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GLUL GENE KNOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTED GLUCOSE LEVEL SHOW SYNERGISTIC INHIBITORY EFFECT ON THE LUMINAL SUBTYPE BREAST CANCER MCF7 CELLS' PROLIFERATION AND METASTASIS

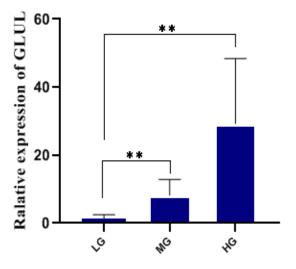
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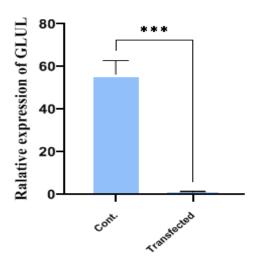
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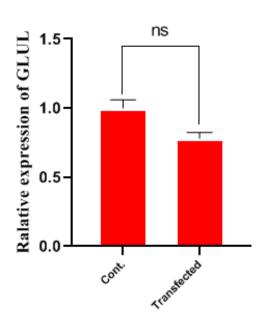
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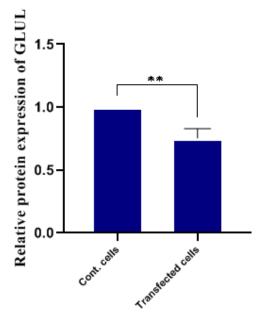
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Figure 2A, B, C, D: Expressions of GLUL (glutamine synthetase) mRNA in breast cancer MCF7 cells in a growth medium with different levels of glucose and siGLUL (siRNA against GLUL) transfected cultures and also western blotting trials of glutamine synthetase have been indicated.









Raw data to Figure 2A, B, C, D: The raw data indicating fold changes of studied genes of individual qRT-PCR include GLUL (Glutamate Ammonia Ligase), GSTM3 (glutathione-S-transferase Mu3), ENO1 (alfa-enolase), and Bax genes.

| Genes | Experiments | Transcript Fold change (2 ^{-ΔΔCT}) in control cells | Transcript Fold change (2 ^{-ΔΔCT}) in transfected cells |
|---------|--------------|--|---|
| GLUL HG | Experiment 1 | 23.52299738 | |
| | Experiment 2 | 38.00190931 | |
| | Experiment 3 | 59.63138748 | |
| | Experiment 4 | 34.96888765 | |
| | Experiment 5 | 7.878931543 | |
| | Experiment 6 | 11.53543097 | |
| | Experiment 2 | 12.44936282 | |
| | Experiment 3 | 4.556733509 | |
| | Experiment 4 | 12.02529182 | |
| | Experiment 2 | 0.214344009 | |
| | Experiment 3 | 0.971307496 | |
| | Experiment 4 | 3.267075964 | |
| | Experiment 5 | 1.988940337 | |
| | Experiment 6 | 0.839731493 | |
| GLUL LG | Experiment 1 | 63.55791971 | 1.375542 |
| | Experiment 2 | 50.91433496 | 0.726986 |
| | Experiment 3 | 54.56863307 | 1.051264 |
| GSTM3 | Experiment 1 | 44.32350298 | 0.742261785 |
| | Experiment 2 | 29.04061297 | 1.347233577 |
| | Experiment 3 | 37.27147477 | 0.53338786 |
| ENO1 | Experiment 1 | 0.742261785 | 0.334481889 |
| | Experiment 2 | 1.347233577 | 0.158219574 |
| | Experiment 3 | 0.53338786 | 0.539614118 |
| Bax | Experiment 1 | 3.193194 | 1 |
| | Experiment 2 | 2.575763 | 1 |
| | Experiment 3 | 1.29899997 | 1 |

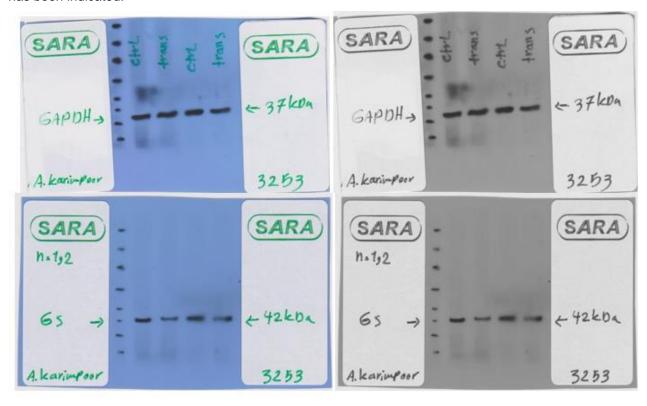
Raw data to Figure 2A, B, C, D: The raw data indicating fold changes mean of studied genes of individual experiments include GLUL (Glutamate Ammonia Ligase), GSTM3 (glutathione-S-transferase Mu3), ENO1 (alfa-enolase), and Bax genes.

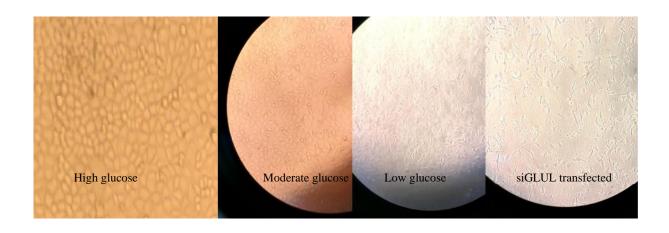
| | Genes for cell cultures in different levels of glucose | Transcript Fold change (2 ⁻ |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | GLUL in high glucose DMEM | 29.25659 |
| 2 | GLUL in moderate glucose DMEM | 8.249564 |
| 3 | GLUL in low glucose DMEM | 1.417058 |
| - | - | - |
| 4 | GLUL in high glucose DMEM control cells | 1.00086494 |
| 5 | GLUL in high glucose DMEM transfected cells | 0.782437885 |
| 6 | GLUL in low glucose DMEM control cells compared to transfected cells | 56.34696258 |
| 7 | GLUL in low glucose DMEM transfected cells | 1.051264 |

| | Genes for siRNA transfected and not transfected cells | Transcript Fold change |
|---|---|------------------------|
| 1 | GLUL in siGLUL transfected cells | 1.051264 |
| 2 | GLUL in control cells | 56.34696258 |
| 3 | GSTM3 in siGLUL transfected cells | 1.056901246 |
| 4 | GSTM3 in control cells | 36.87853024 |
| 5 | ENO1 siGLUL transfected cells | 1.044747681 |
| 6 | ENO1 in control cells | 0.344105194 |
| 7 | Bax in siGLUL transfected cells | 2.8844785 |
| 8 | Bax in control cells | 1 |

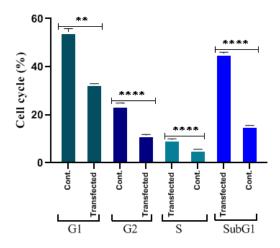
| Protein for siRNA transfected cells in low glucose cultures | Protein Fold change |
|---|---------------------|
| GS (glutamine synthetase) transfected cells | 0.678212216 |
| GS (glutamine synthetase) control cells | 1 |

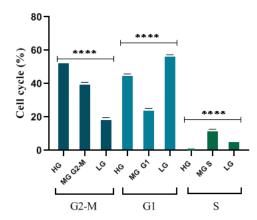
Raw data to Figure 2E and F: The captured image from cell morphology and the western blotting trial has been indicated.



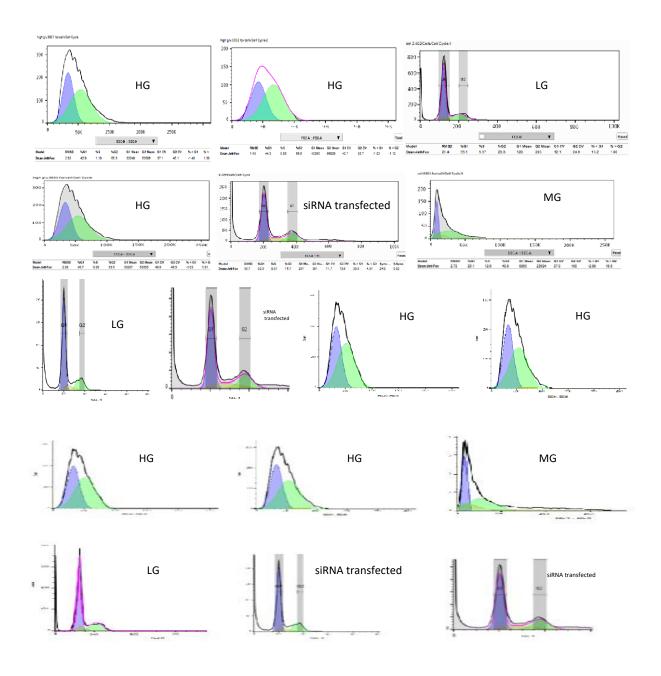


Figures 3 and 4: Cell cycle studies via flow cytometry assay





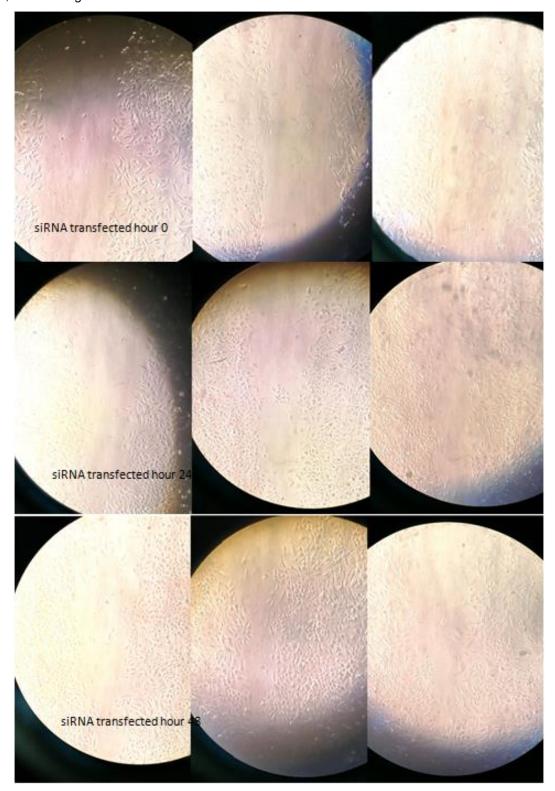
Raw data to Figures 3 and 4: The flow cytometry diagrams for cells in different conditions, including various levels of glucose and siRNA transfected cultures, have been shown in this section. The data have been used to statistical analysis, and the results are shown in the following table. HG: high glucose, LG: low glucose, MG: moderate glucose

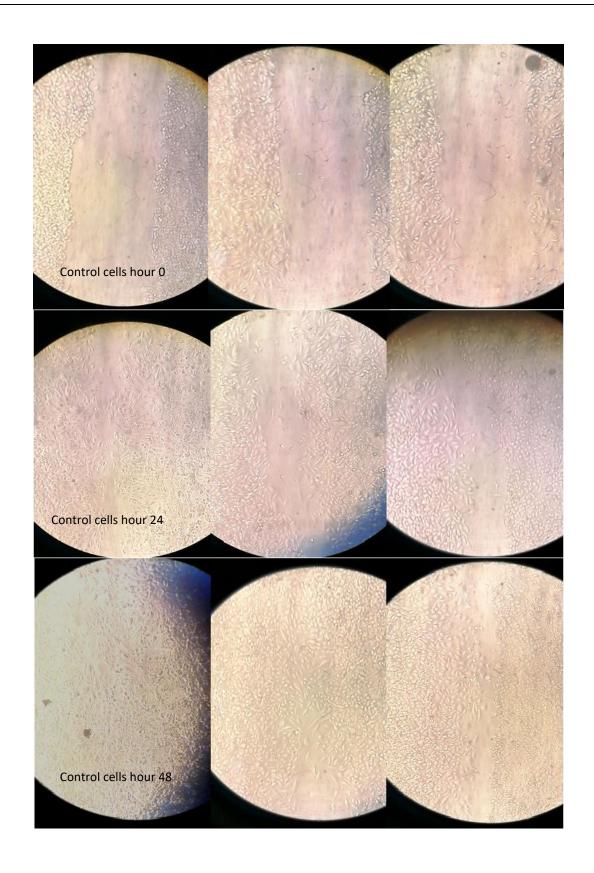


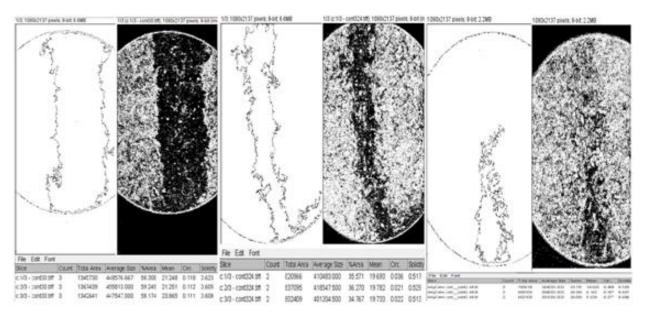
The raw data of Figure 3 and 4 are showing the average of cell numbers in different phases of cell cycle and also the result of statistical analysis.

| Cell cycle phases | subG1 | G1 | S | G2-M |
|---|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| High glucose Cell number mean % | _ | 45.75 % | 0.4 % | 53.5 % |
| Moderate glucose Cell number mean % | - | 25.15 % | 12.55 % | 40.75 % |
| Low glucose Cell number mean % | 15.53 % | 57.3 % | 6.355 % | 19. 55 % |
| siGLUL transfected cells Cell number mean % | 45.8 % | 32.85 % | 9.82 % | 11.65 % |
| Not transfected Cell number mean % | 15.525 % | 54.25 % | 5.68% | 23.25 % |
| High glucose vs moderate glucose P-value | - | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 |
| High glucose vs low glucose P-value | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 |
| Low glucose vs moderate glucose | - | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 |
| P-value siGLUL transfected vs not transfected (control) cells P-value | - | =0.0034 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 |

Raw data to Figure 5A: Examples of captured images of scratches in hours 0, 24, and 48 in siRNA transfected and control cultures have been demonstrated. Collected data were analyzed using Fiji-ImageJ, and healing rate was determined with the mentioned formula.







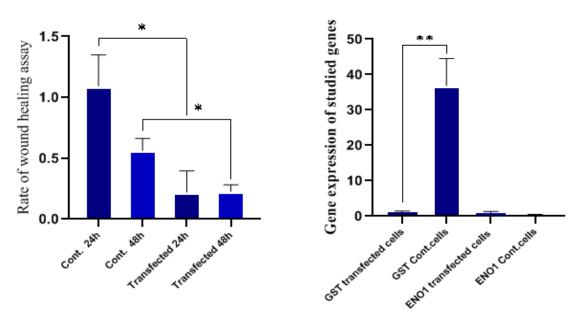
Fiji-ImageJ software was used to anlyze the collected data of wound healing assay. The formula was used to calculate the rate of healing. $R_{M\,=}\,W_i-W_f\,/t$

W_i = initial wound width (nm)

W_f = final wound width (nm)

t = duration of migration (hour)

Figure 5B and C: Effects of GLUL suppression on migration and invasiveness capacity



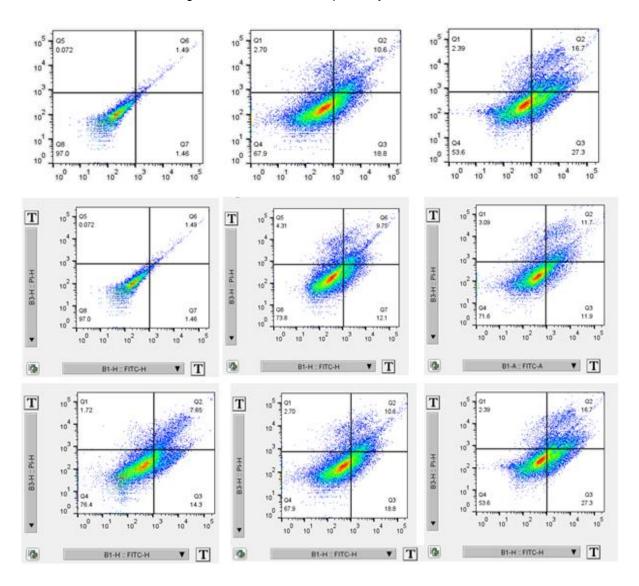
Raw data to Figure 5B: The average rate of wound healing assay was determined after 24 and 48 hours

| The average rate of wound healing assay (migration rate) (nm/hour) | After 24 hours | After 48 hours |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| siGLUL transfected cells | 0.2215nm/h | 0.227nm/h |
| Not transfected Cell | 1.0943333nm/h | 0.564666nm/h |
| siGLUL transfected vs not transfected (control) cells P-value | 0.0257 | 0.0227 |

Raw data to Figure 5C: The raw data indicating fold changes of studied metastatic genes including GSTM3 and ENO1

| | Metastatic genes | Transcript Fold change |
|---|---|------------------------|
| 1 | GSTM3 in siGLUL transfected cells | 1.056901246 |
| 4 | GSTM3 in control cells | 36.87853024 |
| 5 | ENO1 siGLUL transfected cells | 1.044747681 |
| 6 | ENO1 in control cells | 0.344105194 |
| 7 | GSTM3 in transfected cells vs control cells P-value | 0.0013 |
| 8 | ENO1 in transfected cells vs control cells P-value | 0.1188 |

Raw data to Figure 6A, B and C: Examples of flow cytometry diagrams for cell apoptosis in siRNA transfected and control cultures have been indicated in this section. The data have been used for statistical analysis, and the results are shown in the following tables, including apoptosis assay based on Annexin V and acridine orange/ethidium bromide, respectively.



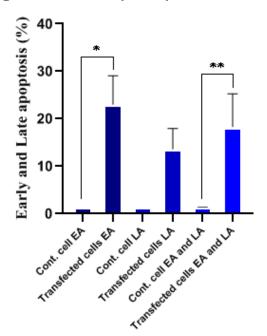


Figure 6D: The flow cytometry assessment of apoptosis using FITC-Annexin V and PI staining

Raw data to Figure 6D: Raw data of apoptosis based on Annexin V / PI

| Cells | Early apoptotic cells (%) | Late apoptotic cells (%) | Early and late apoptosis, to- tally |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| siGLUL transfected cells | 23.05 | 13.65 | 18.35 |
| Not transfected Cell | 1.46 | 1.48 | 1.47 |
| siGLUL transfected vs not transfected cells P-value | 0.0366 | 0.0575 | 0.0027 |

Raw data to Figure 6E: Raw data demonstrating the fold changes of the studied pro-apoptotic gene (Bax)

| | Pro apoptotic gene | Transcript Fold change |
|---|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Bax in siGLUL transfected cells | 2.8844785 |
| 2 | Bax in control cells | 1 |

Raw data to Figure 6G: Raw data of apoptosis studies based on acridine orange/ethidium bromide

| | Cells | Apoptotic cells (%) |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Transfected cultures | 89.53 |
| 2 | Not transfected cultures | 9.80133 |

Moderate glucose DMEM preparation:

Production of DMEM culture medium with medium glucose (2 g) is done directly by adding 1 g (5.5 mM) of glucose powder (DNAbiotec, South Africa) with 180.156 g/mol molecular weight to 1 liter of low-glucose DMEM.