

# EMERGING THERAPEUTIC TARGETS IN MULTIPLE MYELOMA



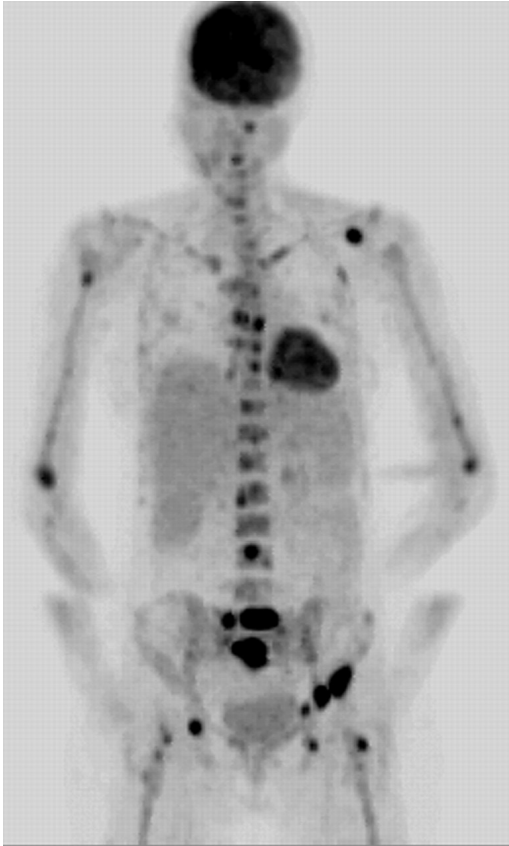
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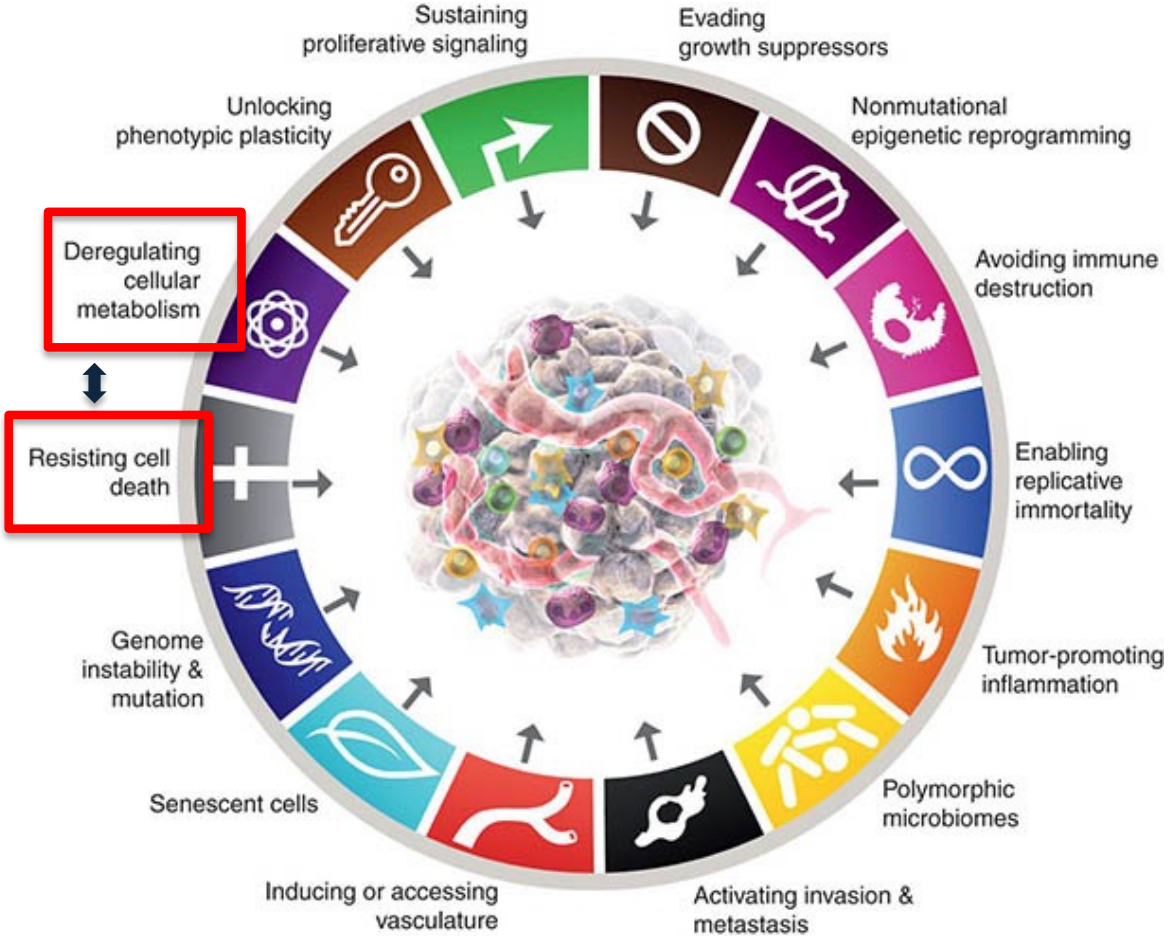
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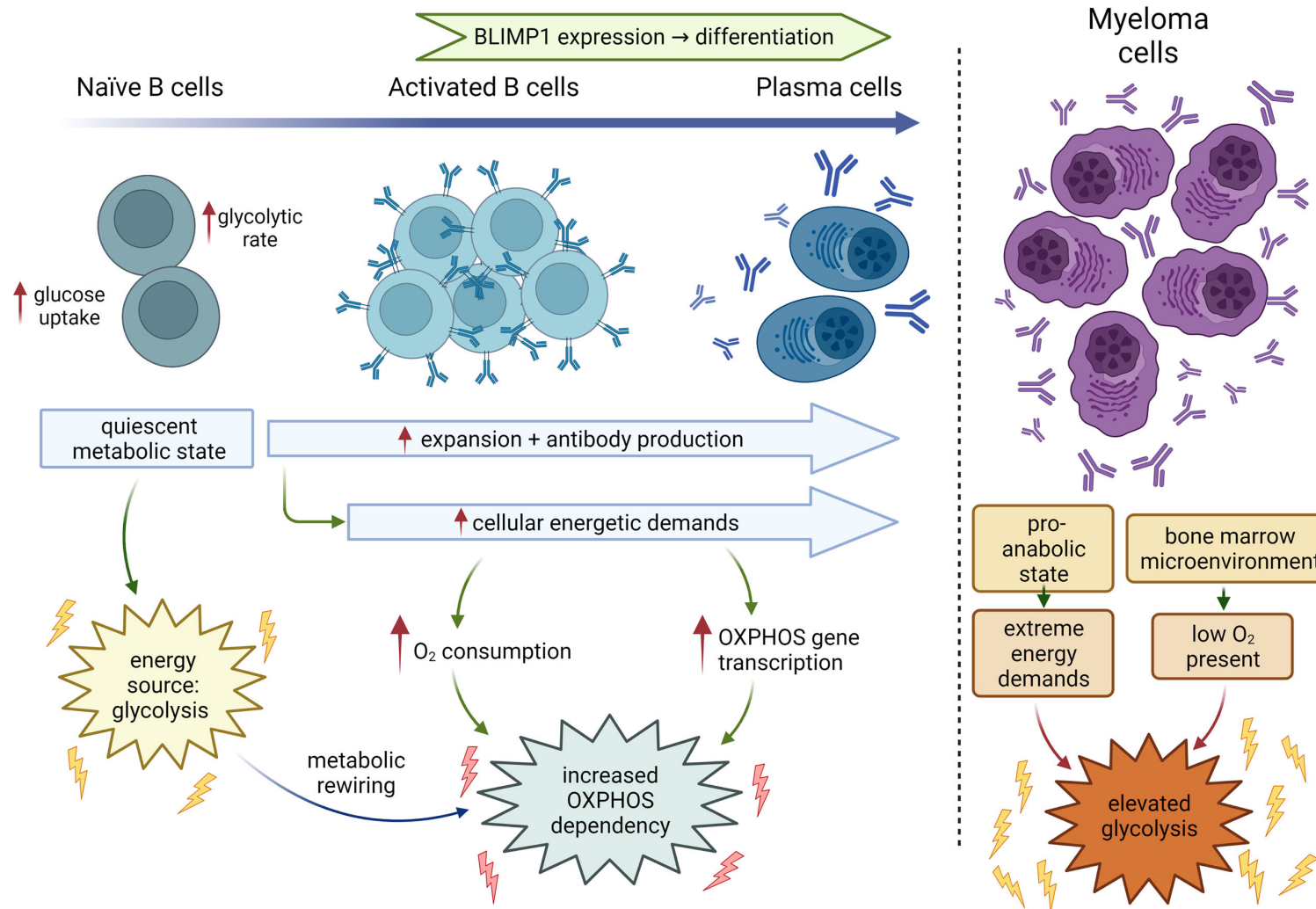
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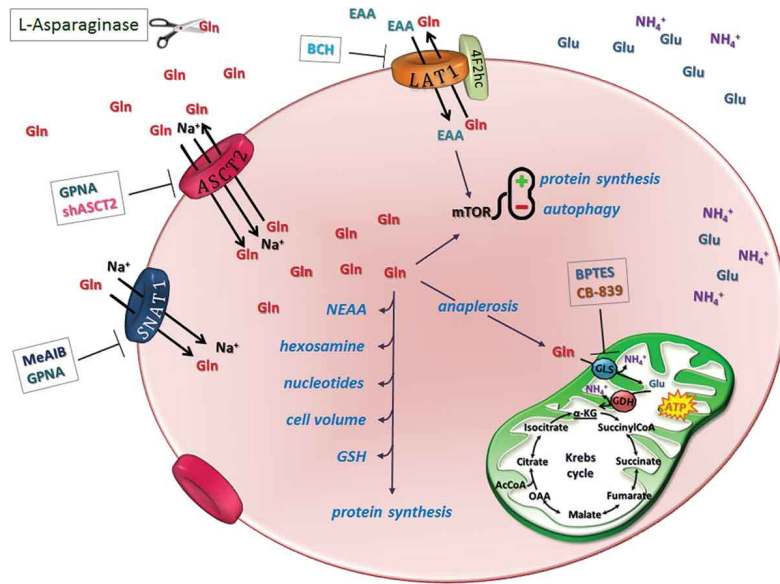
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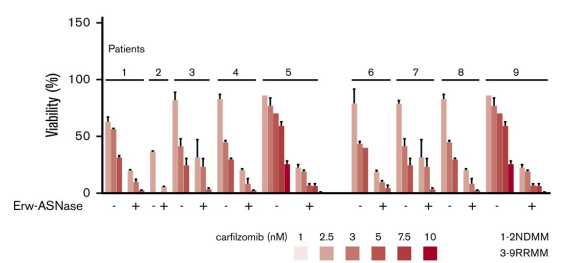
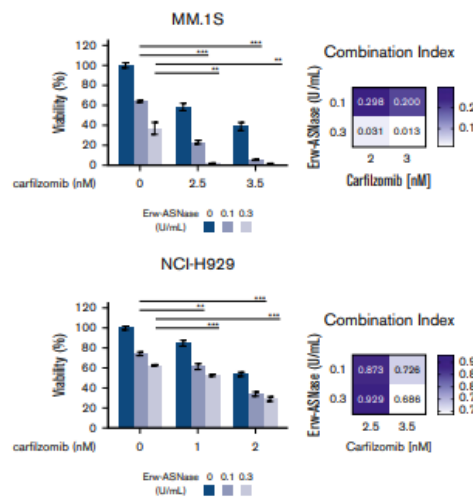
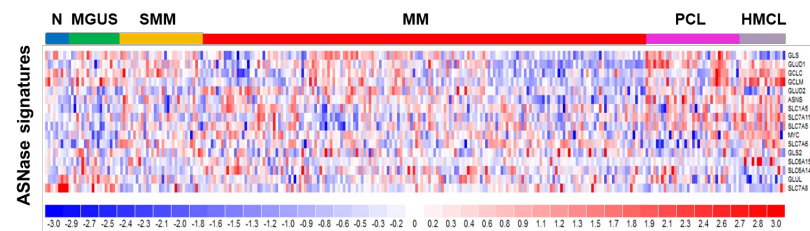
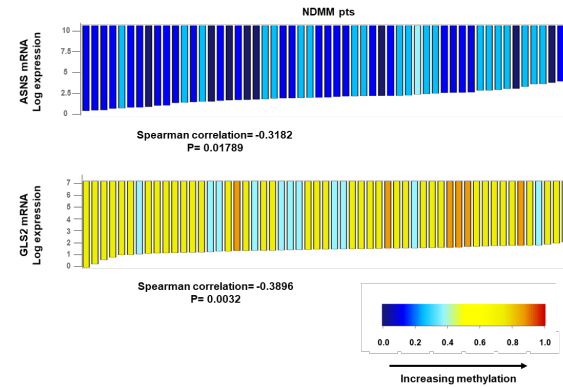
# AMINO ACID DEPLETION AS THERAPEUTIC TARGETS FOR MULTIPLE MYELOMA



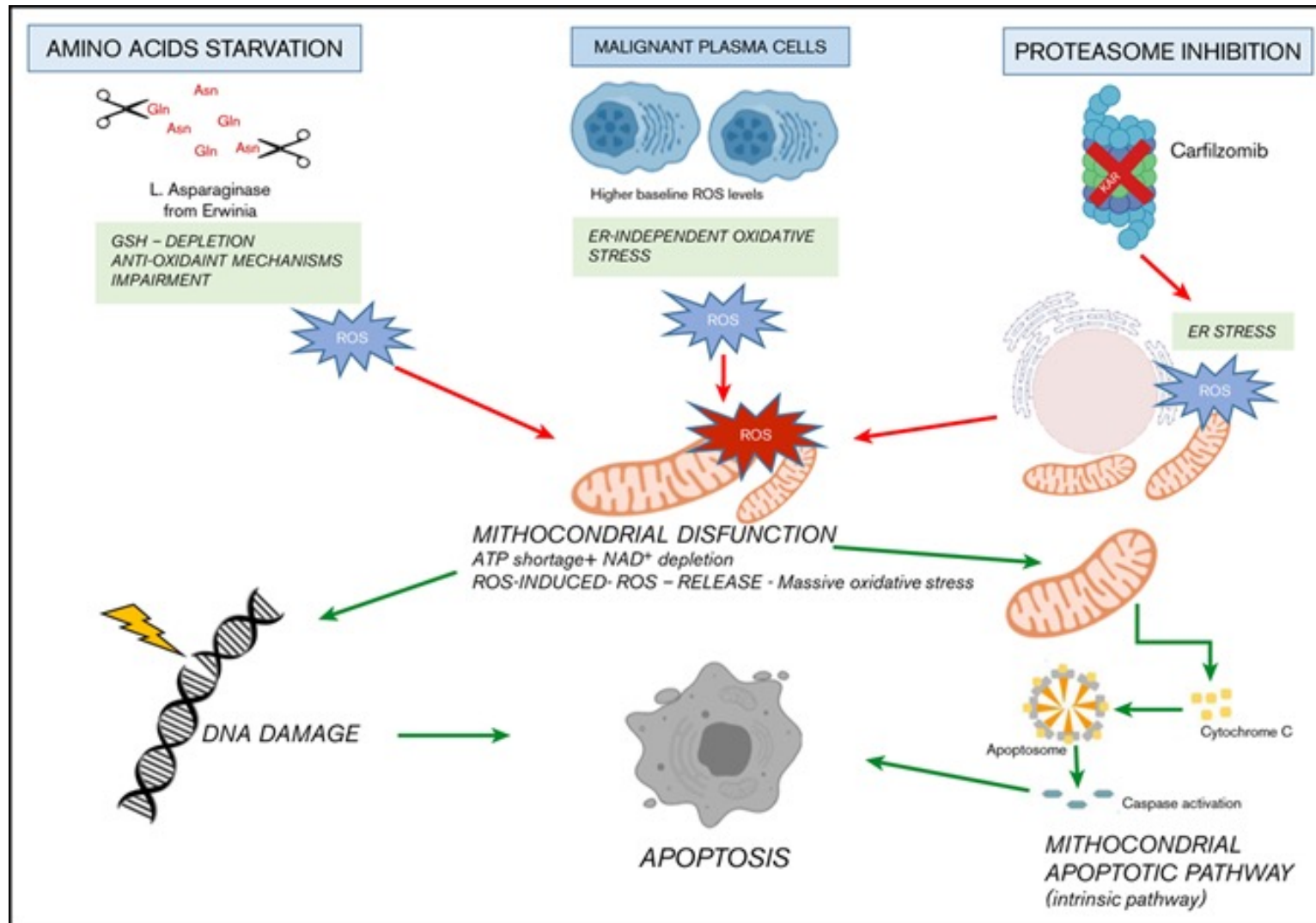
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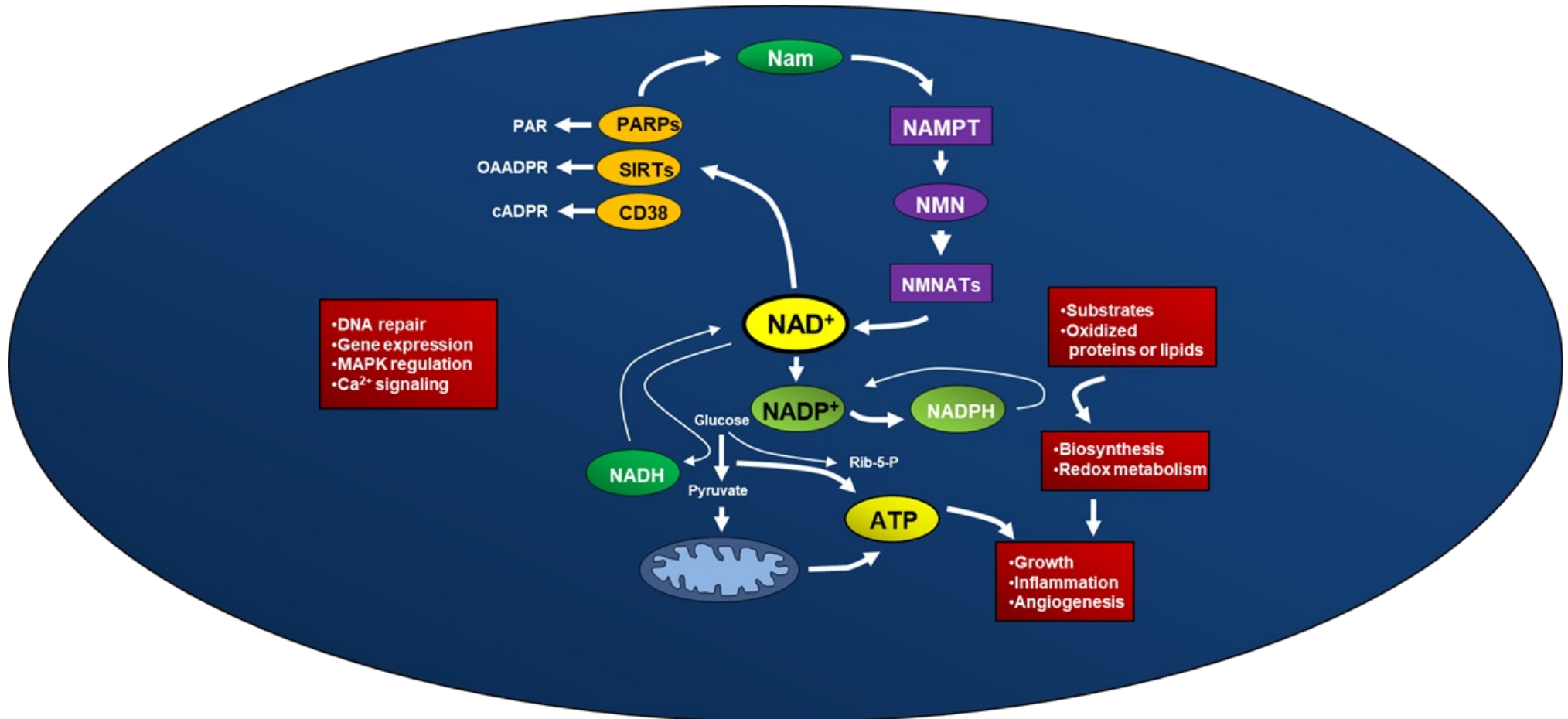
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# AMINO ACID DEPLETION TRIGGERED BY L-ASPARAGINASE SENSITIZES MM CELLS TO CARFILZOMIB BY INDUCING MITOCHONDRIA ROS-MEDIATED CELL DEATH



# TARGETING NAD<sup>+</sup> METABOLISM IN MULTIPLE MYELOMA



# MYELOMA EXHIBIT ALTERED NAD<sup>+</sup> METABOLISM: THERAPEUTIC IMPLICATIONS



LYMPHOID NEOPLASIA

## Targeting NAD<sup>+</sup> salvage pathway induces autophagy in multiple myeloma cells via mTORC1 and extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK1/2) inhibition

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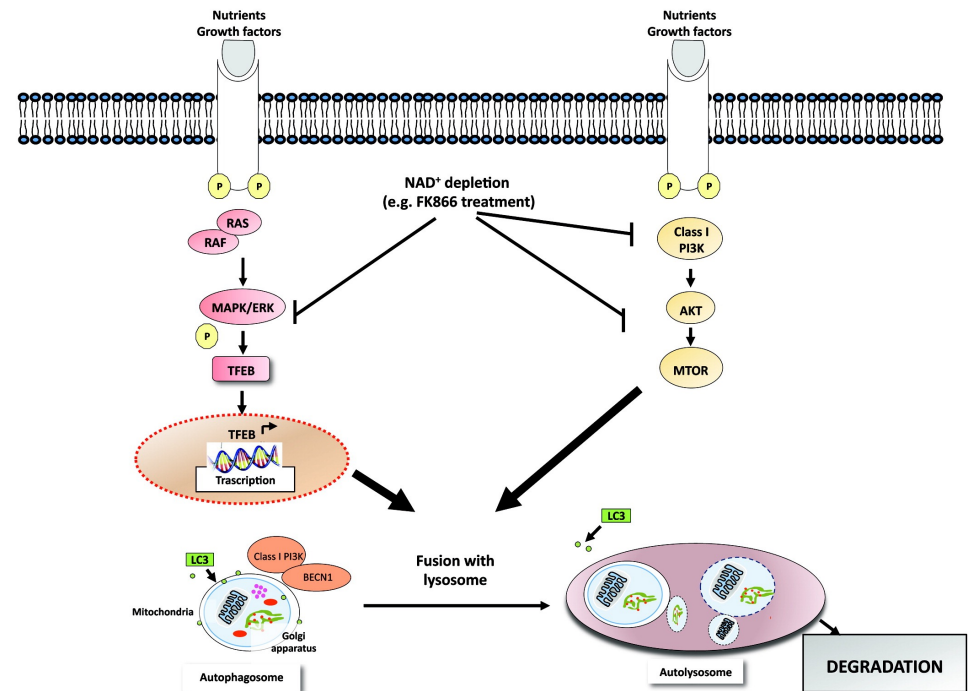
## LYMPHOID NEOPLASIA

## Intracellular NAD<sup>+</sup> depletion enhances bortezomib-induced anti-myeloma activity

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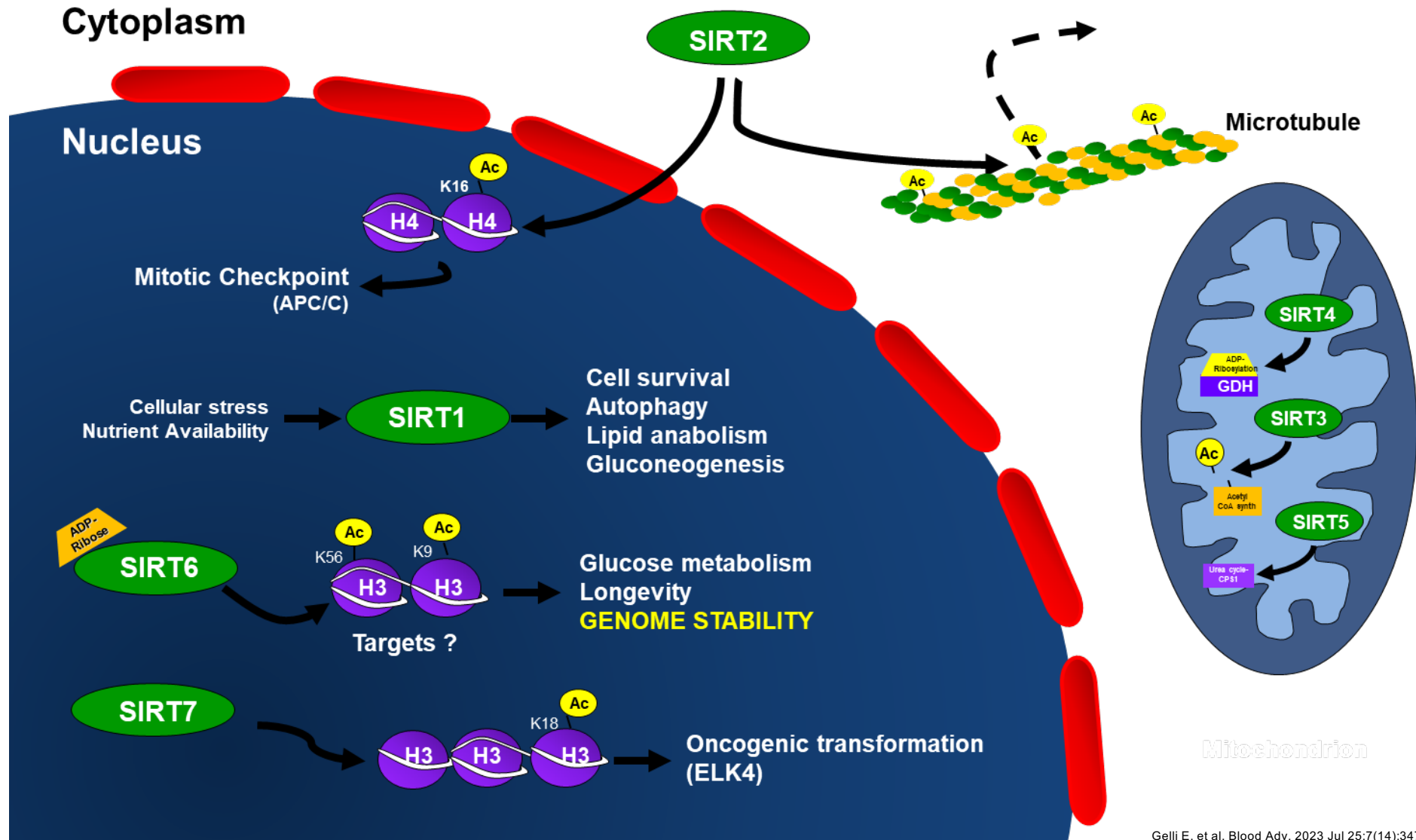
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.....Overall we found an increased sensitivity of MM cells to NAD<sup>+</sup>-lowering agents

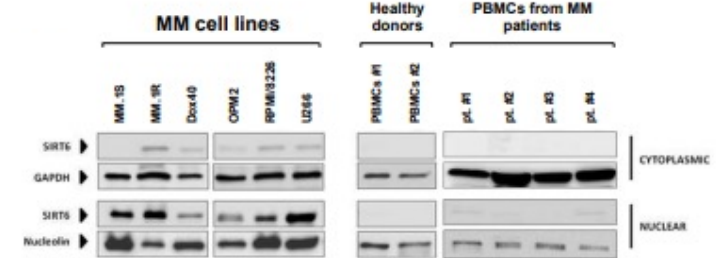
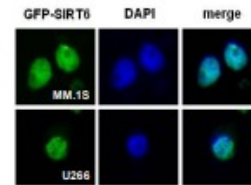
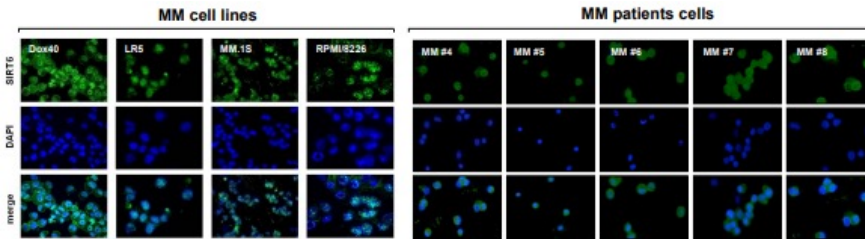
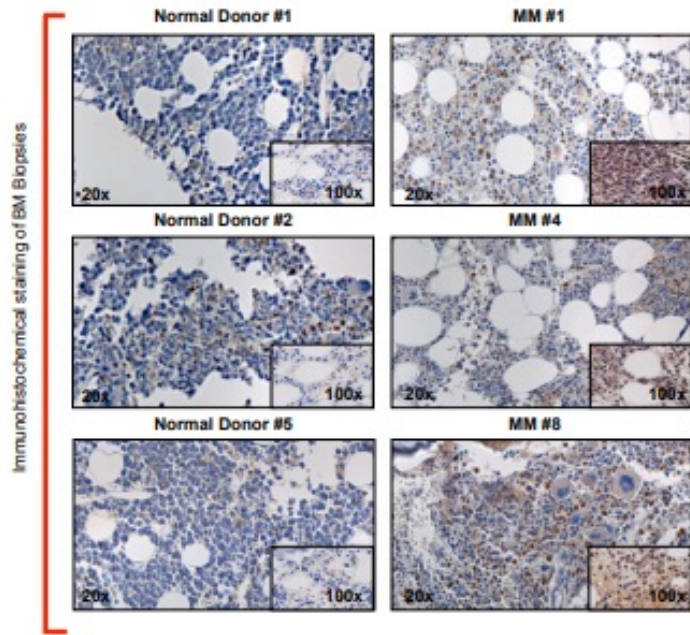
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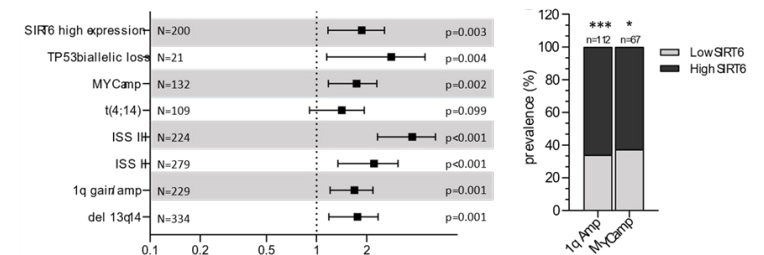
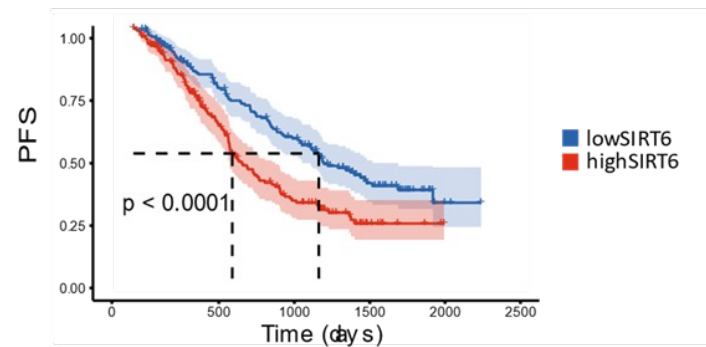
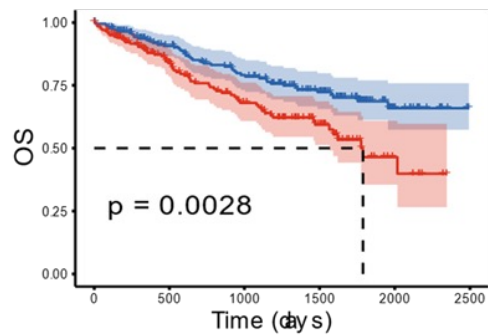
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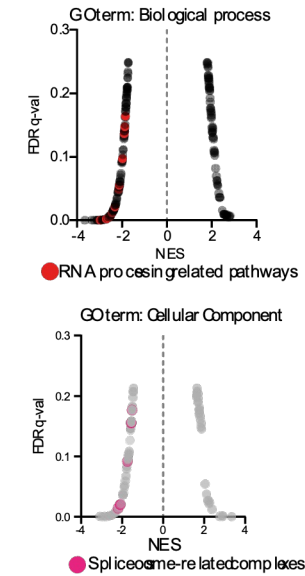
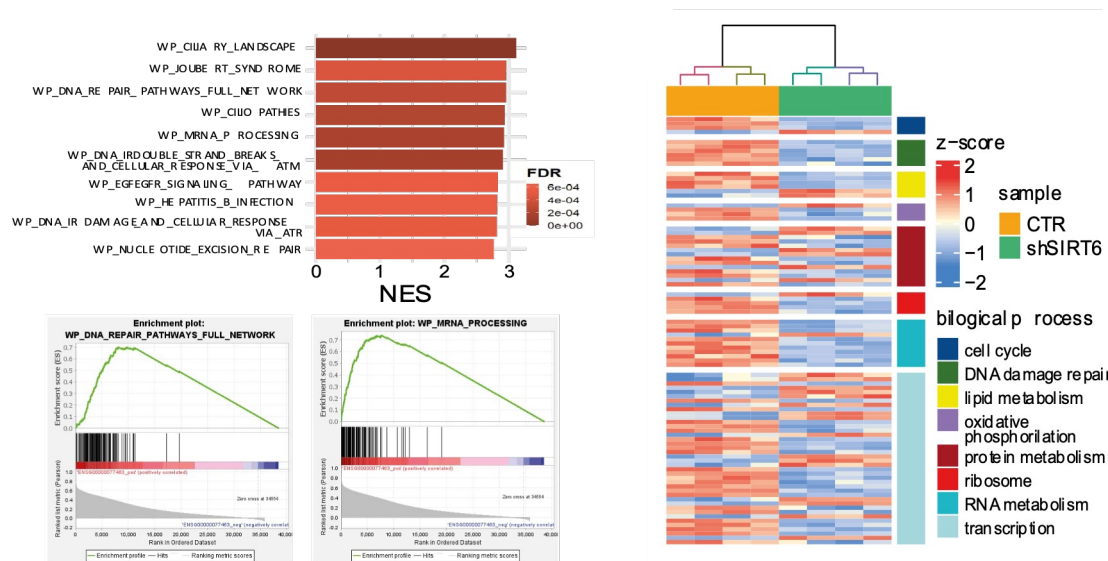


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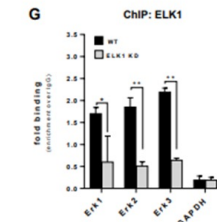
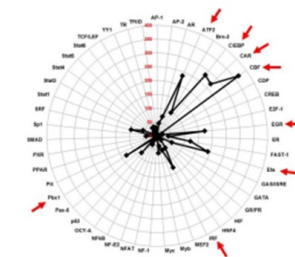
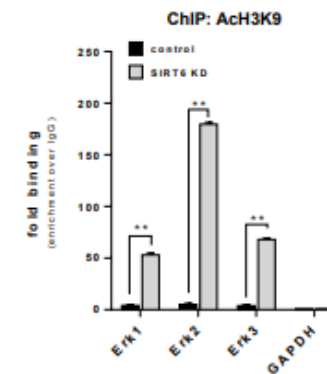
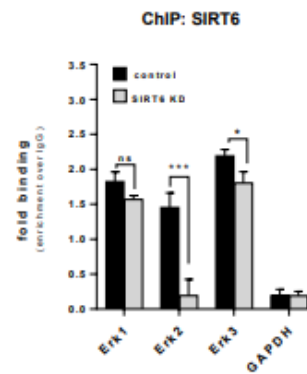
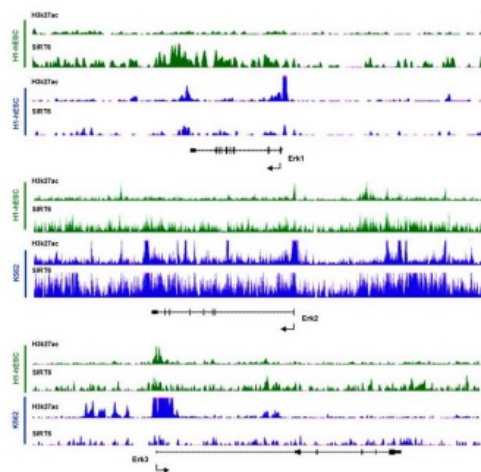


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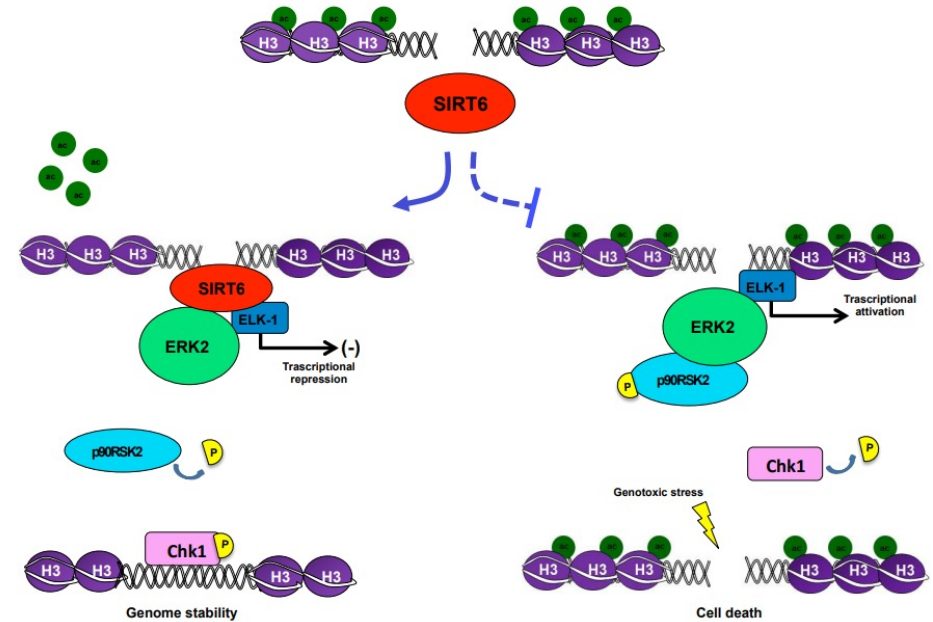
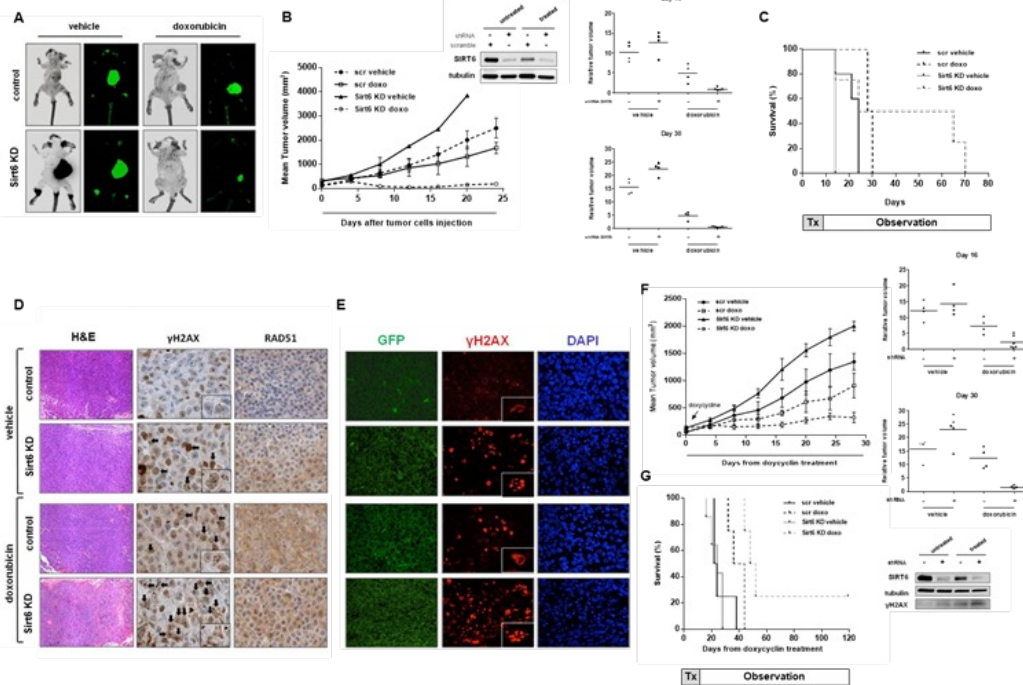


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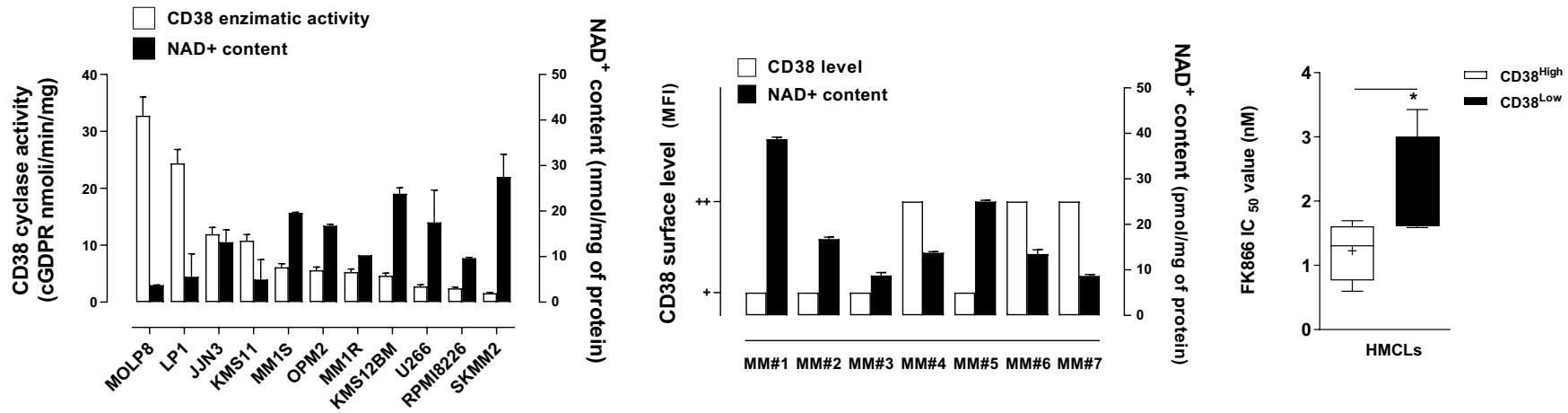


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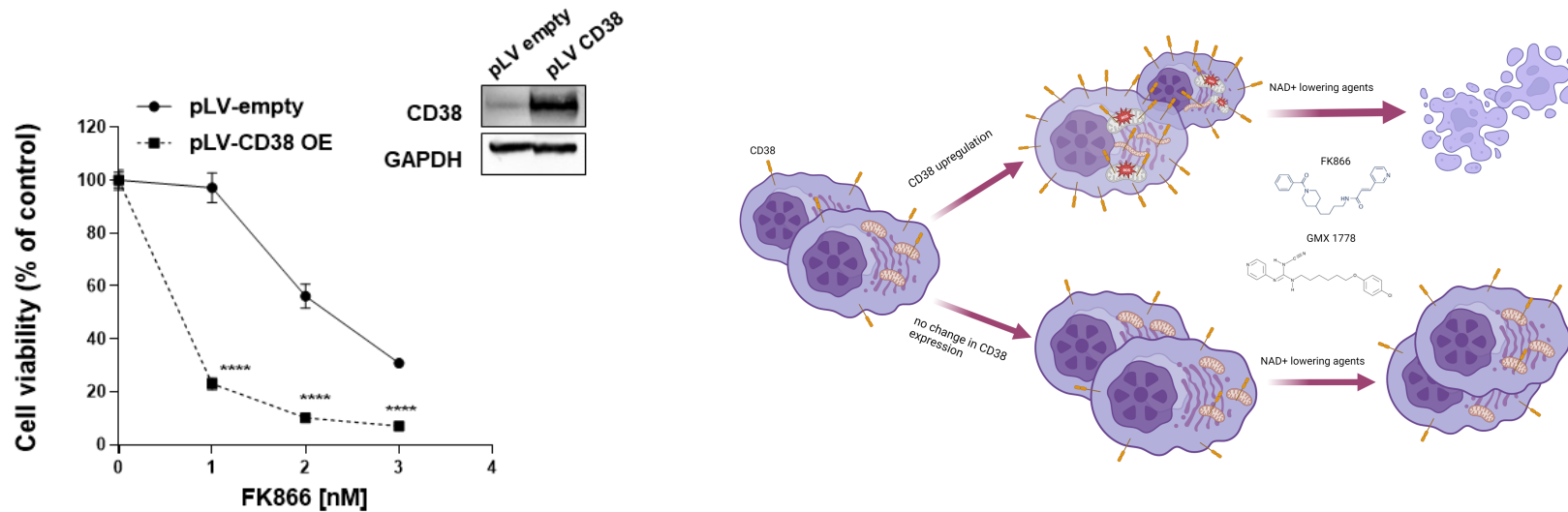
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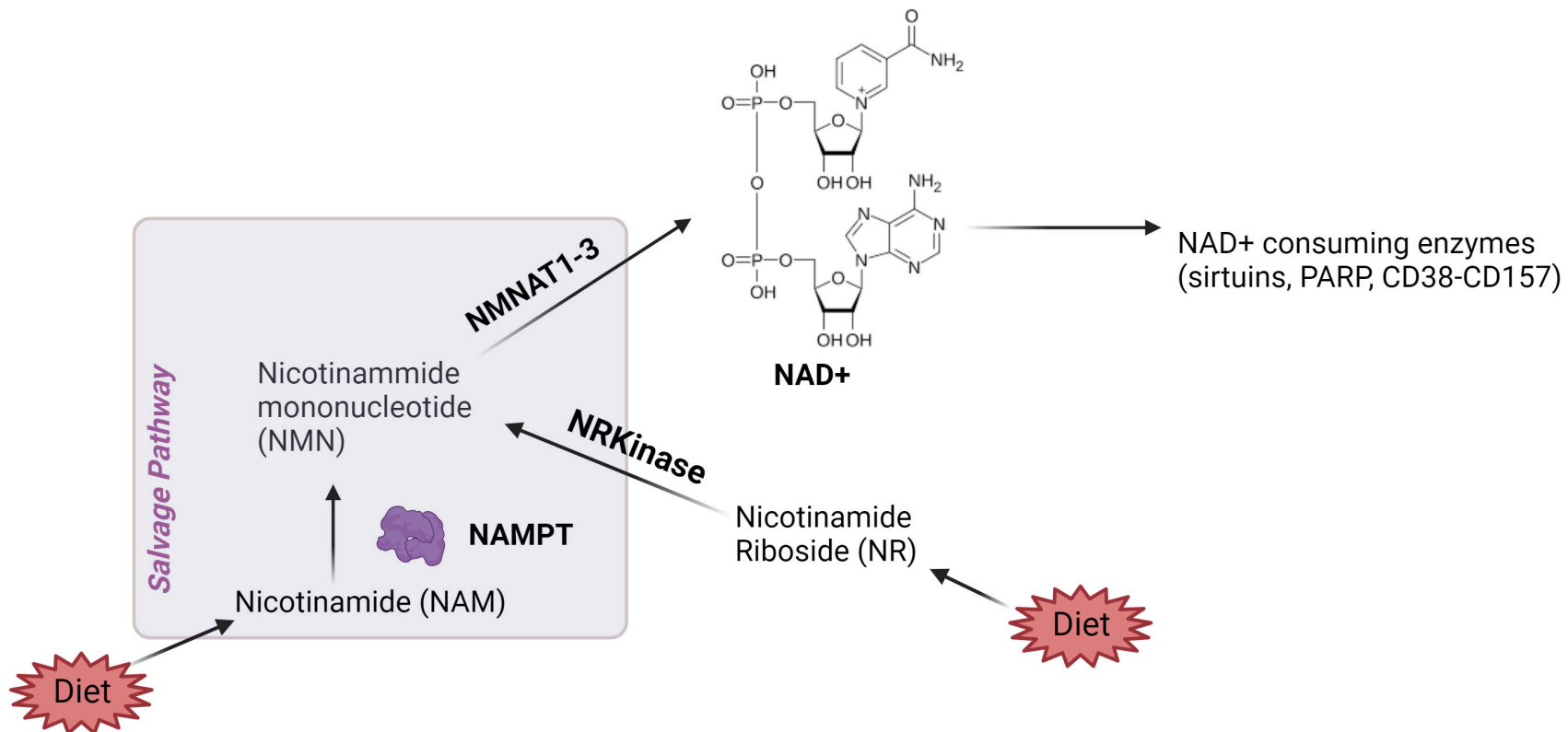


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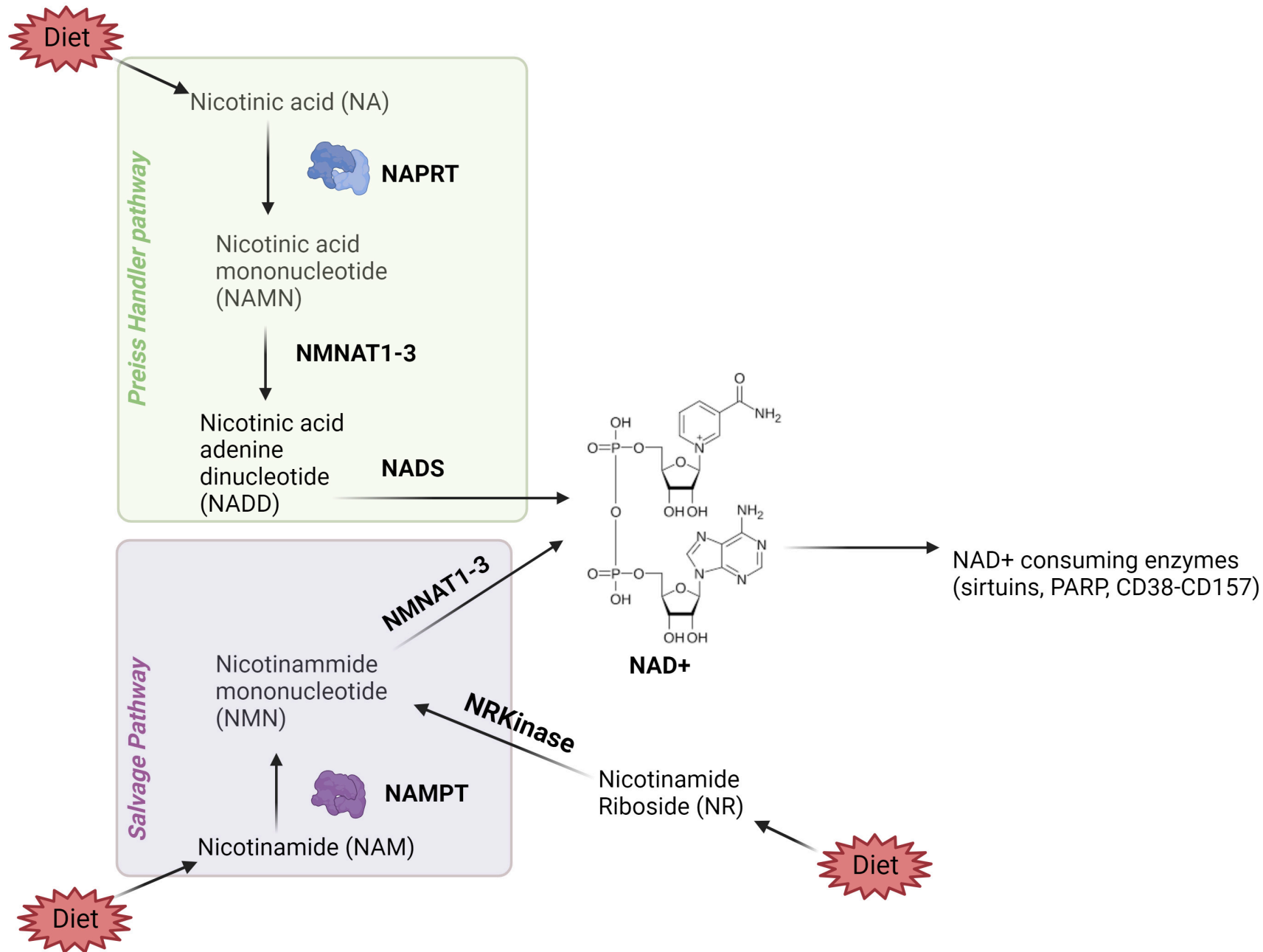


**CD38-induced metabolic dysfunction primes MM cells for NAD<sup>+</sup> lowering agents**

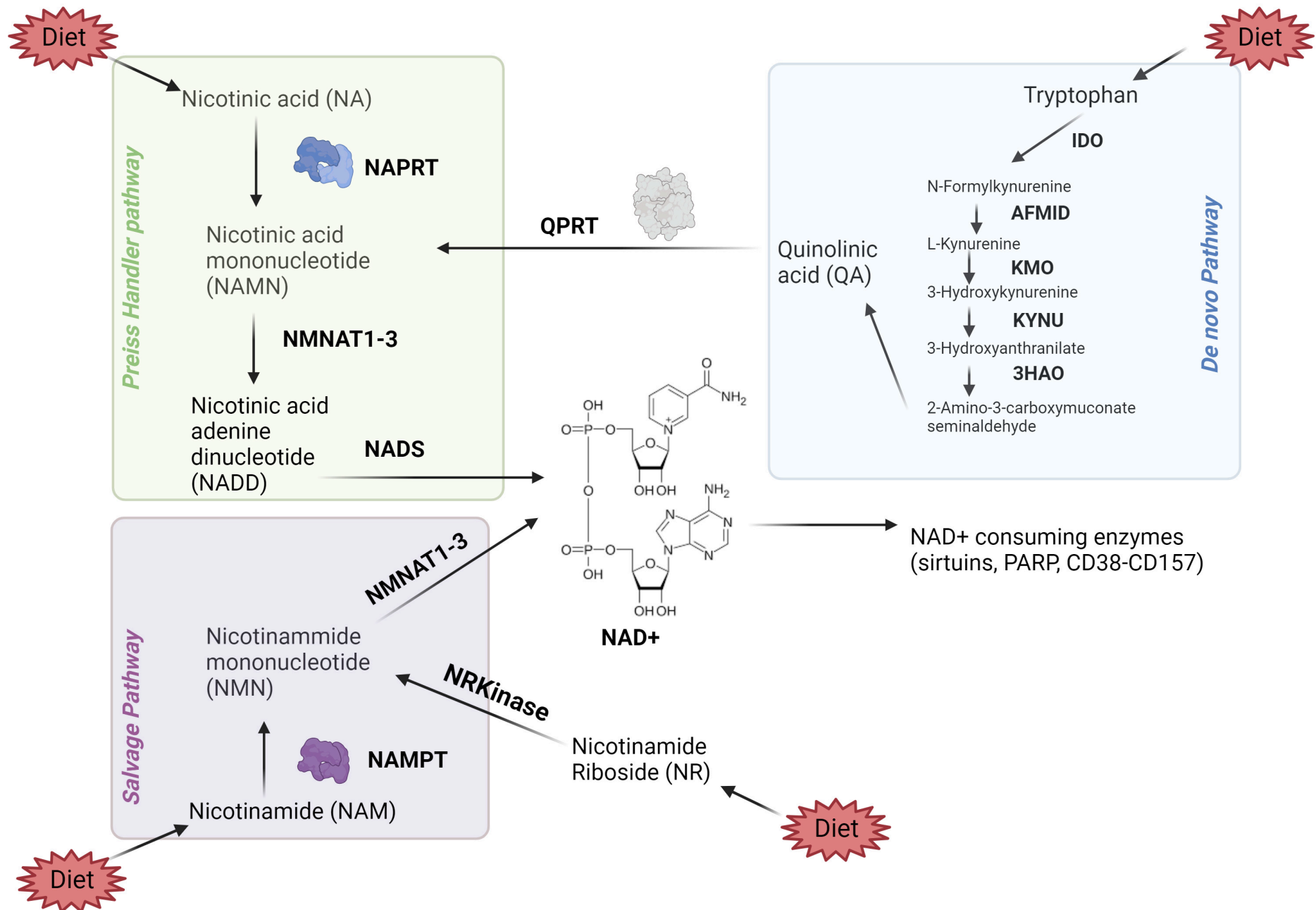
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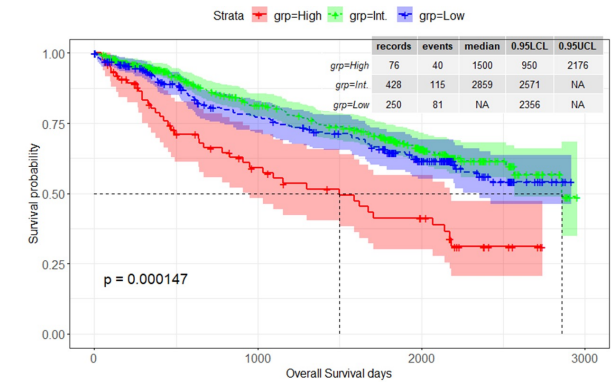
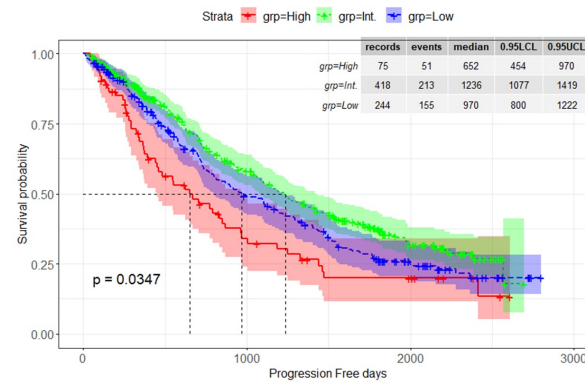
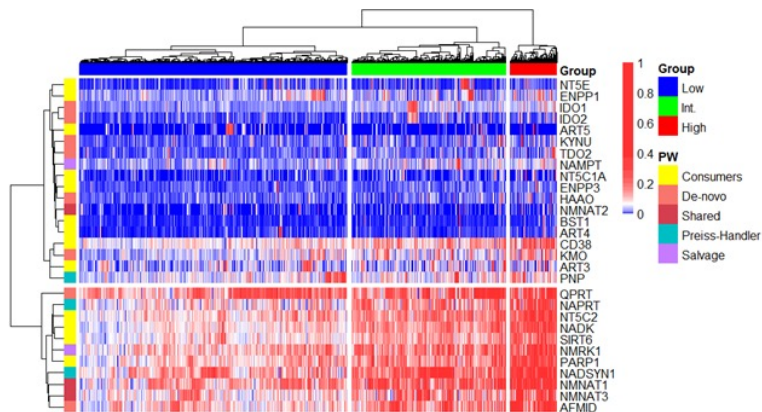
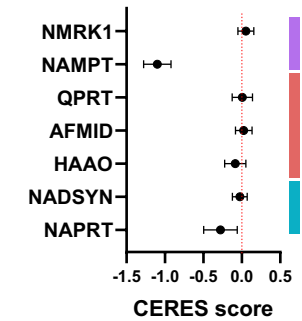
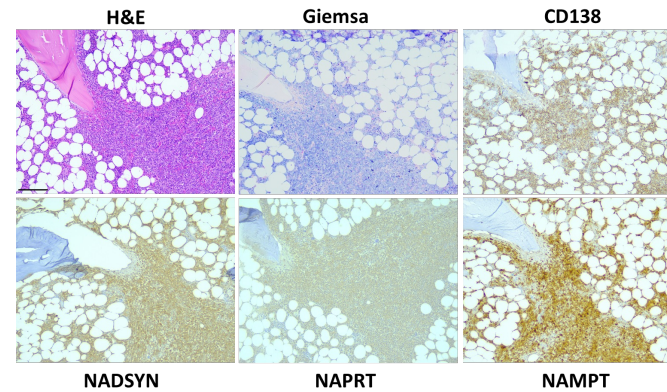
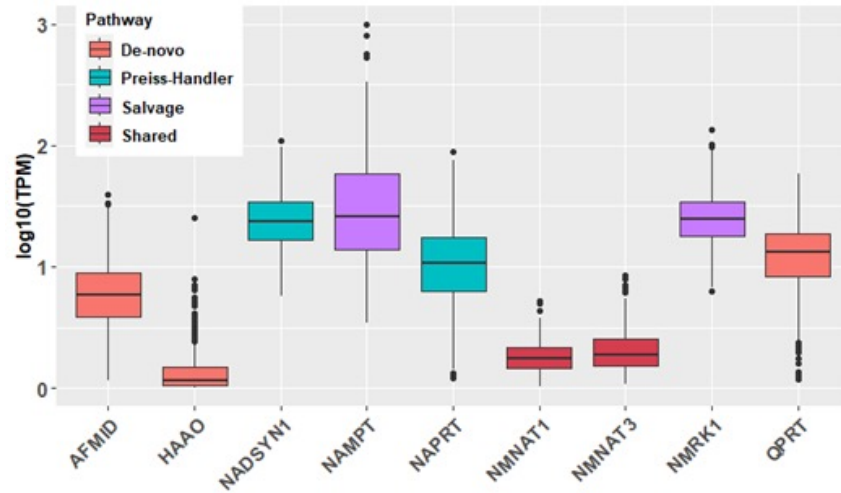
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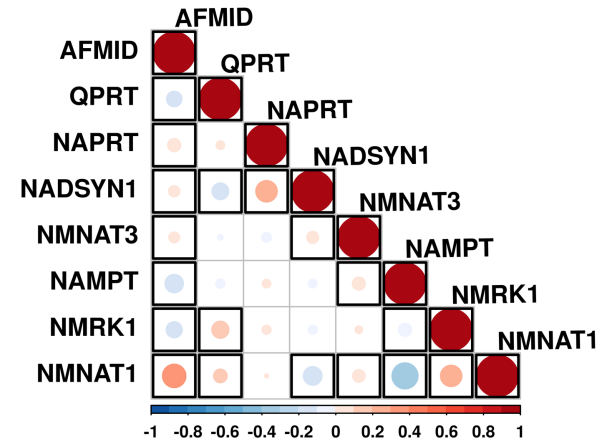
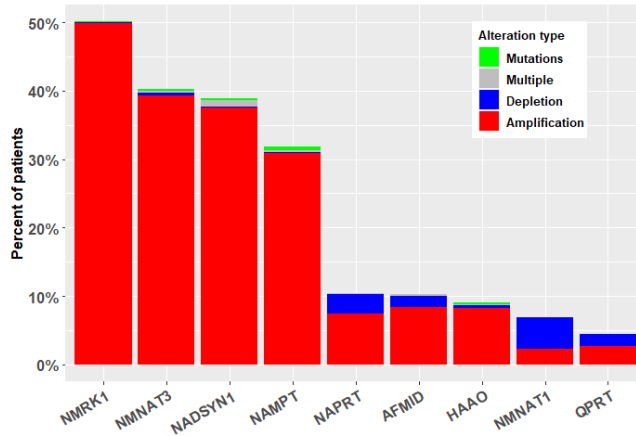
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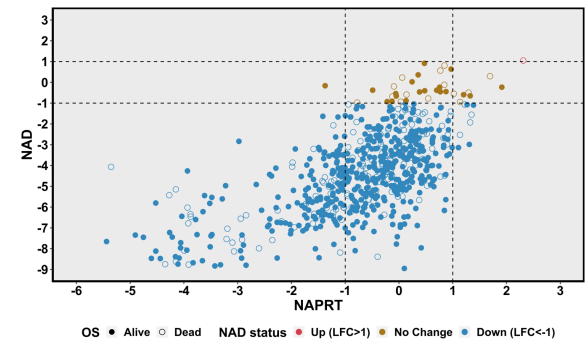
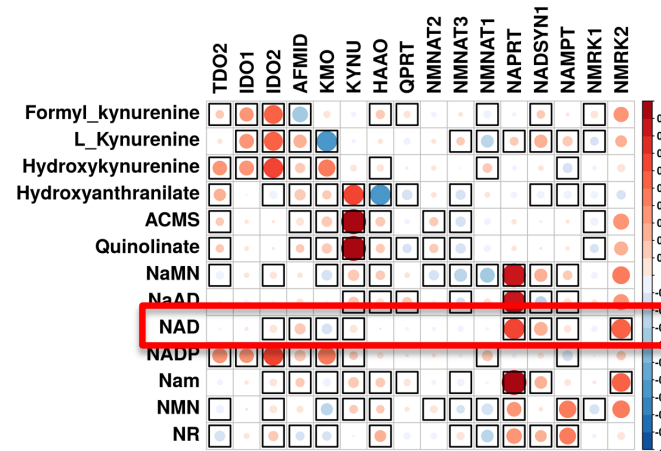
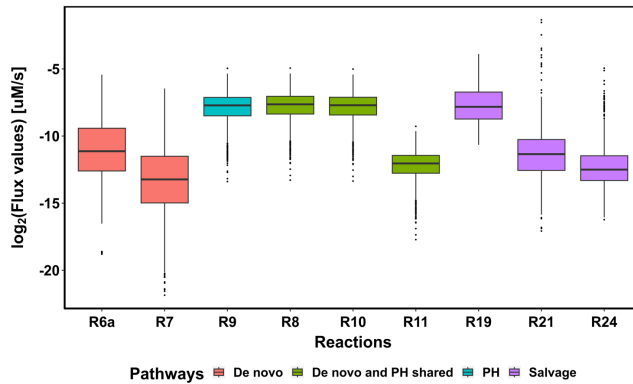
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# NAD<sup>+</sup> BIOSYNTHESIS OF MM CELLS PREDOMINANTLY RELIES ON Preiss-Handler AND salvage- PATHWAYS



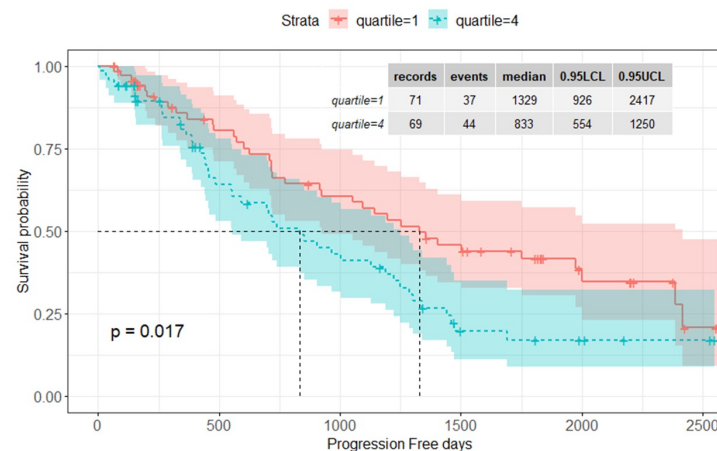
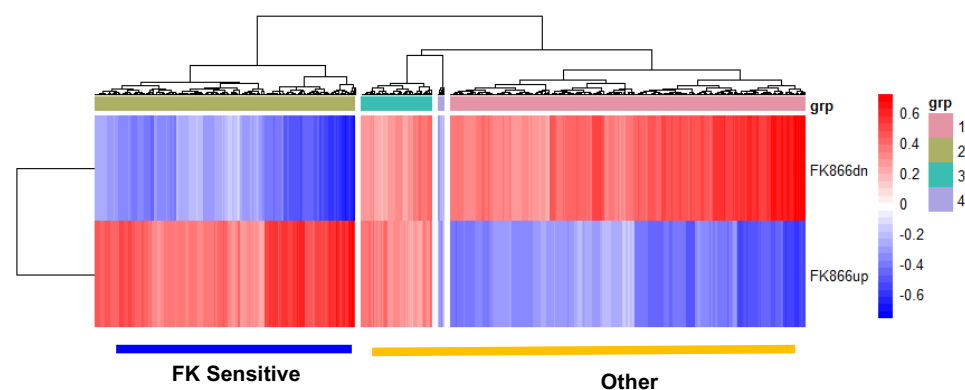
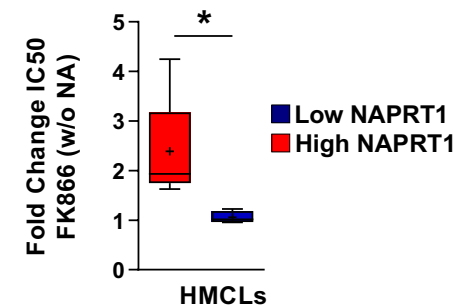
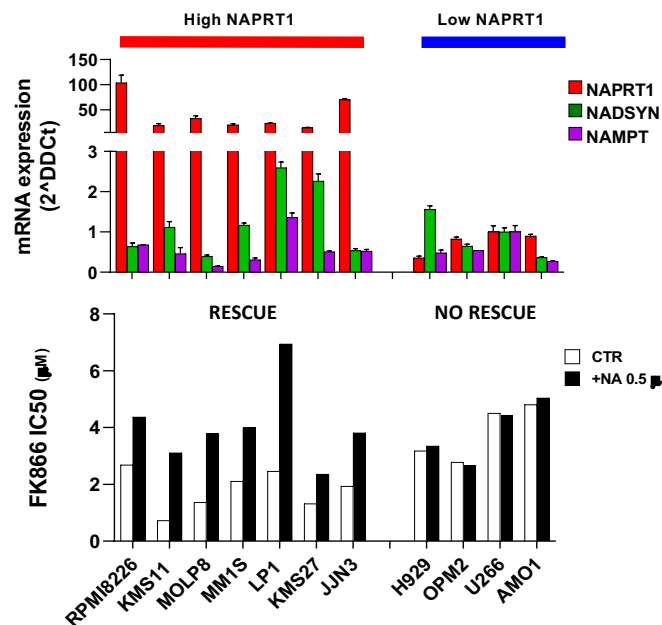
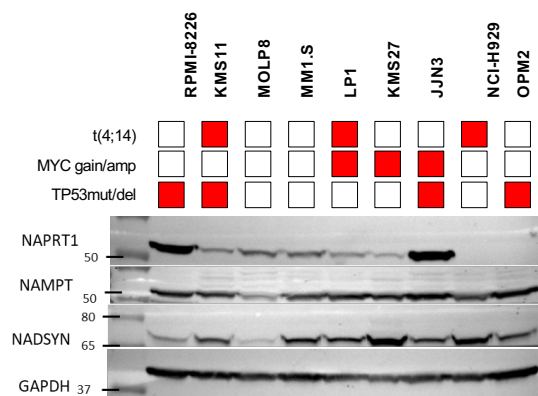
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# NAPRT1-TARGETING MAKES MM CELLS MORE SENSITIVE TO NAD<sup>+</sup>-LOWERING AGENTS

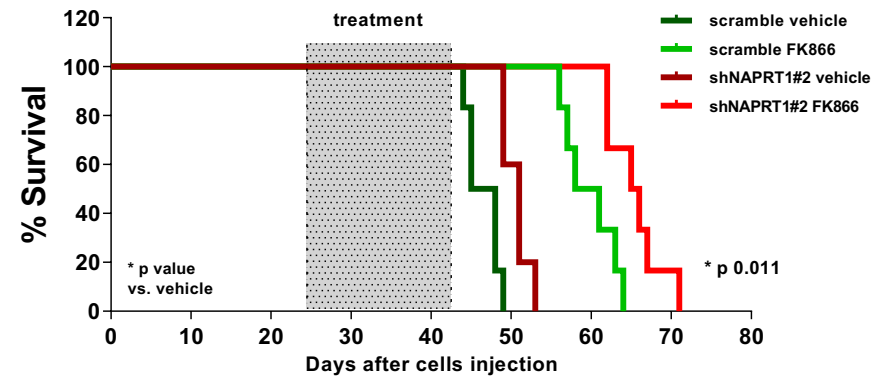
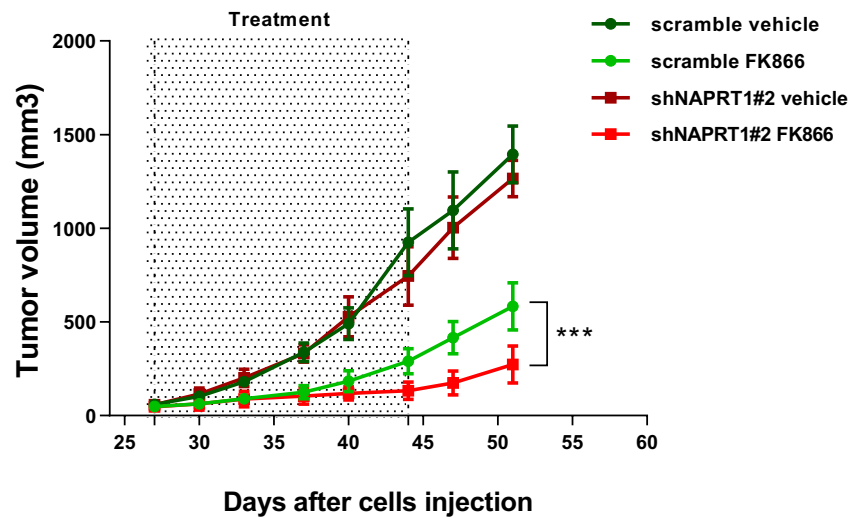
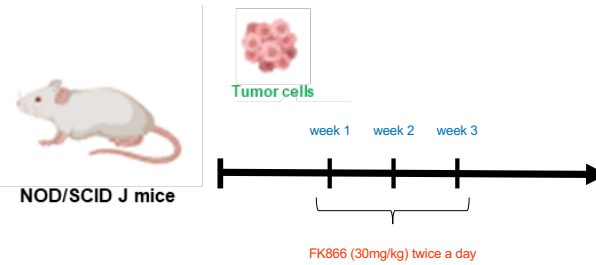


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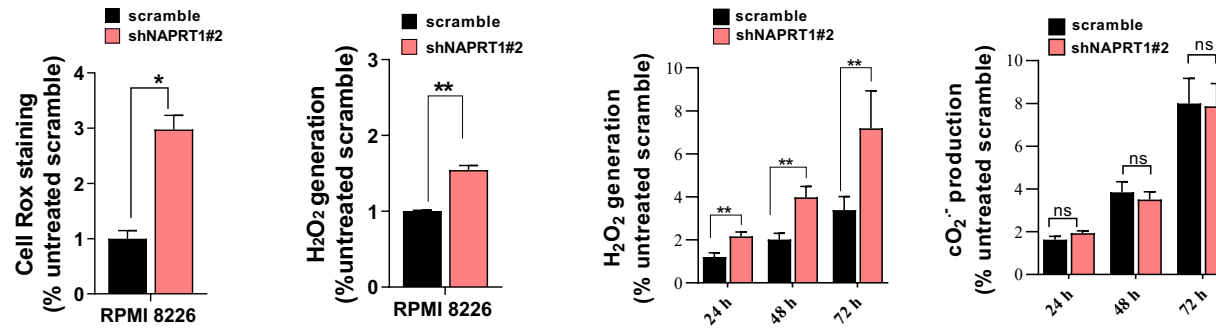
FK-sensitive signature resulted in better clinical outcome among patients with lower expression of NAPRT1 over those with higher levels

# NAPRT1 SILENCING REDUCES INTRACELLULAR NAD<sup>+</sup> CONTENT AND SENSITIZES MM CELLS TO NAMPT-is IN XENOGRAFT MOUSE MODEL

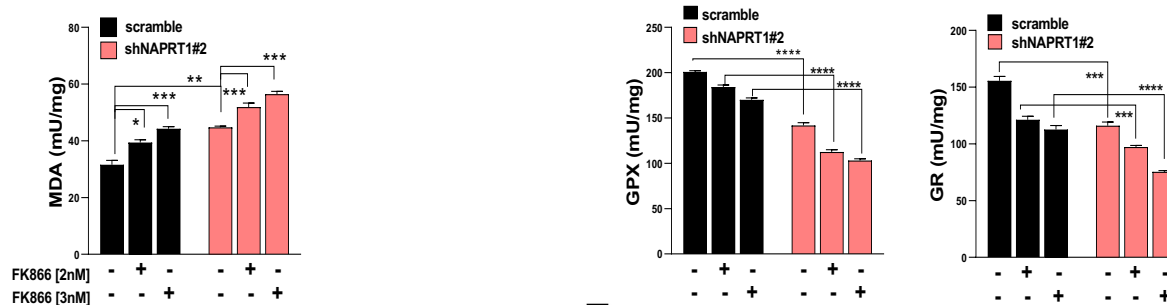


Altogether, these data support NAPRT1 modulation as a promising strategy to improve the anti-MM activity of NAMPT-is

# NAPRT1 DEFICIENCY IS ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED OXIDATIVE STRESS IN MM CELLS

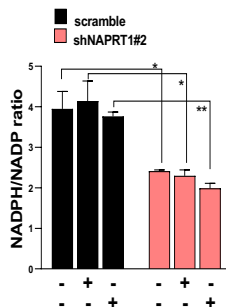


NAPRT1-depleted tumors have high ROS content



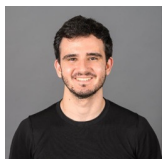
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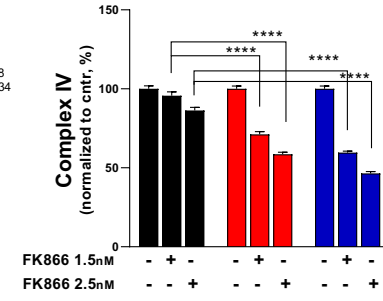
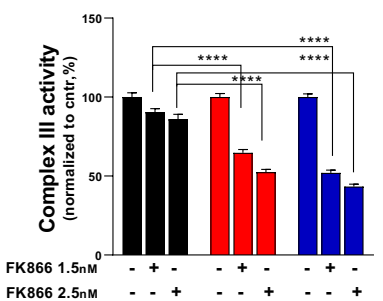
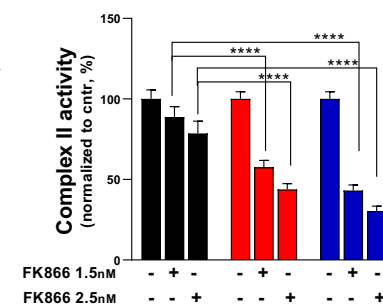
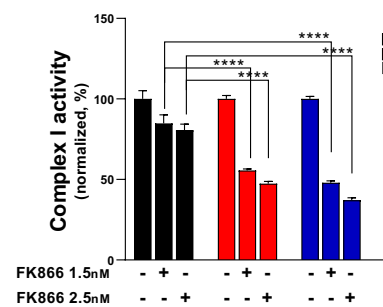
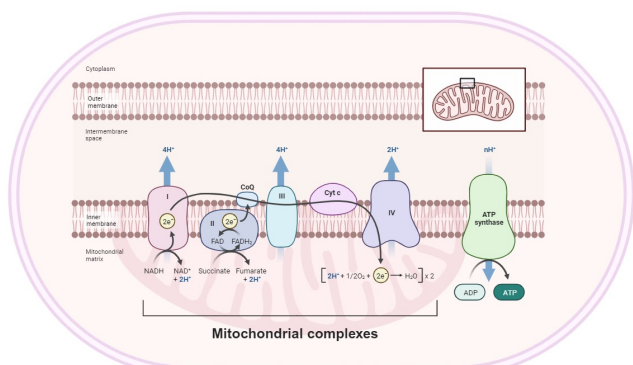
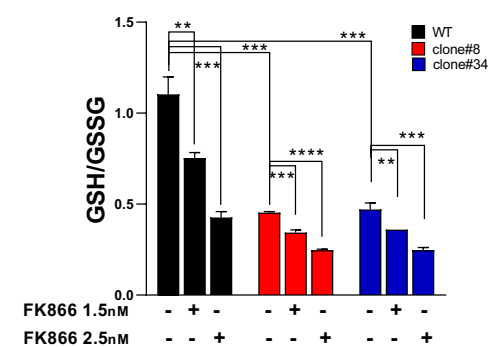
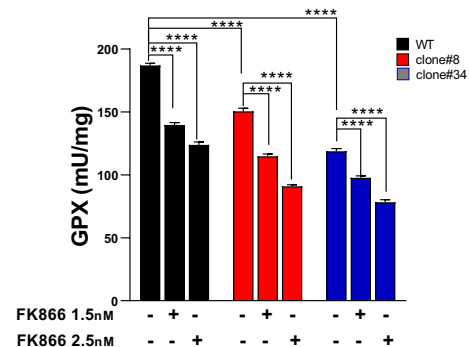
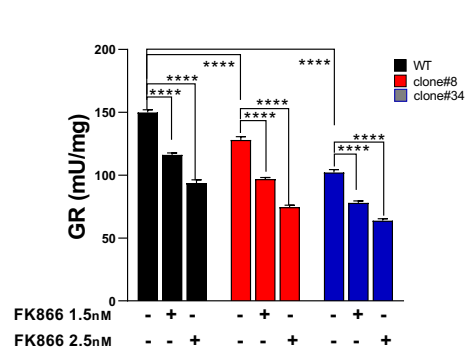
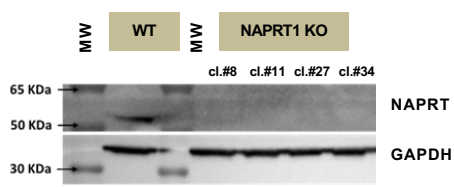


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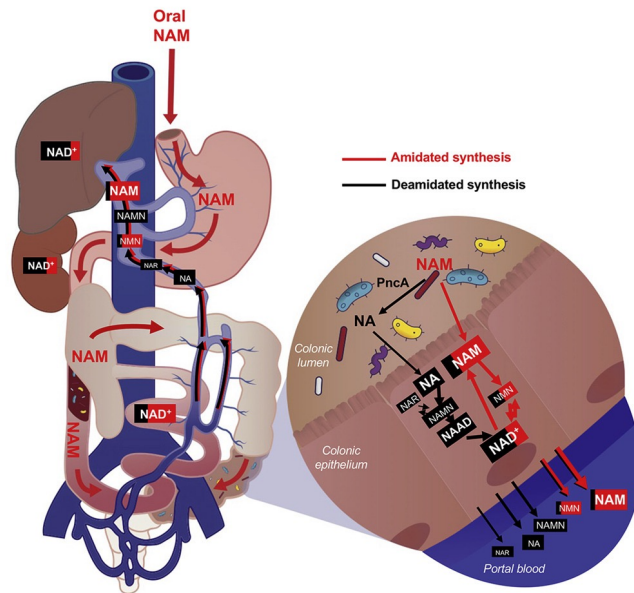
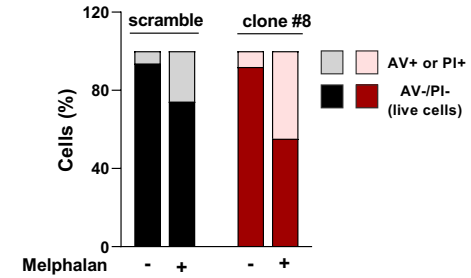
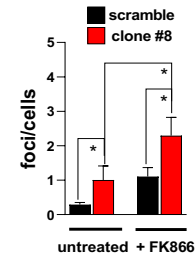
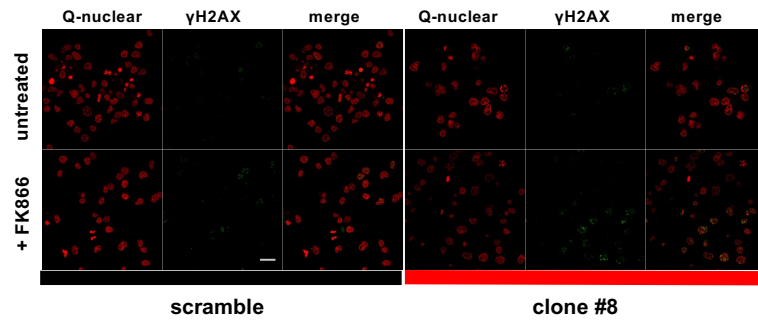
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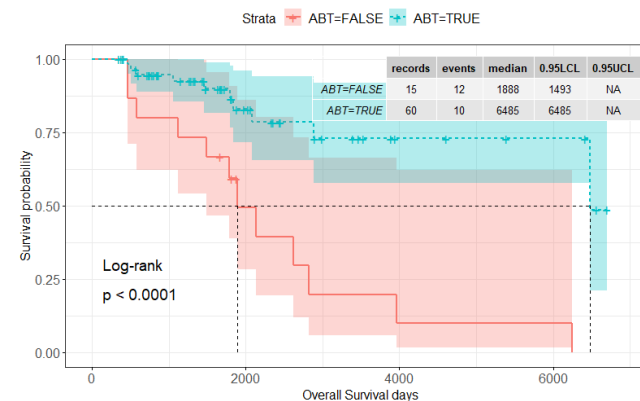
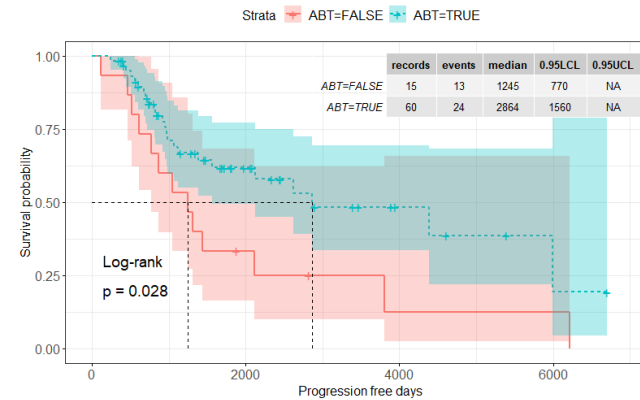
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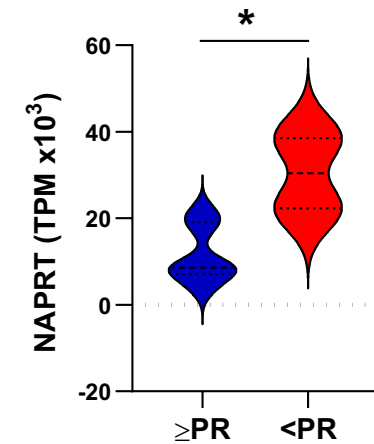
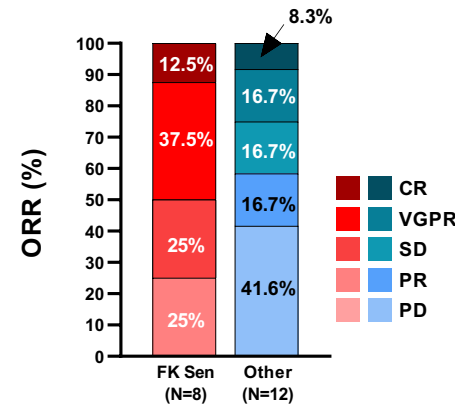
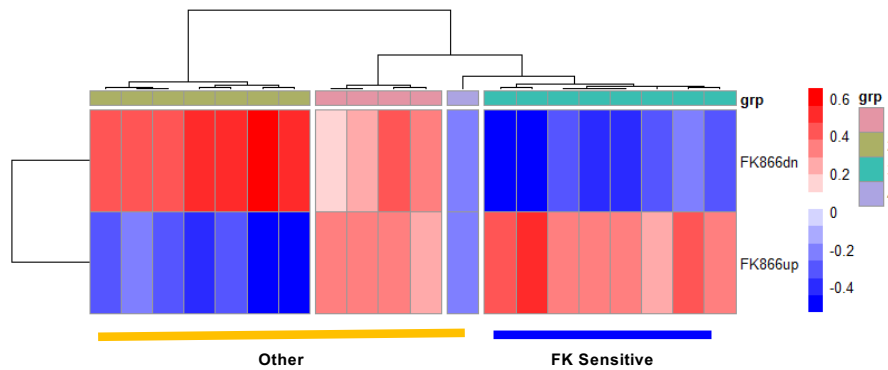
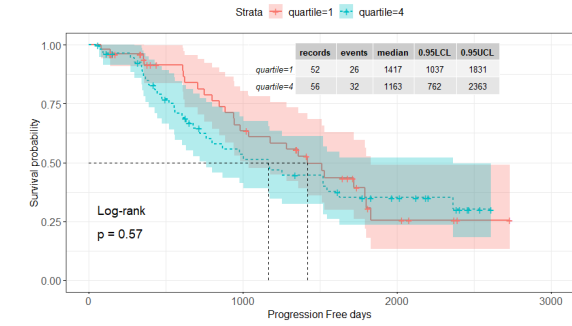
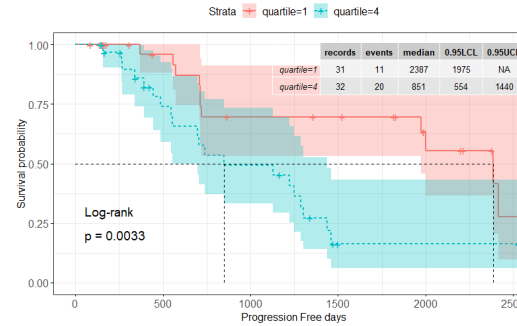
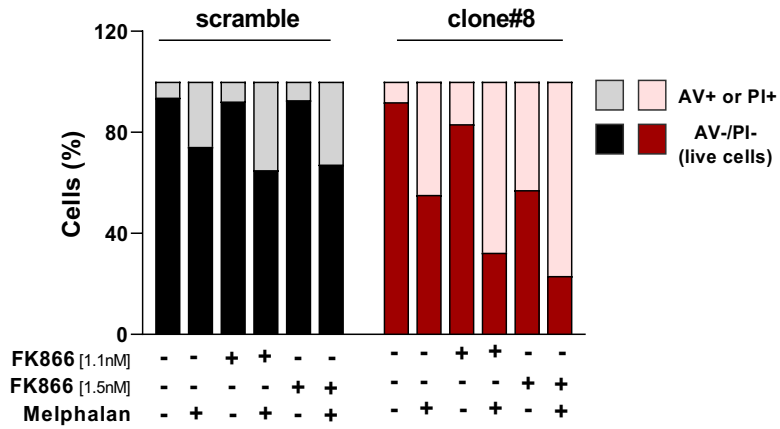
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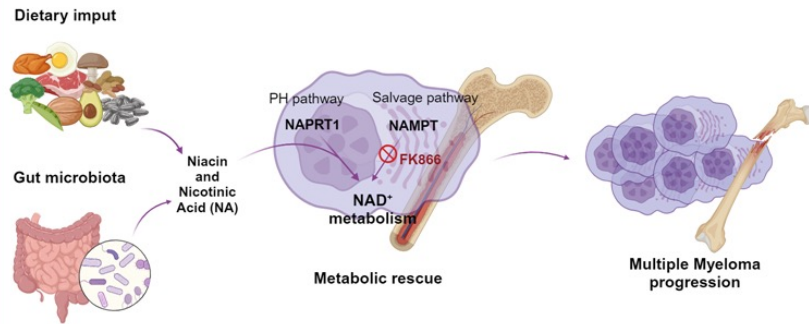
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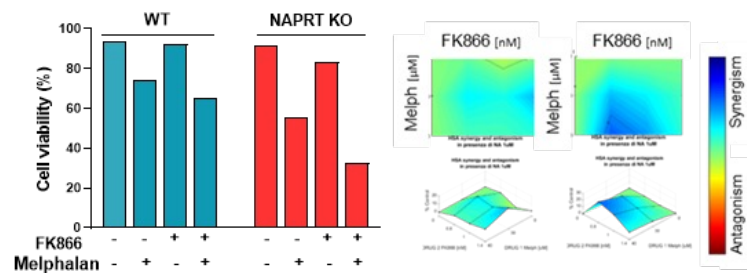


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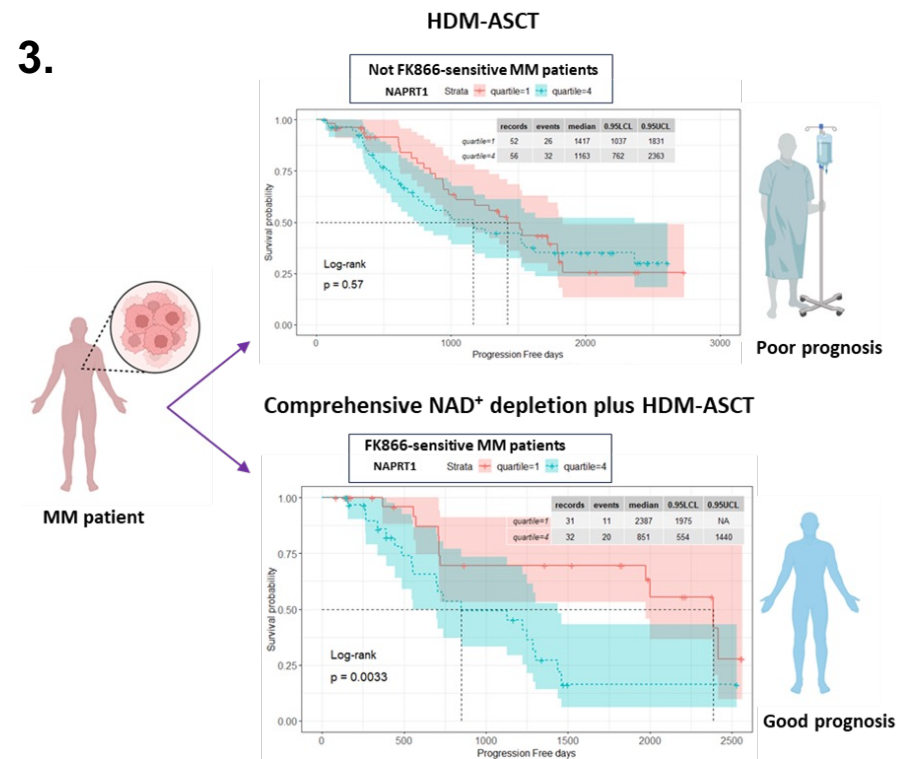
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The complete NAD<sup>+</sup>-starvation, as obtained through combined NAPRT1 and NAMPT inhibition, improves prognosis of TE-NDMM patients



## SUMMARY AND UNMET NEED

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- ❖ **Metabolic reprogramming** is a hallmark of human cancer and represents a non-oncogene addiction for cell growth, survival, proliferation, and long-term maintenance
- ❖ **Metabolic dysregulation** makes MM cells particularly vulnerable to anti-MM treatments thus supporting relevance of metabolism-targeting approaches in this tumor.
- ❖ The **NAD<sup>+</sup> landscape** of MM cells furnishes basis for its targeting (SIRTuins, CD38, PARPs or biosynthesis enzymes) to screen novel strategies, allowing thus to achieving an improvement of MM clinical prognosis.
- ❖ NAD<sup>+</sup>-focused restriction resulting from **NAMPT/NAPRT1 dual inhibition** represents an intriguing avenue for exploiting effectiveness of HDM-based regimens and also provides a novel biomarker to predict efficacy of these programs.

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