

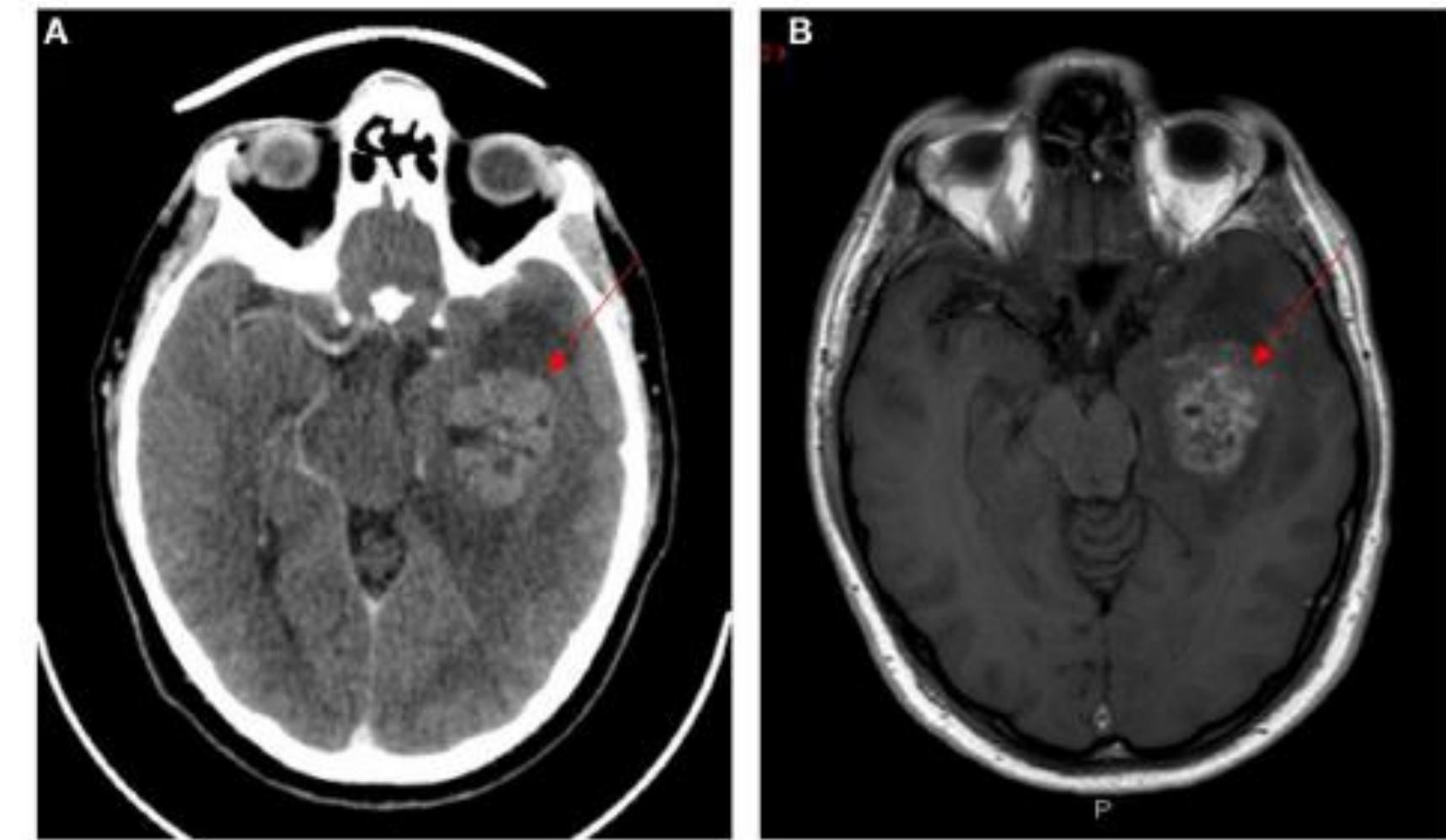
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# BRAT1 depletion impairs DNA damage repair in glioblastoma cell lines



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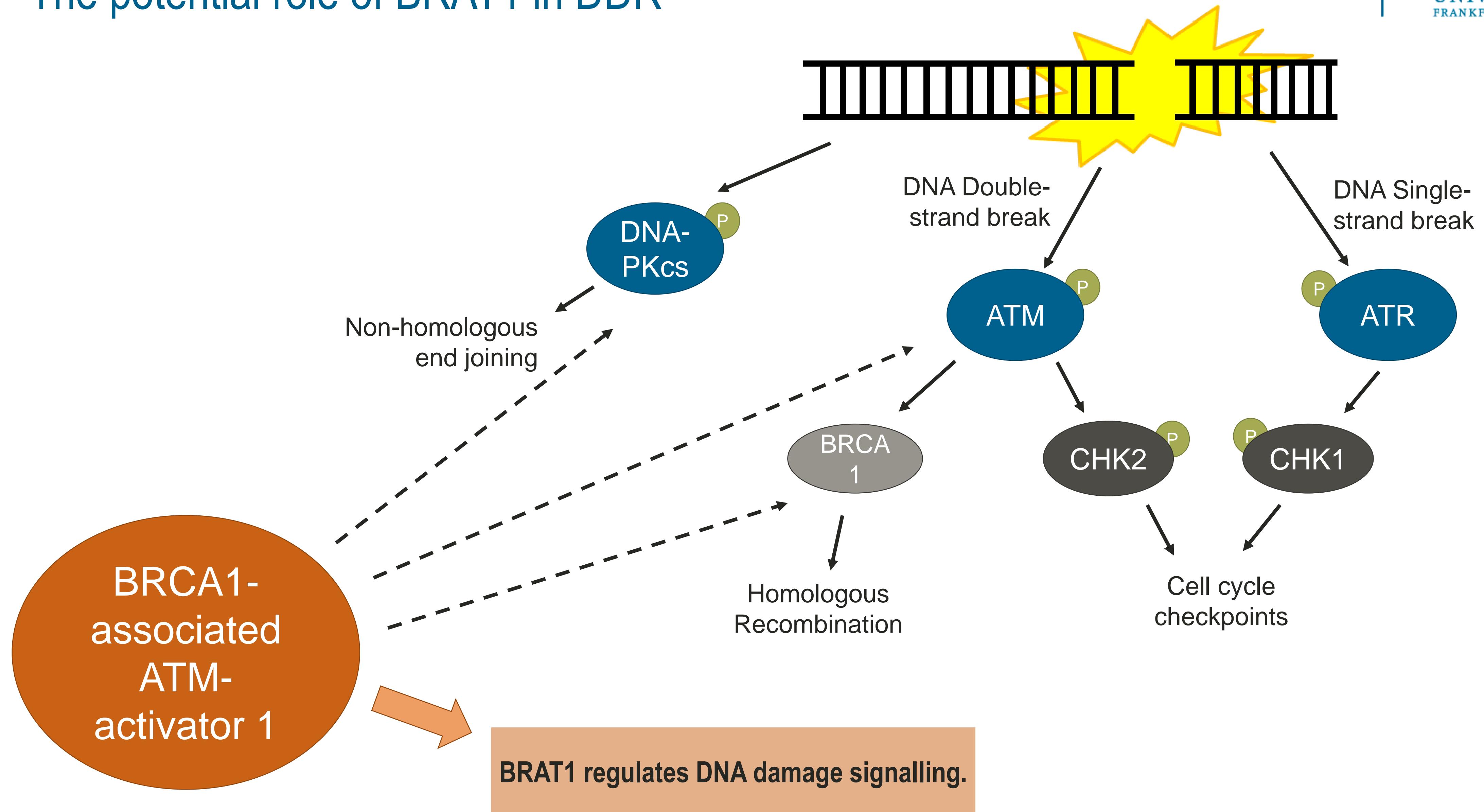
- **Glioblastoma multiforme (GBM)**
  - WHO grade IV astrocytoma
  - Most common brain tumor in adults
  - Diffuse and infiltrative growth



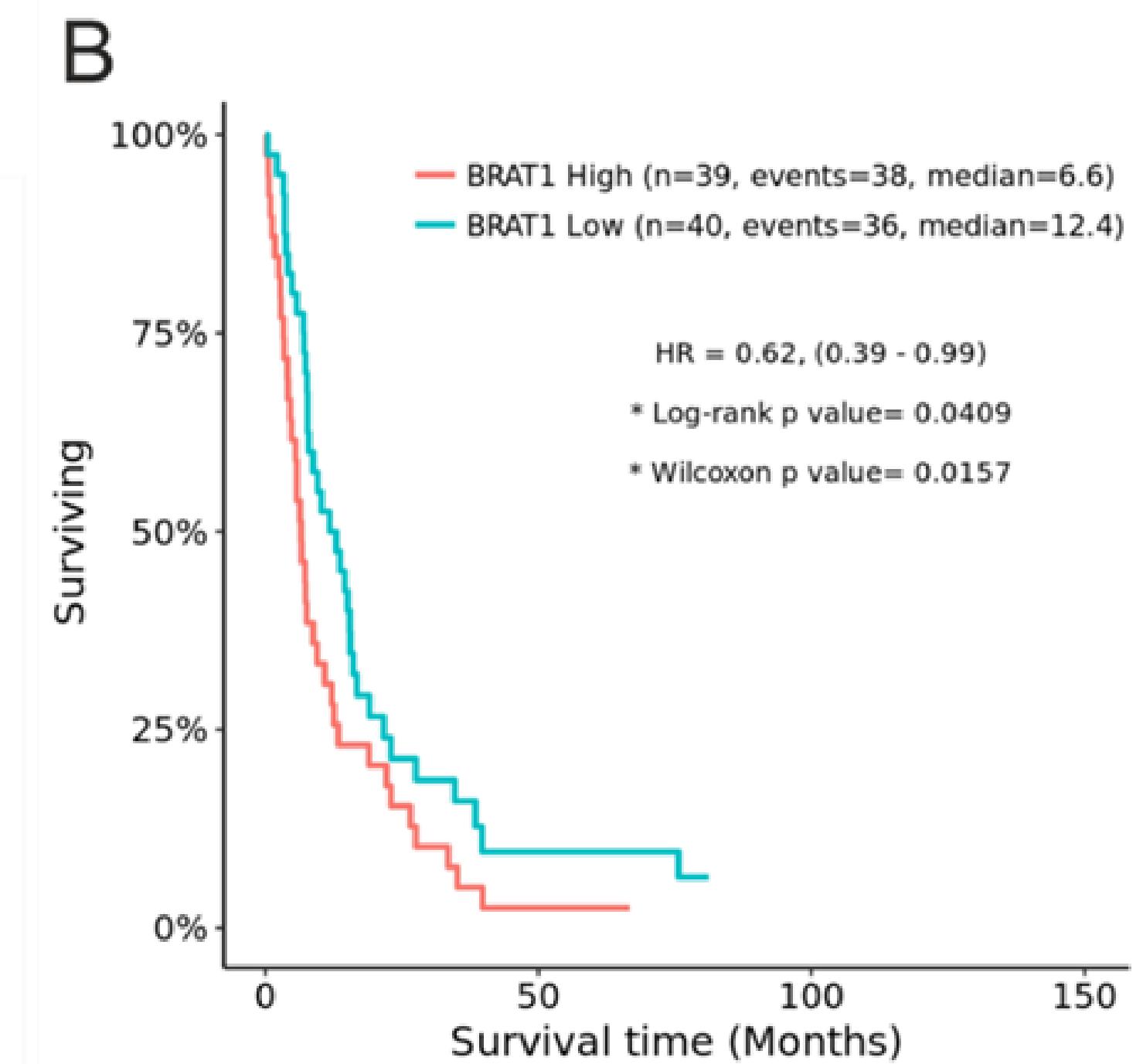
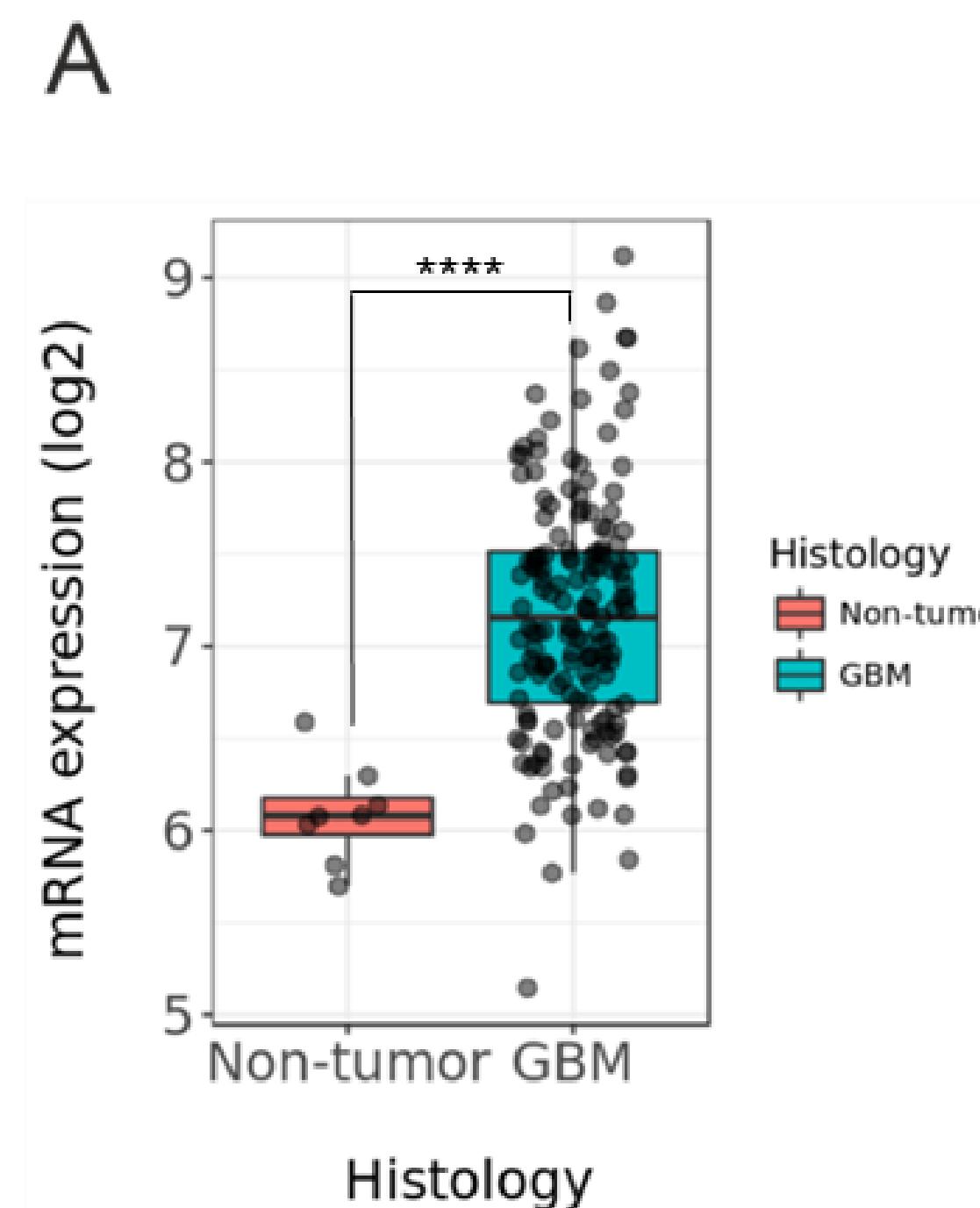
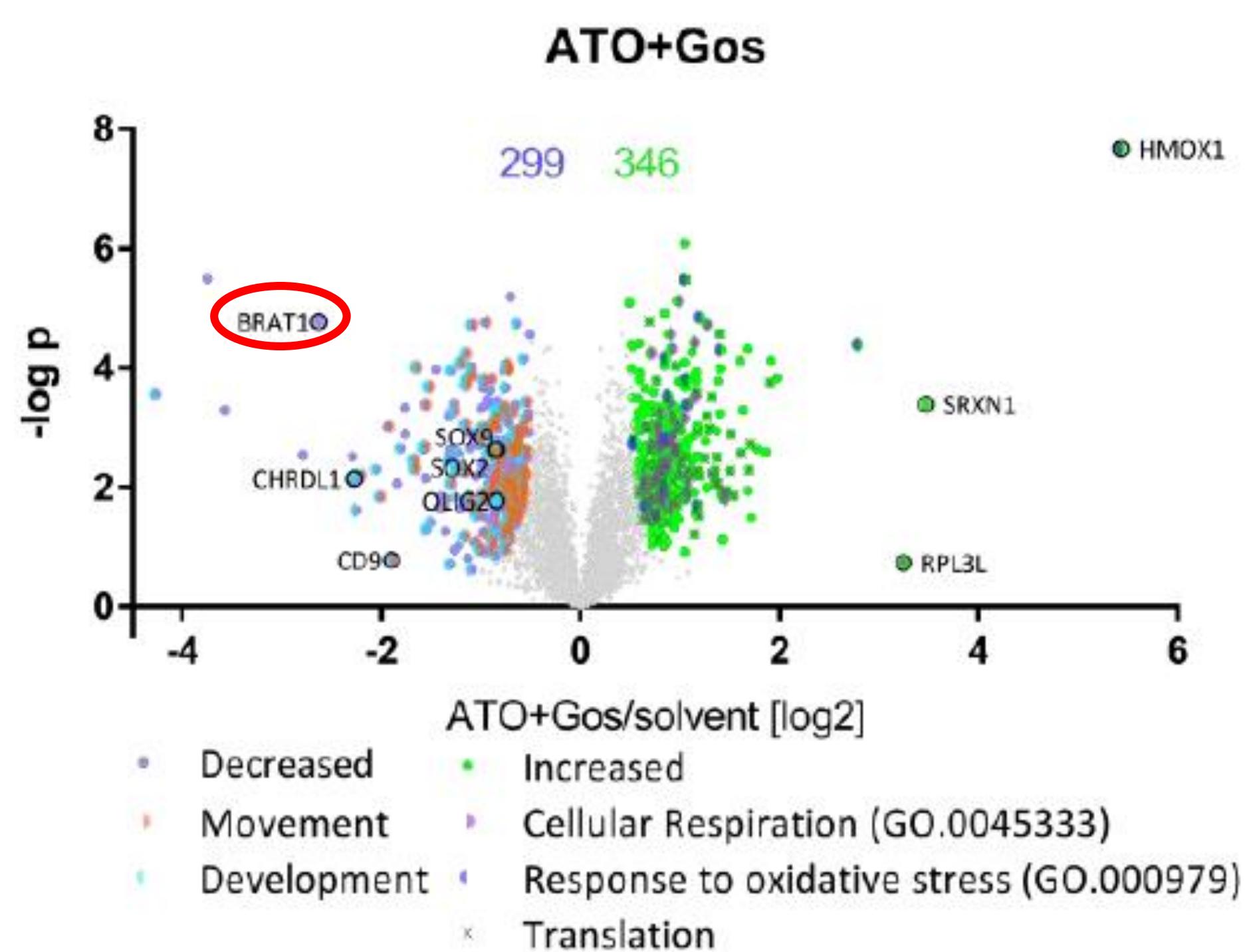
Bradshaw et al. (2016)

- **Glioma stem-like cells (GSCs)**
  - Originate from neuronal stem cells or de-differentiate from normal brain cells
  - Expression of stemness markers
  - High resistance to radio- and chemotherapy

# The potential role of BRAT1 in DDR



# BRAT1 expression is increased in GBM



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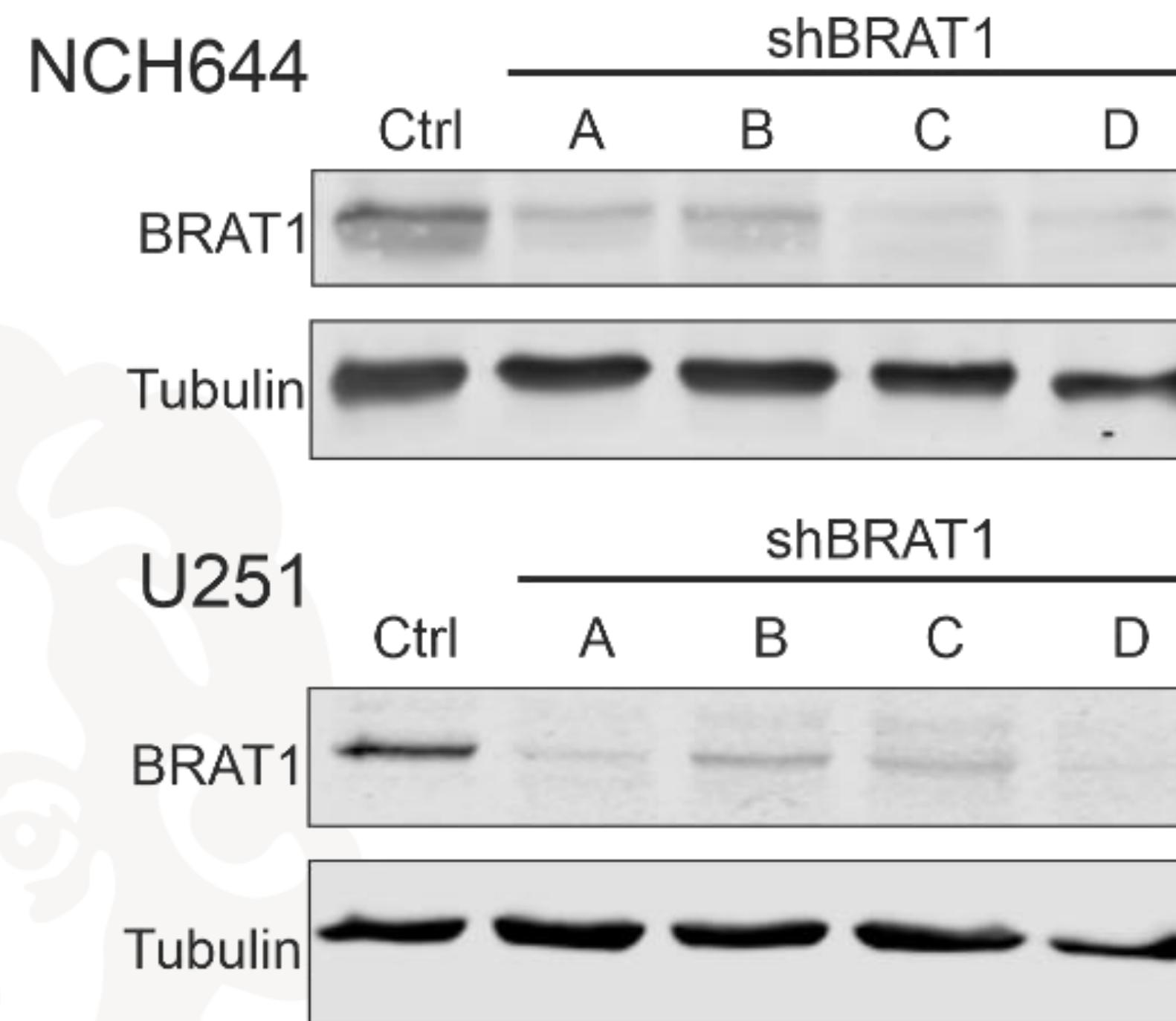
## Hypothesis

**BRAT1 is a key protein for glioblastoma radio-resistance.**

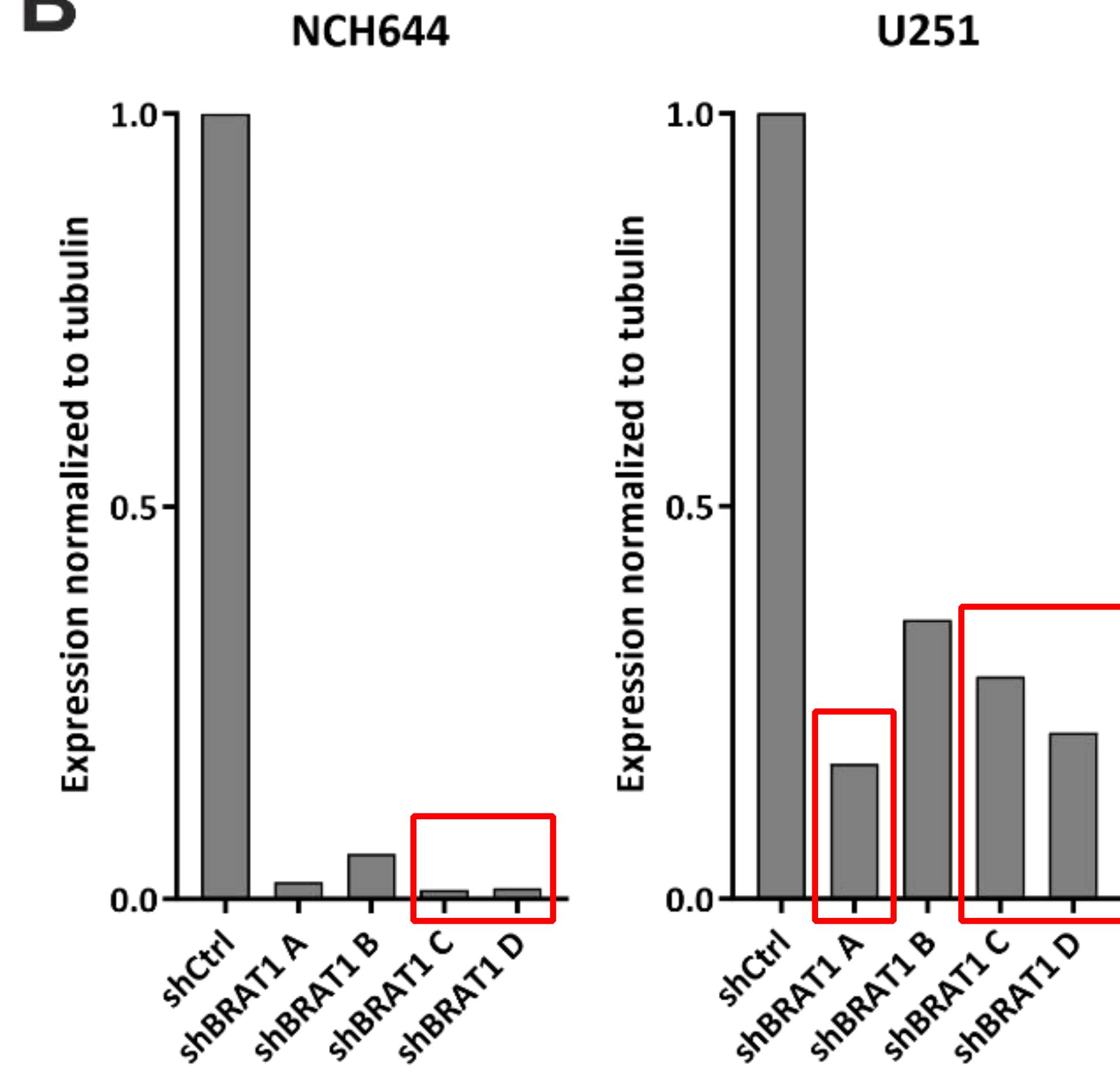


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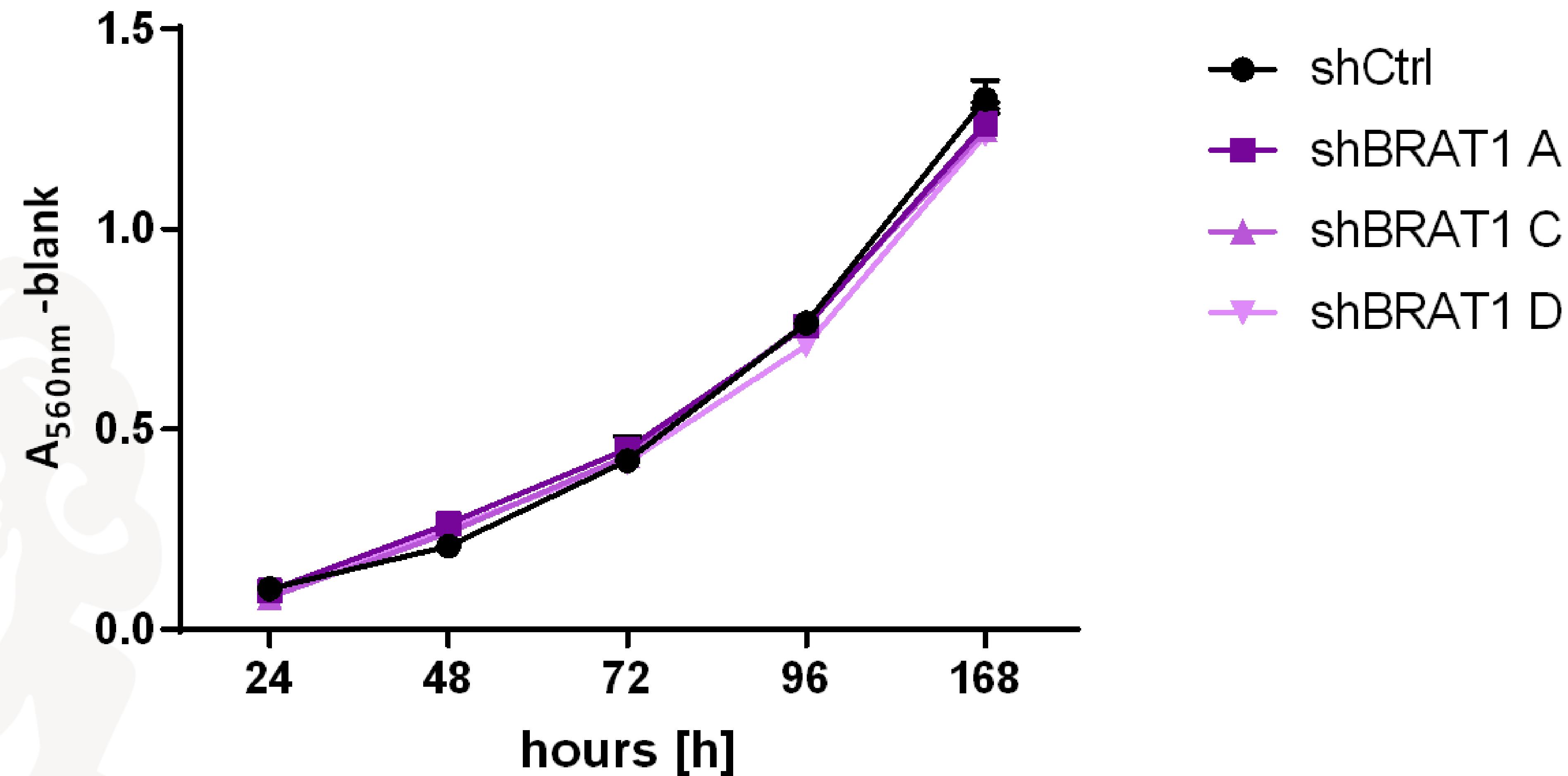


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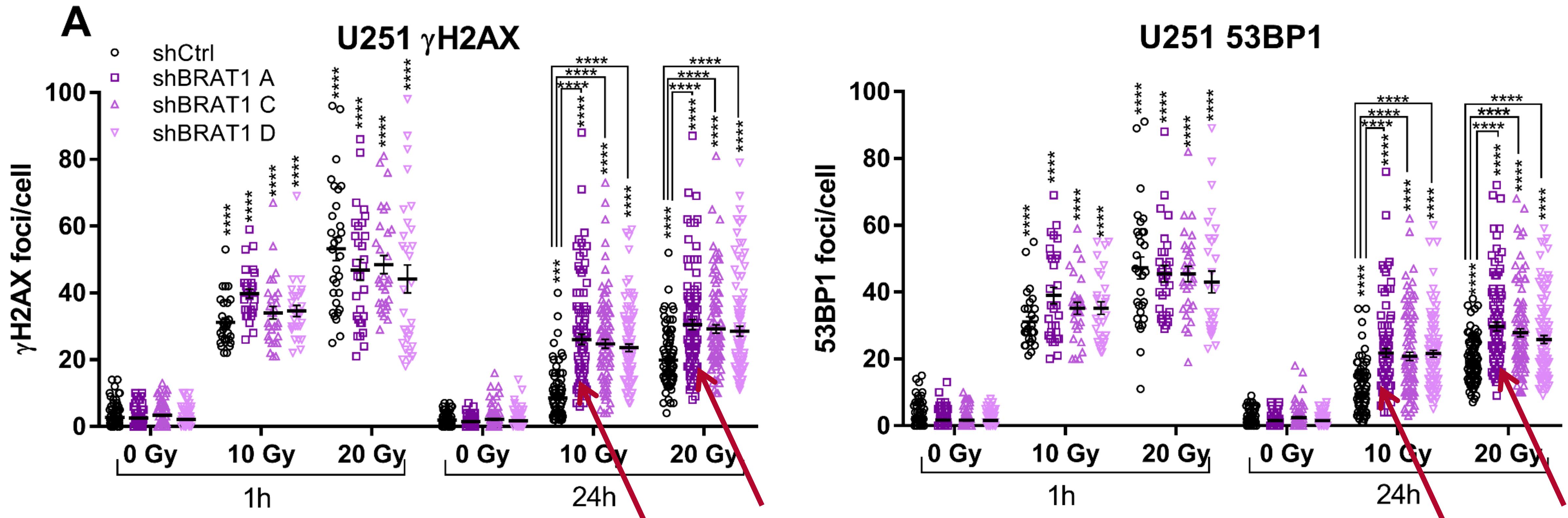


## 2 | GBM cell proliferation is not affected by BRAT1 downregulation

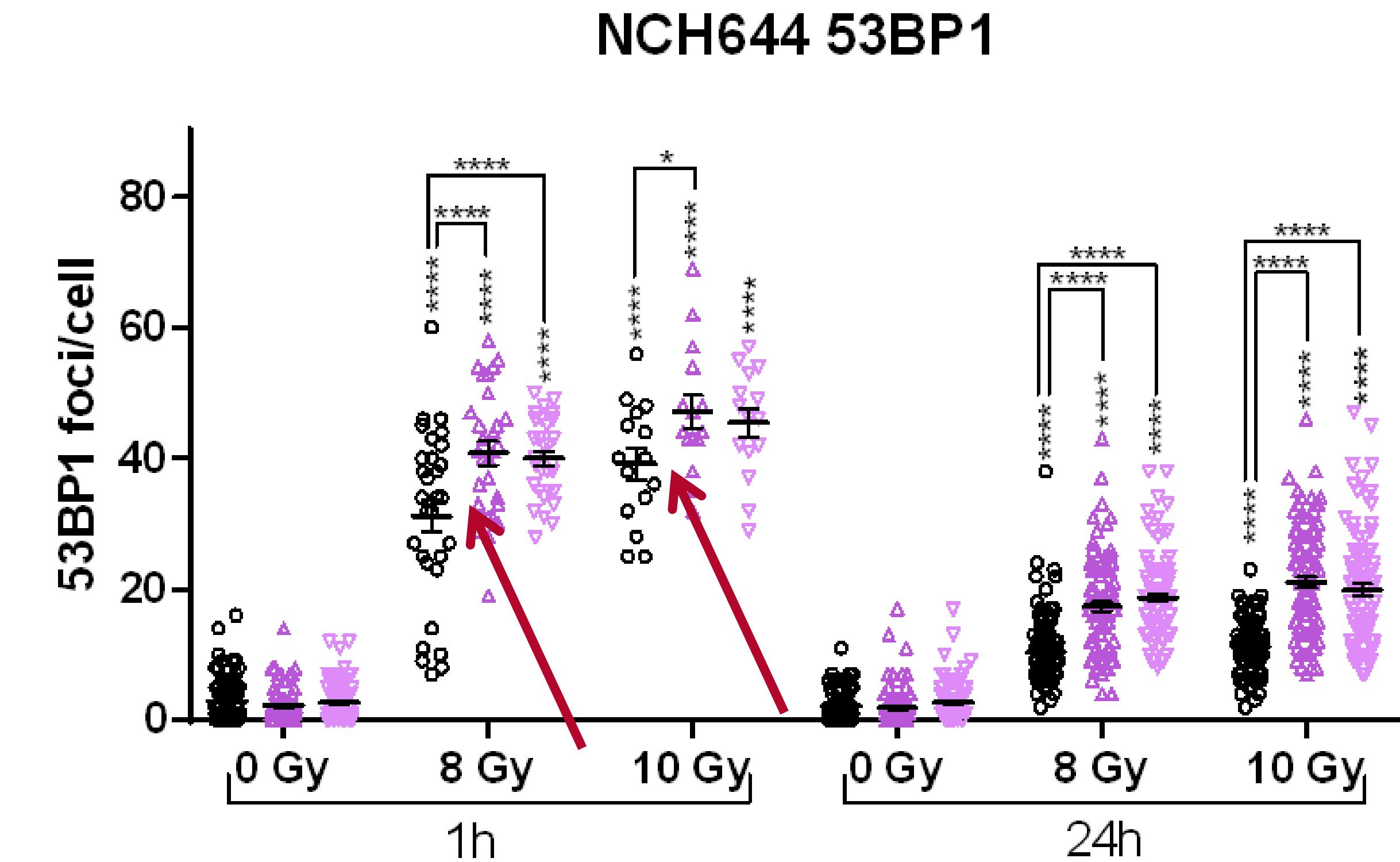
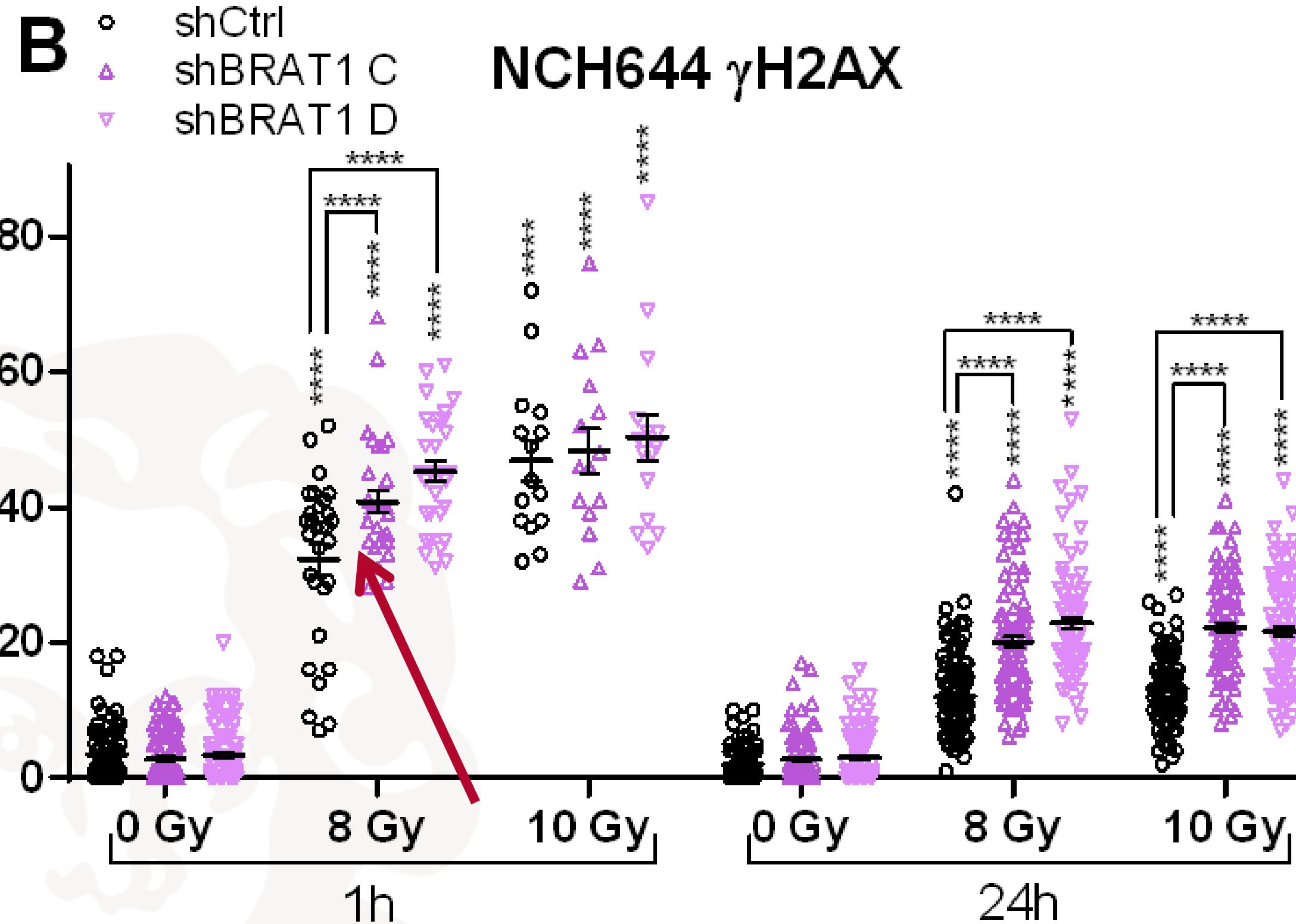
### U251 proliferation



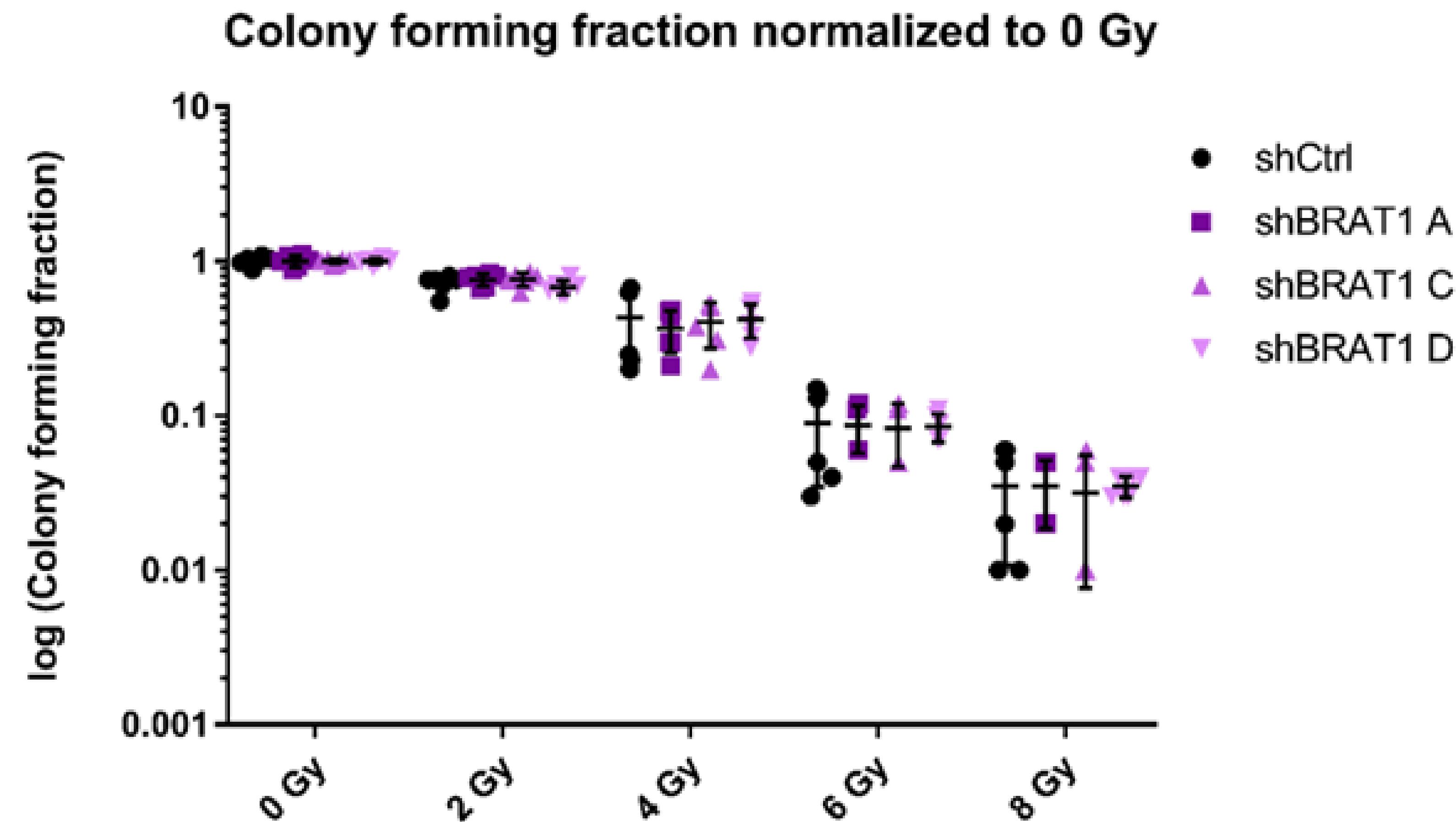
### 3a | BRAT1 is essential for an efficient and timely DNA repair: GBM cells



### 3b | BRAT1 is essential for an efficient and timely DNA repair: GSCs

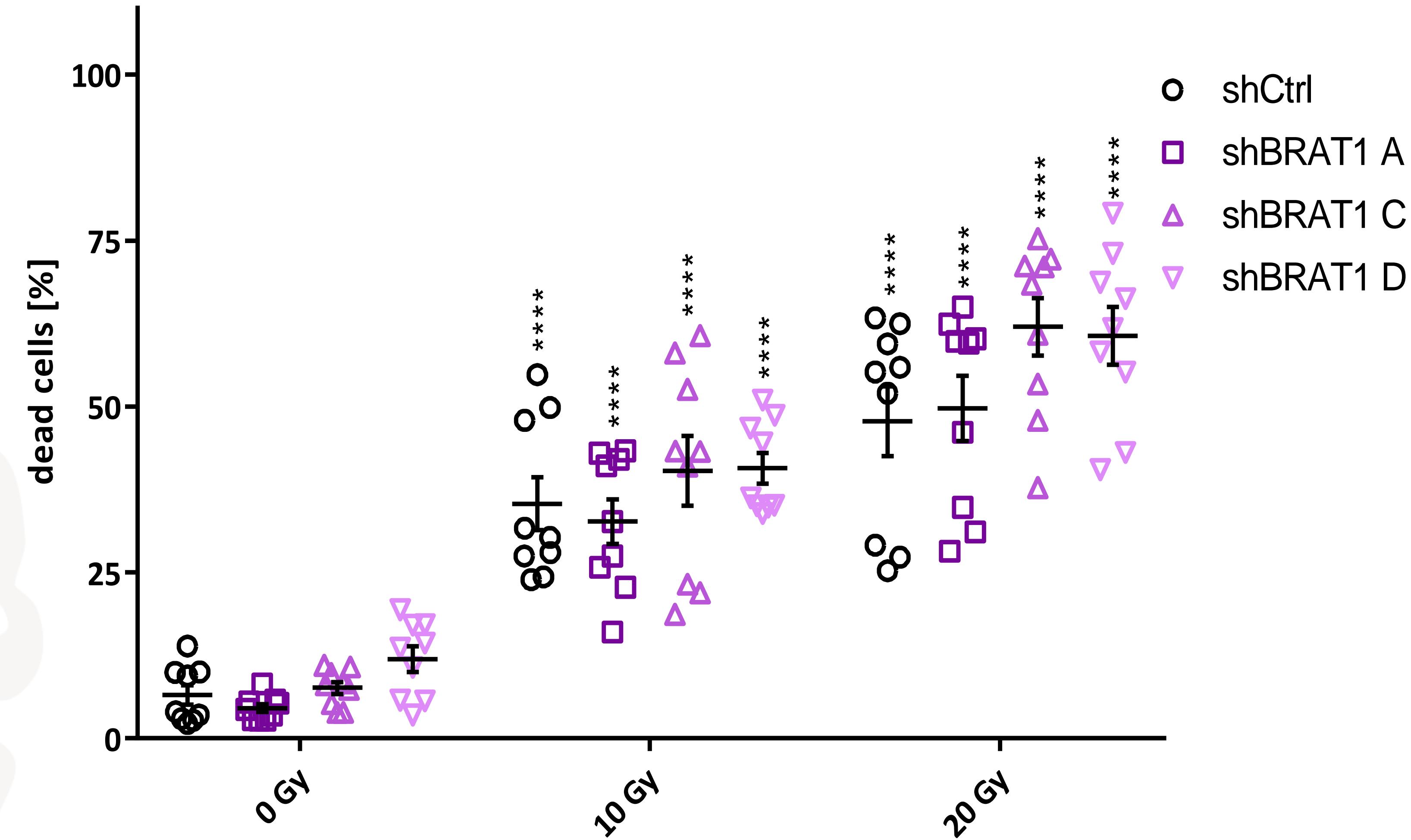


## 4 | BRAT1 deficiency does not affect colony formation ability

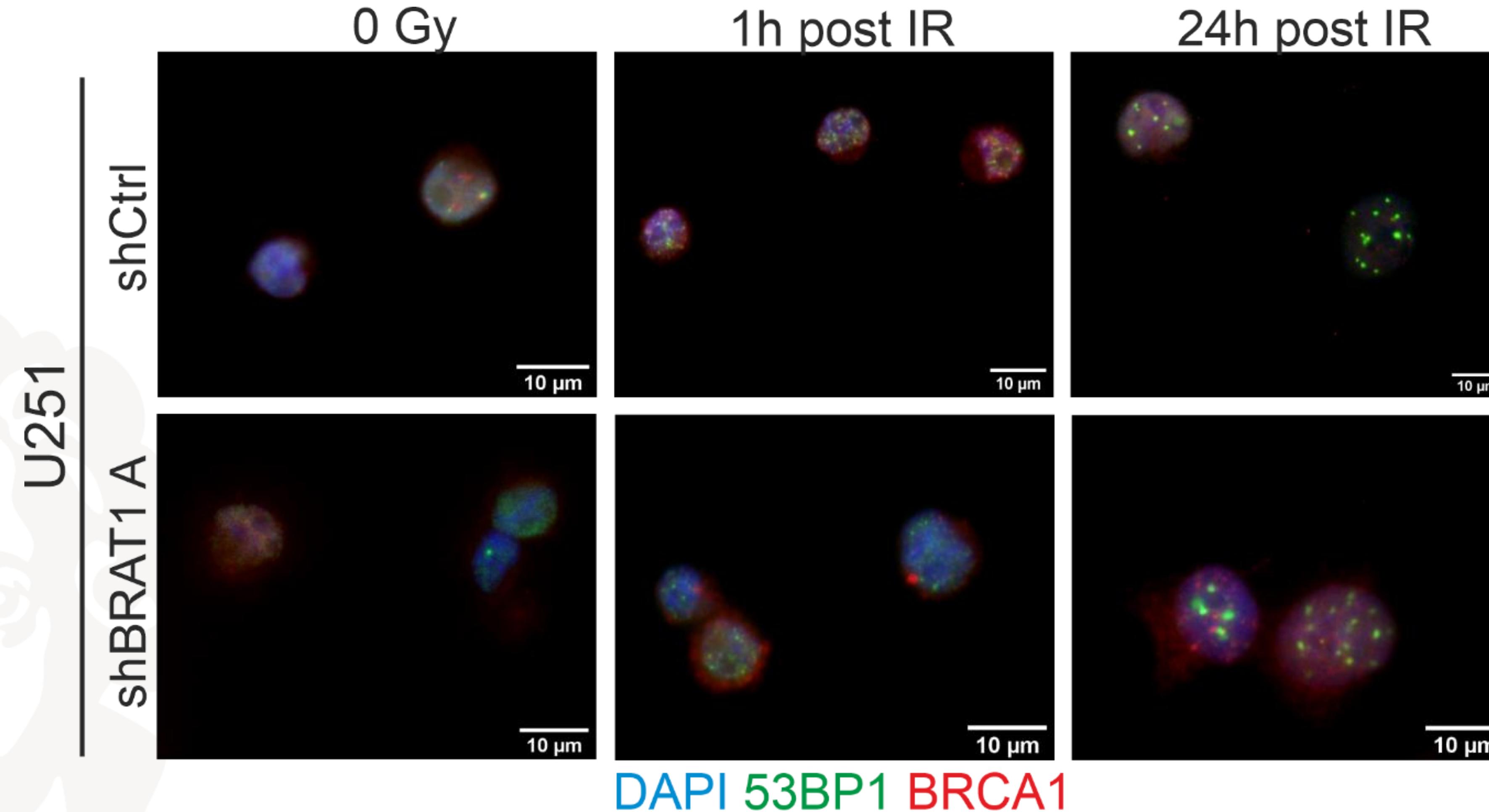


## 5 | Downregulation of BRAT1 results in elevated cell death after irradiation

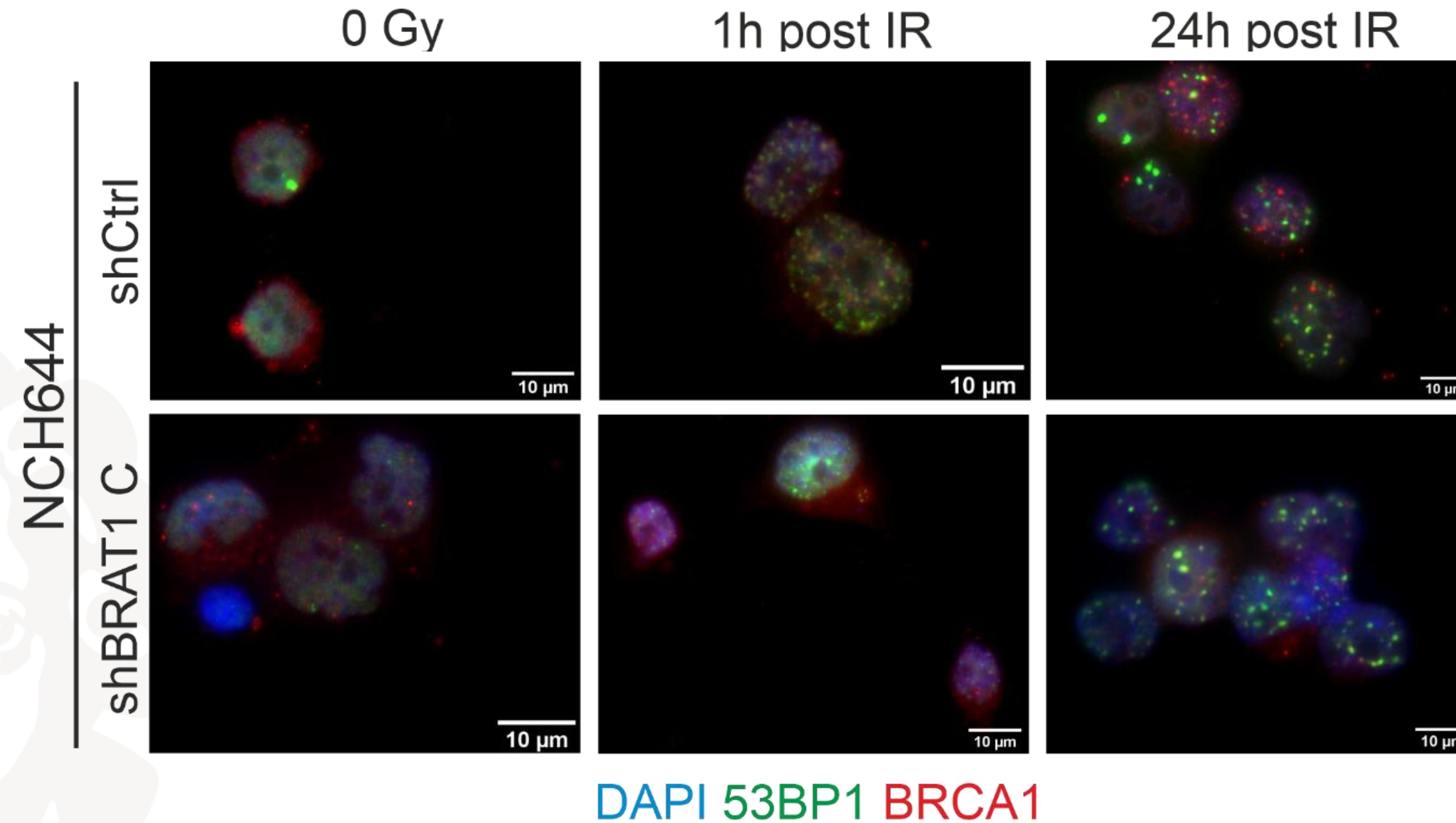
Dead cells



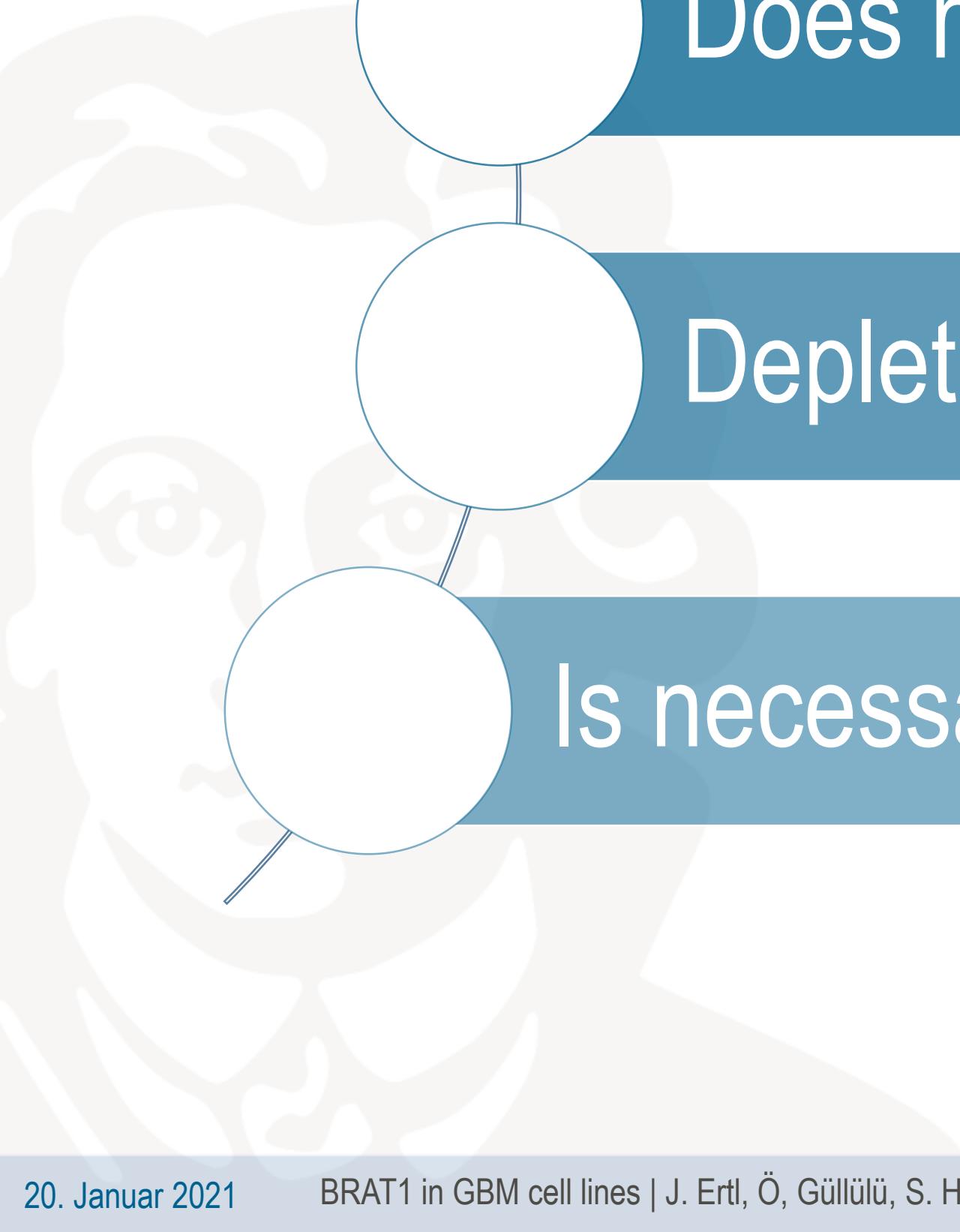
## 6a | BRAT1 is necessary for BRCA1-recruitment to DNA damage sites



## 6b | BRAT1 is necessary for BRCA1-recruitment to DNA damage sites



# BRAT1...



Is essential for efficient DNA repair.

Does not affect cell proliferation and colony formation ability.

Depletion might reduce radio-resistance.

Is necessary for BRCA1 recruitment to the DNA damage site.



Thank you for your attention!

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