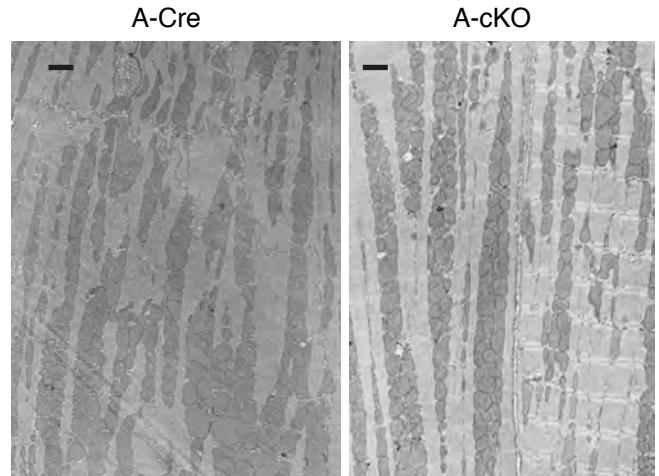
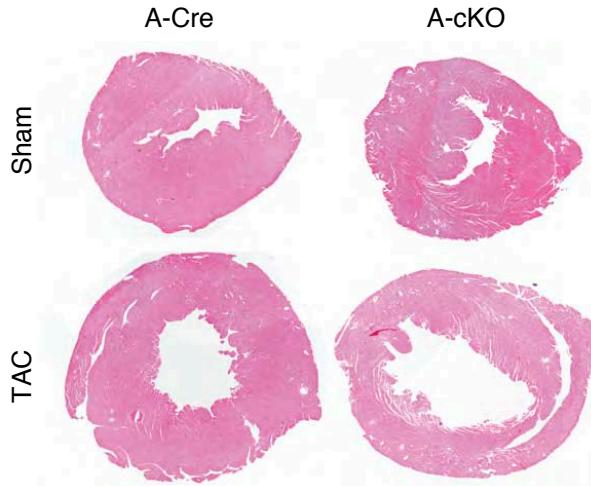
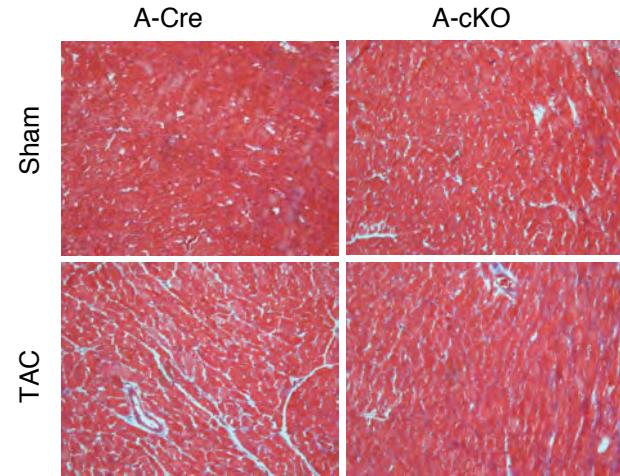
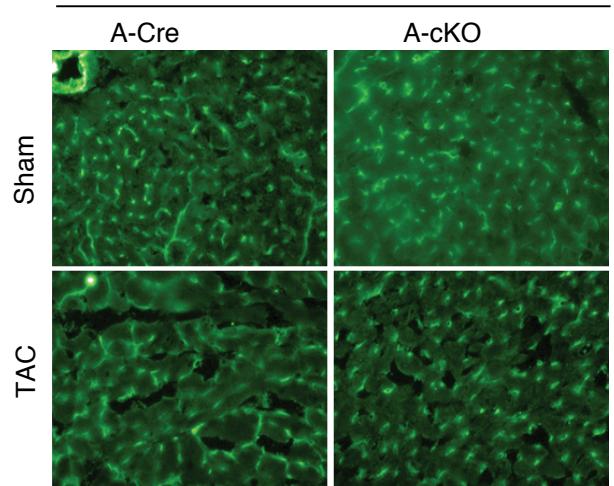
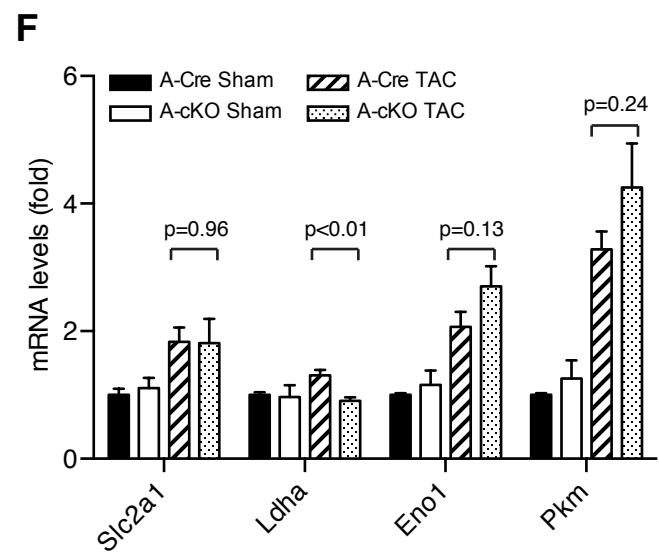
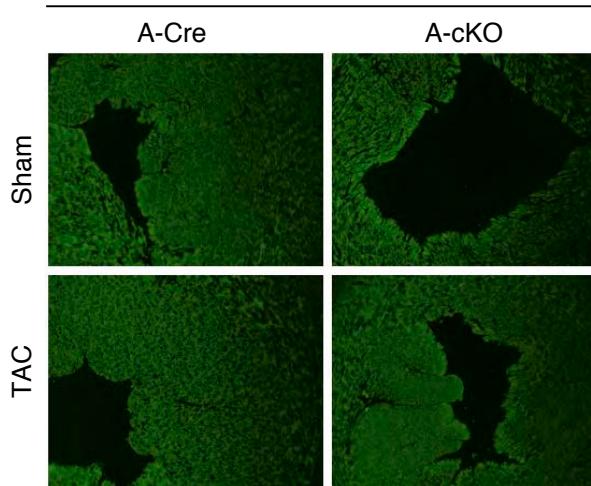
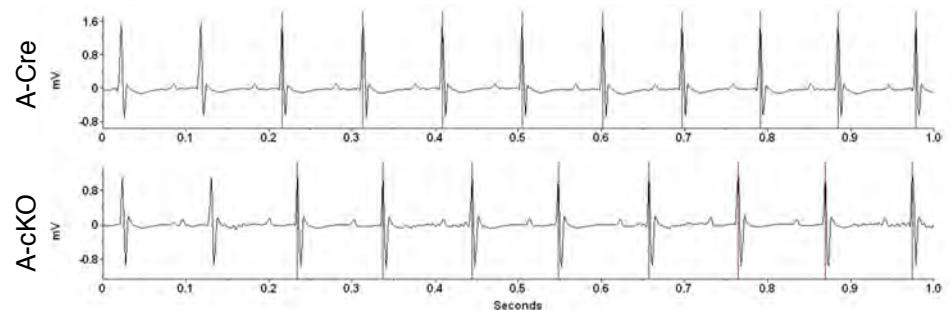
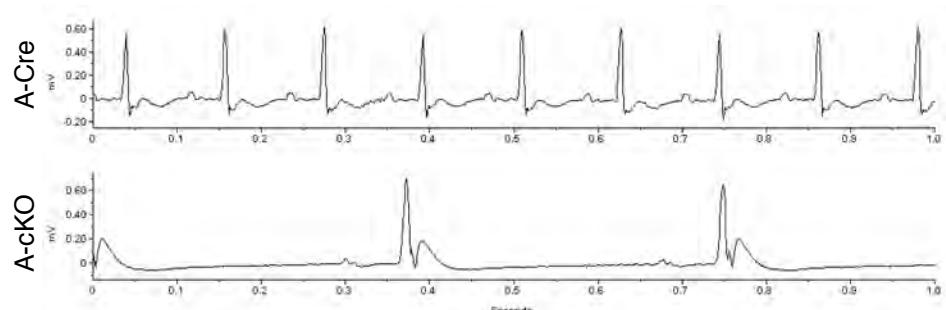


Supplementary Figure 1. Normal structure of A-cKO heart at baseline.

(A) Ultrastructure of myocardium by TEM. Scale bars indicate 1 μ m. (B) Hematoxylin & Eosin (H&E) staining of heart tissue. (C) Trichrome staining for fibrosis. (D) Endothelial marker CD31 staining for myocardial capillary density. (E) EF5 staining for hypoxia stress. (F) Expression of hypoxia-inducible genes by qPCR. (G,H) ECG recording by telemetry.

A Electron Microscopy**B** H & E staining**C** Fibrosis staining (Trichrome)**D** Capillary staining (CD31)**E** Hypoxia staining (EF5)**G** ECG at baseline**H** ECG at 48h post-TAC

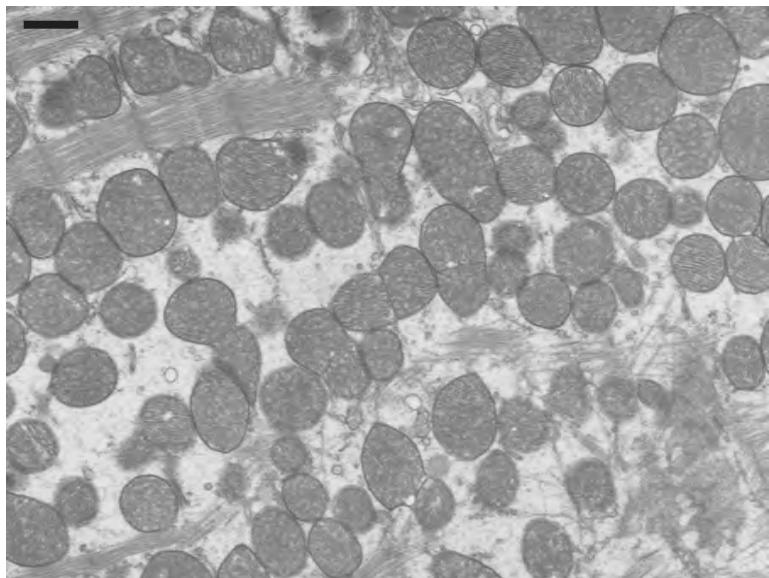
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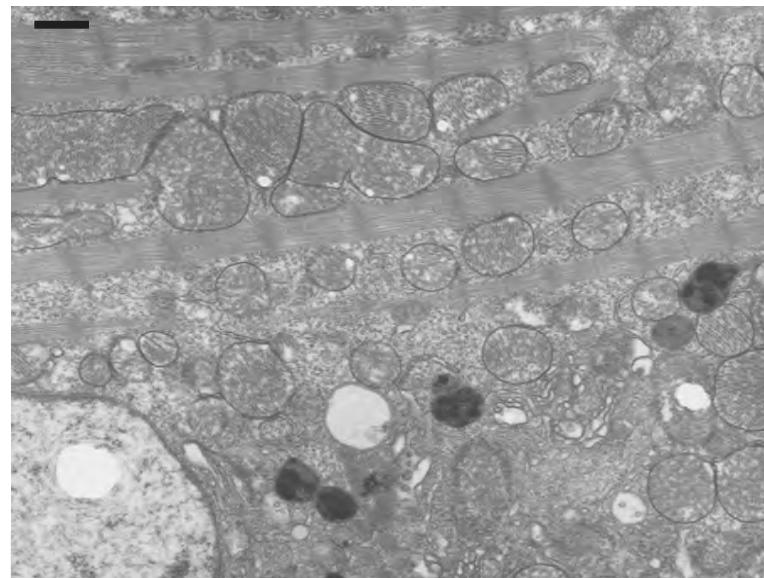
(A) Mitochondrial disarray. (B) Mitochondrial degeneration. (C,D) Altered size and shape of mitochondria. Black arrowheads: fragmented mitochondria. White arrowheads: giant mitochondria. Scale bars indicate 1 μ m.

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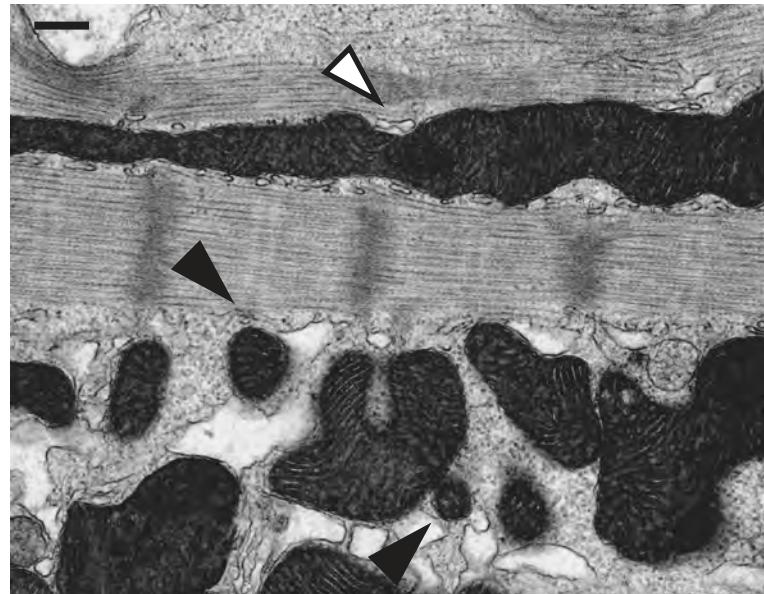
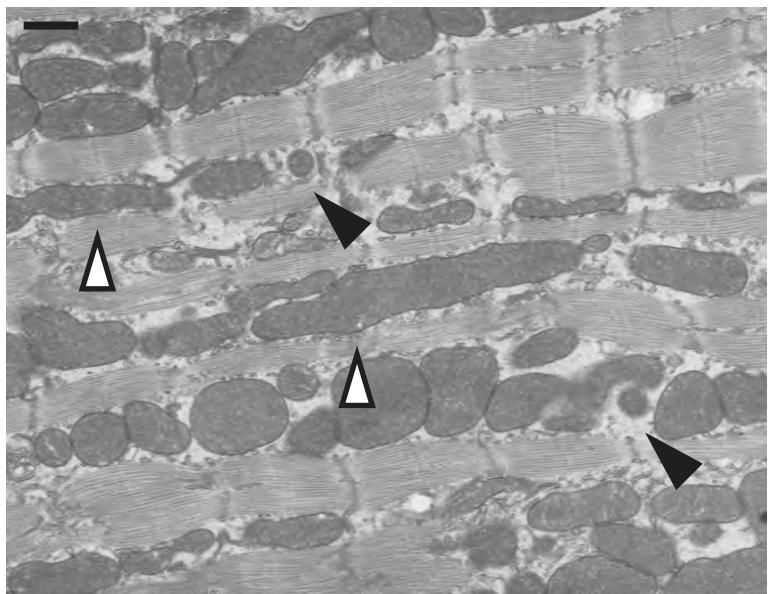
Mitochondrial disarray

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Mitochondrial degeneration

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Mitochondrial fragmentation and formation of giant mitochondria

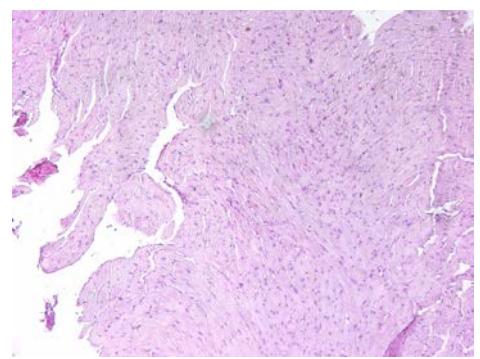
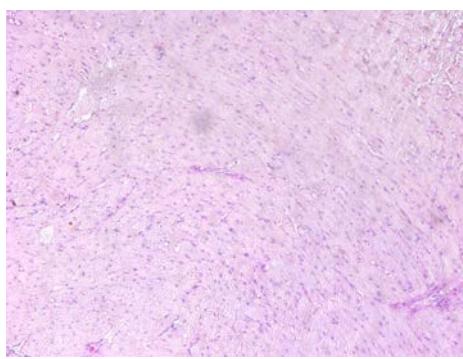
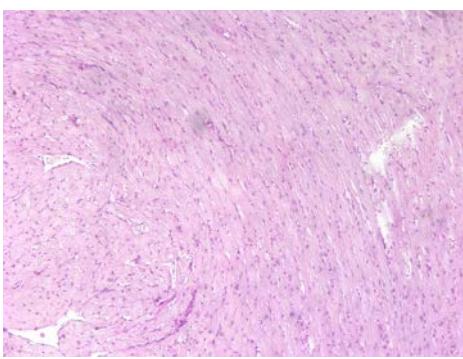


Supplementary Figure 3. Myocardial glycogen content before and after 3-day of TAC.

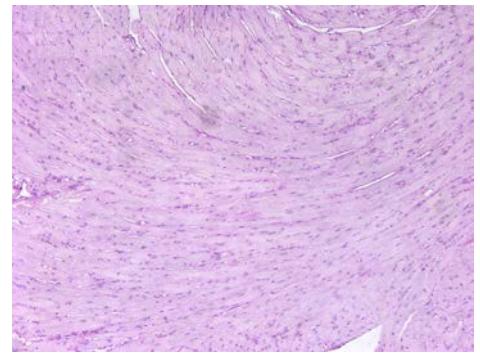
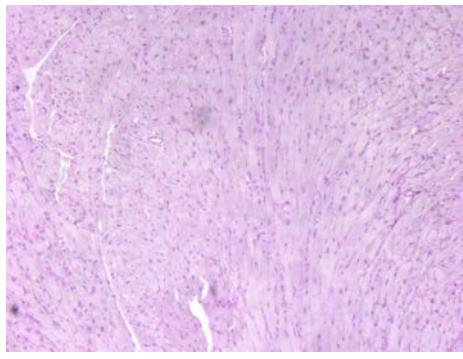
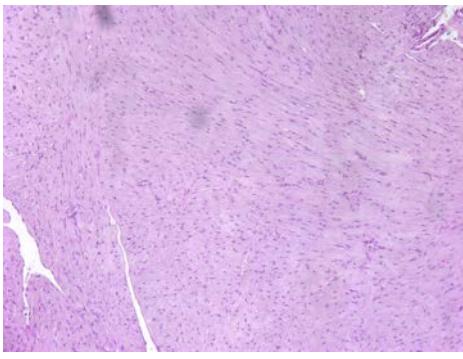
Glycogen deposition was assessed by PAS staining. n=3 in each group. Liver sections from normally fed (Fed) and 24-hour fasted (Fasted) mice were included as controls. Glycogen deposits stained in red.

sham

A-Cre

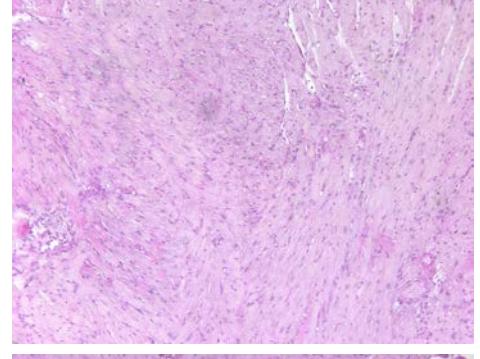
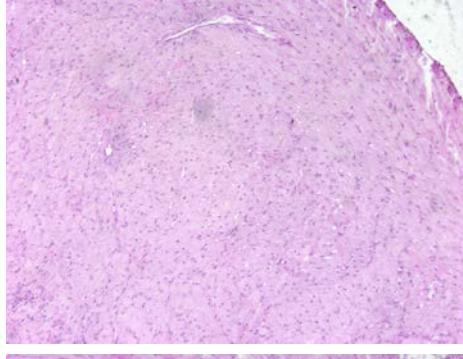
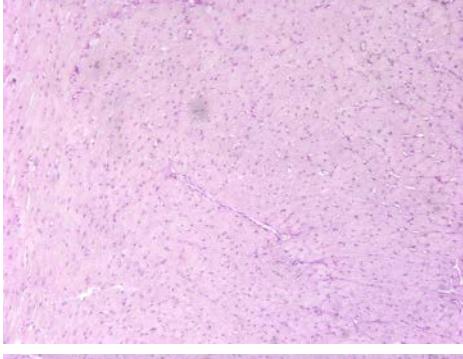


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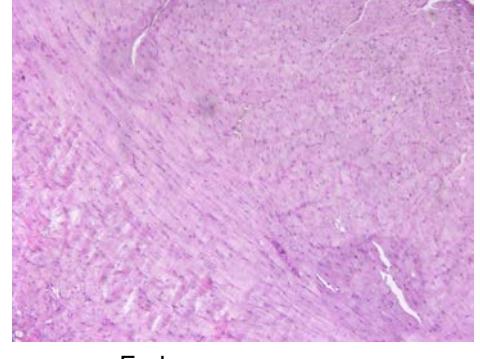
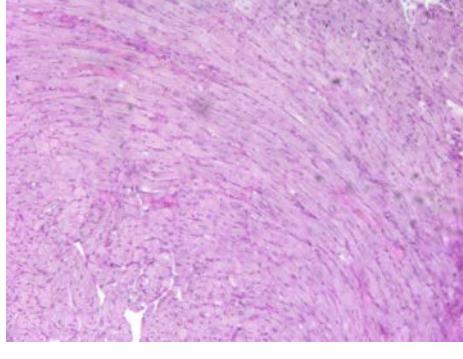
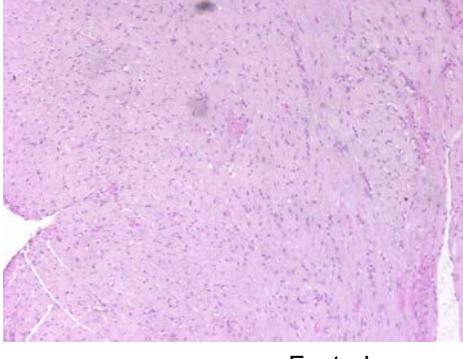


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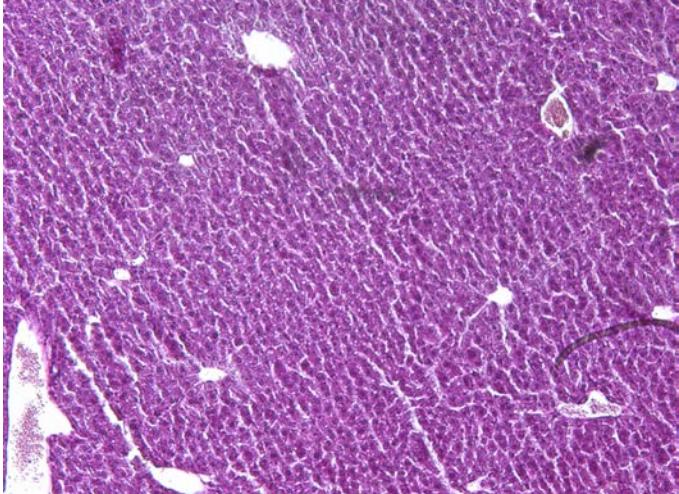


A-cKO



Fasted

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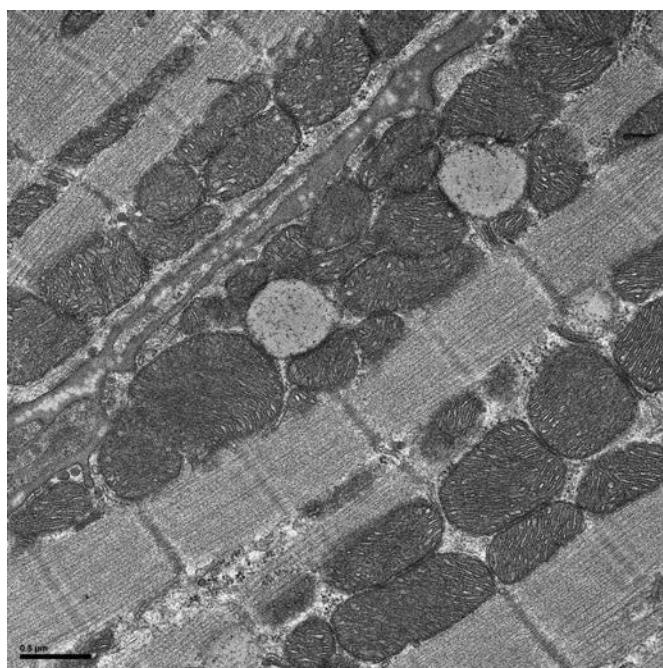
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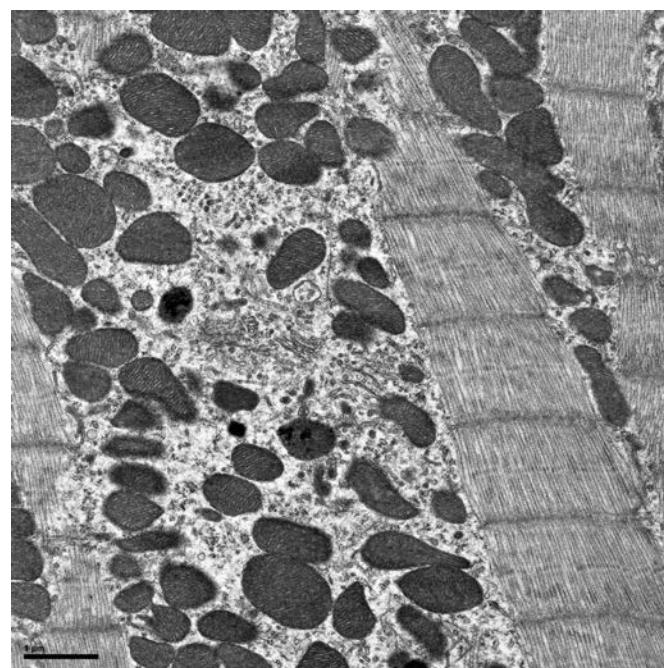
Supplementary Figure 4. Mitochondrial dysfunction in aged KLF4-deficient hearts.

Mice were 9-month old. Scale bars indicate 0.5 μ m. Representative images from 3 animals in each group were shown.

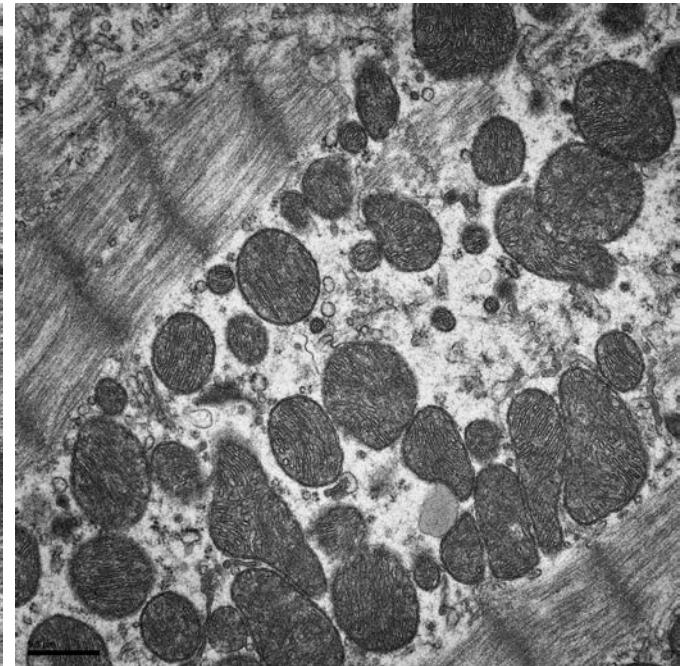
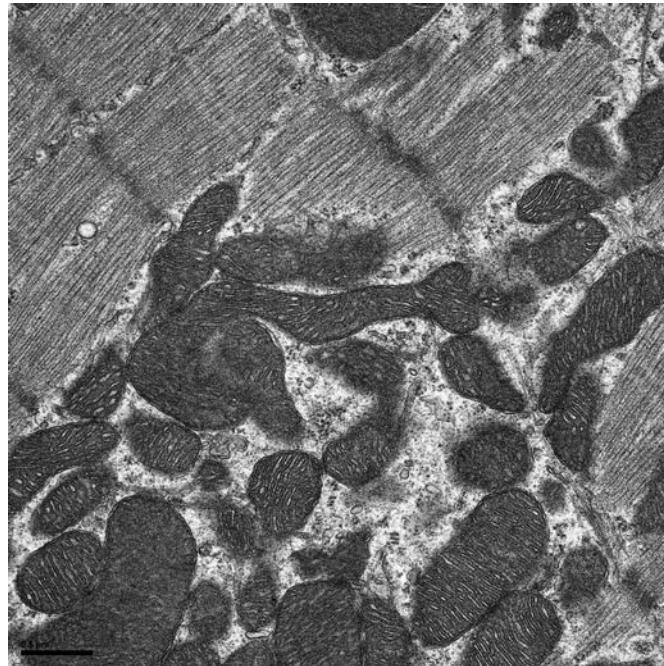
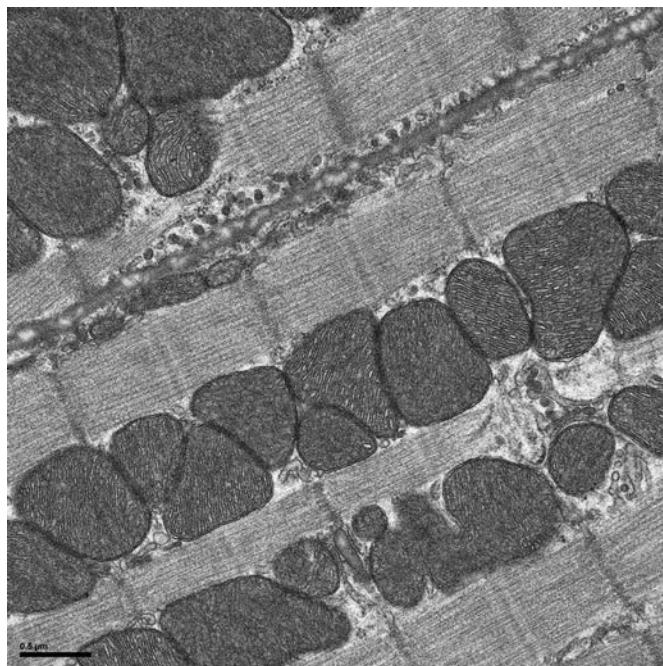
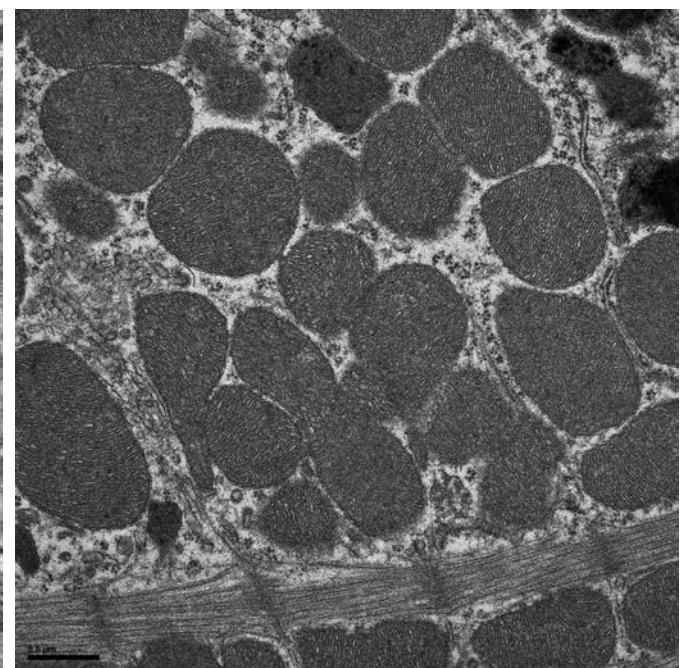
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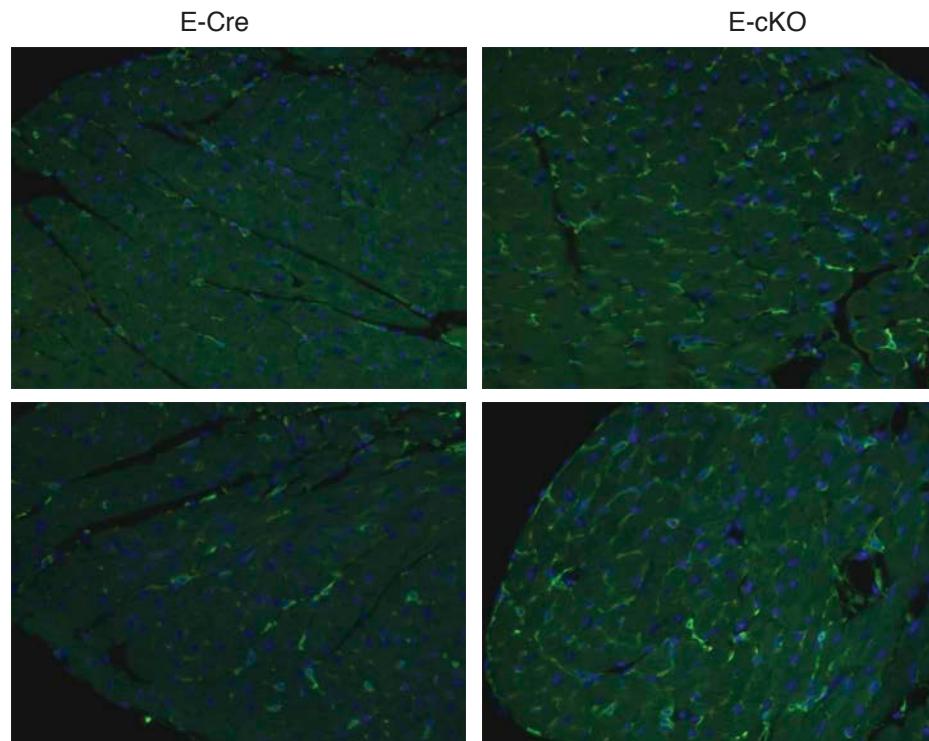
Supplementary Figure 4

Supplementary Figure 5. Normal vascular development and gross structure of E-cKO heart.

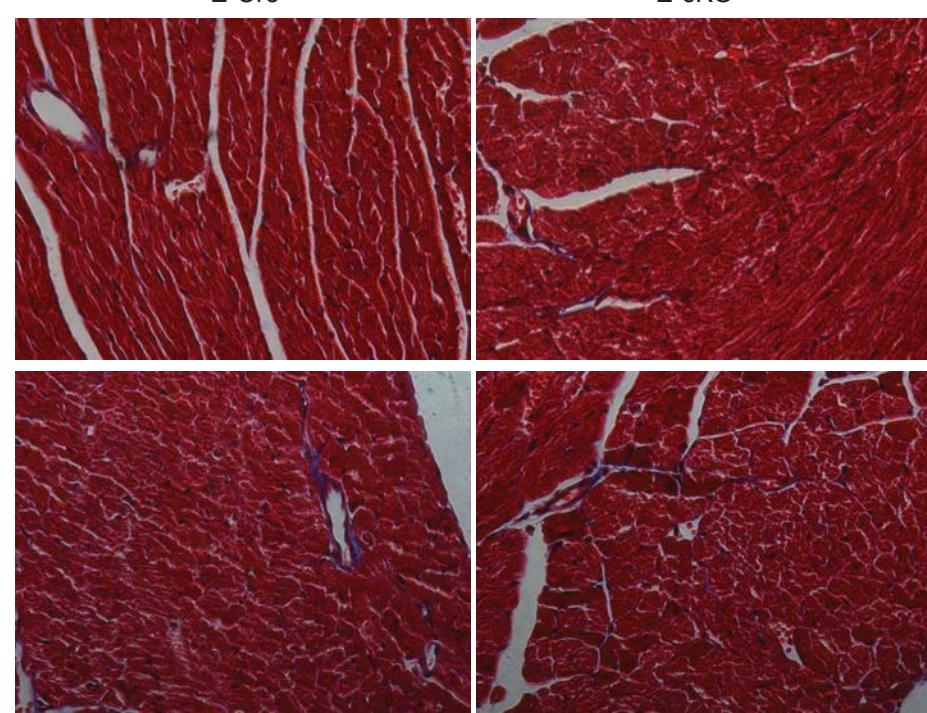
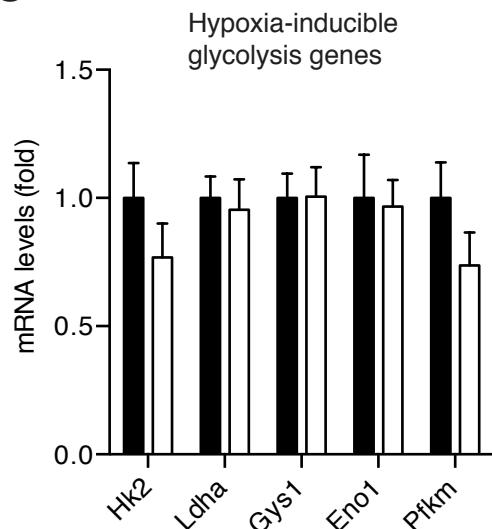
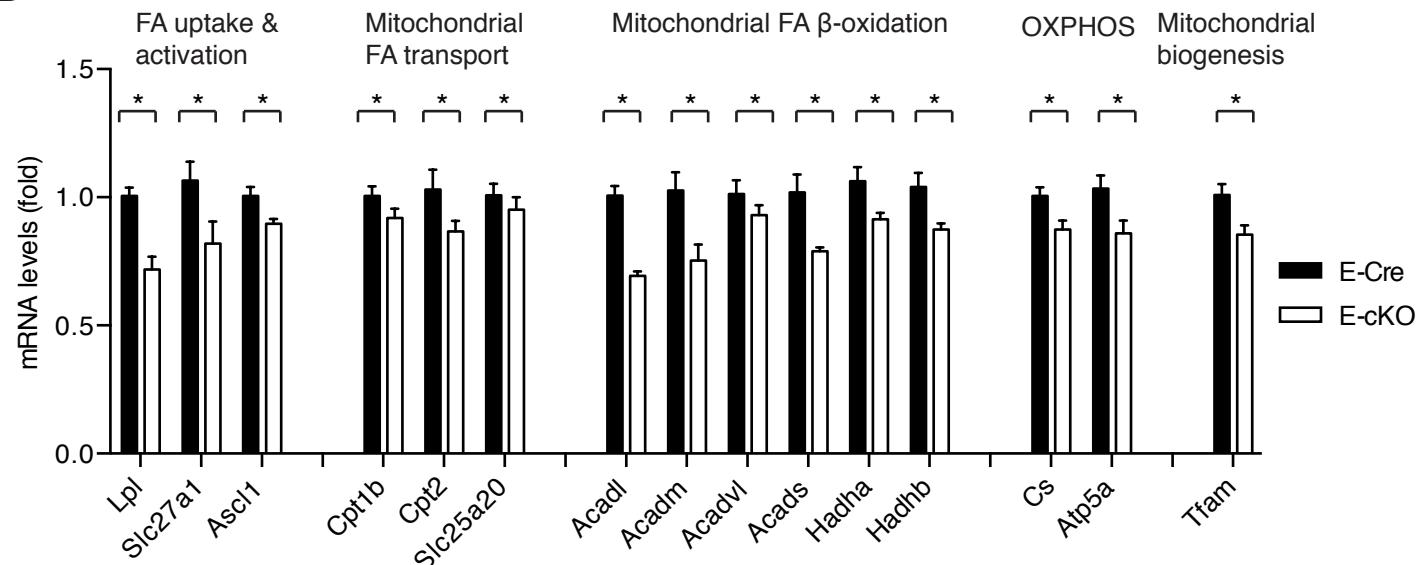
(A) Capillary density revealed by CD34 staining. (B) Trichrome staining to reveal fibrosis. Representative images from 3 pairs of animals were shown. (C) Expression of hypoxia-inducible glycolysis genes. (D) Expression of metabolic and mitochondrial genes. Genes expression was determined in the heart at 2-week of age. n=10 in each group. *p<0.05.

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Vascular Staining (CD34)

**B**

Trichrome Staining

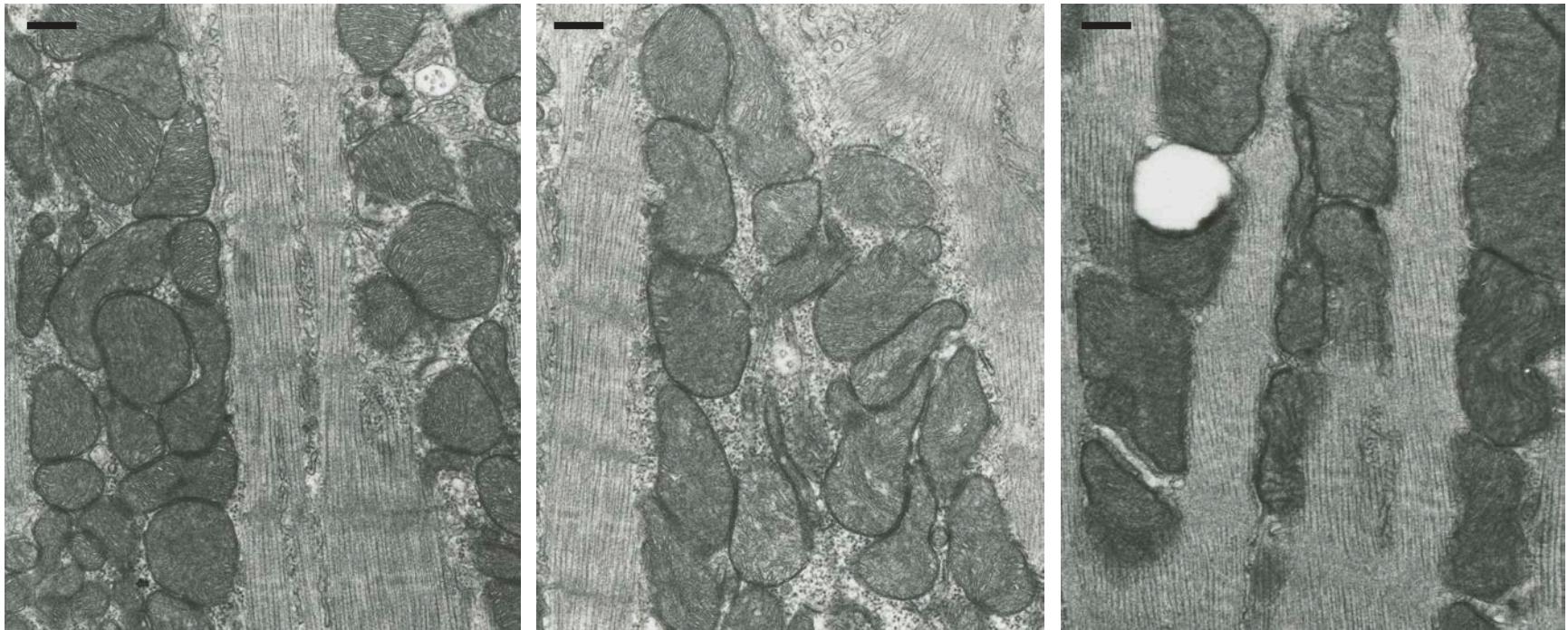
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Supplementary Figure 6. Mitochondrial abnormality in E-cKO hearts at 2-week after birth.

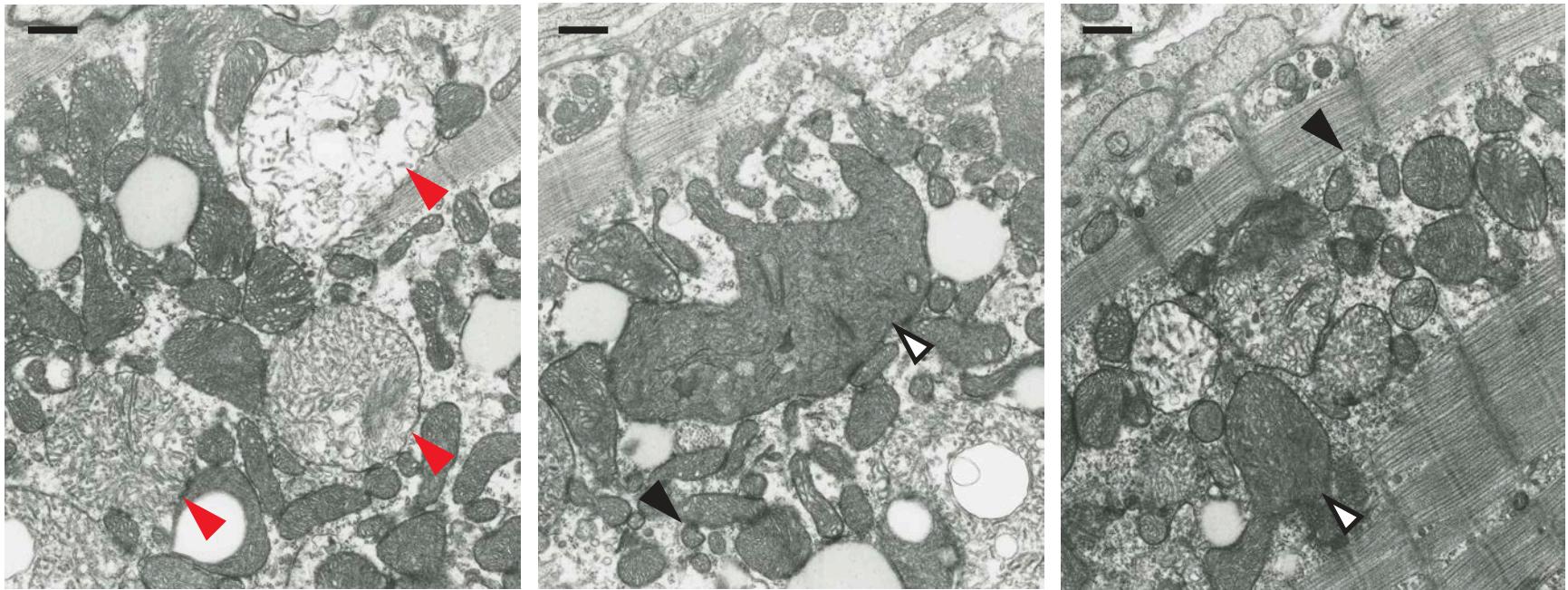
(A) Normal ultrastructure of E-Cre hearts. (B) Abnormality of myocardial ultrastructure in E-cKO hearts showing mitochondrial disarray, degeneration, and altered size and shape of mitochondria. Red arrowheads: degenerated mitochondria. Black arrowheads: fragmented mitochondria. White arrowheads: giant mitochondria. Scale bars indicate 500 nm.

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E-Cre

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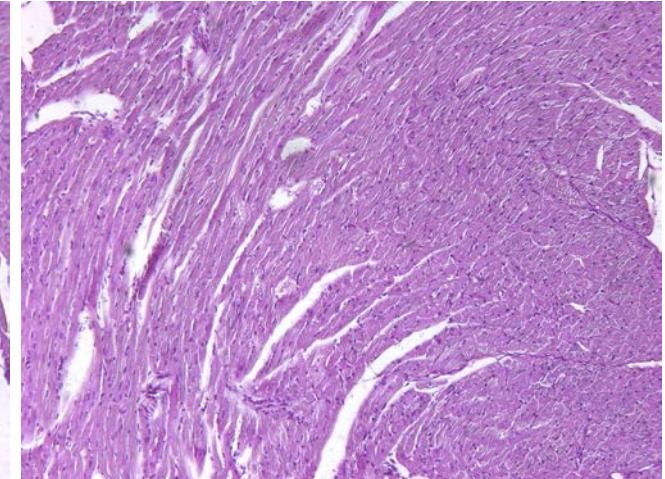
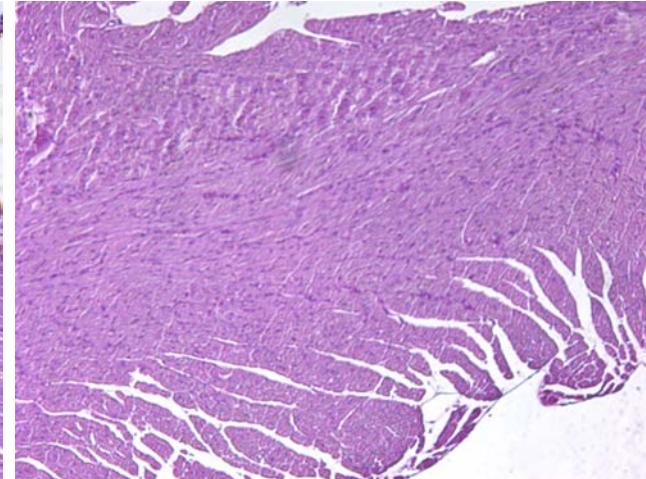
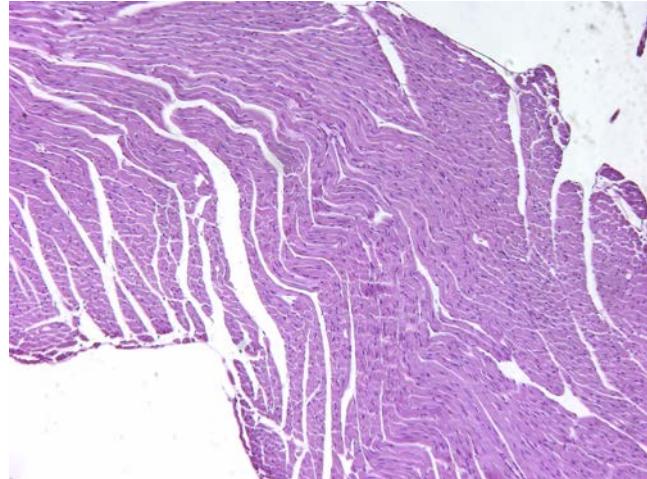


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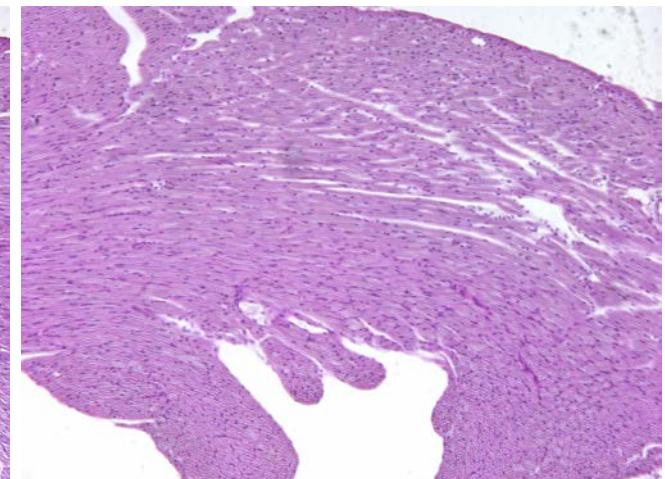
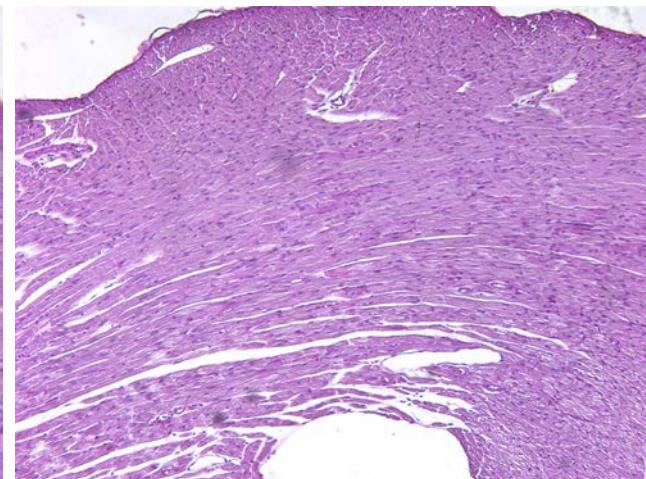
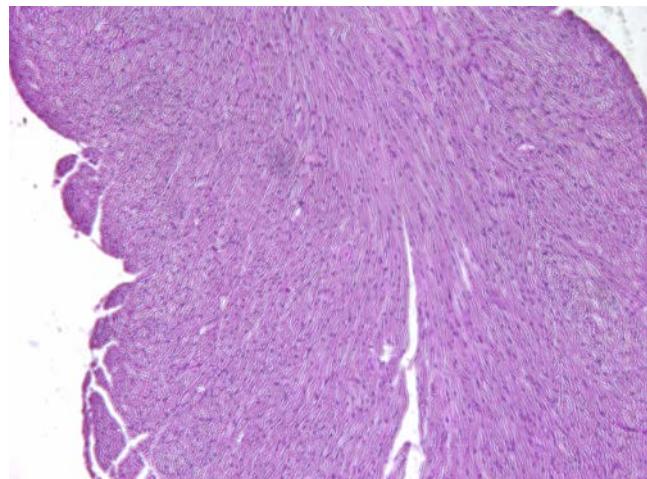
Supplementary Figure 7. Myocardial glycogen content in 3-week-old mice.

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E-Cre



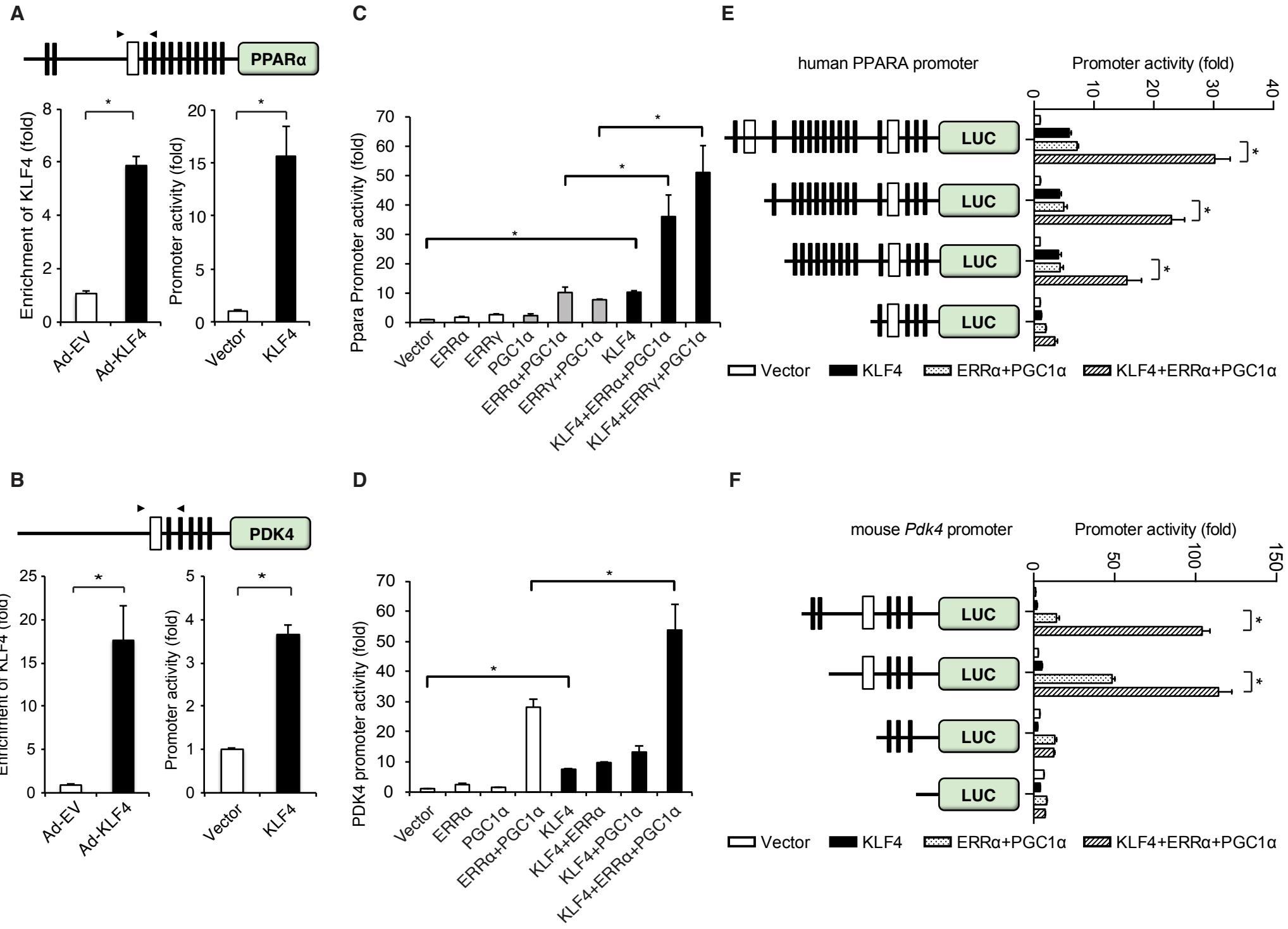
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Supplementary Figure 7

Supplementary Figure 8. Interaction and cooperativity between KLF4 and the ERR/PGC-1 module.

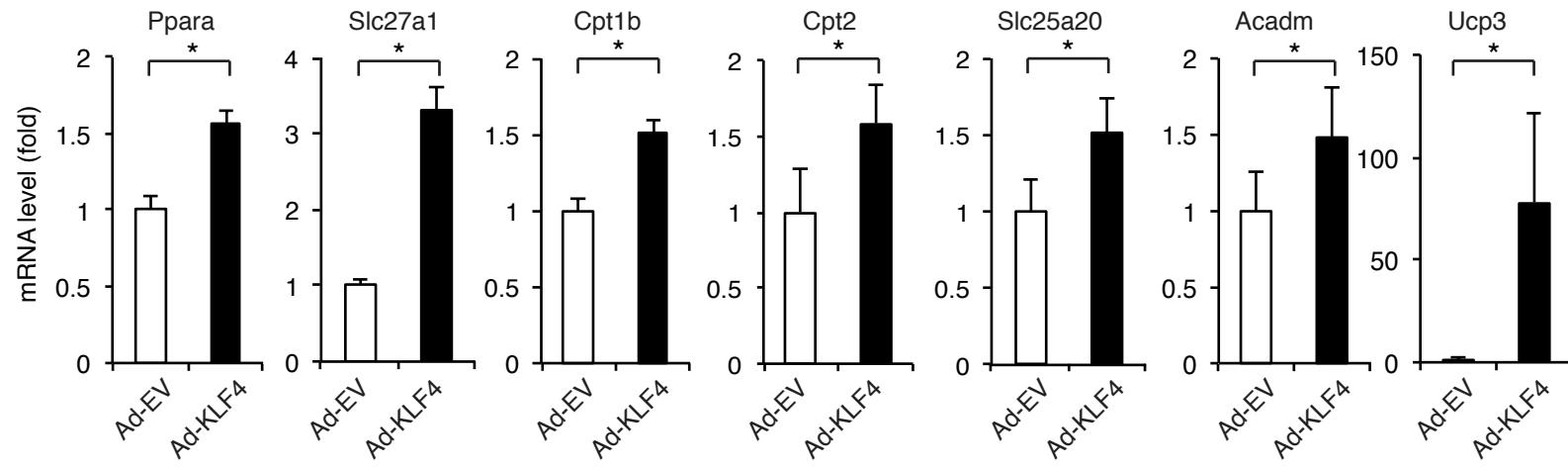
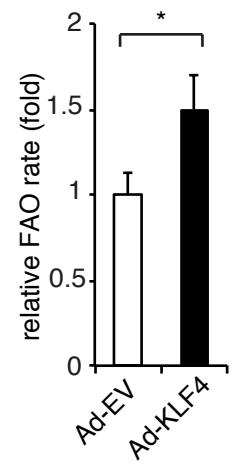
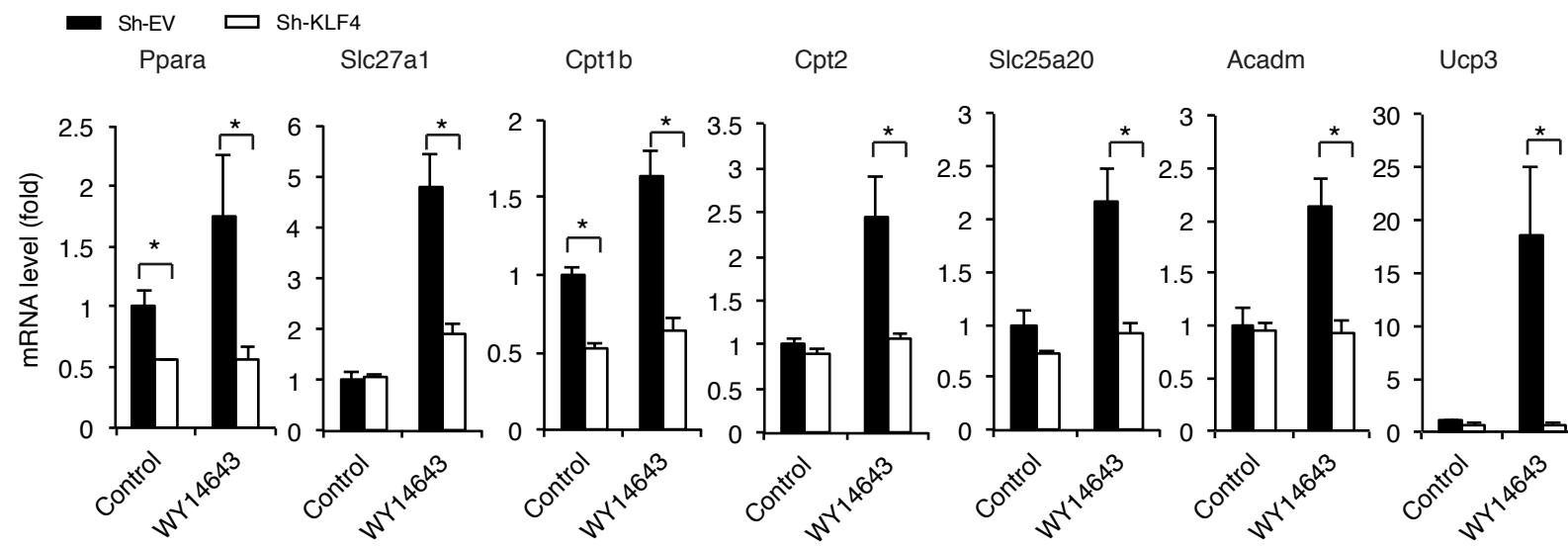
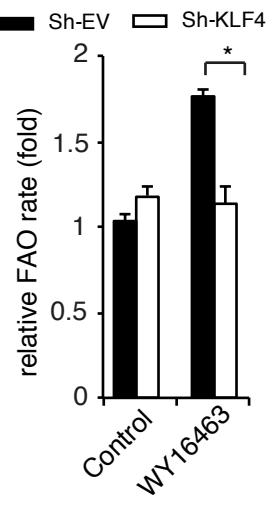
(A, D) Recruitment of KLF4 onto endogenous *Ppara* (A) and *Pdk4* (D) promoters and activation of the promoter reporter. Solid bars indicate KRE and open bar indicates NRRE. Arrow heads indicate PCR regions in ChIP assays. (B, E) Synergistic cooperativity between KLF4 and the ERR/PGC-1 complex on target promoters. (C, F) Promoter truncation analysis. n=3. *p<0.05.



Supplementary Figure 8

Supplementary Figure 9. KLF4 positively regulates and is requisite for PPAR α signaling.

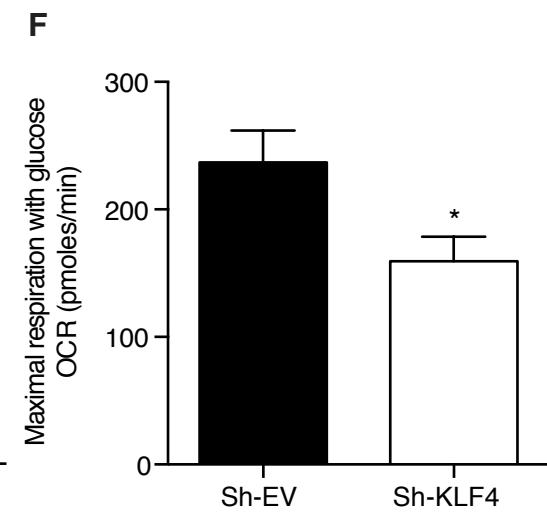
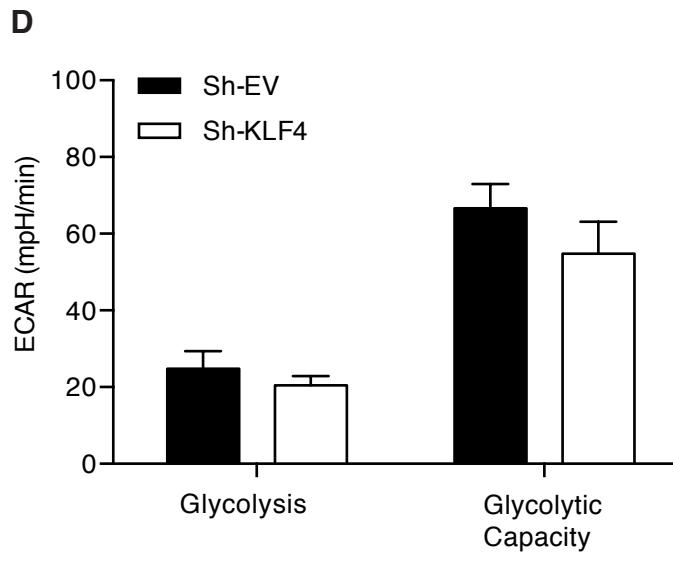
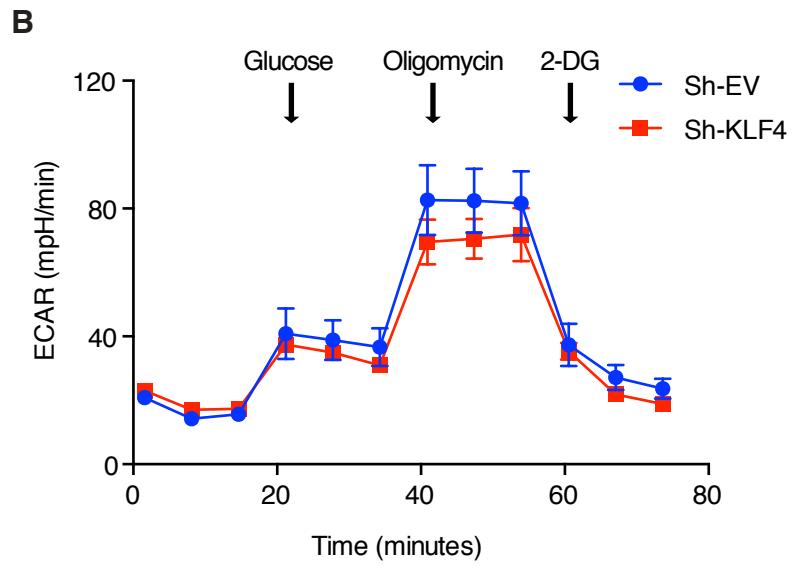
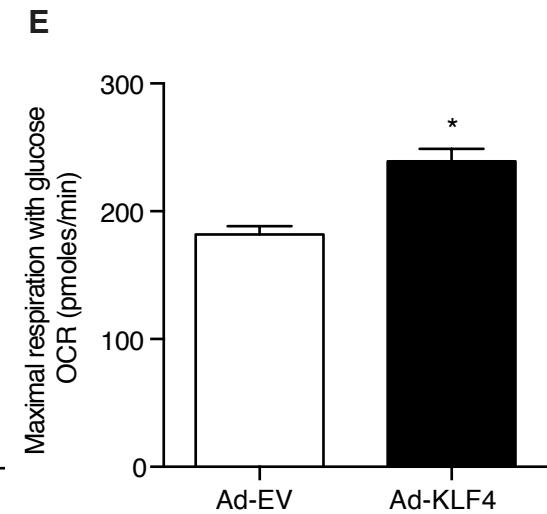
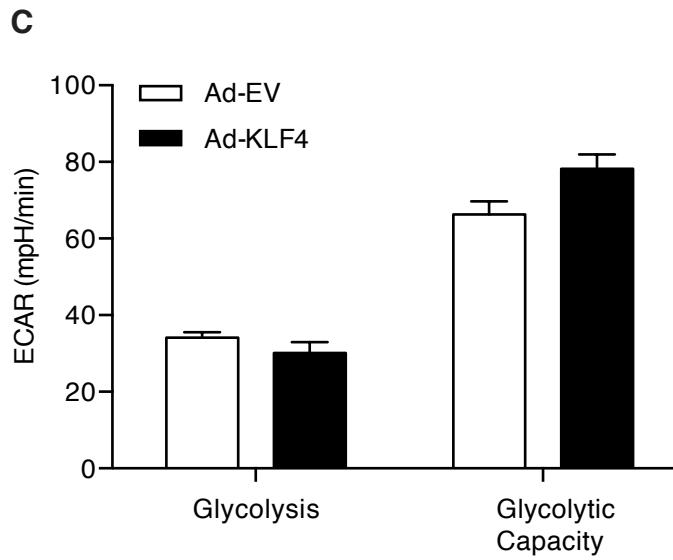
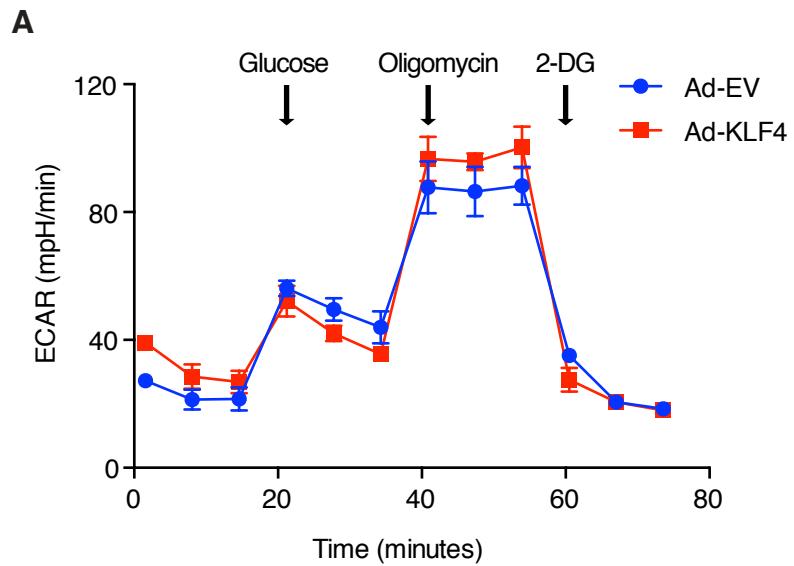
(A, B) Adenoviral overexpression of KLF4 in NRVM induced PPAR α target genes (A) and enhanced FAO (B). (C, D) Adenoviral knockdown of KLF4 in NRVM impaired PPAR α ligand WY14643-induced target genes expression and induction of FAO. NRVM were infected with adenovirus for 48 h before treatment with WY14643 for 16 h. n=3 in each group. *p<0.05.

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Supplementary Figure 10. Effects of KLF4 on cardiac glucose metabolism.

(A, B) Glycolysis assays using the Seahorse glycolysis stress test in NRVM with acute overexpression (A) or knockdown (B) of KLF4. (C, D) Glycolysis rate shown as extracellular acidification rate (ECAR). Basal glycolysis rate was calculated as $\Delta(\text{ECAR}_{\text{glucose}} - \text{ECAR}_{\text{basal}})$. Glycolysis capacity was calculated as $\Delta(\text{ECAR}_{\text{Oligomycin}} - \text{ECAR}_{\text{basal}})$. (E, F) Maximal glucose oxidation rate was calculated from FCCP-induced oxygen consumption rate (OCR) with glucose (25 mmol/L) as the sole substrate using the Seahorse cell mito stress test. n=3 in each group.

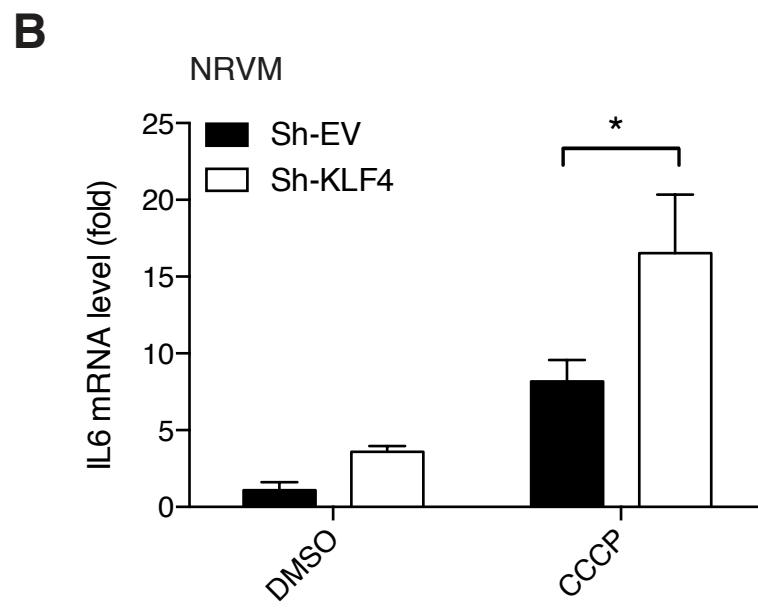
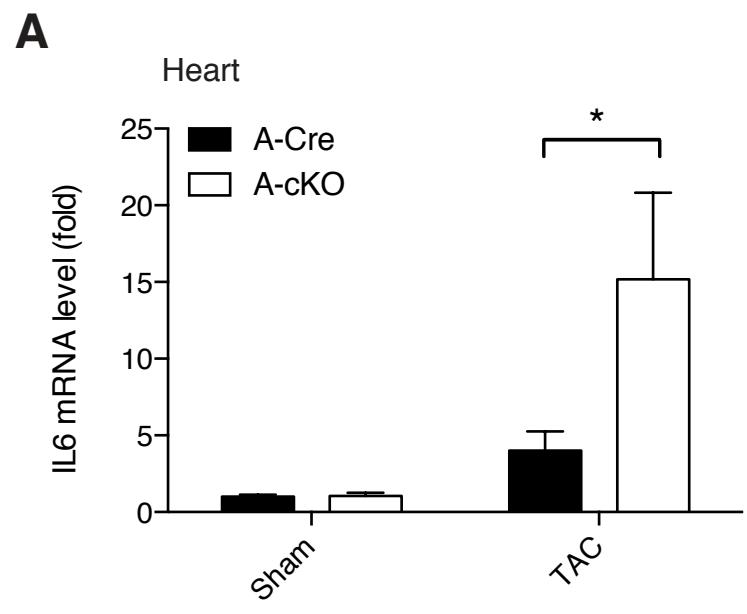
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Supplementary Figure 10

Supplementary Figure 11. Impaired mitophagy was associated with inflammation.

(A) IL6 mRNA expression in KLF4-deficient myocardium. (B) IL6 mRNA expression in KLF4-deficient cardiomyocytes. n=3 in each group. *p<0.05.

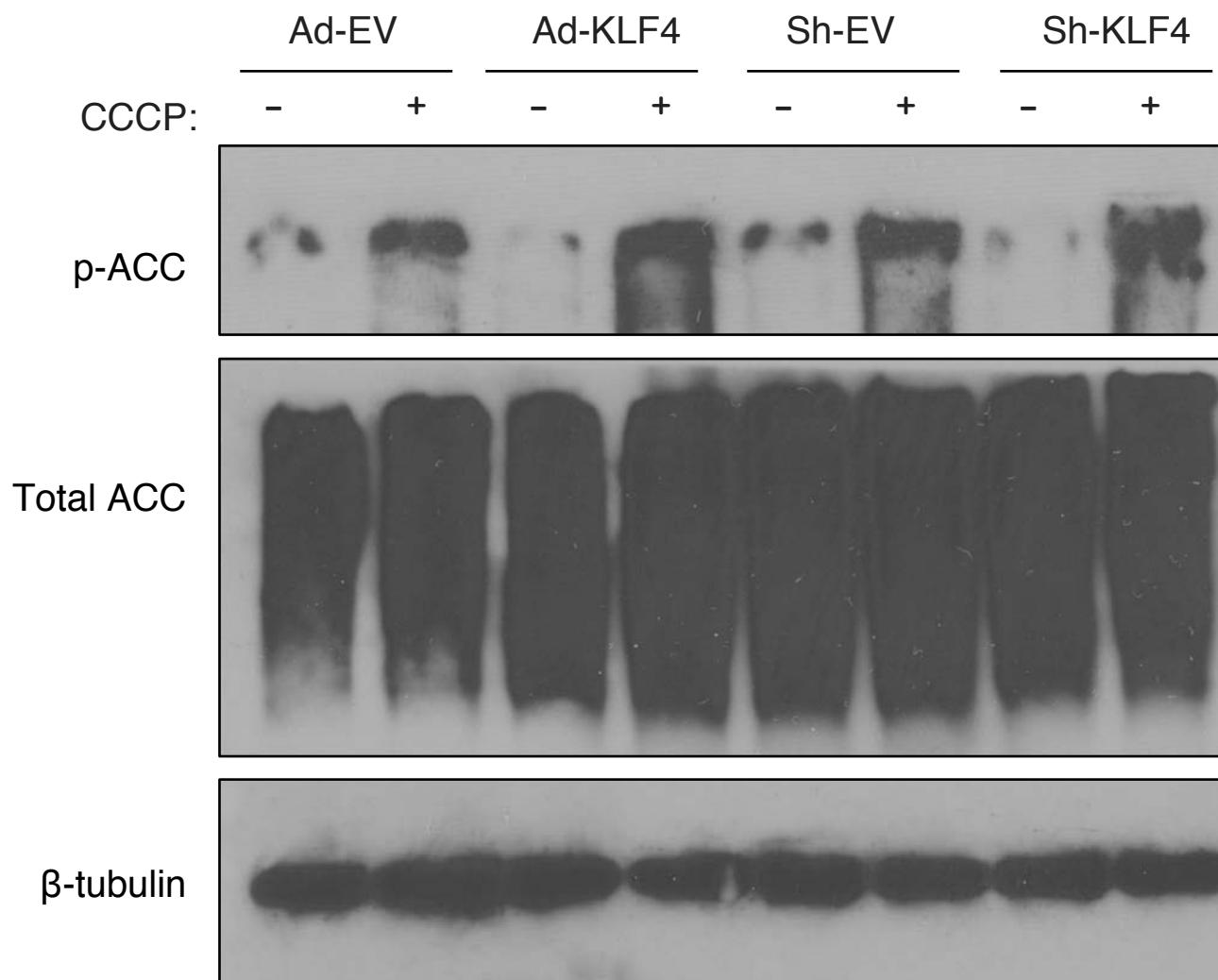


Supplementary Figure 11

Supplementary Figure 12. KLF4 does not affect AMPK-mediated phosphorylation of ACC in NRVM.

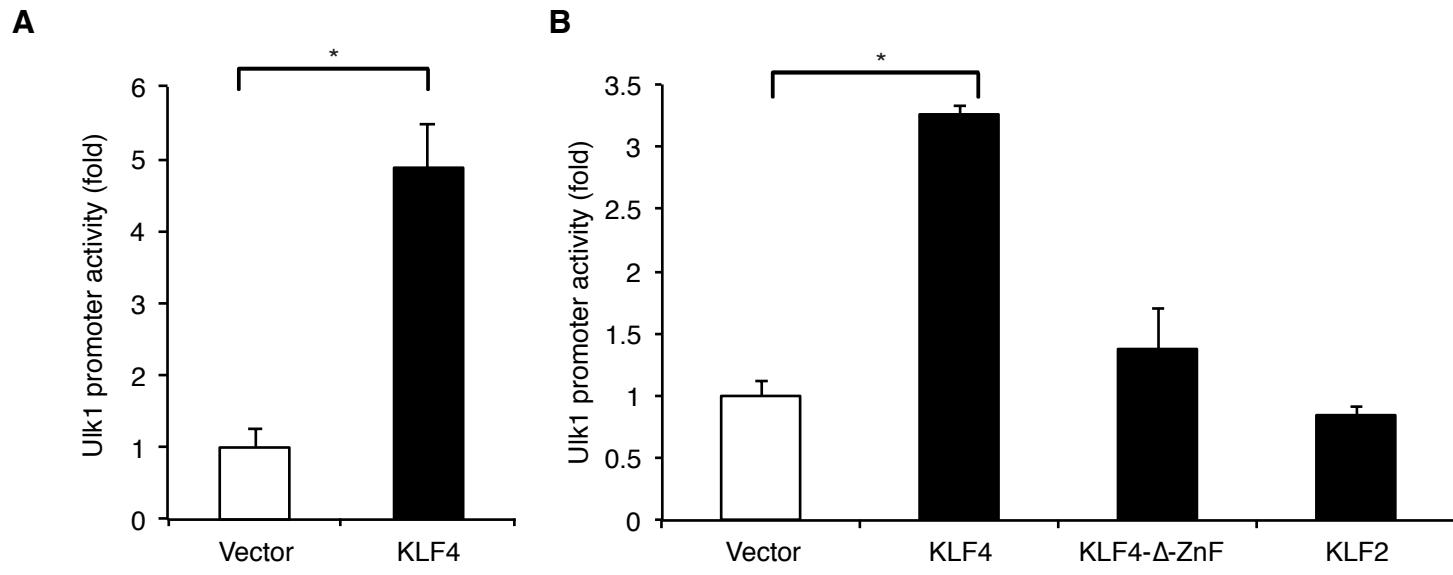
Western blot for total protein of Acetyl-CoA Carboxylase (ACC) and its Ser79-phosphorylated form in NRVM. ACC is a confirmed direct target of AMPK.

NRVM



Supplementary Figure 13. KLF4 directly activates ULK1 promoter.

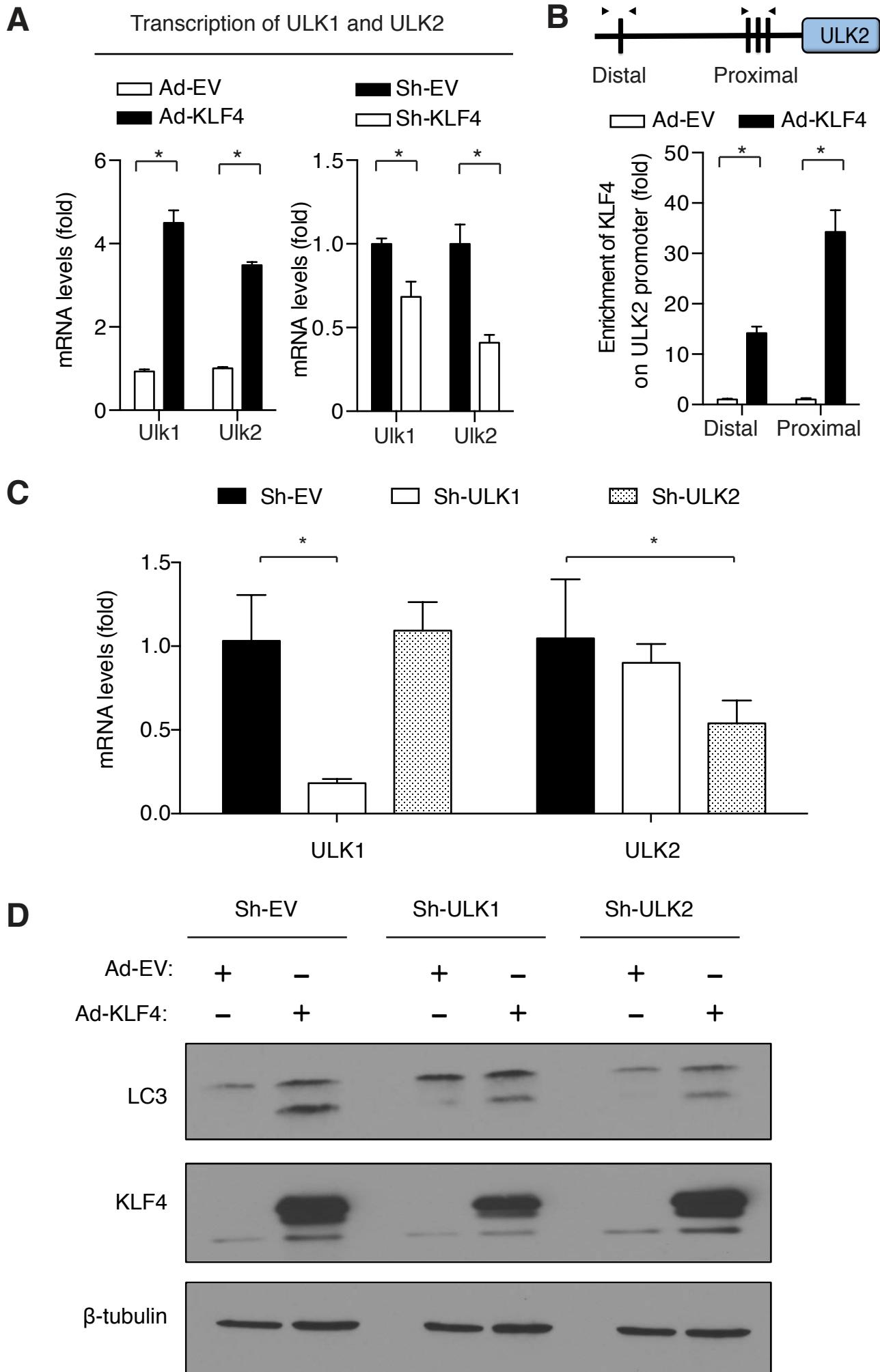
(A) KLF4 activated ULK1 promoter in NRVM. (B) The KLF4-mediated activation of ULK1 promoter requires the DNA binding domain (ZnF) and it is specific to KLF4. Luciferase reporter activity was assayed 24h post transfection. n=3 in each group. *p<0.05.



Supplementary Figure 13

Supplementary Figure 14. KLF4-induced LC3 activation is dependent on ULK1 and ULK2.

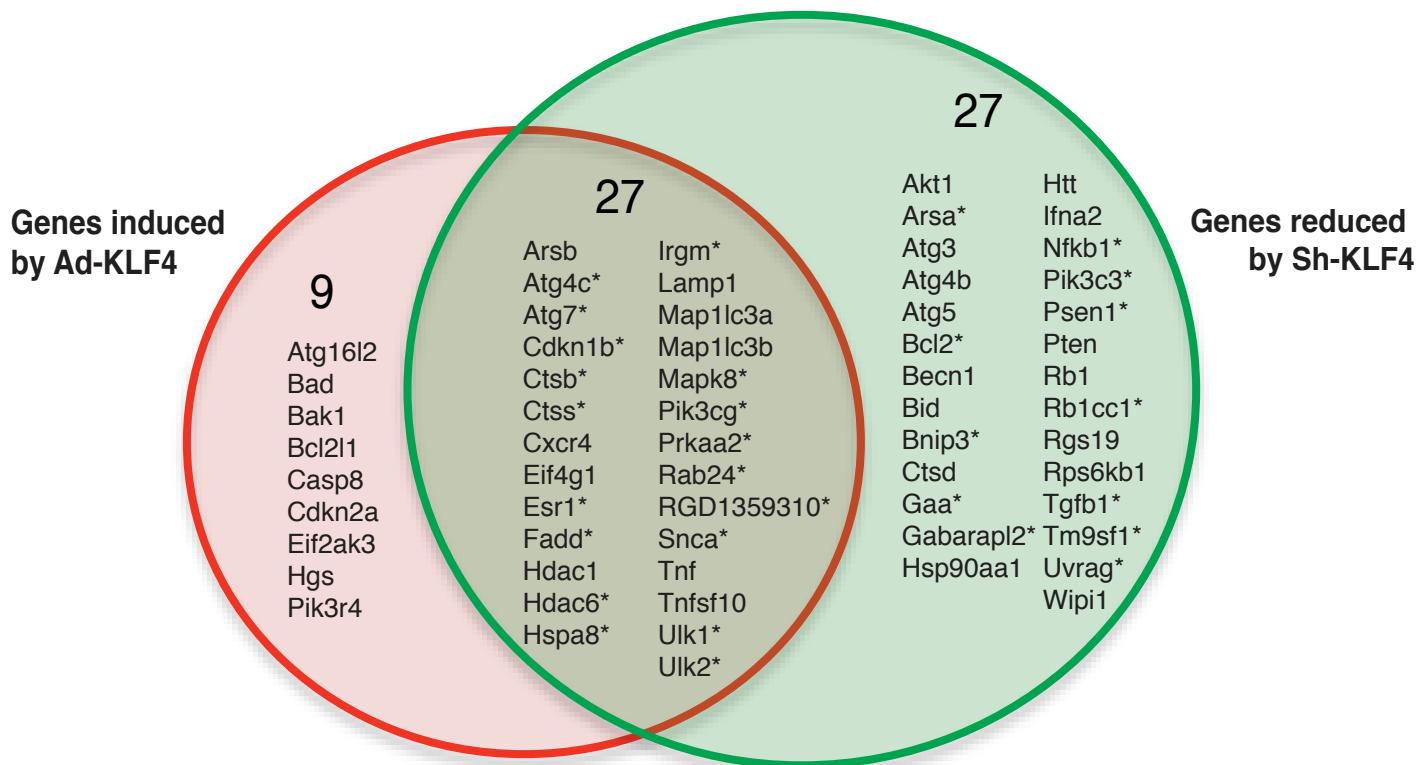
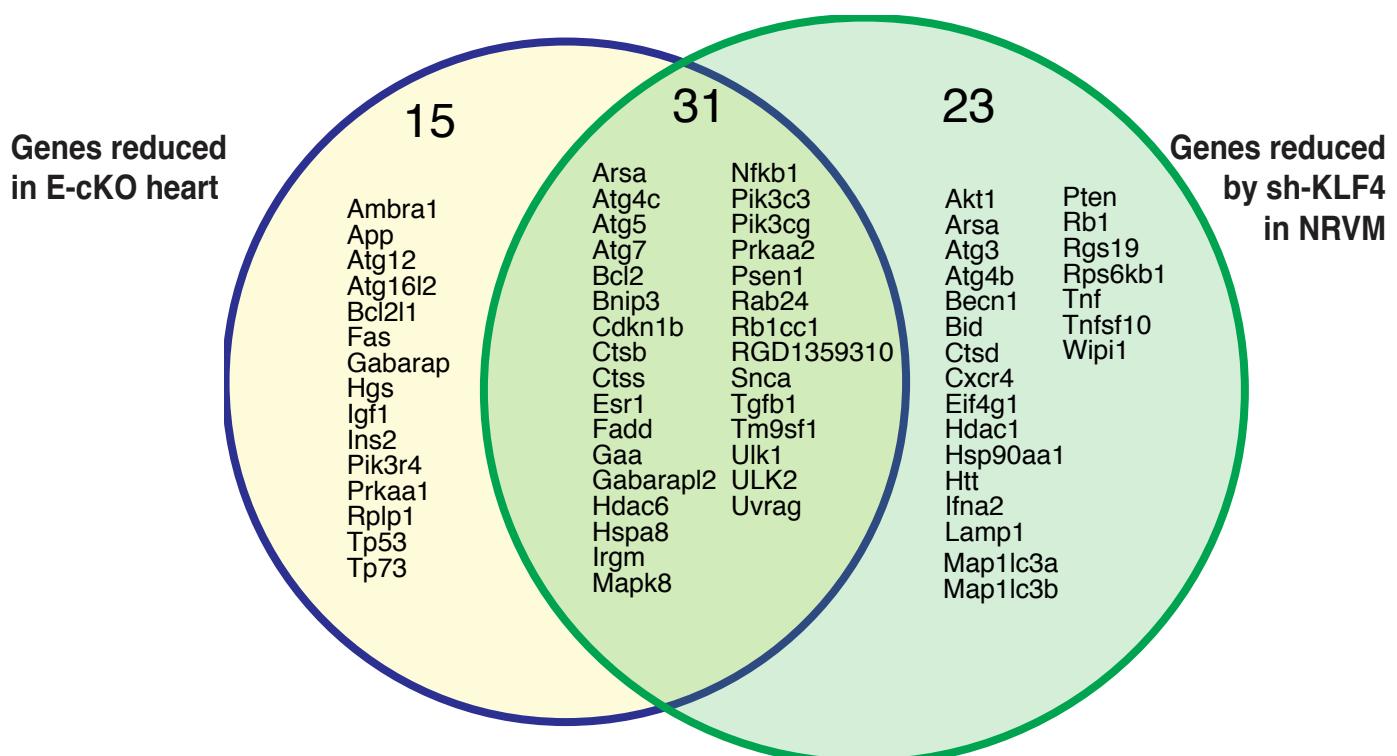
(A) KLF4 regulates transcription of ULK1 and ULK2. (B) KLF4 binds to ULK2 proximal promoter. (C) Adenoviral knockdown of ULK1 and ULK2 in NRVM. (D) Deficiency of ULK1 or ULK2 attenuated KLF4-mediated LC3 activation. NRVMs were infected with scramble shRNA (Sh-EV) or Sh-ULK1, Sh-ULK2 adenovirus for 48 h before secondary infection with adenoviral KLF4. Cells were cultured for another 24 h before harvested for Western blot analysis. *p<0.05, n=6 in each group.



Supplementary Figure 14

Supplementary Figure 15. KLF4 regulates autophagy signaling in cardiomyocytes.

(A) Venn diagram showing genes that were significantly induced by KLF4 overexpression or reduced by KLF4 knockdown (difference over ± 1.5 fold and $p < 0.05$). NRVMs were infected with adenovirus expressing KLF4 mRNA or KLF4-targeting shRNA for 72 h. Corresponding empty viruses (Ad-EV, Sh-EV) were used as control. (B) Venn diagram showing genes that were significantly reduced in KLF4-silencing NRVM *in vitro* and in KLF4 deficient heart *in vivo* (difference over -1.5 fold and $p < 0.05$). *Asterisks indicate genes that are recapitulated *in vivo*. Total RNA was extracted, purified, reverse transcribed into cDNA and subjected to qPCR analysis with the RT² Profiler PCR Array targeting autophagy pathway (Qiagen, PAMM-084Z, PARN-084Z).

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Supplementary Table I. Substrates used for mitochondrial respiration assays.

Substrate	Check point(s)
Palmitoyl-CoA	Palmitoyl-CoA (+carnitine+Malate): requires all steps of mitochondrial fatty acid transport and oxidation (FAO), TCA and ETC.
Palmitoyl-carnitine	Palmitoyl-carnitine (+Malate): bypasses mitochondrial carnitine palmitoyl transferase 1 (CPT1) as the limiting step of fatty acid mitochondrial transport, uses long-chain acyl dehydrogenase (LCAD), and requires TCA, ETC.
Octanoyl-carnitine	Octanoylcarnitine (+Malate): bypasses CPT1, uses medium-chain acyl dehydrogenase (MCAD), and requires TCA, ETC.
Acetyl-carnitine	Acetylcarnitine (+Malate): bypasses FAO, CPT1, uses carnitine acylcarnitine translocase (CACT) and requires TCA, ETC.
Pyruvate	Pyruvate (+Malate): uses pyruvate transporter and dehydrogenase, produces NADH from TCA, and NADH is oxidized through ETC.

Supplementary Table II. Primer sequences for quantitative real-time PCR.

qPCR primers for mouse genes

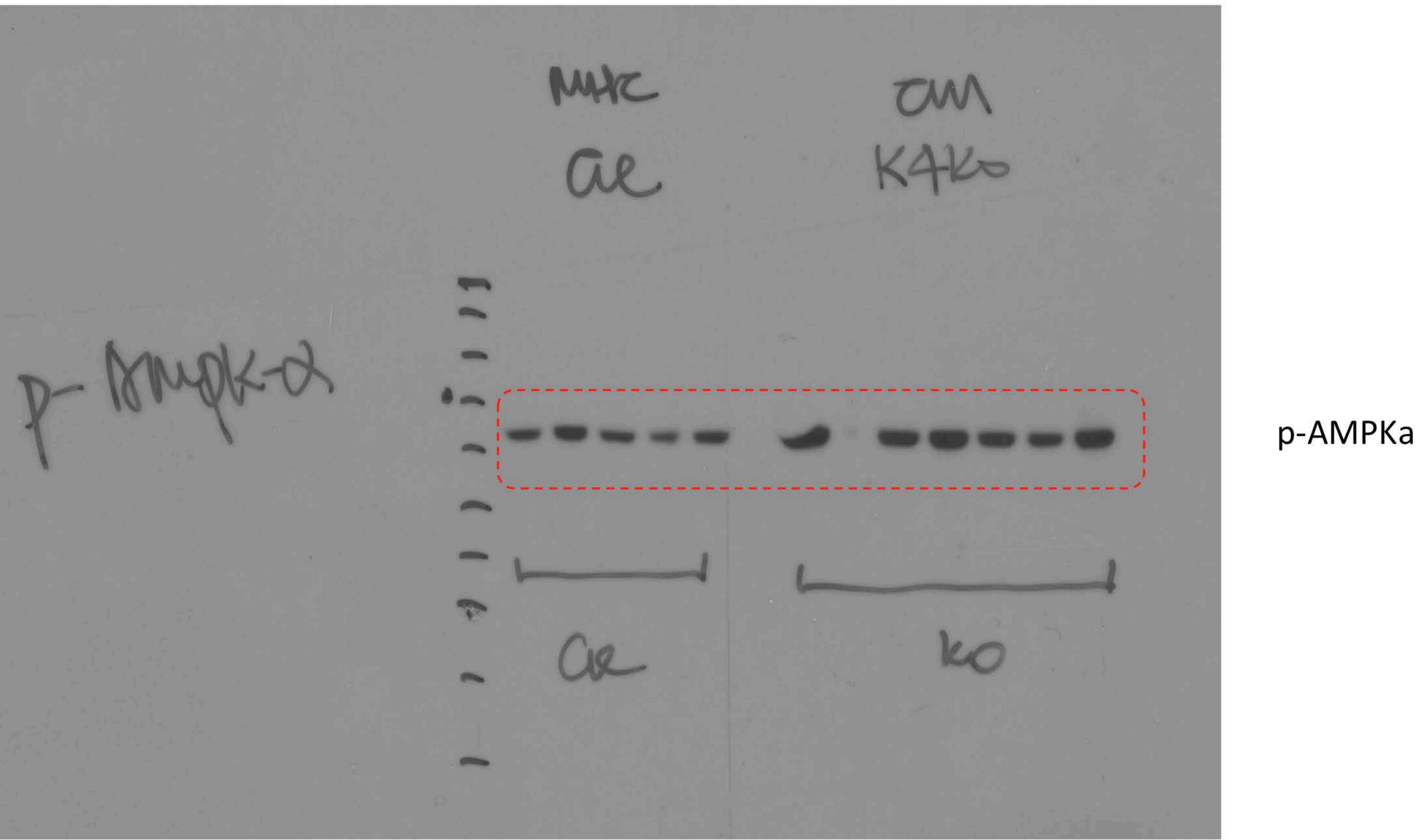
qPCR primers for rat genes

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ACSL1	Acsl1	ttacacacgggggacattg	tccctgcgataatcttcaagggt	acyl-CoA synthetase long-chain family member 1
ATP6	mt-Atp6	taagcataggccatcccccta	ttagtttgtcgaaagcctaga	ATP synthase 6, mitochondrial
CO3	mt-Co3	taaacccaaagccatgacc	agccggatgtaaatgtaaagagc	cytochrome c oxidase III, mitochondrial
COX5b	Cox5b	gaatagtggctgcatactgt	gggcaccaactgttaatgtt	cytochrome c oxidase subunit Vb
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ERRAlpha	Esrra	cttccctgttgtctctgt	cacccggcgtaatcg	estrogen related receptor, alpha
FATP1	Slc27a1	gggttgtcaagccagaga	caaaggcagcccaatcgag	solute carrier family 27 (fatty acid transporter), member 1
HadhA	Hadha	ggcagtctcgtcgcttctc	aaagctgtggcaatgcgc	hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase/3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase/enoyl-CoA hydratase (trifunctional protein), alpha subunit
Hadhb	Hadhb	cttttagtggctgcctgtc	ttaggttaggcctccacaatc	hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase/3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase/enoyl-CoA hydratase (trifunctional protein), beta subunit
KLF4	Klf4	ccgtcccttcacgttc	gagttcccttcgcacaa	Kruppel-like factor 4 (gut)
LCAD	Acadl	gcagttacttggaaagagcaa	ggccatgacaataatctgaatgg	acyl-CoA dehydrogenase, long chain
MCAD	Acadm	gggacttaggttttagctcgag	ccggacaaattgttggaaactc	acyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase, medium chain
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PGC1alpha	Ppargc1a	aaaggcccaagcagagaga	gttaaatcacacggcgtt	peroxisome proliferative activated receptor, gamma, coactivator 1 alpha
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POLRM	Polrmt	cgtgtctgcataaggacttc	gcagctgtgttggaaaagg	polymerase (RNA) mitochondrial (DNA directed)
PPARalpha	Ppara	tggggactacccatgtttaggg	gtctggaggggggtgtctgt	peroxisome proliferator activated receptor alpha
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UCP3	Ucp3	cccctacactgtatgttgg	agaaaggggcatgaatcc	ncoupling protein 3 (mitochondrial, proton carrier)
ULK1	Ulk1	ccagttgtcacaggggagg	cataaaacaggcgcaatcc	unc-51 like kinase 1
ULK2	Ulk2	cacagaaacgaccaatggat	ggcataatgcacacaaca	unc-51 like kinase 2
GAPDH	Gapdh	gttggcaatgtctcaatgaca	tccaccacccctgtgtgt	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase
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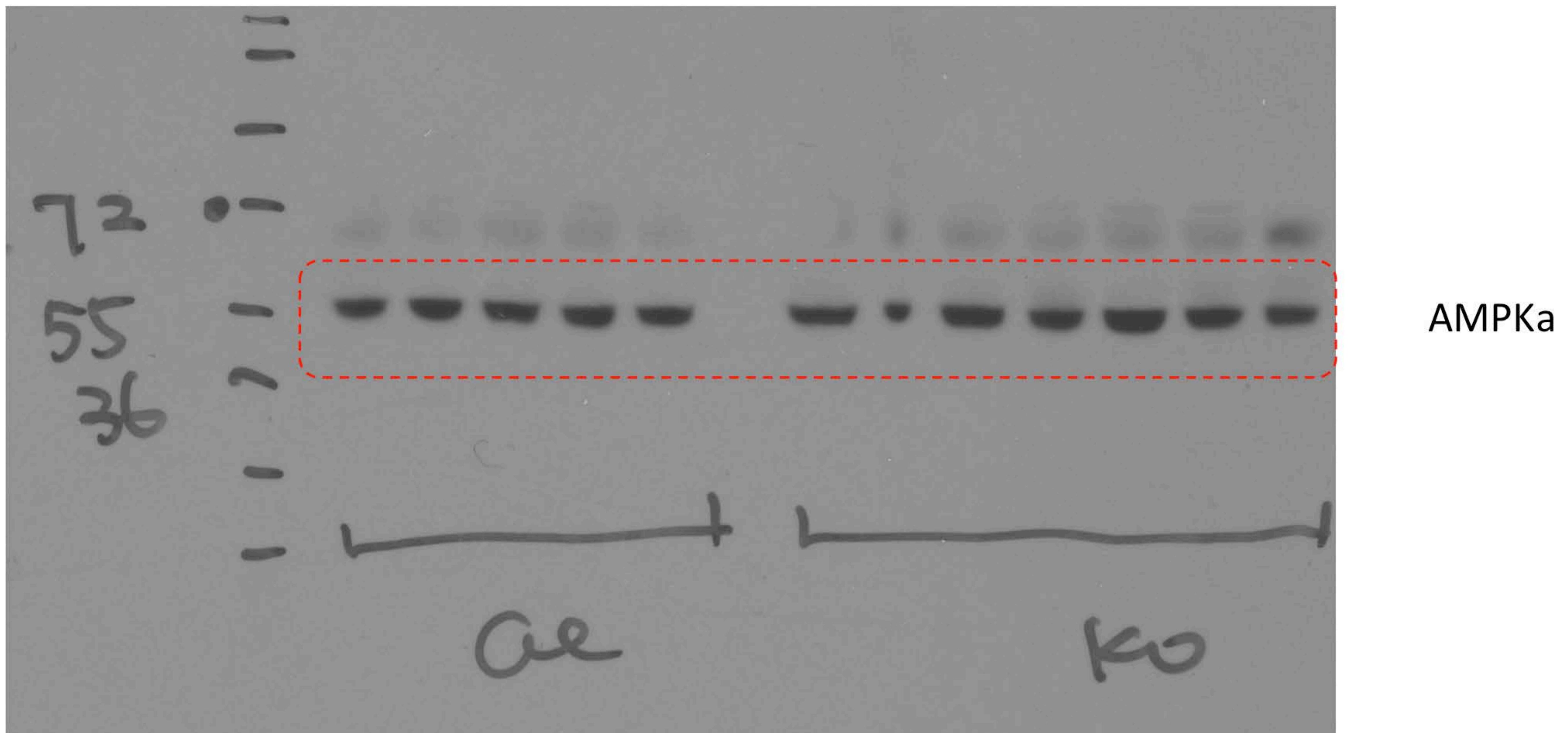
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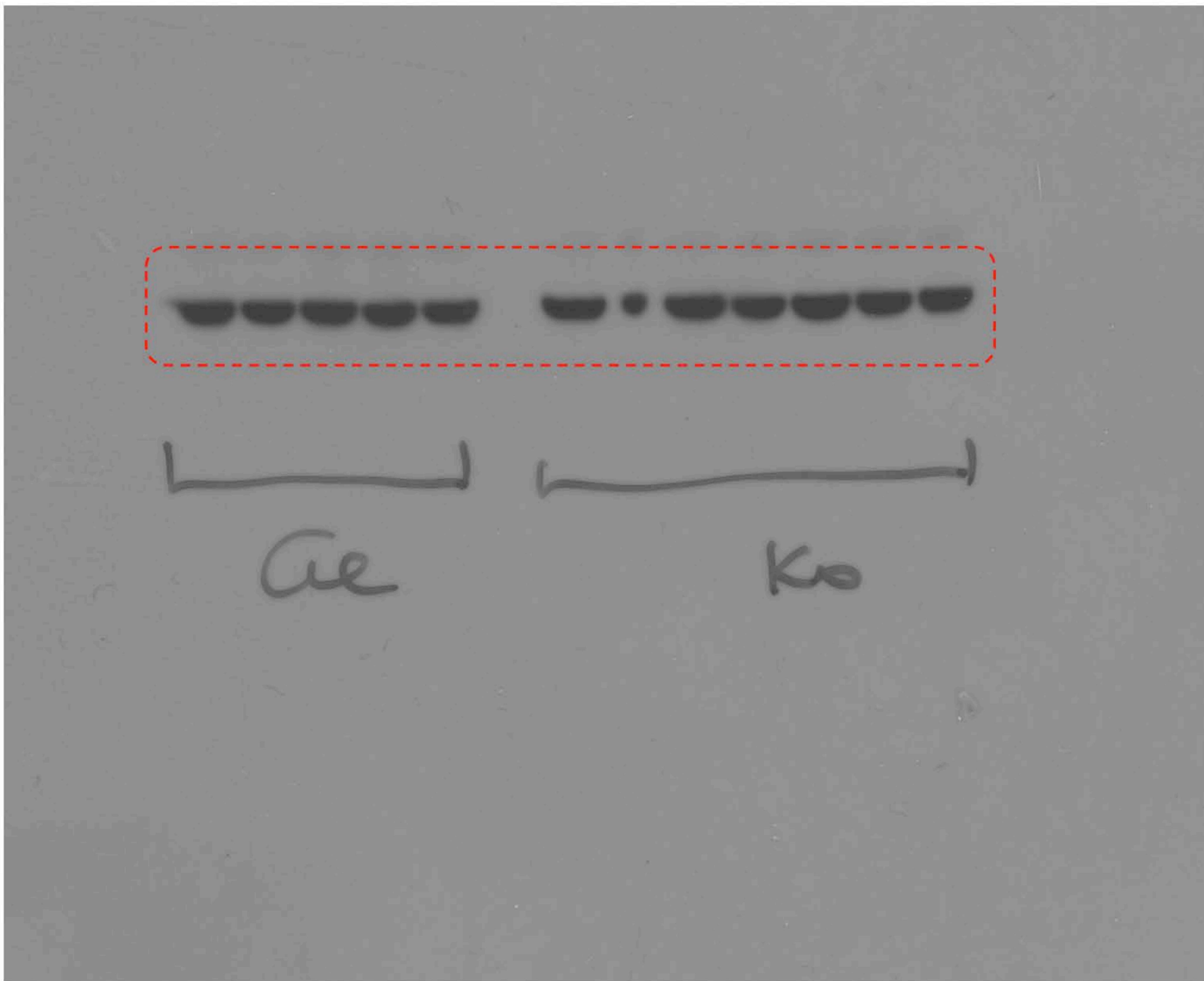
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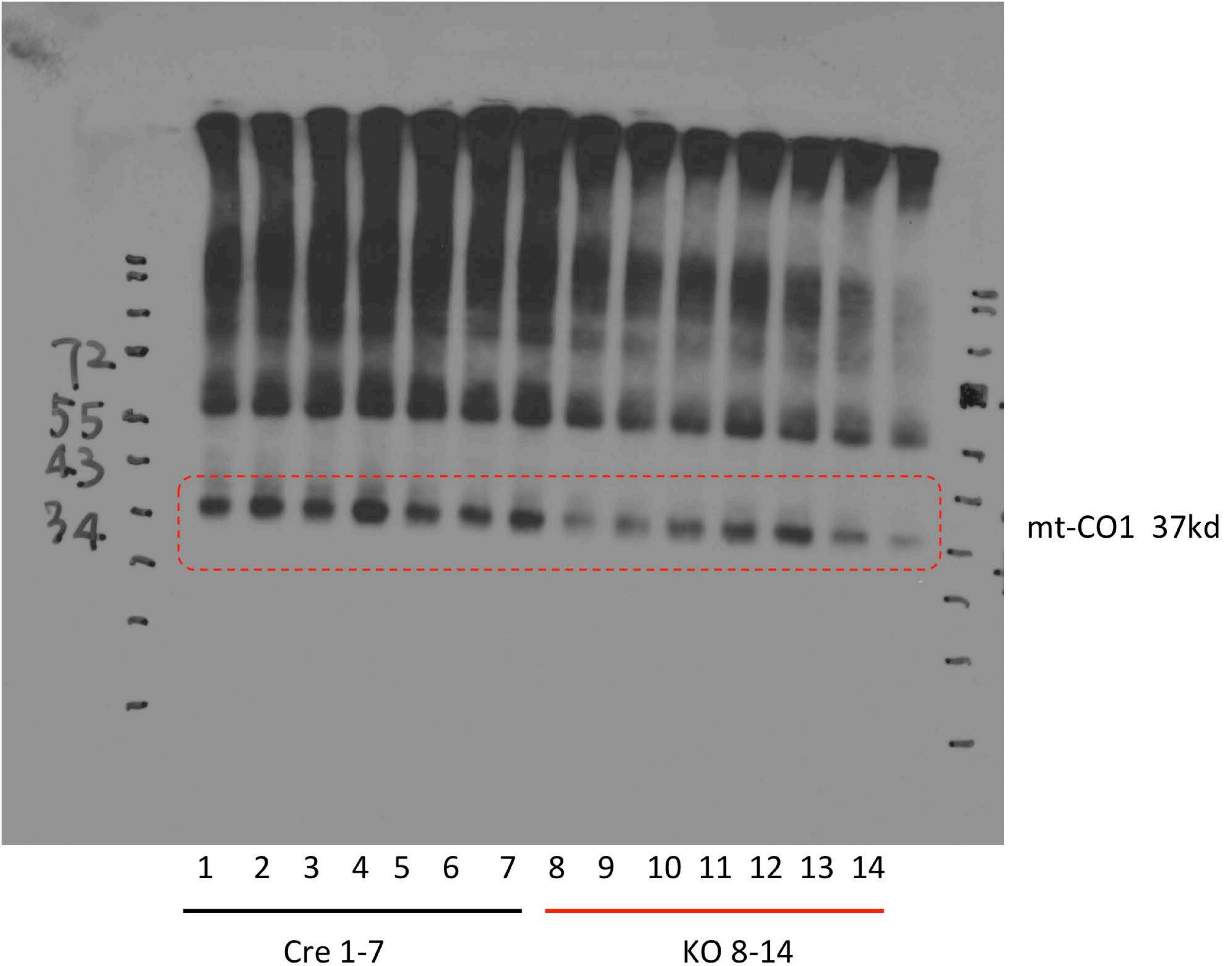


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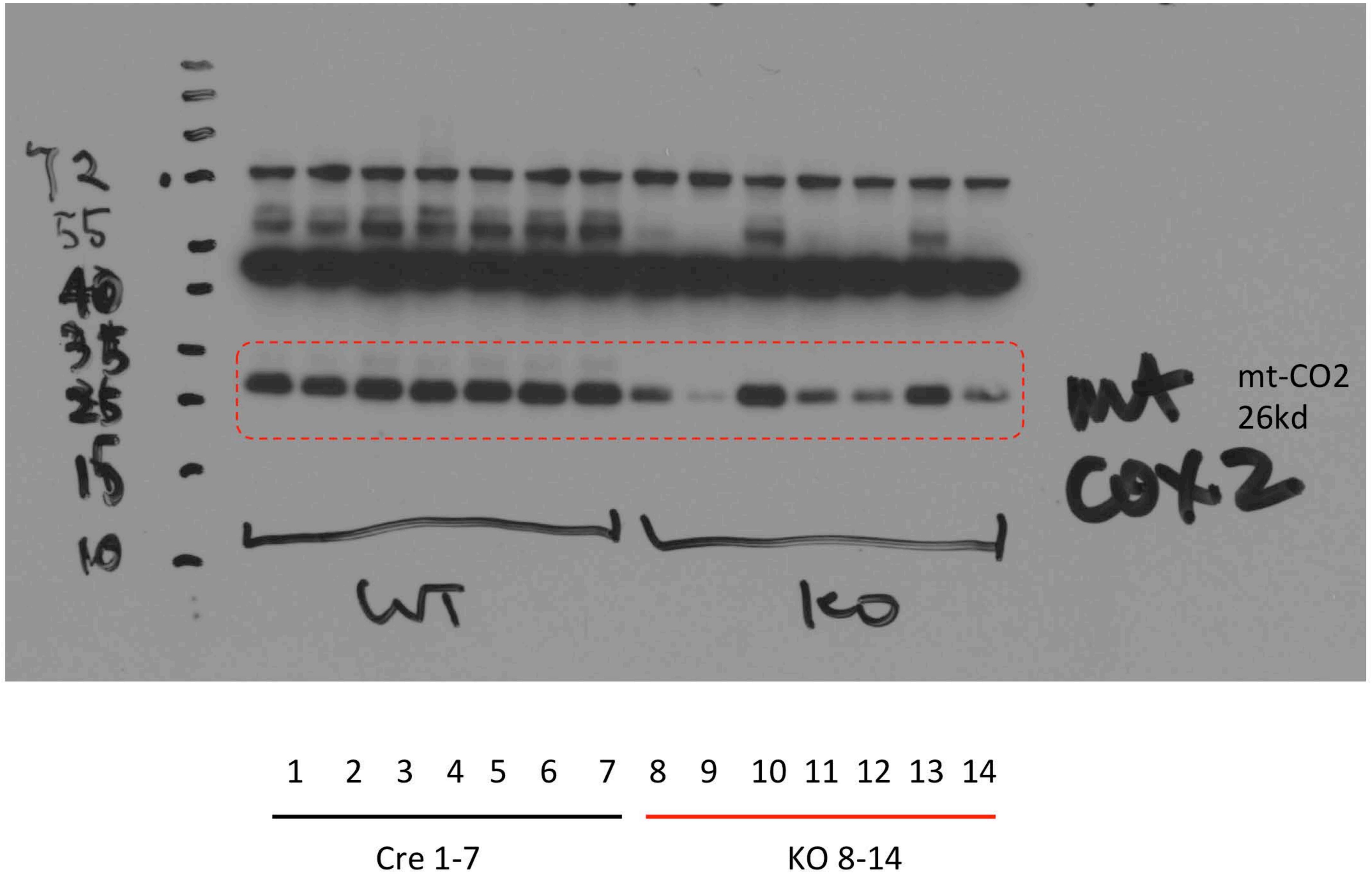


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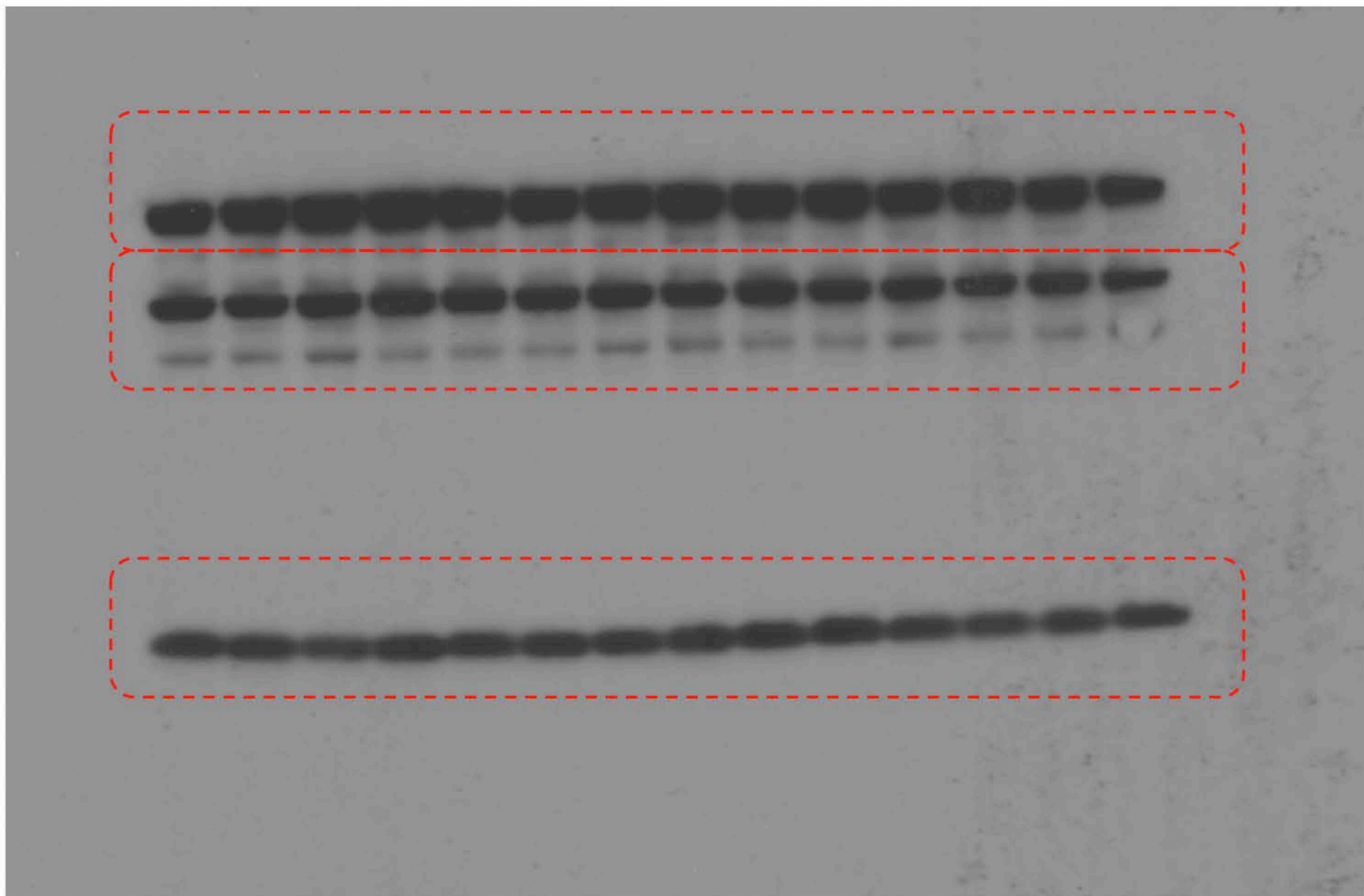
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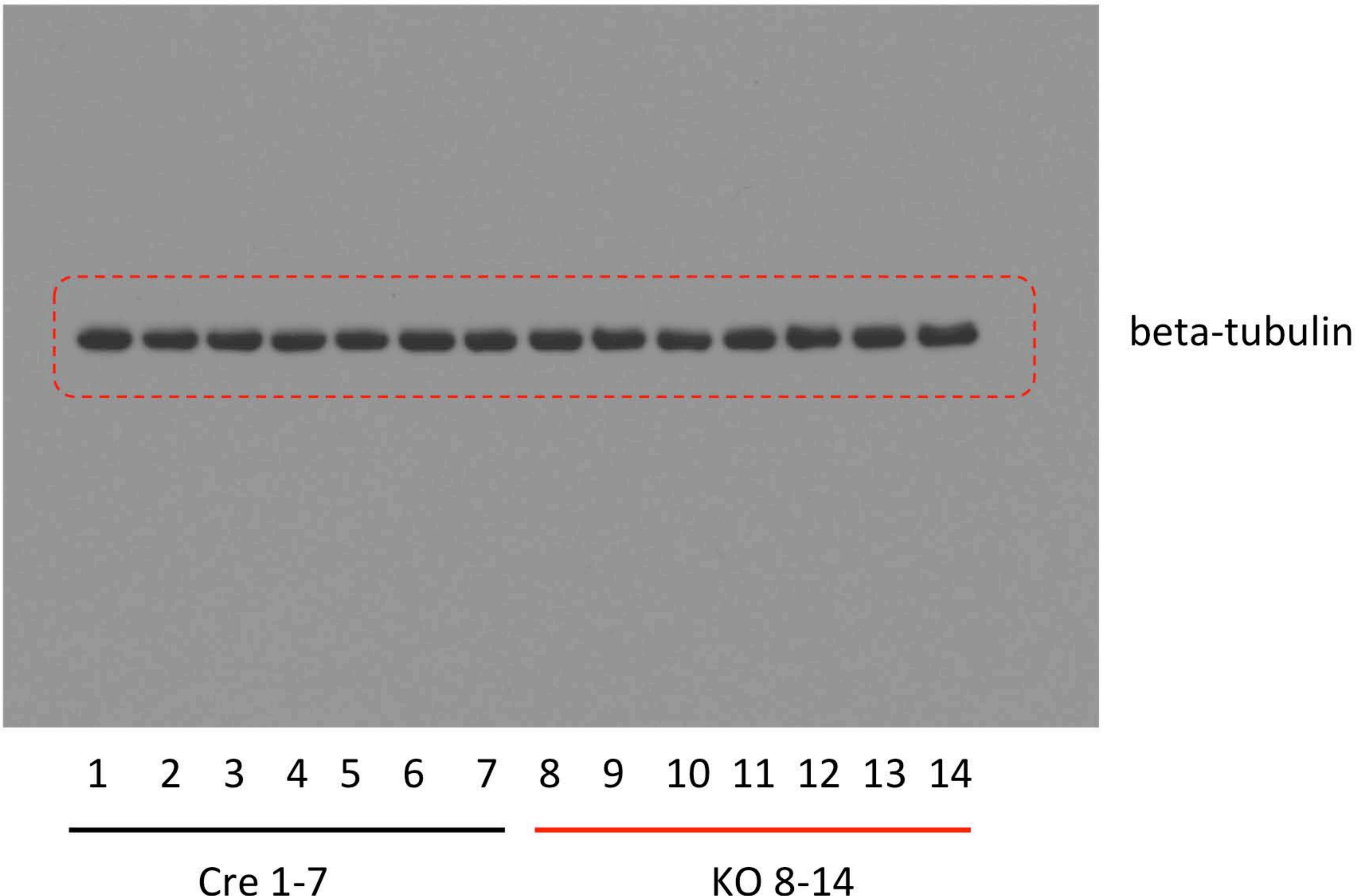


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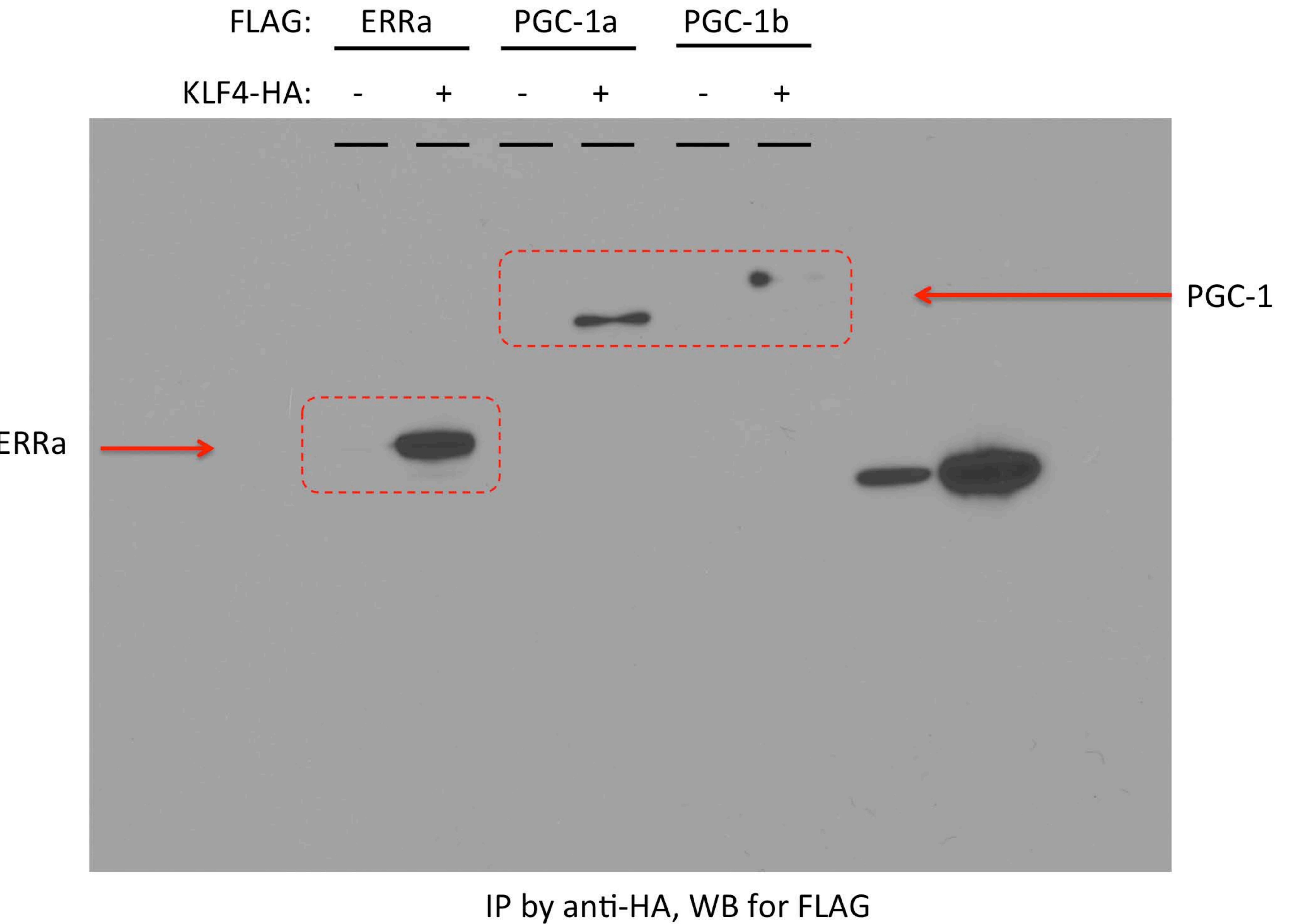


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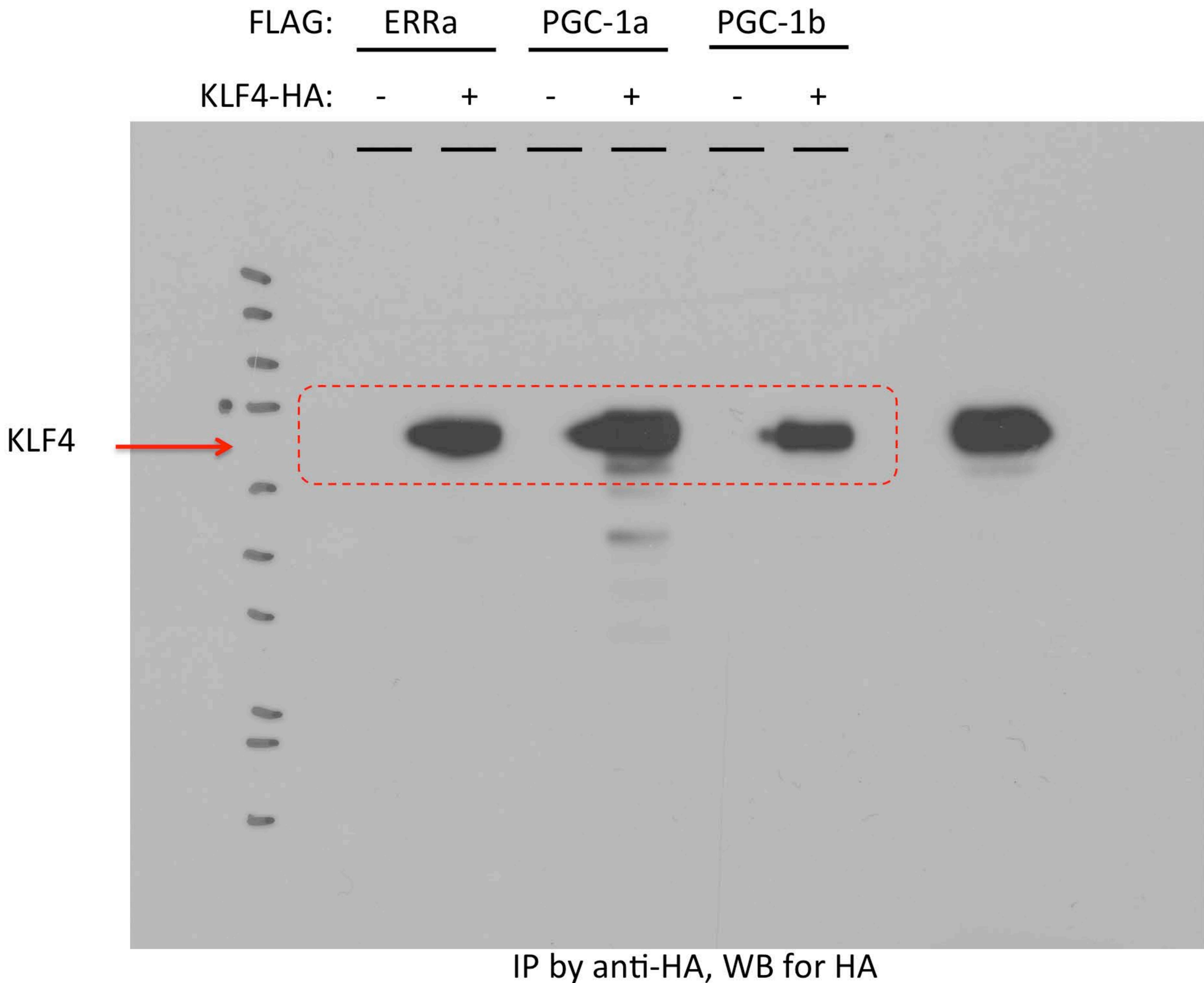
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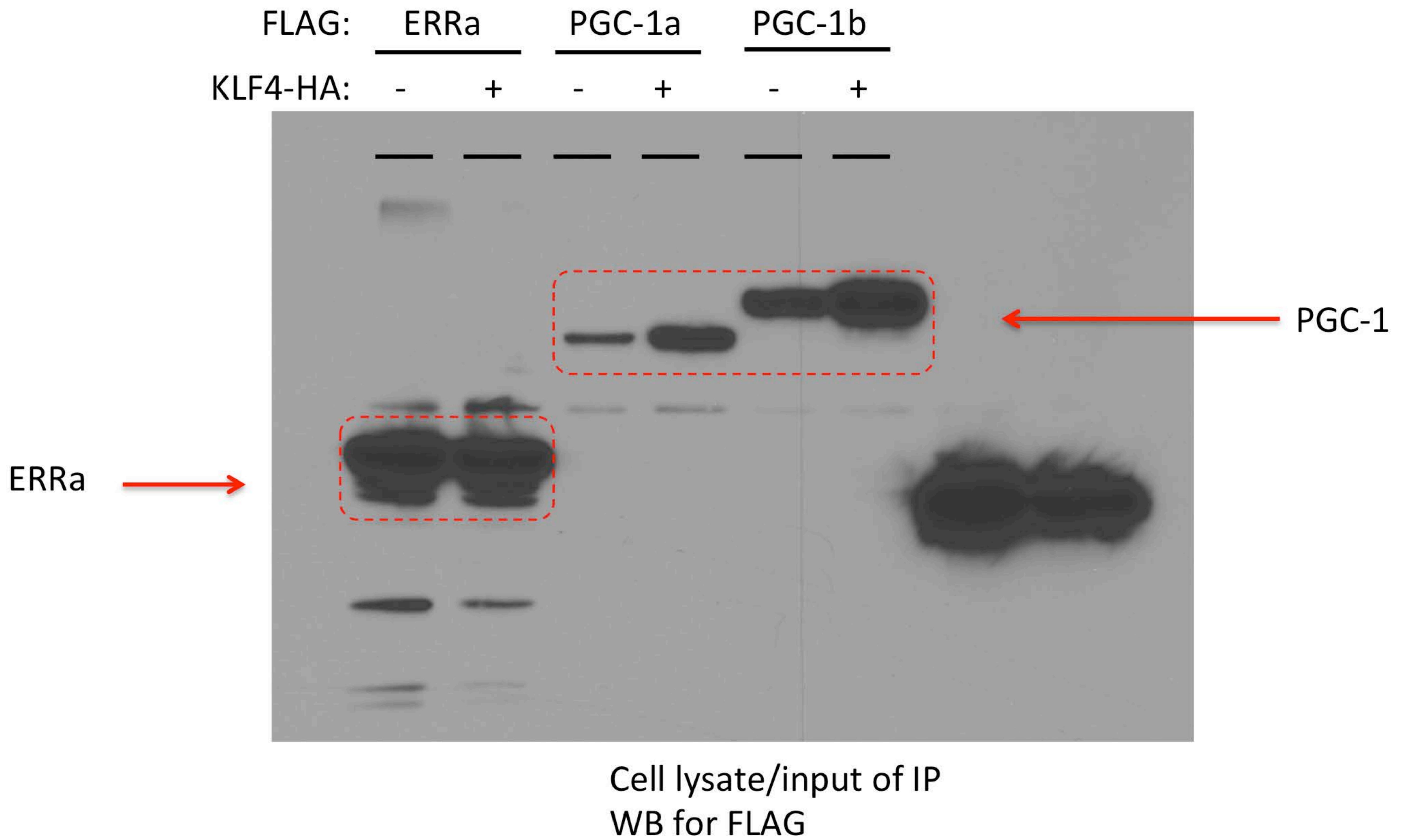
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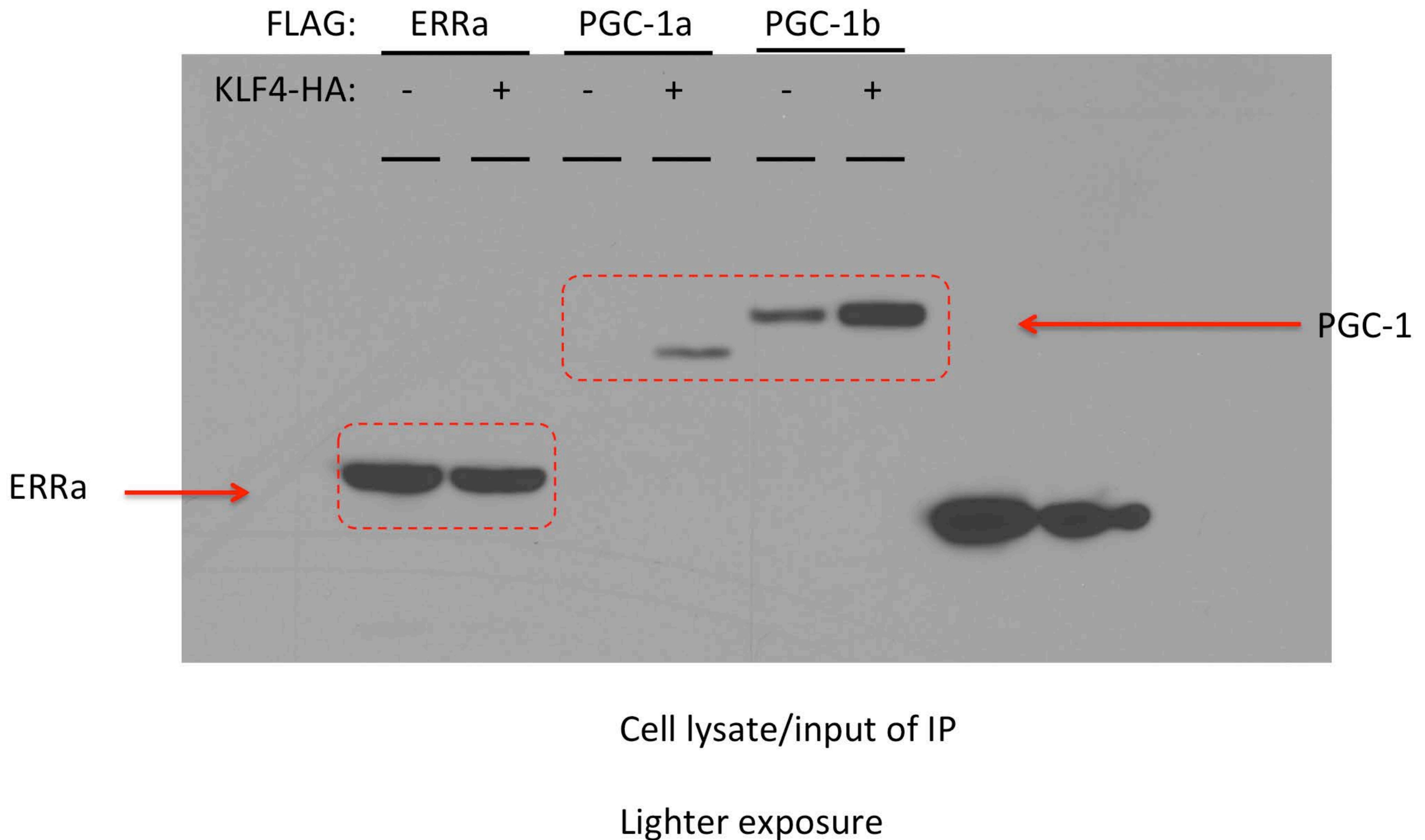
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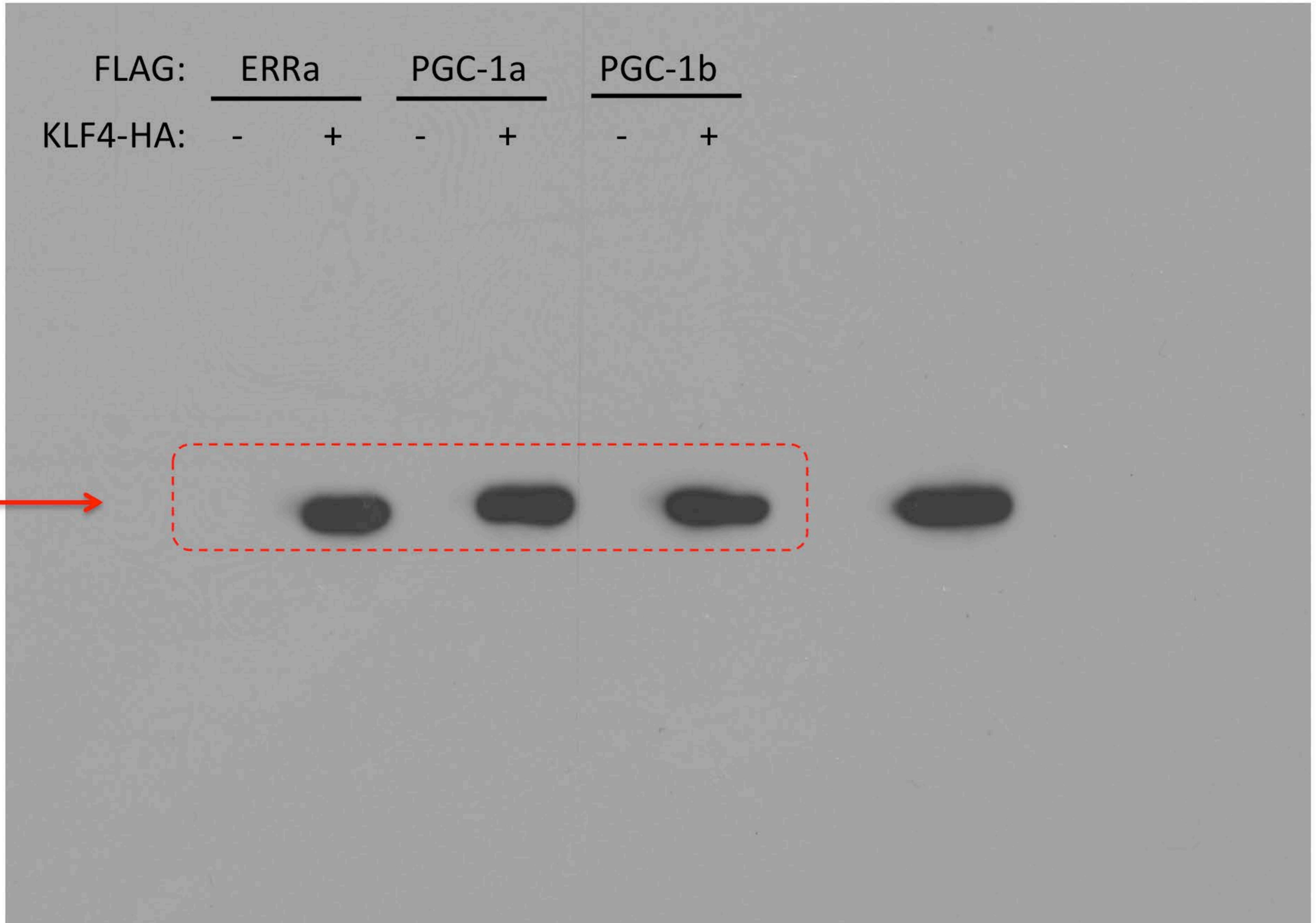
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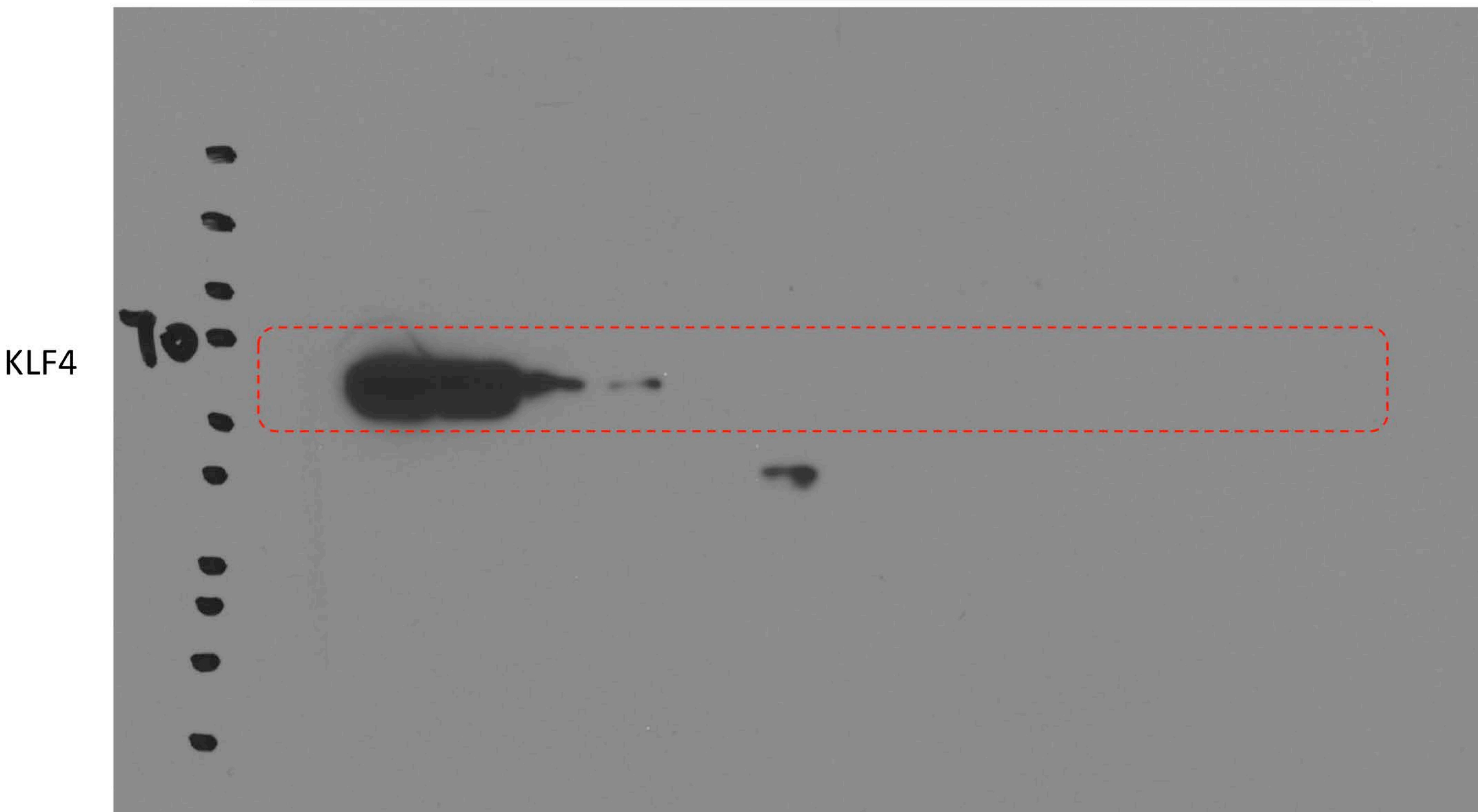
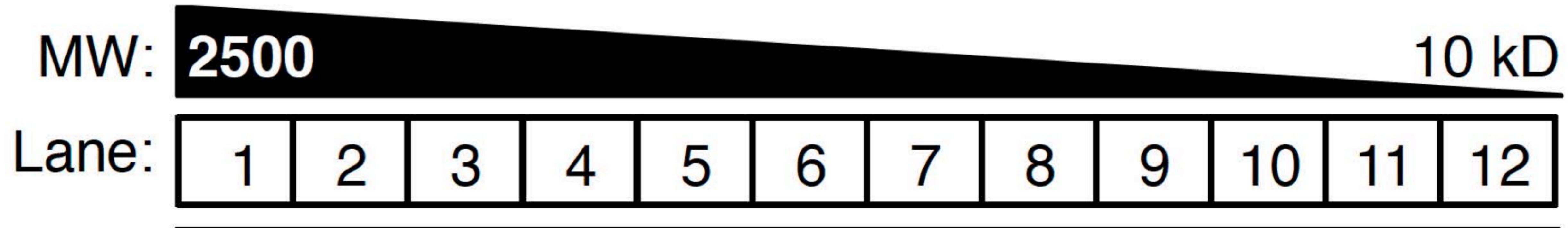


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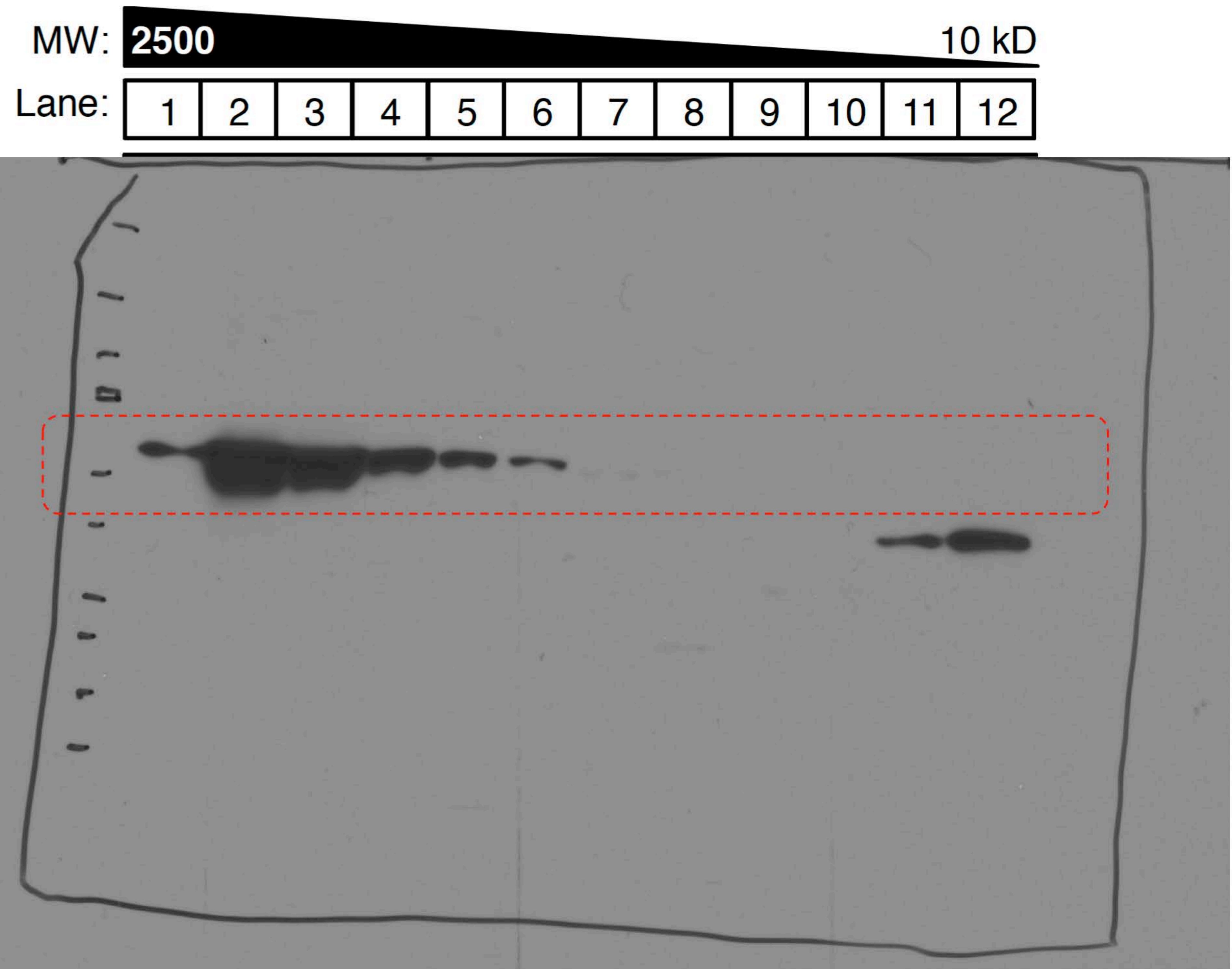


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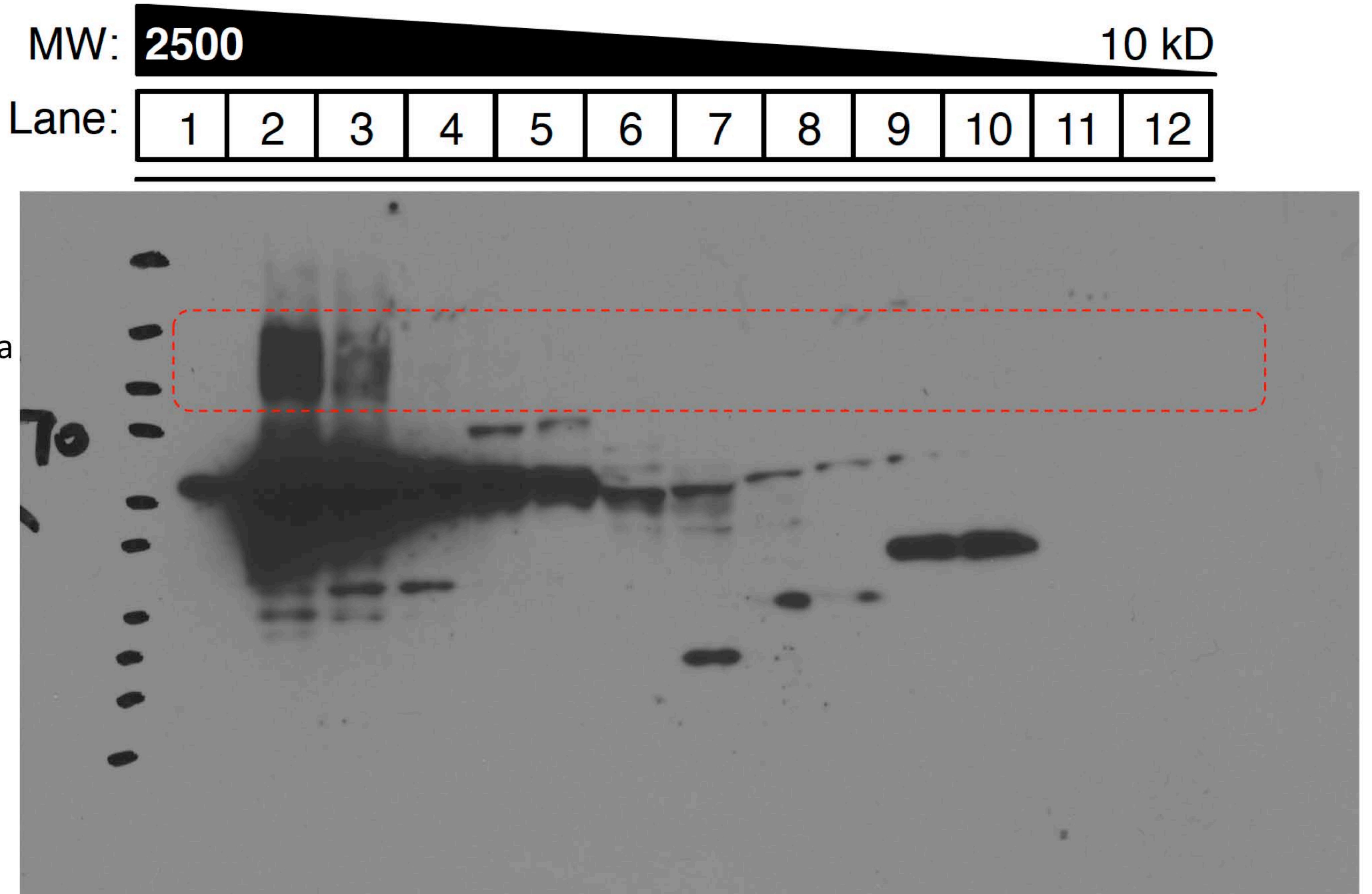
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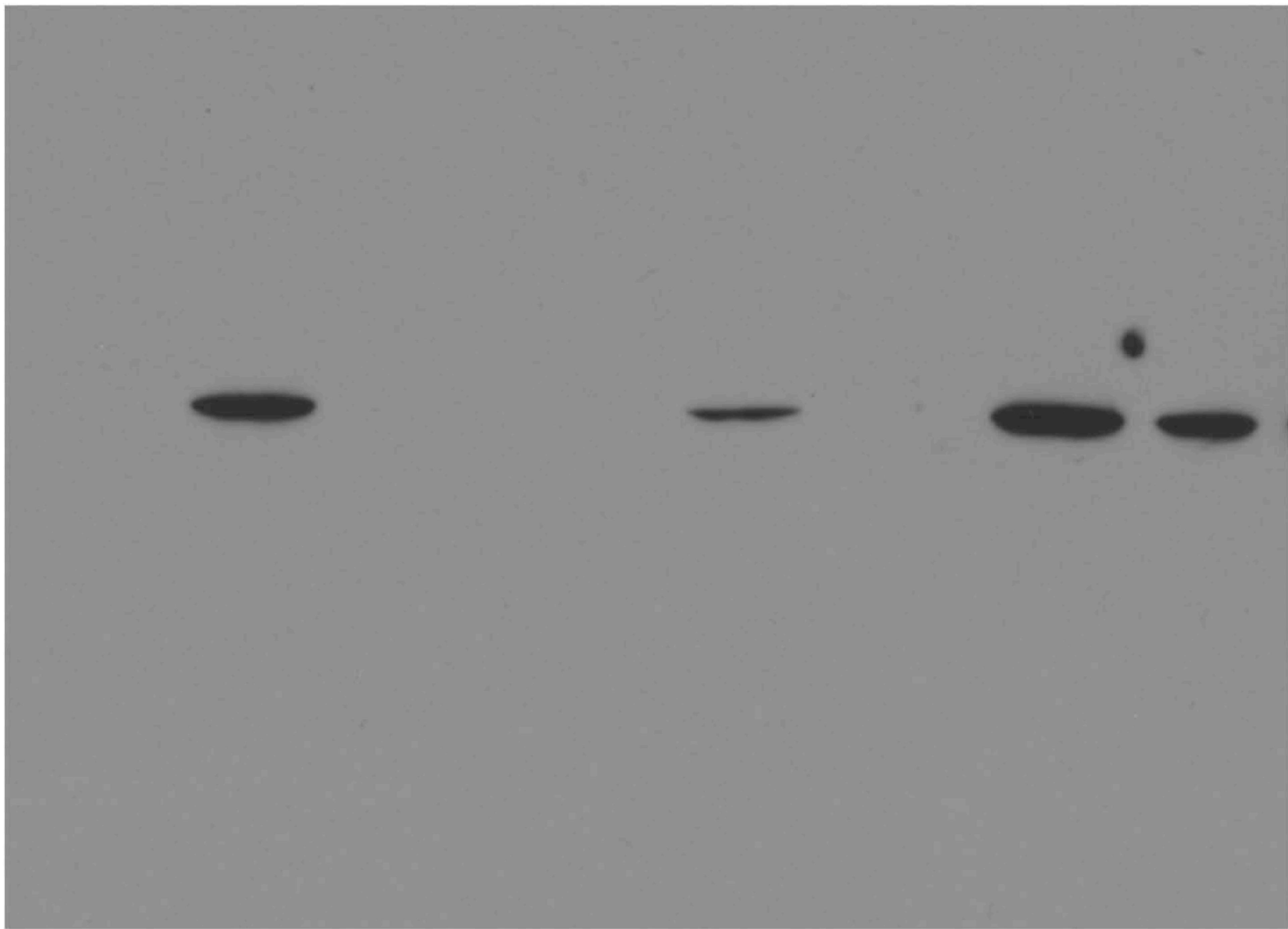
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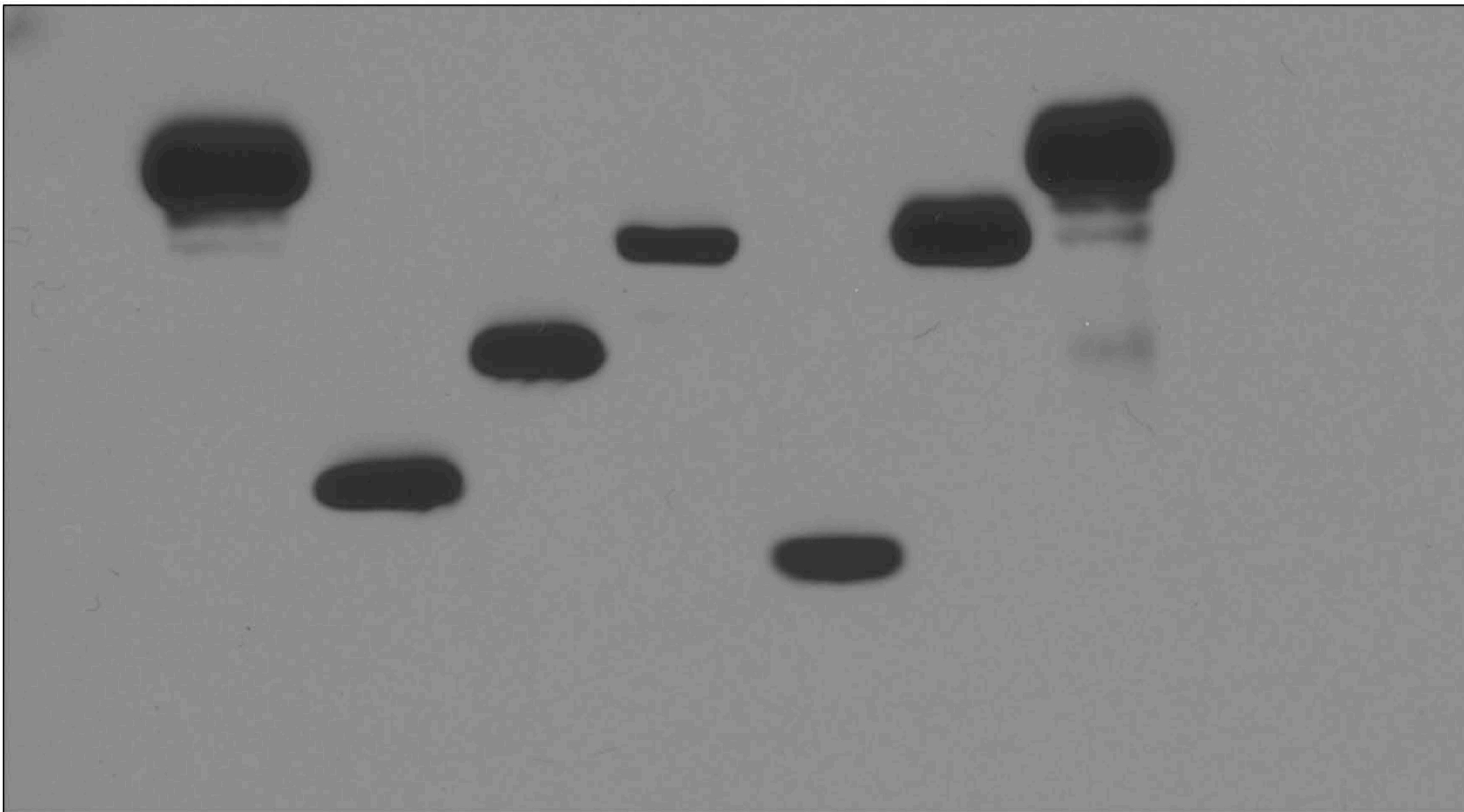
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mutants



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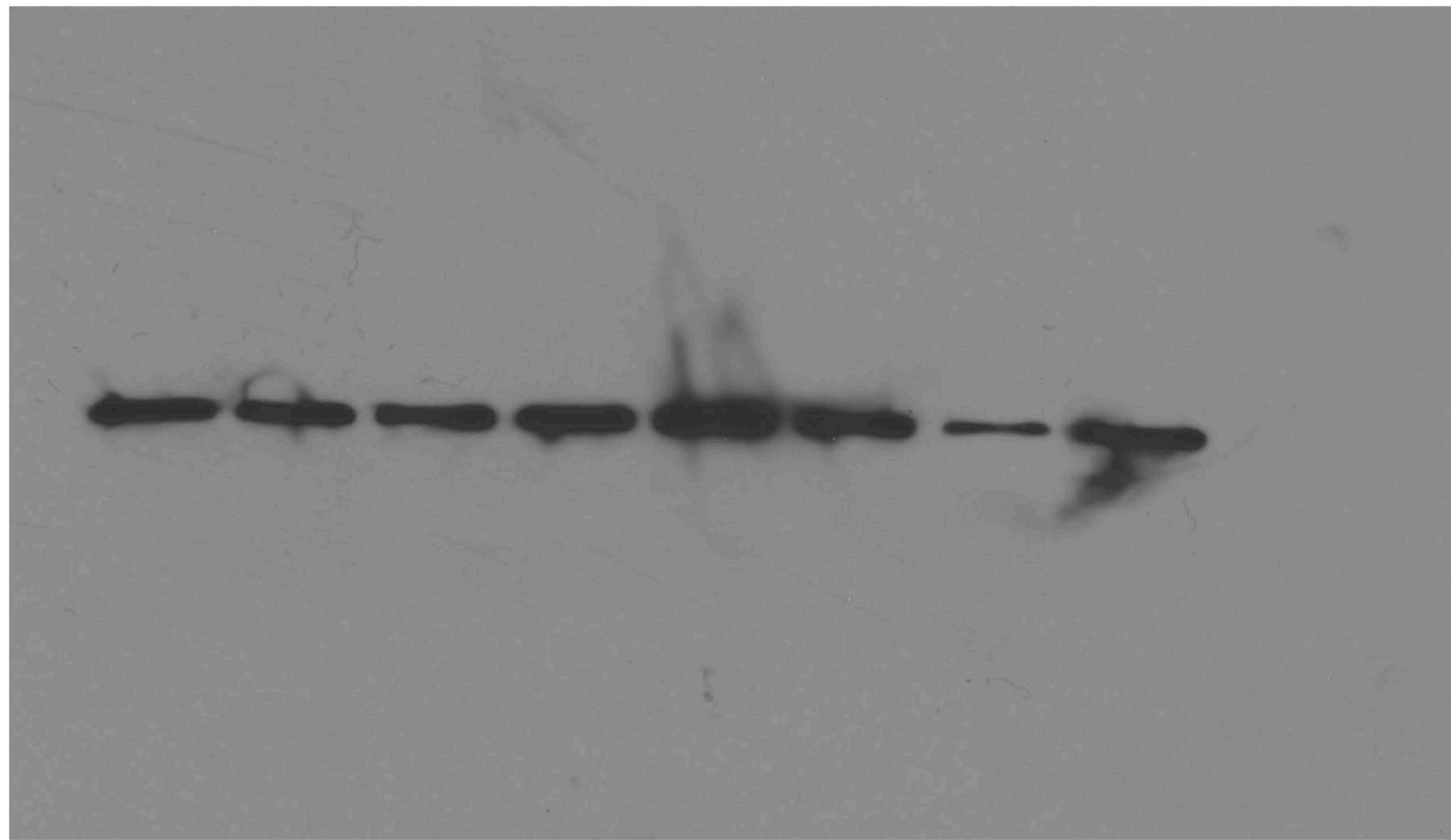
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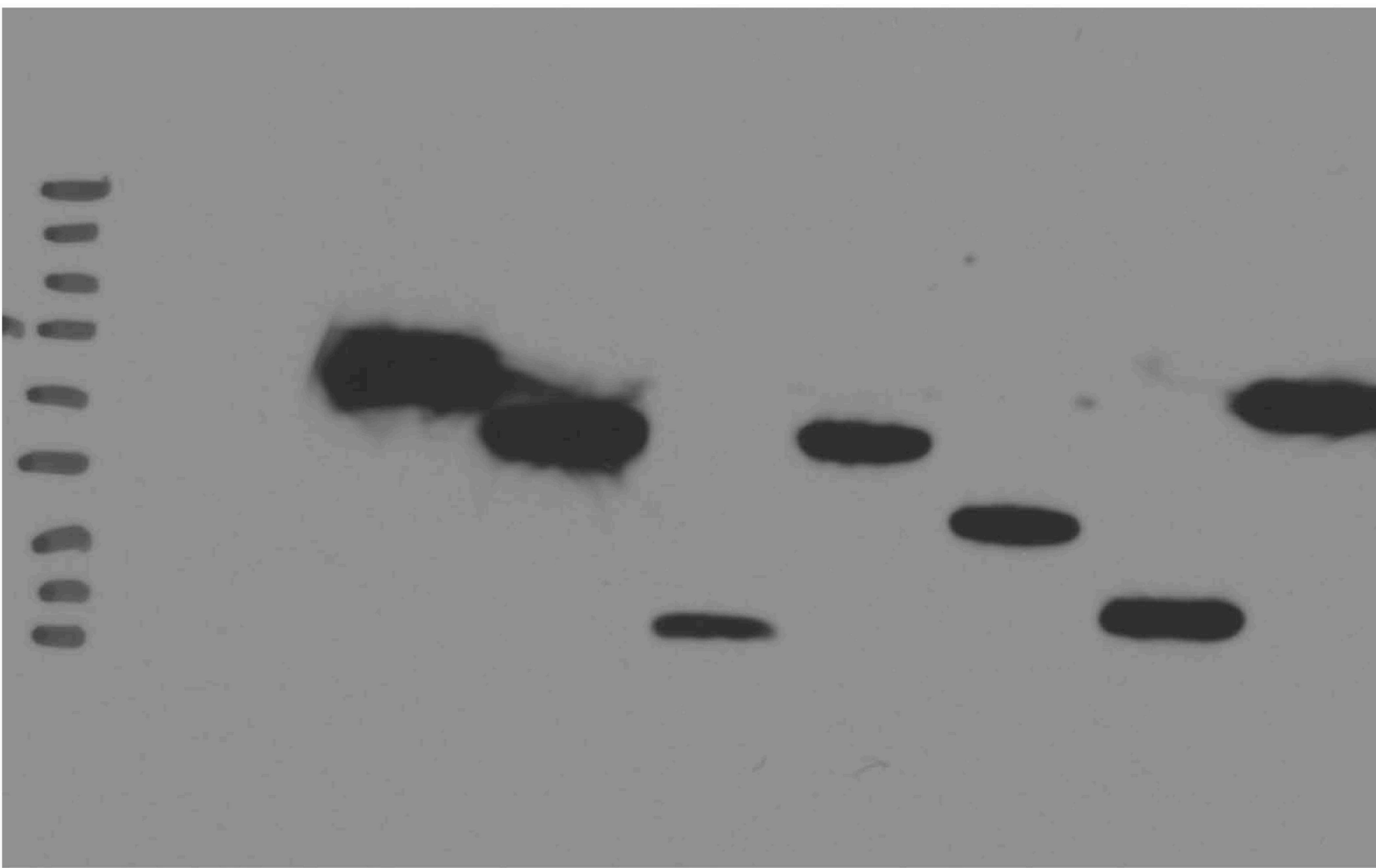
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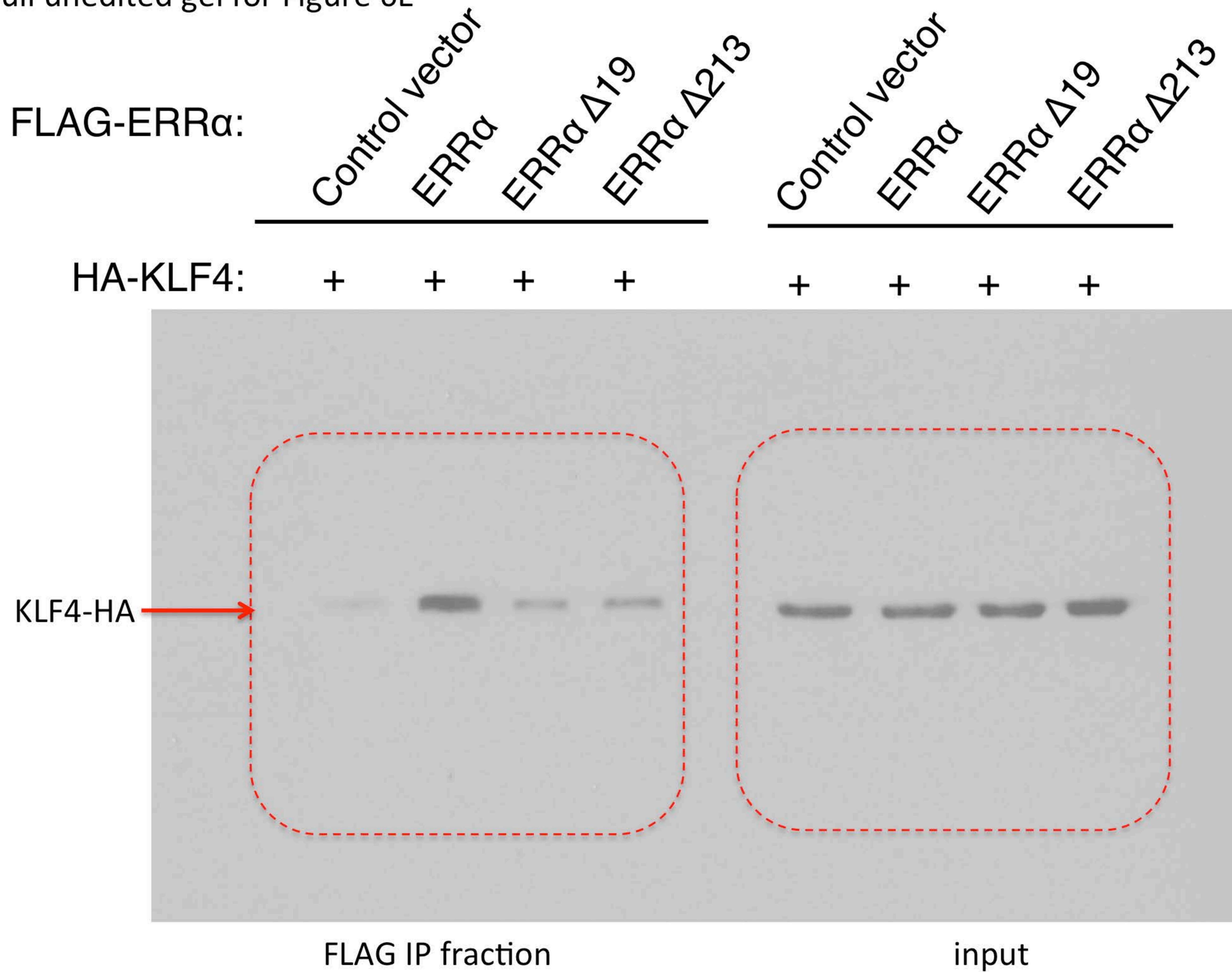


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mutants

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Full unedited gel for Figure 6E



Full unedited gel for Figure 6E

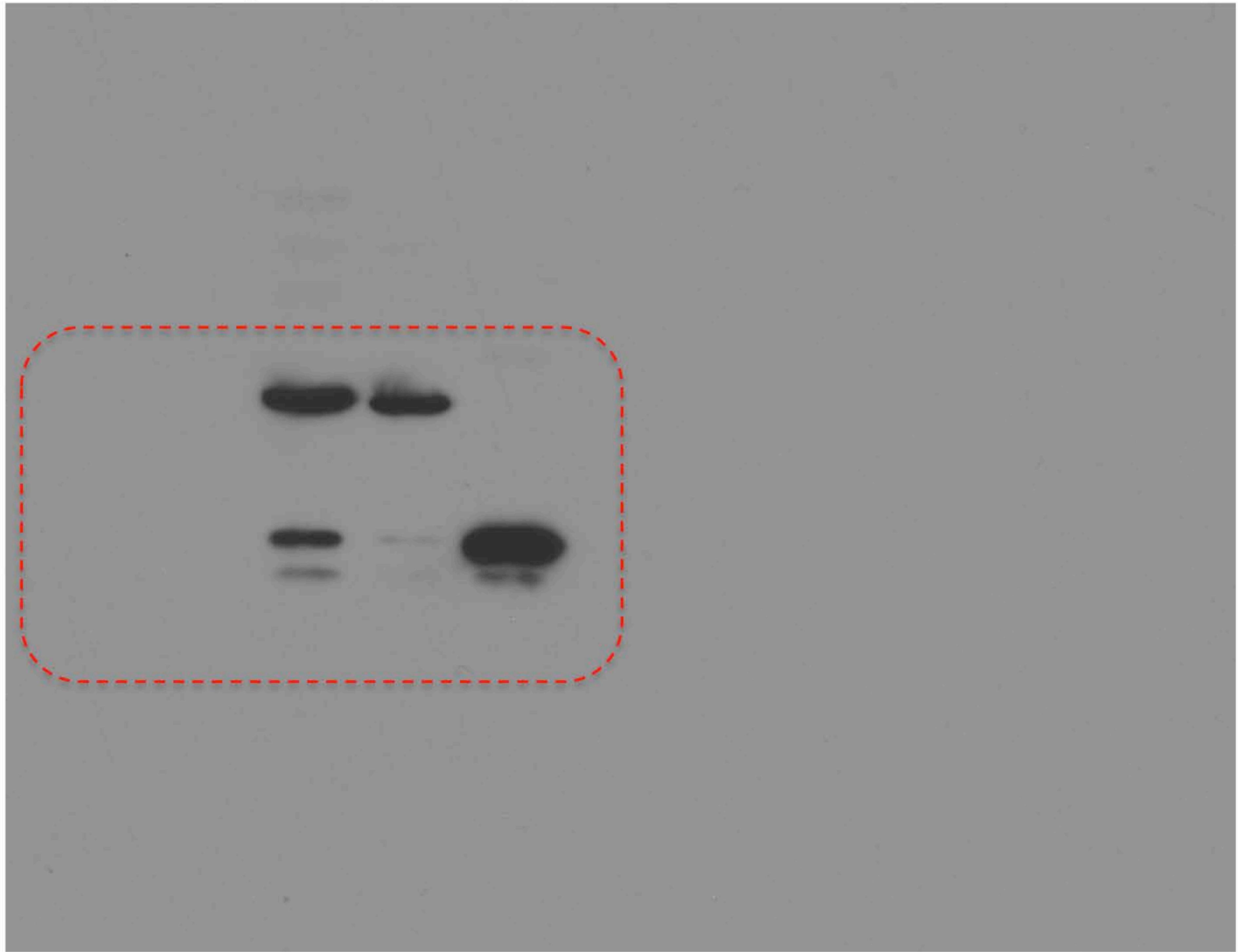
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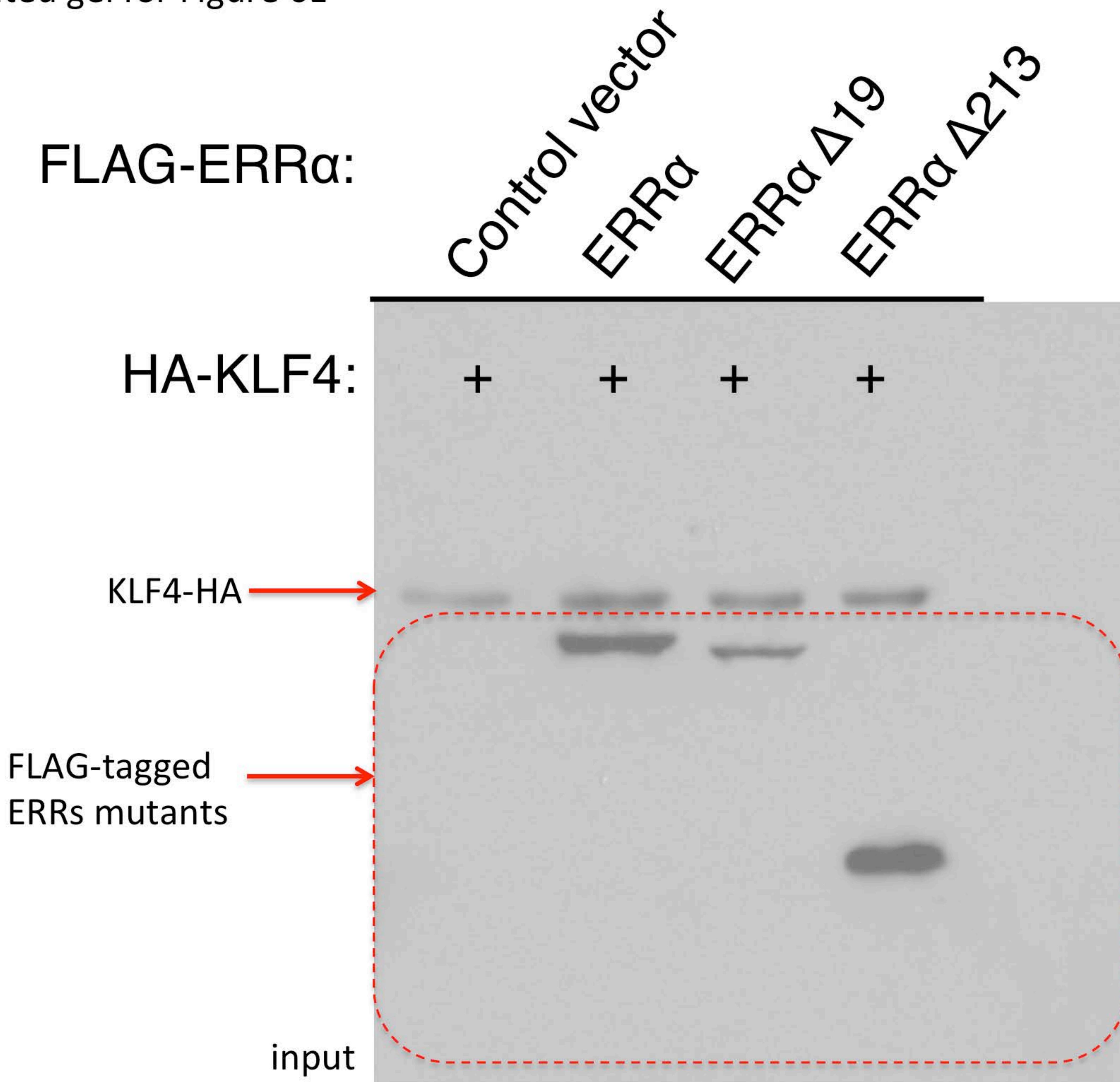
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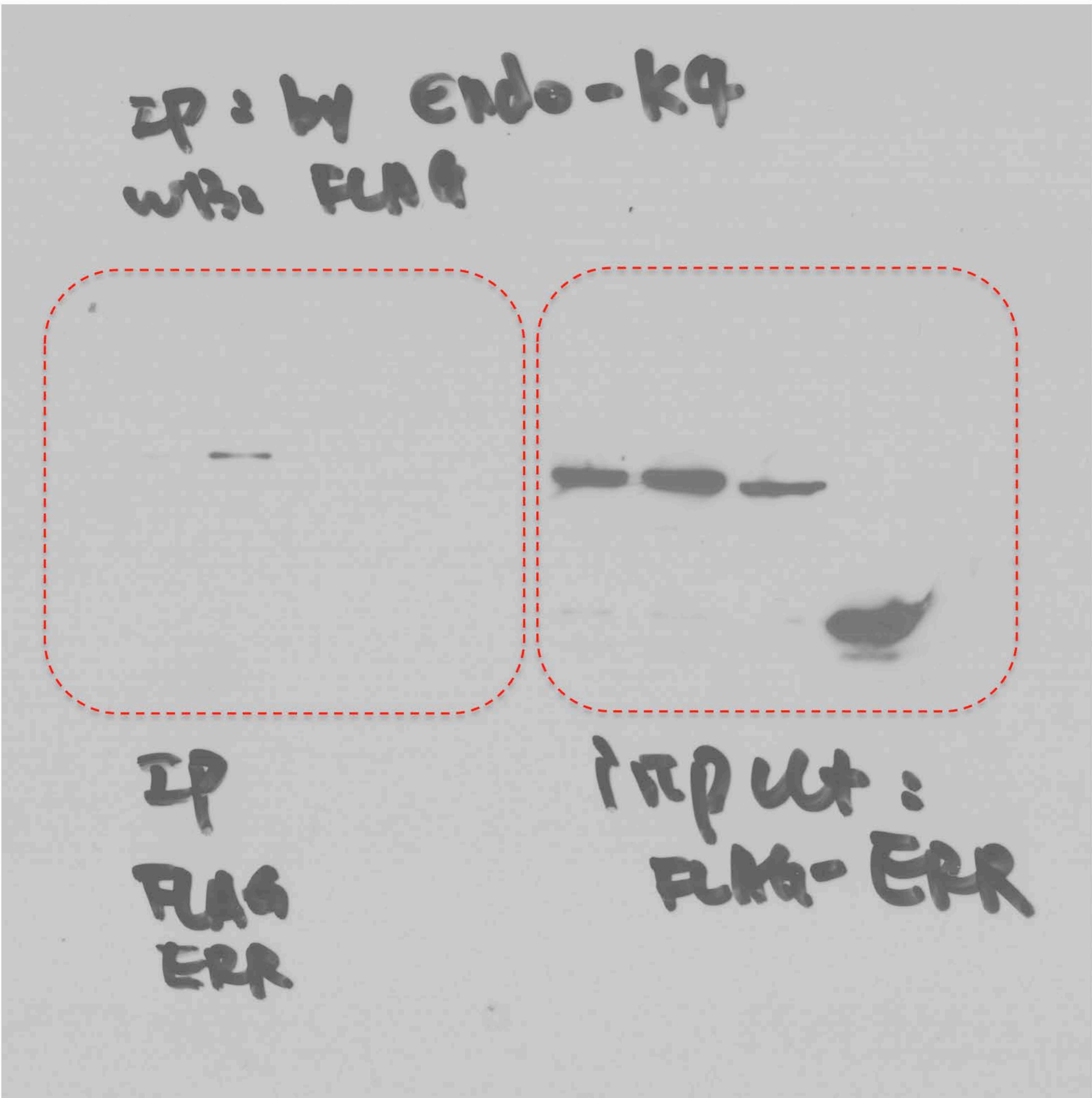


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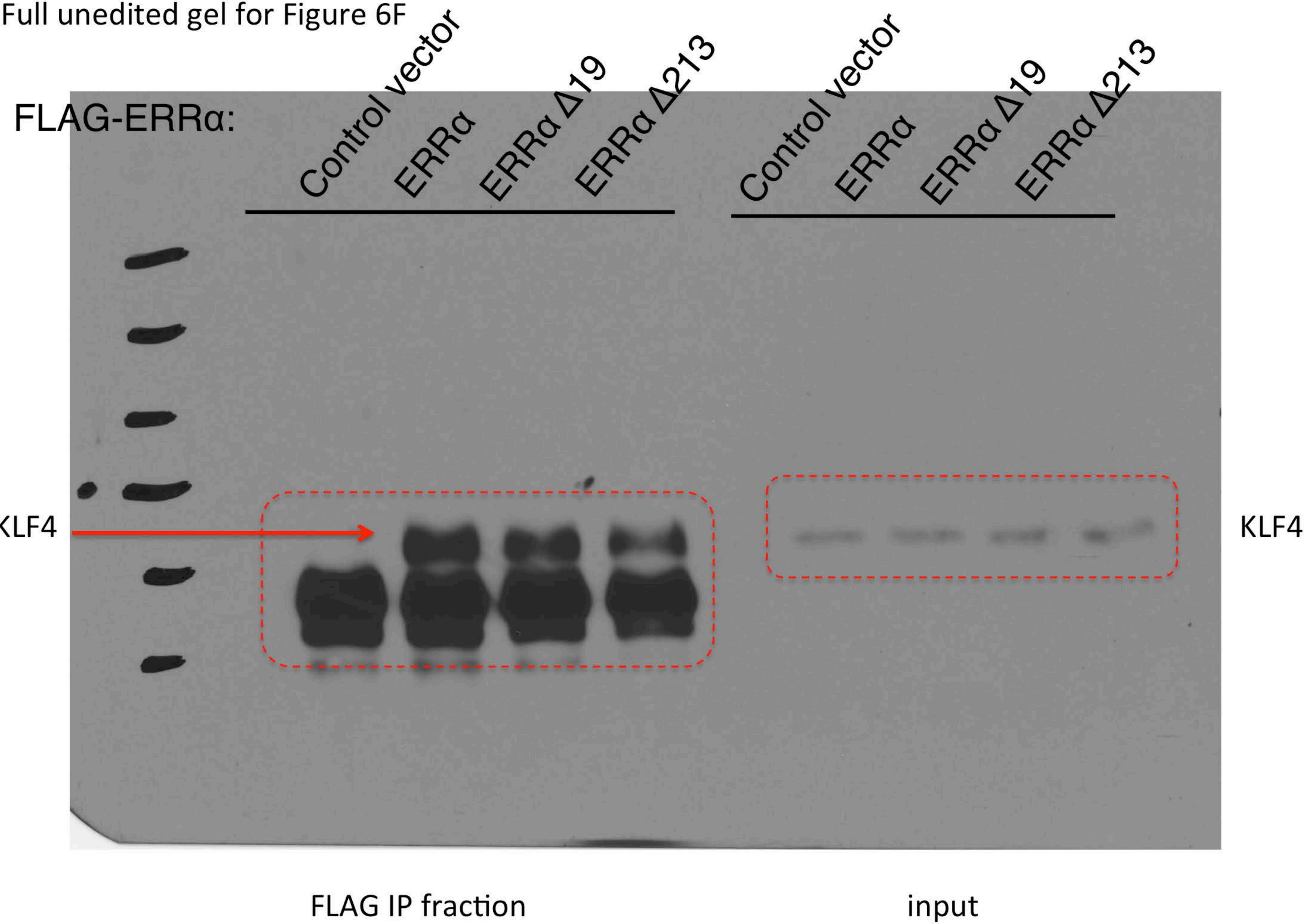
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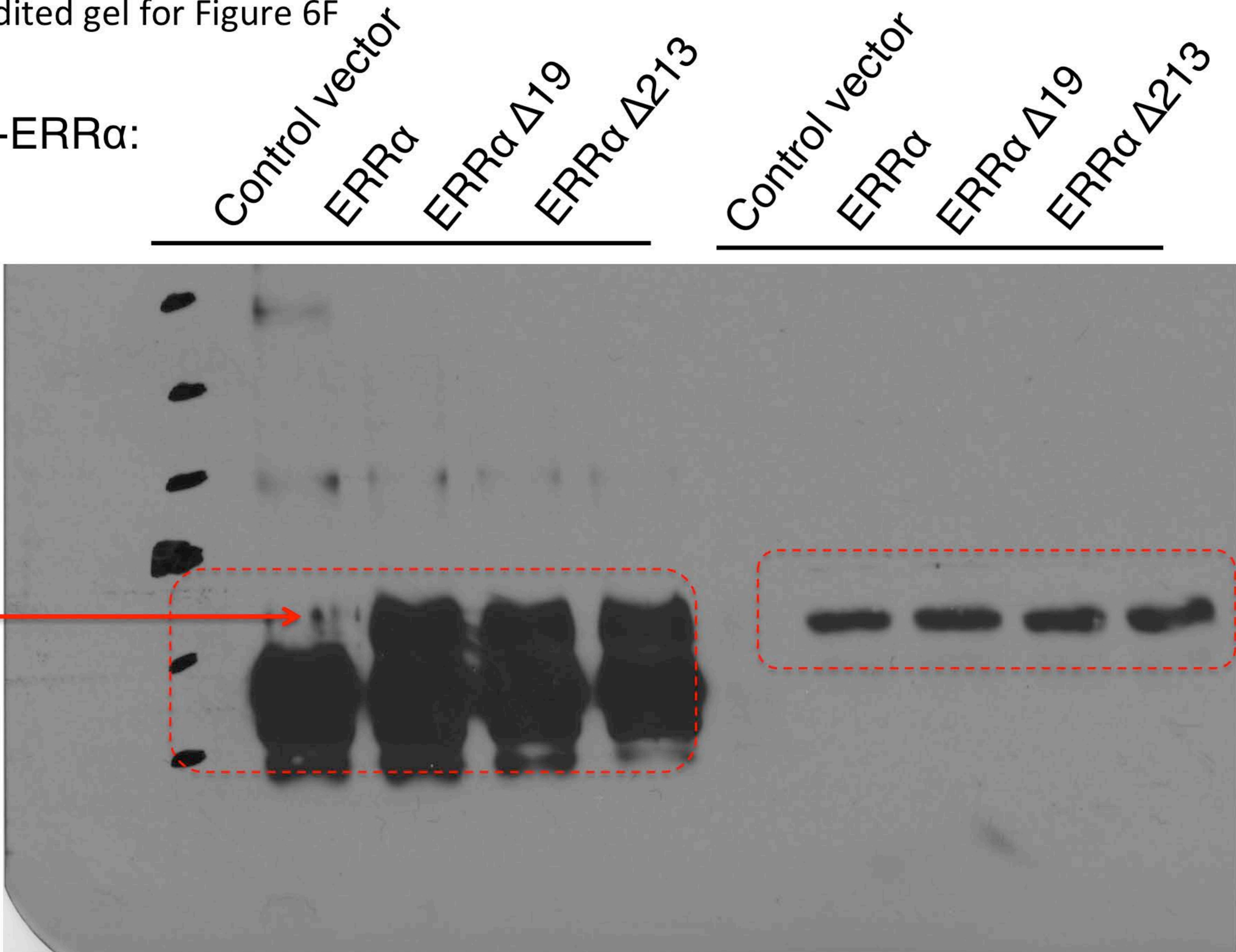


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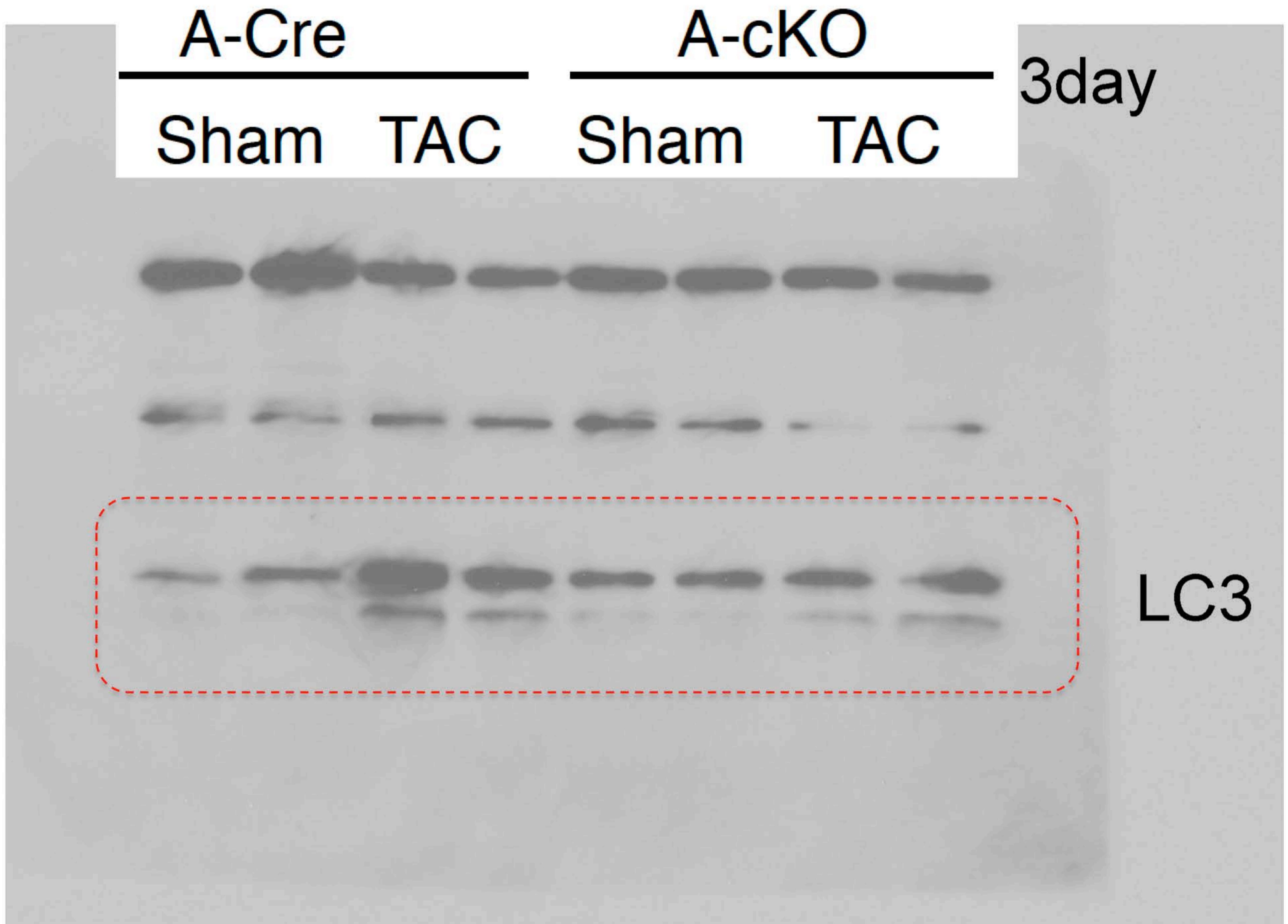
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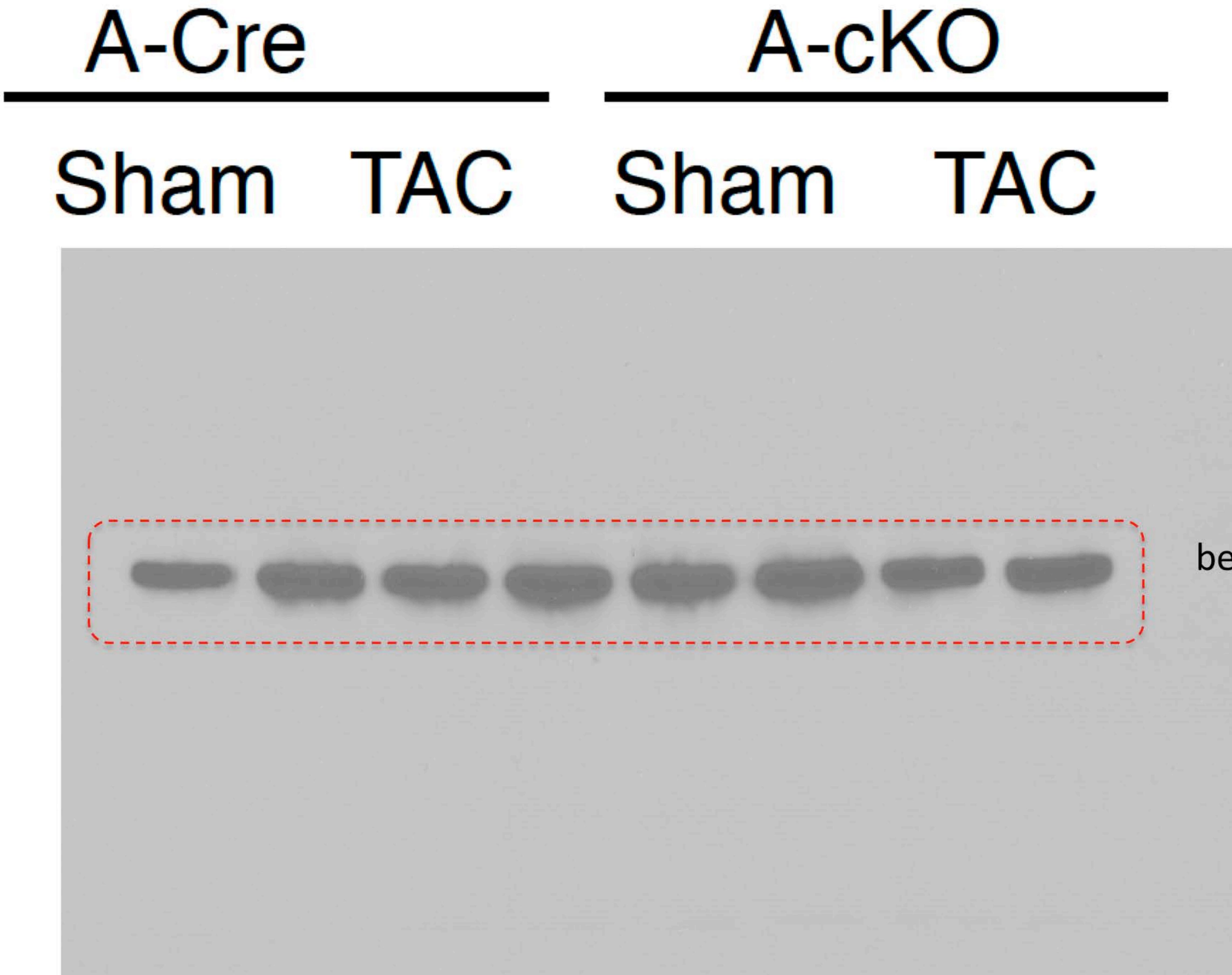
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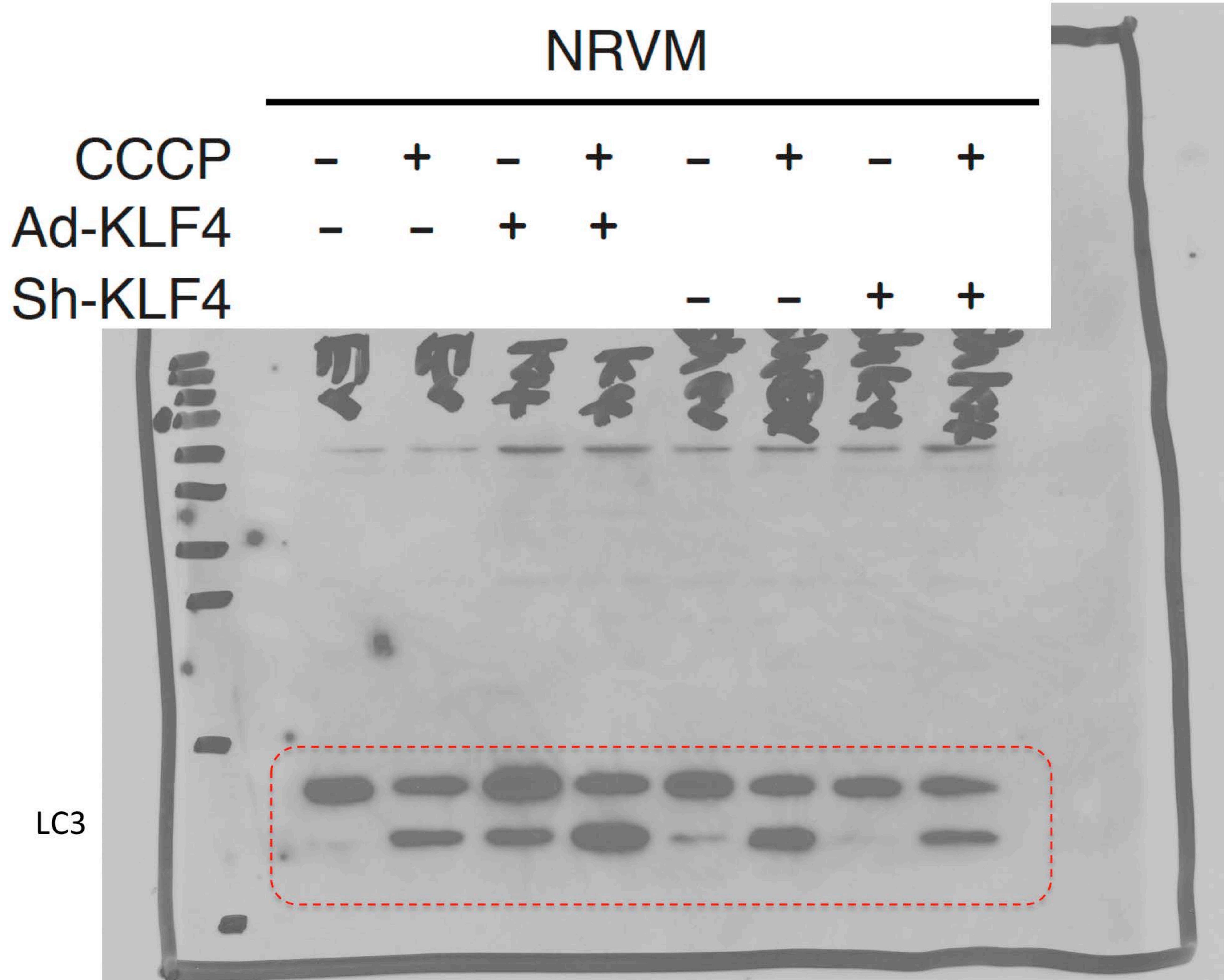
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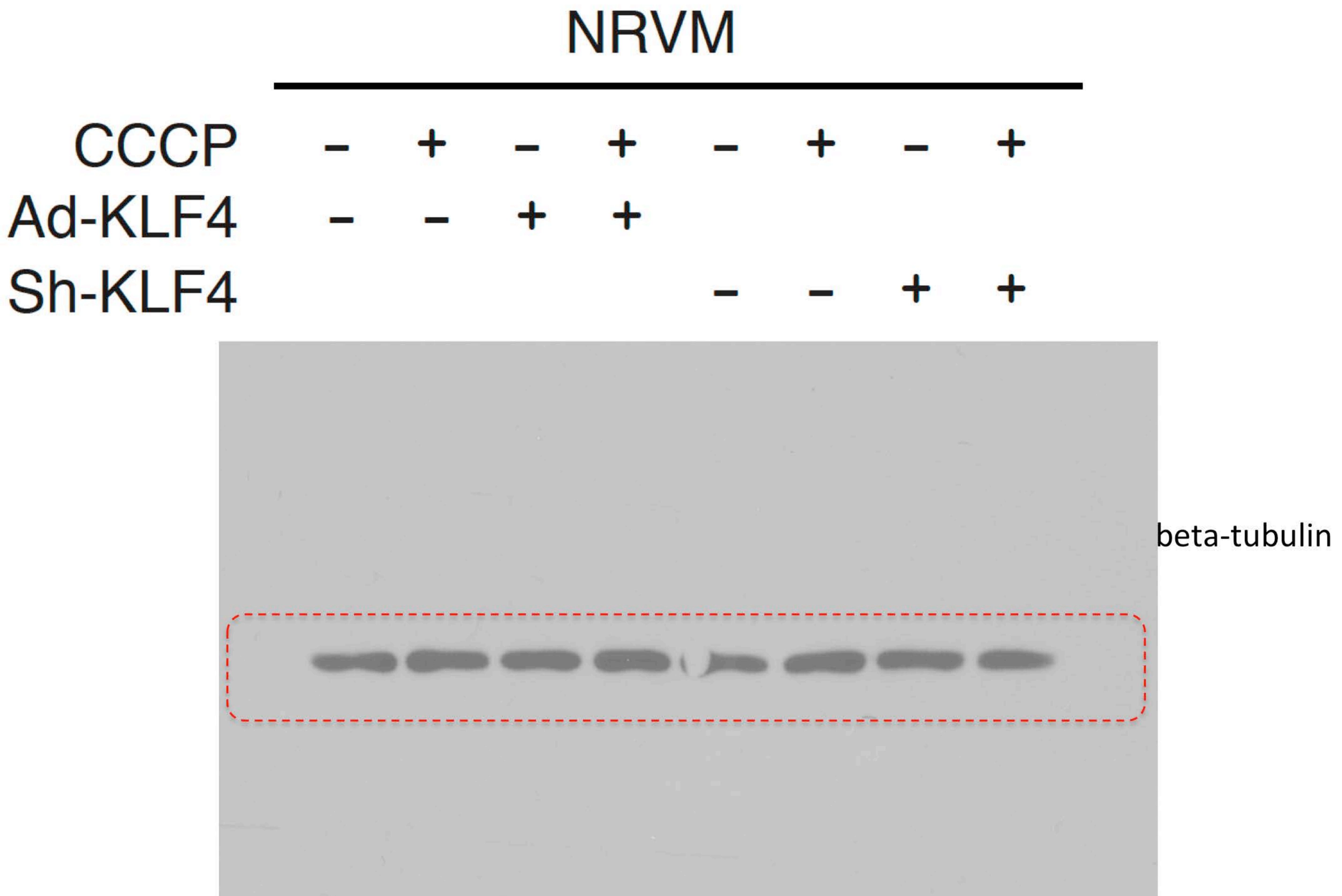
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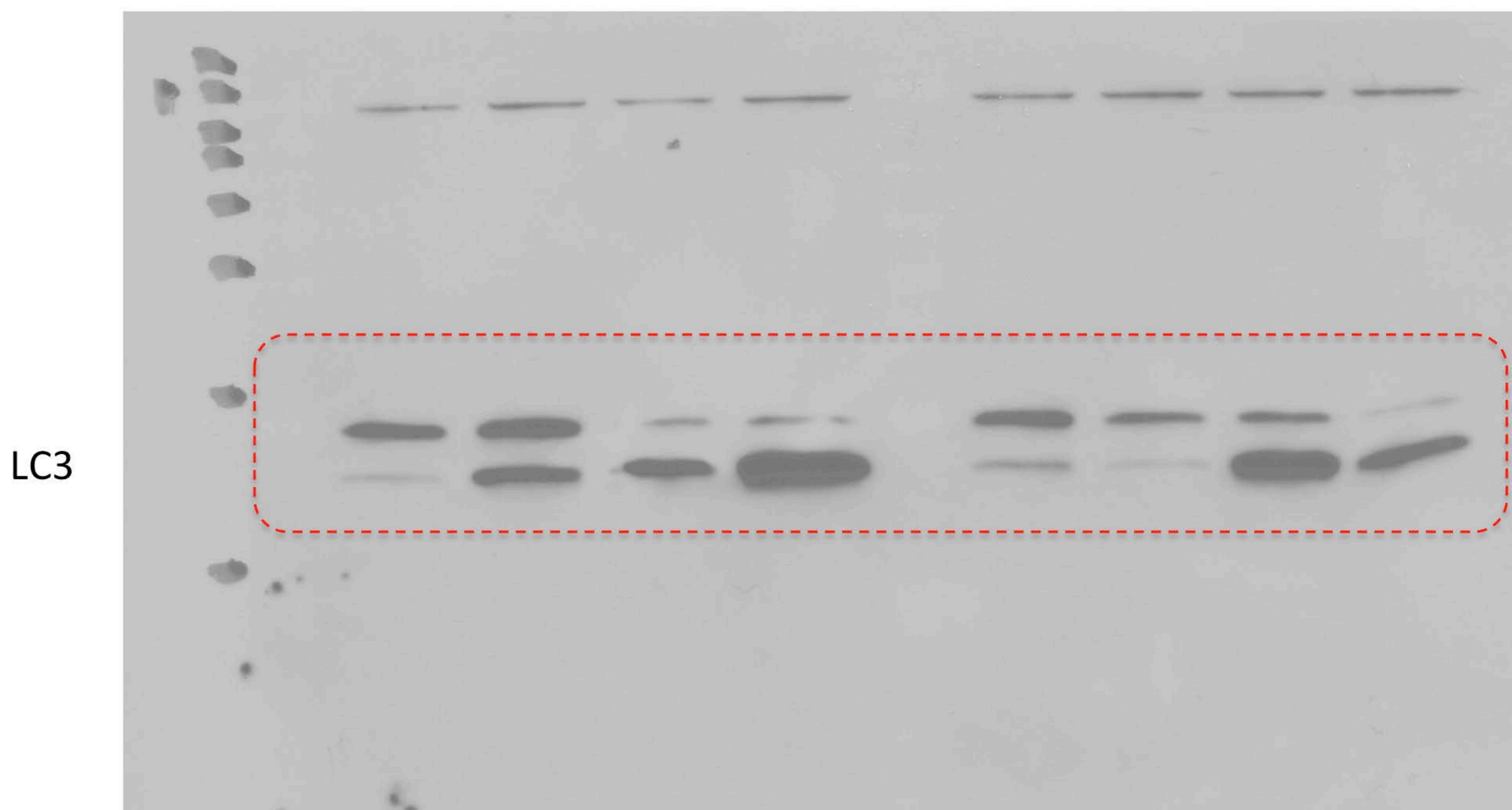


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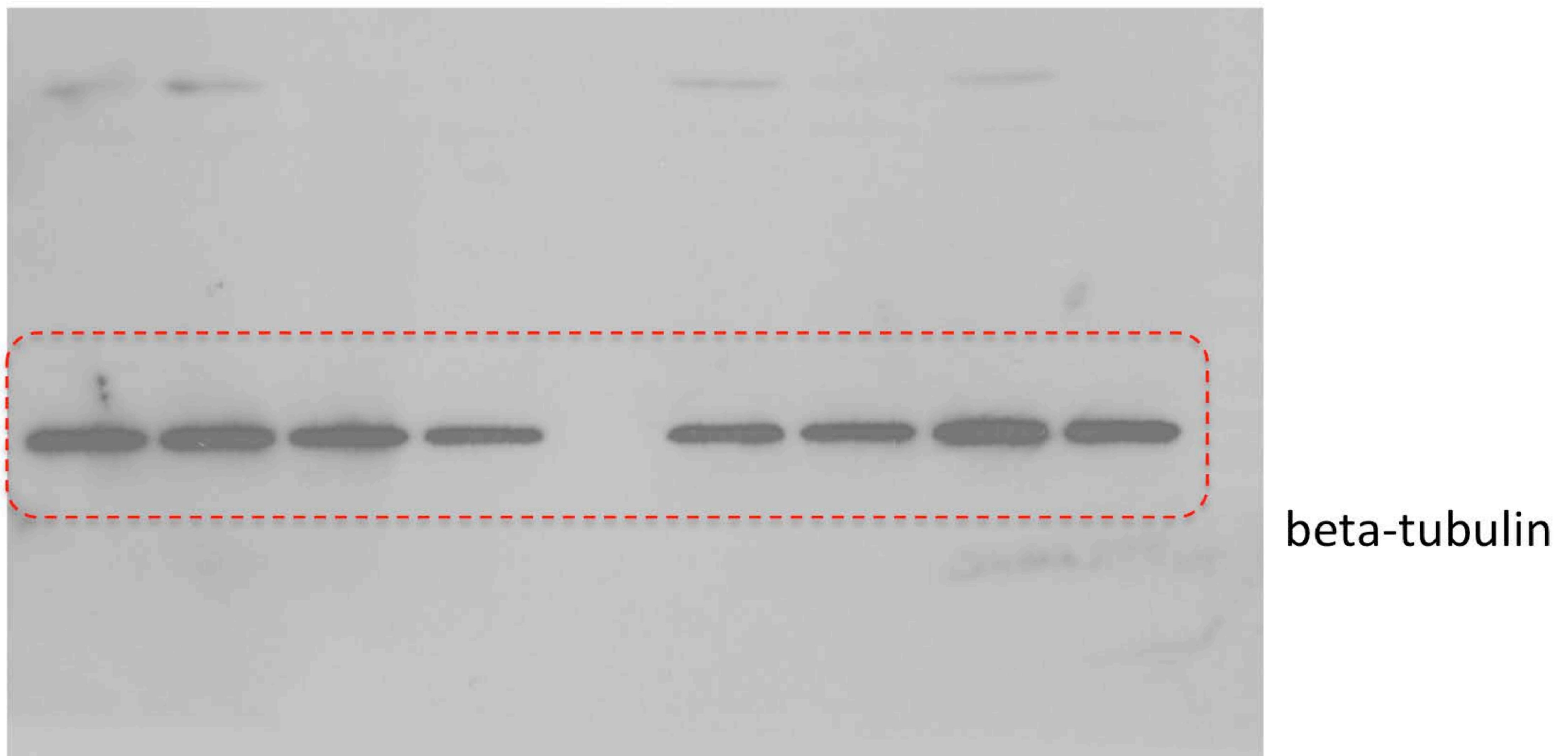
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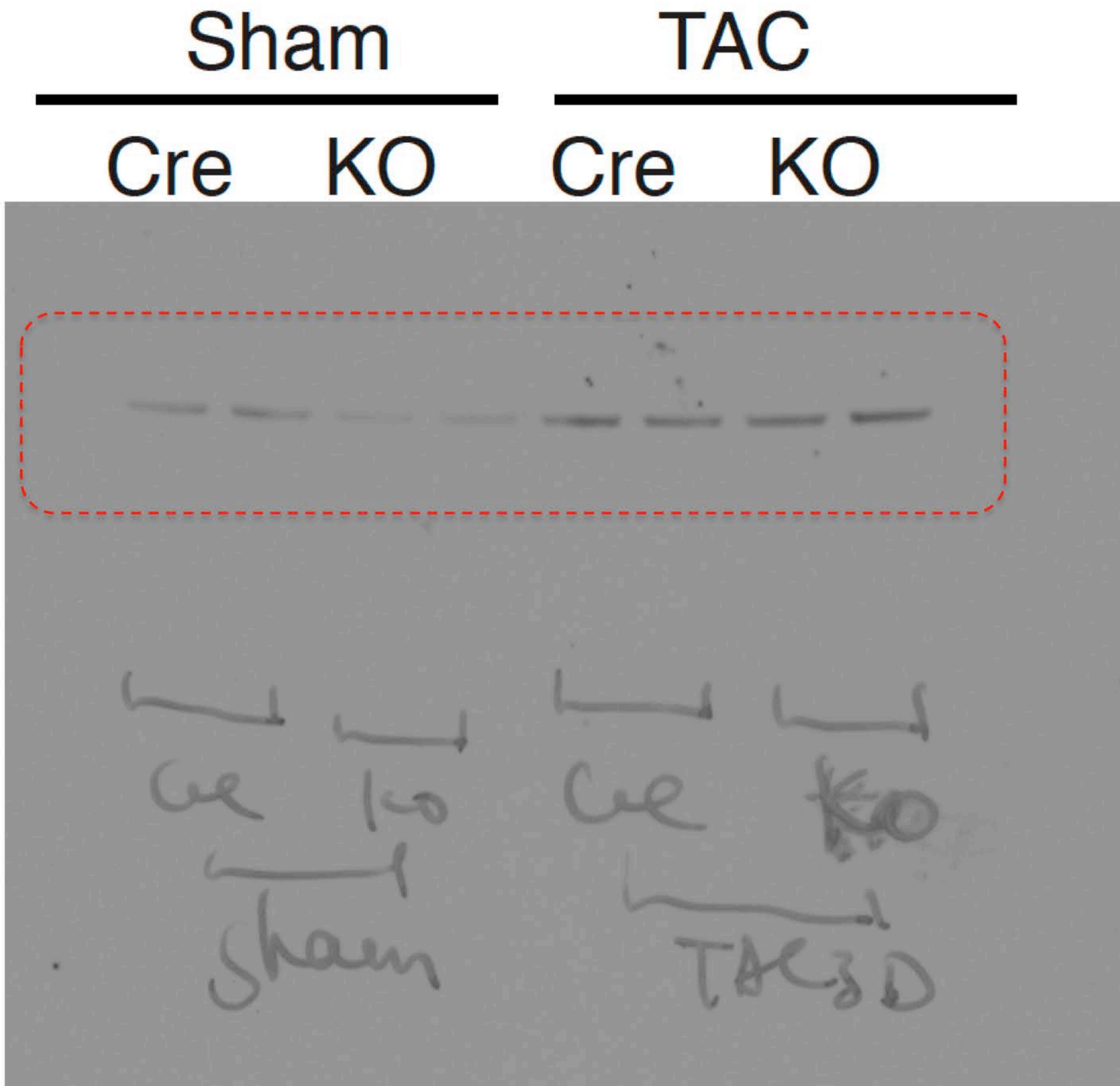


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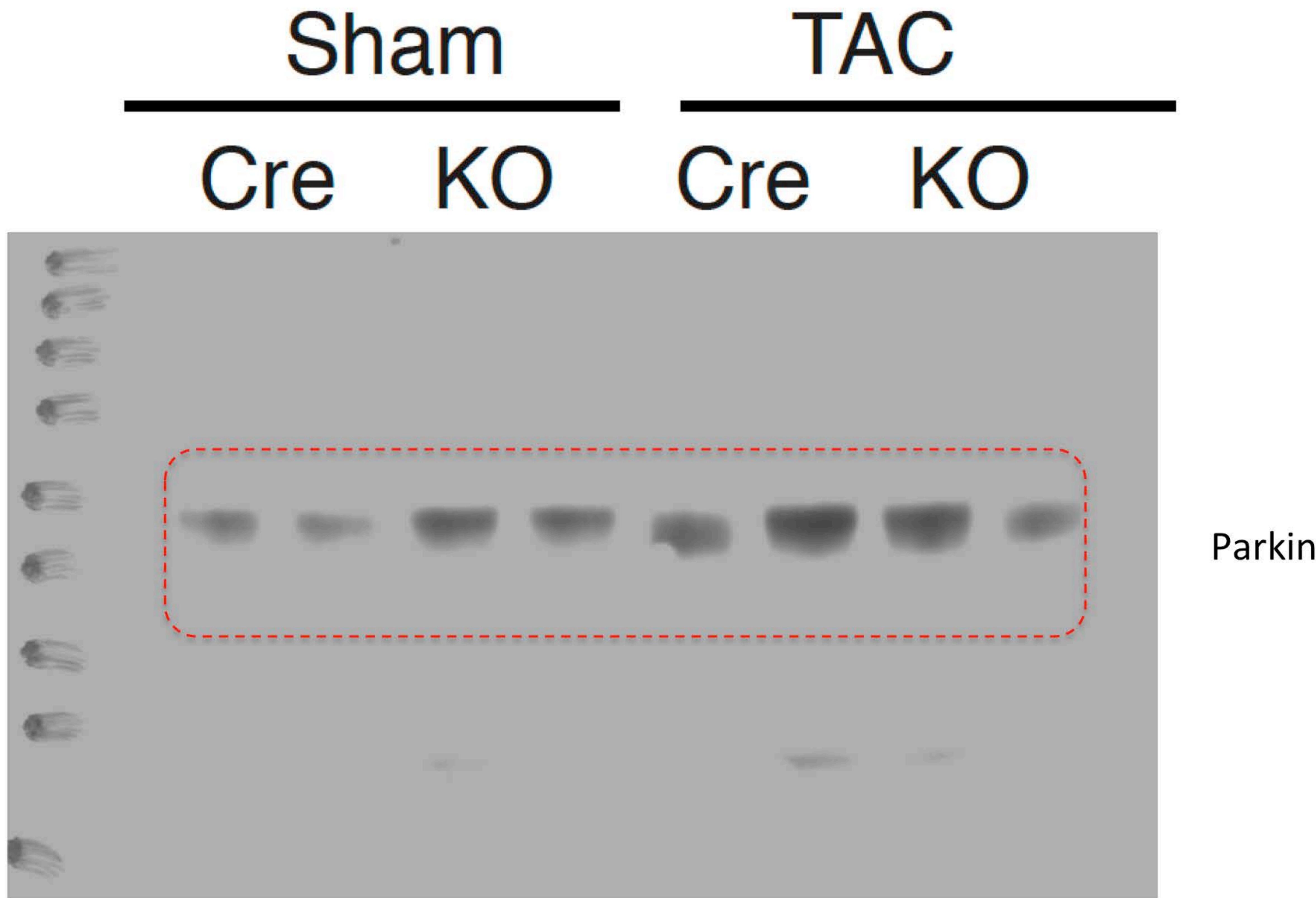
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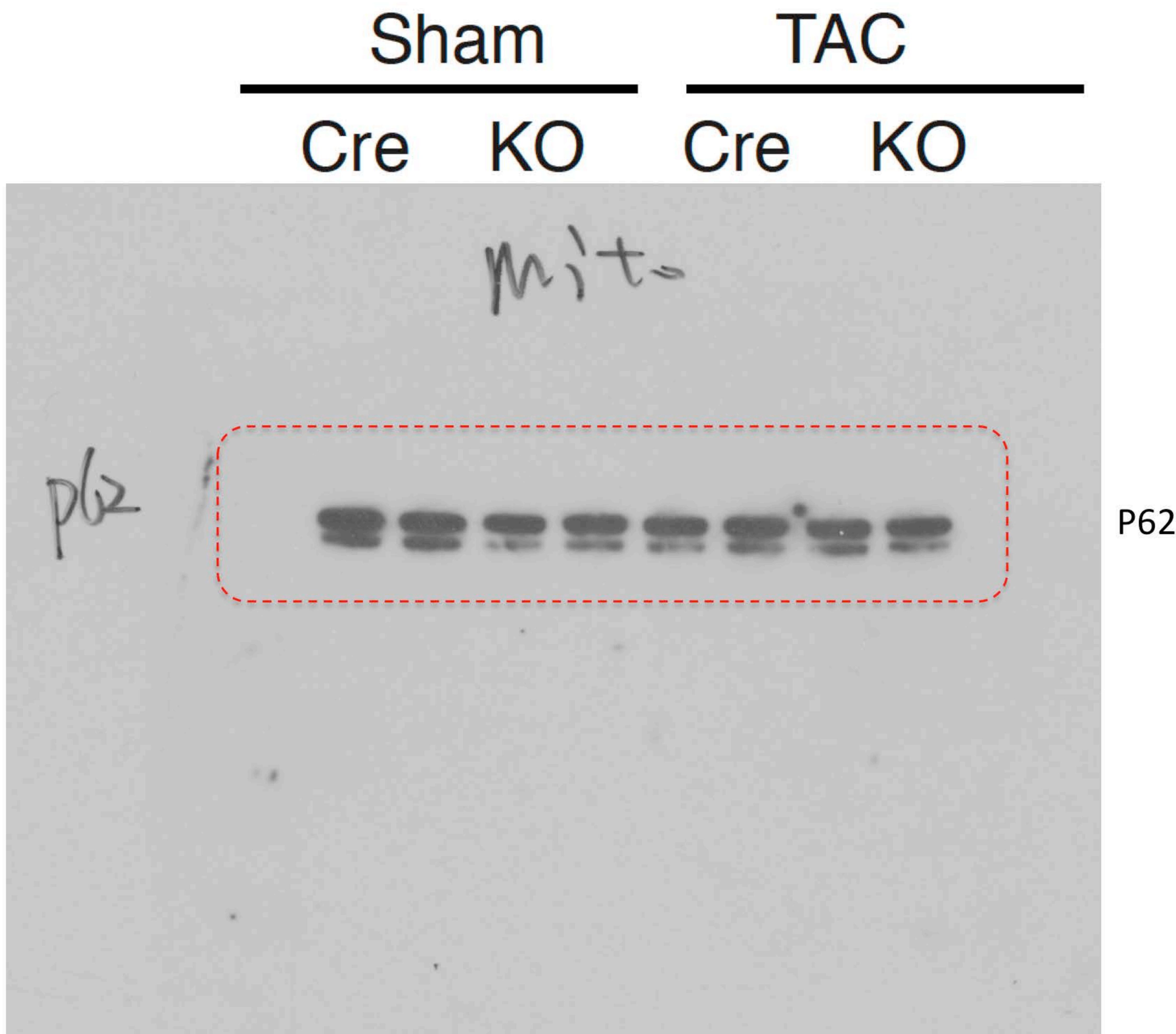
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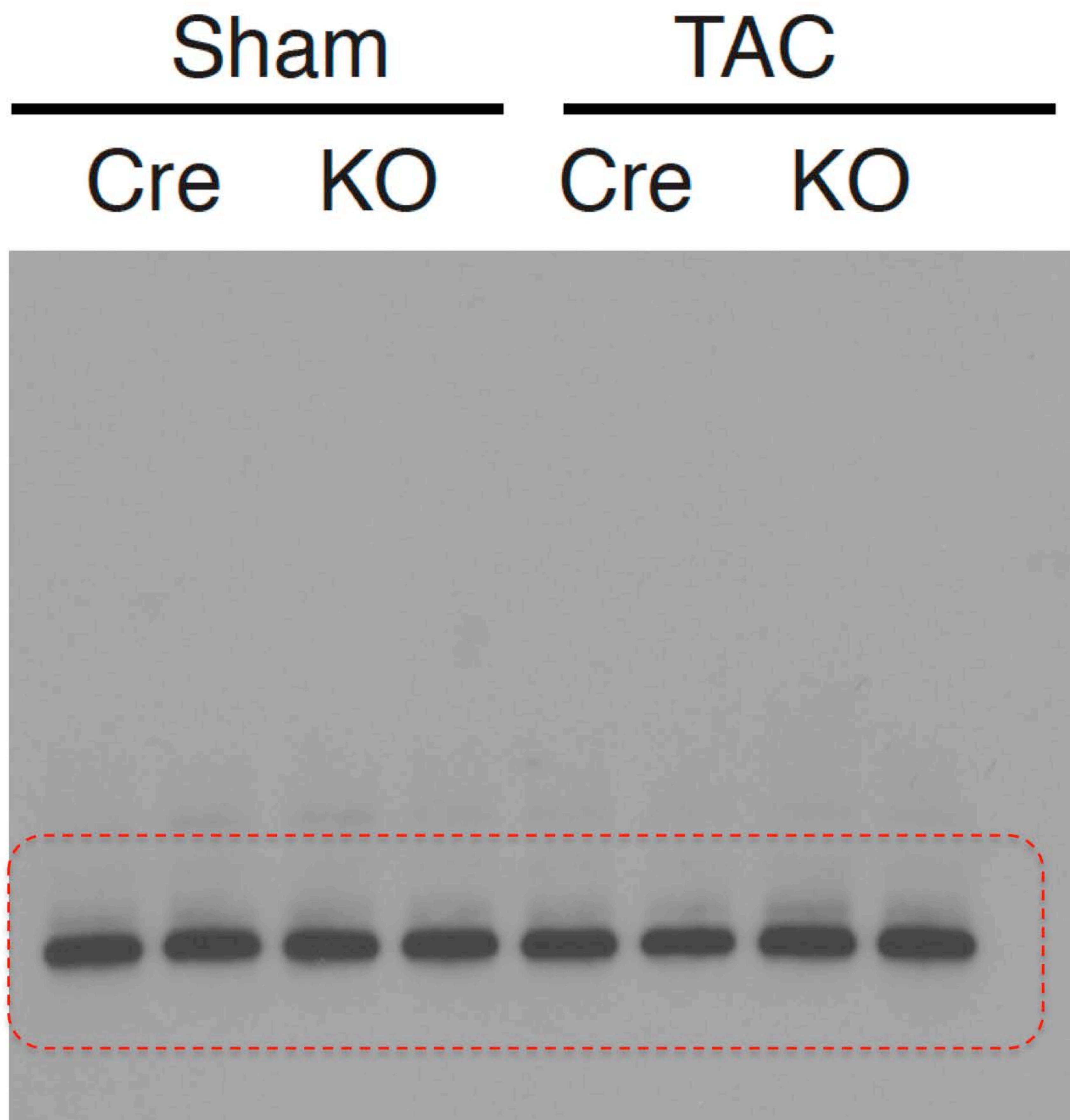
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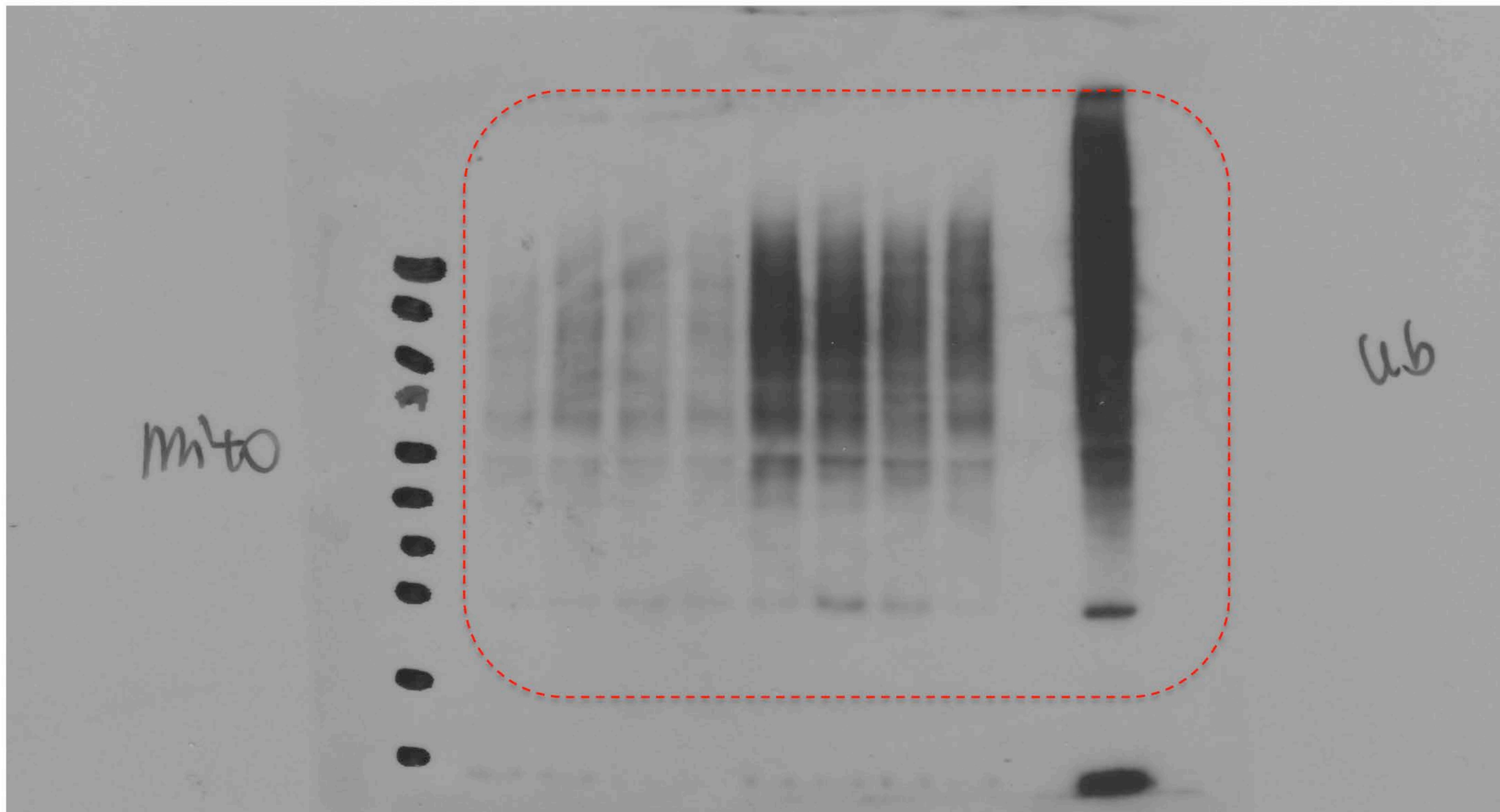


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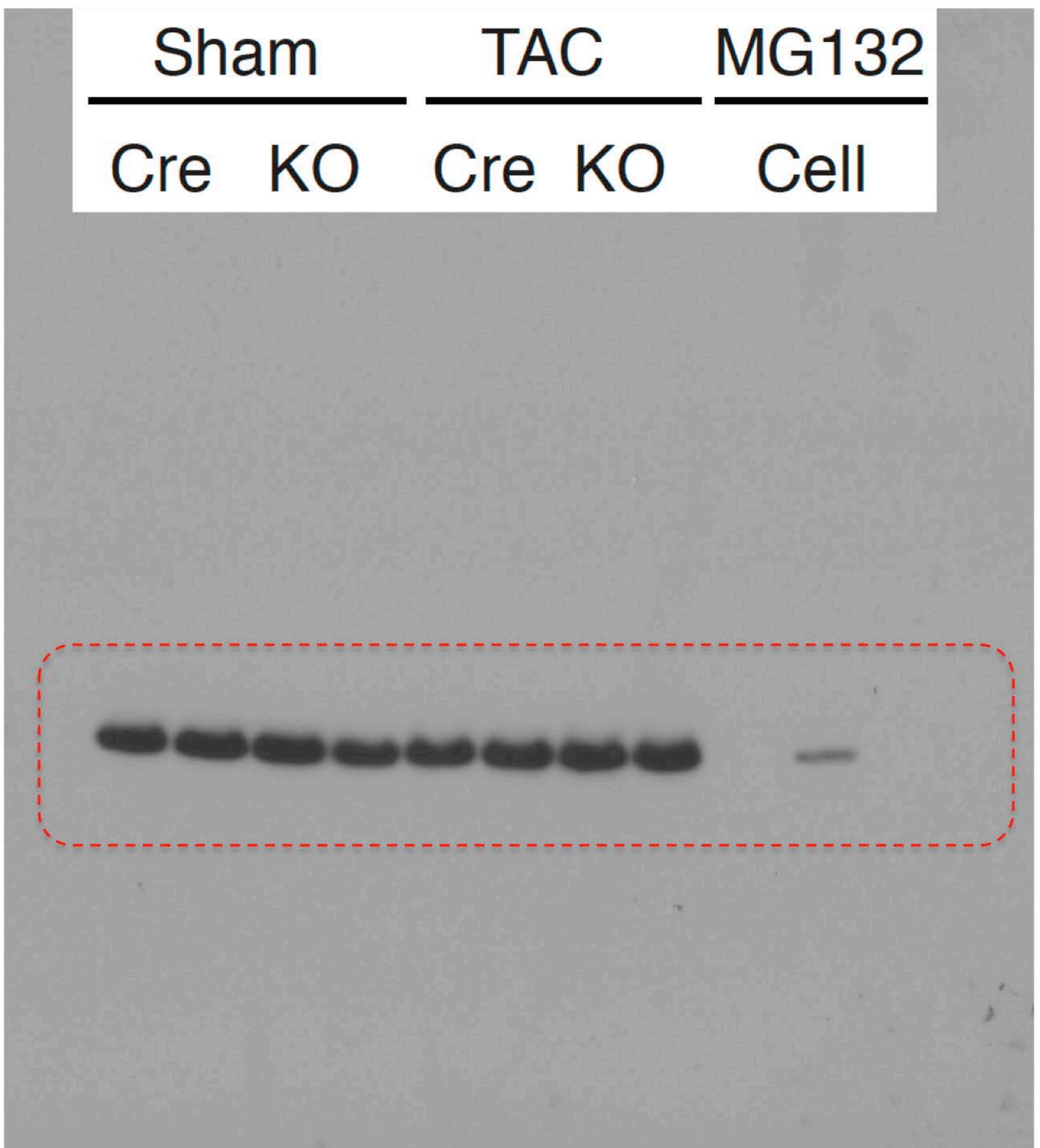


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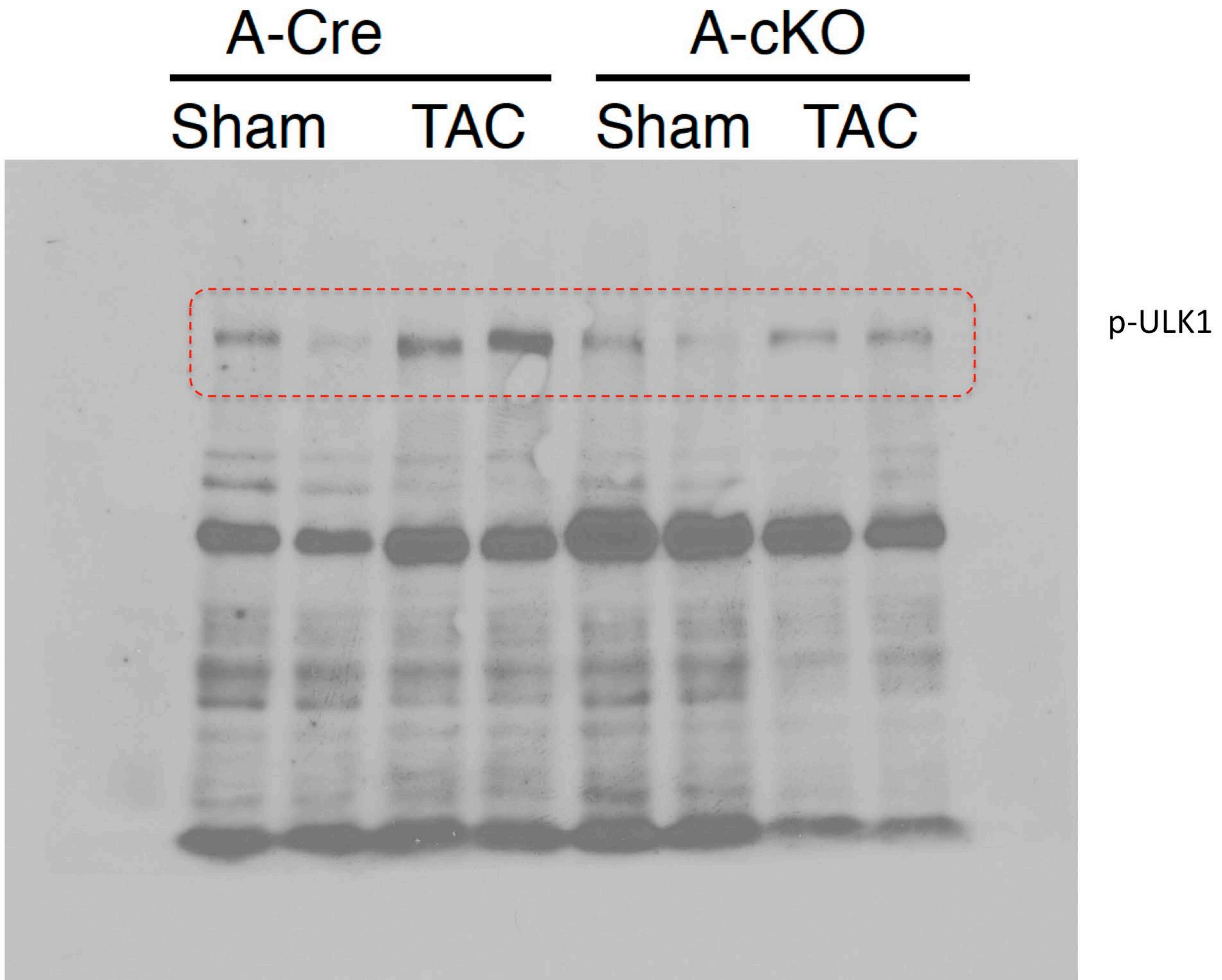
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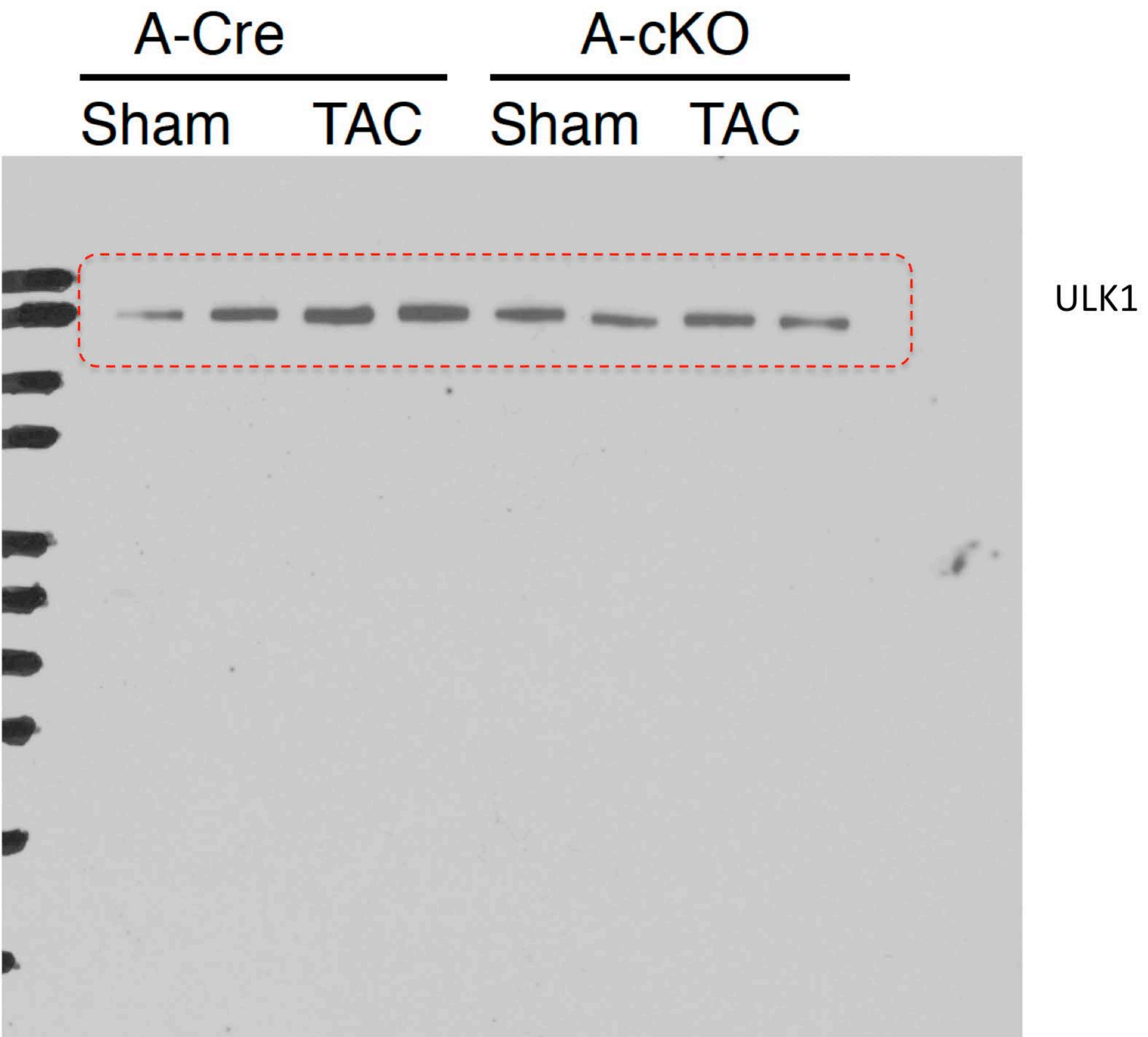
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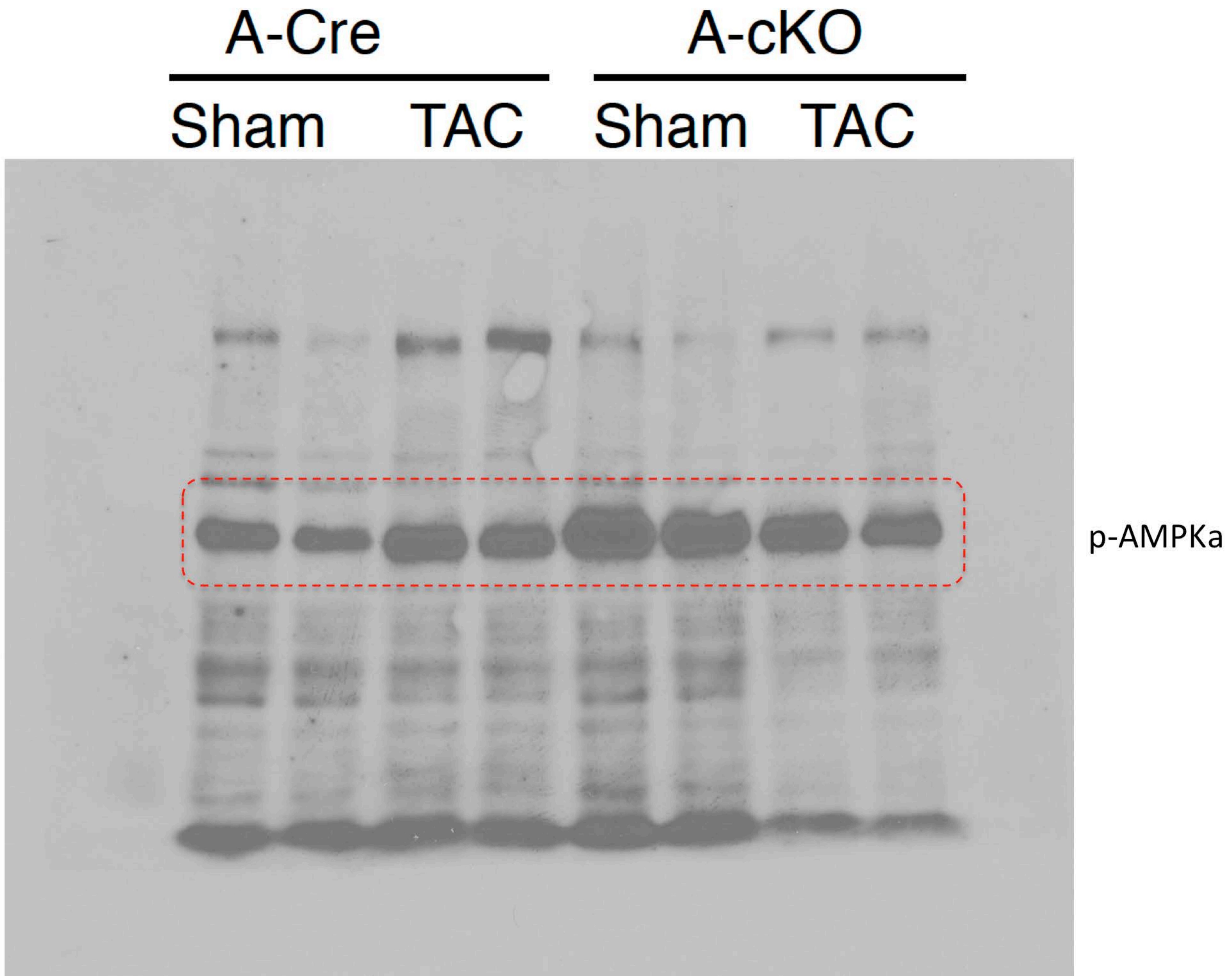
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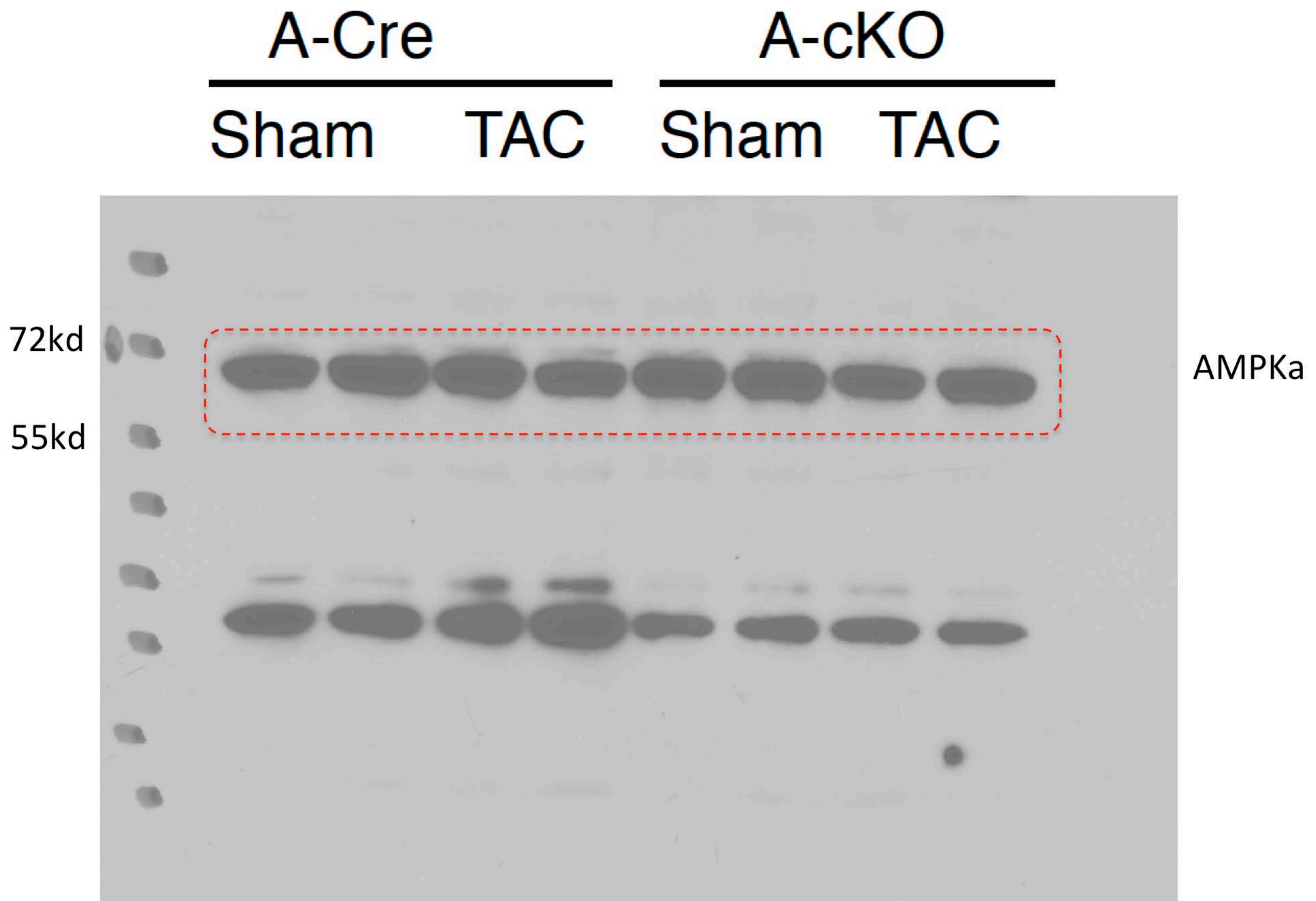
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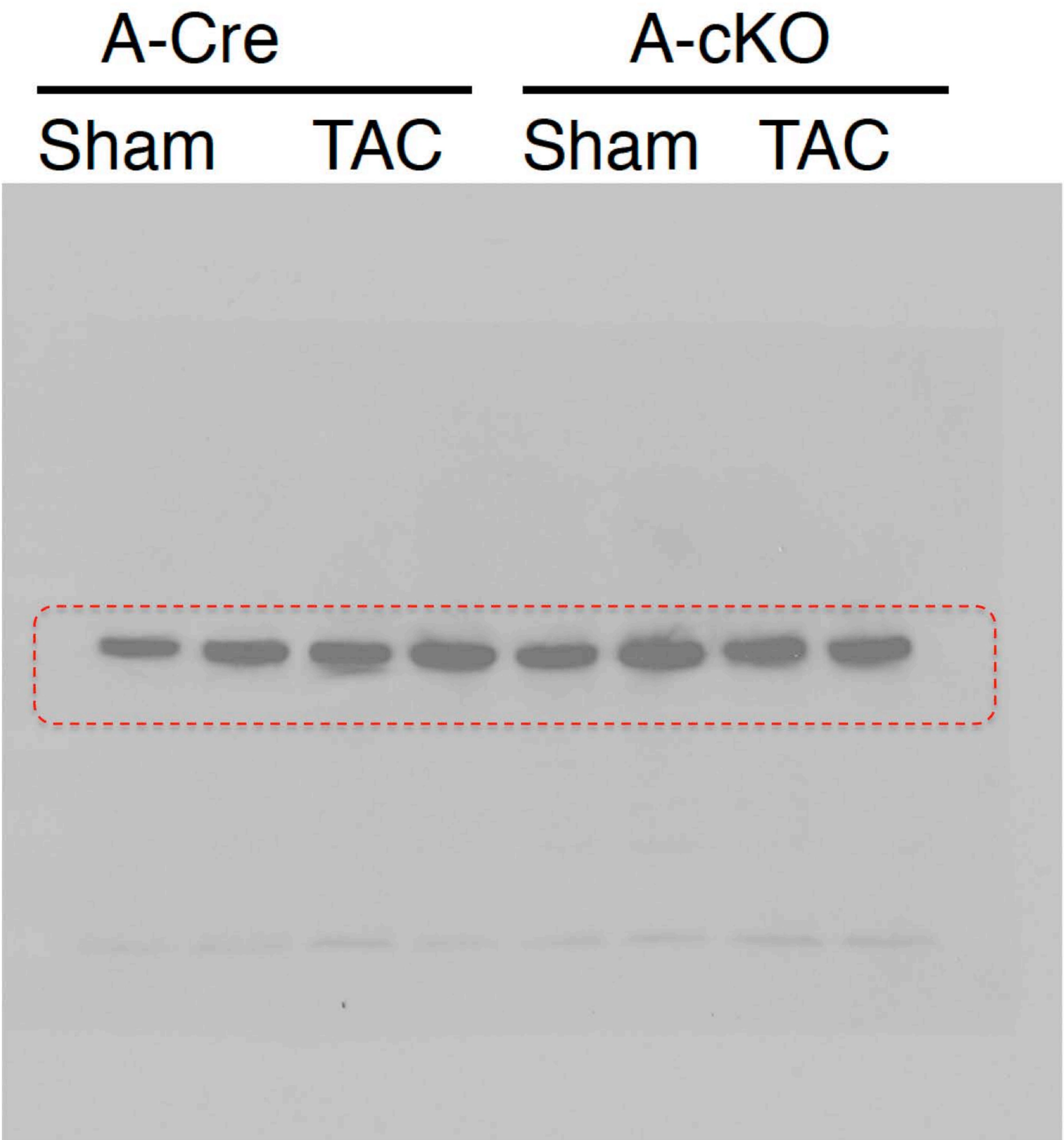
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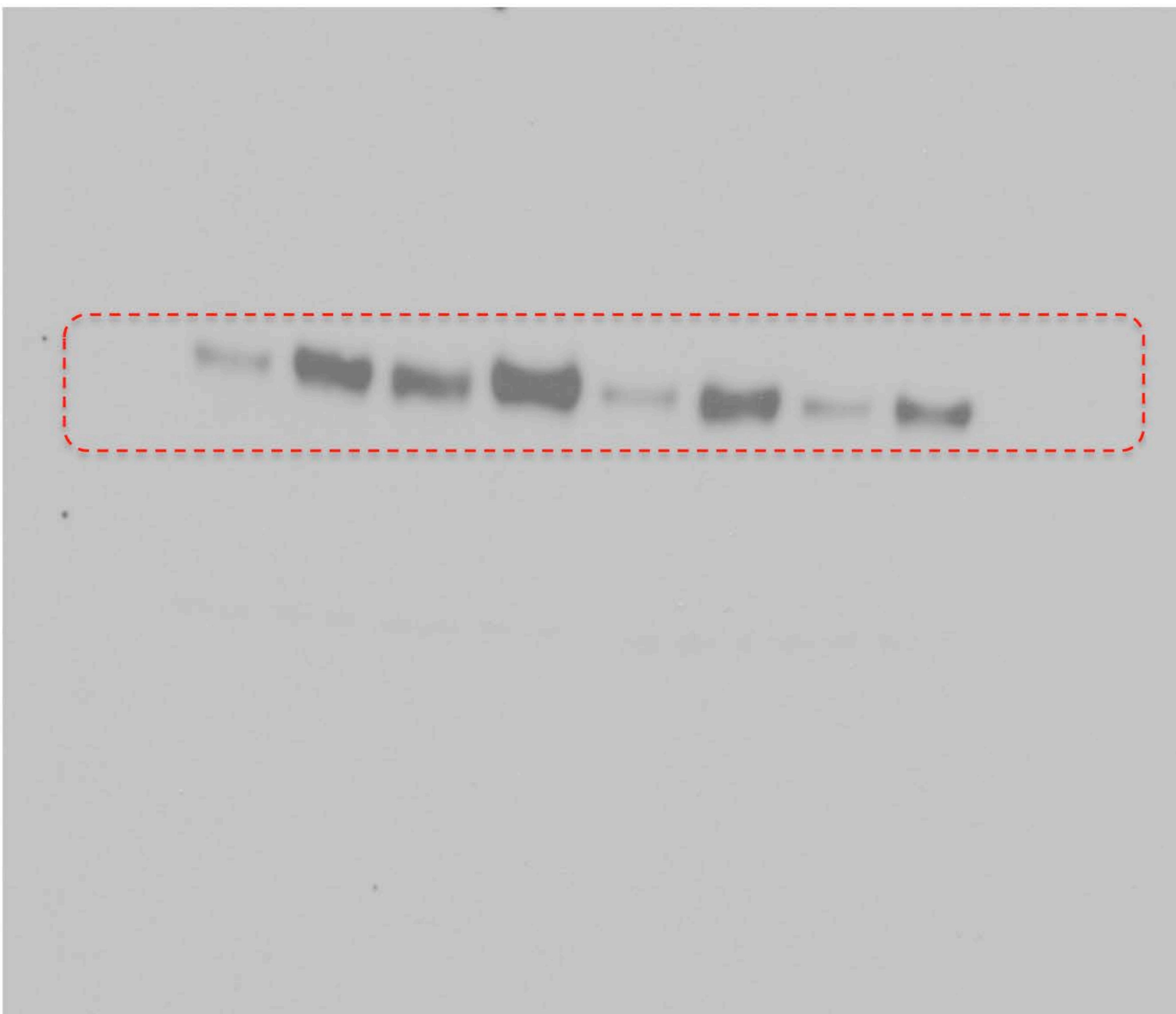


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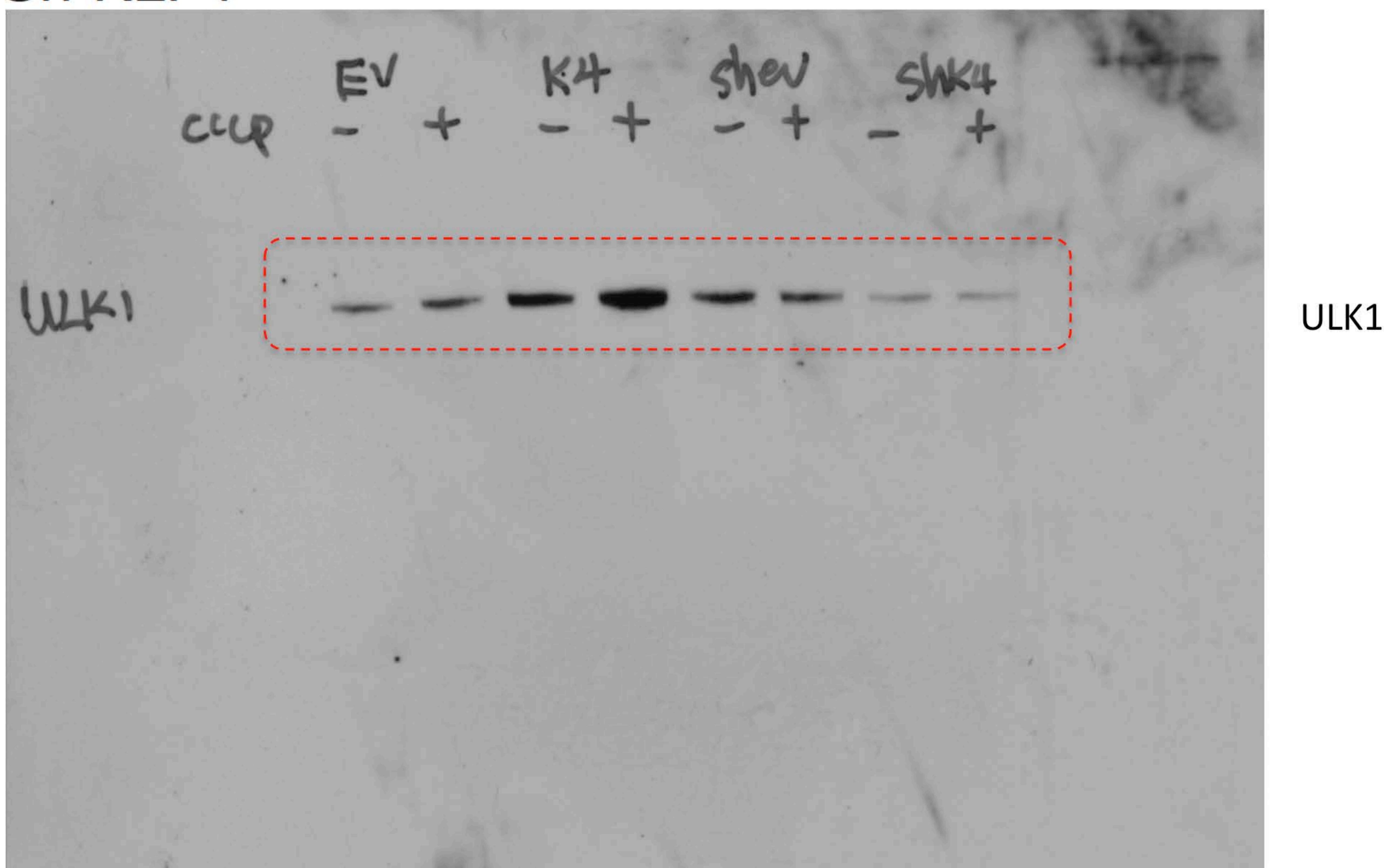
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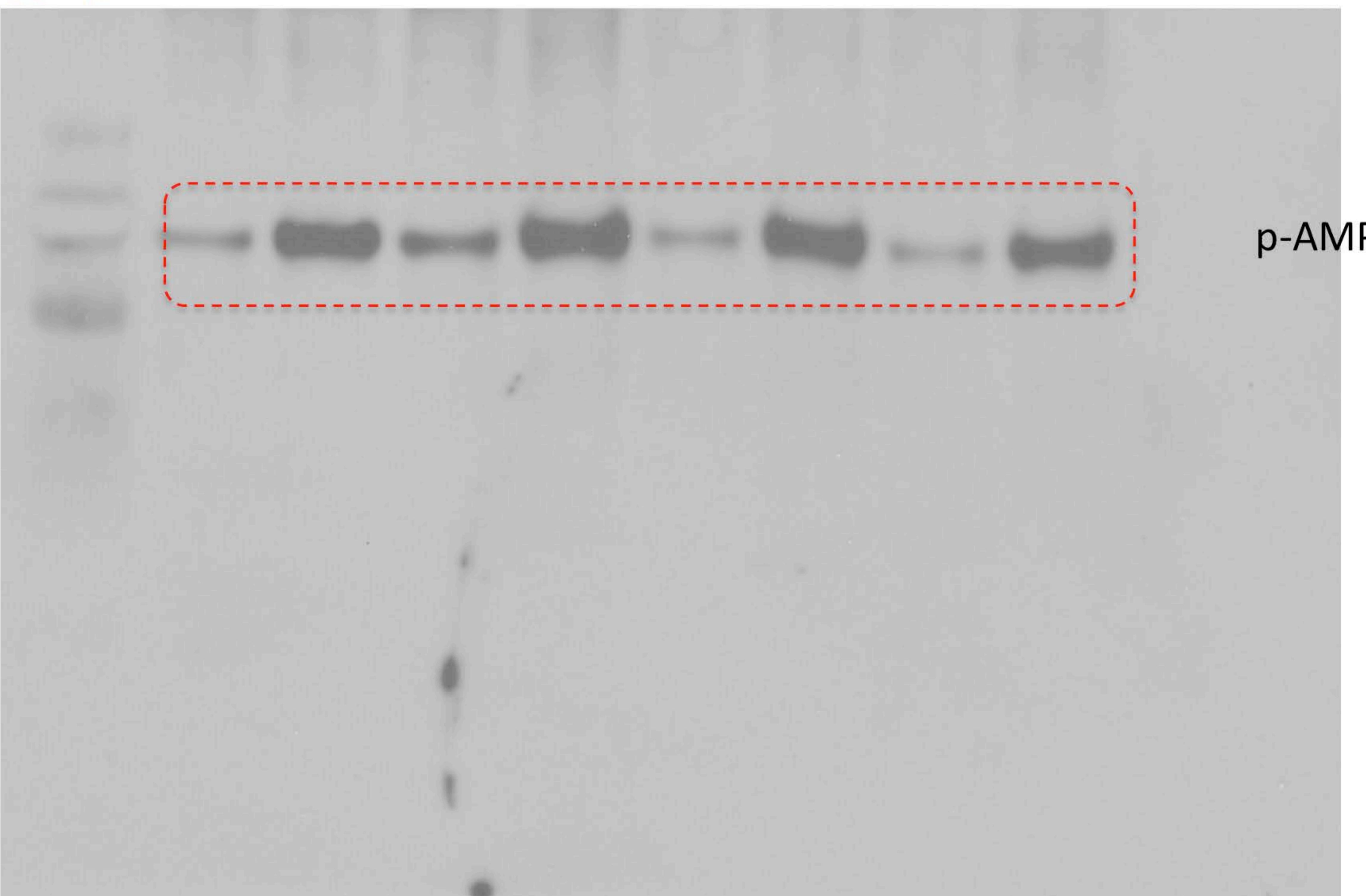
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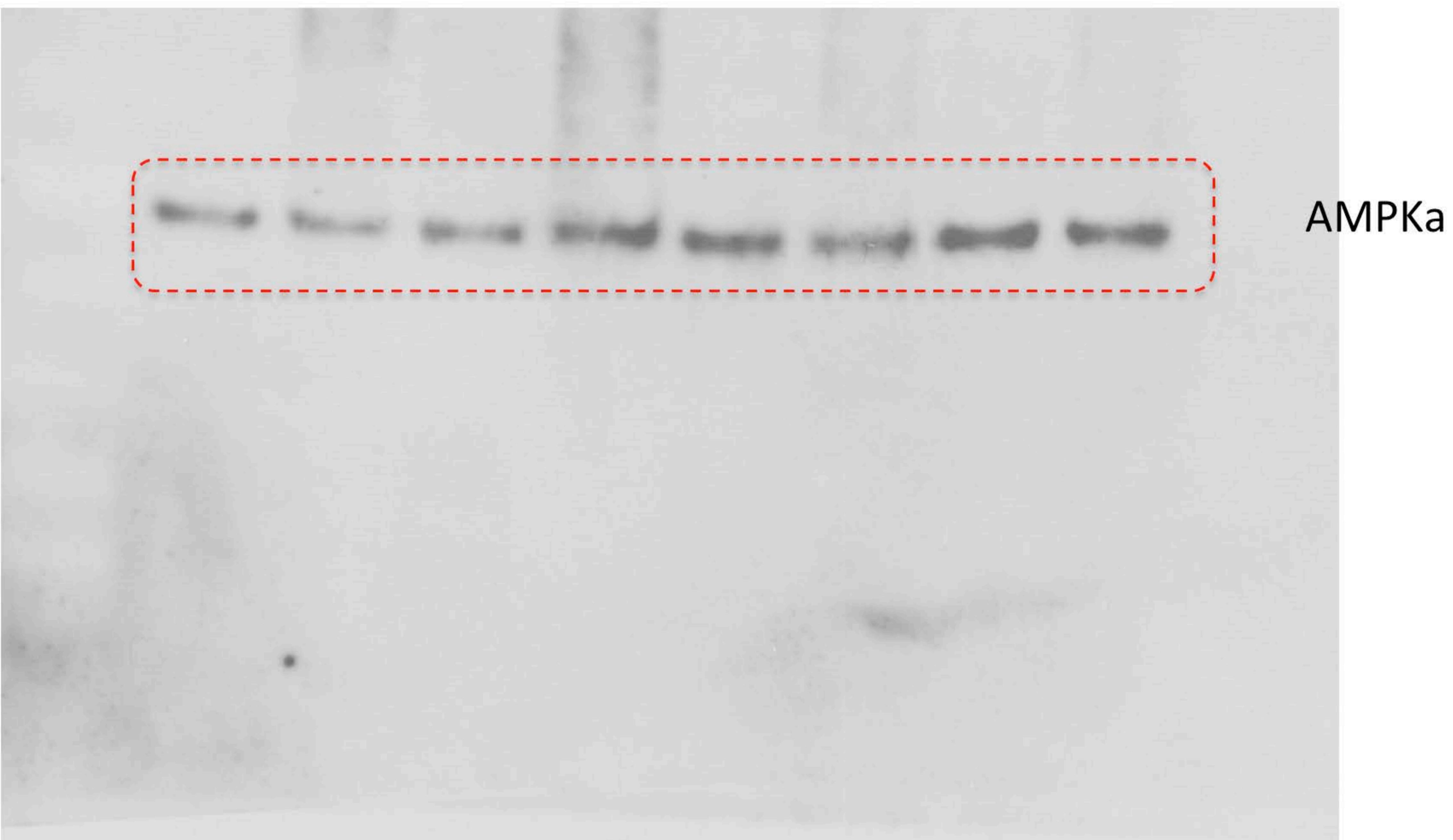
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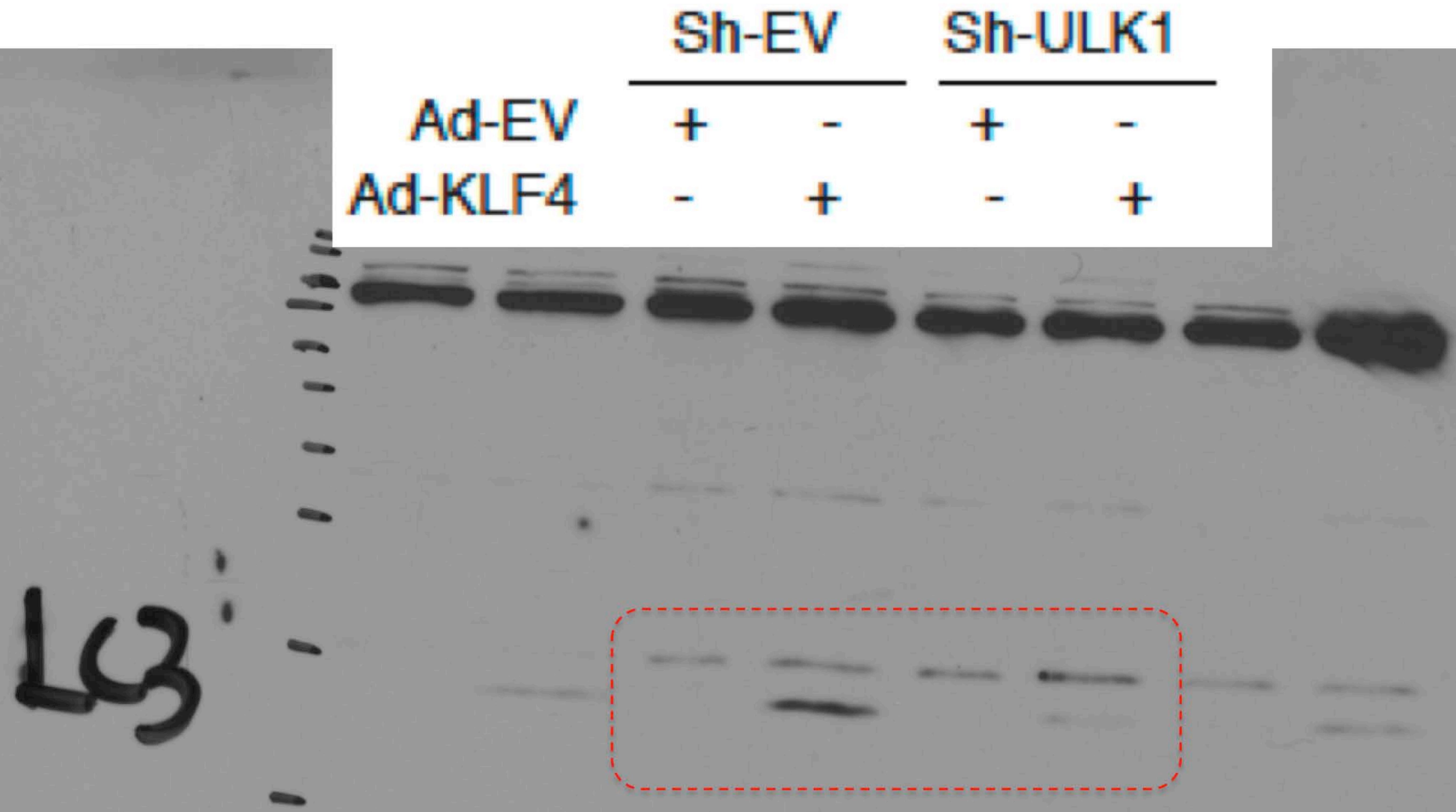
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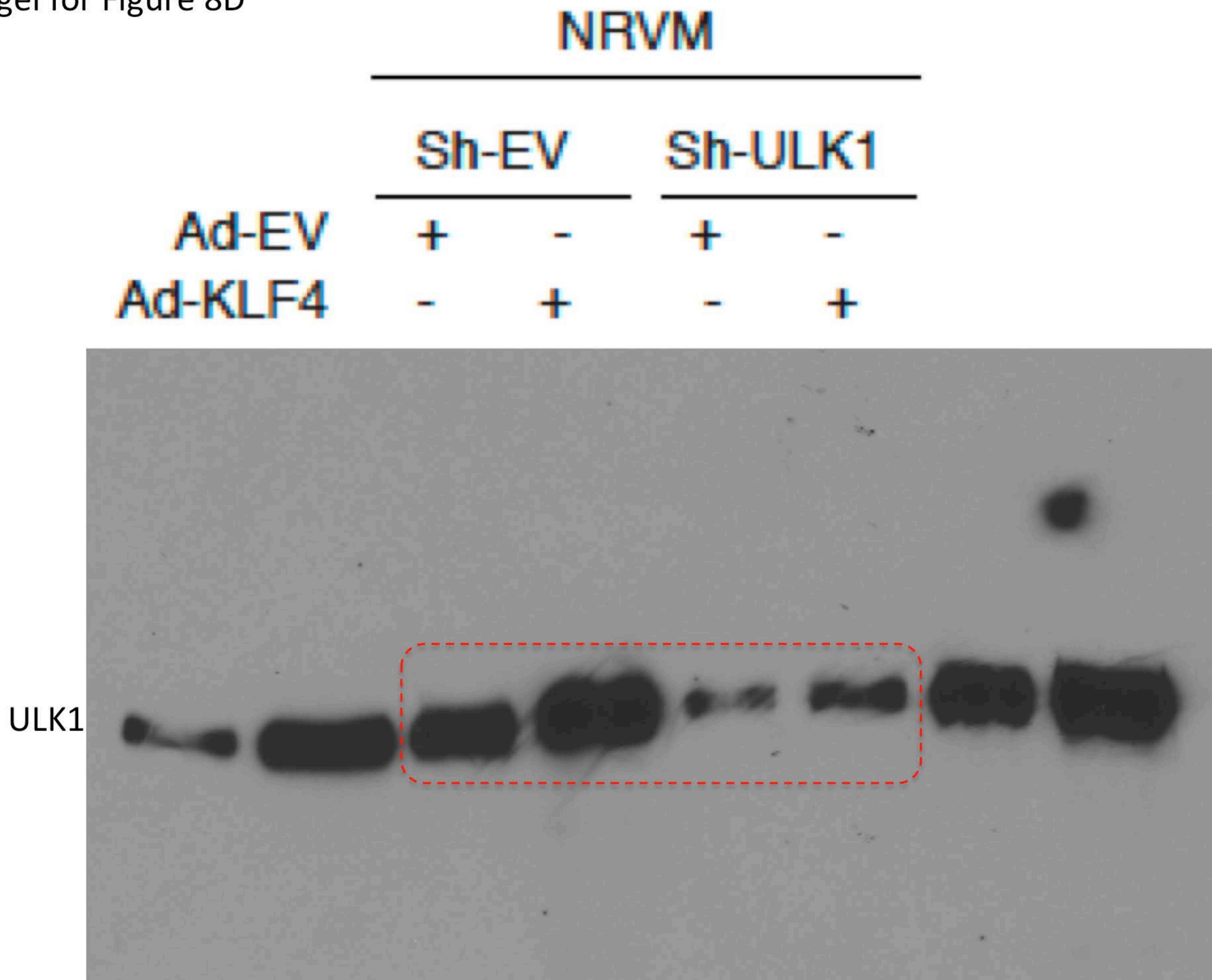


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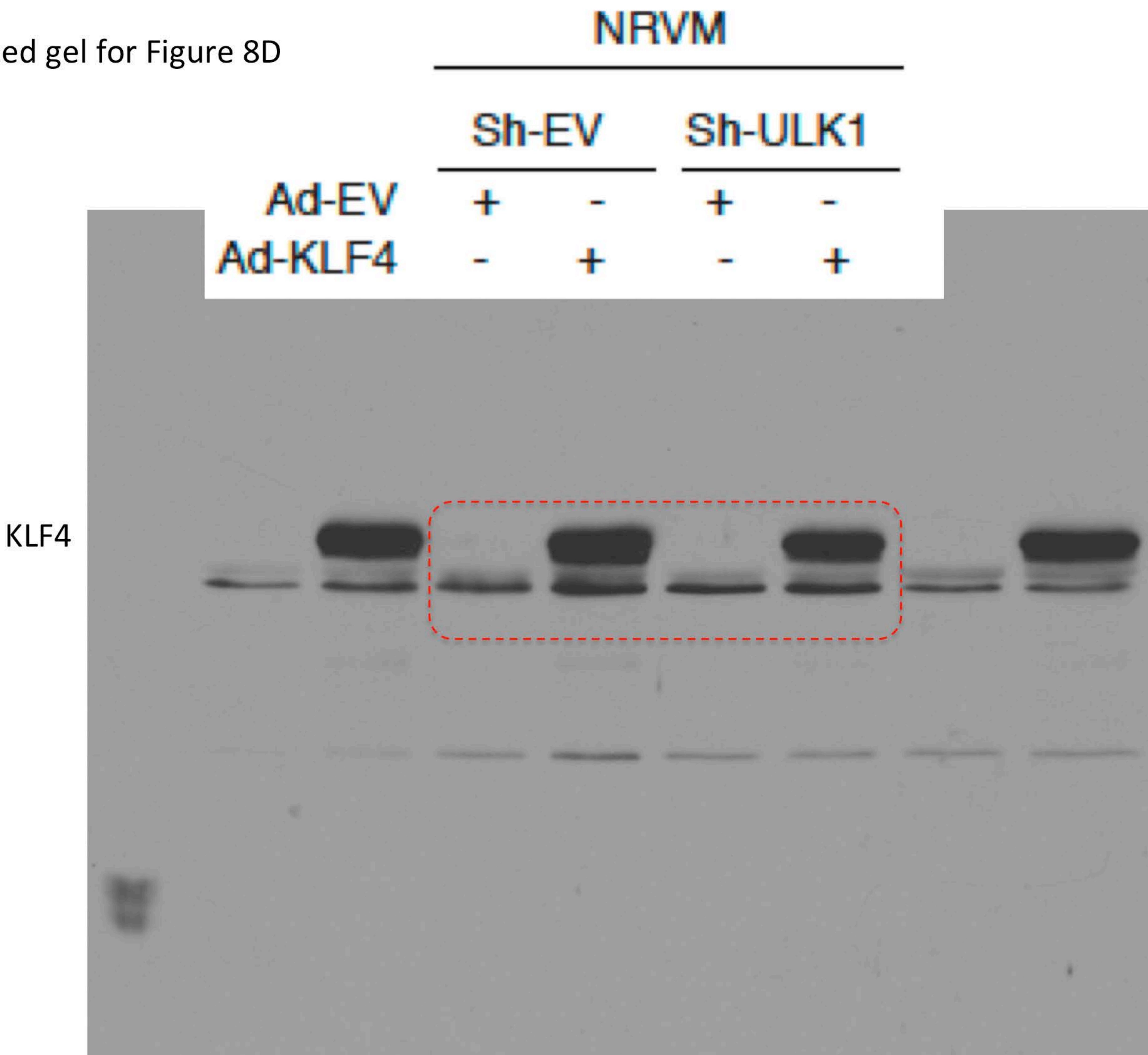
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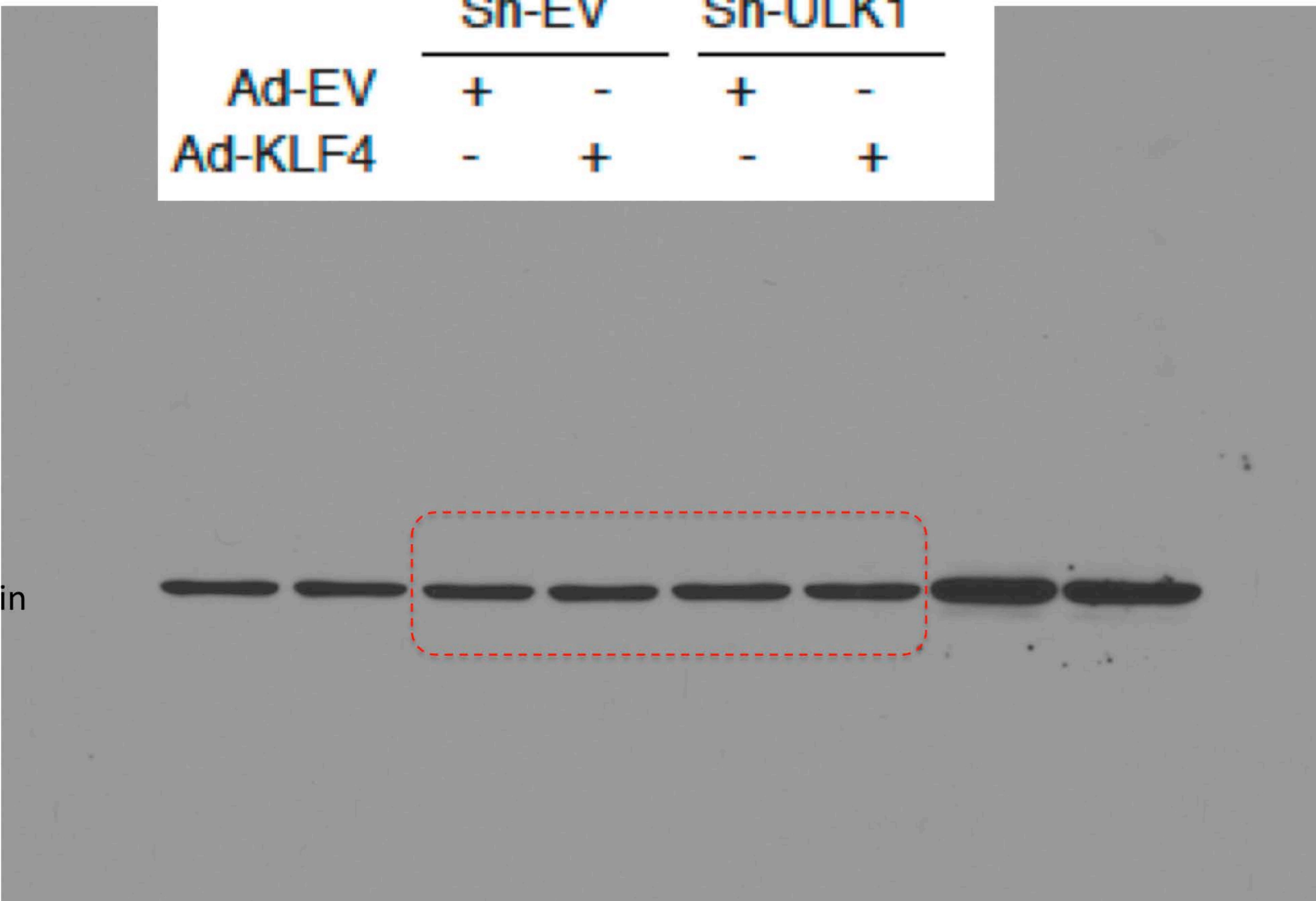


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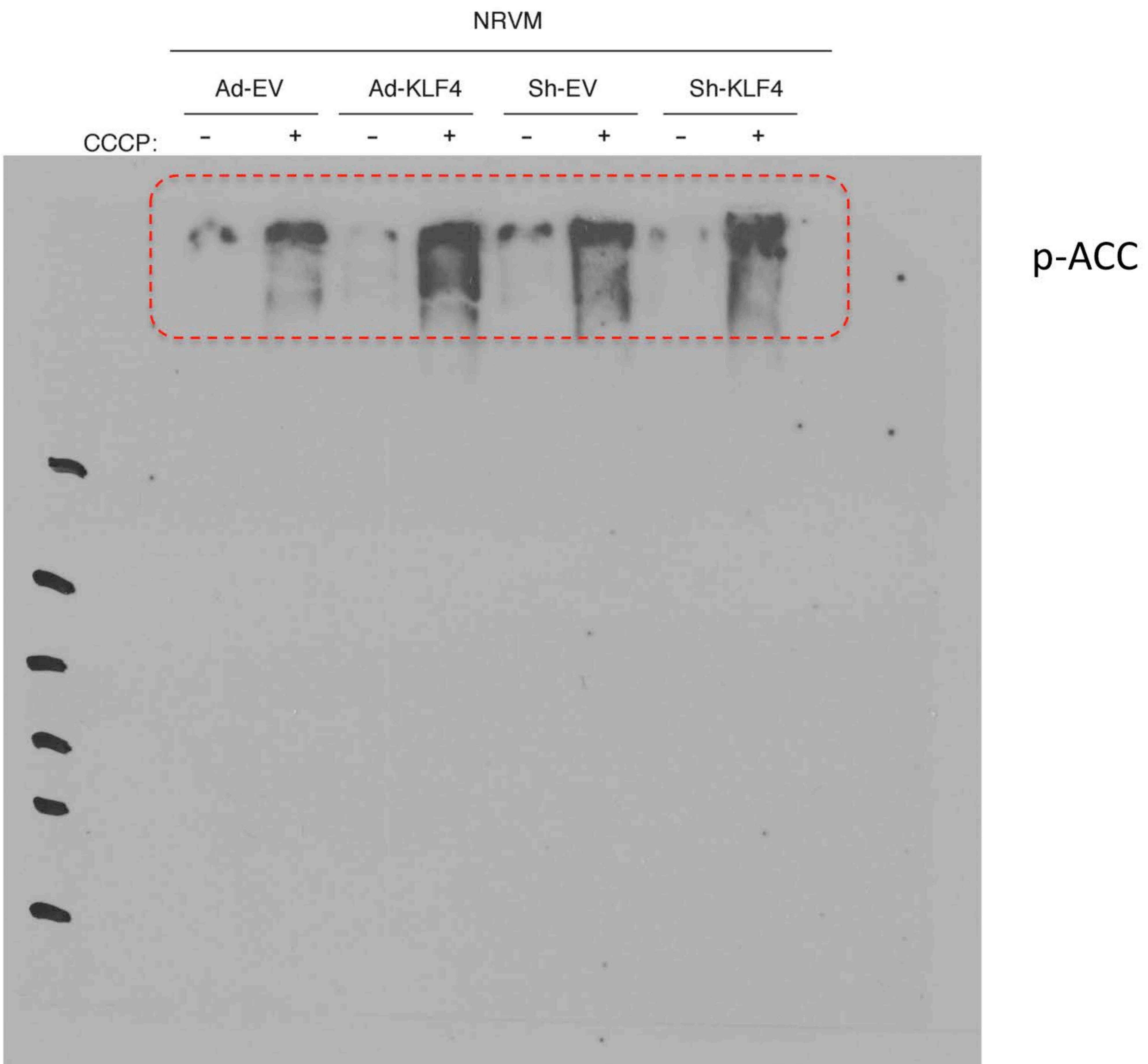
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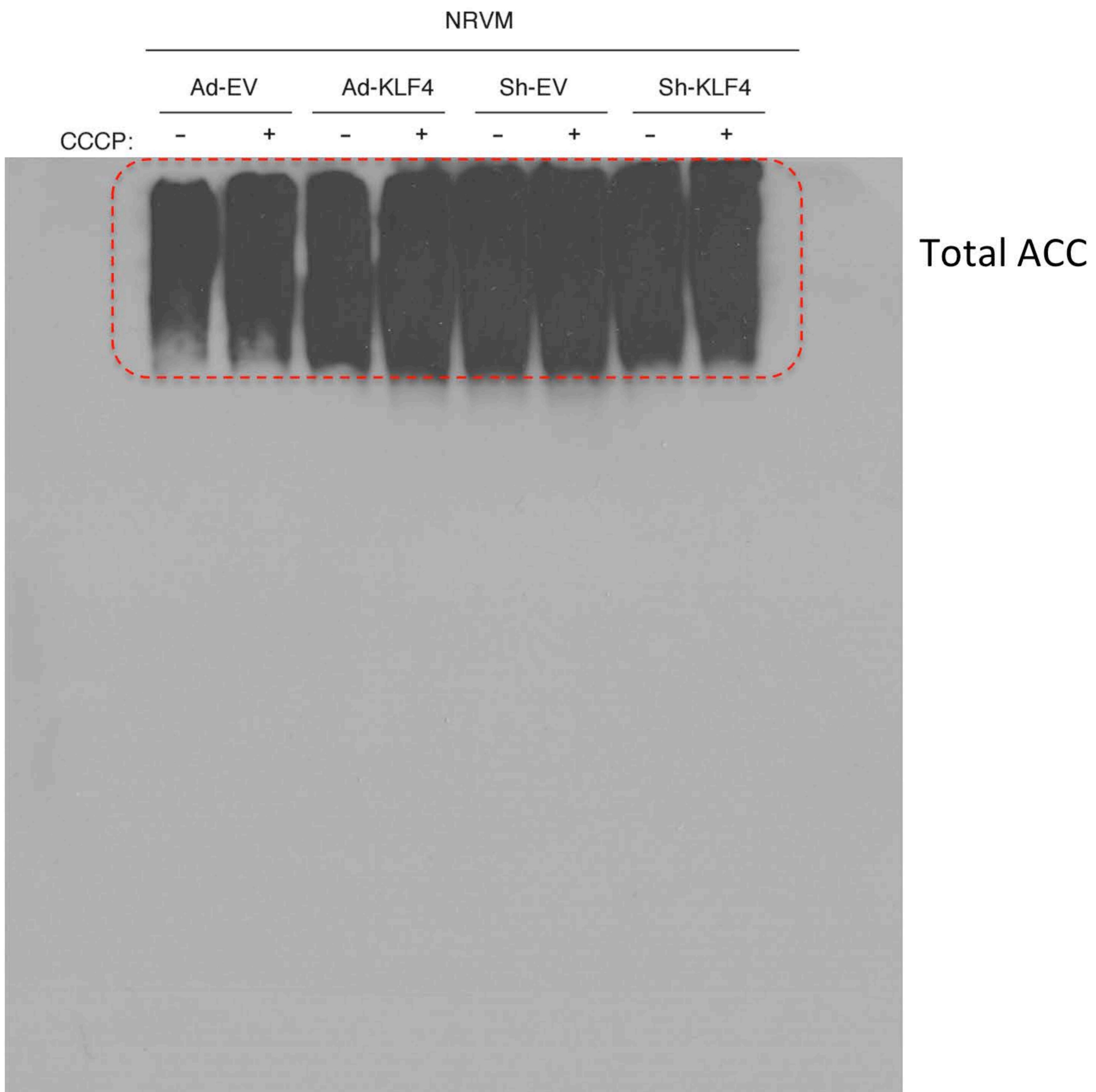
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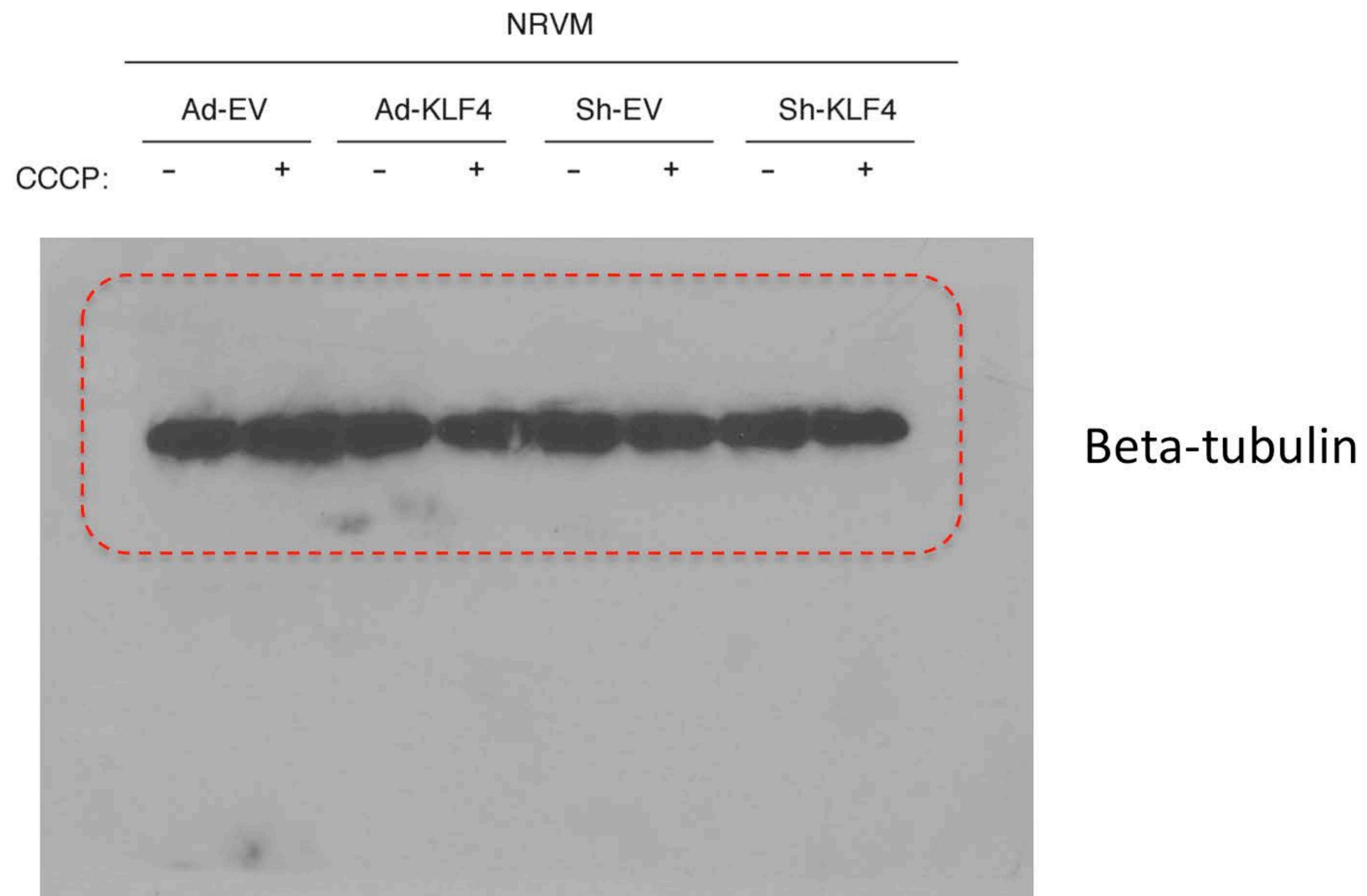
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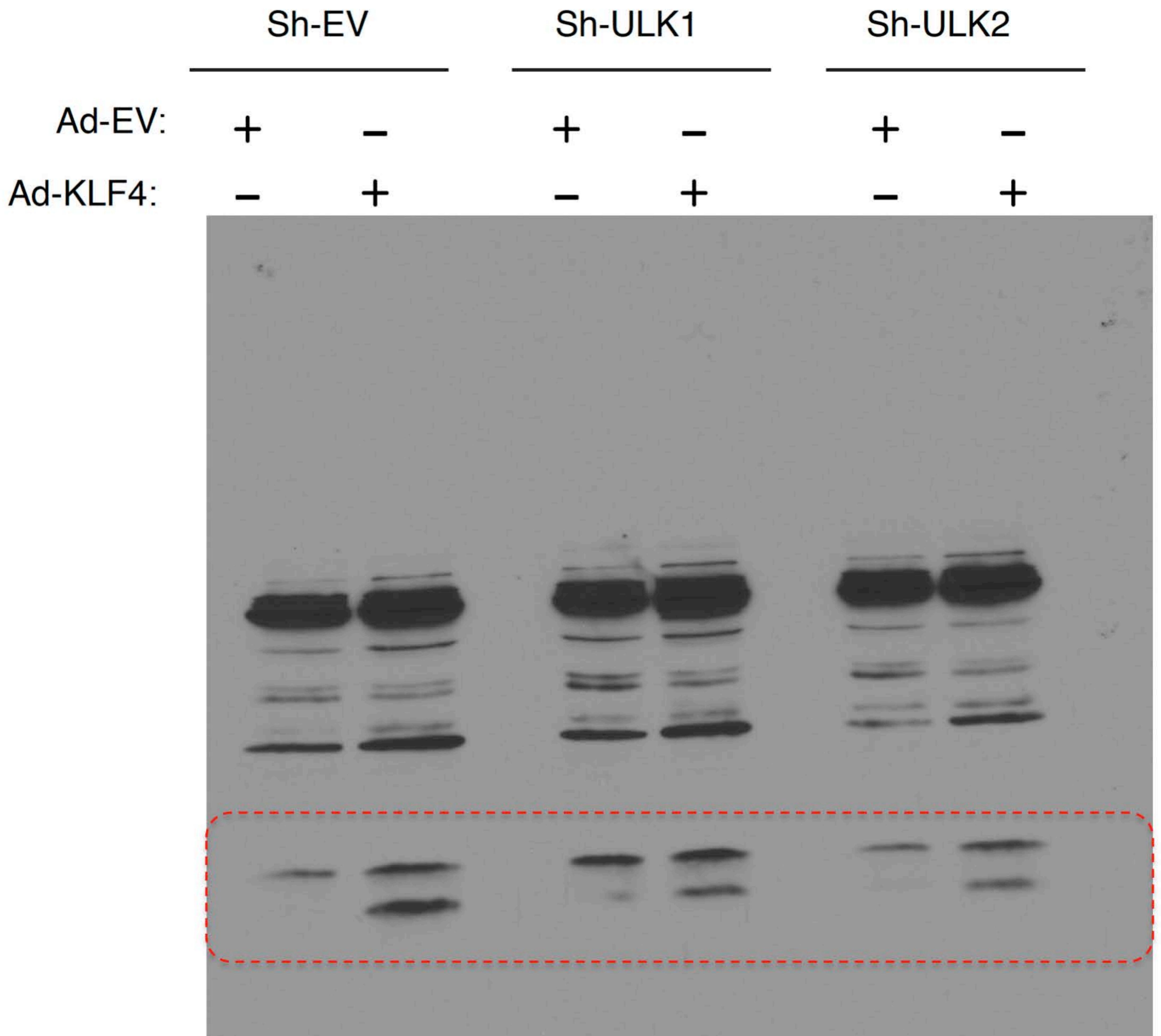
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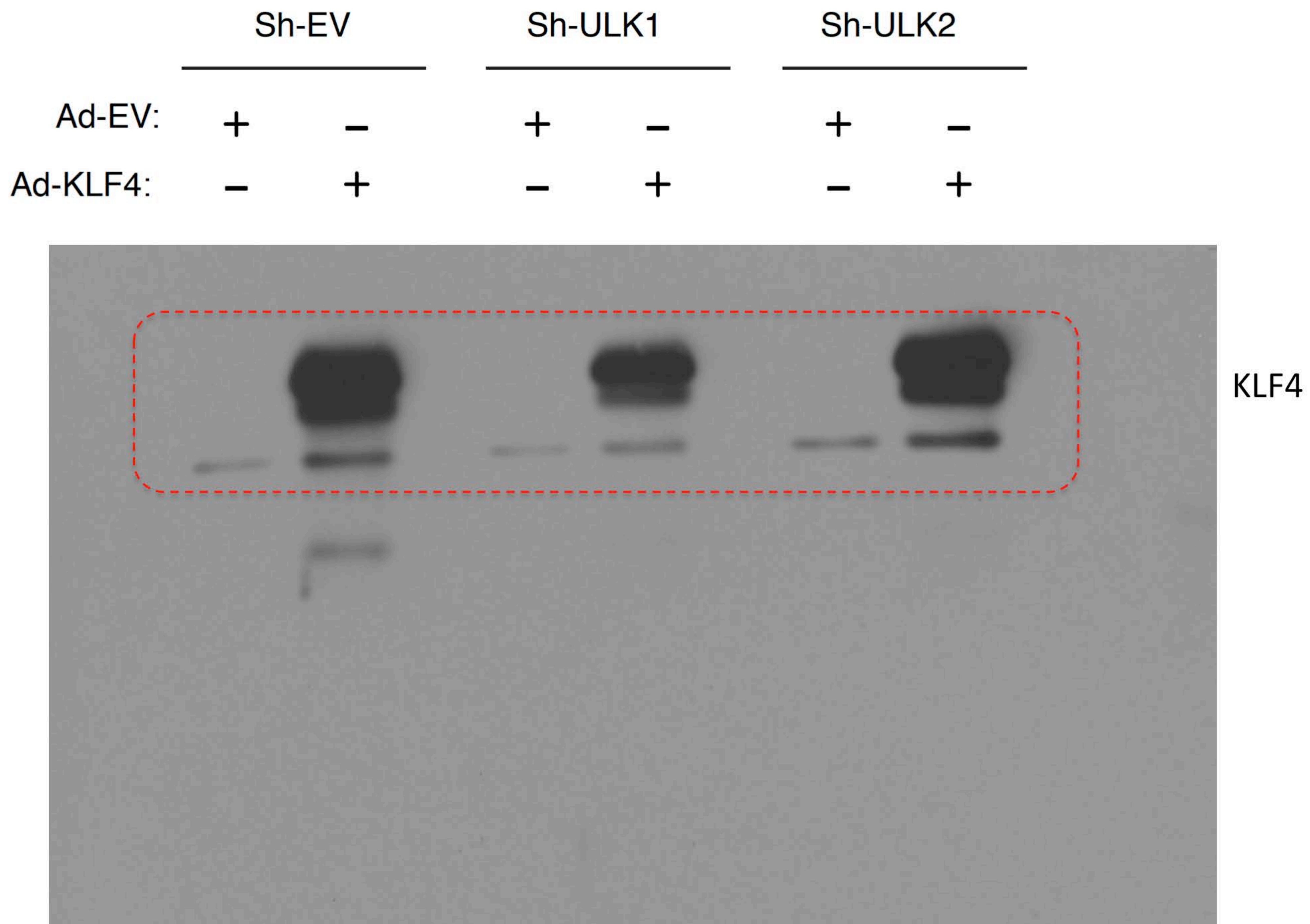
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