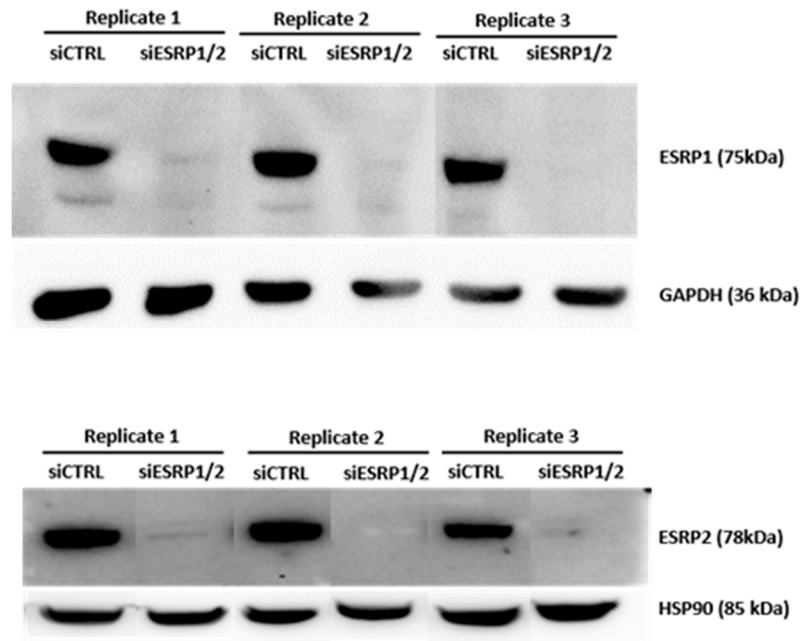
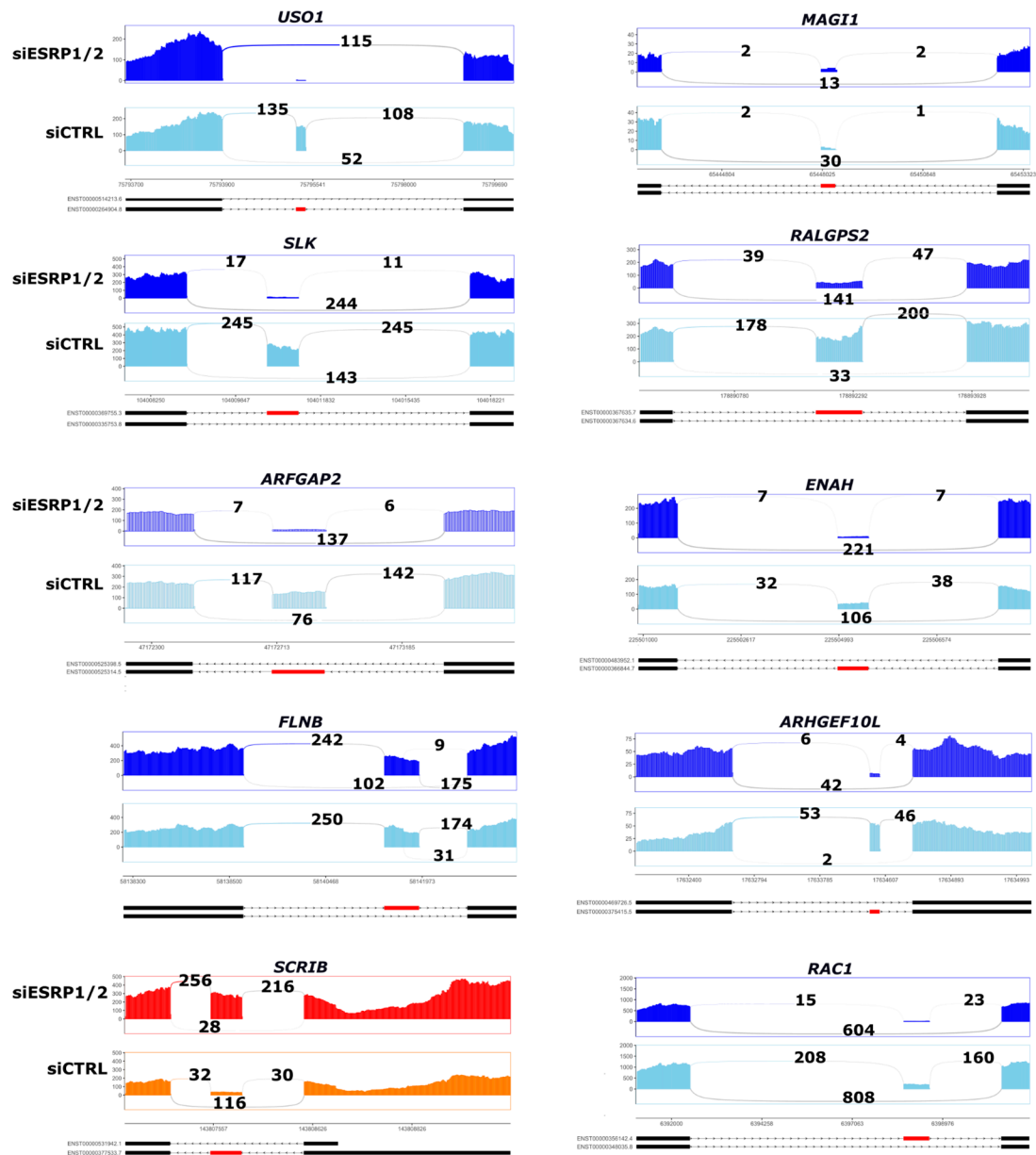


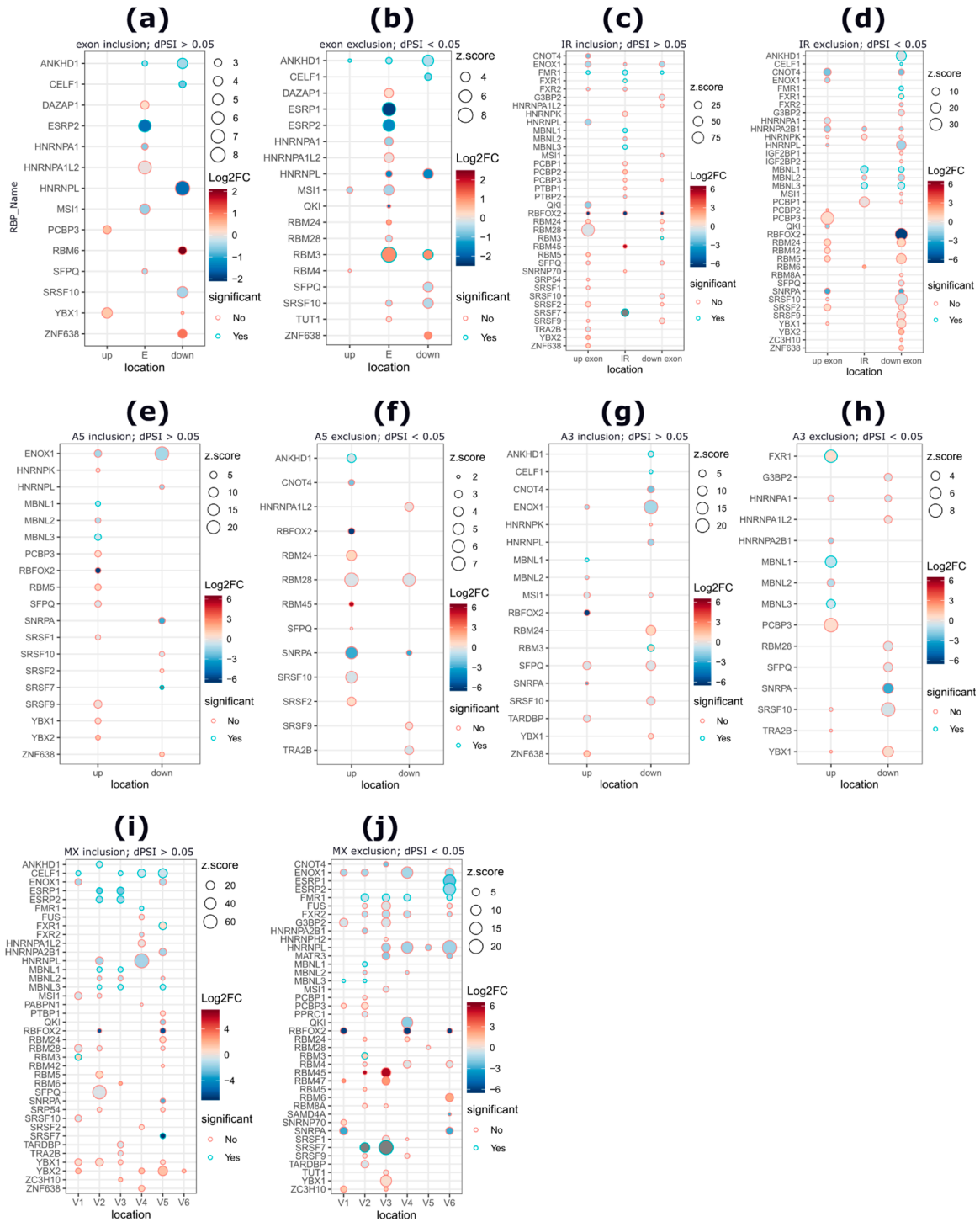
**Supplementary Figure S1:** (a) Box plots reporting the association between the fraction of samples analyzed and the copy number variation of *ESRP1* (left) and *ESRP2* (right) in distinct breast cancer molecular subtypes. (b) Box plots reporting the expression (y-axis) of *ESRP1* (top) and *ESRP2* (bottom) with respect to distinct intrinsic breast cancer subtypes (x-axis). ns, nonsignificant; \*\*,  $p < 0.01$ ; \*\*\*,  $p < 0.001$ ; \*\*\*\*,  $p < 0.0001$ . (c) Box plots reporting the association between the levels of *ESRP1* (top) and *ESRP2* (bottom) and micrometastasis. ns, nonsignificant; \*,  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $p < 0.01$ . (left) and overall survival for living and deceased patients, respectively. (d) Scatterplots showing the significant correlation between *ESRP1*, *ESRP2*, and *ESR1* mRNA levels in ER $\alpha$ + breast cancers.



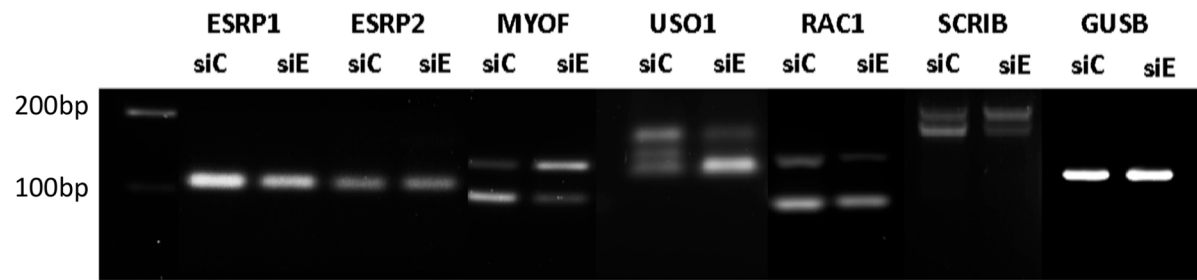
**Supplementary Figure S2:** Western blot validation of the efficacy of the transfection, indicating a significant downregulation of ESRP1 and ESRP2 proteins in MCF-7 BC cells transfected with ESRP1/2 combined siRNAs.



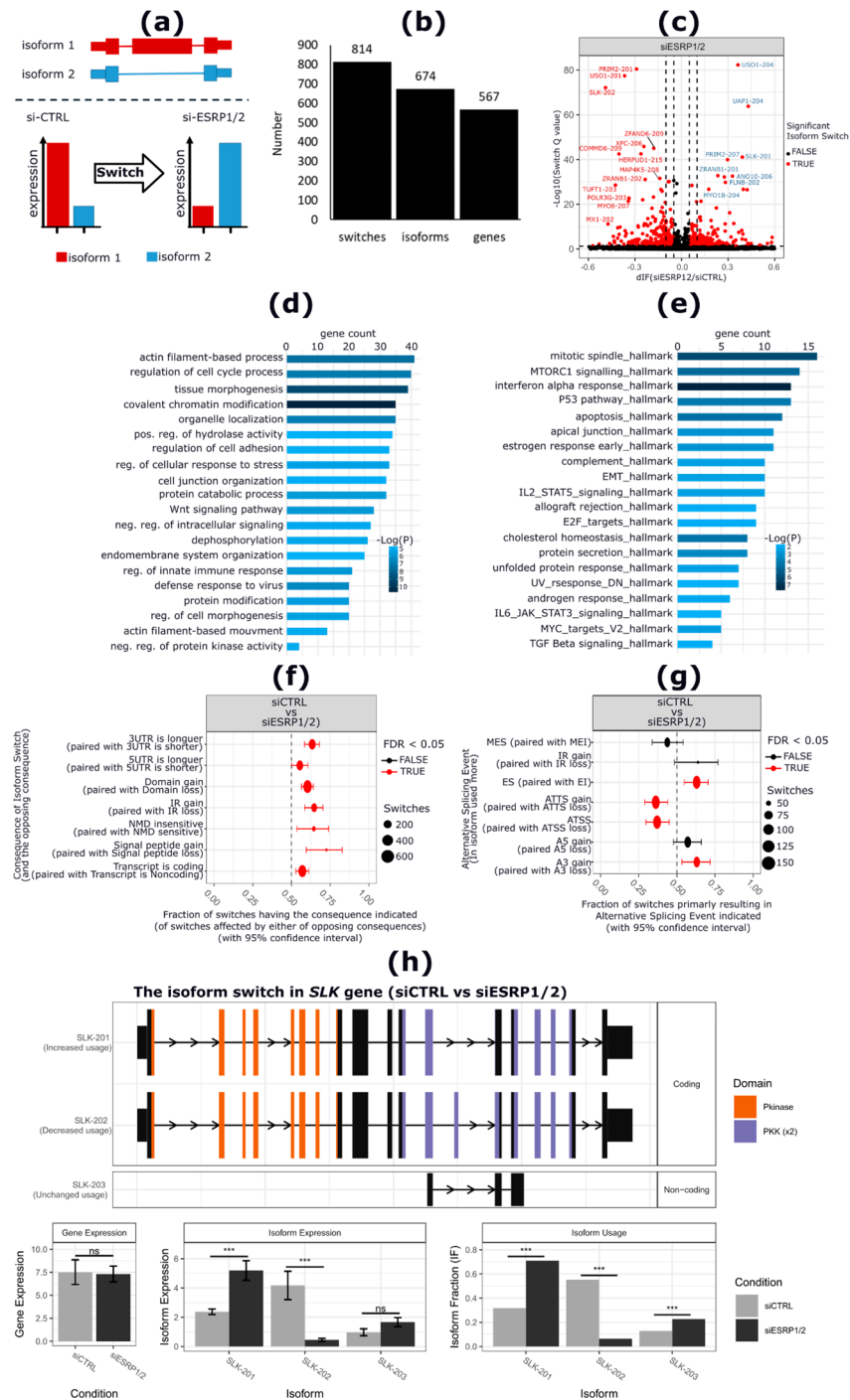
**Supplementary Figure S3:** changes in the EMT-related splicing signature upon ESRP1/2 silencing in MCF-7 cells. Sashimi Plots showing the expression changes of regulated exons and the junctions supporting their inclusion or exclusion events. The number of reads supporting each corresponding exon-exon junction is reported.



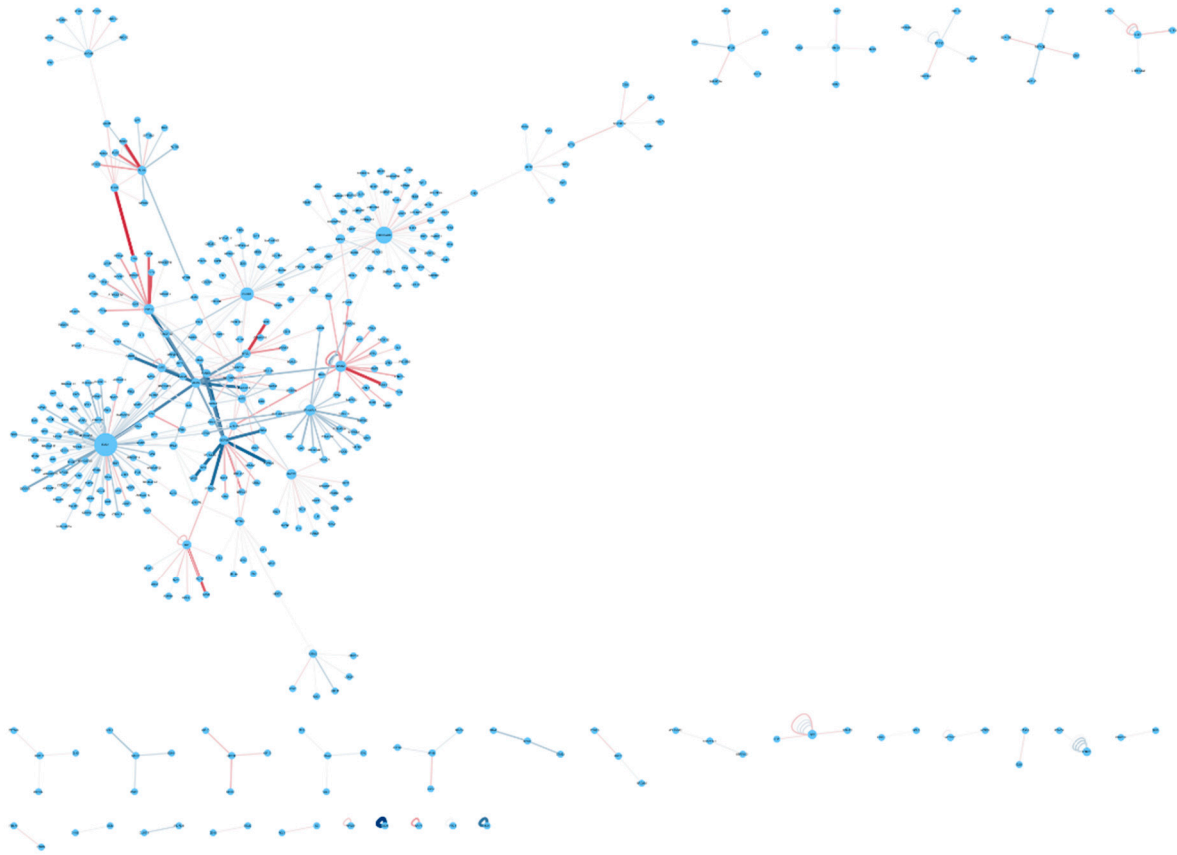
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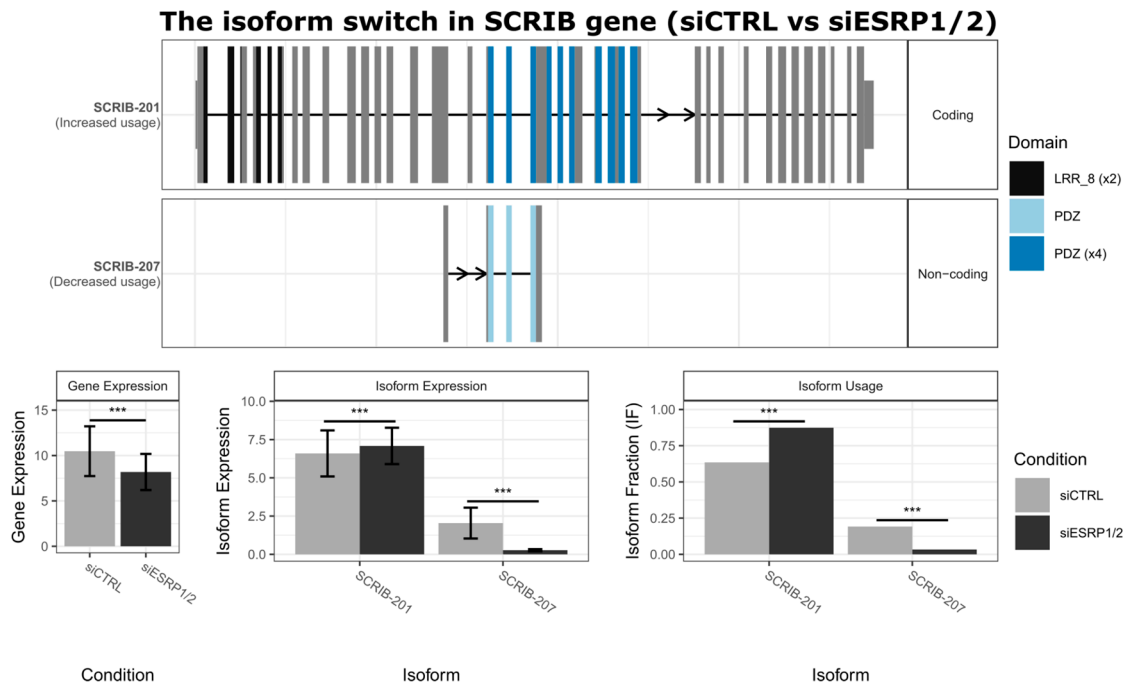
**Supplementary Figure S5:** Complete agarose gel electrophoresis from the RT-PCR validation of ASE. siC = control siRNA, siE = ESRP1/2-targeting siRNA.



**Supplementary Figure S6:** (a) Isoform switching analysis of ESRP1/2 silencing experiment. (b) Numbers of significant switching events and isoforms/genes involved. (c) Volcano plot showing the differential isoform fraction (dIF) and BH-adjusted  $p$ -values of switching events. (d-e) Enriched biological processes and gene set hallmarks of genes with significant switching isoforms. (f) Functional consequences of switching events (and the proportion of switches (x-axis) having either of the opposing consequences). (g) AS events (ASEs) predicted to be enriched and the proportions (x-axis) of switches resulting from either opposing ASEs. MES, Multiple Exon Skipping; IR, Intron Retention; ES, Exon Skipping; ATTS, Alternative Transcription Termination Site; ATSS, Alternative Transcription Start Site; A5, Alternative A5' Splice Site; A3, Alternative 3' Splice Site. (h) SLK switching isoform pairs resulting from ESRP1/2 combined silencing. ns, not significant; \*\*\*,  $p < 0.0001$ .



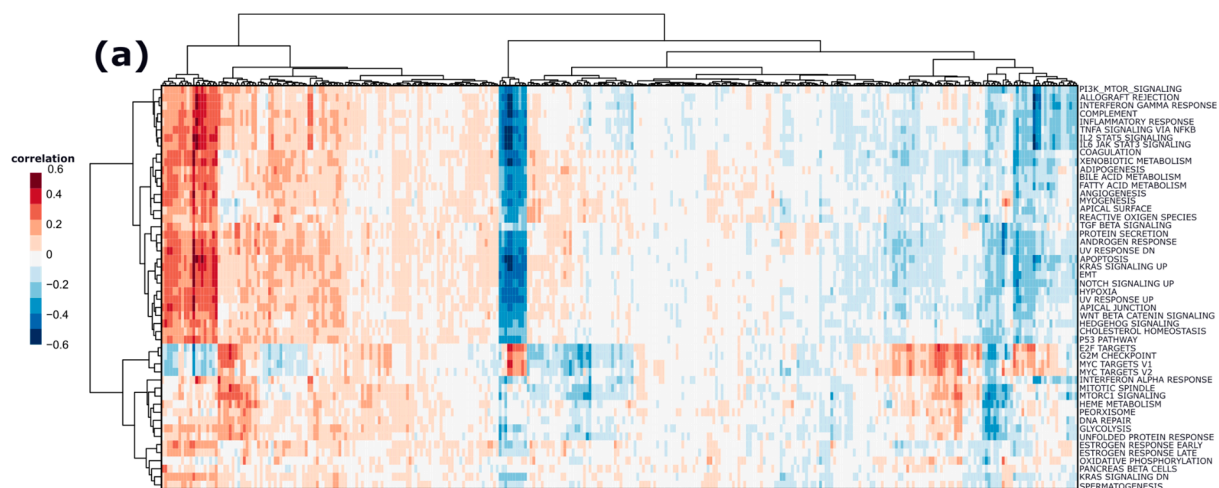
**Supplementary Figure S7:** Complete PPI subnetwork constructed starting from the 95 genes that harbored significant ES events, and whose inclusion/exclusion levels correlated ( $p < 0.05$ ) with ESRP1 and ESRP2 mRNA levels in ER $\alpha$ + BCs. Size of each node is proportional to its degree (range = 1, 80). Positive and negative dIS values are represented by the edge's color in red and blue, respectively, and the width of edges is proportional to the absolute value of dIS.



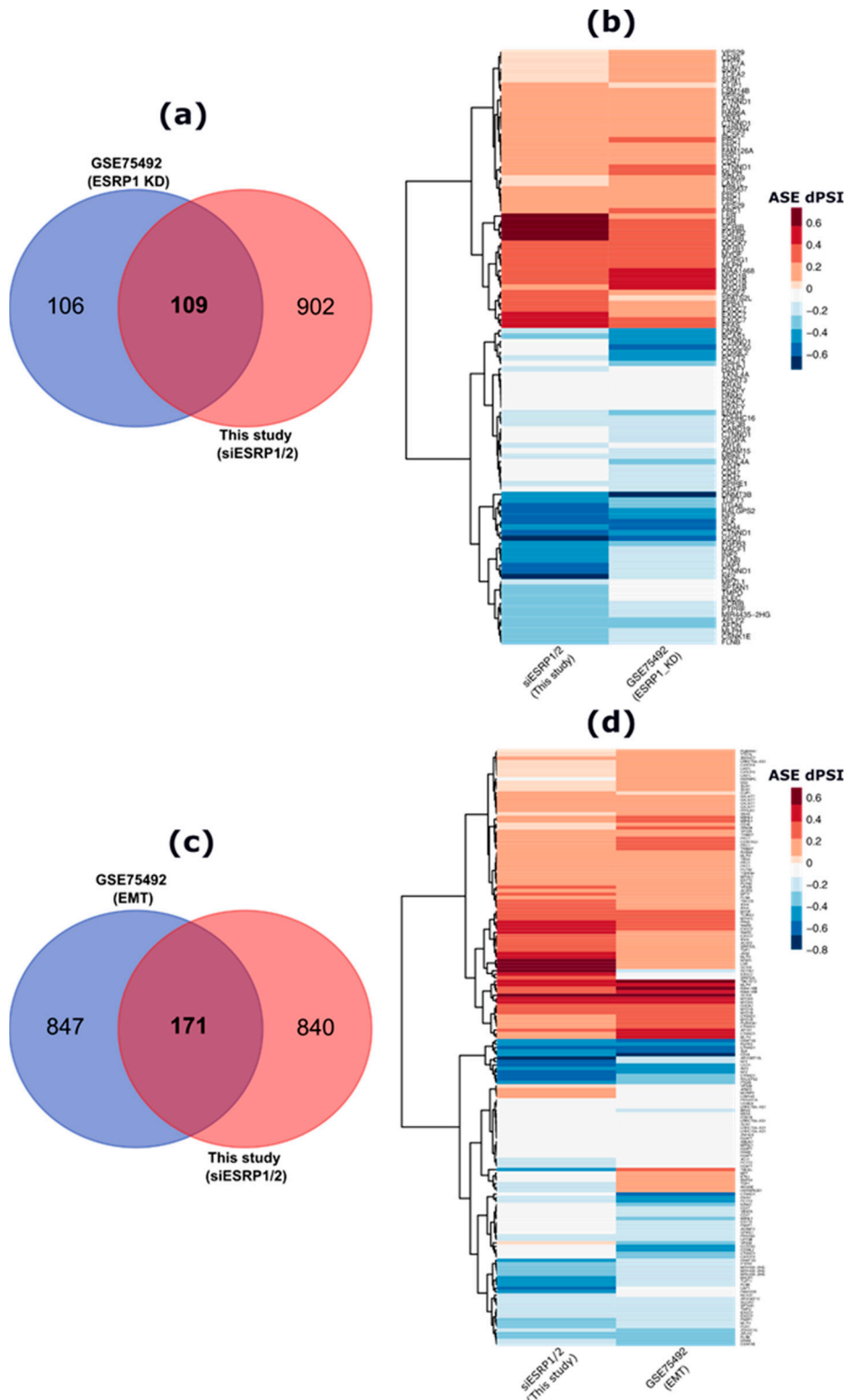
**Supplementary Figure S8:** SCRIB switching isoform pairs resulting from ESRP1/2 combined silencing. The two isoforms and their exon and protein domains are illustrated. Blue and Black colors of the exons indicate the LRR\_8 and PDZ protein domains, respectively. Boxplots indicate the differential regulation of SCRIB at gene and isoform levels. \*\*\*,  $p < 0.0001$ .







**Supplementary Figure S10: (a)** Heat map plot showing the correlation between the expression of ASEs regulated by ESRP1/2 silencing in MCF-7 cells and related molecular pathways in ER $\alpha$ + tumors.



**Supplementary Figure S11:** Overview of the overlap in AS changes between this study and the (GSE75492) study. **(a)** Venn diagram showing the number of overlapping ASEs between this study (siESRP1/2) and the ESRP1 knock down (ESRP1 KD) experiment by [2]. **(b)** Heat map plot reporting the dPSI of the 109 overlapping ASEs shown in (a). **(c)** Venn diagram representing the number of overlapping ASEs between this study and the EMT induction experiment by [2]. **(d)** Heat map plot representing the dPSI of the 171 overlapping ASEs shown in (c).

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