## **Supplemental Data**

## Positive Regulation of Apoptosis Signal-regulating Kinase 1 Signaling by ZPR9, a Zinc Finger Protein

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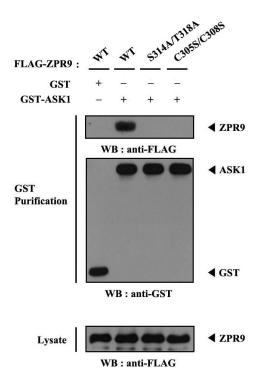


FIG. S1. Effect of ASK1-mediated phosphorylation of ZPR9 at Ser<sup>314</sup> and Thr<sup>318</sup> on the association between ASK1 and ZPR9. HEK293 cells were transfected with the indicated combinations of expression vectors. GST fusion proteins were purified on glutathione-Sepharose beads (*GST Purification*) and the degree of complex formation was determined by anti-FLAG antibody immunoblot (*top*).

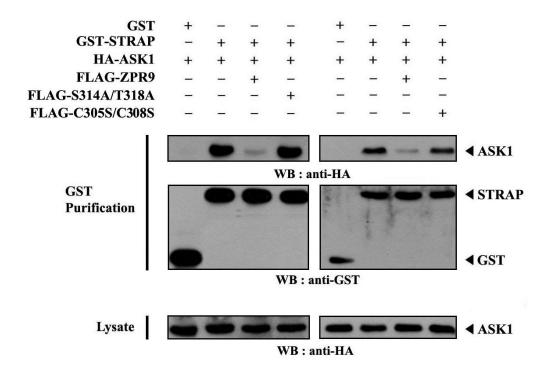


FIG. S2. Effect of ZPR9 on the physical association between ASK1 and its negative regulator STRAP. HEK293 cells were transiently transfected with the indicated combinations of expression vectors. GST fusion proteins were purified on glutathione-Sepharose beads (*GST Purification*) and the complex formation between ASK1 and STRAP was determined by anti-HA antibody immunoblot (*top*). The same bolt was stripped and reprobed with an anti-GST antibody to confirm the expression levels of the GST fusion proteins (*middle*). The expression levels of ASK1 in the total cell lysate (*Lysate*) were determined by anti-HA antibody immunoblot (*bottom*).

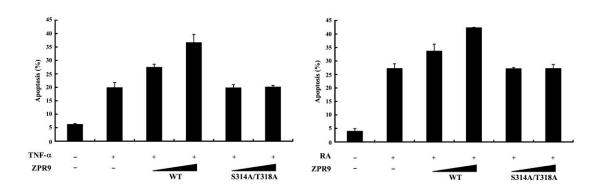


FIG. S3. Mutation to S314A/T318A abrogates ZPR9-dependent apoptosis. 293T cells were transfected with increasing amounts of wild-type and mutant (S314A/T318A) ZPR9 (3 and 6  $\mu$ g), along with an expression vector encoding GFP (2  $\mu$ g), and incubated for 14 h with or without TNF- $\alpha$  (20 ng/ml) and cycloheximide (10  $\mu$ g/ml). SK-N-BE(2)C cells transfected with the indicated expression vectors, as described above, were treated with or without retinoic acid (RA: 5  $\mu$ M, 2–3 days). GFP-positive cells were analyzed for the presence of apoptotic nuclei using a fluorescence microscope.