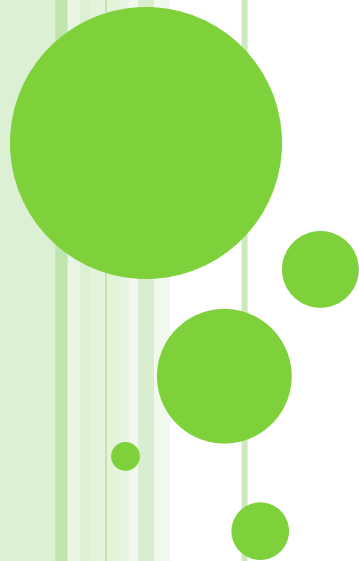


# **Investigate the Role That MBNL3 Plays in the Ovarian Cancer**

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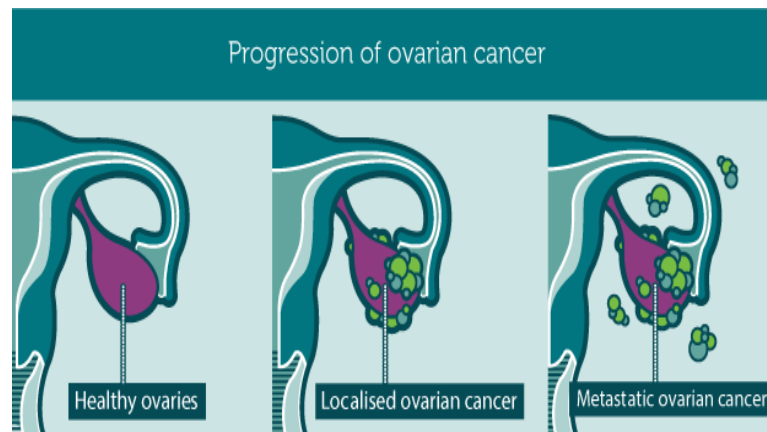


# **INTRODUCTION**



# Ovarian Cancer

- no early symptoms
- diagnosed at a late stage
- the highest mortality rate in all gynecological cancers



# Muscleblind-like protein (MBNL)

- MBNL1, MBNL2 and MBNL3 proteins are regulators of **alternative splicing** and have four Cys3His **zinc finger** domains that confer **RNA binding** activity.

(Teplova M. et al., Nat Struct Mol Biol, 2008; Pascual M. et al., Differentiation, 2006)



- MBNL1 and MBNL2 express in all tissues; MBNL3 expresses in **muscle precursor cells**, **liver**, **placenta** and **testis**.

(Kanadia RN. et al., Gene ExprPatterns, 2003; Fardaei et al., 2002; Miller et al., 2000; Lee et al., 2007)



# MBNL3

- is abundant in **proliferating myoblasts**

(Squillace RM. et al., *Dev Biol.* 2002)

- an **inhibitor of myoblast differentiation**

(Lee KS. et al., *Differentiation* 2008)

- occurs during the **embryonic period** and during **muscle regeneration**

(Kanadia, R.N. et al., 2003; Lee, K.S et al., 2007; Liang, J. et al., 2008)



# MBNL3 & Cancer

- Mbnl3 mainly expresses in the highly **proliferative tissues** of adult mammalian cells and is highly correlated with **cell proliferation**.
- MBNL3 affects the growth and migration in **prostate cancer** and **leukemia**.

(Lu, Z.X. et al., *Mol Cancer Res.* 2015; Holm, F. et al., *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*, 2015)



→ MBNL3 may also play an  
important role in ovarian cancer





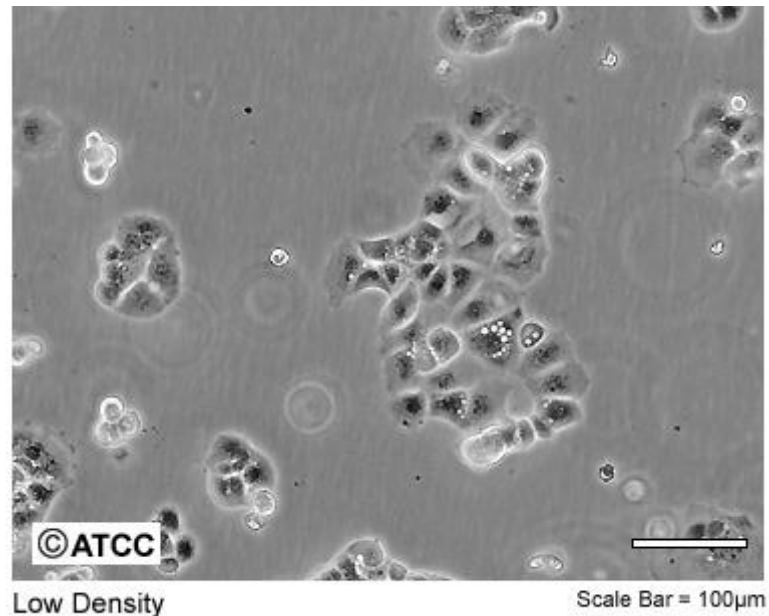


# **MATERIALS & METHODS**

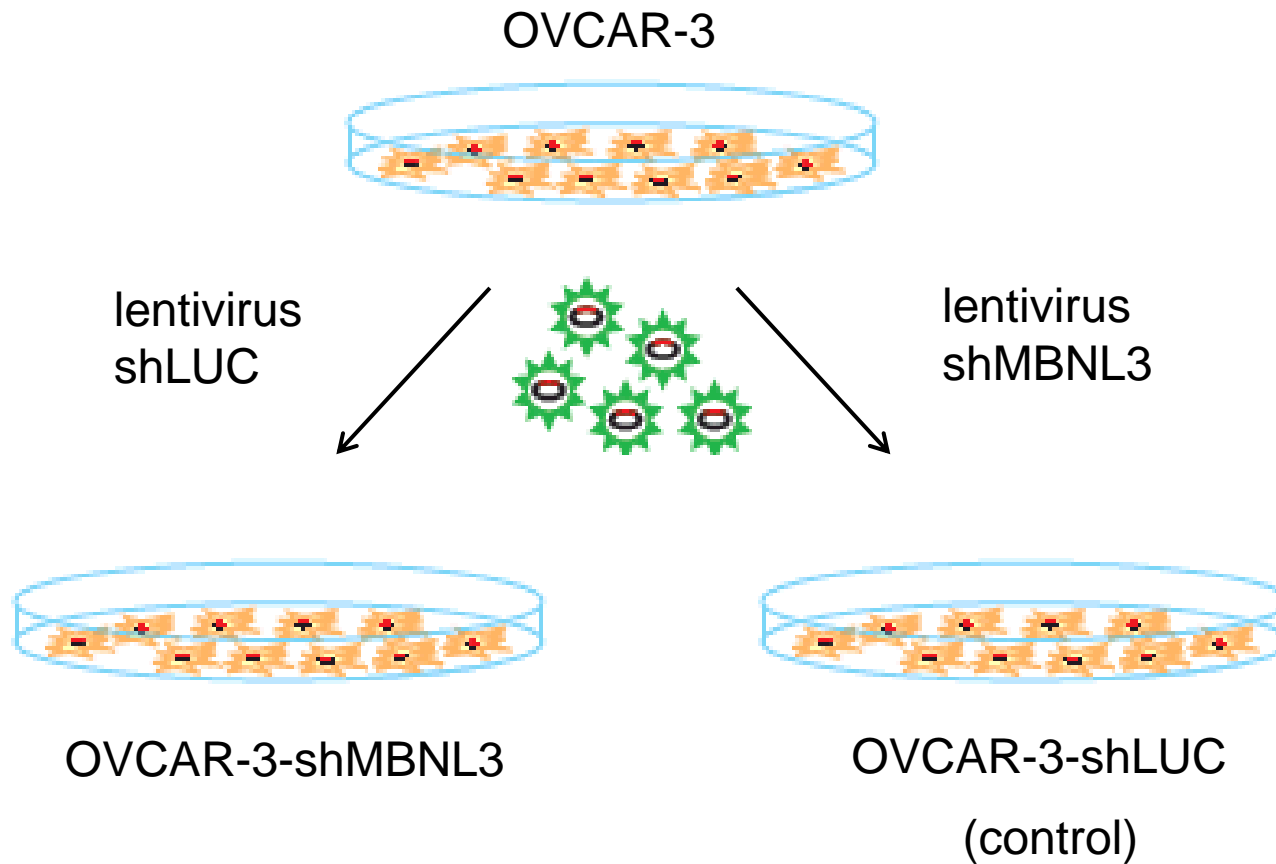


# MATERIALS -- Ovarian Cell Lines

- **IOSE** : normal human ovarian surface epithelial
- **OVCAR-3** : High grade ovarian serous adenocarcinoma
- **HeyC2** : High grade ovarian serous adenocarcinoma



# Ovarian Cancer Cell knockdown



## **MTT Assay**

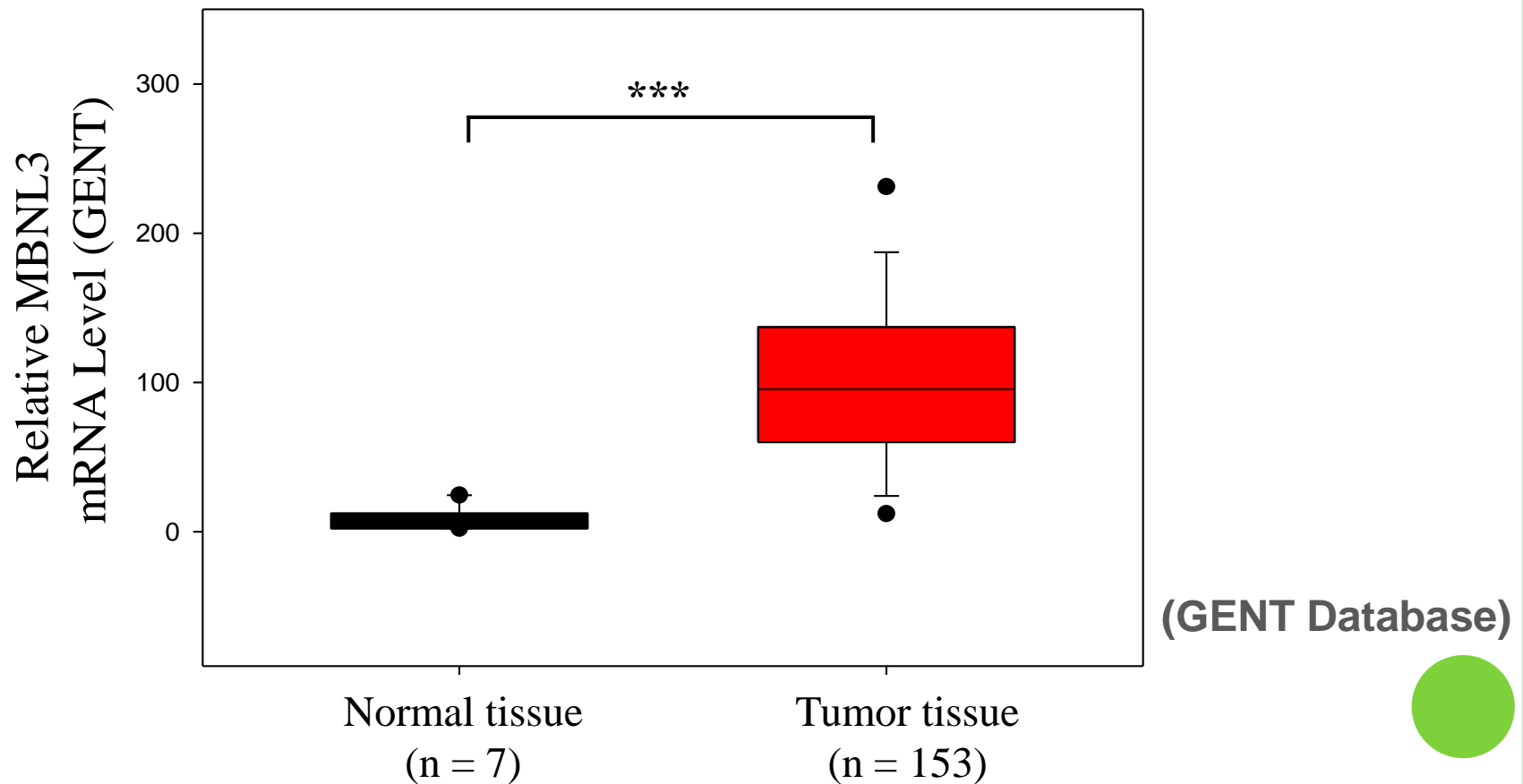
- cell growth rate



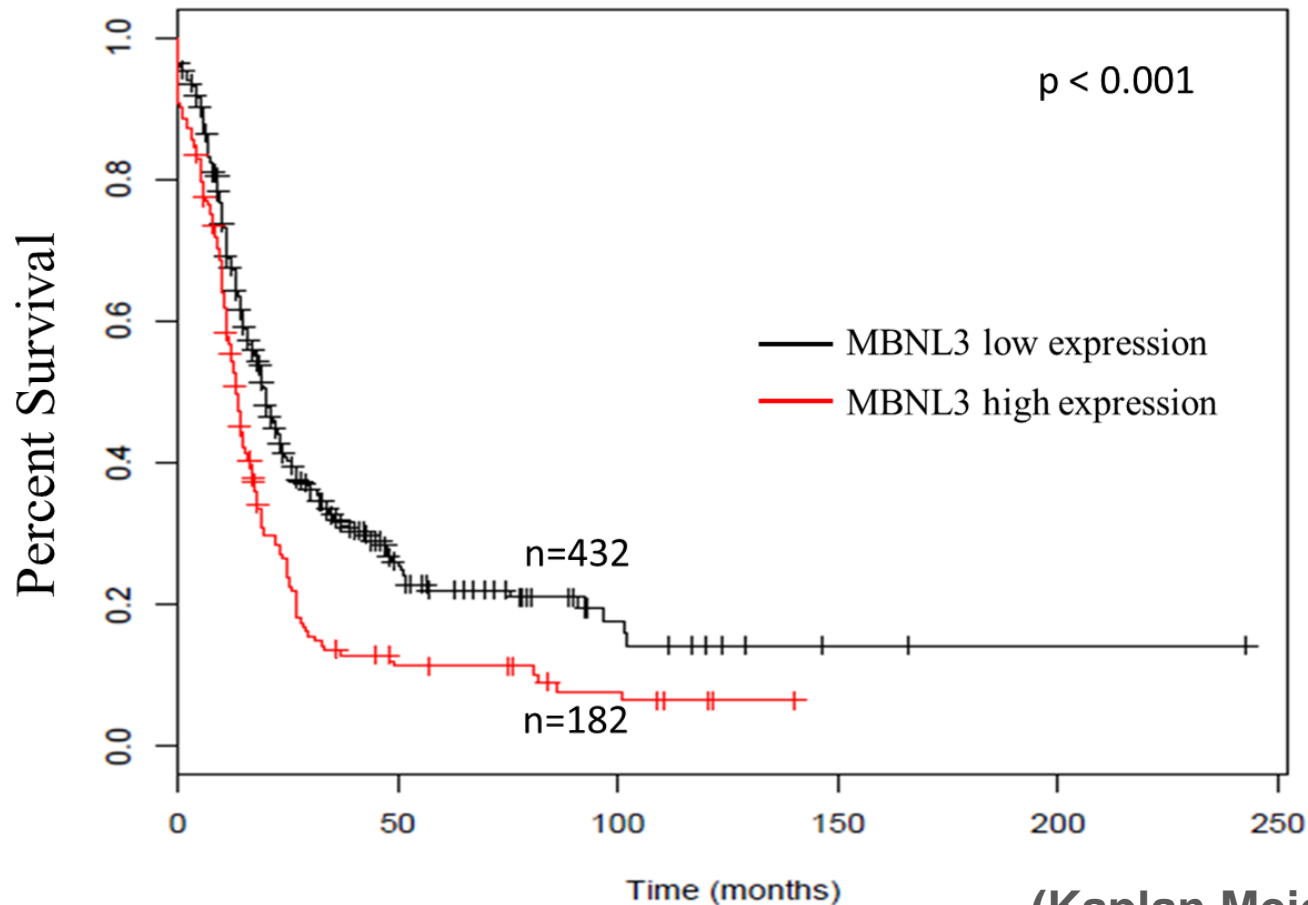


# **RESULTS**

# Higher MBNL3 mRNA Expression in Ovarian Tumor Tissue



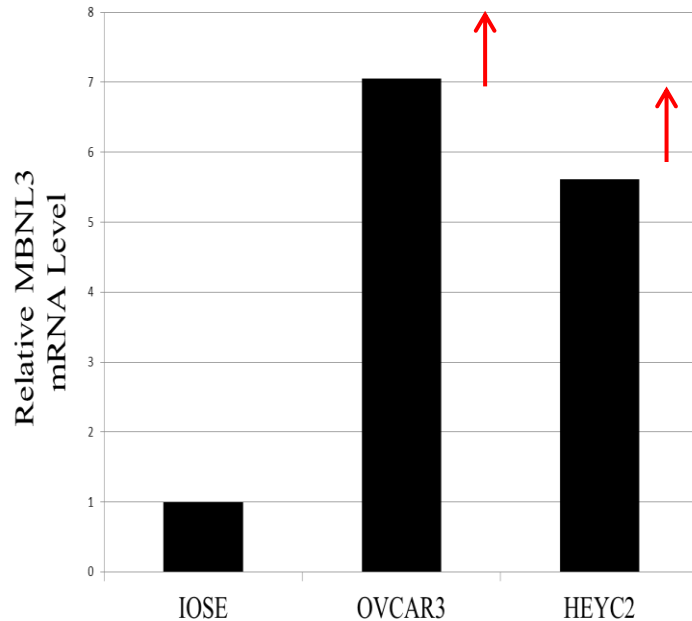
# Higher MBNL3 Expression With Lower Survival Rate in Ovarian Cancer Patients



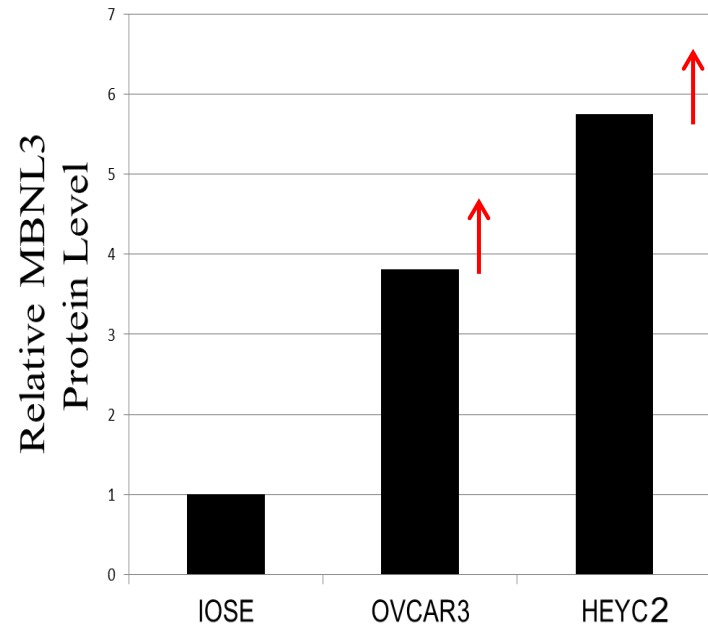
(Kaplan Meier plotter)

# Endogenous MBNL3 mRNA / Protein Expression in OVCAR-3 AND HEYC2

**A.**



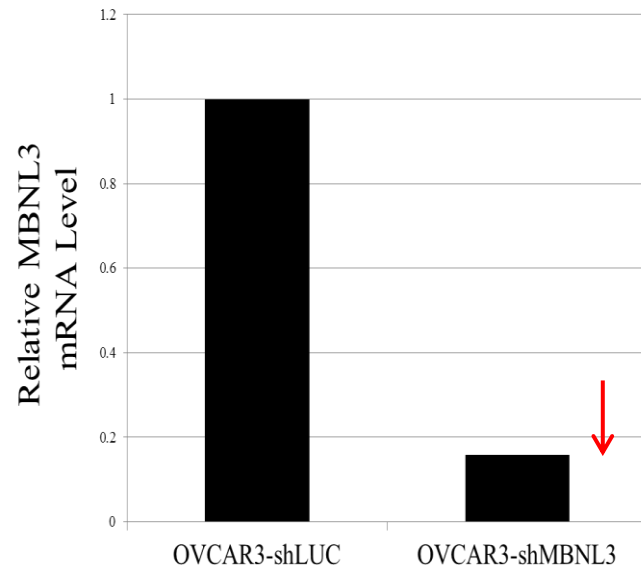
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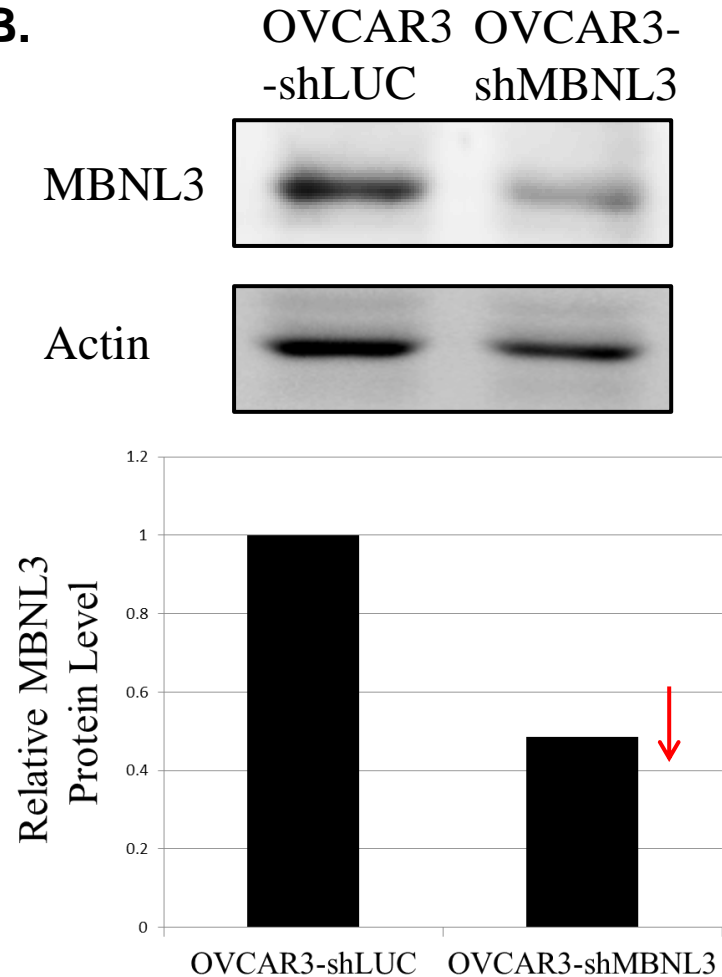


# MBNL3 Knockdown Efficiency in OVCAR-3

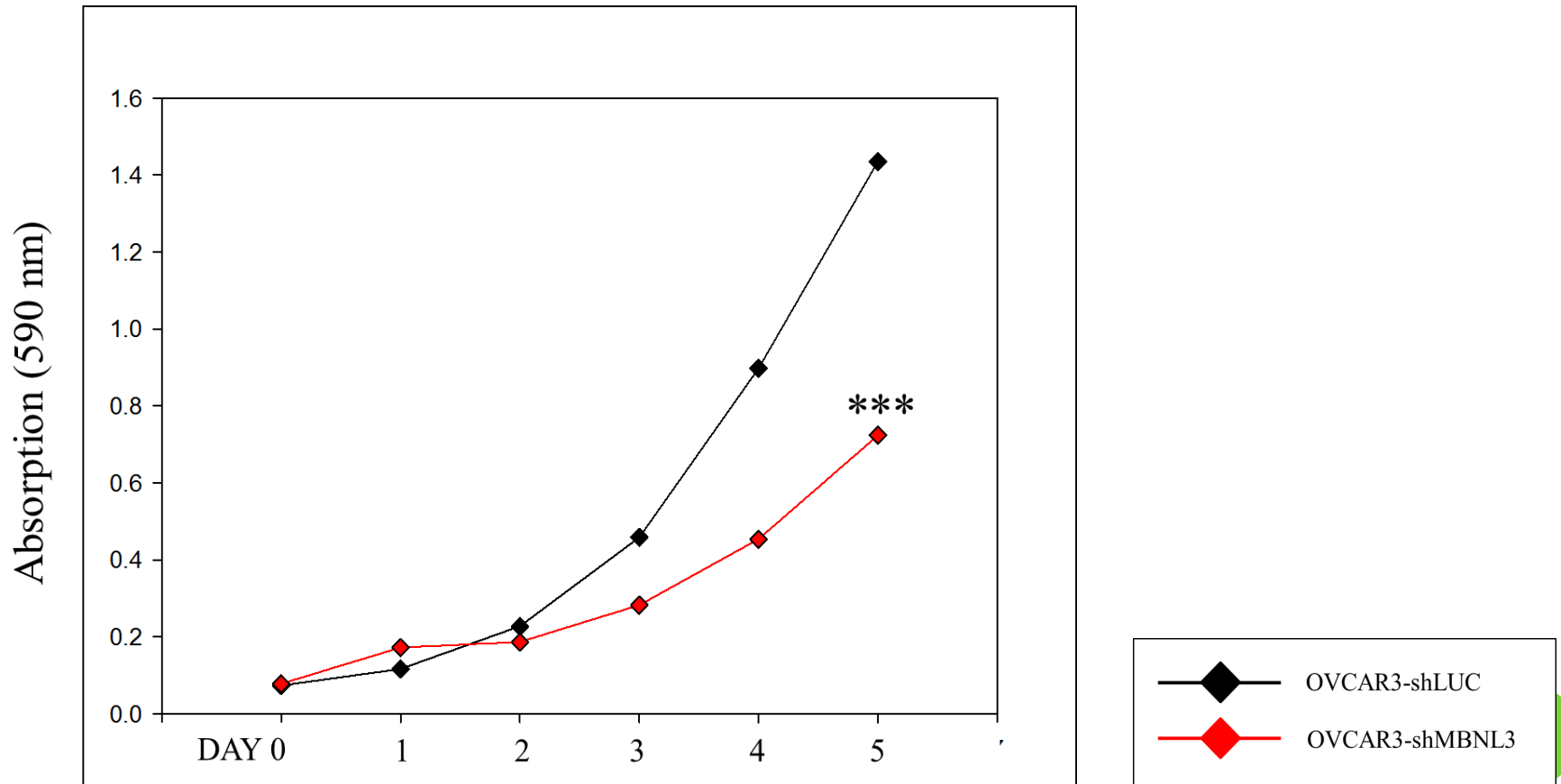
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# MBNL3 Knockdown Inhibited OVCAR-3 Growth

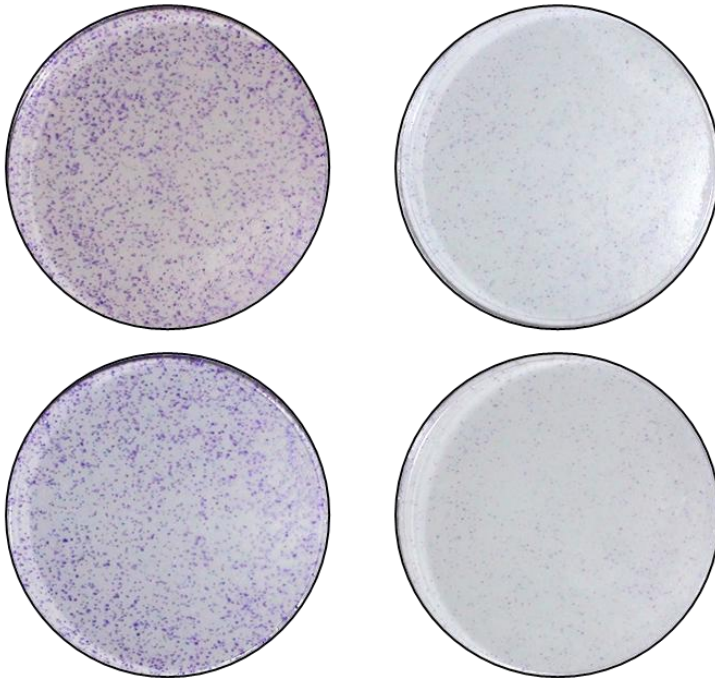


# MBNL3 Knockdown Inhibited Proliferation Ability of OVCAR-3

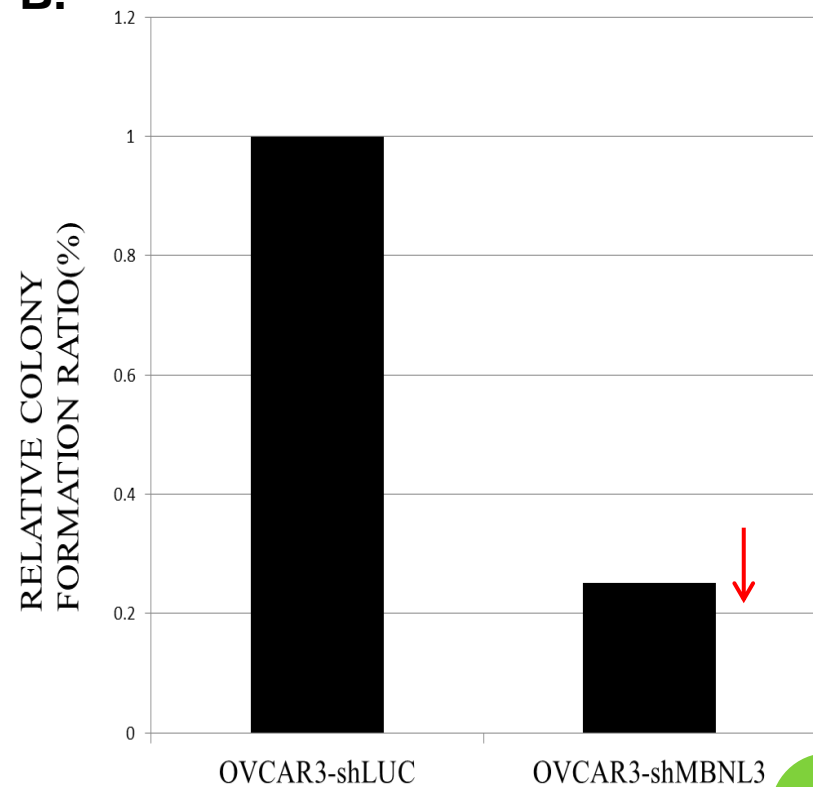
**A.**

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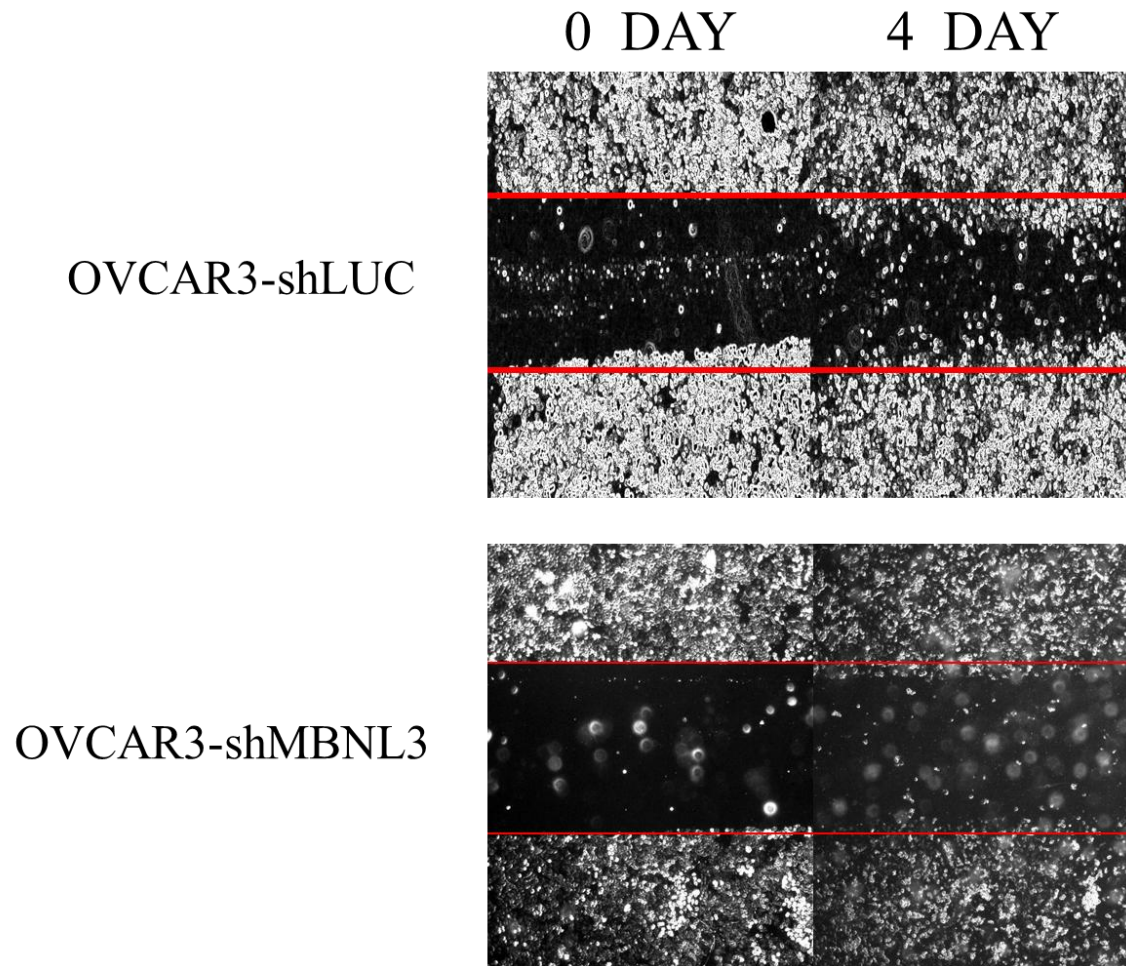
OVCAR3-shMBNL3



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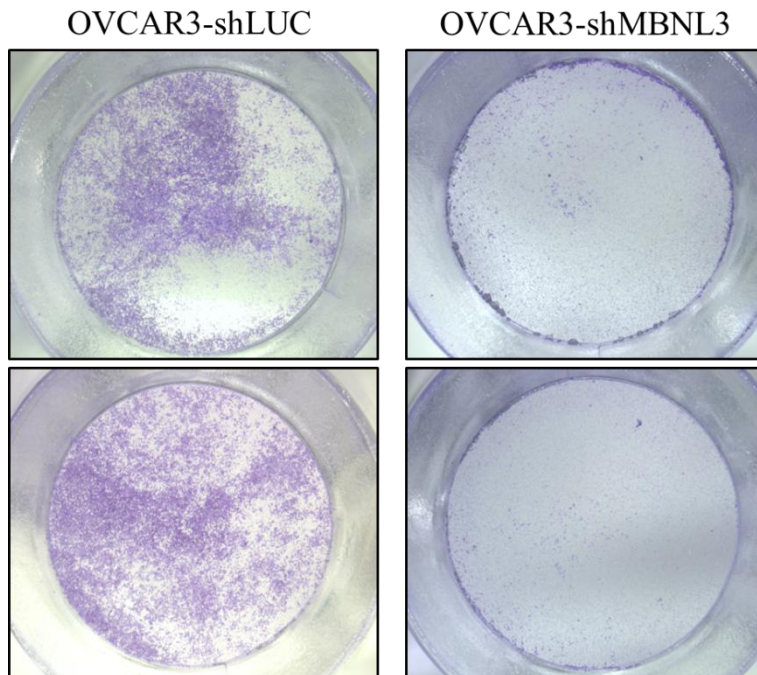


# MBNL3 Knockdown Inhibited OVCAR-3 Motility

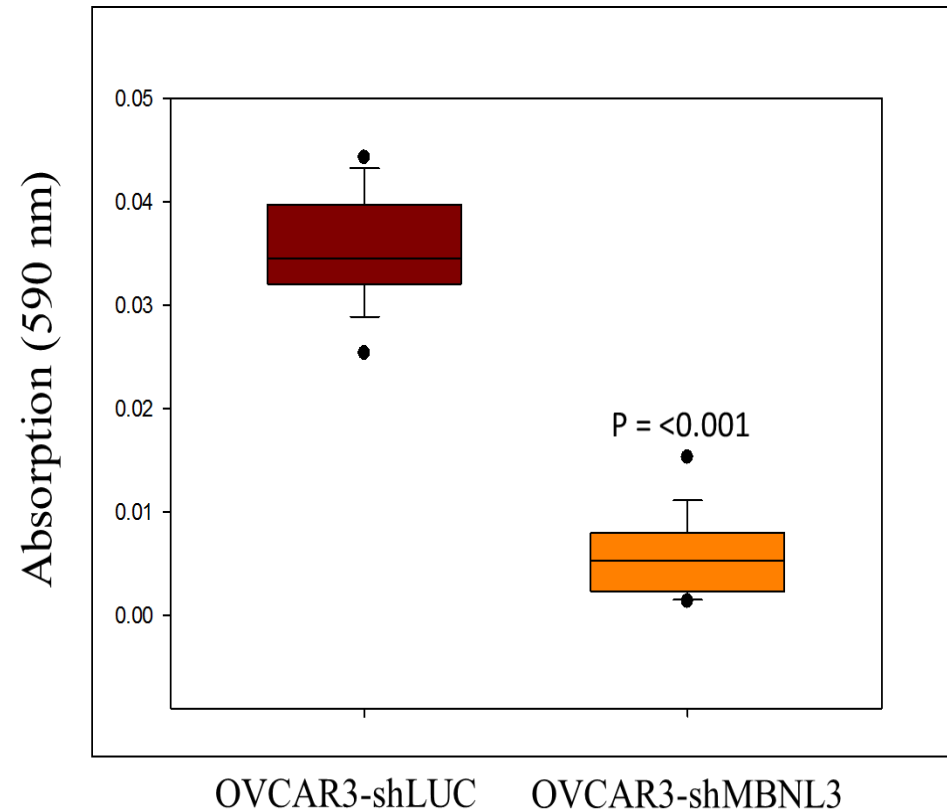


# MBNL3 Knockdown Inhibited Migration Ability of OVCAR-3

**A.**



**B.**






# **SUMMARY**

- Higher MBNL3 expression in ovarian cancer cell
- Knockdown of MBNL3 in OVCAR-3 could significantly inhibit cancer cell growth/proliferation, and migration ability.

**MBNL3 plays an important role in ovary cancer. It seems to be a quite promising target for ovarian cancer therapy.**





# **FUTURE WORK**





- to further confirm by using **HEYC2** cell lines
- in vivo experiments with NOD/SCID mice to investigate if MBNL3 would affect **tumor size** and **metastasis**





thank you!

