Supplementary Information for

Mutant p53 gains oncogenic functions through a chromosomal instability-induced cytosolic DNA response

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Supplementary Fig. 1: mutp53 interacts with MCMs and predisposes cells to replication stress

a, Diagram of SILAC/IP purification of G245D mutp53 interactome in UM-SCC-1 stable cells. LC-MS/MS, liquid chromatography with tandem mass spectrometry. b-e, p53 antibody (DO-1) IP/Western blot analyses using cell lines with the indicated endogenous mutp53s. shp53, cells with mutp53 knockdown. IFN-y, 200 IU, 30 min. f and g, p53 antibody (DO-1 & Pab240) IP/Western blot analyses of UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines with the indicated mutp53s. h and i, Western blot analyses of chromatin-bound fractions from indicated UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines in response to HU treatment. j, IF staining of hTERT HAK cl41-p53KO-c1 stable cells 48 h after treatment with 100 µM of hydroxyurea (HU). Note that more nuclear RPA32 foci were seen in cells expressing mutp53s than in the control cells, which showed homogenous RPA32 staining. k, Western blot analysis of cytosol-soluble and chromatin-bound fractions from different UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines in response to HU treatment. I, Western blot analysis of chromatin-bound fraction from indicated UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines with doxycycline-inducible expression of MCM2 (indu-MCM2) or MCM5 (indu-MCM5). m, His antibody IP/Western blot analysis of HEK293-FT cells co-transfected with V5-His tagged MCM5 or V5-His tagged R732A/K734A mutant MCM5. n, Flag antibody IP/Western blot analysis of HEK293-FT cells co-transfected with Flag-HA-tagged R273H mutp53 and V5-His tagged MCM5 or with Flag-HA-tagged R273H mutp53 and V5-His tagged R732A/K734A mutant MCM5. *, non-specific. o, Western blot analysis of chromatinbound fractions from different UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines in response to HU treatment. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



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Supplementary Fig. 2: mutp53 predisposes cells to replication stress and CIN via MCM5

a, Western blot analyses of chromatin-bound and cytosol-soluble fractions from the indicated stable cell lines. b, IF staining of MDA1586 stable cells in response to HU treatment. Note that parental cells formed more RPA32 foci than did the mutp53 knockdown (shp53) cells. c, Representative images of DNA fiber assay of MDA1586 stable cell lines in the presence of HU treatment (200 µM, 4h). Scale bar, 10 µm. d and e, Summary of DNA fiber assay of MDA1586 stable cell lines in (c). error bars represent SD; significances were tested by one-way ANOVA summary with Dunn's multiple comparisons test. f and g. Western blot analyses of whole cell extracts from stable cells with doxycycline (DOX)-inducible knockdown of MCM5 as indicated. h. Western blot analysis using the cytosol and chromatin-bound fractions from PCI-15B stable cell lines treated with HU as indicated. i, IF staining of MDA1586 stable cell lines in the presence of HU as indicated. Note that although mutp53 knockdown (shp53-shNT) cells exhibited reduced RPA32 foci formation compared to the control cells (Lenti-Ctr-shNT), further MCM5 knockdown (shp53-shMCM5-C) rescued foci formation. Cells were cultured in medium with DOX (200 ng/mL) for at least 96 h before further HU treatment (h,i). j, Examples of the metaphase spreads of hTERT HAK cl41-p53KO-c1 stable cell lines in the absence or presence of HU. k, Summary of chromosomal abnormalities in the metaphase spreads of hTERT HAK cl41-p53KO-c1 stable cell lines in the absence or presence of HU treatment. I, Examples of the metaphase spreads of MDA1586 stable cell lines in the absence or presence of HU treatment. m, Summary of chromosomal abnormalities in the metaphase spreads of MDA1586 stable cell lines in the absence or presence of HU treatment. Representative chromosomal abnormalities are marked by arrows (pink, breaks; red, fragments; light blue, fusions) (j) and (l). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 3: GOF mutp53-MCM5-mediated replication stress and CIN stimulate cytosolic DNA accumulation and NC-NF-KB activation

a, Western blot analysis of whole cell extracts of UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines. **b**, Representative IF staining images of cytosolic dsDNA in UM-SCC-1 stable cells with or without dsDNase. Note that dsDNA staining was eliminated by dsDNase treatment. c, Representative IF staining images of cytosolic dsDNA in the indicated UM-SCC-1 stable cells. d, Violin plot of the MFI of cytosolic dsDNA per cell in the indicated UM-SCC-1 stable cells; n = 68 (pBabe-pLVX), 176 (R273HpLVX), 182 (R273H-MCM5). e, Dot plot of the relative cytosolic dsDNA concentration of the indicated UM-SCC-1 stable cells. n = 3 in each group. f, Representative IF staining images of cytosolic ssDNA in UM-SCC-1 stable cells with or without S1 nuclease. Note that ssDNA staining was eliminated by S1 nuclease treatment. g, Representative IF staining images of cytosolic ssDNA in the indicated UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines treated with or without HU (150 µM, 48 h). h, Violin plot of the MFI of cytosolic ssDNA per cell in the indicated UM-SCC-1 stable cells in the absence or presence of HU; n = 203 (pBabe-pLVX), 346 (pBabe-pLVX + HU), 303 (pBabe-MCM5), 328 (pBabe-MCM5 + HU), 216 (G245D-pLVX), 400 (G245D-pLVX + HU), 198 (G245D-MCM5), 327 (G245D-MCM5 + HU). i and j, Dot plots of the relative cytosolic dsDNA concentration of the indicated stable cells. n = 3 in each group. k and m, Representative IF staining images of cytosolic ssDNA in the indicated stable cell lines in the absence or presence of HU (100 µM, 48 h). Scale bar, 10 µm (b, c, f, g, k and m). I and n, Violin plots of the MFI of cytosolic ssDNA per cell in the indicated stable cells; n = 110 (Lenti-ctrl-shNT), 164 (Lenti-ctrl-shNT + HU), 136 (shp53-shNT), 111 (shp53-shNT + HU), 108 (shp53-shMCM5-C), 128 (shp53-shMCM5-C + HU), 107 (shp53-shMCM5-G), 266 (shp53-shMCM5-G + HU) (I); n = 343 (Lenti-ctrl-shNT), 254 (Lenti-ctrl-shNT + HU), 343 (shp53-shNT), 357 (shp53-shNT + HU), 189 (shp53-shMCM5-C), 208 (shp53-shMCM5-C + HU), 204 (shp53-shMCM5-G), 202 (shp53-shMCM5-G + HU) (n). o, Intracellular cGAMP concentration of the indicated UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines in the absence or presence of HU. n = 3 in each group. **p-s**, Western blot analyses of the cytosolic and/or nuclear fractions from the indicated stable cells. Cells were incubated with doxycycline (200 ng/mL) for 48 h before further HU treatment (k)-(n), and (s). Bars represent the median \pm quartiles (d), (h), (1), and (n), mean \pm SD (e), (i), (j), and (o). Significances were tested by the Kruskal-Wallis test with Dunn's multiple comparisons test (d), (h), and (n) or by one-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (e), (i), (j), (l) and (o). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Lungs & the corresponding H&E sections from tail-vein injection of human MDA1586 stable cells into nude mice

Supplementary Fig. 4: GOF mutp53-MCM5-STING-NC-NF-κB signaling promotes tumor cell migration, invasion and metastasis

a, Macroscopic images of lungs and microscopic images of the corresponding H & E-stained sections from nude mice 18 weeks after tail-vein injection with the indicated UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines (10⁶ cells/mouse). Scale bar, 6 mm. **b**, Summary graph showing percentage of mouse lungs with macroscopic and microscopic metastases in the experiment in (a). c, Representative images of immunohistochemistry (IHC) staining of lung metastatic lesions from (a) as indicated. Scale bar, 60 µm. Note that the R273H mutp53-expressing tumor (R273H-shNT) had a higher ratio of nuclear RelB staining than did the pBabe control, but this was decreased by STING or RelB knockdown. d, Microscopic images of the H & E-stained lung sections from BALB/c mice 4 weeks after mammary fat pad injection with the indicated mouse 4T1 stable cell lines (1.5×10^5) cells/mouse). Scale bar, 6 mm. e and g, Representative images of Transwell migration and invasion assays of cell lines as indicated. Scale bar, 100 µm. f and h, Summary graphs of the indicated invading stable cell lines; n = 3 in each group (f), n = 10 in each group (h). error bars represent SD. Significances were calculated by one-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test. pBabe and pLVX, control vectors. i, Representative macroscopic images of lungs and microscopic images of the corresponding microscopic H & E-stained sections from mice 12 weeks after tailvein injection with UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines (5×10^5 cells/mouse). Scale bar, 6 mm. j, Mean percentage of lung metastatic areas from (i). n = 3 in each group. Shown are mean percentages per group of lung metastatic areas from 3 consecutive sections in each lung, separated by 200 µm. See the Methods for details. Error bars represent SD. Significance tested using two-tailed unpaired ttest. k and l, MCM5 knockdown rescues impaired invasion caused by R273L mutp53 knockdown in MDA1586 stable cells. Shown are representative images (k) and a summary graph of Transwell invasion assays (I); Scale bar, 100 μ m (k), n = 3 in each group (I). error bars represent SD; Significances were calculated by one-way ANOVA with Tukey's multiple comparisons test (1). m, MCM5 knockdown rescues impaired lung metastasis induced by R273L mutp53 downregulation in MDA1586 stable cells. Shown are macroscopic images of lungs and the corresponding microscopic H & E-stained sections from nude mice 6 months after tail-vein injection with MDA1586 stable cell lines (0.77×10⁶ cells/mouse). Scale bar, 6 mm. Positive MDA1586 microscopic metastatic lesions are marked by the blue squares. n, Percentage of lung area with macroscopic and microscopic metastases from (m). o, Mean percentage of lung tumor metastatic areas from (m). n = 3 in each group. Shown are the group mean percentages of lung area with metastatic tumors from 3 random sections per lung, each 100 µm apart. See the Methods for details. Error bars represent SD; Significances were calculated by the two-tailed unpaired *t*-test. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 5: RelB IHC, T cell multiplex immunofluorescent staining, and GSEA a, Representative IHC staining images of p53 and RelB from 4T1 stable cell tumors from BALB/c mice as indicated. Scale bar, 89.7 μ m. b, Schematic representation of multiplexed IHC and MIBI analyses. Created with BioRender.com. FFPE, formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded. c, Representative H & E staining images and their corresponding multiplex CD3 and CD8 immunofluorescent and phenotyping images from a 4T1 stable cell tumor from BALB/c mouse. Scale bar, 100 μ m. d, Western blot analysis of UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines as indicated. e, Summary of normalized enrichment scores (NES) for all the GSEA Hallmark pathways significantly enriched (FDRq < 25%) in the indicated comparisons of cell lines. +HU: 100 μ M, 48 h. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 6: GOF mutp53-MCM5-STING-NC-NF-KB signaling antagonizes IFN signaling and regulates inflammation-related gene expression

a, Hierarchical clustering analyses of the Hallmark IFN α response gene set (97 genes, x-axis) and the Hallmark IFNy response gene set (200 genes) from the comparisons of UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines as indicated. **b** and **c**, GSEA of Hallmark IFN α and IFN γ response signaling pathway gene sets from comparisons of the indicated UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines treated without or with hydroxyurea (+HU: 100 μ M, 48 h). **d** and **e**, Hierarchical clustering analyses of the Hallmark IFN α response gene set (97 genes, x-axis) (d) and IFN γ response gene set (200 genes) (e) from the indicated comparisons of UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines. pLVX, empty vector. f-k, GSEA of Hallmark IFN α and IFN γ response signaling pathway gene sets from the indicated comparisons of UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines. I and m, Hierarchical clustering analyses of the Hallmark IFN α response gene set (97 genes, x-axis) (I) and IFN γ response gene set (200 genes) (m) from the indicated comparisons of MDA1586 stable cell lines. NT, non-target. n-q, GSEA of Hallmark IFNa and IFNy response signaling gene sets from the indicated comparisons of MDA1586 stable cell lines. r-t, Hierarchical clustering analyses of the Hallmark IL6-JAK-STAT3 signaling gene set (87 genes, x-axis) (r), the Hallmark TNF α signaling via NF- κ B gene set (200 genes, x-axis) (s), and the Hallmark Inflammatory response gene set (200 genes, x-axis) (t) from the indicated comparisons of UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines. u-z, GSEA of Hallmark IL6-JAK-STAT3, TNF α signaling via NF- κ B, and Inflammatory response gene sets from the comparisons of the indicated UM-SCC-1 stable cell lines. NT, non-target. *FDRq > 25%, not significant. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 7: The IFN^L/Inf^H gene signature is associated with worse clinical outcomes and immunosuppression in OSCCs

a, Five-year progression-free survival (PFS) for the 221 patients with HPV-negative *TP53*-mutant OSCC with the indicated IFN and Inf gene expression profiles. L, low; H, high. **b-g**, Box plots of immune enrichment scores of 221 *TP53*-mutant OSCCs with the indicated IFN and inflammation-related (Inf) gene expression profiles. The number of tumors in each group were: IFN^H/Inf^L=52, IFN^L/Inf^H = 25, All High = 58, and All Low = 86. The mean immune enrichment scores (\pm SD) were: (**b**) IFN^H/Inf^L: 0.29 (\pm 0.11), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.39 (\pm 0.1), All High: 0.38 (\pm 0.1), All Low: 0.22 (\pm 0.12); (**c**) IFN^H/Inf^L: -297.72 (\pm 350.82), IFN^L/Inf^H: 54.47 (\pm 270.32), All High: 155 (\pm 372.54), All low: -609.67 (\pm 497.7); (**d**) IFN^H/Inf^L: -0.01 (\pm 0.79), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.3 (\pm 0.71), All High: 0.66 (\pm 0.69), All Low: 0.3 (\pm 0.89). (**e**) IFN^H/Inf^L: 0.11 (\pm 0.07), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.06 (\pm 0.04), All High: 0.31 (\pm 0.05), All Low: 0.3 (\pm 0.89). (**f**) IFN^H/Inf^L: 0.11 (\pm 0.07), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.22 (\pm 0.13), All High: 0.12 (\pm 0.05), All Low: 0.26 (\pm 0.17). Boxes represent the IQR and the horizontal line indicates the median. The whiskers extend to the last data point within 1.5×IQR. Significances were tested using Kruskal-Wallis test and two-sided steel-dwass test (**b-g**). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



Supplementary Fig. 8: The IFN^L/Inf^H gene signature is associated with immunosuppression in lung and larynx squamous cell carcinomas

a, Hierarchical clustering analysis of single-sample GSEA scores for the Hallmark GSEA IFN and inflammation-related (Inf) signaling pathways for 399 TCGA patients with HPV-negative, *TP53*-mutant lung squamous cell carcinoma (x-axis). The analysis revealed 4 patient groups with distinct gene expression profiles. **b-e**, Box plots of EMT and immune enrichment scores of the 399 HPV-

negative and TP53-mutant lung squamous cell carcinoma with the indicated IFN and Inf gene expression profiles. The number of patients in each group were $IFN^{H}/Inf^{L} = 20$, $IFN^{L}/Inf^{H} = 111$, All High = 66, and All Low = 202. The mean immune enrichment scores (\pm SD) were: (b) IFN^H/Inf^L: -0.25 (±0.24), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.20 (±0.30), All High: 0.16 (±0.28), All Low: -0.18 (±0.30); (c) IFN^H/Inf^L: 0.07 (±0.03), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.05 (±0.04), All High: 0.06 (±0.03), All Low: 0.07 (±0.05); (d) IFN^H/Inf^L: 0.15 (±0.05), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.10 (±0.06), All High: 0.14 (±0.08), All Low: 0.11 (±0.06); (e) IFN^H/Inf^L: 0.04 (±0.04), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.02 (±0.03), All High: 0.03 (±0.03), All Low: $0.02 (\pm 0.03)$; Boxes represent the IQR and the horizontal line indicates the median. The whiskers extend to the last data point within 1.5×IQR. Significances were tested using Kruskal-Wallis test and two-sided steel-dwass test (b-e) f, Hierarchical clustering analysis of single-sample GSEA scores for the Hallmark GSEA IFN and inflammation-related (Inf) signaling pathways for 100 TCGA patients with HPV-negative, TP53-mutant larynx squamous cell carcinoma (x-axis). The analysis revealed 4 patient groups with distinct gene expression profiles. g-j, Box plots of EMT and immune enrichment scores of the 100 HPV-negative and TP53-mutant larynx squamous cell carcinoma with the indicated IFN and Inf gene expression profiles. The number of patients in each group were IFN^H/Inf^L = 8, IFN^L/Inf^H = 17, All High = 39, and All Low = 36. The mean immune enrichment scores (\pm SD) were: (g) IFN^H/Inf^L: -0.27 (\pm 0.26), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.20 (\pm 0.30), All High: 0.20 (± 0.29), All Low: -0.02 (± 0.35); (**h**) IFN^H/Inf^L: 0.09 (± 0.03), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.05 (± 0.05), All High: 0.06 (±0.04), All Low: 0.07 (±0.05); (i) 0.16 (±0.08), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.06 (±0.04), All High: 0.12 (±0.06), All Low: 0.08 (±0.05); (j) IFN^H/Inf^L: 0.03 (±0.02), IFN^L/Inf^H: 0.01 (±0.01), All High: $0.02 (\pm 0.02)$, All Low: 0.01 (± 0.02); Boxes represent the IQR and the horizontal line indicates the median. The whiskers extend to the last data point within 1.5×IOR. Significances were tested using Kruskal-Wallis test and two-sided steel-dwass test (g-j). Source data are provided as a Source Data file.