

Supporting Information

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SI Materials and Methods

Animals. Nude mice were purchased from Orient Bio and maintained in the animal maintenance facility of Sungkyunkwan University according to the University Animal Care and Use guidelines.

Cells and Virus. MEF $p53^{-/-}$ cells, MEF $PKR^{-/-}$ cells, and isogenic HCT116 $p53^{+/+}$ and $p53^{-/-}$ cells were kindly provided by H. W. Lee (Sungkyunkwan University, Korea), J. C. Bell (University of Ottawa, Canada), and B. Vogelstein (Johns Hopkins Oncology Center), respectively. RKO, Hep3B, MCF-7, and PC-3 cells were obtained from American or Korean Type Culture Collection (ATCC or KTCC). $p53$ -knockdown ($p53^{KD}$) cells, PKR -knockdown (PKR^{KD}) cells, and the $eIF2\alpha$ -constitutively active mutant ($eIF2\alpha^{CA}$) cells were prepared as described in the section *Genetically Modified Cell Lines*. Vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV, Indiana strain; ATCC VR-1238) infection was carried out as described previously (1), and viral solutions harvested 12 h after infection were titrated by the 50% tissue culture infective dose (TCID₅₀) method on a HCT116 cell monolayer.

Western blot analysis sample preparation and Western blotting were conducted as described previously (2).

DNA Damage, Stresses, and Reagents. Doxorubicin (Sigma), hydroxyurea (Sigma), etoposide (Sigma), and UV were used as stress factors for DNA damage. $IFN\alpha$ (Sigma) was used as a positive-control PKR inducer. Pifithrin alpha (PFT α) was purchased from Sigma and used as a $p53$ -functional inhibitor. pAb421, obtained from Calbiochem Co., was used as a $p53$ -activating antibody (3) in foot-printing. MG132 (A.G. Scientific, Inc.) and Nutlin3 (Calbiochem Co.) were used for the inhibition of proteosomal and Mdm2-mediated degradation, respectively. AMPK inhibitor compound C (Calbiochem Co.) was used for the inhibition of the AMPK-mTORC1 pathway.

Antibodies Used for Western Blot Analysis. Antibodies against the following proteins were purchased: human $p53$ (DO-1; Santa Cruz Biotechnology), phospho-S¹⁵- $p53$ (Cell Signaling), mouse $p53$ (pAb 246; Santa Cruz Biotechnology), $p21^{waf1/cip1}$ (Cell Signaling), Bax (Cell Signaling), $Puma$ (Cell Signaling), human PKR (Cell Signaling), histone 2 (H2A, Cell Signaling), mouse PKR (B-10; Santa Cruz Biotechnology), phospho-T⁴⁴⁶- PKR , $eIF2\alpha$, phospho-S⁵¹- $eIF2\alpha$ (Epitomics Co.), cleaved PARP (Cell Signaling), $ATF4$ (Santa Cruz Biotechnology), $CHOP$ (Sigma-Aldrich) and β -actin (Sigma-Aldrich). Bands were visualized using an ECL chemiluminescence kit (Amersham Biosciences).

Recombinant Proteins of Human $p53$. Human $p53$ cDNA was cloned and expressed using the Bac-to-Bac Baculovirus Expression System (Invitrogen). Recombinant $p53$ protein (BaculoV-p53) was purified as described previously (3).

Real-Time Quantitative RT-PCR Analysis. We extracted total RNA from the cells with Tri-zol reagent (Invitrogen) and synthesized the cDNA using SuperScript III RNase H-Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen). Real-time RT-PCR was performed as described previously (4) with specific primers (sequences available on request) using the QuantiTect SYBR Green RT-PCR kit (Qiagen) and Realplex4 Mastercycler system (Eppendorf). Specific primers used for quantitative RT-PCR were human PKR : forward 5'-ACTTTTCTGGCTCATCTC-3', reverse 5'-ACATGCCTGTAATCCAGCTA; human $Puma$: forward 5'-

GGAGGGTCTGTACAATCTC-3', reverse 5'-GCTACATG-GTGCAGA GAAAG-3'; human $p21$: forward 5'-TGGAAC-TCGACTTTGTAC-3', reverse 5'-CACATG GTCTTCTCTGCT-3'; mouse Bax : forward 5'-GAGCTGATCA-GAACCATCAT, reverse 5'-CATCTTCTCCAGATGG-TGA-3; mouse PKR : forward 5'-CCTCAGAGAACGTGTTTACG, reverse 5'-TCAATTCTGTGTTTCGCTTT-3'; GAPDH: forward 5'-GACATCAAGAAGGTGGTGAA-3', reverse 5'-TGTCATACCAGGAAATGAGC-3'.

Data were normalized to GAPDH mRNA. Data were analyzed by fold induction in comparison with a standard control for each experiment and are presented as mean \pm SEM of 3 or more independent experiments.

Immunocytochemistry. As described previously (5), cells were fixed and stained for appropriate primary and secondary antibodies. Mouse and rabbit isotype control IgGs (BD Bioscience) were used for the experiments. After 3 washes, the cells were treated with a fluorescent mounting medium (DAKO) and visualized by confocal microscopy (Leica).

Luciferase Assays. Cells were transfected with 200 ng of Bax promoter- (6) and partial and full-length PKR promoter-conjugated luciferase reporter constructs (PGL-3 vector; Promega), together with 20 ng of control $pCMV-lacZ$ plasmid and 1 μ g of $pcDNA-p53$ plasmid, using Trans IT -LT1 transfection reagent (Mirus). Forty-8 h after transfection, luciferase activity of each sample was measured and normalized (to β -galactosidase) using Bright-Glo Luciferase Assay system (Promega) and the Genios Luminometer (Tecan). Data are presented as means \pm SEM.

Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assay. For EMSA, the oligonucleotides covering the putative $p53RE$ (-81/-29) of the PKR promoter and the $p53RE$ of the $p21^{waf1/cip1}$ promoter were synthesized as described. EMSA was performed with BaculoV-p53 as described previously (3) or with nuclear extracts prepared as described previously (7). To induce a supershift, a $p53$ -specific DO-1 antibody was added and incubated before analysis on a 5% native polyacrylamide gel. A cross-competitive EMSA was carried out with the same amounts of ³²P-labeled probes (³²P- $Ppkr_{-81-29}$ and ³²P- $p21-p53RE$) and increased concentrations of unlabeled counter probes.

Oligonucleotide Probes for EMSA and Supershifting Assay. The oligonucleotides covering the putative $p53RE$ (-81/-29) of the PKR promoter and the $p53RE$ of the $p21^{waf1/cip1}$ promoter were synthesized with the following primer sequences: wild-type $Ppkr_{-81-29}$: forward (-81) 5'-AGGGAAGGCGGAGTCAAGGGGAAAACGAAACTG AGAACCAGCTCTCCGAAGC-3', and reverse (-29) 5'-GCTTCGGGAGAGCTGGTTCT CAGTTTCGTTTTCCCTTGGACTCCGCC-TTCCCT-3'; mutant $Ppkr_{-81-29}$: forward (-81) 5'-AGGGAAGGCGGTCACCAAGGGGAAAACGAAACTGAGAACAGC TCTCCCGAAGC-3', and reverse (-29) 5'-GCTTCGGGAGTTCGAGGTTTCTCAGTTTTCGTTTCCCTTGGACTC CGCCTTCCCT-3'; $p21-p53RE$ (5'-region): forward 5'-ATCAGGAACATGTCCCAACAT GTT-GAGCTC-3', and reverse 5'-GAGCTCAACATGTTGGGACATGTTCTGAT-3'. These complementary oligonucleotides were annealed, ³²P-labeled, and then used for the EMSA and supershifting assay together with BaculoV-p53.

DNase I Footprinting. *DNase I* footprinting was carried out as described previously (8). A part of the *PKR* promoter region (-160/-29) was PCR-amplified with ³²P-labeled forward primer, 5'-ACTAAAGCTT CGCACTCTGGATCCAGCG-3', and unlabelled reverse primer for wild type, 5'-ACTAGTC GACGCTTCGGGAGAGCTGGTT-3' or unlabelled reverse primer for mutant, 5'-ACTAGTC GACGCTTCGGGAGTCGAGGTT-3', from wild-type and mutant *PKR* promoters. Radiolabeled PCR products were incubated with BaculoV-p53 and subjected to the *DNase I* footprinting experiments.

Chromatin Immunoprecipitation Assay. The ChIP assay was performed according to the manufacturer's (Upstate Biotechnology) instructions and as previously reported (1), with minor modifications. In brief, chromatin obtained from *pcDNA-p53*-transfected HCT116 (*p53*^{-/-}) cells or doxorubicin-treated RKO cells were fixed with formaldehyde and then were immunoprecipitated with DO-1 antibody against *p53* or control mouse IgG antibody. The DNA was purified from the immunoprecipitates and analyzed by PCR (27 cycles of 30 sec at 95 °C, 60 sec at 60 °C, 60 sec at 72 °C) using the Hot-start PCR kit (Intron Biotech) with the following primer sets: *Ppkr*(-173/-29) ChIP assay primers: forward, 5'-AGTGCCTCTCGCGCGCACTCTG-3', and reverse, 5'-GCTTCGGGAGAGCTGGTTCTCAGTT-3'; *Ppkr*(-340/-81) ChIP assay primers: forward, 5'-AACCTTGGATTCGAGAACCTA-3', and reverse, 5'-TGCAGC CGCCCGGCC-3'; *Pp21* ChIP assay primers (9): forward, 5'-CCGCTCGAGCCCTGTCGAAGGATCC-3', and reverse, 5'-GGGAGGAAGGGGATGGTAG-3'. PCR products were resolved on 2% agarose gels.

Genetically Modified Cell Lines. *p53*-knockdown (*p53*^{KD}) cells were prepared by transfection of cells with *p53*-targeting siRNAs (*si-p53*), which were designed and synthesized by Invitrogen (Stealth™), as described previously (2, 10). In brief, *PKR*-knockdown (*PKR*^{KD}) cells were established as follows: *PKR-shRNA*-expressing recombinant plasmids (*sh-PKR*) were constructed by manipulation of the pSilencer3.1 vector (Ambion) with the ds-oligonucleotide prepared by annealing the following synthetic oligonucleotides: forward: 5'-GAT CCG TGG AGG AAC TTA ATA CAT ACT CAA GAG ATA TGT ATT AAG TTC CTC CAT TTT TTG GAA A-3', and reverse: 5'-AGC TTT TCC AAA AAA TGG AGG AAC TTA ATA CAT ATC TCT TGA GAT GTA TTA AGT TCC TCC ACG-3'. To minimize the off-target effects of the *PKR sh-RNA*, the *PKR*-knockdown experiment was repeated with another *PKR-siRNA* with a sequence of 5'-CGU UGC UUA UGA AUG GUC-3'. HCT116 and RKO cells were transfected with the *sh-PKR* recombinant plasmid and then were selected with 1 μg/ml puromycin. To establish the *eIF2α* constitutively active mutant (*eIF2α*^{C4}) cells, HCT116 cells were transfected with Myc-conjugated mutant *eIF2α* (*eIF2α51A*, with Ala instead of Ser at residue 51)-integrated pSLX (Amersham Pharmacia LTR-based chromosome integrating vector) recombinant plasmid and then were selected with 500 μg/ml G418.

Plasmid Constructions for the *PKR* Promoter-Containing Reporter System. A partial (5'-deleted) or full-length (-700/-1) *PKR* promoter, shown in Fig. 2A, was prepared by PCR amplification of HeLa cell genomic DNA using the following primer combinations: forward primers (position -700): 5'-ACTA *GGT ACC* CCT GGG GTA CTG TAG GAA GC -3'; (position -400): 5'-ACTA *GGT ACC* GGA GCT GGT AAG ATC CAT CTT C-3'; (position -81): 5'-ACTA *GGT ACC* AGG GAA GGC GGA GTC CAA-3'; (position -56): 5'-ACTA *GGT ACC* CGA AAC TGA GAA CCA GCT-3'; reverse primer: (position -1): 5'-ACTA *AAG CTT* CGC CGC CGC CGG CCG GAG ACC CGC G GCT TCG GGA GAG CTG GTT CTC AGT-3'. These PCR products were cloned into KpnI and HindIII of the *pGL3 basic* (Promega) plasmid, which then was named "*Ppkr*_{position}-*luc*." The italics indicate restriction enzyme sites.

Mutagenesis of the *PKR* Promoter at Putative *p53RE* and *ISRE* Sites. Mutagenesis of the *PKR* promoter fragments shown in Fig. S4A was performed by template-free PCR methods described previously (11) using the following mutagenic PCR primer sets: *mISRE* mutation: forward (position-81) 5'-ATCGGTAC-CAGGGAAGGCGGAGTCCAA GGGTCCAACACCACTG-3', and reverse (position-29) 5'-ACTAAGCTTGCTTCGG-GAGAGCTGGT TCTCAGTGGTGTGGACCCTT-3'; *p53RE* mutation: forward (position-81) 5'-ACTAGAAG CT-TAGGGAAGCGGTCACCAAGGGGAAAACGAAACTG-3', and reverse (position-29) 5'-ATACT GTCGACGCTTCGG-GAGTCGAGGTTCTCAGTTTCGTTTCCCTT-3'. PCR fragments were directly subcloned into pCAT basic plasmid at HindIII/SalI, and these sequences were cloned into pGL3 basic plasmid at the KpnI/*HindIII* site or were replaced with the corresponding region of the *Ppkr-luc* to construct the *Ppkr*^{-700/-1} *mISRE* -*luc* shown in Fig. 2E. The italics indicate mutated nucleotides.

Analysis of Cell Apoptosis. Apoptosis at early and later stages was examined by measuring annexin V-positive cells and subG1 cells, respectively. Cells were exposed to each drug (0.5 μM doxorubicin, 5 μM etoposide, or 1 mM hydroxyurea for 36–48 h) or UV (20 J/m² for 12 h). As described previously (2), apoptotic cells were analyzed by FACS Calibur (Becton Dickinson Bioscience) after annexin V staining with Annexin V Apoptosis Detection Kit () or after propidium iodide (Sigma-Aldrich) staining of subG1 cells.

Metabolic Labeling Assay. Metabolic labeling assays with [³⁵S]-Cys/Met were performed as described previously (2, 12) with minor modifications. In brief, cells maintained in complete medium (containing genotoxins or not) were cultured for an additional 30 min in Cys/Met-free DMEM containing 10% dialyzed FBS and 100 μCi of [³⁵S]-Cys/Met. Equal concentrations of total protein from each cell lysate were separated by SDS/PAGE, and radiolabeled proteins were visualized by autoradiography. Relative band intensity of the autoradiogram was scored using Image Gauge 3.12 (Fuji Film Inc.).

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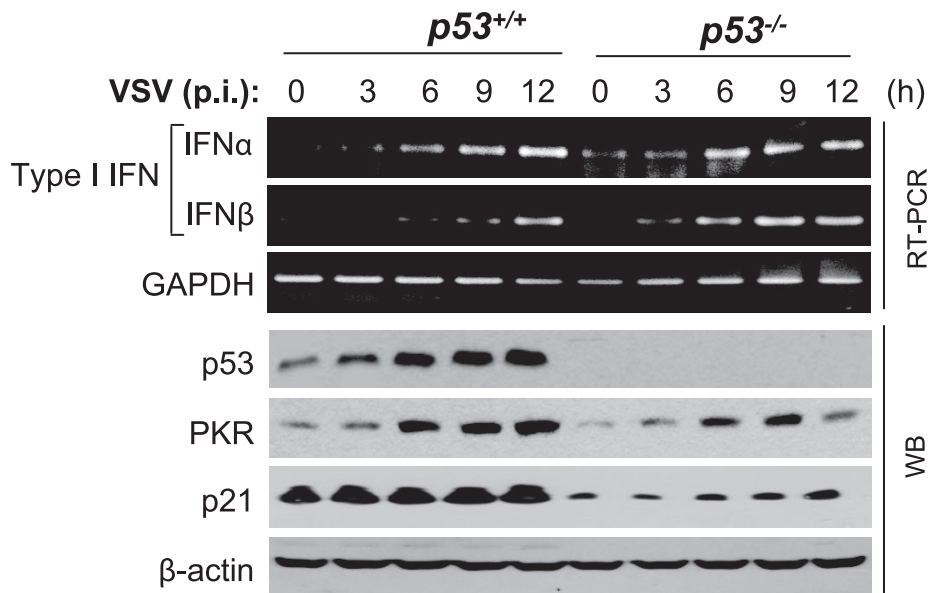


Fig. S2. Vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) infection induces type I IFN, followed by the expression of *p53* and *PKR*. HCT116 (*p53*^{+/+} and *p53*^{-/-}) cells were infected with VSV (multiplicity of infection = 1). Cells harvested at 3-h intervals after infection were assessed for the level of type I IFN mRNA and for the expression of *p53* and *p53* target genes by RT-PCR and Western blot (WB) analysis, respectively. RT-PCR primer sequences for IFN α (192 bp) were forward 5'-GTGCTCAGCTGCAAGTCAAG-3', and reverse 5'-GATGGTTTCAGCCTTTTGGGA-3'; for IFN β (221 bp) were: forward 5'-TGGGAGGATTCTGCATTACC-3', and reverse 5'-ATGCAGTACATTCGCCATCA-3'; and for GAPDH were forward 5'-GACATCAAGAAGGTGGTGA-3', and reverse 5'-TGTCATACCAGGAAATGAGC-3'.

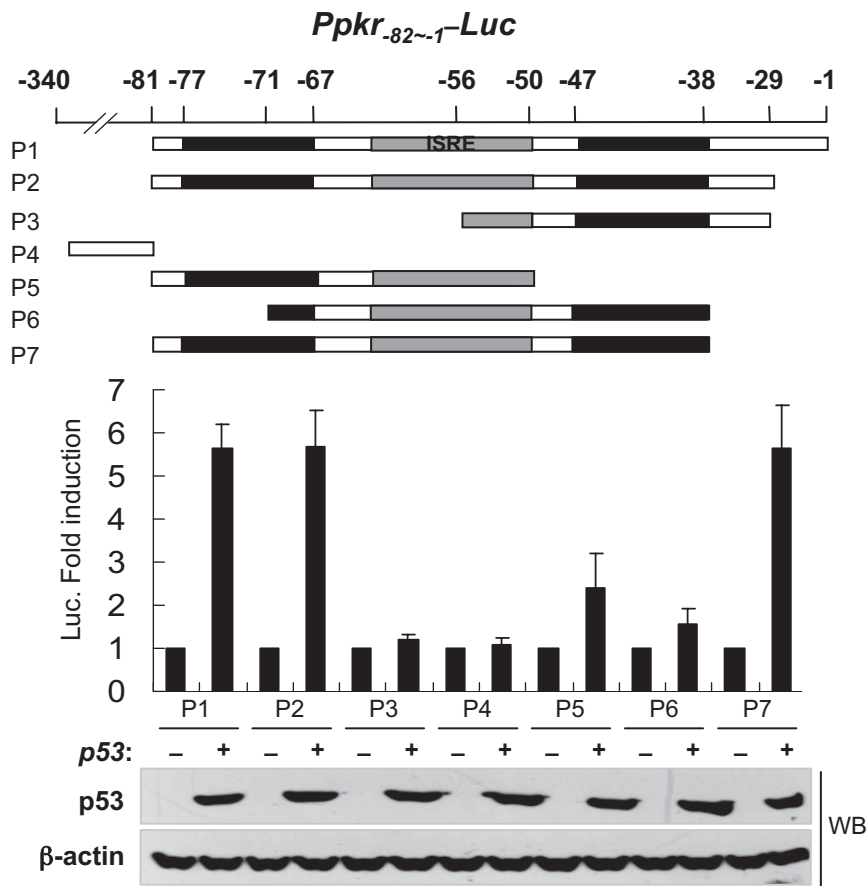


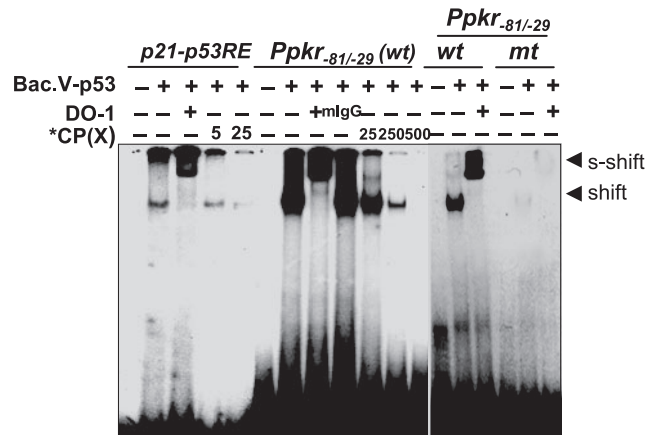
Fig. S3. Promoter deletion studies on the *PKR* promoter. The upper panel shows the schematic representation of partial *PKR* promoters examined in the additional promoter-deletion assay. The bottom panel shows each *PKR* promoter activity in the luciferase reporter assay in the presence (+) or absence (-) of exogenous *p53*. Western blot analysis (WB) shows the levels of *p53* expressed in each sample.

A

Sequences of wt and mutant Ppkr



B



*CP: unlabeled competitor (X; fold excess)

Fig. S4. (A) Promoter sequence of wild-type (wt) and mutant (mt) *PKR* promoter. Nucleotide sequences of the partial *PKR* promoters (*Ppkr_{-82/-1}*) harboring mutations at *ISRE* (*mISRE*) or at putative *p53*-responsive element (*p53RE*) regions. Underline indicates the sequence of *ISRE*. (B) EMSA using BaculoV-p53, wild-type (wt), and mutant (mt) ³²P-labeled *PKR81/-29* and *p21* promoter fragments and α -*p53* antibody (DO-1). Fold excesses of unlabeled cross-competitors were indicated on the competitive EMSA.

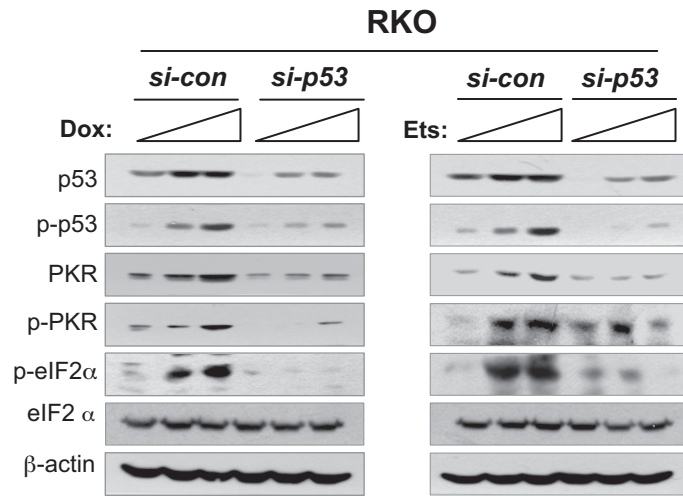


Fig. S6. Stresses caused by DNA damage activate the *PKR/eIF2α* pathway via *p53*. Assessment of HEK293 (*p53^{+/+}*), and Hep3B (*p53^{null}*) cells treated with increasing concentrations of genotoxins or with 20 J/m² UV. Phospho-*p53*, phospho-*PKR* and phospho-*eIF2α* were assessed by Western blot assay with each phospho-specific antibody.

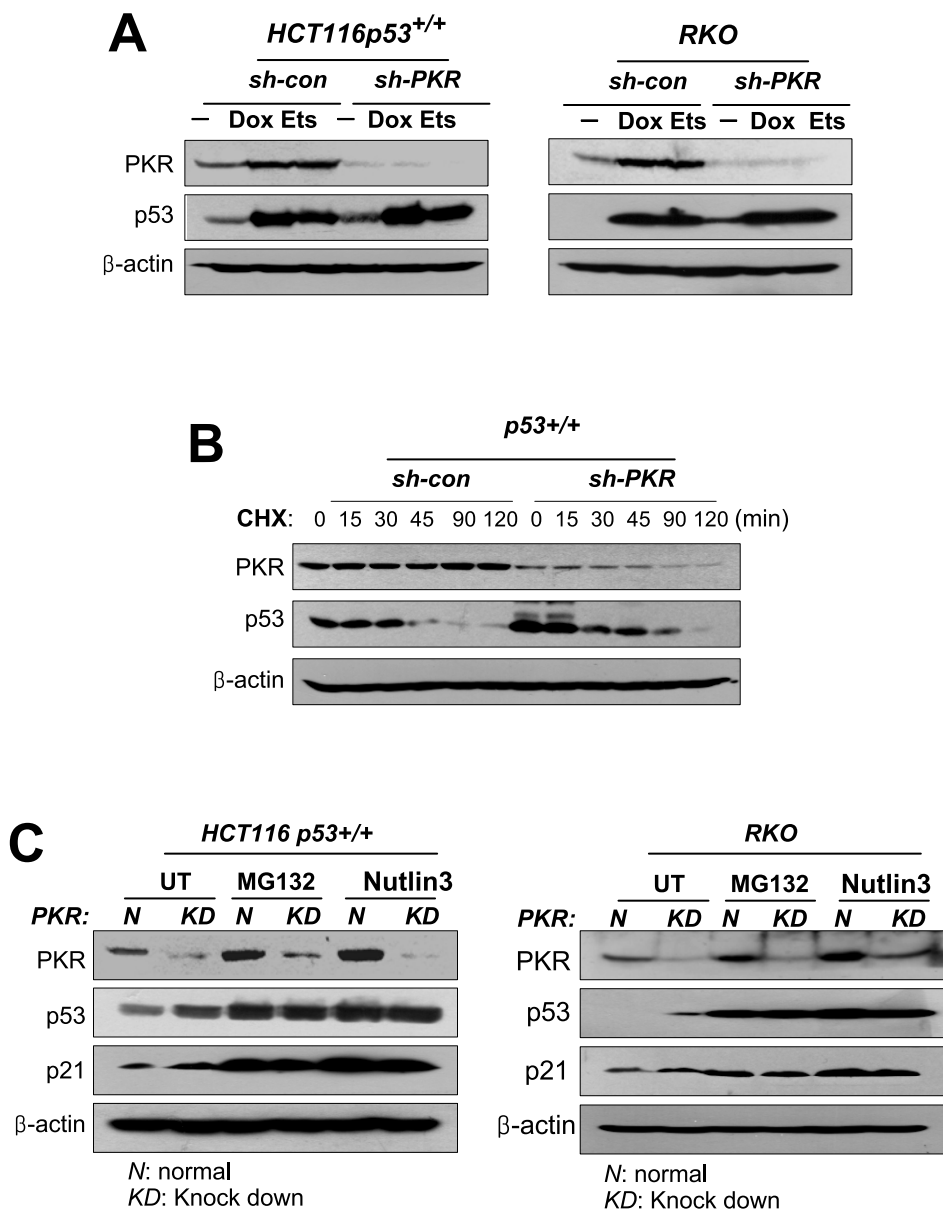


Fig. S11. *PKR*-mediated feedback down-regulation of *p53* by activation of proteasomal degradation pathway. (A) The amounts of *p53* and *PKR* were examined in *PKR*-normal (*sh-con*) and *PKR^{KD}* (*sh-PKR*) HCT116 (*p53^{+/+}*) and RKO cells by Western blot analysis 12 h after genotoxin treatment with 0.5 μ M doxorubicin (Dox) or 5 μ M etoposide (Ets). (B) *p53* stability was assessed by Western blotting in *PKR*-normal (*sh-con*) and *PKR^{KD}* (*sh-PKR*) HCT116 (*p53^{+/+}*) cells after cycloheximide (CHX, 75 μ g/ml) treatment for the time periods indicated. (C) *PKR*-normal (*N*, *sh-con*) and *PKR^{KD}* (*KD*, *sh-PKR*) HCT116 (*p53^{+/+}*) and RKO cells were treated with MG132 (20 μ M for 5 h) or Nutlin3 (20 μ M for 12 h) or left untreated (UT). Subsequently, *PKR*, *p53*, and *p21* were examined by Western blot analysis.

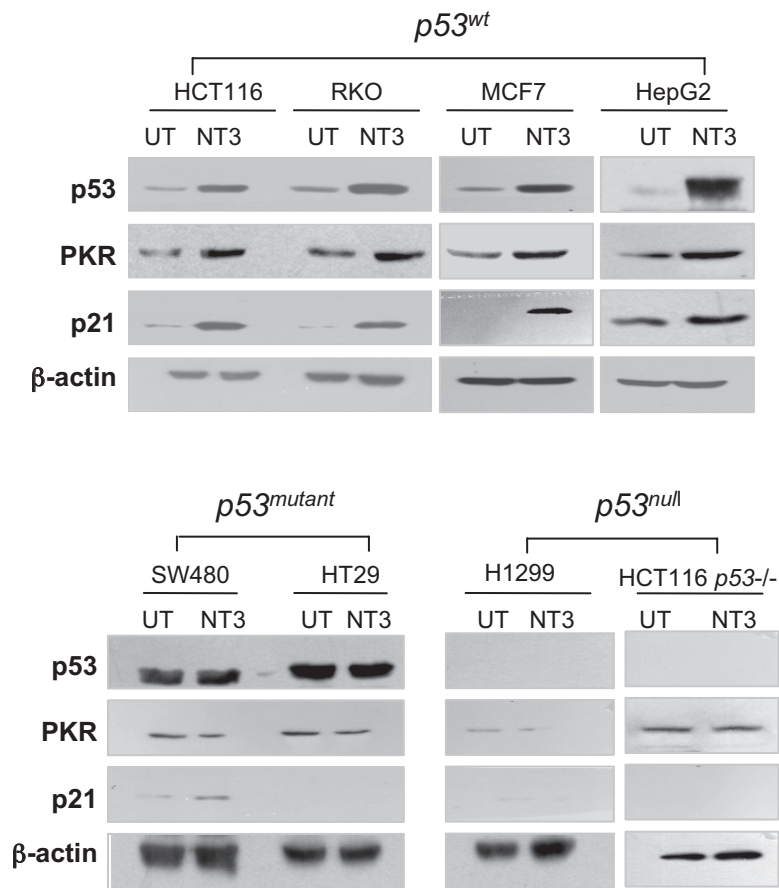


Fig. S12. Nutlin3 effects on the expression of *p53* and its target gene in 3 different groups of cell lines (*p53^{wt}*, *p53^{mutant}*, and *p53^{null}*). Cells were treated with 20 μ M Nutlin3 (NT3) for 12 h or left untreated (UT), and the levels of *p53*, *PKR*, and *p21* were examined by Western blot analysis.