Deciphering the role of c-MET in Metabolic reprogramming of Head and Neck squamous cell Carcinoma via *In Silico* analysis

Sibi Raj¹, Brijesh Rathi², Pravesh Mehra³, Shailendra Asthana⁴, Dhruv Kumar^{1*}

¹School of Health Sciences and Technology (SoHST), UPES University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, 248007, India. ²Department of Chemistry, Hansraj College, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007, India. ³Department of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Hospitals, New Delhi 110001, India. ⁴Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, Faridabad, Haryana, India

Supplementary data

Immunotherapy with PDL-1 inhibitors has recently been explored in the treatment of multiple cancers. studies shows nearly 60% of HNSCC tumor cells expressing high levels of PDL-1, creating an immunosuppressive micro-environment around the tumor [18, 19, 20]. Data obtained from ULCAN database shows a higher expression of CD247 (PDL-1) in HNSCC patients as compared to the normal samples in the dataset (**Figure S1a**). However, c-MET expression had no significant correlation with CD247 in HNSCC patient samples (**Figure S1b**).

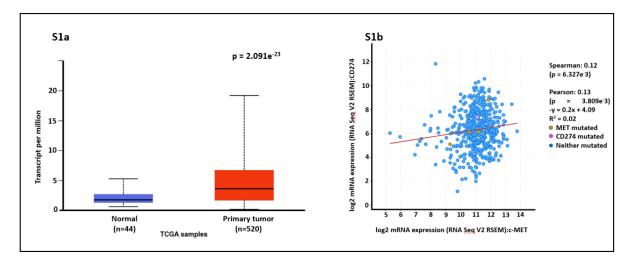
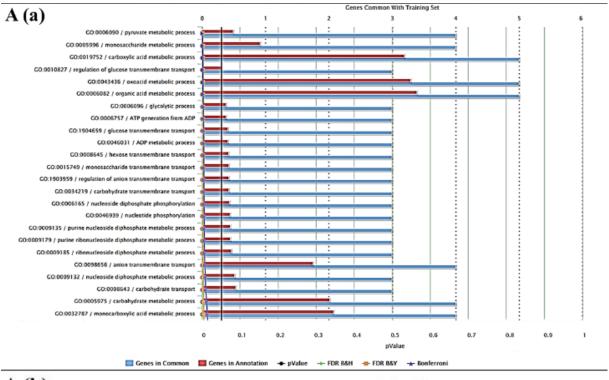
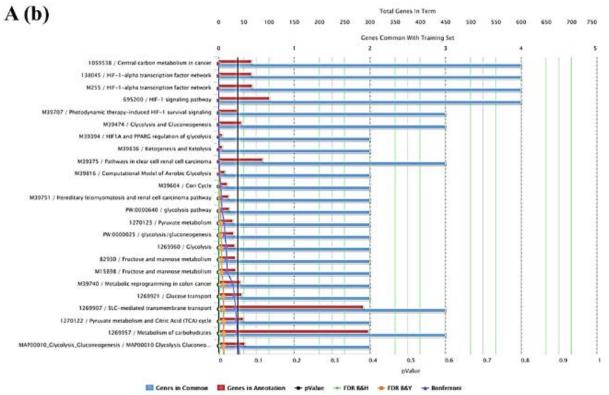
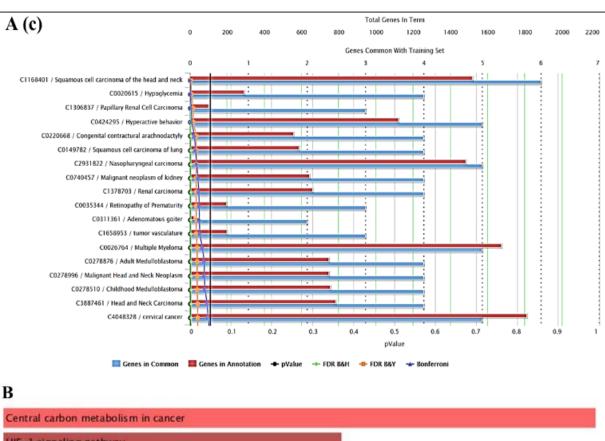


Figure S1. c-MET and PDL-1 gene expression analysis using different variables of TCGA HNSCC patients with ULCAN web. Box-whisker plots showing the expression of genes in sub groups of HNSCC samples. (a) Boxplot showing relative expression of PDL-1 in normal and HNSCC samples. Expression level of gene is represented as log2(TPM). (b) Correlation analysis of the c-MET and PDL-1 genes was conducted using the c-Bioportal tool. c-MET and PDL-1 had no significant correlation (R=0.12).







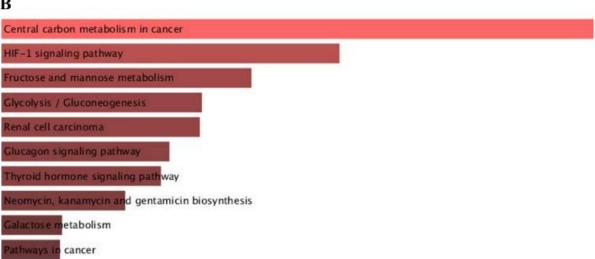


Figure 3: A. Gene ontology analysis of c-MET and metabolic genes in HNSCC patients. (a-c) The numbers of enriched genes according to the (a) biological process, (b) molecular function (c) pathway function. B. GO term and KEGG pathway enrichment analyses performed using Enrichr on c-MET and metabolic genes identified from HNSCC samples. The top 10 enriched KEGG pathway for c-MET and metabolic genes. The horizontal axis represents the number of genes, and the y-axis represents KEGG pathway names.

(Enlarged view)