SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Supplementary Figure Legends

Figure S1. Recombinant ATF3 and E6 proteins

(A) The sequence encoding the full-length ATF3 or $\Delta 102$ was cloned into pTrcHis2, and transformed into *E. coli* BL21 cells for induction. The histidine-tagged recombinant proteins were then purified with Ni⁺-NTA agarose and resolved in SDS-PAGE for Coomassie blue staining. (B) After immunoblotting, the blot was stained with Ponceau S for 1 min to visualize the fusion proteins.

Figure S2. ATF3 decreases the degradation rate of p53 in the presence of E6

E6 was pre-incubated with *in vitro*-translated ATF3 (lanes 5-8) or reticulocyte lysates programmed with the empty vector (lanes 1-4) for 30 min followed by incubation with p53 for indicated time. The p53 and ATF3 amounts were measured by immunoblotting and quantified by densitometirc analysis.

Figure S3. ATF3 but not $\Delta 102$ promotes CaSki cells to undergo apoptosis

(A) CaSki cells were infected with retroviruses expressing ATF3 (lane 2) or its vector pBabe (lane 1) for 2 days followed by immunoblotting. (B) CaSki cells were infected with retroviruses expressing ATF3 or its vector for 3 days, and subjected to TUNEL assays. (C) At least 300 cells were counted for their staining by TUNEL. * p<0.001 compared to the pBabe group.

Figure S4. Bicistronically-expressed ATF3 promotes apoptosis of cervical cancer cells (A) SiHa cells were transfected with GFP or GFP-IRES-ATF3 for 3 days, and then subjected to TUNEL assays. (B) At least 300 GFP-positive cells were counted for their staining by TUNEL.

Figure S5. Ectopically-expressed E6AP promotes p53 degradation in HeLa cells. HeLa cells were infected with retroviruses expressing HA-E6AP or its vector (pBabe) as in Fig 7E, and subjected to immunoblotting to measure p53 levels.







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