

FAM46C-Dependent Tuning of Endoplasmic Reticulum Capacity in Multiple Myeloma

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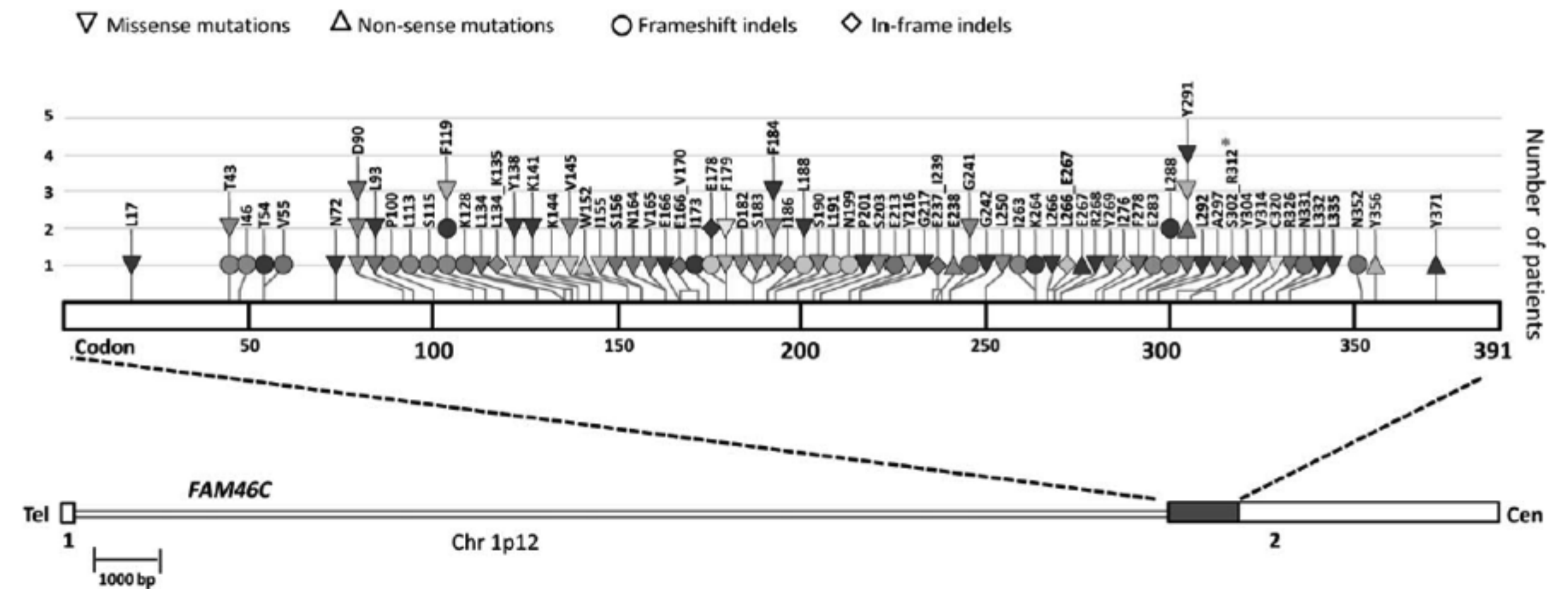
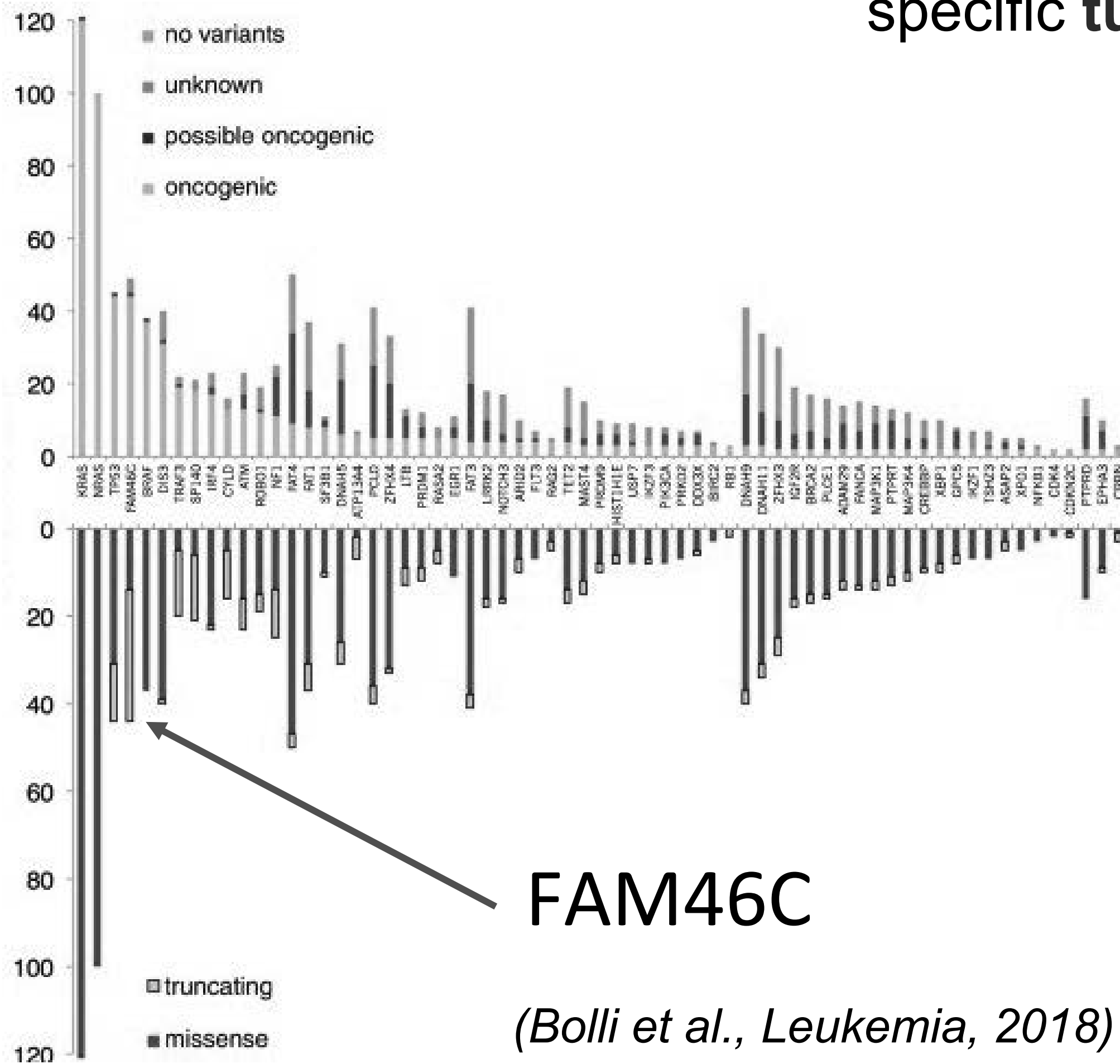
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FAM46C/TENT5C in Multiple Myeloma

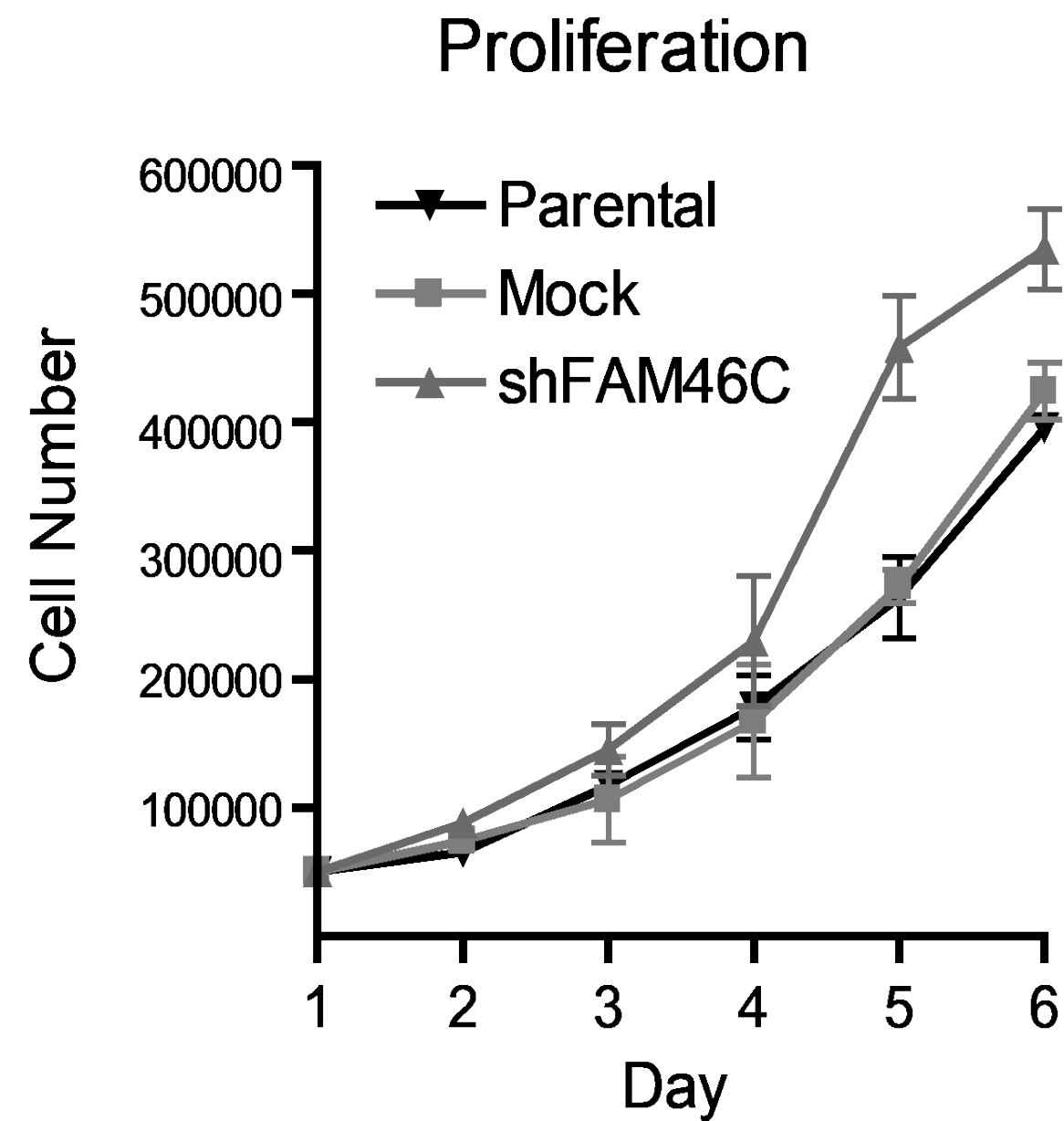
FAM46C belongs to a metazoan-specific family of proteins with 4 human members (A-D) sharing ~ 60% sequence identity but different tissue expression.

FAM46C is frequently and uniquely **deleted/mutated** in 20% myeloma patients, implying a PC-specific tumor suppressor activity.

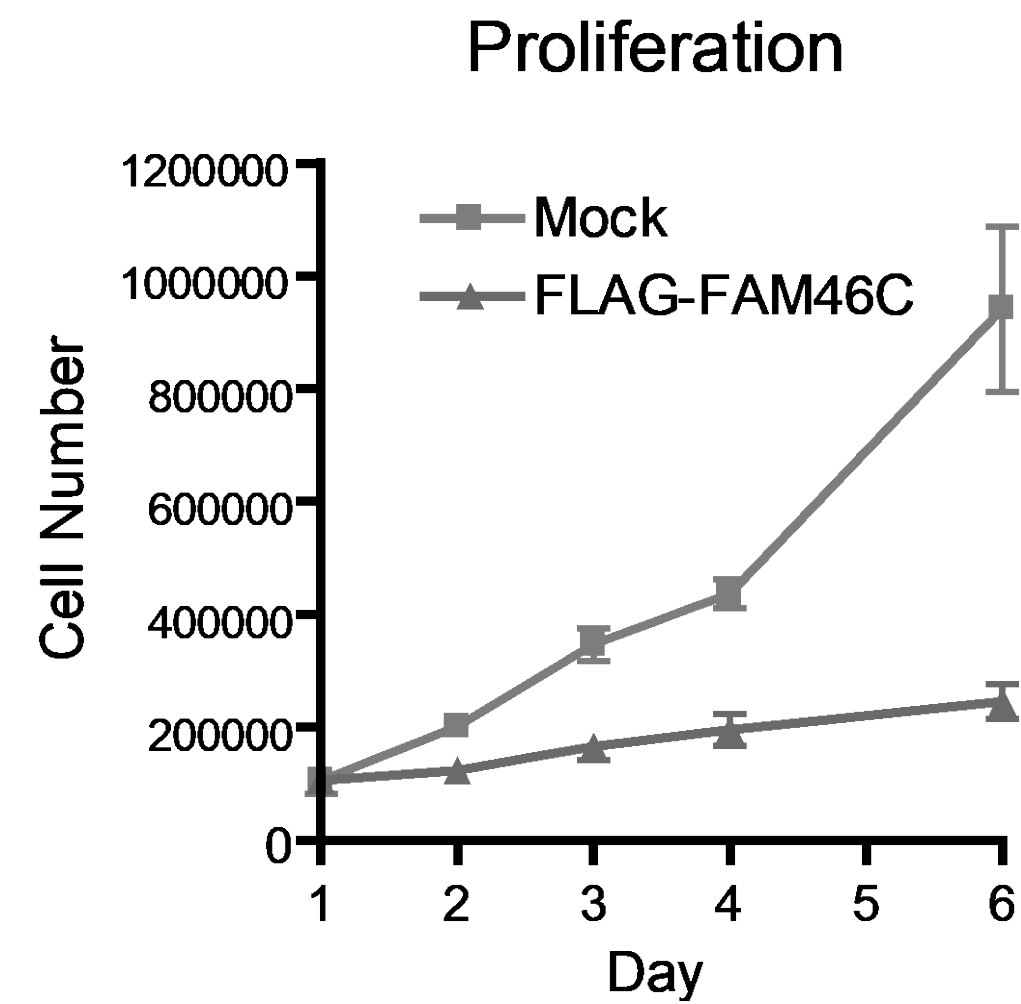


(Barbieri et al., British Journal of Haematology, 2016)

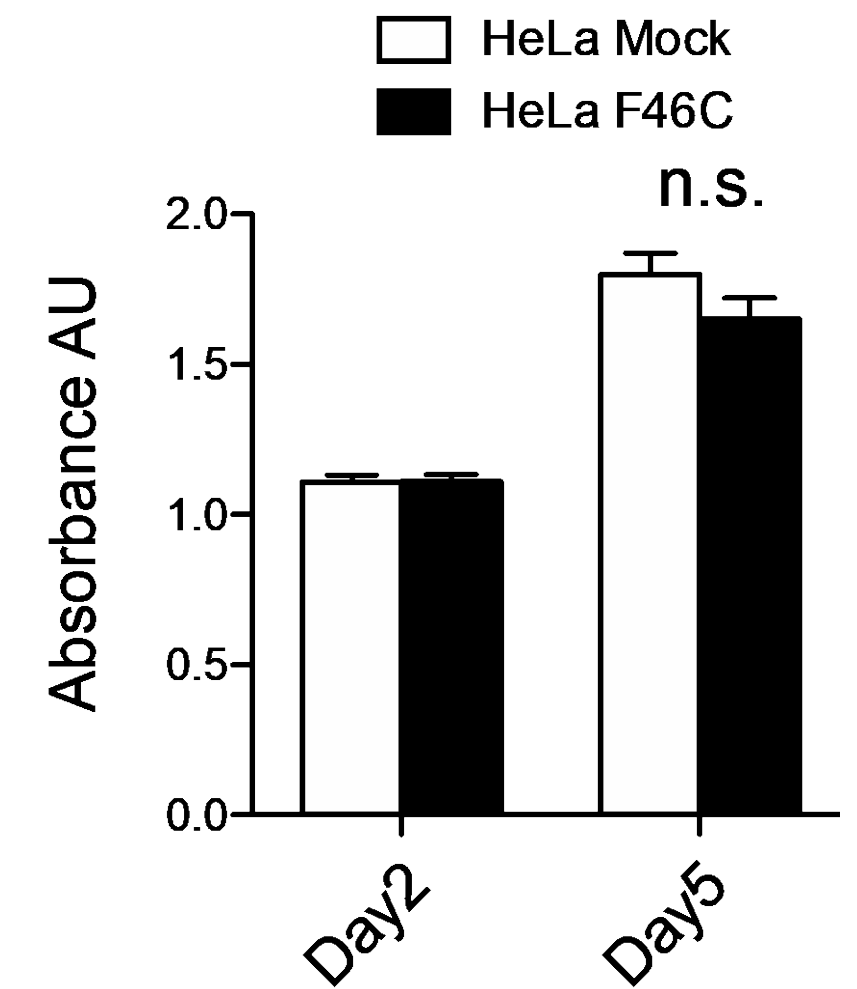
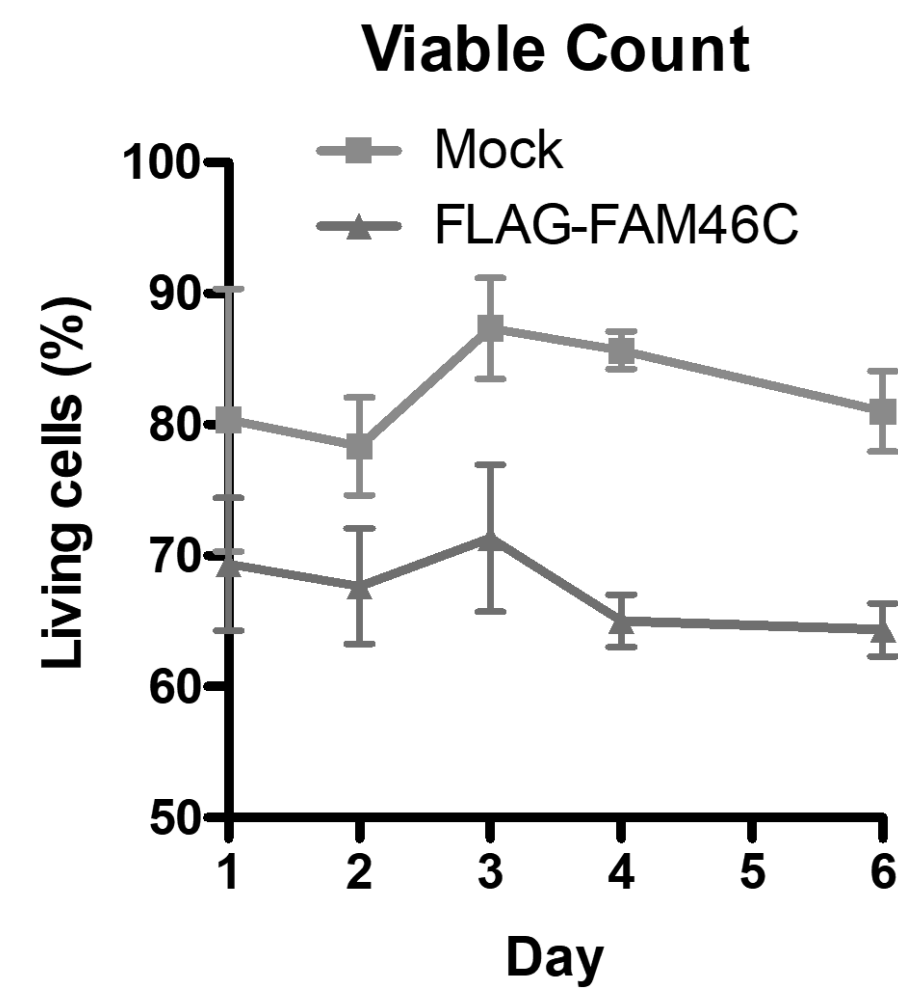
FAM46C reduces myeloma proliferation rate and increases apoptotic rate



Silencing in WT MM line



Over-Expression in FAM46C-mutated MM lines

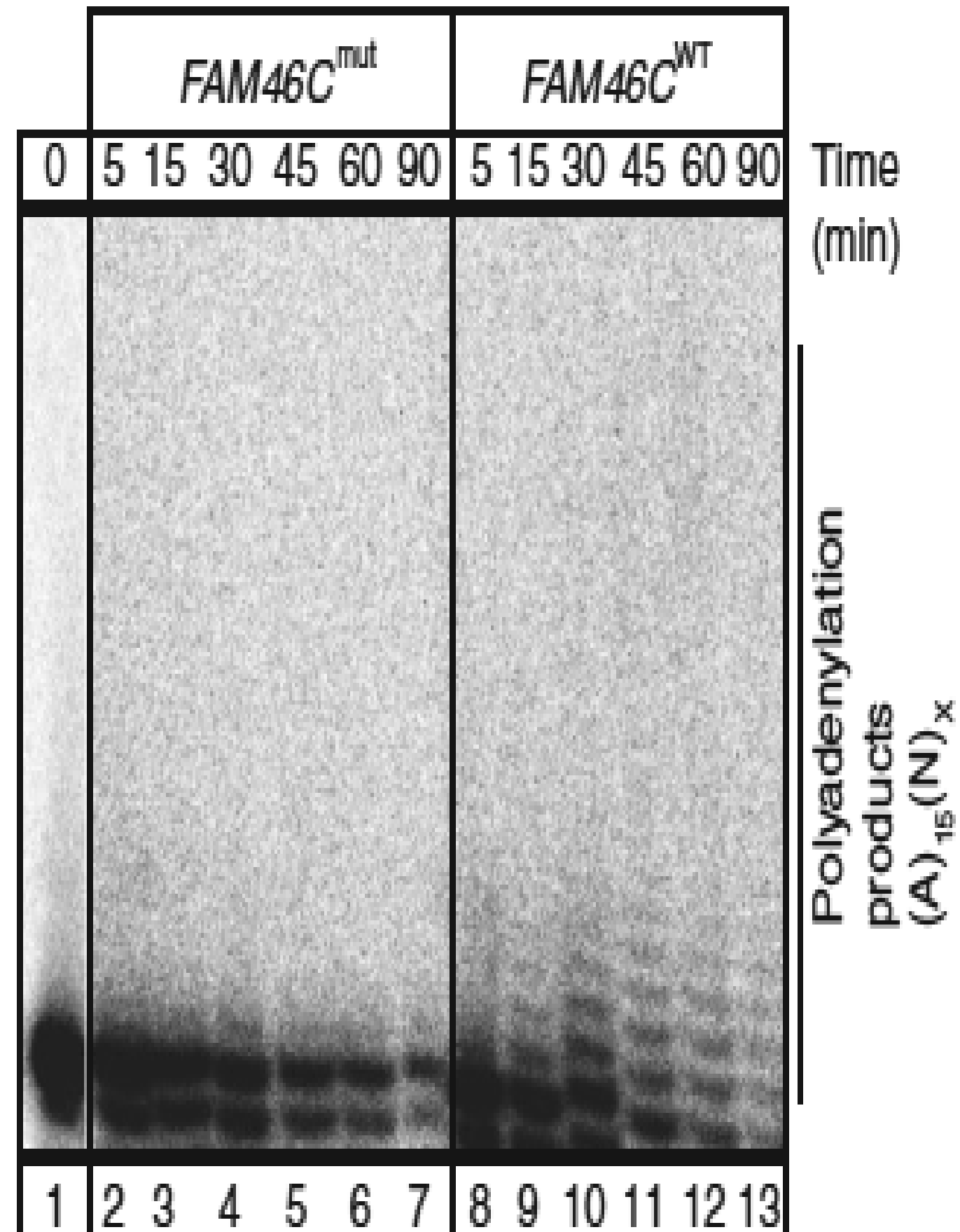


Non-MM cells

FAM46C is a MM-specific tumor suppressor

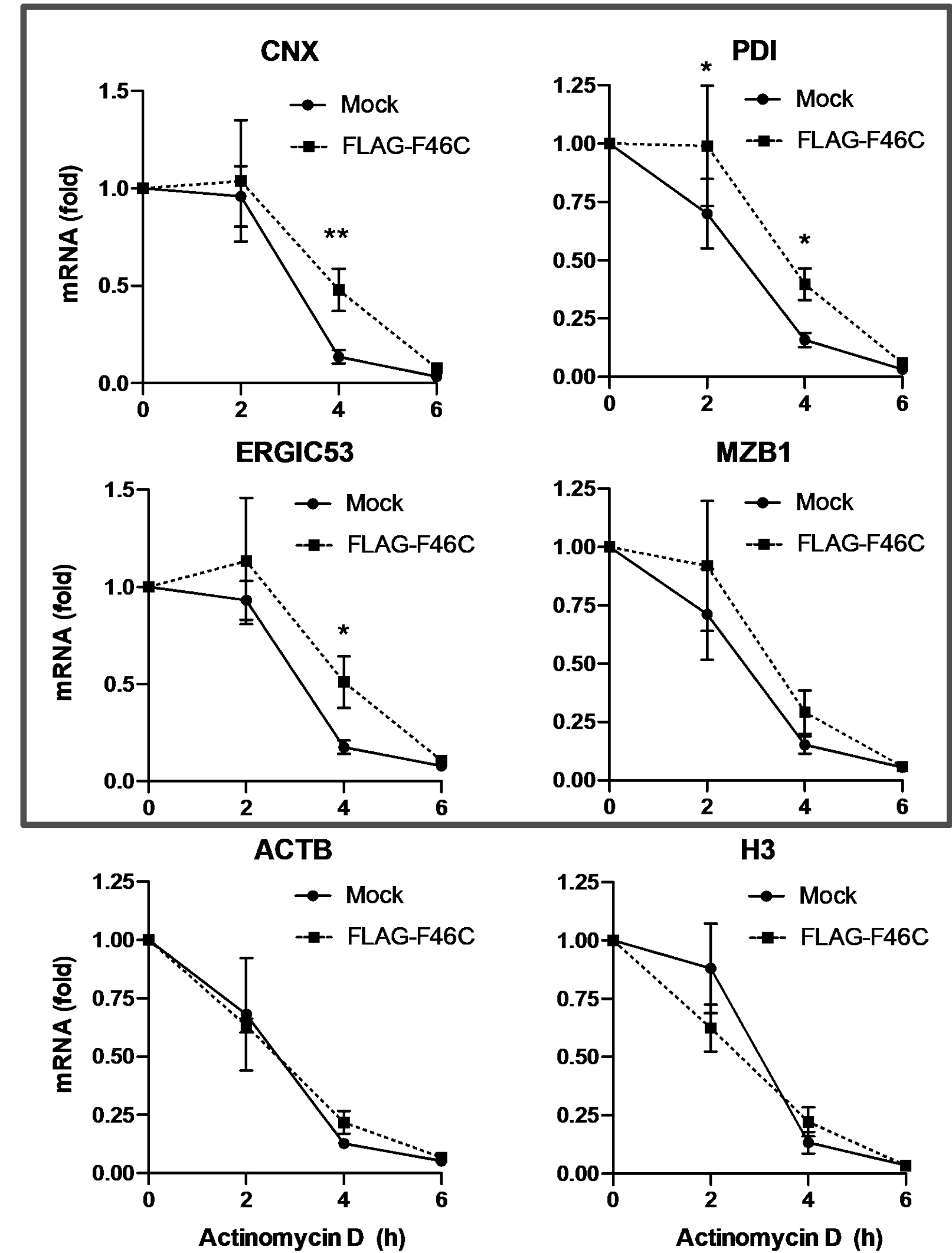
*Zhu et al.; Cancer Research 2017
Fucci et al., Cell Reports 2020
Manfrini et al., Cancer Research 2020*

FAM46C stabilizes Ig and ER-targeted mRNAs



Mroczek et al.; Nat Commun 2017

FAM46C is a non-canonical poly(a) polymerase that polyadenylates Ig mRNAs and other transcripts encoding ER-targeted proteins.

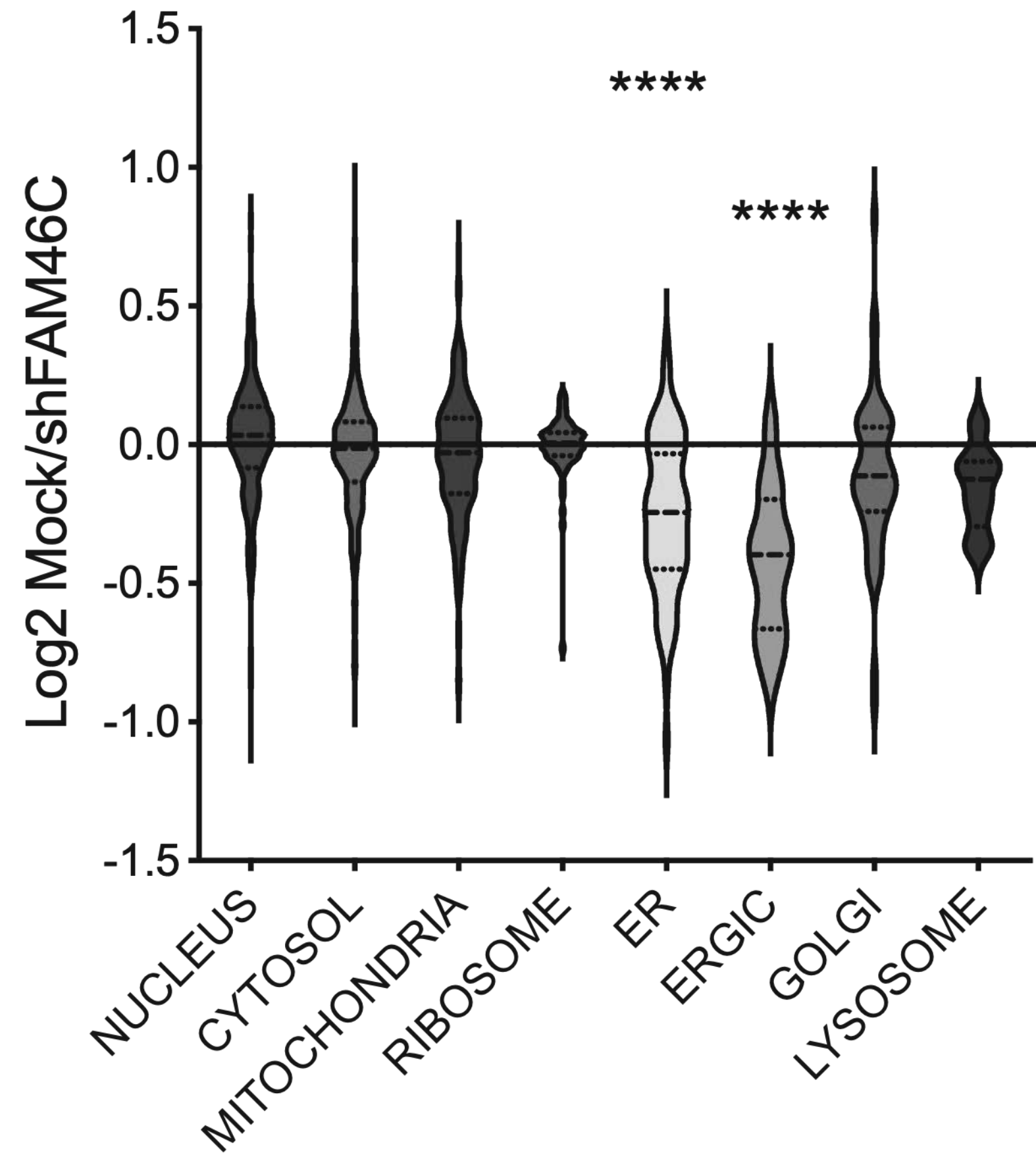


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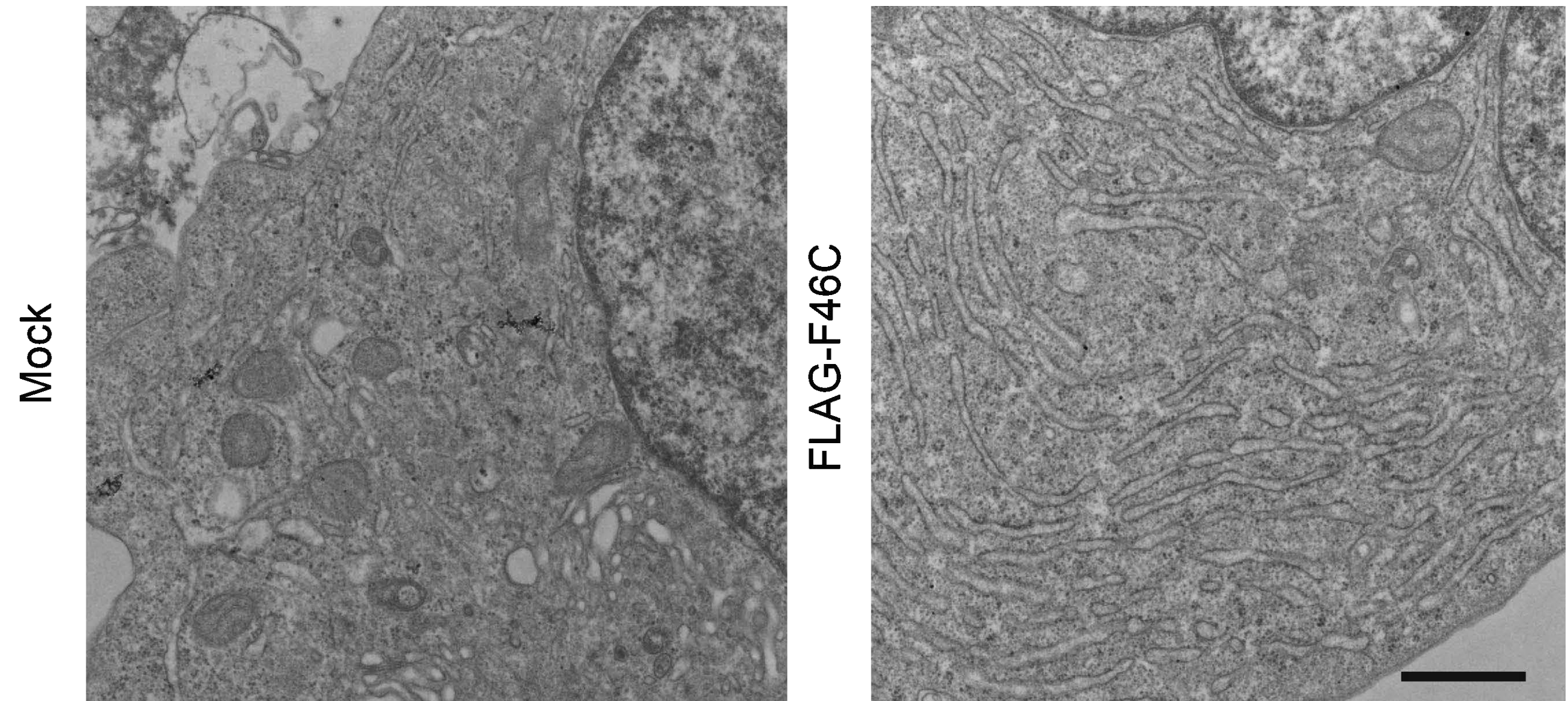
FAM46C boosts the secretory apparatus

FAM46C Silencing in WT RPMI 8266



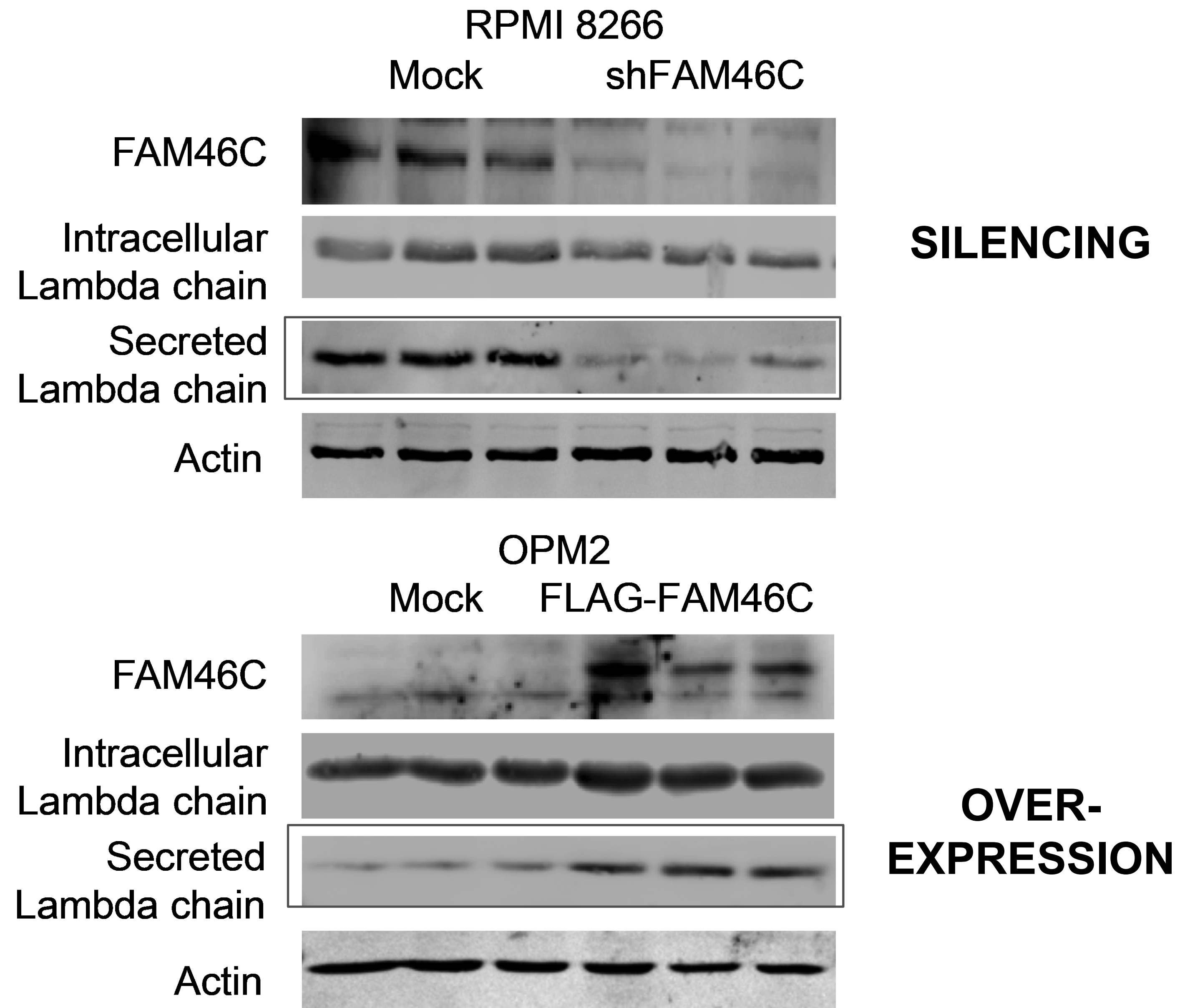
SILAC proteomic

FAM46C Over-expression in OPM2 mut cells

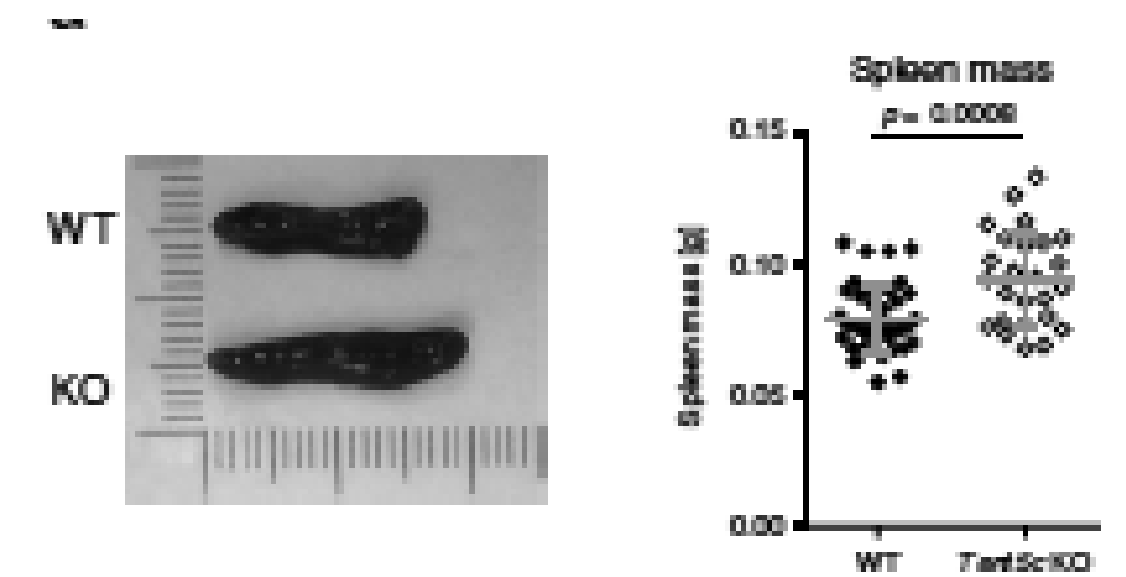
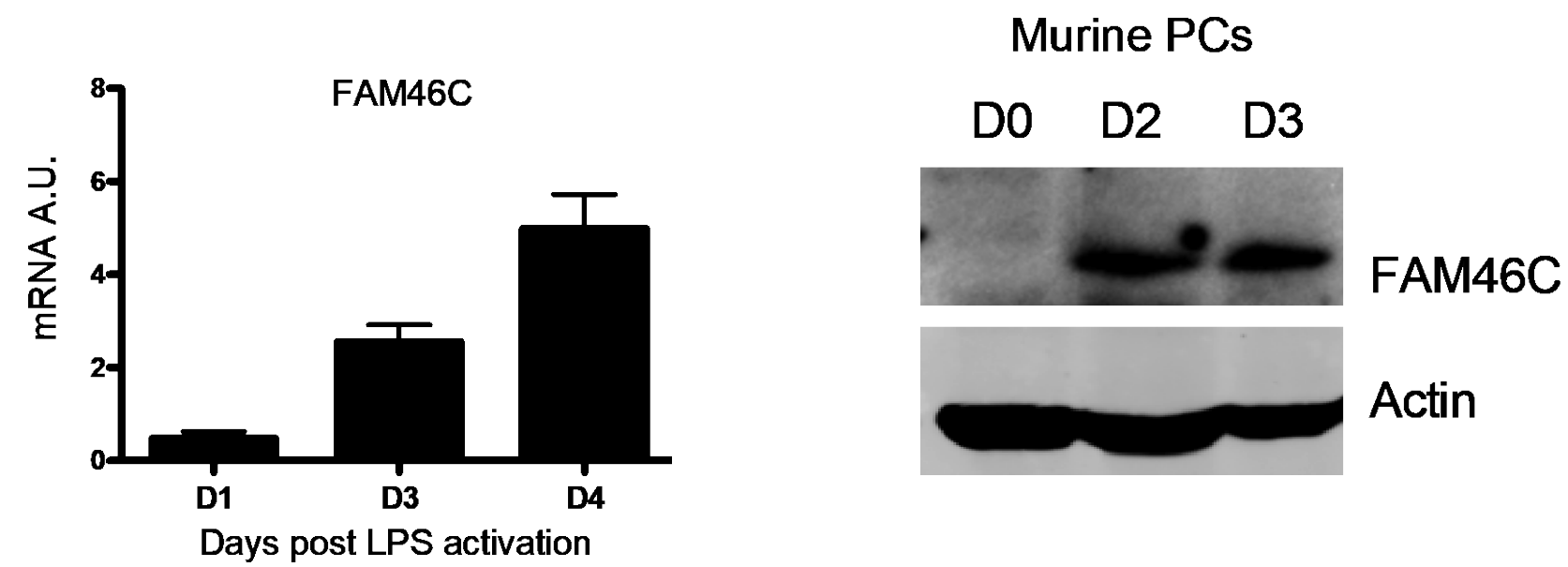


Electron Microscopy

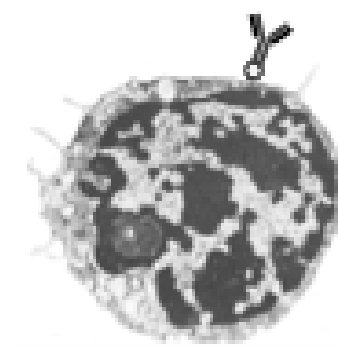
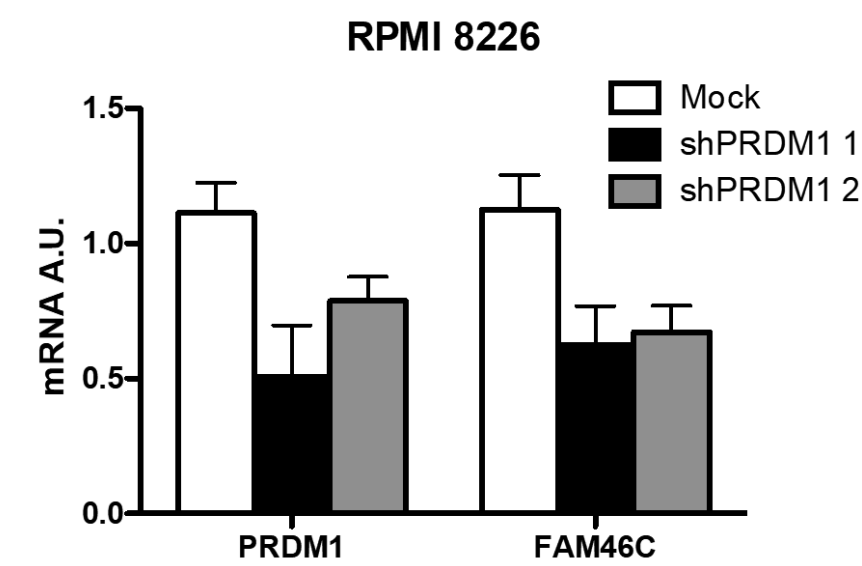
FAM46C promotes Ig production and secretion



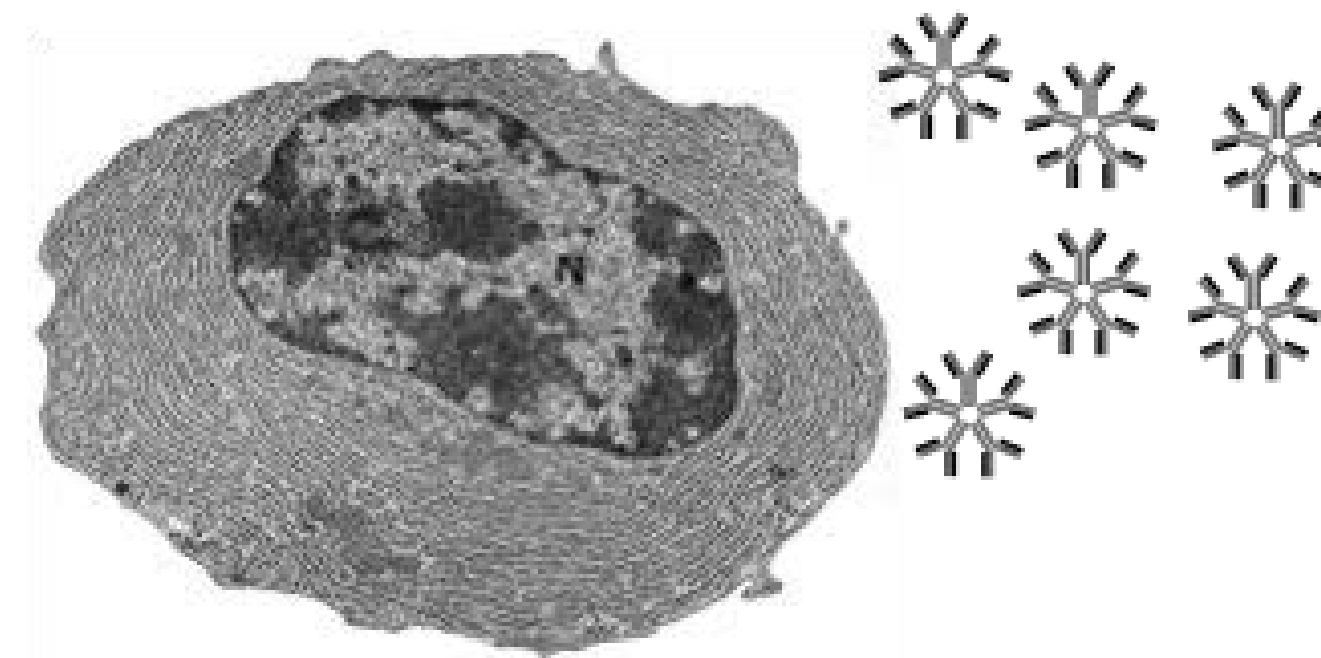
FAM46C is induced under PRDM1 during plasma cell differentiation and sustains antibody production in vivo



Bilska et al.; Nat Commun 2020



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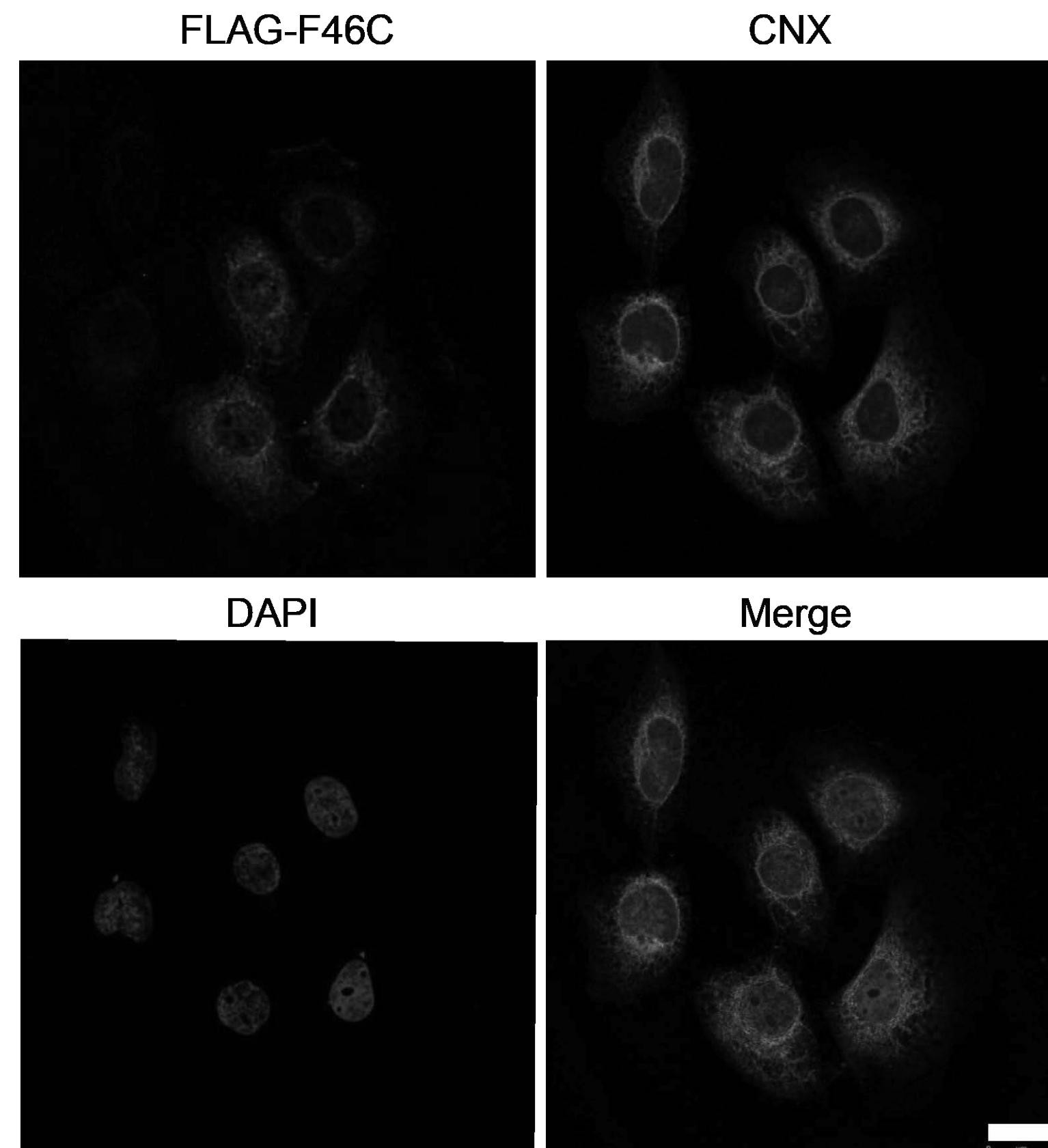


FAM46C ^{-/-} mice produce **fewer antibodies** despite having more CD138^{high} plasma cells as a consequence of **accelerated differentiation**.

Fucci et al.; Cell Reports 2020

FAM46C potent induction upon plasma cell differentiation suggests a **key role in the ER reshaping** to sustain antibody secretion.

FAM46C interacts with FNDC3 proteins at the ER membrane

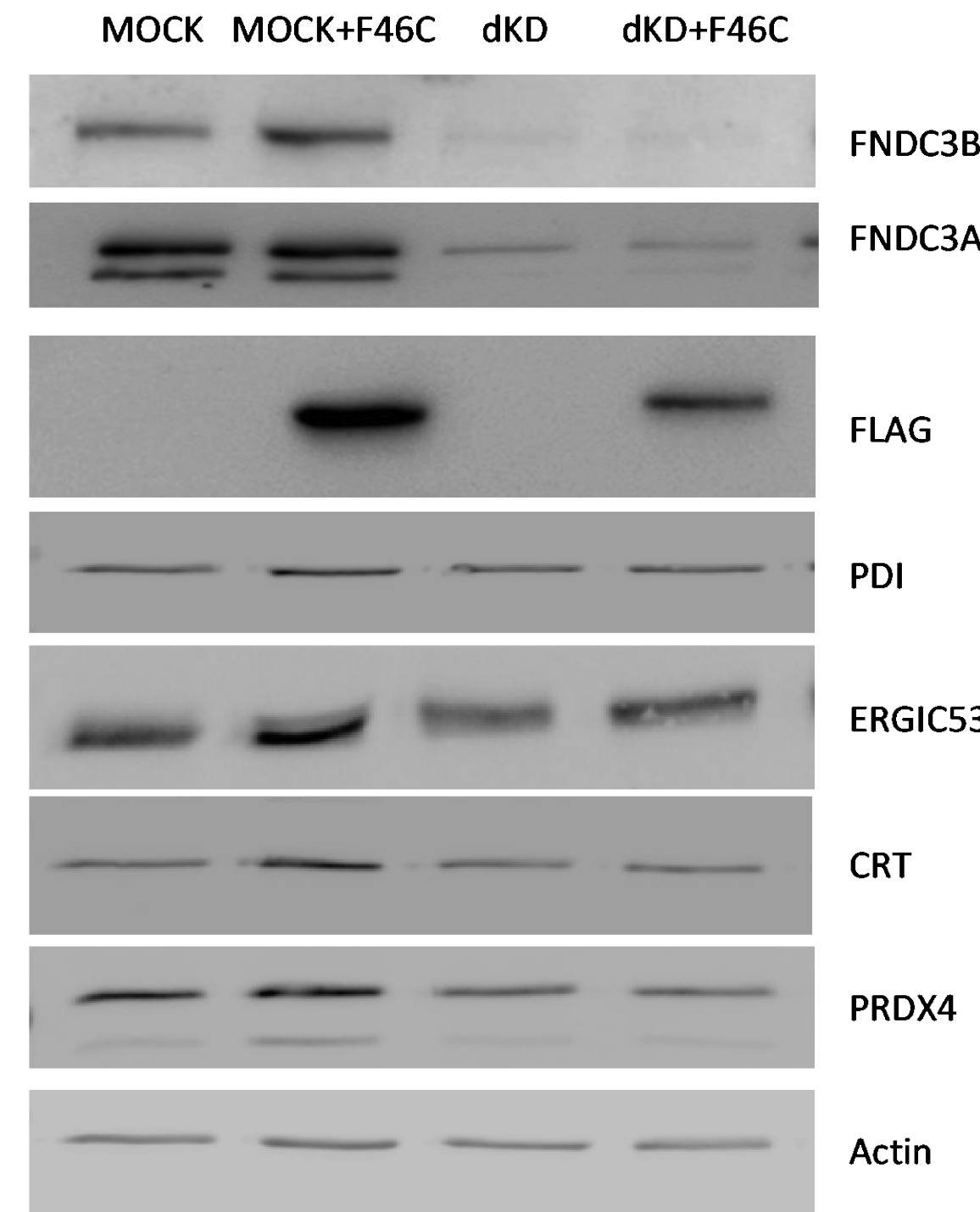
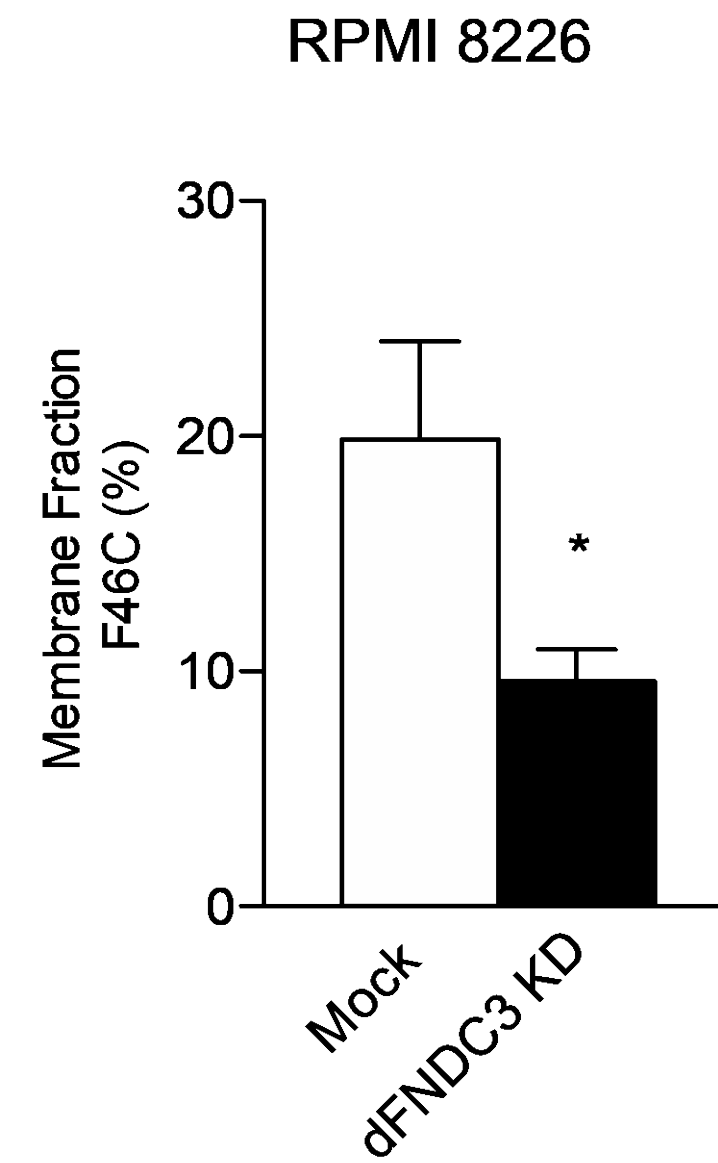
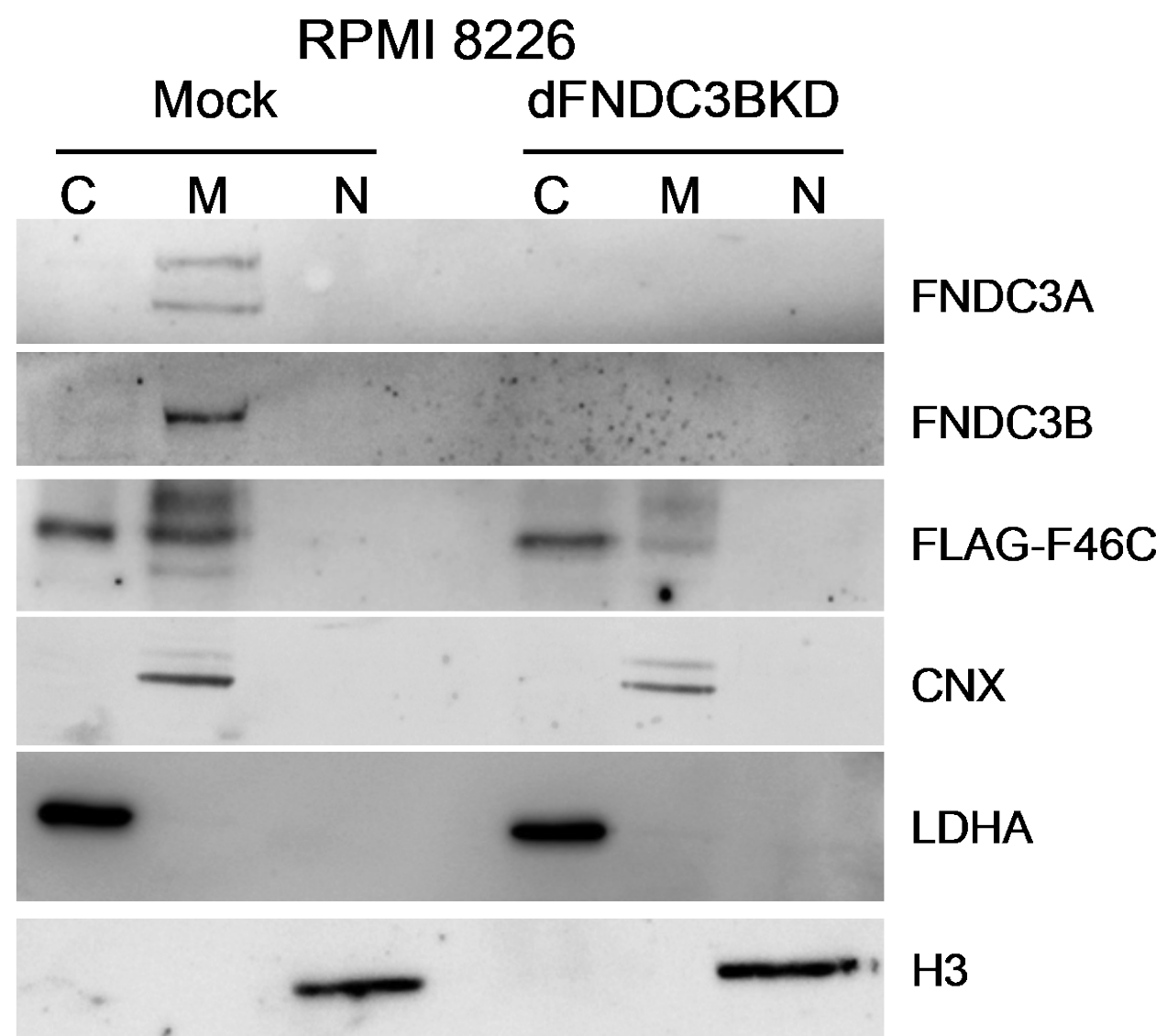
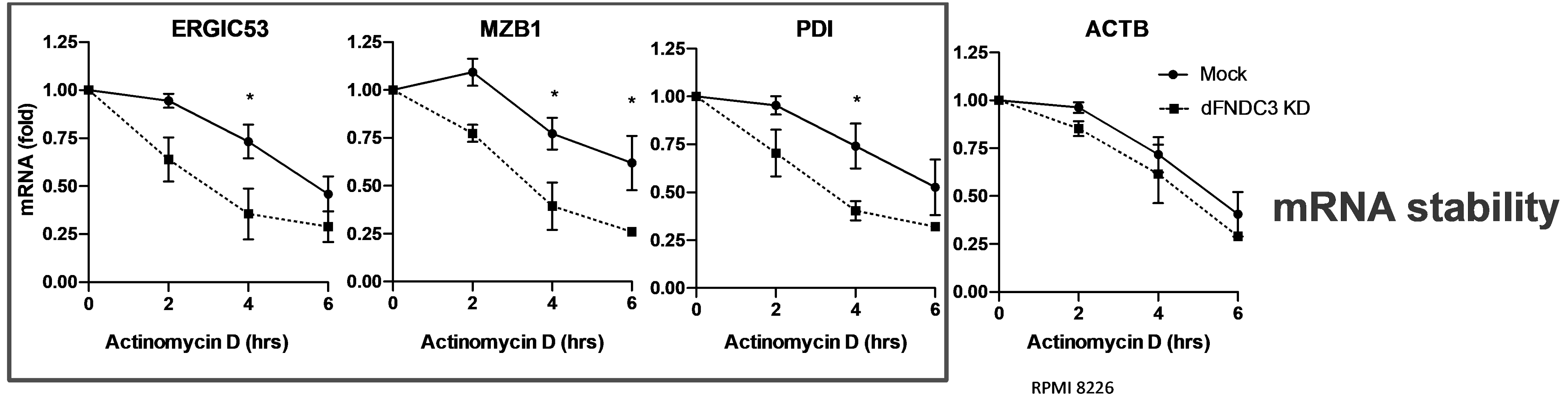


FAM46C interactome

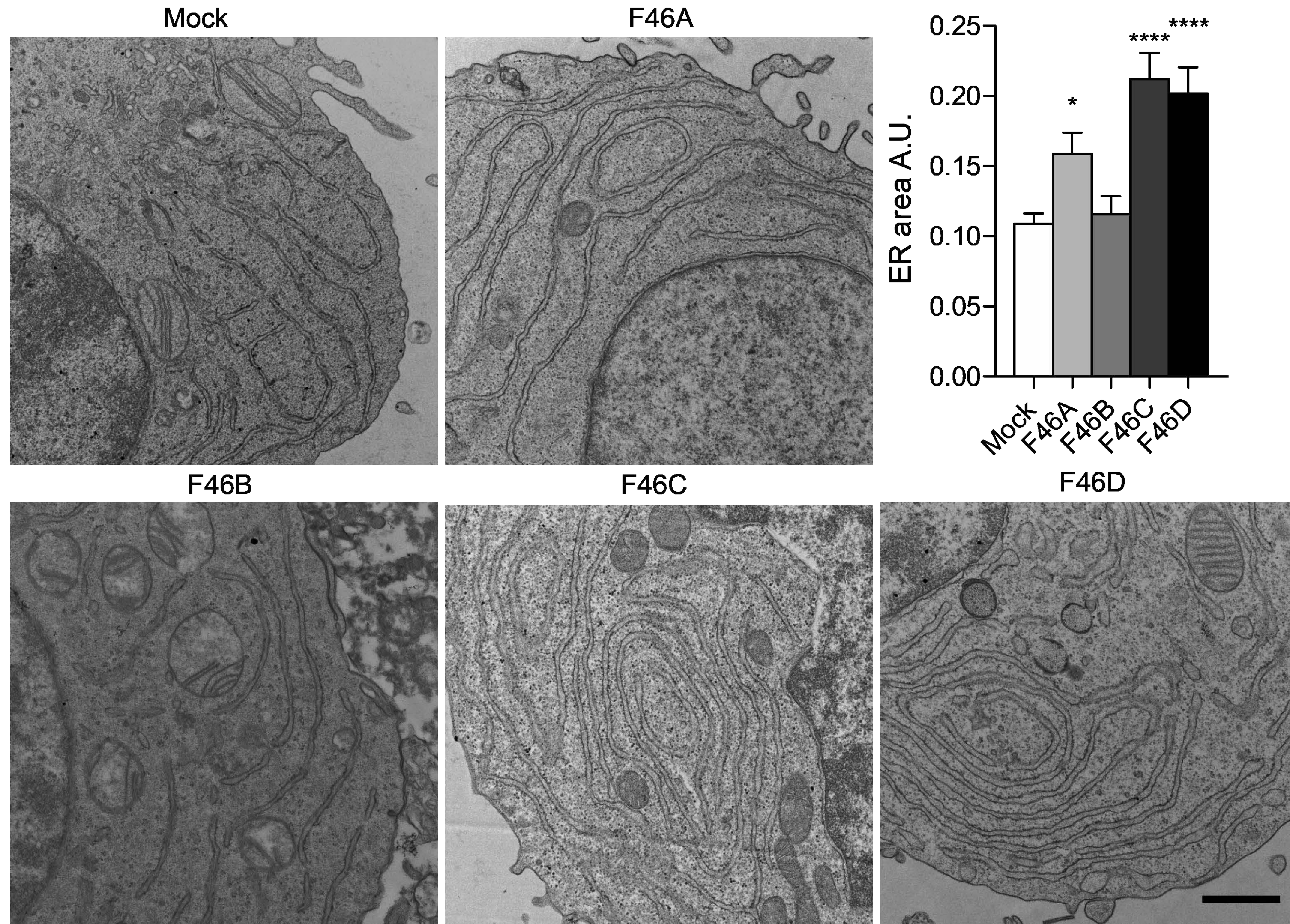
| Protein | Control IP | FAM46C IP |
|---------------|------------|-----------|
| FAM46C | | 49 |
| HYOU1 | 10 | 25 |
| PABPC4 | | 8 |
| SLC25A3 | 4 | 11 |
| PABPC1 | 3 | 9 |
| SQSTM1 | | 4 |
| XPOT | | 4 |
| FNDC3B | | 4 |
| GARS | | 3 |
| DNAJC11 | | 3 |
| SLC7A5 | | 3 |
| CALR | | 3 |
| ITGB7 | | 3 |
| CTU2 | | 3 |

FAM46C interacts with the ER transmembrane proteins **FNDC3A** and **FNDC3B**

FNDC3 proteins are required for FAM46C localization and activity

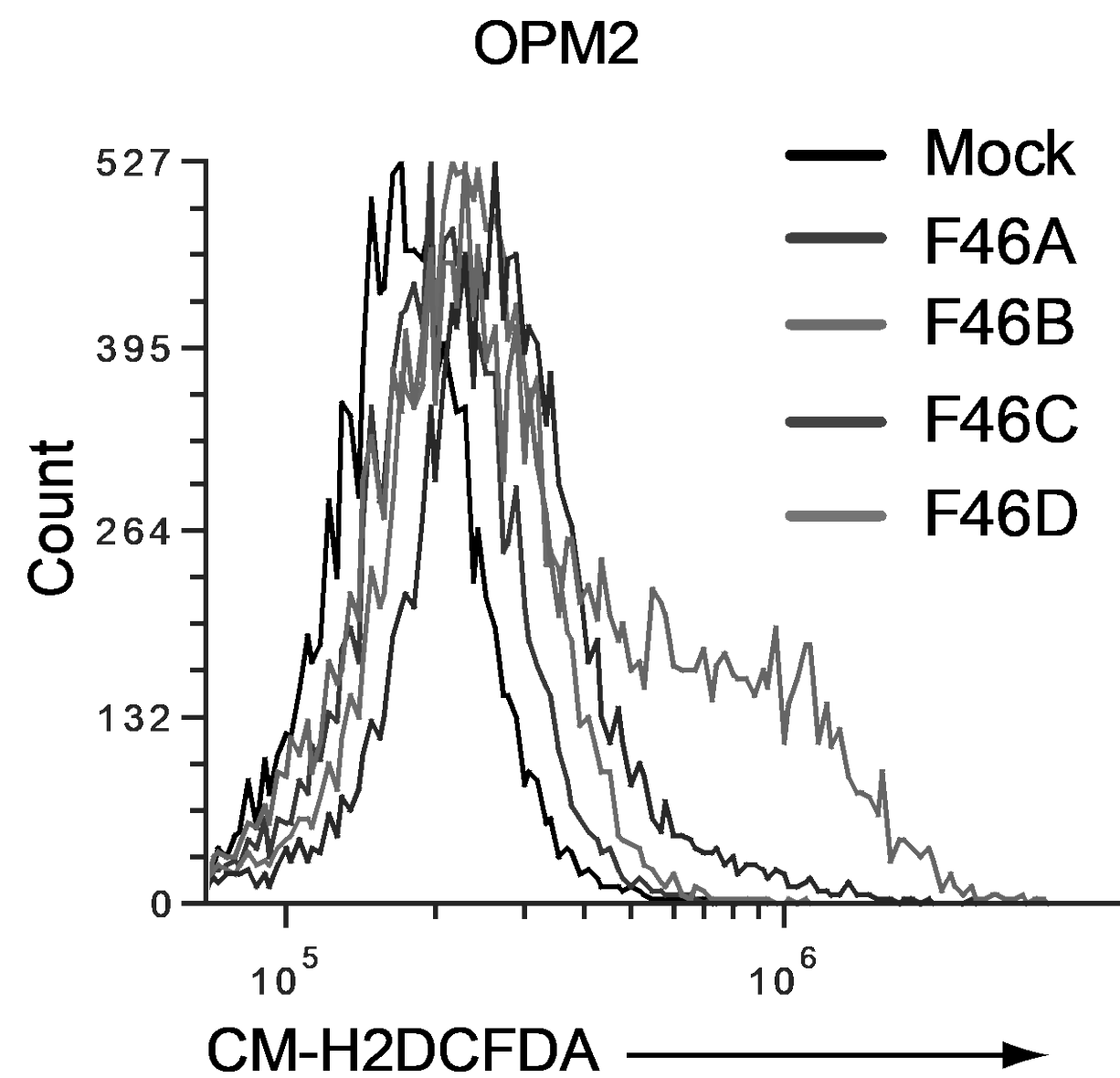
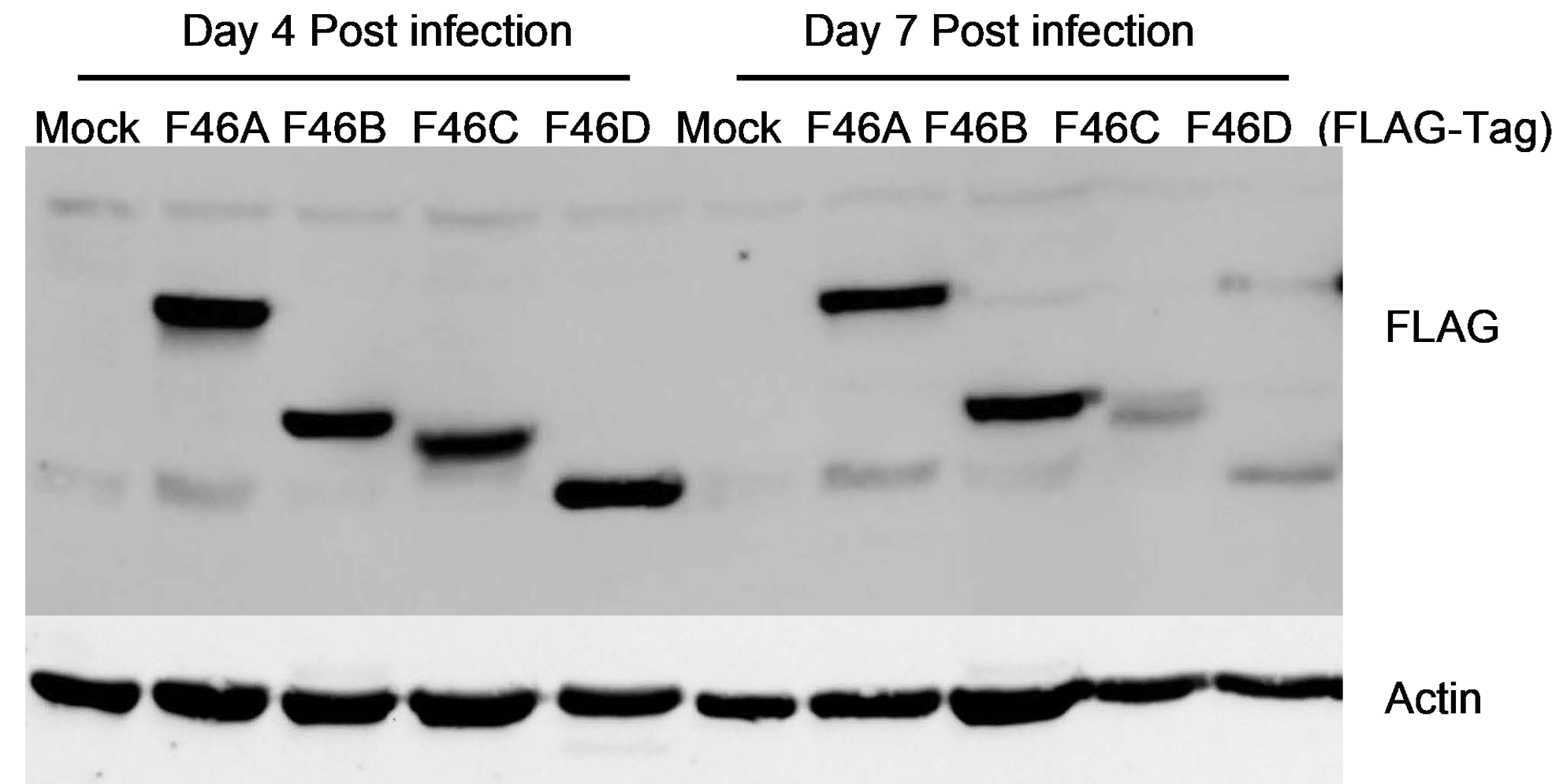
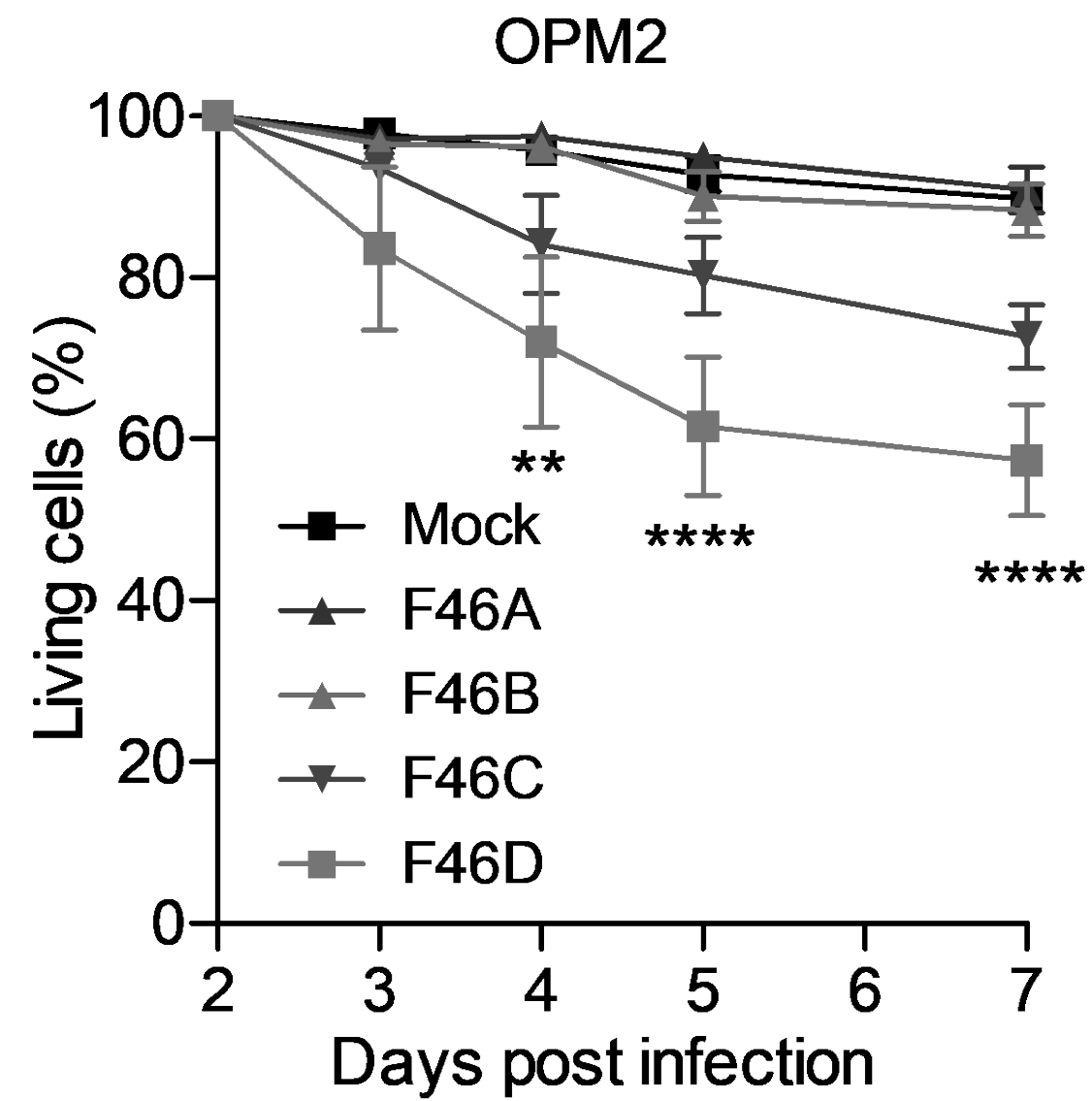


FAM46 members differ in their effects on ER

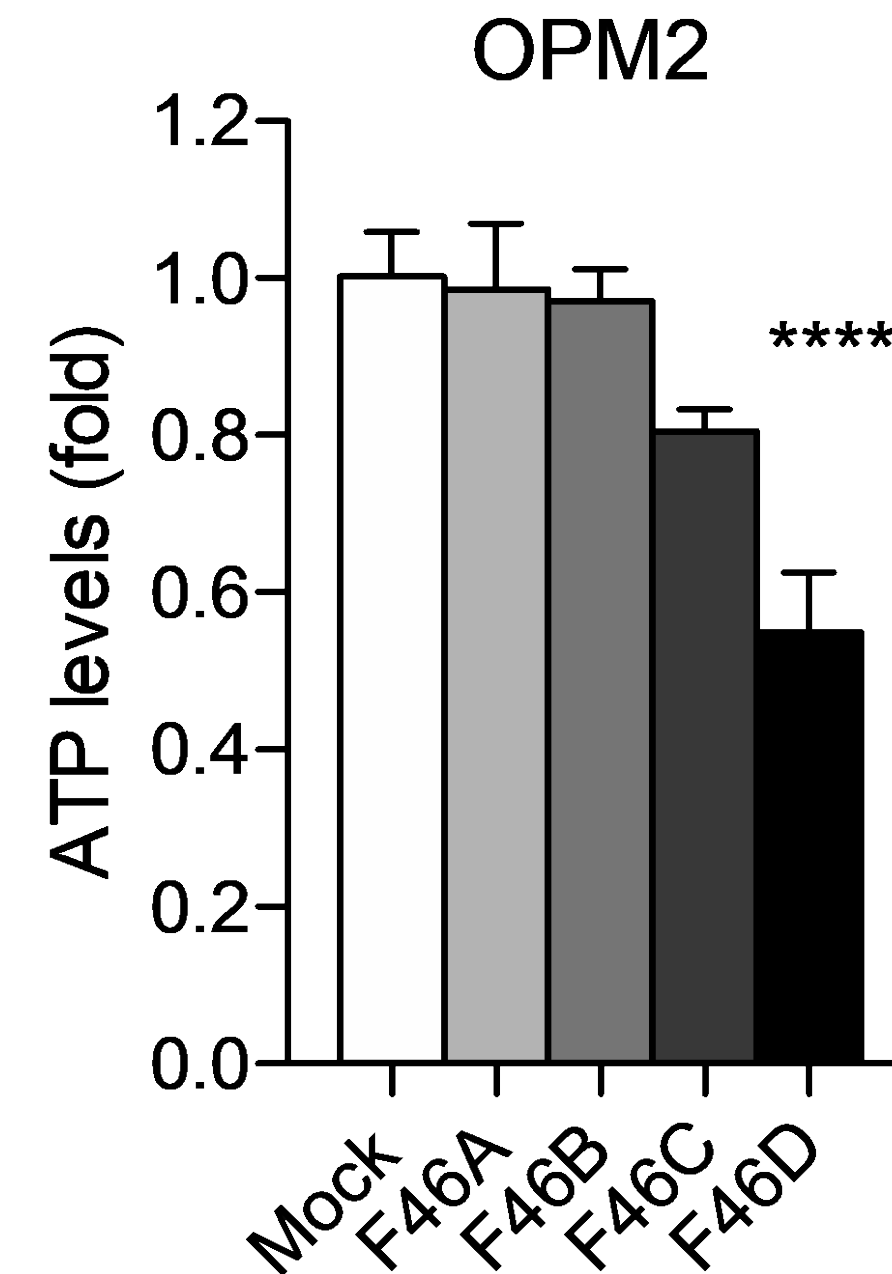


FAM46C and **FAM46D** have the most potent effects on the ER

FAM46C and FAM46D boost secretion beyond sustainability



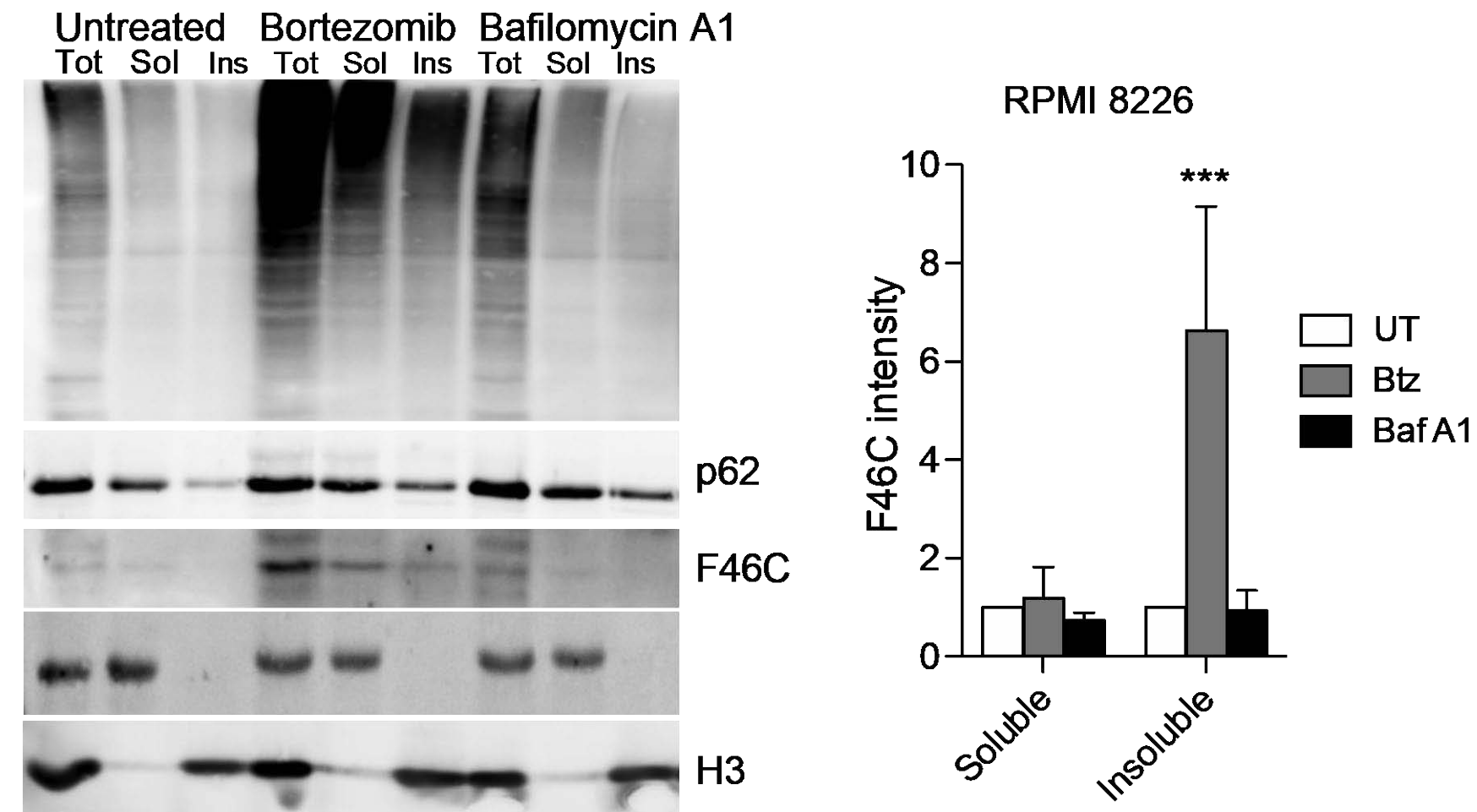
**ROS
levels**



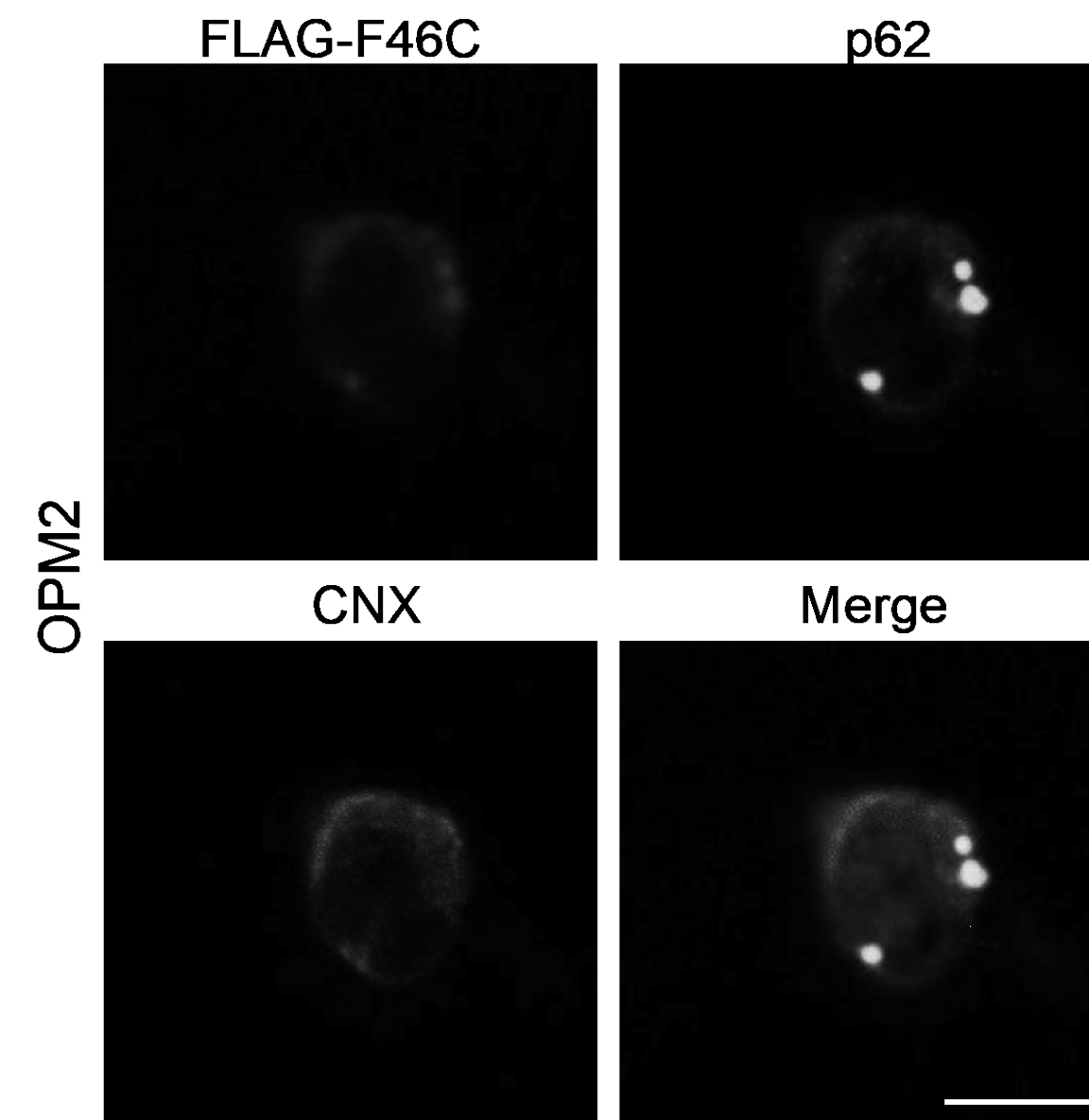
**ATP
levels**

FAM46C is tightly regulated by degradative pathways

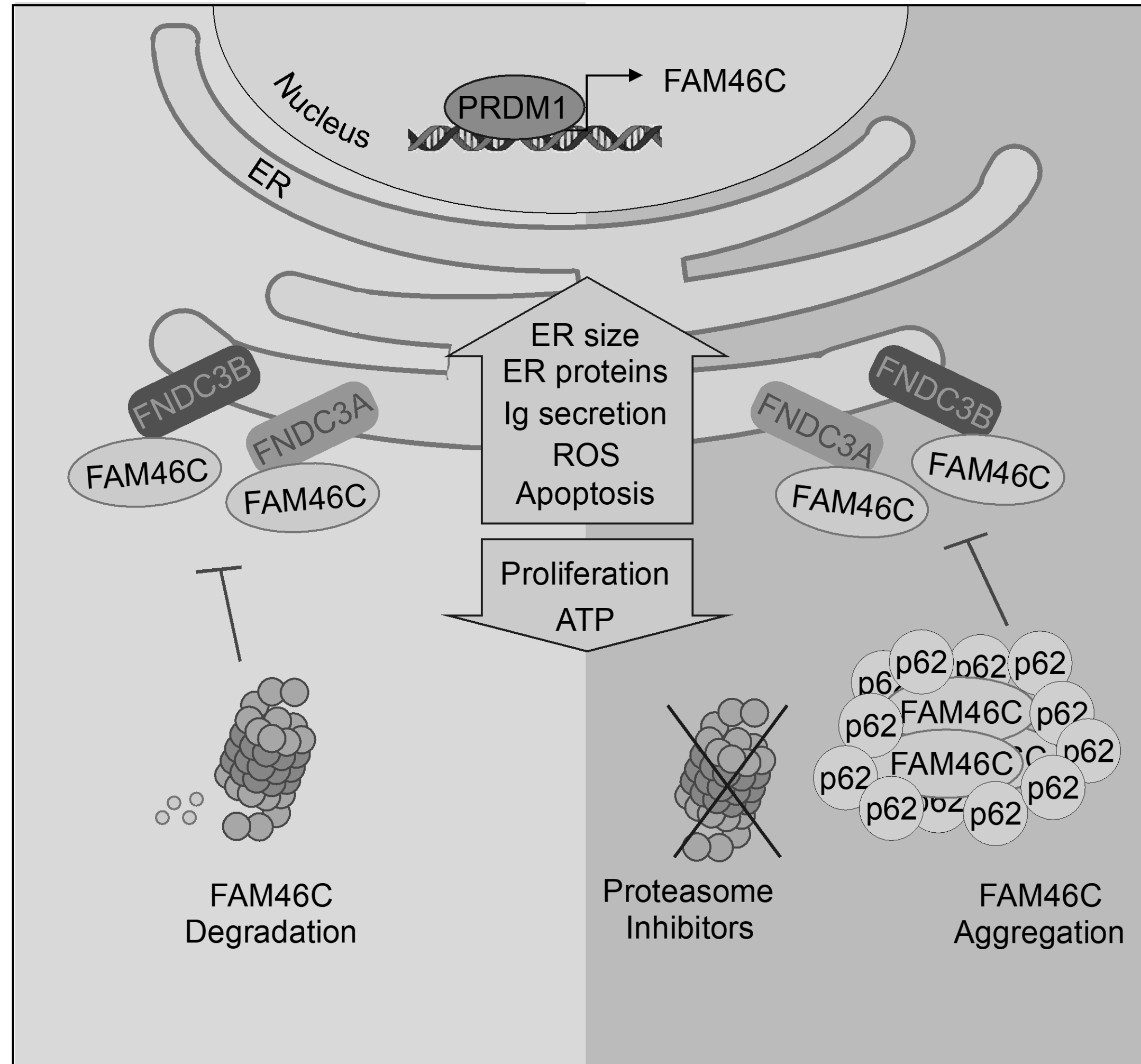
1) FAM46C is rapidly degraded by the Ubiquitin Proteasome System (UPS)



2) UPS inhibition induces sequestration of FAM46C away from the ER in p62-positive aggregates

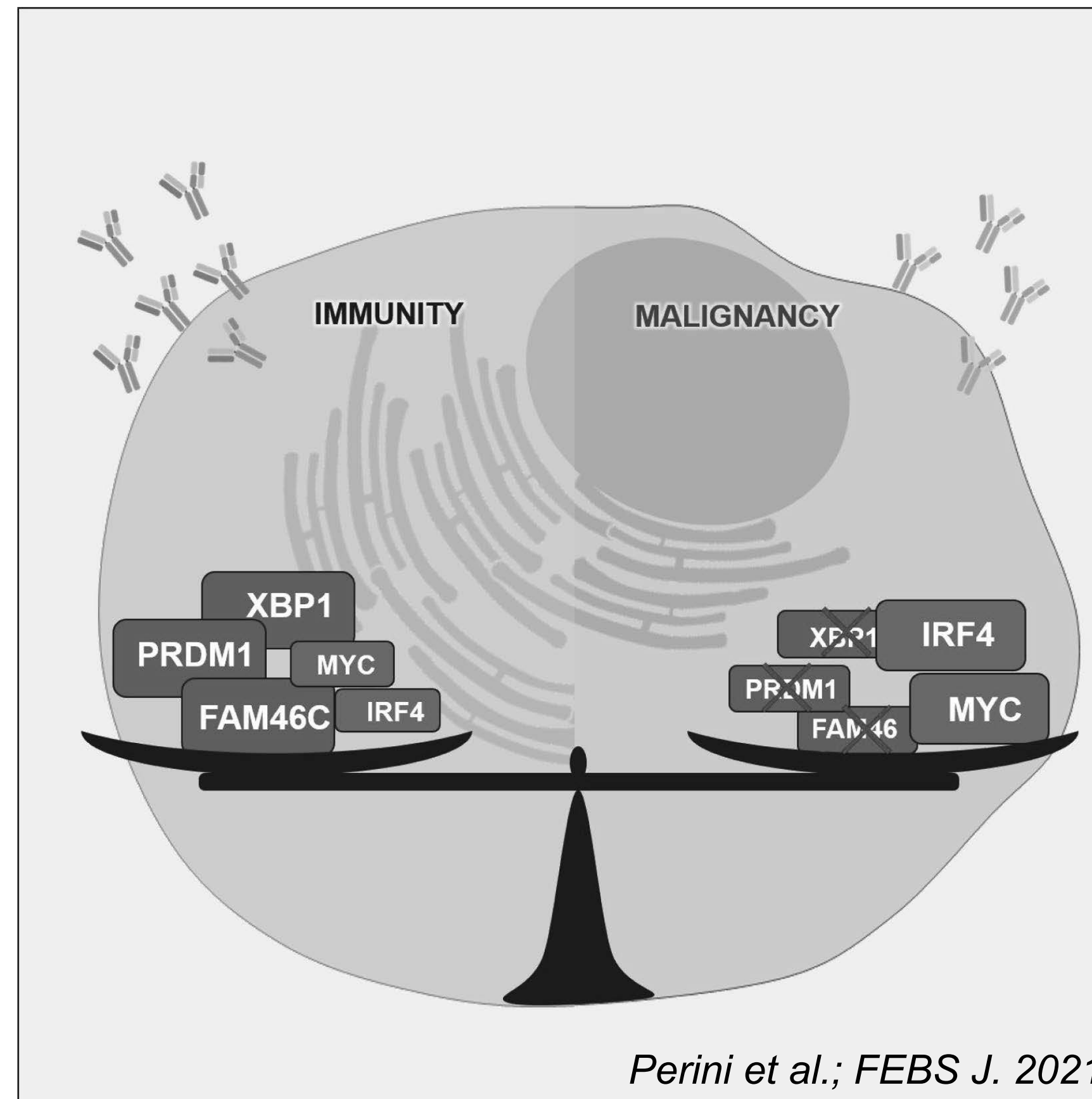


Conclusions



- ▶ FAM46C boosts the secretory capacity and Ig production through the interaction with the ER membrane proteins **FND3A** and **FND3B**
- ▶ To ensure sustainability, FAM46C is rapidly degraded by the **UPS** or sequestered away from the ER in **p62-positive aggregates**
- ▶ Basis for MM-specific **oncosuppressive activity** of FAM46C

Immunity vs Malignancy



In MM patients **Loss of Function** mutations have been identified in PRDM1, XBP1 and FAM46C

Is MM trying to **reduce but not eliminate** Ig production?

Can we learn a lesson from MM genetics and understand how to modulate the secretory activity?

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