

1 **Distinct roles of glutamine metabolism in benign and malignant cartilage tumors**
2 **with *IDH* mutations.**

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25 **Abstract:**

26 Enchondromas and chondrosarcomas are common cartilage neoplasms that are either
27 benign or malignant respectively. The majority of these tumors harbor mutations in
28 either *IDH1* or *IDH2*. Glutamine metabolism has been implicated as a critical regulator
29 of tumors with *IDH* mutations. Chondrocytes and chondrosarcomas with mutations in
30 the *IDH1* or *IDH2* genes showed enhanced glutamine utilization in downstream
31 metabolism. Using genetic and pharmacological approaches, we demonstrated that
32 glutaminase-mediated glutamine metabolism played distinct roles in enchondromas and
33 chondrosarcomas with *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutations. Deletion of glutaminase in
34 chondrocytes with *Idh1* mutation increased the number and size of enchondroma-like
35 lesions. Pharmacological inhibition of glutaminase in chondrosarcoma xenografts
36 reduced overall tumor burden. Glutamine affected cell differentiation and viability in
37 these tumors differently through different downstream metabolites. During murine
38 enchondroma-like lesion development, glutamine-derived α -ketoglutarate promoted
39 hypertrophic chondrocyte differentiation and regulated chondrocyte proliferation. In
40 human chondrosarcoma, glutamine-derived non-essential amino acids played an
41 important role in preventing cell apoptosis. This study reveals that glutamine
42 metabolism can play distinct roles in benign and malignant cartilage tumors sharing the
43 same genetic mutations. Inhibiting GLS may provide a therapeutic approach to
44 suppress chondrosarcoma tumor growth.

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46 **Introduction:**

47 Enchondroma is a common benign cartilaginous neoplasm and is estimated to be
48 present in 3% of the total population [1, 2]. These tumors develop from dysregulated
49 chondrocyte differentiation in the growth plate and are mostly present in the metaphysis
50 of long bones [3]. In patients with multiple enchondromatosis (more than one
51 enchondroma lesions) such as Maffucci's syndrome and Ollier's disease, the risk of
52 malignant transformation is reported to be up to 60% [4]. Chondrosarcoma is the
53 second most common primary malignancy of the bone [4]. They arise *de novo* or
54 develop from preexisting benign tumors including enchondromas [4]. High-grade
55 chondrosarcomas have high metastatic potential and poor prognosis [5]. Currently there
56 are no universally effective pharmacologic therapies for enchondromas or
57 chondrosarcomas.

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59 Somatic mutations of isocitrate dehydrogenase 1 and 2 (*IDH1* and *IDH2*) are the most
60 frequent genetic variations in enchondromas and chondrosarcomas [6-10]. They are
61 present in 56% - 90% of enchondroma tumors [6, 8], and in about 50% of
62 chondrosarcoma tumors [7, 9]. Although *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutations are present in
63 enchondromas and chondrosarcomas, it is not known whether these tumors share
64 similar metabolic requirements for tumor development and cell viability. Wildtype *IDH1*
65 and *IDH2* enzymes catalyze the reversible conversion between isocitrate and α -
66 ketoglutarate (α -KG) in the cytoplasm or the mitochondria respectively. Mutant *IDH 1* or

67 IDH2 enzymes lose their original function and gain a neomorphic function that converts
68 α -KG to D-2-hydroxyglutarate (D-2HG) [11-13]. D-2HG is considered as a putative
69 “oncometabolite” in various cancers with mutations in *IDH1/2* [14-20]. Interestingly,
70 pharmacological inhibition of mutant IDH1 enzyme did not alter chondrosarcoma
71 tumorigenesis despite effective reduction of D-2HG synthesis [21]. Several clinical trials
72 of mutant IDH inhibitors have been conducted in patients with chondrosarcoma [22].
73 The results to date have been variable, showing at best stabilization of the disease [23].
74 Recently, an investigation of the metabolomes in chondrosarcomas showed global
75 alterations in cellular metabolism in *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas, suggesting
76 such alteration might drive the neoplastic phenotype, or be possible therapeutic targets
77 for cancers with *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutations [24].

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79 Glutamine metabolism is an important metabolic pathway that is critical for the survival
80 of various cancers as well as proper proliferation and differentiation of different cell
81 types [25-31]. Glutamine metabolism starts when glutaminase (GLS) deaminates
82 glutamine to glutamate. Glutamate could be further used to generate α -ketoglutarate (α -
83 KG), glutathione, other non-essential amino acids, and nucleotides, etc. Through
84 different downstream metabolites, glutamine regulates cancer cell behaviors by
85 modulating bioenergetics, biosynthesis, redox homeostasis, etc. [26]. In cancers with
86 *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutations, glutamine is utilized as the primary source for D-2HG
87 production [11, 32, 33]. In addition, some tumors with *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutations are

88 reported to be dependent on glutamine metabolism for tumor growth or cell viability [34-
89 37]. In non-cancerous cells, glutamine metabolism regulates cell differentiation mainly
90 through many downstream metabolites including amino acids as well as α -KG and
91 acetyl-CoA which act as cofactors for various histone modifying enzymes [28, 30, 38,
92 39].

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94 In the context of cartilage tumors, it is unknown how glutamine regulates tumor
95 development in enchondromas, and cancer cell survival in chondrosarcoma. We
96 therefore used a genetically engineered mouse model of enchondromas and primary
97 human chondrosarcoma samples to address these questions. Here we identified that
98 GLS was upregulated in both human patient chondrosarcoma samples with mutations in
99 *IDH1* or *IDH2* and murine chondrocytes with *Idh1* mutation. However, deleting *Gls* in the
100 mouse led to an increased number and size of benign tumor-like lesions and affected
101 hypertrophic chondrocyte differentiation, likely due to a reduction of α -KG; whereas
102 inhibiting GLS in *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcoma led to a smaller tumor size and
103 a reduction in cell viability, associated with the compromised production of non-essential
104 amino acids. Collectively, these data highlight a previously unknown stage-dependent
105 role of glutamine metabolism in cartilage tumors and may provide a therapeutic
106 approach for the malignant cartilage tumor chondrosarcoma.

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108 **Results:**

109 ***IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas cells exhibited increased glutamine**
110 **contribution to anaplerosis and non-essential amino acids production.**

111 From a published dataset showing mRNA profiling ([E-MTAB-7264](#)) of chondrosarcoma
112 tumors [40], we observed that expression of *GLS* was upregulated in chondrosarcomas
113 with *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutations (Supplementary Fig 1), indicating glutamine metabolism
114 might be important for cartilage tumor with *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutation. To understand how
115 glutamine was utilized in chondrosarcoma cells, we performed carbon tracing
116 experiment with $^{13}\text{C}_5$ -glutamine in chondrosarcoma cells with wild type *IDH1* and *IDH2*,
117 mutant *IDH1*, and mutant *IDH2*. ^{13}C contribution to downstream metabolites was
118 determined by measuring the isotope-labeling pattern. To be utilized by a cell, glutamine
119 is first deaminated to glutamate through GLS. After that, glutamate can be converted to
120 α -KG, a key metabolite in the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle (Fig 1A). There was a
121 significant amount of glutamate in chondrosarcomas of different genotypes labeled with
122 ^{13}C (Fig 1B). Importantly, the labeling of ^{13}C in glutamate was significantly higher in
123 *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas when compared to chondrosarcoma cells with
124 wildtype *IDH1* and *IDH2* (Fig 1B). The ^{13}C labeling pattern was examined in the TCA
125 cycle intermediates and non-essential amino acids. Chondrosarcomas with *IDH1* or
126 *IDH2* mutations had significantly higher carbon contribution to all TCA cycle
127 intermediates (Fig 1C-1H) and some non-essential amino acids such as alanine (Fig 1I).

128 Thus, *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas were more efficient than *IDH1* and *IDH2*
129 wildtype chondrosarcomas in converting glutamine to its downstream metabolites.

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131 **GLS was upregulated in IDH mutant chondrocytes.**

132 To understand the role of GLS in murine chondrocytes with *Idh1* mutation, we first
133 examined whether expression of mutant *Idh1* gene could lead to altered GLS function.
134 Expression of a mutant IDH1^{R132Q} enzyme in chondrocytes was shown to be sufficient
135 to initiate enchondroma-like lesion formation in mice [41]. Chondrocytes were isolated
136 from mice expressing the conditional IDH1^{R132Q} knock-in allele and transduced with
137 adenovirus GFP or adenovirus Cre [42], GLS activity in these chondrocytes was
138 determined by measuring the conversion from radio-active ³H-glutamine to radio-active
139 ³H-glutamate. In primary chondrocytes expressing mutant IDH1^{R132Q}, GLS activity was
140 significantly upregulated by 2.5-fold (Fig 2A).

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142 To investigate how chondrocytes with wildtype and mutant IDH1 enzymes utilize
143 glutamine, we conducted ¹³C tracing studies. In chondrocytes expressing the mutant
144 *Idh1*, the percentage of ¹³C labeling in glutamate (Fig 2C), α -KG (Fig 2D), other TCA
145 cycle intermediates (Fig 2E-2H), and the non-essential amino acid alanine (Fig 2I) was
146 significantly increased.

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148 Glutamine is a primary source for the production of D-2HG in IDH1 or IDH2 mutant
149 cancers including chondrosarcoma [11, 32, 33]. To examine whether glutamine is also
150 the primary source for D-2HG production in the murine chondrocytes expressing mutant
151 *Idh1*, we cultured these chondrocytes with $^{13}\text{C}_5$ -glutamine and examined the percentage
152 of ^{13}C -labeled D-2HG at different time points. After 10 hours, more than 80% of the D-
153 2HG was labeled with ^{13}C , confirming glutamine is the primary source for D-2HG in
154 IDH1^{R132Q} cells (Supplementary Fig 2). Thus, chondrocytes with an *Idh1* mutation
155 showed increased GLS activity and more efficient conversion of glutamine to
156 downstream metabolites, including D-2HG.

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158 **GLS was important for chondrocyte differentiation and proliferation in**
159 **chondrocytes with *Idh1* mutation.**

160 There are two isoforms of GLS, kidney-type GLS (encoded by *Gls*) and liver-type GLS
161 (encoded by *Gls2*). There was very low level of expression of *Gls2* compared to *Gls* in
162 primary chondrocytes of both *Col2a1Cre;Idh1^{LSL/+}* and *Col2a1Cre* animals (Fig 3A,
163 GSE123130), consistent with the notion that GLS activity in chondrocytes was mainly
164 catalyzed by *Gls*. We thus focused on *Gls* in the murine chondrocytes. To examine the
165 role of *Gls* in vivo, we conditionally deleted *Gls* in these cells by crossing mice carrying
166 a conditional null allele of *Gls* (*Gls^{fl/fl}*) to the *Col2a1Cre* deleter mouse which expresses
167 Cre-recombinase in chondrocytes (Fig 3B, 3C) [43, 44]. *Col2a1Cre;Gls^{fl/fl}* chondrocytes

168 had reduced glutamine uptake and glutamate production (Fig 3D), confirming the
169 function of GLS was efficiently deleted in these mice.

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171 We first examined the phenotype of murine tibias lacking *Gls* in chondrocytes with
172 wildtype or mutant *Idh1* genes using H&E staining (Fig 3E). At embryonic E14.5,
173 deleting *Gls* in *Idh1* wildtype chondrocytes did not cause a significant change in bone
174 length (Fig 3E, 3F). Expression of a mutant *Idh1* gene in chondrocytes at this stage did
175 not cause a reduction in bone length (Fig 3E, 3F). Deleting *Gls* in *Idh1* mutant
176 chondrocytes significantly reduced the bone length (Fig 3E, 3F). At E16.5 and E18.5,
177 we observed reduced bone length and defects in chondrocyte hypertrophic
178 differentiation in *Idh1* mutant mice (Supplementary Fig 3A – 3F), consistent with our
179 previous report [41]. Deleting *Gls* did not cause an obvious skeletal phenotype in *Idh1*-
180 wildtype and *Idh1* mutant mice (Supplementary Fig 3A – 3F).

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182 We then used in situ hybridization to examine markers important for chondrocyte
183 differentiation. Early chondrocyte marker *Col2a1* and hypertrophic chondrocyte marker
184 *Pth1r* were expressed by tibial chondrocytes at E14.5 (Fig 3G – 3J). However, the
185 region between *Col2a1* expressing cells and *Pth1r* expressing cells were reduced in
186 *Idh1* mutant animals. In *Gls;Idh1* double mutant mice, *Col2a1* expression cells and
187 *Pth1r* expressing cells became single regions in the middle of the bone with no
188 separation (Fig 3G-3J). *Col10a1* is expressed by hypertrophic chondrocytes. At E14.5,

189 expression pattern of *Col10a1* was comparable among control, *Gls* mutant, and *Idh*
190 mutant mice, but in *Gls;Idh1* double mutant mice there was reduced zone of staining
191 (Fig 3K – 3N). We also examined proliferation and apoptosis in these animals. No
192 difference in proliferation was determined between control and *Gls* mutant animals in
193 *Idh1* wildtype background, but there was an increase in proliferation when *Gls* was
194 deleted in *Idh1* mutant mice (Fig 3O, 3P). Apoptosis was not detected in all animals at
195 this stage based on immunohistochemistry of cleaved caspase 3 (Supplementary Fig
196 3G).

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198 **Deleting GLS in chondrocytes increased the number and size of enchondroma-** 199 **like lesions**

200 We next examined how deleting *Gls* in chondrocyte postnatally affected chondrocyte
201 homeostasis in growth plates and enchondroma-like lesion formation in adult animals.
202 We induced deletion of *Gls* at four weeks of age by tamoxifen and examined the
203 phenotype at 6 months of age, a time point when growth plates were completely
204 remodeled in control animals and enchondroma-like lesions were stable in *Idh1* mutant
205 mice. Enchondroma-like lesions were identified in *Idh1* mutant animals as we previously
206 reported and these animals showed less trabecular bone volume (Fig 4A - 4D). No
207 obvious growth plate phenotype was observed in *Gls* mutant mice and histologic
208 examination showed less trabecular bone (Fig 4A, 4B). In contrast, the number and
209 size of enchondroma-like lesions were significantly increased when *Gls* was deleted in

210 *ldh1* mutant animals, and the trabecular bone volume was further reduced (Fig 4A –
211 4D).

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213 **GLS regulated chondrocyte differentiation through α -ketoglutarate**

214 Glutamine metabolism regulates chondrocyte differentiation through its downstream
215 metabolites α -KG in *ldh1* wildtype background [28]. We examined whether GLS could
216 regulate the differentiation of chondrocytes containing a *ldh1* mutation through α -KG.
217 Our previous ¹³C tracing experiments showed α -KG was mainly derived from glutamine
218 and *ldh1* mutant chondrocytes were more efficient in converting glutamine to α -KG (Fig
219 2D). We found the level of α -KG was reduced by more than 70% in *ldh1* mutant
220 chondrocytes (Fig 5A). Because chondrocytes with *ldh1* mutation were more efficient in
221 converting glutamine to α -KG, the lower intracellular concentration was likely because
222 α -KG was converted to D-2HG. When GLS was inhibited in *ldh1* mutant chondrocytes
223 by Bis-2-(5-phenylacetamido-1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl)ethyl sulfide (BPTES), a small
224 molecular inhibitor for GLS [45], α -KG level was further reduced by about 60% (Fig 5B).

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226 Next, we investigated whether exogenous α -KG could rescue the defects of
227 chondrocyte differentiation in *Col2a1Cre;Gls^{fl/fl};ldh1^{LSL/+}* animals. We injected cell
228 permeable dimethyl- α -KG (DM- α -KG) to pregnant dams every day from E11.5 to E13.5
229 and harvested the embryos at E14.5. Treatment with DM- α -KG rescued chondrocyte
230 hypertrophy as *Col10a1* mRNA and COLX protein expression were both observed in

231 *Gls;Idh1*- double mutant mice (Fig 5C – 5E). Finally, DM- α -KG treatment led to a
232 modest decrease in proliferation (Fig 5F, 5G) without inducing apoptosis (Fig 5H).

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234 **Inhibiting GLS in *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcoma xenografts reduced**

235 **tumor weight**

236 Previously it was reported that inhibiting GLS reduced viability in chondrosarcoma cell
237 lines [36]. However, our murine data in enchondroma-like lesions suggests that GLS
238 inhibition would have an opposite effect. We thus established patient-derived xenograft
239 models as previously described to examine the effects of GLS inhibition in
240 chondrosarcoma [46]. Chondrosarcoma tumors were divided into pieces at 5 mm x 5
241 mm x 5 mm and implanted to immune-deficient Nod-scid-gamma mice subcutaneously.
242 We treated these animals with BPTES or vehicle control for 14 days and measured the
243 tumor weight at the time of sacrifice. For each patient sample, the tumor weight of each
244 mouse was normalized to the average tumor weight in the vehicle control group of the
245 same patient sample. BPTES treatment significantly reduced tumor weight of
246 chondrosarcoma tumors with *IDH1* mutations (Fig 6B, 6C). We examined proliferation
247 and apoptosis in these tumors using immunohistochemistry of Ki67 and cleaved
248 caspase 3 respectively. BPTES treatment significantly increased apoptosis in
249 chondrosarcoma xenografts but we did not observe a substantial difference in
250 proliferation (Fig 6D-6G). We then examined chondrosarcoma cells treated with BEPTS
251 in vitro. Consistent with our findings in vivo, BPTES treatment reduced cell viability,

252 increased cell apoptosis, and did not alter proliferation in *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant
253 chondrosarcomas (Fig 6H-6J). Interestingly, BPTES treatment did not alter tumor
254 burden of *IDH1* and *IDH2* wildtype chondrosarcoma (Supplementary Fig 4). These data
255 support previously published studies and show a different role of GLS in human
256 chondrosarcoma than murine enchondroma-like lesions.

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258 **GLS inhibited the production of non-essential amino acids in chondrosarcoma**

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260 We next sought to understand how glutamine metabolism regulated cell survival of
261 *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas. Similar to in the mouse, α -KG levels were
262 lower with BPTES treatment (Fig 7A), However, unlike our murine findings, adding DM-
263 α -KG did not rescue the apoptosis changes seen with BEPTS treatment (Fig 7B).

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265 Downstream of GLS, glutamate could be further metabolized to α -KG through glutamate
266 dehydrogenase and transaminases. Inhibiting transaminases by aminooxyacetate
267 (AOA) caused a reduction of cell viability in *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas
268 similar to the effects of BPTES, but inhibiting glutamate dehydrogenase by
269 epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG) did not affect cell survival (Fig 7C). These data
270 suggested transaminases might be more critical for chondrosarcoma cell survival
271 downstream of GLS.

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273 Non-essential amino acids can be produced from glutamine through GLS and then
274 transaminases. They are known to play role in regulating cancer apoptosis, raising the
275 possibility that they are playing this role in chondrosarcoma. We found lower levels of
276 multiple non-essential amino acids when GLS was inhibited by BPTES (Fig 7D). We
277 treated these chondrosarcoma cells with non-essential amino acids, and in contrast to
278 our data from DM- α -KG, we found a modest rescue of apoptosis changes (Fig 7E).
279 However, supplementing non-essential amino acids to *Col2a1Cre;Gls^{fl/fl};Idh1^{LSL/+}*
280 metatarsal organ culture did not lead to rescue of chondrocyte differentiation defects
281 (Supplementary Fig 5), suggesting they might not be the key mediator of the murine
282 enchondroma-like lesions.

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284 **Discussion:**

285 In this study, we found that glutamine contribution to downstream metabolites was
286 upregulated in chondrosarcomas and chondrocytes with mutations in IDH1 or IDH2
287 enzymes. Glutamine metabolism played different roles in the benign tumor
288 enchondroma and the malignant cancer chondrosarcoma. Deleting GLS in murine
289 chondrocytes with *Idh1* mutation interrupted hypertrophic differentiation during
290 embryonic development and led to increased number and size of enchondroma-like
291 lesions in adult animals. In malignant *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas isolated
292 from human patients, pharmacological inhibition of GLS led to reduced tumor weight.

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294 Enchondroma arises from dysregulated chondrocyte differentiation. In our mouse data,
295 we observed that chondrocytes with an *ldh1* mutation had significantly lower α -KG
296 levels and blocking GLS further decreased α -KG concentration. It is possible that
297 glutamine metabolism regulates chondrocyte differentiation and the enchondroma-like
298 phenotype of *ldh1* mutant animals through its downstream metabolites α -KG. Glutamine
299 metabolism is known to regulate cell proliferation and differentiation in the skeletal
300 system. Stegen et al. reported *Gls* regulated chondrocyte differentiation through α -KG
301 and its downstream metabolite acetyl-CoA postnatally via epigenetic regulation [28]. Yu
302 et al. showed deleting *Gls* in skeletal stem cells led to increased adipogenic
303 differentiation and compromised osteogenic differentiation as well as reduced cell
304 proliferation [27]. Our finding is consistent with these studies and further support the
305 notion that *Gls* could regulate cell differentiation and proliferation through α -KG in the
306 skeletal system. The mechanism through which α -KG regulate chondrocyte
307 differentiation remains to be determined. It possible that α -KG could affect expression of
308 chondrogenic genes through altering histone modifications and DNA methylation.

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310 Different from our data in mouse enchondroma-like lesions, inhibiting GLS in human
311 *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas led to reduced tumor weight. Supplementing
312 non-essential amino acids to BPTES treated *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas
313 partially rescued apoptosis, suggesting these cancer cells relied on glutamine
314 metabolism for the production of non-essential amino acids to prevent cell death. In

315 multiple different cancer cell lines, glutamine supported cancer cell proliferation and
316 suppressed apoptosis and autophagy through producing other non-essential amino
317 acids [47-51]. Non-essential amino acids mixture provides seven non-essential amino
318 acids alanine, asparagine, aspartate, glycine, serine, proline, and glutamate. Many of
319 them have been shown to be critical for cancer cell viability, especially under metabolic
320 stress. In glioblastoma and neuroblastoma, glutamine deprivation induced apoptosis,
321 which could be restored by exogenous asparagine [51]. In pancreatic cancer, aspartate
322 becomes “essential” when glutamine availability or metabolism is limited [52]. Glutamine
323 could also regulate cancer cell viability through sustaining cellular redox homeostasis
324 [26]. For the next step, it will be important to understand which and how non-essential
325 amino acid(s) prevent apoptosis in *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas.

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327 The distinct roles of glutamine metabolism in enchondroma and chondrosarcoma were
328 possibly due to different metabolic needs at different stages of tumor development. As
329 enchondroma rises from dysregulated chondrocyte differentiation, α -KG – the regulator
330 for cell differentiation plays an important role in the development of the benign tumor.
331 For malignant chondrosarcomas, changes in differentiation might not be critical for
332 tumor growth. However, these *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant cancer cells might require some
333 amino acids to support anaplerosis or synthesize glutathione in order to cope with
334 oxidative stress.

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336 One limitation of this study is that we studied the role of glutamine metabolism in
337 enchondromas and chondrosarcomas using mouse models and human patient samples
338 respectively. Thus, it is possible the distinct roles of glutamine metabolism we observed
339 was caused by different metabolic needs of murine and human cells. To address this
340 concern, it will be important to establish mouse models to study chondrosarcoma and to
341 determine the role of glutamine metabolism in human enchondroma samples.

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343 In summary, our study showed that GLS-mediated glutamine metabolism played distinct
344 roles in *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant enchondromas and chondrosarcomas although it was
345 upregulated in both conditions. In the context of enchondroma, deleting GLS in
346 chondrocytes with *Idh1* mutation increased the number and size of enchondroma-like
347 lesions. In chondrosarcoma, inhibiting GLS led to decreased tumor weight. Glutamine
348 regulated the proliferation and apoptosis in these tumors differently through different
349 downstream metabolites. Glutamine-derived α -ketoglutarate is a key regulator of
350 chondrocyte differentiation. Deleting GLS in chondrocytes with *Idh1* mutation impaired
351 hypertrophic differentiation and increased cell proliferation, which may lead to increased
352 number and size of enchondroma-like lesions. In chondrosarcoma, GLS regulated cell
353 apoptosis partially through producing non-essential amino acids. Inhibiting GLS reduced
354 cell viability and increased cell apoptosis. Supplementation of non-essential amino acids
355 partially rescued such effects.

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357 **Methods:**

358 **Animals:**

359 *Idh1^{LSL/+}*, *Gls^{fl/fl}* (JAX: #017894), *Col2a1Cre*, *Col2a1Cre^{ERT2}*, and NOD *scid gamma*
360 (NSG) mice are as previously described [27, 41, 43, 44, 53, 54]. Congenic animals were
361 used in every experiment. *Idh1^{LSL/+}* mice bear a conditional knock-in of the point
362 mutation IDH1-R132Q as previous clarified [41].

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364 **Isolation of primary chondrocytes:**

365 Primary sternal chondrocytes isolation was as described before [55]. In brief, mouse
366 sterna and ribs from P3 neonates were cleaned and digested by pronase (Roche,
367 11459643001) at 2 mg/ml PBS at 37°C with constant agitation for 1 hour, Collagenase
368 IV (Worthington, LS004189) at 3 mg/ml DMEM at 37°C for 1 hour, Collagenase IV at 0.5
369 mg/ml DMEM at 37°C for 3 hours, and filtered using 45 µm cell strainer.

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371 **Cell Culture:**

372 Chondrocytes were cultured in high-glucose DMEM with 10% FBS and 1% penicillin /
373 streptomycin. Primary chondrosarcoma cells were cultured in α -MEM with 10% FBS
374 and 1% penicillin / streptomycin. In some experiments, chondrocytes and
375 chondrosarcoma cells were treated with 10µM Bis-2-(5-phenylacetamido-1,2,4-
376 thiadiazol-2-yl)ethyl sulfide (BPTES), 100µM epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG), 500µM

377 aminoxyacetate (AOA), 2X non-essential amino acids, or DMSO at indicated for
378 indicated 48 hours. Cells were cultured at 37°C humidified 5% CO₂ incubator.

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380 **Transfection:**

381 In indicated experiment, chondrocytes were transfected with adenovirus-GFP and
382 adenovirus-Cre at 400 MOI.

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384 **Metatarsal Organ Culture:**

385 The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th metatarsal bones were dissected from the hindlimbs of embryos at
386 E16.5. They were transferred to 24-well non-adherent plate with 1mL α -MEM
387 supplemented with 50 μ g/ml ascorbic acid, 1mM β -glycerophosphate, and 0.2% bovine
388 serum albumin. The media was changed every other day. Explants were cultured at
389 37°C humidified 5% CO₂ incubator for five days and then fixed with 10% neutral
390 buffered formalin (NBF).

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392 **EdU assay:**

393 EdU assay (ThermoFisher C10337) was performed according to manufacturer's
394 instructions. In brief, cells were cultured with 10 mM EdU for 12 hours prior to fixation
395 with 4% PFA / PBS for 15 min and permeabilization with 0.5% Triton™ X-100 for 20 min
396 at room temperature. Cells were then incubated with Click-iT® reaction cocktail for 30
397 min in dark at room temperature and stained with DAPI.

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399 **TUNEL assay:**

400 TUNEL assay was performed according to manufacturer's instructions (Roche,
401 11684795910). In brief, cells were fixed with 4% PFA / PBS at room temperature for 1
402 hr and permeabilized with 0.1% Triton™ X-100 in 0.1% sodium citrate for 2 min on ice.
403 After rinse with PBS, cells were incubated with TUNEL reaction mixture at 37°C for 1 hr
404 and stained with DAPI.

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406 **Cell Viability Assay:**

407 Cell viability was determined by CellTiter-Glo® Assay according to manufacturer's
408 instructions (Promega G7570). In brief, CellTiter-Glo® Buffer was thawed at room
409 temperature and transferred to CellTiter-Glo® Substrate. Cell culture plate was
410 equilibrated to room temperature for 30min. 100 µL of CellTiter-Glo® Reagent was
411 added to the cell culture media in each well. The plate was mixed for 2 min on an orbital
412 shaker and incubated for 10 minutes at room temperature. Luminescence was then
413 recorded. Cell viability of each primary chondrosarcoma patient sample was normalized
414 to the average cell viability in the vehicle group of the same sample.

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416 **Annexin V / PI staining:**

417 Annexin V and Propidium Iodide staining was performed according to manufacturer's
418 instructions (Invitrogen™ R37176, Invitrogen™ P1304MP). In brief, 1 drop of Annexin V

419 APC Ready Flow Conjugate was added to 0.5 mL of annexin-binding buffer with 2.5 mM
420 calcium. 1mg/mL PI was added to the APC binding buffer with 1/1000 dilution. The cells
421 were incubated for 15 minutes at room temperature. Fluorescence was detected by flow
422 cytometry.

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424 **GLS activity assay:**

425 Primary chondrocytes were cultured to prior to experiment. After washing cells with
426 Hanks Buffered Saline Solution (HBSS) for three times, cells were cultured in α -MEM
427 containing media containing 2 μ M Glutamine and 4 mCi/mL L-[3,4-³H(N)]-Glutamine
428 (PerkinElmer, NET551250UC). GLS activity was terminated by washing cells with ice
429 cold HBSS for three times followed by scraping cells with 1 mL ice cold milliQ water.
430 Cells were lysed by sonication for 1 min with 1 sec pulse at 20% amplitude. Cell lysates
431 were bound onto AG 1-X8 polyrep anion exchange column. Uncharged glutamine was
432 eluted with 2 mL of milliQ water for three times. Negatively charged glutamate and
433 downstream metabolites were eluted with 2 mL of 0.1M HCl for three times. After
434 adding 4 mL of scintillation cocktail to the eluent, DPM of the solution was measured by
435 a Beckman LS6500 Scintillation counter.

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437 **Xenograft:**

438 Prior to the experiment, chondrosarcoma cells from each patient's tumor were
439 maintained subcutaneously in vivo in NSG mice. For the xenograft experiment, tumors

440 were surgically removed from each mouse and divided into explants of 5 x 5 x 5 mm
441 each, and implanted into the subcutaneous tissue on the back of NSG mice. BPTES
442 and vehicle control (10% DMSO / PBS) treatment started 10 days after implantation.
443 Mice were treated with BPTES at 0.2 g / kg or vehicle via intraperitoneal injection daily
444 for 14 days. Tumor weights were recorded upon harvest. For each patient-derived
445 xenograft experiment, relative tumor weight was determined by normalizing the tumor
446 weight of each tumor to the average tumor weight of the vehicle control group.

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448 **Histological analysis:**

449 Bone histomorphometry for adult mice was performed on hindlimbs fixed in 10% neutral
450 buffered formalin for 3 days followed by decalcification with 14% EDTA for 2 weeks at
451 room temperature. Histomorphometry for embryonic skeletons was performed on tibias
452 fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin overnight followed by decalcification with 14%
453 EDTA overnight at room temperature. Following decalcification, skeletons were
454 embedded in paraffin and sectioned at 5 μ m thickness. Safranin O staining was
455 performed following standard protocol.

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457 **Immunohistochemistry:**

458 Immunohistochemistry was performed on 5 μ m paraffin-sectioned limbs. For type X
459 collagen, antigen retrieval was performed by citrate buffer incubation at 85°C for 15min
460 and hyaluronidase digestion at 10 mg/ml at 37°C for 30 min. For BrdU staining, BrdU

461 labeling reagent (Invitrogen, 000103) was injected to pregnant female mice at 1 mL /
462 100 g body weight 2 hours prior to euthanasia. Antigen retrieval was performed by
463 proteinase K digestion at 10 µg/ml at room temperature for 10 min. For MMP13, antigen
464 retrieval was performed by hyaluronidase digestion at 5 mg/ml at 37°C for 30 min. For
465 all immunohistochemistry, endogenous peroxidase activity was blocked by incubation
466 with 3% H₂O₂ / Methanol for 10 minutes followed by incubation with Dako Dual
467 Endogenous Enzyme Block reagent (Agilent Dako, S2003) for 30 min at room
468 temperature. The specimen was blocked with 2% horse serum at room temperature for
469 30 min followed by incubation with antibodies for Col X (1:500, ThermoFisher, 14-9771-
470 82), BrdU (1:1000, ThermoFisher, MA3-071), MMP13 (1:100, MilliporeSigma
471 MAB13424) overnight at 4°C. TUNEL assay was performed according to manufacturer's
472 instructions (Roche, 11684795910). In brief, the tissue was incubated with proteinase K
473 at 10 µg/ml at room temperature for 20 min, and then in TUNEL labeling reagent 37°C
474 for 1 hour. Quantification of the length of hypertrophic zone and bone elements was
475 done using the image processing software Fiji Image J.

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477 **In situ hybridization:**

478 In situ hybridization was performed on 5 µm paraffin-sectioned limbs. Paraffin sections
479 were deparaffinized and rehydrated, followed by fixation with 4% PFA at room
480 temperature for 15 minutes. Sections were then treated with 20 µg/ml proteinase K for
481 15 minutes at room temperature, fixed with 4% PFA at room temperature for 10

482 minutes, and acetylated with for 10 minutes. Sections were then incubated with
483 hybridization buffer at 58°C for 3 hours, and then incubated with Digoxigenin-labeled
484 RNA probe (*Col2a1*, *Pth1r*, *Co10a1*) at 58°C overnight. Sections were then washed with
485 5x SSC for one time at 65°C, followed by RNase A treatment at 37°C for 30 minutes.
486 Sections were then washed 2x SSC for one times, 0.2x SSC for two times at 65°C, and
487 then blocked with 2% Boehringer Blocking Reagent / 20% Heat Inactivated Sheep
488 Serum for one hour. Sections were then blocked with Anti-Digoxigenin antibody (1:4000
489 in blocking solution) at 4°C overnight. Sections were developed with BM Purple at room
490 temperature until color developed.

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492 **Analysis of enchondroma-like lesions and trabecular bone volume:**

493 Tamoxifen was administered daily for 10 days at 100 mg / kg body weight / day via
494 intraperitoneal injection starting at 4 weeks of age. Mice were euthanized at 6-month of
495 age. Hindlimbs were harvested for analyzing growth-plate and enchondroma-like
496 phenotype. Hip-joint cartilage was used for confirming DNA recombination.
497 Quantification of enchondroma-like lesions was performed as previously described [55].
498 In brief, enchondroma-like lesions were first identified by Safranin-O staining, which was
499 performed on one slide (2 sections, 5 µm / section) in every ten consecutive slides (10
500 µm). We then examined every slide consecutively under the light microscope to identify
501 lesions that did not span to the Safranin O stained slide. The number of lesions were
502 then recorded. For every Safranin O stained slide, we manually outlined each lesion

503 and measured the area of each lesion using the image processing software Fiji Image J.
504 We estimated the lesion size of each animal by adding up the areas of all the lesions in
505 that animal. The lesion size for each animal was normalized to the average lesion size
506 of *Col2Cre^{ERT2};Idh1^{LSL/+}* animals. Quantification of trabecular bone volume was
507 performed by adding up the trabecular bone surface of each Safranin O-stained slide.
508 For every Safranin O stained slide, we manually outlined the trabecular bone 1200 μ m
509 below the growth plates of each tibia and femur and measured the area of trabecular
510 bones using the image processing software Fiji Image J. We estimated the lesion size
511 of each animal by adding up the areas of all the trabecular bones in our region of
512 interest in that animal.

513

514 **Xenograft:**

515 Prior to the experiment, chondrosarcoma cells from each patient's tumor were
516 maintained subcutaneously in vivo in NSG mice. For the xenograft experiment, tumors
517 were surgically removed from each mouse and divided into explants of 5 x 5 x 5 mm
518 each, and implanted into the subcutaneous tissue on the pack of NSG mice. BPTES
519 and vehicle control treatment started 10 days after implantation. Mice were treated with
520 BPTES at 0.2 g / kg or vehicle control via intraperitoneal injection daily for 14 days.
521 Tumor weights were recorded upon harvest. For each patient-derived xenograft
522 experiment, relative tumor weight was determined by normalizing the tumor weight of
523 each tumor to the average tumor weight of the vehicle control group.

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525 **D-2HG measurement:**

526 D-2HG is analyzed by liquid chromatography – tandem mass spectrometry
527 (LC/MS/MS). Cell culture media was collected from each sample. After adding 2-HG-²H₄
528 (internal standard), the sample was dried under nitrogen and derivatized by (+)-O,O'-
529 diacetyl-L-tartaric anhydride (DATAN) for measurement.

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531 **Carbon Isotope Labeling**

532 Chondrocytes were cultured in DMEM with 4500mg/L Glucose and 4mM ¹⁵C₅-
533 Glutamine in 6cm cell culture plates for specified time. 500μL methanol was used to
534 extract metabolites from each plate. After centrifuge at 12000rpm for 15min,
535 supernatant was dried at 37°C. The dried residues were resuspended in 25 μL of
536 methoxylamine hydrochloride (2% (w/v) in pyridine) and incubated at 40°C for 1.5 hours
537 in a heating block. After brief centrifugation, 35 μL of MTBSTFA + 1% TBDMS was
538 added, and the samples were incubated at 60°C for 30 minutes. The derivatized
539 samples were centrifuged for 5 minutes at 20,000 x g, and the supernatants were
540 transferred to GC vials for GC-MS analysis. A modified GC-MS method was employed
541 ²³. The injection volume was 1 μL, and samples were injected in splitless mode. GC
542 oven temperature was held at 80°C for two minutes, increased to 280°C at 7°C/min, and
543 held at 280°C for a total run time of forty minutes. GC-MS analysis was performed on an
544 Agilent 7890B GC system equipped with a HP-5MS capillary column (30 m, 0.25 mm

545 i.d., 0.25 μm -phase thickness; Agilent J&W Scientific, Santa Clara, CA), connected to
546 an Agilent 5977A Mass Spectrometer operating under ionization by electron impact (EI)
547 at 70 eV. Helium flow was maintained at 1 mL/min. The source temperature was
548 maintained at 230°C, the MS quad temperature at 150°C, the interface temperature at
549 280°C, and the inlet temperature at 250°C. Mass spectra were recorded in mass scan
550 mode with m/z from 50 to 700.

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552 **^{13}C -based Stable Isotope Analysis**
553 M_0, M_1, \dots, M_n refers to the isotopologues containing n heavy atoms in a molecule. The
554 stable isotope distribution of individual metabolites was measured by GC-MS as
555 described above. The isotopologue enrichment or labeling in this work refers to the
556 corrected isotope distribution ^{24,25}.

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558 **Gene expression of *G/s* from chondrosarcoma patient samples:**

559 We used retrospective data from RESOS INCA network of bone, collected from 102
560 cartilage tumors in different French hospitals. Multiple samples may be taken from each
561 tumor and sequenced. More details about the experiment, such as RNA isolation
562 method and profiling, can be found the original paper [40]. For our purposes, we utilized
563 IDH mutation information to categorize samples into two groups: *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutation
564 ($n=46$) and *IDH1* and *IDH2* wild type ($n=98$). We examined several gene expression
565 levels across these two groups and reported adjusted p-value for GLS result (with

566 Benjamini–Hochberg correction). All the data processing and calculation was performed
567 using Bioconductor docker (devel), with R version 4.0.3 and Bioconductor version 3.13.

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569 **Quantification and Statistical Analysis:**

570 Statistical analyses were performed using Graphpad Prism 9 software. Data were
571 presented as mean±SEM, mean±SD, or mean±95% as specified in each figure.

572 Statistical significance was determined by two tailed student-t test or one-way or two-
573 way ANOVA with multiple comparisons test as specified in each figure.

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584 **Figure Legends**

585

586 Fig 1: Chondrosarcomas with *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutations had significantly increased
587 contribution from glutamine carbon to downstream metabolites. (A) Graphical depiction
588 of tracing glutamine metabolism using $^{13}\text{C}_5$ -glutamine. Filled circles indicate ^{13}C and
589 open circles indicate ^{12}C . Green dashed line with arrowhead indicates the direction of
590 oxidative decarboxylation. Blue dashed line with arrowhead indicates the direction of
591 reductive carboxylation. (B-I) Percentage of $^{13}\text{C}_5$ -glutamine contribution to glutamate
592 (B), α -ketoglutarate (C), succinate (D), fumarate (E), malate (F), oxaloacetate /
593 aspartate (G), citrate (H), and alanine (I). mean \pm SD are shown. ****p<0.0001 (ANOVA).

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595 Fig 2: Chondrocytes with *Idh1* mutation had increased GLS activity and glutamine
596 contribution to downstream metabolites. (A) GLS activity of AdGFP;*Idh1*^{LSL/+} and
597 AdCre;*Idh1*^{LSL/+} chondrocytes. (B) Graphical depiction of tracing glutamine metabolism
598 using $^{13}\text{C}_5$ -glutamine. Filled circles indicate ^{13}C and open circles indicate ^{12}C . Green
599 dashed line with arrowhead indicates the direction of oxidative decarboxylation. Blue
600 dashed line with arrowhead indicates the direction of reductive carboxylation. (C-I)
601 Percentage of $^{13}\text{C}_5$ -glutamine contribution to glutamate (C), α -ketoglutarate (D),
602 fumarate (E), malate (F), oxaloacetate / aspartate (G), citrate (H), and alanine (I). M0,
603 M1, ..., Mn refers to the isotopologues containing n heavy atoms in a molecule. For (A),

604 mean±95% CI is shown, **p<0.01 (unpaired student t-test). For (C-I), mean±SD are
605 shown. **p<0.01, ****p<0.0001 (ANOVA).

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607 Figure 3: Deleting GLS in *Col2a1Cre;ldh1^{LSL/+}* chondrocytes affected chondrocyte
608 differentiation. (A) Expression of *Gls* and *Gls2* in chondrocytes of *Col2a1Cre* and
609 *Col2a1Cre;ldh1^{LSL/+}* animals. (B) Expression of *Gls* in chondrocytes of *Gls^{fl/fl}* and
610 *Col2a1Cre;Gls^{fl/fl}* animals.(C) Western blot of GLS and β -actin in chondrocytes of *Gls^{fl/fl}*
611 and *Col2a1Cre;Gls^{fl/fl}* animals. (D) ³H-glutamate production (i) and ³H-glutamine uptake
612 (ii) in chondrocytes of *Gls^{fl/fl}* and *Col2a1Cre;Gls^{fl/fl}* animals. (E) H&E staining. (F)
613 Quantification of the length of tibias. (G) In situ hybridization of *Col2a1*. (H)
614 Quantification of the length of *Col2a1* negative zone. (I) In situ hybridization of *Pth1r*. (J)
615 Quantification of the length of *Pth1r* negative zone. (K) In situ hybridization of *Col10a1*.
616 (L) Quantification of the length of *Col10a1* positive zone. (M) Immunohistochemistry of
617 Col X. (N) Quantification of the length of Col X positive area. (O) Immunohistochemistry
618 of BrdU. (P) Quantification of percentage of BrdU positive cells. For (A), (B), (D), (P),
619 mean±95% CI are shown. **p<0.01, ****p<0.0001 (unpaired student t-test). For (F), (H),
620 (J), (L), (N) mean±SEM are shown. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001, ****p<0.0001
621 (ANOVA). Scale bar = 100 μ m.

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623 Fig 4: Deleting *Gls* in *Col2a1Cre^{ERT2};ldh1^{LSL/+}* chondrocytes increased the number and
624 size of enchondroma-like lesions. (A) Representative Safranin O staining of mice of

625 specified genotypes. Enchondroma-like lesions are highlighted in yellow circles. (B)
626 Quantification of the volume of trabecular bone based on Safranin O staining. (C-D)
627 Quantification of the number (B) and size (C) of enchondroma-like lesions in animals of
628 specified genotypes. mean \pm 95% CI are shown, For (B), mean \pm SEM are shown.
629 *p<0.05, ****p<0.0001 (ANOVA). For (C) and (D), *p<0.05 (unpaired student t-test).
630 Scale bar = 100 μ m.

631
632 Fig 5: GLS regulated *Col2a1Cre;ldh1^{LSL/+}* chondrocyte differentiation through
633 downstream metabolite α -KG. (A) Relative intracellular α -KG concentration in
634 AdGFP;*ldh1^{LSL/+}* and AdCre;*ldh1^{LSL/+}* chondrocytes. (B) Relative intracellular α -KG
635 concentration in AdCre;*ldh1^{LSL/+}* chondrocytes treated with vehicle control or 10 μ M
636 BPTES. (B) Immunohistochemistry of Col X of metatarsal bones in organ culture. (C) In
637 situ hybridization of *Col10a1*. (D) Immunohistochemistry of Col X. (E) Quantification of
638 the length of Col X positive zone. (F) Immunohistochemistry of BrdU. (G) Quantification
639 of the percentage of BrdU positive cells. (H) Immunohistochemistry of cleaved caspase
640 3. For (A), (B), mean \pm 95% CI are shown. *p<0.05 (unpaired student t-test). For (E), (G),
641 mean \pm SEM are shown. *p<0.05, **p<0.01(ANOVA). Scale bar = 100 μ m.

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643 Fig 6: Inhibiting GLS reduced tumor weight and induced apoptosis in chondrosarcomas
644 with *IDH* mutations. (A) Experimental design for the xenograft experiment. (B)
645 Representative pictures of xenografted tumor at the time of harvest. (C) Relative tumor

646 weight of xenografted chondrosarcoma tumors at the time of harvest. (D)
647 Representative picture of immunohistochemistry of Ki67 of xenografted tumors. (E)
648 Quantification of relative proliferation rate of each tumor determined by percentage of
649 Ki67 positive cells. (F) Representative picture of immunohistochemistry of cleaved
650 caspase 3 of xenografted tumors. (G) Relative apoptotic rate of each tumor determined
651 by percentage of cleaved caspase 3 positive cells. (H) Relative cell viability of $IDH1/2^{Mut}$
652 chondrosarcoma cells treated with 10 μ M BPTES determined by CellTiter Glo cell
653 viability assay. (I) Relative proliferation rate of *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcoma
654 cells treated with 10 μ M BPTES in vitro determined by EdU staining. (J) Relative
655 apoptosis of *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcoma cells treated with 10 μ M BPTES in
656 vitro determined by TUNEL staining. For 6H-6J, Each dot represents one patient
657 sample. mean \pm 95% CI are shown. **p<0.01. ****p<0.0001 (unpaired student t-test).

658
659 Fig 7: GLS regulated cell apoptosis of chondrosarcomas with *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutations
660 through production of non-essential amino acids. (A) Relative concentration of α -KG in
661 *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas treated with 10 μ M BPTES. (B) Relative
662 apoptosis of *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcoma cells treated 10 μ M BPTES, or
663 10 μ M BPTES+1mM DM- α -ketoglutarate determined by Annexin V staining. (C) Relative
664 cell viability of $IDH1/2^{Mut}$ chondrosarcoma cells treated with 100 μ M AOA and and
665 500 μ M EGCG. Each dot represents one patient sample. (D) Relative concentration of
666 different amino acids in *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcomas treated with 10 μ M

667 BPTES. (E) Relative apoptosis of *IDH1* or *IDH2* mutant chondrosarcoma cells treated
668 10 μ M BPTES, or 10 μ M BPTES+2X NEAA determined by Annexin V staining. For 7(B)
669 and 7(E), each dot represents one patient sample. Relative metabolite concentration
670 (7A, 7D), apoptosis (7B, 7E), and cell viability (7C) were determined by normalizing the
671 value of each treatment group to the value of the vehicle control in each experiment. For
672 (A), (C), and (D), mean \pm 95% CI are shown. For (B) and (E), ** p <0.01 (paired student t-
673 test).

674

675 Supplementary Fig 1: *GLS* was upregulated in chondrosarcoma tumors with *IDH1* or 2
676 mutations. Relative gene expression of *GLS* in human chondrosarcoma patient samples
677 with wildtype or mutant *IDH1* or *IDH2*. mean \pm 95% CI are shown. ** p adj<0.05.

678

679 Supplementary Fig 2: Glutamine was the primary source for D-2HG production in
680 chondrocytes with *Idh1* mutation. (A) Graphical depiction of tracing glutamine
681 metabolism using ⁵C₅-glutamine. Filled circles indicate ¹³C and open circles indicate
682 ¹²C. (B) AdCre;*Idh1*^{LSL/+} chondrocytes used glutamine for D-2HG production.
683 Percentage of ¹³C labeling in D-2HG at different time points.

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685 Supplementary Fig 3: *Col2a1Cre;Idh1*^{LSL/+} and *Col2a1Cre;Gls*^{fl/fl};*Idh1*^{LSL/+} animals
686 displayed defects in bone growth and hypertrophic chondrocyte differentiation. (A) H&E
687 staining of murine tibias at E16.5. (B) Quantification of tibia length based on H&E

688 staining at E16.5. (C) Immunohistochemistry of Col X of murine tibias at E16.5. (D) H&E
689 staining of murine tibias at E18.5. (E) Quantification of tibia length based on H&E
690 staining at E18.5. (F) Immunohistochemistry of Col X of murine tibias at E18.5. (G)
691 Immunohistochemistry of cleaved caspase 3 of murine tibias at E14.5. mean±SEM are
692 shown. **p<0.01, ***p<0.001, ****p<0.0001 (ANOVA)

693

694 Supplementary Fig 4: BPTES treatment did not cause significant change in tumor
695 weight and cell viability of *IDH1* and *IDH2*-wildtype chondrosarcoma. (A) Relative tumor
696 weight of xenografted *IDH1* and *IDH2*-wildtype chondrosarcoma tumors at the time of
697 harvest. (B) Relative proliferation rate of each *IDH1* and *IDH2*-wildtype tumor
698 determined by percentage of KI67 positive cells. (C) Relative apoptotic rate of each
699 *IDH1/2*^{WT} tumor determined by percentage of cleaved caspase 3 positive cells.
700 mean±95% CI are shown. Significance was determined by unpaired student t-test.

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702 Supplementary Fig 5: Supplementing non-essential amino acids did not rescue defects in
703 hypertrophic chondrocyte differentiation in *Col2a1Cre;Gls^{fl/fl};Idh1^{LSL/+}* metatarsal organ
704 culture. (A) Immunohistochemistry of Col X of metatarsal organ culture at E16.5. (B)
705 Quantification of the length of Col X positive zone in metatarsal organ culture.
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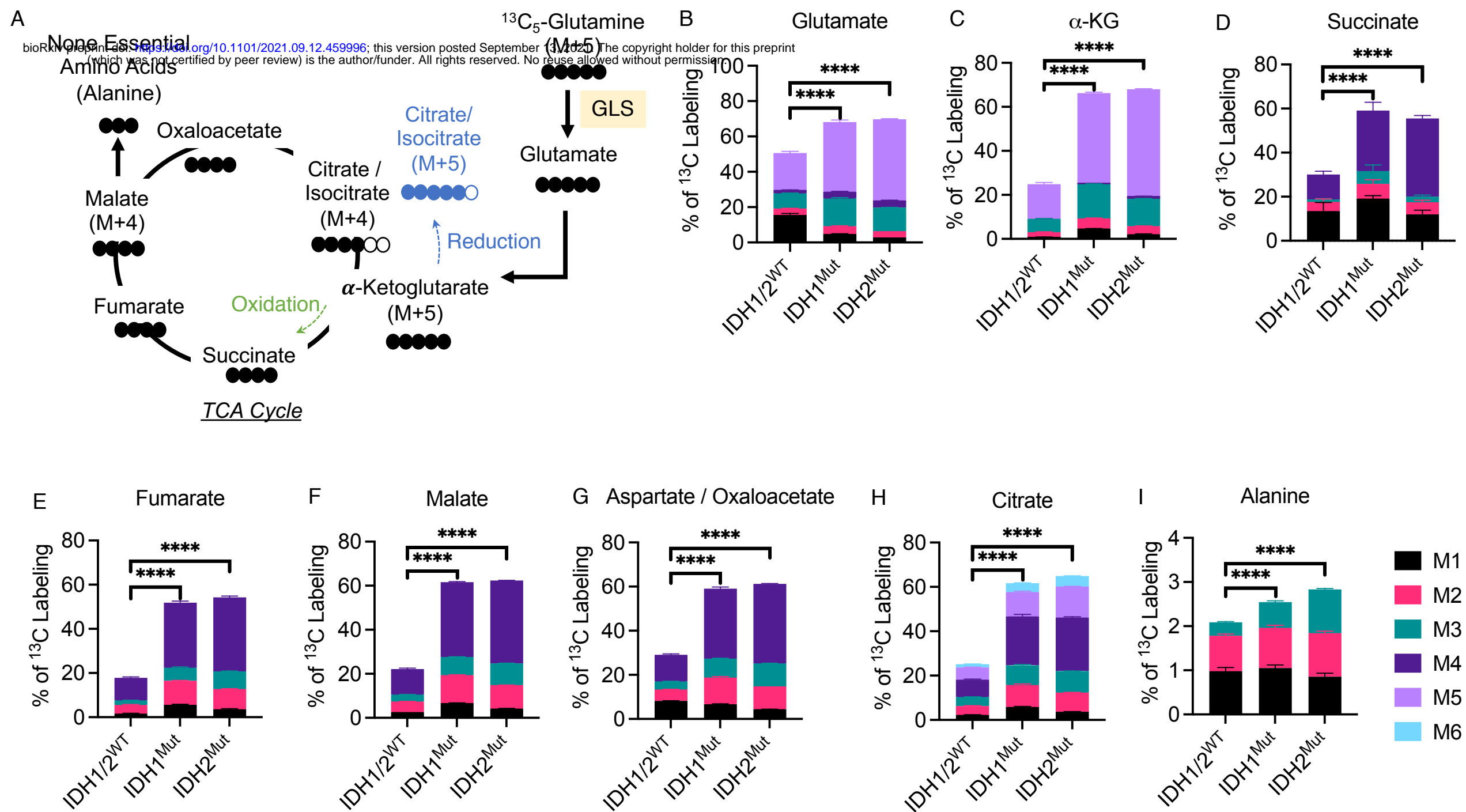


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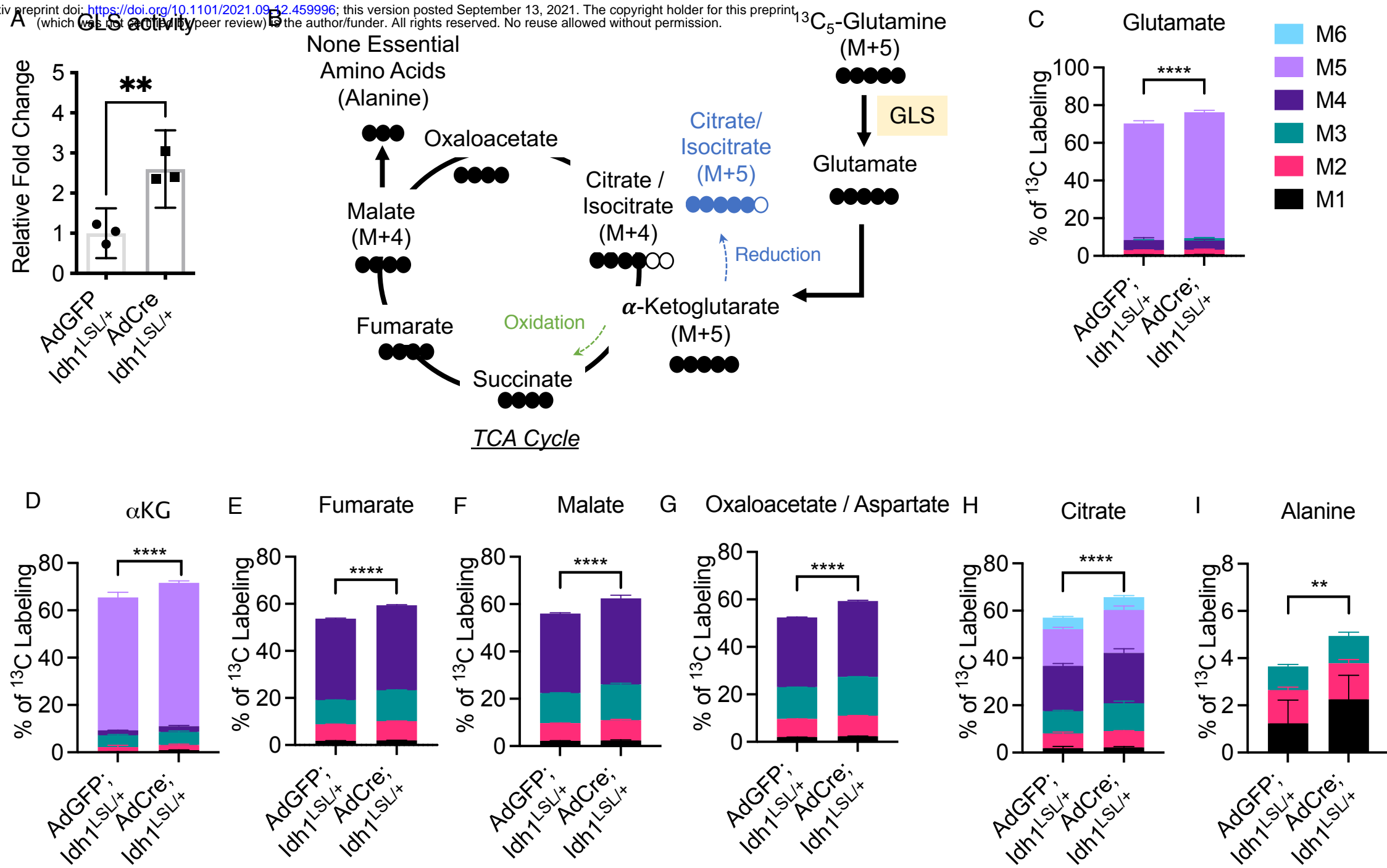


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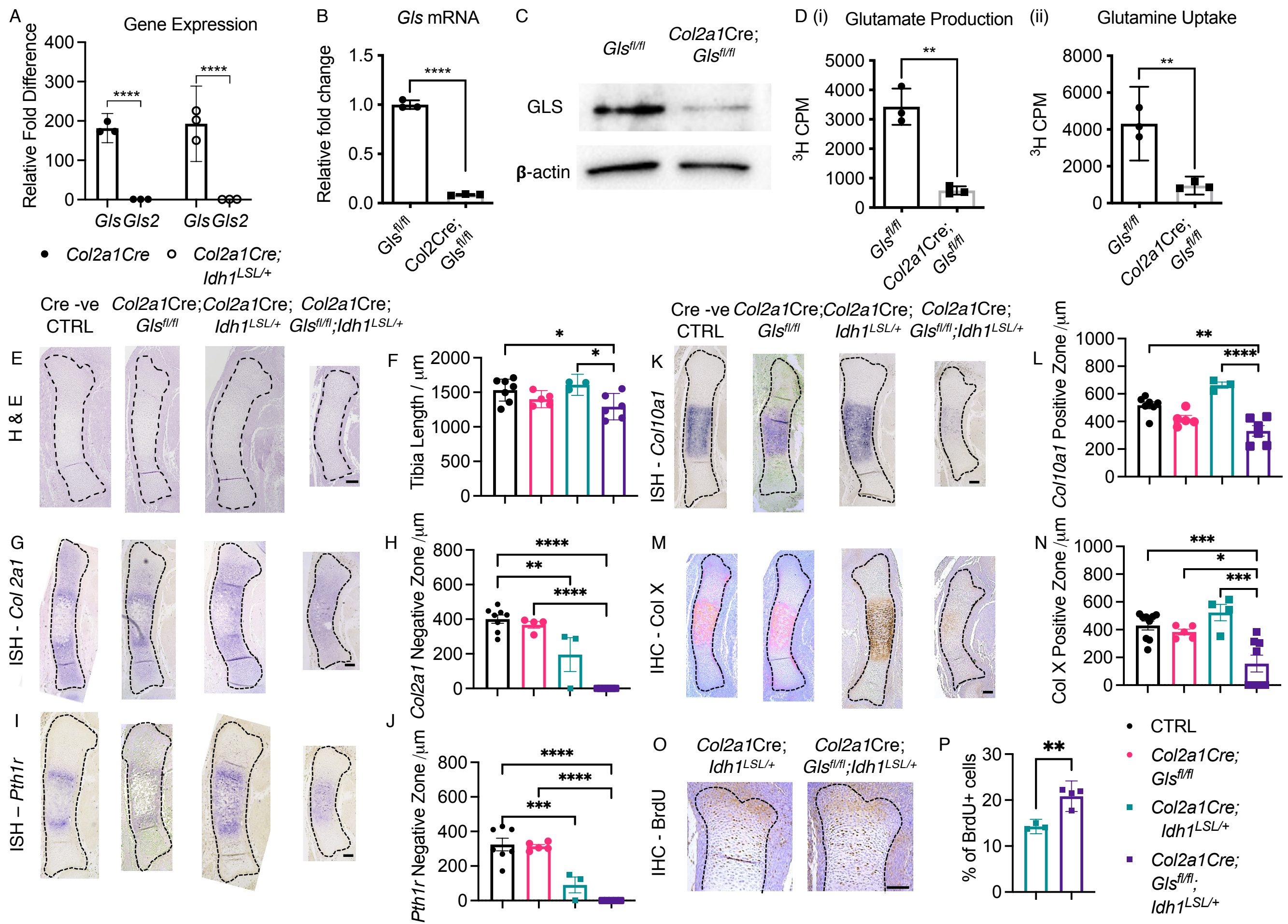
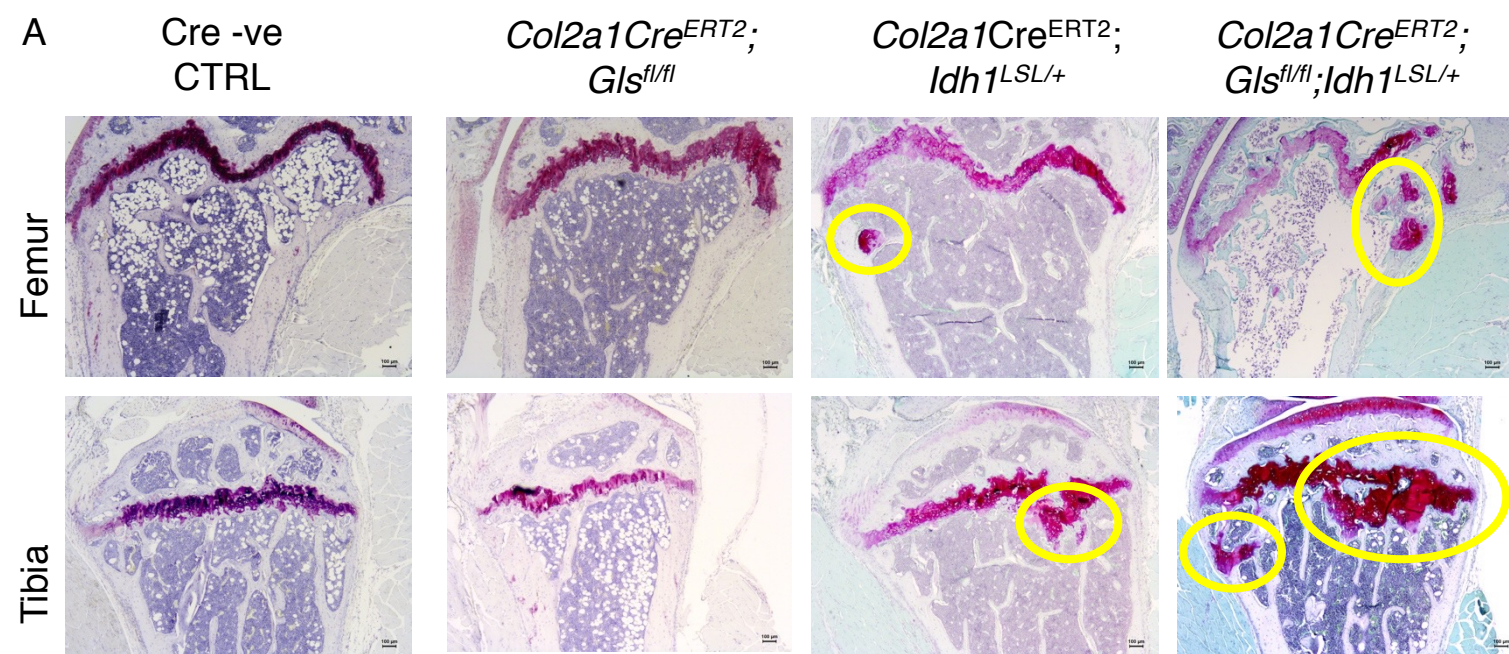
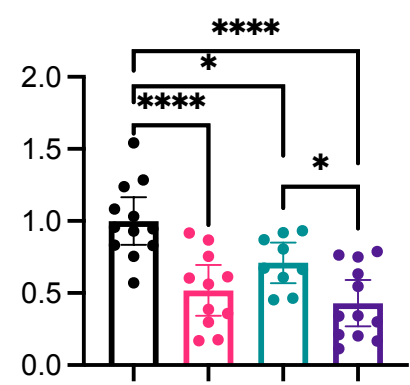


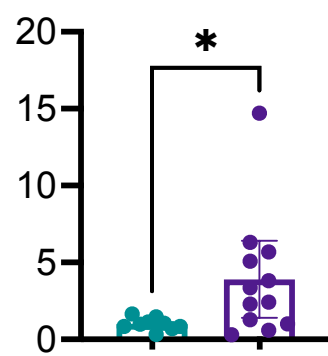
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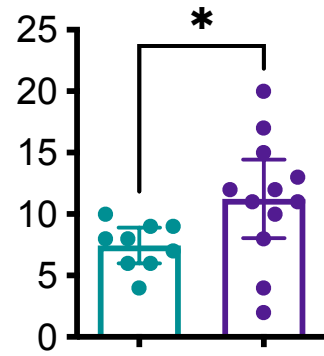
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C Lesion Size



D Number of Lesions



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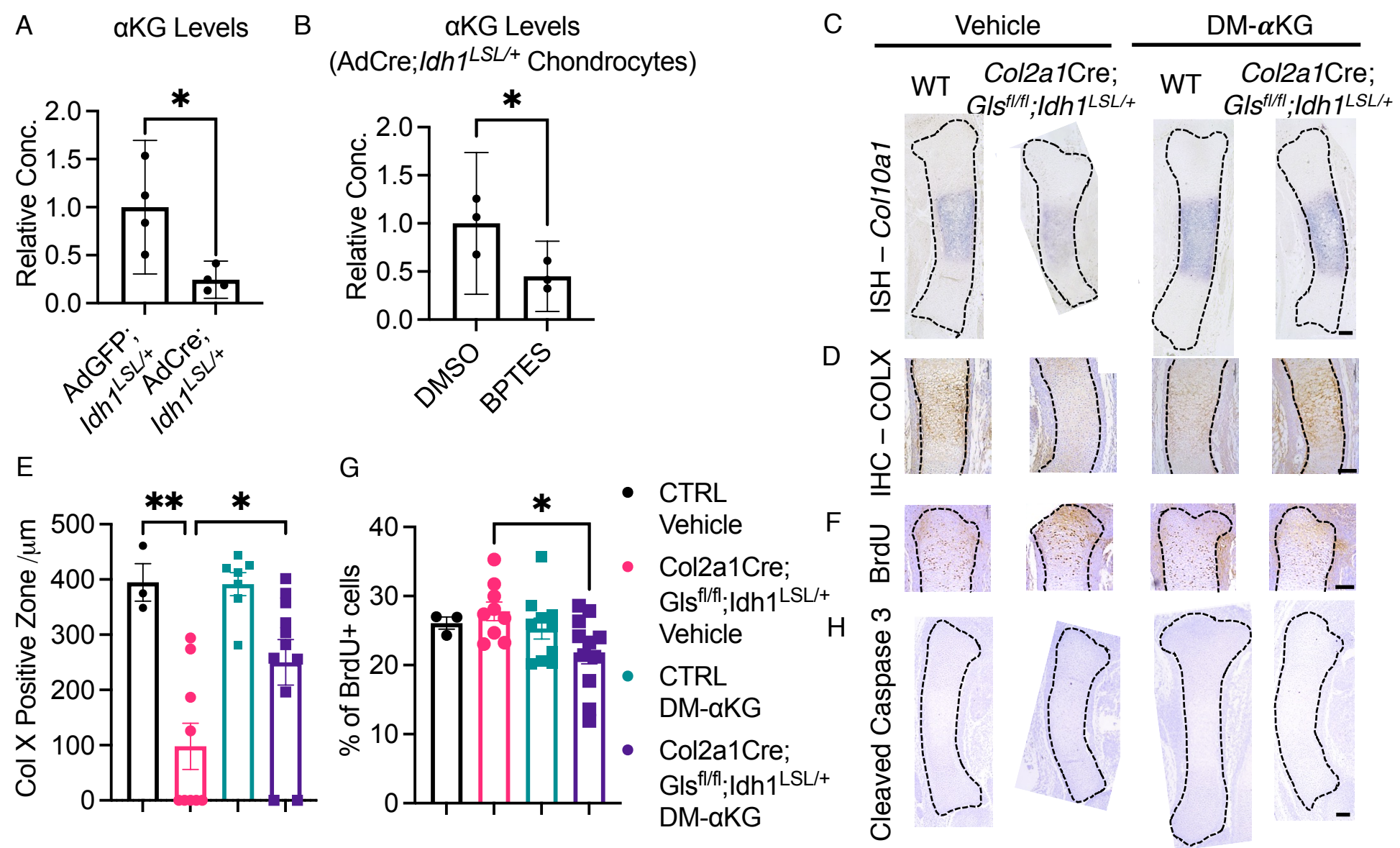


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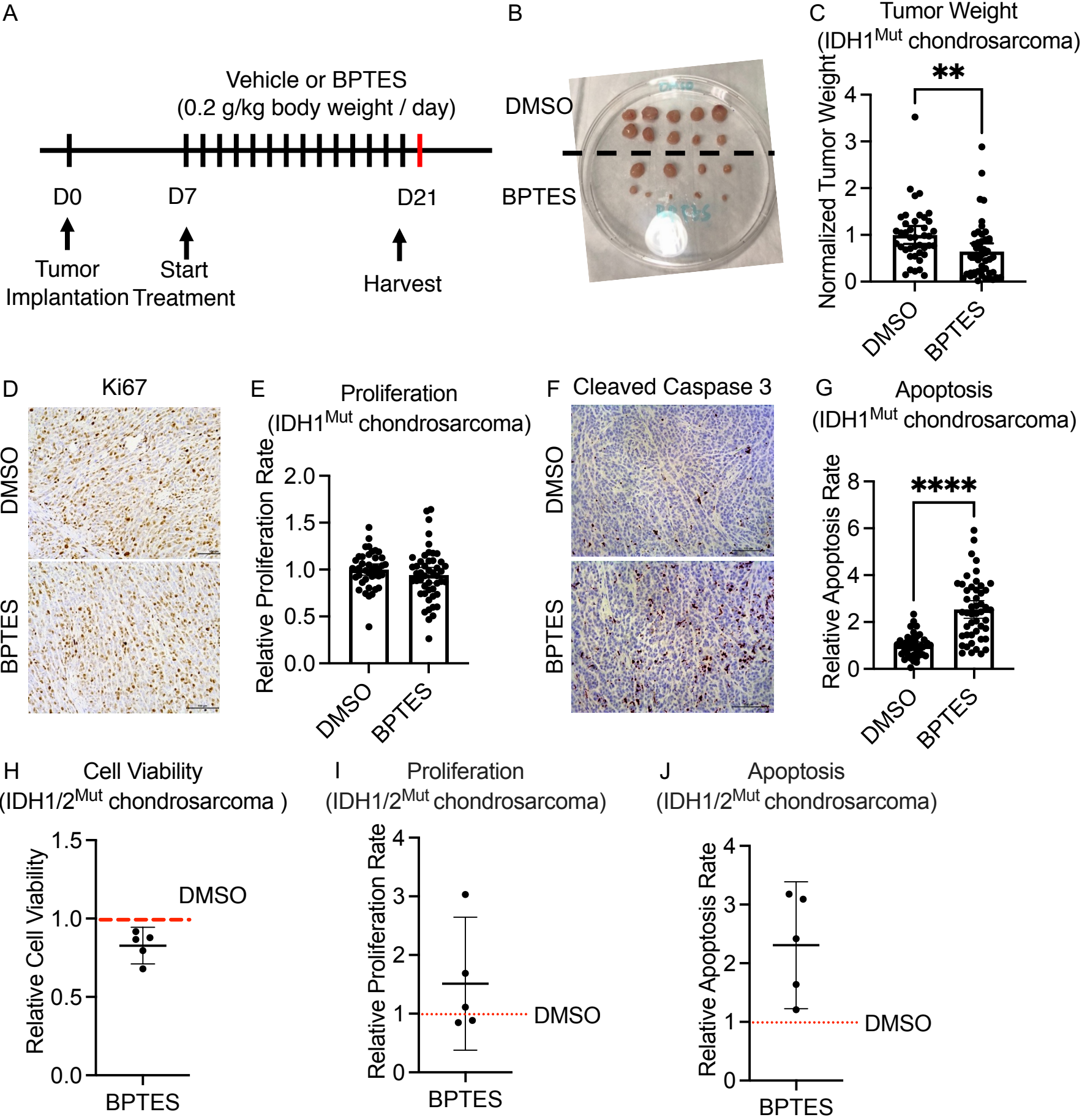
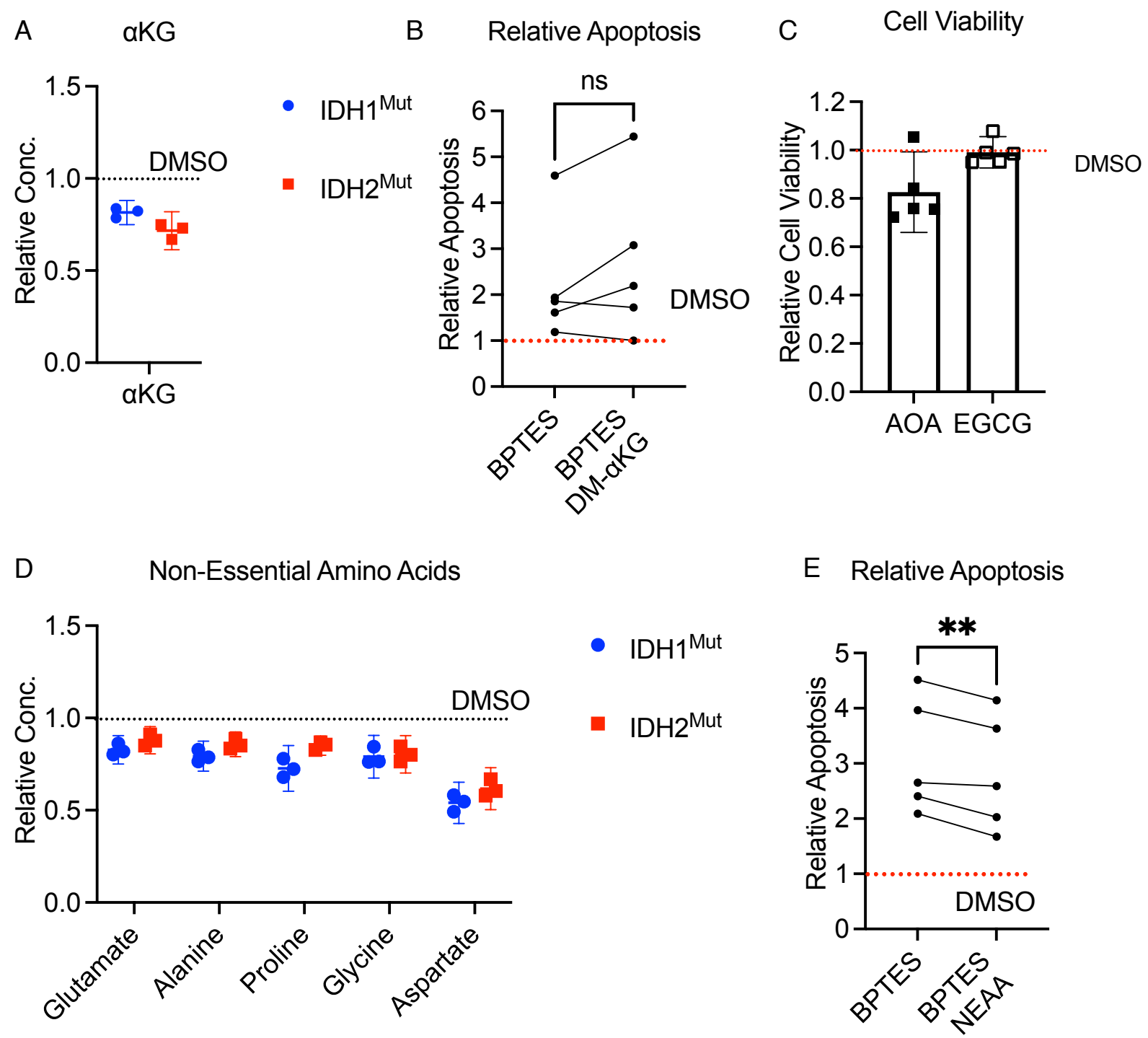
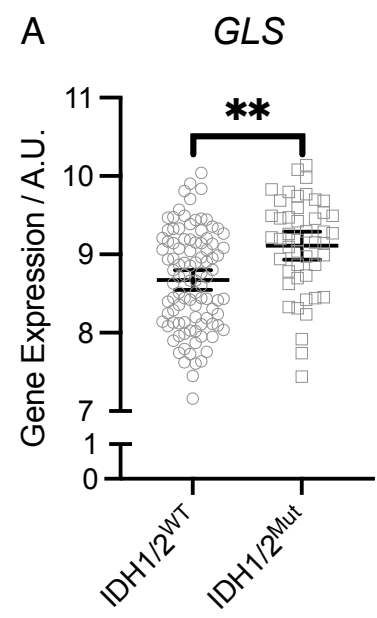


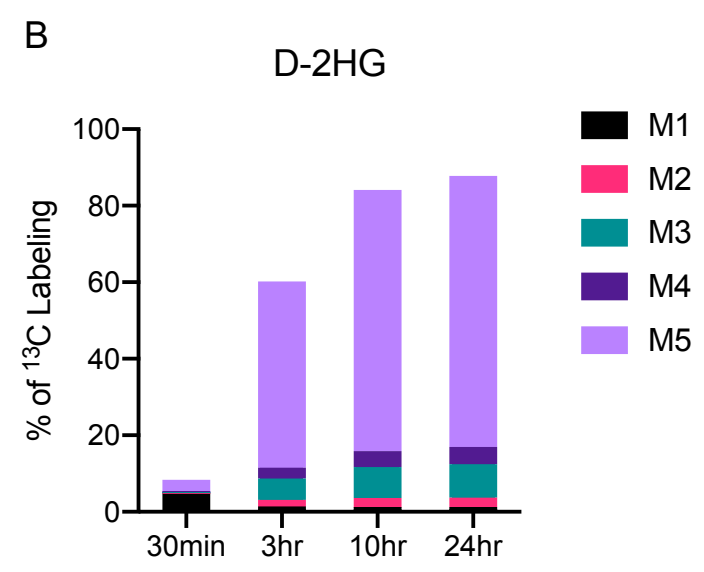
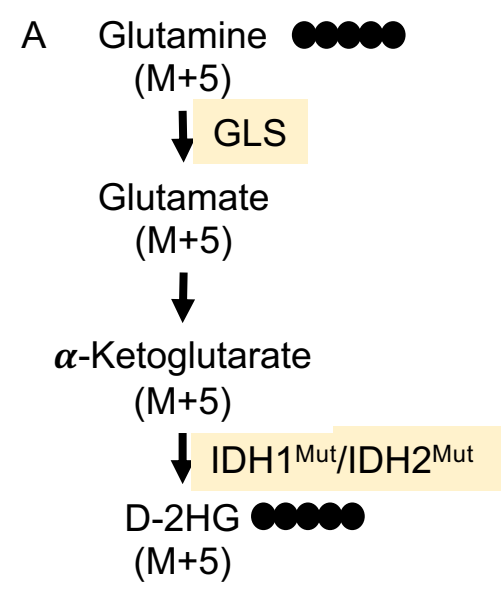
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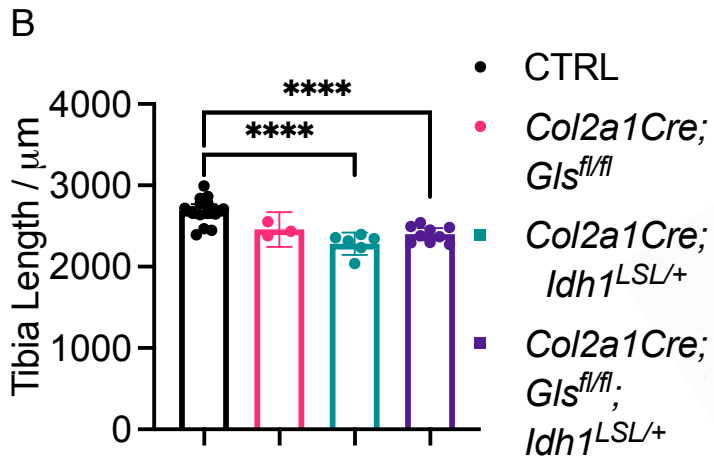
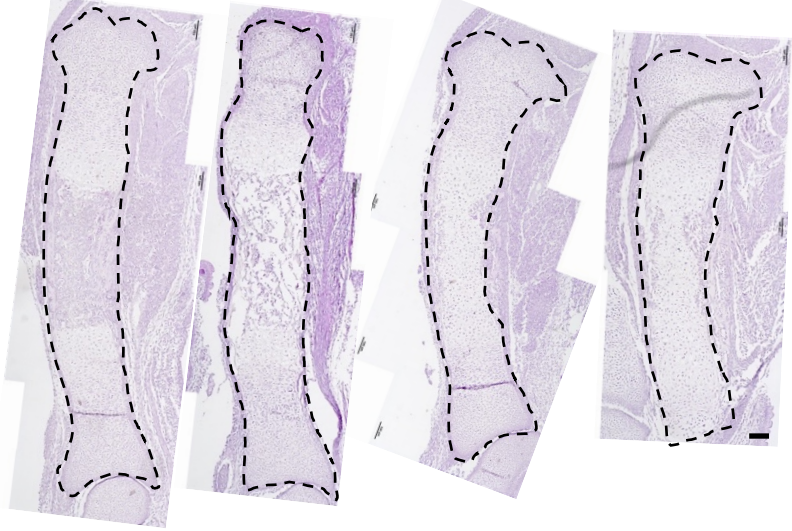


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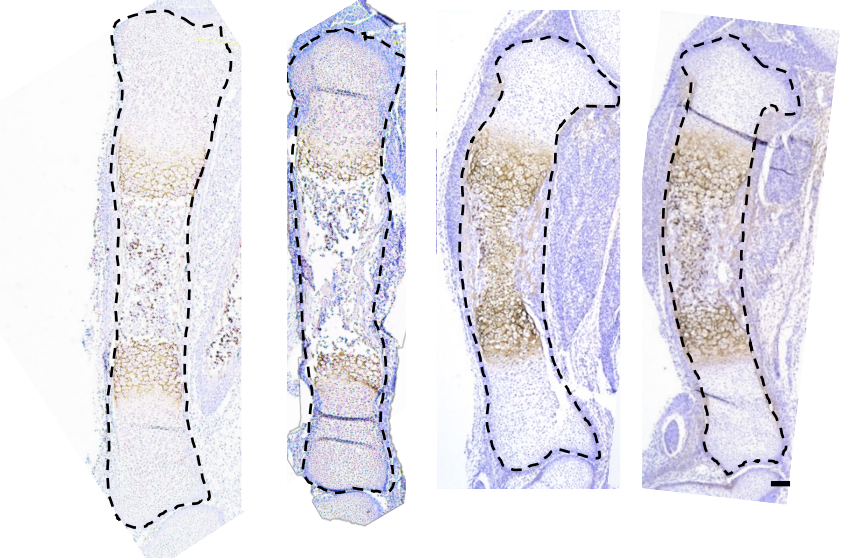


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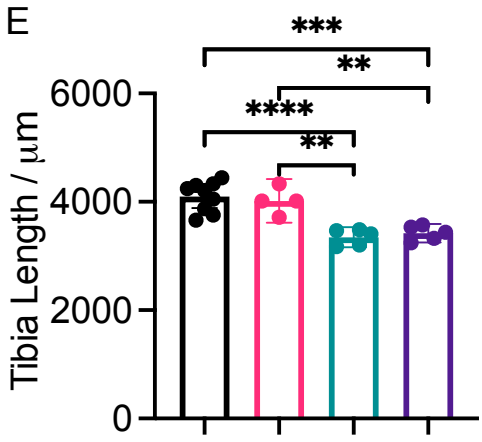
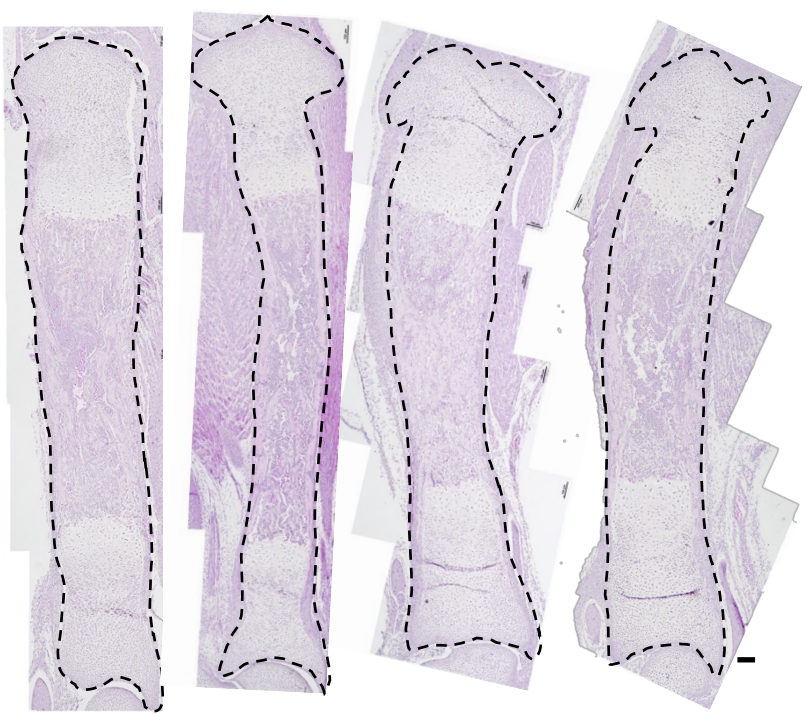
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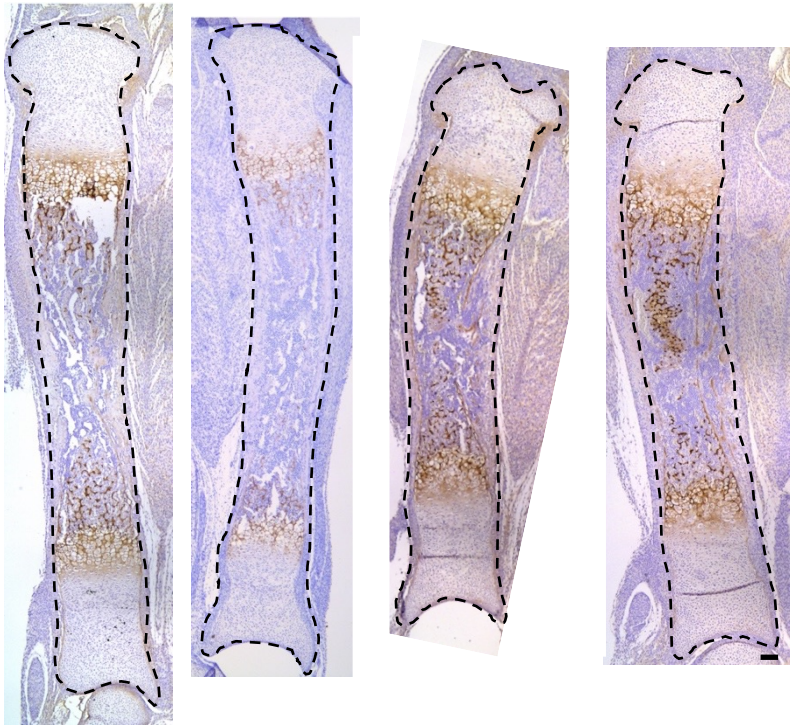
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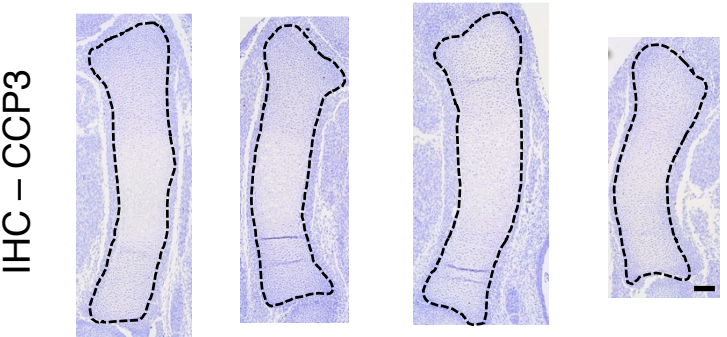
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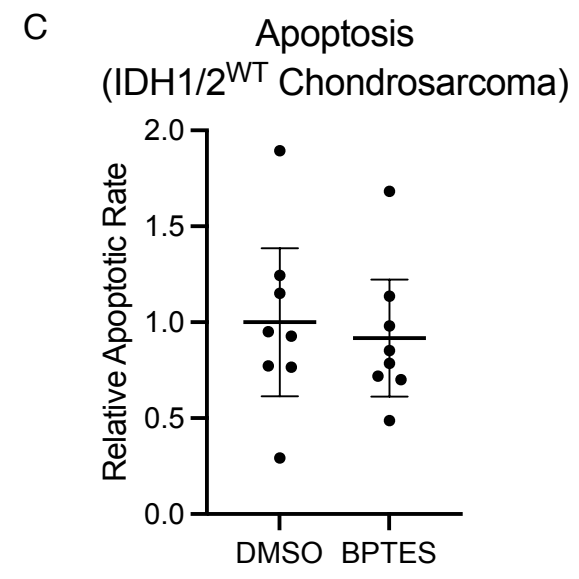
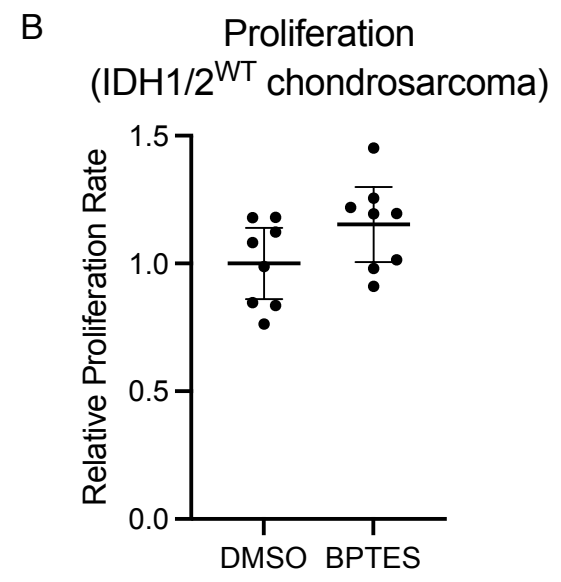
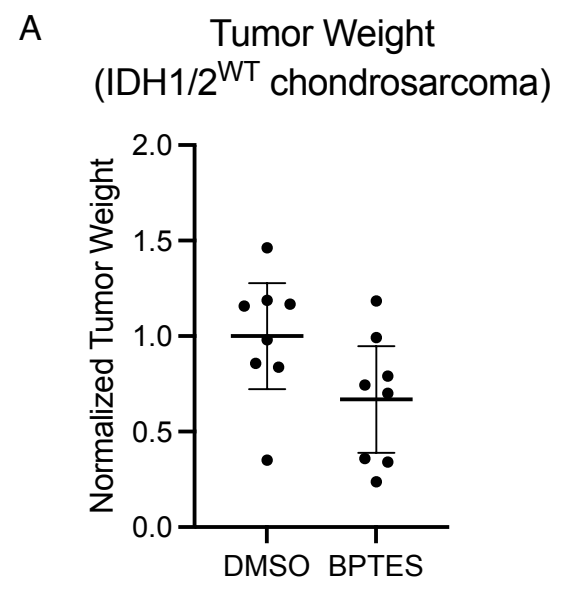
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Supplementary Fig 4



Supplementary Fig 5

