

Figure S1. The expression of NQO1 and SOD1 but not CAT and SOD2 correlates with poor patient survival of BC, related to Figure 1.

(A-C) High NQO1 expression correlates with low recurrence-free survival (RFS) of luminal A **(A)**, luminal B **(B)** and HER2+**(C)** BC.

(D-E) High SOD1 expression correlates with low RFS of all BC subtypes **(D)** as well as basal BC **(E)**.

(F-G) CAT expression does not correlate with low RFS of all BC subtypes **(F)** as well as basal BC **(G)**.

(H-I) SOD2 expression has no correlation with low RFS of all BC subtypes **(H)** as well as basal BC **(I)**.

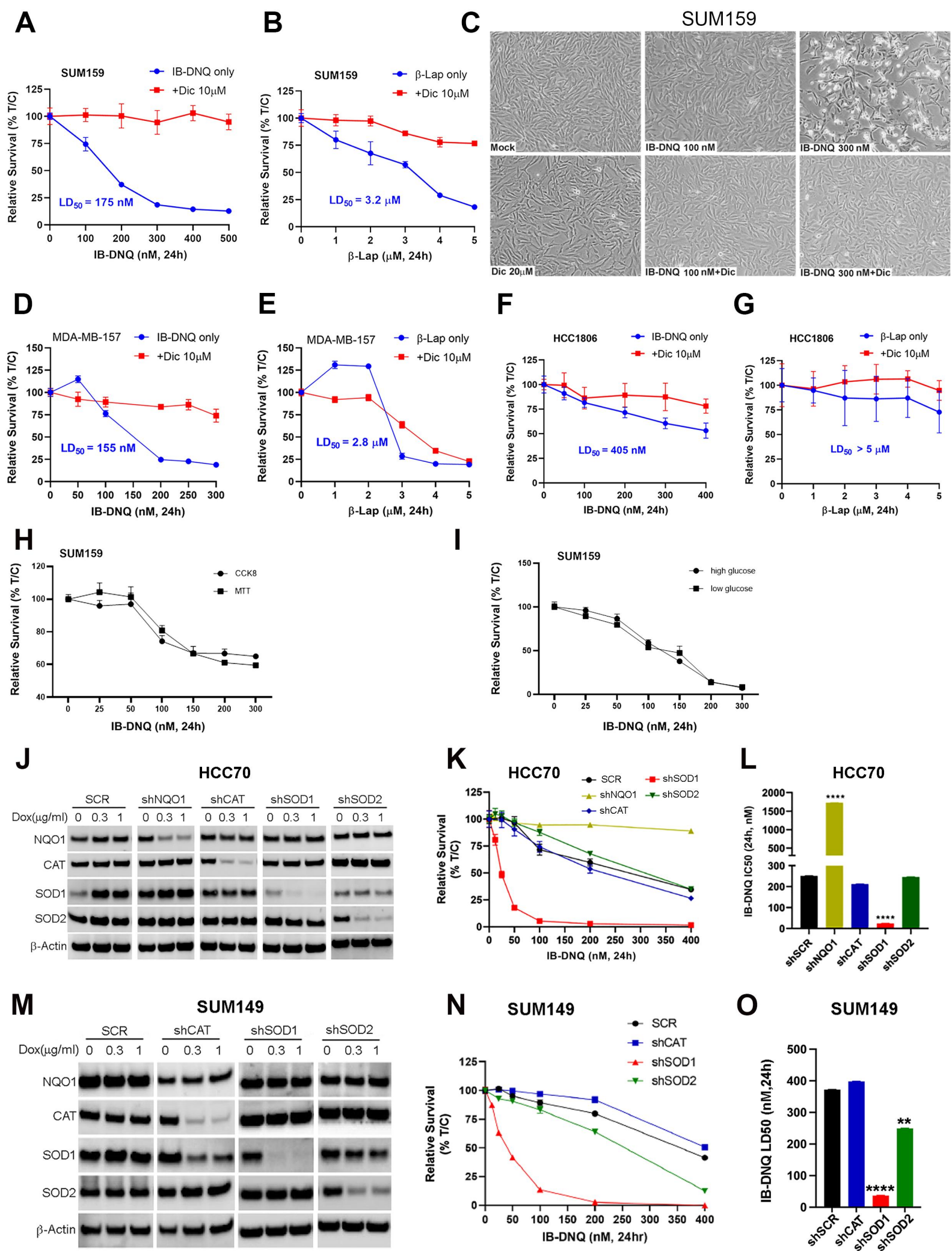


Figure S2. IB-DNQ is more potent and specific than β -lap in killing TNBC cells and Dox-induced KD of SOD1 specifically enhances IB-DNQ's efficacy in killing TNBC cells, related to Figure 2.

(A-B) Comparison of LD₅₀ of IB-DNQ (A) vs. β -lap (B) in SUM159 BC cells treated with each compound alone or together with the NQO1 inhibitor DIC. Error bars denote SEM (n=6).

(C) SUM159 BC cells treated with Mock (DMSO), DIC (20 μ M), IB-DNQ (100 or 300nM) alone, or combination of IB-DNQ (100 or 300nM) and DIC (20 μ M) for 24h and examined by light microscopy.

(D-E) Comparison of LD₅₀ of IB-DNQ (D) vs. β -lap (E) in MDA-MB-157 BC cells treated with each compound alone or together with NQO1 inhibitor DIC. Error bars denote SEM (n=6).

(F-G) Comparison of LD₅₀ of IB-DNQ (F) vs. β -lap (G) in NQO1^{lo} HCC1806 BC cells treated with each compound alone or together with NQO1 inhibitor DIC. Error bars denote SEM (n=6).

(H) Relative survival of SUM159 BC cells treated with different doses of IB-DNQ measured by MTT vs. CCK8 assay. Error bars denote SEM (n=6).

(I) Relative survival of SUM159 BC cells treated with different doses of IB-DNQ in media containing high (25 mM) or low (5.5 mM) of glucose by CCK8 assay. Error bars denote SEM (n=6)

(J-L) Dox-inducible KD of NQO1, CAT, SOD1 and SOD2 in HCC70 BC cells validated by immunoblotting with respective antibodies (**J**), and KD of NQO1 renders HCC70 BC cells resistant to IB-DNQ treatment, while KD of SOD1, but not CAT or SOD2, in HCC70 significantly enhanced IB-DNQ-elicited lethality (**K** and **L**). ****: p< 0.0001 vs. shSCR (n=2, one-way ANOVA). Error bars denote SEM.

(M-O) Dox-inducible KD of CAT, SOD1 and SOD2 in NQO1^{lo} SUM149 BC cells validated by immunoblotting with respective antibodies (**M**), and KD of SOD1 or SOD2 but not CAT in SUM149 significantly enhanced IB-DNQ-elicited lethality (**M** and **O**). **, ****: p< 0.01 and 0.0001 vs. shSCR (n=2, one-way ANOVA). Error bars denote SEM.

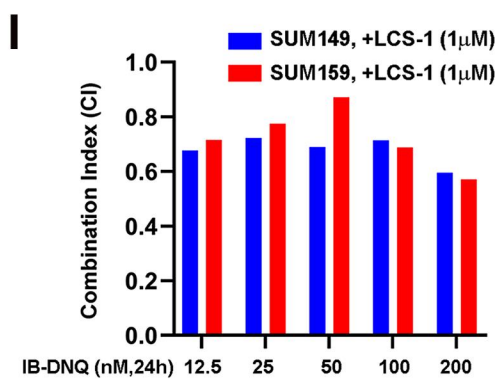
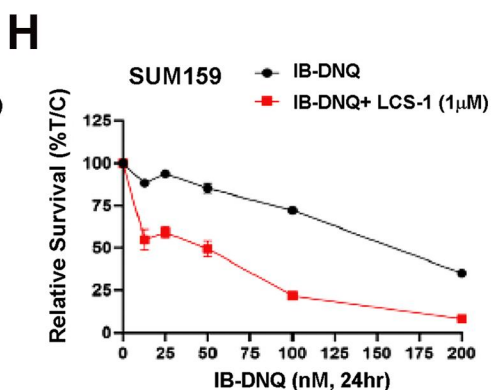
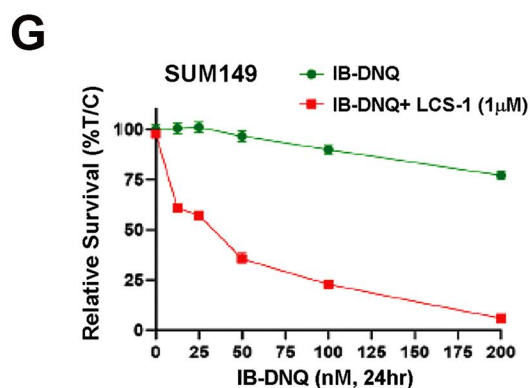
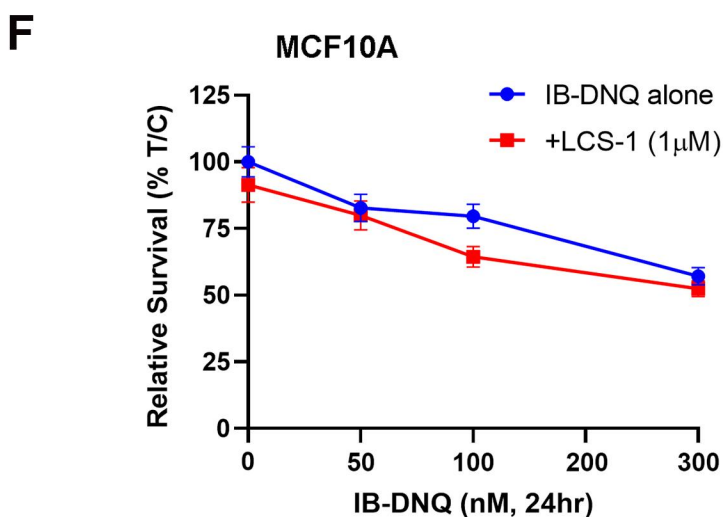
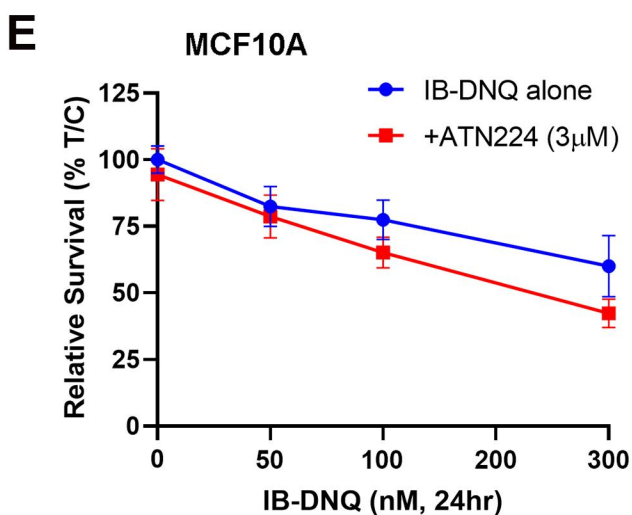
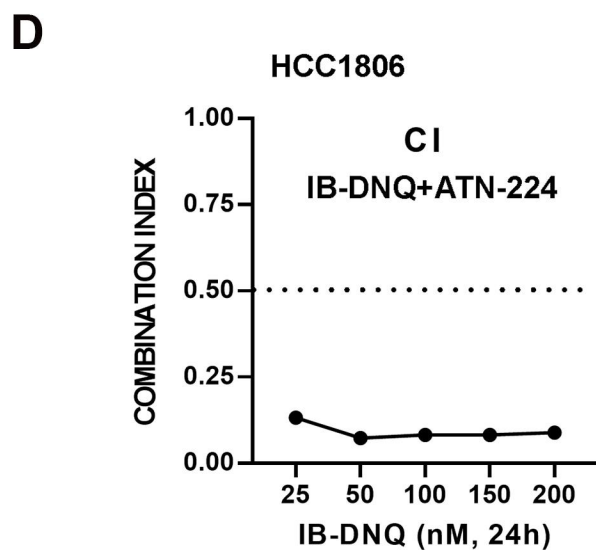
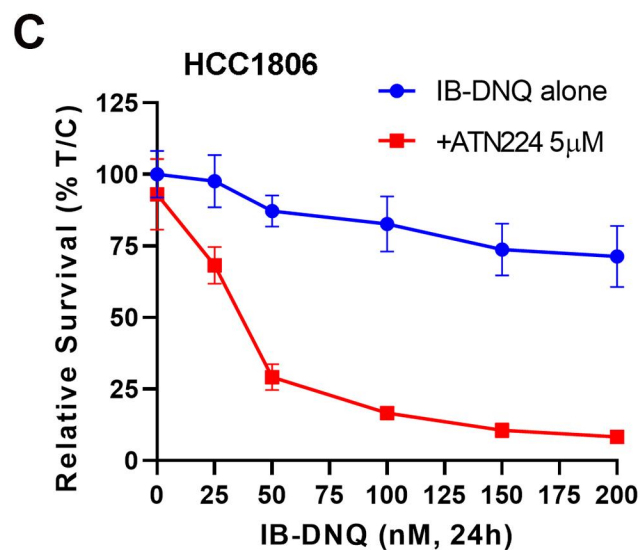
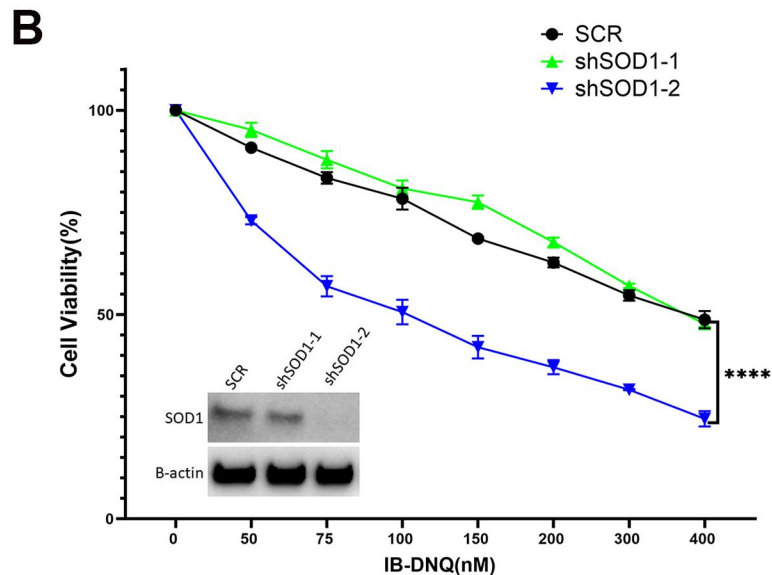
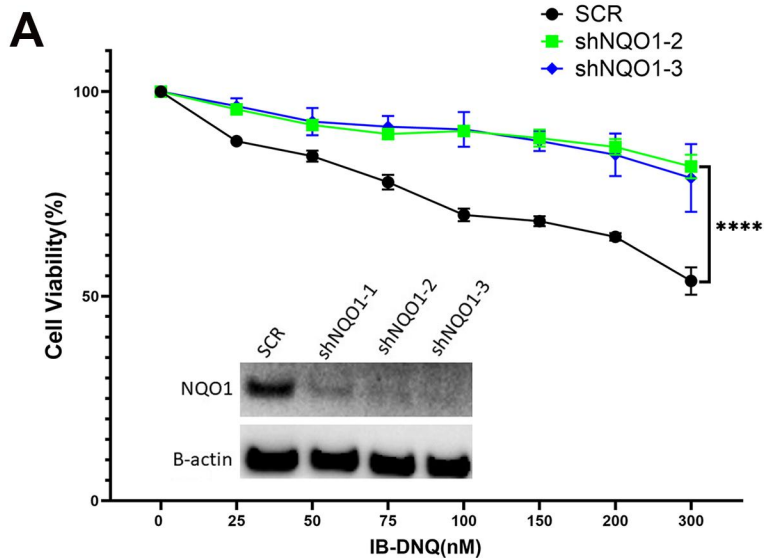


Figure S3. SOD1 inhibitor ATN224 synergistically enhances IB-DNQ's efficacy in killing TNBC but not nontumorigenic mammary epithelial cell MCF10A, related to Figure 2.

(A) Dox-induced KD of NQO1 in SUM159 BC cells with three different SMARTvector Dox-inducible lentiviral shRNA clones to validate the effect of knockdown of NQO1 expression in affecting IB-DNQ sensitivity, which is measured by MTT assay. ****: $p < 0.0001$ (shNQO1-2 or shNQO1-3 vs. shSCR, $n=6$, two-way ANOVA). Error bars denote SEM.

(B) Dox-induced KD of SOD1 in SUM159 BC cells with two SMARTvector Dox-inducible lentiviral shRNA clones to validate the effect of knockdown of SOD1 expression in affecting IB-DNQ sensitivity, measured by MTT assay. ****: $p < 0.0001$ (shSOD1-2 vs. shSCR or shSOD1-1, $n=6$, two-way ANOVA). Error bars denote SEM.

(C-D) Relative survival of NQO1^{lo} HCC1806 BC cells treated with IB-DNQ alone or together with SOD1 inhibitor ATN224 (**C**, $n=6$) and combination index (CI) of ATN224 (at 5 μM) with sublethal doses of IB-DNQ ranging from 12.5-200 nM in HCC1806 (**D**). Error bars denote SEM.

(E-F) Relative survival of NQO1^{lo} MCF10A cells treated with with IB-DNQ alone or together with SOD1 inhibitor ATN224 (**E**, $n=6$) or LCS-1 (**F**, $n=6$). Error bars denote SEM.

(G-I) Relative survival of SUM149 (**G**, $n=6$) and SUM159 (**H**, $n=6$) TNBC cells treated with IB-DNQ alone or together with SOD1 inhibitor LCS-1, and combination index (CI) of LCS-1 (at 1 μM) together with various doses of IB-DNQ ranging from 12.5-200 nM in SUM149 and SUM159 BC cells (**I**). Error bars denote SEM.

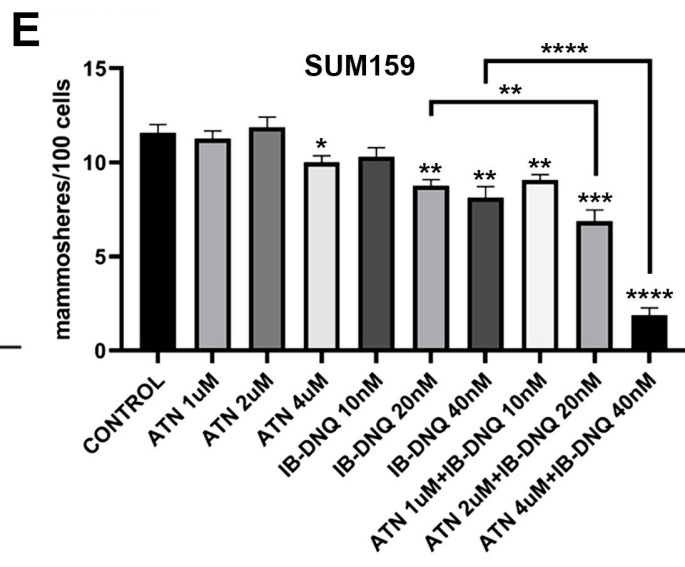
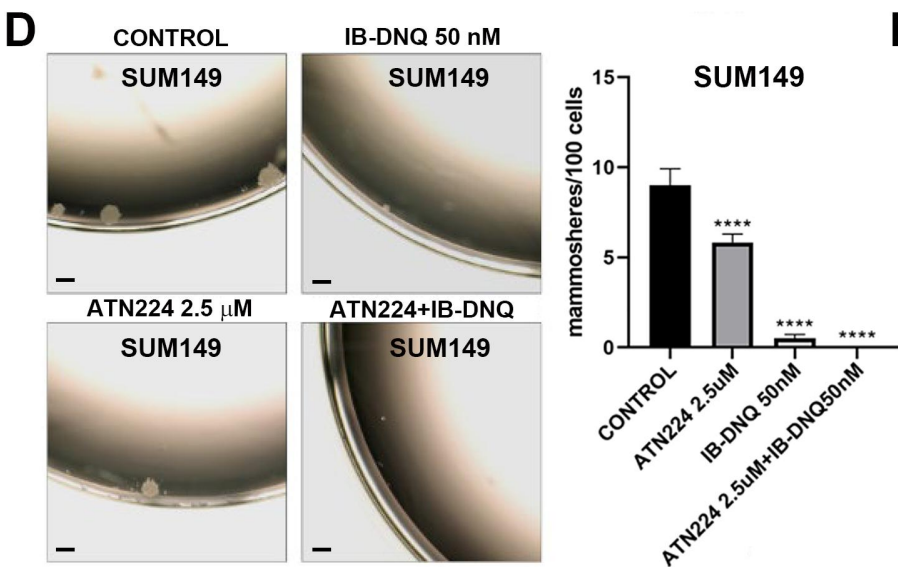
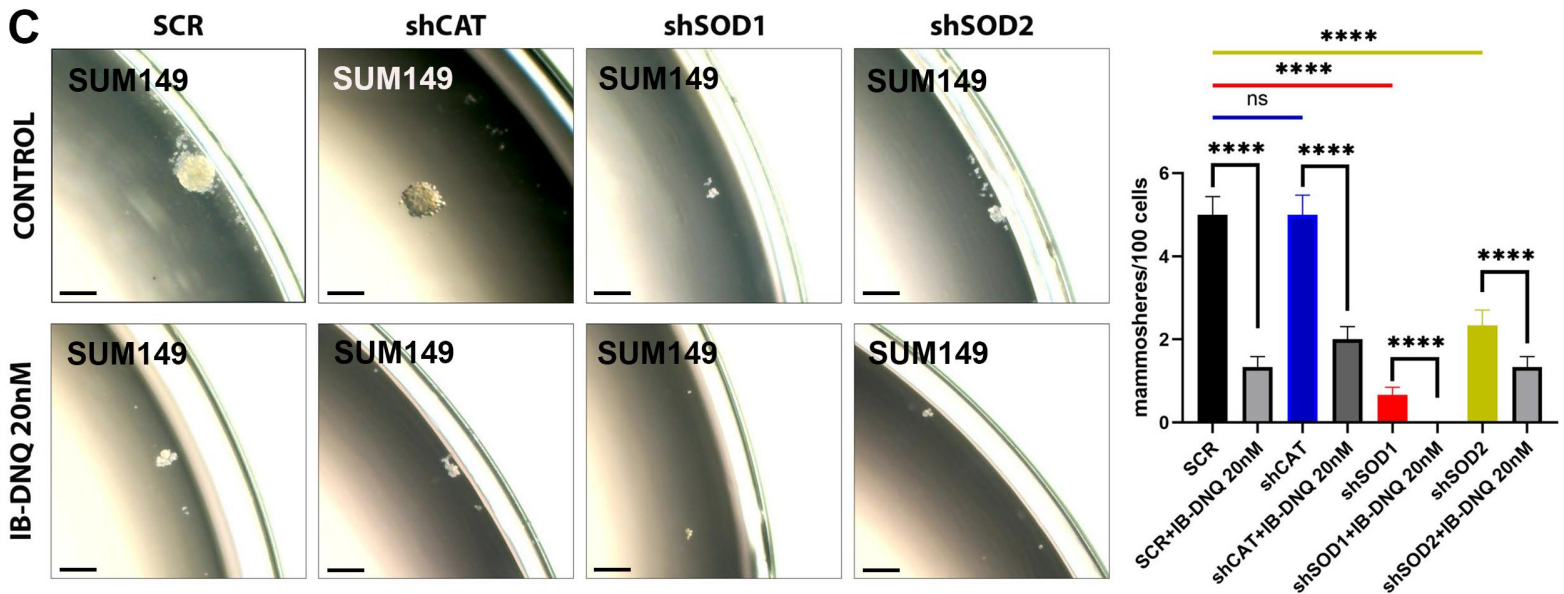
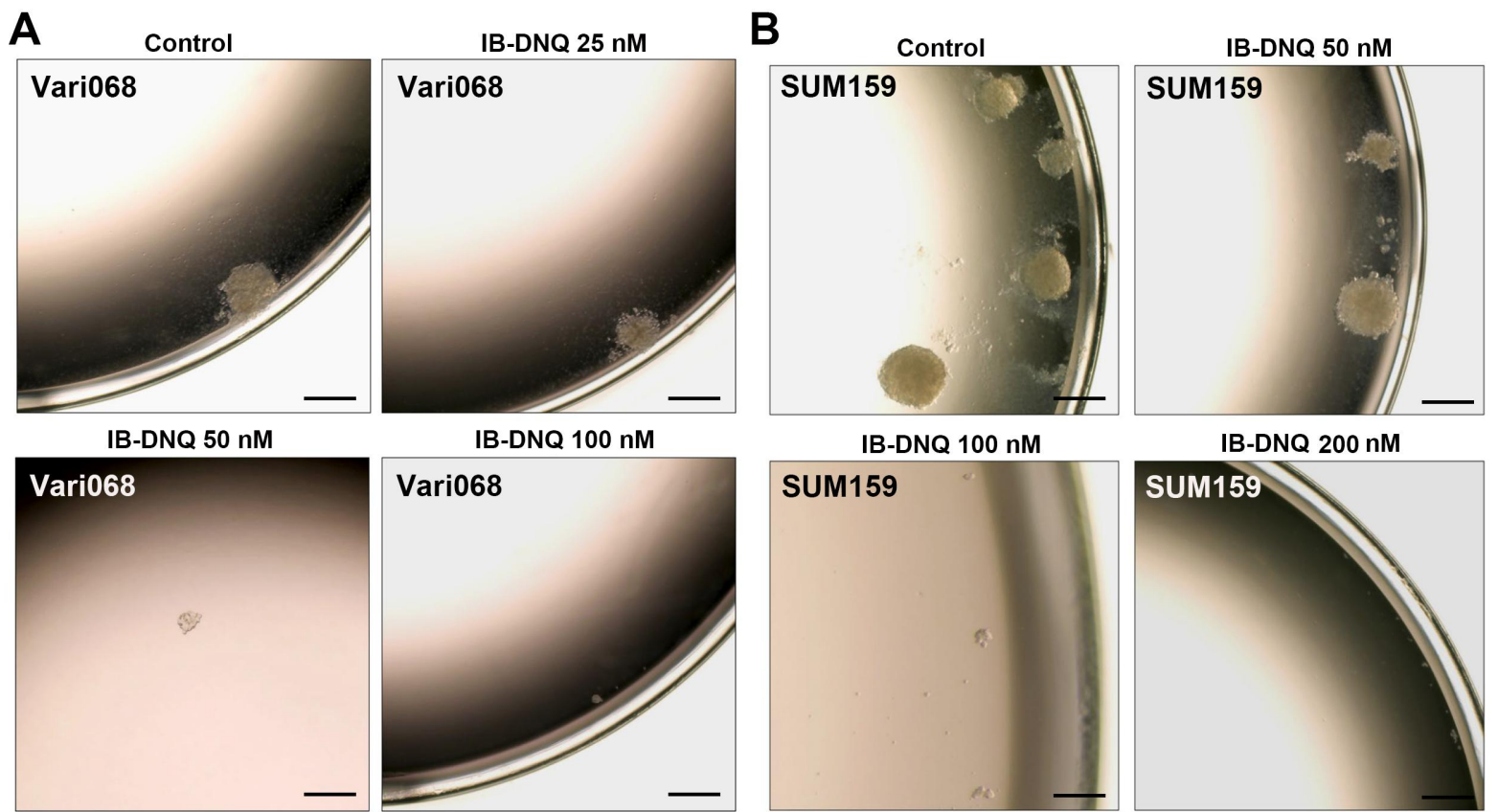


Figure S4. IB-DNQ preferentially inhibits CSC activity and genetic or pharmacological inhibition of SOD1 potentiate the efficacy of IB-DNQ in suppressing tumorsphere-forming capacity of TNBC cells, related to Figure 3.

(A-B) Tumorsphere formation of Vari068 **(A)** and SUM159 **(B)** BC cells sorted into 96-well ultralow-attachment plates at density of 20 cells/well. Bar: 200 μm .

(C) Tumorsphere formation assay at clonal density (20 cells/well) was performed to examine the effects of Dox (0.5 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) induced KD of CAT, SOD1 or SOD2 vs. SCR in affecting sphere-forming capacity of SUM149 BC cells and their impact on IB-DNQ-mediated suppression of tumorsphere formation. Bar: 200 μm . ****: $P < 0.0001$ ($n=3$, one-way ANOVA). Error bars denote SEM.

(D) Tumorsphere formation of SUM149 BC cells treated with vehicle (DMSO), IB-DNQ (50nM), ATN224 (2.5 μM), or IB-DNQ (50nM) plus ATN224 (2.5 μM). Bar: 200 μm . ****: $P < 0.0001$ ($n=3$, one-way ANOVA). Error bars denote SEM.

(E) Tumorsphere formation of SUM159 BC cells treated with vehicle (DMSO), ATN224 (1-4 μM), IB-DNQ (10-40 nM) or IB-DNQ plus ATN224 at different doses. *, **, ***, ****: $P < 0.05$, 0.01, 0.001 or 0.0001 (vs. Control, $n=3$, one-way ANOVA). Error bars denote SEM.

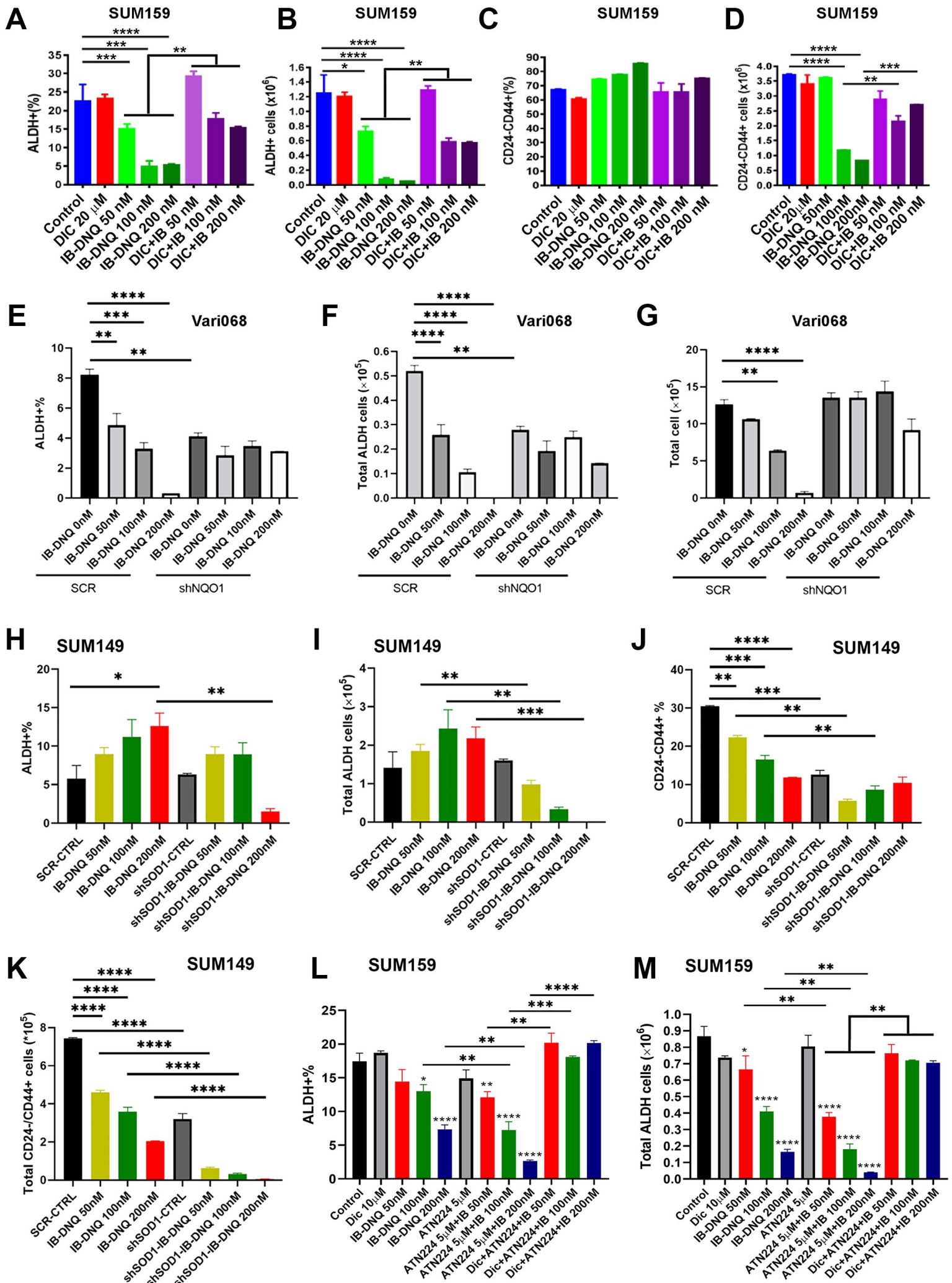


Figure S5. IB-DNQ preferentially inhibits ALDH+ CSCs in a NQO1-dependent manner and genetic or pharmacological inhibition of SOD1 potentiate the efficacy of IB-DNQ in suppressing both ALDH+ E- and CD24-CD44+ M-CSC-like cells, related to Figure 3.

(A-D) SUM159 BC cells were treated with Control (DMSO), DIC (20 μ M), IB-DNQ (50-200 nM) alone or IB-DNQ together DIC for 20h, and examined by flow cytometry to measure the content and absolute number of ALDH+ (**A** and **B**) and CD24-CD44+ (**C** and **D**) CSC-like cells. *, **, ***, ****: $P < 0.05, 0.01, 0.001$ or 0.0001 respectively (n=3). Error bars denote SEM.

(E-G) Vari068 BC cells expressing SCR or shNQO1 were pretreated with Dox (0.5 μ g/ml) for 48h and then treated with different doses of IB-DNQ (0-200nM) for 20h to examine the percentage and total number of ALDH+ CSCs. **, ***, ****: $P < 0.01, 0.001, 0.0001$ respectively (n=3). Error bars denote SEM.

(H-K) SUM149 BC cells expressing SCR or shSOD1 were pretreated with Dox (0.5 μ g/ml) for 48h, and then treated with different doses of IB-DNQ (50, 100, 200nM) for 20h to examine the percentage and total number of ALDH+ and CD24-CD44+ CSCs. *, **, ***, ****: $P < 0.05, 0.01, 0.001, 0.0001$ respectively (n=3). Error bars denote SEM.

(L-M) SUM159 BC cells were treated with Control (DMSO), DIC (10 μ M), IB-DNQ (50-200 nM), ATN224 (5 μ M) alone or IB-DNQ together with ATN224 and/or DIC for 20h, and examined by flow cytometry to measure the content (L) and absolute number (M) of ALDH+ CSCs. *, **, ***, ****: $P < 0.05, 0.01, 0.001$ or 0.0001 respectively vs. Control or indicated with brackets (n=3). Error bars denote SEM.

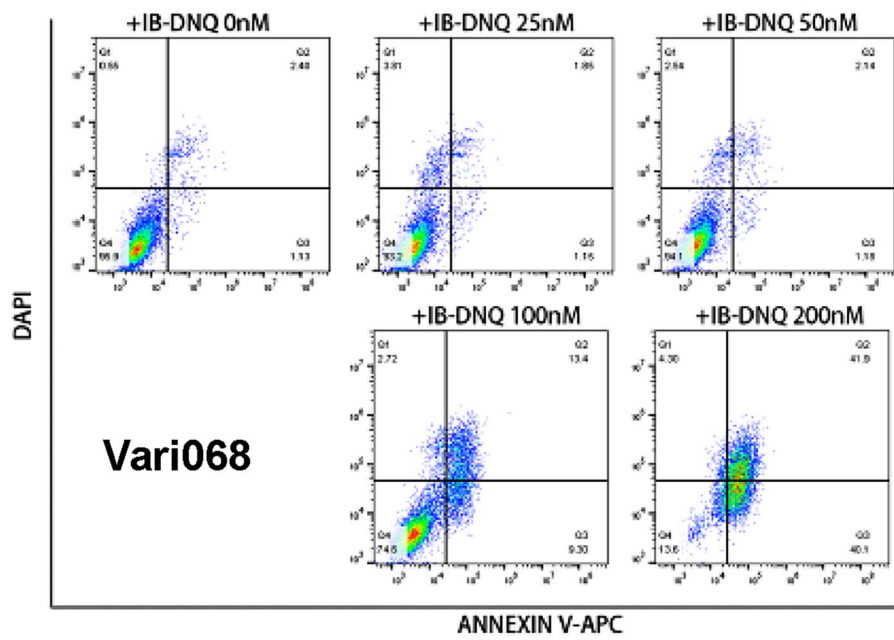
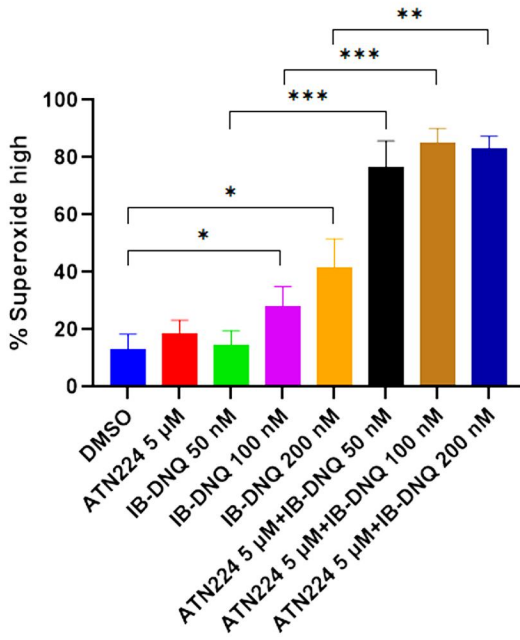
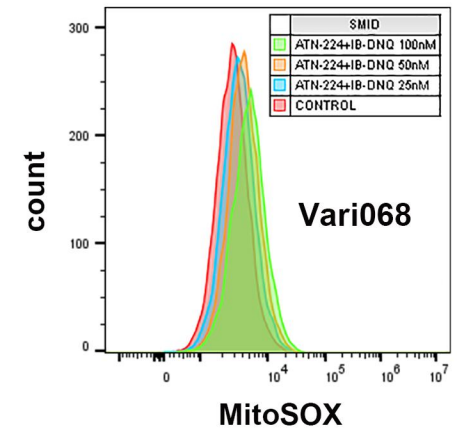
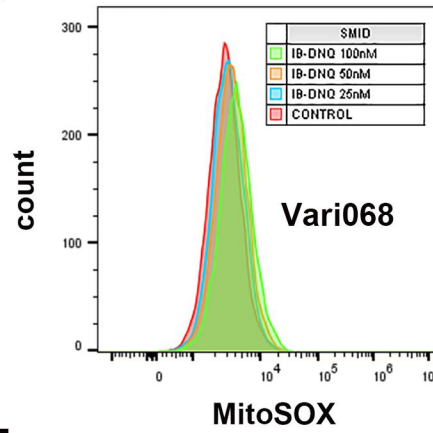
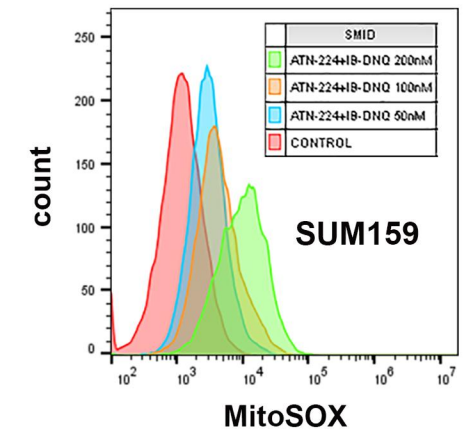
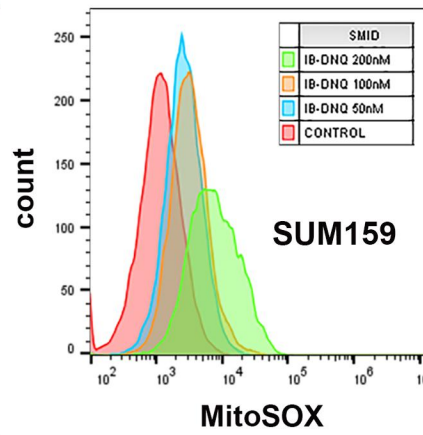
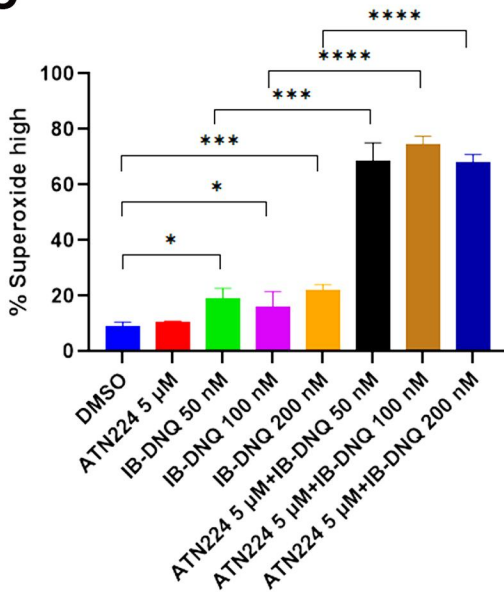
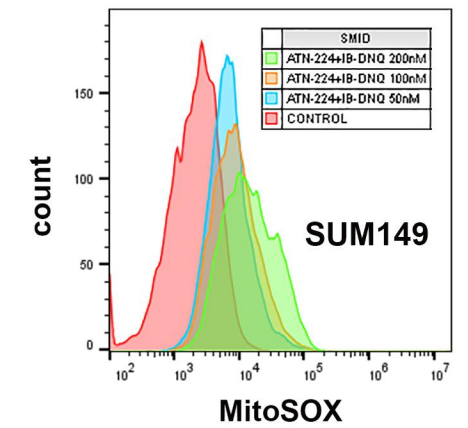
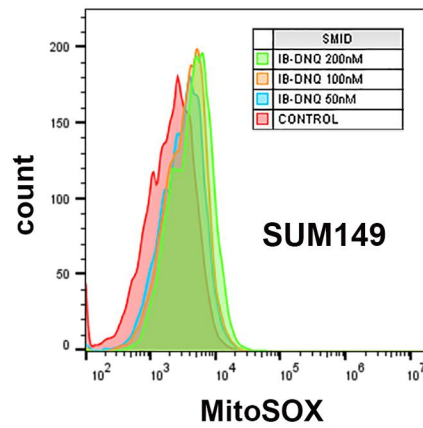
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Figure S6. IB-DNQ treatment induces apoptotic death of TNBC cells overexpressing NQO1 and SOD1 inhibitor ATN224 potentiates the ability of IB-DNQ to elevate mitoROS in TNBC expressing different levels of NQO1, related to Figure 4 and Figure 5.

(A) IB-DNQ treatment dose-dependently induces apoptosis of NQO^{hi} Vari068 BC cells as examined by Annexin V labeling and flow cytometry, related to Figure 4.

(B-C) Measurement of cellular superoxide levels in SUM159 **(B)** and SUM149 **(C)** BC cells treated with vehicle (DMSO) and different doses of IB-DNQ alone or together with ATN224. *, **, ***, ****: P < 0.05, 0.01, 0.001 and 0.0001 vs. Control or indicated with brackets (n=3). Error bars denote SEM.

(D-F) Vari068 **(D)**, SUM159 **(E)** and SUM149 **(F)** BC cells treated with different doses of IB-DNQ alone or IB-DNQ plus ATN224 were stained with MitoSOX red (2.5 μ M) and mean fluorescence intensity (MFI) of MitoSOX red was analyzed in each condition by flow cytometry, related to Figure 5.

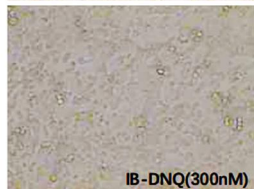
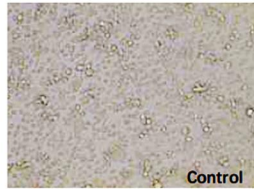
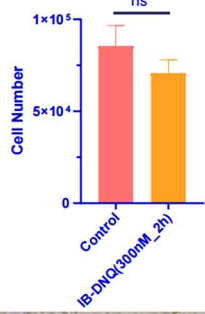
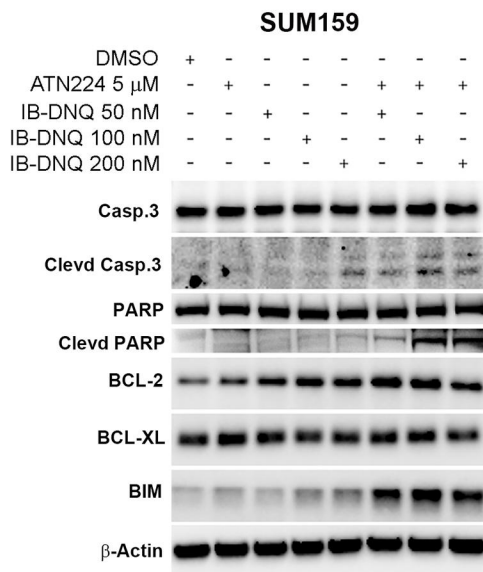
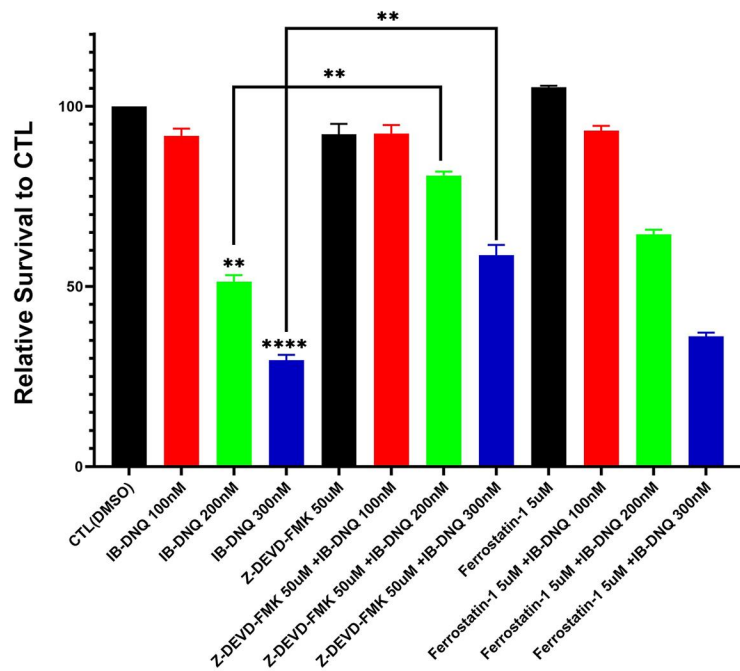
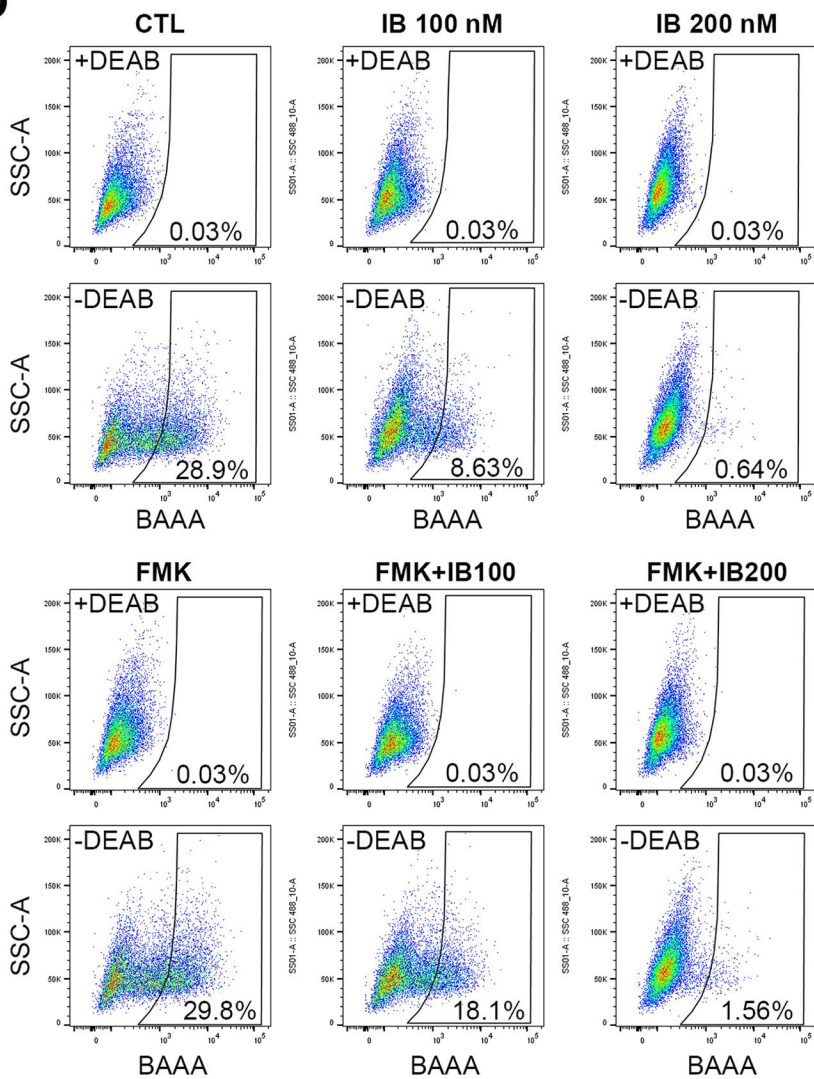
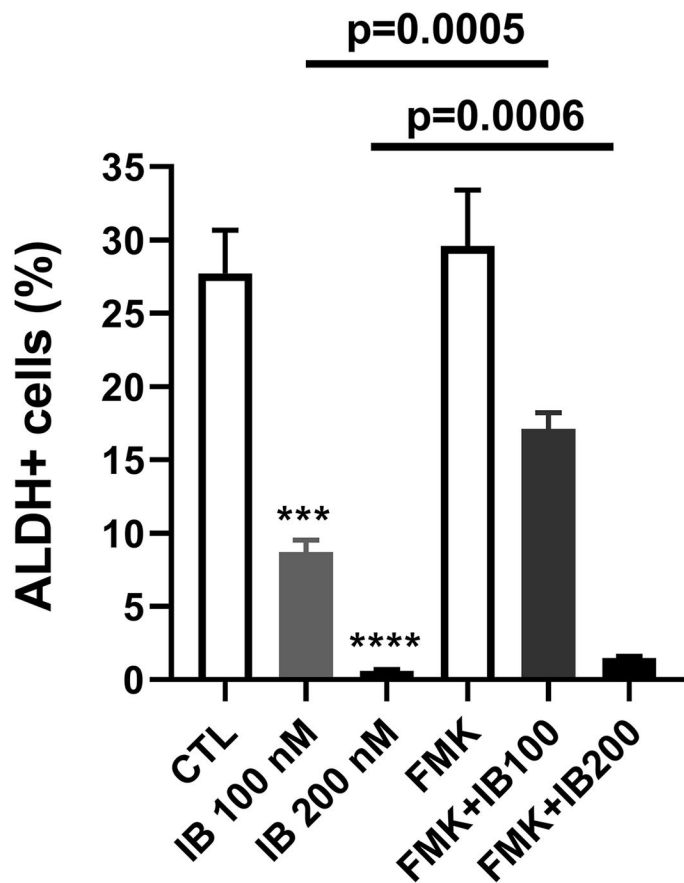
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Figure S7. IB-DNQ induced cell death and abrogation of ALDH+ BCSCs in SUM159 is rescued by Casp 3 inhibitor Z-DEVD-FMK, related to Figure 6.

(A) SUM159 BC cells treated with 300 nM of IB-DNQ for 2h were examined by CCK8 assay (upper panel) and optical microscopy (lower panels) to examine the viability of SUM159 BC cells (n=3). ns: not significantly different.

(B) SUM159 BC cells were treated with vehicle, ATN224 (5 μ M), and 50-200 nM of IB-DNQ alone or in combination with ATN224 for 20h, and subjected to immunoblotting to examine the activation of Casp3 and the cleavage of its substrate PARP, as well as the expression of anti- and pro-apoptotic BCL2 family proteins.

(C) SUM159 BC cells treated with CTL(DMSO), Z-DEVD-FMK (50 μ M), Ferrostatin-1 (5 μ M) or IB-DNQ (100-300nM) alone, or combination of IB-DNQ with Z-DEVD-FMK or Ferrostatin-1 for 4h, and relative survival of SUM159 BC were measured with MTT assay (n=6). **, ****: P< 0.01 or 0.0001 (vs. CTL or indicated with brackets). Data are representatives of two independent experiments.

(D) SUM159 BC cells treated with Mock (DMSO), Z-DEVD-FMK (50 μ M), IB-DNQ (100-200nM) alone, or combination of IB-DNQ and Z-DEVD-FMK for 3h and examined for ALDH+ CSCs by Aldefluor assay and flow cytometry (left panel). The proportion of ALDH+ CSCs in each condition was plotted based on 3 independent experiments (right panel). ***, ****: P< 0.001 and 0.0001 respectively vs. CTL (DMSO). Error bars denote SD (standard deviations). DEAB: the inhibitor of ALDH enzymatic activity. BAAA: the substrate of ALDH enzymatic activity.

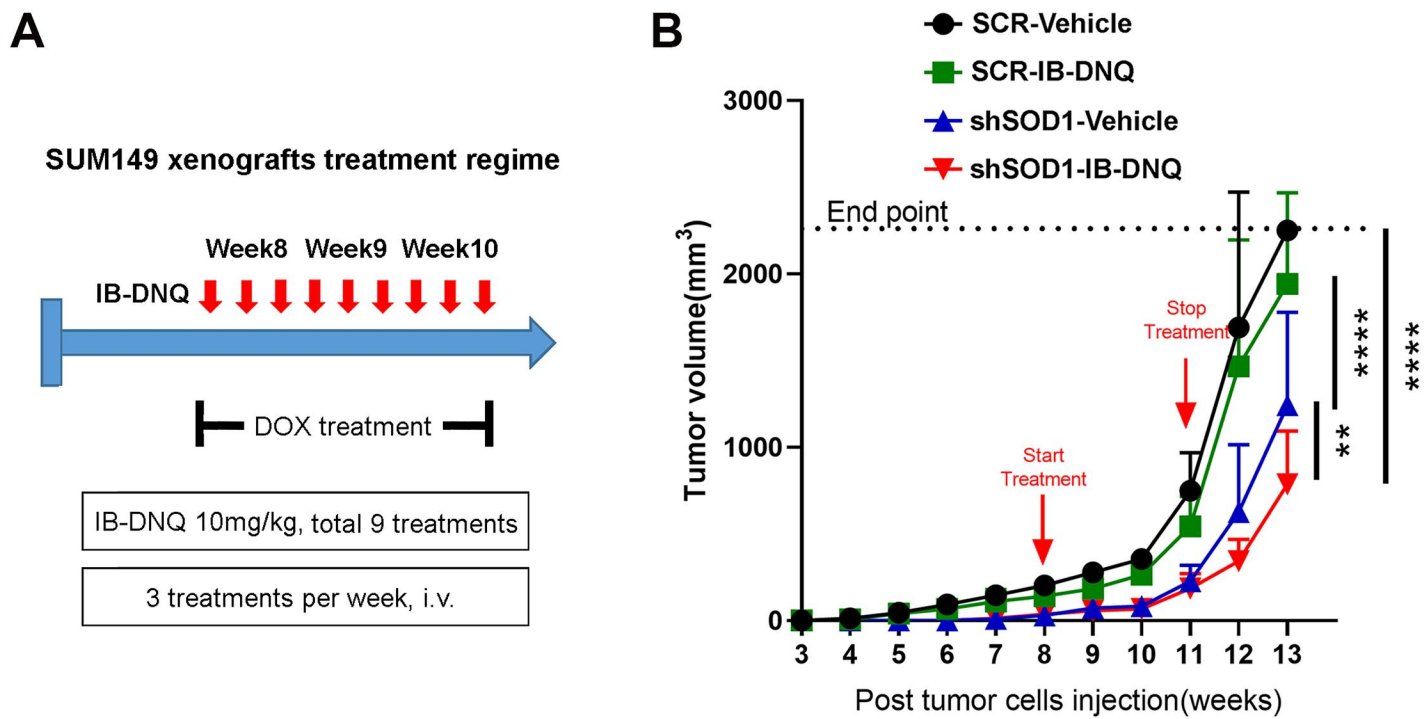


Figure S8. Dox-induced KD of SOD1 suppresses tumor growth of SUM149 BC cells and IB-DNQ treatment further enhances tumor growth retardation of SOD1 KD cells, related to Figure 7.

(A) SUM149 BC cells expressing Dox-inducible KD (shSOD1) or scrambled control (SCR) were injected into the #4 MFP of 7-wk-old female SCID mice, and mice bearing mammary tumors (3-4 mm in diameter) expressing shSOD1 or SCR sequence were each randomized into two groups (6 mice/group) and subject to treatment with Dox (200 μ g/ml in water) plus vehicle (20% HP β CD, i.v.) or IB-DNQ (10 mg/kg, i.v.) for 3 weeks.

(B) Tumor growth of SUM149 BC cells expressing SCR or shSOD1 after treated with Dox (200 μ g/ml in water) plus vehicle or IB-DNQ. **, ****: $P < 0.01$ or 0.0001 respectively (n=6, two-way ANOVA). Error bars denote SD.

KEY RESOURCES TABLE

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies and Labeling Reagents		
Anti-ALDH1A1	Invitrogen	Cat# MA5-29023 RRID: AB_2784960
Anti-ALDH1A3	Invitrogen	Cat# PA5-29188 RRID: AB_2546664
Anti-BCL-2	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 15071S
Anti-BCL-xL	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 2764S
Anti- β -Actin	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 4970S
Anti-Bim	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 2933S
Anti-Caspase-3	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 9662S
Anti-Cleaved Caspase-3	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 9661S
Anti-Catalase	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 12980S
Anti-Cytochrome c	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 12963S
Anti-Ki67	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 12202S
Anti-NQO1	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 62262S
Anti NRF2	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 12721S
Anti-p-H2A.X	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 2577S
Anti-PARP	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 9542S
Anti-Cleaved PARP	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 5625S
Anti-SDHA	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 5839S
Anti-Skp1	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 2156S

Anti-SOD1	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 37385S
Anti-SOD1	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 4266S
Anti-SOD2	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 13141S
Anti-VDAC	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 4661S
Anti-Rabbit IgG, HRP Linked Antibody	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 7074S
Anti-Mouse IgG, HRP Linked Antibody	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat# 7076S
APC mouse Anti-human CD44	BD Biosciences	Cat# 559942 RRID: AB 398683
APC anti-mouse H-2K[d]	BioLegend	Cat# 116620 AB 10645328
FITC Anti-human CD24	BD Biosciences	Cat# 560992 RRID: AB 10562033
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PE anti-mouse H-2K[d]	BD Biosciences	Cat# 553566 RRID: AB 394924
PE/Cy7 Anti-human CD24	BD Biosciences	Cat# 561646 AB 10892826
PE/Cy7 Anti-human CD24	BioLegend	Cat# 311120 AB 2259843
DAPI	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# D9542
APC Annexin V	BD Biosciences	Cat#550474 AB 2868885
CellROX® Orange Reagent	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# C10443
MitoSOX™ Red	Thermo Fisher Scientific	Cat# M36008
Chemicals, Peptides, and Recombinant Proteins		
ATN224	Cayman Chemical	Cat# 23553 CAS: 649749-10-0
3-AT	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# A8056 CAS: 61-82-5
Dicoumarol	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# 2287897 CAS: 66-76-2
Doxycycline	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# D3072 CAS: 10592-13-9

IB-DNQ	Provided by Dr. Paul J. Hergenrother	N/A
β -Lapachone	MedChemExpress (MCE)	Cat# HY-13555 CAS: 4707-32-8
LCS-1	MedChemExpress (MCE)	Cat# HY-115445 CAS: 41931-13-9
Z-DEVD-FMK (Caspase-3 Inhibitor)	Selleck Chemicals	Cat#: S7312 CAS: 210344-95-9
Ferrostatin-1	Selleck Chemicals	Cat# : S7243 CAS: 347174-05-4
Matrigel® Basement Membrane Matrix	Corning Life Sciences	Cat# 354234
Critical Commercial Assays		
Aldefluor Assay kit	STEMCELL Technologies	Cat# 01700
In Situ Cell Death Detection Kit (TUNEL assay)	Roche	Cat#11684795910
Image-iT™ TMRM Kit	Invitrogen	Cat#I34361
Mitochondria Isolation Kit	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# 89874
Extracellular Oxygen Consumption Assay kit	Abcam	ab197243
Cellular Superoxide Detection Assay kit	Abcam	ab139477
ATP Assay Kit	Beyotime Biotechnology	S0026
MammoCult Human Medium Kit (for human tumorsphere culture)	STEMCELL Technologies	Cat# 05620
Experimental Models: Cell Lines		
Human: HCC1937	ATCC	CRL-2336
Human: HCC1806	ATCC	CRL-2335
Human: HCC70	ATCC	CRL-2315
Human: HCC38	ATCC	CRL-2314
Human: BT20	ATCC	HTB-19
Human: SUM149 and SUM159	Stephen P. Ethier, Ph.D.	Medical University of South Carolina
MDA-MB-231 <i>NQO1</i> ⁺ and MDA-MB-231 <i>NQO1</i> ⁻ isogenic TNBC cell lines	Donated by the late Dr. David A. Boothman.	Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN 46202, USA
Vari068 TNBC cell line, derived from patient-derived xenograft tumors.	University of Michigan	N/A
Human: Hs578t	ATCC	HTB-126
Human: MDA-MB-157	ATCC	HTB-24
Human: MDA-MB-231	ATCC	CRM-HTB-26
Human: MDA-MB-453	ATCC	HTB-131

Human: MDA-MB-468	ATCC	HTB-132
Human: MCF7	ATCC	HTB-22
Human: ZR-75-1	ATCC	CRL-1500
Human: MCF10A	ATCC	CRL-10317
Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains		
Mouse strain: Fox Chase SCID	Charles River Laboratories	Strain Code: 236
Recombinant DNA		
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TRIPZ Inducible Lentiviral shRNA Scrambled Control	University of Michigan vector core	N/A
Software and Algorithms		
ELDA	WEHI Bioinformatics Resources	http://bioinf.wehi.edu.au/software/el-da/index.html
FlowJo	FlowJo, LLC	https://www.flowjo.com/solutions/flowjo/
GraphPad Prism	GraphPad Software Inc	http://www.graphpad.com/scientific-software/prism/
ImageJ	NIH	https://imagej.nih.gov/ij/
Compusyn	ComboSyn, Inc.	https://www.combosyn.com