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S1. Melanoma exosome isolation optimization

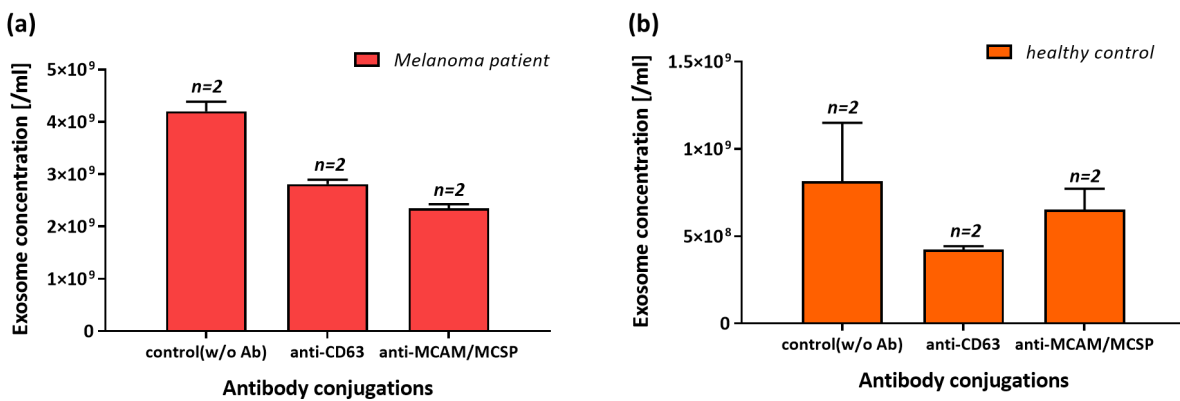


Figure S1. Nanoparticle tracking analysis of post capture samples processed by DUO conjugated without antibodies, with anti-CD63, and with a combination of MCAM and MCSP.

To verify the adequacy of our MCAM/MCSP antibody cocktail in isolating melanoma exosomes, we prepared two different pre-filtered plasma samples from one melanoma patient (M13) and healthy donor. These two samples were processed by three different devices conjugated with antibodies against tetraspanin (anti-CD63), melanoma (anti-MCAM/MCSP), and without antibody (control), and compared. Effluents after a capture event from three devices were analyzed using nanoparticle tracking analysis and concentrations of exosomal size vesicles were compared (**Figure S1**). These results show significant flow though of non-isolated exosomes in control devices, with the best capture performance coming from the device conjugated with anti-MCAM/MCSP for cancer. In healthy donor patients, a lack of melanoma specific proteins on the exosome surface led to antibody cocktail conjugated devices having capture capacities similar to a control device. Devices functionalized with anti-CD63 showed the best capture performance in healthy donor samples, likely due to anti-CD63 being a well-known general exosome marker.

Overall, these results showed that for specific isolation of melanoma exosomes, the MCAM/MCSP antibody cocktail is the optimal choice for our device.

After the optimization of antibodies, we tried finding an optimal flow rate for exosome isolation. Three flow rates, 0.5, 1, and 5ml/h, were tested. All three flow rates demonstrated similar isolation performance, with 1ml/h showing a slightly higher exosome recovery rate in terms of total protein concentration by BCA analysis (**Figure S2**). We therefore chose to use a flow rate of 1ml/hr for the rest of our experiments.

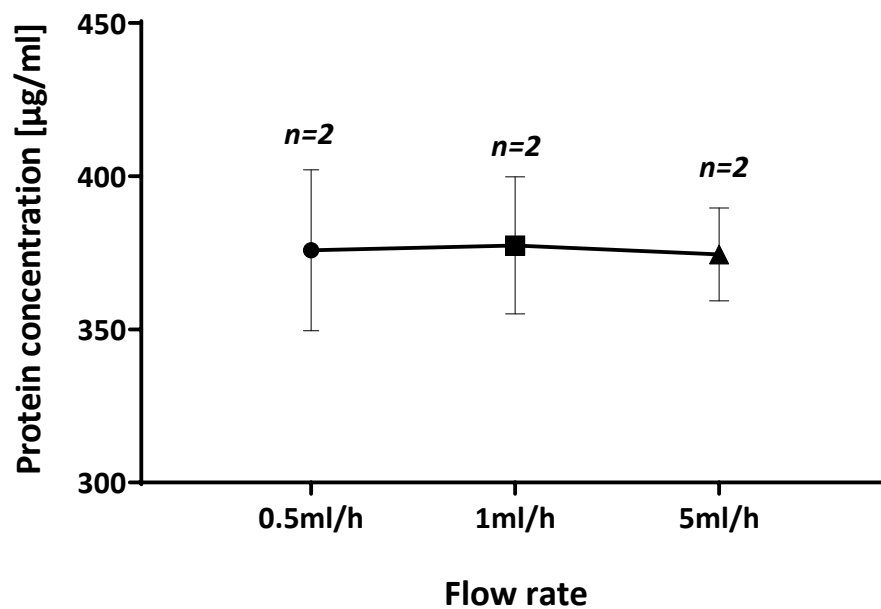


Figure S2. Exosome isolation comparison between various flow rates of sample processing

S2. RNA quantity comparison between melanoma patients and healthy controls

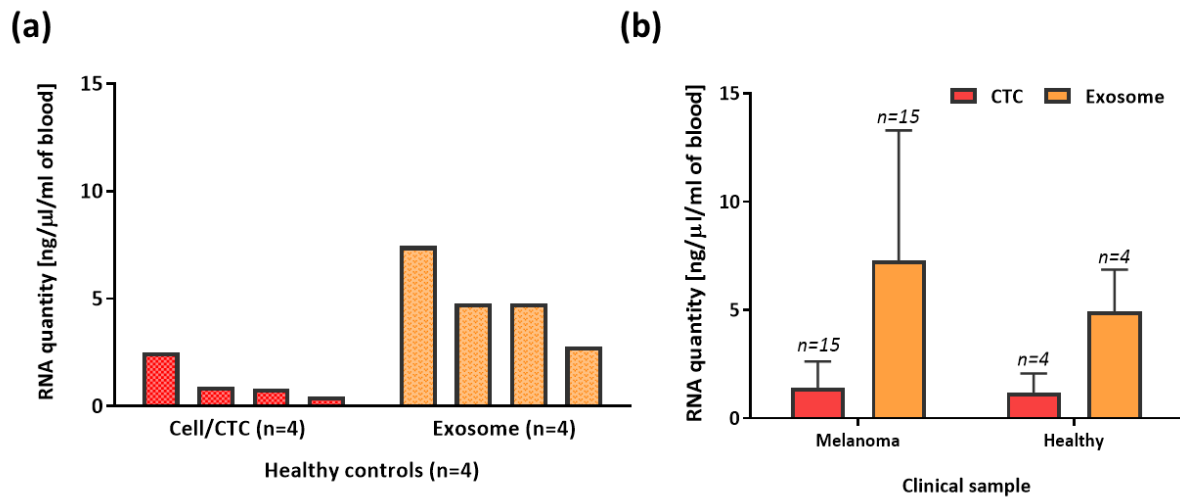


Figure S3. RNA quantities in CTCs and exosomes from clinical samples: a) individual RNA quantities of cells and exosomes in healthy control samples; b) comparison of RNA quantities of CTCs and exosomes in melanoma and healthy control samples

S3. 96 Gene panel analysis of melanoma circulating markers

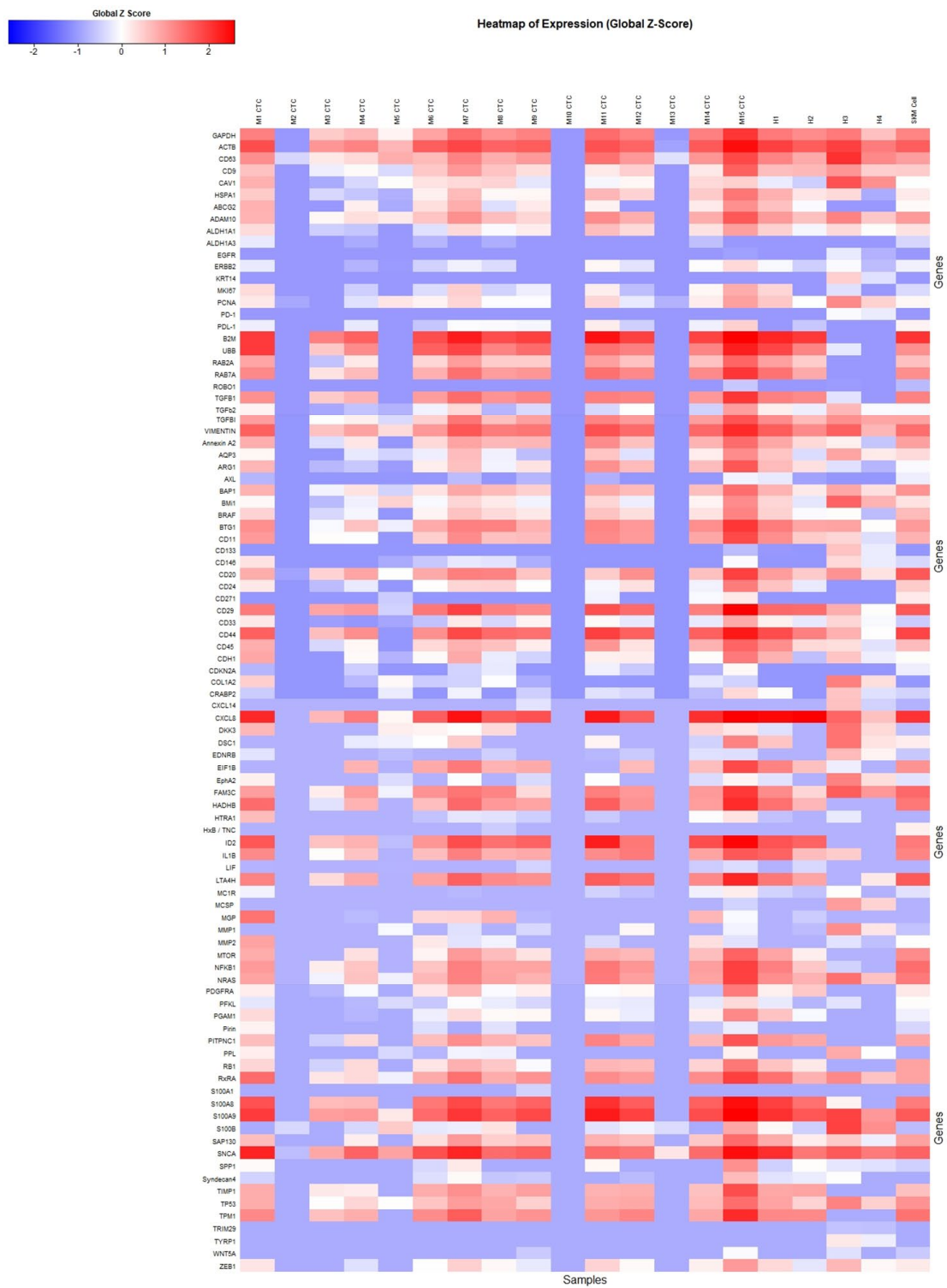


Fig. S4. Heat map analysis of mRNA expressions in MCTCs

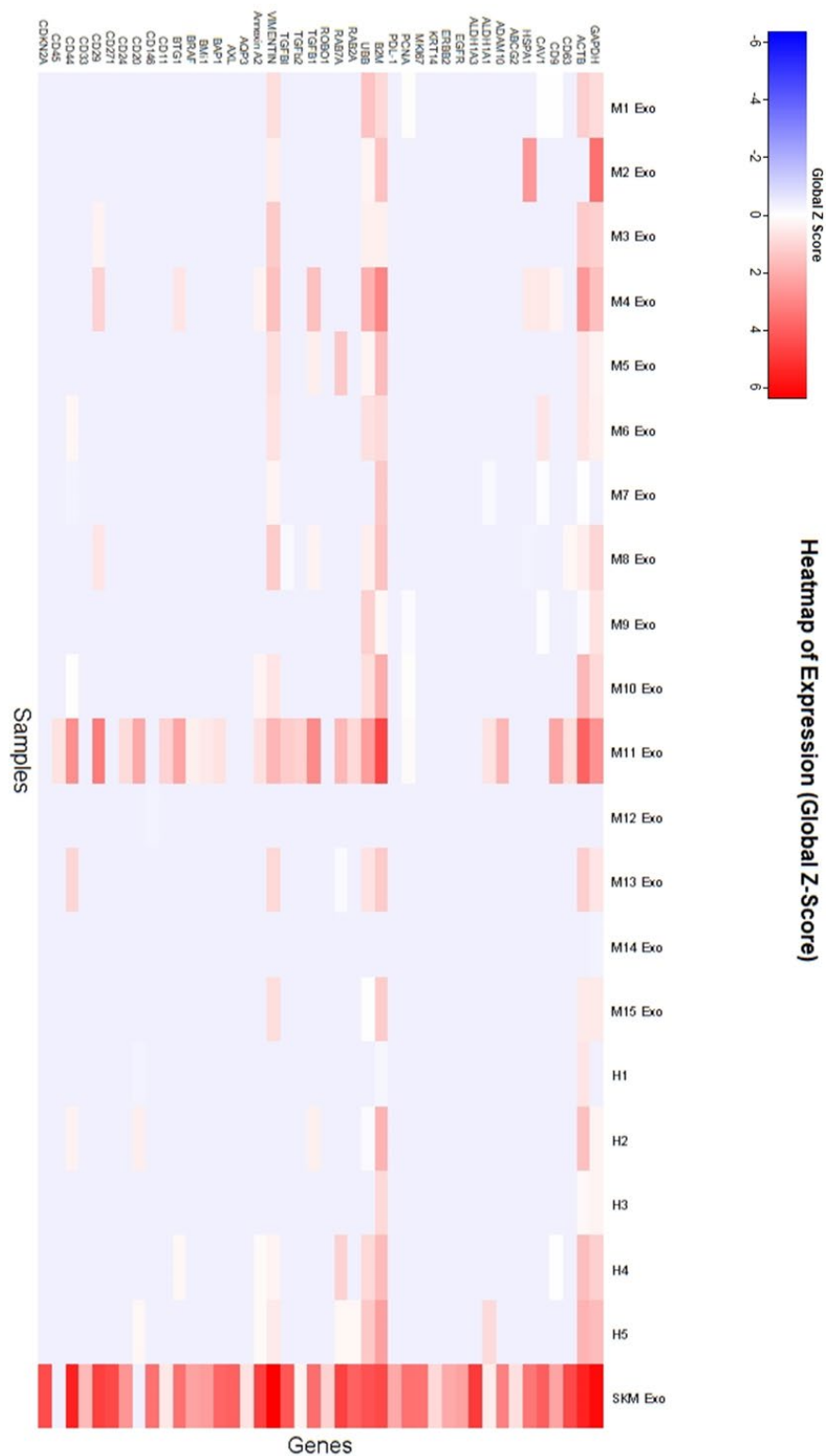


Fig. S5. Heat map analysis of mRNA expressions in MEXos

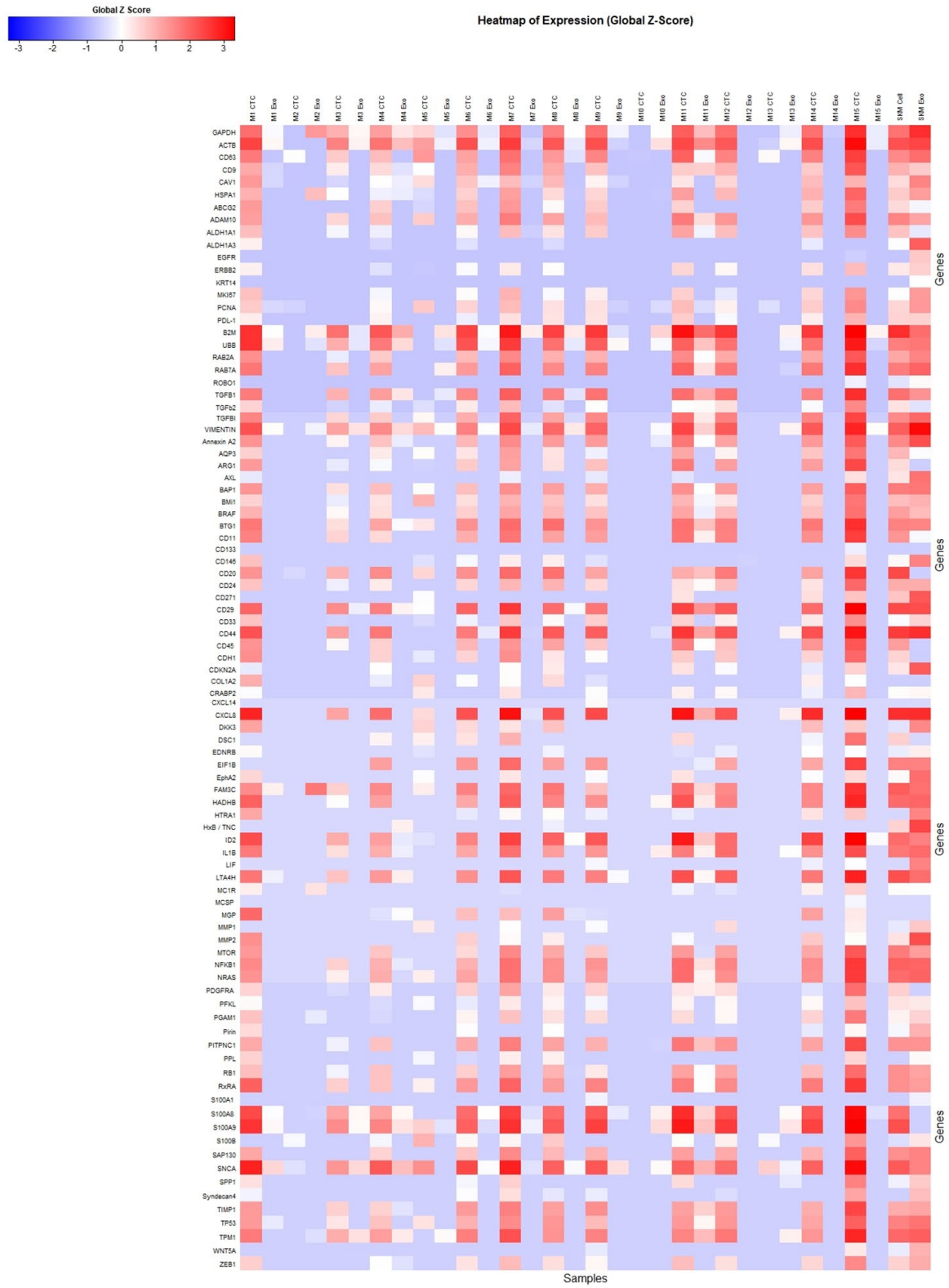


Fig. S6. Pair-wise heat map analysis of mRNA expressions in both MCTCs and MExos

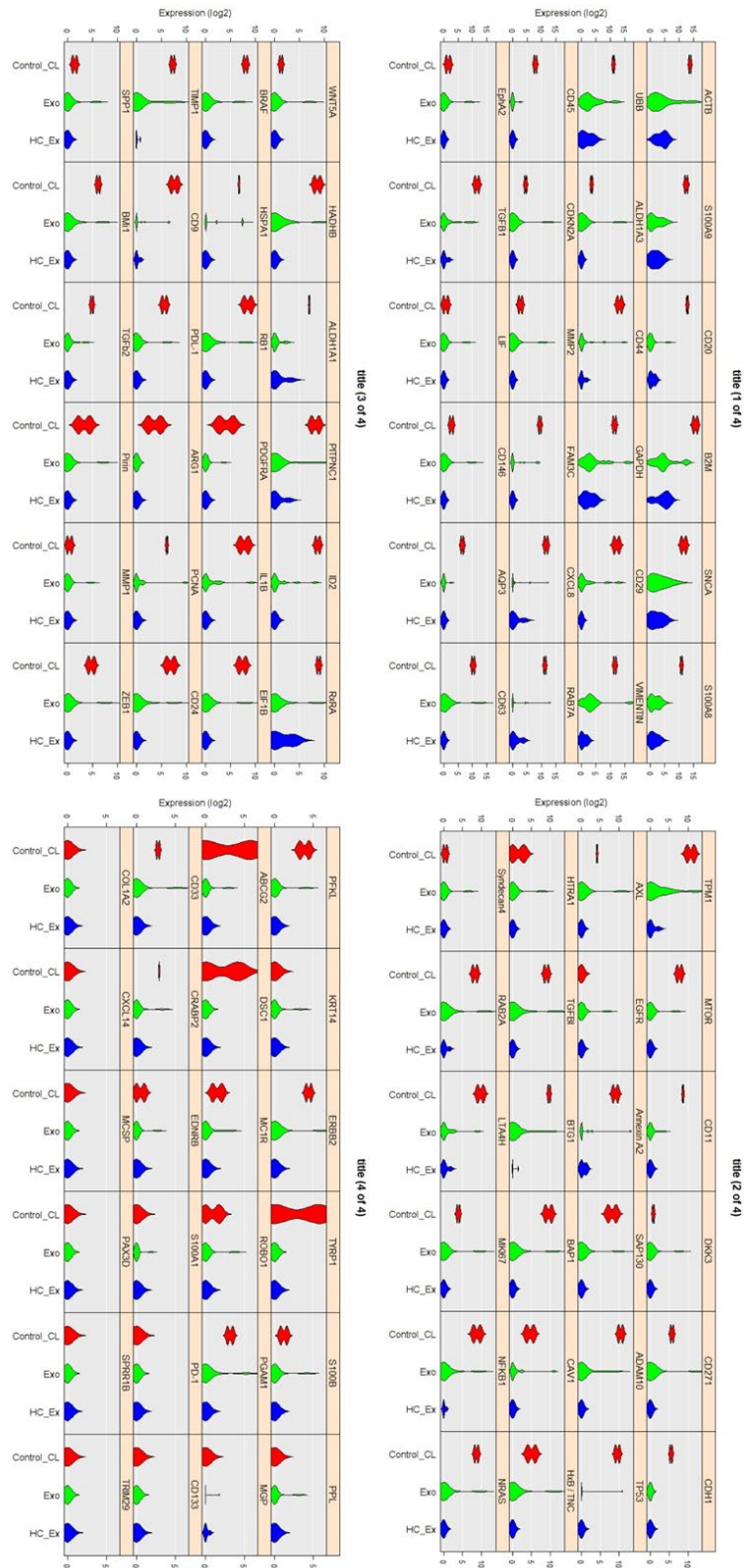


Fig. S8. Violin plot analysis of mRNA expressions in MExos

S4. Patient information

Table S1. Clinical information of the patient samples

Cancer Type	Sample ID	Sample description					
		Sex	Age	Stage	Site	Primary S100	Primary MelanA
Melanoma	<i>M1</i>	Male	75	IA	Head & Neck		
	<i>M2</i>	Female	35	IV	Head & Neck		
	<i>M3</i>	Female	77	IB	Head & Neck		
	<i>M4</i>	Female	59	IB	Head & Neck		
	<i>M5</i>	Female	54	IA	Head & Neck		
	<i>M6</i>	Female	77	IB	Head & Neck		
	<i>M7</i>	Male	69	IA	Head & Neck		
	<i>M8</i>	Female	88	IB	Head & Neck		
	<i>M9</i>	Male	80		Head & Neck		
	<i>M10</i>	Male	74	IIIC	Head & Neck	Positive	Positive
	<i>M11</i>	Male	69	IIC	Head & Neck		
	<i>M12</i>	Male	45	IIIC	Head & Neck	Positive	Positive
	<i>M13</i>	Female	80	IIIC	Head & Neck	Positive	Positive
	<i>M14</i>	Male	51	IA	Head & Neck		
	<i>M15</i>	Male	84	IA	Head & Neck		

S5. Reagents

Table S2. The reagents used in this study

Category	Name	Host	Reactivity	Ratio	Catalog number (Company)
Antibody (capture)	Biotin-MCAM (CD146)	Mouse	Human	1:100	130-092-852 (MACS)
	Biotin- NG2/MCSP	Goat	Human	1:90	NBP2-45358B (Novus)
Antibody (IF, primary)	Melan- A/MART-1	Mouse	Human	1:100	MAB8008 (R&D Systems)
	CD-45	Rat	Human	1:40	SC-70699 (Santa Cruz Bio)
	S100	Mouse	Human	1:40	MA1-26621 (Thermo Fisher)
Antibody (IF, secondary)	AF546	Goat	Mouse	1:200	A21133 (Invitrogen)
	AF488	Goat	Rat	1:200	A11006 (Life Tech)
Dye	DAPI	-	-	1:1000	
Buffered solution	RLT Buffer	-	-		1030963 (Qiagen)
Etc.	Pierce RIPA	-	-		89900 (Thermo Scientific)
	Protease Inhibitor Cocktail	-	-		1862209 (Thermo Scientific)