

Table S1 Primer and probe sets used in the NB5 assay

Purpose	Gene symbol	Gene name	Accession number	Primer sequence (5'–3')	Probe sequence (5'–3') [†]
qRT-PCR/ ddPCR	<i>TH</i>	Tyrosine hydroxylase	NM_199292	F: TCATCACCTGGTCACCAAGTTC R: TGGAAGGCGATCTCAGCAATC	CCTGACCTGGACTTGGACCACCCG
	<i>DDC</i>	Dopa decarboxylase	NM_000790	F: TTAACGGGAGCCTTTAGACTGG R: ACCACATTTTCAAAGAGCGAAATC	TGCCCAGTGGTATCTGCCAATGCC
	<i>DCX</i>	Doublecortin	NM_000555	F: TGAAGGGAAACCCATCAGCC R: GGAGGTTCCGTTTGCTGAGT	AGCCAAGAGCCCTGGTCCTATGCG
	<i>PHOX2B</i>	Paired like homeobox 2B	NM_003924	F: CCGCAGTTCCTTACAACTCTTC R: GAGCTGGGCACTGGTCAAAG	CGGACCACGGCGGCCTCAACG
	<i>CHGA</i>	Chromogranin A	NM_001275	F: AAGGGGATACCGAGGTGATGA R: GGTCTTGAGCTCCTTCAGTA	CGACACACTTTCCAAGCCCAGCCC
	<i>B2M</i>	Beta-2-microglobulin	NM_004048	F: GAGTATGCCTGCCGTGTG R: AATCCAAATGCGGCATCT	CCTCCATGATGCTGCTTACATGTCTC

[†], 5' labeled with fluorescein (FAM); 3', labeled with Black Hole Quencher 1 (BHQ1). NB5, five neuroblastoma genes (*CHGA*, *DCX*, *DDC*, *PHOX2B*, and *TH*); ddPCR, droplet digital polymerase chain reaction; qRT-PCR, quantitative reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction; F, forward; R, reverse.

Table S2 Comparison of NB5 assay results between PB and BM specimens

Method	Sample	Category description	N (%)
qRT-PCR	Peripheral blood	Positive/total [†]	6/22 (27.273)
	Bone marrow	Positive/total [†]	11/21 (52.381)

[†], number of assessments. NB5, five neuroblastoma genes (*CHGA*, *DCX*, *DDC*, *PHOX2B*, and *TH*); PB, peripheral blood; BM, bone marrow; qRT-PCR, quantitative reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction.

Table S3 Bone marrow morphology and flow cytometric MRD NB5 assay data

Variables	Category	NB5 positive			NB5 negative		
		BM	Blood	Cerebrospinal fluid	BM	Blood	Cerebrospinal fluid
Bone marrow morphology	Positive	8	0	2	0	0	0
	Negative	22	0	0	59	0	0
MRD (flow cytometric)	Positive	15	0	0	0	0	0
	Negative	15	1	2	58	0	0

MRD, measurable residual disease; NB5, five neuroblastoma genes (*CHGA*, *DCX*, *DDC*, *PHOX2B*, and *TH*); *CHGA*, chromogranin A; *DCX*, doublecortin; *DDC*, dopa decarboxylase; *PHOX2B*, paired-like homeobox 2b; *TH*, tyrosine hydroxylase; BM, bone marrow.

Table S4 ddPCR positive sample NB5 assay results

Gene	Positive	Negative	Total
<i>CHGA</i>	14 (87.500)	2 (12.500)	16 (100.000)
<i>DCX</i>	9 (56.250)	7 (43.750)	16 (100.000)
<i>DDC</i>	10 (62.500)	6 (37.500)	16 (100.000)
<i>PHOX2B</i>	12 (75.000)	4 (25.000)	16 (100.000)
<i>TH</i>	11 (68.750)	5 (31.250)	16 (100.000)
<i>Total</i>	57 (70.370)	24 (29.630)	81 (100.000)

Data are shown as n (%). ddPCR, droplet digital polymerase chain reaction; *CHGA*, chromogranin A; *DCX*, doublecortin; *DDC*, dopa decarboxylase; *PHOX2B*, paired-like homeobox 2b; *TH*, tyrosine hydroxylase.

Table S5 Analysis of Cox proportional hazards regression model under different variables

Variables	No. of patients	P value	HR	95% CI
Negative BM via flow cytometric MRD (positive vs. negative)	61	0.046	3.046	1.020 to 9.099
MRD (flow cytometric) (positive vs. negative)	70	0.519	0.694	0.229 to 2.104
NB5 Δ Ct (positive vs. negative)	70	0.319	1.574	0.645 to 3.841
Bone marrow morphology (positive vs. negative)	70	0.492	0.644	0.184 to 2.259

BM, bone marrow; MRD, measurable residual disease; NB5, five neuroblastoma genes (*CHGA*, *DCX*, *DDC*, *PHOX2B*, and *TH*); *CHGA*, chromogranin A; *DCX*, doublecortin; *DDC*, dopa decarboxylase; *PHOX2B*, paired-like homeobox 2b; *TH*, tyrosine hydroxylase; Δ Ct, Δ threshold cycle; HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval.

Table S6 Contribution of different signatures to the AUC

Signature	AUC	95% CI	P value	Change from DDC (%)
<i>DCX</i>	0.733	0.604 to 0.863	0.002	–
<i>DDC</i>	0.679	0.554 to 0.805	0.017	–7.367
<i>PHOX2B</i>	0.679	0.546 to 0.812	0.017	–7.367
<i>CHGA</i>	0.649	0.512 to 0.786	0.047	–11.501
<i>TH</i>	0.649	0.510 to 0.788	0.047	–11.501
NB5	0.710	0.591 to 0.829	0.005	–3.111
NB5 minus <i>CHGA</i>	0.714	0.596 to 0.833	0.004	–2.592
NB5 minus <i>DDC</i>	0.712	0.595 to 0.833	0.004	–2.851
NB5 minus <i>DCX</i>	0.685	0.562 to 0.807	0.014	–6.589
NB5 minus <i>PHOX2B</i>	0.704	0.584 to 0.823	0.007	–4.011
<i>TH/DCX</i>	0.710	0.584 to 0.836	0.005	–3.111
<i>PHOX2B/TH/DDC</i>	0.693	0.571 to 0.815	0.010	–5.430
<i>PHOX2B/TH/DCX</i>	0.719	0.601 to 0.836	0.004	–1.937
<i>PHOX2B/TH</i>	0.698	0.578 to 0.818	0.008	–4.789

AUC, area under curve; *DCX*, doublecortin; *DDC*, dopa decarboxylase; *PHOX2B*, paired-like homeobox 2b; *CHGA*, chromogranin A; *TH*, tyrosine hydroxylase; NB5, five neuroblastoma genes (*CHGA*, *DCX*, *DDC*, *PHOX2B*, and *TH*); CI, confidence interval.



Figure S1 Summary of patient and sample characteristics information. Δ Ct, Δ threshold cycle; *DCX*, doublecortin; *DDC*, dopa decarboxylase; *PHOX2B*, paired-like homeobox 2b; *TH*, tyrosine hydroxylase; CR, complete remission; SD, stable disease; PR, partial remission; VGPR, very good partial remission. MRD, measurable residual disease; ddPCR, droplet digital polymerase chain reaction.

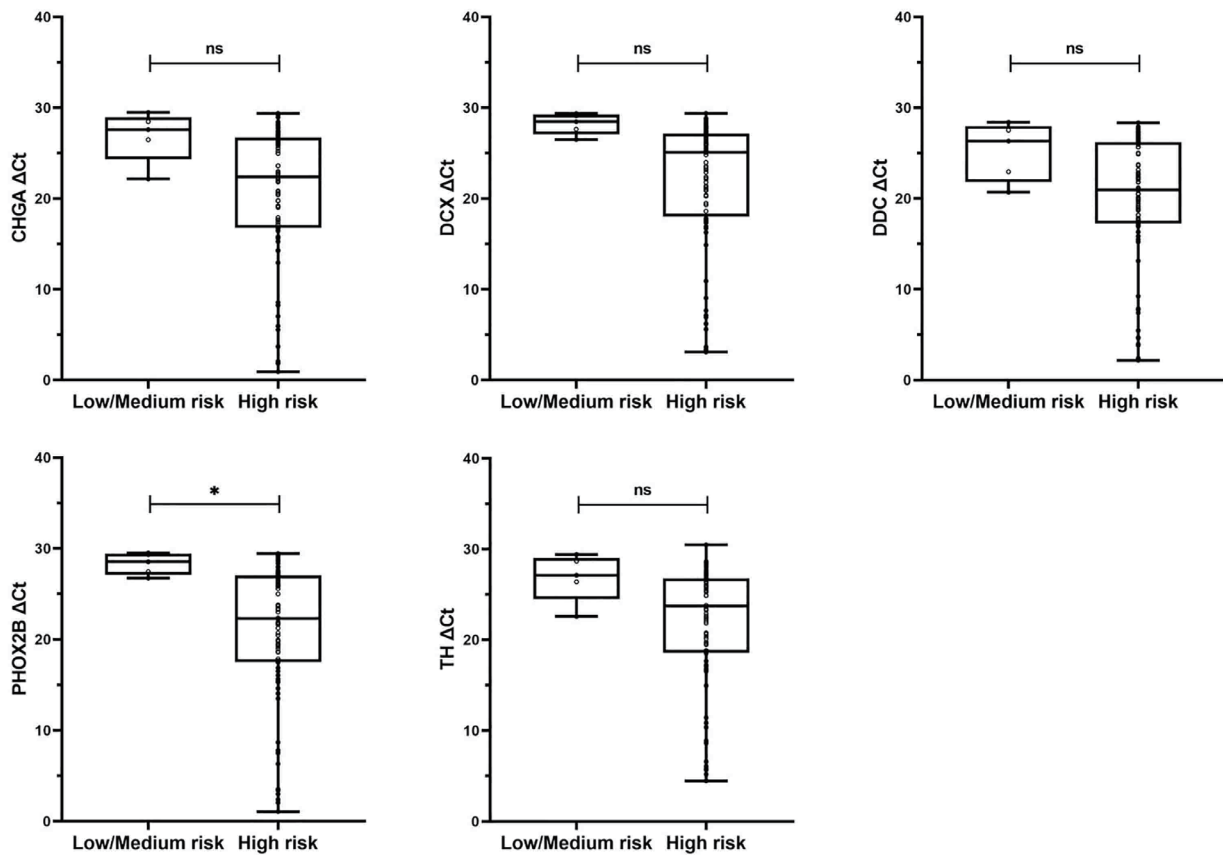


Figure S2 Level of NB5 Δ Ct in BM in the different risk groups. $n=5$ and $n=84$ in the low/medium risk and high risk, respectively. *, $P<0.05$. ns, no significant difference; Δ Ct, Δ threshold cycle; *CHGA*, chromogranin A; *DCX*, doublecortin; *DDC*, dopa decarboxylase; *PHOX2B*, paired-like homeobox 2b; *TH*, tyrosine hydroxylase; NB5, five neuroblastoma genes (*CHGA*, *DCX*, *DDC*, *PHOX2B*, and *TH*); BM, bone marrow.

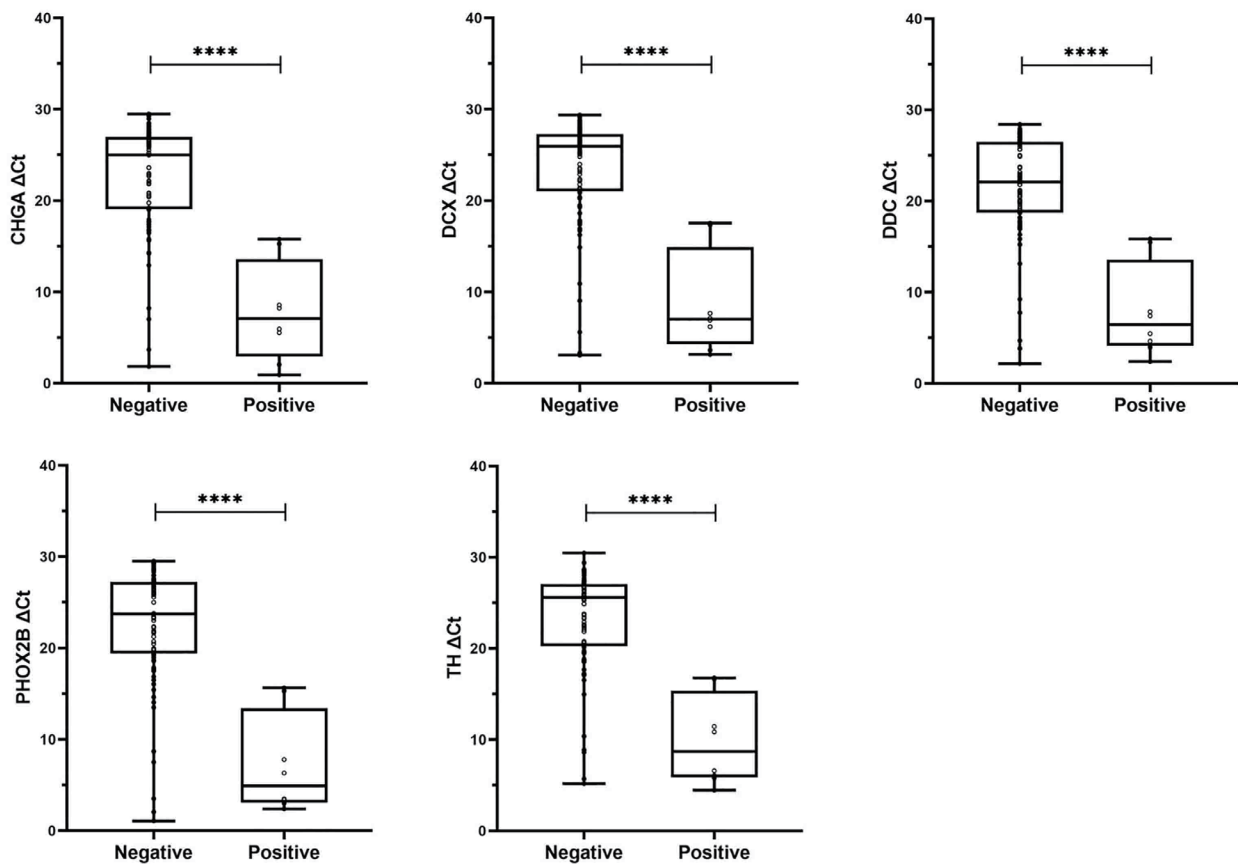


Figure S3 Level of NB5 Δ Ct in BM in the different bone marrow morphology groups. n=81 and n=8 in the bone marrow morphology negative group and positive group, respectively. ****, $P < 0.0001$. Δ Ct, Δ threshold cycle; *CHGA*, chromogranin A; *DCX*, doublecortin; *DDC*, dopa decarboxylase; *PHOX2B*, paired-like homeobox 2b; *TH*, tyrosine hydroxylase; NB5, five neuroblastoma genes (*CHGA*, *DCX*, *DDC*, *PHOX2B*, and *TH*); BM, bone marrow.

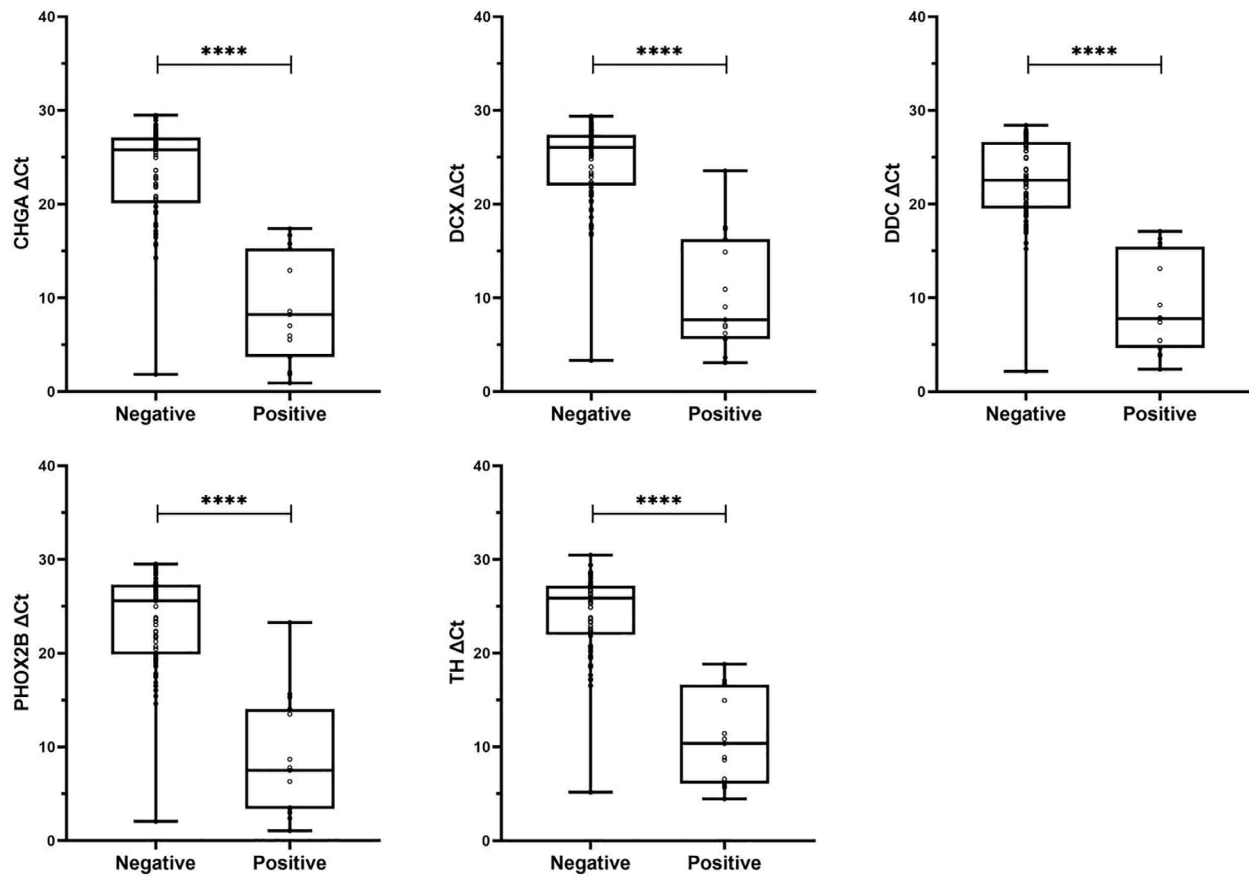


Figure S4 Level of NB5 ΔC_t in the BM in different flow cytometric MRD groups. $n=73$ and $n=15$ in the flow cytometric MRD negative group and positive group, respectively. ****, $P < 0.0001$. ΔC_t , Δ threshold cycle; *CHGA*, chromogranin A; *DCX*, doublecortin; *DDC*, dopa decarboxylase; *PHOX2B*, paired-like homeobox 2b; *TH*, tyrosine hydroxylase; NB5, five neuroblastoma genes (*CHGA*, *DCX*, *DDC*, *PHOX2B*, and *TH*); BM, bone marrow; MRD, measurable residual disease.

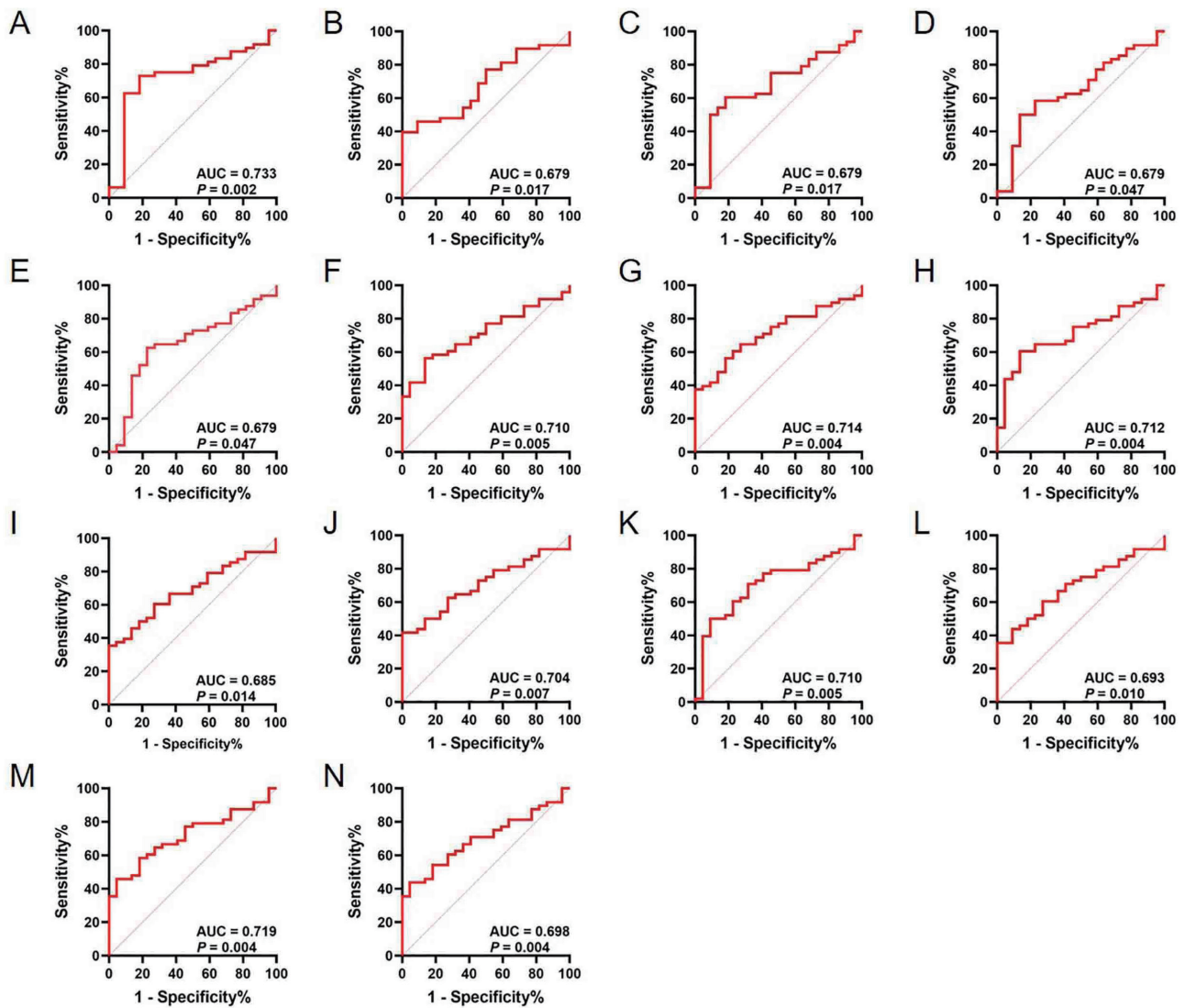


Figure S5 ROC analysis for assays based on different combinations of genes. (A) *DCX*; (B) *DDC*; (C) *PHOX2B*; (D) *CHGA*; (E) *TH*; (F) NB5; (G) NB5 minus *CHGA*; (H) NB5 minus *DDC*; (I) NB5 minus *DCX*; (J) NB5 minus *PHOX2B*; (K) *TH/DCX*; (L) *PHOX2B/TH/DDC*; (M) *PHOX2B/TH/DCX*; (N) *PHOX2B/TH*. AUC, area under the curve; ROC, receiver operating characteristic; *DCX*, doublecortin; *DDC*, dopa decarboxylase; *PHOX2B*, paired-like homeobox 2b; *CHGA*, chromogranin A; *TH*, tyrosine hydroxylase; NB5, five neuroblastoma genes (*CHGA*, *DCX*, *DDC*, *PHOX2B*, and *TH*).