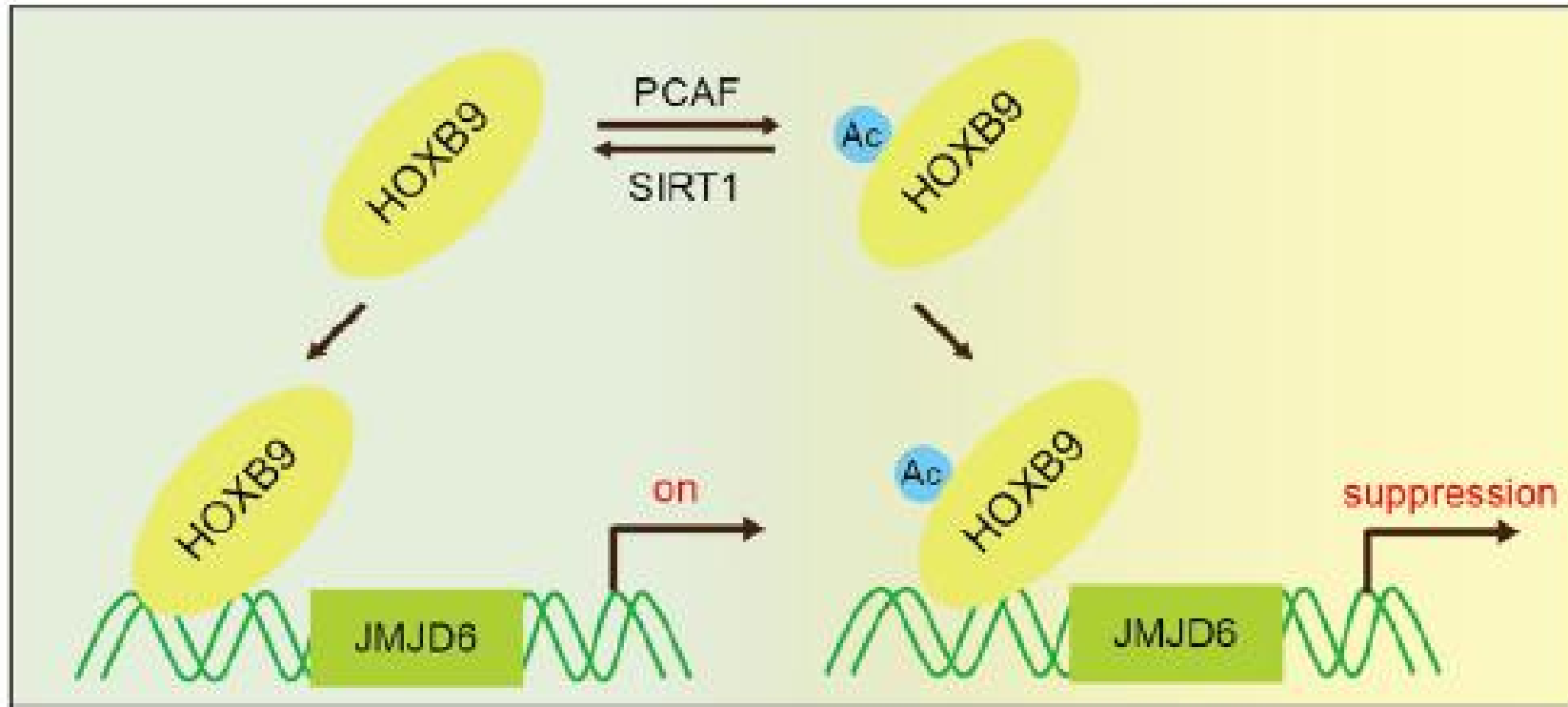
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Elevated K27 acetylation of HOXB9 predicts a favorable survival in lung cancer patients



Acetylation of HOXB9 inhibits tumor progression via suppression of JMJD6



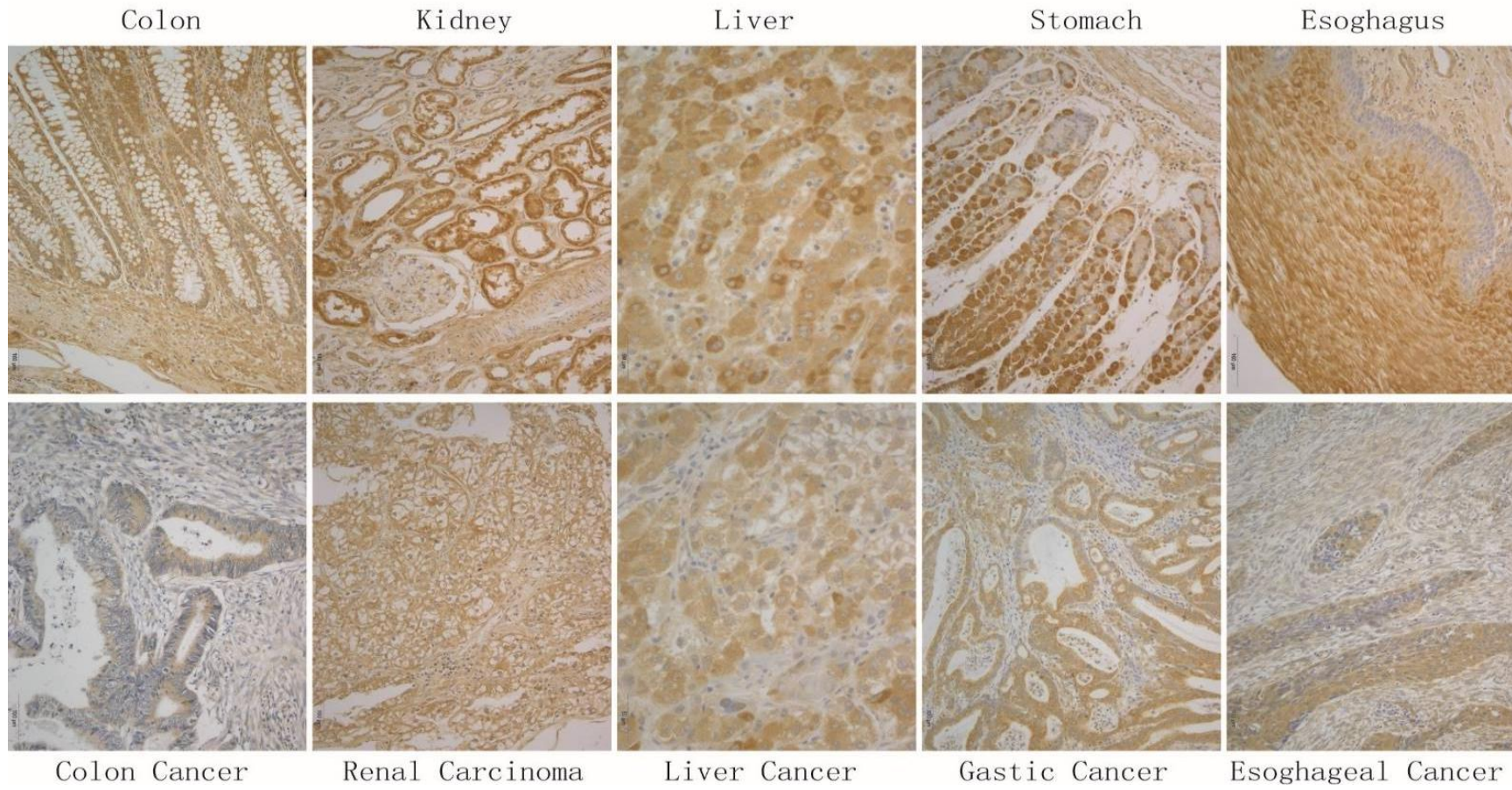
*Wan, et al. Nucleic Acids Research
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Acetylation of H0Xb9 at K27 inhibits CRC progression

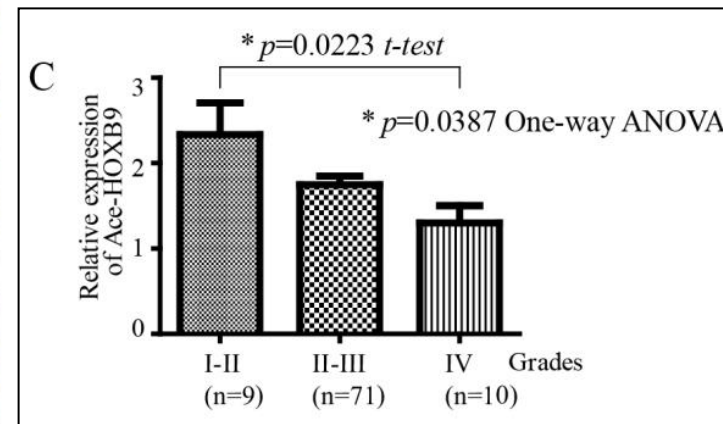
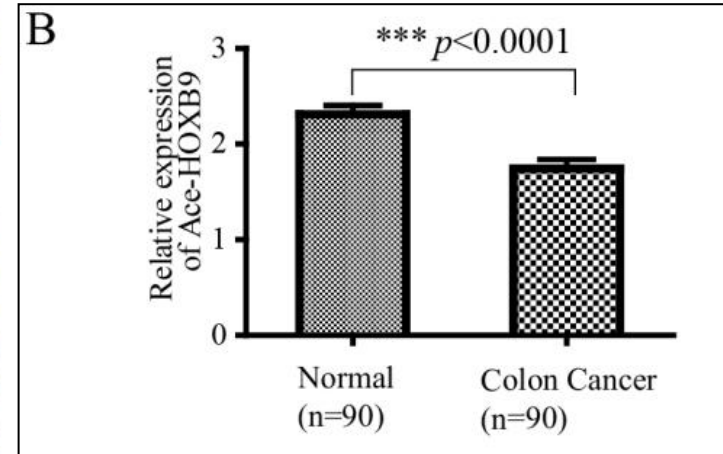
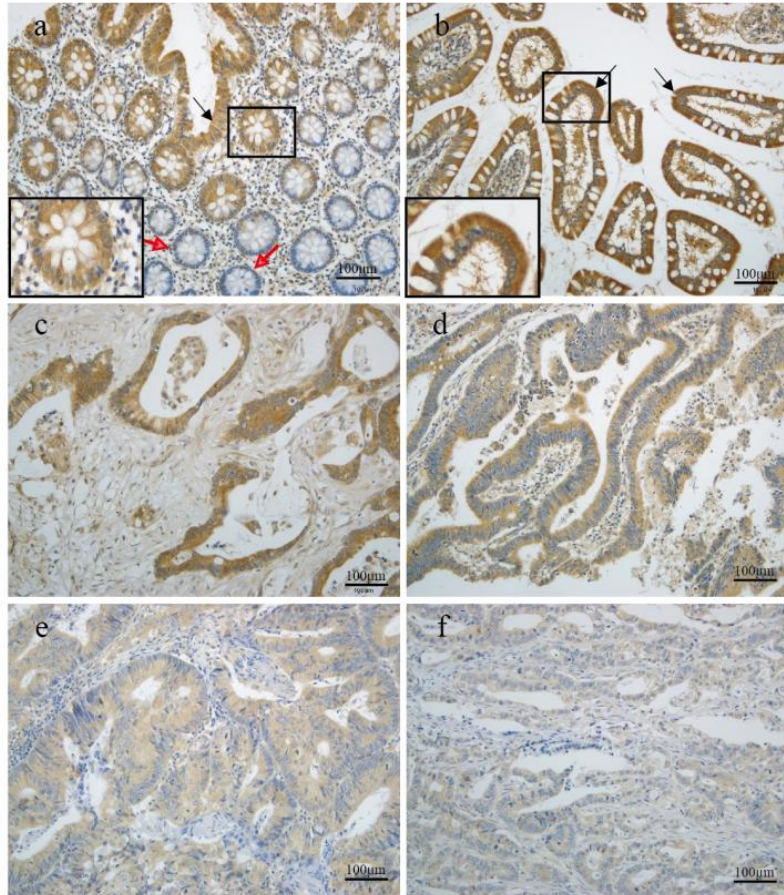


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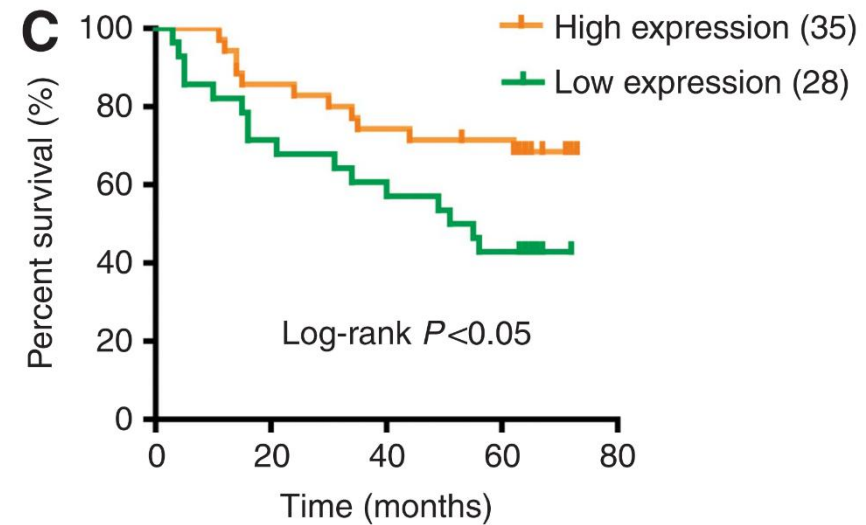
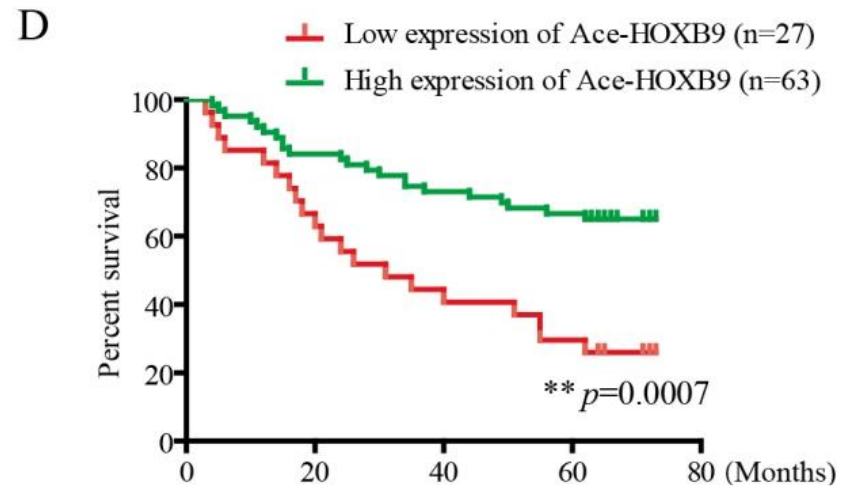
AcK27-HOXB9 was downregulated in multiple cancers



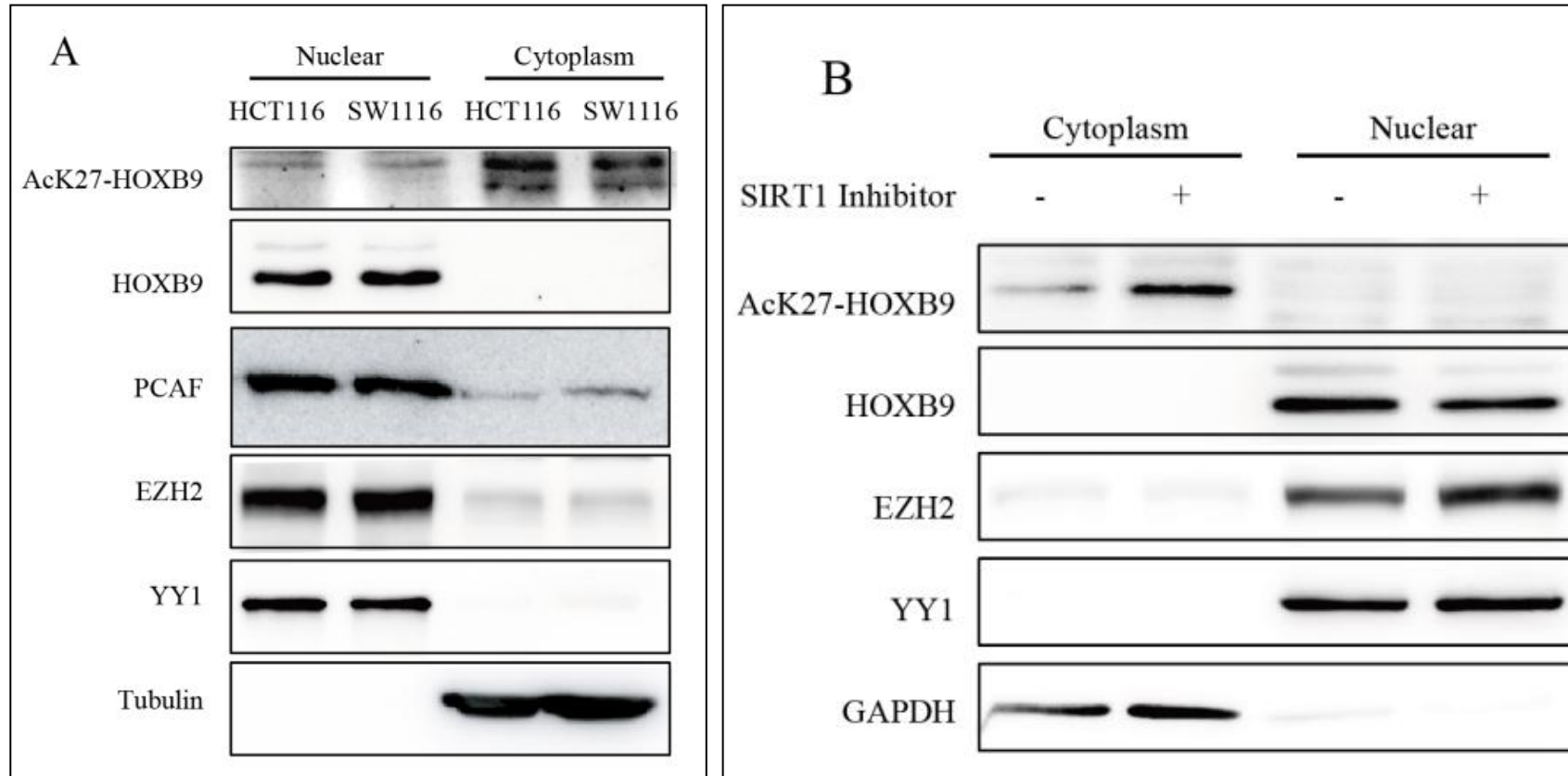
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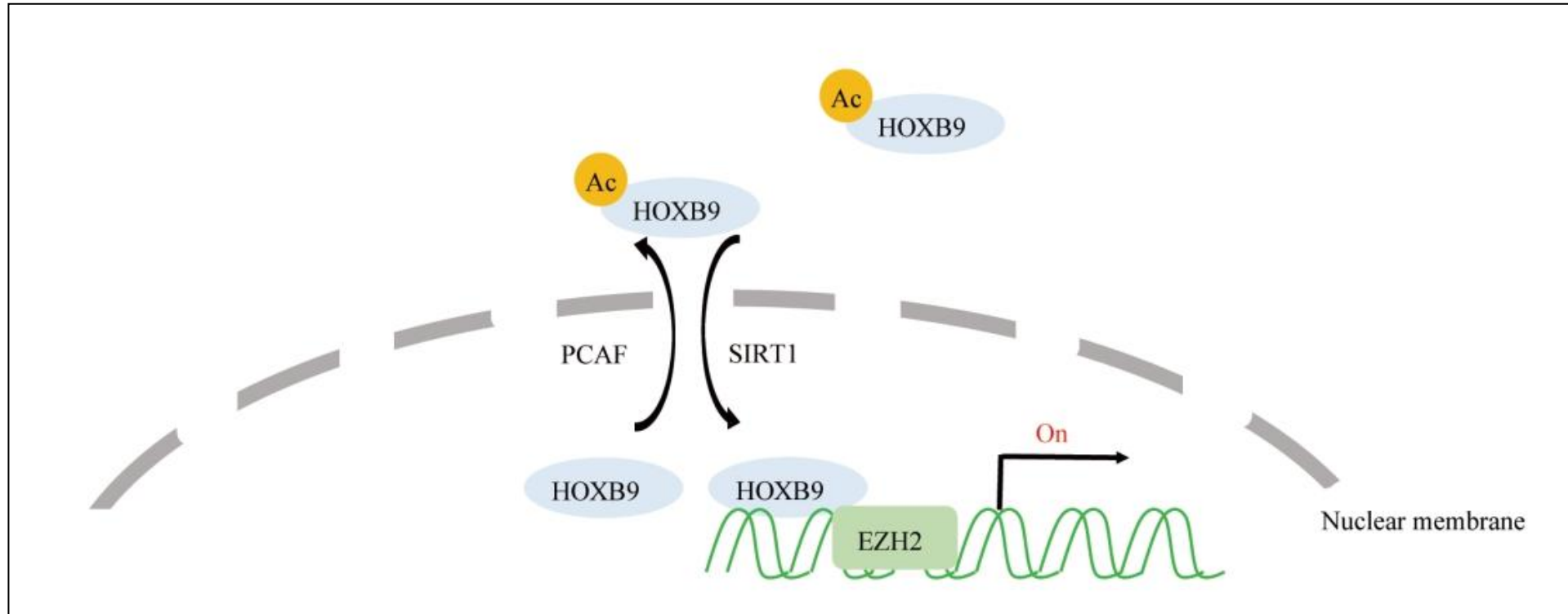
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Acetylated HOXB9 translocates from nucleus to cytoplasm



Acetylated HOXB9 translocates to cytoplasm and inhibits tumor growth

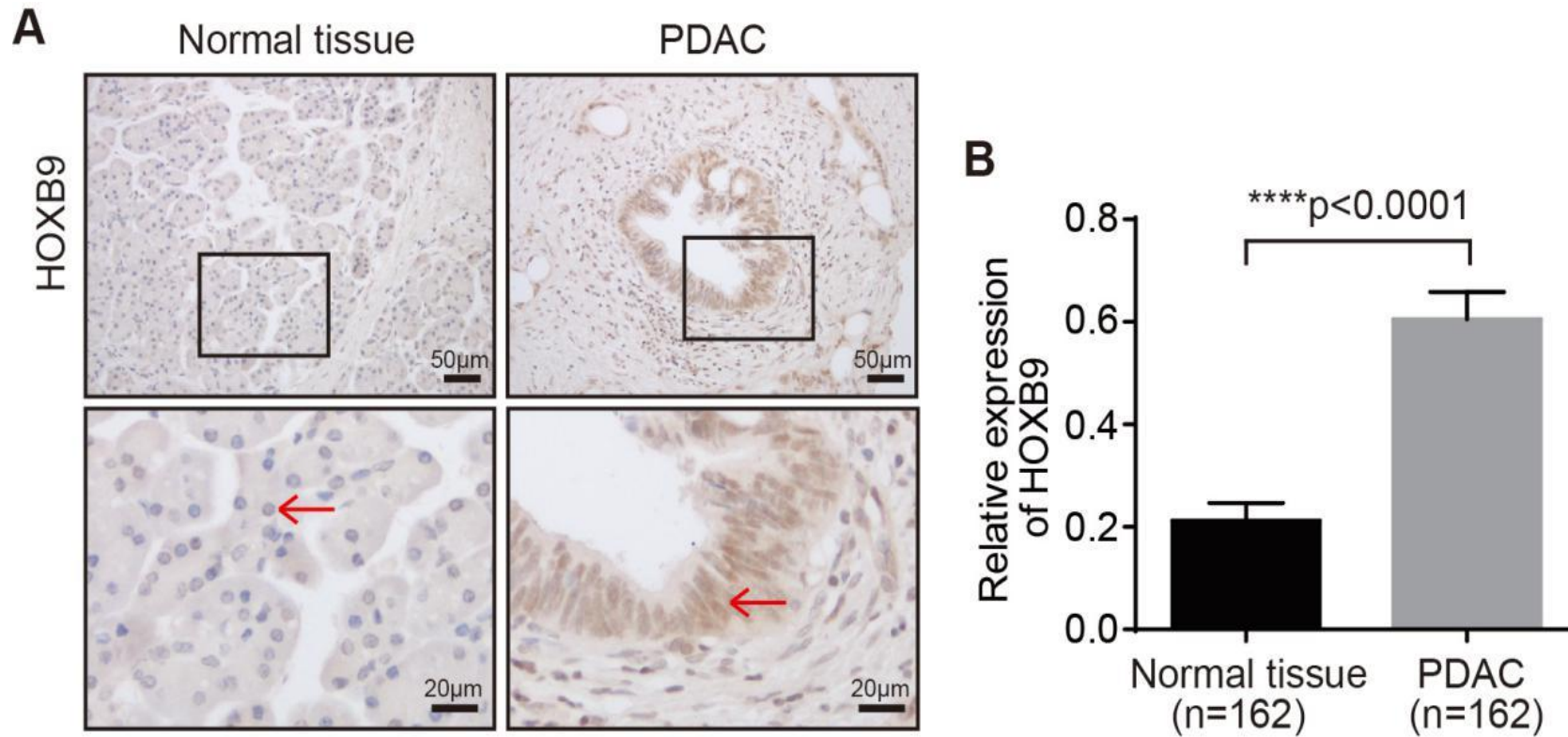


Acetylation of HOXB9 at K27 predicts well prognosis in PDAC patients

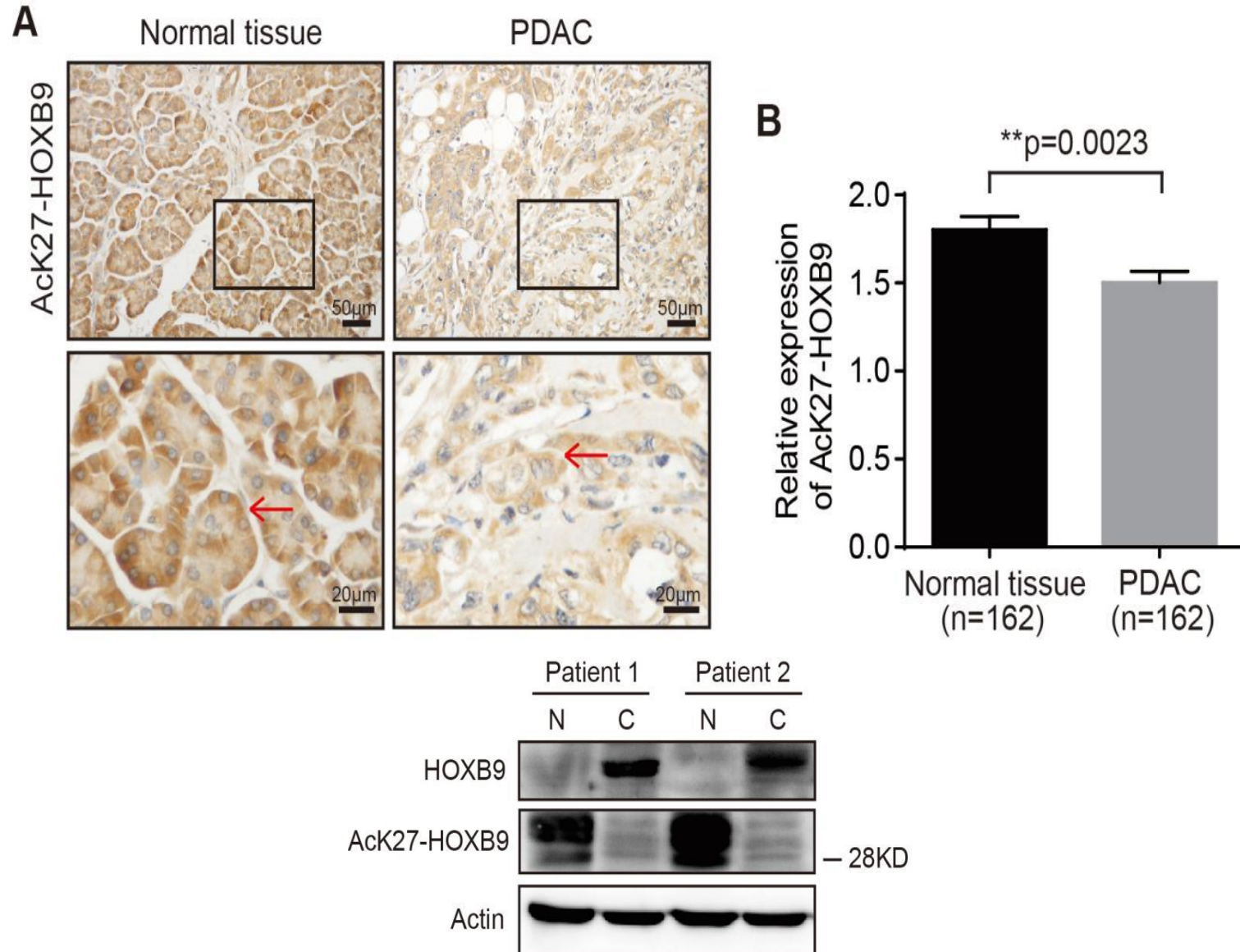


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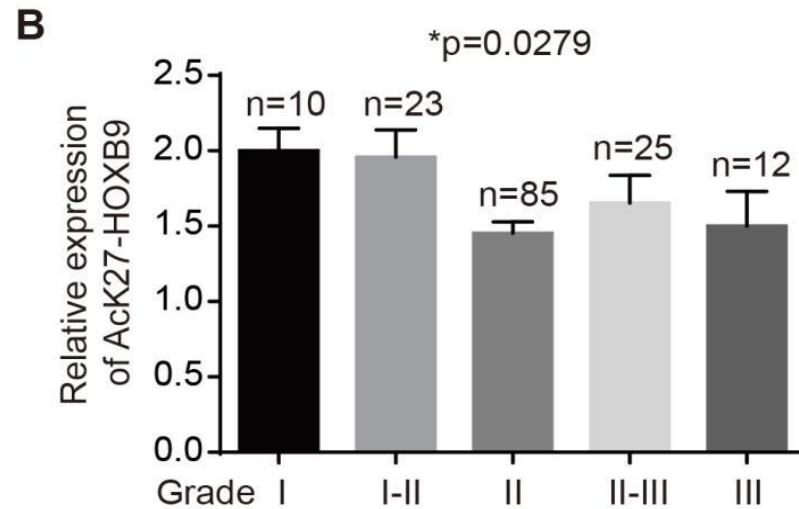
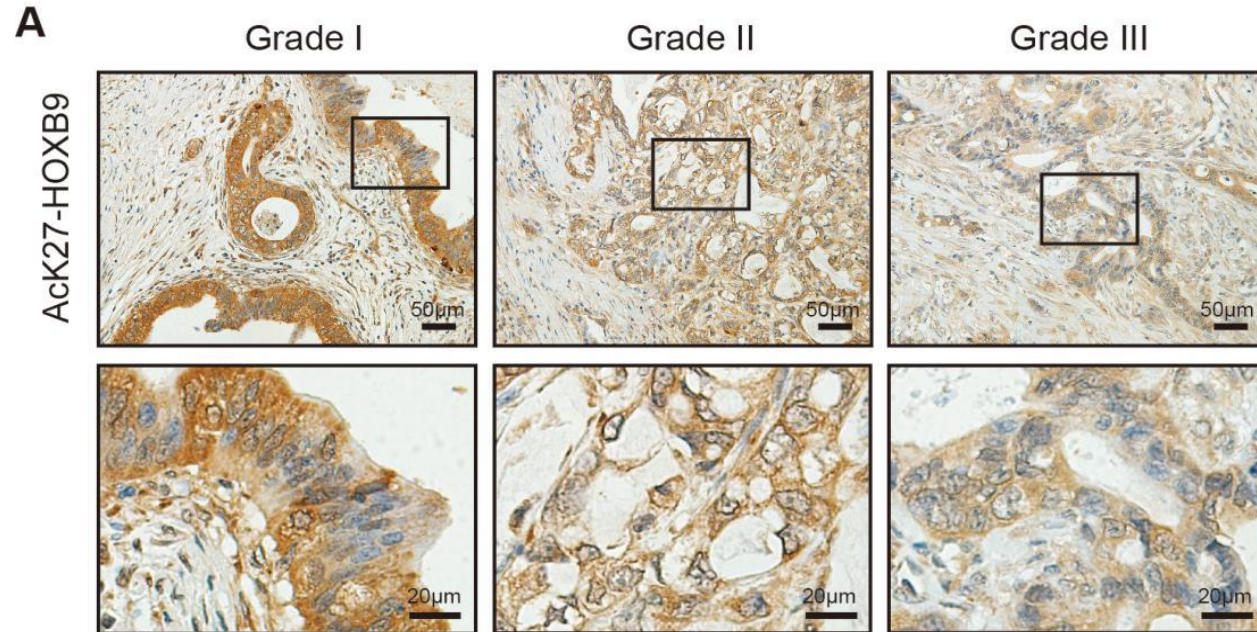
HOXB9 is upregulated in PDAC



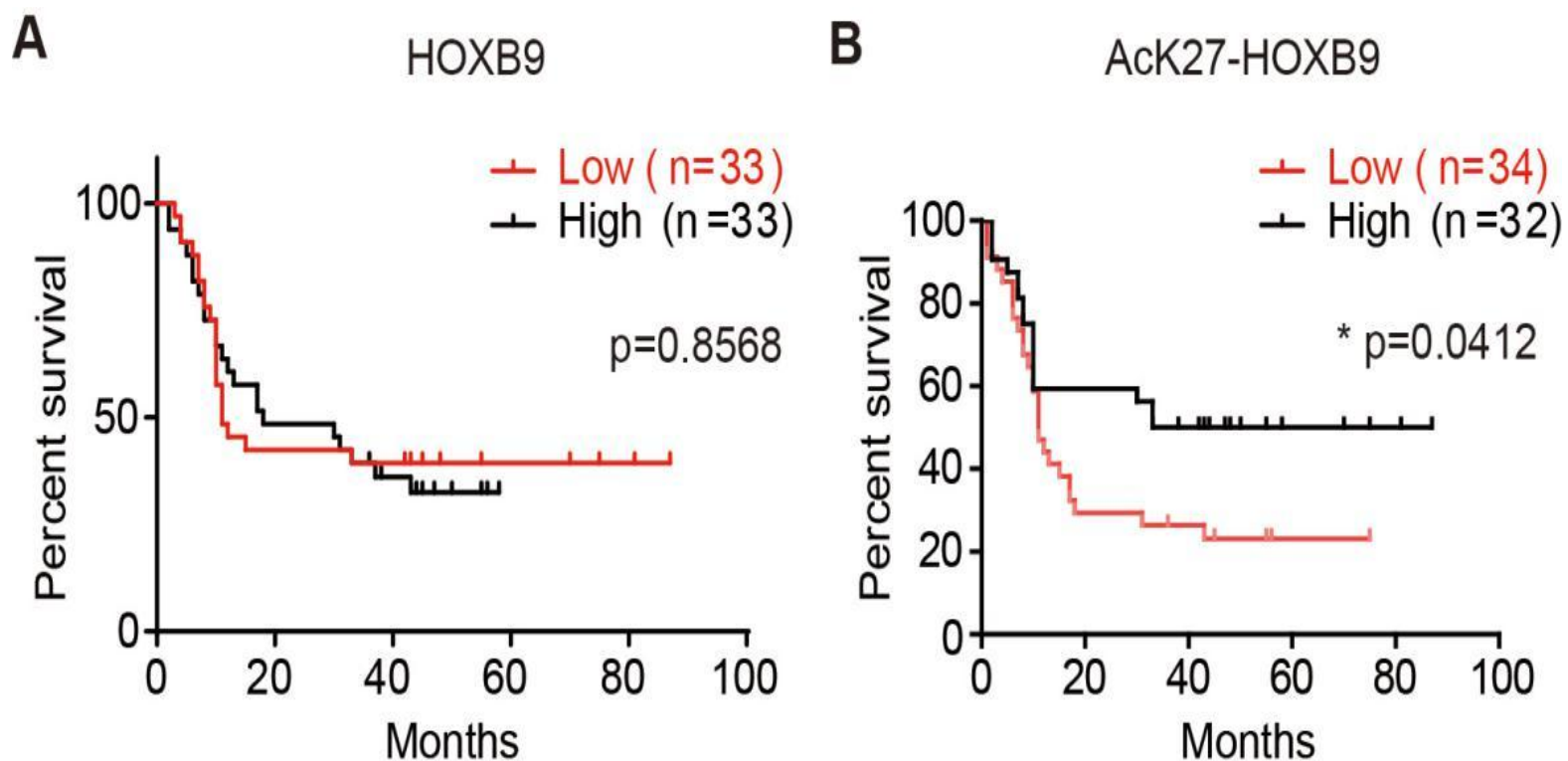
AcK27-HOXB9 is downregulated in PDAC



The level of AcK27-HOXB9 is correlated with PDAC progression



The level of AcK27-HOXB9 is correlated with PDAC patients prognosis



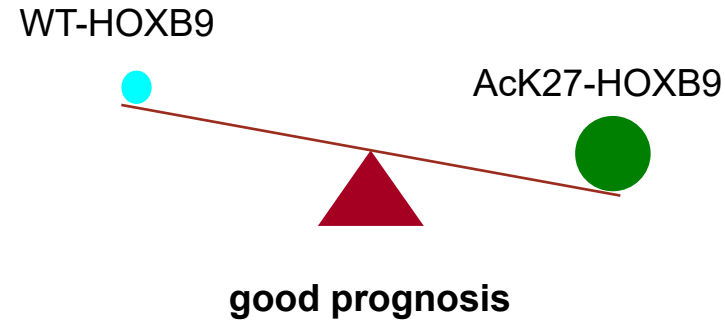
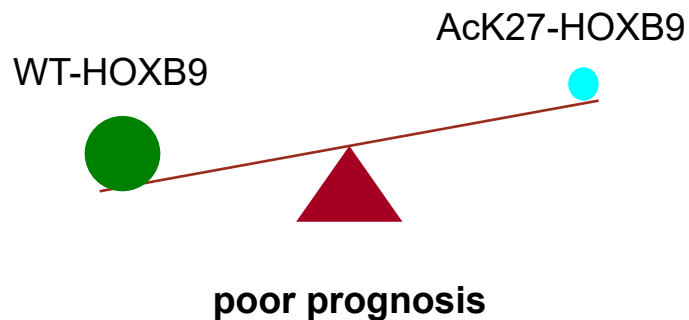
Conclusions

1. Theoretical significance:

Expression of an mRNA is not necessarily parallel with the expression of its encoded protein; the expression of a protein is not necessarily parallel with its biological function. Post-translational modification and location of protein must be considered.

2. Clinical significance

Wild-type HOXB9 promotes tumour progression, while AcK27-HOXB9 inhibits growth and metastasis of tumour. Ratio of wild-type/AcK27 HOXB9 may predicts the prognosis of patients.



Granted patent



Part 3

Identification and characterization of novel protein acylations

Identification and characterization of Histone isonicotinylation



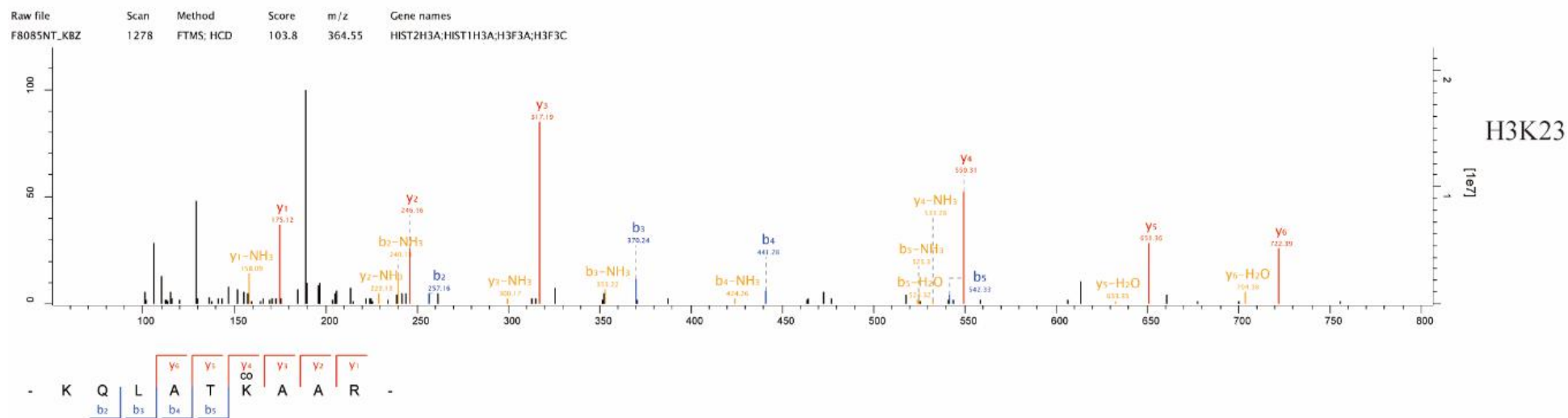
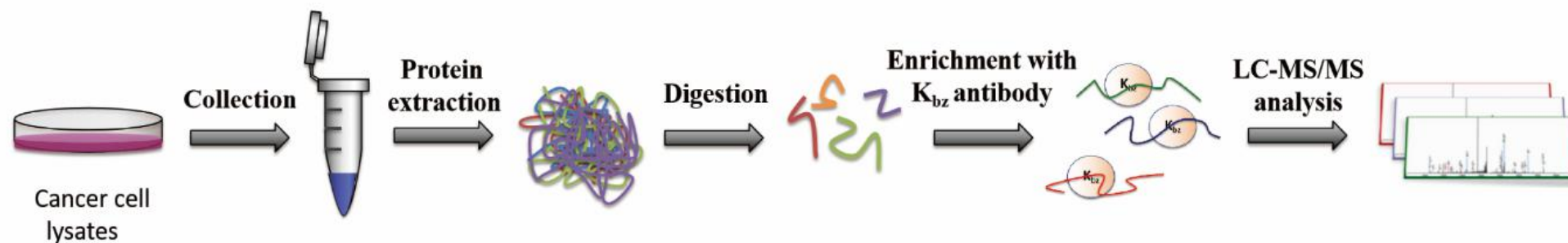
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Histone benzoylation



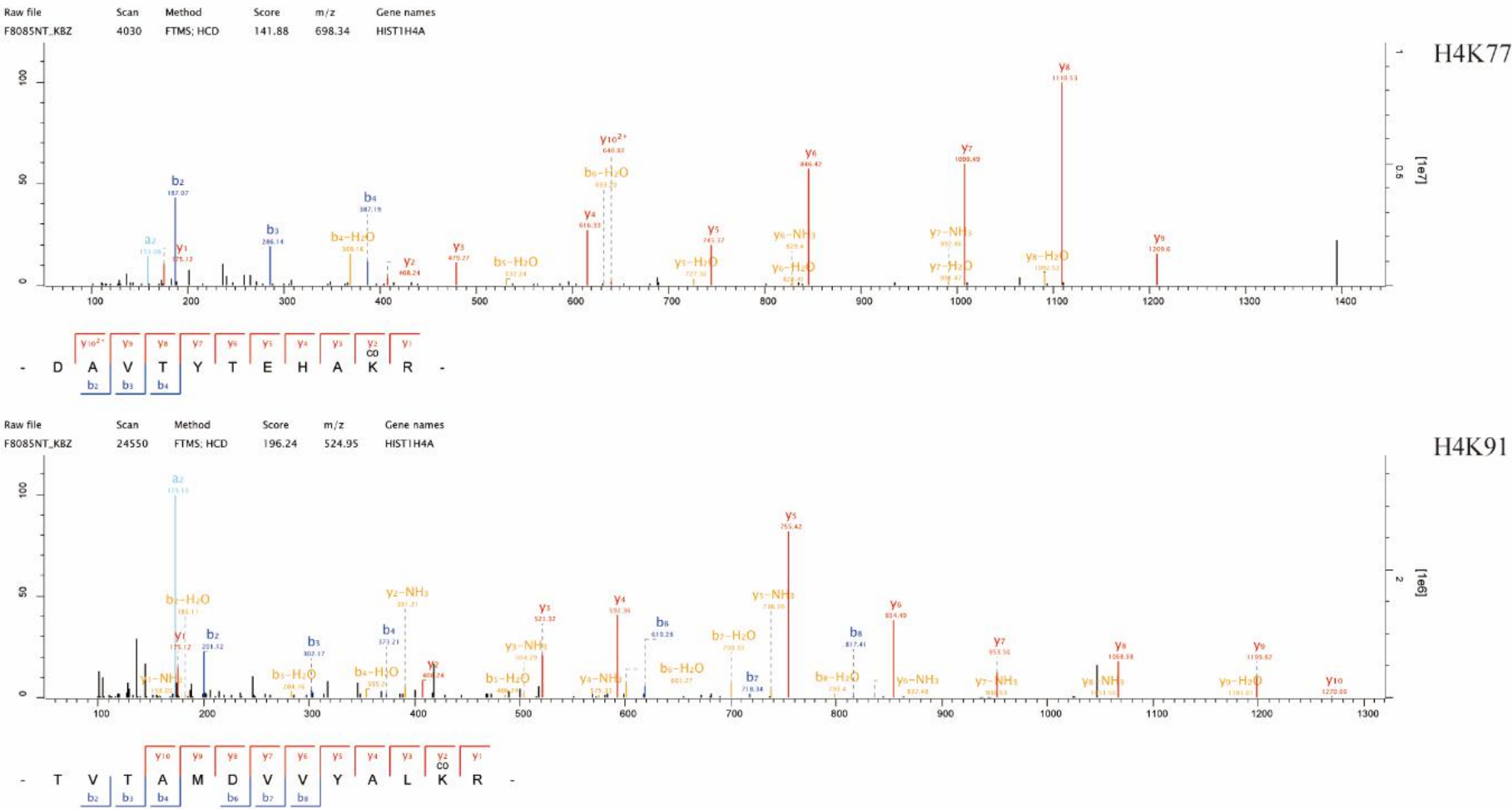
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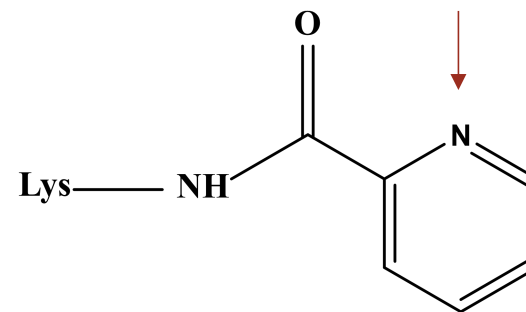
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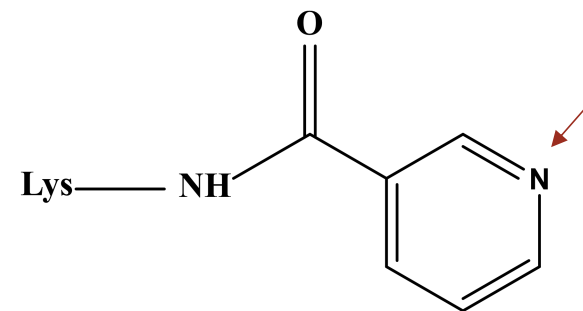


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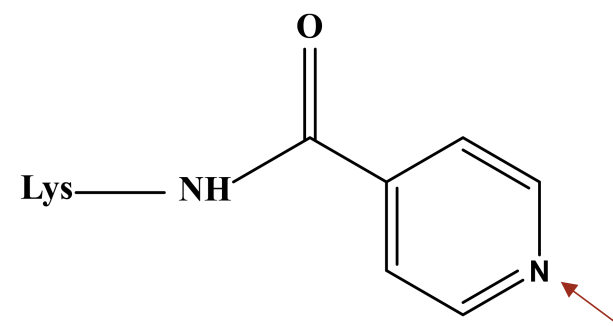
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Picolinylation



Nicotinylation



Isonicotinylation

Identification of isonicotinylation

Preparation of a Pan-anti-isonicotinylation

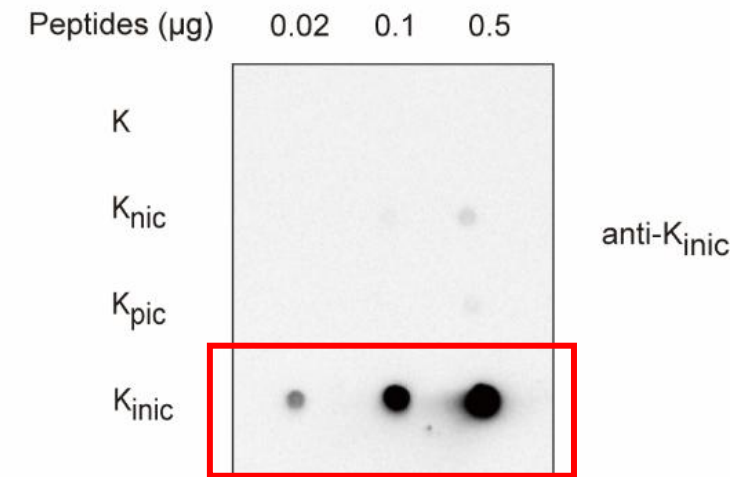
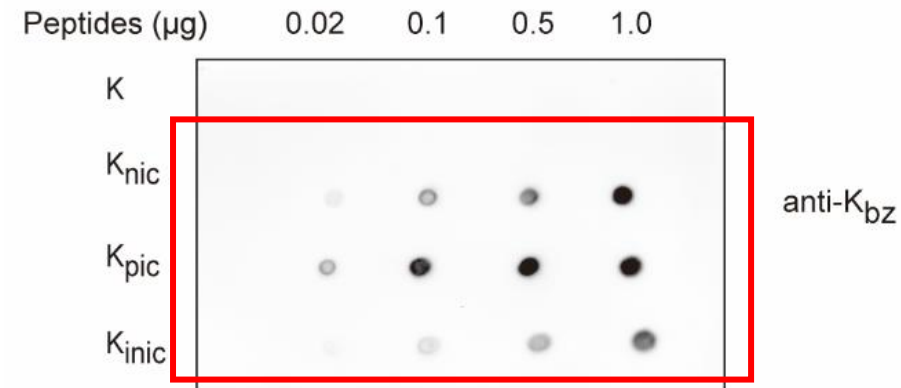
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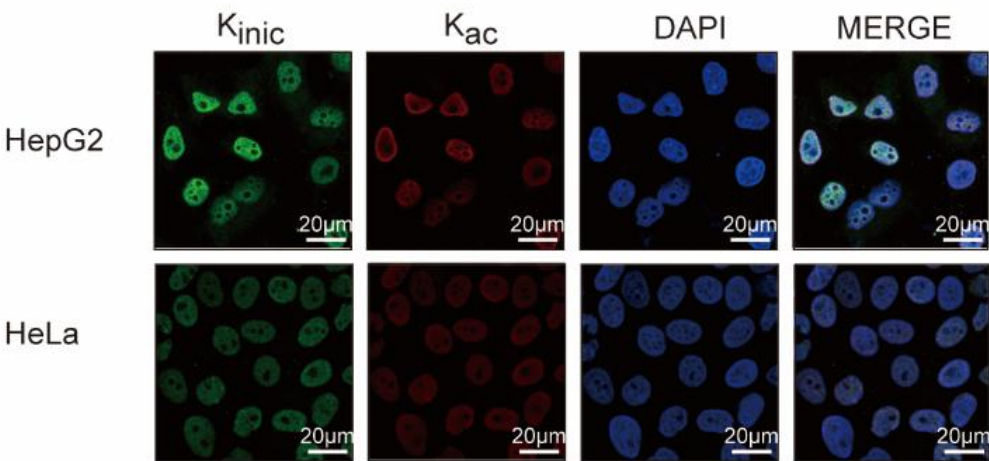
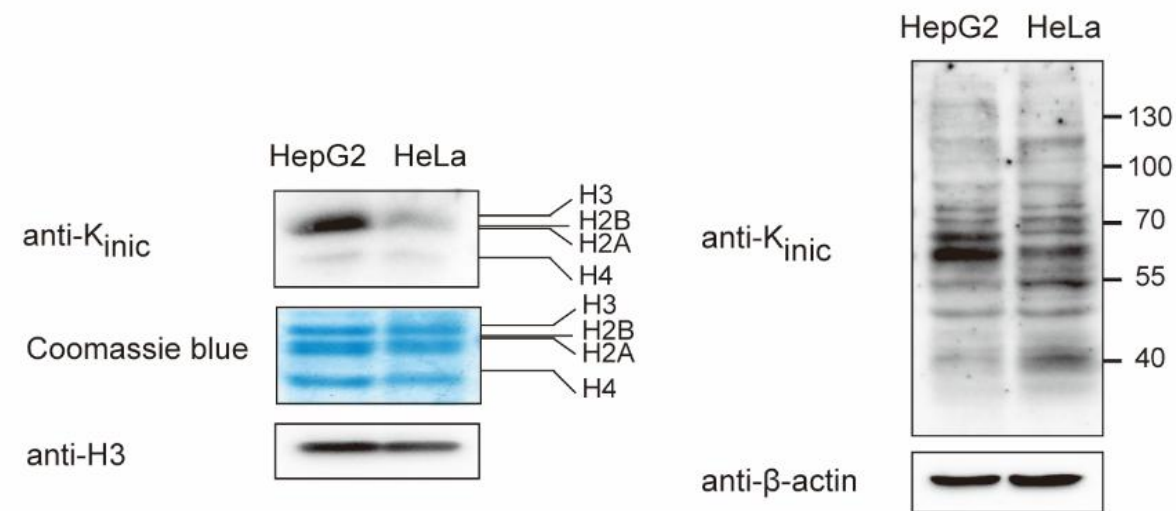
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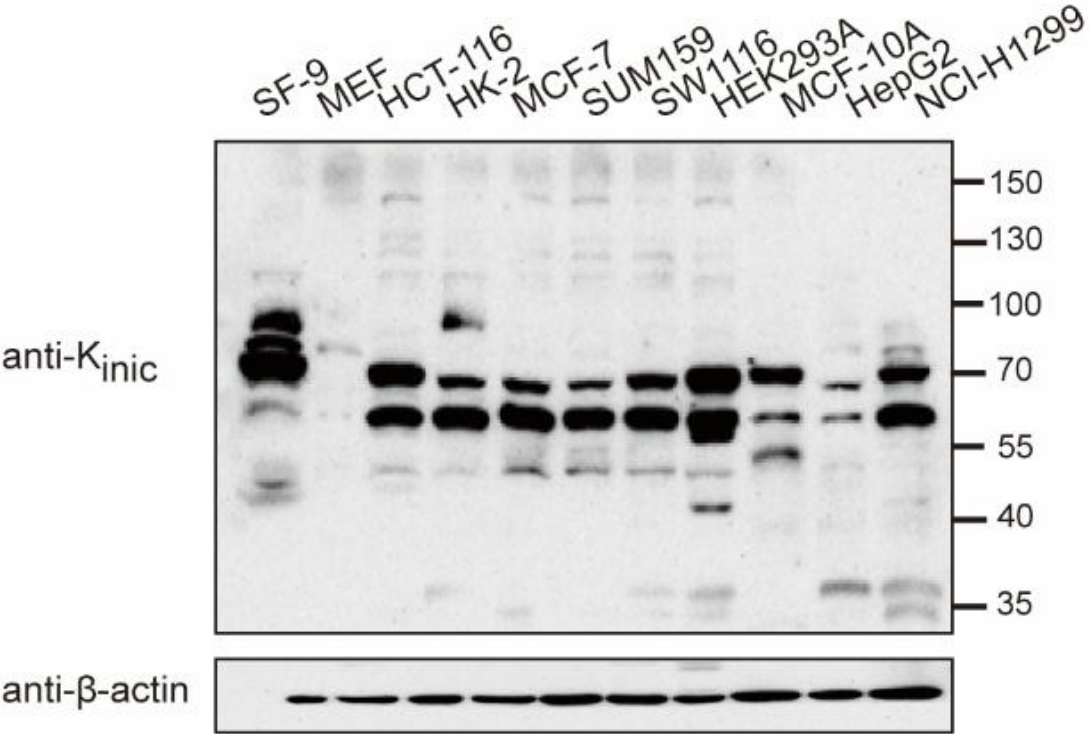
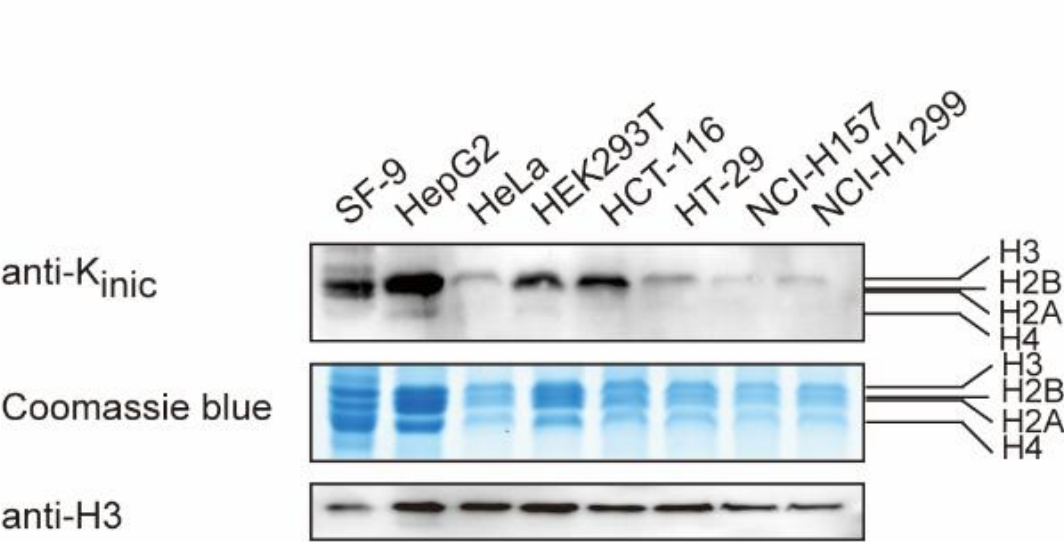
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Lys is isonicotinylated in cells

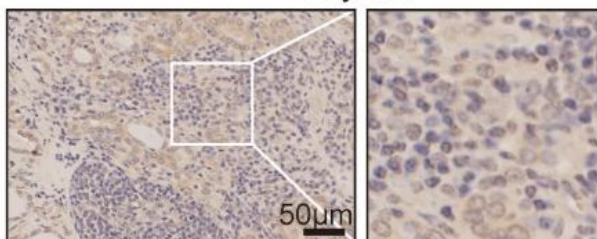


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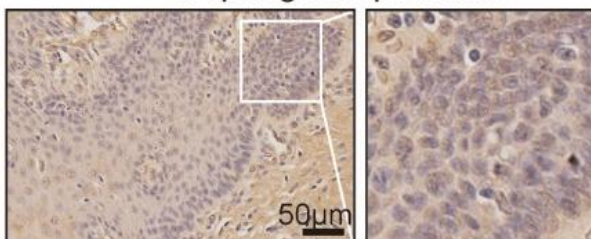


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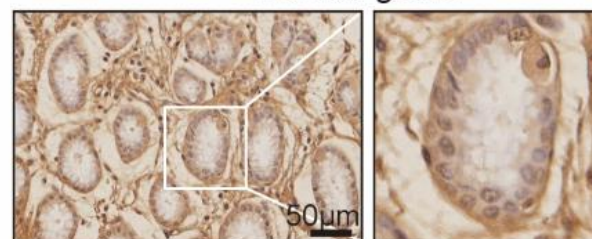
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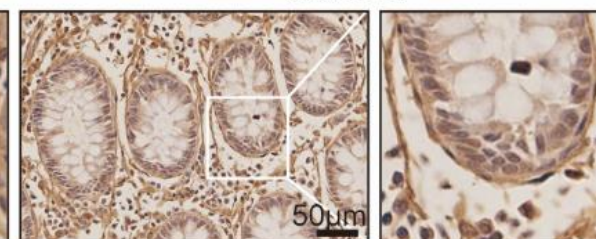
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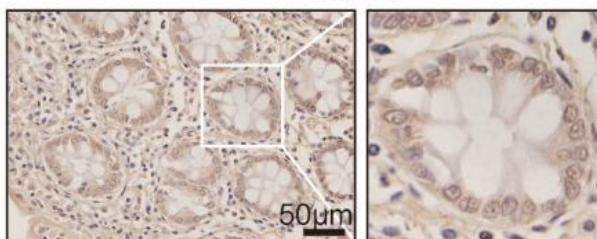
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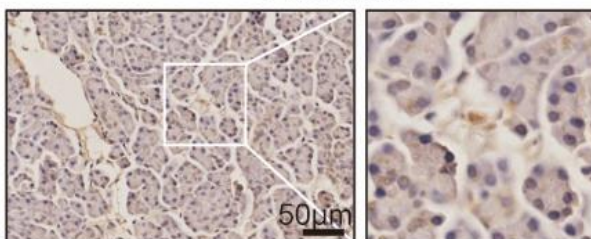
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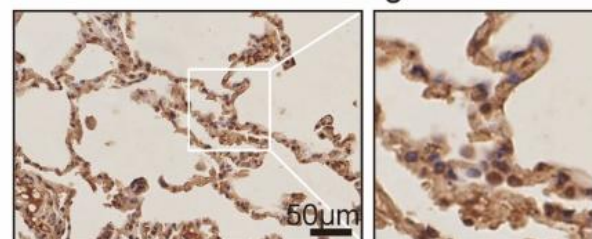
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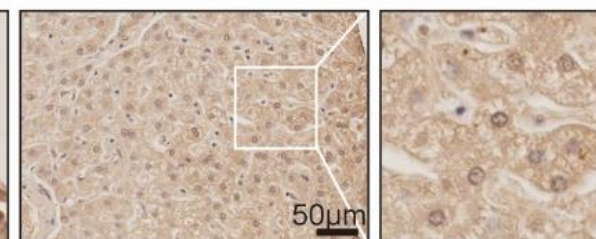
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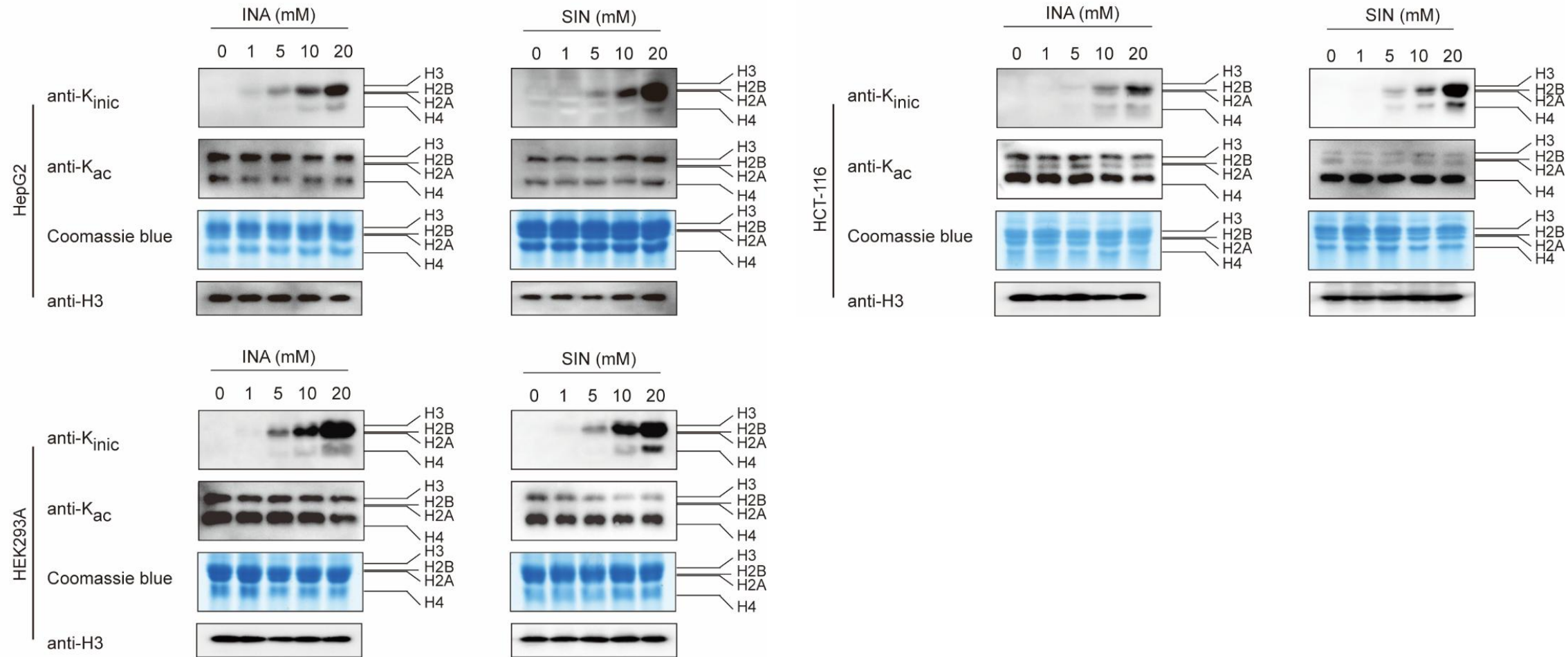
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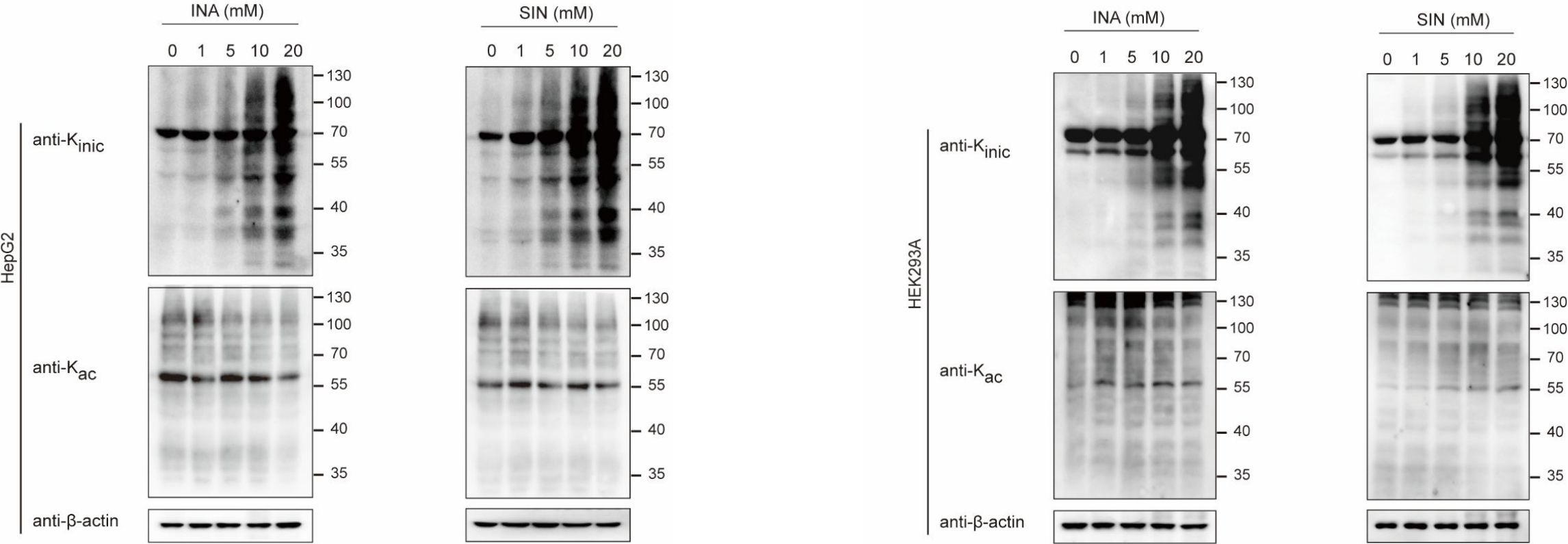
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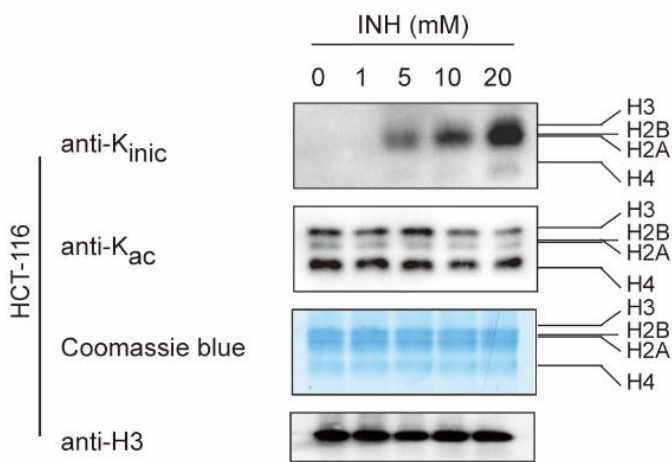
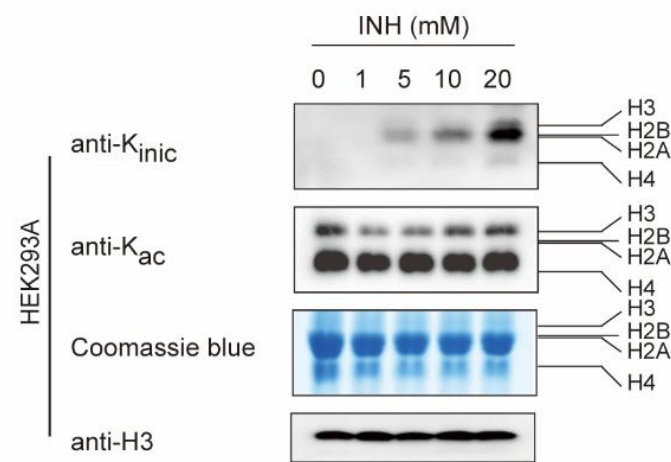
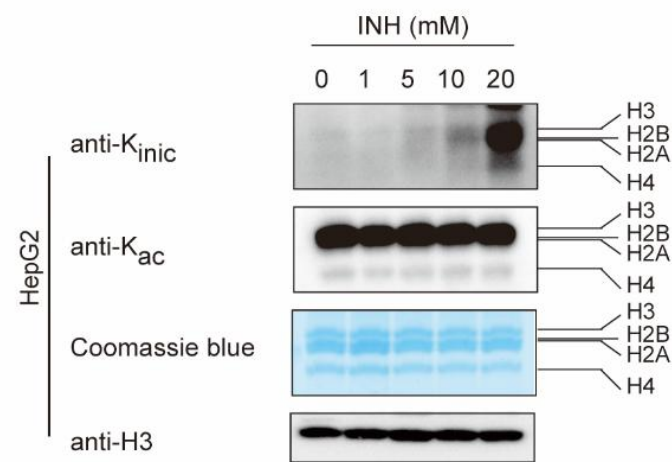
INH and SIN can induce isonicotinylation



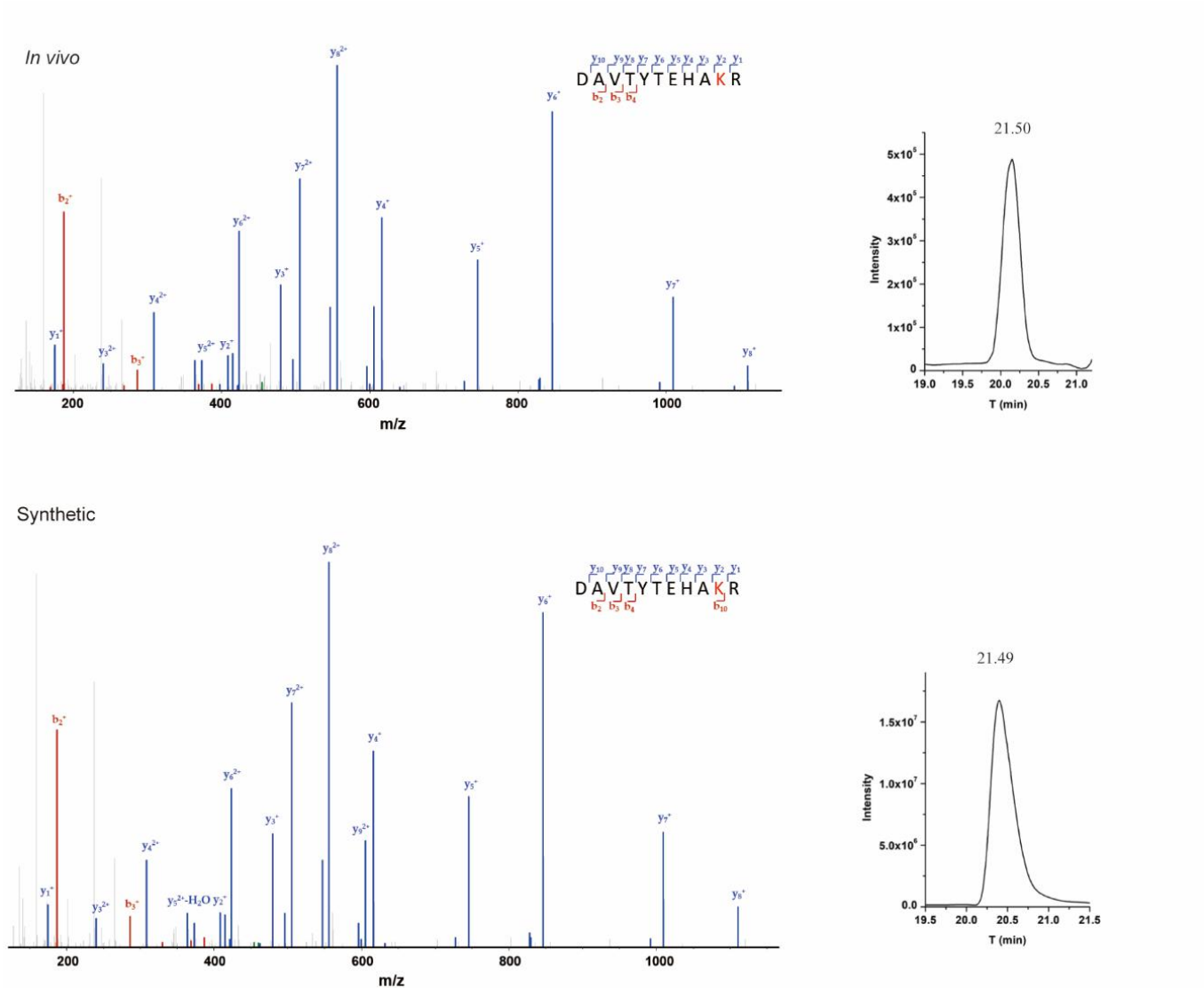
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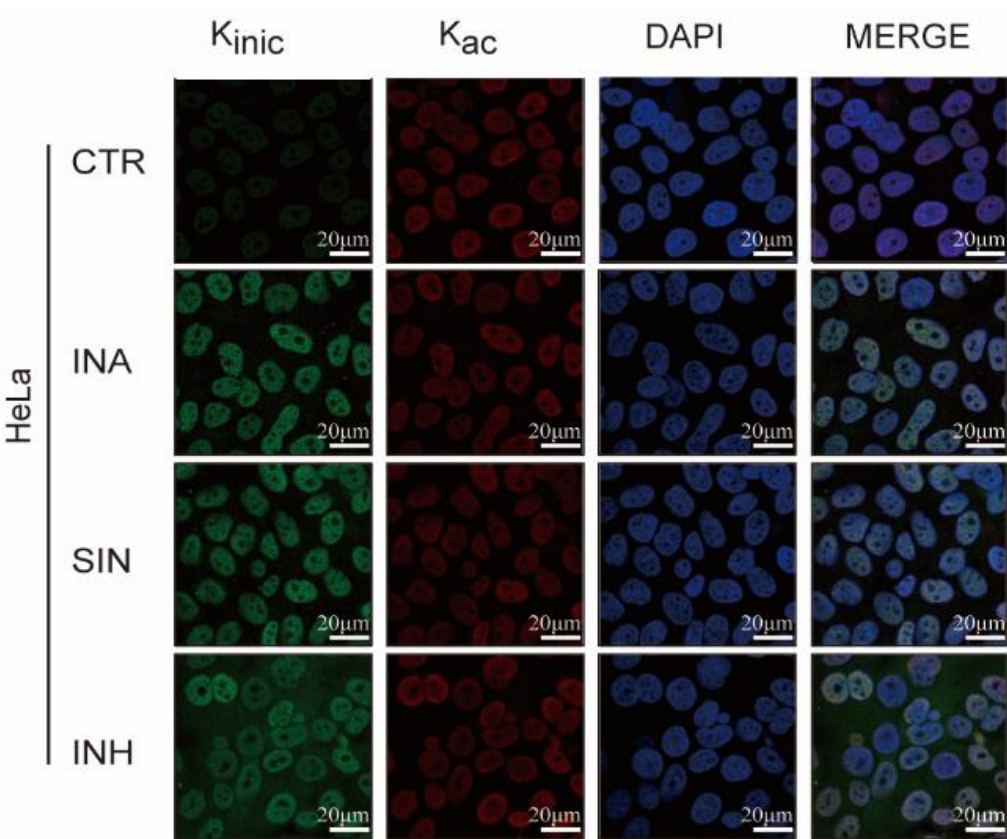
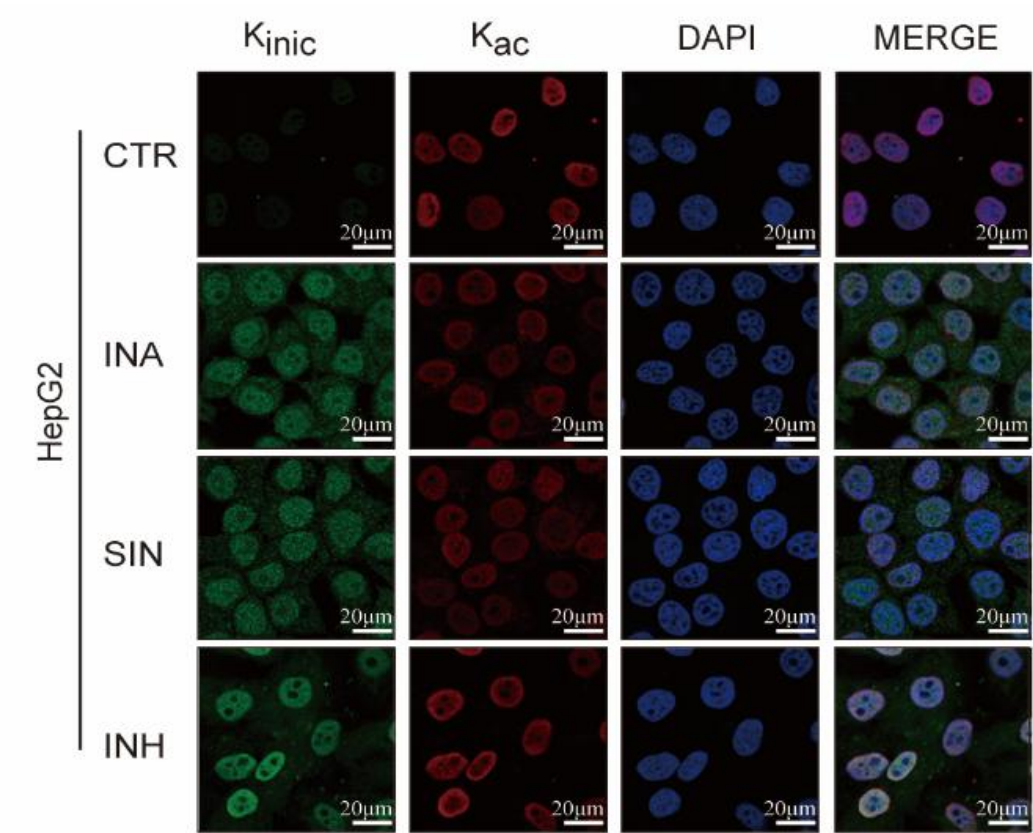
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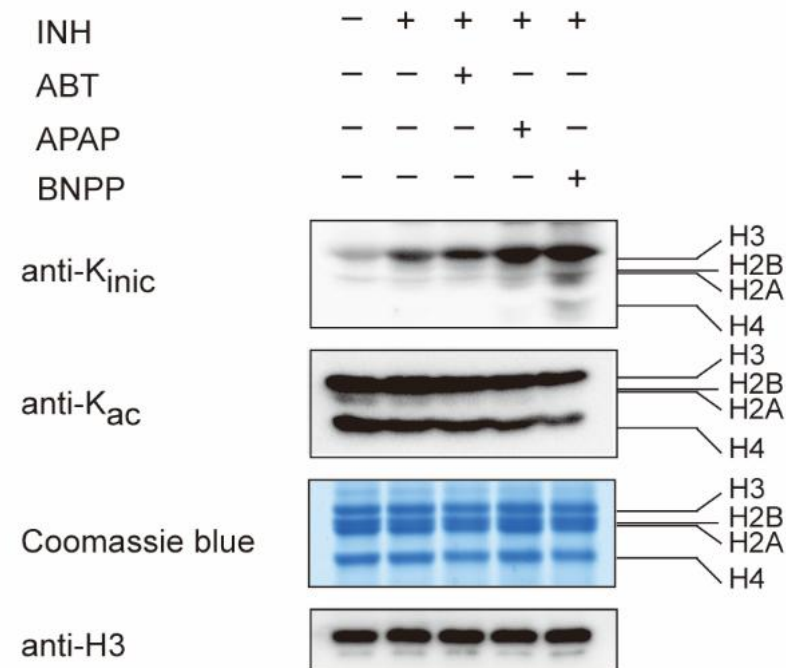
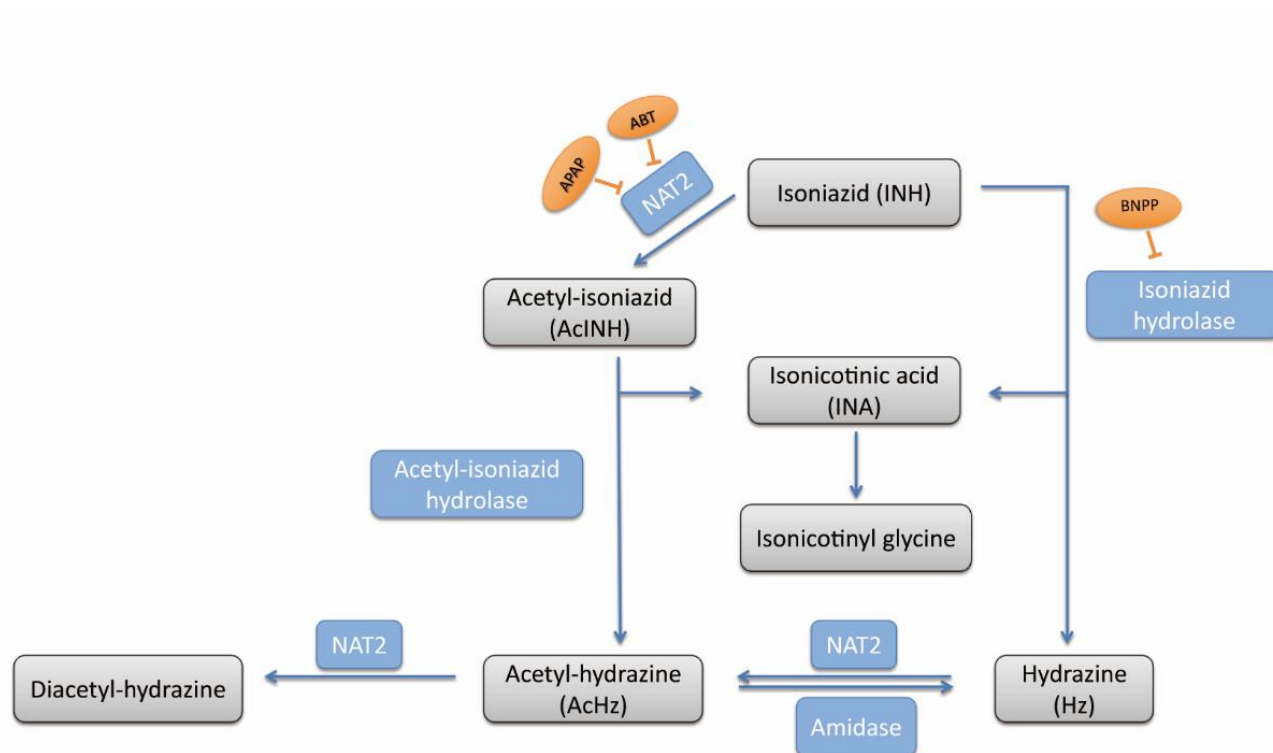
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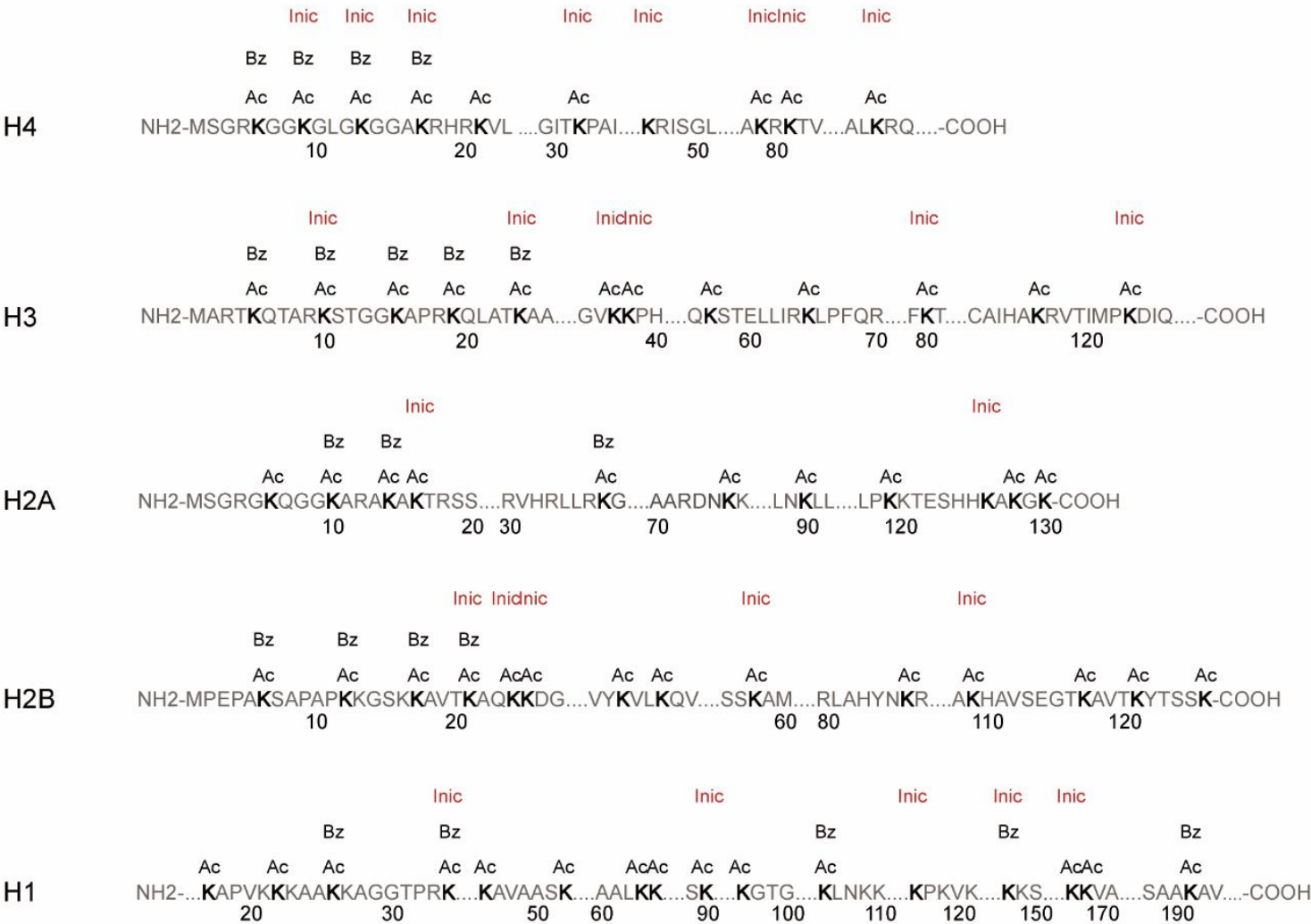
Isonicotinylation locates in the nucleus



INH can directly catalyze isonicotinylation



Isonicotinylation sites in histones

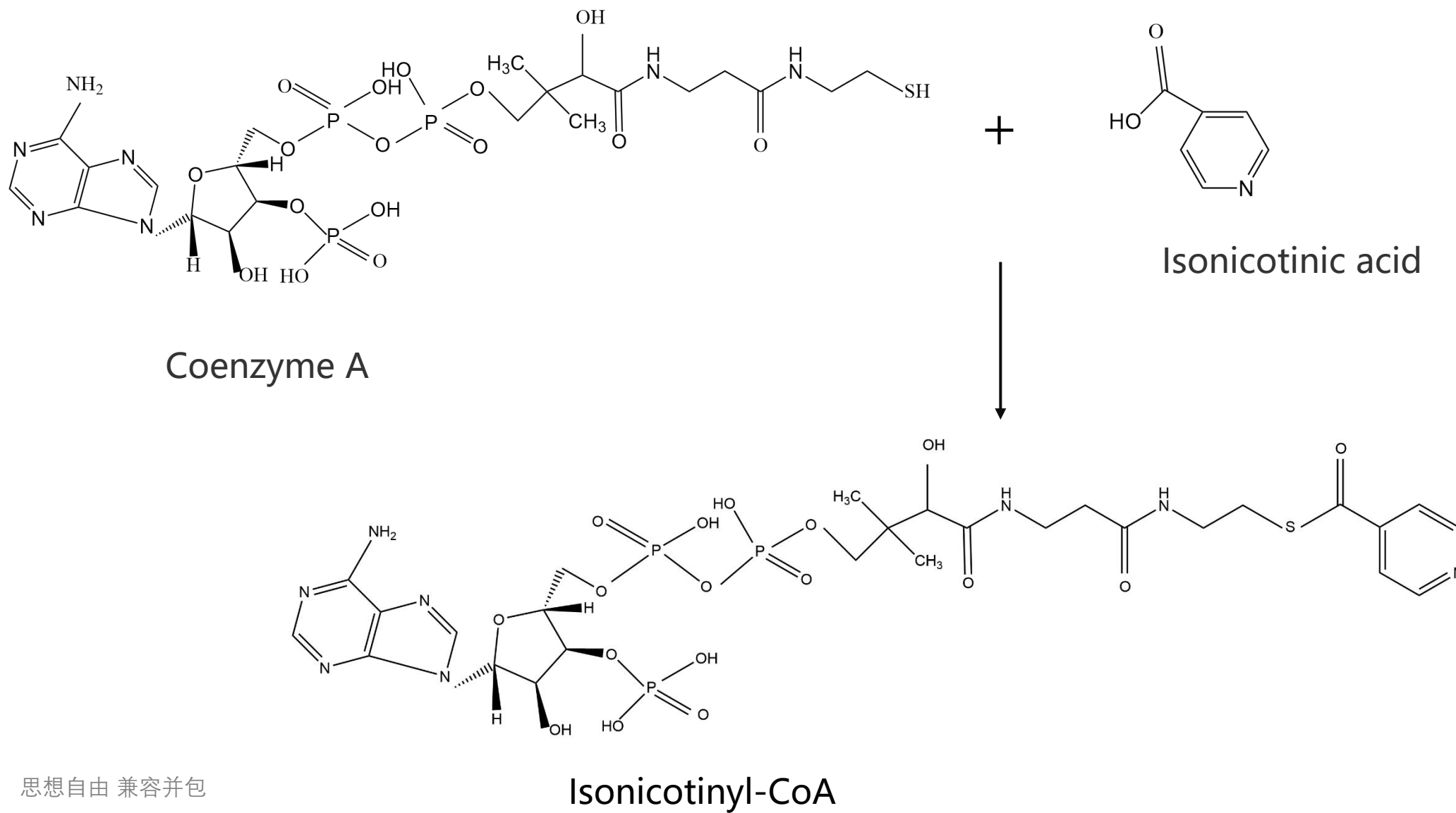


Ac: Acetylation

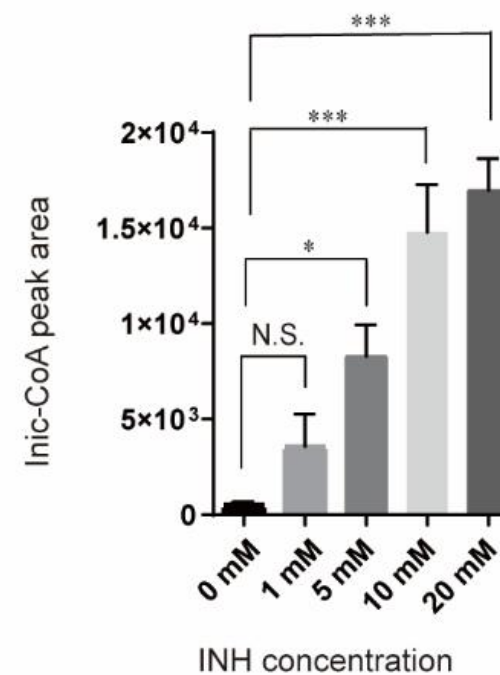
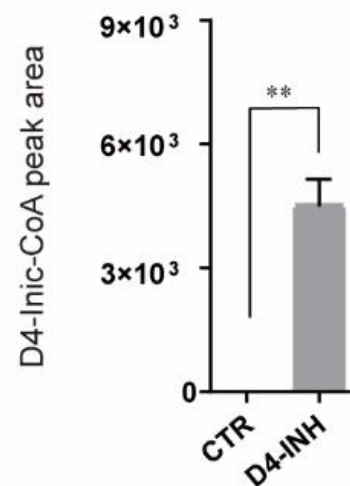
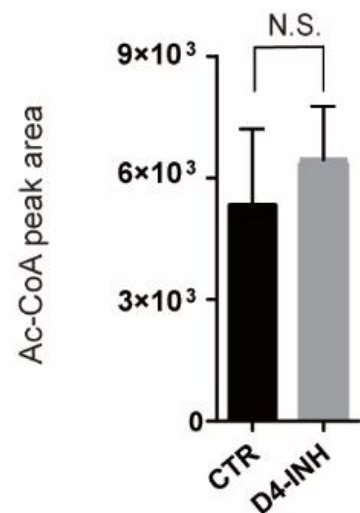
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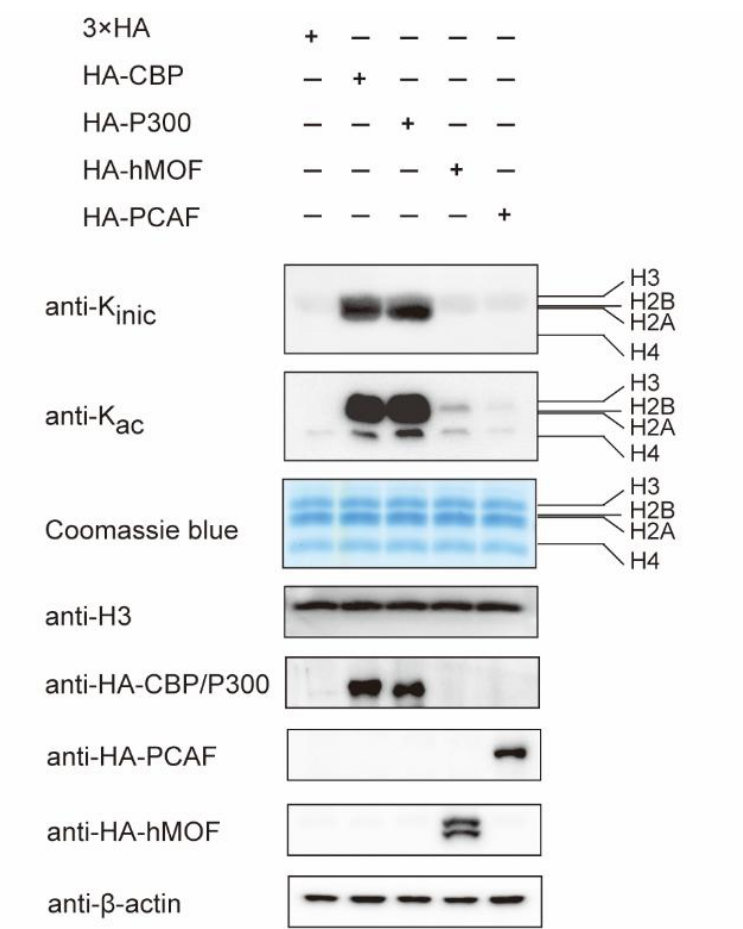
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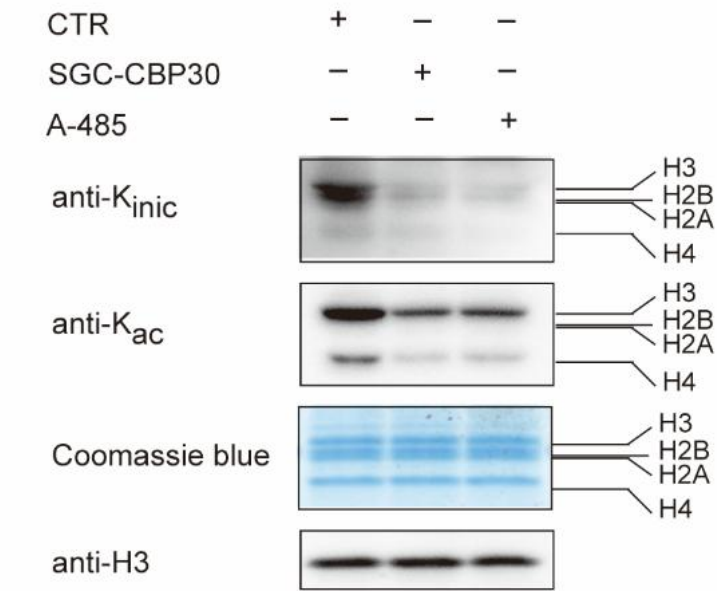
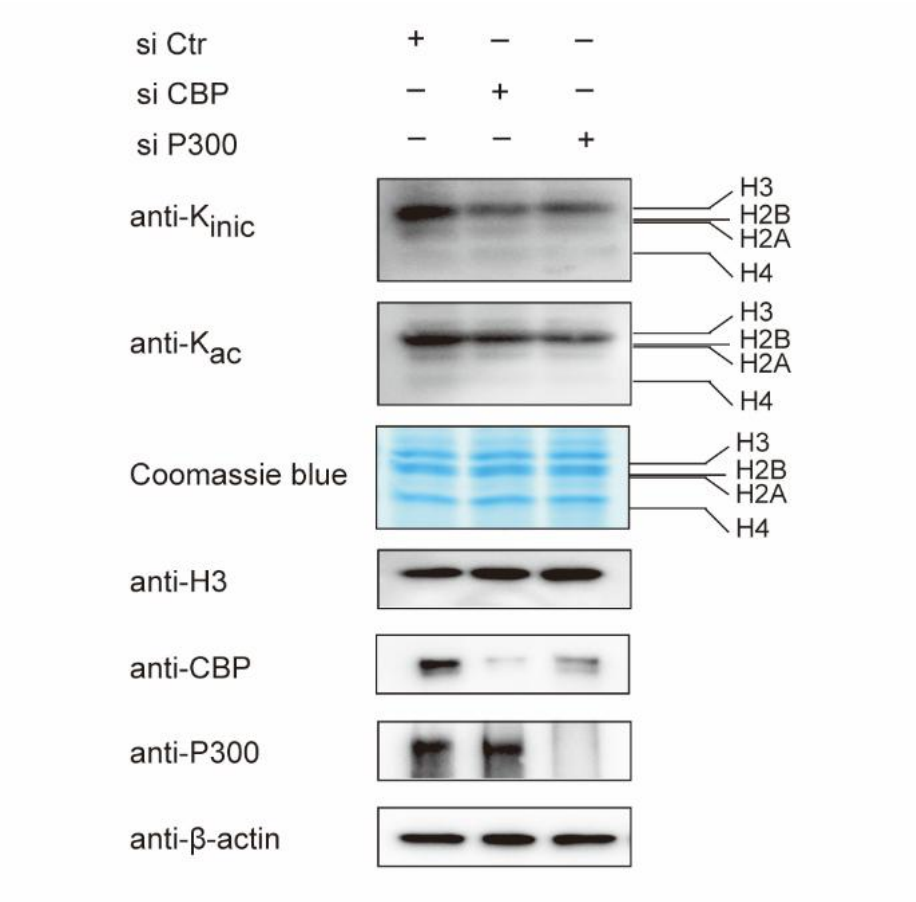
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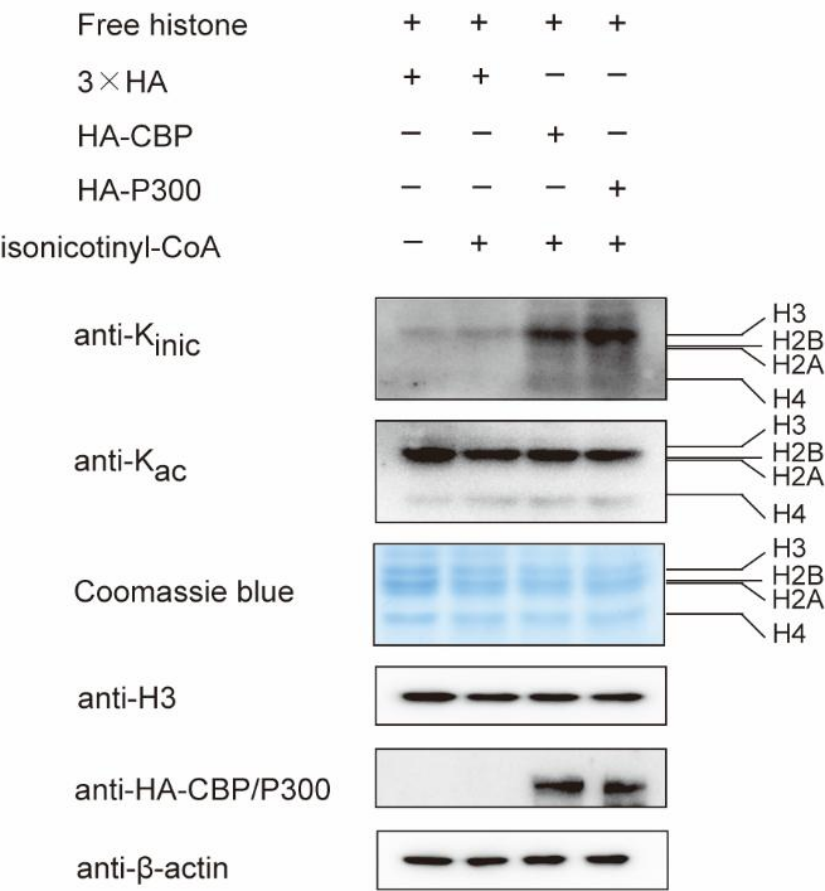
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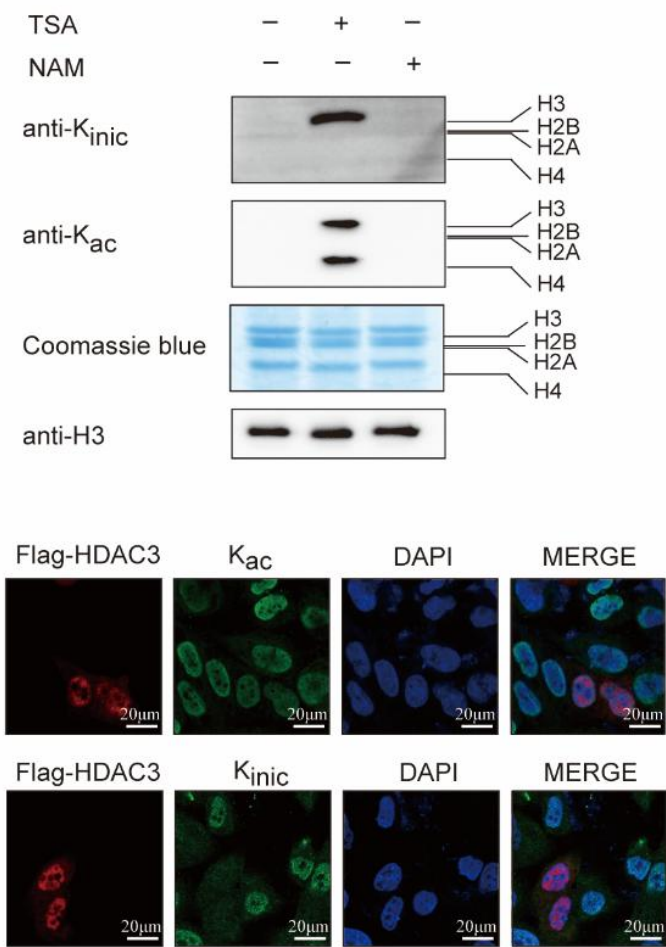
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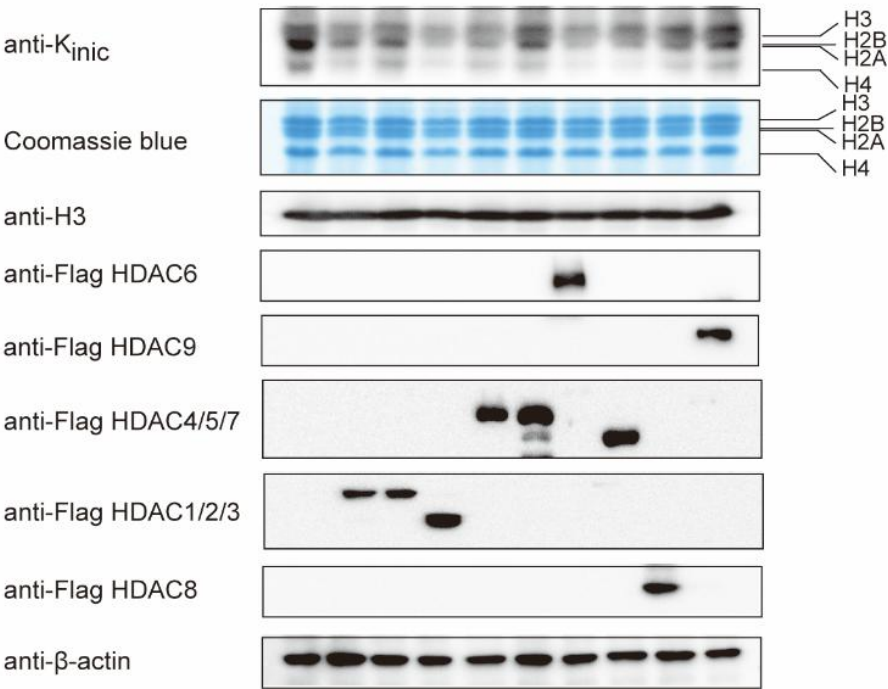
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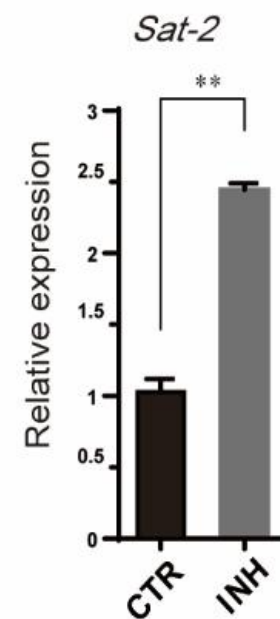
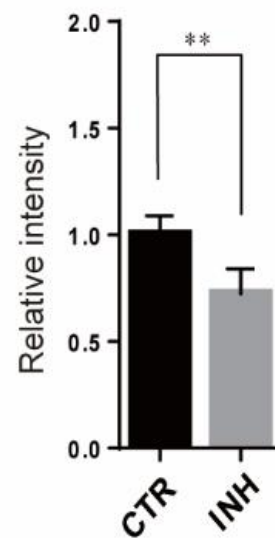
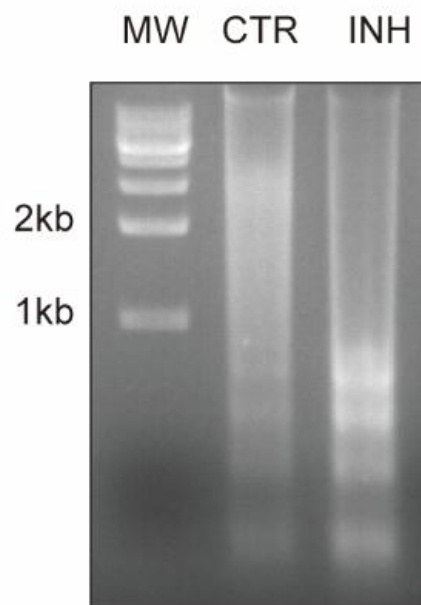
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Histone isonicotinylation loosens chromatin

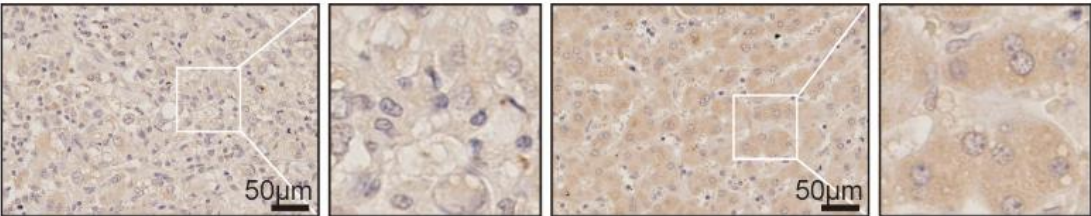


Histone isonicotinylation activates PI3K/Akt/mTOR

Hepatocellular carcinoma

Normal adjacent tumor

Tumor



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FOXA1 inhibits hepatocellular carcinoma progression by suppressing PIK3R1 expression in male patients

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Abstract

Background: Forkhead box A1 (FOXA1) expression is associated with various types of tumors; however, the function and underlying mechanism of FOXA1 in the development of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) remains obscure.

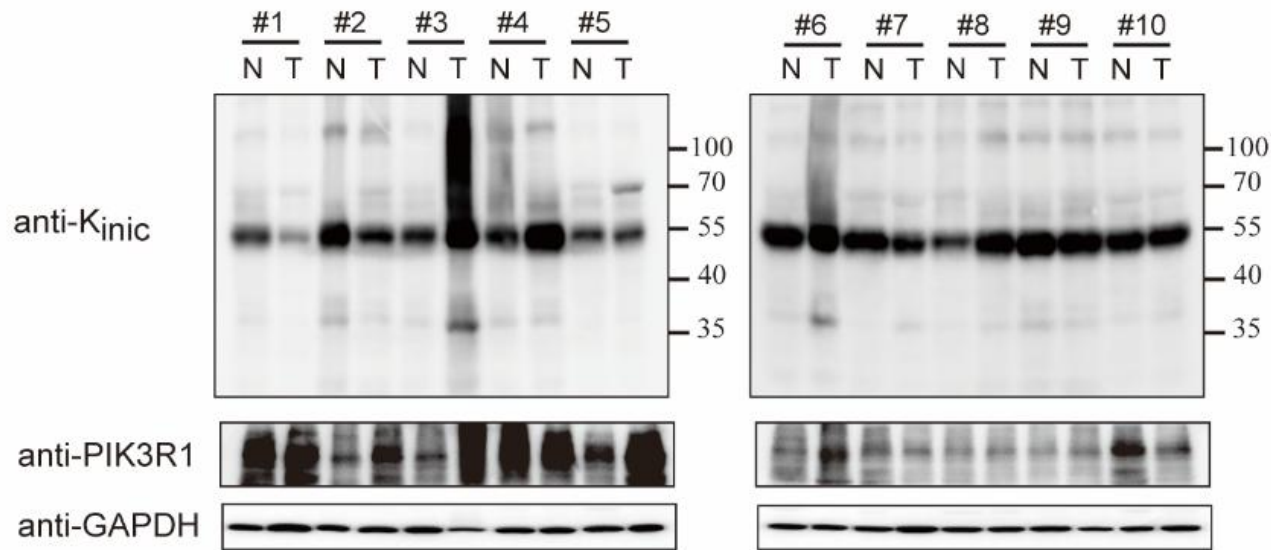
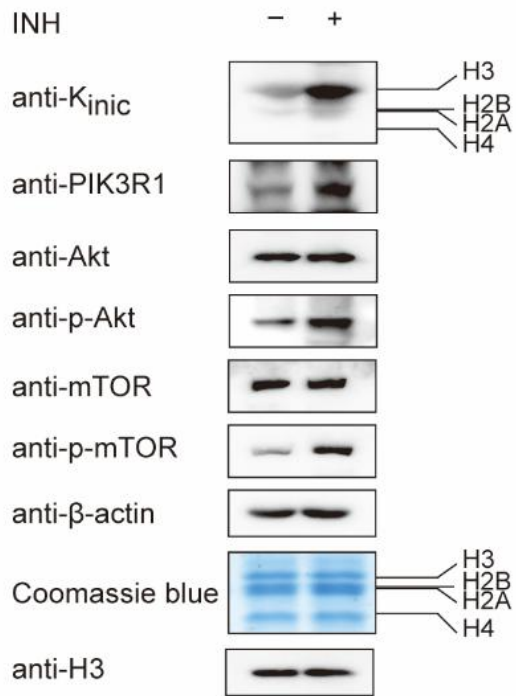
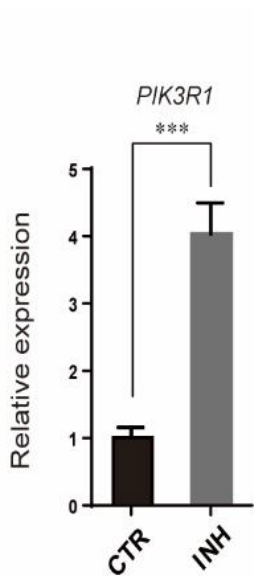
Methods: Here, we investigated the role of FOXA1 in the development of HCC by applying gene function gain and loss analysis to HepG2 and Hep3B cell lines, and comparing outcomes with those of clinical HCC samples.

Results: Phosphoinositide-3-kinase regulatory subunit 1 (PIK3R1), which encodes protein PI3Kp85 (p85), was identified as a FOXA1 target gene. Analyses of the mechanism and function revealed that FOXA1 suppresses hepatocellular carcinoma cell viability and motility by inhibiting PI3K/Akt signaling through direct inhibition of PIK3R1 transcription. Moreover, in clinical samples from male HCC patients, FOXA1 expression was much lower, whereas PI3Kp85 levels were much higher in tumor than in non-tumor tissues. Elevated PI3Kp85 is an unfavorable factor in HCC.

Conclusions: As a tumor suppressor, FOXA1 targets PIK3R1 directly to inhibit PI3K/Akt signaling pathway, thus exerting a negative regulatory effect on proliferation, migration, and invasion of HCC in male patients.

Keywords: FOXA1, Hepatocellular carcinoma, PIK3R1/PI3Kp85, PI3K/Akt

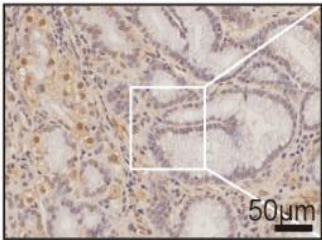
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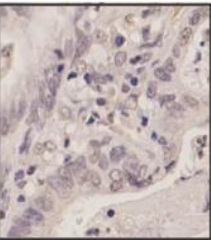
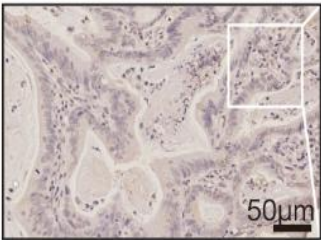
Histone isonicotinylation and tumor progression

Gastric carcinoma

Normal adjacent tumor

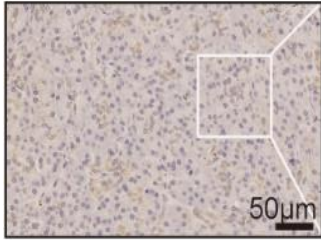


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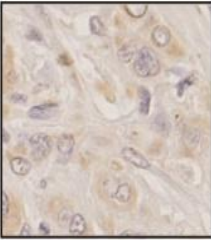
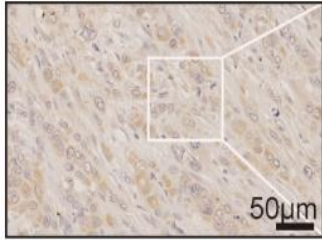


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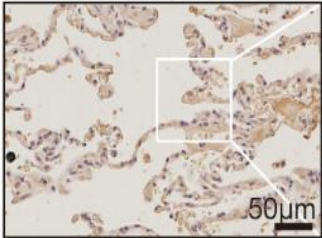


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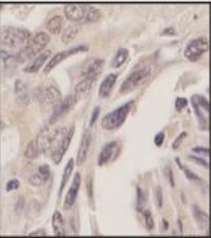
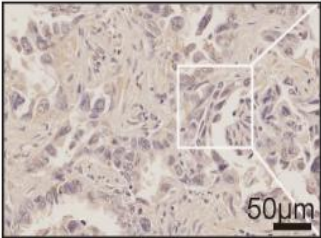


Lung adenocarcinoma

Normal adjacent tumor

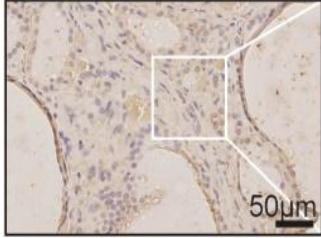


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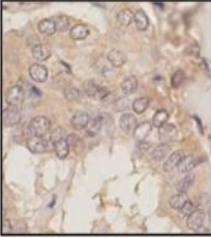
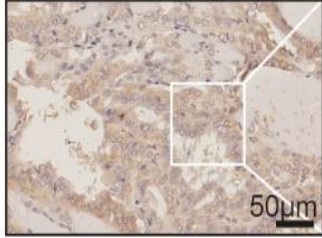


Thyroid carcinoma

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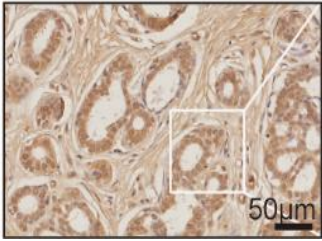


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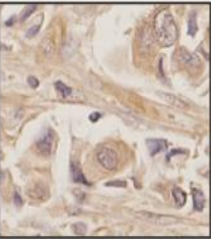
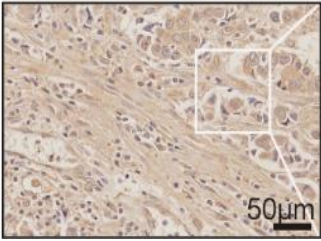


Mammary adenocarcinoma

Normal adjacent tumor

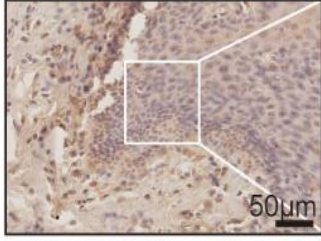


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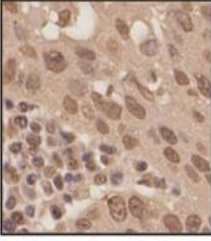
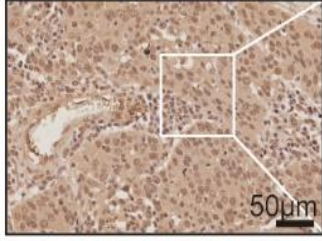


Esophageal carcinoma

Normal adjacent tumor



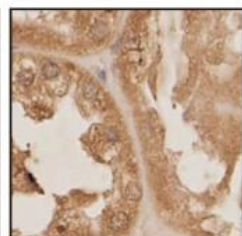
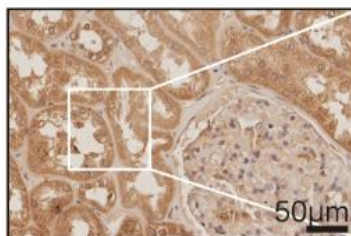
Tumor



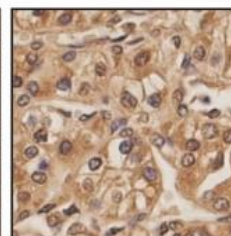
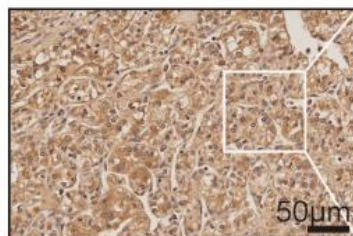
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Renal carcinoma

Normal adjacent tumor

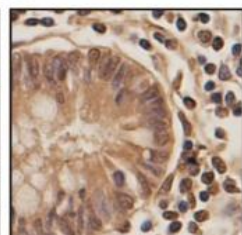
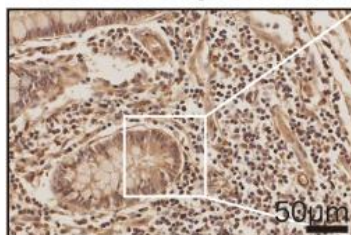


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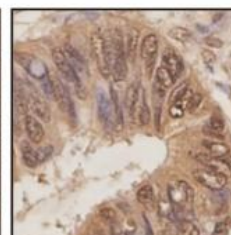
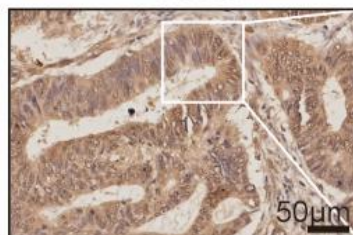


Rectal carcinoma

Normal adjacent tumor

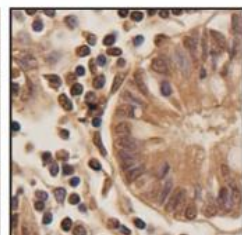
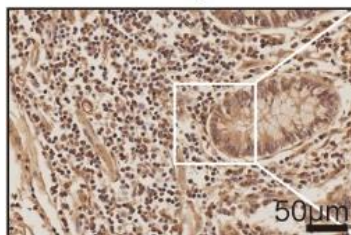


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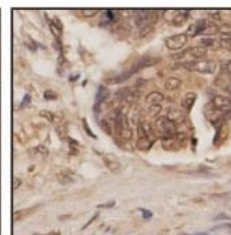
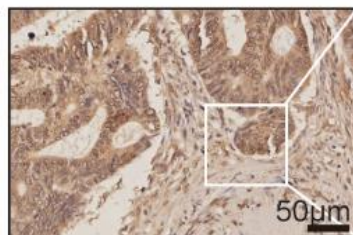


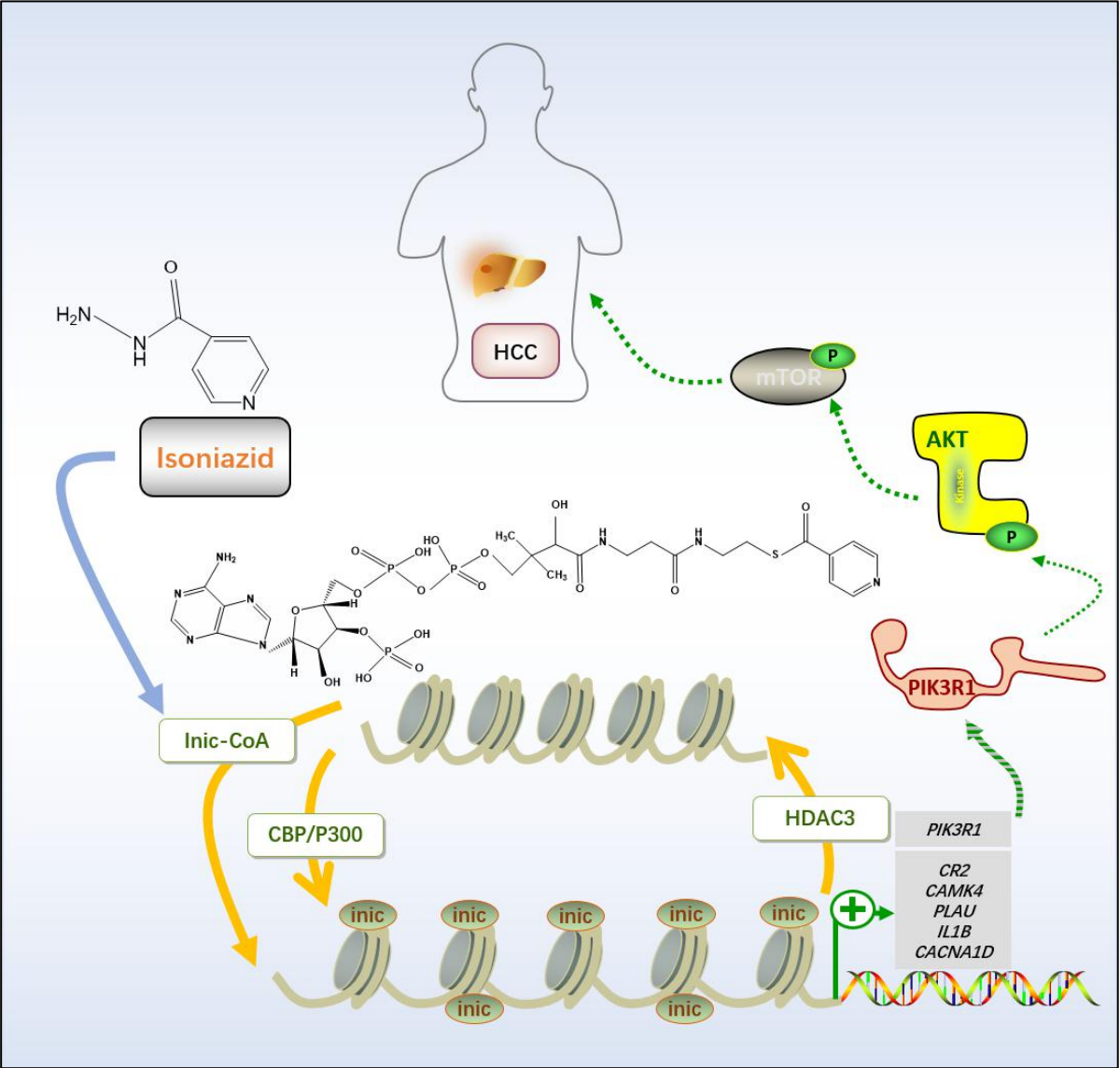
Colonic adenocarcinoma

Normal adjacent tumor



Tumor







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Isonicotinylation is a histone mark induced by the anti-tuberculosis first-line drug isoniazid

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Isoniazid (INH) is a first-line anti-tuberculosis drug used for nearly 70 years. However, the mechanism underlying the side effects of INH has remained elusive. Here, we report that INH and its metabolites induce a post-translational modification (PTMs) of histones, lysine isonicotinylation (K_{inic}), also called 4-picolinylation, in cells and mice. INH promotes the biosynthesis of isonicotinyl-CoA (Inic-CoA), a co-factor of intracellular isonicotinylation. Mass spectrometry reveals 26 K_{inic} sites on histones in HepG2 cells. Acetyltransferases CREB-binding protein (CBP) and P300 catalyse histone K_{inic} , while histone deacetylase HDAC3 functions as a deisonicotinylase. Notably, MNase sensitivity assay and RNA-seq analysis show that histone K_{inic} relaxes chromatin structure and promotes gene transcription. INH-mediated histone K_{inic} upregulates *PIK3R1* gene expression and activates the PI3K/Akt/mTOR signalling pathway in liver cancer cells, linking INH to tumourigenicity in the liver. We demonstrate that K_{inic} is a histone acylation mark with a pyridine ring, which may have broad biological effects. Therefore, INH-induced isonicotinylation potentially accounts for the side effects in patients taking INH long-term for anti-tuberculosis therapy, and this modification may increase the risk of cancer in humans.

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- 1. We identified histone isonicotinylation, a novel type of histone modification.**
- 2. We identified 26 modification sites of histone isonicotinylation in HepG2 cell.**
- 3. We showed that a histone acetyltransferase CBP/P300 has the function of histone isonicotinylation, and a histone deacetylase HDAC3 has the function of histone deisonicotinylation.**
- 4. Histone isonicotinylation loosens chromatin and may take effects in tumourigenesis and progression of liver cancer.**

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