

Supplementary figure legends

Fig. S1 Related to Fig. 1, canonical NF- κ B signalling specifically activates global methylation of H3K27 in glioblastoma. **a** Cells were co-transfected with pGL4.32[luc2P/NF- κ B-RE/Hygro], using pRL-TK-Renilla as an internal control in LN229 and U251 cells. After 24 hours of LPS (0.1/1/10 μ g/mL) or TNF- α (1/10/50ng/mL) treatment. The luciferase activity was measured and standardized to Renilla luciferase. **b** Cells were co-transfected with pGL4.32[luc2P/NF- κ B-RE/Hygro], using pRL-TK-Renilla as an internal control in LN229 and U251 cells. After 24 hours of BAY11 (1/2/5 μ M) or CAPE (1/2/5 μ M) treatment. The luciferase activity was measured and normalized to Renilla luciferase. **c** After 24 hours of LPS (1 μ g/mL) or TNF- α (10ng/mL) treatment, levels of histone lysine methylation were detected by western blotting. **d** The expression levels of histone lysine methylation upon overexpression p65 in LN229 and U251 cells. **e, f** The expression levels of H3K27me1/2/3 upon overexpression p65 or NF- κ B activators in LN229 and U251 cells. **g, h** the EC50 curves of two NF- κ B inhibitors. Values are expressed as the means \pm SD from three experiments, and the asterisk indicates the statistical significance compared to the controls (*, $p < 0.05$, **, $p < 0.01$, ***, $p < 0.001$, ****, $p < 0.0001$).

Fig. S2 Related to Fig. 2, NF- κ B selectively triggers the expression of EZH2 to promote H3K27 methylation in glioblastoma. **a** Volcano plots illustrated differentially regulated genes expression from RNA-seq analysis between WT and p65 KO LN229 cells and identified by RNA-seq. The same assay was performed in LN229 treated with DMSO or CAPE. Values are presented as the \log_2 of foldchange. **b** Heatmaps of H3K27 specific methyltransferase and demethylase differentially expressed between DMSO and CAPE or WT and p65 KO in LN229 cells identified by RNA-seq. **d** To activate the NF- κ B pathway by treating with 1 μ g/ml LPS or 10ng/ml TNF α and then detect the protein expression levels of EZH2 in LN229 and U251 cells. **e** Pearson correlation coefficient (r) and p -value (p) between EZH2 and NF- κ B subunits expression (in \log_2). **f** IP analysis of the interaction between EZH2 and p65 in LN229 and U251 cells **g** Expression levels of EZH2 in LN229 and U251 cells after overexpression of p65. **h** Enrichment of p65 in the EZH2 promoter region was detected by ChIP-seq data from GEO. **i** p65 motif in EZH2 promoter prediction from ALGGEN. **j** The expression levels of H3K27me3 in LN229 and U251 cells after knockdown of EZH2. **k, l** CCK-8 and colony formation assays were performed in LN229 and U251 cells after knockdown of EZH2. **m** The expression levels of H3K27me3 in LN229 and U251 cells after knockdown of KDM6A and KDM6B. **n, o** CCK-8 and colony formation assays were performed in LN229 and U251 cells after knockdown of KDM6A and KDM6B. Values are expressed as the means \pm SD from three experiments, and the asterisk indicates the statistical significance compared to the controls (*, $p < 0.05$, **, $p < 0.01$, ***, $p < 0.001$, ****, $p < 0.0001$).

Fig. S3 Related to Fig. 3, NF- κ B inhibition triggers profound epigenetic reprogramming in glioblastoma. **a** GO pathway analysis of differential genes by overlapping EZH2 and H3K27me3 enrichment foldchange. **b-c** Heatmap representation of regions with either loss or gain (\log_{10} likelihood ratio > 3) of EZH2 in p65 KO LN229 cells compared with WT. The \log_2 (IP/Input) signal is plotted for each replicate, centered on the differential peak ± 5 kb. Each column is representative of an individual donor. The same assay was performed in LN229 treated with DMSO or CAPE. **d-e** GO pathway analysis of differential genes from CHIP-seq analysis between WT and p65 KO LN229

cells. The same assay was performed in LN229 treated with DMSO or CAPE. **f** The pie chart shows the percentage of each type of differential enrichment region in LN229 cells treated with DMSO or CAPE. **g** Venn diagrams showing the overlapping between ChIP-seq and RNA-seq. Values are expressed as the means±SD from three experiments.

Fig. S4 Related to Fig. 4, NF-κB signalling which promotes the proliferation and migration of glioblastoma is partly dependent on EZH2. **a** GO pathway analysis illustrates differentially regulated genes expression between WT and p65/EZH2 KO LN229 cells identified by RNA-seq. **b** Venn diagram shows the overlapping pathway about differential genes with EZH2 KO and p65 KO. **c** GO pathway analysis of genes both regulated by NF-κB and EZH2. **d-f** CCK-8, colony formation, transwell assays in the U251 cell line of WT, p65 KO, p65 KO with p65 ectopic overexpression and p65 KO with EZH2 ectopic overexpression group or WT, EZH2 KO, EZH2 KO with EZH2 ectopic overexpression and EZH2 KO with p65 ectopic overexpression group. **g-i** CCK-8, colony formation, transwell assays in WT, EZH2 KO and EZH2 KO with EZH2 ectopic overexpression U251 cells treated with PBS or LPS. Values are expressed as the means±SD from three experiments, and the asterisk indicates the statistical significance compared to the controls (*, $p < 0.05$, **, $p < 0.01$, ***, $p < 0.001$, ****, $p < 0.0001$).

Fig. S5 Related to Fig. 5, NF-κB signalling promoting the apoptosis and cell cycle of glioblastoma is mostly independent of EZH2. **a** GO pathway analysis of genes only regulated by NF-κB or EZH2. **b, c** Cell cycle and apoptosis assays in the U251 cell line of WT, p65 KO, p65 KO with p65 ectopic overexpression and p65 KO with EZH2 ectopic overexpression groups or WT, EZH2 KO, EZH2 KO with EZH2 ectopic overexpression and EZH2 KO with p65 ectopic overexpression groups. **d, e** Cell cycle and apoptosis assays in WT, EZH2 KO and EZH2 KO with EZH2 ectopic overexpression U251 cells treated with PBS or LPS. **f** A schematic map of the vector cassette. **g** A procedure of selection and identification of knockout clones. **h** Detection of indels in p65 and EZH2 knockout cells. **i** DNA sequences for each of the PCR products from p65 and EZH2 clones. Cut sequences are shown in brackets and loxP sequences are in red. **j** Western blot detected the effect of p65 and EZH2 KO. **k, l** Statistics of the cell cycle in Fig. 5 and Fig. S5. **m, n** apoptosis assays in WT, EZH2 KO and EZH2 KO with EZH2 ectopic overexpression LN229 and U251 cells transfected with PCDH-p65 or PCDH vector. Values are expressed as the mean±SD from three experiments. Values are expressed as the means±SD from three experiments, and the asterisk indicates the statistical significance compared to the controls (*, $p < 0.05$, **, $p < 0.01$, ***, $p < 0.001$, ****, $p < 0.0001$).

Fig. S6 Related to Fig. 6 glioblastoma can be molecularly stratified for risk using NF-κB and EZH2. **a,b** Kaplan–Meier survival analysis of p65 and EZH2 in CGGA database. **c** Pearson correlation coefficient (r) and p -value (p) between EZH2 and p65 mRNA expression (in \log_2). **d-k** Kaplan–Meier survival analysis of age, gender, EGFR expression, WHO grades. **l** The differential expression of p65 between glioblastoma and normal tissues. **m** The differential expression of EZH2 between glioblastoma and normal tissues. Values were expressed as the means±SD from three experiments, and the asterisk indicates the statistical significance compared to the controls (*, $p < 0.05$, **, $p < 0.01$, ***, $p < 0.001$, ****, $p < 0.0001$).

Fig. S7 Related to Fig. 7 Synergistic effect induced by inhibition of EZH2 and NF- κ B in glioblastoma. **a** LN229 and U251 cell lines were treated with increasing doses of EPZ-6438 in combination with increasing doses of CAPE for 24 hours, and proliferation was monitored by CCK8-kit. Combeneft calculated cell availability and heatmaps. **b** Semi Log dose-response curves and calculated EC50 values of EPZ-6438 and CAPE. **c~e** NF- κ B inhibitor CAPE combined with EPZ-6438. Colony formation, cell cycle and apoptosis assay were performed in LN229 and U251 cell lines. **f** Subcutaneously implanted mice were treated with EPZ-6438, CAPE or combination. Images of representative tumors for every group at day 28. Scale bar, 1 cm. Values are expressed as the means \pm SD from three experiments, and the asterisk indicates the statistical significance compared to the controls (*, $p < 0.05$, **, $p < 0.01$, ***, $p < 0.001$, ****, $p < 0.0001$).

Fig. S8 Schematic of the proposed mechanism.

Supplementary figures

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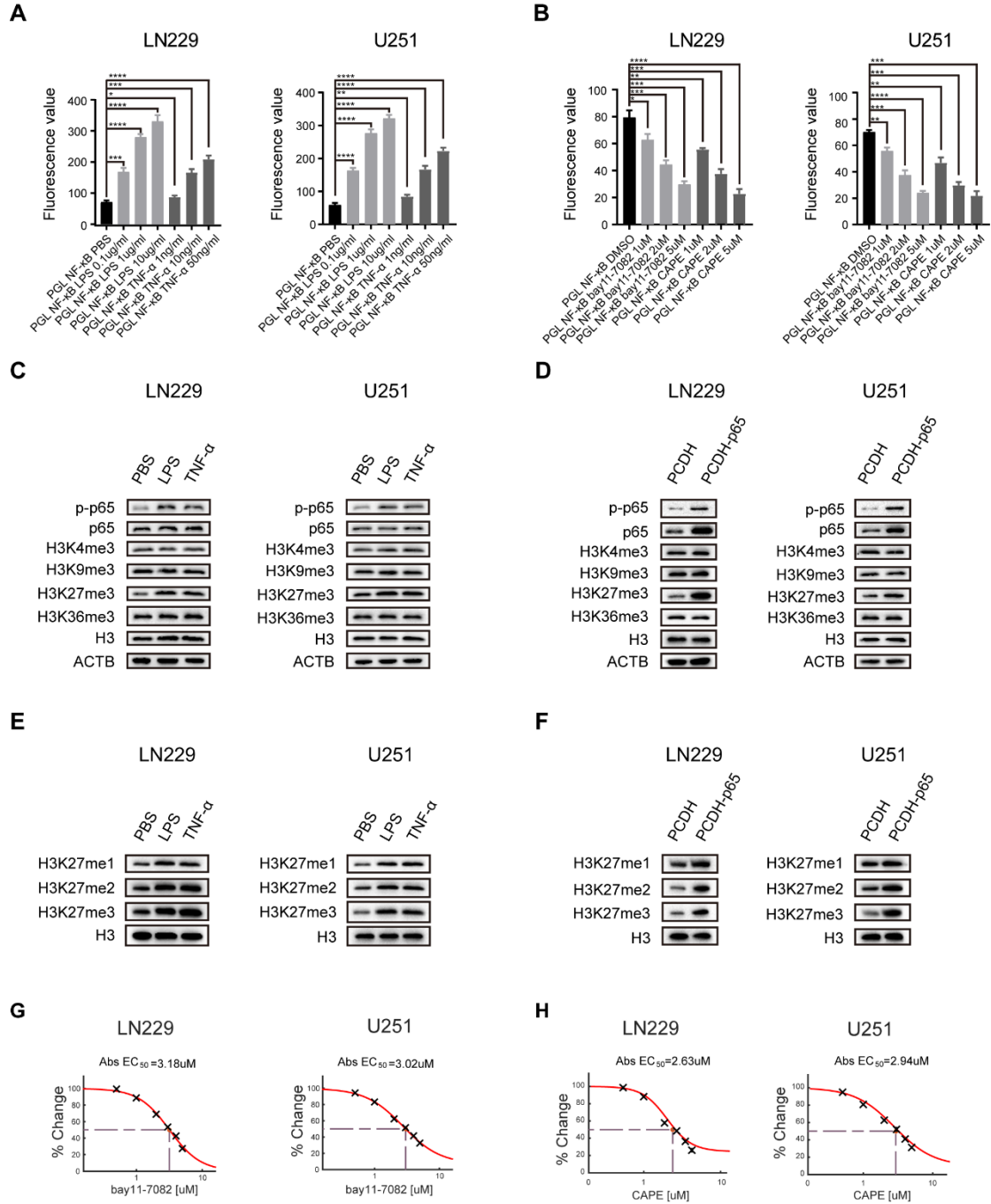
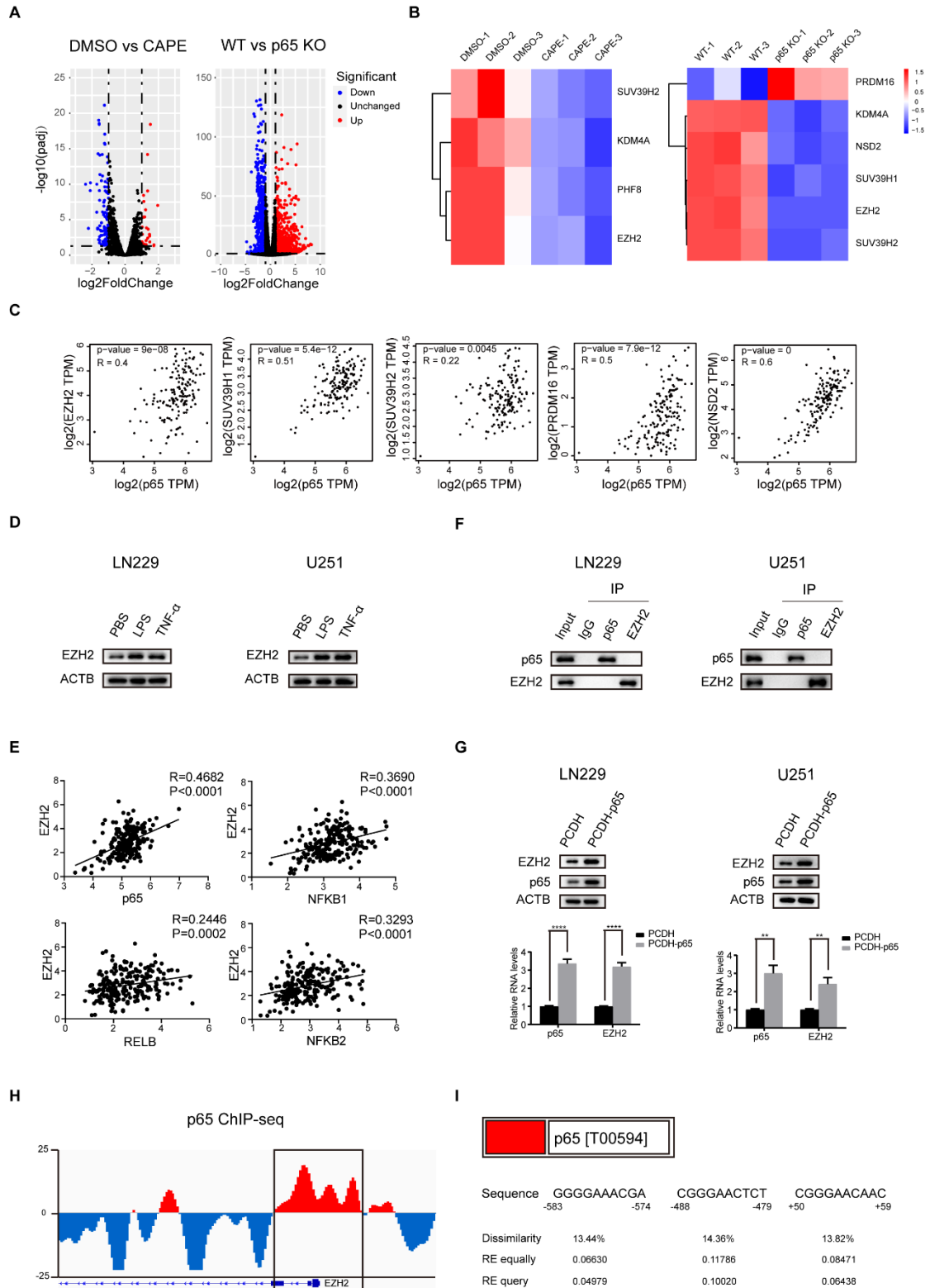
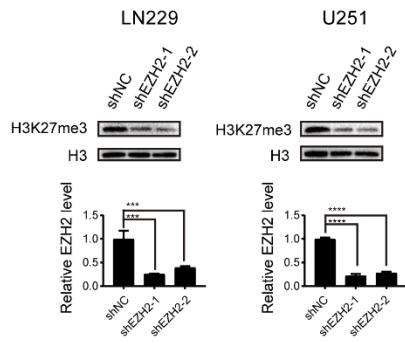


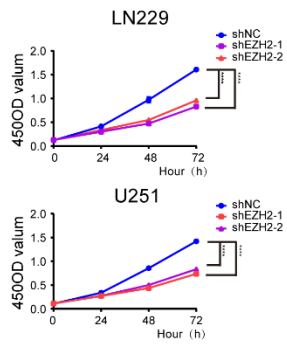
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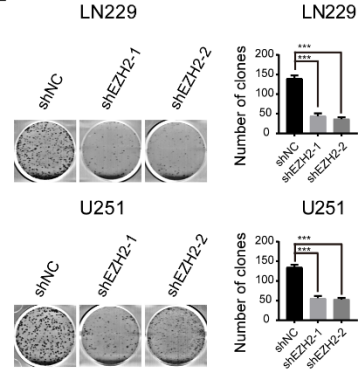
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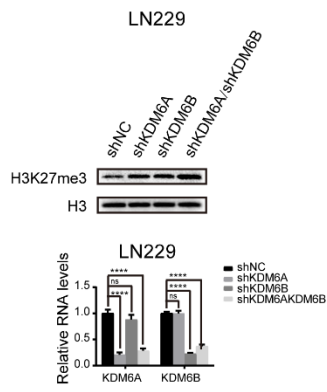
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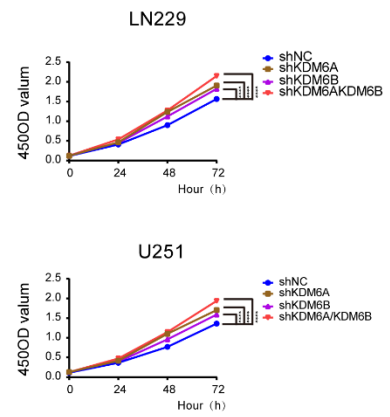
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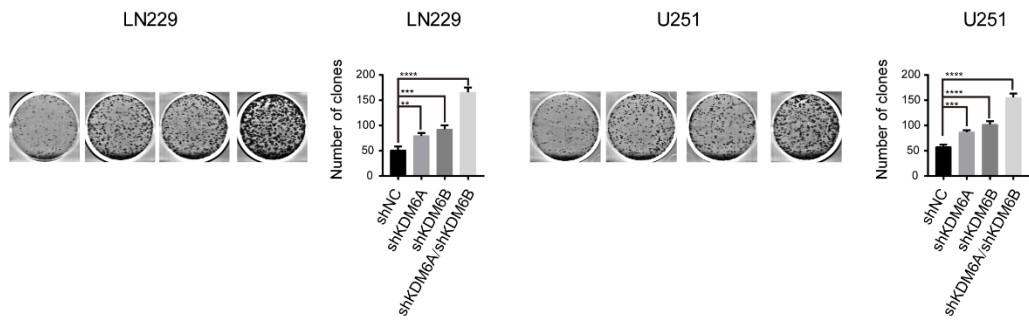
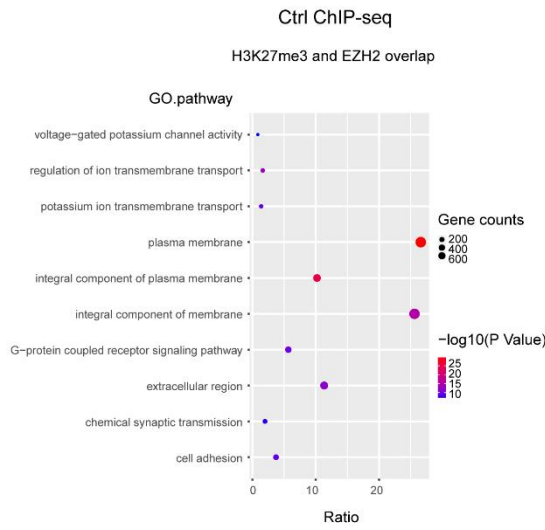
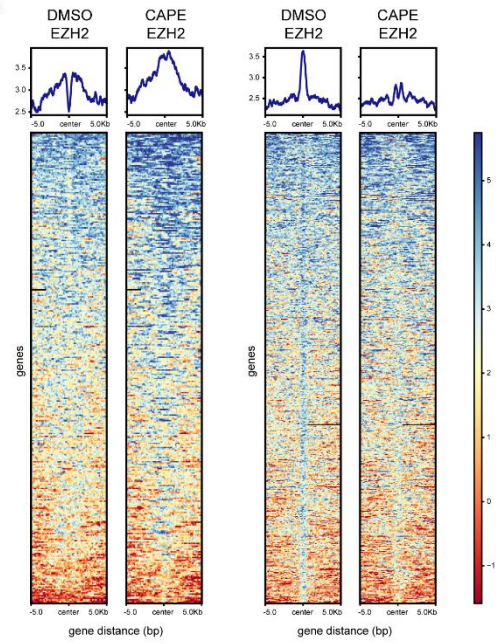


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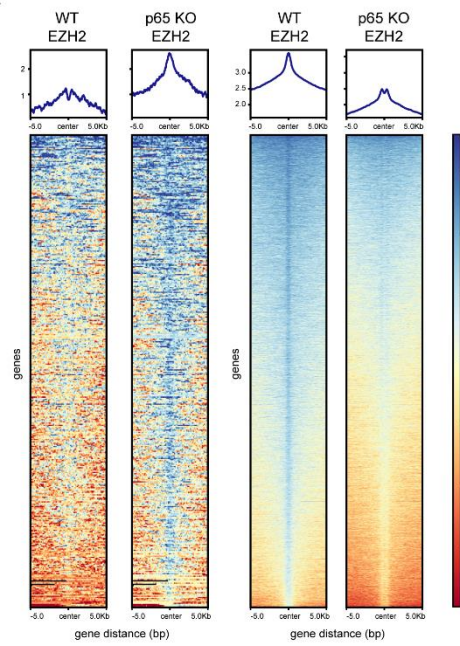
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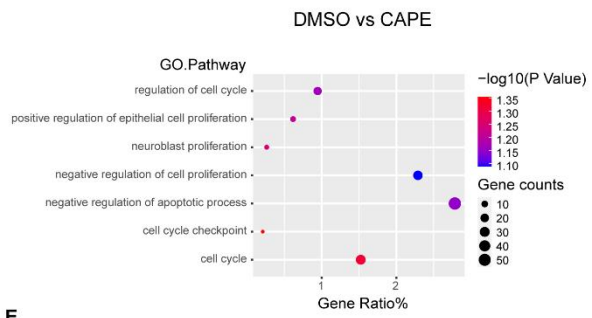
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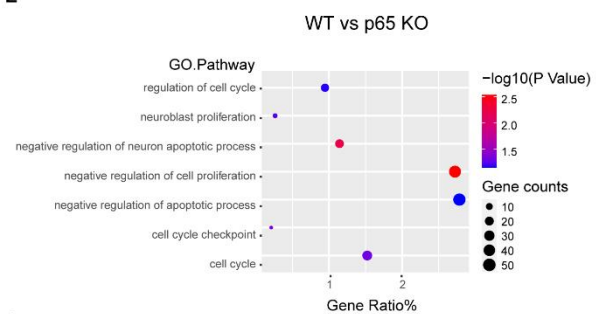
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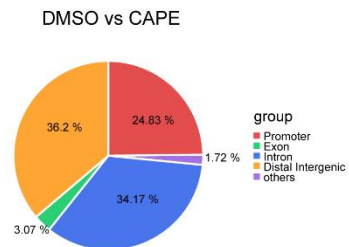
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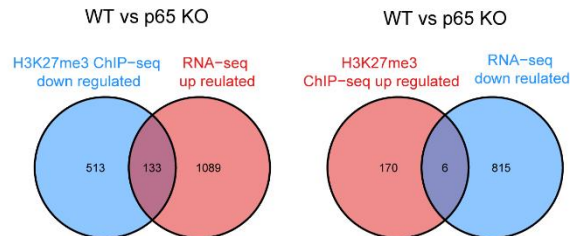


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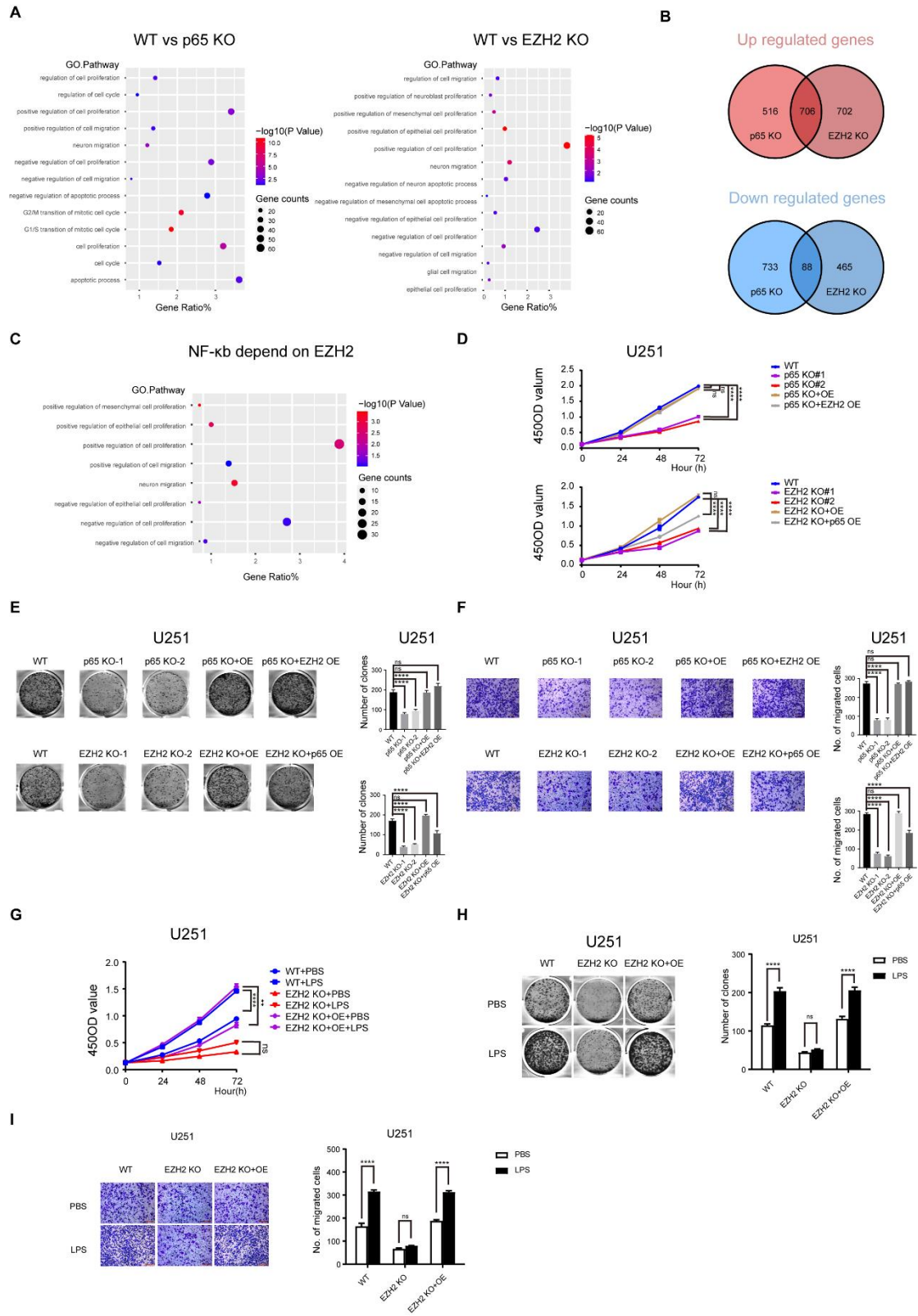
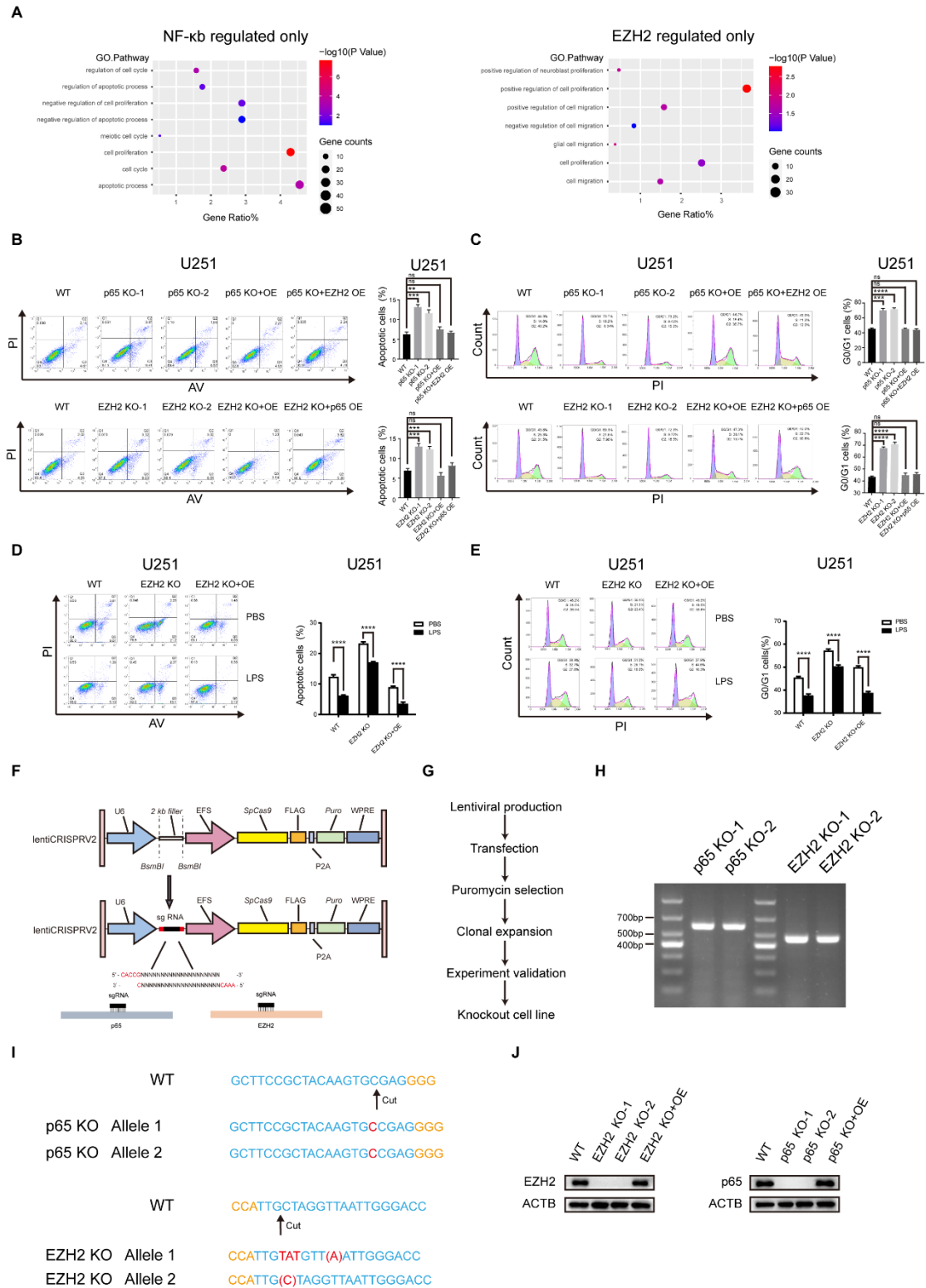
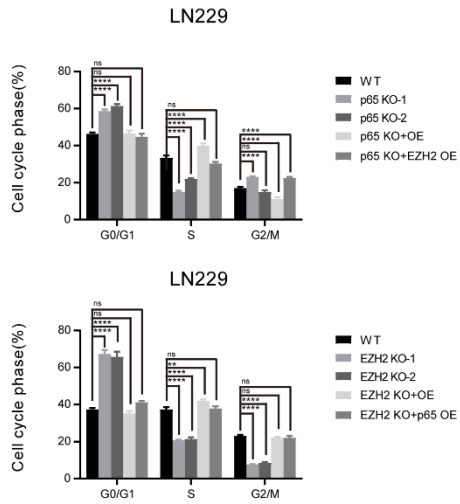


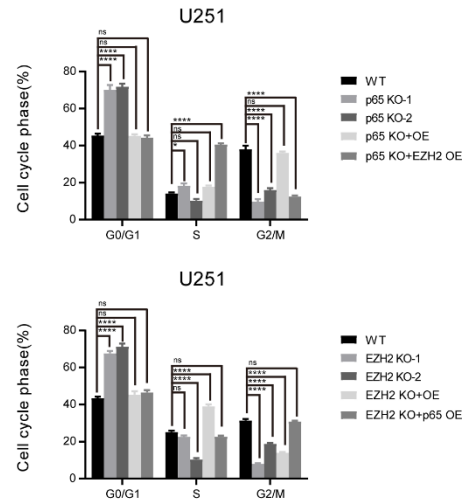
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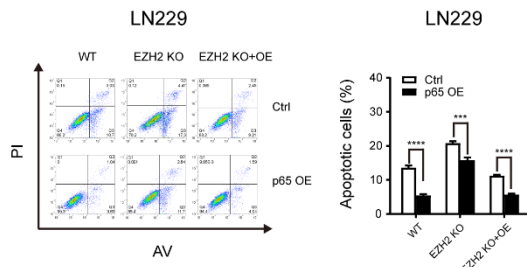
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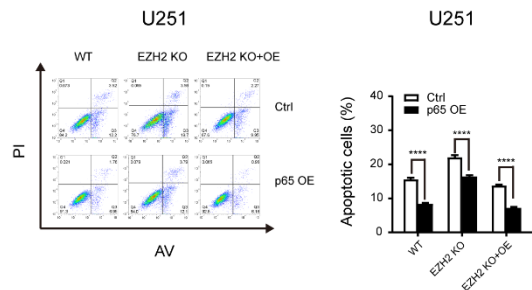


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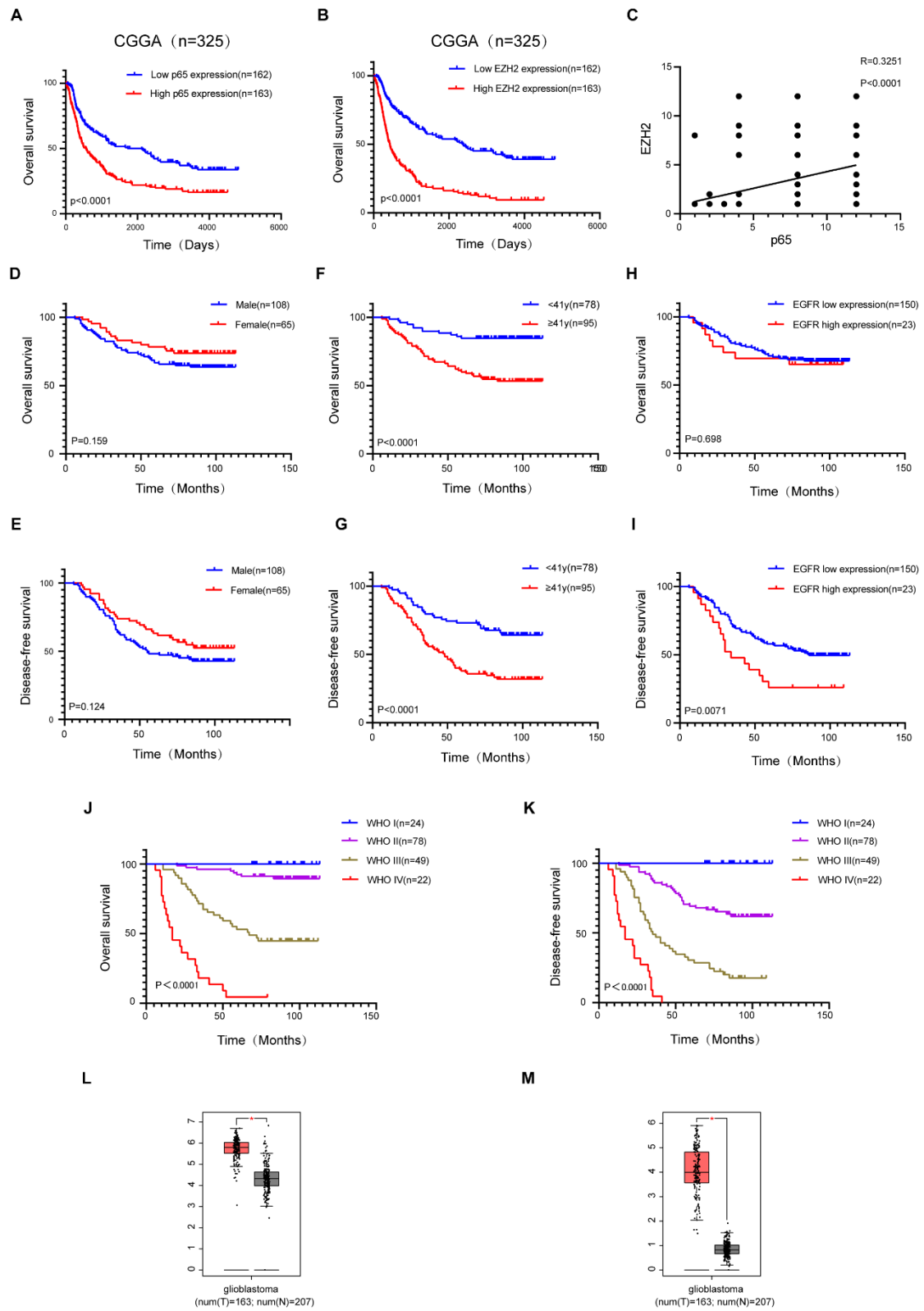
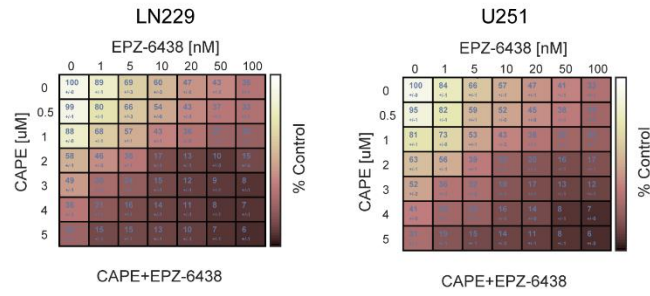
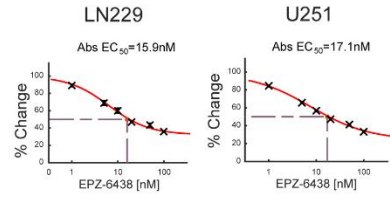


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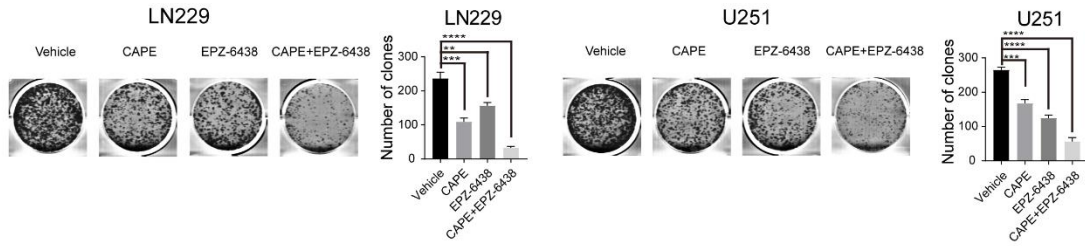
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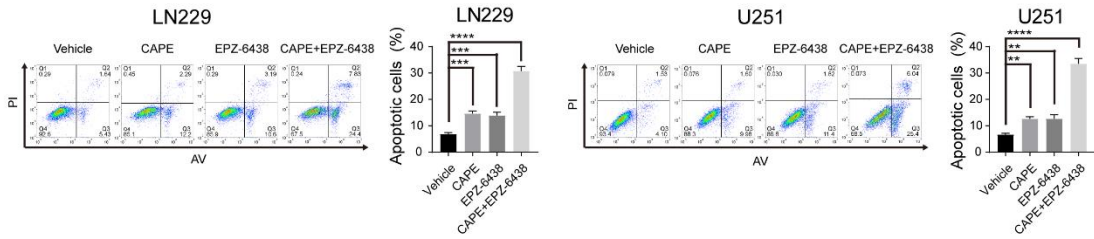
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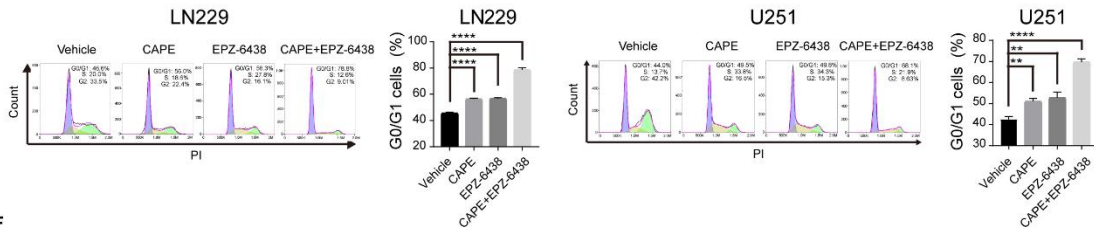
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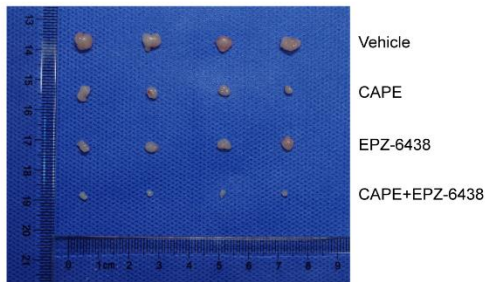
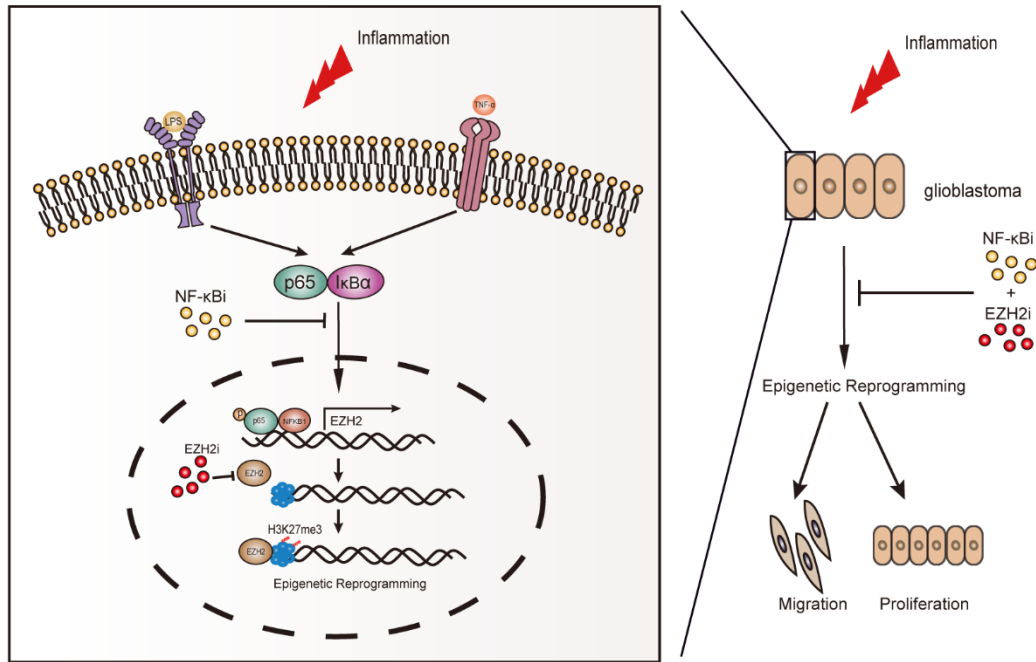


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Supplementary tables

Table S1: Clinicopathologic characteristics in 173 glioma patients

Characteristics	Number
Sex	
male	108 (62.4%)
female	65 (37.6%)
Age	
<41y	78 (45.1%)
≥41y	95 (54.9%)
WHO grades	
I	24 (13.9%)
II	78 (45.1%)
III	49 (28.3%)
IV	22 (12.7%)
EGFR expression	
High	23 (13.3%)
low	150(86.7%)
p65 expression	
High	94 (54.3%)
low	79 (45.7%)
EZH2 expression	
High	40(23.1%)
low	133 (76.9%)

Table S2: Relations between the level of p65 or EZH2 expression and clinicopathologic characteristics in 173 glioma patients

Characteristics	p65/EZH2 expression			P-value
	High/High (%)	High/Low (%)	Low/Low (%)	
Overall	31(17.9%)	72(41.6%)	70(40.5%)	
Sex				0.495
male	22(71.0%)	45(62.5%)	41(58.6%)	
female	9(29.0%)	27(37.5%)	29(41.4%)	
Age				<0.0001
<41y	6(19.4%)	26(36.1%)	46(65.7%)	
≥41y	25(80.6%)	46(63.9%)	24(34.3%)	
WHO grades				<0.0001
I	1(3.2%)	3(4.2%)	20(28.6%)	
II	10(32.3%)	37(51.4%)	31(44.3%)	
III	11(35.5%)	23(31.9%)	15(21.4%)	
IV	9(29%)	9(12.5%)	4(5.7%)	
EGFR expression				<0.0001
High	10(32.3%)	11(15.3%)	2(2.9%)	
low	21(67.7%)	61(84.7%)	68(97.1%)	

Table S3: Univariate analysis of five-year overall survival and five-year disease-free survival on different clinicopathological factors by Kaplan–Meier method.

Variable	5-OS (%)	Log-rank test (P-value)	5-DFS (%)	Log-rank test (P-value)
Sex		0.159		0.124
male	66.7%		48.1%	
female	78.4%		63.1%	
Age		<0.0001		<0.0001
<41y	84.6%		73.1%	
≥41y	60.0%		37.9%	
WHO grades		<0.0001		<0.0001
I	100%		100%	
II	92.3%		69.2%	
III	53.1%		30.6%	
IV	4.5%		0%	
EGFR expression		0.698		0.007
High	69.6%		26.1%	
low	71.3%		58.0%	
Risk group		0.029		<0.0001
High-risk group	58.1%		25.8%	
Intermediate-risk group	68.1%		48.6%	
Low-risk group	80.0%		71.4%	

Note:

Abbreviations: 5-OS, five-year overall survival; 5-DFS, five-year disease-free survival;

Table S4: RT-PCR and qPCR primers

Primers	sequence (5'→3')
ACTB-F	ATGTGGCCGAGGACTTTGATT
ACTB-R	AGTGGGGTGGCTTTTAGGATG
P65-F	CTATAGAAGAGCAGCGTGGGG
P65-R	TCACTCGGCAGATCTTGAGC
EZH2-F	GCAGCCTTGTGACAGTTCGT
EZH2-R	GCGGCTCCACAAGTAAGACA
Phf8-F	AAGGTTCAACGTCCCTGCTC
Phf8-R	GATAGGCTGGGCTCTTTCCC
NSD2-F	CCTATTGCTGCACGTCAGGT
NSD2-R	CTCTGATGGGTTGCGGTCAT
Prdm16-F	ATGCCGACTTTTGGGAAGGG
Prdm16-R	GTGGAGAGGAGTGTCTTCGG
Kdm4a-F	GGCTTTGGGCTGTAGATTCTT
Kdm4a-R	CGATGAGCTCCTTGGGATTCA
SUV39H1-F	TGATGAGGGGCGGATTGAAC
SUV39H1-R	CCCCACCATTGGTCAAGTCA
SUV39H2-F	GTGCCTTGCCTAGTTTCACT
SUV39H2-R	AGAATCTGGCCATCCTTTCCA
CHIP-BS1-F	CTCCCCGGGCACCACTA
CHIP-BS1-R	AGTTCAAACTCGGGGGTGG
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CHIP-BS3-F	GGGGCAAATAAAAGCGATG
CHIP-BS3-R	GCGTTACCTTCGTCCCG

Table S5: plasmid primers

Primers	sequence (5'→3')
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p65-sg2 R	AAACCGACGCATTGCTGTGCCTTC
EZH2-sg1 F	CACCGCCGGAGCTCAGGGGGATTT
EZH2-sg1 R	AAACAAATCCCCCTGAGCTCCGGC
EZH2-sg2 F	CACCGGTCCCAATTAACCTAGCAA
EZH2-sg2 R	AAACTTGCTAGGTTAATTGGGACC

Abbreviations

NF- κ B: Nuclear factor kappa B; EZH2: Enhancer of zeste 2; SPF: Specific pathogen free; CAPE: Caffeic acid phenethyl ester; ATCC: American Type Culture Collection; STR: Short tandem repeat; GO: gene ontology.