

## Figure Legend

Figures S1 GPT2 induced stemness and promoted tumorigenesis of breast cancer cells.

A. The efficiency of overexpression or knocking down of GPT2 in breast cancer MDA-MB-231 or MCF7 cells, respectively.

B. & C. The effects of GPT2 on cell growth and cell viability. B. cell counting; C. CCK8 assay.

D. GPT2 promotes tumorigenesis of breast cancer cells *in vitro*. (Objective len was 5X)

E. Quantification of ALDH<sup>+</sup> cells in breast cancer cells overexpressing GPT2 or depleted of GPT2.

The small shading bar and the big bars in each column represent the ALDH<sup>+</sup> cell numbers and the total cell numbers per view, respectively. \*, P < 0.05; \*\*, P < 0.01.

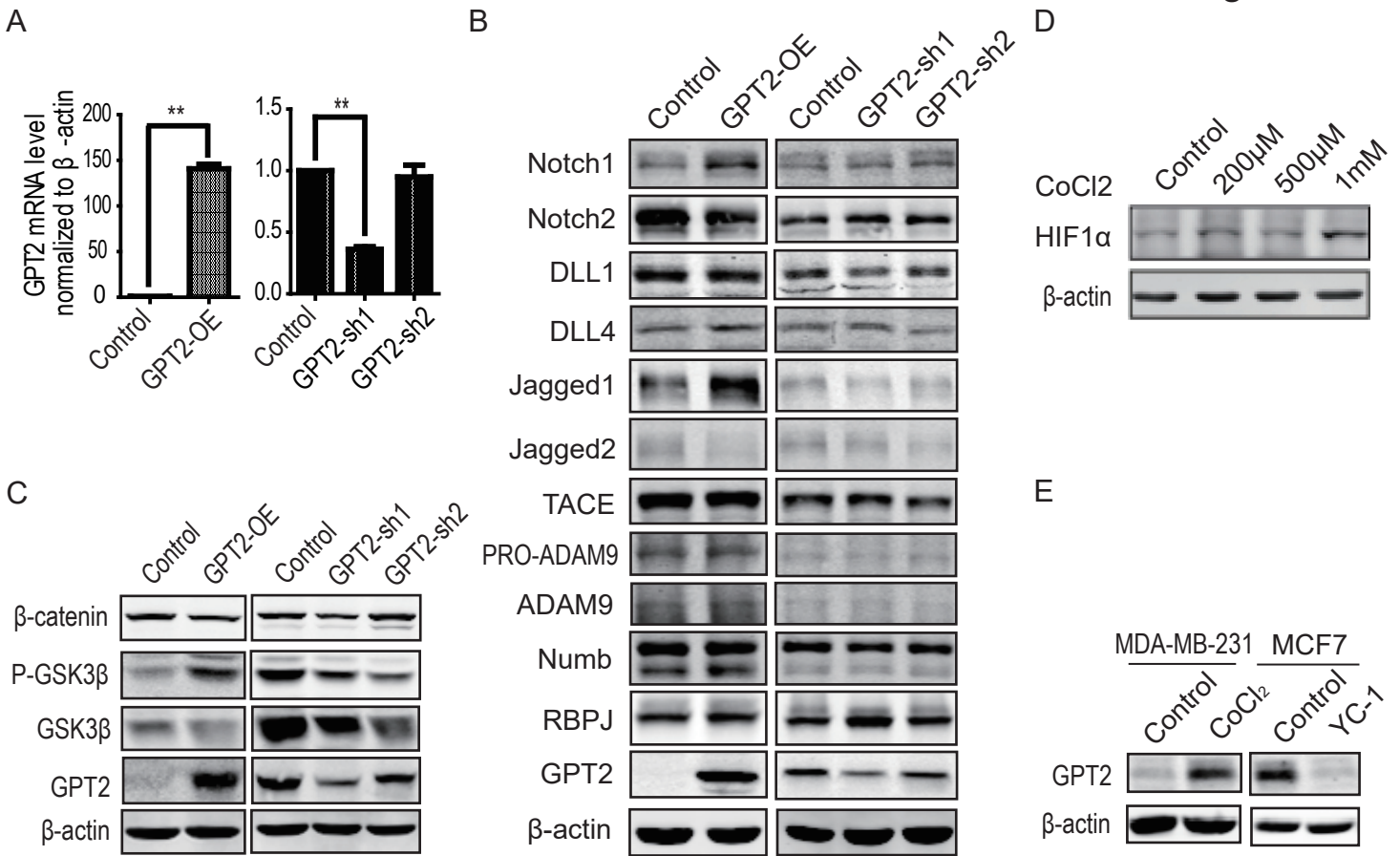


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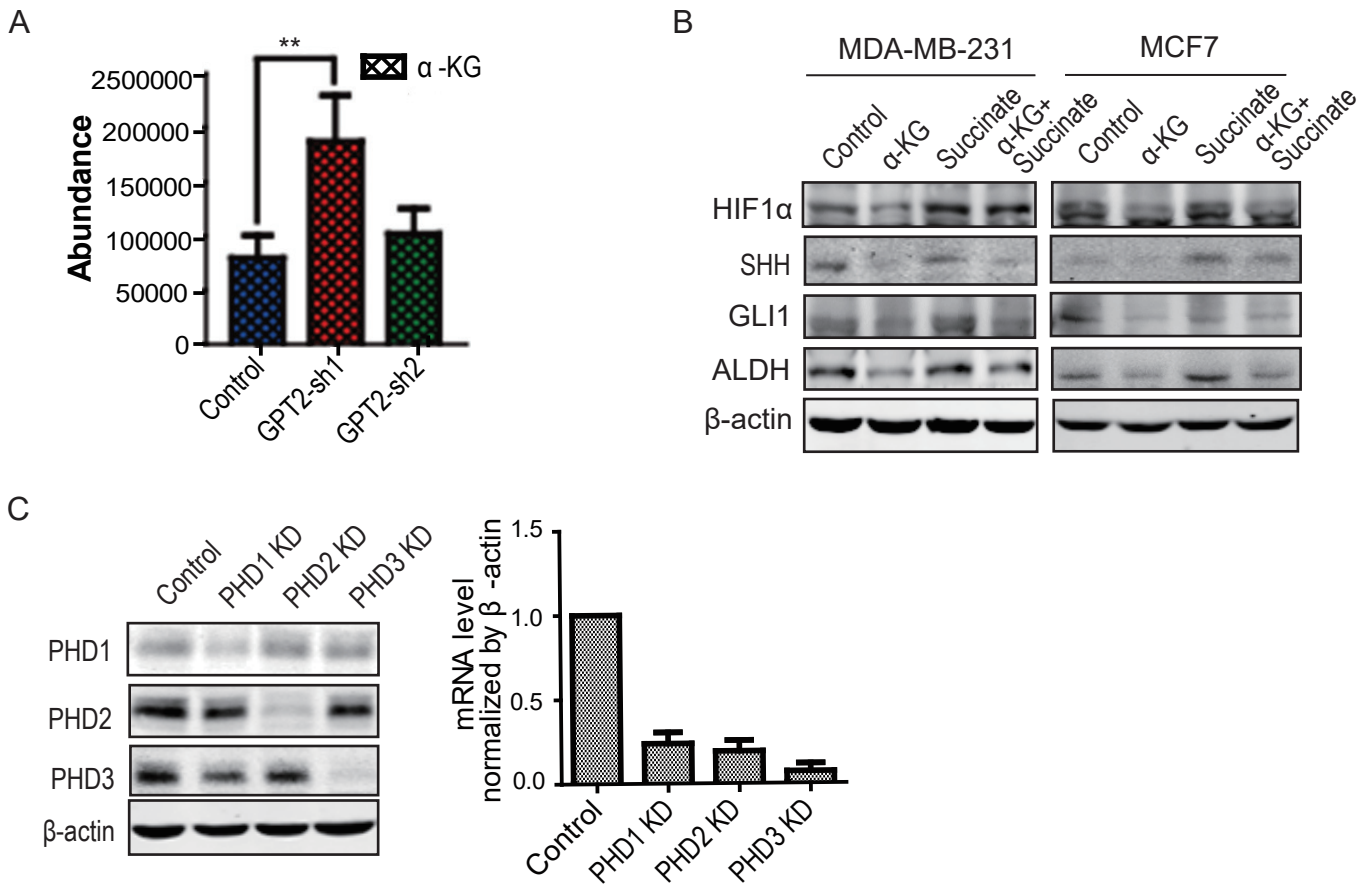
Figure S2 GPT2 did not activate Notch signaling pathway nor Wnt signaling pathway

A. GPT2 overexpression and knockdown efficiency verification by qPCR.

B. & C. GPT2 did not activate the Notch signaling pathway and the Wnt signaling pathway.

D. Dose response of MDA-MB231 to CoCl<sub>2</sub>.

E. Effects of HIF1 $\alpha$  activator/inhibitor on GPT2 expression. The final concentration of YC-1 and CoCl<sub>2</sub> was 5 $\mu$ M and 1mM, respectively.



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A. The effects of GPT2 knockdown on cellular  $\alpha$ -KG content in MCF7 cells.

B. Effects of  $\alpha$ -KG and succinate on the protein levels of HIF1a and stem cell markers. The final Concentration of  $\alpha$ -KG and succinate 100 $\mu$ M and 200 $\mu$ M, respectively.

C. The efficiency of PHD1, PHD2 or PHD3 knockdown was analyzed in MDA-MB-231 cells by q-PCR and Western blot.