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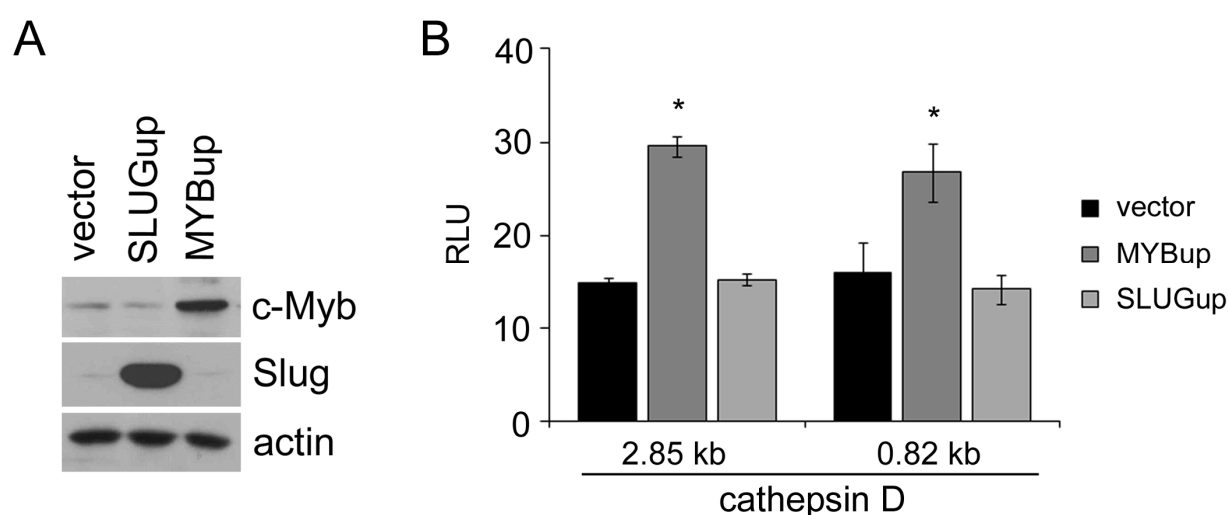


Figure S6. c-Myb induces the *cathepsin D* transcription independently on Slug. MDA-MB-231 cells were transiently cotransfected with either *c-myb* (MYBup), *Slug* cDNA (SLUGup) or the empty vector (vector) and the reporter plasmids (the 2.85 kb- or 0.82 kb pGL3-CD containing segments of *cathepsin D* promoter of indicated lengths upstream of the *luciferase* gene, and CMV- β gal) and harvested 48 h later. **(A)** The amounts of c-Myb and Slug proteins were determined by immunoblotting. **(B)** The luciferase activity of each sample was expressed in relative light units and normalized for transfection efficiency according to the β -galactosidase activity. The columns show the average relative luciferase activity from three independent measurements. Error bars indicate the standard deviations. Asterisks indicate significant ($p < 0.05$) differences in the luciferase activity in the empty vector-transfected cells and cells transfected with *c-myb* cDNA as determined by the *t*-test.