

Fig. S1

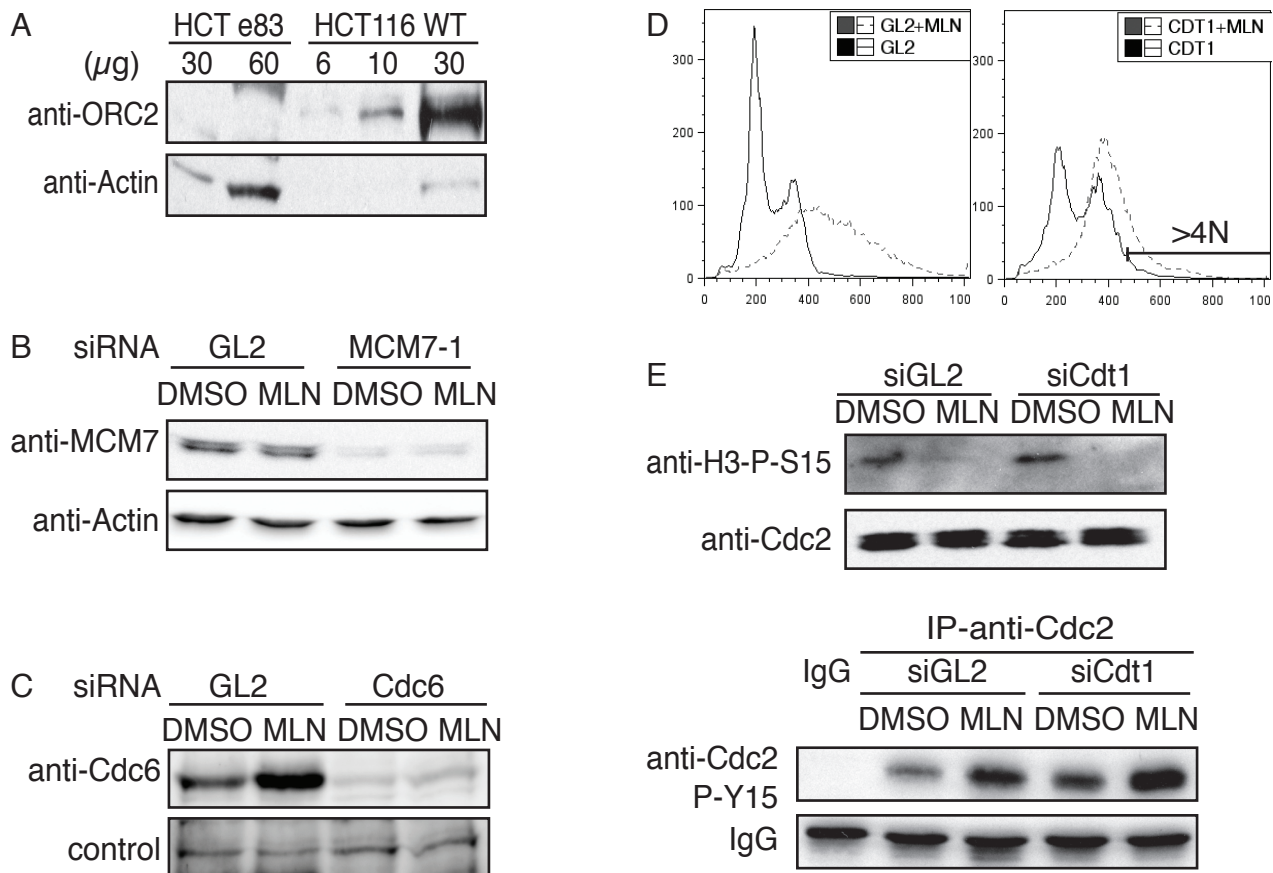


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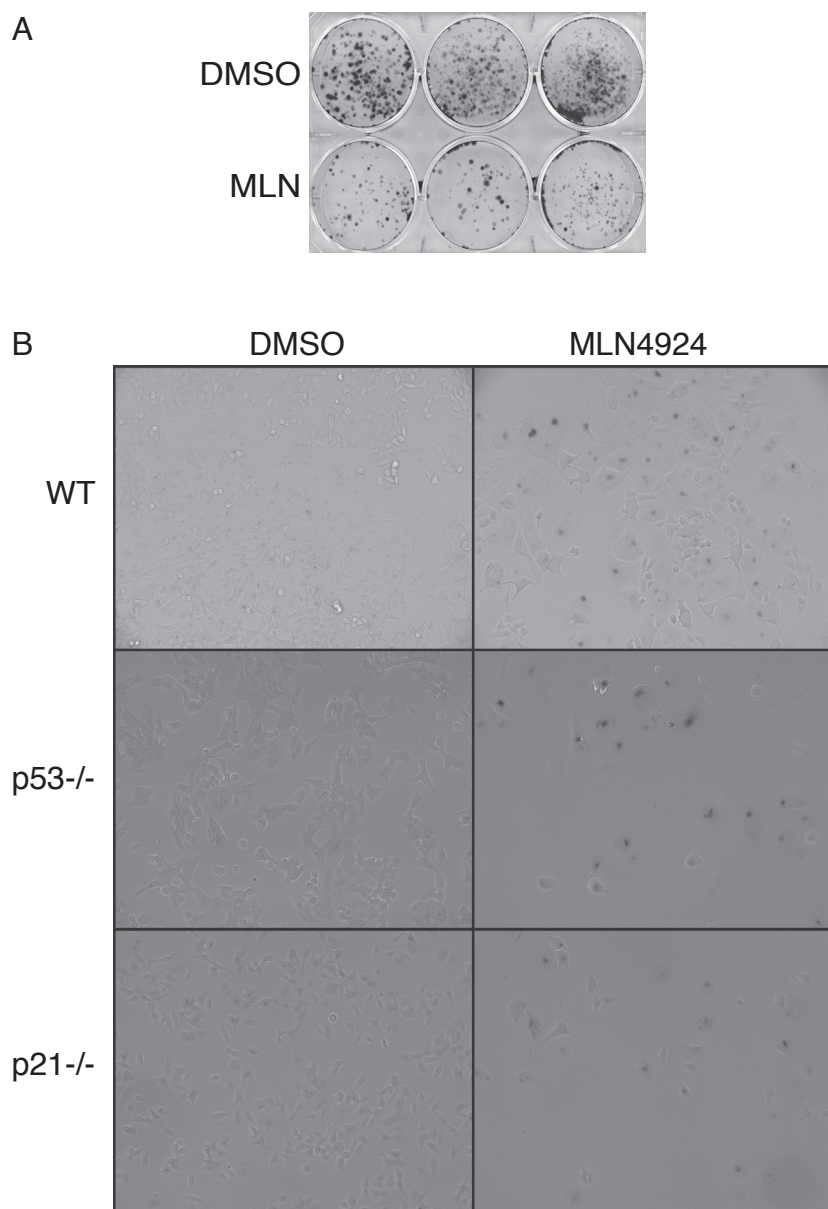


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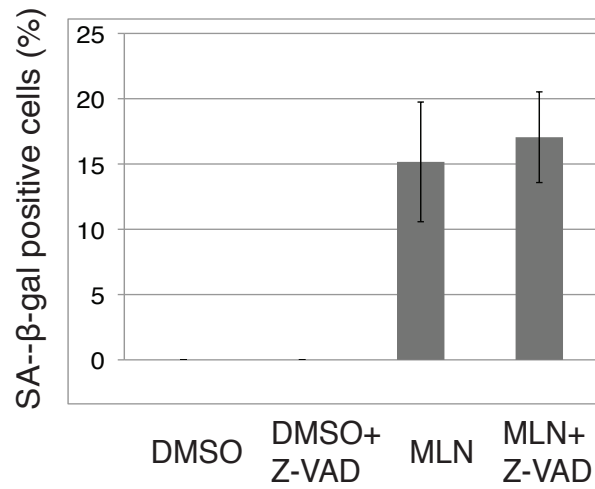


Figure S3. Apoptosis inhibitor Z-VAD-FMK cannot reduce MLN4924 induced senescence  
HCT116 cells were treated with DMSO or 1 $\mu$ M MLN4924 for 8 hours and incubated in fresh medium for 24 hours before treated with 50 $\mu$ M Z-VAD for 48 hours. Fresh Z-VAD were added every 24 hours. Cells were then stained with SA- $\beta$ -gal. SA- $\beta$ -gal positive cells were counted and plotted as a percentage of total cells.

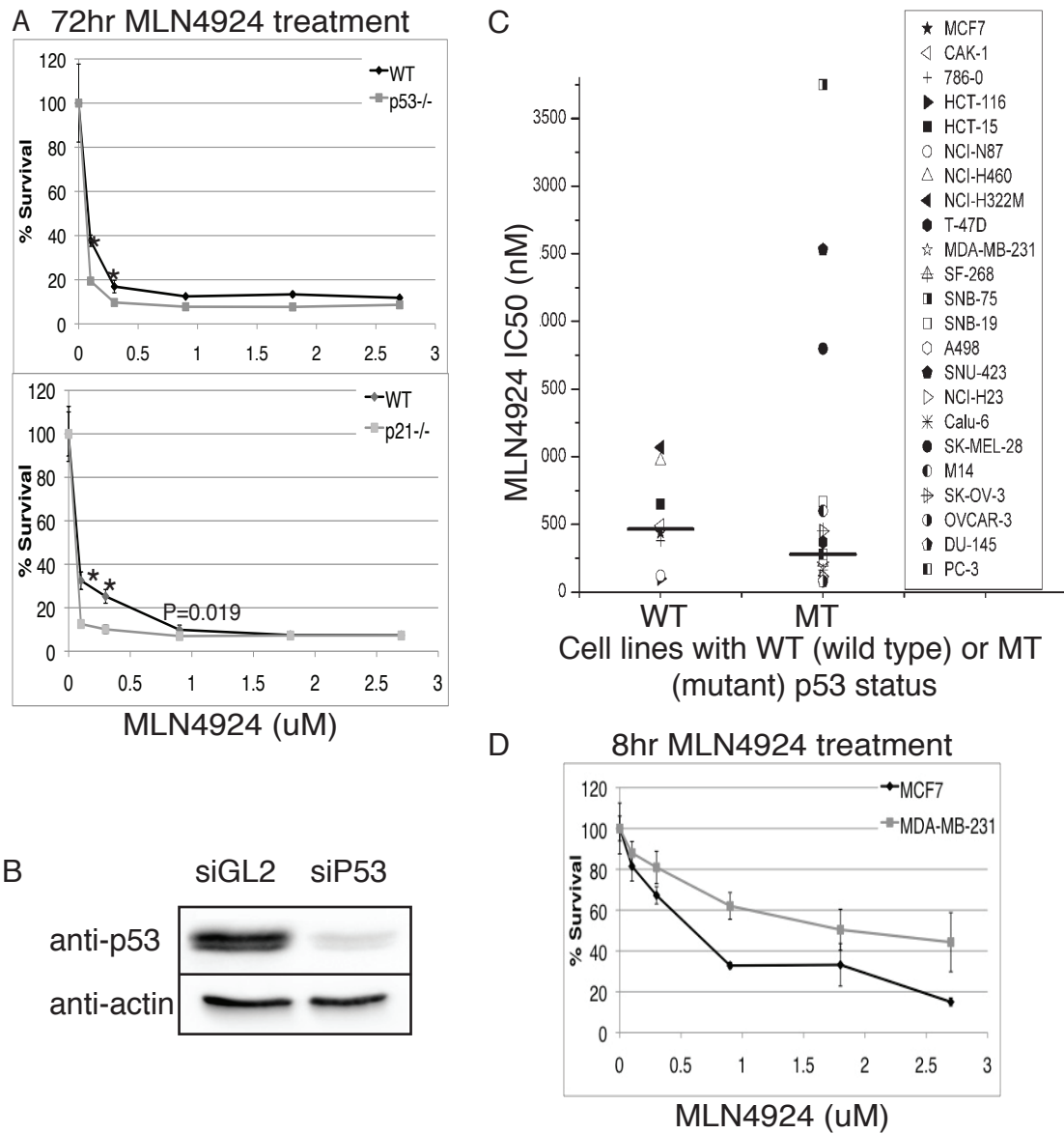


Fig S4. p53 status is one of the factors that affect MLN4924 induced cell death

(A) Viable HCT116 cells after 72hr MLN4924 treatment at different doses were measured using MTT assay. The points indicate mean and standard deviation of triplicates. \* indicates statistically significant difference at various MLN4924 concentrations between the WT and the mutant cells ( $p < 0.01$ ). (B) MCF7 cells were transfected with siGL2 or siP53 24hr before MLN4924 exposure. Cell lysates were harvested before MLN4924 treatment and blotted with p53 and actin. These are the cells used in Fig. 7B. (C) 3,000–8,000 cells were seeded per well in 96-well culture plates and incubated overnight at 37°C. MLN4924 was added to the cells and incubated for 72 hours. Cell viability was determined using the ATPlite assay. Median values were indicated with lines. The cells are classified based on their p53 status: wild type or mutant. (D) Viable MCF7 (p53 WT) and MDA-MB-231 cells (p53 mutant) after 8hr MLN4924 treatment at different doses were measured using MTT assay. The points indicate mean and standard deviation of triplicates.

## Supplemental methods

Cell viability assays were performed by Southern Research (Birmingham, Alabama). Exponentially growing cell suspensions were seeded at 3,000–8,000 cells per well in 96-well culture plates and incubated overnight at 37°C. MLN4924 was added to the cells in complete growth media and incubated for 72 hours at 37°C. Cell viability was determined using the ATPlite assay (Perkin Elmer, Waltham, MA).

## Supplemental figure legends

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