

# Targeting GCK in RAS-mutant multiple myeloma offer a promising therapeutic approach

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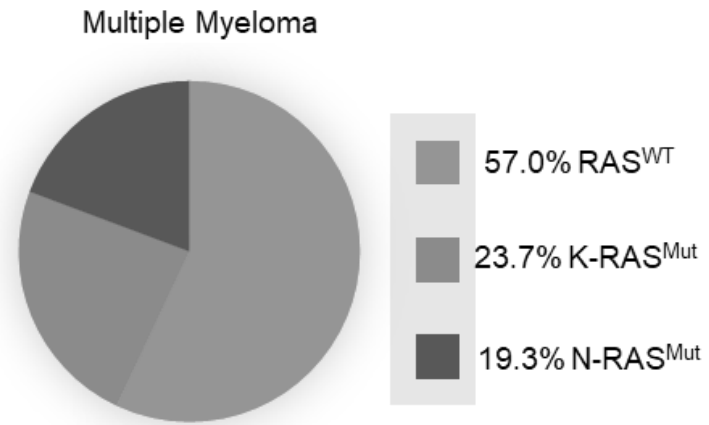
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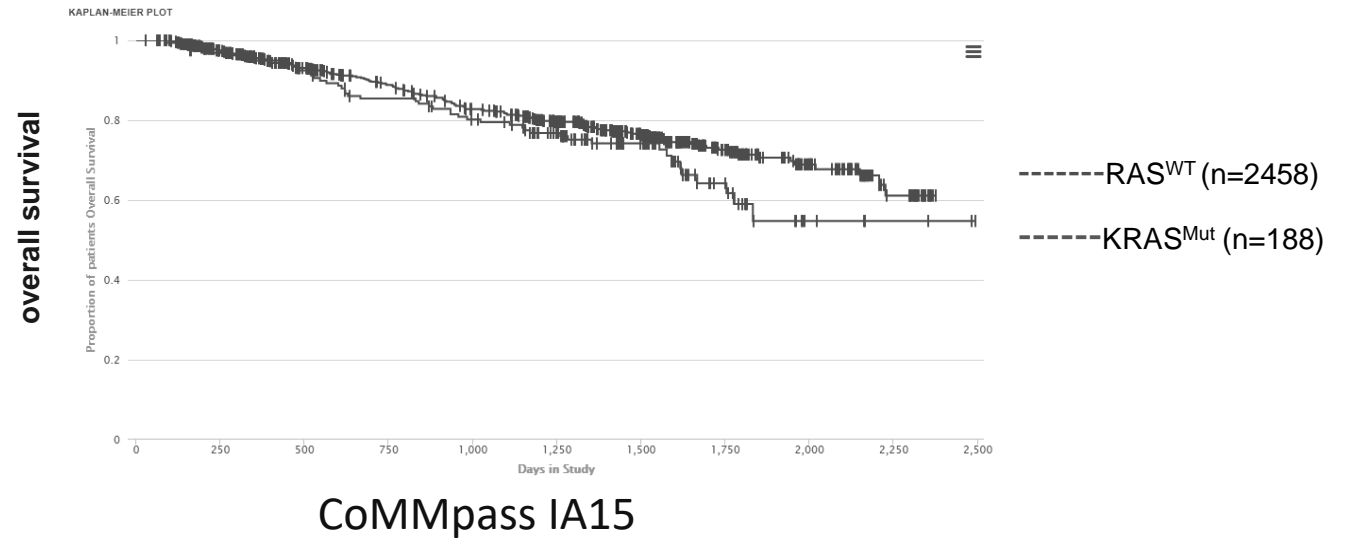
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# RAS mutation in Multiple Myeloma

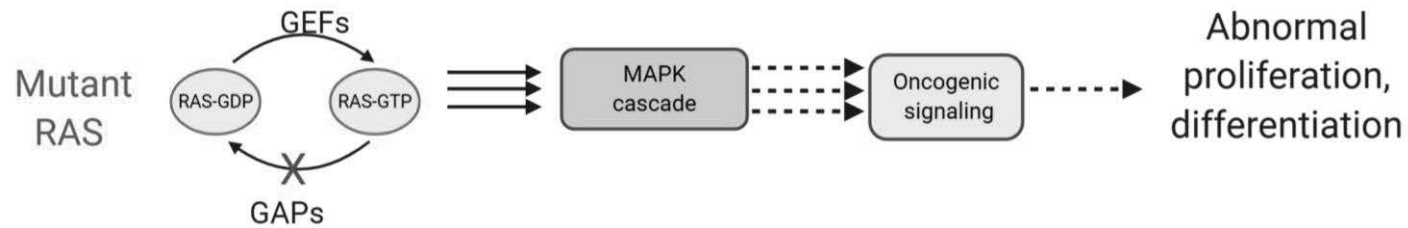
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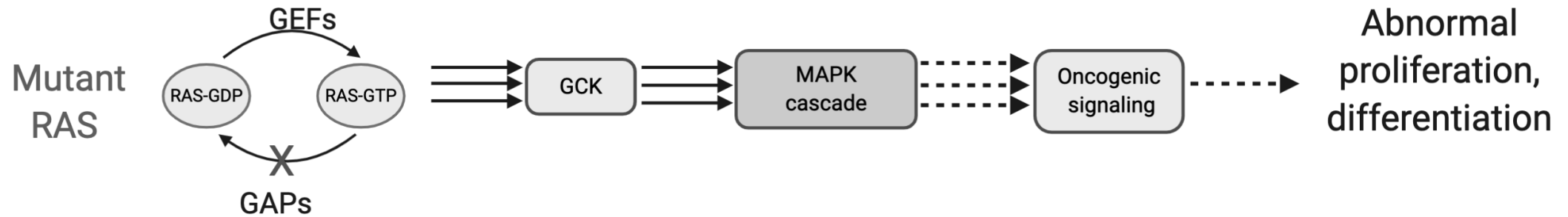


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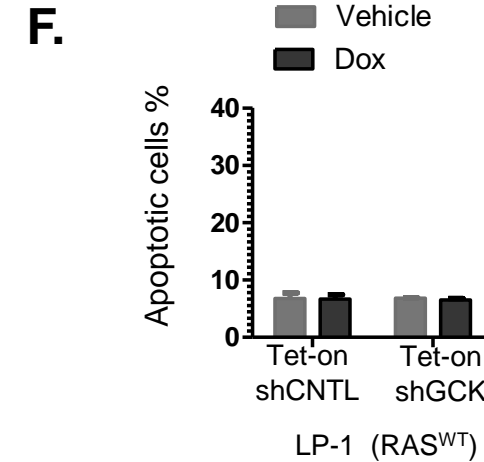
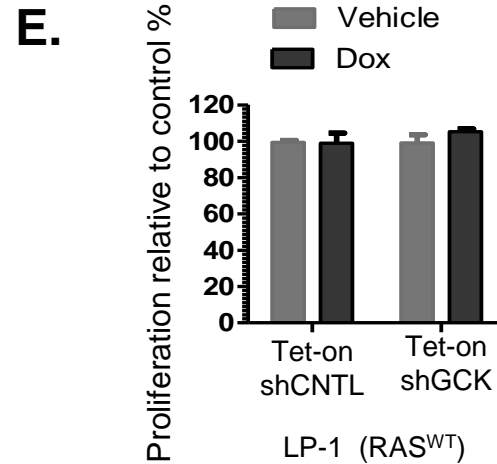
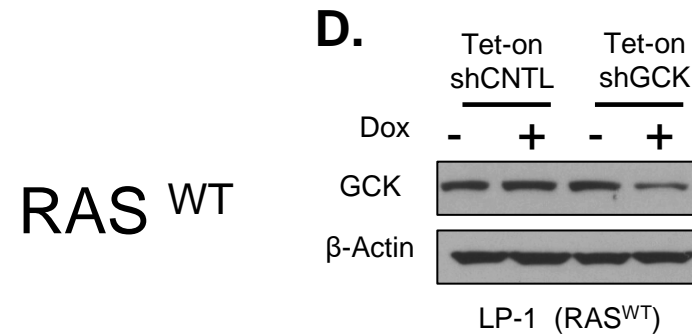
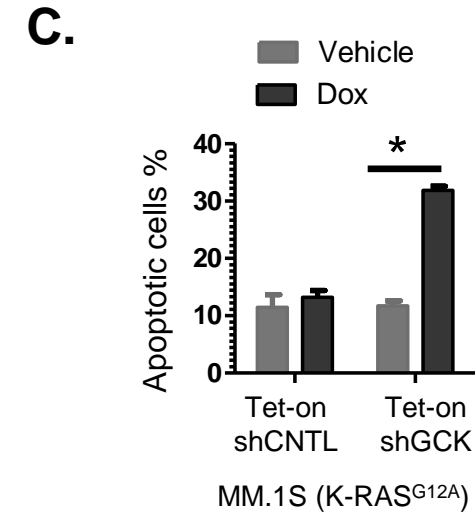
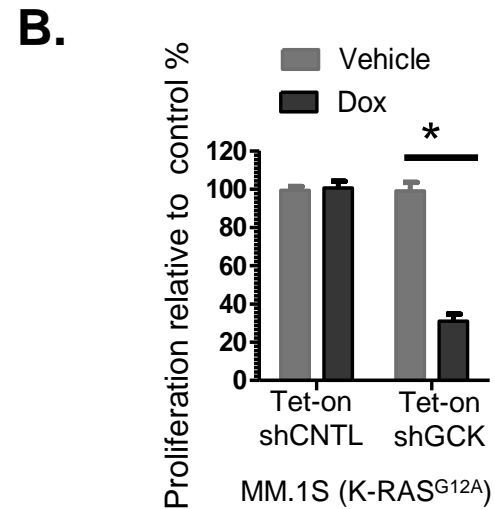
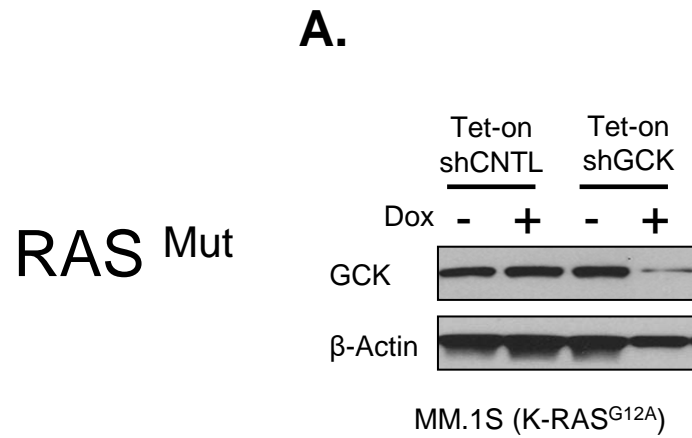
# ***GCK is a novel therapeutic target in MM with RAS mutation***

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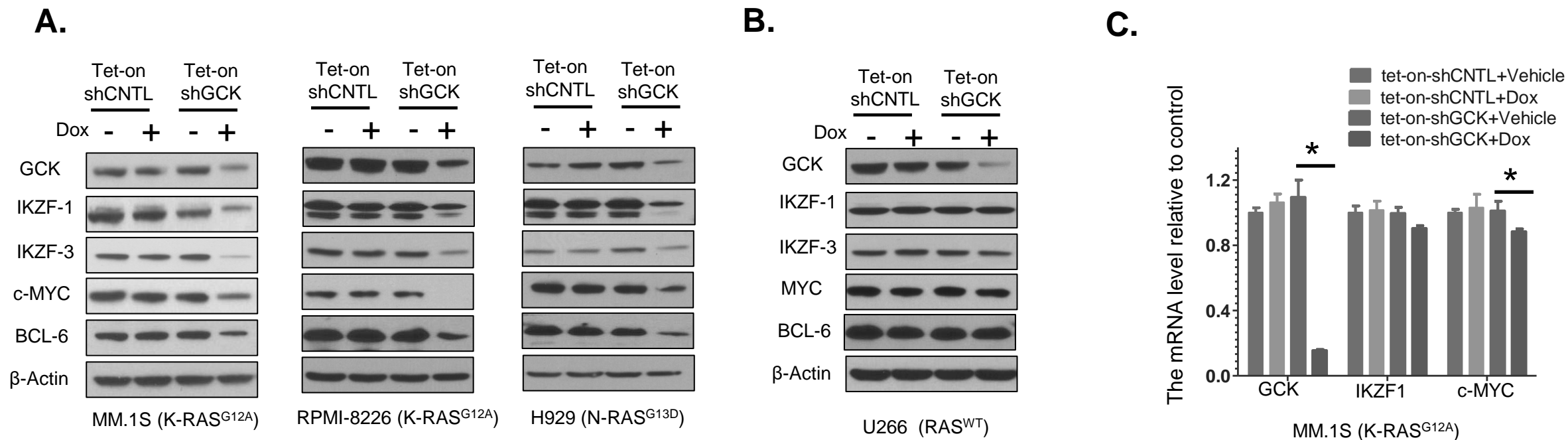


- ❖ Germinal Center Kinase (GCK), also named MAP4K2, is an upstream activator in the MAPK pathway
- ❖ GCK is predominantly and highly expressed in the germinal center of B cells
- ❖ GCK participates in B cell differentiation into plasma cells
- ❖ GCK is a potential therapeutic target in colon cancer, DLBCL, AML and ALL

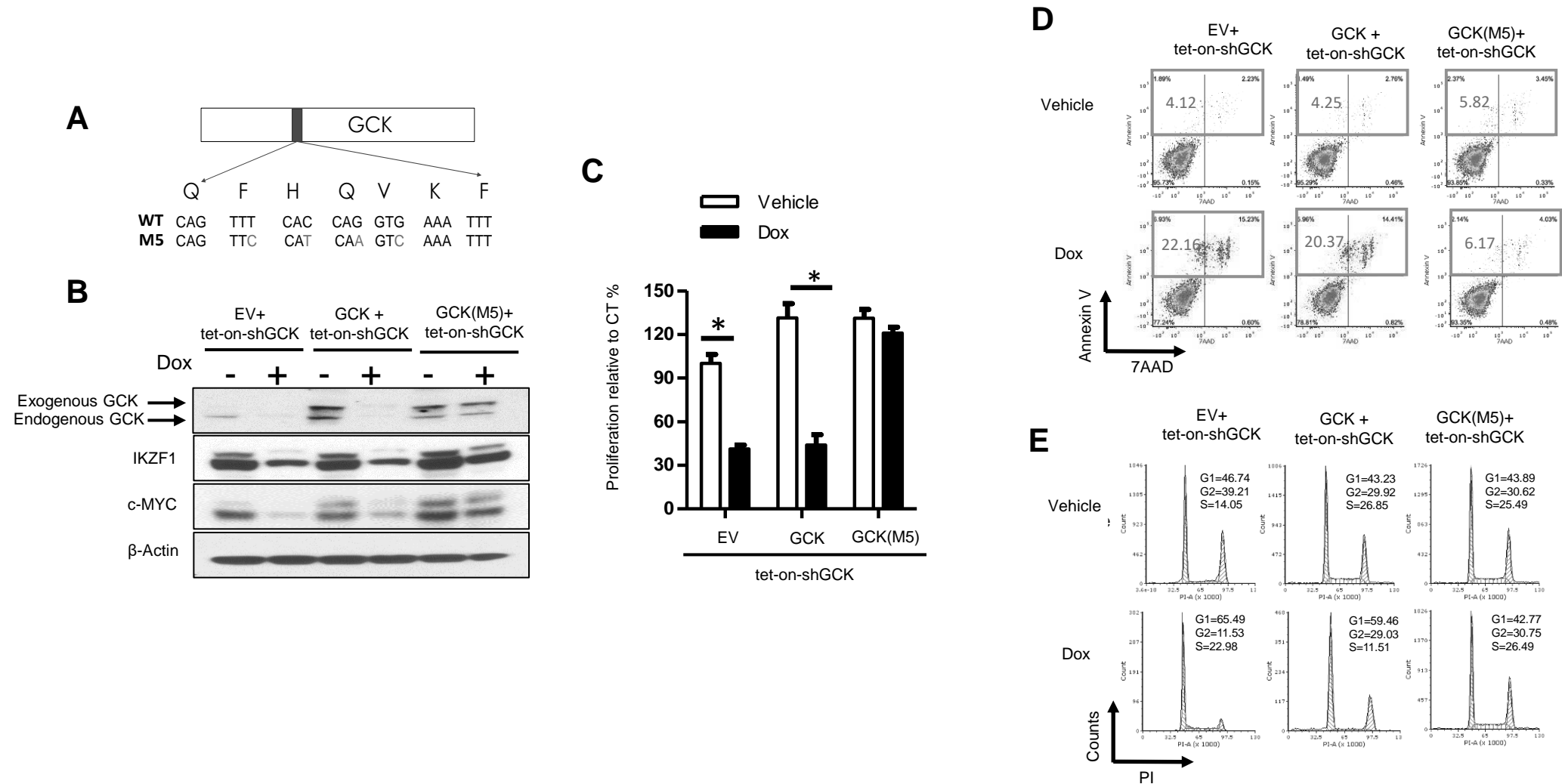
# GCK is critical for proliferation and survival of RAS<sup>Mut</sup> MM cells



# Knockdown of GCK decreases c-MYC, IKZF1, IKZF3 and BCL6 expression in RAS<sup>Mut</sup> MM cells

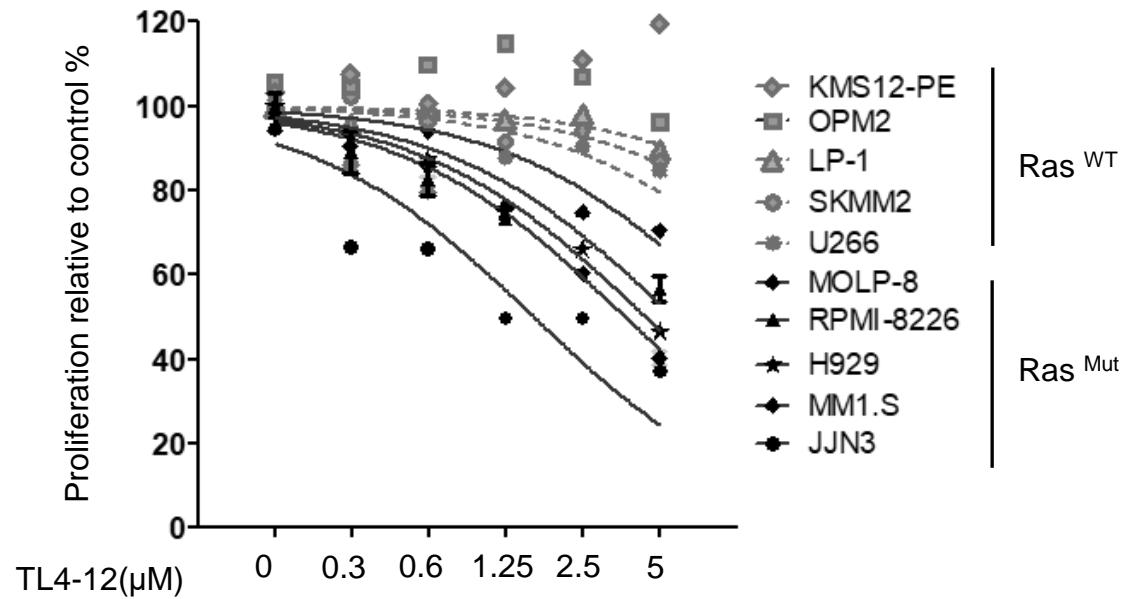


# Rescue experiments exclude possible off-target effects of GCK shRNA

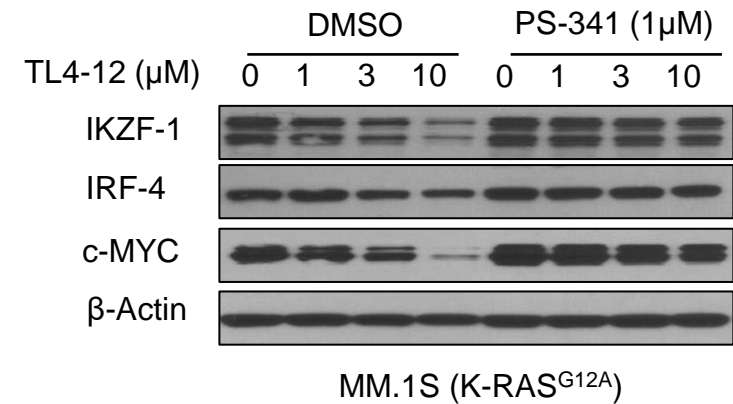


# Pharmacological blockage of GCK activity inhibits the growth of $RAS^{Mut}$ multiple myeloma

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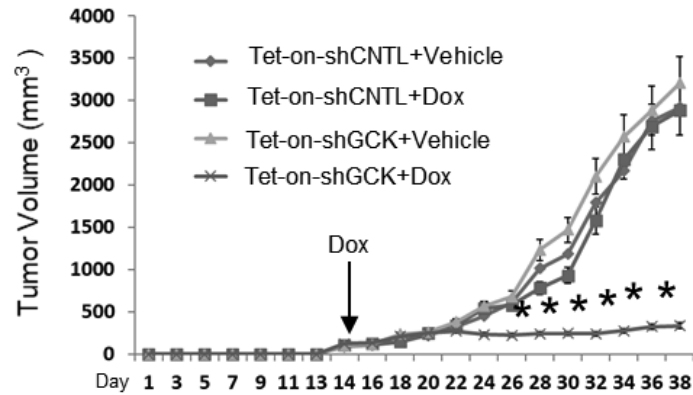
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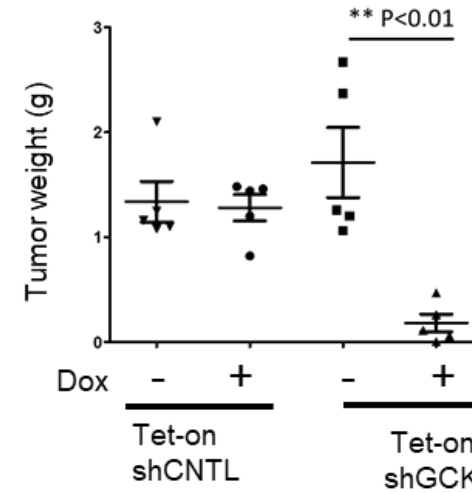


# GCK is critical for MM tumor growth in vivo

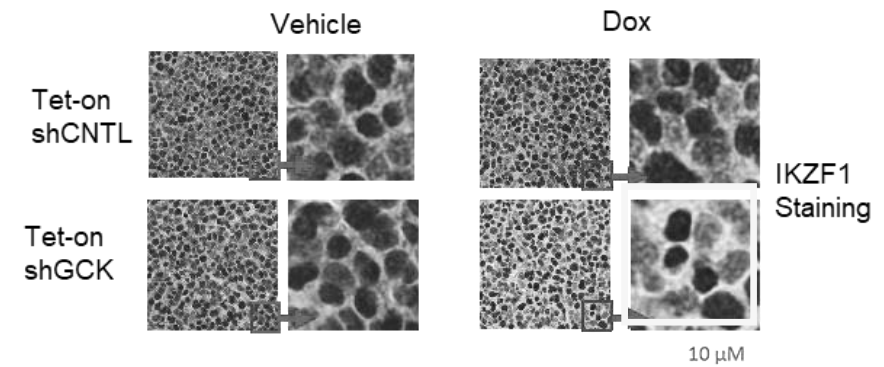
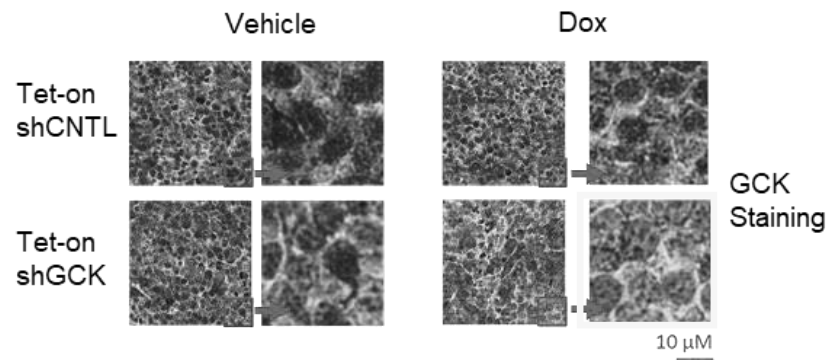
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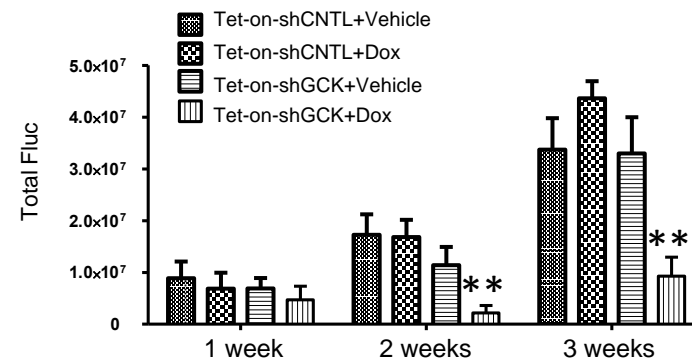
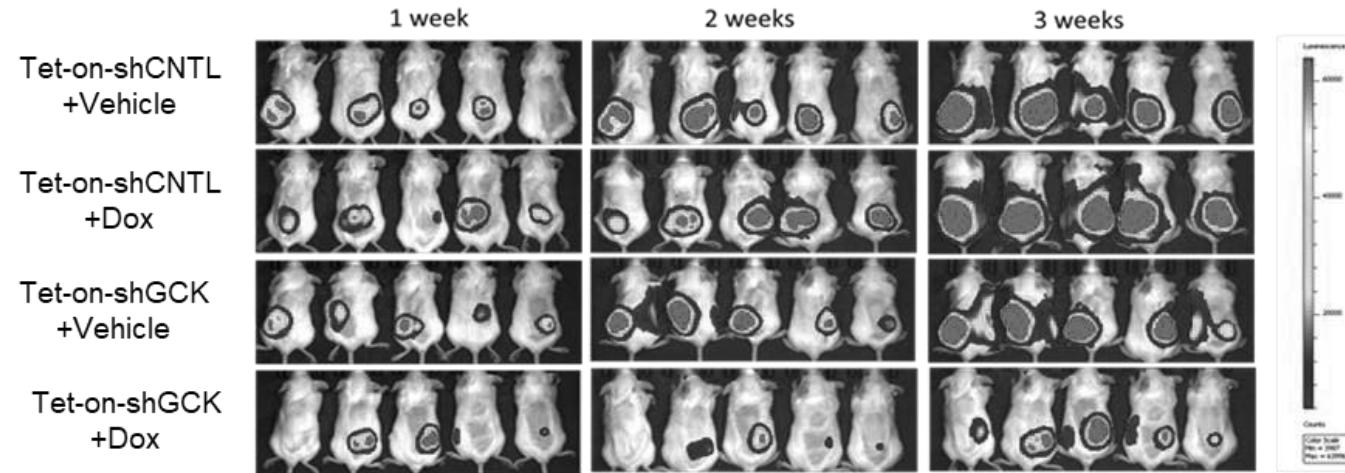
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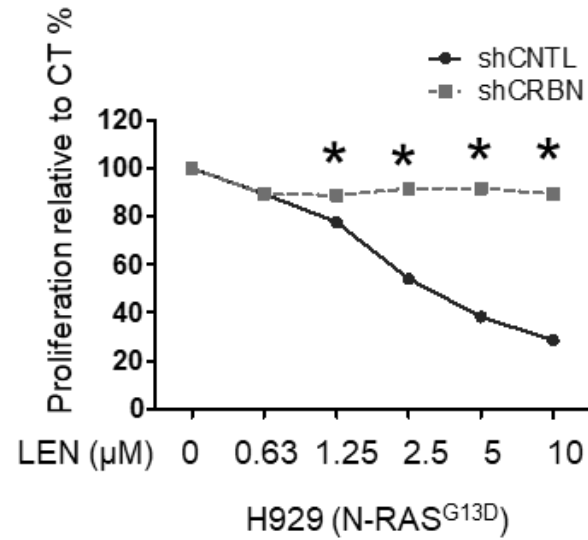
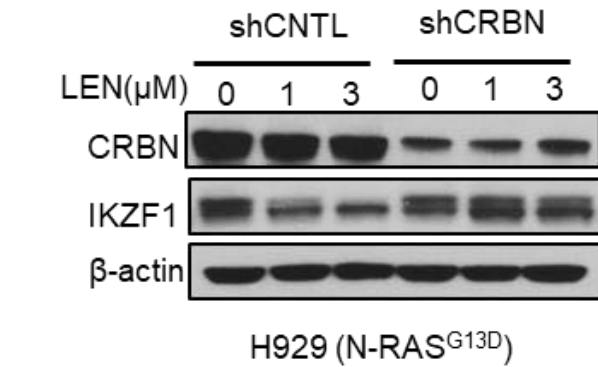


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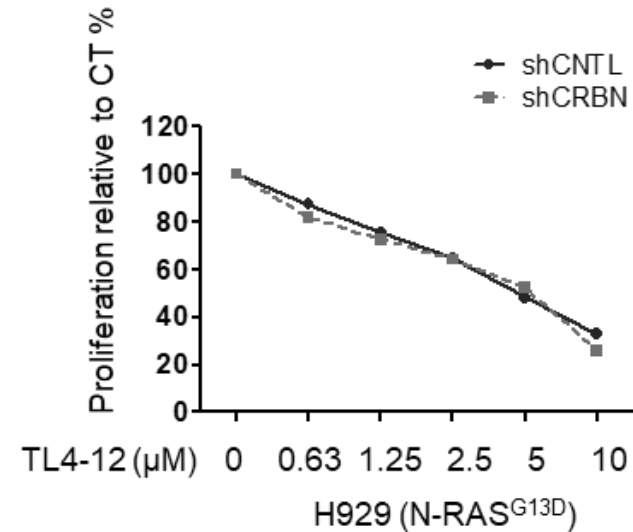
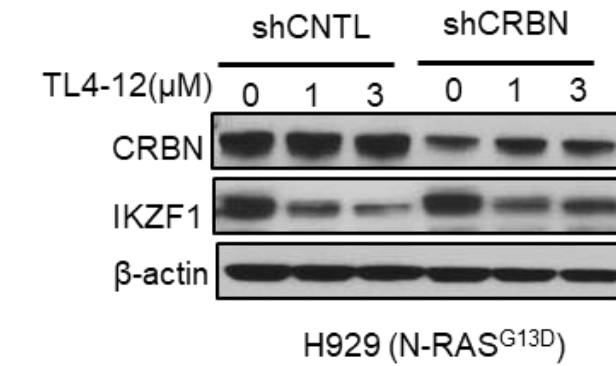


# GCK Inhibition overcomes resistance to lenalidomide in MM

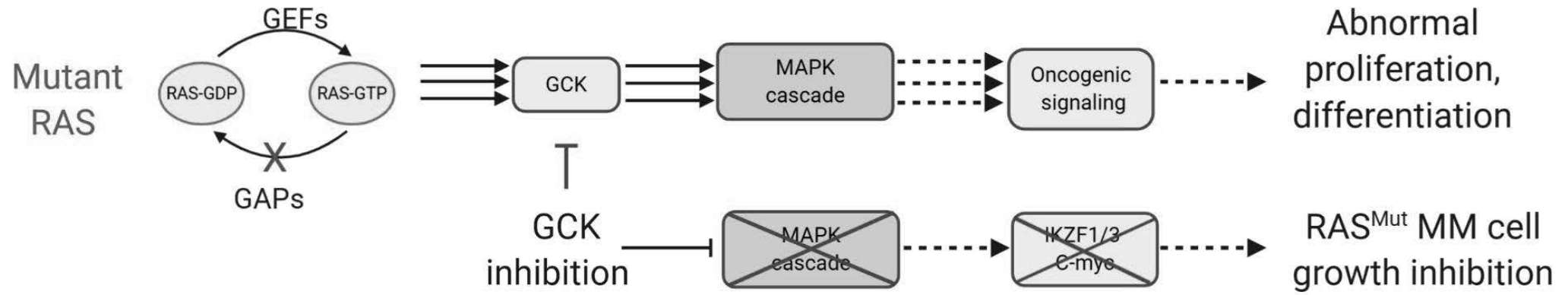
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# Conclusion



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