

Suppl. Table 1. Relationship of *DLEC1* methylation and clinicopathological parameters of esophageal cancer patients from TCGA cohort

Clinicopathological features	Esophageal cancer cohort (TCGA)			p-values
	Number (n=185)	methyated	unmethyated	
<u>Age</u>				
≤50	28	27 (96.4%)	1 (3.60%)	<u><0.001</u>
>50<65	80	72 (90.0%)	8 (10.0%)	
≥65	77	66 (85.7%)	11 (14.3%)	
<u>Gender</u>				
Female	27	26 (96.3%)	1 (3.70%)	0.68
Male	158	139 (88.0%)	19 (12.0%)	
<u>Histologic grade</u>				
g1	19	18 (94.7%)	1 (5.30%)	<u>0.03</u>
g2	77	71 (92.2%)	6 (7.80%)	
g3	49	41 (83.7%)	8 (16.3%)	
gx	40	35 (87.5%)	5 (12.5%)	
<u>Pathologic stage</u>				
Stage i	19	15 (78.9%)	4 (21.1%)	<u>0.001</u>
Stage ii	79	76 (96.2%)	3 (3.80%)	
Stage iii	56	49 (87.5%)	7 (12.5%)	
Stage iv	9	9 (100%)	0	
<u>Pathologic m</u>				
0	136	125 (91.9%)	11 (8.10%)	0.42
1	9	9 (100%)	0	
<u>Pathologic n</u>				
0	77	73 (94.8%)	4 (5.20%)	0.39
1	69	59 (85.5%)	10 (14.5%)	
2	12	12 (100%)	0	
3	8	7 (87.5%)	1 (12.5%)	
<u>Pathologic t</u>				
0	1	1 (100%)	0	0.3
1	31	25 (80.6%)	6 (19.4%)	
2	43	42 (97.7%)	1 (2.30%)	
3	88	80 (90.9%)	8 (9.10%)	
4	5	5 (100%)	0	

Suppl. Table 2. Relationship of *DLEC1* expression and clinicopathological parameters of lung adenocarcinoma patients from TCGA cohort

Clinicopathological features	Number (n=576)	High expression	Low expression	p-values
<u>Age</u>				
≤50	41	12 (29.3%)	23 (56.1%)	<u>0.02</u>
>50<65	201	74 (36.8%)	83 (41.3%)	
≥65	296	130 (43.9%)	109 (36.8%)	
<u>Gender</u>				
Female	311	135 (43.4%)	108 (34.7%)	<u>0.008</u>
Male	265	95 (35.8%)	122 (46.0%)	
<u>Residual tumor</u>				
r0	371	150 (40.4%)	150 (40.4%)	<u>0.046</u>
r1	15	4 (26.7%)	7 (46.7%)	
r2	4	2 (50.0%)	2 (50.0%)	
rx	27	16 (59.3%)	4 (14.8%)	
<u>Pathologic stage</u>				
Stage i	307	136 (44.3%)	105 (34.2%)	<u><0.001</u>
Stage ii	135	48 (35.6%)	60 (44.4%)	
Stage iii	97	33 (34.0%)	45 (46.4%)	
Stage iv	28	10 (35.7%)	17 (60.7%)	
<u>Pathologic m</u>				
0	387	149 (38.5%)	161 (41.6%)	0.09
1	27	9 (33.3%)	17 (63.0%)	
<u>Pathologic n</u>				
0	363	154 (42.4%)	136 (37.5%)	<u>0.03</u>
1	108	38 (35.2%)	49 (45.4%)	
2	87	29 (33.3%)	43 (49.4%)	
3	2	0	0	
<u>Pathologic t</u>				
0	0	0	0	<u><0.001</u>
1	189	92 (48.7%)	57 (30.2%)	
2	315	109 (34.6%)	144 (45.7%)	
3	49	18 (36.7%)	19 (38.8%)	
4	20	9 (45.0%)	9 (45.0%)	

Suppl. Table 3. Methylation status of 3p21-22 TSGs (with genome positions) in ESCC

	Sample	PLCD1 (~38.00 Mb)	DLEC1 (~38.03 Mb)	RASSF1A (~50.32 Mb)	ZMYND10 (~50.34 Mb)
ESCC cell lines	NE1	u	u	u	u
	NE3	u	u	u	u
	EC1	u	m	m+u	u
	EC18	u	m	m+u	u
	EC109	u	m	m+u	m
	HKESC1	u	u	m+u	m+u
	HKESC2	u	u	m+u	m+u
	HKESC3	m	m	u	m+u
	SLMT1	u	m	u	u
	KYSE30	m	m	m	m+(u)
	KYSE70	m+u	(m)	m+(u)	m+u
	KYSE140	u	m	u	m+(u)
	KYSE150	m	m	u	m+(u)
	KYSE180	(m)+u	m	u	u
	KYSE270	u	m	m	u
	KYSE410	m+u	u	m+u	m+u
	KYSE450	u	m	m+u	m+u
	KYSE510	m+(u)	m	m+u	m+u
	KYSE520	u	m	u	u
		Total	m: 7/17 (41%)	m: 14/17 (82%)	m: 11/17 (65%)
ESCC primary tumors (Chinese) (Cohort I)	ESCa1T	u	m	u	u
	ESCa2T	u	u	u	u
	ESCa3T	u	m	u	m
	ESCa4T	u	m	u	(m)+u
	ESCa5T	u	m	u	u
	ESCa6T	m	m	u	m
	ESCa7T	u	u	u	u
	ESCa8T	m	m	u	m
	ESCa9T	u	m	u	u
	ESCa10T	u	m	m	u
	ESCa11T	u	m	u	u
	ESCa12T	u	u	u	u
	ESCa13T	u	m	u	u
	ESCa14T	u	u	u	u
	ESCa15T	u	m	u	(m)+u
	ESCa16T	u	u	u	(m)+u
	ESCa17T	u	u	u	m
	ESCa18T	u	u	u	u
	ESCa19T	u	m	u	u
	ESCa20T	u	u	u	m
	ESCa21T	u	m	u	u
	ESCa22T	u	u	u	m
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	ESCa24T	m	m	m	m
	ESCa25T	u	m	u	u
	ESCa26T	u	m	m	u
	ESCa27T	m	u	u	u
	ESCa28T	u	m	u	u
	ESCa29T	u	m	(u)	u
	ESCa30T	m	m	m	m
	ESCa31T	u	m	u	u
	ESCa32T	u	u	m	m
	ESCa33T	u	m	m	u
	ESCa34T	u	m	(m)+u	u
	ESCa35T	u	m	u	u
	Total	m: 5/35 (14%)	m: 22/35 (66%)	m: 7/35 (20%)	m: 12/34 (35%)

Suppl. Table 4. Primers used in this study

PCR	Gene or fragment	Primer	Sequence (5' → 3')	Location	Product size (bp)		
RT-PCR	<i>DLEC1</i>	<i>DLEC1A</i>	ttctccctcgctactc	Exon 1	309		
		<i>DLEC1B</i>	aaactcatccagccgctg	Exon 2			
Alternative splicing	<i>DLEC1</i>	<i>DLEC1y1</i>	caaagaagccagcaccgata	Exon 5	422		
		<i>DLEC1y2</i>	gcagtaaccacagtccaaca	Exon 9			
		<i>DLEC1N</i>	ccgggacatgctatattagt	Exon 10	541		
		<i>DLEC1G</i>	aggctctgggacttcctc	Exon 13			
Deletion	<i>DLEC1</i>	<i>DLEC1A</i>	ttctccctcgctactc	Exon 1	385		
		<i>DLEC1C</i>	caactgcagccccagatc	Intron 1			
Cloning	Promoter	<i>DLEC1F1</i>	tgctcttgctctcctg	Promoter	1046 (F1/R)		
		<i>DLEC1F2</i>	tcagcaatcagcacagacc	Promoter			
		<i>DLEC1R</i>	aaccgagacgccgctaac	Exon 1	313 (F2/R)		
	ORF	Fragment I		gccgccaccatggagaccagggc	Exon 1	~1.1 (kb)	
				gtgaaaaccctaattggtgg	Exon 6		
			Fragment II		agtgttctagctaagccac	Exon 6	~1.2 (kb)
					gagggcatatggctctaag	Exon 14	
	Fragment III		cttagagccatatgccctc	Exon 14	~1.4 (kb)		
			gccatgtgcaactgggatg	Exon 25			
	Fragment IV		catcccagtgcaatggc	Exon 25	~1.6 (kb)		
		gctcgagcggagcctcaggg	Exon 36				
ChIP assay	<i>DLEC1</i>	<i>DLEC1S</i>	cttgctcaccggcgtctt	Exon 1	241 (s/c)		
		<i>DLEC1C</i>	caactgcagccccagatc	Intron 1	166 (s/b)		
		<i>DLEC1B</i>	aaactcatccagccgctg	Exon 2			
	<i>ACTIN</i>	<i>DLEC1A</i>	ttctccctcgctactc	Exon 1	162		
		<i>DLEC1R2</i>	aagacgccggtgagcaag	Exon 1			
		<i>ACTINPP</i>	ctgtgtggcgtagcaggtc	Exon	181		
MSP	<i>DLEC1</i>	<i>ACTININ</i>	gtggagactgtctcccgg	Intron			
		<i>m1</i>	gttcgtagttcggttcgctc	Exon 1	107		
		<i>m2</i>	cgaaatatctaaatacgcaacg	Exon 1			
		<i>u1</i>	tagttttgtagtttggtttgtt	Exon 1	110		
BGS	<i>DLEC1</i>	<i>u2</i>	acaaaatatctaaatacacaaca	Exon 1			
		<i>BGS1</i>	gaagatataaatgtttataatgatt	Promoter	597		
		<i>BGS4</i>	aactacaaccccaaatcctaa	Intron 1			

Supplementary material and methods

Array-CGH (aCGH)

Whole-genome arrays (1-Mb resolution) and aCGH was performed and analyzed as previously [1]. Hybridized slides were scanned and analyzed with the GenePixPro 4.0 image analysis software.

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR and quantitative RT-PCR analysis

RNA was reverse-transcribed using MuLV reverse transcriptase (GeneAmp RNA PCR kit, Applied Biosystems). RT-PCR was performed as described previously using *GAPDH* as a control [2]. Primers used were listed in Suppl. Table 4.

Multiplex differential DNA-PCR

Multiplex differential genomic DNA-PCR was performed using primer pair *DLEC1A/C* for 35 cycles (annealing temperature 58 °C) with AmpliTaq Gold, using 0.1 ug of DNA per 12.5 ul PCR reaction [3]. *GAPDH* and *DLEC1* were employed to detect *DLEC1* deletion in a region spanning exon 1 and intron 1.

Promoter activity assay

Different regions of the *DLEC1* promoter were cloned by PCR from normal human placenta DNA (sigma-Aldrich, USA). PCR was carried out with a high-fidelity Platinum Pfx DNA polymerase (Life Technologies, USA) with 10% DMSO. The sequences and orientations of the cloned fragments were confirmed by sequencing. The longest and shorter fragments were amplified from primer pairs *DLEC1F1-R* and *DLEC1F2-R* respectively (Suppl. Table 4). Restriction enzyme Bst XI was employed to digest the longest fragment to produce an intermediate one. These fragments were then linked to pGL2-Enhancer Vector (Promega) to generate p(-295)*DLEC1EN*, p(-685)*DLEC1EN* and p(-1021)*DLEC1EN*. Promoter activities of these fragments were assessed by transient transfection in CNE1 and CNE2 cell lines using Transfast (Promega).

Analysis of alternative splicing

DLEC1y1, *DLEC1y2*, *DLEC1N* and *DLEC1G* (Suppl. Table 4) were used to generate different splicing fragments. Desired PCR products were purified using QIAex II (Qiagen). Purified PCR amplicons were sequenced and aligned with *DLEC1* mRNA sequence using the “bl2seq” program (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast).

Chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) assay

ChIP assay was performed as described previously. Primers used were listed in Suppl. Table 4. Antibody to acetylated histone H4 (Upstate Biotechnology) was used to precipitate cross-linked chromatin. *ACTIN* was employed as a control for normalization of each PCR product.

Online analysis of TCGA data sets

Clinical, mRNA expression and genome-wide DNA methylation data of 185 esophageal cancer, 585 lung adenocarcinoma and 504 lung squamous cell carcinoma patients was obtained from public databases of The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA). Raw datasets were downloaded from TCGA Data Portal (<http://gdac.broadinstitute.org/>) and analyzed. “Level 3” methylation data (Illumina Infinium Human DNA Methylation 450 platform) was retrieved from Johns Hopkins University and University of Southern California. mRNAseq expression data (level 3, normalized gene expression data, Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform) was retrieved from University of North Carolina or Canada's Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre. Genomic mutation data (Illumina Genome Analyzer platform) was retrieved from Washington University School of Medicine Proteomics (for esophageal cancer) and Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard (for lung cancer) and analyzed.

Wound-healing assay

Cell motility was assessed using a scratch wound-healing assay. Cells transiently transfected with DLEC1 were cultured in 6-well plates until confluent. A single scratch was produced in the cell layer using a sterile tip. After incubation for 24 and 48 hours, cells were photographed under a phase contrast microscope. The experiments were performed in triplicates.

Immunofluorescence

Cells grown on coverslips were stained by indirect immunofluorescence as described previously [2, 4]. Briefly, cells were incubated with primary antibodies against DLEC1, E-cadherin, or Vimentin and then incubated with Alexa Fluor 594-conjugated secondary antibody against mouse IgG (A11062) (Invitrogen Molecular Probes, Carlsbad, CA), or FITC-conjugated secondary antibody against rabbit IgG (F0205) (DAKO, Denmark). To analyze the effects of DLEC1 on actin stress fiber formation, cells were serum starved for 24 h before incubation in medium-containing 5% fetal bovine serum. After 1 h, cells were fixed and stained by Rhodamine-labeled phalloidin (Invitrogen Molecular Probes). Cells were then counterstained with DAPI

and imaged with an Olympus BX51 microscope (Olympus Corporation, Tokyo, Japan).

Dual-luciferase reporter assay

The promoter activities were determined by luciferase reporter assays. Luciferase reporters of several key signaling pathways, including NF- κ B-luc, AP-1-luc, SRE-luc, STATs-bs-luc, TopFlash-luc, and PAI-luc were used to examine signaling pathway regulated by DLEC1. Cells were transiently co-transfected with DLEC1 expression vector and pRL-TK (the luciferase reporters). *DLEC1*-promoter luciferase reporters were co-transfected with expression vector encoding wild-type p53. After 48 h, cells were lysed and luciferase activities were measured using Dual-Luciferase® Reporter Assay System (Promega, Madison, WI). To normalize transfection efficiency, pRL-TK luciferase activities were measured as an internal control. At least three independent experiments were performed, with each repeated in triplicates.

Supplementary figure legends

Suppl. figure 1. (A) *DLEC1* resides at 3p21-22, a locus with hemizygous deletion detected by 1-Mb array-CGH in ESCC cell lines. (B) The abundance of *DLEC1* gene copies relative to GAPDH was determined by multiplex differential genomic DNA-PCR in ESCC cell lines, with homozygous deletion of *DLEC1* detected in one. NE1, NE3 and normal PBMCs were used as normal controls. The position of *DLEC1* primers used for deletion examination is shown. ESCC, esophageal squamous cell carcinoma.

Suppl. figure 2. Alterations of *DLEC1* DNA copy numbers in ESCC and lung carcinomas, analyzed through Oncomine database. ESCC, esophageal squamous cell; Ca, carcinoma; SCLC, squamous cell lung carcinoma; Lung adeno, lung adenocarcinoma.

Suppl. figure 3. Profiling of *DLEC1* mutations in esophageal and other carcinomas. Mutation profile was analyzed using TCGA dataset. No mutation was detected in ESCC. ESCC, esophageal squamous cell; ESAD, esophageal adenocarcinoma; Lung adeno, lung adenocarcinoma; LSCC, lung squamous cell carcinoma; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer; SCLC, squamous cell lung carcinoma; NPC, nasopharyngeal carcinoma.

Suppl. figure 4. Defining the functional *DLEC1* promoter. (A) Diagram of *DLEC1* promoter and its CpG island. CpG sites are numbered according to the order marked in BGS, with MSP primer sites and BGS region indicated. Potential binding sites for p53, c-Myb, HSF, E2F and Sp1 are labeled. (B) Luciferase activity assay of different promoter constructs in carcinoma cell lines. Luc, luciferase gene; enh, enhancer. The shortest fragment (+18 to -295, located in the CGI) could function as a core promoter to drive gene expression. (C) Promoter activities after co-transfection of different promoter constructs with p53 plasmids. Wild-type p53 upregulated *DLEC1* promoter activity. (D-E) Box plot graphs for the distribution of *DLEC1* methylation and expression levels in esophageal and lung cancer patients from TCGA database.

Suppl. figure 5. Promoter methylation and loss of expression of *DLEC1* in NPC. (A) *DLEC1* is methylated and repressed in NPC cell lines. M: methylated; U: unmethylated. (B) Expression of *DLEC1* was restored or increased by 5-aza-dC (Aza) treatment in NPC cells, along with increased unmethylated promoter alleles. (C) Detailed BGS analysis of *DLEC1* methylation in representative NPC cell lines and primary tumors. NPx: normal nasopharynx.

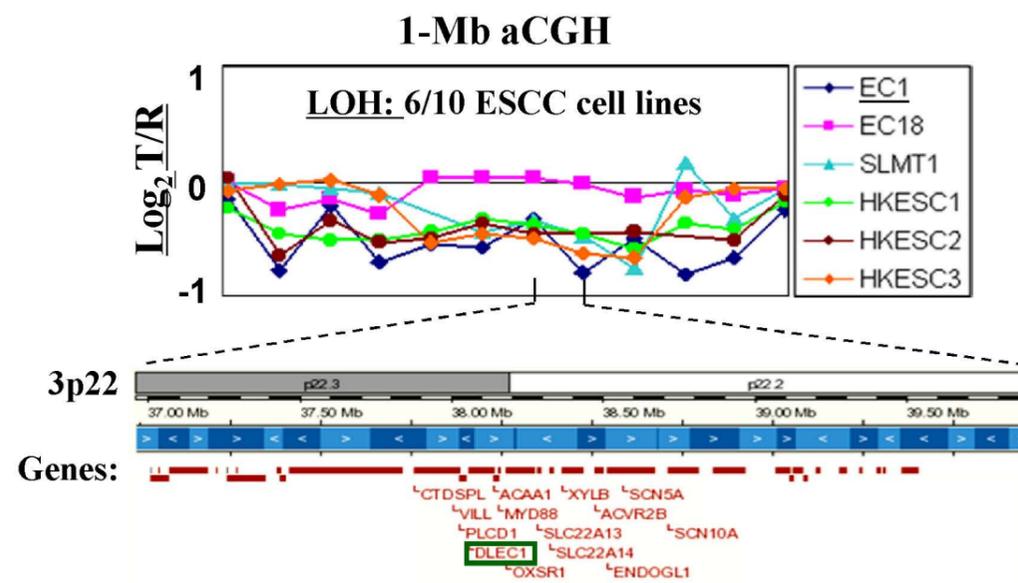
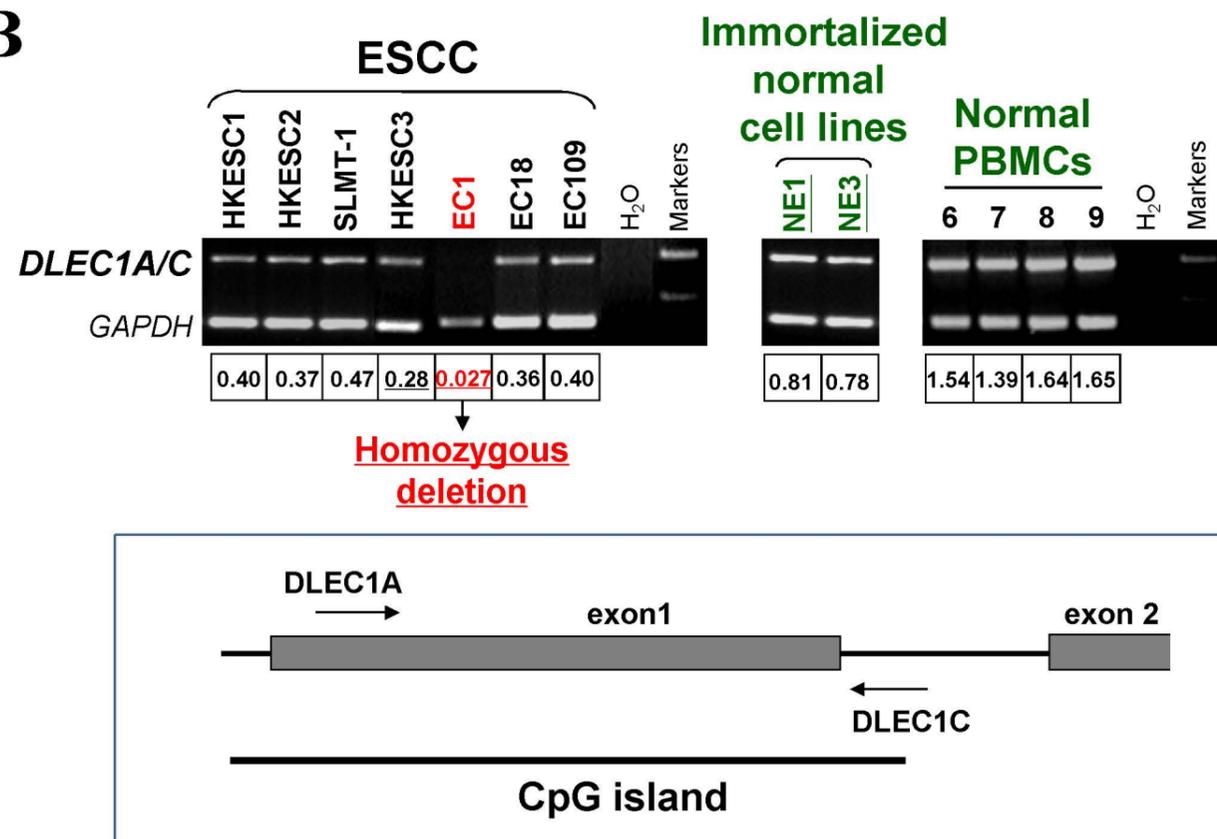
Suppl. figure 6. Regulation of *DLEC1* expression by histone H4 acetylation. (A) Locations of primers used in ChIP assay in the *DLEC1* CGI. (B) TSA-treated Lung carcinoma cell line H1299 showed moderately induced *DLEC1* expression and concomitantly increased acetylation of histone H4 at the endogenous *DLEC1* CGI; while the transfected carcinoma cells showed high level of *DLEC1* expression but no increment of H4 acetylation at the endogenous *DLEC1* CGI at all.

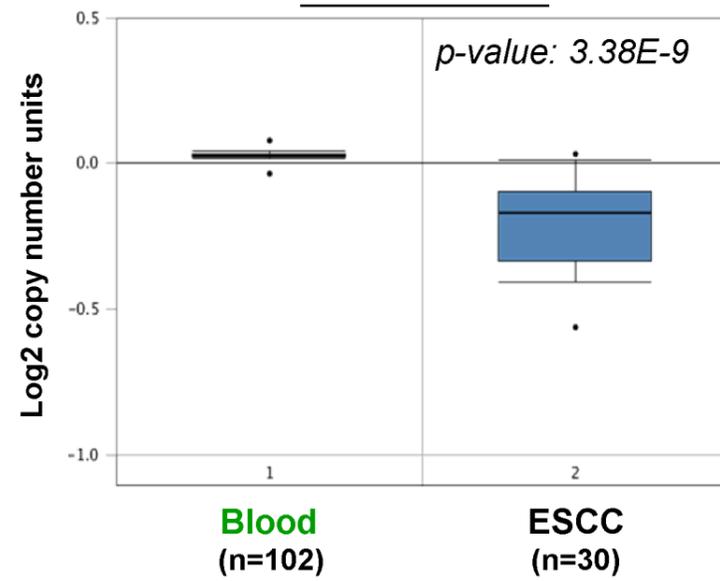
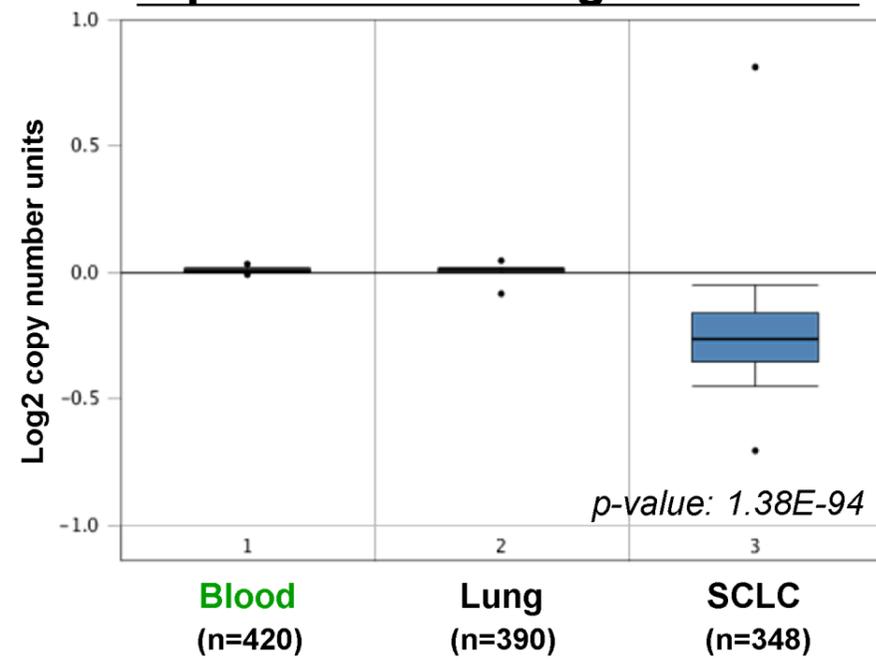
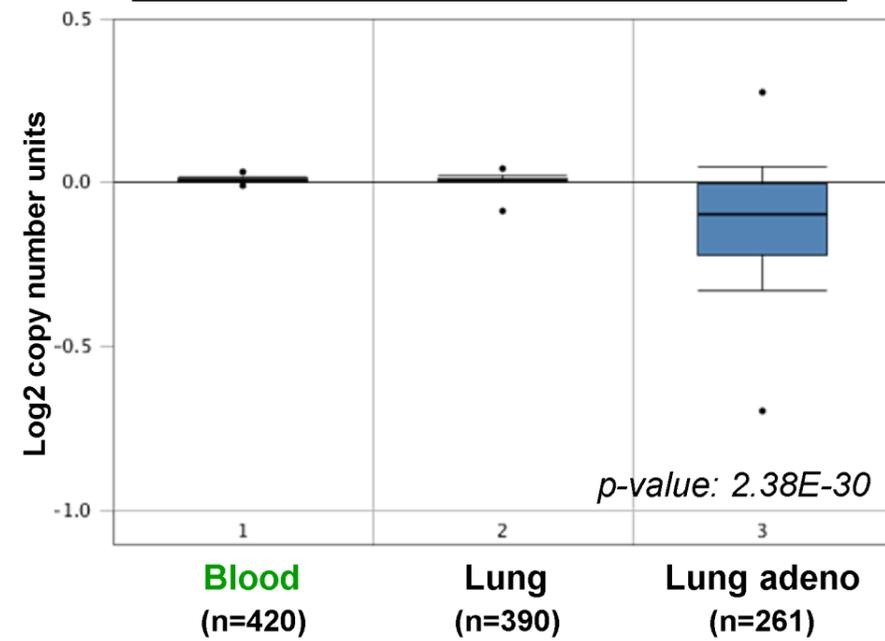
Suppl. figure 7 Analysis of *DLEC1* alternative splicings. (A) Detailed diagrams of splicing forms. (B) Different splicings of *DLEC1* were detected in multiple cell lines, normal adult and fetal tissues, as well as PBMCs.

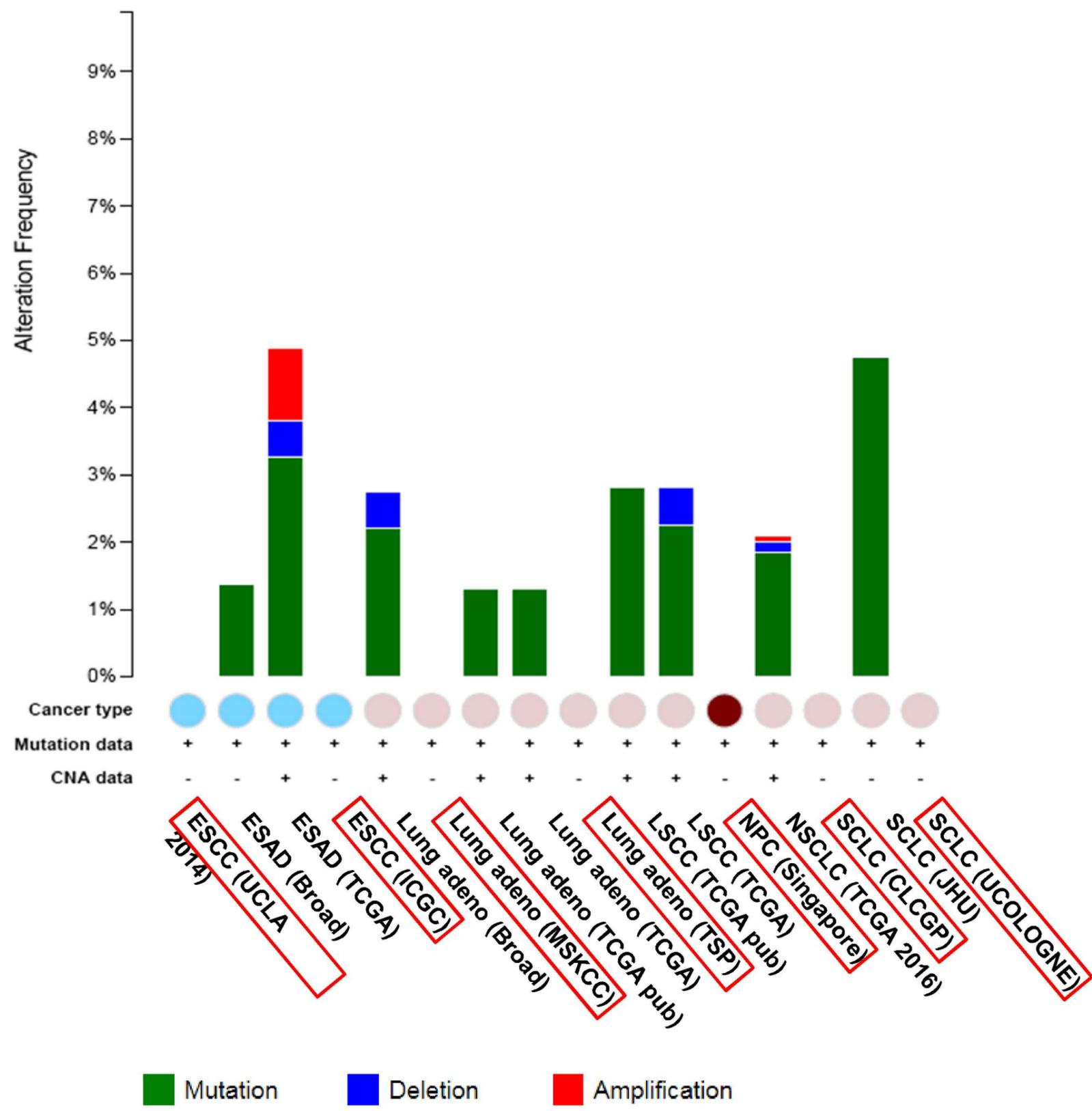
Suppl. figure 8 (A) Representative colony formation assay of *DLEC1*-transfected carcinoma cells. *DLEC1* expression was measured by Western blot. (B) Wound-healing assay of carcinoma cells transfected with either vector or *DLEC1*. Pictures were taken at 0, 24 or 36 h. Right panel: width of remaining open wound measured in relation to time 0 h separation.

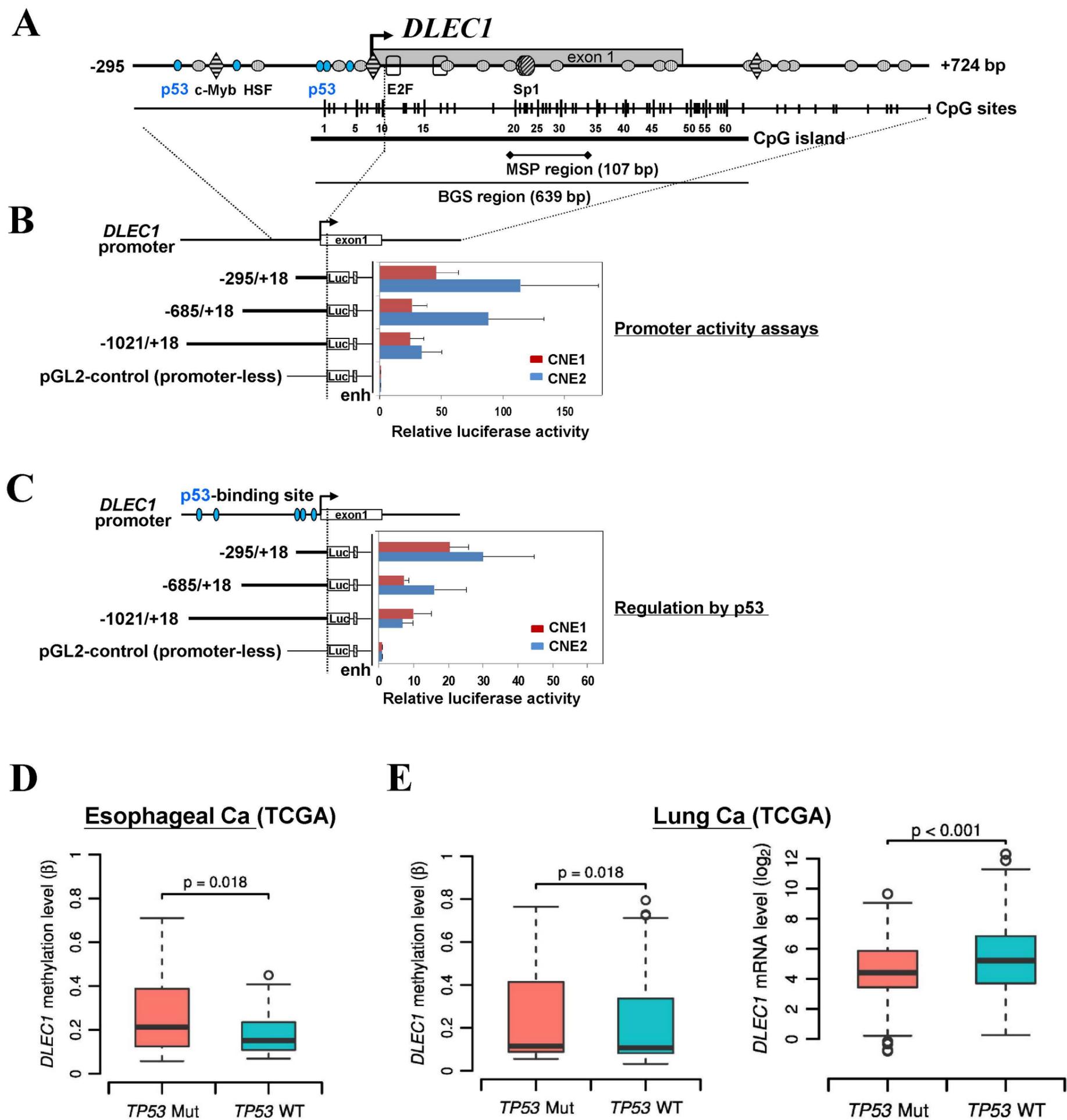
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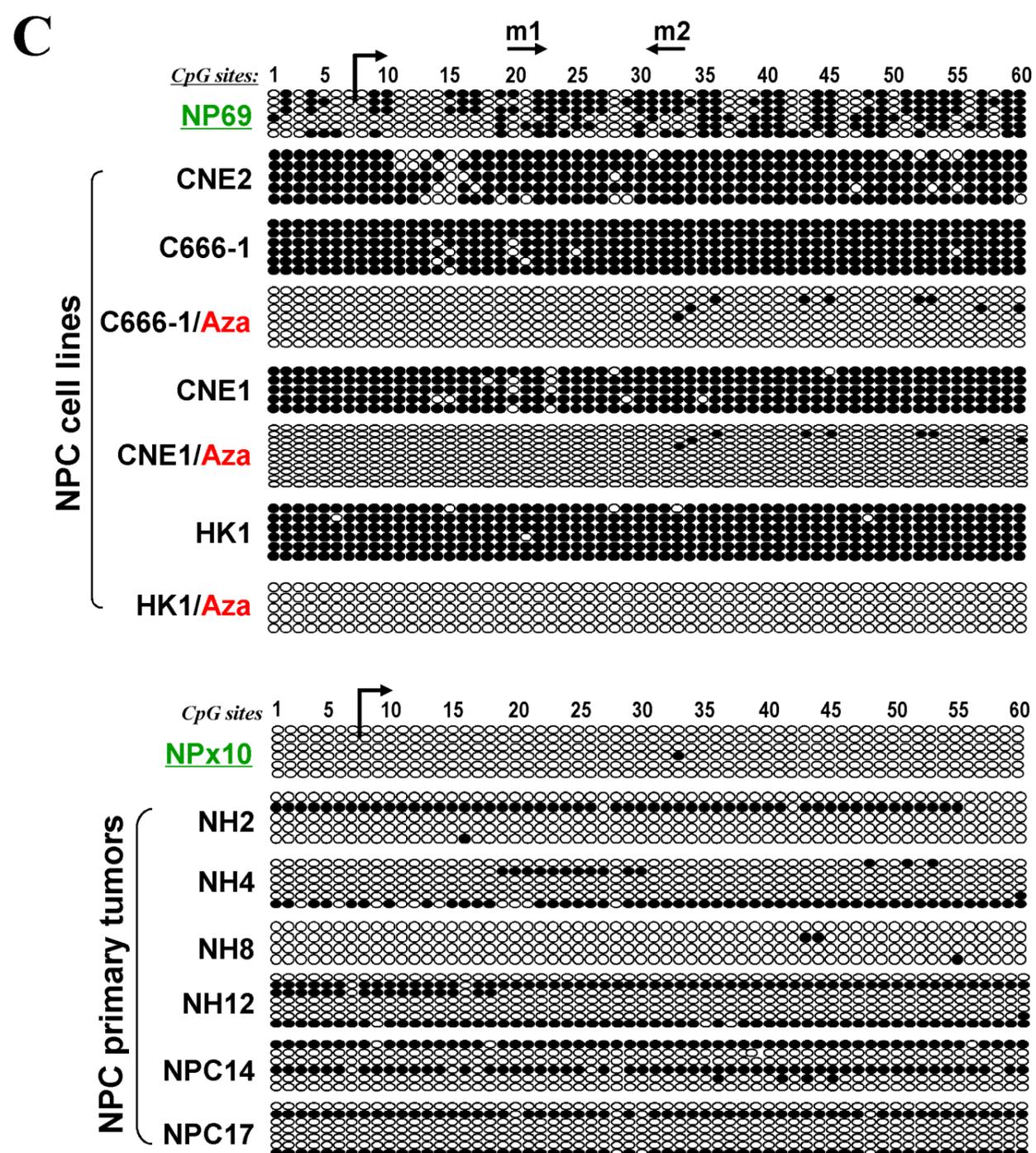
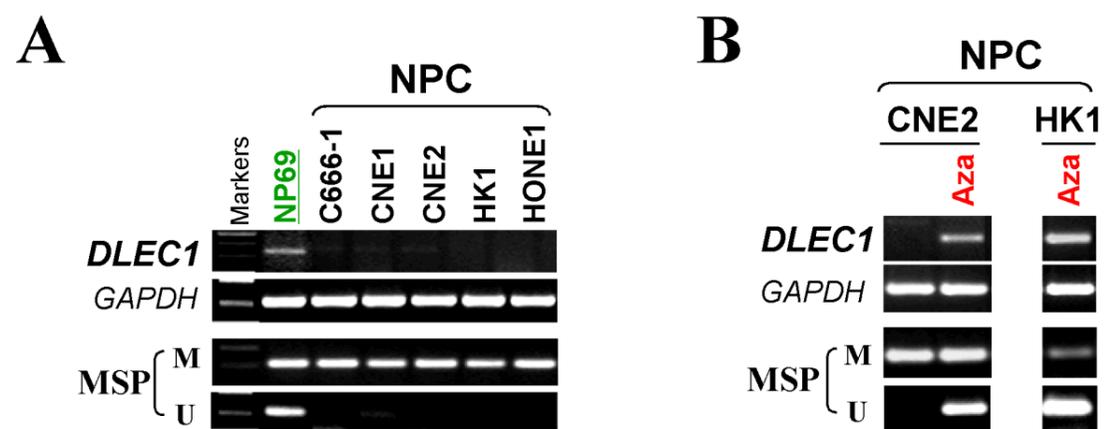
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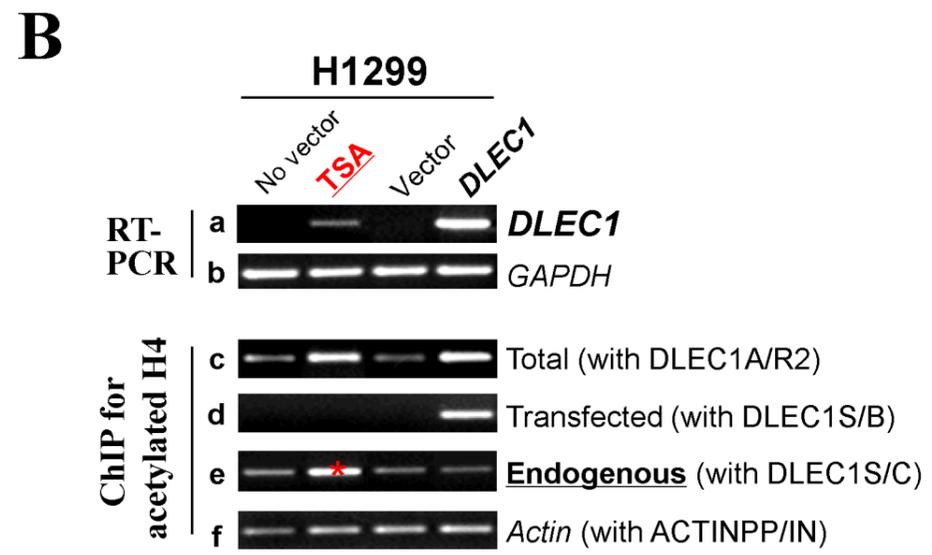
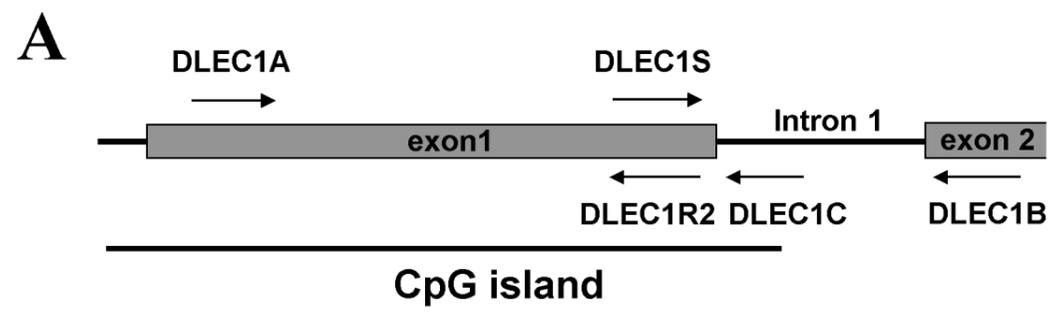
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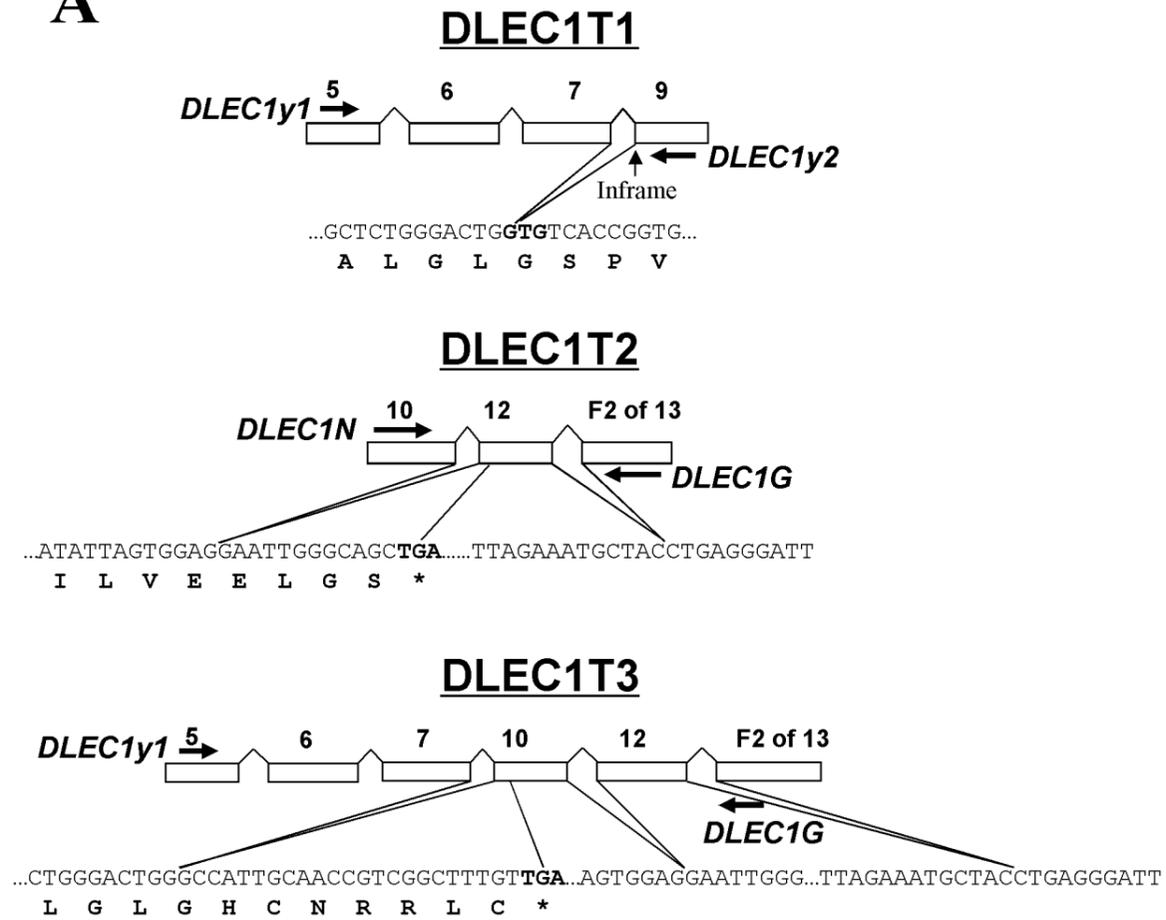








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