Supplementary Figure 1









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Supplementary Figure 1: BMX expression is elevated in primary NB spheroids and associated with lower survival of nMNA NB patients.

(A) Bar plots depict qRT-PCR assessment of BMX transcript levels between matched spheroids and adherent cultures for the NB1 (*left*) and NB4 (*right*) tumor models. Mean ± SEM values of three technical replicates are shown. Statistical analysis was done by unpaired t-test. (B) Representative images of RNA-ISH analysis showing BMX mRNA expression in NB1 and NB4-derived xenografts. BMX mRNA transcripts are visualized as blue dots pointed by the arrows, indicating active expression. (Scale bars, 20 µm. Magnification, 60X). (C) Micrographs illustrating representative images of NB1 (top), NB4 (bottom) spheroids exposed to serum-free or 10% FBS-containing media for eight days. (Scale bars, 100 µm. Magnification, 10X). (D) Box plots showing expression levels for 10 genes included in the signature from Fig. 2H and derived from primary NB samples included in the Kocak and Fischer NB cohorts from the R2 genomics platform. Patient samples were grouped based on INSS stages 1 to 4s, and statistical analyses were performed using the two-sided unpaired t-test. (E) Kaplan-Meier overall survival curves for NB patients from the Kocak (Top) and Cangelosi (Bottom) cohorts harboring stratified by BMX expression levels and their MYCN amplification status. The data was obtained from the R2 genomics platform. Statistical analyses were performed using the log-rank test. (F) Comparison of BMX mRNA expression levels for NB samples from the cohorts as in (E), segregated based on MYCN amplification status. Welch p-value is shown.



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Supplementary Figure 2: The biological effects induced by BMX-IN-1 in NB spheroid models are specifically mediated by on-target BMX inhibition.

(A) gRT-PCR analysis showing relative BMX expression levels for tumor spheroids derived from SK-N-AS xenografts and transduced with either a BMX- (shBMX#1) or GFP-targeting (shControl) shRNA sequence (mean ± SEM of three technical replicates is shown). (B) and (C) Decrease in viability (B, left), proliferation (B, right) and selfrenewal (C) for spheroids derived from SK-N-AS xenografts, and transduced with shBMX#1 lentivirus. Statistical analyses were performed using the unpaired t-test. Mean ± SEM values of three technical replicates are shown. Individual values are shown for (C). (D) Representative micrographs depicting marked changes in spheroid morphology for the primary NB1 and NB4 models, as well as xenograft-derived SK-N-AS spheroids treated with BMX-IN-1 at 10µM or DMSO for four days. (Scale bars, 100 µm. Magnification, 10X). (E) Bar plots illustrating the decrease in viability for SK-N-AS spheroids as in (D), treated with increasing concentrations of BMX-IN-1 for four days. (F) qRT-PCR assessment of relative BMX expression levels for primary Ewing and synovial sarcoma spheroid models, as compared to NB1 spheroids. Mean ± SEM values of three technical replicates are shown. (G) Bar plots showing the viability of primary Ewing (*left*) and synovial sarcoma (*right*) spheroids upon treatment with increasing concentrations of BMX-IN-1 for four days. Statistical analyses were performed using the unpaired t-test. ns, not statistically significant. (H) Micrographs illustrating representative images of Ewing (top) and synovial sarcoma (bottom) spheroids exposed to increasing concentrations of BMX-IN-1 or DMSO as in (G). (Scale bars, 100 µm. Magnification, 10X). (I) Bar plots indicating no changes in the viability of adherent cells generated from NB1(*left*) and NB4(*right*) spheroids upon treatment for four days with increasing concentrations of BMX-IN-1 versus DMSO. (Scale bars, 300 µm. Magnification, 10X). (J) Micrographs illustrating representative images of NB1 (top) and NB4 (bottom) adherent cells exposed to 10 µm of BMX-IN-1 as in (I). (K) Heatmap showing the mean RPKM values of the potential low-affinity targets of BMX-IN-1 in NB1 and NB4 spheroids and matched adherent models from the RNAseq data shown in Fig. **2A**. (L) Immunoblotting for the detection of pSTAT3-Tyr705 and total STAT3 proteins in NB1 (*left panel*) and NB4 (*right panel*) spheroids following treatment with the BMX inhibitor BMX-IN-1 (10 µM) for three days, as compared to DMSO-treated cells.



Supplementary Figure 3: BMX is involved in the maintenance of the MES phenotype of NB tumor cells.

(A) Scattered plots showing the correlation between *BMX* expression and the total MES (n=485) or NOR (n=369) gene signature (left panels) or the CRC-TFs of the MES (n=34) or NOR (n=19) cellular states (right panels) in primary tumors from the Cangeloshi and Seqc cohorts (R2 genomics platform). (B) Scatter plot and heatmap showing the marked changes in cell phenotype upon three days of 10µM BMX-IN-1 treatment for NB4 spheroids versus DMSO-treated control. Scores calculated using the total (left panel) or the restricted CRC-TFs (right panel) MES and NOR gene signatures used in (A). (C) Dot plot (*left*) and bar graph (*right*) depicting the changes in *BMX* expression for the SK-N-Be2c cell line engineered for the doxycycline-inducible expression of the PRRX1 TF. The data is extracted from the Versteeg - 17 dataset available at R2 genomics platform. (D) Bar plots showing the differences in BMX transcript levels between SK-N-Be2c and SK-N-AS adherent cells. Mean ± SEM values of three technical replicates of qRT-PCR are shown. (E) Bar graphs showing the changes in viability of SK-N-Be2c and SK-N-AS adherent cells upon treatment with increasing concentrations of BMX-IN-1 for 4 days. (F) Representative images showing the effect of 5 or 10µM BMX-IN-1 treatment on SK-N-AS (top panels) and SK-N-Be2c (bottom panels) adherent cells after 4 days of exposure versus DMSO. Scale bars, 100 µm. Magnification, 10X. (G) FACS dot plots showing the gating parameters used to sort CD44-positive and -negative NB1 (top) and NB4 (bottom) spheroids cell populations as in Figure 6C. Cells stained with only the secondary antibody were used as negative control. (H) Bar graphs illustrating the time course changes in spheroid viability following treatment with Doxorubicin. NB1 spheroids were treated with 0.25µM Doxorubicin (left panel), while NB4 spheroids were treated with 5µM Doxorubicin (right panel). Mean values ± SEM from three technical experiments are depicted. Statistical analyses were conducted using the unpaired t-test.