

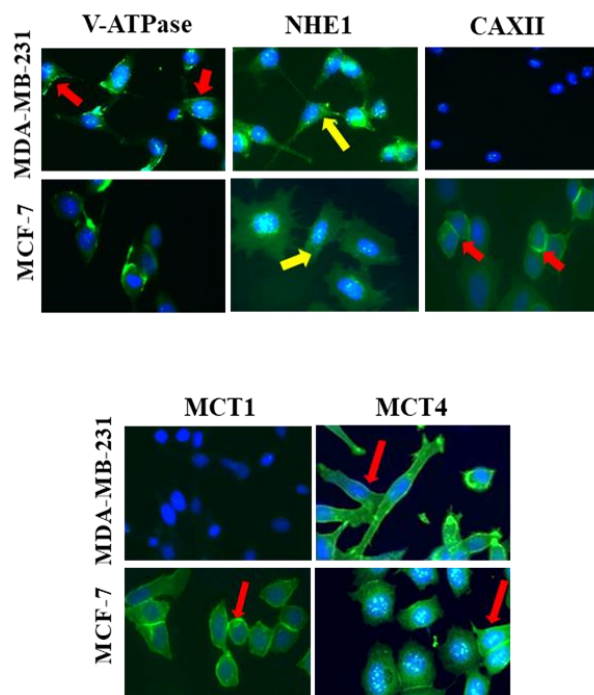
# Supplementary Materials: Disruption of pH Dynamics Suppresses Proliferation and Potentiates Doxorubicin Cytotoxicity in Breast Cancer Cells

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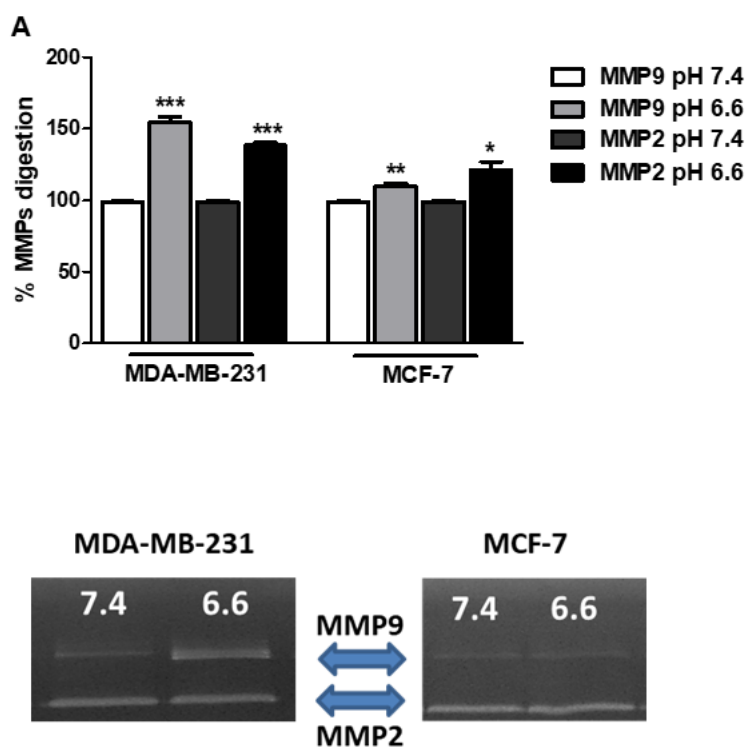
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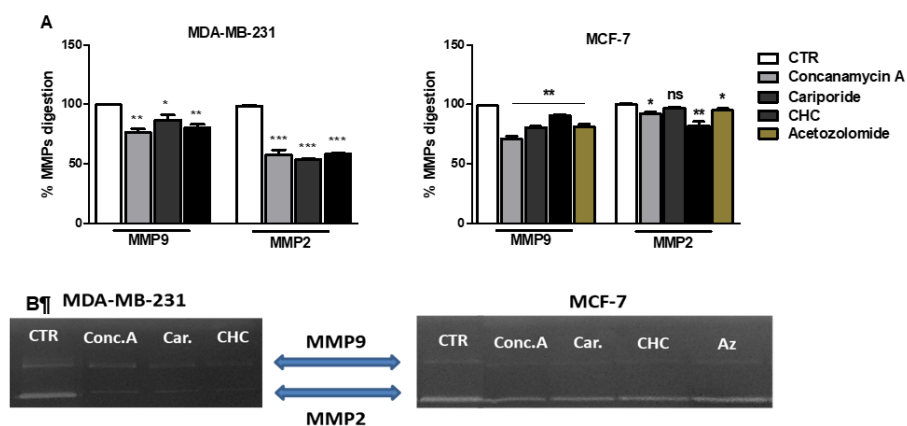
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**Figure S1. Cellular localization of the different pH regulators determined by immunofluorescence.** The red arrows highlight PM expression and the yellow arrows cytoplasmic expression. Blue area corresponds to nuclei stained with DAPI. Images are in 100x magnification.



**Figure S2. Effect of extracellular pH on MMP activity assay in breast cancer cell lines. (A)** MMP9 and MMP2 activity in culture medium samples from breast cancer cells at different extracellular pH values, evaluated by zymography. **(B)** Representative pictures of gel digestion at different extracellular pH values. Results are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD of triplicates from three independent experiments. Significantly different between groups: \* $P < 0.05$ ; \*\* $P < 0.01$  compared to control (pH 7.4). ns: non significant.



**Figure S3. Effect of pH regulator inhibition on MMP activity assay in breast cancer cell lines. (A)** MMP9 and MMP2 activity in culture medium samples from breast cancer cells in the presence of PRI, evaluated by zymography. **(B)** Representative pictures of gel digestion in the presence of PRI. Results are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD of triplicates from three independent experiments. Significantly different between groups: \* $P < 0.05$ ; \*\* $P < 0.01$ ; \*\*\* $P < 0.001$  compared to untreated cells (control).

**Table S1. Clinical, pathological and immunohistochemical characteristics of the 473 primary invasive breast carcinomas.** Characterization of the breast cancer series concerning age of the patients, tumor size, lymph-node metastasis, histological grade, molecular subtypes, ER, PgR, HER2 and Ki67 status, as well as expression of HIF-1 $\alpha$ , GLUT1, CAIX, MCT1, MCT4 and CD147.

|  |                        |                              |           |                      |                       |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Clinico-pathological and molecular characteristics | <b>Age (years)</b>     | Mean                         | 56.12     |                      |                       |
|  |                        | Min                          | 27        |                      |                       |
|  |                        | Max                          | 89        |                      |                       |
|  |                        | Missing                      | 2         |                      |                       |
|  | <b>Tumor size (mm)</b> | Mean                         | 31.6      |                      |                       |
|  |                        | Min                          | 5         |                      |                       |
|  |                        | Max                          | 150       |                      |                       |
|  |                        | Missing                      | 243       |                      |                       |
|  | Biomarkers             | <b>Lymph-node metastasis</b> |           | <b>Frequency (n)</b> | <b>Percentage (%)</b> |
|  |                        |                              | Positive  | 204                  | 51                    |
|  |                        |                              | Negative  | 196                  | 49                    |
|  |                        |                              | Total     | 400                  | 100                   |
|  |                        | <b>Histological grade</b>    | Missing   | 73                   | -                     |
|  |                        |                              | I         | 155                  | 33.2                  |
|  |                        |                              | II        | 200                  | 42.8                  |
|  |                        |                              | III       | 112                  | 24                    |
|  |                        |                              | Total     | 467                  | 100                   |
|  |                        | <b>Molecular subtypes</b>    | Missing   | 6                    | -                     |
|  |                        |                              | Luminal A | 262                  | 57.3                  |
|  |                        |                              | Luminal B | 14                   | 3.1                   |
| HER2 OE  |                        |                              | 56        | 12.3                 |                       |
| Basal  |                        |                              | 83        | 18.2                 |                       |
| Unclassified                                       |                        |                              | 42        | 9.2                  |                       |
| <b>ER</b>  |                        | Total                        | 457       | 100                  |                       |
|  |                        | Missing                      | 16        | -                    |                       |
|  |                        | Positive                     | 275       | 58.4                 |                       |
|  |                        | Negative                     | 196       | 41.6                 |                       |
| <b>PgR</b>   | Total                  | 471                          | 100       |                      |                       |
|  | Missing                | 2                            | -         |                      |                       |
|  | Positive               | 177                          | 37.9      |                      |                       |
|  | Negative               | 290                          | 62.1      |                      |                       |
| <b>HER2</b>  | Total                  | 467                          | 100       |                      |                       |
|  | Missing                | 6                            | -         |                      |                       |
|  | Positive               | 69                           | 14.9      |                      |                       |
|  | Negative               | 393                          | 85.1      |                      |                       |
| <b>Ki67</b>  | Total                  | 462                          | 100       |                      |                       |
|  | Missing                | 11                           | -         |                      |                       |
|  | >20                    | 98                           | 39.5      |                      |                       |
|  | <20                    | 150                          | 60.5      |                      |                       |
| <b>HIF-1<math>\alpha</math></b>                    | Total                  | 248                          | 100       |                      |                       |
|  | Missing                | 225                          | -         |                      |                       |
|  | Positive               | 104                          | 33        |                      |                       |
|  | Negative               | 211                          | 67.0      |                      |                       |
| <b>GLUT1</b>                                       | Total                  | 315                          | 100       |                      |                       |
|  | Missing                | 158                          | -         |                      |                       |
|  | Positive               | 140                          | 42.8      |                      |                       |
|  | Negative               | 187                          | 57.2      |                      |                       |
|  |                        | Total                        | 327       | 100                  |                       |
|  |                        | Missing                      | 146       | -                    |                       |

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|-------------------|-------------|----------|------|------|
| <b>Biomarkers</b> | <b>CAIX</b> | Positive | 66   | 20.9 |
|                   |             | Negative | 250  | 79.1 |
|                   |             | Total    | 316  | 100  |
|                   |             | Missing  | 157  | -    |
|                   | <b>MCT1</b> | Positive | 106  | 26   |
|                   |             | Negative | 301  | 74   |
|                   |             | Total    | 407  | 100  |
|                   |             | Missing  | 66   | -    |
|                   | <b>MCT4</b> | Positive | 69   | 16.5 |
|                   |             | Negative | 350  | 83.5 |
|                   |             | Total    | 419  | 100  |
|                   |             | Missing  | 54   | -    |
| <b>CD147</b>      | Positive    | 24       | 11.1 |      |
|                   | Negative    | 193      | 88.9 |      |
|                   | Total       | 217      | 100  |      |
|                   | Missing     | 256      | -    |      |

**Table S2.** Association of V-ATPase and CAXII with molecular characteristics and molecular subtypes in breast carcinoma samples.

|                                  | <b>V-ATPase</b>            |                     |                  | <b>P</b>         | <b>CAXII</b>        |                     |                  | <b>P</b>         |      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------|
|                                  | <b>Negative (%)</b>        | <b>Positive (%)</b> | <b>Total</b>     |                  | <b>Negative (%)</b> | <b>Positive (%)</b> | <b>Total</b>     |                  |      |
| <b>Molecular Characteristics</b> | <b>ER</b>                  |                     |                  |                  |                     |                     |                  |                  |      |
|                                  | Negative                   | 47 (52.8)           | 8 (22.2)         | 55 (44.0)        | .001                | 20 (34.5)           | 26 (43.3)        | 46 (39.0)        | .380 |
|                                  | Positive                   | 42 (47.2)           | 28 (77.8)        | 70 (56.0)        |                     | 38 (65.5)           | 34 (56.7)        | 72 (61.0)        |      |
|                                  | <b>Total</b>               | <b>89 (71.2)</b>    | <b>36 (28.8)</b> | <b>125 (100)</b> |                     | <b>58 (49.0)</b>    | <b>60 (51.0)</b> | <b>118 (100)</b> |      |
|                                  | <b>PgR</b>                 |                     |                  |                  | .006                |                     |                  |                  | .010 |
|                                  | Negative                   | 61 (70.9)           | 16 (44.4)        | 77 (63.1)        |                     | 33 (58.9)           | 37 (62.7)        | 70 (60.9)        |      |
|                                  | Positive                   | 25 (29.1)           | 20 (55.6)        | 45 (36.9)        |                     | 23 (41.1)           | 22 (37.3)        | 45 (39.1)        |      |
|                                  | <b>Total</b>               | <b>86 (70.5)</b>    | <b>36 (29.5)</b> | <b>122 (100)</b> |                     | <b>56 (48.7)</b>    | <b>59 (51.3)</b> | <b>115 (100)</b> |      |
|                                  | <b>HER2</b>                |                     |                  |                  | .003                |                     |                  |                  | .380 |
|                                  | Negative                   | 62 (71.3)           | 33 (94.3)        | 95 (77.9)        |                     | 38 (65.5)           | 48 (82.8)        | 91 (60.9)        |      |
|                                  | Positive                   | 25 (2.7)            | 2 (5.7)          | 27 (22.1)        |                     | 20 (41.1)           | 10 (17.2)        | 25 (21.6)        |      |
|                                  | <b>Total</b>               | <b>87 (71.3)</b>    | <b>35 (28.7)</b> | <b>122 (100)</b> |                     | <b>58 (50.0)</b>    | <b>58 (50.0)</b> | <b>116 (100)</b> |      |
| <b>Ki67</b>                      |                            |                     |                  | .080             |                     |                     |                  | .040             |      |
| <10                              | 52 (59.8)                  | 16 (45.7)           | 68 (55.7)        |                  | 28 (48.3)           | 37 (64.9)           | 65 (56.5)        |                  |      |
| 10-20                            | 8 (9.2)                    | 1 (2.9)             | 9 (7.4)          |                  | 8 (13.8)            | 3 (5.3)             | 11 (9.6)         |                  |      |
| >20                              | 27 (31.0)                  | 18 (51.4)           | 45 (36.9)        |                  | 22 (37.9)           | 17 (29.8)           | 39 (33.9)        |                  |      |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>87 (71.3)</b>           | <b>35 (28.7)</b>    | <b>122 (100)</b> |                  | <b>58 (50.4)</b>    | <b>57 (49.6)</b>    | <b>115 (100)</b> |                  |      |
| <b>LN invasion</b>               |                            |                     |                  | .656             |                     |                     |                  | .010             |      |
| No                               | 38 (46.9)                  | 13 (52.0)           | 51 (48.1)        |                  | 17 (34.7)           | 29 (61.7)           | 46 (47.9)        |                  |      |
| Yes                              | 43 (53.1)                  | 12 (48.0)           | 55 (51.9)        |                  | 32 (65.3)           | 18 (38.3)           | 50 (52.1)        |                  |      |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>81 (76.4)</b>           | <b>25 (23.6)</b>    | <b>106 (100)</b> |                  | <b>49 (51.0)</b>    | <b>47 (49.0)</b>    | <b>96 (100)</b>  |                  |      |
| <b>Molecular Subtypes</b>        | <b>Luminal A</b>           | 37 (42.5)           | 27 (77.1)        | 64 (52.5)        | .006                | 31 (54.4)           | 32 (55.2)        | 63 (54.8)        | .010 |
|                                  | <b>Luminal B</b>           | 4 (4.6)             | 0 (0.0)          | 4 (3.3)          |                     | 6 (10.5)            | 1 (1.7)          | 7 (6.1)          |      |
|                                  | <b>HER2 overexpressing</b> | 21 (24.1)           | 2 (5.7)          | 23 (18.9)        |                     | 9 (15.8)            | 9 (15.5)         | 18 (15.7)        |      |
|                                  | <b>Basal</b>               | 14 (16.1)           | 5 (14.3)         | 19 (15.6)        |                     | 6 (10.5)            | 11 (19.0)        | 17 (14.8)        |      |
|                                  | <b>Unclassified</b>        | 11 (12.6)           | 1 (2.9)          | 12 (9.8)         |                     | 5 (8.8)             | 5 (8.6)          | 10 (8.7)         |      |
|                                  | <b>Total</b>               | <b>87 (71.3)</b>    | <b>35 (28.7)</b> | <b>122 (100)</b> |                     | <b>57 (49.6)</b>    | <b>58 (50.4)</b> | <b>115 (100)</b> |      |

\*It was considered only the plasma membrane expression of both pH regulators.

**Table S3.** Association of V-ATPase and CAXII with biomarkers in breast carcinoma samples.

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|                   | V-ATPase         |                  |                  | P                | CAXII            |                  |                 | P          |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|
|                   | Negative (%)     | Positive (%)     | Total            |                  | Negative (%)     | Positive (%)     | Total           |            |
| <b>Biomarkers</b> | <b>HIF1</b>      |                  |                  | <b>.687</b>      | <b>.362</b>      |                  |                 |            |
|                   | Negative         | 23 (36.5)        | 9 (32.1)         |                  | 32 (35.2)        | 17 (37.8)        | 10 (28.6)       | 27 (33.8)  |
|                   | Positive         | 40 (63.5)        | 19 (67.9)        |                  | 59 (64.8)        | 28 (62.2)        | 25 (71.4)       | 53 (66.3)  |
|                   | <b>Total</b>     | <b>63 (69.2)</b> | <b>28 (30.8)</b> | <b>91 (100)</b>  | <b>45 (56.3)</b> | <b>35 (43.7)</b> | <b>80 (100)</b> |            |
|                   | <b>GLUT1</b>     |                  |                  | <b>.070</b>      | <b>.264</b>      |                  |                 |            |
|                   | Negative         | 16 (61.5)        | 4 (30.8)         |                  | 20 (51.3)        | 12 (66.7)        | 4 (30.8)        | 16 (51.6)  |
|                   | Positive         | 10 (38.5)        | 9 (69.2)         |                  | 19 (48.7)        | 6 (33.3)         | 9 (69.2)        | 15 (48.4)  |
|                   | <b>Total</b>     | <b>26 (66.7)</b> | <b>13 (33.3)</b> | <b>39 (100)</b>  | <b>18 (58.0)</b> | <b>13 (42.0)</b> | <b>31 (100)</b> |            |
|                   | <b>CAIX</b>      |                  |                  | <b>.363</b>      | <b>.213</b>      |                  |                 |            |
|                   | Negative         | 19 (73.1)        | 7 (58.3)         |                  | 26 (68.4)        | 15 (78.9)        | 7 (58.3)        | 22 (71.0)  |
|                   | Positive         | 7 (26.9)         | 5 (41.7)         |                  | 12 (31.6)        | 4 (21.1)         | 5 (41.7)        | 9 (29.0)   |
|                   | <b>Total</b>     | <b>26 (68.4)</b> | <b>12 (31.6)</b> | <b>38 (100)</b>  | <b>19 (61.3)</b> | <b>12 (38.7)</b> | <b>31 (100)</b> |            |
|                   | <b>CD147</b>     |                  |                  | <b>.342</b>      | <b>.301</b>      |                  |                 |            |
|                   | Negative         | 78 (91.8)        | 31 (86.1)        |                  | 109 (90.1)       | 52 (96.3)        | 53 (91.4)       | 105 (93.8) |
| Positive          | 7 (8.2)          | 5 (13.9)         | 12 (9.9)         |                  | 2 (3.7)          | 5 (8.6)          | 7 (6.3)         |            |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>85 (70.2)</b> | <b>36 (29.8)</b> | <b>121 (100)</b> | <b>54 (48.2)</b> | <b>58 (51.8)</b> | <b>112 (100)</b> |                 |            |
| <b>V-ATPase</b>   |                  |                  | <b>-</b>         | <b>.030</b>      |                  |                  |                 |            |
| Negative          | -                | -                |                  | -                | 41 (83.7)        | 30 (63.8)        | 71 (74.0)       |            |
| Positive          | -                | -                |                  | -                | 8 (16.3)         | 17 (36.2)        | 25 (26.0)       |            |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>         | <b>49 (51.0)</b> | <b>47 (49.0)</b> | <b>96 (100)</b>  |                 |            |

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**Table S4.** pHe values of culture media measured after 48 hours after PRI IC<sub>50</sub> treatment. The ΔpH corresponds to the difference between the pHe after treatment and the pHe without treatment, after the respective time of incubation. Results represent the mean + SD of at least three independent experiments.

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|                   | W/o compound | Conc.A    | Cariporide | AZ        | CHC       | ΔpH   |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---|
| <b>MDA-MB-231</b> | 5.4 ± 0.7    | 6.2 ± 0.2 | 6.5 ± 0.2  | -         | 6.4 ± 0.6 | Conc. A: 0.9<br>Cariporide: 1.1<br>CHC: 1.0           |
| <b>MCF-7</b>      | 5.8 ± 0.2    | 6.2 ± 0.9 | 6.4 ± 0.2  | 6.6 ± 0.8 | 6.0 ± 0.2 | Conc. A: 0.4<br>Cariporide: 0.6<br>AZ:0.8<br>CHC: 0.2 |

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