## **Supplemental Figure Legends**

**Figure S1.** Viability test of Wt and XPV cells after UVC exposure or Cr(VI) exposure. Cell viability was evaluated of SV40 immortalized XP30RO-derived cells expressing poln (Wt) or vector alone (XPV) prior to cell cycle profiling with LIVE/DEAD® Fixable Dead Cell Staining Kit. Cells were (A) irradiated with 0, 5, or 10 J/m² UVC or (B) exposed to 0, 1, or 3  $\mu$ M Cr(VI) for 48 h and then recovery in fresh media for 48 h.

**Figure S2. UVC induces polymerase η localization to telomeres in U2OS cells.** (A) Confocal images of EGFP-Polη U2OS cells exposed to UVC and recovered for 6 h. Cells were analyzed via IF-FISH of polη (green) and telomere (red) co-localization (yellow). (B) Average polη foci and co-localized polη and telomere foci per cell after indicated UVC dose. The data represent mean  $\pm$  SE from two individual experiments and a minimum of 100 interphase cells. Bars with a symbol of \* indicates a significant difference compared to mock exposure and between the different concentrations, black bars refer to Polη foci, red bars refer to Polη + Telomeres (p<0.05). Bars, 10 μM.

**Figure S3. UVC and Cr(VI) induce 53BP1 foci formation.** SV40 immortalized XP30RO-derived cells expressing polη (Wt) or vector alone (XPV) following irradiation with 5 J/m² UVC and recovered for six hours or exposure to 3 μM Cr(VI) for 48 h. Cells were analyzed via IF-FISH for 53BP1 at 0 or 6 hours recovery for average 53BP1 foci per cell after UVC (A) or Cr(VI) (B). Data represent averages from two individual experiments and a minimum of 50 cells. Bars with a symbol of \* indicates a significant difference compared to mock exposure and between the two concentrations (p<0.05). Bars, 10 μM. Untreated, UT.

Figure S4. UVC induces telomere aberrations in BJ and GM02359 cells. (A) BJ and (B) XPV (GM02359) primary fibroblasts exposed to 0 or 5 J/m $^2$  UVC, recovered for 6 h, and incubated for 10 h with colcemid. Analysis of telomere defects per metaphase was evaluated using telomere FISH. Bars with \* are significantly different (p<0.05). The data represent mean  $\pm$  SE from an average of two to three independent experiments and 75 metaphases. Telomere signal free ends, SFE.









