

Overall study design and analytical workflow

Data collection and integration

Public ccRCC scRNA-seq cohorts
GSE152938
GSE159115
GSE171306

Integrated atlas
20 samples
50,185 cells

Processing
Seurat v5
SCTransform
Harmony
UMAP
Major cell-type annotation

Malignant epithelial refinement

Epithelial-related populations extracted

inferCNV with nephron-like epithelial references

High-confidence malignant epithelial cells

State characterization and malignant-cell mechanism inference

State definition

mito_lysis-like score
High vs Low malignant cells
GO / KEGG enrichment

Communication analysis

NicheNet
Myeloid cells as senders
Malignant epithelial cells as receivers

Virtual perturbation

scTenifoldKnn
TNFRSF12A
MAP3K14
VCAM1

TNFSF12 (myeloid) → TNFRSF12A → MAP3K14 → VCAM1

External validation

TCGA-KIRC bulk RNA-seq

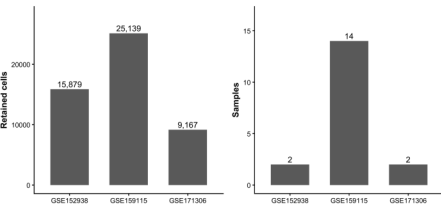
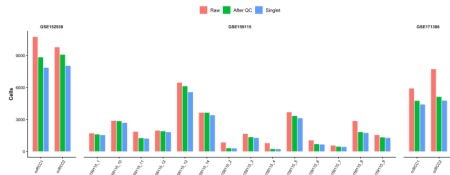
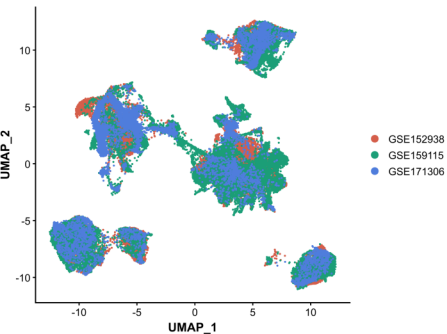
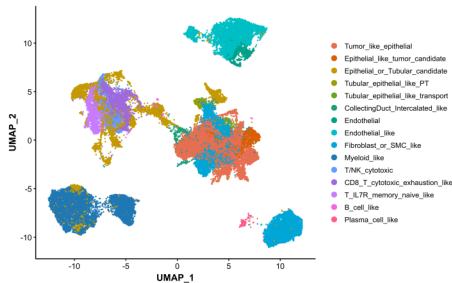
xCell / survival analysis

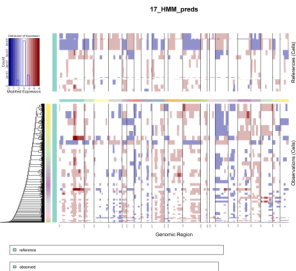
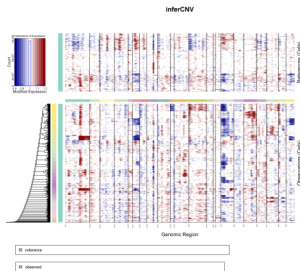
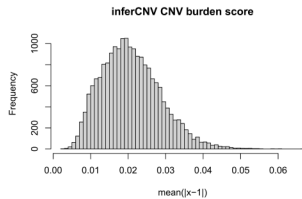
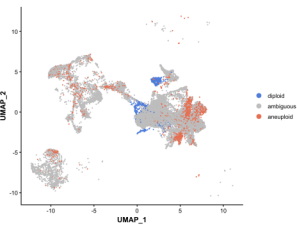
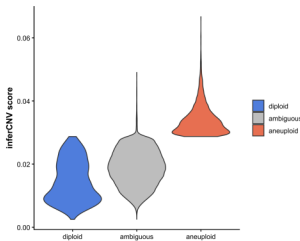
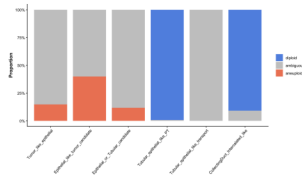
CPTAC ccRCC proteomics

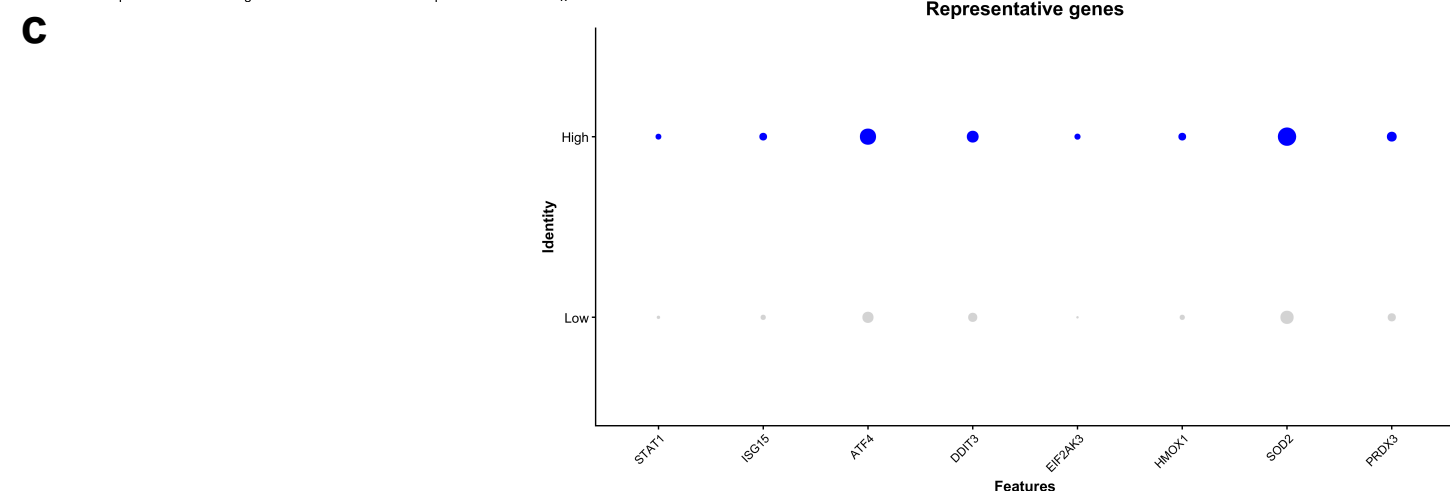
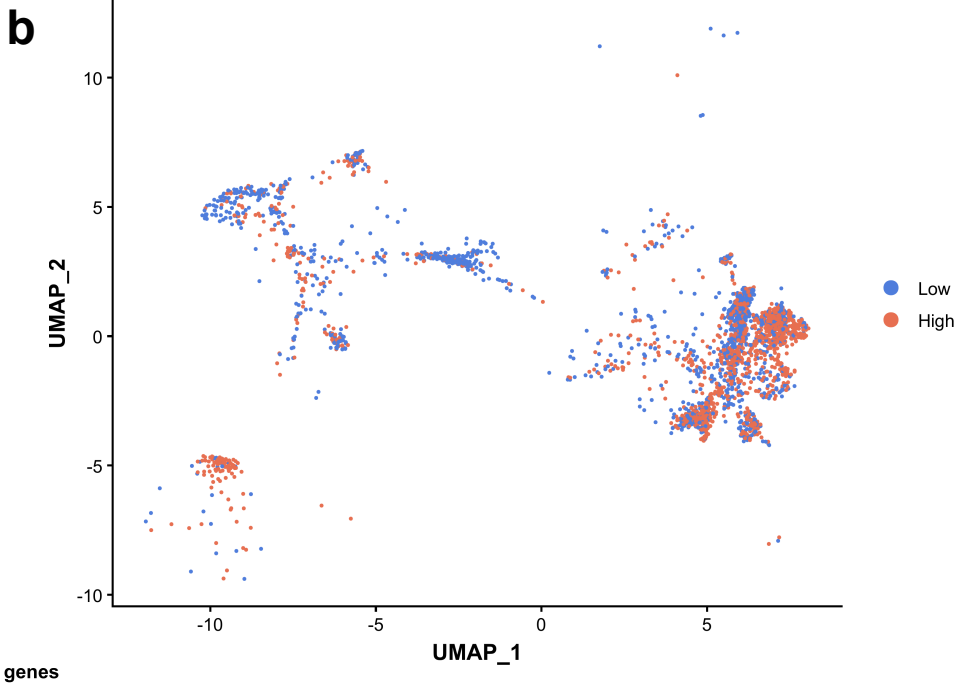
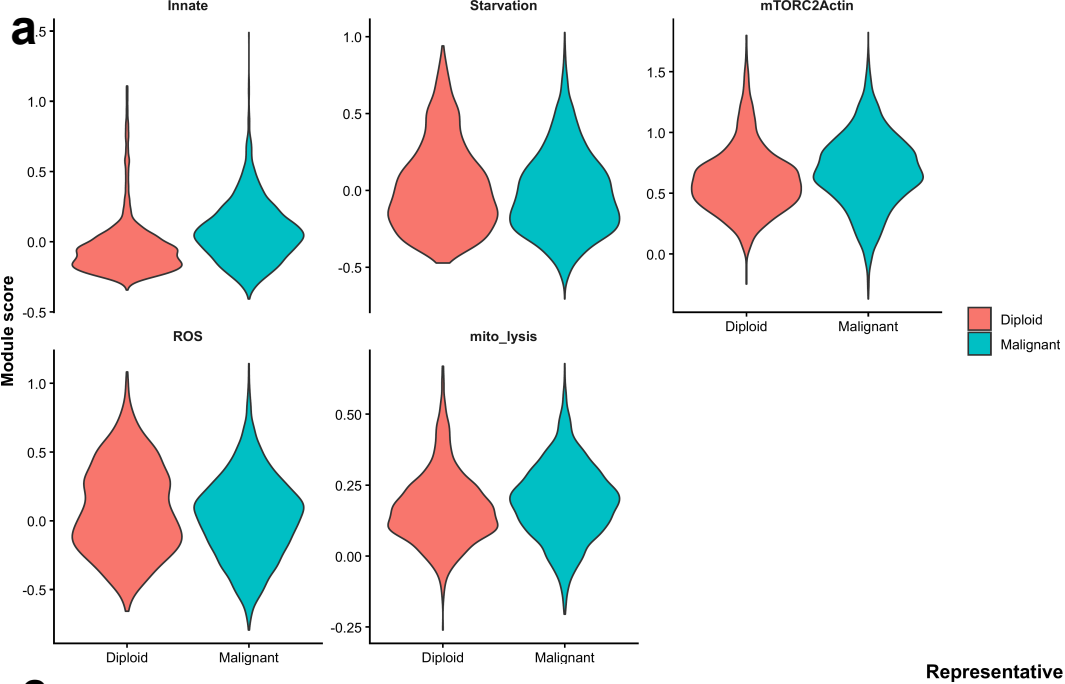
Spatial transcriptomics

Key finding

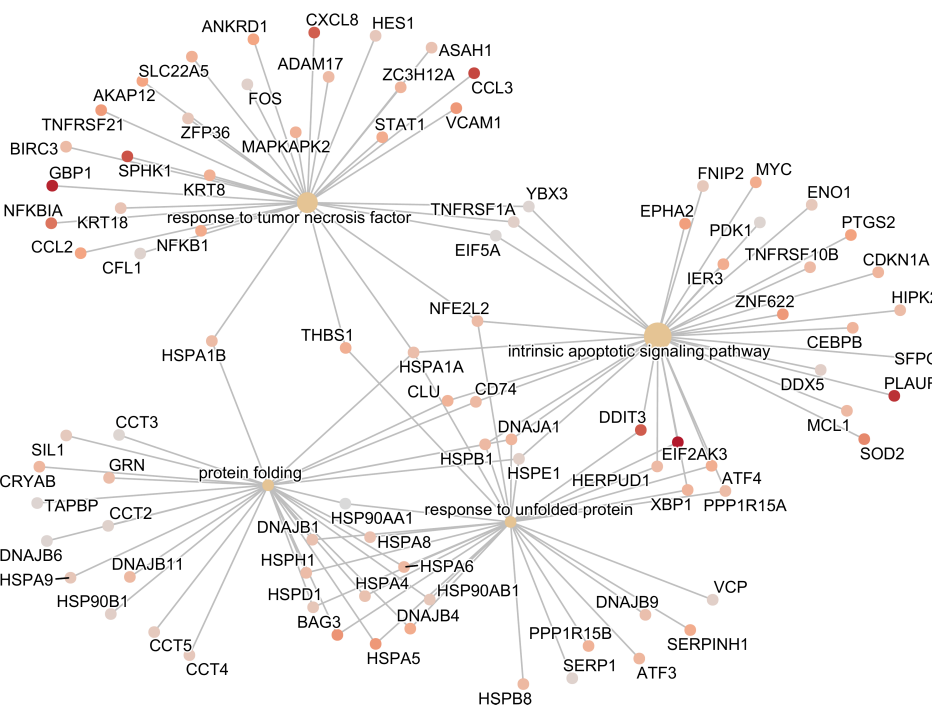
Continuous mito_lysis-like malignant state in ccRCC linked to a TNFSF12–TNFRSF12A–MAP3K14–VCAM1 receiver-side inflammatory remodeling axis

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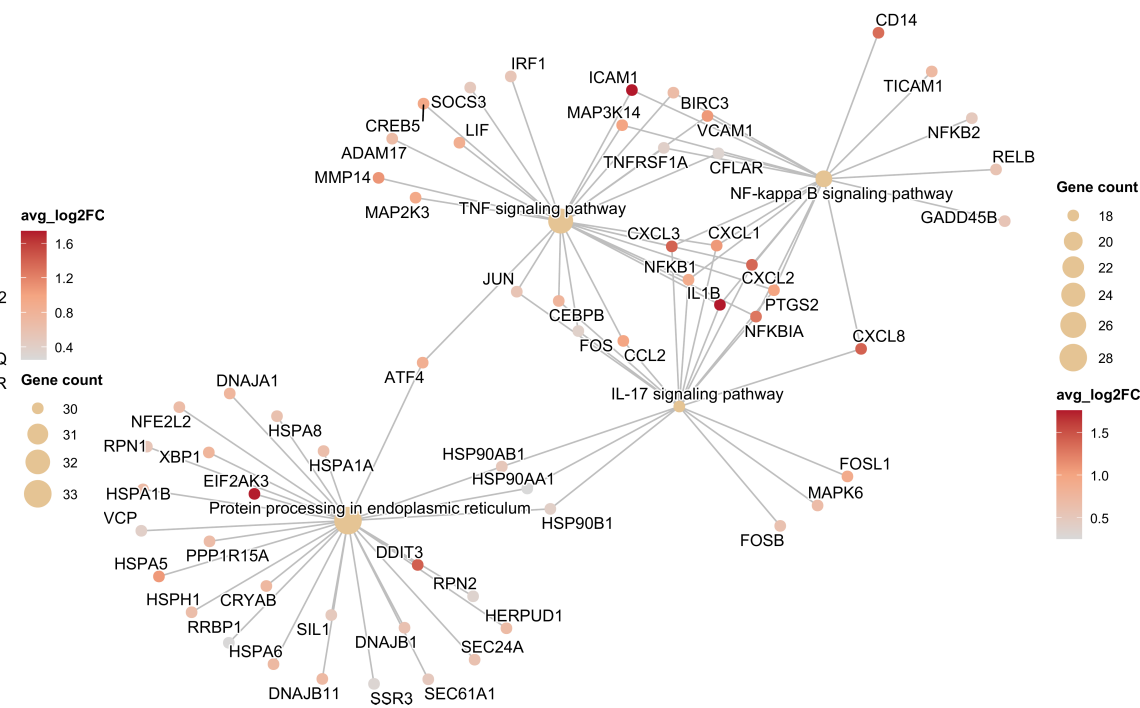
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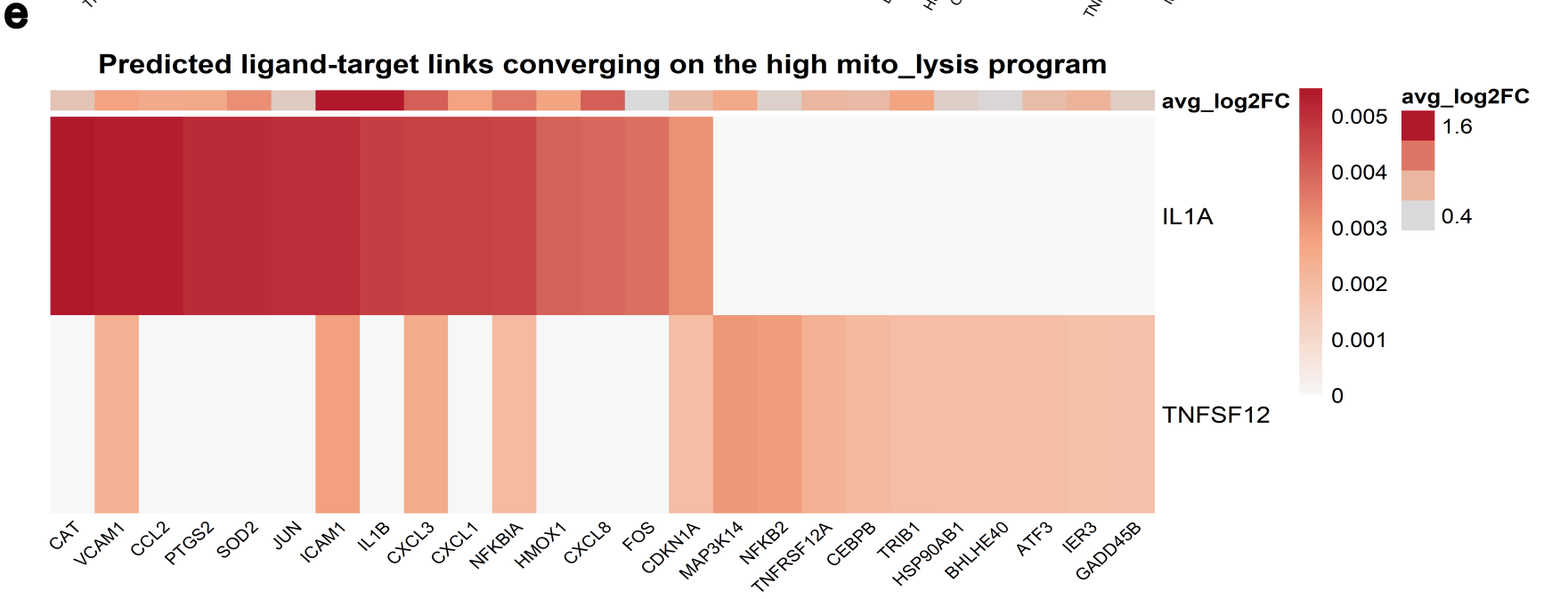
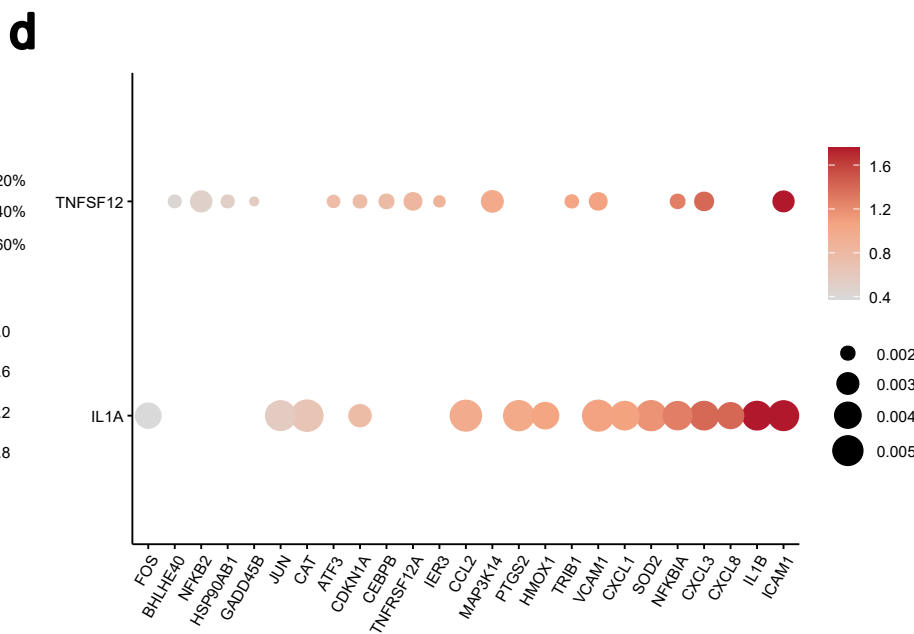
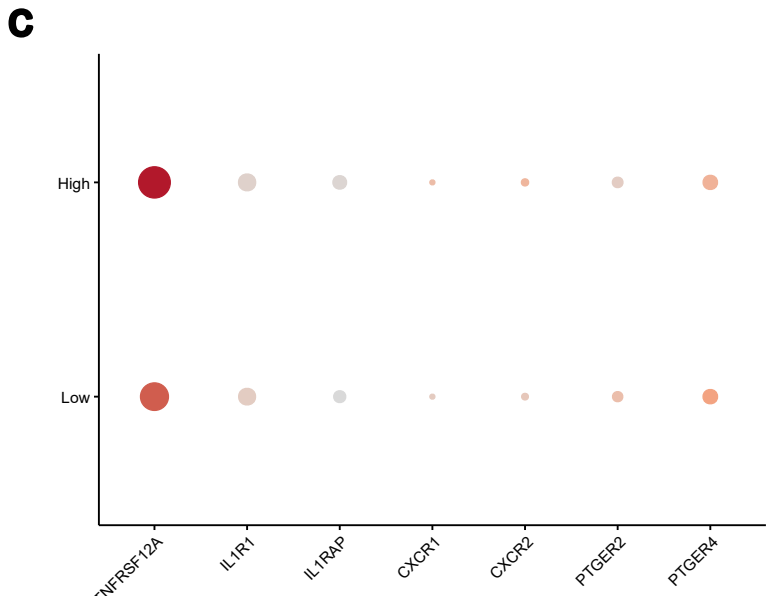
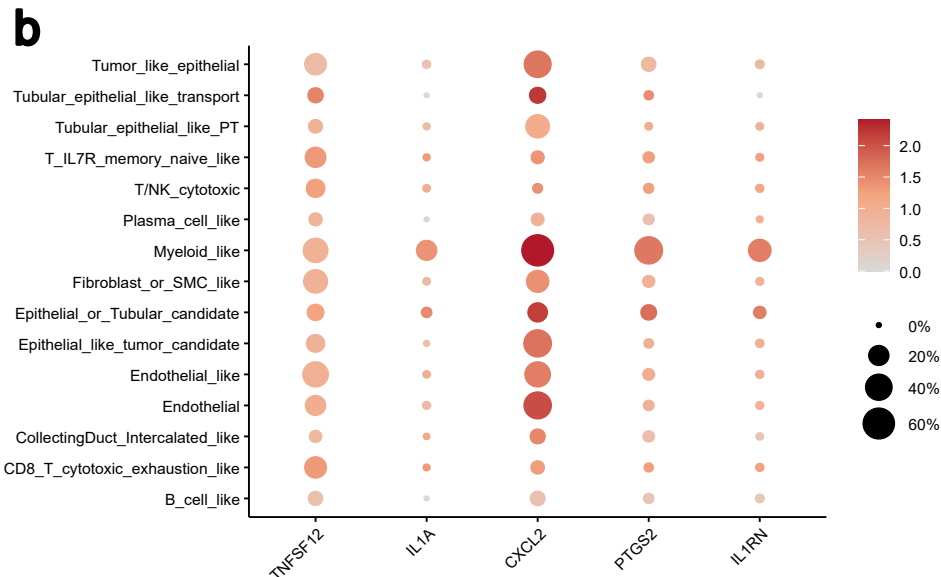
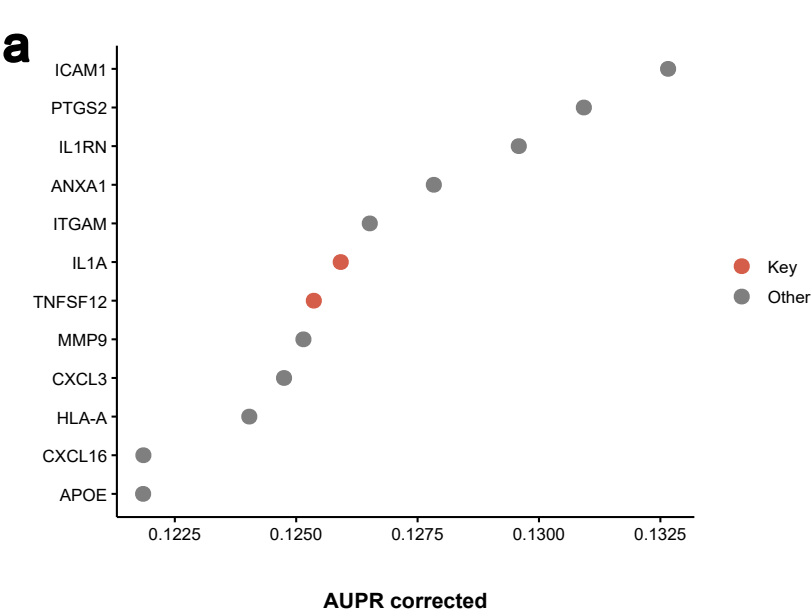


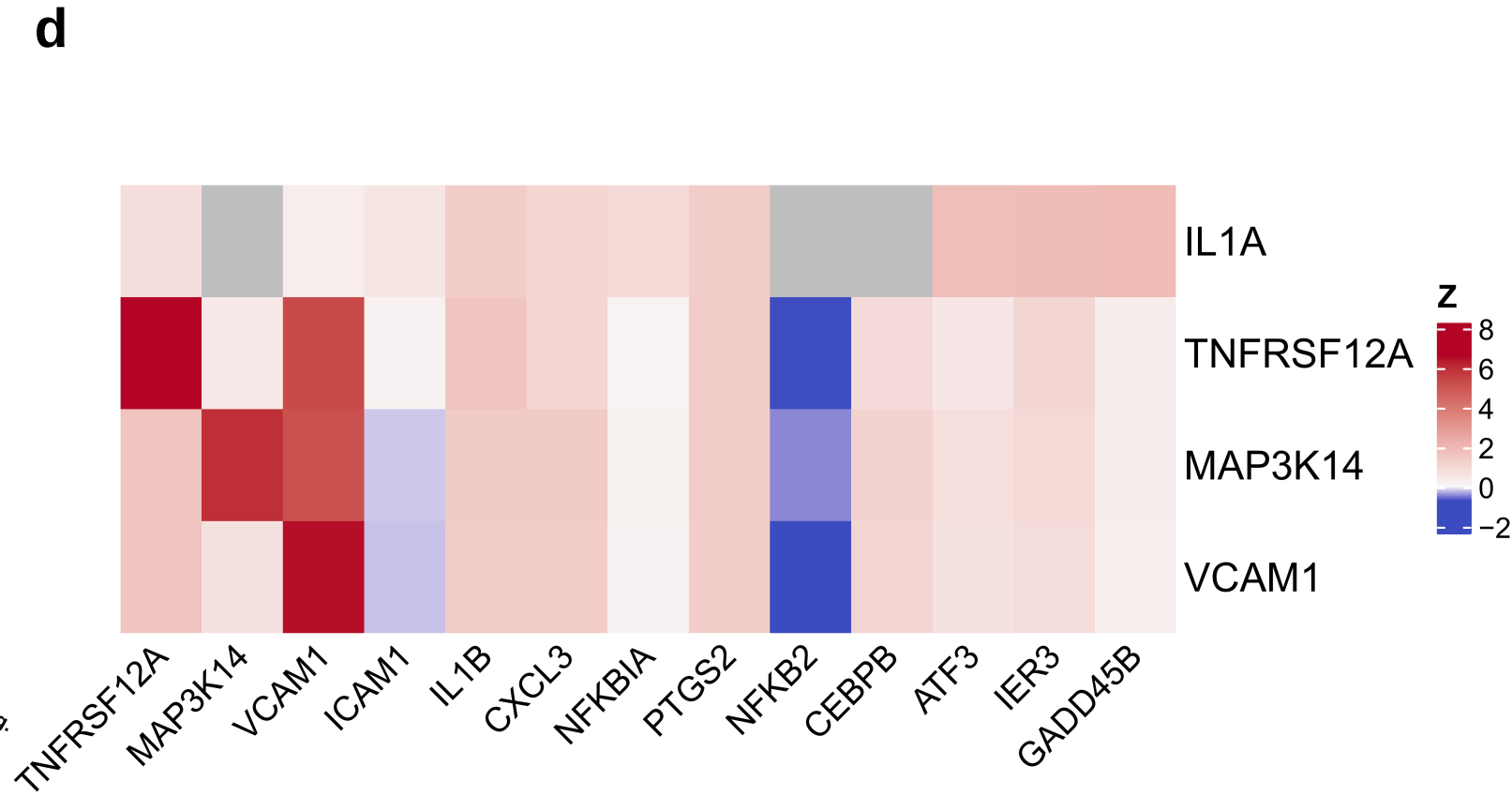
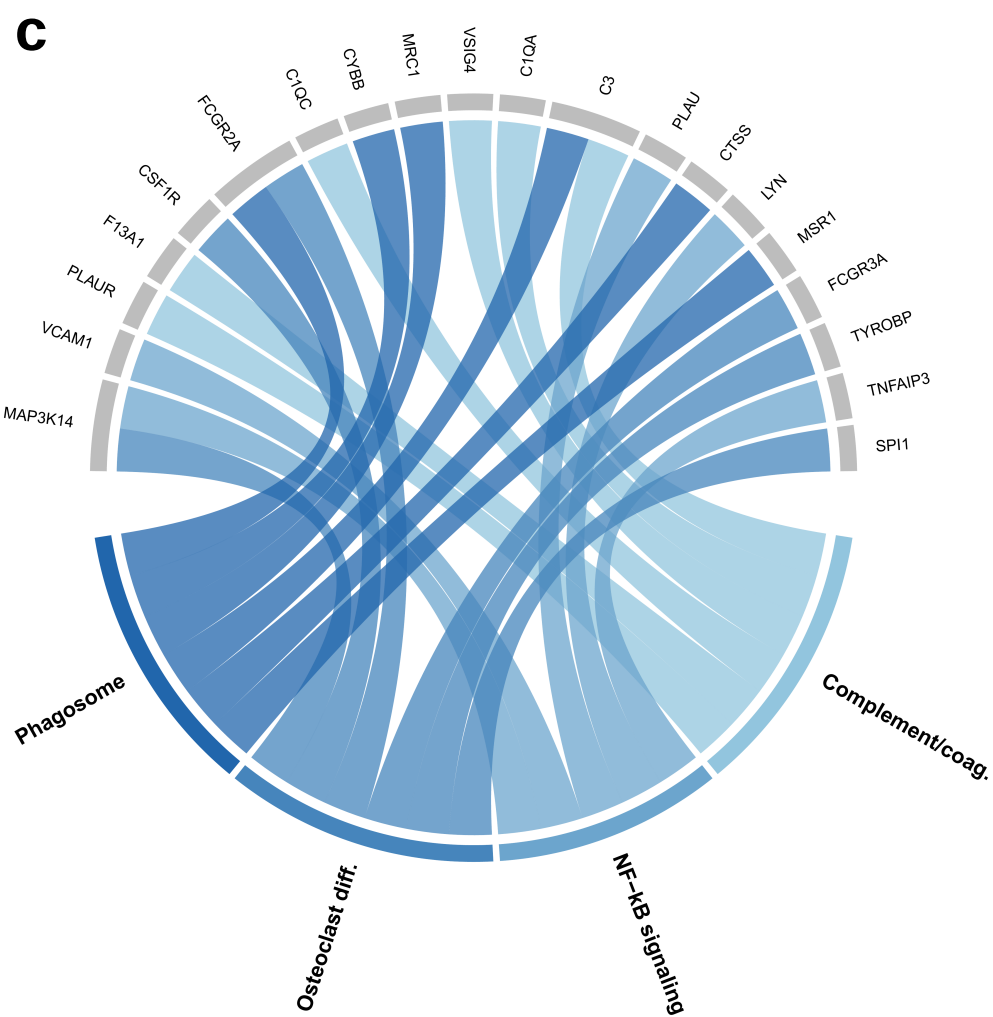
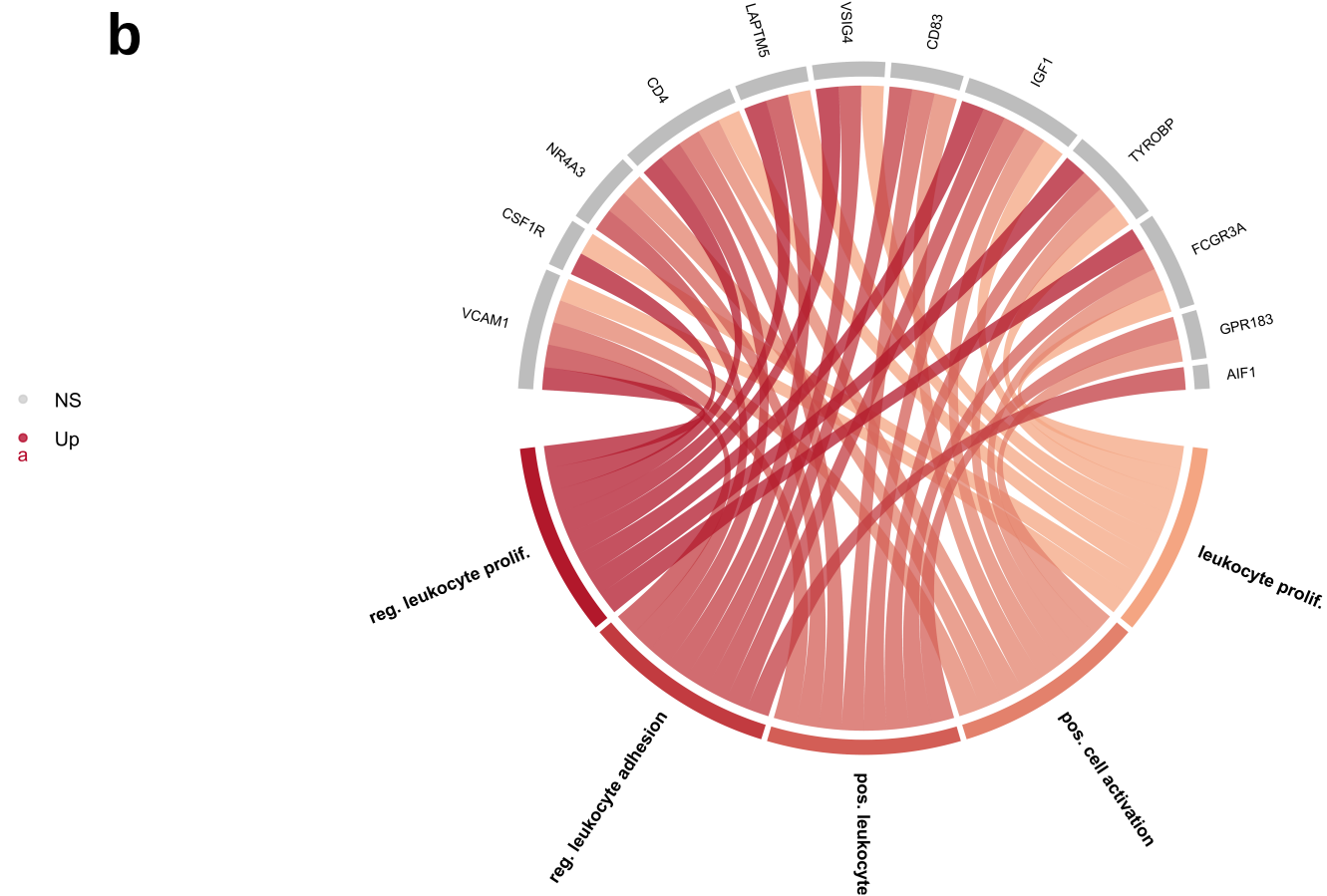
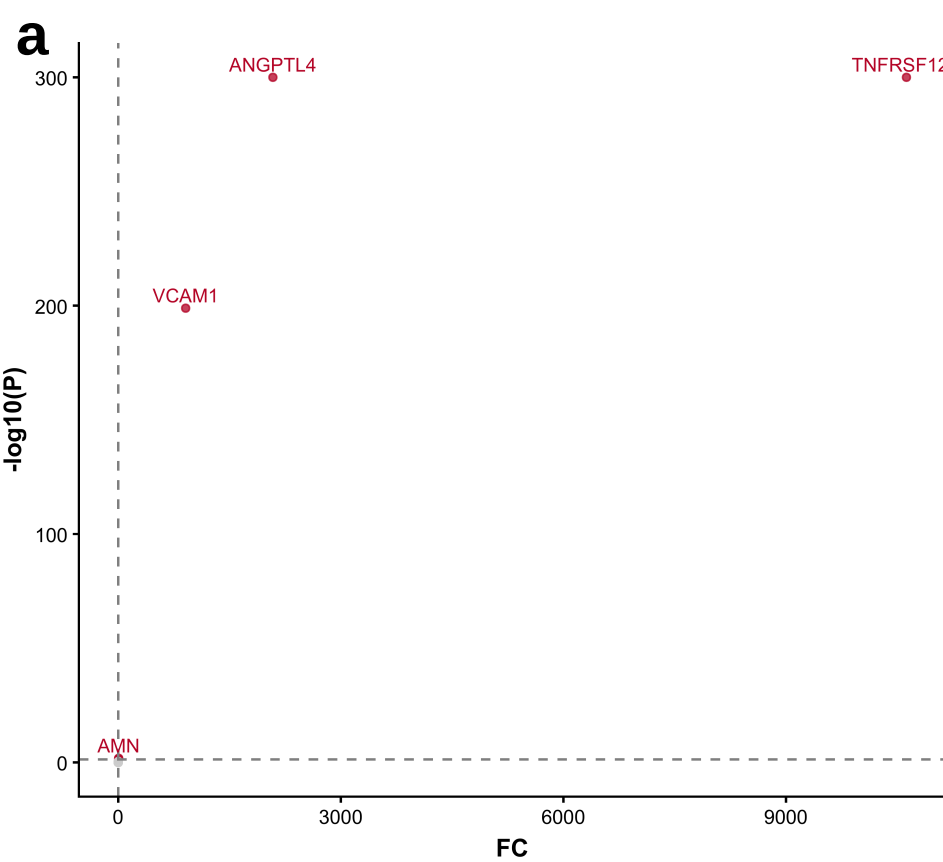
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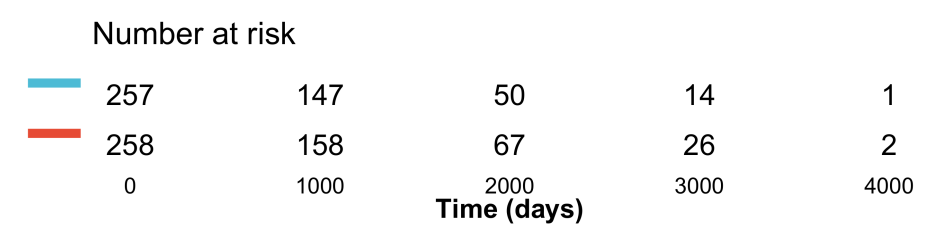
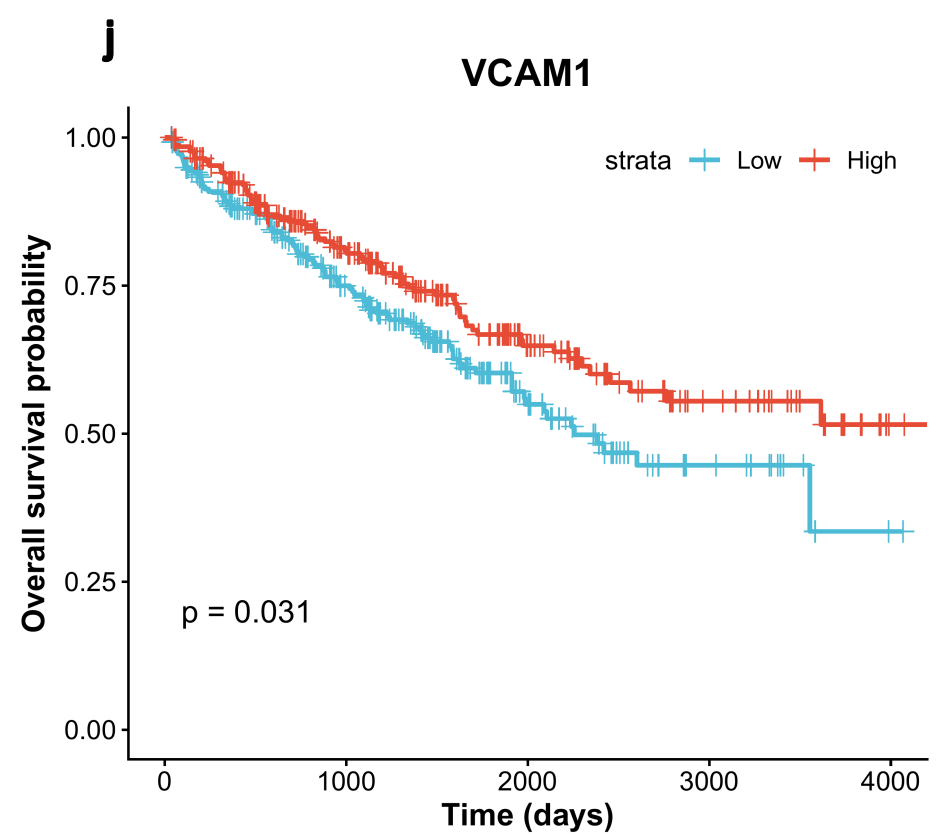
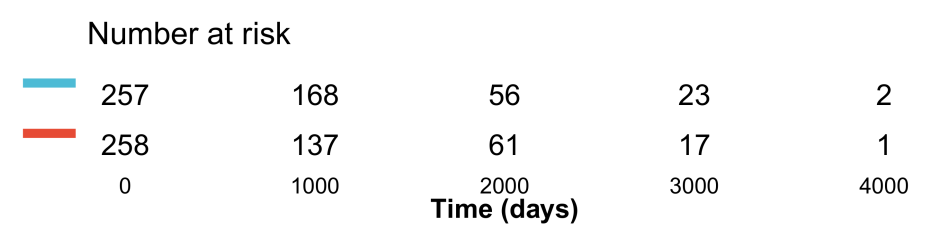
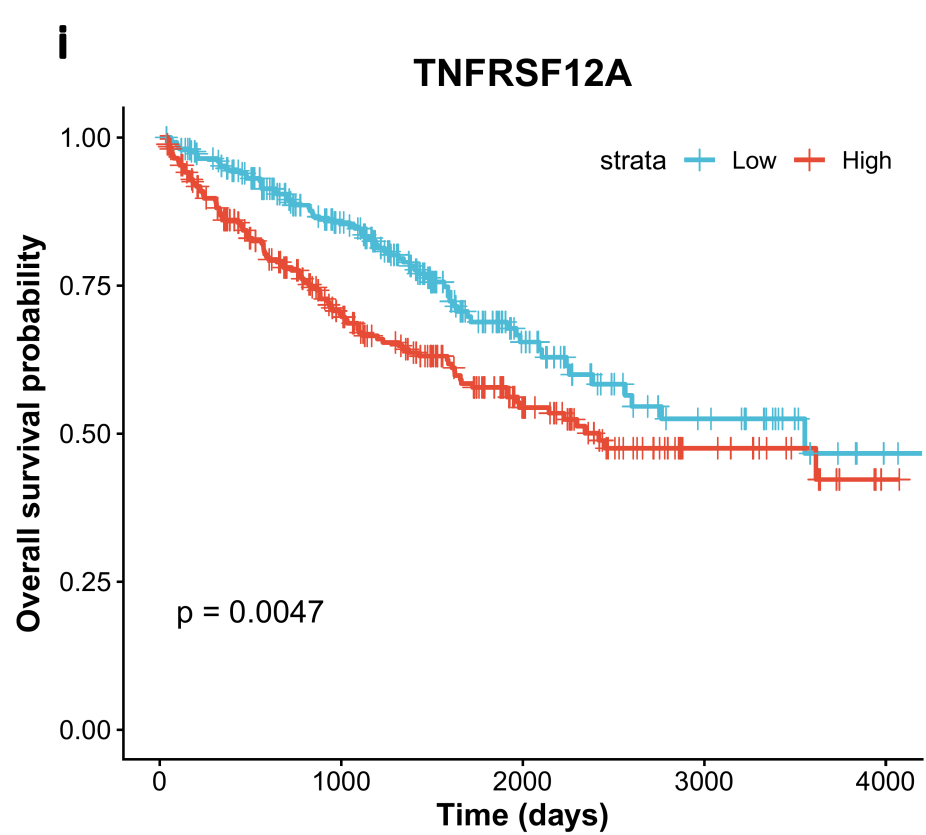
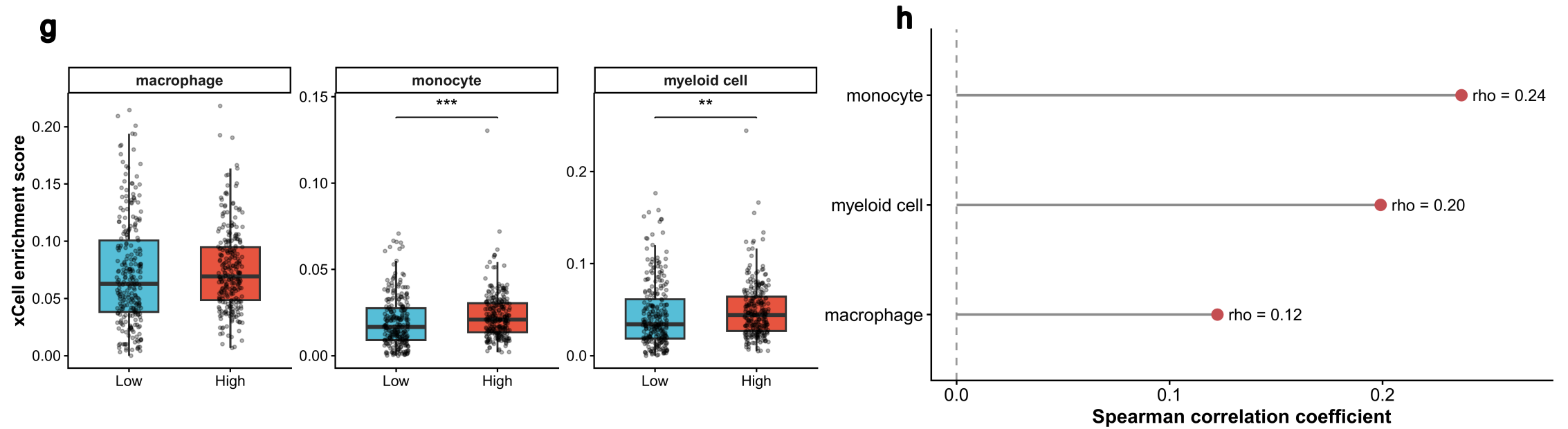
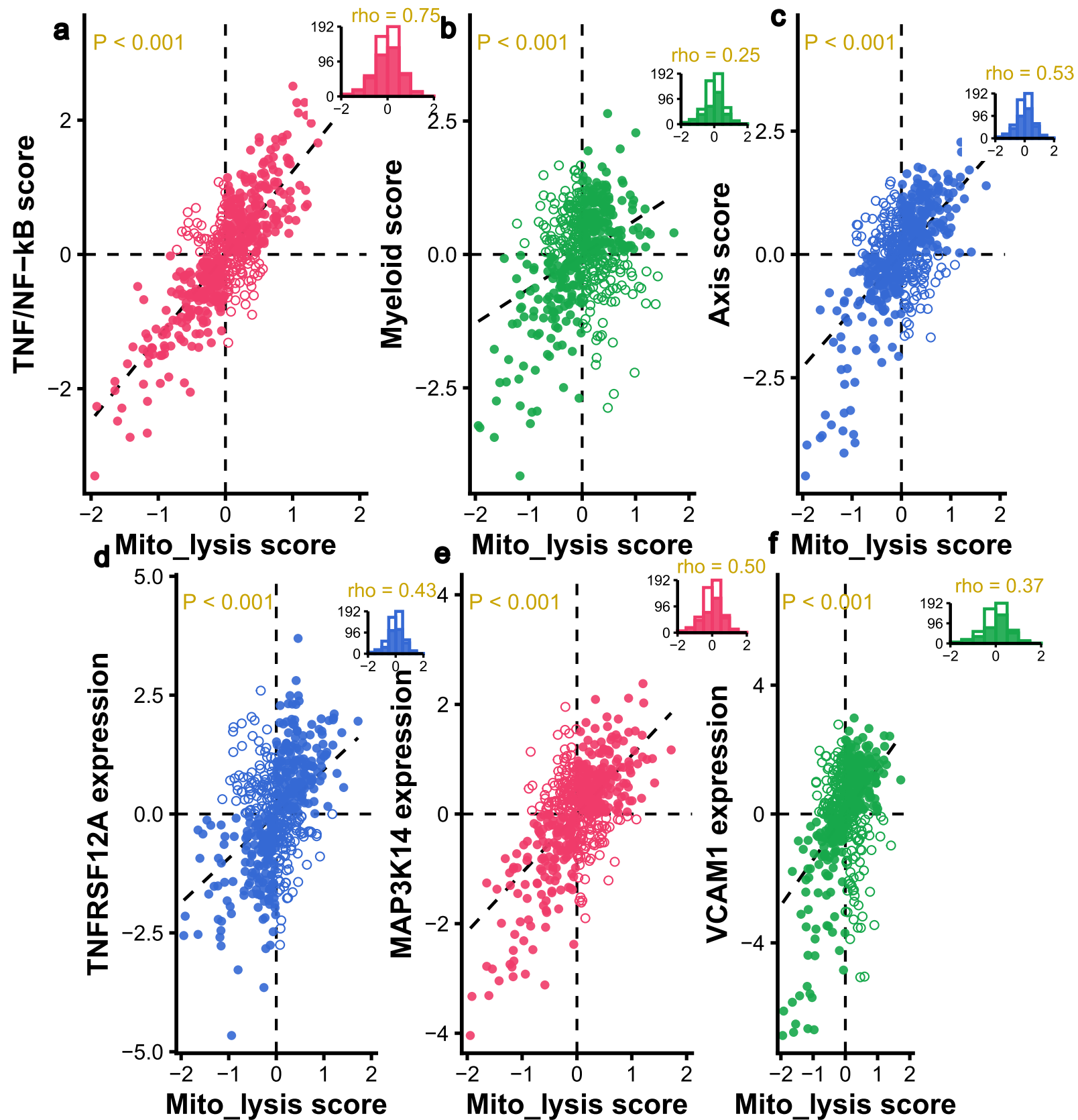


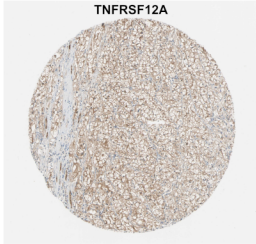
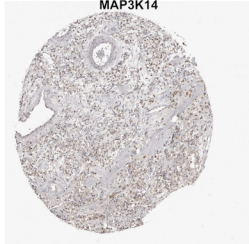
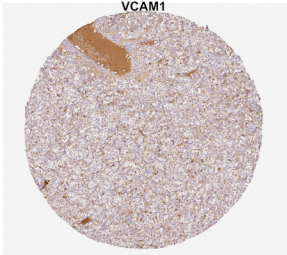
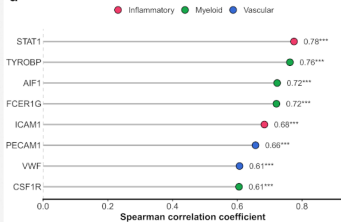
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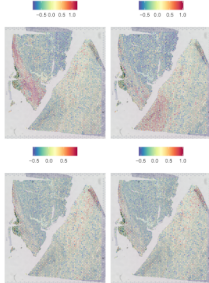
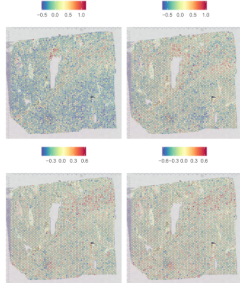








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