

Supplementary Materials

Supplemental Figure legends

Figure S1. Western blotting analysis of classical markers for EMT in MCF7 cells treated with TGF- β 1 or control vehicle for 4 days.

Figure S2. ChIP-qPCR analysis of Smad2/3 at the promoter regions of AC026904.1 and UCA1 in MDA-MB-231 cells and MCF7 cells treated or untreated with TGF- β 1 for 72 hours. Immunoglobulin G (IgG) was used as a control. ChIP DNA was analyzed by qPCR (mean \pm SEM, n = 3).

Figure S3. Western blot analysis of phosphorylated ERK1/2 in MCF7 cells pretreated with 10 μ M SB431542 or 1 μ M U0126 for 60 minutes, followed by TGF- β 1 for 24 hours. Total ERK1/2 was used as loading control.

Figure S4. Western blot analysis of Slug, Vimentin and E-cadherin protein levels in various breast cancer cell lines. Blots were probed with an antibody against GAPDH to ensure equal loading.

Figure S5. Left panel: relative RNA levels of AC026904.1 (mean \pm SEM, n = 3) in MDA-MB-231 cells untreated or treated with si-Control, or si-AC026904.1 #1, or si-AC026904.1 #2. Right panel: relative RNA levels of UCA1 (mean \pm SEM, n = 3) in MDA-MB-231 cells untreated or treated with si-Control, or si-UCA1 #1, or si-UCA1 #2.

Figure S6. Phase-contrast images of stable AC026904.1 or UCA1 knockdown MCF7 cells treated with TGF- β 1 (10 ng/mL) for 4 days. Scale bar: 50 μ m.

Figure S7. Relative RNA levels of UCA1 (mean \pm SEM, n = 3) in stable UCA1 knockdown MDA-MB-231 cells treated with miR-1 inhibitor or miR-203a inhibitor, or both.

Figure S8. Cell proliferation curves of MDA-MB-231 cells with stable knockdown of AC026904.1 or UCA1. The experiment was carried out in triplicate wells and repeated at least twice.

Figure S9. Transwell migration assay of BT-549 cells with stable knockdown of AC026904.1 or UCA1, or with concurrent overexpression of Slug.

Figure S10. Transwell migration assay of MDA-MB-231 cells treated with si-Control, or si-AC026904.1, or both.

Figure S11. Transwell migration assay of MCF7 cells overexpressing UCA1 or its antisense control (AS) or empty vector (vec).

Figure S12. Primary tumor volume (mean \pm SEM) in nude mice injected with MDA-MB-231-luc-D3H2LN cells with stable knockdown of either AC026904.1 or UCA1 orthotopically. Tumor volumes were calculated by using the following formula: $V (\text{mm}^3) = a \times b^2/2$, where a is the largest diameter and b is the perpendicular diameter.

Figure S13. Upper panel: Relative RNA levels of miR-1 and miR-203a in metastatic and non-metastatic breast cancer (n = 30 per group). Each data point represents an individual breast cancer sample. Lower panel: Correlation between UCA1 RNA levels and miR-1 or miR-203a levels. Each data point represents an individual breast cancer sample, and a coefficient of determination (R^2) is shown.

Figure S14. Left panel: Phase-contrast images of MCF10A cells treated with TGF- β 1 (10 ng/mL) or control vehicle for 4 days. Scale bar: 50 μ m. Right panel: Relative RNA levels of AC026904.1 and UCA1 (mean \pm SEM, n = 3) in MCF10A cells treated with TGF- β 1 (10 ng/mL) or control vehicle for 4 days.

Figure S15. Western blotting analysis of Snail, ZEB2, Twist1 and FOXC2 protein levels in MDA-MB-231 cells treated with si-Control or si-AC026904.1 or si-UCA1 for 48 hours. Blots were probed with an antibody against GAPDH to ensure equal loading.

Figure S16. UCSC genome browser tracks (<http://genome.ucsc.edu/>) of the AC026904.1 locus with data for H3K27ac modifications in NHLF, HSMM, NHEK, and H1-hESC cell lines.

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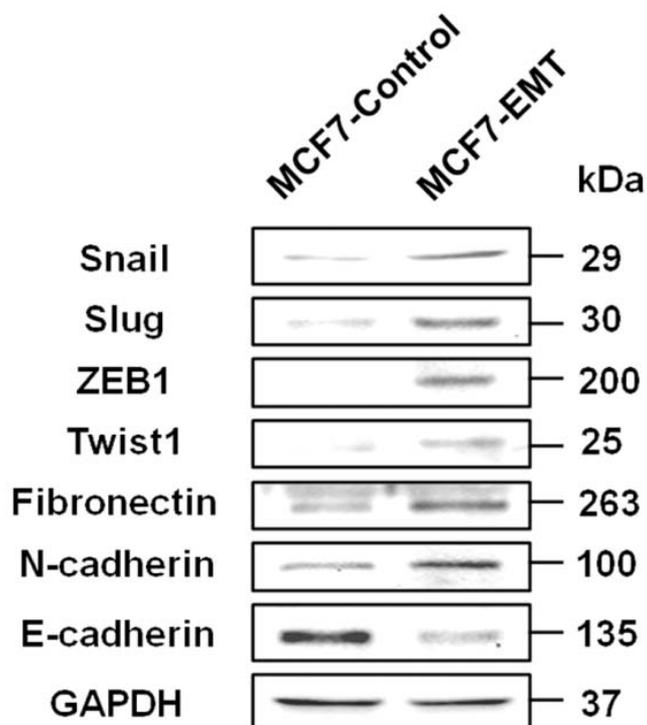


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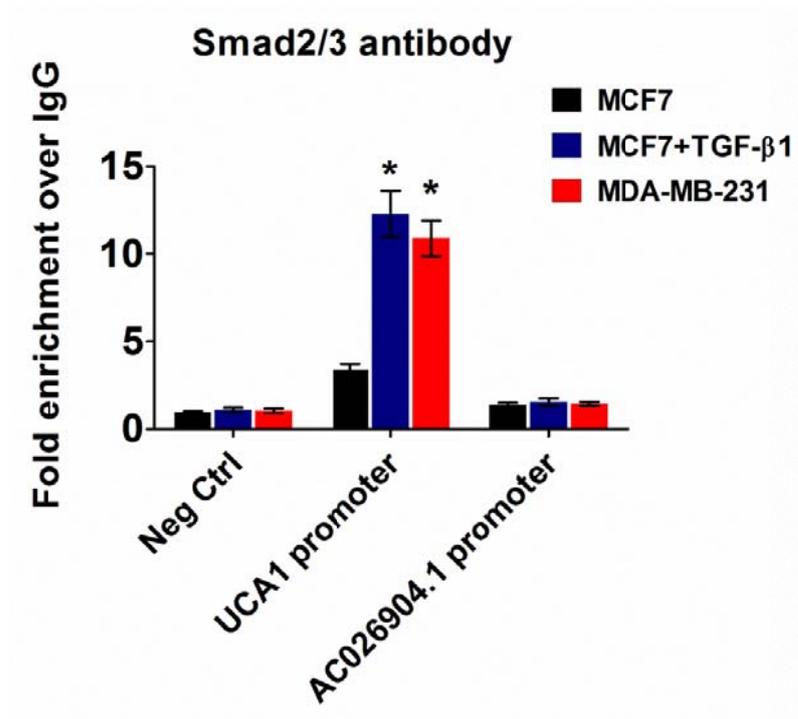


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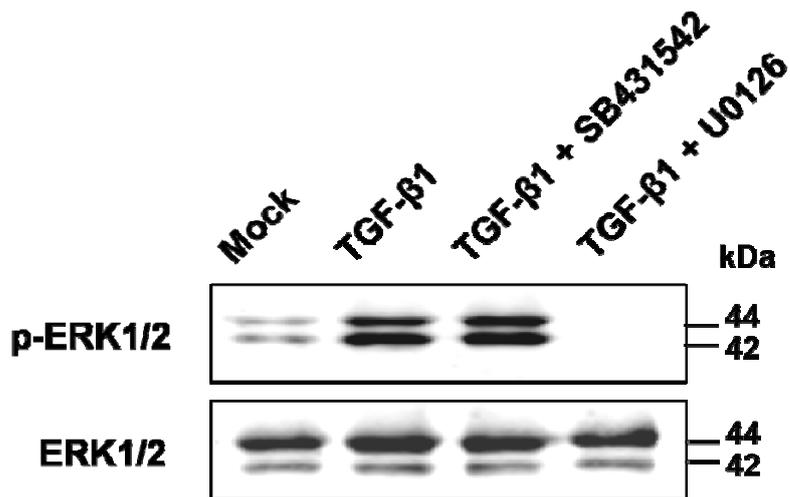


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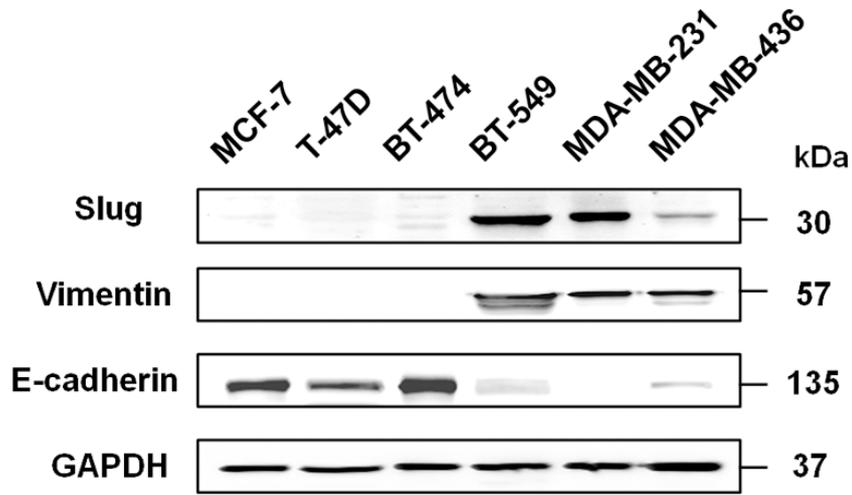


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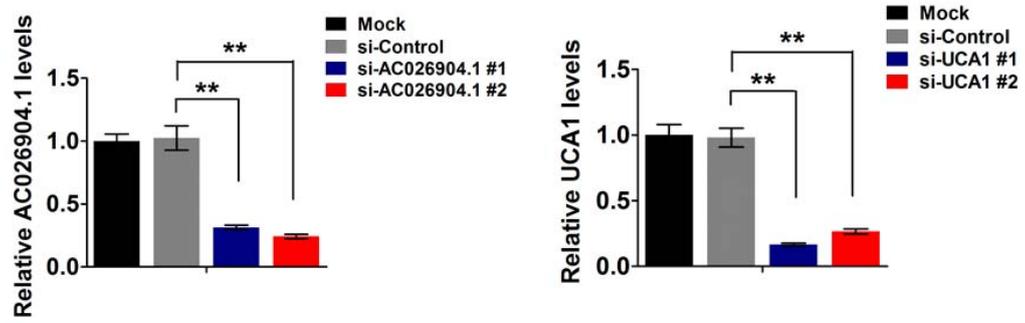


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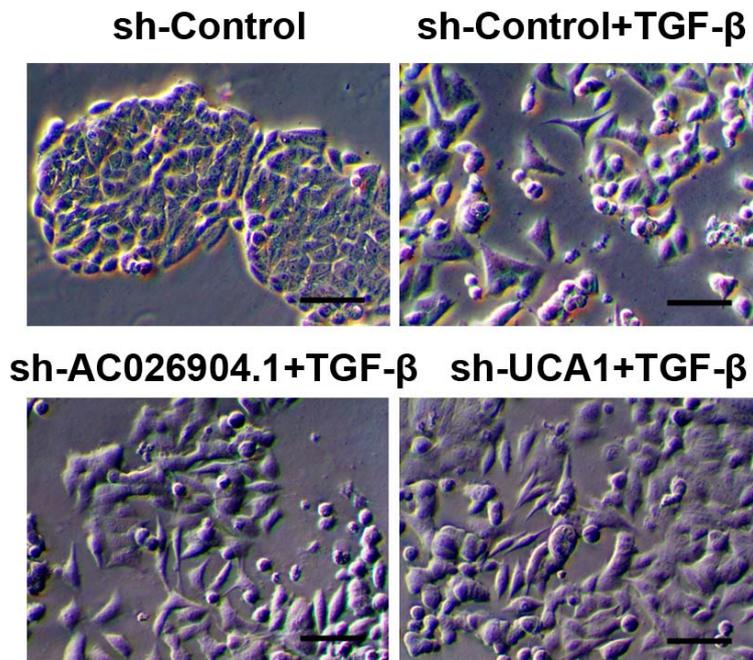


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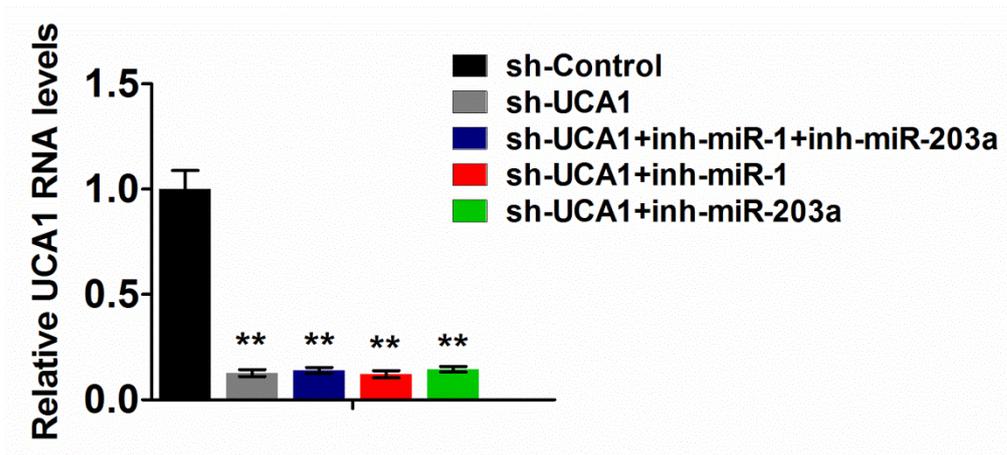


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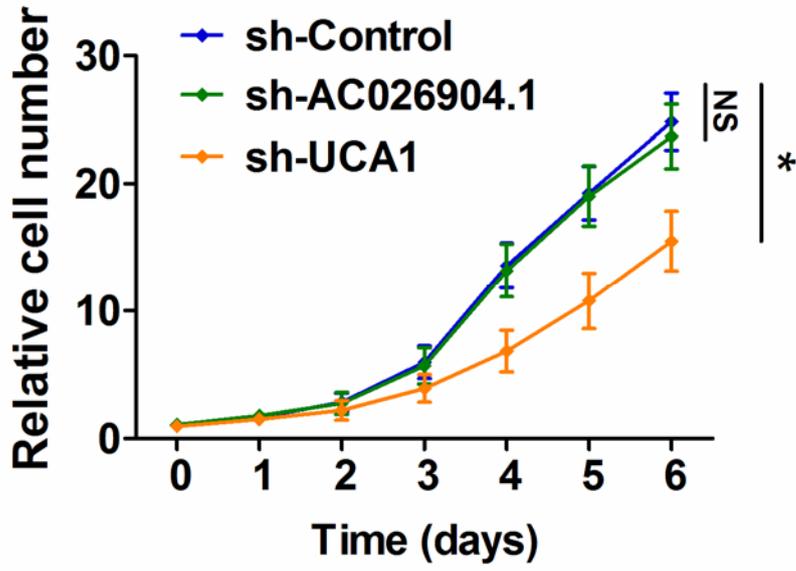


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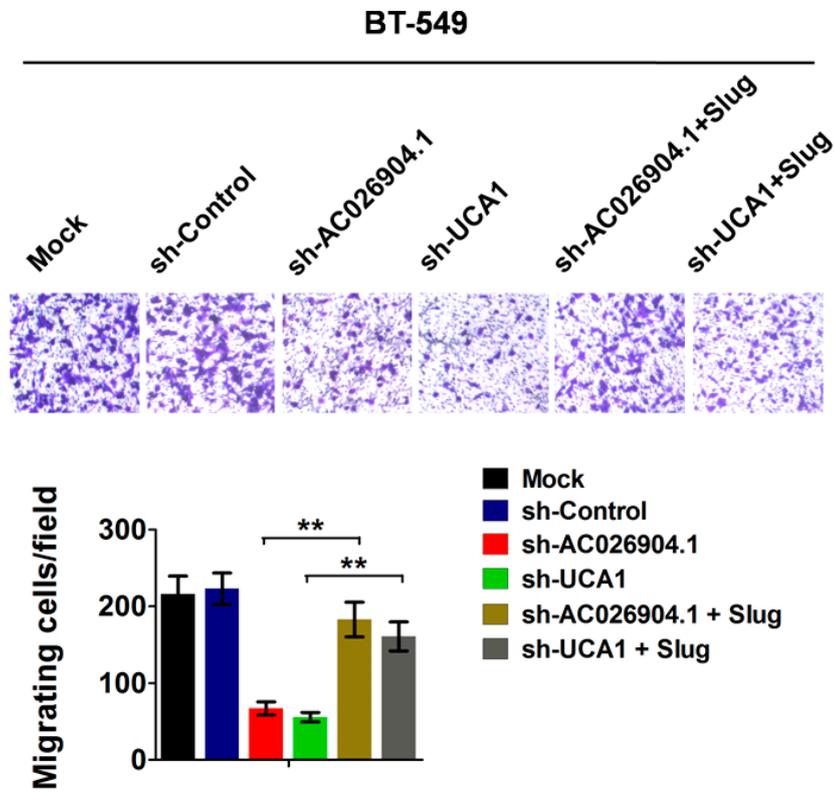


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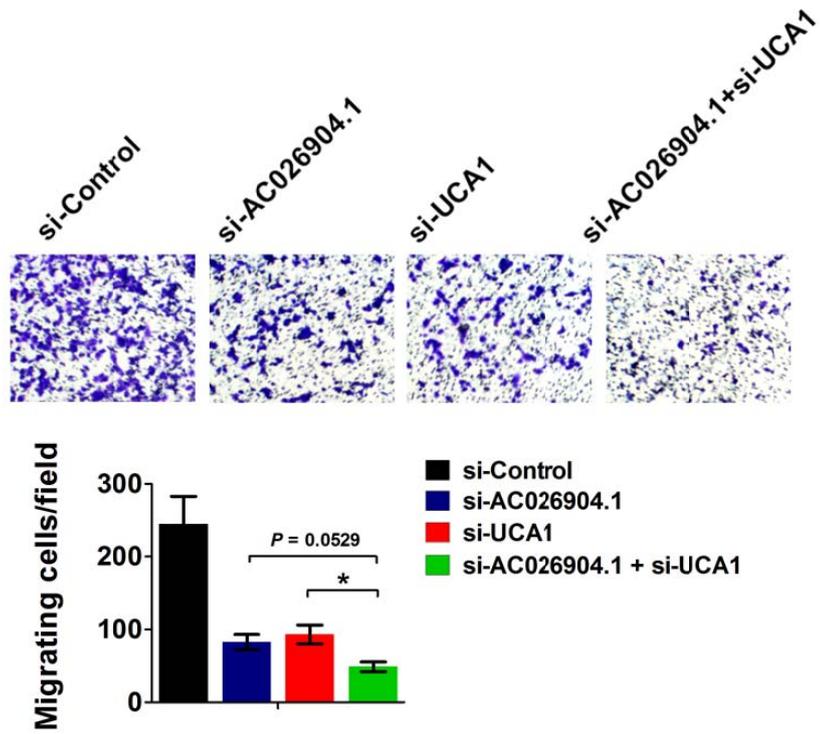


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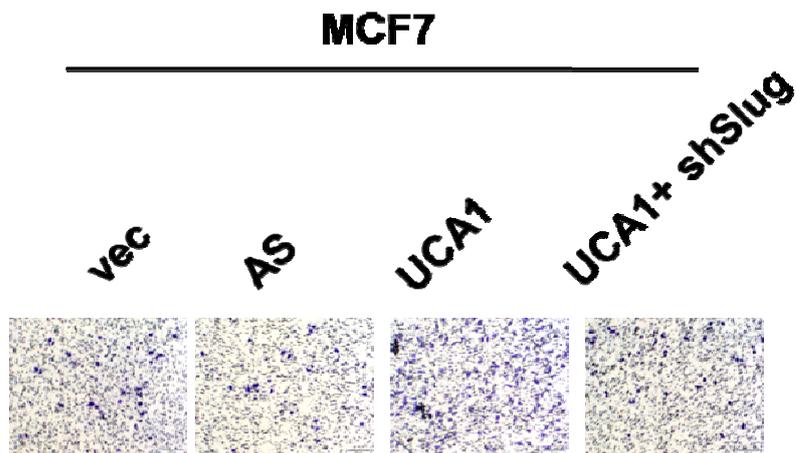


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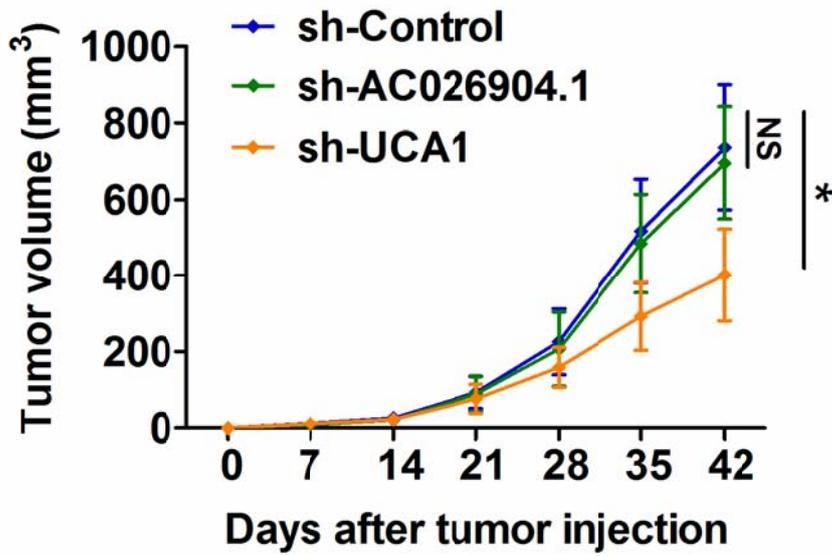


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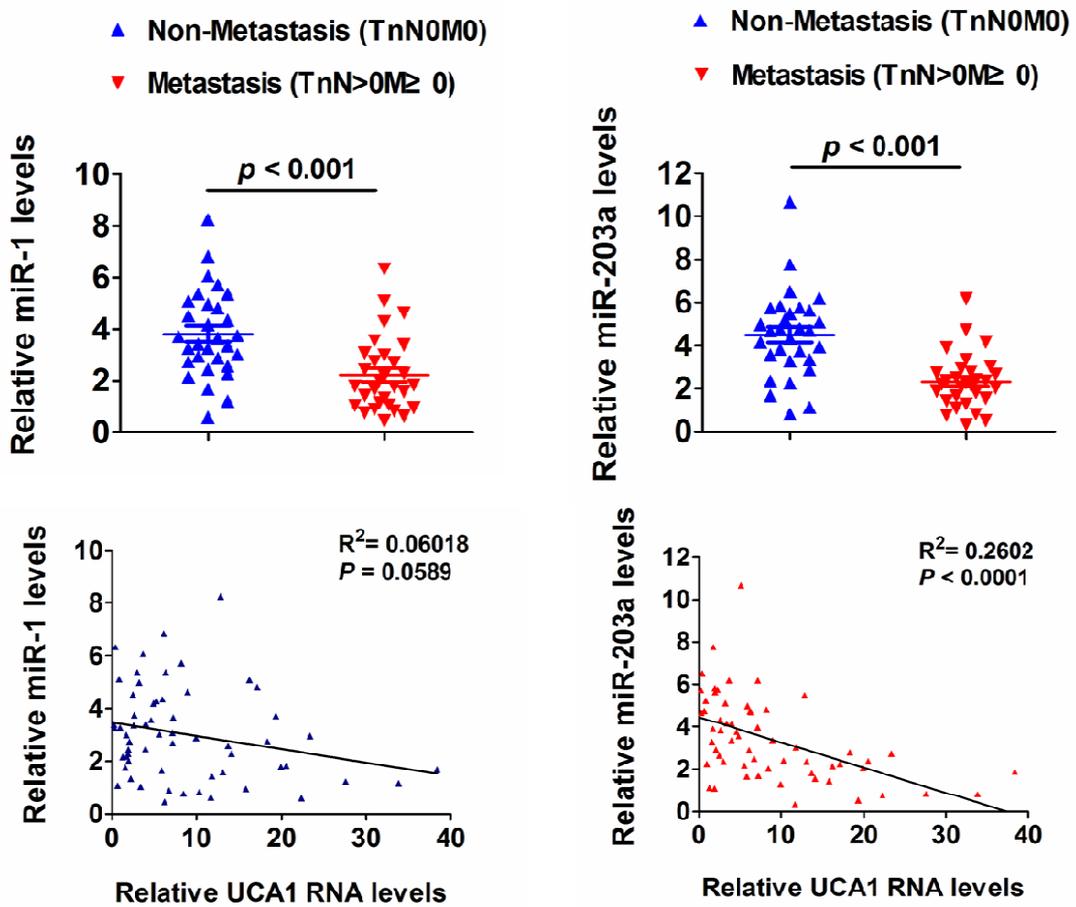


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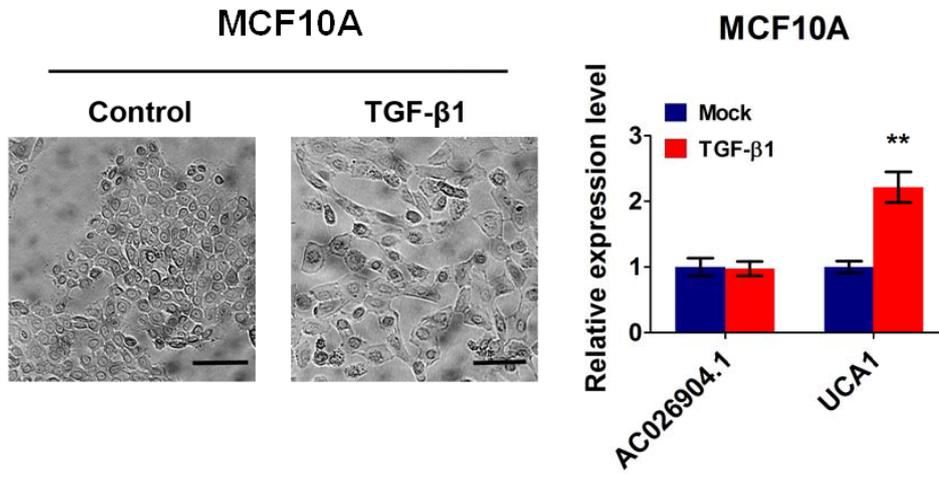


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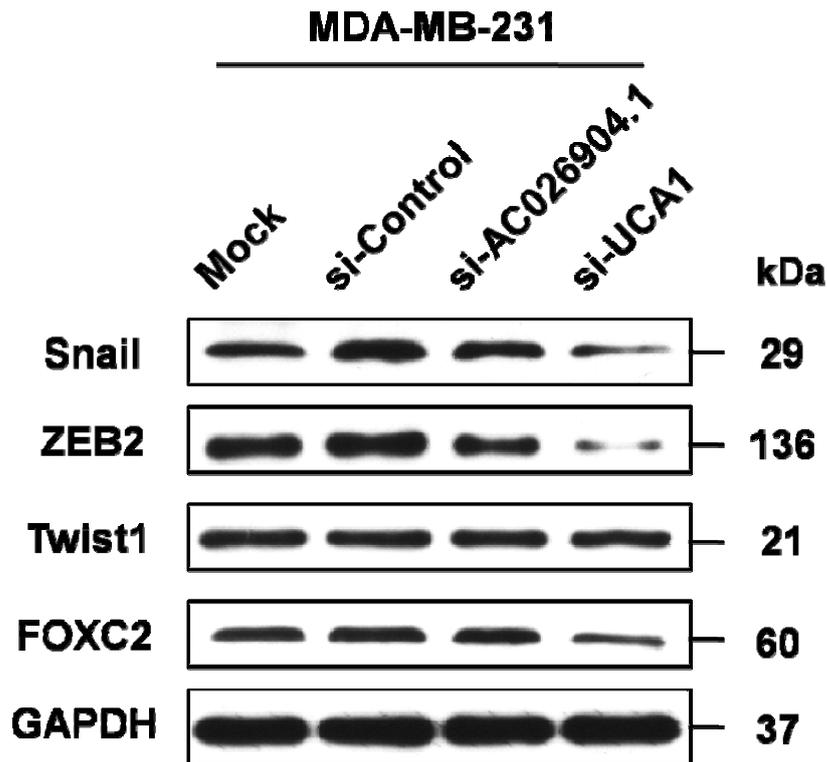


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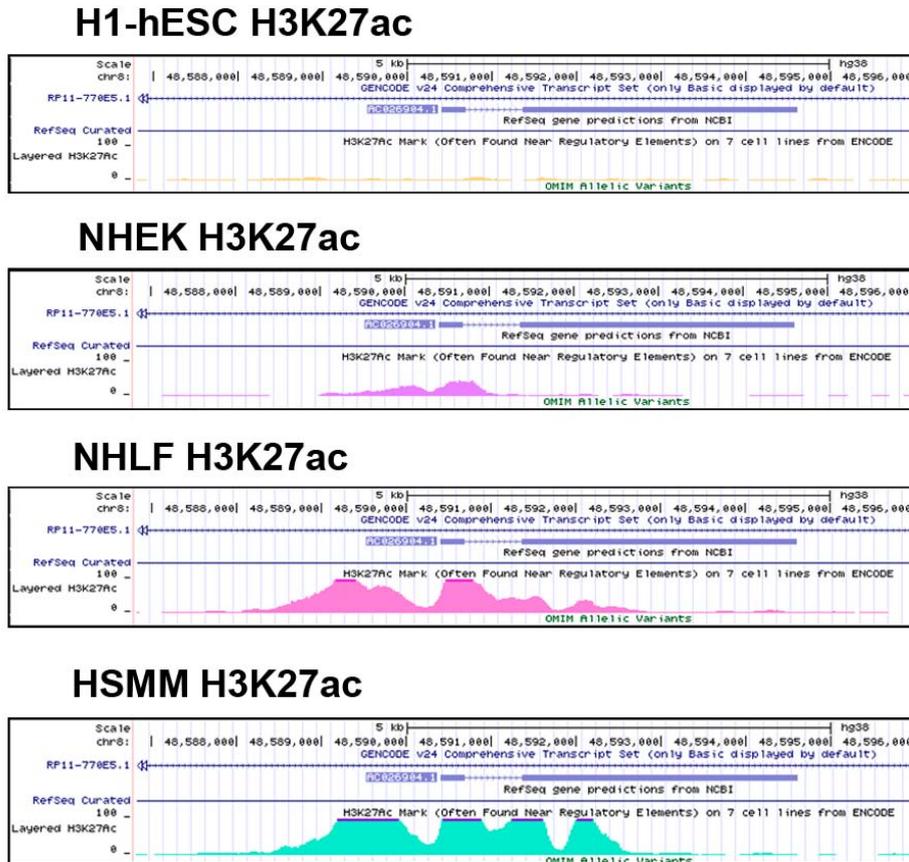


Table S1. List of antibodies used in this study

| Antigen | Applications | Source |
|------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Slug | WB; IF | Cell Signaling (cat 9585) |
| Snail | WB | Cell Signaling (cat 3879) |
| E-cadherin | WB; IF; IHC | Cell Signaling (cat 3195) |
| N-cadherin | WB | Abcam (cat ab98952) |
| ZEB1 | WB; IF | Abcam (cat ab203829) |
| ZEB2 | WB | Abcam (cat ab138222) |
| Twist1 | WB | Abcam (cat ab175430) |
| FOXC2 | WB | Abcam (cat ab24340) |

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| Vimentin | WB | Cell Signaling (cat 5741) |
| p-ERK1/2 | WB | Cell Signaling (cat 4370) |
| ERK1/2 | WB | Cell Signaling (cat 4695) |
| Smad2/3 | ChIP; WB | Cell Signaling (cat 5678) |
| H3K27ac | ChIP | Cell Signaling (cat 8173) |
| H3K4me3 | ChIP | Cell Signaling (cat 9727) |
| H3K27me3 | ChIP | Cell Signaling (cat 9733) |
| MED1 | ChIP | EMD Millipore (cat 17-10530) |
| MED12 | ChIP | Abcam (cat ab70842) |
| GFP | IP | Abcam (cat ab290) |
| GAPDH | WB | Abcam (cat ab128915) |

Table S2. List of primers used in this study

| Gene | Application | Forward | Reverse |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| AC026904.1 | qPCR | CAAGGCATTTTTGCACTCAGTA A | AACACGGCTCAGCTATGGAAA |
| | ChIP-qPCR (E1) | CCCTGAGATTGGGTTGCTCC | TGCATTAGGCACGCAGTCAT |
| | ChIP-qPCR (E2) | GCACCACACGGGTTTCTAT | AGACCCCCTGGGATGAATGT |
| | ChIP-qPCR (C1) | AGGTCCCCAGAGTTTCTACT | GAGCATGCAGCTGAGCAGTC |
| UCA1 | qPCR | CTCTCCATTGGGTTACCATTG | GCGGCAGGTCTTAAGAGATGAG |
| | ChIP-qPCR | TGACGGAGGGAGATACCAGG | TCTGAGATGCCACAAGCTG |
| Slug | qPCR | CATGCCTGTCATAACCACAAC | GGTGTGAGATGGAGGAGGG |
| | ChIP | CAGAGTCCCAGGAGAGCGTC | GCCAGCCTCTGGTGTAAATG |
| Snail | qPCR | ACCACTATGCCGCGCTCTT | GGTCGTAGGGCTGCTGGAA |

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|------------|------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ZEB1 | qPCR | ACTCTGATTCTACACCGC | TGTCACATTGATAGGGCTT |
| E-cadherin | qPCR | GCCCCATCAGGCCTCCGTTT | ACCTTGCCTTCTTTGTCTTTGTT GGA |
| miR-1 | qPCR | TGGAATGTAAAGAAGTATGTAT | Universal Primer (QIAGEN) |
| miR-203a | qPCR | GTGAAATGTTTAGGACCACTAG | Universal Primer (QIAGEN) |
| miR-21 | qPCR | TAGCTTATCAGACTGATGTTGA | Universal Primer (QIAGEN) |
| 18S | qPCR | GTAACCCGTTGAACCCATT | CCATCCAATCGGTAGTAGCG |
| GAPDH | qPCR | TCGGAGTCAACGGATTTGGT | TCGCCCCACTTGATTTTGGGA |

Table S3. List of siRNAs used in this study

| Gene | Sense (5'-3') | Antisense (5'-3') |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| AC026904.1 #1 | GGAGAAAUGAGGAAGUAAATT | UUUACUCCUCAUUUCUCCTT |
| AC026904.1 #2 | CGAAAGAAGCACAGGGUGUTT | ACACCCUGUGCUUCUUUCGTT |
| UCA1 #1 | GCAGGCUUCAUCCGUUCCUTT | AGGAACGGAUGAAGCCUGCTT |
| UCA1 #2 | CUGGCACCUUGUJAGCUACTT | GUAGCUAACAAGGUGCCAGTT |
| Smad3 | AAUGGUGCGAGAAGGCGGUCATT | UGACCGCCUUCUCGCACCAUUTT |
| ERK2 | GGAAAAGCUCAAAGAACUATT | UAGUUCUUUGAGCUUUUCCTT |
| Negative Control | UUCUCCGAACGUGUCACGUTT | ACGUGACACGUUCGGAGAATT |