

Supplementary Materials

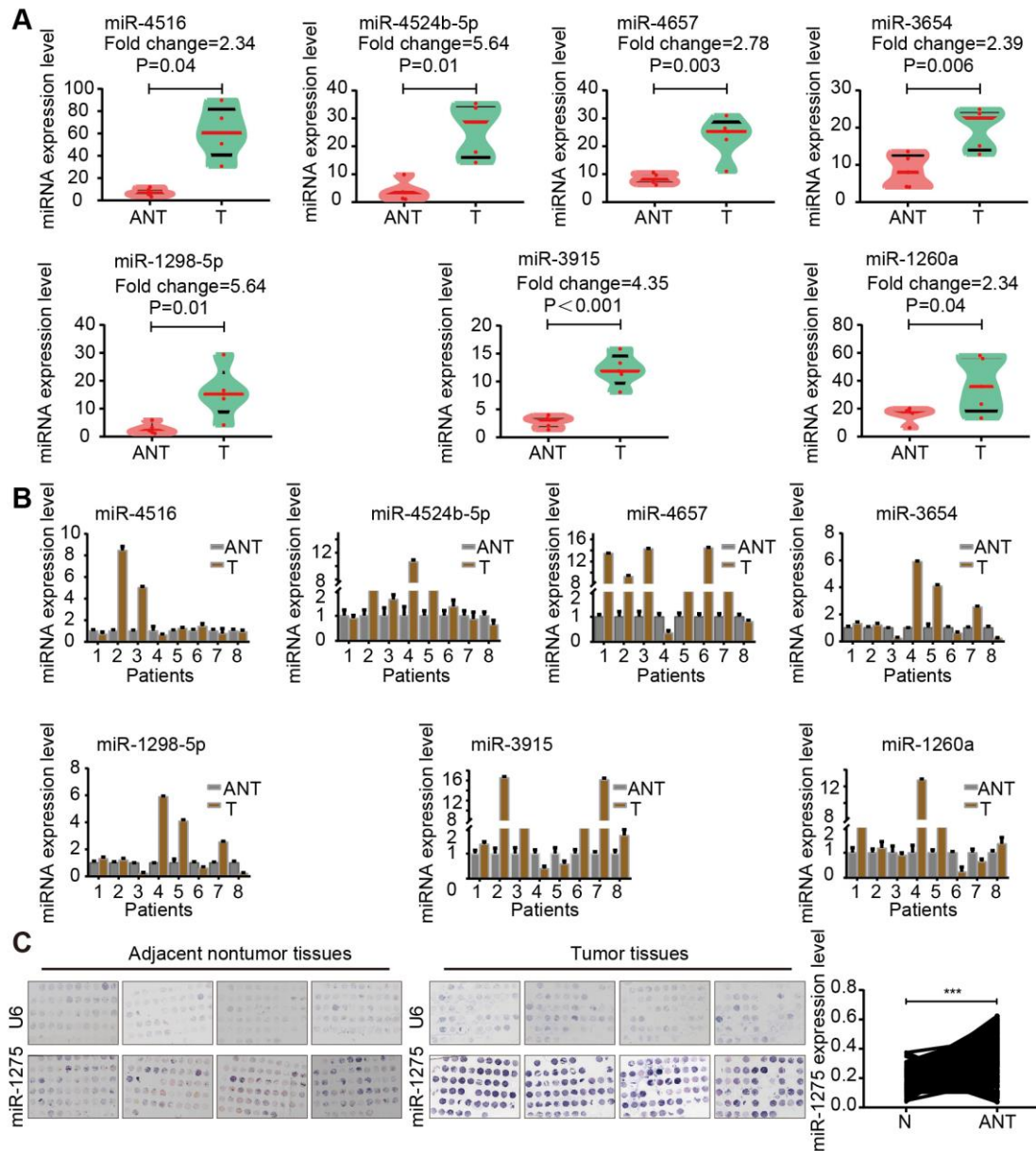


Figure S1: Expression levels of the other top 7 overexpressed miRNAs. (A)

Expression levels of miR-4516, miR-4524b-5p, miR-4657, miR-3654, miR-1298-5p,

miR-3915, and miR-1260a in the microarray analysis. (B) Expression levels of

miR-4516, miR-4524b-5p, miR-4657, miR-3654, miR-1298-5p, miR-3915, and

miR-1260a in 8 pairs of LUAD tissues and adjacent nontumor tissues. U6 was used as

an internal reference. Each experiment was performed three times. (C) miR-1275

expression level in 183 pairs of paraffin-embedded LUAD tissues and matched adjacent nontumor tissues. ANT: adjacent nontumor tissues, T: tumor.

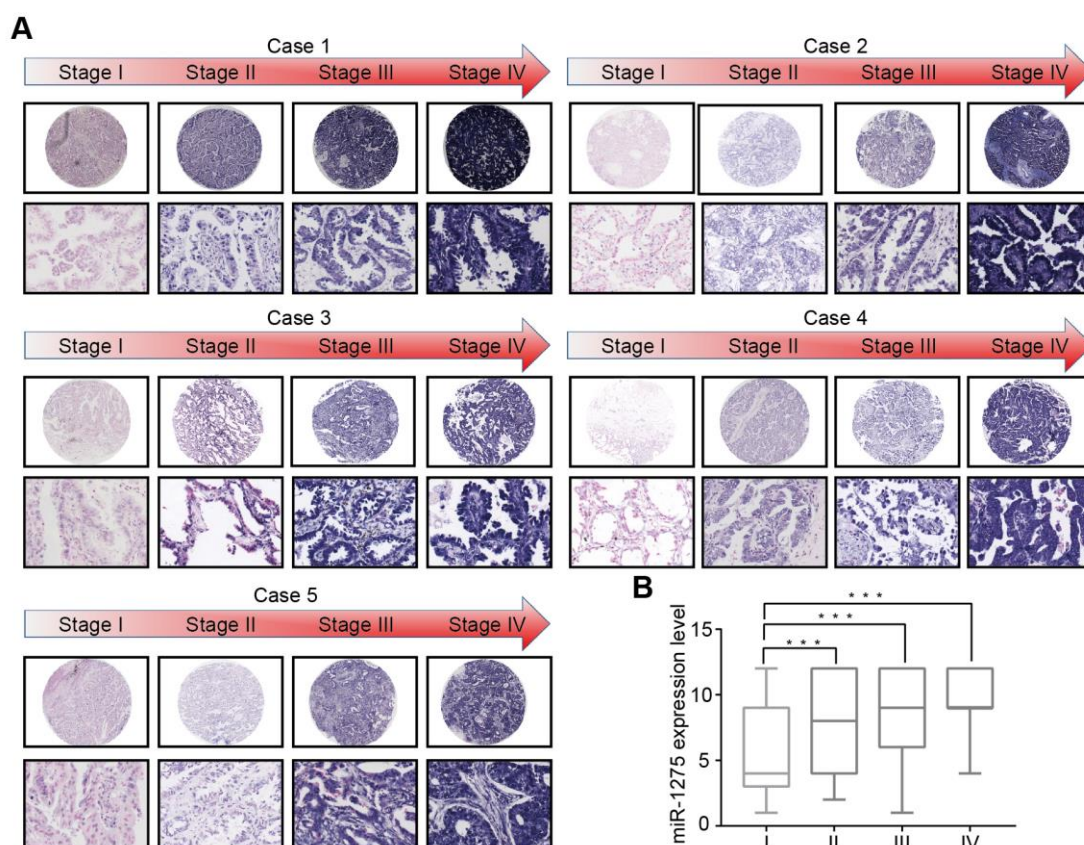


Figure S2: MiR-1275 expression levels at different clinical stages. (A) Representative ISH images. (B) Box-Whisker diagram showing the miR-1275 expression level at each clinical stage (I-IV). Data are reported as the mean \pm SD (* P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001).

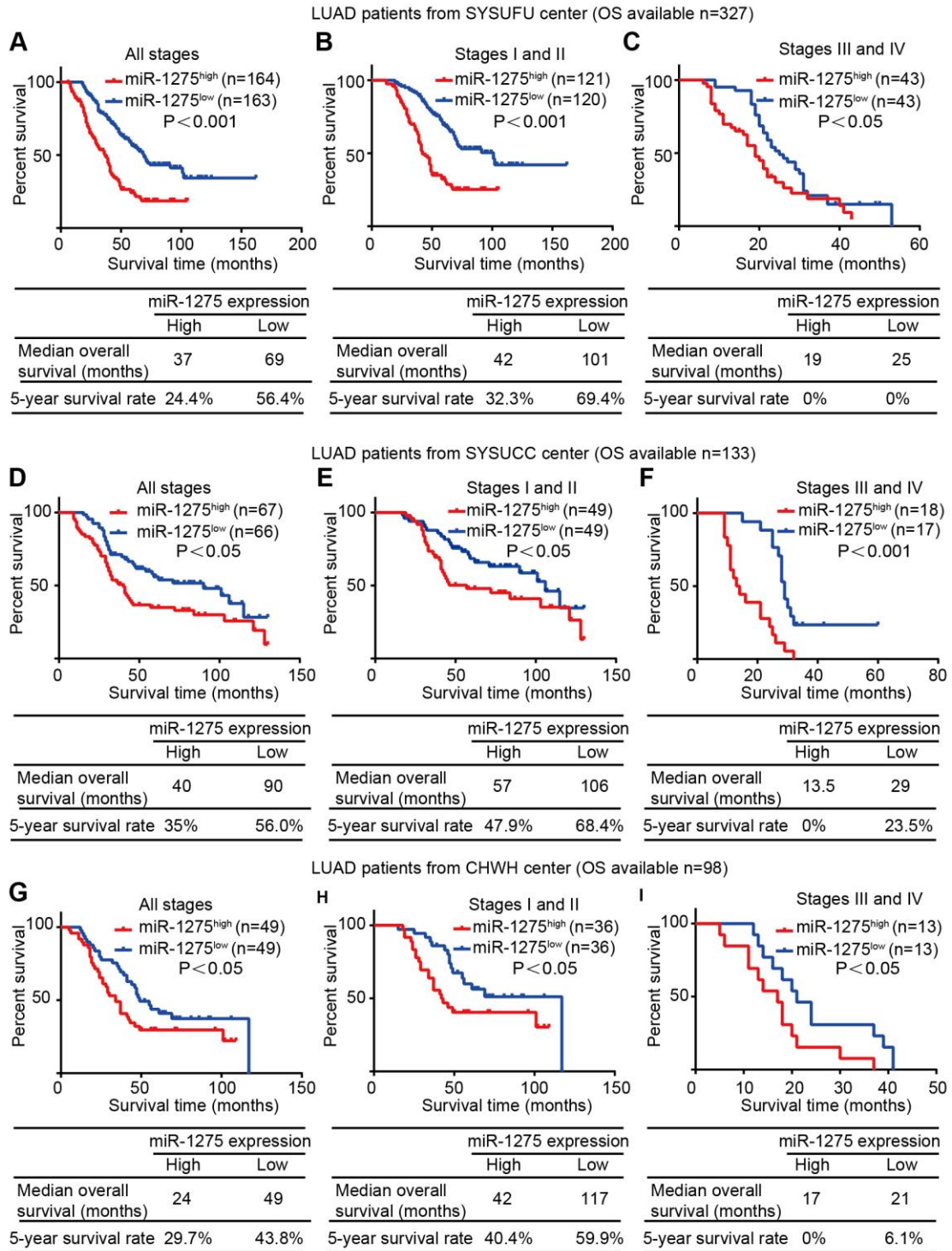


Figure S3: miR-1275 expression level is positively associated with poor OS in three independent clinical centers. (A-I) Kaplan-Meier analysis for OS and the 5-year survival rates of LUAD patients at all stages (left panel), early stages (central panel), and advanced stages (right panel) from the SYSUFH (A-C), SYSUCC (D-F)

and WUHAN center (G-I). Statistical analysis was performed with the log-rank test

(* $P < 0.05$; ** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.001$).

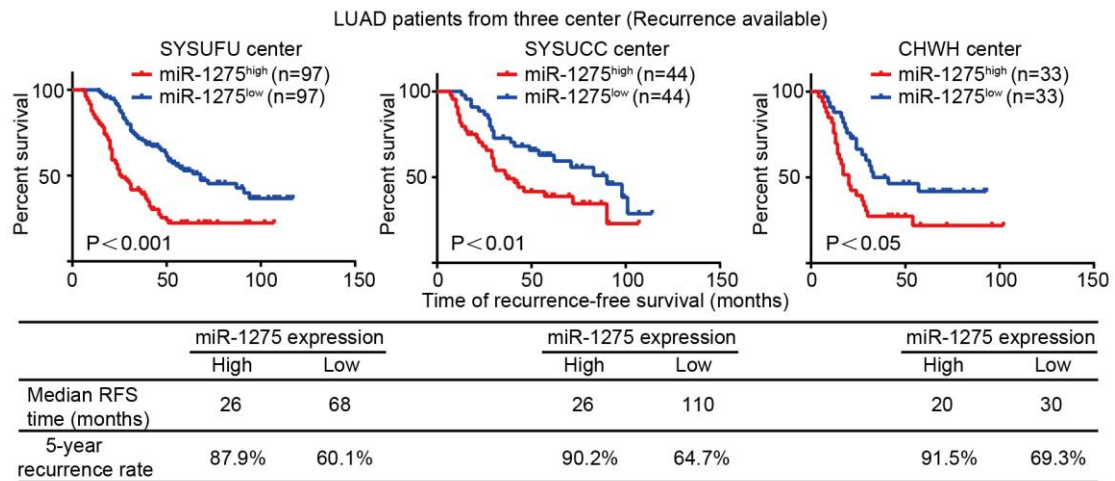


Figure S4: Overexpression of miR-1275 is associated with RFS in patients from the SYSUFU center (left panel), SYSUCC center (central panel), and CHWH center (right panel).

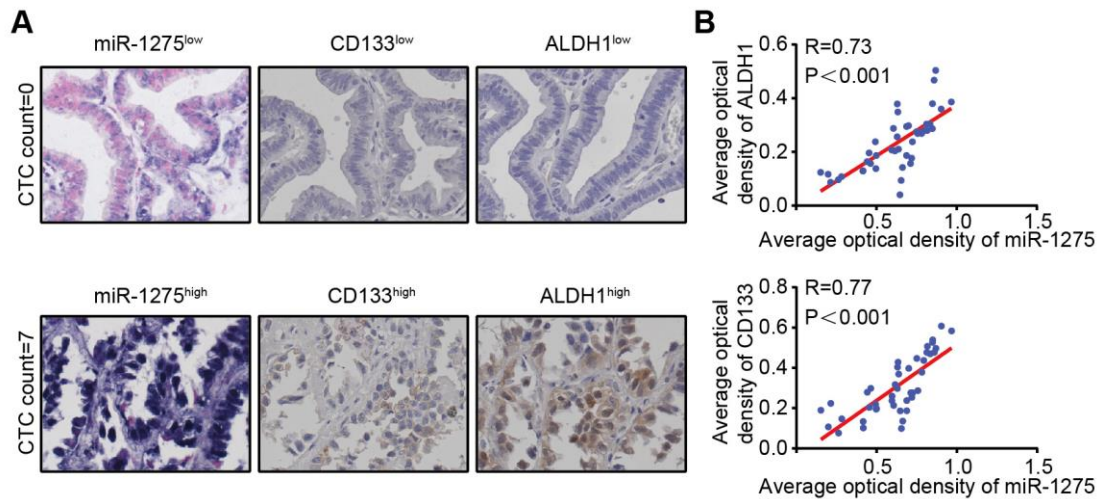


Figure S5: The miR-1275 expression level is positively correlated with the CTC count and CD133 and ALDH1 expression levels. (A) Representative images showing the correlation between the CTC count and the miR-1275, CD133 and ALDH1 levels. Scale bar, 100 μ m. (B) Correlation analysis between the miR-1275 level and CD133 or ALDH1 level.

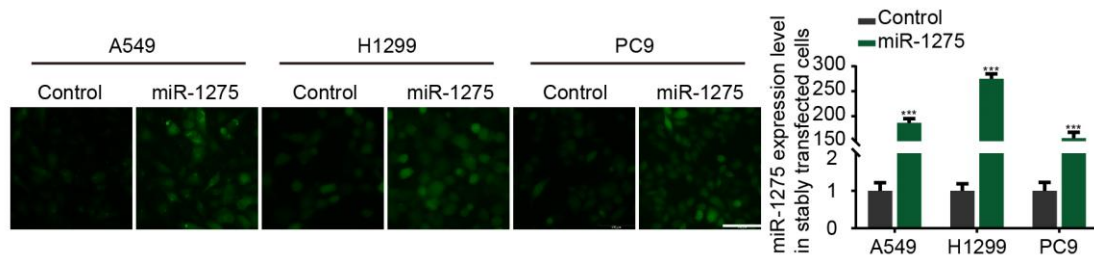


Figure S6: Transfection efficiency of miR-1275 in three cell lines. Representative fluorescence images of A549, H1299, and PC9 cells transduced with GFP-control lentivirus or GFP-miR-1275 lentivirus. Green fluorescent protein (GFP) is indicated in green. Scale bar: 100 μ m and *** P < 0.001.

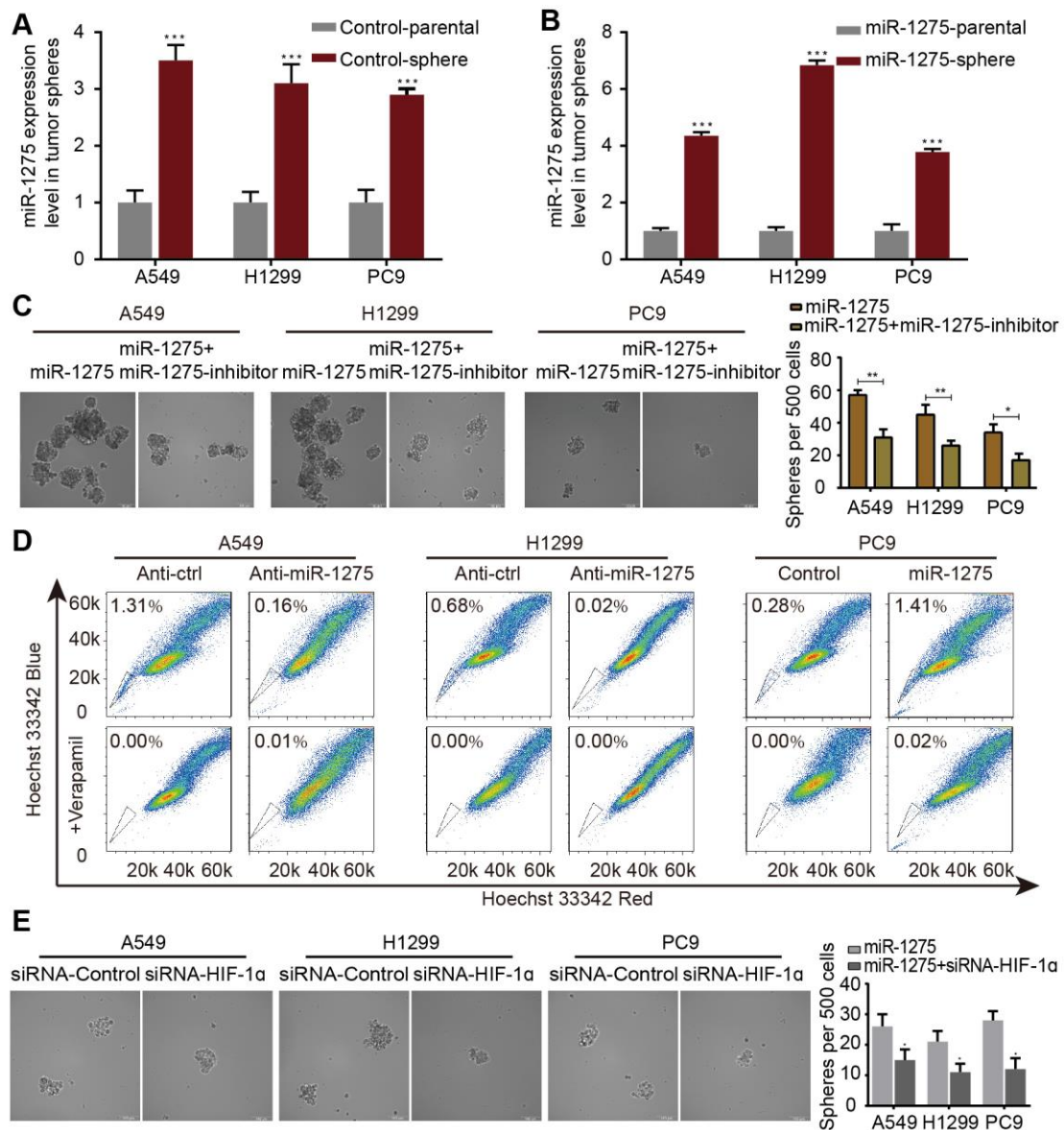


Figure S7: MiR-1275 promotes stem cell-like properties in the indicated cell lines.

(A) Relative miR-1275 expression levels in the control-parental cells and control-sphere cells. (B) Relative miR-1275 expression levels in the miR-1275-parental cells and miR-1275-sphere cells. (C) miR-1275-induced sphere formation could be reversed by using a miR-1275 inhibitor. (D) Upregulation of miR-1275 increased the SP cell proportions, whereas knockdown of miR-1275 lowered the SP cell proportions. SP cell proportions were determined by Hoechst 33342 dye exclusion. Anti-ctrl: miR-1275 sponge control. (E). Sphere formation

ability could be attenuated after treatment with siRNA-HIF-1 α . (* P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.001).

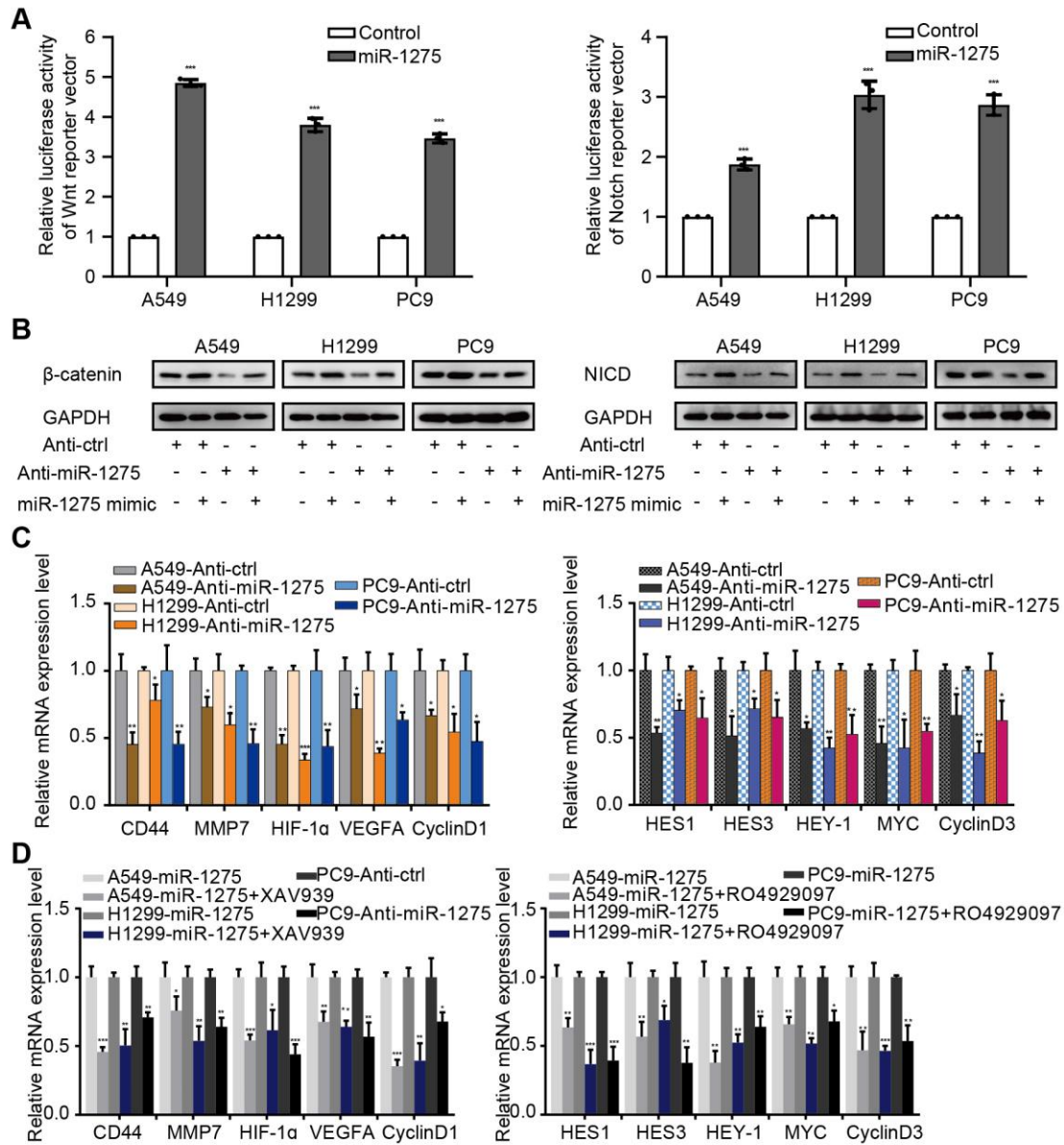


Figure S8: MiR-1275 simultaneously activates the Wnt/ β -catenin and Notch signaling pathways. (A) Relative luciferase activity of Wnt/ β -catenin (left panel) and Notch (right panel) reporter vectors in the indicated cells. (B) Protein levels of β -catenin and NICD in miR-1275-silencing cells after treatment with miR-1275 mimic, an analog of miR-1275. (C) RT-qPCR analysis of the established downstream target genes of the Wnt/ β -catenin or Notch pathway in miR-1275 knockdown cell lines. (D) mRNA expression levels of downstream molecules after treatment with

small molecule inhibitors. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$.

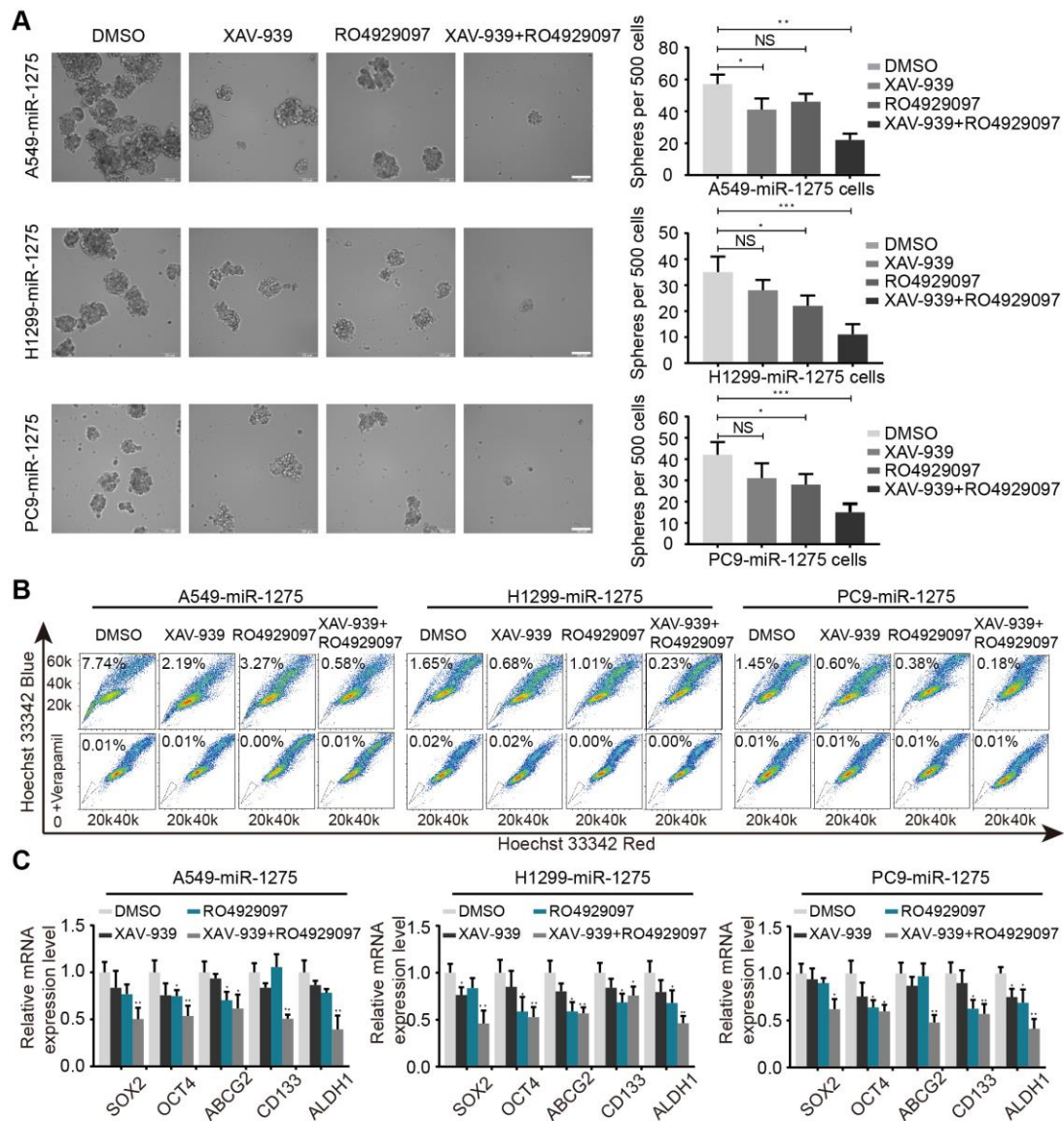


Figure S9: Mir-1275 maintains stemness by simultaneously activating the Wnt/ β -catenin and Notch pathways. (A-B) Formation of tumor spheres and proportions of SP cells are shown after treatment with XAV-939, RO4929097 or XAV-939 plus RO4929097 in miR-1275-overexpressing cell lines. (C) Expression levels of stemness-related markers (SOX2, OCT4, ABCG2, CD133, and ALDH1) in

miR-1275-overexpressing cell lines after treatment with XAV-939, RO4929097, or XAV-939 plus RO4929097. DMSO: control. Data are shown as the mean \pm SD, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$. NS: not statistically significant.

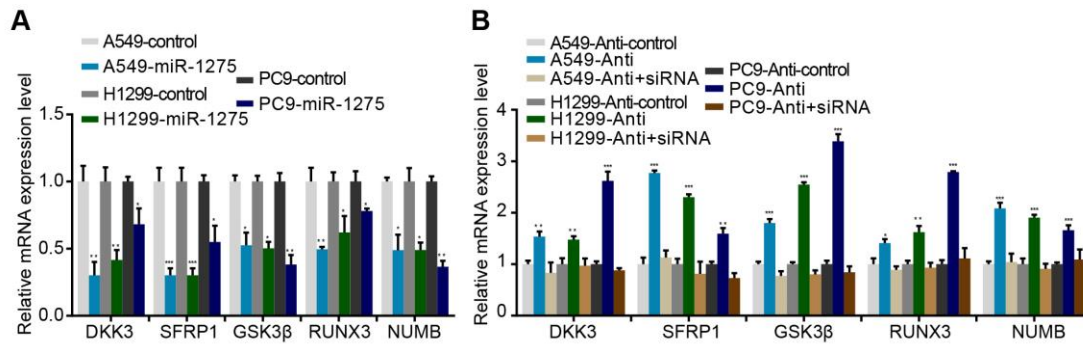


Figure S10: MiR-1275 targets Wnt/ β -catenin and Notch signaling antagonists in vitro. (A) RT-qPCR analyses of DKK3, SFRP1, GSK3 β , RUNX3, and NUMB expression levels in control cells and miR-1275-upregulated cells. (B) RT-qPCR analyses of DKK3, SFRP1, GSK3 β , RUNX3, and NUMB expression levels in control cells, miR-1275 downregulated cells, and siRNA-treated cells. GAPDH was used as a loading control.

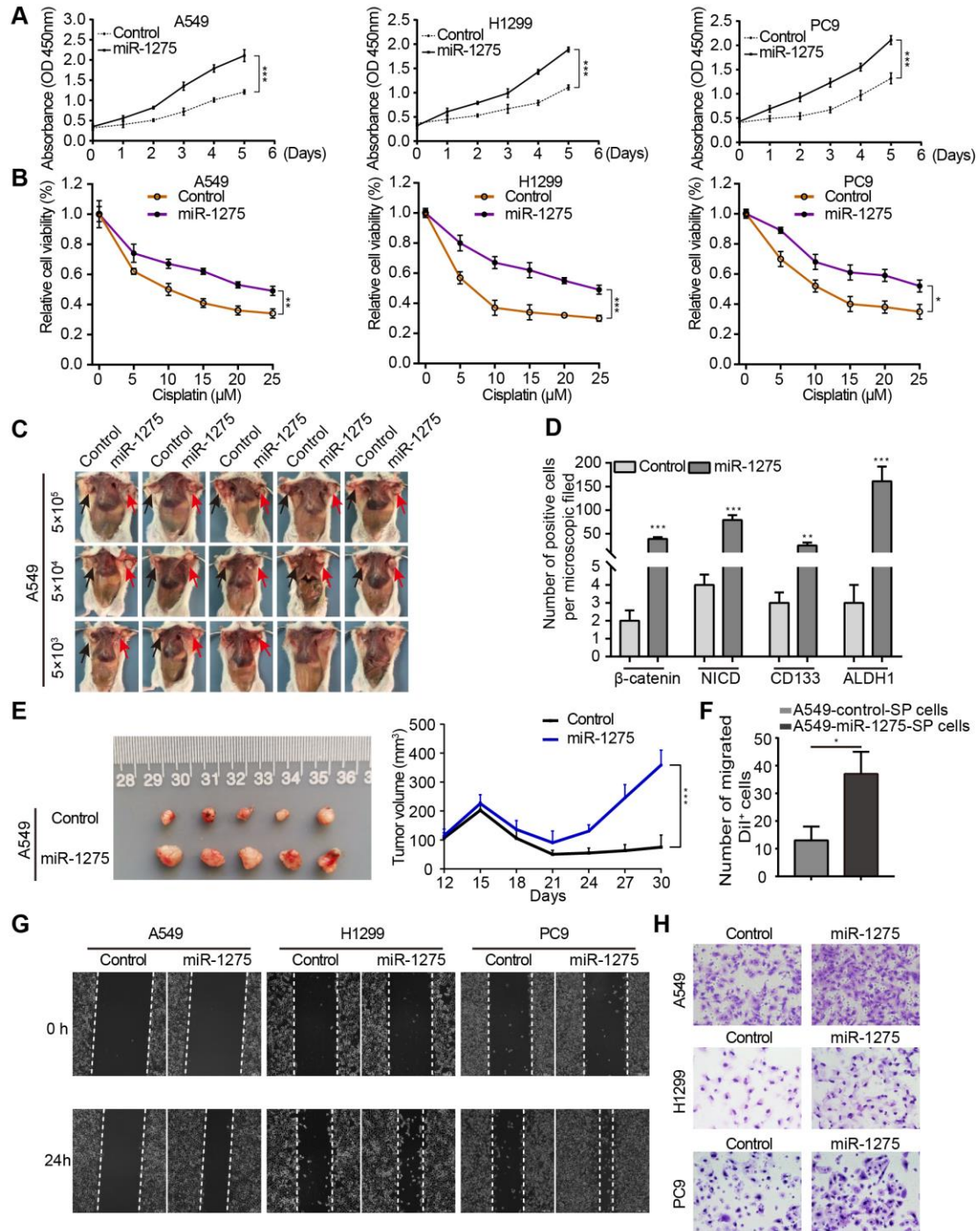


Figure S11: MiR-1275 promotes LUAD tumorigenicity, tumor recurrence and metastasis. (A) CCK8 assays showed the proliferation ability of the indicated cell lines. (B) Cell viability was analyzed using the CCK8 assay after treatment with CDDP. (C) Effects of miR-1275 on the tumorigenicity of A549 cells at different densities (5×10^5 , 5×10^4 , 5×10^3). Control groups are indicated with black arrows, and

the miR-1275-overexpressing groups are indicated with red arrows. Mice were sacrificed at 35 days. (D) Quantification data of β -catenin, NICD, CD133, and ALDH1. (E) Tumor growth in response to CDDP treatment. CDDP was intraperitoneally injected into mice at a concentration of 4 mg/kg every 2 days for a week. (F) Quantification of the total numbers of disseminated and metastatic cells in the primary tumor surroundings and the trunk regions of zebrafish. (G) Representative images of scratch assay in miR-1275-overexpressing cell lines and control cell lines. (H) Representative images of the Transwell invasion assay in miR-1275-overexpressing cell lines and control cell lines.

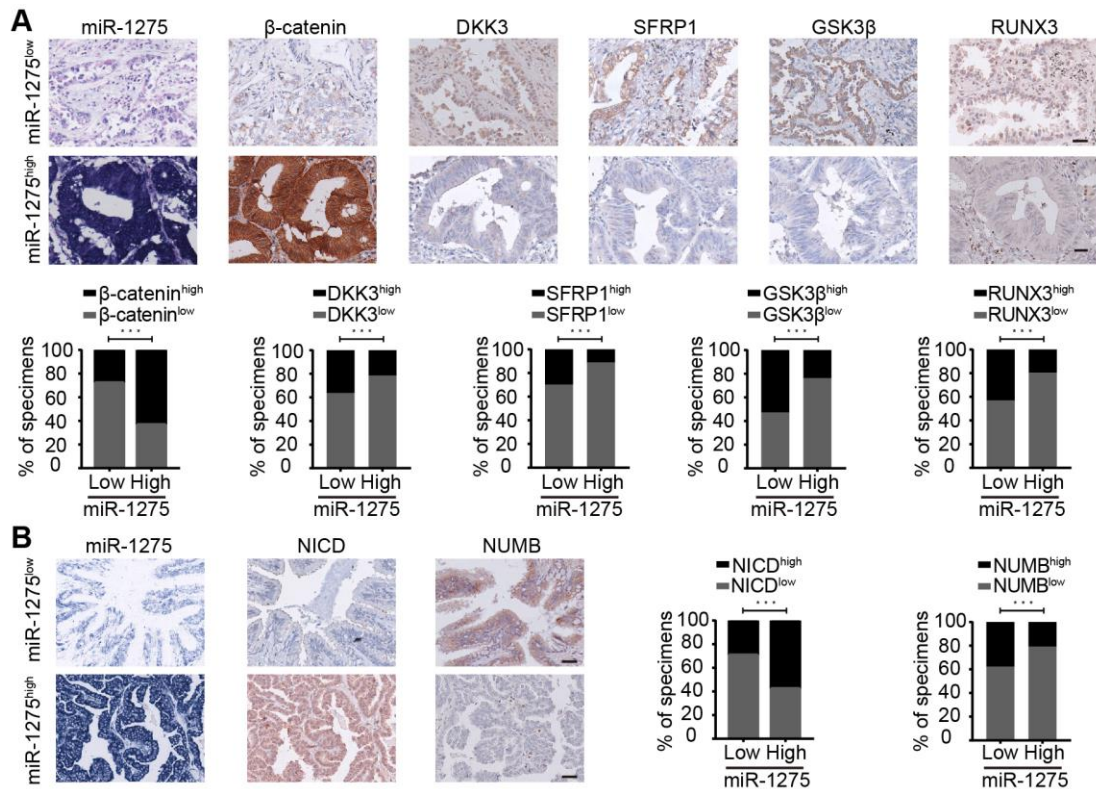


Figure S12: Clinical relevance of miR-1275 expression and its target genes in 558 LUAD specimens. (A) ISH images of miR-1275 and IHC images of β-catenin, DKK3, SFRP1, GSK3β, and RUNX3 in 558 LUAD tumor specimens. Percentage of samples showing high or low miR-1275 levels in relation to the expression levels of β-catenin, DKK3, SFRP1, GSK3β, and RUNX3 (chi-square test). (B) ISH images of miR-1275 and IHC images of NICD and NUMB in 558 LUAD tumor specimens. Percentage of samples showing high or low miR-1275 levels in relation to the expression levels of NICD and NUMB (chi-square test). Scale bar, 50 μm. * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$.

Table S1: Clinicopathological characteristics of 5 pairs of patients in microarray analysis

Patients	Sex	Age (years)	Pathological type	Clinical stage	Mutations
Patient 1	Female	65	LUAD	IA (T1N0M0)	EGFR ⁺ KRAS ⁻ ALK ⁻
Patient 2	Female	60	LUAD	IIB (T1N1M0)	EGFR ⁻ KRAS ⁻ ALK ⁻
Patient 3	Male	54	LUAD	IIB (T3N0M0)	EGFR ⁻ KRAS ⁻ ALK ⁻
Patient 4	Male	57	LUAD	IIIA (T2N2M0)	EGFR ⁻ KRAS ⁻ ALK ⁻
Patient 5	Female	52	LUAD	IB (T2N0M0)	EGFR ⁻ KRAS ⁺ ALK ⁻

Table S3: Sequences of the miRNA primers used in the qPCR assay

miRNAs	Forward
miR-4516	GGGAGAAGGGTCGGGGCA
miR-4524b-5p	GCGATAGCAGCATAAGCCTGTCTC
miR-4657	CGCGAATGTGGAAGTGGTCTGAGGCAT
miR-3654	GACTGGACAAGCTGAGGAAA
miR-1275	GTGGGGGAGAGGCTGTCAA
miR-1298-5p	CGTTCATTCGGCTGTCCAGATGTA
miR-3915	CGCGCGCGTTGAGGAAAAGATGGTCTTATT
miR-1260a	GCGATCCCACCTCTGCCACCA

Table S4: Sequences of the mRNA primers used in the qPCR assay

Gene	5'primer	3'primer
DKK3	TGAGATGTTCCGCGAGGTTG	CAGGTTCACTTCTGATGATGCTTTA
GSK3 β	GTTCTCGGTACTATAGGGCACCA	TCCTAGTAACAGCTCAGCCAACA
SFRP1	ACTGGCCCCGAGATGCTTAAGTG	GAGATGTTCAATGATGGCCTCAGA
RUNX3	TCAACGACCTTCGCTTCGTG	ACCTTGATGGCTCGGTGGTA
NUMB	GCAGATGGACTCAGAGTTGTGGA	GTGCCATCACGGCATATGTAAGA
MYC	GGAGGCTATTCTGCCCATTG	CGAGGTCATAGTTCCTGTTGGTG
WIF-1	CGAGGTACGCAATAGGAGTGTG	CACGTGCAGTTGTACTTGCAGTTAG
CD44	ACAAGCACAATCCAGGCAACTCC	TGGTGTGTTCCTTCCTTGCAITGG
MMP7	CATGATTGGCTTTGCGCGAG	GCATCTCCTCCGAGACCTGT
HIF-1 α	AGCACAGTTACAGTATTCCAGCAGAC	TTAATTCATCAGTGGTGGCAGTGGTAG
VEGFA	GCCTTGCTTGCTGCTCTACC	AGACATCCATGAACTTCACCACTTCG
CCND1	GTGCATCTACACCGACA ACTCC	GTTCCACTTGAGCTTGTTACC
HES1	GGACATTCTGGAAATGACAGTGA	AGCACACTTGGGTCTGTGCTC
HES3	ATGGAGAAAAAGCGCCGGGC	CACGCTCAACTCCAGGATGTGC
HEY1	CCGACGAGACCGAATCAATAAC	TCAGGTGATCCACAGTCATCTG
CCND3	ATGCGGAAGATGCTGGCTTACTG	AGACAGGTAGCGATCCAGGTAGTTC
SOX2	CCAAGATGCACA ACTCGGAGA	CCGGTATTTATAATCCGGGTGCT
OCT4	GCTGGATGTCAGGGCTCTTTG	TTCAAGAGATTTATCGAGCACCTTC
ABCG2	TGCCCAGGACTCAATGCAAC	TCGATGCCCTGCTTTACCAAATA
CD133	AGTGGCATCGTGCAAACCTG	CTCCGAATCCATTTCGACGATA
ALDH1	GCACGCCAGACTTACCTGTCCTA	GGCCTTCACTGCCTTGTCAAC
GAPDH	TGGGTGTGAACCATGAGAAGT	TGAGTCCTTCCACGATACCAA

Table S5: Correlation between miR-1275 expression and the clinicopathologic characteristics of 558 LUAD patients

Terms	Cases	miR-1275 expression (high/low=279/279)		
		Low (%)	High (%)	<i>P</i> value
Sex				
Female	260	138 (53.1%)	122 (46.9%)	0.175
Male	298	141 (47.3%)	157 (52.7%)	
Age (years)				
<median (59)	272	139 (51.1%)	133 (48.9%)	0.611
≥median (59)	286	140 (49.0%)	146 (51.0%)	
Primary tumor size				
<2 cm	200	103 (51.5%)	97 (48.5%)	0.596
≥2 cm	358	176 (49.2%)	182 (50.8%)	
Differentiation				
Well/Moderate	487	265 (54.4%)	222 (45.6%)	< 0.001
Poor	71	14 (17.9%)	57 (80.3%)	
T classification				
Low (T1-T2)	496	254 (51.2%)	242 (48.8%)	0.106
High (T3-T4)	62	25 (40.3%)	37 (59.7%)	
N classification				
Low (N0-N1)	435	237 (54.5%)	198 (45.5%)	< 0.001
High (N2-N3)	123	42 (34.1%)	81 (65.9%)	
Distant metastasis				
NO	510	267 (52.4%)	243 (47.6%)	< 0.001
YES	48	12 (4.3%)	36 (12.9%)	
Clinical stage				
Low (Stages I-II)	412	234 (56.8%)	178 (43.2%)	< 0.001
High (Stages III-IV)	146	45 (30.8%)	101 (69.2%)	

Table S6: Correlation between miR-1275 expression and driver-gene status in the SYSUFH cohort

Genes	Mutation	Total cases	miR-1275 expression		
			Low	High	<i>P</i> value
EGFR ^{mut}	NO	72	32	40	0.185
	YES	74	41	33	
KRAS ^{mut}	No	80	45	35	0.725
	YES	11	5	6	
ALK ^{fus}	NO	62	35	27	0.512
	YES	6	2	4	

Pearson χ^2 test or continuously corrected χ^2 test. Only these patients have performed driver-gene detection previously. mut: mutation, fus: fusion.

Table S7: Univariate and multivariate Cox-regression analysis of the miR-1275 association with OS in 558 LUAD patients

	OS (Univariate analysis)		OS (Multivariate analysis)	
	HR ^a (95% CI ^b)	<i>P</i> value	HR ^a (95% CI ^b)	<i>P</i> value
Sex				
Female	1.00		1.00	
Male	1.31 (1.05-1.62)	0.015	0.83 (0.66-1.03)	0.092
Age (years)				
<median (59)	1.00		1.00	
≥median (59)	1.96 (1.57-2.451)	< 0.001	2.22 (1.76-2.78)	< 0.001
Primary tumor size				
<2 cm	1.00		1.00	
≥2 cm	1.45 (1.15-1.82)	0.001	1.14 (0.89-1.45)	0.312
Differentiation				
Well/Moderate	1.00		1.00	
Poor	1.63 (0.98-2.19)	< 0.001	1.39 (0.96-1.92)	0.039
Clinical stage				
Stage I	1.00		1.00	
Stage II	2.49 (1.78-3.48)	< 0.001	3.41 (2.13-5.47)	< 0.001
Stage III	6.95 (5.17-9.33)	< 0.001	12.41 (7.26-21.21)	< 0.001
Stage IV	25.19 (16.97-37.37)	< 0.001	31.60 (12.17-82.08)	< 0.001
T classification				
T1-T2	1.00		1.00	
T3-T4	4.30 (2.02-6.66)	0.012	1.12 (1.03-1.89)	0.130
N classification				
N0-N1	1.00		1.00	
N2-N3	3.52 (2.82-4.45)	< 0.001	1.31 (0.77-1.94)	0.030
Distant metastasis				
NO	1.00		1.00	
YES	10.03 (6.97-14.43)	< 0.001	1.60 (0.64-4.03)	0.016
miR-1275 expression				
miR-1275 low	1.00		1.00	
miR-1275 high	2.08 (1.67-2.58)	< 0.001	1.71 (1.36-2.17)	< 0.001

^a Hazard ratio

^b Confidence interval

Table S8: Univariate and multivariate Cox-regression analysis of miR-1275

association with the OS of 327 LUAD patients from the SYSUFU clinical cohort

	OS (Univariate analysis)		OS (Multivariate analysis)	
	HR ^a (95% CI ^b)	<i>P</i> value	HR ^a (95% CI ^b)	<i>P</i> value
Sex				
Female	1.00		1.00	
Male	1.09 (0.82-1.44)	0.545	0.92 (0.68-1.25)	0.606
Age (years)				
<median (59)	1.00		1.00	
≥median (59)	2.21 (1.65-2.96)	< 0.001	2.49 (1.83-3.39)	< 0.001
Primary tumor size				
<2 cm	1.00		1.00	
≥2 cm	1.60 (1.11-2.31)	0.012	1.39 (0.94-2.05)	0.099
Differentiation				
Well/Moderate	1.00		1.00	
Poor	1.68 (0.82-1.95)	0.017	1.35 (0.60-2.35)	0.026
Clinical stage				
Stage I	1.00		1.00	
Stage II	2.42 (1.57-3.75)	< 0.001	3.25 (1.66-6.36)	0.001
Stage III	6.71 (4.57-9.87)	< 0.001	12.91 (6.25-26.64)	< 0.001
Stage IV	22.33 (13.09-38.11)	< 0.001	21.43 (13.63-30.83)	< 0.001
T classification				
T1-T2	1.00		1.00	
T3-T4	5.62 (4.95-7.98)	0.002	1.31 (1.088-6.11)	0.214
N classification				
N0-N1	1.00		1.00	
N2-N3	3.45 (2.62-4.37)	0.001	2.31 (1.45-3.68)	0.041
Distant metastasis				
NO	1.00		1.00	
YES	8.03 (4.86-13.29)	< 0.001	5.23 (3.01-8.34)	0.012
miR-1275 expression				
miR-1275 low	1.00		1.00	
miR-1275 high	2.45 (1.82-3.29)	< 0.001	2.10 (1.54-2.88)	< 0.001

^a Hazard ratio^b Confidence interval

Table S9: Univariate and multivariate Cox-regression analysis of miR-1275

association with the OS of 133 LUAD patients from the SYSUCC clinical cohort

	OS (Univariate analysis)		OS (Multivariate analysis)	
	HR ^a (95% CI ^b)	<i>P</i> value	HR ^a (95% CI ^b)	<i>P</i> value
Sex				
Female	1.00		1.00	
Male	1.44 (0.93-2.24)	0.102	1.29 (0.78-2.15)	0.319
Age (years)				
<median (59)	1.00		1.00	
≥median (59)	1.77 (1.13-2.77)	0.013	2.21 (1.34-3.66)	0.002
Primary tumor size				
<2 cm	1.00		1.00	
≥2 cm	1.21 (0.74-1.97)	0.451	0.78 (0.44-1.37)	0.382
Differentiation				
Well/Moderate	1.00		1.00	
Poor	1.63 (0.92-2.57)	0.013	1.38 (1.11-2.29)	0.014
Clinical stage				
Stage I	1.00		1.00	
Stage II	2.77 (1.33-5.79)	0.007	2.71 (1.42-8.61)	0.001
Stage III	8.96 (5.00-16.05)	< 0.001	5.99 (3.51-18.17)	0.001
Stage IV	36.93 (16.08-84.82)	< 0.001	7.34 (3.29-30.14)	0.003
T classification				
T1-T2	1.00		1.00	
T3-T4	4.31 (1.63-11.44)	0.003	1.34 (0.74-4.95)	0.067
N classification				
N0-N1	1.00		1.00	
N2-N3	3.04 (1.59-5.79)	0.001	1.81 (1.28-3.37)	0.002
Distant metastasis				
NO	1.00		1.00	
YES	16.34 (7.77-34.35)	< 0.001	61.26 (6.78-554.07)	< 0.001
miR-1275 expression				
miR-1275 low	1.00		1.00	
miR-1275 high	1.89 (1.21-2.97)	0.005	1.69 (1.12-2.67)	0.012

^a Hazard ratio^b Confidence interval

Table S10: Univariate and multivariate Cox-regression analysis of miR-1275 association with OS of 98 LUAD patients from the CHWH clinical cohort

	OS (Univariate analysis)		OS (Multivariate analysis)	
	HR ^a (95% CI ^b)	<i>P</i> value	HR ^a (95% CI ^b)	<i>P</i> value
Sex				
Female	1.00		1.00	
Male	2.61 (1.54-4.43)	< 0.001	2.46 (1.26-4.81)	0.009
Age (years)				
<median (59)	1.00		1.00	
≥median (59)	1.67 (0.94-2.60)	0.030	1.55 (0.85-2.23)	0.035
Primary tumor size				
<2 cm	1.00		1.00	
≥2 cm	1.89 (1.05-3.39)	0.034	1.24 (0.59-2.58)	0.572
Differentiation				
Well/Moderate	1.00		1.00	
Poor	0.46 (0.21-1.01)	0.053	3.64 (1.15-11.49)	0.027
Clinical stage				
Stage I	1.00		1.00	
Stage II	2.50(1.19-5.21)	0.014	2.63 (0.53-5.07)	0.036
Stage III	8.73 (4.37-18.24)	< 0.001	11.48 (2.55-51.72)	0.001
Stage IV	29.53 (12.35-70.59)	< 0.001	126.4 (5.31-310.7)	0.013
T classification				
T1-T2	1.00		1.00	
T3-T4	2.36 (1.79-4.44)	0.016	1.62 (0.71-2.04)	0.035
N classification				
N0-N1	1.00		1.00	
N2-N3	3.81 (1.76-8.25)	0.001	3.17 (1.92-7.02)	0.015
Distant metastasis				
NO	1.00		1.00	
YES	13.72 (6.36-22.56)	< 0.001	2.24 (1.01-6.29)	0.006
miR-1275 expression				
miR-1275 low	1.00		1.00	
miR-1275 high	3.14 (1.84-5.35)	< 0.001	2.07 (1.07-3.98)	0.030

^a Hazard ratio

^b Confidence interval

Table S11: Correlation analysis between miR-1275 expression and the CTC count in 43 LUAD patients from the SYSUFU clinical cohort

Terms	miR-1275 expression		P value
	Low (%)	High (%)	
CTC counts			
Negative < 1	13 (61.9%)	5 (22.7%)	0.009
Positive ≥ 1	8 (38.1%)	17 (77.3%)	

Only 43 LUAD patients had previously performed CTC detection.

Table S12: Correlation between miR-1275 expression and the protein levels of β -catenin and NICD in 558 LUAD patients

Terms	miR-1275 expression		P value
	Low (%)	High (%)	
β-catenin expression			
Low	201 (72.0%)	112 (40.1%)	< 0.001
High	78 (28.0%)	167 (59.9%)	
NICD expression			
Low	197 (70.6%)	118 (42.3%)	< 0.001
High	82 (29.4%)	161 (57.7%)	

Table S13: Correlation between miR-1275 expression and the protein levels of DKK3, SFRP1, GSK3 β , RUNX3, and NUMB in 558 LUAD patients

Terms	miR-1275 expression		<i>P</i> value
	Low (%)	High (%)	
DKK3 expression			
Low	178 (63.8%)	219 (78.5%)	< 0.001
High	101 (36.2%)	60 (21.5%)	
SFRP1 expression			
Low	196 (70.3%)	248 (88.9%)	< 0.001
High	83 (29.7%)	31 (11.1%)	
GSK3β expression			
Low	132 (47.3%)	213 (76.3%)	< 0.001
High	147 (52.7%)	66 (23.7%)	
RUNX3 expression			
Low	159 (57.0%)	224 (80.3%)	< 0.001
High	120 (43.0%)	55 (19.7%)	
NUMB expression			
Low	174 (62.4%)	221 (79.2%)	< 0.001
High	105 (37.6%)	58 (20.8%)	