

Supplementary Materials:

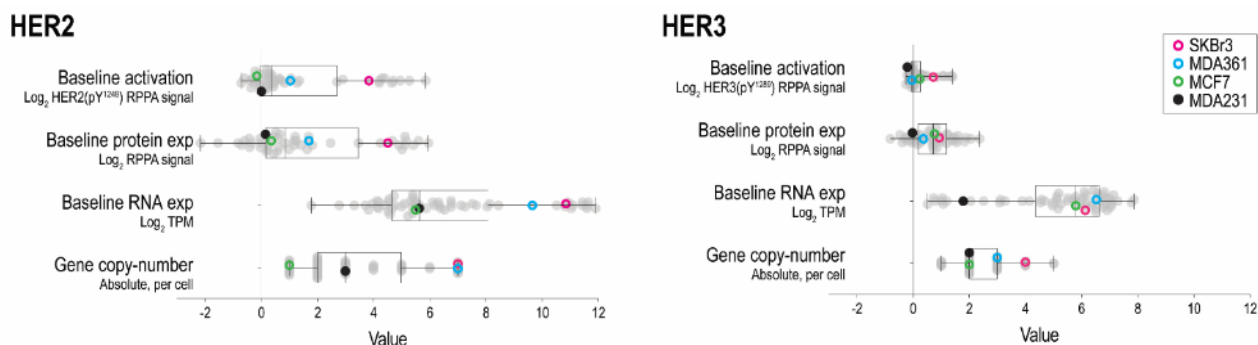


Figure S1. Cell line selection. Plots show cancer Cell Line Encyclopaedia gene copy number, RNAseq and reverse-phase protein array (RPPA) data for breast cancer cell lines, highlighting those selected for this study.

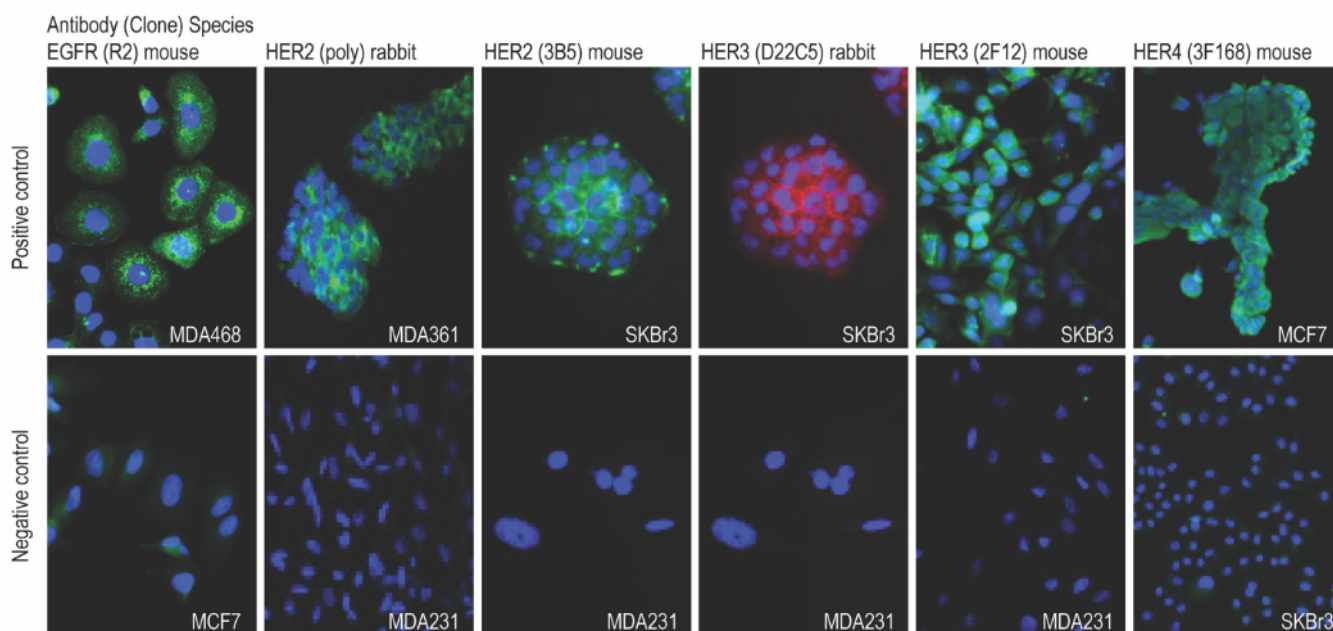


Figure S2. Validation of PLA immuno-detection conditions using immunofluorescence and fluorescent microscopy (images taken at 20x magnification). Positive and negative control cell lines were selected based on known HER family expression status.

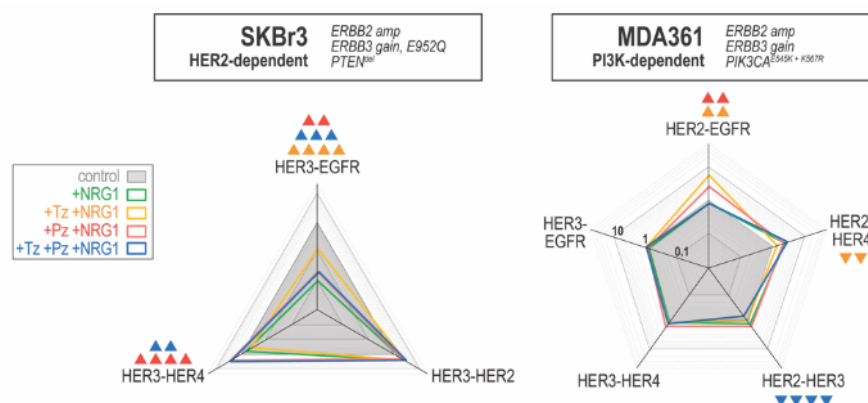


Figure S3. *In vitro* PLA data supporting Figure-4, second biological PLA replicate for the dimer complexes shown, in SKBr3 and MDA361 cells.

Supplementary Data: The following scripts can be run in Qupath ‘Script Editor’ as a batch.

Qupath script	Description
<pre>setImageType('FLUORESCENCE'); createSelectAllObject(true); def path = buildFilePath(PROJECT_BASE_DIR, 'annotations') def annotations = getAnnotationObjects() new File(path).withObjectOutputStream { it.writeObject(annotations) selectAnnotations(); runPlugin('qupath.imagej.detect.nuclei.WatershedCellDetection', '{"detectionImageFluorescence": 1, "requestedPixelSizeMicrons": 0.5, "backgroundRadiusMicrons": 0.0, "medianRadiusMicrons": 0.0, "sigmaMicrons": 3.0, "minAreaMicrons": 50.0, "maxAreaMicrons": 400.0, "threshold": 7000.0, "watershedPostProcess": true, "cellExpansionMicrons": 10.0, "includeNuclei": true, "smoothBoundaries": true, "makeMeasurements": true}');</pre>	1. Annotate the image.
<pre>name = getProjectEntry().getImageName() cells = getCellObjects() println name + "_" + (cells.size() + "_cells")</pre>	2. Select the whole image annotation and perform cell detection based on nuclear stain.
<pre>import qupath.imagej.plugins.ImageJMacroRunner import qupath.lib.plugins.parameters.ParameterList def params = new ImageJMacroRunner(getQuPath()).getParameterList() print ParameterList.getParameterListJSON(params, ' ') params.getParameters().get('downsampleFactor').setValue(4.0 as double) print ParameterList.getParameterListJSON(params, ' ') def macro = 'Stack.setChannel(3); run("Find Maxima...", "noise=1000 output=Count");' def imageData = getCurrentImageData() def annotations = getAnnotationObjects() for (annotation in annotations) { ImageJMacroRunner.runMacro(params, imageData, null, annotation, macro)}</pre>	3. Print file name and cell count. Data is then copy into Excel sheet.
	4. Exports the annotated image to ImageJ and execute ‘Find Maxima’ on the designated channel which counts the PLA signals. Data is then copy into Excel sheet.