

EGFRvIII-induced brain microneoplasias

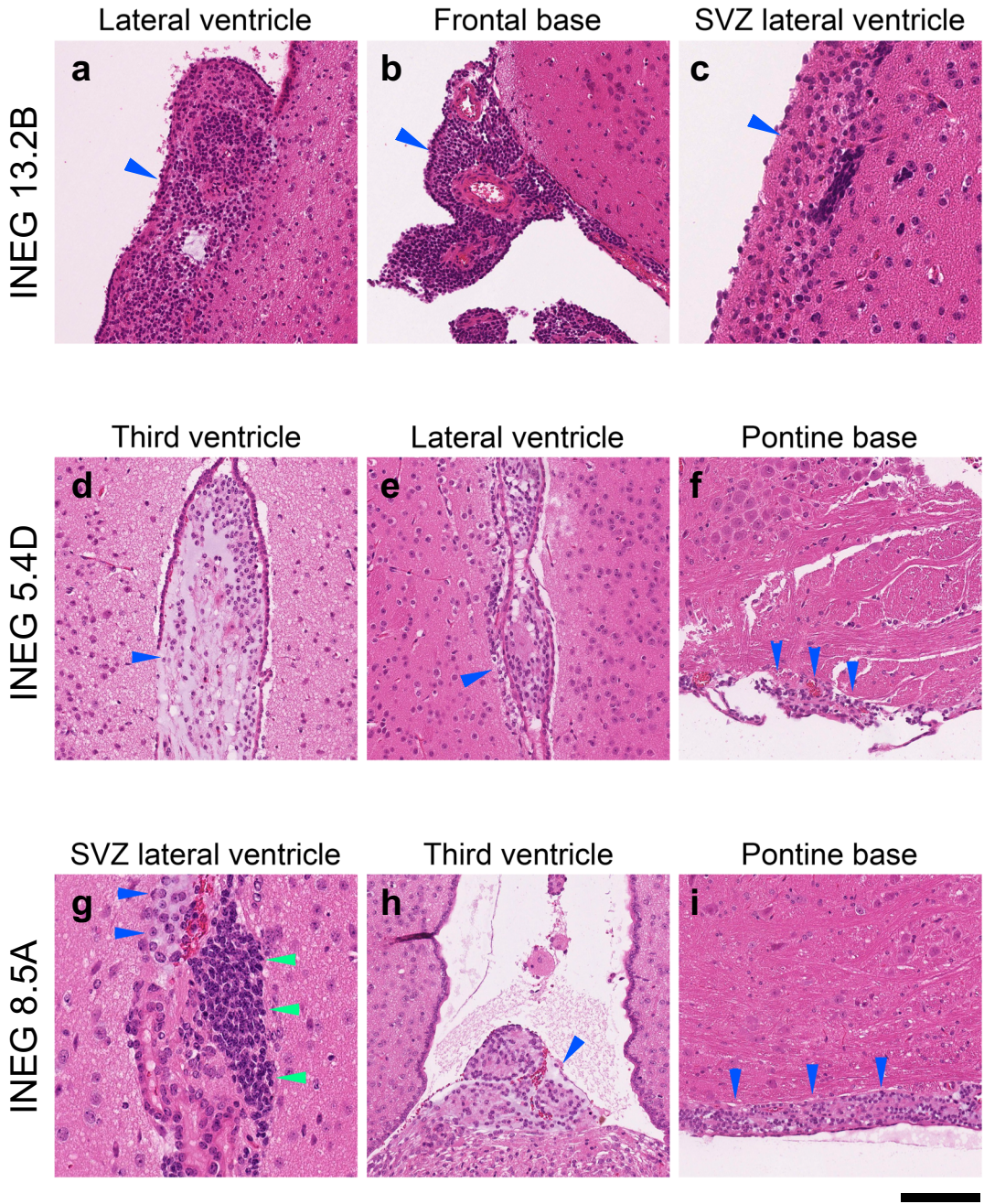
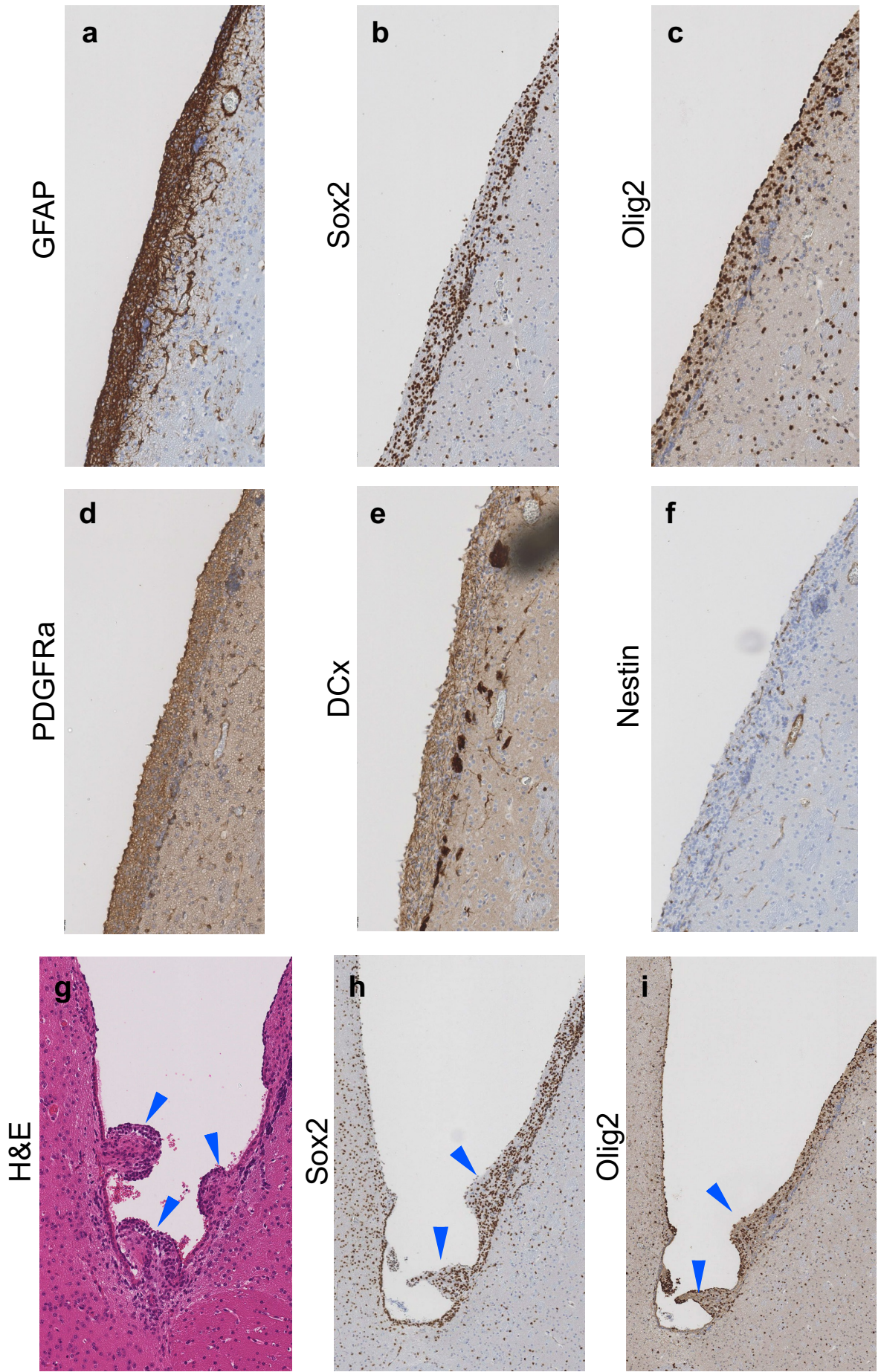


Figure S1



EGFR expression in tumor cells

Overview

Detail

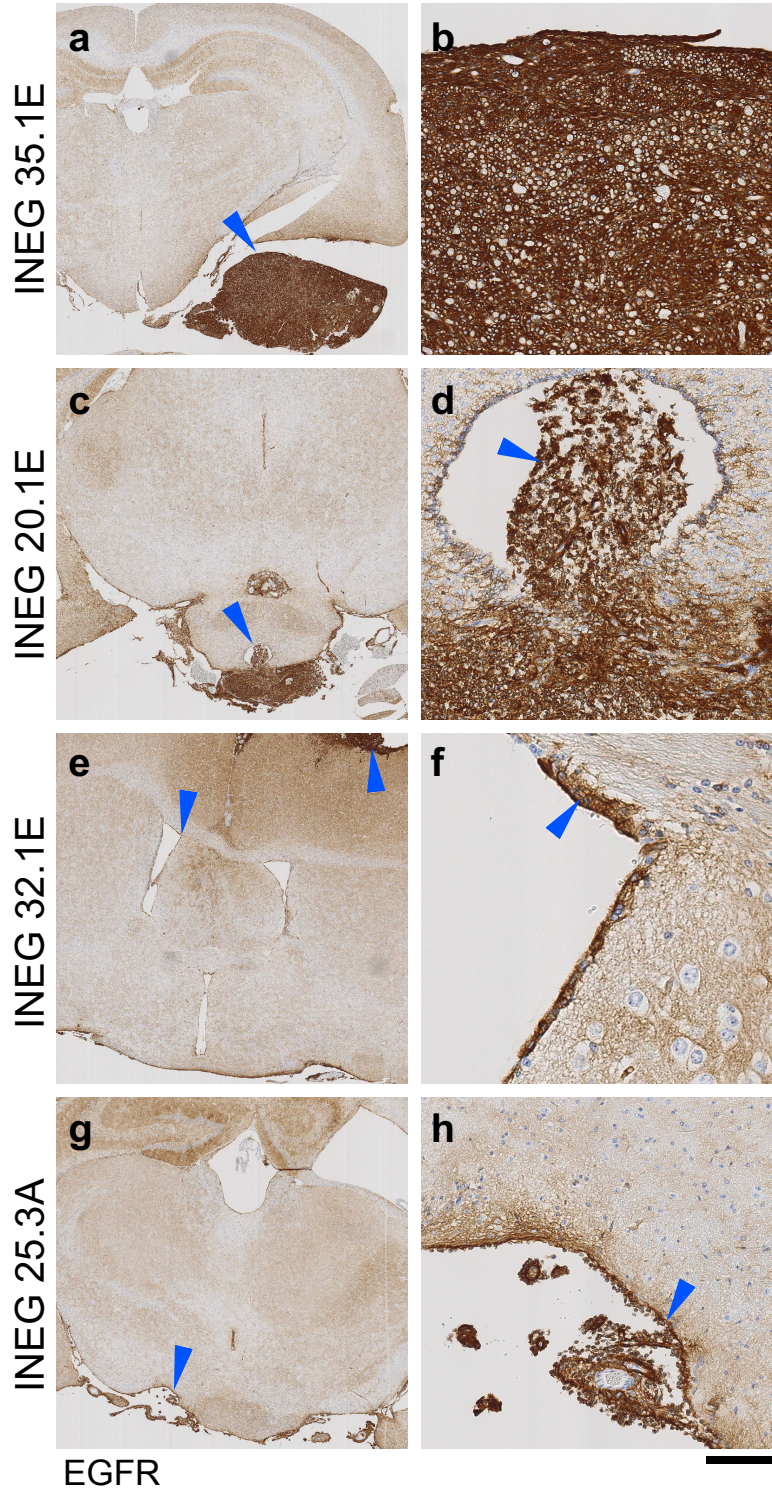
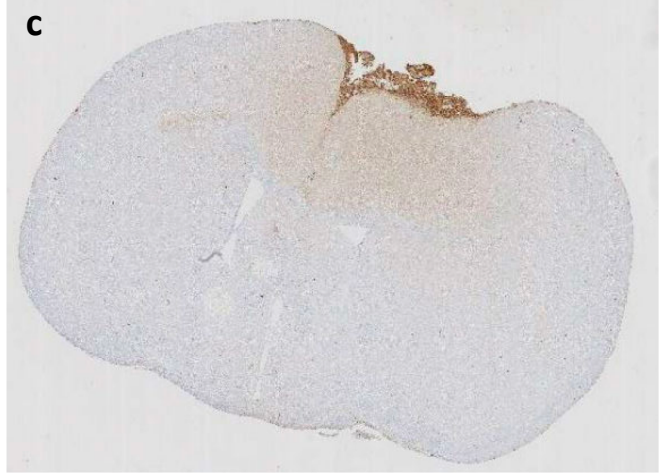
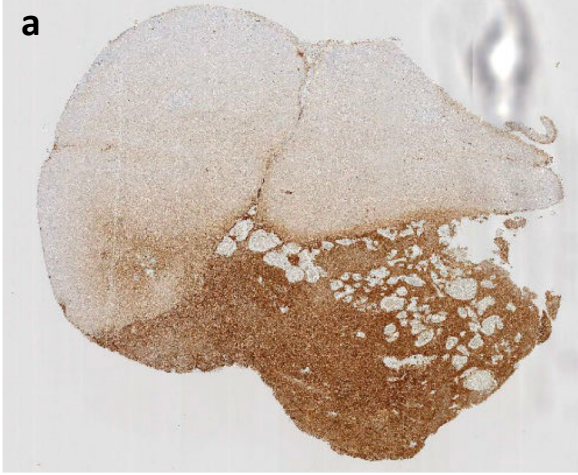


Figure S3

EGFRvIII recombination in tumor cells

Overview



Detail

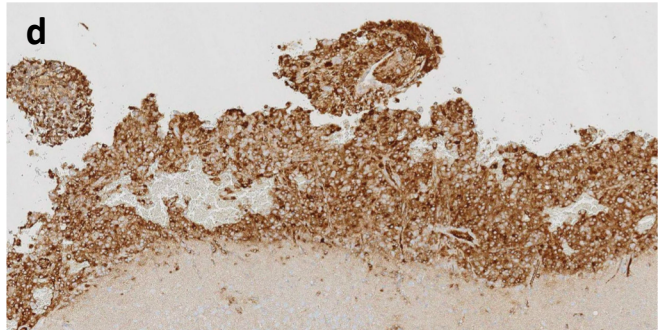
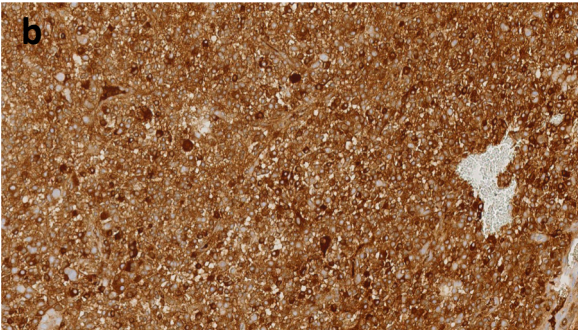


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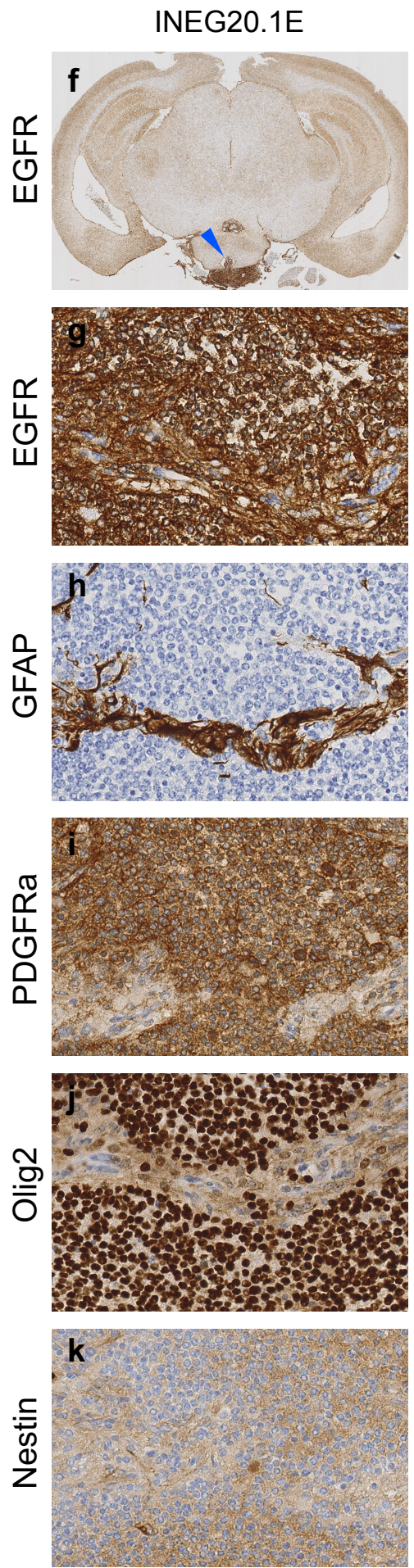
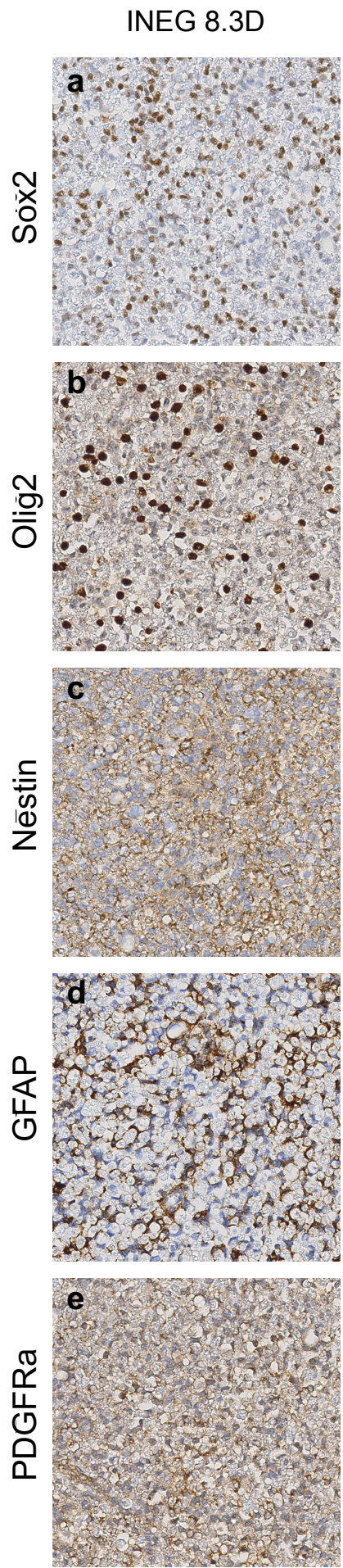
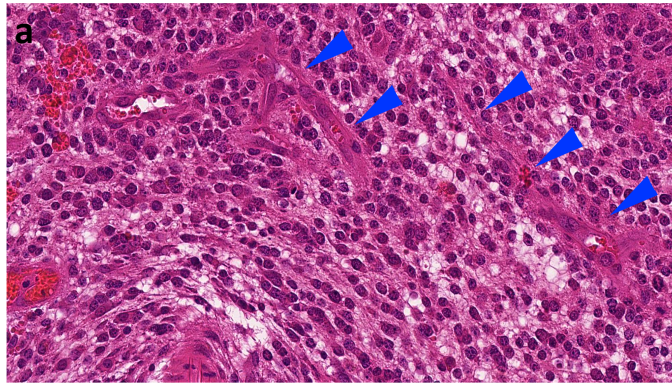
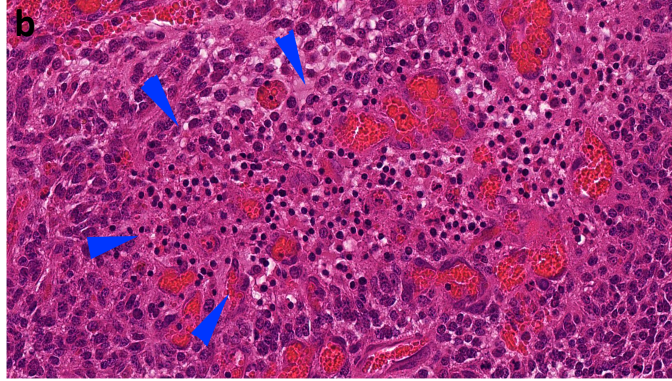


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Microvascular Proliferation

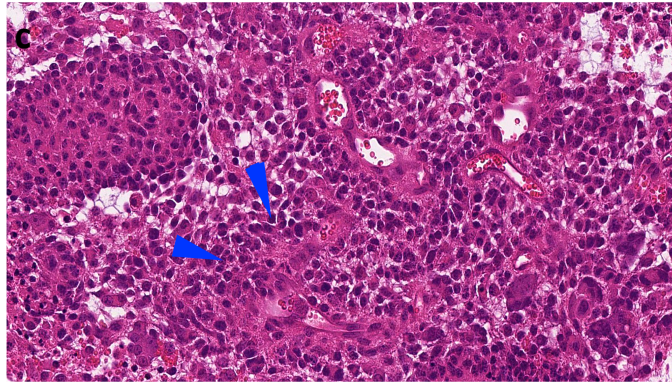


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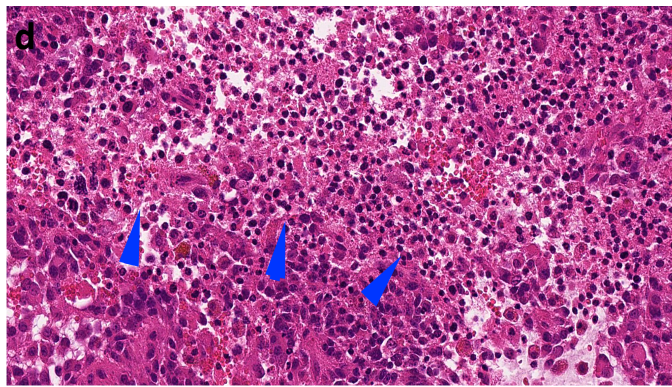


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Microvascular Proliferation



Necrosis



GBM 2

Figure S6

Ki67 Proliferation index of microneoplasias in a brain of an *EGFRvIII* ; Nes-cre mouse

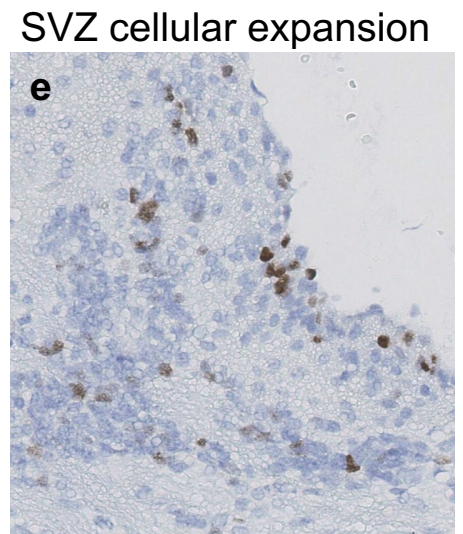
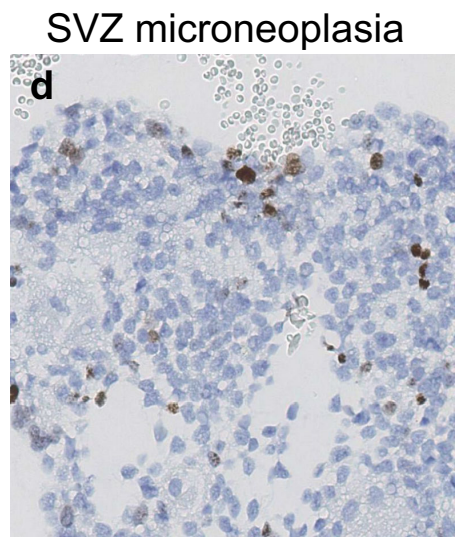
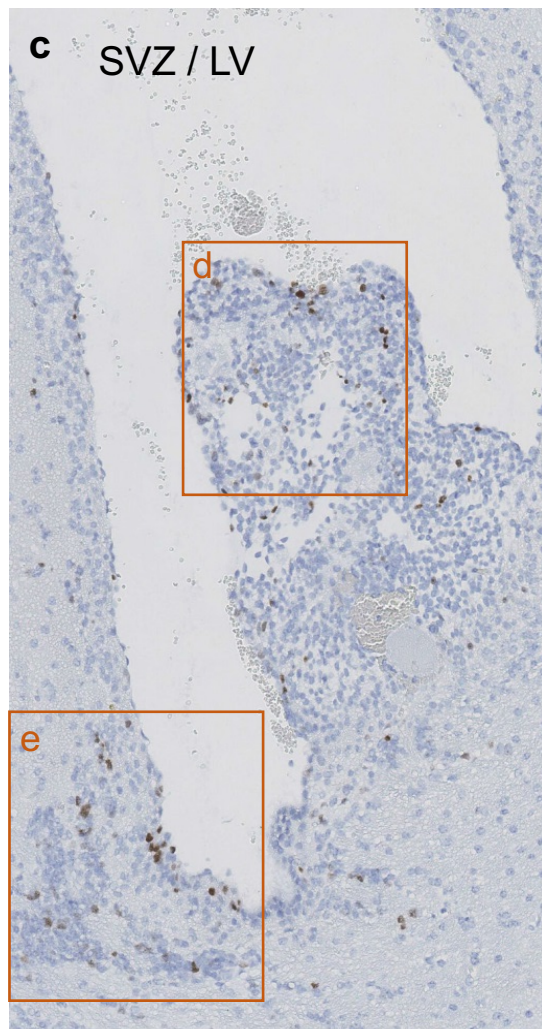
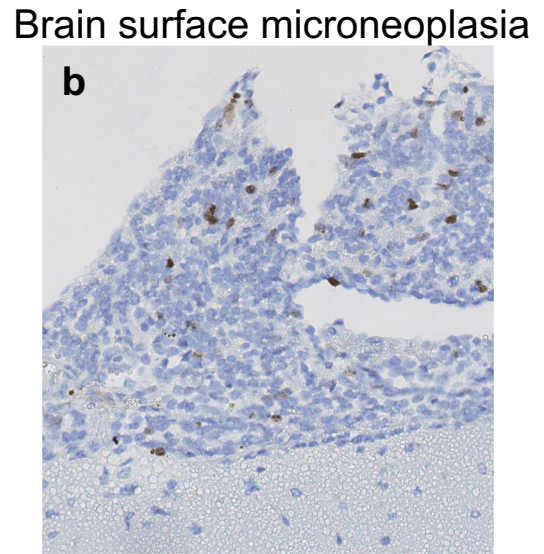
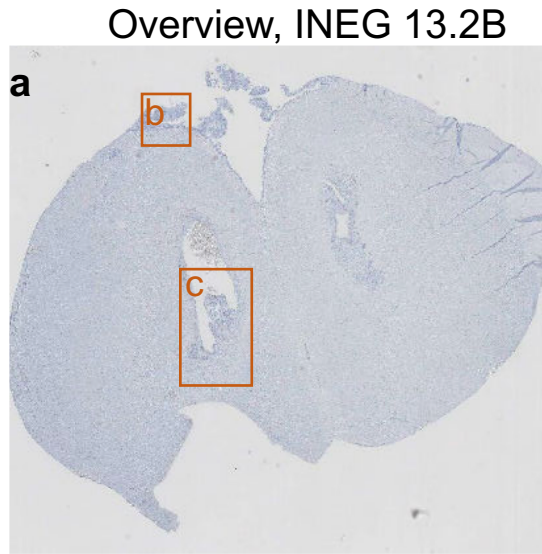


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Glioma induction on spinal surface

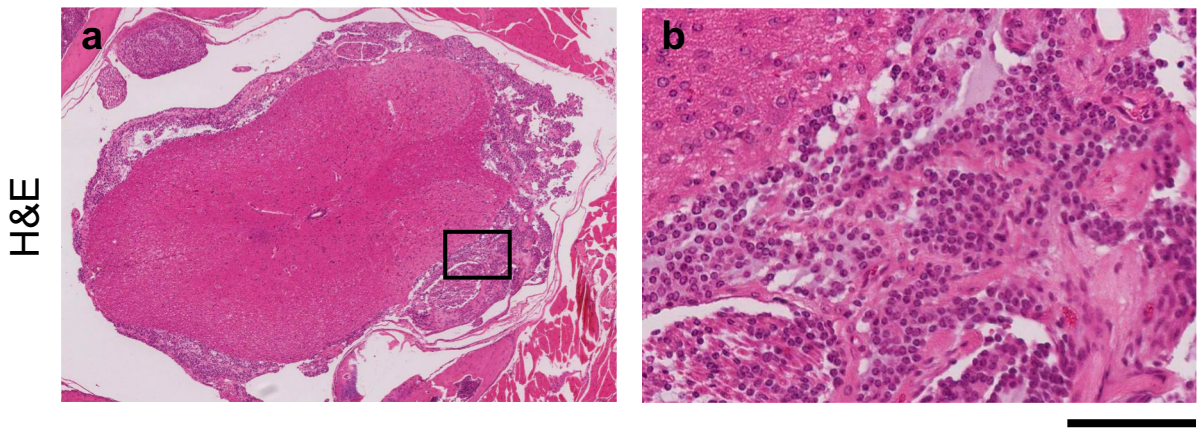
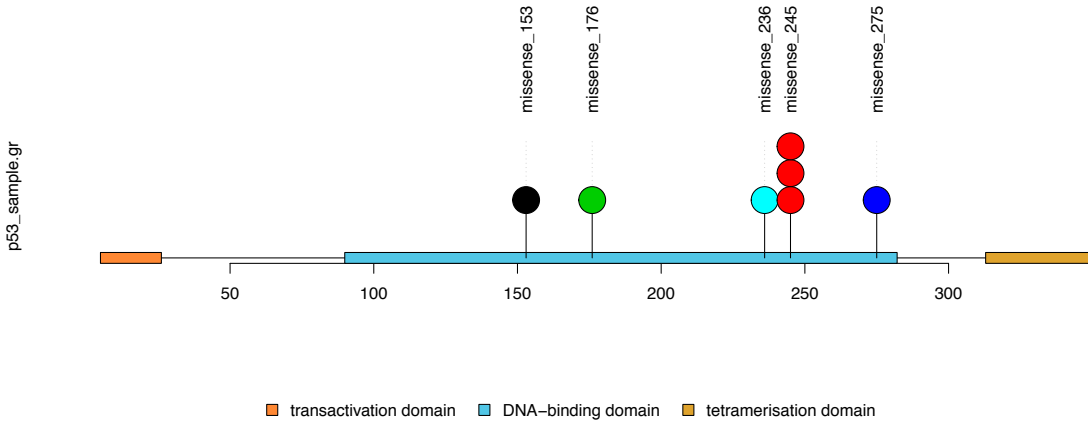


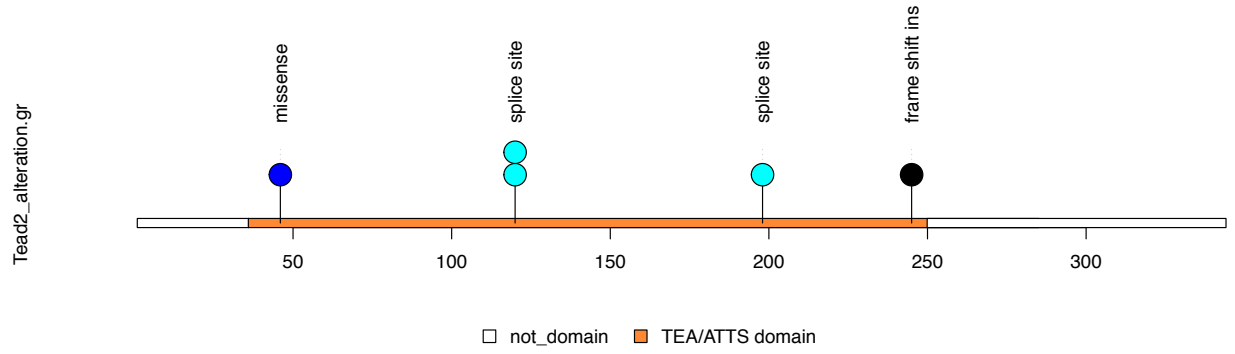
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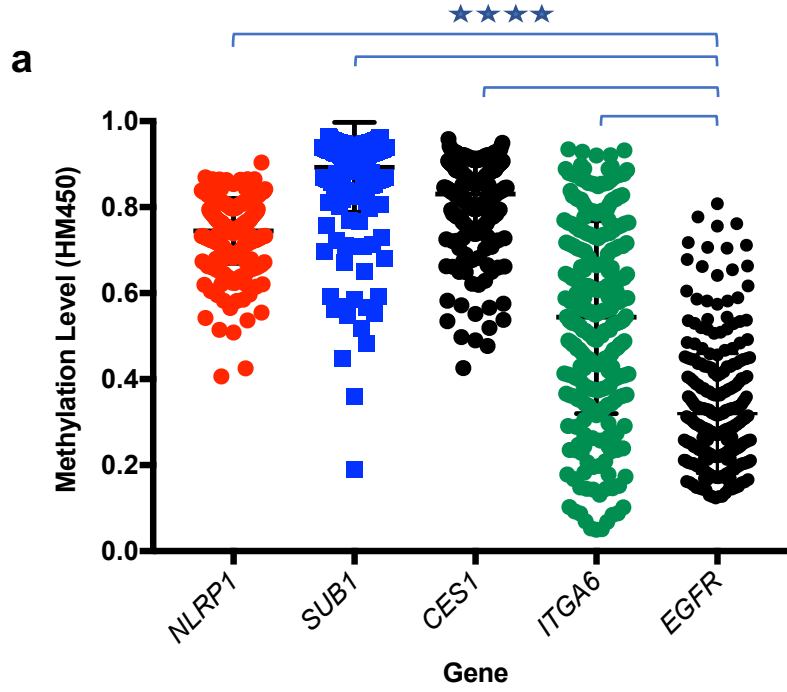
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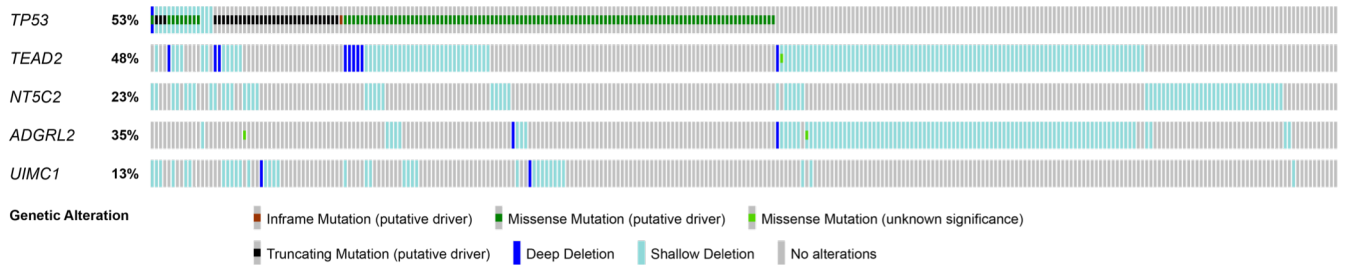
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Tead2 mutations





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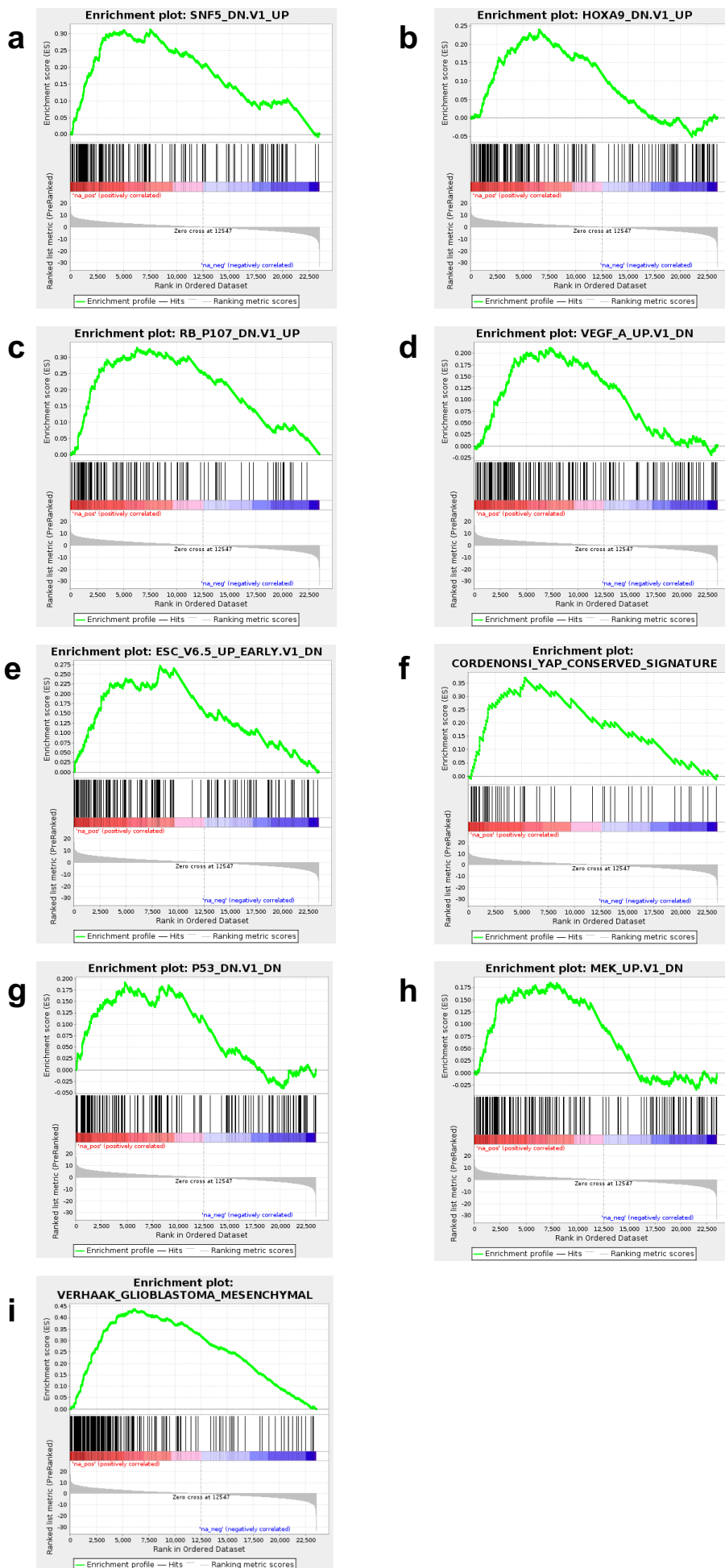


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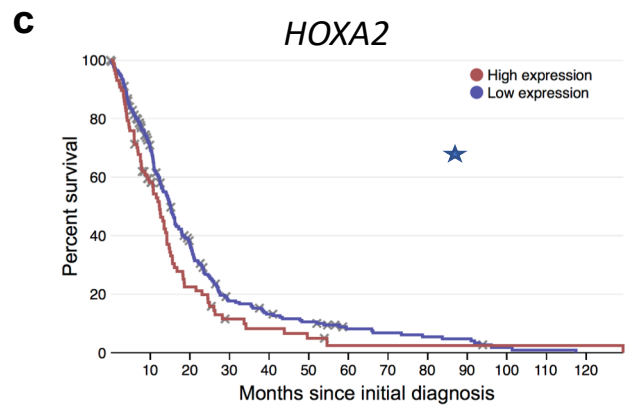
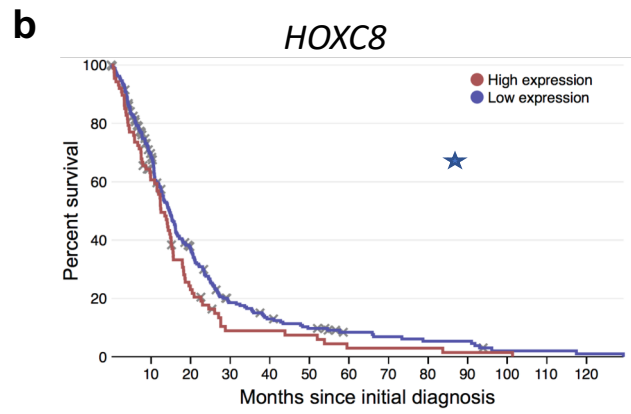
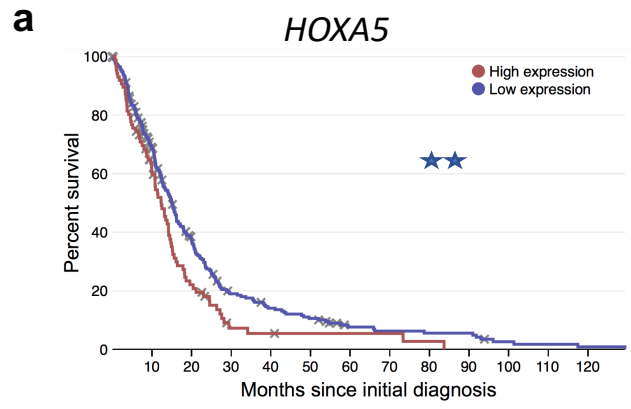


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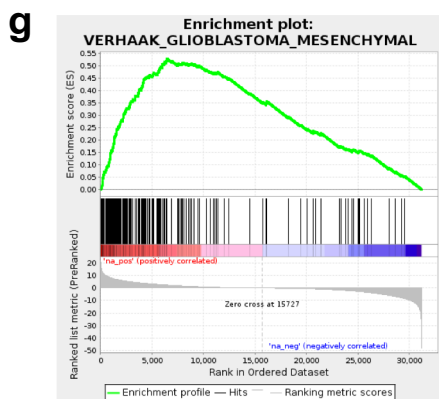
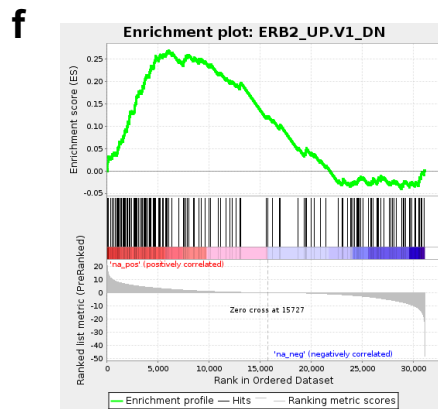
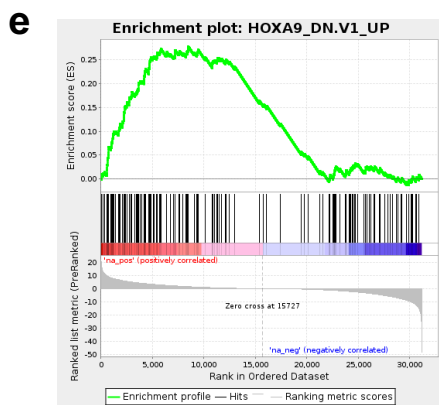
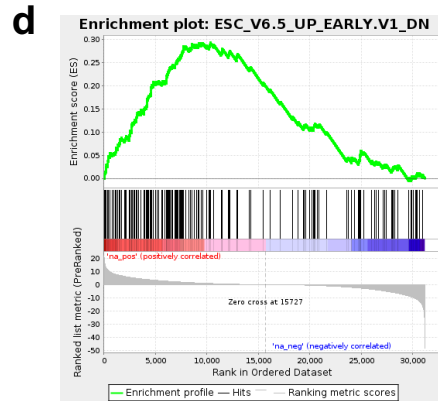
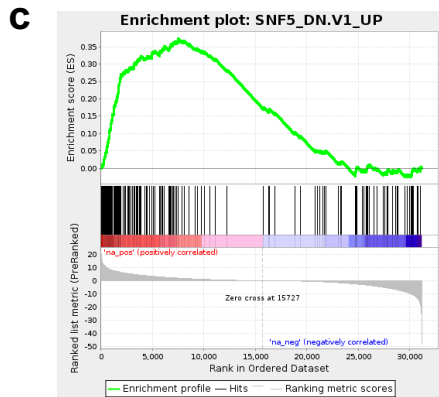
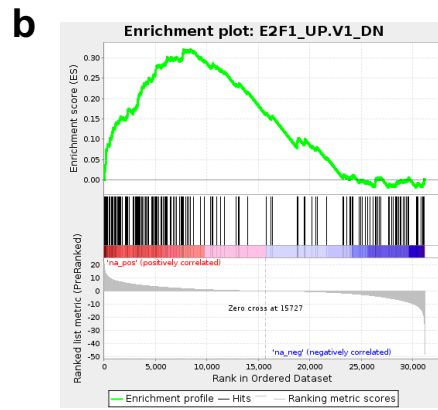
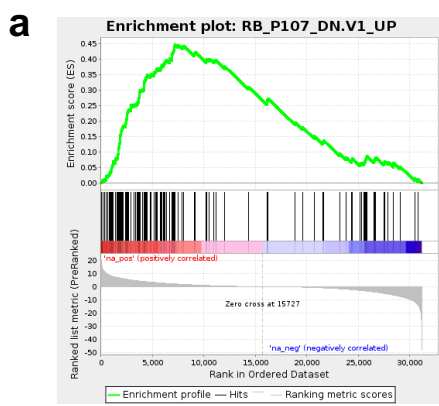
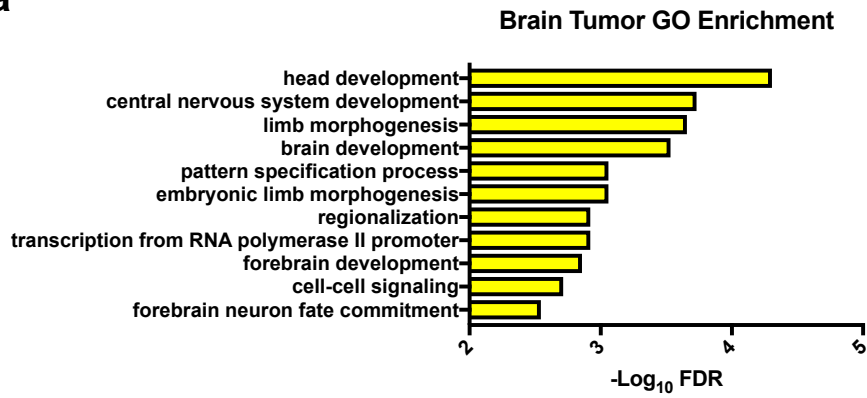
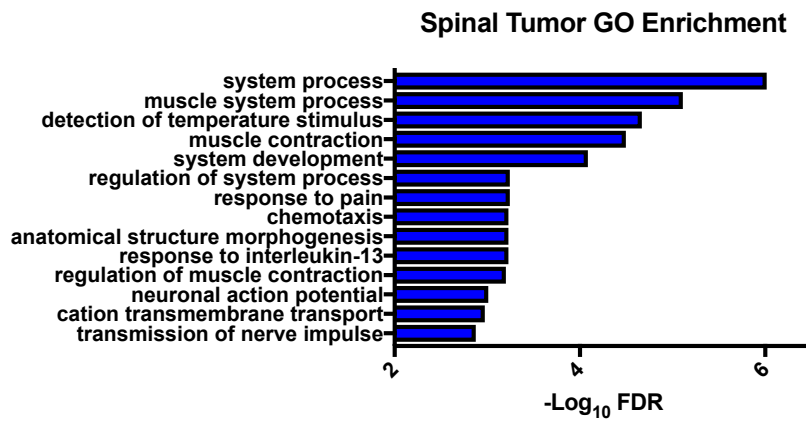


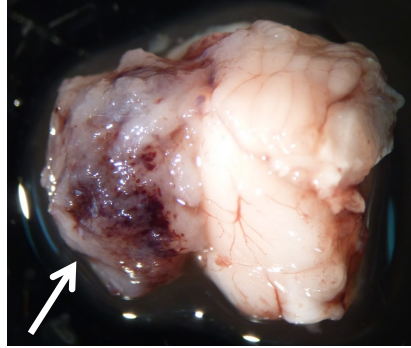
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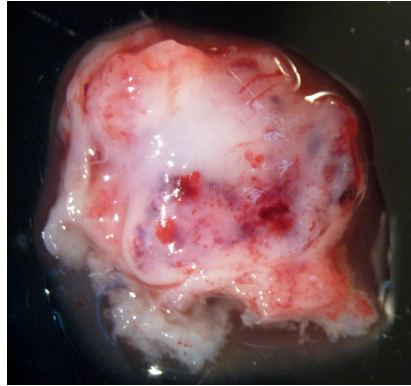


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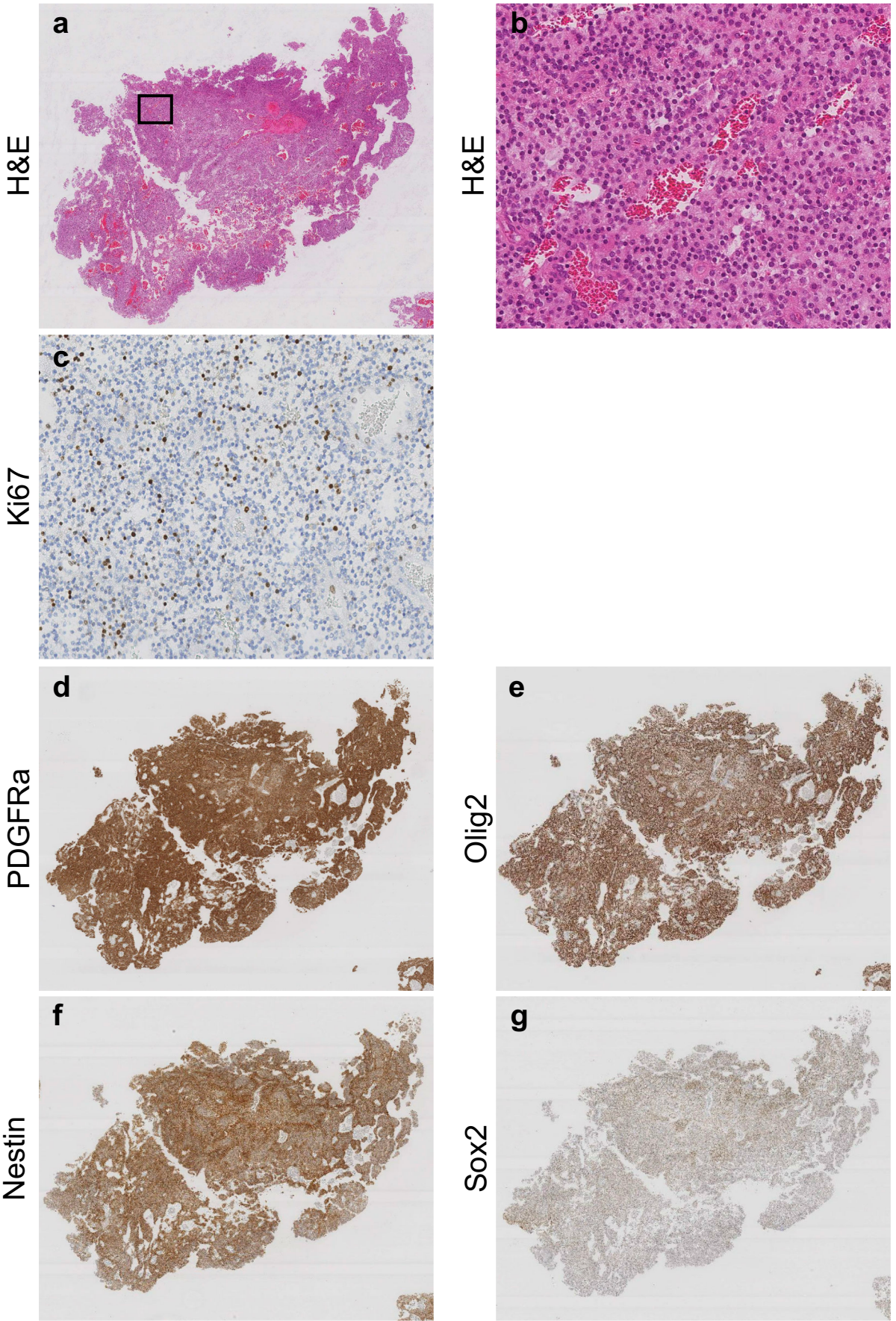
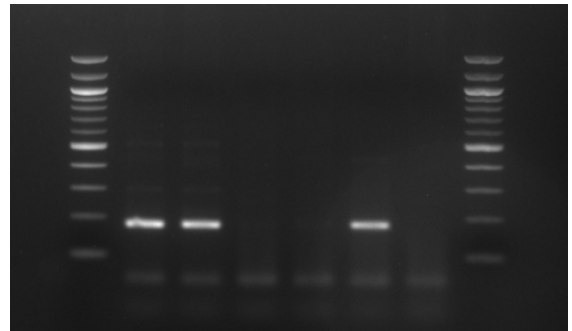
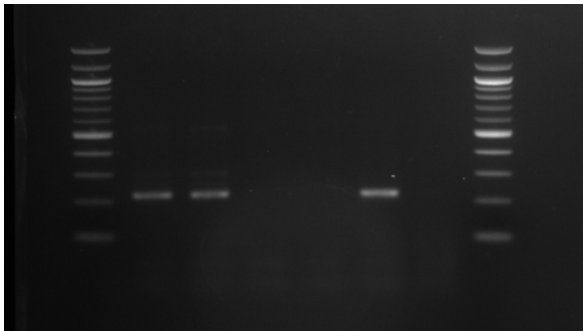


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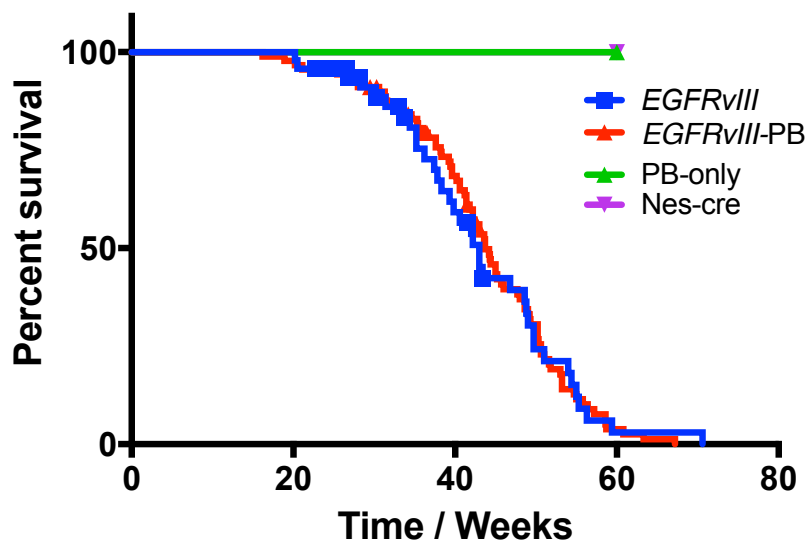
Site 3



A B + -

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A – GBM, EGFR/+ PB/+ ATP/+ Cre/+
 B – Brain, EGFR/+ PB+/+ ATP/+ Cre/+
 + - Positive Control (Brain)
 - - Negative Control (Brain)

c**Figure S17**

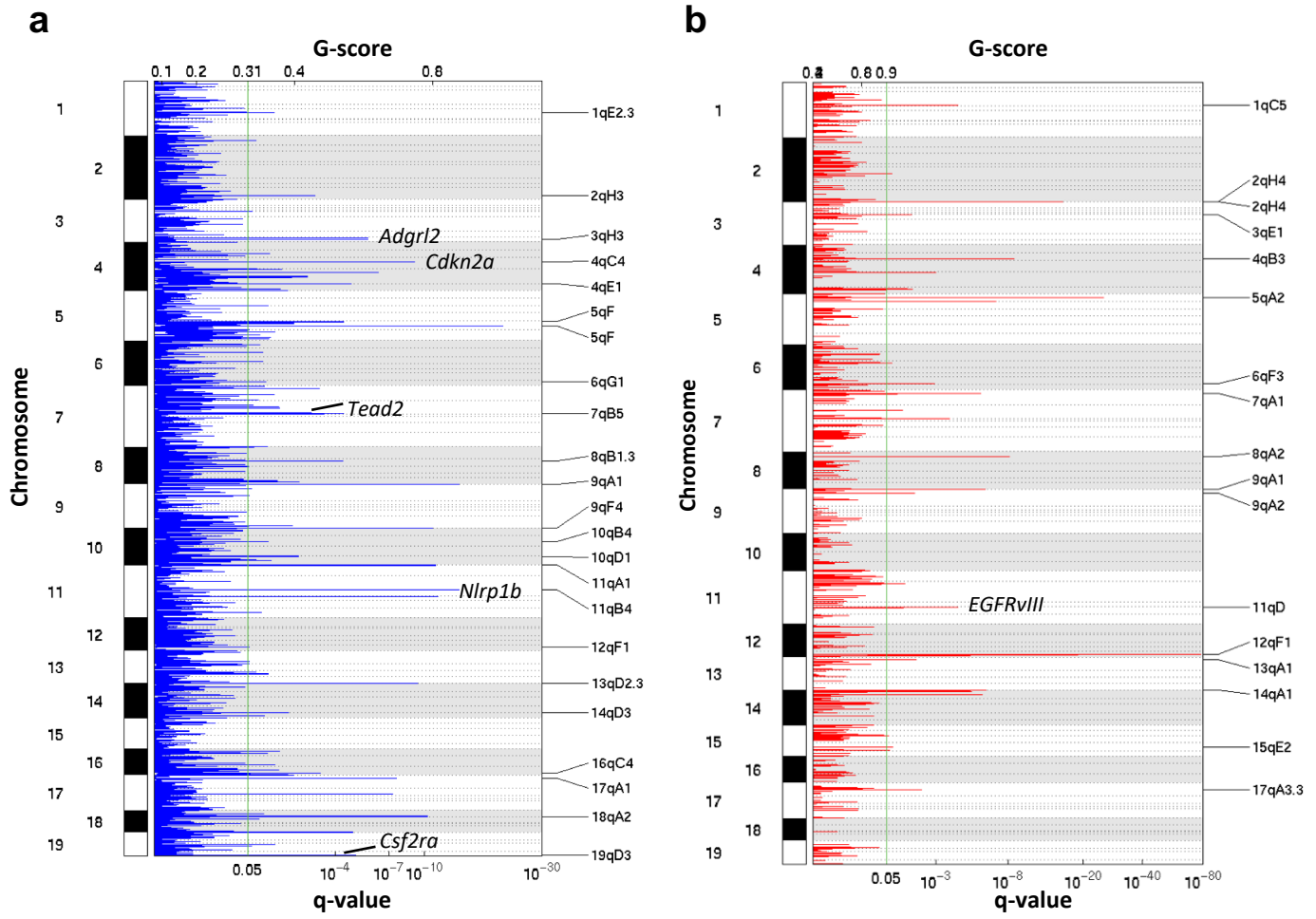


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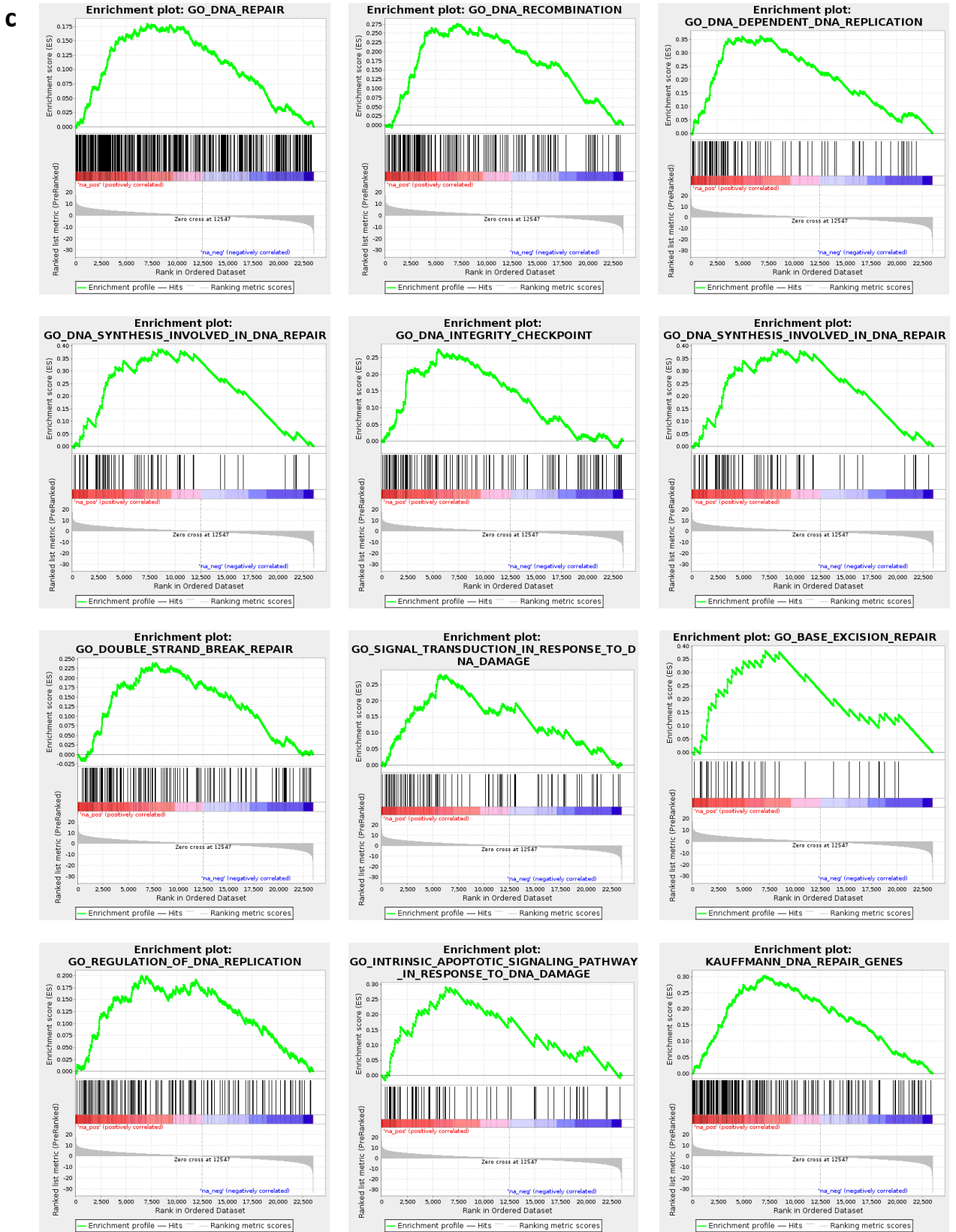
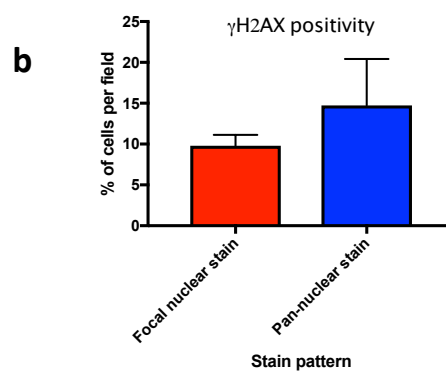
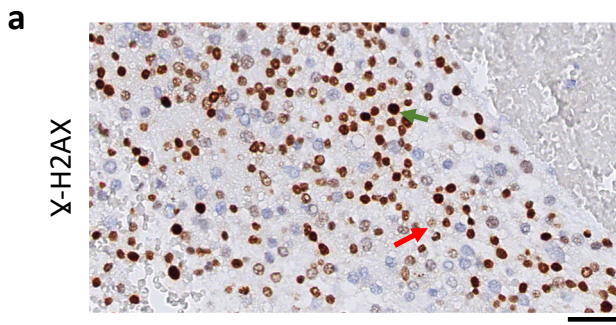
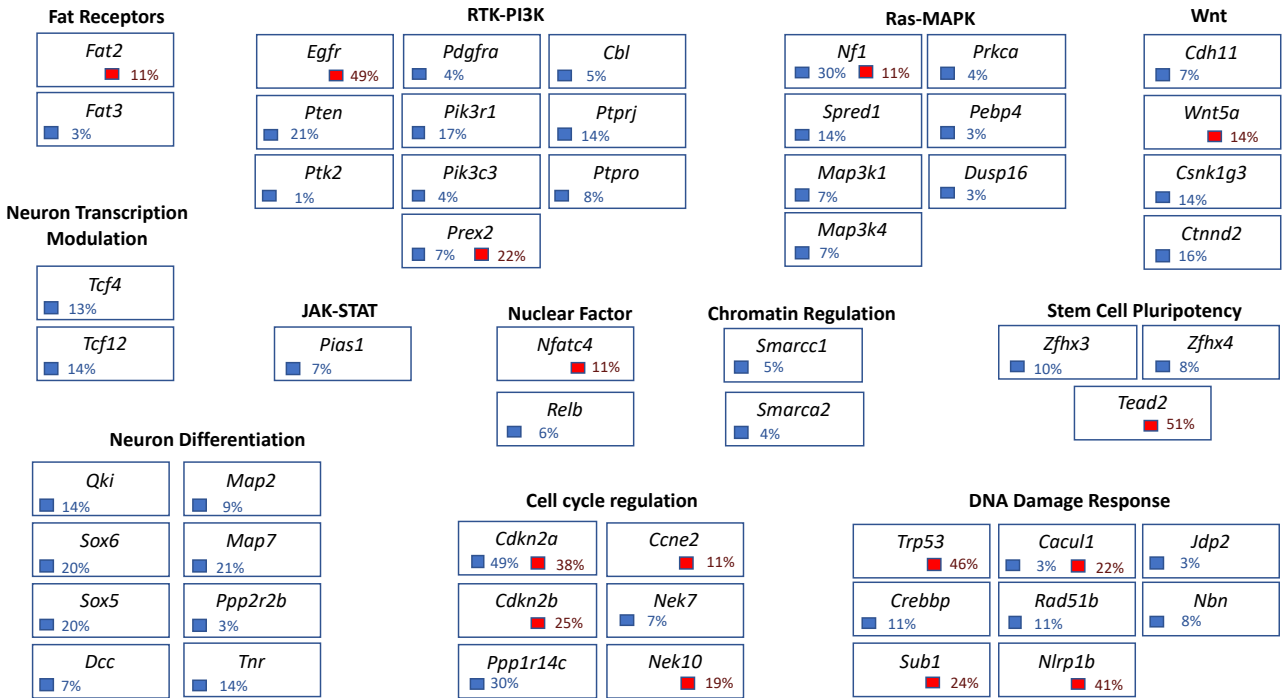


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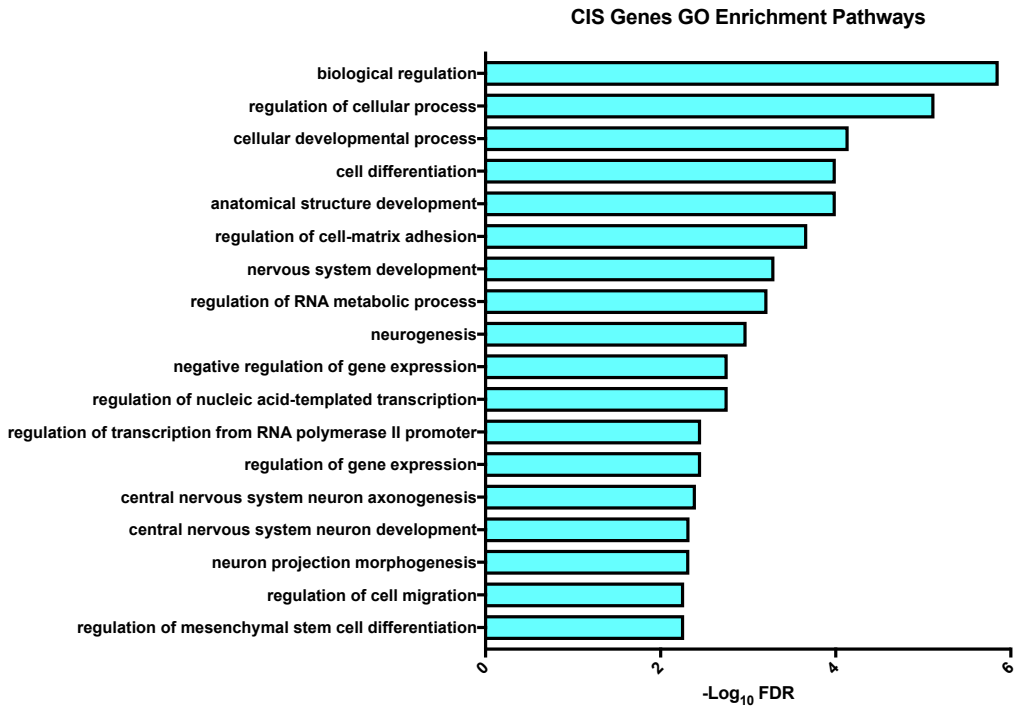


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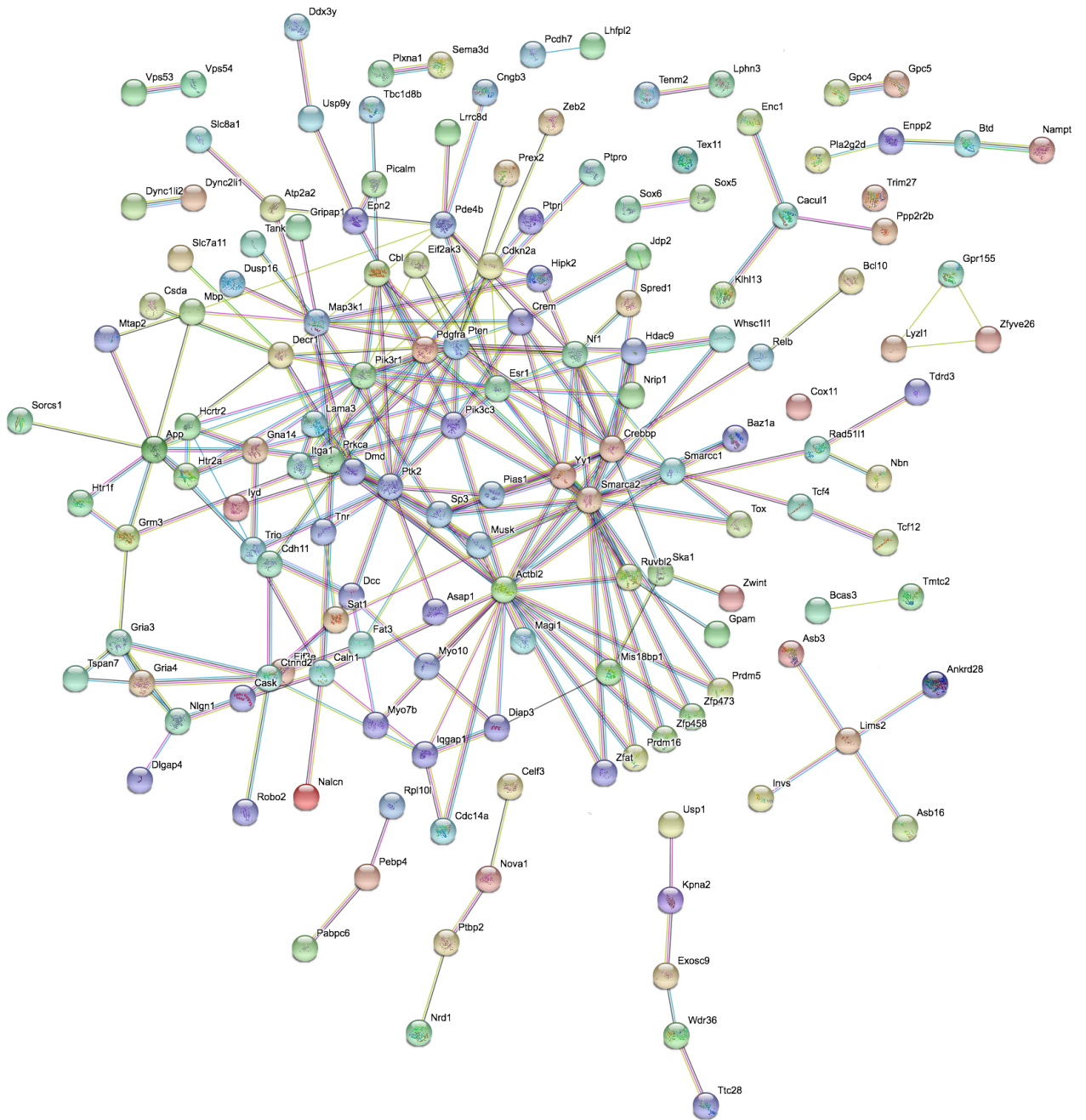


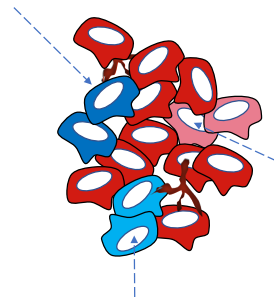
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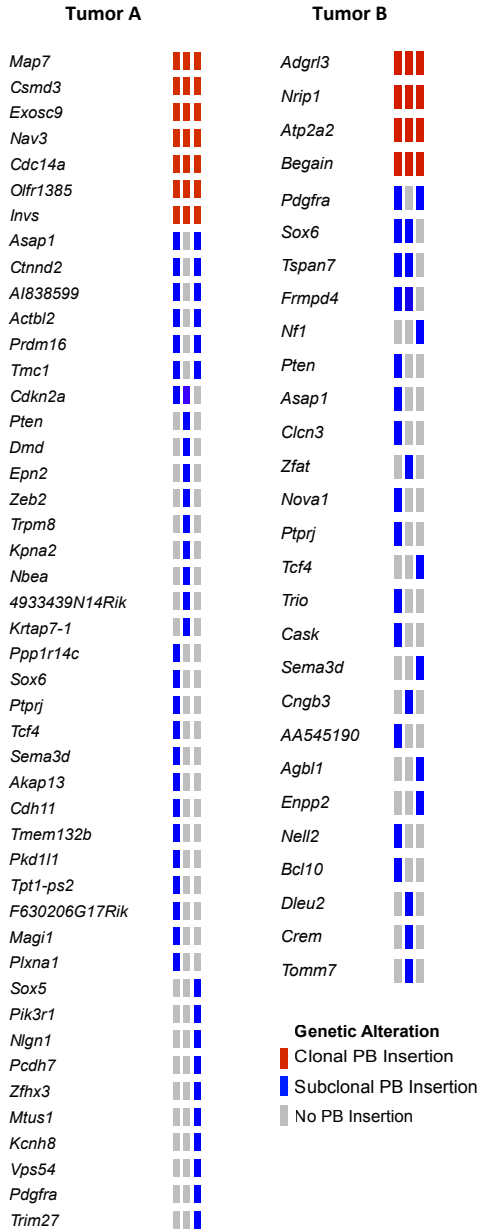


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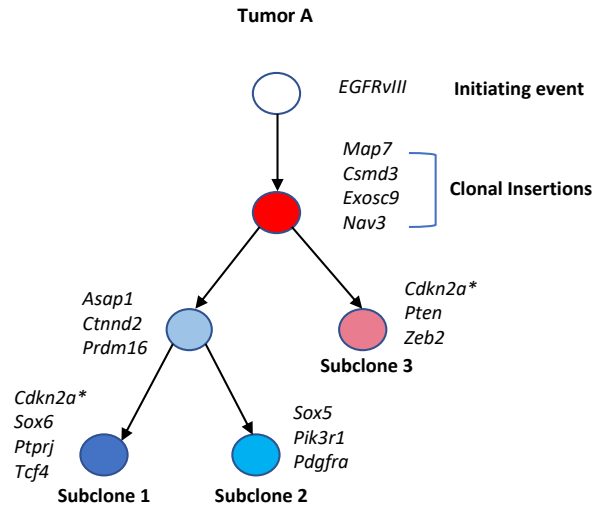
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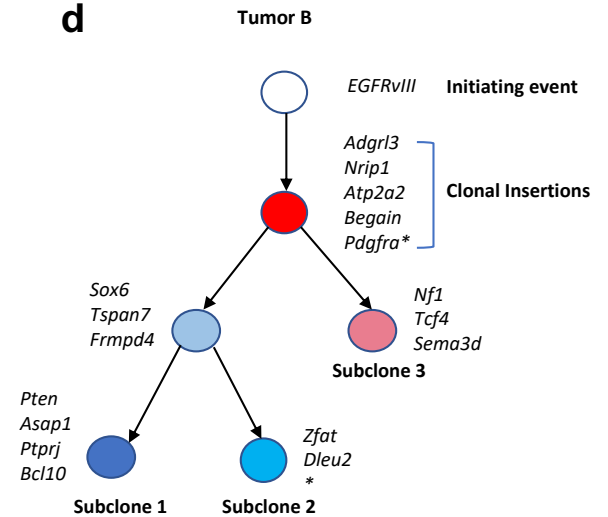
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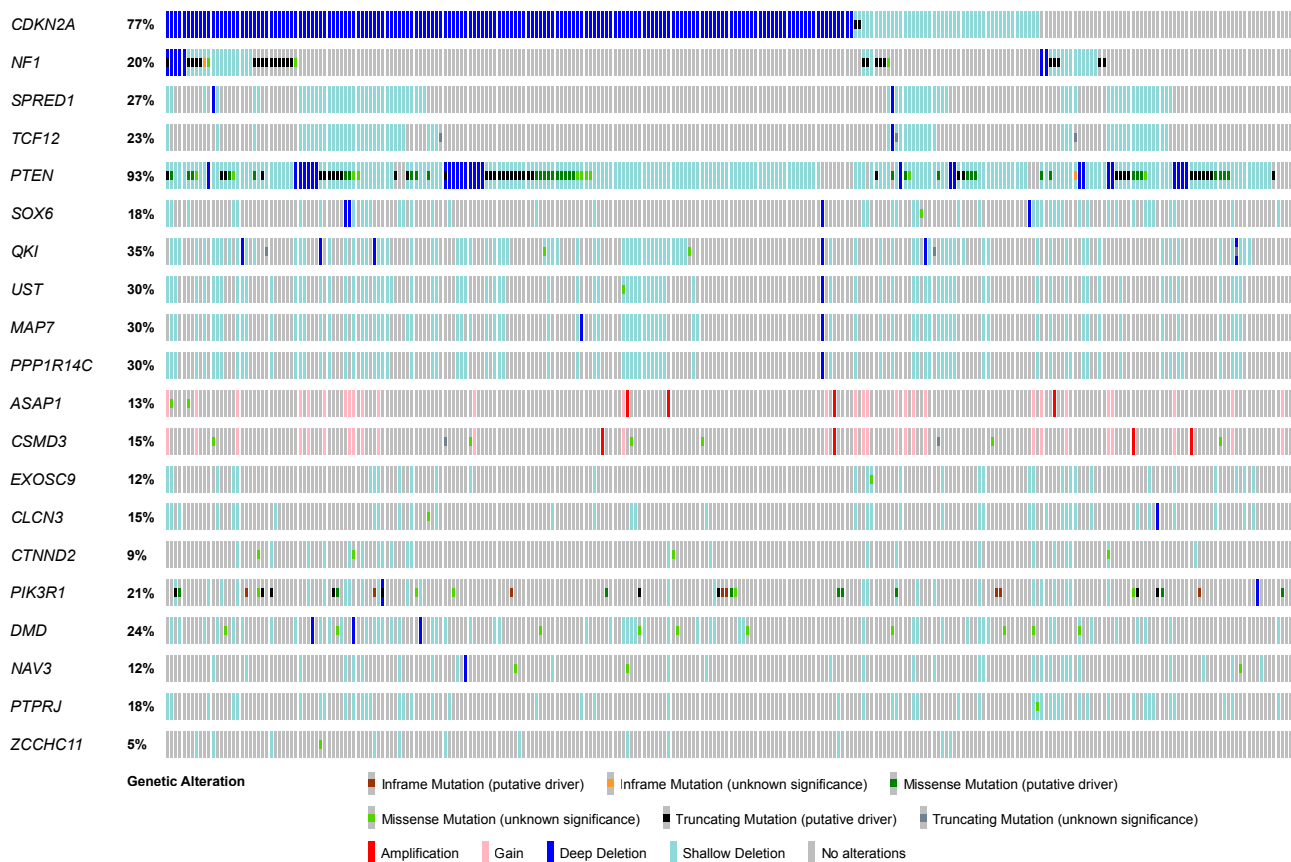
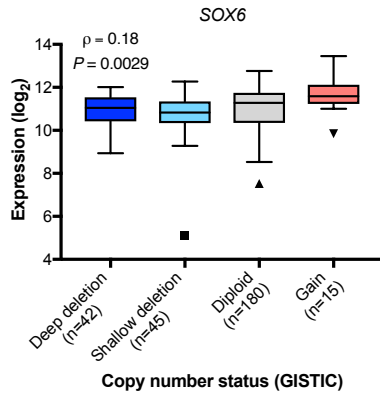
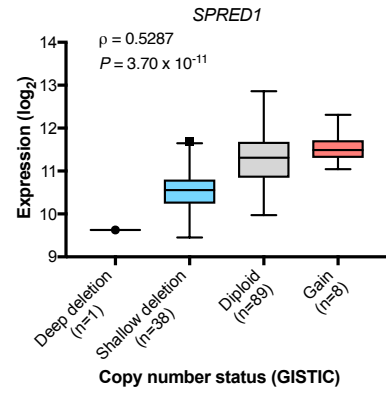
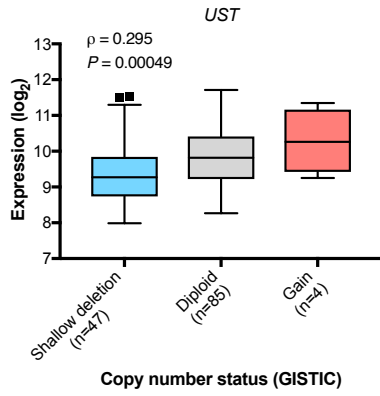
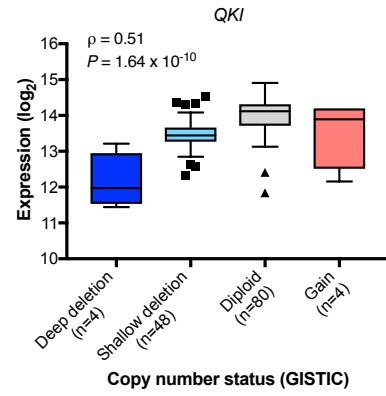


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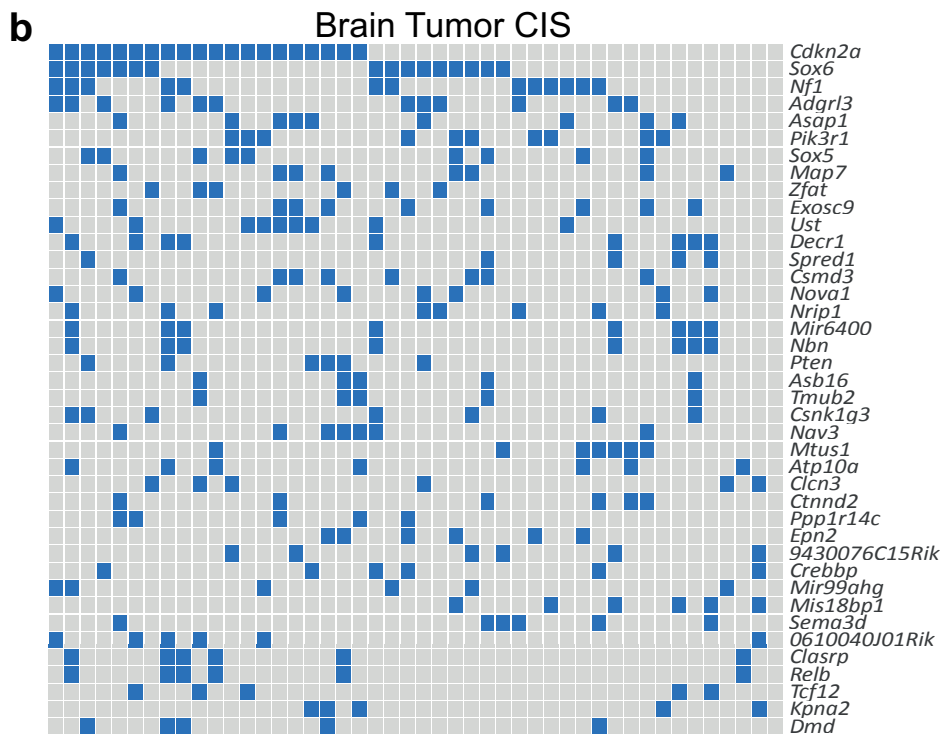
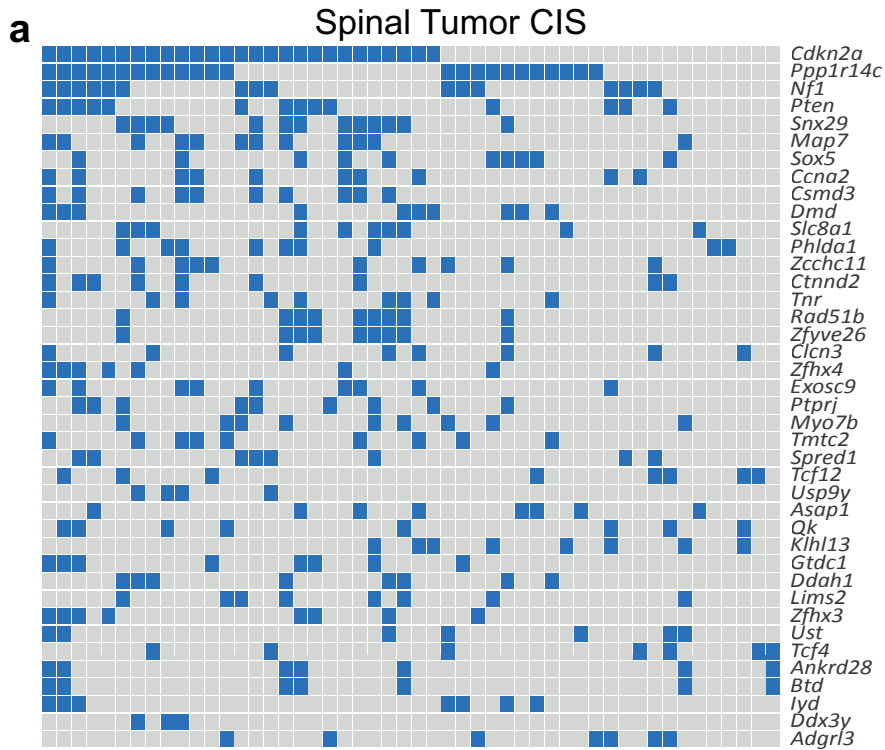


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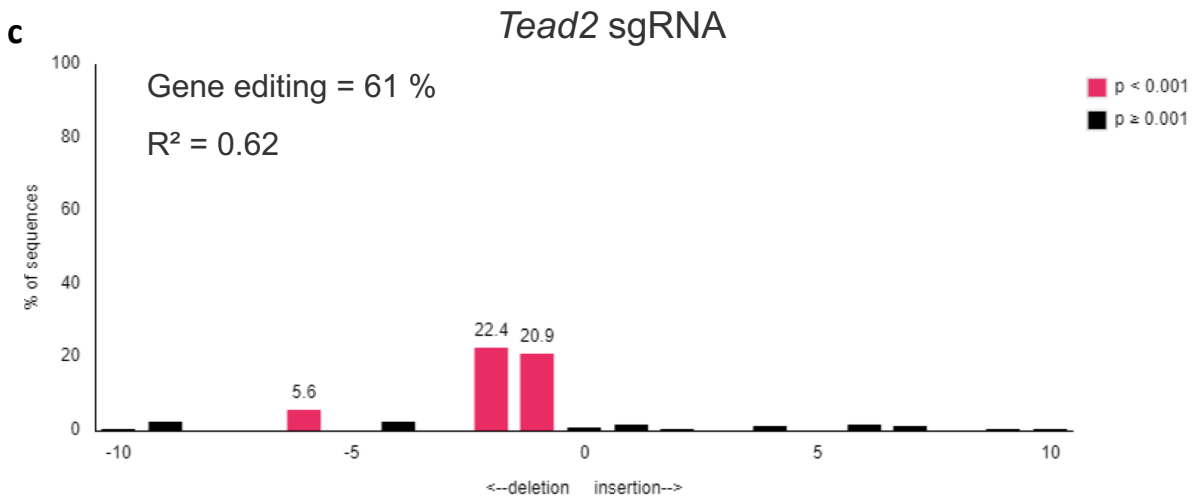
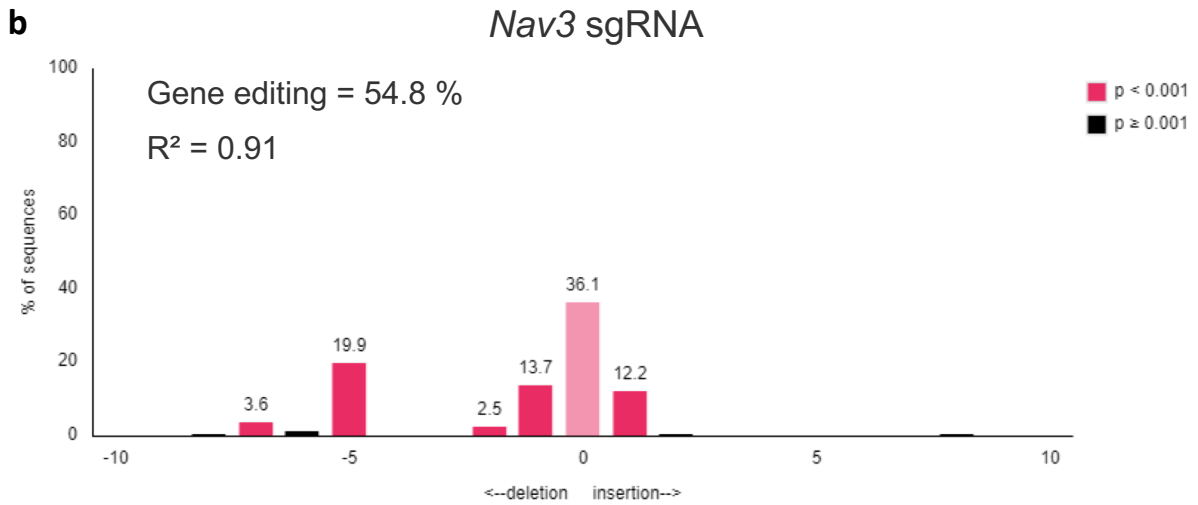
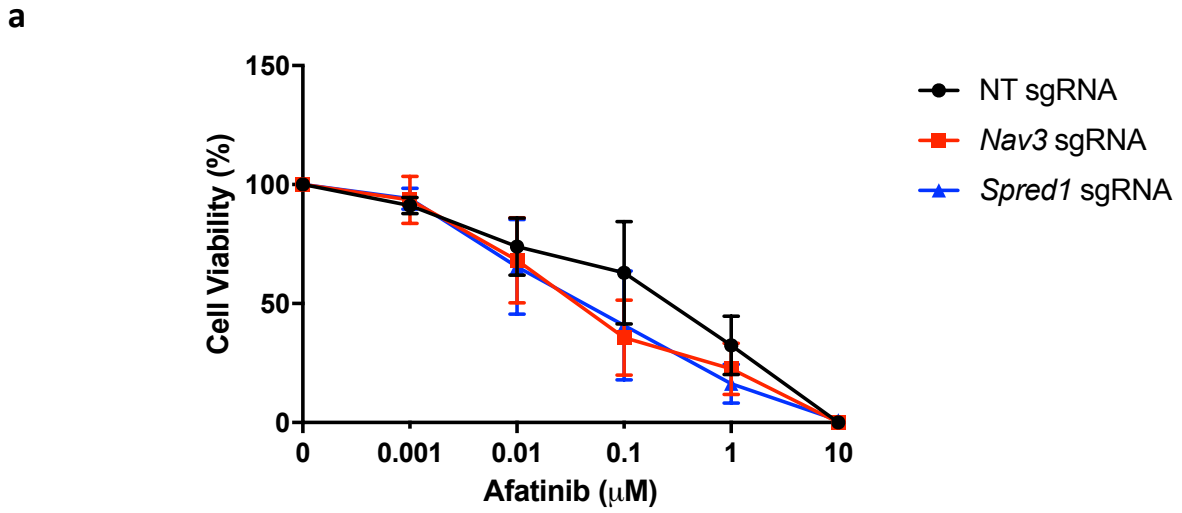


Figure S27

Figure S1. Microneoplasias in *EGFRvIII* mouse brains. Examples of the formation of small tumors in the ventricular system and subarachnoid space. A, B, C, tumor growth in the lateral ventricle, the base of the frontal brain and the subventricular zone (SVZ) adjacent to the lateral ventricle. D, E, F, formation of the hypercellular myxoid intrinsic tumor in the third ventricle (D) the lateral ventricle (E) and the base of the pons (F, arrows). G, H, I, hypercellular cluster (dark nuclei of expanded SVZ stem/progenitor cells (green arrows) and adjacent a small glial neoplasm (blue arrows). H, small glioma protruding from the floor of the 3rd ventricle and I, subarachnoid spread of a glial neoplasm on the base of the pons, in a “sugarcoat” fashion (arrows). Lettering on sides of panels reflect mouse IDs from which these tumor originated. Scale bar corresponds to 150 μ m for A and B, 75 μ m for C, 100 μ m for D, E and F, 50 μ m for G, 100 μ m for H and I.

Figure S2. Expansions of neural progenitor cells in the SVZ of *EGFRvIII* mice. Representative immunostaining for neural progenitor and stem cell markers of the SVZ from an 8-week old *EGFRvIII* mouse. Strong positivity is detected for GFAP (A), Sox2 (B) and Olig2 (C). Some positivity is also observed for PDGFR α (D), double-cortin (DCx, E) and nestin (F), correlating with cellular expansion of the SVZ. In the same mouse, possible incipient microneoplasias are seen in the SVZ (G), staining positive for Sox2 (H) and Olig2 (I). Scale bar corresponds to 50 μ m for A-F, 100 μ m for G-I.

Figure S3. Expression of human EGFR, as detected by immunostaining, is limited to tumor cells in *EGFRvIII* mouse brains. Overview (left) and detail (right) of tumors and microneoplasias of different sizes and locations. A, B, medium-sized circumscribed, extraparenchymal growing neoplasm attached to the temporal lobe. B, detail showing strong and diffuse EGFR expression specifically in the tumor. C, D, small circumscribed tumor growing on the floor of the third ventricle and expanding towards the optic tract. E, F, transformed cells, with possibly incipient formation of microneoplasia in the left lateral ventricle. G, H, scattered small neoplastic lesion on the floor of the midbrain. Scale bar corresponds to 0.7mm for A, 200 μ m for B, 0.4mm for C, 200 μ m for D, 0.7mm for E, 100 μ m for F, 0.5mm for G, 200 μ m for H.

Figure S4. Expression of human *EGFRvIII* is limited to tumor cells. A, B, overview and detail images demonstrating *EGFRvIII* immunostaining is positive across glioma cells but not normal mouse brain in *EGFRvIII*; *nes-cre* mice (n=4). C, D, overview and detail imaged demonstrating *EGFRvIII* is expressed in smaller glioma nests (precursors to larger tumors) in these mice. Scale bar corresponds to 1mm for A and C, and 100 μ m for B and D.

Figure S5. Immunostaining for markers of neural progenitors. A typical *EGFRvIII* mouse microneoplasia (INEG8.3D) is shown in the left panels: A, nuclear Sox 2 expression, B, nuclear Olig2 expression, C, nestin expression in a diffuse cytoplasmic pattern, D, expression of GFAP in reactive astrocytes, interdigitating between tumor cells. E, strong, diffuse expression of PDGFR α in all tumor cells. The right panels show a typical small glioma. F, overview of the coronal brain section with a circumscribed extracerebral intrinsic tumor, highlighted with an immunostaining for EGFR. G, detail of the tumor, stained for EGFR. H, immunostain for GFAP shows negative

tumor cells enclosing a strand of reactive glial tissue. All tumor cells strongly express PDGFRa (I), Olig2 (J), and Nestin (K). Scale bar corresponds to 50µm for A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I, J, K; 1.3mm for F.

Figure S6. Histological features of GBM in *EGFRvIII*-mice. Typical examples showing defining histological features of glioblastoma in two mouse tumors – A, B show microvascular proliferation and necrosis in one GBM, and C, D show these features in another. Scale bar corresponds to 50µm.

Figure S7. Proliferative capacity of microneoplastic cells in the SVZ and brain surface of *EGFRvIII*-mice. Overview (A) and high-power views are shown of representative Ki67-stained sections of the SVZ and brain surface. B shows the presence of Ki67 positive cells in a brain surface microneoplasia. C is an overview of the SVZ stained for Ki67; D is a high power view of a microneoplasia from this region with positive cells for Ki67, E shows some positive cells in a cellular expansion in the SVZ. Scale bar corresponds to 0.8mm for A, 70µm for B, 150µm for C, 50µm for D and E.

Figure S8. Spinal gliomas are induced on the surface of the spinal cord of *EGFRvIII* mice. H&E stained sections: A shows overview and B shows high power view of a representative tumor, with features of a leptomeningeal-invading glioma. Scale bar corresponds to 0.7mm for A and 70µm for B.

Figure S9. Mutations of *Trp53* and *Tead2* in *EGFRvIII*-only and *EGFRvIII*-PB gliomas are in DNA-binding domains. A. Plot outlining the location of *Trp53* mutations across all exome-sequenced mouse tumors. Five *EGFRvIII*-only and two *EGFRvIII*-PB tumors had in *Trp53*, all residing within its DNA-binding domain; 3 occurred in the same location. B. Plot outlining locations of *Tead2* mutations, all residing in the TEA/ATTS domain which is the DNA-binding domain of *Tead2*; 2 mutations were in same splice site location.

Figure S10. Comparative genomics of mouse *EGFRvIII* glioma mutations with human gliomas. Using the TCGA dataset of 283 patients demonstrates that several of the most frequently mutated genes in *EGFRvIII* mouse gliomas are found methylated or genetically altered with high frequency in human low-grade gliomas (LGGs). A. Plot showing genes *NLRP1*, *SUB1*, *CES1* and *ITGA6* are commonly methylated in human LGGs (medians and interquartile ranges are displayed; the methylation levels for the genes are significantly higher than for *EGFR*, $p < 0.0001$, paired t-test). B. Oncoprint demonstrating the high frequency of genetic alterations across all tumors in this dataset for *TP53*, *TEAD2*, *NT5C2*, *ADGRL2*, and *UIMC1*.

Figure S11. Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) of *EGFRvIII* brain gliomas defines their key oncogenic pathways. Plots are displayed for a selection of significantly enriched gene sets, including *SNF5*, *HOXA9*, *RB*, *VEGF*, *ESC*, *YAP*, *P53* and *MEK* gene sets (Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted $p < 0.01$). I. Transcriptional profile of these tumors are significantly enriched for the Verhaak human mesenchymal glioblastoma profile (Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted $p < 0.01$).

Figure S12. *Hox* gene upregulation correlates with poor prognosis in glioblastoma patients. The large human TCGA GBM dataset of 273 patients was analyzed for survival correlations. *Hoxa5*, *Hoxc8* and *Hoxa2* are amongst the top 5 most overexpressed genes in *EGFRvIII*-mouse brain tumors, and this analysis shows that overexpression of these genes correlates with significantly worse overall survival in GBM patients ($p < 0.05$, log-rank test).

Figure S13. Gene set enrichment analysis of *EGFRvIII* spinal gliomas defines their key oncogenic pathways. Plots for a selection of significantly enriched gene sets are presented here, including *Rb*, *E2F1*, *SNF5*, *ESC* (embryonic stem cell), *HOXA9*, and *ERBB2* gene sets (Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted $p < 0.01$). G. Transcriptional profile of these tumors are significantly enriched for the Verhaak human mesenchymal glioblastoma profile (Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted $p < 0.01$).

Figure S14. Gene ontology (DAVID) analysis of differentially expressed genes in *EGFRvIII* mouse brain and spinal gliomas. In brain tumors, there is enrichment for gene sets reflecting brain developmental processes, whereas in spinal tumors the gene sets reflect processes intrinsic to the spinal cord. These data reflect the different tissue origins of these tumors; note the absence of gene sets for oncogenic pathways here, as these are largely shared between the two types of tumor. FDR – false discovery rate.

Figure S15. Clinical Phenotype of *EGFRvIII*-PB mice. A. Photograph of an *EGFRvIII*-PB mouse with enlarged head due to an underlying brain glioma. B, C. Macroscopic photographs of areas of the brain from the same mouse showing the presence of a tumor on the brain surface.

Figure S16. Typical example of a grade III brain glioma from an *EGFRvIII*-PB mouse. Overview (A) and high power (B) H&E-stained histological sections of a brain tumor from the mouse previously shown in Supplementary Figure S13. C. This brain tumor has a higher proliferative index (Ki67 staining) than earlier microneoplasias, in this case estimated to be 10-20% across the tumor. This tumor contains many cells expressing neural stem and progenitor markers PDGFR α (D), Olig2 (E) and nestin (F), with some cells also expressing Sox2 (G). Scale bar corresponds to 2.5mm for A, D, E, F, G; 200 μ m for B; 150 μ m for C.

Figure S17. Transposon mobilization in *EGFRvIII*-PB mice and survival times. A. PCR assay to detect mobilization or lack of excision of the ATP1S2 transposon. B. Examples of PCR results showing mobilization of the transposon in GBMs from mice containing PB, and absence of transposition in brains from mice without PB; only genotyping from sites 2 and 3 (referenced in A) are shown here. Fragment sizes: 220bp for site 2; 182bp for site 3; 100bp ladder. C. Kaplan-Meier survival curves of *EGFRvIII*-only ($n=48$) and *EGFR*-PB ($n=72$) mice, with no significant difference between them ($p = 0.95$, log-rank test). No differences in survival or pathology were observed between *EGFRvIII*; *nes-cre* and *EGFRvIII*; *nes-cre*; ATP1S2 mice. Tumors were not observed in PB-only (TSPB; ATP1S2; *nes-cre*, $n=20$) or *nes-cre* ($n=10$) mice after 60 weeks.

Figure S18. Plots showing focal copy number variations across *EGFRvIII*-only and *EGFRvIII*-PB mice. Significant focal deletions as determined by GISTIC2 are displayed in A, and significant focal

amplifications are displayed in B. Lower x-axis represents q-value (significance at < 0.05) and top x-axis represents the G-score.

Figure S19. Evidence of replication stress and activation of DNA damage response pathways.

A. Immunostaining for γ H2AX in *EGFRvIII*-mouse gliomas. High power view of a typical immunostain of a tumor; green arrow shows pan-nuclear staining of a tumor cell and red arrow indicates a typical pattern of focal nuclear staining. Scale bar 25 μ m B. Quantification of γ H2AX in *EGFRvIII*-mouse gliomas, including focal and pan-nuclear staining. Bars represent mean values (n=2 tumors with three views per tumor) \pm SEM. C. RNA-seq analysis using gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) of mouse *EGFRvIII*-gliomas shows significant enrichment for pathways involved in the DNA damage response, as indicated. Each enriched pathway has an FDR q-value < 0.001 .

Figure S20. Key genes from *PiggyBac* mutagenesis and whole-exome-sequencing cluster into oncogenic pathways.

A. Oncogenic pathways driving *EGFR*-mutant glioma progression are displayed. Blue boxes depict the percentage of tumors containing a *PiggyBac* insertion for a particular CIS gene; red boxes show the percentage of tumors with a mutation or CNV detected by WES. All pathways have at least one gene targeted by transposons ($p < 0.0001$, Kernel convolution analysis). Analysis using *Panther* showed that key genes are grouped into oncogenic pathways. B. David gene ontology (GO) analysis of all 281 glioma CIS genes shows significant enrichment for pathways including neurogenesis and mesenchymal stem cell differentiation, suggesting these pathways are important in driving *EGFR*-mutant gliomagenesis (FDR = false discovery rate).

Figure S21. Network analysis of all interacting CIS transposon genes.

An analysis, performed using STRING, to determine the functional connectivity between CIS genes demonstrates there are 253 interactions between their proteins, showing *PiggyBac* mutagenesis has identified mutations in functionally interacting proteins (Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted $p = 4.88 \times 10^{-13}$, Hypergeometric test). Color coding: colored nodes are proteins from CIS genes; connecting lines are known or predicted interactions between proteins; see <https://string-db.org> for further details.

Figure S22. Insertional pattern consistent with *Pdgfra* gene activation in brain tumors.

PiggyBac transposons from all *EGFRvIII*-PB gliomas are largely at the start of the gene in the forward orientation, with only two at the last exons of the gene (likely to be of lesser functional significance), suggesting the transposons are driving transcriptional activation.

Figure S23. *EGFRvIII*-PB gliomas display intratumor heterogeneity, and PB insertions identify their evolutionary routes.

A. Overview of the experiment: two gliomas were sampled from three independent regions each, and their DNA was subjected to QI-seq to determine their insertions. Only insertions in CIS genes (determined to be significant across all 96 tumors) were included in this analysis. B. The insertional patterns from tumor A (a low grade glioma on histopathology) and tumor B (a glioblastoma) from all three regions are displayed on this oncoprint, with clonal PB insertions (found in all regions of the tumor) colored red and subclonal ones (found in some

regions of the tumor but not all) colored blue. C. Tumor A shows branching evolution, with truncal clonal insertions in genes including *Map7*, *Csmd3*, *Nav3* and *Exosc9*. *Subclones 1 and 3 have different *Cdkn2a* insertions, implying these arose later and independently in evolution. D. Tumor B similarly shows branching evolution, with distinct clonal and subclonal PB insertions. *Subclones 1 and 3 have the same *Pdgfra* insertion, but subclone 2 does not suggesting *Pdgfra* was likely a truncal insertion that subclone 2 later lost due to continued PB transposition.

Figure S24. Comparative genomic analysis confirms the presence of genetic alterations in human GBMs for the top CIS genes. Data were analyzed from the TCGA high-grade glioma dataset of 273 patients, confirming that for most of the top CIS genes there is a high frequency of alterations (particularly copy-number changes) in these patients.

Figure S25. Deletions in putative tumor suppressors are associated with reduced expression. A – D. Correlation of expression levels of *SOX6* in LGGs (A), *SPRED1* (B), *UST* (C) and *QKI* (D) in GBMs with their respective copy number levels using the entire TCGA human datasets (RNA-seq data available for n=282 LGGs and n=136 GBMs) in order to provide adequate sample sizes. Boxes span the third (Q3) quartile to the first (Q1) quartile (interquartile range, IQR), with the line at the median; whiskers extend to $Q3 + 1.5 \times IQR$ and $Q1 - 1.5 \times IQR$. Outliers are plotted as individual points. Spearman's rank correlation was used to calculate correlation coefficients (ρ) and *P* values. These data imply deletions of these genes result in loss of their expression, supporting their roles as tumor suppressors.

Figure S26. PiggyBac mutagenesis identifies EGFRvIII cooperative genes in brain and spinal tumors. A. Oncoprint showing the top CIS genes for spinal tumors, ranked according to the total number of insertions. B. Oncoprint for the top CIS genes in brain tumors. Note that *Pten* ranks very highly in spinal tumors but ranks lower in brain tumors (not seen in this oncoprint), where in contrast there are some alternative drivers ranking highly such as *Sox6* and *Pik3r1*.

Figure S27. Treatment of gliomaspheres with afatinib in the presence of CRISPR-Cas9 induced mutations. A. *EGFRvIII*-mouse gliomaspheres were treated with afatinib at the concentrations shown. Wild-type cells (with a non-targeting sgRNA, NT sgRNA), as well as cells with *Nav3* and *Spred1* loss-of-function mutations were treated. No significant difference in cell viability was observed between these conditions. Significance testing was done with the two-sided t-test, and $p < 0.05$ was deemed significant. B. TIDE confirms on-target indels for *Nav3* created by CRISPR-cas9, and also for *Tead2* (C). The bar plots indicate the percentage of sequences with indels at the loci indicated around the sgRNA target site.

Table S1. Mouse Phenotypes. Outline of clinical and histological details of mice in this study.

Table 2. Significantly mutated genes. All recurrent significantly mutated genes are presented.

Table S3. Significant deletions. Focally deleted regions are presented.

Table S4. RNA-seq in brain tumors. Results of analysis of RNA-seq data from brain tumors of *EGFRvIII*-only mice.

Table S5. RNA-seq in spinal tumors. Results of analysis of RNA-seq data from spinal tumors of *EGFRvIII*-only mice.

Table S6. CIS genes. All common integration sites from piggyBac in both brain and spinal tumors.

Table S7. Fusion Transcripts. Results from RNA-seq analysis identifying fusion transcripts between *piggyBac* and endogenous genes.

Table S8. CanSAR analysis for druggable genes. All druggable genes from the glioma network are presented. Dark green = targets with clinically approved drugs available; light green = targets of investigational drugs; yellow = targets of drugs under chemical investigation; light red = targets that are predicted to be druggable by chemistry-based assessment.

Table S9. Glioma drug targets identified from CanSAR analysis of PB CIS driver genes and recurrently mutated genes. Proteins in bold typeface are those that have been targeted with drugs in human glioma cell lines with at least partial efficacy.

Table S10. GDSC analysis for sensitivity of human glioma cell lines to drugs targeting the glioma network.

Table S11. Sequences for CRISPR sgRNAs used in this study.