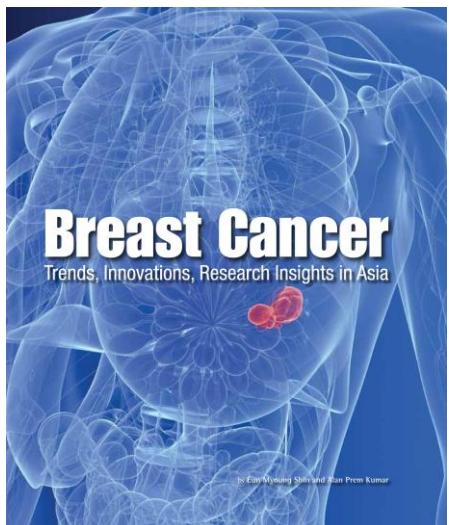


DEAD-BOX RNA HELICASE DDX20 ENHANCES YAP SUMOYLATION FOR YAP-TEAD DEPENDENCE AND STATIN SENSITIVITY IN TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER

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Triple Negative Breast Cancers (TNBC)

10-20%

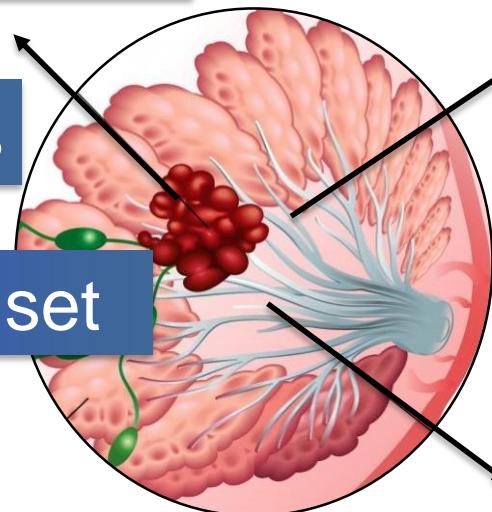
HER2 -

poor prognosis

early age of onset

Progesterone Receptor -

Estrogen Receptor -



Chemotherapy



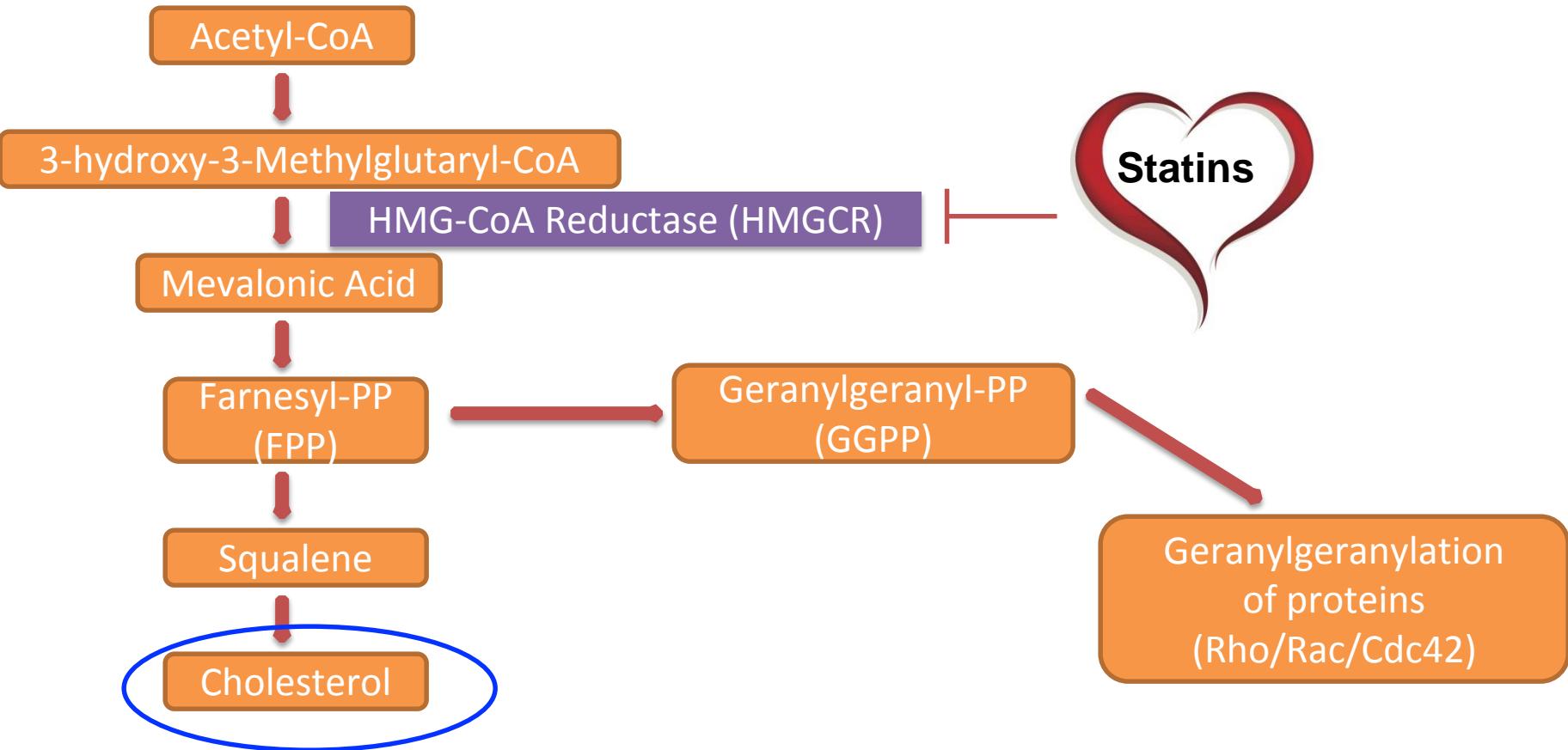
Hormone Therapy



Targeted Therapy



Mevalonate Pathway & Statins





The anti-cancer effects of statins



Simvastatin induces derepression of PTEN expression via NFkappaB to inhibit breast cancer cell growth.

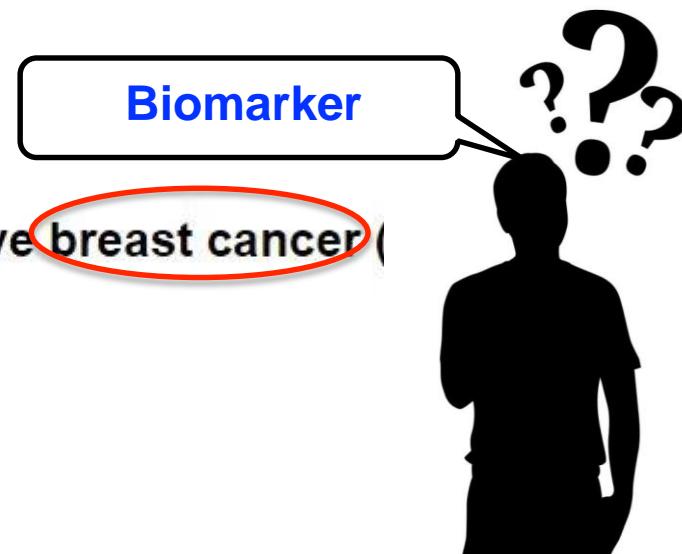
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Statin-induced inhibition of breast cancer proliferation and invasion involves attenuation of iron transport: intermediacy of nitric oxide and antioxidant defence mechanisms.

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Statin induces inhibition of triple negative breast cancer pathway.

Yeon Hee Park et al., *BBRC*, 2013

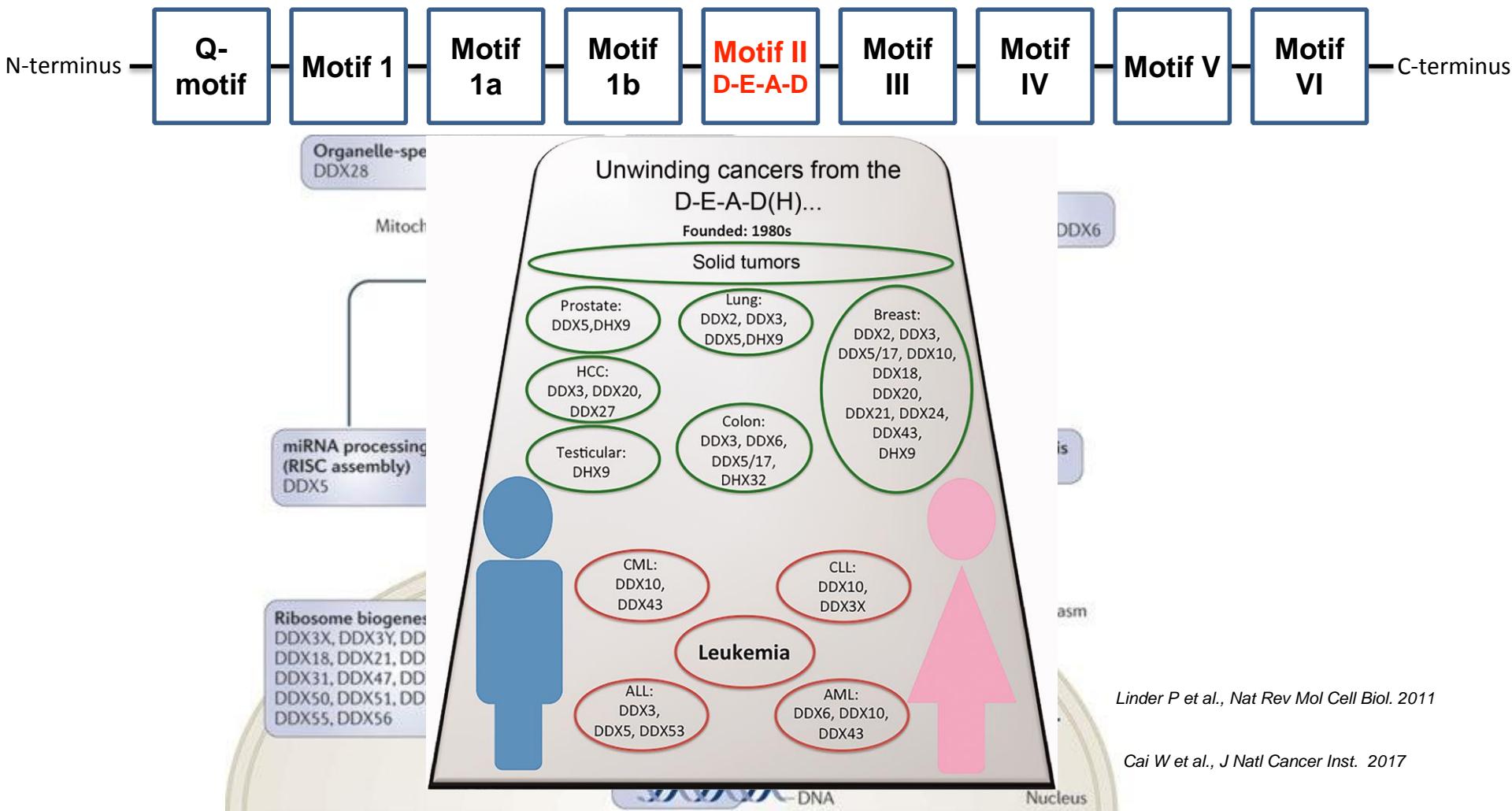


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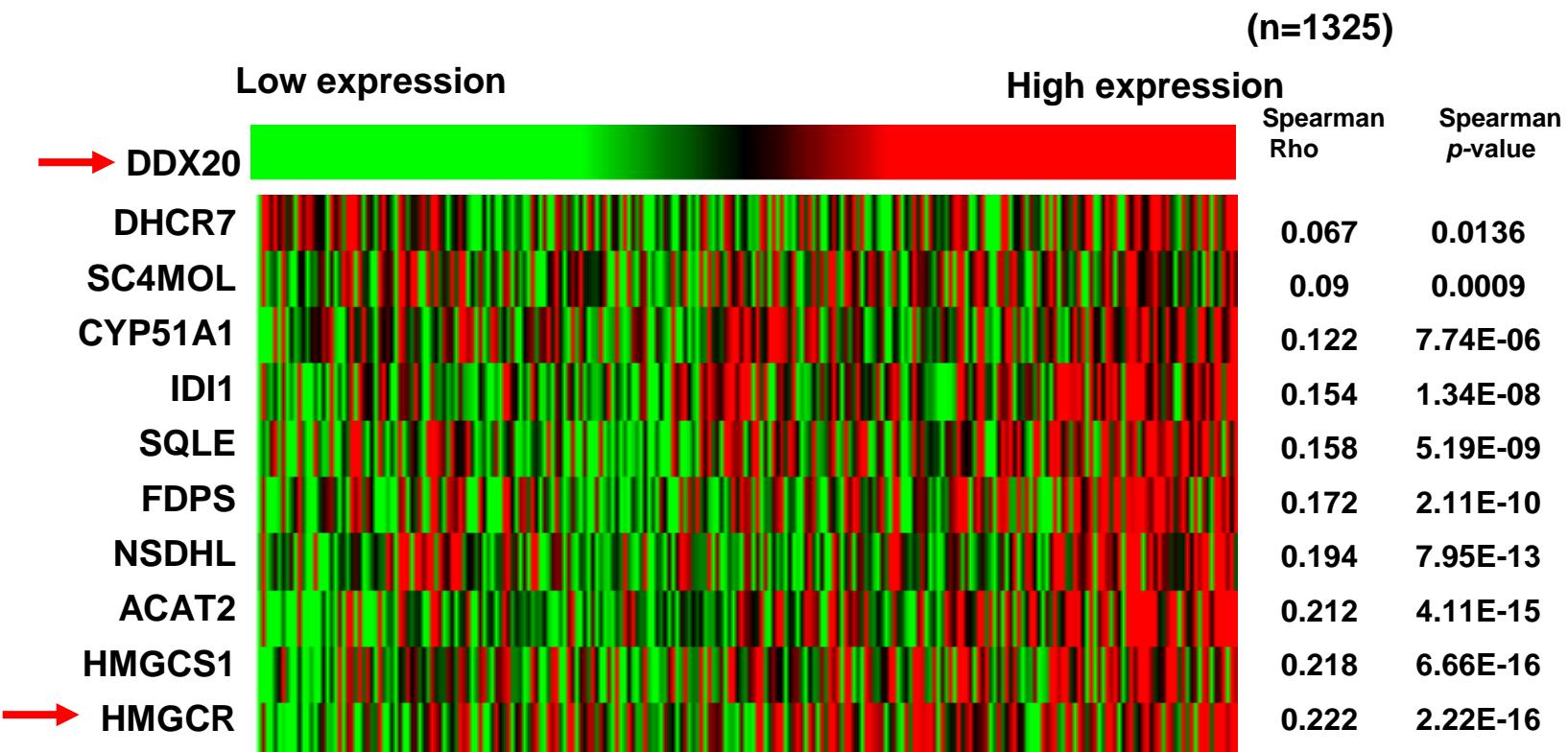
DDX20/DP103



Q-E-A-D box family RNA helicase.



Positive correlation between DDX20 expression and mevalonate pathway genes

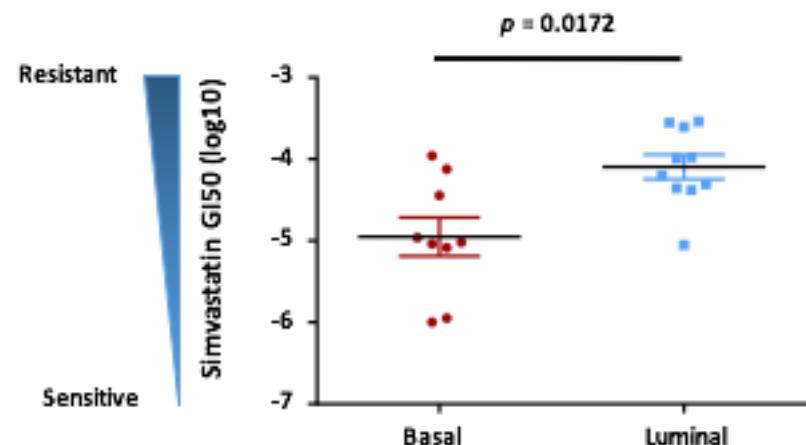
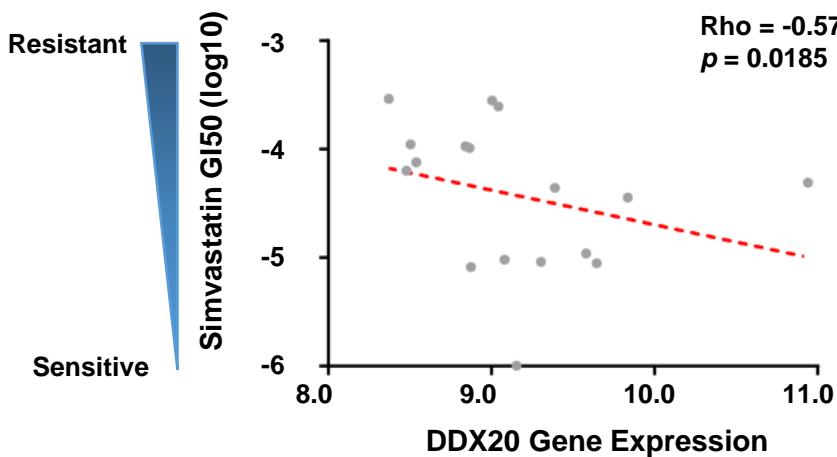




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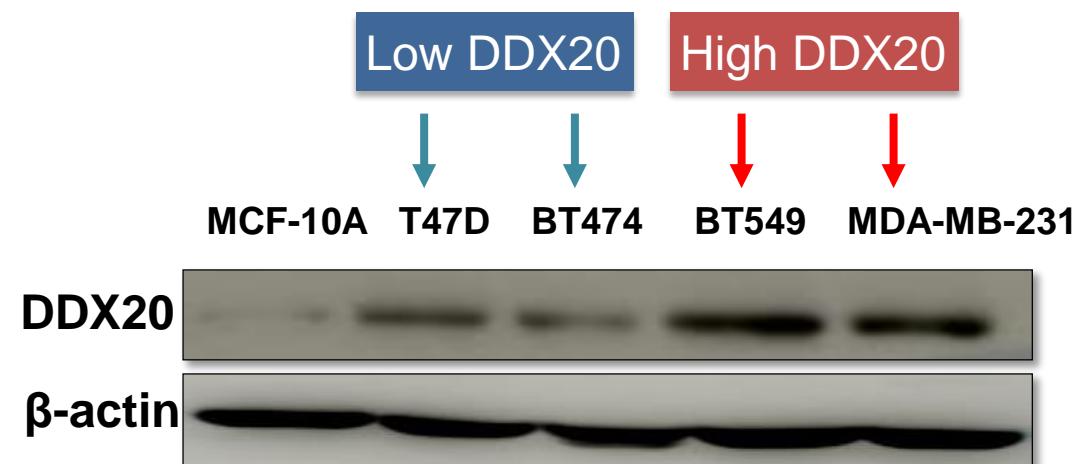
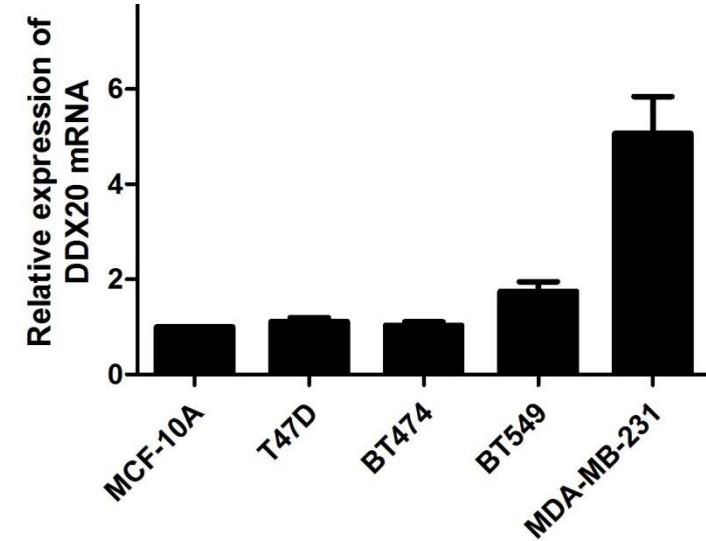
DDX20 expression positively correlates with statin sensitivity





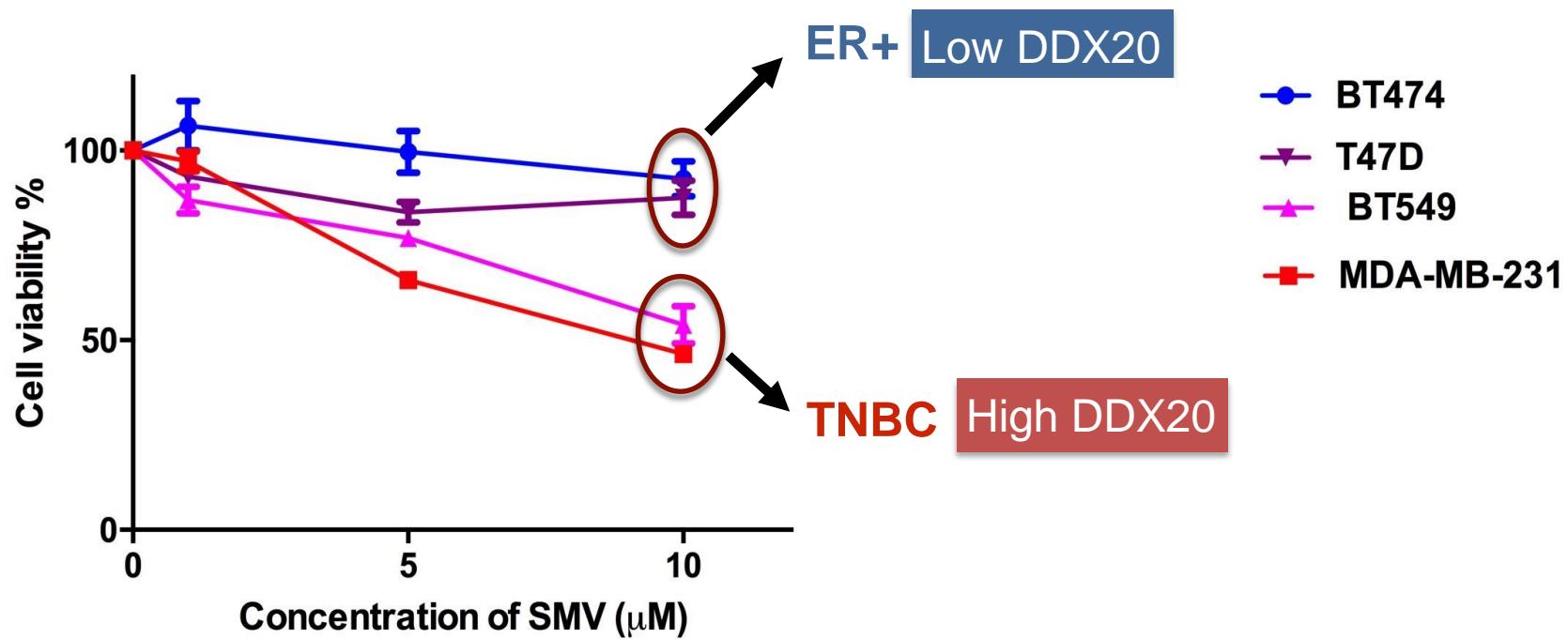
DDX20 is highly expressed in triple negative breast cancer cells

	ER	PR	HER2
MCF-10A	Normal Epithelial		
BT474	+	+	+
T47D	+	+	-
BT549	-	-	-
MDA-MB-231	-	-	-





TNBCs are more sensitive to simvastatin than ER+

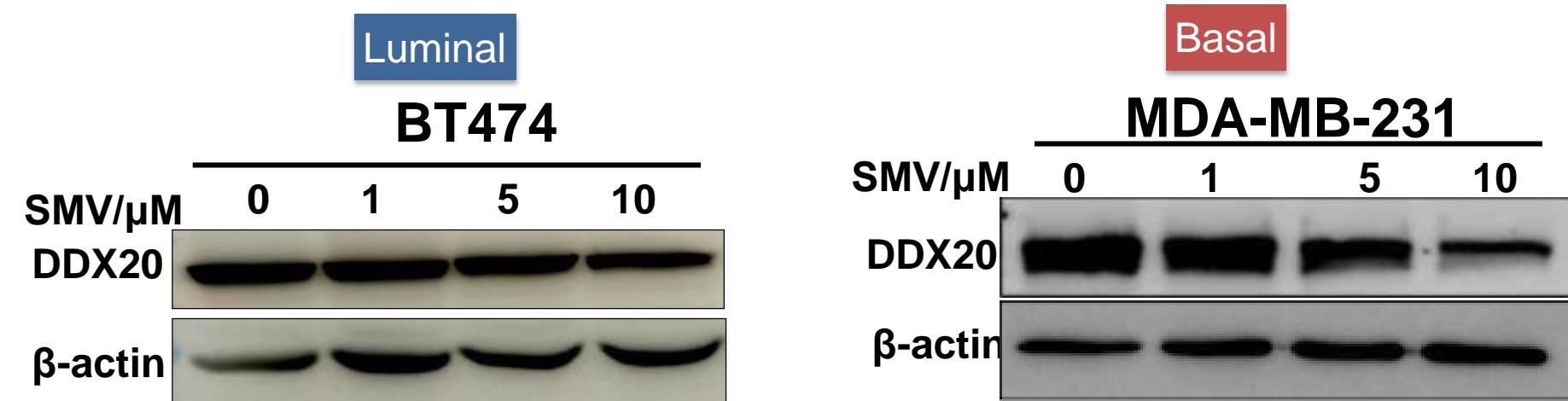




Question 2: How does statin treatment affect DDX20 expression?

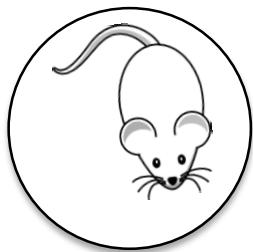


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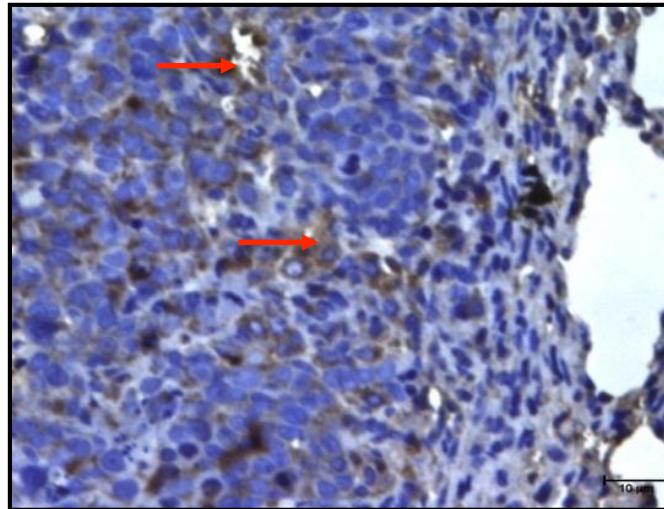


Simvastatin decreases DDX20 expression in mice

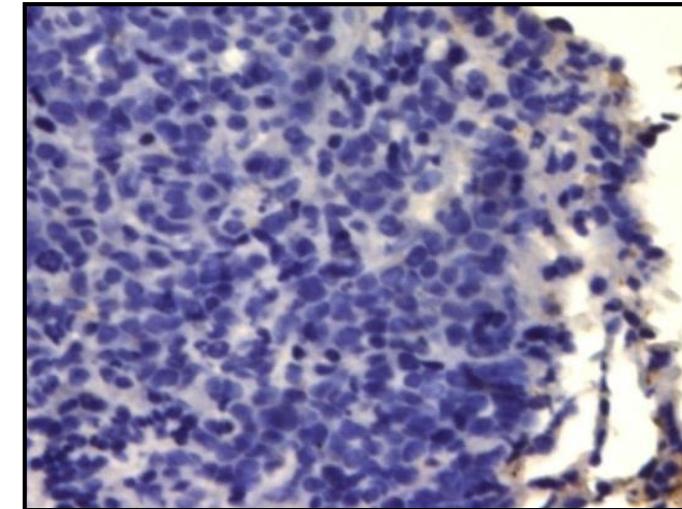


Control

200 X



Simvastatin



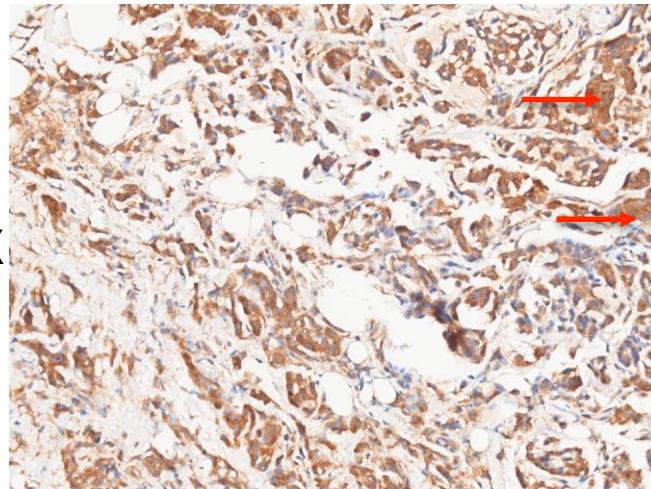


Simvastatin decreases DDX20 in Breast Cancer Patients

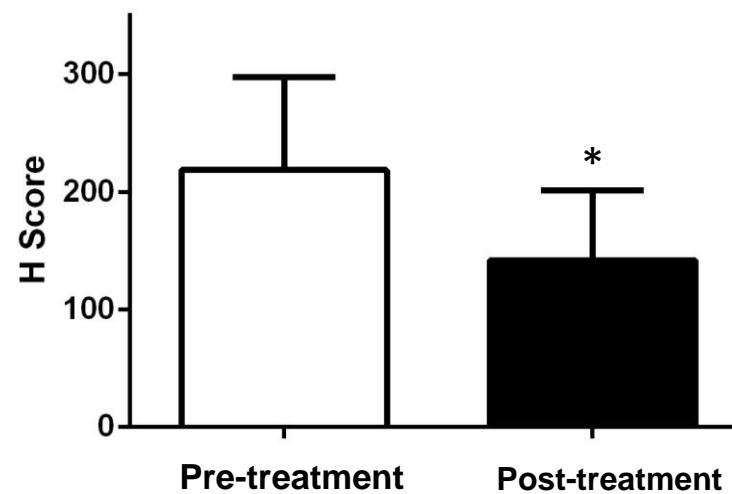
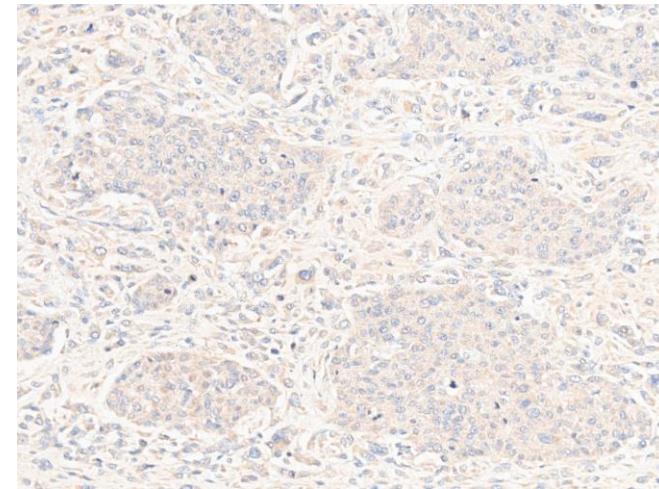


Pre-treatment

200 X



Post-treatment
(with simvastatin)



* denotes $p < 0.05$

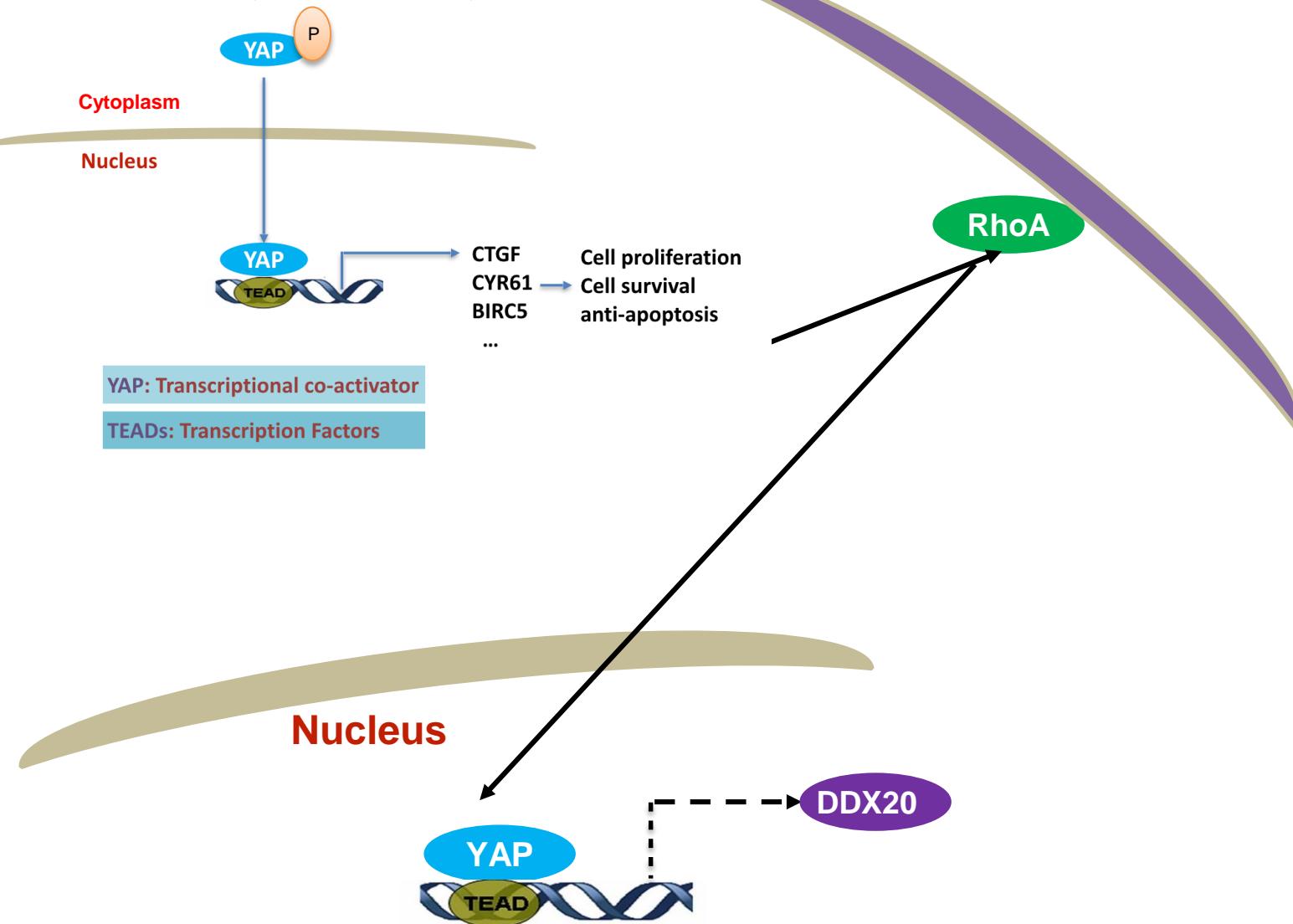


Statins inhibit YAP via GGPP-RhoA



Metabolic control of YAP and TAZ by the mevalonate pathway.

Sorrentino G et al., Nat Cell Biol, 2014

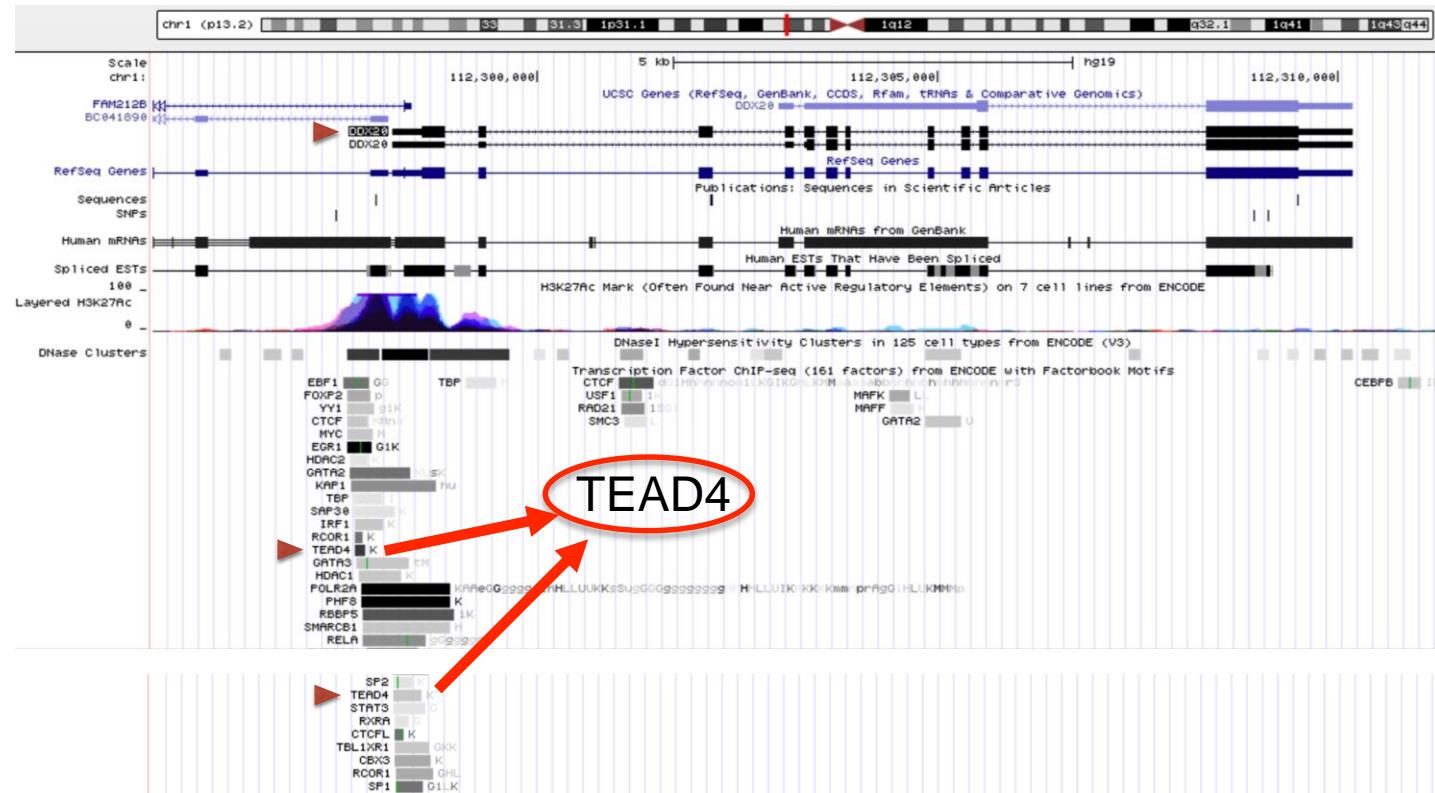




Question 4: Does YAP/TEAD regulate DDX20 transcription?

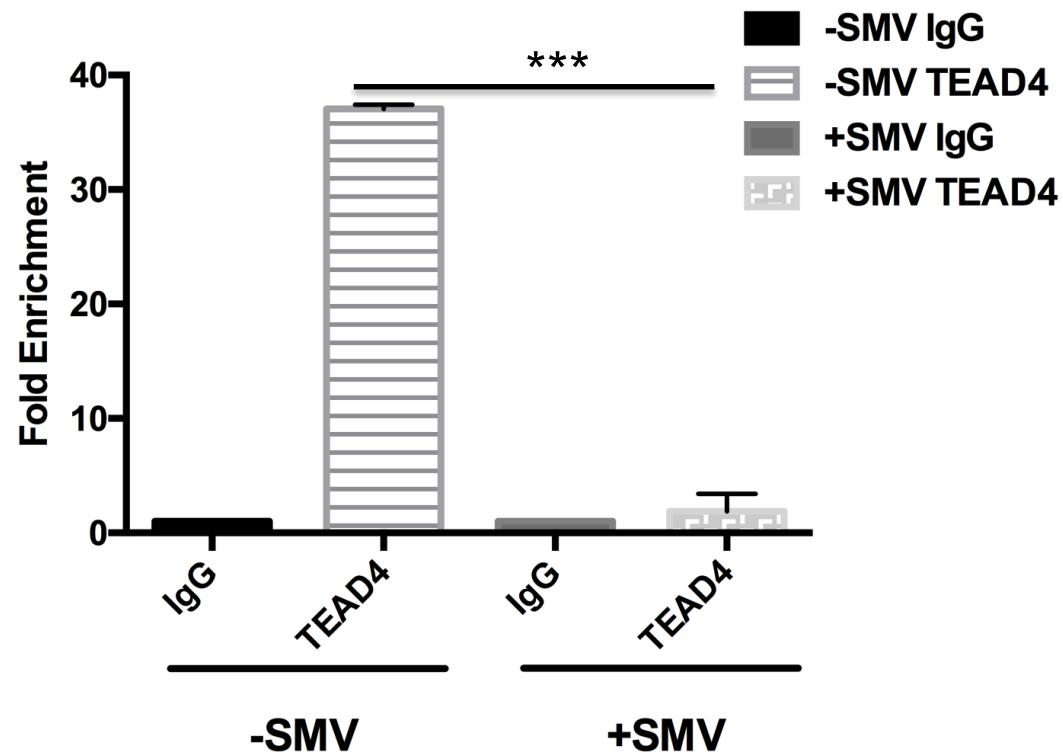
TEAD4 binds to DDX20 promoter

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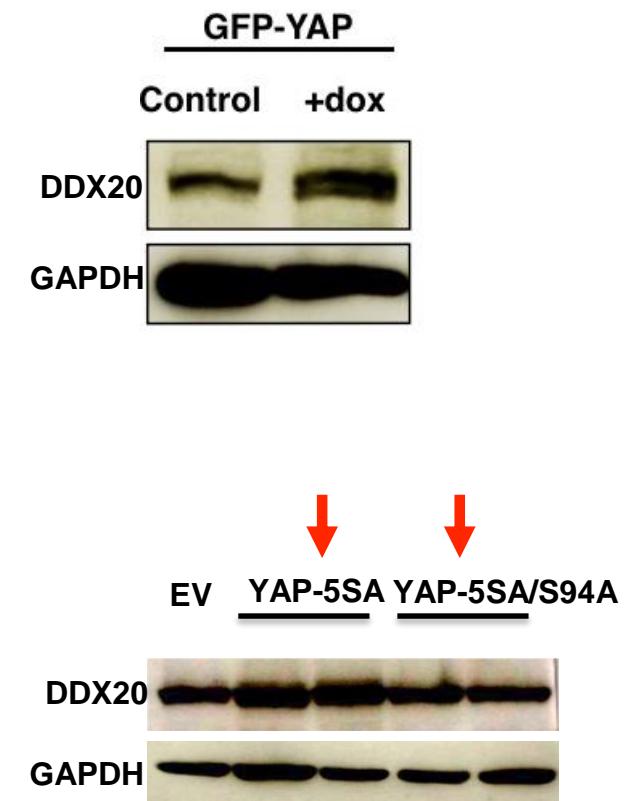
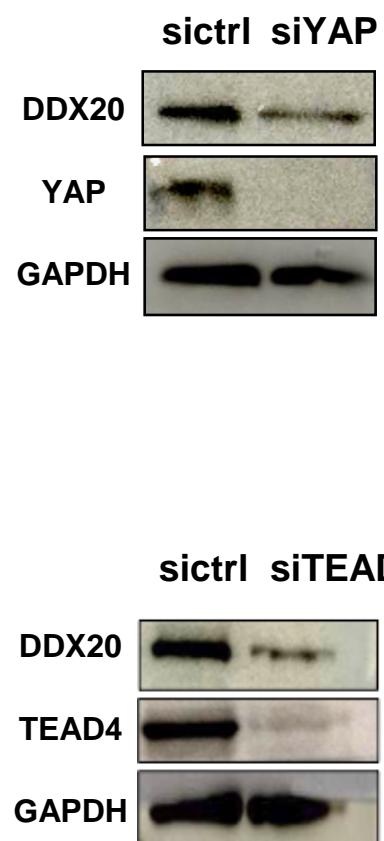
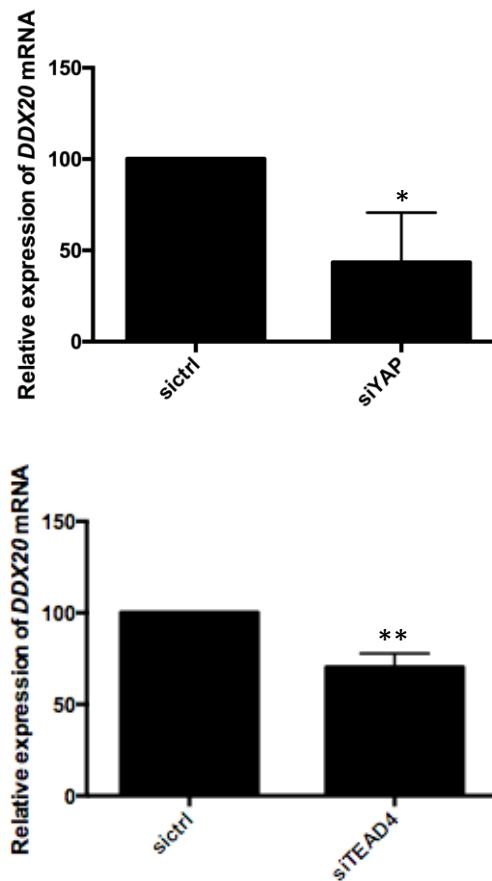




Simvastatin disrupts TEAD4 binding to DDX20 promoter

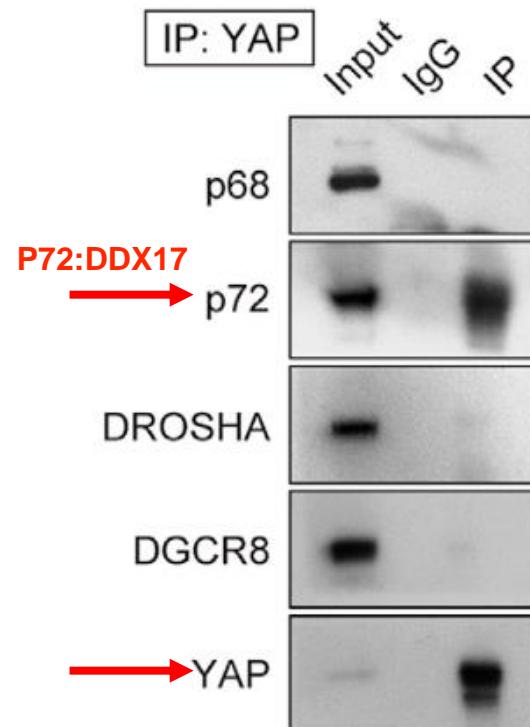


TEAD4/YAP regulates DDX20

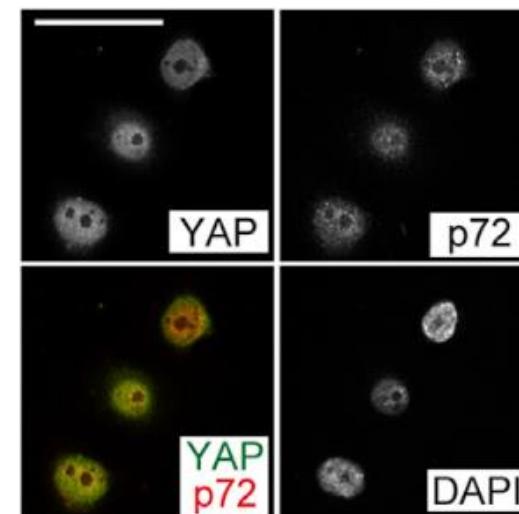




DDX17 interacts with YAP



Colocalization of YAP and p72 at low cell density

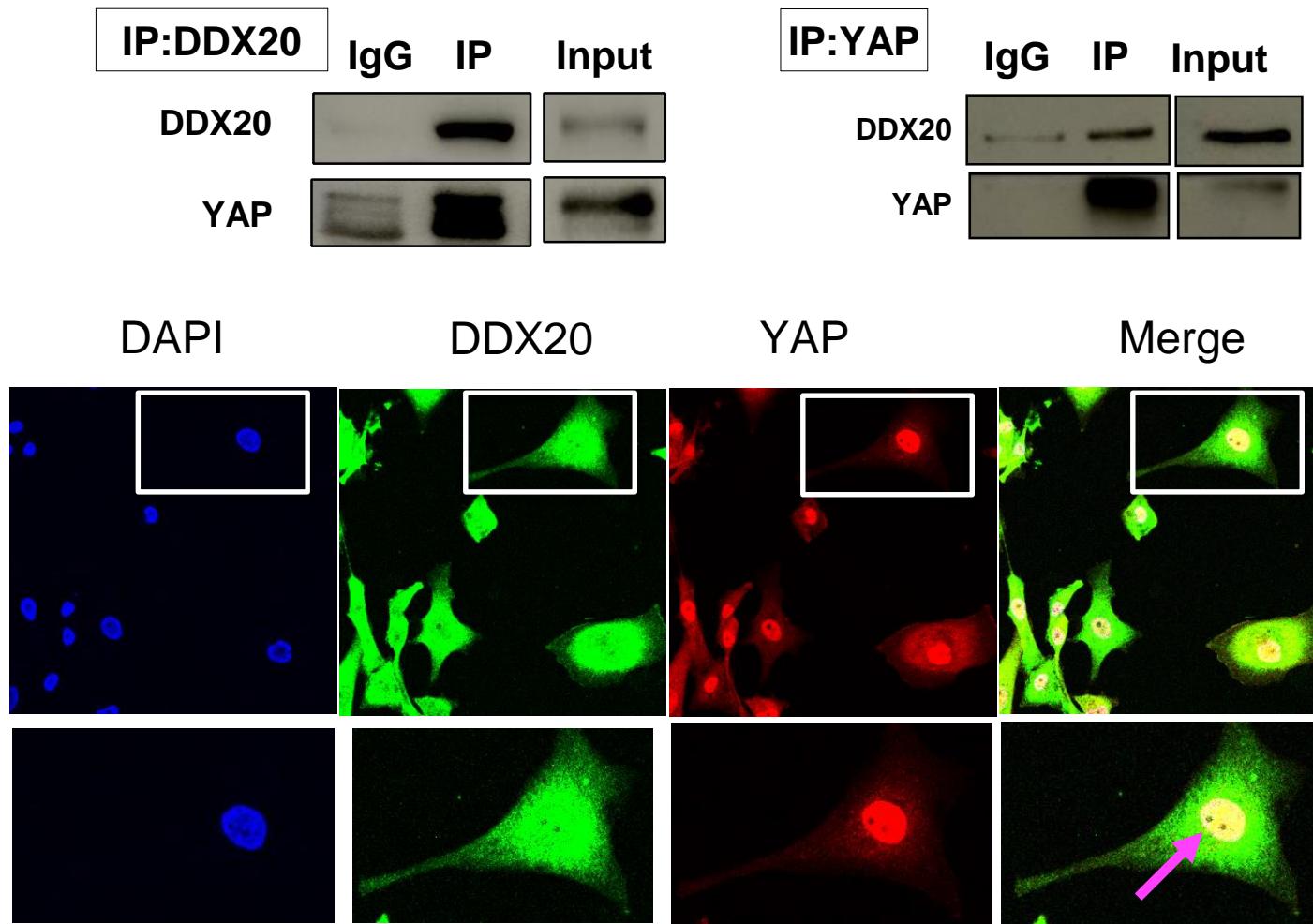




Question 5: Does DDX20 interact with YAP and regulate it?

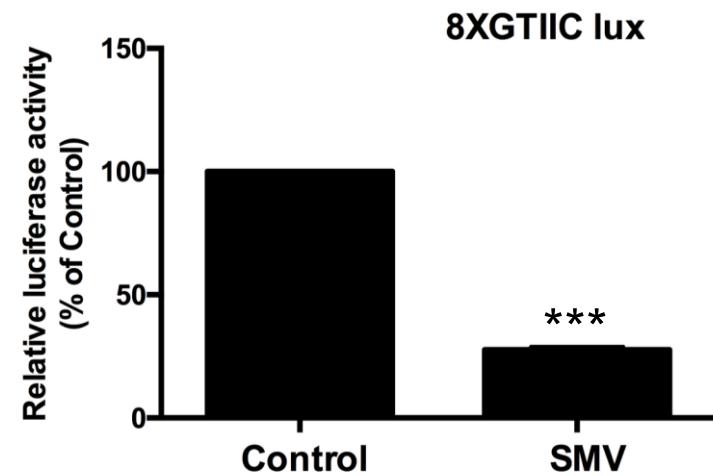
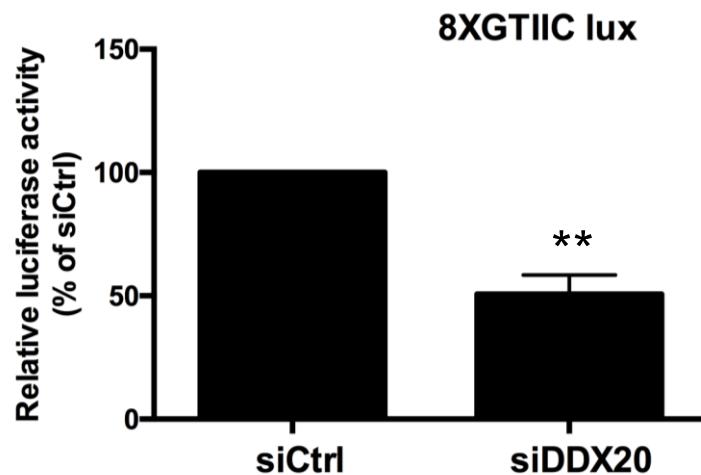


DDX20 interacts with YAP



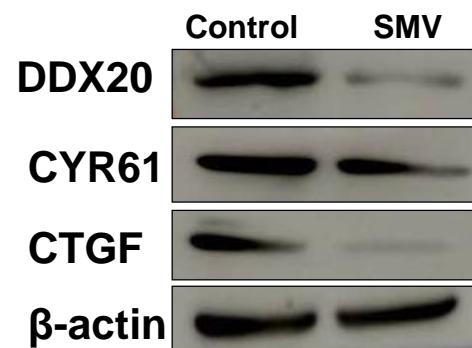
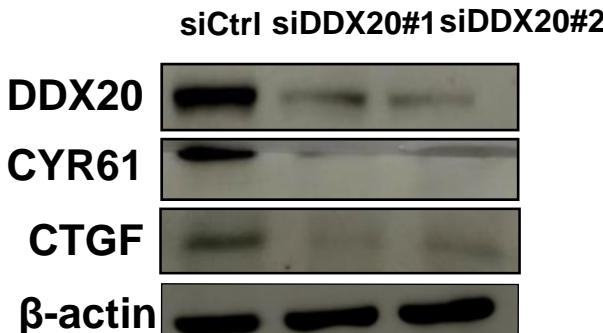
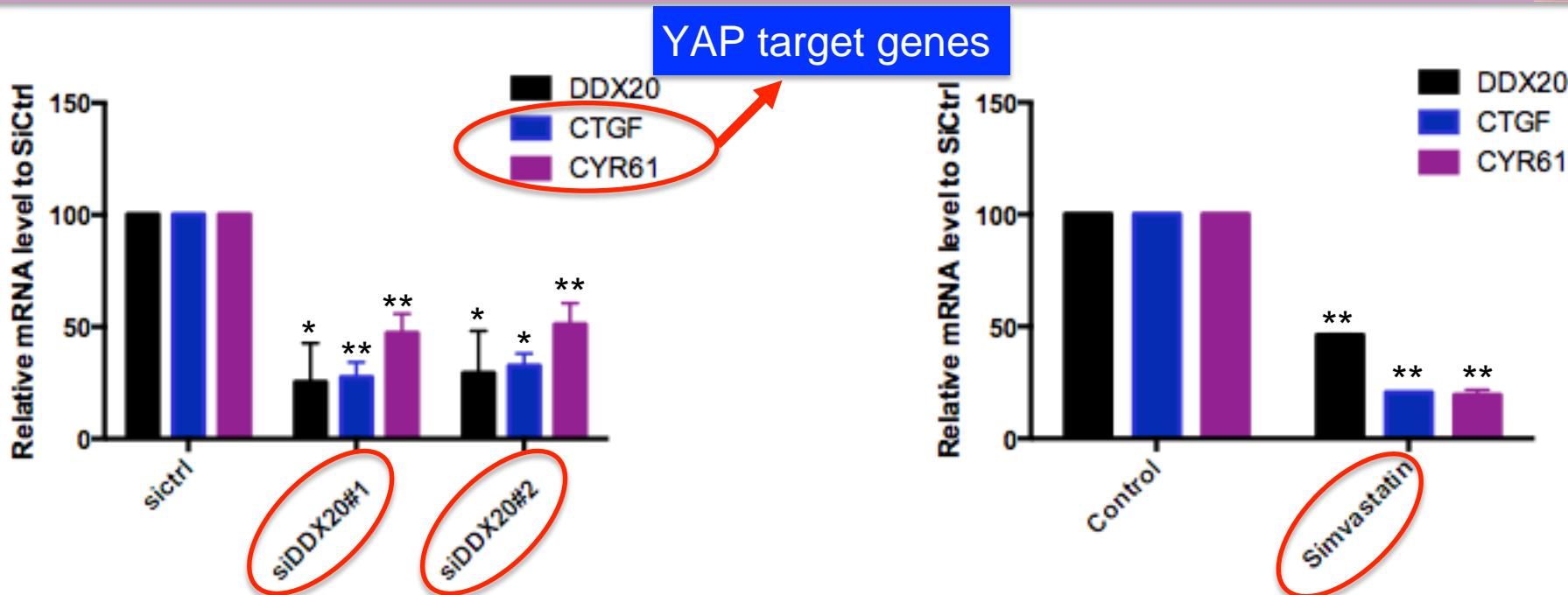


DDX20 positively regulates TEAD/YAP activity





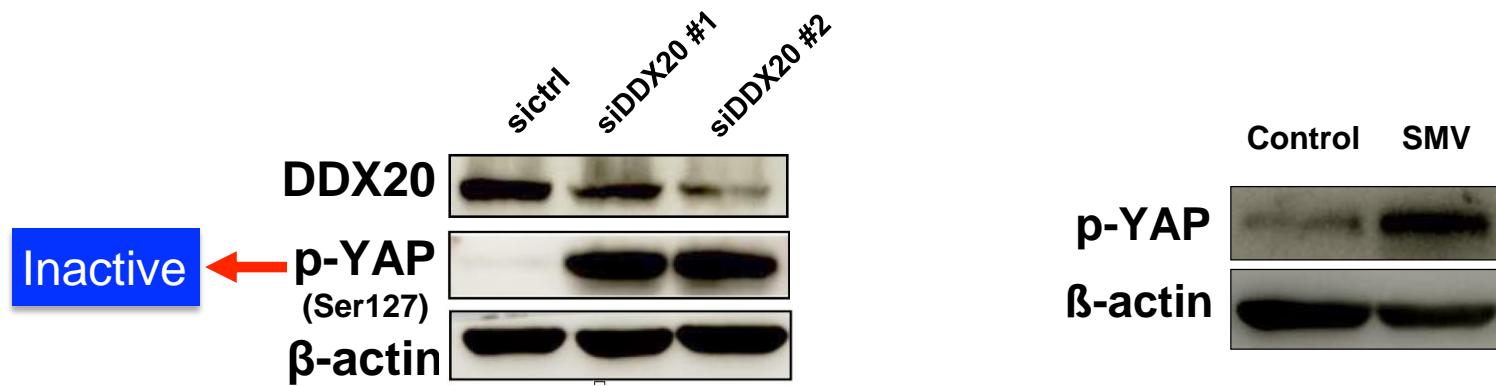
DDX20 positively regulates YAP target genes



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DDX20 positively regulates YAP

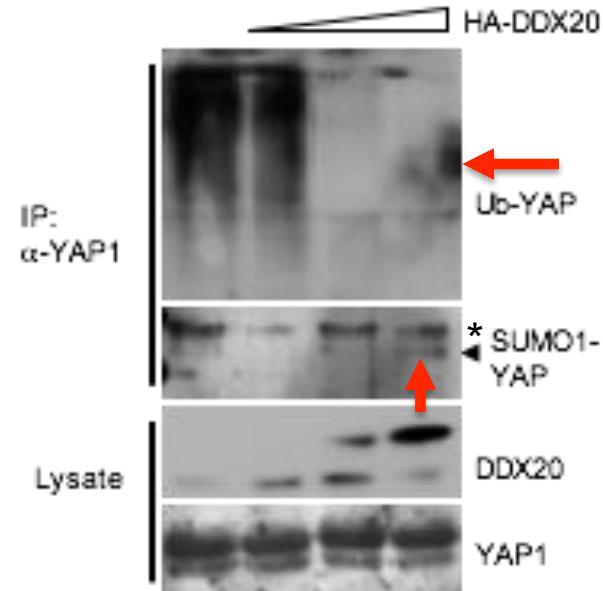




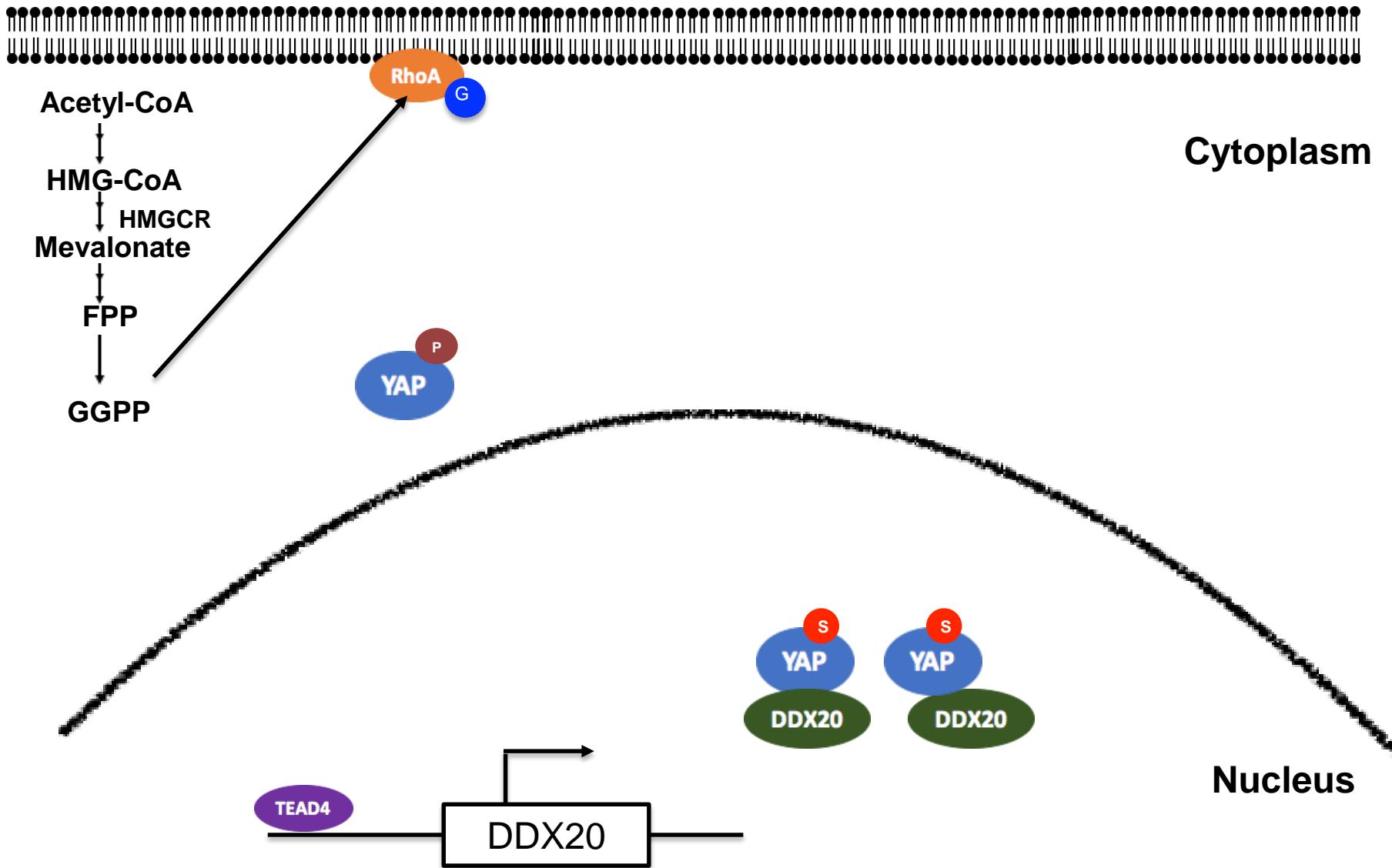
Question 6: What is the mechanism behind YAP regulation by DDX20?

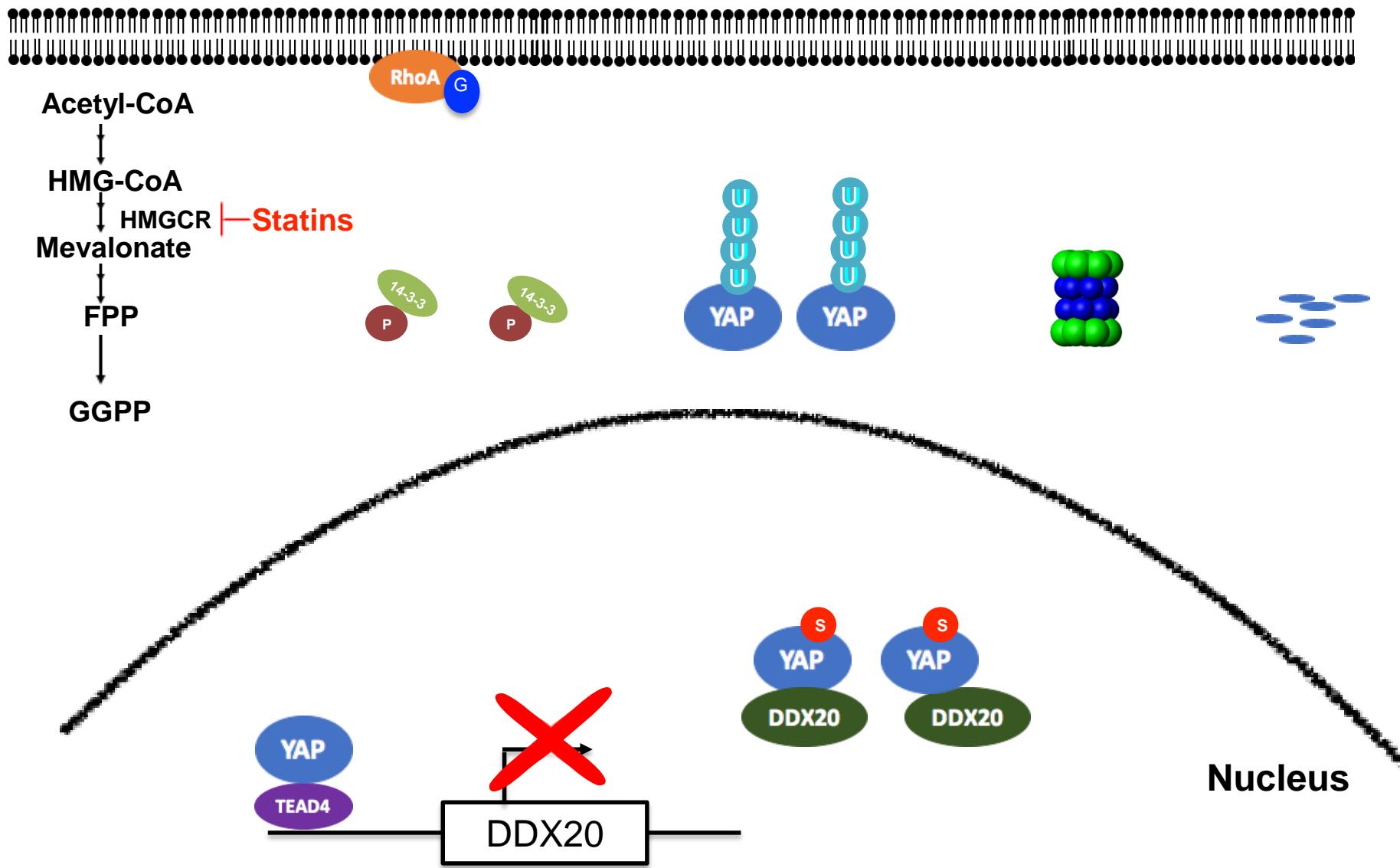


DDX20 regulates SUMOylation of YAP



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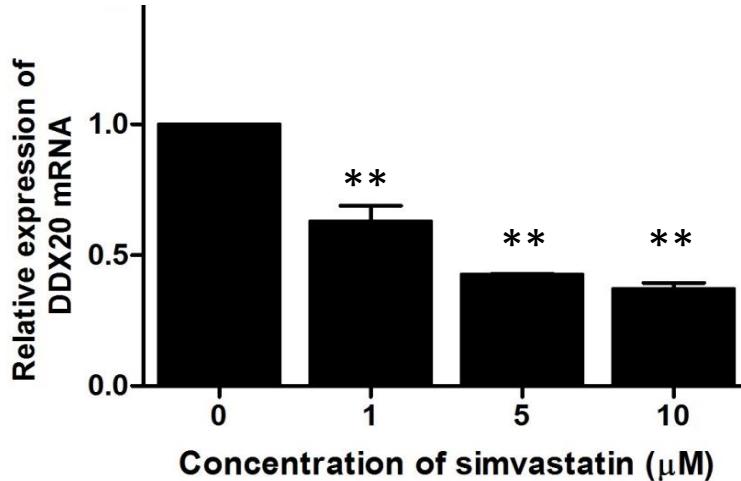




Thank You

Simvastatin downregulates DDX20 in TNBC cells in a dose-dependent manner

MDA-MB-231



BT549

