

Supplementary Information

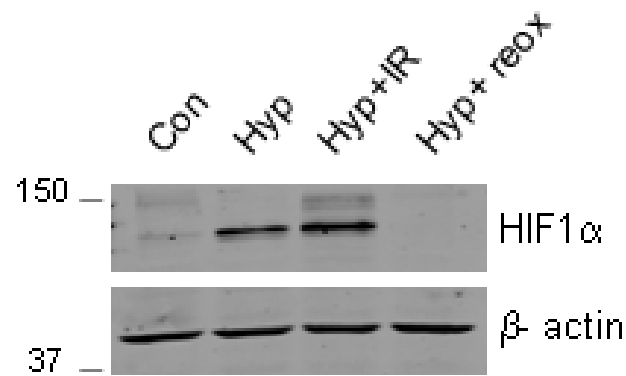


Figure S1 **Validation of methodology for irradiation in hypoxia.** RKO cells were exposed to either normoxia (Con) or hypoxia 2% O₂ for 16 hours and then treated as indicated: Con - cells harvested in normoxia; Hyp - cells harvested in hypoxia; Hyp + IR – cells placed in hypoxia box, transported to irradiator where they received a 4Gy dose and harvested 1 hour post irradiation; Hyp + Reox - Cells reoxygenated for one hour and then harvested. The sustained level of HIF-1α in the hypoxia/irradiated sample indicates that no reoxygenation took place during the irradiation process using the hypoxia box.

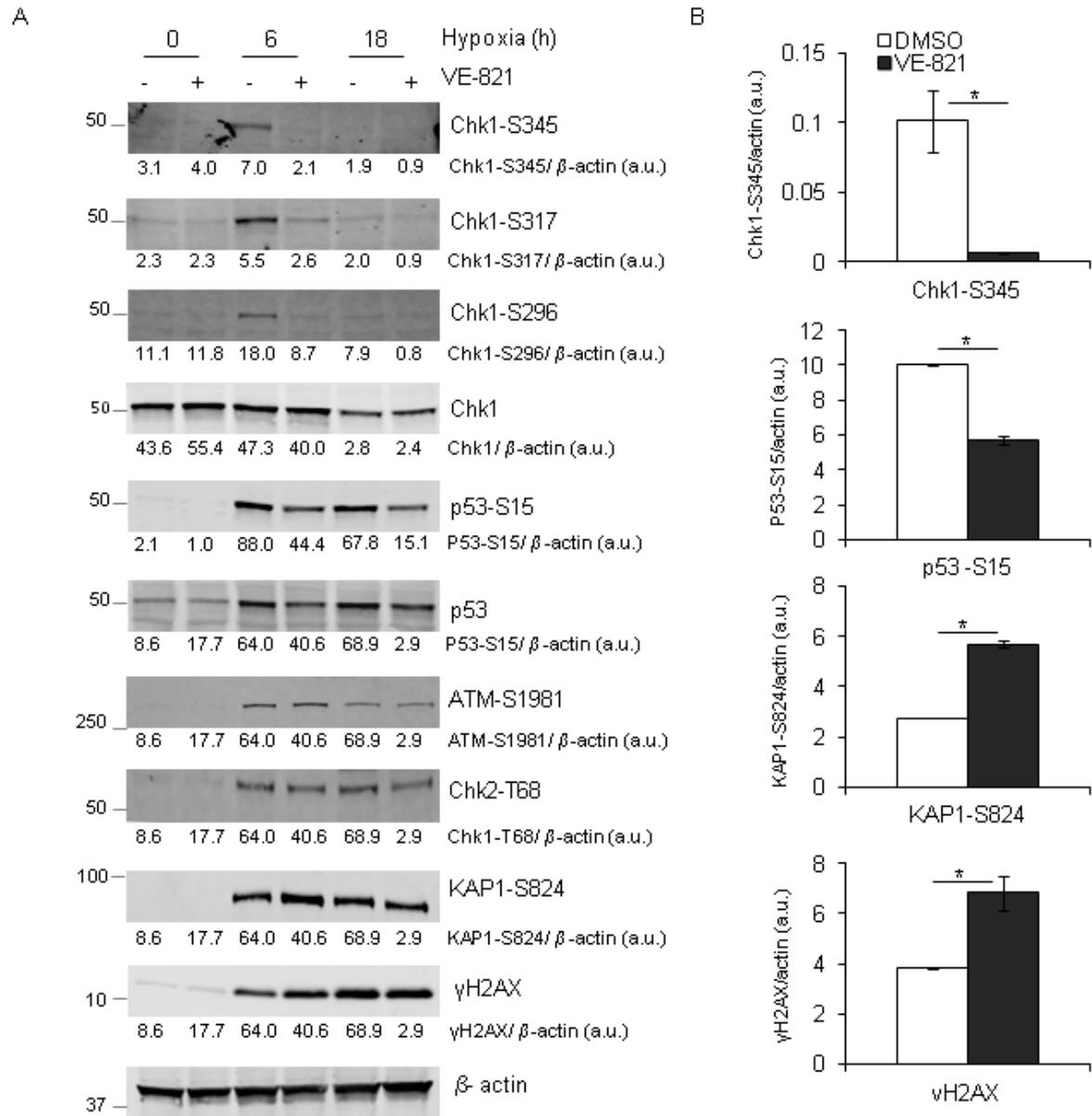


Figure S2 Quantification of the effects of ATR inhibition of the severe hypoxic DDR kinetics. RKO cells were exposed to $\leq 0.02\%$ O_2 for the times indicated in the presence of DMSO/ $1 \mu\text{M}$ VE-821. (A) Semi-quantitative analysis of Western blots from Fig.3A (a.u. = arbitrary units of fold increase relative to β -actin). Representative blots of $n=3$ experiments are shown. (B) Statistical analysis of the difference between the means of Chk1-S345, p53-S15, KAP1-S824 and γ H2AX for DMSO vs. VE-821. Significance values: * $p < 0.005$.

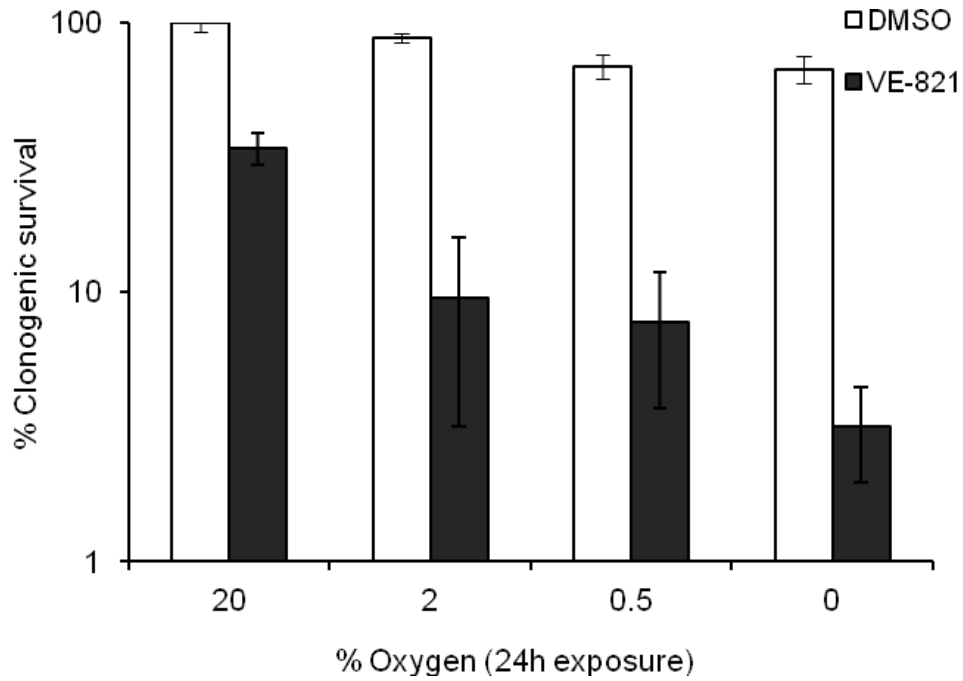


Figure S3 **VE-821 sensitises MDA-MB-231 cells to hypoxia.** Clonogenic assays were carried out using MDA-MB-231 cells in the presence of DMSO/1 μ M VE-821. Cells were exposed to 20%, 2% 0.5% and $\leq 0.02\%$ O₂ for 24h and grown for 10 days. Graph depicts the sensitisation effect observed normalised to control (20% DMSO).

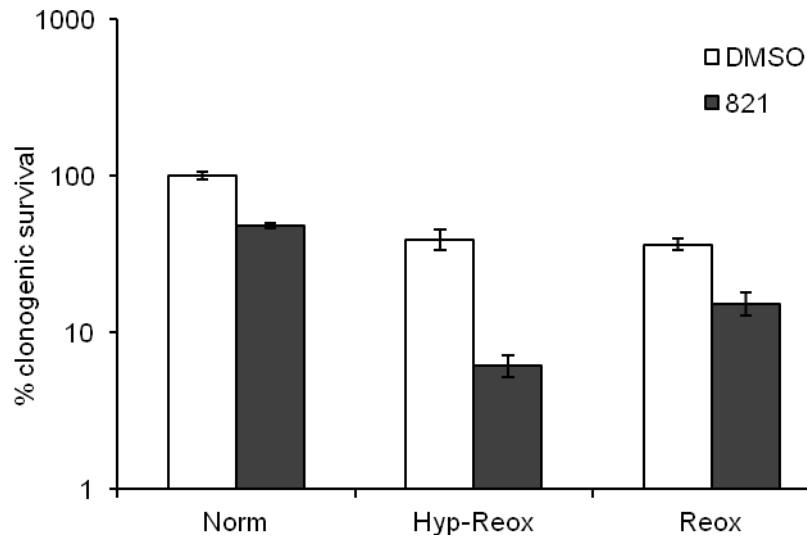


Figure S4 **Contribution of reoxygenation to the VE-821 dependent sensitisation to moderate hypoxia/reoxygenation.** Clonogenic assays were carried out using RKO cells in the presence of DMSO/1 μ M VE-821. DMSO/VE-821 were present in the media throughout the experiment in normoxia (Norm), in hypoxia/reoxygenation (Hyp-Reox - 24h at 2% O₂ followed by reoxygenation) or added just after reoxygenation (Reox). Colonies were then grown for 10 days.

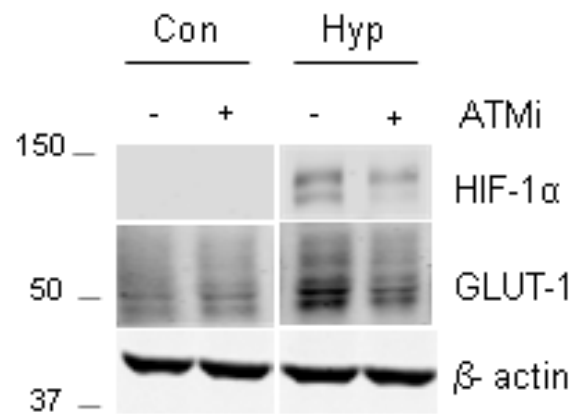


Figure S5 **ATM inhibition leads to reduced HIF1 levels.** RKO were treated with DMSO or 10 μ M ATMi and exposed to normoxia (Con) or 2% O₂ (Hyp) for 6h. Western blotting was carried out with the antibodies indicated. The levels of β -actin are shown as a loading control.

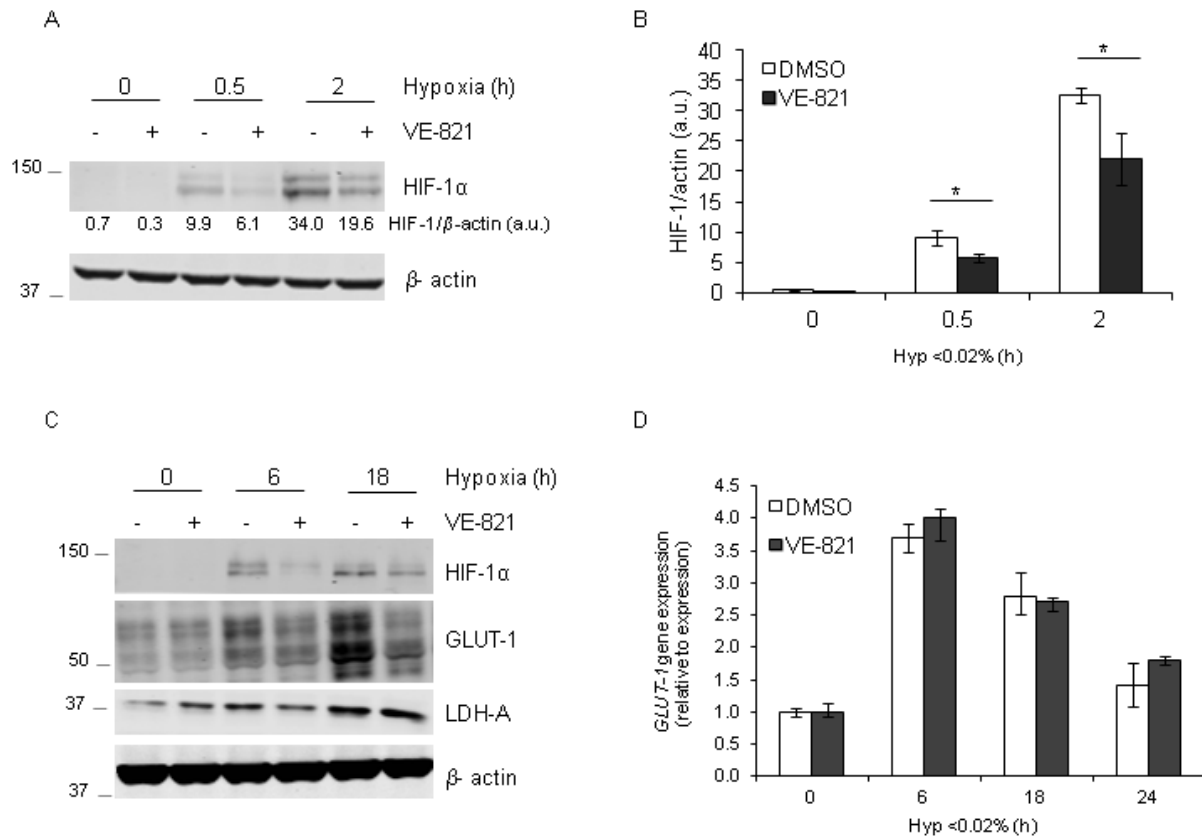
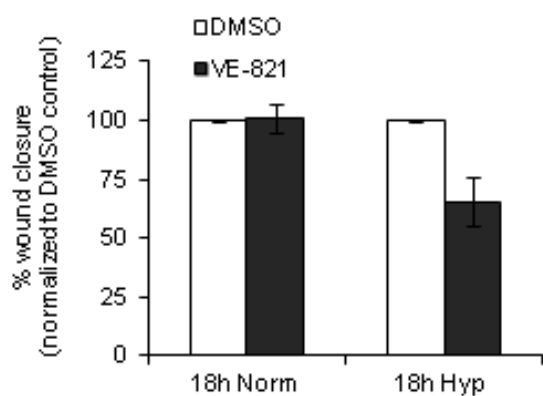


Figure S6 VE-821 inhibition of HIF signalling is transient at the transcript level but not at the protein level. RKO cells were exposed to $\leq 0.02\%$ O_2 for the times indicated in the presence of DMSO/1 μ M VE-821. (A) Semi-quantitative analysis of Western blots from Fig.6A (a.u. = arbitrary units of fold increase relative to β -actin). (B) Statistical analysis of the difference between the means of HIF1- α for DMSO vs. VE-821 at the indicated times. Significance values: * $p < 0.05$. (C) Western blotting was carried out for HIF-1 α , GLUT-1, LDH-A and β -actin (loading control). Representative blots of $n=3$ experiments are shown. (D) The levels of *GLUT-1* mRNA were determined by qRT-PCR. *18S* was used as the control.

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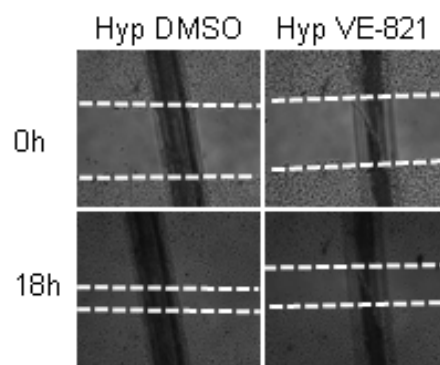


Figure S7 **Effect of VE-821 on cell motility in normoxic vs. hypoxic**

conditions. MDA-MB-231 cells were treated with DMSO/1 μ M VE-821 and scratch wound assays were performed. (A) The graph represents the percentage of wound closure after 18h normoxia/hypoxia ($\leq 0.02\%$ O₂). (B) Representative scratch wounds.