

**Additional file 12: ToppGene GOEA based on heatmap gene clusters, internal cohort (1843 probes) and external cohort (454 probes).** Identical GO terms per cluster of highly expressed genes are indicated in bold characters.

Cluster	Internal cohort	Cluster	External cohort
H1	Chemical homeostasis <b>Regulation of hormone levels</b> <b>Hormone metabolic process</b> <b>Response to lipid</b> Oxidation-reduction process Lipid metabolic process Response to steroid hormone Digestion Homeostatic process <b>Response to hormone</b>	H'1	<b>Response to lipid</b> Growth <b>Hormone metabolic process</b> Leukocyte migration Regulation of response to wounding Regulation of response to external stimulus Chemokine production Regulation of inflammatory response Negative regulation of cell proliferation <b>Regulation of hormone levels</b>
H2a	Central nervous system development Animal organ morphogenesis Neurogenesis <b>Sensory organ development</b> Ear development Inner ear development Generation of neurons <b>Sensory organ morphogenesis</b> Neuron differentiation Neuron development	H'2b	Embryonic eye morphogenesis <b>Sensory organ morphogenesis</b> Eye morphogenesis Forebrain neuron differentiation <b>Sensory organ development</b> Forebrain generation of neurons Odontogenesis of dentin-containing tooth
H2b	Antibacterial peptide production Antimicrobial peptide production Neural crest cell migration Extracellular matrix organization <b>Epithelium development</b> Extracellular structure organization <b>Collagen catabolic process</b> Epidermis development <b>Multicellular organism catabolic process</b> Ameboidal-type cell migration	H'2a	<b>Collagen catabolic process</b> Stem cell differentiation <b>Multicellular organismal catabolic process</b> <b>Epithelium development</b> Intermediate filament cytoskeleton organization Mesenchyme development Intermediate filament-based process Cell motility Localization of cell Central nervous system development
H3	<b>Regulation of immune system process</b> <b>Immune response</b> <b>Positive regulation of immune system process</b> <b>B cell receptor signaling pathway</b> Defense response Immune effector process <b>Adaptive immune response</b> Cell activation Regulation of leucocyte activation B cell activation	H'3	<b>Regulation of immune system process</b> <b>Immune response</b> <b>Positive regulation of immune system process</b> Antigen receptor-mediated signaling pathway <b>B cell receptor signaling pathway</b> Immune response-activating cell surface receptor signaling pathway Immune response-regulating cell surface receptor signaling pathway Regulation of immune response <b>Adaptive immune response</b> Regulation of B cell activation