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Figure S1. Characterization of cell lines. a) Immunohistochemical analysis of ER and PgR in MCF-7, MB-453 and MB-231; b) analysis of positive cells expressed in percent. Data are expressed as the mean \pm S.D. of 2 independent experiments performed in duplicate. * $p < 0.001$

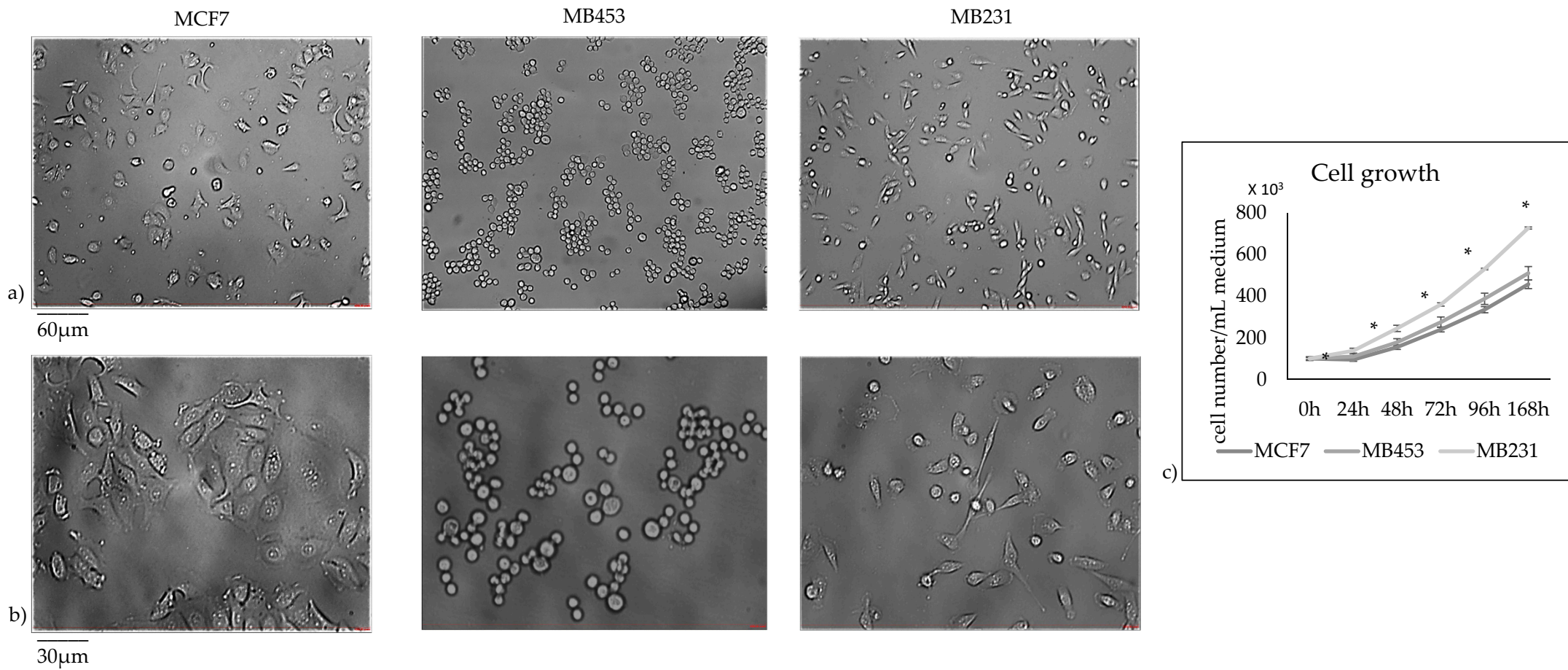


Figure S2. Characteristics of MCF7, MB453, MB231 cells after 48hrs of culture. a) cell morphology (20x magnification); b) cell morphology (40x magnification); c) cell growth at different times of cell culture. The cells were seeded at 100×10^3 cell concentration at 0h. Data are expressed as the mean \pm S.D. of 3 independent experiments performed in duplicate. * $p < 0.05$ versus 0h.