

Supplementary Material

Serial analysis of gene mutations and gene expression during first-line chemotherapy against metastatic colorectal cancer: Identification of potentially actionable targets within the multicenter prospective biomarker study REVEAL

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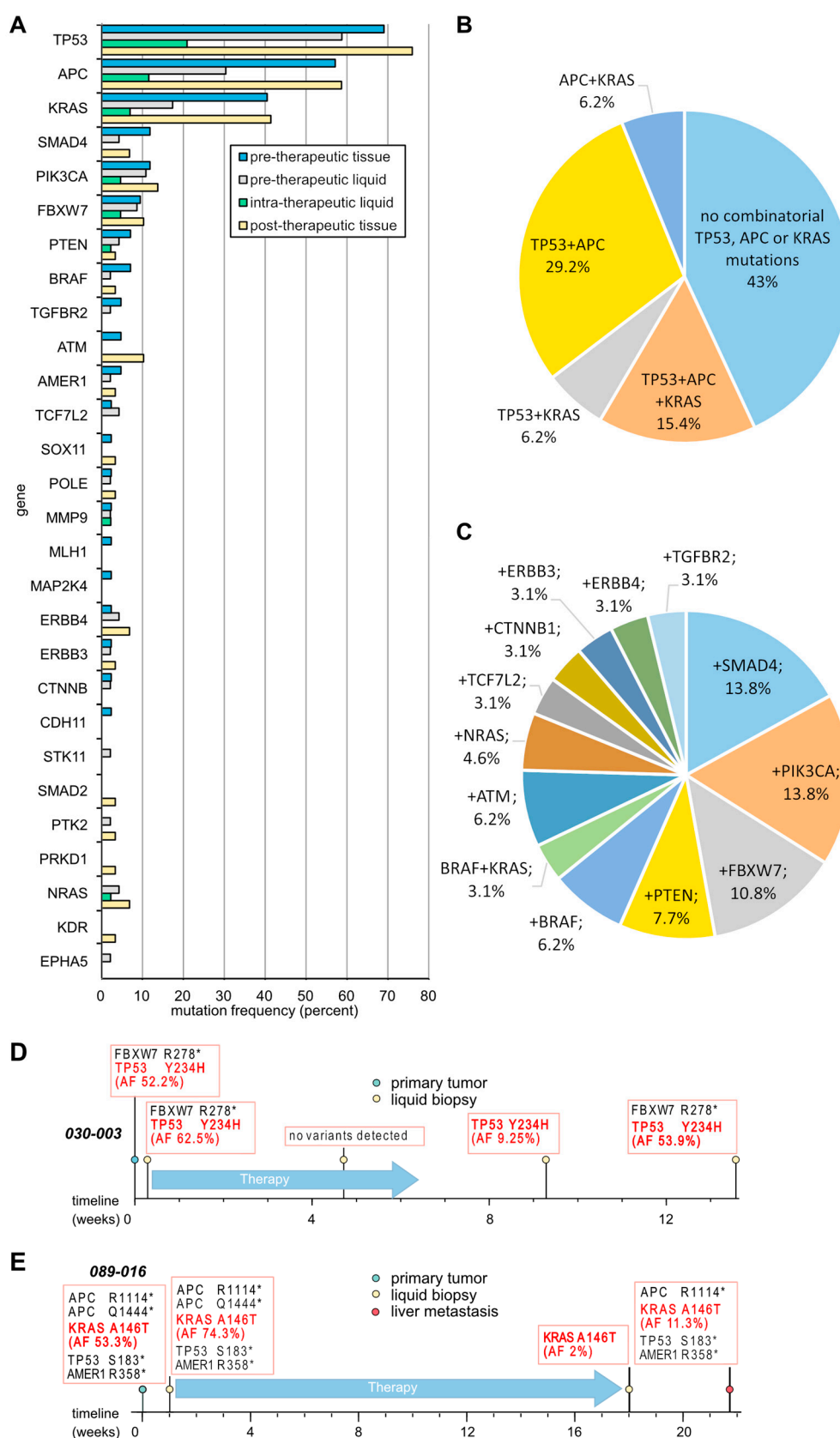


Figure S1. Mutation screening in the REVEAL cohort. **(A)** Mutation frequencies (%) in P ($n=43$), pre-L ($n=42$), i/p-L ($n=44$) and M ($n=28$). **(B)** Frequencies (%) of all cases) of combinatorial mutations in the TP53, APC and/or KRAS genes. **(C)** Frequencies (%) of cases with either one or more mutations in TP53, APC, and/or KRAS and mutations in additional genes. **(D,E)**, Examples of monitoring the mutational pattern in pre-, intra- and post-therapeutic tissue and/or liquid samples from single patients.

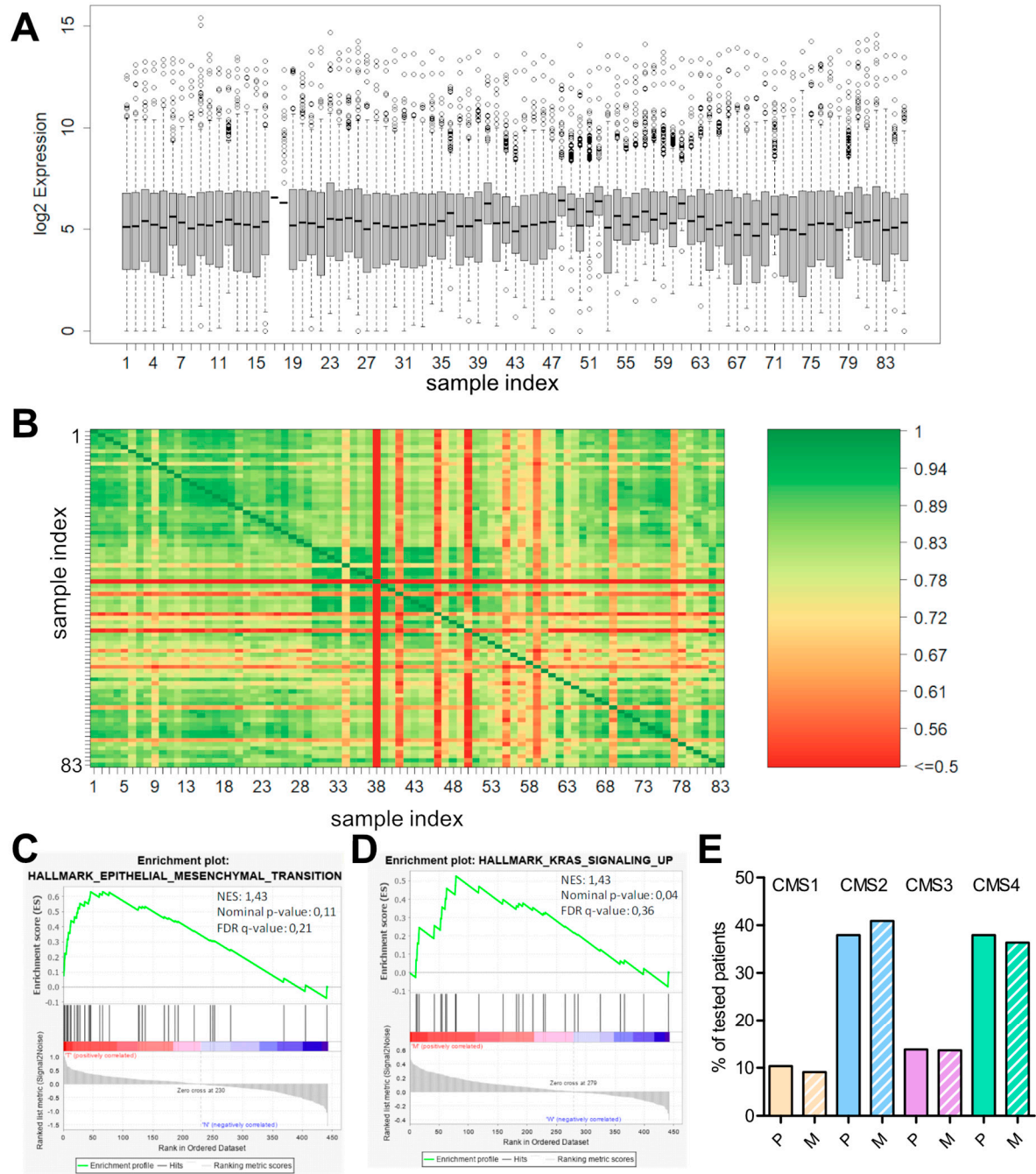


Figure S2. Quality control (A,B) and plausibility of the REVEAL expression data set (C,D). **A**, Box plot diagram displaying data after normalization with the nSolver algorithm. **B**, Similarity matrix (spearman correlation) of all samples. (A,B), Sample 17, 18, 40, 43, 48, 52 and 61 were removed from further analysis for not reaching our quality standards. (C), GSEA analysis comparing the expression data from primary tumors (T, $n=29$) to normal surrounding tissue (N, $n=26$). The primary CRC tumor expression pattern is associated with the EMT dataset confirming the plausibility of the data. (D), GSEA analysis comparing the expression data from KRAS mutated (M, $n=8$) to KRAS wildtypic primary tumors (W, $n=17$). The KRAS mutated primary tumor expression pattern is associated with the KRAS signaling dataset confirming the plausibility of the data. (E), CMS classification of primary tumors (P; $n=29$) and metastases (M; $n=22$). NES, normalized enrichment score. FDR, false discovery rate.

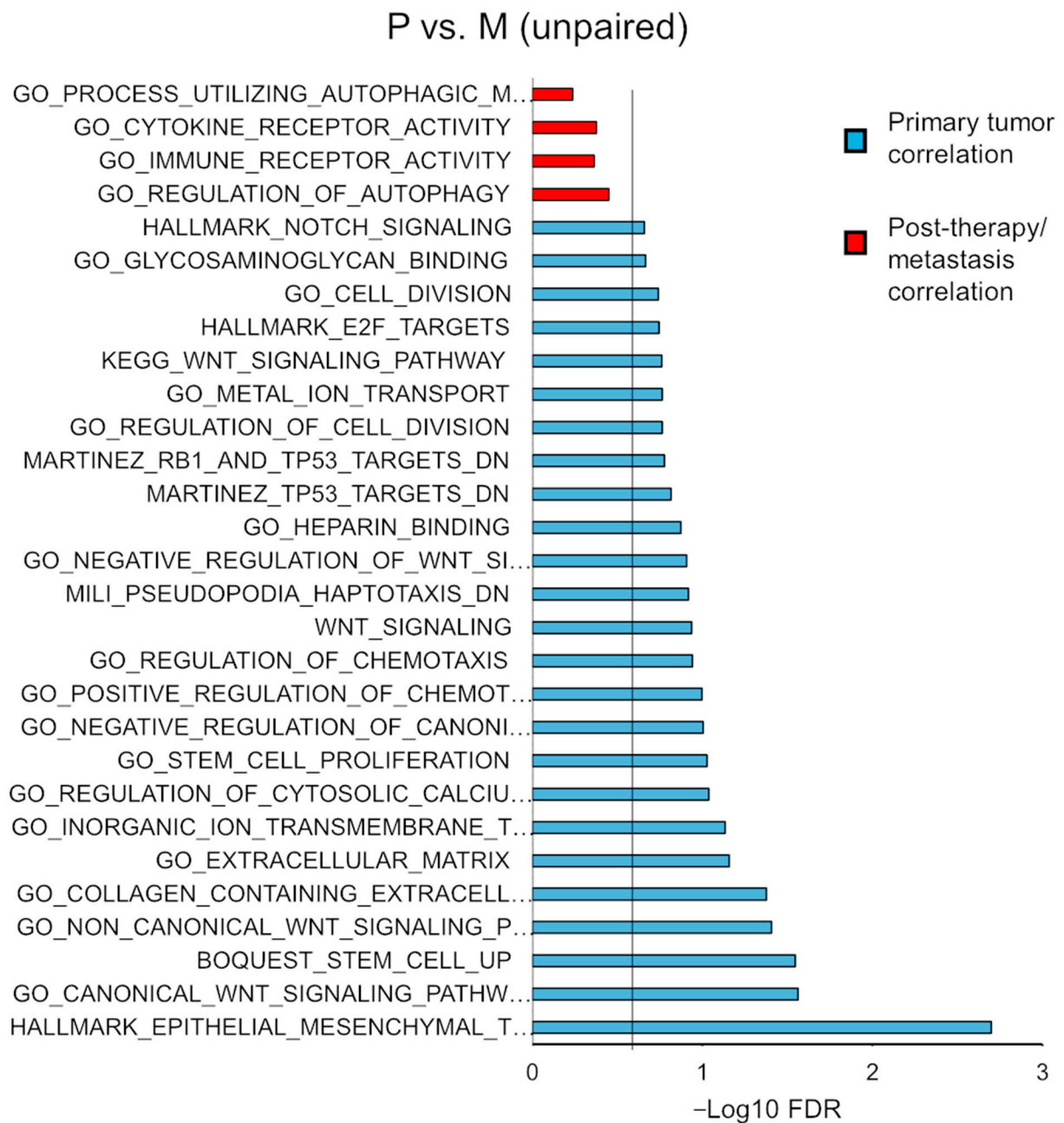


Figure S3. Gene ontology (GO) analyses of unmatched samples utilizing all 443 gene expressions. P or M correlations are indicated. FDR, false discovery rate.

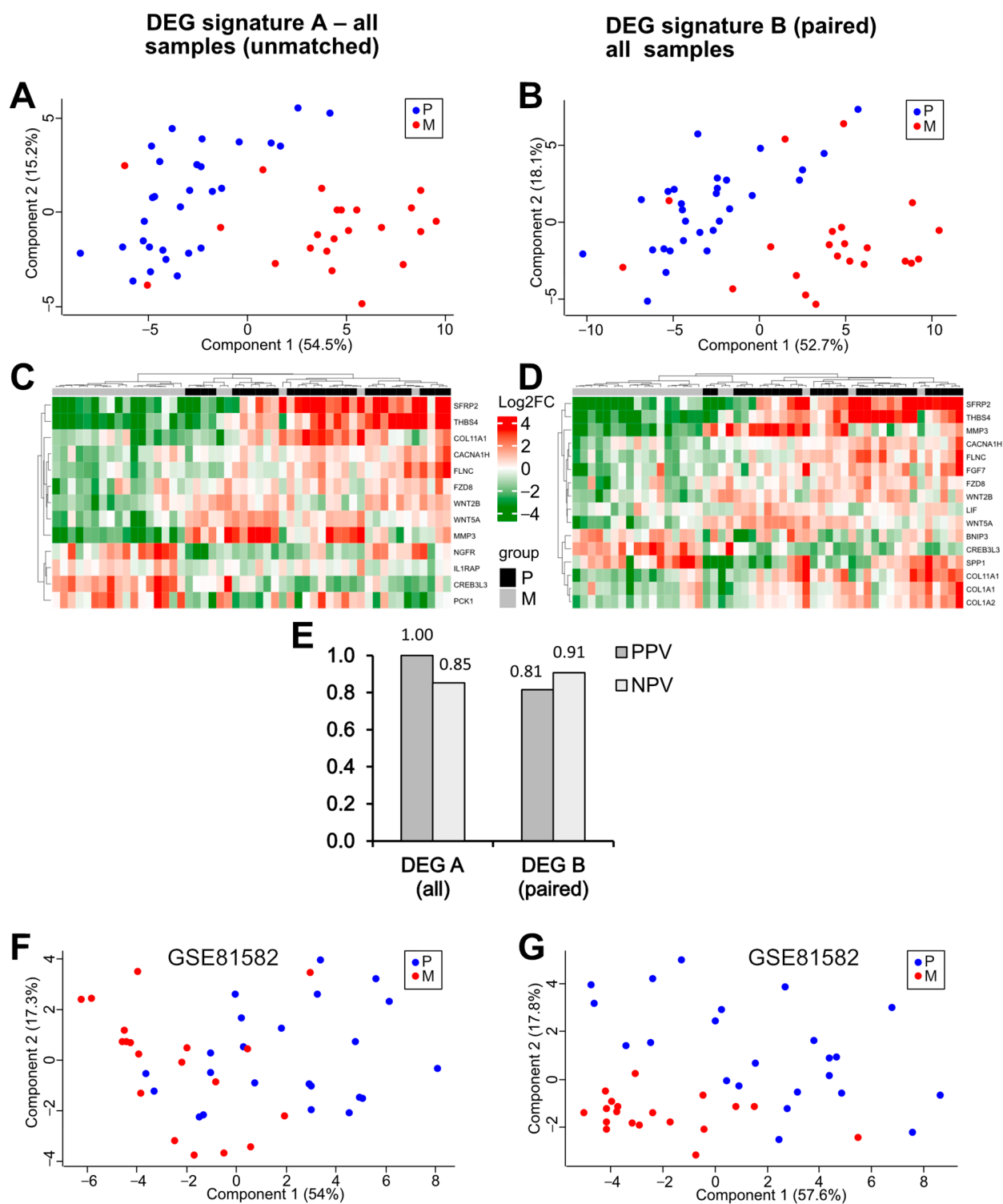


Figure S4. Principal component analyses (PCA) (A,B) and unsupervised hierarchical clustering (C,D) utilizing the REVEAL data set and DEG signature A (left) and B (right) applied to all samples ($n=51$). (E), Positive predictive (PPV) and negative predictive value (NPV) for classifying P and M of DEG A and B applied to all samples. (F, G), PCA utilizing data set GSE81582 (P, $n=23$; M, $n=19$) and genes included in DEG signature A (F) and B (G).

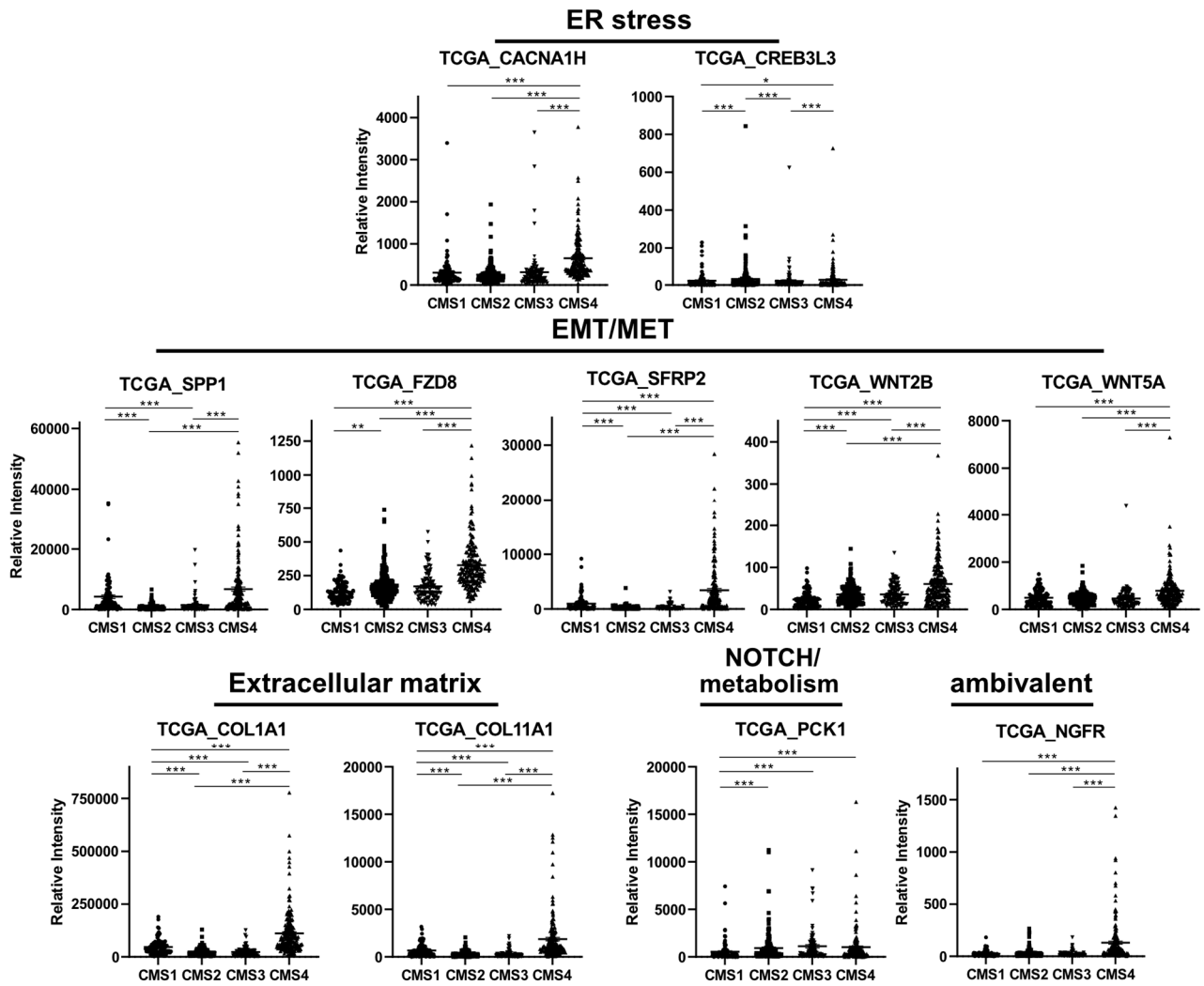


Figure S5. CMS group association of the confirmed signature genes in the TCGA (The Cancer Genome Atlas) Colorectal Adenocarcinoma data set. Associated cellular programs/pathways for each gene are indicated. Significance levels were calculated with Mann-Whitney test. *, $p < 0.05$; **, $p < 0.01$; ***, $p < 0.001$; ns, not significant.

Table S1.

Recruitment centers
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Table S6. Signature genes in the REVEAL cohort with similar expression trend in two other CRC data sets. Avg expr, average expression (log₂); FC, fold change; P_{adj} , adjusted p value.

GSE131418 (P (n=333) vs M (liver, n=137))							
gene	Log₂ FC	avg expr	p value	P_{adj}	FC	%change	program/pathway/function
<i>COL11A1</i>	-1.03	3.99	9.348×10^{-60}	3.552×10^{-59}	0.49	-51.03	ECM modulating/ related
<i>COL1A1</i>	-1.68	4.48	4.214×10^{-19}	1.001×10^{-18}	0.31	-68.79	ECM modulating/ related
<i>FZD8</i>	-0.75	6.91	5.625×10^{-36}	1.527×10^{-35}	0.59	-40.54	EMT/MET / WNT
<i>SFRP2</i>	-0.4	7.41	1.721×10^{-15}	3.27×10^{-15}	0.76	-24.21	EMT/MET / WNT
<i>SPP1</i>	0.14	8.45	0.00023	0.00026	1.10	10.19	EMT/MET / WNT
<i>WNT2B</i>	-1.63	8.12	3.251×10^{-84}	2.059×10^{-83}	0.32	-67.69	EMT/MET / WNT
<i>WNT5A</i>	-1.13	7.19	2.094×10^{-41}	6.63×10^{-41}	0.46	-54.31	EMT/MET / WNT
<i>CACNA1H</i>	-1.66	9.34	1.373×10^{-69}	6.521×10^{-69}	0.32	-68.36	ER stress, inhibitor of proliferation
<i>CREB3L3</i>	0.39	3.13	5.444×10^{-13}	7.956×10^{-13}	1.31	31.04	ER stress, transcription factor
<i>NGFR</i>	1.8	2.84	6.287×10^{-112}	1.194×10^{-110}	3.48	248.22	conflicting; tumor suppressor CRC
<i>PCK1</i>	0.71	3.35	3.697×10^{-9}	4.683×10^{-9}	1.64	63.58	NOTCH, metabolism
GSE81582 (P (n=23) vs M (n=19))							
gene	Log₂ FC	avg expr	p value	P_{adj}	FC	%change	program/pathway/function
<i>COL11A1</i>	-1.76	7.61	0.0056	0.01071	0.30	-70.48	ECM modulating/ related
<i>COL1A1</i>	-0.36	10.34	0.34	0.36	0.78	-22.08	ECM modulating/ related
<i>FZD8</i>	-0.51	7.53	0.0003	0.0012	0.70	-29.78	EMT/MET / WNT
<i>SFRP2</i>	-2.44	6.43	0.0003	0.0012	0.18	-81.57	EMT/MET / WNT
<i>SPP1</i>	1.6	10.38	0.0026	0.006195	3.03	203.14	EMT/MET / WNT
<i>WNT2B</i>	-0.27	5.00	0.0087	0.014	0.83	-17.07	EMT/MET / WNT
<i>WNT5A</i>	-0.24	4.83	0.00072	0.0023	0.85	-15.33	EMT/MET / WNT
<i>CACNA1H</i>	-0.33	6.08	0.025	0.037	0.80	-20.45	ER stress, inhibitor of proliferation
<i>CREB3L3</i>	0.81	5.98	0.00014	0.00086	1.75	75.32	ER stress, transcription factor
<i>NGFR</i>	0.16	5.91	0.178	0.23	1.12	11.73	conflicting; tumor suppressor CRC
<i>PCK1</i>	1.26	8.47	0.069	0.093	2.39	139.50	NOTCH, metabolism